

Designing Human Technologies

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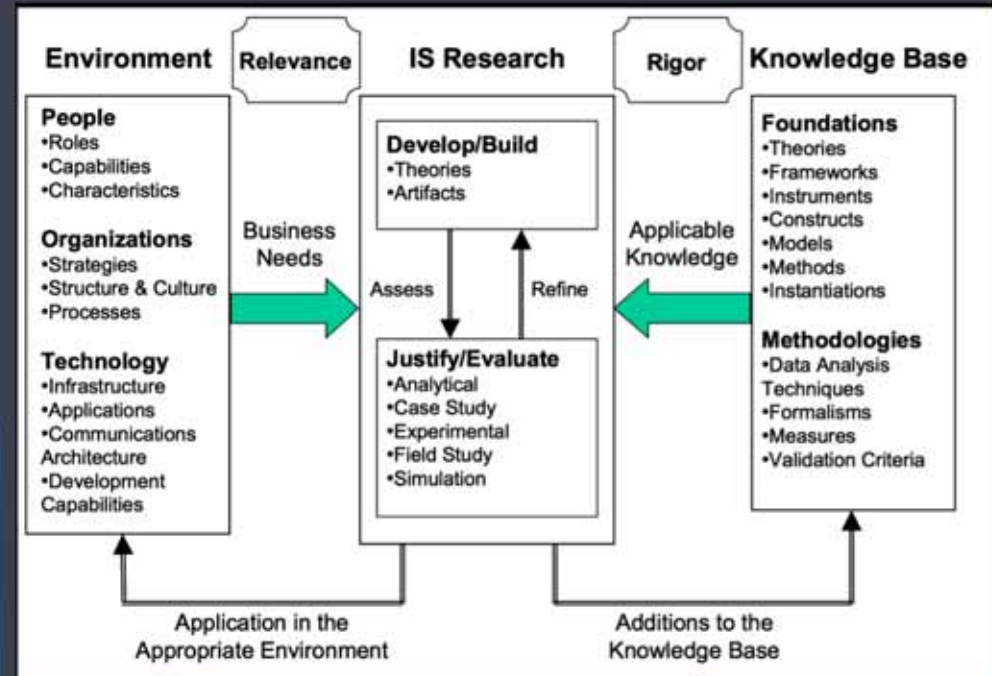
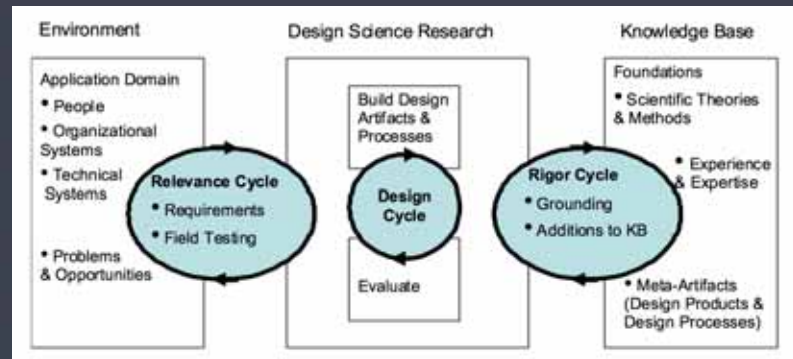
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Outline

*design schools
traditionally rooted in practice
now increasingly implement
academic criteria
(Simonsen et al. 2014)*

- ▶ Introduce the theme 'Designing Human Technologies'
- ▶ Design as main subject area at the university
- ▶ How we approach this at Roskilde University
- ▶ Present some of our shared empirical experiences - when engaging with or studying design processes
- ▶ Inspire your IS "horizon" and the discussions at IRIS 37/SCIS 5

IS and Design Science Research



The framework is accompanied by seven general guidelines “in order to illustrate how authors, reviewers, and editors can apply them consistently” (p. 76).

Hevner et al./Design Science in IS Research, MIS Quarterly, 28(1), 2004

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design does not build on a priori knowledge, but continuously needs to reflect on previous design experiences and its own history
(Simonsen et al. 2014)

- ▶ Designing as reality construction
- ▶ Designing as processes and practices
- ▶ Designing as knowledge development
- ▶ Designing as normative interventions
- ▶ Designing as embedding values, ethics, politics, ...
- ▶ ... as taking responsibility for the design, intervention, reality construction, ...

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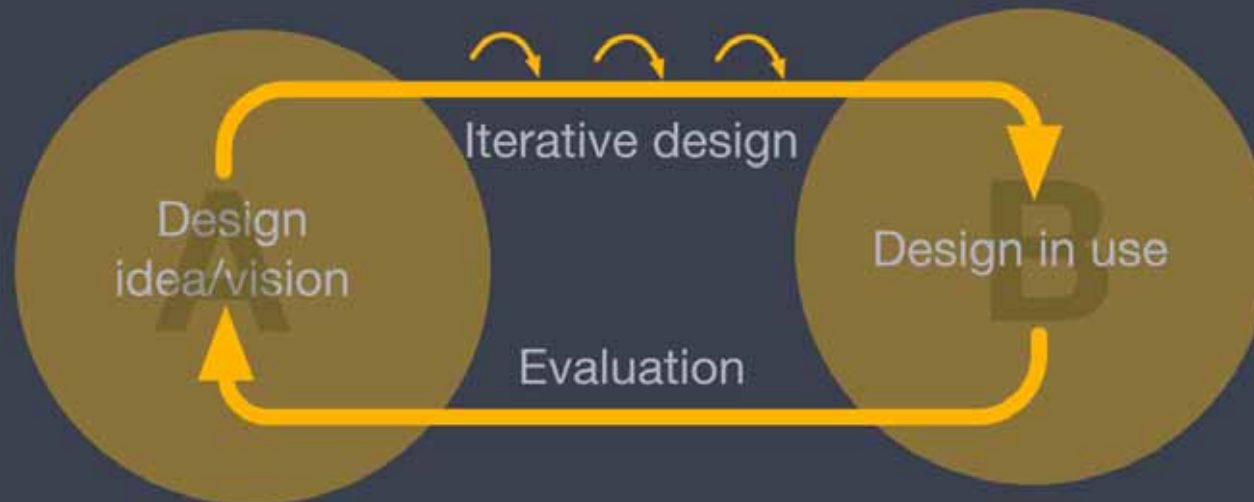
- at Roskilde University

Design as a science where reflections on aesthetics, ethics, values, connections to politics, and strategies for enabling a better future should be recognized as legitimate
(Simonsen et al. 2014)

- ▶ New main subject area initiated in 2008 as new bachelor program
- ▶ Researchers gather and initiate 'grass root' community
- ▶ Designing (constructive), Human (participation), Technologies (ICT, experiences, urban planning, climate adaption, etc.)
- ▶ Design Research, Routledge (2010)
- ▶ Situated Design Methods, MIT Press (2014)
- ▶ 46 researchers reflections on 33 design projects

