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## **aware® Toolbox - safety related humane design in an automated environment**

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# Safety-Critical Organisations & Automation

What is common among these industries?



- Technological changes are often introduced
- High expectations toward improvement of workplace efficiency
- Every organisation has different business processes



- Most of them meet us in safety - critical projects 😊

24/7 high reliable service

# Safety-Critical Organisations & Automation

What should the human do?

What should the machine do?

How should they work together and share the tasks?

## Ironies of Automation

- ✓ Humans should not be included in systems because they are unreliable and inefficient
- ✓ Automated systems are implemented because they can perform better than the operator



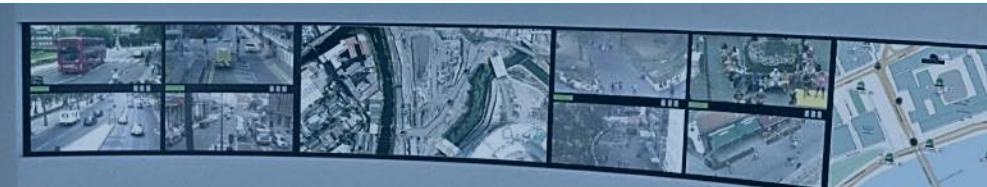
How is function allocation done?



# 70 years of experience in safety critical Control Rooms

## Usability needs Understanding

## Control centres worldwide



## Air Traffic Management



## Defence







## Public Transport



## Public Safety

## Learning in different domains



# All safety critical control rooms have the same demand

- Surveillance
  - Make yourself a picture of the situation beyond line of sight
- Workflow Support
  - Understand what the desired target situation is
  - Understand where you are on your way to get there
  - Understand what are the next step(s) to achieve the target situation
- Communication
  - Keep contact to the outside world
  - Communicate your decisions to trigger actions



A control room without communication is meaningless!



# Our Cornerstones & Differentiators

## Advanced Situation Awareness

- Where are my resources, what is the status quo?
- What is the desired end-result, the “global optimum”?
- How big is the delta?

## Decision Support

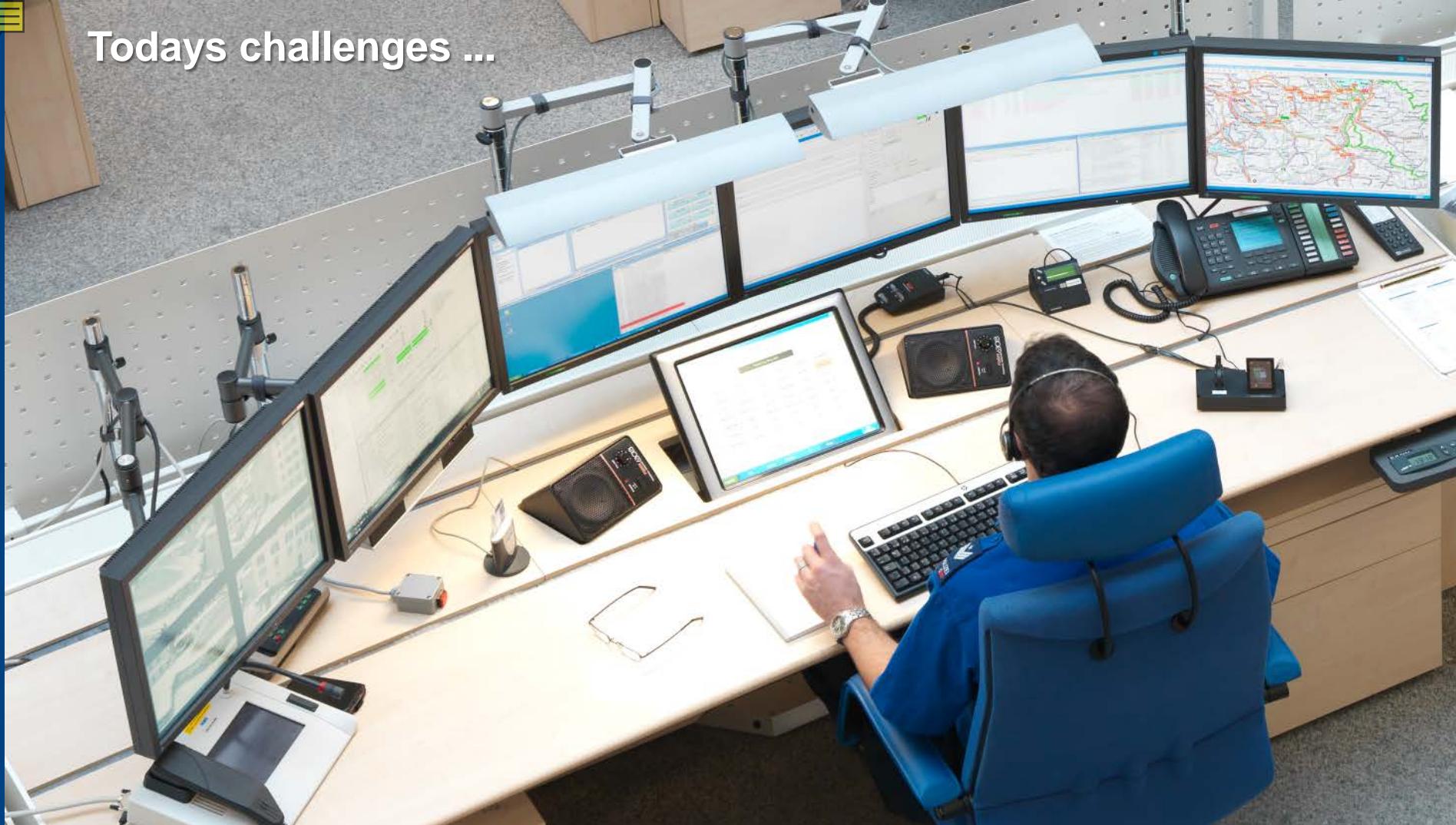
- How do I reach the desired end-result, the “global optimum”?
- What is the ideal next step to get me there?

