

# Color Sensor Calibration Tool

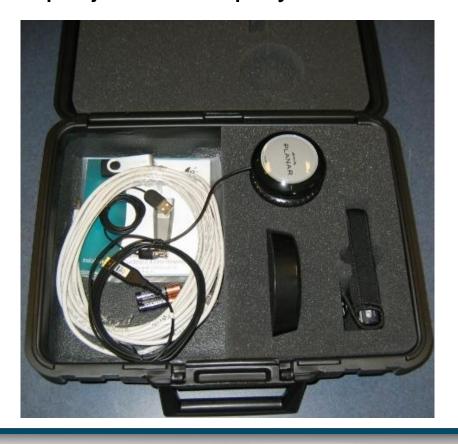
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#### **Introducing Color Sensor Calibration Tool**

- Optimally calibrates the Auto Color Balance sensors in a Planar DLP video wall
- Fine-tunes for the particular video wall, the calibrations that were done in the factory
- Should be used as a final installation step for any new Planar video wall in order to get the best Auto Color Balance performance
- Should also be used on a wall following an engine replacement
- Should be used to measure color balance when a customer suspects that their ACB is not adequately calibrated

 Combination of light meter and software for the Measurement and Color Sensor Calibration of Planar rear projection display walls.





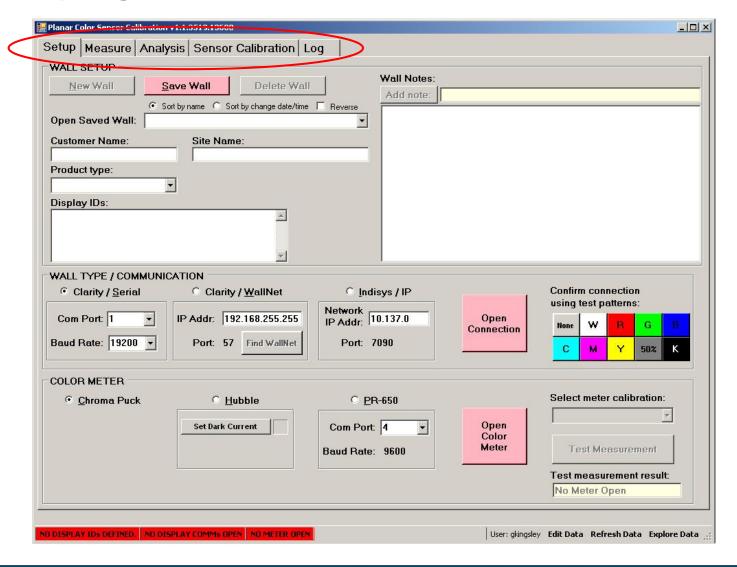
- MEASUREMENT function
  - The program leads the user through measurements of each defined display using the provided light meter
  - Either predetermined or user-defined color sequences
  - Records the measurements to file
  - Analysis performed and provided for White, Red, Green and Blue

- COLOR SENSOR CALIBRATION
  - Leads the user through measurement and calibration steps for units in a Planar display wall
  - Can be applied to RX, RP, SP and Margay II series products
  - Records all calibration details to file for future reference, or for reverting to the previous calibration.

- Included in the kit:
  - USB Light meter ("reference meter")
  - Presentation controller (for measurement start without needing to be next to computer)
  - USB extension cable
  - USB flash drive with software, drivers, and ReadMe.txt
  - Manual (also in PDF on the flash drive)

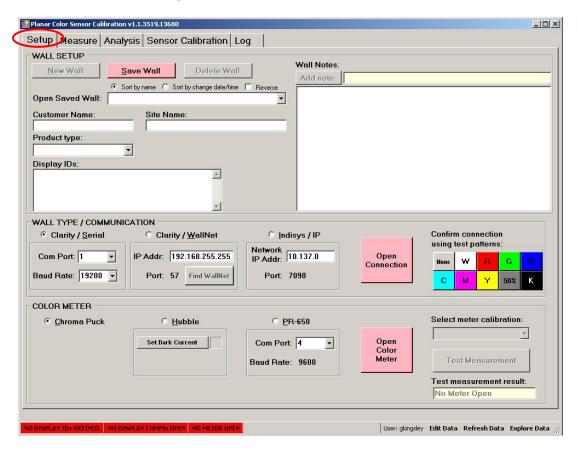
### A Quick Overview

#### Five program tabs, five distinct functions



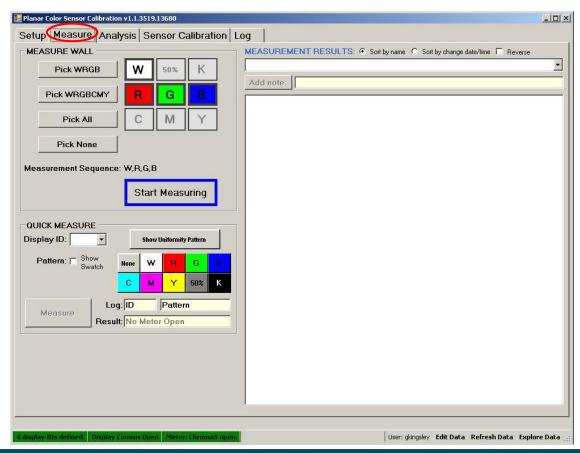
#### Setup tab

 Configures and connects the program to the Planar display wall, and to the light meter



