Solar Lighting, LED Technology & Street Lighting

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. PRESENT BUILDING DESIGN PRACTICES

 To increase the "demand" for more power plants, the power and lighting industries were very effective in promoting ever-increasing illumination levels and incorporating them into codes. In some cases "required" light levels were so high that artificial lights had to be used all the time, regardless of the external climate and availability of natural light. Such lights often heated buildings to the extent that air conditioning was needed year-round

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 Increased lighting requirements were also fostered by an unconscious conspiracy of building professionals. Electrical and mechanical engineers, being paid percentage fees, were happy to have their portions of building budgets increase dramatically. No more effort was required to specify more fixtures or larger lamps and air-conditioning units. It was much easier to design for quantitative goals than to address qualitative needs.

. PRESENT BUILDING DESIGN PRACTICES

 Electrical engineers, untrained in the principles of perception or space design but given the design responsibility, were happy to have the crutch of simplistic numerical standards as the principal design criteria.

• Too many architects abdicated much of the responsibility for the design of a building's interior environment to engineers in exchange for the freedom of designing any glass box that met their fancy, regardless of its functional implications. Separating skin from structure, they maintained the myth that nothing had been compromised. Extolling the exterior forms of Miss-like curtain-wall buildings, without reference to their wellknown environmental discomforts (glare, overheating on the sunny side, under heating on the shady side), encouraged more and more such buildings to be built.

 Many architects liked to design such curtain-wall office buildings because the process was easy and profitable. Little more was required than deciding on a building shape ad selecting materials- a curtain-wall system and color, an acoustic ceiling system and a recessed light fixture. Beyond that, the only design effort expended often appeared to be in the main lobby.

 One of the earliest instances of a modern city to provide street lighting was in 1558, in Paris. At the time, the city was infested with robbers, as a result of which an ordinance was passed requiring all citizens to keep lights burning in windows that fronted the streets. Because the houses were close together, there was a semblance of street lighting. Records indicate that the robbers were thwarted to an appreciable degree.

Engineers tend to focus on the technology and as such, tend to ignore the salient features of the environmental in which the technology under design must operate. Roadway light is a good example of this mentality. First, engineers and scientist must remember that light is the fastest thing on earth. As a result, it is virtually impossible to predict the actual levels of lighting in a specific area under design. Assume that ambient light is ignored in the design any light that is added to the area under design will merely increase the level of lumination and illumination and make the area brighter than it was designed to be. Ignoring the ambient light is would constitute a conservative and hence desirable design methodology. This seems logical, but it ignores one of the fundamental concepts of visibility and its effect on traffic safety.

DESIGN OF GREEN LIGHTING

 Now that the idea of limitless cheap energy has been recognized as a myth, users are beginning to question the qualities of the totally artificial environment produced by the architecture of technology. It is time to reexamine the traditions of the world's indigenous architectures, which evolved around climate and human needs.
 Former sun lighting present practices in less wasteful countries need merely be further developed for today's more stringent context of programmatic needs, user expectations, and advanced building materials and processes

DESIGN OF GREEN LIGHTING

 The green lighting design comprises: current situation survey of the electric illumination industry and market investigation; study of potentiality for electricity conservation in illumination and cost/benefit analysis; technical measures; economic measures; policies and laws for implementing lighting efficiency programs; and measures of implementation of green lighting engineering.

DESIGN OF GREEN LIGHTING

- The technical measures it should contain are:
- application and dissemination of high-efficiency lamps such as thin-tube or circular fluorescent lamps, compact fluorescent lamps, high-pressure sodium vapor lamps and metal halogenate lamps, LED's etc.
- Application and dissemination of high-efficiency fittings such as high-efficiency inductance ballasts and electronic ballasts, and control apparatus including light regulation devices, sonic control devices, light control devices, time control devices and induced control devices and energy-saving transformers for neon lamps;
- In new projects, designing illumination in styles that promote energy conservation, including object/background illumination design methods and rational lighting design.
- It should also reduce environmental pollution

SUN LIGHTING

- When natural light was the only alternative, building occupants accepted the glare and heat of sunlight or adjusted the situation. Today, adequate glare-free artificial lighting is available. Sun lighting/solar energy for indirect lighting must therefore achieve control of quality as well as quantity or it will be shut out and not utilized.
- The best use of sun lighting/solar energy for indirect lighting is not only to save energy and guard against rising energy prices but, more important, to create more pleasant, delightful luminous environments for the occupants. To achieve these objectives, sun lighting must be given the highest priority and be used economically with elegance in the design of both interior spaces and exterior architectural images
- The challenge and promise of sunlighting/use of solar energy for indirect lighting today is to use the sun as it was used in the past to provide economical illumination, comfort, and delight, in the context of rigid expectations of visual and thermal comfort, by making use optics/optoelectronics/solar energy technology for indirect lighting of buildings, as Sun lighting/use of solar energy offers the dual potential of buildings that are both comfortable to use and economical to operate.

