



# Decision Support in Structural Health Monitoring

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# Johannes Kepler University

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- General figures
  - 3 Faculties:
    - Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences
    - Faculty of Social Sciences and Economics
    - Faculty of Law
- 120 full professors, ~700 scientific staff
- ~15 000 students (10% foreign students)



# Structural Health Monitoring

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## 5 steps of damage state identification process

- Existence. Is there damage in the system?
- Location. Where is the damage in the system?
- Type. What kind of damage is present?
- Extent. How severe is the damage?
- Prognosis. How much useful life remains?

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# Structural Health Monitoring

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## Challenges

- How does a local damage influence the global response of a structure (vibration, stiffness, ... )?
- Almost no data of damaged structures is available
- Defining sensor properties and finding suitable sensors and installations
- Convincing structural system owners that the SHM technology provides an economic benefit

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## Problems

- Human interpretation of measurement data (e.g. of bridges, lamp posts, etc.) is very complex and time-consuming
- Huge amount of measurement data
- Only experts can interpret these data
- Subjectivity and different levels of experience

# Structural Health Monitoring

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- Objectives (of IT groups)
  - Decision Support System to support the interpretation of measurement data
  - Reduce the workload of experts
  - Support the analytic process (data management, filtering, evaluation, visualization)
  - The system should learn continuously
- Activities of FAW
  - Co-operation with Vienna Consulting Engineers (VCE) in the area of Bridge Monitoring
  - EU-projects: SAFEPIPES, IRIS

# Structural Health Monitoring

## Our Partner's (VCE) approach

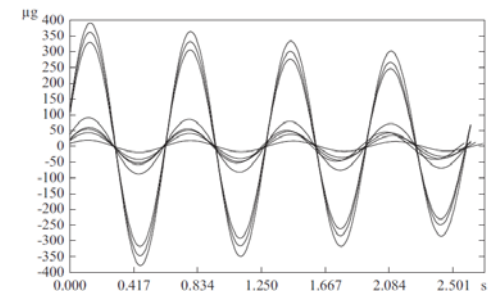
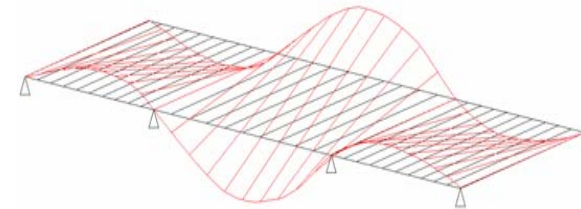
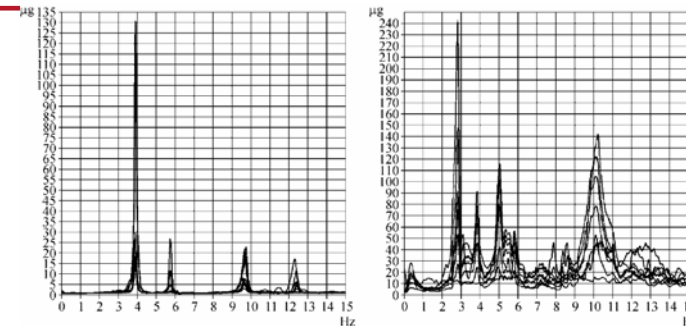
### ■ Eigenfrequencies

- The essential parameters in SHM
- No trivial task to find calculate it from a very noisy signal
- External influences (wind, rain, temperature, traffic, ... )

### ■ Mode-Shapes (Mode of Vibration)

- Mode in which a structure is oscillating
- For each eigenfrequency a mode-shape exists

