

COLLABORATIVE MODELING AND VISUALIZATION PLATFORMS

EMBEDDING ECOSYSTEM SERVICES
FOR DECISION SUPPORT

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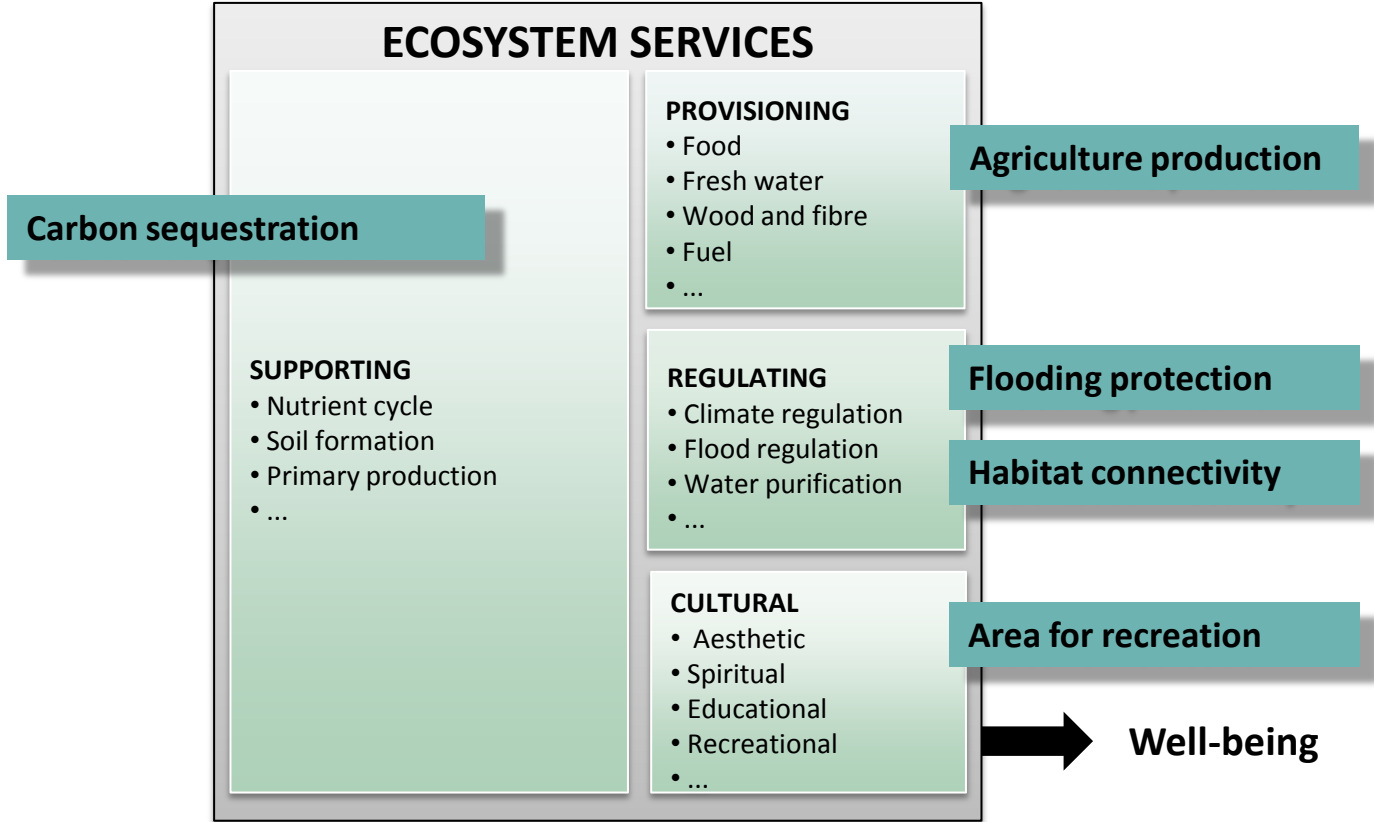
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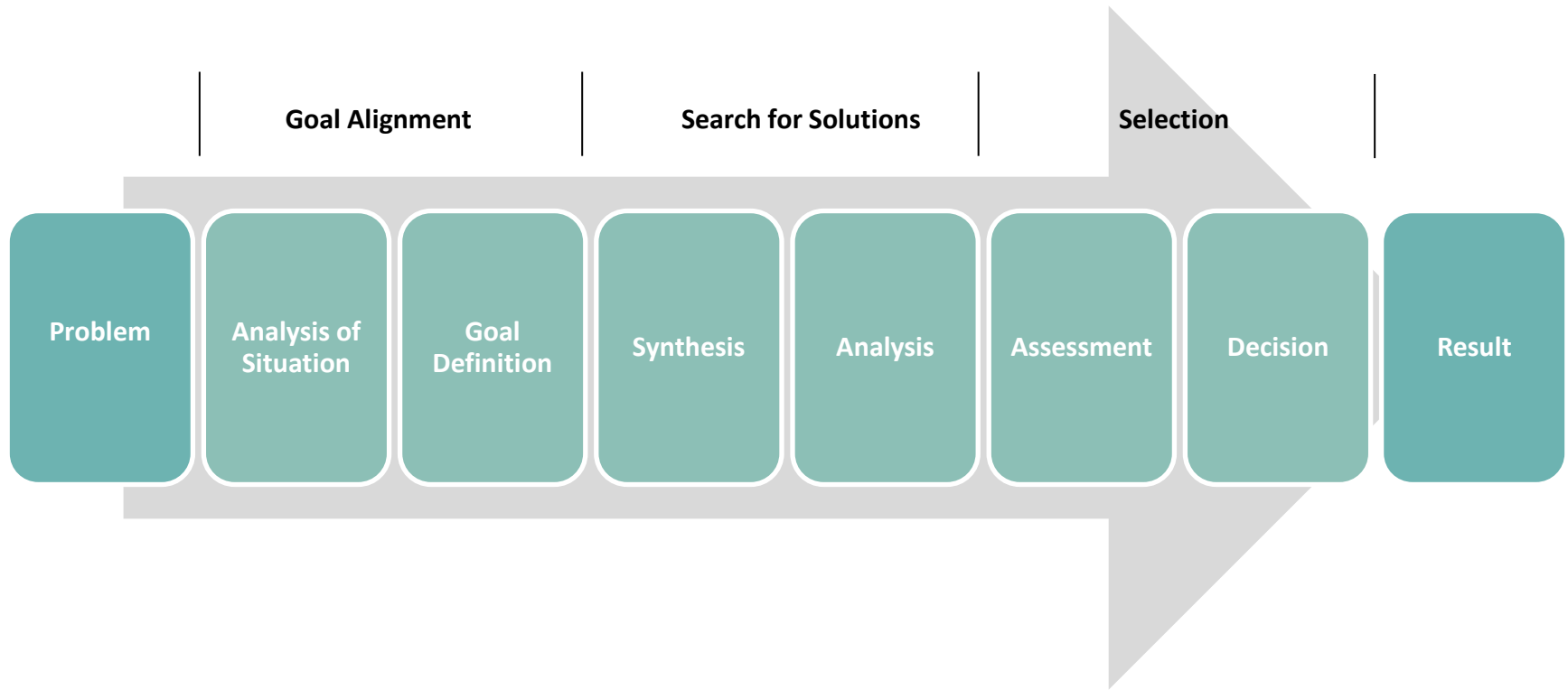
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CONCEPT OF ESS



