

# Artificial Intelligence in Manufacturing

Predicting, diagnosing and optimizing  
industrial assets and operations

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# Categorizing AI definitions

## Thought and Behavior

### Thinking Humanly

“[the automation of] activities that we associate with human thinking, activities such as decision making, problem solving, learning...” (Belman, 1978)

### Acting Humanly

“The art of creating machines that perform functions that require intelligence when performed by people” (Kurzweil, 1990)

### Thinking Rationally

“The study of the computations that make it possible to perceive, reason, act” (Winston, 1992)

### Acting Rationally

“AI ... is concerned with intelligent behavior in artifacts” (Nilsson, 1998)

IBM: “AI is the ability of a machine to perform cognitive functions we associate with human minds, such as perceiving, reasoning, learning, and problem solving.”  
Examples of technologies that enable AI to solve business problems are robotics and autonomous vehicles, computer vision, language, virtual agents, and machine learning.

# IoT for manufacturing is about how IoT helps to drive more efficiency in your “people, process and things”

## Intelligent assets and equipment

Intelligent assets and equipment utilizes IoT and cognitive capabilities to **sense, communicate and self-diagnose issues** so they can optimize their performance and reduce unnecessary downtime

34%

Decrease in equipment downtime at major global auto manufacturer

## Cognitive production processes

Cognitive operations and processes bring more certainty to business by analyzing a variety of information from workflows, context and environment to drive quality, enhance operations and decision-making.

25%

Increase in overall productivity at major European automaker

## Resource optimization, knowledge engineering

Utilize IoT and cognitive insight to **optimize resources (worker, energy, expertise)** using geolocation data, individual data, usage data and environmental conditions along with analytics.

8%

Annual saving in energy cost at IBM facilities



# Assets and Equipment

Asset intensive organizations need  
optimize their maintenance strategy  
helping them to remain competitive

30%

Maintenance activities carried out too  
frequently

45%

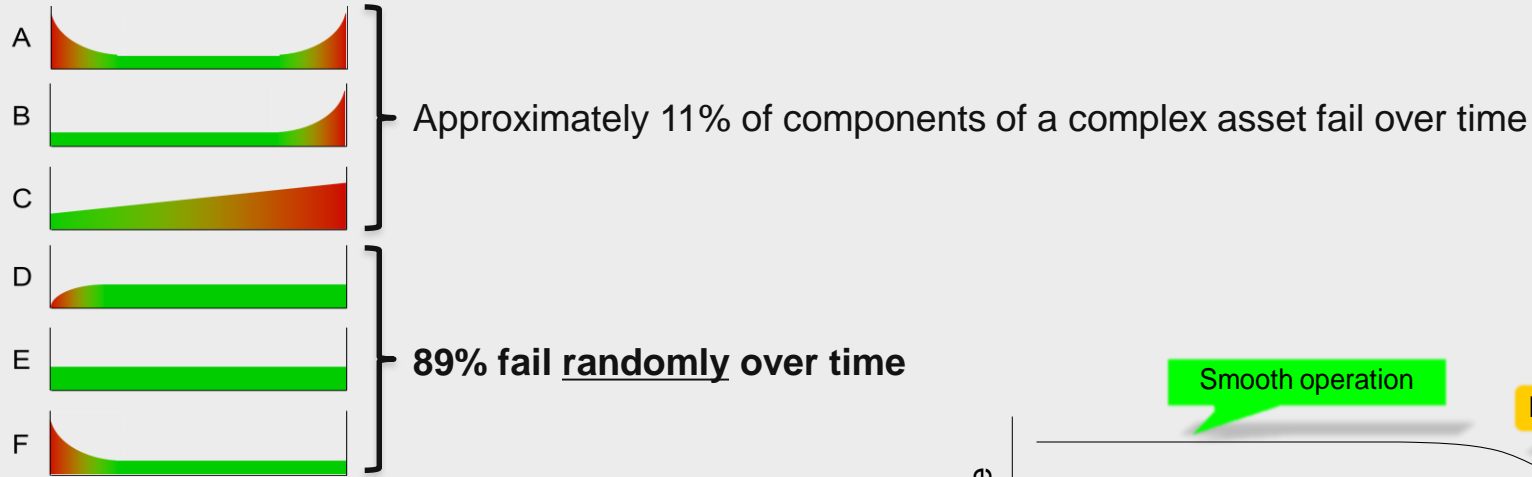
All maintenance efforts are ineffective

40%

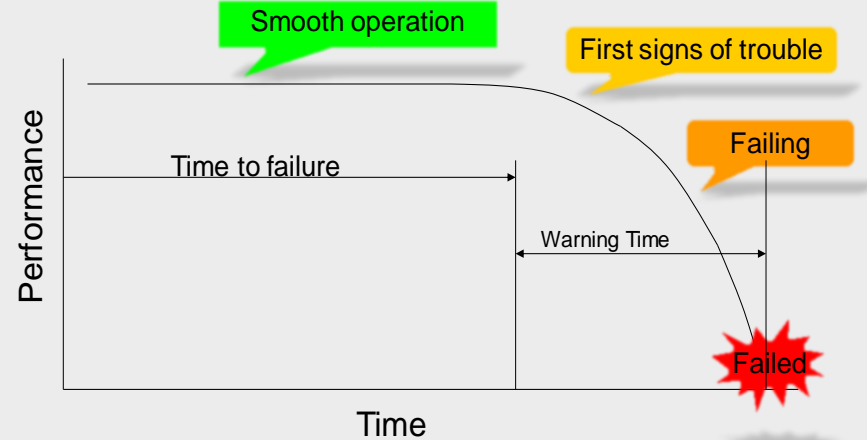
Scheduled maintenance costs are spent  
on assets with negligible effect on uptime



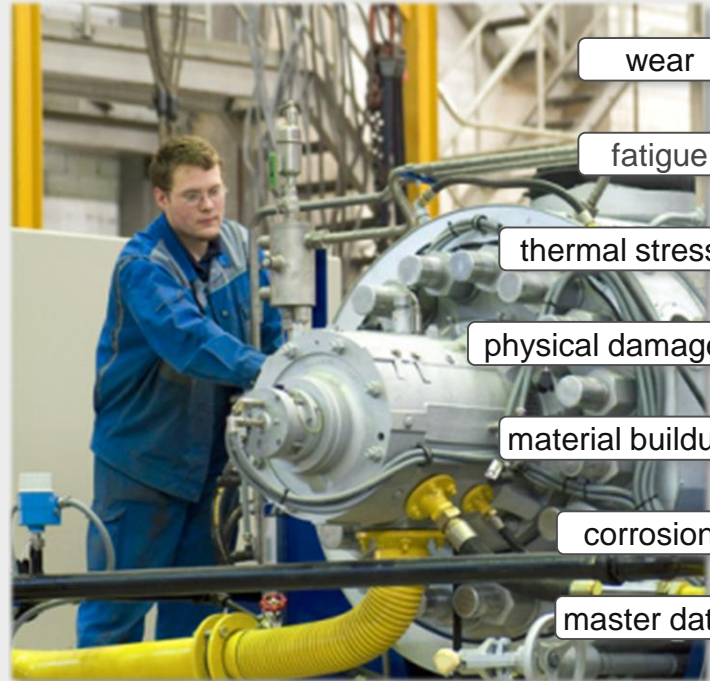
# Fundamental 'Truths' about Asset Management Today



