

# Design thinking

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# DESIGNER



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Business  
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Interaction  
Industrial **DESIGNER**  
Fashion  
Graphic  
Web




visuals > objects > interactions > services > systems > society

**Why** design?

Article  
*McKinsey Quarterly*  
October 2018

# The business value of design

By [Benedict Sheppard](#), [Hugo Sarrazin](#), Garen Kouyoumjian, and Fabricio Dore

 Full Report (PDF-6MB) 



How do the best design performers increase their revenues and shareholder returns at nearly twice the rate of their industry counterparts?

**W**e all know examples of bad product and service design. The USB plug (always lucky on the third try). The experience of rushing to make your connecting flight at many airports. The exhaust port on the Death Star in *Star Wars*.

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AUDIO



Separate the signal from the noise

This is design thinking  
This is design **doing**

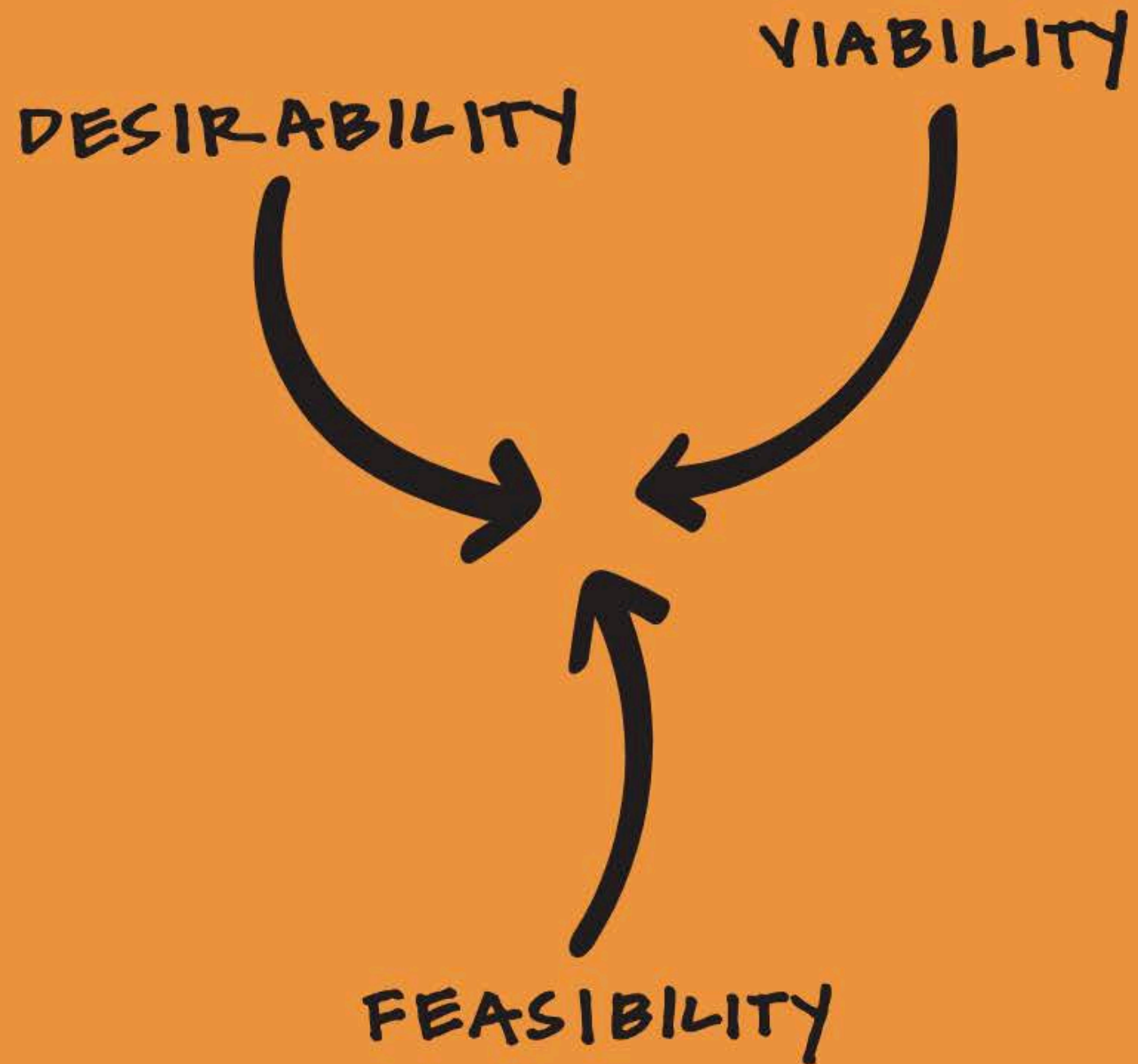


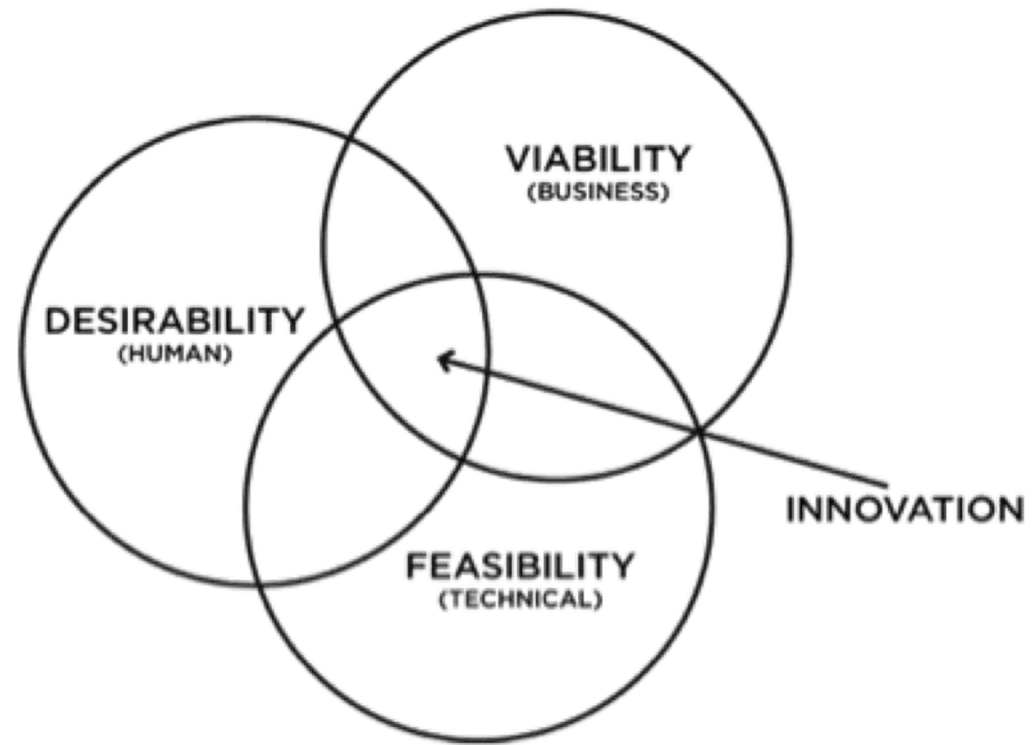
**Design thinking.**  
Design for non-designers.

Design thinking is a **human-centered approach** to innovation that draws from the designer's toolkit to integrate the needs of people, the **possibilities of technology**, and the requirements for **business success**.

