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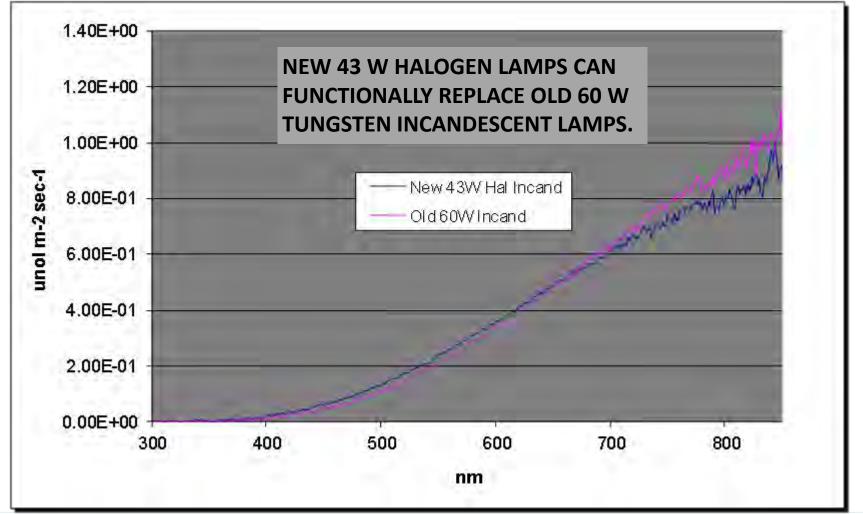


# 730NM LED ALTERNATIVES TO INCANDESCENT LAMPS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY FAR RED RADIATION IN GROWTH CHAMBERS

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# Supplementary Lamps for Far Red

To add Far Red above 700 nm – Historically, Incandescent Tungsten and now Halogen lamps are the lowest initial cost compared to Far Red LEDs.

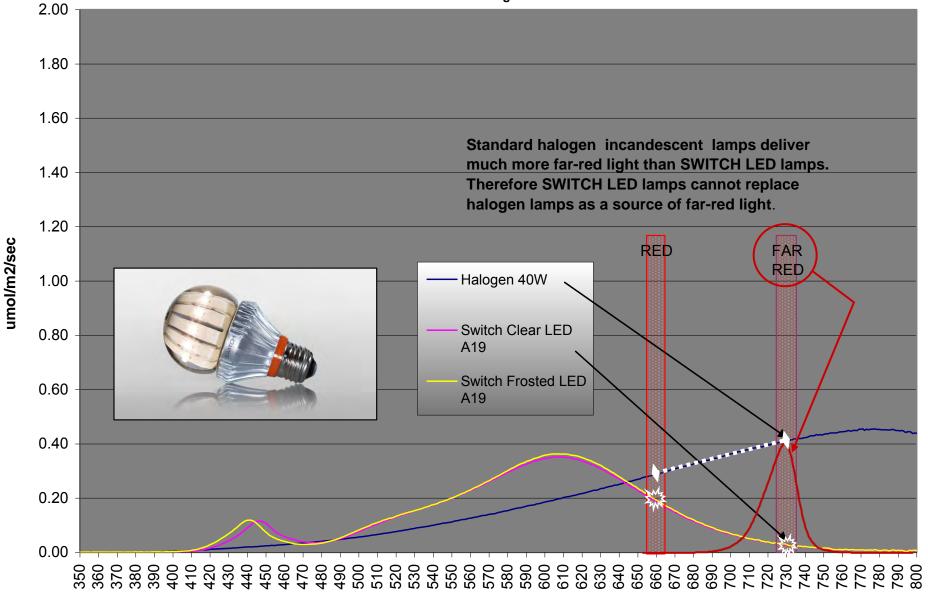


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#### SWITCH Brand LED vs. Halogen Incandescent

#### For Far Red Supplementation

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# Fluorescent CFL "Incandescent Replacement" Lamps are NOT a source of Far Red Radiation.

• Changing out Incandescent lamps with CFLs will increase the delivered PAR somewhat but there is essentially NO Far Red contribution.



