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Daylighting is one of the oldest and most treasured aspects of architectural design. Perhaps its history is why designers treat it more like fine art than building technology. In the title of his quintessential book, legendary lighting designer and educator William Lam describes daylight in profound terms, calling it a “formgiver” to architecture (Perception and Lighting as Formgivers for Architecture, 1977). Indeed, for us mere lighting designers, it is hard to compete with the Almighty—or for that matter, with Aalto or Foster.

But here, in the twenty-first century, design professionals are increasingly expected to create buildings that perform significantly better than buildings ever have before. At first, this awareness was driven by a surging interest in energy efficiency, rising fuel costs, and the environmental movement, but that only had a modest effect on design and on public expectations for it. The real impetus has come from the US Green Buildings Council’s LEED system, launched in 1998: this program has finally raised building science and engineering to its rightful level of importance in the design behind a “green” building. Daylighting—especially if it provides energy efficiency and reaches most interior spaces—is the potential star of the sustainability show.

The problem is the modern architect is generally ill equipped to evaluate the performance of daylighting design. Crucial decisions concerning daylighting are made in the schematic design phase, but most architects have no tools, other than common sense and experience, to measure the final effect. During early schematics, for example, it is hard—or even impossible—to thoroughly compare the ultimate performance of alternative fenestration proposals. Yet this very aspect is often the difference between one LEED level and another, with up to 12 precious LEED points at stake.

“Mainstream practitioners think they are doing daylighting, just because their building has windows. They have such a simple view of daylight that they don’t know how to think about it usefully,” says Lisa Heschong, architect and principal of the Heschong Mahone Group, a Sacramento-area firm specializing in building science research. The group has researched daylighting equipment and practices for 15 years, with a focus on California.

In order to truly expand the application of informed daylighting design practices, certain issues must be addressed. Today, the problems with this design approach include:

A SMALL BODY OF KNOWLEDGE. Most literature in the field is artistic, conceptual, or trend and fashion. Worse, some current architectural textbooks provide inaccurate information, extorting the artistic virtues of famous daylighting designs that are technically so bad they would cause a building to fail to qualify for LEED at all.

LIMITED EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. Few colleges of architecture have faculty with genuine daylighting expertise; and even fewer have artificial skies, helidons, and other systems for scale modeling and measuring daylighting performance. There is a tenuous acceptance of computer analysis and an unfortunate scale-modeling-versus-computer-modeling controversy brewing.

NO ESTABLISHED STANDARDS OF PRACTICE. Exceptional architects have learned to identify and employ daylighting consultants in a consistent manner, but for most architects, each project is a new experience where daylighting is concerned. Many design decisions are based on the architect’s intuition or artistic sense, rather than on serious analysis. For instance, how many new buildings in this hemisphere have light shelves on the north façade? (Answer: One is probably too many.)

NO ESTABLISHED STANDARDS FOR “HOW MUCH” DAYLIGHT. LEED 2.1 took a courageous step in requiring “a daylight factor of 2 percent for 75 percent of all space occupied for crucial visual tasks.” Yet “daylight factor,” according to the IESNA, is a “low-precision procedure ... generally used with overcast skies ... especially in Europe.” It is the...
wrong method for assessing daylighting under sunny skies and has only "some application in North America." (Fortunately, LEED's requirement for mechanical analysis ensures climatologic considerations, and the daylight factor requirement is unpopular and slated for change with the next LEED release.)

LIMITED ACCESS TO THE APPROPRIATE TOOLS. Architects have little access to daylighting design and analysis tools. For example, there are less than 20 artificial skies in North America.

NO COMMON LEXICON. There is no broadly accepted terminology for discussing daylight glare; and no accepted numerical system for predicting and evaluating it.

INABILITY OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEWERS TO JUDGE DAYLIGHTING DESIGNS ON PERFORMANCE. Some recently published "green" buildings employ exceptional daylighting, but in many it is a fantasy of architectural design and the gullibility of the writer.

Most of these failings are holdovers from twentieth-century daylighting design, in which glass became a new tool for architectural expression. Like most fellow lighting designers, I am an admirer of architecture and have often been thrilled by buildings using the medium as skin, roof and form. But I have also wondered how an architect could have chosen a particular fenestration treatment given the climatology of the site.

Even the most famous "green" architects have designed a solar oven or two. In twenty-first-century daylighting, we will rapidly resolve these issues and learn to design—and teach—daylighting solutions better. And many of the tools of the future will come from the field of architectural lighting. The most important current advances include:

- Next-generation lighting software that includes ray-tracing and radiosity methods to produce acceptably accurate calculations and compelling visuals with a fast—and comparatively easy—user interface.
- Photometric testing of high-performance skylighting systems to permit direct use of that data in lighting software in order to produce exacting results.
- Ongoing development of a glare metric that can be calculated along with illumination and other quantities.
- A methodology for predicting daylighting energy performance by predicting daylighting illumination performance.

There are, of course, a few good resources and expert practitioners out there, many of whom will be at Lightfair International's inaugural Daylighting Institute in Las Vegas this March. This is the first major North American daylighting program since 1986, and Lightfair organizers hope it will become the premier annual event in its field.

Owing to the Daylighting Institute, LEED, and other initiatives such as California's CHPS (Collaborative for High Performance Schools) and the Wisconsin Daylighting Collaborative, I expect that daylighting design technology will advance very rapidly in the next ten years. But until we get twenty-first-century daylighting, we need to be especially critical of buildings where technical measures are not used to objectively assess the design. Because we are still working with twentieth-century daylighting, there will continue to be buildings whose daylighting design story makes claims that won't stand up to the light of day.

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Paul Waitisky, manager of environmental affairs for Philips Lighting North America, puts it simply: "Mercury is an important environmental issue, so it should be a priority for all people who make lighting decisions." But recent developments including California's changes to the state's lamp disposal law—and the increasingly litigious nature of business—make it an especially current topic, particularly for lighting designers.

Responsible for both specifying lamps and advising clients, lighting professionals stand to become a resource on this subject for building owners. As environmental consciousness becomes a larger part of facilities construction and management, owners may see lamp recycling as an extension of sustainable design practices.

Pamela Horner, environmental marketing manager for Osram Sylvania's General Lighting Division, sees other important reasons for lighting professionals to take notice: "Designers are taking more responsibility for the life performance of the lighting system," she says. "And recycling is the responsible thing to do. In addition, if a designer can become knowledgeable about these issues, it can help that designer get his or her next project."

REGULATORY LANDSCAPE

Before 1990, owners disposed of spent lamps as ordinary garbage in the local municipal landfill. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) developed the Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) test to determine how toxic materials, including mercury, would leach in a landfill. Many lamps failed this test, resulting in their classification as hazardous waste with associated regulatory burdens under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). Owners, therefore, could only dispose of the lamps in a hazardous waste landfill, or recycle them using what was then a small, budding lamp recycling industry.

To encourage recycling, in January 2000, the EPA issued a ruling that added mercury-containing lamps to the federal list of "universal wastes," enabling these lamps to be covered under the Universal Waste Rule of 1995. Under this rule, universal wastes are hazardous wastes but with lighter regulatory requirements regarding storage, collection and transportation.

Owing to this update, owners now have the following options in states that have adopted federal rules:
- Manage spent lamps as hazardous waste
- Manage spent lamps as universal waste and recycle
- Use a lamp that is not characteristically hazardous and either recycle it or dispose of it as solid waste in a municipal landfill.

State regulations, however, can be stricter than federal regulations, and the stricter regulations always take precedence. Seven states, for example, have banned all mercury-containing lamps from their municipal landfills, requiring owners to either recycle or dispose of spent lamps as hazardous waste. These states are California, Connecticut, Florida, Maine, Minnesota, Rhode Island and Vermont. Pennsylvania has eliminated the small-quantity exemption for lamps, requiring all mercury-containing lamps to be disposed of according to prevailing regulations. The regulatory landscape is likely to continue shifting, says Peter Bleasby, director of industry relations and standards for Osram Sylvania.

MERCURY USE DECLINING

Many lamps today are no longer considered characteristically hazardous according to the EPA test. Not long after the introduction of TCLP, lamp manufacturers reduced the amount of mercury in their lamps and used other means to pass the TCLP test.

According to a 2000 National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) survey, lamp manufacturers reduced the total amount of mercury used in lamps from 24 tons in 440 million disposed lamps in 1990, to 17 tons in 620 million disposed lamps in 1999, a 29 percent decrease. NEMA projected that this trend would continue into 2004, forecasting a decrease to 13 tons of mercury contained in some 680 million disposed lamps. (Industry sources believe the forecast was off, that the amount of mercury is down to nine tons.)

Figure 1  Mercury released from lamp disposal in the U.S. between 1990 and 1999, with a forecast for 2004.

Figure 2  Average 4-foot fluorescent lamp's mercury content, between 1985 and 1999, with a forecast for 2004.
Lamp manufacturers were actually ahead of the EPA's TCLP mandate. They began reducing mercury content in lamps in 1985, to respond to Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) regulations limiting the amount of mercury in the workplace. According to NEMA, between 1985 and 1999, the average amount of mercury in a 4-foot lamp decreased from 48.2 milligrams to 11.6 milligrams. (See figure 2, page 23)

"It's interesting that mercury use has declined while lamp life and efficiency have improved," says Horner. She points out that it now takes the recycling of 50,000 4-foot fluorescent lamps, or 150,000 compact fluorescent lamps, to recover one pound of mercury. Today, she says, all lamp manufacturers use recycled mercury.