### ■ Damping





# IRIS

## EU Project (FP7)

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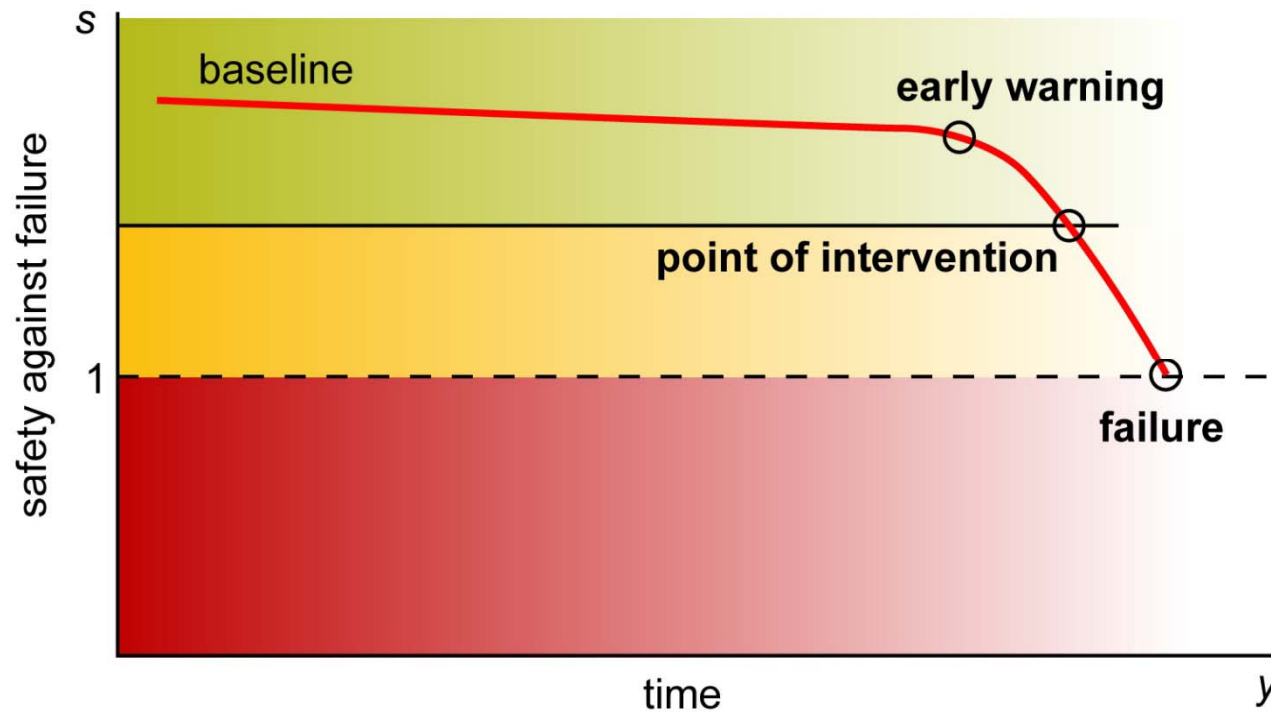
- IRIS – Integrated European Industrial Risk Reduction System
  - About 40 Partners, one from University of Tokyo (Bridge & Structure Laboratory)
- Motivation
  - Risk assessment and management for industrial systems of different sectors are methodically varying and fragmented – integration desired
- Basic Concept
  - Develop integrated safety technologies, standards and services
- WP7: Monitoring, Assessment, Early Warning, Decision Support
  - FAW has its main task in this work package

# IRIS

EU Project (FP7)



## Overall Goal



# Knowledge Discovery in Measurement Analysis

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## Waikato Environment for Knowledge Analysis (WEKA)

- Data mining Software in Java
- Open Source
- Used for research, education, and applications
- Main features:
  - Data pre-processing tools, learning algorithms and evaluation methods
  - Graphical user interfaces (incl. data visualization)
  - Environment for comparing learning algorithms
- <http://www.cs.waikato.ac.nz/ml/weka>



Waikato Environment for Knowledge Analysis  
Version 3.6.2  
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The University of Waikato  
Hamilton, New Zealand

