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Optimization enabled digital twinning of radioactive waste repositories

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My Way to IGD-TP

Roadmap on Artificial Intelligence in radioactive waste disposal

Krafczyk et al., 2021

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Data-driven modeling and simulation of mechanical systems

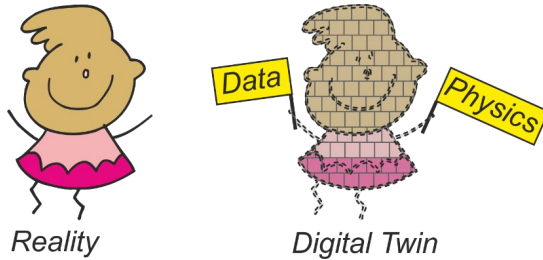
Proposal related to roadmap with Joachim Stahlmann and Ulrich Römer

2019 - 2021

since May 2021

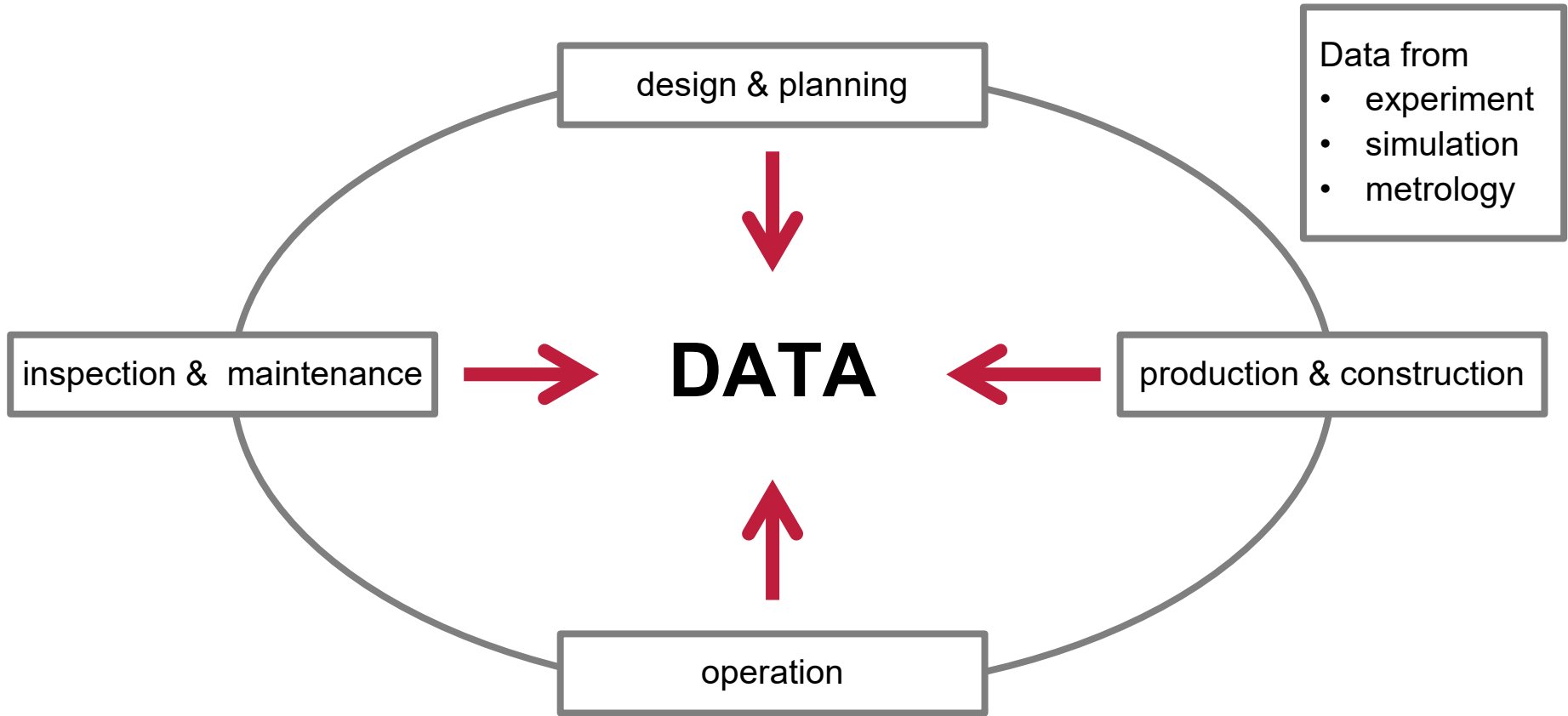
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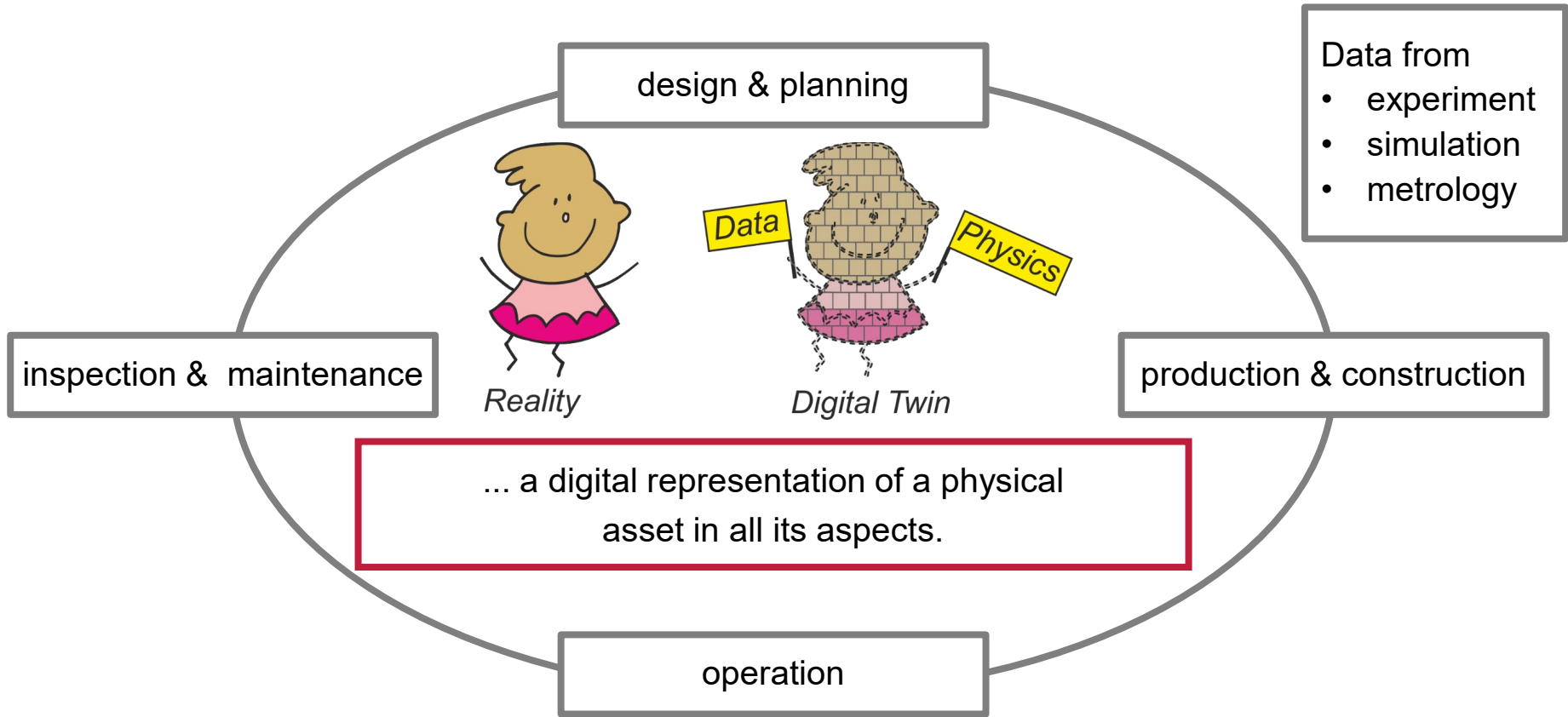


