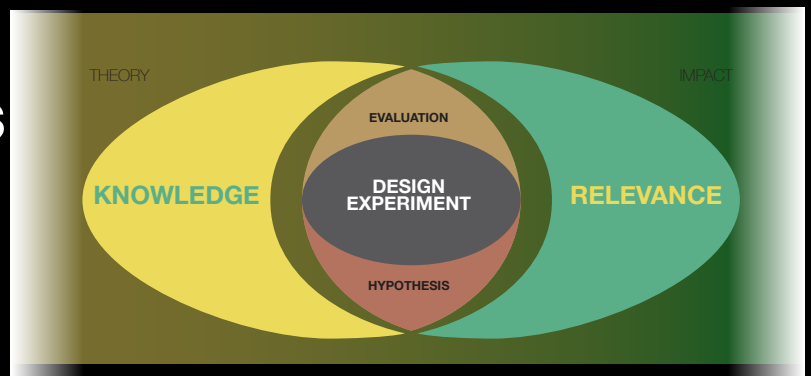


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# Three take aways



Epistemic tradition	METHODIC	PROGRAMATIC	DIALECTIC	PRACTICE	
Contribution ideal	Predictability	Frameworks	Mutual learning	Imagination	
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## From Drag'n Drop through Twist'n Shout to Insights and dialogue



## Ilpo...

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- Design research in 3-4 areas (plus research outside design)

# Who is here?

# Constructive design research

When you design with the objective of building knowledge



# Design - The subject of study?

## The shift to knowledge

- Exemplars - Particulars - The designer
- Theory - Generalisability - Beyond disciplines

**Tools**  
Physical objects and systems of symbols (like language, mathematics) that people use to accomplish the activity

**Subject**  
Person or people engaged in activity who are the focus of a study on activity. The point of view used to focus on the activity.

**Object**  
Immediate goals of activity

**Rules**  
Laws, codes, conventions, customs, and agreements that people adhere to while engaging in the activity

**Community**  
People and groups whose knowledge, interests, stakes, and goals shape the activity

**Division of Labor**  
How the work in the activity is divided among participants in the activity

**Motives**  
Purposes, reasons for the activity

**Outcome**  
Long-term goals of activity

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# Ill-behaved problem solvers

- Counter brief
- To what **question** is this **project** an **answer**?

# Artefacts, experiments and theory in an erratic discipline

- The design world is filled with stuff and realities that doesn't add up to a coherent theory - so why at all talk about research?
- Theory always underspecifies design (Gaver)



## A nexus of theories (Carroll and Kellogg)

## Frayling - an earlier framing

- Research-into-design
- Research-for-design
- Research-through-design

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- **Research-through-design**

# Zimmerman Forlizzi 2007

- (i) a philosophical approach, where researchers wish to “investigate a previously articulated theory through a process of making” (e.g. ‘ludic interaction’, ‘rich interaction’, ‘aesthetics of interaction’, etc.);
- (ii) a grounded approach, where researchers focus “on real-world problems by making things that force a concrete framing of the problem”



# What is less often noted is that:

- *Our argument [...], hope to show how taking HCI artifacts more seriously can reconcile theory-based design and hermeneutics by enriching the vision of the former and disciplining that of the latter. (Carroll and Kellogg 1989)*
- Is strangely/uncomfortably in line with:
- *This focus on the future [red: what design makes imaginable] and the focus on concretely defining a preferred state allows researchers to become more active and intentional constructors of the world they desire. (Zimmerman et al 2010)*
- Pursuing the aim of formalising Research through Design

# Designer Fallacy

- Don Ihde:
  - Designers think they are like any other people...
  - well, - they are not!
- Concepts of appropriation, and culture tells another story
- There is probably also a design researchers fallacy...

# The bottom of the dispute

- What is science? What is knowledge?
- And:
- Is scientific knowledge the only relevant in design?
- Is there a single epistemology?, or more? Or even a generic in the making? (Schmid & Hautchel 2014)

# Accountability

# Bill Gaver:

- Epistemological accountable (the scientist)
- Aesthetic accountable (the designer)

# To whom are you accountable?

- The auteur - the designer herself?
- Which design discipline -
  - graphics and fashion have their ideals,
  - products others,
  - while service design and interaction design yet further others...
- Which community of science/ research
- Art?
- Specification of fire and use safety, marketability, efficiency of production, packaging...

# Practice-based design research Koskinen et al (2011)



Lab



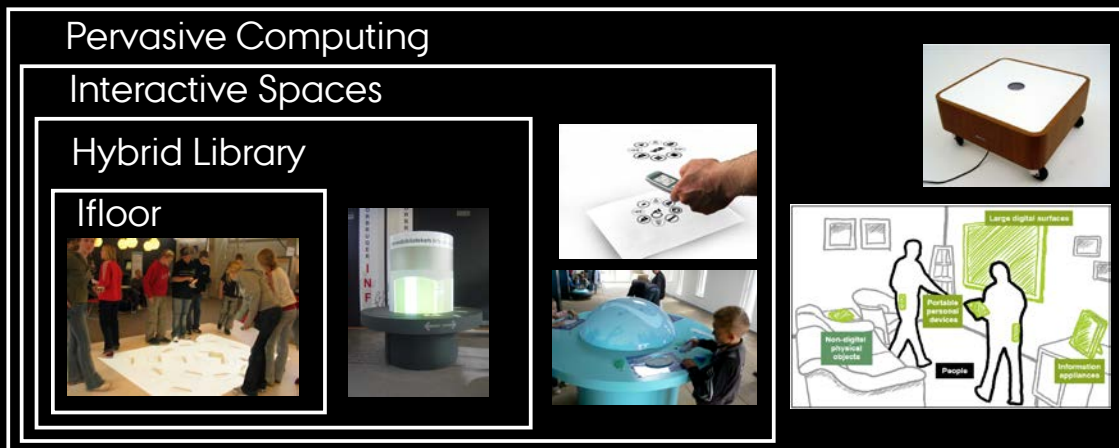
Showroom



Field

# Johan Redström: Making Design Theory (2017)

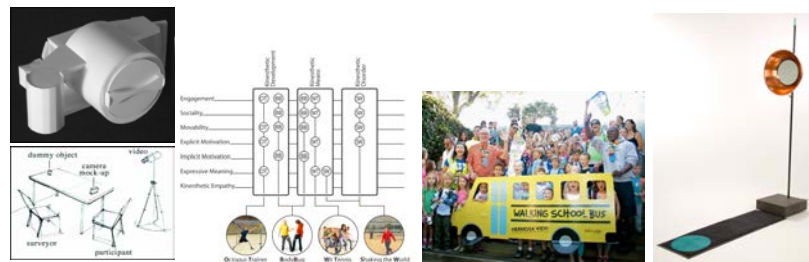
- 4 P's: Product, project, program, paradigm



