How UVC LEDs Can Help Combat the Spread of Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAIs)

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Healthcare Acquired Infection (HAI)



CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

	20	12	20	13	20	14	Average HAI/Facility						
	Facilities Reporting	Observed HAI	Facilities Reporting	Observed HAI	Facilities Reporting	Observed HAI	2012	2013	2014	Trend			
CLABSI	3,516	17,710	3,578	17,799	3,655	17,758	5.04	4.97	4.86	N			
CAUTI	3,597	32,504	3,640	34,627	3,791	35,760	9.04	9.51	9.43	→			
Hospital-onset MRSA bacteremia	1,175	2,618	3,827	9,471	3,949	9,230	2.23	2.47	2.34	→			
Hospital-onset C. difficile	1,681	40,491	3,924	99,550	3,994	101,074	24.09	25.37	25.31	7			
SSI, Combined SCIP Procedures	3,554	13,770	3,581	14,951	3,618	15,927	3.87	4.18	4.40	7			
		107,093		176,398		179,749							

"Although significant progress has made in preventing some infection types, **there is much more work to be done**. On any given day, about one in 25 hospital patients has at least one healthcare-associated infection.

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Helping to Address: **SSI** Example: Disinfecting complex tool shapes in the ER

- Address Complex shapes
 - Implants
 - Reusable Devices



Consider: Custom devices combining LEDS in close proximity to complex surfaces

Helping to Address: CDI Example: General Disinfection

- Portable Nurse Stations
- Portable Electronic Devices
- Class 1-2 Medical Devices
- Stethoscopes/Otoscopes
- Pagers/ Cell phones



Consider: Embedded in rolling carts to disinfect high contact surfaces on-the-go

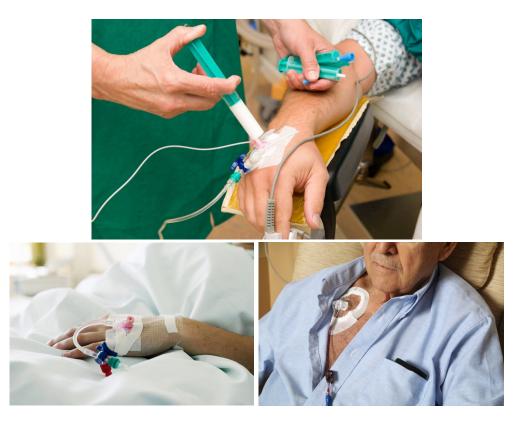
Helping to Address: Respiratory Associated Illness Example: Integration with Ventilator



Consider: Integration on rolling ventilator or embedded in disposable mask

Helping to Address: **CLABSI Example: Automating** "Scrub the Hub "Wiping procedures

- Currently a manual process
- No verifiable means of compliance
- It takes TIME. 60 seconds can seem like forever.
- Incomplete procedure can still leave behind harmful bacteria