1. **Digital twinning of radioactive waste repositories**
2. Surrogate Modeling
3. Statistical Finite Element Method

1. A digital twin is ...



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1. Digital twinning of radioactive waste repositories



Univ.-Prof. Dr.-Ing.
Joachim Stahlmann

- Geomechanics & Geotechnics
- Radioactive waste disposal
- Material modeling
- Monitoring

Physics-based model



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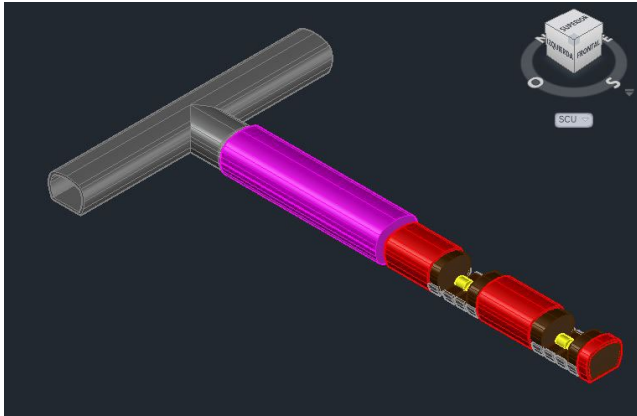
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- Data-driven modeling and simulation
- Surrogate modeling
- Uncertainty Quantification

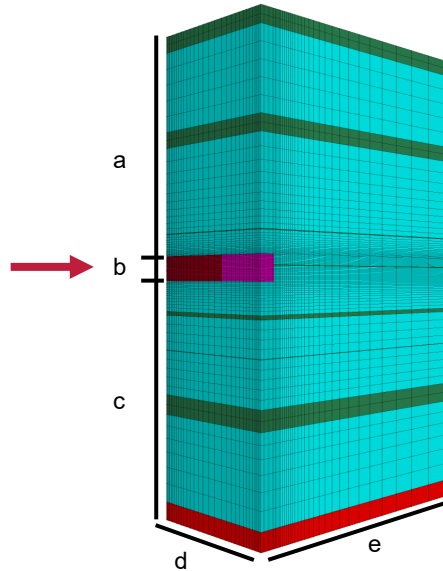
Data linkage

1. Geomechanical Modelling

Topology



Parametric virtual demonstrator



Variable parameter

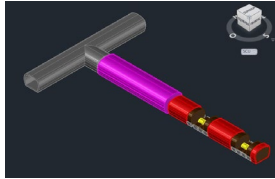
- **Calibration** of material parameter
- **Optimization** of the repository's topology

