# Interface Design Patterns in Cognitive Work and Coordinated Activity for Effective Human-System Integration

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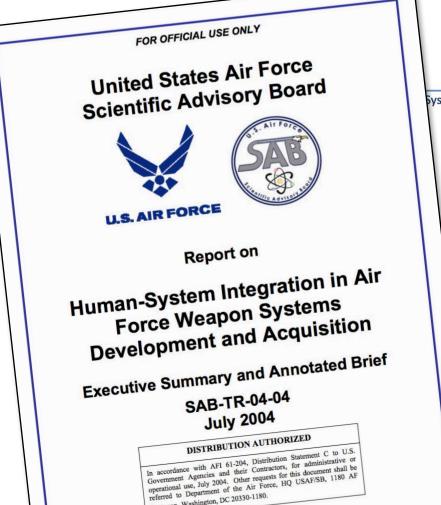
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**interface** *n* An arbitrary line of demarcation set up in order to apportion the blame for malfunctions. **Kelly-Bootle, 1995** 

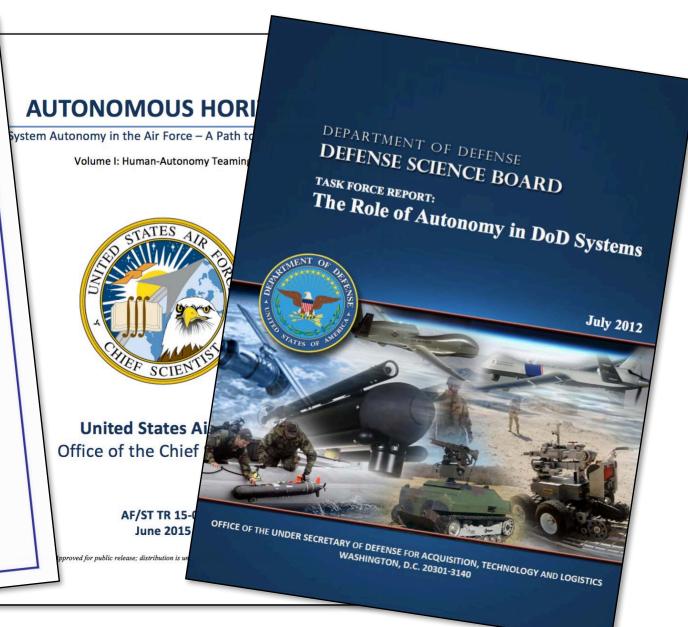
**agent** *n* a computer program whose user interface is so obscure that the user must think of it as a quirky, but powerful, person ....

Lanir, 1995

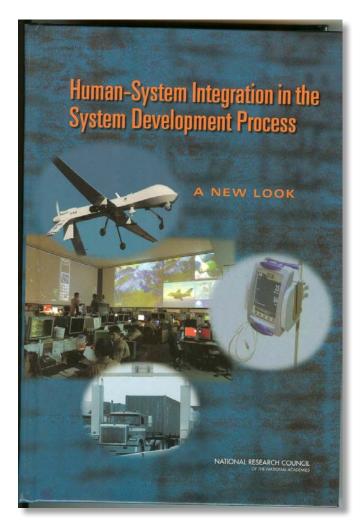


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#### HSI | Work Centered Design



Pew & Mavor (2007)