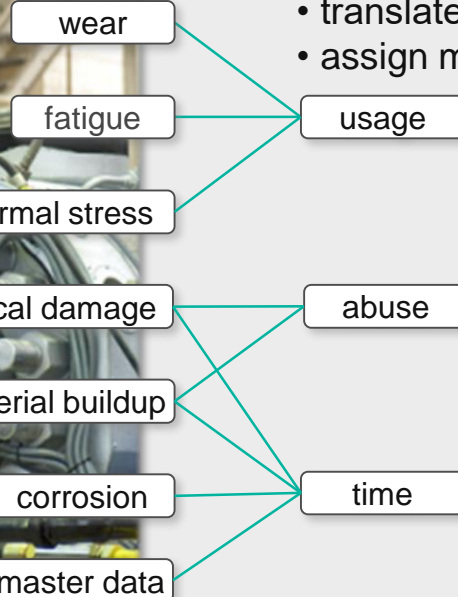
Addressing the 89% random failures with a combination of asset priorities data, operations data, maintenance data supported by analytics is key to being a leader in this challenge.



Machine learning automatically analyzes variables to correlate degree of use/abuse with failure



- identify metrics that are indicative of equipment failure
- discover how usage patterns influence failure patterns
- translate metrics into a “remaining days before failure”
- assign maintenance classification – over/under/well



#### Negative Contributors to Health

Lubricant Type

Environment

Operator Load

#### Predicted Failure Date

December 23 2016

34 Days before next scheduled maintenance on

January 7 2016

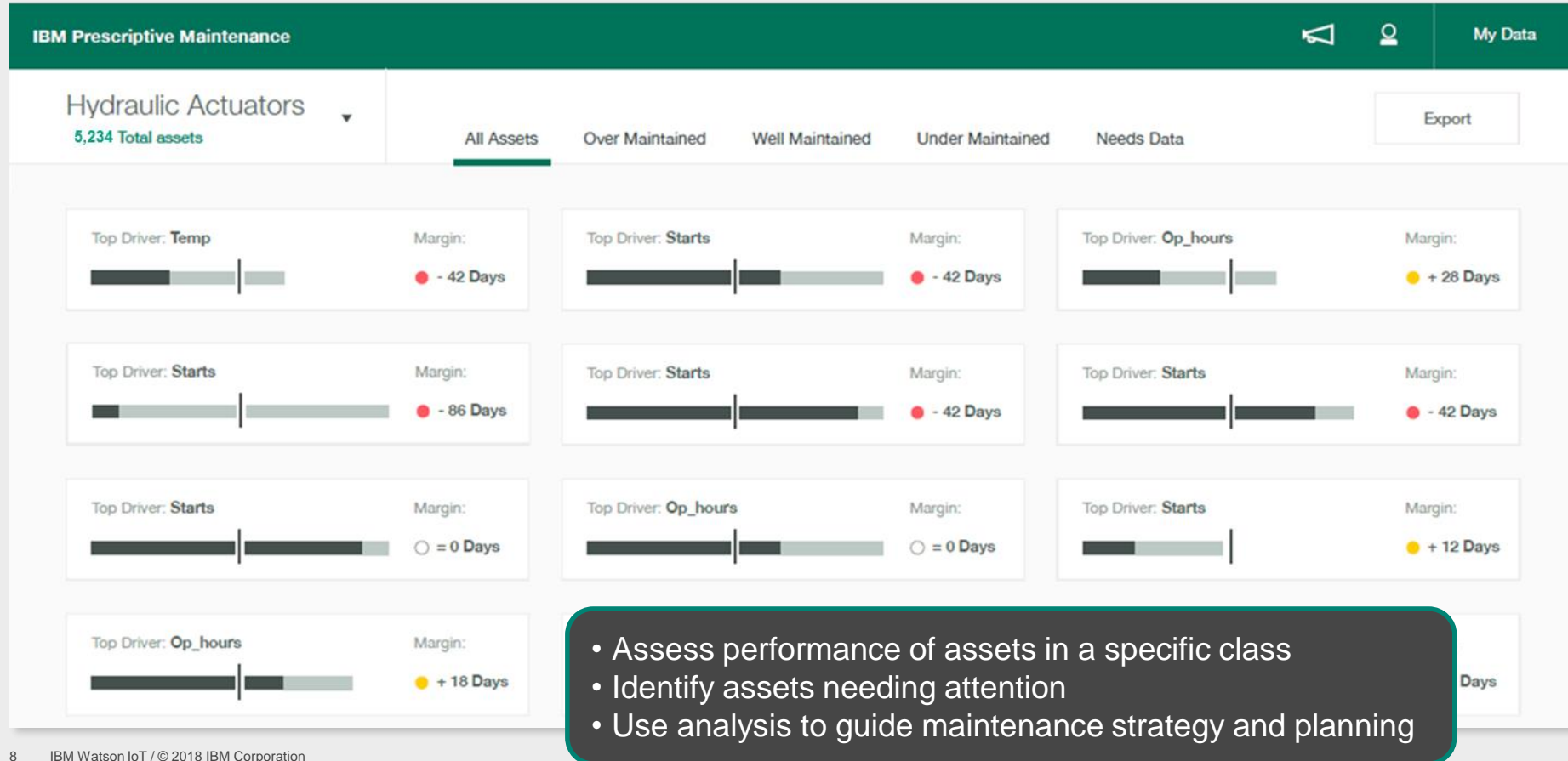
Top Driver: Starts



Margin:

