

The background image shows a large, modern building with a prominent, tall, conical structure made of metal cables and a concrete base. In the foreground, there is a wide, green lawn with a paved path and a set of wide, light-colored concrete steps. Many people are sitting on the steps and walking on the path. The sky is clear and blue.

Leveraging VLC for energy disaggregation in Smart Buildings

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Energy disaggregation successful for refrigerators and HVAC because they have unique signature

Lighting doesn't have unique signature but is important because X % of energy is used for lighting

Use VLC to modulate lights and give lighting an unique signature through the current they draw

Easiest way to use VLC is with OOK, lighting currents will be superimposed

DC: use current source per LED for constant and flat current curve, with nice superimposition results

AC is not constant, LED require certain amount of voltage

Detection circuit for a certain amount of voltage for LEDs and current source for constant and flat current curve, with nice superimposition results

DC: use burden resistor with output to adc to measure DC current

AC: hall effect too noisy, so also use burden resistor: will produce + and - voltage

AC: burden resistor will produce + and - voltage so add half of adc vcc and then to ADC

All LEDs are basically transmitters on same freq. and same time.

Therefor TDM and FDM are out and CDM is used

Concept of correlation: auto and cross

Want low cross correlation with all time shifts and high autocorr. at zero time shift and low autocorr at all other time shifts.