While manufacturers have continued to reduce the mercury content in their lamps, Horner believes that they are approaching the limit of what is practical. "There is an intricate relationship between light output, life and mercury," she says. "You can go too low."

The net effect of the lighting manufacturers enabling their lamps to be classified as non-hazardous waste under federal rules, however, is that many of these lamps still end up in landfills in many states, along with their much reduced but still existent mercury.

RECYCLING BENEFITS
Major lamp manufacturers have united within NEMA's Lamp Section to promote recycling across the country. "Everyone has a responsibility to be good environmental stewards," says Walitsky. "Despite the decreased amount of mercury in many fluorescent lamps, failing to recycle these lamps could potentially expose some mercury to the ecosystem." A recent downsizing of the federal recycling program has affected recycling activity around the country. NEMA reported that 10 percent of those surveyed did not recycle their lamps because of the program's downsizing. According to NEMA, about 2 percent of all grouped lamps in 1990 were recycled, less than 9 million lamps. By 1999, NEMA estimated that this had increased to 15 percent, or 93 million lamps. NEMA anticipated that 2004 would see 25 percent recycled, or 170 million lamps.

Paul Abernathy, executive director for the Association of Lighting and Mercury Recyclers (ALMR), believes that owners do not have enough information about their liabilities, regulatory responsibilities and options. "Nationally, the recycling rate is about 20 percent," he says. "Our industry has worked hard to inform lamp users of their recycling options. However, almost 80 percent of the mercury lamps are still disposed of into municipal garbage. Information about proper lamp management isn't getting to most people."

The main problem is that lamp recycling is not in and of itself profitable; therefore, the generator of the waste must pay for it. Tony Amaro, vice president of business development for EPSI, a recycling firm, says that the cost of recycling a 4-foot fluorescent lamp ranges from $0.35 to $1.50, depending on total quantity to be recycled and the other services provided. Amaro estimates that recycling represents about 3 to 4 percent of the total cost of a lighting retrofit. Osram Sylvania's Bleasby puts it another way: the cost of recycling is only 1 percent of the total cost of ownership of a lamp, adding that costs are coming down as the lamp recycling industry grows.

RISK MANAGEMENT
Many will see enough value in recycling to overcome the cost barrier. Owners that dispose of spent lamps as universal waste (CONTINUED ON PAGE 26)
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bound for recycling benefit by avoiding the regulatory hassles of treating the lamps as hazardous waste, and the uncertainty of putting them into a municipal landfill. In addition to keeping mercury out of the disposal stream and meeting regulations, owners who recycle can limit potential Superfund liability. The regulatory landscape at the state and local level is shifting. The most recent example of this is occurring in California, which had relied on the Total Threshold Limit Concentration (TTLIC) test, a variant of the TCLP, until it ruled that no mercury-containing lamps from businesses can be allowed into the state’s landfills after February 2004.

“The lesson is simply this, that just because it is legal today is no guarantee it will be so tomorrow,” says Amaro. “If the rules change and become more stringent in your state, will the company be liable for a clean-up?” Amaro says that if a facility puts out spent lamps, it is a potential generator of hazardous waste, and federal law states that the generator is responsible for it regardless of where it goes. If it ends up in the environment after its disposal in a landfill, the generator may face Superfund liability. “The waste owner will say, 'The lamps we disposed of were non-hazardous,‘” says Amaro. “The EPA will say, 'Prove it.' The owner would have little or no documentation to support their plea of innocence. So a decision to recycle is also about risk avoidance.”

When lamps are recycled by a qualified recycling firm, the owner receives a “Certificate of Recycling” that certifies that the lamps have been disposed of and that the resulting products have been returned to the economy for safe reuse. This certificate, along with shipping documents, demonstrates the chain of custody of the waste, virtually eliminating, says Amaro, the possibility of being cited for wrongdoing.

**PROMOTING RECYCLING**

In January 2003, NEMA announced that the members of its lamp section—EYE Lighting, GE Lighting, Osram Sylvania, Panasonic Lighting, Philips Lighting, Ushio America, Venture Lighting and Westinghouse—had adopted a nationwide program to label fluorescent and HID lamps that contain mercury, as well as their packaging, with the international symbol for mercury (Hg), and the statement, “Manage in accordance with disposal laws.” The package label refers the owner to NEMA’s www.lamprecycle.org, which offers state-specific disposal information, the names of companies that provide lamp recycling services, and a number for more information.

A big boost to lamp recycling education also came from the EPA, which recently allocated $2 million to promote the effort, with an $815,000 grant going to ALMR in partnership with NEMA and the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA). These organizations have developed the Lamp Recycle Outreach Program, which produces a CD that provides information on local disposal regulations, educational materials, and stringency comparisons of states to the Universal Waste Rule. ALMR has also launched a website with relevant information: www.almr.org.

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Product: Greene Series
Classic Mission-style architectural cues characterize this family of products. Available as a pendant (in three sizes), wall sconce and ceiling mounted, the product features an extruded frame and a variety of diffuser options. Multiple lamping options including compact fluorescent are available. Compact fluorescent pendants include aluminum fins on their wire body, which acts as a heat sink, drawing heat away from the interior components and lamps, for longer life and heat-sensitive dimming.

ORIGINAL CAST LIGHTING | WWW.THEOCL.COM
Product: Odyssey
This industrial-looking pendant incorporates energy-efficient fluorescent lamping and a lightweight prismatic acrylic dome. The Odyssey is available in a variety of powder-coated paint colors. CIRCLE 117

NEW WEST FURNITURE | WWW.NEWWEST.COM
Product: Teepee and Pinecone
Featuring intricately cut steel bodies with mica lenses, these chandeliers depict scenes that come to life when illuminated. CIRCLE 121

LBL LIGHTING | WWW.LBLLIGHTING.COM
Product: Stingray
The Stingray wall fixture features luminous faceplates in heavy-gauge formed and powder-coated aluminum. Soft flowing curves or square-shaped faces mount interchangeably to the company’s all-aluminum powder-coated backplate. Custom metal face designs such as logos are available. CIRCLE 118

NUF DESIGN | WWW.NUFDESIGN.COM
Product: Ori
The Ori collection utilizes EVA foam to create organic sculptures reminiscent of pods or otherworldly coral reefs. The foam material provides diffuse light, resulting in intricate patterns of shadows and illumination. Available in white, the collection includes floor, table and pendant luminaires. CIRCLE 119

TERRA FURNITURE | WWW.TERRAFURNITURE.COM
Product: Rainforest (shown left)
Designed to mimic the ferns and fronds of nature, the Rainforest collection is weather resistant and rust free, and is available with 100 percent acrylic Sunbrella fabrics.

Product: Teak (not shown)
Intended for patio, deck or poolside entertainment areas, the smooth teak floor lamp has a 14-inch-square shelf for placing refreshments. The teak is offered in natural, oiled and pickled finishes. The shade is 100 percent brass. CIRCLE 122

Product: Milan Pendant
Gently curved outer panels impart a delicate appearance to the Milan pendant. The aluminum panels that surround an acrylic diffuser are available in five standard designs, but are also customizable. The laser-cut panel element creates a variety of effects depending on the design, which can be further enhanced with a selection of suspension options: aircraft cable, angled rods and standard single stems. Several lamping options are available; the compact fluorescent pendants have an interior assembly that dissipates heat thus increasing component life. CIRCLE 120

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MARTIN ARCHITECTURAL | WWW.MARTIN.COM

Product: Cyclo 04 DMX Wallwasher
This recessed fluorescent wallwasher with RGB color mixing generates both white and colored light. It features extended color control, and the full gamut of color is achieved by combining four dimmable T5 fluorescents—the primary colors red, green, and blue, and an additional neutral white tube of 4000K. Optical technology and reflectors enable premium color distribution. It can be controlled with an external DMX controller or with built-in programming capability. A decorative diffuser front lens is also available. CIRCLE 123

LIGHTOLIER | WWW.LIGHTOLIER.COM

Product: Soli
Soli is a linear statement that accents interior elements through light and silhouette. Designed to evoke the illusion of floating, the optical diffuser is offered in etched glass or translucent white acrylic. The Soli series of luminaires is available as a sconce, or as a 2-, 3- or 4-foot T5 scale fixture. Options include dimming, emergency and DALI protocol compatibility. CIRCLE 124

TECH LIGHTING | WWW.TECHLIGHTING.COM

Product: Tigris Mirror
The company has expanded its Tigris mirror line to include rectangular and oval variations. All versions are ADA compliant and feature a mirror surface surrounded by a cove that delivers shadow-free task and ambient light. The mirror can be either recessed or surface mounted.

