# LiFi-

### A DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGY TO CHANGE THE

### COMMUNICATIONS AND LIGHTING INDUSTRY!

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# Why Lifi?

## Life in a connected world...



## How do we connect in the future?





Worldwide data traffic

## The worldwide data communication traffic is rapidly increasing

1 Petabyte = 1000 Terabyte = 1,000,000,000,000 Bytes

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Ретавуте	<b>20 MILLION</b> FOUR-DRAWER FILING CABINETS FILLED WITH TEXT
РЕТАВУТЕ	13.3 YEARS
1.5 petabytes	SIZE OF THE 10 BILLION PHOTOS ON → FACEBOOK
20 Petabytes	THE AMOUNT OF DATA PER PROCESSED BY GOOGLE DAY
20 Petabytes	TOTAL HARD DRIVE SPACE 1995
50 PETABYTES	THE ENTIRE WRITTEN WORKS OF MANKIND, FROM THE BEGIN- NING OF RECORDED HISTORY, IN ALL LANGUAGES

(all approximate)

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### To put things into perspective...

# What do these big numbers mean in terms of content?

Unit	Value	Example
Kilobytes (KB)	1,000 bytes	a paragraph of a text document
Megabytes (MB)	1,000 Kilobytes	a small novel
Gigabytes (GB)	1,000 Megabytes	Beethoven's 5th Symphony
Terabytes (TB)	1,000 Gigabytes	all the X-rays in a large hospital
Petabytes (PB)	1,000 Terabytes	half the contents of all US academic research libraries
Exabytes (EB)	1,000 Petabytes	about one fifth of the words people have ever spoken
Zettabytes (ZB)	1,000 Exabytes	as much information as there are grains of sand on all the world's beaches
Yottabytes (YB)	1,000 Zettabytes	as much information as there are atoms in 7,000 human bodies
		By NASA

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#### This leads to a gap between supply and demand

Exabytes per day

8.0 7.0 I.47 Unmet Demand 6.0 New technologies and alternate business models  $\rightarrow$ 0.17  ${\tt Demand} \longrightarrow$ 5.0  $\longrightarrow$ **⊘.93** 3G + LTE and small cells 4.0 3.0 2.0 1.0 Source: Bell Labs Consulting 2019 2020 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 1 Exabyte = 1000 Petabyte

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### The radio spectrum does not provide enough room to grow.



# What is blocking this need?



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UV



#### Lighting can provide additional spectrum to communicate



There are two variants for Optical Wireless Communications (OWC)

### Coded light



**One-way communication** Transmits identifier/code - low data rate Data reception via smartphone camera Designed to provide indoor localization Two-way communication Broadband - high data rate Data reception via USB access key /dongle Designed to provide broadband wireless internet

Infrared (IR)

LiFi

### Advantages of Li-Fi

#### Secure

We want to work wirelessly but safety is crucial for our business line.

*Li-Fi offers a strict definition of your communication area.* 



Military



#### **Reliable/Fast**

We want a stable data rate per user despite the number of users.

Li-Fi 'offloads' Wi-Fi in high traffic areas.







#### **No Radio Waves**

We want a stable connection despite several RF sensitive areas with poor or no Wi-Fi.

*Li-Fi offers a high quality (non-interfering) connection* 







### Use cases offices



Meeting room

Workplace

Guest waiting area

### Example: Office Lifi Installation



LiFi is not replacing traditional radio communication, but completes the offering