## Workflow Driven Communication

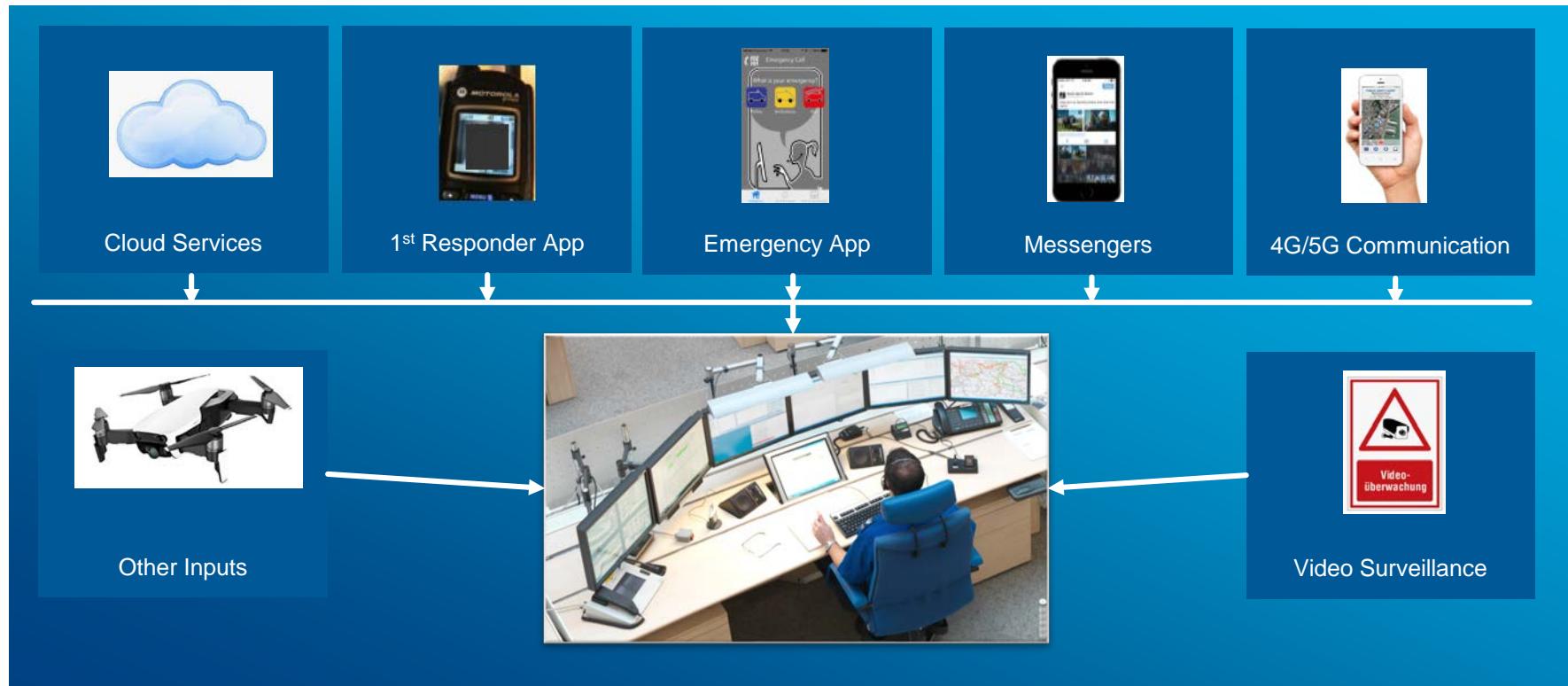
- How do I receive data?
- How do I communicate decisions?
- Embedded in the workflow with minimum cognitive need!