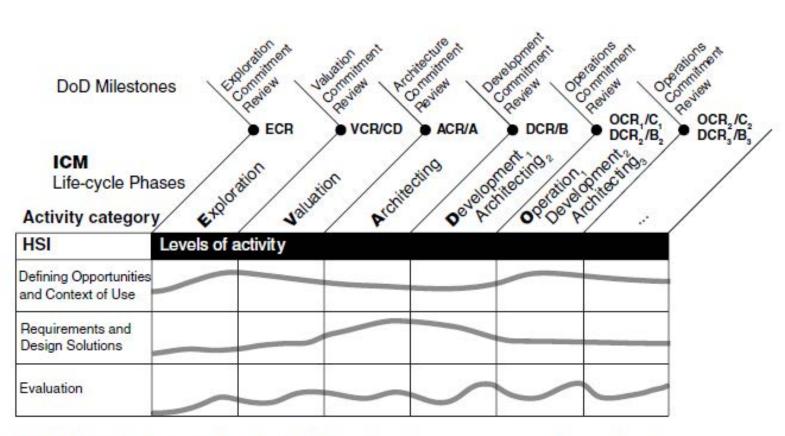
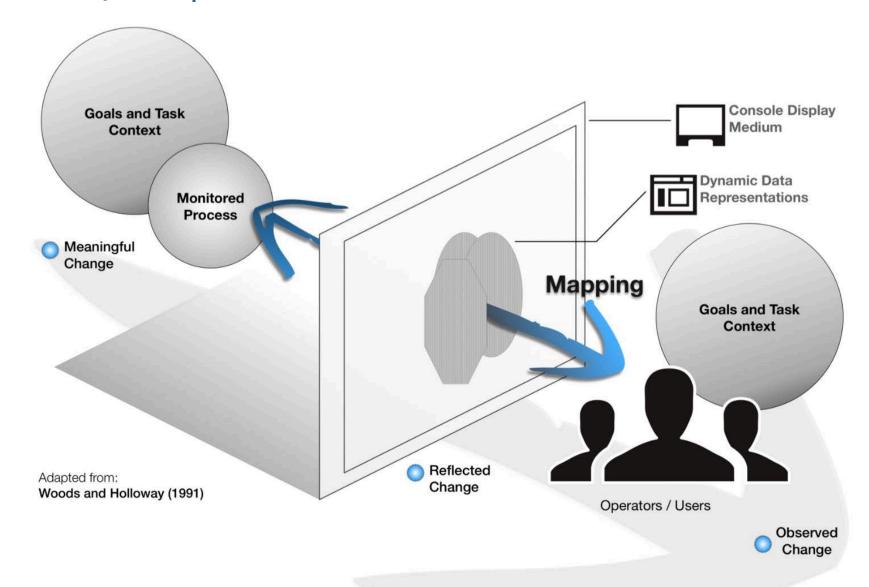


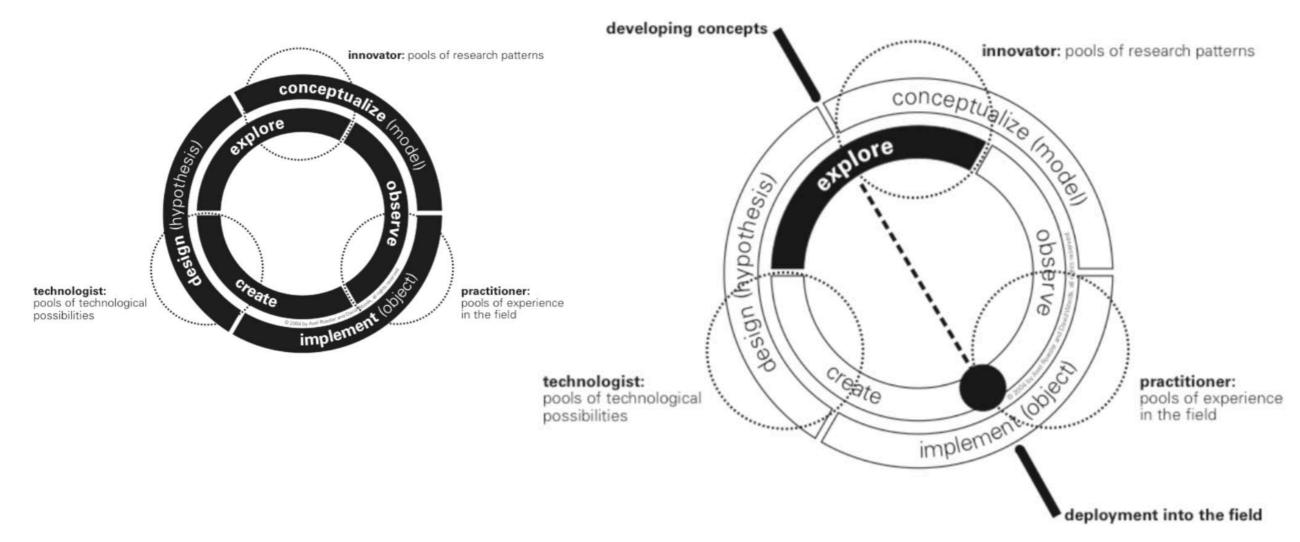
FIGURE 3-1 Activity level of HSI methods across system life-cycle phases.

