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# 100% Sustainable Ceramics Design Data and Emotion

From Stylists to Sustainability
Superheroes - How Designers will
change the world, save nature and
reveal truth

#### **Edwin Datschefski**

- Consultant on Sustainable Products
- Projects for 98 clients
- Multinationals to small business
- Local and central government
- 15,000 people trained
- 20 years and still learning

#### Some of Edwin's Clients





























#### My Technique

Reveal the True Environmental Problems



Improvise from 1000s of Green Products

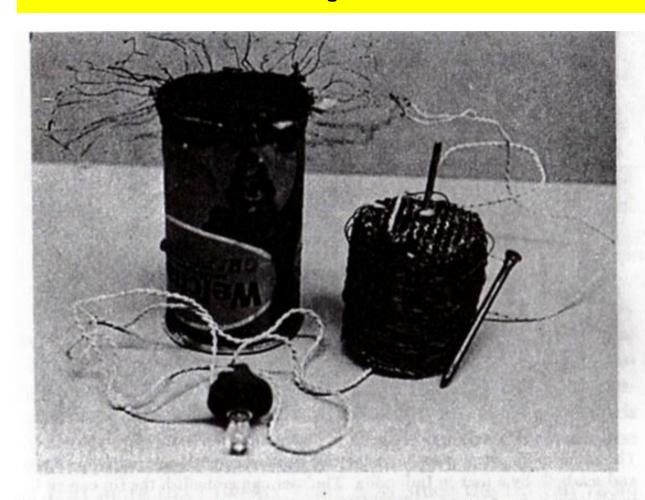


#### **Top 20 Ennovative Principles**

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#### Victor Papanek can radio



Radio receiver designed for the Third World. It is made of a used juice can and uses parafin wax and a wick as power source. The rising heat is converted into enough energy to power this nonselective receiver. Once the wax is gone, it can be replaced by more wax, paper, dried cow dung, or anything else that will burn. Manufacturing costs on a cottage-industry basis: 9 cents. Designed by Victor Papanek and George Seeger at North Carolina State College.

### How Sustainable is the World Now?

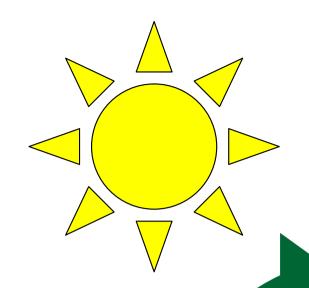


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## 100%

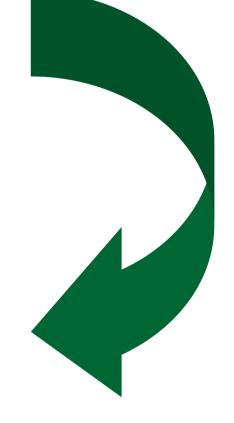
#### Solution

All Industrial Processes to become 100% Compatible with Nature



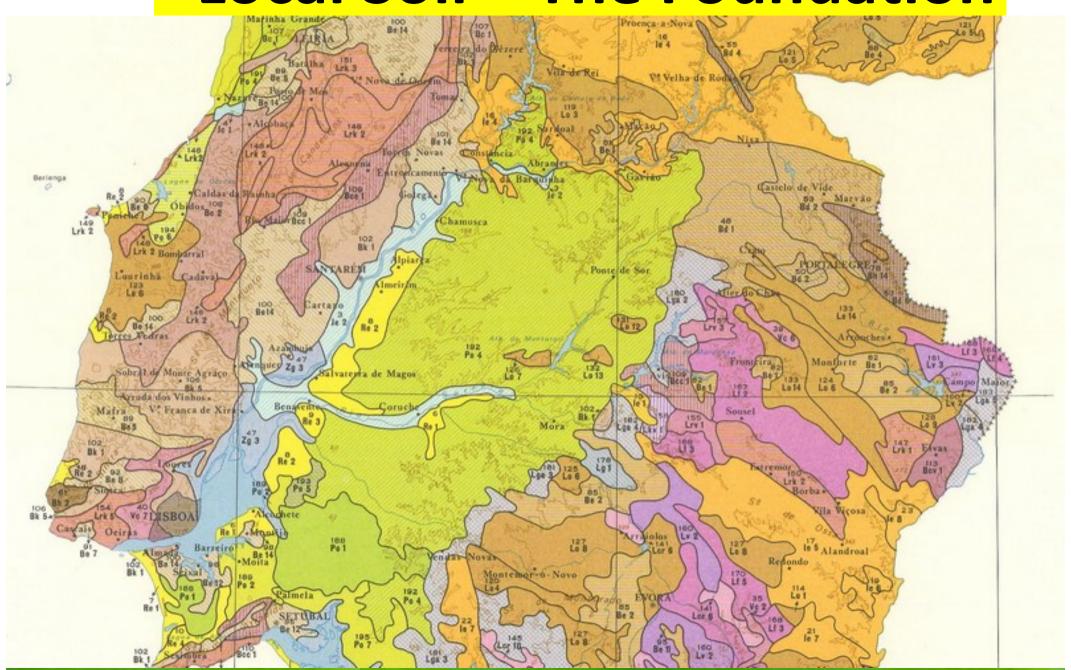
#### cyclic, solar and safe

Take Material From Nature



Use It
Give It Back

#### **Local Soil = The Foundation**





Nadine Sterk and Lonny Van Ryswyck from Atelier NL

#### Scheveningen Clay Samples make a Map Borssele Drunen Kessenich Maasmechelen Echt Brunssum Heerlen Frechen t.st.Guiber Flawinne Perlé Sentzich use Ay-sur-Moselle Hauconcourt

