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## Concept of an Inference Procedure for Fault Detection in Production Planning

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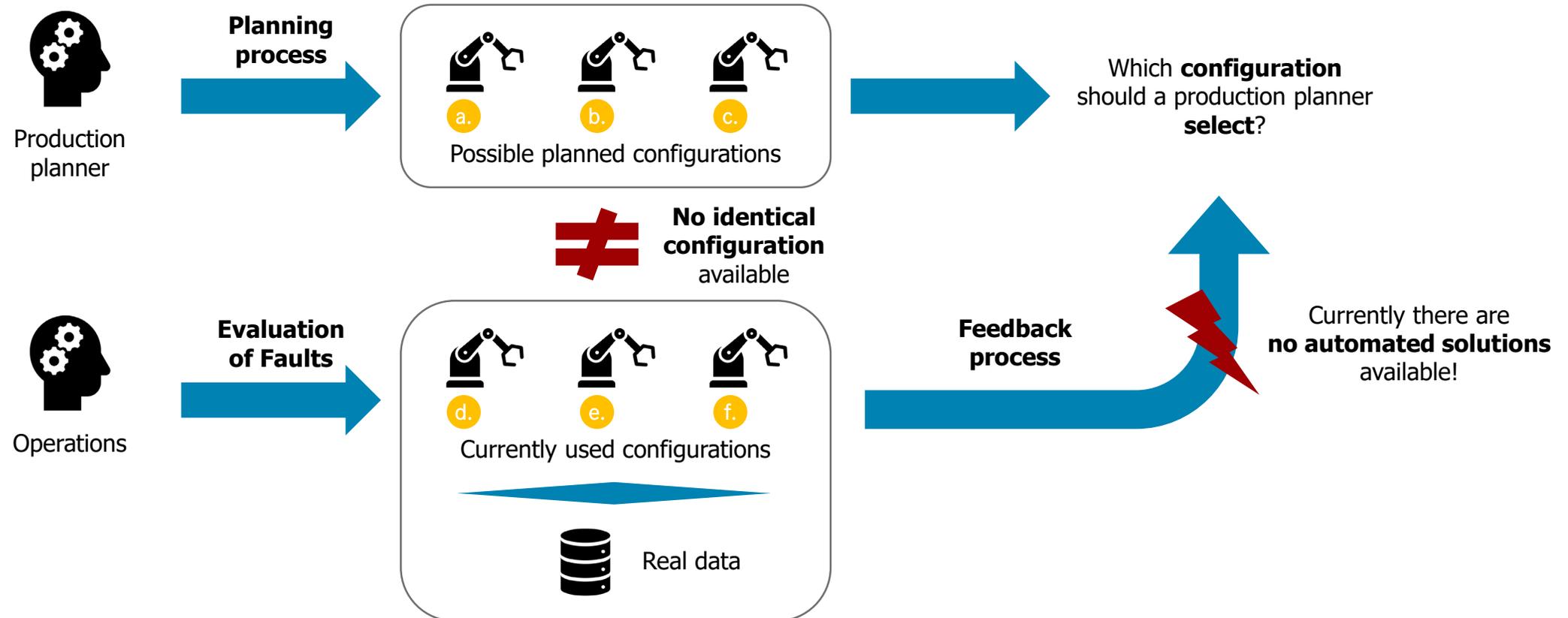
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# Current challenges & problems | There currently exists no coherent inference procedure from operation back to production planning

