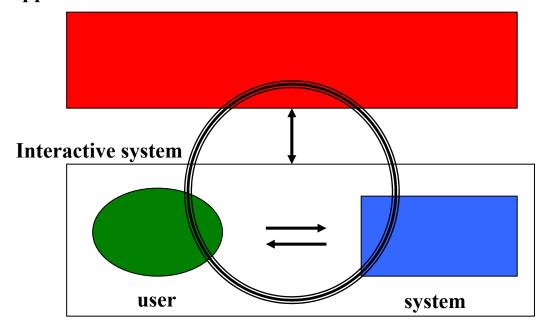
From Personal to Cultural Computing

- how to design the user's experience -

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What do we aim for?

Application domain



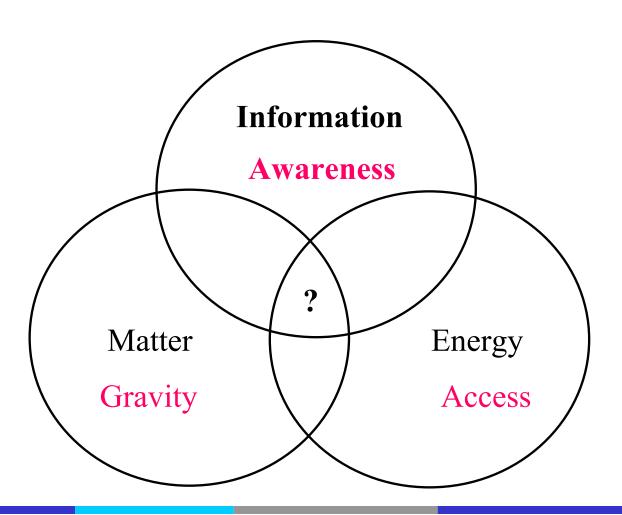
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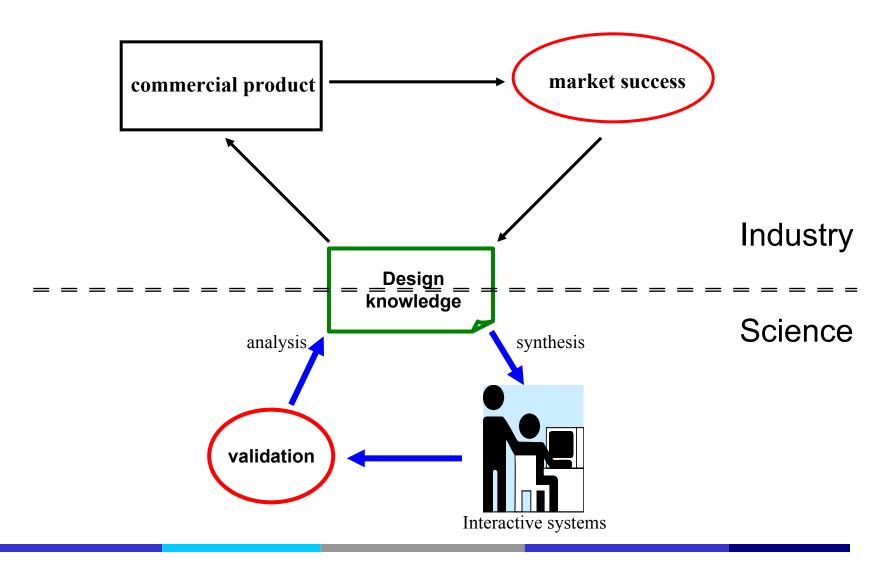
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Desired Performance