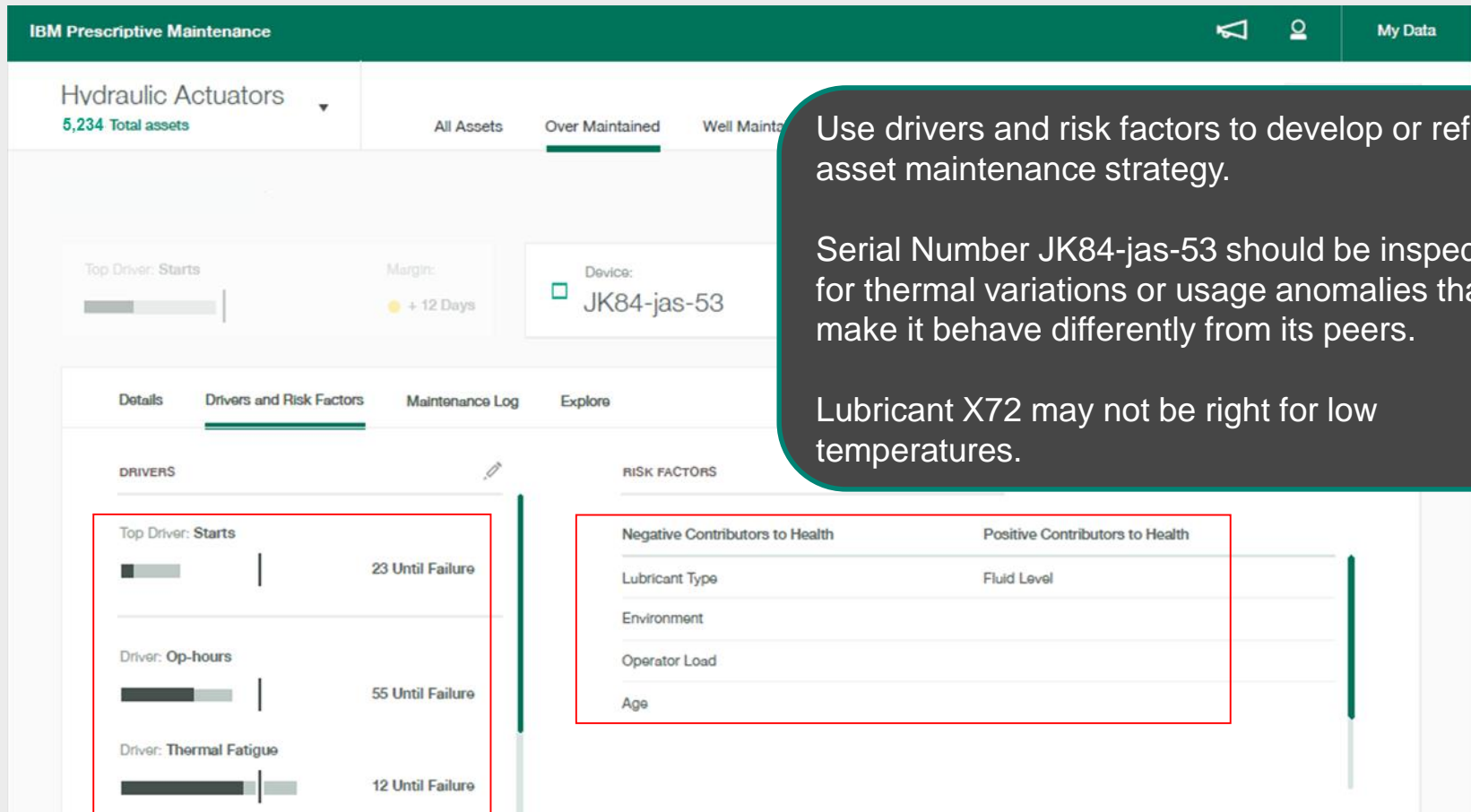
● - 34 Days

# Easily assess maintenance status of an asset class





# Machine learning identifies drivers and risk factors that influence asset health



Use drivers and risk factors to develop or refine asset maintenance strategy.

Serial Number JK84-jas-53 should be inspected for thermal variations or usage anomalies that make it behave differently from its peers.

Lubricant X72 may not be right for low temperatures.

# Jet Engine Manufacturer: avoid costly AOG events

- ✓ 97% accuracy in ability to predict delays and cancellations within 12 weeks
- ✓ 97% accuracy in ability to predict an in-flight shutdown within a year
- ✓ avoid millions of dollars in costs associated with grounded planes.



Use engine data obtained from various databases and sensors to predict and proactively address engine issues.

Analytics platform creates predictive models that alert the manufacturer to impending engine events. These alerts, and a dashboard visualization of engine-fleet health and risk status, enable the company to take proactive measures such as ordering and arranging preventive maintenance.

# Prediction use cases

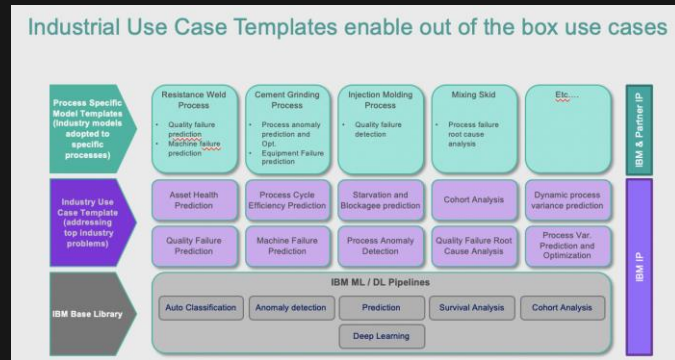
Quality Failure Prediction

Equipment Failure Prediction

Process Anomaly Detection

Process Variability Prediction and Optimization

Process Failure Root Cause Analysis



Example 1: Leak Detection

Example 2: Damage Simulation

Example 3: Simple Anomaly Model

Example 4: Automated Multi-mode Anomaly

Example 5: Automated Equipment Outlier Detection

Example 6: Pre-fail State Detection

Example 7: Hybrid Condition Monitoring / Survival Analysis

Example 7b: Pure Condition Monitoring

Example 7c: Predicting Failure in a fixed time interval

Example 8: Vibration Analysis Part 1: Explore

Example 8: Vibration Analysis Part 2: Model

Example 9: Sequence Analysis

Example 10: Selecting the best scheduling maintenance window

Example 11: Predictive Maintenance for Sporadically used Assets

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Example 12: Adjusting workload to fit a maintenance schedule

Example 13: Diagnosing Equipment Issues

# Increase yield of your manufacturing operations and processes

- ✓ 25% increase in overall productivity of cylinder-head line
- ✓ 50% reduction in time required to achieve process target levels
- ✓ 100% payback achieved within 2 years



A large European automaker worked with IBM IoT to analyze more than 500 performance variables using predictive models to identify specific parts of the production line that needed adjustment. Historical and real-time manufacturing variables including machine setting, material temperature and equipment maintenance activities all contributed to prediction engine for decision support

# Production processes

# Production Losses Impact Production Performance

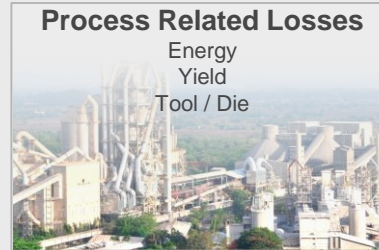
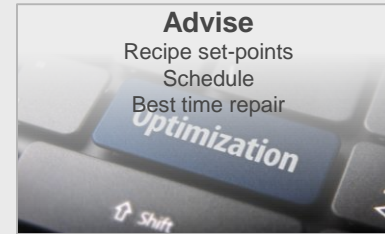
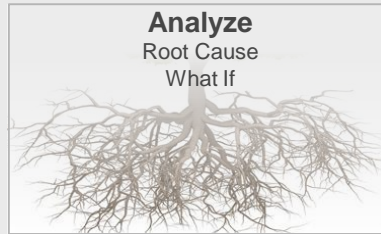
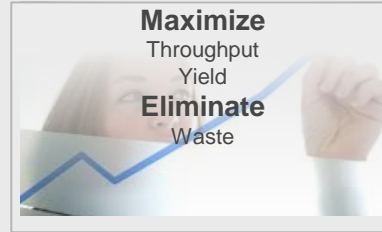
**Achieve  
Performance to  
Potential**



