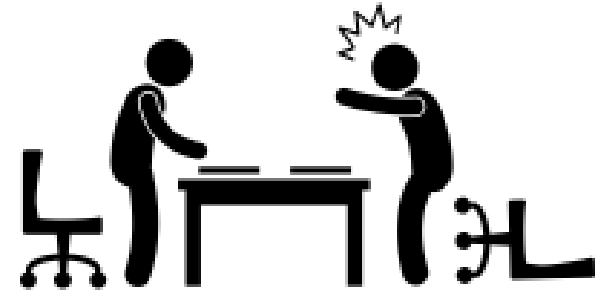


Luminaire Level Lighting Controls

Catching on? OR Catching Hell?



And other highlights from
2021 lighting controls market research

What are we talking about today?

- What Drives Specification?
- Areas of Common Confusion
- Dominant Trends in Wireless
- New Resources

Highlights from two projects that recently completed In support of NEEA's LLC initiative



1. The Specifier Secret Journal



Fernhill Shopworks

2. Wireless Market Trends



Fernhill Shopworks

Introducing Fernhill Shopworks (Me)



Professional background



Peninsula Light Co.

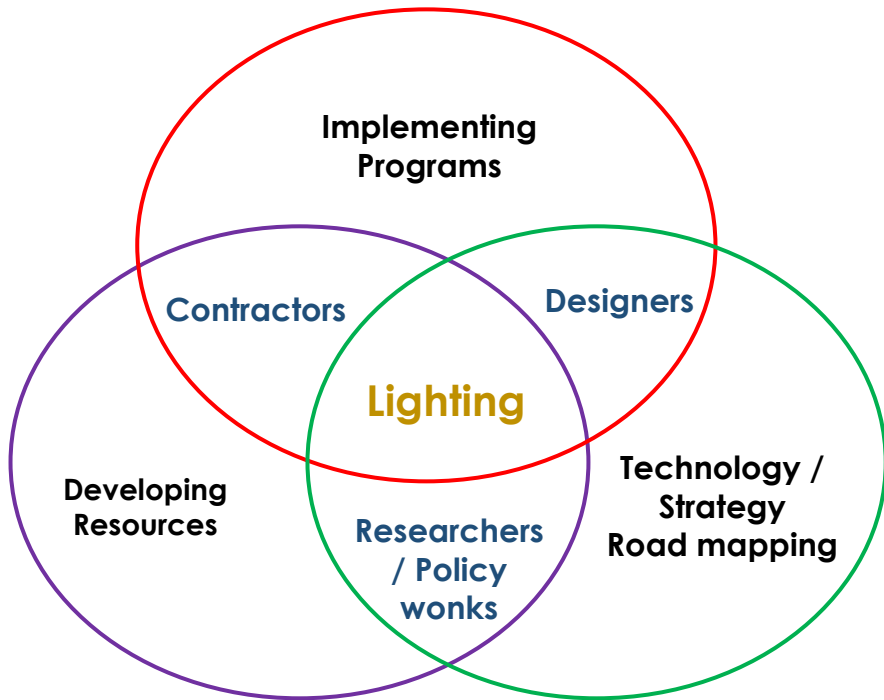


Bonneville
POWER ADMINISTRATION



I always thought I was a utility guy doing market engagement

But sometime around 2020, I began to wonder...



Is it possible that I'm actually a lighting guy?



Fernhill Shopworks

Founded in 2021



What does Fernhill Shopworks do?

Market Engagement & Analysis

- Technology trends
- User experience trends
- Marketing trends

Resource Development

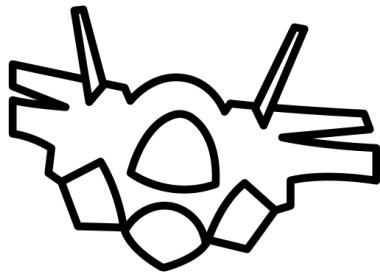
- Curriculum
- Brand analysis
- Learning Aides

For Who?

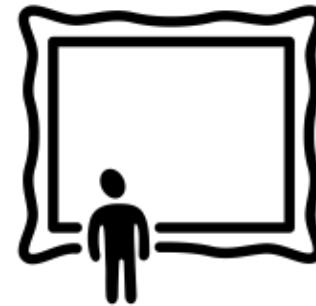
- The Lighting Industry
- EE and Utility Organizations

**Unique
Factors**

Multi-
functional



Creative
approaches



Objective
perspectives

Behold, a Miracle !!!



... for I have given unto you... LLLC

...and you can define it for yourselves

Today's Definition of LLLC

In my own words
for clarity sake



LLC is a type of networked lighting control system where every luminaire:

A. Has an integrated sensor for

- Occupancy / vacancy
- Daylight harvesting

B. Is addressable

C. Has controls persistence

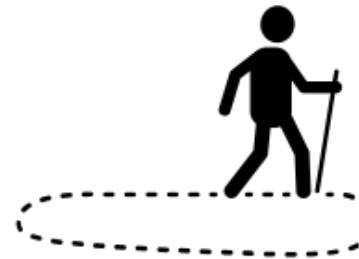
D. Is capable of

- High-end trim
- Continuous dimming

E. Is wired or wirelessly networked

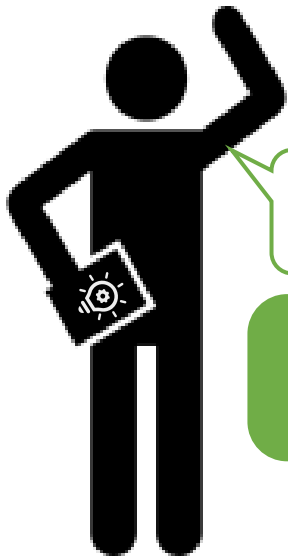
With regards to LLLC, there are two common points of confusion...

- **Exactly how integrated?**
- **Exactly how networked?**



We'll circle back
to these...

The LLLC Value Prop



LLLC is better because - when you integrate both...

A load controller & a daylight + occupancy sensor

Into every
single fixture

Good things start happening

What we say...

Go tell it on the
mountain



TENANTS



DESIGNERS & ENGINEERS

To Everyone



OWNERS

Investing in the
system



CONTRACTORS



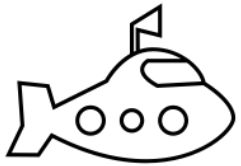
BUILDING OPERATORS

The 3 Value Pillars
of LLLC

1. Will always meet and exceed code
2. Simple to specify, install, and configure
3. Enables IoT & connected buildings

Part 1

Highlights From the Specifier Journal Project



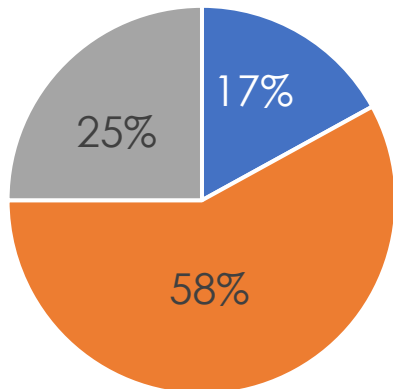
Participants & Responses

The Question

What's driving specification of lighting controls?

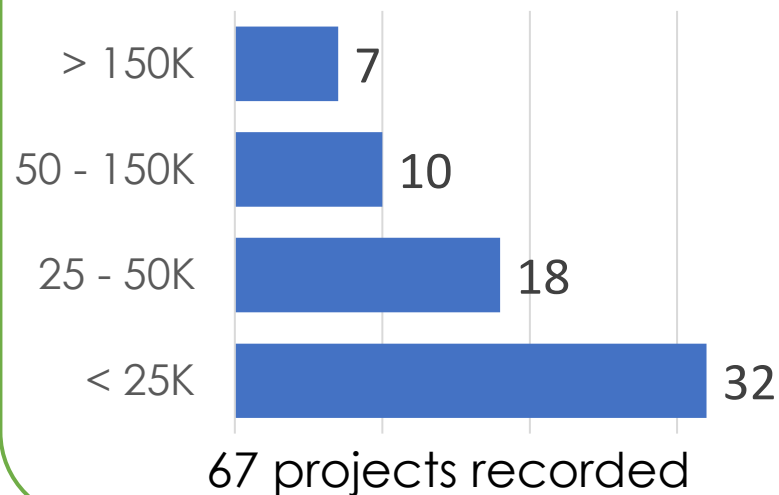
- The research was qualitative
- Data shown here is not a statistical representation of the greater market
- 12 surveys
- 15 Interviews
- 67 project entries

Participants identified as

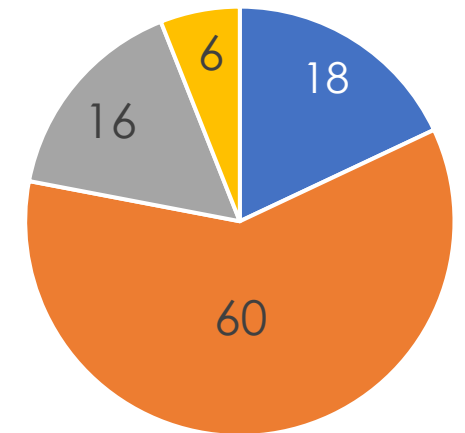


- Design Build (Electrical contractor)
- Design-Bid (Lighting Designers & Engineers)
- Other Influencers (Rep Agencies)

Estimated size of controlled space (sq.ft.)



