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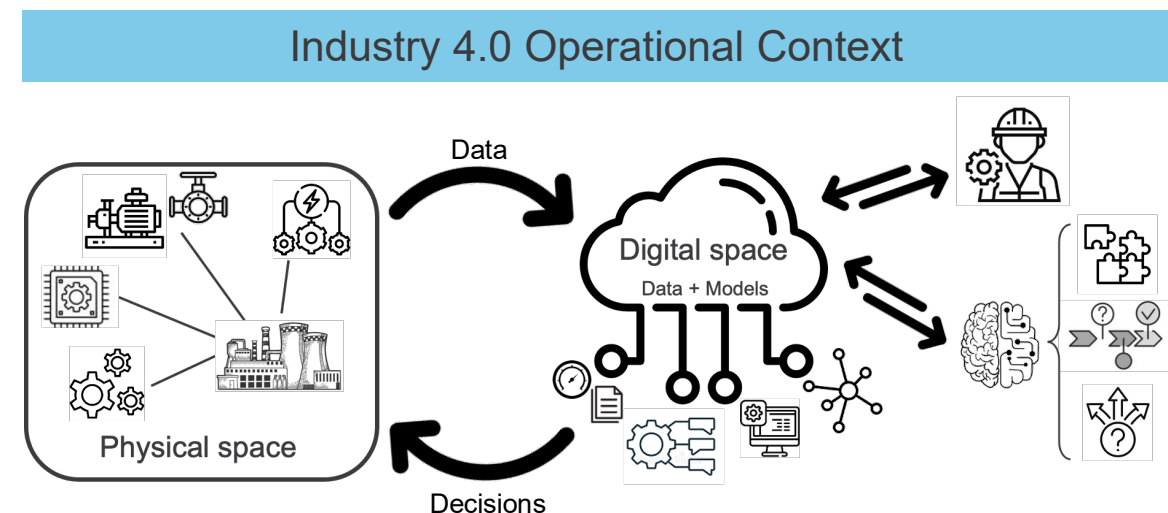
System Engineer Approach to Capture and Analyze Equipment Reliability Data



Context: Predictive Maintenance

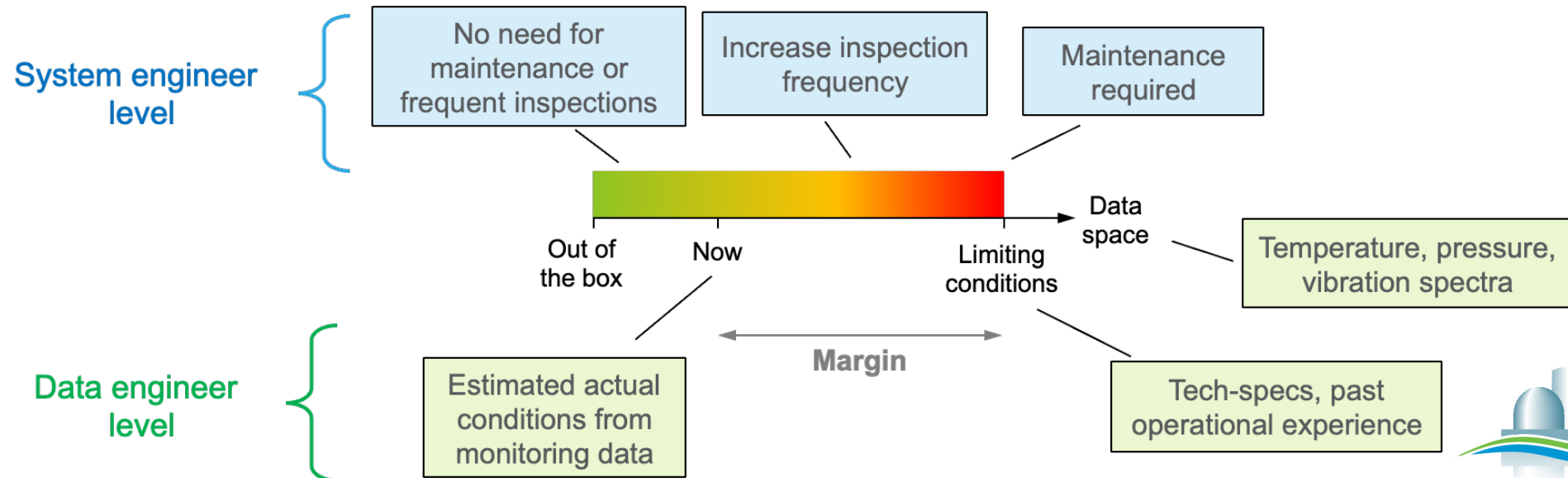
- **Focus of this talk:** Creating a direct link between data and decisions through data analytics methods
- **Data:** Nuclear power plants collect large amounts of data elements
 - Record health performance throughout the lifecycle of assets
 - Can provide system engineers with insights into
 - Anomalous behaviors or degradation trends
 - Possible causes and their direct consequences
 - Data formats
 - Numeric: online monitoring data (e.g., pump vibration data)
 - Textual: issue reports and maintenance reports
- **Decisions:**
 - Manage plant resources effectively
 - Automate decision process
- **Application:** Circulating water system (CWS) of an existing nuclear power plant
- **Special thanks:** Ontario Power Generation (Canada)

