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New Technologies Solid-State Lighting

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Program basics:

- LRC-based project to evaluate LEDs and LED systems
- > 16 funding members, all major LED manufacturers, agencies in UK and China
- > NVLAP-accredited labs
- > Publications









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Industry trend

Growing number of LEDs and LED fixtures



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Downlighting

 Many light source technologies available today can cater to downlighting applications.
 > Growing number of commercial LED downlights





Incandescent Halogen



CFL

LED







LED Luminaire Performance

 LED luminaire performance depends on how it is designed, built, and used.

- The LED junction temperature is a good predictor of performance
 - > Tj depends on drive condition and application environment









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Luminaire Testing

- Several commercial LED fixtures are being tested in 3 environments (per ASSIST Recommends).
 - > Open air
 - > Non-IC
 - > IC
- Short-term testing
 > Flux and color
- Long-term testing
 > Lumen depreciation and life (L70)
 > Color shift



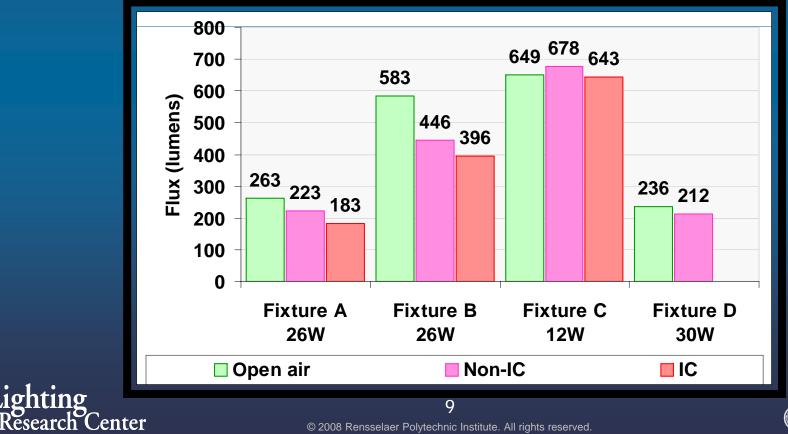




Flux (lumens)

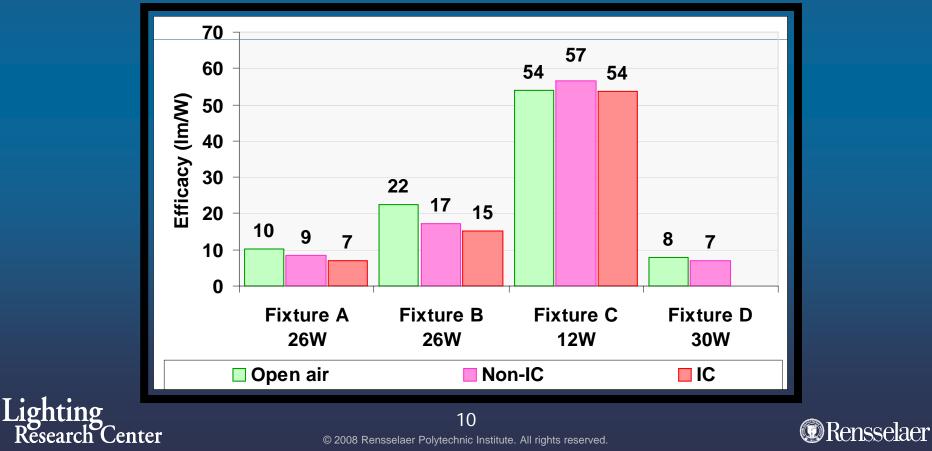
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- Well designed luminaires maintain light output even in hotter environments
- Poorly designed luminaires have more than 30% lower light output in IC-condition



Efficacy (Im/W)