#### **Colour Range**



#### **Earthy Earthenware**



#### **Solve The World**

- You can be more than stylists
- You can be Sustainability Superheroes



#### I often work with "non-creatives"



#### ... and get 240 Great ideas





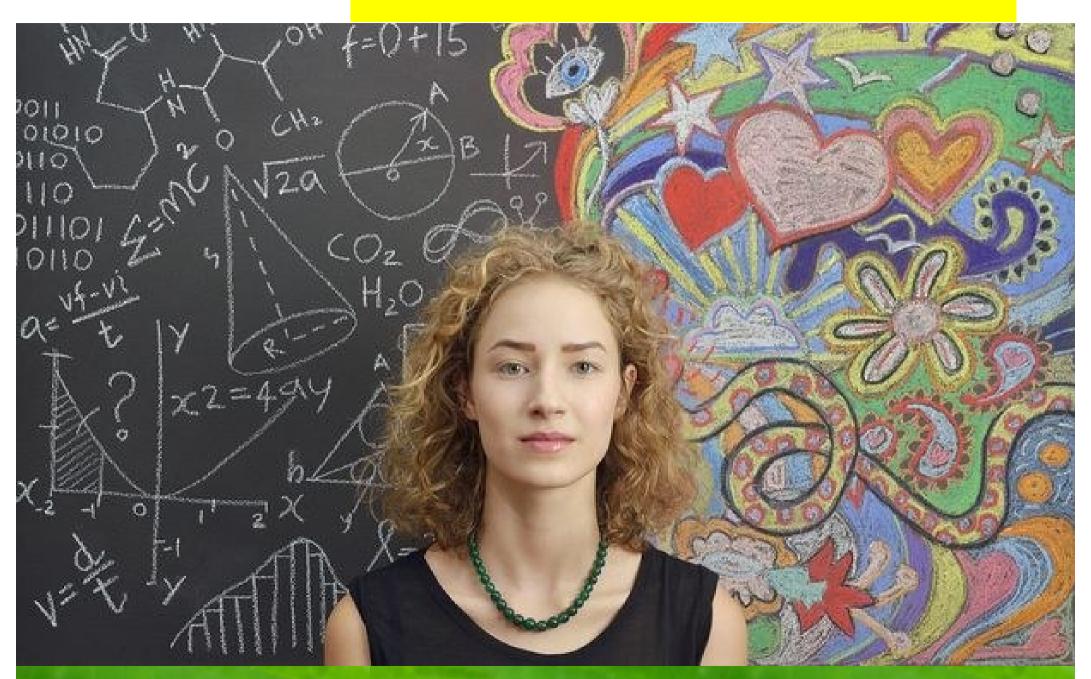




#### Designers often "non-techy"

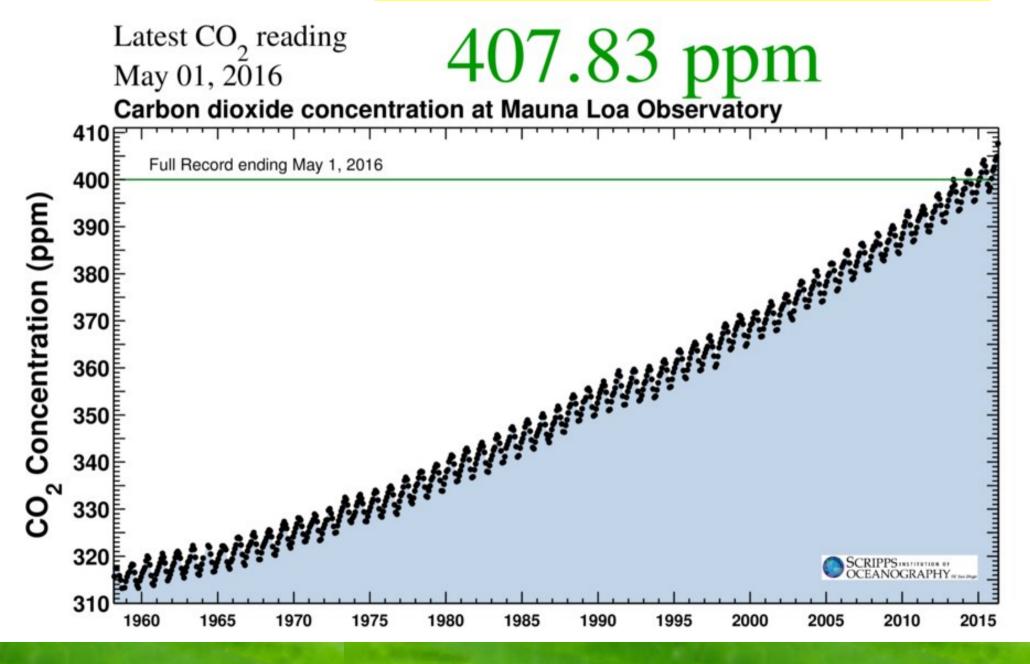


#### You Have To Be Both



## data AND emotion

#### **Data Causes Action**



#### **Emotion: How We Touch Nature**



#### **How We Touch Nature**

**Fire** 



**Poison** 

**Aliens** 

Kidnap







#### Land

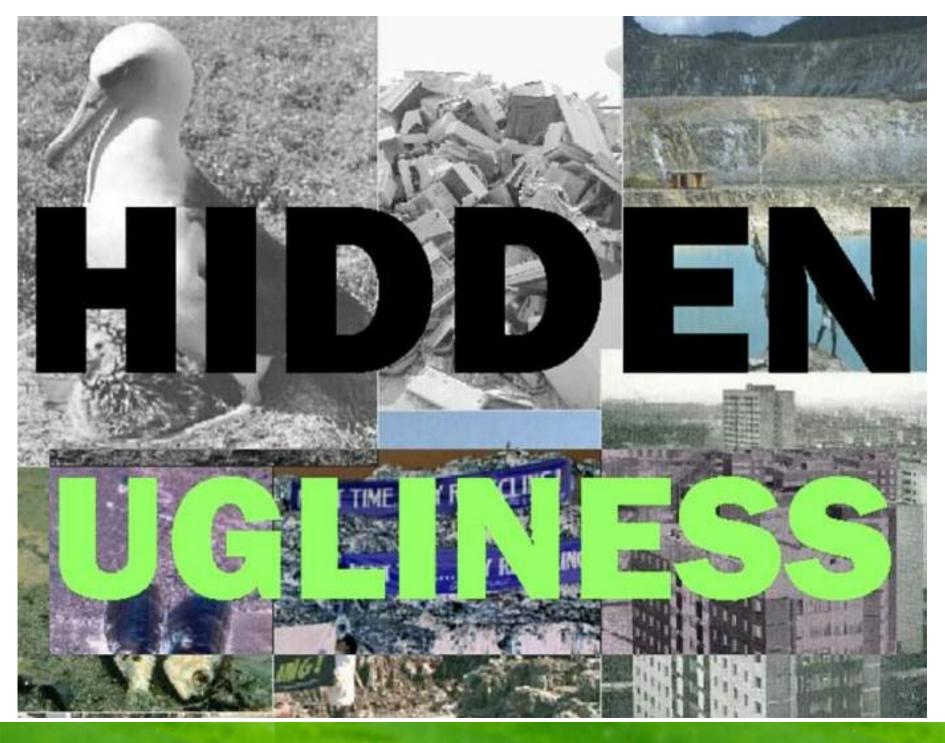




#### Easy if Bad Guy is Obvious ...







# Where Do You Touch Nature?

#### A Bowl's Story



#### **An Ikea Classic**



### DIG Extract the Clay



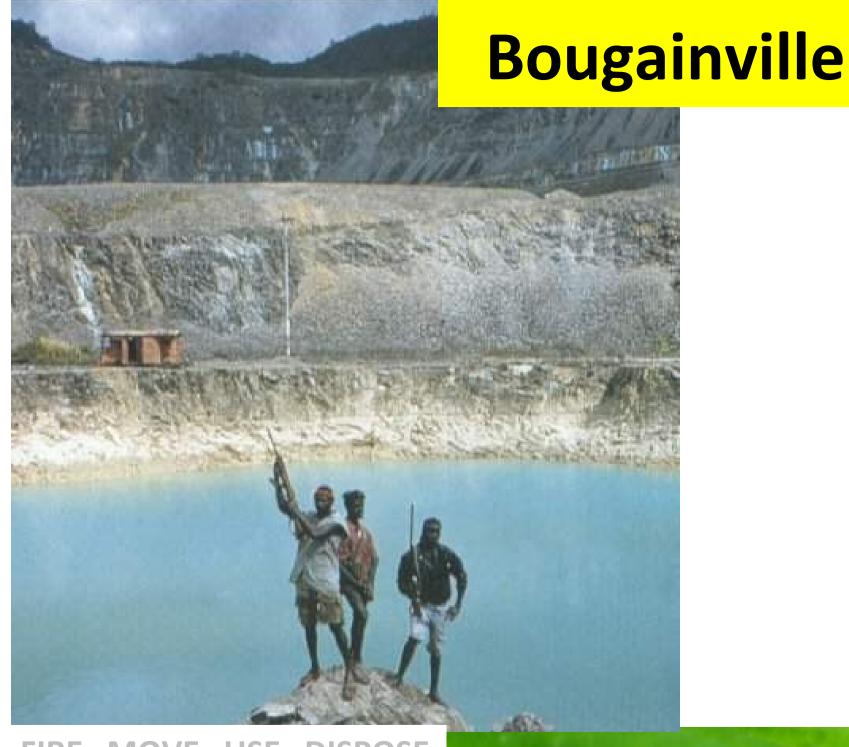
#### **Dug in China**



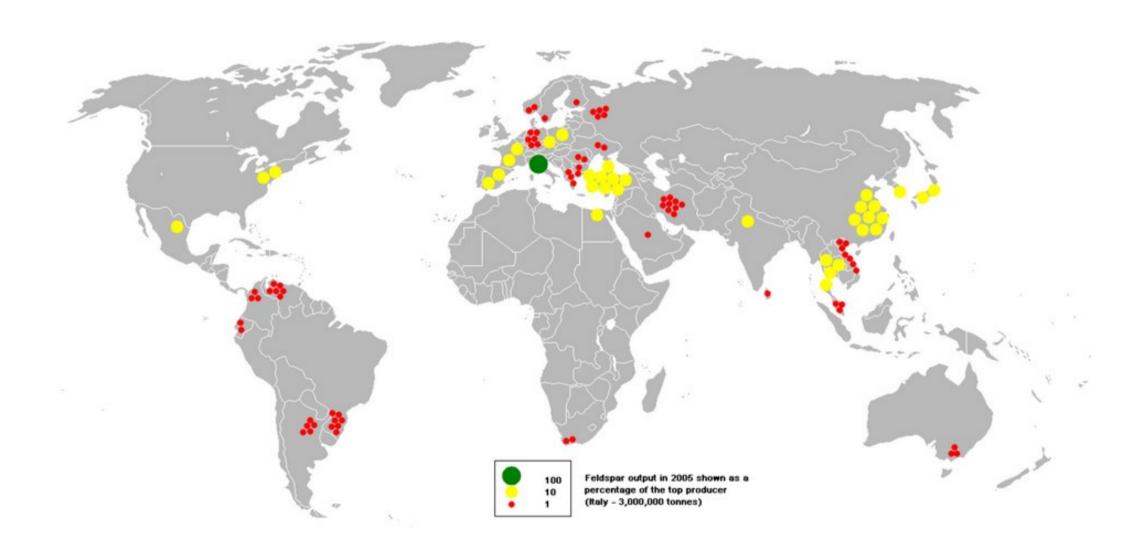
#### A Big Mess







#### **Feldspar**



#### We Don't Know Yet!

- Exact sources?
- Impact on habitat, plants, animals, people?
- Kaolite?
- Feldspar?
- Quartz?
- Pigments, Iron Oxide etc etc?
- 5555