Need to integrate information contained in numeric and textual data elements



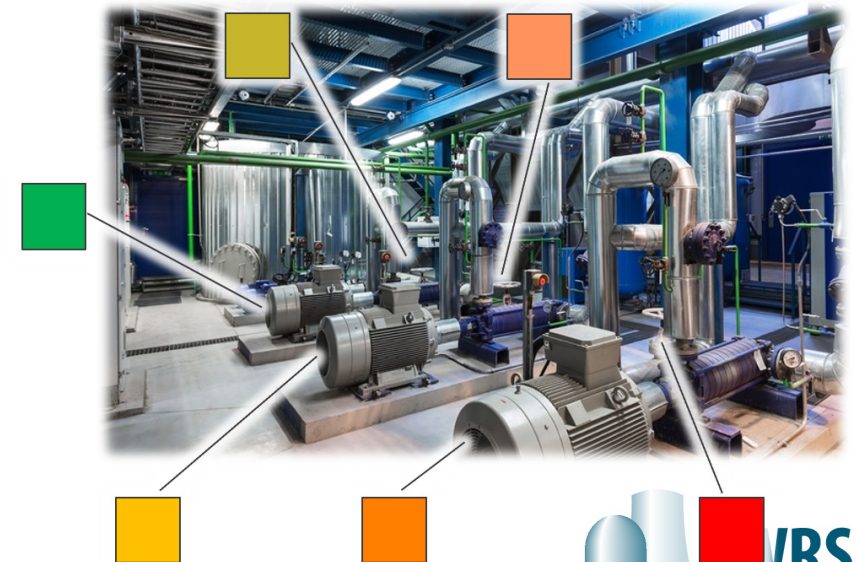
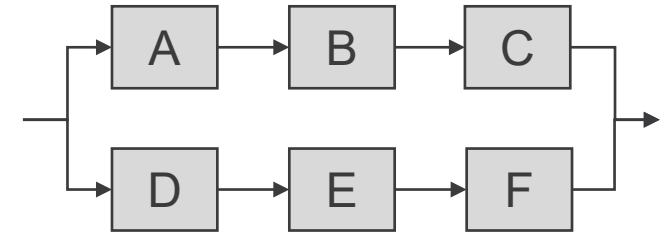
Assessment of Asset and System Health

- **Reliability mindset**
 - Assess system health by integrating health information of all its assets
 - Identify the most critical assets that need attention
- **State of practice reliability methods** have limitations when dealing with condition-based data
 - **The problem** is that we think in terms of failure rates or probabilities
- **What if we re-think about reliability in terms of margins?**
 - **Margin definition:** The “distance” between present status and an undesired status for an asset
 - Margin value of an asset is based solely on actual and historic data
 - Analytical measure of the health of an asset



Assessment of Asset and System Health

- **From asset to system level:** Propagate margin values through system reliability models
 - Analytical way to assess system health
 - Give importance measures to its assets
- **Input**
 - Condition-based and anomaly detection data
 - Diagnostic and prognostic assessments
- **Direct applications**
 - Identify minimal conditions to guarantee system operation
 - Identify the most critical assets



