



# Lighting and the Internet of Things

2016 DoE Connected Lighting Workshop  
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8 years

300M sq.ft. installed

45 countries



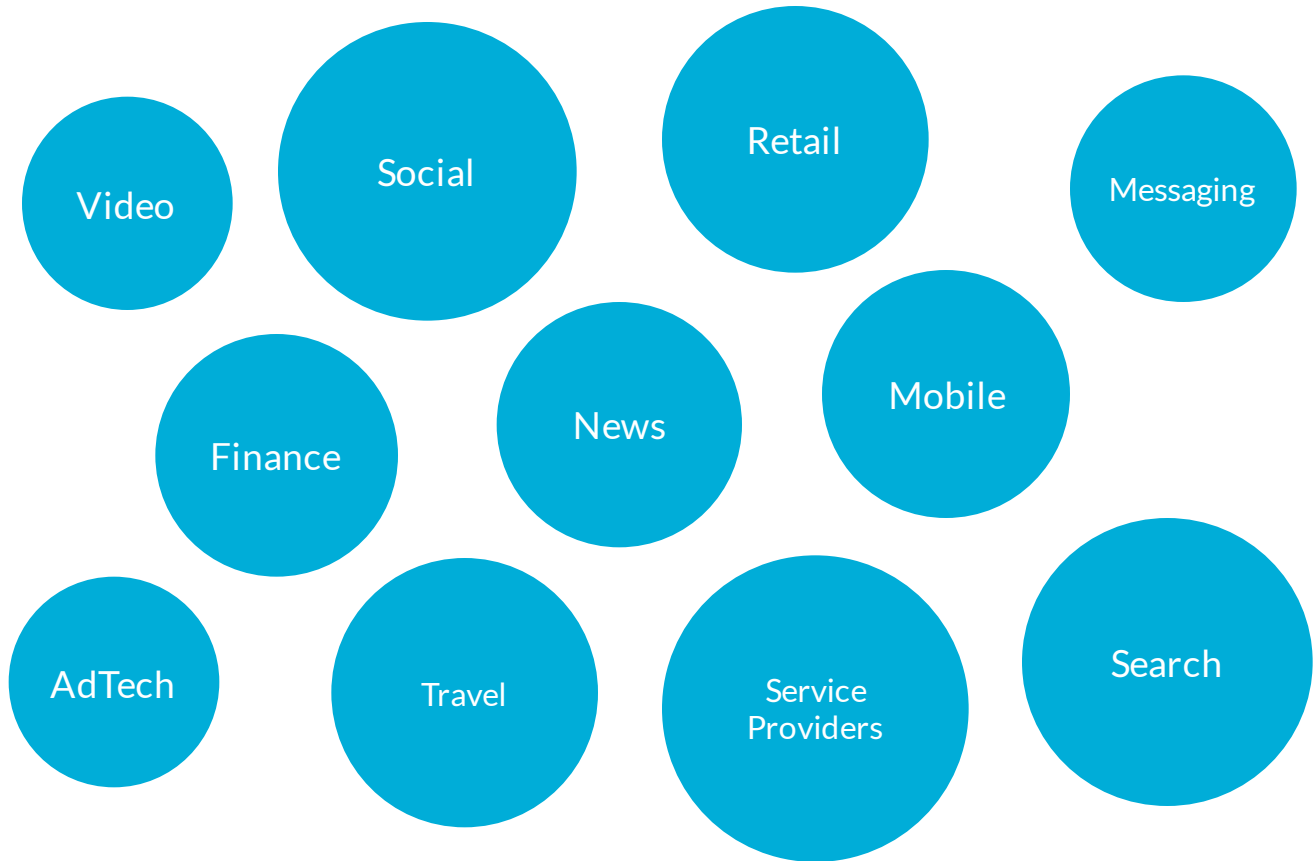
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Robots

- The IoT is going to be huge
- Lighting is poised to play a pivotal role
- Let's try not to screw it up

