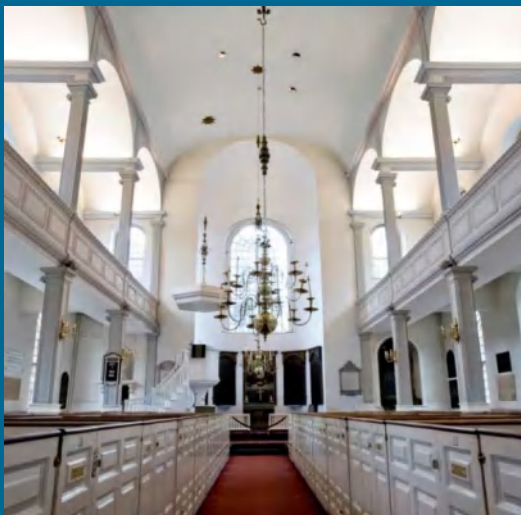


# LED Dimming: What you need to know



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# Why dim LED sources?

- Additional energy savings
- Increased visual task performance
- Enhanced ambience
- Fewer light sources to specify, maintain, stock
- Enhanced space flexibility, satisfaction
- Demand response load shedding
- Potentially improved light source efficacy, lifetime

# What's the big deal?

- Dimming LED sources in the real world can be challenging, particularly with phase-cut dimmers
- Wide variation in LED source and dimmer characteristics
- Little can be assumed
- Not all claims are equal
- Difficult to predict

# What you need to know

- LEDs are inherently dimmable
- LEDs typically need a “Driver”
- Dimming an LED source can change the behavior of the Driver
- LED dimming performance is determined by Driver capability and compatibility with the dimming equipment
- Multiple compatibility issues are rooted in circuit level interactions between the LED Driver and dimmer
- What you think you know may no longer be valid

# You can dim today, if you want to

- Good LED dimming solutions are available today
  - with various trade-offs
  - new standards, technologies in development
  - user experiences should improve in future
- Chances for success correlated with willingness, ability to learn new things
  - unfamiliar issues
  - new standards, technologies
- Chances for success also correlated with willingness, ability to evaluate products first hand
  - not new guidance
  - color rendering, glare, etc.

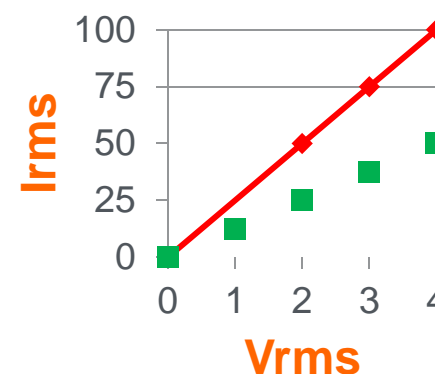
# What you need to figure out

- What your options are
- Where information and guidance is available
- What questions to ask
- What potential trade-offs are important, or not important to your application
- What your risk tolerance is
- How much you are willing to learn

# Controlling current in simple (resistive) loads

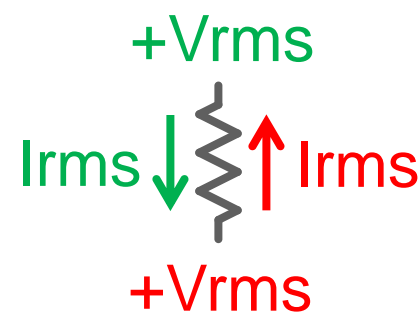
- Resistive loads have linear current-voltage relationships

- $I = (1/R) \times V$
- For AC input, only care about  $V_{rms}$
- Time independency:  $I_{rms} = (1/R) \times V_{rms}$



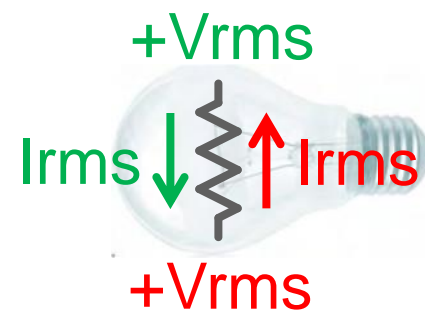
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- Applying  $\pm V_{rms}$  results in the same  $I_{rms}$
- $I_{rms} = (1/R) \times |V_{rms}|$



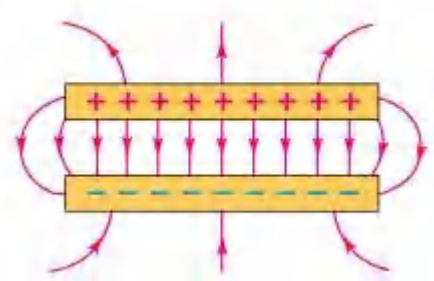
# Incandescent sources are simple (resistive) loads

- Incandescent sources electrically behave like resistors (unlike pretty much every other lighting technology)
- Incandescent sources effectively only care about  $V_{rms}$ 
  - Constant  $R$  at steady state
  - $R$  is a function of filament temperature
- Incandescent sources are bidirectional
  - Applying  $\pm V_{rms}$  results in the same  $I_{rms}$
  - $I_{rms} = (1/R) \times |V_{rms}|$
- Important caveat: thermal persistence
  - If  $I(t>0) \rightarrow 0$  in resistor, no power consumption
  - If  $I(t>0) \rightarrow 0$  in incandescent source, light output continues as long as filament is hot (10s to 100s of milliseconds)

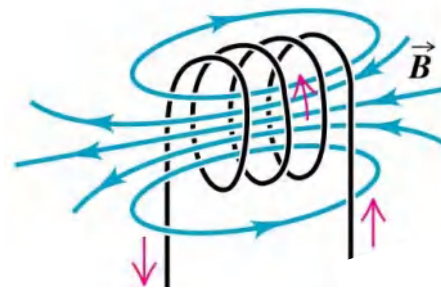




- Complex loads contain complex electronic devices (e.g. capacitors, inductors)
- Complex loads contain devices which store energy
- Complex loads contain devices with non-linear current-voltage relationships
- Complex loads contain devices with time-dependencies (e.g.  $dv/dt$ ,  $di/dt$ , on/off switching)



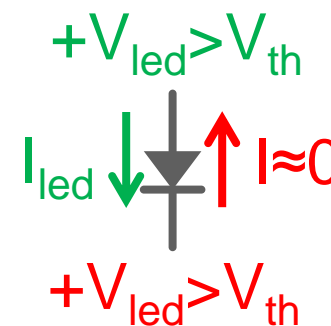
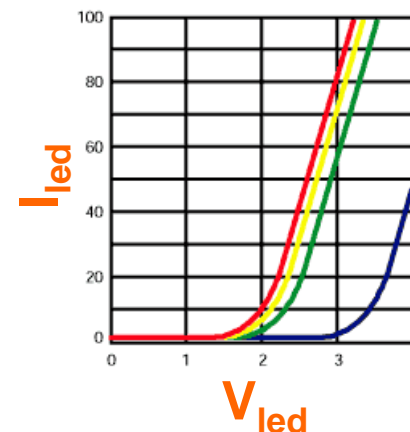
Capacitors store energy in electric fields



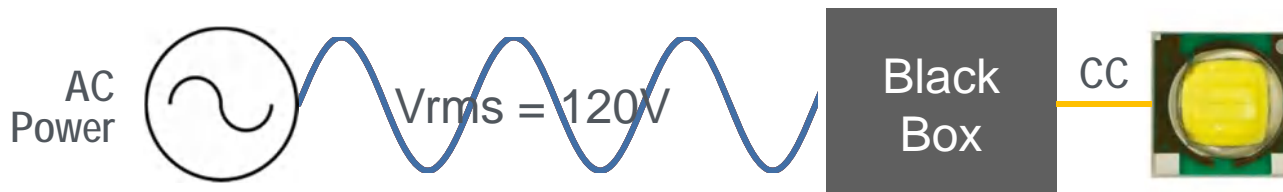
Inductors store energy in magnetic fields

# LEDs are complex loads

- LEDs are non-linear devices
  - Different current-voltage relationships in different regions of operation
  - Small change in voltage can equal large change in current
  - (Average) current must (typically) be controlled
- LEDs are unidirectional
  - (Forward) current only flows in one direction
  - Light output only for forward current
- Important caveat: fast response
  - If  $I(t>0) \rightarrow 0$  in diode, no power consumption
  - If  $I(t>0) \rightarrow 0$  in LED, no light output
  - Careful attention to time where  $I \approx 0$



# LEDs (typically) need a “Driver”



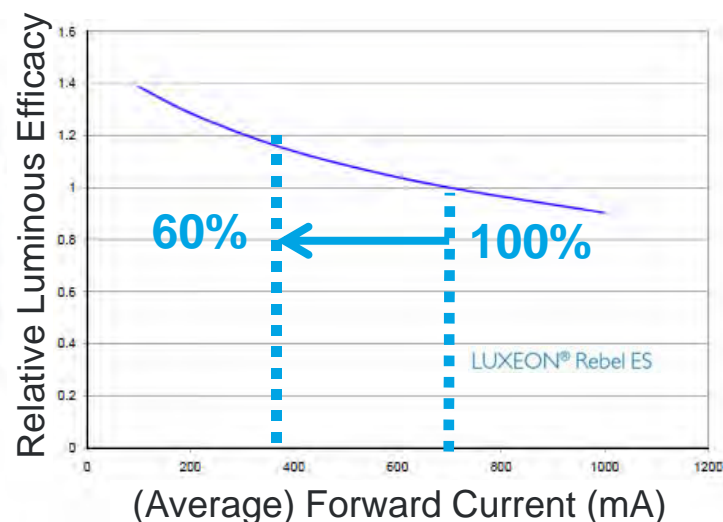
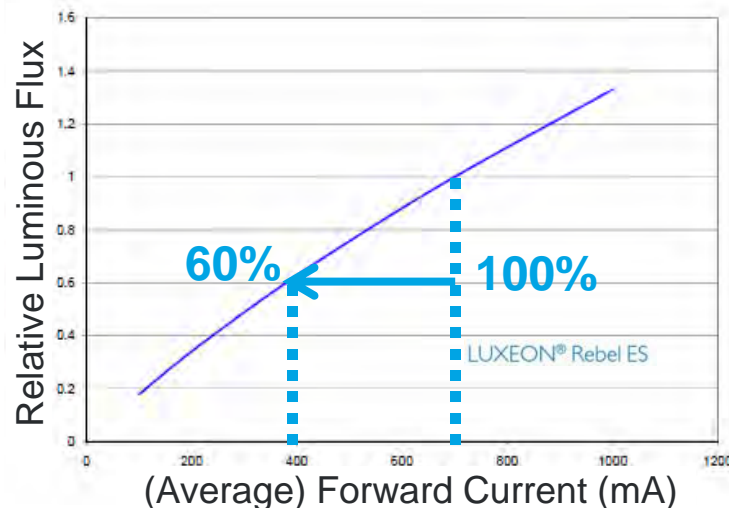
- Non-linear  $I_{led}$  vs.  $V_{led}$  relationship, together with manufacturing variation in  $V_f$ , mean LEDs are best regulated by controlling their current
- Typically, LEDs are operated (or “Driven”) such that their (average) current is constant (Constant Current)
- Typically, power electronics components are used to create circuits which convert AC voltage into regulated LED constant (average) current

# LED's are dimmable

## Constant Current Reduction

- Varying LED current, LED always on
- Longer LED lifetime
  - Lower current and temperature
- No noise generation
- Potentially higher efficacy at lower dimming (lower current) levels
- Does not create flicker
- Objectionable color shift?
- More difficult dimming regulation at deep dimming (low current) levels

Also known as CCR, Analog

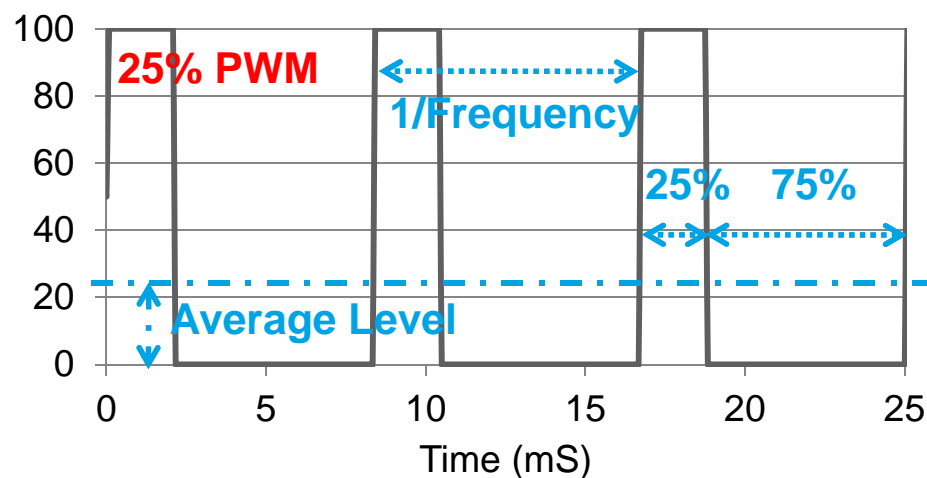
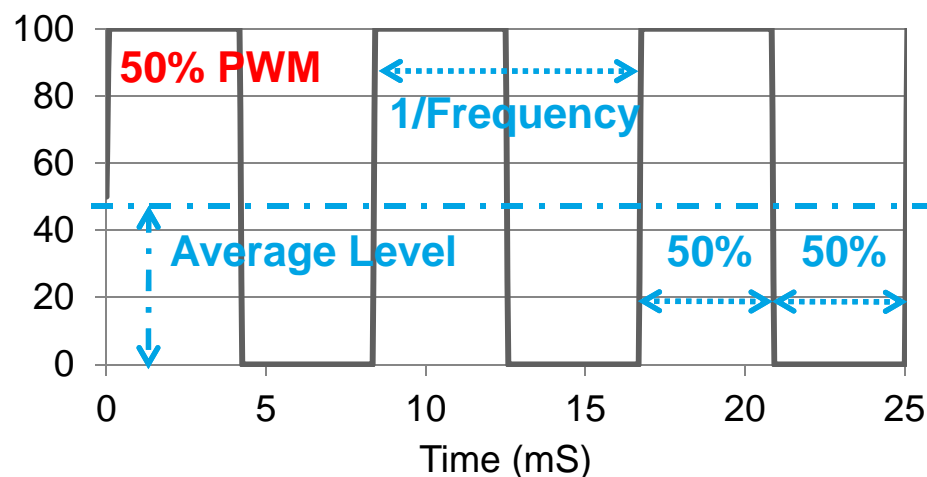


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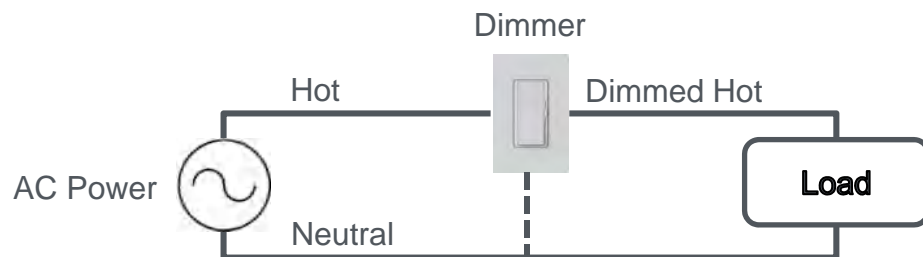
## Pulse Width Modulation

- Same LED current, varying LED on/off (typically) times
- Longer LED lifetime
  - Less LED on time, lower temperature
- Good dimming regulation at deep dimming (same current) levels
- No color shift?
- Potential noise generation
- PWM frequency is important
  - Potentially undesirable flicker
  - Minimum dimming level