SUPPORT OF PLANNING PROCESS



REQUIREMENTS (TEEB 2012)

- **Use indicators as a management cockpit**
- **Yet not well informed by indicators about human well-being**
- **Consolidate the number of categories to be assessed**
- **First phase: low number of general indicator;
second phase: user specific indicators**

BEHAVIOR & CHARACTERISTICS



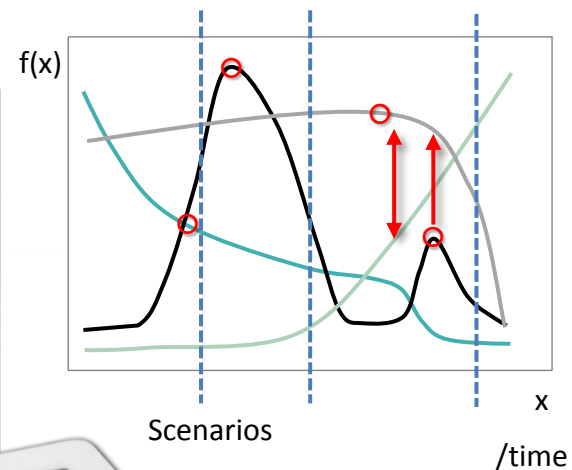
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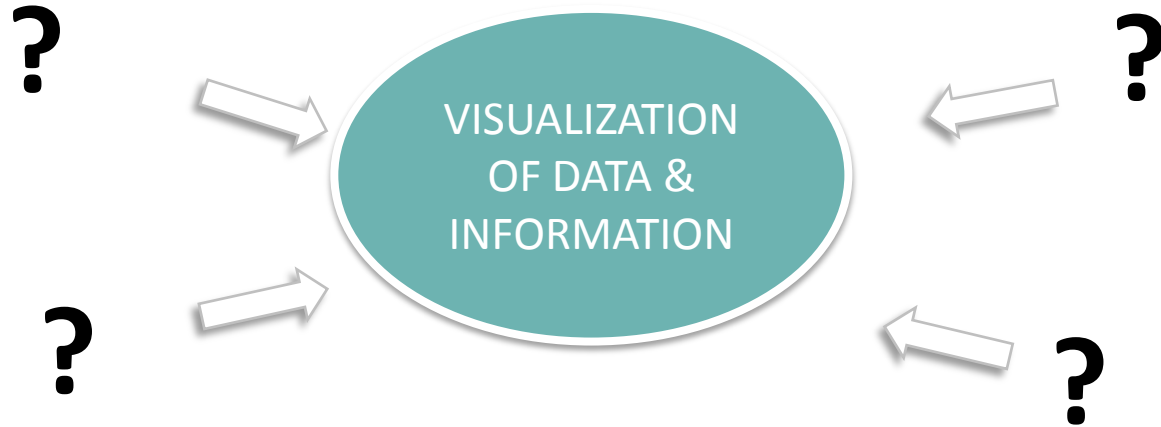
DEVELOPMENT STEPS

- Analysis of demands
- Categorization of demands & requirements

- → Go through “Creative Problem Solving Process” according to Alex Osborn (1953)



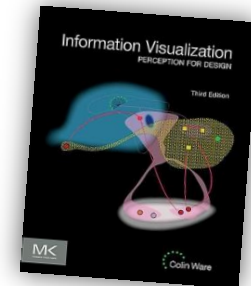
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VISUALIZATION OF DATA & INFORMATION

- “The ultimate goal of interactive visualization design is to **optimize applications so that they help us perform cognitive work more efficiently**. Optimizing a system requires that we have at least some conception of value. We use visualizations because they **help us solve problems faster or better, or they let us learn something new**, and these activities have monetary value.”

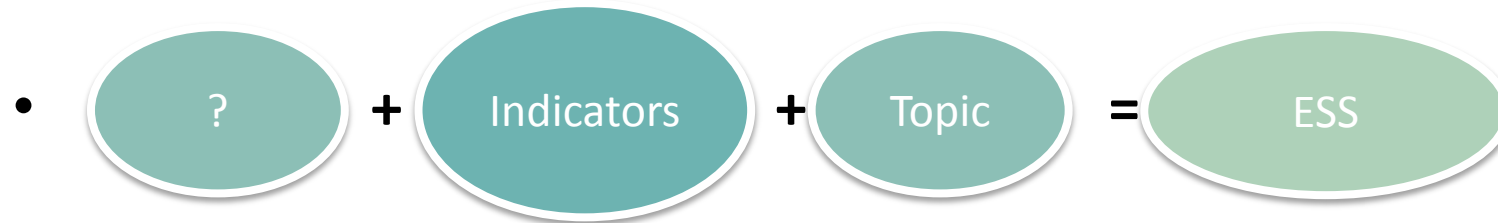
Colin Ware (2013)



VISUALIZATION OF DATA & INFORMATION

- **Question + Visual Data + Context = Story**

[Steele & Illinsky 2010]



- **Stories = efficient format for providing the additional information necessary to attain maximum understanding of an image.** [Segel & Hacker 2010]

VISUALIZATION OF DATA & INFORMATION

- **How can we develop tools to enable normal people to do “super-human” analysis?**
- **What is the best visualization for each user?**
- **How can one better select and implement visualization tools to maximize information?**

VISUALIZATION OF DATA & INFORMATION

- Individual/personal cognitions → psychological effects
- → various visualization types for supporting each other



VISUALIZATION OF DATA & INFORMATION

- Visualization needs to be used a lot more and a lot better



- Do not use only one single form of visualization!

