

# LED Brightness and Color Control with XMC1

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# LED Brightness and Color Control Overview

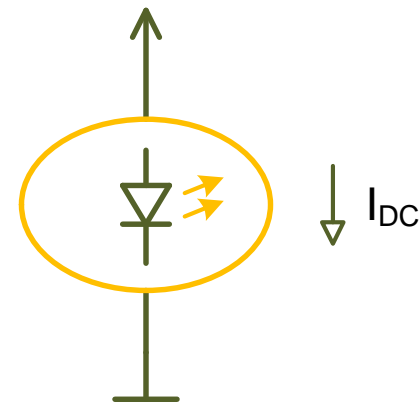


- › The purpose of the training slides is to showcase the ease of using the Brightness and Color Control Unit (BCCU) in XMC1 to drive LEDs
- › The HOT examples cover key BCCU features to achieve good quality light

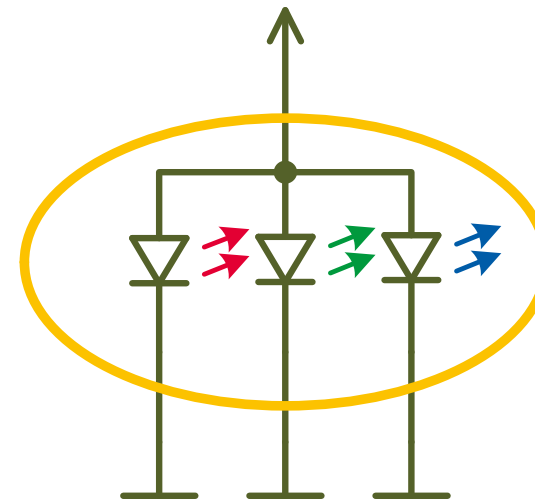
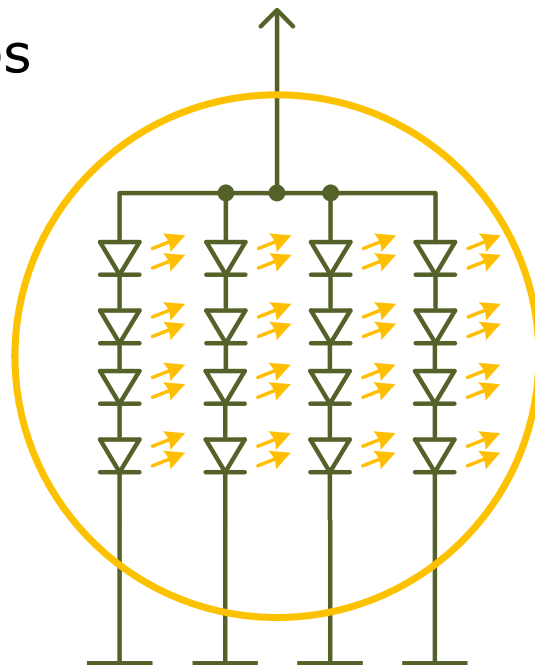
# LED Brightness and Color Control

## LED lighting basics (1/2)

› Light-emitting diode



› LED lamps



# LED Brightness and Color Control

## LED lighting basics (2/2)

### › Controlling LED lamp

#### – Brightness



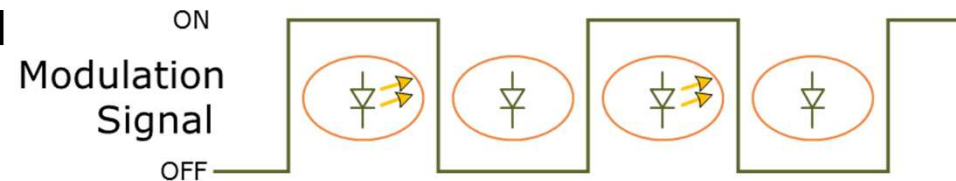
#### – Color



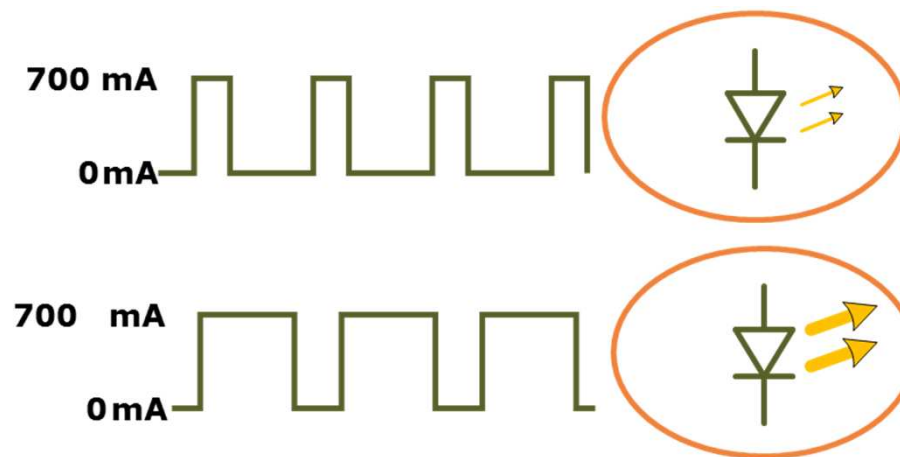
# LED Brightness and Color Control

## Modulation dimming

- › Brightness control method:
  - Modulation dimming
    - Quickly turn current ON/OFF
    - Constant current when ON



- Brightness  $\sim$  average ON time

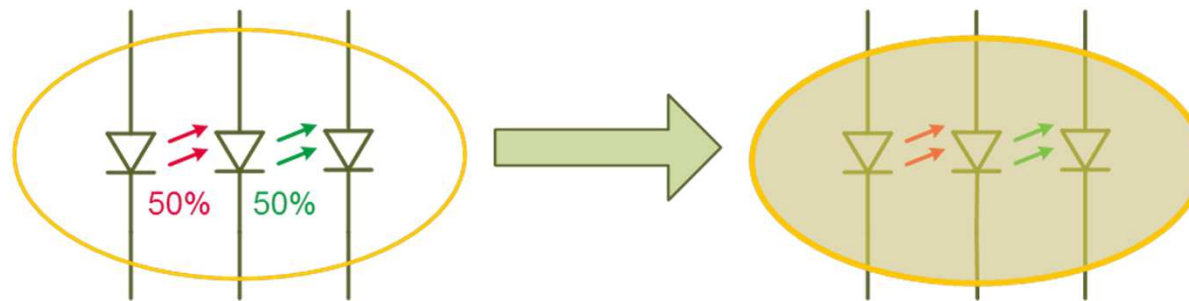


# LED Brightness and Color Control

## Lamp color

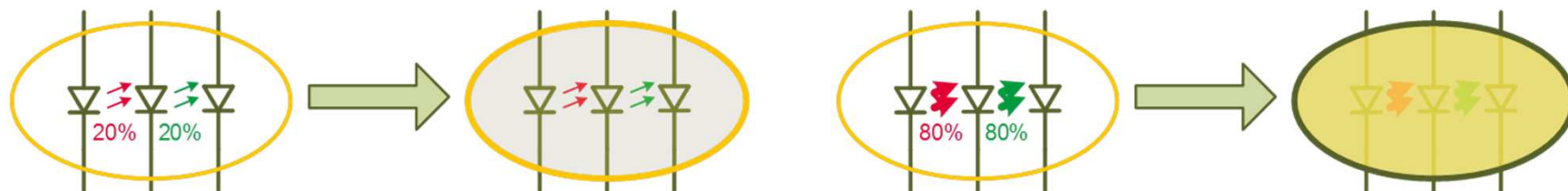
### › Color

- Relative channel intensities determine color



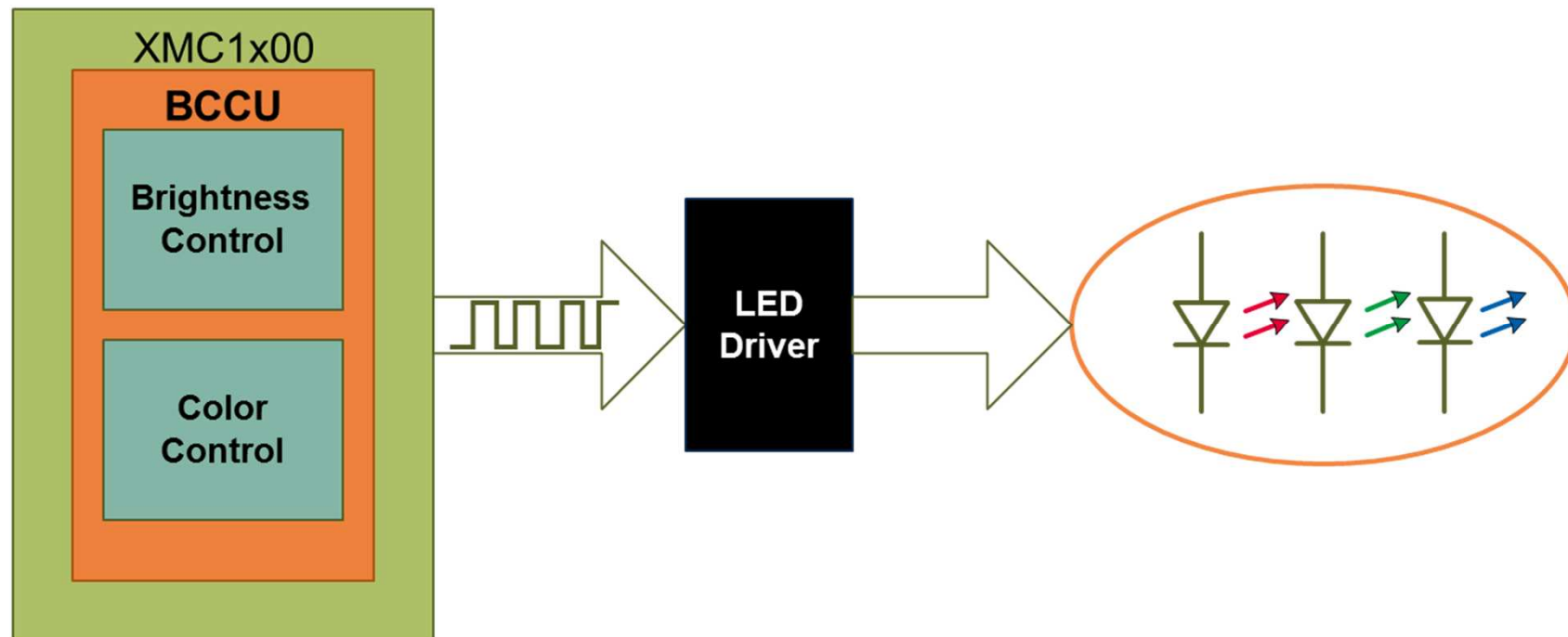
### › Color vs dimming level

- Dimming level determines the color brightness



# LED Brightness and Color Control BCCU in XMC1000

- › Brightness and Color Control Unit
  - Separate control blocks for brightness and color

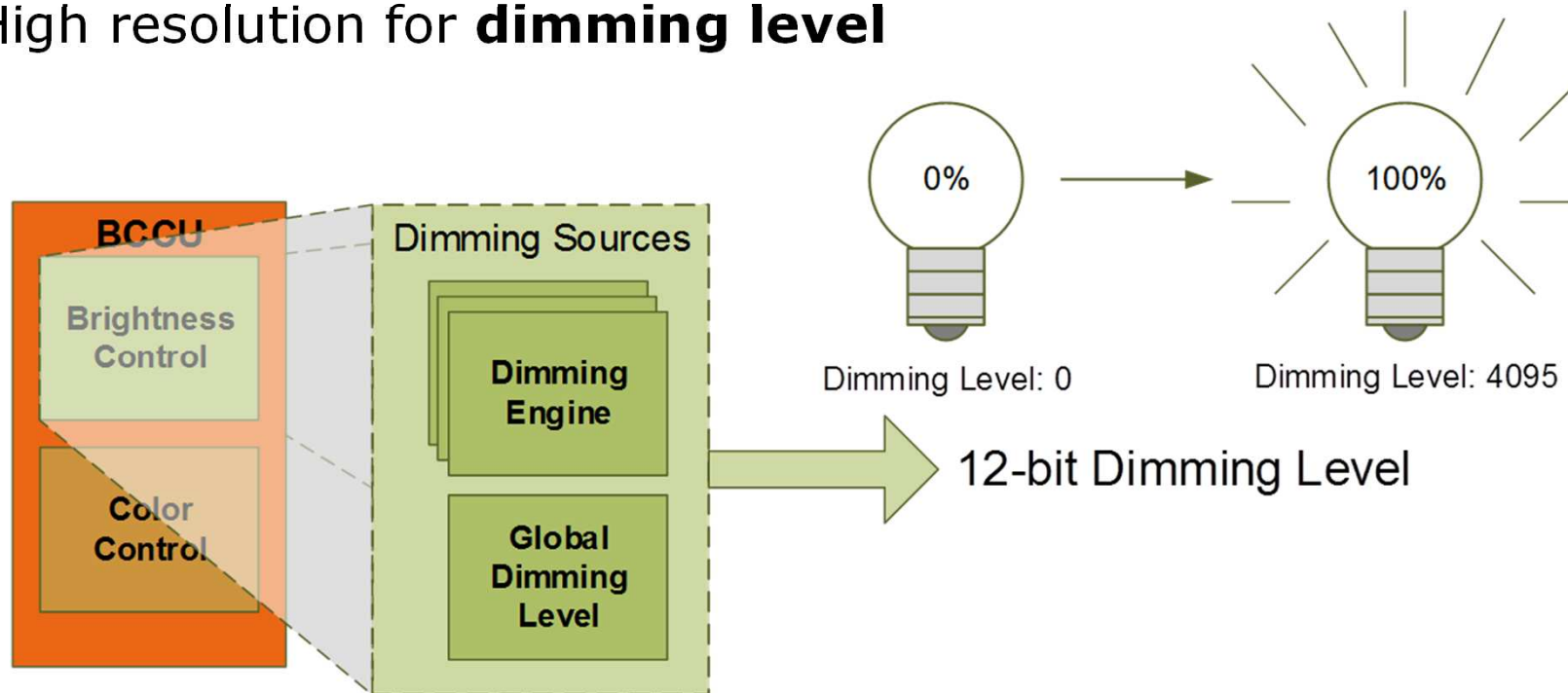




# LED Brightness and Color Control

## Brightness control with BCCU

- › Dimming sources
  - Dimming engines
  - Global dimming level
- › High resolution for **dimming level**

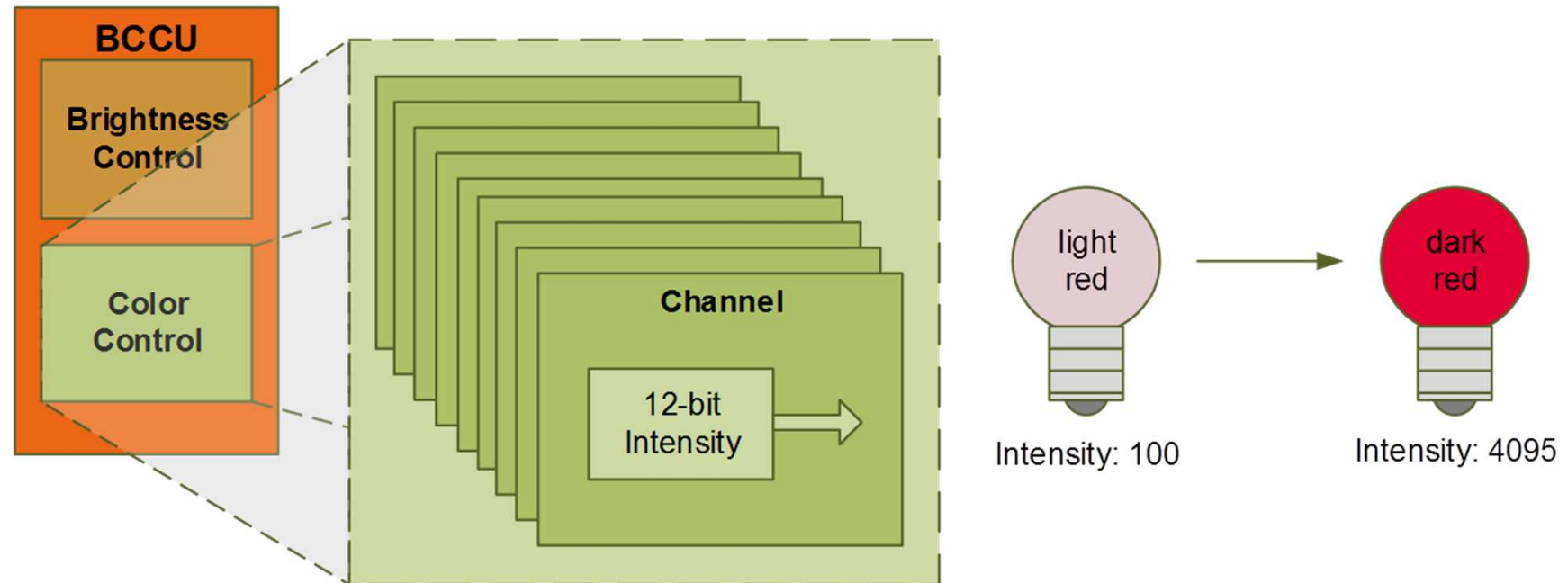


# LED Brightness and Color Control

## Color Control with BCCU



- › BCCU channels
  - Color can be controlled using 12-bit **intensity** value



# LED Brightness and Color Control

## Dynamic control with BCCU (1/3)

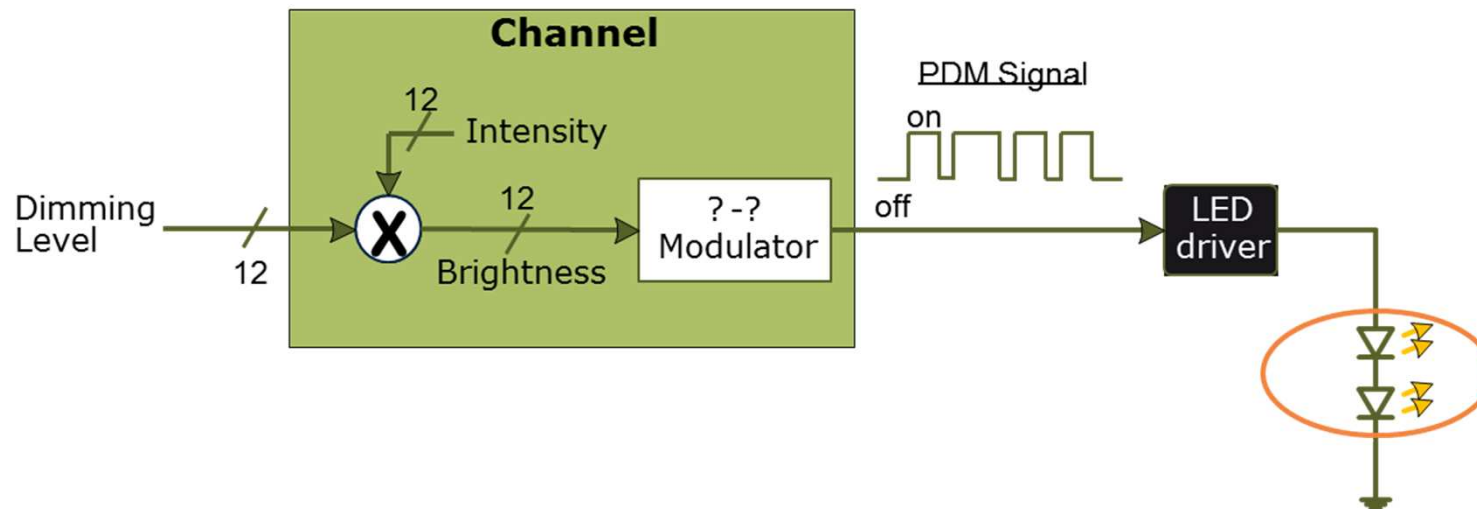


### › Channel **brightness**

- Dimming level x channel intensity
- Truncated 12-bit value

### › Sigma-delta modulator

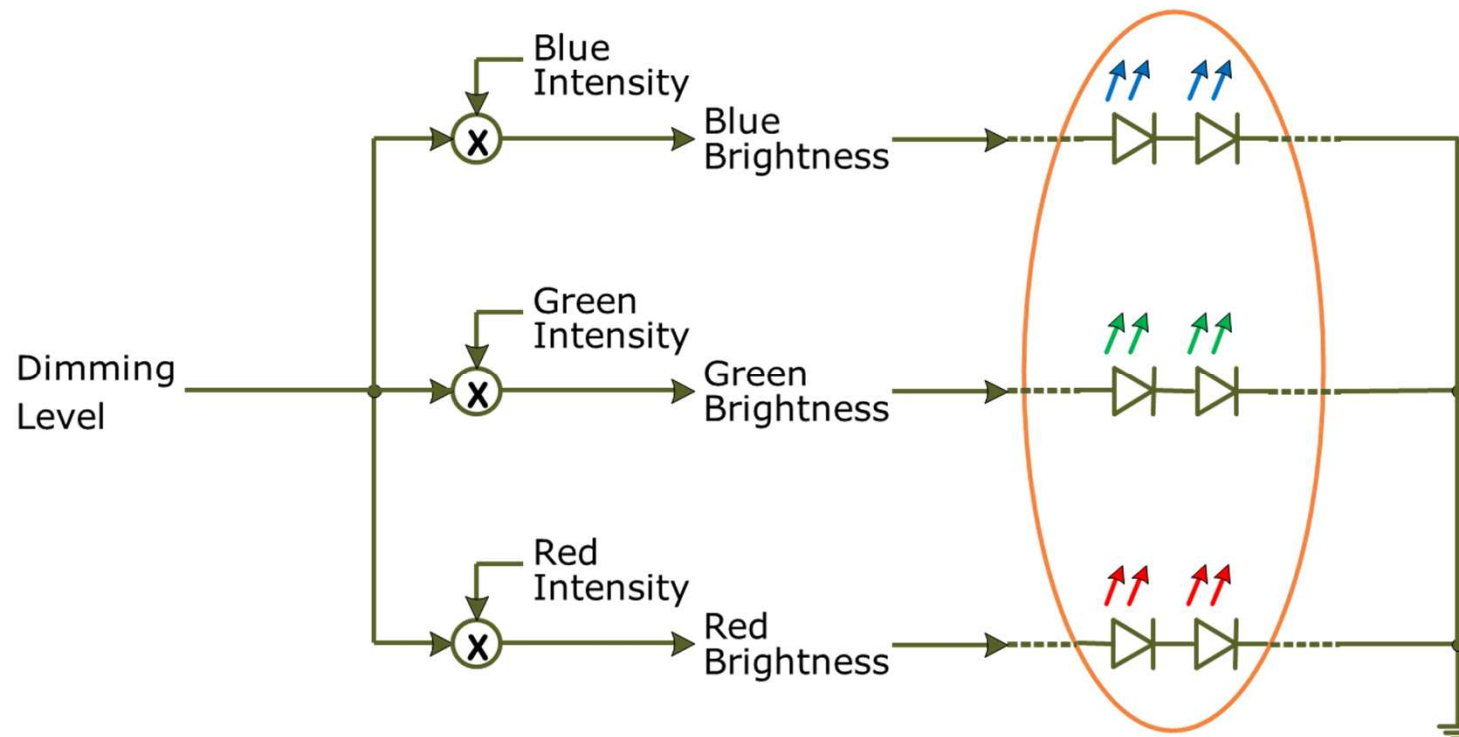
- Converts 12-bit brightness value to a bit stream
- Bit stream is a pulse-density modulated (**PDM**) signal