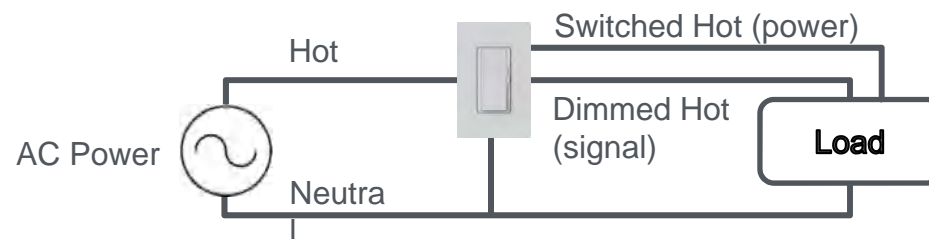
Also known as PWM



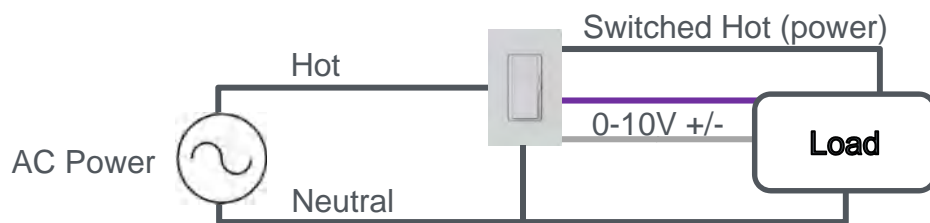
# Dimming technologies



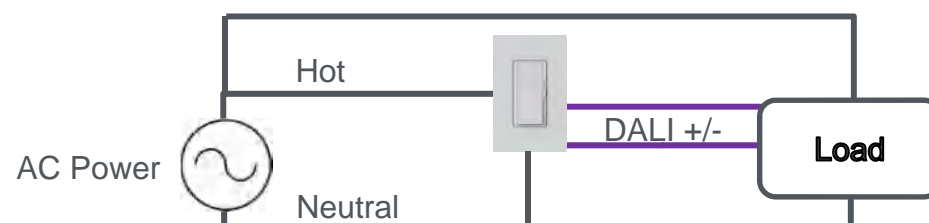
Phase-Cut



Fluorescent 3-Wire



0-10V

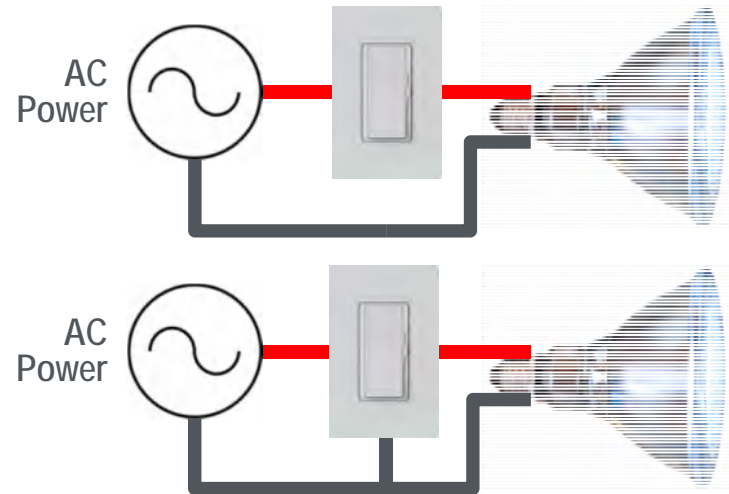


DALI

# Two main approaches to dimming

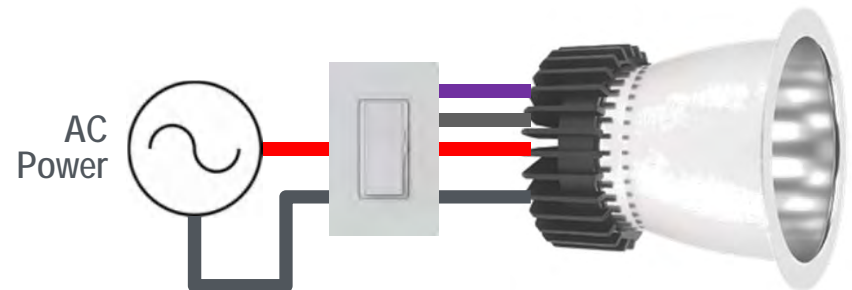
## Coincident AC power and control signal

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  - 2-Wire (hot, dimmed hot)
  - 3-Wire (hot, dimmed hot, neutral)
- Reduced amplitude AC sine-wave

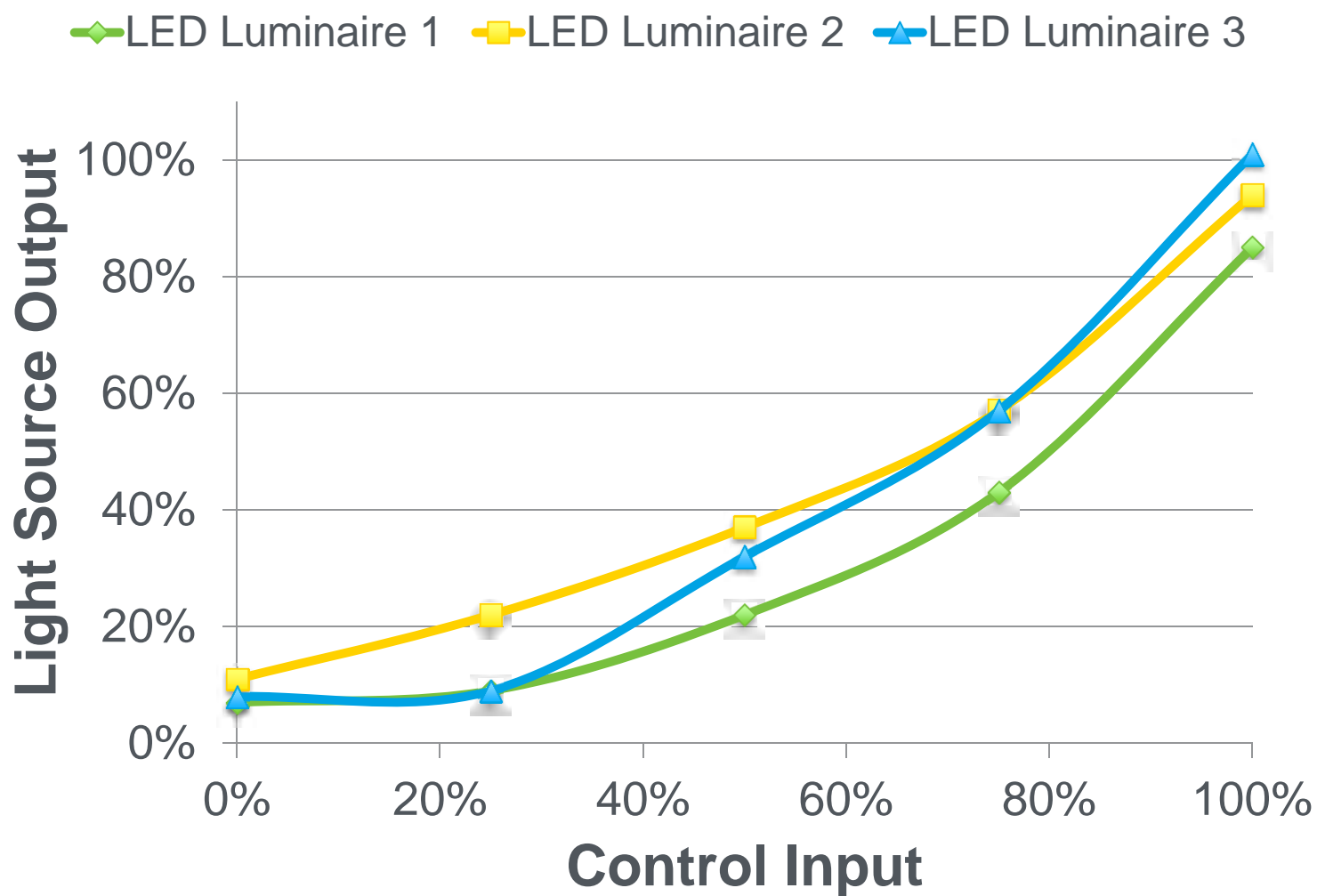


## Separate AC power and control signal

- Fluorescent 3-Wire
- 0-10V
- DALI
- DMX512
- PWM

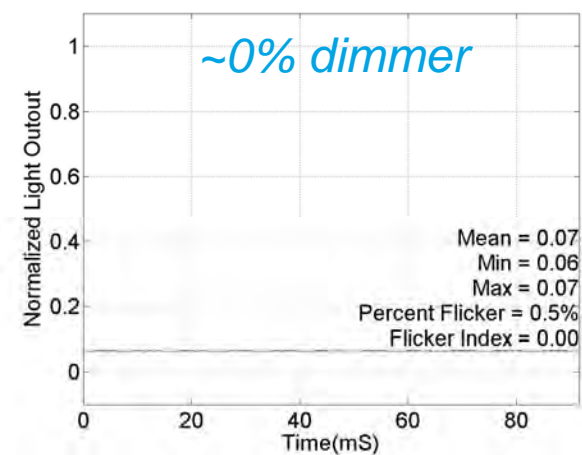
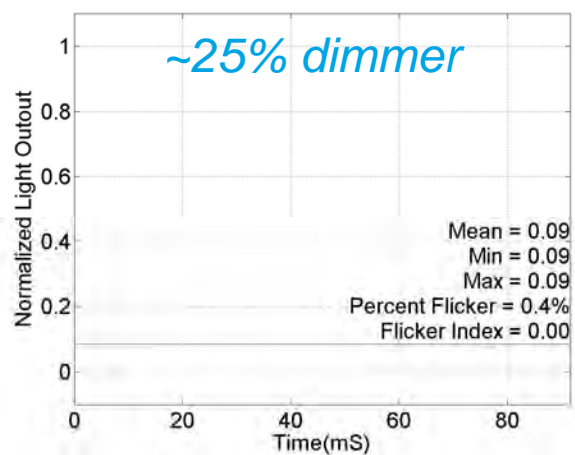
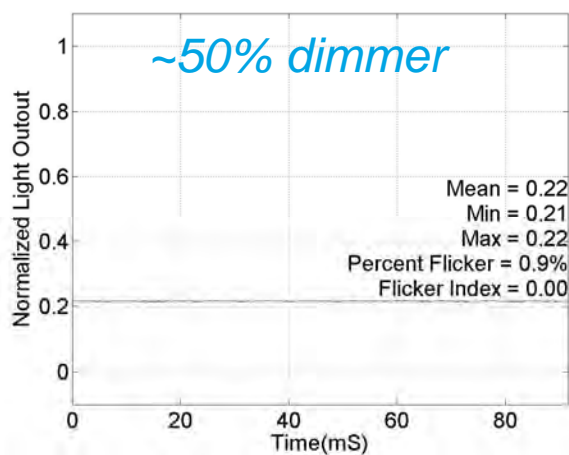
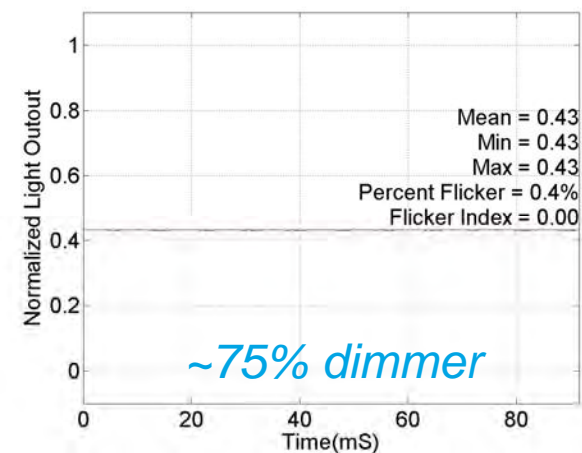
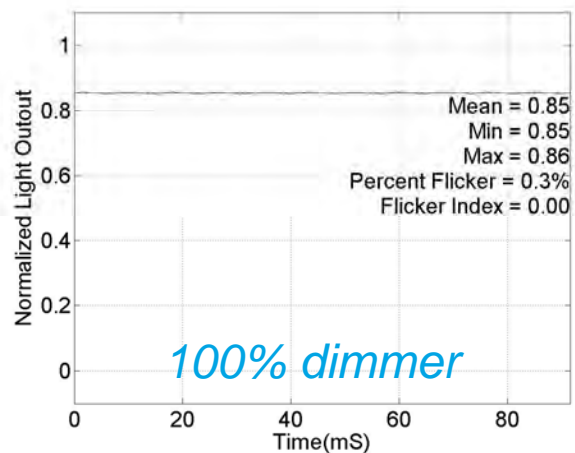
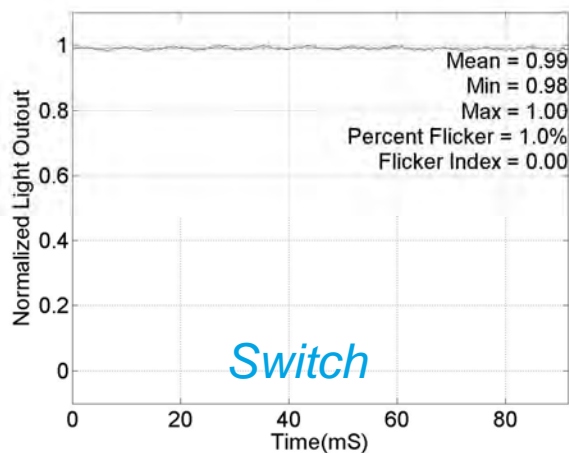


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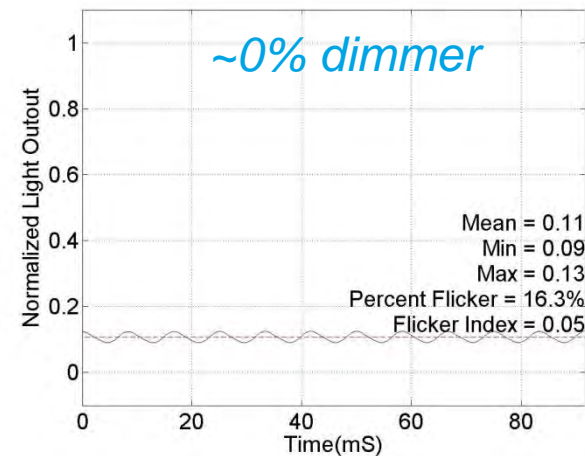
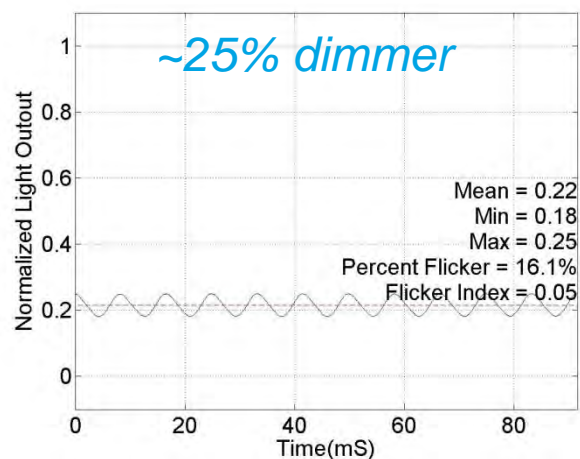
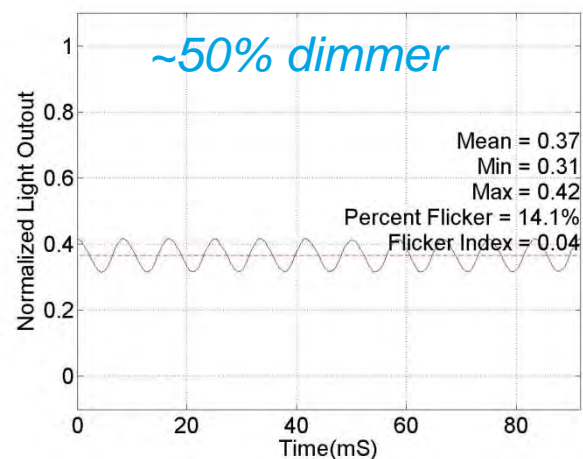
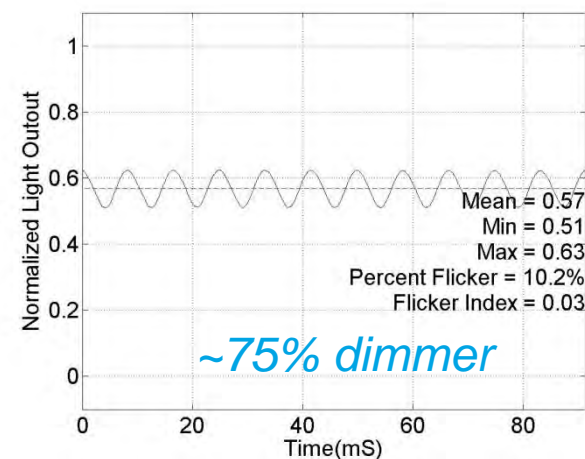
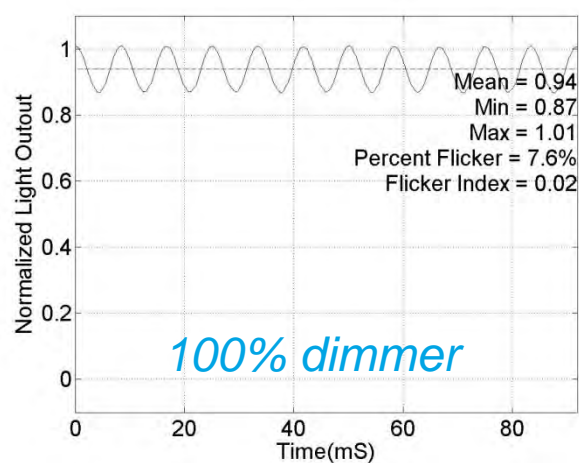
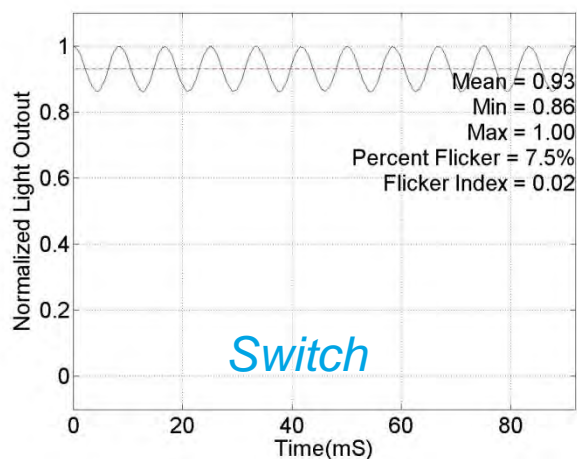




