

# THE ATLARGE VISION ON THE DESIGN OF DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS AND ECOSYSTEMS

**We All  
Need Good  
Design,**

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**But We Are  
Not All  
Steve Jobs**

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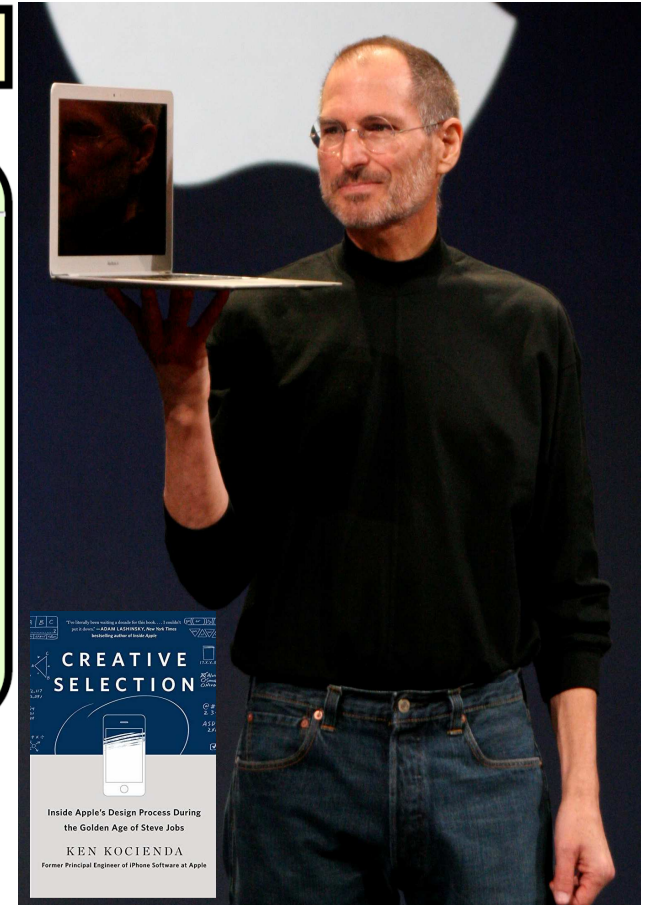
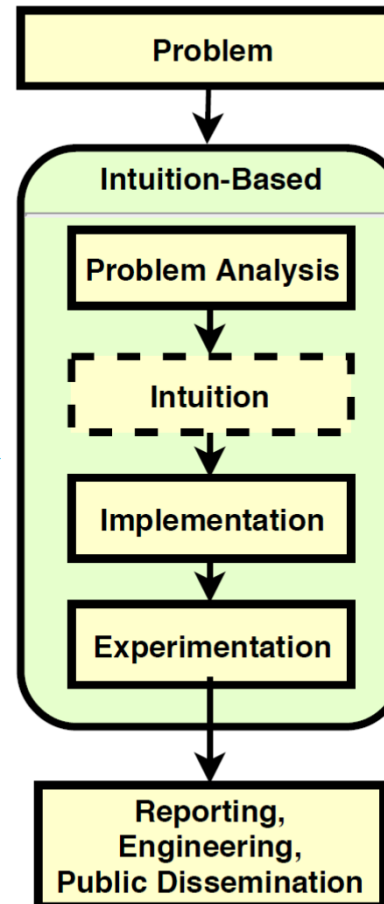
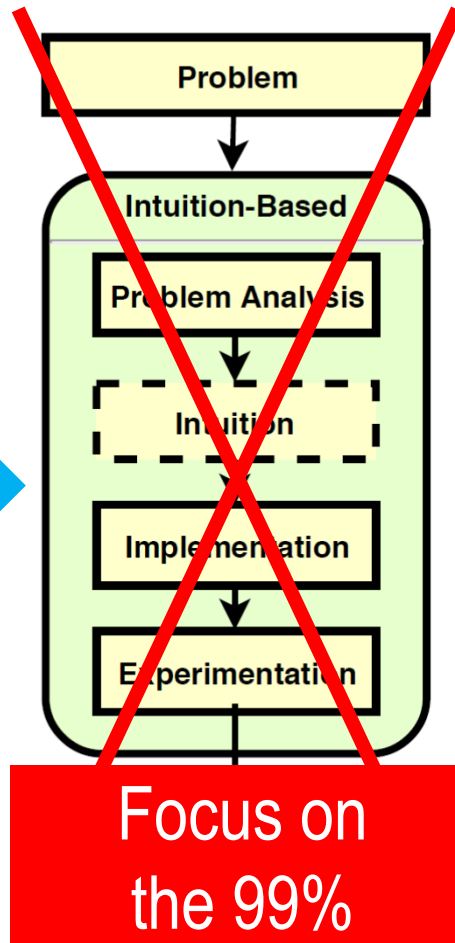
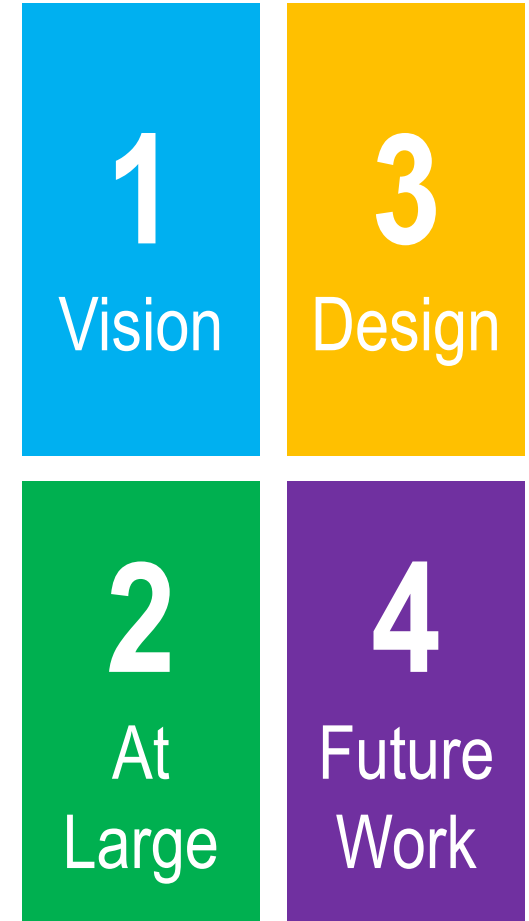
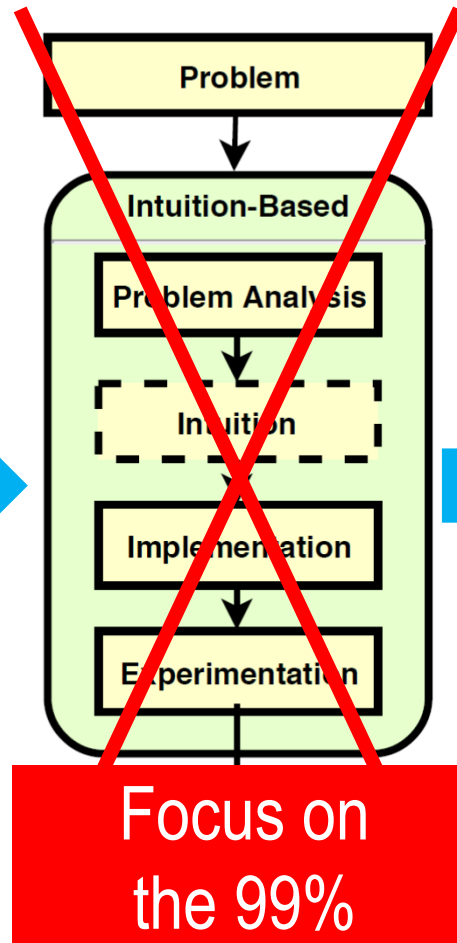