THE SOLAR ENERGY RESOURCE

- The amount of energy from the sun that falls on the earth is enormous.
- All the energy stored in the earth's reserves of coal, oil, and natural gas is matched by the energy from 20 days of sunshine.
- Outside the earth's atmosphere, the sun's energy contains about 1,300 watts per square meter.
- About one-third of this light is reflected back into space, and some is absorbed by the atmosphere (in part causing winds to blow)

THE SOLAR ENERGY RESOURCE

- By the time it reaches the earth's surface, the energy in sunlight has fallen to about 1,000 watts per square meter, at noon on a cloudless day.
- Averaged over the entire surface of the earth, 24 hours per day for a year, each square meter collects about the energy equivalent of a barrel of oil.
- So each day, on average, a square meter collects 4.2 kilowatt-hours of energy. This figure varies by location and by weather patterns.
- Deserts, with very dry air and little cloud cover, receive the most sun, more than 6.0 kilowatt-hours per day per square meter.

PHOTOVOLTAICS

 In the 1970s, a serious effort began to produce photovoltaic panels that could provide cheaper solar power. The three basic types of solar cells are single crystal, polycrystalline, and amorphous. The cost of PV panels is also coming down drastically due to advances in these semiconductor technology, manufacturing process and the annual production rate.

EVOLUTION OF ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING

- Artificial lighting sources are fluorescent tubes, 60-plus Watt incandescent light bulbs, high intensity discharge lamps etc. which all share three key characteristics differentiating them on the evolutionary tree as a species apart from the indicator lamp.
- First, they are rarely viewed directly. Light from a lighting source is viewed in reflection off of the illuminated object.
- Second, the unit of measure (flux) is the kilo lumen (Kim) or higher, not the mlm, lm or worse yet the Cd often used for indicator LED lamps.

EVOLUTION OF ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING

- Finally lighting sources are predominantly white with CIE color coordinates very near the Planckian, producing good to excellent color rendering.
- Today there really is no such thing as a commercial 'solid state lamp' for use in illumination. However, a branch in the evolutionary tree is forming and differences are beginning to appear in the technologies used for low power LED indicators and the high power LED light sources that will evolve into lighting sources.

SOLAR LIGHTING AND LED TECHNOLOGY

- Use of solar energy for illumination of building has been exercised now a days very rapidly. However the cost of solar panel is still prohibitive. It is therefore necessary to make use of latest lighting technologies so as to make the use of solar energy commercially viable.
- It is a proven fact that the latest LED technology is getting more popularity as per as energy requirement criteria is concern

SOLAR LIGHTING AND LED TECHNOLOGY

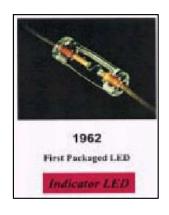
- The first LED is developed in 1962 and was made of compound semiconductor alloy gallium arsenide phosphate, which emitted red light.
- In 1968 the first commercial LED were introduced at 0.001 Im / LED until mid 1990. These commercial LED's were used exclusively as indicators. In terms of number of LED's sold, indicators and other small signal applications in 2002 still consume the largest volume of LED's with annual global consumption exceeding several LED's per person on the planet.

LIFE & EFFICIENCY OF LAMPS

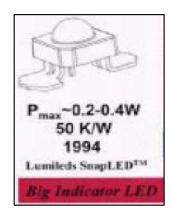
Lamp	Efficiency (lm/W)	Life (h)
Incandescent bulb	7-17	1000-2000
Halogen lamp	17-25	2000-4000
Mercury vapor lamp	25-50	6000-12000
Spherical fluorescent lamp	50-60	6000-8000
Compact fluorescent lamp (CFL)	50-90	3500-9000
Straight-tube fluorescent lamp	65-100	8500-12000
Loop fluorescent lamp	50-90	6000
Metal halide lamps	45-100	6000-9000
High pressure vapor lamps	45-110	6000-12000