# Todays challenges ...

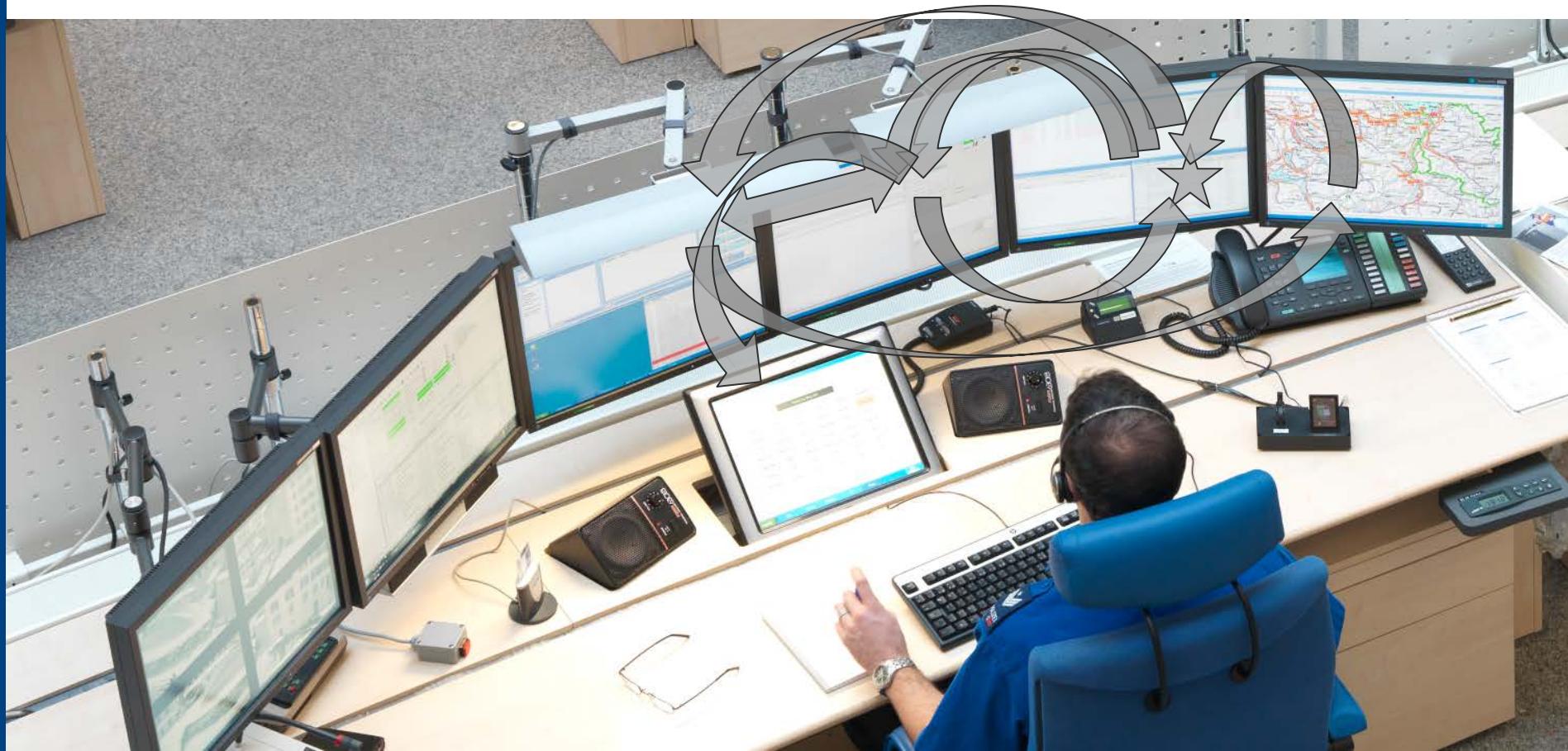


# Information Flooding



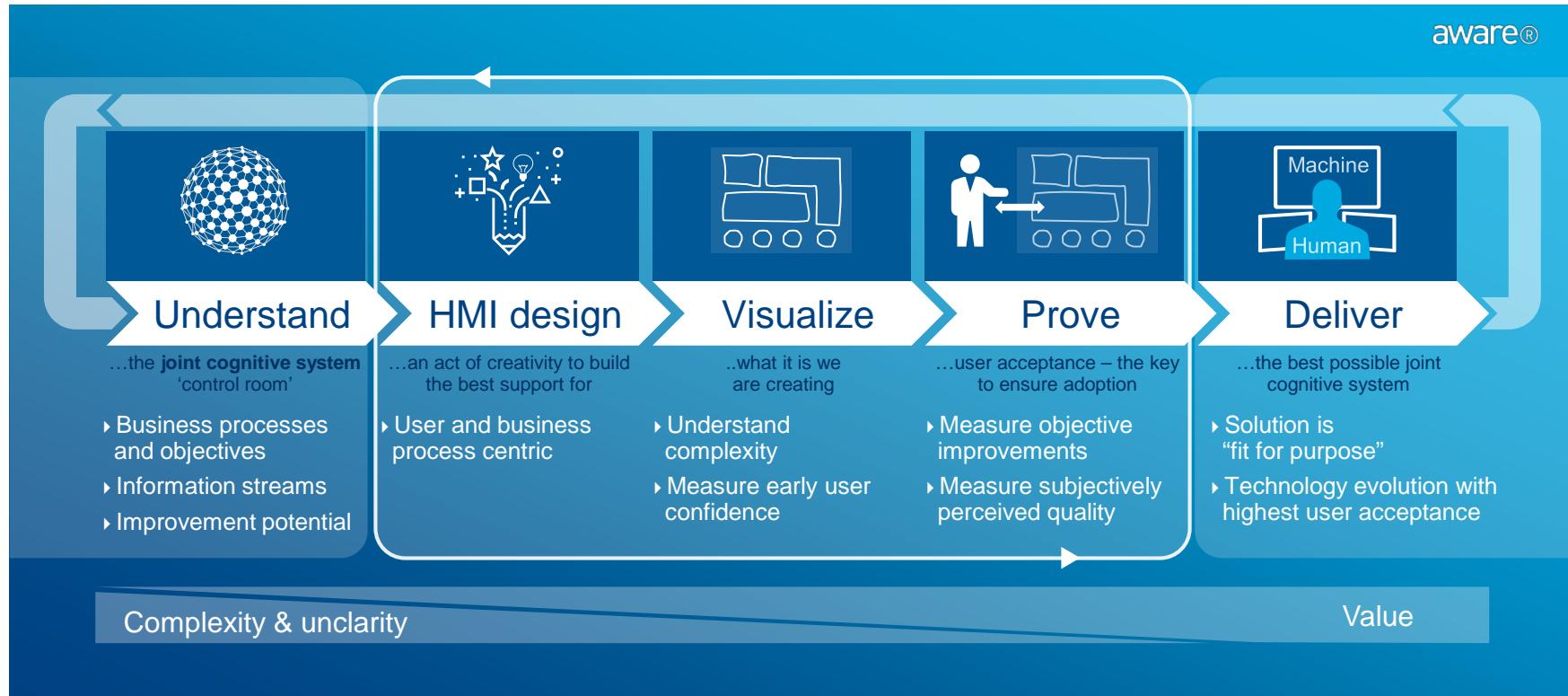


## What does it mean to support the workflow?



# Easing digital transformation of the joint cognitive system ‘control room’

Control Room Consulting – *what do Users need to do the right thing*





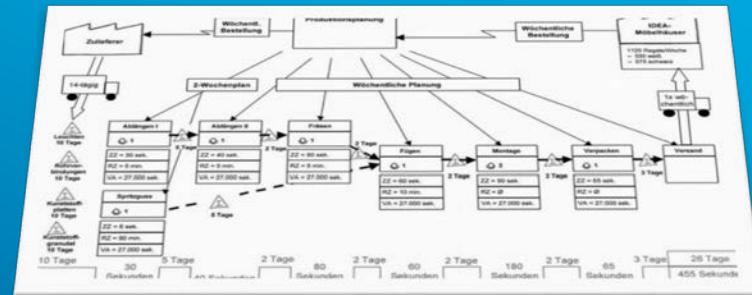
# Understand

...the **joint cognitive system** 'control room'



## Information Stream | Value Stream – what's in it?

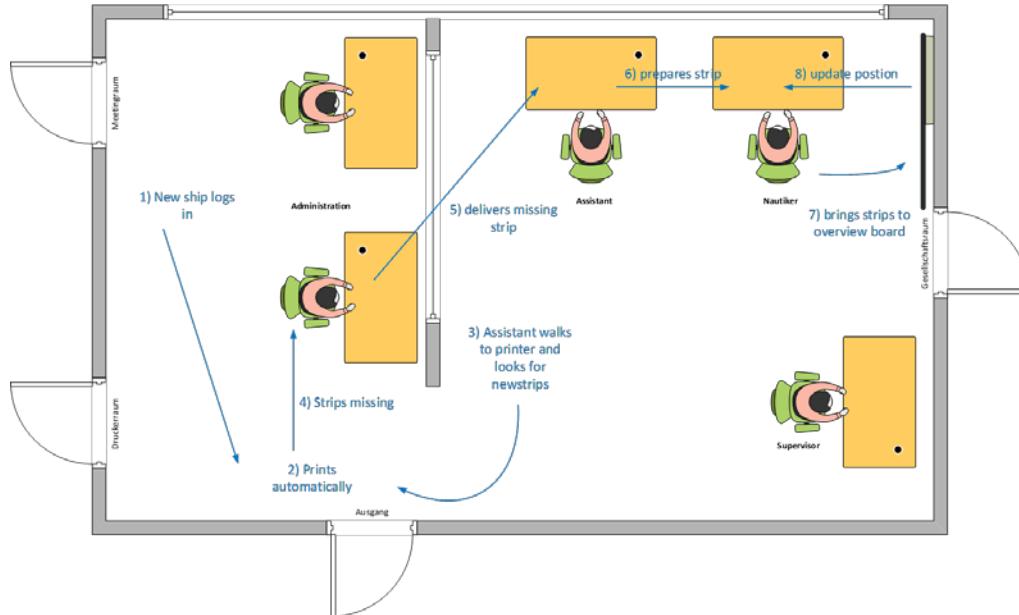
- Information stream analysis is a flow chart method for illustrating, analyzing and optimizing the process to produce and deliver a product or a service.
- To identify delays, any restraints, excessive inventory, in-efficiencies, etc. in the process.
- Reduce costs and improve quality of production and products / services.



It works for production processes as well as in control rooms

# Information Stream Design – *mapping everything which counts*

## Preparation – Context Analyses



### Aim:

Get an overview of:

- working environment
- context of work
- systems in use
- Tasks (working routine)

### How:

- Onsite survey
- User observation
- Contextual interviews
- Subsequent discussion / questionnaires
- Focusgroup
- Analysis and interpretation of the results

# Recipe – how to

## Identification & Scope

### Understanding the Problem

- Definition of the Objectives and the (80/20) user scenarios to be examined
- Definition of KPIs

## Capture actual process

### Information Stream Mapping

- Capturing and mapping of the actual business process
- Visualization and description of the needed information streams

## Analyze actual process

### Information Stream Analyses

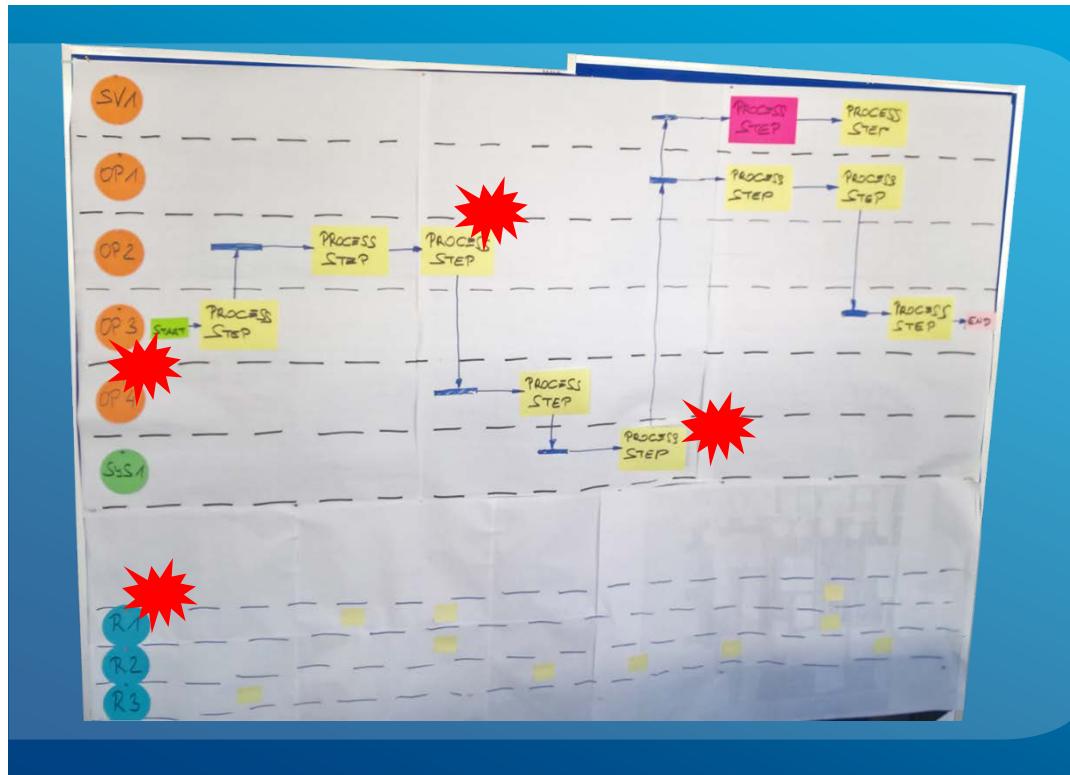
- Identification of strengths and weaknesses of the actual Information Streams
- Identification of gaps (Kaizen Flashes)