Sketch of the challenges in the planning process



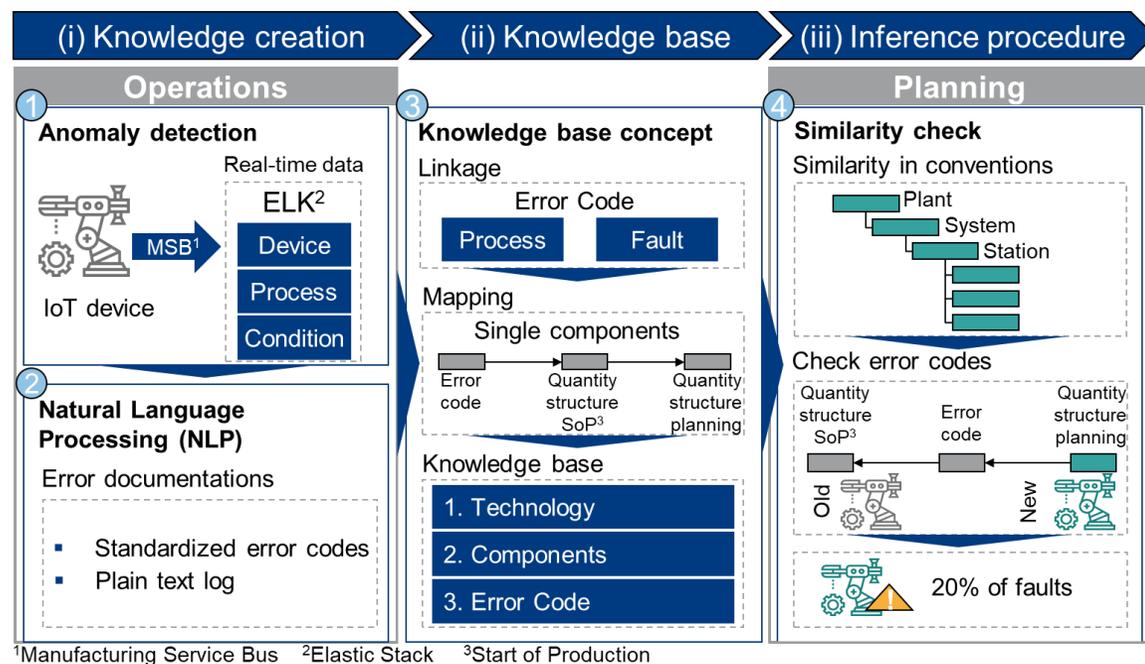
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# Former ideas & concepts | A former concepts by Gelwer et al. proposed

## i. knowledge creation, ii. knowledge base and iii. inference procure steps

### Preceding Concept by Gelwer et al.



Concept for data consistency checks between operation and production planning enabling an improved knowledge of past errors in planning by Gelwer et al. (1)

### Description of Concept

- i. Knowledge Creation
  - Anomaly detection is conducted
  - Usage of data from Internet of Things (IoT) devices
  - Data provided by a Manufacturing Service Bus (MSB)
  - Natural Language Processing (NLP) is applied for analyzing the error documentation
  - Described faults within shift logs should then be classified using standardized error codes
- ii. Knowledge Base
  - Linkage of the technical description of the occurred faults and the affected processes within the error codes
  - Error codes are mapped with the hierarchical quantity structure
  - Adding of further contextual information
- iii. Inference Procedure
  - Quantity structure in production planning is compared to the documented faults in similar quantity structures after start of production (SoP)

# Limitations of the former concept | Major problems were already detected during the fault detection – this required a new approach

Found limitations during implementations studies | [i. Knowledge Creation](#)

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## High amount of different data types, faults, and needed methods

- No so-called **jack-of-all-trades algorithm** or method for a **consistent anomaly detection** exists
- Using the typology of Foorthuis (2) out of 9 types with 63 subtypes of anomalies, **38 different subtypes** from all 9 types of anomalies are expected within the data
- Used algorithms **heavily relied** on **well-labeled data, test datasets**, or **required an extensive amount of prior investigation** for setting up valid parameters



## Error states are very rare

- Error states are only **occasionally and not consistently labeled**
- We estimate more than an **additional decade of runtime** using same configurations, as comparability is necessary, for creating sufficient error instances



## NLP is only limited usable

- **Limited amount of shift log** entries exist, but a high training data size is required (3)
- Documentation often **lacks the required details** in delimitation of the different types of faults or error codes due to **implicit knowledge** of the workers
- Shift logs could be used to **determine if an error occurred** but not what error occurred



## Real-time streaming data is difficult to implement

- **Technically complicated** to implement (4)
- Not necessary since **no short-term, and quick call** for action is given

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## Fault and machinery patterns are not documented

- **Linking patterns** might help to identify the specific error more precisely
- Enables a **comparison** it with **similar faults**, a comparison of solutions for these similar faults, and in conclusion enables targeted countermeasures
- Patterns could be **transferred and reused** in stage (i)