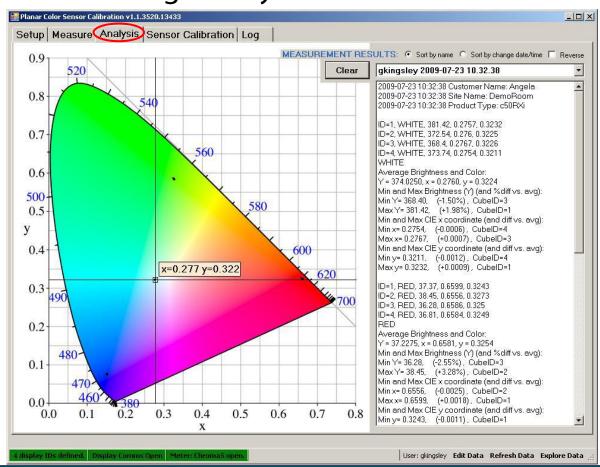
#### Measure tab

- Measures color on each display and records results to file.
- Color sequence is configurable. WRGB (default) is most common.



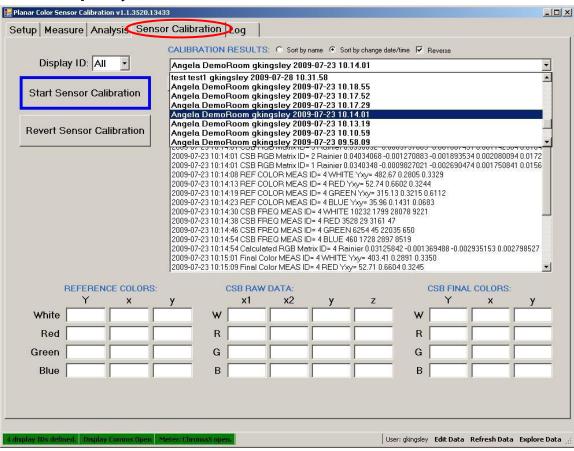
#### Analysis tab

 Chart shows measurements graphically, text gives min/max/average analysis of WRGB.



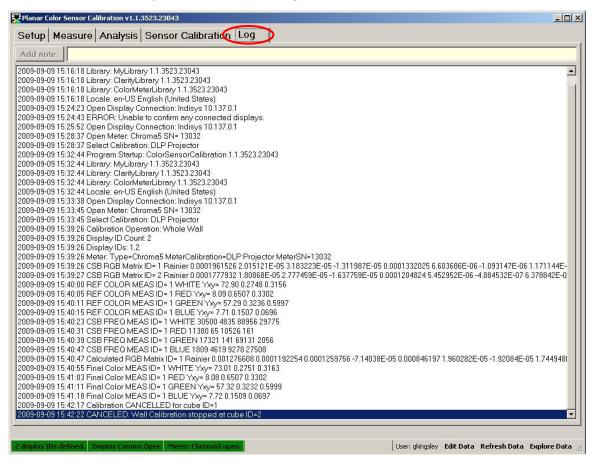
#### **Sensor Calibration**

Leads a calibration sequence for color sensors in the defined displays.



#### Log tab

 Displays a record of every action taken by the program on the current day. (For diagnostic purposes)



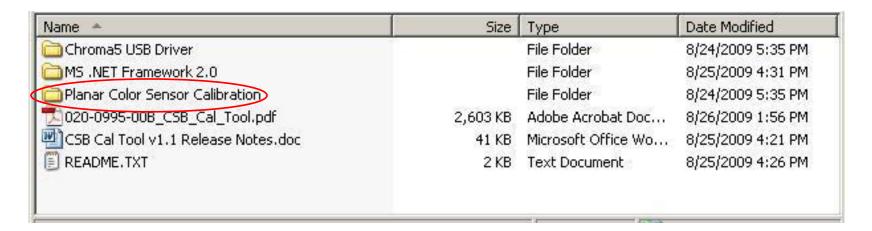
#### DATA folder, created at program startup

- Sub-folder of the program .EXE location (=> program folder must be writeable)
- All setup, measurement, calibration, and log files are stored here
- File names are made to be able to copy files to other users with no "collisions".
- File format is CSV text generally readable/editable if necessary.
- If we ask you to send data, just zip up the whole Data folder.

