

# Gossamer Timescapes:

une recherche ancrée dans la pratique du design de textiles actifs pour l'environnement maison

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Soft House, Kennedy & Vloich



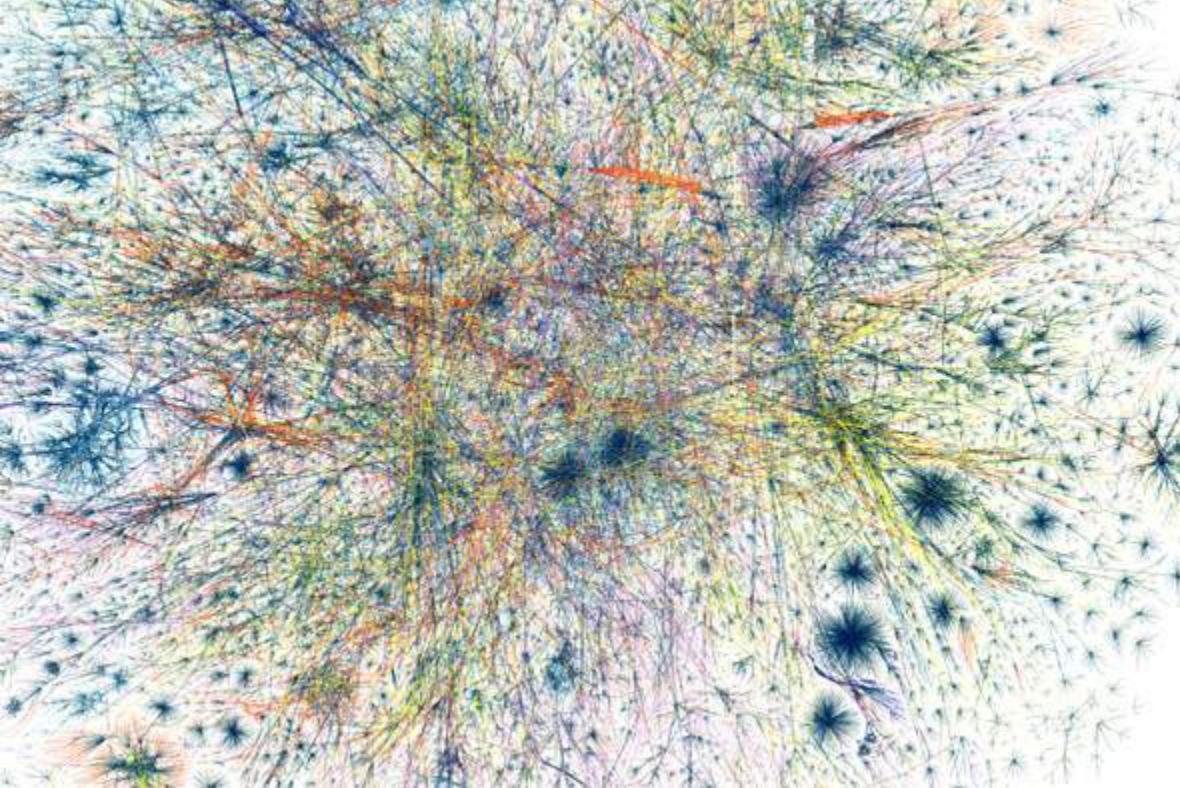
Colonise by Jane Scott

Relatively new family of engineered materials that:

- Challenge traditional categorization of man-made artefacts (machine vs material)
- Challenge practice of textile and architectural design as they introduce time as a core dimension of their materiality

## Self-actuated textiles & materials

materials programmed to feel and react to stimuli in their environment with a specific behaviour