## Only the quantity structure offers little information about the component

- **Position, usage, and linked processes are changing** during the **production planning process** that renders the reasoning behind the choice unclear
- Important **contextual information is not documented** within the quantity structure during production planning and start of production
- A component might cause **comparable errors within different quantity structures**
- **Contextual information** about technologies, parts, usage, processes, and products might offer more explanatory value in describing errors

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## A fleshed-out ontology is needed

- **Quantity structure** itself, even if tracked within start of production and production planning, is **not enough to detect similar set-ups**
- **Different quantity structures share comparable faults**, and solving the faults in these different quantity structures might offer very important insights and enable solutions
- Provide **additional information** about types, linkages, relations, and the interaction of product, process, and resources
- Domain information needs to be **embedded in an ontology**



## No metric exists to determine similarity

- The proposed ontology must offer the **possibility to apply a quantifiable similarity measure**
- **Similar setups** and their respective faults should be given **more weight**
- The **predicted error-proneness** of the new configuration is **correlated to the distance measure** between the new and past configuration

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# Derived principles | Using the found limitation, we were able to derive 6 relevant principles for future concepts

The relevant findings from the discussion of the preceding concept can be expressed by the following six principles:

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- 1** **A normal model needs to be defined, and all data deviating from the normal model should be classified as generic faults**
  - Since faults are rare in the data, an approach using labeled faults requires more labeled training data than currently available
  - The use of only supervised approaches is not recommended
- 2** **Since shift logs can be used to identify if any error occurred**
  - Enable spotting of time frames of interest for finding error patterns
  - Not all data are analyzed but data occurring during days with entries in the shift logs are
- 3** **The classified patterns are the classification criteria for all anomalies**
  - Using the deviations from the normal data, these findings can then be compared regarding their unique patterns
  - Building a new fault classification structure
- 4** **Configuration must be enriched with contextual data**
  - Fault patterns might be highly individual for each configuration
  - Enables a deeper contextual anomaly detection and a real causality analysis
- 5** **An additional ontology must be created**
  - Configurations are currently solely dependent on their quantity structure
  - Make configurations more specific and comparable beyond the quantity structure
- 6** **A metric must be developed**
  - Comparing the similarity of configurations independently of their hierarchical position
  - Based on the newly created ontology

# Problem definition | The risk assessment of a new configuration depends on the current configuration risk and a similarity measure

To address the requirements discussed, we build a fundamental logic on how to feed errors back

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The risk of any error occurring in configuration  $k$  is then given as following expression:

$$r_k = \sum_{e_j \in E_k} P(e_j | \theta_k)$$

The metric should then give an approximation of the possible error states using the configuration  $k$  as base.

$$r_{k^*} \approx \sum_{e_j \in E_k} P(e_j | \Delta(\theta_{k^*}, \theta_k), \theta_k)$$

For each error, a relation between configuration  $k$  and  $k^*$  dependent on the distance measure is assumed.

$$P(e_j | \Delta(\theta_{k^*}, \theta_k), \theta_k) \sim P(e_j | \theta_k) \circ \Delta(\theta_{k^*}, \theta_k)$$

In order to conduct a risk assessment of a new configuration  $k^*$ , the following challenges need to be addressed:

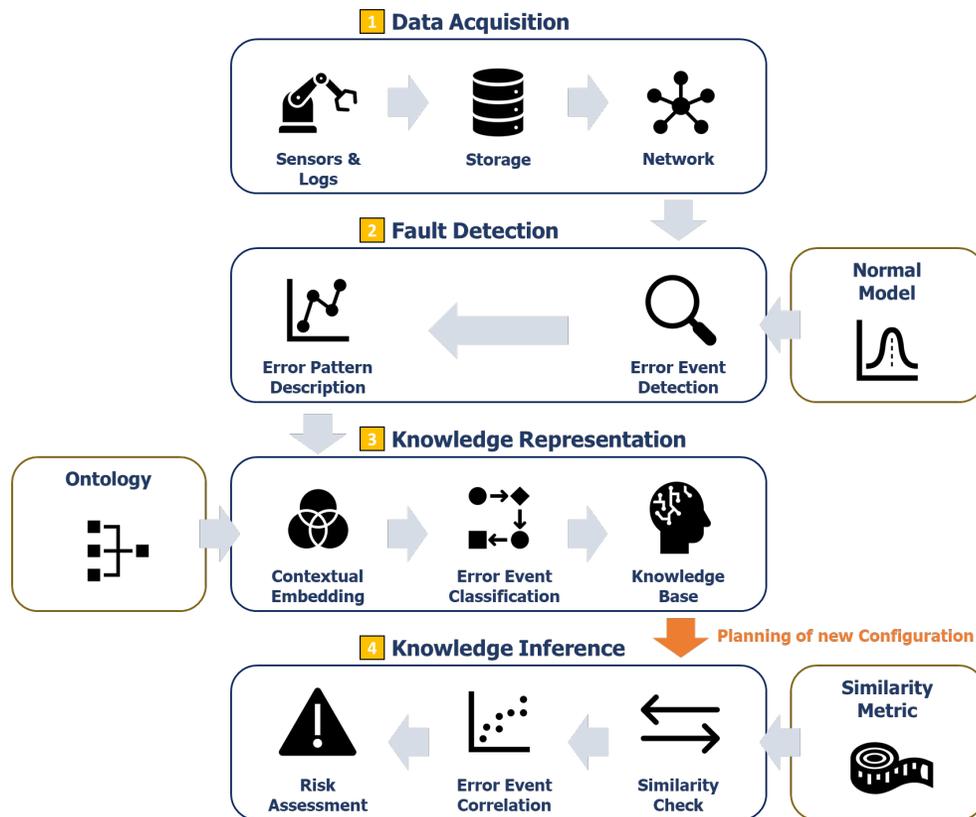
- The **risk assessment of base configuration  $k$**  is necessary
- There needs to be a **valid definition of a metric**
- Using the metric and risk assessment of  $k$ , a **risk assessment of  $k^*$**  must be derived

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# Proposed concept | The concept uses 1. data acquisition, 2. fault detection, 3. knowledge representation, and 4. knowledge inference