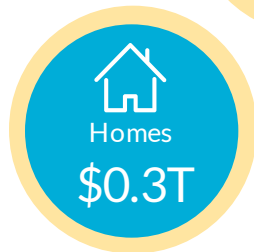
“The Internet” : 1996 :: “The Internet of Things” : 2016



# “The Internet of Things” in 2025



Segments with potential connected lighting impact



Icons designed by Freepik

IoT segment size estimates by McKinsey: <http://www.mckinsey.com/business-functions/business-technology/our-insights/the-internet-of-things-the-value-of-digitizing-the-physical-world>

- **Information and analysis**
  - Tracking behavior
    - Monitoring the behavior of persons, things or data through space and time
  - Enhanced situational awareness
    - Achieving real-time awareness of physical environment
  - Sensor-driven decision analytics
    - Assisting human decision making through deep analysis and data visualization
- **Automation and control**
  - Process optimization
    - Automated control of closed (self-contained) systems
  - Optimized resource consumption
    - Control of consumption to optimize resource use across network
  - Complex autonomous systems
    - Automated control in open environments with great uncertainty

- Where do we put all these IoT devices?
  - Lighting is everywhere the IoT wants to be
- How do we power them?
  - As low-voltage, semiconductor technology, LEDs are inherently compatible with processing, sensing, and networking devices
- How do we connect them?
  - The networks being deployed for lighting can be leveraged to connect a wide range of IoT devices
- How do we pay for them?
  - Lighting is the only IoT platform that pays for itself



## Nodes fully integrated into luminaires

PRO: Easy installation; highest sensing granularity

CON: Requires luminaire customization; higher cost

## Nodes installed elsewhere, but sharing power and network

PRO: No luminaire customization required

CON: Have to mount nodes somehow; making remote can add interface cost

## Nodes installed elsewhere, powered independently, but sharing network

PRO: Cleanest solution; no impact on luminaires

CON: Have to power nodes somehow; at this point why bother with lighting integration?



## Health & Wellness

Active sleep management via wearables and tunable lighting  
Clinical light therapy to treat depression and seasonal disorders



## Safety & Security

Egress lighting that can interactively guide you to safety  
City-scale sensor networks that help police identify emergencies



## Tracking & Location Services

Retail lighting with integrated cameras to track shopper expressions  
Indoor location services as reliable and pervasive as GPS