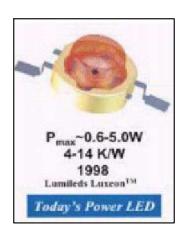
The Life of super bright LED's is 1,00,000 hours and the efficiency (lumen/watt) is more than that of any other light source

LIFE & EFFICIENCY OF LED's



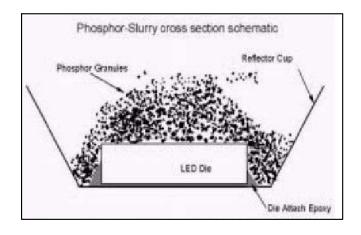


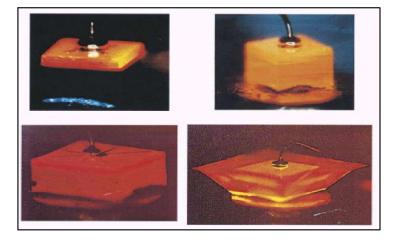




LED's are special diodes that emit light when connected in a circuit. They were frequently used as "pilot" lights in electronic appliances to indicate whether the circuit is closed or not. A a clear (or often colored) epoxy case enclosed the heart The two wires extending below the LED epoxy enclosure, or the "bulb" indicate how the LED should be connected into a circuit.

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS OF LED'S





First generation white pc-LEDs are made by depositing in measured quantities of a slurry mixture of phosphor and epoxy within a containment cup surrounding the pump die during the encapsulation step .Several factors inhibit process uniformity, including the difficulty of measuring precise small quantities of a viscous fluid, slurry settling both before and after dispensing, distribution of the mixture within the cup, and phosphor powder grain size variations.

Reduced Maintenance Costs

 Since LED based light sources last at least 10 times longer than a normal light source, there is no need to replace the light source, reducing or even eliminating ongoing maintenance costs and periodic revamping expenses. The long life of a LED also allows for trouble free designs.

More Energy Efficient—Be the Environmental Solution

LED light source are more efficient than incandescent and most halogen light sources. When viewing LED lighting as an alternative, it is important to consider the total system level benefits. For example, due to the decrease in energy used for the lighting of a building, air handling costs drop, generating both additional initial and ongoing investment savings. Additional benefits such as the directionality of light for general lighting and vivid true colors without the need for filters in signaling applications add to the energy efficiency on a system level.

- Design Flexibility and Unobtrusive Hidden Light
- LEDs are typically much smaller than conventional light sources, allowing for dramatically different lighting designs capitalizing on the unobtrusiveness of the source. Light emitting diodes provide the lighting designer with additional options and choices compared to conventional technologies.
- Vivid Saturated Colors—Without Filters
- Light Emitting Diodes require no filters to create colored light, resulting in deeper saturated colors without wasted light. Deep reds, greens, blues and other colors can be produced in monochromatic form directly form the solid state element. There is no need for expensive filters, and there is no wasted energy

Directed Light for Increased System Efficiency

The light emitted from an LED is directional. Typical conventional sources such as incandescent, halogen, or fluorescent lights are omni directional, emitting light in all directions. A side benefit from the directionality of light emitted from the LED solution is the reduction of light pollution.

Instant On, Full Color, 100% Light

Light emitting diodes have turn on times measured in microseconds. The instant on feature of LEDs provides additional reaction time in safety critical applications. There is no flickering or warm up period as the source reaches ignition temperature in an LED lighting system and the emitted wave length is reached instantaneously

No Mercury in the Light Source

Unlike most fluorescent sources, LEDs contains no Mercury. LED is Solid State technology made in Silicon Valley using similar technologies that are used in the latest microprocessors. As it is a solid-state device, it has no moving parts, no fragile glass environments, no mercury, no toxic gasses, and no filament. Eliminating Mercury from your lighting system will enable you to meet new and future increasingly stringent environmental regulations

- No Heat or UV in the Light Beam
- conventional light sources (as well as some LEDs) contain invisible radiation as well as the visible component of light in the beam. This radiation can be very short wavelength blue, known as ultraviolet light, or long wavelength red, known as infrared, which causes heat. Ultraviolet light can, and will, damage materials, cause color changes and eventually breakdown many materials. Museums and other applications where ultraviolet light is a liability use expensive low flexibility light pipes to filter out this harmful component of the generated light. Frequently the light sources used for these light pipes is a very bright, hot, incandescent or halogen sources, generating most of their light as heat. Infrared light can damage displayed objects, increases air conditioning costs, decreases environmental comfort, and when reflected off reading surfaces increases eyestrain.

