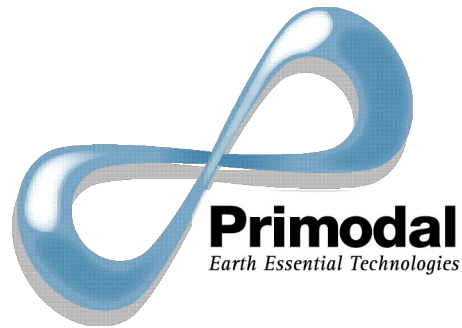


# Real-Time Wastewater Process Risk Assessment: Using Data More Effectively



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# *PrecisionNow* Digital Solution → Why?



## ➤ Numerous Unrealised Benefits

- Process insights; Risk assessments
- Day-to-day operations; Future operations; Situational awareness

## ➤ Effort

- Already collecting the data
- Can be automated

# PrecisionNow Data Analytics → How?



## ➤ Manage Entire Data Life-Cycle

- Design, → What data and why is it needed?
- Commissioning, Collection, → Resource allocation, departments?
- Maintaining, Repairing, → Data quality be assured?
- Modifying, Replacing → Criteria for replacement?

# *PrecisionNow* Data Analytics → *Digital Solution*



## ➤ Digital Design

- Problem identification
- Solution design

## ➤ Data-Derived Outcome

- Data-driven KPIs
- Process insights
- Operational parameters

## ➤ Data Evaluation

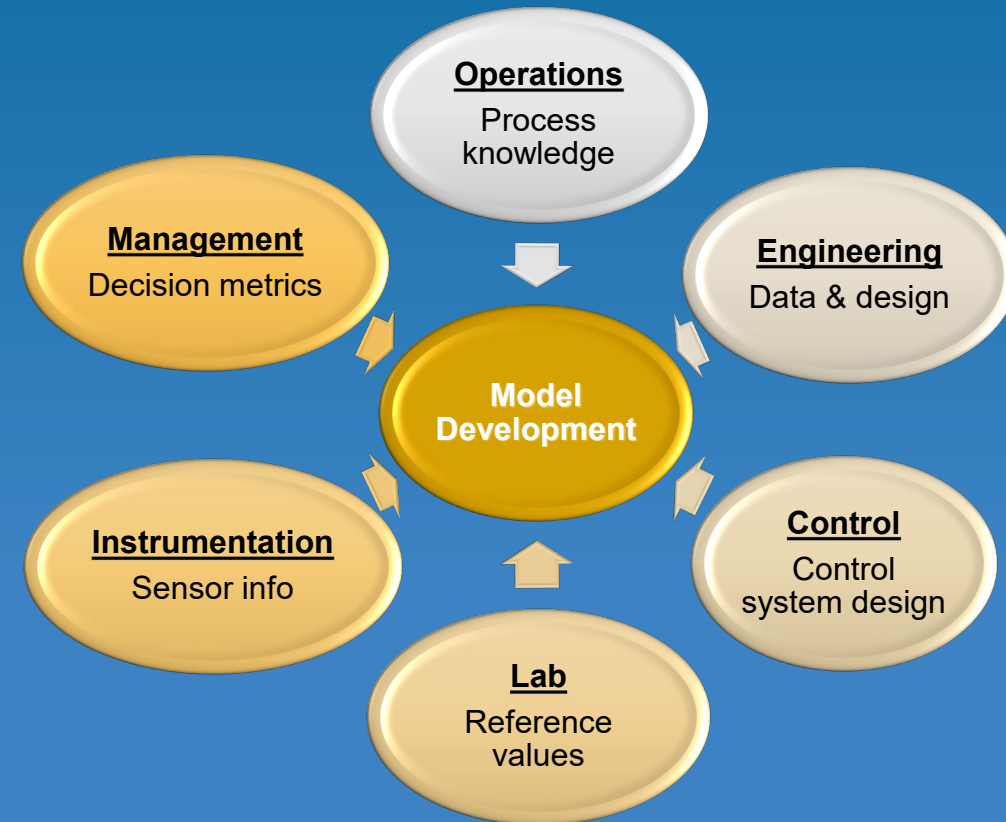
- Data quality assessment
- Maintenance / quality alerts

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## ➤ Digital Design

- Model is **knowledge repository**
- Identification of **unknown relationships**
- Identification of **critical data gaps**
- Determination of **process indicators**

