

# Valuing Design

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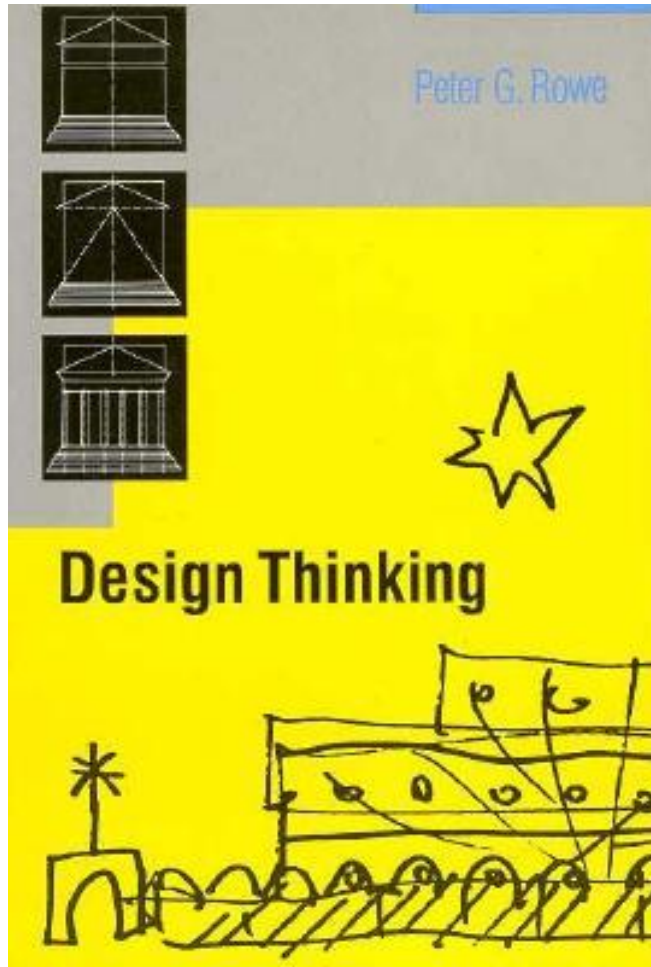
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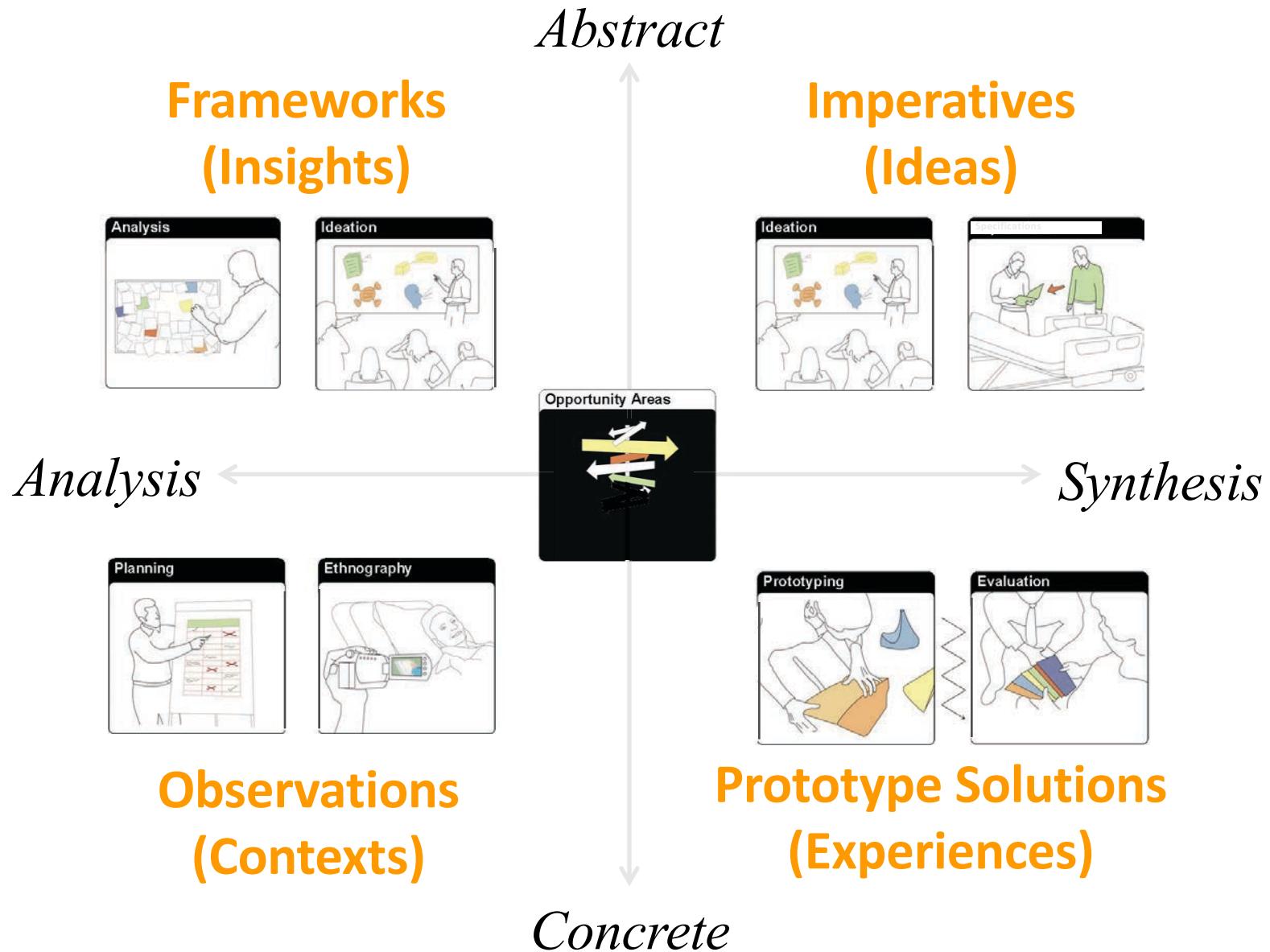


