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The Safety & Reliability Society is now a Licensed Member of the Engineering Council for direct CEng and IEng Professional Registration



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PROGRAMME

- Introduction to YRP / SaRS and our Speakers
- Presentations
- Q&A/Panel session
- SaRS/YRP items
- Feedback form





INTRODUCING SARS

The Safety and Reliability Society is the professional body for safety, reliability and risk management practitioners. We provide our members with a direct path to professional registration for CEng and IEng as well as providing them with opportunities for cross-industry learning, CPD and networking.

We are internationally recognised as the leading body for domain expertise through our branch technical seminars, journal, knowledge base, webinars and membership.

The Young Rail Professionals is the professional association for young people in the railway industry. Our mission is to:

Promote



the rail industry as a great place to work.

Inspire



the next generation of railway talent.

Develop



and connect the future leaders of the industry.



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Chair and presenters



John Stringer
Abbott Risk Consulting

Chair



Fotios Zapantis
Safety Intelligence
Analyst, RSSB

Presenter



Giulia Lorenzini
Senior Partnership and
Grants Manager, RSSB

Presenter



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Delivering a reliable railway through industry collaboration and innovation

Presented by Giulia Lorenzini
Senior Partnership and Grants Manager
R&D Programme

Rail as a complex system

Complex systems:

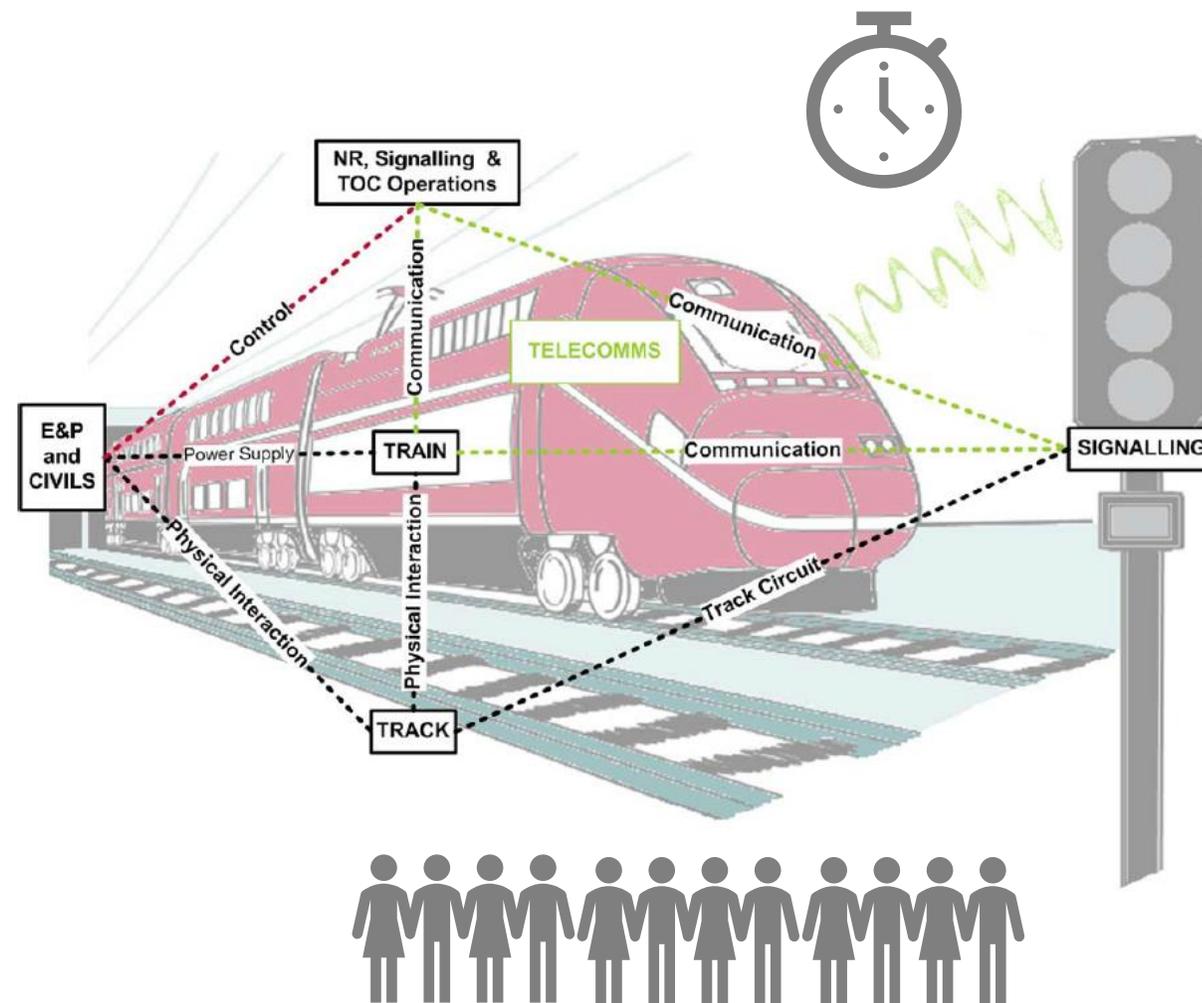
- many diverse, interacting components
- non-linear and non-proportional interactions between the components
- components adapt/ learn in response to change



A 'reliable' complex system

- Whole-system approach
 - Technical sub-systems
 - Interfaces between sub-systems
 - Passengers
 - Human behaviours etc.

- The system as a whole could achieve higher reliability at a lower cost than the sum of its parts



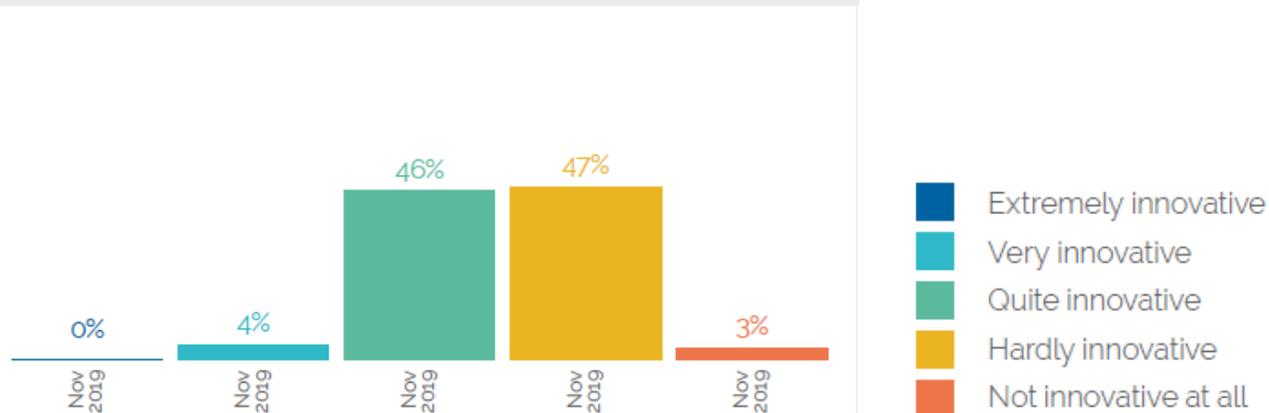
Current Challenges

“The rail industry no longer possesses the same ability or incentive to innovate”

(Keith Williams, February 2019)

- Increased passenger numbers
- Complex timetables
- Restricted maintenance opportunities
- Limited resources
- Lack of a joined-up approach
- Public pressure to deliver

Q2. How innovative, if at all, do you believe the GB railway industry is currently?



Source: RIA & Network Rail – Unlocking Innovation in the Rail Sector Pulse, Nov 2019

Still a long way to go, but...

Lots already happening:

- Augmented reality
- Thermal and visual imaging equipment
- Digital twin models
- Internet of things
- Graph analysis, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning

...more to prove and to achieve!



