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# PoE and IoT Smart Building Technology: The Net-Zero Solution

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# Sustainability and Net-Zero





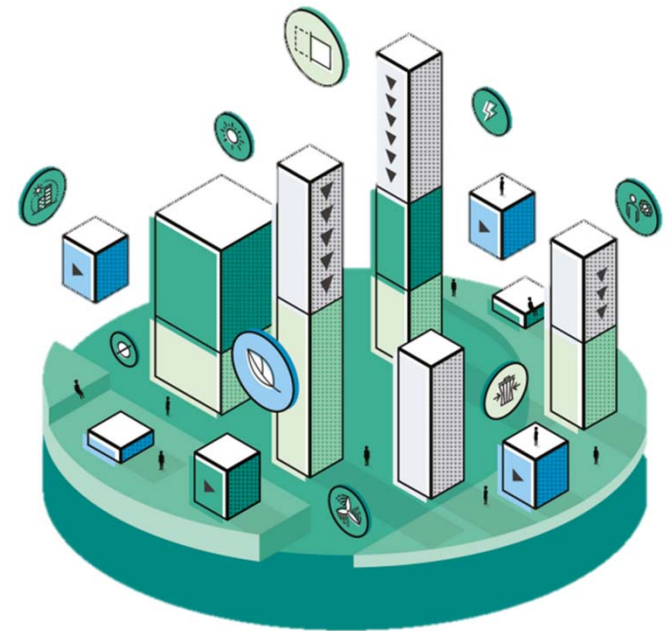
# What is Net Zero?

Net-Zero Energy is when the building can **offset** or counterbalance the amount of energy required to **build *and* operate** throughout its lifetime in all aspects of the site, source, cost, and emissions.

Net-Zero Energy

Net-Zero Carbon

Zero Energy Building



# Two Type of Carbon



## **Embodied Carbon**

The emissions from manufacturing, transportation, and installation of building materials.

Image source: <https://www.greenbiz.com/article/how-lay-foundation-net-zero-carbon-building-projects>

## **Operational Carbon**

The emissions from a building's energy consumption.

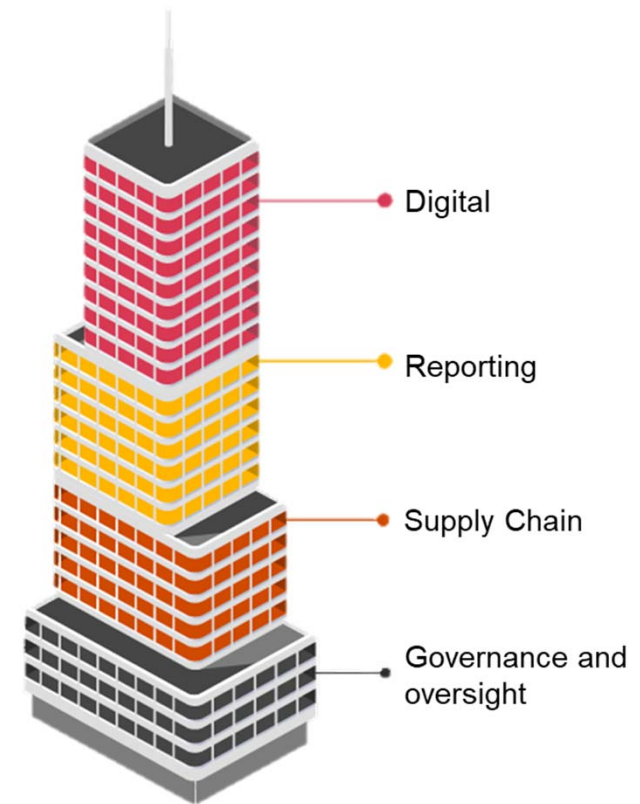
# The Goal:

- + Onsite **GREEN** Energy Production
- Total Energy Consumption
- = ZERO (or positive!)

**Net Zero Energy Building**

# Net Zero Buildings Require a Total-Building Mindset

- Building design optimization
- Strategic daylighting
- Energy-efficient lighting
- Onsite energy production
- Reduced plug loads
- Infrastructure digitalization
- Single control software
- Data for reporting