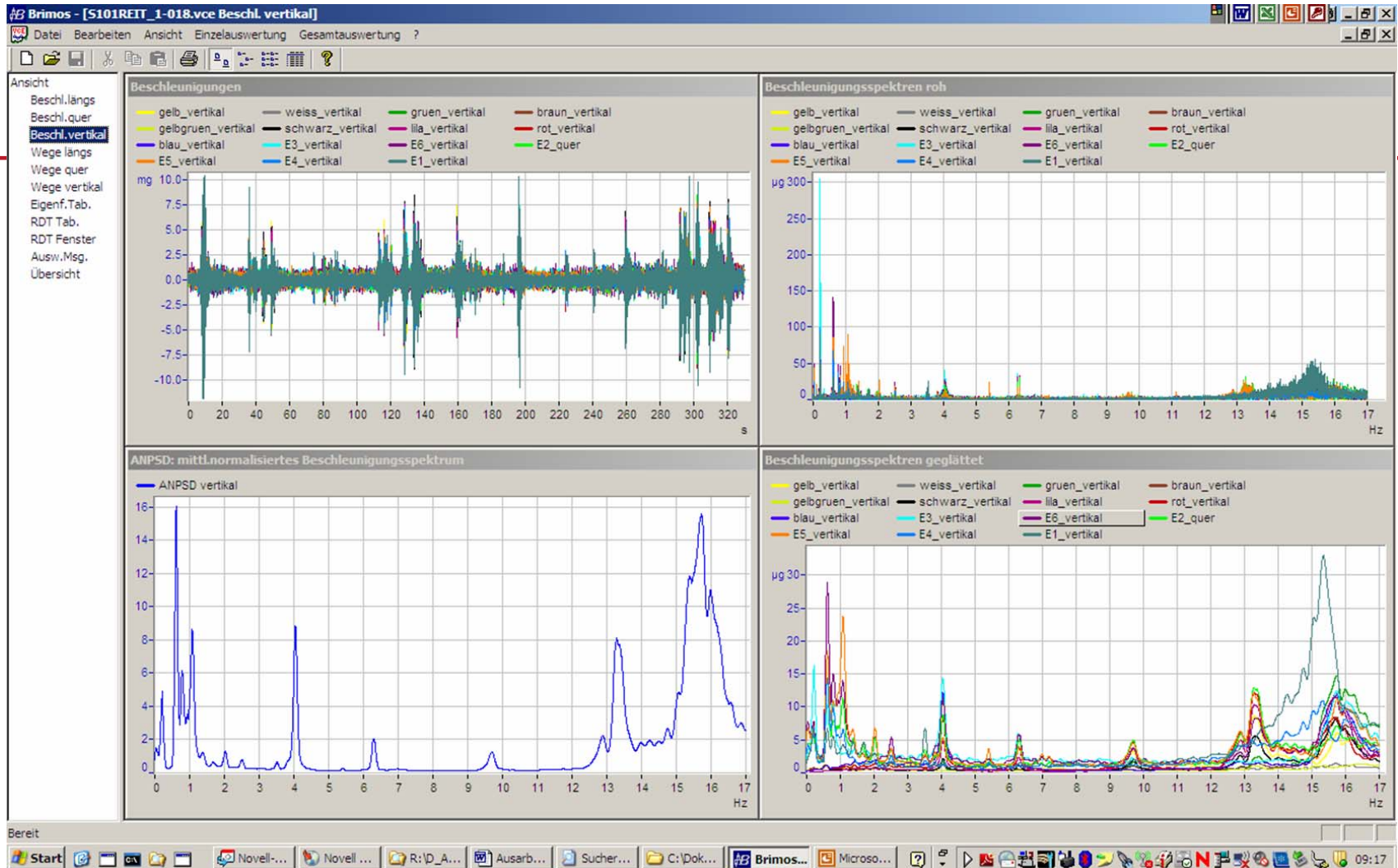
# Knowledge Discovery in Measurement Analysis

