

# Non-visual effects of light

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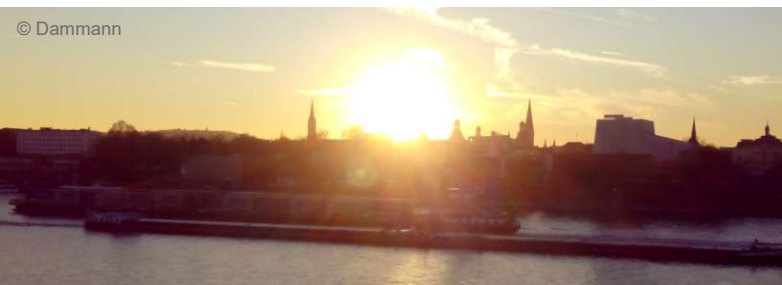
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# Light has non-visual effects – also at the workplace

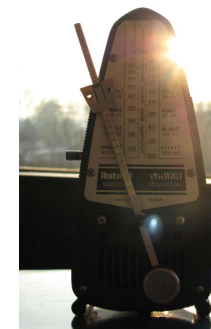


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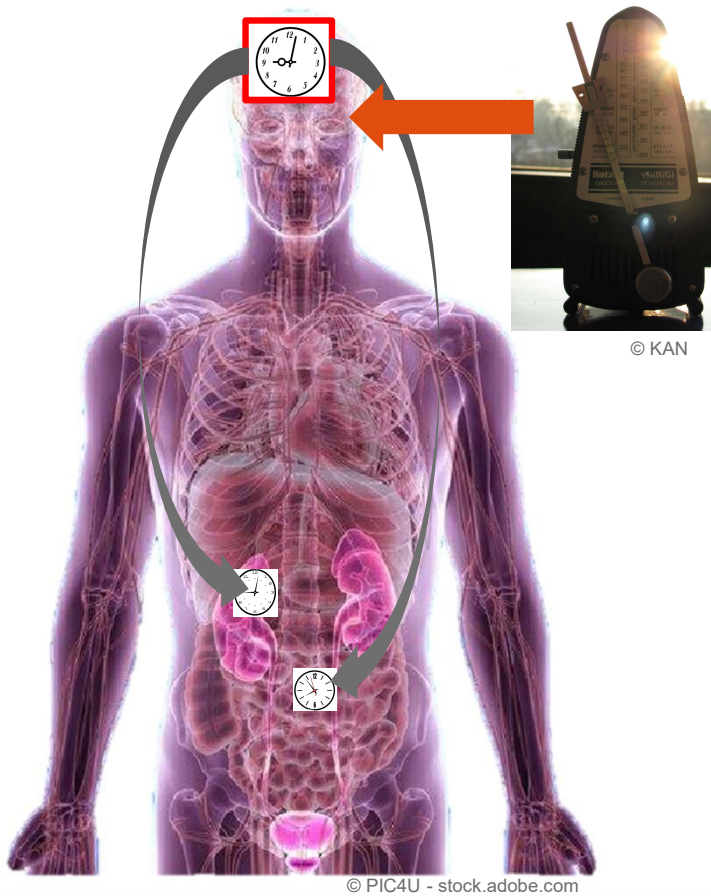
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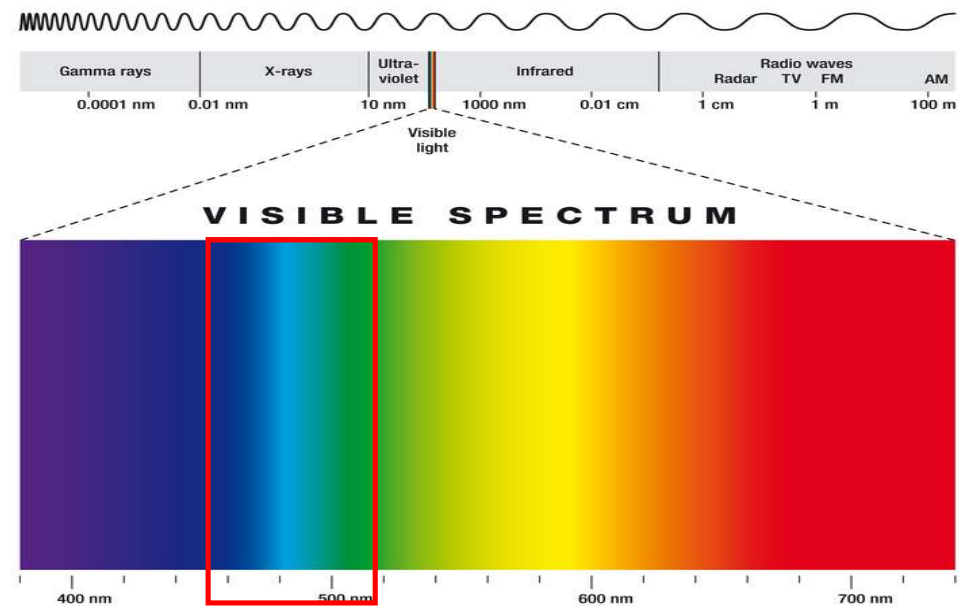
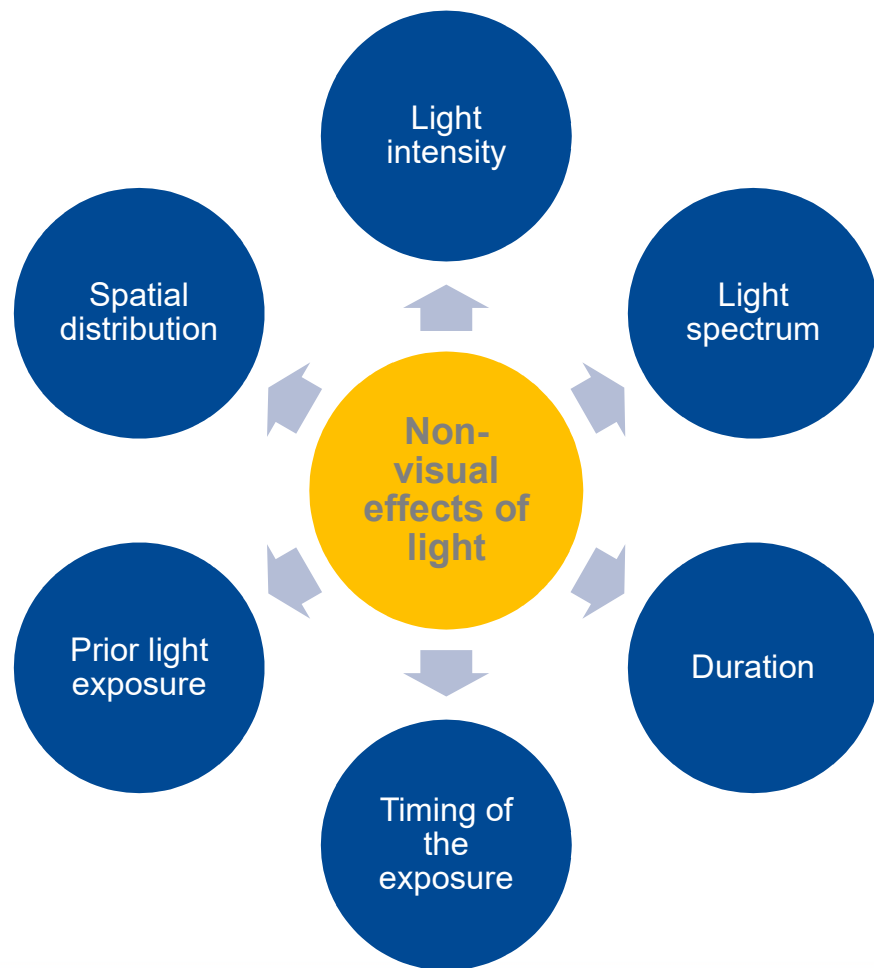
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## Light as the metronome of our "inner clock"