Project Type




- Major Renovation
- Retrofit
- New Construction
- Other

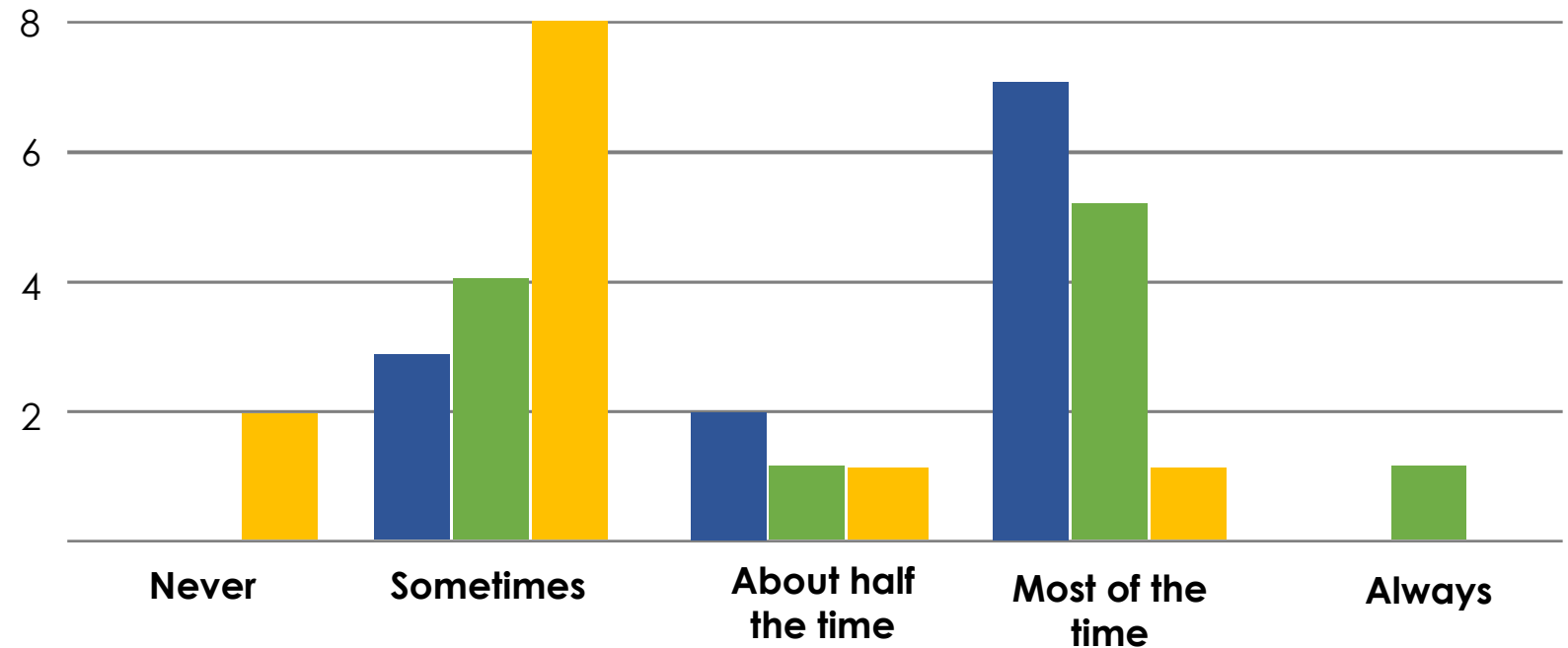
Client Awareness & Opportunities to Inform

Are clients generally aware of the benefits of:

 NLC systems?

 LLLC systems?

 How often do you get a chance to educate clients on lighting controls before key specifications are made?



The Takeaway

Clients are less informed about the benefits of LLLC

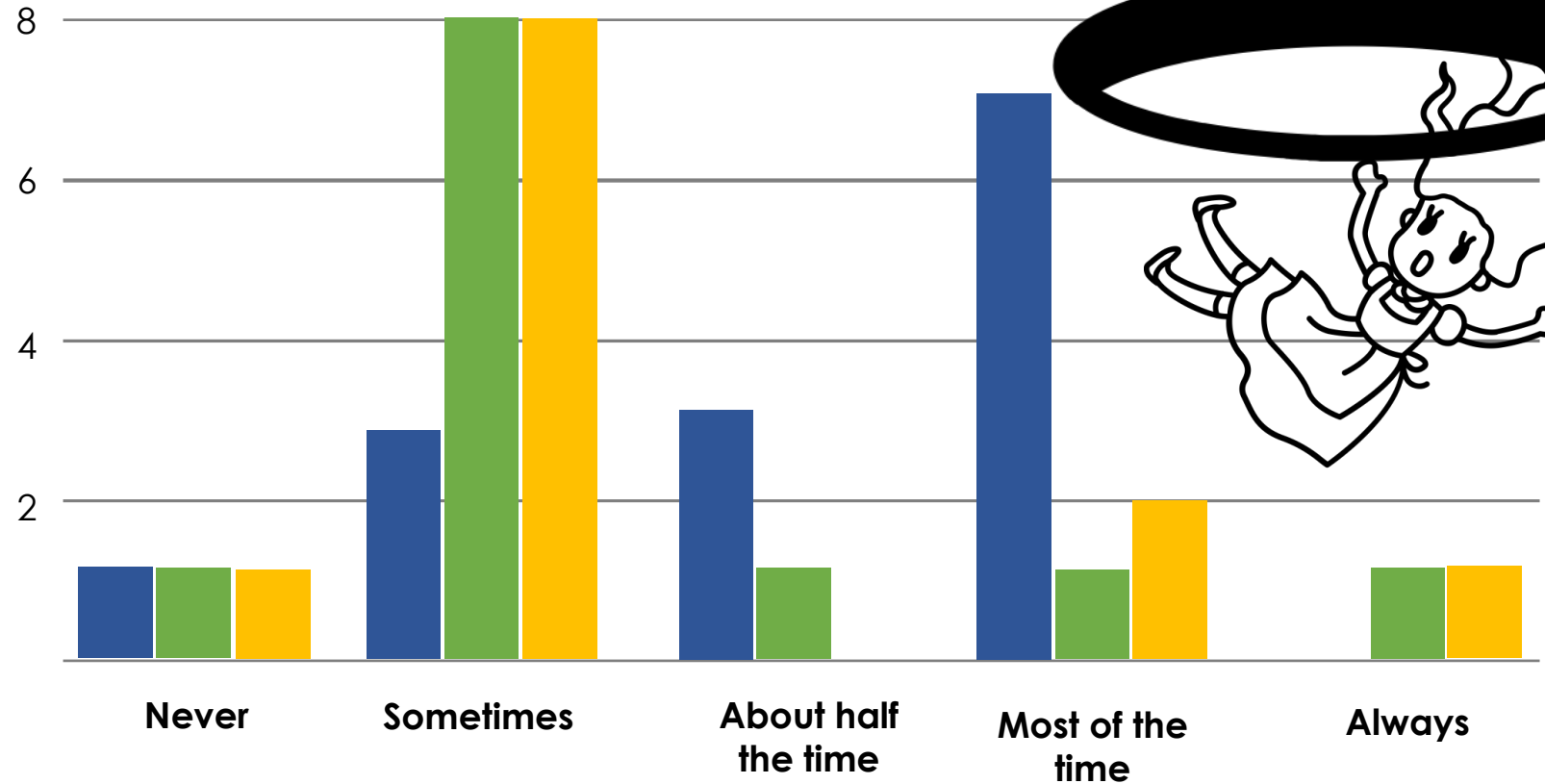


There usually is an opportunity to educate

LLCs, Perennial Target of Value Engineering

How often are projects originally specified with:

- NLC systems, VE'd to incorporate stand alone controls?
- LLC systems, VE'd to incorporate NLC controls?
- LLC systems, VE'd to incorporate stand alone controls?



Phenomenal Quotes

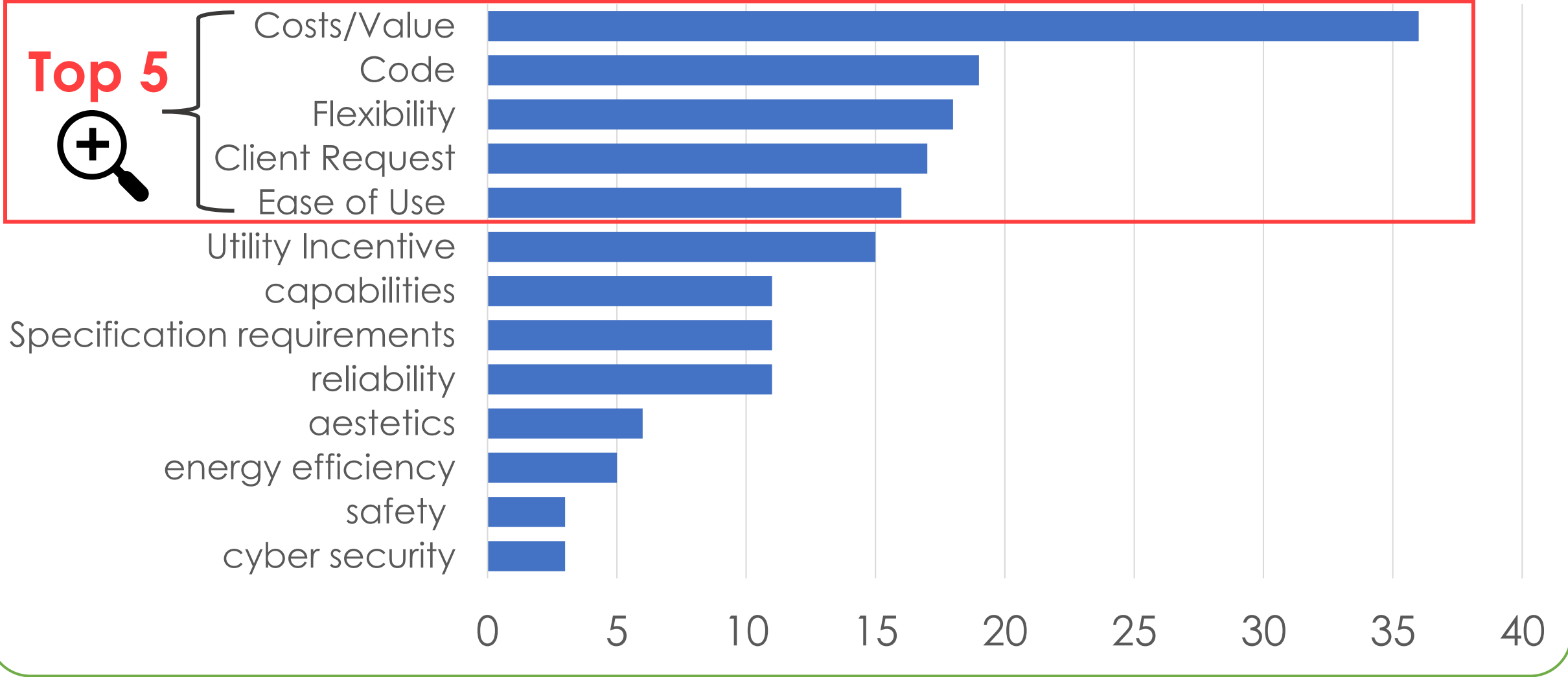
"LLC never gets VE'd because the only time I ever spec it is if the client specifically requests it"



"sometimes I spec LLC thinking... at least when it gets VE'd we'll have a solid NLC system"



Top Factors That Determined Controls Specification



Top 5 Factors Driving Specification

#1 Cost / Value

Well of course...