## Installing the software

#### Installing the software –(also found in README.TXT)

Contents of the USB flash drive:



1. Copy the "Planar Color Sensor Calibration" folder to your C:\Program Files\ folder (or D:\Program Files\, or whatever drive and folder your programs are normally installed on).

#### Installing the software

2. Double click the C:\Program Files\Planar Color Sensor Calibration\ColorSensorCalibration.exe application program file.

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SlarityLibrary.dll	116 KB	Application Extension	8/24/2009 5:27 PM
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ColorSensorCalibration.exe	28 KB	Application	8/24/2009 5:27 PM
MyLibrary.dll	844 KB	Application Extension	8/24/2009 5:27 PM
SensorCal.ico	1 KB	Icon	8/24/2009 5:27 PM
SipCal.dll	180 KB	Application Extension	8/24/2009 5:27 PM
SpotMeterSDK.dll	156 KB	Application Extension	8/24/2009 5:28 PM

#### Installing the software

- 3. Planar Color Sensor Calibration requires Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0. If the Planar Color Sensor Calibration program does not launch, then use the included installer to install the .NET Framework 2.0, or download and install the .NET Framework 2.0 according to your organization's IT policies.
- 4. When you first plug in the USB reference color meter, you must install the drivers by directing the Found New Hardware Wizard to search in a specific location, and browse to include the "Chroma5 USB Driver" folder in the search.

#### A note on operating systems

- Windows XP 32-bit is the only validated operating system for the Planar Color Sensor Calibration program.
- Other Windows versions (NT, Vista, Windows 7) may be compatible provided the .NET Framework 2.0 is installed, but these have not been validated. 64-bit versions of Windows are not supported in this release.

Run the program, navigate to the Setup tab

 Enter the Customer Name, Site Name, Product type, and the Display IDs for the display wall to be measured or

calibrated.

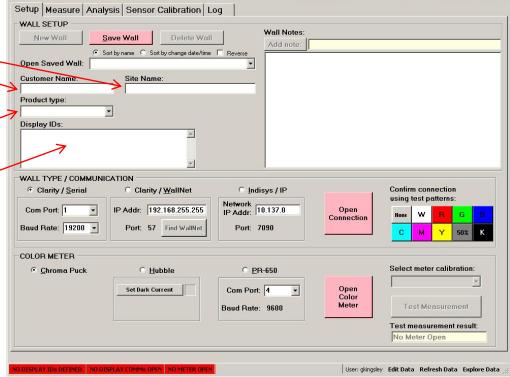
Click "Save Wall"

Note:

Display IDs can be entered in any order.

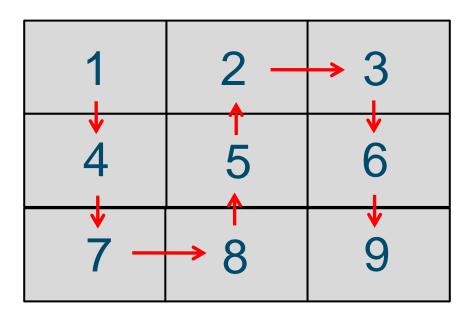
(e.g. 1, 5, 9, 2, 6, 10...)

This order will then be followed by the Measure and Sensor Calibration routines.



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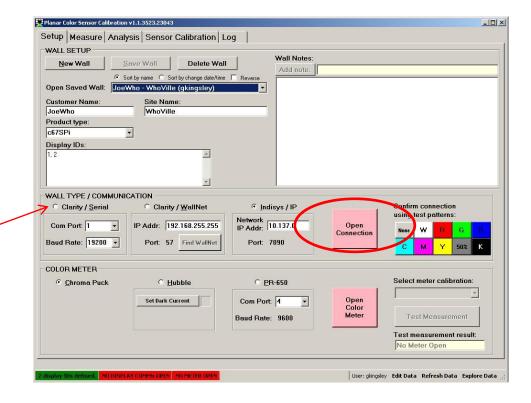
The order that Display IDs are entered can assist the process flow for taking measurements



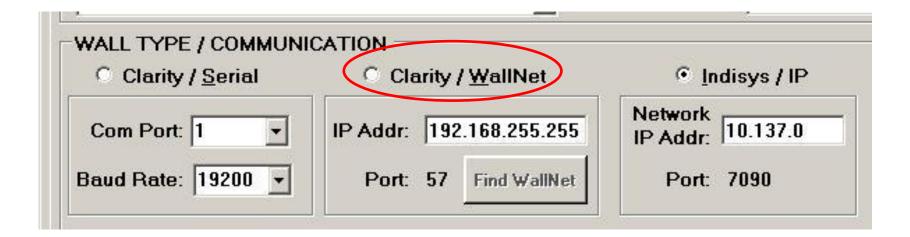
e.g. 3x3 display wall

As an example, if the measurement or calibration order shown at the left is desired, the Display IDs could be entered in the order: 1, 4, 7, 8, 5, 2, 3, 6, 9