Product: Vino Pendant
Tech Lighting has introduced eight new fixtures to its line of pendants, including Fab, Firebird, Gem, Mini Melrose, Mini Ovation, Pleat, Waffle and Vino (shown). Vino has a textured murano glass shade that comes in multiple colors. CIRCLE 125

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ECLIPSE LIGHTING | WWW.ECLIPSELIGHTING.COM
Product: Galileo Series
The Galileo series is now available in ADA-compliant X-large versions: 18 inches, 21 inches, or 30 inches long. The Gravura custom engraving option (shown), also recently added, provides distinctive illuminated identification options for the Galileo family of fixtures, including logos, directional signals, and corporate or retail color schemes. Galileo luminaires are constructed for both indoor and outdoor use, with compact fluorescent, HID and induction light sources. CIRCLE 127

FABBIAN | WWW.FABBIAN.COM
Product: Bungee
The Bungee is a taut, transparent ceiling-mounted cable with sliding, rotating lights. Halogen light sources provide a narrow beam for concentrated light. The fixture has a foot-operated on/off switch. CIRCLE 128

BOYD | WWW.BOYDLIGHTING.COM
Product: Rings Pendant
Designed by Doyle Crosby, Rings is 32 1/2 inches in diameter, with a bowl depth of 8 inches. Height options vary from 30 inches to 48 inches. The brass arms that contain the etched white opal acrylic are available in brass, gold, nickel or antique finishes. Lamping options include both incandescent and fluorescent. CIRCLE 129

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DELTA LIGHT | WWW.FADLIGHTING.COM
Product: Be Cool Collection
The Be Cool pendants and sconces feature twin opal optical-grade polycarbonate tubes that provide diffuse light from T5 lamps. The collection recently won an IF Design Award. CIRCLE 131

ARTEMIDE | WWW.ARTEMIDE.COM
Product: Lyra Disc (top)
Available as a ceiling- or wall-mounted luminaire, the Lyra Disc features an opal glass diffuser. Anodized aluminum and stainless-steel fittings for rust-free construction make the fixture applicable to exterior and interior applications. The luminaire is available in two sizes and for either an incandescent or fluorescent light source.

Product: Ti(h)rough
Designed by Andrea Anastasio, this pendant incorporates seven luminous spheres partially inserted through a round glass plate. A silicone cap protects the rear part of lamps. Three steel cables suspend the fixture from the ceiling, while the sinuous wires from the light sources gracefully intertwine. CIRCLE 132

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MARK ARCHITECTURAL LIGHTING | WWW.MARKLIGHTING.COM

Product: Magellan

Magellan is a translucent concave dome encircled with a narrow trim. The downlight is suitable for both sheetrock and lay-in ceilings, and comes in 12-inch, 48-inch, 36-inch and 48-inch diameters. Lamp options are T5, T8 and compact fluorescent. CIRCLE 142

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Product: Big Lights

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Product: Aleron

The Aleron series of linear luminaires uses a single T5HO lamp to obtain efficiencies greater than 92 percent. The design includes an extruded aluminum housing and frosted acrylic lens. Aleron also has an optional Lytespan track feature, so accent lighting can be integrated into the system. CIRCLE 144

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Product: DL Series

The trimless option for the DL series downlights allows the ceiling finish to end at the edge of the lighted opening for a pristine construction appearance. The fixtures do not require a trim to finish the ceiling opening. A set back flange is provided around the perimeter of the fixtures to allow for 5/8-inch gypsum board construction to butt against the fixture. DL series downlights are also available in standard configurations for T-Bar and flanged hard-ceiling installations. The rectangular units utilize linear and compact fluorescent lamps and are provided with a frosted lens or parallel blade louver. CIRCLE 145

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Product: Symphony

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ENERGIE | WWW.ENERGIELIGHTING.COM

Product: Hyperplate

From Belgian company Wever & Ducre and available in the United States through Energie, Hyperplate is a small-scale ceiling-mounted spotlight featuring two or four adjustable heads. The product is available with a natural aluminum finish. CIRCLE 147

LIGHTOLIER | WWW.LIGHTOLIER.COM

Product: Perimeter Trough System

The product is a recessed linear system that accommodates T5 as well as T8 linear fluorescent lamps to achieve a continuous and uniform illumination along a wall. The trough system has a small aperture and uses adjustable sections to create the continuous look. Shielding options include a parabolic or straight blade louver, prismatic lenses or open aperture. CIRCLE 148
SPECIALTY LIGHTING | WWW.SPECIALTYLIGHTINGINDUSTRIES.COM
Product: 1005
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ARTEMIDE | WWW.ARTEMIDE.COM
Product: Andromeda
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ELECTRIX | WWW.ELECTRIX.COM
Product: HX Series
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Product: Fraim
The Fraim series showcases an ultra-thin profile (5/8 inch) that houses a unique optical control system. The company's patented L3 Linear Light Lens integrates and wraps around the T5 lamps. Fraim is available in one-, two- or three-lamp pendants and a one-lamp wall-mounted version. CIRCLE 170

Product: Lunos Perf
The Lunos Perf direct/indirect pendant couples translucent acrylic or faux alabaster diffusers with perforated metal lamp shields. The fixture's center mounting (by two stems of aircraft cable), and the use of single-ended twin-tube fluorescent lamps, creates luminous diffuser ends without socket shadow or mounting obstructions. The fixture provides 30 percent uplight and 70 percent downlight. CIRCLE 171

Product: Twelve
The Twelve family of luminaires addresses the need for direct/indirect fixtures in spaces with lower ceiling heights. Equipped with the company's Ceiling Uniformity Filter and a 115-degree low-beam optic, Twelve hangs just 12 inches from the ceiling; rows can be positioned 12 feet to 14 feet apart. The product is available in 4-foot and 8-foot lengths, with T5 and T5HO lamps, and may be joined in continuous rows. CIRCLE 172

Product: Tool
A simple combination of a square form (a 1-inch extruded aluminum channel) and a circle (a T8 fluorescent lamp). Tool can be mounted as a ceiling or wall fixture, hung as a pendant, or fitted with a baffle or an asymmetric reflector—satisfying a number of application situations. From Swiss manufacturer Regent, the product is available here through Energie. CIRCLE 173

Product: DDI
DDI is a direct/indirect surface-mounted luminaire for spaces where a pendant will not work and parabolics would be too dark. (However, the fixture is also available as a pendant.) DDI’s arched wings reflect light horizontally across the ceiling. The diffuser can be fitted with radial louvers, while a perforated reflector provides 5 percent uplight in suspended applications. The fixture is made of heavy-gauge steel, which is die-formed, welded and powder-coated. CIRCLE 174

Product: Lightedge Rectangular
Lightedge Rectangular is a direct/indirect fixture featuring a low profile (1 1/2 inches) and a narrow width (8 1/8 inches). The product also includes Peerless’ exclusive GrateOptic technology, which captures and distributes the direct light component to cast a pattern across the diffuser surface, complementing Lightedge’s linear form while softening the light source for visual comfort below. The luminaire is also available as an indirect or a wall-mounted source. CIRCLE 175
**Lightspace**

**Website:** [WWW.BOYDLIGHTING.COM](http://WWW.BOYDLIGHTING.COM)

**Product:** Cartesian

Lightspace, a new division of Boyd Lighting, features a line of slim indirect luminaires. Its Cartesian pendants celebrate the principle of 90-degree angles with their geometric shape. The slender design (1 1/2 inches wide by 1 1/4 inches high) makes the luminaire appropriate for low-ceiling spaces or for areas where sightline is important. The luminaire utilizes two 54W T5 lamps, and is available in a 52-inch and a 99-inch length. CIRCLE 176

**Derungs Medical Lighting**

**Website:** [WWW.WALDMANNLIGHTING.COM](http://WWW.WALDMANNLIGHTING.COM)

**Product:** Amadea

Derungs Medical Lighting, a division of Waldmann Lighting, has introduced the Amadea line of modular wall fixtures for hospital beds, featuring several light distribution options to meet both patient and staff needs, including direct/indirect, direct, and a night light. Available in two lengths (36 and 48 inches) and with a variety of lamp options, the fixture can be managed with a remote control, which can also be connected to the nursing call system. CIRCLE 177

**Mark Architectural Lighting**

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**Product:** Slot 6, Slot 2

The Slot 6 (bottom) is a 6-inch-wide unit with recessed panels. It can be arranged in a continuous row, and is available with T8 or T5 lamps and MR16 downlights. A narrower version, the Slot 2 (top) has a 2-inch-wide slot. Its white shielding element can be either regressed or flush mounted. The fixture takes T5 or T5HO lamps, which can be maintained using the company’s patent-pending “pull-down” relamping system. CIRCLE 178

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Product: Weblight
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This three-way compact fluorescent lamp provides three distinct light levels—low (50W), medium (100W), and high (150)—as an energy-efficient option to the three-way incandescent. The lamp is available in 32W SpringLamp, 33W T6 circline and 40W T6 circline versions, and has an average rated performance life of 10,000 hours.