## Optimize actual process

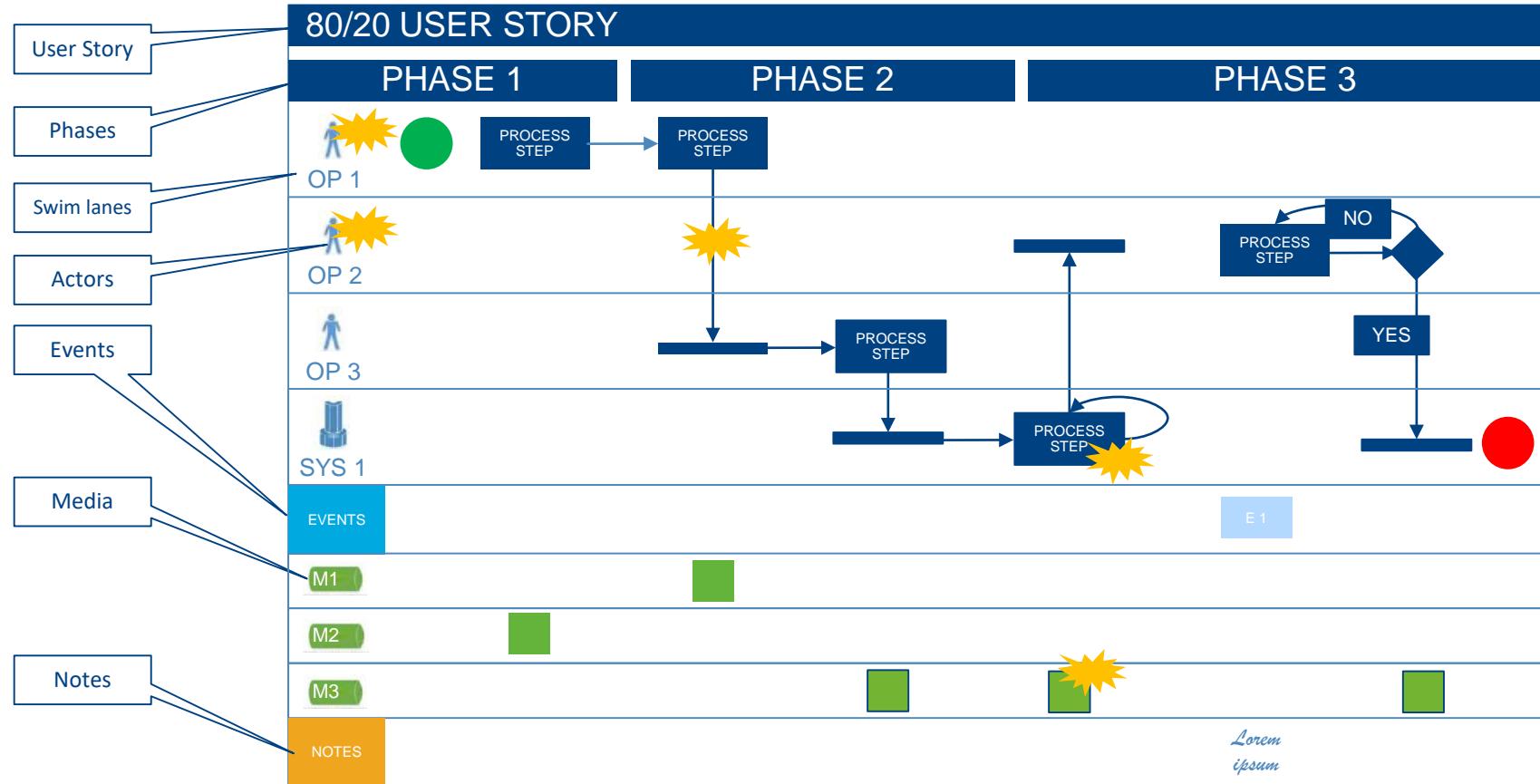
### Information Stream Optimization

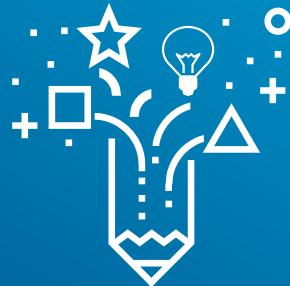
- Elimination of the gaps
- Design optimised business- and user-centric information stream