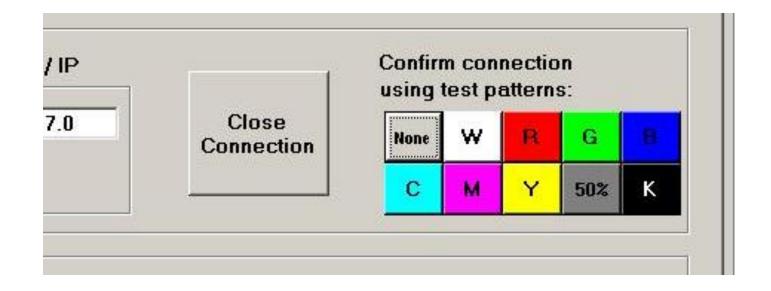
- Choose which connection type is appropriate for the display wall. (Clarity/Serial, Clarity/Wallnet, or Indisys/IP)
- Click "Open Connection"



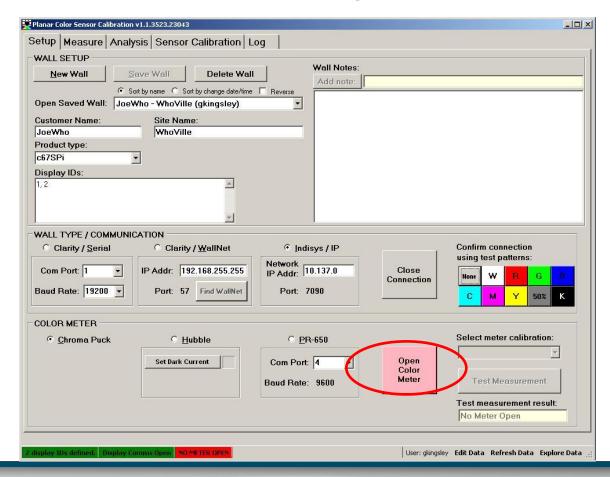
 Note: The Clarity/Wallnet connection is only functional for Measurement. It will not work for Sensor Calibration



 Notice the colored buttons at the right. These can be used to test the opened connections by bringing up test patterns on the displays listed under Display IDs.



 With light meter attached to USB connection, click "Open Color Meter" The provided light meter is a "Chroma puck"

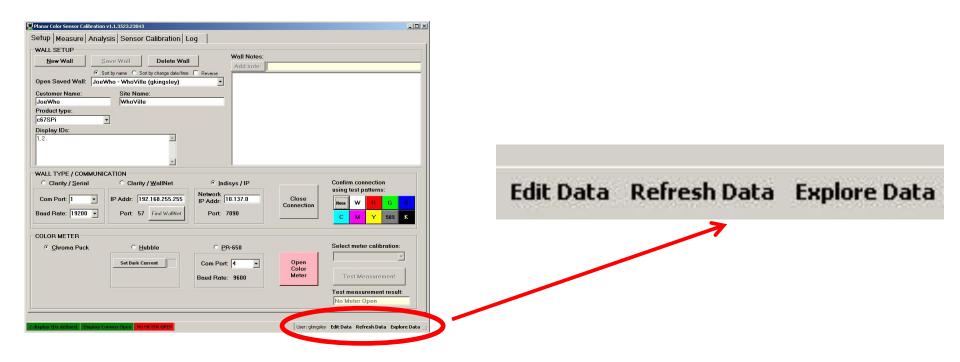


- Status indicators (at bottom left of all program windows) run green when IDs, comms, and meter are good to go.
- Comms and meter indicators can be double-clicked to open/close the connection from any program tab.



#### Using the tool--Edit, Refresh, and Explore Data buttons

 The Edit Data, Refresh Data, and Explore Data fields at the bottom right corner of the program window are not labels, but buttons that operate on the file listed in the dropdown box above.



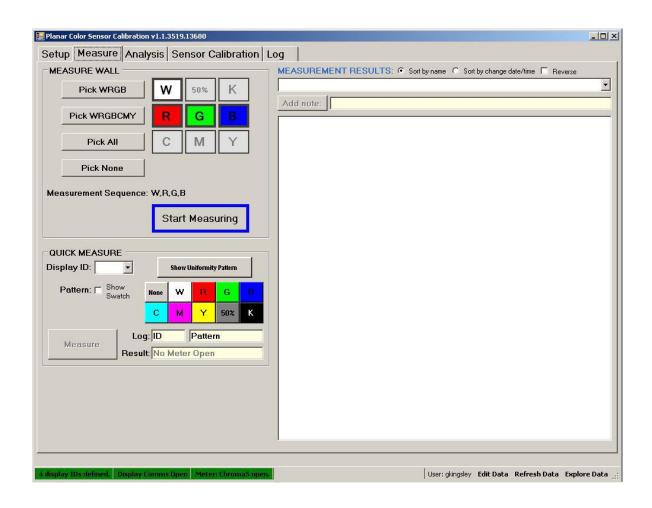
#### Using the tool--Edit, Refresh, and Explore Data buttons

