

Simulation-driven automatic textual report generation for staff training

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Automated reporting in staff training

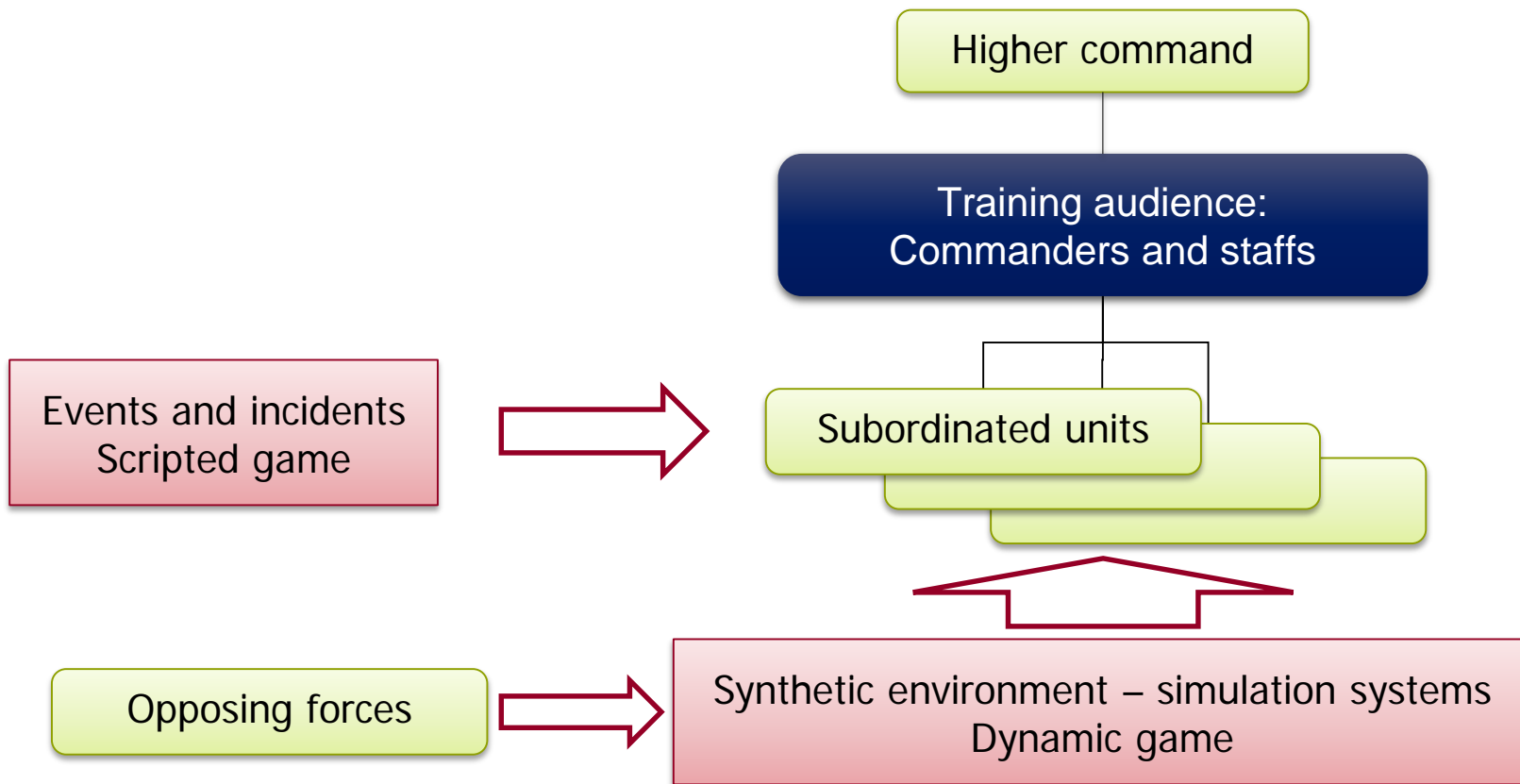
Timely and accurate **information is a critical resource in decision-making.**

- Problem:
Training commanders and their staffs is a challenge of supplying the staffs with a relevant **flow of information**
- Goal:
Extract information from **simulation systems** and automatically create **textual reports**