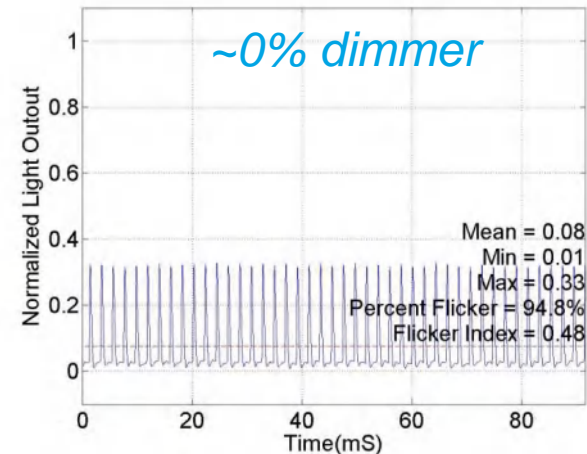
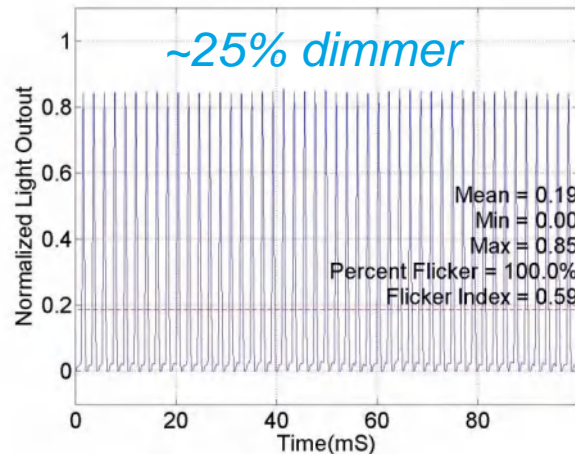
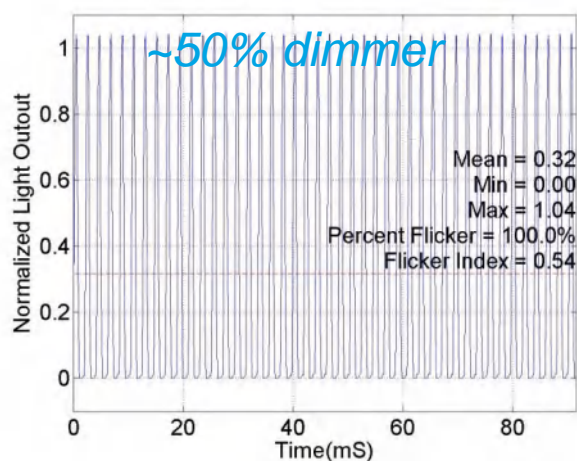
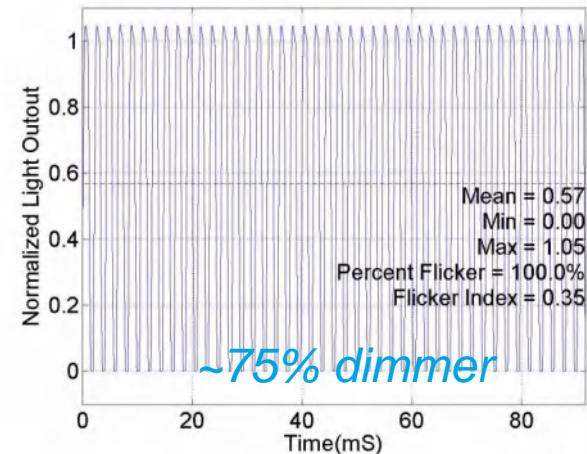
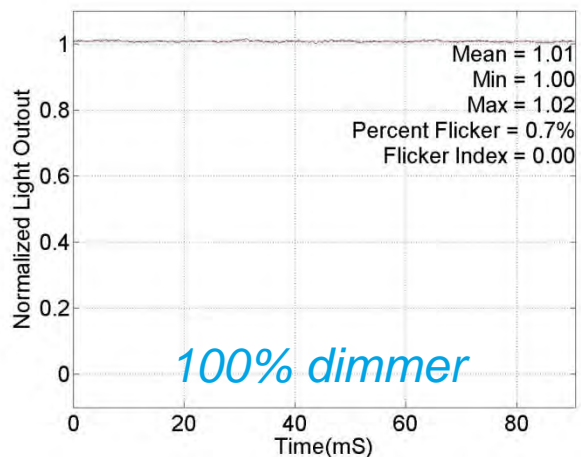
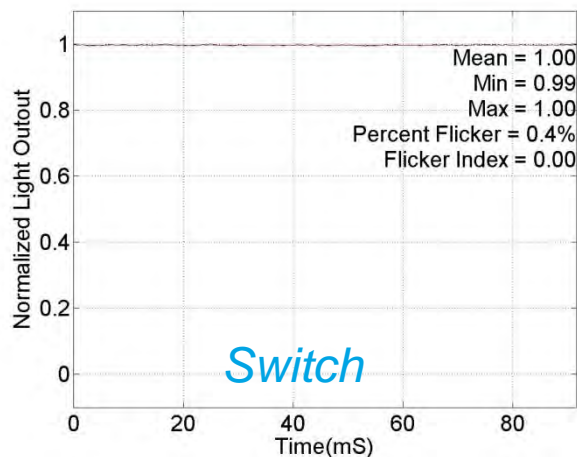
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# LED luminaire 2 + 0-10V dimmer A



# LED luminaire 3 + 0-10V dimmer A



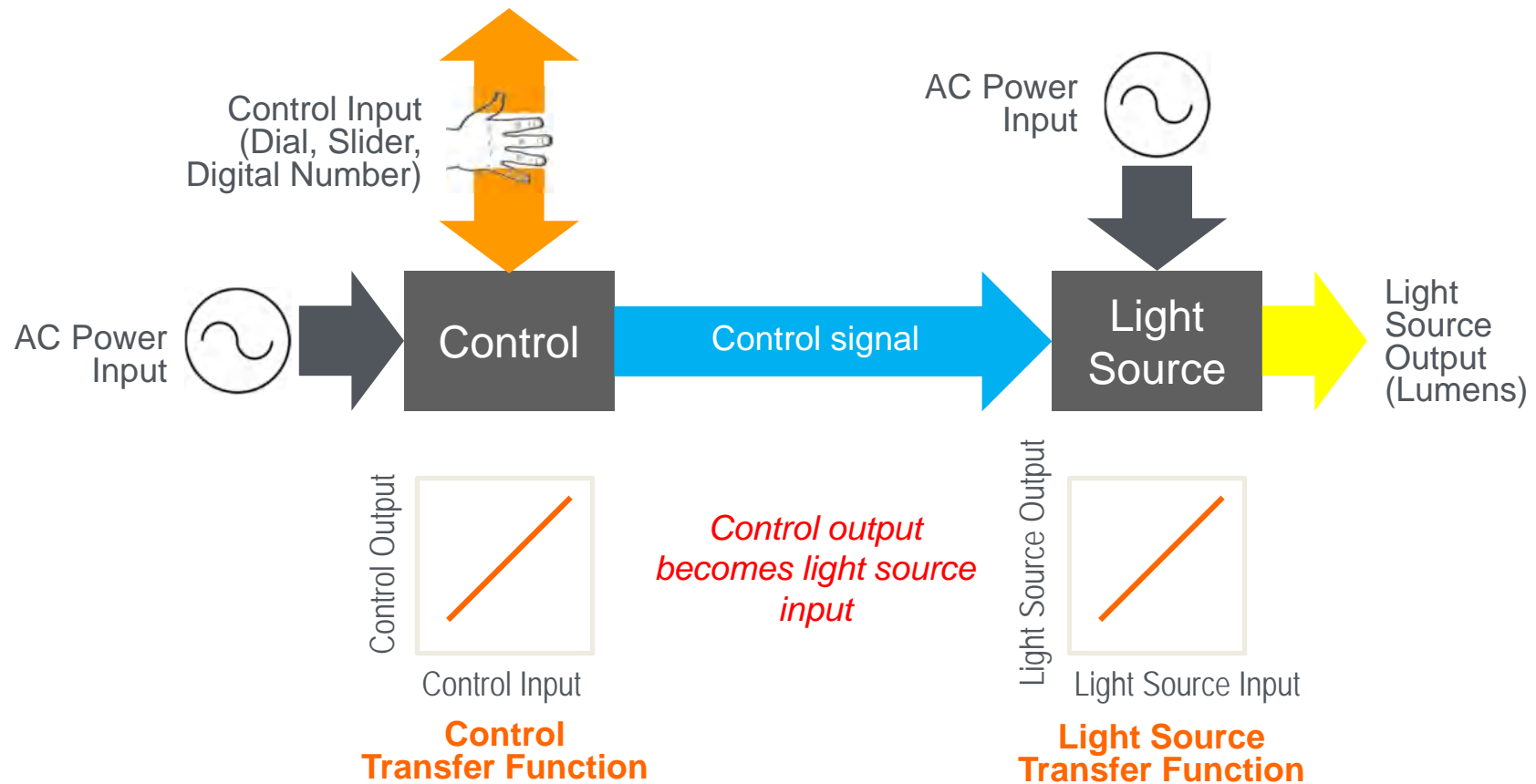
- Variation in time (modulation) of light output (luminous flux)
- Present in all traditional commercial electric light sources running on AC power
  - Including incandescent, halogen, fluorescent, metal-halide
  - Typically (but not always) periodic, and property of light source
  - Whether you are aware of it or not
- Not to be confused with electrical flicker
  - Noise on AC distribution line directly creates additional (light) modulation on resistive (incandescent) loads
  - Not a property of the light source
- **Measurement and reporting is not a standard practice for commercially available light sources**

## Sidebar: Who cares about flicker?

- Anyone who is sensitive
- Anyone responsible for human health, well-being and/or performance in spaces with electric lighting
- At-risk populations for specific impairments
  - Photosensitive epileptics: 1 in 4000
  - Migraine sufferers
  - Not all at-risk populations identified
- Young people
- Autistic people