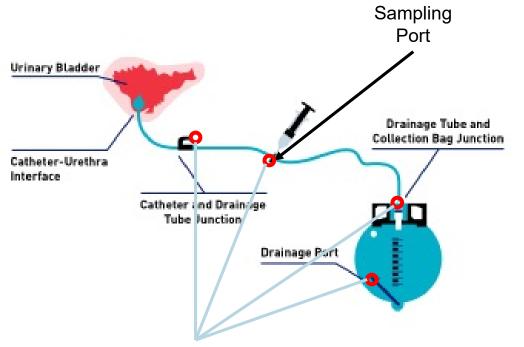


Consider: Portable hand held devices or integration with Infusion Machines

Helping to Address: CAUTI Example: Daily Catheter Maintenance

Little reduction in HAI Incidence

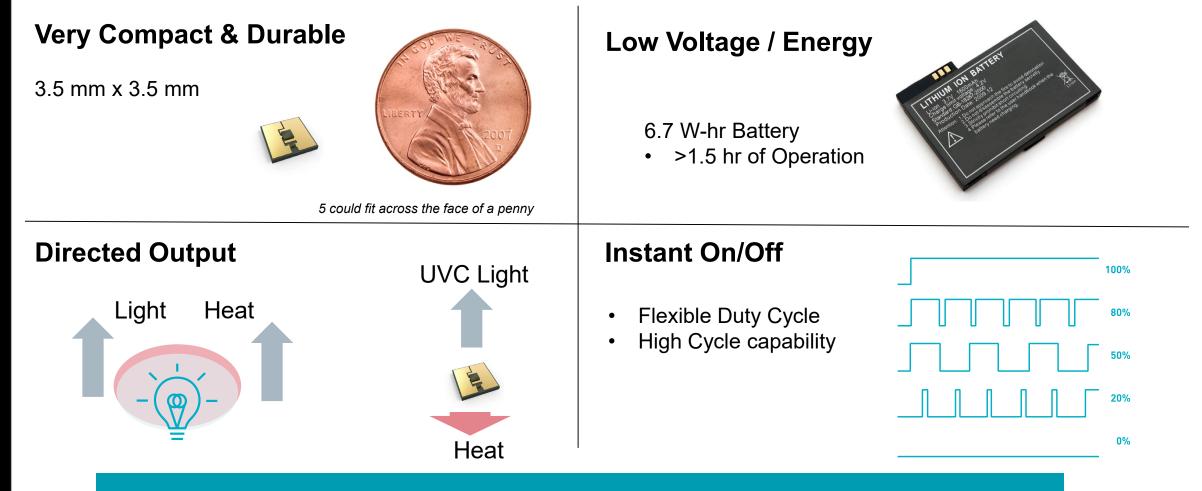
- A Manual Process
- No verifiable means of compliance
- Incomplete procedure can still leave behind harmful bacteria
- Several high contact surfaces



Typical Sites of Pathogen Growth

Consider: Hand held device or rolling disinfection cart

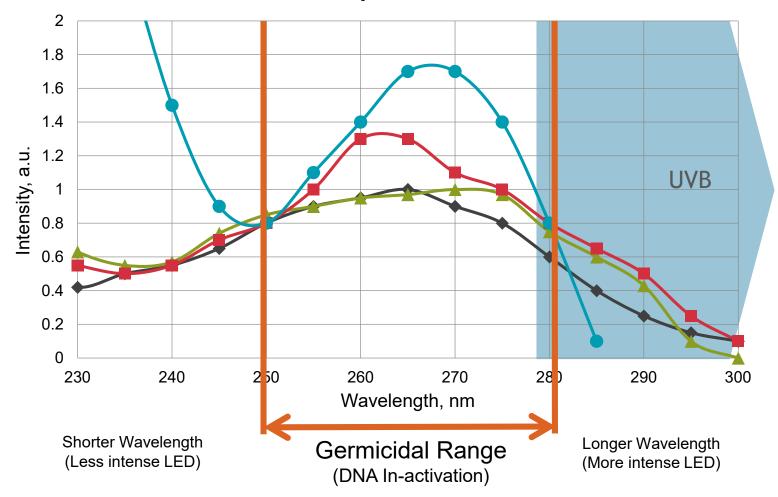
LEDs are Suited to Handheld & Portable Applications