# FRQ Information Stream Design Workshops



# FRQ Information Stream Design

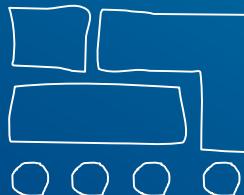




# Design

...an act of creativity to build the best support

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# Visualize

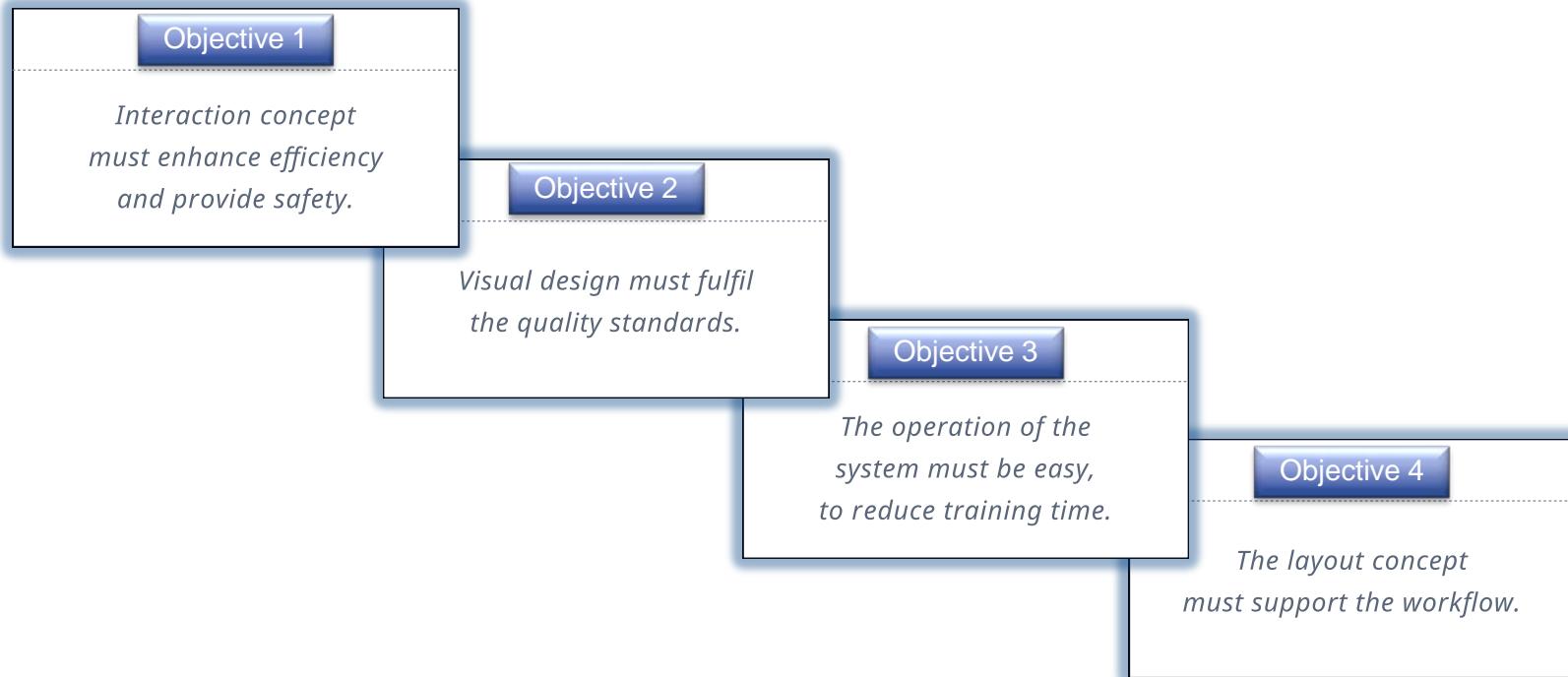
...what it is we are creating



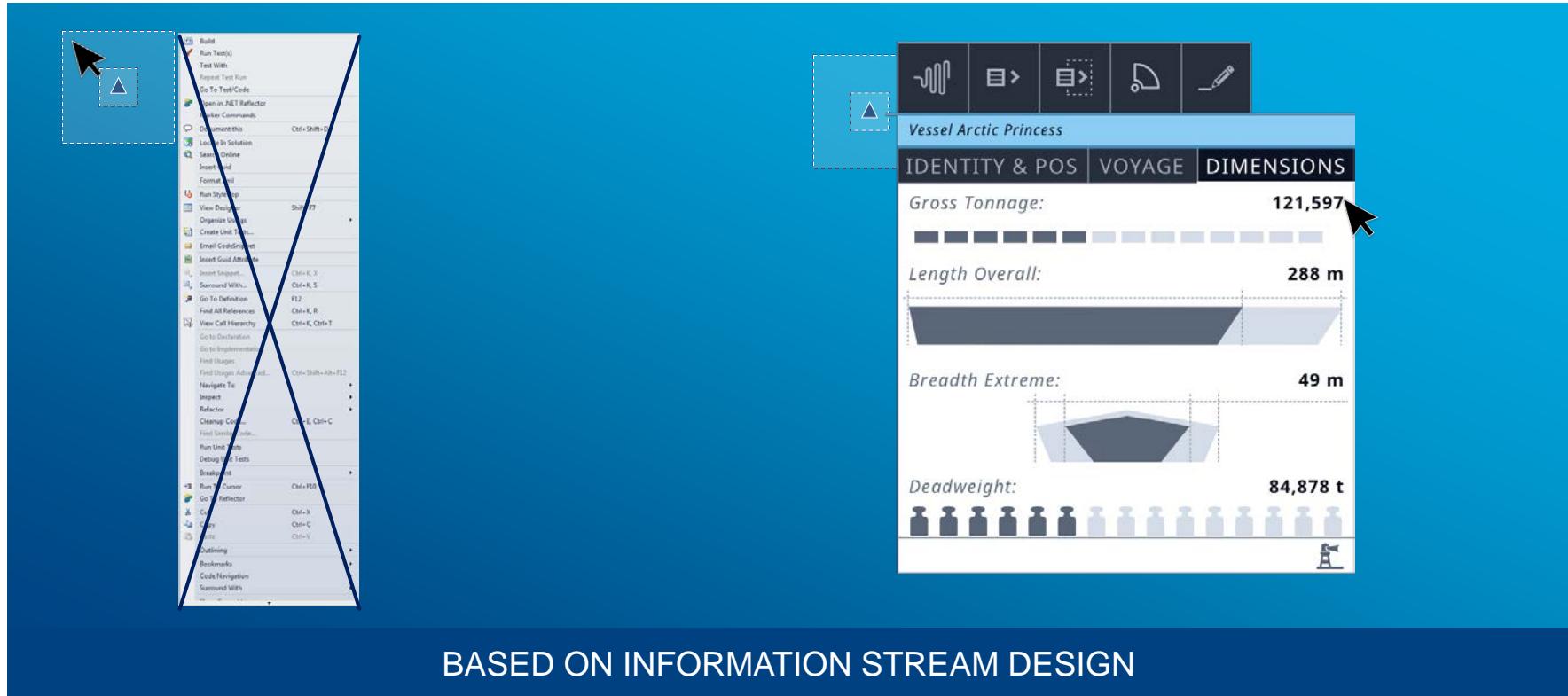
# Design vs. User Experience



# Safety related UX design

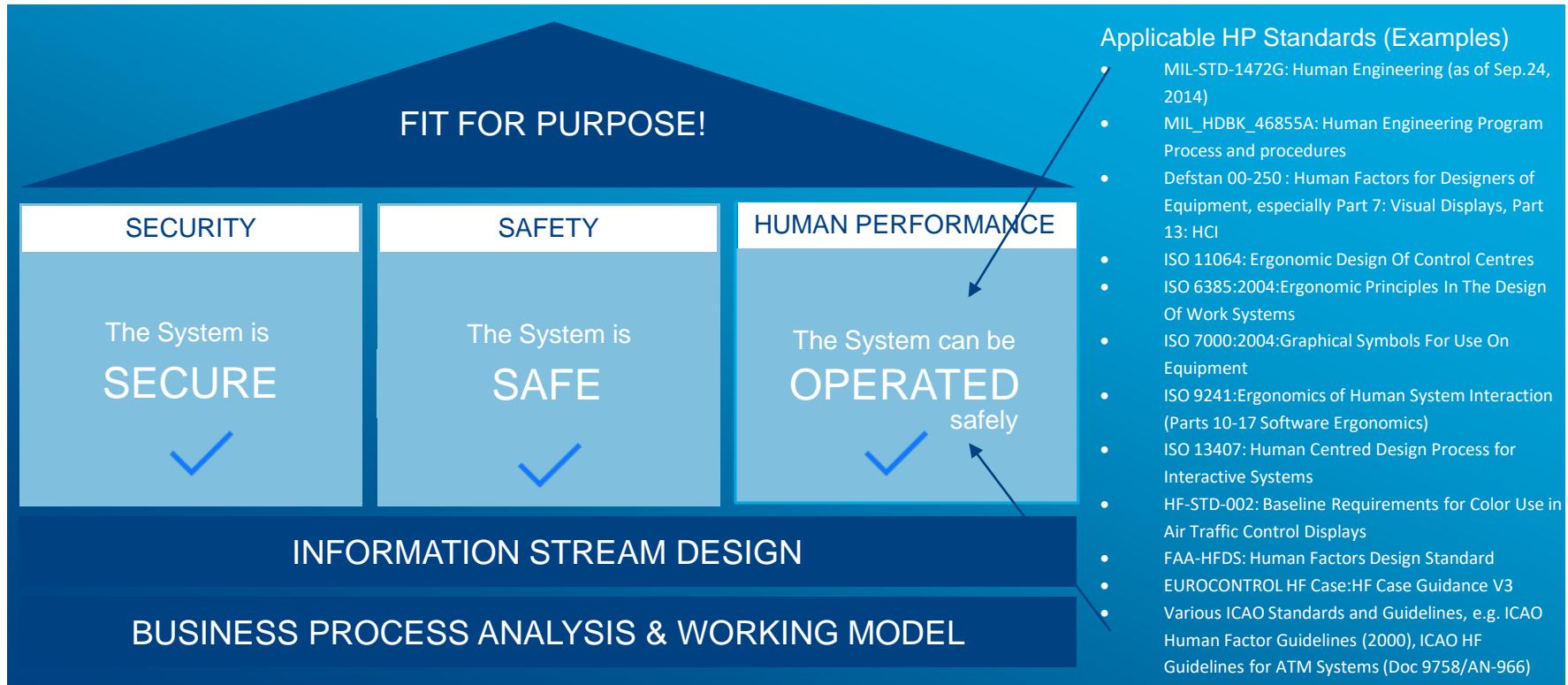


# 1. Interaction concept must enhance efficiency and provide safety



BASED ON INFORMATION STREAM DESIGN

## 2. Visual design must fulfil the quality standards

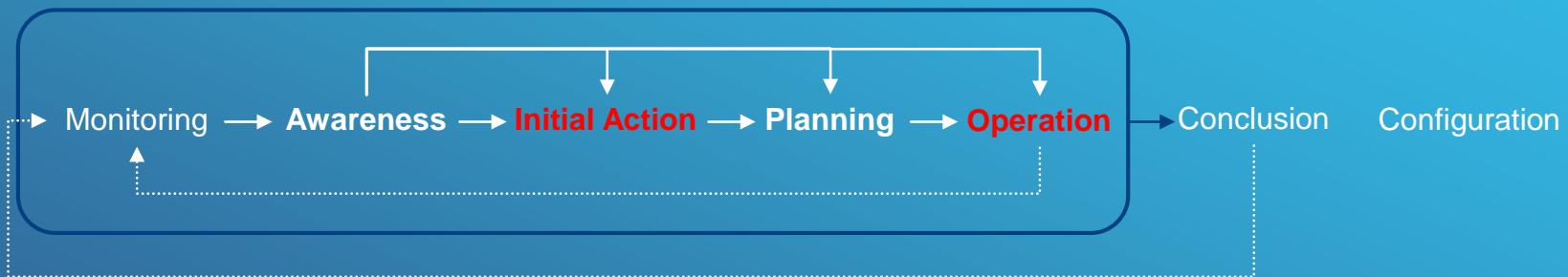