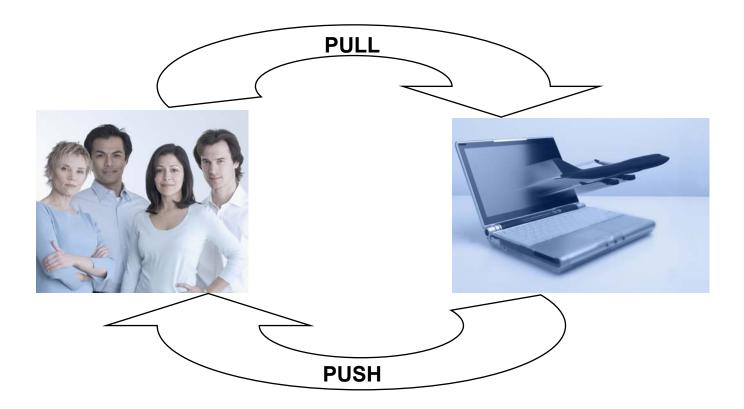
What are our basic building blocks?



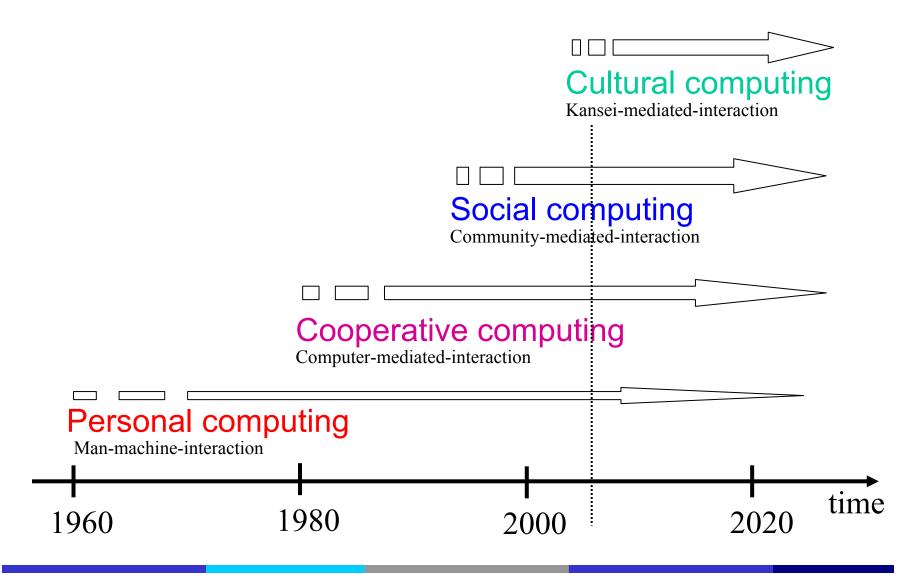
Who are our clients?



How to get there?



Interaction Paradigms in Computing



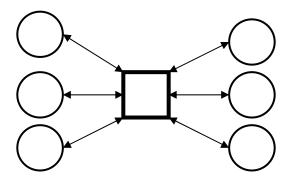
Cooperative Computing

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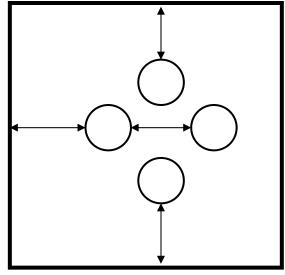
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e.g. phone, email, chat, etc