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## Rapidminer

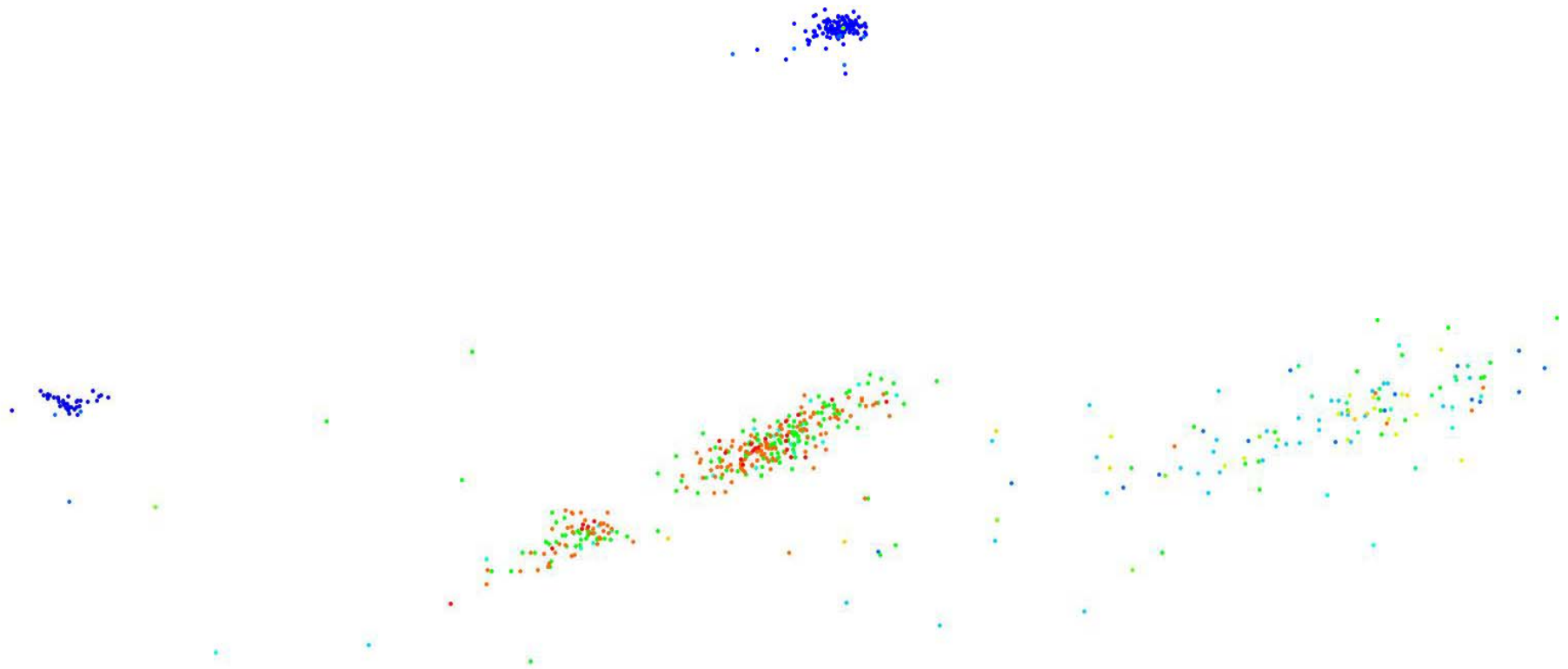


- A very comprehensive open-source software tools
  - intelligent data analysis, data mining, knowledge discovery, machine learning, predictive analytics, forecasting, and analytics in business intelligence (BI).
- Implemented in Java and available under GPL among other licenses
- Available from <http://rapid-i.com>
- Data mining processes as a net of operators
- Has over 400 data mining operators