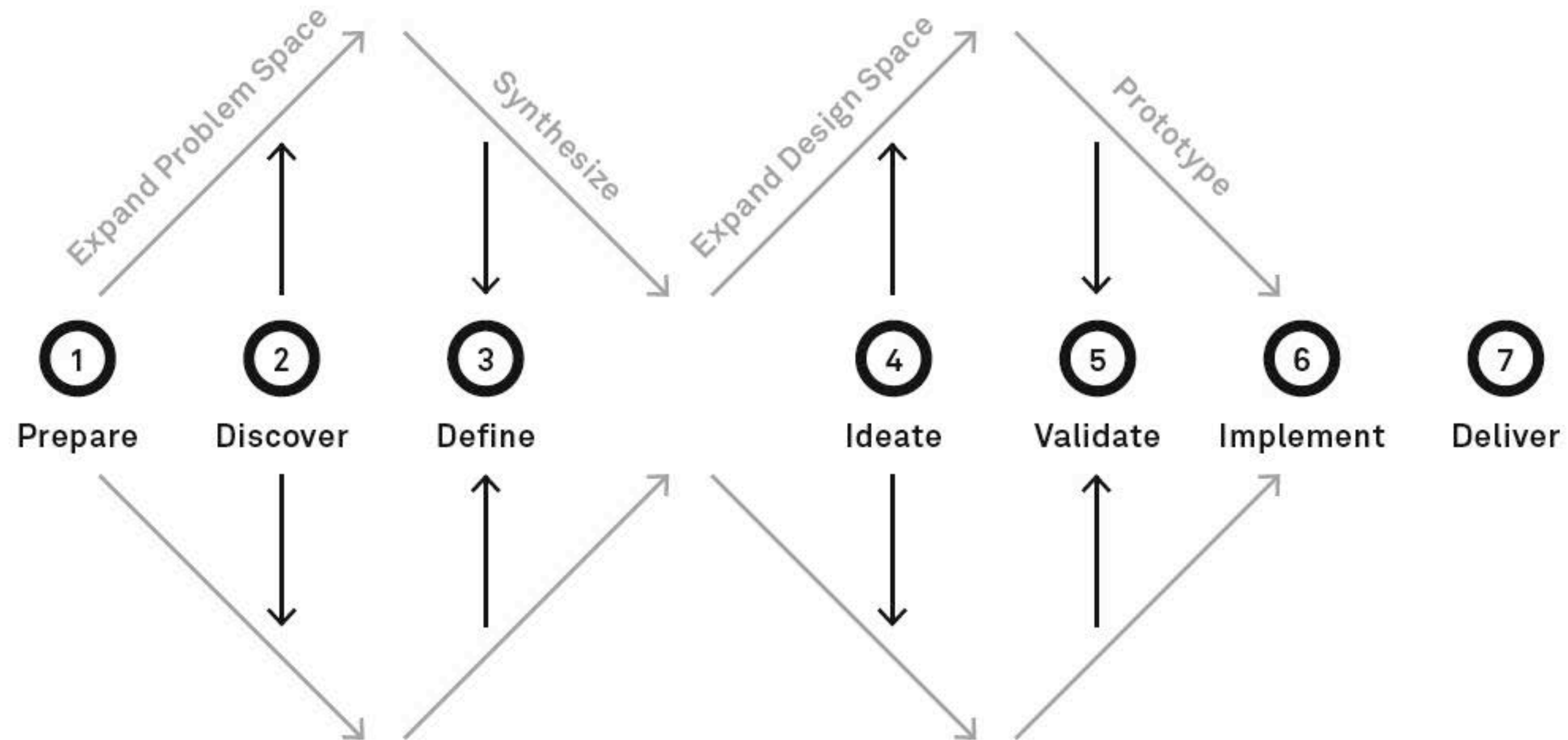
—TIM BROWN, EXECUTIVE CHAIR OF IDEO







# Double Diamond



## DISCOVER

## DEFINE

## DEVELOP

## DELIVER

## EVOLVE

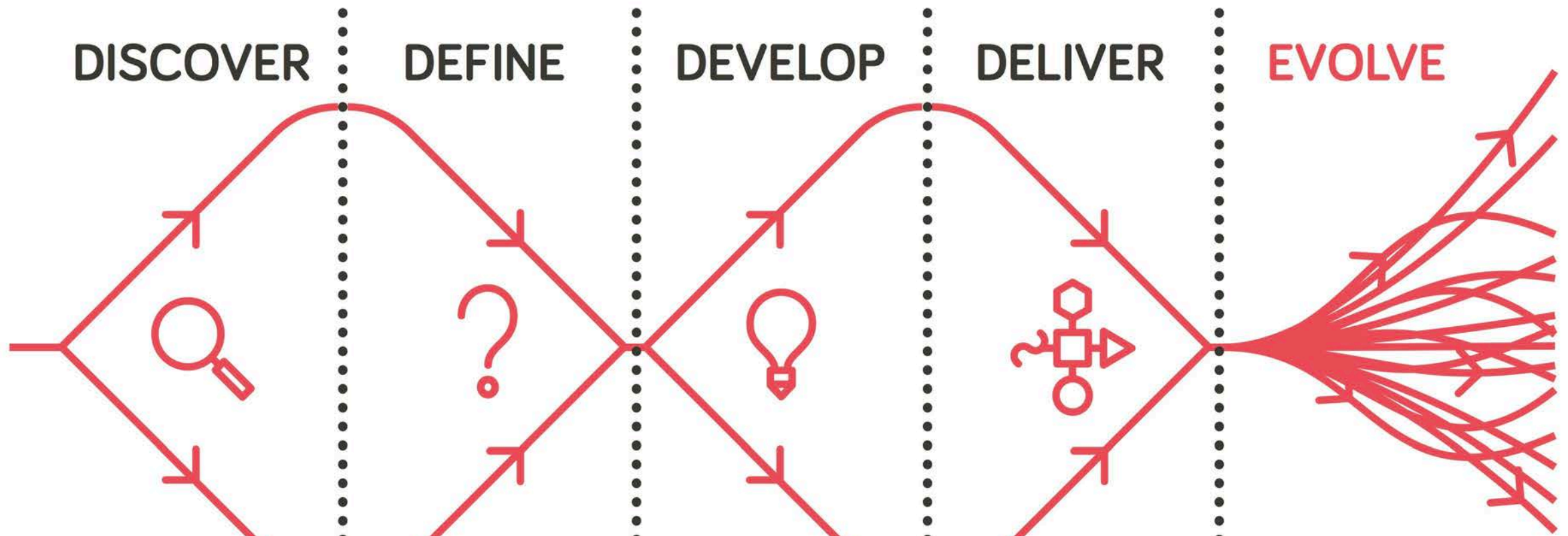
Immersion  
Questionnaires  
Interviews  
Self-Documentation  
Meetings  
User Experience Observations

Interpret Your Findings  
Find Meaning  
Identify Themes  
Tell Stories  
Sort + Condense  
Define Insights  
Frame Opportunities  
Set 'Design Challenge'

Brainstorm  
Jam/Charrette  
Designing  
Visual  
Tactile  
Experiential  
Sketching  
Graphic Recording

Making + doing  
Role-Play  
Prototyping  
Storytelling  
Pitch Document  
Get Feedback  
Capture Learnings  
Define Success

Track Learnings  
Celebrate Achievements  
Plan Next Steps  
Building Partnerships  
Engaging Others  
Scale-Up  
Deepen Roots  
Remind People what Changed  
(even if changes are subtle)  
Build Network







