

TIW 8

Technologies Web synchrones et multi-dispositifs

Ubicomp Web

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L'informatique Ubiquitaire

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L'Ubicomp : 3^e ère de l'informatique

Fin des années 1980 - début 90 :

- ▶ L'informatique personnelle s'impose (Mac: 84, Windows 3: 90)
- ▶ Miniaturisation de l'informatique
- ▶ Informatique embarquée, premier téléphone mobile, Palm...
- ▶ Développement d'interfaces utilisateurs grand public
- ▶ Salles interactives, réalité augmentée...

De nombreux termes:

- ▶ Ubiquitous computing (Xerox)
- ▶ Pervasive computing (IBM)
- ▶ Intelligence ambiante (UE)

Mark Weiser — Le père de l'Ubicomp

The Computer for the 21st Century

Specialized elements of hardware and software, connected by wires, radio waves and infrared, will be so ubiquitous that no one will notice their presence

by Mark Weiser

The most profound technologies are those that disappear. They weave themselves into the fabric of everyday life until they are indistinguishable from it.

Consider writing, perhaps the first information technology. The ability to represent spoken language symbolically for long-term storage freed information from the limits of individual memory. Today this technology is ubiquitous in industrialized countries. Not only do books, magazines and newspapers convey written information, but so do street signs, billboards, shop signs and even graffiti. Candy wrappers are covered in writing. The constant background presence of these products of "literacy technology" does not require active attention, but the information to be transmitted is ready for use at a glance. It is difficult to imagine modern life otherwise.

Screen-based information technology, in contrast, is far from having become part of the environment. More than 50 million personal computers have been sold, and the computer nonetheless remains largely in a world of its own. It

is approachable only through complex jargon that has nothing to do with the tasks for which people use computers. The state of the art is perhaps analogous to the period when scribes had to know as much about making ink or baking clay as they did about writing.

The arcane aura that surrounds personal computers is not just a "user interface" problem. My colleagues and I at the Xerox Palo Alto Research Center think that the idea of a "personal" computer itself is misplaced and that the vision of laptop machines, dynabooks and "knowledge navigators" is only a transitional step toward achieving the real potential of information technology. Such machines cannot truly make computing an integral, invisible part of people's lives. We are therefore trying to conceive a new way of thinking about computers, one that takes into account the human world and allows the computers themselves to vanish into the background.

Such a disappearance is a fundamental consequence not of technology but of human psychology. Whenever people learn something sufficiently well, they cease to be aware of it. When you look at a street sign, for example, you absorb its information without consciously performing the act of reading. Computer scientist, economist and Nobelist Herbert A. Simon calls this phenomenon "compiling"; philosopher Michael Polanyi calls it the "tacit dimension"; psychologist J. J. Gibson calls it "visual invariants"; philosophers Hans Georg Gadamer and Martin Heidegger call it the "horizon" and the "ready-to-hand"; John Seely Brown of PARC calls it the "periphery." All say, in essence, that only when things disappear in this way are we freed to use them without thinking and so to focus beyond them on new goals.

The idea of integrating computers seamlessly into the world at large runs counter to a number of present-day trends. "Ubiquitous computing" in this context does not mean just computers that can be carried to the beach, jungle or airport. Even the most powerful notebook computer, with access to a worldwide information network, still focuses attention on a single box. By analogy with writing, carrying a superlaptop is like owning just one very important book. Customizing this book, even writing millions of other books, does not begin to capture the real power of literacy.

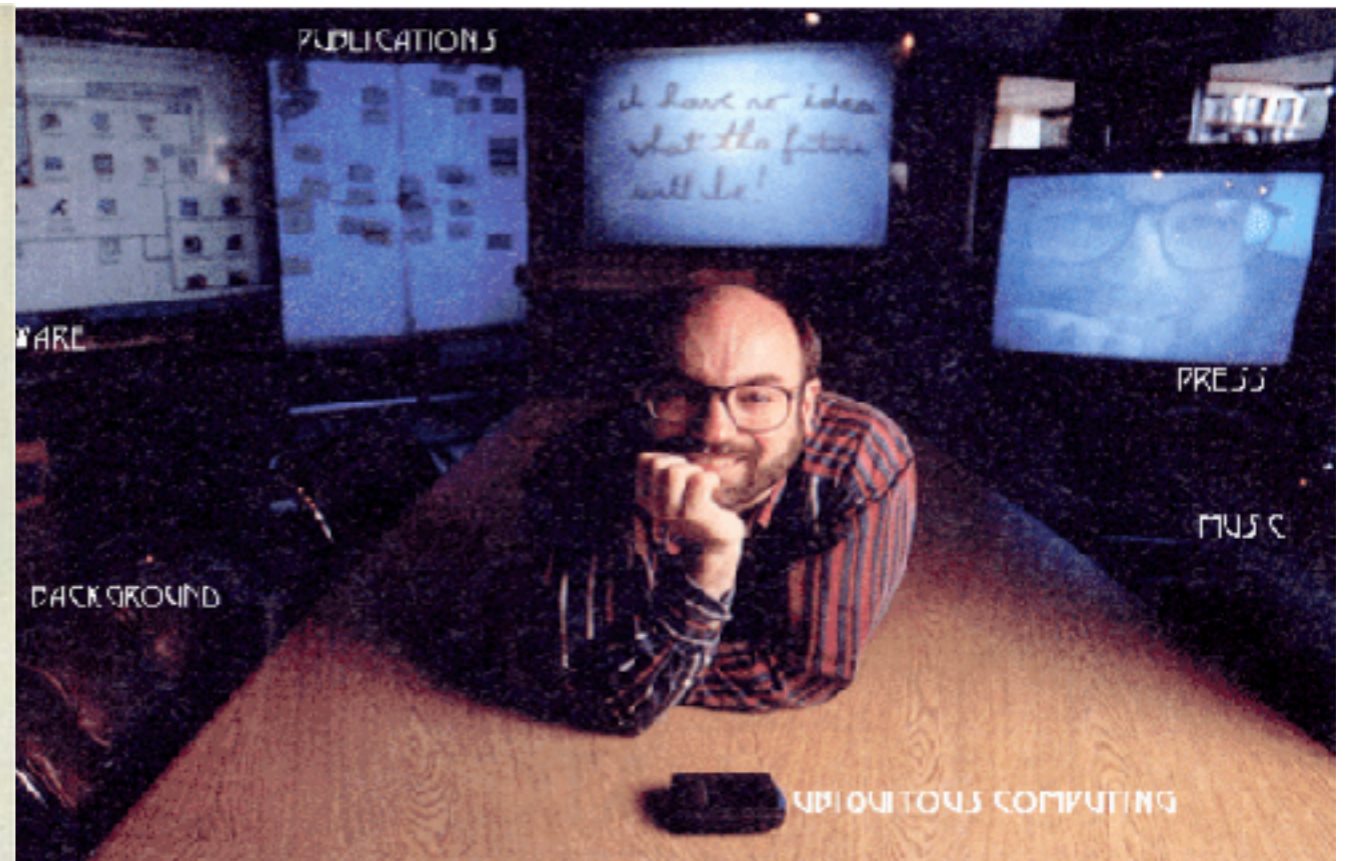
Furthermore, although ubiquitous computers may use sound and video in addition to text and graphics, that does not make them "multimedia computers." Today's multimedia machine makes the computer screen into a demanding focus of attention rather than allowing it to fade into the background.

