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Abstract: [This document presents the considerations for getting a delicate VLC application summary.]

**Purpose:** [To provide the considerations for a well defined VLC application summary]

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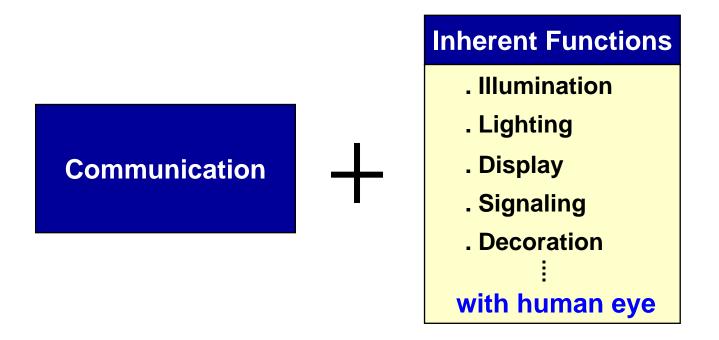
# **Considerations for getting a delicate VLC Application Summary**

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# Outline

- **Characteristics of VLC**
- What we get through VLC application summary and How we get a delicate application summary
- **Classification of VLC applications**
- **Some issues to discuss more in detail** 
  - > Mobile device and mobility in VLC
  - Incoherent use of application model, data type, and device-todevice configurations
  - VLC light source intensity : Concept and units
- **Conclusion**

### **Distinct Characteristics of VLC**



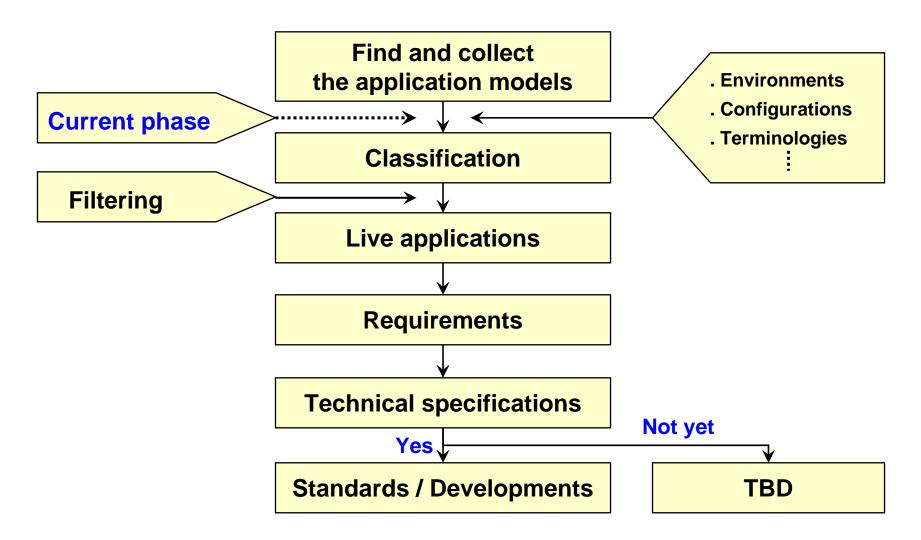
We can do only communication through VLC in narrow scope, however, we have been much interested in getting simultaneously both of communication and a part of inherent functions of light sources.

# **Purpose of VLC Application Summary**

The purpose that we summarize VLC applications is to make the technical standards for the useful, available and user friendly VLC applications.

We need to collect and classify many imaginable applications before we extract the useful, available, and user friendly applications among many applications.