- Light meets special receptors in the eye
- Light signals are forwarded to the "master clock"
- The master clock adjusts different rhythms to each other



# Influencing variables



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## Standardization world – non-visual effects

DIN (Vornorm) 5031-100

*Definition and calculation of  
melanopic sensitivity  
functions*



DIN (Fachbericht) 67600  
*recommendations for use*  
→ *occupational health  
and safety*



CIE S 026/E:2018

*Definition and calculation of  
spectral sensitivity functions*

CEN/TR 16791

*Definition and calculation of  
spectral sensitivity functions*

ISO/PDTR 21783

*Literature review  
(in progress)*

# What is occupational health and safety doing in Germany?

## KAN

- **KAN position paper**
- Exchange of information (workshop)
- **Literature review**

- Highlighting **findings** for OSH
  - Basis for formation of opinion with regard to **standardization**
  - Describe the need for **further research**
- [www.kan.de/publikationen/kan-studien/](http://www.kan.de/publikationen/kan-studien/)

## Government committee (AStA)

- Recommendation published

## German Social Accident Insurance (DGUV)

- **Information paper** published



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## What do you take with you?

- Daylight has priority for illuminating workplaces
- New lighting systems which specifically trigger the non-visual effects of light are already on the market
- Any light can cause these effects unplanned
- Proper light at the right time strengthens the inner clock
  
- Pay attention to the inner clock (lark or owl?)
- Light is also effective in your free time:  
**go out during lunch breaks and outside working hours!**



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# Light dosimeter - recording an individual's light history

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# Approach



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- Daylight has priority
- New lighting systems
- Unplanned effects
- The inner clock
- Light is also effective in your free time

**Each person has a  
'Light History', i.e. the  
light/dark patterns  
experienced in the past**

## Measuring and recording light

*“Measure what is measurable,  
and make measurable what is  
not so.”*

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## Light-Dosimeter2.0



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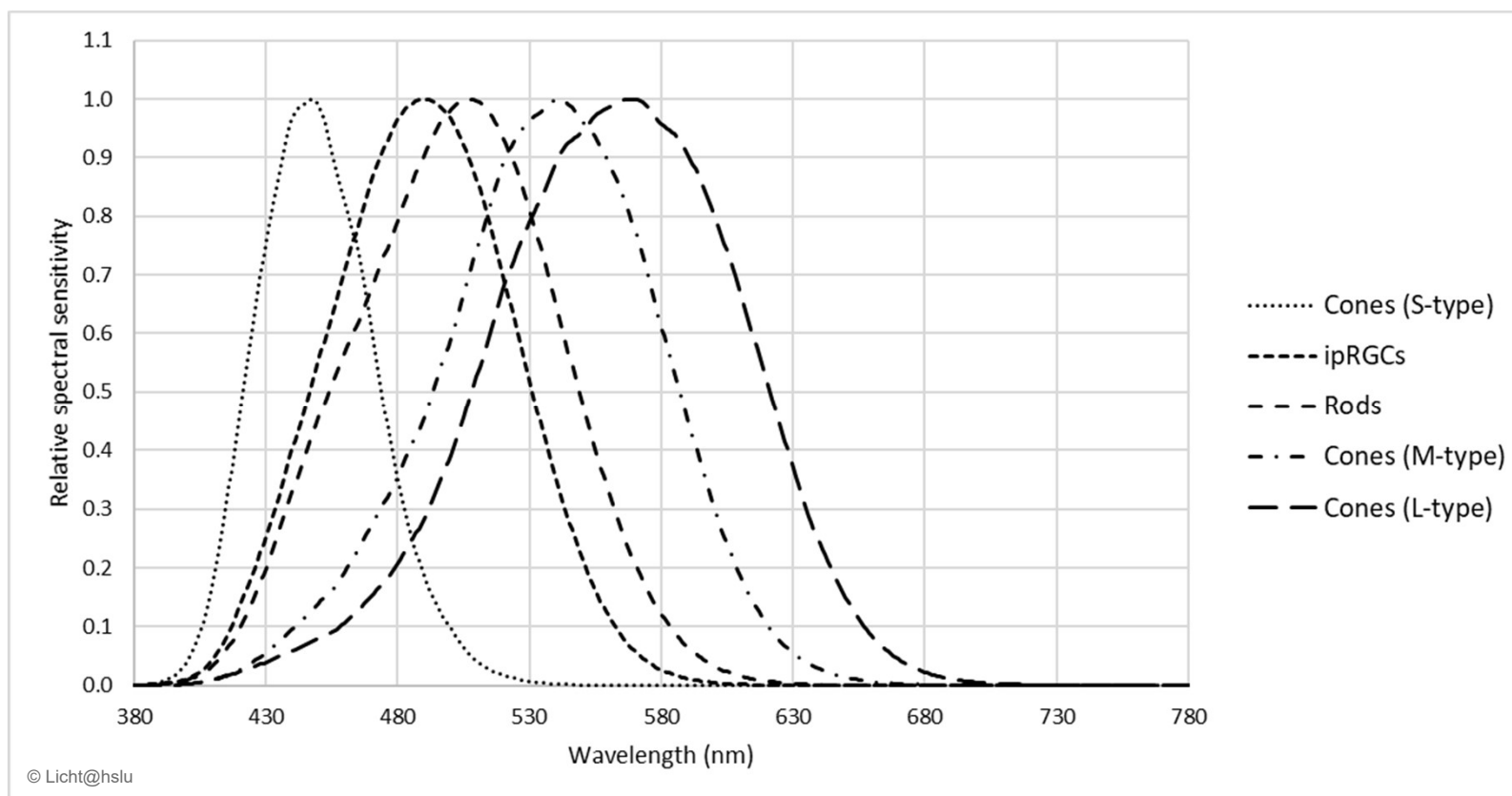
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### Project partner:

- An interdisciplinary team from the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts with a background in light and lighting, electrical engineering, building services engineering, product design and economics
- Centre for Chronobiology, Psychiatric Hospital of the University of Basel
- Swiss Federal Office of Metrology, Bern
- Munich University of Applied Sciences, "Light and Health", Munich

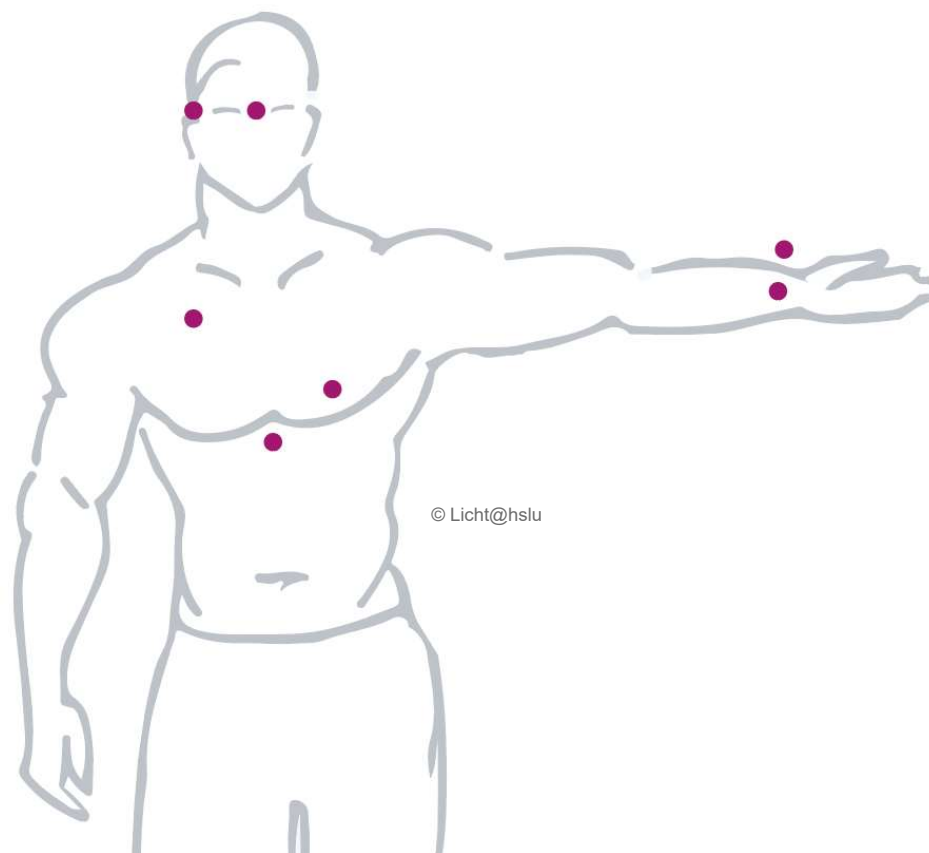
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# CIE S 026/E:2018 - CIE System for Metrology of Optical Radiation for ipRGC-Influenced Responses to Light