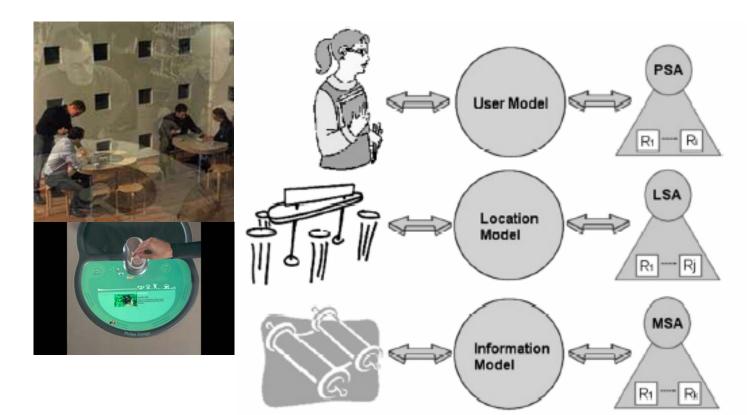


e.g. massive multi-user games, etc



e.g. interactive experiences, etc

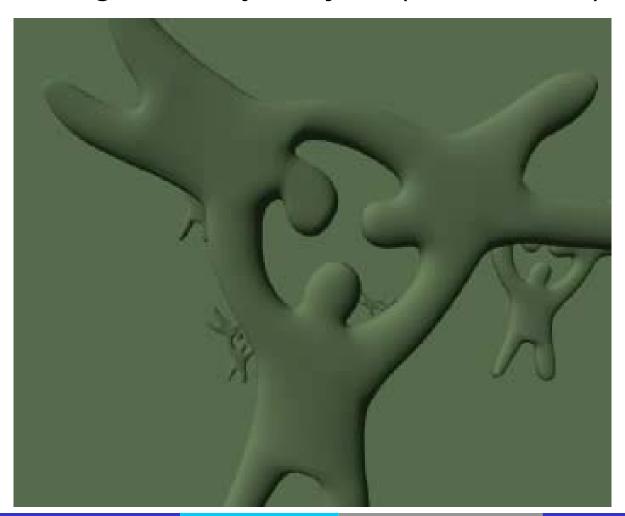
Living Memory Project (LiMe: 1997-2000)



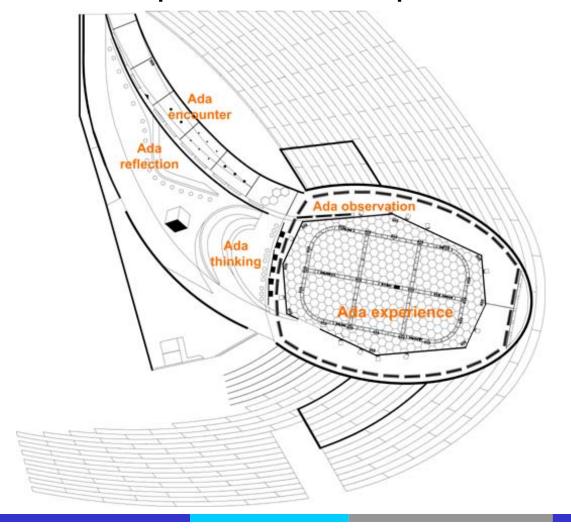


Steven Kyffin

Living Memory Project (video, 3:47)



ADA Experience at Expo-2002 in Switzerland



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http://www.ada-exhibition.ch/



ADA Experience (video, 3:41)



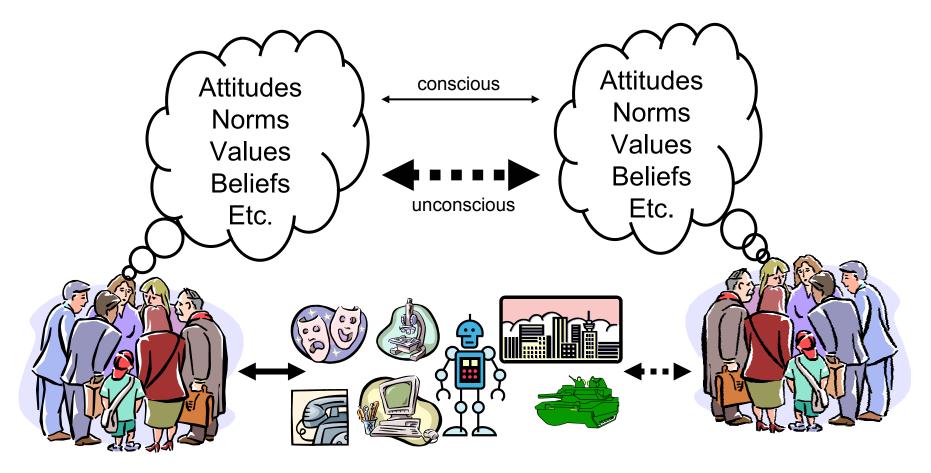
What is Culture?