#2 Code

Low Bar Requirement

#3 Flexibility

System benefit

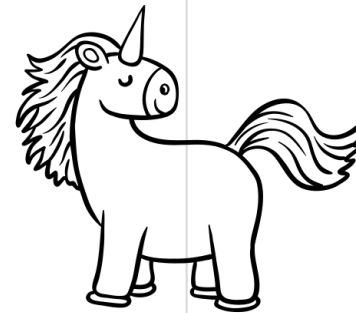
#4 Client Request

The Unicorn

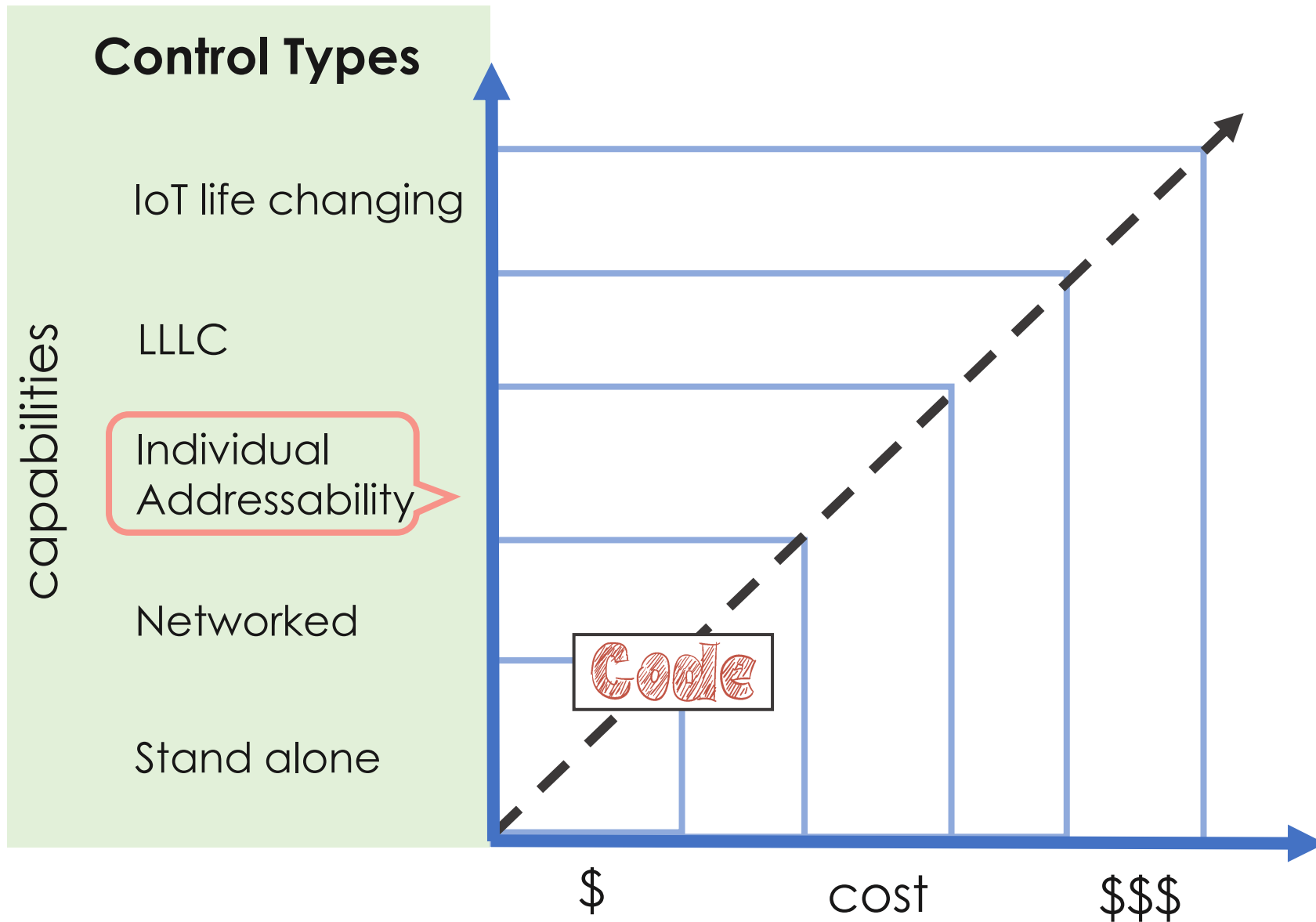
#5 Ease of Use

System benefit

0 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40



What drives investment beyond code?



Motivators that matter

- Big tech IoT
 - Certification programs
- ... but currently only apply to a small percentage of the market

What matters the **MOST**, for the **MOST** projects?

- System **flexibility**
- and **ease of use**

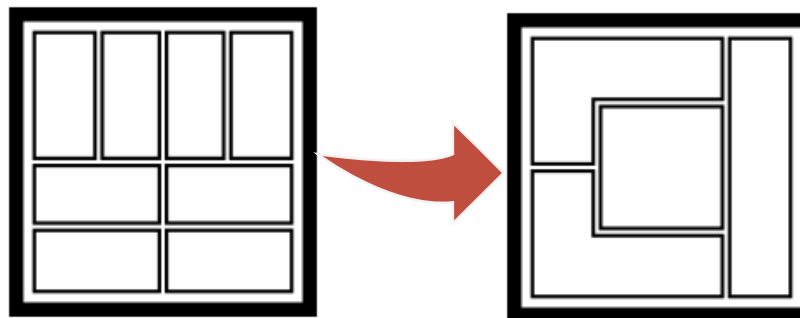


Flexibility = Individual Addressability



In practical terms:

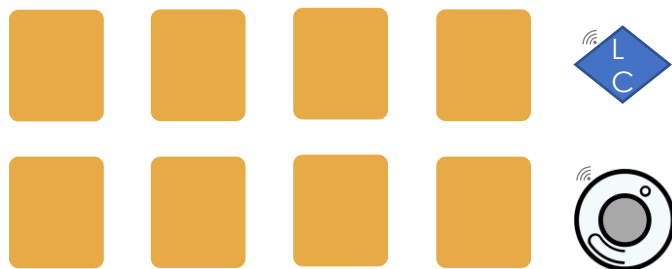
Flexibility means the ability to wirelessly rezone and reconfigure spaces with only an app



This is what conventional NLC systems cannot do.

NLC Configuration

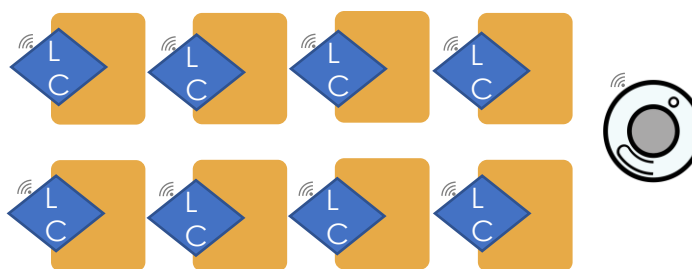
1 sensor : many fixtures



1 load controller : many fixtures

Individually Addressable

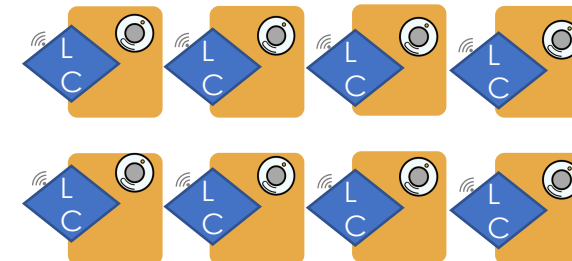
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LLLC (also individually addressable)

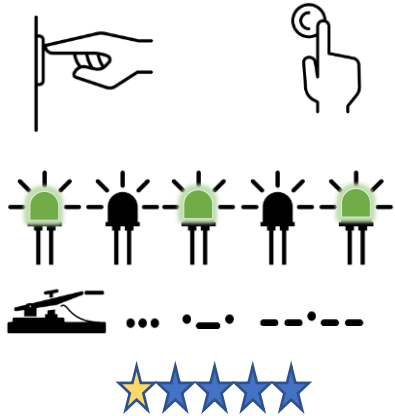
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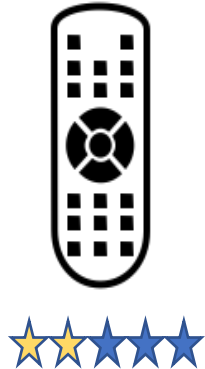
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Ease of Use | Methods for System Configuration

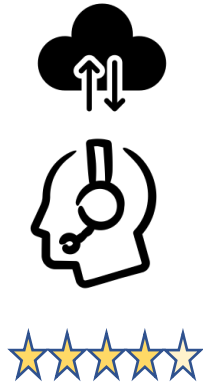
Push n' Program



Remote Control



Totally Remote



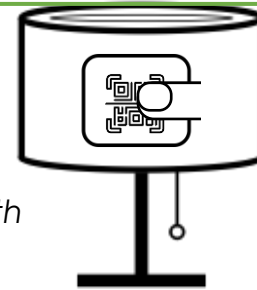
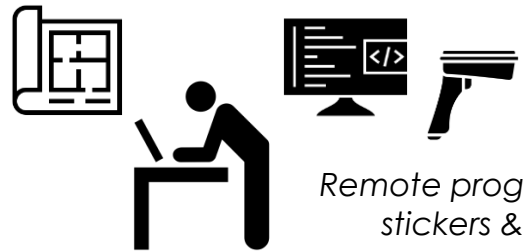
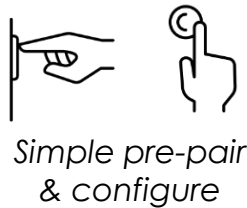
Desktop / Web Applications



App-Based



Pre-configuring:

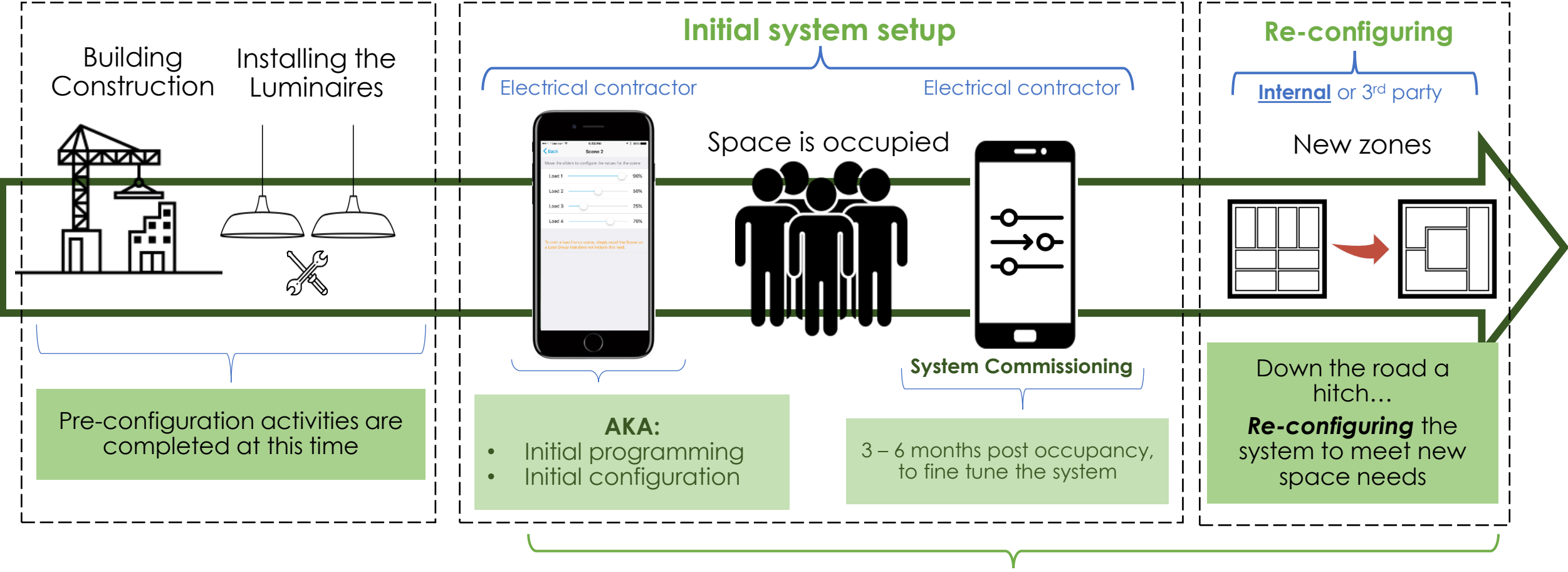


Most systems offer a hybrid approach

Pre-configuring only streamlines initial setup

App-based solutions are the most accessible and user friendly for *two distinct groups*

Flexibility & Ease of Use | Most Important Stakeholders



Before you can unlock all that other value... this is what you've gotta do really well.