Perhaps most diametrically opposed to our vision is the notion of virtual reality, which attempts to make a world inside the computer. Users don special goggles that project an artificial scene onto their eyes; they wear gloves or even bodysuits that sense their motions and gestures so that they can move about and manipulate virtual objects. Although it may have its purpose in allowing people to explore realms otherwise inaccessible—the insides of cells, the surfaces of distant planets, the information web of data bases—virtual reality is only a map, not a territory. It excludes desks, offices, other people not wearing goggles and bodysuits, weather, trees, walks, chance encounters and, in general, the infinite richness of the universe. Virtual reality focuses an enormous apparatus on simulating the world rather than on invisibly enhancing the world that already exists.

Indeed, the opposition between the

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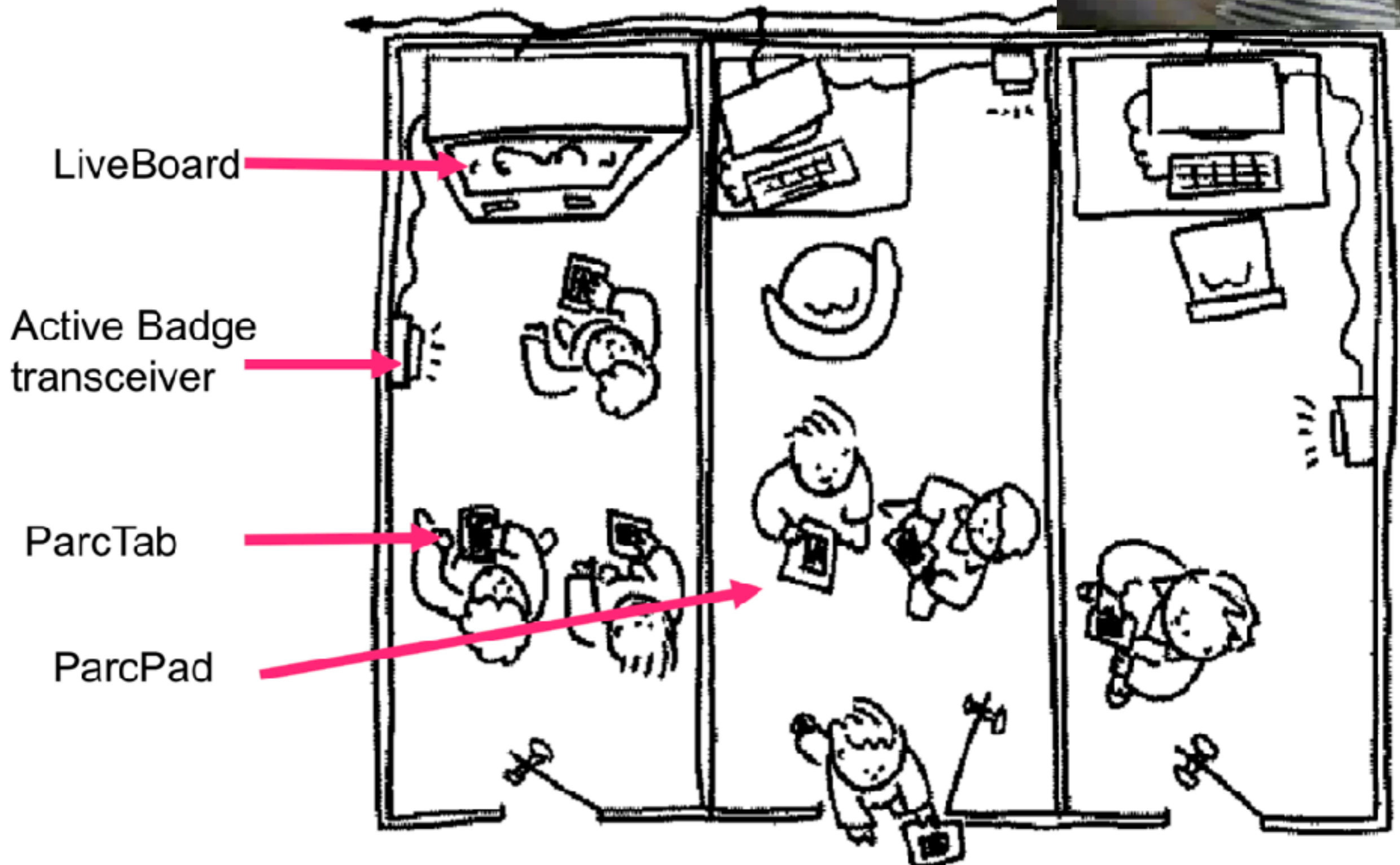
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Formule une vision de l'informatique diffuse, dans l'environnement et les objets de tous les jours.

<https://www.lri.fr/~mbl/Stanford/CS477/papers/Weiser-SciAm.pdf>

À Xerox Parc



Computing by the inch, foot, & yard

Ubiquitous computing @ Xerox PARC, 1988 - 1995

Devices according to model size approach:

PARCtab

Inch-sized



PARCpad

Foot-sized

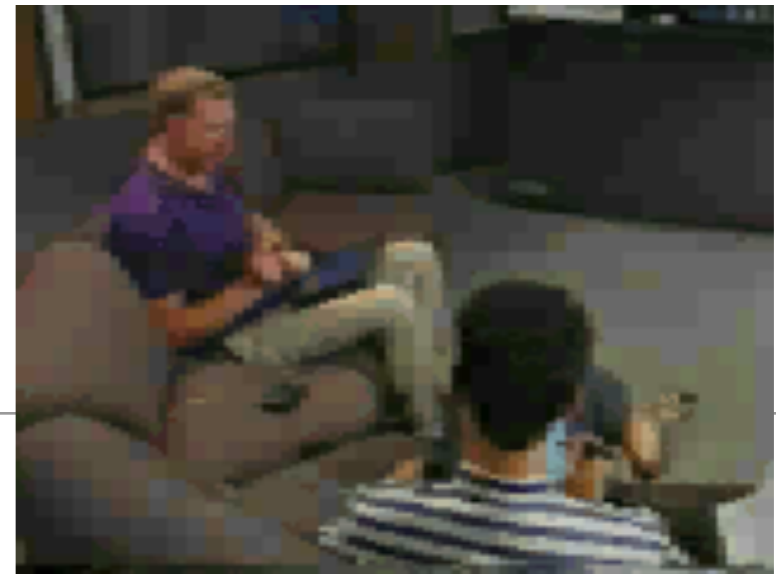


Liveboard

Yard-sized



Échelle, continuité



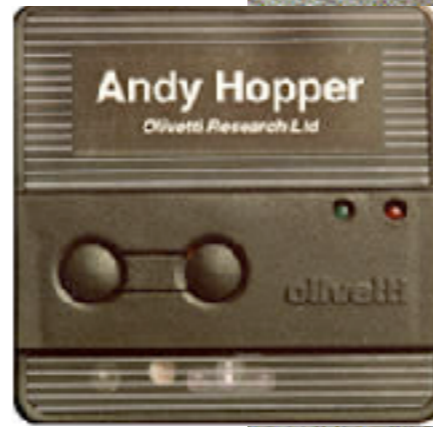
tiny Every pixel counts Context Aware Pervasive	~ book size Action at point of input Error handling & disambiguation Disposable or personal	> meter Fluid interaction Freeform input Shared collaborative
PARC Tabs hundreds/person	PARC Pads tens/person	Liveboard one/person

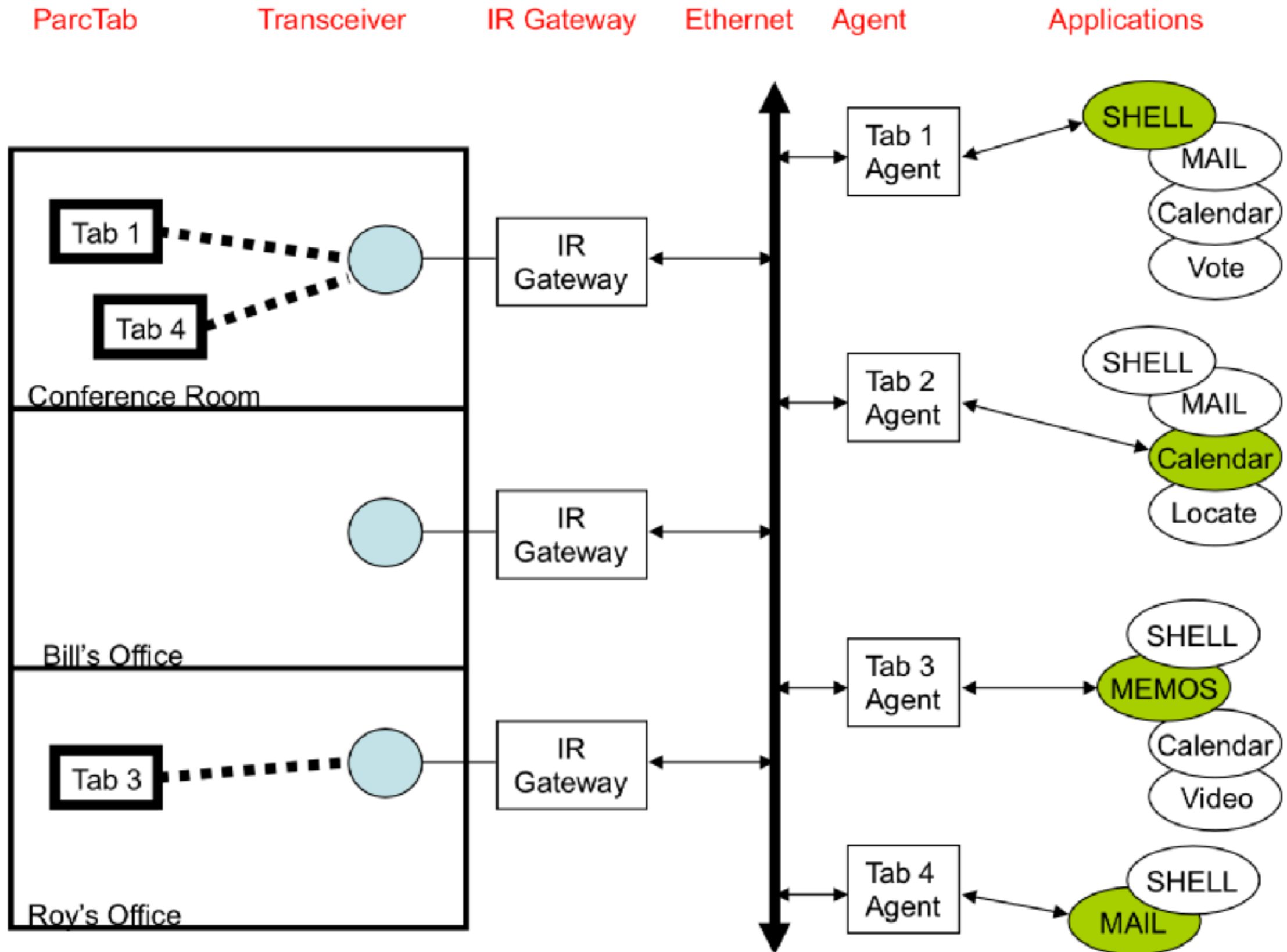
Tabs

“Tabs are the smallest components of embodied virtuality. Because they are interconnected, tabs will expand on the usefulness of existing inch-scale computers such as the pocket calculator and the pocket organizer. Tabs will also take on functions that no computer performs today.”