## Proposed concept

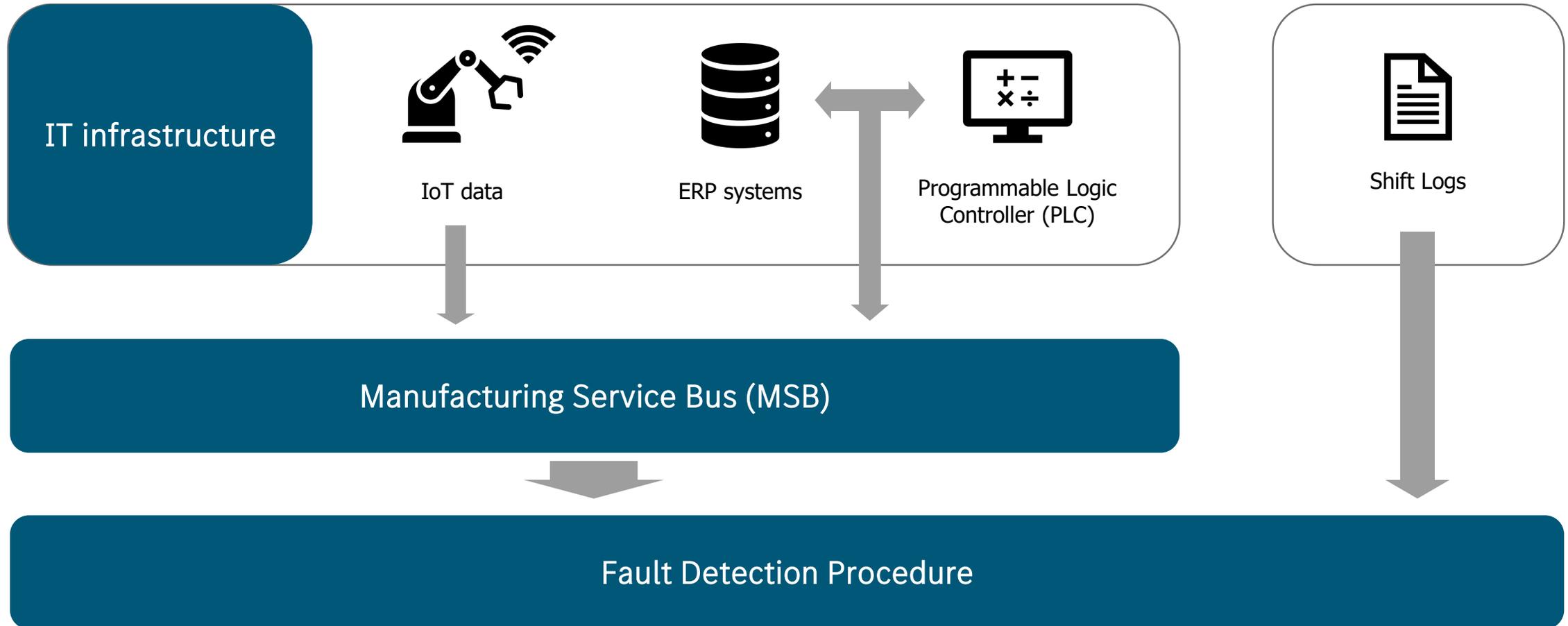


## Description

- 1 Data Acquisition**
  - Process of collecting, processing, storing, and providing the data in order to conduct a fault detection
- 2 Fault Detection**
  - Accesses the normal model to use for a detection if any kind of event happened and to describe the event patterns
  - Detecting if any event happened before classifying or describing the event
- 3 Knowledge Representation**
  - Pattern and error events are then embedded in the ontology of the configuration
  - Events are documented by defined patterns and are occurring within delimited areas and applications
  - The probability of occurrence can be determined by predictive pattern mining of the specific error event
- 4 Knowledge Inference**
  - A new planned configuration is compared to configurations in the knowledge base by applying the defined metric

# 1 Data acquisition | Data are provided via a MSB, which worked quite well in our implementation studies

Proposed concept for data acquisition



## 2 Fault detection | Since normal data are common, the normal model is applied as a base for the determination of a normal state and fault states

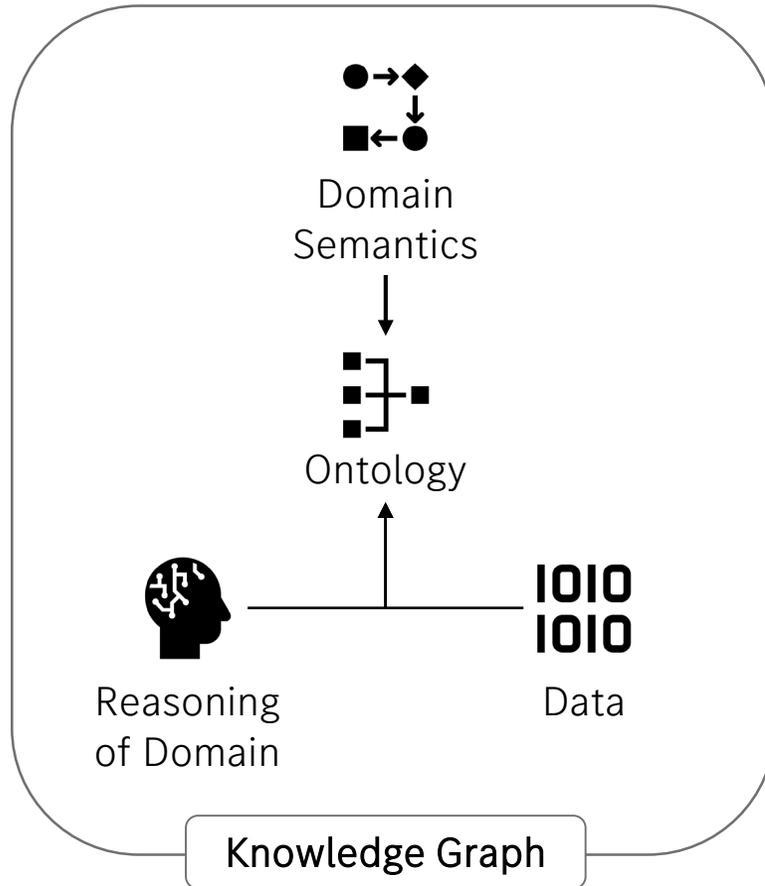
### Possible solutions for anomaly detection