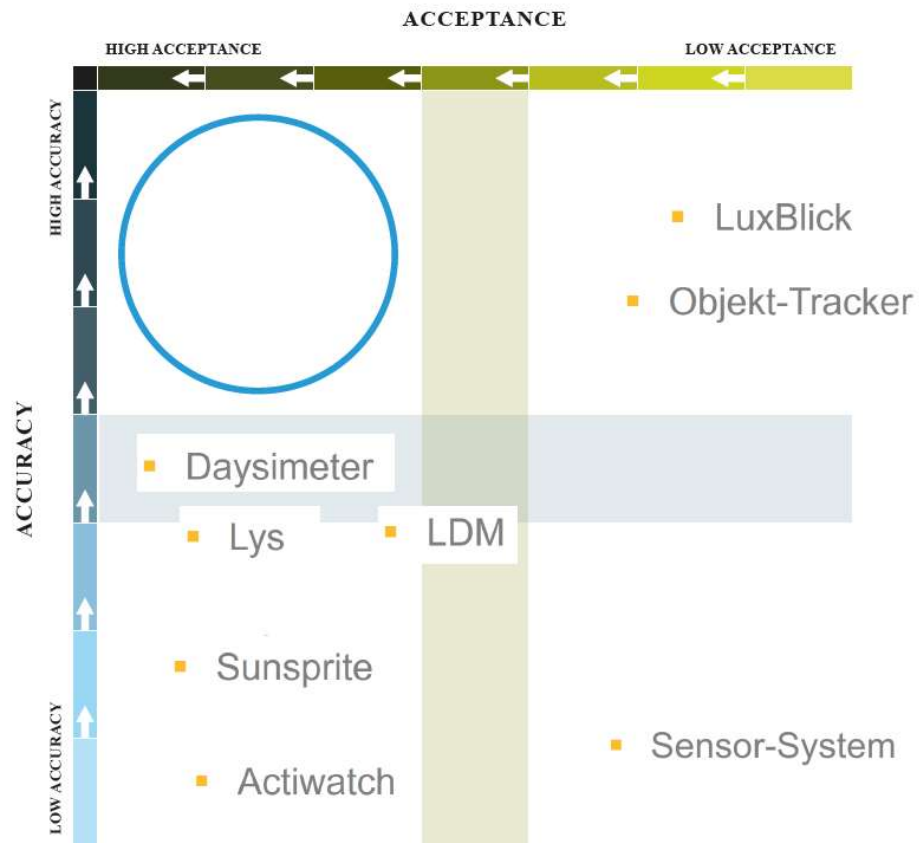


## Existing devices

- Actiwatch
- ActTrust
- Daysimeter
- DimeMeter
- LDM Lichtdosimeter (HSLU)
- LuxBlick
- Lys
- Objekt-Tracker
- Sensor-System
- Sunsprite