# LED Brightness and Color Control

## Dynamic control with BCCU (2/3)

- › Changes to dimming level
  - Lamp color can be preserved if no changes to channel intensities

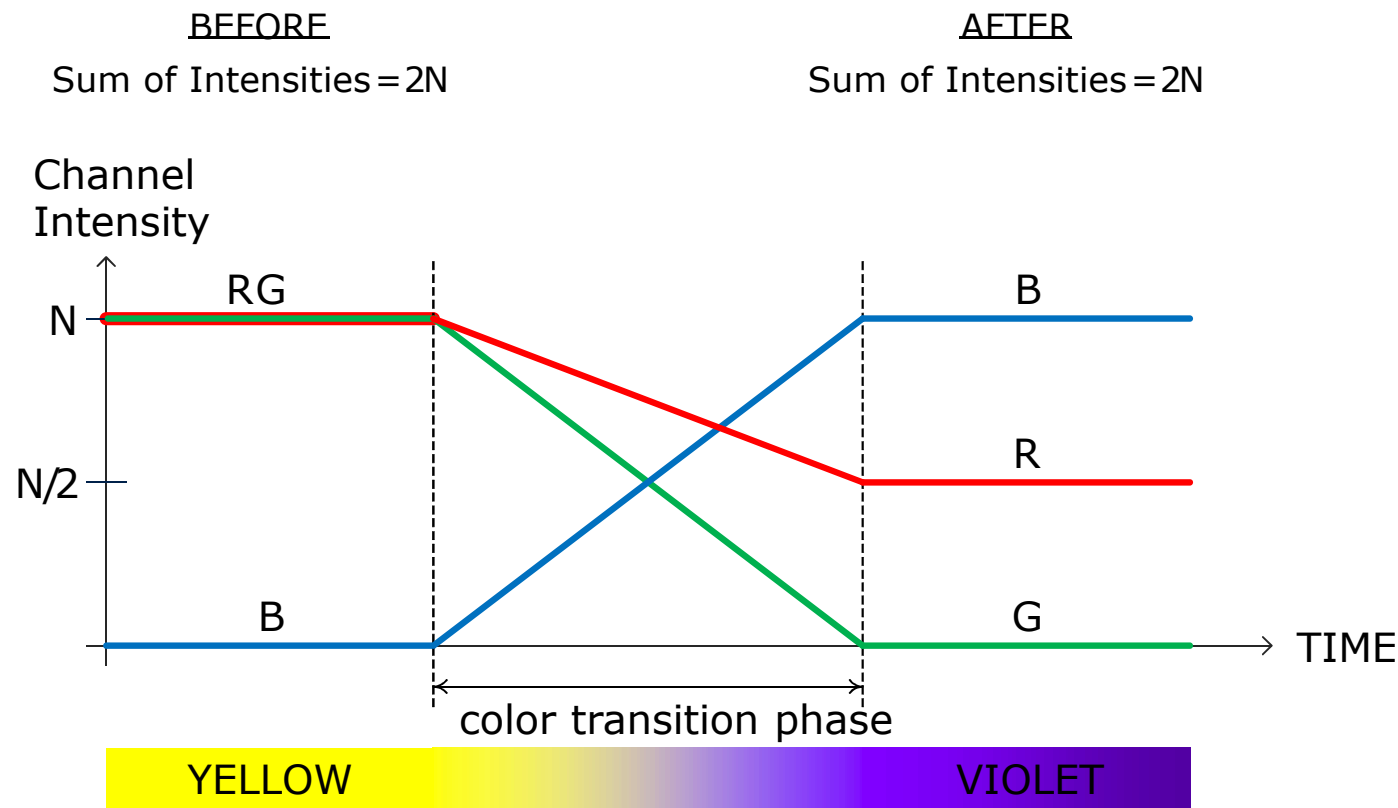


# LED Brightness and Color Control

## Dynamic control with BCCU (3/3)

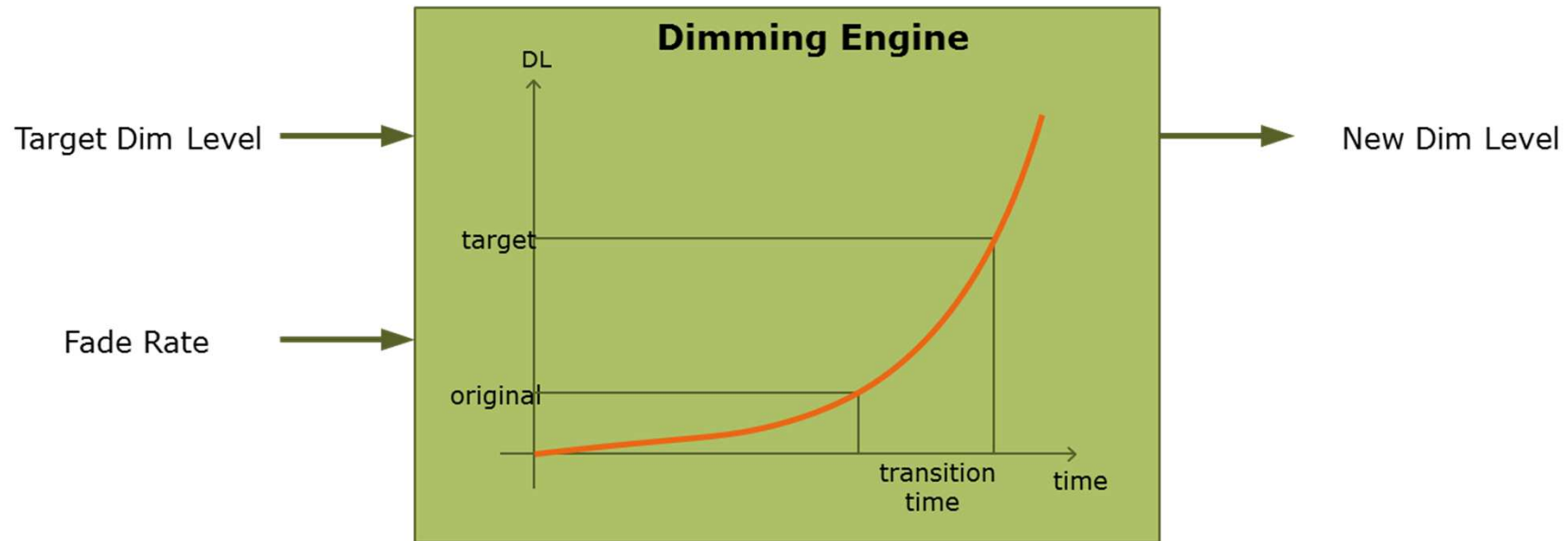


- › Changing lamp color
  - Overall lamp brightness can be preserved if sum of channel intensities remain the same



# LED Brightness and Color Control

## BCCU dimming sources (1/3)



### › Dimming engine

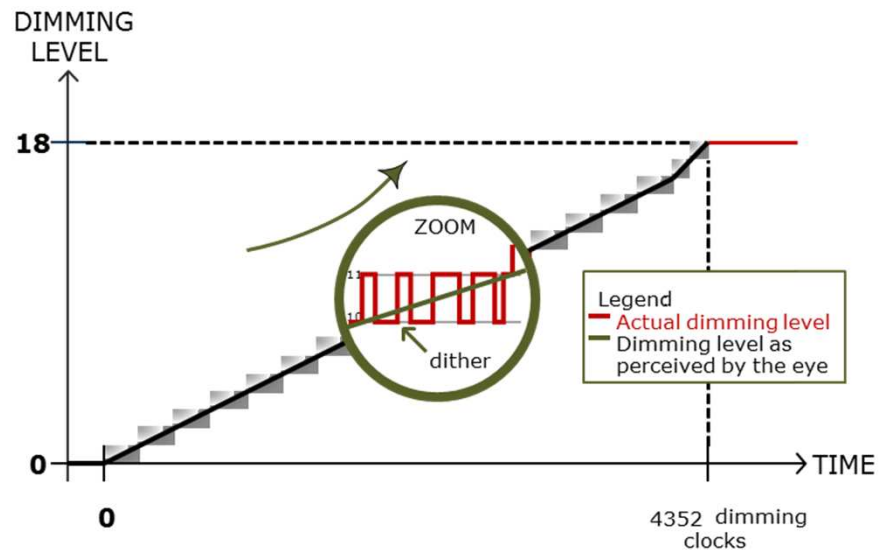
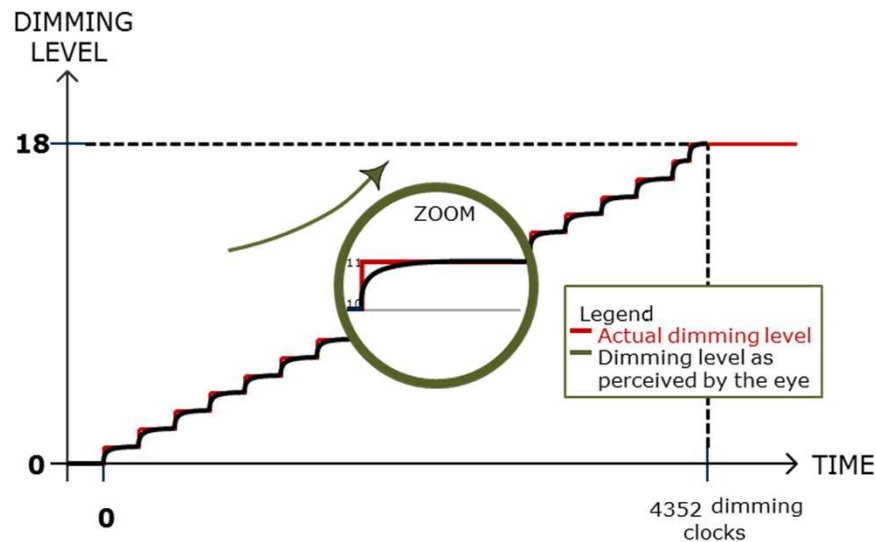
- Automatic exponential dimming profile
  - Human eye logarithmic perception of brightness
- Configurable fade rate
- Easy to use:
  1. Program target level
  2. Program fade rate
  3. Start dimming process

# LED Brightness and Color Control

## BCCU dimming sources (2/3)

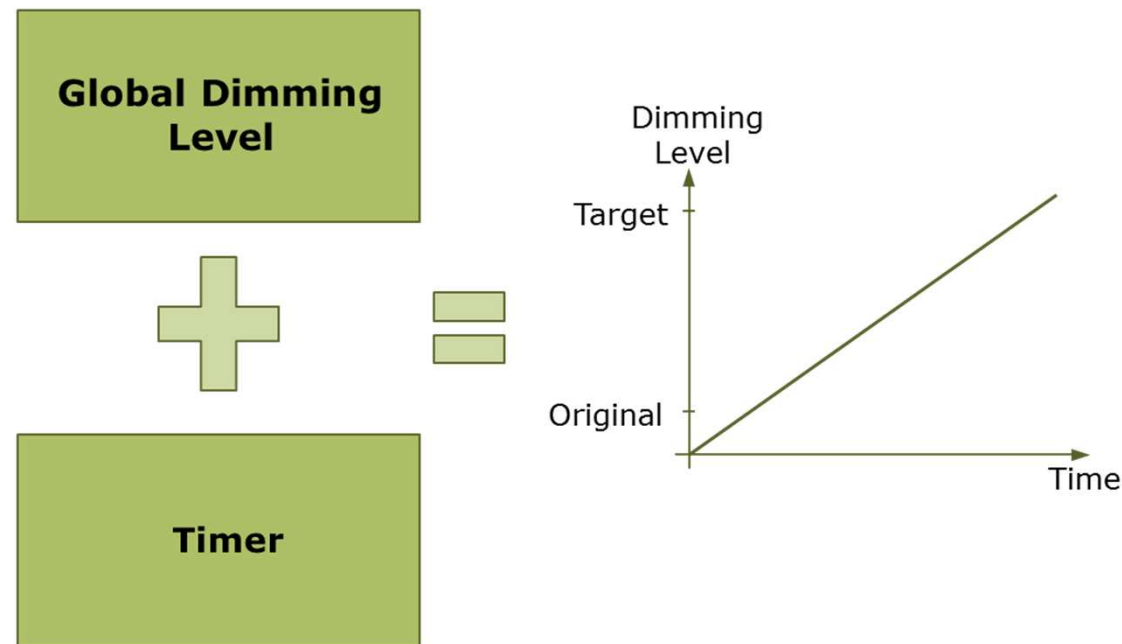


- › Dimming at low dim levels with slow fade rate
  - Human eye more sensitive to changes in brightness
  - Changes appear “steppy”
  - Dither function in dimming engines to make transitions smooth



# LED Brightness and Color Control

## BCCU dimming sources (3/3)

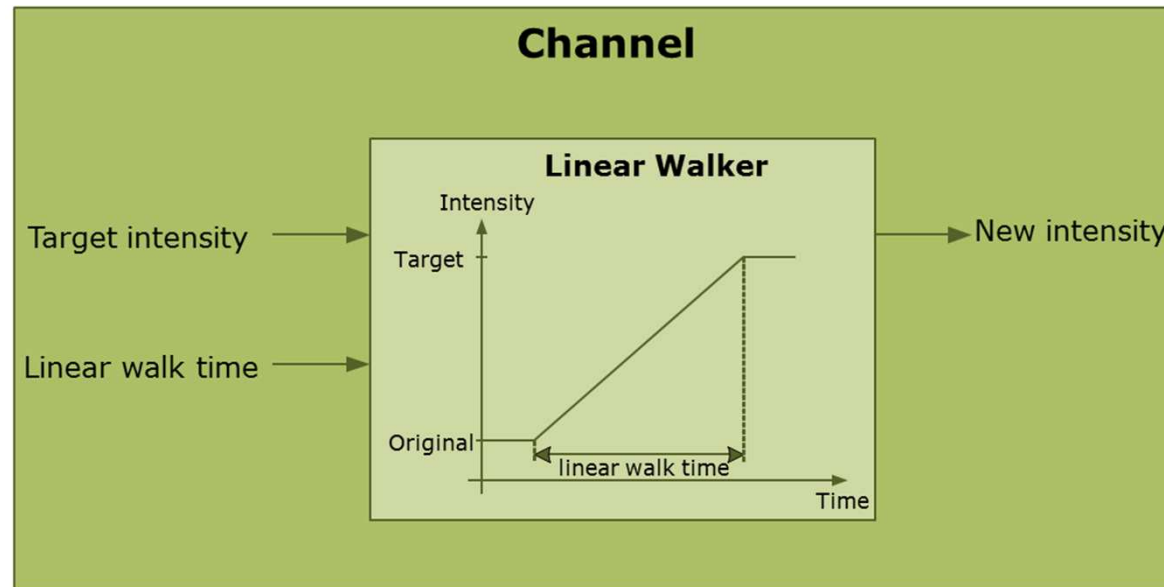


- › Global dimming level
  - Immediate dim level change
  - For manual or customized dimming pattern
    - Example: Use with periodic timer for linear dimming profile



# LED Brightness and Color Control

## Linear walker (1/2)



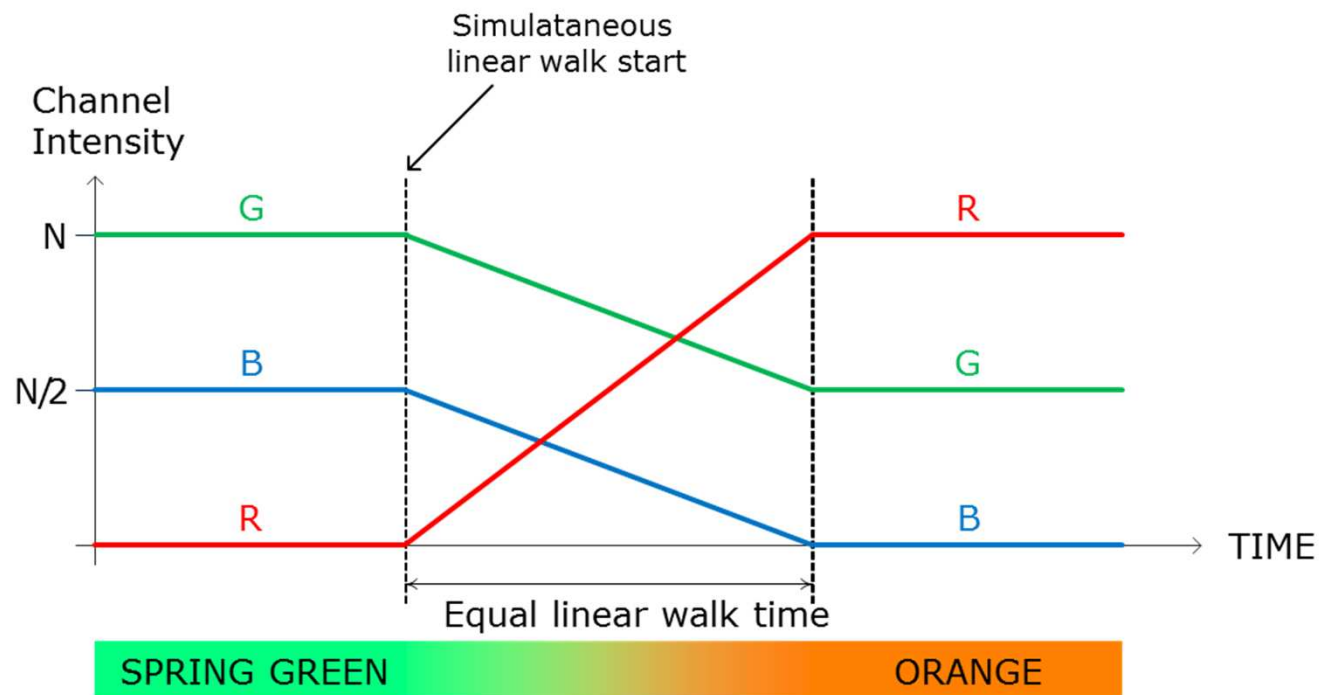
### › Linear Walker in Channel

- Changes intensity linearly over time
- Configurable color transition time
- Easy to use:
  1. Set target intensity
  2. Set linear walk time
  3. Start linear walk

# LED Brightness and Color Control

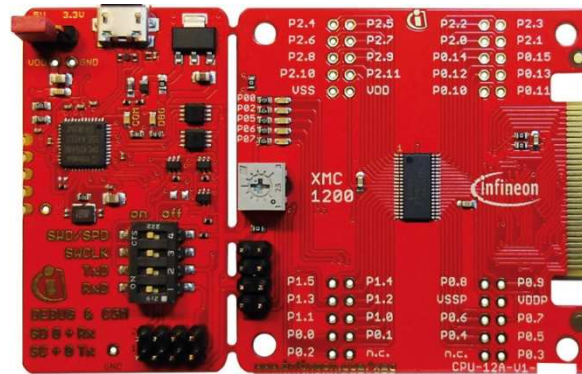
## Linear walker (2/2)

- › For smooth color change:
  - Linear walk time must be the same in all channels
  - Linear walks are started simultaneously in all channels

