

Lifespan Comparison of New Multiwavelength Light Sources



Overview

In this paper, we propose an innovative solution to break through the conversion efficiency limitation of LSP sources.

Key Takeaways

The lifespan of new multiwavelength LED light sources varies by design, power configuration, and operating conditions, typically ranging from tens of thousands of hours, with high-power systems often experiencing faster degradation than standard configurations.

Overview of Multiwavelength LED Light Sources

Modern multiwavelength LED light sources, such as compact high-resolution systems and fiber-coupled configurations, integrate multiple LEDs into a single device to provide tunable spectra for applications in research, medical imaging, and industrial processes. These systems can combine up to eight LEDs, each independently powered, allowing simultaneous operation across multiple wavelengths. Configurations include standard setups with neutral beam combiners for flexibility and cost-effectiveness, and high-power setups using dichroic beam splitters to maximize output intensity.

Factors Affecting Lifespan



The useful life of LED-based multiwavelength sources is influenced by several factors:

- Operating current and temperature:** Higher currents and elevated temperatures accelerate LED degradation, reducing lifespan.
- Optical design and coupling:** Fiber-coupled systems with high numerical aperture fibers can increase output efficiency but may also concentrate heat, affecting longevity.
- Power configuration:** High-power configurations, while providing greater optical output, generally experience faster lumen depreciation compared to standard configurations.

Environmental conditions: Humidity, vibration, and exposure to UV or other harsh conditions can impact the stability of both LEDs and optical components.

Typical Lifespan Metrics LED lifetimes are usually expressed as median useful life, defined as the time until the light output drops to a specified percentage of its initial value (commonly 70% or 50%).

- For multiwavelength LED sources:**
 - Standard configurations:** Often rated for 25,000–50,000 hours of useful life under typical operating conditions.

- High-power configurations:** May have slightly shorter predicted lifespans due to higher thermal stress, typically 20,000–40,000 hours, depending on cooling and duty cycle.

Compact research-grade LEDs: Systems designed for precise control and low-cost applications may achieve similar lifespans if operated within recommended parameters, though frequent high-intensity use can accelerate degradation. It is important to note that these values are predicted lifetimes, extrapolated from accelerated testing rather than direct measurement over decades of operation.

Manufacturers often use standardized IEC methods to estimate degradation and ensure comparability across products.

Practical Implications

When selecting a multiwavelength LED source, users should consider:

- Application requirements:** High-power output may be necessary for certain imaging or stimulation tasks, but it comes at the cost of reduced lifespan.
- Maintenance and replacement planning:** Understanding predicted useful life helps schedule maintenance and avoid unexpected downtime.
- Thermal management:** Adequate heat dissipation extends LED longevity, particularly in fiber-coupled or high-power systems.

Customization flexibility: Systems allowing independent control of each wavelength can optimize usage patterns, potentially extending overall device life.

In summary, while all modern multiwavelength LED light sources offer long operational lifespans, standard configurations generally provide the longest useful life, whereas high-power systems trade some longevity for increased optical output. Proper thermal management, adherence to manufacturer guidelines, and careful selection based on application needs are key to maximizing lifespan and performance.

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