

SMART LIGHTING SMART LIGHTING ENGINEERING RESEARCH CENTER *Lighting Innovation for a Smarter Tomorrow*

Nanotechnology  
in Smart Lighting

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SMART LIGHTING Overview

- Introduction
- Who am I & Why am I an Engineer?
- A Local Boy Does Good & How My Career Built on His Success
- Systems
- Smart Lighting ERC
- Light & Light-Based Activities
- Nano in Smart Lighting
- Additional thoughts

SMART LIGHTING Who Am I?

- My name is Ken Connor

I am a Professor of Electrical, Computer, and Systems Engineering and Information Technology at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY




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SMART LIGHTING Who Am I?

- I was born in Madison, WI




Kennedy 1 1/2 years 3 1/2 months 3 years 3 months

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- I have two brothers




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- I attended Mendota School from 1952 – 1958






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**SMART LIGHTING** Why am I an Engineer?

- October 1957 – Sputnik 1 (Спутник-1)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class – 4 students selected for advanced studies
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math & Science Combined
- Began HS Math & Science in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade



Diameter = 58.5 cm

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**SMART LIGHTING** In Mendota School 6th Grade **Hold Science Fair** What's Doing In Madison Schools **WEEKLY REPORT CARD**



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29 March 1958

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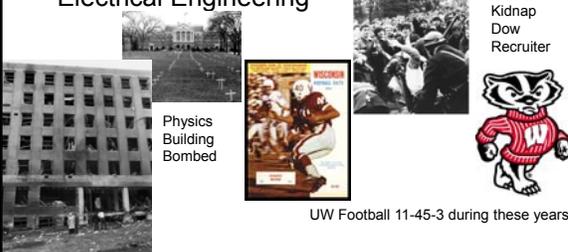
- I attended Sherman Junior High School from 1958 – 1961
- I attended East High School from 1961 - 1964

**Go East! Madison East High School**  
*Go Purgolders!*

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**SMART LIGHTING** Who Am I?

- I attended the University of Wisconsin from 1964 – 1970 receiving two degrees in Electrical Engineering



Students Kidnap  
Dow Recruiter

Physics Building Bombed

UW Football 11-45-3 during these years

**SMART LIGHTING** Why am I an Engineer?  

- Why did I go to engineering school when none of the other three accelerated students from my elementary school did?
- My theory – my dad was the ‘go to’ person for our extended family ... if anyone had a problem they could not solve, they asked him to help. This made his sons problem solvers ... it does not matter what the problem was, we do our best to find a solution.

**SMART LIGHTING** Who Am I?  

 **NYU·poly**  **Rensselaer**

- I attended the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn from 1970 – 1974 receiving a PhD in Electrophysics
- I have been a professor of Electrical Engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY since 1974.

[www.rpi.edu/~connor](http://www.rpi.edu/~connor)

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**SMART LIGHTING** I Get to Work with Really Great People  



Professors in My Department

Tobi Saulnier – Founder of 1<sup>st</sup> Playable

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**SMART LIGHTING** My Brothers Today  



Metso Minerals Industries, Inc.  
Mining Services North America

**SMART LIGHTING** Why Be an Engineer?  

- Engineers make a world of difference
- Engineers are creative problem-solvers
- Engineers help shape the future
- Engineering is essential to our health, happiness and safety

From the NAE

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**CHANGING THE CONVERSATION**

NAE Study

It is a good idea to read at least the executive summary of this document, which is free online, but cannot be fully downloaded for free.

<http://nae.edu/nae/naepcms.nsf/weblinks/MKEZ-7FWNXE?OpenDocument>



MESSAGES FOR IMPROVING PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF ENGINEERING

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING

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SMART LIGHTING **Grand Challenges**

**GRAND CHALLENGES FOR ENGINEERING**

- Make solar energy economical
- Manage the planet's water
- Advance health care
- Prevent nuclear war
- Advance personalized learning
- Provide energy from fusion
- Provide access to clean water
- Engineer better medicines
- Secure cyberspace
- Engineer the tools of scientific discovery
- Develop carbon sequestration methods
- Restore and improve urban infrastructure
- Reverse engineer the brain
- Enhance virtual reality