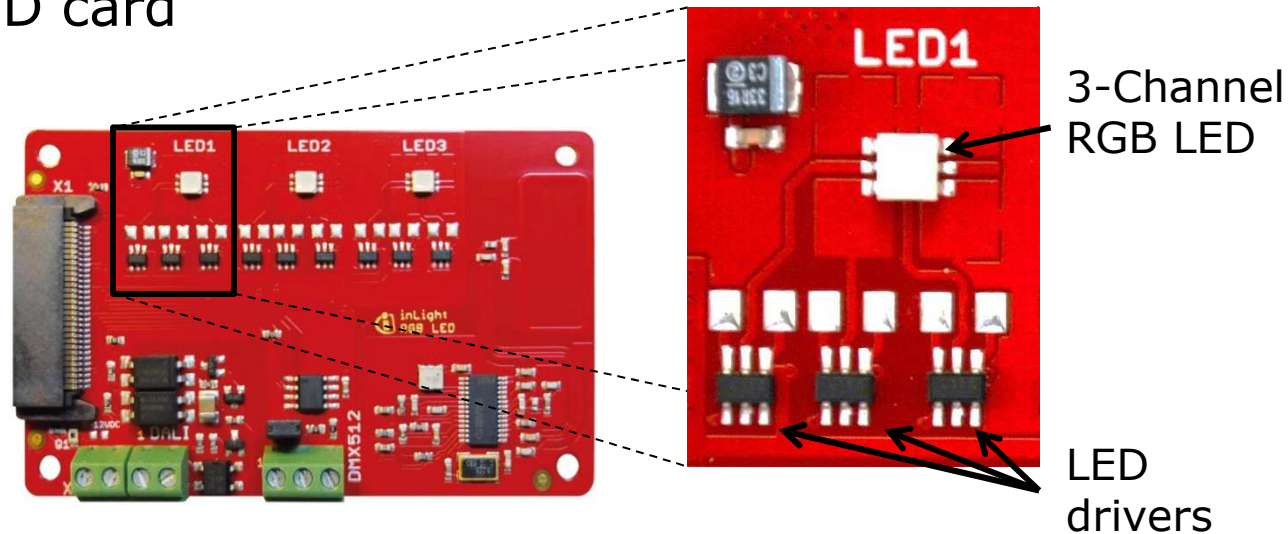


# LED Brightness and Color Control Hands-on training

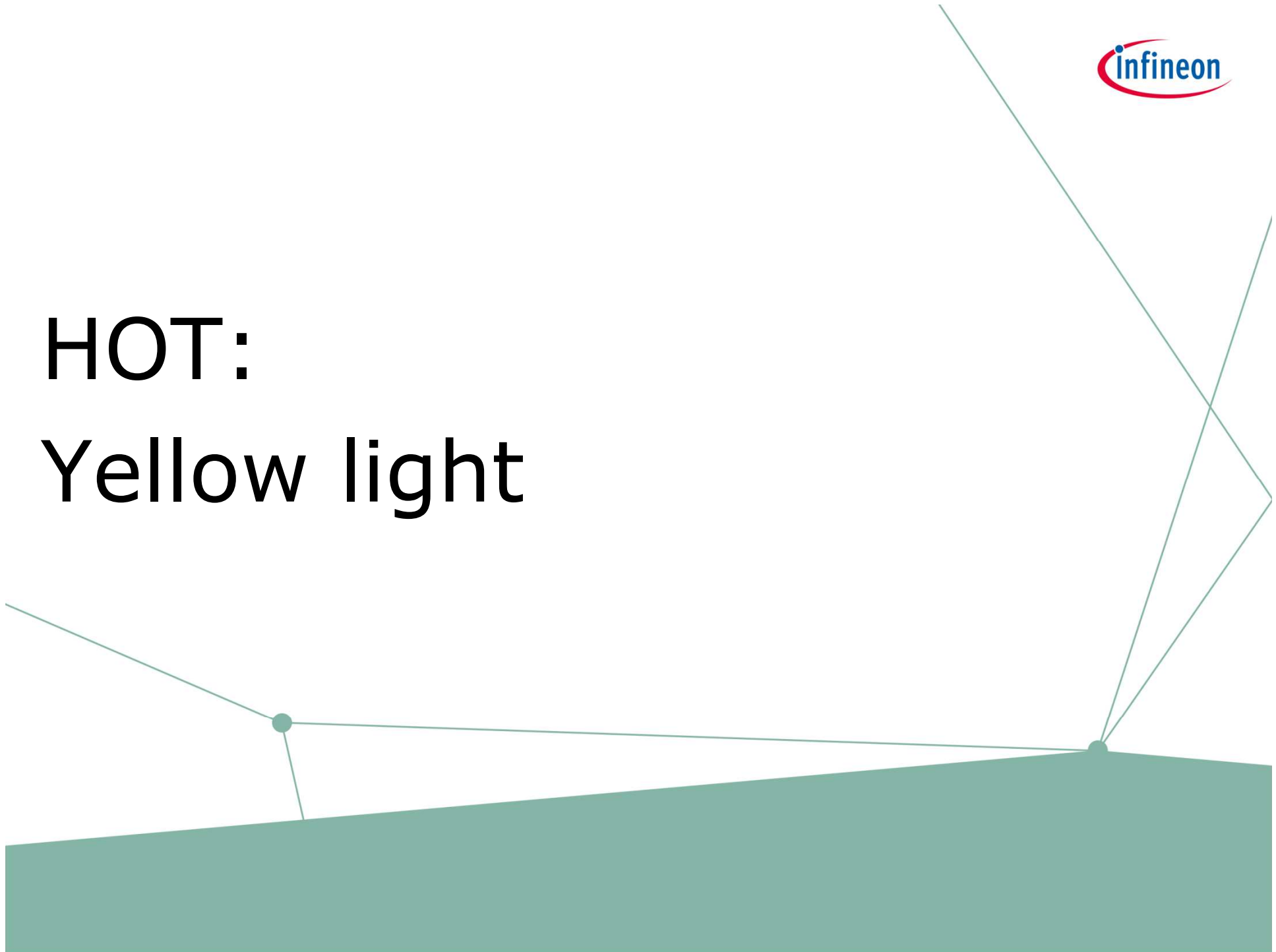
## › XMC1200 boot kit



## › Color LED card



HOT:  
Yellow light



# Objectives

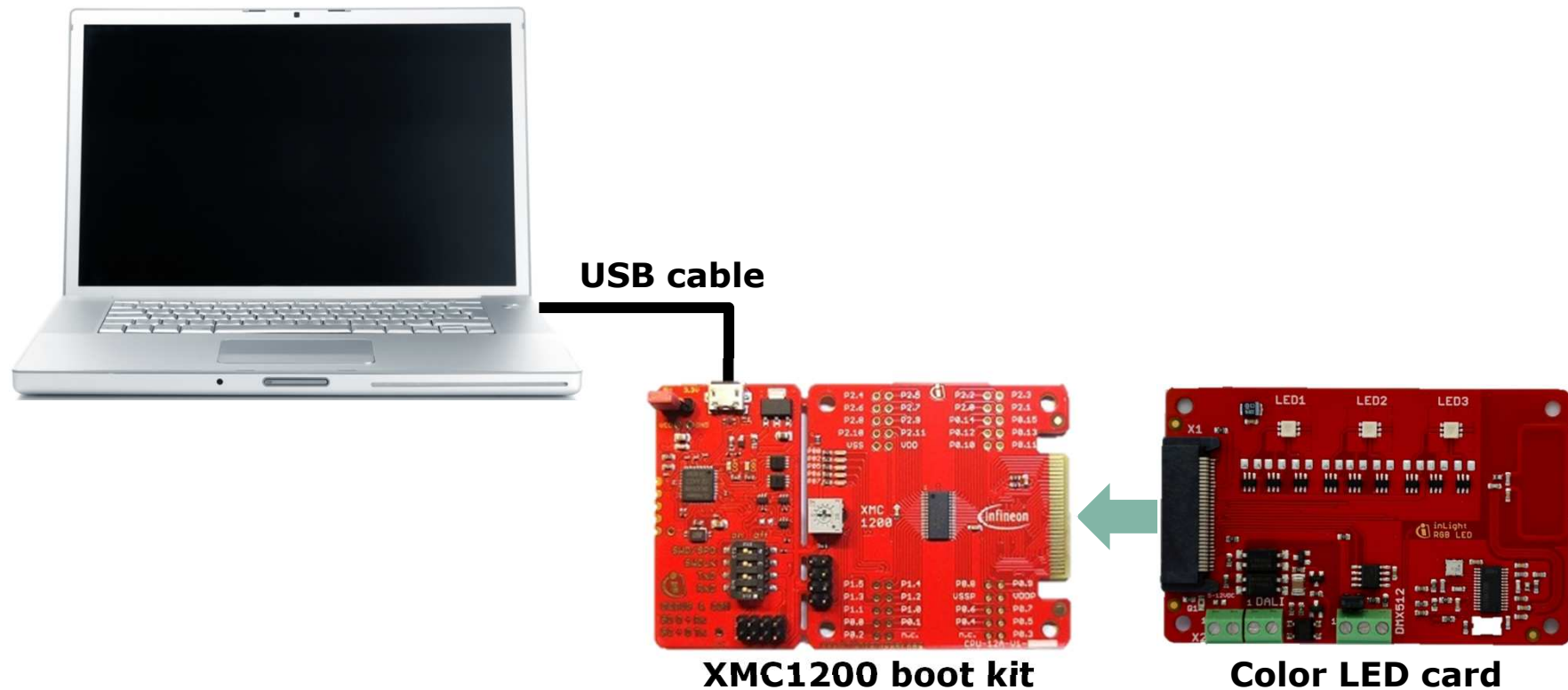
- › To demonstrate using DAVE™ APPs to turn on an RGB LED with yellow light
  - LED will immediately turn on at start with yellow light

# Things you need for the training

- › Hardware
  - XMC1200 boot kit
  - Color LED card
    - Only LED1 will be used
  - PC
  - USB cable
  
- › Software/tools
  - DAVE™ version 4
  
- › **Things you must know before starting on this training**
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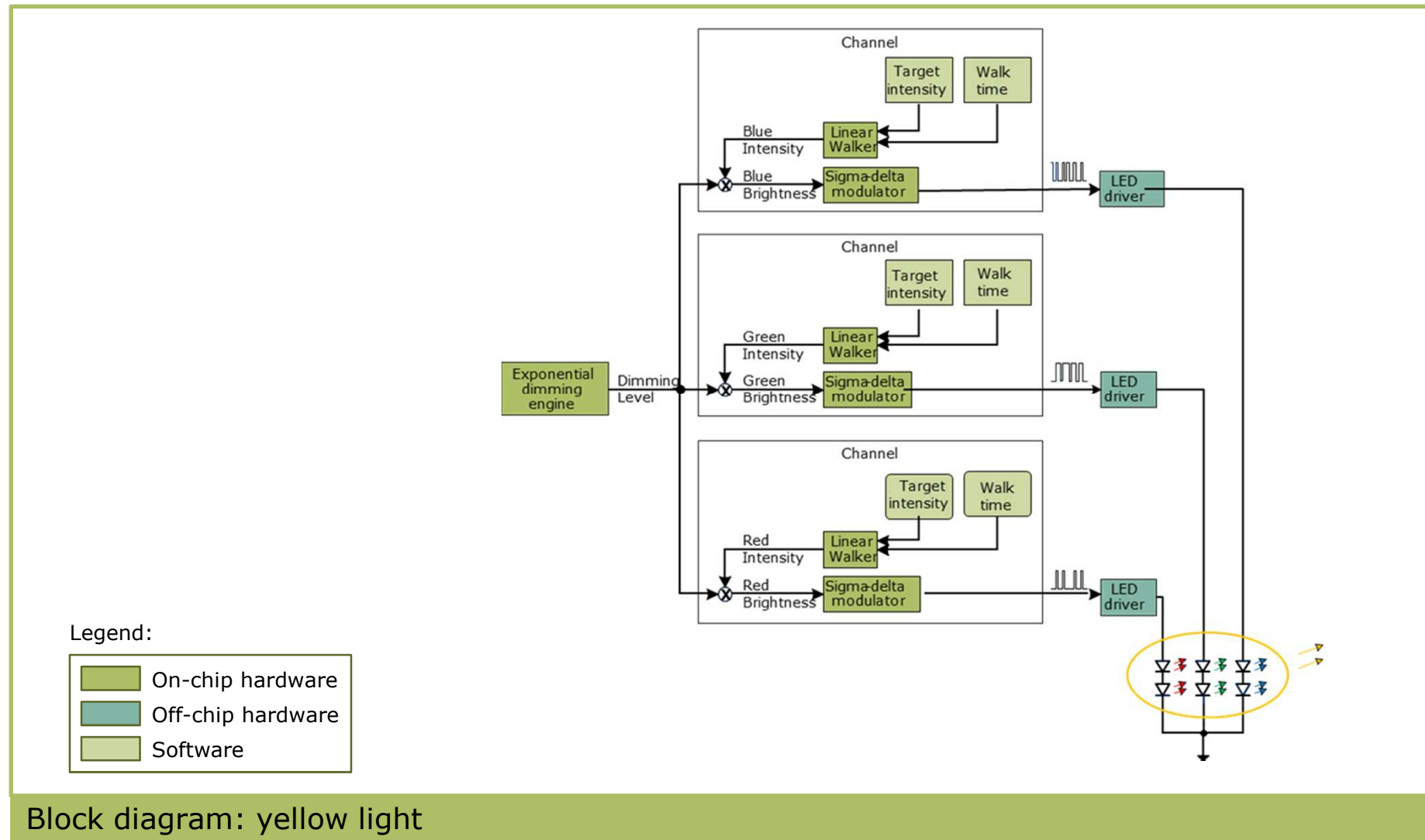
# Hardware setup



1. Plug the color LED card onto the XMC1200 boot kit.
2. Connect the debug USB of the XMC1200 boot kit to the PC using the USB cable.

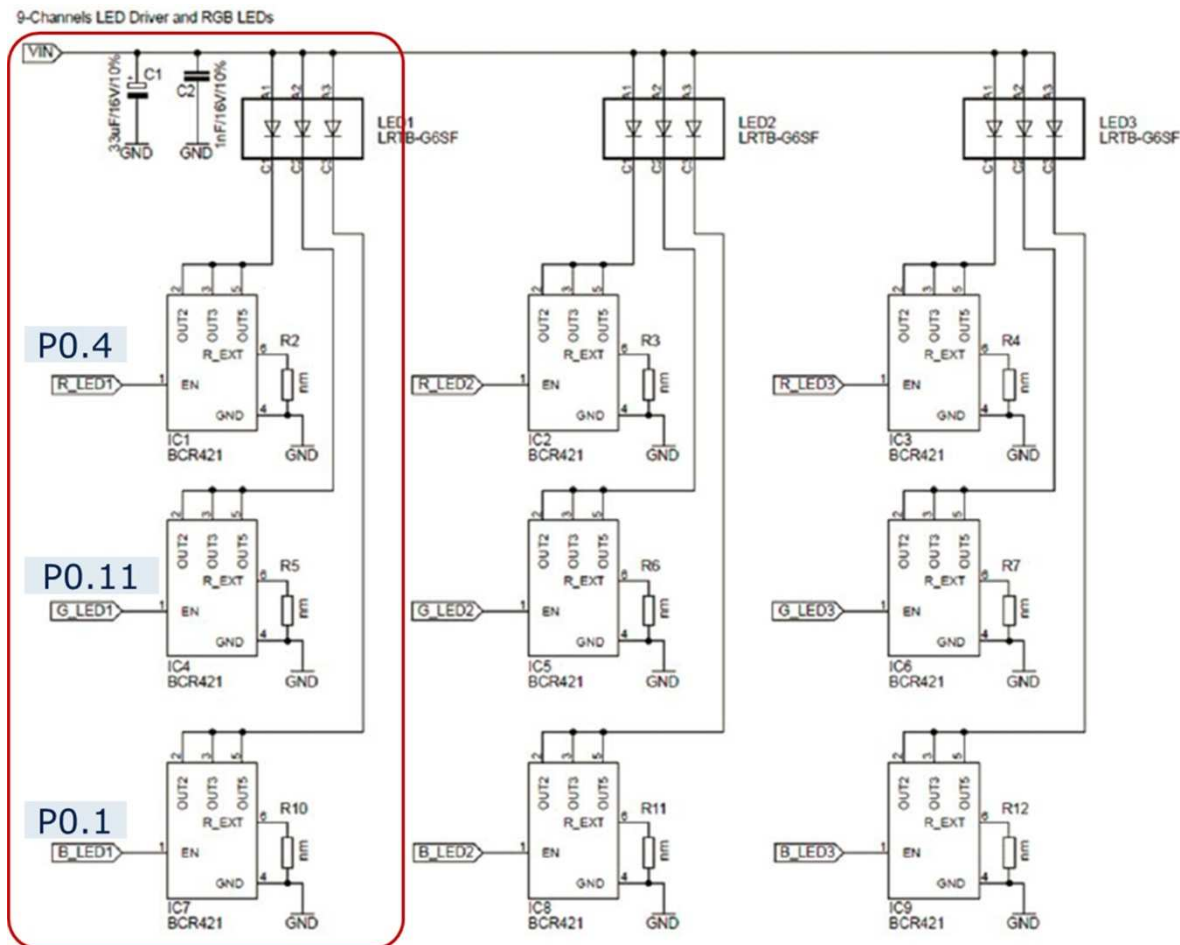
Hardware setup: yellow light

# Peripheral configuration



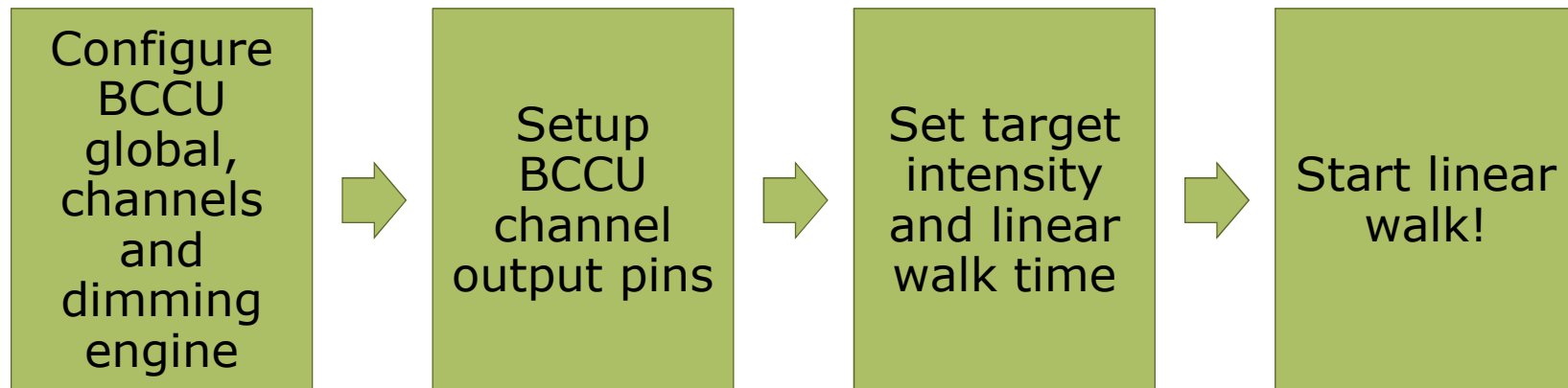


# Board schematics



Schematic: yellow light

# Software overview



Flow chart: yellow light

## Software, list of DAVE™ APPs

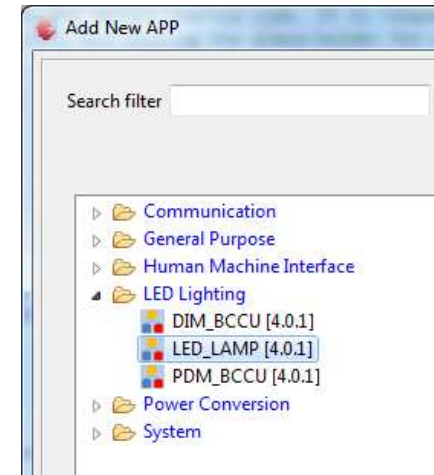
- › LED\_LAMP
  - Configures the system and peripheral clocks
  - Configures BCCU global, channels and dimming engine
  - Provides control for channels and dimming engine
  
- › DIGITAL\_IO
  - Initializes IO pins that are connected to the RGB LEDs on board

# HOT (1/13)

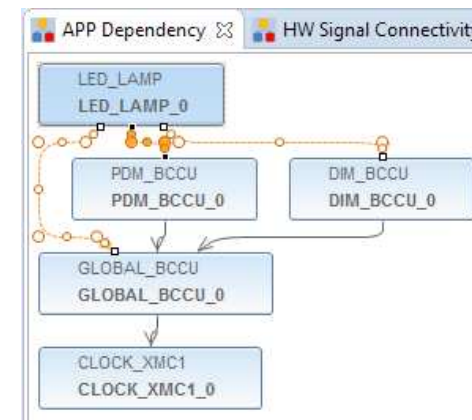
## Create new DAVE™ project



- › First, create a new DAVE™ CE project
- › Add LED\_LAMP APP to the project



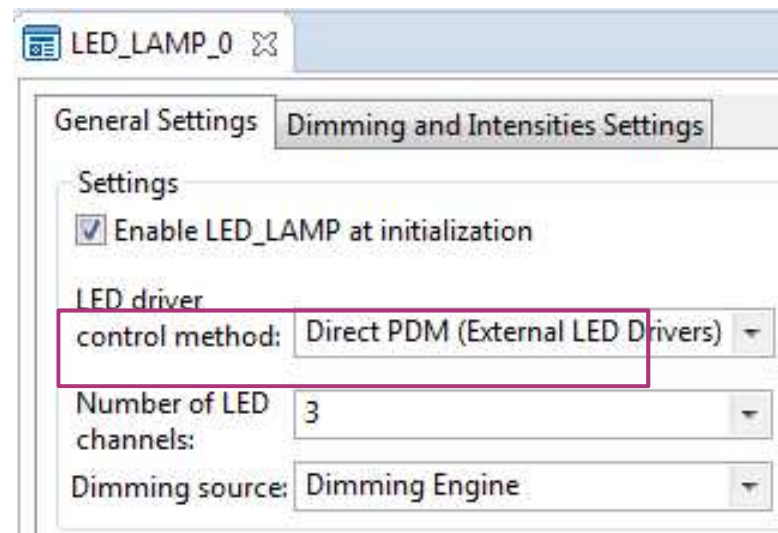
- › Double-click LED\_LAMP\_0 to open the configuration UI



# HOT (2/13)

## APP configuration (LED\_LAMP)

- › RGB LED has 3 Channels
- › Under “General Settings” tab
  - Configure 3 LED channels



# HOT (3/13)

## APP configuration (LED\_LAMP)



- › Set initial color
  - For this project, we will be using a simple color scheme
    - Concept: Sum of channel intensities = max intensity (4095)

Desired color	RED channel intensity	GREEN channel intensity	BLUE channel intensity
Red	4095	0	0
Green	0	4095	0
Blue	0	0	4095
White	1365	1365	1365
Yellow	2048	2048	0

# HOT (4/13)

## APP configuration (LED\_LAMP)



- › Under “Dimming and Intensities Settings” tab
  - Set intensities of Channel 0 and Channel 1 to 2048
  - Set intensity of Channel 2 to 0

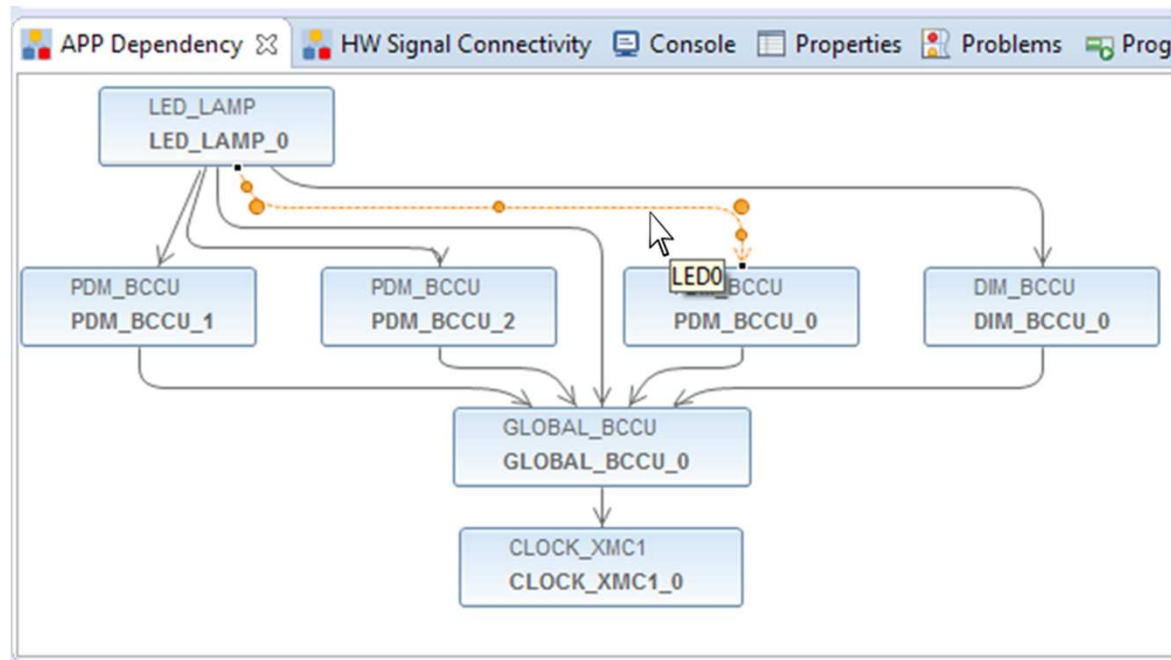
	Dimming Level		x	Intensity		=	Brightness	
LED channel 0:	4095	100 %	x	2048	50 %	=	2048	50 %
LED channel 1:	4095	100 %	x	2048	50 %	=	2048	50 %
LED channel 2:	4095	100 %	x	0	0.0 %	=	0	0.0 %