Ease of Use | Quality App-Based Features

Ease of use:

Access

Streamlining Process

Multiple Ways to Win

Weak-Sauce

- Supports **only** iOS or Android (**not both**)
- Uses IR / requires dongle
- Requires manual action for pairing



Yum-Sauce

- Personal Control & layered user authentication
- Automatic device detection based on signal strength
- Device types are known when added to the system
- *See example*

Other helpful features: In app help menus, templates, ect.

Ease of Use | Multiple Paths to Winning

The scenario: daylight zoning with LLC...



To zone?

- Requires specific daylight zones
- Ceiling looks more consistent
- Less energy savings



Or not to zone?

- Every luminaire is an independent daylight zone
- Ceiling doesn't look consistent **but** the work plane does
- More energy savings

Fun Fact:

Even when LLC fixtures were installed, participants overwhelmingly favored grouping daylight zones

Configuration tools increasingly offer group vs individual sensors toggle options:



Select how you want occupancy sensors to control this room:

All sensors work together to turn all lights in the room on & off with occupancy



All sensors work separately to turn individual lights in the room on & off with occupancy



(for both occupancy & daylight harvesting)

Screenshot from Lutron Vive

Specifier Journal Conclusion

Key Findings

There is an **opportunity and need to increase clients awareness** of LLC benefits.

&

Flexibility and **ease of use** are the two benefits which offer clients the most practical benefits to invest beyond code.

The Rub

Flexibility and **ease of use** are future benefits which still have to compete against **LOWEST COST**

The Other Rub

Most specifiers expressed some combination of:

- *LLC usually overshoots the mark*
- *I can achieve flexibility without going full LLC*



Positive Trends for LLC

- Support for individual addressability
- Increased LLC fixture options

No longer the barriers they once were

Part 2

Common Areas of Confusion

Two Common LLLC Definition Issues

1. 50 shades of integrated



Does fixture adjacent count?



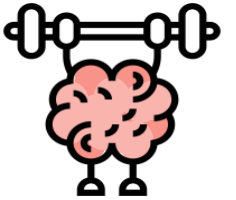
Does fixture mounted count?



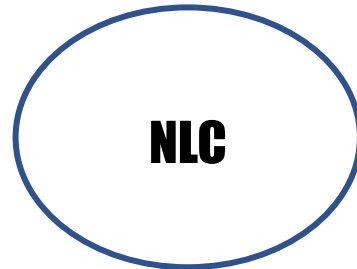
Exactly **how** integrated

For today, Let's not worry about this...

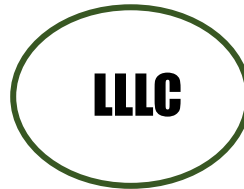
2. The ambiguities of “networked” and LLLC



Thought exercise:

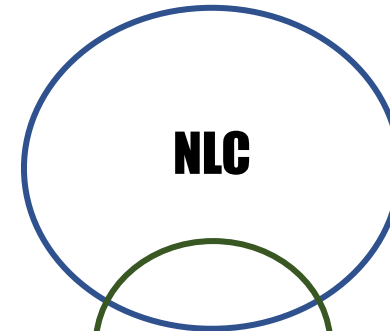


NLC




LLLC

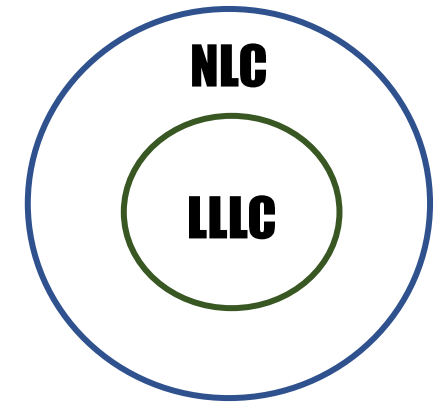
What makes LLLC, LLLC, has nothing to do with being networked.



NLC

LLLC

LLLC may be  connected at the “room-level”, but it's not networked.



NLC

LLLC

LLLC is always networked, end of story.



Room-based systems & the networked schism

The Question...

If you can only talk to devices right next to you – are you *really* networked?



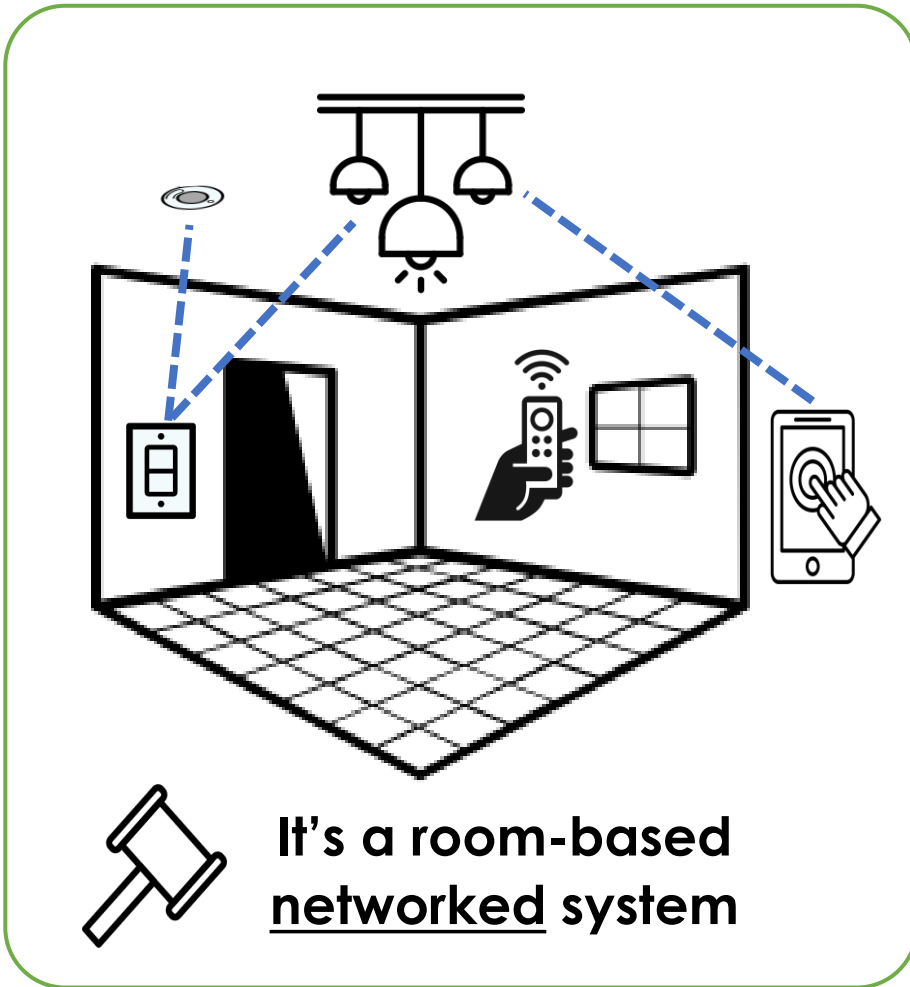
Some people say **NO**

these devices may be **connected** at the room level, but they aren't *networked*



Other people say uh... **YES**

These systems are networked, if only at the room (device) level.





The Evolution of Networked Lighting

'til around
2018

1. Standalone Controls

Non-networked

2. Room-Based Systems

Networked-ish

3. Networked Systems
with gateways

Networked

4. Networked Systems
with gateway + server = IoT capable

What about
mesh?!?

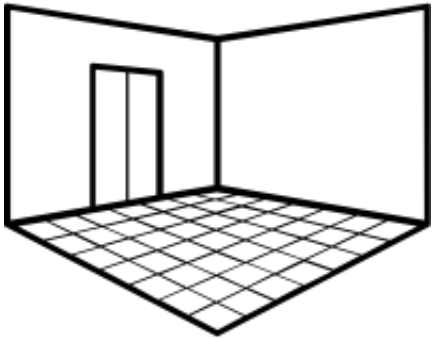


Hold your horses



Gateways Enable Certain Capabilities

Conventional room-based systems are reliably restricted to the same:



Capabilities

- Occupancy / Vacancy Sensing
- Photo sensing
- Grouping / Zoning
- High End Trim

Configuration Methods

- Pre-configured
- Push 'n Pair
- Remote control



Adding a **gateway** expands the network and enables

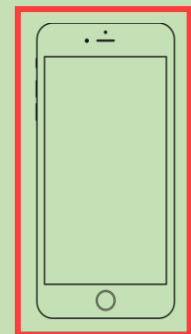


Additional Capabilities

- Scheduling
- Energy monitoring
- BACnet / HVAC
- Automatic demand response
- Remote system access

Additional Methods

- App-based
- Web-based (*remote*)



It's a bridge
It's a hub

It's probably...

the...
"Gateway"

A gateway is a hardware device that connects two networks with different protocols

In the context of networked lighting systems,
the gateway is connecting and translating between

Intranet & Internet
example
WiFi and IPv6



The Lighting Network
example
Bluetooth or IEEE 802.15.4

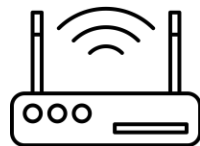
So multi-purpose



In addition to functioning as a **gate** that translates between two different protocols, **gateways commonly include:** APIs, routers, hubs, and firewalls.



Gateways you already know and love



Your wireless router



Your smart phone

For clarity:

A bridge connects two networks using the same protocol.

In a mesh system, the bridges are expanding the lighting network across the building, but not out to the internet.

The Industry Obfuscation of Gateways

“GATEWAY” has become a *trigger word* that ostensibly implies:

- Cyber security threats
- System complexities



How has industry responded?

By marketing systems as “gateway-less”

(real text from real websites)

- *Patented no gateway architecture*
- *No IT, no gateways, no wiring*
- *Gateway-free, distributed control, no extra cost / hassle, and no special network or panel installation*

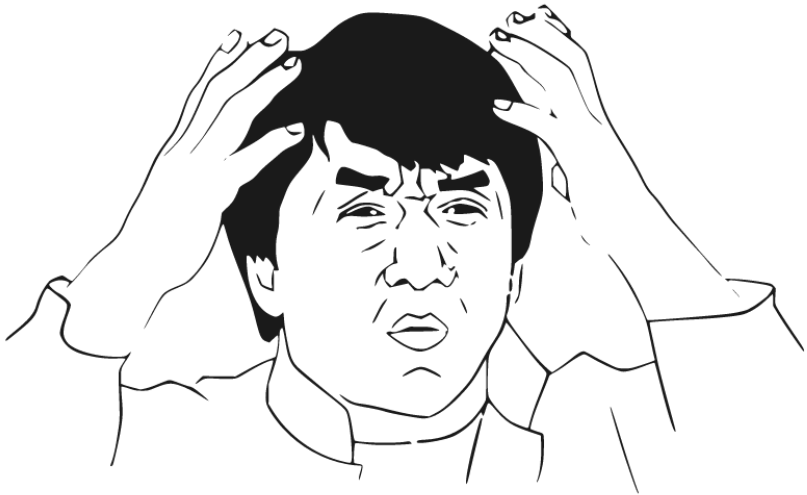
When they should be saying...