# Drifting by intention

## 4 Epistemic traditions

# Constructive design research



Epistemic tradition

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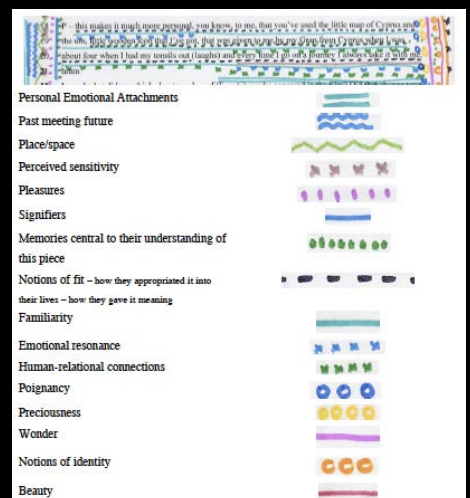
# Experience-based Practice

- Theory underspecifies design (Bill Gaver)
- Drifting is central element of the design process and needs no justification
- The artefacts are hypotheses in themselves:
  - The produced objects elicits experiences along the line of thinking of the designer?
  - The project is considered a succes if the hypothesis is confirmed

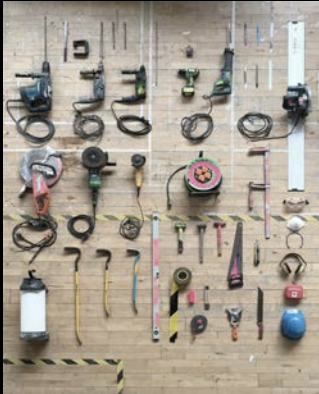
# Jayne Wallace 2007



**Emotionally Charged:**  
*A Practice-Centred Enquiry of Digital Jewellery and Personal Emotional Significance*



# Mo Michelsen Stochholm Krag (2017)



**Transformation on  
Abandonment:  
A New Critical Practice?**



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## Experiential practice and hypothesising

- Products are hypotheses
- They are qualified through comparison
- Annotated portfolios



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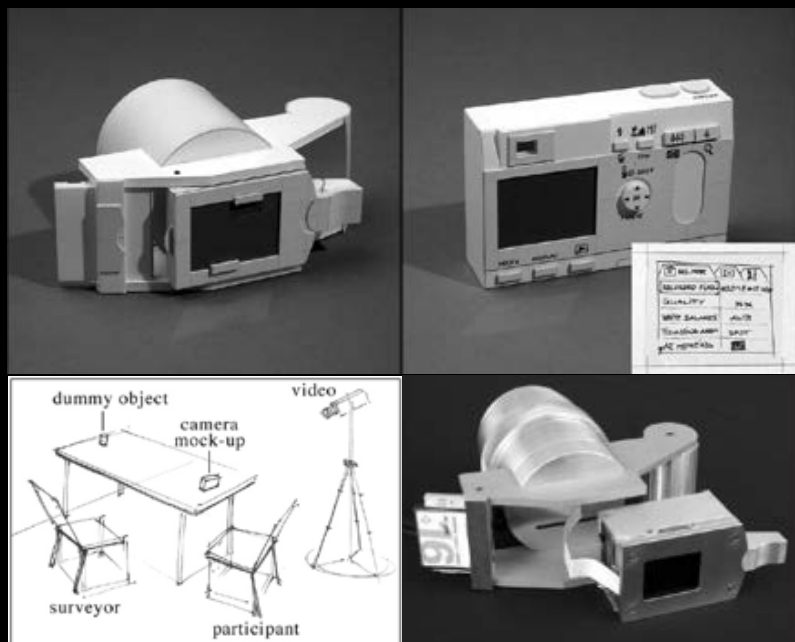
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# Methodic

- Ensure collaboration through compliance
- Methodologies, procedures and process tools steward the design work
- Strive for verifiability
- Identify measures
- Any drift needs to be justified by reason
- In its extreme any personal assessment should be ruled out

# Joep Frens (2006)

***Designing for Rich  
Interaction:  
Integrating Form,  
Interaction, and Function.***





# Methodic tradition and hypothesising

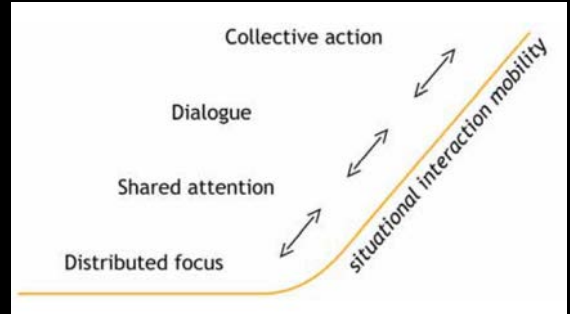
- Concepts from literature form the basis for something to be tested by design
- Theoretical work creates a structure of meaning
- This is as close constructive design research goes to become a science...

# Programatic

- Frameworks and theories as outlets and evaluative criteria of research
- Pervasive in HCI and geographically in Scandinavia and the USA
- Drifting happens in the design work - but most importantly it happens when conceptualising the work, and debating pros and cons
- Knowledge is build on research predecessors and may drift depending under which theoretical perspective work is viewed - this may be viewed as an ambiguity that thus needs to be declared

# Martin Ludvigsen

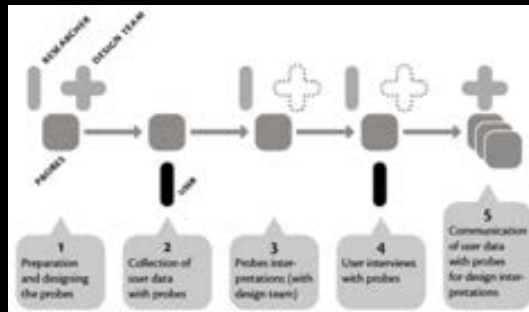
(2006)



## Designing for Social Interaction

# Tuuli Mattelmäki

(2006)



## Design Probes

# Programmatic tradition and hypothesising

- Artefacts are understood with regard to the research program they are a part of
  - both literature tested by design
  - and design being understood by frameworks
- It is dependent on its community - and the community defines itself on examples and the framework that document them

# Dialectic

- A key driver is mutual learning between prospective users, stakeholders and designers
- The objective of the design process may not be the what is designed, that the process facilitated change
- Drifting and progress is based on the involvement of people
- User-centred and participatory design are different approaches

# Christian Dindler

(2010)



*Fictional Space in Participatory Design of Engaging Interactive Environments.*

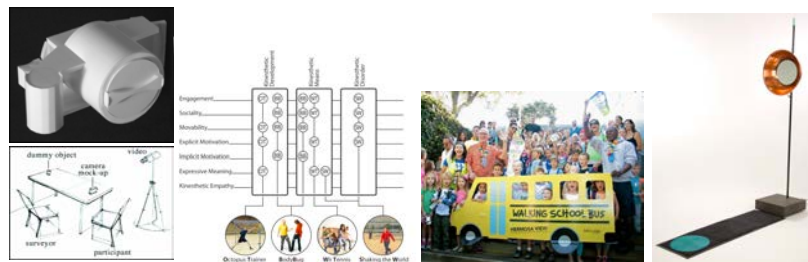
## Dialectic Tradition and Hypothesising

- the result of a dialogue between multiple agents
- Mutual learning - collective hypothesising
- The hypothesis has a life on its own...
- ...dialectically pointing to a potential future
- Participatory, adversarial, user-centred