# HOT (5/13)

## Label re-assignment (PDM\_BCCU)



- › Assign PDM\_BCCU APPs to the right channels
  - Hover mouse cursor over the connecting arrow to a PDM\_BCCU APP
  - A label will appear momentarily e.g. LED0/LED1/LED2





# HOT (6/13)

## Label re-assignment (PDM\_BCCU)



- › The labels correspond to the LED channels in the UI

Initial Dimming and Intensity Levels						
	Dimming Level	x	Intensity	=	Brightness	
LED0 →	LED channel 0:	4095 100 %	x	2048 50 %	=	2048 50 %
LED1 →	LED channel 1:	4095 100 %	x	2048 50 %	=	2048 50 %
LED2 →	LED channel 2:	4095 100 %	x	0 0.0 %	=	0 0.0 %

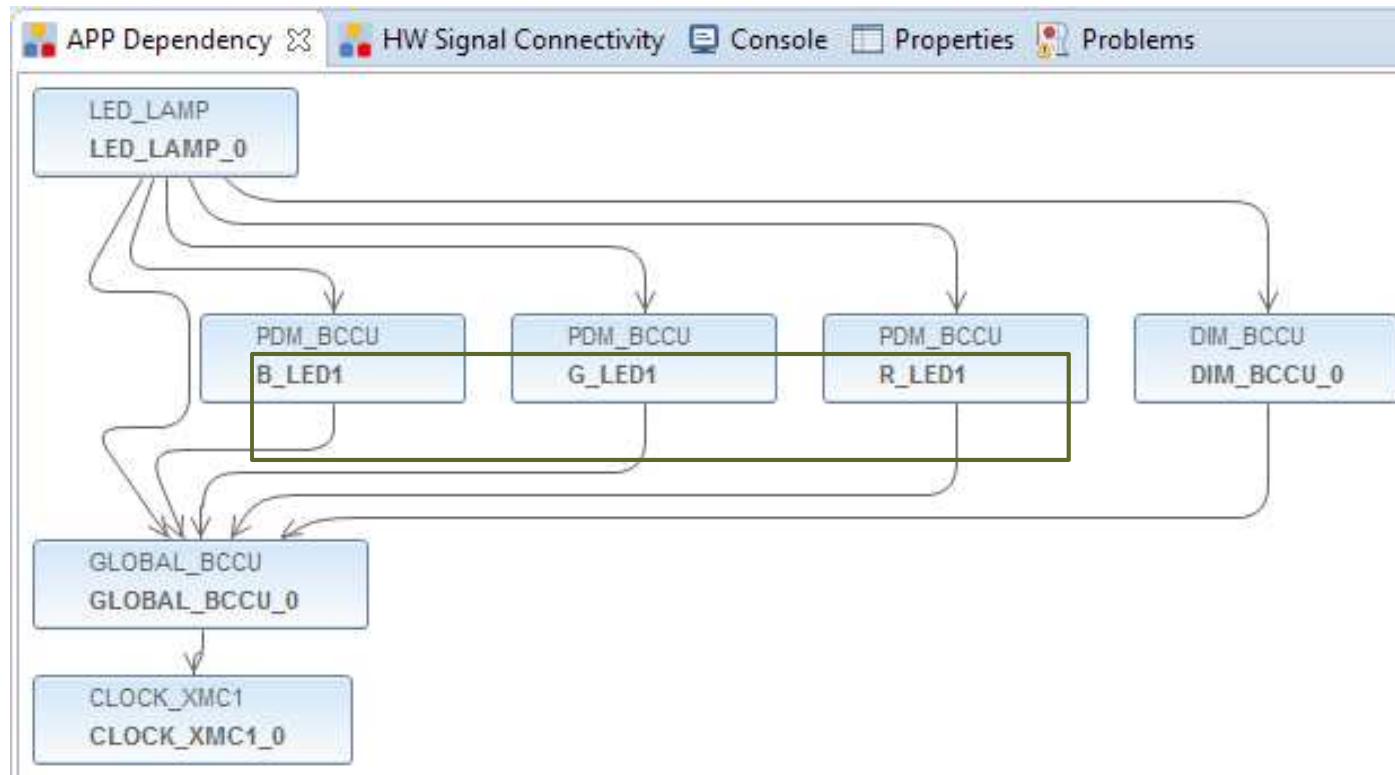
- › Rename the PDM\_BCCU instance label according to the table below
  - Right-click PDM\_BCCU APP
  - Select “Rename Instance Label”

Label	New Label
LED0	R_LED1
LED1	G_LED1
LED2	B_LED1

- › Repeat the above steps with the other 2 PDM\_BCCU APP instances

# HOT (7/13)

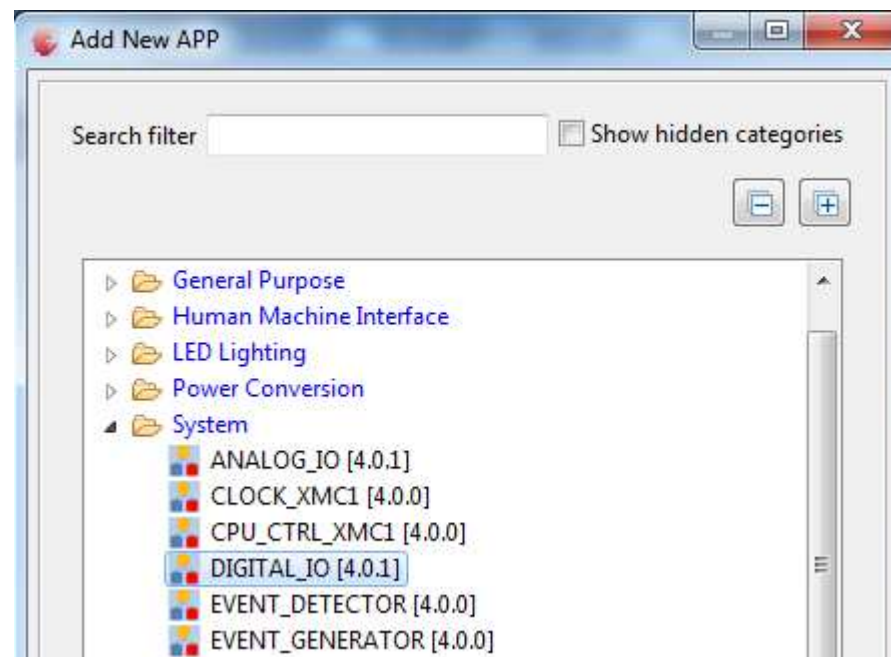
## Label re-assignment (PDM\_BCCU)



# HOT (8/13)

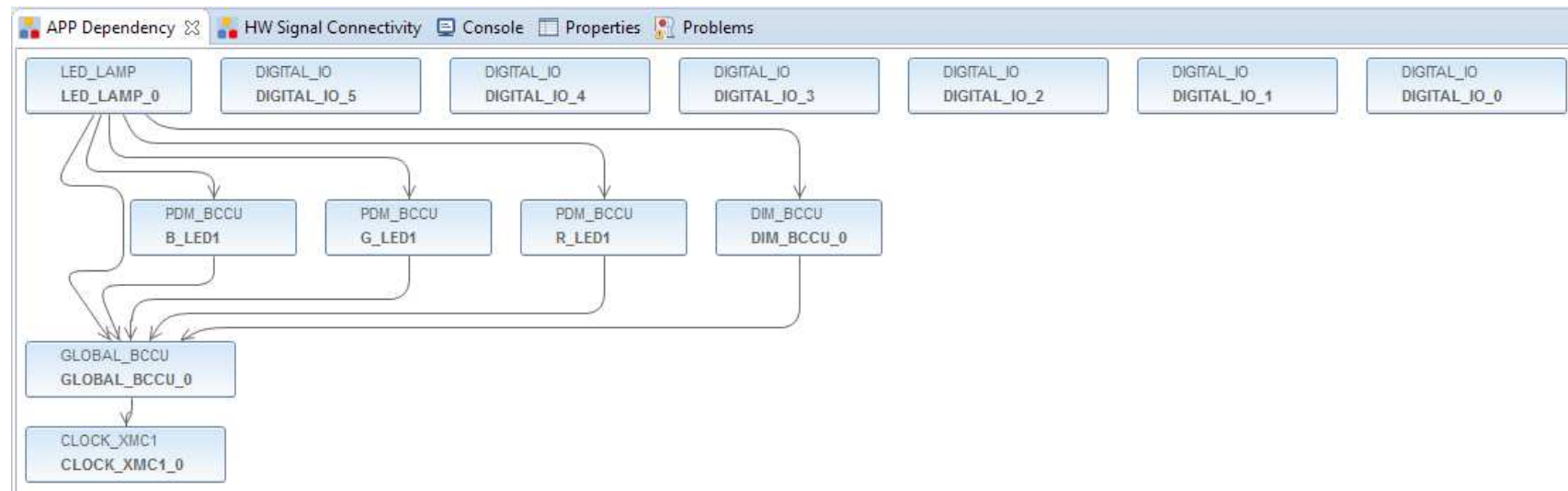
## APP configuration (DIGITAL\_IO)

- › Initialize unused pins to LED2 and LED3
  - Add 6 instances of DIGITAL\_IO APPs



# HOT (9/13)

## APP configuration (DIGITAL\_IO)



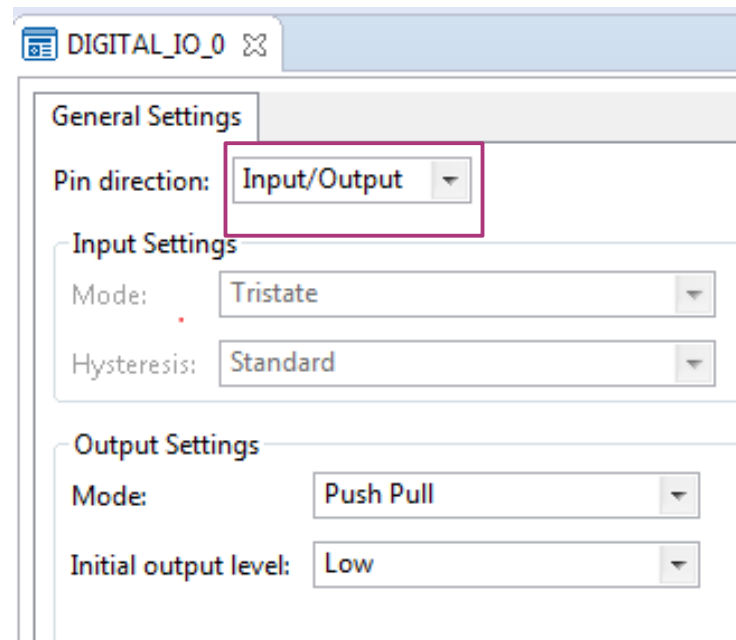
- › Double-click a DIGITAL\_IO APP instance to configure

# HOT (10/13)

## APP configuration (DIGITAL\_IO)



- › Configure the pin direction as “Input/Output”



- › Repeat this configuration step for other 5 DIGITAL\_IO APP instances

# HOT (12/13)

## Manual pin assignment (all)



› Assign pins to LED1 and the unused LED2 and LED3

– Click 

– Assign pin as follows:





App Instance Name	App Pin Name	Pin Number (Port)
▲ B_LED1		
	pin	#18 ( P0.1 ) ▼
▲ DIGITAL_IO_0		
	pin	#22 ( P0.5 ) ▼
▲ DIGITAL_IO_1		
	pin	#23 ( P0.6 ) ▼
▲ DIGITAL_IO_2		
	pin	#24 ( P0.7 ) ▼
▲ DIGITAL_IO_3		
	pin	#27 ( P0.8 ) ▼
▲ DIGITAL_IO_4		
	pin	#28 ( P0.9 ) ▼
▲ DIGITAL_IO_5		
	pin	#29 ( P0.10 ) ▼
▲ G_LED1		
	pin	#30 ( P0.11 ) ▼
▲ R_LED1		
	pin	#21 ( P0.4 ) ▼

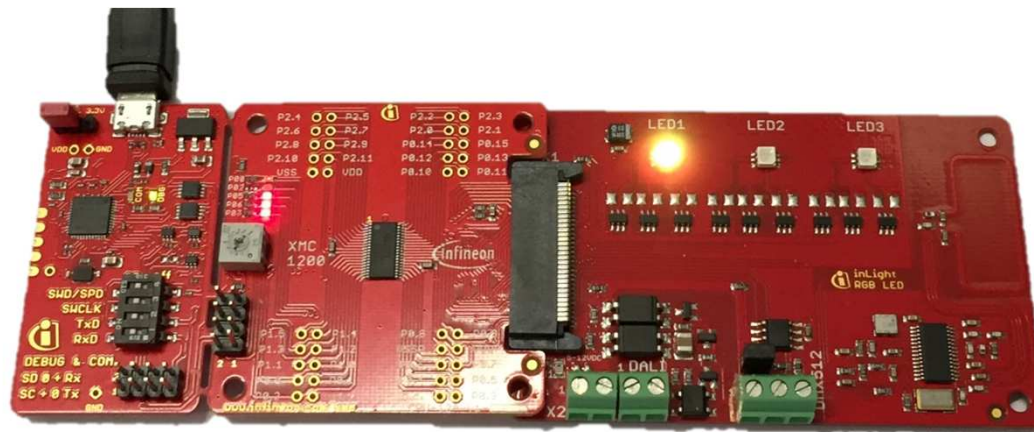
– Click “Solve and Save”

# HOT (13/13)

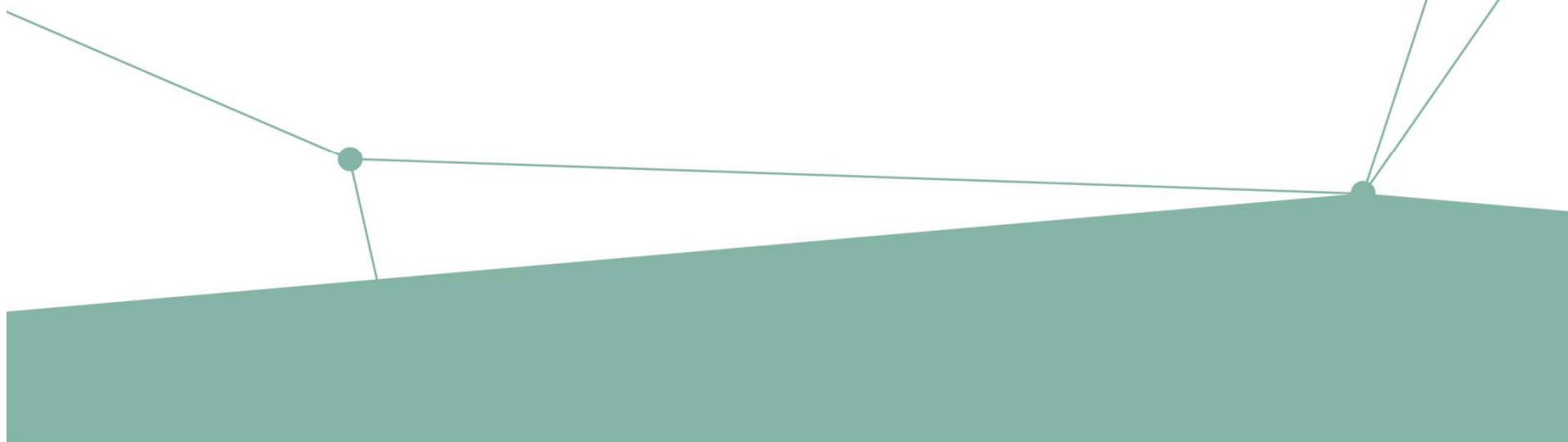
## Compile the project and observe LED1



- › Generate code 
- › Build project 
- › Download code 
- › Start code 
- › Observe LED1 on Color LED card showing yellow light



HOT:  
Changing color to blue





# Objectives

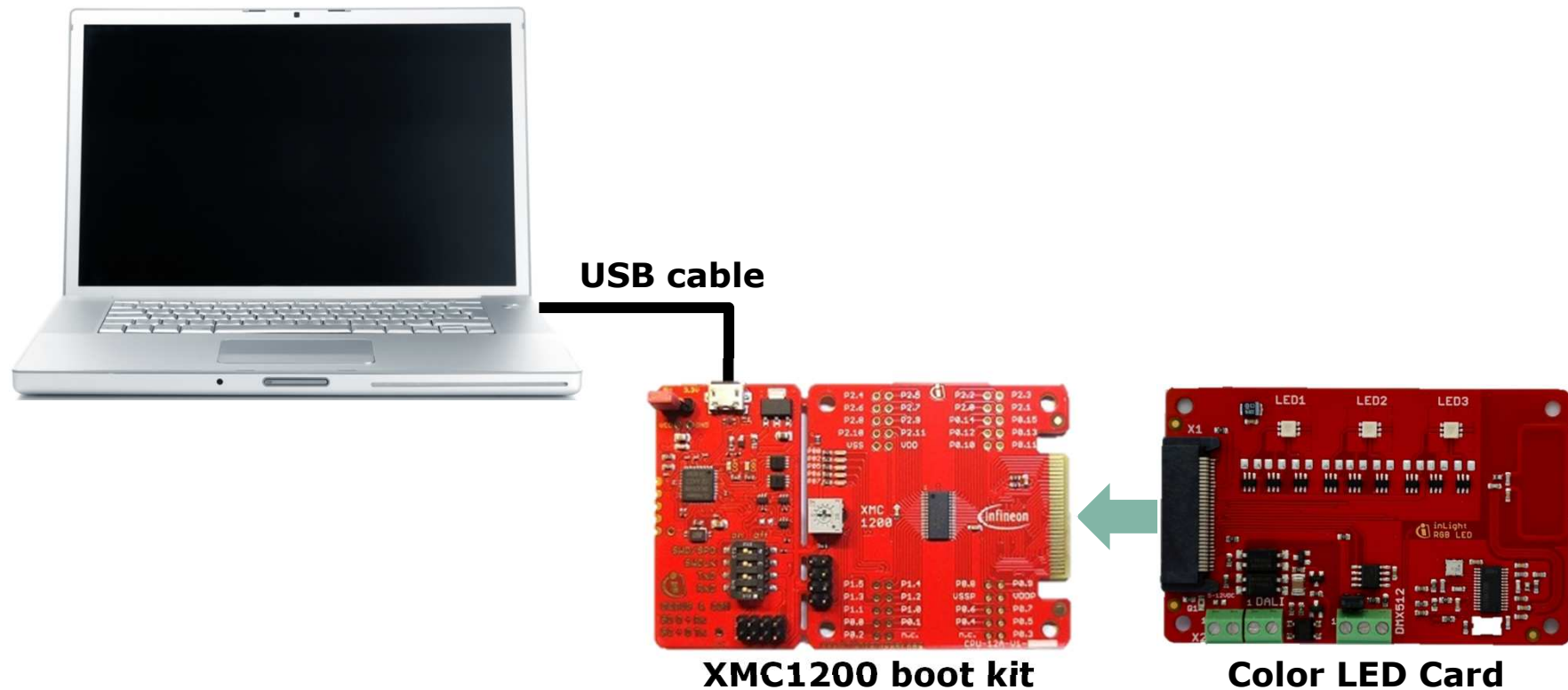
- › To demonstrate using the DAVE™ APPs to change the color of the LED to blue
  - This training is an extension of the previous HOT (yellow light)
  - LED will change color at start from yellow to blue in 7 s

