

Human centred solutions to optimise human performance in the undersea domain

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A human-centered design and assurance methodology for submarines

The location of the air conditioning vent causes complaints and is addressed with user modifications.

More thought into its location would not cost more but would **save crew frustration for the next 30 years.**



A human-centered design and assurance methodology for submarines

- Develop and demonstrate a **design process** and methodologies.
- Investigate habitability to **develop criteria for design** development and assessment of designs.
- Development of **exemplar habitability designs** to facilitate rest and reduce fatigue.
- Development of physical layouts and apply anthropometric data for design and **assessment of the physical fit.**

Why does human at the centre matter?

The myth of the warrior, that fatigue can be overcome by adequate motivation, has influenced military operations in the past (Shay, 1998).

Work is cognitive in nature (as opposed to physical).

Managing fatigue to **increase the ability to make complex decisions** fast becomes a defining advantage.

Managing fatigue; via work design (shift schedules); habitation; food

Why does human at the centre matter?

...positive morale...

Attracting talented individuals,
long term crew retention.

&

...peak mission readiness...

Fatigue.



Human Centred Design Principles



1. Understand users, tasks and environments.



2. Users are involved throughout the process.



3. Design is driven user-centered evaluation.



4. The process is iterative.

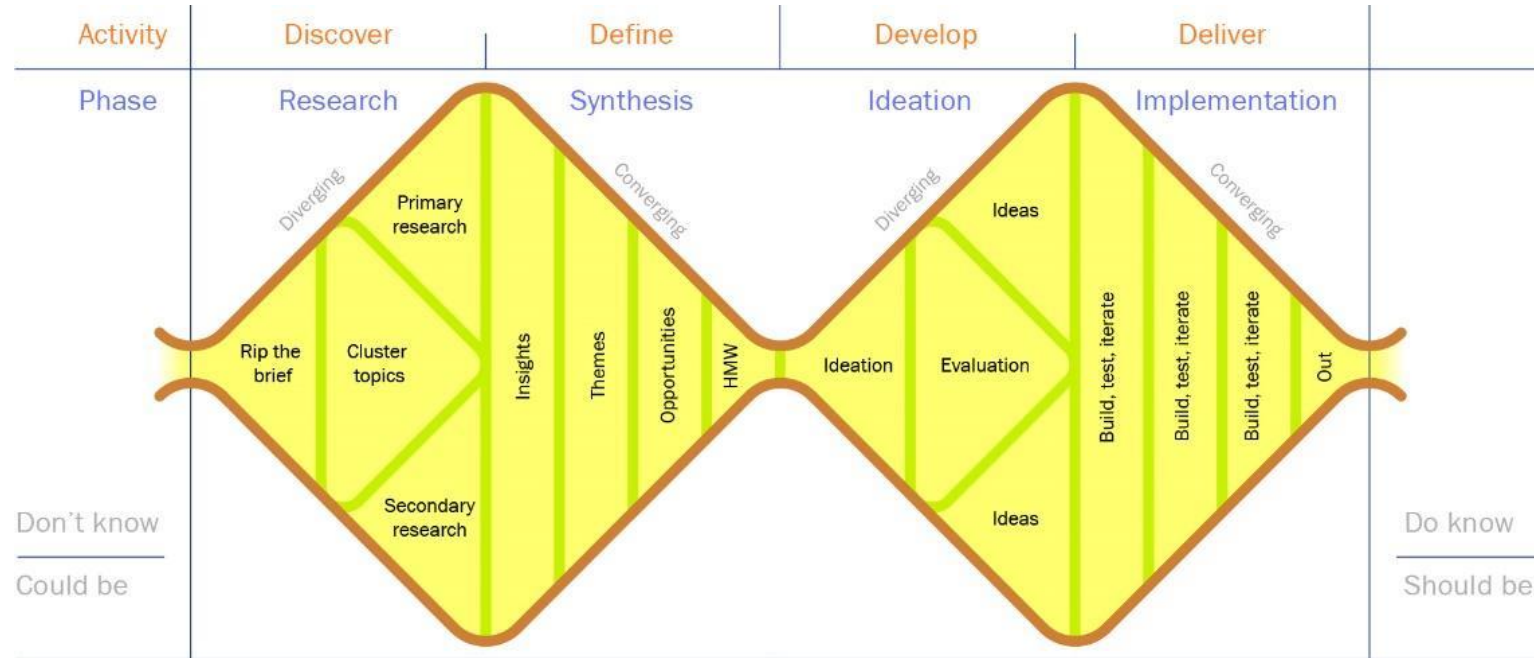


5. Address the whole user experience.



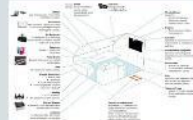
6. Include a variety of skills and perspectives.