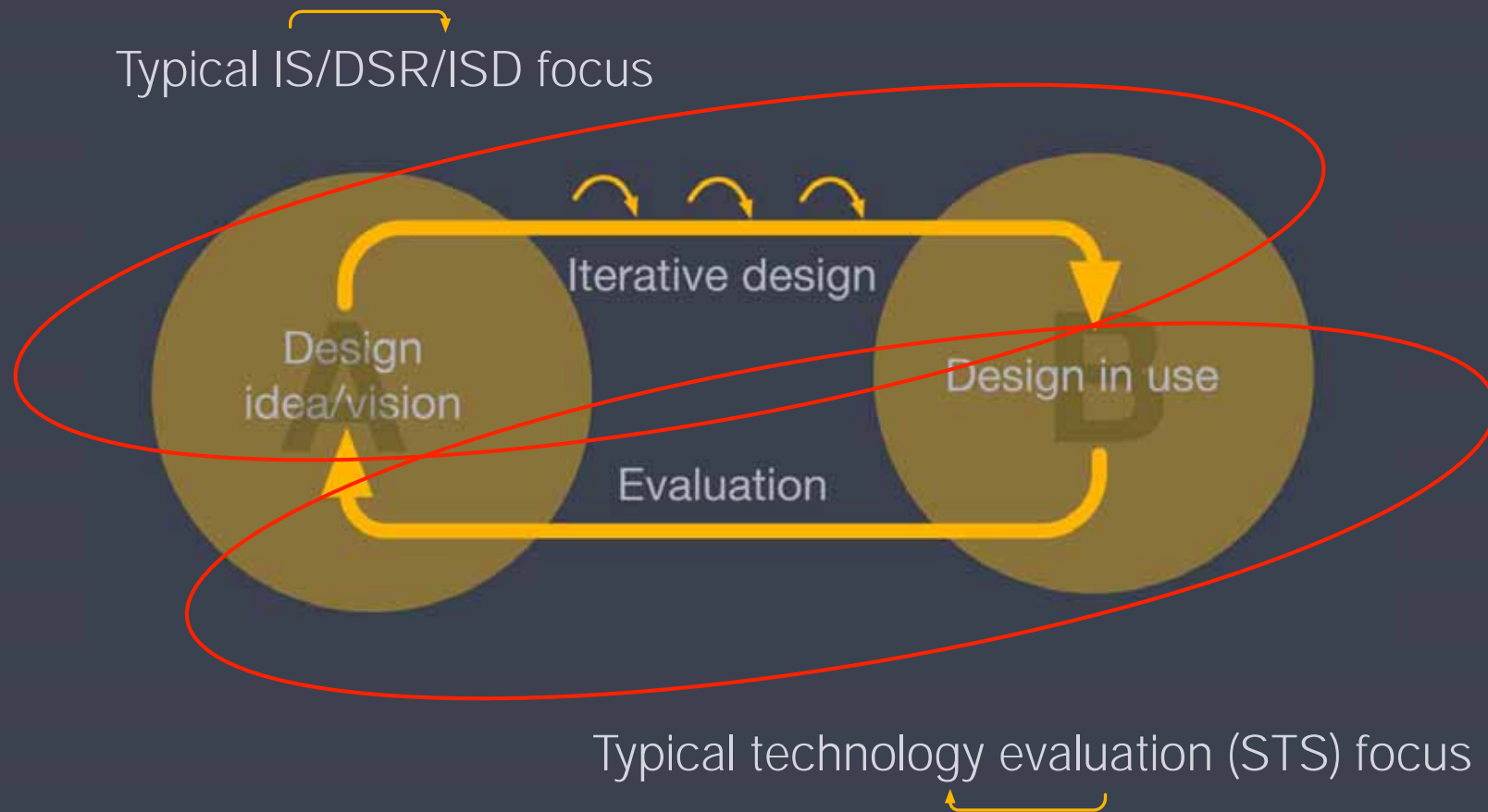


Design as 'emerging' change

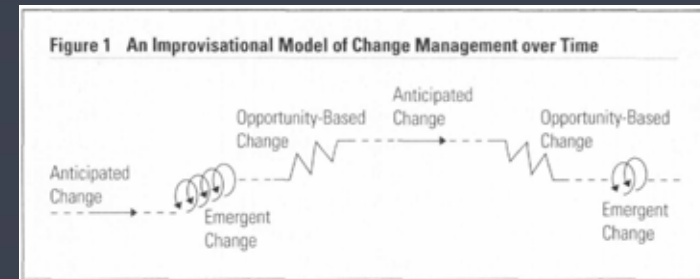
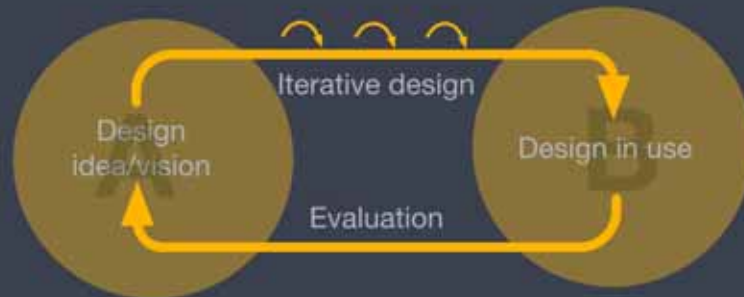


Design Research, Routledge (2010), Figure 14.3, p. 207

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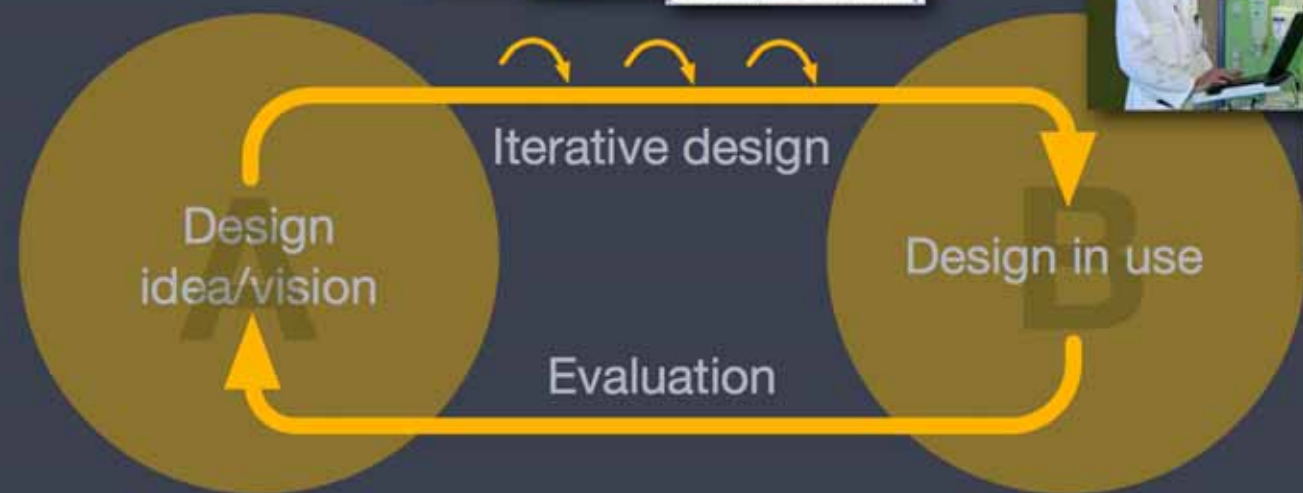


