



# Inventive Product Design and Advanced TRIZ

Design Creativity and Innovation in Complex Multi-Disciplinary Projects

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- Forms of reasoning
- FBS Design Ontology

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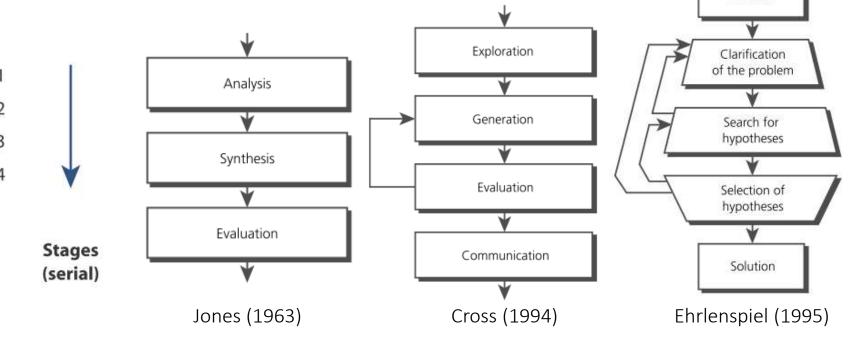
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#### Classification schemes

- Stage-based vs Activity-based Models
- Stage-based structure of the project life-cycle
- Iterative problem-solving process



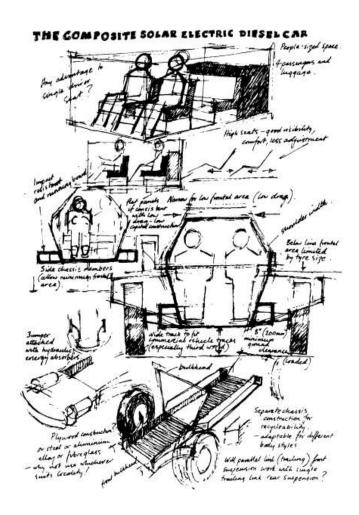




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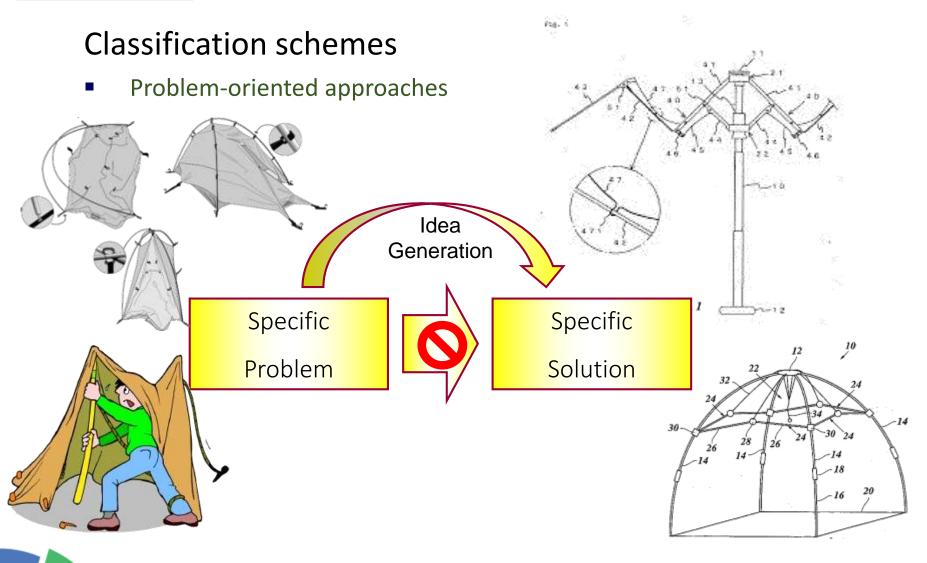
#### Classification schemes

- Solution-oriented vs Problem-oriented
  - Solution-oriented,
  - an initial solution is proposed, analyzed and repeatedly modified as the design space and requirements are explored together
  - Problem-oriented,
  - emphasis is placed upon abstraction and thorough analysis of the problem structure before generating a range of possible solutions