Human Centred Design Process

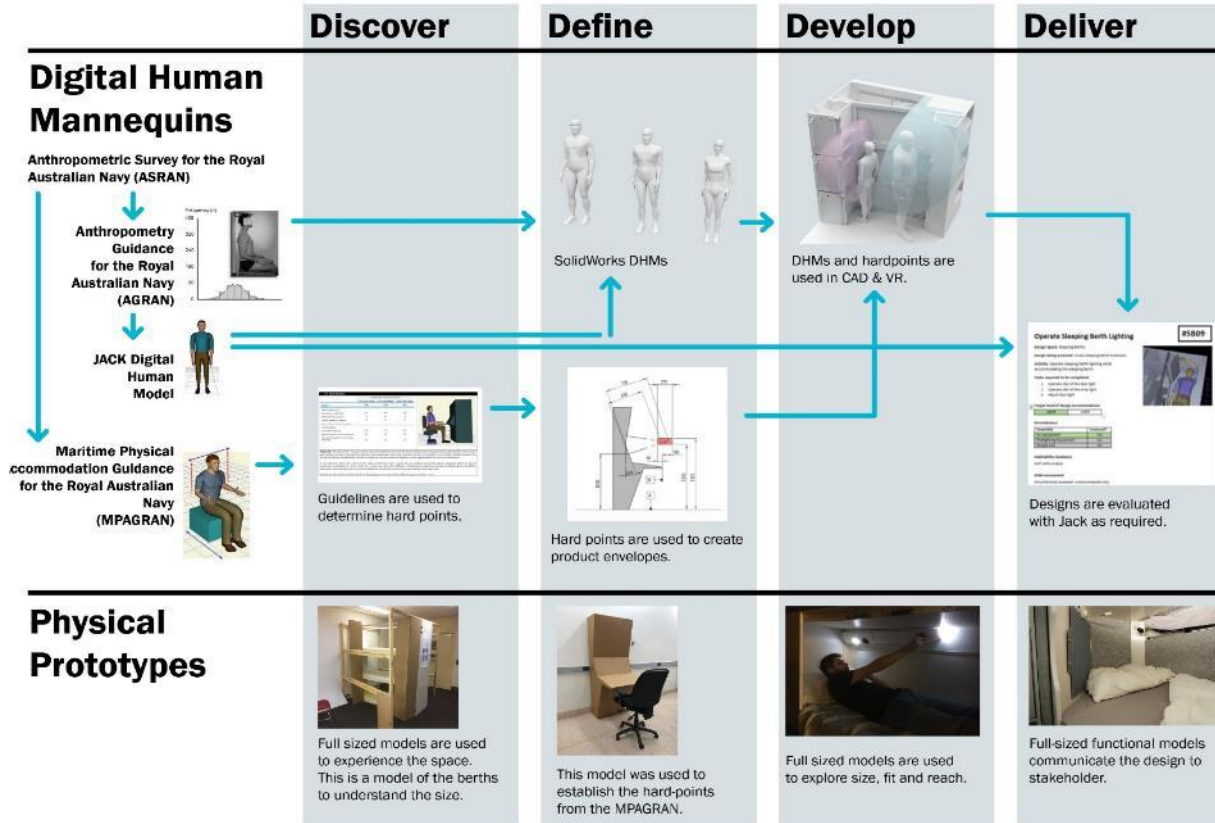


The Double Diamond developed by the UK Design Council. This diagram is by Dan Nassler from the consultancy Hyper Island.