1. Design loop

Calibration of material
model parameters based
on laboratory experiments



Optimization of storage
drift with backfill and
sealing
plug



As-Planned

deteriorates from

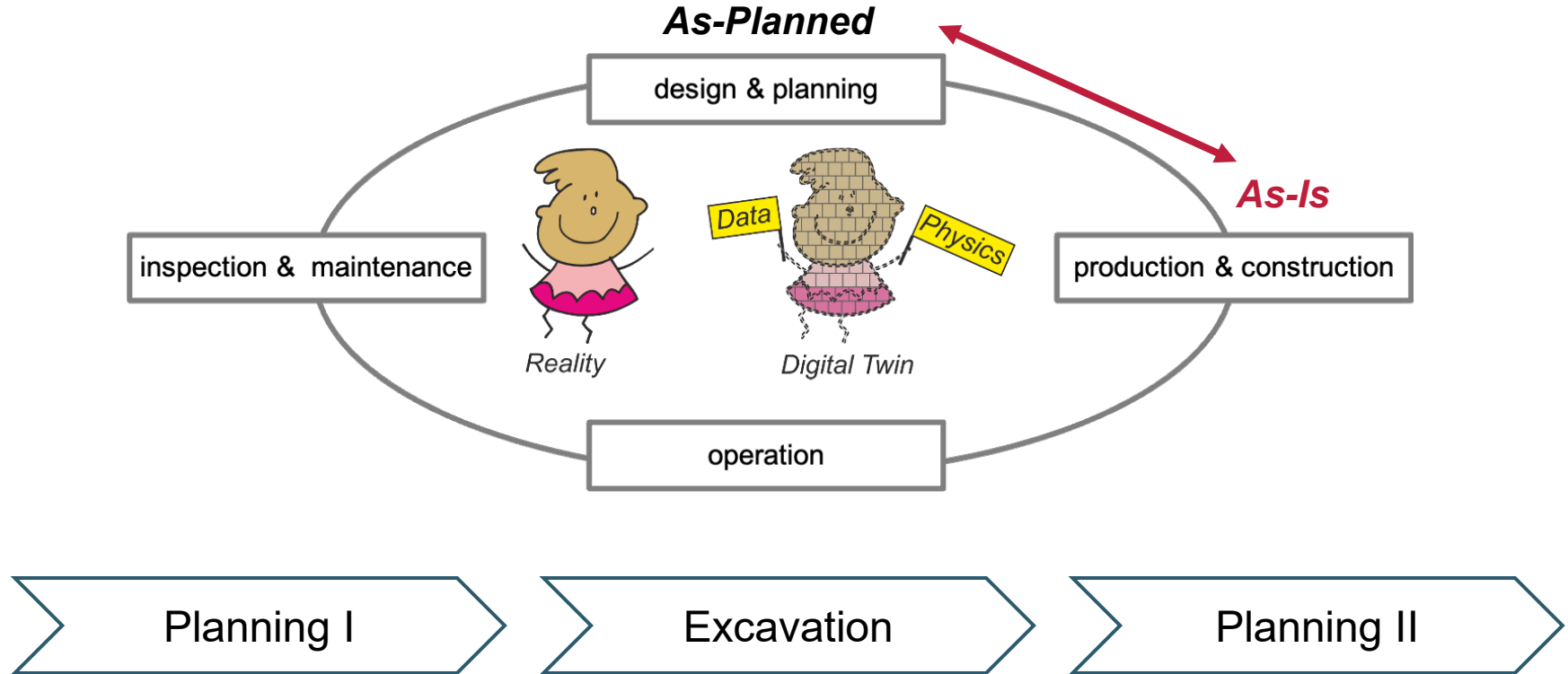
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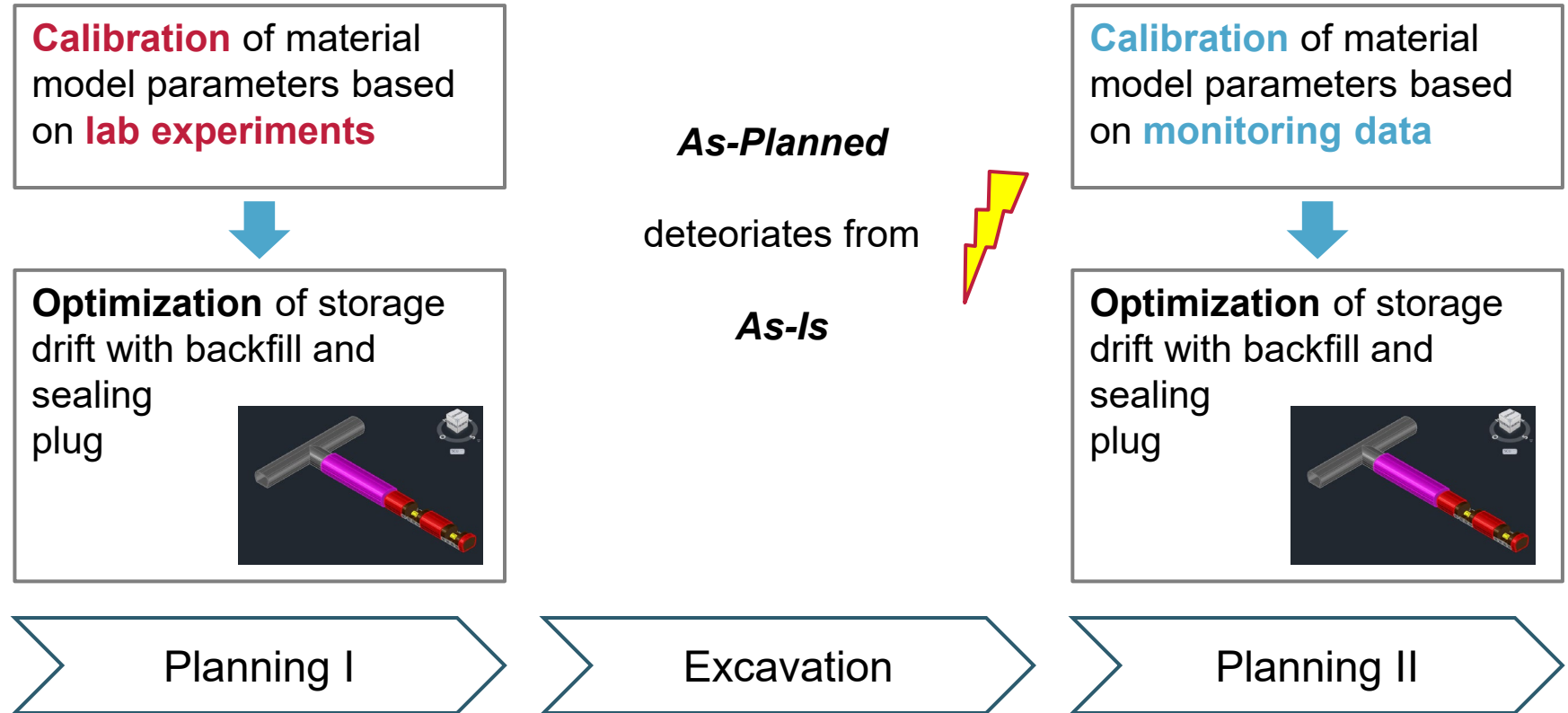
Planning I