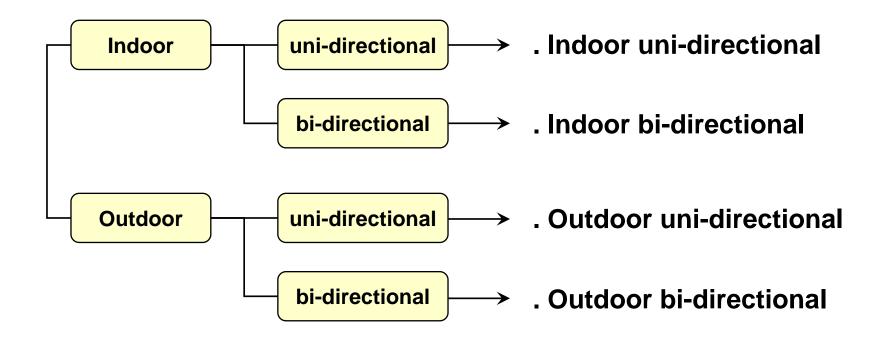
### **Strategy to get Our Destination**



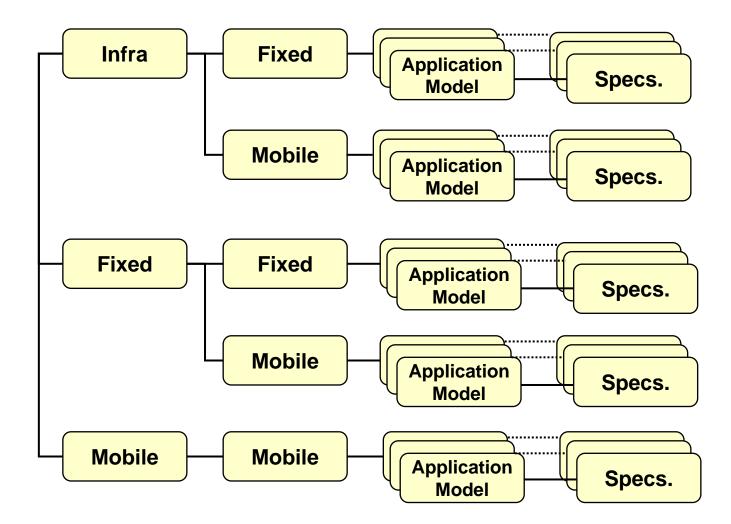
# Grouping of Many Factors in VLC Application Summary

Environments	Configurations	Service Model	Specifications
. Indoor . Outdoor . Underwater	<ul> <li>Unidirectional</li> <li>Bidirectional</li> <li>Bidirectional</li> <li>Infra</li> <li>Infra</li> <li>Fixed</li> <li>Mobile</li> <li>Wehicle</li> <li>Vehicle</li> <li>Symmetrical</li> <li>Asymmetrical</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Broadcast</li> <li>Indoor navigation</li> <li>Sign ITS</li> <li>Aircraft intra-cabin</li> <li>File transfer</li> <li>E-commerce</li> <li>E-content vending</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Data type</li> <li>Data rate (UL/DL)</li> <li>Distance</li> <li>Source intensity</li> <li>Channel type</li> <li>Beam width</li> </ul>