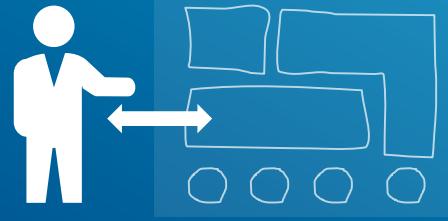
3. The operation of the system must be easy to understand,  
to reduce learn and training time

**The system behaves always  
“as expected”**

BASED ON INFORMATION STREAM DESIGN

#### 4. Layout concept must support the workflow





# Prove

...user acceptance – the key to ensure adoption



## Standard Compliance vs. User Experience

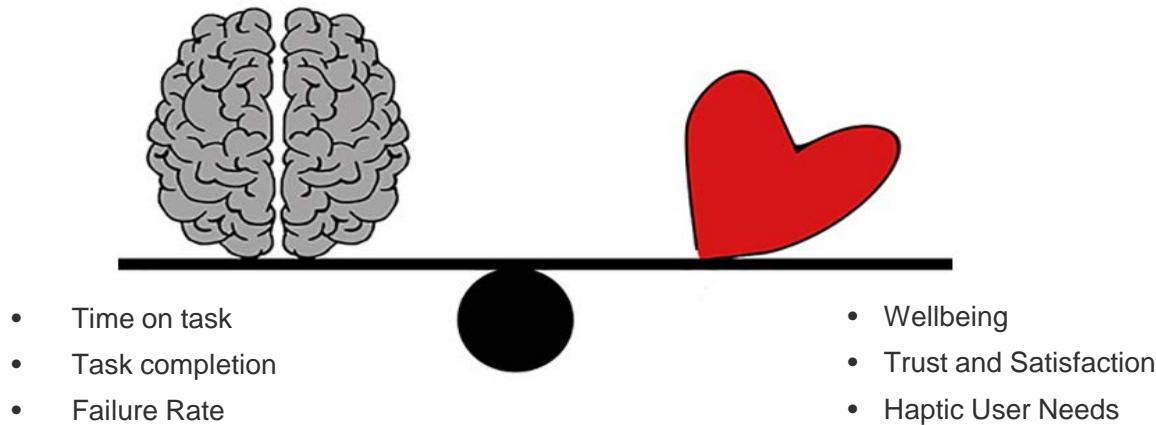


Minimum for safe operations



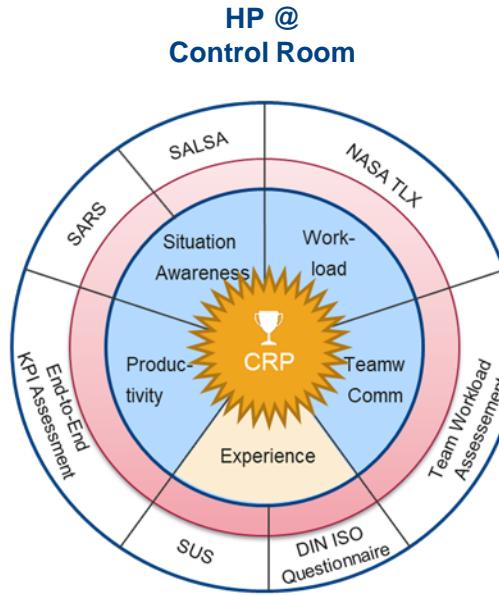
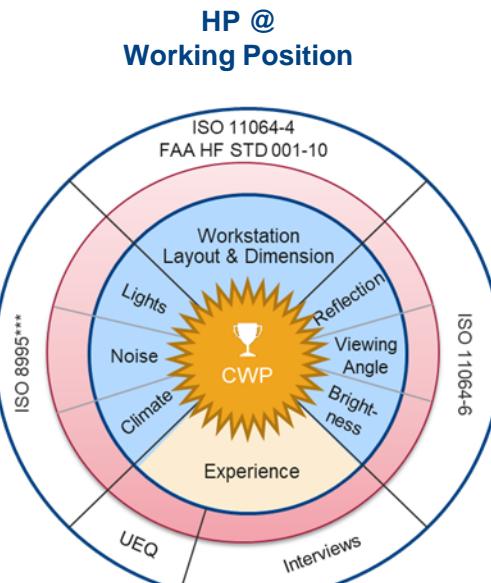
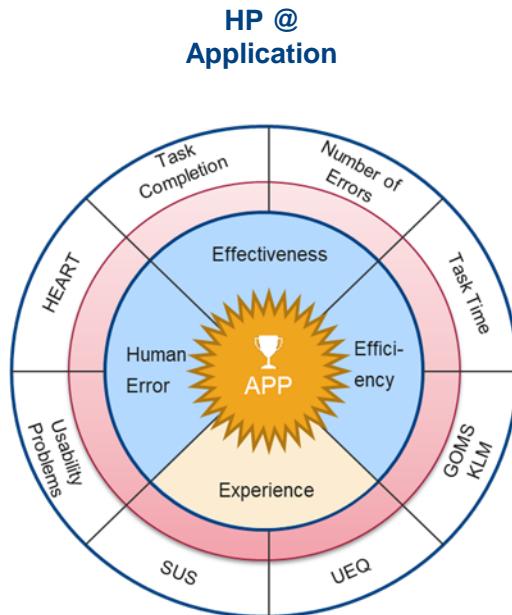
User feels confident and safe in operating the system