Towards a reliable railway

INVESTMENT



**CULTURE CHANGE
& MINDSET**



COLLABORATION



Towards a reliable railway





Investment opportunities to stimulate innovation

- RSSB's R&D competitions and various Research Councils (i.e. EPSRC)'s initiatives and grants
- InnovateUK FOAK SBRI opportunities for rail
- Suppliers innovation and UKRRIN network
- Rail Innovation Network (engagement with tech start ups)
- Catapults (cross-sector fertilisation)



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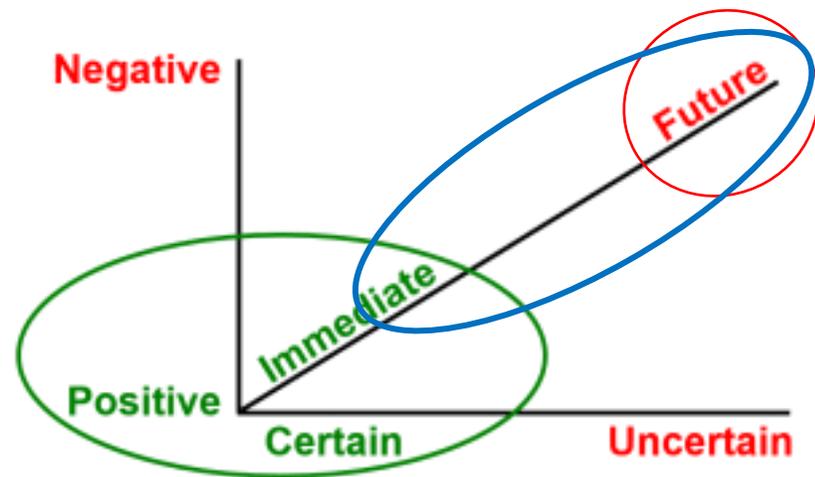


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Mindset: now vs. future



Rail Technical Strategy

Innovating across Britain's railway

DRAFT - to be launched in Sept 2020



For more information on the Rail Technical Strategy, please email:

rts@rssb.co.uk

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Collaboration: 'All aboard!'



- International partners (RTRI, JR East, SNCF, Trenitalia) > knowledge sharing
- Academia (University of Huddersfield; University of Sheffield; ITS Leeds) > specific challenges
- UKRRIN > cross-industry collaboration to support research and innovation
- Duty holders i.e. Train and Freight Operating Companies; ROSCOs; Network Rail etc.
- Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and larger organisations working in rail
- Other industry bodies such as RIA, Rail Alliance, NSAR etc.
- Research Councils (EPSRC) and government bodies (InnovateUK, KTN etc.)
- Professional Institutions



Collaboration: 'All aboard!'



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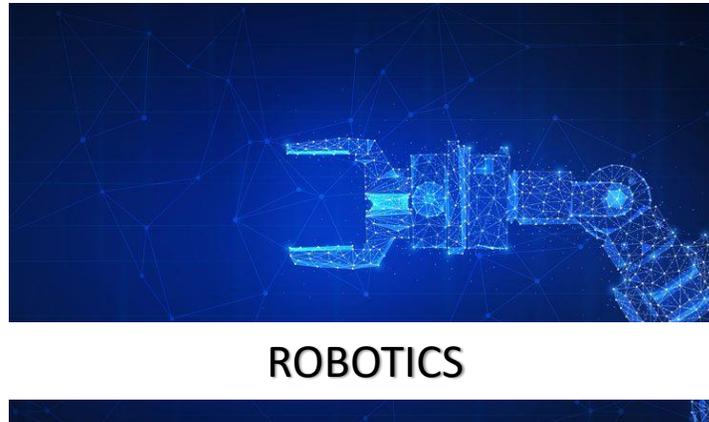
NETWORK PERFORMANCE



AIR QUALITY



TRAIN DESIGN



ROBOTICS



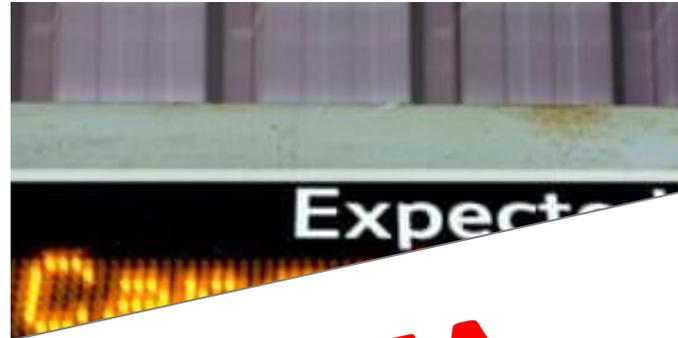
DECARBONISATION



Collaboration: 'All aboard!'



ADHESION



QUALITY

DATA



TRAIN DESIGN



ROBOTICS



DECARBONISATION

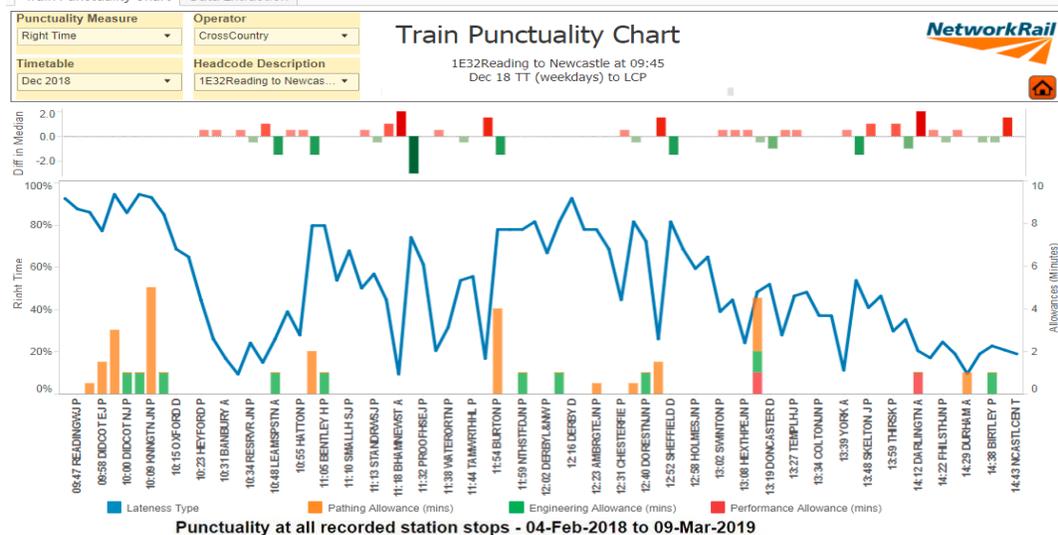
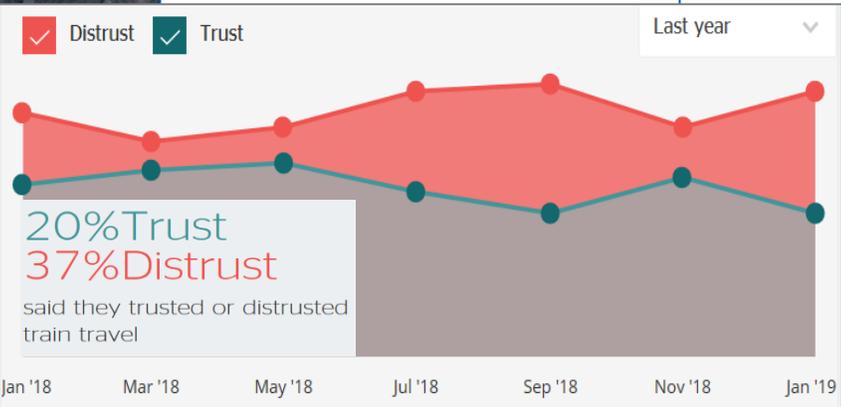
37% passengers satisfied with how well train company deals with delays (*Transport Focus, 2018*)