Opote Project, 2003, mapping the entire internet in a day



## Questioning

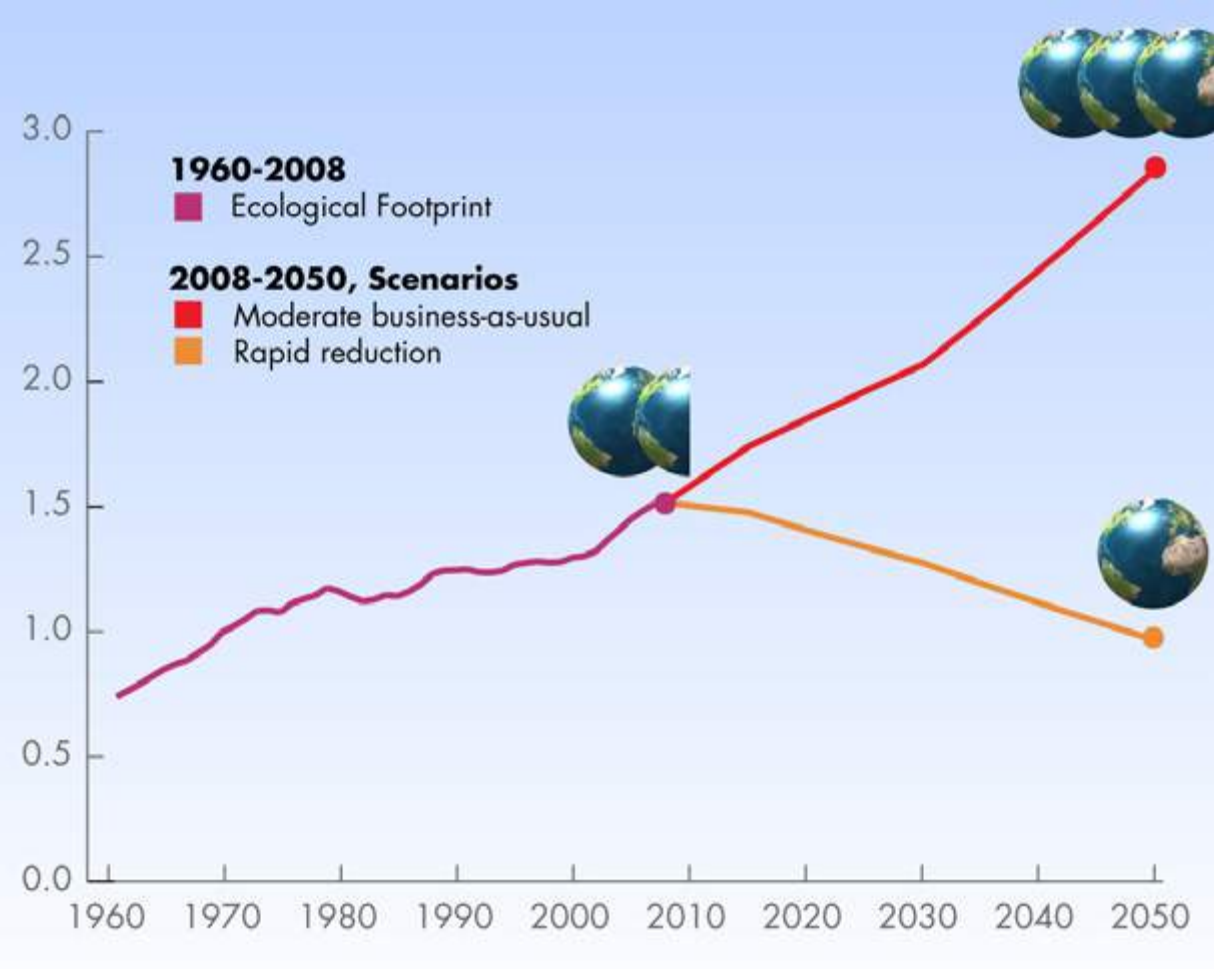
(1) the temporal characteristics of the designed object or material:

- how does it unfold in time
- at which pace and rhythm
- through which typology and patterns of movements

(2) the temporal experience or timescape designed through these materials

# Time as a material for design

From designing material behaviours to designing timescape



## Sustainability: a conflict of timescape

resulting from the imposition of industrial time over natural rhythmicities (cf B. Adam)

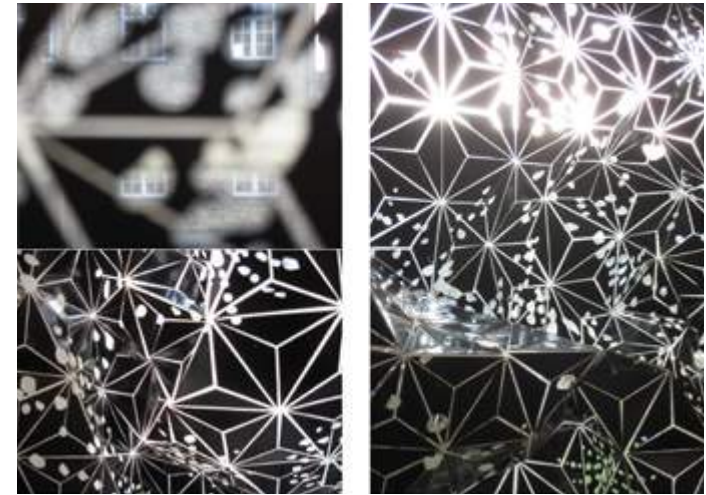


**Gossamer Timescapes**  
**Designing Self-actuated Textiles**  
**for the Home** PhD Thesis by Aurélie Mossé

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 School of Architecture & Conservation  
 Copenhagen, Denmark, 2014



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Light-responsive experiments



