



Adopting Brave Experimentation







In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is **nothing**.

[THEODORE ROOSEVELT]



WIDEN YOUR OPTIONS

Find incremental options

Instead of this or that, try this and that Talk to people who solved your problem

Reframe Possibilities







To live a creative life, we must lose our fear of being wrong.

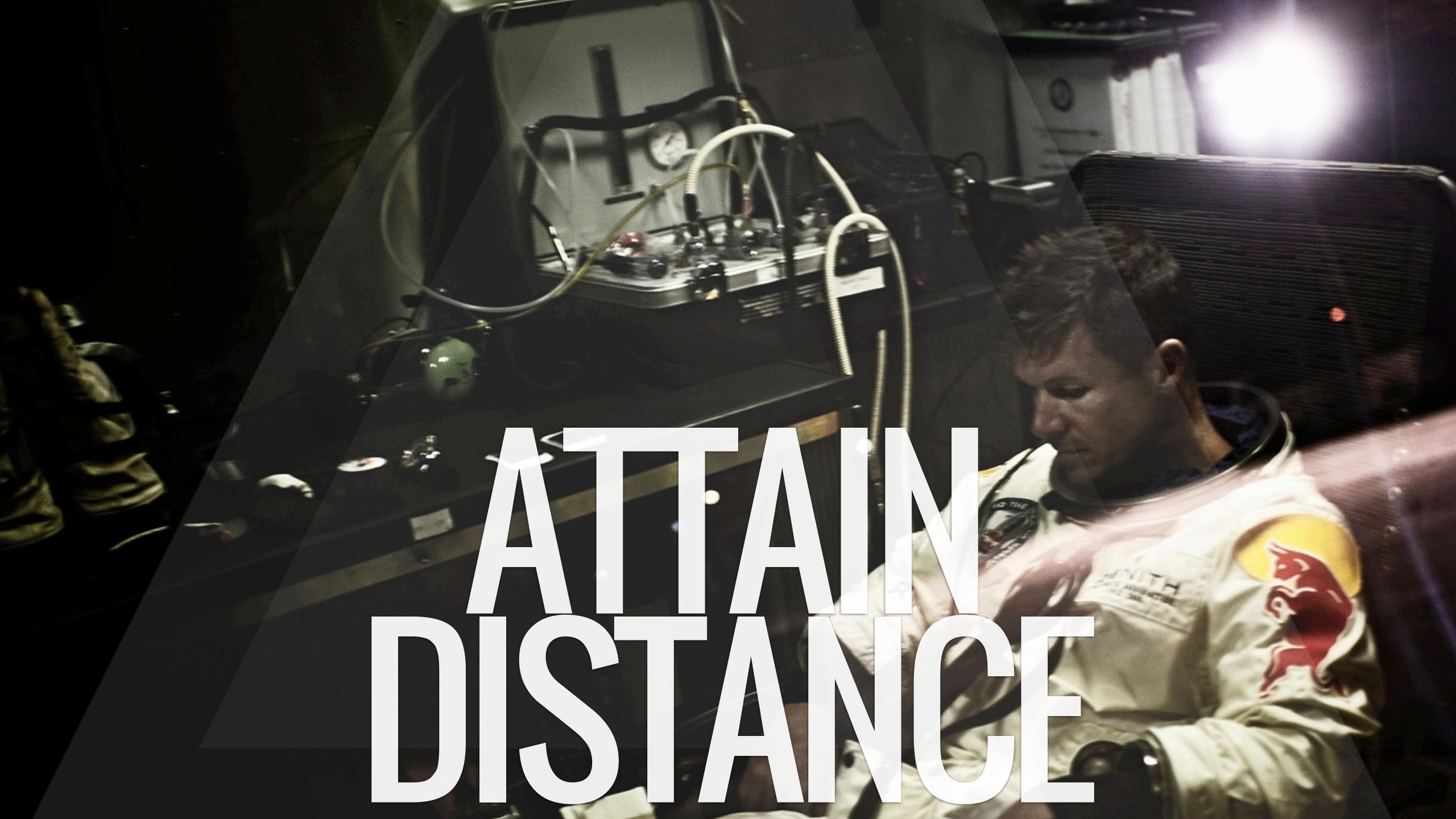
[JOSEPH CHILTON PEARCE]



REALITY TEST YOUR ASSUMPTIONS Avoid Confirmation Bias Seek out contradictory data Try to disprove your own theories Allow ideas to prove themselves

Conduct small, less invasive tests





It does feel like something to be wrong; it feels like being right.



[KATHRYN SCHULZ]



What would I say if...?

Pursue your core objectives



ATTAIN DISTANCE

Neuter Your Emotions

"Sleep on it"

Argue





[WordPress 3.8] will either be amazing or a **huge mistake**.