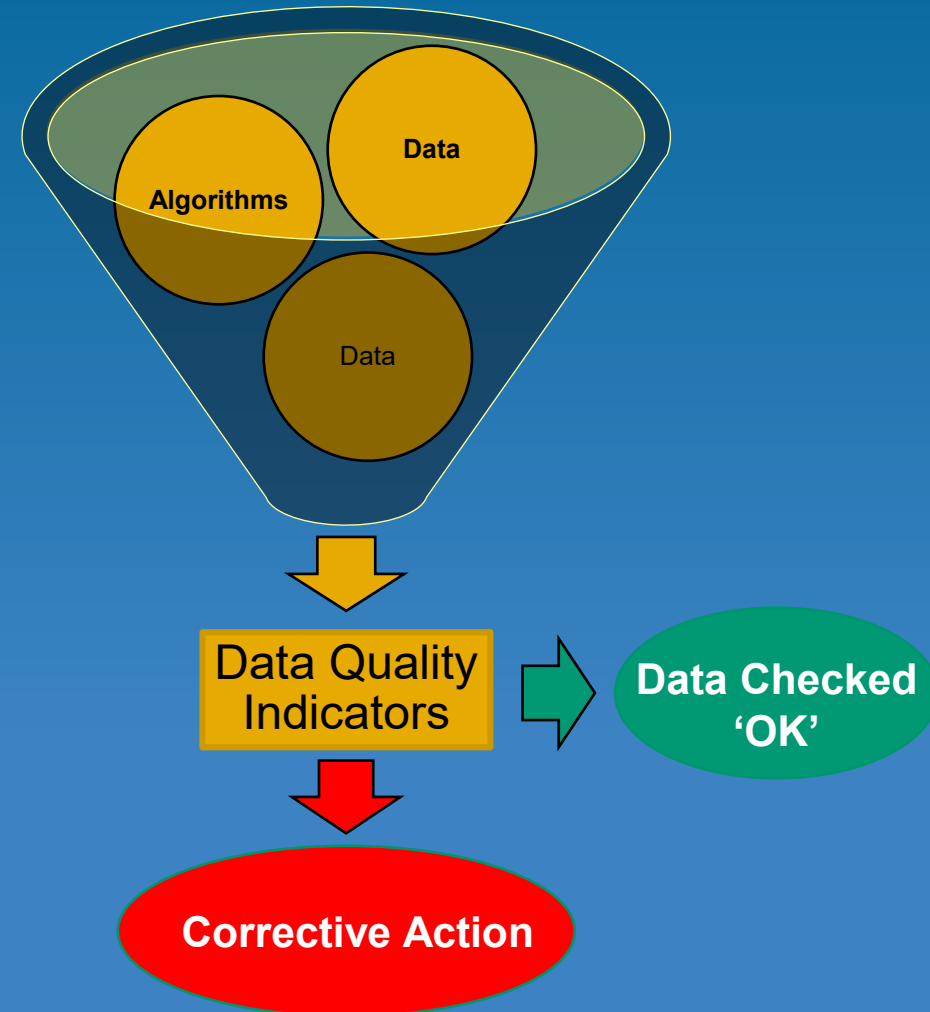


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## ➤ Real-Time Evaluation

- Real-time quality indicators
- Immediate feedback



# *PrecisionNow* Data Analytics → *Digital Solution*



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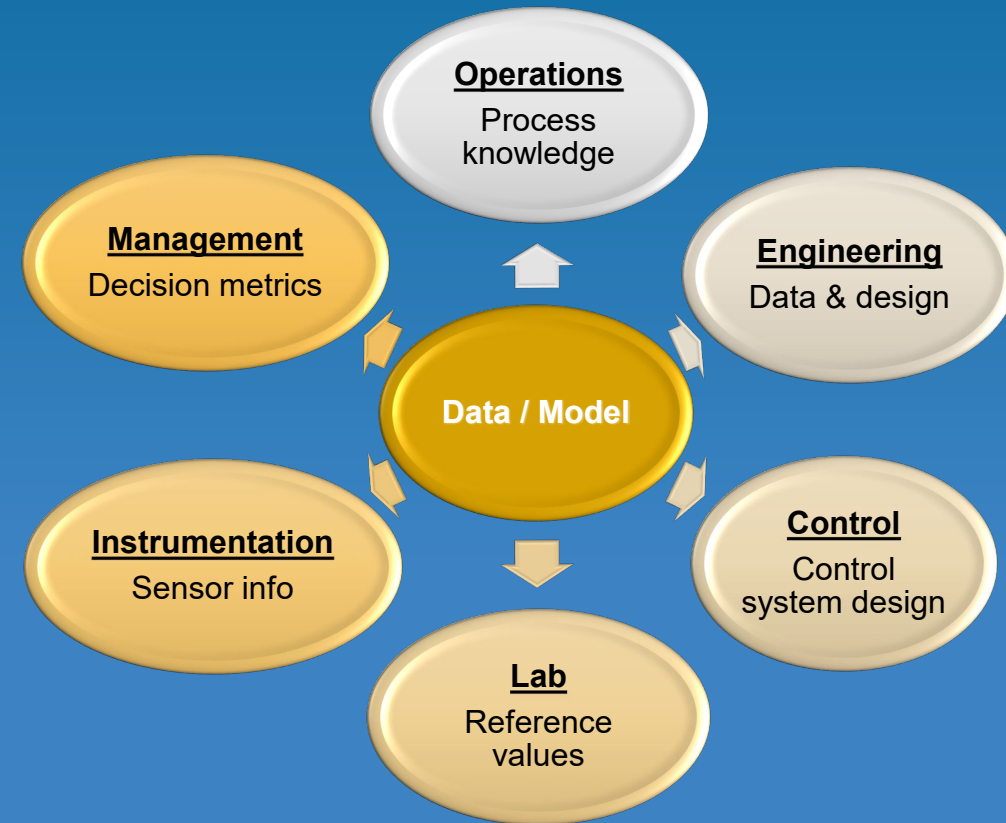


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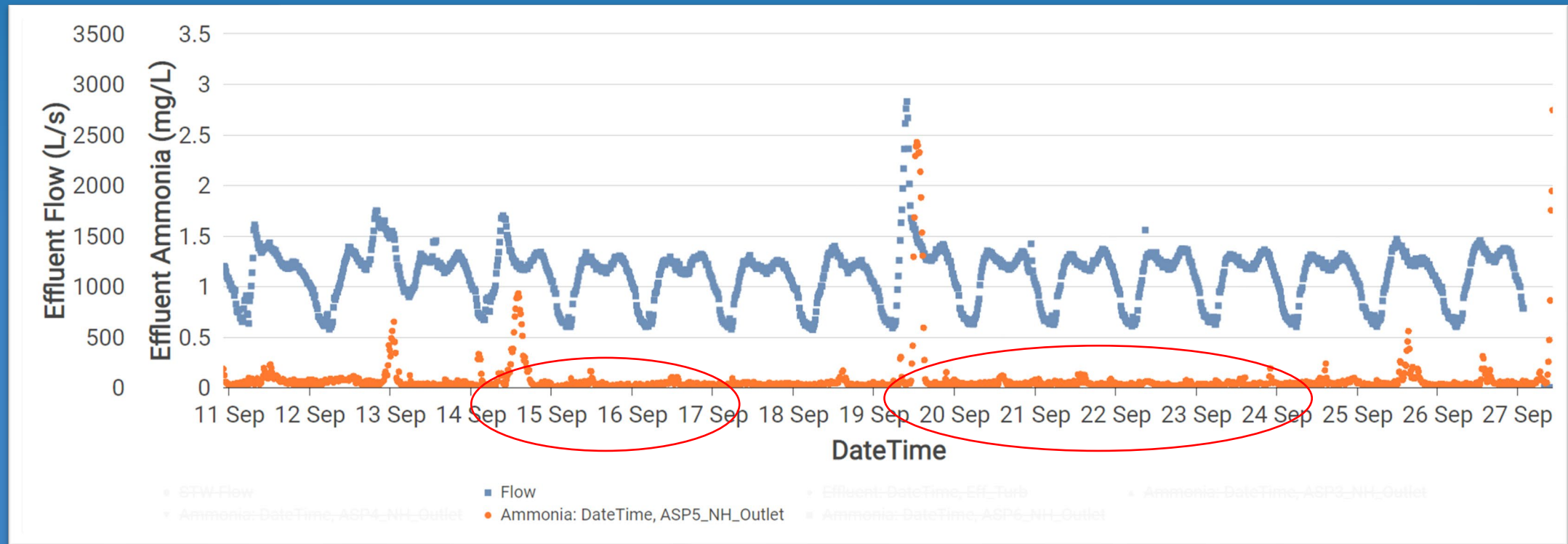
## ➤ Data-Derived Outcomes