Rail passengers face further chaos due to timetable changes and engineering works, report warns

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Performance is still falling back

Rail delays are the 'worst for 12 years'

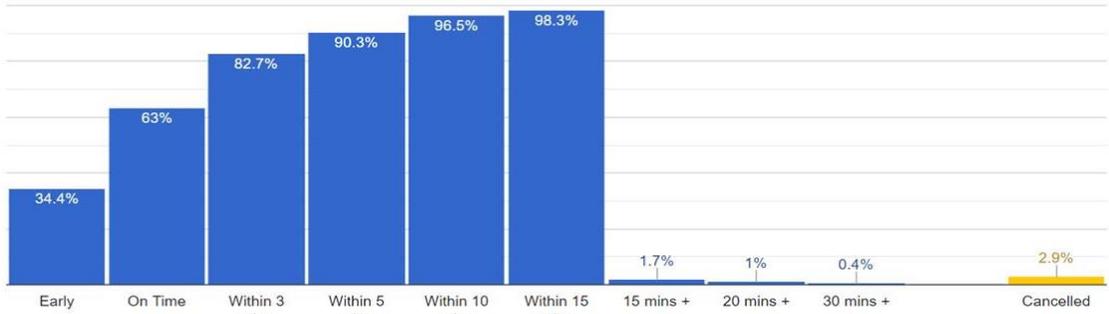


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Rail user satisfaction at 10-year low



% of trains meeting PPM **% satisfied with overall journey (NRPS)**



Data Sandbox: successful collaboration to make rail more reliable

STAGE 1



Summer 2017: Data Sandbox platform was built – powerful example that data from across the industry can be made available...



Oct 2017: £500K 'call for research' launched

- 5 projects awarded funding
- Great collaboration from NR + TOCs

STAGE 2



2019

- Enhanced Sandbox repository
- April 2019: £1.3m 'call for research' launched in collaboration with Network Rail

Purpose / scope:

- Increased understanding of industry data
- Improved consistency of rail performance from reduced dwell time fluctuation
- Improving disruption management through better recovery from reactionary delays

= OPERATIONAL SAVINGS + IMPROVED CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

Data Sandbox (cont'd)

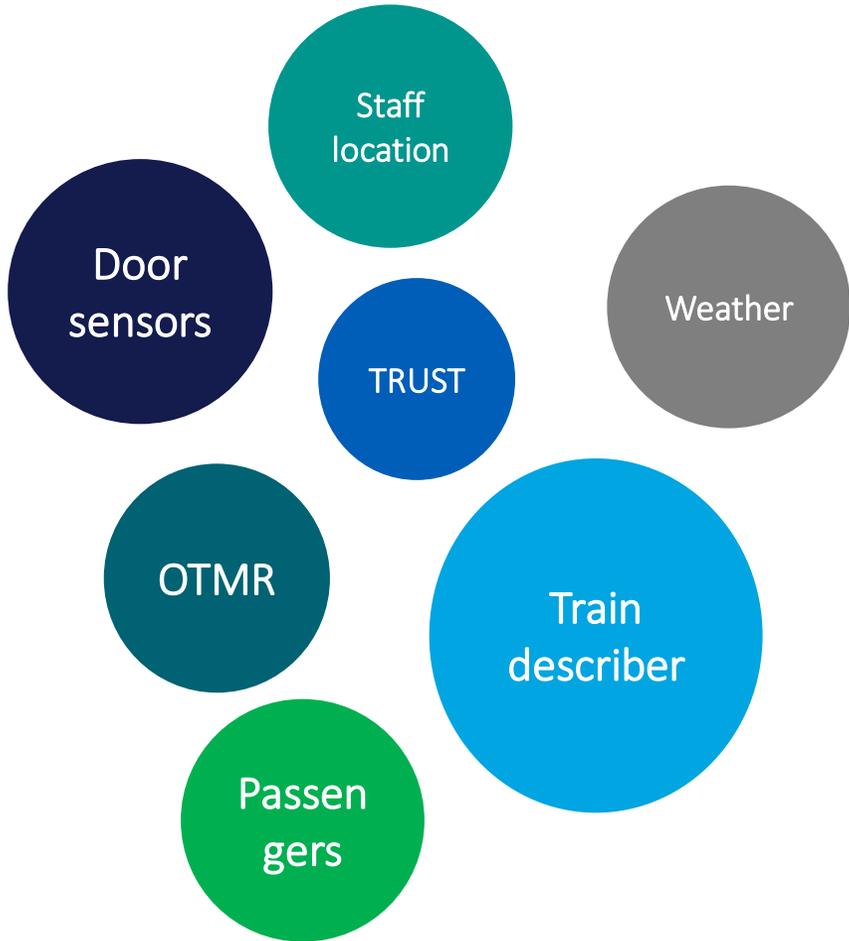


£500K for the initial competition (RSSB) and £1.3 million for the second one (RSSB and NR)

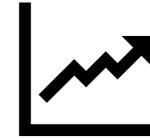


Leveraging data
Machine Learning, AI, data analytics techniques...

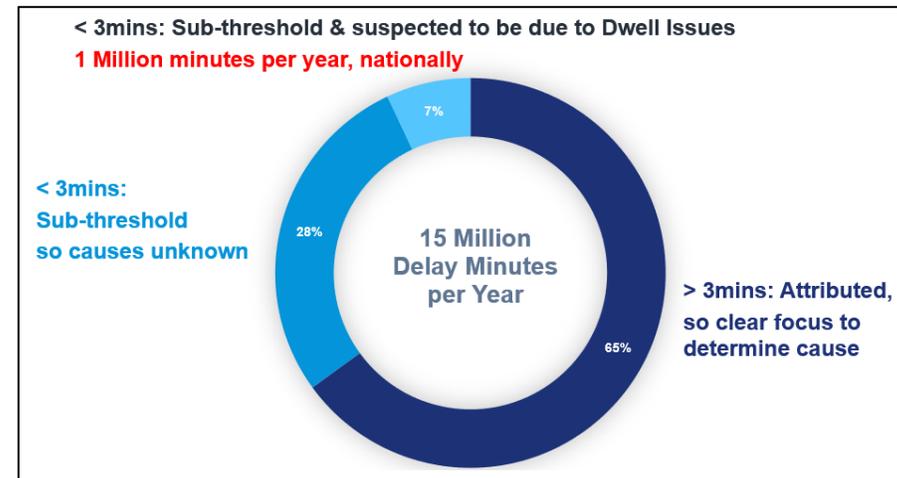
Case study 1: IntelliDwellTime



Apply Analytics to assist with root cause identification



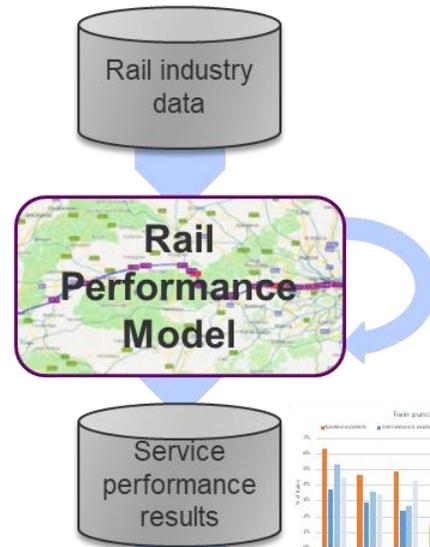
Quantify Benefits to rank improvement plans