Data Analytics and Reliability: An Intuitive Example

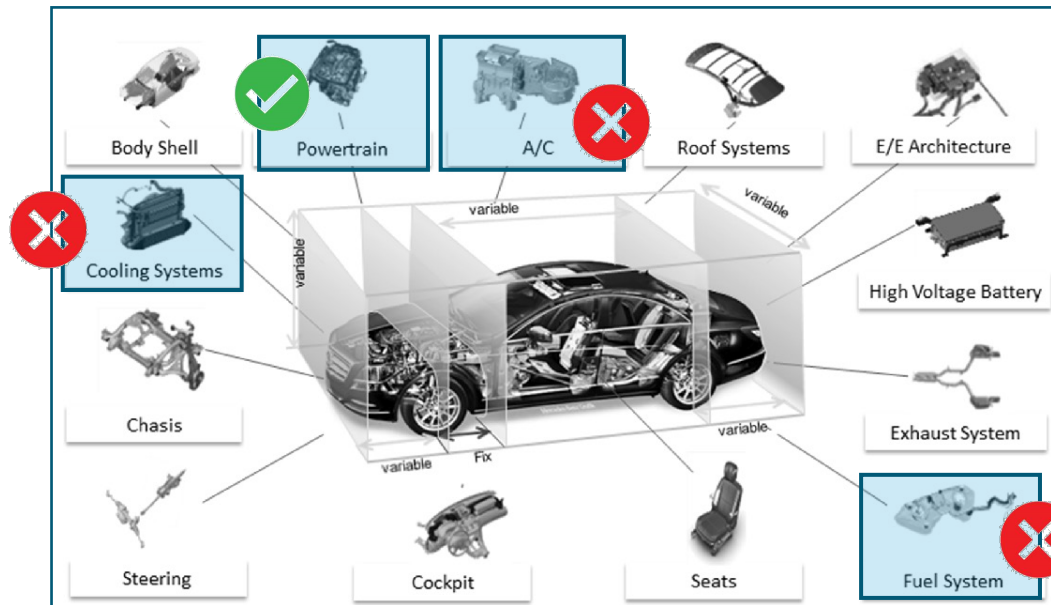
Asset



Data



Abnormal event



Check



Fix



Restore



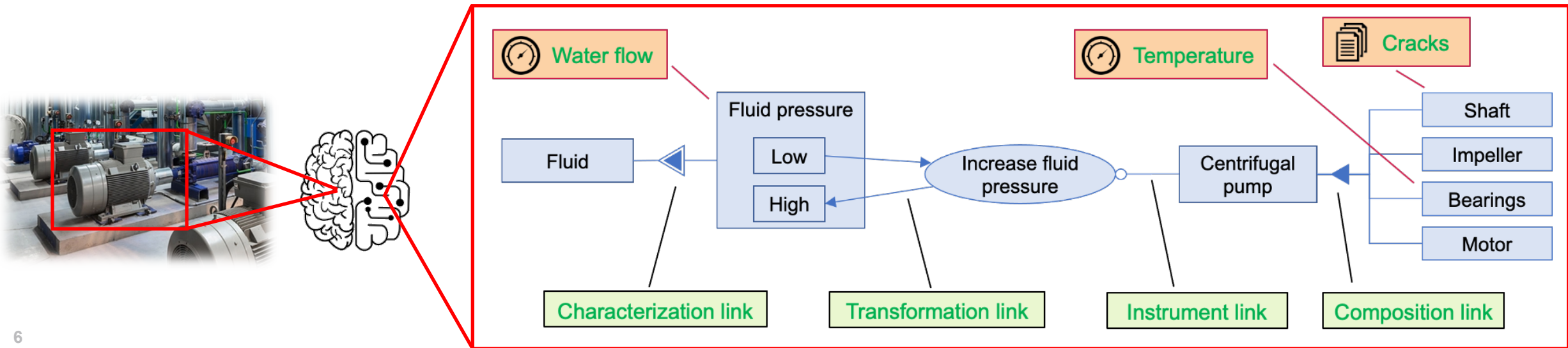
Record



Putting Data into Context

- **Claim:** Pure data-centric methods do not support robust and resilient decisions
- **Challenge:** Provide context to available data (toward machine reasoning)
- **Goal:** Need to emulate system engineer knowledge about assets and systems
- **Solution:** Model-Based System Engineering (MBSE) diagram-based representation
 - Identify causal links between “Form” and ”Function” elements
 - MBSE languages: Object Process Methodology (OPM), Lifecycle Modeling Language (LML)
- Link between MBSE models and data can be established
- **Machine reasoning:** Identify logical links between data elements through MBSE models

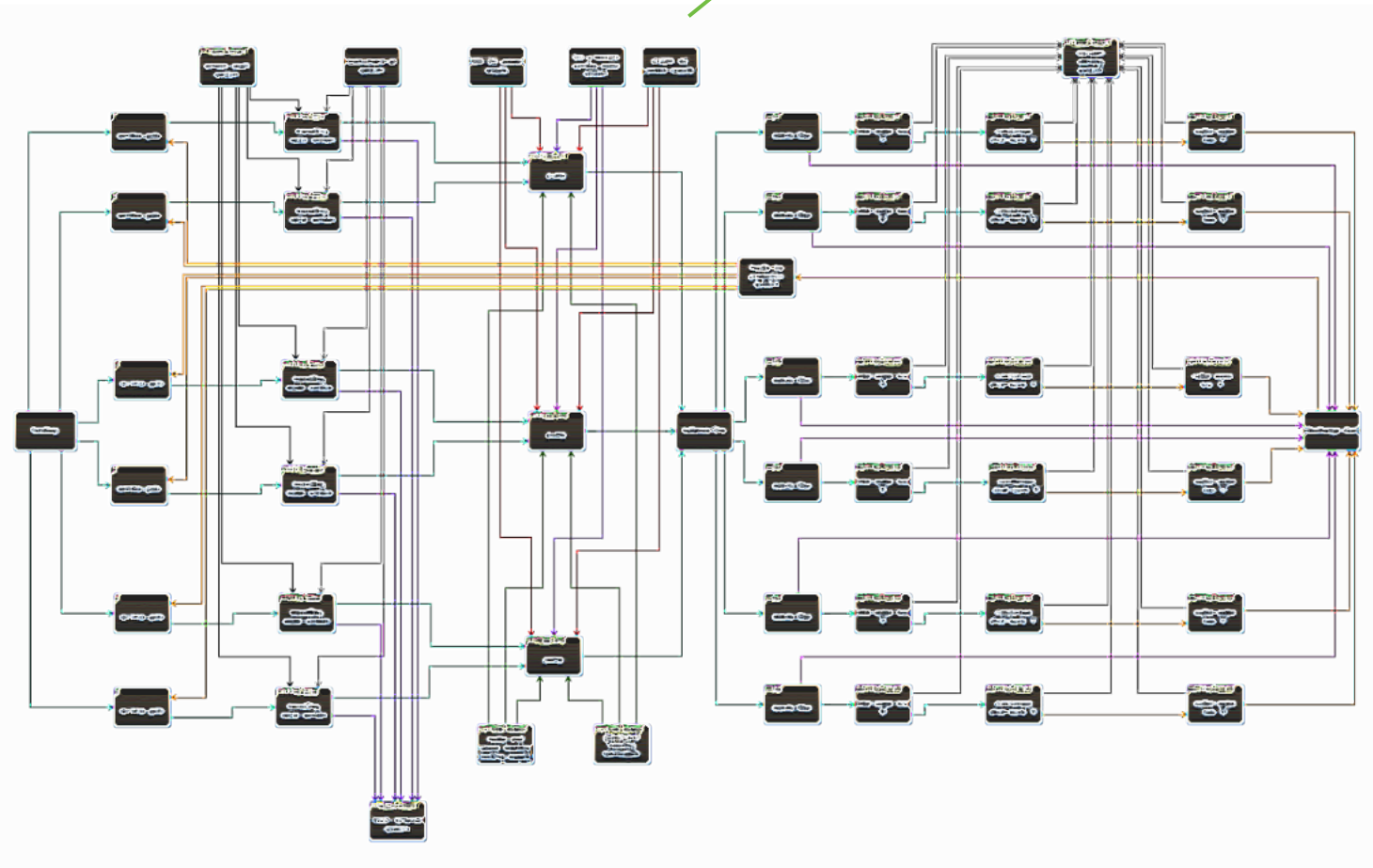
Data is not enough!