Broad design flexibility & performance to provide quantifiable disinfection

Disinfection: Spectral Sensitivity

Absorption Curves





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List of Microbes

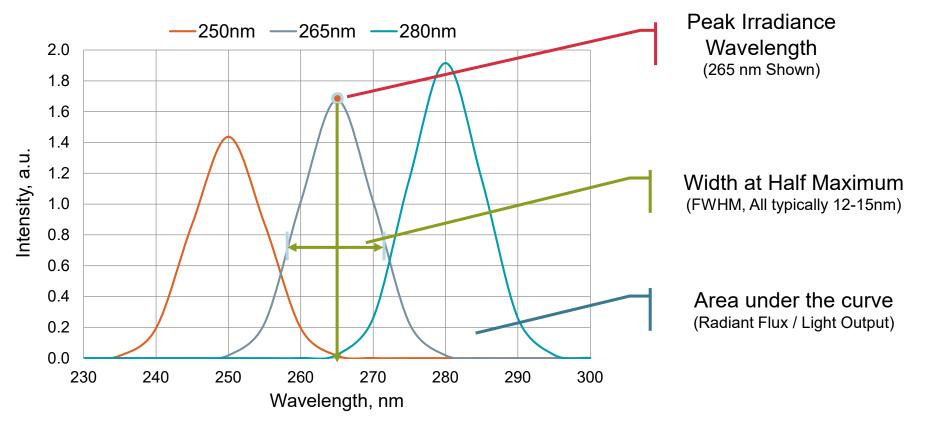
Wavelength	Adenovirus	Bacillus Pumilis Spores	EMC	Bacillus Subtilis Spore	Cryptosp oridium parvum	F. Coli	MS2 Coliphage	FD	FX-174	Poloma	Qbeta coliphage	Salmonella typhimurium	Staphylo coccus Aureus	T1 Coliphage	T2 Coliphage	T7 Coliphage	VSW	Vaccinia
nm	GF	GF	GF	GF	GF	GF	GF	GF	GF	GF	GF	GF	GF	GF	GF	GF	GF	GF
250	0.6	1.02	0.952	0.852	0.833	0.811	0.836	0.89	0.888	0.966	0.82	0.733	0.963	0.677	0.987	0.824	0.832	0.831
254	1	1	1.074	1	1.015	1.015	1.013	1	1	1	1.015	1	1.0023	1.022	1	1.015	1	1.015
260	1.53	1.389	1.192	1.191	1.26	1.259	1.22	1.13	1.17	1.233	1.24	1.129	1.042	1.261	1.119	1.31	1.119	1.21
265	1.699	1.65	1.222	1.409	1.259	1.345	1.216	1.19	1.24	1.42	1.236	1.082	1.05	1.203	1.236	1.488	1.07	1.22
270	1.641	1.3	1.099	1.571	1.14	1.27	1.1	1.187	1.188	1.417	1.1	1.03	1.017	1.023	1.259	1.49	0.905	0.998
275	1.437	1.097	0.9	1.314	1.018	1.038	0.952	1.09	1.09	1.19	0.914	0.9	0.935	0.946	1.168	1.25	0.72	0.71
280	1.17	0.953	0.735	0.899	0.88	0.709	0.78	0.884	0.98	0.81	0.72	0.722	0.811	0.951	0.978	0.92	0.59	0.531
285	0.905	0.753	0.587	0.55	0.698	0.355	0.579	0.616	0.697	0.541	0.544	0.531	0.65	0.602	0.71	0.661	0.445	0.421
290	0.649	0.492	0.41	0.295	0.49	0.099	0.36	0.35	0.372	0.353	0.38	0.353	0.442	0.228	0.42	0.46	0.274	0.287

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UVC LED Characteristics

Polychromatic: Specified Based On Shape

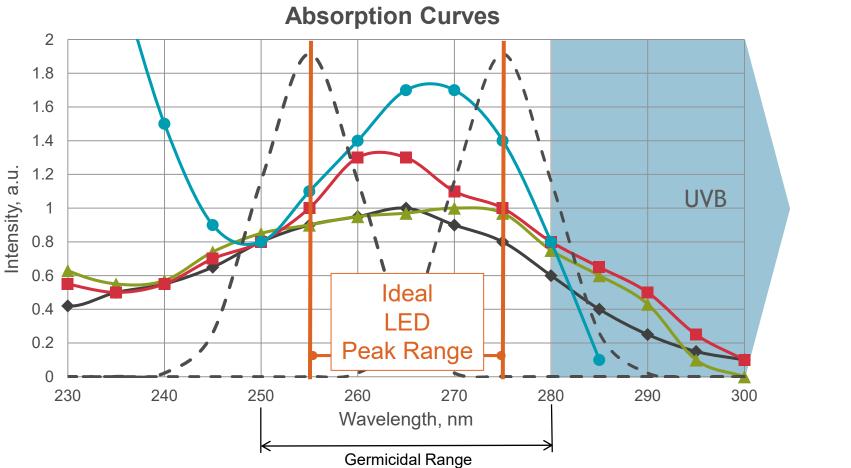
LED Output



LEDs Typically Differentiated on Peak Wavelength & Light Output

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Combining Spectral Sensitivity & LED Characteristics