## Balance of objective and subjective quality criteria



# Prove - Human Performance quality criteria

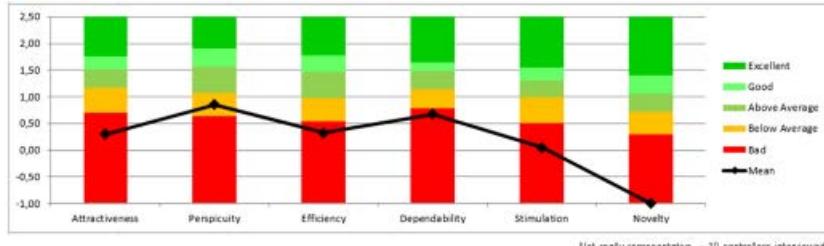
Ensure Fit for Purpose based on objective and subjective quality criteria



## User Experience Questionnaire - UEQ

## Purpose of use: UX Benchmark

## UEQ (User Experience Questionnaire) results



**Attractiveness:** Overall impression of the product. Do users like or dislike the product?

**Perspicuity:** Is it easy to get familiar with the product? Is it easy to learn how to use the product?

*Efficiency:* Can users solve their tasks without unnecessary effort?

*Dependability:* Does the user feel in control of the interaction?

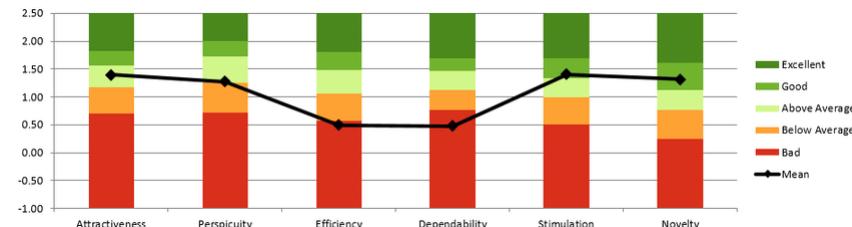
**Stimulation:** Is it exciting and motivating to use the product?

Novelty: Is the product innovative and creative? Does the product catch the interest of users?

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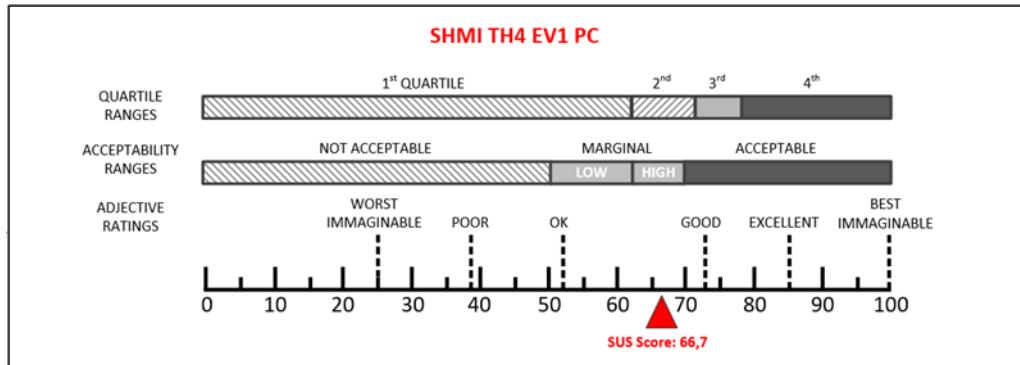
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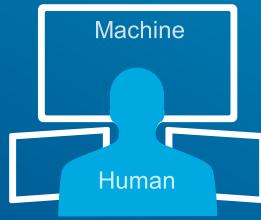


# System Usability Scale (SUS)

## Usability Benchmark



	Strongly disagree	1	2	3	4	5	Strongly agree
1. I think that I would like to use this system frequently							
2. I found the system unnecessarily complex							
3. I thought the system was easy to use							
4. I think that I would need the support of a technical person to be able to use this system							
5. I found the various functions in this system were well integrated							
6. I thought there was too much inconsistency in this system							
7. I would imagine that most people would learn to use this system very quickly							
8. I found the system very cumbersome to use							
9. I felt very confident using the system							
10. I needed to learn a lot of things before I could get going with this system							



# Deliver

..the best joint cognitive system

# People create safety.

Tell me, and I will forget.  
Show me, and I may remember.  
Involve me, and I will understand.

*Confucius*

## Change Resistance within technological change

Change always leads to resistance

“Transition” normally just smoothens technological change

Change affects the overall “Joint Cognitive System” Humans and Machines



# Managed Change – Social Transition Management



# Example

Information Stream Design and benefits

## Understand – Setting the scene

### 1st you have to understand the problem

Scenario:

It's a **warm summer day** and sales man John wants to **go for a beer** after his work.

Therefore he stops his work at 5pm and walks to the so-called "Schutzhaus". All at all he can **drink only one beer**, because at 6pm he has to be at home.

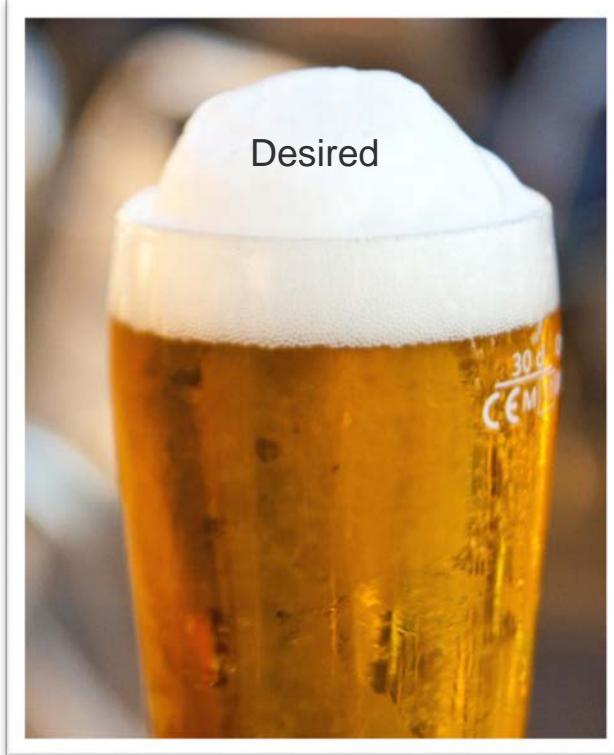


Problem statement:

How to order a beer orderly so you get a fresh and cold beer with enough time to drink it in a relaxed way.