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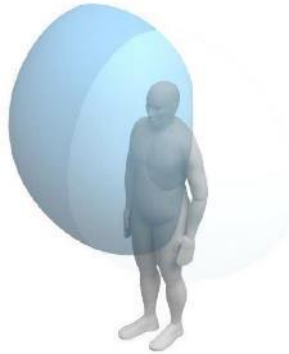
	Discover	Define	Develop	Deliver
Anthropometry	Methods Literature Review Existing Environments  Guidelines are investigated.	Digital Human Model Define Hard-points  Hard points are used to create product envelopes.	Documentation Evaluation Physical Models Hard-points & DHM in CAD  Solidworks DHM with reach envelope in used in CAD.	Final Documentation  Designs evaluated with Jack as required.
Habitability Usability	Methods Literature Review Image Review Site Visits User Workshops Prototype Construction  User needs are discovered.	Affinity Diagramming Mind Mapping Scenarios Criteria Documentation Berth Access and Egress  Why do people do it? People need to look into and out of their berth safely and with convenient effort. Space is tight so the convenience we provide often results in saving light and saving space. Seating  Encourage Social Interaction The space is designed to allow for sitting or standing, interacting with others and other activities. The layout allows for social interaction and encourages social interaction. User needs are described as scenarios and criteria.	CAD Models - VR Prototype - Physical & Virtual Concept Presentations Co Design Workshops Documentation   Designs are developed in consultation with users and stakeholders.	Final Documentation CAD Models VR Experiences Physical Models   Designs are communicated via documents, models and VR. The design is described in terms of user needs and provide evidence to support the proposal.

Application of Anthropometric Data



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Digital Human Models (DHM) are used in CAD models for ergonomics analysis.

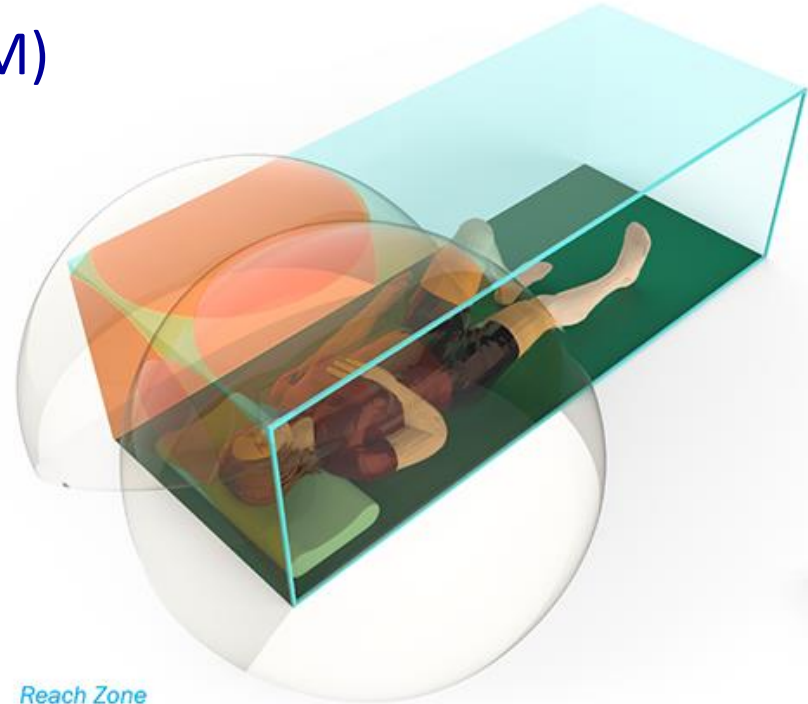


Large Male Reach Envelopes



Small Female Reach Envelopes

The reach envelope for the smallest female from the JACK software

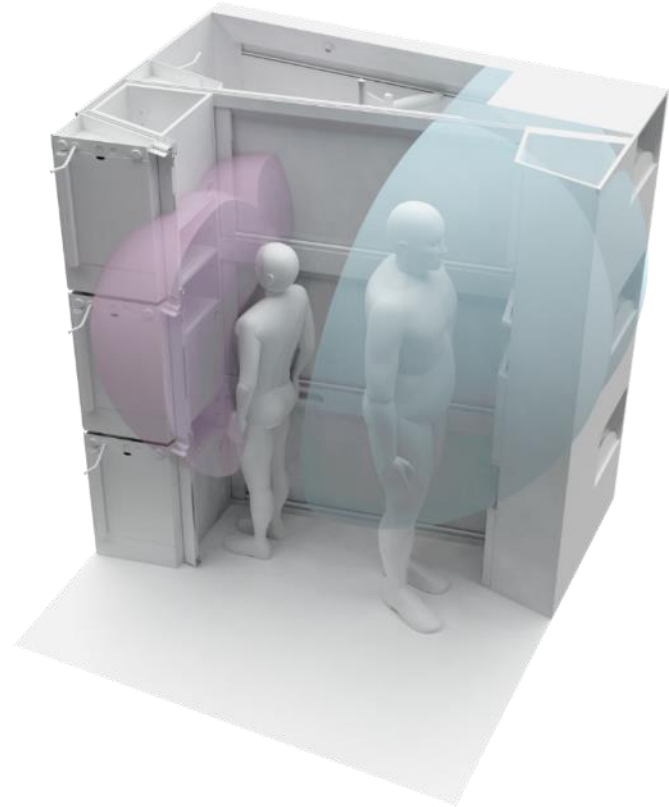


Reach Zone

Above: 5th percentile female reach envelope for left and right hand sides if the occupant was at full reach. Orange areas indicate reach zones on the surface of the boundary of the berth.