System MBSE Modeling

- **MBSE model structure**
 - Form (i.e., which elements are part of the structures, systems, and components)
 - Function (i.e., how systems and assets interact with each other, and which functions they support)
- **CWS model (LML)** includes
 - All major CCW assets
 - Most of CCW minor components
 - Supporting systems
 - Elements of the condenser
 - Link to existing OPM models (pumps)
 - Link to available numeric data

Translated into graph structure (i.e., neo4j)



Analysis of Textual Data

- **Technical Language Processing (TLP)** methods

- From text to knowledge

- **Developed functionalities**

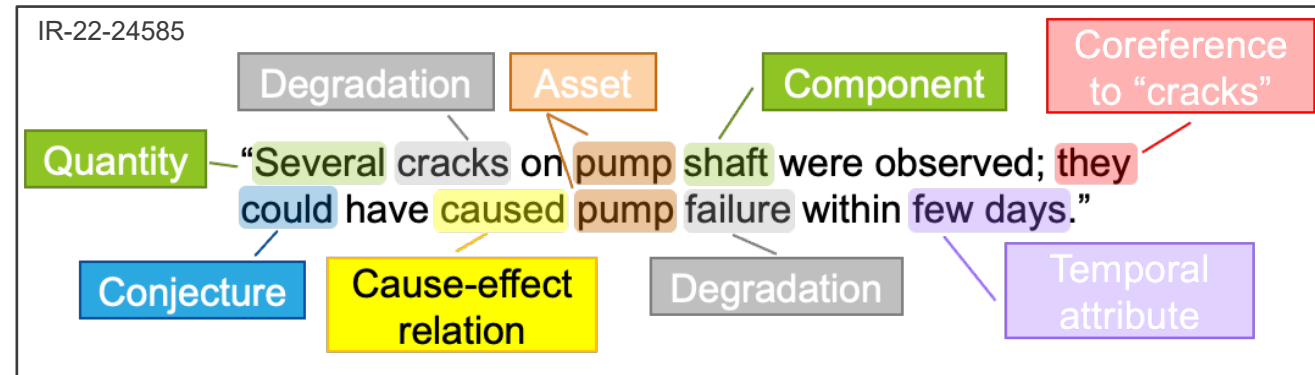
- Spell check and abbreviation handling
 - Identification

- Nuclear related keywords
 - Temporal and location attributes
 - Measured quantities