**Prescribe  
Best Action**



**Predict & Pinpoint  
Production  
Losses**

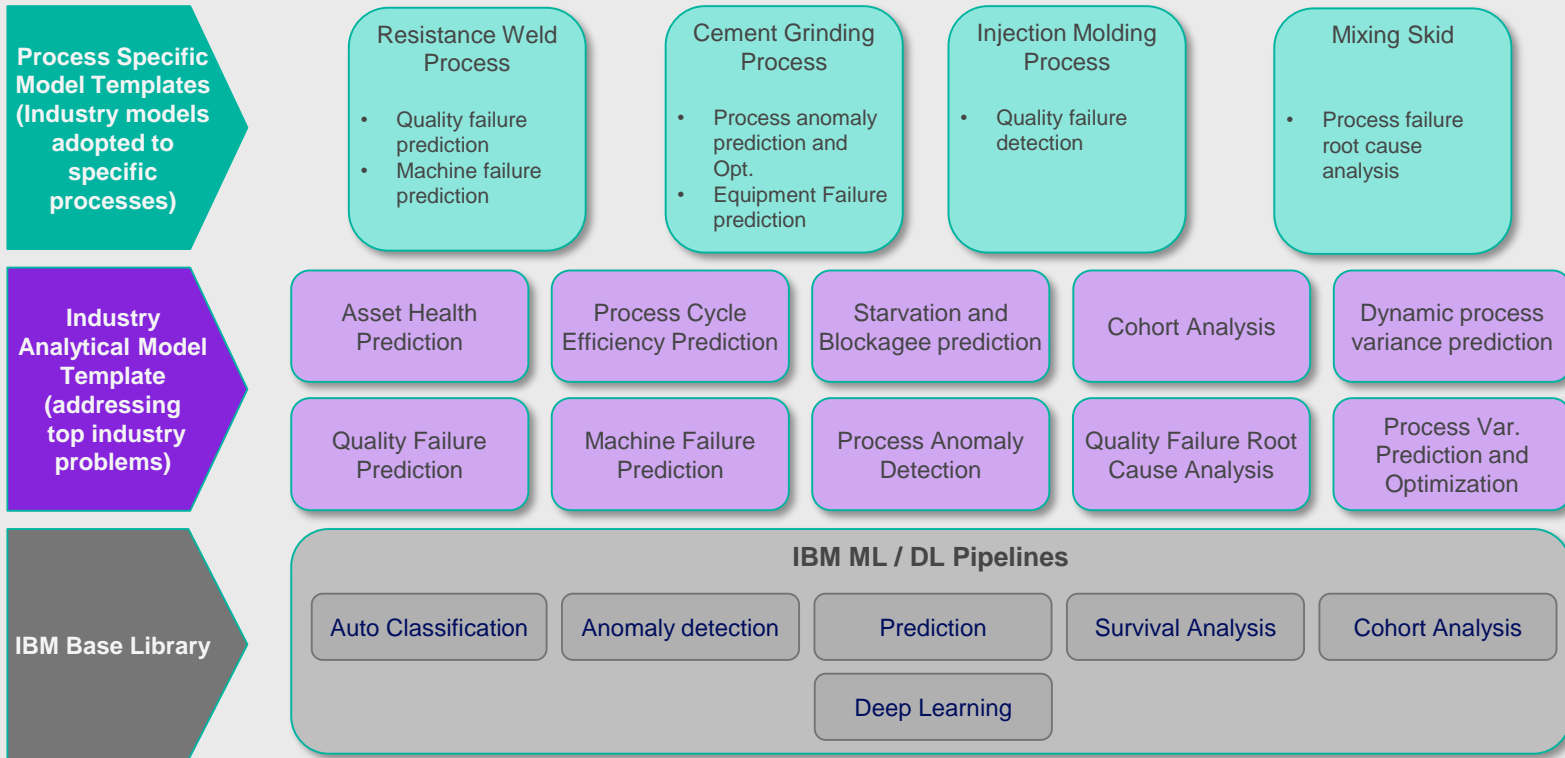


**Identify Losses, Eliminate Waste, Increase throughput and Optimize Production**



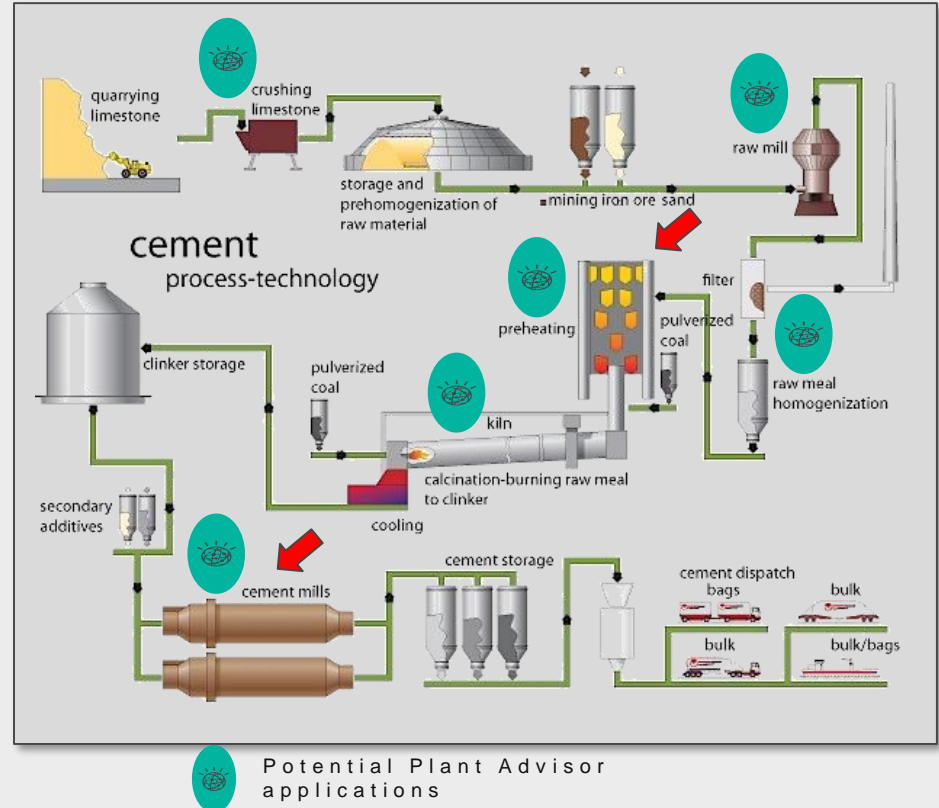
# Industrial Analytical Model Templates

## enable out of the box use cases



# Cement Production

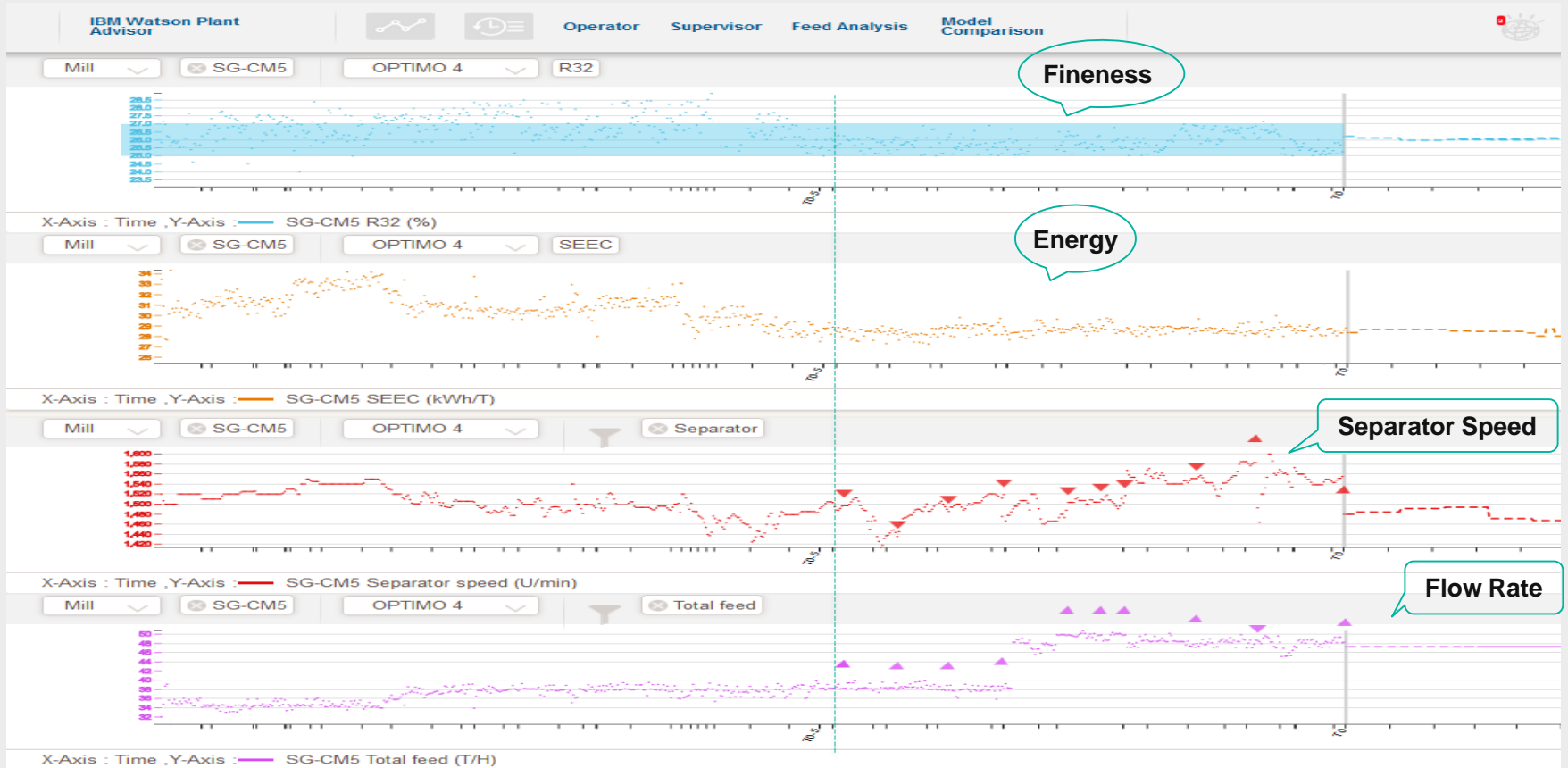
- High energy intensive process
- 40% variability from best to worst
- Inefficient operations are only identified after the fact, affecting profitability.
- Hard to understand complex multivariable correlations
- Hard to understand changes in plant behavior over time
- Few experts in the headquarters
- Hard to convey experience to novice operators / process engineers in a structured manner
- Knowledge is lost when an experienced plant engineer leaves the company
- Many plants around the globe



What if you could make every operator perform like your best operator?



# Cement Grinding Mill Optimization Results



## Variables

Target Variables

Manipulated Variables

Observed Variables

Unit	Explanation	
t	Total cement production of CM7	KPIs
kWh	Power Consumption	
kWh/t	<b>Specific power consumption of CM7</b>	
