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# LDLS™ Laser-Driven Light Source

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From The Innovators in Light

# The LDLS Product Range

- EQ-99FC LDLS™ System



- Compact LDLS with fiber-coupled output



- EQ-99 LDLS™ System



- Compact LDLS for free-space optics

- EQ-1500 LDLS™ System

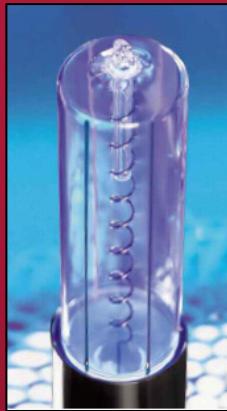


- High brightness LDLS for free-space optics

# Today's Lamp Technologies



- Mercury Discharge



- Excimer



- Deuterium



- Halogen



- Xe & Hg Arc



- Metal Halide

All have limitations in:

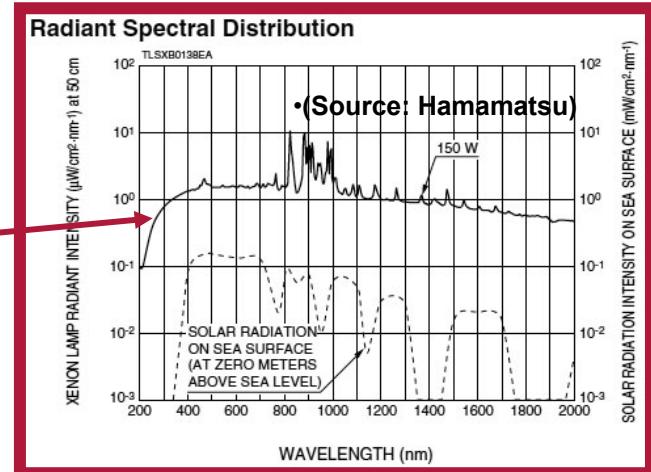
- Brightness
- Lifetime/Stability
- Spectral Range

# Limitations with Arc-Lamps

- Arc-Lamps use electrodes to conduct electrical current through the gas heat the gas to high temperature
  - The electrodes limit the temperature of the gas
    - ❖ Limited temperature leads to limited DUV
  - The electrodes erode and shorten lamp lifetime
  - Arc flicker reduces effective brightness and adds noise

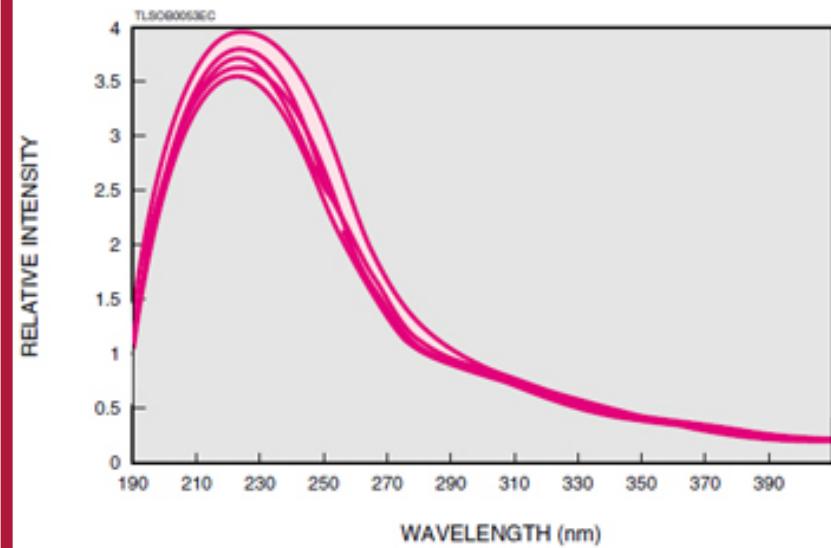
Broadband	✓
Brightness	✓
Stability	✗
Lifetime	✗

• DUV output falls below 300nm

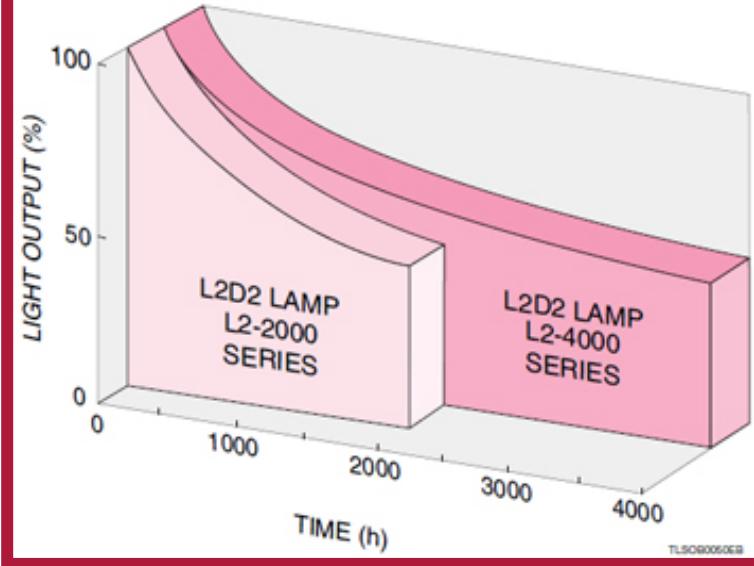


# Limitations with Deuterium Lamps

## ■ Intensity Variation



## ■ Life Characteristics

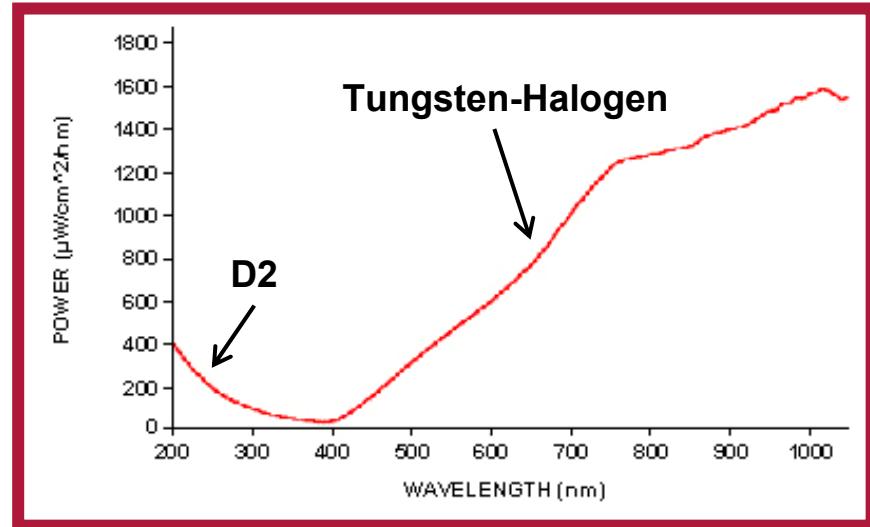
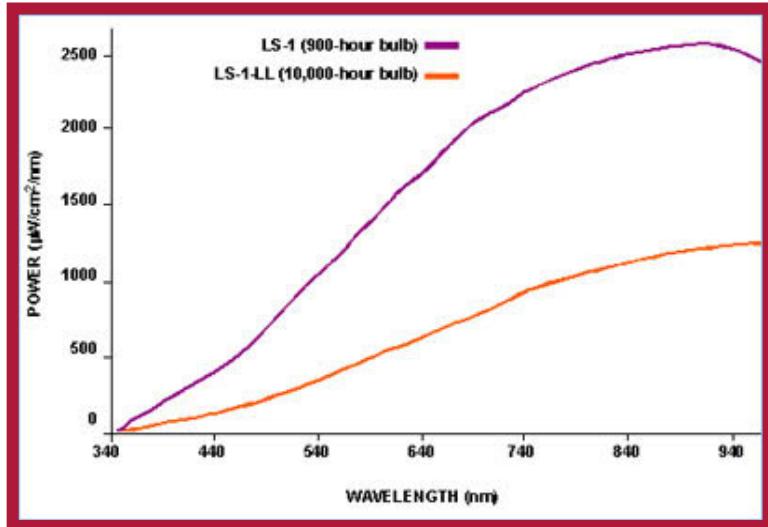


