Light Atmosphere

Design parameters for evaluating lighting in hospital wards

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Background

Textile design_ Kolding School of design 06 Teacher, Silkeborg 99 Lostdesign 06

Interest: Light atmosphere

What is interesting light, and when is it interesting

Understanding Atmosphere?

Design Parameters for pleasurable light atmosphere in hospital wards To approve the sensory qualities of light and.

Study the effect of light by having a holistic approach to research in light and lighting.

Light in a hospital setting.

Guidelines Hospital design

Ulrich, R. & Zimring, C. 2004, "The Role of the Physical Environment in the Hospital of the 21st Century: A Once-in-a-Lifetime Opportunity"

Dalke, H., Littlefair P.J. & Loe 2006.

"Lighting and colour for hospital design"

McClughan, C.L.B., Aspinall, P.A. & Webb, R.S. 1999, "The impact of lighting on mood"



Herlev Hospital

Albertsen, N. 1999, "Urban Atmosphere", Atmospheres can not be seen - It must be experienced through other senses and an atmosphere occurs rarely through one sense alone, but in an interaction between several senses. Atmosphere affects people emotionally.



Afternoon in DK

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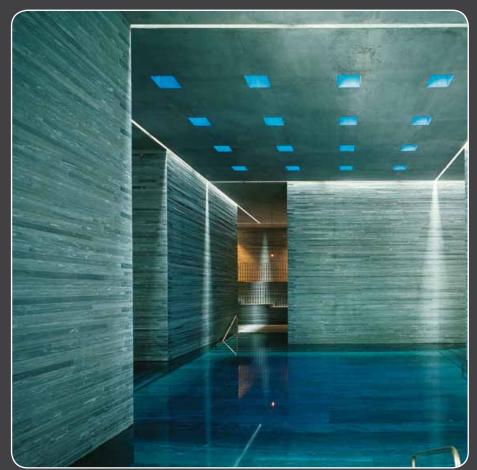
View from my studio in Aarhus

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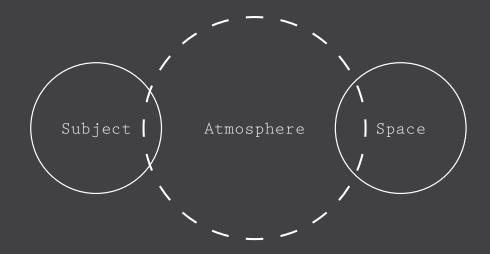
Cafe i Lagos, Nigeria

Therme Vals. Peter Zumthor, 2006, Atmospheres - Architectural Environments - Surrounding objects

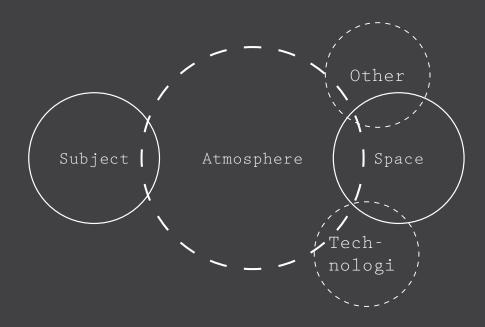


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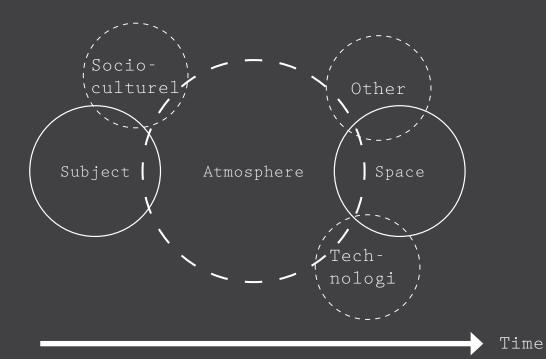


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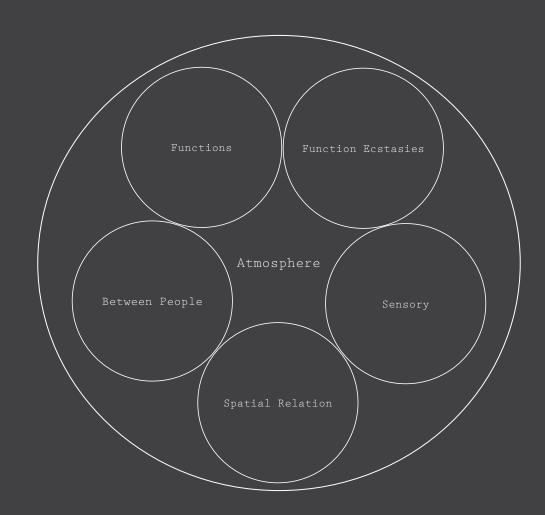


Time

Socio Cultural.