Electro-active experiments

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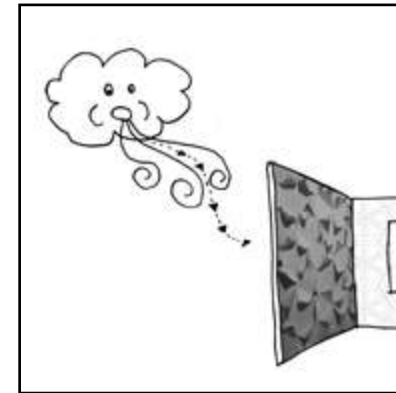
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exploring the cultural/poetic potential of smart textiles for the home by developing embodied scenarios mixing fragments of reality and fiction



# Material Tales

material evidences as a process of investigation rather than a finite object or application



## Conceptual Probe

a design-led investigation allowing speculative inquiry, theorisation and the setting out of design criteria



## Material Probe

a materially-led investigation allowing exploratory testing, of craft and material behaviour. The prototype answers and develops the design criteria of the conceptual probe

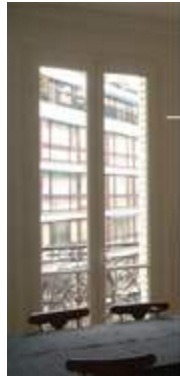


## Immersive Probe

an application-led investigation allowing interfacing with real world problems and constraints



Extension of Ecole Nationale des Arts Décoratifs, Paris by Philippe Starck, 1998

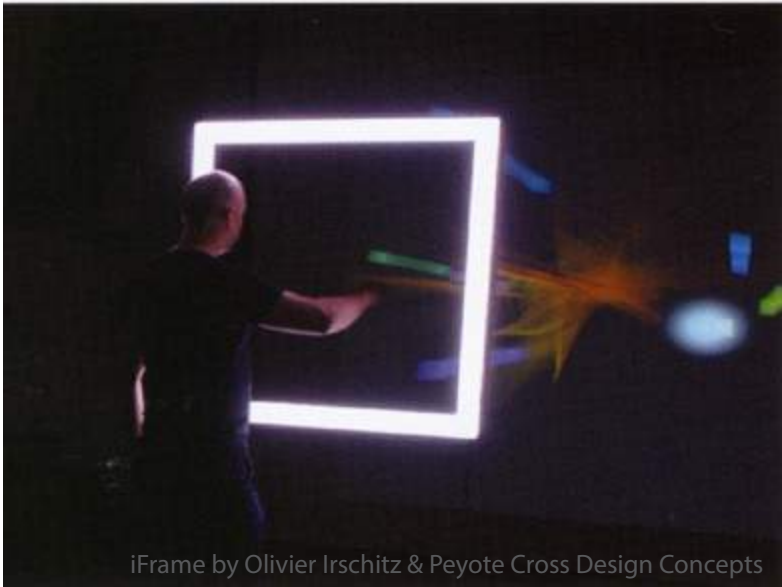


sick building syndrome: series of ailment affecting the inhabitant of a building characterised with poor indoor environment quality: inadequate ventilation or air pollution.

## Sick building

Early stimulus for the research understood as manifestations of a culture of deterritorialisation





Selgas Cano offices



### Technology-driven temporality

Time as invariable, predictable, reversible and universally applicable concept



A set of experience essentially concerned with a user-oriented time space based on human machine dependences.

Inheritance of mechanical conception of time vehicled by the abstract and decontextualised temporality of the clock.