Source: Hamamatsu

Broadband	X
Brightness	X
Stability	✓
Lifetime	X

- Limited wavelength range ~190nm – 400nm
- Low brightness, relatively large plasma
- Short life: 500-1000hrs to 50% output

# Limitations with Tungsten-Halogen Lamps



Source: Ocean Optics

Broadband	✓
Brightness	✗
Stability	✓
Lifetime	✗

- Short lifetime, large filament area, low power <400 nm
- Usually combined with Deuterium lamp to cover broad spectrum
  - Gap in spectrum around 400nm
  - Low brightness from 2 separate emitters
  - Changing spectrum from 2 different lifetimes

# A Timely Convergence....

- Traditional Lamp sources have reached the end of their roadmap
  - Incremental improvement in recent years

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- Costs for infra-red laser diodes have fallen dramatically in recent years
  - Driven by telecom and fiber lasers for industrial applications
  - Costs continue to decline substantially each year.

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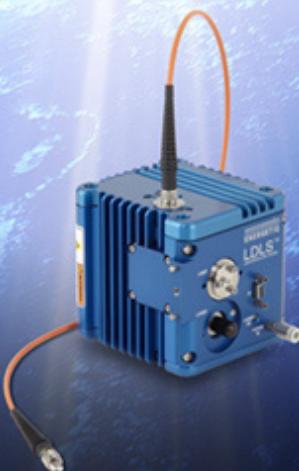
- Catalyst for a new class of light sources that disrupts the status quo

The brightest,  
most consistent  
broadband light sources  
since the sun

EQ-99



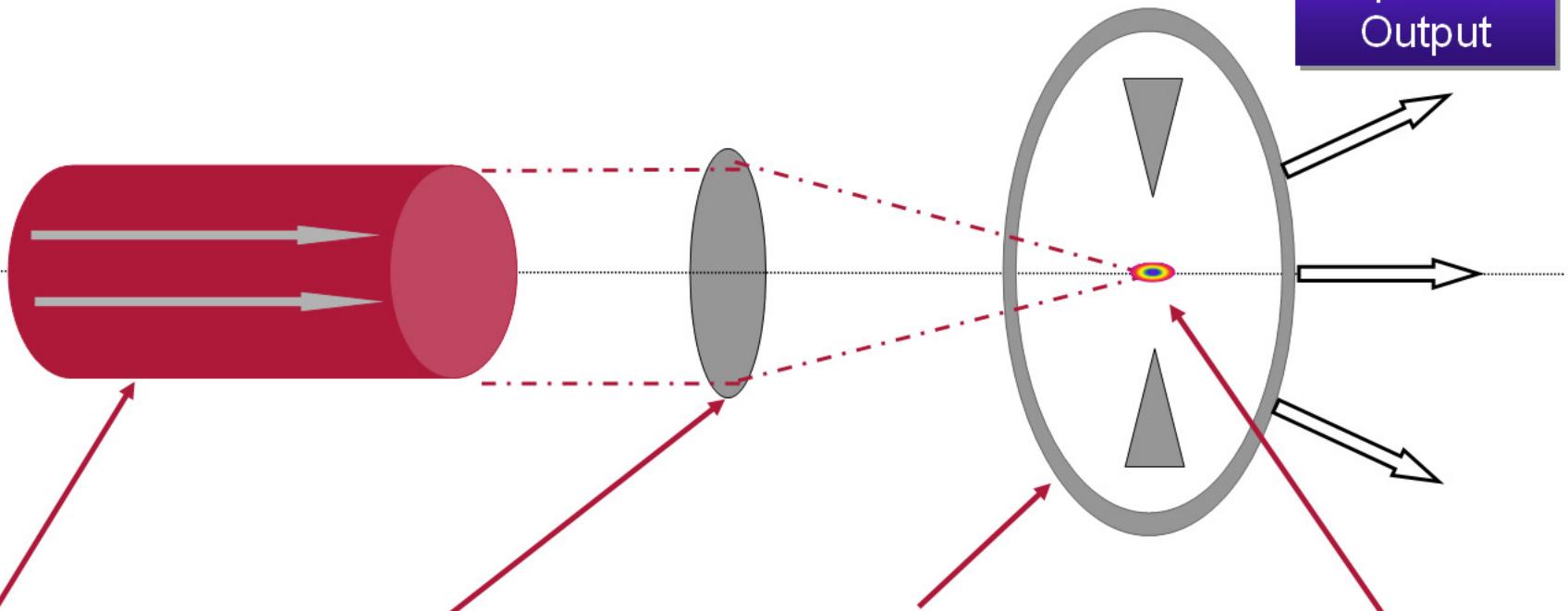
EQ-99FC



EQ-1500



# Laser-Driven Light Source: Principle of Operation



- Beam from CW Laser

- Laser Beam Focusing Optics

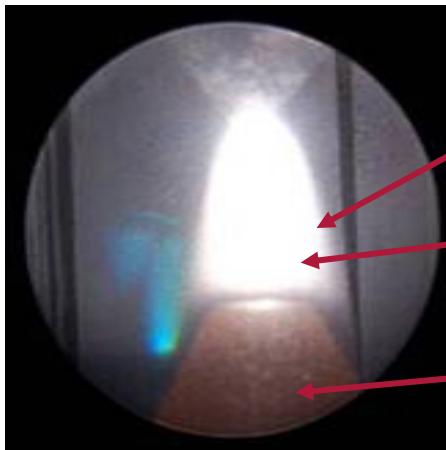
- Lamp Enclosure Containing Gas(es)

