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Alle vier Jahre findet eine Session statt, in der die Arbeiten der Divisionen berichtet und überprüft werden, sowie neue Pläne für die Zukunft ausgearbeitet werden. Die CIE wird als höchste Autorität für alle Aspekte des Lichtes und der Lichttechnik angesehen. Auf diese Weise unterhält sie eine bedeutende Stellung unter den internationalen Organisationen.

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## MULTIPLE TRANSFER STANDARD FOR CHARACTERISATION OF SPHERE TEST SETUPS

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### Abstract

The new international CIE standard CIE S 025/E:2015 “*Test methods for LED Lamps, LED Luminaires and LED Modules*” [1], which is also published with nearly the same content as European standard EN 13032-4 “*Light and lighting – Measurement and presentation of photometric data of lamps and luminaires – Part4: LED lamps, modules and luminaires*” [2], is a standard for test laboratories to define environmental and operational conditions for test measurements of LED sources. Different to other international test standards used before, this standard now commits test laboratories to evaluate uncertainty contributions for measurements and to assign uncertainty budgets to their measurement results. To support test laboratories in the characterization of their test setups which are used for varying SSL products, a Multiple Transfer Standard (MTS) was developed to identify typical sources of errors and to improve the determination of uncertainty components.

### Introduction

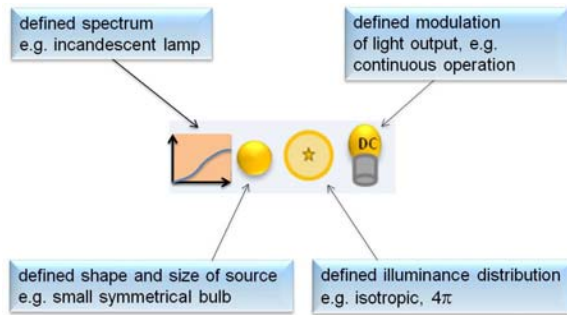
Some information about the most important uncertainty components that must be considered, and how measurement uncertainties can be assigned, are given in the annexes of the new CIE standard. In many cases, where test setups are calibrated with source standards having properties very close to the devices under test (DUT) many uncertainty contributions related to imperfect measurement setups cancel out. However, there are a lot of measuring tasks where a calibration close to a standard is not possible. Therefore, some test laboratories might run into trouble when following the given instructions, as considerable knowledge about the current status and the sensitivity of their test setups with respect to the characteristics and behaviour of the device under test (DUT) is needed. One reason is possibly the restricted information about electrical, spectral, angular dependent and frequency dependent properties of the DUT itself, which a test laboratory might have. But also not properly behaving measurement setups and the typical change of the respective sensitivities of the measurement setups with time are critical and must be checked on a regular basis. However, a rigorous check of e.g. a sphere setup is very time consuming and needs a lot of supplementary measurements to be carried out by skilled personal with additional characterised and/or calibrated measurement devices.

One possible supporting approach for test laboratories to enable the implementation of the standard CIE S 025 is followed by collaborators of the European project on “Metrology for Efficient and Safe Innovative Lighting” (MESaLL). In this project it was decided to build a special Multiple Transfer Standard (MTS), which can be used to characterise source measurement setups like integrating sphere setups or goniophotometers and which can be used by test laboratories to assign meaningful uncertainty budgets to their measurements.

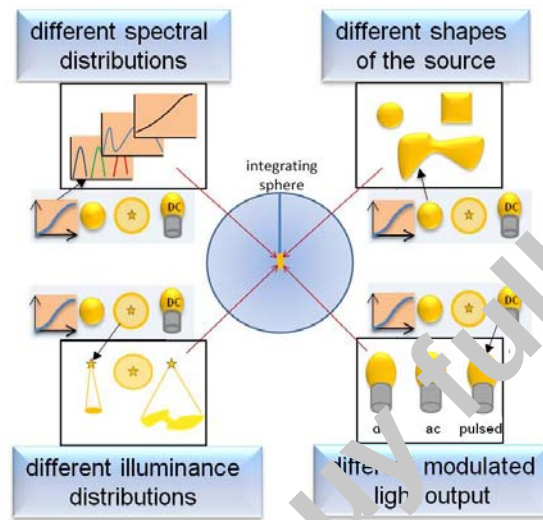
### Basic concept

The basic concept of this approach is the development of a source standard which can be operated stable and reproducible under various spectral, geometrical and temporal operating modes. By calibrating this MTS for each mode of operation, the source standard is able to transfer photometric units under multiple conditions (see Fig. 1). This feature of the MTS can

then be used to determine source-dependent calibration factors of not properly behaving measurement setups. The properties of the modes can be chosen such that they provide the best opportunity to characterize various measurement setups including integrating spheres and goniophotometers used for testing.



**Figure 1a – Defined properties of a classical source based transfer standard**



**Figure 1b – Variable properties of the new Multiple Transfer Standard (MTS)**

To show in case of sphere measurements whether or not a test setup is able to measure the luminous flux of a variety of different LED-based sources correctly and with the expected uncertainties, the MTS is equipped with sets of calibrated coloured and white LEDs (see Fig. 2).



**Figure 2 – Picture of the bare Multiple Transfer Standard equipped with different coloured, warm white and cold white LEDs**

The LEDs are mounted on specially designed printed circuit boards (PCBs). The PCBs are in excellent thermal contact to a cubical-shaped heat sink which is thermally stabilised via heat pipes. Each of the five PCBs is equipped with a microcontroller and all necessary electronic circuits to allow for an undisturbed independent self-contained operation of every single LED, and it also measures the PCB temperature. The measured PCB temperature is sent to a controller board installed in the cylindrical part of the MTS which controls the heat sink temperature and which is also responsible for the wireless data transfer to an external computer which is used for data acquisition and programming. Due to the wireless data transfer, the MTS requires only a simple E27 socket for its connection to a power supply. Hence, it can be directly installed into an integrating sphere. According to CIE S 025 the sphere should have a diameter of at least 1,3 m.

If a perfectly behaving sphere setup is calibrated properly, it would be able to reproduce the known calibration values of every installed LED of the MTS – independent of colour, illuminance distribution and modulation. But a real sphere setup will show differences