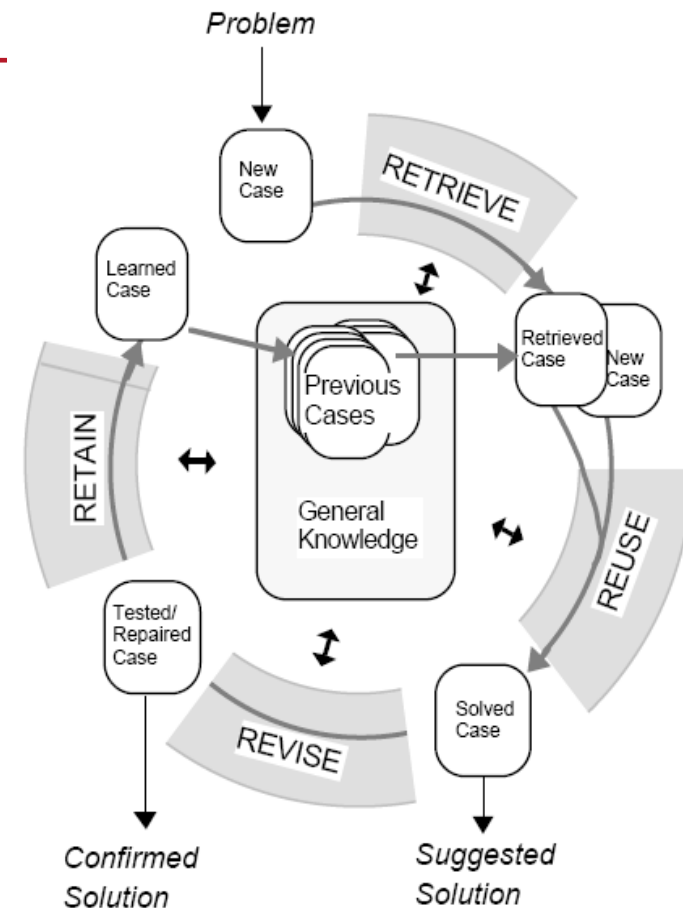
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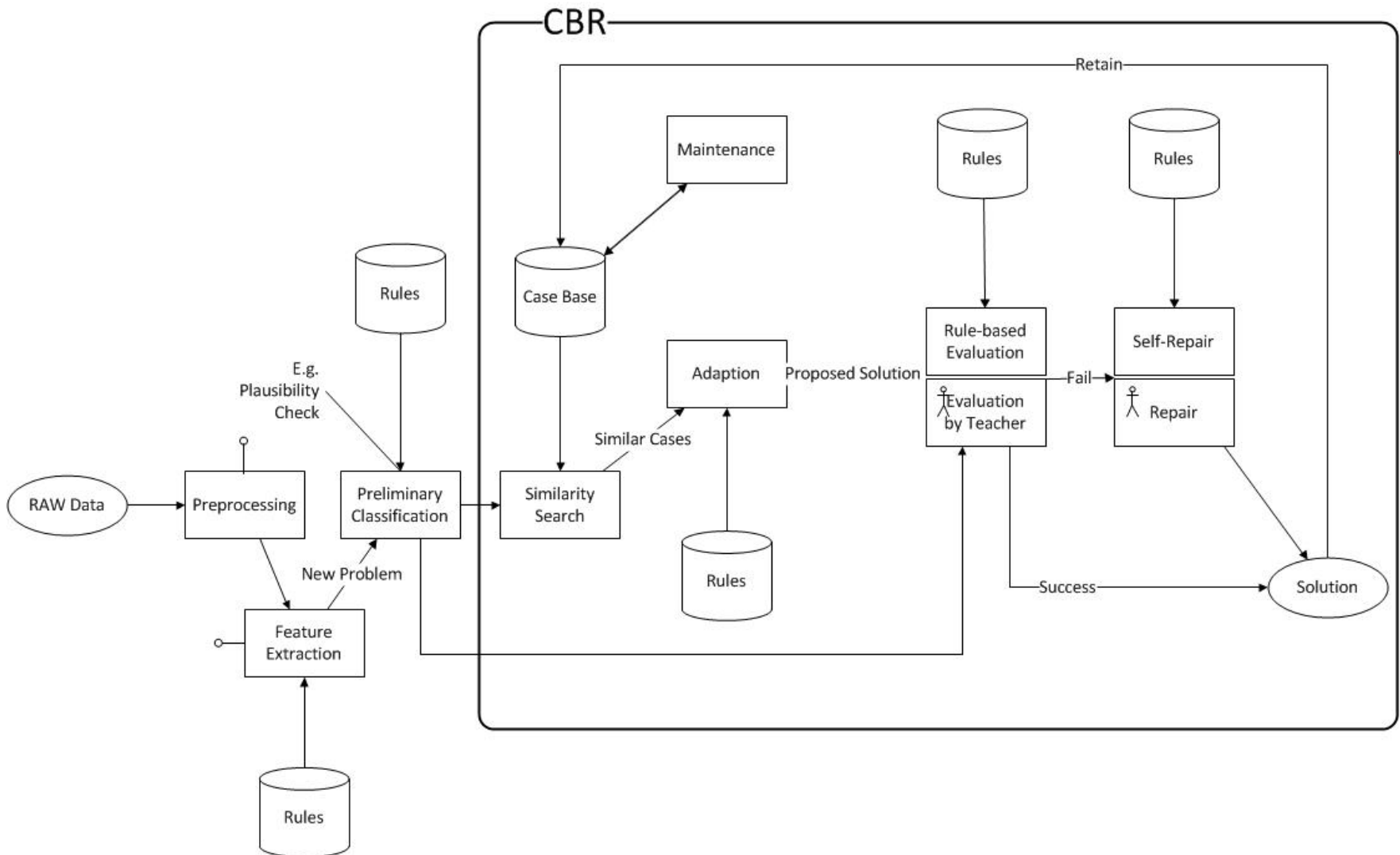