Excavation

1. Design loop



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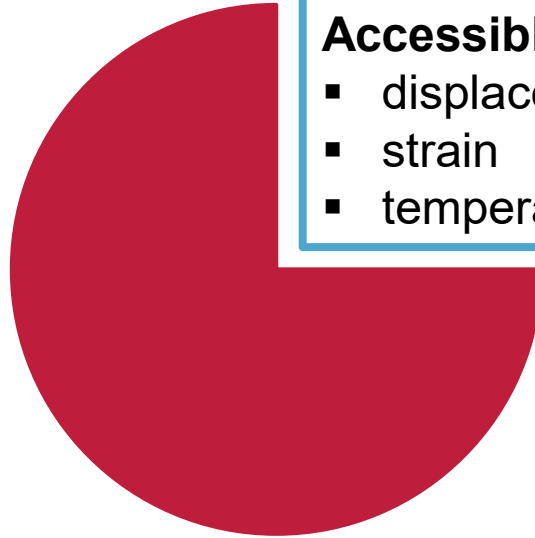


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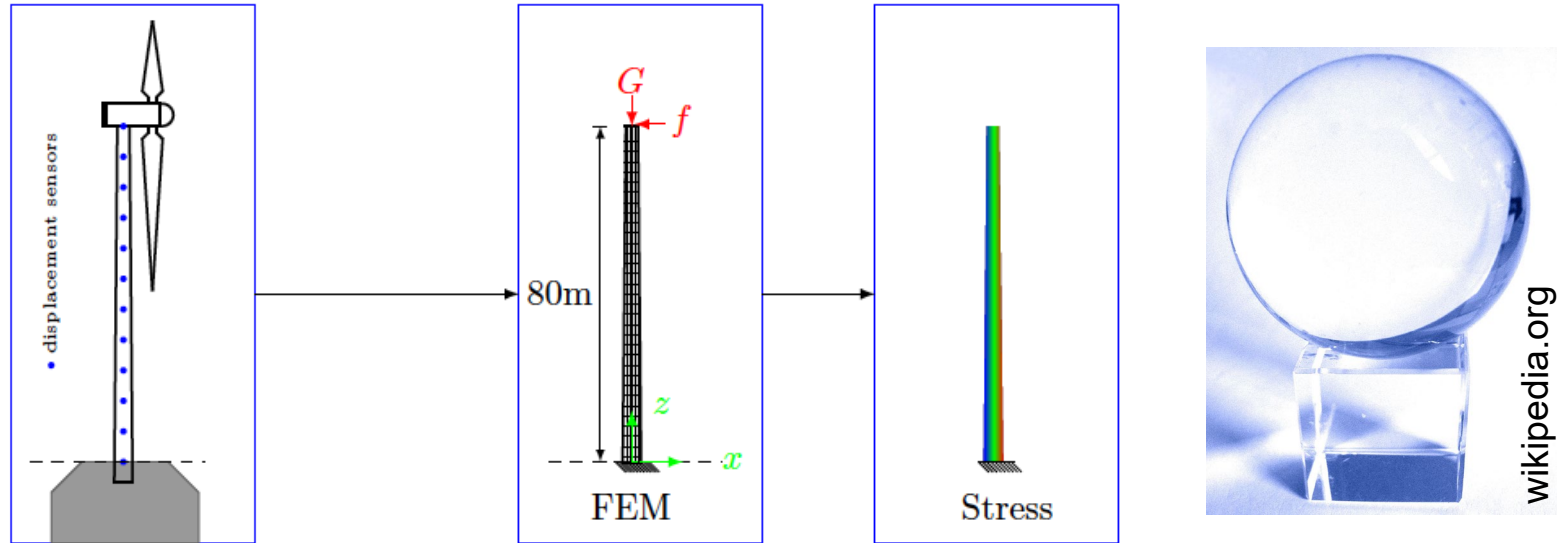