# Market Forces Driving Net Zero



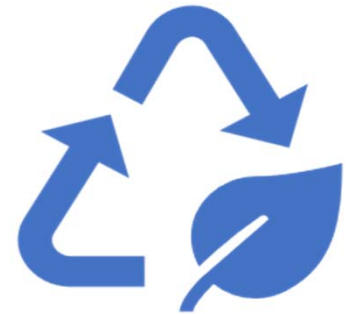
Business risk  
mitigation



Government  
climate goals



Global energy  
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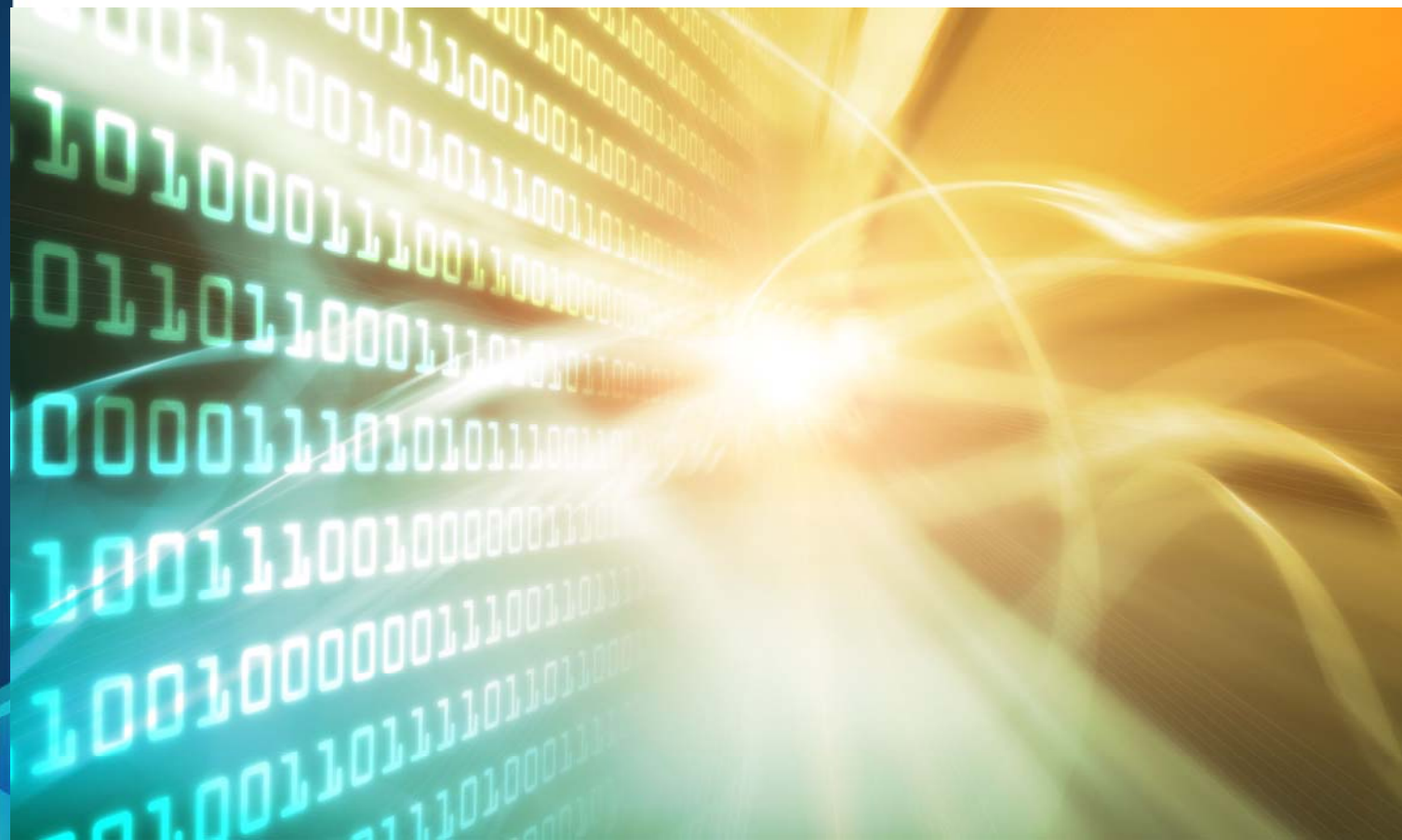


Corporate  
governance



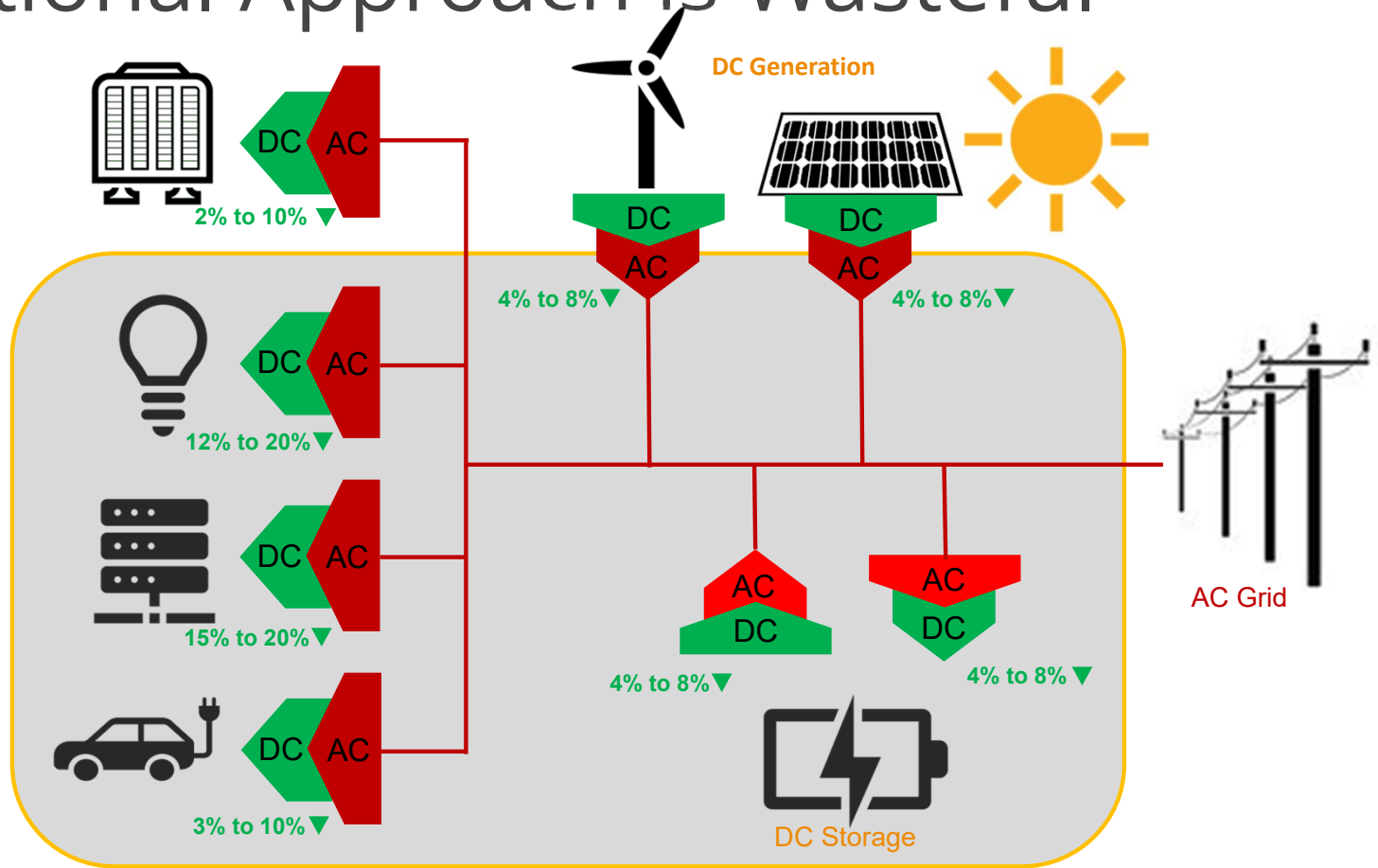
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# Fault Managed Power and POE