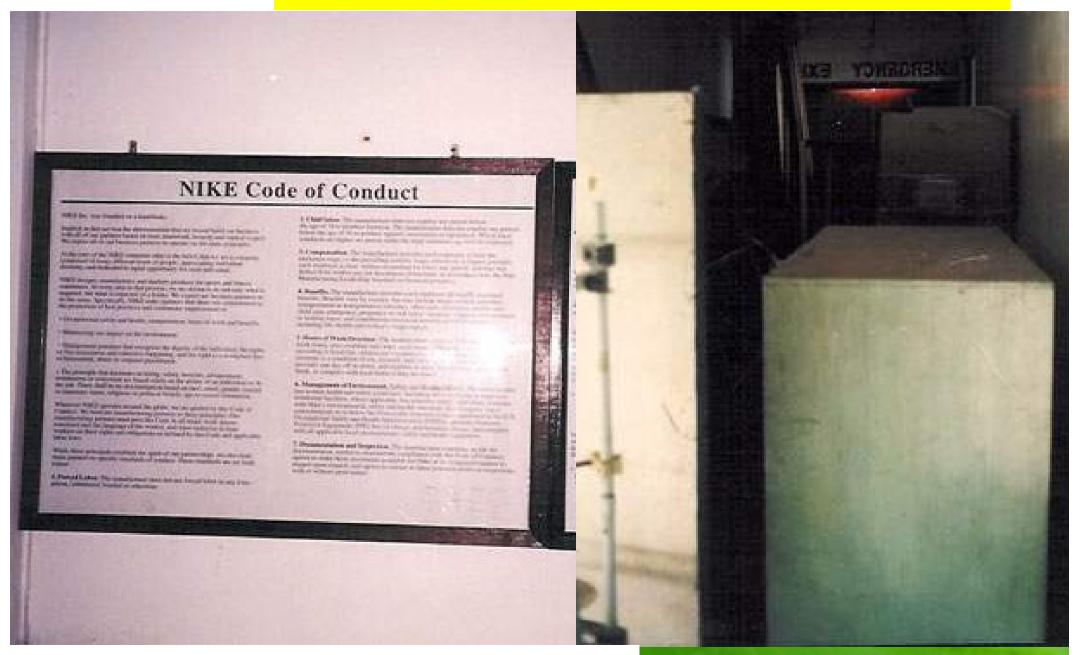
## FORM Design and Mould





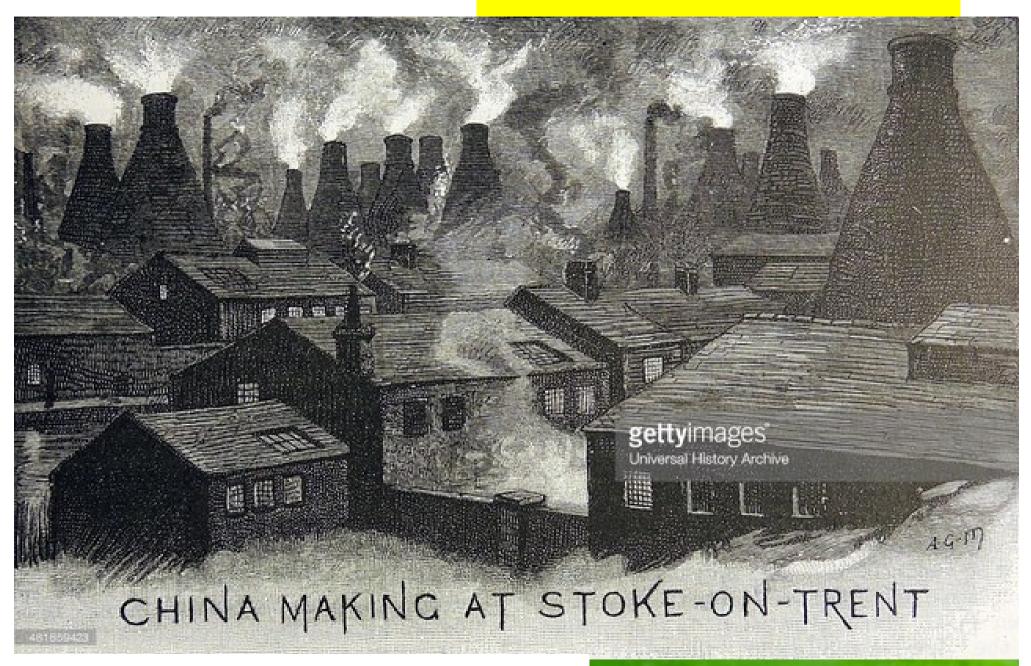






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#### **Stoke on Trent**



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#### **China Pollution**





## MOVE Pack and Transport

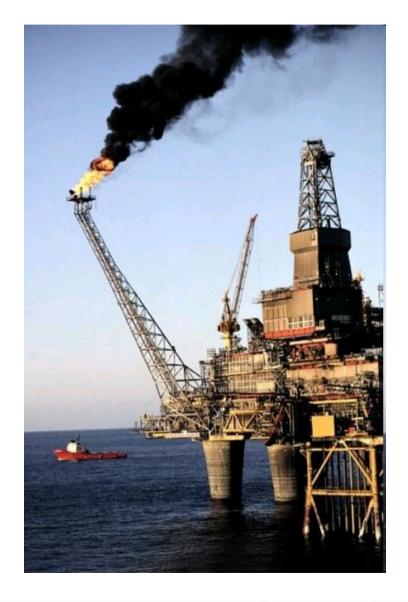
#### **Ship Smoke**

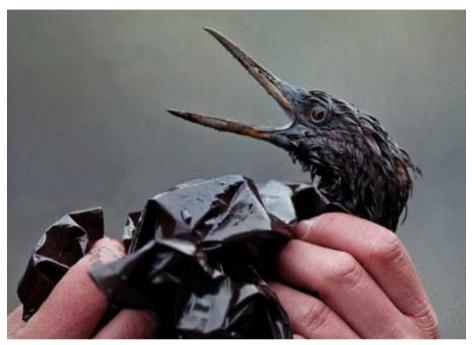


#### **Truck Smoke**

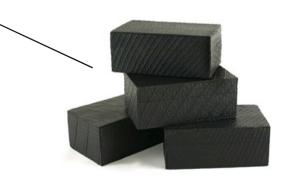


#### Oil Extraction



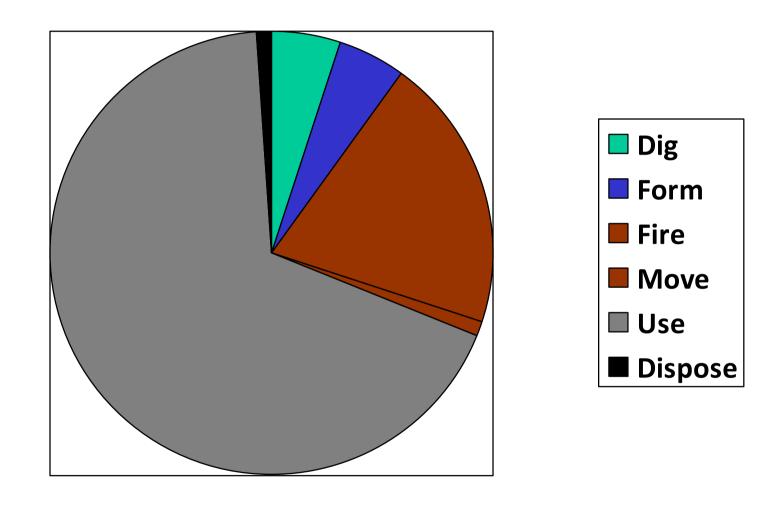






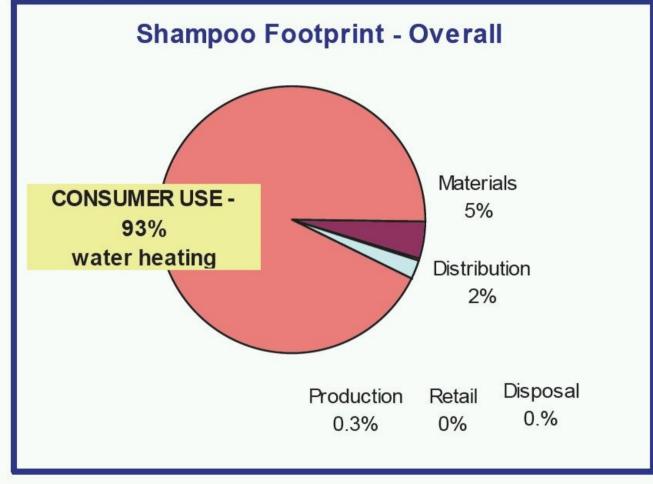
### USE Using and Wash

#### 70% of energy used in washing?



#### Shampoo









#### Hot Water -> Global Warming



#### **Electricity**

#### Renewable energy

### Portugal runs for four days straight on renewable energy alone

Zero emission milestone reached as country is powered by just wind, solar and hydro-generated electricity for 107 hours

#### Arthur Neslen

Wednesday 18 May 2016 14 59 BST



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As recently as 2013, renewables provided only about 23% of Portugal's electricity. By 2015 that figure had risen to 48%. Photograph: Pete Titmuss/Alamy Stock Photo