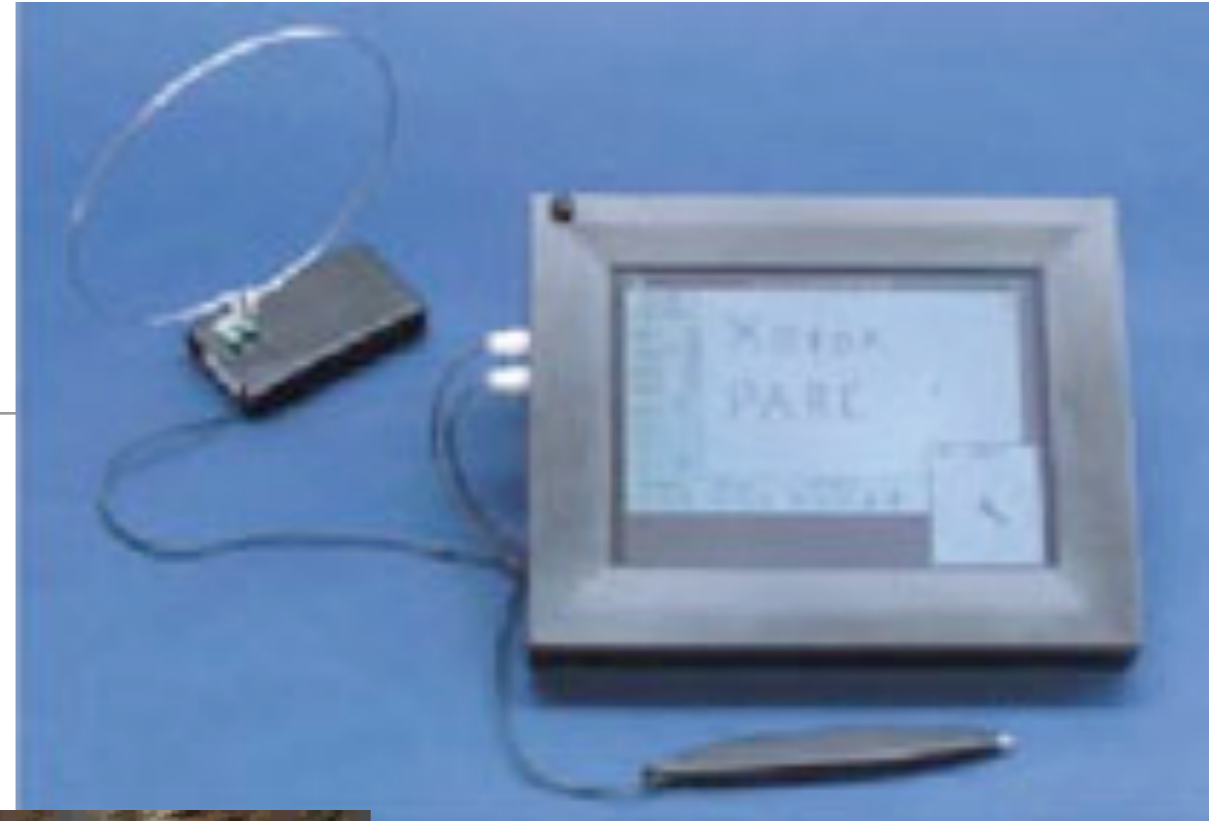
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- ▶ Petits
- ▶ Interconnectés
- ▶ Applications embarquées





Pads



“Pads differ from conventional portable computers in one crucial way. Whereas portable computers go everywhere with their owners, the pad that must be carried from place to place is a failure. Pads are intended to be ‘scrap computers’ (analogous to scrap paper) that can be grabbed and used any-where; they have no individualized identity or importance.”

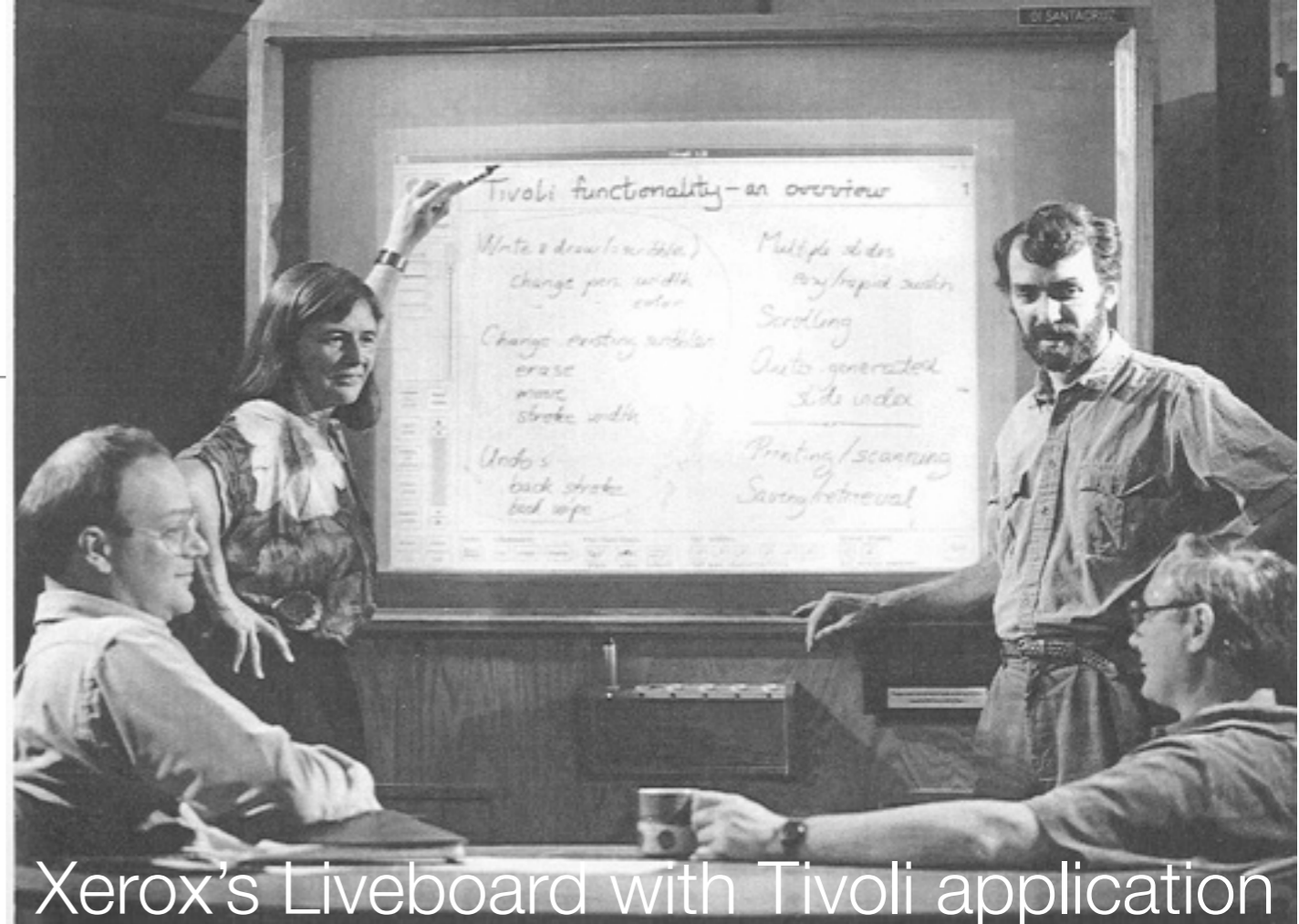
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Boards

“We have built enough Liveboards to permit casual use: they have been placed in ordinary conference rooms and open areas, and no one need sign up or give advance notice before using them. By building and using these boards, researchers start to experience and so understand a world in which computer interaction casually enhances every room.”