Method	Advantages	Limits	Sources
Unsupervised learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commonly used (LOF, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High risk of falsely positive detection of noise in the data as faults</li> </ul>	n.a.
One-class Support Vector Machine (SVM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Normal data is leading the classification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overfitting due to anomalies within the normal data</li> </ul>	Schölkopf et al. (5)
Robust One-class SVM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Normal data is leading the classification</li> <li>Less sensitive to outliers in the normal data than common one-class SVM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High risk of falsely positive detection of noise in the data as faults</li> </ul>	Yin et al. (6)
Kernel Principal Component Analysis (PCA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Normal data is leading the classification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overfitting due to anomalies within the normal data</li> </ul>	Hoffmann (7)
Comprehensive Digital Twin (DT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Usage of simpler distance-based methods</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires extensive set-up of a DT</li> </ul>	Tao et al. (8)
Autoregressive time series with distance-based metrics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Usage of simpler distance-based methods</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Might be too imprecise</li> <li>Requires data as time series</li> </ul>	Hau and Tong (9)
Cross correlation entropy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Normal data is leading the classification</li> <li>No additional modelling, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only identification of windows</li> <li>Requires data as time series</li> </ul>	Wang et al. (10)

Further focus

## 3 Knowledge representation | Since faults are very case specific, all information needs to be embedded in an ontology

### Definition of Ontology and Knowledge Graph



### Current challenges in applications

- Main challenges to solve for further implementations (11):
  1. Production models do **not follow the linked data principles** and require a **new vocabulary** instead of the re-usage of current used vocabularies
  2. The scope of currently used ontologies is **too application-specific** and not applicable in all areas of the production
- Most relevant for production planning in the automotive industry are the domains of **Product, Process, and Resources**, bundled in the **PPR concept** (12)
- Only the **linked and semantic description** of the faults are capable of setting up **contextual error identifications**
- An applicable ontology for the proposed concept must therefore combine:
  - Aspects of the **PPR concept**
  - Aspects of ontologies for a **contextual anomaly detection**
  - Aspects of **pattern mining**

# 3 Knowledge representation | Different domains, and information need to be analyzed for inclusion in the ontology

## Overview of discussed ontologies

Sources	Domains								
	Product	Process	Resources	Component taxonomy	Quantity structure	Features	Time	Location	Sensor
PPR concept (12)	✓	✓	✓						
Ming et al. (13)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Agyapong-Kodua et al. (14)	✓	✓	✓						
Giustozzi et al. (15)	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓

Further focus

## 4 Knowledge inference | To compare the risk and create a measure of fault probability, a metric needs to be developed

### Current challenges in applications

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- The concept should support a **rough planning** as the first step of the **production planning process**
- **Focus** of the rough planning is **more on resources than processes** since resources are main part of the cost calculation (16)
  - The similarity measure can **only be as good as the rough production planning**
  - During planning, more ontology types are added and **enable better similarity measures**
  - Ontology must be **imposed to planners, suppliers, and operation**

- In the definition of the metric a **contrary objective** arises:

The **metric must describes the error-proneness** of planned configurations based on current configurations



The **error-proneness** of the planned configurations **is itself derived from the distance measure** of the metric

- The metric to be defined is more likely a **fuzzy similarity assignment**, i.e., a probability that the configurations are similar

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# Conclusion | The concept is currently further researched at Mercedes-Benz Group AG - we hope to present the implementation studies soon

## Accomplishments

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- Six defined **principles** for future concepts
- Proposed **mathematical correlation definition** between the error-proneness of planned configurations based on current configurations
- Acknowledgment of the shortcomings of the former concept and proposal of an **advanced structure**:
  - **Data acquisition**
  - **Fault detection**
  - **Knowledge representation**
  - **Knowledge inference**
- These stages are enabled by the definition of:
  - **Normal model** as a basis for fault detection
  - **Ontology** for a valid representation
  - **Similarity metric** for target-oriented comparisons

## Further research topics & challenges

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- Set-up of a valid **ontology** within the manufacturing system
- Description and the derivation of a useful **metric** to determine similarity between configurations
- Selection of a useful **fault detection** method
- Set-up of a **use case oriented pattern mining**
- Analysis of the proposed **risk correlation**
- **Implementation** of the concept within an application at Mercedes-Benz Group AG

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