# Case-based Decision Support

## Case-based Reasoning

- “Case-based reasoning is a recent approach to problem solving and learning [...]” (Aamodt & Plaza, 1994)
- Cyclic Problem Solving Process
  - Continuous learning
- Objectives
  - Reuse knowledge of known cases (reduce knowledge acquisition effort)
  - Rapid and cost-effective solutions







# Case-based Decision Support

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## Assessment of Lamp Posts

- Decision Parameters
  - Design (Type, Height, Material)
  - Set of selected eigenfrequencies
  - Visual inspection (oxidation, condition of concrete)
- Assessment by engineer (Classes A-F)
- CBR Task: (Re-)Classification of lamp post's condition
- 85-90% „correct“ classifications



## Evaluation

### Problem

#### Case Name: TestCase1

Eigenfrequency 3, Longitudinal, Stimulated: 14,3798828125  
Eigenfrequency 3, Longitudinal, Ambient: 11,7919921875  
Eigenfrequency 3, Transverse, Stimulated: 13,51318359375  
Eigenfrequency 3, Transverse, Ambient: 4,4921875  
Eigenfrequency 2, Longitudinal, Stimulated: 9,326171875  
Eigenfrequency 2, Longitudinal, Ambient: 3,594970703125  
Eigenfrequency 2, Transverse, Stimulated: 11,63330078125  
Eigenfrequency 2, Transverse, Ambient: 3,57666015625  
Eigenfrequency 1, Longitudinal, Stimulated: 3,662109375  
Eigenfrequency 1, Longitudinal, Ambient: 1,507568359375  
Eigenfrequency 1, Transverse, Stimulated: 3,79638671875  
Eigenfrequency 1, Transverse, Ambient: 2,996826171875  
Height: 9  
Stand: Seal to the Concrete - Good  
Arm: 2-fold  
Accretion: 1-fold  
Condition Outside: No Rust  
Condition Inside: No Rust  
Condition Lower Region: Coat available, good Condition  
Condition Upper Region: Coat available, good Condition