- Broad Spectral Output

• US Patent # 7,435,982

# Light from Arc-Lamp and LDLS

## •Xe Arc-Lamp



- Large plasma limits brightness

- Arc position Instability

- Note: anode glowing red

## •LDLS



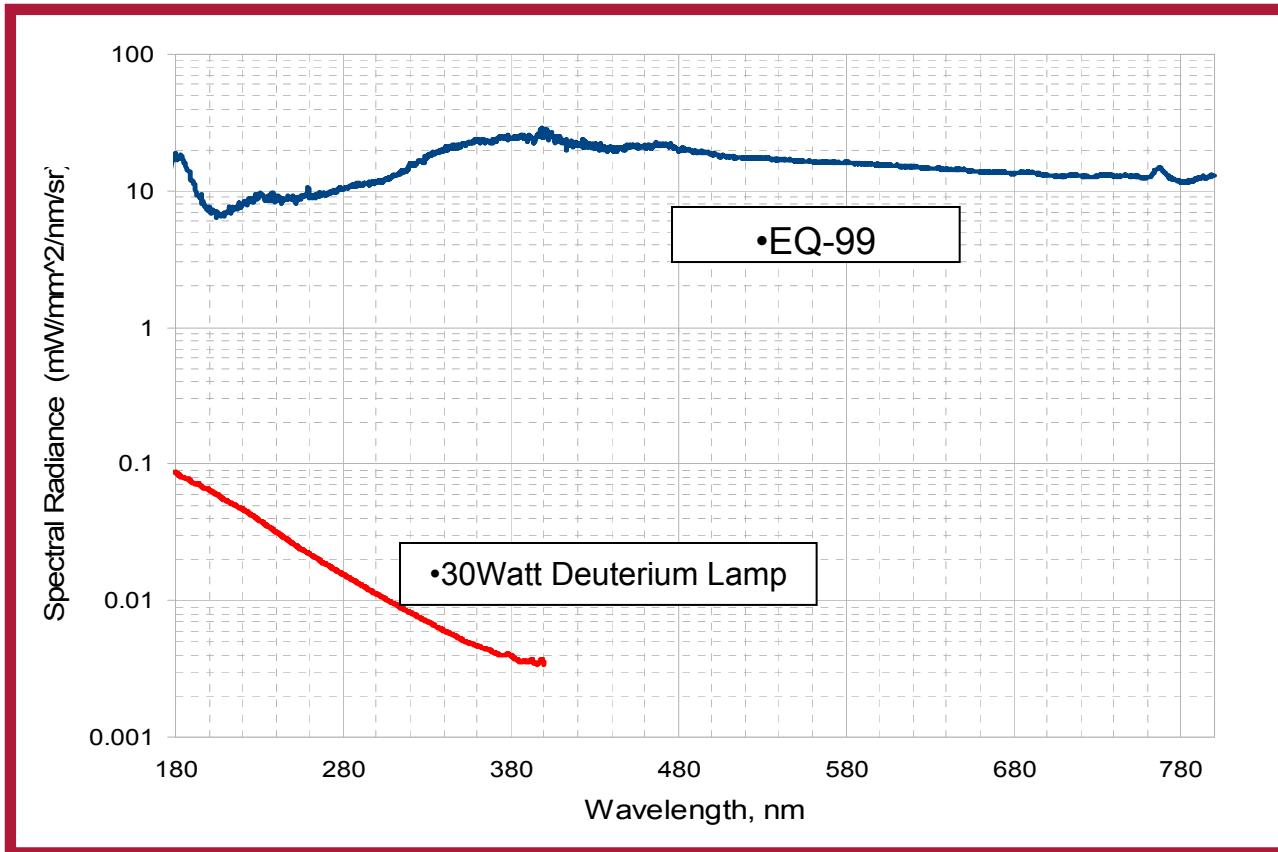
- Small plasma ...high brightness

- Highly stable position

- Note: anode NOT glowing

- High brightness: ~100 um diameter Xenon plasma,
- Efficient coupling into small fibers or spectrometer slits
- Point source enables collimation over long distances

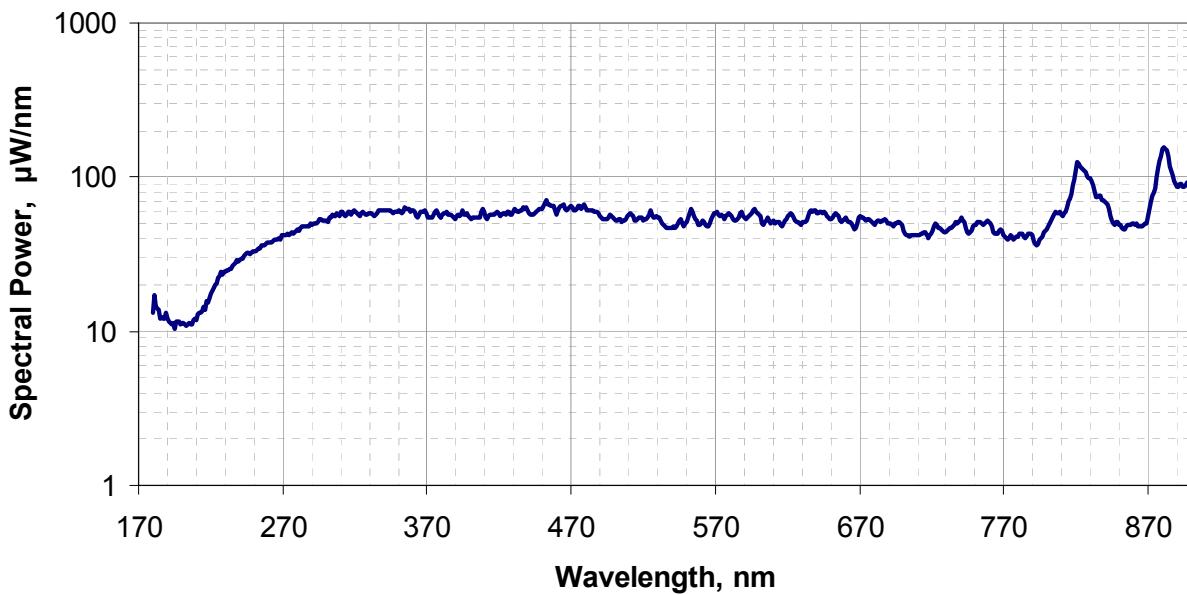
# EQ-99 Spectral Distribution



•Typical Data

# EQ-99FC Spectral Distribution

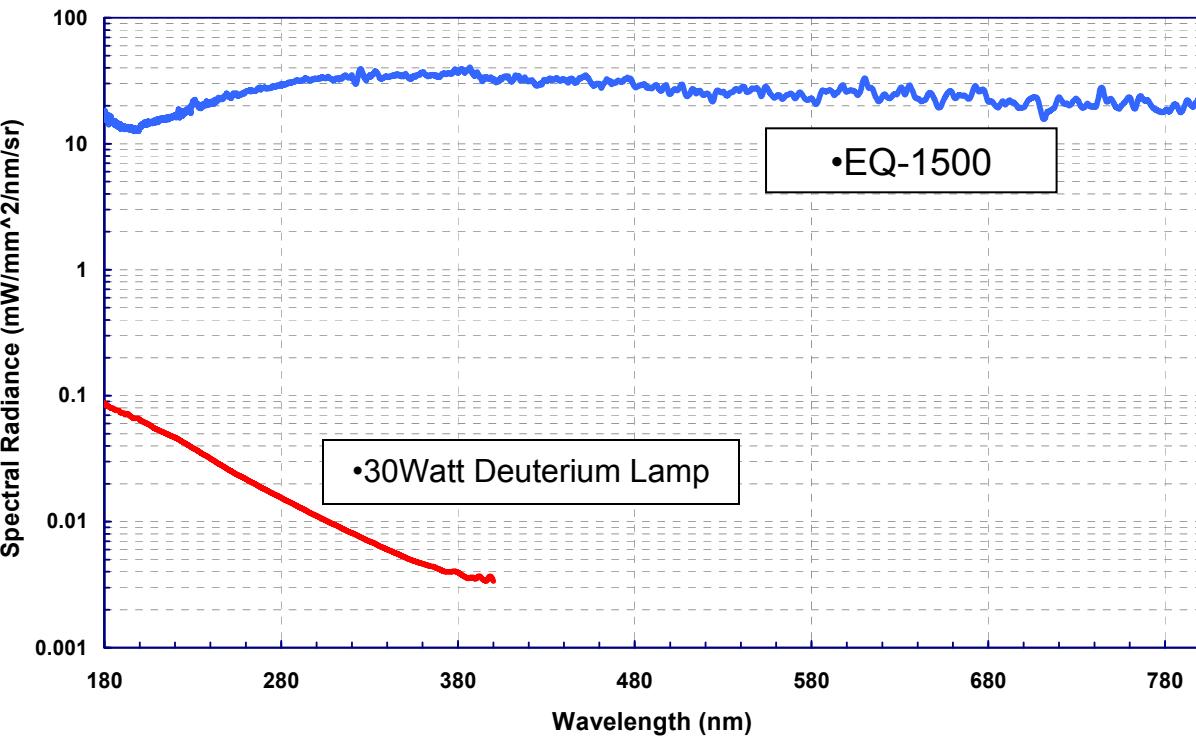
**EQ-99FC Typical Performance:**  
with 230 $\mu$ m diameter, 0.22NA, 1m long, DUV/Vis solarization resistant fiber