# Knowledge - accountability

- Epistemology - the way we know things, and checking if we can trust our senses...
- We claim that the way in which knowledge and practice work depends crucially on how we understand knowledge.
- Knowledge for us is more than scientific knowledge; it is also practical.
- To put it on standard philosophical terms, when design becomes research, i.e. leaves the context of discovery and has to play the game of "context of justification"
- Knowledge takes many forms - and scientific is not the only of value here
- It is at least Janus-headed

## 4 epistemologies



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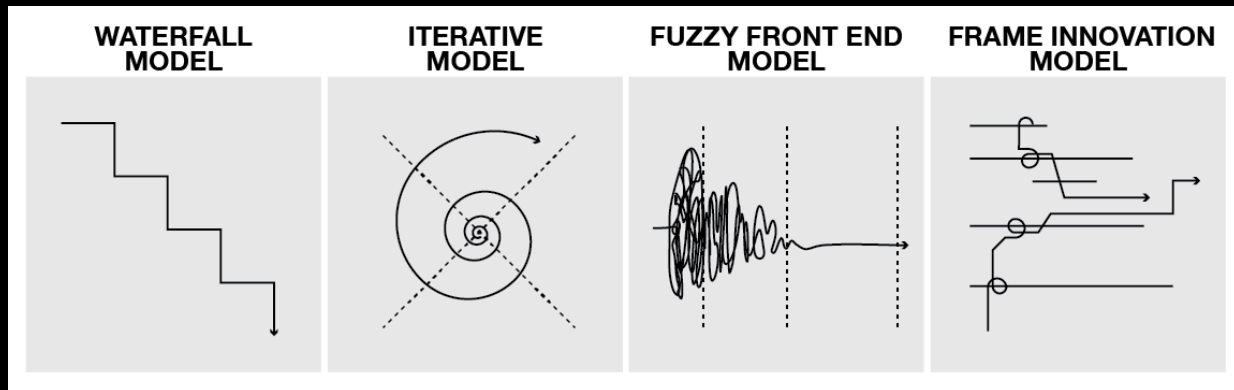
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### Experimentation part 1

# Constructive design research

## Pursuing knowledge and relevance

# Models of Design progression and status of solution

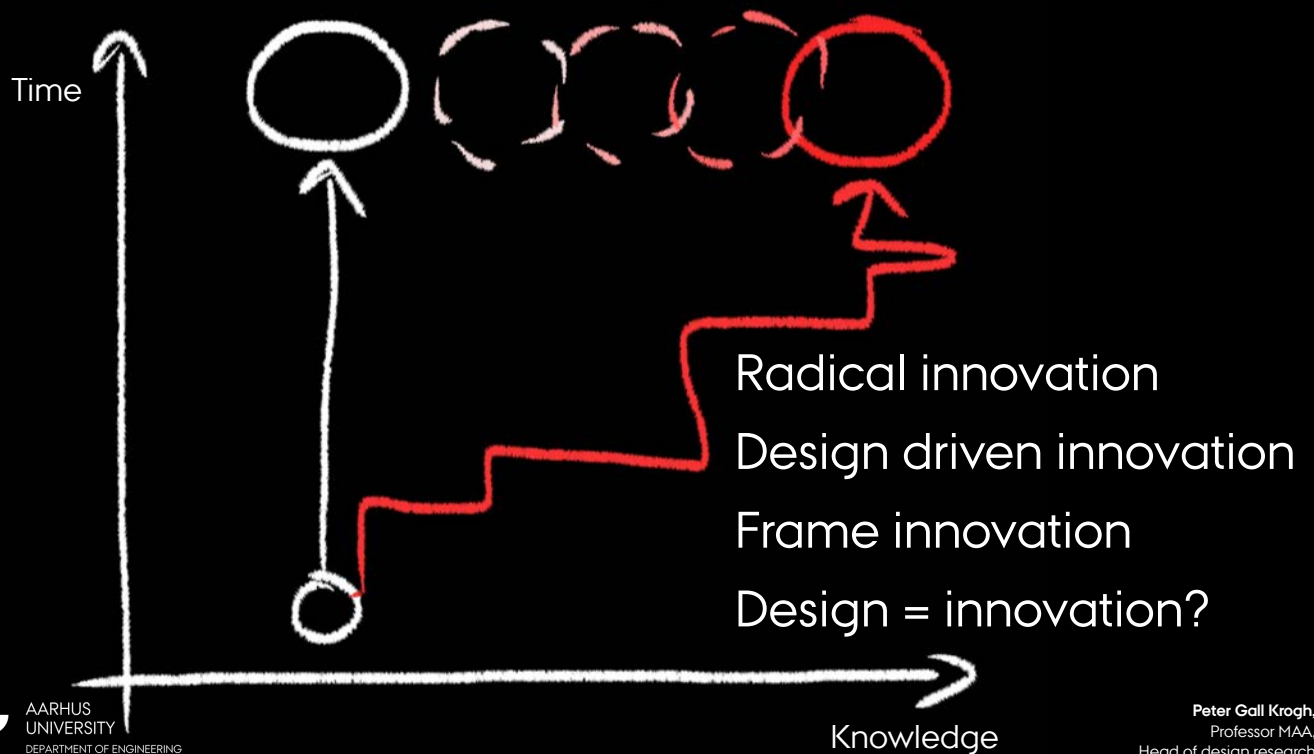


## A note on experiment

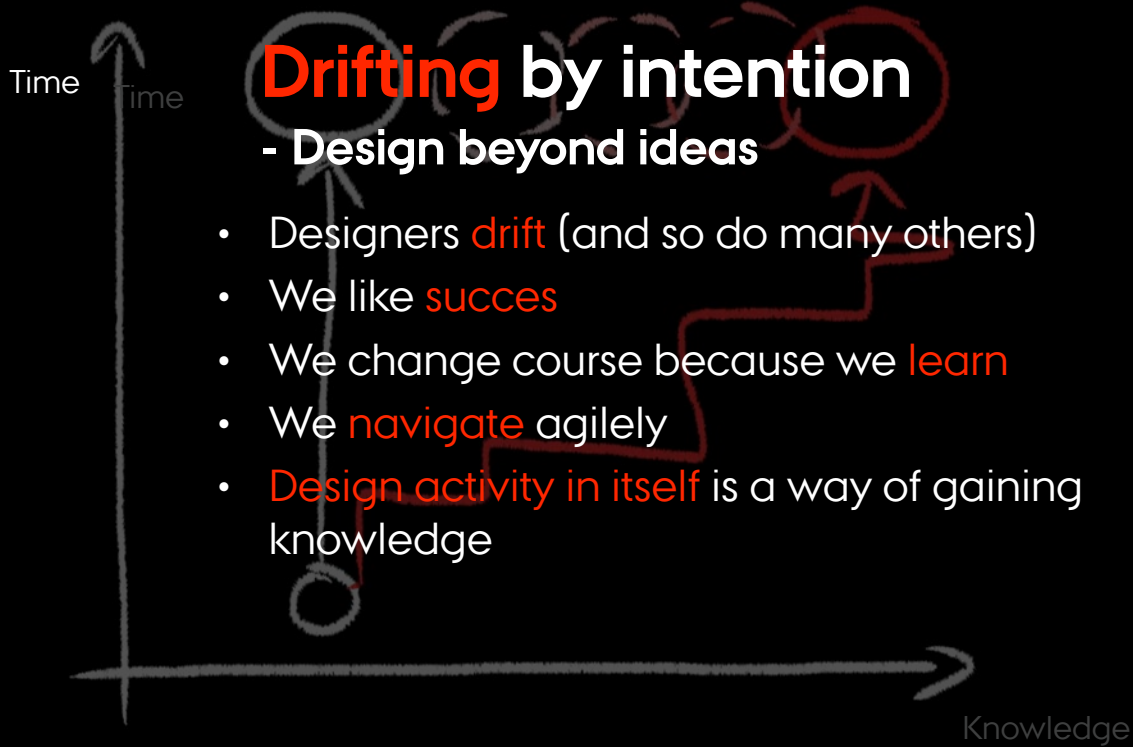
- In science experiment concerns testing a hypothesis
- In design and art experiment concerns exploration