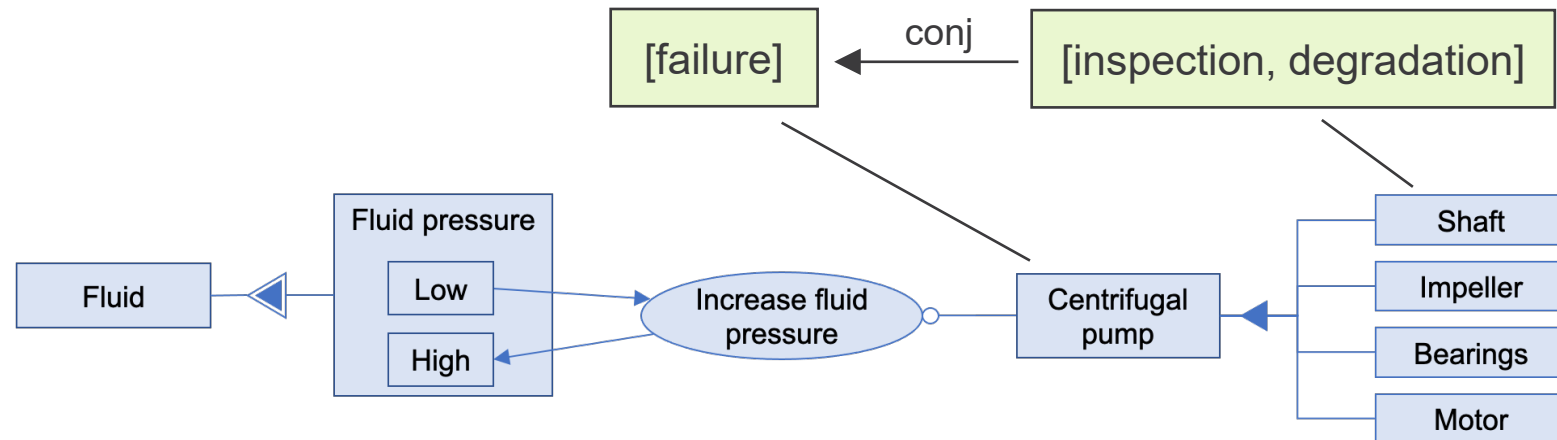
- Assessment reported event

- Event nature (e.g., inspection, maintenance)
 - Component health assessment
 - Cause-effect relations

- Link data to MBSE model entities

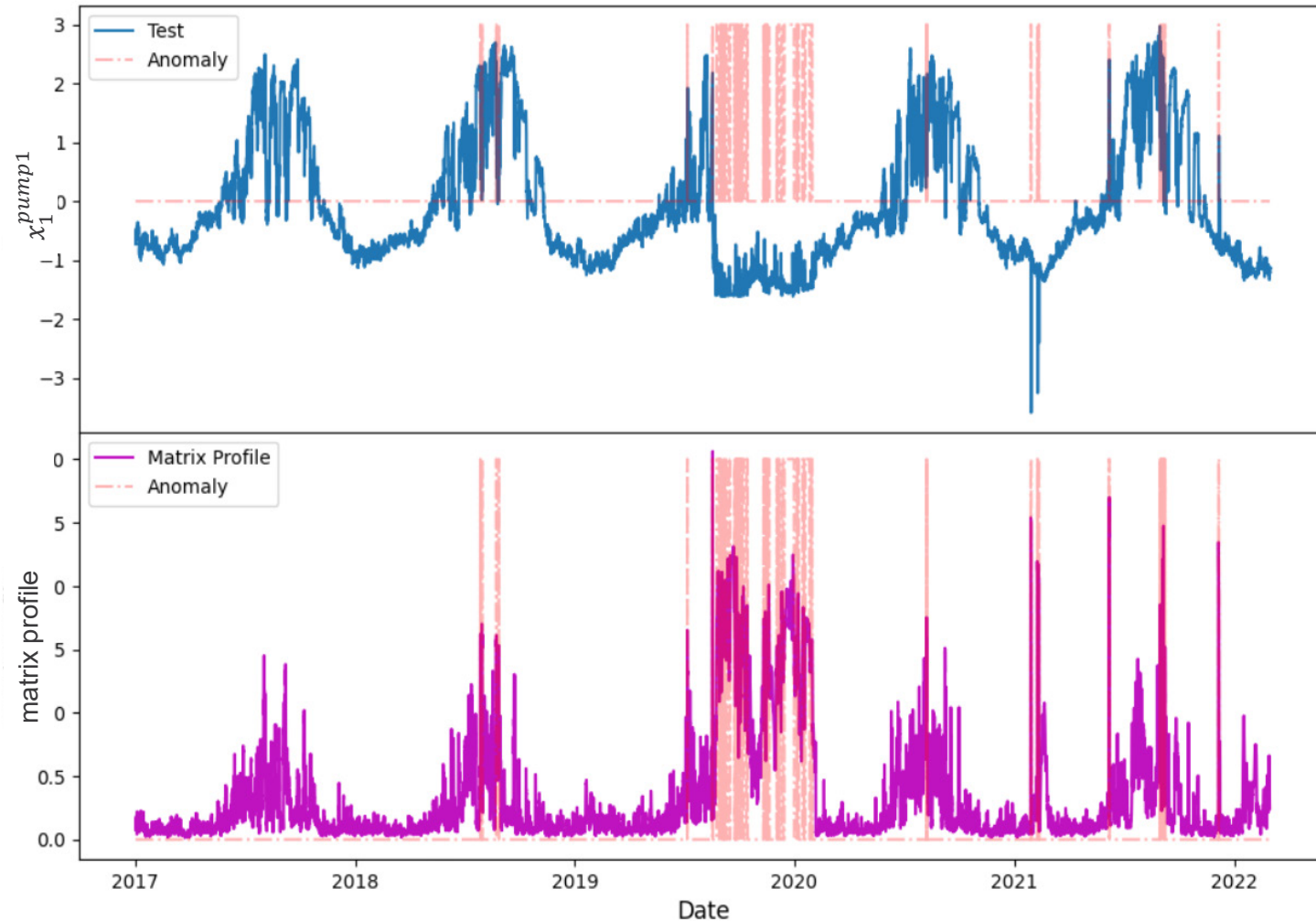


Text summarization



Analysis of Numeric Data

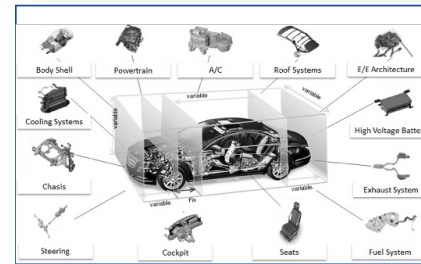
- Focus on the identification of abnormal events
- Development of anomaly detection methods
 - Machine learning models
 - Matrix profile (distance based)
- Strong seasonality behaviors
- **Extension to multivariate analysis through a cause-effect lens**
 - Based on MBSE models
 - Pinpoint “patient 0” from a set of anomalies
 - Differentiate between IC- and phenomena-related anomalies



