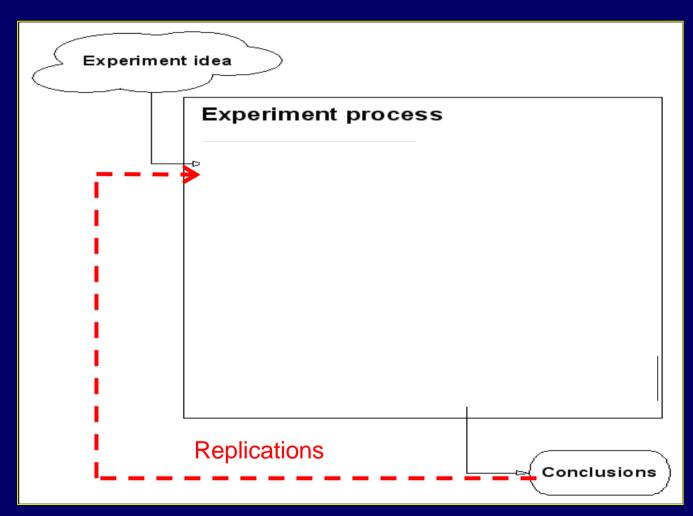


Software Engineering Experiment Life Cycle

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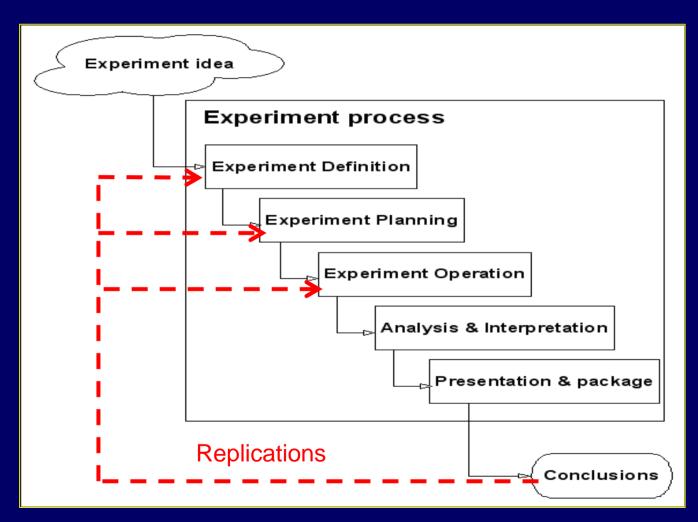


The Experiment Process



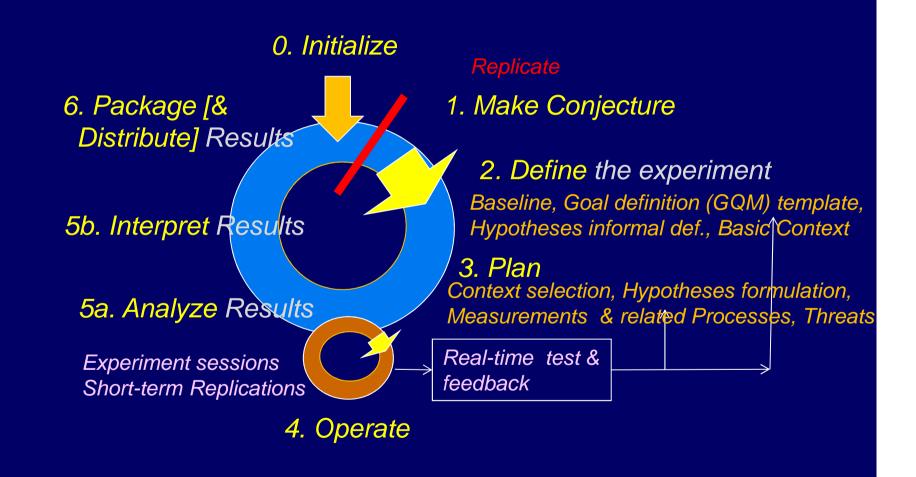


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The Cyclic Learning Process Applied to Experimentation





The Cyclic Learning Process

Baseline: It is what we already know. (Be sure to know what you should already know.)

- 0. Initialize the improvement cycle.
- 1. Make Conjecture about what we want to know.
- 2. Define the Learning Approach (EXPERIMENT DEFINITION).
- 3. Define the Process, including measurement points (EXPERIMENT PLAN). Define Hypotheses. Define quantitative goals, and plan qualitative matching. Identify Validity Threats.
- 4. Enact the process, take the planned measures, forward advices and new experiences, give fast feedback for process mistakes (EXPERIMENT OPERATION)
- 5a. Analyze measures, advices and new experiences. (EXPERIMENT RESULTS ANALYSIS)
- 5b. Test these results versus the current knowledge . (EXPERIMENT INTERPRETATION)
- 5c. Integrate the new results into the current knowledge, and possibly synthesize knowledge at a higher level
- 6. Package knowledge [and distribute it organization wide]. Update Baseline.