# Things you need for the training

- › Hardware
  - XMC1200 boot kit
  - Color LED card
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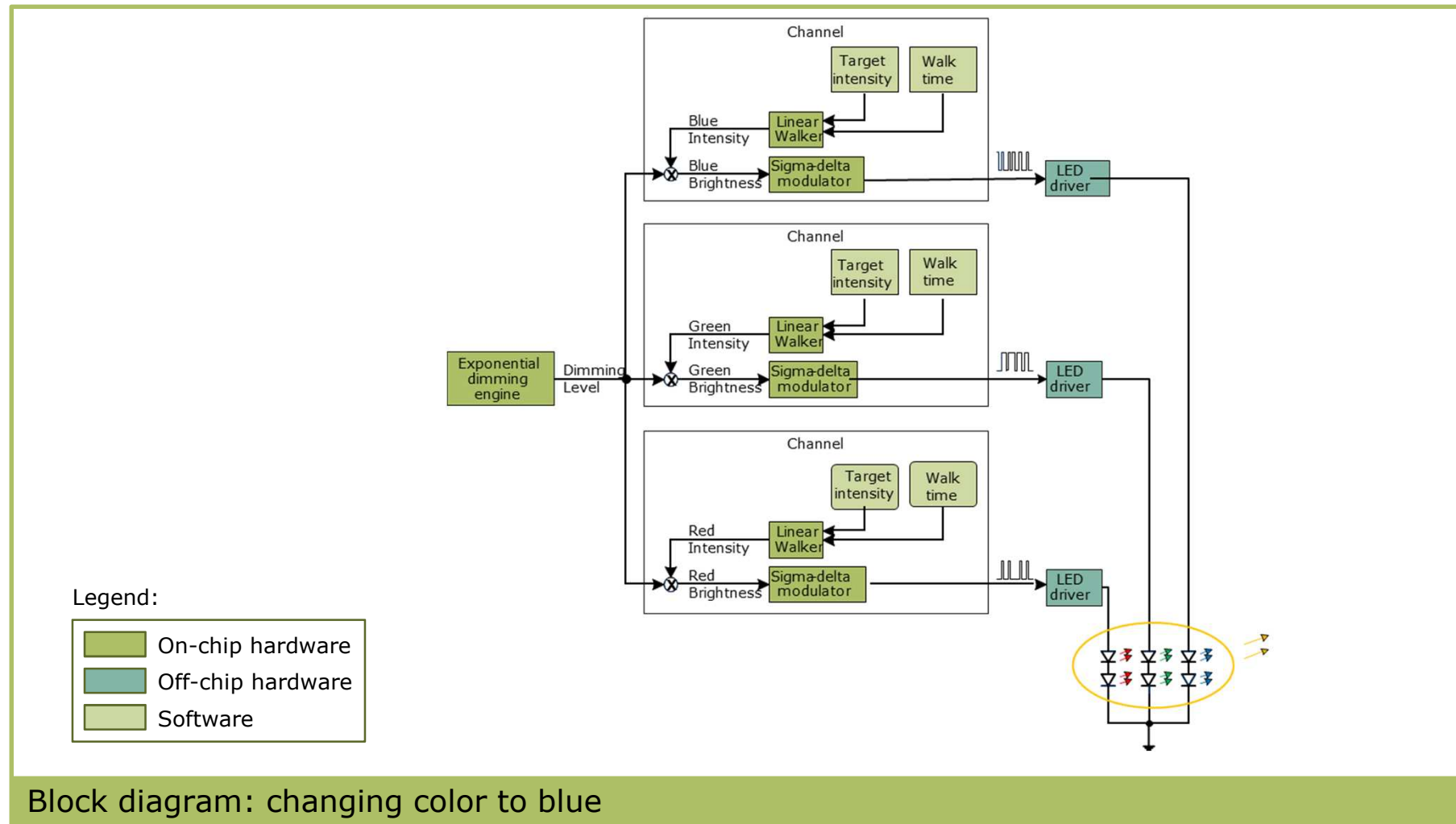
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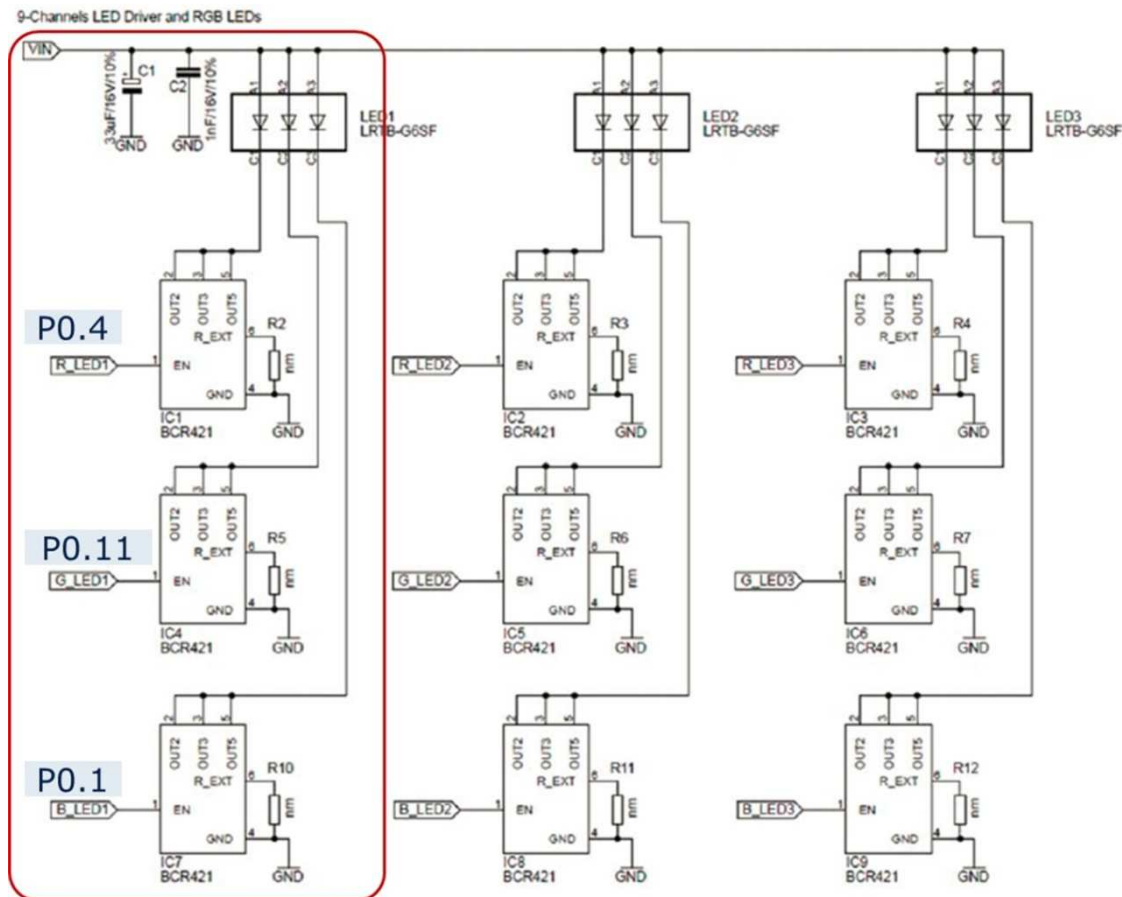
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Hardware Setup: Changing Color to Blue

# Peripheral configuration

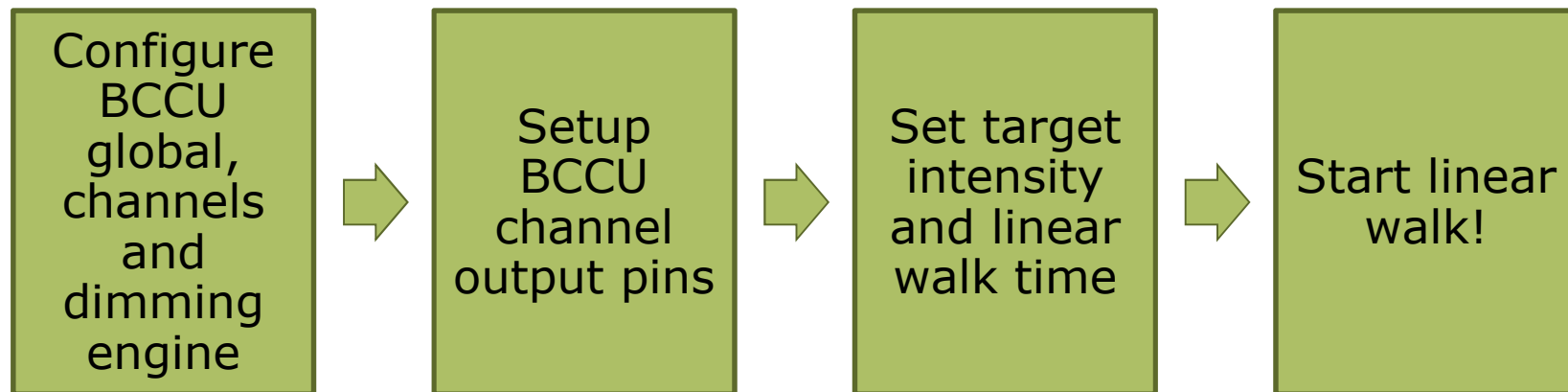


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Schematic: changing color to blue

# Software overview



Flow chart: changing color to blue

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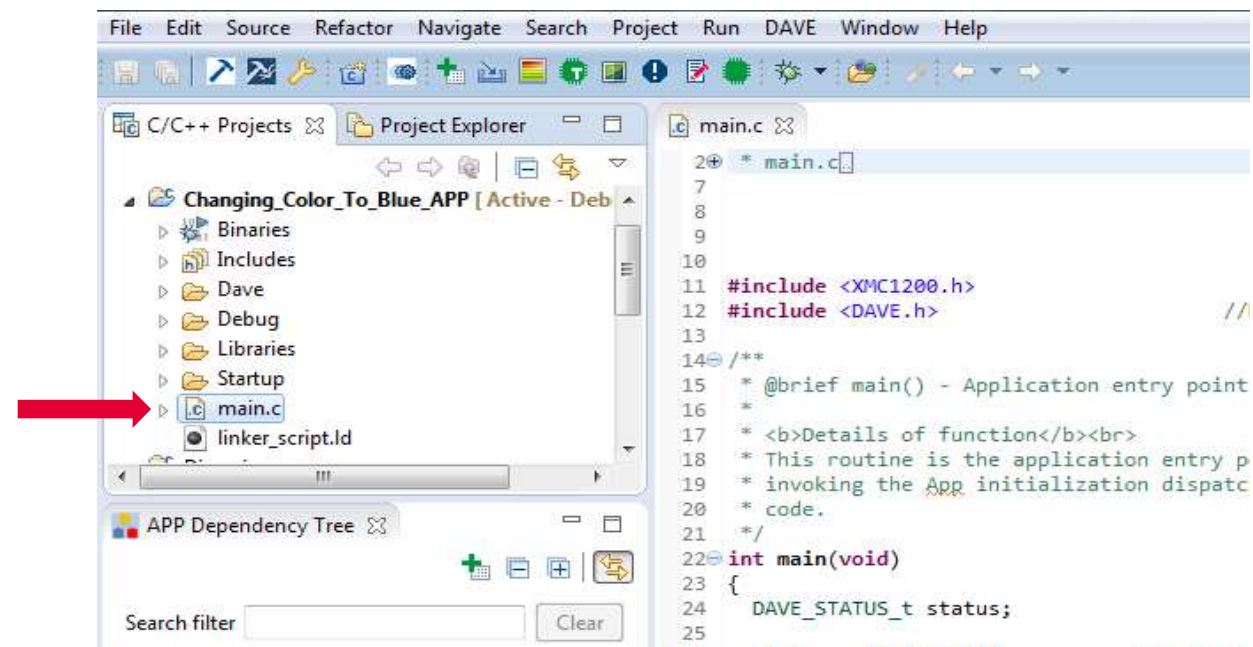
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# HOT (1/7)

## Open previous project



- › Open project created in previous HOT (yellow light)
- › Copy and paste project to same workspace
- › Rename project
- › Set project as Active
- › Open main.c





# HOT (2/7)

## Software coding

- › Add code to main.c
- › Steps:
  1. Set channel intensities for blue light
  2. Determine linear walk time
  3. Start new linear walk

# HOT (3/7)

## Software coding



- › LED\_LAMP APP generates a configuration data structure **"config"**

- Can be found in led\_lamp\_conf.c

```
led_lamp_conf.c
71
72 #include "led_lamp.h"
73
74 LED_LAMP_CONFIG_t LED_LAMP_0_config =
75 {
76     .led_intensity = {2048,2048,0,
77                     0,0,0,
78                     0,0,0},
79
80     .dim_level = 4095
81 };
82
83
```

- › **"config"** has 2 elements

- led\_intensity

- An array holding configuration data for channel intensity

- Each array element is for each of the 9 BCCU channels

- led\_intensity[0] for LED channel0, led\_intensity[1] for LED channel1 etc.

- dim\_level

- holds configuration data for dimming level

# HOT (4/7)

## Software coding



### 1. Set channel intensities for blue light

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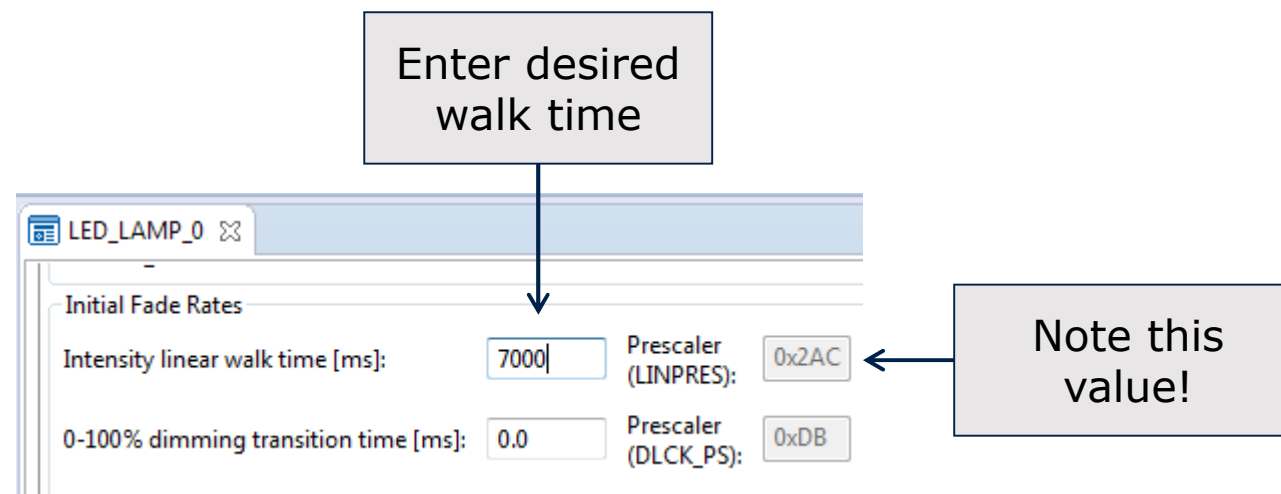
```
LED_LAMP_0.config->led_intensity[0] = 0;
```

```
LED_LAMP_0.config->led_intensity[1] = 0;
```

```
LED_LAMP_0.config->led_intensity[2] = 4095;
```

### 2. Determine linear walk time

- Let's use a walk time of 7 s
- To determine the linear walk time prescaler (LINPRES), open LED\_LAMP APP UI
  - "Dimming and Intensities Settings" tab



*Note: Set the linear walk time to its original value after you have obtained the LINPRES value.*

### 3. Start linear walk

- Use the obtained LINPRES value in code

```
LED_LAMP_SetColorAdv(&LED_LAMP_0, 0x2AC); // walk time = 7s
```

- › There is also another API for starting linear walk




```
LED_LAMP_SetColor(&LED_LAMP_0);
```

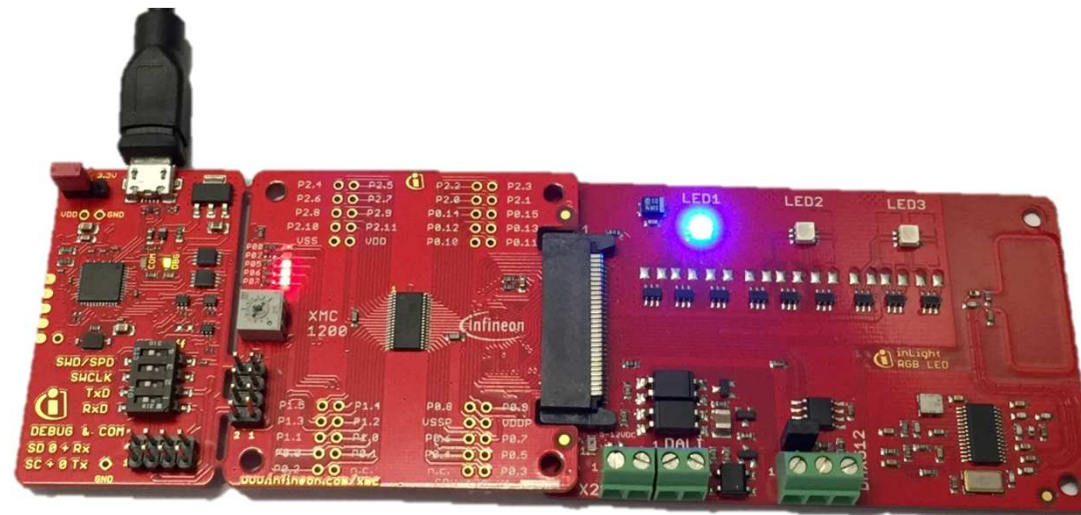
**Difference:** this uses the linear walk time set in the LED\_LAMP APP UI

# HOT (7/7)

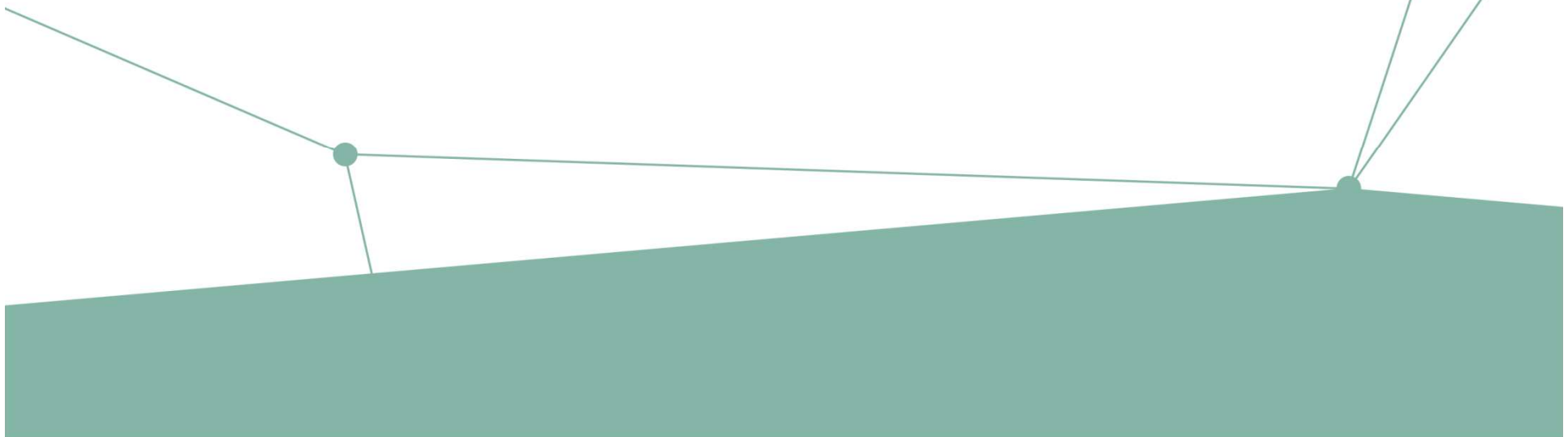
## Compile the project and observe LED1



- › Build project 
- › Download code 
- › Start code 
- › Observe LED1 on Color LED card changing to blue



HOT:  
Slow color-change  
sequence



# Objectives

- › To demonstrate using the BCCU with System Timer (SysTick) via DAVE™ APPs for a color-change sequence
  - This training is an extension of the previous HOT (changing color to blue)
  - Using SysTick to sequentially cycle LED color from white to magenta to cyan