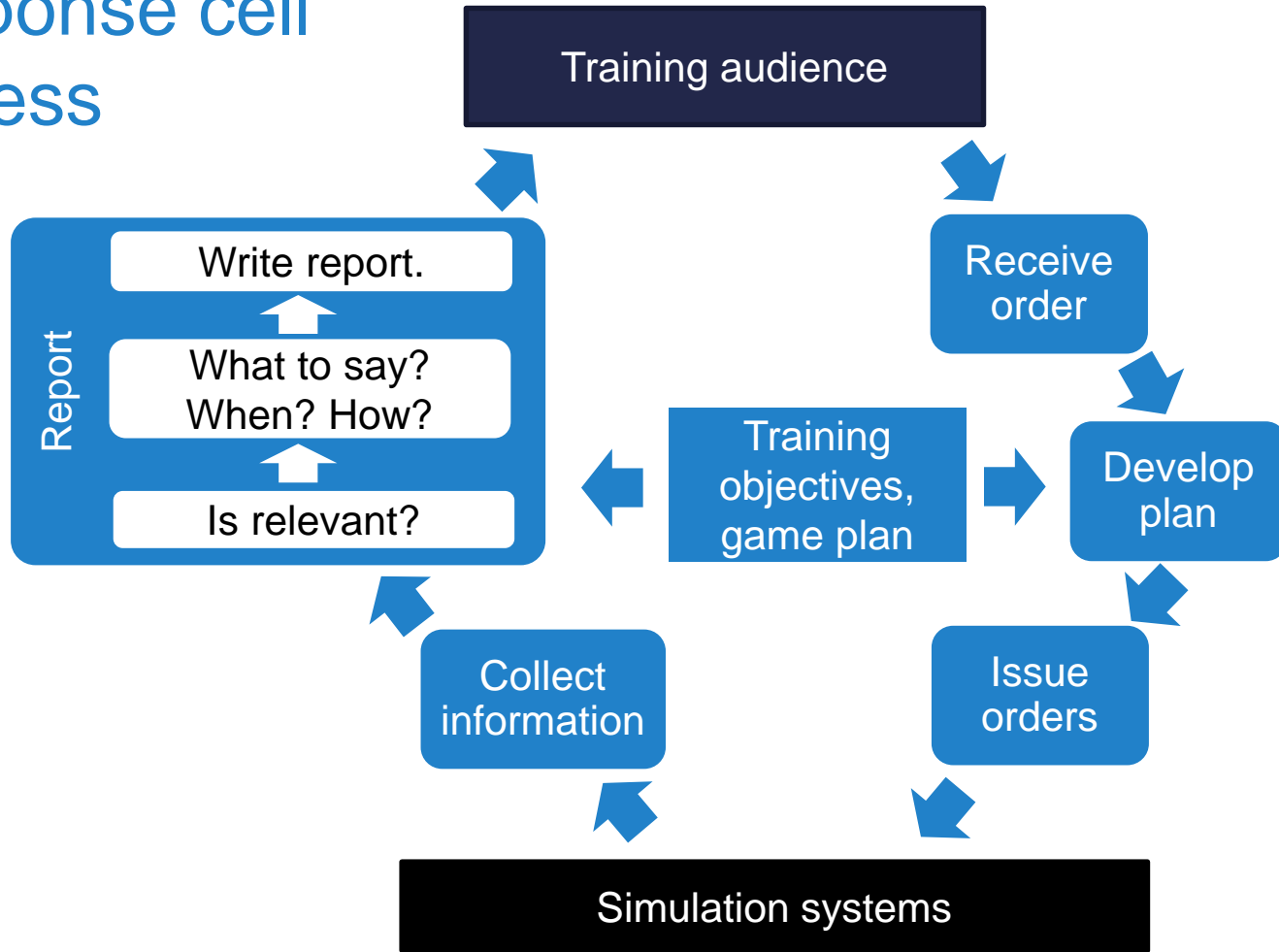
Agenda

- Command post exercises, information need
- Automatic textual report generation
- Use case
- Prototype implementation
- Experiences from development & testing