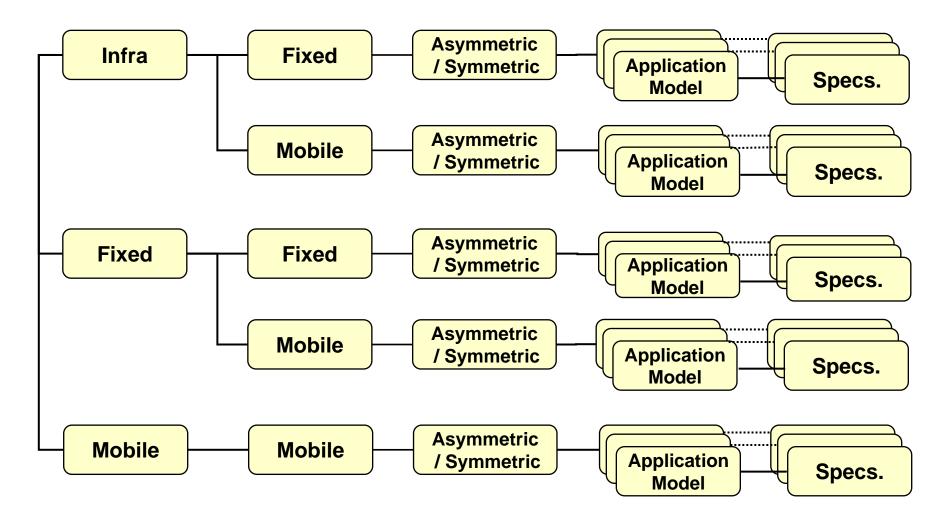
# **Main Groups of VLC Applications**



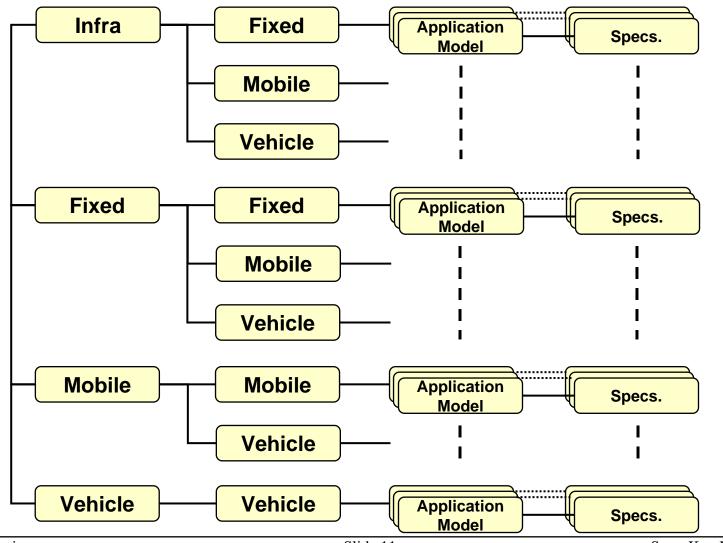
# Indoor uni-directional



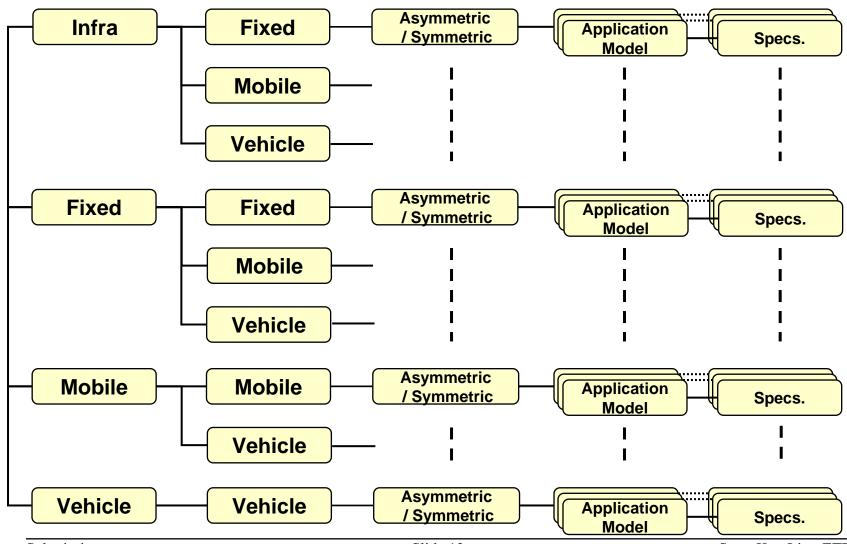
# Indoor bi-directional



### **Outdoor uni-directional**



# **Outdoor bi-directional**



# Some Issues to Discuss more in detail

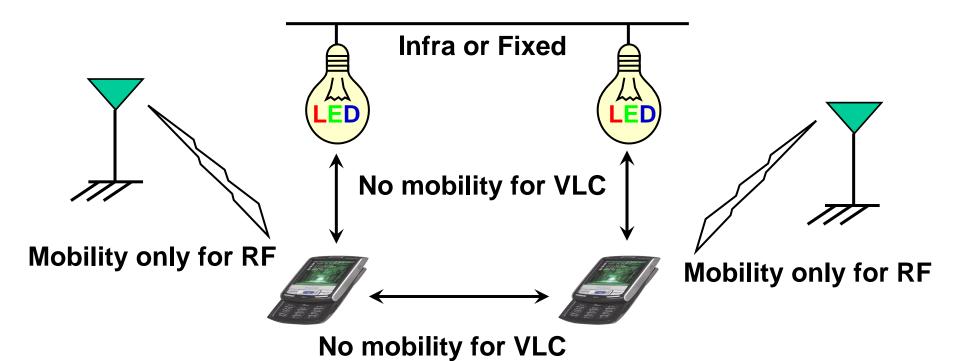
#### Definitions

- . uni-directional or bi-directional depending on data flowing directivity.
- . Mobile device : A VLC device that moves (has mobility) and ~ .
- . Asymmetric / Symmetric : undefined state
- Source Intensity Unit
- We need to distinguish and use separately the concepts on application(or service) model, data type, and device-to-device configuration.

# **Definition of Mobile Device and Mobility**

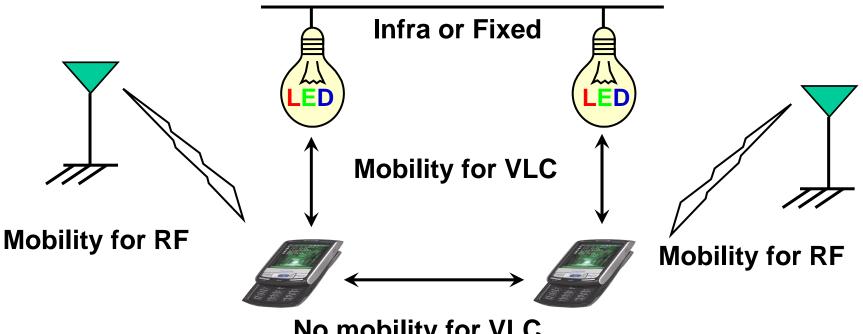
- Mobile device : A VLC device that moves (has mobility) and does not have logical connectivity to an information network.