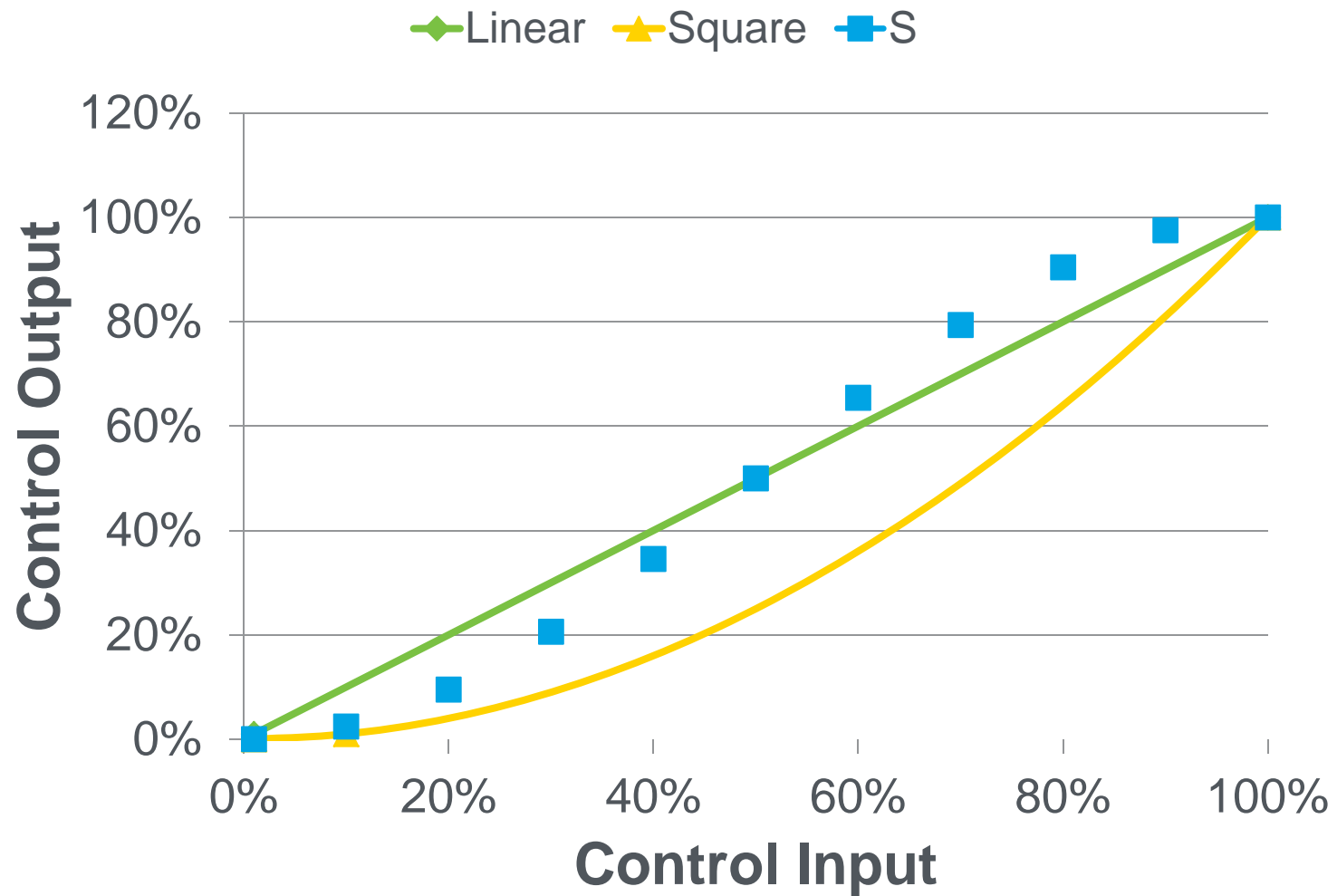
# Basic lighting control block diagram

## Separate AC power and control signal

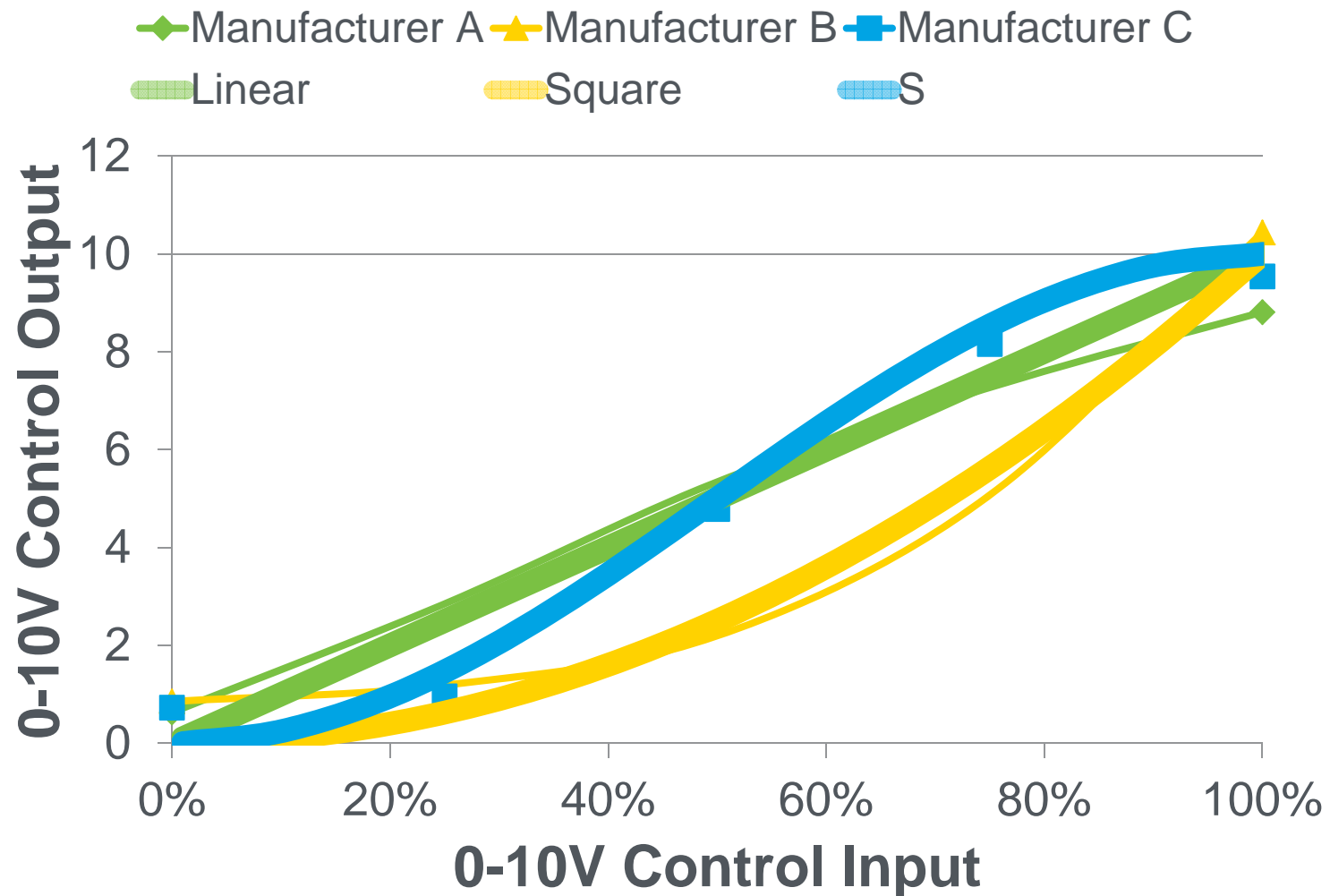




# Common control transfer functions

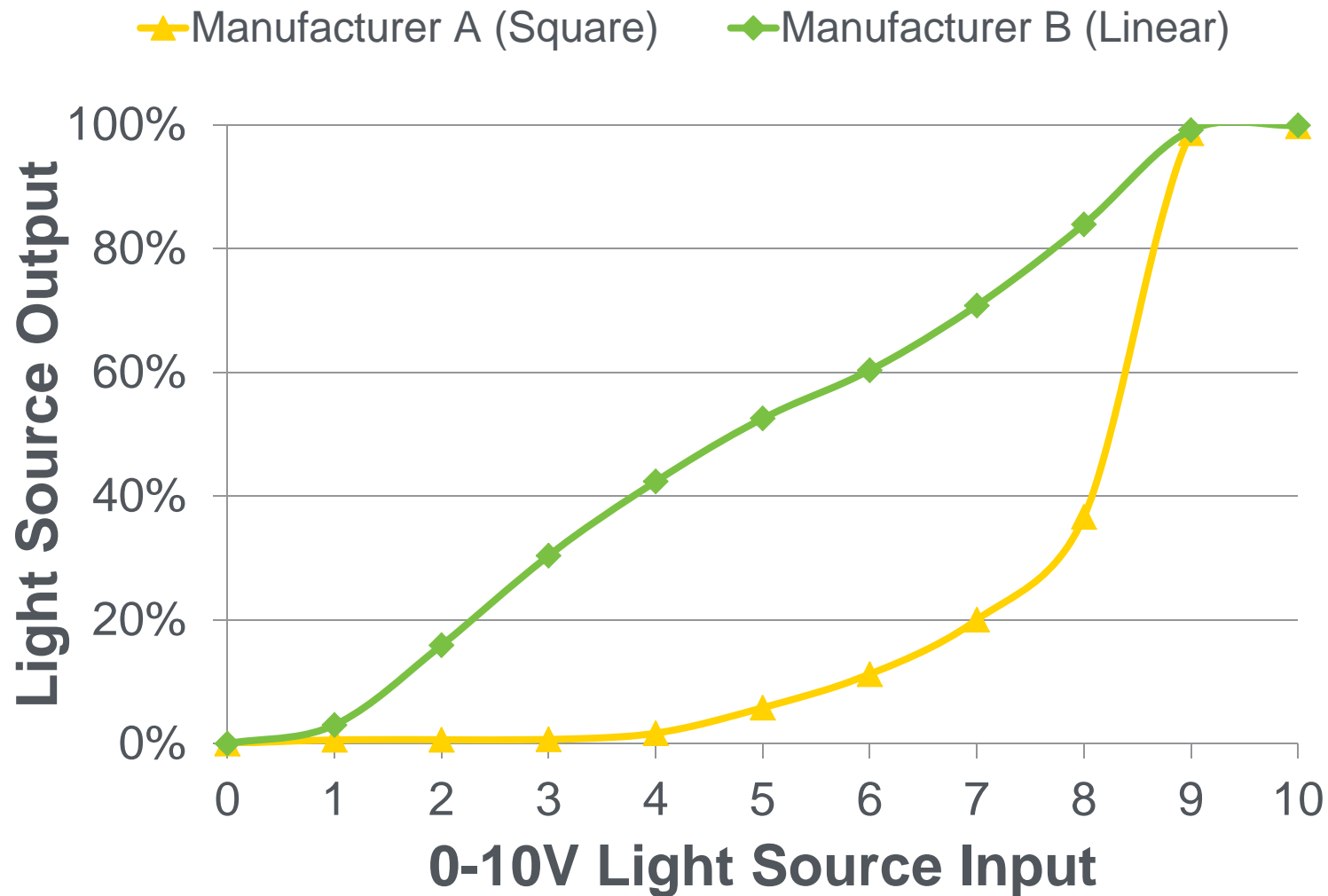


# Different dimmer manufacturers target different transfer functions



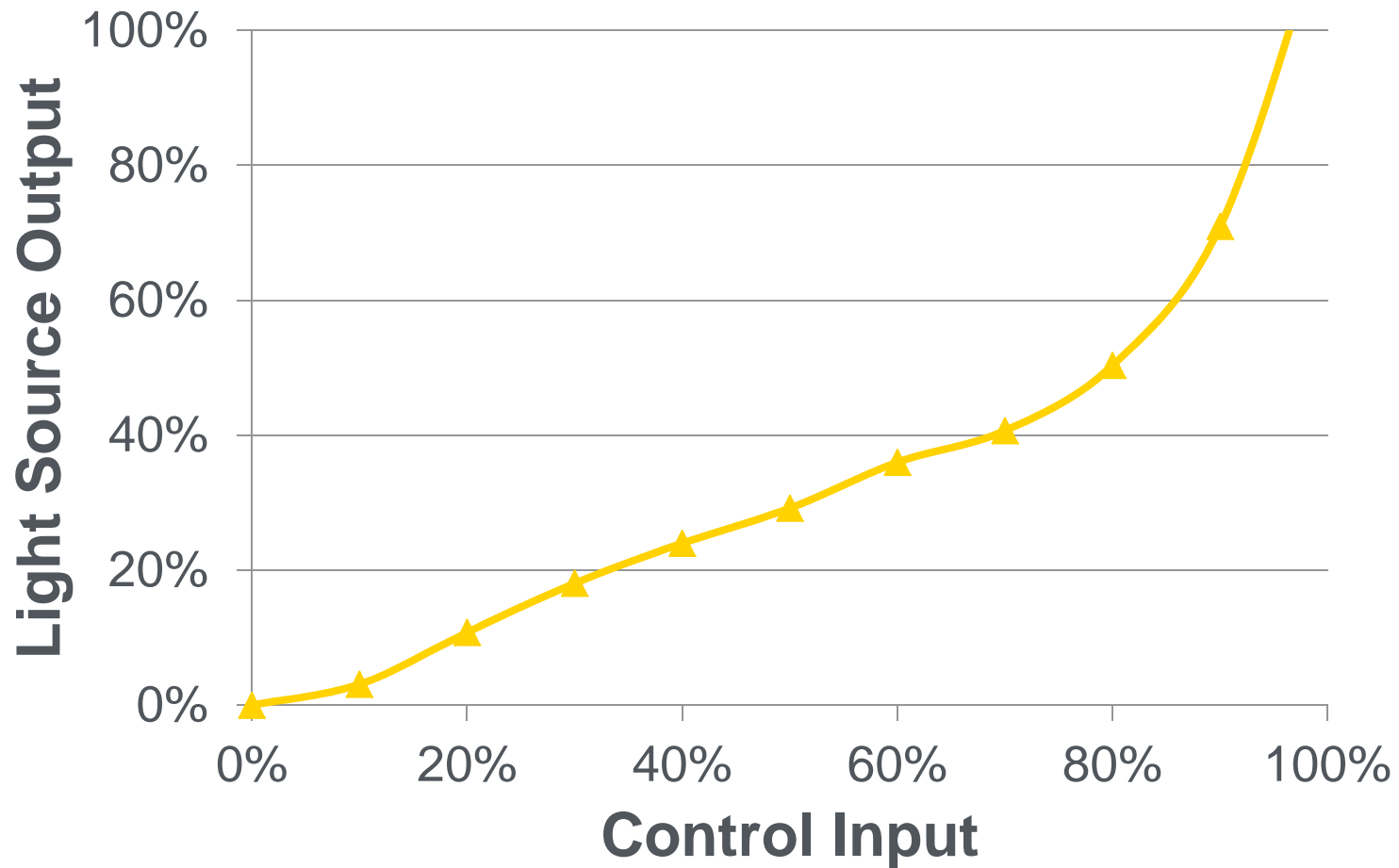


# Different LED source manufacturers target different transfer functions



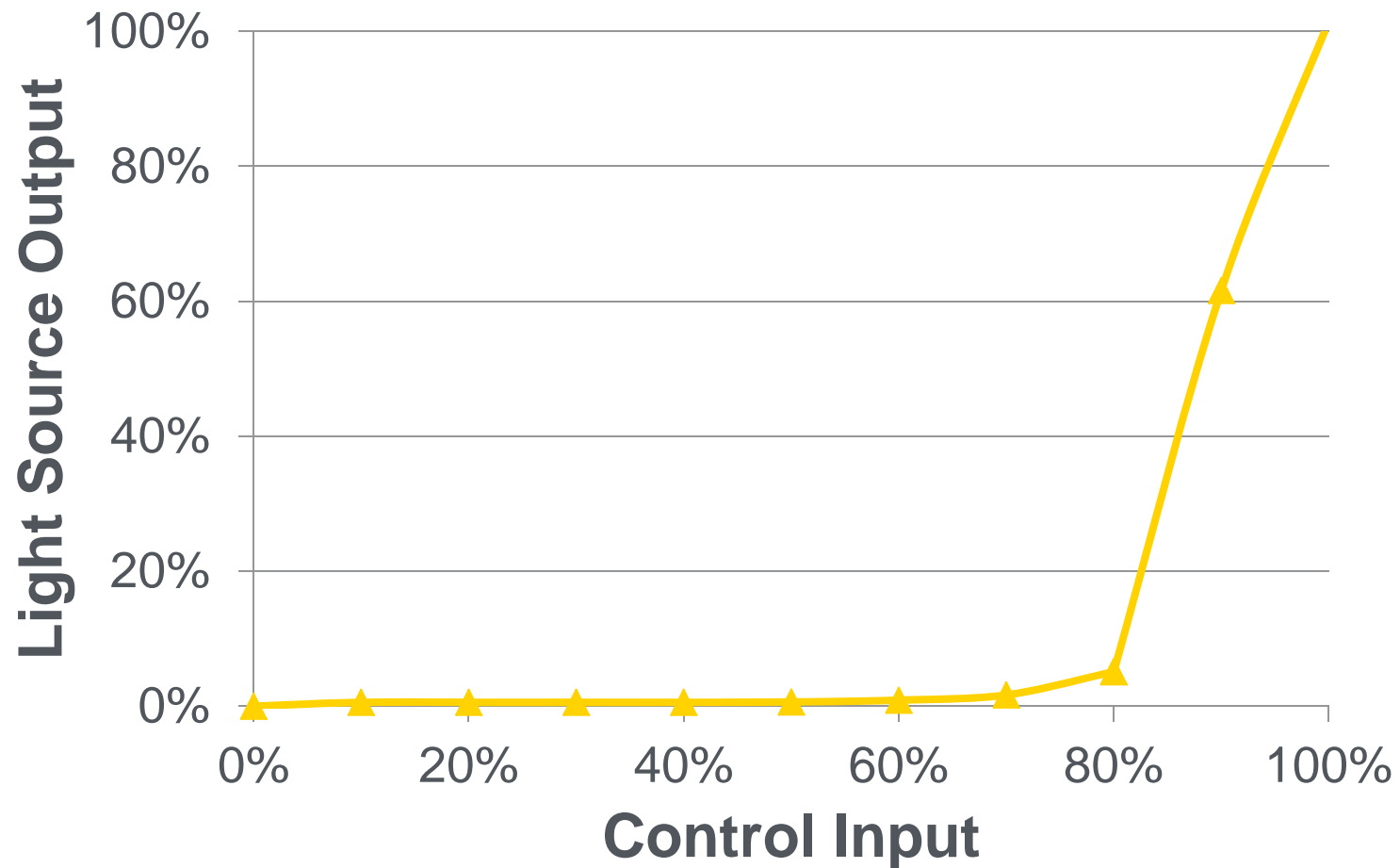
# Sometimes this works

## Square Control + Linear Light Source

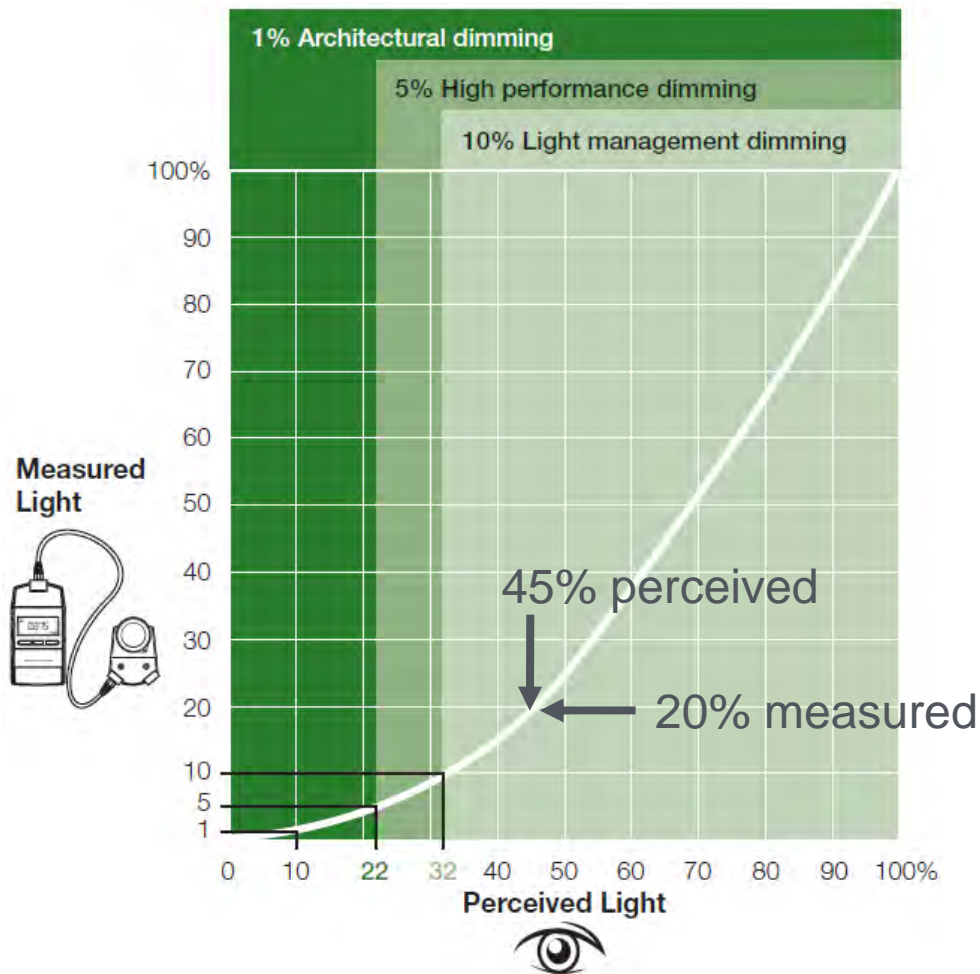


# Sometimes this doesn't work

## Square Control + Square Light Source



# Dimming level



- Measured light
  - light meter reading
  - illuminance
- Perceived light
  - visual interpretation
  - affected by adaptation, eye dilation
- What does 50% dimmed mean?
  - dimmer position
  - energy consumption
  - measured light
  - perceived light