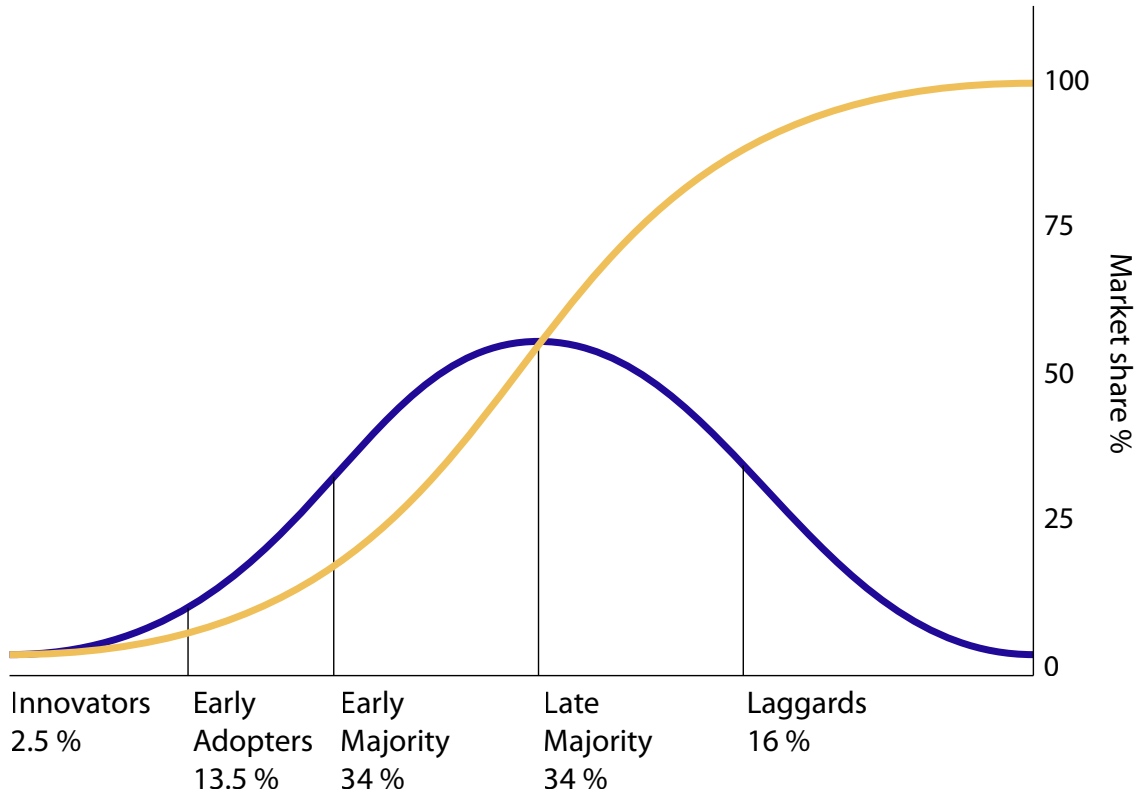
## Process Optimization

Full-facility granular resource tracking built on top of lighting networks  
Shift worker productivity management via spectral stimulus

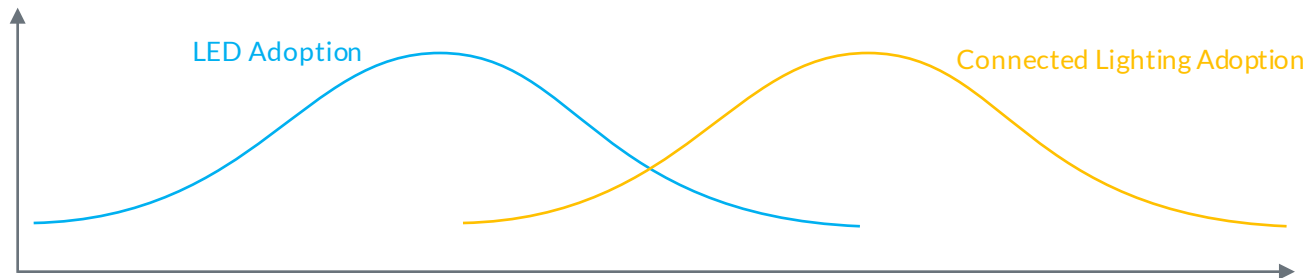
- More powerful, flexible and inexpensive sensors
- Research on physiological responses
- Low-cost wired and wireless networking
- Software and apps that make lighting easy to use

- LEDs last a really really really long time
- The economics only work on initial replacement
- Once a socket is filled with a dumb LED, it's tough to justify an upgrade to an intelligent alternative
- **We only get one shot!**

