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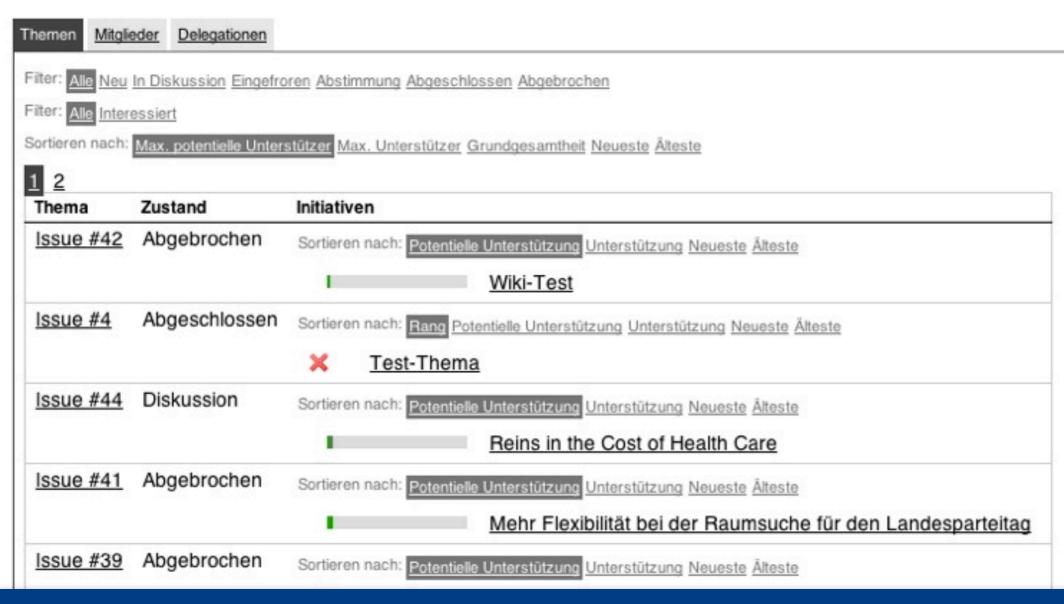
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When will you use it?





Agenda

- Motivation
- Embedded WHAT?
- Two Cases
- Methodological Challenges
- Conclusion



Embedded Citizen Participation

- information & participation "on the spot"
 - "on the spot": time and place where it makes sense for citizens to engage in the solution of an issue
- situatedness: "where you are when you do what you do matters" (Gero, 1998; cf. Clancey, 1997)
- decision-making processes benefit through
 - local knowledge and local conditions
 - real-life impact of interventions