Design as 'emerging' change



Orlikowski and Hofman, 1997

- ▶ Improvisational change management
- ▶ Generic, configurable IS platforms; Industrialized ISD (Bansler and Havn 1994; 1996)
- ▶ Business logic standards (e.g. HL7, SNOMED-CT)
- ▶ Extending the iterative approach, pilot implementations, effects-driven IT development (Simonsen and Hertzum, 2012; Hertzum et al., 2012, Hertzum and Simonsen, 2011)



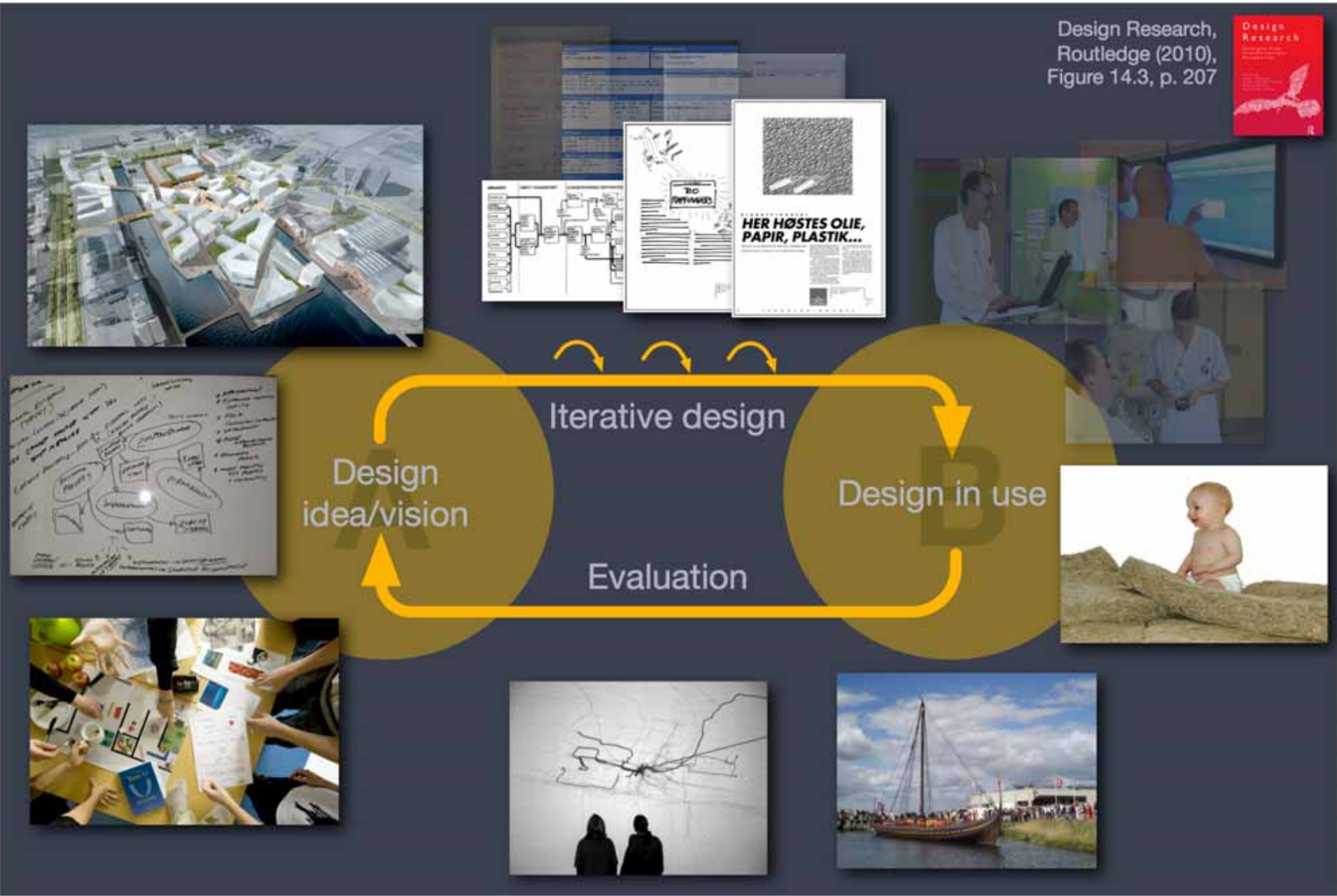
(Simonsen and Hertzum, 2010)

	Change	Evaluation method
Anticipated -realized	Better overview of patients	Mental workload/TLX
	Better coordination	Counting # missing pieces of inf. & messages to pass on
Anticipated -curtailed	Improved NIP recordings	Record audit (paper and EPR)
	Impr. med.-treatment/nursing plans	Rating scale
Emergent	From oral reporting to collective reading of EPR	Observation
	Collective investigation of the EPR	Observation
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**Quantitative
assessment &
documentation**

**Qualitative
identification &
evaluation**



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- ▶ Joint 'project' developing new bachelor program, teaching and supervising students
- ▶ Strategic research initiative funding collaborative projects
- ▶ Presenting and sharing empirical experiences from engaging with or studying design processes
- ▶ Facilitate a systematic empirical approach to theorizing 'Designing Human Technologies'



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Themes from our collective reflections

Change

- ▶ Planned
- ▶ Emergent
- ▶ Opportunity-based
- ▶ Sustainable

Participation

- ▶ Different knowledges
- ▶ Mutual learning
- ▶ Joint goal negotiation
- ▶ Infrastructuring

Situatedness

- ▶ Situated knowledges
- ▶ Situated learning
- ▶ Situated action
- ▶ Situating contexts

Scope

- ▶ Personal
- ▶ Collaborative
- ▶ Organizational
- ▶ Societal



Simonsen, Hertzum, Nielsen, Riis, 2014

Situated Design Methods



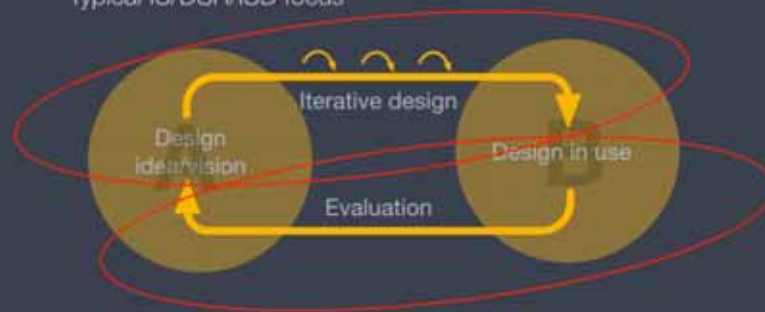
- ▶ Basic reading for interdisciplinary design programs
 - ▶ Requested from our students; acknowledged by reviewers and publisher
- ▶ 18 diverse situated design methods
- ▶ Methods for projects, collaborative processes, aesthetic experiences, and for sustainability
- ▶ Chapter structure: What-why-where-how; empirical case example; summarizing method figure