#### **But Still 50% Oil Coal & Gas**



#### **Pelamis Wave Energy**



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# DISPOSE End Of Life



#### **Bury for 5,000 Years**



#### **5000 Year Old Ceramics**







#### **Are You Depressed Yet?**



### Let's **D**() Something



# REDESIGN EVERYTHING

# Which is the better design?



## Nature don't care about style



Sue Pryke, Dinera Bowl

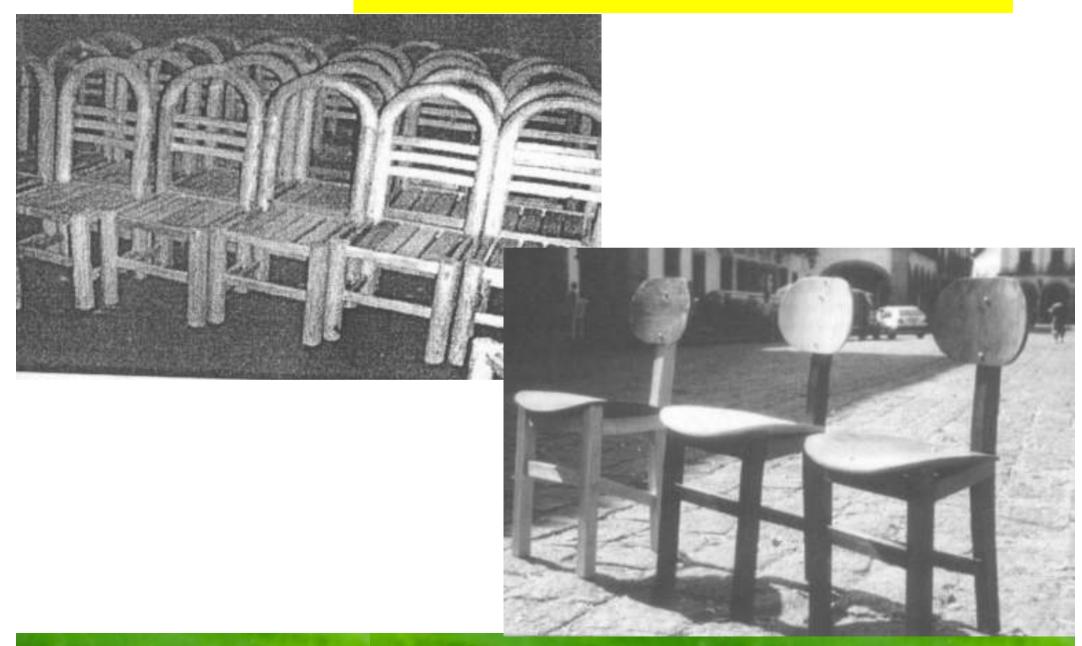


Prue Venables, White large oval bowl, 2012

## ... even if we do



# Diego Masera, PhD



## **Ceramics: Best we Have Today**

- Heath Ceramics?
- Churchill Hotelware UK
- ...?

- Not many examples of Sustainable Ceramic Design!
- No Lifecycle Analyses
- Not even an Eco-label
- Unlike packaging, cars, electronics etc etc

# 1/465 EcoLabels











































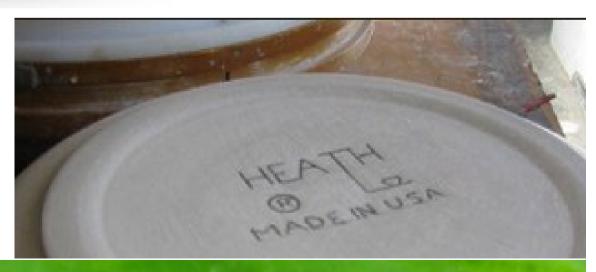






## **Heath Ceramics in San Francisco**





## Heath





### **Churchill UK HotelWare**

- 40% of their products are "Once-fired", reducing energy by 40% per piece
- 90% of clay sourced locally from Devon and Cornwall
- 80% waste recycling
- ISO14001:2004 Environment Management
   System



**REDUCI** 

## Churchill EcoGlaze

Reduces firing temperatures



### **Churchill New Kiln**

- Tunstall in Stoke on Trent
- 35% per piece reduction in energy



# **Churchill Durability**

- 5 year chip warranty
- 5000 dishwasher cycles



#### **Churchill Product Innovation**

 Counter Serve product reduces energy needed to keep food warm



## Solutions

Dig

Form

Fire

Move

Use

Dispose



## Life Cycle Analysis (LCA)

- Ø Functional Unit
- Ø Mass Balance
- **Ø** System Boundaries
- Ø ISO14040/1/2/3/9
- Ø Embergy

#### **LCA Parameters**

Ø Water Use

Ø Global Warming

Ø Fossil Fuel use

Ø Ozone

Ø Mineral use

Ø Eutrophication

Ø Biomass

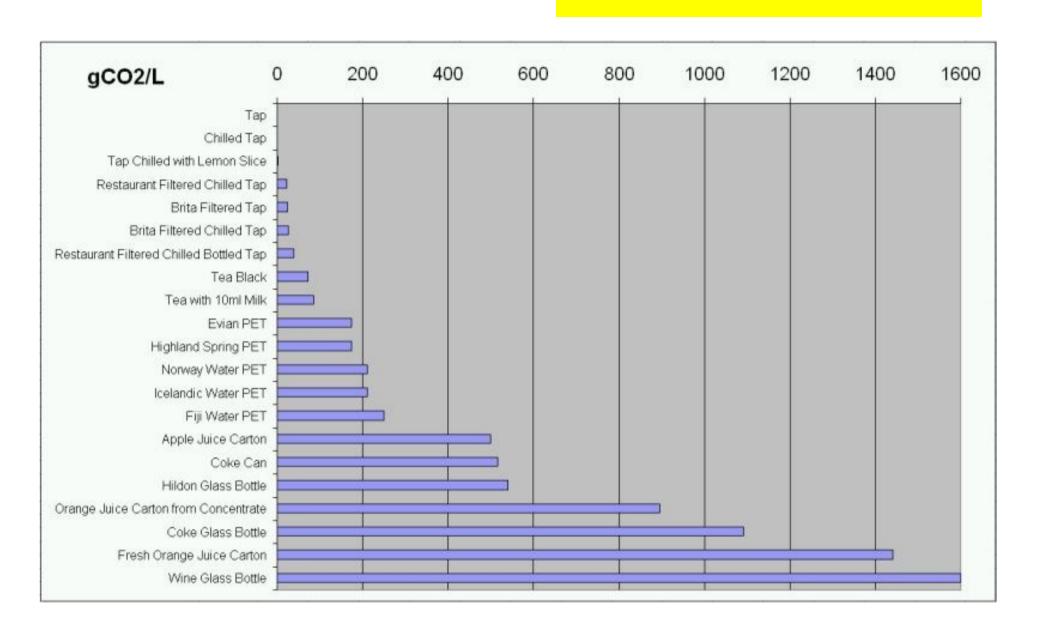
Ø Human Health

Ø Land use

Ø Ecotoxicity

Ø Acidifcation

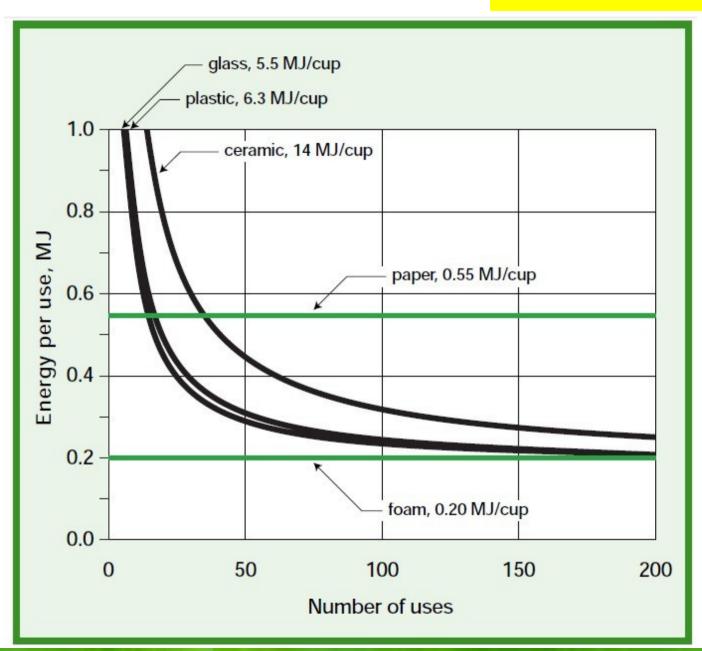
### **Drinks CO2**



# Disposable or Ceramic?



# **Coffee Cups**



#### ... or make it in Porcelain





## Solutions

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Form

Fire

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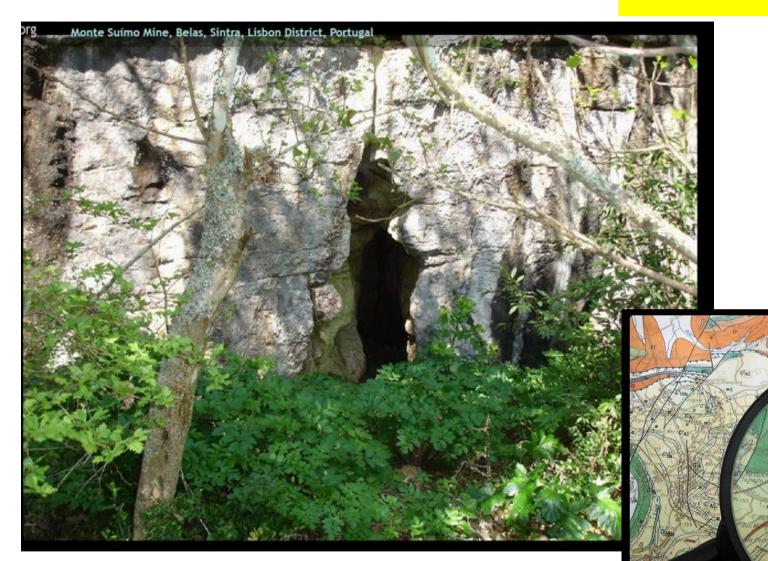
Use