## Experiments change characteristics over the course of a project

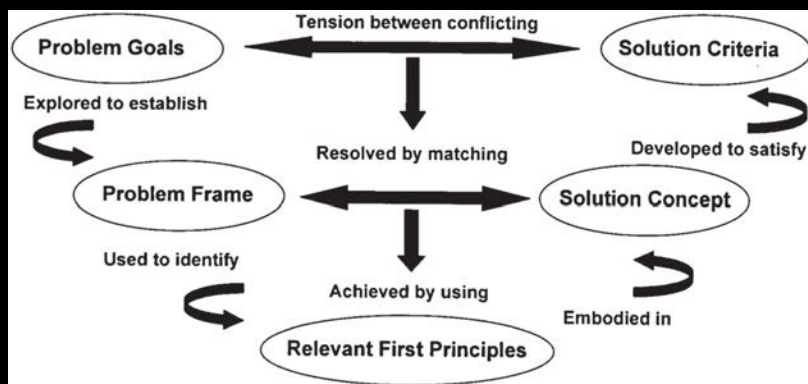
- Experiments change characteristics as they are conducted at different times during a constructive design research process.







# Knowledge and the design process



Nigel Cross 2002

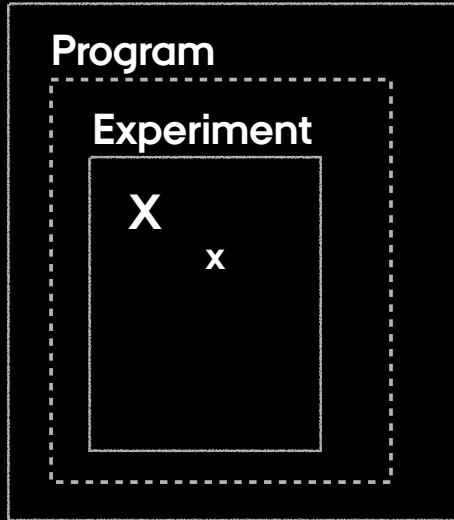


Jan Pieter van Stappers 2006

## Question

### Program

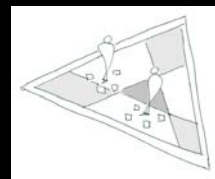
- “Provisional Knowledge Regime”
- Indicated, experientially and academically substantiated

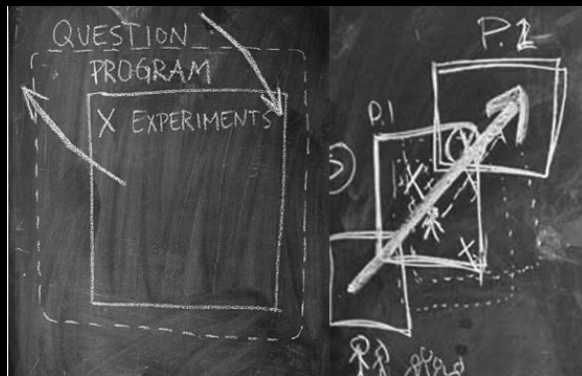


Binder and Redström 2006

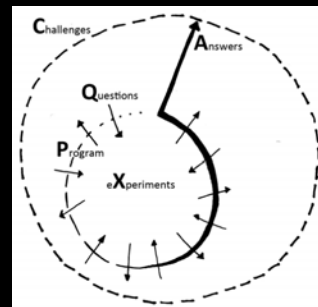
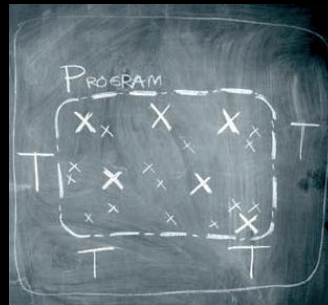
# Ideas on and roles of experiments

Donald Schön (1984)	Binder and Redström (2006)	Bang and Eriksen (2014)
Exploratory experiments	Beginnings	Initiating Driving Framing
Move testing experiments	Perform	Drift Reframing Maturing Stabilising
Hypothesis-testing experiments	Intersections	Closure Finalizing





- (x) Experiments
- (X) exemplars



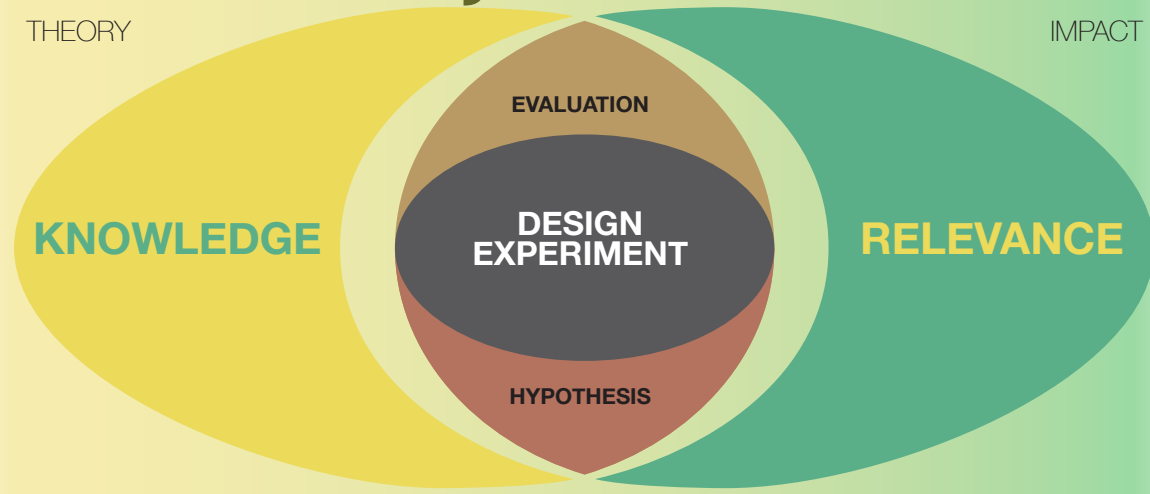
# Knowledge and relevance

- When experimenting in design research we serve two concerns:
- **Knowledge** production
- Pursuing **relevance**