### Earth-bounded temporality

Time as variable, unpredictable, irreversible and embodied concept

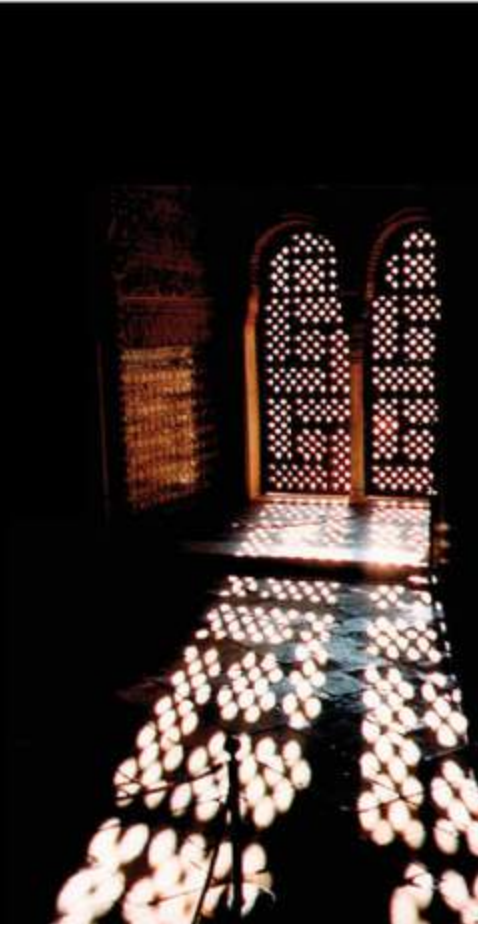


A set of experiences concerned with local time based on earth-life dependences

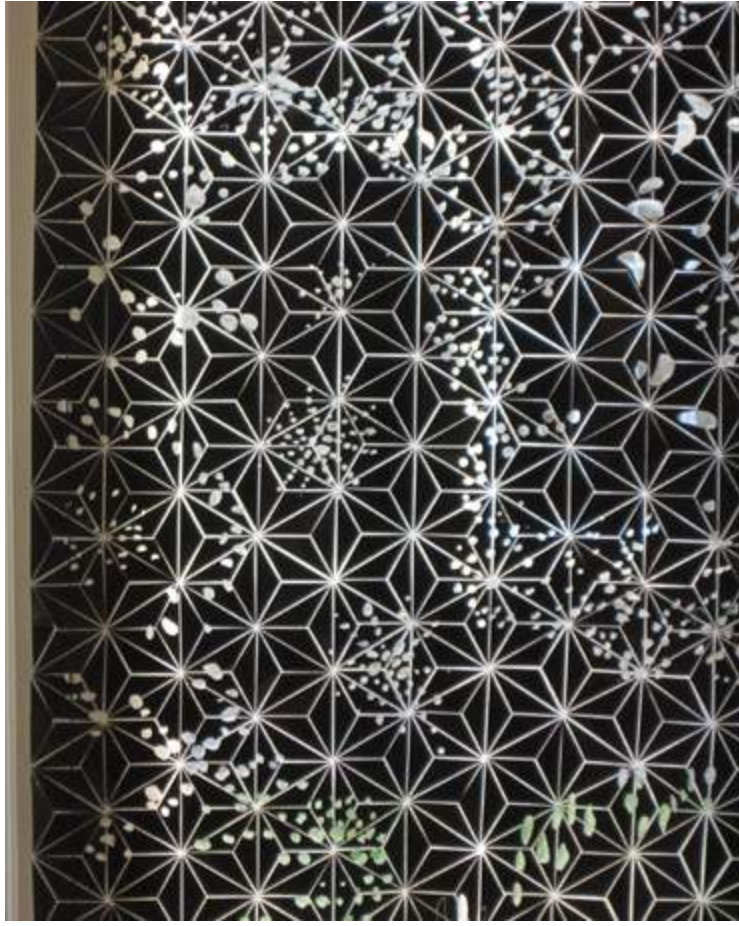
Inheritance of ecological conceptions of time vehicled by the concrete and contextualised temporality of biological clocks

## Interactivity vs interconnectivity

how smart textiles can contribute to a culture of interconnectivity



Traditional islamic mashrabiya



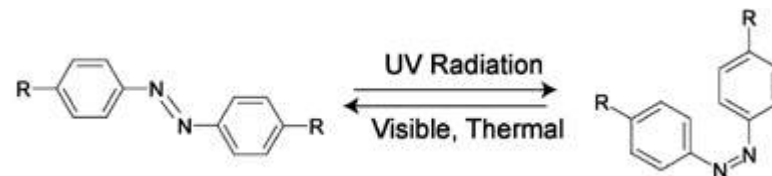
The Photovoltaic Mashrabiya by Aurélie Mossé