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# **Supplementary Lamps for Far Red – Existing Chambers**

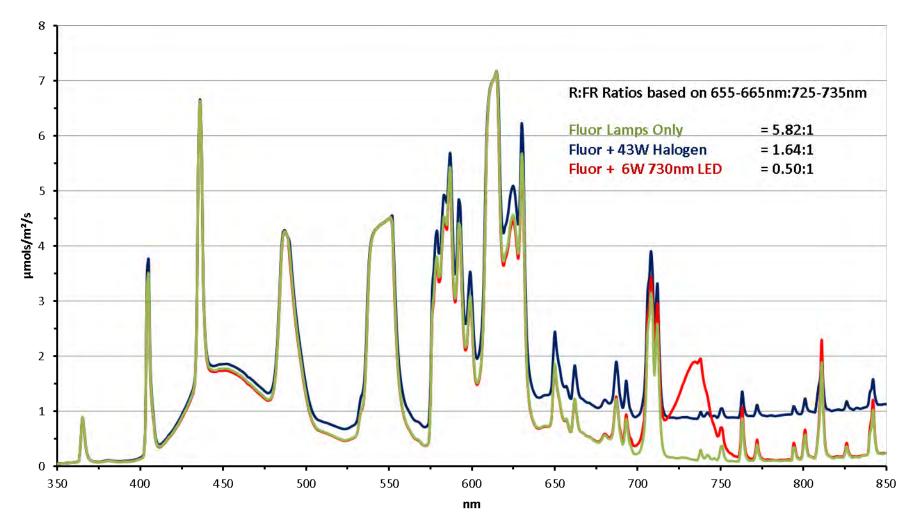
- Historically Incandescent Tungsten, and now slightly more efficient Halogen lamps
- Traditional filament lamps are becoming obsolete and hard to find.
- Many complaints about short incandescent life span and sensitivity to vibration.
- Moving to 730nm LEDs as supplementary light source for independent Far Red
- **NOTE!** Unlike old filament lamps, ALL Electronic driven lamps MUST be CSA/UL/CE certified. Many have temperature limitations lower than maximum chamber ranges.





#### Comparison of T5/841 Fluorescent Lamps ONLY to Fluorescent + 12 x 6W Far Red LED Bulbs and Fluorescent + 12 x 43W Sylvania Halogen Bulbs

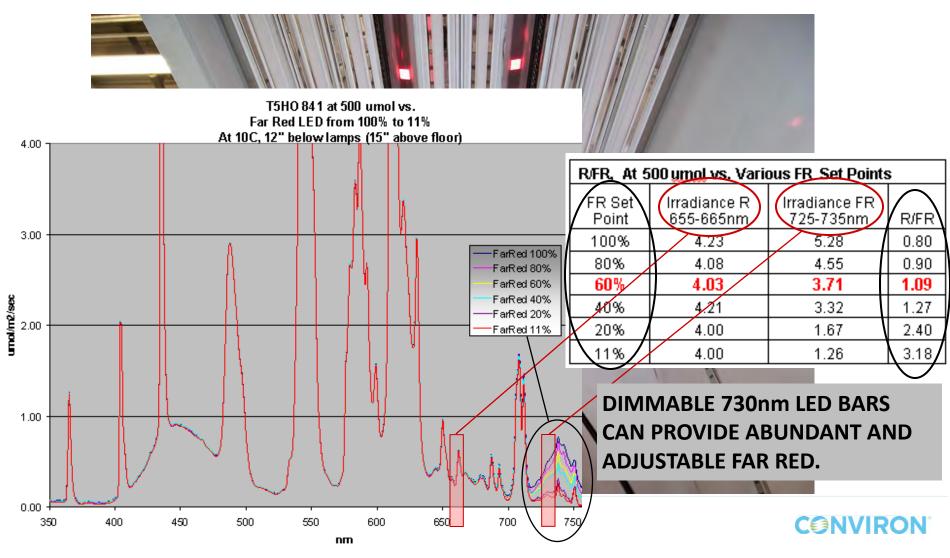
–μmols/m²/s (Fluor +Halogen.) ——μmols/m²/s (Fluor+ Far Red LED) ——μmols/m²/s (Fluor Only)



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## **T5HO Fluorescent with Illumitex 730nm LED Bars**

Independent dimming control of the primary T5HO lamps and the supplementary 730nm LED Far Red fixtures enables R:FR ratio of 1.1:1 specified by the researcher:



# LED Wide Spectrum Primary Lighting plus Independent 730nm Far Red supplementary Lighting

- LED sources are a maturing form of producing light efficiently for plant growth, but evolution is rapid.
- LED Spectra available for Primary and Supplementary lighting applications
- Multiple suppliers of LEDs available for integration into chambers to meet spectral requirements
- Approx. 40%-50% energy saving possible over T5HO lamps
- Higher initial Cost for LED