KW	Mill main motor power (HA1+HA2)	
t/h	Total mill fresh feed (Sum of all feeders)	Controllable
t/h	<b>Clinker feed. Main control variable</b>	
t/h	Gypsum feed	
t/h	Limestone feed	
t/h	Additives feed	
t/h	Clinker dust feed	
ML/MIN	Grinding aid dosing	
U/MIN	<b>Separator speed adapted by R32</b>	
%	Swirl blade pitch	
cm2/g	Blaine (LIMS)	Quality
	<b>Residue 32 mu sieve (LIMS)</b>	
	<b>Reject flow</b>	
hPa	Mill inlet under- pressure (Indicator of mill air flow)	
hPa	Mill Outlet under-pressure (Indicator of mill air flow)	
hPa	Differential Pressure over filter	
hPa	Differential Pressure over filter (Indicator of separator air flow)	
° C	Temperature cement (Air temp through mill used for cooling)	
° C	Clinker temperature	
GRD	Separator filter exit gas temperature that should be < ~ 100° C	
° C	Cement cooling air temp by mill and separator air flow (should be < ~ 90 deg)	
A	Bucket elevator current (Indicator for mill filling degree)	
A	Separator fan current (Indicator for Separator air flow)	
A	mill fan current (Indicator for mill air flow)	

## Machine Learning Pipeline

## Data definition

**Control**

Sum. fresh feed

Grinding aid

Separator speed

**Observed**

Mill Temperature

Clinker Temp.

Separator Temp.