- Real-time process KPIs
- Digital twin output
- Operational parameters
- Risk assessment
- Situational awareness



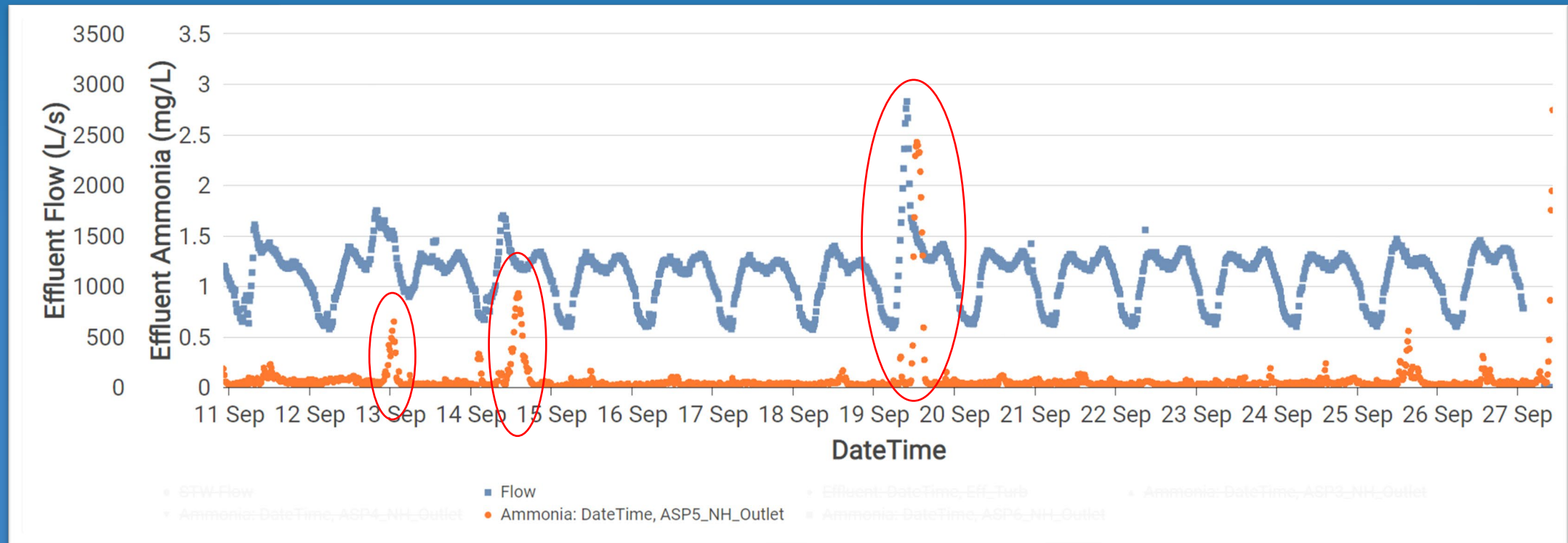
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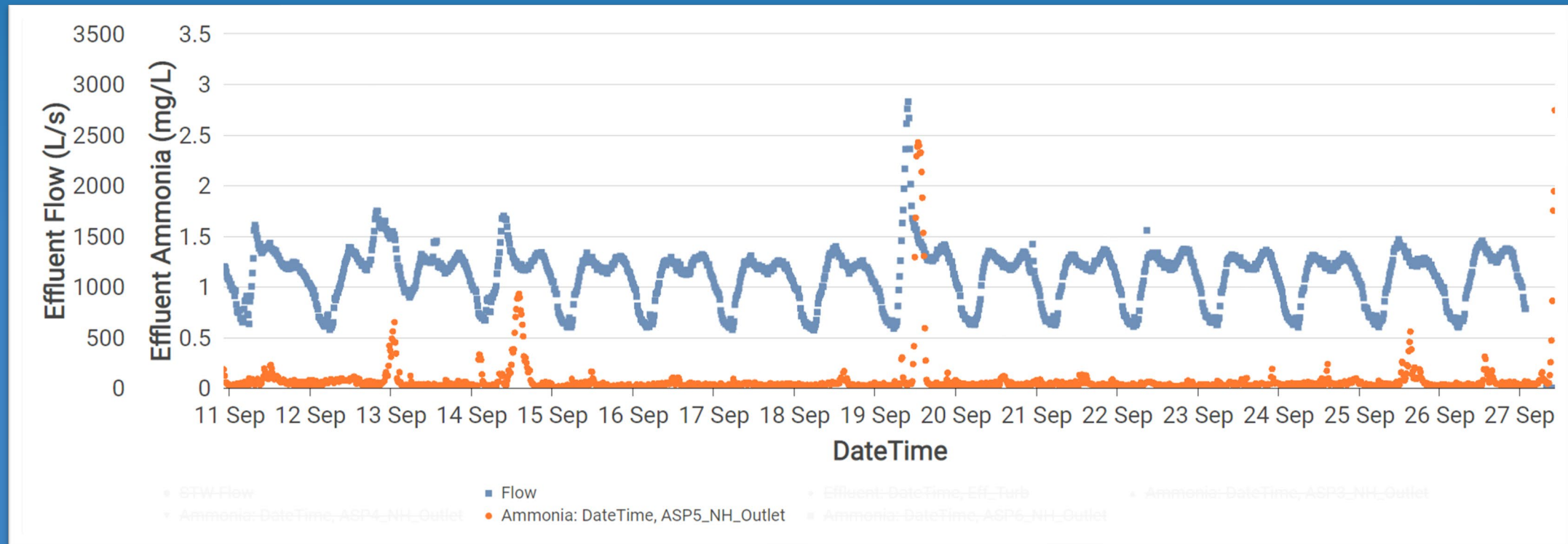
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- How to explain notion of variable influent characterisation ...



# *Thought Process*

➤ Why would sewage composition vary significantly day-to-day

- Do people change?
- Does industry change?