Source: IESNA Lighting Handbook, 9th Edition

- Dimming an LED source can change the behavior of the Driver
  - Efficiency can degrade, but may be offset by improving LED efficacy
  - Flicker can be induced or increased
  - Power quality, as quantitatively evaluated by the Power Factor and Total Harmonic Distortion metrics, can be degraded
- LED Drivers typically can not maintain consistent performance over a wide range of conditions
  - Temperature
  - Connected load
  - Input voltage
- LED Driver performance varies with technology, cost

## Sidebar: What is power quality?

- Displacements and distortions to voltage and current waveforms
- Metrics
  - Power Factor
  - Total Harmonic Distortion
- Power Factor relates Active Power (P) and Apparent Power (S) by  $PF = P/S$
- Low(er) power factor loads DO NOT consume more energy, BUT they DO draw more RMS current
- Total Harmonic Distortion (THD)
  - THD-V
  - THD-I
- Voltage waveform distortions typically created by generators
- Current waveform distortions typically created by loads
- Common standard for generators is to limit THD-V < 5%
- Common specification for loads is to limit THD-I < 20%

# Sidebar: Who cares about power quality?

## Electricity producers and consumers

- Increased current requirements
  - Electricity transport ( $I^2R$ ) losses (<10%)
  - Wire, circuit breaker, transformer, etc. sizing
  - System issue; hard to quantify
- Can in some cases lead to electronic equipment damage, degraded performance

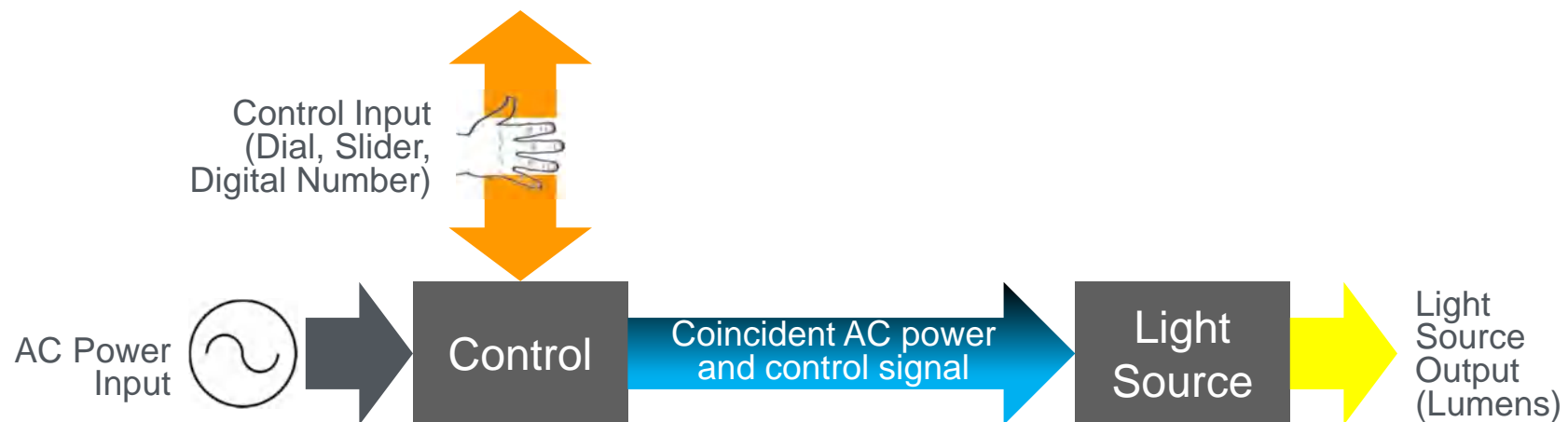
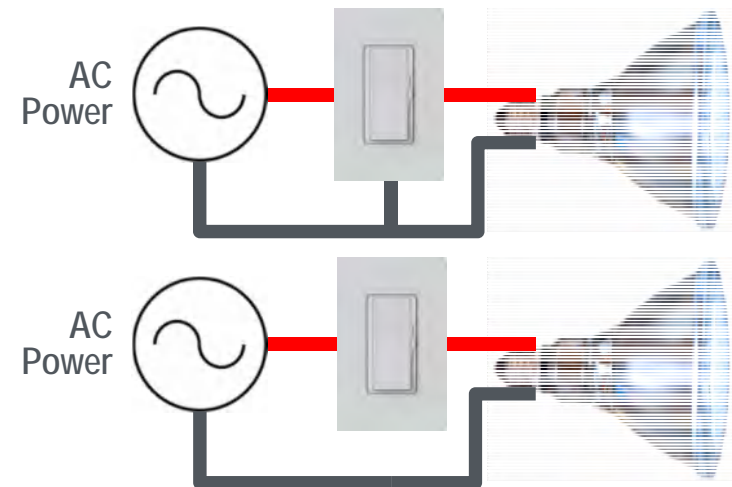
## Lighting equipment manufacturers

- Voluntary requirements for lighting equipment in ANSI C82.77-2002
  - Most recent published version
  - Revision under development
- System design tradeoffs for some LED sources
- Cost and size constraints for some LED sources

# What about incandescent dimming?

## Coincident AC power and control signal

- Phase-cut AC sine wave
  - Forward or reverse phase
  - 2-Wire (hot, dimmed hot)
  - 3-Wire (hot, dimmed hot, neutral)
- Reduced amplitude AC sine-wave





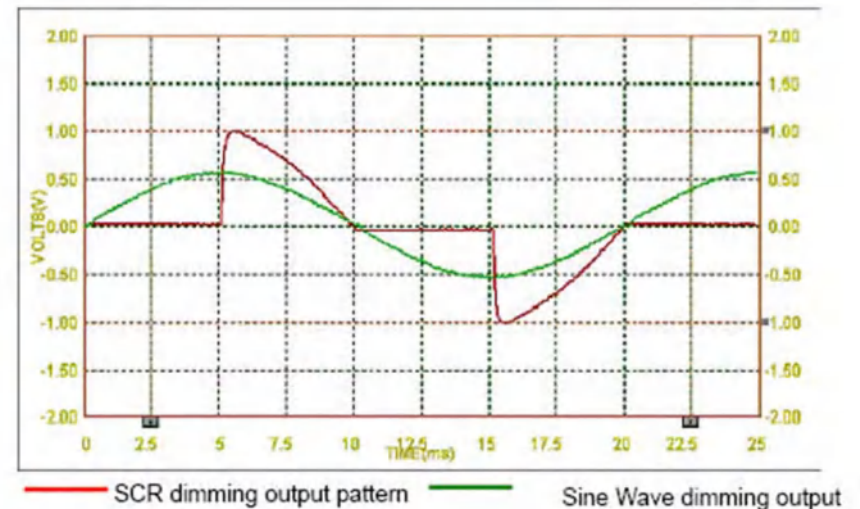
# Phase-cut vs. Sine-wave dimming

- Phase-cut control is the most commonly deployed dimming technology
- Large U.S. installed base
  - NEMA estimates >150M
  - Mostly “analog” (no neutral)



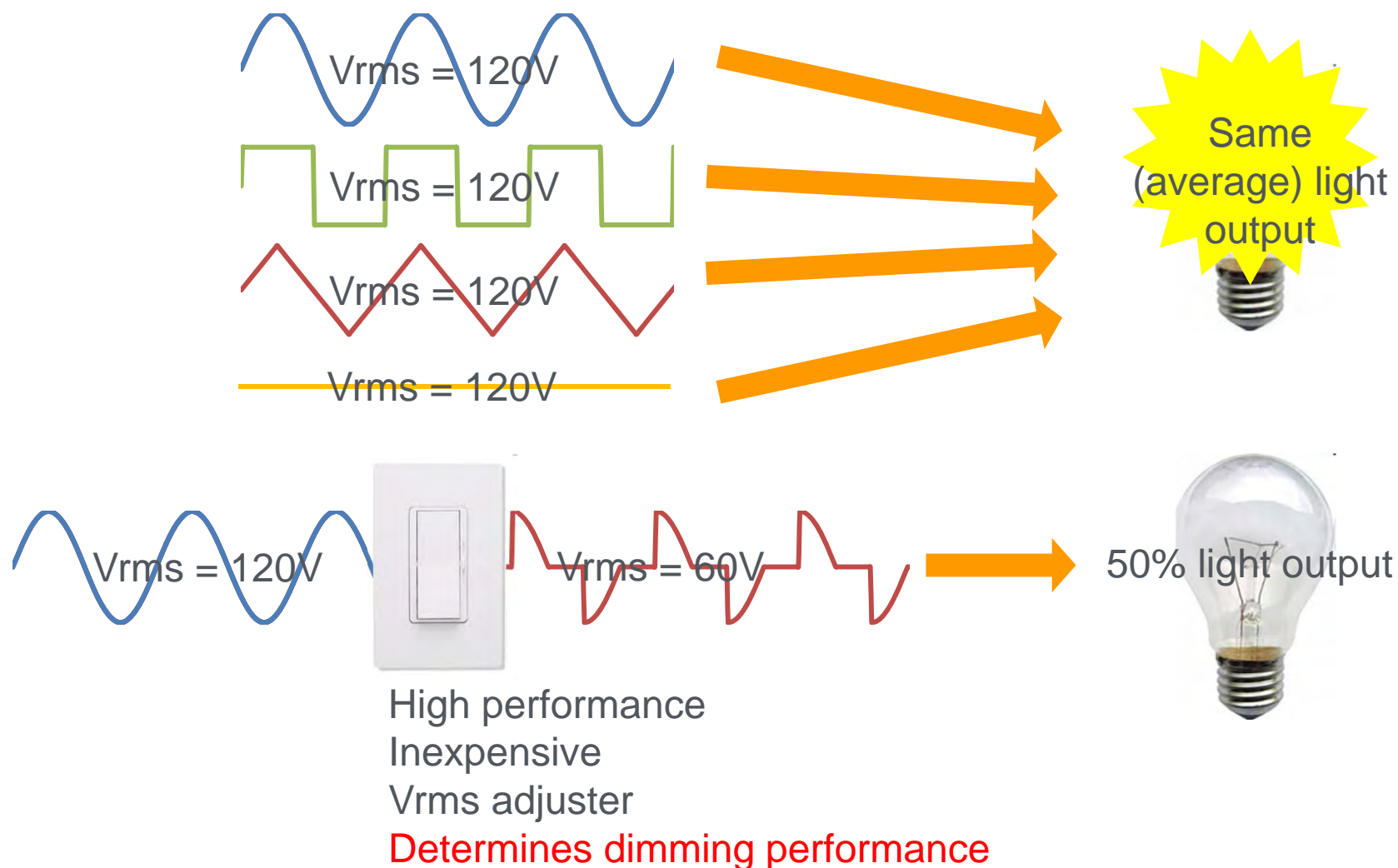
Phase-Cut Dimmer

50% Output Pattern



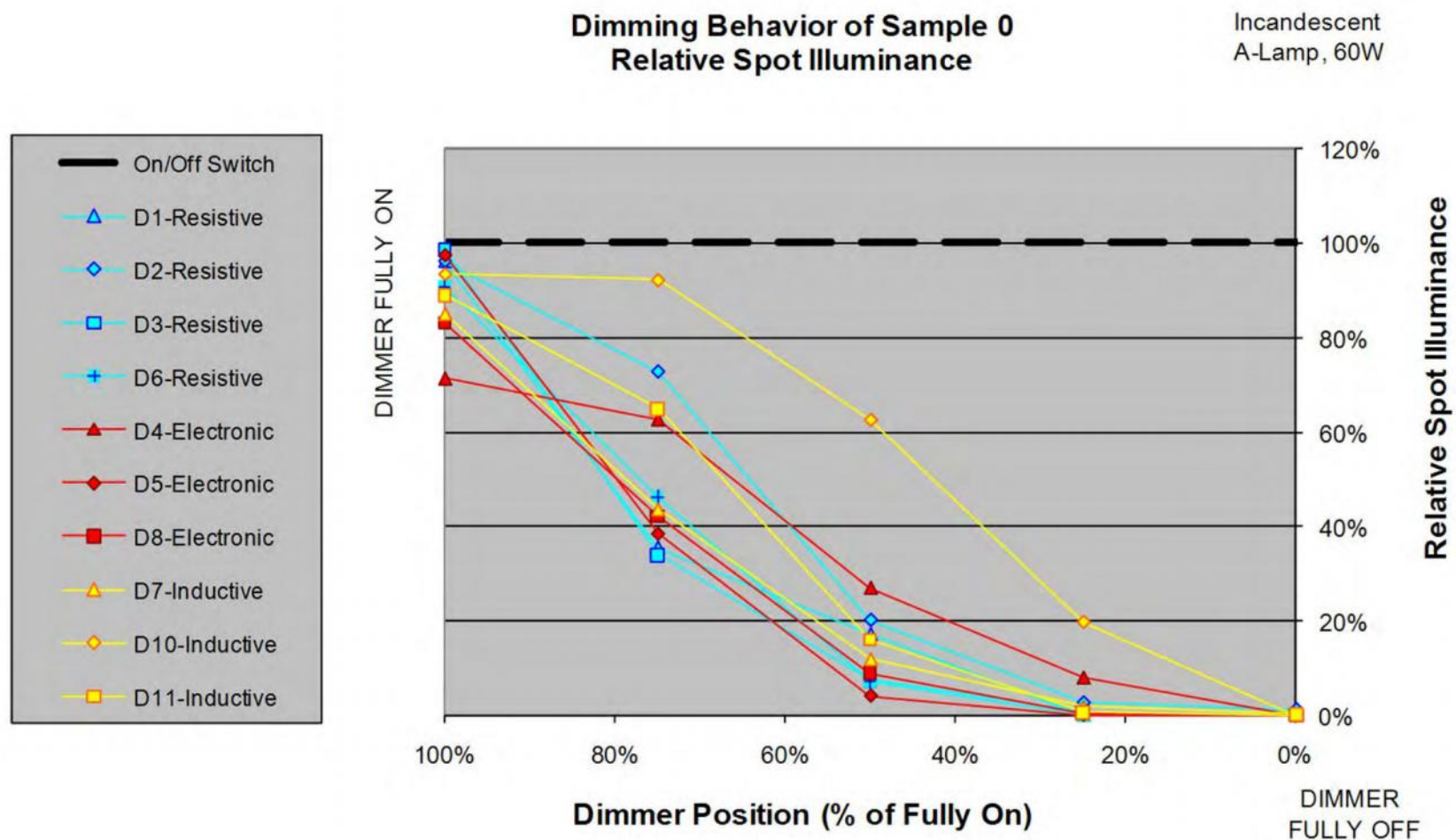
Sine-Wave Dimmer

# Phase-cut dimming was designed for incandescent sources



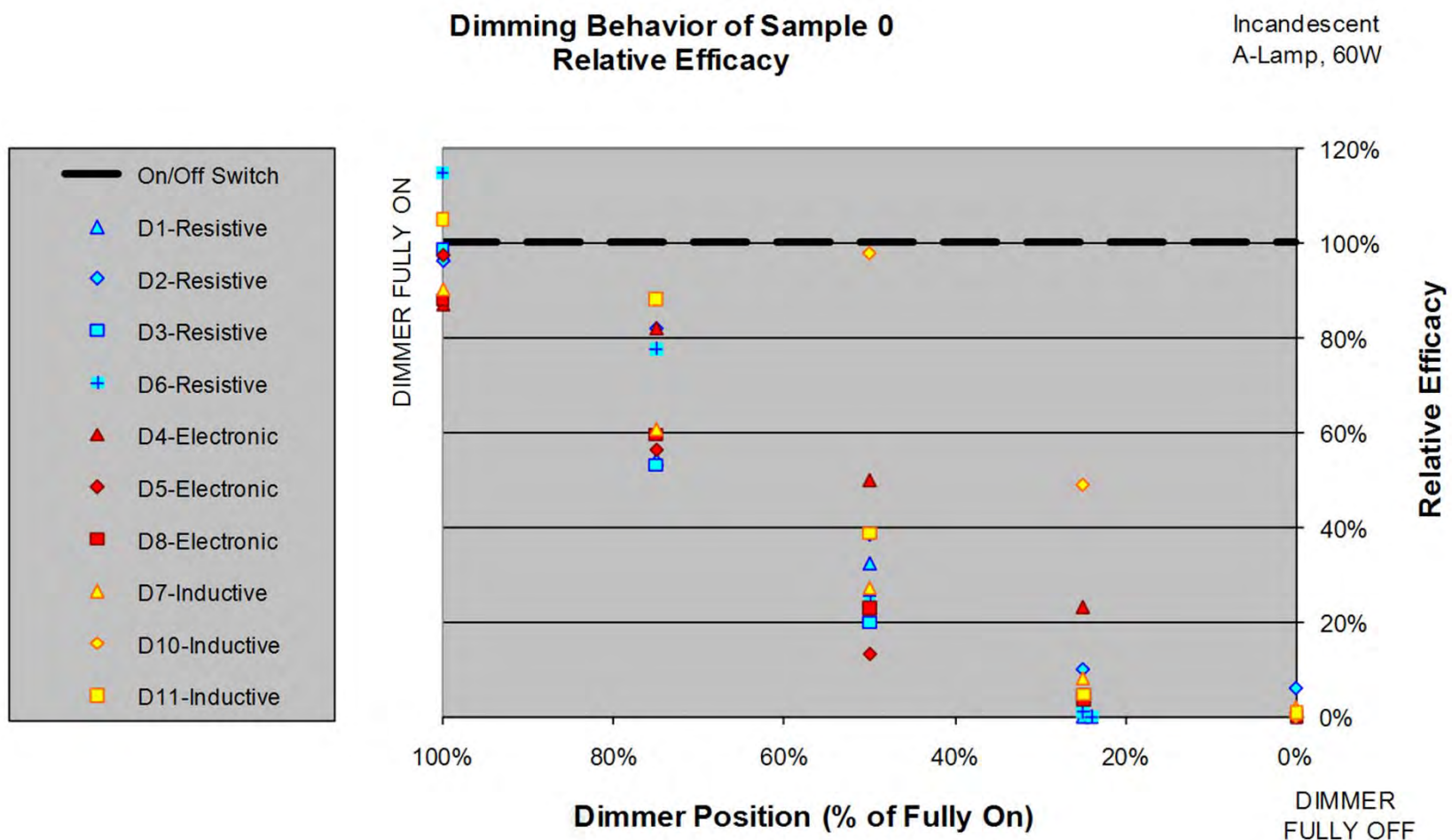
# Example: Incandescent source + phase-cut dimmers