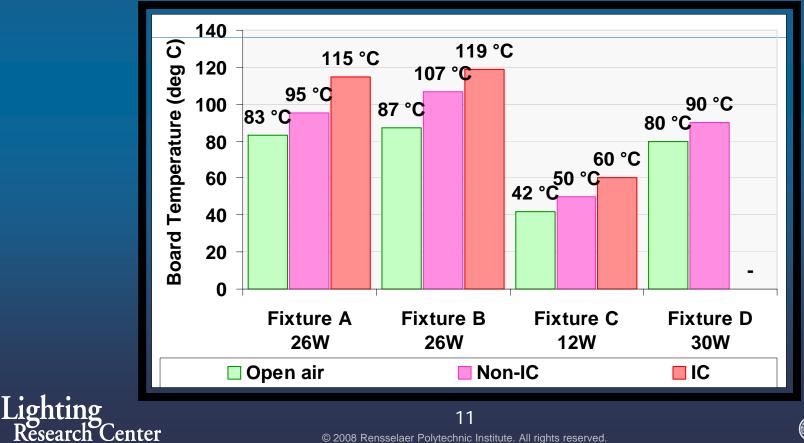
- Generally, system efficacy values are 30% to 50% lower than LED efficacy values.
- However, well designed luminaires have achieved over 50 lm/W

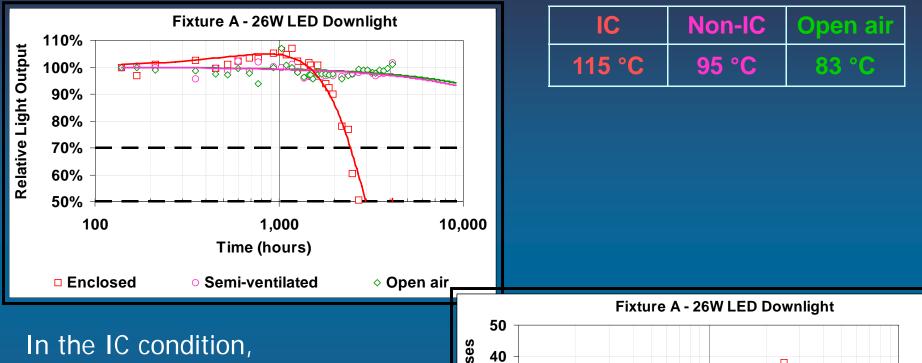


Board Temperature (deg C)

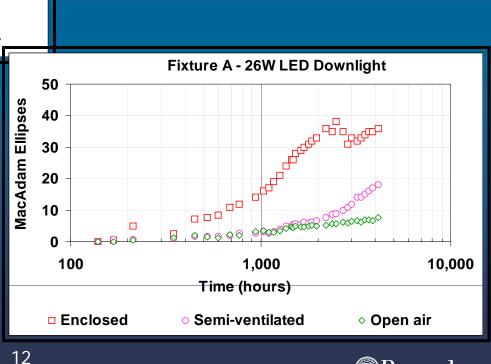
• With increasing Tj the life shortens

> generally half the life for every 10 deg C increase.

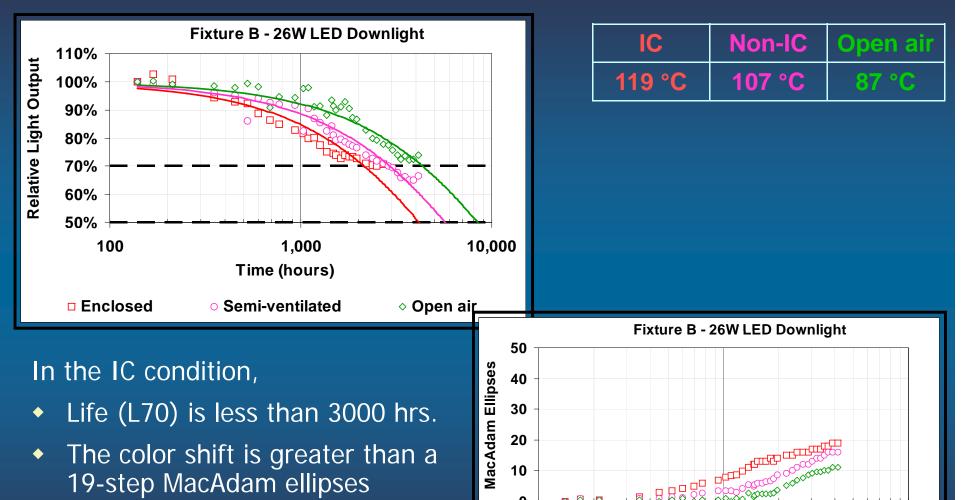




- Life (L70) is less than 3000 hrs.
- The color shift is greater than a 36-step MacAdam ellipses (reached within 3000 hours).







(reached within 4000 hours).

