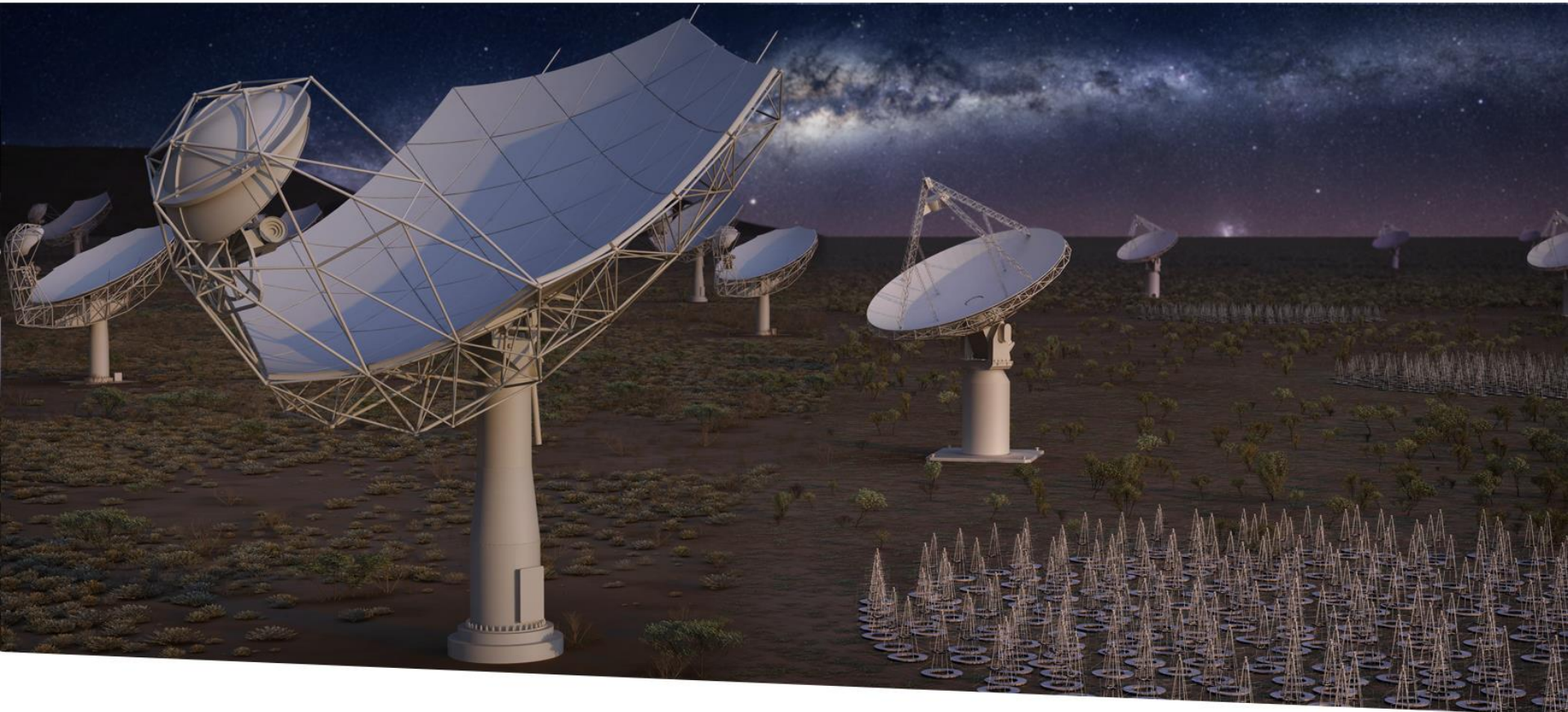


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SKA Two Telescopes



MID Telescope – South Africa
350 MHz to 15.3 GHz
133 Dishes + 64 MeerKAT

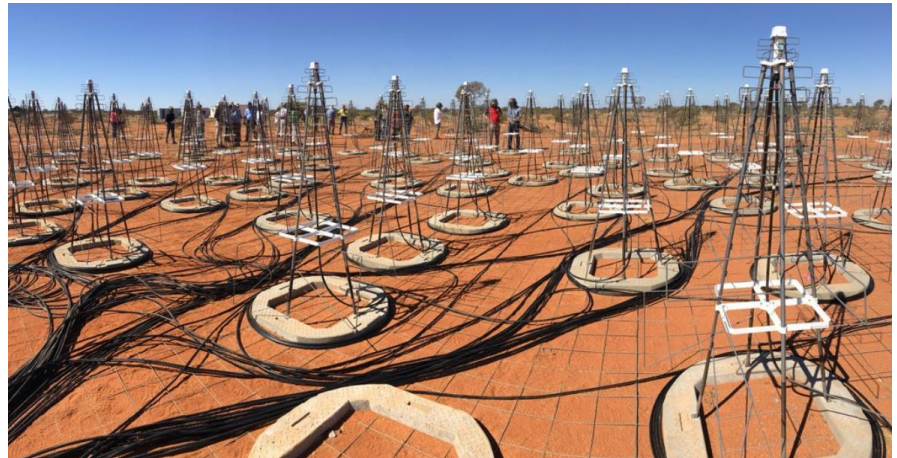
LOW Telescope – Australia
50 MHz to 350 MHz
131,000 Antennas

Challenges

- Availability – serial signal chain
- Testability – remote sites