Dispose



# DIG Extract the Clay

### **Local Kaolin**





## **Quarry EcoLabel**

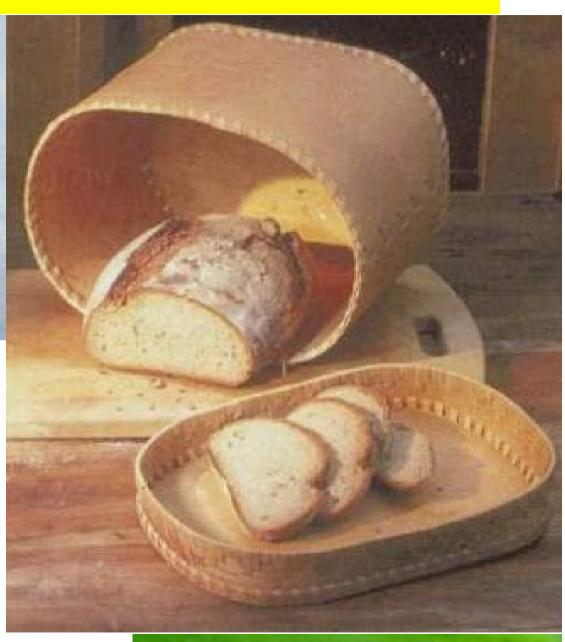
- Waste water recovery closed system
- No interference with surface water bodies
- Water recycling
- Waste
- Air quality
- Noise



# Straw, Wood, Birch Bark







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## **BioComposites**

Alberto Lievore designed his Rothko chair to be made of Maderon, a moulded biomaterial made from pulverized almond shell mixed with natural and synthetic resins.



# **Sheeps Wool Insulation**





## **Chalk and Straw Blocks**



# (Different Materials are NOT the Answer)



## **Ceramic Knives**



#### **Tree Barcodes & RFIDs**



#### **Fair Trade**



a **better deal**for Third World
Producers



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**FAIRTRADE** 

#### **Trannon: Local Wood**

**IDEA?** 



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# **Restoration = Hope?**



# FORM Design and Mould

### **Durable**

Most chairs last a long time, but the longer they last, the less new chairs need to be made, and so the less pollution. This granite chair could last a thousand years, so is exceptionally durable.



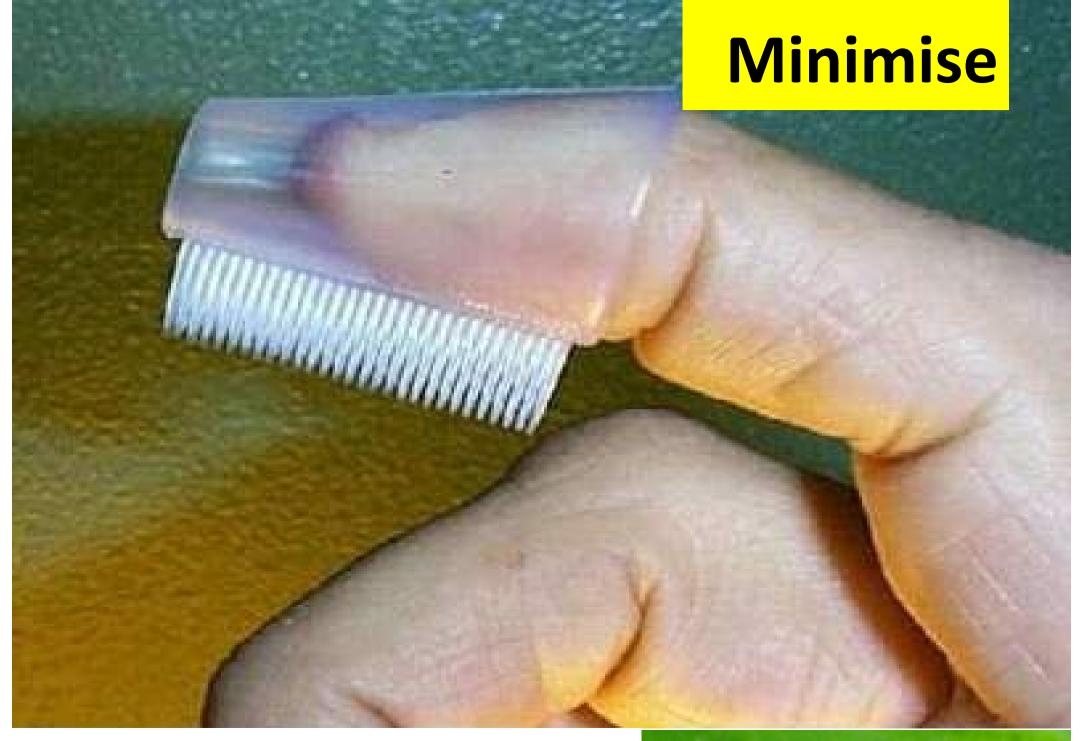
### 1000 Year Design Life





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### Lightweighting



### Modular



### Modular



### Multi-function



### MultiNightmare



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### **Bowl + Strainer**



### **Bowl for Life?**





Inner Beauty

## Inflated -> 98% Saving



### **Bubbledeck**



Bubbledeck panels placed on site. Bubbles have been omitted around the zone of influence of columns, where punching shear forces are high, and additional reinforcing is required. (photo courtesy Bubbledeck North America)



Delected classic legisles (according and at Malanath ware regisled for the batch of "bubbles" at the Daniels Faculty project

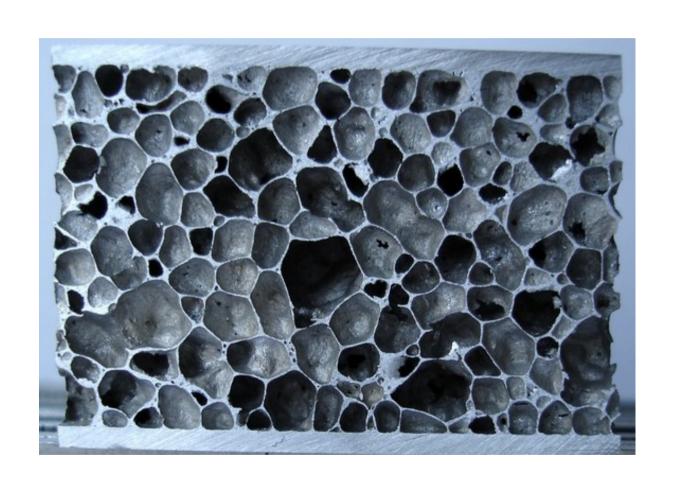




### Mooi Blowaway Vase by Front



### **Foam**











### **Lotus Self-Cleaning**

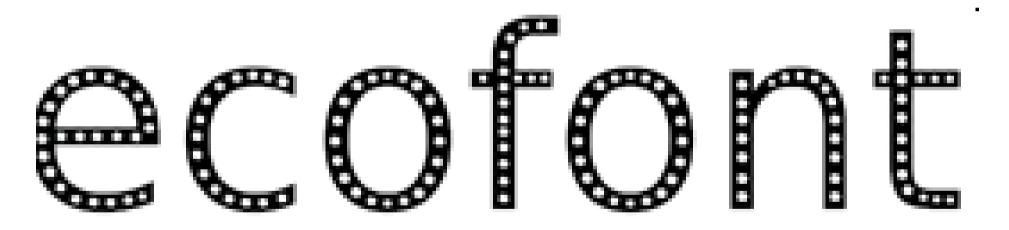






### Low-paper and Low-ink Fonts

Gulliver is a typeface which appears to be larger than it is, and which is narrow without looking narrow.