→ Similar dimming range, different dimming curves

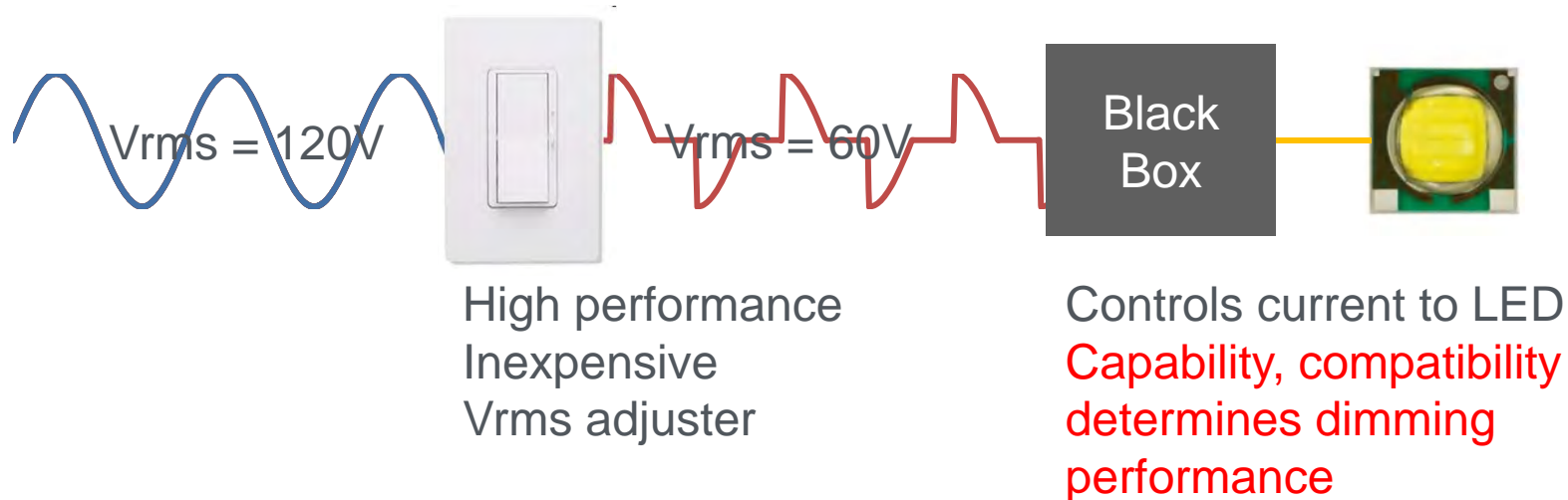
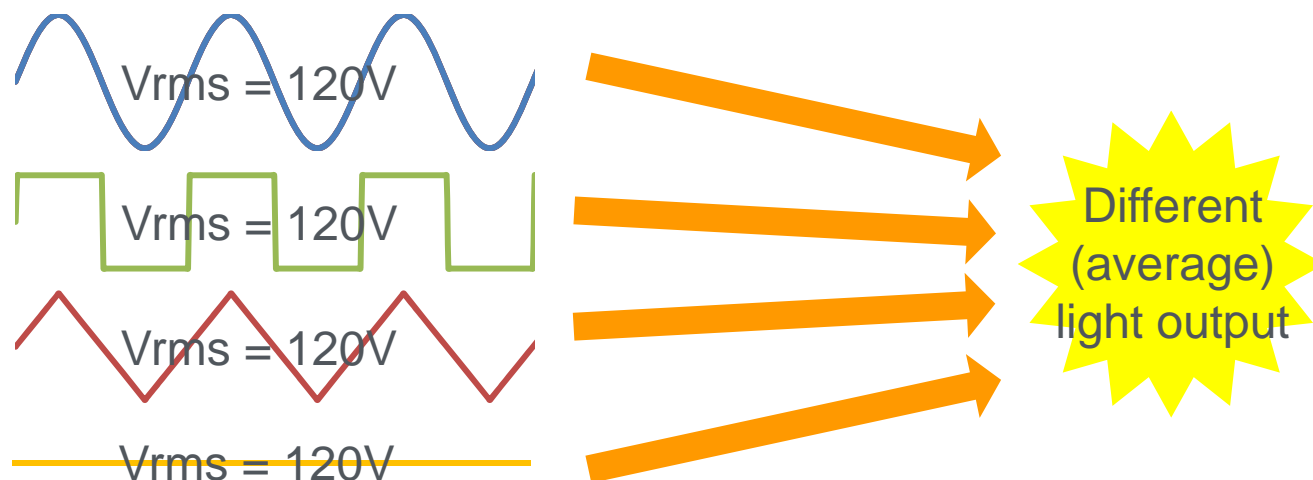


# Example: Incandescent source + phase-cut dimmers

→ Reduced efficacy when dimmed



# Phase-cut dimming of LED light sources



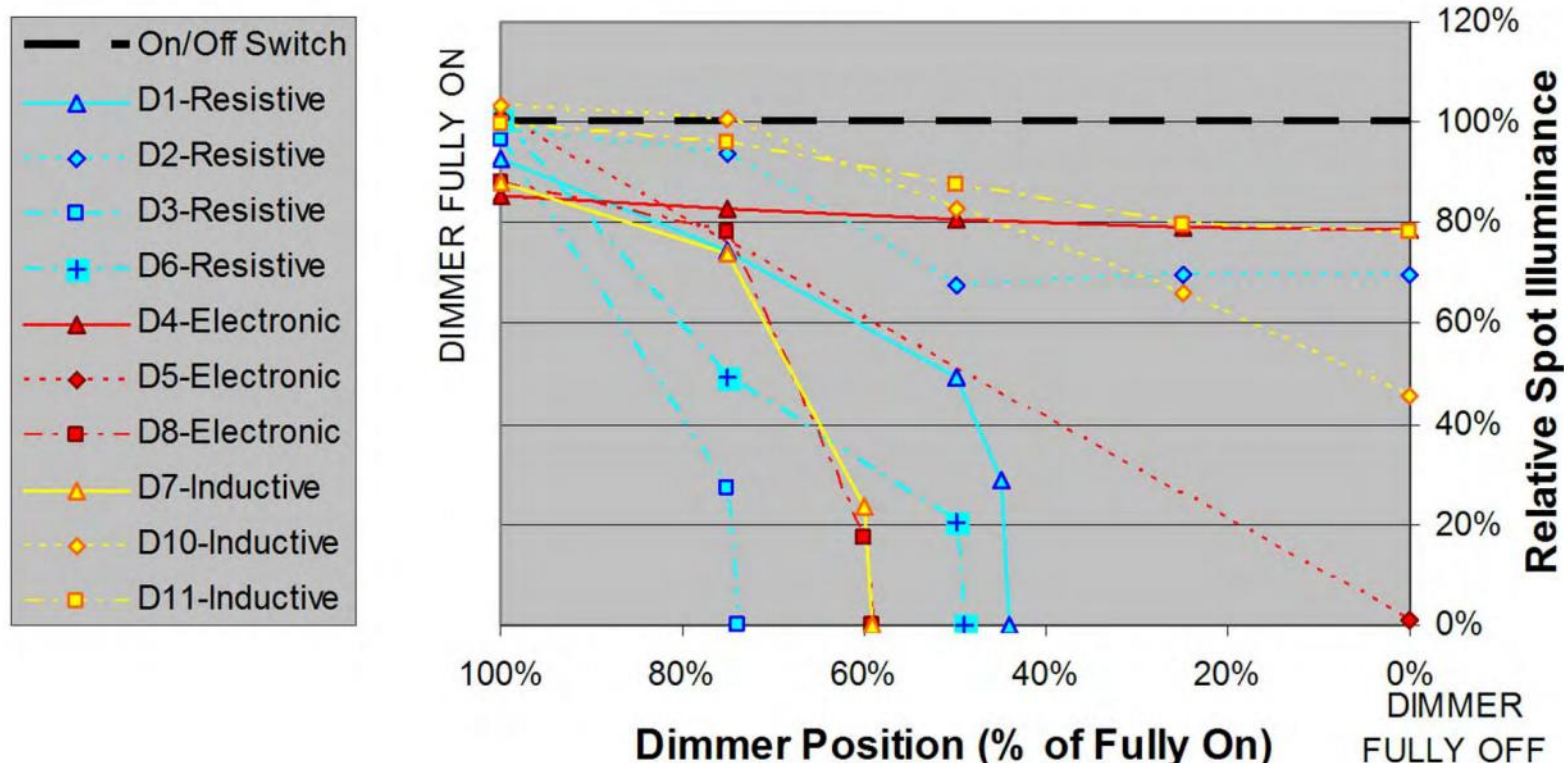


# Example: LED source + phase-cut dimmers

→ Varying dimming ranges and curves

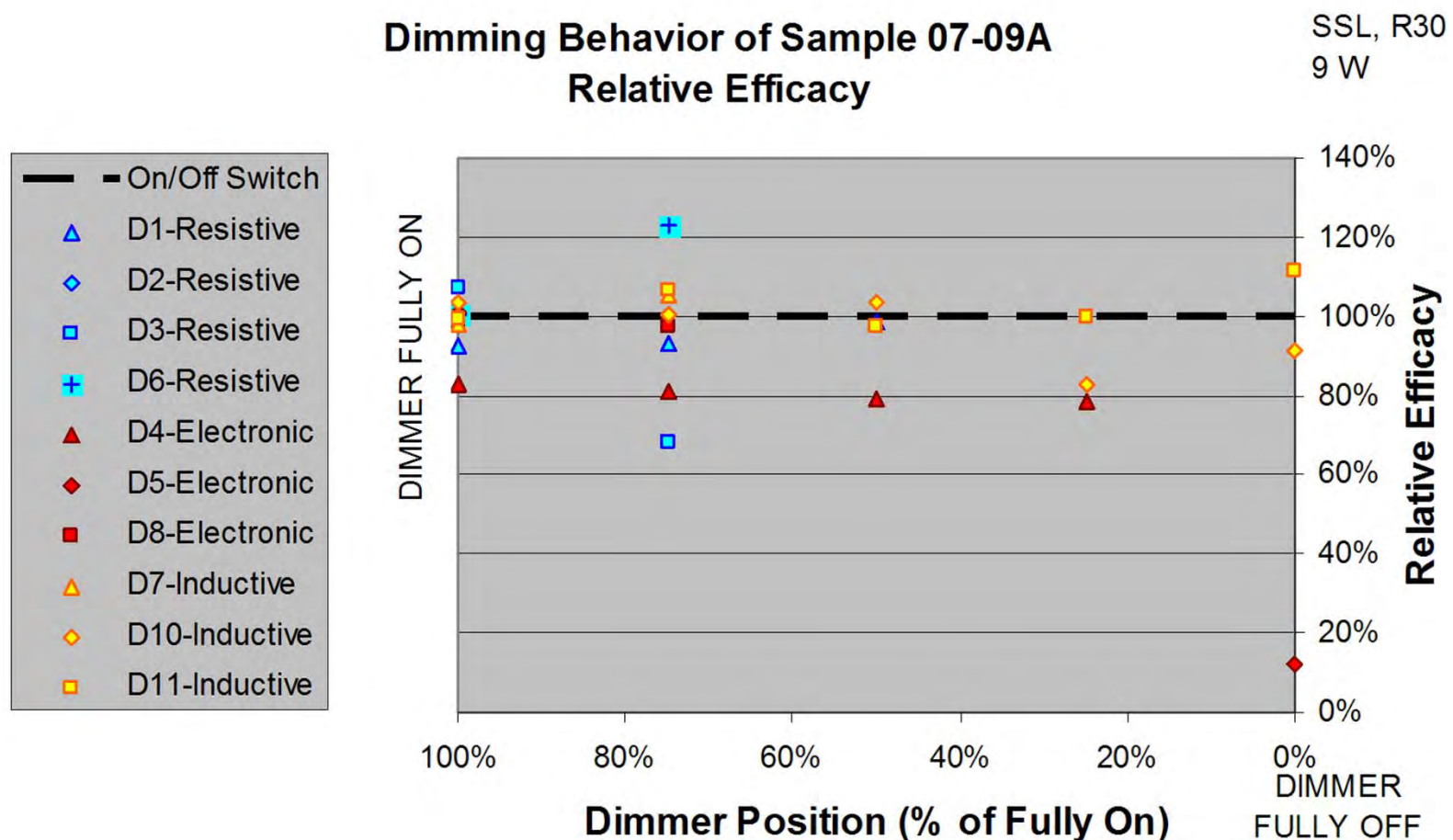
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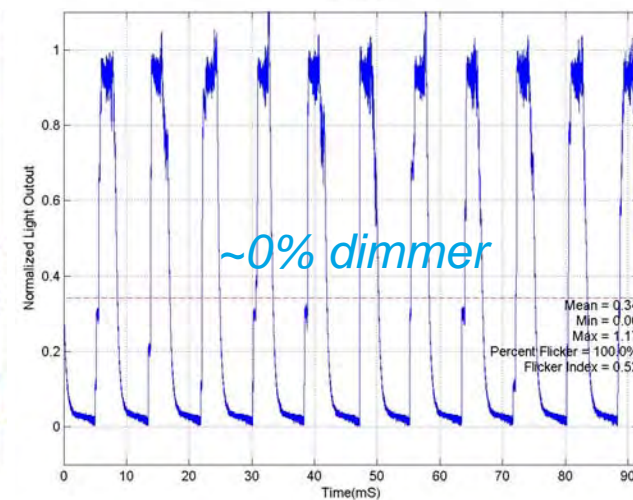
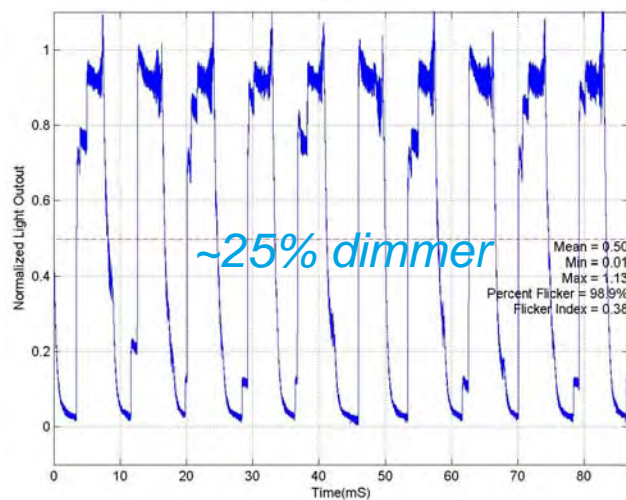
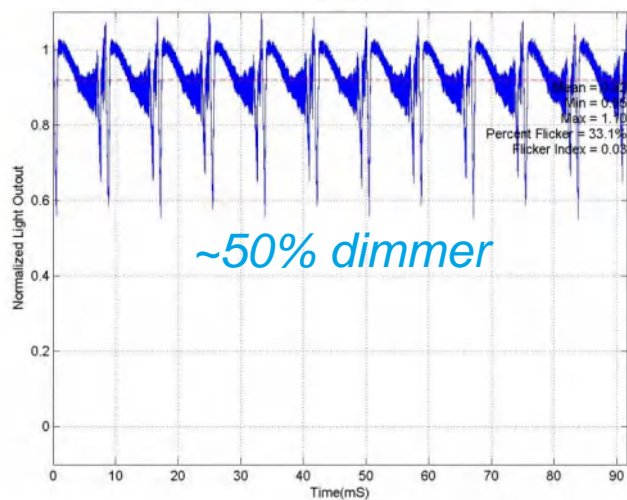
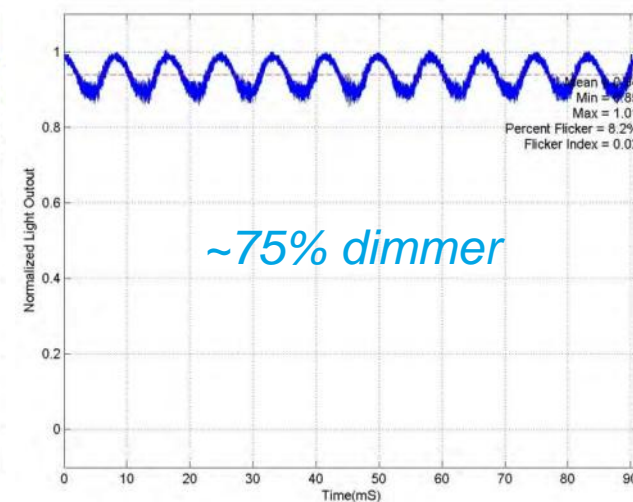
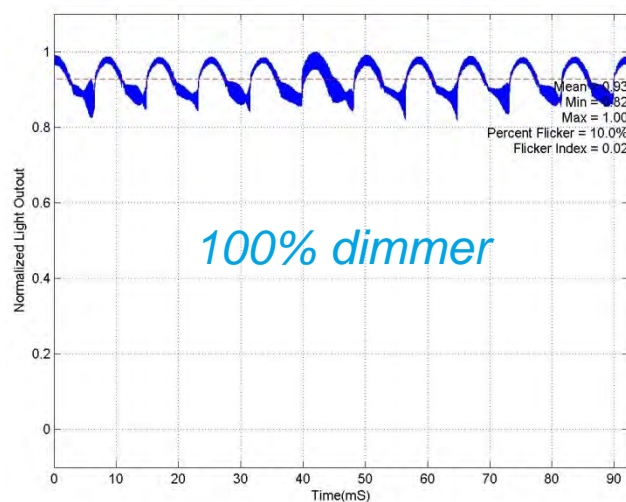
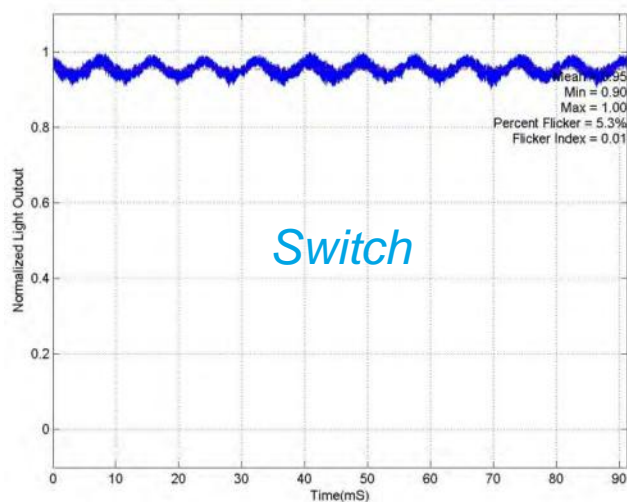