[MATT MULLENWEG]



PREPARE TO BE WRONG

Statistically, our instincts are usually wrong

Decisions should be commas, not periods

Know what to do when things go wrong or well

We are Overconfident





KNOW WHEN YOU'RE WRONG Run True Experiments

Have a hypothesis, a control, and variables Tripwires (true deadlines)

Correlation != Causation

Use tools properly











The neurotic who learns to laugh at himself may be on the way to self-management, perhaps to cure.

[GORDON ALLPORT]



HASTEN THE WRONG

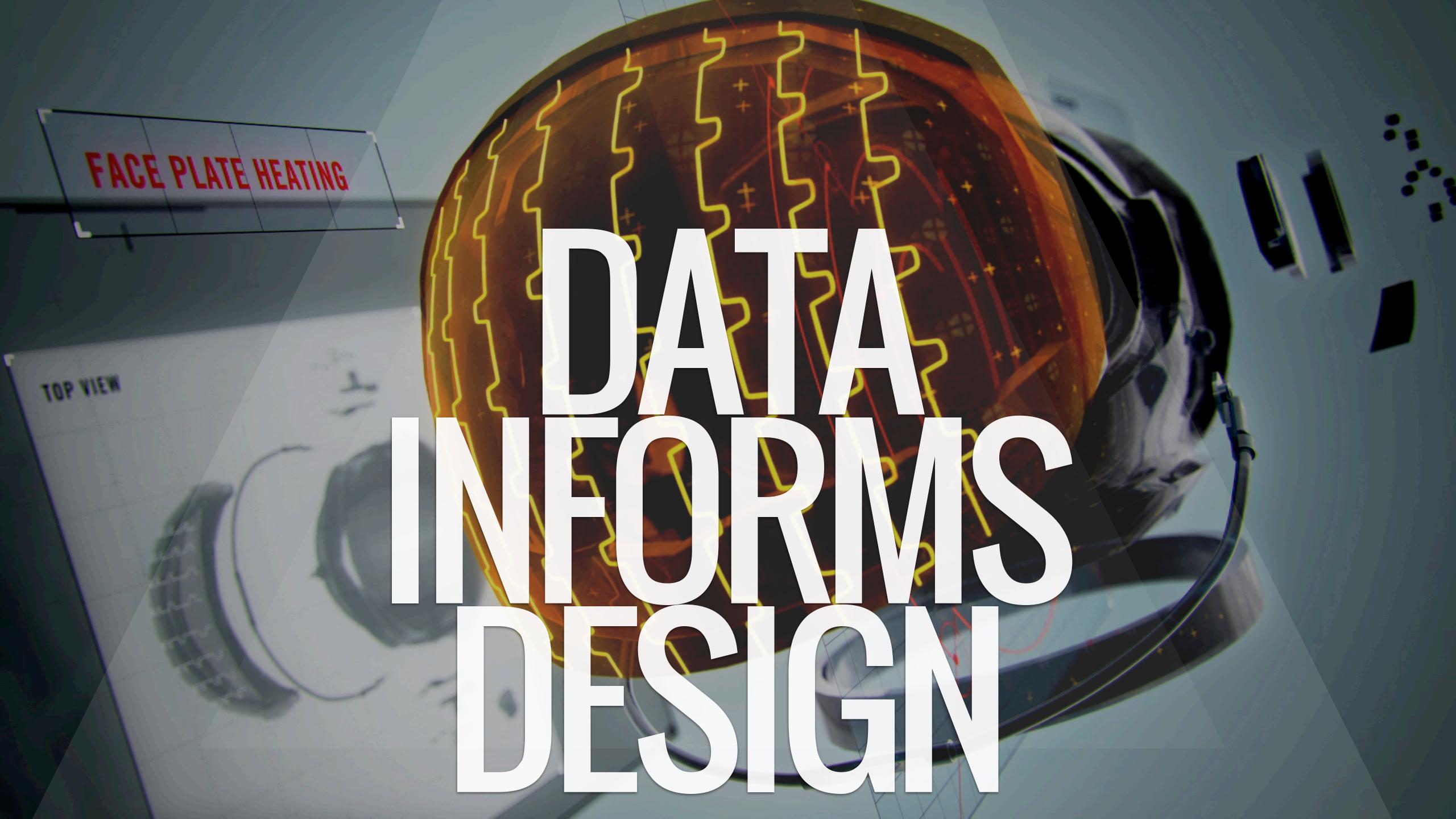
Ask People Who Are Not You

User testing is fun and embarrassing Actually *talk* to users

Test for show stoppers or tiny interactions, but do those separately

You don't need many users







The crucial variable in the process of turning knowledge into value is creativity.

[JOHN KAO]



DATA INFORMS DESIGN Illusion of Explanatory Depth

People will find ways to give negative feedback if you frame it that way

Data and feedback should inform design, not dictate it

Get users to their goal with minimal cognitive load





I could be wrong about this.

[CLIFF SEAL]