# Rittel's Inspiration to Design Thinking



- **Peter Rowe** summarizes well-defined, ill-defined, and **wicked problems** from Horst Rittel (1973).
- Peter Rowe, 1987: **Design Thinking:** Underlying structure of inquiry common to all designing. Limitations of a procedural view.
- Design Thinking symposium, Delft University of Technology, 1991.
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- Brown, Tim, *Change by Design: How Design Thinking Transforms Organizations and Inspires Innovation*, 2009.

# Design Thinking – UC Berkeley



# What Defines a Good Product?

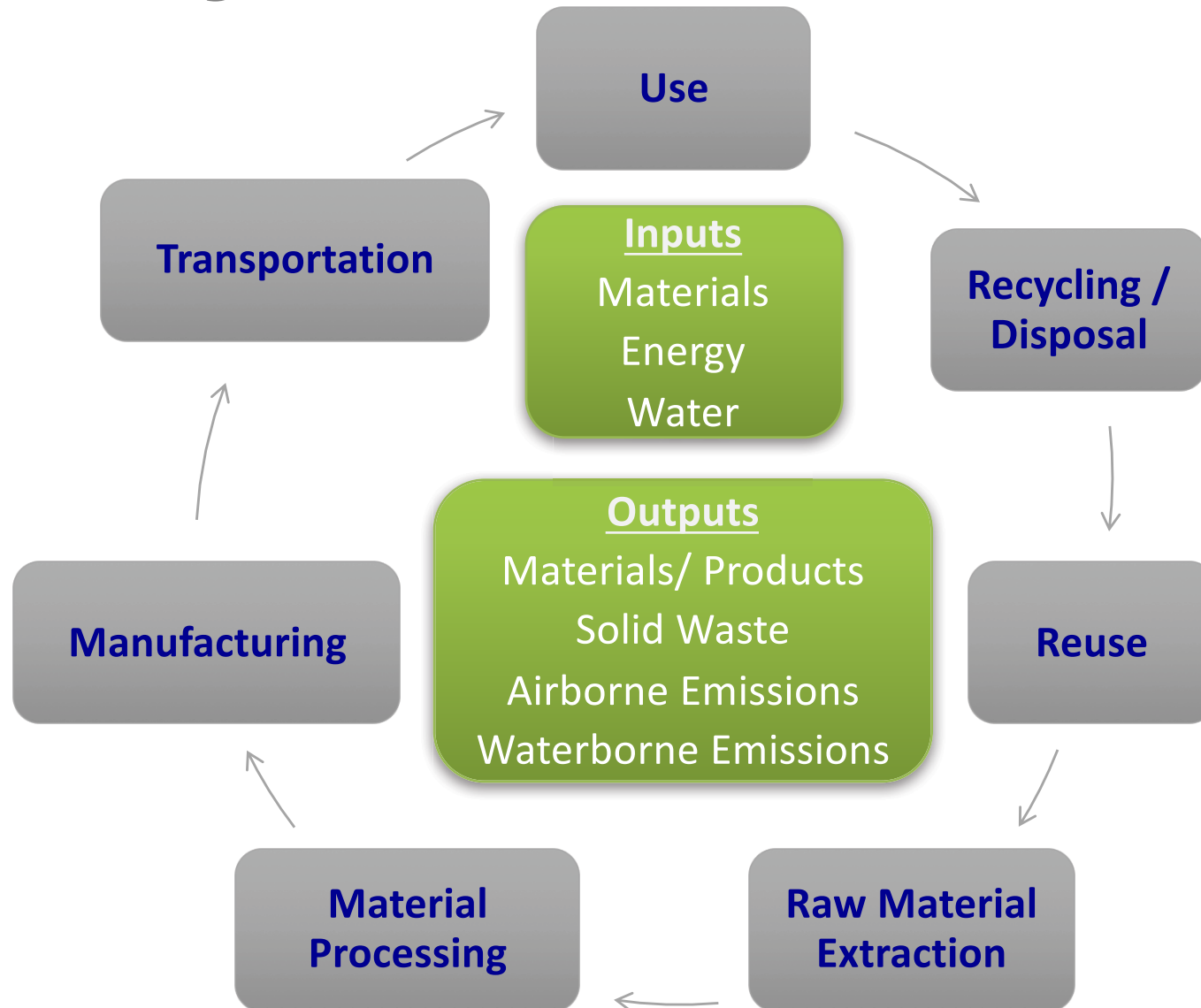
- It gets used
- It satisfies people's needs and wants and increases the quality of their lives
- It doesn't stand alone but is part of an infrastructure
- It meshes with the culture
- It's sustainable over the product life cycle