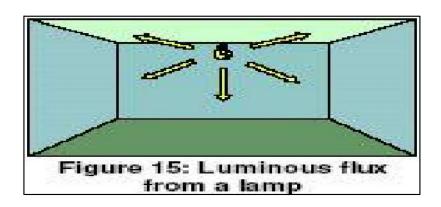
Cold Start Capable

 Many light sources in use today are not well suited to cold environments. The cold start ability allows for instant on/off control without specially designed circuitry, simplifying your system design while lowering the cost of the electronic driver.

Low Voltage DC Operation

 Unlike conventional light sources, light emitting diodes are current driven low voltage devices. This enables never before solutions that meet regulatory requirements without expensive safety interactions. Due to the low voltages required, disposable and rechargeable battery operation or alternative energy sources (such as solar or wind) can be easily used to power the light source

MEASUREMENT OF ILLUMINANCE



The lumen can be defined as a certain quantity of radiant energy emitted per second, weighted against the spectral sensitivity of the human eye. This can be well understood by comparing light source with shower. The quantity of water sprayed per second by shower is termed as stream of water. If in the place of shower an electric lamp is installed, the lamp would emit certain quantity of light per second. In technical word this quantity of light emitted per second by the light source is called the luminous flux. The luminous flux) is expressed in units called lumen. It is represented by symbol Φ and is a scalar quantity.

LUX METER



Illuminance (Unit – Lux, Symbol - E)

- The luminous flux reaching the working plane per unit of area is called the illuminance. For the magnitude of illuminance it does not matter the direction form which the luminous flux reaches the plane. The illuminance is a scalar quantity. The illuminance on a plane due to one light source and due to another source on the same plane can therefore be added to arrive at a total value.
- If the luminous flux is not uniformly distributed over the plane, one has to work out average illuminance (Eav) on that plane. The illuminance on the working plane is therefore the result of direct as well as reflected light.
- The symbol of illuminance is E and unit is as follows:
- In Metric System, Illuminance E = Φ/A lumen/m2 or Lux
- It is Measured with help of Lux meter

STREET LIGHTING DESIGN PROCESS





By definition, lighting design according to the illumination method relies on the amount of light flux reaching the pavement and the uniformity of the light on the pavement surface.

The steps in the design process are as follows:

- A. Determination of the foot-candle value by assessing the facility to be lighted.
- B. Selecting the type of light sources (Type I-V).
- C. Selecting light sources size and mounting height.
- D. Selecting luminaire type.
- E. Determining luminaire spacing and location.
- F. Checking for design adequacy.

These steps are arranged in the order in which they are usually encountered in the design process. However, as mentioned earlier, the local utility companies for jurisdictional review complete most roadways lighting designs. Due to this fact, the following section will focus on checking for design adequacy.

Design Criteria

- Calculation The calculation of the average horizontal illuminance produced by a lighting system is essentially an iterative design process.
- The most frequent calculation used to determine average illuminance levels is shown below:
- Formula Computation
- Average Maintained LL x CU xMF
- Level of Illumination = S x W
- WHERE:
- LL = Initial Lamp Lumens
- CU = Coefficient of Utilization
- MF = Maintenance Factor (LLD x LDD)
- LLD = Lamp Lumen Depreciation
- LDD = Luminaire Dirt Depreciation
- S = Luminaire Spacing
- W = Roadway width
- This formula can be used in both the English, metric or SI system of measures

Determining the level of illuminance (foot-candle value). TABLE-A RECOMMENDED ILLUMINANCE VALUES AND UNIFORMITY RATIOS

ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING DESIGN CASE- STUDY

- It is necessary to study the exact lighting requirement depending upon nature of task, duration of task, lighting levels during day time and other important factors, accordingly suitability of available energy saving lighting fixtures etc.
- In present case a detailed study of illumination requirement is carried out for a residential unit with one bedroom, hall, kitchen, flat, with toilet and entrance foyer. The details of present electrical fittings provided are worked out. On and average a 40 watt tube fitting gives lux level during night hours up to 40 lux at table top placed 0.75mt. Above the floor level at the center of the room for room dimensions of 12 x 12 ft. At present the tube fitting is mounted at ceiling level which is 3.00 mt. high from the floor level.
- For giving equivalent lux level at same point i.e. at tabletop placed 0.75mt. Above the floor level 2 nos. of CFL lamps of 8 watt capacity were placed to give out put of 38 lux. In same room two fittings, each consisting of 6 Nos. of super bright LED's were provided and they gave total illuminous output of 42 lux.