# The Traditional Approach is Wasteful

Up to  
**20%**  
of power wasted in  
conversion loss

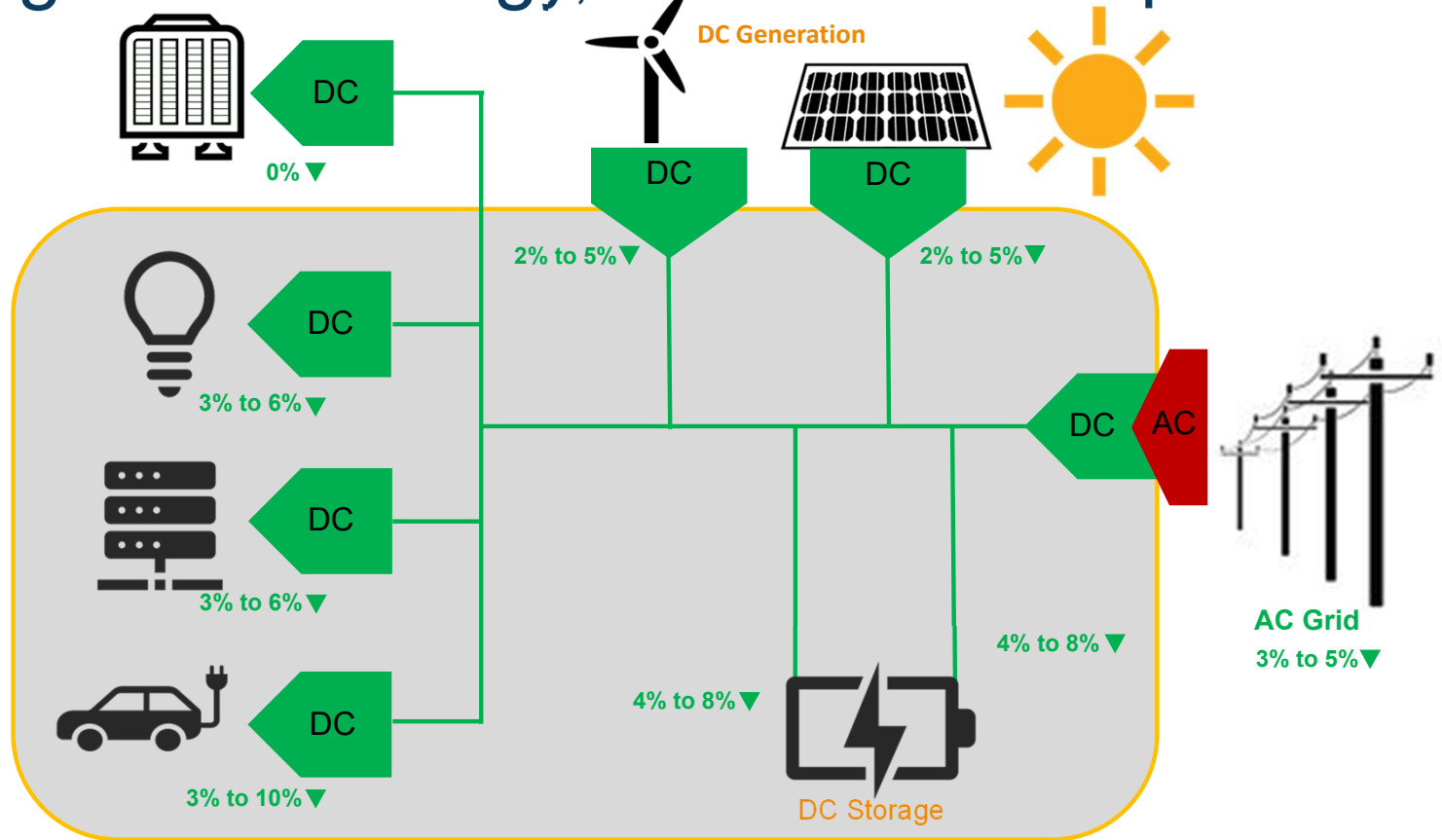


Source: CSA Group

# Smart Buildings Save Energy, Cost Less to Operate

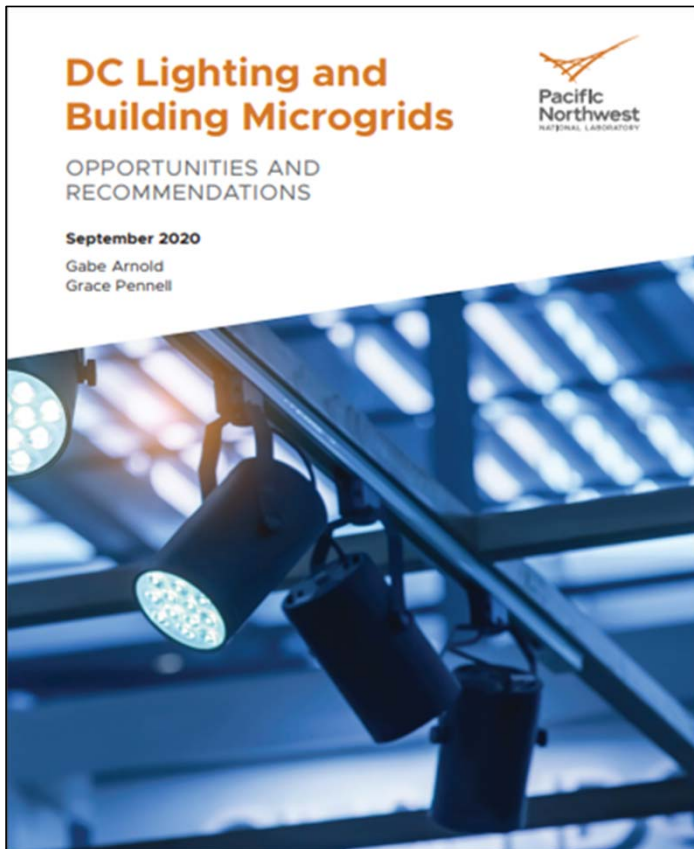
# 45%+




Reduction in energy waste  
by using DC power



Source: CSA Group

# Energy Efficiency drives Digital Infrastructure



	<b>802.3bt</b> <b>POE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Low Voltage Power</li><li>• Facilitates adds, moves, changes</li><li>• IP data driven</li></ul>
	<b>Std 3.2</b> <b>USB-C</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Low Voltage Power</li><li>• Facilitates adds, moves, changes</li><li>• Can facilitate data connectivity</li></ul>
	<b>2023 NEC Article 726</b> <b>Fault Managed Power</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Class 4 power</li><li>• High Voltage, Pulsed DC</li><li>• Safety Driven</li></ul>



# Existing IP/POE Digital Building Endpoints:

## A Growing List of POE Products and Manufacturers

Light Fixtures

Height Adjustable Desks

Shot Detection

Raspberry Pi POE Hat

Hospital Room Patient Display

NFC Reader

Ceiling Fans

Biometric Door Locks

Intel NUCs

Window Blind Shade Motors

USB-C Chargers

Cameras

Laptop Chargers

Minibars

RFID Reader

HVAC VAV's

Digital Mirrors

Horns and Sirens

IP Call Tower

Access Points

Power Meters

Signage

Phones

POE Displays

Entry Barriers

Temp Sensors

Environmental Sensor Hubs

Badge Readers

Curtain Motors

Touchscreen PC's

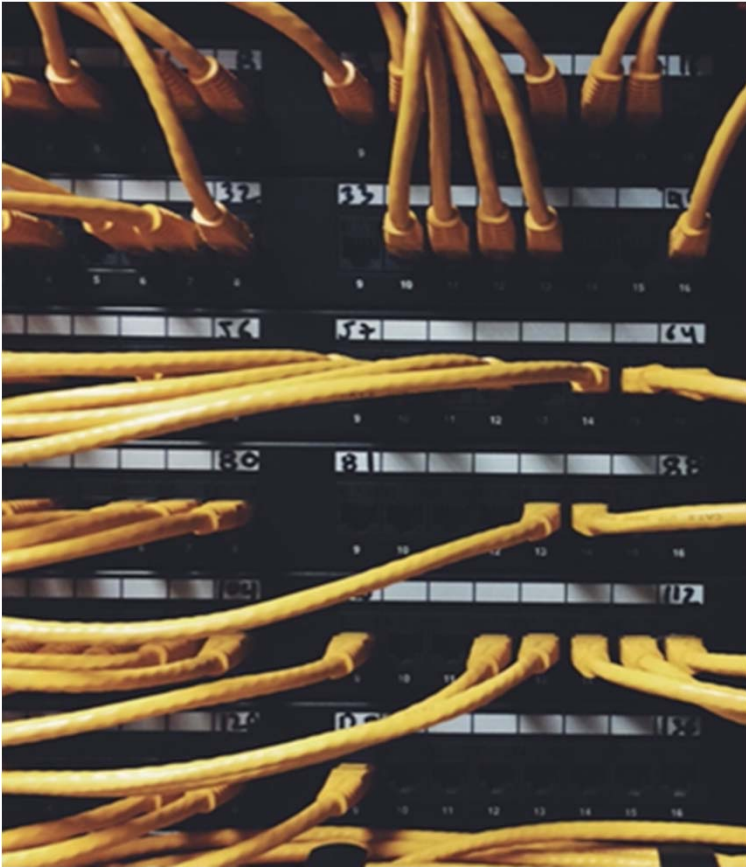
Meeting Room Nameplate

Clocks

Facial Recognition Systems



# POE Infrastructure Summary



- Enhanced Building Experiences (data is exposed and shared)
  - Safer (reduced shock and fire risk)
  - Flexible (adds/moves do not require power off)
  - More sustainable (less metal and copper cable)
  - Better managed (IT tools)