Example: Collective Analysis of Qualitative Data

(Chapter 6, Simonsen and Friberg)



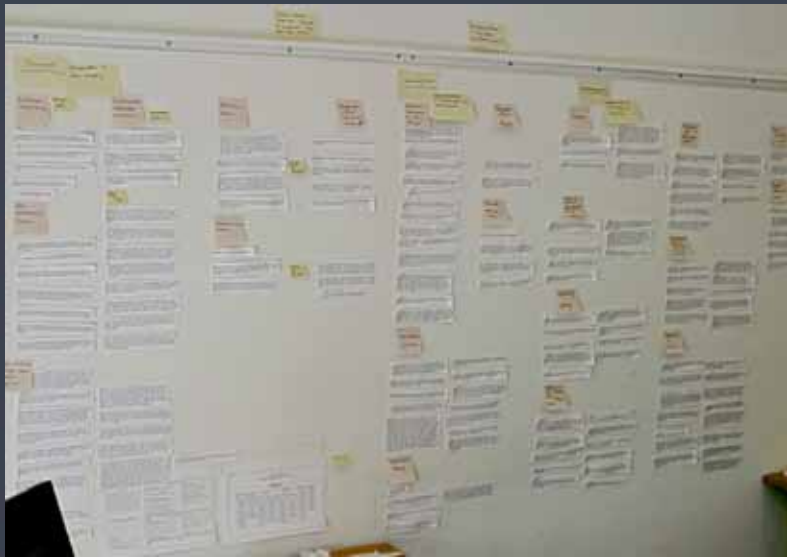
Typical IS/DSR/ISD focus



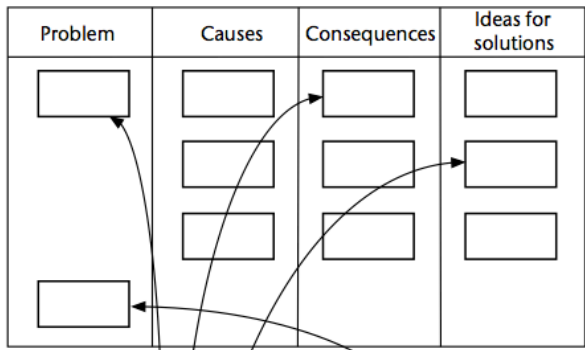
Typical technology evaluation (STS) focus

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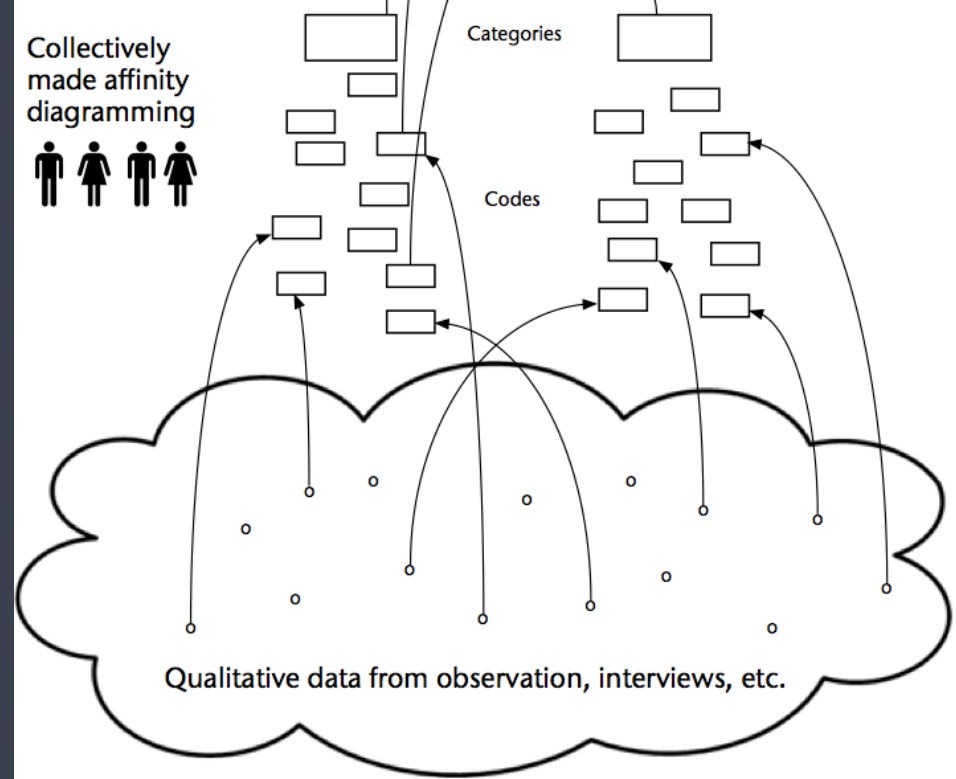
- ▶ Combining affinity diagramming and diagnostic maps
 - ▶ Inductive collective GT analysis of large amounts of qualitative data
 - ▶ Abductive collective process supporting intervention for change
- ▶ Case: Large EMR implementation with unexpected user experiences



