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Background

- Many universities use generic pathways such as research management systems to disseminate knowledge to the public
- SMEs prefer to use generic pathways, e.g. published research rather than relational pathways, e.g. faculty consulting when interacting with universities (De Zubielqui, 2015)
- Interaction is not unproblematic. Several researchers recommend to develop the interface design to make scientific knowledge more visible and understandable (Ranga et al., 2008)

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Literature review

- 1) Promoting
- 2) Exemplifying
- 3) Reorganizing
- 4) Concretizing
- 5) Providing

(Løkkegaard & Lykke, 2018)



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Research questions

- How do we design an experiential knowledge organisation system (KOS) that supports knowledge transfer in the form of scientific publications between universities and SMEs?
- How do we form and organize the access points and descriptions of the scientific publications with the purpose to support navigation and searching of scientific knowledge?



Research design

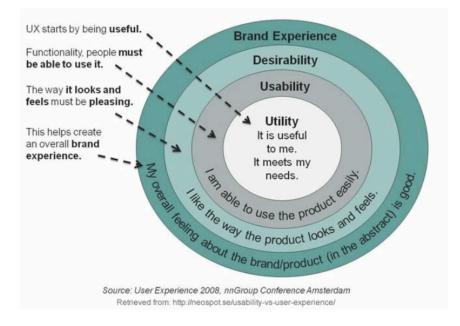
- Literature review
- Situational analysis of information practice of 8 SMEs
 - Interviews with 8 CEOs
 - Walk-alongs to experience ways of working
 - Interviews with 29 employees
- Design workshops with 12 main stakeholders to specify interface design



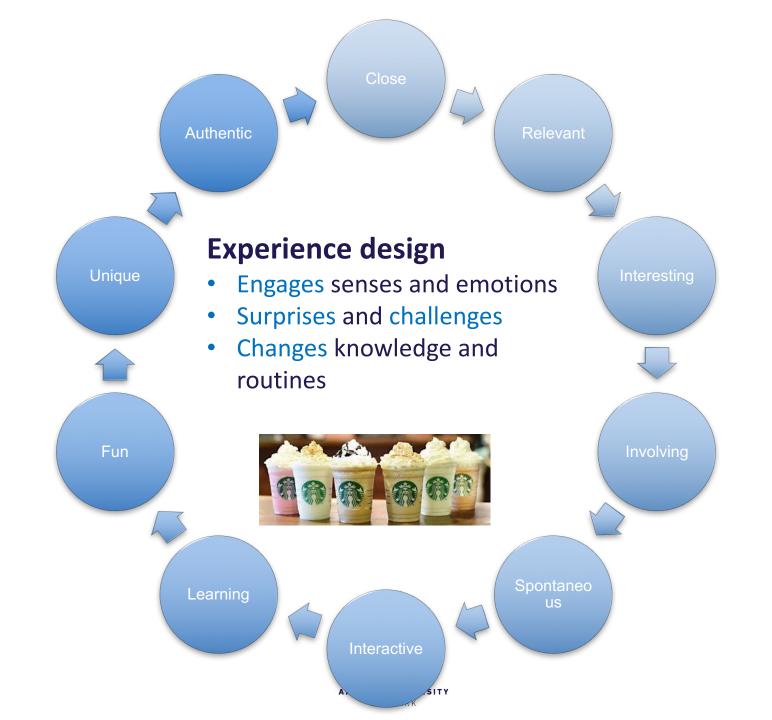
Key points from practice study

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- SMEs find scientific knowledge useful and interesting
- Online searching is preferred for
 - pressing situations
- Social media-like browsing is preferred for *new ideas*
- Important challenges
 - Time
 - Ignorance
 - "Heavy" and "not-resultoriented"