  - May have lower TCO
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- **Millions of square feet deployed**
  - **Millions more in process**

# Digital Electricity™ (Packet Energy Transfer) for Power Distribution Considered a type of Fault Managed Power

- Safe to touch
- NRTL listed NEC 62368-1 limited power source
  - As a limited power source, it qualifies to be installed under NEC (2020) Article 725
- Each pulse power packet is checked for:
  - High Current
  - Ground Fault
  - Arc Fault
  - High Resistance (loose connection)
  - Touch (resistive load)
- When conditions occur, transmitter stops sending pulses
- Range up to 2KM
- 500W Guaranteed up to 1KM on 1 pair of 18AWG cable





## USE Case: The Marcel Hotel

a Hilton Tapestry  
Collection Hotel,  
New Haven, CT



# Marcel Hotel, New Haven, CT

## First Net-Zero Hotel in the USA

- Designed by famous Brutalist Architect Marcel Breuer
- Historic adaptive reuse project, formerly Headquarters for Pirelli Tire USA.
- Now a Hilton Tapestry Edition Hotel
- Passive House design
- Triple pane windows
- Dual 500 KWHr Energy Storage Systems
- 500 Solar Panels (roof top and in parking structures)
- No Natural Gas Use (all electric)
- Digital Building Technology:
  - POE Lighting
  - POE Shades
  - Touchscreen controls
  - Integrated HVAC controls
  - Sensors (Occupancy, Temperature)
  - Automated scenes
  - Integrated Site Lighting (Line Voltage)



# Marcel Hotel, New Haven, CT

## Infrastructure implementation inspired by the Sinclair Hotel:

- Dual Lithium-Ion ESS (Life Safety Approved)
- Digital Electricity™ (Fault Managed Power) for remote powering of network POE switches
- POE for Lighting and motorized Window Treatments
- Integration of HVAC controls in touchscreens

## Digital Electricity (FMP) Power Distribution

- 5 Transmitter shelves, 208VAC fed, normal power
- 1 Transmitter shelf, 208VAC, emergency power