Culture is the integration pattern of human behavior that includes

- attitudes,
- norms,
- values,
- beliefs,
- actions,
- communications and
- institutions of a race, ethnic, religious and/or social group.

The word culture comes from the Latin root *colere* (to inhabit, to cultivate, or to honor). In general, it refers to human *activity*; different definitions of culture reflect different theories for understanding, or criteria for valuing, human activity. Anthropologists use the term to refer to the universal human capacity to classify experiences, and to encode and communicate them symbolically. They regard this capacity as a defining feature of the genus Homo.

Cultural Computing: Kansei mediation



Nakatsu R., Rauterberg M., Salem B. (2006). Forms and theories of communication: from multimedia to Kansei mediation. Multimedia Systems, 11(3), 304-312

Anti-Dogmatic Design:

What does that mean, or what can we do with this for cultural computing?



Warning:

Attacking a dogma can be dangerous!

Advice:

Be careful!

First Dogma Attack: discovery of the hidden part of mind



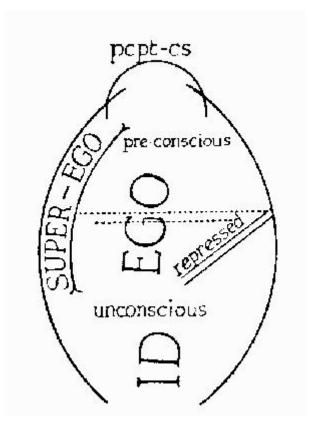
(1856-1939)

In 1932 the discoveries of **Sigmund Freud**

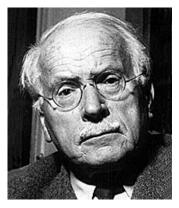
about the unconscious in particular were revolutionary.

His treatment of neuroses allowed inspection of a "hidden" part of the mind. Freud divided the mind into two parts: the preconscious (ideas and memories capable of becoming conscious), and the unconscious (desires, impulses, and wishes of a mostly sexual and sometimes destructive nature).

All human thought is partly a conflict between the preconscious and unconscious, and partly a compromise to pursue pleasure whilst avoiding danger and dealing with the realities of life.



Second Dogma Attack: discovery of the collective unconscious

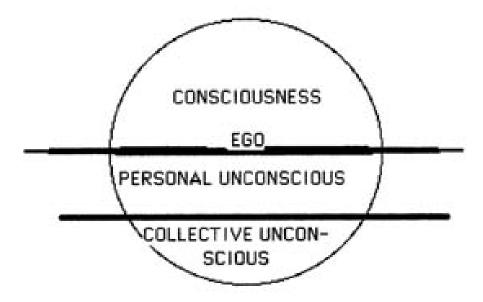


(1875-1961)

After 1910 the discoveries of

Carl Gustav Jung

about the *collective unconscious* and the related *archetypes* were challenging. Jung dreamt a great deal about the dead, the land of the dead, and the rising of the dead. These represented the unconscious itself -- not the "little" personal unconscious that Freud made such a big deal out of, but a new *collective unconscious* of humanity itself, an unconscious that could contain all the dead, not just our personal ghosts. Jung began to see the mentally ill as people who are haunted by these ghosts, in an age where no-one is supposed to even believe in them. If we could only recapture our mythologies, we would understand these ghosts, become comfortable with the dead, and heal our mental illnesses.