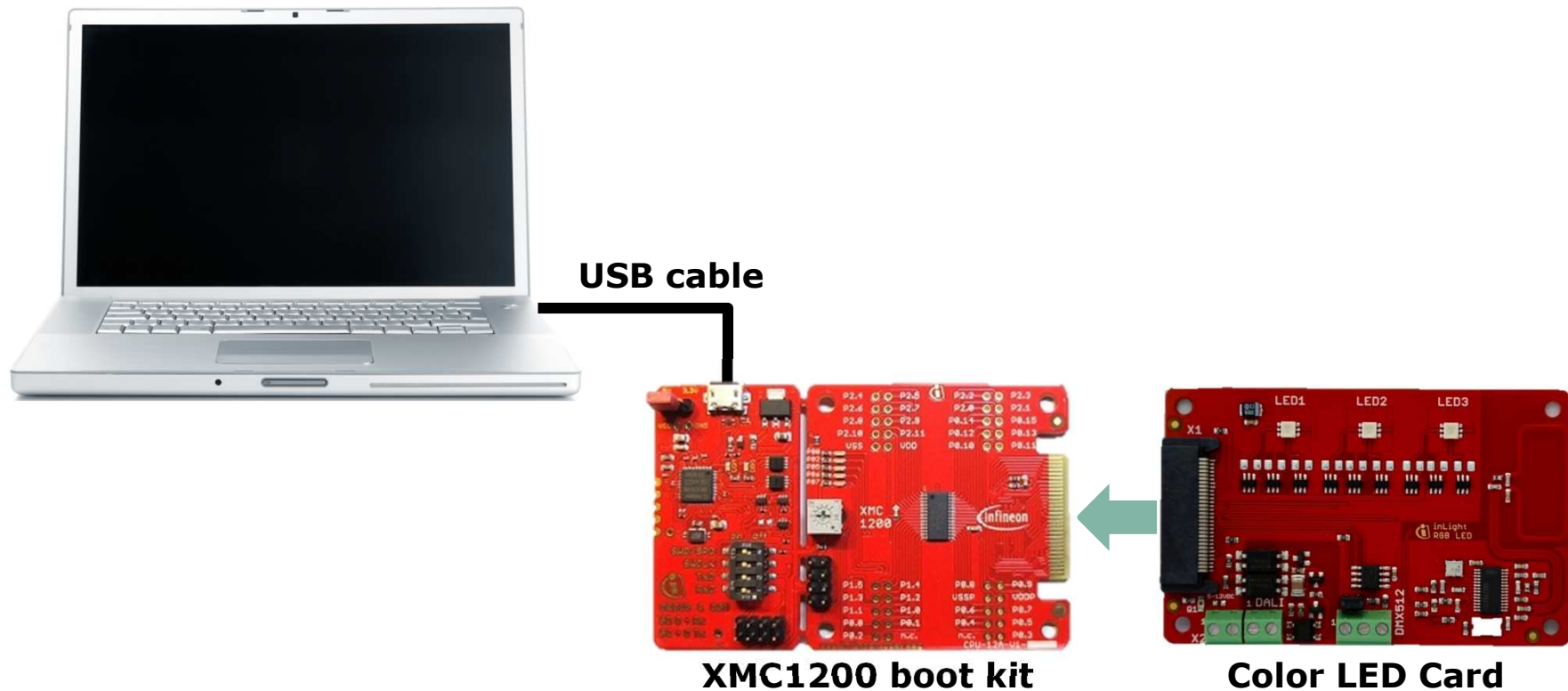


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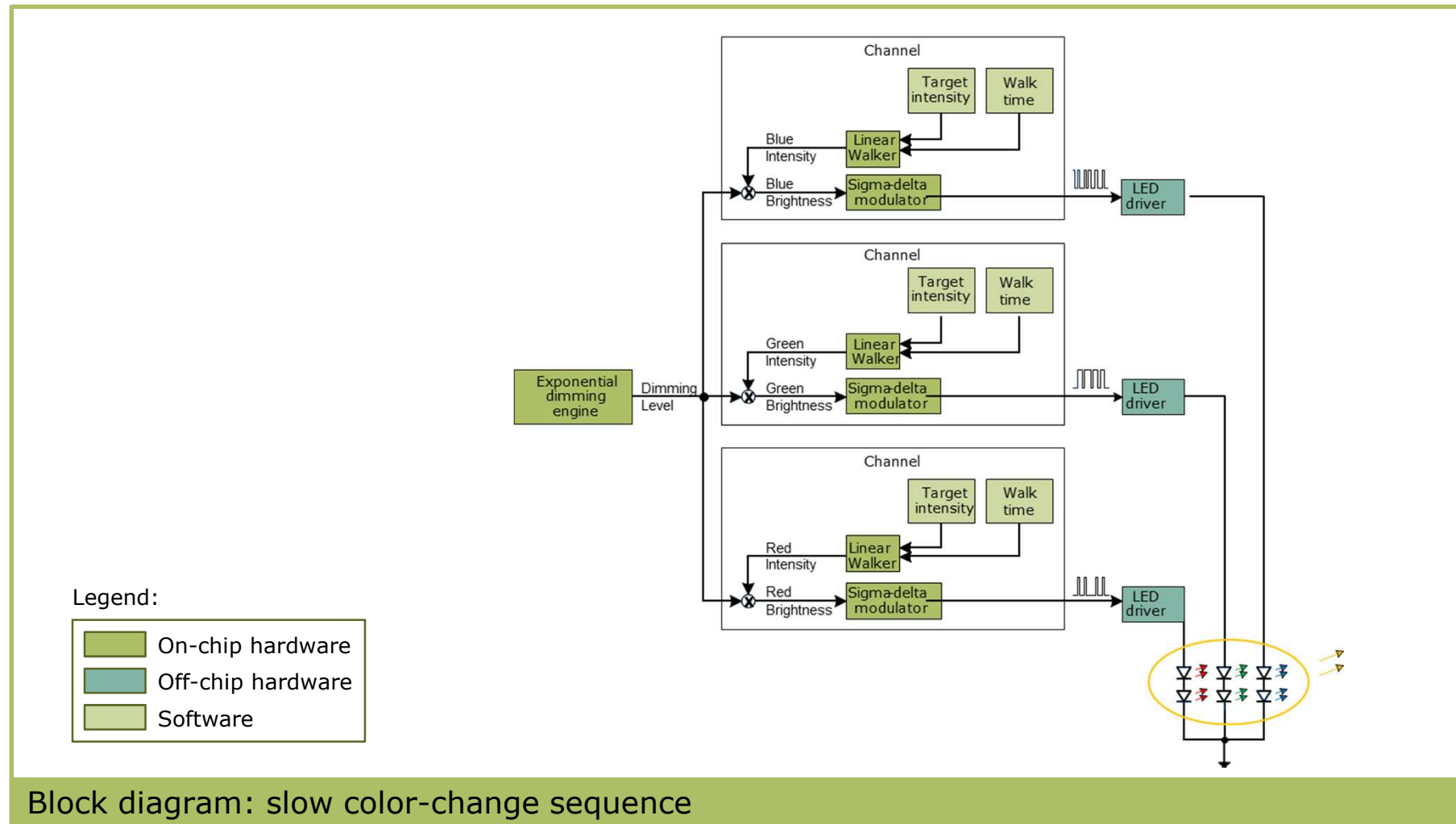
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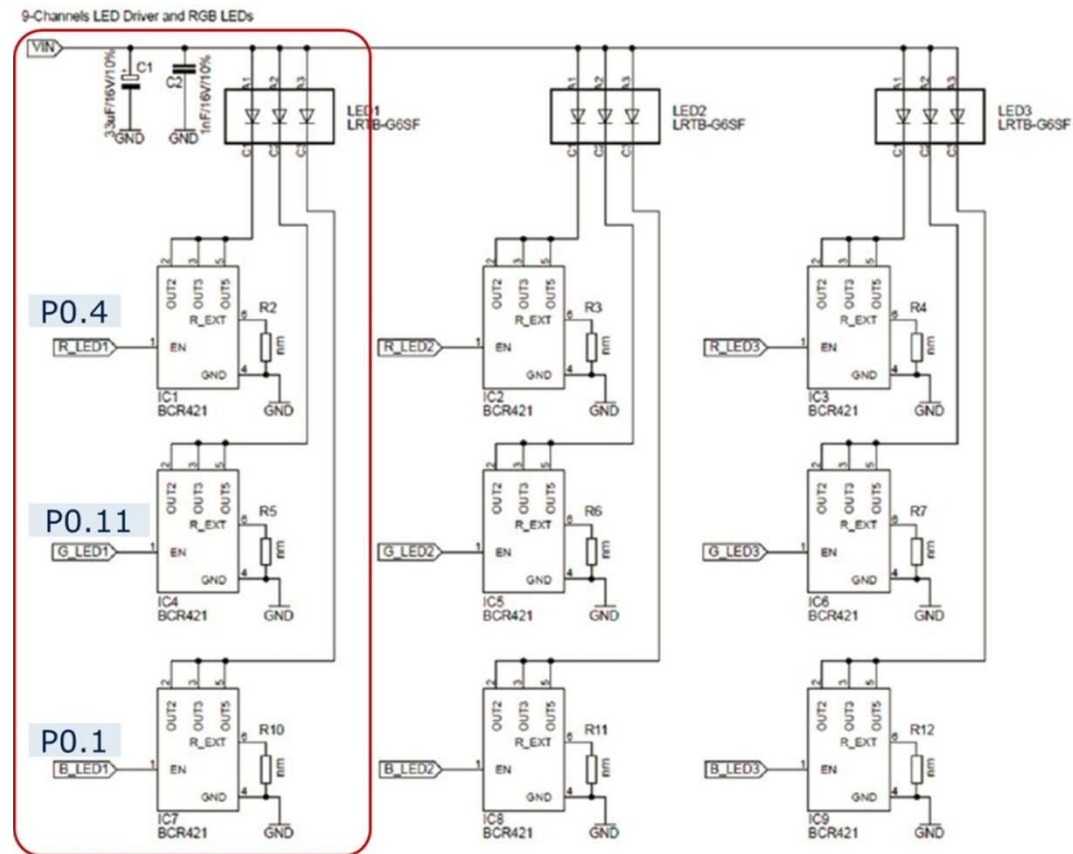
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Hardware setup: slow color-change sequence

# Peripheral configuration

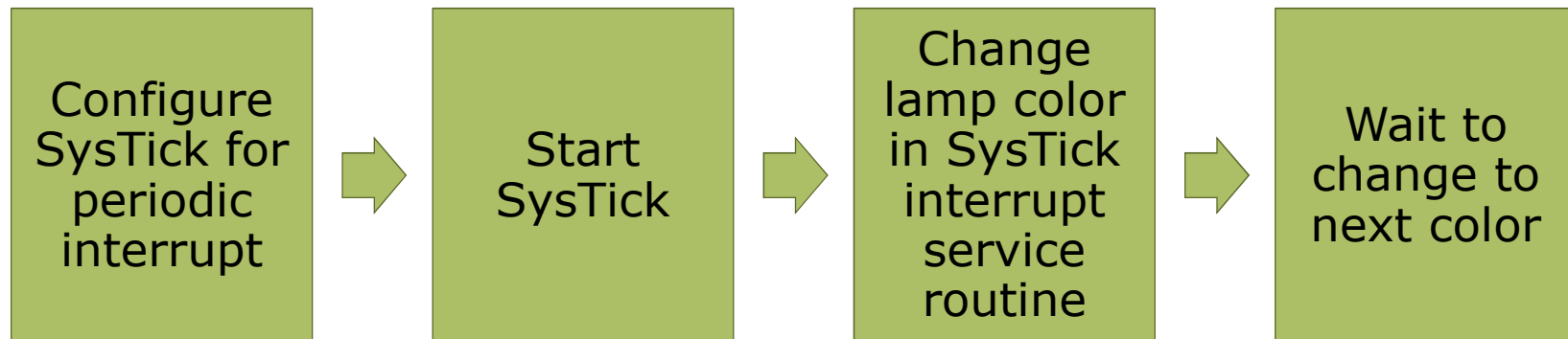


# Board schematics



Schematic: slow color-change sequence

# Software overview



Flow chart: slow color-change sequence

## Software, list of DAVE™ APPs

- › LED\_LAMP
  - Configures the system and peripheral clocks
  - Configures BCCU global, channels and dimming engine
  - Provides control for channels and dimming engine
  
- › DIGITAL\_IO
  - Initializes IO pins that are connected to the RGB LEDs on board
  
- › SYSTIMER
  - Uses the SysTick interrupt to call user functions periodically at a specified rate

## HOT (1/8)

### Open previous project

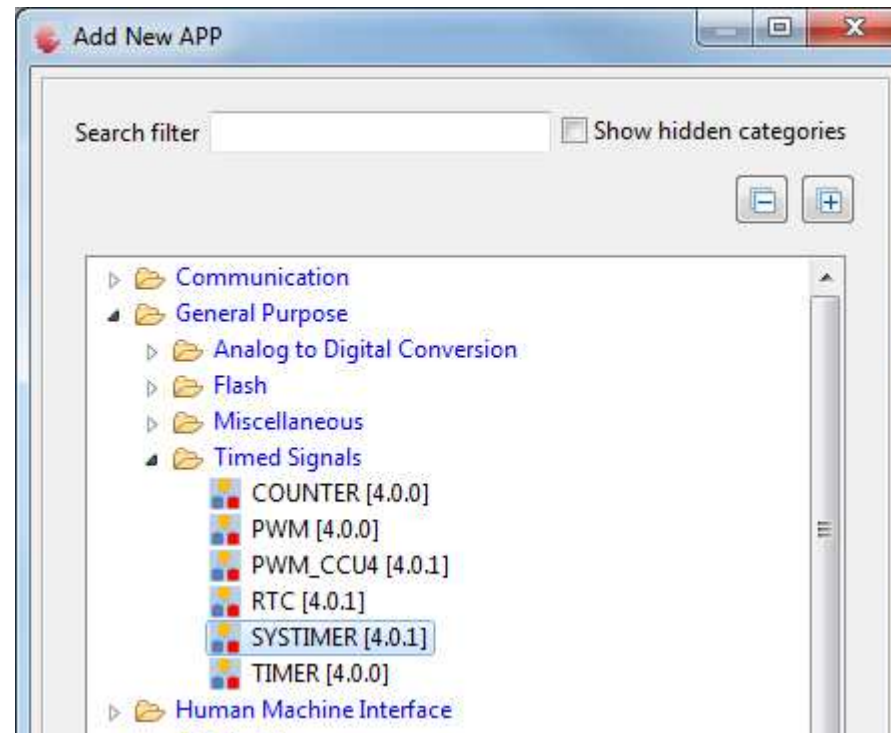


- › Open project created in previous HOT (changing color to blue)
- › Copy and paste project to same workspace
- › Rename project
- › Set project as Active

# HOT (2/8)

## APP configuration (SYSTIMER)

- › Add SYSTIMER APP to project



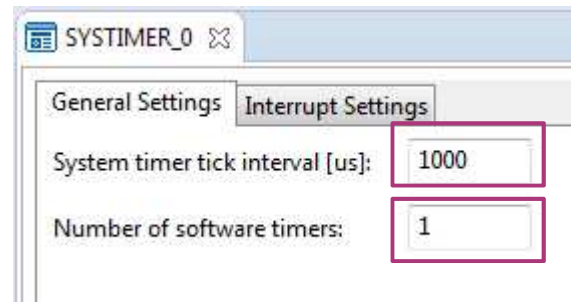
- › Double-click SYSTIMER APP to open the UI



# HOT (3/8)

## APP configuration (SYSTIMER)

- › Set tick interval and number of software timers



- › Generate code 

# HOT (4/8)

## Software coding



- › Open main.c
- › Steps:
  1. Configure software timer for 1s periodic interrupt
  2. Define timer interrupt handler to change LED color

# HOT (5/8)

## Software coding



### 1. Configure software timer for 1s periodic interrupt

#### a. Create software timer

```
uint32_t timer_id;  
timer_id = SYSTIMER_CreateTimer(1000000, SYSTIMER_MODE_PERIODIC, (void*)One_Sec_Intr, NULL);
```

#### b. Start software timer

```
status = SYSTIMER_StartTimer(timer_id);
```

# HOT (6/8)

## Software coding



2. Define timer interrupt handler to change LED color
  - a. Give the timer interrupt handler a name  
e.g. `void One_Sec_Intr(void)`
  - b. Use a variable as a counter in the interrupt handler e.g.  
`uint8_t step`
    - `step` will increment every second
    - Assuming linear walk time of 7 s, we will change LED color every 8<sup>th</sup> second (i.e. `step = 8`)
  - c. Code to change LED color is the same as in previous HOT
    - See next slide for interrupt handler definition

# HOT (7/8)

## Software coding






```
void One_Sec_Intr(void)
{
    static uint8_t step = 0;
    if(++step == 8)
    {
        LED_LAMP_0.config->led_intensity[0] = 1365;
        LED_LAMP_0.config->led_intensity[1] = 1365;
        LED_LAMP_0.config->led_intensity[2] = 1365;
        LED_LAMP_SetColorAdv(&LED_LAMP_0, 0x2AC);
    }
    if(step == 16)
    {
        LED_LAMP_0.config->led_intensity[0] = 2048;
        LED_LAMP_0.config->led_intensity[1] = 0;
        LED_LAMP_0.config->led_intensity[2] = 2048;
        LED_LAMP_SetColorAdv(&LED_LAMP_0, 0x2AC);
    }
    if(step == 24)
    {
        LED_LAMP_0.config->led_intensity[0] = 0;
        LED_LAMP_0.config->led_intensity[1] = 2048;
        LED_LAMP_0.config->led_intensity[2] = 2048;
        LED_LAMP_SetColorAdv(&LED_LAMP_0, 0x2AC);
        step = 0;
    }
}
```

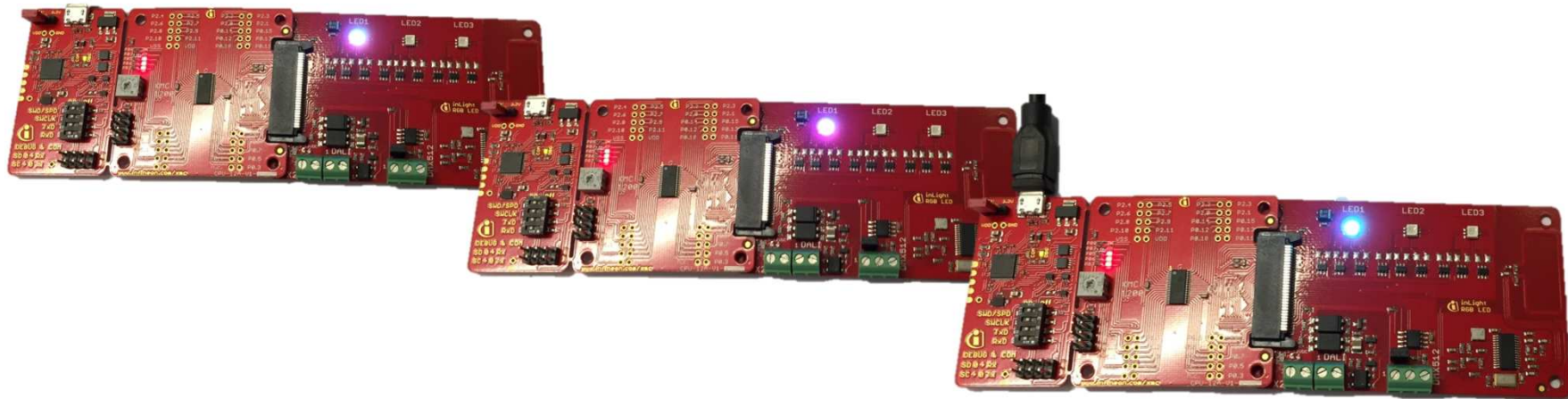
Desired color	RED channel intensity	GREEN channel intensity	BLUE channel intensity
White	1365	1365	1365
Magenta	2048	0	2048
Cyan	0	2048	2048

# HOT (8/8)

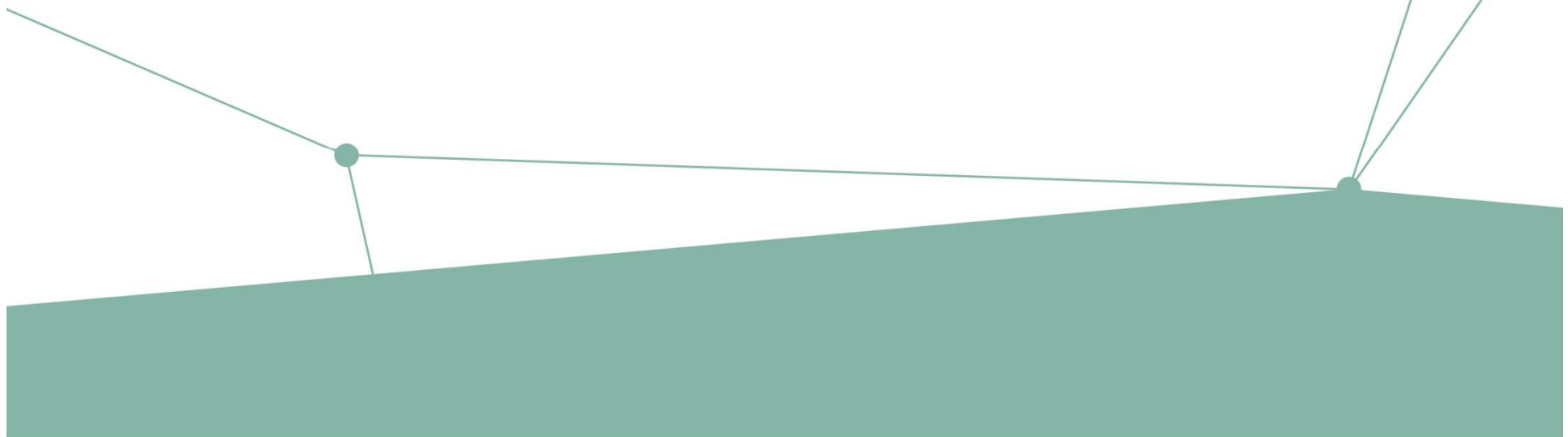
## Compile the project and observe LED1



- › Build project 
- › Download code 
- › Start code 
- › Observe LED1 on Color LED card cycling from white to magenta to cyan



# HOT: Dimming



# Objectives

- › To demonstrate using DAVE™ APPs to configure the brightness of an LED
  - This training is an extension of the previous HOT (yellow light)
  - LED will dim up at start from 0 % to 100 % brightness level in 7 s

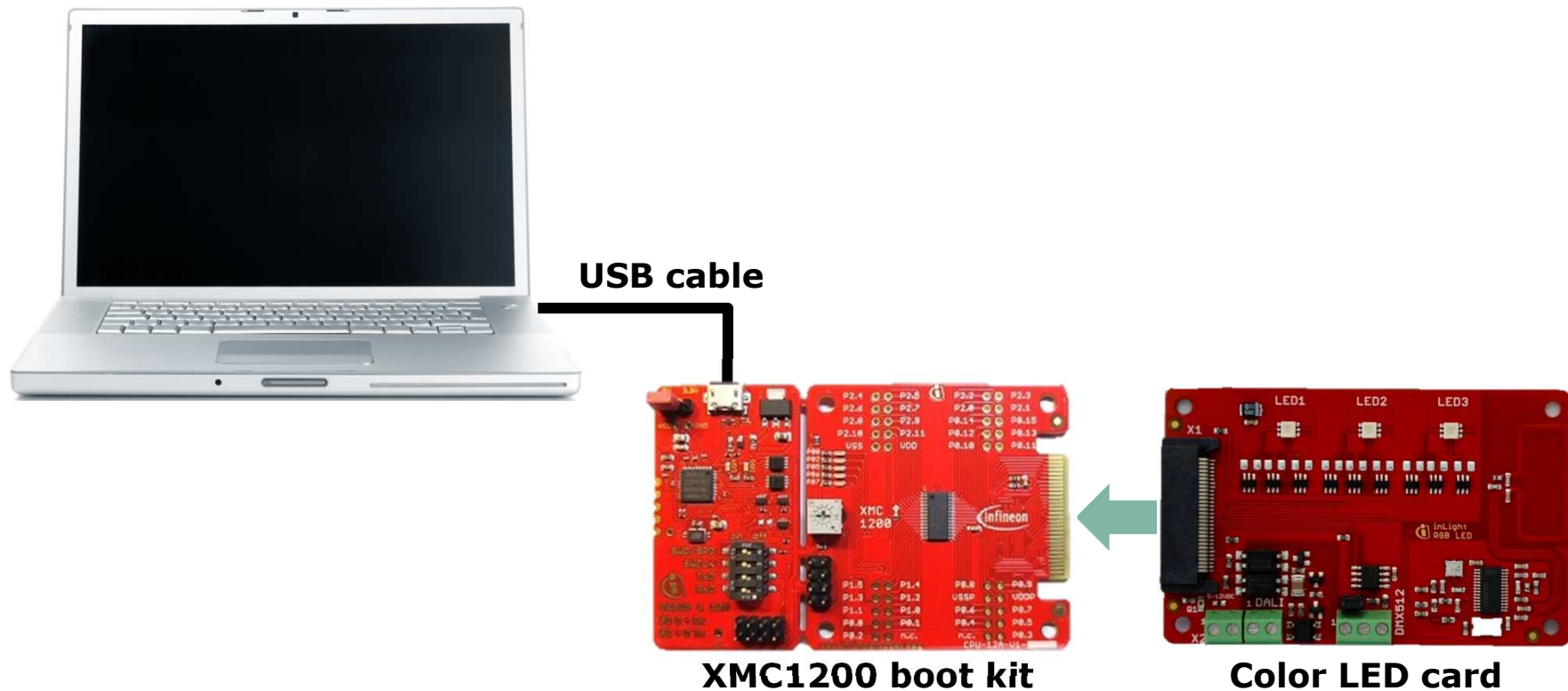


# Things you need for the training

- › Hardware
  - XMC1200 boot kit
  - Color LED card
    - Only LED1 will be used
  - PC
  - USB cable
- › Software/Tools
  - DAVE™ Version 4
  - Previous HOT project (yellow light)
- › **Things you must know before starting on this training**
  - We assume that you are equipped with the basic knowledge to create a DAVE™ Version 4 project, compile a software and enter into a debug environment

