Better than CFL?
Dimmable LED Downlights in Hospitality Facilities

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Next Generation Luminaire (NGL) Demonstration Project:
Hilton Columbus Downtown
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- Introduction & Background
  - Why it matters
  - Overview of Hilton project & guest room lighting

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LED Downlight Demonstration Projects

Why study downlights?

- 700 million downlights installed
  < 1% are LED
- Current technology
  10-40 lms/Watt; 1-10k hours life
- LED technology
  50-75 lms/Watt; 20k++ hours life?
- Huge energy & cost saving potential

Lighting for Hospitality: Incandescent / Halogen

• Low initial cost
• Shapes & sizes
• Easy to dim
• Good optical control
• Excellent color rendering
Lighting for Hospitality: Incandescent / Halogen

- Low lumens per watt
- Short life / Frequent replacement
- High operating costs
- Banned?
Lighting for Hospitality: CFL

• Higher lumens per watt
• Much longer life
• Reduced operating costs (energy + maintenance)
Survey of Guest Rooms

5 hotels in 5 cities (AZ, NV, NY, OR)

62 Lamps
2 LED
3 Incandescent
4 LFL
53 CFL
Lighting for Hospitality: CFL

• Higher initial cost
• Color quality?
• Instant on / full output?
• Dimmable?
• Guest satisfaction?

thumbs down
“Though dimming is a persistent problem with CFLs, Gonzalez notes that major hospitality chains have standardized using switches instead of dimmers in their rooms. Dimmability has been an acceptable sacrifice for energy savings.”

“Meet the replacements”
Architectural Lighting, March/April 2013
- citing Domingo Gonzalez of Domingo Gonzalez Associates
Can we get back what we sacrificed . . . And more?
Hilton Columbus Downtown

- 450,000 square feet
- $140 million
- HOK & Moody-Nolan
- LEED Gold
- Greater Columbus Convention Center
- Occupancy October 2012
Hilton Columbus Downtown

- 484 guest rooms + 48 suites
- 32,000 ft$^2$ event space
- 160 seat restaurant
- Large central atrium w/ 15,000 ft$^2$ skylight
- DOE post-occ study March 2014
Lobby Space
Lobby Space

Custom LED Sconce
Lobby Space
Restaurant
Pre-function
Glass Connector Bridge
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Guest Room Lighting

Type GA1

15 Watt LED

Millwork uplight

Bed light

Mirror lighting
Guest Room Lighting:
Goals for downlights

- Energy efficient / LEED goals
- Long life & low maintenance
  - Life not affected by switching / controls
- Dimmable with familiar functionality
- Full output without warm-up
- Single light source appearance
- Fit within 6” height constraint
- Excellent color consistency
  - Downlights visible from atrium
Guest Room Lighting: Downlight selection process

- CFLs?
  - Dimmable? Color? Full output? Life?

- LED options?
  - Reviewed dozens of cut sheets and samples
  - Multiple sources? CCT? Binning spec? Lens / shower option?
  - Full-scale mock-up of two guest rooms

- Portfolio: Eaton’s Cooper Lighting
  - Calculite: Philips Lightolier
Guest Room Lighting: Controls

Priority: Vacancy control

- **Bedroom: Auto or manual?**
  - Locations made hard-wired sensors difficult
  - Wireless? Problems with dimming

- **Bathroom (not code required)**
  - Wireless PIR sensor on ceiling

- **Master switch (code required)**
  - Clear labeling
  - Custom placard
Guest Room Lighting: Controls

To activate the in-room lighting, use the Master ON/OFF switch.

Please turn off the lights upon your exit to help conserve energy.
Guest Room Lighting: Controls

Priority: Dimming control
- Downlights in bathroom
- Downlights near window

Simple rocker switches with slide dimmer
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Photometric Performance

**Desktop**
- 177 - 275 lx
- IES: 200 lx
  (400 for >65)
- Tasklight

**Entrance**
- 120 - 203 lx
- IES: 20 - 40 lx
- Mirror? Closet?

**Bath - Sink**
- 560 lx (H)
- IES: 200-400 lx
- 690 lx w/ mirror
- 250 lx (V)
- IES: 200-400 lx
- 425 lx w/ mirror
## Color Performance

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- **CCT**: Color Temperature (in Kelvin)
- **CRI**: Color Rendering Index
- **R9**: Color Stability (in Range)
Energy Savings & Economics

Why LED?
- Guest experience: functionality, aesthetics, lighting quality

First cost?
- 10% less to 20% more than dimmable CFL versions at “book”

Energy code?
- Guest room lighting 20% below allowed power
  (145k kWh saved per year)
- Controls to further reduce energy use
- Other SSL opportunities?
# Energy Savings & Economics

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Lighting quality

Entry area renderings comparing PAR halogen (left) and LED (right) downlights
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LED Technology

- Have clear evaluation criteria defined at the start
  - What is important for this project?
- Evaluate multiple samples for construction quality, color quality & consistency, visual aesthetic
- Mock-up fixtures w/ full controls to check compatibility & reliable operation
- Specified product ≠ Bid product ≠ Ordered product
  - LED technology is moving fast!
Lessons learned from the Hilton Columbus Downtown

Practical project considerations

- Communication challenges w/ multi-location teams
  - Team members in Columbus, Chicago, Atlanta

- Ownership of spec and ordering
  - Hard-wired vs. plug-in
  - Electrical vs. Interior / decorative
  - Lamping, color, voltages, etc.
The reviewers speak!

“The bathroom has self-monitoring lighting which is huge for me. I can't stand screaming bright lights without any options for self dimmering (sic) as it's the biggest pet peeve I have regarding hotel rooms. These are cool in that you can lighten up or lower down to your preference.” (Yelp)

“Nice uplights in the room.” (Expedia)

“Instructions for operating all electronics, including lights, were easy and evident.” (Hotels.com)
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Related resources

Hilton Columbus Downtown reports
https://www4.eere.energy.gov/alliance/activities/technology-solutions-teams/lighting-electrical/downlight

DOE Better Buildings
http://energy.gov/better-buildings

DOE Solid State Lighting
- http://energy.gov/eere/solid-state-lighting
- http://www.ngldc.org/