A complex concept



Design Parameters

Light Source

Characteristica, effect, information

Space

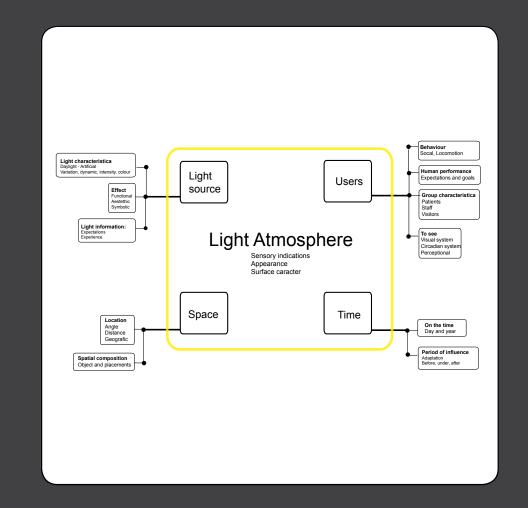
Geografical orientation, spatial composition, surfaces, objects, materials, colour

Time

Time of the year, daytime, time of influence

User

Behaviour, performance, user group, visual system, expectations, kultural background

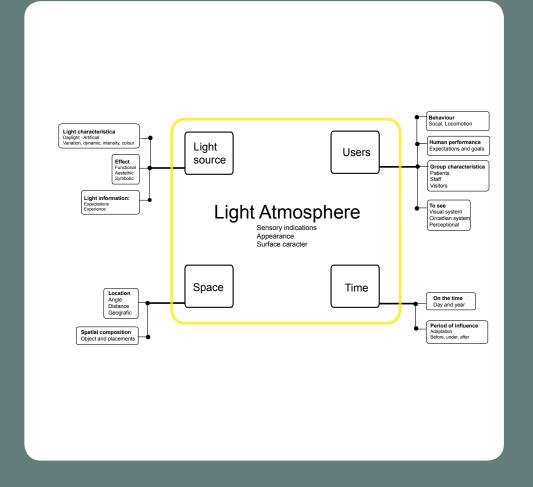


DESIGN PROCESS - Ongoing

Design approach for case study

Defining SPACE atmosphere Describing the TIME Defining LIGHT situation. Finding USERS preferences

Defining the goals for light atmosphere



Space

Location: Ward 10-11, Department of orthopaedic surgery, Odense University Hospital, Denmark.

Geographic orientation is towards the south.

Spatial Relation: 2 beds ward.
Size: 4 x 6 meters, ceiling heights
4 meters

Two wards for a comparative study.

One 1:1 light design mock-up and one control room.



Time

One week hospitalization

January - march 2011



Light

Documenting the existing LIGHT situation at the ward.

Looking at best practise

Combining the knowledge practical experiments of light effect.



1.User preferences

Patients preferences and expectations for light using qualitative anthropologically methods.

Photographi of everyday use of light in private settings.

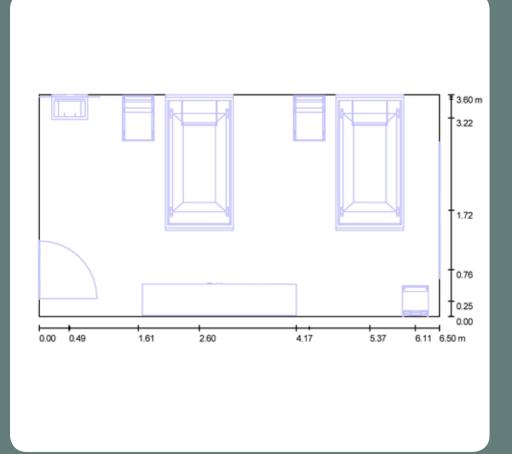
Innovation and inspiration



2. User zones

To optimise light setting snd support the staffs working condition and thereby patients experience of ward atmosphere.

Documentation of everyday use of the ward by Mapping the movement of the staff. Use for: who should be in control of the light and when.



3. User preferences

Scenario design for a comparative quantitative study of user preferences.

3D visualisation/1:1 mock-up

Scenario A-B-C-D in hierarchical order



Everyday use of the ward light

"Patients private space" (reading, dining, sleeping, and watching television, visits of relatives),