# The Knowledge/Relevance model

THEORY

IMPACT



## Interactive Interior and Proxemics Thresholds:

Empowering Participants in Sensitive Conversations for Value-Driven Healthcare



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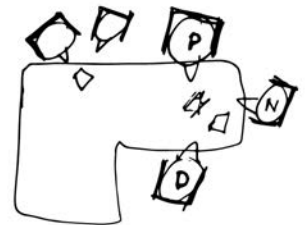
Post-

How may we understand  
the relations between



# A balanced user-centred and PD process

- 19 observations of existing consultations
- 4 Workshops each with
  - healthcare personel
  - former patients
  - relatives
- Provotypes



**Proxemics**  
**Post-structural notions**  
 THEORY  
**of power**

**KNOWLEDGE**

Interactive technologies and the spatial enactment of social relations

**How may we understand the relations between socio-spatial configurations and power?**  
 How may we enable the patient better options for power?



physical tokens and peoples positions will help structuring consultation and balanced exercise of power

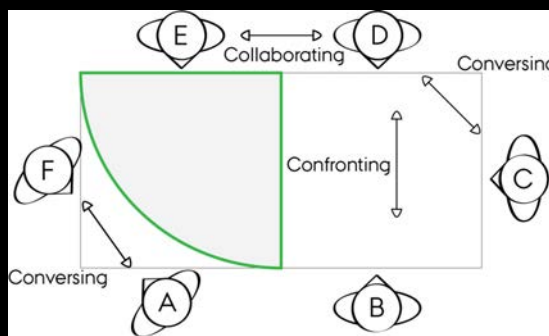
Shared structuring  
 Review conversation

IMPACT

**ADVANCE**

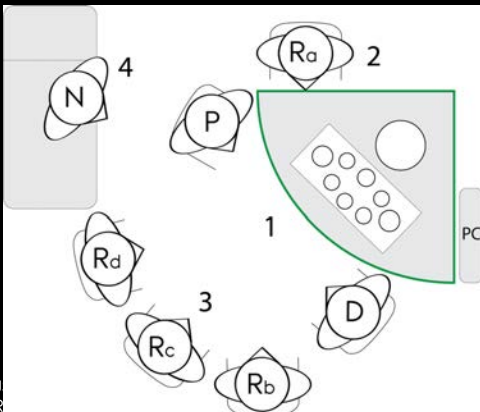
Patient consent  
 Increase outcome of consultations

In conversation



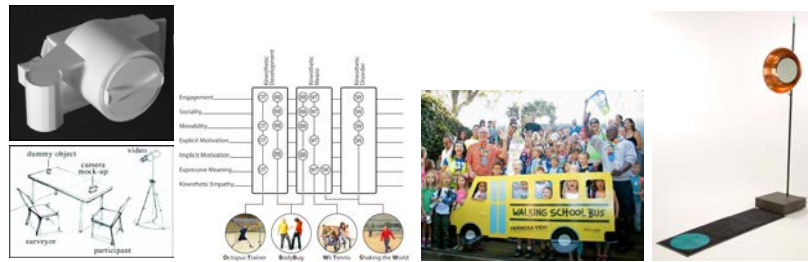
B. Lawson:  
 Language of Space

Patient,  
 Doctor,  
 Nurse and  
 relatives  
 Concerted



Activating the  
 microphone,  
 Agenda  
 setting  
 tokens,  
 bookmarking  
 audio file

# Ways of Drifting



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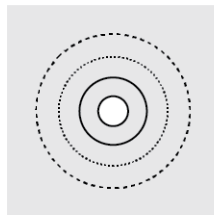
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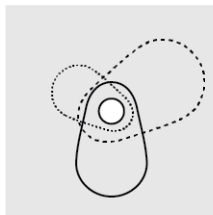
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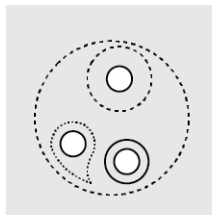
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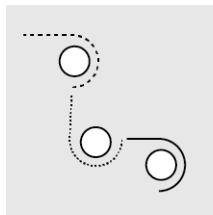
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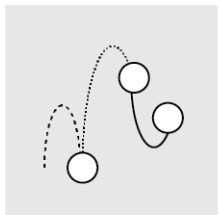
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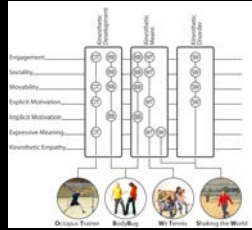
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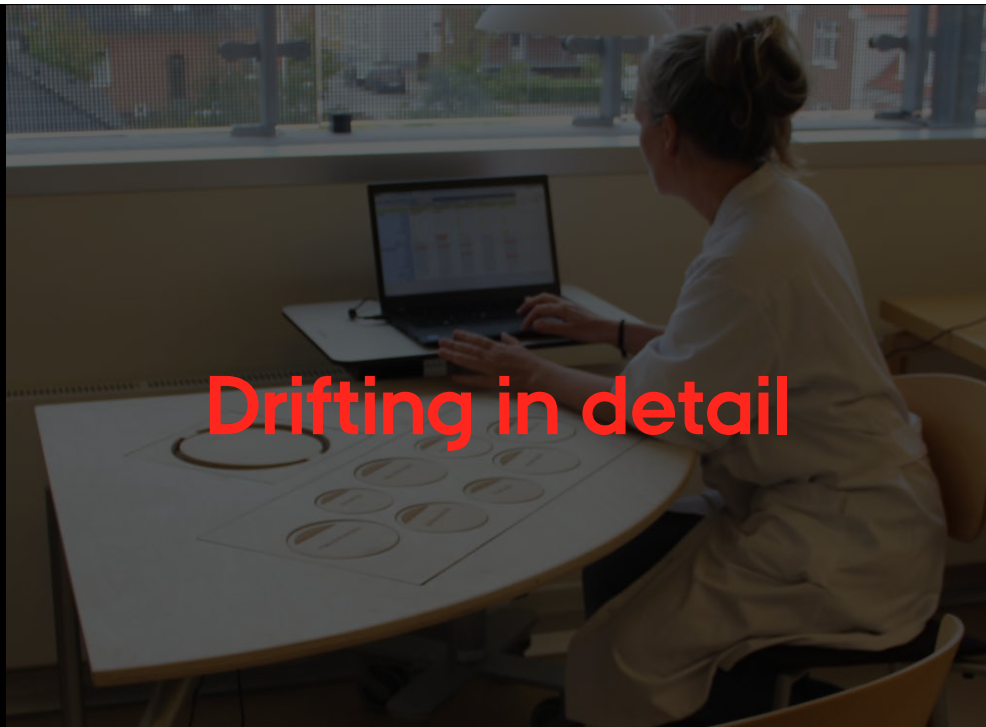
PROBING



ACCUMULATIVE	COMPARATIVE	EXPANSIVE	SERIAL	PROBING
Keyword <b>Depth, stacking</b>	Keyword <b>Acknowledging complexity</b>	Keyword <b>Broadening, extending</b>	Keyword <b>Systematising local knowledge</b>	Keyword <b>Illogical, artistic, impact oriented</b>
Author <b>Frens</b>	Author <b>Ross, Fogtmann, Wu</b>	Author <b>Dindler, Trotto</b>	Author <b>Lynggaard, Bang</b>	Author <b>Busch, Worbin</b>