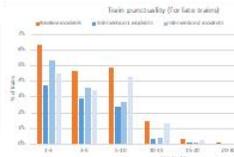
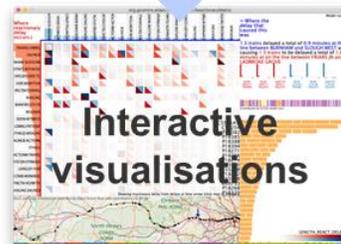
Case study 2: Rail performance modelling for strategic decision making



Using industry data to help TOCs and Network Rail improve service performance

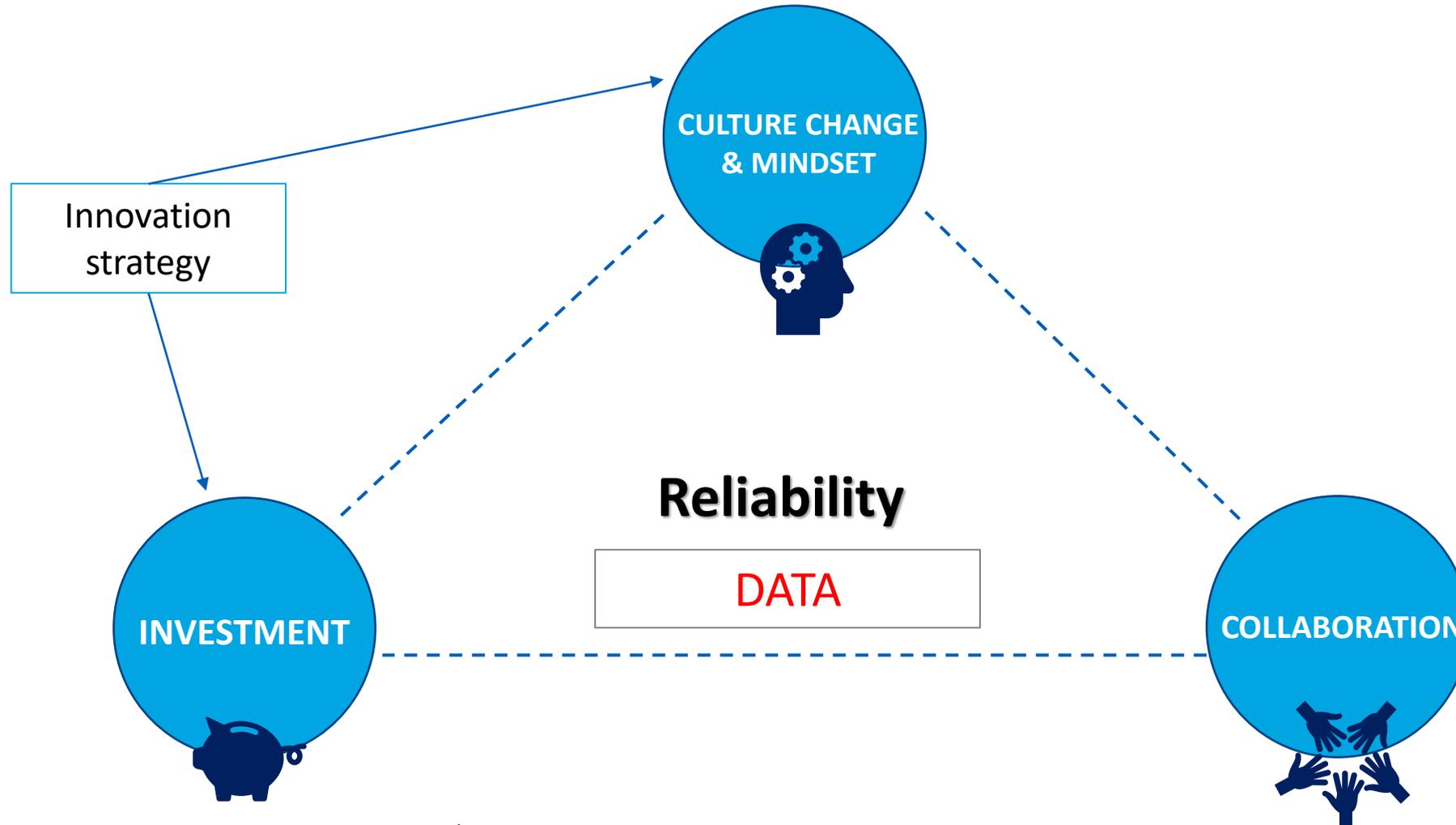


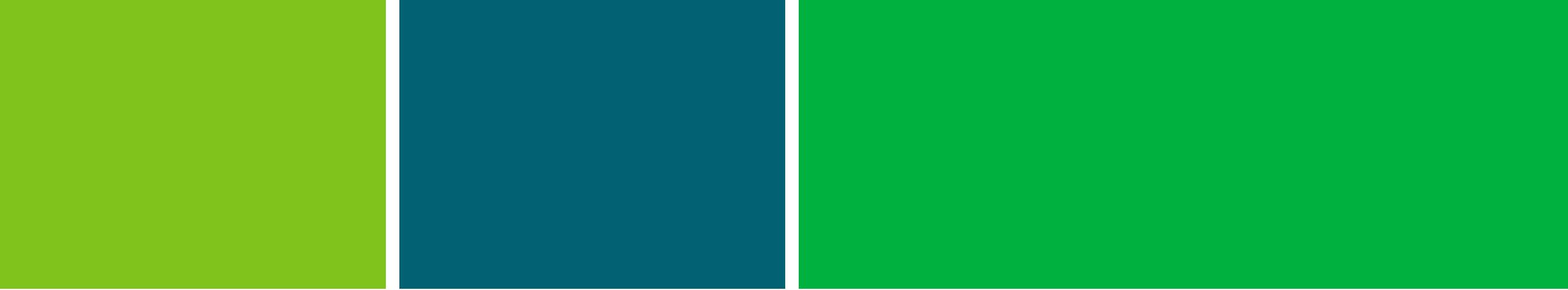
Finding out where to focus effort so it really counts



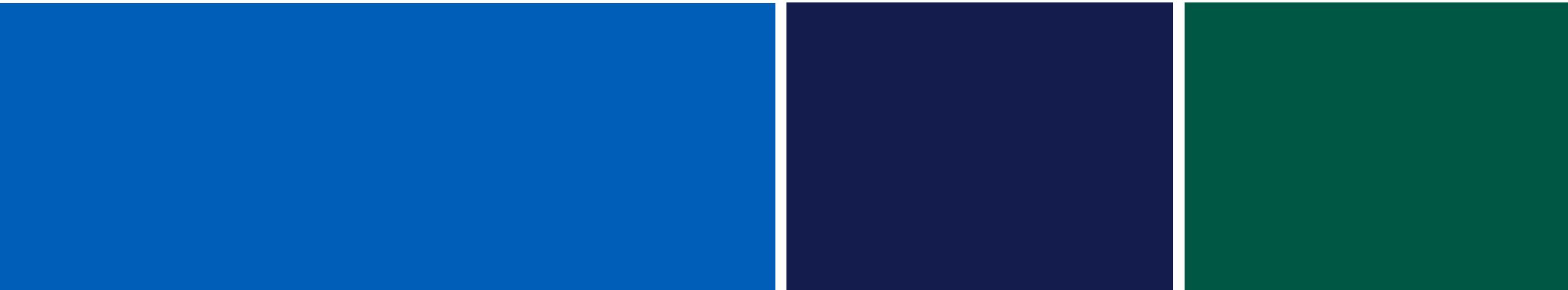
- 1 Model the interaction of trains, and the reactionary delays resulting from conflicts
- 2 Discover the root causes of poor performance by visualizing the complex interacting delays
- 3 Model interventions designed to remove/reduce the effect of these root causes
- 4 Quantify the benefits of the improved performance to establish the value for money of interventions.