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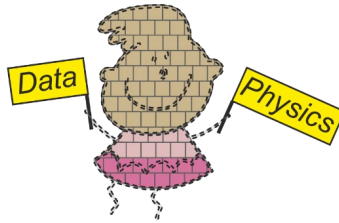


Inference of hidden quantities improves prognosis (extrapolation)!

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Reality



Digital Twin

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2. Surrogate Modeling



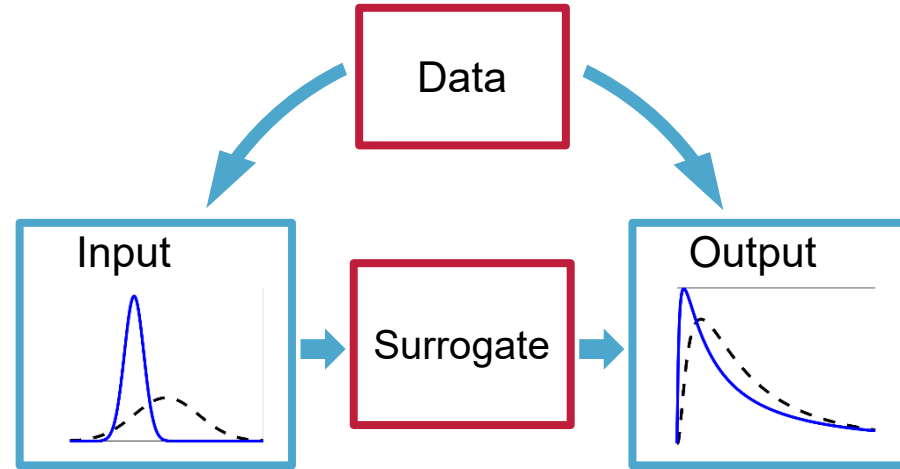
- Computation of the output Quantities of Interest (QoI) require expensive numerical simulations
- A metamodel can learn the functional relationship " $output = surrogate(input)$ "
- Machine learning of the surrogate based on (input, output) data-pairs requires a once only a high computational invest (training)
- Gaussian processes enable efficient training (adaptive sampling of design points)

2. Calibration

- Reality is represented by monitoring data, e.g. storage drift
- Discrepancy between measured δ_i^{mess} and simulated drift $\delta_i^{sim}(\mathbf{p})$ is expressed by an objective function

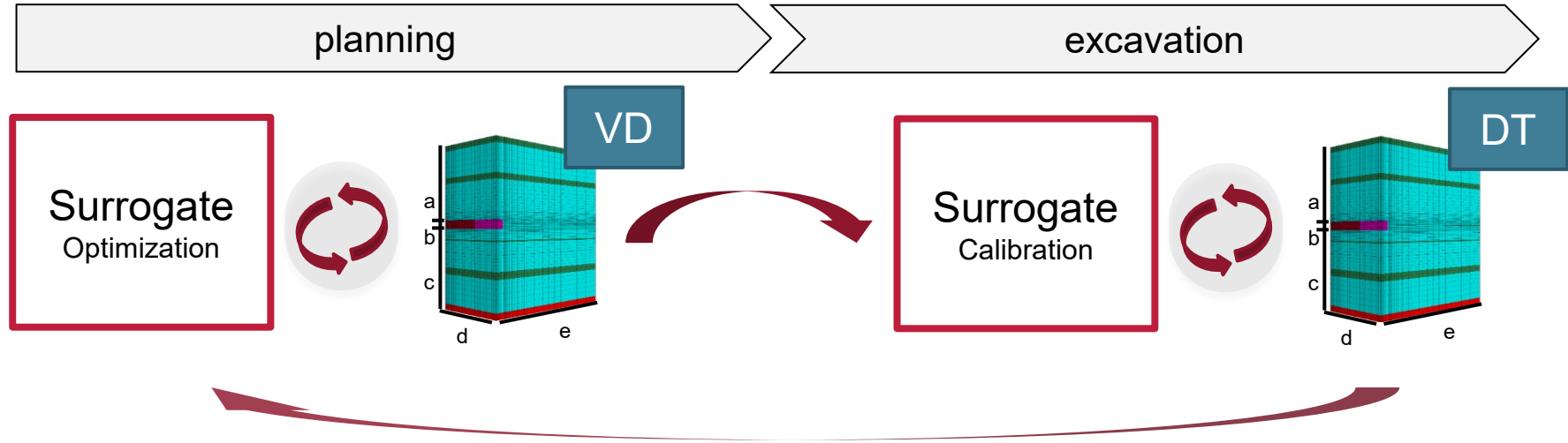
$$L = \sum_{i=1}^n |\delta_i^{mess} - \delta_i^{sim}(\mathbf{p})|^2$$

- Calibration \rightarrow minimization of the objective function to fit the model parameter to measurement data



