

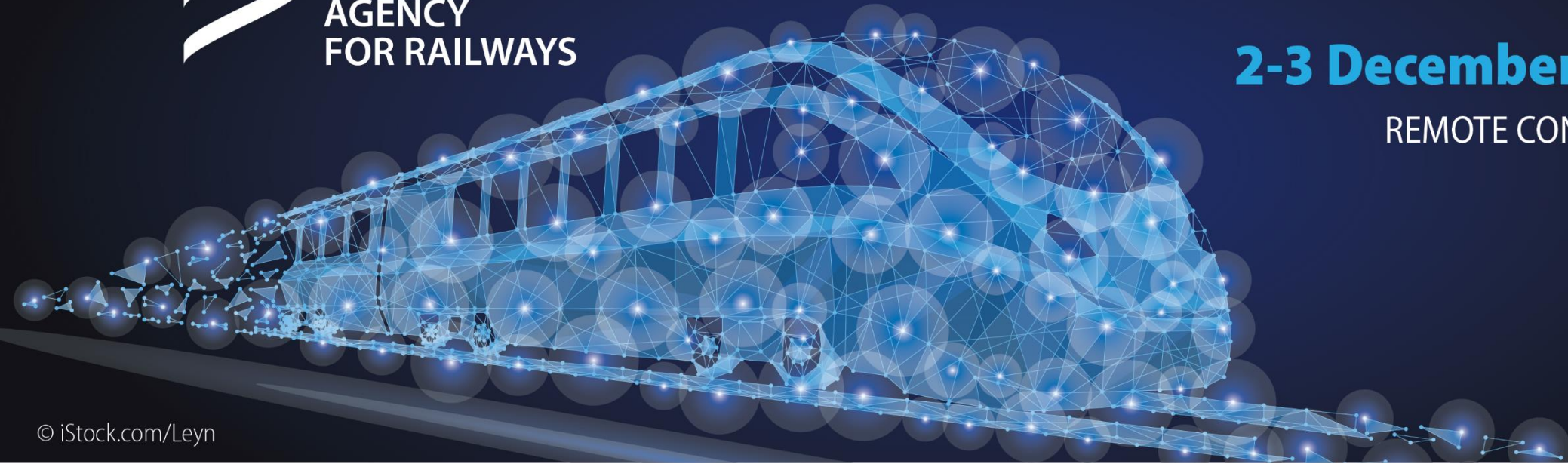


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# Integration of Human and Organisational Factors in Railway Automation

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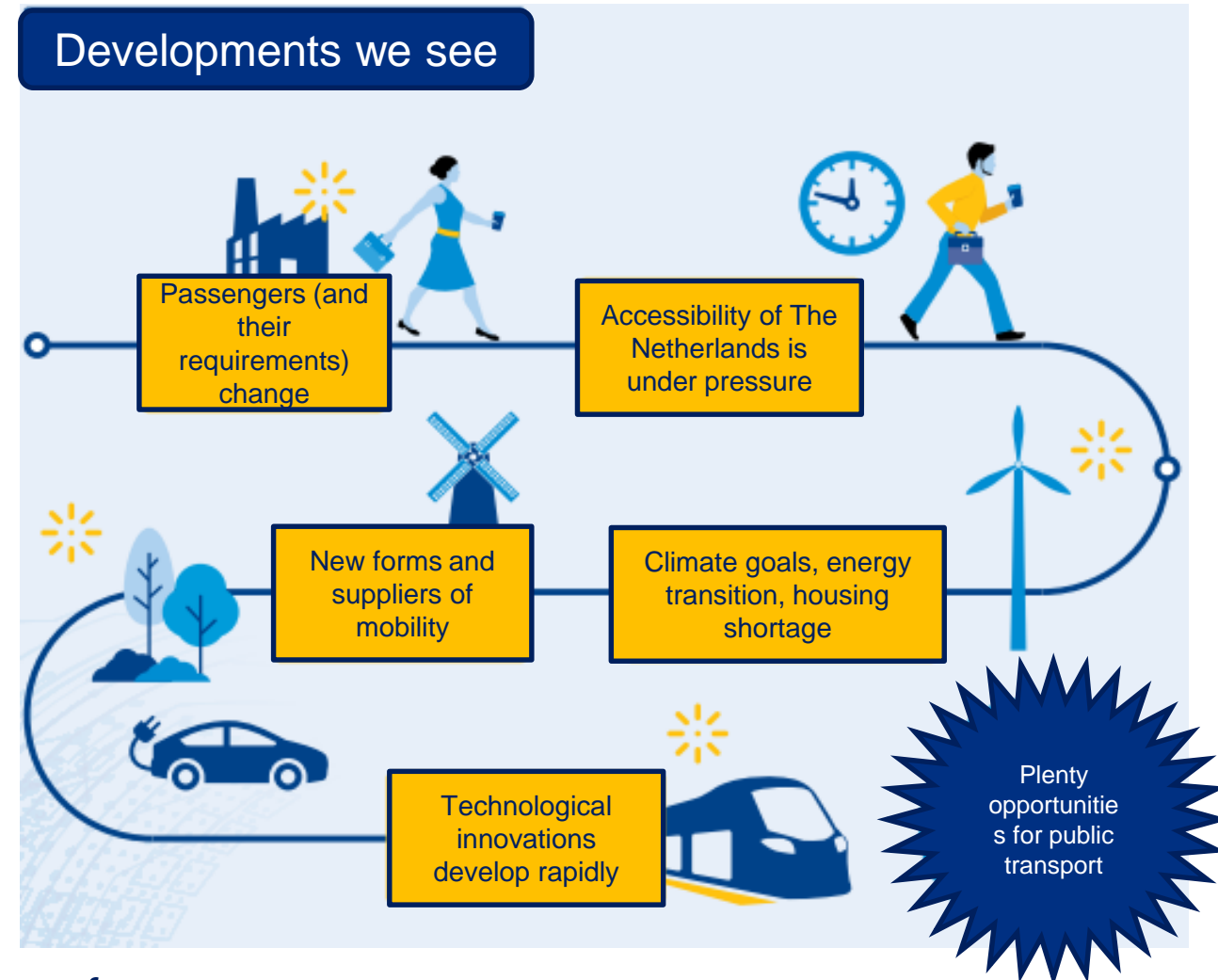
# Challenges of ATO experiments at Dutch Railways