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- People want to know more details



Initial Data



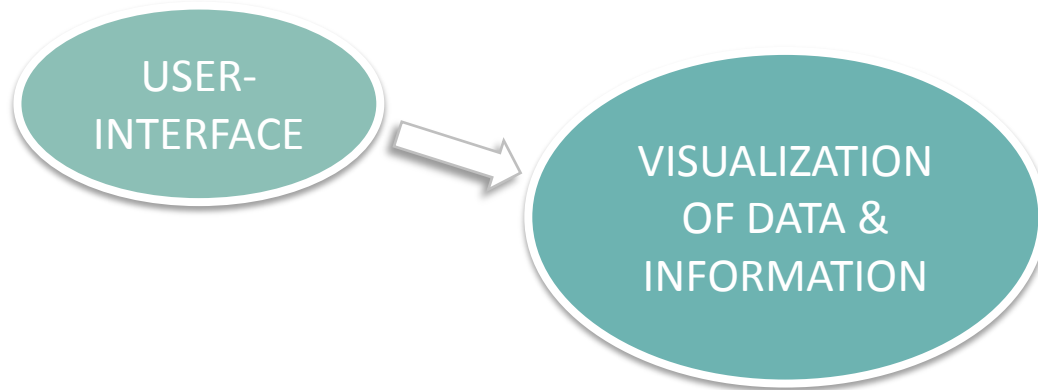
Object Libraries



Realistic 3D Visualization

- Importance of realism for decision making?

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USER-INTERFACE DESIGN

- **Diverse cognitive differences and perceptual abilities**

→ **A vital foundation for interactive systems and design styles and for helping in the design of interactive systems is the understanding of the cognitive and perceptual abilities of the users.**