Surrogate modelling reduces computational cost within the calibration loop

2. Digital Twin

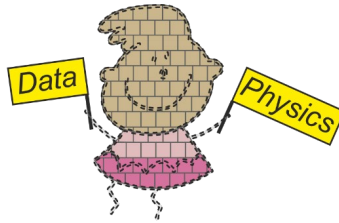


Goal: The **Virtual Demonstrator (VD)** and the monitoring data reflect as **Digital Twin (DT)** the reality and support constructive decisions

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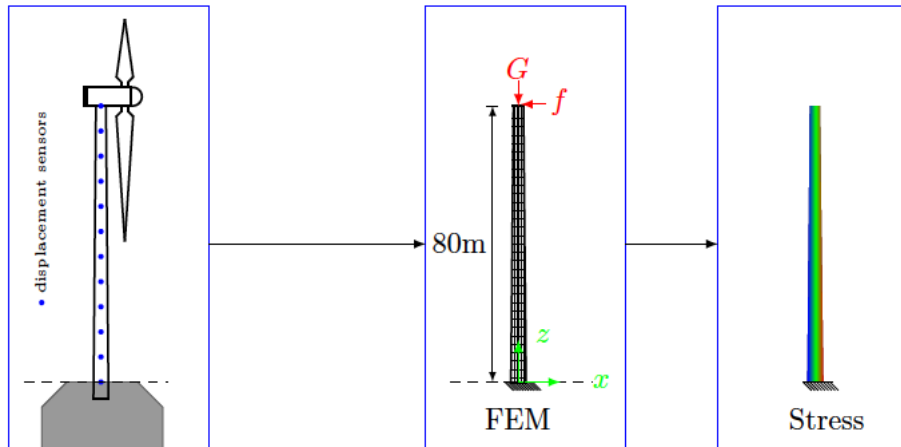


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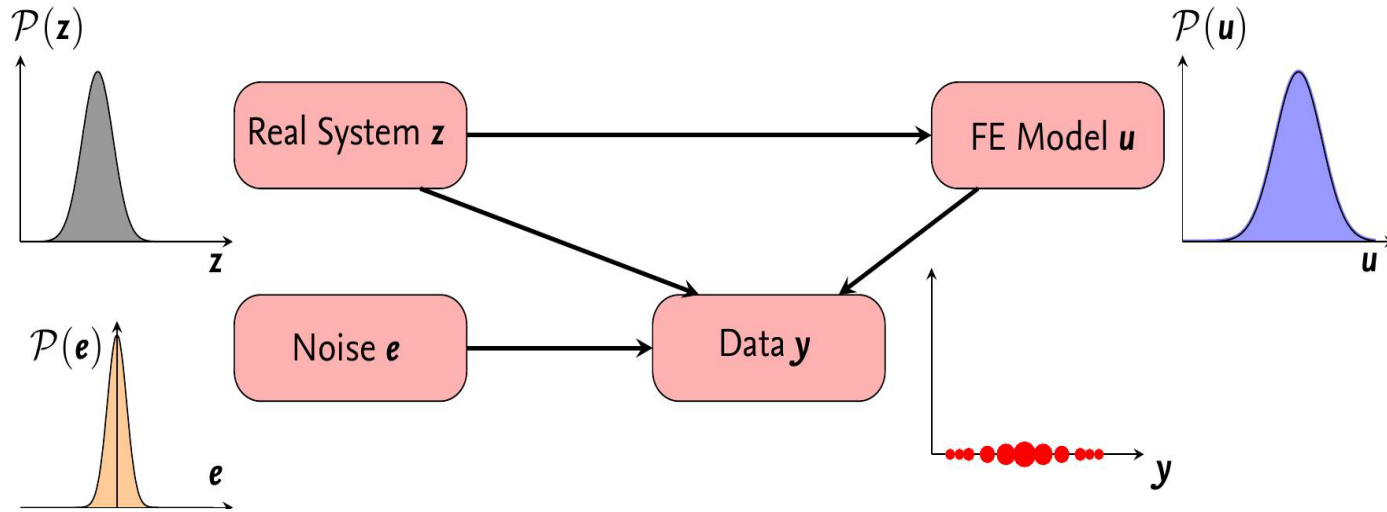
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3. Motivation

- Engineering systems are designed using deterministic mathematical models that are often discretized and solved with FEM
- The uncertainties in geometry, loading and material are taken into account through safety factors or stochastic approaches
- However, there is no statistically coherent way of getting data into FEM simulations