## Challenges

- Transition to automation
- Capacity
- Flexibility
- Energy efficiency

## Aim of ATO@NS

- GoA2 experiments
- Develop knowledge and skills
- Optimal use of learning potential
- Changing role train driver
- Develop Human Machine Interface for ATO performance





# Human Factors challenges in ATO experiments

## Human Factors research questions

- Which interplay arises between human and technology?
- Which human factors aspects should be further studied and integrated in the ATO design?
- How to design the interplay between train driver and ATO to achieve optimal performance?

## Challenges ATO over Class B

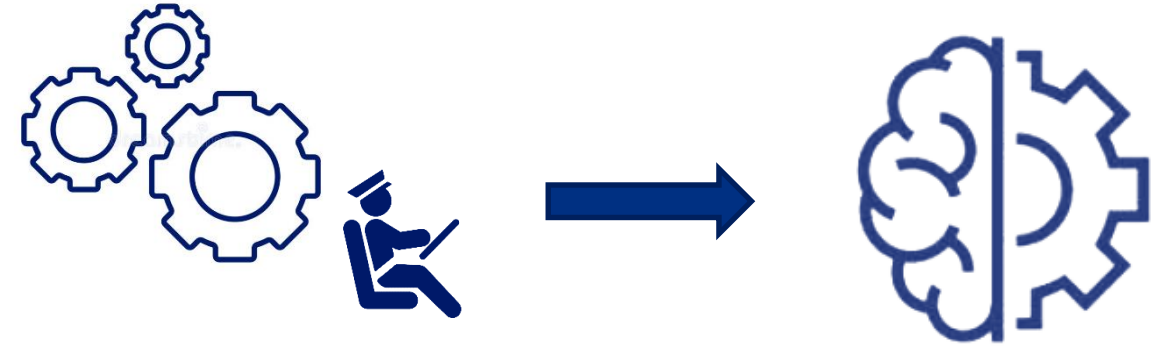
- Communication between ATO and train driver
- Joint situation awareness
- Trust and acceptance
- More driver – ATO interaction compared with ATO over ETCS