Capturing System Knowledge

- Knowledge is stored in the form of a graph database
 - MBSE graphs are the underlying skeleton
- Data elements are associated and linked to specific MBSE entities
- Data is put into an **MBSE context**
- **Knowledge graph captures system architecture and data**
- **Machine reasoning:** Identification of causal relationships between data elements
 - Requires two conditions: logical and temporal

System architecture



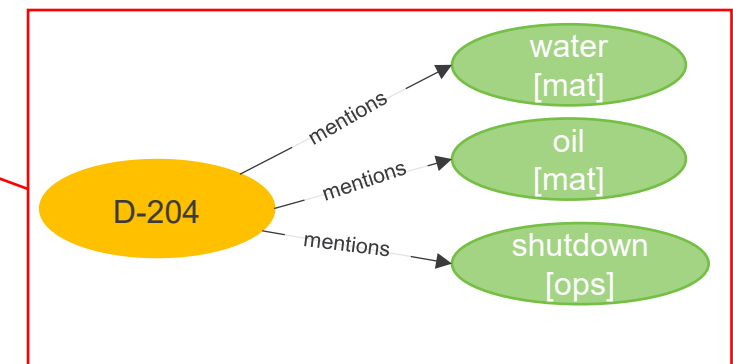
Data



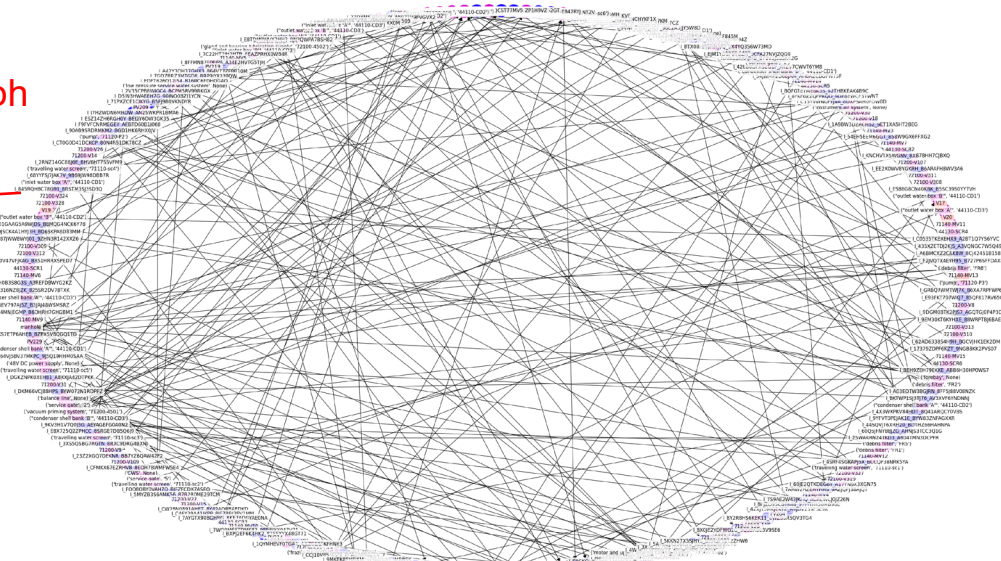
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1-20-PM1 was discovered to have water/oil mixture in sight glass. Pump was shutdown.

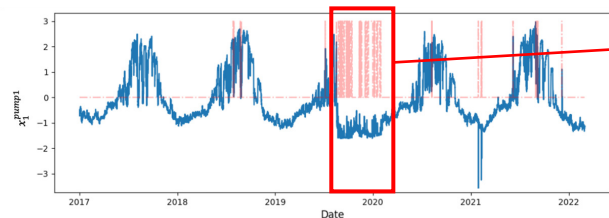
TLP



MBSE-based graph (system architecture)