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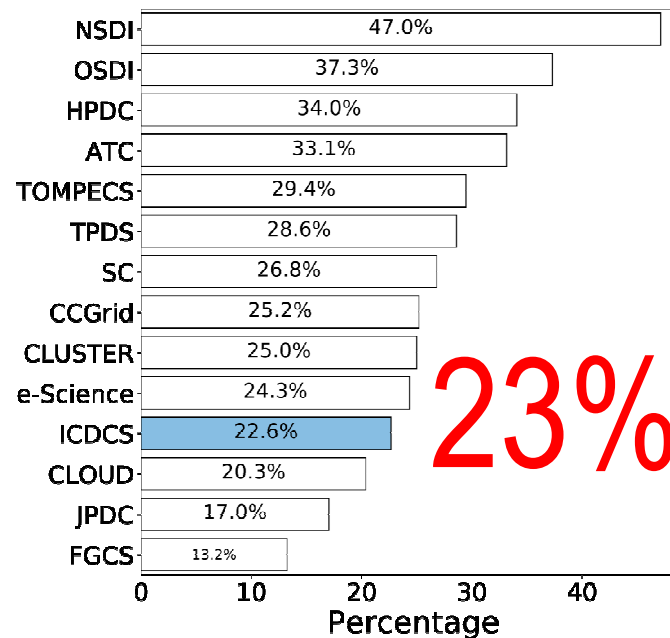