- *No gateway required for basic operation!*
- *“Scale up for more benefits by adding a gateway”*

By calling their gateway anything other than “gateway”

- Hub
- WAC
- Bridge + Router

Another common source of confusion
I'm going to use the phrase "Load Controller"
When describing the thing that controls the load...



AKA

- Fixture control unit
- Control module
- Adapter
- Load controller
- Zone controller
- Room controller
- Relay pack
- Power Packs
- Pow-Packs



This *THING*, is WAY too important to have this many different names (and confusion)

Additional Sources of Load Controller Confusion

(besides the name)

In most NLC systems... the load controller is the physical device that:

1. Controls

the light levels and color output

2. is addressable

by other devices

3. is configurable

with embedded logic

Load controllers come in many different flavors



Source of Power

- Line voltage
- Low voltage

Wired / Wireless

- Wired
- Wireless

Protocols Supported

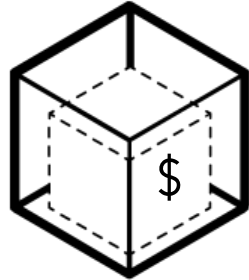
Wi-Fi, BLE, Zigbee, DALI, proprietary

Control Method

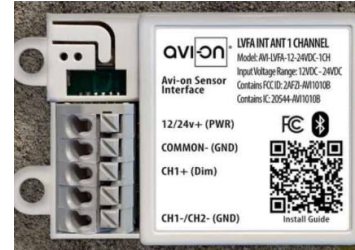
0-10V, reverse-phase, DALI

Load Controller Trends

Increasingly smaller & cheaper



and widely available at the fixture level

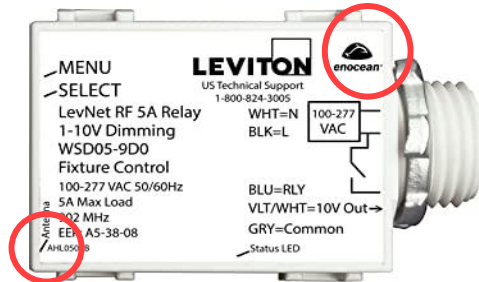


low-voltage fixture controller by AVI-on



Fixture controller by Watt Stopper

increasingly wireless



Leviton fixture controller with enOcean wireless

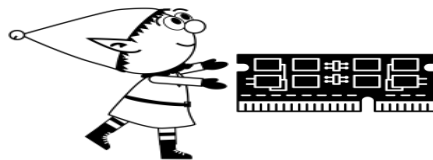


BubblyNet 0-10V fixture controller with BLE Mesh wireless

Specific to DALI

Increasingly achieving price parity with 0-10V

increasingly programable



We're talking about a microprocessor & memory

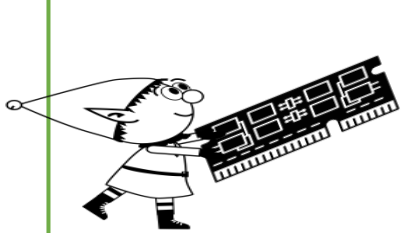
Which enables capabilities, like

- **controls persistence** and
- (pre)-programming

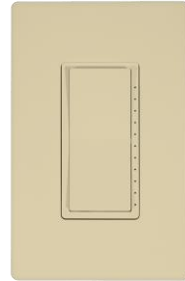


Distributed Logic & Controls Persistence

The MACRO trend is distributive logic in everything



Enlighted smart sensors



RAB dimmer switch



Aleo Blue wireless control node

Increasingly, manufacturers are embedding logic in **both sensors & controllers** which supports controls persistence (and other capabilities)

Controls Persistence



The Scenario

New building, works great!

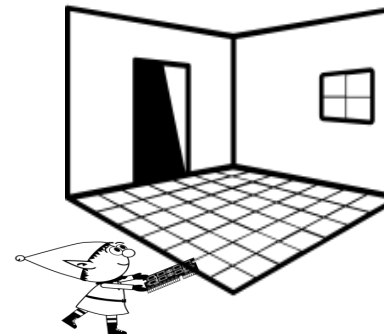


Two years later, the gateway konks out...



The room is no longer communicating with the next higher network level

However...



Within the room, devices are still connected, performing:

- Presence detection
- Daylight harvesting
- High-end trim

Load Controller Common Confusion | 0-10V & DALI



Via additional network hardware
(gateways, bridges, routers)



lighting systems can be accessed remotely and integrate with other systems

Exactly **WHAT** is controlling **WHAT**?

- From a network level
- From a hardware level



Local and wide area networked devices

BACnet



Local servers



Remote servers



Low energy networked devices

Wall stations



Sensors



Smart devices

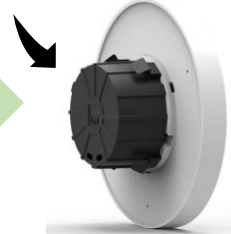


0-10V load controller



Control method:
0-10V

The driver



The load

(LE) Protocols
e.g. BLE, Zigbee,
and sub 1MHZ

Integrated DALI load controller & driver



Control method:
DALI = Digital

2-way communication

The load



Part 3

Wireless Trends

Wireless Trends | The Evolution of Networking

1. Standalone Controls

2. Room-Based Systems

5. Low Energy Mesh

3. Networked Systems
with gateways

4. Networked Systems
with gateways and IoT capable



Wireless Trends | Low Energy (LE) Protocols

“Wireless”

is a catch all phrase in a market where distinction matters



Wi-fi is designed for very **high** data transfer & energy use.



Not super important for modern lighting systems

Low Energy (LE) Protocols

Are designed for low power and low bandwidth applications

LE protocols you're probably already familiar with



Two reasons LE protocols are a big deal

1. Very low power consumption enables wireless, battery powered devices

If lighting is the *backbone* of IoT –
because it is powered...



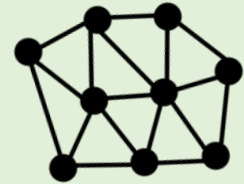
then wireless, battery powered (edge-devices) using LE protocols are like the central nervous system



2. LE protocols offer improved capabilities and network performance

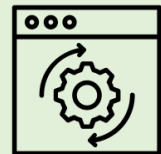
MESH networks

- Resilient
- Self-healing



Software based vs. Hardware based

- Increased interoperability
- Increased futureproofing



LE protocols are the cornerstone of IoT

Wireless Trends | The Evolution of Networking

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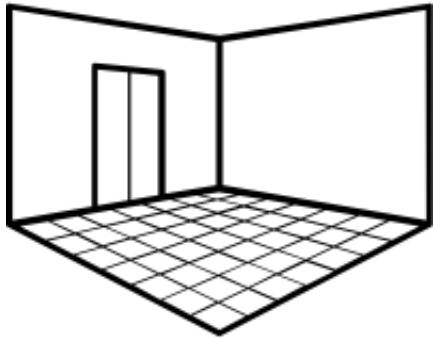
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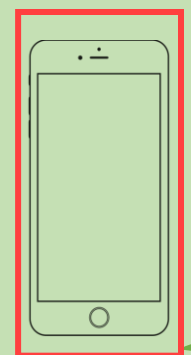
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Mesh networks extend capabilities w/o a gateway

But they don't entirely replace gateways or other network hardware

#2 Room Based Systems

No gateway required

Network limited to

- room based devices

Capabilities limited to

- Occ / Vac sensing
- Photo sensing
- Plug load
- Grouping / Zoning
- High End Trim

Configuration Methods

- Push n' Program
- Remote control
- Pre-config

#3 Beyond Room Based Systems

Gateway Required

Plus additional hardware *



Network expanded to • Floor, building, portfolio (enterprise)

Additional Capabilities

- Scheduling
- Energy monitoring*
- Personal control
- Demand response
- API integration
- BACnet / HVAC

Additional Configuration Methods

- App-based configuration

#4 IoT Capable Systems

Additional Hardware



Local or cloud based server

Additional Capabilities**

- Beaconing
- Crowd & temp. tracking
- IoT expanded & optimized
- All sorts of crazy stuff

**Additional hardware requirements

- Offsite / remote web portal

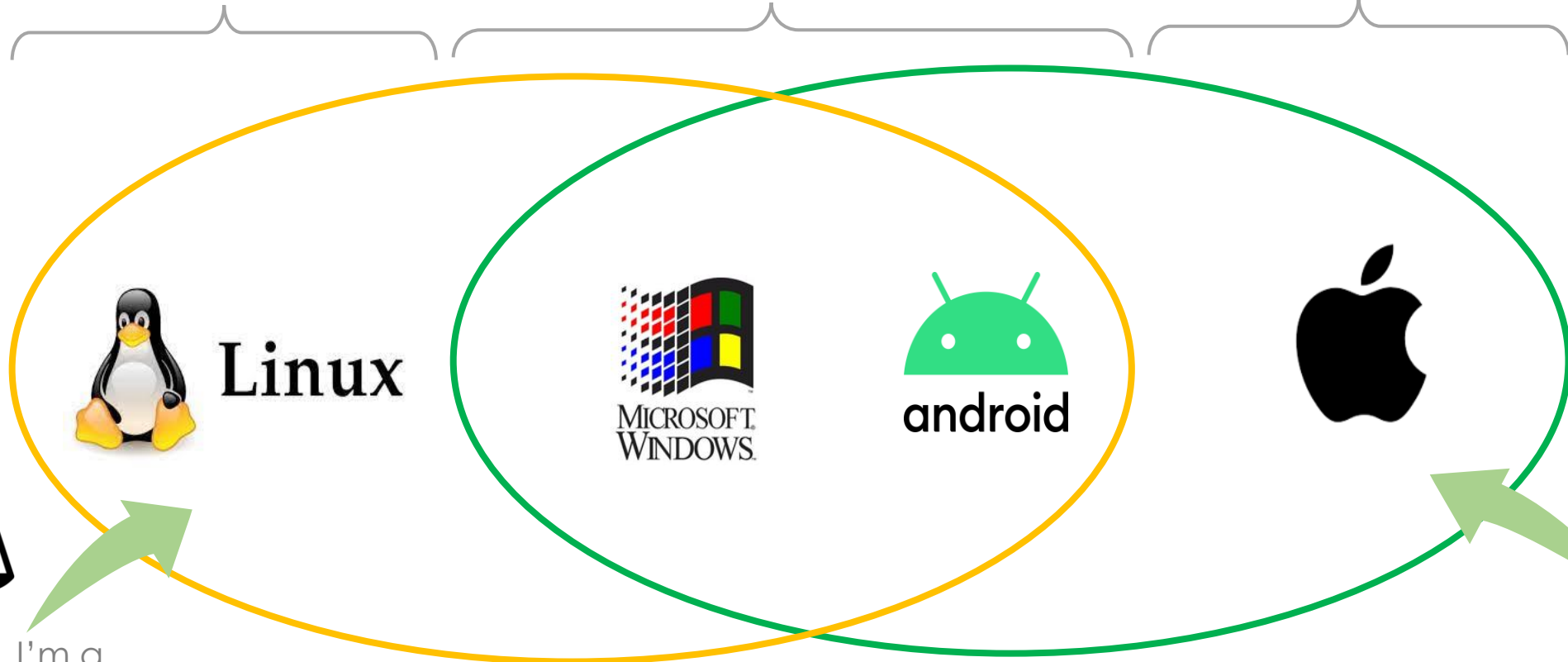
Wireless Trends | The Open Source Movement