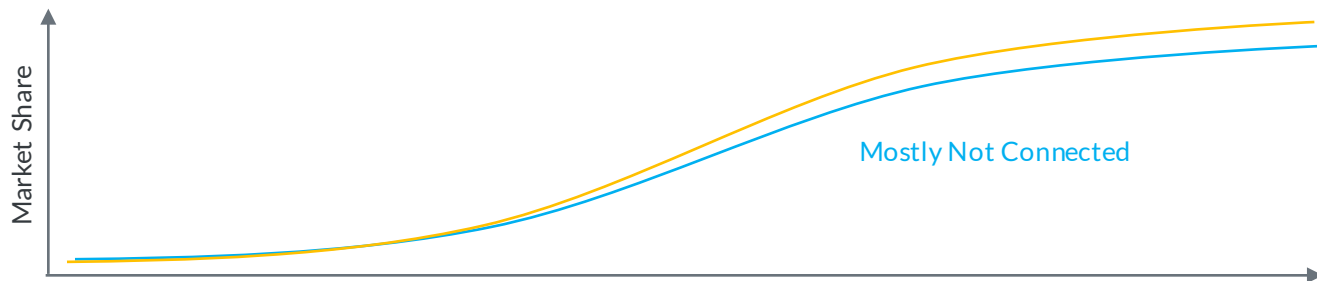
# The S-curve of adoption

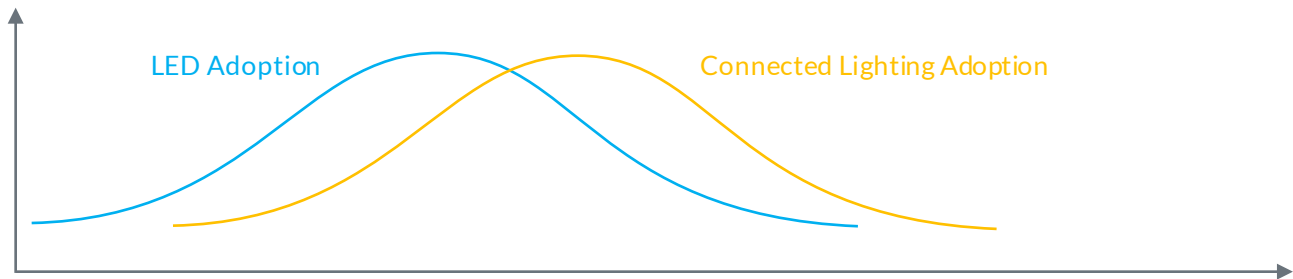


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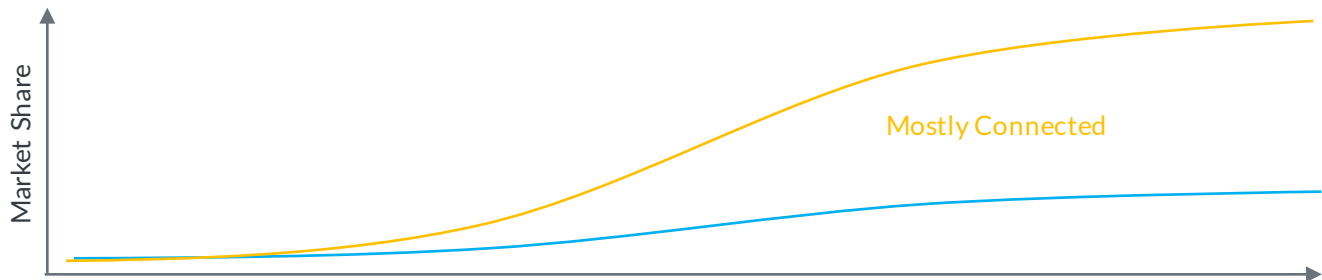


A lag in convergence means the install base turns over to LEDs, but very few are connected.





Connected systems end up with dominant market share when convergence happens sooner.



## 5 mistakes not to make



# Mistake #1: Underestimate other players



Building Automation Giant

“Lighting companies are dinosaurs. We own the building. If anybody’s going to lead the convergence, it’ll be us.”\*



IT/Networking Giant

“Lighting and building automation companies are both dinosaurs. Our products – routers, servers, and edge devices – are the real backbone of the modern building.”\*



IoT Pure Play

“All of these hardware companies are dinosaurs. We’re going over the top with software and services.”\*

\* - all quotes are fake!

Mistake #2: Focus on technical specs instead of end user value

Mistake #3: Rely exclusively on the current channel

Mistake #4: Ignore software and user experience

Mistake #5: Downplay interoperability

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Thank you!

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