# FIRE Kiln and Factory

### **Brick (Quarry to Site)**

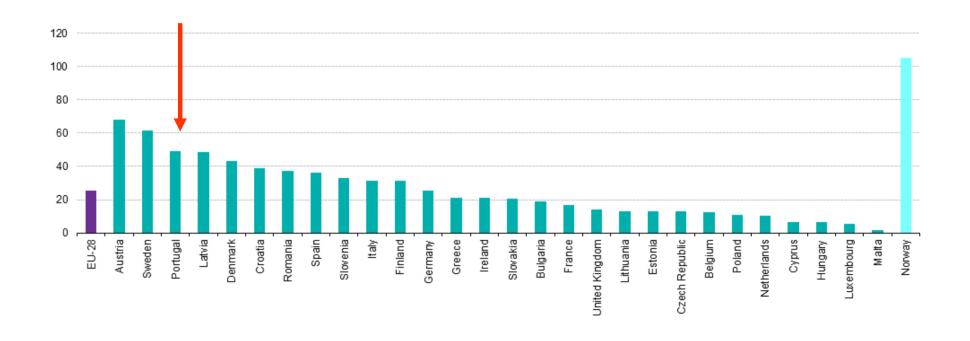
Material	Embodied Energy - MJ/Kg	Embodied Carbon - Kg CO2e/Kg
General simple baked clay products	3	0.24
Tile	6.5	0.48
Vitrified clay pipe DN 100 & DN 150	6.2	0.46
Vitrified clay pipe DN 200 & DN 300	7.0	0.50
Vitrified clay pipe DN 500	7.9	0.55
General Clay Bricks	3.0	0.24
EXAMPLE: Single Brick	6.9 MJ per brick	0.55 kgCO2 per brick

### **Electric Better Than Gas?**





### 50% Renewable Electricity



Source: Eurostat (online data code: tsdcc330)

### **EU Ecolabel On Floor Tiles**

- Absence of risk phrases in raw materials
   R45 (may cause cancer) etc to R68
- Limit on lead, cadmium and antimony used in the glazes
- Firing stages < 3.5 MJ/kg</li>
- Water use < 1L/kg and 90% recovered</li>
- PM, Fluorides, NOx, SO2 limits
- Water releases Cd, CrVI, Fe, Pb
- 85% waste recovery
- Paperboard packaging with 70% recycled content
- An indication of the route of recycling or disposal



### **Dudson UK**



PRODUCTS NEWS

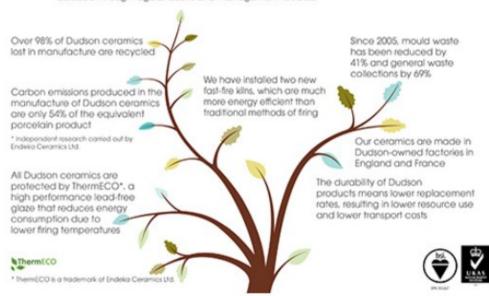
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#### THE GREEN FACT-TREE

As a BS EN ISO 14001:2004 accredited company, an Environmental Management System makes provision for continuous improvement and ongoing legal compliance, assessed through regular audits and management reviews.

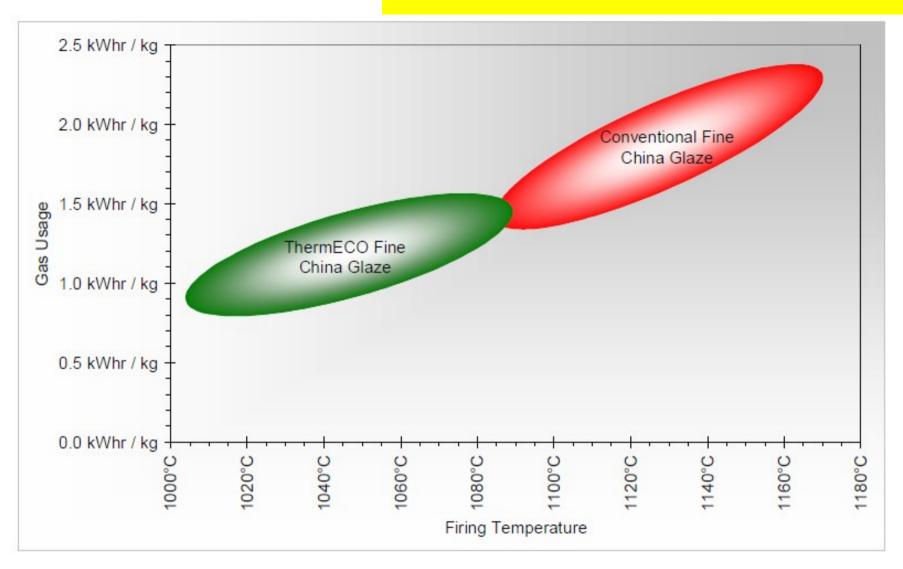


#### Taking steps to reduce our environmental footprint...

Dudson has long since recognised its corporate responsibility in managing the impact of its operations on the environment, and has received recognition for its efforts from the British Standards Institution, through certification to the BS EN ISO 14001:2004 Environmental Standard.



### **ThermECO Glaze**



**ENDEKA Ceramics Ltd** 



### **Used Vegetable Oil**



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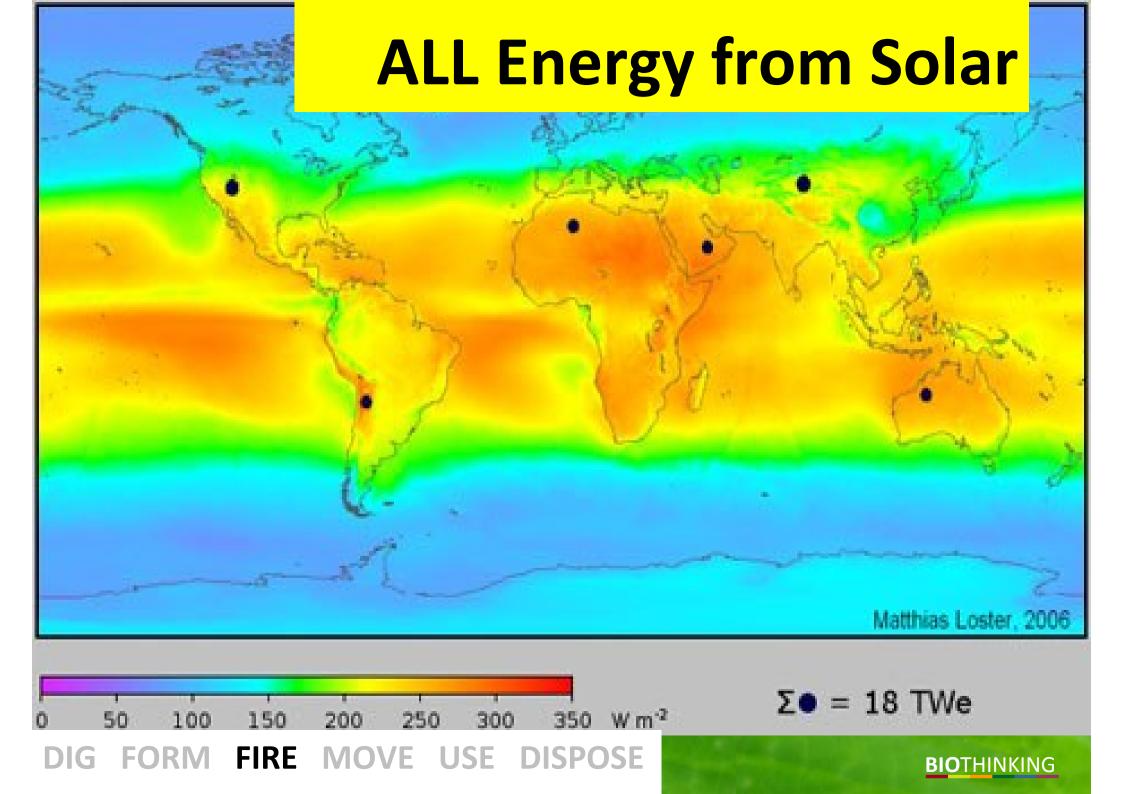
### **Self-Firing?**