**Shneiderman & Plaisant
(2009)**

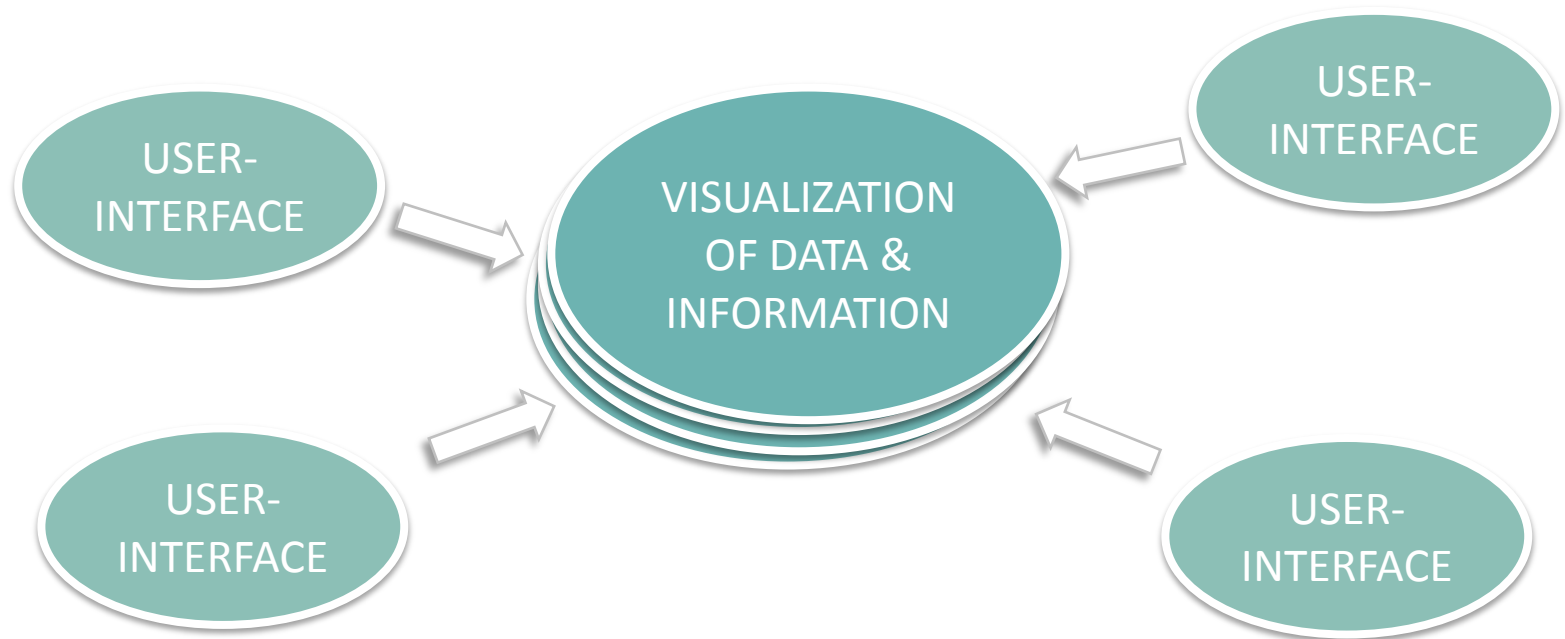


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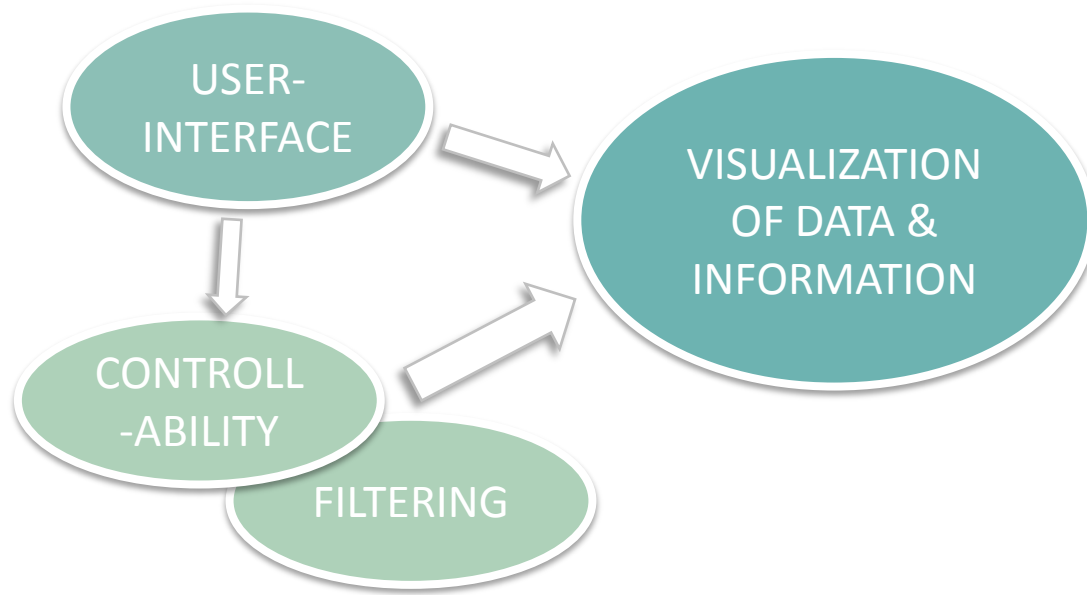
- Customized interface design depending on user group
- Reduced complexity of the user-interface
- Controllability / details on demand