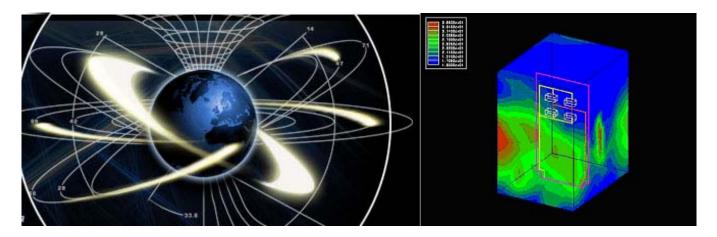
Third Dogma Attack: fields beyond energy and matter



Most notably, the theory about morphogenetic fields of **Rupert Sheldrake**

in 1981 reveal a substantial change in the way how we should look at reality. He developed the idea of *morphogenetic fields*, and has researched and written on topics such as animal and plant development and behavior, telepathy, perception and metaphysics. For example, Sheldrake began working in the 1990s on the alleged telepathic powers of animals, which he thinks could be explained by *morphic resonance* between two brains.

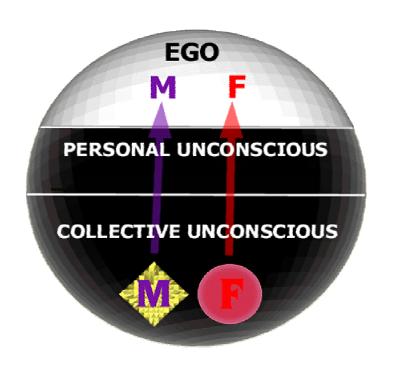
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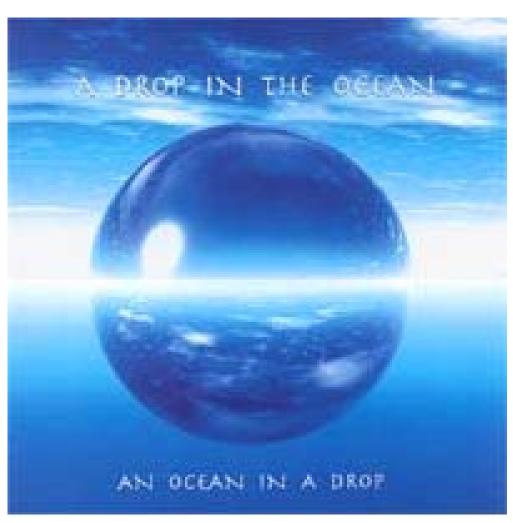


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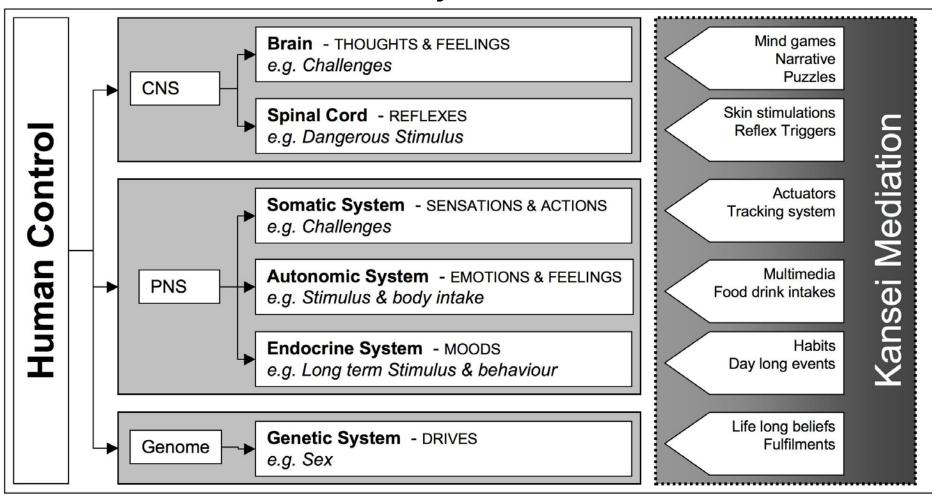
Sheldrake, R. (1981). A New Science of Life: The Hypothesis of Formative Causation.

