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Expanding the "Mobility" Concept

- *Current research defines mobility quite narrowly, exclusively in terms of humans' independency from geographical constraints*
- *Kakihara & Sørensen: "being mobile is not just a matter of people traveling but, far more importantly, related to the interaction they perform"*
- *They Look at "mobility" by looking at the three dimensions of human interaction: spatial, temporal and contextual mobility*

Spatial Mobility

mobility of objects

mobility of symbols

mobility of space itself

- *What most people think of when defining mobility*
- *Refers to extensive movement of people (human nomadicity; ex. traveling)*
- *In addition signifies the global flux of objects, symbols and space itself – evokes complex patterns of human interaction.*
- *Assuming that mobility only concerns geographical movement of humans does not allow us to capture the complex, emerging reality of mobility in our social lives.*

Temporal mobility

- *Technology affects the temporality of our social lives*
- *New technologies are introduced to our work settings with the intention of accelerating the pace of work and saving time*
- *"new technologies may enhance or inhibit conflict by triggering changes in the structural allocation of events that, in turn, shift interpretive temporal frameworks"*
- *monochronicity VS polychronicity*
- *Polychronicity increases: it is not necessary to dedicate the same time slot exclusively to one person or group.*
- *The increasing temporal mobilization of human interaction is simultaneously creating new opportunities and constrains for the ecology of social life*

Contextual mobility

- *Human action is situated; such situatedness of human action is critical for capturing the nature of interaction*
- *There is an interplay between old and new.*
- *Interaction modality consists of two dimensions: unobtrusive and obtrusive and ephemeral vs. persistent.*
- *Context in which people reside in continuously frame their interactions with others, including people's background, mood, recognition of one another etc.*

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Background

- Food waste (0,4 billion tons just in the service industries)
- Huge amount of food can be used past the expiration date
- Costs related to removal of food at grocery stores
- Could the production, transport of food be reduced?

Can we reduce food waste in grocery stores or come up with a better way to use the "waste"?

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- *What do we want to do and how do we want to do it?*
- *Is there anybody else who's working towards our goal?*
- *Who are our actors?*
- *Who to talk to?*



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