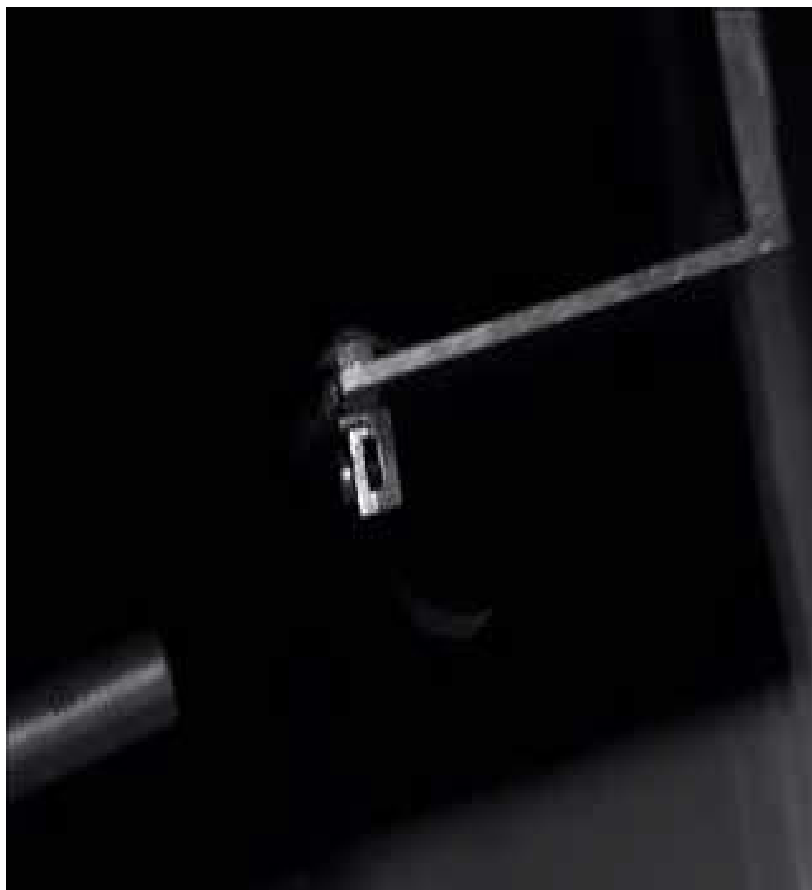
## Photovoltaic Mashrabiya

designing a textile membrane changing shape and producing electricity according to solar rhythms

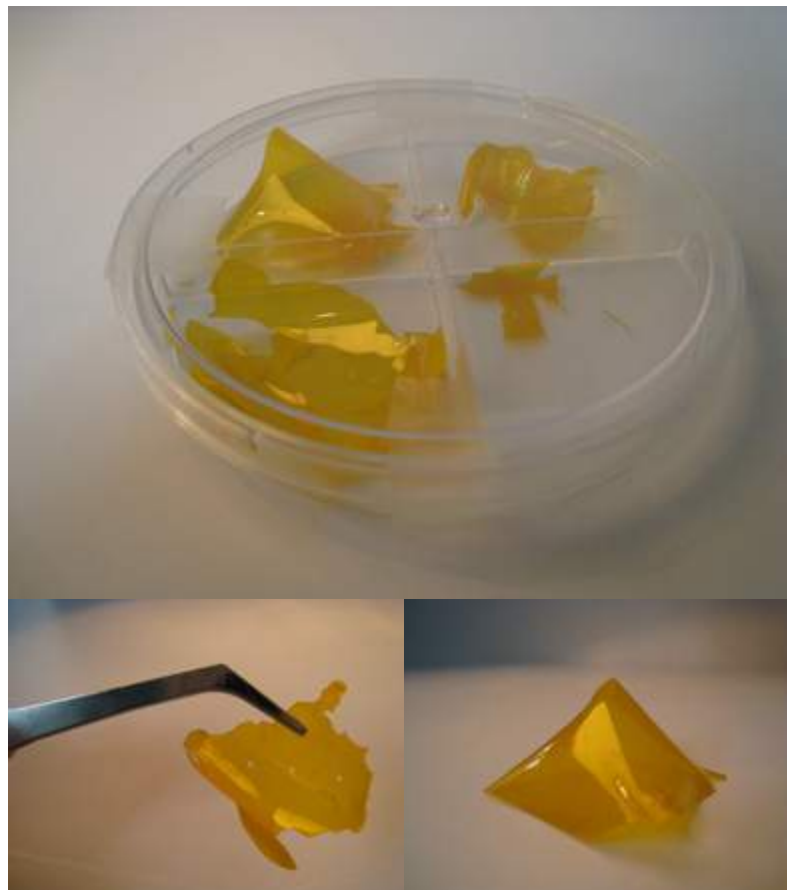




Change in order gives dimensional change



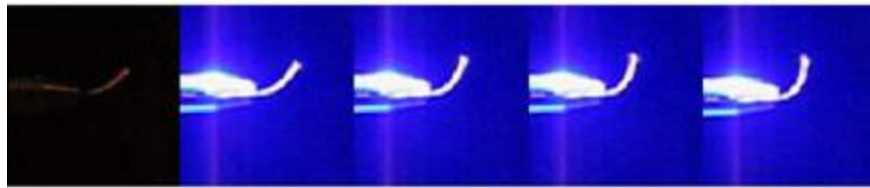
Courtesy Casper van Oosten



Raw light reactive liquid crystal

## Photokinetic Textiles

Investigating liquid crystals for light-induced shape change, collaboration with TUE Eindhoven