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Product: MasterColor
The 320W MasterColor pulse-start ceramic metal halide lamp is designed to provide superior color performance and improved lumen maintenance compared to standard switch-start metal halide lamps. It operates with a 90 CRI rating, 80 percent lumen maintenance and 15,000-hour rated life. CIRCLE 183

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Product: ROVR
ROVR, a series of fluorescent lamp ballasts, is fully compatible with the industry protocol DALL. Using DALL-compliant ballasts, lighting systems can remember and execute programmed commands. The ROVR ballast utilizes the proprietary IntelliVolt multiple-voltage technology and is currently available for compact fluorescent, T5HO and four-lamp T8 fluorescent lamps. CIRCLE 184

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Product: CMH PAR Lamp
The CMH 20W PAR20 and PAR30 are designed for retail accent lighting. Spot and flood versions, when evaluated against halogen, provide almost twice the light output, up to three times the rated life, and as little as half the energy consumption. Performance characteristics include 1,200 lumens, 7,500-hour rated life and 80+ CRI. CIRCLE 185

THHC LIGHTING | WWW.XELOGEN.COM

Product: S.C. Bayonet Lamp
Intended for landscape lighting applications, the S.C. Bayonet lamp is available with the same specification as THHC’s Xelogen T5 Wedge Base. Both lamps are available in 12V/4W (7W, 11W, 13W and 18W). Xelogen lamps provide longer lamp life, higher color temperature, lower heat and safer handling. CIRCLE 188

VENTURE LIGHTING | WWW.VENTURELIGHTING.COM

Product: Quint-Volt
The Opti-Wave Quint-Volt ballast optimizes performance of Venture Lighting’s line of the Uni-Form pulse-start metal halide lamps. The ballast offers improved lumen maintenance, efficiency and color uniformity, and up to 105 lumens per watt over the course of the lamp’s rated life. It features five taps for input voltages, and its frame size is the same as the quad-tap CWA ballast. CIRCLE 187

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Product: GE Tetra BT
The GE Tetra BT is an energy-efficient LED border tube system designed to replace neon in interior and exterior border lighting applications, offering 80 percent energy savings compared to neon. Made of weather-, impact- and UV-resistant material, the product’s modular quick-snap design features pre-manufactured corners and easy-to-cut 8-foot sections. Depending on color, this low-voltage system uses only six 1.0-watt or 1.5-watt LED modules per foot of Tetra Strip. Installation requires no gluing or soldering. CIRCLE 188
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Product: Icetron
The Icetron electrodeless lamp/ballast system has an average rated lamp life of up to 100,000 hours for standard colors owing to its usage of magnetic-induction technology instead of electrodes at each end of the lamp tube. The system is now available in blacklight and 5000K versions. The Icetron lamps have also been designated TCLP compliant, classifying them as nonhazardous waste for easier disposal.

Product: Quicktronic DALI
Osram Sylvania has added Quicktronic DALI to its family of controllable fluorescent lighting systems. The system works with the company’s Octron T8, Pentron T5 and Pentron T5HO, from a 1.0 ballast factor to a .01 ballast factor. CIRCLE 192

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This centralized lighting control system brings integration, control, and energy management advantages to any size project. It offers advanced hardware capabilities and customizable user interfaces for flexible integration of dimming, switching, motorized draperies and shades, and daylighting. Building operations are streamlined with energy monitoring and management features. Floor-plan-based software and a graphic user interface provide central, local and personal control options with customizable access privileges. CIRCLE 193

LEVITON | WWW.LEVITON.COM
Product: LVT301
The a-2000-24 modular dimming cabinet provides the performance and reliability of high-end theatrical dimming systems—for architectural applications. Easy to install and service, the a-2000-24 cabinets include up to 24 dimmer channels, rated at 2400W per channel, and are stackable to provide up to 48 dimmers with a single power feed. Its 4-inch-deep, ADA-compliant profile fits between two stud widths. The microprocessor-based control circuitry is compatible with a wide variety of non-fluorescent and fluorescent lighting loads. CIRCLE 194
All Fiber Optics Are Not The Same!
What fiber optics work where, what to look for and what to avoid.

In what has become a “Lightfair” tradition, Ruth Ellen Miller, President and co-founder of NoUVIR Research, Delaware Business Person of the Year 2000, and a Magna Cum Laude graduate with a college teaching credential in Art and Design, tells us what is going on in one of the newest technologies in lighting. Here she deals with the pitfalls of specifying fiber optic lighting. Featured on PBS Small Business School, Ruth Ellen also teaches, lectures, and is a published author on lighting.

— Matthew Scott

MS: People use “fiber optic lighting” as a generic term. Is it? REM: Only the way “electric lighting” is. There are so many variations in materials, technology and performance that the words “fiber optic” alone doesn’t give a designer or a customer much usable information.

MS: Let’s start with the differences in materials. REM: There are three basic materials used for optical fiber: glass, pmma acrylic and softened polymer plastics called “solid core.” You can also separate optical liber as a designer or a customer much usable information. You can also separate optical liber as a design cost and lead time. It also limits flexibility both during and after an installation.

Glass is expensive: $10.00 or more a foot isn’t unusual. And because it’s stranded, you can’t focus it tightly. If you do, you’ll see an image of the ends of the strands with all the dark spaces where the epoxy holds the fiber together. You’d also see all of the snapped and broken strands. Poor focus means heads need to be close to the objects illuminated. That means more fiber, and more cost.

What about solid core optical fiber?

REM: You find solid core as a neon replacement for effects lighting in pools and ponds. I don’t recommend it for end use. It’s too soft to polish and has very high transmission losses - 5% or more a foot. What is worse, everything we have tested has been very photosensitive. It yellows rapidly under high intensity use. If you use solid core fiber, make sure you get a really solid warranty. And even then, design thinking so that the fiber can be easily replaced every couple of years.

MS: Leaves acrylic fiber. Is that what NoUVIR uses? REM: Yes. Pmma, polymethyl methacrylate fiber is the most efficient transmitter of visible light for the industry. But grade is important. Cheaper fiber will have inclusions that lower efficiency. The aerospace-grade we use has a loss of only 0.76% a foot. That means 30 or 40 feet runs are no problem. Glass fibers can’t do that. We use solid 1/8-inch (3-mm) fiber. It is the acrylic used for jet fighter canopies. It’s really durable.

It’s cross section gives you a lot more light carrying capability than stranded fiber. There are no inefficient gaps between the strands. And retail, even aerospace-grade solid acrylic fiber is less expensive than stranded acrylic. NoUVIR fiber is $1.00 a foot. The last 1/8-inch stranded acrylic I bought was $1.60 a foot. Part of the lower cost is because solid acrylic fiber does not need to be jacketed. On a side note, acrylic is inert. It’s a safe material to use in museums and inside cases. Internal case lighting is a great fiber optic application. But the PVC jacketing on most stranded fiber outgasses chlorine compounds. A good museum won’t knowingly allow PVCs in exhibit spaces.

Best of all, solid acrylic can be cut and polished in seconds in the field. And, unlike stranded fiber, it focuses. Couple it with a fiber optic reflector and the right optics, patented of course, and you get awesome adjustable beams with no spill or scatter.

These light sources can give you pure-white, even 5° beams that zoom with all of the light inside the beam. This type of control is revolutionary in lighting.

MS: Now you have moved into technology. REM: I guess I have. Acrylic is the most efficient optical material. It transmits visible light wonderfully. But it’s opaque to infrared and ultraviolet. So an acrylic fiber system is IR and UV free. This is great, full spectrum visible light with no garbage. But it makes technology very important.

Since acrylic absorbs infrared energy, you can burn it. Get it too hot and it melts and turns brown. By the way, solid core and the epoxy in glass fiber will melt and turn brown too. So, you need to take out all of the heat at the projector before it gets to the fiber or the fiber won’t last.

A few months ago I bought a new stranded-acrylic system for testing. The factory sales rep told me, “Leave a five-foot service loop” so that when the “fiber carmelizes” I could cut off the damaged portion and reinsert it.” It’s even in their manual! The word “caramelized” made me chuckle, but adding five extra feet to burn isn’t sweet, it’s terrible. And what do you do when the five feet is gone?

NoUVIR gives a ten-year warranty against any yellowing or loss of transmission. We can do that, because we take out all of the heat, all the IR, at the projector. That’s technology, not clever marketing terms! That’s 10-years of research and 23 U.S. Patents in operation.

MS: You’re talking performance and quality. How do you measure fiber optic performance?

REM: At the end of the fiber, where you use the light. The most powerful projector in the world doesn’t mean you’ll have bright fiber. It might just cook things faster. Many companies deal with heat by defocusing their beams or using area sources. An in line focus $12.00 halogen projection lamp is brighter than an out-of-focus $200.00 HID, even in a custom reflector.

You have to be able to take out the heat. We do.

MS: Ruth Ellen, bottom line, how does an architect or lighting designer determine performance before they specify or install something that doesn’t work well?

REM: Get full data on their products; mechanical specs, spectral distributions, and complete photometry. If you can’t easily determine how much light each fiber will provide over how much area or exactly how bright a given lumen will be at a given distance on a given length of fiber, somebody is trying to cheat you. It’s the same with prices. They should be up front, uniform and easy to find. All these things ought to be in a catalog in your hand.

Compare job costs, not individual hardware items. Saving on a piece of hardware doesn’t mean a thing if you have to buy three times the hardware to do a project. A good supplier will put all the information you need into your hands before you specify.

Look at warranties, especially fiber warranties. Companies know how good their products are. Protect your reputation. Don’t spec a looser.

Simplest of all, call me at NoUVIR Research. I’ll send you our 130-page catalog. It has all of the information you could possibly need, including design information, full specifications, photometry, prices and our 10-year warranty. Side by side, nothing beats NoUVIR!
The CLW DIMS is a standalone wall box dimmer that can be an extension of the Crestron home control, since each includes an isolated two-wire nonpolarized Cresnet port. Dimmers will operate on their own when Cresnet data is not available. The system’s automatic back-up insures a zero-failure rate, according to the company.