Collectively made diagnostic mapping



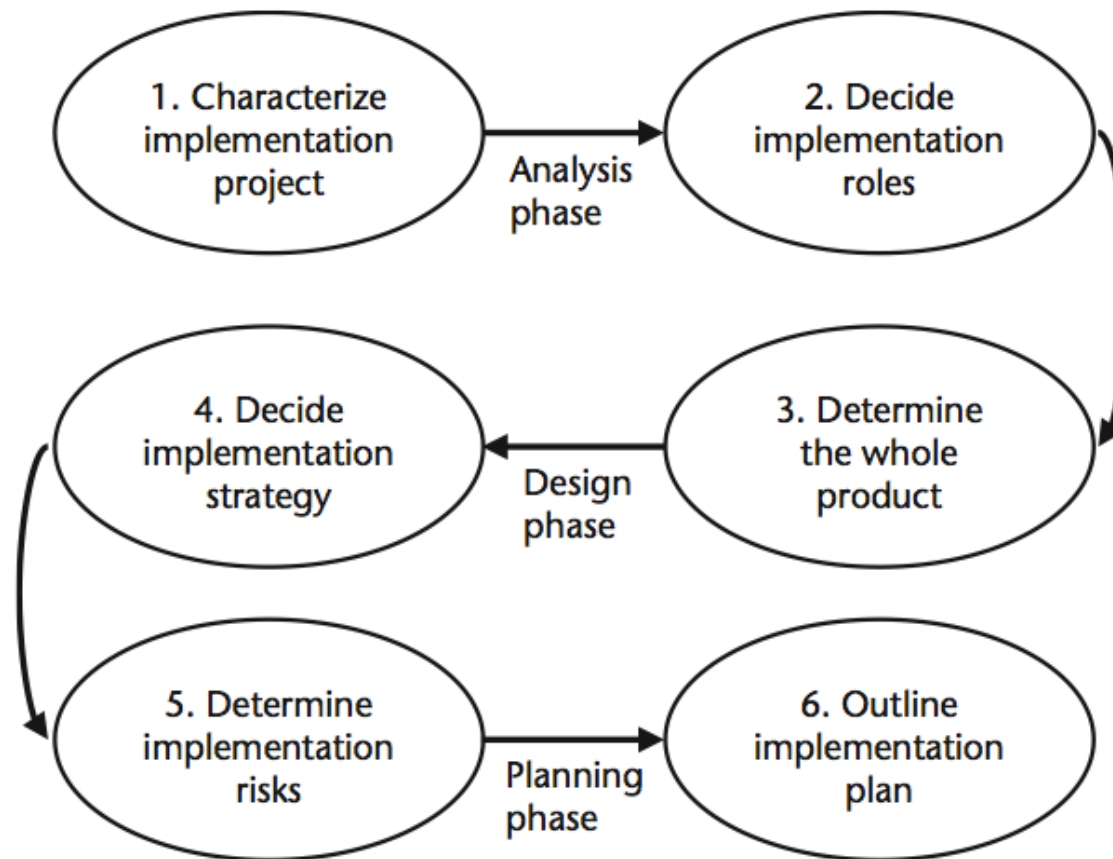
Collectively made affinity diagramming



PROBLEM	CAUSES	CONSEQUENCES	IDEAS FOR SOLUTIONS
ADMINISTRATION STATUS OF MED. IS NOT UPDATED	USER IS NOT FORCED TO DO IT NURSE CANNOT RECORD MEDICATION AFTER UPDATE FORGETFULNESS STRESS	OUTDATED MED. SHOWN AS ACTUAL MED. PATIENT GET NO/WRONG MEDICATION NURSE CANNOT SEE PATIENT'S MEDICATION	REQUIRED/FORCED UPDATE WHEN PT. IS HOSPITALIZED AND DISCHARGED NEW PROCEDURES FOR UPDATING ADM. STATUS MORE EDUCATION AND INFORMATION REMOVAL OF ADM. STATUS FUNCTION FROM EMR

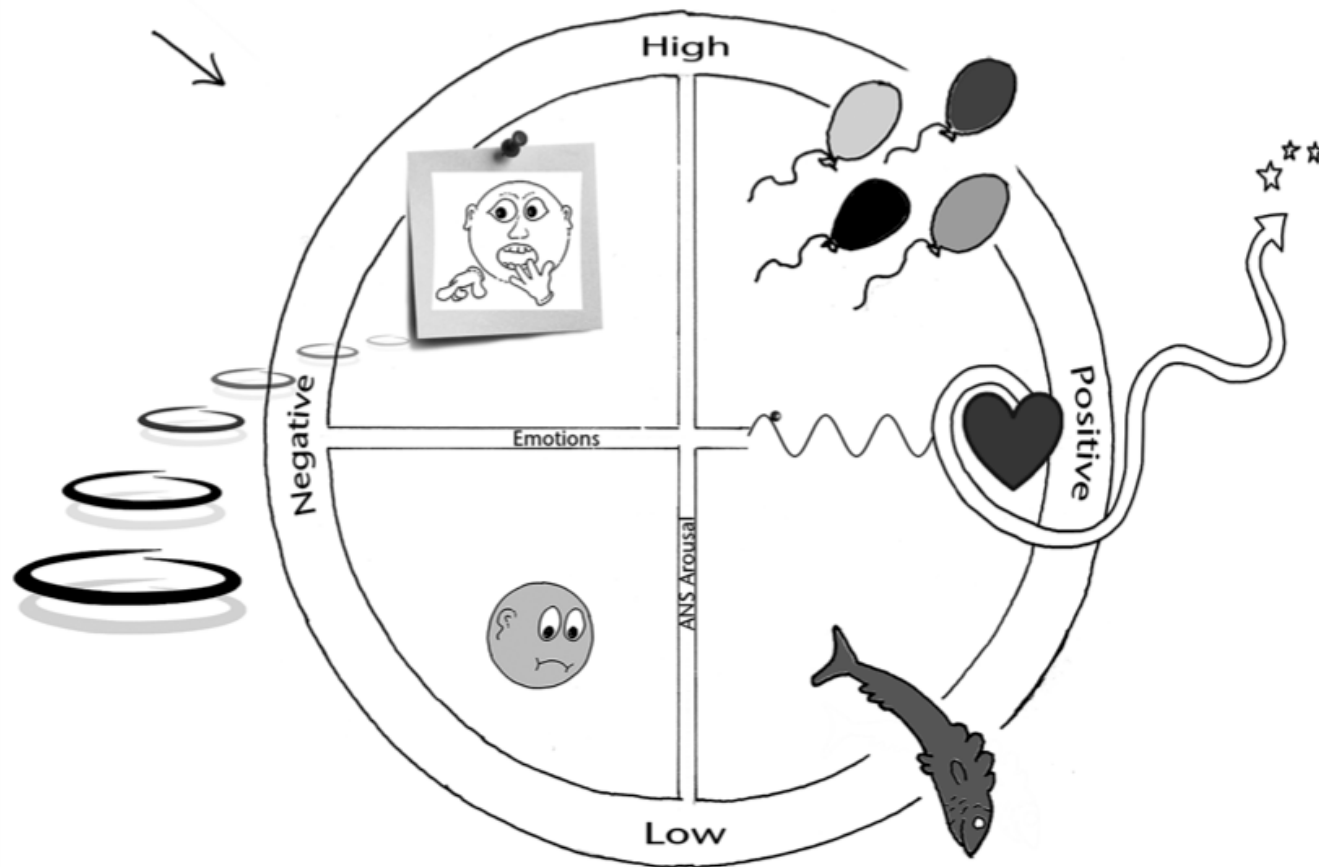
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(Chapter 5, Pries-Heje, Venable, and Baskerville)



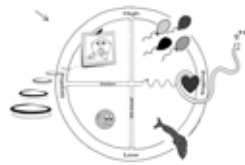
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(Chapter 7, Christrup)



