# Photonics workshop Phosphorescent Persistence of Vision (for instructors)

Title of the workshop: Phophorescent Persistence of Vision

Target audience: 18+

**Summary:** In this workshop we'll use UV LEDs to write a text or images on a phosphorescent surface. The photonics principles used are light absorption and light emission. The different wavelengths of light (visible and non-visible ones) are also introduced.



#### Time planning:

| Timing<br>In minutes | Activity   |
|----------------------|--|
| 0-15                 | Welcome group: Give a short introduction of the topic of the workshop and about solar energy |
| 15-160               | Construction of the Heliostat  |
| 160-180              | Closing summary and feedback   |

## Step 1: Part list

#### **Photonics parts:**

| part            | quantity |
|-----------------|----------|
| UV LED 5mm 3.1V | 50       |
| LED Stripe      | 10x100cm |

#### **Electronic parts:**

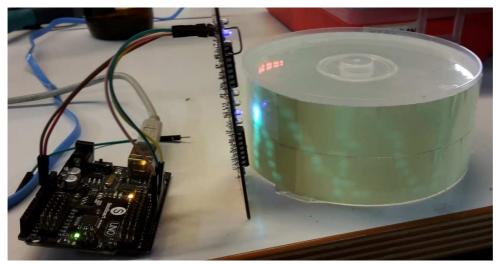
| part                          | quantity |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Stripboard                    | 1        |
| RasberryPi 3                  | 1        |
| SD card with Noobs            | 1        |
| connection cable Raspberry Pi | 1        |
| DC motor                      | 1        |

## Other parts:

| part     | quantity |
|----------|----------|
| cylinder |          |

## **Step 2: Prinicple of the Phosphorescent Persistence of Vision**

In the picture below you can see the first prototype of the workshop 'Phophorescent Persistence of Vision'. What we need to make a text we are writing with UV LEDs visible is a rotating drum, coated with a phosphorescent film and illuminated from the inside with light. The rotational speed of the drum corresponds approximately to the re-emission time of the phosphorescent film and thus a new text or image can be displayed for each new rotation of the drum. The construction of the prototype shall be used as a model and inspiration for developing further displays and forms to write with UV LED



First prototype

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**network of vibrant Fab Labs** where next-generation **practical skills-based learning** using KETs is core but where photonics is currently lacking.

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