- On each program tab (Setup, Measure, Analysis and Sensor Calibration) the currently selected file in the dropdown box will be effected in the following way:
  - "Edit Data" will open the associated file in an Excel window
  - "Refresh Data" refreshes the dropdown list with the latest file info from the Data folder
  - "Explore Data" opens a Windows Explorer window of the Data folder

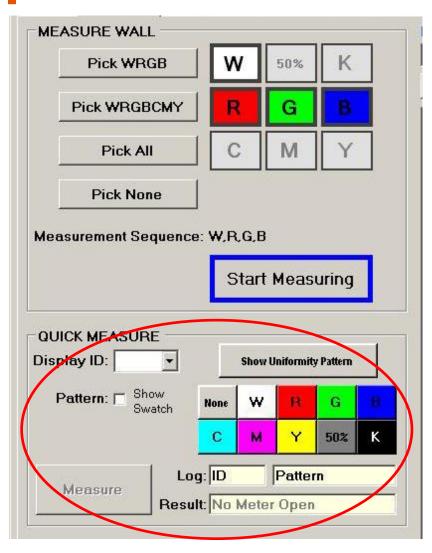
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# Using the tool, Wall Measurement

#### Using the tool – Wall Measurement

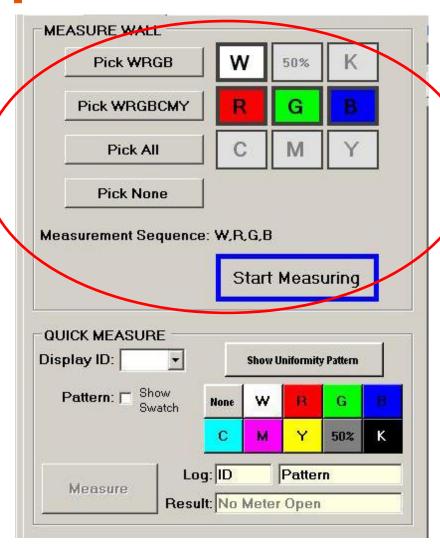


#### Using the tool – Wall Measurement



 The "Quick Measure" section allows a single measurement using the light meter. Display ID selection and test pattern buttons are provided for convenience

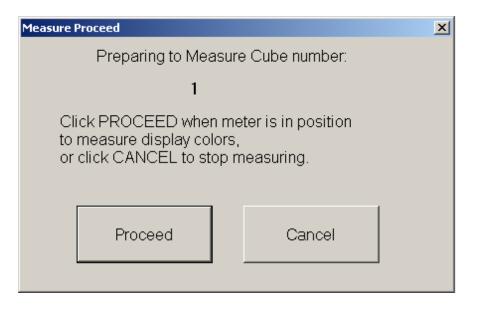
#### Using the tool – Wall Measurement



- The "Measure Wall" section leads a sequence that measures the selected colors on every display, in the order they are defined on the Setup page.
- Preset color combinations are provided by clicking the buttons on the left. User defined combinations can be chosen by clicking the color buttons directly.
- Click "Start Measuring" to measure the displays.

#### Using the tool—Wall Measurement

 A popup window appears, and the first display to be measured will display a cross pattern (Integrated) or a uniformity test pattern (Open systems). This is meant to help locate the center of the screen for measurement.



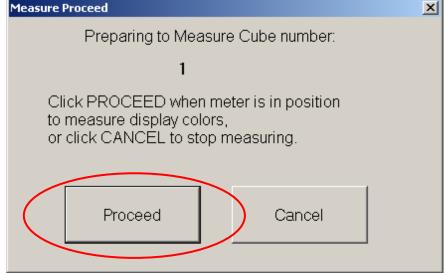


#### Using the tool—Wall Measurement

 Either click the Proceed button, or use the right arrow on the provided presentation controller to start the measurement. (See User's Manual for presentation

controller installation instructions.)