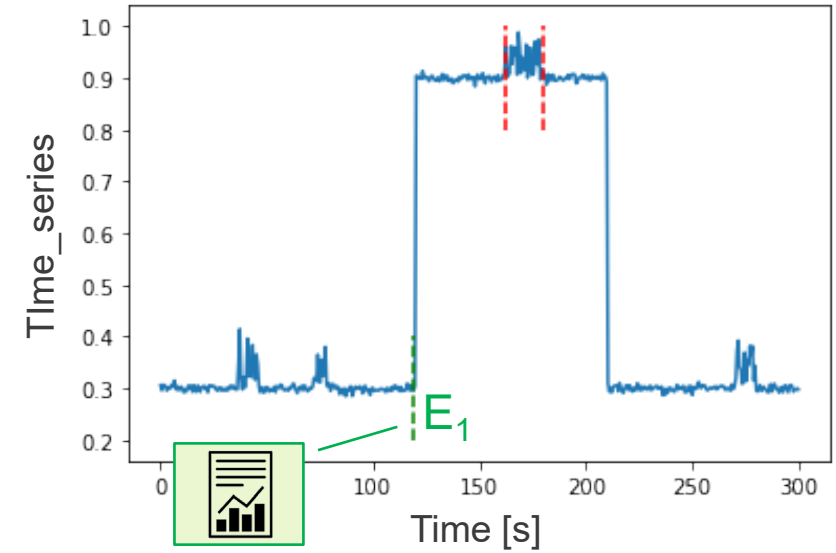
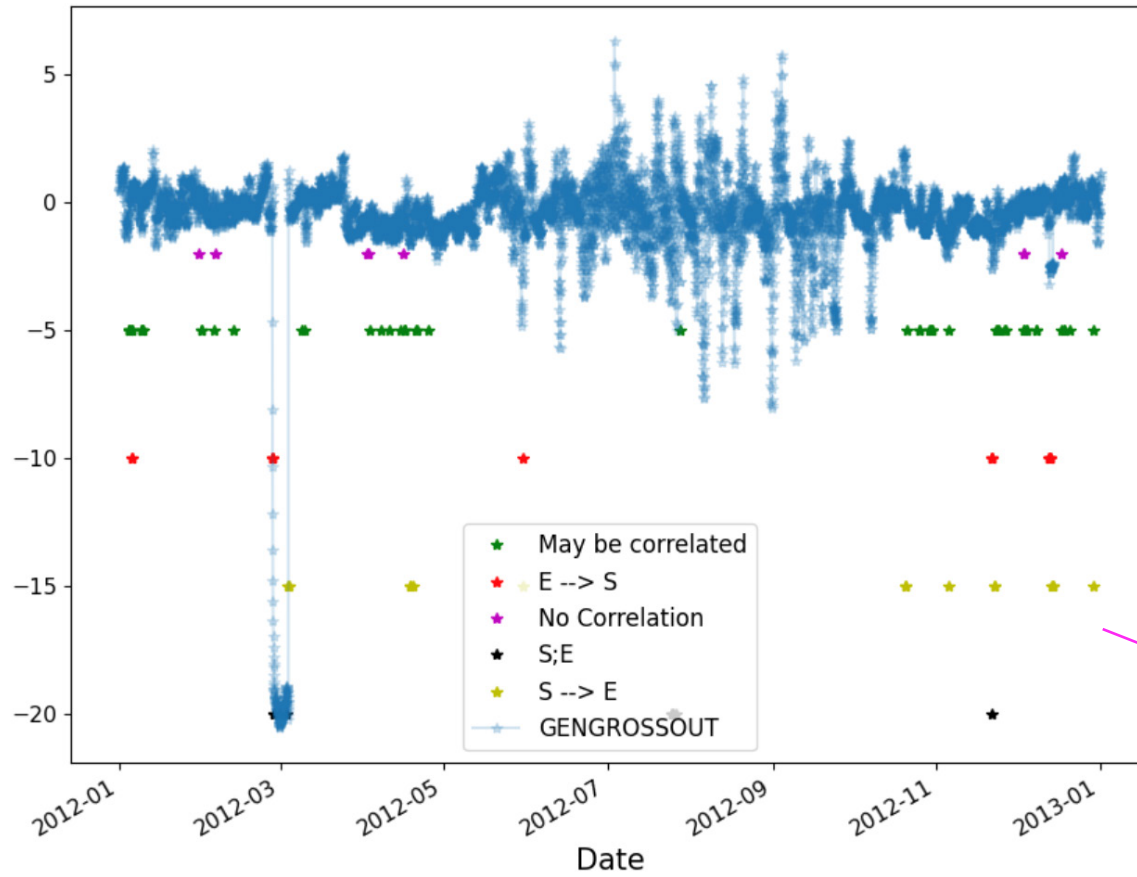
Anomaly association to knowledge graph



Textual data association to knowledge graph

Temporally Correlation Analysis

- **Correlation between event and time series:** Measuring statistical difference between the portions of the time series before and after the occurrence of an event
 - Two-sample hypothesis testing (Maximum Mean Discrepancy algorithm)



TLP

(E_1, T_1)

$(E_1 \rightarrow TS; T_1)$

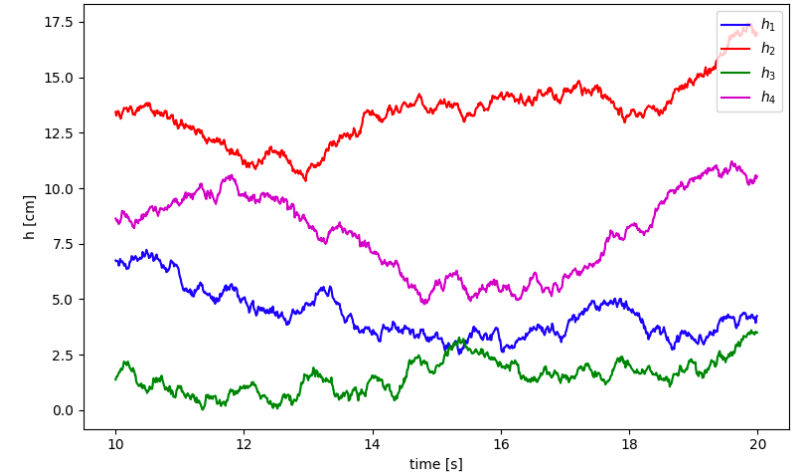
Two-sample testing

Order, concurrency and coincidence among events and time series are fully captured