SMART LIGHTING **Grand Challenges**

**GRAND CHALLENGES FOR ENGINEERING**

- Download the report
- Watch the PR video
- Select your favorite challenge

<http://www.engineeringchallenges.org/cms/challenges.aspx>

SMART LIGHTING **Thinking Like an Engineer**

- There are many resources available from professional societies, etc.
- From the ASME, for example.
- ASEE has extensive K-12 support
- Links I have collected
  - <http://hibp.ecse.rpi.edu/~connor/EOD/>
- Historical Connection – Theodore Judah
  - [http://cpr.org/Museum/Judah\\_Report\\_1863.html](http://cpr.org/Museum/Judah_Report_1863.html)

One the most interesting people to have attended RPI

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SMART LIGHTING **Why Are We Here?**

UNLOCK THE LEGEND...NEW YORK STATE CANAL SYSTEM

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SMART LIGHTING **Joseph Henry**

- <http://maps.google.com> look up Albany, NY

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**SMART LIGHTING** Joseph Henry

What is one of the keys to making a powerful electromagnet?  
Insulation

Electromagnet

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**SMART LIGHTING** Joseph Henry

His key practical contribution to the electromagnet – how did he do it?

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**SMART LIGHTING** Joseph Henry

In 1820, Danish physicist Hans Christian Oersted had discovered that the flow of an electric current produced a magnetic field around the wire. This amazed scientists and many, including Henry and Faraday, began to experiment with magnetism. In 1829 Henry learned that William Sturgeon had built an electromagnet that could lift nine pounds. This was quite remarkable, but Henry believed he could create a magnet that was much stronger. **The secret was to wrap more wire around the iron core, overlapping the levels. However, wire in that era was not insulated, so wrapping one level over another caused a short circuit. Henry got around the problem by the laborious process of insulating the copper wire by hand, using strips of his wife's silk petticoats.**

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**SMART LIGHTING** Joseph Henry

Fig. 5.

He recognized that the magnet could be the key part of a long distance signaling device – this became the telegraph

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**SMART LIGHTING** Joseph Henry

- Simple idea – properly insulate the wires so that many turns could be added to a magnet – which he called intensity magnets
- Saw the potential of the more powerful device as the beginning of long distance communication
- Also demonstrated that a motor could be made, although his did not turn
- His work made motors & generators and essentially all electric power equipment possible

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## Telegraph



Send messages to people over very long distances

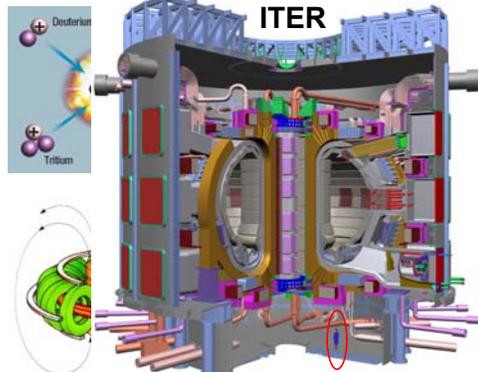
What can we do with a strong magnet?



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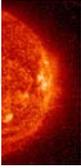
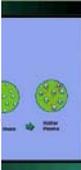
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## Nuclear Fusion Research



**ITER**

Deuterium  
Tritium

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## Thinking Like an Engineer: Systems

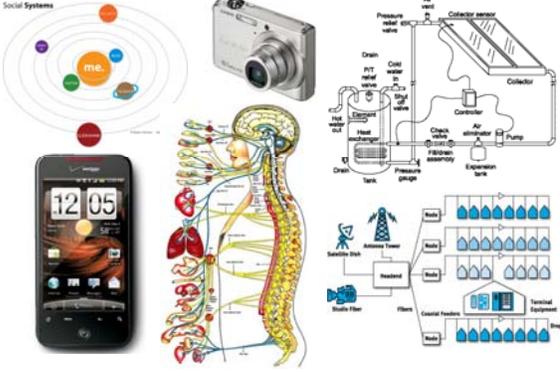
- What is a system?

**Concept:** A *system* is something made from a collection of simpler things – usually called components, parts, or subsystems. Each part has a function and the collection of parts have relations among them that let the assemblage accomplish some larger function.

- Can we think of any examples?

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## Systems Examples



Social Systems

Camera

Smartphone

Human Body

Water Filtration System

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## Systems Concepts

**Concept:** *There is no answer to the question “is A better than B” unless you know the larger context, the system, in which A or B will be used and how A or B will interact with the other components of that system!*

**Example: Using hydrogen as a transportation fuel.** The usual rationale is that when hydrogen burns the result is pure water, so no pollution. That’s true, but it’s not the whole story. Hydrogen isn’t something that you can pump out of the ground; it has to be *made*. A hydrogen-powered vehicle, then, is part of a larger system that includes at least the process of making hydrogen, transporting it to where it will be used, storing it on board the vehicle, and perhaps more. Whether using hydrogen as a transportation fuel is a good idea depends on whether all of these things *taken together* are a good idea.