- Reliability @ 40° C
- RFI – radio quiet zone

Approach

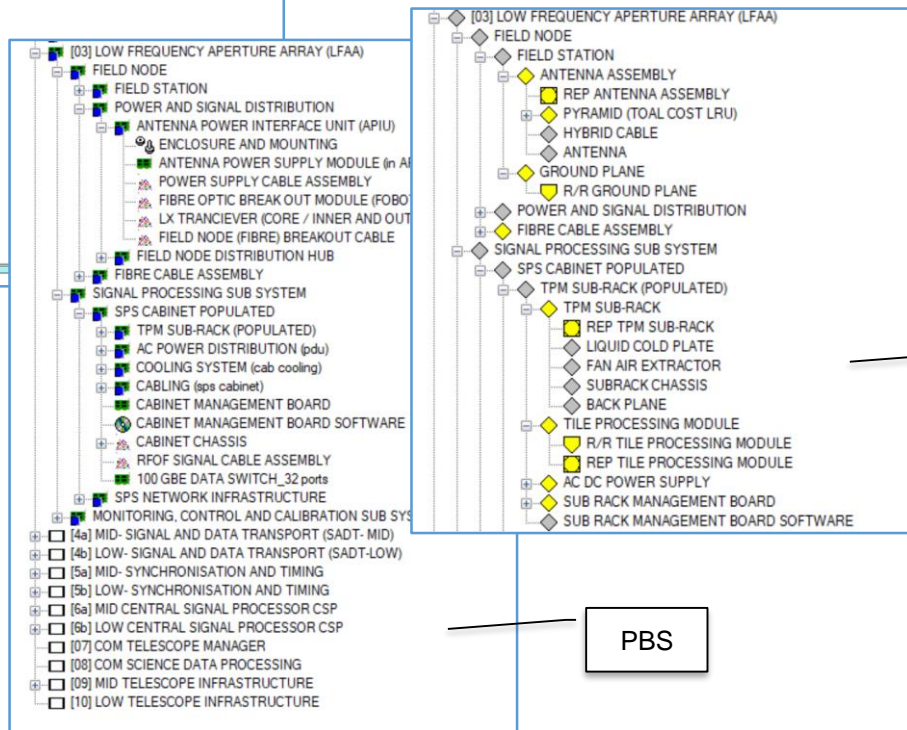
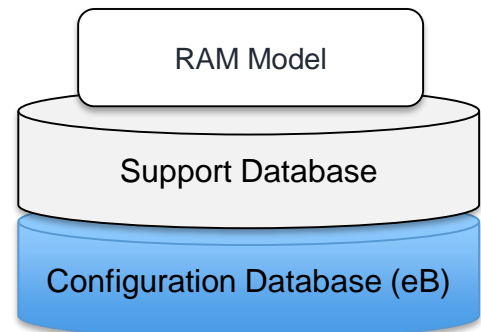
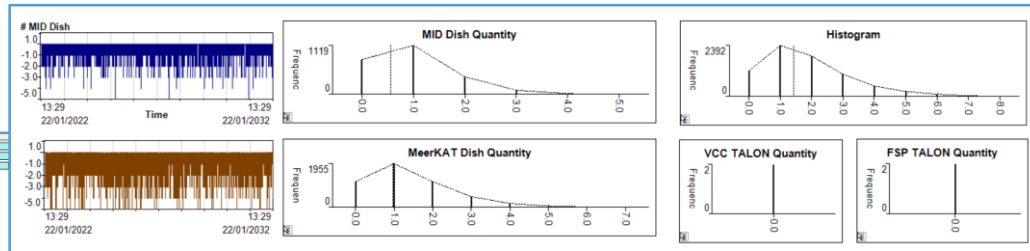
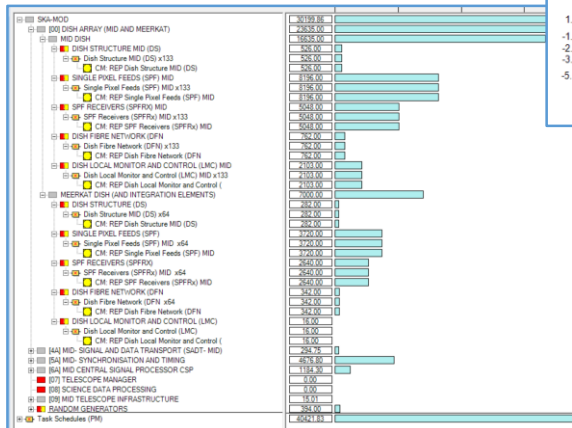
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- 95% (of 95%) A_o
- 85-90% (of 95%) A_s
- Support Database
- Simulation and Sensitivity