Product: D3 Pro
The D3 Pro lighting, HVAC and security programming software allows designers to enter lighting load schedules, and then specify equipment and programs keypads and touchpanels. The product features an astronomical clock and the ability to link touchpanels, keypads, wireless remote and the Internet to lighting and climate control modules. Other systems, such as HVAC and security systems, can also be integrated. CIRCLE 189

The DT-300 series dual technology occupancy sensor offers 360 degrees of coverage. Ultrasonic sensing technology offers an evenly distributed signal and, thus, detection of all levels of motion. DT-300 accommodates occupancy usage patterns with SmartSet technology. CIRCLE 190

The LVT 301 is a 300W DC electronic transformer designed for open conductor systems. Utilizing a micro controller, the unit allows cable or rail systems to meet the new UL 2108 open-conductor standard. This transformer works silently with halogen systems, using both incandescent and electronic low-voltage dimmers. CIRCLE 191

Luxo’s award-winning designs span beyond task lights. The new Onda is a stunning example of Luxo’s inspiring new line of interior luminaires. Whether you’re specifying a decorative pendant, direct/indirect wall sconce, or simply a freestanding luminaire, Luxo now offers the perfect complement to any commercial interior, as well as any office task. Ask about our new collection of asymmetrical task lights. Attend one of our Ergonomics of Lighting seminars. See why everyone’s talking about Luxo.

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Ilight Technologies introduces a white Plexineon LED that comes in three different Kelvin temperatures (one cool and two warm), and can also be custom ordered to a specific Kelvin temperature. The product uses blue LEDs and a patent-pending light conversion system that produces various white color temperatures across the color spectrum with a five-plus-year life span. The light is available in standard straight lengths of 2 to 8 feet, and custom lengths and slight curves are available. The housing is fabricated from a UV- and impact-resistant acrylic diffuser and a UV-resistant plastic channel in various colors. CIRCLE 203

Line Linear Luminaire
Line is an exterior LED-based linear luminaire with superior beam performance and fixture efficiency. Four optic configurations (10, 30, 60 and asymmetrical) offer focused beam control for a variety of exterior and interior applications. Color options include red, green, blue, amber and cool and warm white light. LINE is an excellent solution for applications where light pollution and light trespass are an issue. CIRCLE 204

Metamorphosis DUO Projector
A joint venture between Space Cannon VH and Luxeon Technology, the Metamorphosis DUO is a projector suitable to both interior and exterior applications. The housing is fabricated from noncorrosive aluminum in a gray finish. It meets CE, UL and CSA safety standards. The powered light source Luxeon has a life span of 100,000 hours and is fully dimmable. Blue, red and green LEDs enable a range of colors. The beam control has both an electronic dimmer and strobe, and a variable color temperature from 3000K to 6500K. Features include a built-in power supply, symmetric and asymmetric beam shaping, and delay and DMX control. CIRCLE 205

Mood Light Reflector
Building on the Mood Light line, the Mood Light Reflector is a mirror-finished, color-changing LED panel. An energy-efficient light source, the reflector is 19 1/2 inches square and 2 3/4 inches thick, and incorporates ultra-bright LEDs with millions of RGB colors of variable intensity; the source has a life expectancy of about 50,000 hours. The reflector is available in RF remote-controlled or DMX-compatible models. A modular panel, the remote-controlled Reflector panel can be connected with additional panels to form multiple compositions. It can be wall mounted, ceiling suspended, or built into furniture, floors and walls. Signage options can also be incorporated. CIRCLE 206

Sierra Light Column
HessAmerica has incorporated LEDs into its Sierra light column and bollard. Virtually maintenance free, the lighted section of the fixture can be illuminated with red, green, blue or amber LEDs. The Sierra is ideal for entrances and pathway delineation. Fabricated from a heavy-duty aluminum extrusion, it is also available with an easily accessible T6 metal halide lamp. A specially frosted lens uniformly diffuses light along the entire column. Standard finish options are matte silver-gray metallic, graphite gray metallic, or black. Special colors are also available. CIRCLE 207

LED Linear Light
OptiLED's LED linear light combines optical technology and advanced LEDs creating extremely focused beams of light, that save 85 percent more energy than conventional bulbs, remain cool to the touch and can be installed near flammable materials. The fixture operates on any existing voltage system and has a standard base so it can easily be retrofitted, rotating up to 180 degrees. Built-in microdiffusers direct light at various beam angles in elliptical or spherical patterns with lower loss of light, and a built-in power supply improves data transmission. An LP-tailored optical system is used for color mixing. A protective lens cover resists UV damage, scratching and condensation. CIRCLE 208
Zumtobel Staff Lighting has added two models—color changing and outdoor—to its line of Ledos LED luminaires. The RGB integrated control technology allows color-changing effects. The advanced diffuser provides even color distribution from red, blue and green LEDs. These options are available in a round or square style and can be installed in floors, ceilings and walls. Die-cast aluminum housings are available with stainless-steel or powder-coated titanium faceplates. The fixtures use Color Kinetics patented Chromacore technology.

Product: iColor Tile FX
A tile-like system that applies proprietary Chromasic technology to individually control 144 tricolor LED nodes for decorative wall and ceiling effects. The fine-grained control makes it possible to create images with light—from morphing color waves to animated objects, logos and customized patterns.

Product: iColor Flex SL
A multipurpose LED-based strand that applies Chromatic technology to generate effects that can span thousands of controllable light nodes without the constraints of fixture size, shape or space. The product is available as an independent system, a building block for large multisystem installations, or as a component for custom fixtures.

Product: Light System Manager
An integrated software/hardware solution engineered to enable large-scale and intricately designed installations that exceed the limitations of today's lighting programming and network protocols. From the stage and themed environments to architectural applications, this software facilitates the management, authoring and control of show effects that span multiple DMX universes and scale to tens of thousands of individually controlled LED-based nodes.

Product: Destiny CG
The Destiny Series provides specialized tools for using color and color-changing light to model and accentuate architectural forms. The Destiny CG is a luminaire that provides a surface-graze function, offering a smooth gradient of dynamic color-changing light to accentuate both the architectural element and the surface texture. This luminaire, with its integral power supply, offers asymmetric projection for lighting effects.

Product: Destiny CV
Destiny CV provides an even surface glow and paint-with-color function, offering an asymmetric throw from a concealed linear source. It provides a farther throw of light than today's conventional cove luminaires, and a continuous sheet of light. Destiny CV controls over-brightness at the mounting point, inches away from the target surface.

Product: Destiny DL
Destiny DL provides a direct view function, offering a level of brightness while maintaining the uniformity of a continuous linear element of color. Dynamic color-change effects with a resolution of 12 inches are contained in a luminaire designed to delineate architectural structures.

Product: Galileo Sconces
The Galileo family of sconces now includes color-changing LEDs among its lamping options. Galileo sconces come in a variety of styles, range in size from 9 inches to 54 inches tall, and are available in round, triangular and rectangular shapes. Built for outdoor or indoor use, the fixture is available with a choice of LED color-changing lamps and energy-efficient compact fluorescent, HID and induction lighting sources. Additional options include up/down wallwashing and the company's Perflex perforated brightness-control panels.
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Product: Luxaura Light Guide
Luxaura Light Guide is a rigid, co-extruded three-part structure composed of the outer cladding, an acrylic polymer core and a specially designed reflector strip that radiates light. It enables designers to choose the diameter, length, shape and color of the optical rod illuminated by LED light source. The clear, UV-resistant solid-core rod can be shaped, once heated. It is available in 6.5mm, 10mm and 14mm diameter sizes. Easily cut with conventional tools, it is designed to provide uniform illumination for a rod length up to 6 feet, and operate on 12V to 14V of direct current available either through batteries or household current with the use of an AC/DC adapter. CIRCLE 213

DUO-GARD | WWW.DUO-GARD.COM
Product: Opti-LED Spotlight
Opti-Spot is a solid-state, low-voltage, high-power adjustable LED spotlight. The product incorporates silicon and other optical spheres, along with optical coatings. Color-change capabilities create design versatility in this powerful, long-distance projection. Opti-Spot is available in a variety of housing shapes and materials, and can be custom configured. The product can integrate solar technology as its power supply. CIRCLE 214

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Product: Stealth Step Light
The Stealth step and path light is designed for use with LED, Xenon or fiber optic sources. The compact 2 3/4-inch-square fixture casts an elongated beam and is made of solid bronze for outdoor conditions. A single 1W LED or a single 3W Xenon source will power the fixture. The fiber optic version requires a remote illuminator with a 100W metal halide lamp, which will transmit light for up to 50 Stealth fixtures. CIRCLE 250

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In the 1990s, the trend towards energy efficiency followed a pattern of integration from components to fixtures. The vision was to integrate the most efficient lamps, ballasts and lighting control methods into a single fixture. This later expanded to incorporate both facility-wide and occupant dimming for its effect on savings, flexibility, and worker satisfaction and motivation. This vision has been realized with a generation of "intelligent fixtures" from manufacturers such as Cooper, Lightolier and Ledalite. Each manufacturer has chosen a distinct product strategy to provide real choices in cost and capability.

All intelligent fixtures integrate an intelligent dimming ballast that allows programming and control of individual fixtures, and connects them to a central or local interface, which allows a focus on the fixtures instead of on the control system. Depending on the manufacturer, these products are very similar in function. However, the models are available that integrate sensors for occupancy-based dimming or switching, as well as daylight and lumen-maintenance dimming. Together, these products present an effective way to increase application flexibility and worker satisfaction, while reducing energy costs and demand charges.

IGEN FROM LIGHTOLIER

In 2001, Lightolier announced its first intelligent fixture, Agili-T, which features plug-and-play installation, integral sensor technology, multiple optics and a control system that uses the existing LAN. At Lightfair 2003, the company unveiled a line of fixtures called iGEN that uses Digital Addressable Lighting Interface (DALI), an open protocol that controls the operation of ballasts.

iGEN is available as an option in most Lightolier brands, including linear, recessed, compact and select decorative fixture types. It represents more than 700 products able to cover most of the lighting in a typical commercial building.