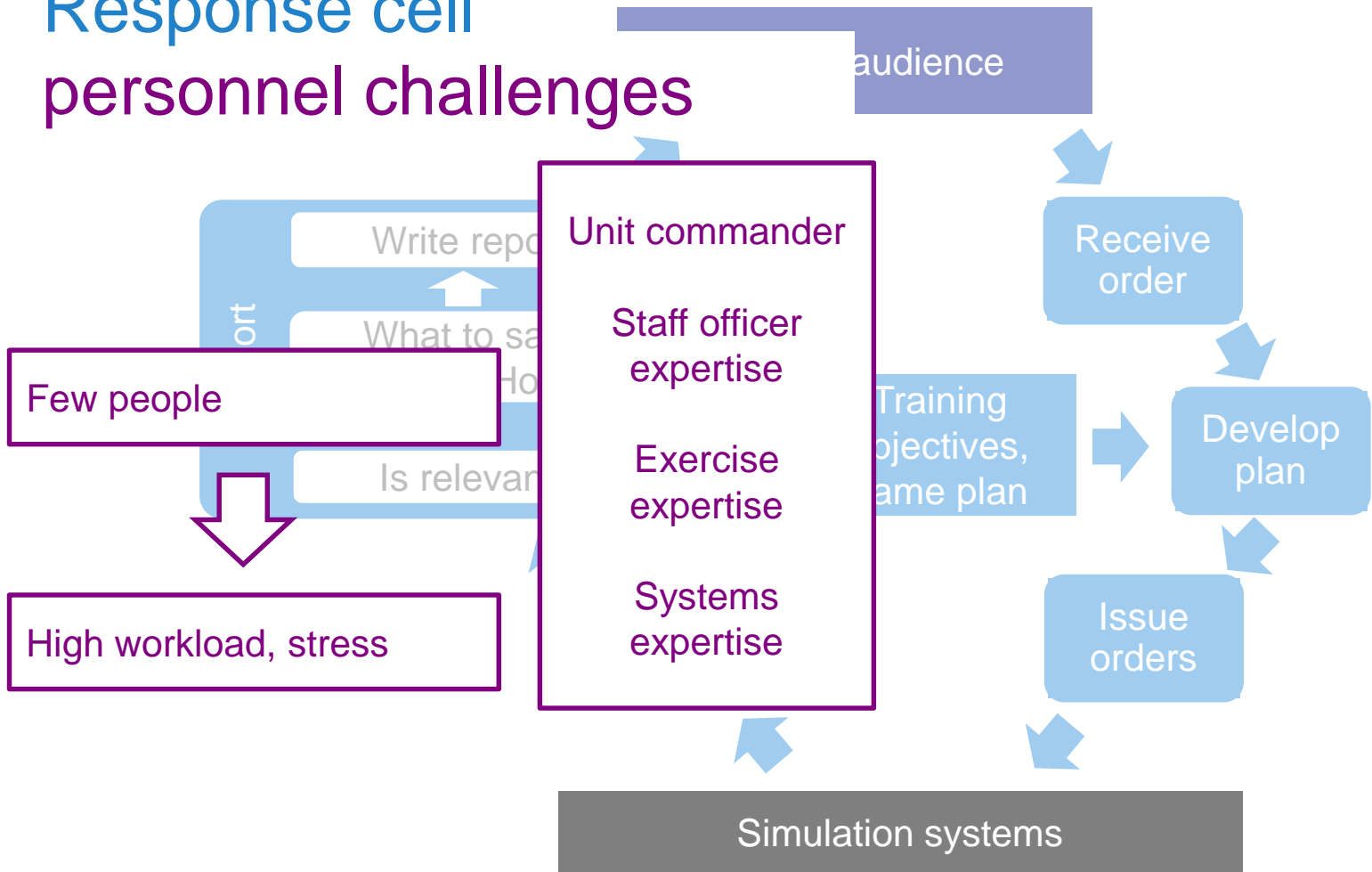
Staff training by command post exercises



Response cell process



Response cell personnel challenges



Information challenges

Few people

High workload, stress

Unit commander

Staff officer
expertise

Exercise
expertise

Systems
expertise

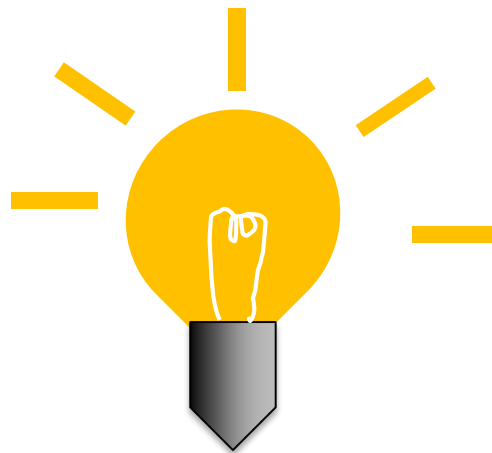
Response cell risks

- Too few reports of desired quality
- Errors, infidelity and incorrectness
- Deviation from synthetic arena