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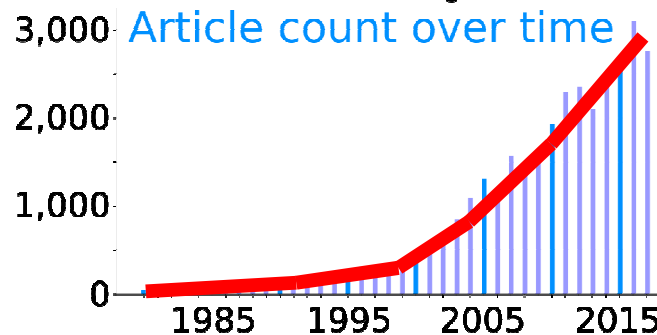


# THE NEED FOR GOOD DESIGN IS GROWING

Highest  
Demand  
Ever



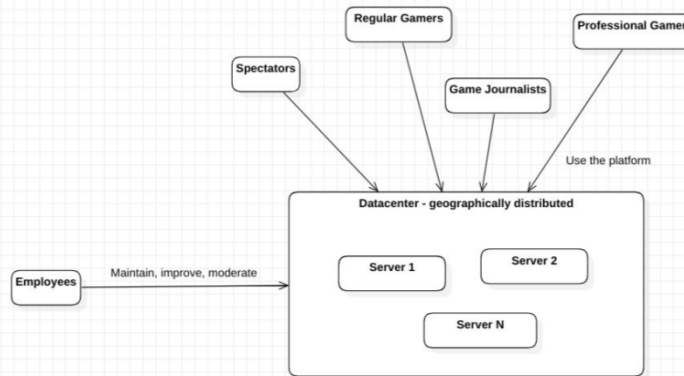
Already large  
fraction of all  
published  
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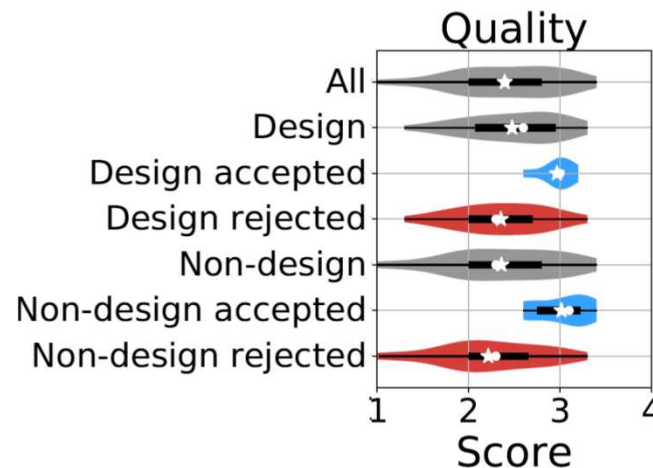
Increasingly  
more design  
articles

# THE NEED FOR GOOD DESIGN IS GROWING

Offer  
Seems  
Insufficient  
(in Quality)