A helpful way to think about the openness of lighting protocols

Most Open Source

Proprietary built on Open

Least Open Source



Disclaimer... I'm a little biased here

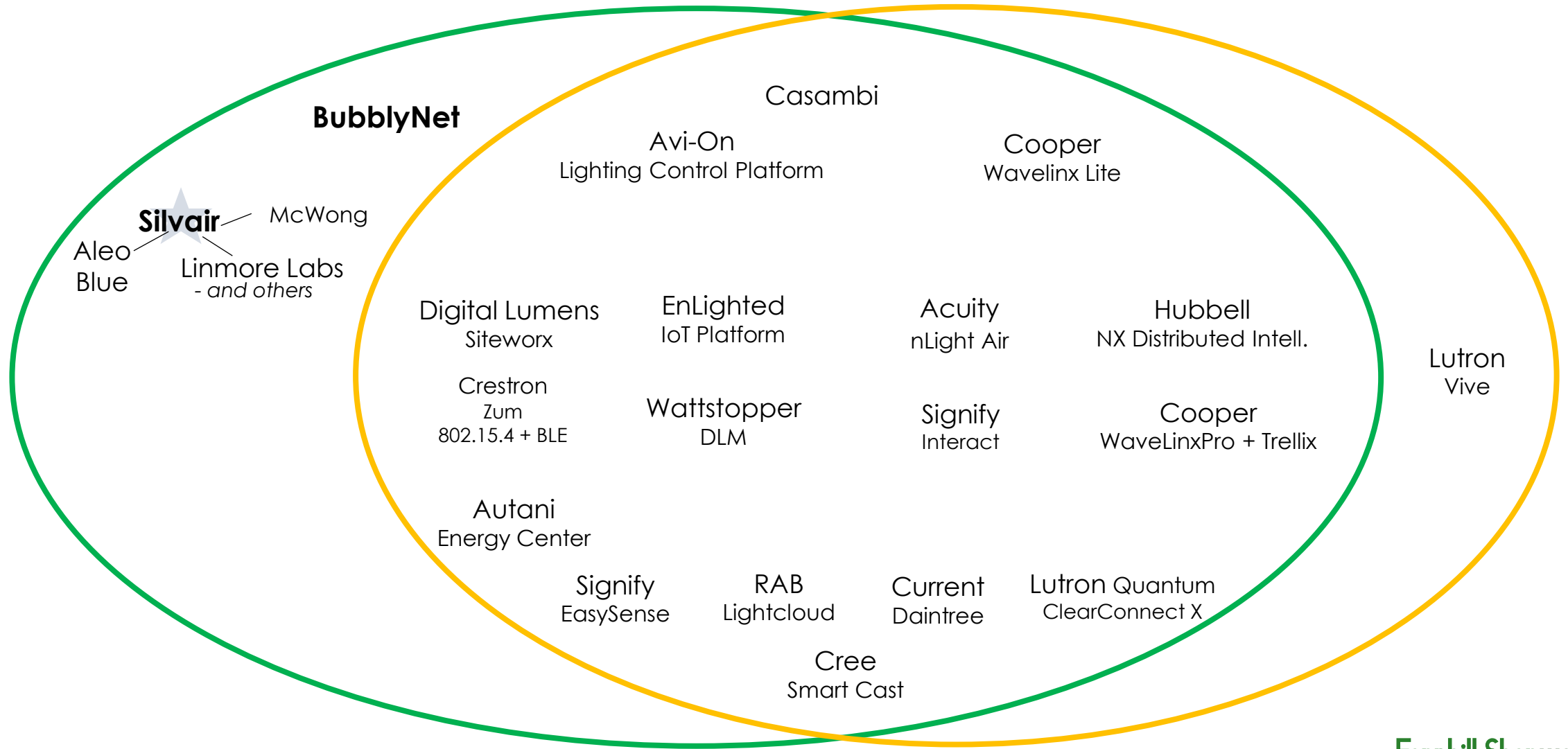
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LE Protocol Approaches by System | Open Source vs. Proprietary

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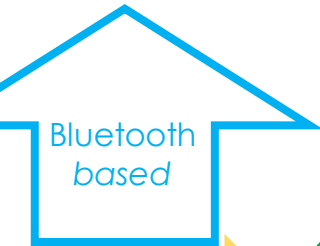


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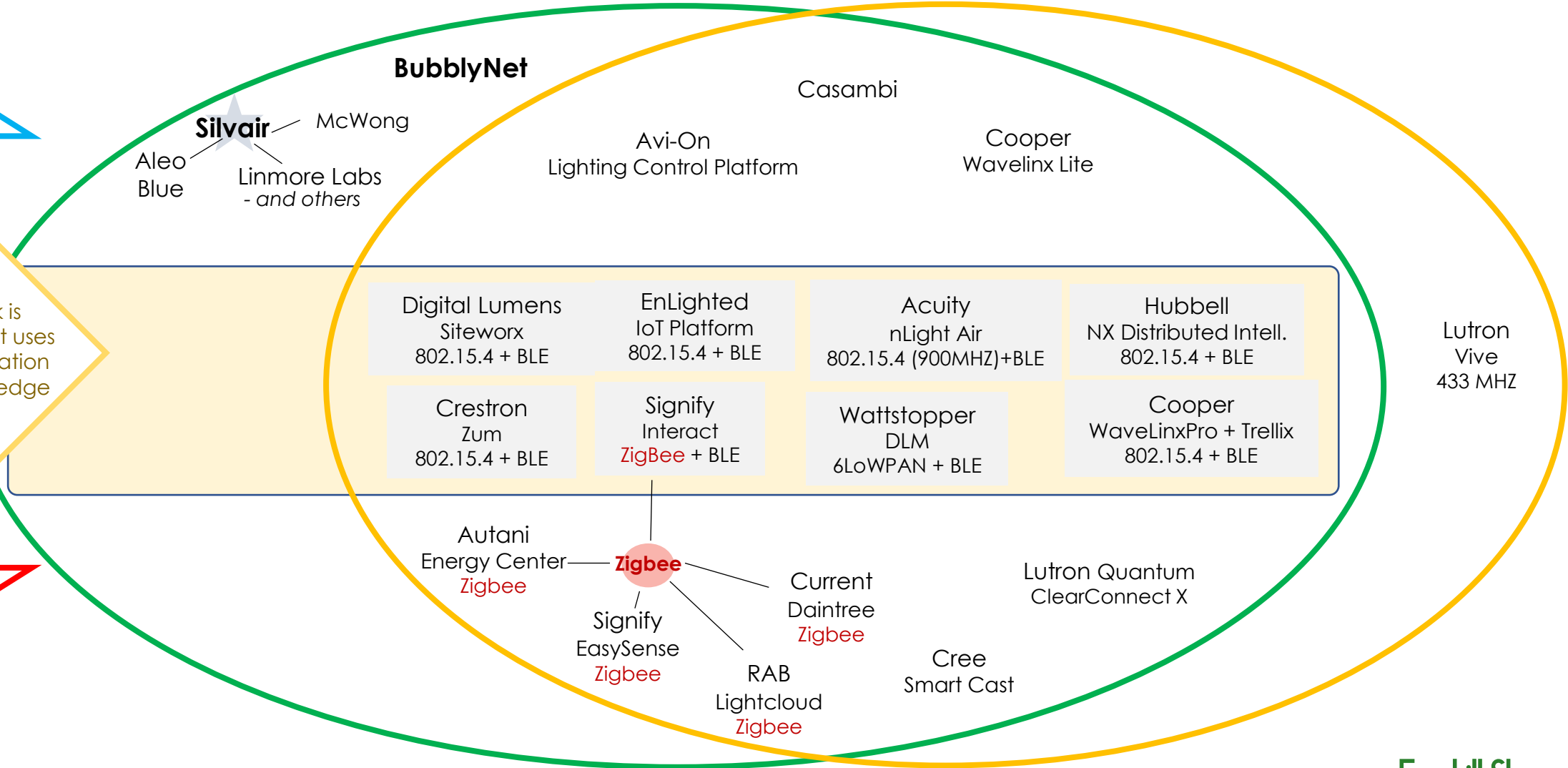
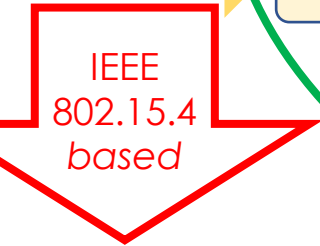
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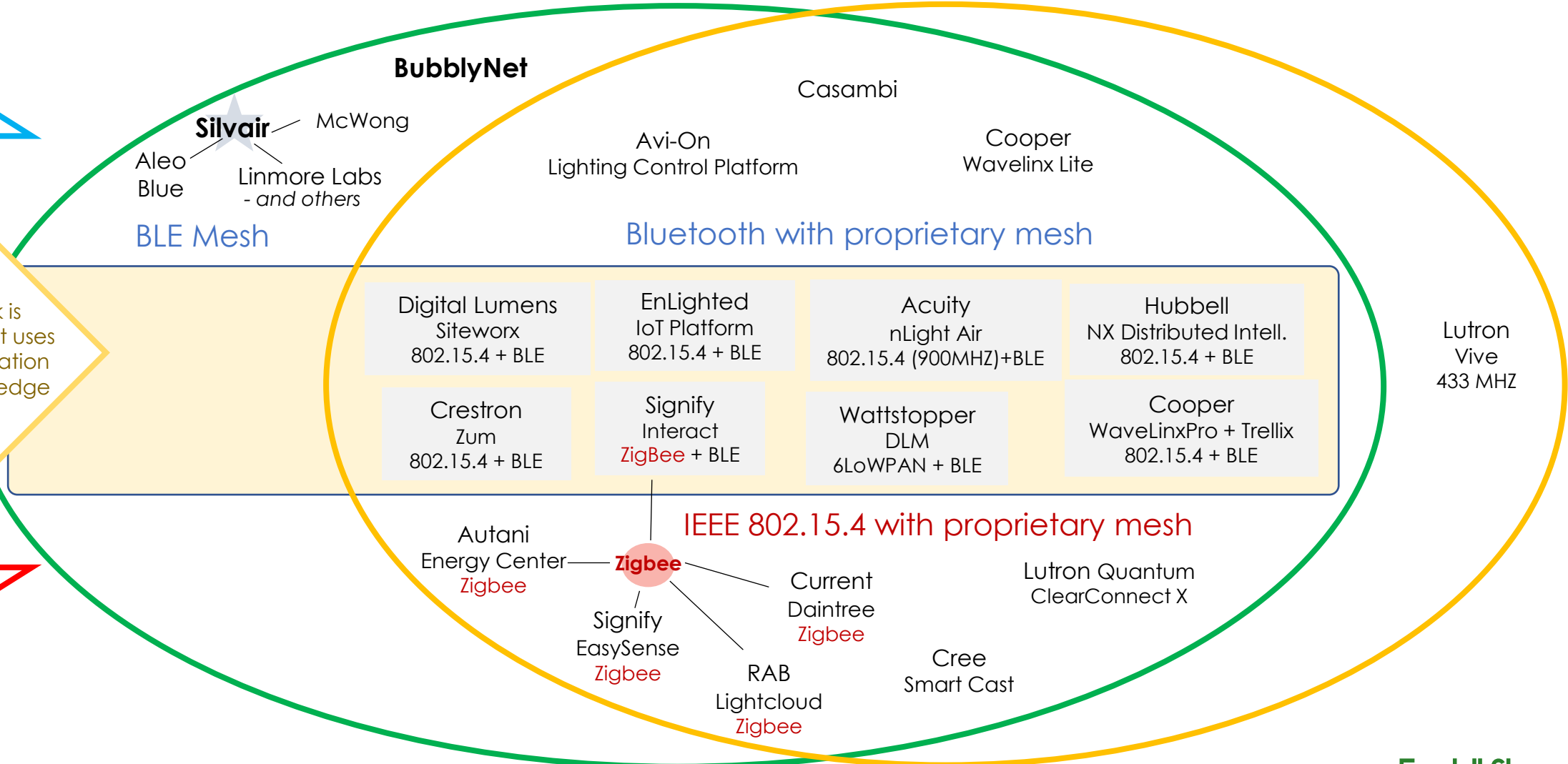
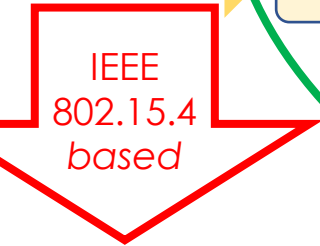
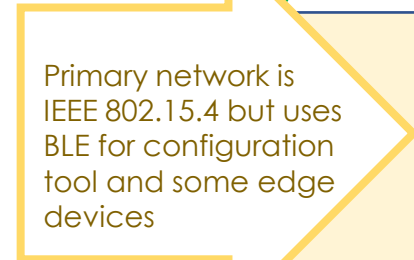
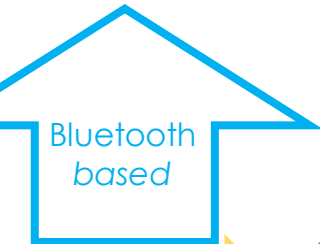