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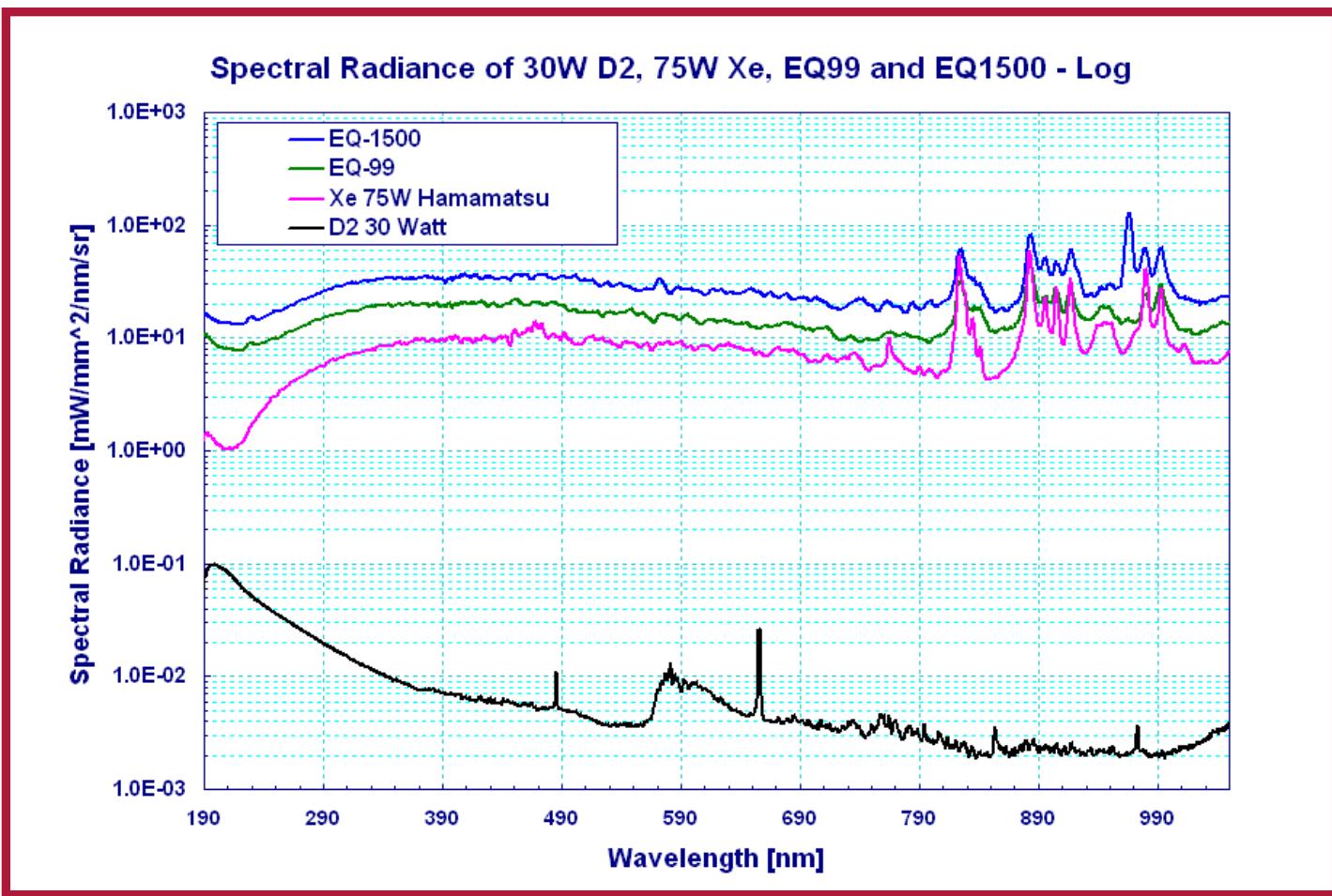
Power ratios	
Fiber ( $\mu$ m)	Multiplier
230	1
450	2.02
600	2.26

