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**CLTC**  
CALIFORNIA LIGHTING TECHNOLOGY CENTER

# Developing and Demonstrating PIER's Load-Shed Ballast

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# Overview

Background

Current Status



# CLTC Established in Early '04

- Partnership between California Energy Commission PIER Program and UC Davis
- Support from NEMA and DOE
- Build on earlier success at LBNL

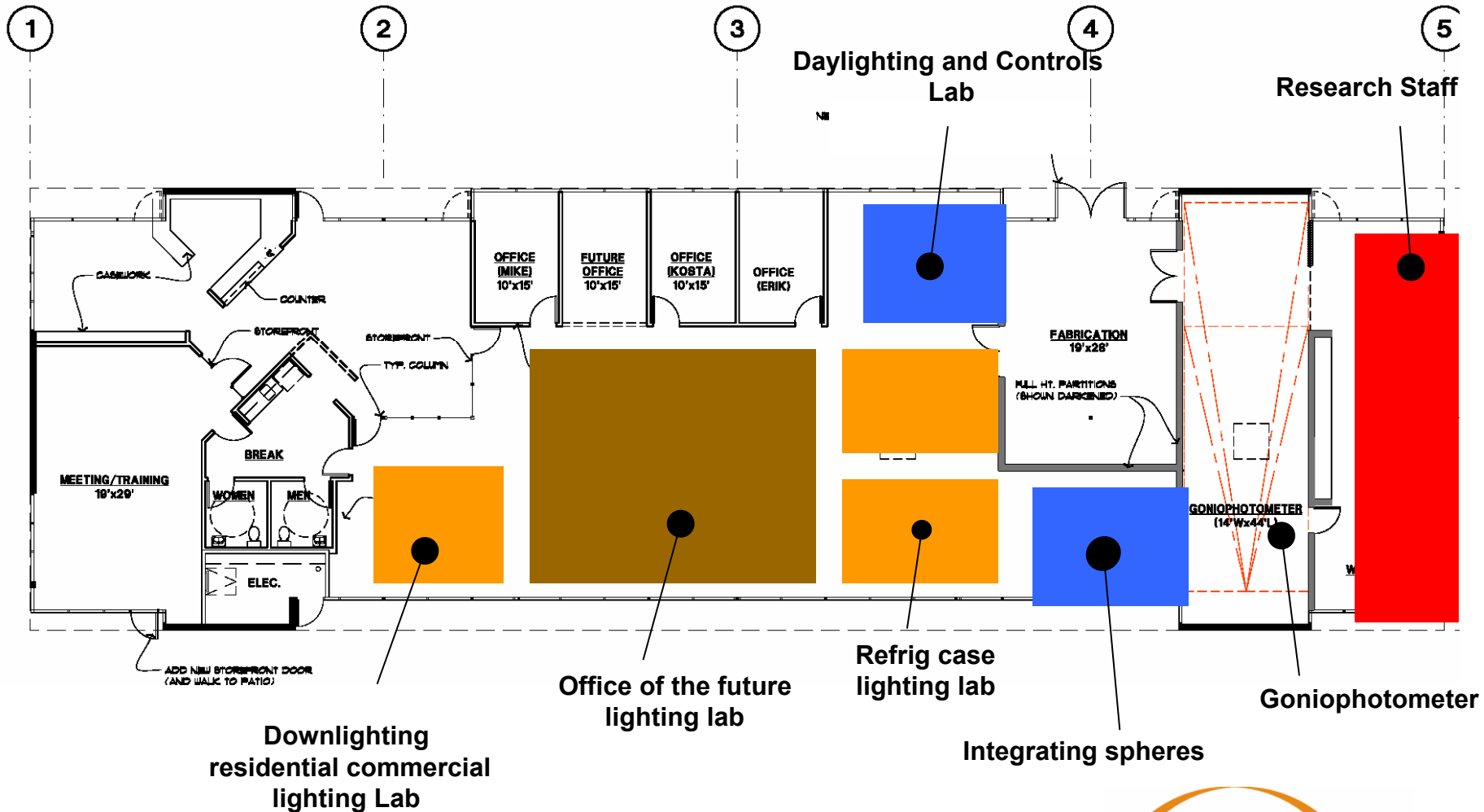


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# Floor Plan—7000 sq. ft.