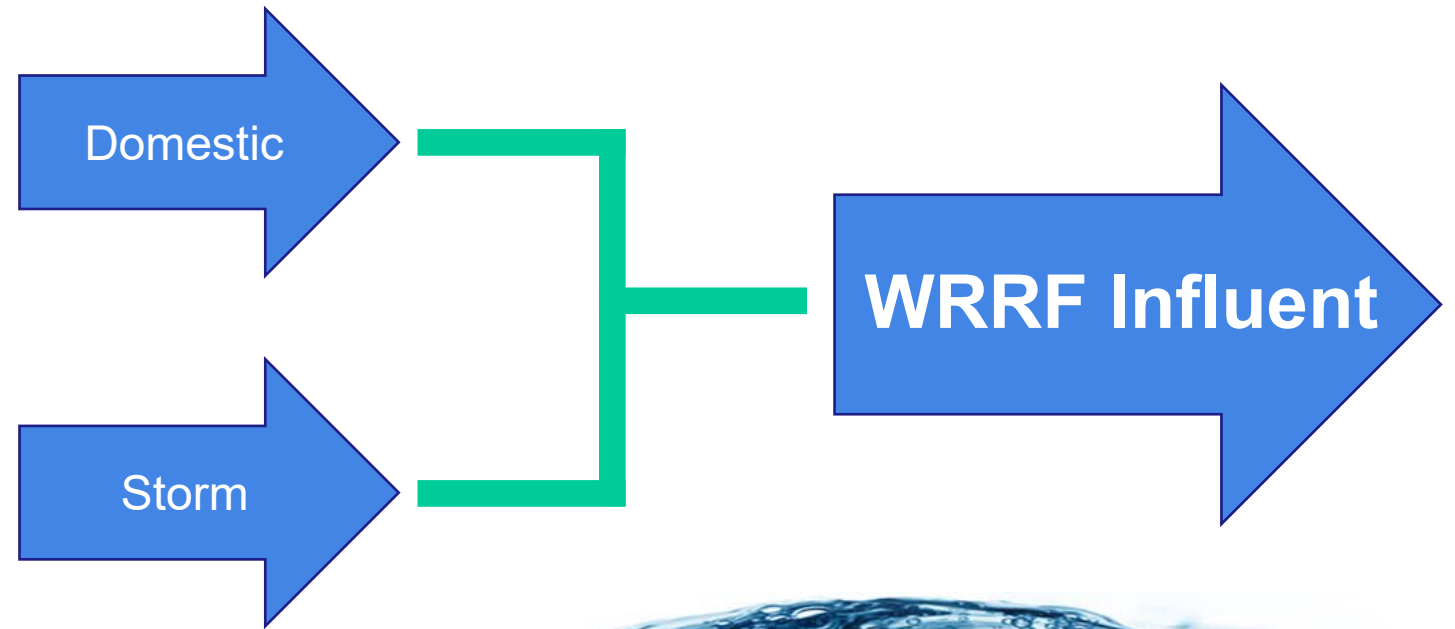


# Thought Process

## ➤ For > 30 yrs ...

- Domestic sewage fixed
- Storm inputs as separate entity

- Defined Diurnal Flow
- Fixed Characterisation
  
- Variable Flow
- Defined Characterisation

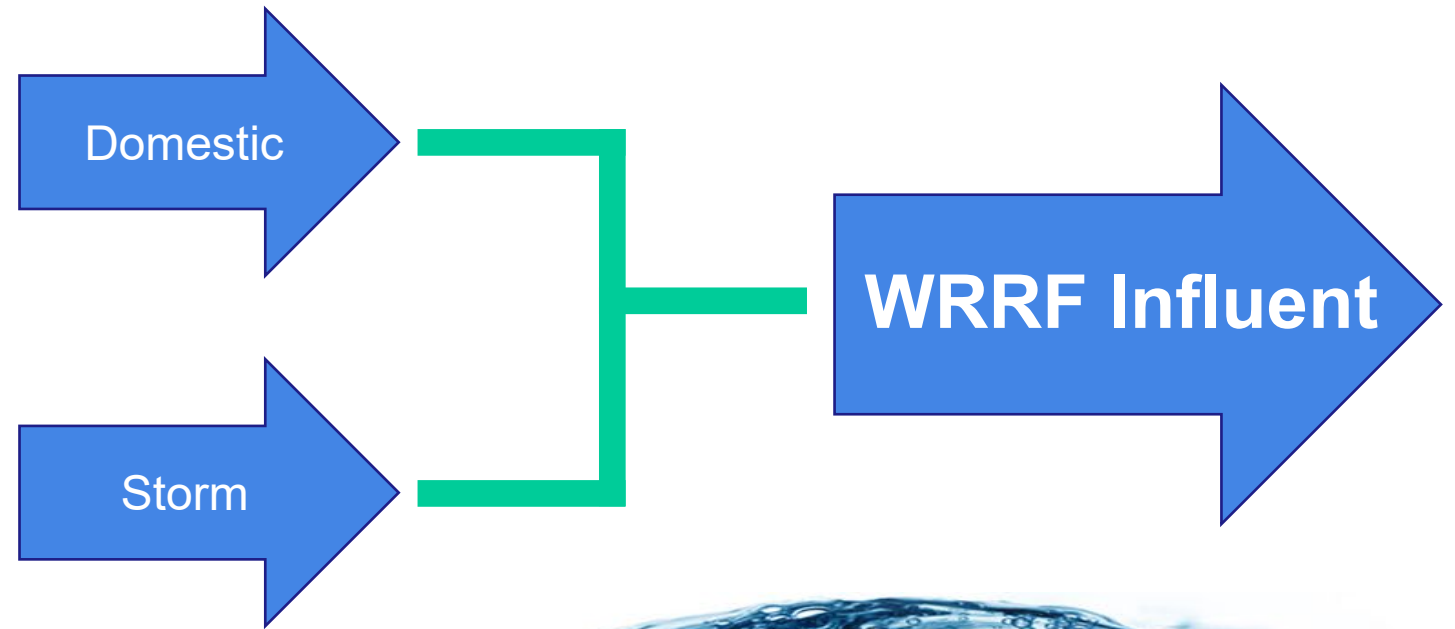


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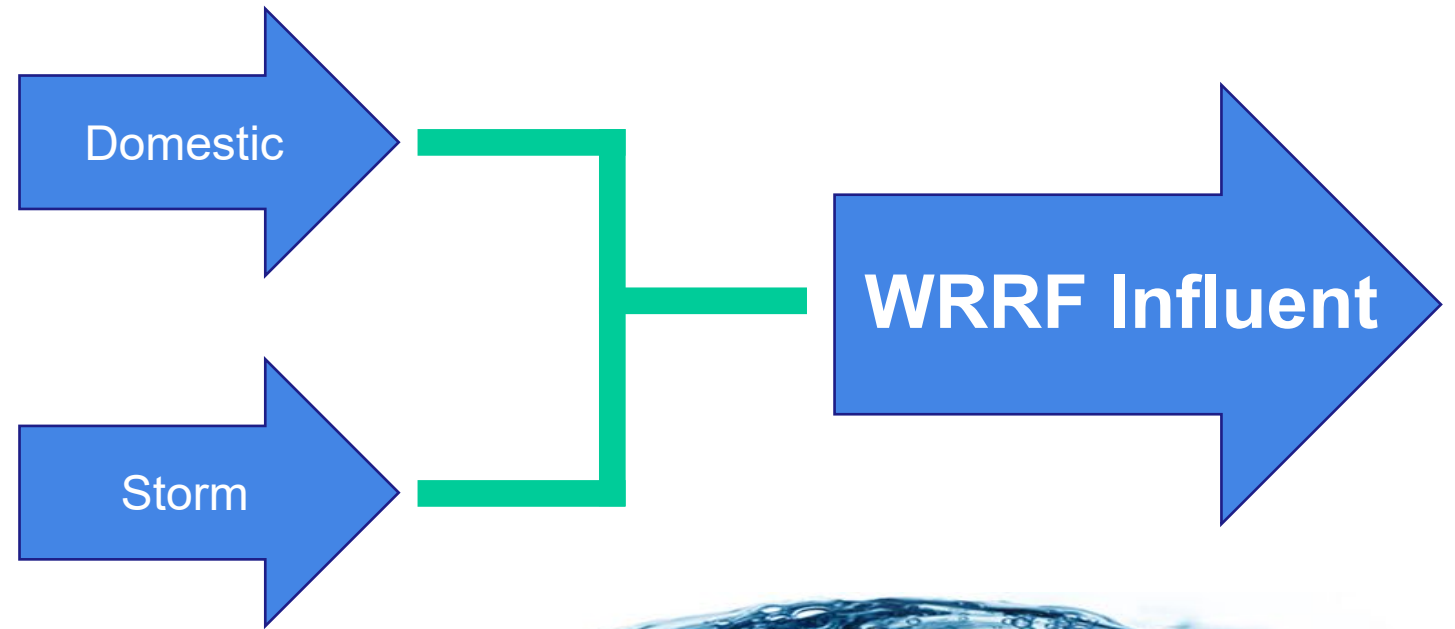