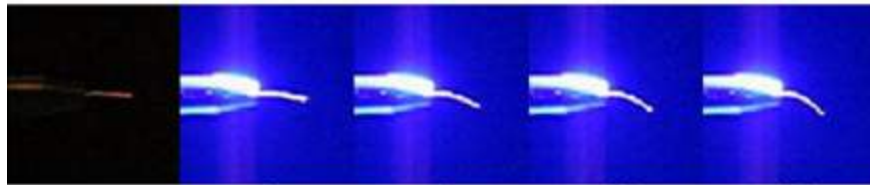
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Polyester  
60 gr/m<sup>2</sup>



Nylon  
70 gr/m<sup>2</sup>  
Aligned layer on top



Nylon  
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Aligned layer on bottom

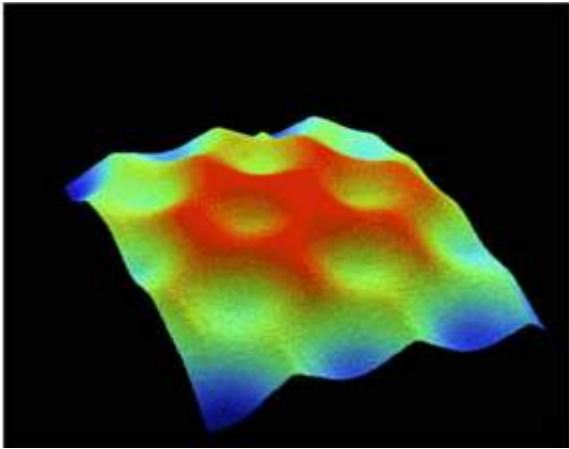
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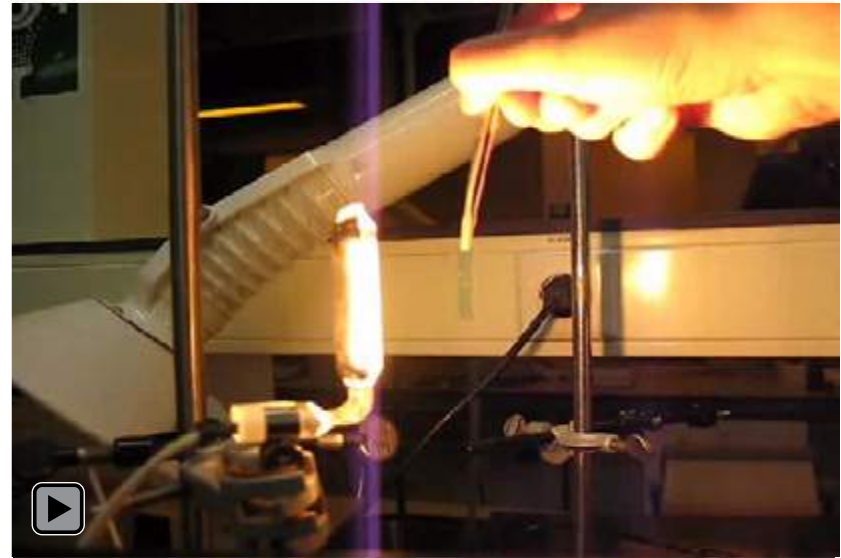


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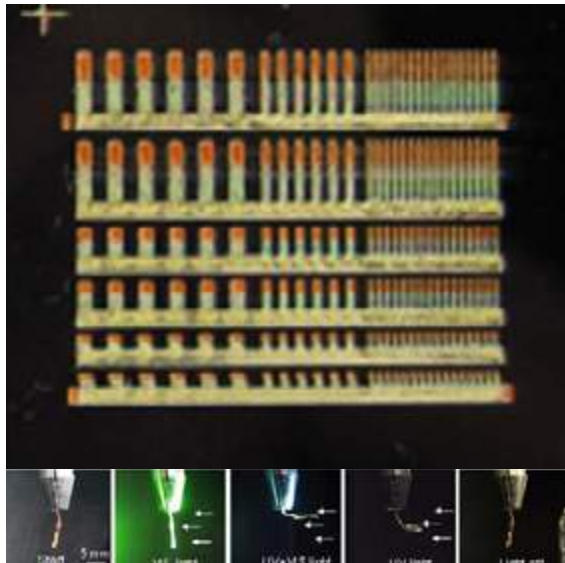
Designing textiles changing shape with light



