- •Similar geometric logic as shading devices
- •Oriented to receive max illumination and redirect light to needed interior area
- Limited effectiveness in overcast condition
- •High reflective/specular surfaces
- •Glare in viewing angles can be a problem



light shelves

Horizontal shading and redirecting devices

•Improve uniform light distribution

-Reduce level of illumination by window and redirecting it into the interior

-2 apertures clerestory and lower viewing

•Most effective to be located as low in space as possible - but avoid glare- good ht. around 7' align with other headers

Sun Light Redirecting Devices light shelves con't

- Min depth of light shelf is determined by shading requirements
- Prevent glare- do not let direct light from upper window to penetrate past edge of light shelf
- Uniformity of light distribution can be improved by extending depth of shelf

Sun Light Redirecting Devices light shelves- con't

Basic Elements:

- Light shelf should be as fully illuminated as possible when light is desired
- High sun angles horizontal shelf projects openings in façade-shading opening below shelf

light shelves







Inward sloping-

- •Pushes high angle sunlight deeply into space
- •Can have glare problem



Interior Surfaces

•Sloping ceiling downward at window reduces contrast

•Can shape exterior surface to maximize illumination and reflection

•Large shelves and shelves w/o viewing windows can have shadowed area beneath shelf creating undesired contrast

•Alleviated with a floating shelf



Light Shelves Interior Surfaces- con't



Orientation

•Light shelves most effective, in various climates, on South side

•Effective shading on E&W sides consider augmenting with vertical shading and or additional horizontal louvers(operable)



Orientation South side light shelf all year protection



Suncatchers

Vertical redirecting devices on building façadeBest for capturing low sun angles

•Can capture and direct light into North side of building

•Can create glare- direct light toward walls, ceiling and or use in conjunction with a light shelf



Suncatchers Con't



North-South Orientation

Suncatchers- Clerestory applications

•Can improve light through clerestory glazing (except south facing openings)

•On North they can be utilized to improve balance of light and increase the quantity - especially useful in conjunction with South facing openings



Suncatchers- Clerestory applications- con't

•E&W openings even out quantity of light over the day
•Provides balance of light over day if space is lit through E&W facades



Suncatchers- Clerestory applications- con't



Shutters, Blinds, Screens

- •Use of operable devices behind fixed screening elements
- •For the most part- do not redirect light only diffuse or reject light
- •Entering light should receive maximum redistribution



Toplighting-Basics

•Skylights and Clerestories

Differs form sidelighting
Not typically for viewing - see interior lighted surfaces

•Provides more light per unit of opening than sidelt'g

•Largely Independent of building orientation

•Provides deep penetration into Single story / top story

•Be careful of glare, unwanted contrasts, heat loss and overheating

Toplighting



Toplighting - Shape

Surface reflectances and shape of surfaces criticalBest used indirectly





Tilt- captures seasonal opportunities Interior /exterior shading Horizontal Best for over cast conditions Vertical best for daylight-direct beam radiation





Bearing Angles Diurnal opportunities





Response to Natural light See toplighting guidelines in Handout

Overcast Sky: Horizontal skylights collect more light

Low Sun Angles and Reflected Light: Vertical clerestories collect more light

High Sun Angles: Horizontal skylights receive maximum heat gain













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Exterior control









Beams (to reflect light and control glare)

Sloped edge (to soften brightness differences)

Interior Controls

Direct Gain - Plus