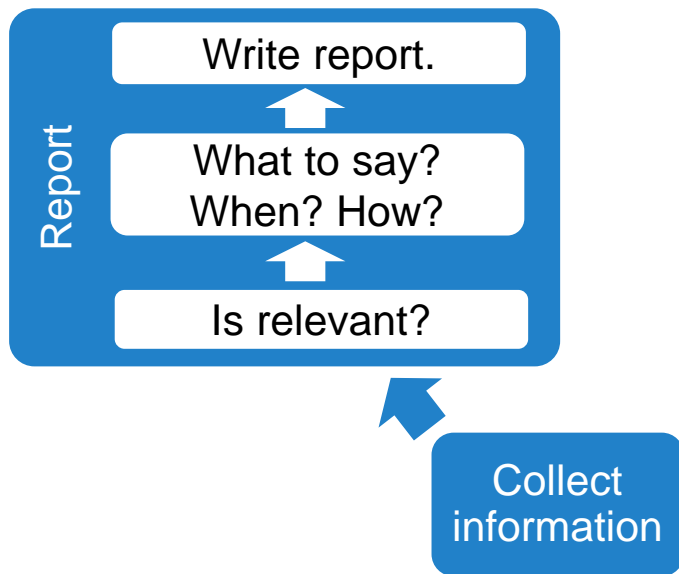
Training audience risks

- Non-realistic stimuli
- Negative training
- Non-efficient training
- Training objectives not fulfilled

Creativity



Report generation



Report generation: objective

Generate textual reports

- Reliable and believable, as if written by a human staff,
- With relevant quality and quantity

Simulation system independent

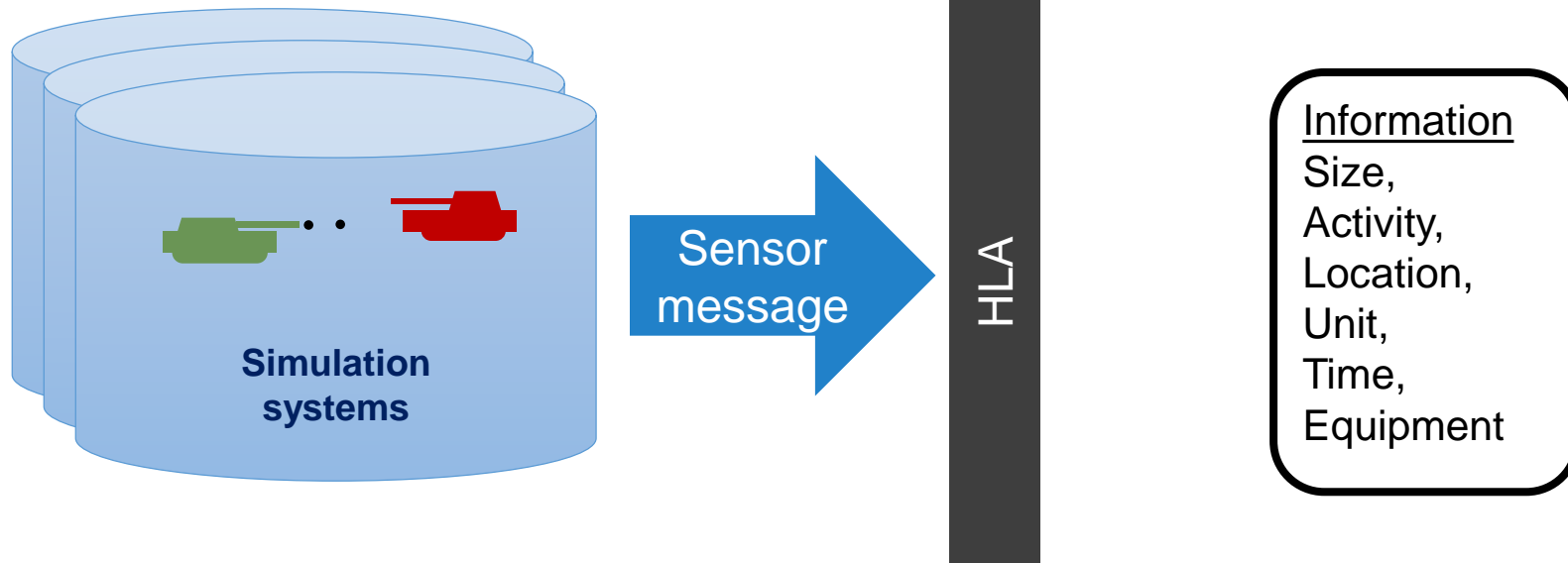
- Used in federation with several simulation systems