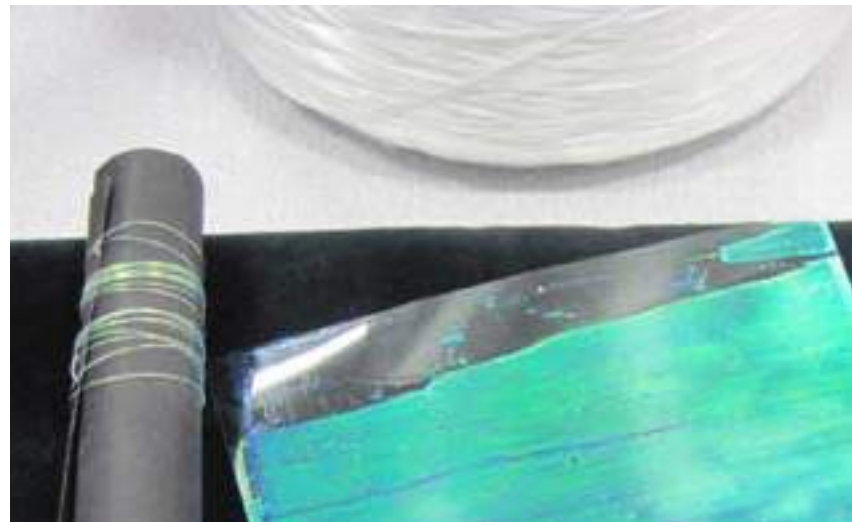
Surface relief (TUE and Brown University)



Complex morphing (TUE and partners)



Inkjet printed and responding to different light wavelength (Casper van Oosten, TUE)



from film to yarn (nanoforce)

Courtesy Dick Broer

# Photovoltaic Mashrabiya

By-passing the need for electronics in the actuation of shape-changing textiles



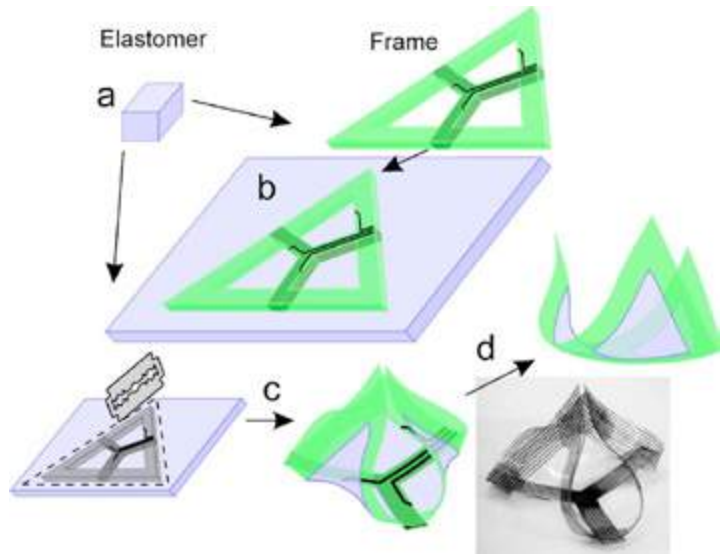
Active behaviour



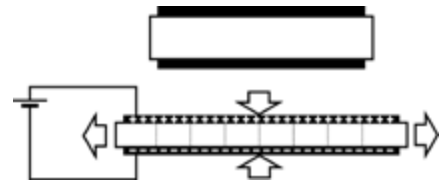
Passive behaviour

# Reef

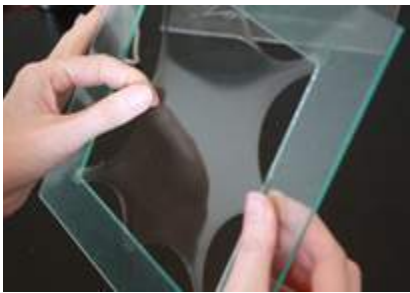
designing a self-actuated ceiling changing with the wind



(1) Energy-minimisation and self-organisation principles as morphogenesis and actuation principles (Courtesy Guggi Kofod, University Potsdam)



Electrical pressure on the elastomer results in the actuation of the minimum energy structures