#### Mapping Principle | Correspondence in Representation



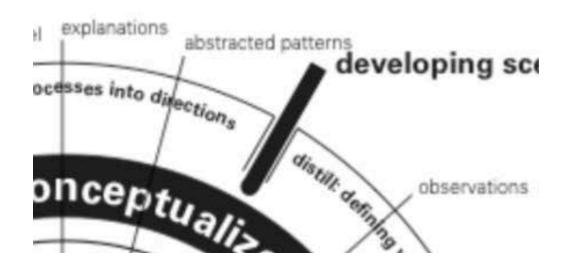
#### de:cycle | Designing for Technology Driven Applications

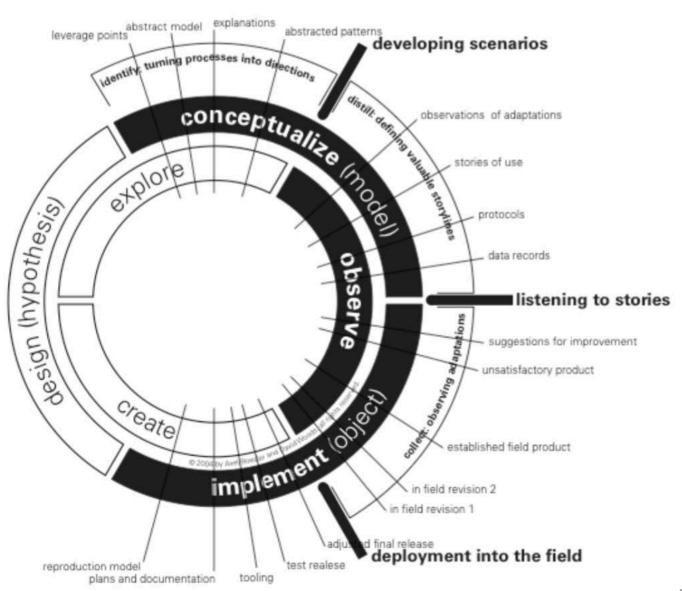
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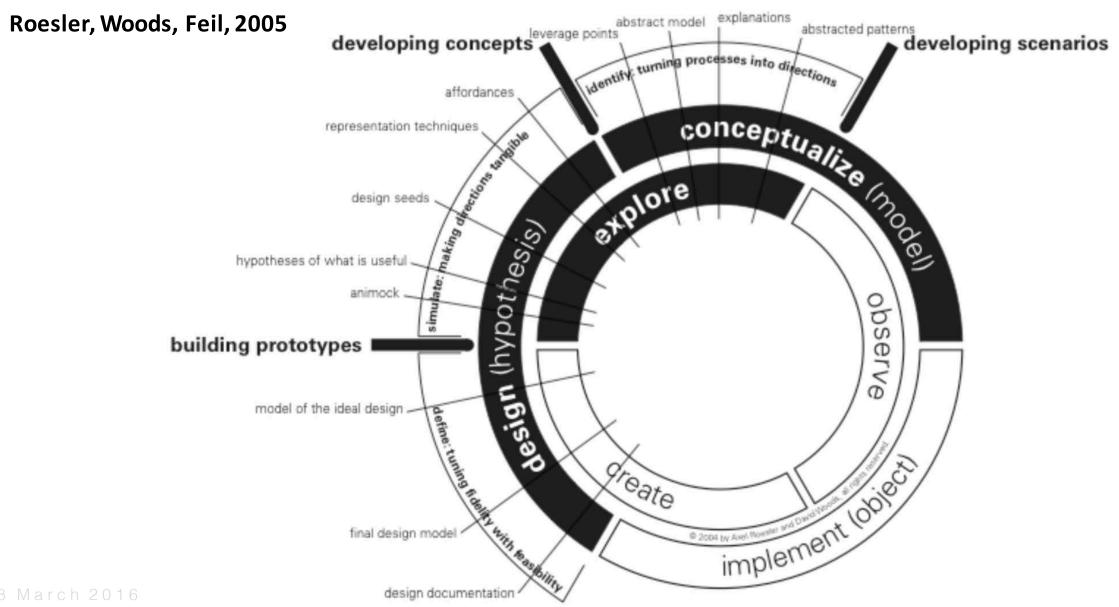
### de:cycle | Observation Balances Past and Future

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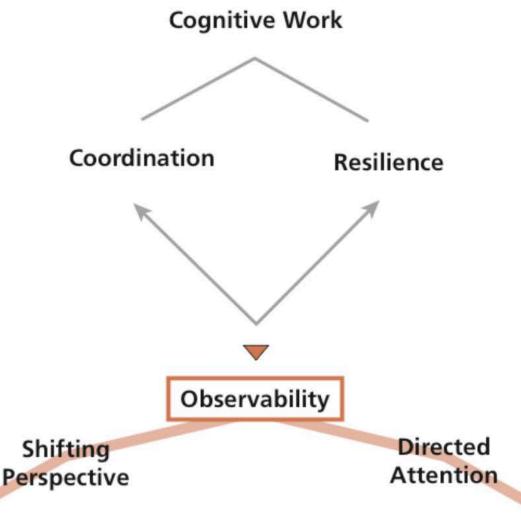