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# Lighting – Large Chamber with Valoya AP67 Spectrum combined with Independent 730 nm Far Red Fixtures

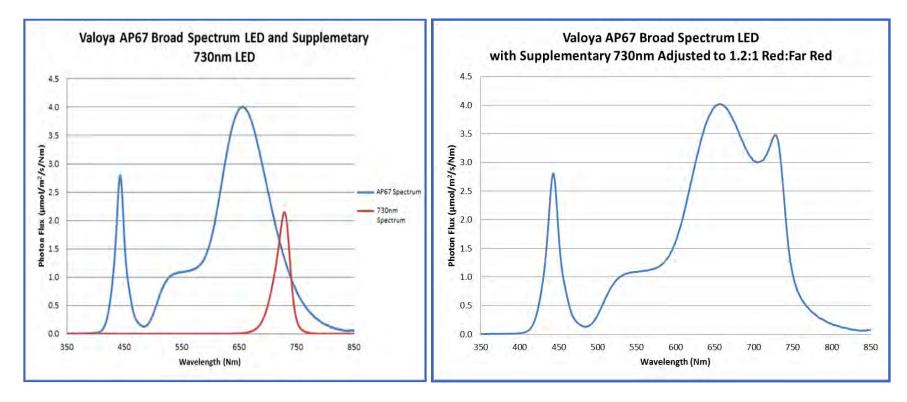




# Lighting – Valoya Broad Spectrum Primary LED with Supplementary 730nm LED for near Solar Noon R:FR

Here are SPD charts of the Valoya AP67 and 730nm fixtures shown separately-

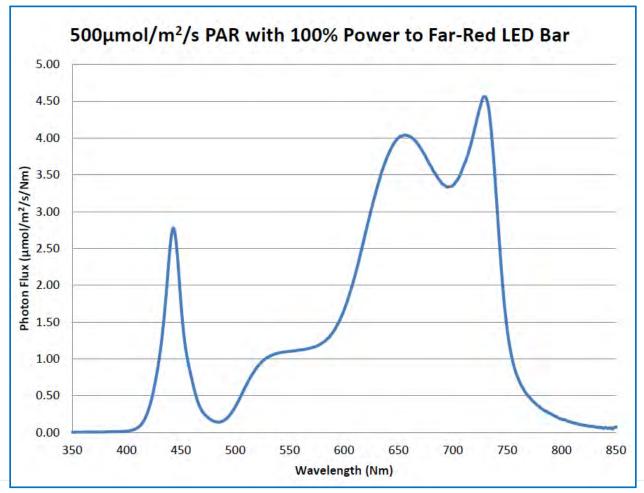
and then combined to deliver the client's specification to have a 1.2:1 R:FR at 500 umol PAR (1m below the lamps).



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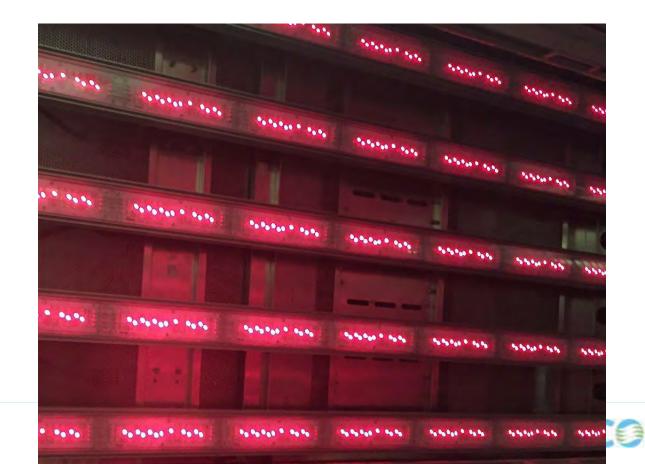
Here is the SPD chart of the Valoya AP67 and 730nm fixtures combined with the FR LEDs at full power. The R:FR ratio achieved was 0.9:1. Measure PPE was 0.73.