Reject flow

Sep. fan current

Mill fan current

**Target**

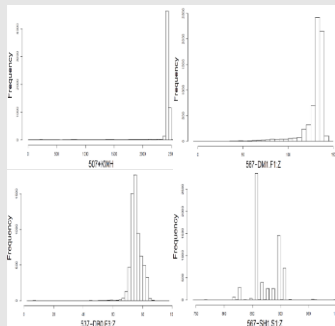
Electricity consumption

Cement fineness

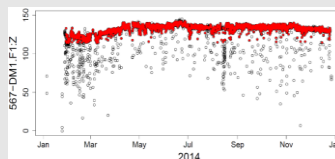
## Production Optimization

## data pre-processing

## Unsupervised learning

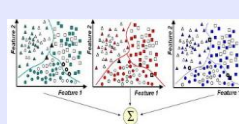


## Data filtering

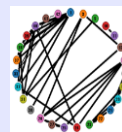


## ML libraries

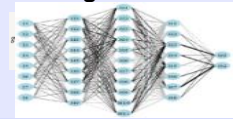
## Ensemble learning



## Sparse learning



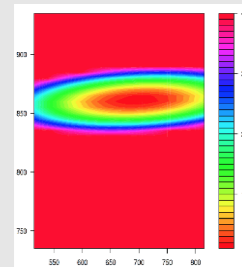
## Function shape learning



## Optimization

$$J(Y; \mathbf{x}) = \lambda_1 \|Q(Y; \mathbf{x}) - Q^T\|_2^2 + \lambda_2 \left( \text{Re}_j(Y; \mathbf{x}) + \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i Y_i \right) + \sum_{i=1}^m \gamma_i \|Y_i - Y_i^*\|_2^2$$

$$\arg \min_{Y \in \mathbb{R}^m} E[J(Y; \mathbf{x})]$$



# Knowledge engineering

# Increase worker productivity and expertise

- ✓ Collated 30+ years of engineering expertise
- ✓ Reduced onboarding and training time of new engineers
- ✓ Faster resolution of problems and increase productivity of workforce



Engineers at Woodside are training Watson to collate 30+ years of engineering experience in managing liquid gas facilities to create a cognitive advisory service to help employees across the organization resolve problems faster, improve process flow and achieve better operational outcomes.

# Cognitive diagnosis

Suggests the most likely **causes** for a given set of **symptoms**

Complements the Discovery-based intelligent querying capability

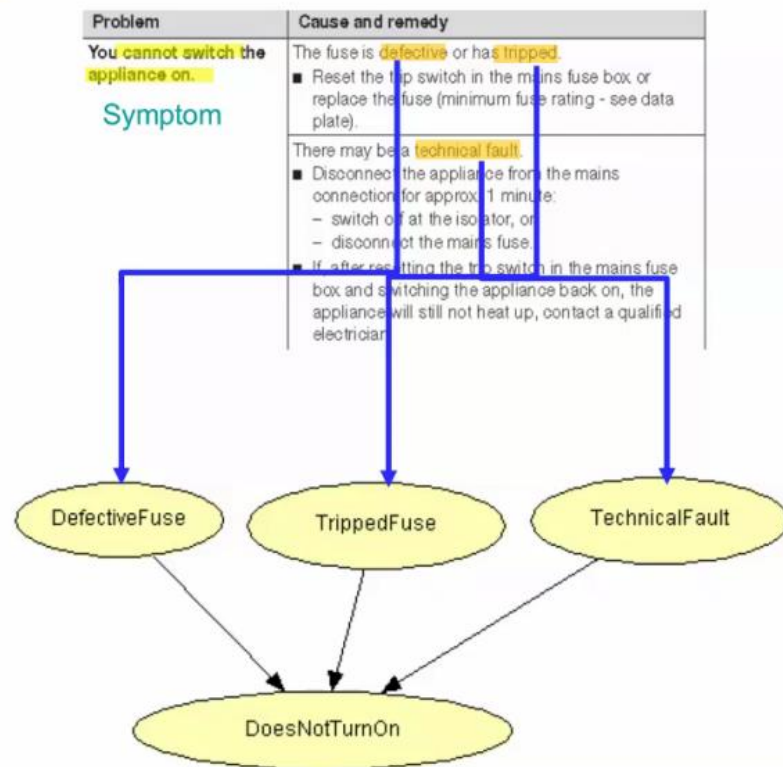
Particularly effective in complex cases involving multiple symptoms caused by multiple problems

Learns and improve based on usage in the field





# Client Case Study: Germany-based OEM



Client: German-based manufacturer of high-end domestic appliances and commercial equipment

## Business Challenge:

- Reduce unnecessary replacement of parts.
- Additional goals/Metrics of interest:
- Time spent by technicians
  - First-fix rate

## Solution:

- Two equipment types: dishwasher and steam oven
- Used diagnosis troubleshooting capability to help technicians diagnose the correct problem on malfunctioning equipment and provide recommendations

## Business Value:

- ~30% reduction for the electronic module parts replaced in the dishwasher
- Initial model for steam oven results: Watson top recommendation correct ~78% of the time

# Experience

## Fifteen-month engagement with a large appliance manufacturer

My dishwasher seems to function normally. The dishes seem clean, but the water from the last cycle remains in after it has stopped. The water is clear. I have read the manual and reset the system several times. It sounds like the pump is working well.

Analyse

### Description elements

The dishes seem clean

Ignore

water from the last cyclonele remains after it has stopped

Ignore

Water is clear

Ignore

Reset several times

Ignore

It sounds like the pump is working well

Ignore

+ Add...

A24

Error in PCB board #12

Ignore

B76

Water intake is blocked

Ignore

+ Add...