Conclusions





Thank you





Deep Dive into Data Science methods for Rail Safety

Presented by Fotis Zapantis
03 June 2020



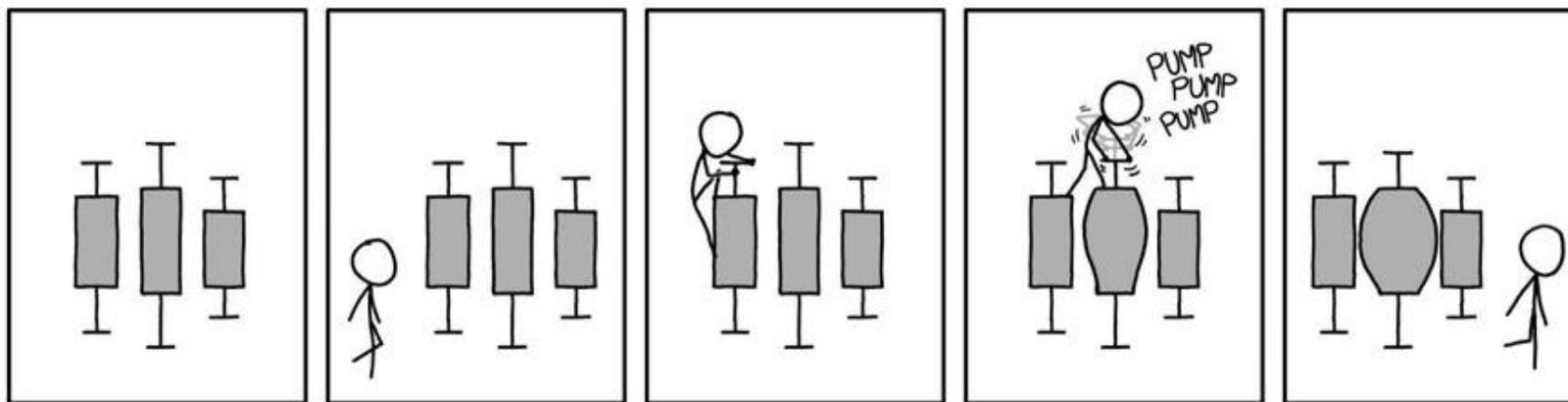
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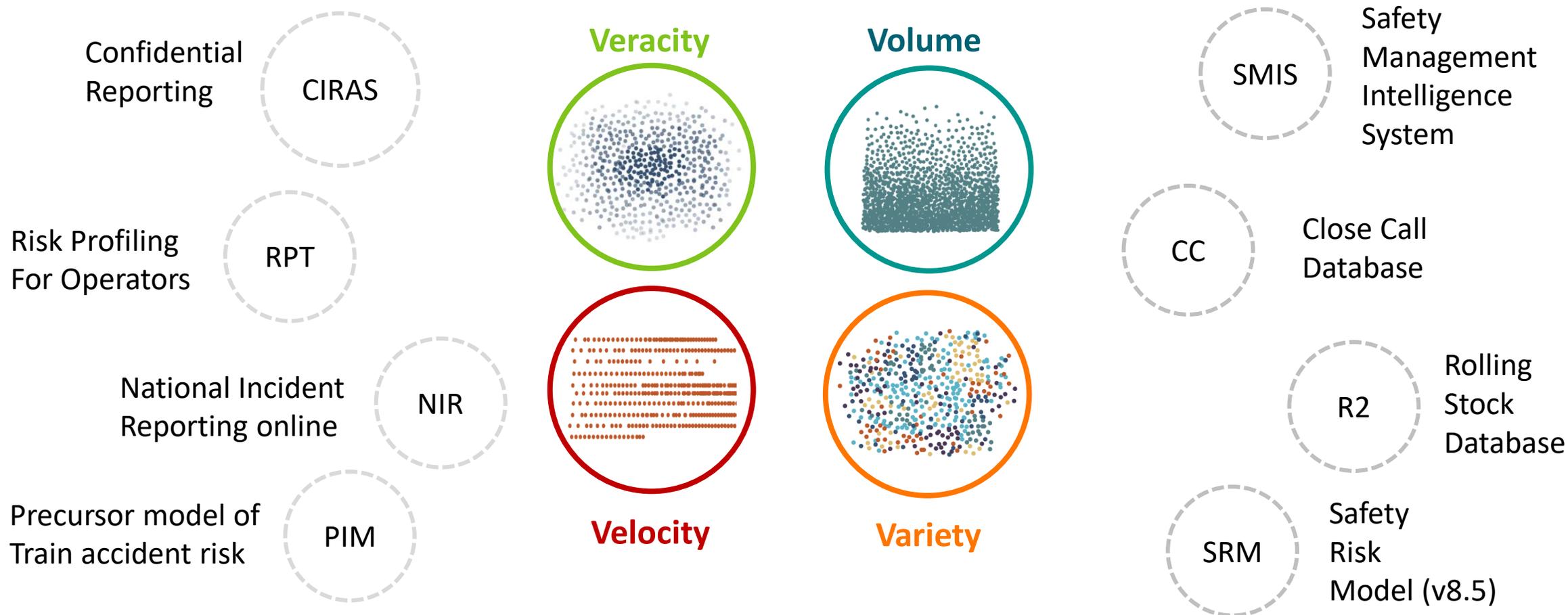
Hi, I am **Fotis**

I work as an Intelligence Analyst at the *Risk and Safety Intelligence department* at RSSB. I help other Risk and Safety Intelligence Analysts build the intuition they need to identify passenger, public and workforce safety risk from operational incidents

I am also a **mentor** for the Women in Rail cross-industry mentoring scheme 😊

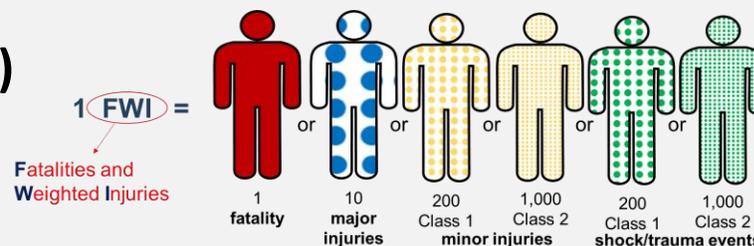


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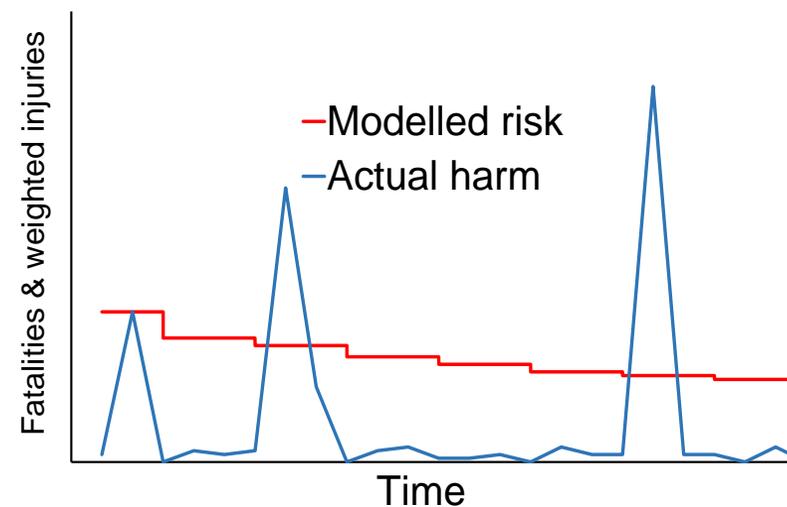
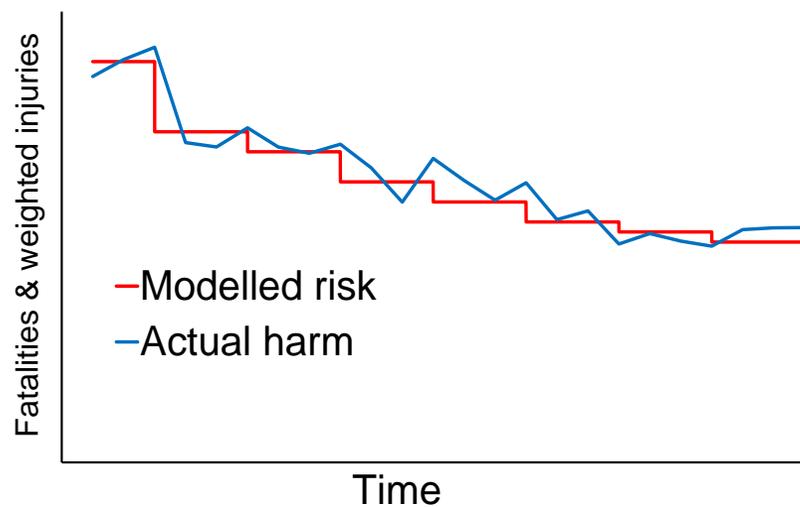