- → It is not clear whether we can do visible light communication with a VLC mobile device walking or running, or not - i.e. a VLC mobile device with VLC functions has mobility for VLC or it has mobility only for another communication such as RF wireless without VLC mobility.
- It is not clear whether 'mobility' means only 'portability' or not, and also 'mobility' can be accepted differently to us depending on 'infra-to-mobile', 'fixed-to-mobile' or cell hand-over function.

# Mobile Device and Mobility – Case (1)



If a portable device with VLC functions has mobility only for RF, we need to change 'infra(or fixed)-to-mobile' and mobile-to-mobile' into 'infra(or fixed)-to-fixed' and 'fixed-tofixed', respectively.

# Mobile Device and Mobility – Case (2)

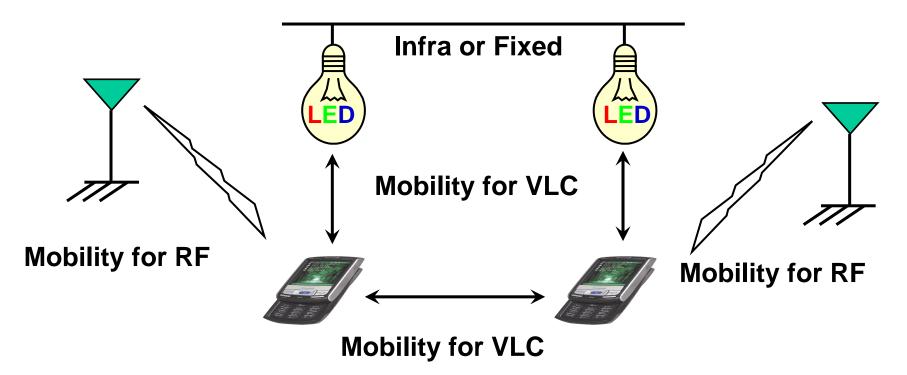


No mobility for VLC

In this case, we can define 'infra-to-mobile' and 'fixed-to-mobile', but we need to discuss on where the boundary of 'mobility' is, i.e. whether 'mobility' includes the concept of cell hand-over or not.

We need to change 'mobile-to-mobile' into 'fixed-to-fixed'.