# Automation philosophy & Human Factors approach @ NS

## Philosophy

- Classic left-over principle
- Joint cognitive system of human and ATO



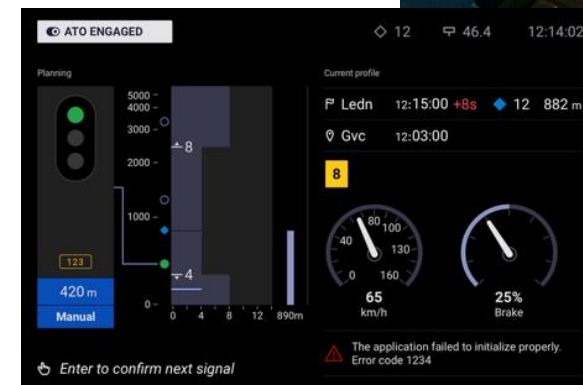
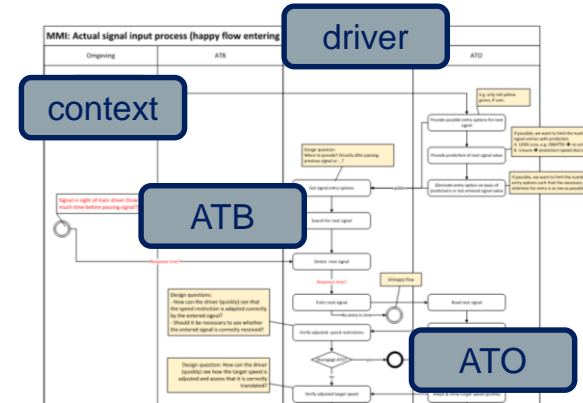
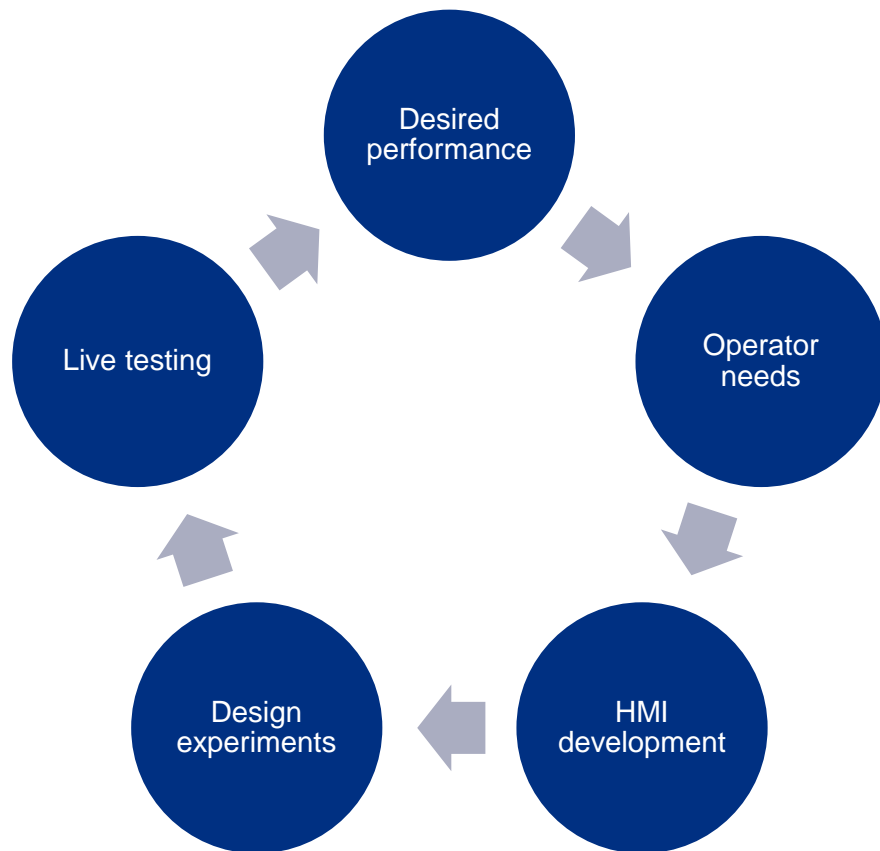
## Phase 1 - ETCS: Left-over principle

- Camera & observations
- Driver journey reconstruction
- Debriefings with drivers
- Live experiments during test runs
- Human factors themes identified



# Human Machine Interaction Design ATO over Class B

## Phase 2 – Class B system: Joint cognitive system driver & ATO



# Benefits & Conclusions

**Involve human factors from the start in the development of ATO to achieve optimal performance by the driver and automated system**

## **Benefits:**

- Effective design process, resulting in an intuitive DMI based on the drivers' needs
- Optimal interplay between driver and ATO: Interaction between driver and ATO is intuitive and driver is prepared for new monitoring task
- Driver acceptance and trust in ATO



### **Set-up for success**

By creating the right conditions from the start, ATO and driver can achieve the desired performance together





Thank you for your attention!

Questions?

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