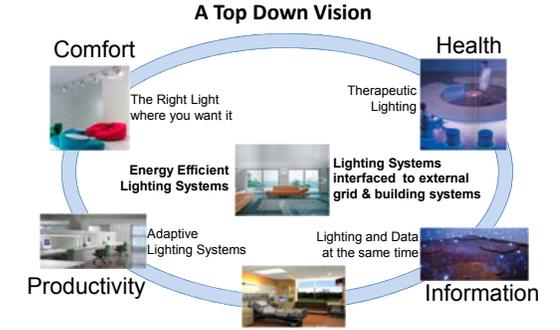
**Example: Is an electric car better than a gasoline car?**

Lessons from Bill Wulf, former President of NAE

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## Smart Lighting ERC

**A Top Down Vision**



**Comfort**  
The Right Light where you want it

**Health**  
Therapeutic Lighting

**Productivity**  
Adaptive Lighting Systems

**Information**  
Lighting and Data at the same time

Energy Efficient Lighting Systems  
Lighting Systems interfaced to external grid & building systems

**SMART LIGHTING** Solid State Lighting

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**SMART LIGHTING** Making Light Smart

- Light Source
  - LED
- Power for Light Source
  - Battery (DC Voltage)
- Control
  - Computer (Processor)

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**SMART LIGHTING** What Are We Up To?

- **The vision of the Smart Lighting: The Right Light Where and When You Need it.** Accomplished by an integration of advanced light sources, sensors, and adaptive control.
- Efficient LED (Light Emitting Diode) bulbs are only the **first wave of solid-state lighting**. The Smart Lighting Engineering Research Center (ERC) will create **the second wave of solid state lighting**, consisting of lighting systems with adaptive functionality, able to measure and control the many different and largely unused properties of light. Smart Lighting will provide additional significant systems-level energy savings and add a whole new range of capabilities to displays, communications and biosensing.

**SMART LIGHTING** What Are We Up To?

- The **transformative technologies** being developed by the ERC will help the U.S. recover a position of prominence in the development of Smart Lighting, with tremendous implications for lighting, medical, energy, and information technology sectors.
- The ERC will **educate a new generation of students** with the interdisciplinary skills, global technology exposure and business sense to bring new ERC technologies to market.
- ERC is forging **deep working relationships with industry** to help define the future of Smart Lighting. Industry is engaged in our translational technology activities and is driving the innovation, **educational outreach**, and diversity efforts that are critical parts of the ERC mission.

**SMART LIGHTING** LIGHT

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**SMART LIGHTING** LIGHT – How Do We Use It?

- Illumination – Lighting in our homes and work, for our cars, etc.
- Imaging – Microscopes, telescopes, photography, etc
- Displays – Television and Computer Monitors (CRT, Plasma, LCD, etc.)
- Signaling – Traffic lights (cars, trucks, trains, boats, etc.), laser pointer, etc.
- Information – Optical fibers, read-write for storage (CD, DVD, Blu-Ray, etc), barcode, etc.
- Cutting, etching, etc.

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### Characteristics of Light

- Spectrum (Color)
- Polarization
- Time Variation (Blinking)
- Direction

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### Similar to Robotics

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### Making Light Through Electronics

- LED (Light emitting diode)
- Resistor
- Wires
- Battery

We have made a solid state light  
Such a light could be used to send flashing signals

This is what the stop and go lights (red, yellow, green) are made from these days

<http://www.robotroom.com>

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### At Home Without the Protoboard

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### Flashing Lights Sending Information

- Remote Control – See it on a camera
- Music Traveling on Light
- Hearing a Remote
- Sound Activated Switch
- Polarization & Displays
- Others?

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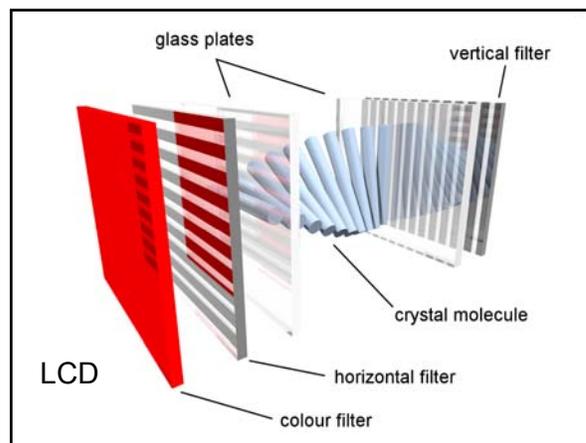
## Displays

Mirasol MEMS    CRT

Plasma    TI LED DLP MEMS    LCD

<http://www.dlp.com/tech/what.aspx>

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## Nano in Smart Lighting

- How can we use nanotechnology to improve or realize smart lighting?
- Any ideas?
- Think of optical properties of materials
- Think of waves more generally
- Are there other properties that matter?
- What about sensors?