Cultural Computing: the collective unconscious





Kansei Mediation for Interactive Systems



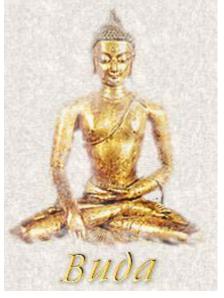
Culture: the East



Lao-Tse c.604 - c.521 BC



563 - c.480 BC





Bodhidharma 470-543 AC

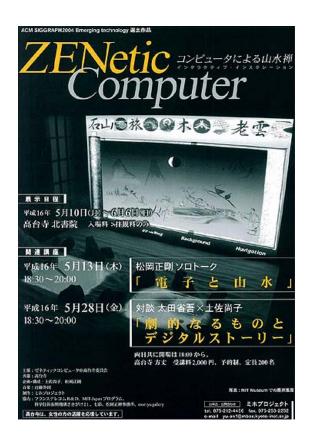
Zen

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ZENetic computer (2003)













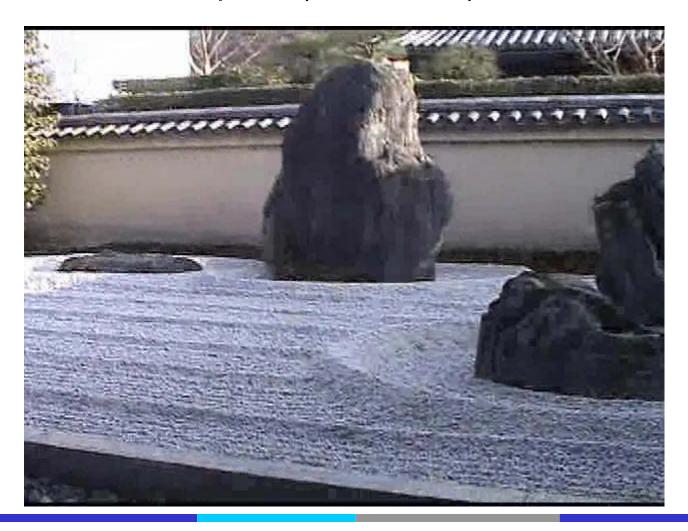
Naoko Tosa



松岡正剛 Seigo Matsuoka

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ZENetic computer (video, 3:43)



Culture: the West





René Descartes 1596-1650

res cogitans - mind

res extensa - body, matter, etc



Immanuel Kant 1724-1804

synthetic a priori knowledge:

- time
- space

both *pure forms of intuition* and *pure intuitions*.

Culture in East and West

Cross-cultural psychologist's juxtapose Eastern *holistic* and Western *analytic* reasoning.

Eastern reasoning embraces contradictions among objects in a yin—yang field of constant change.

Western reasoning tends to focus on objects and categories, and is driven by *formal logic*.

Nisbett RE., Peng K., Choi I. & Norenzayan A. (2001). Culture and Systems of Thought: Holistic versus Analytic Cognition. *Psychological Review*, 108(2), 291-310.

What would be a Western equivalence to ZENetic Computer?

Possible Answer:

- an interactive experience based on the story of Alice in Wonderland



Charles Lutwidge Dodgson 1832-1898



Stage-1: Down the Rabbit Hole

Research



(video, 1:03)









Flow stair lift

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Stage-2: Drink me – Eat me





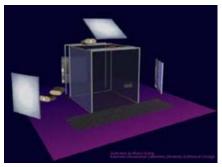


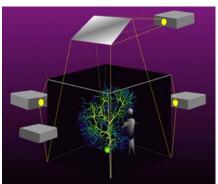


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Five sides Cave





Stage-3: The Cheshire Cat

Research







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Expected Results:

- A research platform for cultural computing
- A prototype for interactive experiences
- New methods to assess the user's experience
 - Implicit Association Test (IAT)
 - Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI)
 - Mandala based Ratings (MBR)

Let's get aware about our connections to the collective unconscious...

Thank you for your attention.