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Xerox's Liveboard with Tivoli application



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- ▶ l'écriture, l'eau, l'électricité...
- ▶ Embarqué, invisible, tacite, ambient, périphérique.
- ▶ Conscient de l'environnement

Dangling Wire de Natalie Jeremijenko



Un exemple de Calm Technology

<https://people.csail.mit.edu/rudolph/Teaching/weiser.pdf>
<https://calmtech.com/index.html>



Good Night Lamp
A. Deschamps-Sonsino

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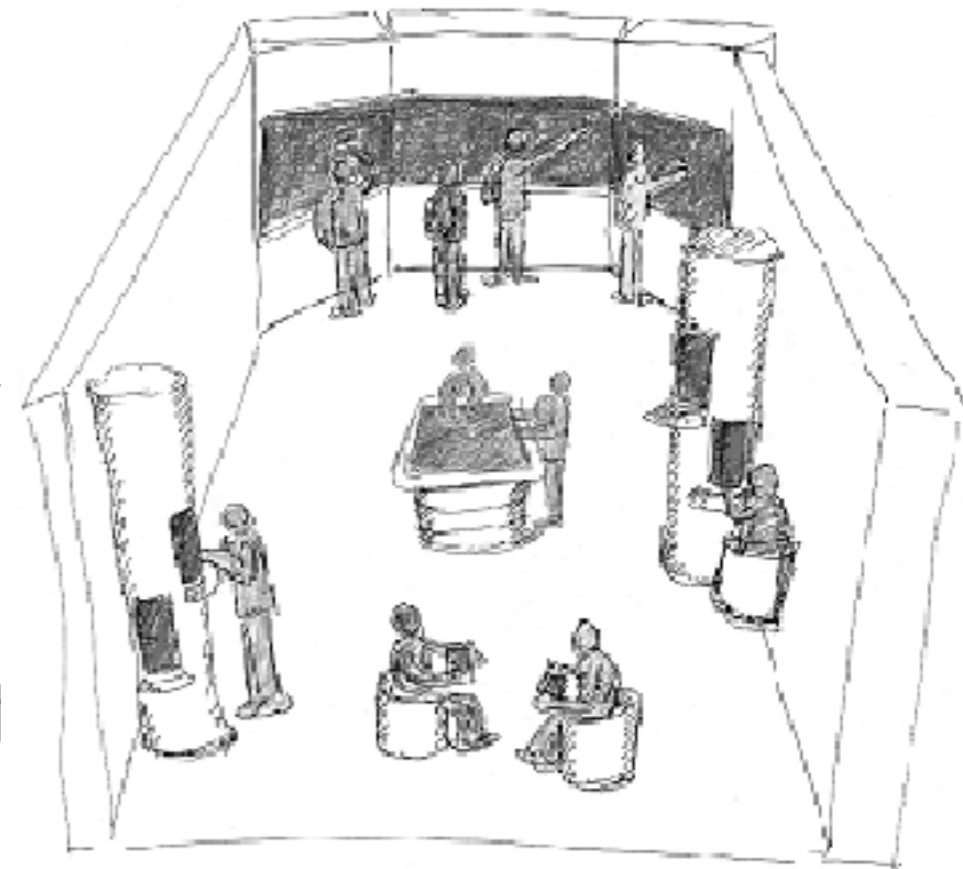
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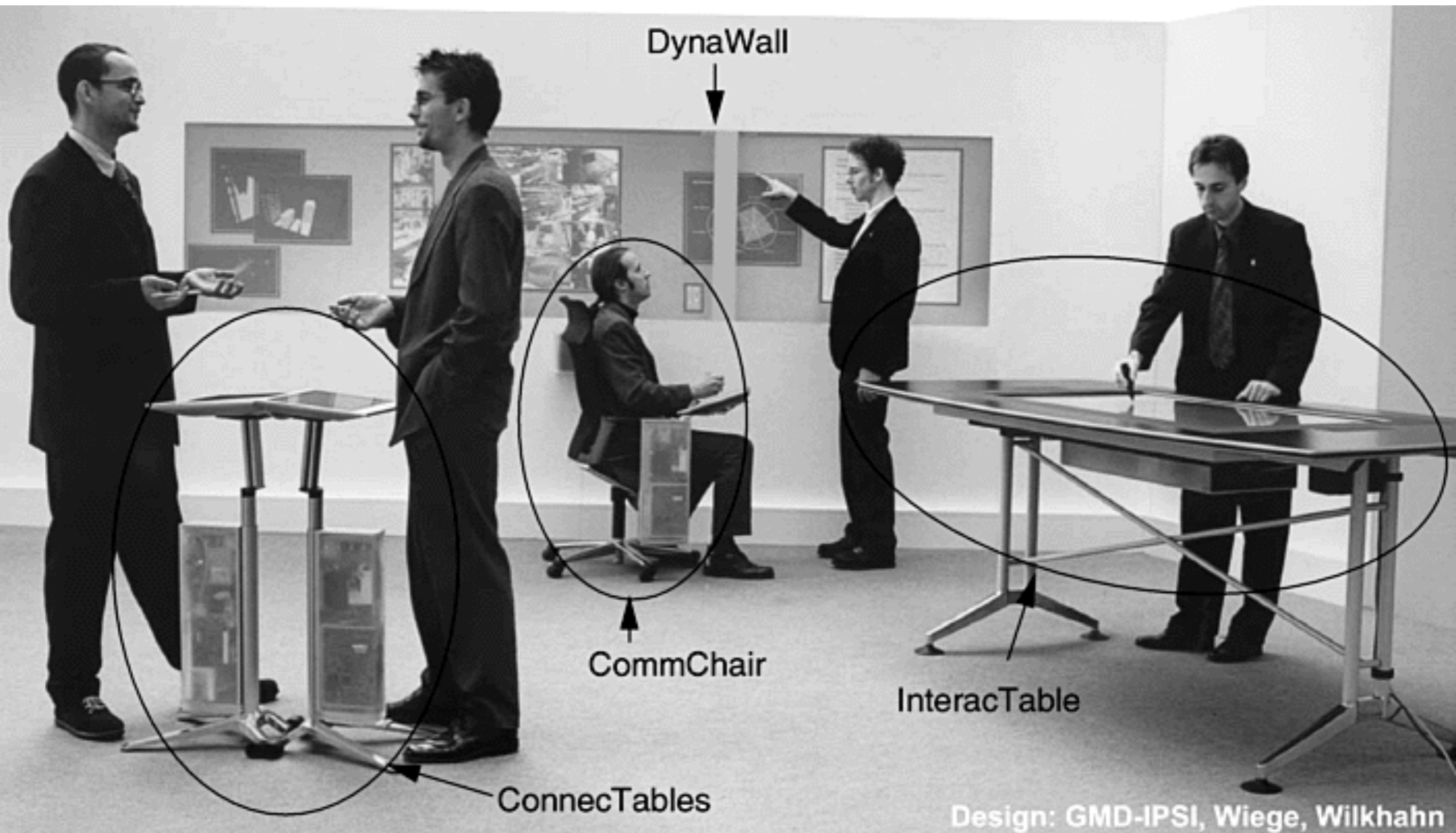
i-Land: “RoomWare” pour la créativité et Concepts