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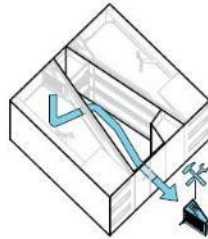
DHMs are used in all stages of the process to develop designs that accommodate human sizes and reach envelopes.



Criteria & Scenarios

The research leads to criteria and scenarios to inform the design and evaluate design proposals.

Maintenance of the In-Berth Elements



Why do people do it?

If some part of the berth or cabin malfunctions people will want to be able to open it up and access the interior for troubleshooting and repair. Any item should be able to be removed without needing to remove other parts and the fixings (e.g. bolts) should be easily accessible. While on deployment the submarine needs to be self sufficient and submariners should be able to easily fix things without external assistance.



Bedding

- The berth needs to contain a mattress, pillow and light quilt.
- Changing the bedding should be easy and straightforward.

A sample of design criteria for sleeping berths.

Physical Model Making

Models are used to explore and develop design proposals.



Early sleeping berth prototypes.

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Early mess prototype in cardboard to establish sizing and layout.

Virtual Reality

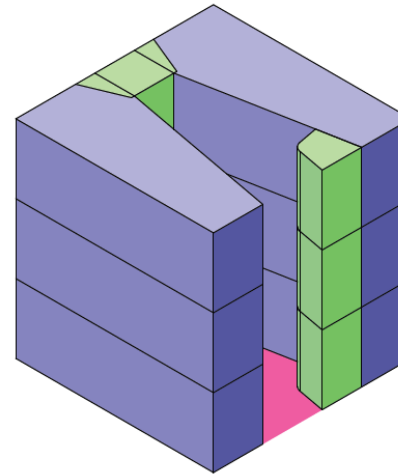
VR provides an immersive experience to assist with the development, and communication of design proposals.

It is now fast and easy and is used at all stages of the design process.

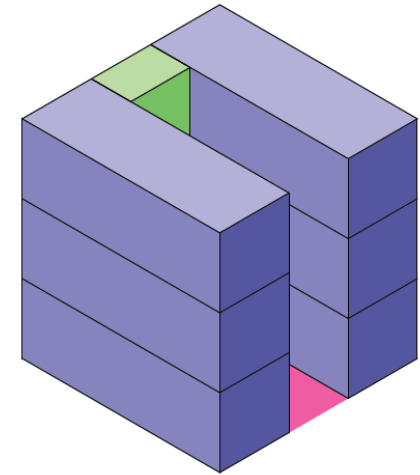


Outcome

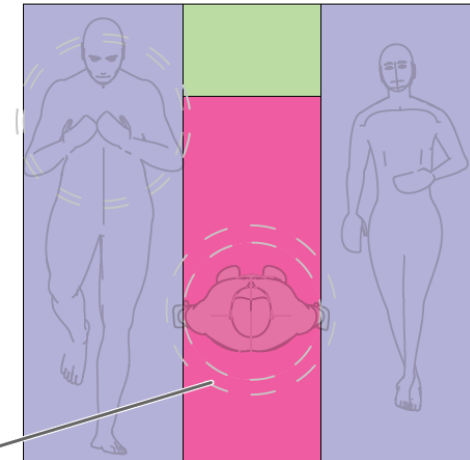
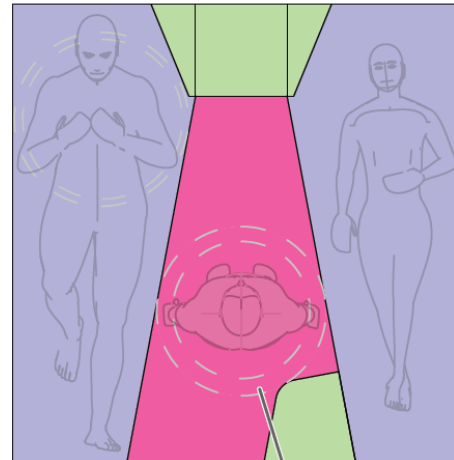
Efficient use of
space.



