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The Challenge

The discovery of biomimetic innovations requires iterative knowledge building, connection making and idea generation. Designers can get discouraged and wonder "I'm I doing this right?".

Process Challenge: Getting lost in the process of bioinspired design.



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The Innovation

Overcome the challenge: Use a visual guide based in the concept-knowledge theory of design to structure the critical thought processes of bio-inspired design, or map the mindset.

The visual guide below, called a C-K map^{1,2}, can improve connections between biology and engineering for problem solving. Solutions are informed by knowledge.

Concept Space	Knowledge Space
Concept Space C0: C1: C1: C2: C2: C2:	Existing Solution
C3:	Biological Biology Knowledge Unexpected Property
$ \rightarrow$ Dashed line defines the design path	Dr. Nagel, Dr. Pitaparti, Dr. Rose, Dr. Beverly © 2019

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The Theory

Properties of concept-knowledge theory³:

- Comprised of two spaces: knowledge (K) space contains propositions that are known, and the concept (C) space contains propositions that are undetermined
- Facilitates innovation through building and testing connections between the K and C spaces
- * Adaptive and generalizable across scientific domains and engineering problems