- ▶ Intégration de l’espace architectural et informationnel.
- ▶ Nouvelles pratiques de travail.

Scénarios

- ▶ Rencontre dans le couloir, dessin sur le mur
- ▶ Travail collaboratif en sous-groupe —> session de discussion





DynaWall



CommChair

InteracTable

ConnecTables

Design: GMD-IPSI, Wiege, Wilkhahn

i-Land

DynaWall

- ▶ Mur interactif tactile : 4,5m x 1,1m

CommChair

- ▶ Chaises avec ordinateur et station de docking intégrées pour portables

InteracTable

- ▶ Table interactive tactile : 65x85cm

Passage

- ▶ Mécanisme de passage d'information et d'association entre objets physiques et numériques.

Infrastructure

Integration

- ▶ De tous les composants hardware
- ▶ Réseau + infrastructure logicielle
- ▶ “OS for RoomWare”

Software Infrastructure ~ BEACH

- ▶ Partage d'information
- ▶ Gestion d'interfaces distribuées
- ▶ Distribution, réplication, gestion d'objet informationnels

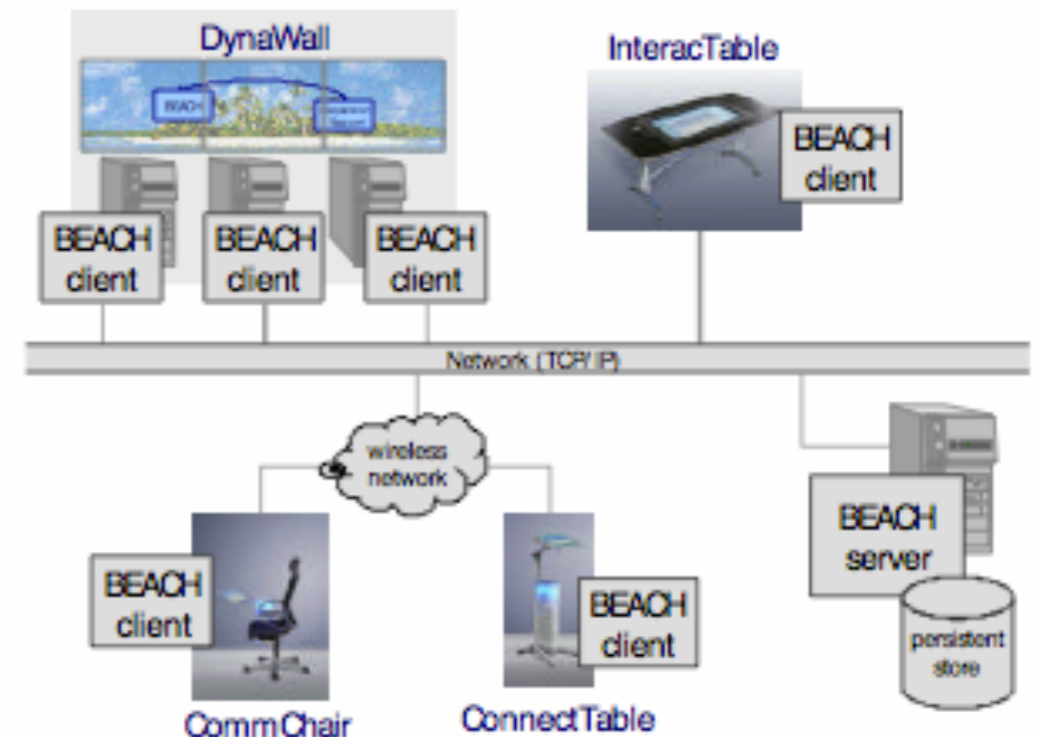


Fig. 4. BEACH clients running on different roomware component are synchronised by a server

Vision of the future (Philips, 1996)



VISION OF THE FUTURE

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Principes et exemples

Décentralisation

- ▶ Nombreux dispositifs
- ▶ Distribués, mobiles, p2p

Diversifiés

- ▶ Universel -> dédié
- ▶ Grand nombre de clients

Connectivité

- ▶ Toujours actif
- ▶ Sans fil

Simple

- ▶ “Information appliances”, dédiées avec fonctionnalité limitées
- ▶ “Intelligent”
 - Context-awareness
 - Activity-awareness