"Patients active space" (training area, physiotherapy, walking area),

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Hypotheses

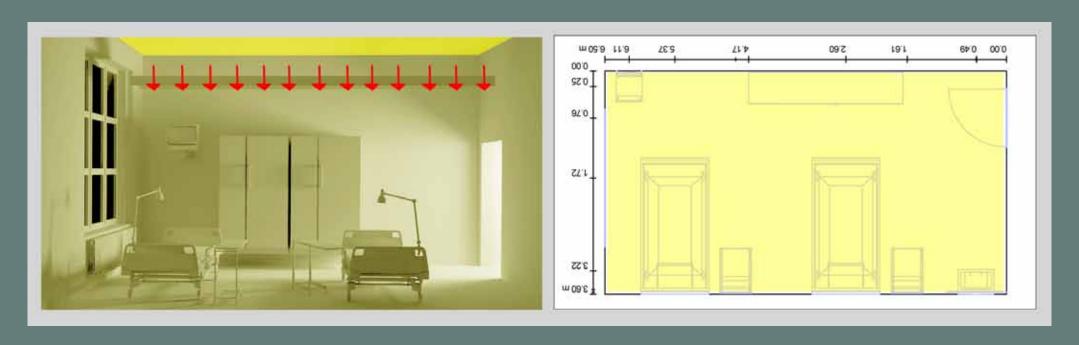
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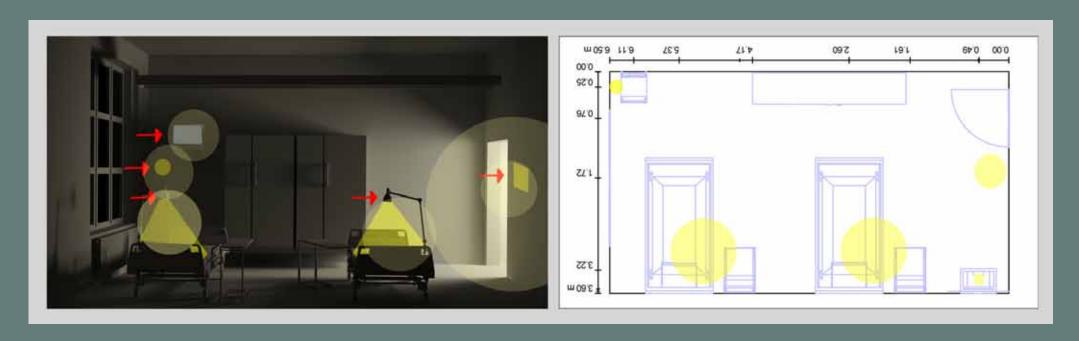
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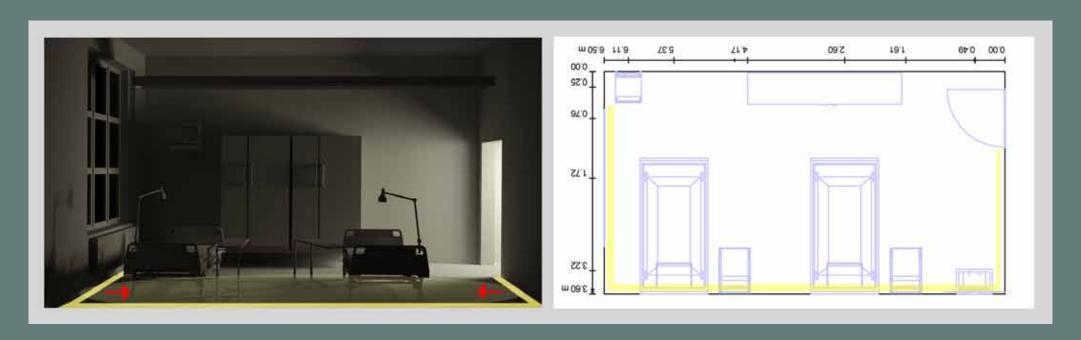
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LOW LIGHT SCENARIO



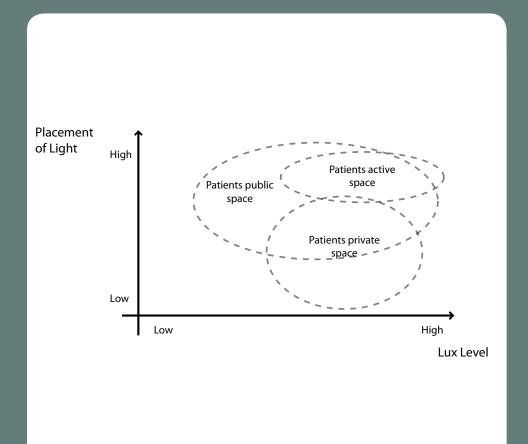
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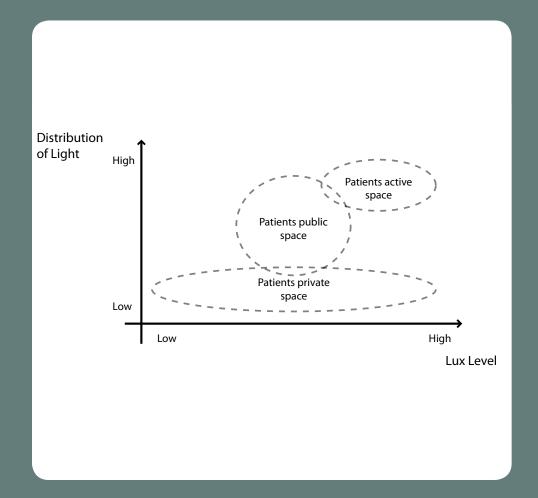


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