# Good Design Meshes with Culture



# Sustainable Over Product Life Cycle





# Drivers for Sustainable Design

- Population growth
- Energy and water demand
- National and world security
- Resource justice: Today, 16% of the population is using 80% of the planets resources
- Climate change and pollution
- Reducing waste saves money and landfill
- Business drivers – responsible business practices
- Regulations and policies
- Supply chain quality
- Environmental impact ratings



# Societal & Environmental Impact

## Engineering Ethics: What Does Your Professor Say?

“What we design? For whom do we design? How we manufacture? What resources we use? What will be the impact on society and the environment? These are all ethical and social justice questions that are important in product design. ”

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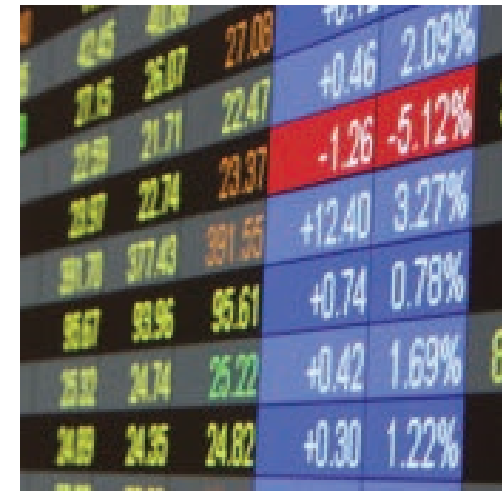
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# Metrics for Valuing Design