Students  
need guidance

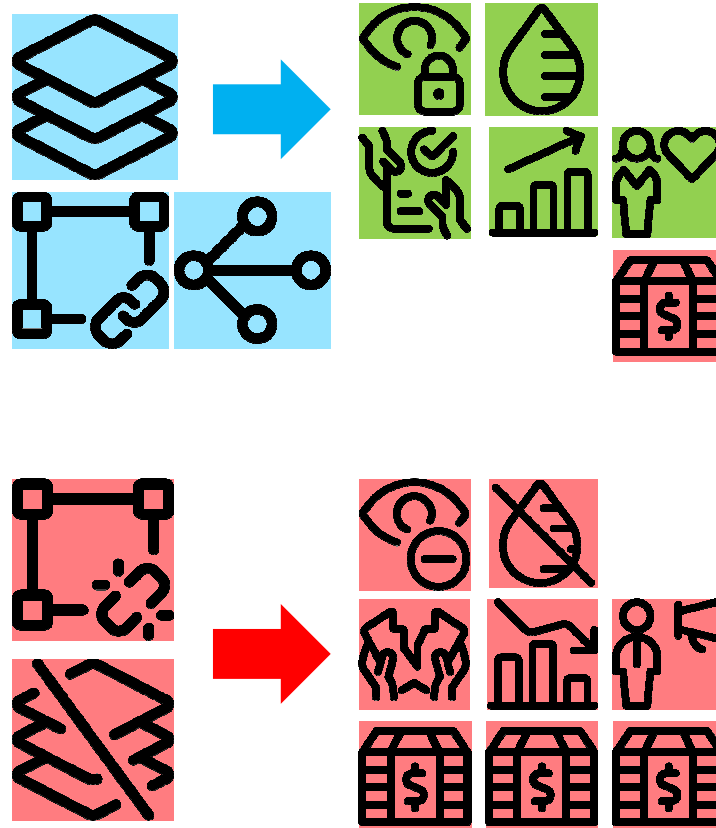


... but also ...  
Professionals  
need guidance



# THE NEED FOR GOOD DESIGN IS GROWING

Poor Design  
Quality  
Is Costly



Lackluster  
design is costly  
+  
Bad design  
can be  
catastrophic



# THE NEED FOR GOOD DESIGN IS GROWING

**High  
Demand**

**Insufficient  
Offer**

**Too Costly to  
Not Get it Right**

THE ATLARGE VISION OF ECOSYSTEM DESIGN

**Our Vision = Good Design by Design**

What Is Design?

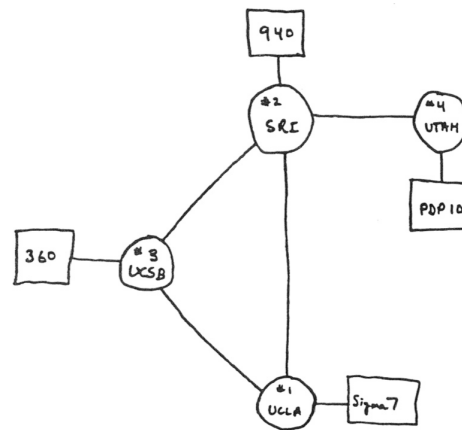
# THE ATLARGE VISION OF ECOSYSTEM DESIGN

## Our Vision = Good Design by Design

Design

=

intentional solution of a problem,  
by the creation of  
reasonable plans for  
a new solution



THE ARPA NETWORK

DEC 1969

4 NODES

Source: [IEEE Annals Hist. Comp.](#)