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LEARNING PROCESS

- **Various learning types (Kolb 1984)**
 - With various personal effectiveness
 - Various implementation effectiveness



**Abstract Learning /
Conceptualization**



**Observe &
Reflect**



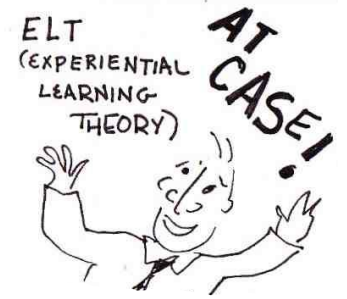
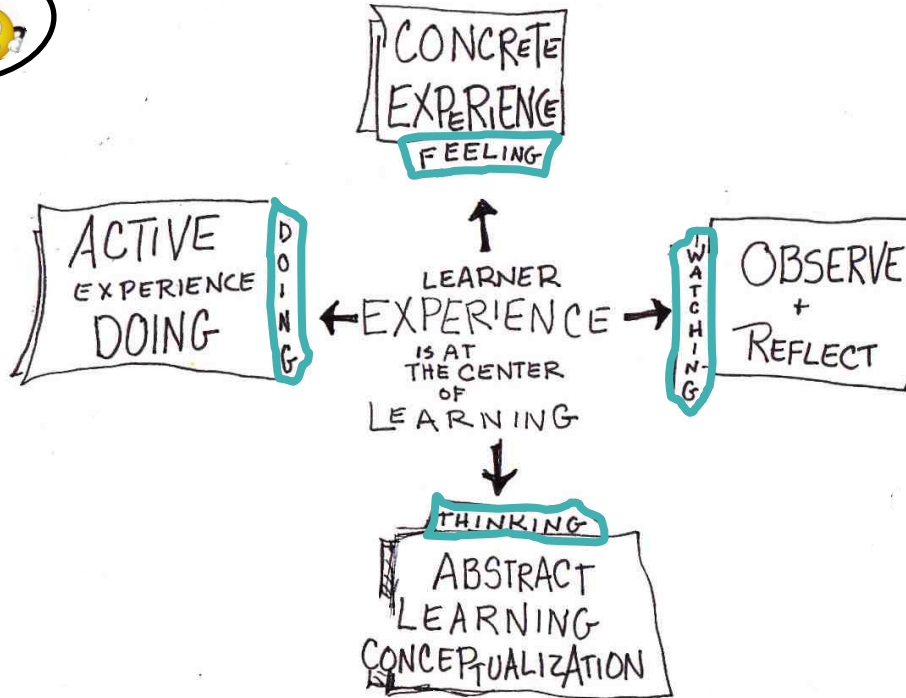
**Concrete
Experience**