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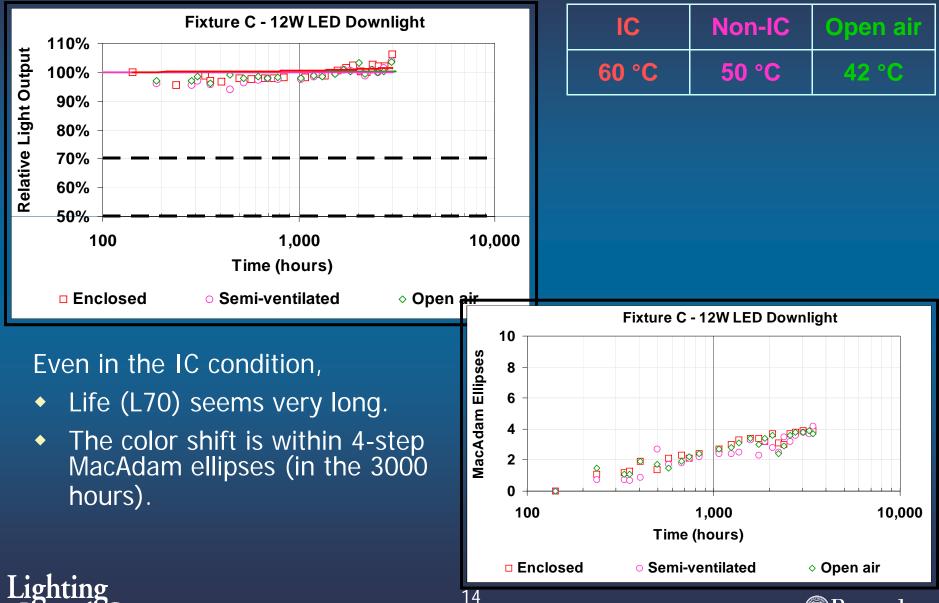
◊ Open air

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1,000

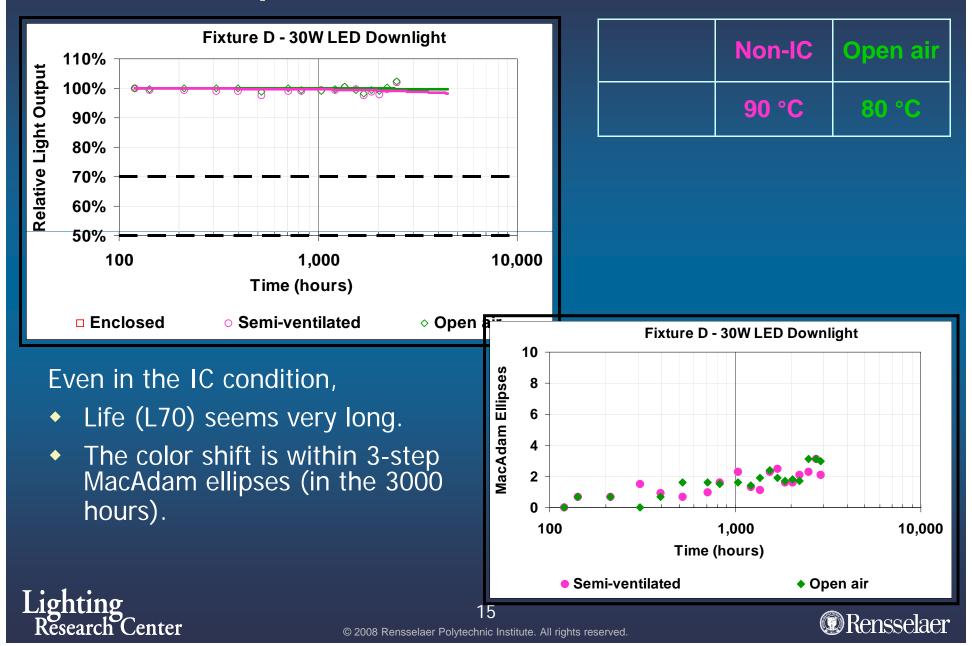
Time (hours)

Semi-ventilated



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Summary

- Out of the 4 fixtures presented here only one showed results acceptable for general lighting, considering:
 - > Light output
 - > Efficacy
 - > Lumen depreciation
 - > Color shift over time

"ASSIST recommends" test methods were designed to:

- Provide more useful information for selecting and using LED directional lighting luminaires
- Help differentiate between good and poor performing LED luminaires in terms of light output and life





Thank you

www.lrc.rpi.edu/programs/solidstate



