

street spectra

Turn your smartphone into a scientific instrument to identify street lamps lighting technology by covering the lenses with a grating
<https://streetspectra.actionproject.eu/>

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Satellite data shows global light pollution on the rise

The advent of new lighting technologies, particularly light-emitting diodes (LEDs), has raised concerns about the potential negative effects of blue-rich white light.

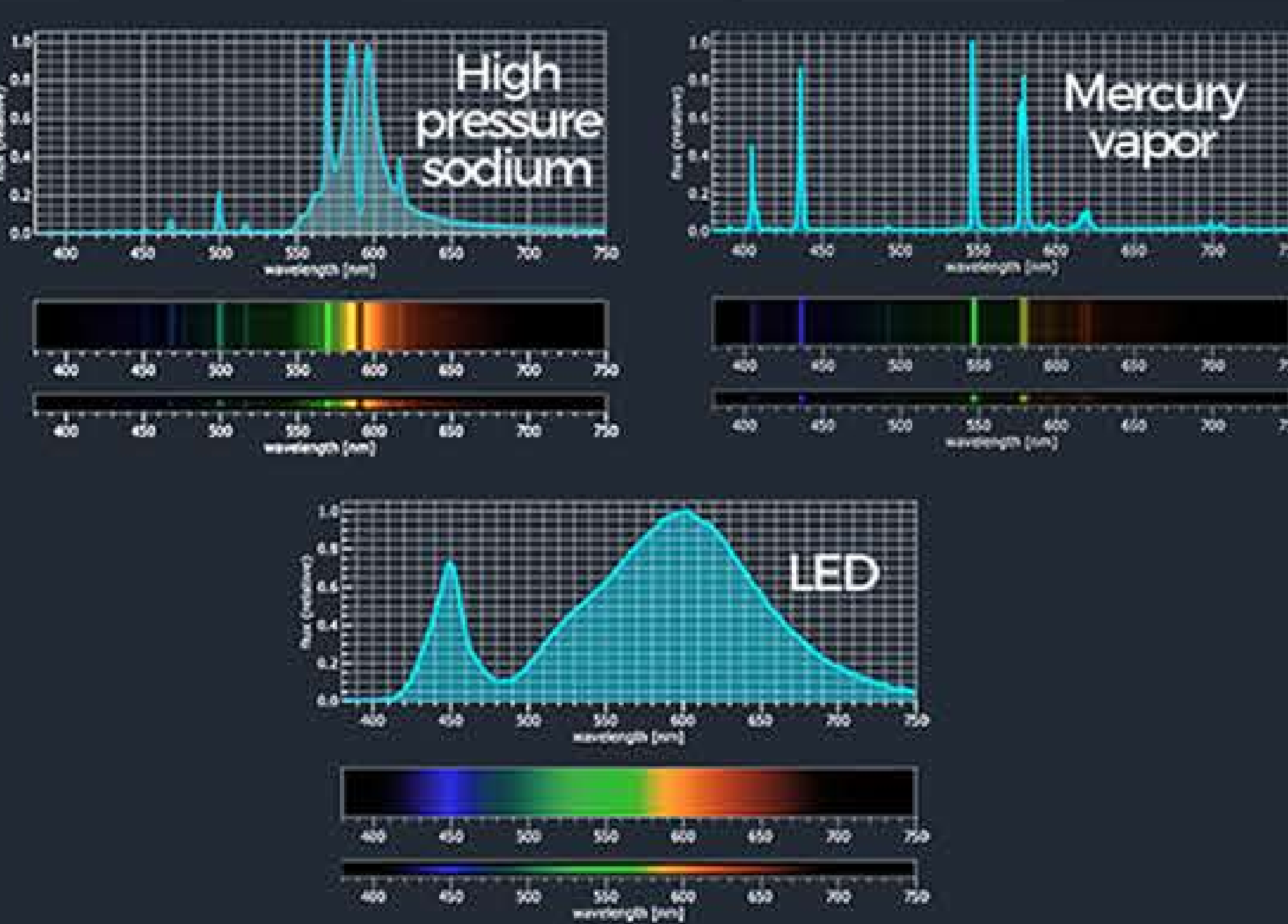
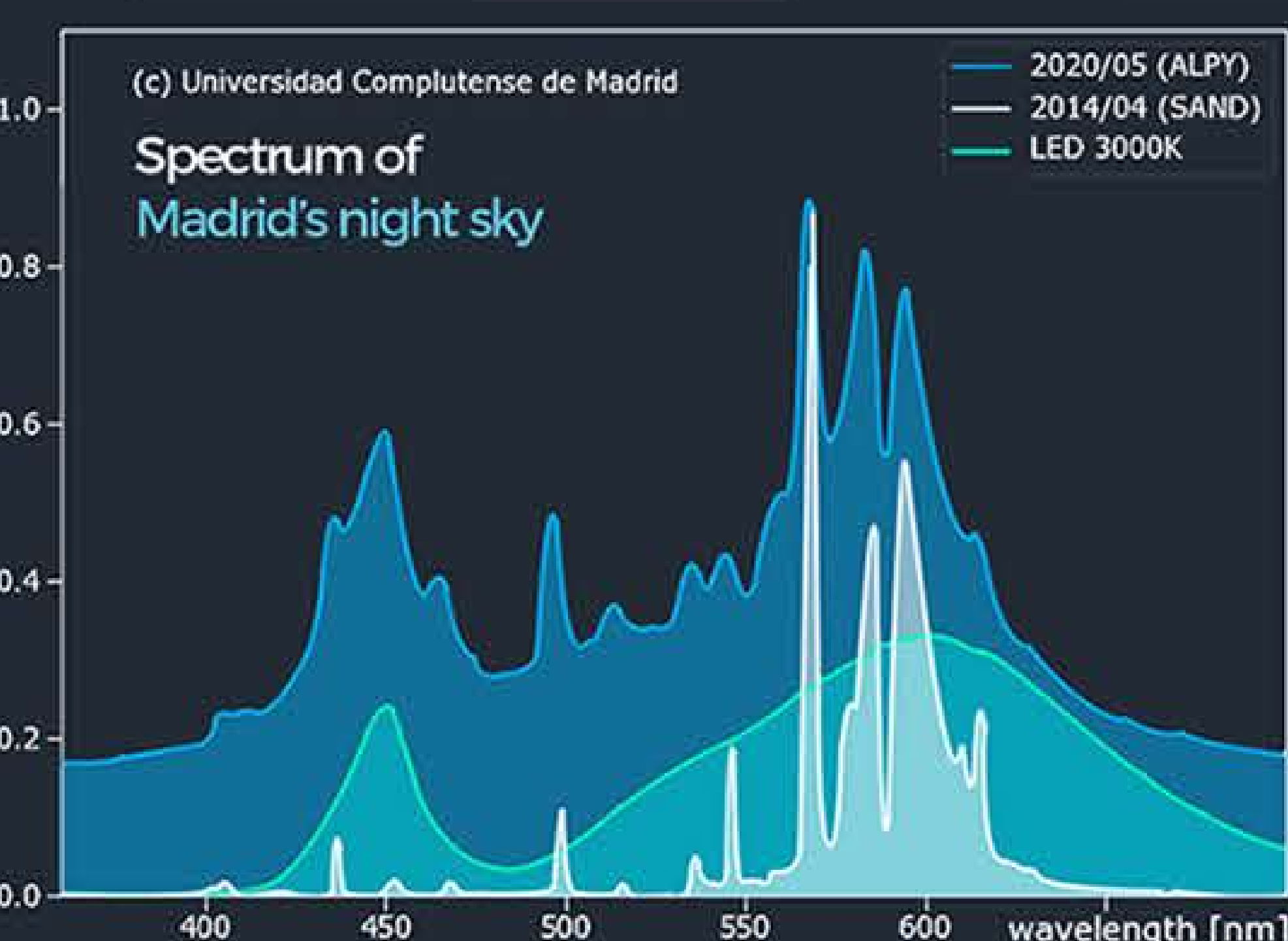


Scientists are interested to study these lamps and map their locations so light pollution models can be refined.