### Solution

Class A

Retain Solution

Discard Solution

Class A

Correct Solution

# Integration of Decision Support Systems

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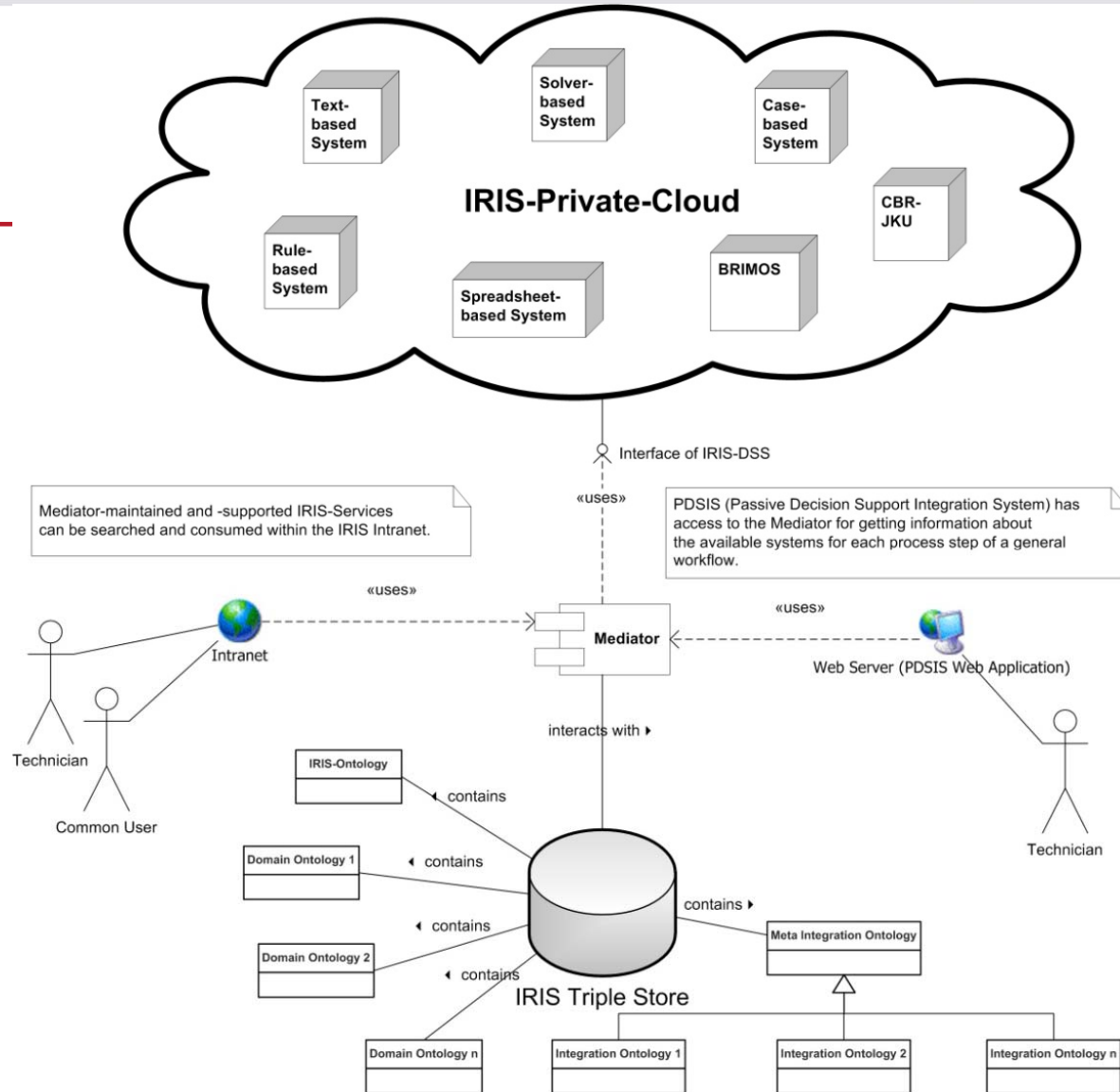
- FAW approach based on ...
  - Distributed stand-alone applications (Decision Support Systems)
  - Different syntax and semantic of operations, in- and outputs
  - Ontologies used for modeling semantics explicitly
- Measurement analysis process – single ontology approach
  - General workflow with in- and outputs for each process step
  - Semantic association between systems and workflow
  - Global conceptualization for classifying of systems
  - Quality measures for each system per process step

# Integration of Decision Support Systems

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- Mediator-based integration system
  - Guided workflow
  - Suggestion of adequate systems
  - Assessment of systems (accept/deny)

Question: Which level of detail can be reached by describing input and output parameters of certain Decision Support Systems (DSS) in general and especially its specific operations, if we use Semantic Web concepts like Ontologies (e.g. DAML+OIL, OWL, etc.) and Rule Languages (e.g. RIF)?



# Summary

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- Structural Health Monitoring
  - Measurement analysis, challenges/problems
- EU-FP7-Project “IRIS”
- Knowledge Discovery in Measurement Analysis
  - WEKA, Rapidminer
- Case-based Decision Support
  - Assessment of simple structures (lamp posts)
- Ontology-based Integration of Decision Support Systems



**Thank you for your attention!**

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