Safety Risk Estimation vs Reality (Observed Harm)

High frequency (events/year)
Low consequence (FWI)



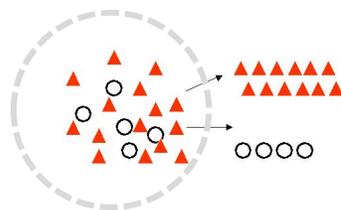
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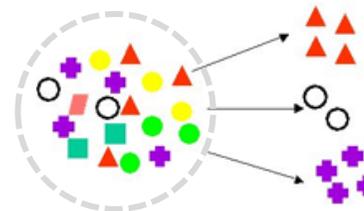
Note: charts are illustrative and not based on real data

Data Mining Methods (Ancient Methods)

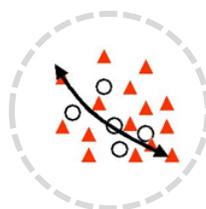
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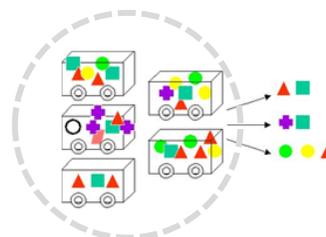
Clustering



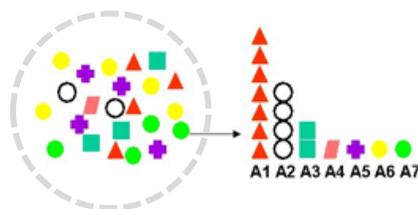
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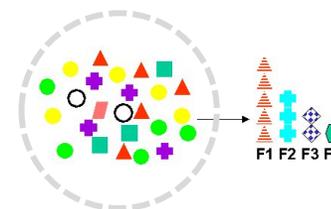
Association Rules



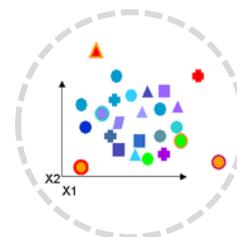
Attribute importance



Feature selection and extraction

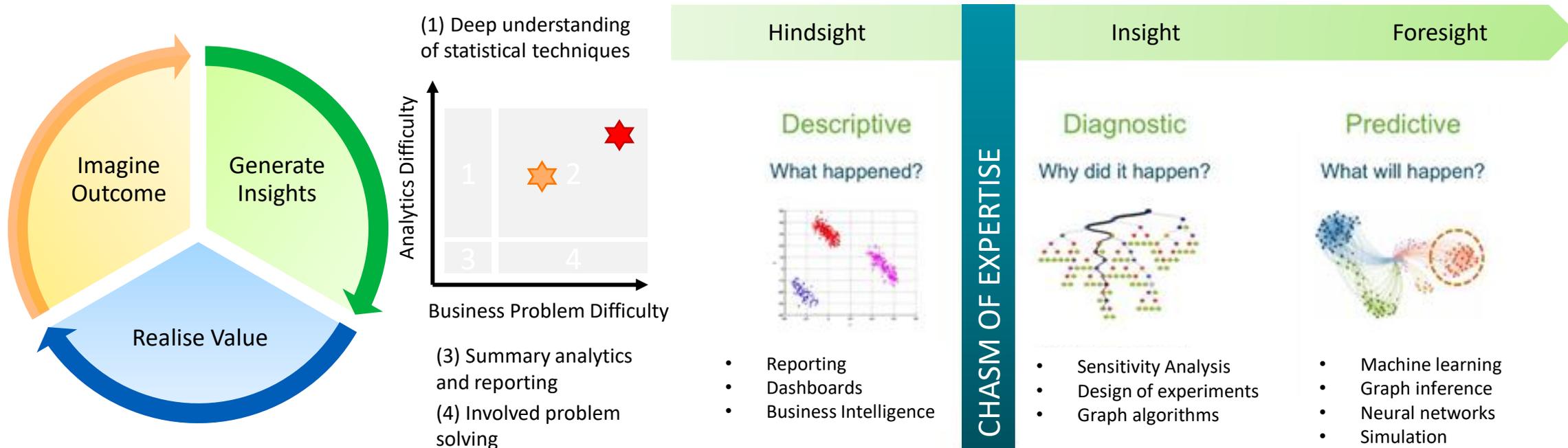


Anomaly detection



Data is useful when it is Actionable

Data Science will leverage any tools for extracting as much information as the data contains and comprises mathematics (statistics), logic, algorithms and assumptions for uncertainty.



The presence of uncertainty leads to infer rather than deduce solutions and it is statistics that we rely upon to measure the accuracy and reliability of the extracted information

Comparison of various risk analysis techniques for Complex Systems (the Theory)

Risk Analysis, Vol. 31, No. 1, 2011

DOI: 10.1111/j.1539-6924.2010.01475.x

Fault and Event Tree Analyses for Process Systems Risk Analysis: Uncertainty Handling Formulations

Refaul Ferdous,¹ Faisal Khan,^{1,*} Rehan Sadiq,² Paul Amyotte,³ and Brian Veitch¹

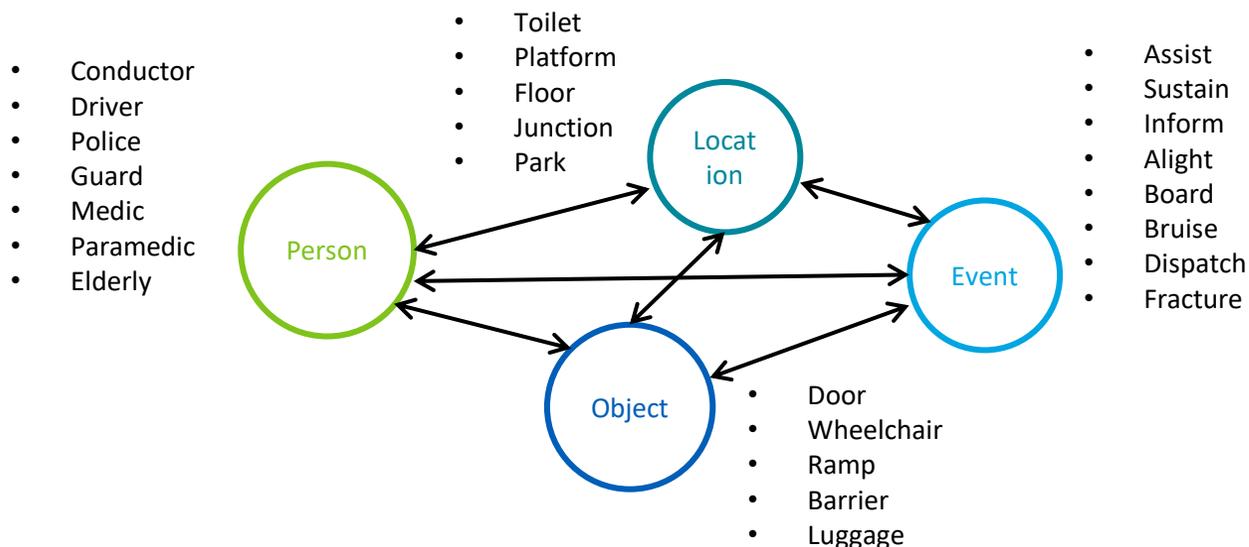
Attributes	Soft Computing Techniques				
	Decision Tree	Fuzzy Rule-Based Models	Artificial Neural Networks	Bayesian Networks	Cognitive Maps/Fuzzy Cognitive Maps
Network capability	N ^a	L ^b	N	H ^c	VH ^d
Ability to express causality	H	M	N	H	VH
Formulation transparency	H	H	N ^e	H	VH
Ease in model development	H	M	M	M	VH
Ability to model complex systems	M	H	VH	H	VH
Ability to handle qualitative inputs	H	H	N	H	VH
Scalability and modularity	VL	L	VL ^f	H	VH ^g
Data requirements	H	L	VH	M	L ^h
Difficulty in modification	VH	H	M	L	N
Interpretability of results	VH	VH	VH	VH	H
Learning/training capability	H	M ⁱ	VH ^j	H ^k	H ^l
Time required for simulation	L	L	H	L	L
Maturity of science	VH	H	H	VH	M
Ability to handle dynamic data	L	H	H	H	M
Examples of hybrid models (ability to combine with other approaches)	H	VH ^m	VH ^m	H	H ⁿ