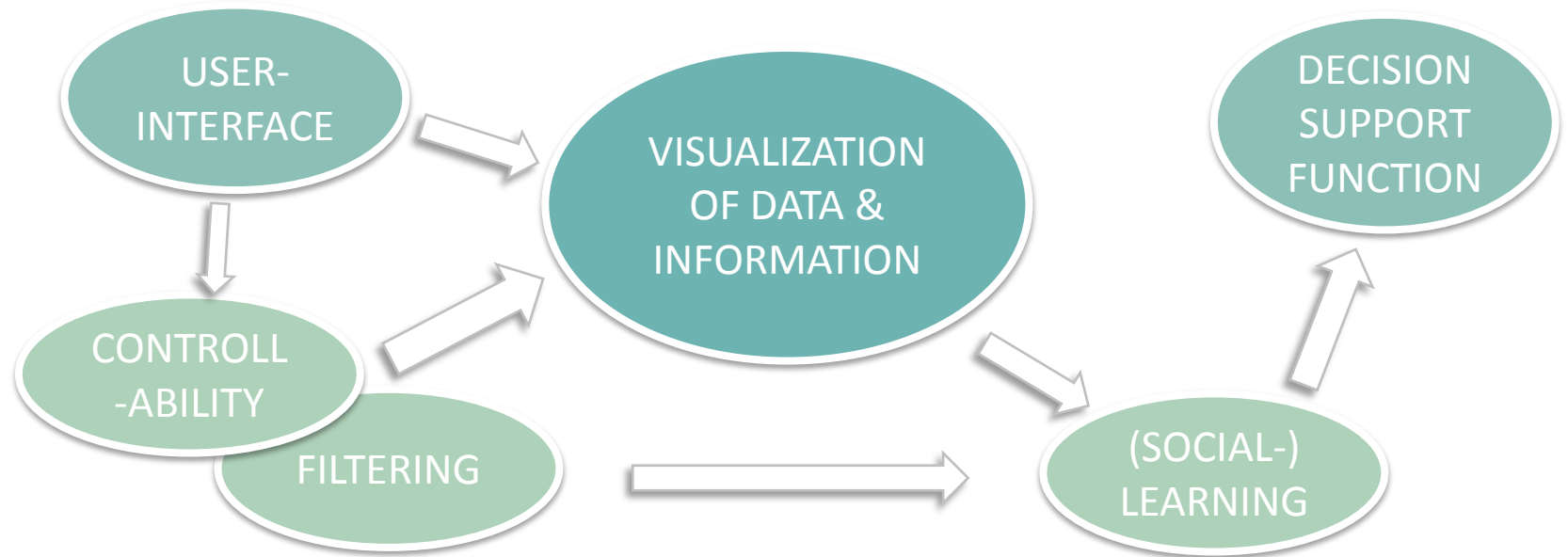
**Active Experience /
Doing**

LEARNING PROCESS

- According to Kolb, D.A. (1984).
Experiential Learning.