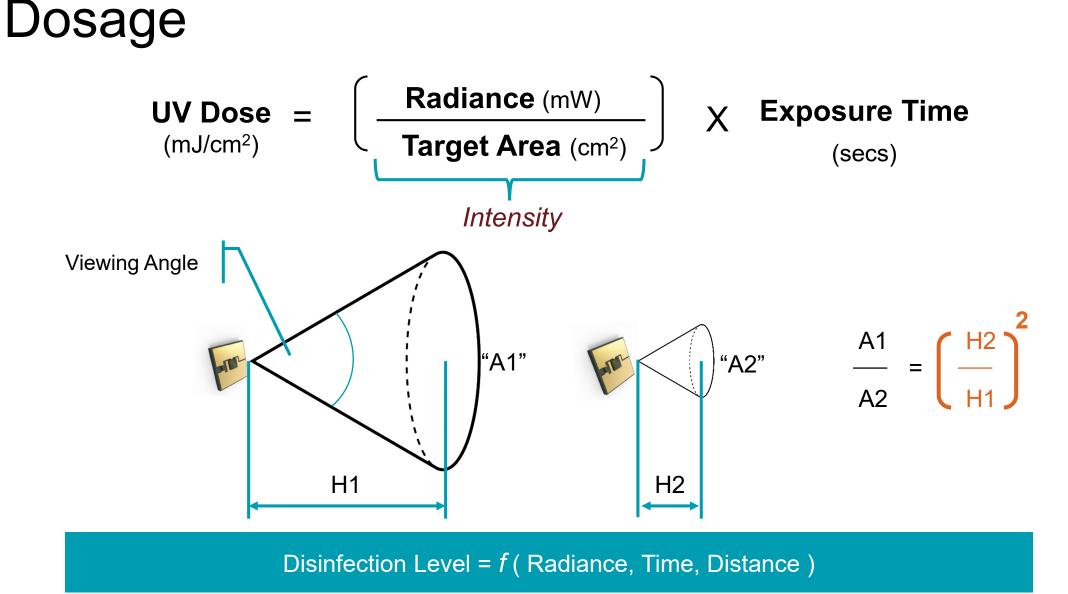


Broad absorption range but effective & consistent disinfection with Peaks 255 – 275nm

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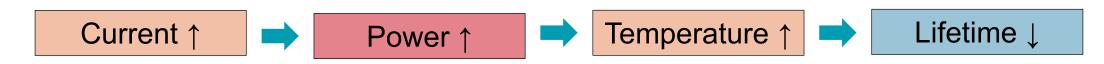
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High Performance UVC LEDs



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Power and Lifetime



Lifetime and Power are two design variables, not absolute values

How to increase Power?

- Increase driving current
- Increase number of LEDs (same current)
- Optimize environment (reflective materials)

How to extend Lifetime?

- Reduce driving current
- Pulse operation
- Increase number of LEDs (lower current)

Design Considerations

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Surface Disinfection

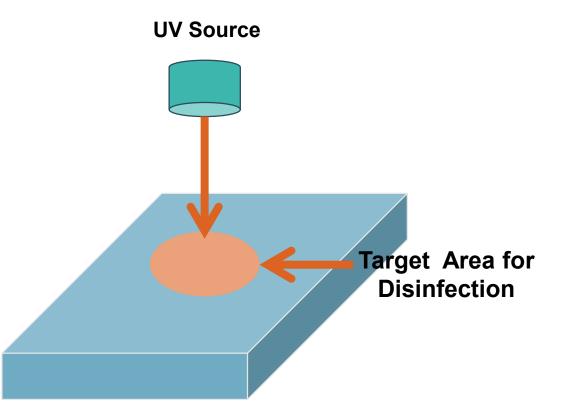
Directional emission allows for targeted disinfection.

