

Developing an occupational therapy tool for mapping residents' participation in occupations inside and outside of nursing homes

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Introduction / Rationale

To promote occupational justice, social inclusion, mental health and well-being, it is important to provide opportunities for residents to:

- participate in occupations inside and outside of nursing homes
- interact with their surrounding communities

Existing nursing home tools focus on:

- risk audits/ checklists
- physical environments (e.g., DEAP)
- mobility and independence (e.g., LSA-IS)



Objective

Present the ongoing process for developing a novel, context-specific tool for mapping residents' participation in occupations inside and outside nursing homes



**Mapping the use of Places
in Institutional Settings
Tool (MapPlace-IS)**

Methods / Approach

Larger ethnographic project in five
nursing homes in Sweden

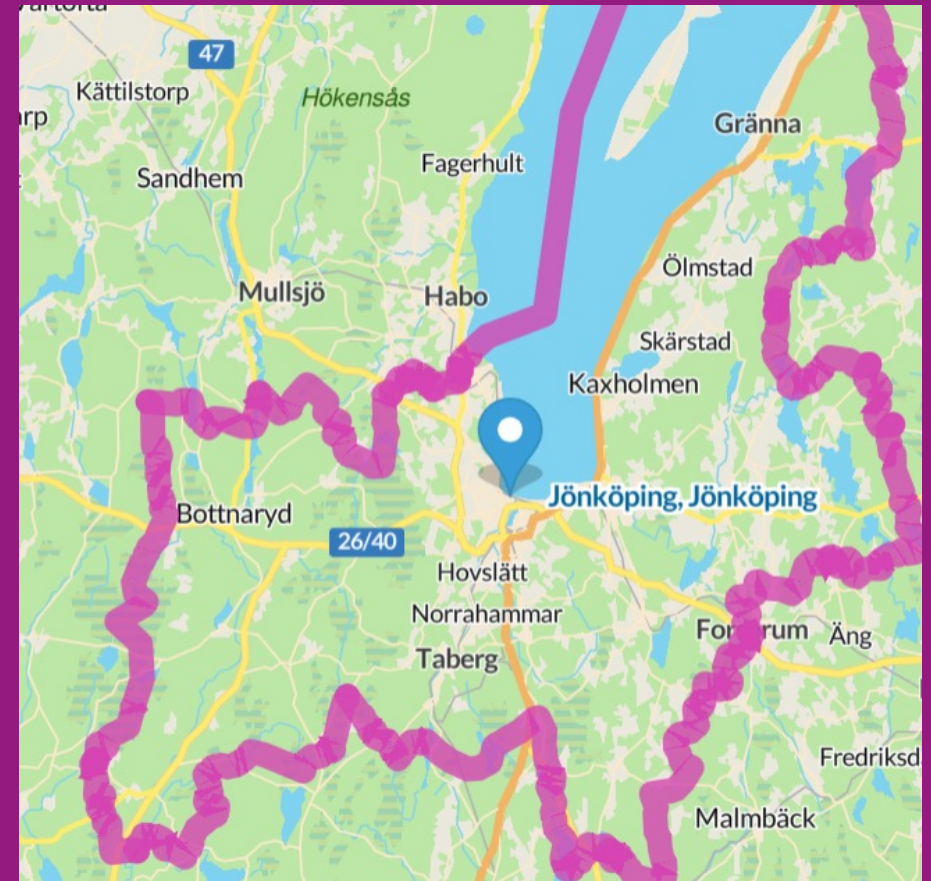
(Hammersley & Atkinson, 2019;
Pink, 2015)

Data analysis: Qualitative
interpretive approach

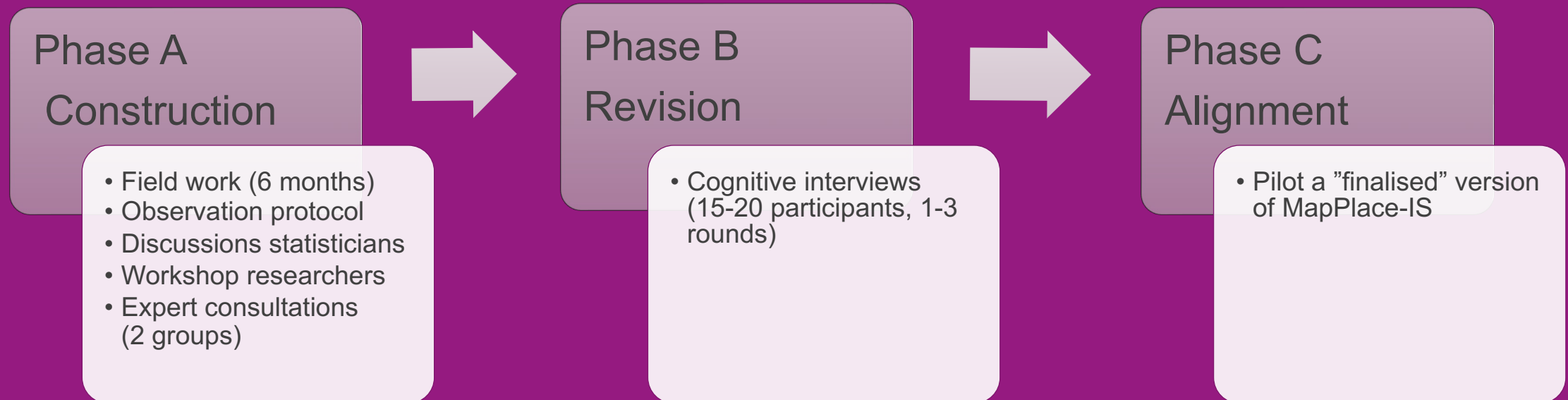
(Alvesson & Skoldberg, 2018;
Hammersley & Atkinson, 2019)

Transactional perspective and
socio-material theory

(Buse et al., 2018; Cutchin & Dickie, 2013)



Development of MapPlace-IS



Observation Protocol

<p>General information:</p> <p>Location</p> <p>Size</p> <p>N residents/ Apartments</p> <p>N units (somatic, dementia etc)</p> <p>N staff</p> <p>N floors</p> <p>Layout</p> <p>Urban/rural</p> <p>Socioeconomics</p> <p>Health care professionals</p>	
<p>Residents own apartment:</p> <p>Size</p> <p>Kitchen</p> <p>Bathroom</p> <p>Washing machine</p> <p>Windows</p> <p>Co-habiting?</p>	
<p>Common Areas NH (unit):</p> <p>Including corridors</p>	
<p>Larger Areas in NH:</p> <p>Define all the places</p> <p>Elevators</p> <p>Stairs</p> <p>Entrance</p>	
<p>“In between places” glazed balconies, stairways, elevators?</p>	
<p>Outdoor area:</p> <p>Balconies</p> <p>Courtyard</p> <p>Garden</p>	
<p>Surrounding society:</p> <p>neighbourhood</p>	
<p>Other:</p>	

Results / Practice Implications: Preliminary takeaways



Place A: Personal apartment/room

Place B: Someone else's apartment/room

Place C: Common areas in the unit

Place D: Common areas outside the unit

**Place E: In between/connecting spaces
outside the unit**

**Place F: Outdoor areas within the
institutional setting**

**Place G: Surrounding community outside
the institutional setting (neighbourhood)**



Conclusion / Contribution to the occupational therapy profession:

Context-specific tool to map participation in occupations inside and outside of nursing homes

Complementary tool to identify, communicate and inform targeted interventions

Shift from individual deficits to situated occupational opportunities

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