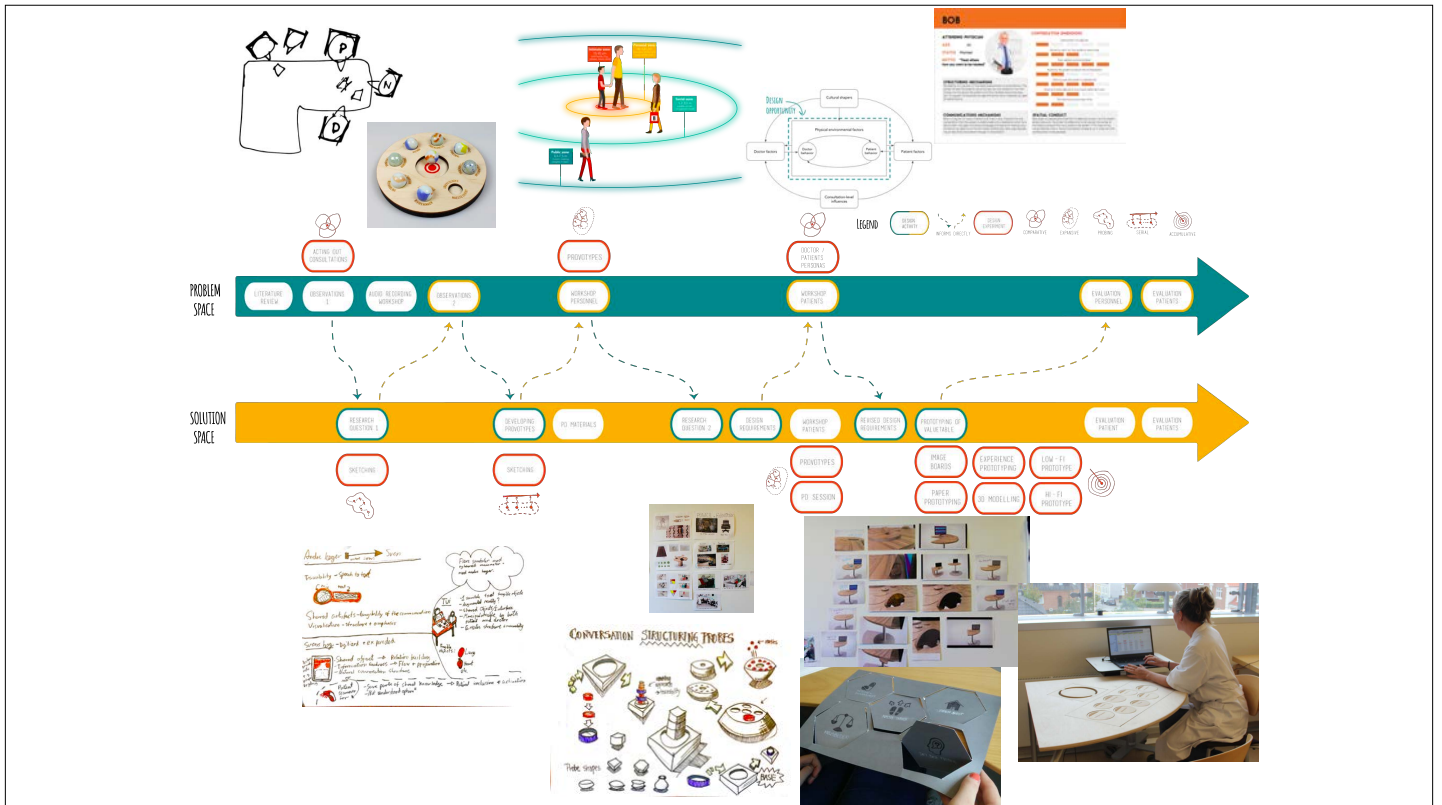


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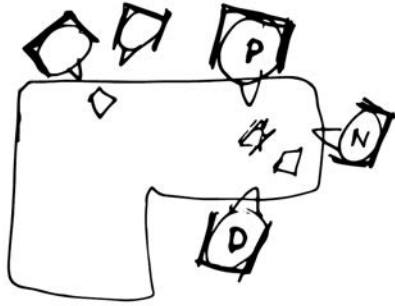
**Drifting in detail**





# Drifting - reflected in research question

- How may we by means of **IT** support the **doctor in conducting** the consultation?
- to
- How can interactive interior, comprised of “intelligent” surfaces and objects, facilitate a **balanced relationship** between **doctor** and **patient**?



André Lager → Sven

Trainability - Speech to text



Shared artifacts - tangibility of the communication  
Visualization - structure & emphasis

Svens hog - digitized + expanded

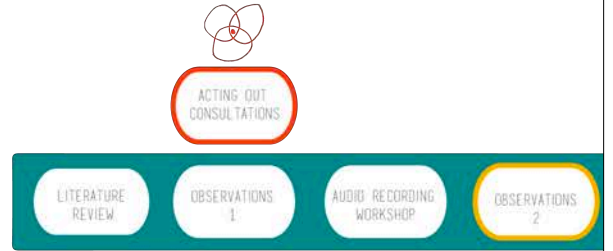
Shared object → Relation building  
Information hub → Flow + preparation  
Natural conversation structure



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Natural conversation structure  
- Save parts of shared knowledge → Related inclusion & activation  
- All understand option



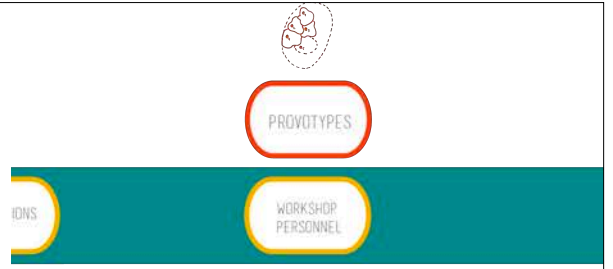
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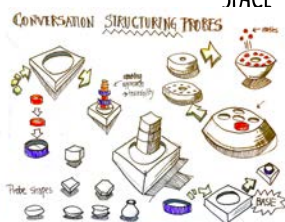
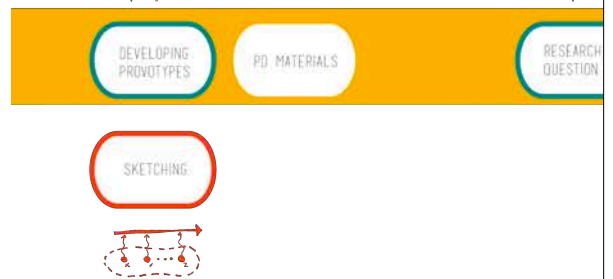
SOLUTION SPACE



PROBLEM SPACE



SOLUTION SPACE





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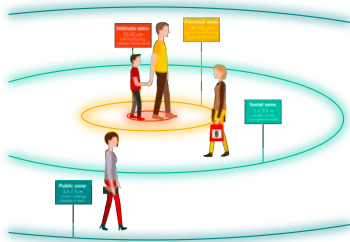
**ATTENDING PHYSICIAN**  
 AGE: 64  
 STATUS: Married  
 NOTES: "I want advice how you want to be treated!"