Primary design considerations

- Size of area to be disinfected
- Finish of the surface
- Distance from the light source
- Exposure time

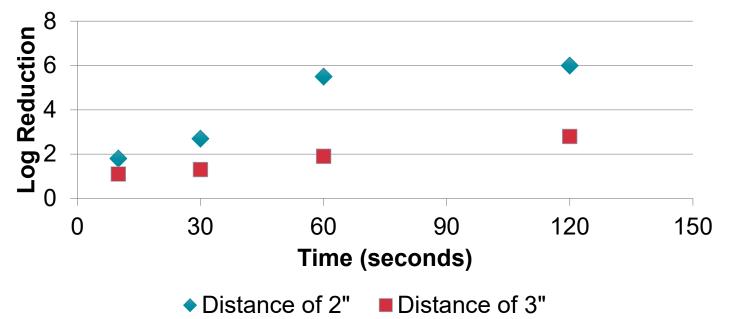
Primary concerns

- Uniformity of irradiation
- Lowest irradiance point
- Time at disposal
- Health & Safety



Balancing application goals and design

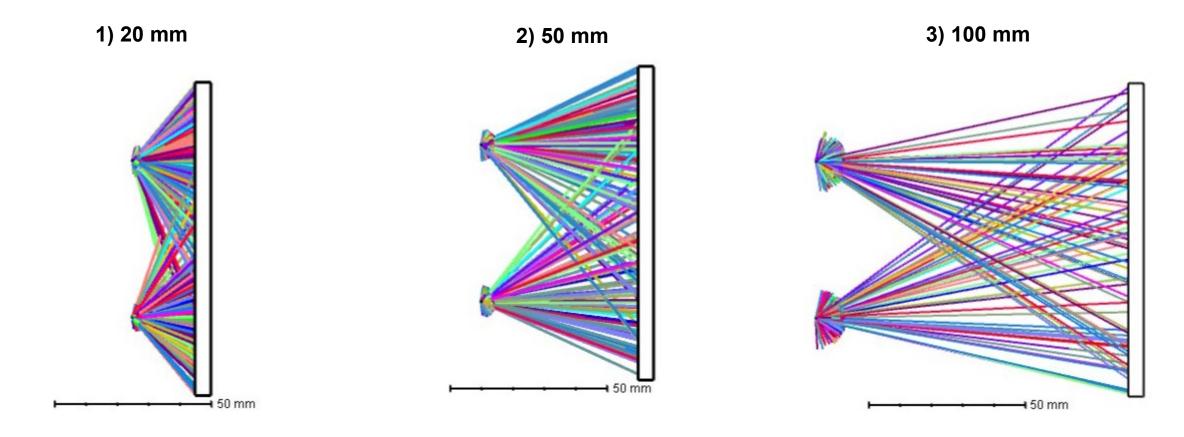
UV Disinfection of MRSA



Design Engineers need to balance the intensity and exposure to meet application goals.

Variable 1: source-surface distance

With increased distance: larger area disinfected, but less UV intensity per surface area. In surface disinfection, the aim is for **uniform disinfection across the surface**.