# Carrying positions



It is a trade-off between

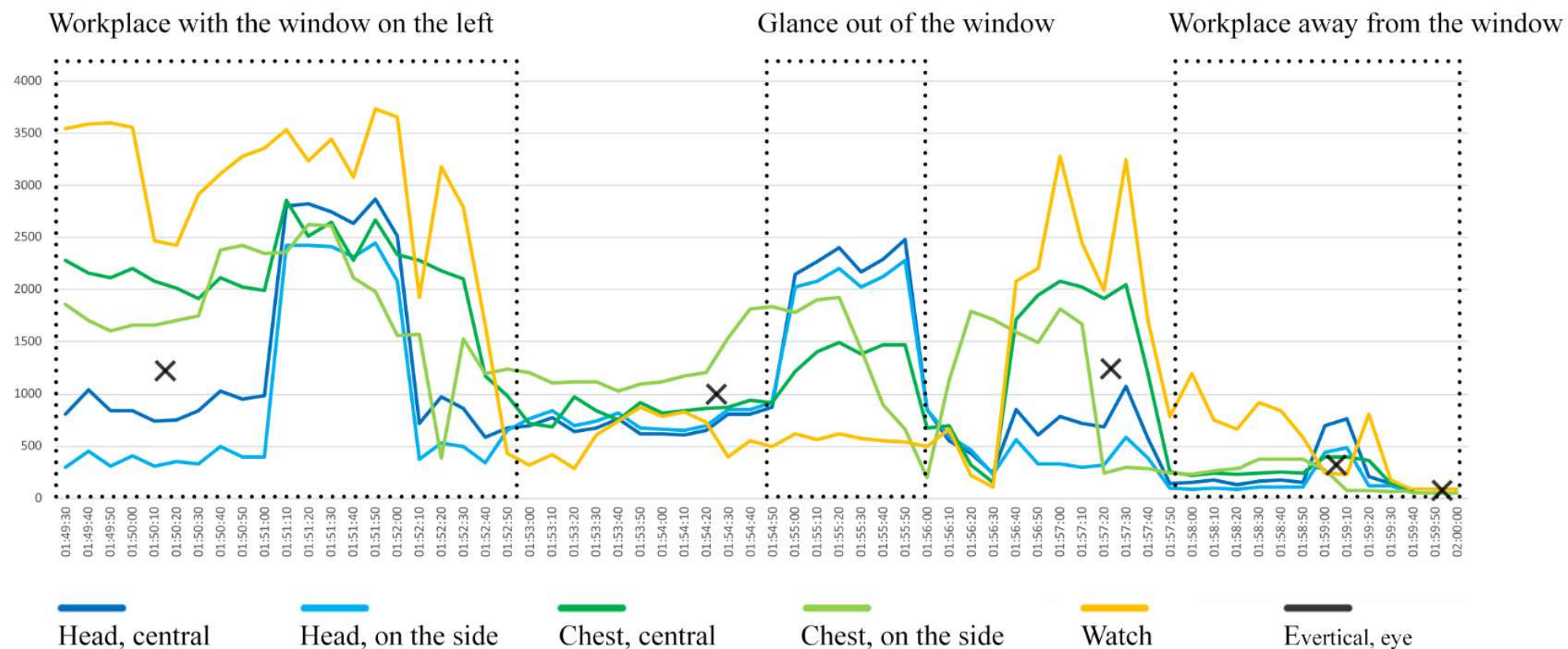
- Accuracy
- Acceptance

In turn, accuracy depends not only on the carrying position, but also on other factors, such as type of light sensor, measurement frequency, user-friendliness and design.

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# Example



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## Summary

- Light has visual and non-visual effects
- Agreement reached in 2018 on the measures to be used
- Measuring and recording light over time is not standard yet
- The carrying position is a trade-off between accuracy and acceptance
- First prototypes available late 2019 / early 2020

We would love to hear from you.  
Please get in touch!

Or visit the project website:  
[www.light-dosimeter.ch](http://www.light-dosimeter.ch)

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