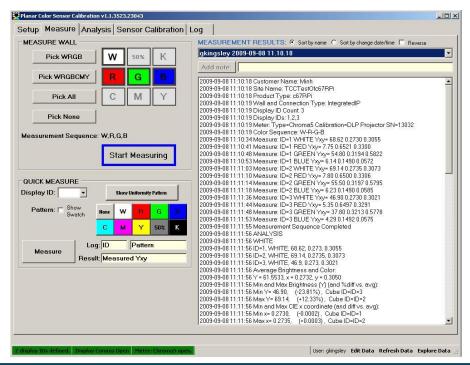
Measure Proceed





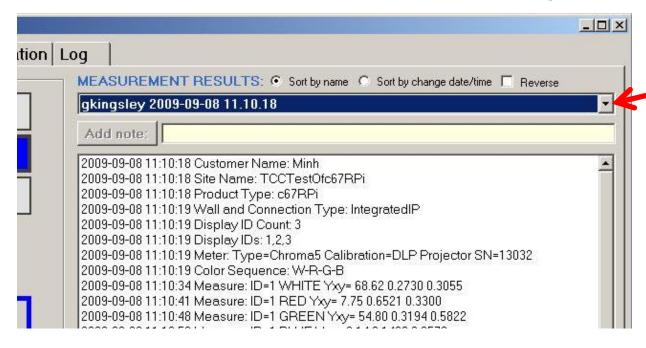
#### Using the tool—Wall Measurement

 The display cycles through the colors, the light meter measures, and its colors record to a WallMeasurement file, also listed in the right of the program window. Analysis of W, R, G, and B computes and is added to the bottom of the file.



### Using the tool—Wall Measurement

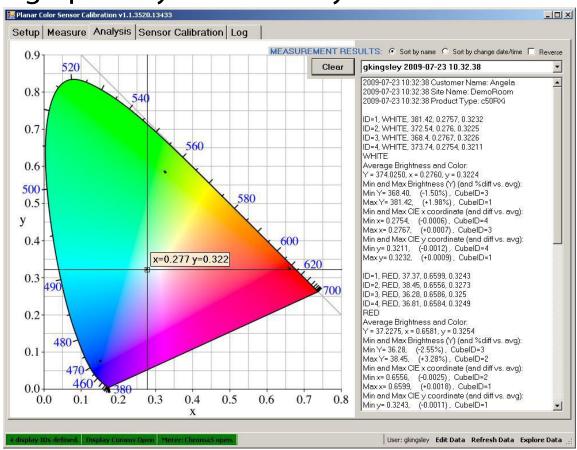
 To view data from a previously stored WallMeasurement file, use the dropdown list at upper right



# Using the tool, Wall Measurement Analysis

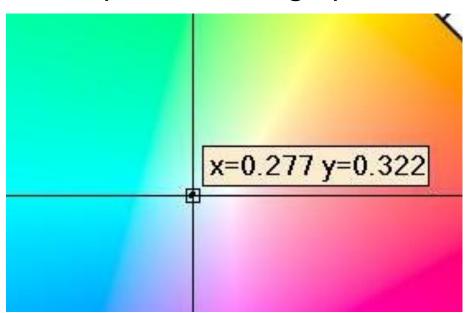
### Using the tool—Wall Measurement, Analysis

 The W, R, G & B analysis for a WallMeasurement file can be viewed graphically on the Analysis tab.



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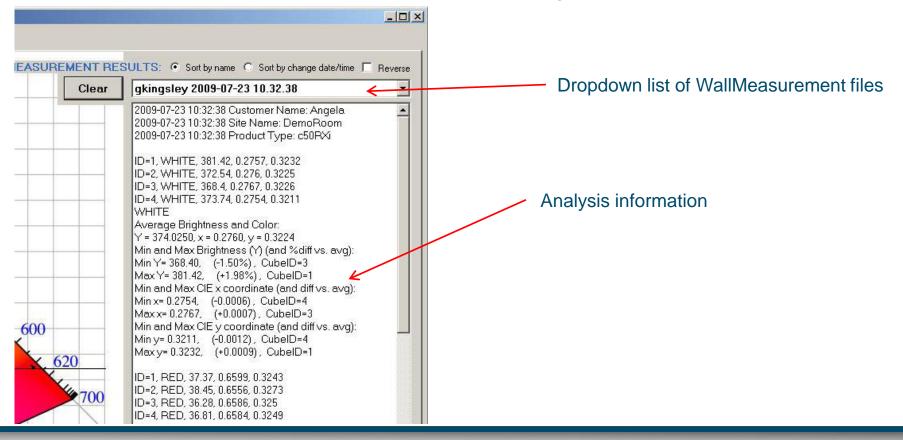
 The mouse pointer box gives a quick guide for how well colors are balanced. (Hover the mouse over measured points on the graph)



This mouse pointer box is 0.010 in size in x & y and represents +/- 0.005 from the center of the pointer. This matches Planar's guidelines for adequate ACB performance, which is that all units in a display wall will be within +/- 0.005 from the averages for white, red, green and blue