Case Study 1 - Treatment of Disabled Passengers [Text Mining, Graph Inference]

In order to create reproducible workflows we used

python™ (v 3.0) via Orange data mining, an open source tool for data mining and machine learning

POLE (Person, Object, Location, Event) Model



Safety Insights (~1.5K records in SMIS over multiple years):

The process of booking assistance and the level of experience of assistance staff are a major concern for reduced mobility passengers who often need to find their way to the platform/exit in overcrowded stations or in a short amount of time due to train delays – *Hypothetical Action:* Provide different ticketing arrangements for disabled passengers e.g. day tickets

Disabled WC are frequently used by other non-disabled passengers and their general cleanliness is not very well received – *Hypothetical Action:* Only allow access to the disabled toilet via the disabled persons railcard

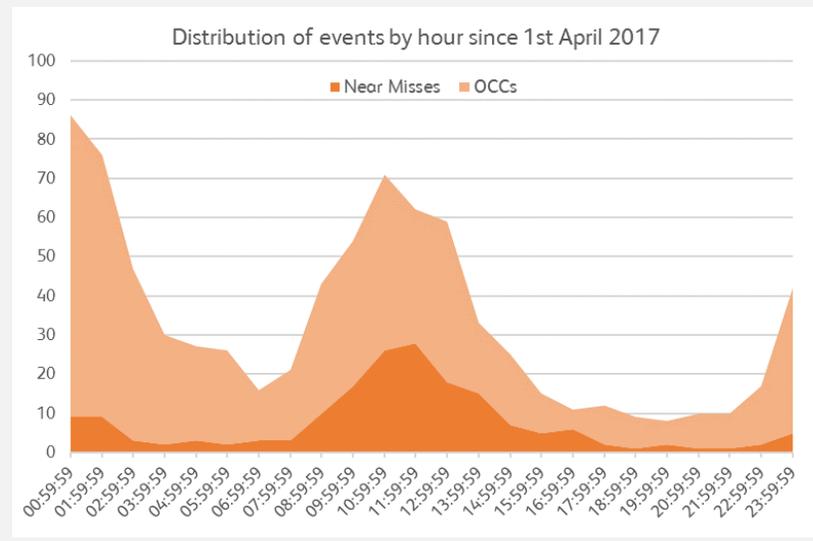
Upper body injuries (shoulder, knee, neck) are more frequently reported as a result of disabled/non-disabled passenger interaction - *Hypothetical Action:* Possibly segregate disabled and non-disabled passenger flows



Case Study 2 - Trackworker Safety, Network Rail Safety Task Force Programme [DoE]

Recent accidents have sharpened the industry focus on track worker safety, particularly the interface between track workers and moving trains. The Safety Task Force formed in July 2019 to tackle this issue with RSSB providing analysis support from available data: Near Misses recorded in SMIS, Investigation reports, Operational Close Calls in SMIS and Close Calls (Safety Insights ~15K records in multiple systems).

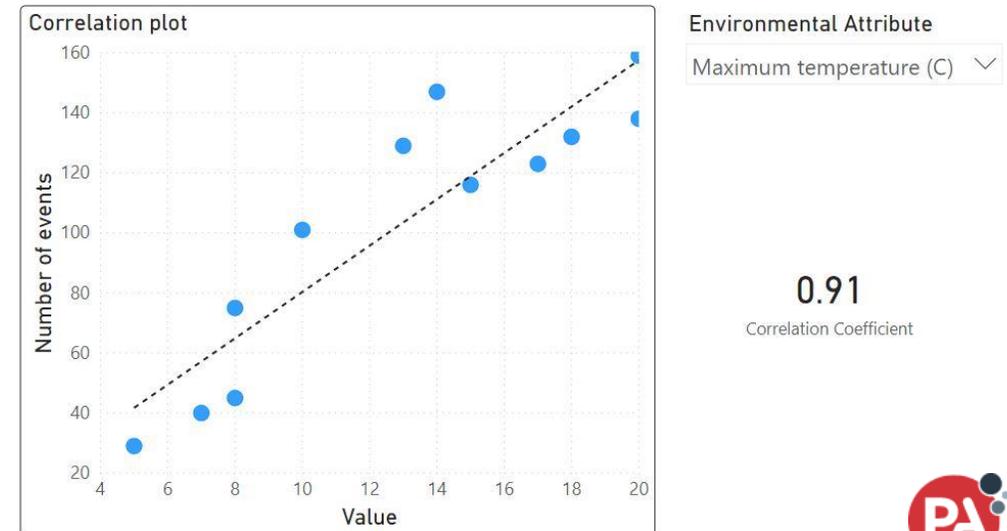
RSSB to work with NR and ISLG to improve the data and metrics for trackworker safety



Top 5 attributes with strongest correlation

- Dew point (C) 0.91
- Maximum temperature (C) 0.91
- Temperature (C) 0.89
- Feels like (C) 0.89
- Wind chill (C) 0.89

Environmental attribute correlations



Facts don't Lie: However, never be careless in handling, preparing and analysing the data. Do not assume that all the information is in your data (often relevant context information needs to be considered to draw the right conclusions)

Success Criteria

Focus on the business value

- Do's

Define the business value in terms of effectiveness, efficiency and risk. Determine which process aspects you want to gain insights.

- Don'ts

Don't be overly fascinated with the possibilities of the technology. There are often multiple ways to get answers for your questions, and sometimes multiple techniques to be combined to get the full picture

Start small, think big

- Do's

Connect the business driver to a specific business domain. Choose a process where the beginning and the end are clearly defined. Check whether this process is supported by an IT system.

- Don'ts

Don't start with the most important core process of the company. That will come later once the first results have convinced people of the approach.