Proof of concept

- Develop prototype
- Test during exercises

Gather requirements

Use case: intelligence reports



Simple intelligence report example

Subject Description

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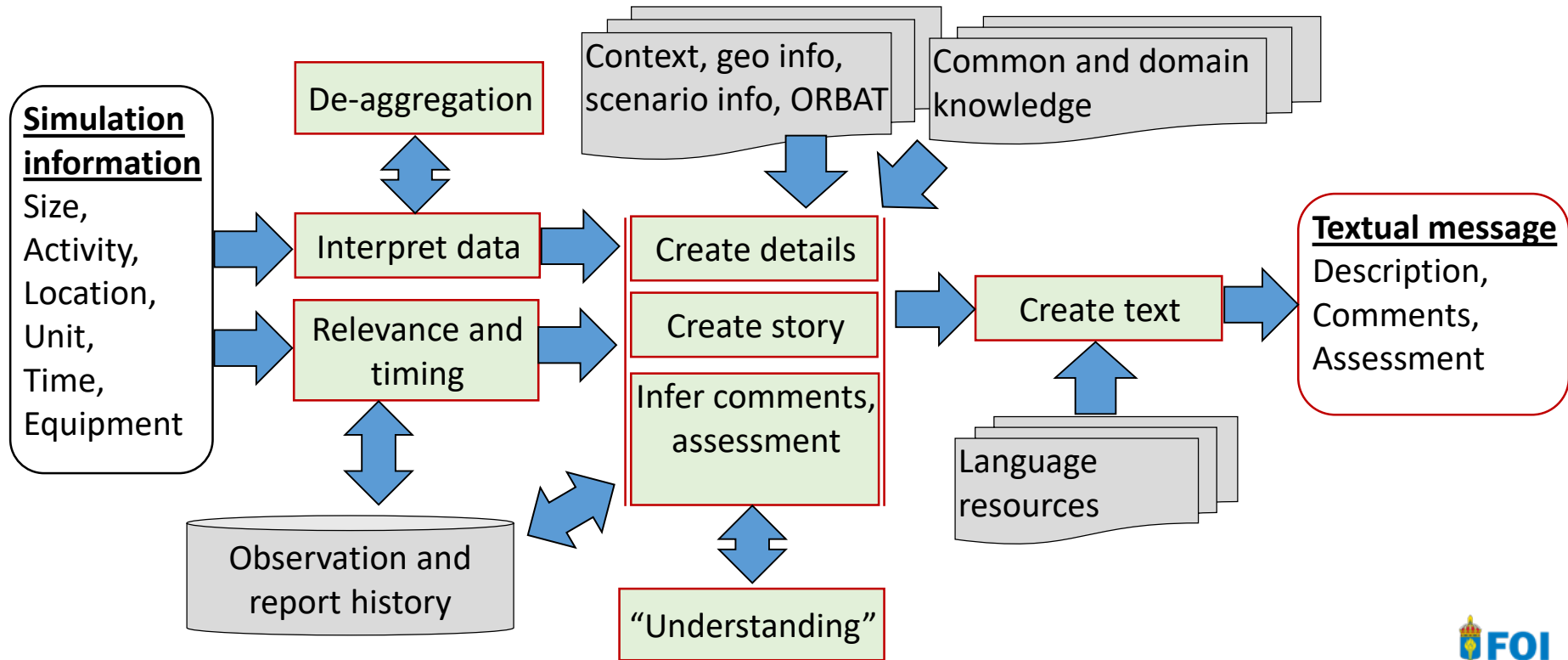
Comment

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Subject Assessment

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Schematic report generation process