Une personne, de nombreux dispositifs



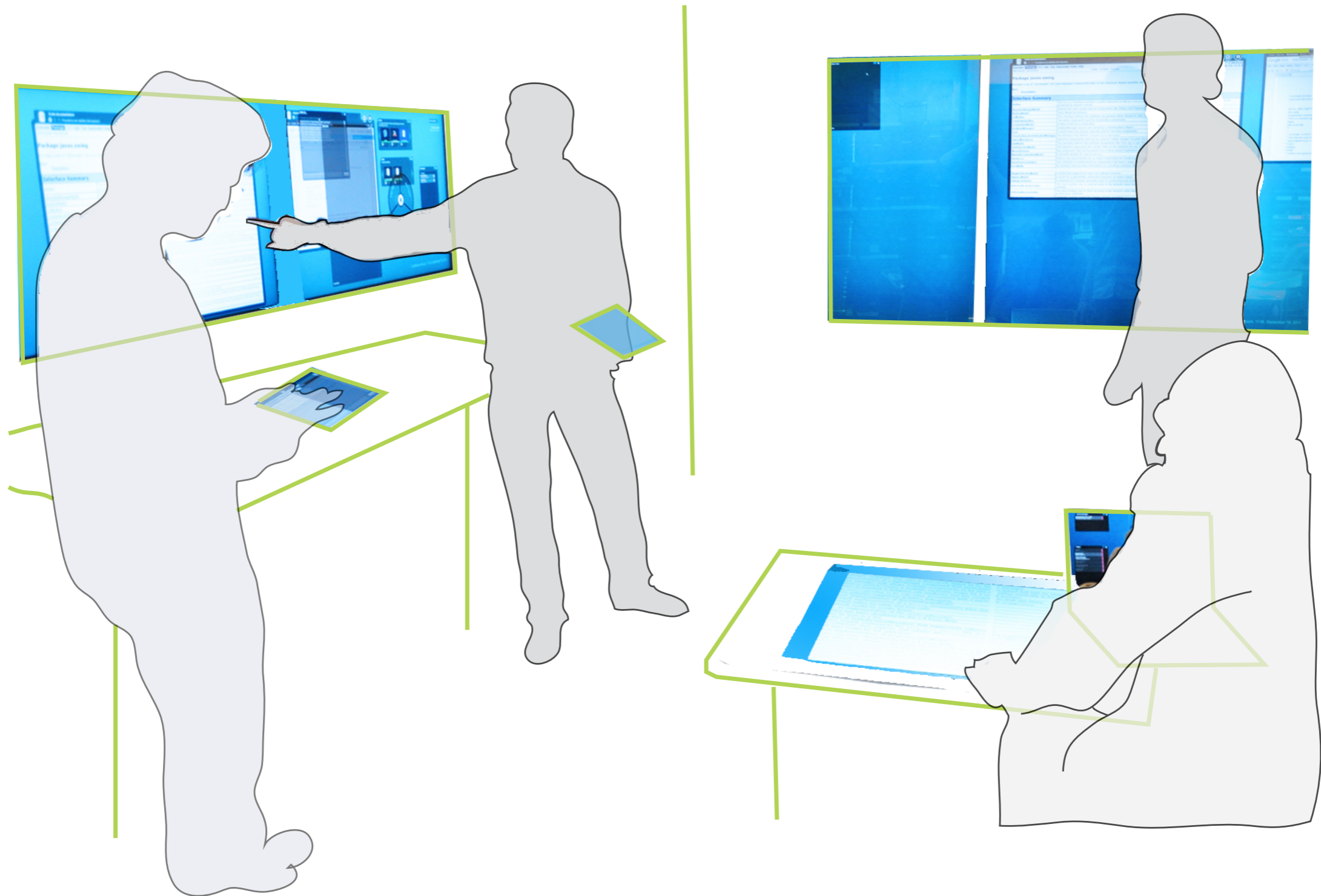
Un dispositif, de nombreux utilisateurs



Smart-home



Smart spaces



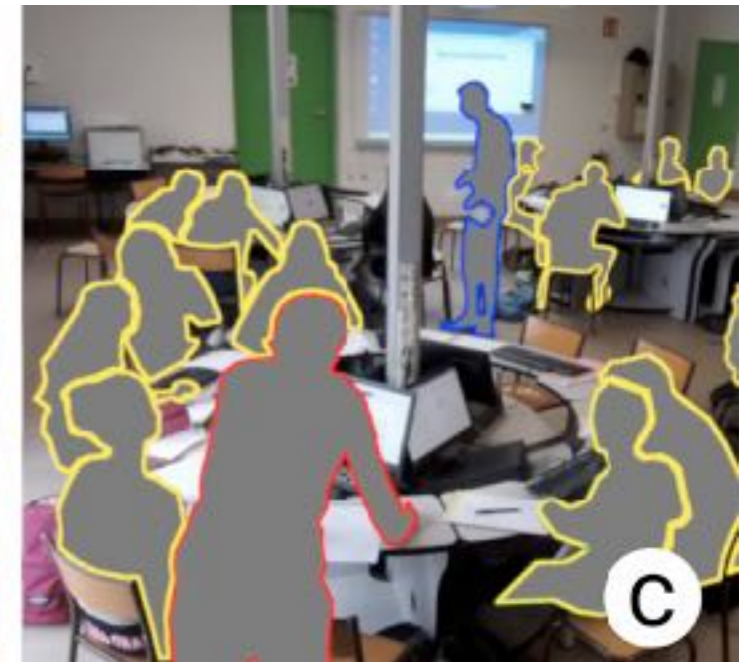
Mobilité



Santé et soins



Education



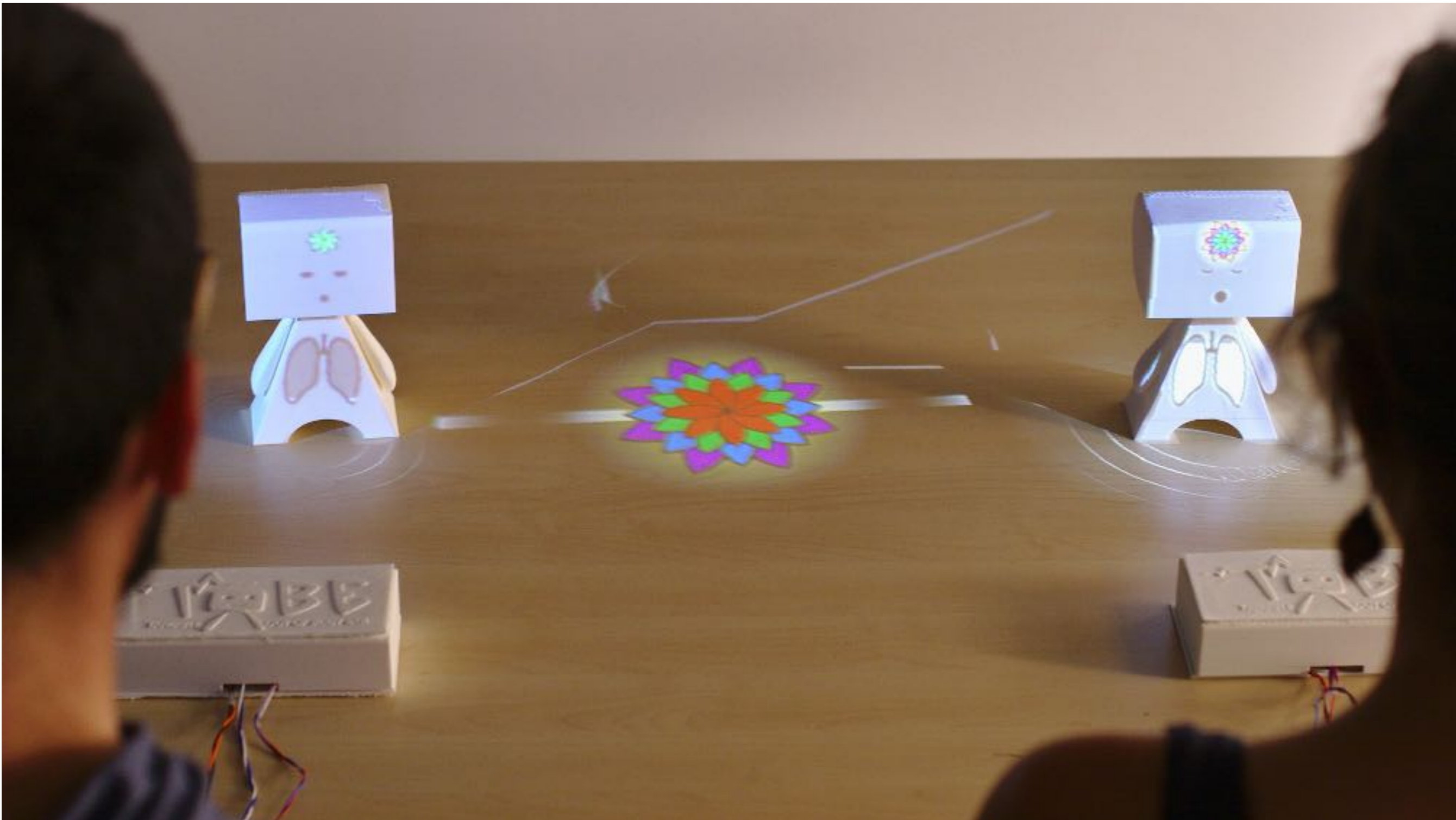
Wearables



Informatique tangible



Réalité mixte



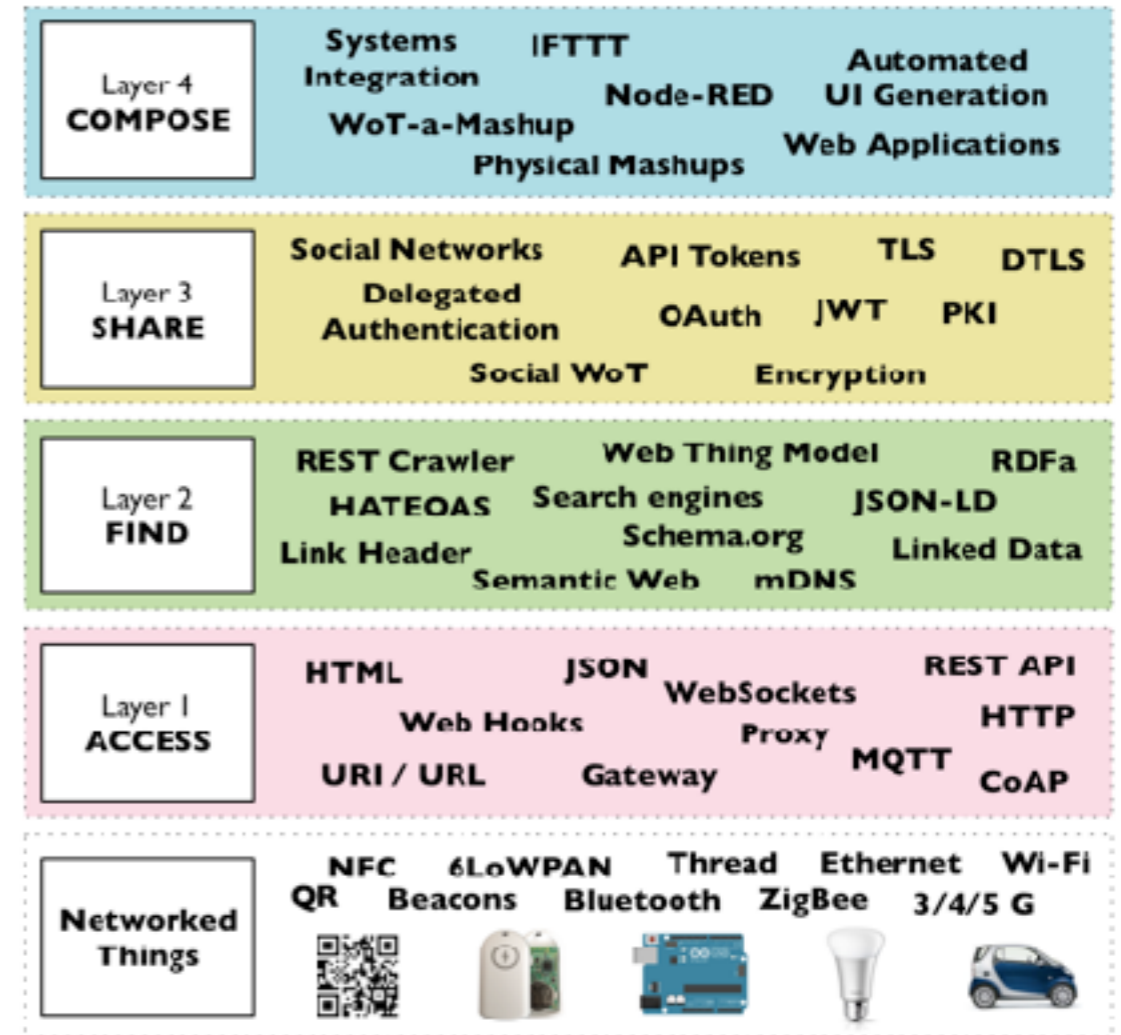
Web of Things

<https://www.w3.org/WoT/>



Couche Web sur l'Internet of Things

- ▶ Un GT du W3C
2 Candidate Recommendations
- ▶ Réutiliser les standards
- ▶ Simplifier la création de services
- ▶ Des bases anciennes
Projet Cooltown de HP en 2002
- ▶ Des entreprises actives:
xively, evrythng, ...



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Bilan

1. Concevoir pour la présence quasi-continue du numérique
2. Présenter l'information en respectant l'attention des utilisateurs -> de la périphérie vers le focus
3. Lier mondes physique et numérique
4. Transformer nos méthodes de conception, pour imaginer répondre à des besoins diffus et difficilement formalisables
5. Enjeux en termes de vie privée et environnemental