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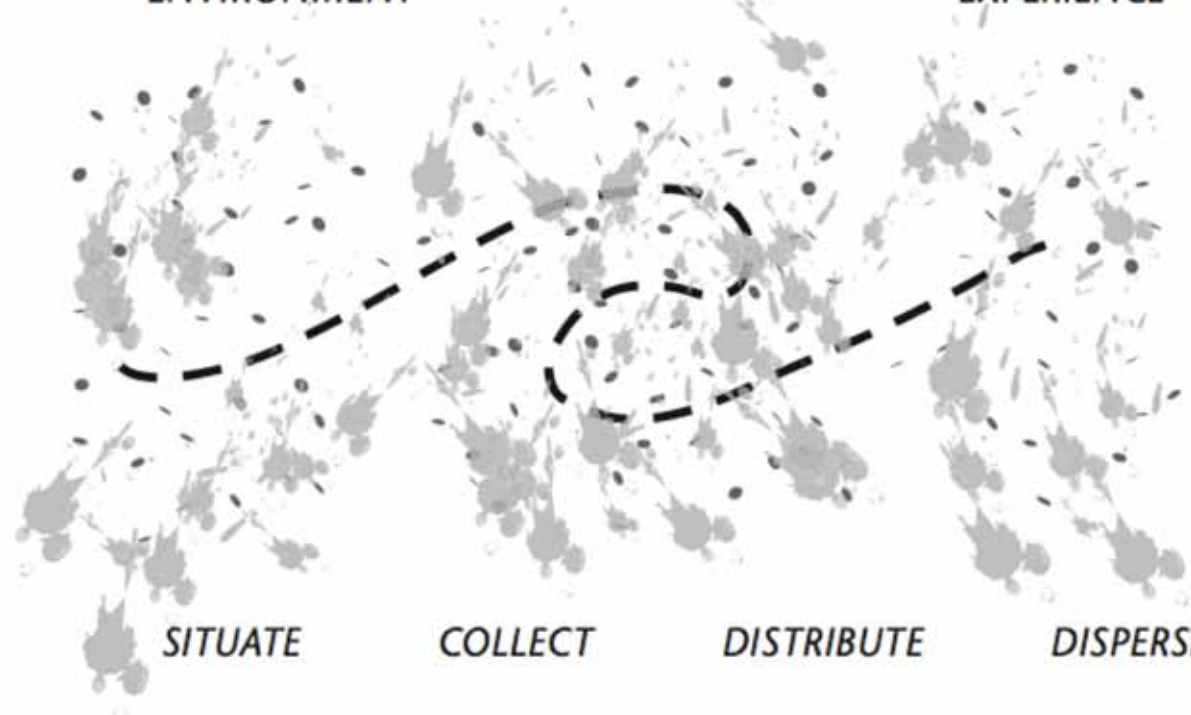
(Chapter 11, Samson)



URBAN
ENVIRONMENT

ASSEMBLING

AESTHETIC
EXPERIENCE



SITUATE

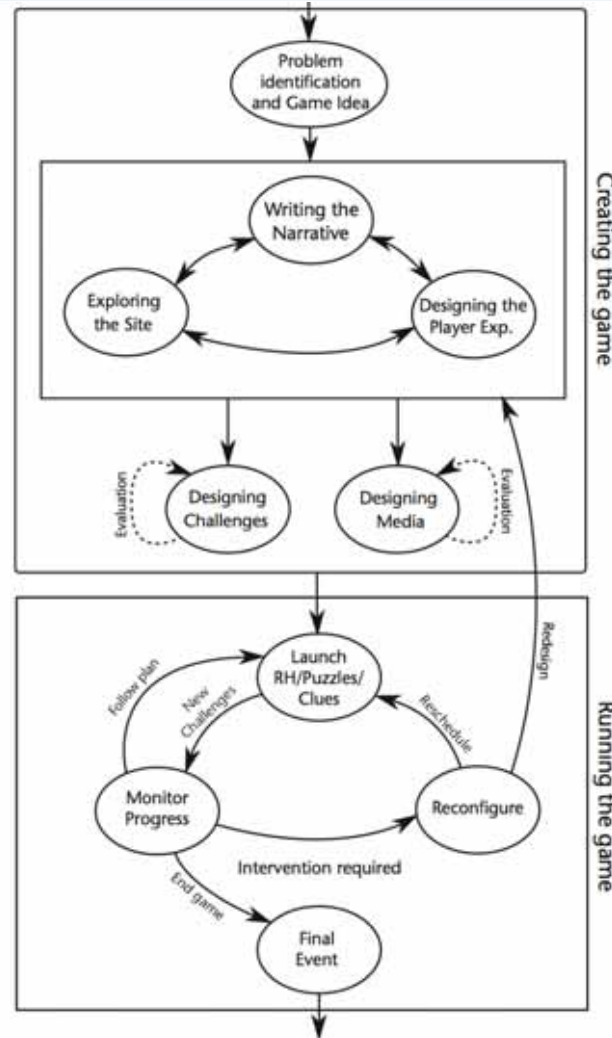
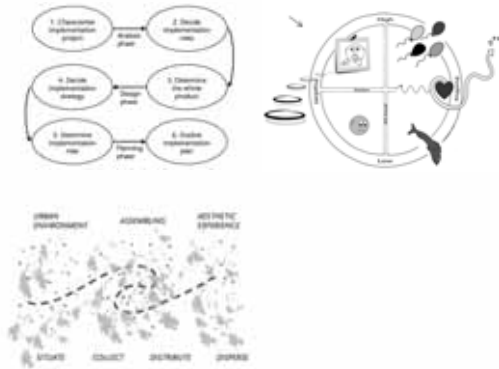
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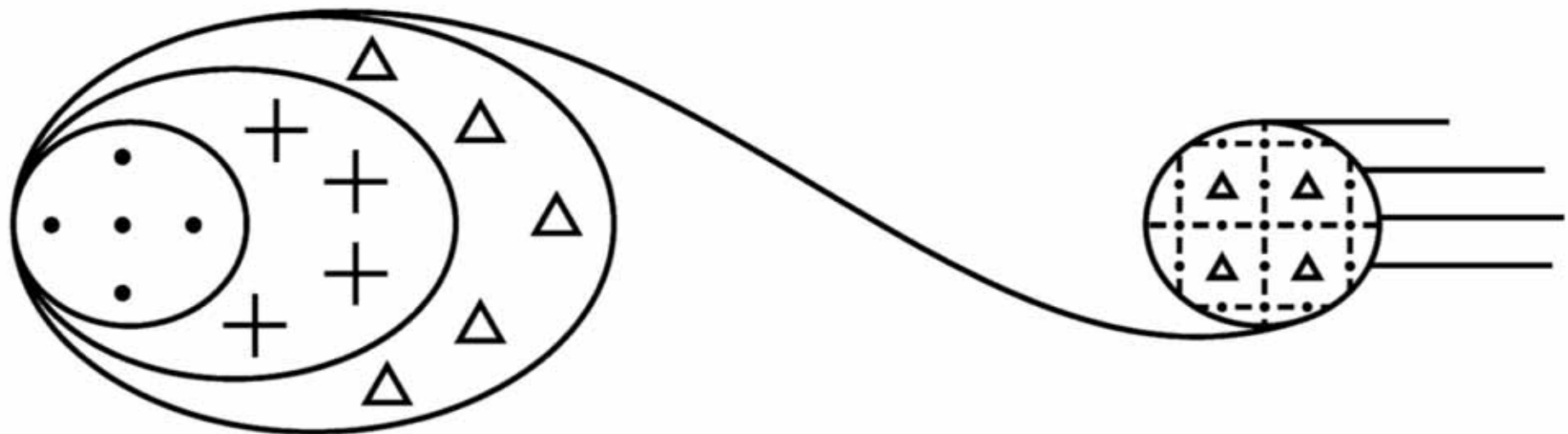
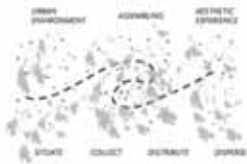
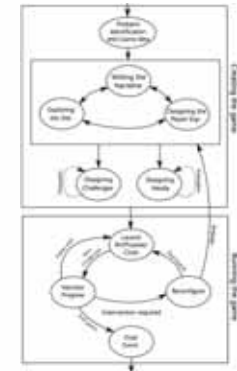
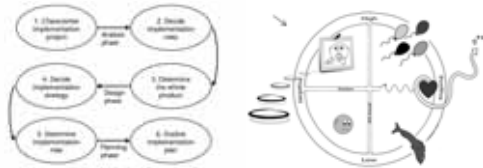
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(Chapter 13, Kristiansen)