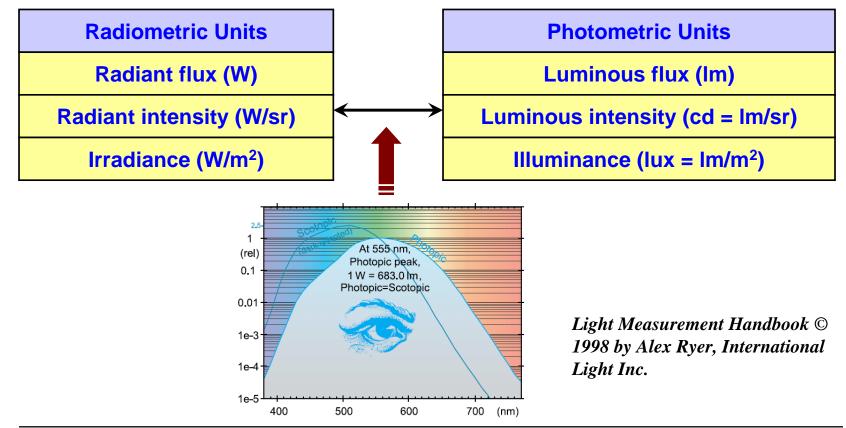
# Mobile Device and Mobility – Case (3)



#### In this case, first of all, we need to start from what the definition of 'mobility' in VLC is.

# **Characterizations of Visible Light**

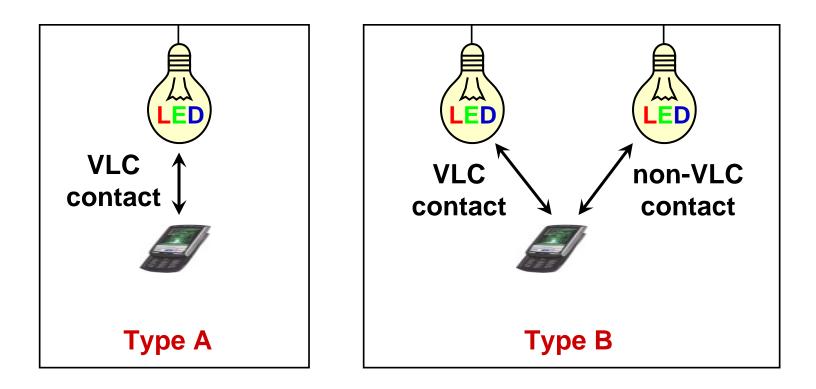
#### The visible light can be characterized by radiometric or photometric unit.



### Which one is more suitable for VLC Source Intensity, Photometry or Radiometry ?

- A photodetector for VLC has another sensitivity function different from human eye depending on wavelength.
- Most of communication engineers have been accustomed to characterize the source intensity or source power by radiometric unit, watt or dBm.
- It is desirable that we characterize a source intensity in VLC by both of photometric unit in point of human eye and radiometric unit in point of communication, respectively.

### 'lux' is suitable for a VLC source intensity, or not ?



#### Illuminance is unsuitable for a VLC source intensity

- The illuminance in type A relates to only a VLC light source, but the illuminance in type B relates not only a VLC light source but also non-VLC light source. Therefore we can not say that the illuminance in type B means the quantity relates directly to the intensity of a VLC light source.
- The illuminance at a point varies with the distance between a light source and a measurement point.
- Therefore, when we characterize the source intensity of a VLC light source by photometric unit, it is reasonable that we use luminous flux(Im) or luminance intensity(cd) not illuminance(lux).

### Conclusion

- We may classify the main groups of VLC applications into indoor uni-directional and bi-directional and outdoor unidirectional and bi-directional.
- We need to start from what the definition of 'mobility' in VLC is clearly.
- **The definition of asymmetric/symmetric in application matrix**
- We need to distinguish separately the concepts about service (application) model, data type, and device-to-device configuration.
- We need to characterize the VLC source intensity by all of photometric and radiometric unit, respectively.
- We need to use luminous flux(Im) or luminance intensity(cd) not illuminance(lux) in characterization of the VLC source intensity by photometric unit.