- Usage
- Societal Impact (environmental, emerging regions)
- Process (multidisciplinary team work, human-centered design)
- Performance Ratings (J.D. Power, Consumer Reports)
- Expert Evaluation (IDEA/ Business Week, Consumer Electronics awards)
- Financial (stock performance, revenues, sales)
- Creativity (novelty, variety)





Nicholas  
Kirkwood  
Ankle Boots



Nest:  
Gizmodo –  
most popular  
of 2013



usage





usage

Forbes Top Brands, 2017 – <https://www.forbes.com/powerful-brands/list/>

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**The foundation of brand is trust.**  
Customers trust your brand when  
their experiences meet their expectations.

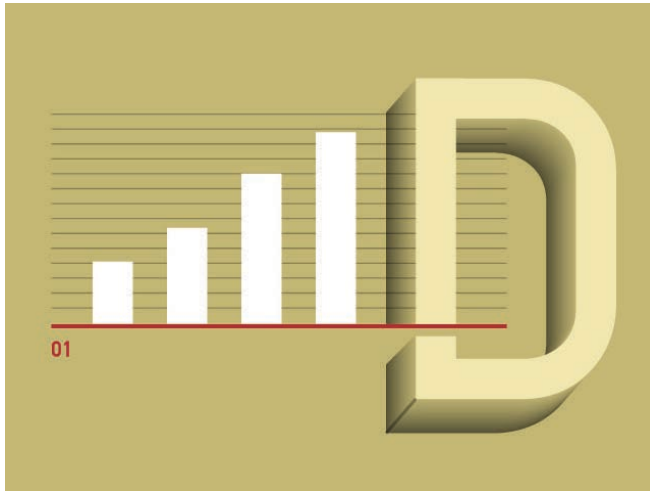


# How does Brand work?

Brand is the collective story surrounding a company.

Products are at the core of brand.