# *Thought Process*

## ➤ Worked ... But NOT this time

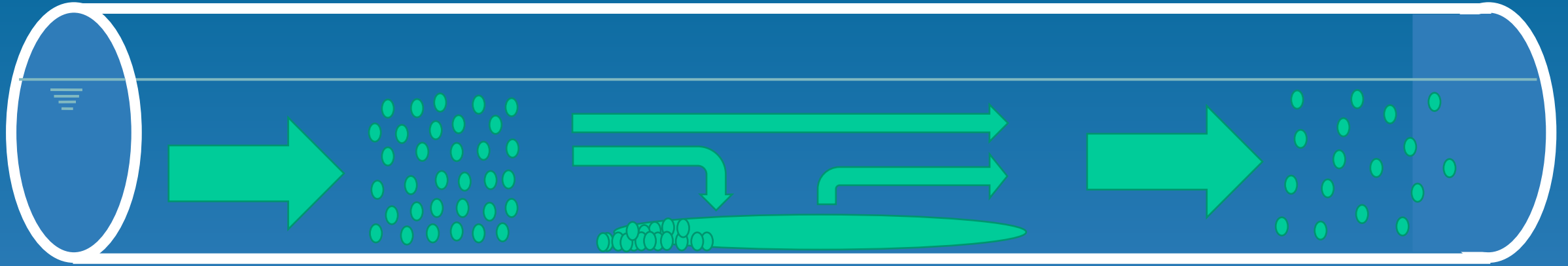
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# Model Development



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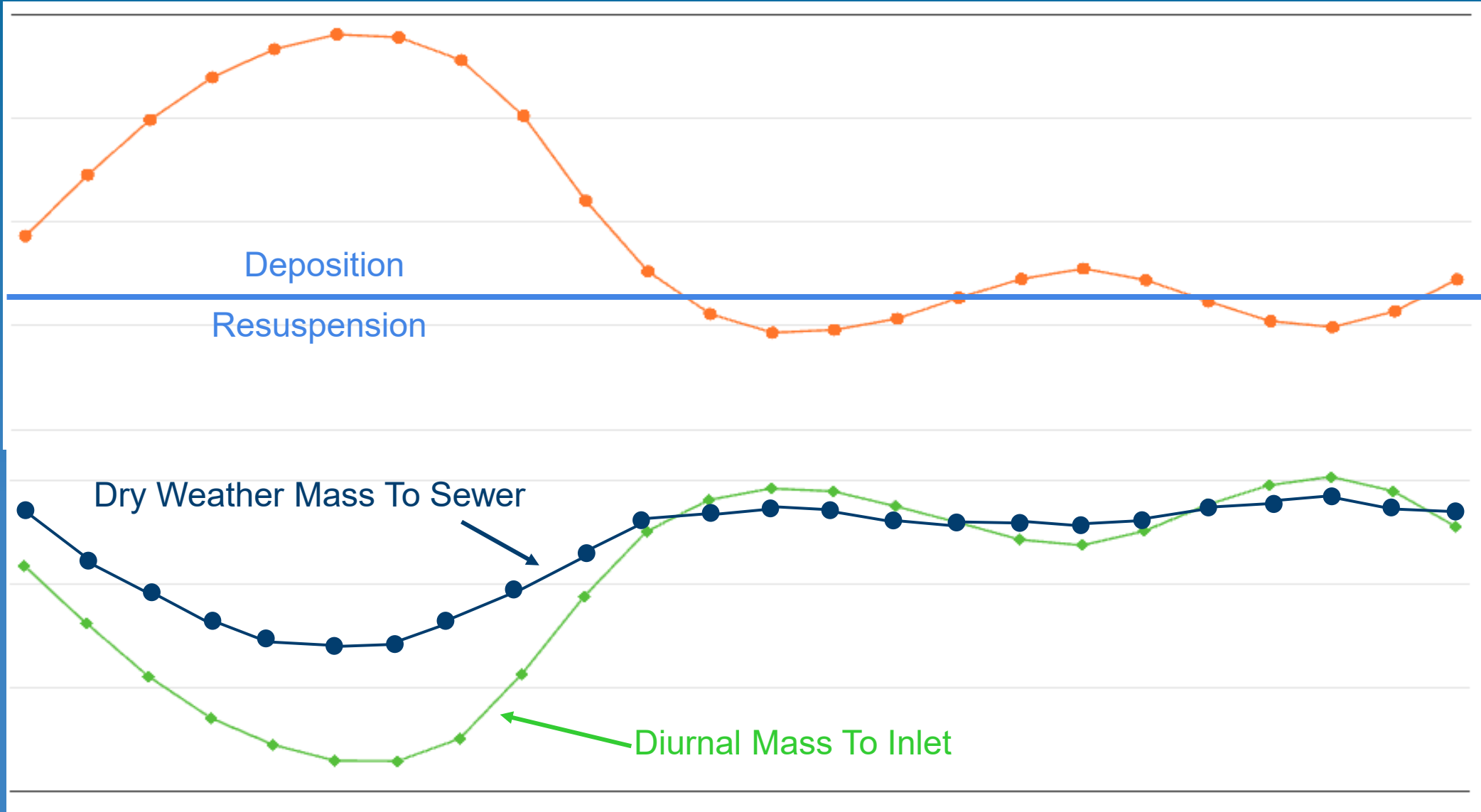
*Deposition & Resuspension* function of flow & sewer state