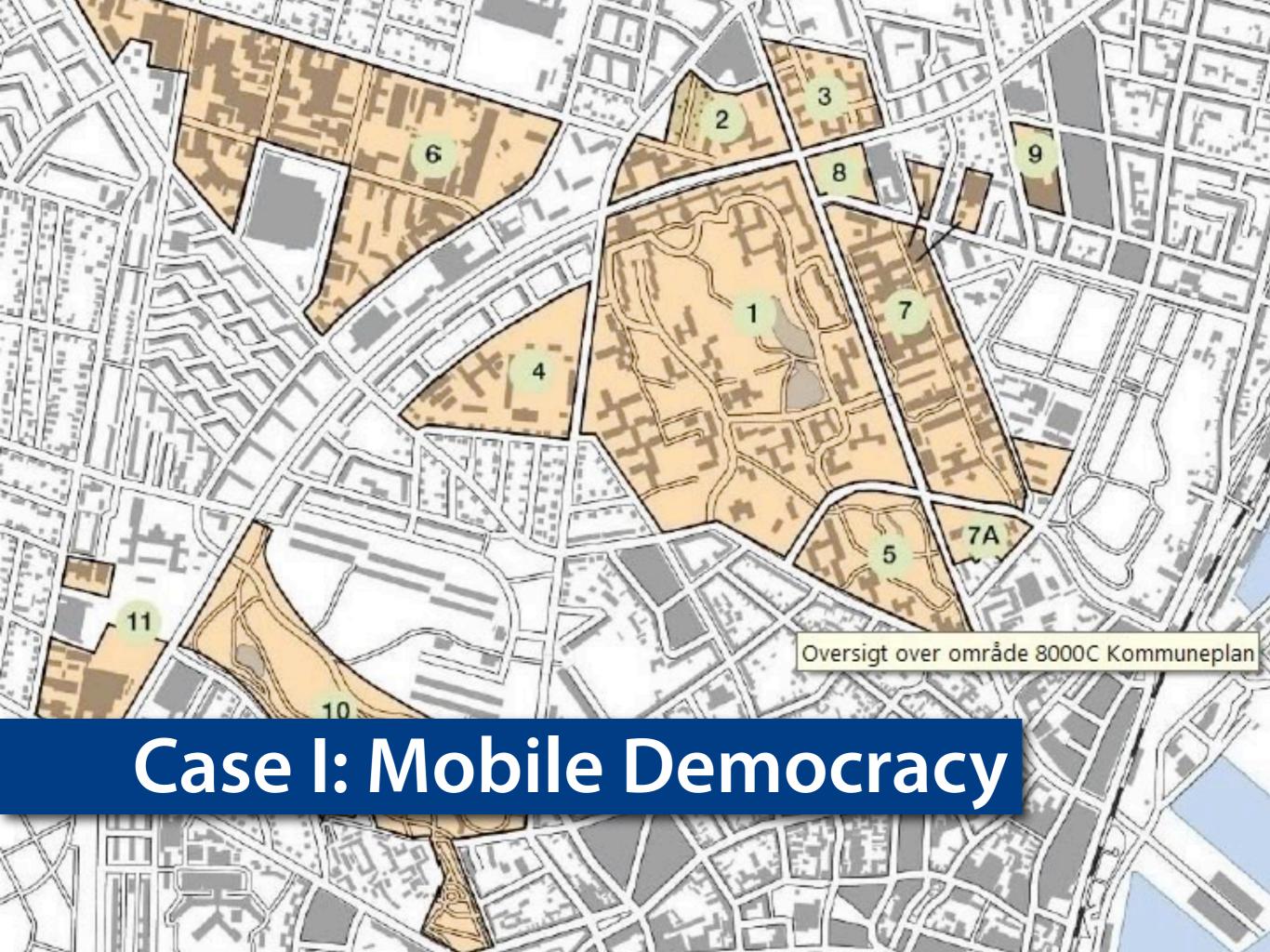
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- Argyris & Schön (1974):
 distinction between theory-in-action and espoused theory
 - --> different views in situ vs. ex situ
- Schön (1983): distinction between reflection-in-action and off-loop reflection
 - --> different results in situ vs. ex situ

In Situ vs. Remote Discussions

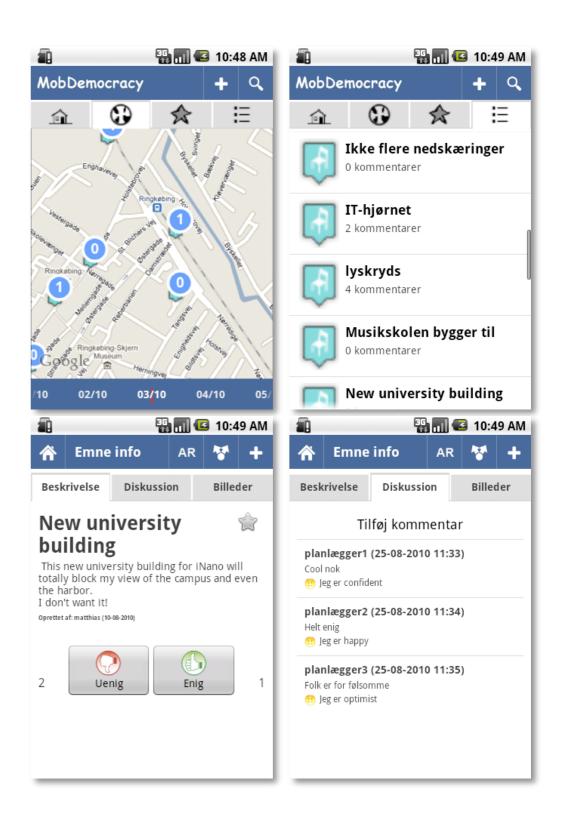
- in situ discussions: being spatially co-located with the physical object or place that is being negotiated, i.e. citizens are situated in what they discuss about
- yet! reflection-in-action is not all
 - citizens are busy & stressed when "on the run"
 - mobile devices are after all constrained due to their limited capabilities
- combination of in situ and remote elements of discussions