## PHASES

# 1

### DISCOVERY



**I have a challenge.**  
*How do I approach it?*

# 2

### INTERPRETATION



**I learned something.**  
*How do I interpret it?*

# 3

### IDEATION



**I see an opportunity.**  
*What do I create?*

# 4

### EXPERIMENTATION



**I have an idea.**  
*How do I build it?*

# 5

### EVOLUTION



**I tried something new.**  
*How do I evolve it?*

## STEPS

1-1 Understand the Challenge

1-2 Prepare Research

1-3 Gather Inspiration

2-1 Tell Stories

2-2 Search for Meaning

2-3 Frame Opportunities

3-1 Generate Ideas

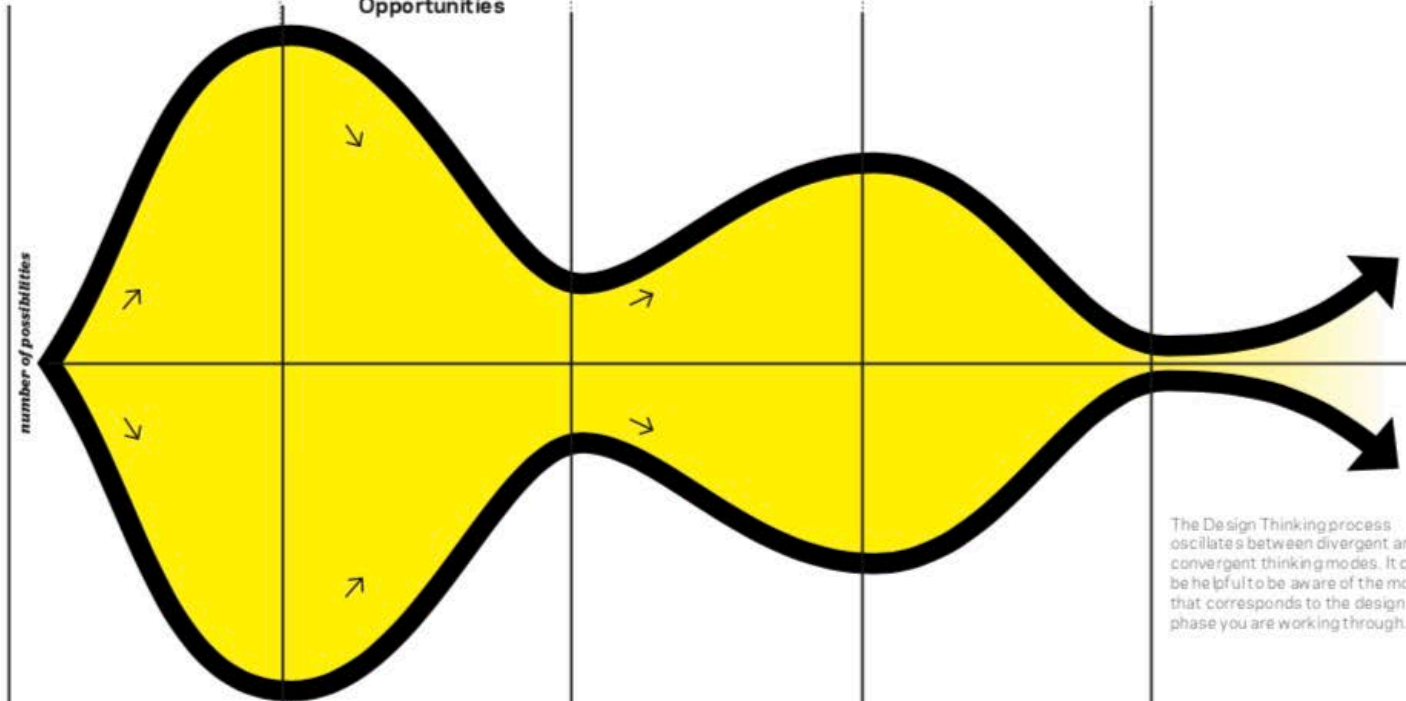
3-2 Refine Ideas

4-1 Make Prototypes

4-1 Get Feedback

5-1 Track Learnings

5-2 Move Forward





Putting **the human**  
back in the loop.  