- Variations in daily diurnal wastewater strength
- Impact of high(er) flow events also possible

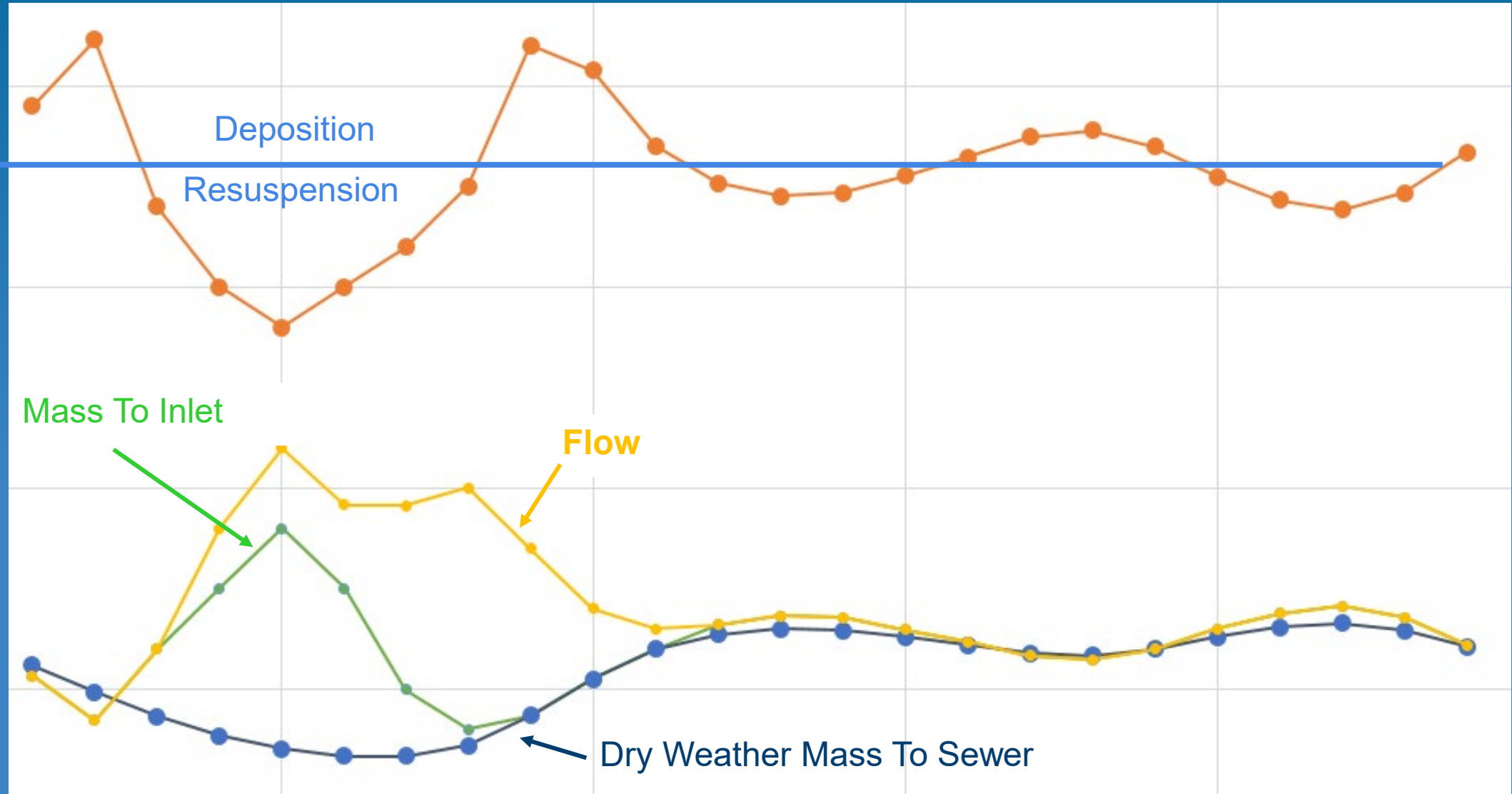
# *Model Development*



# Model Development – Typical Dry Day



# Model Development – Wet Weather Event



# ➤ Model Development & Calibration

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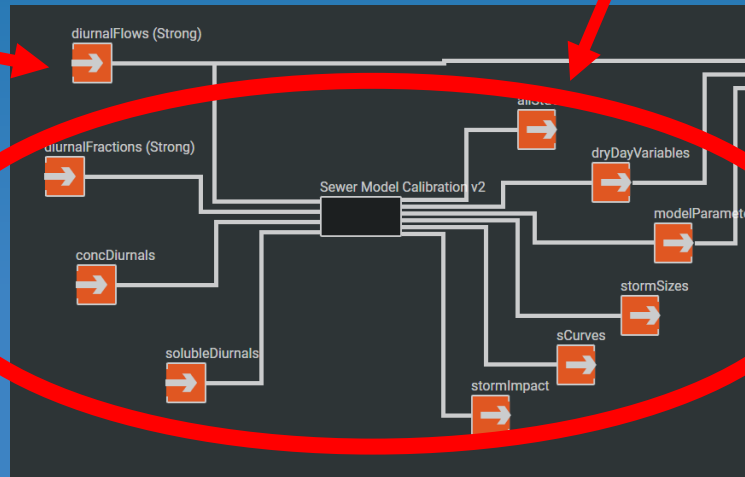
Historical Influent Flows

Data Model Calibration

Data Model Parameters

Data Model

Calibrated with Historical Data



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# ➤ *Data Quality Assessment*