Performance ratings





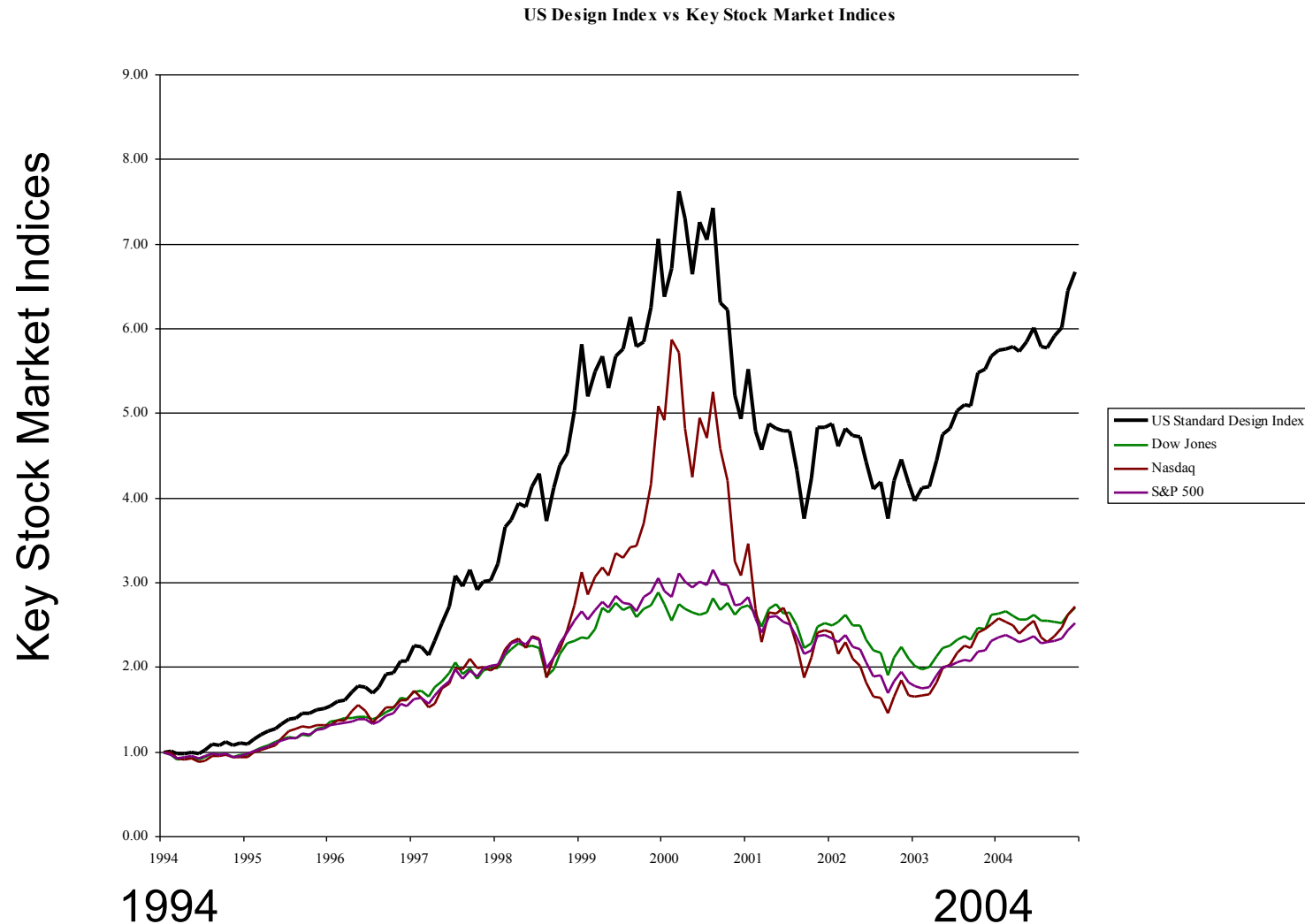
# Expert Ratings of Designs



“Everywhere you look today  
design has taken on new meaning.  
Design (is critical) to business.  
The trick for all business people today  
is to learn to think like designers.”

- Fast Company magazine, 1999

# Evidence from the Corporate Design Foundation



BusinessWeek IDEA Design Award winners outperform those who didn't win in stock performance



