UN-DAYLIGHTING THE IRIC

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LOCATION: THE INTEGRATED RESEARCH AND INNOVATION CENTER | PRESENTATION AND CIRCULATION SPACE | UI CAMPUS

BUILDING TYPE

The IRIC is defined as "... [hosting] discovery-based or interdisciplinary research across broad spectrums of science, engineering and other disciplines. The IRIC features flexible laboratories, office and meeting spaces that can be adapted for use by researchers from across the university. The building also includes a state-of-the-art visualization laboratory, as well as space for core research facilities, equipment, video conferencing and other specialized needs."



http://www.uidaho.edu/research/entities/iric

• Our space is an interesting one: it is **a hybrid vertical circulation/presentation/student space**. It uses large format "stairs" adjacent to a traditional staircase to provide seating for a small presentation area at the base of the stairs, against the West wall. When the space isn't being used for presentations, it's available for students to use as general seating.

IN-PLACE DAYLIGHTING SYSTEMS

- The entire South Façade of the space is a **double-floor glazing wall**. The glazing has a permanent **perforated steel shading device** which filters the incoming southern sun. During the winter it feels comfortable even during the afternoon, but there is potential for problems with both **temperature and glare** during the **summer months**,
- Additionally, the program should be considered. Though the southern exposure may not be a problem for the **circulation and student lounge** activities, it *is* a problem during any **presentation**. Ideally the space should have the *capability* of being **dimly-lit** to create a successful **flexibility**.













DESIGN SOLUTIONS

• From a pure **day-lighting** standpoint (meaning excluding possible temperature swings during the summer), the space is well lit for **2 of 3** programmatic requirements: **circulation and student lounging**. Where the space fails is in its use for **presentation**. Therefore, we need to **un-daylight** the space by providing some sort of additional, **user-controlled** shading system







ENERGY SAVINGS

- Our space within the IRIC uses **4 LED spotlights** within the space, and **6 LED spotlights** along the periphery of the space.
 - Each LED spotlight uses about .01 Kw/hr, compared to .06 Kw/hr used by an incandescent bulb.
 - $.01(kw/hr) \times 10$ (total LEDs) = .1 total kw/hr used in the space for artificial lighting.
 - For 50,000 hours of use, this comes out to \$35.95 per bulb, or \$359.50.
 - In comparison, using incandescent bulbs would total \$525.50 for 50,000 hours of use, and would need to be replaced 42 times each, = 420 bulbs compared the 10 bulbs used by LEDs.
- However, during the day the space is well lit enough that **no artificial lighting** is needed. If there was an automatic (or even a smart user) system to turn off the lights when not needed (sun-up to sun-down), there would be a savings of
- .1kw/hr @ .007 cents/hr x 4467.12 yearly daylight hours = \$32.11/year, or \$183.02 over the life of the bulbs.
- 50,000 hours/ number of hours in a year(8,760) = 5.7 years of use.
- Finally, this would be a lifetime efficiency increase of 11.2%



CONCLUSIONS

- By adding some active system to disable the artificial lights during daylight hours, our space along the southern edge of the building will remain perfectly well lit for its program, and gain an efficiency of 11.25% per year.
- Additionally, by adding an additional, **user-controlled shading device**, the space can adapt to be suitable for its **non-daylit needs**.