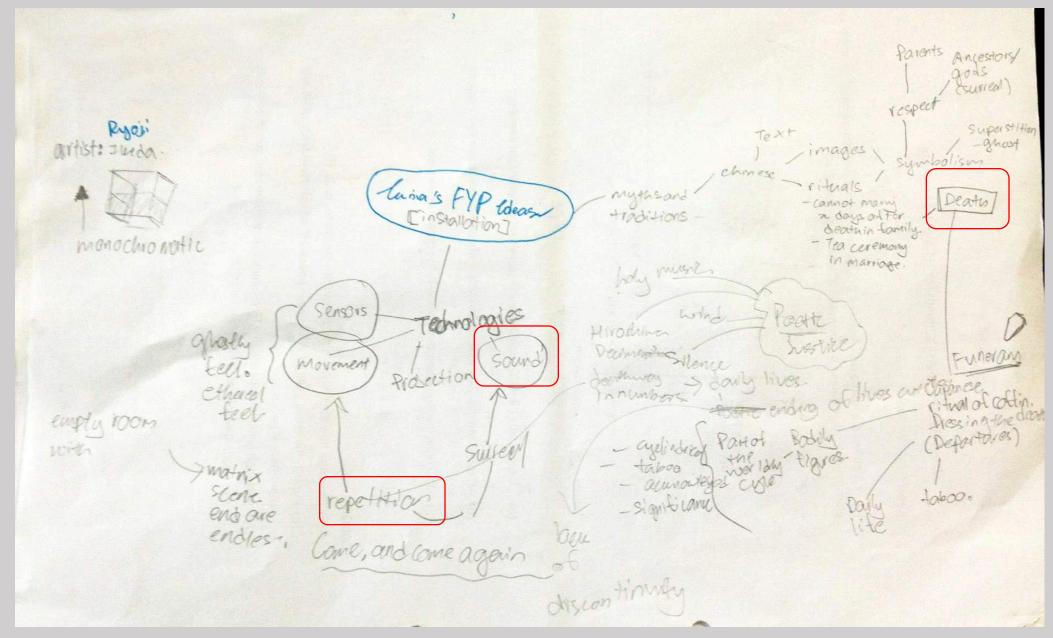
# DECONSTRUCTING SPACE

**Art Installation Proposal for FYP** 

#### **Idea Formation**



Primary topics with interest in:
Death →
Deconstruction
Sound → Visual output
Repetition → Form of the installation



# FOCUS:

Space, light and sound experience

# On space and experience

#### On experience,

Gilbert, 1972). The study of space, from the humanistic perspective, is thus the study of a people's spatial feelings and ideas in the stream of experience. Experience is the totality of means by which we come to know the world: we know the world through sensation (feeling), perception, and conception (Oakeshott, 1933; Dardel, 1952; Lowenthal, 1961; Gendlin, 1962). The geo-

On the abstract notions of space,

1.07 acres. Less abstract, because more closely tied to sense experience, is the space that is conditioned by the fact of my being in it, the space of which I am the centre, the space that answers my moods and intentions. A compre-

Visual perception, touch, movement, and thought combine to give us our characteristic sense of space. Bifocal vision and dexterous hands equip us

- Yi Fu-Tuan, Space and Place (1979)

# The human body and Perceiving

• Spatial localisation (bodily):

Physical cue	Notations	Neurophysiological	
		basis	Physiological Response
1. Principal Axes		33013010	
A. Primary (fore-aft body movement)	$d\theta/dt = d\phi/dt = 0$	No flow	Orientating, fixation
B. Secondary (gravity)	$\phi = \pm 90^{\circ}$	Vestibular	Righting
C. Left-right	$\theta = \pm 90^{\circ}$	Hemisphere	Turning
2. Monocular			
A. Static			
(i) Direction	θ, φ	Direction columns	Saccade
(ii) Size	$\Delta\theta$ , $\Delta\phi$	Unknown	
(iii) Gradient	$d\theta/\theta$ ,	Orientation columns,	
	$d\phi/\phi$	Spatial frequency channels	
(iv) Intersections	"T"	Hypercomplex units	
B. Dynamic			
(i) Mean movement	$d\theta/dt$ , $d\phi/dt$	Motion detector	Pursuit
(ii)Self-induced parallax	$d\theta/dt$	Unknown	
(iii)	$\Delta(d\theta/dt)$	Unknown	
3. Binocular			
A. Static			
(i) Absolute distance	R	Unknown	Accommodation
(ii) Relative distance	$\Delta R$	Disparity columns	Vergence
(iii) Gradients	dR/R	Unknown	
B. Dynamic			
(i) Flow	$dR/dt$ , $dR/R \cdot dt$	Unknown	
(ii) Binocular shear	$\Delta(dR/dt)$	Unknown	Vergence tracking

#### The Gaze and Tactile Reactions

- Tactile reactions: depends on direction of gaze.
- Strobe lighting is fleeting; insufficient time for the gaze to focus and create sense of the environment.
- The body thus tries to navigate to get a sense of the place.
- Body movement is essential in understanding spatial position.