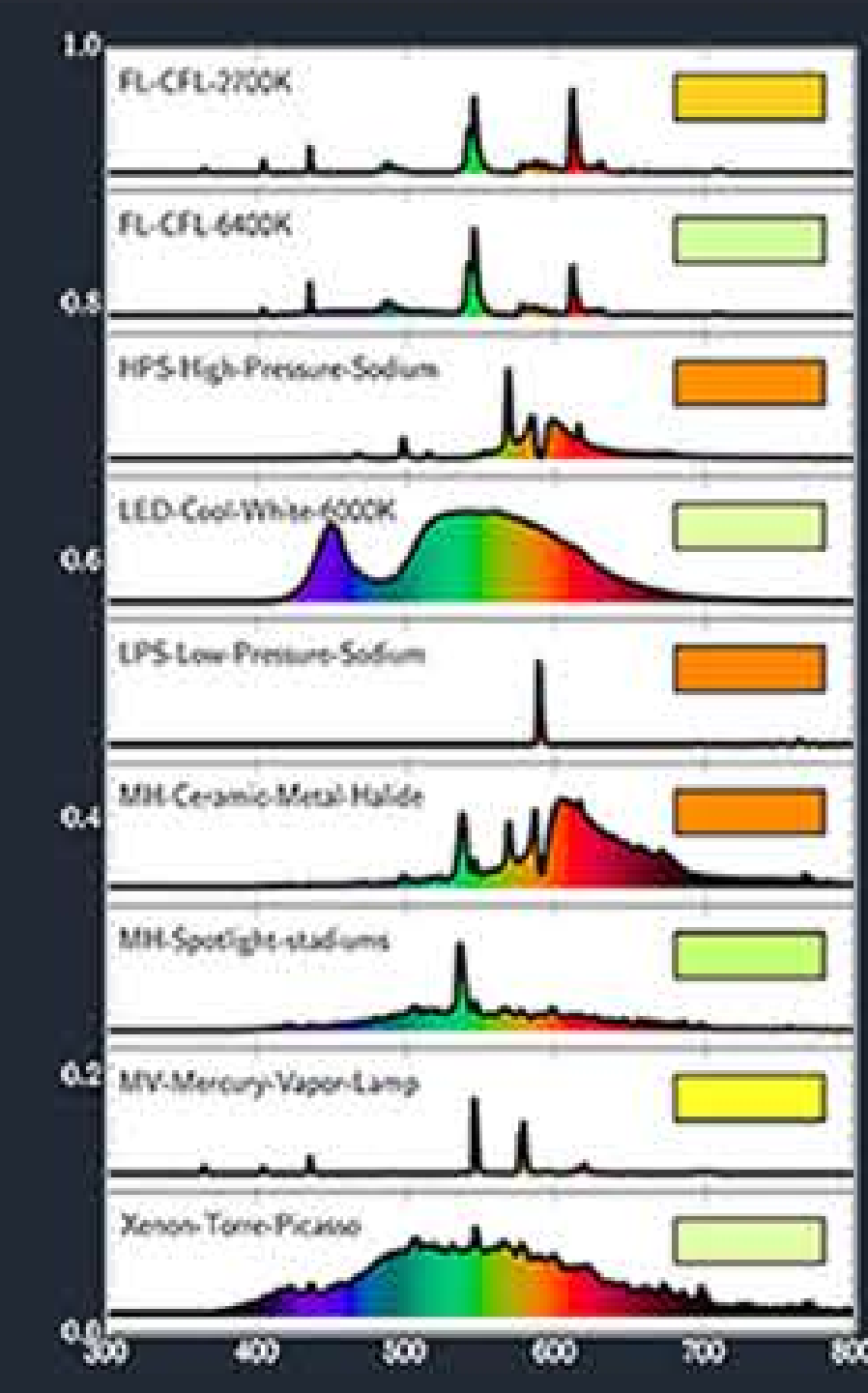


We aim to map and characterize public lighting sources.

Volunteers use a low cost (500 lines/mm) diffraction grating on top of their smartphones' camera to take pictures of the street lamps and their emission spectra.



The spectrum of Madrid's night sky (far left) depends on the different lighting technologies used on the lights installed on its streets (right).



How to participate:

1. Download and read the manual you will find at <https://streetspectra.actionproject.eu/>



2. Download and install **epicollect5** in your phone



3. Get a (500 lines/mm) diffraction grating



Upload your pictures to our database



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