Support Database and Model



Results

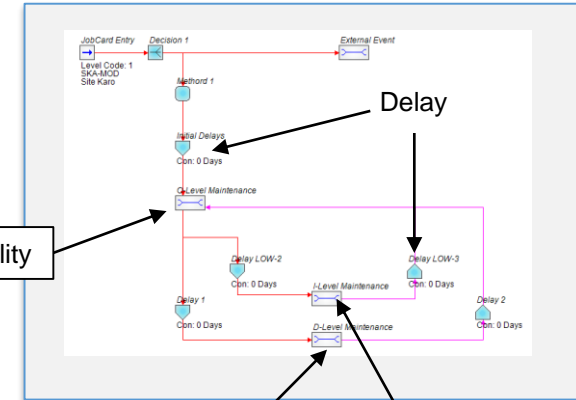


Tasks

PBS

Availability and Support Model

- Availability Block Diagram and Fault Tree Combination
- Extract Data from the Support Database
- Simulate the Support Plan/Concept

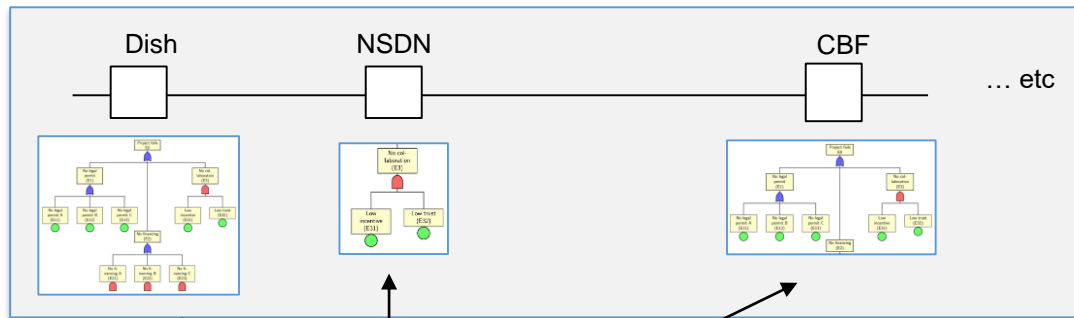