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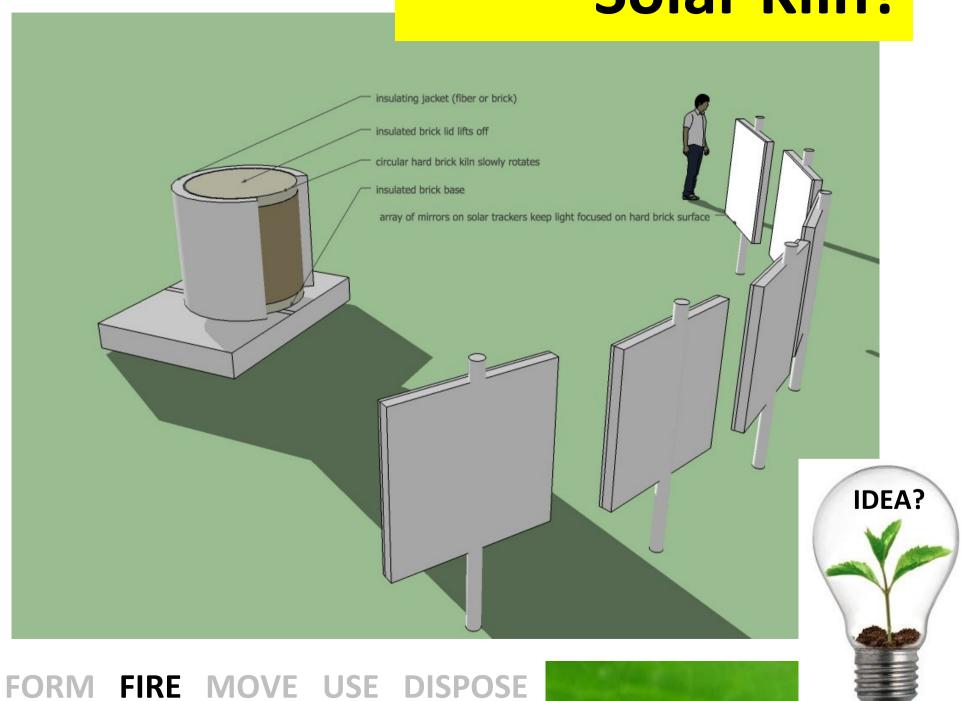




### **Solar Collector**



### **Solar Kiln?**



### On an Industrial Scale?



### **Solar Collector**



### **Muscle Power**





### **Spring Drive Bagpipes?**





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### MOVE Pack and Transport

### **Container Ship**



### **Containers Are Great**



### **Boats are Efficient but Smoky**

### Freight transport efficiency

Average CO2 emission per tkm

• Sea transport 2-7 g/tkm

Rail transport 18 – 35 g/tkm

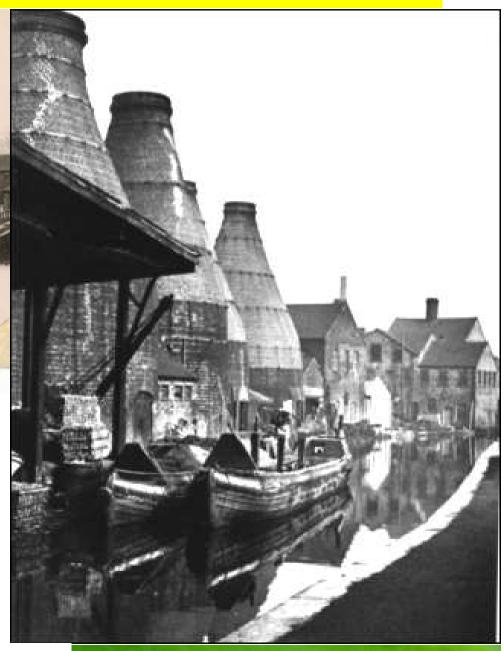
Inland waterways 30 – 49 g/tkm

Road transport 62 – 110 g/tkm

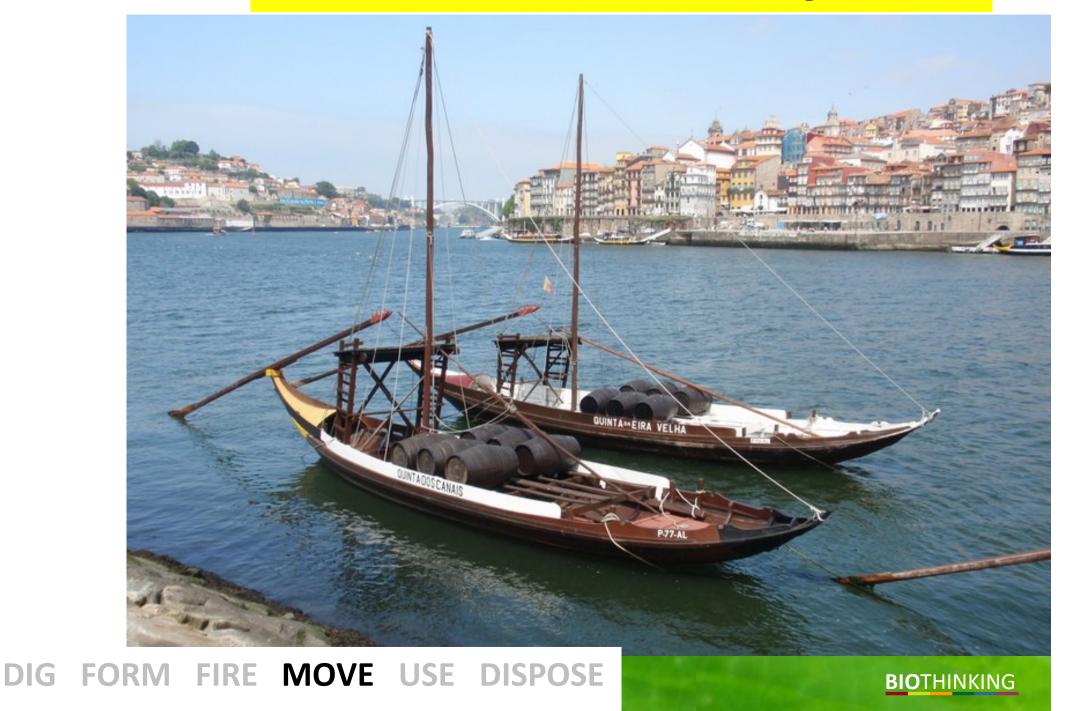
Air transport 665+ g/tkm

### Why The Canals Were Built

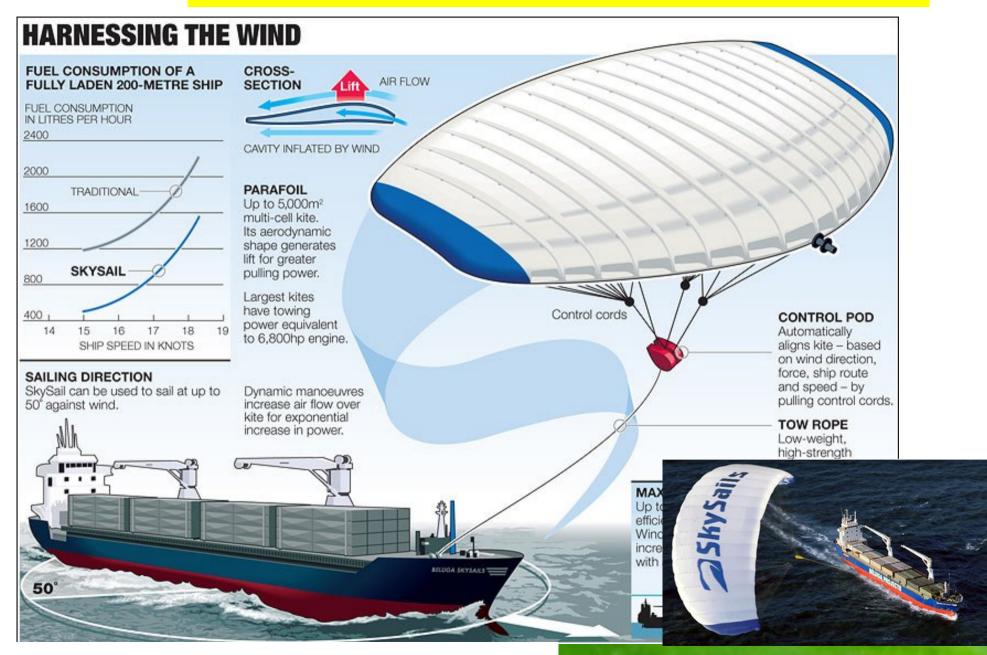




### **Move Ceramics by Sail?**



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### **Move Ceramics by Bike?**

Freight bikes such as this Brox 4 wheeler are in use in London by delivery company Red Star, and Taxi Bikes ferry people around the West End.