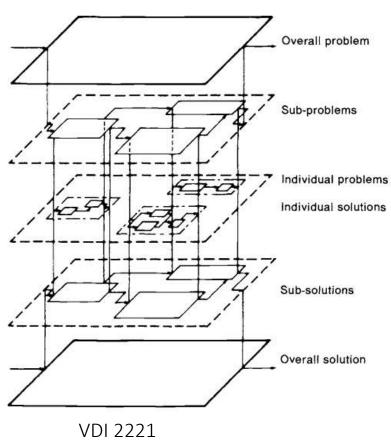


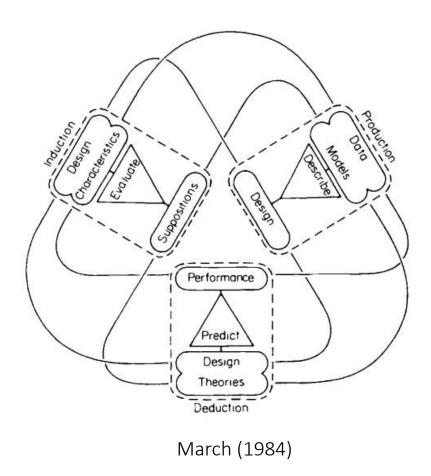




#### Classification schemes

Abstract models









#### Forms of reasoning

- Deduction: Derive a conclusion from given axioms ("knowledge") and facts ("observations").
- ☐ Example:



All humans are mortal.
Socrates is a human.

(axiom) (fact/ premise)

Therefore, it follows that Socrates is mortal.

(conclusion)

- ☐ The conclusion can be derived by applying the *modus ponens* inference rule (Aristotelian logic).
- Theorem proving is based on deductive reasoning techniques.





#### Forms of reasoning

Induction: Derive a general rule (axiom) from background knowledge and observations.



■ Example:

Socrates is a human Socrates is mortal (background knowledge) (observation/ example)

Therefore, I hypothesize that all humans are mortal (generalization)

- Remarks:
  - Induction means to infer generalized knowledge from example observations: Induction is the inference mechanism for (machine) learning.





#### Forms of reasoning

- Abduction: From a known axiom (theory) and some observation, derive a premise.
- Example:



All humans are mortal Socrates is mortal

(theory)

(observation)

Therefore, Socrates must have been a human

(diagnosis)





#### The FBS Ontology

#### **Function-Behavior-Structure (FBS)** [1]:

- The Function of a Technical System TS is the motivation for its existence;
- at the Structure level, a TS is constituted by entities, attributes of these entities and relations among them;
- the **Behavior**, defined as sequential changes of objects state governed by the Laws of Nature, is the link between Function and Structure.
- Different Behaviors can produce the same Function
- Different Structures can be characterized by the same Behavior

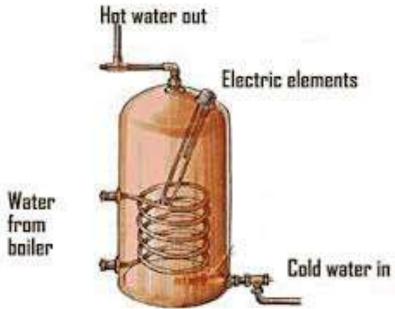
[1] Gero, J.S. and Rosenman, M.A.: "A conceptual framework for knowledge based design research at Sydney University's Design Computing Unit". Artificial Intelligence in Engineering, 5(2), 1990, 65-77.