**Or in the IT project.**

**Empathy.** Understand. Mentalisation.

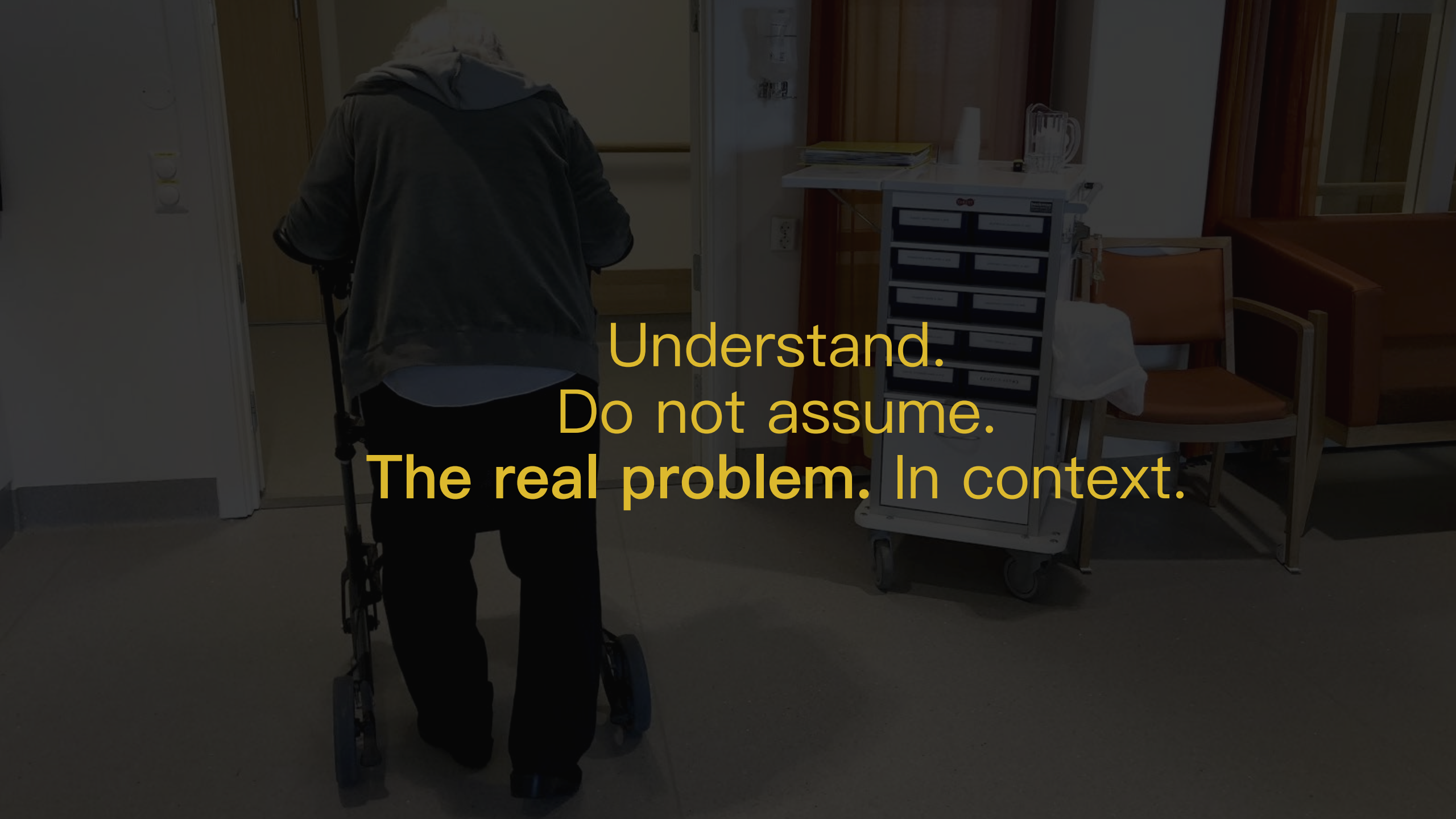


User-centric.  
Step into their shoes.



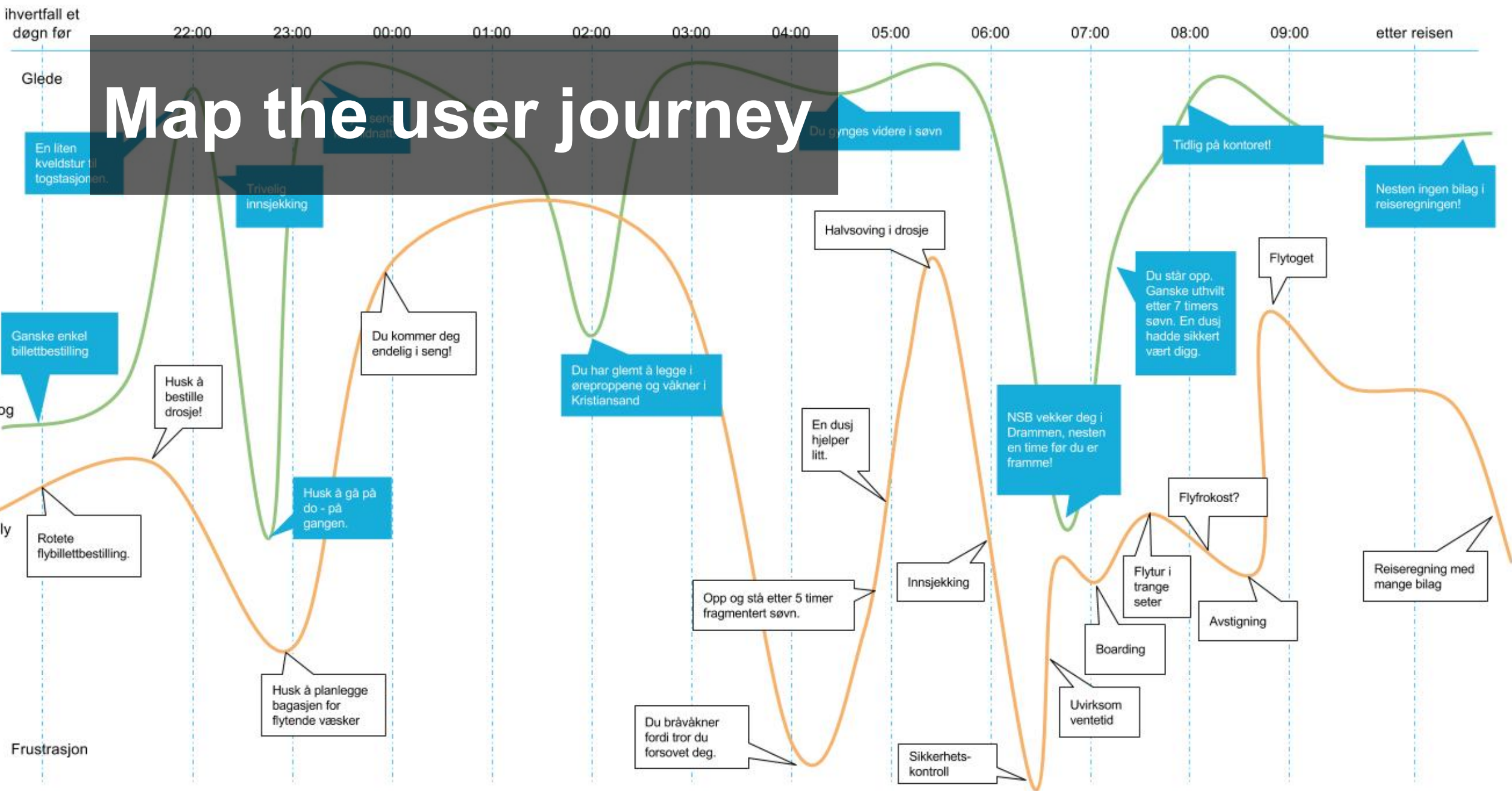
**User-centered**  
Step into their shoes!



A person wearing a grey hoodie and dark pants is seen from behind, walking away from the camera while using a black four-wheeled walker. They are in a hospital room. To the right, there is a white medical cart with multiple drawers and a top shelf holding various items. Next to the cart is a wooden chair with a brown upholstered seat and back. In the background, there is a doorway and a window with curtains. The overall lighting is dim, and the image has a dark, muted color palette.

