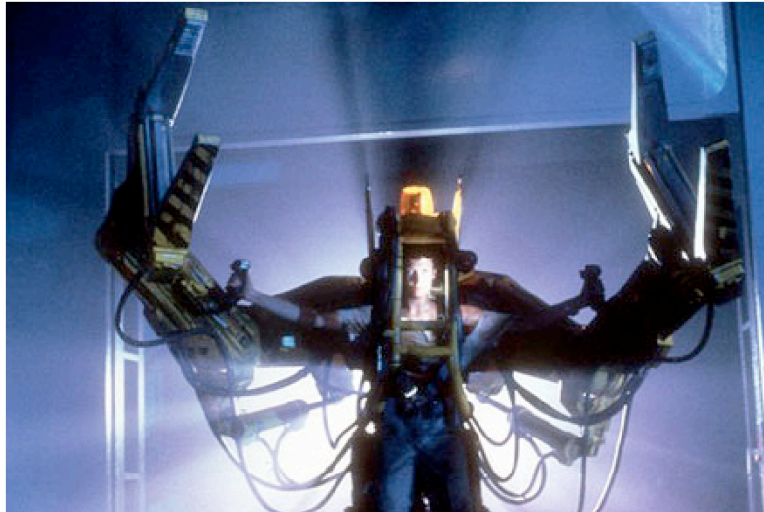


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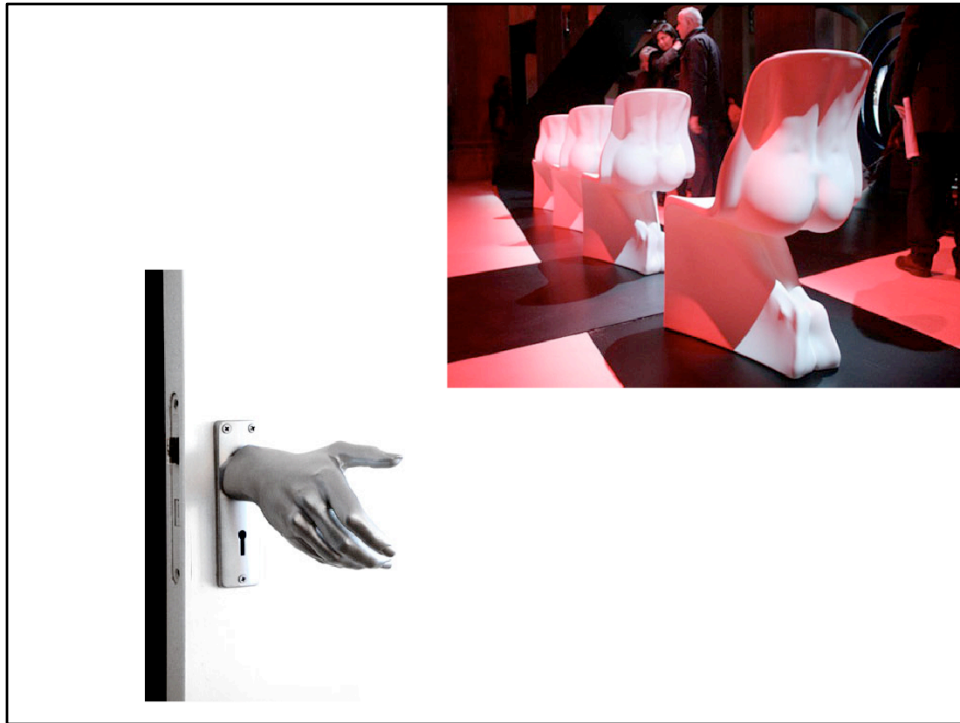
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Designs are based on affordances: a thing (is seen as) affording an action
The seeing is projecting: being-there
Having is being already with that possibility