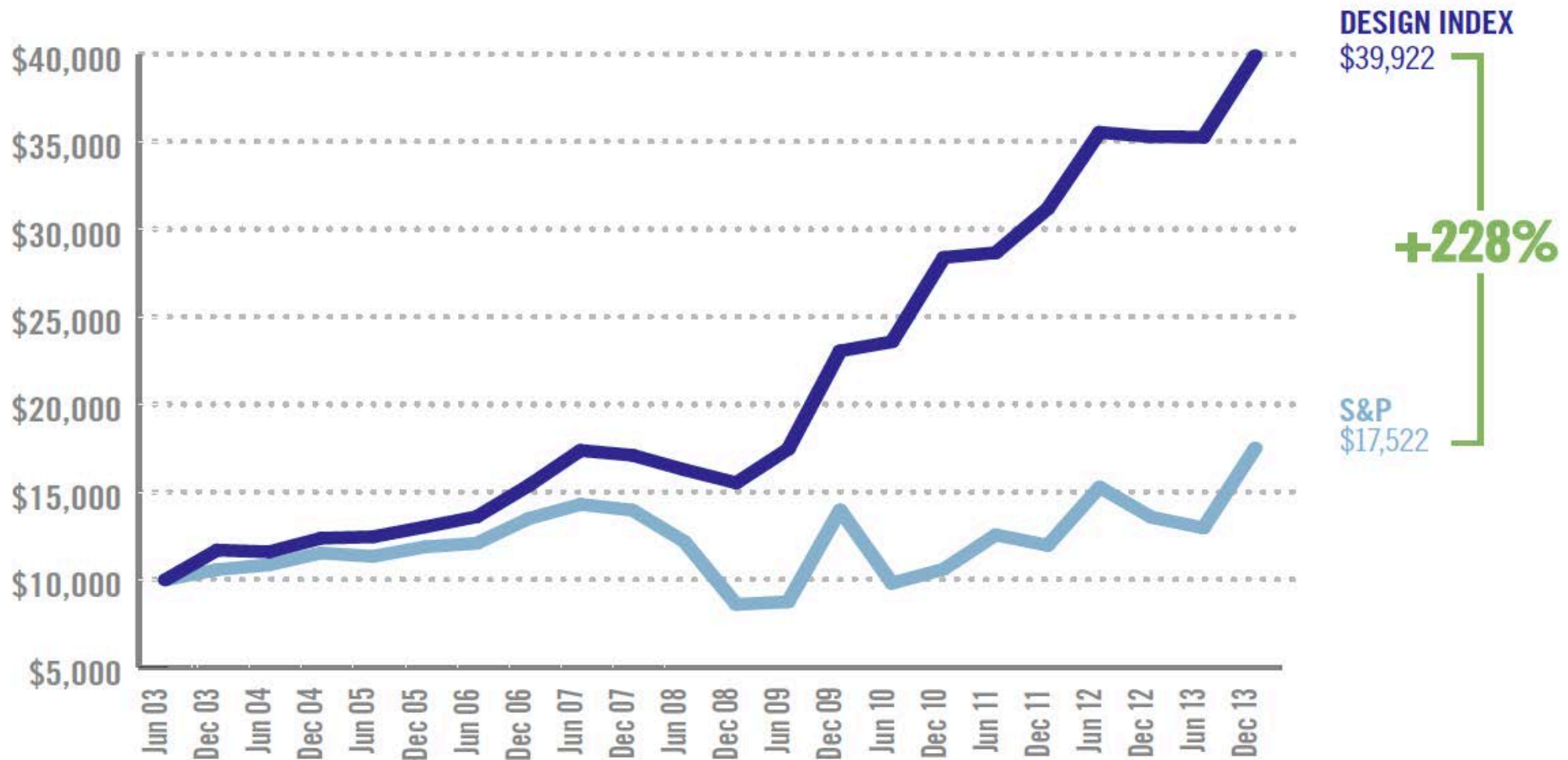
# Evidence from the UK Design Council

Chart 1: Ten-year performance 1995-2004



Firms with “design portfolios” outperform those without them in the stock market

# Design Value Index



[What is the Real Value of Design](#), Jeneanne Rae, *Motiv Strategies & Design Management Institute*, 2014

# Design Value Index Selection Criteria

1. Publicly trades in the U.S. for 10+ years
2. Scale of integrated design organization & deployment as catalyst for change
3. Growth in design-related investments
4. Design is embedded within the organization
5. Design leadership at all levels
6. Senior-level commitment to design as an innovative resource for positive change

# Portfolio of Design-Centric Organizations: Design Value Index

- Apple
- Coca-Cola
- Ford
- Herman-Miller
- IBM
- Intuit
- Newell-Rubbermaid
- Nike
- Procter & Gamble
- Starbucks
- Starwood
- Steelcase
- Target
- Walt Disney
- Whirlpool

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# Design Increases Revenues, Profit & Exports in the U.K.

**£20+**

For every £1 invested in design, businesses can expect over £20 in increased revenues

**Design increases turnover**

**£4+**

For every £1 invested in design, businesses can expect over £4 increase in net operating profit