Tapered berth



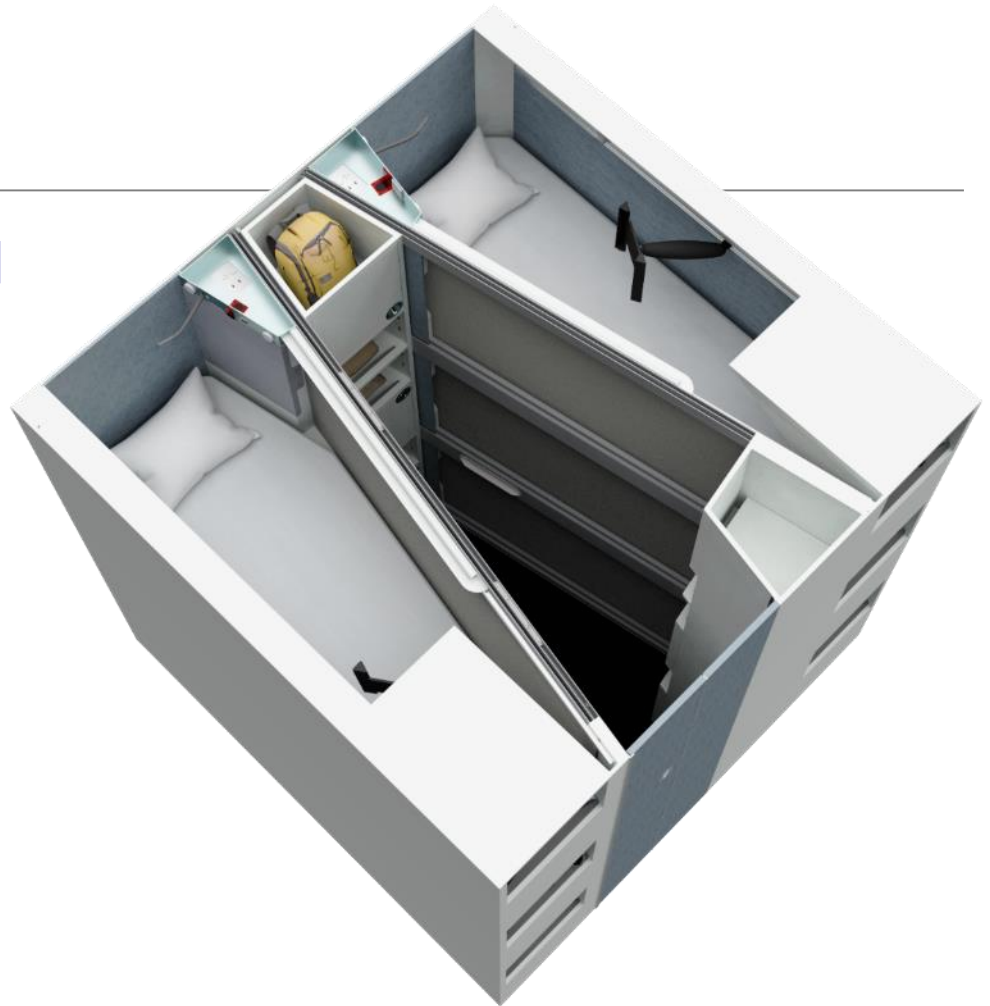
Rectangular berth



A diagram showing the
advantages of the tapered berth
arrangement.

Outcome

Tapered berths and clever storage addresses user needs.



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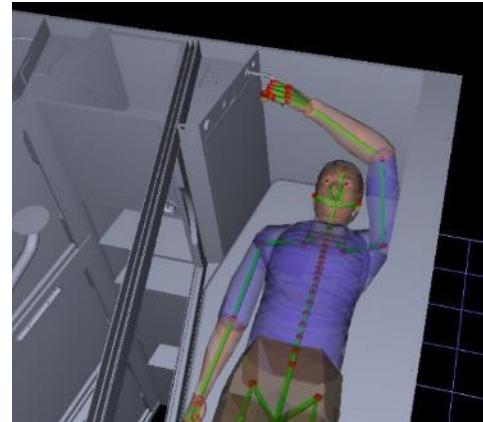
Full sized prototype for
user engagement



Anthropometry

Evaluation;

- CAD (2D Standard, 3D, VR),
- Human simulation software
- Physical prototype



Questions?

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