# EQ-1500 Spectral Distribution



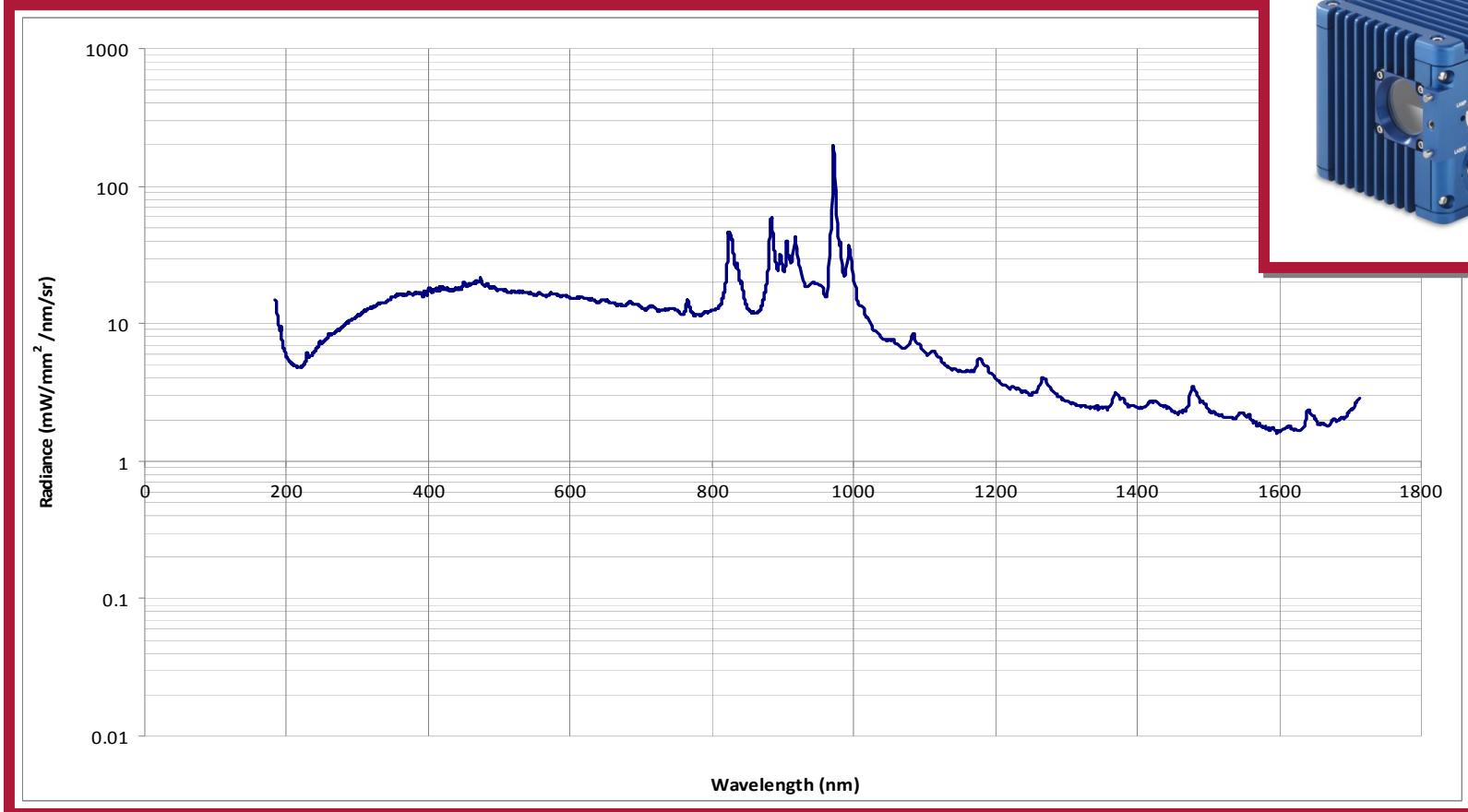
•Typical Data

# Comparing LDLS with Traditional Lamps



- Spectral radiance calibrated at 254nm, Typical Data

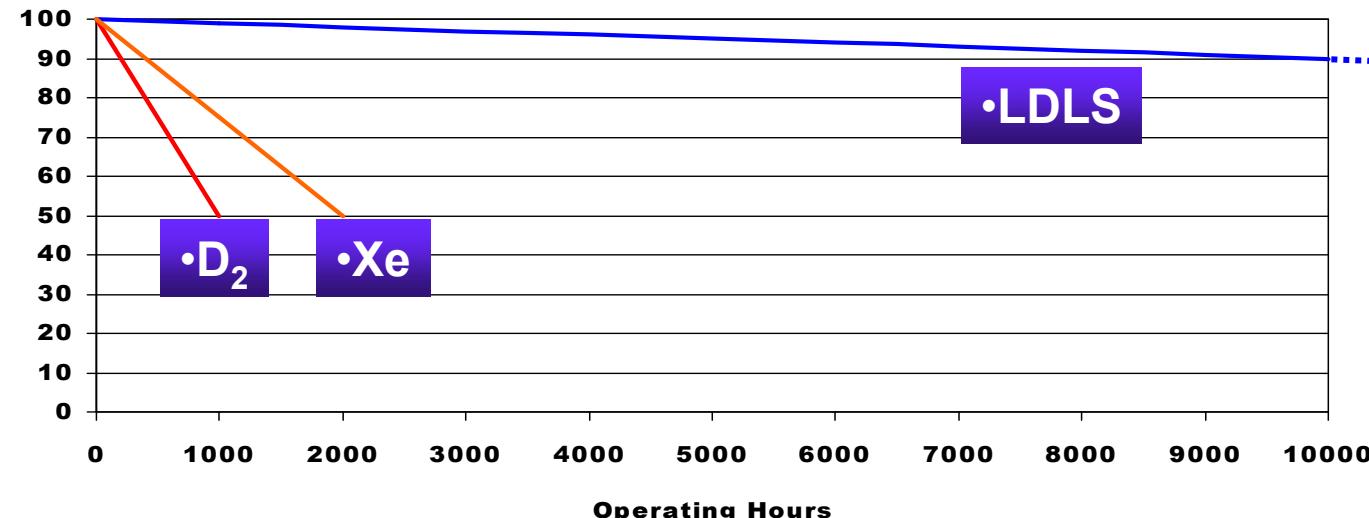
# LDLS: UV-Vis-NIR Radiance 170nm - 1700nm



•Typical Data for EQ-99

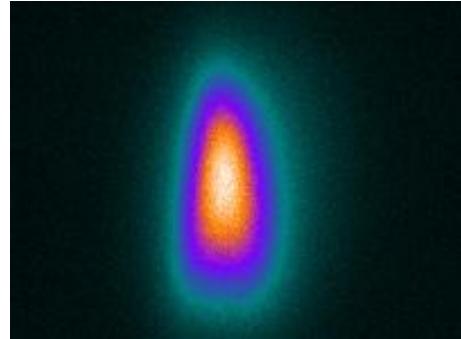
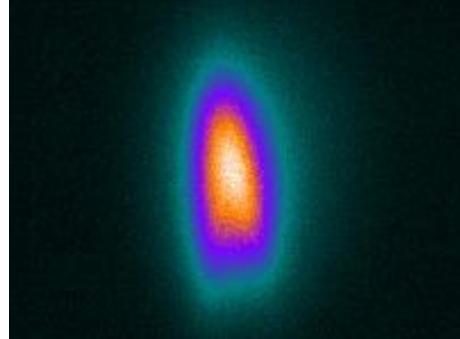
# LDLS™: Stable & Long-Life

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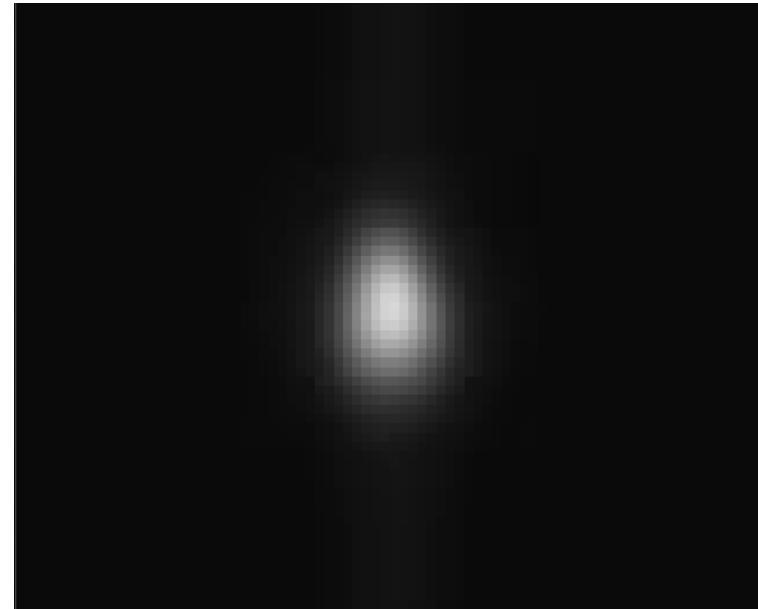
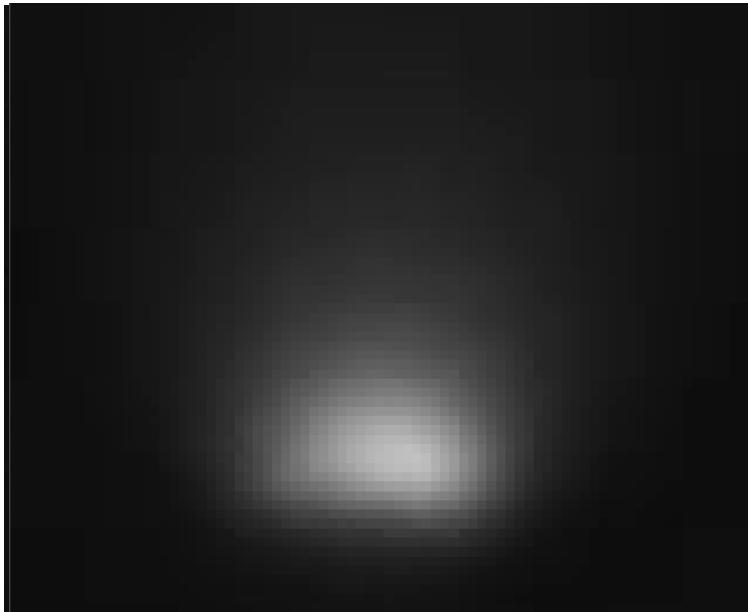


<u>Light Source</u>	<u>Change in Broadband Output /1000 Hrs (Typical)</u>	<u>Life-Test Hours to Date</u>	<u>Notes</u>
EQ-1500	~ -1%	>10,000	Test on-going
EQ-99	~ -1%	>6,000	Test on-going
30W D <sub>2</sub> Lamp	-50% (depending on model)		Source: Heraeus Data Sheet
75W Xe Lamp	-25% to -50% (depending on model)		Source: Hamamatsu Data Sheet

# EQ-99 Plasma Images

	PS37LH34	PS38LH39
FWHM horizontal, $\mu\text{m}$	64	61
FWHM vertical, $\mu\text{m}$	147	140
Images		