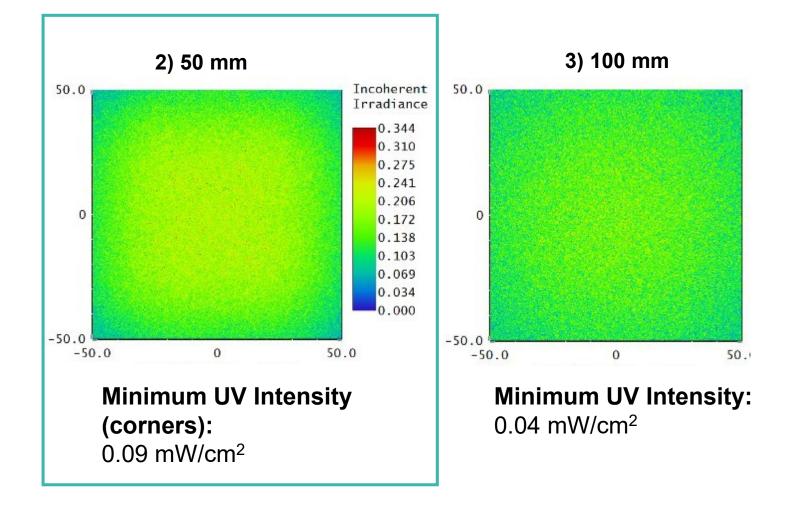
Balancing Uniformity and Dosage

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1) 20 mm

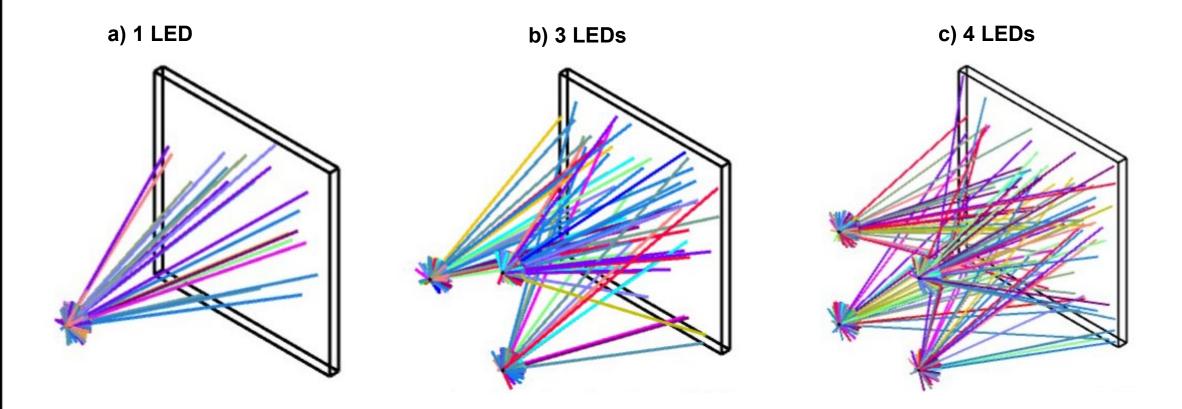
-50.0 -50.0 0 50.0 Minimum UV Intensity

> (corners): 0.01 mW/cm²

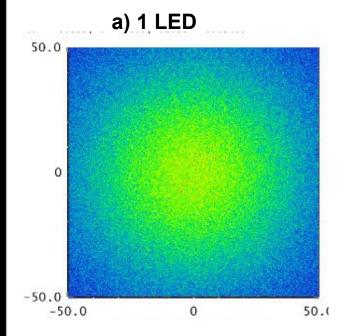


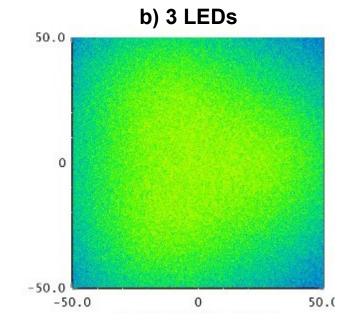
Variable 2: number of LEDs

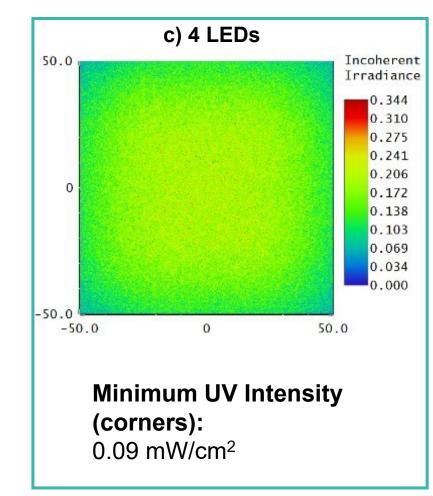
With increased number: larger area disinfected, and higher UV intensity per surface area



Number of LEDs Impacts Uniformity







Minimum UV Intensity (corners): 0.01 mW/cm² Minimum UV Intensity (corners): 0.03 mW/cm²

Conclusion

- UVC LEDs can be used in the HAI's application but how you design your system is very important
- Critical items are
 - Wavelength of the light source
 - Distance to place the source
 - Uniformity of the coverage
 - Surface you are disinfecting
 - Time you have to complete disinfection
- Power and Lifetime are design variables and not absolute values



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