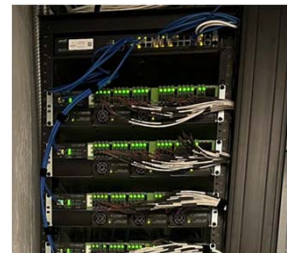
ESS & Batteries



Parking Solar



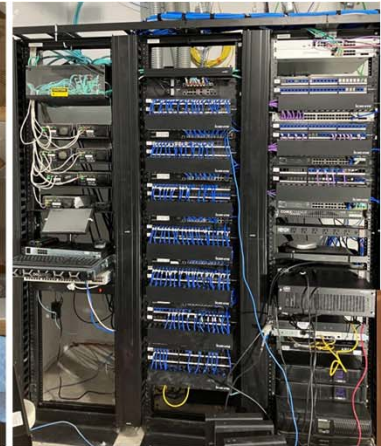
ESS Controls



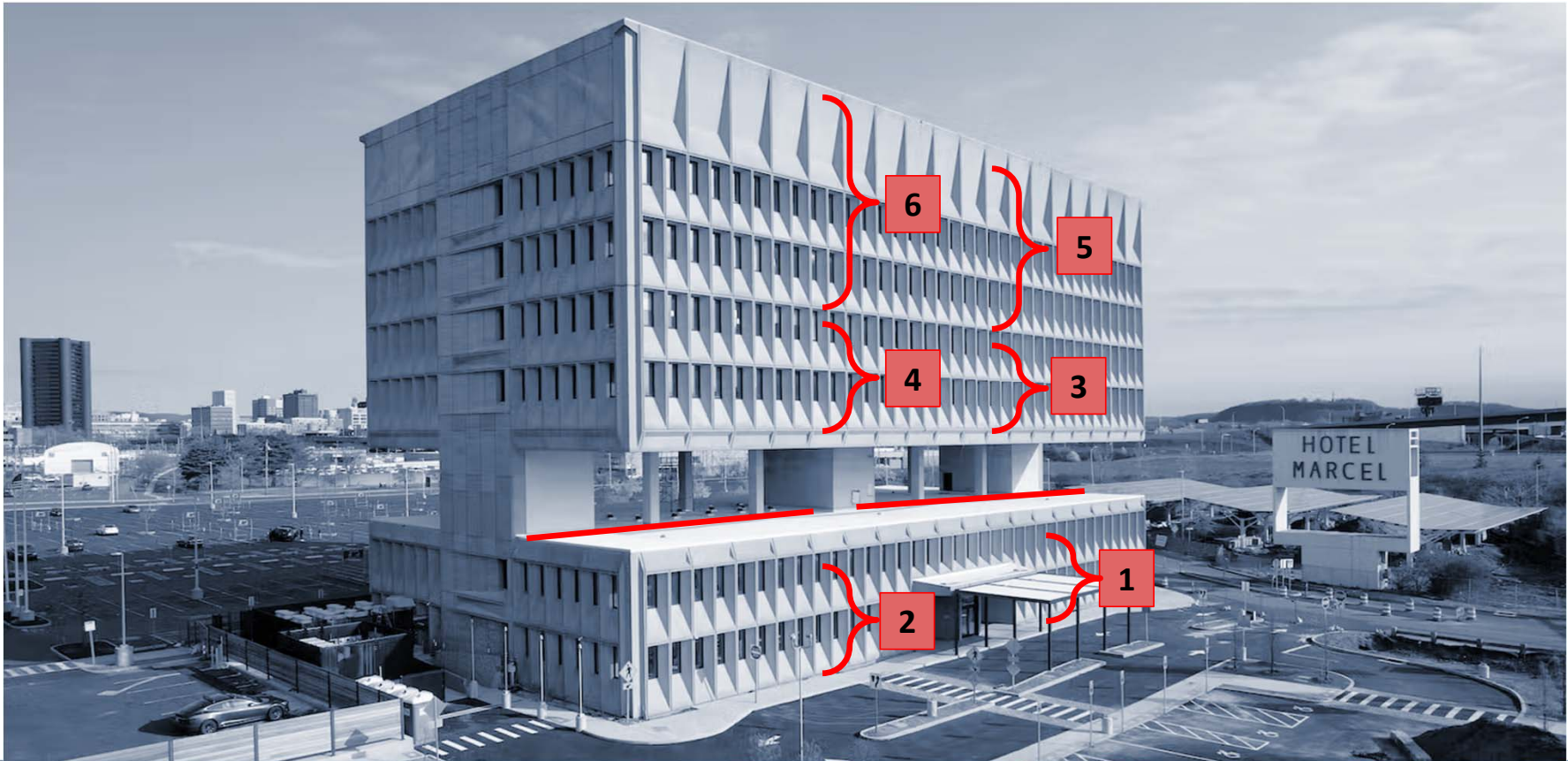
Fault Managed Power - Digital Electricity™ Transmitters