Refresh diagnostics

### Possible problems

58%

Electronics Module

Repairing instructions

Documentation

Hide  
Select

26%

Circulation Pump

Repairing instructions

Documentation

Hide  
Select

8%

Heating Relay

Repairing instructions

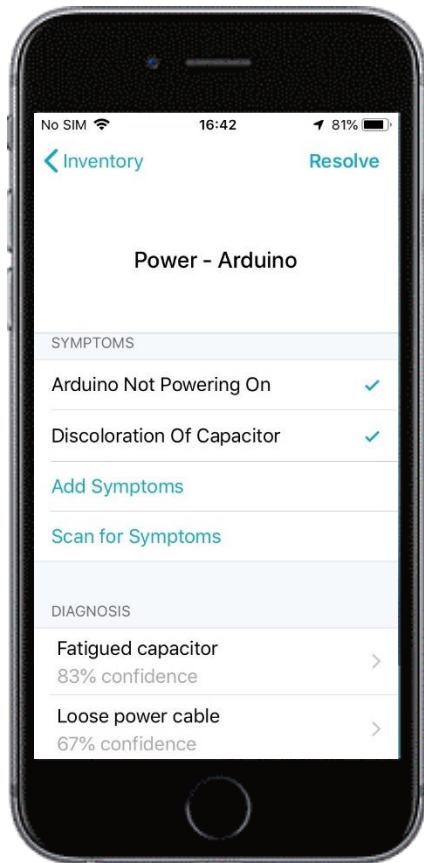
Documentation

Hide  
Select

Show 4 more possible problems with lower rate

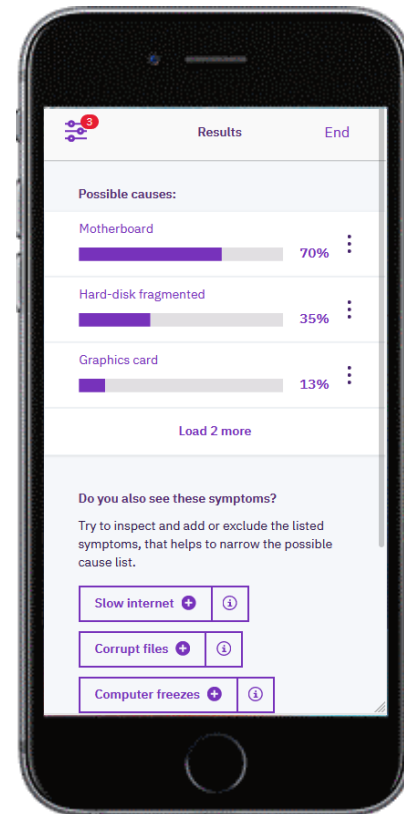
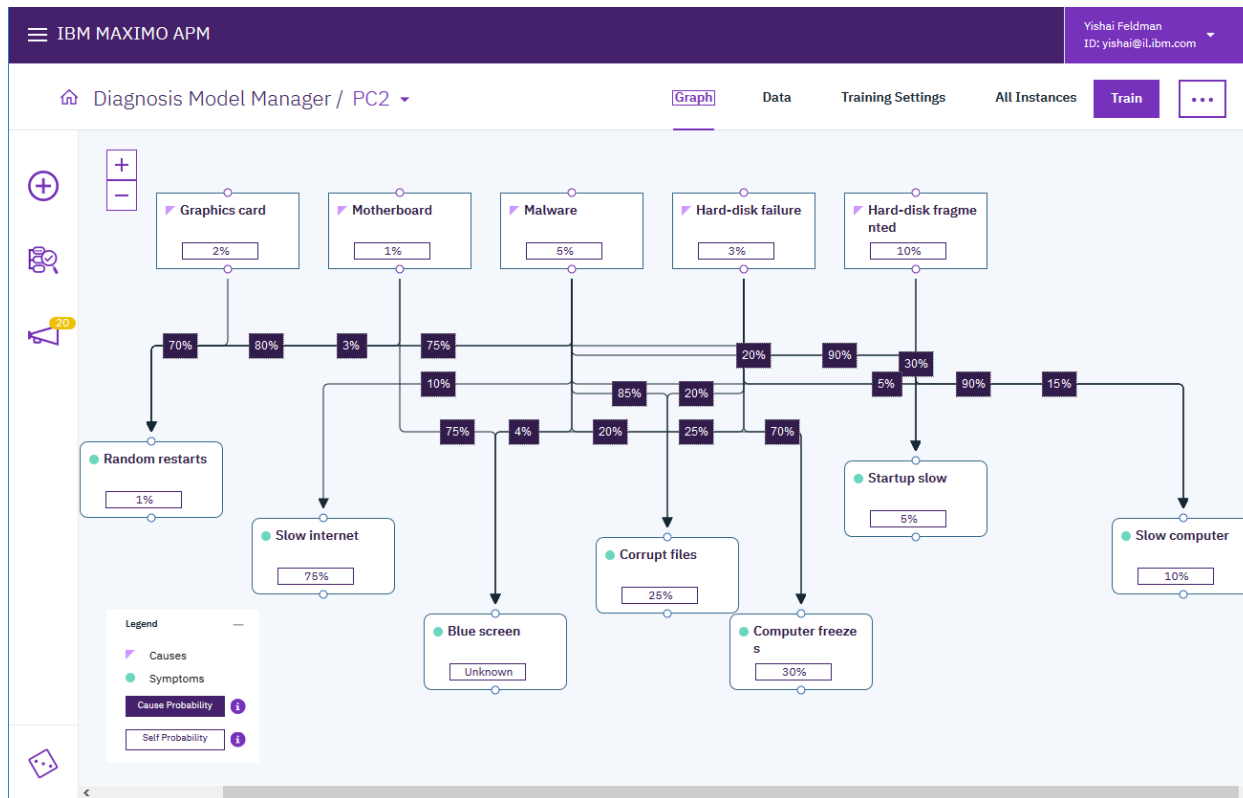
Report different cause...

Three-month PoC with Coca Cola  
(presented at Think 2018)



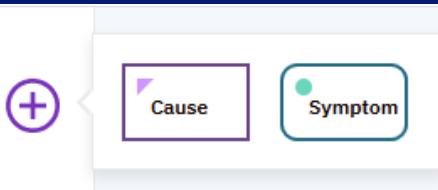


# Cognitive Diagnosis Model Manager and Technician App



# Developing a diagnosis model

Create symptoms  
and causes



Connect causes  
to symptoms they  
can manifest

Possible causes Add

Name	ID	Probability	
Robot Tablet E-Stor <span>✕</span>	RobotTab	<span>Very High</span>	<span>🗑</span>
Robot Controller Hu <span>✕</span>	RobotCor	<span>Average</span>	<span>🗑</span>
Robot Torque Sens <span>✕</span>	RobotErr	<span>Average</span>	<span>🗑</span>

Populate model  
with probabilities

## Self probability

If parent has not happened, then probability is

Unknown Probability 1%, (0%-100%)