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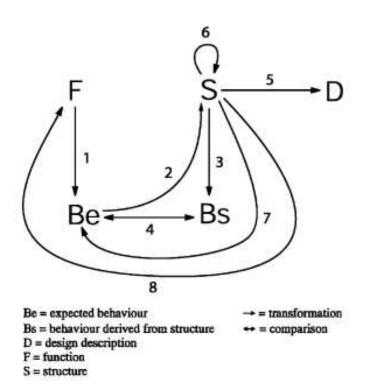
- Function (F): teleology of object ("what it is intended for")
- Behavior (B): attributes derived or expected to be derived from structure (S)
  of object ("what it does" or "how it does it")
- Structure (S): components of object and their relationships ("what it is composed of")



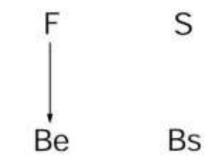


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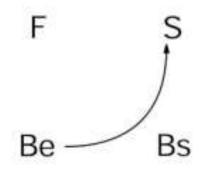
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#### 1. Formulation



## 2. Synthesis



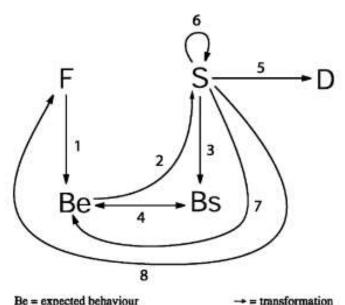




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++ = comparison



Be = expected behaviour

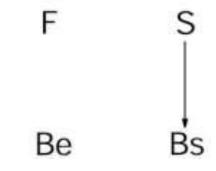
Bs = behaviour derived from structure

D = design description

F = function

S = structure





4. Evaluation

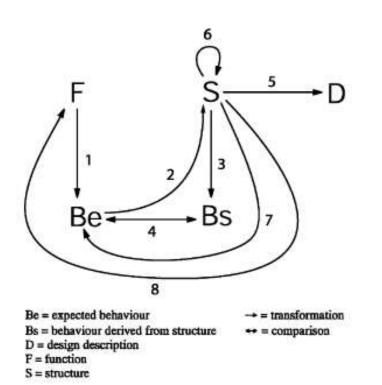






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5. Documentation

F S → D

Be Bs

6. Reformulation 1

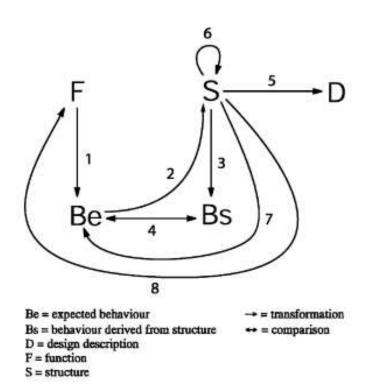
F S



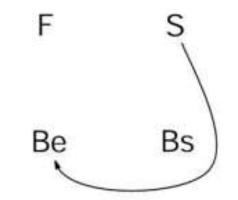


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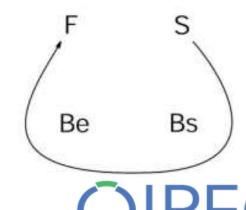
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7. Reformulation 2



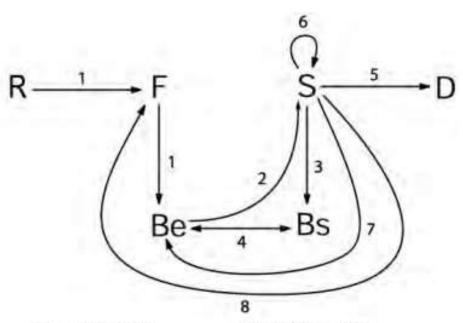
8. Reformulation 3





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#### Processes in Designing

1 = formulation

2 = synthesis

3 = analysis

4 = evaluation

5 = documentation

6 = reformulation -1

7 = reformulation -2

8 = reformulation -3

 $F = function \rightarrow = transformation$ 

Be = expected behavior ↔ = comparison

Bs = behavior derived from structure

S = structure

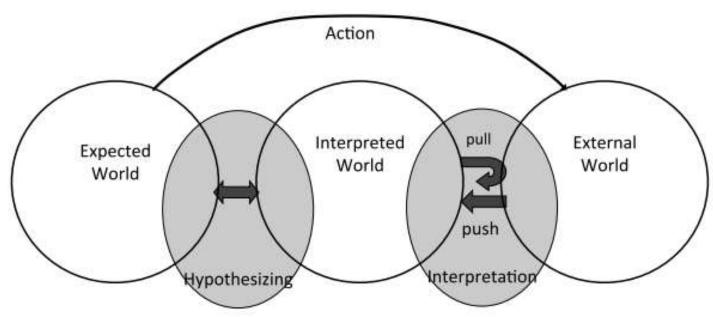
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**Design Cognition** 