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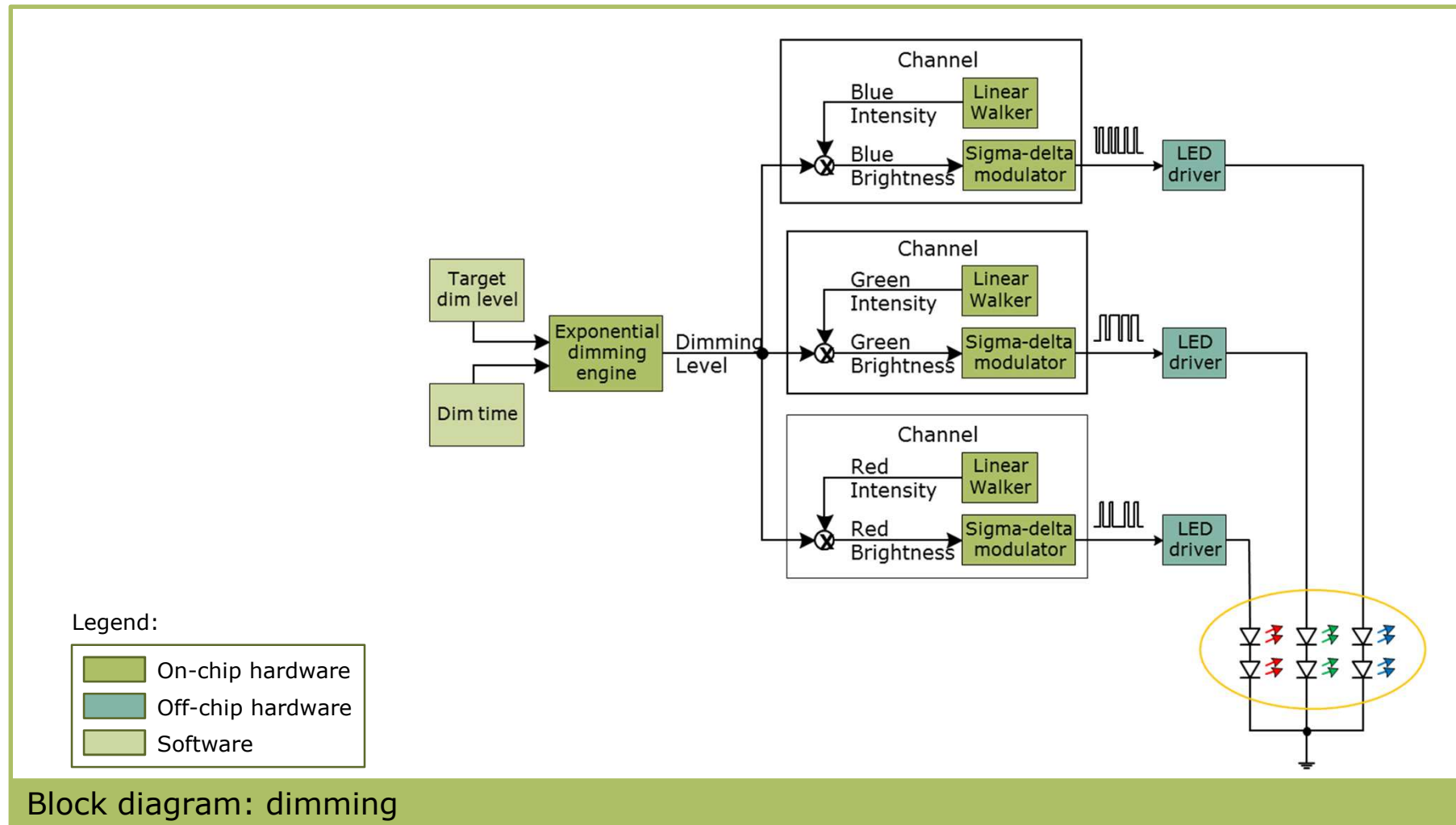
# Hardware setup



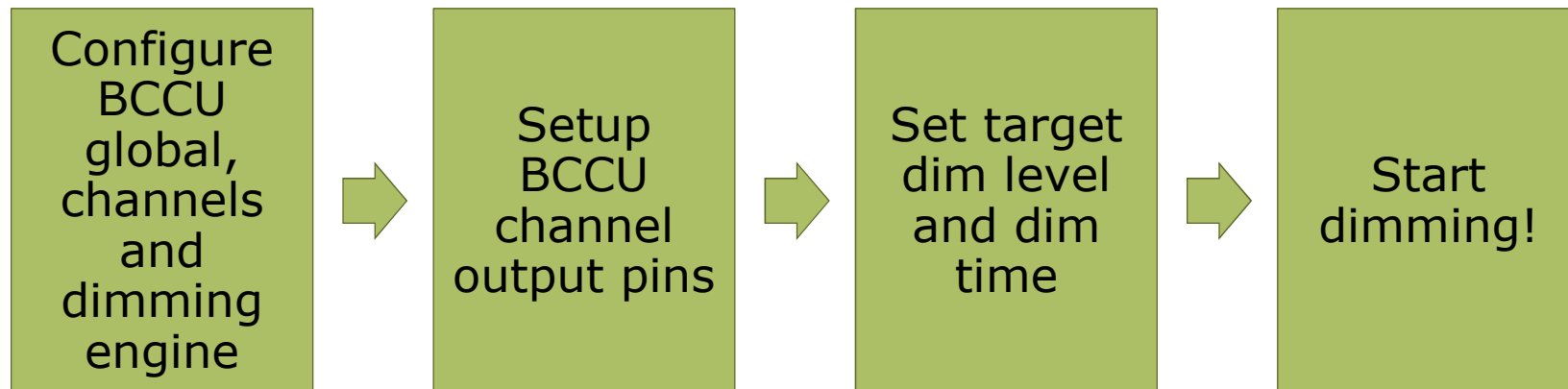
1. Plug the Color LED Card onto the XMC1200 boot kit.
2. Connect the debug USB of the XMC1200 boot kit to the PC using the USB cable.

Hardware setup: dimming

# Peripheral configuration



# Software overview



Flow chart: dimming

## Software, list of DAVE™ APPs

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## HOT (1/7)

### Open previous project



- › Open project created in previous HOT (yellow light)
- › Copy and paste project to same workspace
- › Rename project
- › Set project as Active

# HOT (2/7)

## APP configuration (LED\_LAMP)



- › Double-click LED\_LAMP to open configuration UI
- › Under “Dimming and Intensities Settings” tab
  - Set dimming level to 0
  - Set intensities of Channel 0, 1 and 2 to 1365
    - This will set the LED color to white

	Dimming Level	x	Intensity	=	Brightness
LED channel 0:	0	x	1365	=	0.0 %
LED channel 1:	0	x	1365	=	0.0 %
LED channel 2:	0	x	1365	=	0.0 %
LED channel 3:	0	x	4095	=	0.0 %

- › Generate code



# HOT (3/7)

## Software coding



- › Open main.c
- › Steps:
  1. Set desired dimming level
  2. Determine dimming clock prescaler (DCLK\_PS) and divider (DIMDIV)
  3. Start dimming process



### 1. Set desired dimming level

- **RECALL:** LED\_LAMP generates a configuration data structure, "**config**"
  - One of its element is dim\_level
    - Holds configuration data for dimming level of LED\_LAMP
- Let's set dimming level to 100 % (max)

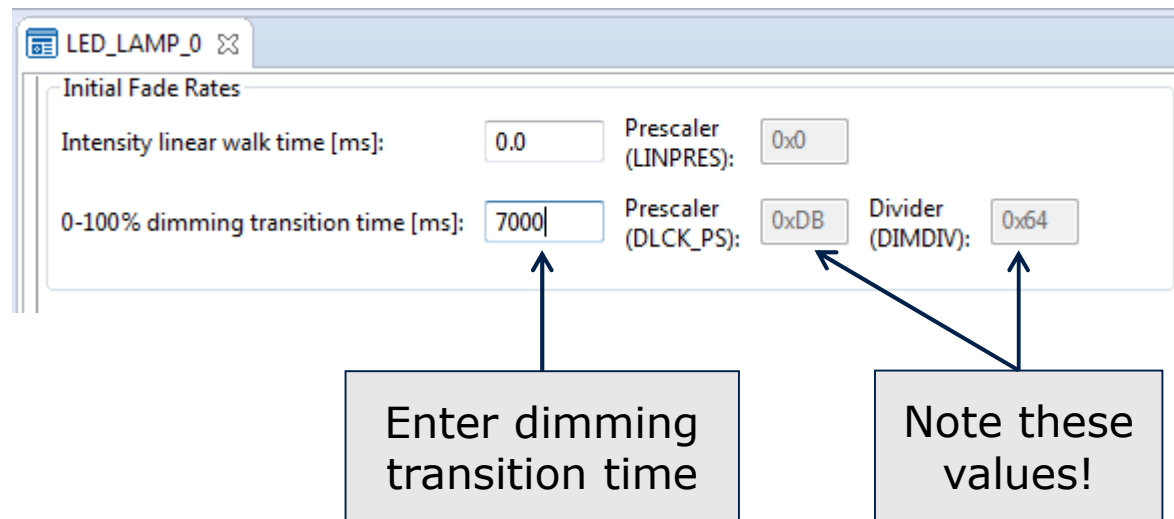
```
LED_LAMP_0_config.dim_level = 4095;
```

# HOT (5/7)

## Software coding



2. Determine dimming clock prescaler (DCLK\_PS) and divider (DIMDIV)
  - Let's use dimming transition time = 7 s
  - To determine DCLK\_PS and DIMDIV, open LED\_LAMP APP UI
    - “Dimming and Intensities Settings” tab



*Note: Set the dimming transition time to its original value after you have obtained the DCLK\_PS and DIMDIV values.*

### 3. Start dimming process

- Use the obtained DCLK\_PS and DIMDIV values

```
LED_LAMP_SetDimLevelExponentialAdv(&LED_LAMP_0, 0x64, 0xDB);
```

- Dimming process can also be started using another API




```
LED_LAMP_SetDimLevelExponential(&LED_LAMP_0);
```

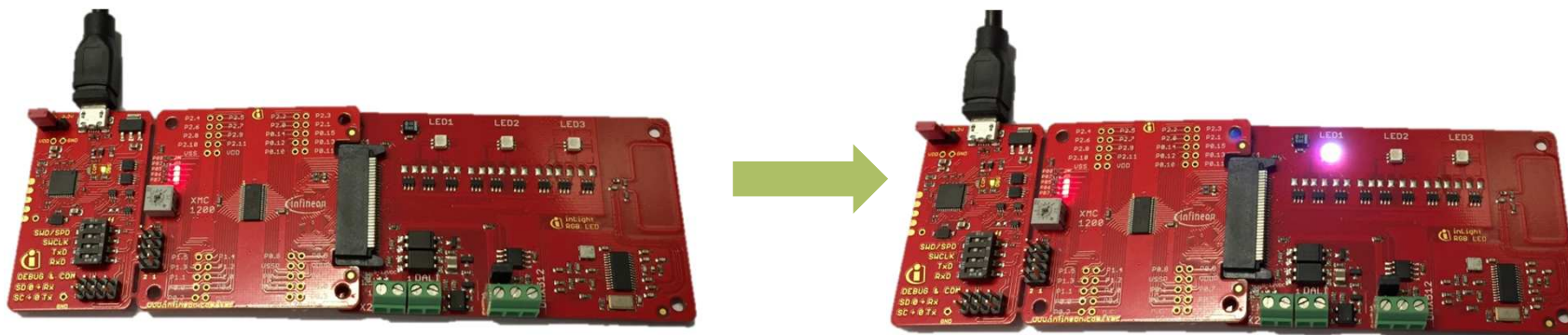
**Difference:** This API will use the dimming transition time configured in the LED\_LAMP APP UI.

# HOT (7/7)

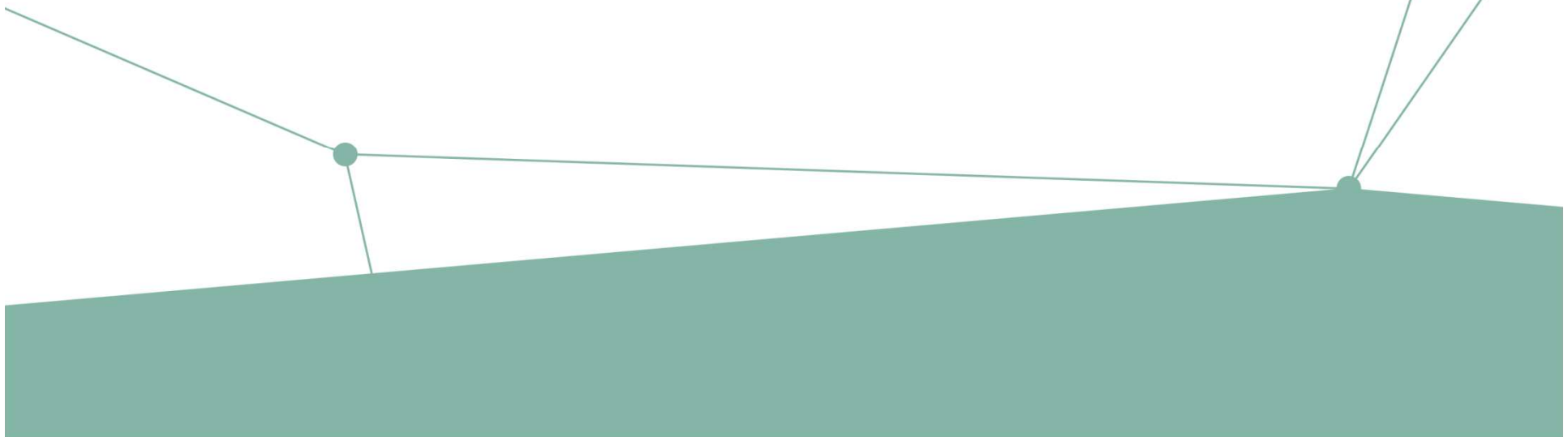
## Compile the project and observe LED1



- › Build project 
- › Download code 
- › Start code 
- › Observe LED1 on Color LED card dim up from 0 % to 100 % in 7 s



HOT:  
Flicker!



# Objectives

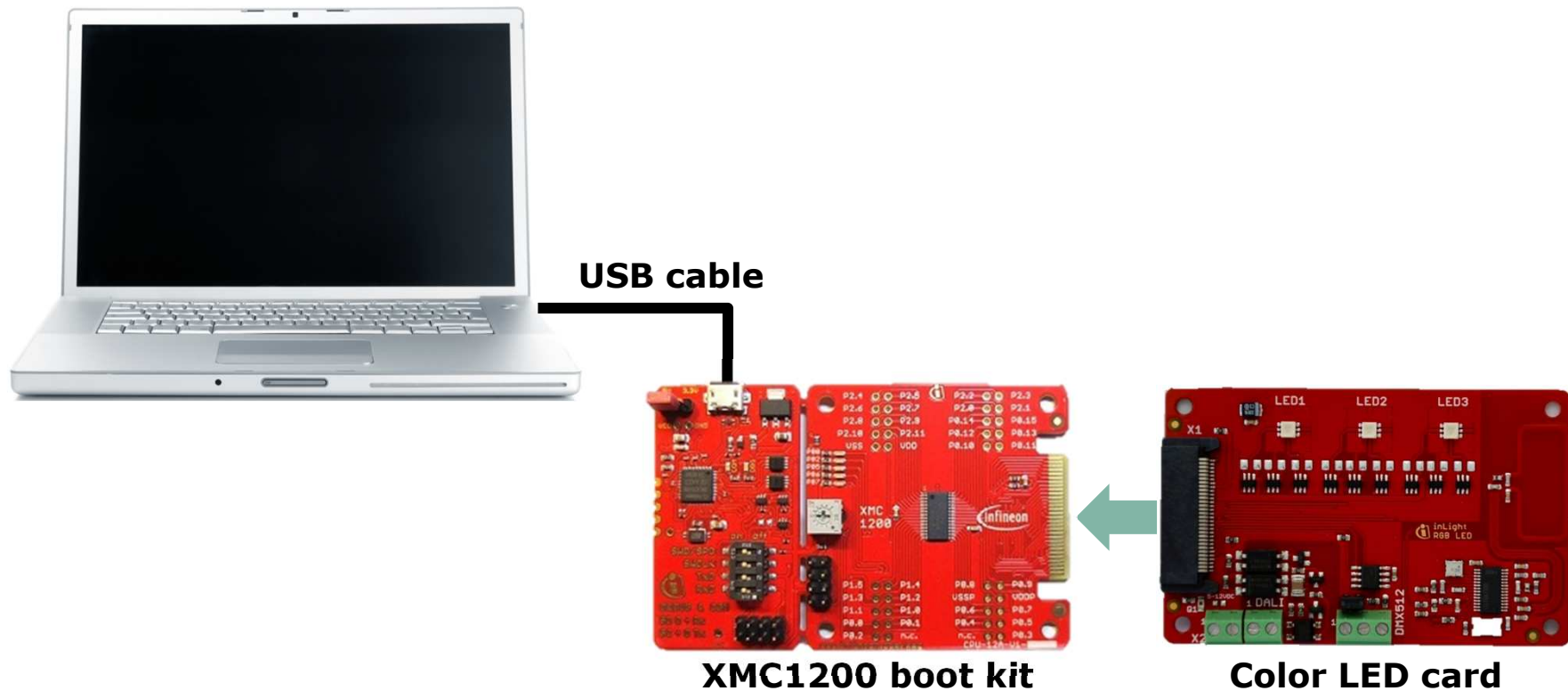
- › To demonstrate how the BCCU can eliminate flickering from LED light
  - This training is an extension of previous HOT (yellow light)
  - This training will be broken down to 3 small parts:
    1. Demonstrate visible flickering
    2. Demonstrate the function of flicker watchdog to reduce flickering
    3. Obtain flicker-free light, even when viewed through a camera

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# Hardware setup

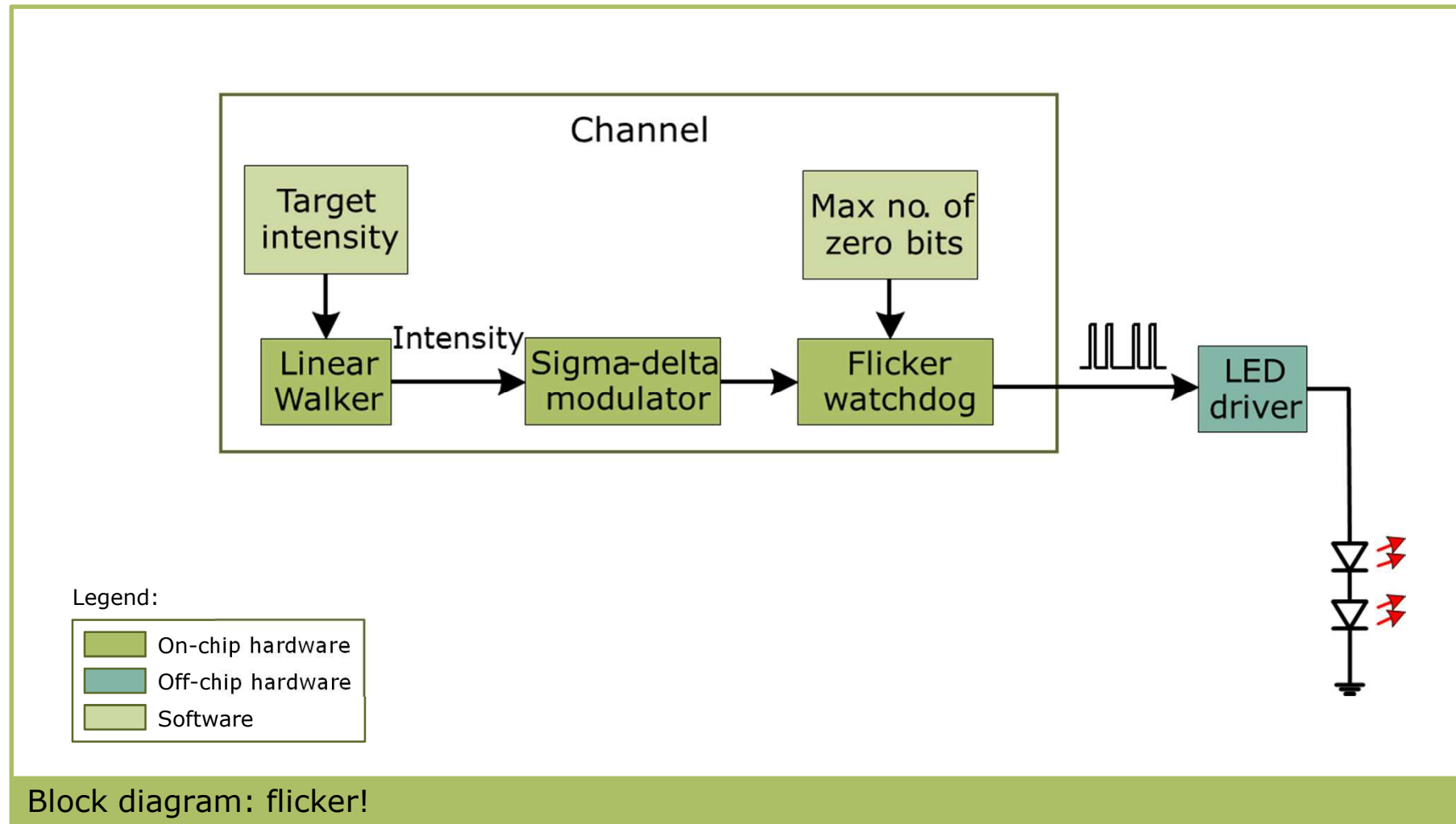


1. Plug the Color LED card onto the XMC1200 boot kit.
2. Connect the debug USB of the XMC1200 boot kit to the PC using the USB cable.

Hardware setup: flicker!