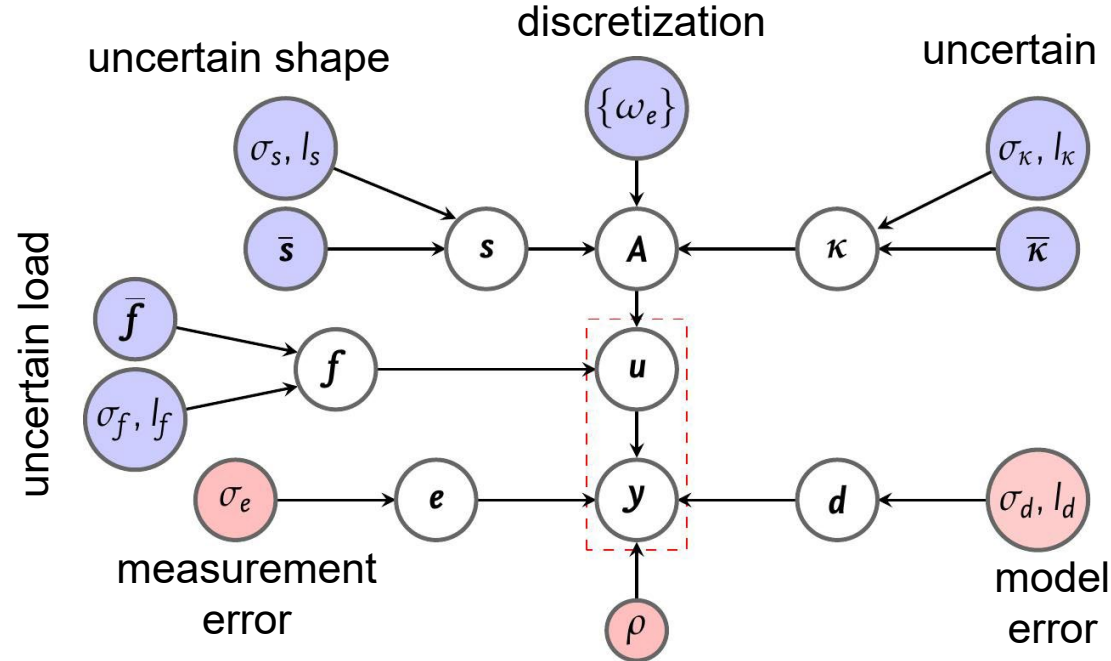


3. Statistical Finite Element Method



The quest for truth (aka the real system)

3. Statistical Finite Element Method



Legend

- Blue circles: model uncertainties \rightarrow non-trainable parameters
- Red circles: statistical generating parameter \rightarrow trainable

[Girolami, Febrianto, Cirak (2021)]

3. Bayes' Theorem

$$p(\mathbf{u}|\mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}}) \propto p(\mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}}|\mathbf{u}) p(\mathbf{u})$$

$p(\mathbf{u}|\mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}})$: posterior distribution

Given the data \mathbf{y}_{obs} , what is the probability of θ

$p(\mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}}|\mathbf{u})$: likelihood

Under the assumption of \mathbf{u} , what is the probability of observing the data \mathbf{y}_{obs}