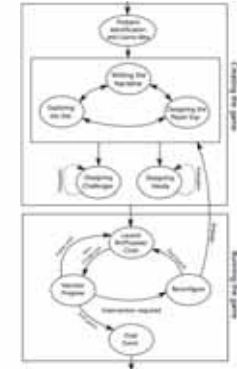
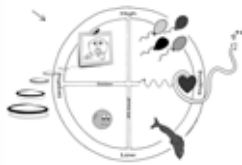
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(Chapter 15, Strandvad)

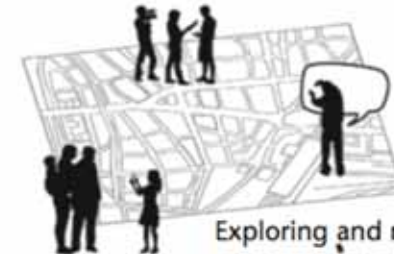


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(Chapter 10, Frandsen and Petersen)



Testing and evaluating



Exploring and mapping



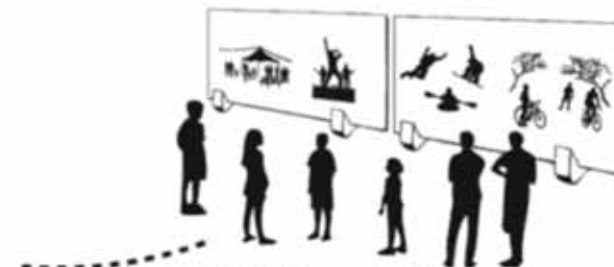
Inaugurating and publicizing



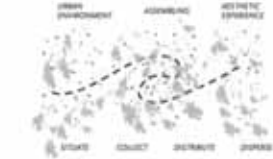
Developing ideas



Prototyping and co-constructing

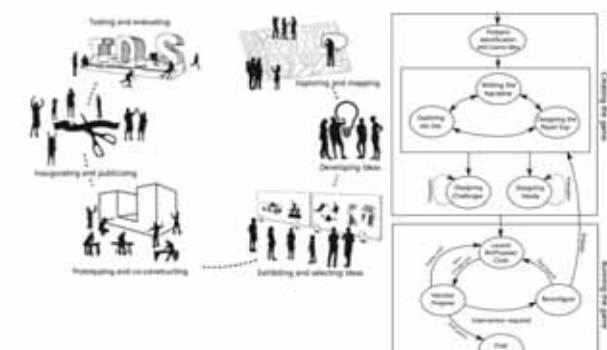
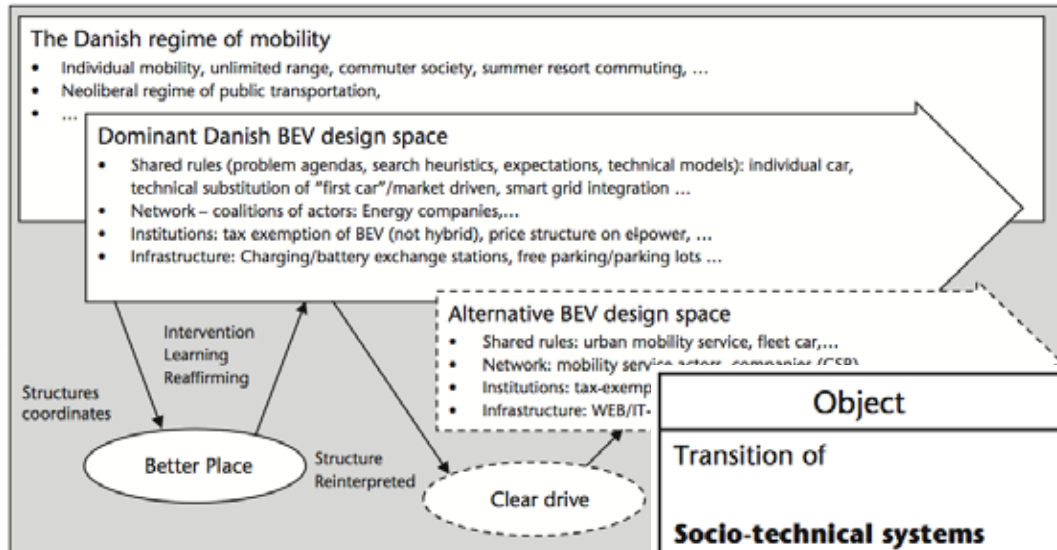


Exhibiting and selecting ideas



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(Chapter 17, Hansen and Søndergård)