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## Photonic Crystal

$$\lambda = \frac{c}{f}$$

- VHF Frequency – 100 MHz
- UHF Frequency – 500 MHz

Remember TV Antennas?

$$\lambda = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{10^8} = 3m \quad \lambda = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{5 \times 10^8} = 60cm$$

Antenna elements are typically one half wavelength long

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## Photonic Crystal

Gamma Rays 10<sup>14</sup> Hz    Violet 380 nm

X-Rays

Ultraviolet Radiation

Visible

Infrared Radiation

Radio Waves 10<sup>10</sup> Hz    760 nm Red

Electromagnetic Spectrum

- Dimensions of light waves are smaller.

$$\lambda_{violet} = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{7.9 \times 10^{14}} = 380nm$$

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## Nano Structures

**Plasmonic NanoAntennas**

**Plasmonic Nanoholes**

**Complex Nanocavities**

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Photonic Crystal

Catholic University of Leuven

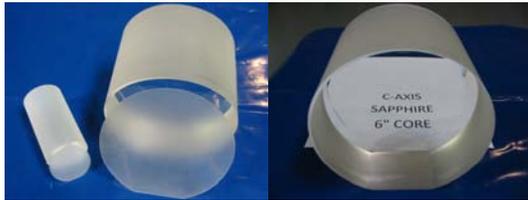
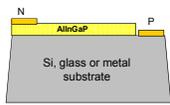
### Index of Refraction

Can someone describe your Wednesday experience on *Light Scattering: Effect of Refractive Index* ?

- What was the most recent big news on the GLOBALFOUNDRIES (AMD) plant being built nearby?
- Wafers will be 18" (450mm)
- We build electronic and photonic devices on substrates.
- What is different about the substrates we use for LEDs and other electronic devices?
- They must be transparent.



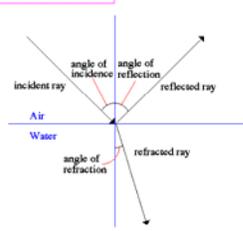
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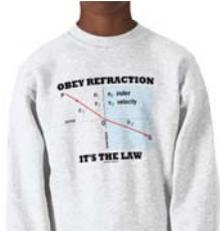
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### Index of Refraction

Reflection and Refraction



Snell's Law:

$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$$


We get reflection unless the difference in index is very small.

### Index of Refraction

- Low Index Materials

	Air	Water	Sapphire
Index	1.00	1.33	1.77

We need to be able to make materials with indices close to air and sapphire – can be done with nanotechnology

- High Index Materials

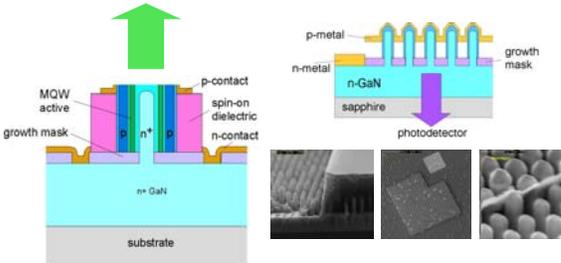
	Diamond	Gallium Arsenide	Silicon
Index	2.42	3.93	4.01

### Example LED Companies

- Philips Lumileds
  - <http://www.philipslumileds.com/>
  - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=048ApwN0NyU> (1:25)
- Cree
  - <http://www.cree.com/>
  - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVWxYyxc-9g&feature=Playlist&p=061D62548EE60704&playnext=1&index=21>
- Nichia
  - <http://www.nichia.com>
- Osram
  - [http://www.osram.com/osram\\_co](http://www.osram.com/osram_co)



### Making LEDs with Nanorods



Coaxial Nanowire LEDs

### Year 3 Coaxial Nanowire/Nanowall LEDs

Year 2: First demonstration of Coaxial NW LED array

Year 3: Individually addressable LED/sensor arrays for wavelength selectivity and VLC systems

Year 3: Full InGaN active region growth for multiple wavelengths

### How to Make a White LED

- Mixing colors can make white LED
- Red, Green, Blue LEDs used together
- Blue LED plus Yellow Phosphor
- UV LED plus various Phosphors

Phosphor - a material that absorbs light at one wavelength and emits it at another wavelength

### Efficiency versus Wavelength

What About Other Energy Efficiency Applications

### Challenges with Phosphors?

- They already work very well for standard lighting ... the large peak on the previous slide is for the blue LEDs used to make white phosphor LEDs.
- They scatter light
- They are slow
- Others?