The iGEN system starts with a digital ballast that is compatible with DALI. This enables all of the ballasts in a lighting system to be networked together and to control interfaces, such as networked PCs and wallbox controllers. Each ballast is given a unique address in the network so that it can be individually controlled or ganged in groups. For example, groups of fixtures can be told to dim to different levels according to the time of day. Occupants can also control local lighting through their workstation PCs, at nearby wallbox interfaces, or with handheld remotes. In addition, iGEN fixtures can talk back, providing energy monitoring capability and maintenance information, such as lamp and ballast failure alerts. Other controls can be integrated into the network, as long as they speak DALI. Many of these fixtures can also be specified with an integrated sensor to switch or dim based on occupancy.

"Using the standard DALI protocol, Lightolier is not inventing another system for the industry to figure out," says Damon Wood, manager of market development for Lightolier iGEN. "And as DALI installations proliferate, addressable lighting will become the norm rather than the exception. With multiple component manufacturers producing DALI-compliant products, concerns about proprietary solutions vanish. DALI is evolving to the point where virtually any degree of lighting control is possible." He also sees DALI as a step toward lighting system integration (via a gateway) with building control systems that use BACnet, LonWorks, EIB and other protocols.

While digital lighting networks are often seen as complex, Wood believes iGEN overcomes this barrier. "By putting the intelligence inside the fixture—using addressable ballasts and integrated sensors—complications regarding component compatibility and complex control wiring have been eliminated," he says. "Because the two-wire iGEN communication circuit is located in the same conduit with the line-voltage conductors, we can use five-wire modular cables to simultaneously connect the iGEN fixture to both power and digital communication circuits." Using these cables, iGEN fixtures and controls can be easily added, removed or relocated.

"Our current data shows over 75 percent of commands are to lower light levels, not raise them," says Wood. "In addition, we are providing a platform for the future so that other energy-saving strategies can be implemented, such as load shedding or daylight harvesting. We want the owner to know that his investment will continue to grow as the technology grows."

DLS BY COOPER LIGHTING

DLS stands for Digital Lighting System, an option available across seven Cooper brands that enables the fixtures to be tied together in a multi-scene dimming control system via inclusion of an intelligent dimming ballast. This includes linear and compact fluorescent, incandescent and magnetic low-voltage fixtures.

Cooper's strategy was to introduce intelligence into these brands while keeping the specification process focused on the fixture. The specifier selects a fixture with a DLS ballast, then selects control stations and remotes as needed. "The control intelligence resides in the ballast so the lighting design process and specifications remain with the fixture," says William Johnson, marketing manager for Cooper Lighting. "And the system cost with DLS is in the fixture package, so only minimal additional cost is required for the control stations and remotes."

The control system is comprised of the fixture/ballast, the IR receiver/control station and a handheld remote, which provide preset and occupant dimming capabilities. It is designed to work out of the box: each ballast is pre-programmed with five scenes, and is set for Zone 1 so the fixtures dim as a group; this can be modified through the use of a master handheld remote called the "Wizard," "Scroerer" or "Apprentice" remotes allow occupants personal dimming control.
The fixtures are daisy-chained to wall- or ceiling-mounted control stations using two low-voltage wires. Up to 12 zones and 12 scenes can be programmed, and up to 10 control stations can be used for control of up to 250 ballasts on a single control wire run. Separate zone control (home-run) wiring is not required.

"DLS eliminates the complex wiring schemes normally associated with zone wiring," says Johnson. "Scalability comes into play when additional control stations and zone programming are needed. No special control wiring other than the T-tap daisy-chain is needed to add controls or fixtures up to 250 ballasts."

He says that the elimination of separate zone control wiring makes DLS a good value for spaces where multi-scene dimming is usually considered too costly.

Cooper announced two new additions to the DLS option: an occupancy sensor interface and biaxial dimming ballasts. The interface allows the DLS system to work with any occupancy sensor and switchpack combination; the relay output of the switchpack is wired to the interface. Light levels during occupancy and non-occupancy can be set at the default mode.

ERGOLIGHT BY LEDALITE

Ledalite Architectural Products' contribution to the intelligent fixtures arena is Ergolight, a direct/indirect optical system. The Ergolight fixture, incorporating task-oriented (direct) and ambient (indirect) light components, was designed to provide 50 footcandles at the work surface while minimizing glare on computer screens. "The standard approach to lighting a space is to bathe the entire space with 50 footcandles from wall to wall," says Wiebe. "This can be overkill, as most egress areas do not require this level of illumination."

Based on the assumption that traditional troffer layouts overlight corridor and egress spaces, Ledalite recommends putting the fixtures over workstations, and allowing the indirect component to provide sufficient illumination for egress spaces and corridors. The result is a reduction in the number of required fixtures (up to 50 percent, according to the company), which can significantly reduce energy costs and overall lifecycle cost—an up to 70 to 80 percent reduction in lighting energy load.

Ergolight can be centrally controlled using software that also generates real-time energy reports for energy management purposes, and locally controlled at the occupant's PC for personal dimming control. Each fixture integrates a light sensor for daylight dimming and an occupancy sensor, which gradually dims before turning off for unoccupied spaces.

Wiebe says Ergolight uses standard connectors and fits into standard T-bar ceiling grids for simple installation. The company designed software that employs easy-to-navigate icons and on-screen visual tools.

"Ergolight works well in both retrofit and new construction situations and with a client that is progressive in their thinking," says Wiebe. "It's still not a mainstream product, but it is definitely getting closer to that as time goes by."

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Acrilex
Acriglas custom acrylic sheets for lighting in faux finishes are designed to emulate the colors and textures of natural stone, patterned and frosted glass, mother of pearl and metal. Easy to fabricate and thermoform, this material is also specially formulated to withstand exterior conditions, UV exposure and impact. CIRCLE 133

Con-Daz
Pelican by Con-Daz is an innovative indirect outdoor lighting system that provides a soft and glare-free illumination. This series features a fully adjustable reflector for total lighting control. Available with a wide range of light sources and constructed of durable materials. For more information, contact us at 954-717-4155 or visit www.condaz.com. CIRCLE 138

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Architectural Area Lighting
The new Providence from AAL offers legendary lighting performance in a traditional form. Optical systems include full-cutoff vertical and horizontal reflectors, as well as a cutoff indirect version for even, glare-free illumination. Available up to 175W, the Providence can be ordered with T6 metal halide lamps, and electronic and pulse-start ballast options. Visit www.aal.net/providence for more information. CIRCLE 161

Bartco Lighting
The high-quality, small-profile MIT5 and MIT8 fixtures are available in several single- and double-lamp configurations, which allow them to be used in a variety of indirect, back-light, utility and creative display applications. Both the MIT5 and MIT8 series include an electronic ballast and are available with optional dimming and emergency battery backup ballasts. The patent number is: US 6,652,119 B1. CIRCLE 135

Boyd
From its solid bronze frame to the fluid beauty of the slumped glass, Boyd's Palio wall sconce adds refined style to residential or commercial spaces. Ergonomically designed to minimize glare and maximize output, the Palio exceeds ADA restrictions. Height: 13 1/4 inches; width: 12 inches; projection: 3 1/8 inches; lamping: fluorescent (1-21W 2D lamp 120V/277V), incandescent (4-40W candelabra base); glass: satin white finish; finishes: polished brass, bronze, nickel, satin nickel. CIRCLE 136

Con-Tech Lighting
The new mini AeroTech CTL8235/TCLB. This cutting-edge track fixture features the best of lighting—energy efficient, small size, and powerful performance. The small size comes from the latest 20W or 39W electronic ballast from Atomat. The power comes from the new T4.5 ceramic metal halide lamp. All of this sitting only 1 7/8 inches off the track. Visit us at Lightfair Booth #1231. CIRCLE 139

Engineered Lighting Products
ELP expands its line of fiberglass reinforced gypsum castings fixtures. The Hole-In-The-Wall fixtures have a 4-inch-by-5 1/8-inch aperture and fit within a standard stud wall. Once installed, the fixture looks like a custom-formed drywall "light niche." There is no visible metal or trim in the normal viewing angle and a lens protects children from touching the lamp. The integral electrical components are accessible through the fixture opening. LED or low-wattage incandescent lighting is available. CIRCLE 156

C.W. Cole
Cole Lighting introduces the T287 stainless-steel step light. The faceplate trim is machined from solid stainless steel, offering a horizontal light cutoff. This product complements Cole Lighting's 260 Series of low-voltage stainless-steel step lights for low-level walkway illumination. CIRCLE 137

Con-Daz
Controlling light from above, the LED Pole Luminaire from Con-Daz is a three-class luminaires, perfect for any museum or gallery application. Parscan is ERCO's latest addition to its family of luminaires, perfect for any museum or gallery application. ERCO's Parscan offers a clean, contemporary design combined with highly technical heat management properties, a patented single-screw locking mechanism for both tilt and rotation, and a fully internal accessory holder. Visit www.ercolighting.com. CIRCLE 157

Electrix
Electrix manufactures a wide range of performance cove systems to efficiently drive illumination across walls and ceilings. Our AX series was designed around T5 fluorescent lamp technology with an asymmetric extruded aluminum reflector that adjusts 35 degrees. This series has a compact fixture design of 3 inches high by 5 inches wide. Electrix also offers a complete line of field-curveable linear and ramped coveslighting products for architectural applications. CIRCLE 145

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Cooper Lighting
ICON Architectural Area Luminaires by INVUE. Part of the new INVUE collection, ICON offers solutions for full cutoff compliance (Dark Sky Compliant), spill light control, and path-of-egress illumination, while merging the latest in high-efficiency lamp technologies. ICON's gentle curves and sleek profile are offered in two unique arm choices combined with structural element options, multiple housing sizes and lamp options, and precision-built segmented optical systems. Visit www.invuelighting.com. CIRCLE 140

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ARCHITECTURAL LIGHTING
Fabbian

This wall and ceiling lamp has rotating beam light bulbs that revolve on a transparent polymethyl methacrylate plate. The plate rests on a LED-equipped, metallic-gray circular structure. For more information go to www.fabbian.com.