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IMPLEMENTATION

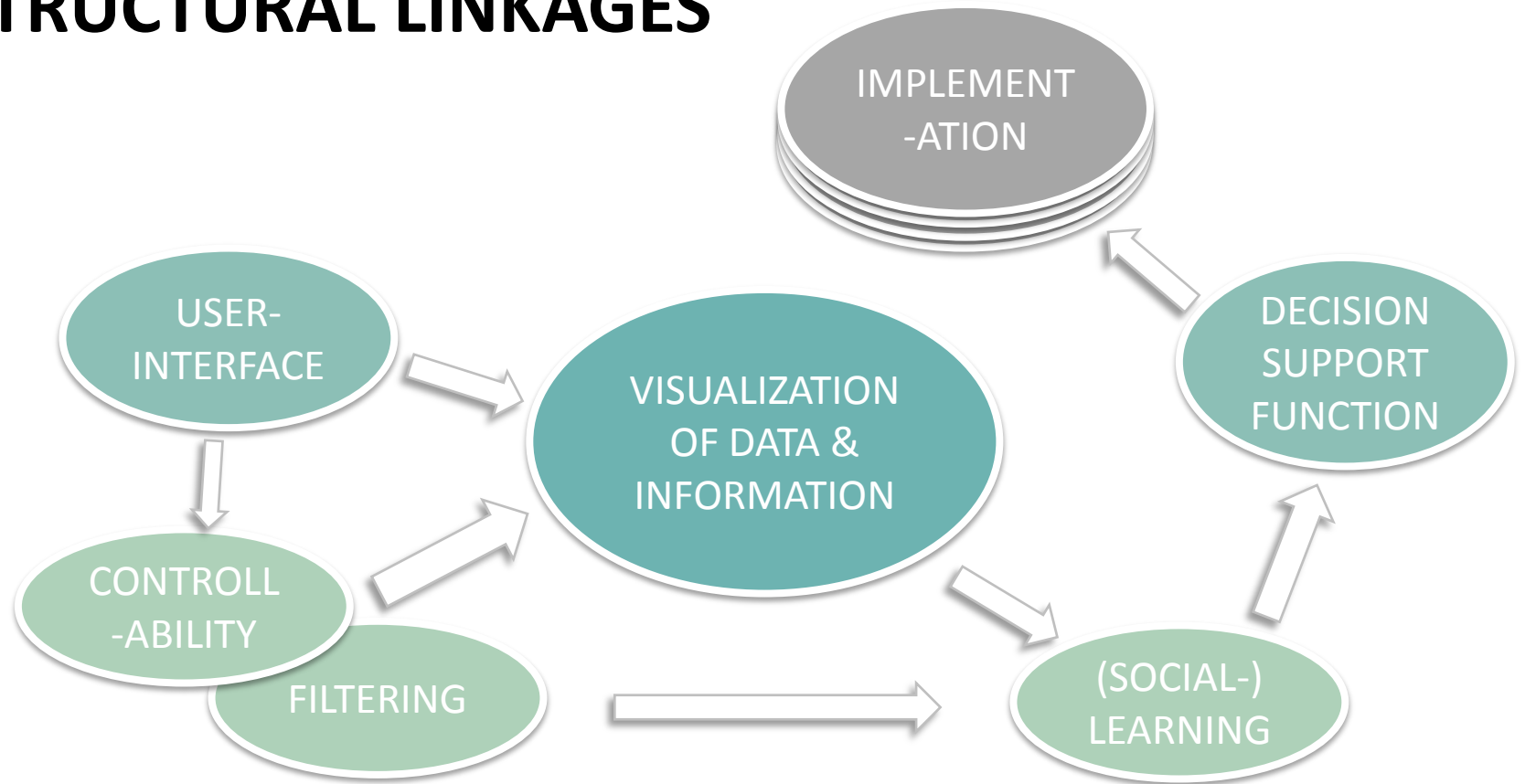


IMPLEMENTATION

- Testing various DSS-packages
→ systemic & relevancy to practice
- Finding correct visualization/interface for corresponding user demands / process requirements
- Finding correct linkage between “DS-Tool”/ visualization type and planning process
- Validate application and benefit



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PROBLEMATIC / TASKS

- **How can ESS / indicators be valuated by various visualization types, that they are understandable for everyone and trade-offs can identified?**
- **How can different scales / dimensions be integrated / considered by this valuation?**
- **How can a database-link be created to link automatically correct e.g. vegetation types to realistic land use patterns for valuation of cultural services?**
- **How does the DSS fit into the established planning processes?**