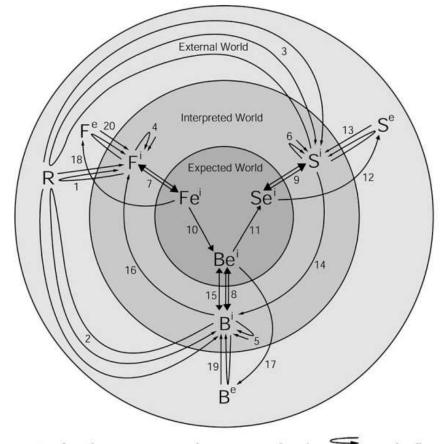






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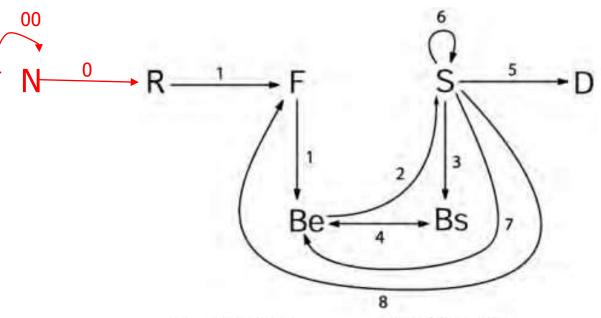






#### The Extended FBS Ontology (Cascini et al., 2013)

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#### Processes in Designing

00 = NEEDS IDENTIFICATION

0 = REOUIREMENTS FORMUL.

1 = formulation

2 = synthesis

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5 = documentation

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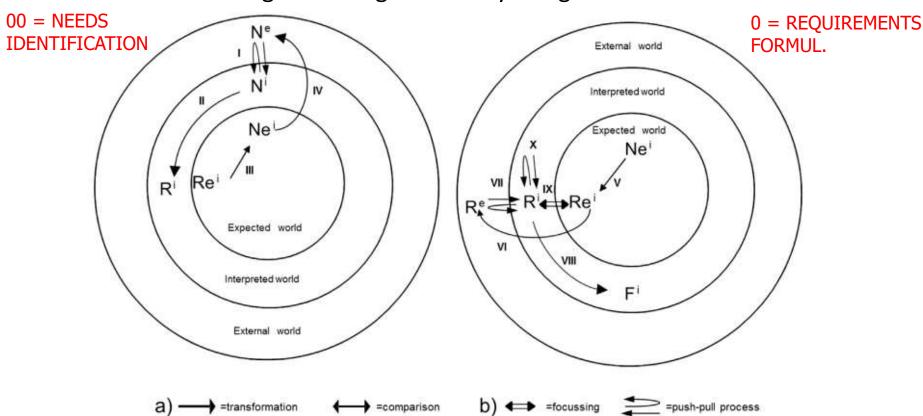
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## The Extended FBS Ontology (Cascini et al., 2013)

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2 Extended FBS model: Needs Identification (a) and Requirements Definition (b)



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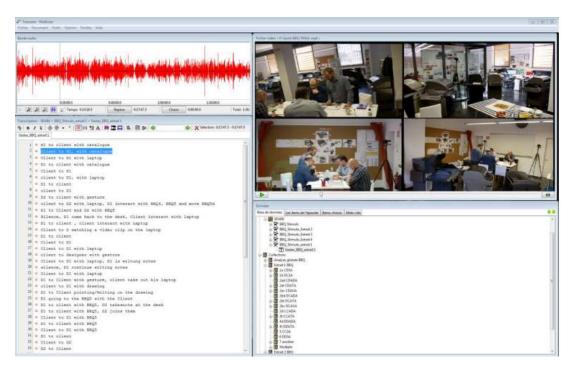
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#### **Design Protocol Analyses**