# Industry Link—Advisory Council

## Co-founding Institutions

- California Energy Commission
- UC Davis

## Utilities

- Sacramento Municipal Utility District
- Southern California Edison
- Pacific Gas & Electric Company
- Southern California Gas Company

## Industry

- NEMA
- Acuity Lighting Group, Inc.
- Osram Sylvania
- The Watt Stopper
- Building Industry Research Alliance

## Government

- California Energy Commission
- U.S. Department of Energy

## Public Interest

- Natural Resources Defense Council

# Load-Shed Ballast—Opportunity

Commercial building lighting  
is a large load

... ~35% of all commercial  
building electricity use

Commercial building lighting  
is a big on-peak contributor  
... ~11% of CA peak demand  
... plus associated cooling



# Load-Shed Ballast—Opportunity

Stepped dimming lighting is a “confident” load shed resource

Stepped-dimming maintains “lights on” appearance

Stepped-dimming load-shed savings are easily repeated



# Load-Shed Ballast—Opportunity

Lighting Research Center (LRC) study shows limited dimming is acceptable

... 20-30% drop ok

... slow dimming not noticed by most





# PIER Research Project

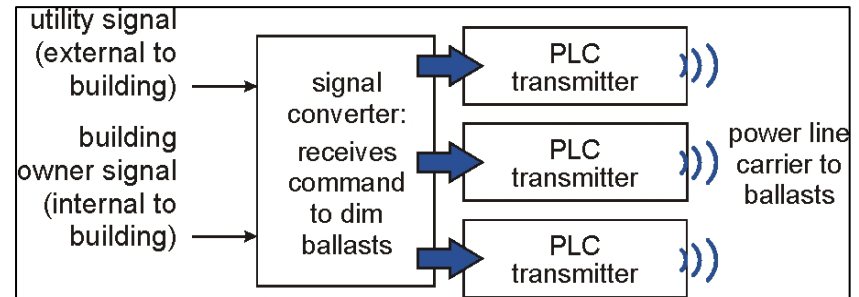
- Timeline ~2003-2004
- Target = instant-start T8 fluorescent
  - ... new construction version
  - ... retrofit version
- Initial goal = slow dimming ramp
- Project leader = LRC
- Ballast industry partner = Osram Sylvania
- PLC controls industry partner = Intech 21

# Project Results

- Early analysis
  - ... retrofit version too expensive w/expected rates
  - ... focus on new construction version
- Early results
  - ... ramped dimming is too expensive
  - ... use 33% step dimming
- Final result = prototype unit
  - ... includes built-in PLC receiver
  - ... appearance/installation same as “standard” unit

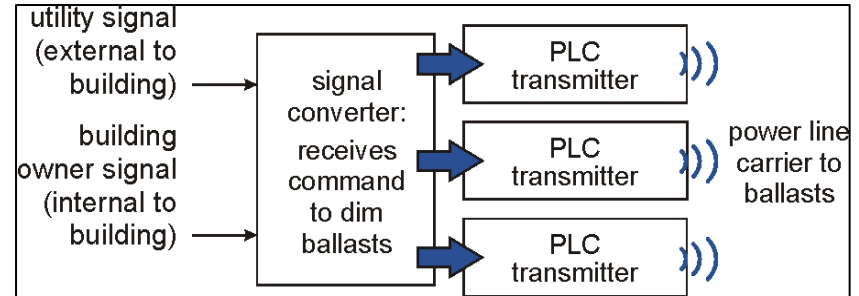
# Prototype Performance

- 4.8% efficiency loss in load-shed mode
- >98% power factor
- <10% THD
- Limited dimming does not reduce lamp life



# Prototype Performance

- Full output mode
  - ... 0.88 ballast factor
  - ... 83.3 Watts
  - ... 105 ballast efficacy factor (BEF)
- Load shed mode
  - ... 0.57 ballast factor
  - ... 57 Watts
  - ... 100 BEF



# Project Economics/Impact

- ~\$9 total additional cost (vs. ~\$10-\$15)
- ~3 year simple payback
  - ... 100 hr/yr load-shed condition
  - ... new construction/renovation applications
  - ... utility CPP and TOU rates
- ~7% building-wide load reduction (com'l sector)
- 100 MW load shed potential for California



# Post-Project Activities

- Osram Sylvania produced ~500 pre-production units in 2005
- NYSERDA field test
  - ... expected completion mid/late 2005
  - ... extensive problems w/PLC signal generator
  - ... installation February 2006
- PIER field test
  - ... UC Santa Barbara
  - ... installation expected late March 2006
  - ... UCSB participated in SCE's demand bidding

# Commercialization Potential

- Osram Sylvania interested  
... others too
- Manufacturers need confidence of  
... utility rates  
... communication interface

Too much uncertainty  
for manufacturers to  
commit at this time

# Additional Information

- PIER research results  
[www.archenergy.com/lrp](http://www.archenergy.com/lrp)
- Post PIER project activities  
[www.cltc.ucdavis.edu](http://www.cltc.ucdavis.edu)



# Summary

- Tremendous opportunity  
... lighting is a great DR load
- Groundwork is set
- Manufacturers need confidence before committing