#### Valoya LED Broad NS1 Spectrum Primary Lighting Fixtures with Integrated 730nm Far Red Supplementary LEDs Independent Dimming Control of Each Channel

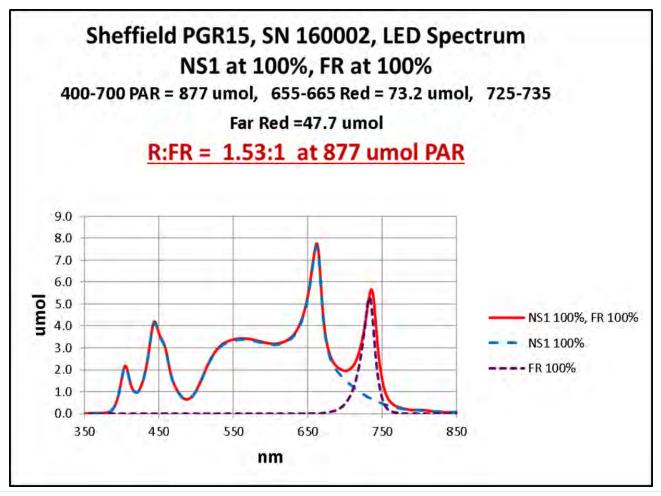
- This integrated Valoya solution enables significant Far Red radiation with the best possible uniformity of BOTH the Primary Broad Band PAR and the Supplementary Far Red light.
- This photo is looking up at the 5 fixture array in a 16 sq. ft. chamber. The Primary light channel is OFF shown how uniformly the 730 nm LEDS are distributed in the lamp canopy.



## Valoya LED Broad NS1 Spectrum Primary Lighting Fixtures with Integrated 730nm Far Red Supplementary LEDs

#### **Independent Dimming Control of Each Channel**

 With both the Primary and Supplementary LED channels at 100% at 12" (300mm) below the lights, the system achieved an average 877 umol PAR with a 1.53:1 R:FR ratio.

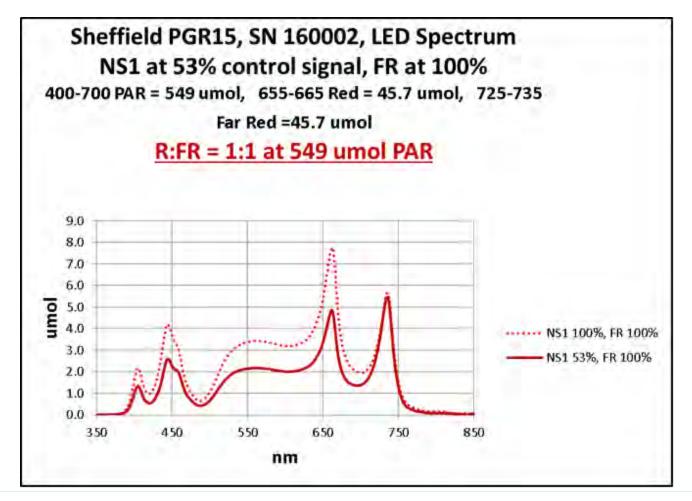




# Valoya LED Broad NS1 Spectrum Primary Lighting Fixtures with Integrated 730nm Far Red Supplementary LEDs

#### **Independent Dimming Control of Each Channel**

 With the Primary dimmed down and Supplementary LED channel at 100%s, at 12" (300mm) below the lights, the system achieved an average 549 umol PAR with a 1:1 R:FR ratio.

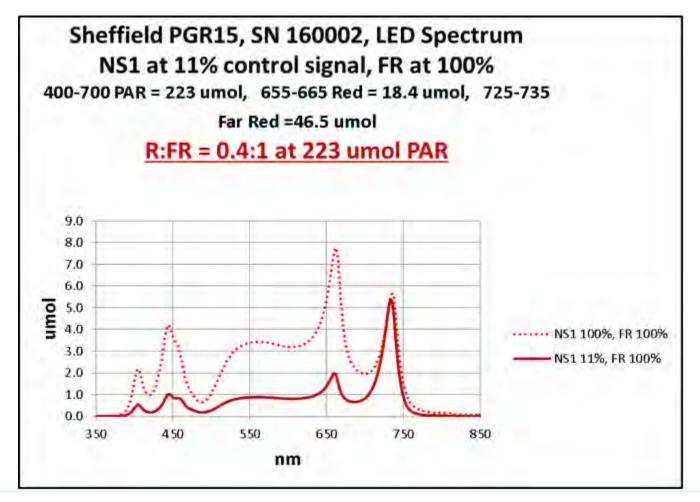


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# Valoya LED Broad NS1 Spectrum Primary Lighting Fixtures with Integrated 730nm Far Red Supplementary LEDs

#### **Independent Dimming Control of Each Channel**

With the Primary dimmed to minimum and Supplementary LED channel at 100%, at 12" (300mm) below the lights, the system achieved an average 223 umol PAR with a 0.4:1 R:FR ratio.



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