Implementation details example

Crude simulation data

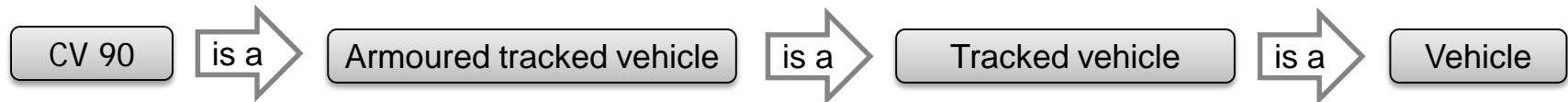
Simulation identifier:
CV 90

Simulation identifier:
Mi-8 Hip

Verbalized information

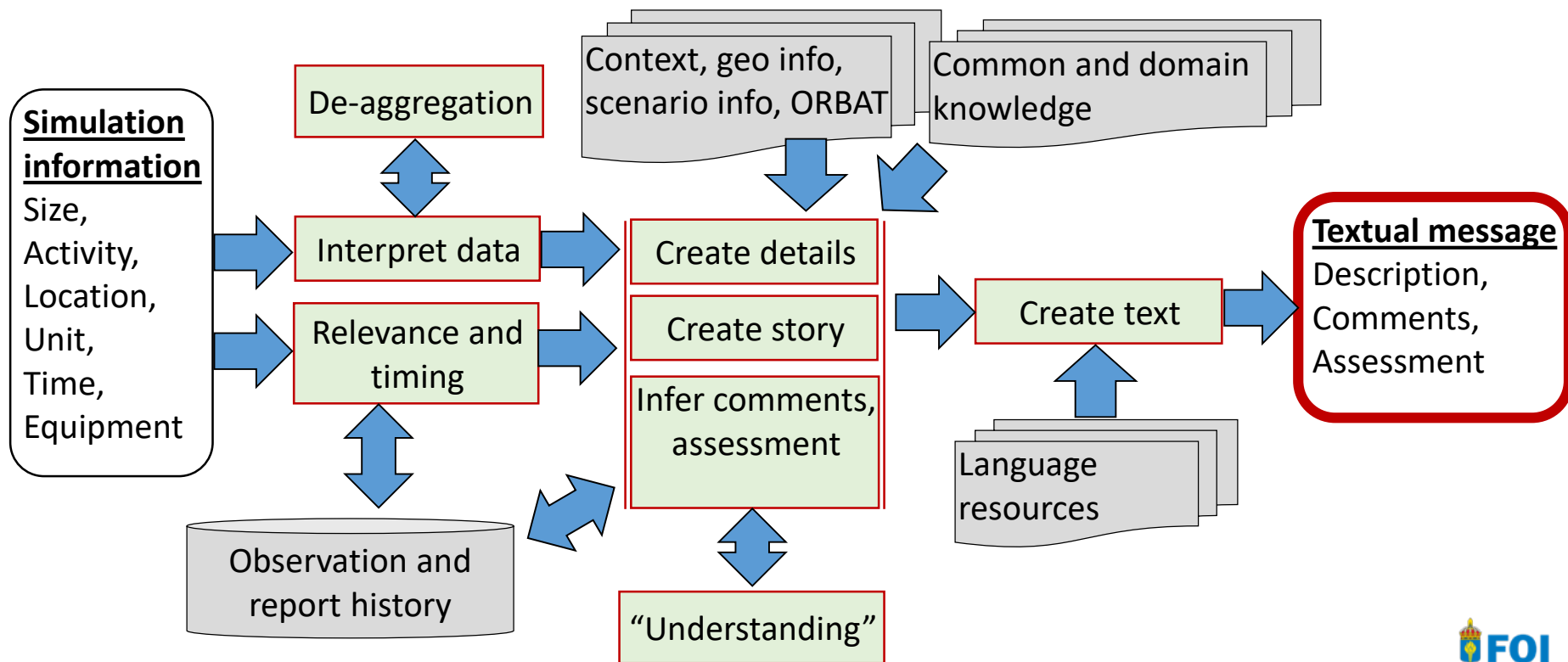
Type of object: military tracked armored fighting vehicle
Typically called: CV 90
How to describe it: boxed shaped with a slanting front and big turret and large main gun

Type of object: armored rotary wing military transport aircraft
Typically called: military helicopter
How to describe it: twin engine on top, big round cockpit, rear tail rotor on left hand side, two double-mounted machine guns



[vehicles have been spotted] *"in vicinity of Kungsängen, marching west on road E18 towards Enköping"*

Schematic report generation process



A generated message

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What did we learn?