Understand.  
Do not assume.  
**The real problem. In context.**

Design is a **holistic approach**.  
The entire picture.





**Reframing** the question.

**Open** questions. The five whys.  
Observe.

How well do you know  
**your own business?**







How well do  
you know your  
**customers'**  
**needs?**

Before buying   Bid & buy   Receiving   Using   Maintenance   End-of-life

CUSTOMER NEEDS

Map the touchpoints

TOUCH  
POINTS



YOUR OFFERING

Where can you add value?

Great Pipes customer journey

Before buying Bid & buy Receiving Using Maintenance End-of-life

CUSTOMER NEEDS

What touchpoints are needed?

TOUCH  
POINTS

YOUR OFFERING

How do you offer the new services?

Great Pipes customer journey



The user is not God.  
The designer is.





Organise insight. Find patterns.  
**Start doing.**



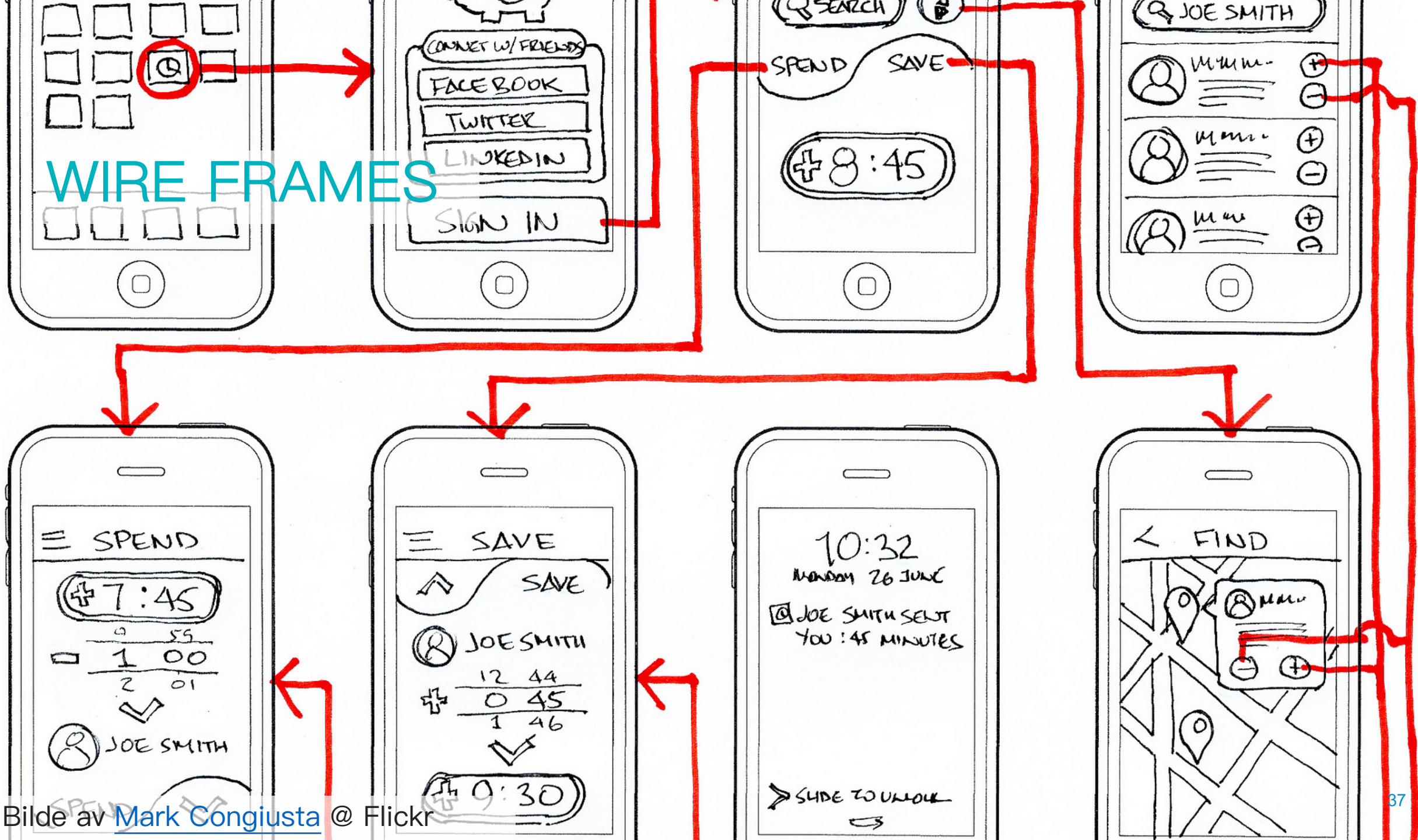
Prototype  
everything



Prototype early. **Learn faster.**  
Reduce risk.



# WIREFRAMES





Build a prototype  
and test it.

From desktop to 1:1 mockup



REALISTIC



RELEVANT





A close-up photograph of a person's hand, palm facing forward. A light-colored, textured bandage is applied to the palm, covering a small, dark, circular mark. The hand is set against a dark, out-of-focus background. A semi-transparent dark grey rectangular box is centered over the middle of the hand, containing white text.

It will **hurt** a little.





Getting lost in the forest.  
Believe in the **process**.