**Design leads to profit**

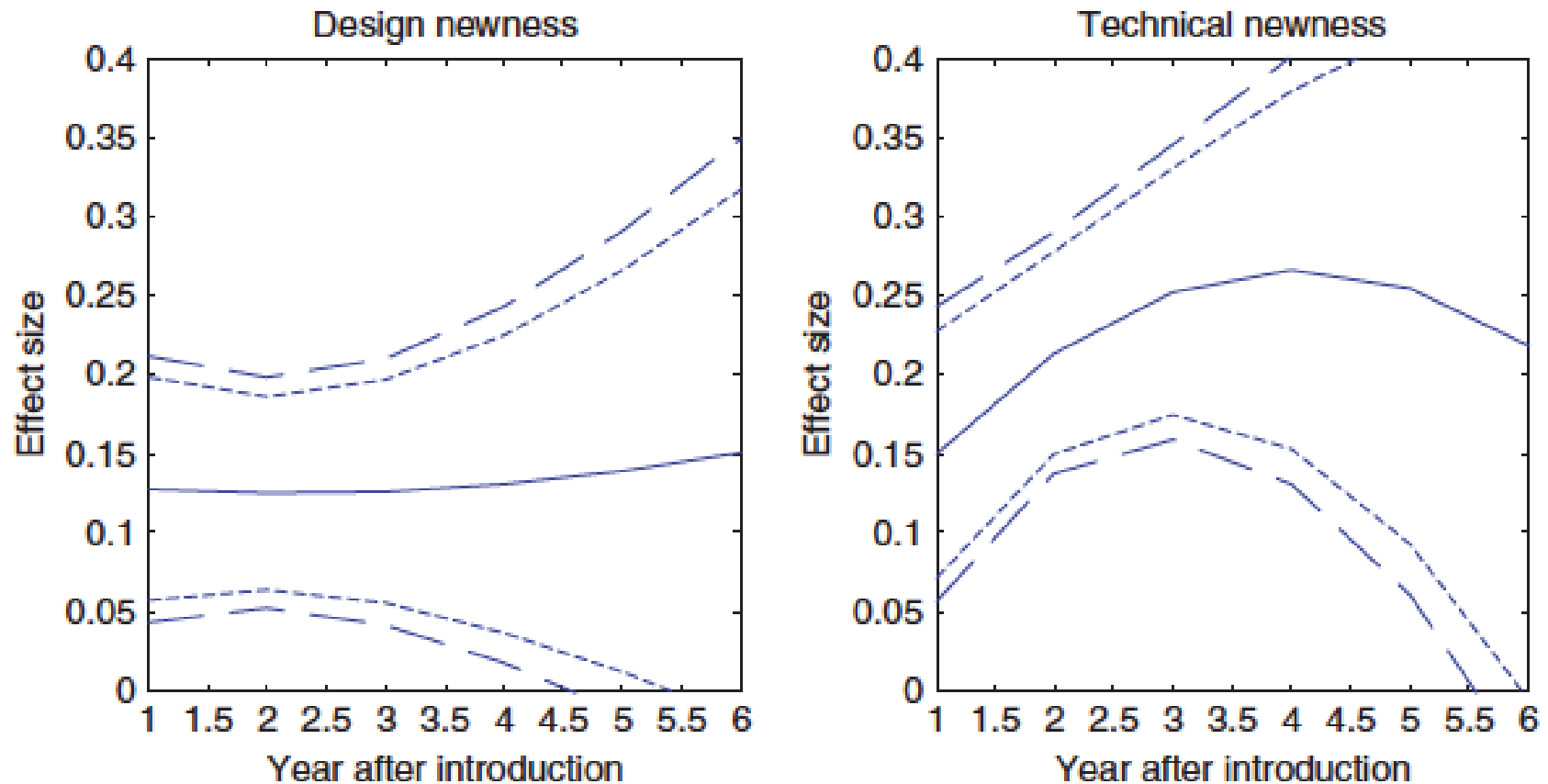
**£5+**

For every £1 invested in design, businesses can expect a return of over £5 in increased exports

**Design boosts exports**



# Effects of Design & Technical Newness in Automotive Design



What about Design Newness? Investigating the Relevance of a Neglected Dimension of Product Innovativeness, Katrin Talke, Sören Salomo, Jaap E. Wieringa, Antje Lutz, *J Prod Innov Management* 2009, 26:601-615.

# Big Idea's from Today

- ✓ Design is built in, not added on
- ✓ Understanding users is essential for good design
- ✓ Good design adds value to products and brands
- ✓ Brand value is the making and keeping promises