# Marcel Hotel, New Haven, CT

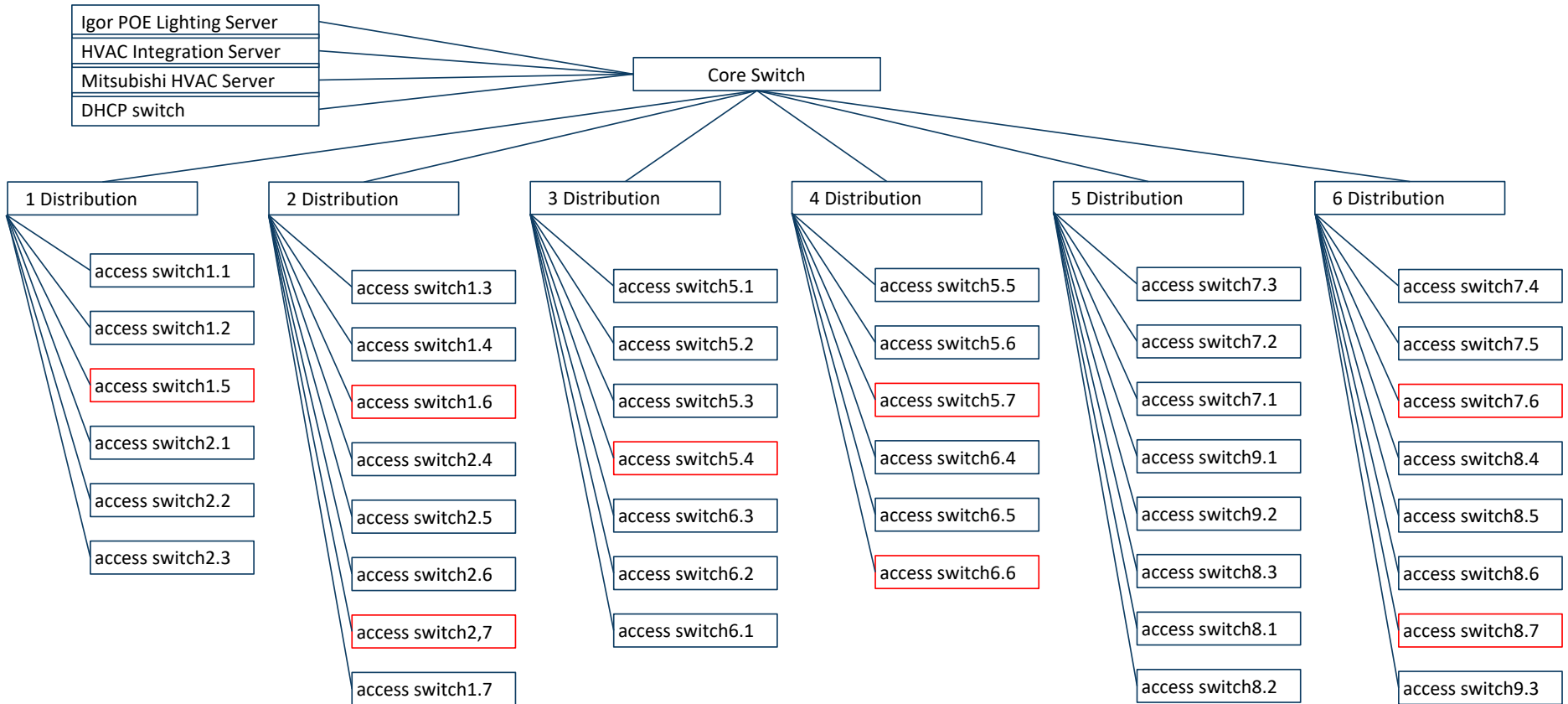


# Marcel Hotel, IDF Layout





# Marcel Hotel High Level Network Topology



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# POE Lighting and Controls



# Overview of Hotel

Hotel guests are looking for a superior and customizable experience they will remember for years to come.

This level of customizability and innovation is available through the connecting IoT devices.

- Connected, customizable lighting
- Smart wall controls
- Occupancy sensors
- Automatic shades
- Climate and air quality



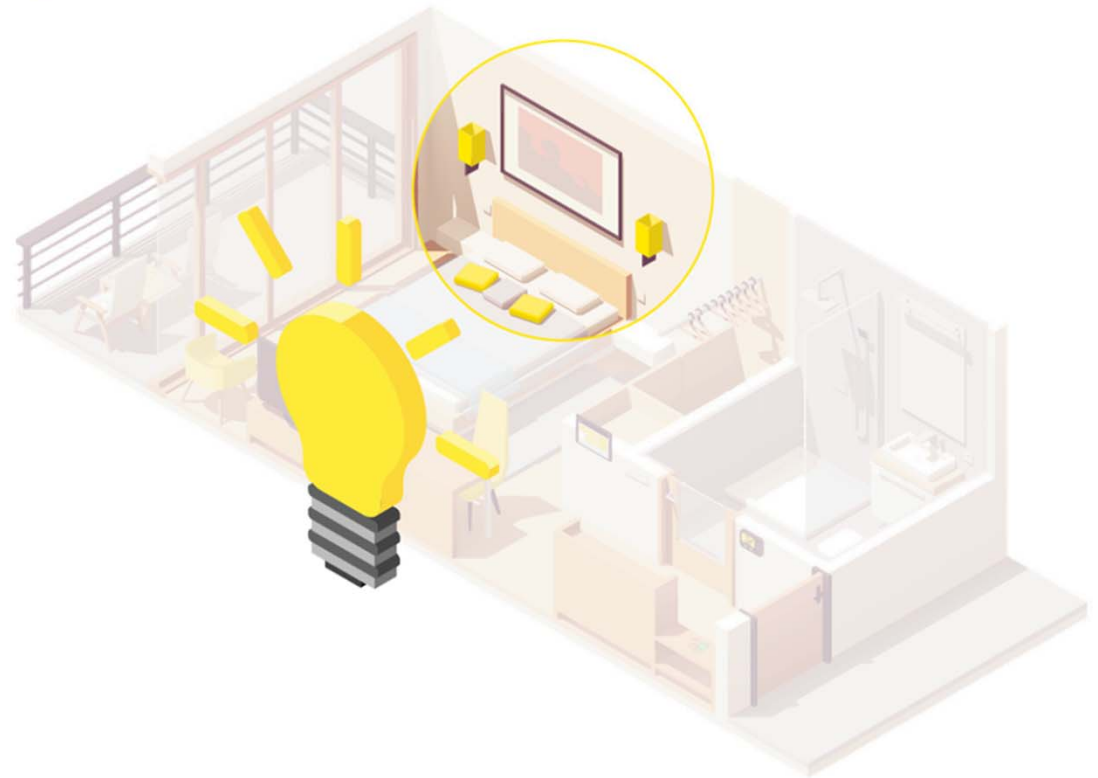


# Lighting

Guest comfort in a hotel is greatly impacted by the lighting options within the hotel and in guest rooms.

Lighting via PoE and automations enhance the guest experience and energy efficiency.

- Easy control throughout hotel spaces
- Customizable lighting options
- Transferable personalized profiles
- Easily tracking energy usage and data



# Smart Wall Controls

Impress guests with intuitive visually engaging touchscreen user experiences.