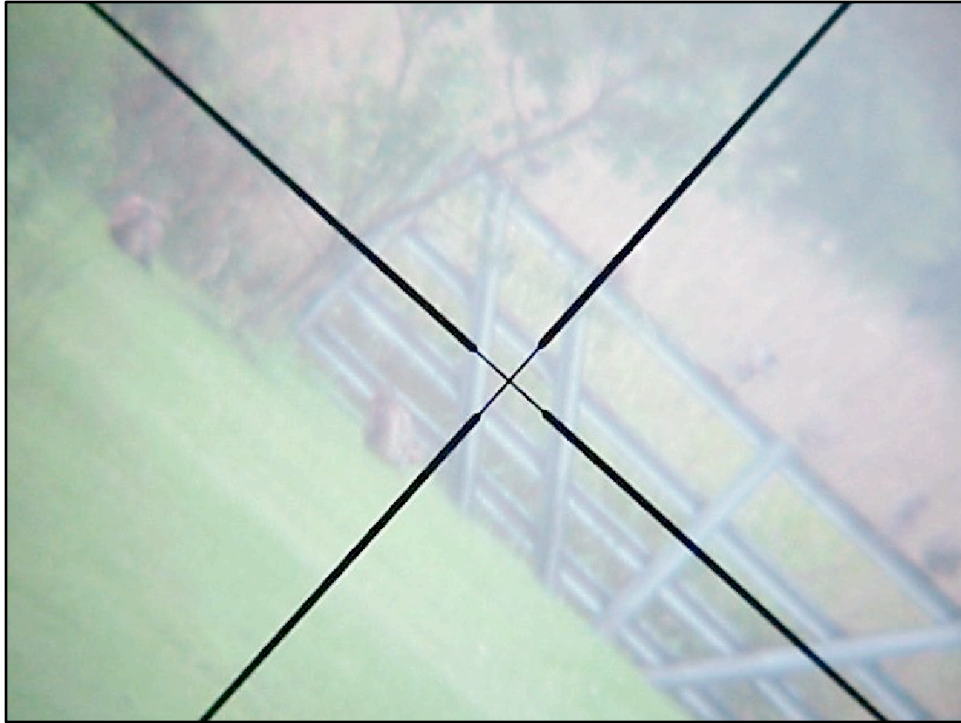
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Because we are embodied, having a prosthesis changes who we are mentally
This is the basis of physical character work in acting



Affordances lie not only with the object enabling the action
But also the object of the action
Guns afford shooting and things become shootable.

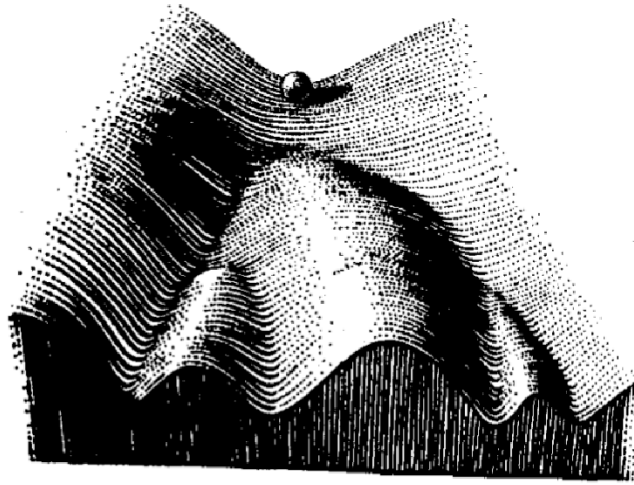


Figure 2. Imaginary socio-technical landscape. The ball is an actor entering a landscape with all kinds of folds creating different gradients of resistance for moving around. Imagine what is involved in switching off a TV in this landscape: doing this by walking towards the device and pushing the button means going uphill; doing it from the armchair by using the remote control involves moving through a valley. The latter option costs less in behavioural terms, but more in energy terms (the TV continues to use energy when switched to the standby mode).

Humans make things to make things easier.

Easier is not just an option, but a tendency, because not-easier will take effort



That propensity of things is why we do consider things to be attractors
If not animate, with intentions

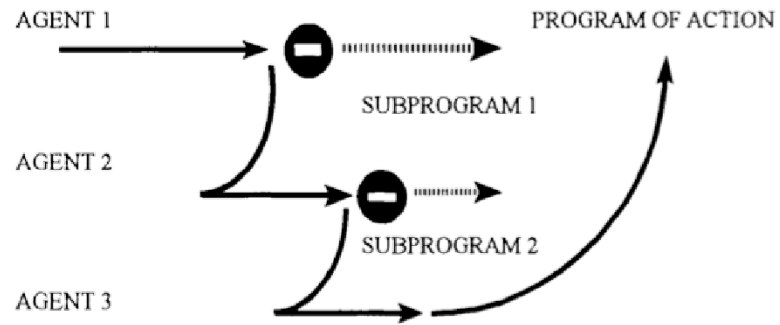


Fig. 2. Second Meaning of Mediation: Composition

Bruno Latour calls this mediation
It detours activities creating new kinds of hybrid people-things