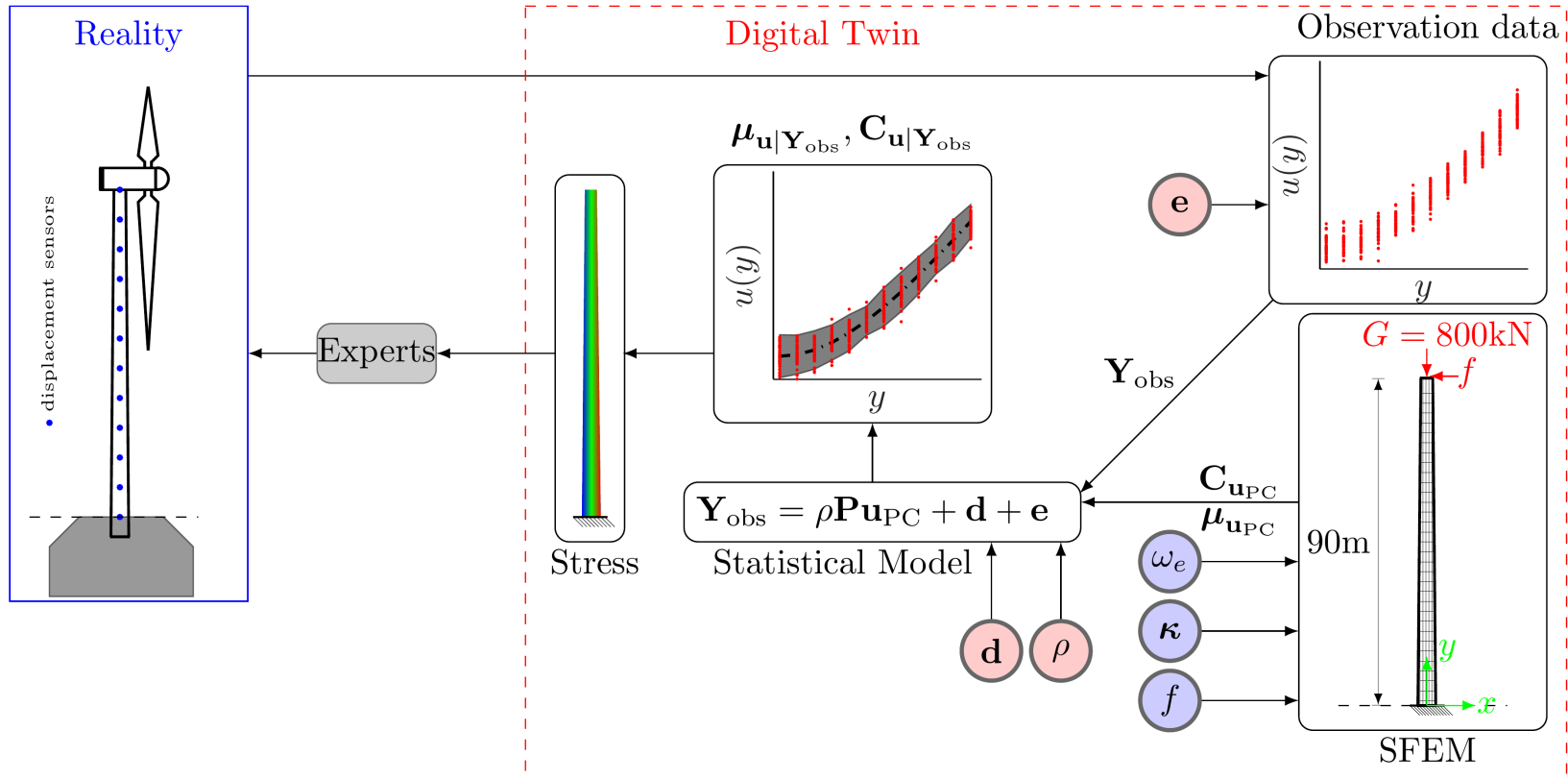
$p(\mathbf{u})$: prior distribution

Knowledge about \mathbf{u} before updating

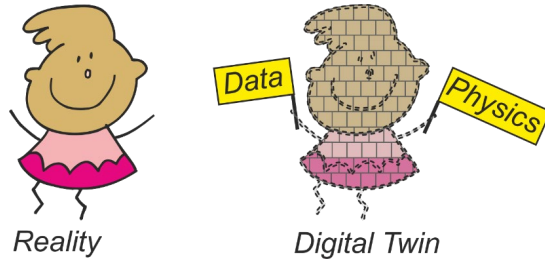
\mathbf{u} : simulated stochastic displacement

θ : observed noisy displacement

3. Statistical Finite Element Method



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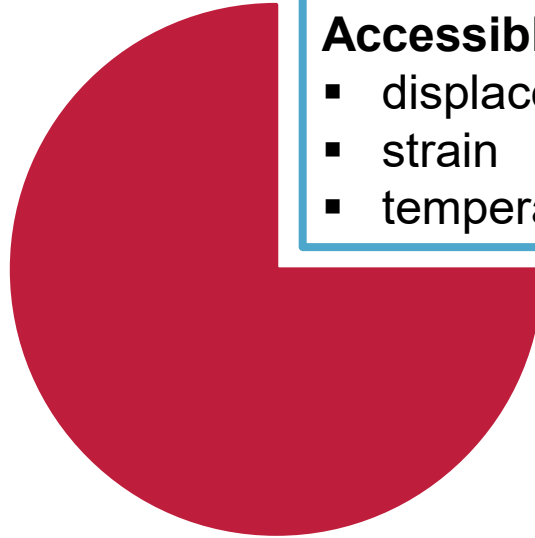
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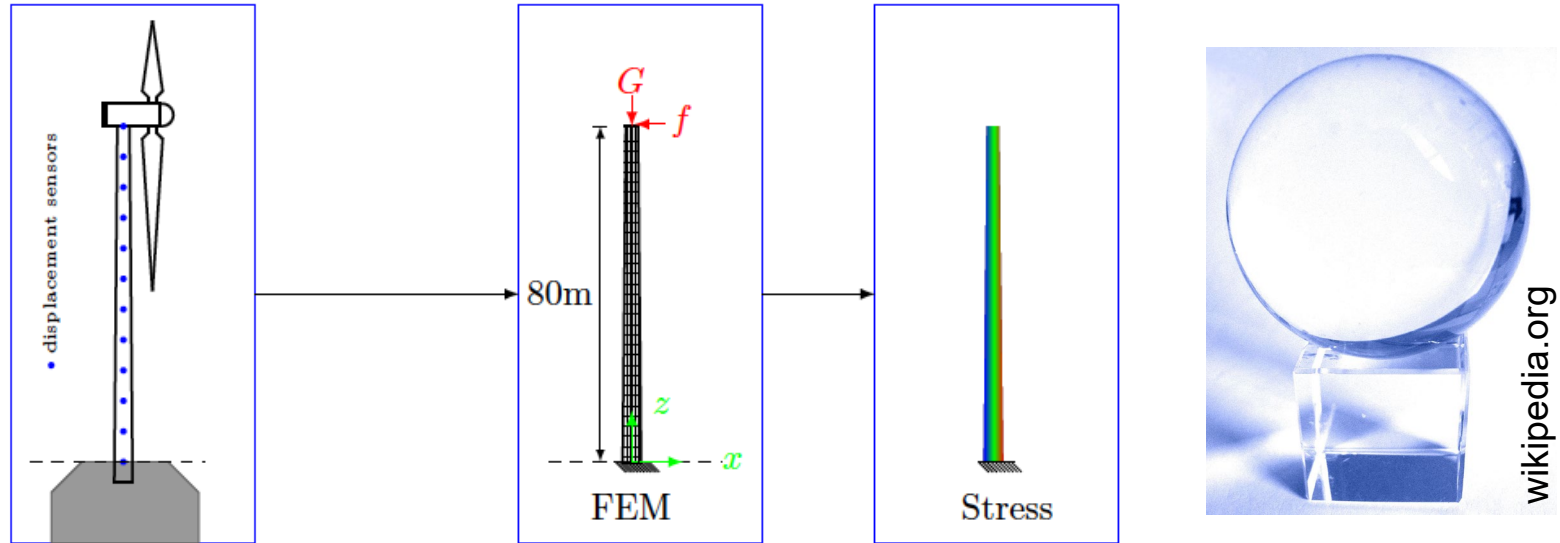


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