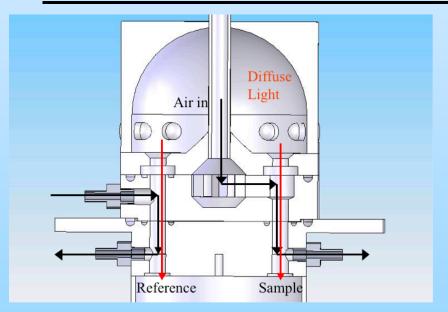
NOAA CLAP: Continuous Light Absorption Photometer

- Why bother with a new instrument?
 - lost data due to overloaded filters
 - unheated sample block
 - leak-prone filter holder
 - "black box" internal processing of PSAP
- User interface KISS (Keep It Simple, Stupid!)
 - filter change button and status indicator
 - flow control
 - primary user interface is through 'cpd' software
- Data output optimized for machine processing
- Firmware can be upgraded in the field, remotely from Boulder
- Characterization
 - internal construction (photos)
 - noise vs. averaging time
 - LED intensity
 - planned open source release of drawings, schematics, code



NOAA CLAP – Assembled Product











NOAA CLAP – Light Source Internal View







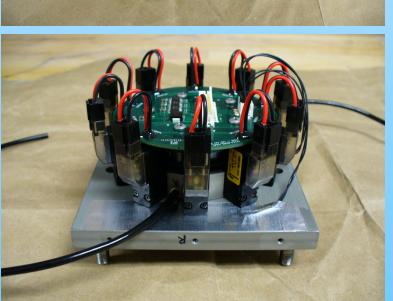




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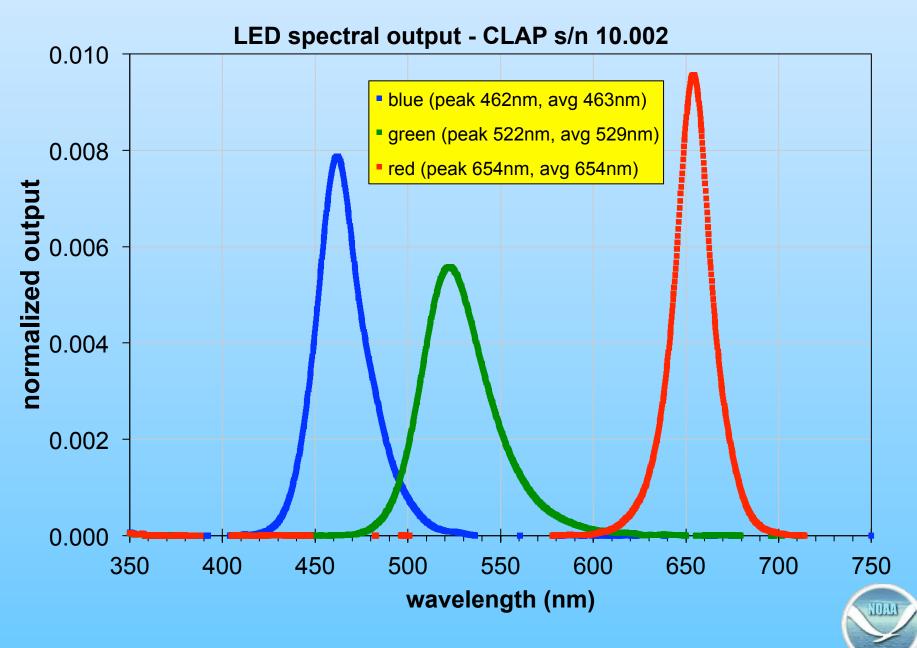
NOAA CLAP – Assembly Details



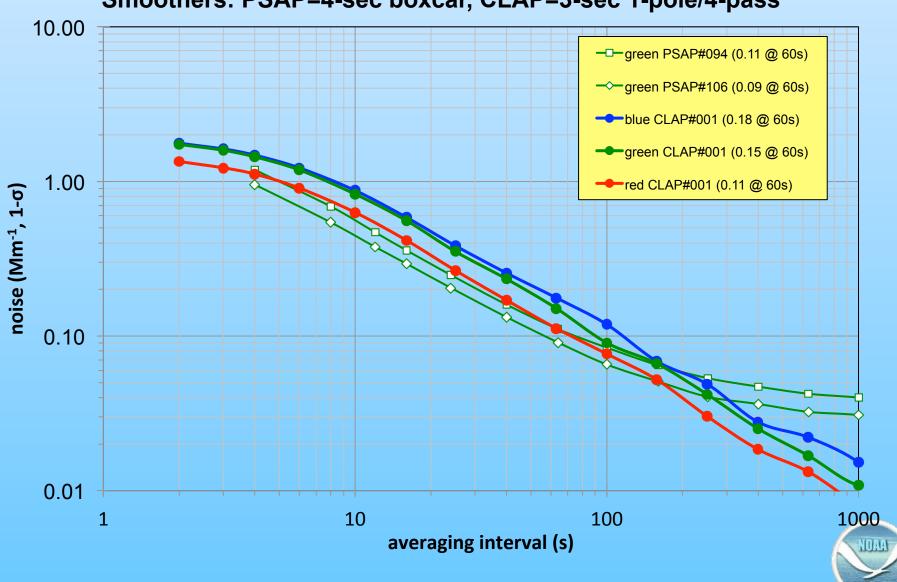








CLAP and PSAP noise vs. Averaging Interval Smoothers: PSAP=4-sec boxcar, CLAP=3-sec 1-pole/4-pass



CLAP vs. PSAP Comparison