#### **Deconstruction and Glitch**

- Drawing a parallel to glitch, glitch being:
- ...a (actual and/or simulated) break from an expected or conventional flow of information or meaning within (digital) communication systems that results in a perceived accident or error.
  - Rosa Menkman in The Glitch Moment(um), (2011)
- Natural lighting is generally stable; large changes in light quality is rare.
- Deconstruction would be going against nature to create an other-ly world feel.

# Distortion of the Interior Space

- Interior space: internalised understanding of self within space.
- Altering one or more spatial boundaries (external or interior) can create compositional and psychological imbalance with others.

#### **Artist References: Nonotak**

- Nonotak Studio, a Canadian art duo
- investigates a similar premise (spatial distortion, relationship between time and space)
- Utilises simple lines, dots and shapes to bridge the connection between the virtual and the real
- Blurrs the space and detaches from reality



Daydream, V.0.4

#### **Artist References: James Turrell**

- interested in perception and materiality of light
- Time-specific, his works can only be fully understood if one experiences it for an extended period of time



James Turrell, Breathing light (2013)

# On Light

- Light travels in rays (exploited by Nonotak)
- Moving light can be considered image motion,
- Theoretically: moving object observed by eyes equates object motion with image motion (invalidated)
- However, if image motion is faster than the eyes can capture it, the brain nullifies it.
- A new space is created to understand the existence of this new situation

# Visual output considerations

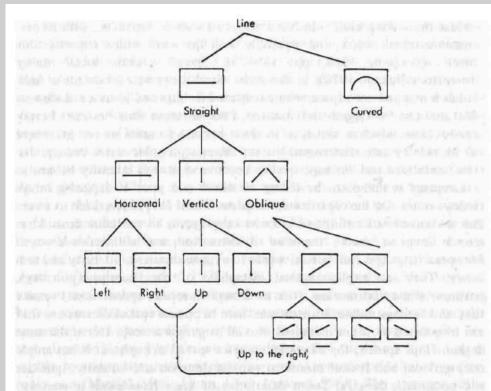


Fig. 1. A possible hierarchical schema for orientation in English: more words exist for horizontal and vertical orientations than for curved and oblique lines. Vocabulary – richness in some expressions, paucity in others – is a guide to what a culture considers important (Based on Olson, 1970).

- Visual stimuli: curves are favoured over angular shapes by non-designed trained people, and vice versa
- Colour theory: brighter or darker colours to alter spatial perception

# **Deconstructing Space**

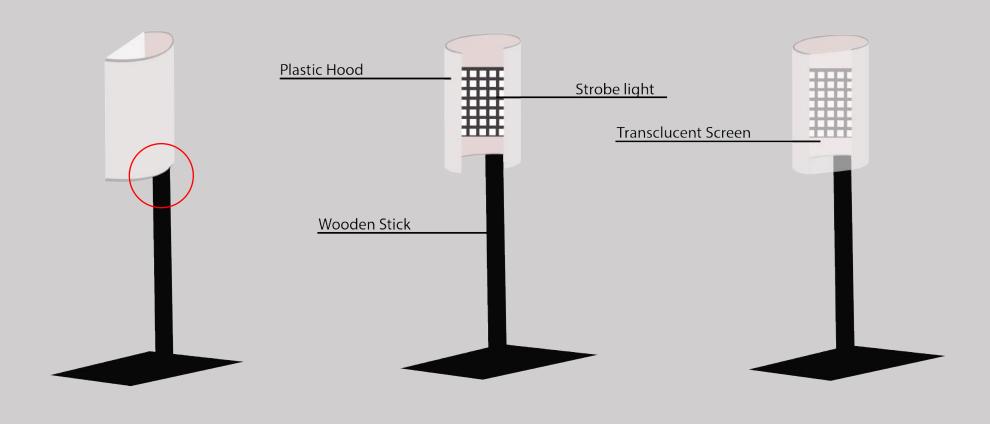
- The existing spatial boundaries are intensified with the fostering of an additional strobe lighting over the space
- The viewer experiences a disjoint of spatial status, with previously known boundaries stretched unrecognisably
- Creating a new version of space.