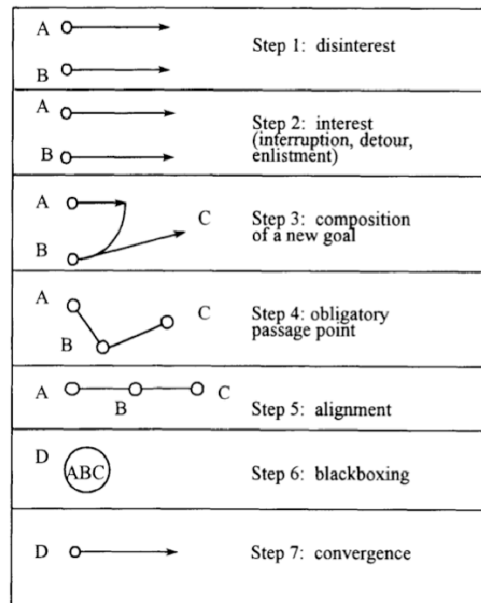
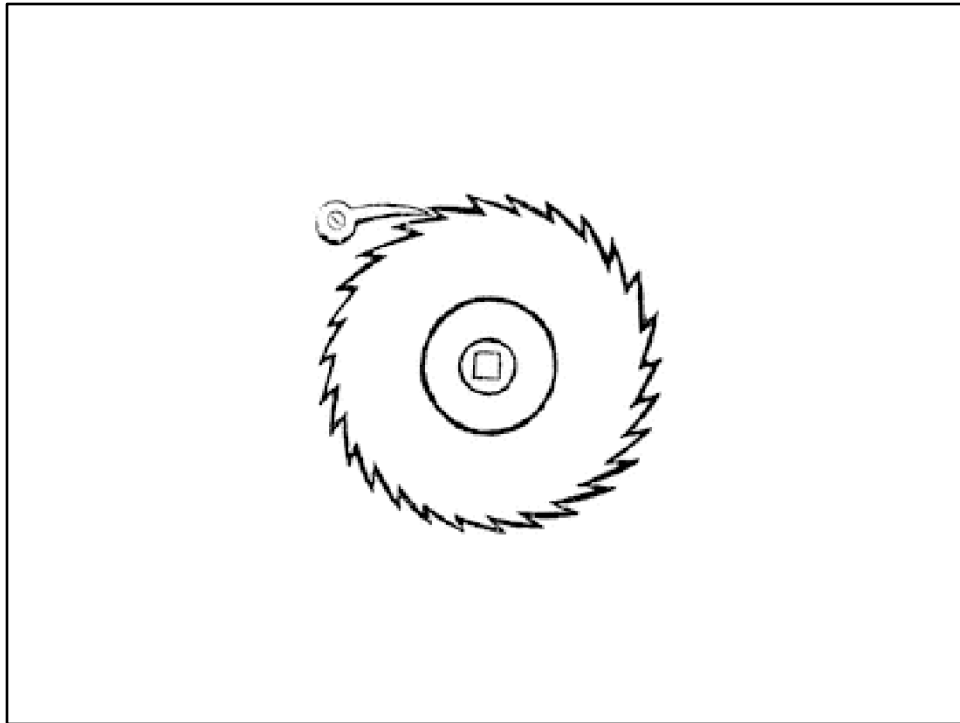


Fig. 3. Third Meaning of Mediation: Reversible Blackboxing

And mediation creates new kinds of activities



But also new kinds of meanings: doing x (slowing down) accomplishes y (safe streets)
Or having a gun accomplishes liberty



This blackboxing tends to be a ratcheting.



Things are never things but ecosystems:
guns, bullets,
maintenance equipment, storage, carrying devices
hunting/camping
shooting ranges
Gun shops, gun shows, gun clubs
NRA

Utah Teachers Flock to Gun Training



Clark Aposhian, President of the Utah Shooting Sport Council, demonstrates with a plastic gun during concealed-weapons training for 200 Utah teachers Dec. 27, 2012, in West Valley City, Utah. (Rick Bowmer/AP Photo)

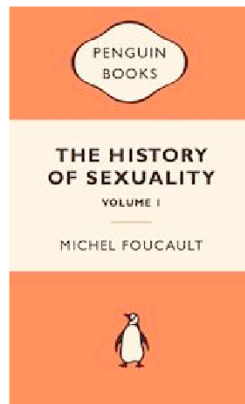
The more 'responsible' the gun owner, the greater the ecosystem
The more normalized/naturalized shooting



Having a gun is about 'pretending' to shoot it
It is always already an affective game.



It is not just that having a gun makes harm by gun more likely
But that it is a concrete anchor for making real a (fearful) fantasy



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