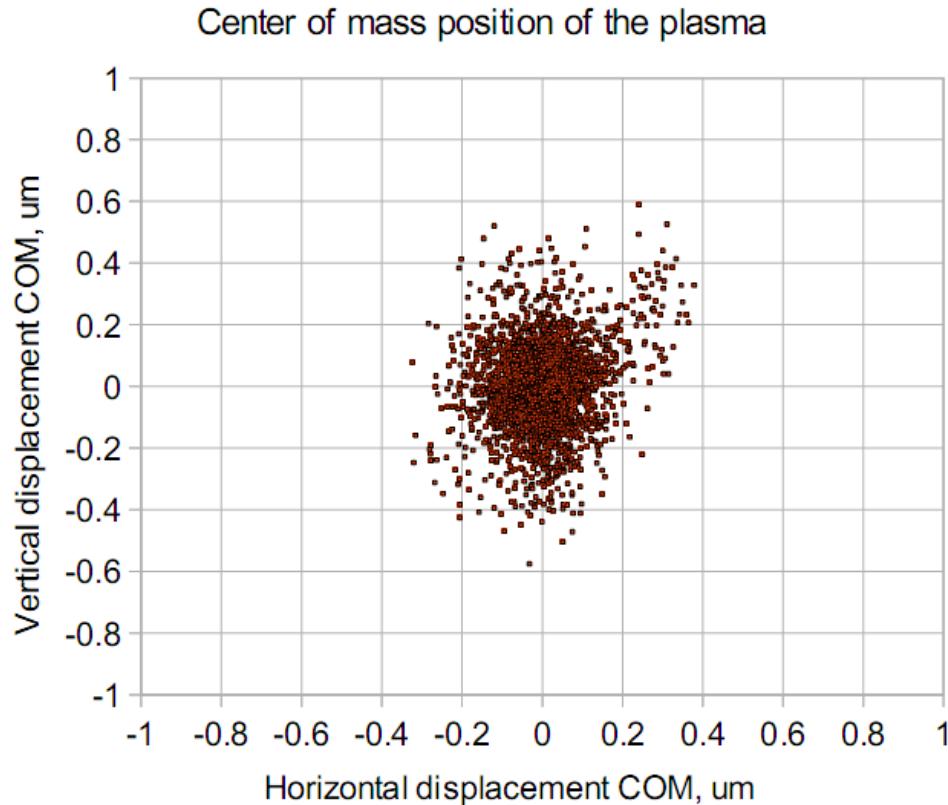
# Spatial Stability of Arc Lamp vs LDLS



450W Xenon Lamp

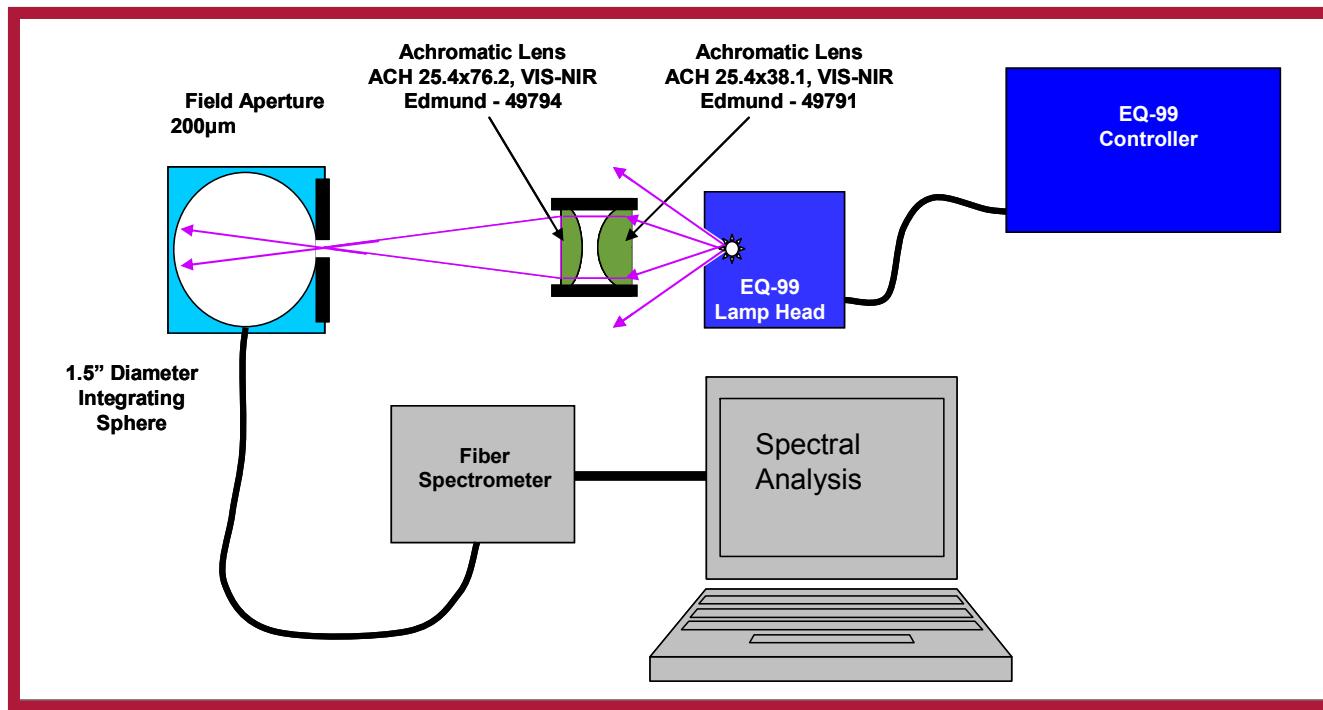
EQ-1500

# Spatial Stability Results



- Collected and stored 2500 images @ 200 frames per second
- Calculated center of mass for each image using ImageJ (image analysis software)
- Standard deviation of the plasma light intensity center of mass position
  - Horizontal: 0.145  $\mu\text{m}$
  - Vertical: 0.094  $\mu\text{m}$

# Measurement of Temporal Variation in Radiant Flux for EQ-99



- Light collected by 0.3NA Achromat pair from 100um plasma region
- Calibrated integrating sphere/fiber spectrometer:
  - 1000 spectral samples (400-830nm), 8ms integration time, 8 seconds total
- Measurement repeated for ten EQ-99 units.

# Temporal Variation in Radiant Flux From 100µm Plasma, 0.3NA

200µm diameter pinhole with 2X optics,  
400nm to 830nm wavelength band,  
1000 samples, 8ms integration time, 8s total

EQ-99	Intensity Variation, 3x std.dev. [%]	P-P/Mean (%)
Unit-A	0.27	0.58
Unit-B	0.33	0.73
Unit-C	0.17	0.34
Unit-D	0.20	0.39
Unit-E	0.19	0.42
Unit-F	0.29	0.65
Unit-G	0.34	0.72
Unit-H	0.21	0.48
Unit-I	0.18	0.42
Unit-J	0.33	0.79
<b>Average</b>		<b>0.25%</b>
<b>0.55%</b>		



- For the 8 second sample period, average intensity variation of:
  - <0.1% ( $1\sigma$ )
  - 0.25% ( $3\sigma$ )
  - 0.55% (p-p/mean)

## Benefits of LDLS Technology

- Very high brightness across complete spectrum
  - 170nm through visible and out to 2100 nm
- Eliminates need for multiple lamps (replaces D2/Tungsten/Xenon Arc)
  - Simplified optical system
- Excellent Spatial stability
  - Repeatable measurements
- Superior short and long term power stability
  - Repeatable measurements
- Electrodeless operation for long life
  - Reduced consumable costs
  - Minimal recalibration of instrument

Broadband	✓
Brightness	✓
Stability	✓
Lifetime	✓

# Applications

- UV-Vis Spectrometry
- Monochromator Source
- PEEM
- Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy
- Materials Characterization
- Environmental Analysis
- Hyperspectral Imaging
- Gas Phase Measurements
- Advanced Microscopes
- Endoscopes/Borescopes