The concept is viable

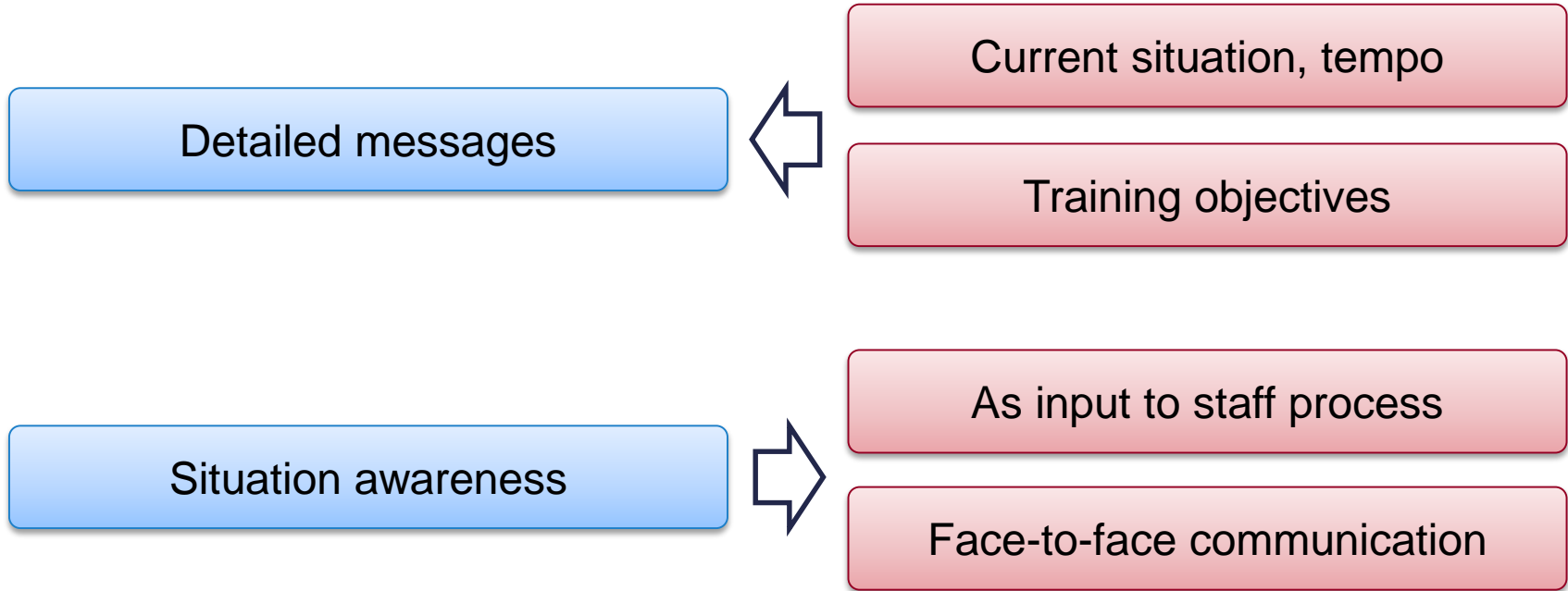
- The generated message was **deemed useful**.
- The **expressiveness and details** are especially highlighted as helpful for the staff.

Requirements / challenges

- Information
- Techniques

Response cell needs

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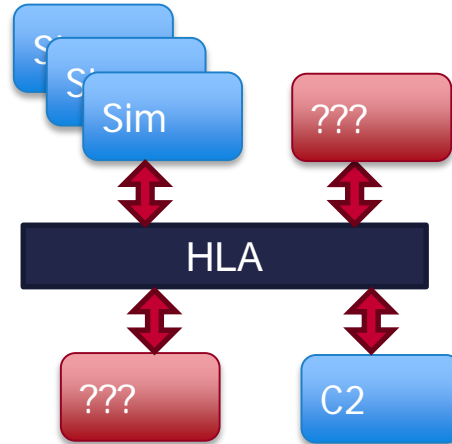
Identified information and service requirements

Get data from sims

SALUTE
Actions and orders
ORBAT, task org. holdings

Add missing information

Scenario information, insignias
Geographical information
Background knowledge, ontology
Language, action verbs, abbr.



Process information

Sensor model
De-aggregation
Units' observation history
Previous reports
"Understanding", filtering and fusing

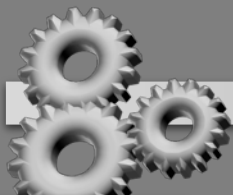
Interfacing

GUI/editing
Transmission to training audience

Summary

CONCEPT System independent
report generation

PROTOTYPE



Proof of concept regarding
technical challenges

Generated reports
perceived useful



Technical
challenges

Methodological
challenges