### Nano in Smart Lighting

- High and low index of refraction
- Nano-column and Nano-finger LEDs fabricated – high light extraction and exploration of strain field effects on droop reduction
- Polarized LED (green on m-plane GaN) and models of photonic crystal designs for RGB polarized LED manufacturing
- Nano-wire UV LED growth with very low dislocation density – droop and green gap implications
- Non-scattering graded composition phosphor for high performance white LEDs

### Optical vs. RF

- Lets look at the RF spectrum in a narrow but well used band.
- Consider the audio spectrum first
- Wi-Spy
- Fun last demo

**SMART LIGHTING** Nano Outreach at BU

- Boston Upward Bound Math and Science Program (BUBMS): Nanophotonics & Nanofabrication (Altug)
- Optical: Provide a grating consisting of several different patterns with different periodicities
  - Students calculate the periodicities of each grating section using the far field pattern they obtain with a laser and the diffraction grating equation
  - The compare their experimentally determined values with the direct microscope method
- Soft lithography with PDMS

$d \sin \phi_n = n \lambda$

<http://mrsec.wisc.edu/Edetc/nanolab/PDMS/index.html>

**SMART LIGHTING** The Future

- We in the ERC, especially the education and outreach program, are charged to help promote interest in and quality education for STEM
- Please feel free to call on us at any time should you need some help.

**SMART LIGHTING** The End

- Best of luck
- Questions?

**SMART LIGHTING** Early LED Use  
Architainment (Architecture and Entertainment)

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**SMART LIGHTING** Solid State Lighting – Coming fast

Courtesy of SolarOne

Off Grid LED Street Lighting  
Masdar City

- Many street lighting programs
- 100% SSL buildings are starting to appear (mostly in Asia)
- Many hundreds of start-up companies in Solid State Lighting
- Generally still not ready for prime time
  - Lack of good standards
  - Very high prices
  - Lots of "junk LED bulbs"

**SMART LIGHTING** The Total Lighting Market is Huge

Global Lighting Market Size

(in billions)	2006	2011
Lamps (Front-end)	\$20.9	\$25.4
Fixtures (Back-end)	\$81.1	\$106.6
Total	\$102	\$132

North America approximately 29% of the worldwide market

Total Lighting Equipment Market

Source: Fredonia Group, Inc.

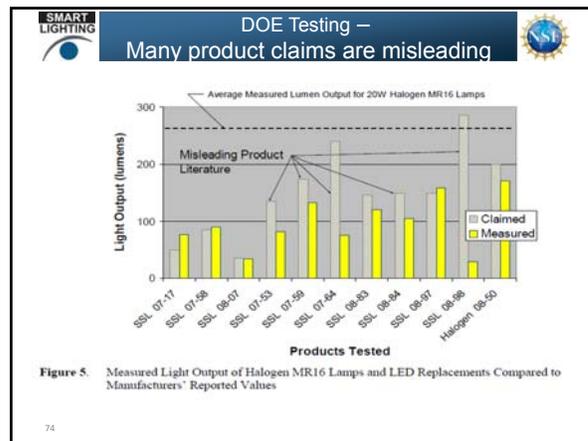
**So there is a tremendous revenue opportunity for LEDs**

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**SMART LIGHTING** Some Examples of MR-16 LED Products

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**SMART LIGHTING** Square Source in a Round Lighting Hole?

- DC device in an AC Powered World
- Cool light source with thermal management challenges
- Great LED Efficacy – High Lm/W
- ...But low Lumens per part
- Cost still way too high (\$100 per 1000 Lm)
- Can Semiconductor "Thinking" do the job?

**SMART LIGHTING** System – Putting it all together

**INSIDE**  
 AC LED at 200 Lm/W  
 Thermal Glass Heat Sink  
 Remote Phosphor  
 Non-Yellow Phosphor  
 Internal Smart Grid Interface  
 Etc.

Cree LRP-38™ @ 55 Lm/W  
 (Efficiency of system parts are approximate)

Will we still need a socket?