# Self-actuated minimum-energy structures

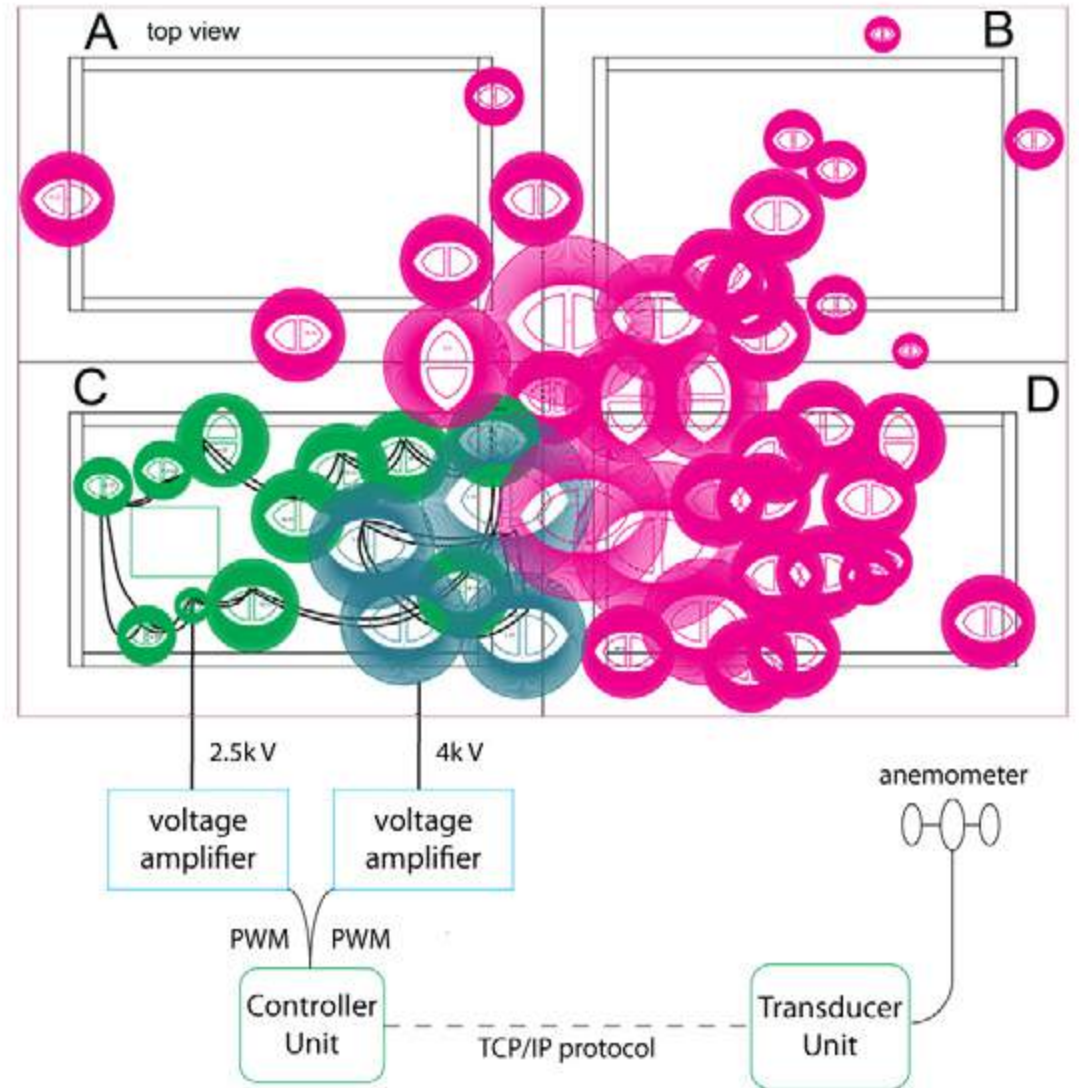
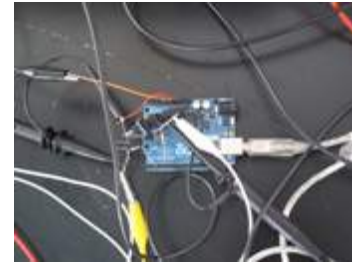
crafting dielectric elastomer composites for 3D shape change, collaboration with G. Kofod, Postdam University





# Reef

Design the interactive setting





## Reef

experiencing material behaviours, in collaboration with David Gauthier, CIID

## Soft Matters

Jean-François Bassereau, Prof., co-responsable de groupe

Aurélié Mossé, PhD, co-responsable de groupe

Jeanne Vicérial, étudiante-chercheuse

ses préoccupations. Il explore comment nouveaux matériaux et nouvelles technologies (mais aussi actuels et anciens) peuvent contribuer au développement d'une culture plus résiliente en s'appuyant sur des méthodes de recherche ancrées dans la pratique du design. S'inscrivant à la croisée de disciplines telles que le design textile, matériaux, surface, l'architecture et le design d'objets, *Soft Matters* examine comment cette nouvelle matérialité du doux (textile, matériaux souples, technologies du numérique et du biologique etc.) influence la pratique du design et affecte notre quotidien au niveau culturel, social comme technologique.

Pour ce faire, *Soft Matters* place la conceptualisation et matérialisation d'artefacts au centre du processus de recherche. Le groupe privilégie le dialogue interdisciplinaire en s'appuyant notamment sur le développement de collaborations à l'intersection de la science, du design et de l'ingénierie.



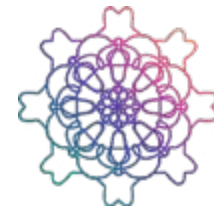
3 PhD

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students



## Soft Matters Research group

design-led research exploring the potential of new materials & technologies for the shaping of more resilient futures



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