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→ Maintains efficacy when dimmed

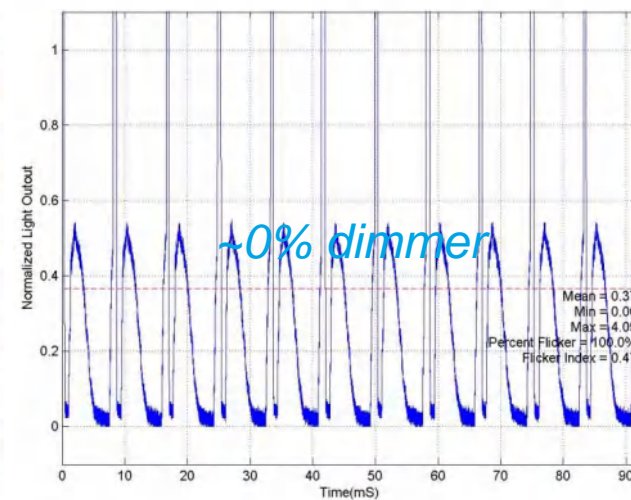
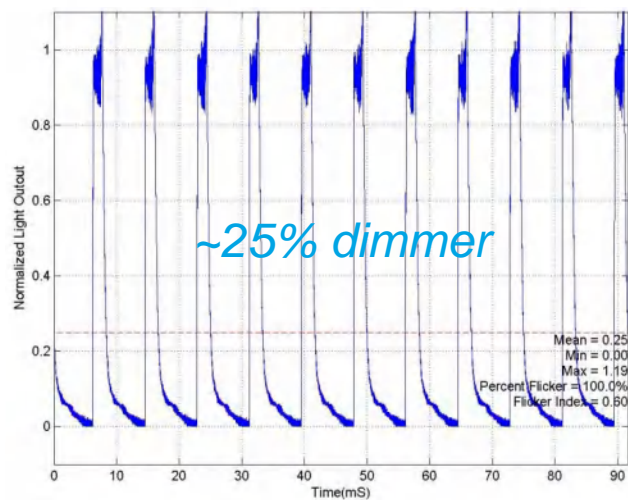
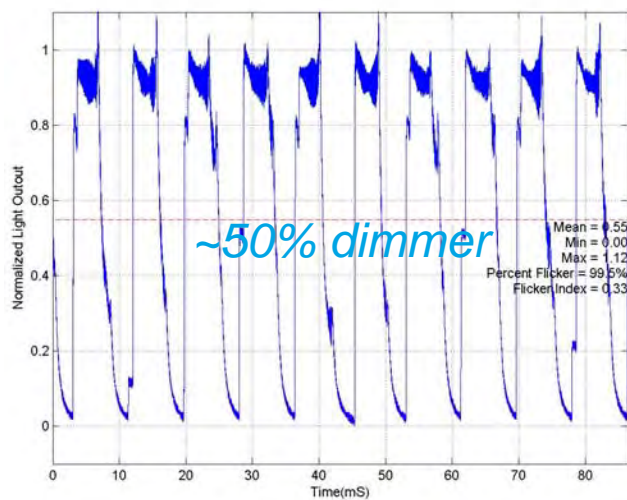
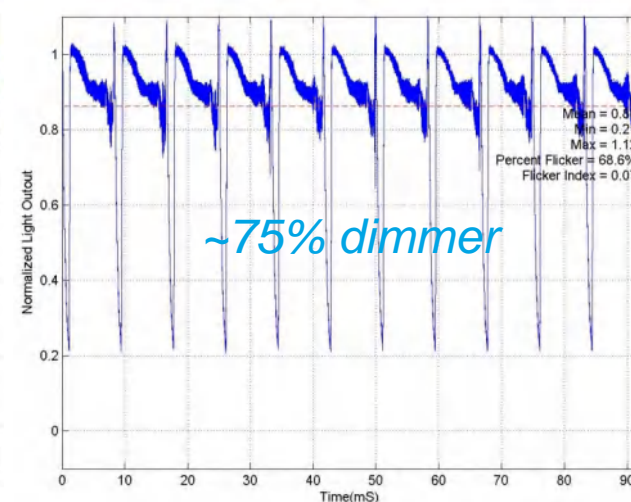
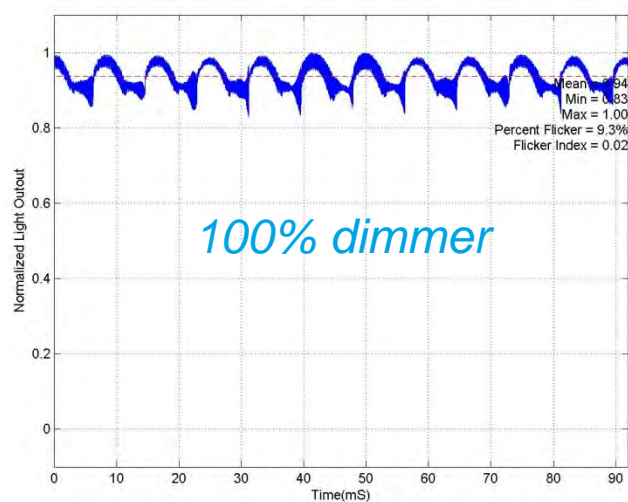
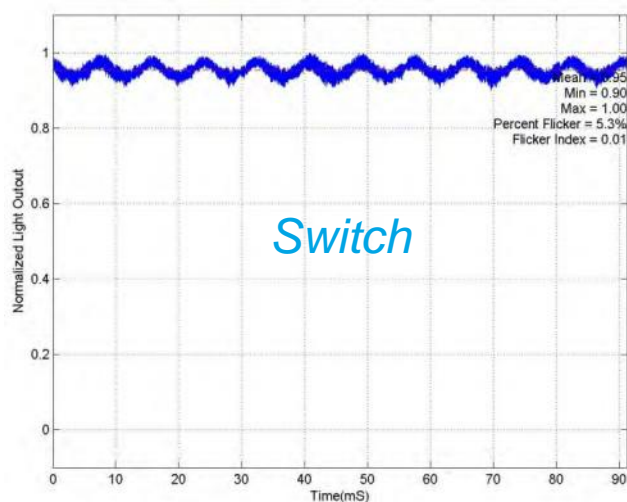


# Example: LED lamp 1 + phase-cut dimmer A





# Example: LED lamp 1 + phase-cut dimmer B



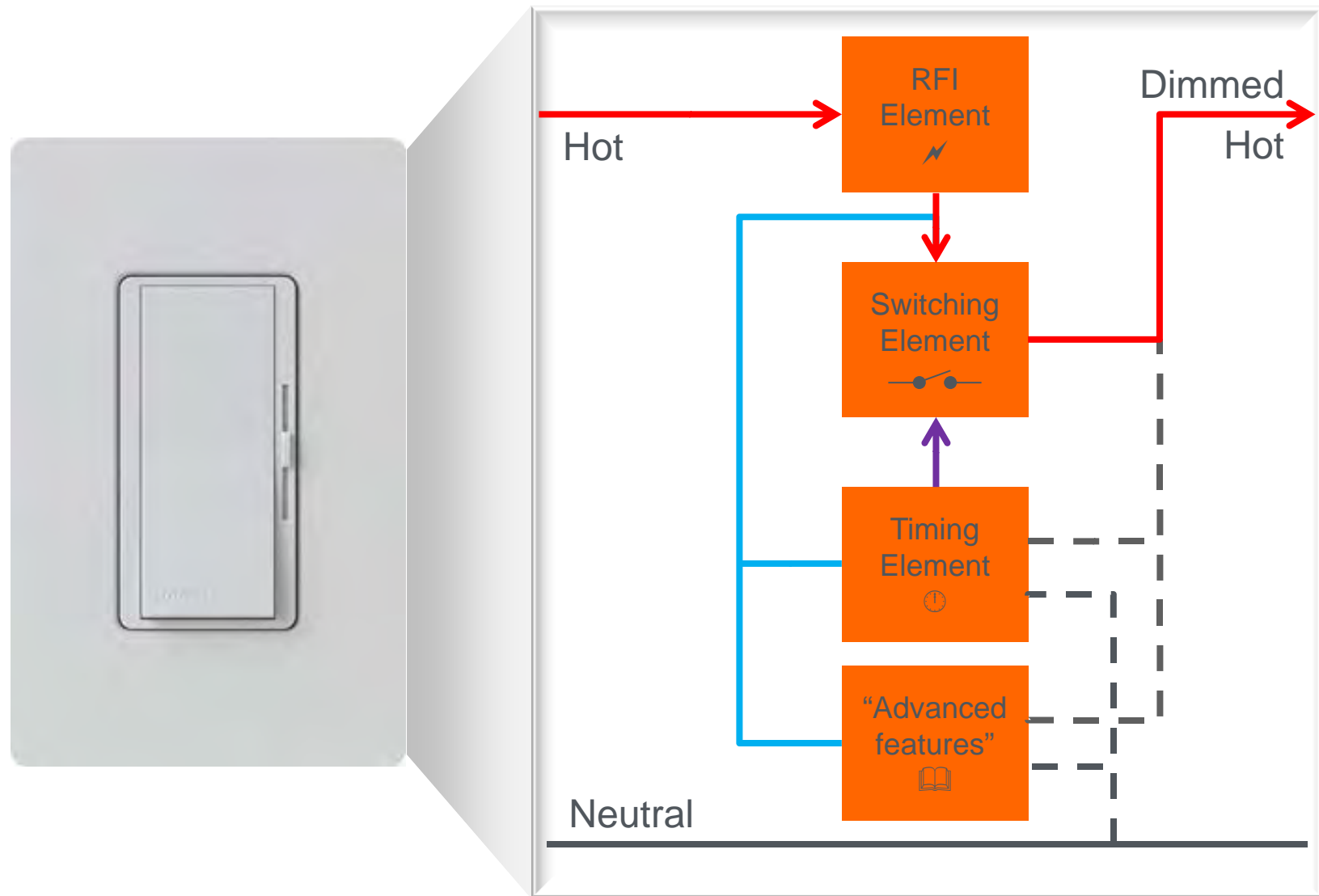
# What's the big deal, again?

- Dimming LED sources in the real world can be challenging, particularly with phase-cut dimmers
- Wide variation in LED source and dimmer characteristics
- Little can be assumed
- Not all claims are equal
- **Difficult to predict**
- Performance
  - Dimming range, curve
  - Efficacy
  - Flicker
  - Power quality
- Compatibility
  - Dead travel
  - Popcorn
  - Flashing, Ghosting
  - Pop-on, Drop-out
  - Audible noise
  - Inoperability
  - Premature failure

- The behavior of an LED source on a circuit controlled by a phase-cut dimmer is a function of:
  1. the characteristics of the LED source (driver)
  2. the number and type of light sources on the circuit
  3. the characteristics of the dimmer
- Many types of behavior variation
- Many sources of behavior variation
- Behavior variation spans compatibility, performance, interoperability
- Behavior variation is significant in magnitude
- Behavior is only predictable via circuit level testing
- **Currently no standard definitions or test procedures for evaluating dimming behavior**

- Dead travel: Adjusting the dimmer setting without a corresponding change in light level
- Pop-on: Dimmer setting needs to be raised above its existing setting in order to get light output at turn-on
- Drop-out: No light output at the bottom of the dimming range
- Popcorn: Different turn-on times for different light sources on a dimmed circuit
- Flashing: Light source is intermittently on when it should be off
- Ghosting: Light source is at a low-level on state when it should be off
- Audible noise
- Inoperability
- Premature failure

# Anatomy of a phase-cut dimmer







# Sources of phase-cut dimming compatibility issues

- LED load can not measure  $V_{RMS}$  and/or conduction angle presented by the dimmer
- LED load does not draw enough current to keep dimmer switching element(s) closed, leading to erratic behavior
- LED load creates a series impedance which disrupt dimmer timing element(s), leading to erratic behavior
- LED load in off state does not pass dimmer current in a manner which keeps dimmer advanced features functioning while remaining in off state
- LED load draws currents which create stresses on dimmer above and beyond what its rated (incandescent) wattage indicates, leading to reduced dimmer lifetime

# Dimmer loading rules have changed

- Minimum load varies by dimmer **and LED source**
- Maximum load varies by dimmer **and LED source**

Dimmer	Source	Possible loading
600W incandescent	60W incandescent 	1-10
600W incandescent	12W LED 	<del>1-50?</del> <b>3-10</b>
600W ELV	50W halogen 	1-12
600W ELV	10W LED 	<del>1-50?</del> <b>2-30</b>



# Review: What's the big deal?

- Dimming LED sources in the real world can be challenging, particularly with phase-cut dimmers
- Wide variation in LED source and dimmer characteristics leads to wide variation in dimming performance and compatibility
- Little can be assumed, as historical practices are unreliable
  - “600W maximum load”, technology and model independent
  - “works with ELV dimmers”
- Not all claims are equal, given lack of standard criteria
- Difficult to predict, given lack of standard test procedures



- LEDs are inherently dimmable
- LEDs typically need a “Driver”
- Dimming an LED source can change the behavior of the driver
  - Source efficacy typically maintained during dimming
  - Dimming can induce or increase flicker
  - Dimming can degrade power quality
- LED dimming performance is determined by Driver capability and compatibility with the dimming equipment
- Multiple compatibility issues are rooted in circuit level interactions between the LED Driver and dimmer
- What you think you know may not longer be valid

# Recommendations: Know your options

Is the LED product a lamp or luminaire?

