Zero Emission: Behaviour and motivation determine effectiveness of technical solutions

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Why ask a sociologist at a technology conference?



Outline

- Research into low-emmision housing systems
- O Flaws in behaviour and flaws in technology
- O The human-machine interaction
- O The role of intrinsic and extrinsic motivation
- O Agricultural examples how to achieve the desired behaviour *through technology*

How to improve the effectiveness of lowemission housing systems

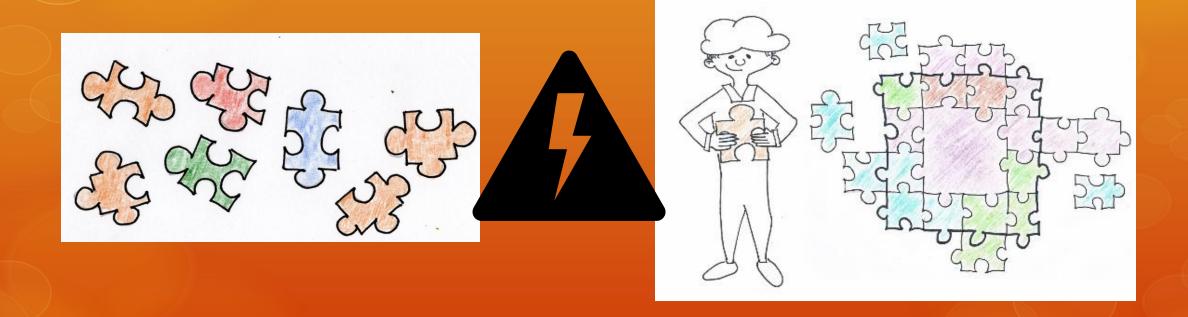
- Interview livestock farmers and other stakeholders
- Explore the problem perception and possible causes of ineffectiveness
- Investigate solutions and formulate recommendations to improve effectiveness
- Focus on the use of these housing systems



Low-emission floors in the dairy sector



Mismatch between technology and farmer



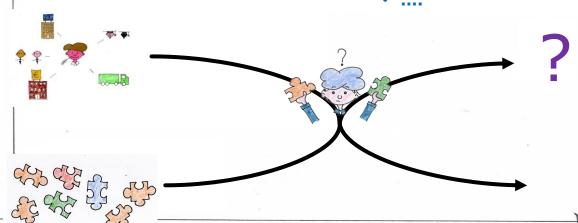
Transition perspective



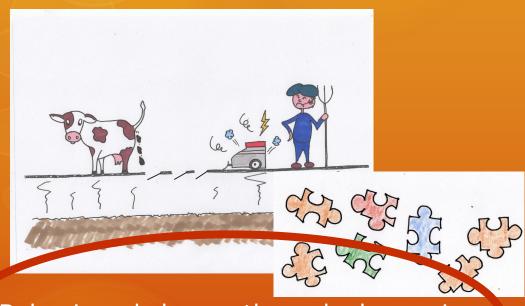
- Climate change
- Ammonia and Biodiversity
- Animal welfare
- Less pesticides and herbicides

System: ('the way we do things here')

Niches (alternative practices)

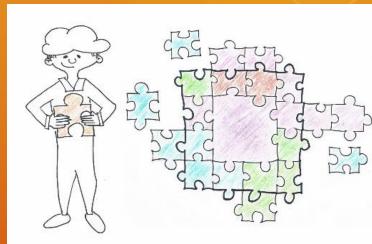


The mismatch between technology and farmer



Behavioural change through change in technology





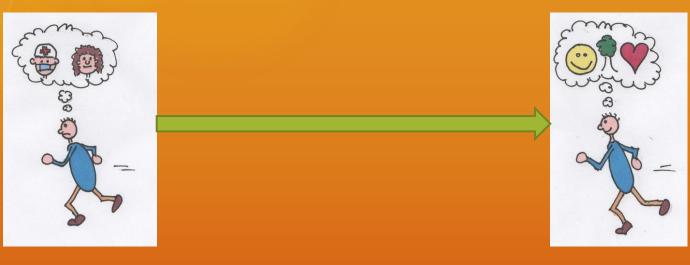
Behavioural change aimed at the farmer:

- Education
- → overrated
- Facilitation → expensive

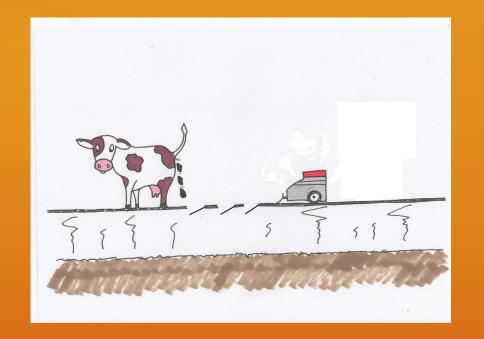
unange the circumstances: Policy (enforcement)

- Market conditions

Intrinsic and extrinsic motivation







But how to apply this to technology in agriculture?





Technology that creates Win-Win







Technology that doesn't conflict with other goals





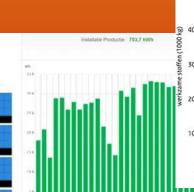
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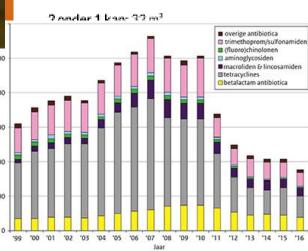
Gemiddeld gasverbruik per type

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Appartement: 19 m³

Rijtjeswoning: 25 m^o

Hoekwoning: 29 m³

Jouw verbruik: 30 m³

Technology that helps to meet the social norm



Technology that makes behaviour easy/easier



Technology that increases autonomy of the farmer





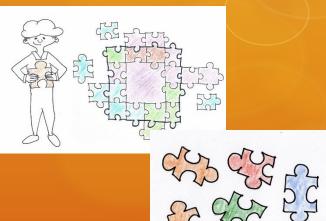
Internalisation of behaviour, through technology

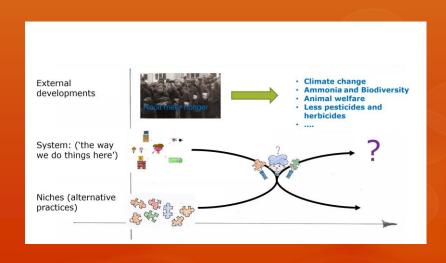
- Create Win-win
- Reduce conflicts with other goals
- O Organise feedback and make behaviour visible
- Technology that helps to meet the social norm
- Make behaviour easier
- Increase autonomy of the farmer
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Challenge: Can we convert these mechanisms into design requirements?

Concluding remarks: The role of behaviour and motivation in technology

- (Most) technology doesn't work without certain behaviour
- Technology and behaviour should be considered in interaction
- ... especially in times of transition
- Behaviour depends on motivation
- O (Pure) extrinsic motivation is weak
- ... but extrinsic motivated behaviour can be internalised by technology
- O Can we convert farmer behaviour and motivation into design requirements?





Thank you for your attention!