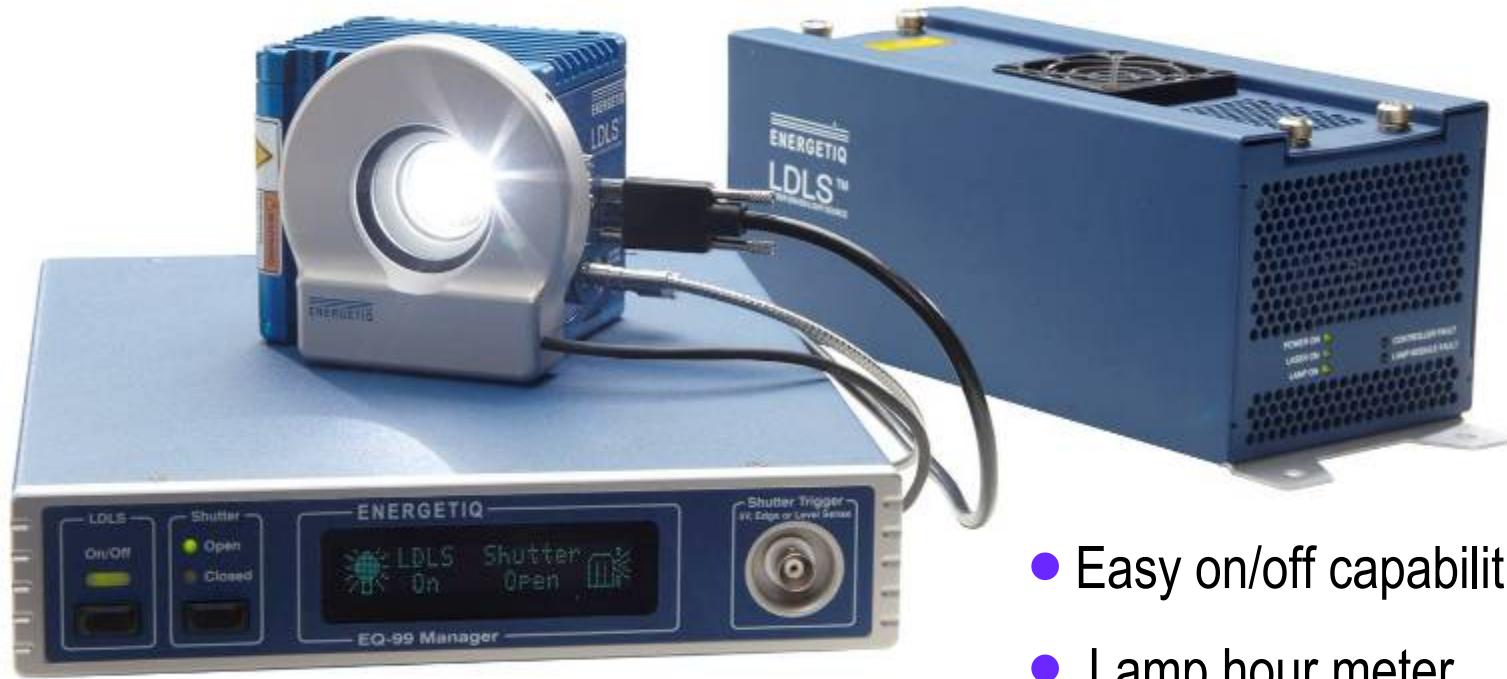
•EQ-99 LDLS System



•EQ-1500 LDLS System

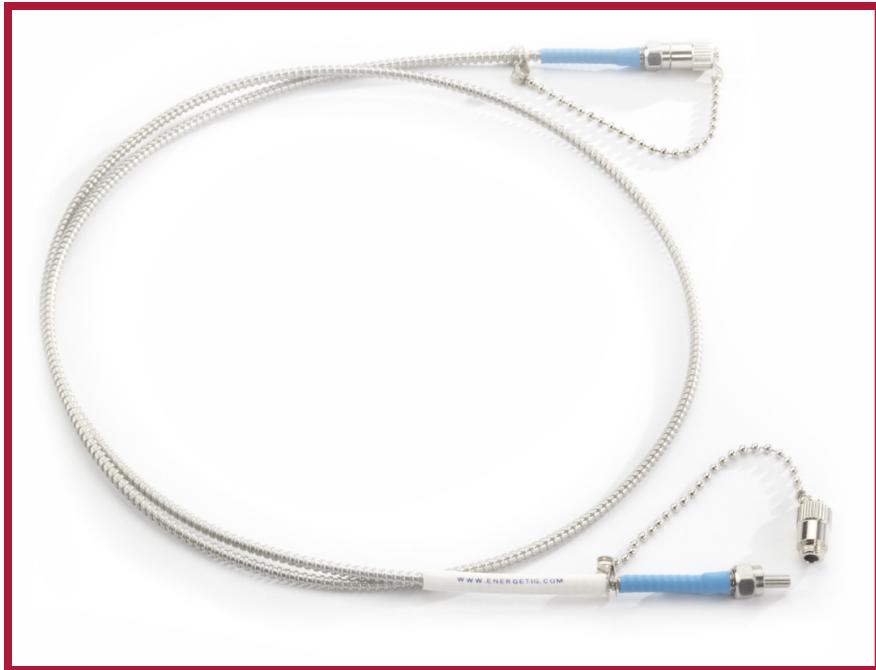
# NEW! EQ-99 Manager

- A Smart Controller for EQ-99 Series LDLS™ Products



- Easy on/off capabilities
- Lamp hour meter
- Available Shutter
- Computer control

# LDLS Fiber Optic Assemblies



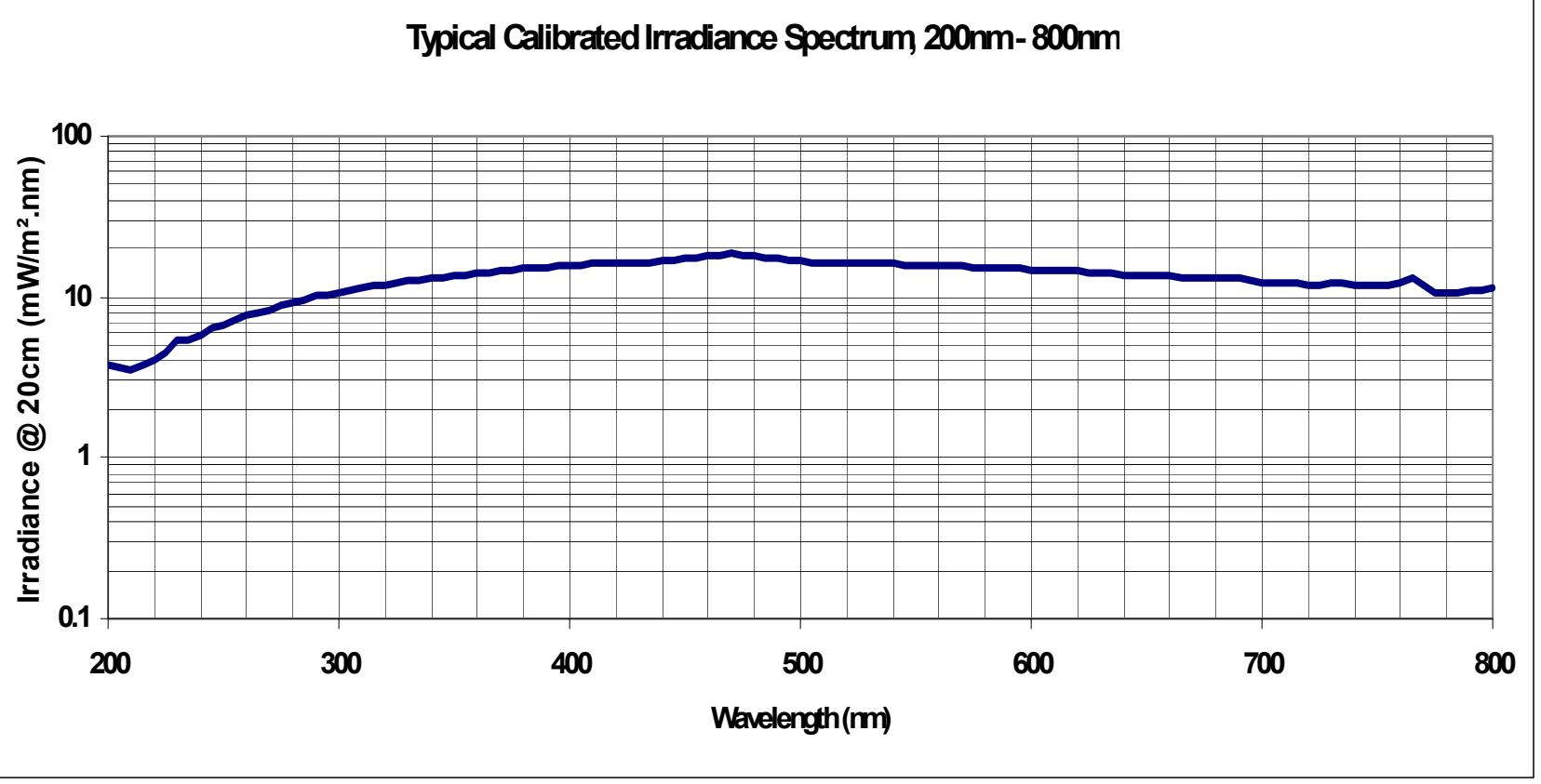
- Turn-Key system with EQ-99FC
- For high brightness applications
- Proprietary termination process
- Longer life than standard fibers
- Choice of Fibers
  - DUV/Vis Solarization Resistant
    - ❖ (180nm – 900 nm)
    - ❖ 115µm, 230µm, 455µm Core
  - Broadband Version
    - ❖ (200nm – 2100 nm)
    - ❖ 100µm, 200µm, 400µm, 600µm Core