### Using the tool—Wall Measurement, Analysis

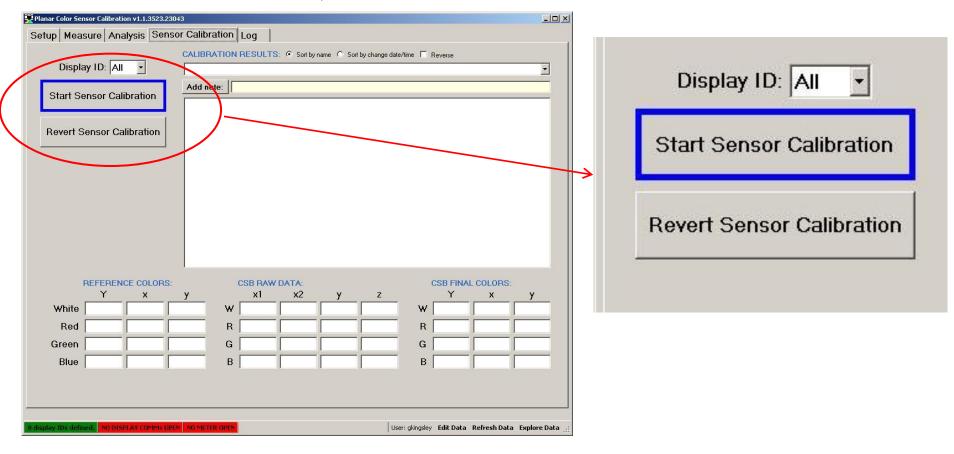
 Files of previous measurements can be chosen from the dropdown list at the top right. Analysis numbers can be viewed on in the window on the right.



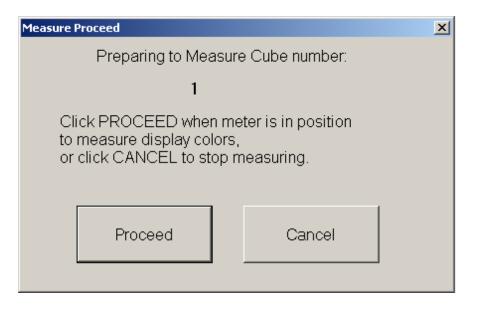
- When to calibrate color sensors:
  - First time field installations of display walls
  - New components are swapped into a previously installed wall
  - When the wall is shown to need recalibration
    - ACB has been run
    - The wall has been measured using the Cal Tool "Wall Measure" function
    - The measurements show the wall to be out of color balance.

- Follow all Planar service bulletins regarding proper setup for ACB components. Some examples:
  - Alignment of ACB mirror when actuated
  - Latest revision of controller firmware (especially in Open systems)
  - Latest revision of Wallnet firmware.
  - Confirm Light shield is fully closed
  - All back covers on

Choose a single Display ID from the dropdown list, or "All".
 "All" is chosen by default. Click "Start Sensor Calibration"



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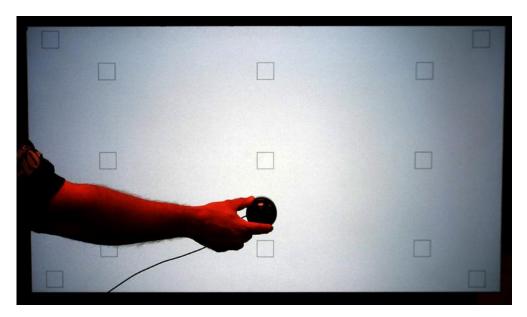




- A Note on measurement positions for Sensor Calibration
  - SP, RX and RP series displays should be calibrated at center
  - Margay II series should be calibrated at a location just above the bottom center square of the Uniformity pattern



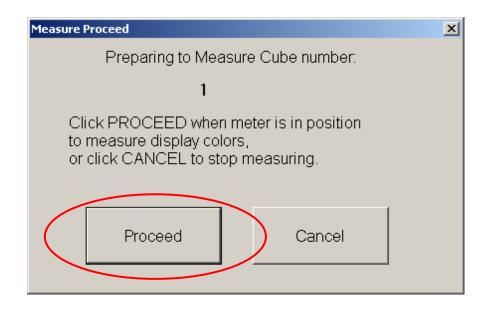
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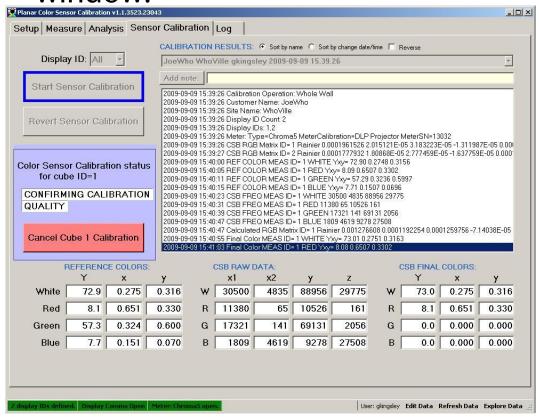
Margay II

 Either click the Proceed button, or use the right arrow on the provided presentation controller to start the measurement. (See User's Manual for presentation

controller use instructions.)