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LE Protocol Approaches by NLC manufacturer / system

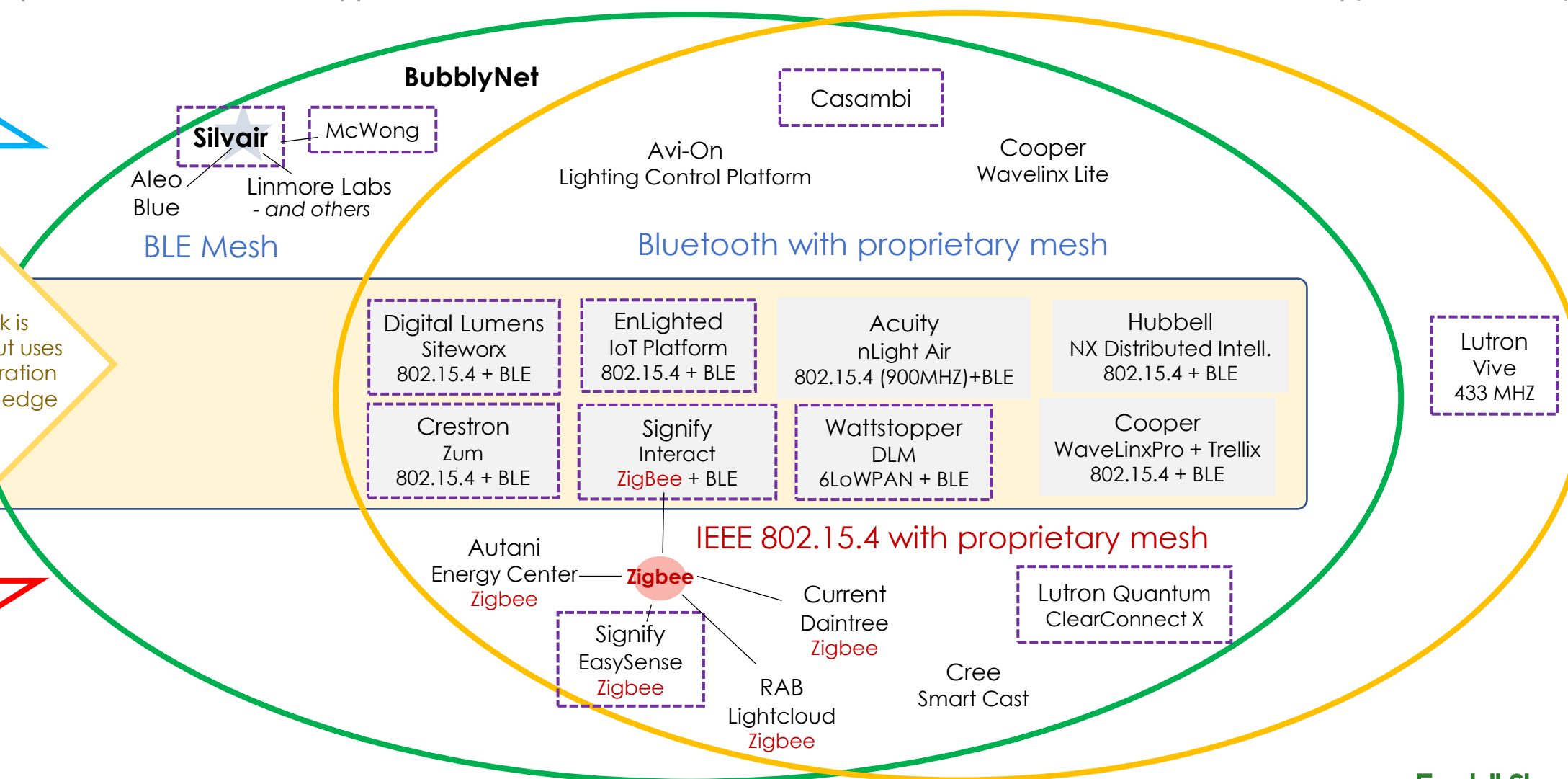
with available DALI2 or D4i

Most Open Source Proprietary built on Open-Source Least Open

Bluetooth based

Primary network is IEEE 802.15.4 but uses BLE for configuration tool and some edge devices

IEEE 802.15.4 based



Part 4

New Resources

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Part V | Sweet Resources for Use

Available for download from Better Bricks | [Wireless Technology in Lighting Resource Guide](#)

NETWORKED LIGHTING CONTROLS

WIRELESS TECHNOLOGY IN LIGHTING

Wireless lighting systems need to be reliable by nature, secure by design, and compatible by scale. To achieve that reality, wireless technology must be understood in a way that eliminates confusion and helps drive alignment.

This learning guide:

- Introduces key concepts in modern wireless lighting systems
- Identifies major trends impacting designers, installers, and operators
- Provides context and considerations for decision makers

Why Does it Matter?
Cost savings, time savings, reliability, and cyber security, just to name a few reasons.

Observing trends at the macro level suggests wireless technology will continue to gain market share and for some product lines, wireless devices are already the default option.

As the scales continue to tip in favor of wireless technology, it is increasingly important to understand basic concepts so that legitimate concerns can be addressed and myths can be dismissed.

The goal of this learning guide is to educate the public and to facilitate conversation between building owners, developers, lighting designers and the broader lighting supply chain.

Getting Comfortable with Wireless

Whether you are connecting to Bluetooth headphones, sending a text message, or opening a garage door, you are already familiar with the benefits of wireless technologies.

While most of us readily adopt and benefit from wireless technologies in our personal lives, fully embracing wireless solutions in business can be daunting and complicated. Getting comfortable

In the parlance of Networked Lighting Controls (NLC), wireless is often a catch-all phrase applied to everything from: wall stations that communicate with load-control devices to wireless gateways that connect individual luminaires to central and remote servers. The catch-all nature of this term coupled with the fast pace of technology development is a key source of confusion in the market.

WiFi™ By providing our computers and smart devices with access to the internet, Wi-Fi has become so ubiquitous in the past two decades that it is now considered a standard feature.

Wi-Fi is a suite of wireless network protocols, based on the IEEE 802.11 family of standards, which are commonly used for local area networking of devices and internet access.

Wi-Fi's best feature is that it can transmit very high rates of data. However, Wi-Fi uses significantly more power than low energy protocols. The battery life for most Wi-Fi devices is a few hours, like your smartphone or laptop.

Wi-Fi typically operates on a hub-and-spoke topology with all devices reliant on the Wi-Fi router which acts as a hub and gateway.

► **Point of Clarification:** Wi-Fi is a specific protocol and shouldn't be used as a catch-all phrase for all wireless protocols.

Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) and Zigbee are examples of low energy (LE) protocols. As their name implies, LE protocols use such little power that they can reliably operate for years at a time with nothing but inexpensive batteries.



BLE is distinct from classic Bluetooth, but the two protocols can both be supported by one device. BLE is intended to provide considerably reduced power consumption while maintaining a similar communication range as classic Bluetooth.



Zigbee is a popular protocol belonging to the IEEE 802.11.4 family of specifications. Zigbee is well-suited for lower power and low bandwidth applications.

► **To Clarify:** Lower Energy (LE) protocols are not frequency specific. For example, both Wi-Fi and BLE operate at 2.4 GHz.

Other protocols addressed

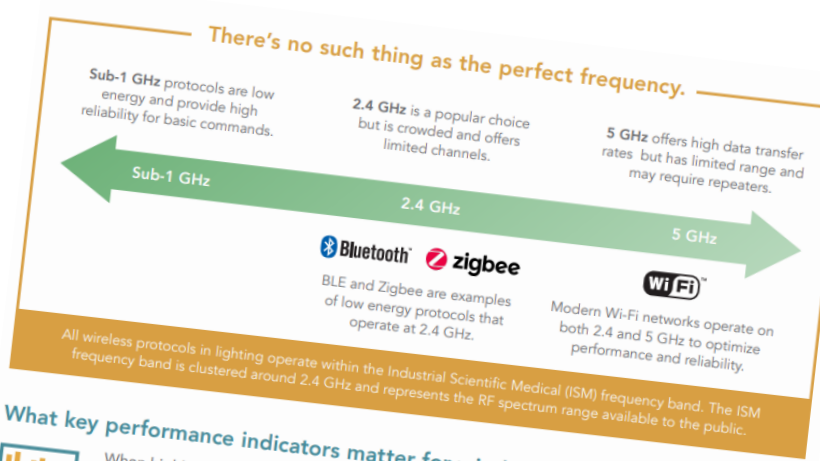


EnOcean is a proprietary protocol that enables energy harvesting and is discussed more on page 6.