Touchscreen wall controls allow hotel guest to customize a variety of aspects in the space including lighting levels, automatic shading, temperature controls, and more.

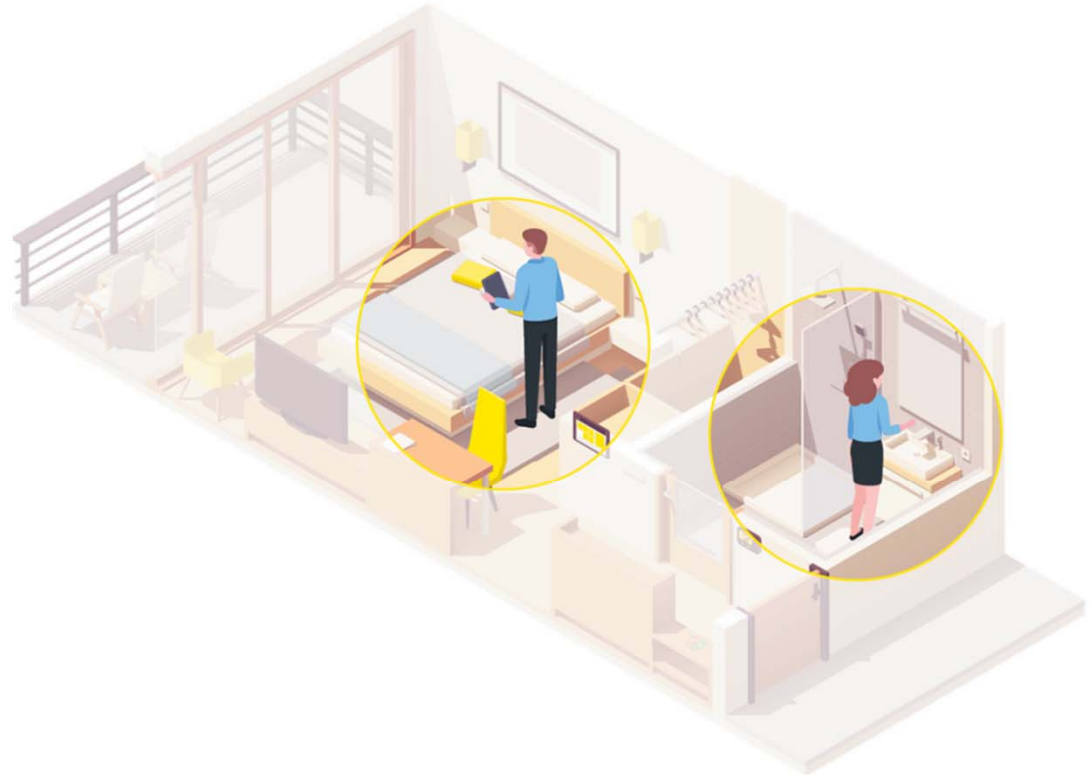


# People Sensing

Providing a welcoming and personable environment for hotel guests.

React to people being present.

- Turning lights on and off when people enter or exit a room
- Alerting housekeeping to the occupancy of a space
- Opening and closing automatic shades based on occupancy
- Amount of people in public areas

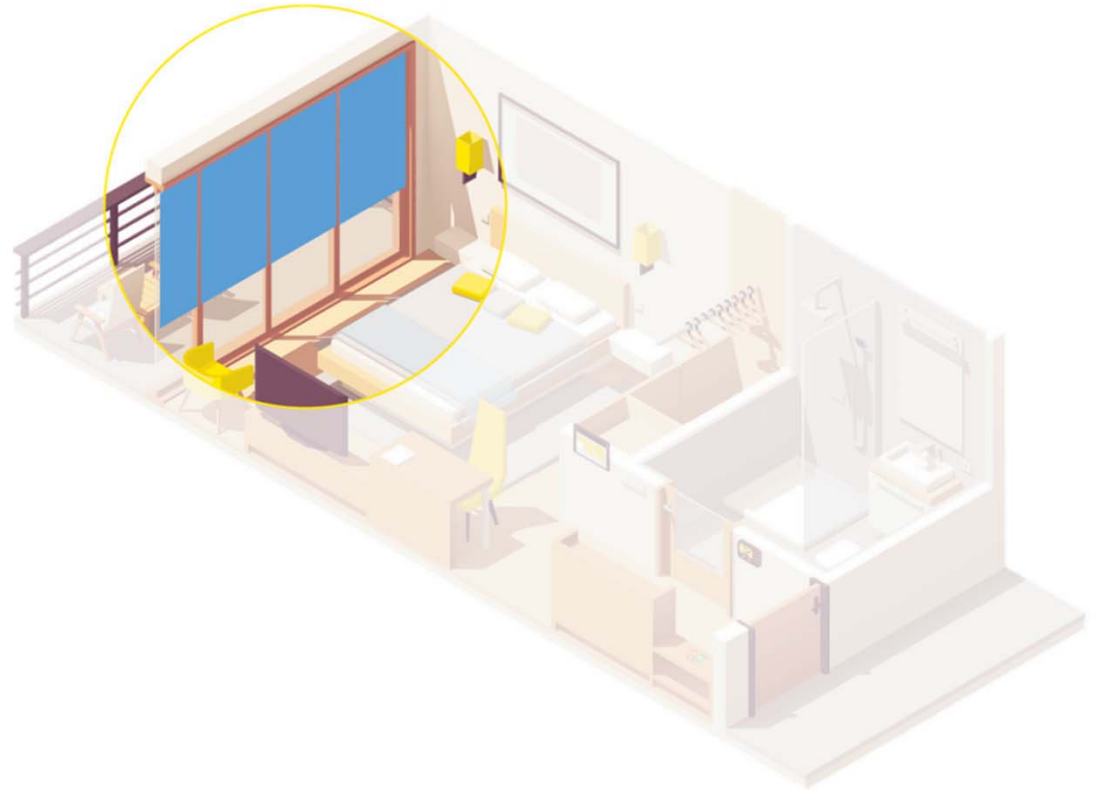


# Automatic Shades

Use natural lighting to elevate a guest's stay and automation provides a wow guests.