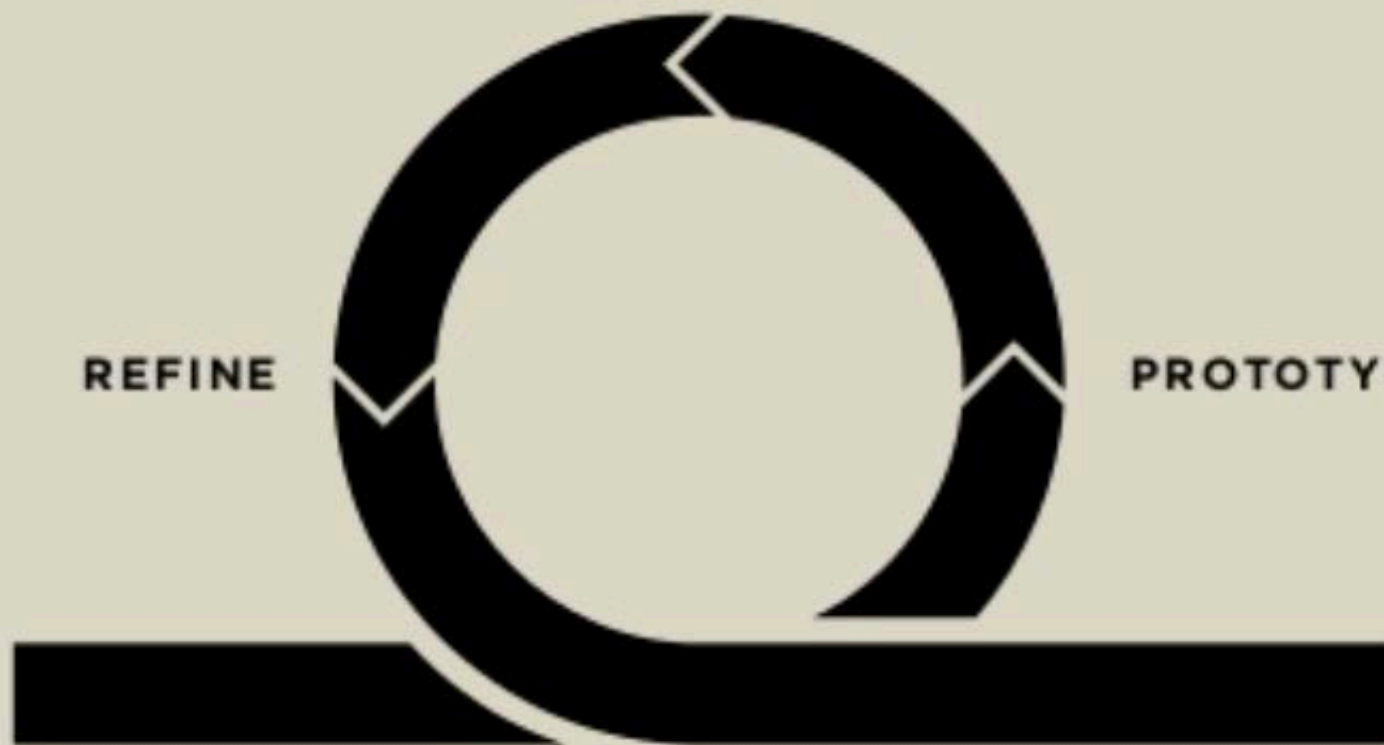




FEEDBACK

REFINE

PROTOTYPE



Iterate. Iterate. Iterate *again*

# PROTOTYPE

- Early. 0–stage
- Validate need.
- Validate core functionality.
- Simple. Easy to change, improve. Development in iterations.
- It is obvious that it is not the final solution.
- Short term.
- Little training.
- Inexpensive

# PILOT

- Phase 2 or later.
- Larger scale testing.
- Implementation in organisation.
- More refined. MVP. Changes possible.
- Looks like the final solution we believe in.
- Self–going with some duct tape. Long–term testing.
- Training will be given
- More demanding.