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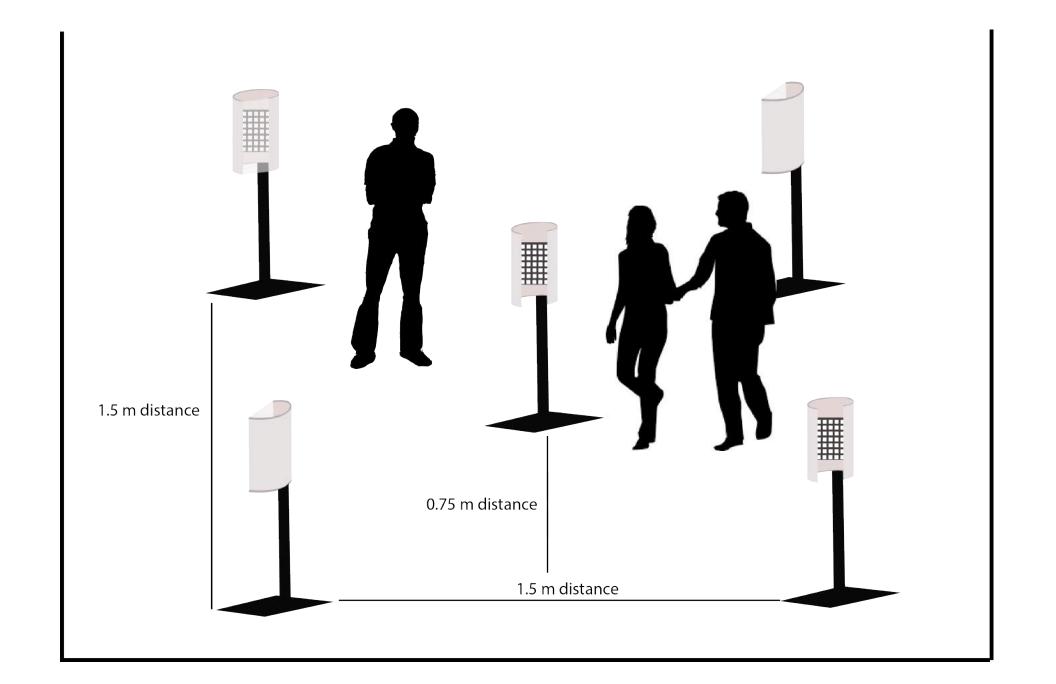
- Sounds will play in the background, which lights strobe according to the beat
- Sound/light visual will restart and play in a loop after every 8 minutes
- Visitors are able to move the direction of the strobe lights

# **Deconstructing Space: Layout**

Anatomy of the setup







# Why strobed lighting?

• Strobed lighting. Dramatic effect sufficient to change the angles.

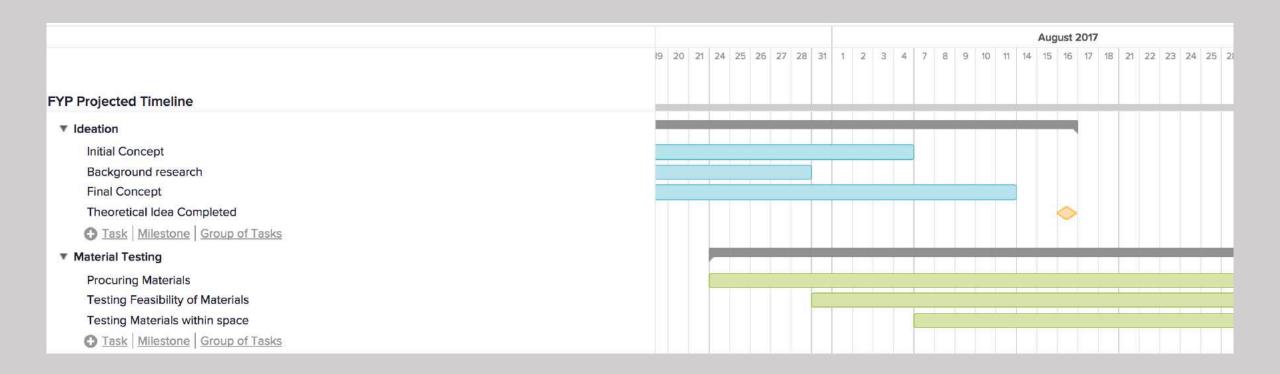
#### **Technical Matters**

- Strobe lights can be loaned from the IM room.
- Wooden post to uphold the strobe lights (by nailing it).

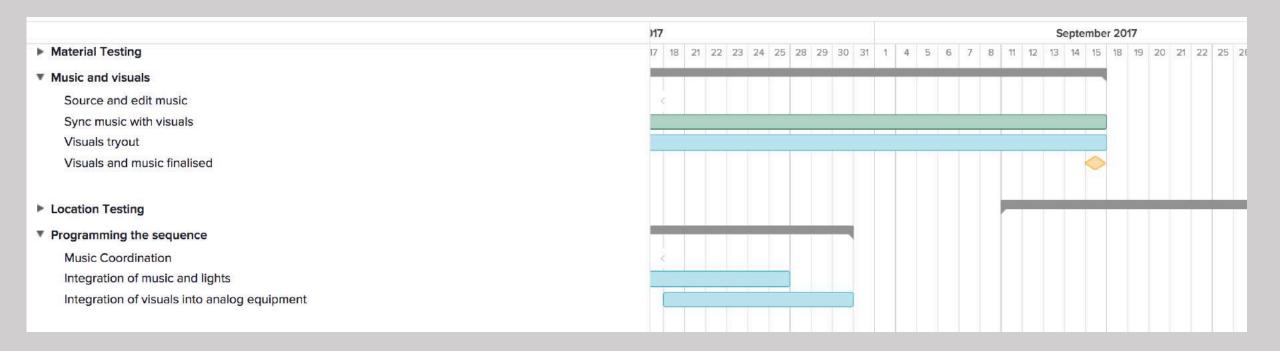
# Advancing on..

- Material and location test suitability
- Sound procurement and editing

#### **Timeline**



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