RECOMMENDED VALUES OF ILLUMINATION

 Recommended values of illumination as per national building code of India are part VIII Building services – section 1 lighting and ventilation

	Homes:	Lux
a)	Kitchens	200
b)	Bathrooms	100++
c)	Stairs	100
d)	Workshops	200
e)	Garages	70
f)	Sewing and darning	700
g)	Reading (casual)	150
h)	Homework and sustained reading	300

Each of these fitting consumes only 1 watt of power. Which indicates use of LED's can give illuminous output equivalent output that produced by 2 Nos. of 8 watt CFL lamps (total 16 watt) in only 2 watt power consumption.

ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING DESIGN -CASE STUDY

- A recommended lux level for staircases is 100 lux in above table. Now a days in multi family complexes the lighting of the stair case is on throughout the night hours i.e. almost 12 hours.
- In order to maintain this recommended lux level lot of energy will have to be put in which in my view is wastage of resources as the studies carried out for comfortable usage for stair cases and corridors reveal that up to 25 lux light out put is sufficient. As the usage is almost 12 hours day it is necessary to make use of LED fittings which are having almost 1 lack hours of life. That means ones if LED's are put in for usage considering their useful life they can be in service for almost

11,00,000 hours

= 22.83 years

12 hours /day x 365 days/year

ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING DESIGN -CASE STUDY

- And secondly in place of traditional lighting system if entire stair case lighting is done from construction stage itself on solar system then considering average life of solar panel about 25 years and LED fittings life of 25 years, usage of solar lighting systems for corridors, stair cases, bathrooms, night lamps, etc. mandatory and requested to the governments to make necessary laws.
- In case of residential unit under study general lux level observed with 40 watt tube was found to be 40 lux in bedroom & sufficient ambient light was found to be comfortable by the illumination produced by one 8 watt CFL lamp was 25 lux. It can be easily seen that the recommended lux levels are on very high side almost four times greater than that of actually used comfortable light levels.
- It is therefore necessary to reconsider the desired lux levels in the present era of energy insufficiency especially in Maharashtra and secondly referring to the mounting energy costs.

CASE STUDY OF ONE BEDROOM FLAT

Average present Daily Lighting Requirement



Room	Туре	Power Required (watts)	Daily Use in Hrs.	Energy Consumed (W-H)	Lux Level
					Measured
Hall	1- Tube	40	5	200	40
Kitchen	1- Tube	40	5	200	42
	Incandescent bulb	15	3	45	25
Bedroom	1- Tube	40	3	120	38
	Incandescent bulb Table Lamp	15	8	120	100
Bathroom	Incandescent bulb	15	3	45	20
W.C.	Incandescent bulb	15	3	45	25
Passage	Incandescent bulb	15	12	180	18
Veranda	Incandescent bulb	15	12	180	22
			Total	1135 WH	

Proposed Daily lighting requirement Using energy saving Fittings for equivalent lighting level



Туре	Power Required (watts)	Daily Use in Hrs.	Energy Consumed (W-H)	Lux Level Measured
2-CFL's,12-led	16+3=19	5	95.00	38
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6-LED	1.5	3	4.50	40
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6-LED	1.5	3	4.50	25
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% Reduction in energy requirement

Light use in(Hr.)	Initial WH Requirement	Proposed WH Requirement	% Reduction In Energy Requirement
3	255	70.50	72.35
5	400	190.00	52.5
8	120	12.00	96.66
12	360	36.00	96.66
Total	1135.00	308.5	

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- It is evident form above case study that the general lux level maintained on the roads irrespective of type of fitting, position of fitting used is around 20 lux. High wattage sodium vapor lamp placed at 30 feet height and 40 watt fluorescent tube placed at 8 feet height produce same illuminuous intensity. It can also be seen that lux level obtained under LED fitting under testing is also 19 lux.

- The wattage of 30 feet high mounting consisting of sodium vapor lamp is 70 watt, the wattage of fluorescent tube is 40 watts where as wattage of LED fitting under testing is only 2 watts which will lead to substantial energy saving as well as recurring expenses of cities.
- Secondly if this LED fitting is connected to solar photovoltaic panels then the question of external connecting cables will automatically become obsolete, which will help during maintenance works of water supply and sanitory lines of the cities.
- It is therefore suggested that while Designing Street lighting system the present practice of lighting design need be reviewed.
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