# THE ATLAS VISION OF ECOSYSTEM DESIGN

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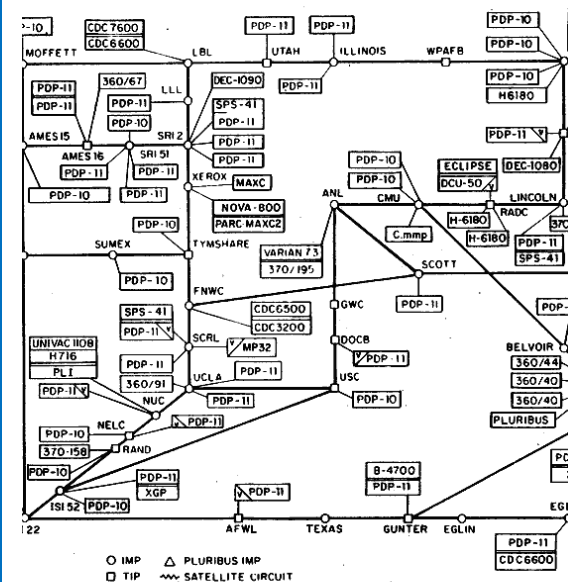
Pragmatic design

=

design  
implemented and  
validated for  
production-like



ARPANET LOGICAL MAP, MARCH 1977



(PLEASE NOTE THAT WHILE THIS MAP SHOWS THE MOST POPULATION OF THE NETWORK ACCORDING TO INFORMATION OBTAINABLE, NO CLAIM CAN BE MADE FOR ITS ACCURACY)

NAMES SHOWN ARE IMP NAMES, NOT (NECESSARILY) HOST NAMES

Source: The Computer History Museum.

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Innovative design

=

the solution is  
new for everyone



# THE ATLARGE FRAMEWORK FOR (ECO)SYSTEM DESIGN



**Design as Activity**



**Co-Evolving Problem-Solutions**



**Design Process to  
Find and Solve Problems**



**Pragmatic and Innovative Designs**



**Design Principles for  
Distributed Systems  
and Ecosystems**



**15 Years of System-Design Experience**

# DESIGN IN ACTION: A SEPARATE ACTIVITY



## Reasoning

<b>What?</b> (concepts, objects, people)	+	<b>How?</b> (relationship, law, pattern)	→	<b>Outcome</b> (observed phenomenon)
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## Deduction

(Popper on science)

**What?**



**How?**



???

## Induction

(scientific method)

**What?**



???



**Outcome**

## Abduction

(problem solving)

???



**How?**



**Outcome**

## Abduction

(design)

???



???



**Outcome**

## Unreasoning

(facts don't matter)

???



???



???