Analysis of Numeric Data: Next Step

- Model centric approach to data analytics: Based on causal inference
- Goal: Extract causal information among observed variables
 - Discover and quantify causal relations among observed data
 - Data translated in graphs: Structural causal models



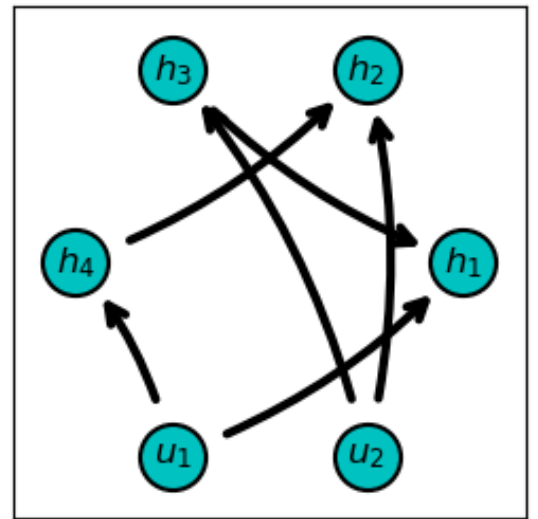
Def. Cause-Effect Relation ($A \rightarrow B$).
A physical phenomena such that a change in A leads to a change in B

Statistical conditional independence testing

Statistical regression modeling

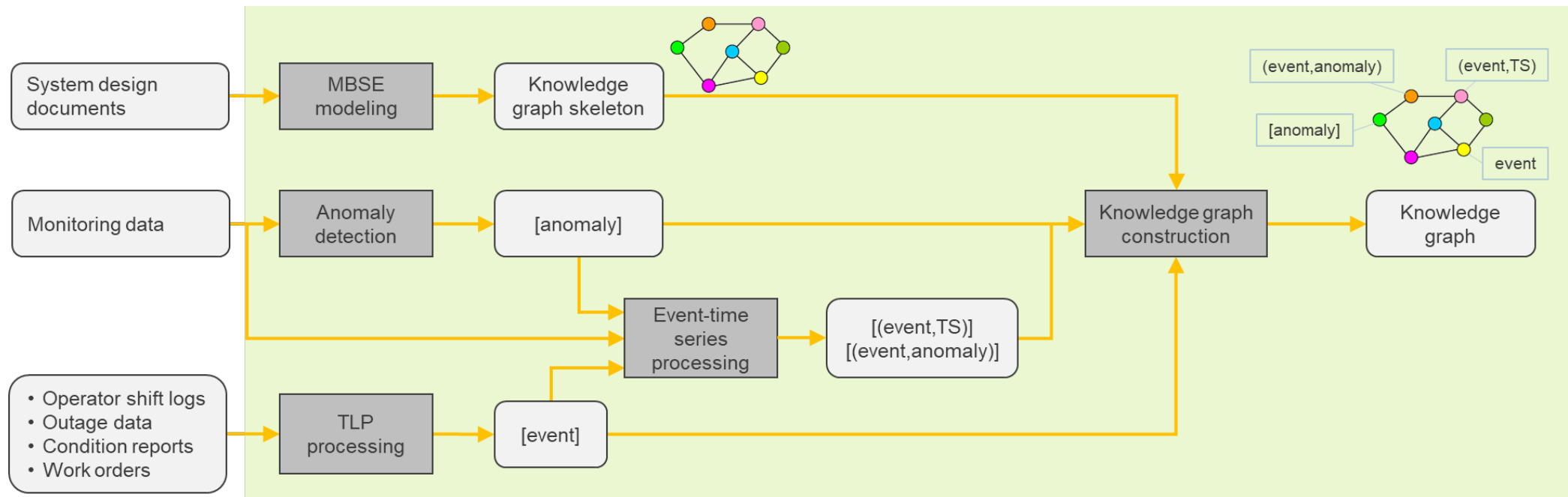


- Focus on the relations between variables rather than the variables themselves
- MBSE models are used to inform the process of causal discovery
- Applications
 - Formulate control profiles
 - Anomaly detection
 - Test hypotheses (e.g., missing edge has emerged)



Summary and Developed Workflow

- **Advanced data analytics methods**
 - Extracting knowledge from textual data
 - Quantifying asset behaviors through causal inference
 - Summarize system performance in an MBSE-based knowledge graph
- **Tool:** Digital Analytics, Causal Knowledge Acquisition and Reasoning for Technical Language Processing (<https://github.com/idaholab/DACKAR>)





Sustaining National Nuclear Assets

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