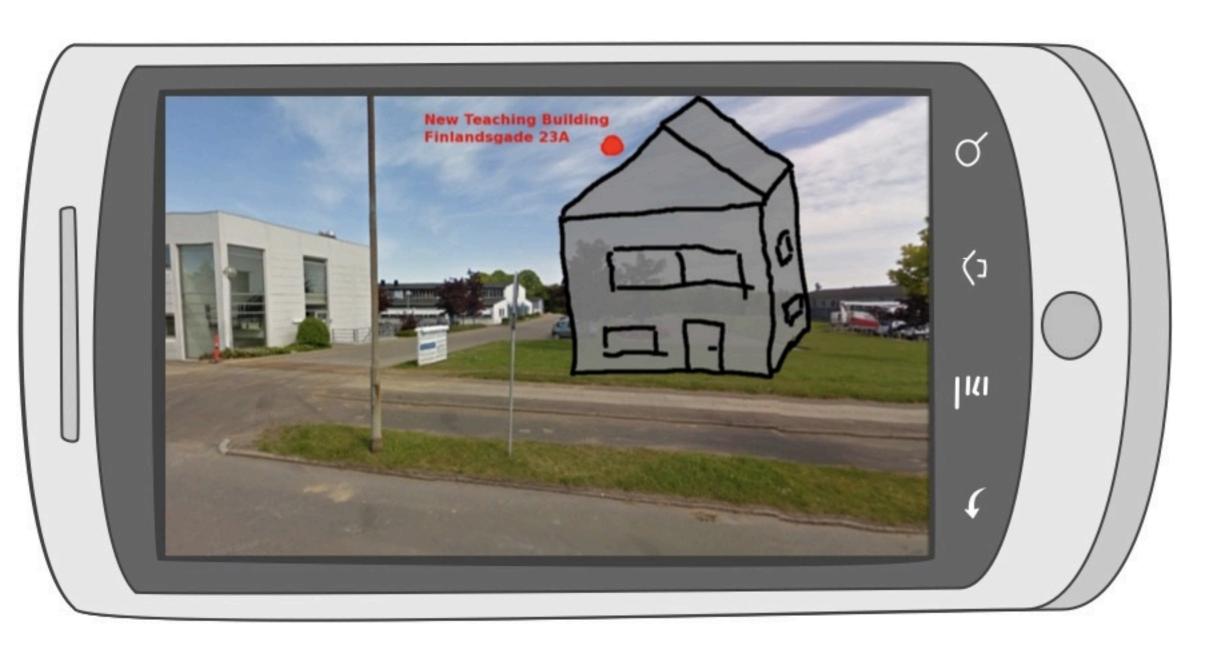


Mobile Democracy

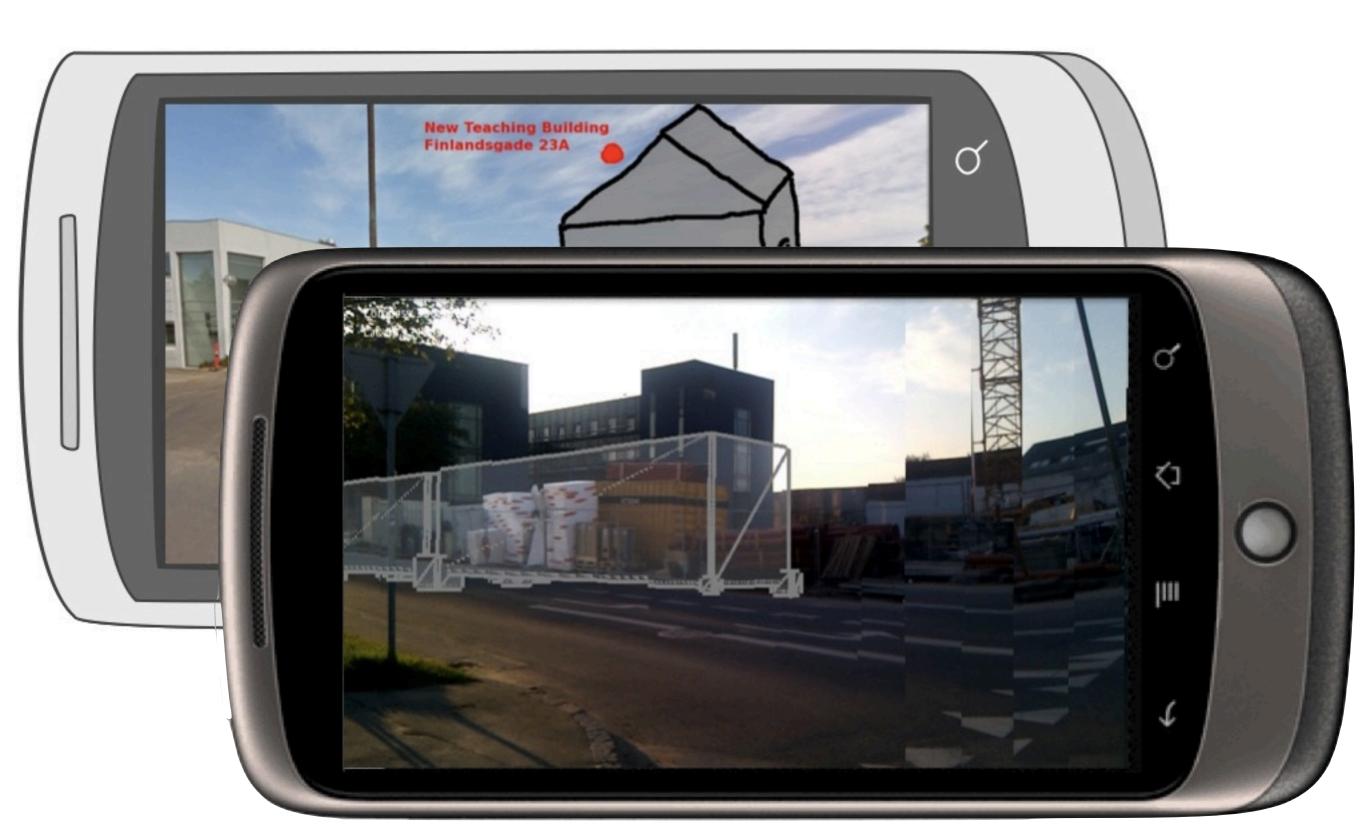
- Mobile app to engage citizen participation in municipal planning
- Citizens suggest changes to the plan or react to proposed changes
- Location-aware notifications
- Mobile app to take first steps while in the situation
- Desktop interface for reflection and deeper engagement at home



Augmented Reality City Tour



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Augmented Reality City Tour

- before participating comes informing
 - according to the ladder of citizen participation (Arnstein, 1969)
- immersive information about the current local environment
- displays planned buildings in the local environment on top of a mobile phone's live camera feed
- better understanding of future changes to the cityscape
- architectural drawings and textual descriptions often unapt or insufficient to communicate plans to interested residents



Shaping Mols

- involving the people living, working or visiting the parks in its development process
- citizen participation through mobile social technology that is embedded in their everyday life in the park

- 1. understanding the nature of citizens' interest in the process
- 2. understanding ongoing involvement efforts
- 3. technological interventions in future citizen involvement activities



Studying (Mobile) Situated Use "in the wild"

- new challenges & opportunities for methods that are in situ with regards to actual use
- technology being embedded into the physical environment or integrated in our everyday life
- several relevant workshops
 - Mobile UX Research @ CHI '09
 - Observing the Mobile UX @ NordiCHI'10
 - Research in the Large (App Stores) @ UbiComp'10

(1) Contextual Experience Sampling Method

- prompt users using your application in their everyday life for input
- prompting is triggered depending on various context variables of the use situation
- participants report experiences while in the moment
- existing examples: MyExperience, CAES

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Methodology: studying mobile situated use "in the wild"

methods that are in situ with regards to actual use

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