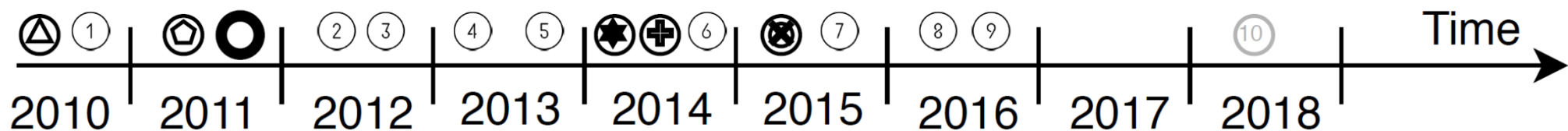


# DESIGN IN ACTION: HOW TO EXPLORE THE DESIGN SPACE?

## A Concrete Example: Spark

### Key Component in Spark Ecosystem

△ RDD    ⬡ DStream    ● Shark    ★ DataFrame    ⊕ Catalyst    ⊗ Tungsten



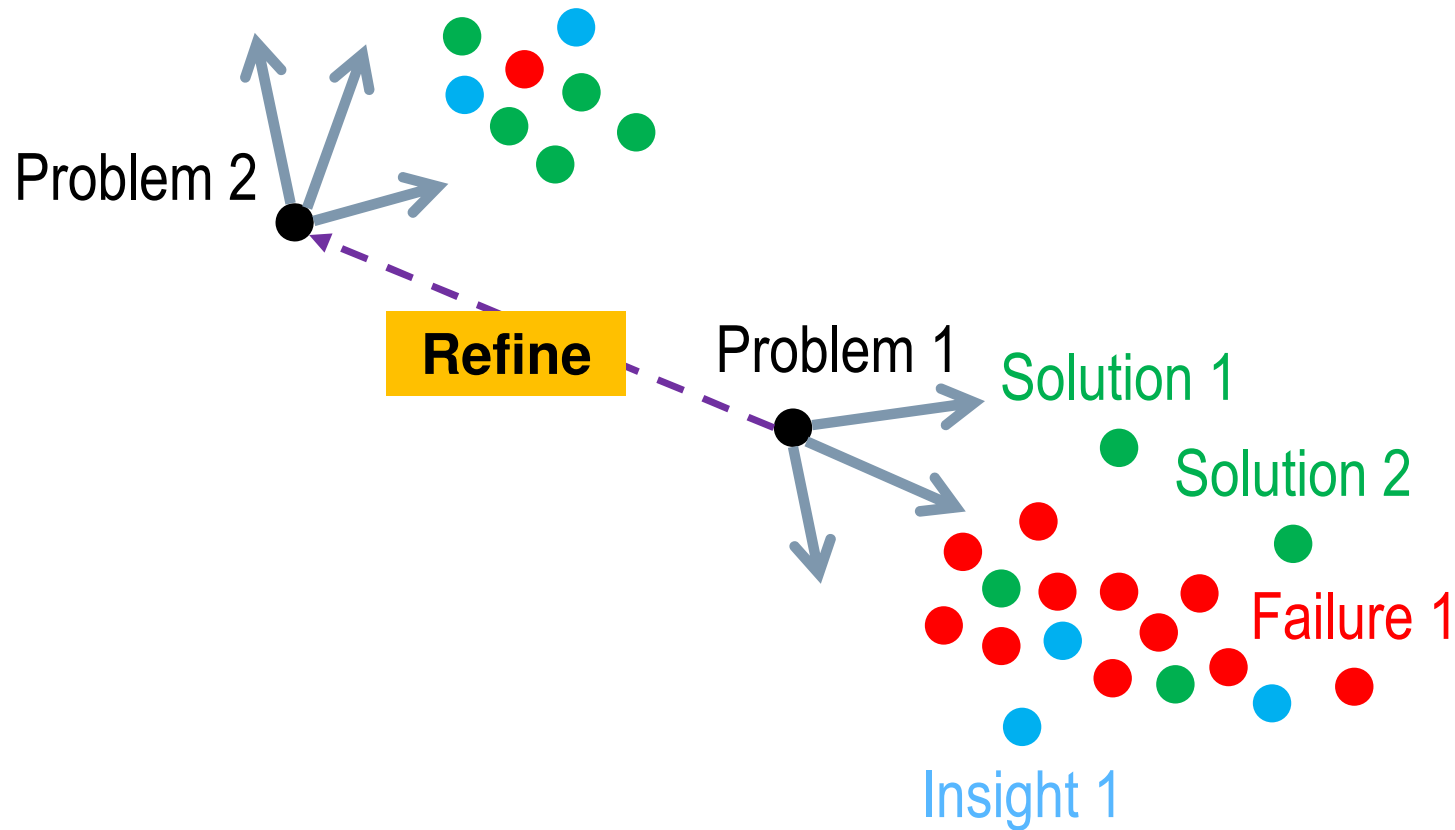
### 10 Key Scientific Publications

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ① Spark - HotCloud               | ⑥ GraphX - OSDI                 |
| ② RDD - NSDI                     | ⑦ Spark SQL - SIGMOD            |
| ③ Discretized Streams - HotCloud | ⑧ MLlib (ML on Spark) - JMLR    |
| ④ Discretized Streams - SOSP     | ⑨ SparkR - SIGMOD               |
| ⑤ Shark (SQL on Spark) - SIGMOD  | ⑩ Structured Streaming - SIGMOD |

# DESIGN IN ACTION: HOW TO EXPLORE THE DESIGN SPACE?



## An Abstract Example



# DESIGN IN ACTION: HOW TO EXPLORE THE DESIGN SPACE?



**Reasoning**

**What?**

(concepts, objects, people)



**How?**

(relationship, law, pattern)



**Outcome**

(observed phenomenon)

**Free**

(Pure Exploration)

???



???



**Outcome**

**Fix the What**

(iterative, basic cycles)

???



???



**Outcome**

(Tech) Limits

**Fix the How**

(iterative, basic cycles)

???



