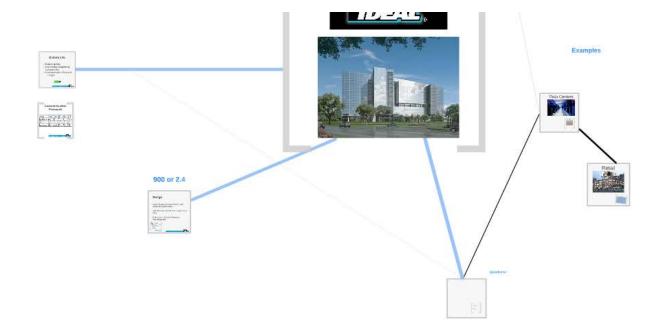


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# Market Drivers for HVAC & Lighting Control

- Reduce energy consumption
- LEED certification/Green initiatives
- Regulatory requirements
- Increased automation
- Remote monitoring/control
- Improved occupant comfort



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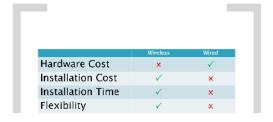
#### What's Holding Us Back?

Reliability

- Reliability
- Maintenance
- Security
- Manufacturer Risk
- Cost
- Fear of New Technology
- Is it the right choice? Betamax
- Scalability
- Ease of integration
- Available Sensor Types



#### Wired or Wireless?



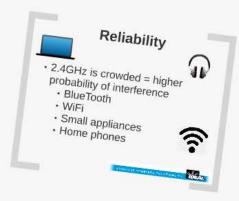
	Wireless	Wired
Hardware Cost	×	✓
Installation Cost	$\checkmark$	×
Installation Time	✓	×
Flexibility	✓	×
Maintenance	×	✓
Least Invasive	✓	×



# 900 or 2.4

#### Range

- Lower frequencies travel further and penetrate objects better
- 900 MHz has 2.67 times the range of 2.4 GHz
- Path Loss =  $20 \log(4\pi * distance/$  Wavelength)dB





#### Reliability





- 2.4GHz is crowded = higher probability of interference
  - BlueTooth
  - WiFi
  - Small appliances
  - Home phones





#### **Battery Life**

- Battery quality
- Low energy supporting componentry
- Communication Protocol
  - mesh





#### Communication Protocols

	IDEAL	Wi-FI	Zigbee	KNX-RF	EnOcean
Technology	Proprietary	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard
Interference	Low	High	High	Low	Low
Power Consumption	Very Low	High	Low	Low	Harvesting
Battery Life	25 years	N/A	2+ years	3+ years	N/A
Range	300 ft	100 ft	100 ft	300 ft.	300 ft
Band	900MHz	2.4GHz	2.4 GHz	800MHz	900MHz
Bandwidth	140KHz	20-40 MHz	5 MHz	300 KHz	280 KHz
Network Topology	Ad-hoc	Point2hub	Mesh	Ad-hoc	Ad-hoc

#### When Wireless Makes the Most Sense

#### Retrofit

- Opening walls/ceilings is impractical or not cost effective
- Time Sensitive: Need to complete install with least disruption to operations
- Asbestos: Having to open walls can expose occupants to dangerous asbestos or may incur high asbestos abatement costs



#### **Flexibility**

- Frequent space reconfiguration for retail purposes
- Tenant turnover in other commercial spaces
  - Property Manager







#### **Aesthetics**

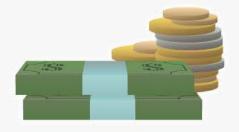
- Nobody wants to look at wires
- The forward trend is towards sleek, wireless products

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# Examples

#### Data Centers





### Hospitals

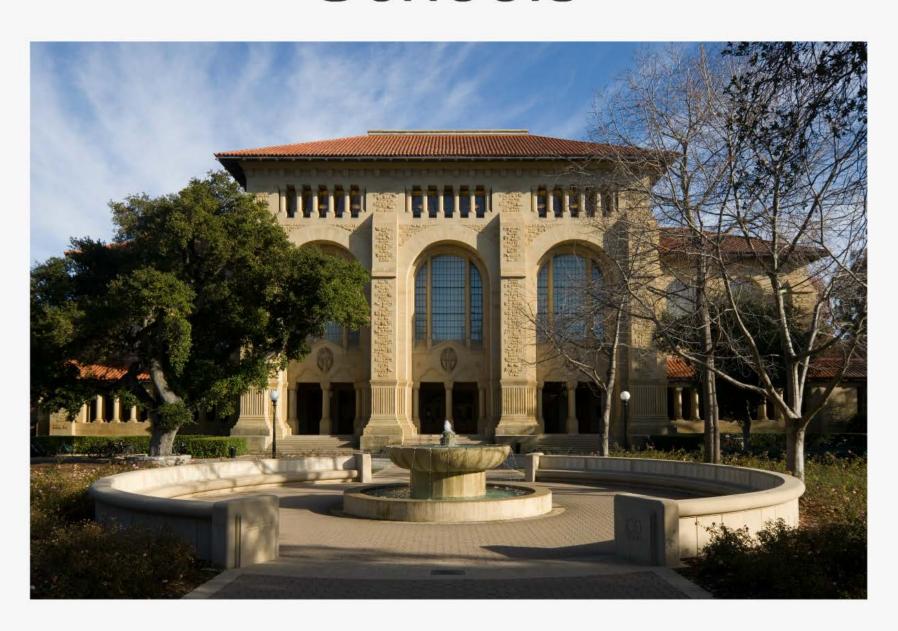


#### Retail





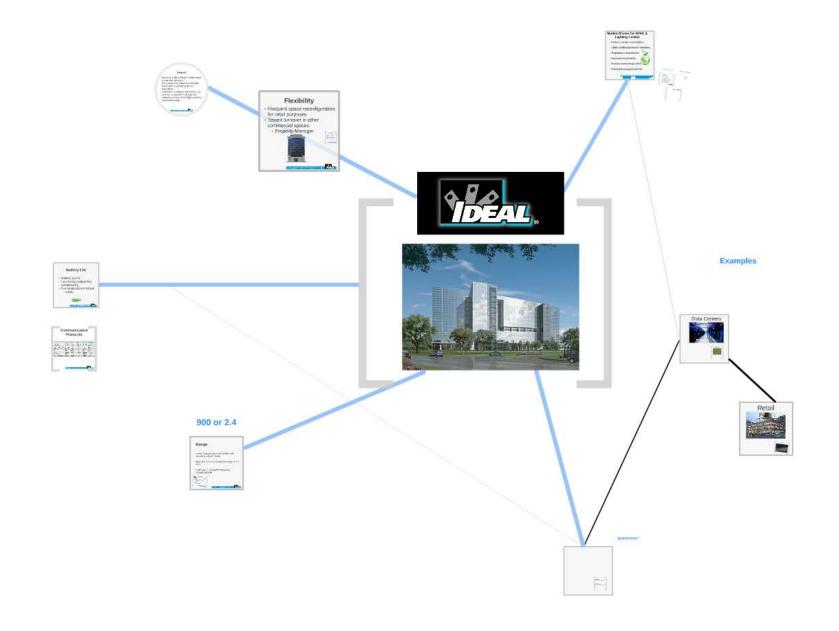
#### Schools



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