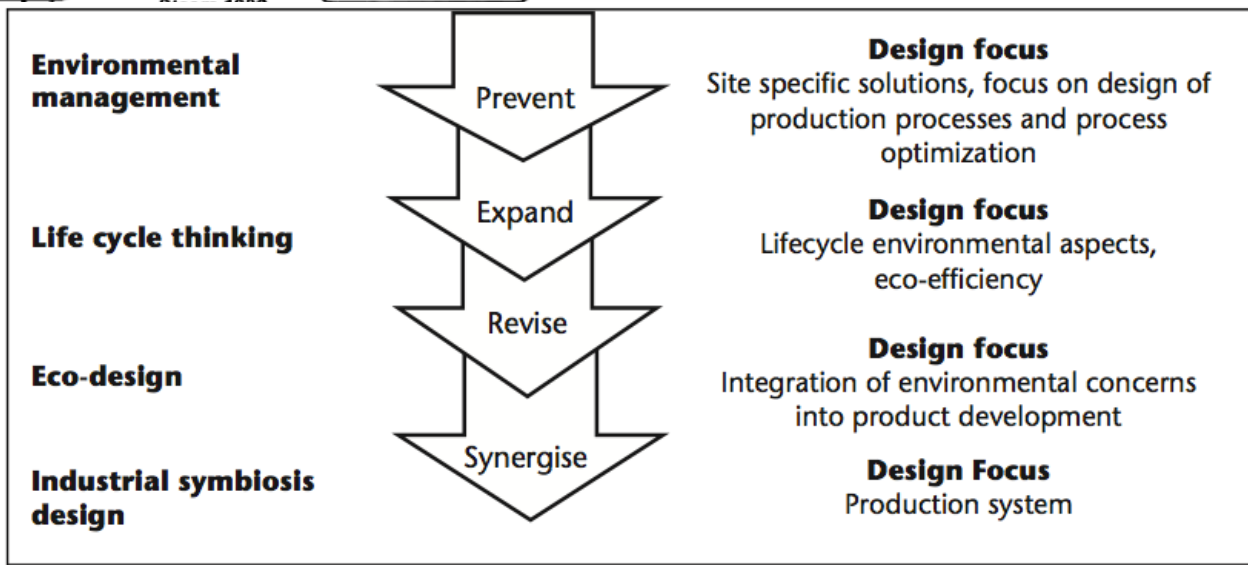
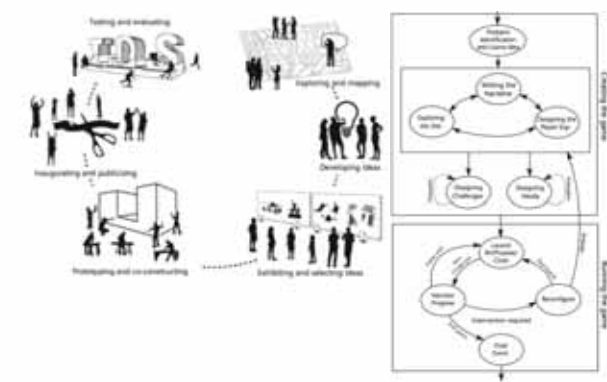
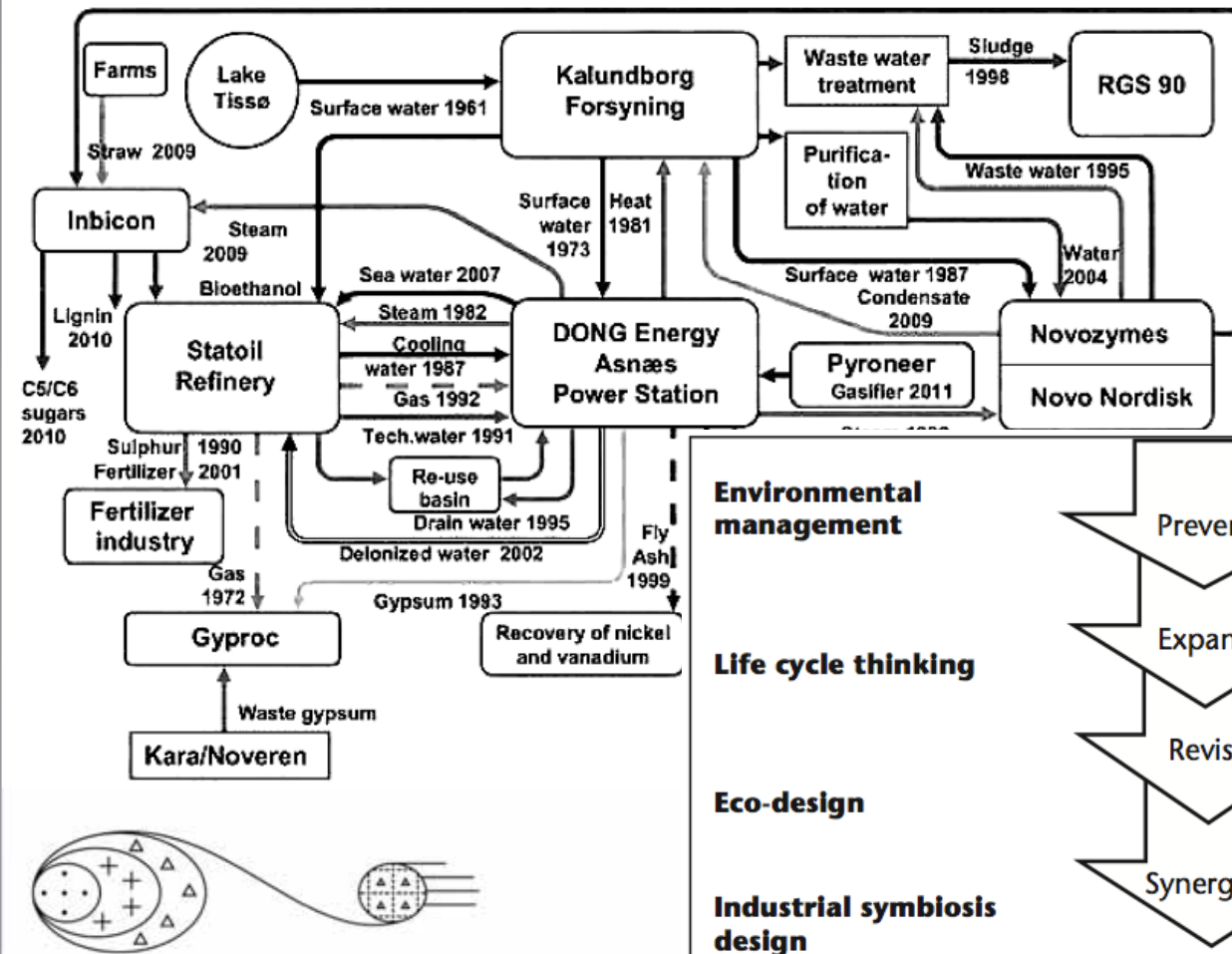


Object	Design practice	Context
<p>Transition of</p> <p>Socio-technical systems Aligned systems of technology, production systems, markets, user practices, policies, infrastructures, and cultural meaning</p> <p>Social practices Specific configurations of "material artefacts, conventions, and competences"</p> <p>⇒</p> <p>Reconfigured socio-technical systems and social practices</p>	<p>Normative/intentional design</p> <p>Designing for sustainability</p> <p>⇒</p> <p>Reflexive design, meta design</p>	<p>Enacted within and changing</p> <p>Regimes Dominant practices, norms, and shared assumption structuring the conduct of actors</p> <p>Design spaces Specific (situated) configurations of agendas/visions, institutions, actors, and technologies</p> <p>⇒</p> <p>Alternative design spaces</p>



Situated Design Methods

(Chapter 18, Christensen, Kjær, and Lybæk)



Summary

- ▶ Introduce the theme 'Designing Human Technologies'
- ▶ Design as main subject area at the university
- ▶ How we approach this at Roskilde University
- ▶ Present some main collective and shared empirical experiences
- when engaging with or studying design processes
- ▶ Inspire your IS "horizon" and the discussions at IRIS 37/SCIS 5

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