 Communication and translation -> narratives



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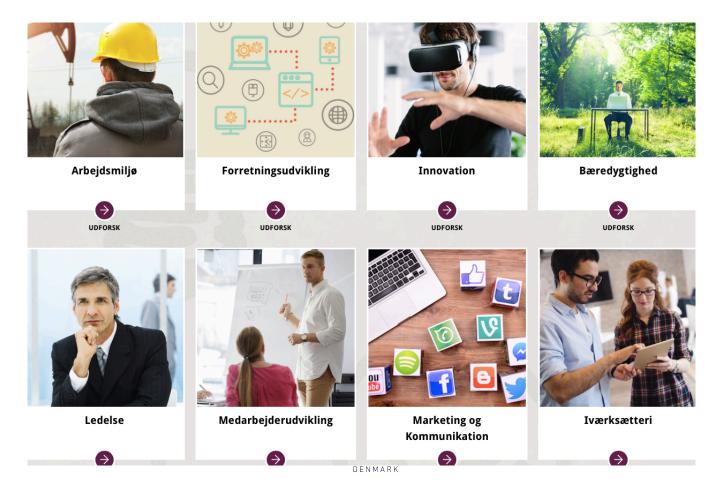
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Experiential KO for SMEs

Close: everyday organisation and labelling

Spontaneous: random ordering

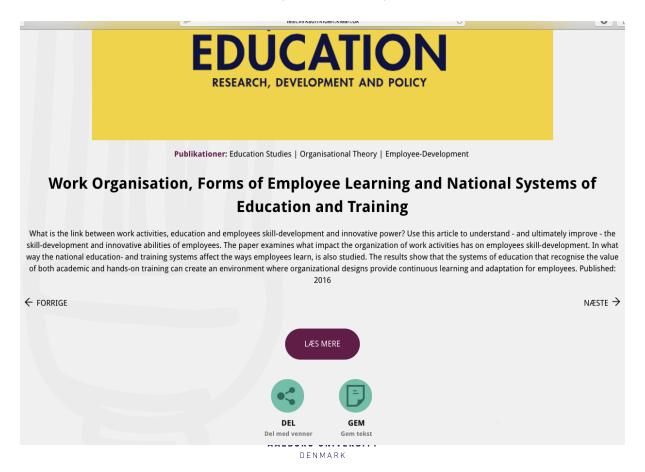


Experiential KO for SMEs

Interesting: surprising teasers

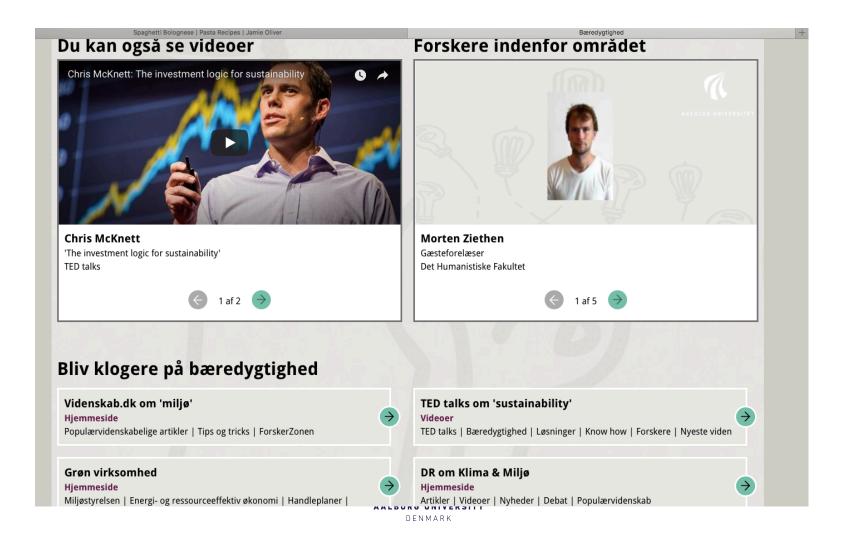
Relevant: short, result-oriented descriptions

Interactive: Possible to save, share, look for related content



Experiential KO for SMEs

Involving: multimodality and multiple routes



Summing up

- Focus on KO design for generic pathways
- We analysed the characteristics of SMEs
- We used experience design to meet the challenges of SMEs
- Concerning ignorance and unawareness we are only half way. We met the users, but not the "ignorants"
- Next steps:
 - Evaluation
 - Attraction