O-Level Facility

D-Level Facility

I-Level Facility

Availability Block Diagram



Fault Tree Diagrams

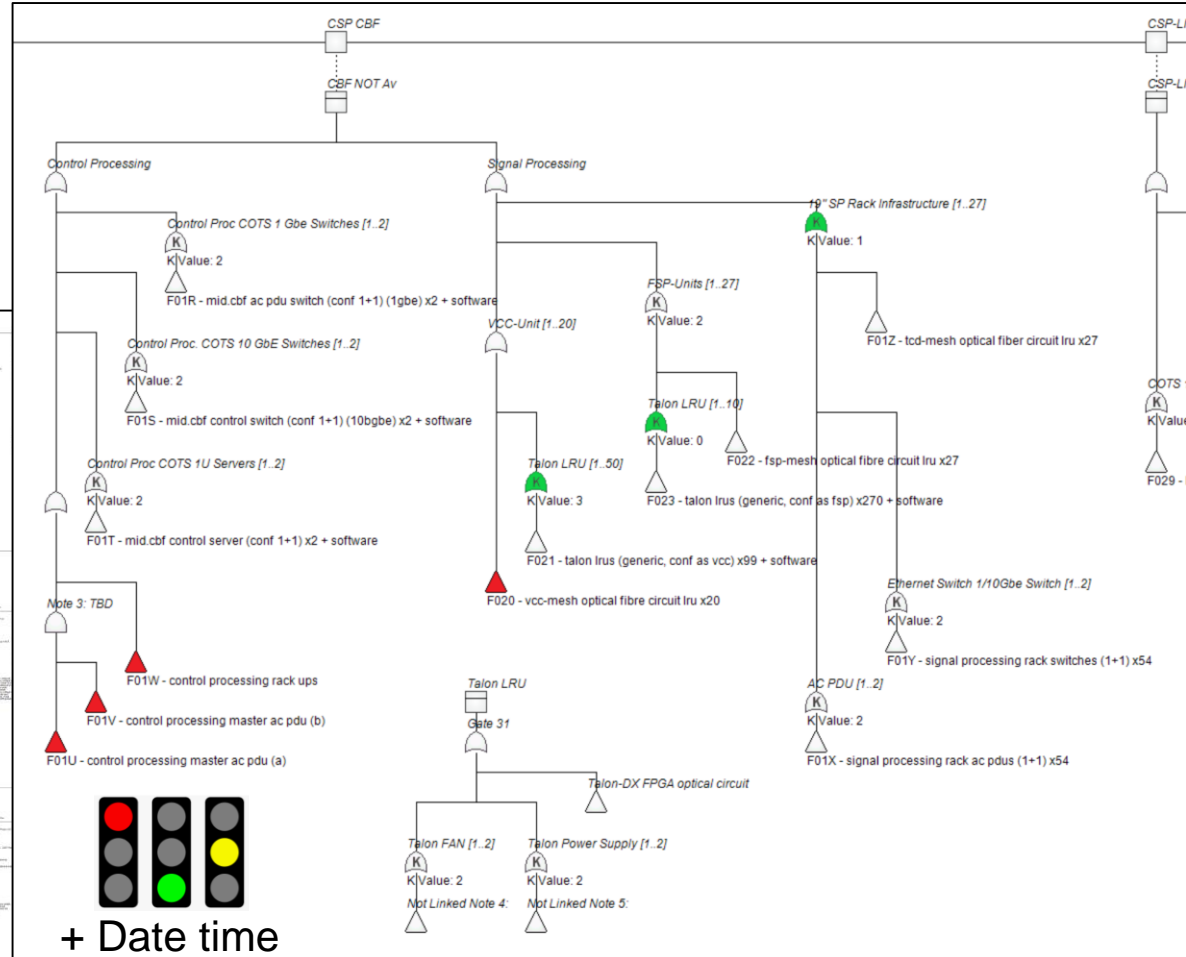
$$A_{tot} = \prod_{i=1}^M A_i$$

- AND (redundancy)
- OR gate (serial)
- k out of n
- single point of failure
- degradation
- failure

