Innovation in a Changing World: Exploring PSS Design Through Prototyping

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How will you design 'products' that will interact with us in ways we can't imagine today



How to prototype for questions we don't know?



Exploration	Insight
E1: How to prototype intangible aspects of future product service systems?	Experiential Prototypes can accelerate designer empathy and user contextual immersion with the future solution scenario.
E2: How to support co-creation in a diverse set of stakeholders conducting PSS design?	Building a functional PSS prototype engages stakeholders through shared cognition, suspension of disbelief and Productive Play.
E3: How to enable designers to ask the questions we don't know to ask?	Simple physical systems prototypes support designers' ability to adopt future oriented mindset to expand design space.



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Product



Product-Service System



Transformative PSS



Unknowns

Questions we don't know <u>HOW</u> to ask



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Exploration Direction 1 – Initial Investigation



Guiding Question:	Primary Insight Gathered
E1: How to prototype intangible aspects of future product service systems?	Experiential Prototypes can accelerate designer empathy and user contextual immersion with the future solution scenario.

Building Trust Through Communication with Future Teammates Feeding 2nd crusher **Feeding crusher** Transport



Stockpiling (small) T Feeding crusher Feeding 2nd crusher Charging Electric Autonomous Quarry

Truck loading

Truck loading Direct loading

Transport

Traditional **Diesel Quarry**

Cx.Link





Physical Experiential Prototypes Combined for Contextual Immersion



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Cx.Link Augmented Reality



Exploration Direction 2 – Investigating the Phenomenon



•	Guiding Question:	Primary Insight Gathered
	E2: How to support co-creation in a diverse set of stakeholders conducting PSS design?	Building a functional PSS prototype engages stakeholders through shared cognition, suspension of disbelief and Productive Play.

Electric Scale Site

A platform to conduct qualitative research and explore **tangible** PSS prototypes









Scale Site as a mediating object

Scale Site serves as a <u>focal point at **4 global**</u> **events** in the USA, India and China.





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"Scale prototypes like the site enable visualization of the operations and systems of machines where the true gains in efficiency are realized."

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India

USA



Exploration Direction 3 – Recreating the Phenomenon



Guiding Question:	Primary Insight Gathered
E3: How to enable designers to ask the questions we don't know to ask?	Simple physical systems prototypes support designers' ability to adopt future oriented mindset to expand design space.

Conceptual PSS Prototyping









Sandbox Systems Prototypes





Knowns

Certainty

Uncertainty

Unknowns



How should engineers build prototypes for transformative PSS solutions?

- My prototypes diverge from Design Thinking by not focusing on answering a question.
- Intentional PSS Design amplifies complexity and ambiguity necessitating GDQs for converting UU to KU.
- Not just feasibility prototypes, intentional design space exploration prototypes.
- Suspension of disbelief enables deeper design dialog.





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Physical Prototypes can be used as a means of provoking <u>Generative</u> <u>Design Questions</u>





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