CIRCLE 158

FAD Lighting

Fluorescent tubes tend to have a negative image, and are associated with boring office lighting. Delta Lights BE COOL shatters this stereotype. Two round tubes create the extravagant look of the BE COOL. These stylish fixtures provide maximum light and are available in various pendant- and surface-mounted versions as detailed in the new Delta Lighting Bible Five literature. CIRCLE 159

Kim Lighting

Kim Lighting's AC Series offers a progressive design for today's architecture, with performance and flexibility. The fixture is available in two sizes from 150W to 1000W, with vertical or horizontal lamps, flat or convex lenses, and square or asymmetric light distributions. Single or multiple fixture arrangements plus rotatable optics provide tremendous application flexibility. Visit www.kimlighting.com for more information. CIRCLE 246

Lighting Services Inc

Lighting Services Inc, the leading manufacturer of track, accent, display and fiber optic lighting systems, has introduced its new recessed track system. Designed as a one-piece track system, it provides value, saving the end user money on parts and labor, as well as on time. Available in both flanged and flangleless versions, LSI's recessed track flush mounts to a ceiling or wall to give an architecturally clean look. For further information, please contact Lighting Services Inc at 800-999-9574, or visit www.LightingServicesInc.com. CIRCLE 001

Hadco

Hadco's new slim design arm includes a 75W potted, electronic 12V transformer, retrofitting low-voltage accent fixtures in 120V applications. With an integral transformer, halogen lamps can be placed almost anywhere, with no voltage drop. The BIV5016 (shown) is a 50W MR16 accent fixture, with a rotatable abord and double. All material is die-cast, marine-grade aluminum with a thermoset powder-coat finish. CIRCLE 180

Lightolier

Soli ADA Series is light in equilibrium: a pure linear statement that accents interior elements through light and silhouette. Designed to evoke the illusion of floating, the optional diffuser is offered in etched glass or translucent white acrylic. The Soli series is available as a sconce, or in 2-, 3-, and 4-foot T8 scale. Options include dimming, emergency and DALI. CIRCLE 003

Luxo

Luxo proudly introduces Arketto, an innovative 40W halogen task light utilizing a multifunctional "swan-neck" arm upholstered in red, blue, black or gray fabric. Arketto offers maximum flexibility and infinite adjustment for height and reach. Available with edge clamp or base. For more information on Arketto or Luxo's other award-winning task lights or designer luminaires, please call 914-345-0067, or visit www.luxous.com. CIRCLE 011

Leviton

Leviton Lighting Control Division's new Dimensions D3200 Series offers a sophisticated multi-point dimming and scene control system that is easily accessible to residential and commercial users. With built-in advanced functionality, the D3200 reduces the number of components needed to achieve a scene control network while providing a simplified, cost-effective setup. The D3200 features on-screen wizards to guide users through programming and operation. For more information, call 800-923-8920, or visit www.leviton.com. CIRCLE 247

Luraline

Luraline presents the Securaline series of wall packs, flood lights and security lighting for architectural spaces. Applications include hospitality, retail, educational, multifamily housing, transportation, sports arenas, parks and recreational areas. The WPE euro-styled polycarbonate hooded wall pack shown here features a bronze die-cast back with clear prismatic polycarbonate diffuser and compact fluorescent lamp. For more information, please call 800-940-6588, or visit www.Luraline.com. CIRCLE 006

Sivoia QED Roller 225 Lutron doubles the capacity of its Sivoia QED (Quiet Electronic Drive) window shading system with the new Sivoia QED Roller 225, offering smooth, precise, ultra-quiet control of large shades (up to 225 square feet), plus integration with other Lutron systems. CIRCLE 010

Lighting Controls Association

www.aboutlightingcontrols.org

The Lighting Controls Association's website provides lighting specifiers with education, products, technologies, applications and tools regarding the full range of advanced lighting control strategies, from dimming to automatic switching to integrated lighting system control. For more information, visit the website listed above.
Martin Architectural

The Cyclo Series is a range of programmable fluorescent color changers with RGB mixing and color correction control. Using standard T5 lamp components and DMX control, the Cyclo provides a simple dynamic lighting solution with white or color wash/lighting for stores, restaurants, wine bars, hotels, offices and other commercial applications. CIRCLE 014

Se'lux

In conjunction with Stil Lighting from Berlin, well known in Europe for high-end floodlighting technology and design, Se'lux introduces the Sill Parabol 020, available in three sizes with up to 1000W output. Precision designed die-cast aluminum housing, flat clear tempered glass with the option for recessed glass for uplighting situations. Wider or narrow distribution, accessories include colored filters, diffusing and spreader lenses. CIRCLE 023

Metalumen Manufacturing

Make a Statement Invisibly — the Ring. With its clean contemporary design and superior luminaire functionality, it is ideally suited for a multitude of interior applications from office to boardroom and beyond. The luminaire provides light distribution and subtle distinctions between light and dark, and with its round shape, offers maximum flexibility to ceiling planning, eliminating the appearance of a suspended grid. For more information, visit www.metalumen.com. CIRCLE 015

Super Vision

Super Vision's LED bulb features three interchangeable covers in clear, dimple and frosted A-lamp. Great for marques, decorative perimeter lighting and signs, the LED lamp has an Edison base and is available in white, blue, green, orange, red, yellow and amber and in either 120VAC or 220VAC. Website: sviscom.com. CIRCLE 032

SYLVANIA

SYLVANIA's Daylight™ bulbs from SYLVANIA. Offering a unique patent-pending, sky-blue coating, these incandescent, halogen and compact fluorescent Daylight products will brighten department show rooms, window displays and retail merchandisers. For more information on this or any SYLVANIA product, please visit www.sylvania.com. CIRCLE 033

THHC Lighting

THHC Lighting is the leading manufacturer of low-voltage and line-voltage low-pressure xenon lamps for a variety of general and specialty illumination applications. They include landscape, showcase, decorative and architectural designs. THHC Lighting offers the most complete line of xenon lamps in the industry, including: wedge-base, teston, rigid loop, cartridge, G4 bi-pin, GY6.35 bi-pin, E11, E12 and BA15D lamps. For more information: www.sylvin.com or 877-Xelogen. Visit us at Lightfair booth 1043. CIRCLE 045

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Sentry Electric

Sentry Electric's SCT-Hartford luminaire is a unique blend of traditional and modern styling creating a luminaire that harmonizes with either classic or contemporary architecture. The SCT-Hartford was designed for illuminating the streets, plazas, walkways and public areas of a multi-use complex developed in the Hartford area adjacent to the Connecticut River. It features a glowing finial and an optional gold dome for added architectural distinction. Sentry Electric is one of the nation's leading makers of fine exterior luminaires, posts, bollards and accessories. CIRCLE 028

SYLVANIA

The SYLVANIA T8 Supersave Xtreme System offers one of the lowest power T8 lamp and ballast system available, providing optimal starting conditions for the Octron Supersaver lamp to provide up to 50,000 switching cycles and extended lamp life for occupancy sensor and building control system applications. For more information on this or any SYLVANIA product, please visit www.sylvania.com. CIRCLE 037

NoUVIR Research

NoUVIR's fiber optic Experimental Kit includes a high-power projector, a ready-to-use bundle of 32 fibers (6, 10 and 20 feet long), 30 luminaires (pinspots, spots, eye-balls and floods), and 5 tracks. Plan and clearly demonstrate any fiber optic lighting design with this specially priced X-kit. Demonstrate expertise. Gain clients. Show the best. CIRCLE 019

Prisma

The Opta pendant series from Prisma provides style and individuality to an interior space. The unique Italian-styled faceted glass is available in five standard colors: transparent, frosted white, cobalt blue, yellow (amber), and metallic gray. Custom colors are available to match your architectural design needs. With a variety of lamp sources and distributions, accessories include colored filters, diffusing and spreader lenses. CIRCLE 021

MechoShade

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Traxon USA
Traxon's Mood-Light—an LED line of programmable, architectural panels and decorative accent objects. The products are capable of producing millions of additive RGB colors with variable intensity. The Mood Light is ideal for commercial design applications in hospitality, entertainment, display and healthcare, as well as residential projects—whenever attractive, exciting or calming lighting is desired. For more information, contact Traxon USA at 212-736-2286, or visit our sites: www.traxon-usa.com and www.mood-light.com. CIRCLE 048

W.A.C. Lighting
Integrating function with style, the new Norfolk Series features a family of architecturally styled decorative fixtures designed to light modern commercial interiors. Pendants are available in two styles with diameters from 14” to 48” equipped with either incandescent or compact fluorescent lamps. Matching sconces, ceiling mounts and close-to-ceiling are part of the family which is available with glass or acrylic diffusers and polished brass or brushed nickel metalwork. Typical applications include retail, hospitality, healthcare, facilities, and churches. Call 800-526-2588, or visit www.waclighting.com CIRCLE 051

The Watt Stopper
TS-400 Digital Time Switch, featuring easy-to-use push-button programming, automatically turns lights off after a preset time-out period. Available in line- and low-voltage models, the switches offer an adjustable time-out from five minutes to 12 hours, terminal style wiring and universal voltage. An LCD indicates time remaining and an optional flash or beep alert warns occupants of impending shut-off. CIRCLE 052

CORRECTION: A “Top 20 Manufacturer” focus on Leviton OEM in the 2004 Lighting Source Directory (November/December 2003), page 32, misstated the name of the quality processes implemented at Leviton as “six Stigma.” Aiming for perfection, Leviton is committed to “Six Sigma” quality improvement, a process that leads to major and measurable quality enhancements in all phases of manufacturing. The goal of Six Sigma is to achieve a performance standard of 99.997 percent, which is defined as 3.4 defects per one million opportunities.
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What is the future of LEDs?