Automatic shades powered by PoE provide a holistic experience:

- Automatically open and close shades upon entering or exiting
- Guests control natural light preferences
- Improve energy efficiency by using natural light
- Provide customizability that goes well beyond guest expectations









# Abstract

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Als & Apps

Cloud Services

Local Software

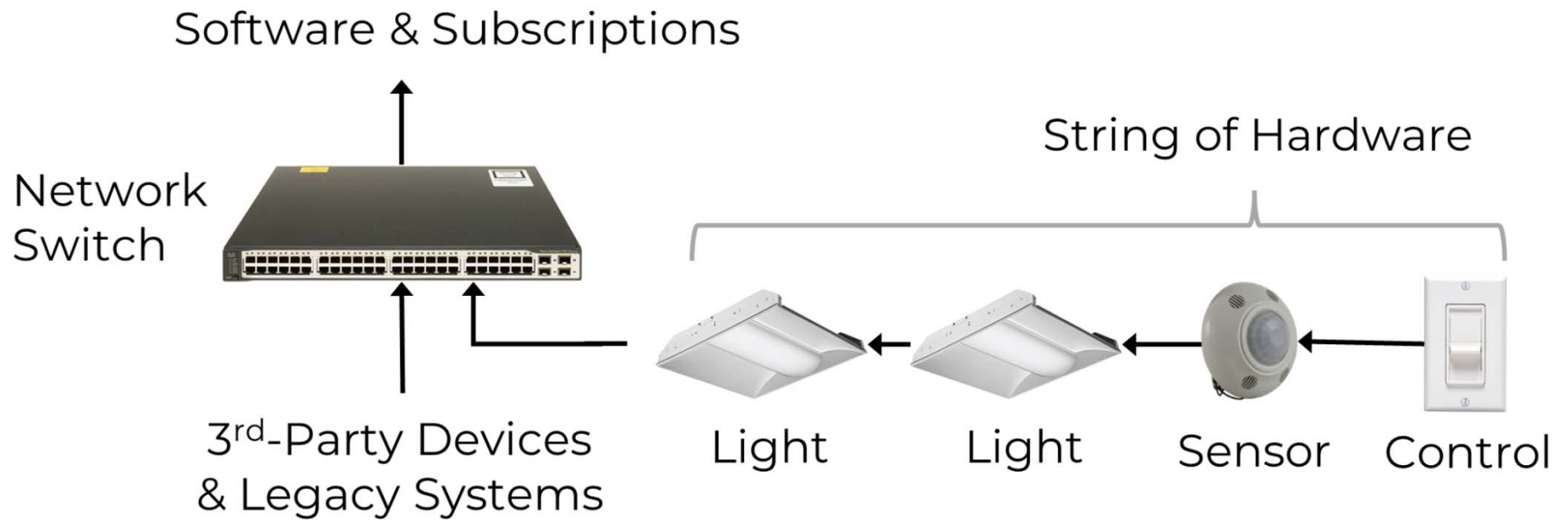
Connectivity

IP devices

Non-IP devices



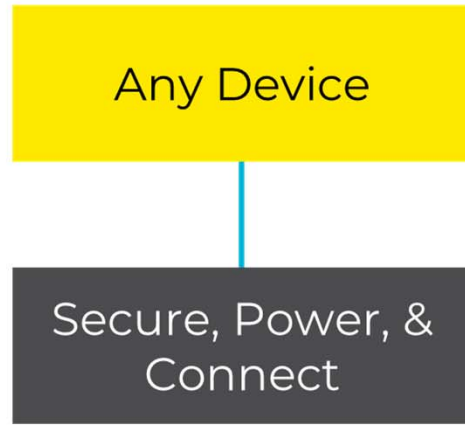
# Architecture



# Node

Secure, Power, & Connect 3<sup>rd</sup>-Party Devices using standard **Power-over-Ethernet (PoE)** as a secure backbone.

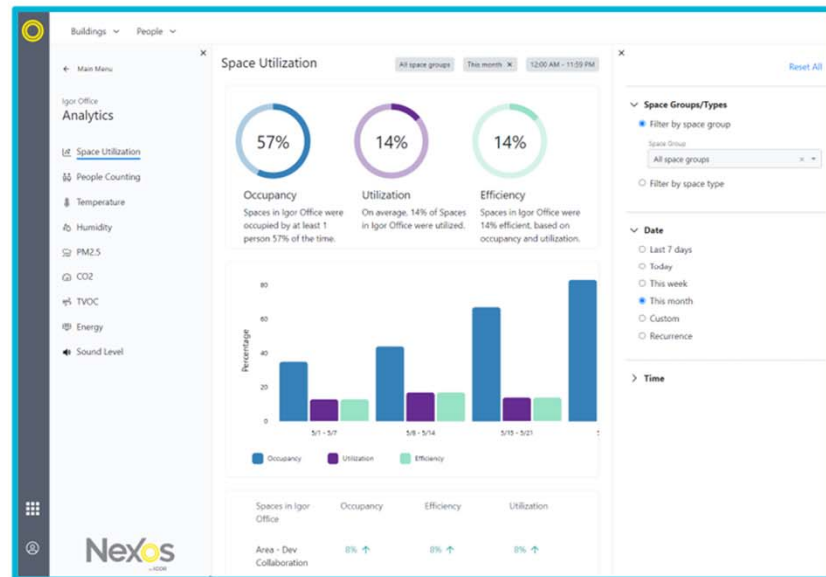
- UL924 Emergency Listed (Patented)
- Rated 99W
- Daisy-chaining (Patented)
- LEDs, analog, digital, USB, serial



# Software and Services

Digital Twins model real-world physical devices.

Users to share, automate, analyze, and control.





# Integrations used in Marcel

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- Mitsubishi HVAC (climate control) via BACnet Ethernet
- Sensors via USB
- Wall control touchscreens via USB
- Motorized Shades via PoE

# Panel Discussion



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