

### **MODERN LIGHTING CONTROLS**



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# **AGENDA**

- Why controls matter
- Title 24 overview
- Network Lighting Controls (NLCs)
- Luminaire Level Lighting Controls (LLLCs)
- Case studies
- Best practices



# **Why Controls Matter**

- Energy codes tightening
- Utility incentives
- Analytics



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# Benefits to the Engineer

Simplifies compliance Reduces redesign Improves commissioning



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#### **Title 24 Overview**

Mandatory controls

Acceptance testing



# Daylight Zones



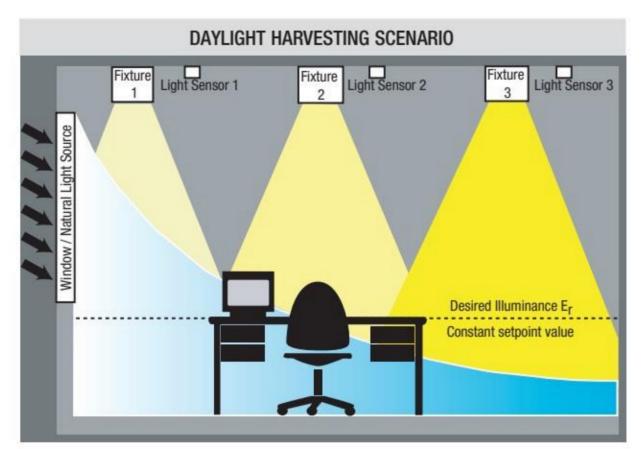


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# **Demand Response**

- Load thresholds
- 15% reduction
- Open Automated Demand Response (ADR) protocol



#### **Office Controls**

Occupancy sensing



Requires scheduled full off for Title 24 compliance



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# **Exterior / Parking**

- Astronomical clock
- Motion dimming
- Daylight harvesting



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# **Acceptance Testing**



Astronomical clock



Motion dimming



Daylight harvesting



#### What is NLC?

- ...<u>N</u>etworked <u>L</u>ighting <u>C</u>ontrols
- Digital controls
- Analytics



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#### **NLC Architecture**

- Controllers
- Sensors / Keypads
- Gateway
- Cloud

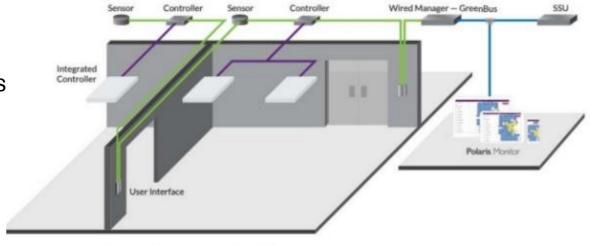


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# **Advantages of NLC**

- Granular zoning
- Software changes
- Analytics
- User interface
- Third-party integration



#### What is LLLC?

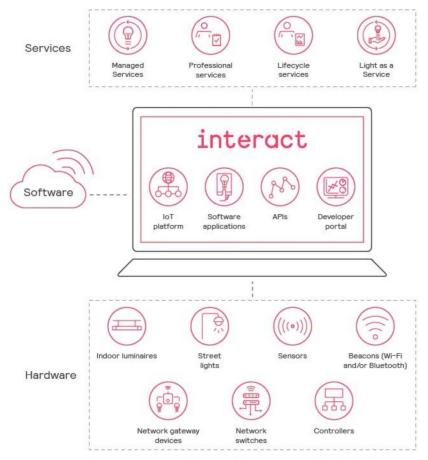
- ...<u>L</u>uminaire <u>L</u>evel <u>L</u>ighting <u>C</u>ontrols
- Embedded sensors
- Wireless controls
- Usually installed at fixture level

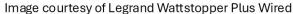


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# LLLC Fixture Intelligence

- Bluetooth (BLE) mesh
- Zigbee mesh
- Wi-Fi
- Full AI







# **Advantages of LLLC**

- Fixture-integrated logic
- Retrofit friendly
- Flexible
- More granular zoning (down to the fixture)
- More granular data capture



# CASE STUDIES

Room-based vs NLC vs LLLC



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# Case Study 1 --- OFFICE

**LLLC** troffers

50% savings on lighting costs

Smaller zones in open-office areas

Janitorial staff efficiency



# Case Study 2 --- WAREHOUSE

**NLCs** 

High-bays

Incentives

Relay panels



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#### **Best Practices**



Start early - Design Development phase



Coordination



LCA's Design Express tools



# LCA's Design Express Tool

https://lightingcontrolsacademy.org/design-express/

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Open Plan Office (≤600 sq ft zones)			continuous dimming		auto	100%	20 min	auto	0%	Upon occupancy within a control zone, lighting in that zone will automatically turn On to Level.  In other unoccupied zones, lighting will remain at the Reduce/Turn Off Level.	Upon all occupants leaving a control zone, after Timeout, lighting in that zone will automatically go to Reduce/Turn Off.						
Stairwell										Lighting will remain On at 100% in interior exit stairways							
Gymnasium / Fitness Center			continuous dimming		auto	100%											



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## LCA's Design Express Tool

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- Provides documentation templates
- Assists with meeting documentation and acceptance-testing requirements
- Enhances clarity between design, commissioning, and owner hand-off



## **Key Takeaways**

- Title 24 requires controls
- Both NLCs and LLLCs qualify for utility rebates
  - Work with rebate programs when specifying
- Both NLCs and LLLCs provide a user interface for system control
- Specify early in the Design Development phase of construction
- Ensure sequence of operations is present in spec and contract drawings
- Use tools, such as LCA's Design Express, to guide the design process
  - Make these templates your own!
  - https://lightingcontrolsacademy.org/design-express/



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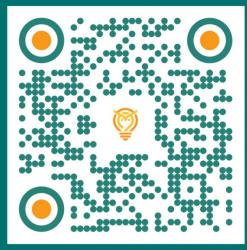


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