- Lamp
  - Typically retrofit, standard base
  - Integral, non-replaceable driver
  - Constrained to phase control
- Luminaire
  - Often has driver options
  - Driver options yield control options: (e.g. phase control, 0-10V, DALI, proprietary)
- Consider control technologies which separate AC power and the control signal, if possible
- Use a phase-cut dimmer with a neutral, if possible
- Consider using dimming controls designed for LED sources and/or new dimming technologies

# Recommendations: take advantage of available information and guidance

- What is the designed, claimed, (i.e. best-case) dimming performance of the LED source?
  - Dimming range (max – min)
  - Assumptions, requirements
- Is there a recommended dimming control selection guidance?
  - If so, definitely use it
  - Specific makes/models; control type (i.e. forward or reverse phase) is likely not sufficient
  - Dimmer loading requirements (i.e. max/min number of LED sources per control)
  - Beware expectations of exactly the same performance from any/all guidance

# Dimmer manufacturer guidance



## LED Product Report Card

Manufacturer: Cree  
Applicable Model Numbers: LR24 – 325KA35

### Manufacturer's Description

Type of Fixture: Recessed Downlight  
Operating Voltage: 120 / 277 Vac  
Input Power: 48W  
Current: 0.4 – 1.7 A  
Frequency: 50 / 60 Hz  
Control Types: 0-10 VDC Control Protocol  
Dimming Range: 5% - 100%  
Output Power: N/A  
Lumens: 3200 lumens

### Lutron Test Results

Date Tested: Feb 25, 2009  
Model Number Tested: LR24 – 325KA35  
Smooth and Continuous: Yes  
Test Notes:

### Lutron Recommended Compatible Products

Product	Part Number	Fixtures per Dimmer	Measured Light Output Range <sup>(1)</sup>	Comments
Nova	NFTV	1 – 40 <sup>(4)</sup>	5% - 100%	Requires PP-120H or PP-277H
Nova T*	NTFTV	1 – 40 <sup>(4)</sup>	5% - 100%	Requires PP-120H or PP-277H
Diva	0-10V Control			Available soon
Interfaces	GRX-TVI <sup>(2)</sup>	1 – 40 <sup>(4)</sup>	5% - 100%	Range depends on dimmer selected
	GRX-TVM2 <sup>(3)</sup>	1 – 40	5% - 100%	Range depends on dimmer selected

<sup>(1)</sup> Values are based on light output using the specified dimming control, and may not be an indication of the fixture's full capability

<sup>(2)</sup> Controlled with 3-Wire Fluorescent dimmers, Homeworks, RadioRA, or Commercial Systems

<sup>(3)</sup> Controlled with Homeworks or Commercial Systems

<sup>(4)</sup> 60 fixtures for 277V applications.

**Comments:** The ability to set the low-end trim is available on select 3-Wire Fluorescent dimmers, Homeworks, and Commercial Systems products. Refer to product documentation or [www.lutron.com](http://www.lutron.com) for details.

## Dimmer LED Bulb Compatibility

Company	Part Number	Compatible
Juno	TL201LED TRAC 12 LED Module 12W	IP106, ATE06, 6633-P, TGI06
	120V LED Strip	None
LLF/CREE	LED LR6 2700K 12W 100mA	IP106
Lightolier	C410LEDDL30KCCLP & C420LEDDL30KCCLP	VPE04, VPE06, IPE04, 6615, ATE06
WAC Lighting	LD-700MA-18-DIM-NIS Dimmable Constant Current LED Driver	VPE04, VPE06, VPI06, IP106, ATE06, VRE06
	IC20LED & IC22LED	VPE04, VPE06
Cooper Lighting	LED Lamp assembly (LED 71684)	VPE04, VPE06, ATE06, IPE04
Light Emitting Designs, LLC	LED CFLA-120-10-195-SW LED PAR38-120-5-80-DL LED-PAR30-120-7-7-DL LED-A15-120-3-36DL-CL GU10 3X1W AC 85-260V Cree, LED-MR20-12-6-3-SW-60 LED-MR16-12-3-3-SW LED-MR16-12-3-48-DL	None
LEDTRONICS	PAR38-180-XPW-120AMD - 120VAC	IPE04, IP106*, 6615
	R30-123-SIW-120AMD - 120VAC	IPE04, IP106*
	PAR20-66-XCW-120AMD - 120VAC	IPE04, IP106
	PAR30-15W-XXW-120AMD - 120VAC	6615
	PAR38-7X3W-XIW-120AMD - 120VAC	None
	LEDPAR38WW	VPE06*, VPE04*, VRE06*, ATE06*, VRM10*
Environmental Lights	12VDC LED Strip	VRM10, 6613
Philips LED driver/light engine combination	0-10V LED Driver	IP710
Lightech	LED-36-700-120-D-BF	VPE04, ATE06, VRE06

\*Raise low end setting to prevent flickering or turn off at the lowest setting

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# Lamp manufacturer guidance



Brand	Series	Model	Load	Type	Dimming level Max.>Min. (flux%) 1 lamp	Flickering 1 lamp	Flickering 3 lamp	Flickering 5 lamp	Flickering 8 lamp
Leviton	Decora	6161	500W	LE	99%-0	No	No	No	No
Leviton	Trimatron	6684	600W	LE	100%-0	No	No	at~40%	at~40%
Leviton	SureSlide	6613	600W	LE	100%-2%	No	No	No	No
Leviton	Illuminatech	IP106-IL	600W	LE	100%-9%	No	at~60%	~40%-50%	~0%-40%
Lutron	Ariadni	AY-600P	600W	LE	100%-5%	No	No	No	No
Lutron	Divia	DV-600P	600W	LE	99%-2%	No	No	No	at~70%
Lutron	Divia	DVPDC-203P	200W	LE	99%-29%	No	0~50%	no dimmability	no dimmability
Lutron	Glyder	GL-600	600W	LE	100%-2%	No	No	No	No
Lutron	NOVA	NLV-1000	1000W	LE	100%-3%	No	No	No	No
Lutron	Qoto	Q-600P	600W	LE	100%-4%	No	No	No	at~70%
Lutron	Skylark	S-600P	600W	LE	90%-3%	No	No	No	at~80%
Lutron	Toggler	TG-600P	600W	LE	100%-5%	No	No	No	at~70%
Lutron	Credenza	TT-300	300W	LE	100%-0	No	No	No	at~40%



Brand	Model	Man./Country	Type	Load	Dimmability			
					1 lamp	3 lamps	5 lamps	8 lamps
Lutron	TG-600R-WH	USA	—	600W	OK	OK	OK	OK
Leviton	OLI805	—	—	600W	OK	OK	OK	OK
Lutron	GL-600-WH	St. Kitts/USA	—	600W	OK	Flicker	Flicker	Flicker
Lutron	S-600PR-WH	USA	R	600W	OK	Flicker	Flicker	Flicker
Leviton	6613-PL	China	—	600W	OK	OK	OK	OK
Leviton	IP106	—	—	—	OK	OK	OK	Flicker
Leviton	6161	China	—	500W	OK	OK	OK	OK
Lutron	NLV-1000	USA	—	1000W	OK	OK	OK	OK
Lutron	TT-300NLH-WH	St. Kitts/USA	—	300W	OK	OK	OK	OK
Lutron	DVPDC-203P	USA	—	200W	OK	OK	OK	OK
Lutron	Q-600P	—	—	—	OK	Flicker	Flicker	Flicker
Lutron	AY-600P	USA	—	500W	OK	Flicker	Flicker	Flicker
Lutron	DV-600P	USA	—	250W	OK	OK	OK	OK

# Recommendations: Ask for “standard” dimming guidance



## Dimming information reporting format

Dimmer Make	Dimmer Series - Model	Dimmer Trim Requirements	Transformer Make (low voltage lamps)	Transformer Model (low voltage lamps)	LED Lamp or Luminaire Series - Model	Dimming Range, max-min (% lumens)	Minimum Lamps or Luminaires (per circuit)	Maximum Lamps or Luminaires (per circuit)	Additional Comments
"Dimmer Make 1"	"Dimmer Series A" - "Dimmer Model #"	Low End	N/A	N/A	"PAR38 Series" - "PAR38ABC123"	99% - 0%	1	6	
					"PAR38 Series" - "PAR38XYZ456"				
					"PAR38 Series" - "PAR38EFG789"				
"Dimmer Make 2"	"Dimmer Series A" - "Dimmer Model #"	N/A	"Transformer Make 1"	"Transformer Model #"	"Brand Y MR16s" - "MR16ABC123"	100% - 5%	1	40	
"Dimmer Make 2"	"Dimmer Series B" - "Dimmer Model #"	N/A	"Transformer Make 1"	"Transformer Model #"	"Brand Y MR16s" - "MR16ABC123"	100% - 5%	1	3	
					"Brand Y MR16s" - "MR16XYZ456"		1 + 1 "MR16XYZ456"	10 "MR16XYZ456"	

# Recommendations: ask the right questions

- What are the dimming transfer functions?
- Does the LED driver implement CCR or PWM to dim?
- What is the PWM dimming frequency?
- Low-voltage source?
  - Need step-down transformer selection guidance
- Universal/multiple input-voltage source?
  - Does the dimming performance vary at different input voltages?
- Was the LED source evaluated for flicker over the dimming range? At all input voltages?
- Was the LED source evaluated for power quality over the dimming range? At all input voltages?
- Does the dimmer require a neutral? Trim-adjustment?

# Recommendations: weight the trade-offs

- Application needs vs. wants
  - How much does flicker matter?
  - How much does power quality matter?
- Option 1: Only use LED sources and phase-cut dimming controls with defined compatibility and performance
  - Manufacturer guidance
  - Standards
- Option 2: Mock up installations
  - All LED sources, all dimmers
  - All source combinations
  - Yes, this means full circuits
  - Beware SSL source or dimmer substitutions, model updates



- Common “fixes”
  - Change the LED source, LED driver, or dimming control
  - Add incandescent or dummy loads
  - Add neutral wires
- Often there are no good solutions once products are installed
- Who is responsible? Who pays?
- Have a plan BEFORE products are ordered and installed

# Will this get any easier?

## New technology

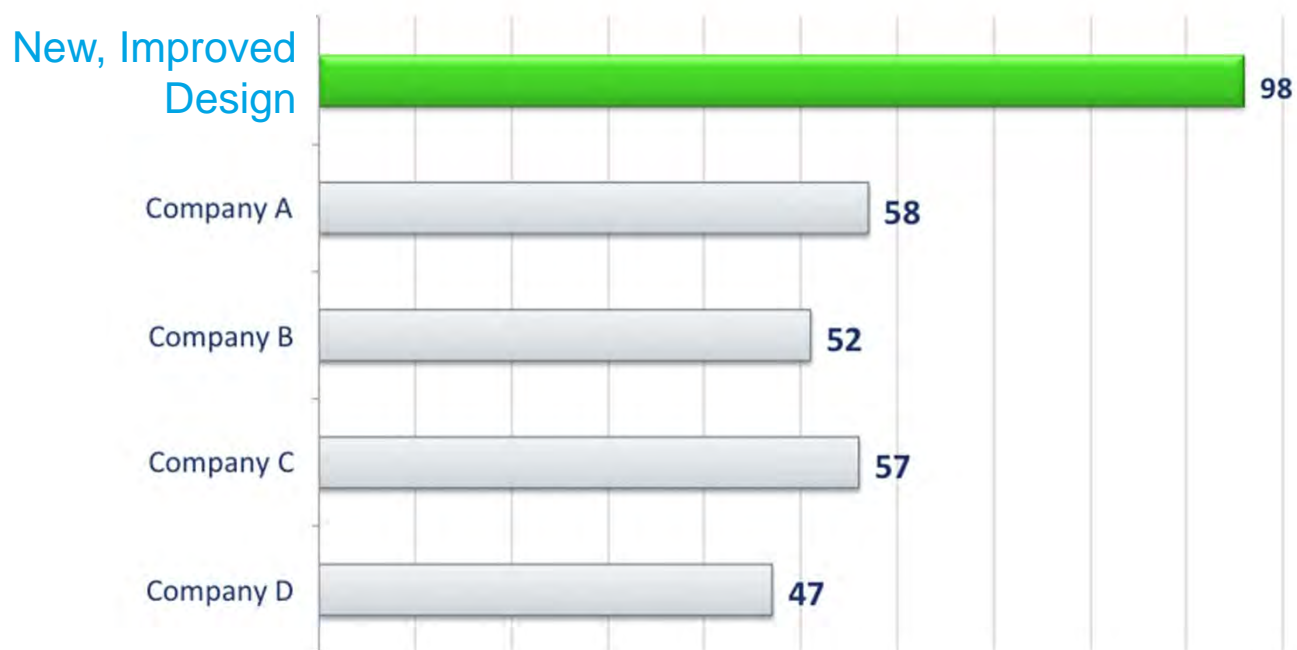
- LED drivers
- Dimming controls
- Control technologies

## New standards

- ENERGYSTAR criteria
- NEMA SSL-7
- Insta DLT / IEC 62756-1
- ZigBee Light Link

# New LED drivers

- Embedded intelligence “detects” dimmer characteristics
- Could lead to (near) universal compatibility?



\*= Based on 230 V, tested with over 40+ different dimmers: dimming functionality & smoothness, dimming range, flicker free on transient and steady state (120V and 230V)

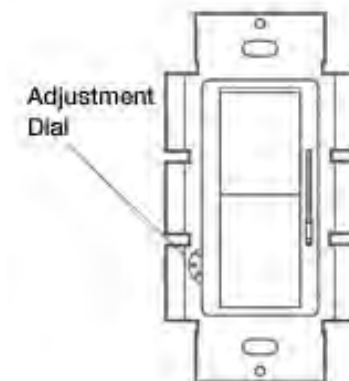
# New dimming controls

- Designed for LED sources and mixed loads

Total CFL/LED Wattage Installed (Watts per bulb x # of bulbs)		Maximum Allowable Incandescent/Halogen Wattage*	
		No sides removed	1 side removed
0 W	+	600 W	500 W
1 W – 25 W	+	500 W	400 W
26 W – 50 W	+	400 W	300 W
51 W – 75 W	+	300 W	200 W
76 W – 100 W	+	200 W	100 W
101 W – 125 W	+	100 W	50 W
126 W – 150 W	+	0 W	0 W



- Dimming range low-end trim
  - Raises minimum dimming level
  - Reduced chance of drop-out, pop-on



# New control technologies

- Powerline carrier
  - Digital modulation of AC power
  - Coincident AC power and control signal
- Wireless
  - Digital open spectrum communication
  - Separate AC power and control signal
- Centralized power supply or LED driver
  - Low-voltage (CV or CC) wiring to LED source
  - Coincident or separate AC power and control signal



- SSL-7A (compatibility): in development; ETA early 2013
- SSL-7B (performance): initiated upon completion of 7A
- Defined compatibility and performance for SSL-7 compliant phase-cut controls and lamps/luminaires
  - Current scope covers forward phase-cut controls only
  - Current scope covers light sources which connect to electrical branch circuit, and have electronic power supply
- Defines design specifications for lamps/luminaires and phase-cut controls
- Defines compliance test procedures for lamps/luminaires and phase-cut controls

# ZigBee Light Link

- Requires new control and LED driver
- Low-cost (leverages other Zigbee applications)
- Wire-free installation, retrofit
- Device authentication, AES 128 encryption
- Easy to assign single/individual control devices to one or many light sources (without added wiring)
- Certification ensures compliance, and thereby compatibility

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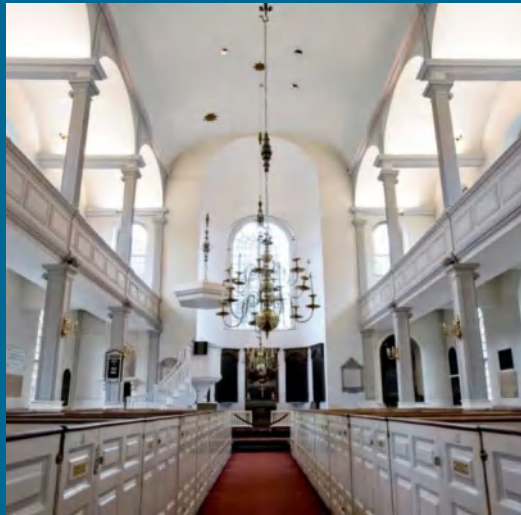
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