**CONVERSATION DIMENSIONS**

**STRUCTURING MECHANISMS**

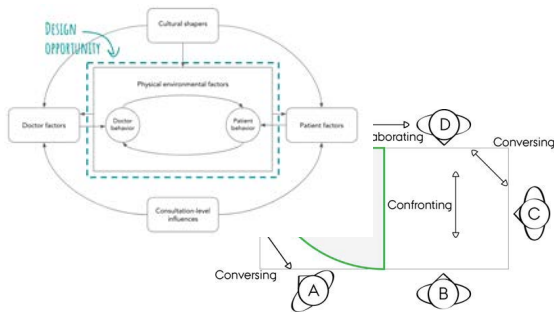
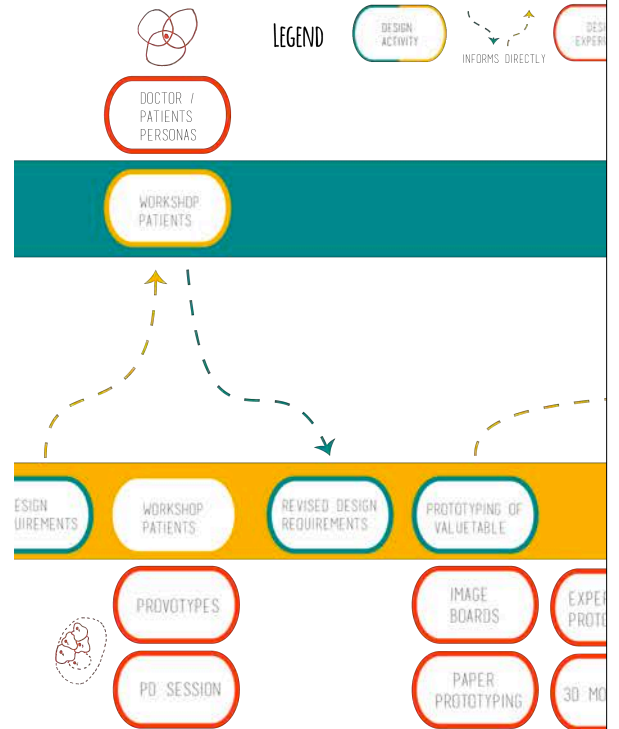
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**SPATIAL CONDUCT**



PROBLEM SPACE

SOLUTION SPACE

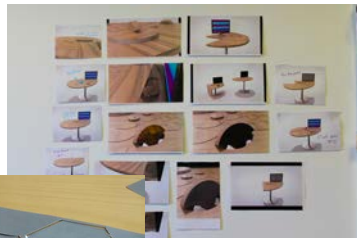
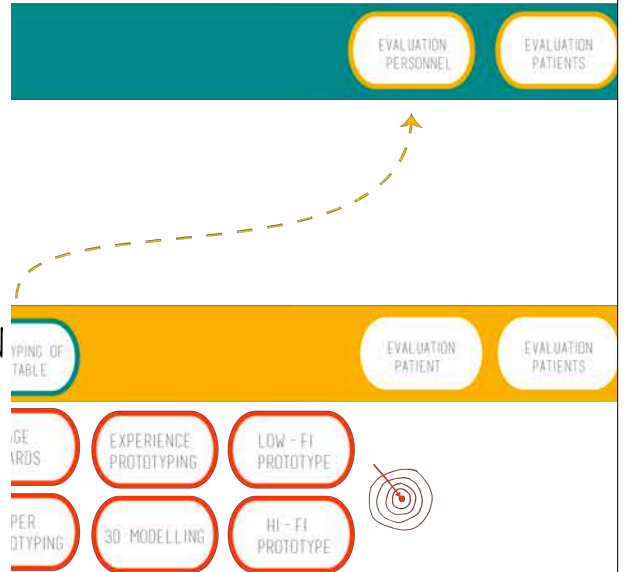


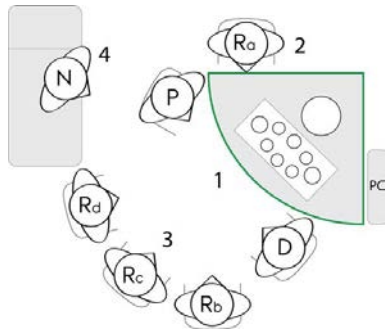
**LEGEND**

- FORMS DIRECTLY
- DESIGN EXPERIMENT
- COMPARATIVE
- EXPANSIVE
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• **Lecture:**

- Drifting and Accountability – four epistemic traditions

• 10.30 - 11.50:

• **Exercise in break-out groups (total of 30 min):**

- Based upon participant's position papers and discussions two/three groups are formed in line with the dominant epistemic tradition (10 min).
- Positioning and discuss each participants research in relation to the epistemic tradition of the group (20 min).

• **Lecture (45 min):**

- Knowledge-Relevance model and ways of drifting in constructive design research

12.00 - 13.20

• **exercise:**

- Individually (30 min): Map a current/ recent constructive design research experiment using the presented tools and models

• **Lecture: Drifting and evaluation (20 min)**

• **exercise:**

- Individually (10 min): point to a potential drift from conception to evaluation
- In groups (30 min): participants present the mapping exercise.

13.40 - 15.00

• **Exercise (30 min):**

- Short individual presentations, Group discuss and note similarities and differences revealed through mapping exercise.

• **Plenum (50 min):**

- Group presentations of findings and discussions (40 min); Wrap up by instructors (10 min)

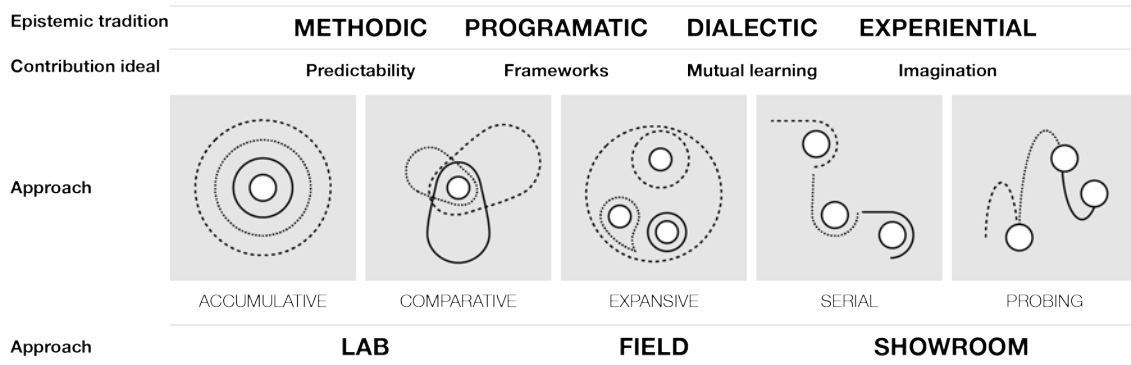
# Drifting and Evaluation ...