???



**Outcome**

Frame

**Co-evolving**

(iterative, advanced cycles)  
(tech limits, frame apply)

???



???



**Outcome**

Refine

# THE ATLARGE DESIGN PROCESS: PROBLEM-SOLUTIONS



**Design Process to Find  
Problems**

**Design Process to Solve  
Problems**

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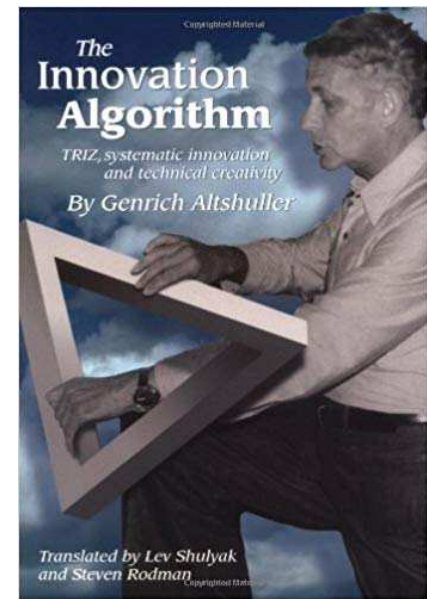
## Process to Find Problems

- + Iterative
- + Comprehensive surveys,  
~ Morphological analysis
- + Simple approaches
- + Complex approaches, ~TRIZ  
[see article]



Fritz Zwicky

<http://www.zwicky-stiftung.ch/>



Genrikh S. Altshuller

[Book on Amazon.](#)

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## Process to Find Problems

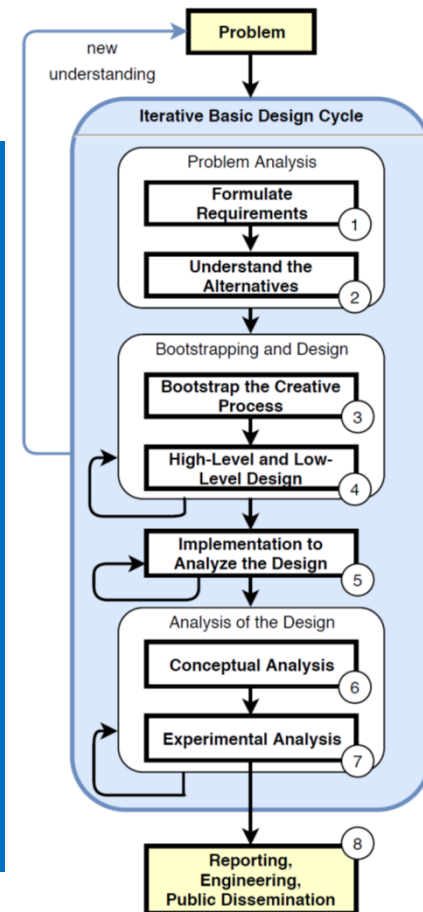
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[see article]



## Solving =

- + Innovation first
- + Iterative
- + Bootstrapping
- + High-Level
- + Detailed
- + Analysis



# THE ATLARGE DESIGN PROCESS: PRINCIPLES



## Highest Principle

Design processes foster good design.



## Systems Principles

e.g., Design for ecosystems, not single systems.



## Peopleware Principles

e.g., Design education for competence, integrity.



## Method. Principles

e.g., A science, culture, and practice of design.



# THE ATLARGE DESIGN PROCESS: CHALLENGES



## Highest Principle

Design processes foster good design.

How to show?



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How to do?



## Peopleware Principles

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## Method. Principles

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How do *you* design?

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**0**  
Why Good  
Design?

**1**  
Design  
Vision

**2**  
AtLarge  
Approach

**3**  
In  
Action

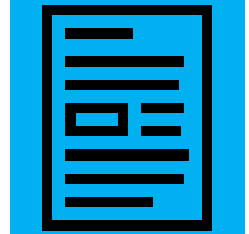
**4**  
Future  
Work



# MASSIVIZING COMPUTER SYSTEMS

## FURTHER READING

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