Historical data

Feedback

Examples

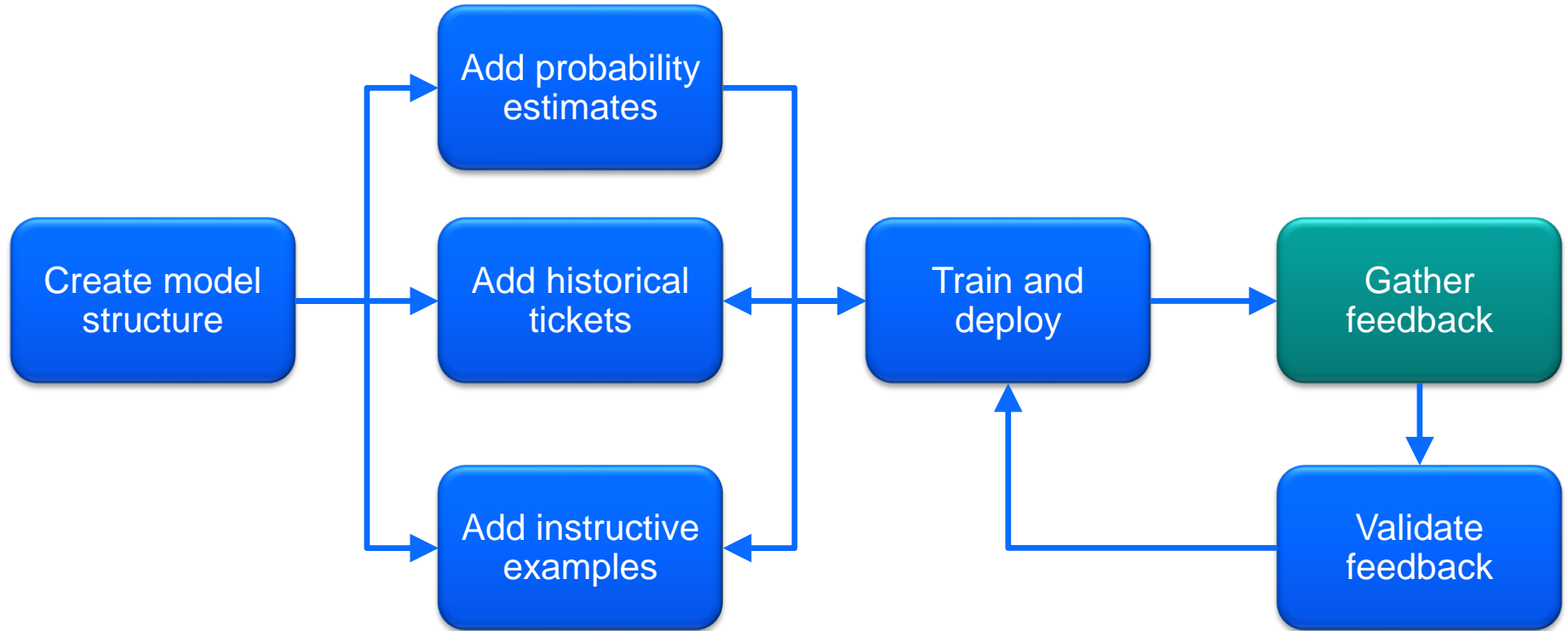
Train model

Create Model Instance

Instance Name

YF-asia1

# Improving accuracy

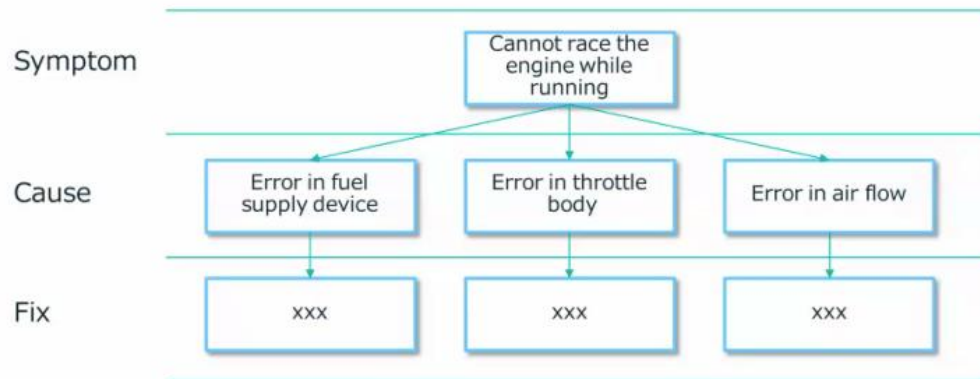


# EMA Diagnosis

More advanced repair and troubleshooting capabilities than standalone Watson components

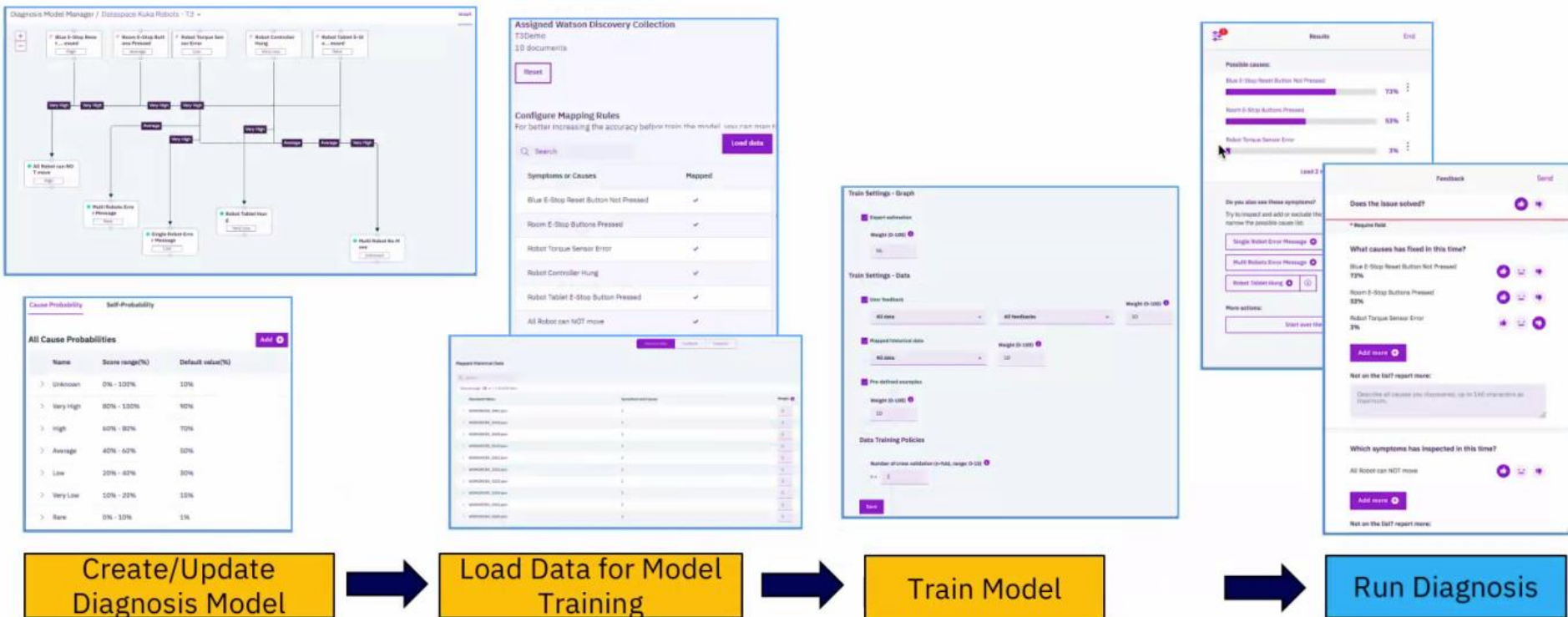
Functional value of problem diagnosis capabilities:

- Your clients have existing maintenance processes in place:
  - Problem Cause Remedy
  - Custom engineering processes such as Failure Modes and Effects Analyses (FMEA) or Root Cause Failure Analyses (RCFA)
  - EMA can capture these existing maintenance processes
- Custom diagnostic trees can be used



# EMA Diagnosis

## End-to-end workflow



# Woodside Energy (Oil and Gas)



Client: Australia's largest independent oil and gas company

## Business Challenge:

- Aging workforce and heavy reliance on historical context and procedural information.
- Employees spent 80% of their time researching problems and 20% fixing it. Need for easy access to detailed answers to highly industry specific questions in remote locations
- Access to prior project documentation to incorporate valuable insights into current projects

## Solution:

- Watson absorbed over 600,000 pages of documentation, from reports to correspondence regarding drilling equipment
- Client's employees have the ability to obtain immediate access to years of knowledge and experience to deliver and build enhanced products based on prior work
- Increased knowledge about prior projects results in the application of best practices and more satisfied customers

Business Value: Time spent on researching reduced by 75% which equates to US\$10 million-worth of time savings.

Safety procedures are shared with all employees, including new hires