**Social**

Design for sustainability

**People, planet, profit**



# REFUSE



**Circular  
economy**



**Linear  
economy**

Smarter  
product use  
and  
manufacture

R0 Refuse

Make a product redundant: abandon function or use different product

R1 Rethink

Make product use more intensive: sharing or multi-functional products

R2 Reduce

Consume less through efficient manufacturing or use

Extend  
lifespan of  
products and  
its parts

R3 Re-use

Re-use of functioning discarded products by another use

R4 Repair

Repair and maintenance of defects to keep original function

R5 Refurbish

Restore and update

R6 Remanufacture

Use parts in a new product with the same function

R7 Repurpose

Use products or parts in a new product with a different function

Useful  
application  
of materials

R8 Recycle

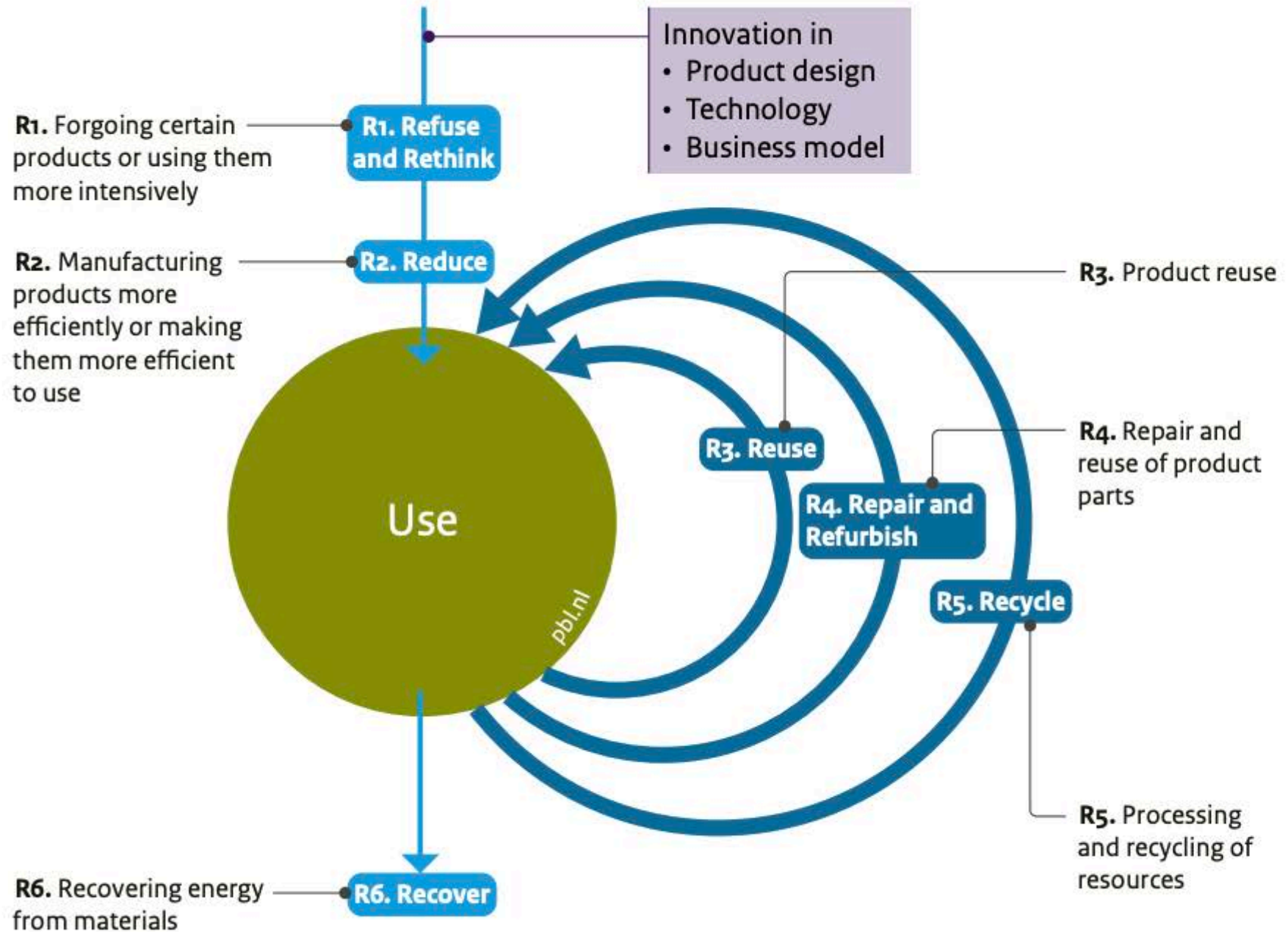
Process materials to obtain the same (high grade) or lower (low grade) quality

R9 Recover

Incineration of materials with energy recovery



## R-ladder of circularity strategies





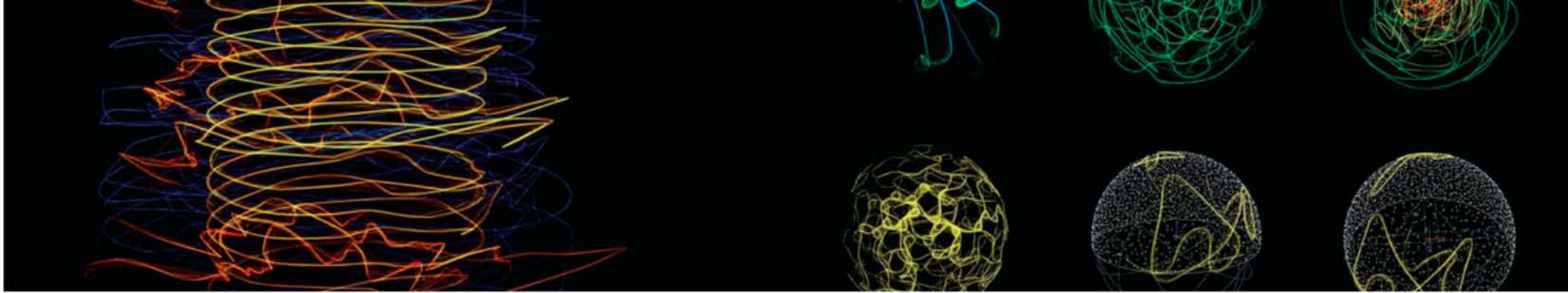
A large stack of black pipes, with the text "Pump, valve, pipe as a service." overlaid in the center. The pipes are arranged in a dense, overlapping pattern, creating a sense of depth and repetition. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights on the edges of the pipes and deep shadows in the center of the stack. The text is white and centered, providing a clear contrast against the dark background.

Pump, valve, pipe as a service.









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by **Jon Kolko**

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**T**here's a shift under way in large organizations, one that puts design much closer to the center of the enterprise. But the shift isn't about aesthetics. It's about applying the principles of design to the way people work.

This new approach is in large part a response to the increasing complexity of modern technology and modern business. That complexity takes many forms. Sometimes software is at the center of a product and needs to be integrated with hardware (itself a complex task) and made intuitive and simple from the user's point of view (another difficult challenge). Sometimes the problem being tackled is itself multi-faceted: Think about how much tougher it is to reinvent a health care delivery system than to design a shoe. And sometimes the business environment is so volatile that a company must experiment with multiple paths in order to survive.

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That's where  
the magic is

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