ANDREW POWELL, SENIOR DESIGNER | LIGHTING DESIGN ALLIANCE

I was lucky enough recently to be invited to be a judge for the 2004 Lightfair New Product Showcase, and I can tell you that LEDs remain the "hot technology," if the number of new LEDs and LED luminaries submitted is any indication.

From what I saw, the output and color characteristics of the LED source continue to improve rather dramatically, and I would anticipate this trend to continue. This should open it up to ever more applications. Fixture manufacturers are just starting to tap into its potential. Will they become as commonplace as the incandescent light bulb? This is still unknown. It wasn’t that long ago we were all wondering if fiber optics was the wave of the future. While that technology still holds promise, it didn’t take off as some had predicted. The cost of energy and other economic factors will also weigh in greatly to answer this question.

Lastly, as to price point, I am optimistic on that issue as well. When a product truly becomes mainstream, prices fall dramatically. Look at wireless phones, computers, DVD players, etc. We are beginning to see this trend now with HDTVs.

KEN DOUGLAS, LIGHTING DESIGNER | ILLUMINATION ARTS

While LEDs, particular color-changing LED products, are hot today—in some cases to the detriment of the projects they are used on—I do believe that they have the potential to become a major force in our industry. In just the last several years, we have seen this technology go from a curiosity to a standard tool in every lighting designer’s toolbox. As the technology develops over the next several years, I anticipate that creative minds will find more and more uses for them.

We must keep in mind that LEDs are a high bred of a lighting product and a silicon chip. This combination of worlds brings the mindset and product expectations of the tech sector to a lighting product. It does not seem unreasonable to expect that LEDs will follow their own version of Moore’s Law, increasing in brightness and whiteness at a rapid pace.

It is the challenge of a white LED, combined with price, that is keeping them out of general-purpose applications. Once an acceptable white LED is achieved, one of the major barriers holding back LEDs will fall. We have already seen LEDs displacing other light sources in the automotive industry, as well as some niche light sources in the architectural market. This trend will only accelerate once a reliable, stable and consistent white LED is manufactured. As for price, that is an issue that we have already seen begin to resolve itself over the last several years, as the price of some color-changing products has come down by 50 percent over their initial cost. This process should only accelerate as the products improve and demand increases.

Lastly, LEDs have energy efficiency working in their favor. As the cost of producing and delivering energy continues to rise, the push for more energy-efficient technologies will accelerate. With their long life (although not as long as originally advertised) and minimal energy consumption, LEDs have the potential to be integral to a designer’s energy-efficient design responsibilities.

It is only a matter of time before LEDs displace more traditional, less energy-efficient and more maintenance-intensive sources.

MARK J. CLEAVER, PRESIDENT | JLIGHT TECHNOLOGIES

LED lighting technology is beginning to break into a whole new realm. If the current trend line continues, the next five to ten years will see a dramatic improvement in brightness and cost reduction. The key to success is going to be when light output intensity is sufficient enough to rival existing common light sources. This will be achieved through a combination of LEDs within application systems that maximize optical output.

A current approach, RGB, will be too expensive and troublesome. Using just white LEDs to replace bulbs will continue to have issues with lifetime, heat and color temperature. The laws of physics dictate white LEDs will have a difficult time overcoming these issues in their current form. Different, unique approaches are needed. JLight Technologies is introducing the next step in the LED lighting evolution—a process that achieves various white color temperatures. Yet the product will have the longer life and lower heat output associated with high-intensity blue LEDs. As these types of newer technologies are adopted by commercial and higher-end clients, they will eventually filter down to everyday home use as the cost drops. It’s a typical Moore’s law play on cost and performance. The cost of LEDs will decrease and brightness increase as LED die manufactures continue to aggressively attack quality and cost. The clock is ticking. It’s just a matter of time.

MITCHELL B. KOHN, LIGHTING DESIGNER | MITCHELL B. KOHN LIGHTING DESIGN

In an industry that seems none too quick to embrace new technology, every now and then something comes along to perk our fancy. The problem is often technologies are borrowed from other industries, but require refinement and application knowledge to become practical in today’s lighting world. As long as the appreciation of lighting remains low on the public agenda, innovation will only stem from the opportunity for lower-cost hardware.

LEDs have been around a long time, yet, so far, the applications are somewhat limited to a costly, rather than a practical, way of introducing artificial light into the built environment.

Will this technology improve? Absolutely! Will it become a practical and affordable common light source? Cost, more than application will drive the answer to that question, and the energy spin may be the determining factor. I have recently seen new products that are actually white, and have controlled optics that have specific application advantages, but at a cost that will limit their use to situations where alternate solutions are not feasible as a result of other constraints. Commonplace and widespread in homes and offices? First we will have to see cost/benefit relationships that are more appealing than those thus far presented, or maybe even dreamed of. Then we have to see significant technology advances. I hope I live long enough, and this isn’t just another media fad in an industry that usually has little innovation to get excited about.

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While LEDs, particular color-changing LED products, are hot today—in some cases to the detriment of the projects they are used on—I do believe that they have the potential to become a major force in our industry. In just the last several years, we have seen this technology go from a curiosity to a standard tool in every lighting designer’s toolbox. As the technology develops over the next several years, I anticipate that creative minds will find more and more uses for them.

We must keep in mind that LEDs are a high bred of a lighting product and a silicon chip. This combination of worlds brings the mindset and product expectations of the tech sector to a lighting product. It does not seem unreasonable to expect that LEDs will follow their own version of Moore’s Law, increasing in brightness and whiteness at a rapid pace.

It is the challenge of a white LED, combined with price, that is keeping them out of general-purpose applications. Once an acceptable white LED is achieved, one of the major barriers holding back LEDs will fall. We have already seen LEDs displacing other light sources in the automotive industry, as well as some niche light sources in the architectural market. This trend will only accelerate once a reliable, stable and consistent white LED is manufactured. As for price, that is an issue that we have already seen begin to resolve itself over the last several years, as the price of some color-changing products has come down by 50 percent over their initial cost. This process should only accelerate as the products improve and demand increases.

Lastly, LEDs have energy efficiency working in their favor. As the cost of producing and delivering energy continues to rise, the push for more energy-efficient technologies will accelerate. With their long life (although not as long as originally advertised) and minimal energy consumption, LEDs have the potential to be integral to a designer’s energy-efficient design responsibilities.

It is only a matter of time before LEDs displace more traditional, less energy-efficient and more maintenance-intensive sources.

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In an industry that seems none too quick to embrace new technology, every now and then something comes along to perk our fancy. The problem is often technologies are borrowed from other industries, but require refinement and application knowledge to become practical in today’s lighting world. As long as the appreciation of lighting remains low on the public agenda, innovation will only stem from the opportunity for lower-cost hardware.

LEDs have been around a long time, yet, so far, the applications are somewhat limited to a costly, rather than a practical, way of introducing artificial light into the built environment.

Will this technology improve? Absolutely! Will it become a practical and affordable common light source? Cost, more than application will drive the answer to that question, and the energy spin may be the determining factor. I have recently seen new products that are actually white, and have controlled optics that have specific application advantages, but at a cost that will limit their use to situations where alternate solutions are not feasible as a result of other constraints. Commonplace and widespread in homes and offices? First we will have to see cost/benefit relationships that are more appealing than those thus far presented, or maybe even dreamed of. Then we have to see significant technology advances. I hope I live long enough, and this isn’t just another media fad in an industry that usually has little innovation to get excited about.

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LED lighting technology is beginning to break into a whole new realm. If the current trend line continues, the next five to ten years will see a dramatic improvement in brightness and cost reduction. The key to success is going to be when light output intensity is sufficient enough to rival existing common light sources. This will be achieved through a combination of LEDs within application systems that maximize optical output.

A current approach, RGB, will be too expensive and troublesome. Using just white LEDs to replace bulbs will continue to have issues with lifetime, heat and color temperature. The laws of physics dictate white LEDs will have a difficult time overcoming these issues in their current form. Different, unique approaches are needed. JLight Technologies is introducing the next step in the LED lighting evolution—a process that achieves various white color temperatures. Yet the product will have the longer life and lower heat output associated with high-intensity blue LEDs. As these types of newer technologies are adopted by commercial and higher-end clients, they will eventually filter down to everyday home use as the cost drops. It’s a typical Moore’s law play on cost and performance. The cost of LEDs will decrease and brightness increase as LED die manufactures continue to aggressively attack quality and cost. The clock is ticking. It’s just a matter of time.
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