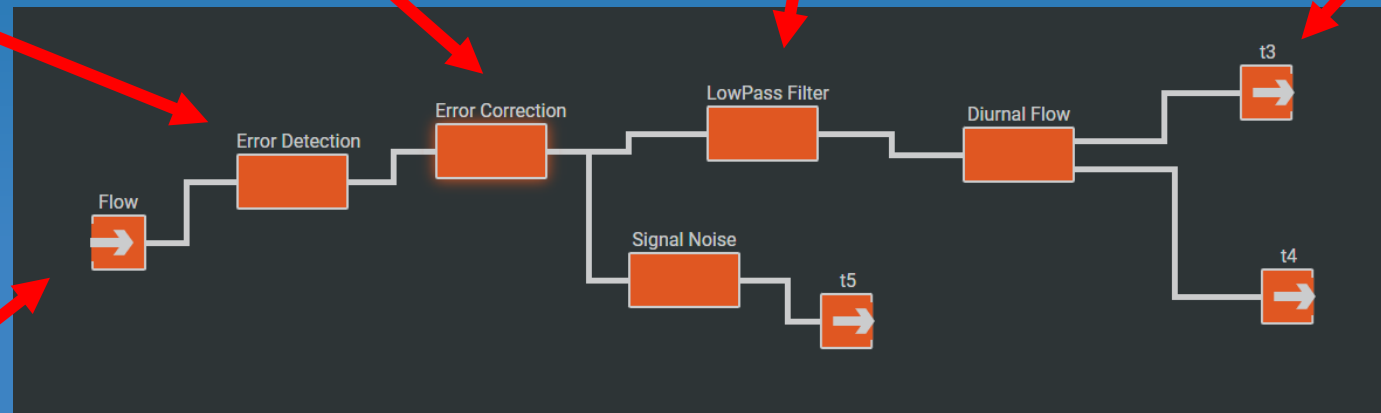
- Real-Time Evaluation (on-line)

Error  
Detection

Error Correction

Smoothing

Real-Time High  
Quality Model Input



Real-Time Data  
Acquisition

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# ➤ Real-Time Operation

- Real-Time Prediction (on-line)