 The display will cycle through predefined colors, the light meter will measure, and the readings will be recorded in a WallCalibration file, also listed in the right of the program window.



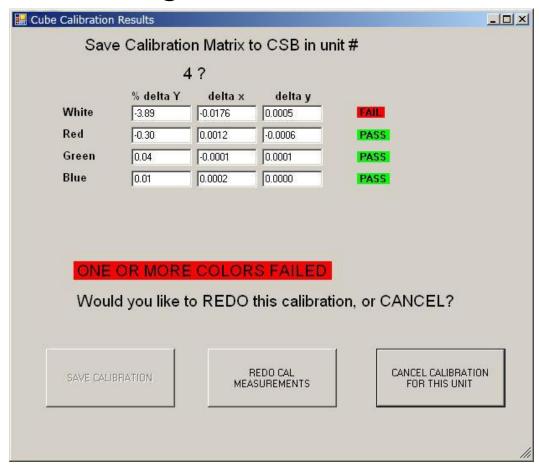
#### Note:

When the internal sensor actuates and its shadow appears under your reference meter, you can lower your meter. (It's done measuring for this display.)

 After the internal measurements are made, a new popup will appear. If results are good, click "Save Calibration"



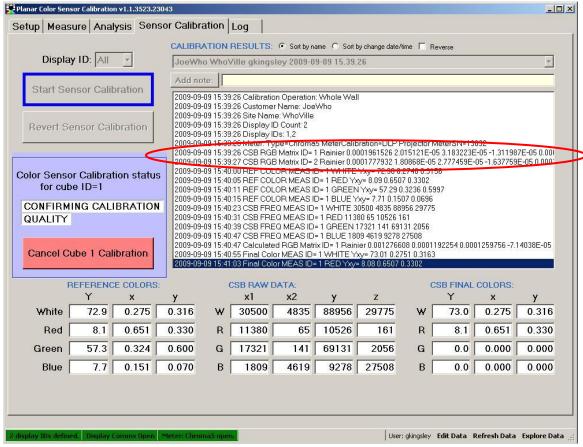
• A "Marginal" result will still allow a save of the calibration, but gives a warning. A "Poor" result will NOT allow a save.



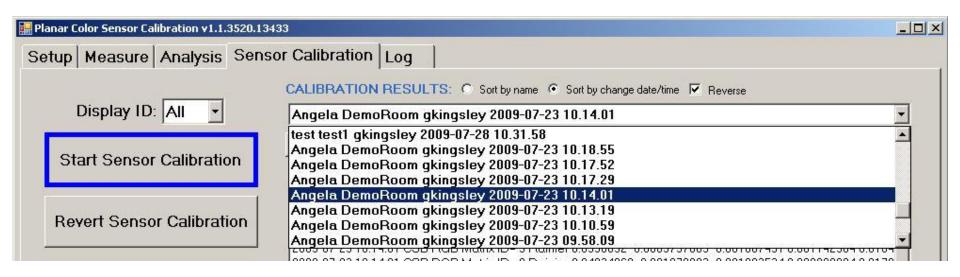
- Possible causes for poor calibration results:
  - Moving the light meter during measurement
    - Be sure to keep the light meter as stable as possible
  - Flickering lamps
    - A badly flickering lamp makes accurate measurement impossible
    - This can also cause poor ACB results, even with a good calibration.
    - Bottom line: replace badly flickering lamps, and watch out for flicker during calibration.

- After calibrating:
  - For Integrated systems, reboot all displays after calibration (the program prompts you to do this).
  - For all systems, you <u>must</u> run ACB after calibration (also after reverting calibrations).
- In other words, calibration changes do not affect the image until the next ACB run.

 At the start of each calibration procedure, the wall's current calibrations get stored at the top of the WallCalibration file

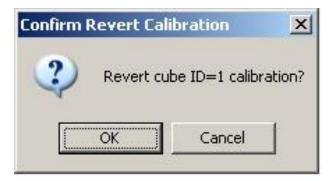


- By selecting a WallCalibration file from the pulldown menu, you can revert to the calibrations stored at the top of the file.
  - You will <u>not</u> revert to the calibrations detailed in the procedure results lower in the file. You are reverting to the calibrations that were stored in the display wall before this file was created.



- After selecting a file, click "Revert Sensor Calibration"
- The program has several checks to make sure the chosen file matches the current display wall. If the items don't match, warning windows are presented. Items checked between the file and the currently selected WallSetup:
  - Display type
  - Customer and site names
  - The number of displays in the wall
  - The Display IDs in the file vs. currently entered in program Setup

 The program steps through each Display ID, in the order they are listed on the Setup tab. This window will pop up:



And after clicking OK…..



- After reverting, ACB must be run to change the display appearance. (On integrated systems, a system reset is necessary before ACB)
- A record of calibration revert operations is available in the Log file.

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