## An example

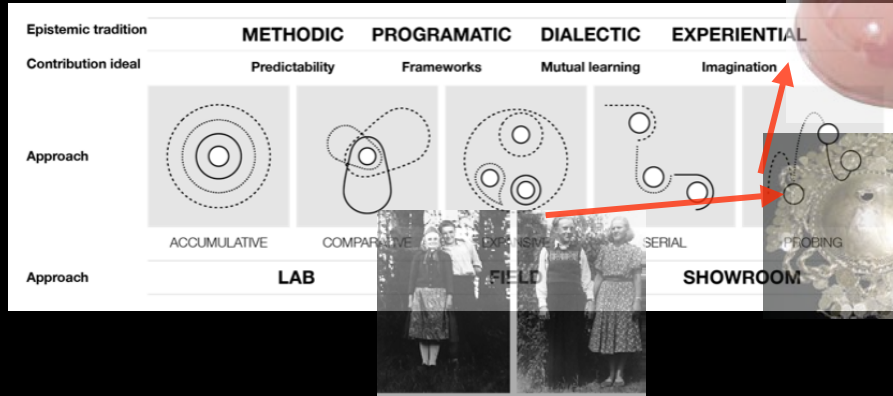


# Evaluating

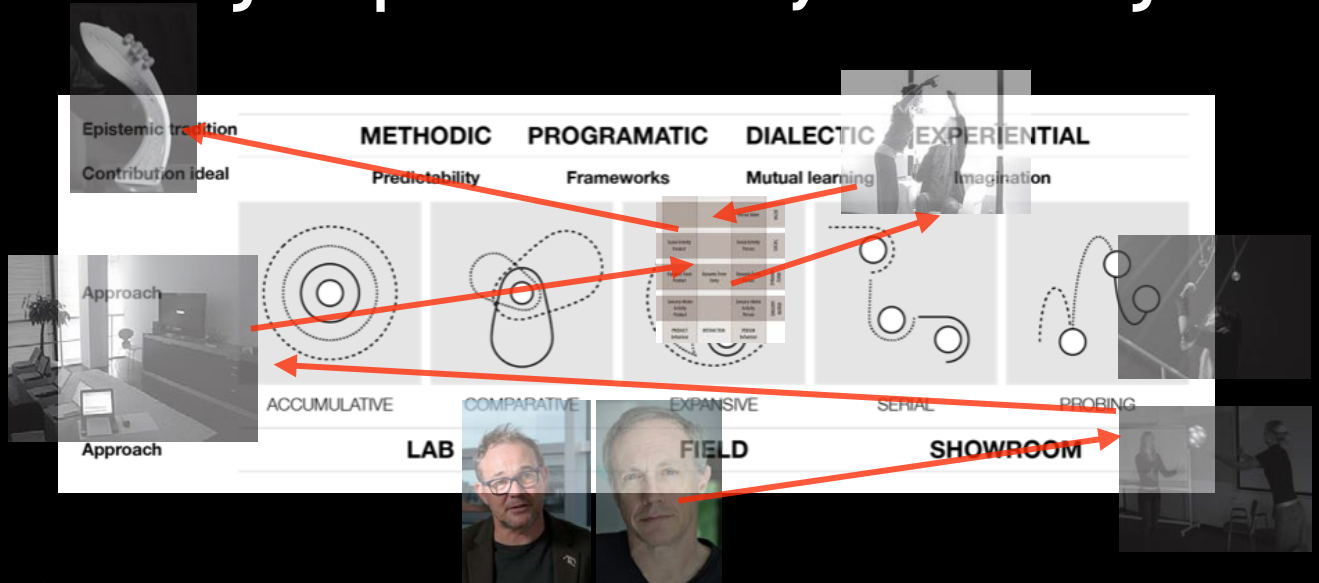
- On what grounds do we judge whether a theory for design is useful, valuable or successful?
- What is validity in constructive design research?
- What is the role of theory produced from design?



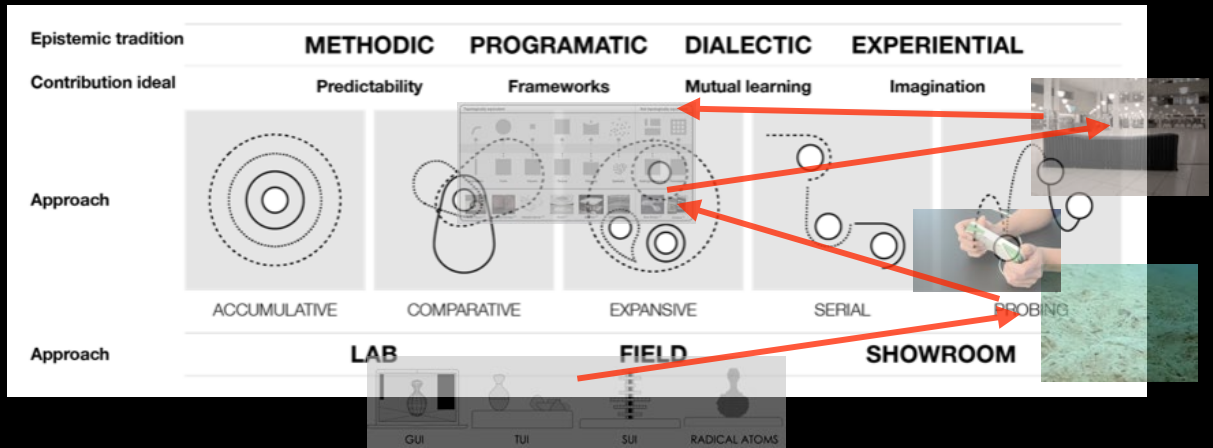
# Summatavet: Folk Tradition and Artistic Inspiration



# Philip Ross: Ethics and aesthetics in intelligent product and system design



# Majken Kirkegaard Rasmussen: Shape Changing Interfaces



# Andrea and Marcelo Judice: You are important - Designing for Health agents in Vila Rosario





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#### 11.00 - 12.20

- **exercise:**
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# The strength and weaknesses of cacophony on evaluation

- Constructive design research is not and can not be linear and stay within only one regime of knowing
- Several well argued stances is a sign of **maturity** - there is something to disagree about
- **From validity to accountability**
  - Measures and purposes are flip sides of a coin
  - Different measures serve **different communities** and value systems
- Participate in the **language game** of other research fields and establish identity



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# Eurocentrism

- The trouble of global brands and products - assuming that will meet the needs -
- They are only signs of young, successful and rich - regional relevance will win in the long run...
- Relational aesthetics, “hacktivism”, collective action are eurocentric concepts
- Research should be aware of this...



# Sum up - Drifting by intention

- Defined the concept of constructive design research
- Provided a way for constructive design researchers to participate in the language games of other research disciplines
- Identified four epistemic traditions within the field of research
- Provided the K/R model to map research activities and concerns
- Unraveled to five ways and motives for experimental drift
- Pointed to the concept of accountability as a way to allow diverse appreciation of research work and supporting a rich variety of contributions without compromising credibility
- Unpacked how drift in discourse can be tracked and justified over the course of a project