### USE Using and Wash

### Communications



### Wash at 30°



### Visual



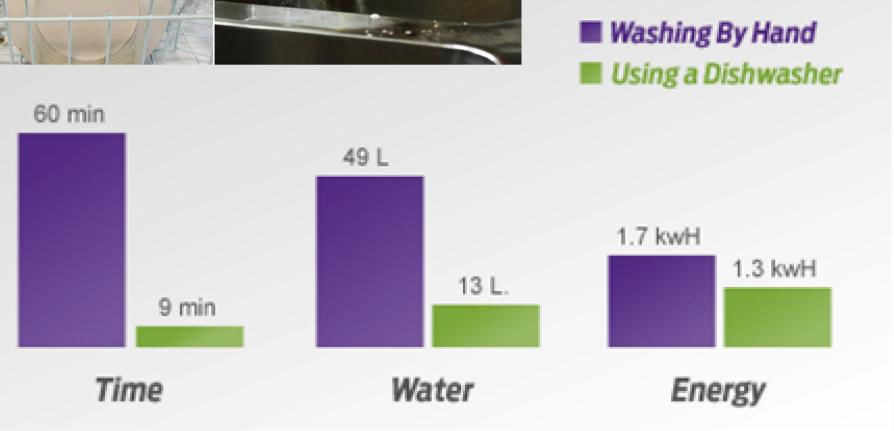


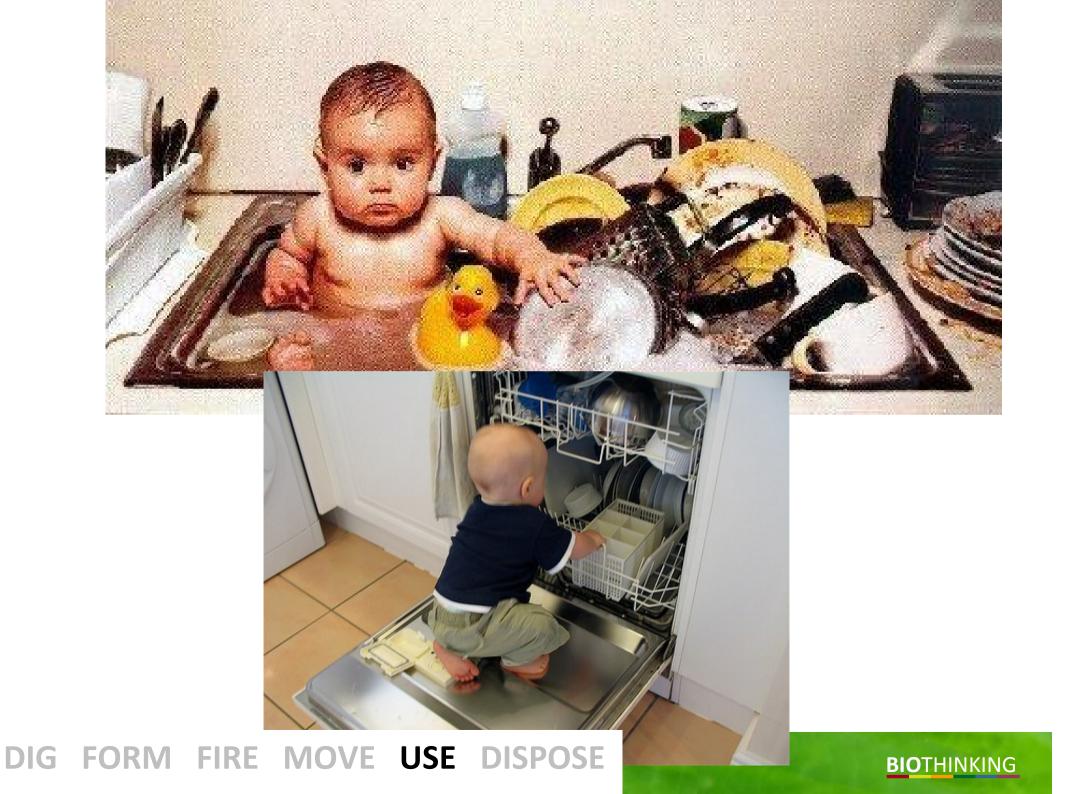
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### **HandWash**









### **User Advice**





### Communicate



### DISPOSE End Of Life

### **Ceramics Recycling Still Rare**

Crushing

Mixture to make soil

The crushed powder is mixed by 20% or more.

Ball mill

Refining. Dewater

Auger machine

Red clay, White clay, Yellow clay

Manufacturing Re-shokki





Fig. 8 Re-shokki · Saisei-001

Fig. 9 Re-shokki · Oliva

### **Ceramics Recycling Still Crude**



### **Recycled by Oregon University**



### **Resell Tableware**



### **Optimal Lifetime**





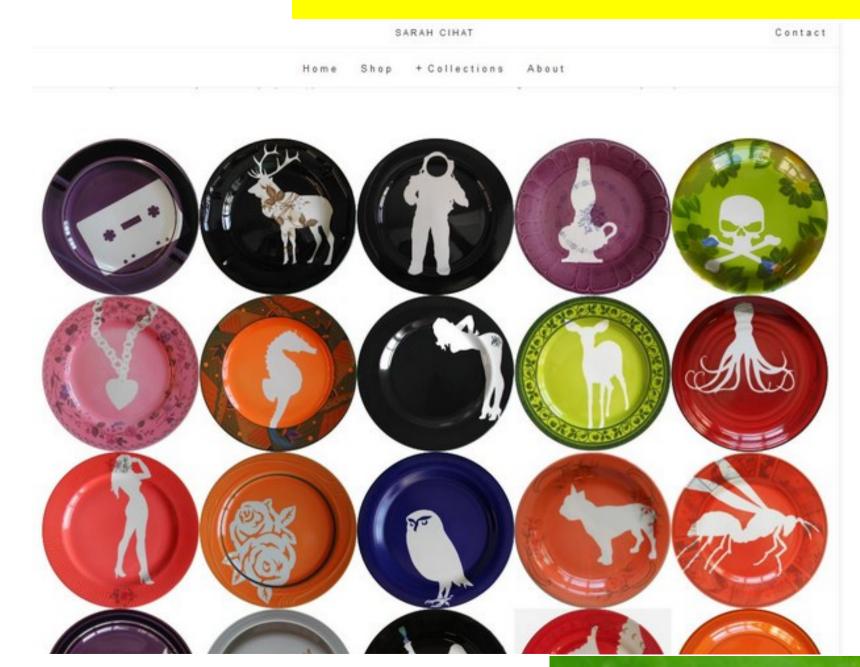
**Durable** 

**Disposable** 

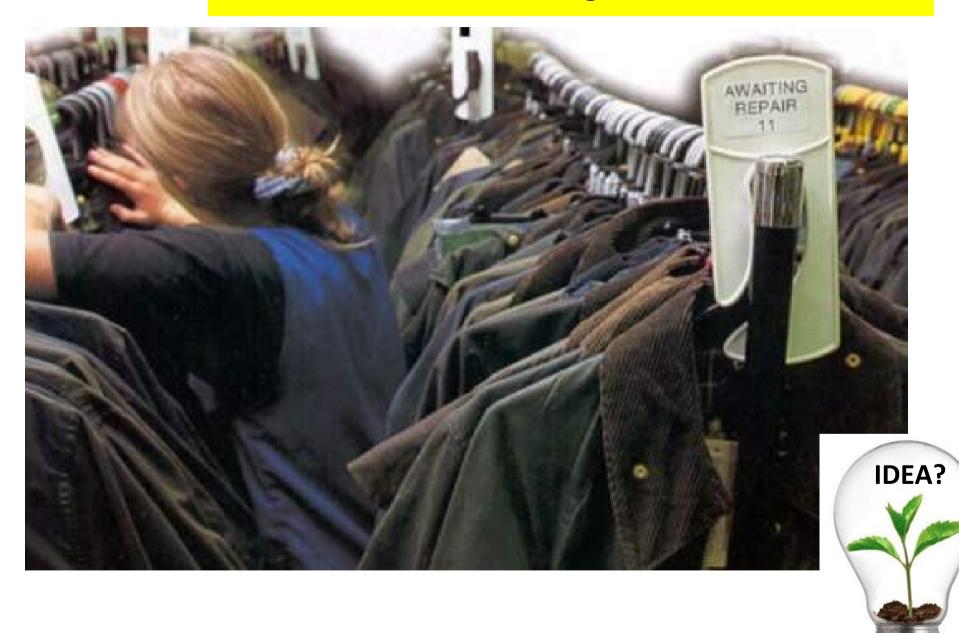
### Repurposing



### **Sarah Chiat RePlate**



### **Barbour Repair Service**



### Disassembly





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### There is Progress

- Many sectors have made more sustainable products
- Ceramics not so much
- Plenty of potential
- But so much more to be done

### "Drop" – A Radical View?

- Sustainability is binary
- 100% compatible with nature is required
- One drop in the ocean is too much
- One speck on the land is too much
- One wisp into the air is too much
- Even fields are not natural
- All land to be restored to wild

### **My Vision**

1. All products 100% compatible with nature

2. Life spread across the universe

3. All land returned to wild

### What's Your Superpower?



### What's Your Superpower?

- Energise a whole city?
- Crush rubbish for recycling like the Hulk?
- Make food from just from air and water?

- But all those already possible!
- You already have a superpower: The ability to merge art and science
- No-one else can do what you do

### You Can

- You can be more than stylists
- You can be Sustainability Superheroes



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(1 gallon=4.546L)	kgCO2
Litre of Petrol	2.25
Litre of Diesel	2.57
Litre of LPG	1.49
Mile in a 30 mpg petrol car	0.34
Mile in a 40 mpg diesel car	0.29
Mile in a 60 mpg diesel car	0.19
Mile on train, tram, tube or coach	0.06
Mile on a local bus	0.15
Mile on a plane	0.18