## Understand – What needs to be improved?

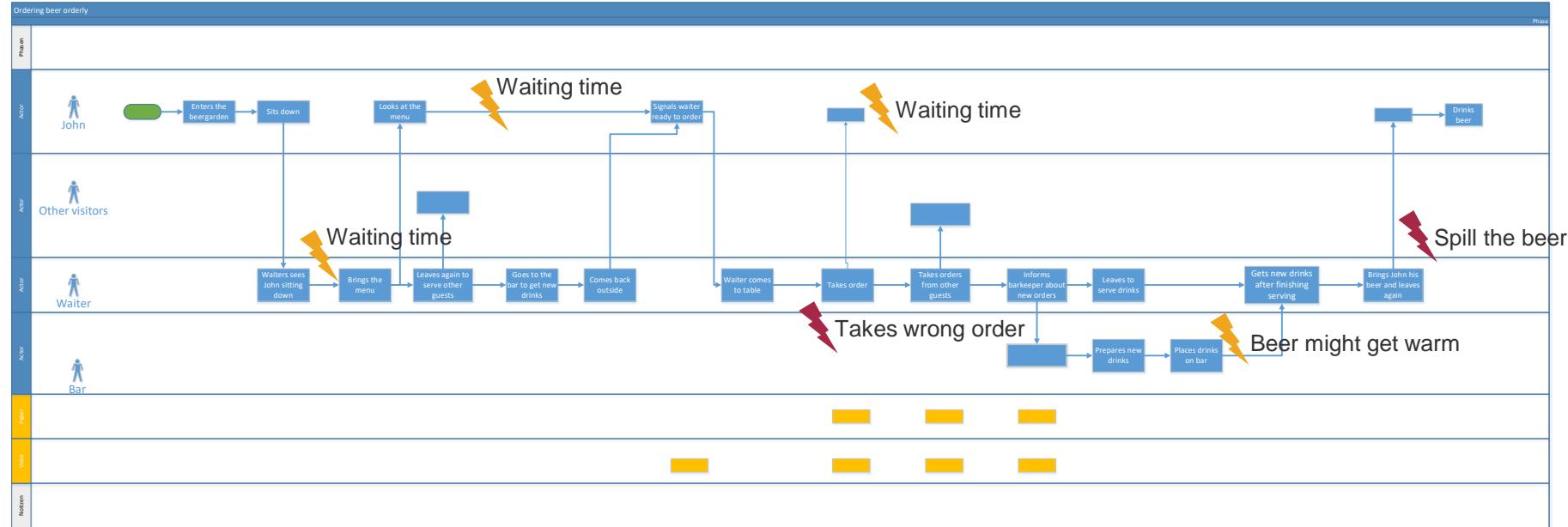
### Define KPIs



- KPIs are important to measure if the improvements met with the expected benefits
- They are required for UX tests

# Understand – Take a look at the process

## Information stream analysis



## Design & Visualize

Look at the identified kaizen and start creating concept

In our example:

- How can we reduce waiting times?
- Is the beer cold enough?
- How to ensure the correct drink is received.
- Avoid spilling the beer

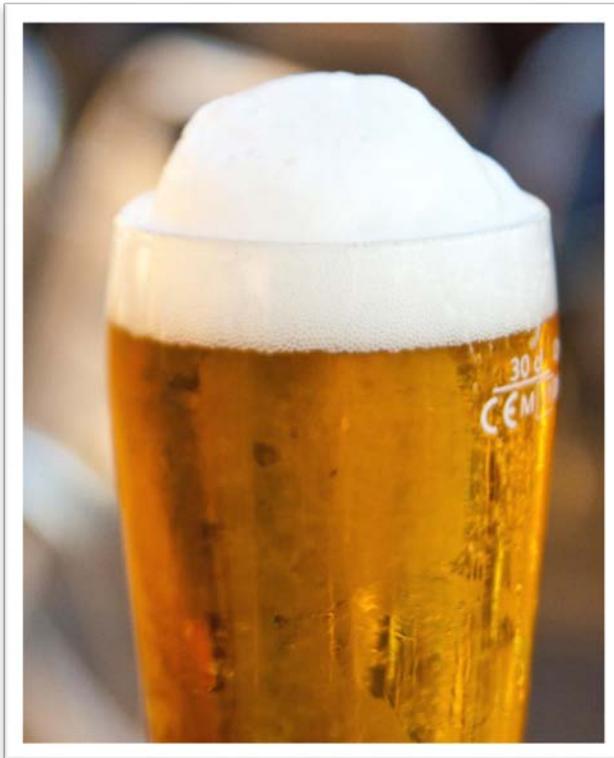
# Design & Visualize

## Prototype concepts to address the kaizen flashes

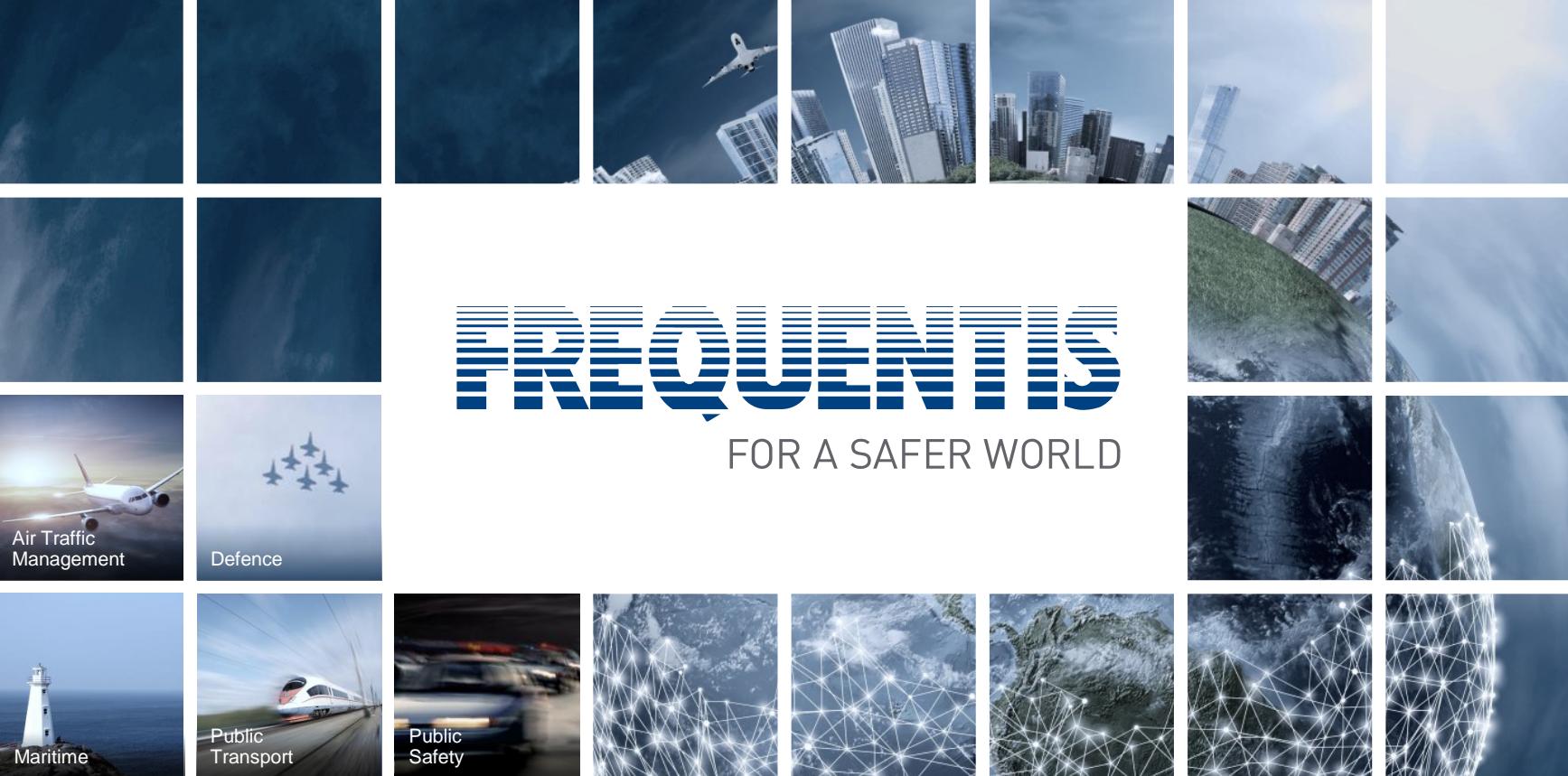


## Prove

Test if the new concepts work



- Check if the concepts met the previously defined criteria.
- Check the improvements of KPIs
- Check the User acceptance



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