Real-Time High Quality Model Input  
Influent Flow

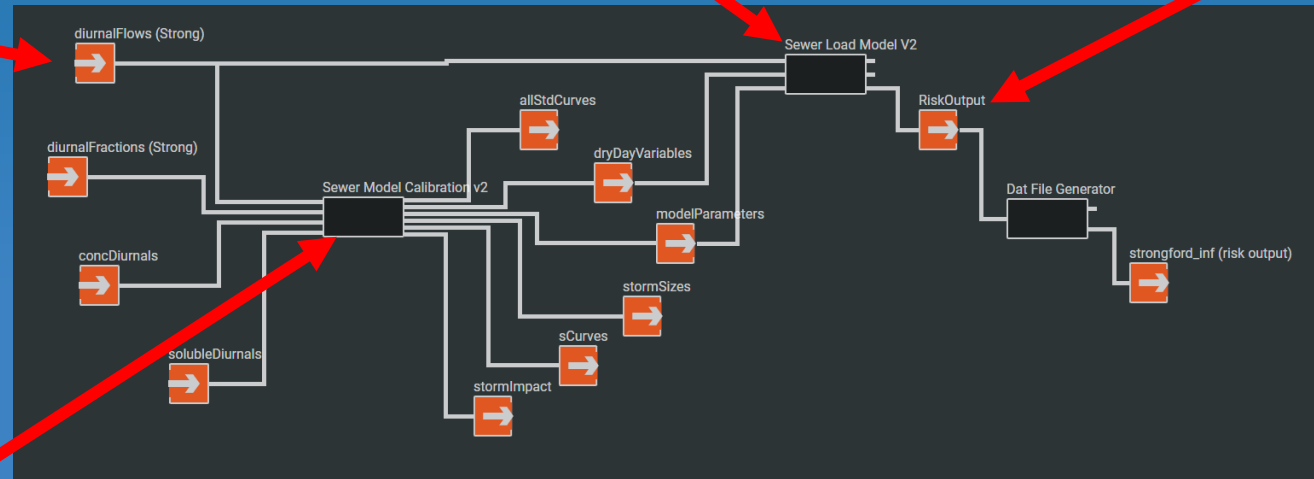
Data Model

Continuously Running Influent Soft-Sensor

Real-Time Performance Output

Data Model

Calibrated with Historical Data

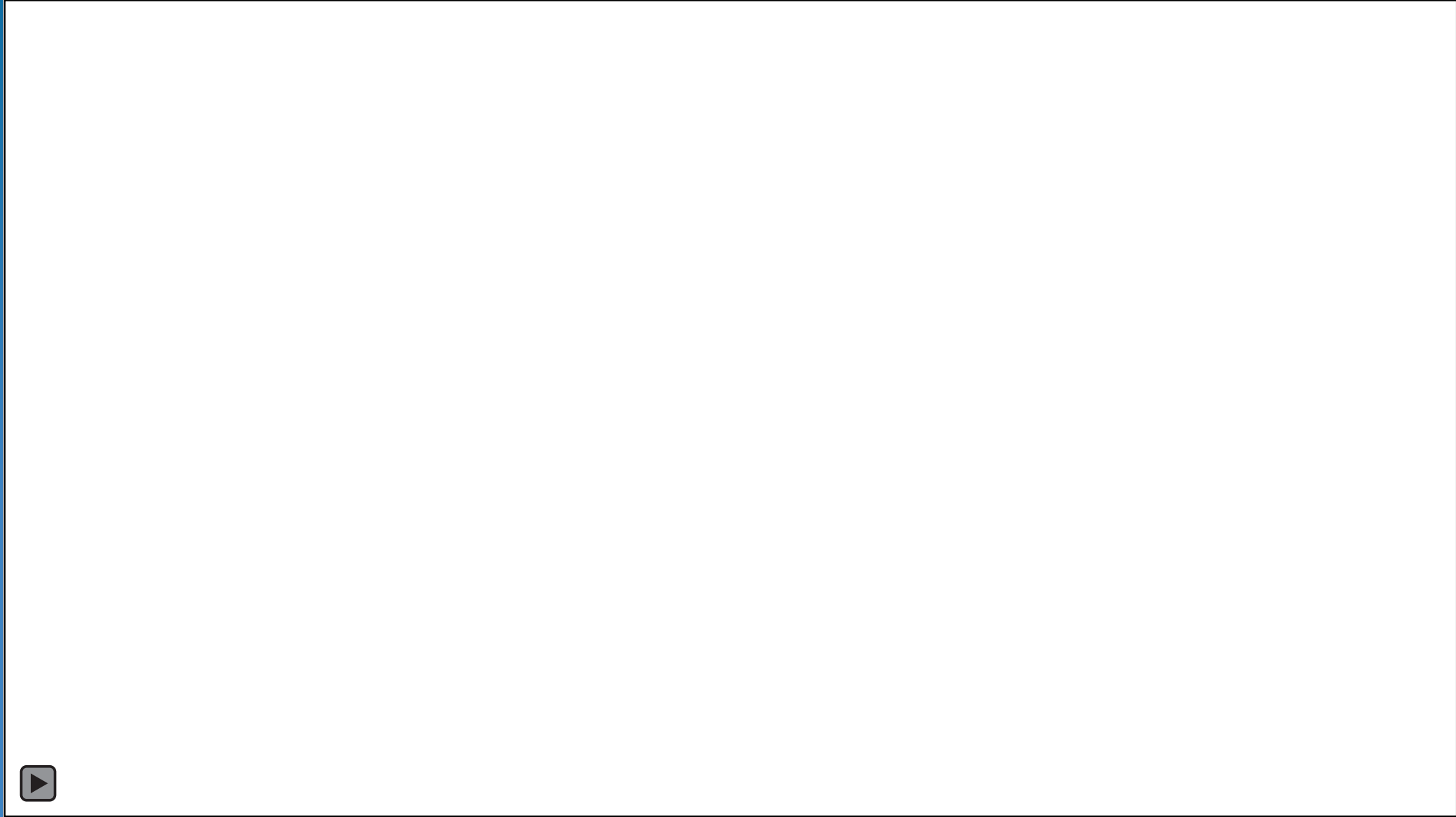


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# *Case Study → Real-Time Risk Assessment*

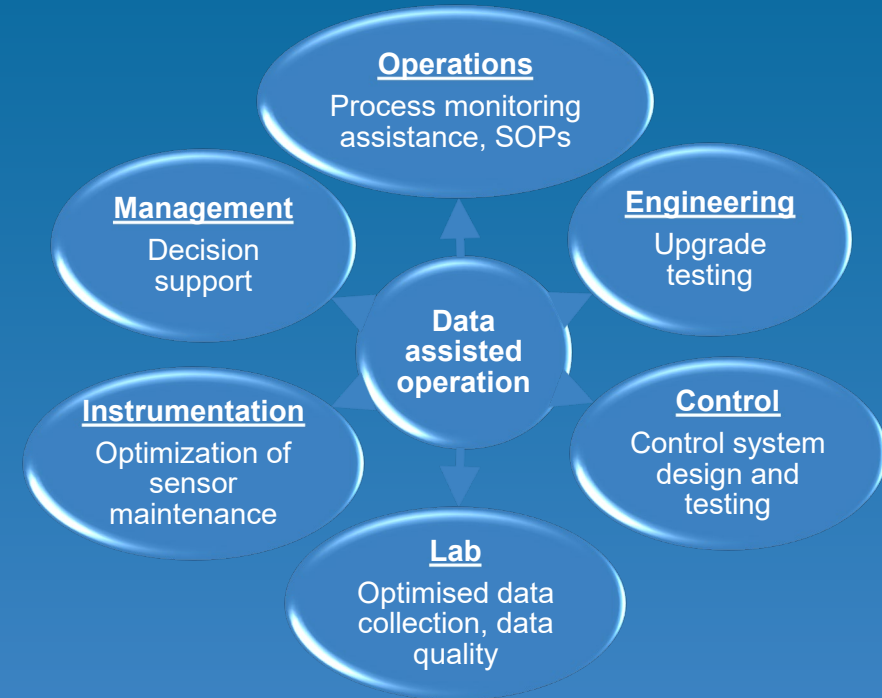




# Conclusion

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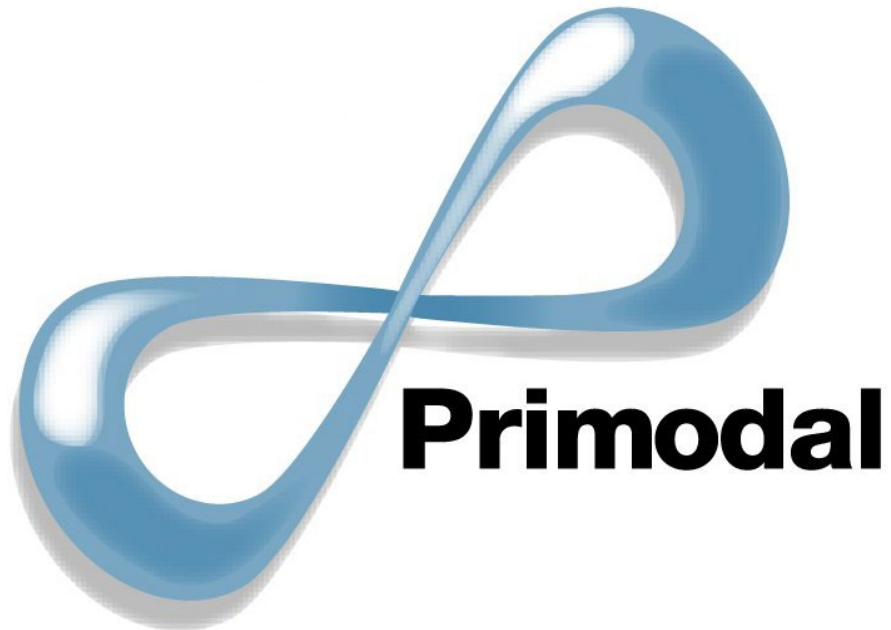
- Easy to Use/Understand
- Usable by all disciplines
- Incentives for all disciplines
- Data quality *is essential*
- Consolidates data usage / outputs
- Develops new data-driven operational outcomes into existing SOPs and operator work schedules



# Conclusion

- Digital Solutions Need Prior and Post Model Data Analysis
  - Quality assessment *prior* to the application / model
  - *Post* model output analysis for real-time operational efficiency
  
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  - User-Configurable DT technology
  - Real-time data analysis & preparation
  - Data scheduling to/from the model
  - Multiple model capabilities (simple, ML, mechanistic, ...)

# Thank-you !



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# *PrecisionNow* Digital Solution → Why?



## ➤ **Goal** (irrespective of data user)

- Improved data quality
- Practical process understanding & improved operation
- Better decision-making

# *PrecisionNow* Data Analytics → *Digital Solution?*



- Treat Process Data as an Asset
  - Systematic approach to its maintenance
  - Realise the value contained within
  - Develop, maintain, and update
  - Maximise the economic and capital value

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# Towards a Digital Twin

## ➤ How?

- Staged approach
- Realising benefits each step



**Data Assessment / Process Understanding**

**Automated Real-Time Data Acquisition**

**Digital Twin Output**

**Operational Control**