### de:cycle | Exploration Drives Design Hypotheses



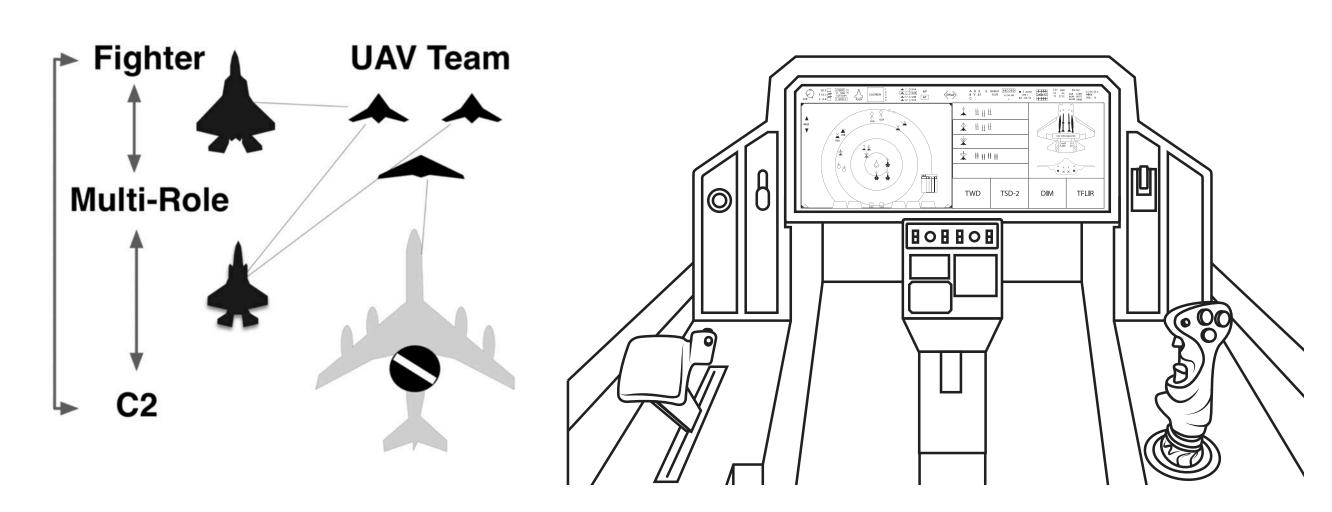
# Redefining the - 'ilities' Provide Design Leverage



Interpredictability

Directability

# Example | Envisioned Operations



### New Stories Create New Patterns for Design

#### Woods and Branlat, 2011

"Faulty spatial perception, diverted attention, inability to acquire data in the time available, deficient decision-making, perhaps, but not a deficient abstraction!" (Billings 1996)

#### **Decompensation Patterns**

System exhausts capacity to adapt; breakdowns occur and cascade faster than responses can be decided on and deployed to effect

Aviation automation, transfer of control; capacity, and resource bottlenecks

#### **Working at Cross-Purposes**

- Role behaviors are locally adaptive but globally mal-adaptive
- Coordination de-synchronization, different echelons as goals interact and could conflict
- Side effects, failures to synchronize, authority/autonomy double-binds

#### World changes, System does not

• Failure to revise current assessments, automation brittleness

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## Take Away

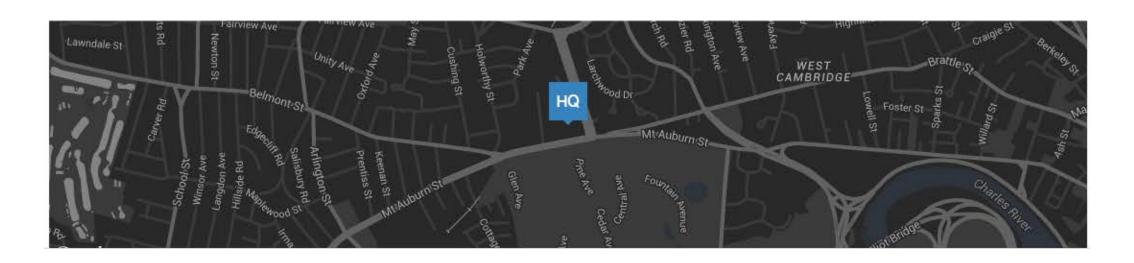
Good interface design is about designing good decision support systems

Interface conceptualization, design, implementation must be grounded in stories about the future (CONOPs, patterns, models, leverage points)

The most effective interface design efforts will be developed by teams that combine:

- an understanding of the systems challenges of real work in operational domains
- the cognitive and perceptual capabilities of human problem holders and operators
- knowledge of fundamental design principles and patterns of work
- technical skill set to create visualizations that solve specific problems

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