# Peripheral configuration



## Software, list of DAVE™ APPs

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## HOT (1/15)

### Open previous project

- › Open project created in previous HOT (yellow light)
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- › Rename project
- › Set project as Active

### 1. Demonstrate visible flickering

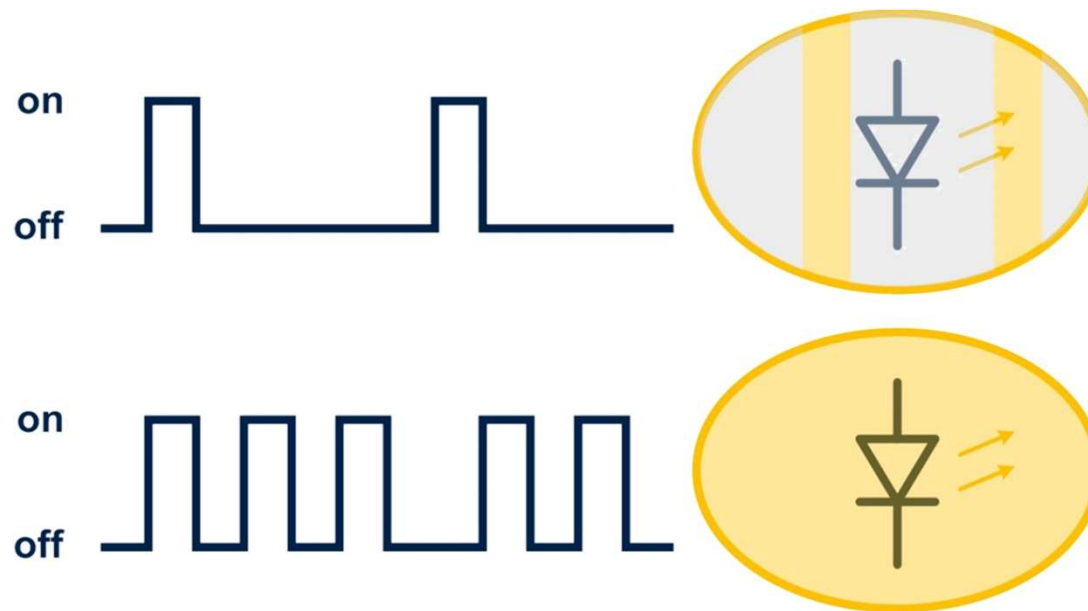
- Reconfigure GLOBAL\_BCCU and LED\_LAMP APP
- Steps:
  - a) Reduce bit clock (BCCU\_bclk) frequency
  - b) Change initial dimming level
  - c) Change initial light color to white

# HOT (3/15)

## BCCU bit clock

### a) Reduce BCCU\_bclk frequency

- BCCU\_bclk determines the frequency of the modulation signal generated
- Slower frequency = longer off time → visible flickering



# HOT (4/15)

## Reconfigure APP (GLOBAL\_BCCU)



### a) Reduce BCCU\_blk frequency (continued)

- Frequency of BCCU\_bclk can be reduced by reducing the frequency of BCCU\_fclk
- Change BCCU\_fclk to 80 kHz → this changes BCCU\_bclk to 20 kHz (bit time = 50 μs)
- Open GLOBAL\_BCCU APP UI
  - “Clock Settings” tab
- Change Fast Clock frequency to 80 kHz

GLOBAL\_BCCU\_0

Clock Settings | Functional Settings | Event Settings

Fast Clock (FCLK)

Desired frequency [MHz]: 0.08

Actual frequency [MHz]: 0.08

Prescaler factor (FCLK\_PS) [hex]: 0x320

Bit Clock (BCLK)

Mode: Normal Mode (BCLK = FCLK/4)

Actual frequency [MHz]: 0.02

Actual time [us]: 50

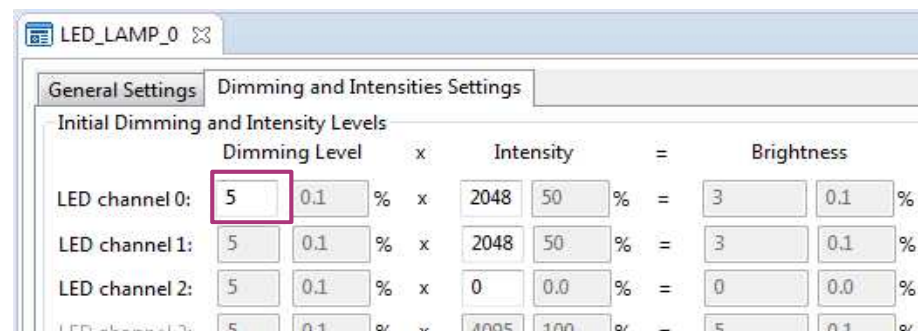
# HOT (5/15)

## Reconfigure APP (LED\_LAMP)



### b) Change initial dimming level

- At low dimming levels, the frequency of the modulation signal is even lower → higher chance of flickering
- In this training, we will use dimming level of 5
- Open LED\_LAMP APP UI
  - “Dimming and Intensities Settings” tab
- Set dimming level to 5



# HOT (6/15)

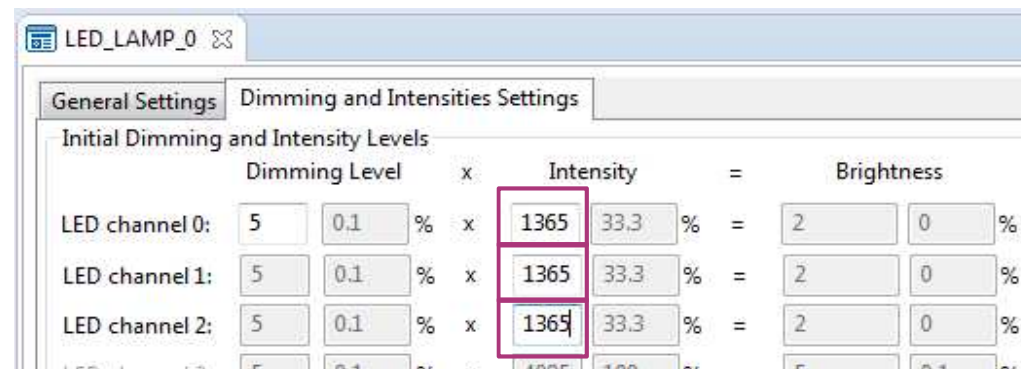
## Reconfigure APP (LED\_LAMP)



c) Change initial light color to white

Desired color	RED channel intensity	GREEN channel intensity	BLUE channel intensity
Red	4095	0	0
White	1365	1365	1365
Yellow	2048	2048	0

– Set channel intensities to 1365



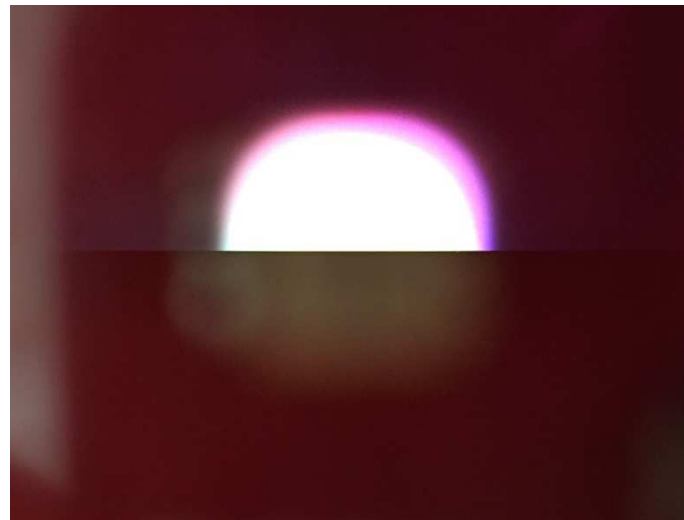


## HOT (7/15)

### Compile the project and observe LED1



- › Generate code 
- › Build project 
- › Download code 
- › Start code 
- › Observe LED1 on Color LED card flickering



### 2. Demonstrate the function of flicker watchdog to reduce flickering

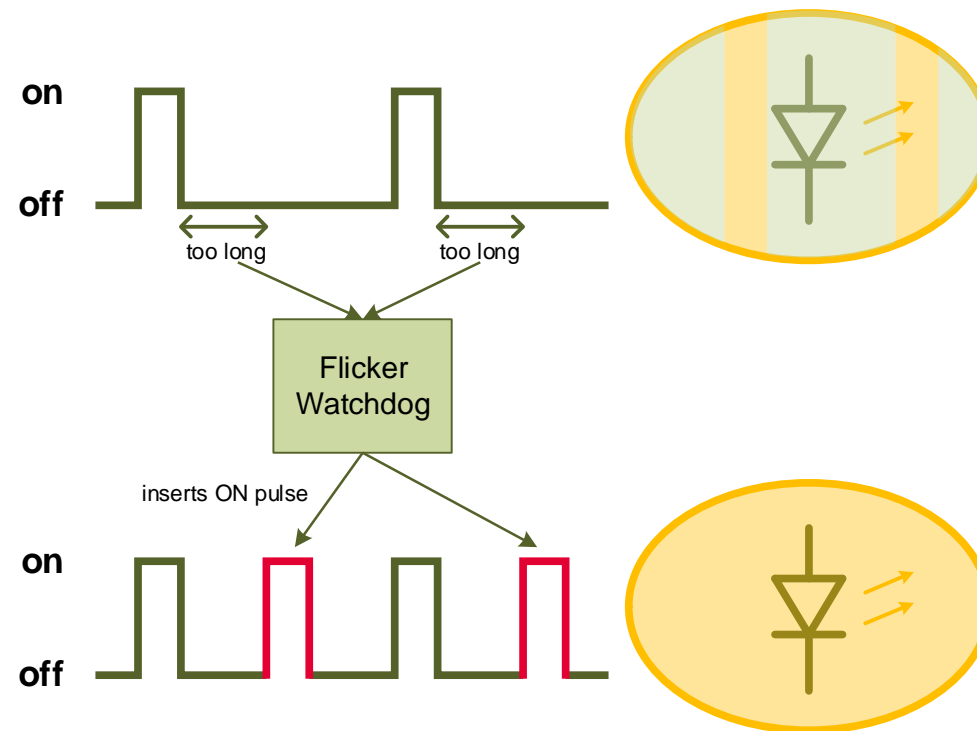
#### – Steps:

- a) Enable flicker watchdog in each channel
- b) Configure the threshold for the flicker watchdog

# HOT (9/15)

## Flicker watchdog

- a) Enable flicker watchdog in each channel
- Actively monitors the generated modulation signal for long periods of OFF
  - Inserts an ON pulse in these conditions before the onset of flicker



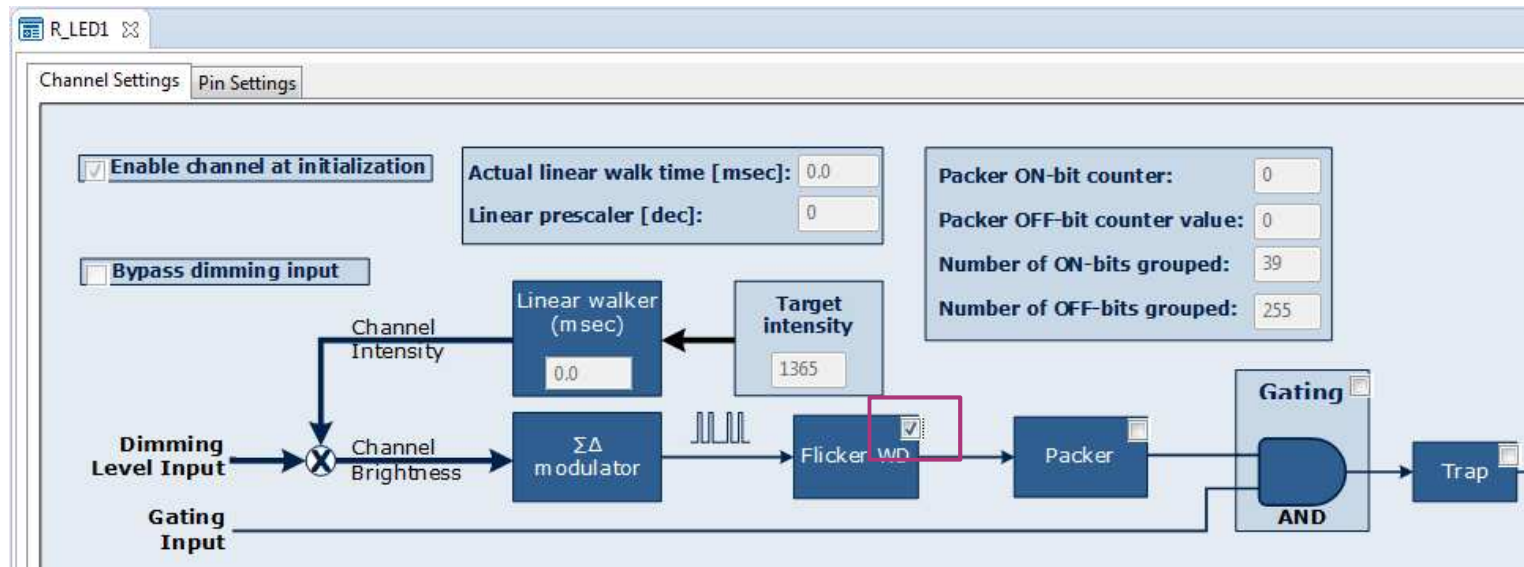
# HOT (10/15)

## Reconfigure APP (PDM\_BCCU)



### a) Enable flicker watchdog in each channel (continued)

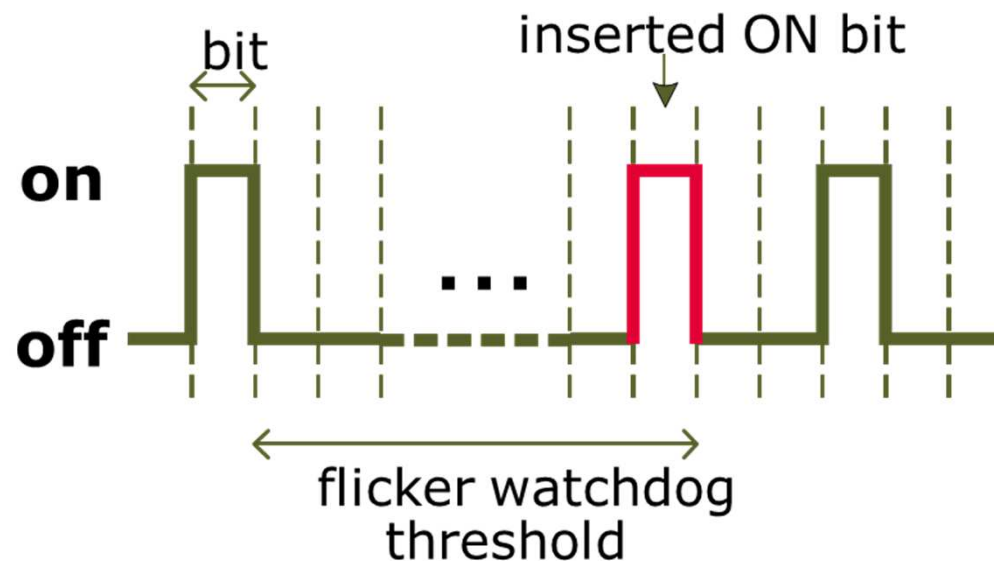
- Open the UI to a PDM\_BCCU APP instance
  - “Channel Settings” tab
- Enable Flicker WD



- Repeat for other 2 PDM\_BCCU APP instances

**b)** Configure the threshold for the flicker watchdog

- No. of OFF bits before an ON bit is inserted
- In this example, we shall set this to 100 bits
  - An ON bit inserted for every period of 99 OFF bits
  - Minimum brightness limited to 41 (1 %)



# HOT (12/15)

## Reconfigure APP (GLOBAL\_BCCU)



### b) Configure the threshold for the flicker watchdog (continued)

- Open GLOBAL\_BCCU APP UI
  - “Functional Settings” tab
- Set ON-bit insertion threshold to 100





The screenshot shows the GLOBAL\_BCCU\_0 configuration window with the 'Functional Settings' tab selected. The 'Flicker Watchdog Settings' section is visible, with the 'ON-bit insertion threshold [dec]' field set to 100. Other settings include 'Initial global dimming level [dec]' at 0, 'Trigger mode selection' at 'Mode 0: Trigger On Any Channel', 'Trigger delay selection' at 'BCCU Trigger On Channel Trigger', and 'Trap edge selection' at 'Rising Edge'. The 'Minimum brightness [%]' is set to 1, 'Longest OFF-time at modulator output [us]' is 4950, and 'Lowest frequency at modulator output [Hz]' is 200.

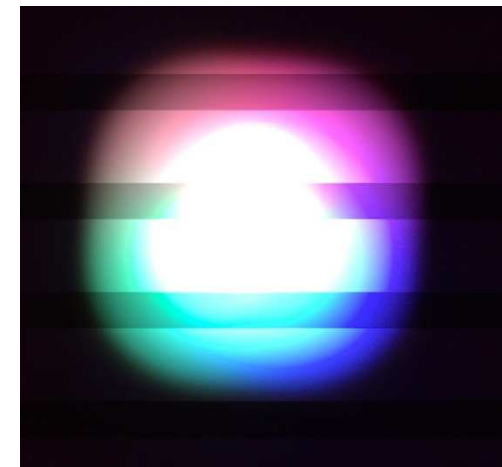
Setting	Value
Initial global dimming level [dec]	0
Trigger mode selection	Mode 0: Trigger On Any Channel
Trigger delay selection	BCCU Trigger On Channel Trigger
Trap edge selection	Rising Edge
ON-bit insertion threshold [dec]	100
Minimum brightness [%]	1
Longest OFF-time at modulator output [us]	4950
Lowest frequency at modulator output [Hz]	200

## HOT (13/15)

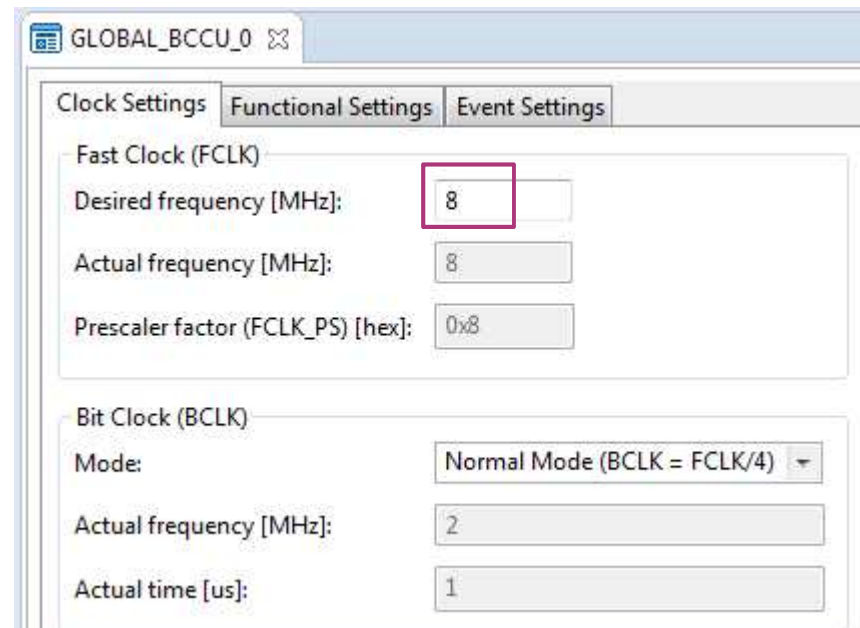
### Compile the project and observe LED1



- › Generate code 
- › Build project 
- › Download code 
- › Start code 
- › Observe LED1 on Color LED card
  - Flickering no longer visible to naked eye
  - Still visible when viewed with a camera



3. Obtain flicker-free light, even when viewed through a camera
  - Increase the frequency of BCCU\_bclk
  - In this part, we will increase the frequency to 2 MHz
- Open GLOBAL\_BCCU APP UI
  - “Clock Settings” tab
- To obtain BCLK = 2 MHz, increase FCLK to 8 MHz







The screenshot shows the GLOBAL\_BCCU\_0 APP UI with the 'Clock Settings' tab selected. The 'Fast Clock (FCLK)' section has a 'Desired frequency [MHz]' field set to 8, which is highlighted with a red box. The 'Actual frequency [MHz]' field also shows 8, and the 'Prescaler factor (FCLK\_PS) [hex]' field shows 0x8. The 'Bit Clock (BCLK)' section shows the 'Mode' set to 'Normal Mode (BCLK = FCLK/4)', the 'Actual frequency [MHz]' set to 2, and the 'Actual time [us]' set to 1.



## HOT (15/15)

### Compile the project and observe LED1



- › Generate code 
- › Build project 
- › Download code 
- › Start code 
- › Observe LED1 on Color LED card
  - Flickering no longer visible when viewed from camera



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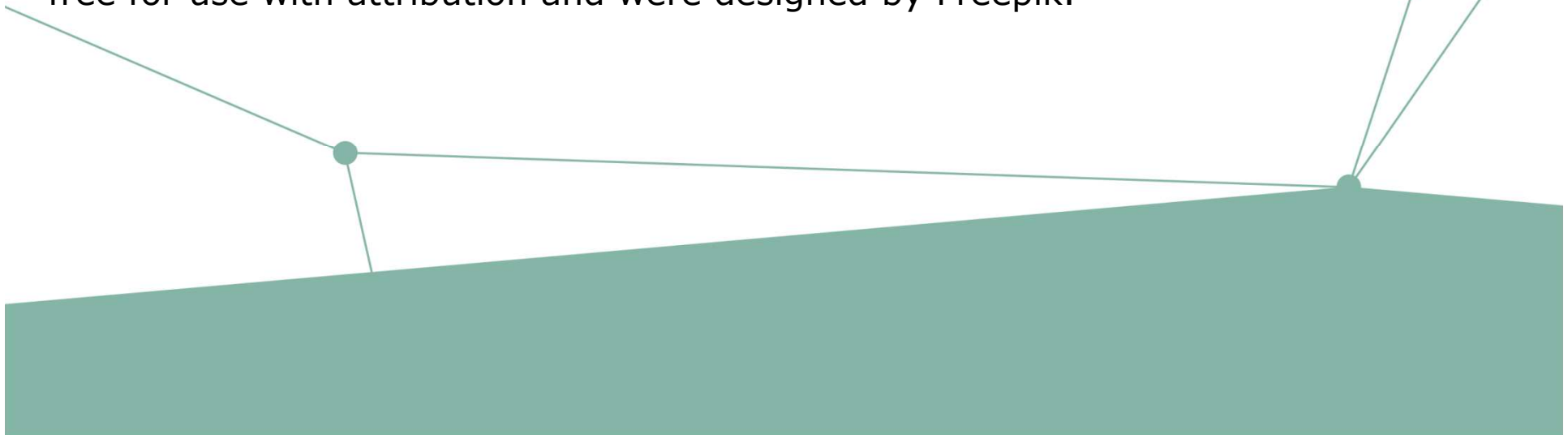
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