# EQ-99CAL Calibrated LDLS



- Based on Award Winning EQ-99 Design
- Broadband, High Brightness Source
- Calibration Wavelengths: 200nm - 800nm (with single source)
- Irradiance Calibration Traceable to NPL
- Temperature Controlled Lamp House for highly stable measurements
- Long Intervals between Recalibration
  - Recommended 1 year or 1000 hours of operation (which ever comes first)

# New EQ-99CAL Calibrated LDLS

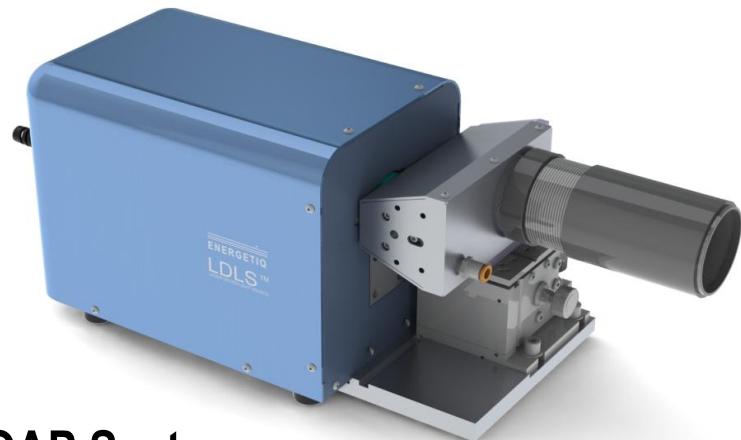


# Coupling Accessories



**EQ-99 LDLS with OAP System**

- Designed to couple EQ-99 and EQ-1500 light into spectrometers or optical fibers
- Off-Axis Parabolic (OAP) Mirror Assembly
- Efficiently couple full wavelength range
- Variety of focal length and NA options
- Free beam or SMA fiber coupling options
- Housings are Nitrogen purgeable



**EQ-1500 LDLS with OAP System**

# Broadband Fiber Collimators For LDLS



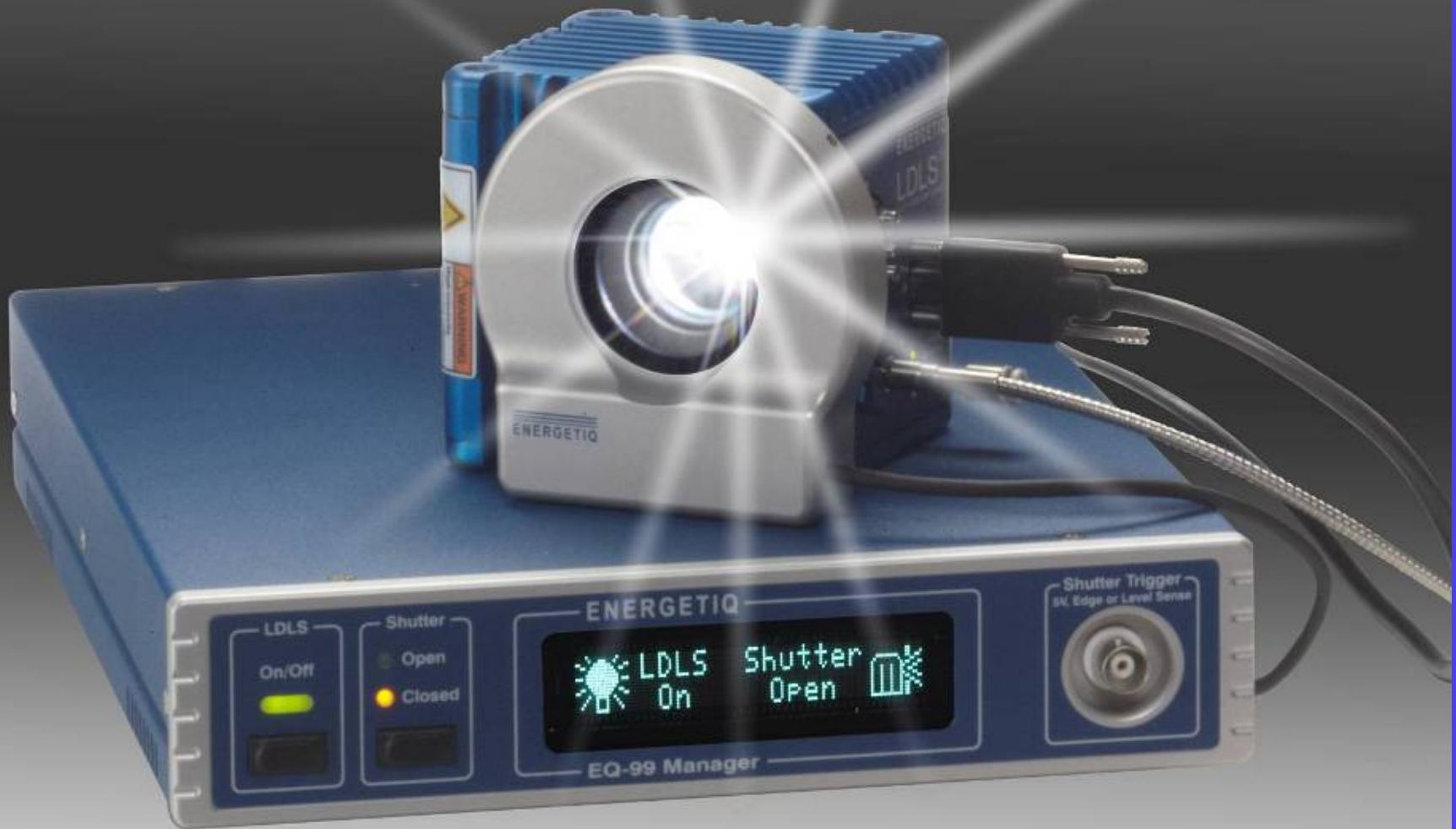
EQ-99FC LDLS with Fiber Collimator

- Designed to collimate EQ-99FC fiber output
- Reflective Mirror Assembly
- Efficiently collimate from 200 – 2400 nm
- Two output beam sizes available; 6.7 mm and 11 mm diameter
- SMA fiber connection
- Low divergence (depends on fiber size)



# Summary

- Very high brightness across complete spectrum
  - 170nm through visible and out to 2100 nm
  - Easy coupling to small fibers and spectrometer slits
  - Ease of collimation
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  - Simplified optical system
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