Work hypothesis-driven and in short cycles

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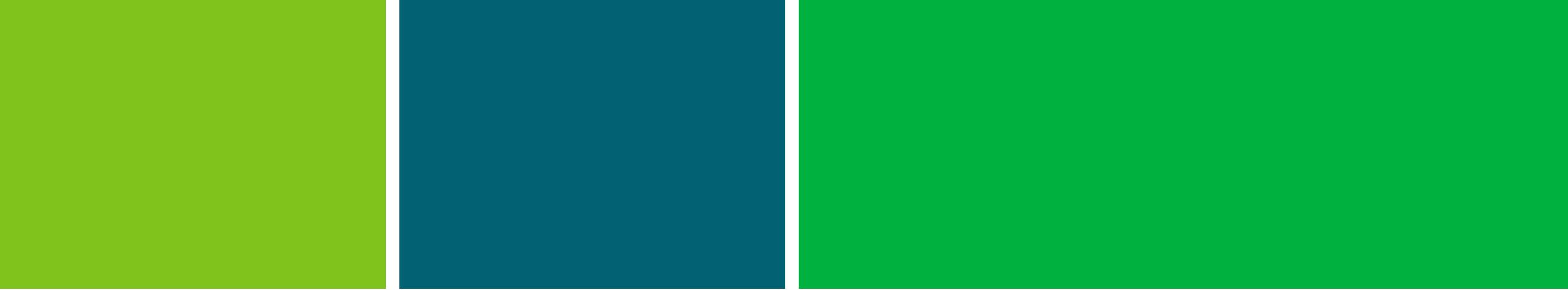
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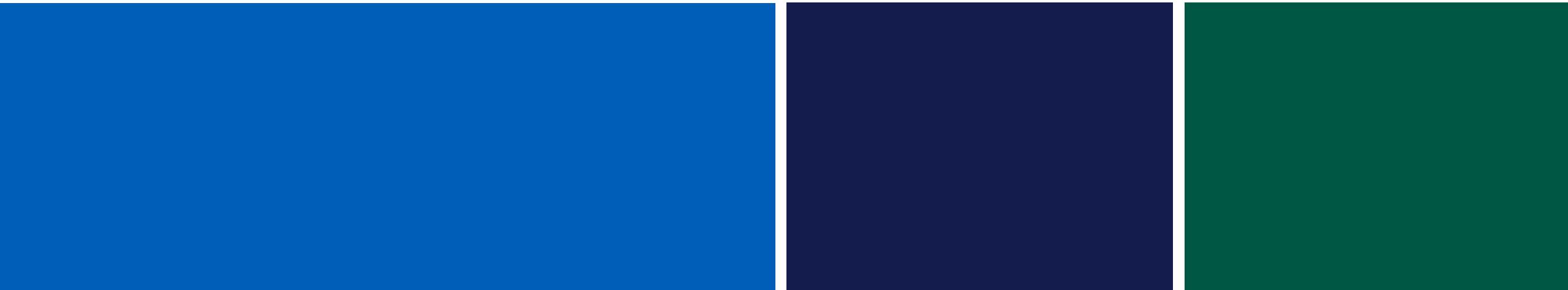
Common Pitfalls

- Being too fascinated with the technology itself can lead to an inability to show the added value from a business perspective
- An unrealistic image of the data availability, coming from the promise of Big Data, can lead to overblown expectations
- Due to wrong understanding of what data mining can do, the first project is often too ambitious in scope. Too much is being promised and it takes longer than usual before the first results can be shown

Any Questions?



Thank you



Q&A

Panel discussion – 15 minutes

Questions welcome from audience
via the on-screen chat facility



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Feedback

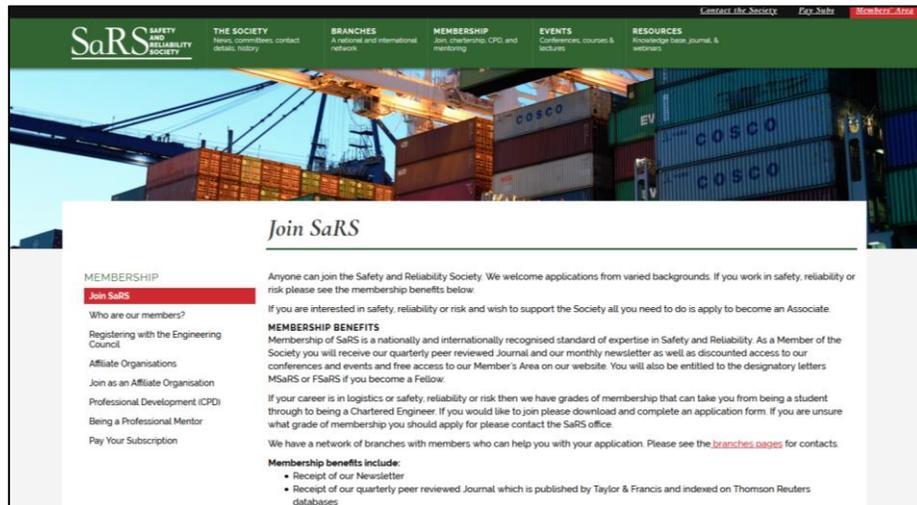
Social event



JOINING SARS

If you aren't a member and have enjoyed this webinar, please join to
develop yourself and the Society

We accept membership applications from candidates from all relevant backgrounds
– membership is open to everyone from students to experienced professionals



The screenshot shows the 'Join SaRS' page on the SaRS website. The page has a green header with navigation links: 'SaRS SAFETY AND RELIABILITY SOCIETY', 'THE SOCIETY', 'BRANCHES', 'MEMBERSHIP', 'EVENTS', and 'RESOURCES'. The main content area is titled 'Join SaRS' and contains the following text:

MEMBERSHIP
Join SaRS

Anyone can join the Safety and Reliability Society. We welcome applications from varied backgrounds. If you work in safety, reliability or risk please see the membership benefits below.

If you are interested in safety, reliability or risk and wish to support the Society all you need to do is apply to become an Associate

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS
Membership of SaRS is a nationally and internationally recognised standard of expertise in Safety and Reliability. As a Member of the Society you will receive our quarterly peer reviewed Journal and our monthly newsletter as well as discounted access to our conferences and events and free access to our Member's Area on our website. You will also be entitled to the designatory letters MSaRS or FSaRS if you become a Fellow.

If your career is in logistics or safety, reliability or risk then we have grades of membership that can take you from being a student through to being a Chartered Engineer. If you would like to join please download and complete an application form. If you are unsure what grade of membership you should apply for please contact the SaRS office.

We have a network of branches with members who can help you with your application. Please see the [branches pages](#) for contacts.

Membership benefits include:

- Receipt of our Newsletter
- Receipt of our quarterly peer reviewed Journal which is published by Taylor & Francis and indexed on Thomson Reuters databases

We are delighted to announce that the
**Safety & Reliability Society is now a
Licensed Member of the Engineering
Council for direct CEng and IEng
Professional Registration**

More information available at www.sars.org.uk

NEXT WEBINAR

- **Basics of Risk Management – 5. People Placement**
 - 17th June at 1300
 - Register via our website www.sars.org.uk

YRP brings together people from all sectors of the industry and we run a packed programme of collaborative networking and development events throughout the year. Membership is free and our events are free or subsidised to ensure they are affordable and accessible to all.

A playlist of our recent webinars is available on our YouTube channel:

www.youtube.com/channel/UCSfN7ahABNvsTt9h-ByZRrg

or search for “Young Rail Professionals” on www.youtube.com

To sign up to our upcoming events go to our website: www.youngrailpro.com

Date/Time	Event	Description
10 th June 2020 18:00 - 19:30	Rail Quiz Night YRP/Railway Benefit Fund	A fun quiz night raising money for charity and breaking the lockdown lull, hosted by Pete Waterman OBE
30 th June 2020 17:00 - 18:00	Andrew Haines talks to the Next Generation of Railway Workers	Network Rail Chief Executive Andrew Haines addresses young railway professionals on his career journey and the challenges and opportunities in the industry
14 th July 2020 18:00 - 19:30	Disrupting Disruption - improving the customer experience when things go wrong	A panel of industry leaders discusses how the rail industry handles disruption

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- Please can I ask you to fill it in before you exit the webinar
- The information is vital for us to improve our offering
- Please take two minutes to fill it in and click Submit
- Thank you very much and **STAY SAFE**



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