- segmentation of the analysis task into elementary steps
- analysis of the thinking path through a pre-defined coding







#### Design Protocol Analyses (e.g., Gero et al, 2012)

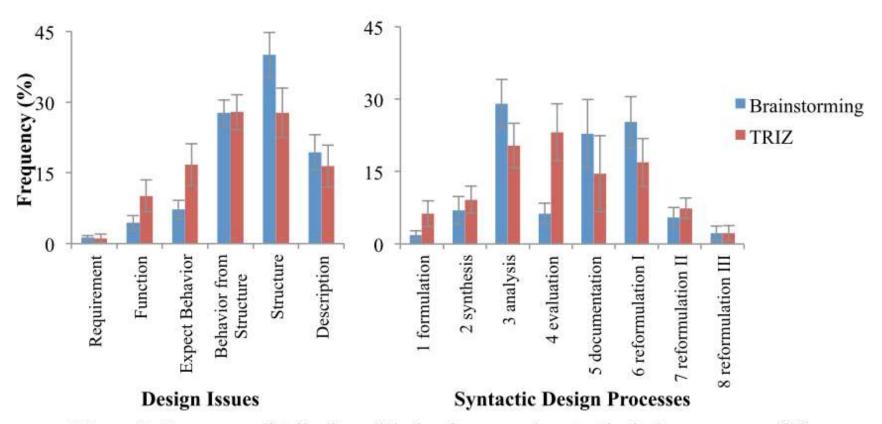


Figure 2. Frequency distribution of design issues and syntactic design processes (%)

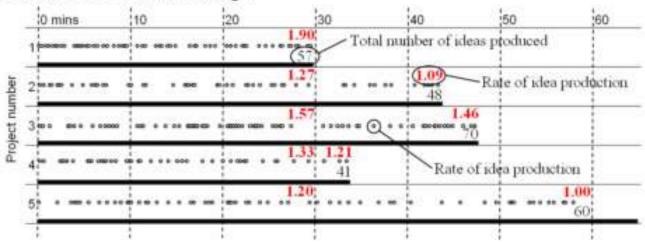




#### Design Protocol Analyses (e.g., Deckonink et al, 2012)

Our research on:

Creative Stimuli in Design



The rate of idea generation remained roughly constant for 30mins and then decreased slowly and steadily.

The frequency of appropriate ideas was much more revealing. Over half of the appropriate ideas were produced in the first 10mins.

The brainstorm sessions were deemed successful as 64% of original ideas contained within the **gate concepts** were proposed within the free thinking brainstorm session.





#### Factors influencing design creativity

## Memory and Remembering

"Remembering is not the re-excitation of innumerable fixed, lifeless and fragmentary traces. It is a ... reconstruction, or construction, built out of the relation of our *attitude* towards a whole active mass of organised past reactions or experience, and to a little outstanding detail which commonly appears in image or in language form." Bartlett (1932)





#### Factors influencing design creativity

## **Human Constructive Memory**

- memory is reasoning process
- index need not be explicit
- index changed by its use
- content changed by its use
- memory structure changed by its use
- memories constructed through need to have memory
- memories function of past interactions and interactions at time and place of need to have memory

Source: Gero (2016)





#### Factors influencing design creativity

#### Interactions

- Interactions between people
- Interactions between person and artifact
- Interactions between artifacts
- Observing interactions between people
- Observing interactions between person and artifact
- Observing interactions between artifacts





#### Factors influencing design creativity

## Situated Cognition

**Basic Ideas** 

Knowledge from interaction not just encoding

Memory by construction not just recall

Situations give meanings and expectations





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