DALI is a digital, open-source protocol that enables both wired and wireless solutions and is discussed more on page 9.

WIRELESS TECHNOLOGY IN LIGHTING



What key performance indicators matter for wireless?

When highlighting the value of their technology, manufacturers often cite key performance indicators (KPIs) such as data transfer rates, signal distance, the number of devices that can be connected, and power consumption. While the reported values speak for themselves, actual performance levels like data throughput and distance can vary significantly. Such levels are dependent on factors such as construction materials and component quality.

Wireless KPIs	BLE	Zigbee	Wi-Fi
Data transfer rate	1 - 2 Mbit/s	250 kbit/s	11 Mbit/s for 2.4 GHz 54 Mbit/s for 5GHz
Signal distance (meters, line of site)	10-30	10-20	45 for 2.4GHz
Power consumption	10-500 mW low energy	1-100 mW low energy	15 for 5 GHz
Encryption	AES 128-bit + defined user layer	AES 128-bit	~6 - 20 Watts WPA2 - 256-bit key

Extra Security
The defined user layer refers to specific credentials required to access the system.
Think of a teacher entering a pin on their phone to gain access to the lights.

Available for download from Better Bricks | [Questions to ask before going wireless in lighting](#)

NLC / LLLC Demo Board

What is it?

Hands-on
resource for

- the lighting industry
- utility programs
- facility operators
- And more...



Available by request

Demo Board | Cooper Wavelinx



Wireless wall stations can be programmed and control the luminaires

 Plug n' Play Ready!

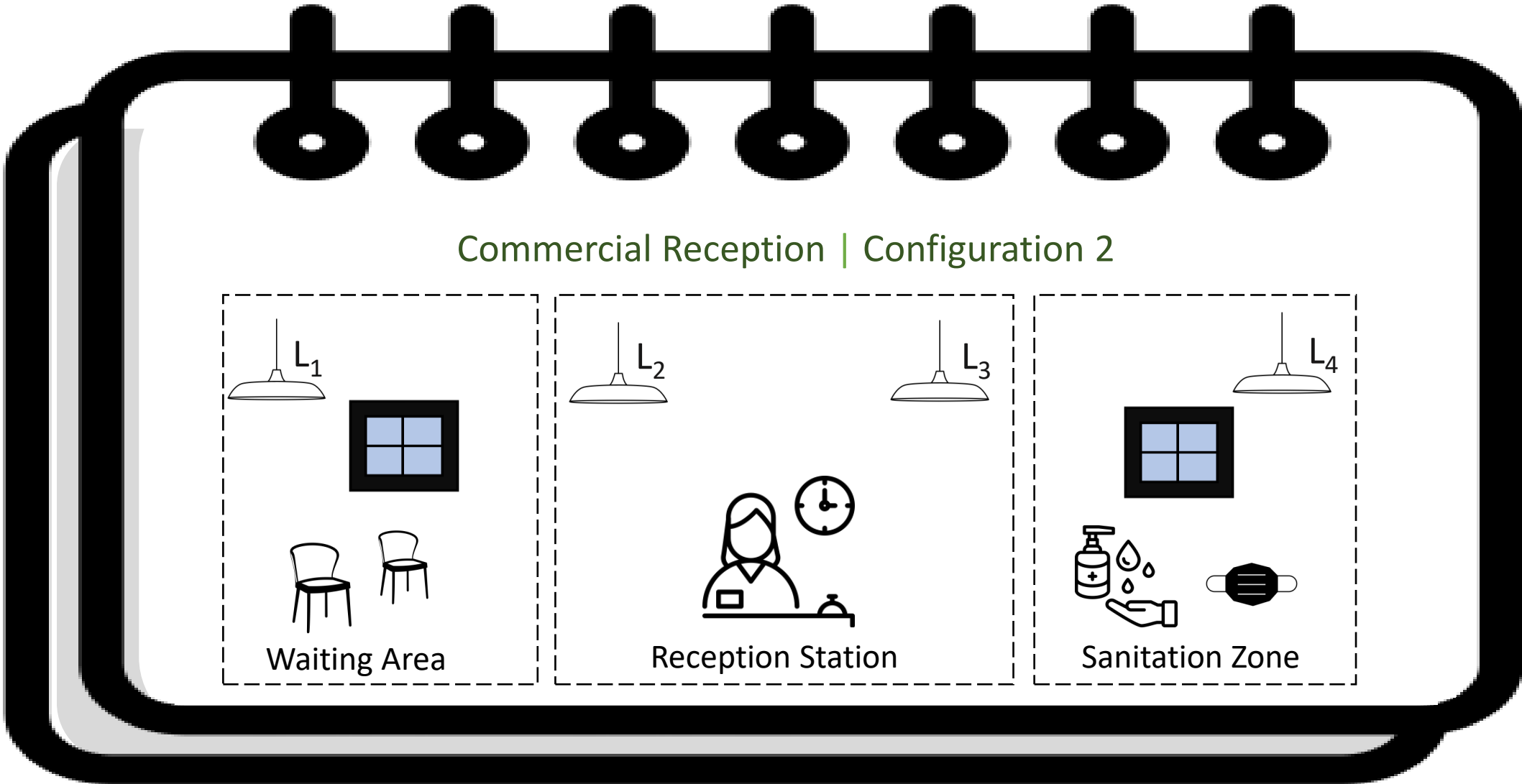
Demo Board | Lutron Vive



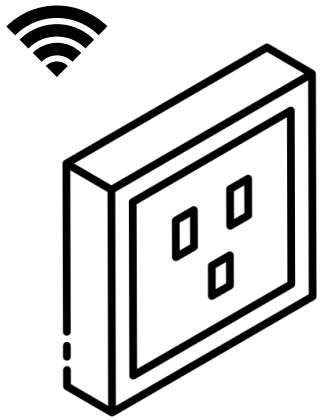
Where can it be used?

Utility training events | trade shows | as a sales aide | SEM workshops | and more

Wireless Rezoning / Space Flexibility



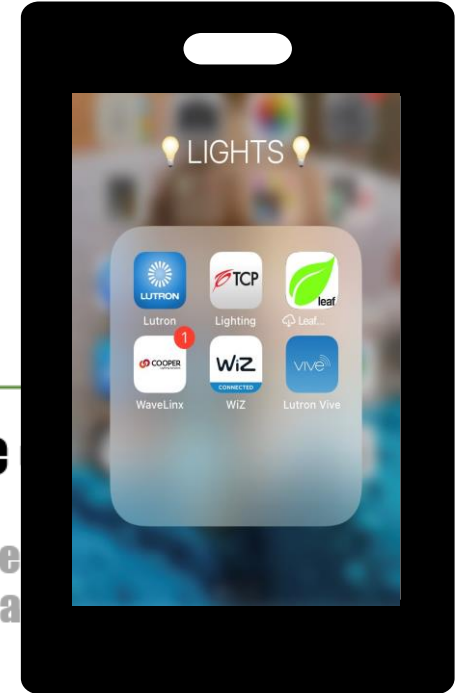
Connected Plug Load & Helpful Graphics



- Scheduling
- **Connected receptacle**
- Demand Response
- RACMET Integration

Sequence of Operations generic example

Feature	Setting
Scheduling	7 a.m. – 6 p.m. 8 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Auto On / Auto Off	Vacancy 15
Daylight Harvesting	
Demand Response	



One button scene



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Scene	Se
Full Lights	100%
Presentation	20%
Reading	
Off	0%



Easy to configure control st



High-end Trim



Set the light levels

Presence Detection



Occupancy / vacancy

Daylight Harvesting



Reduces luminaire output

Scheduling

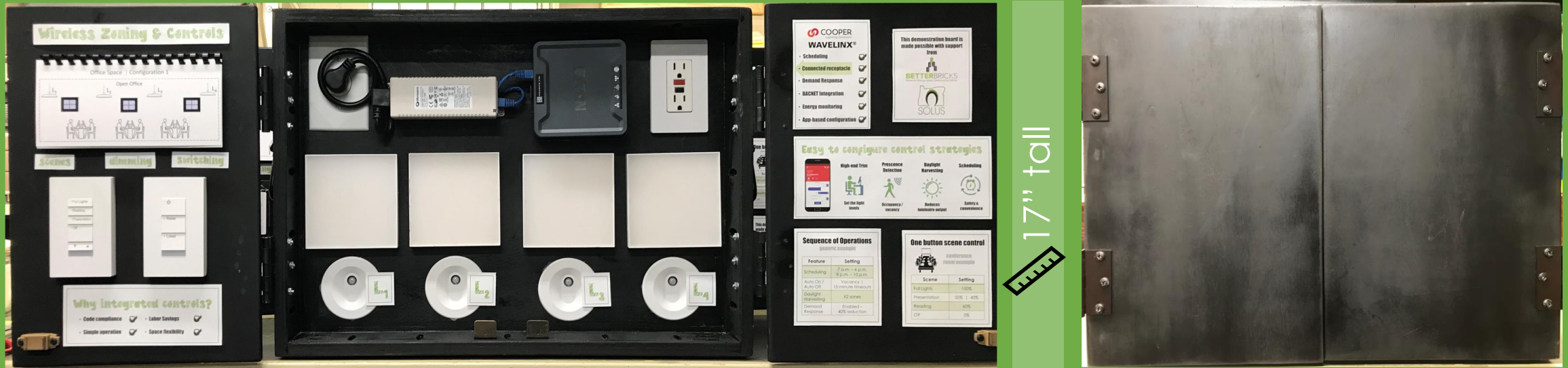


Safety & convenience

Physical Dimensions & Weight

48" wide – open

24" wide – closed



6 1/2" deep



Weight: 28 lbs

Available by Request /
Pending Availability

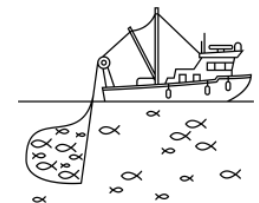
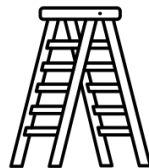
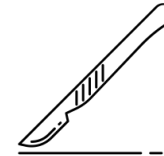
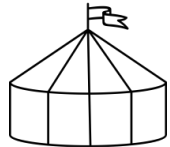
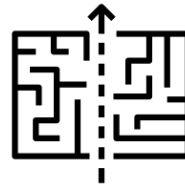
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Thank You & Time For Questions

Time for Questions

Hopefully...

let's
DISCUSS



Thanks for the
opportunity to share...

It's been fun!

All the Best



I want to hear from you...

Got questions, feedback,
constructive criticism...
please reach out!

LET ME KNOW