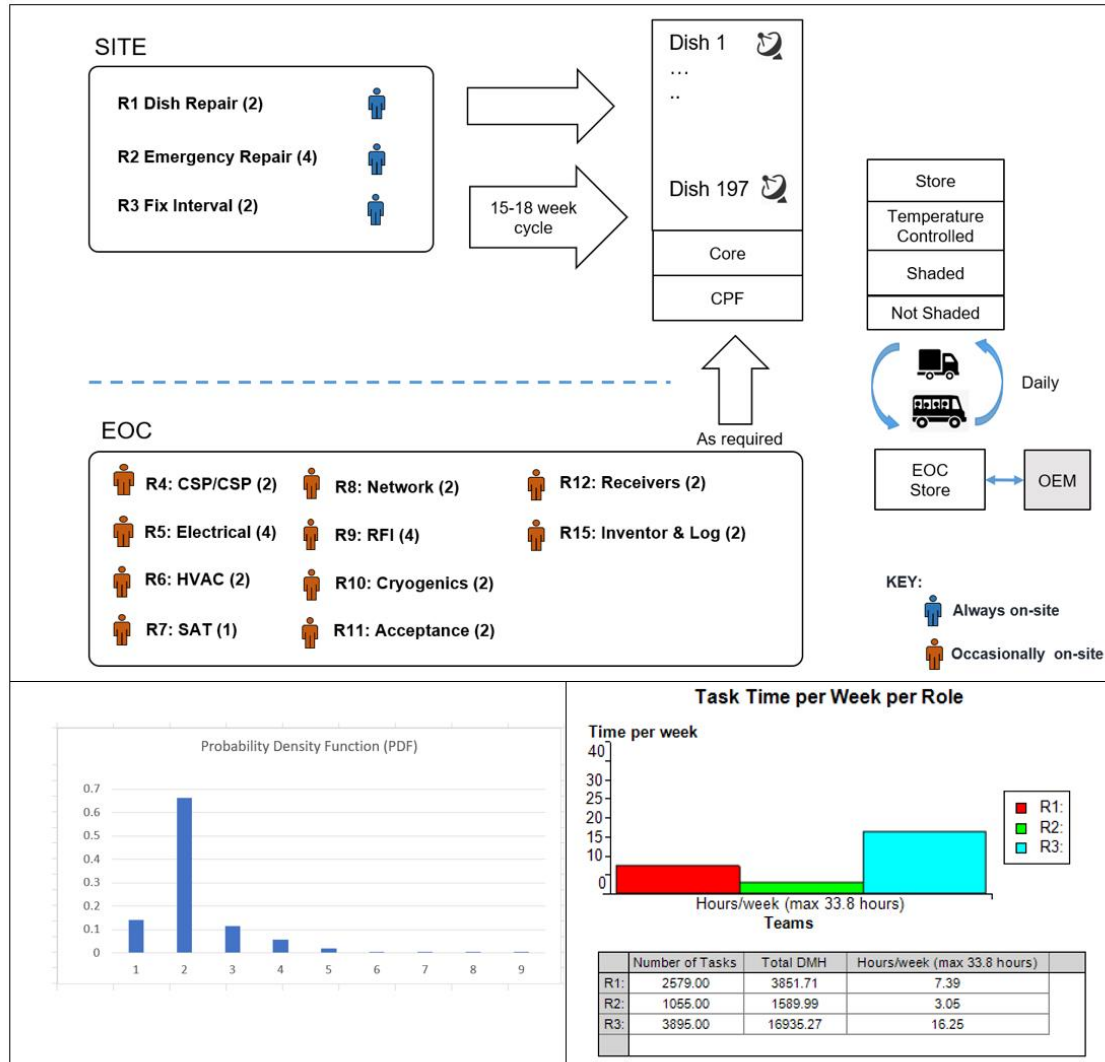
Availability Model

Three Types of Redundancy

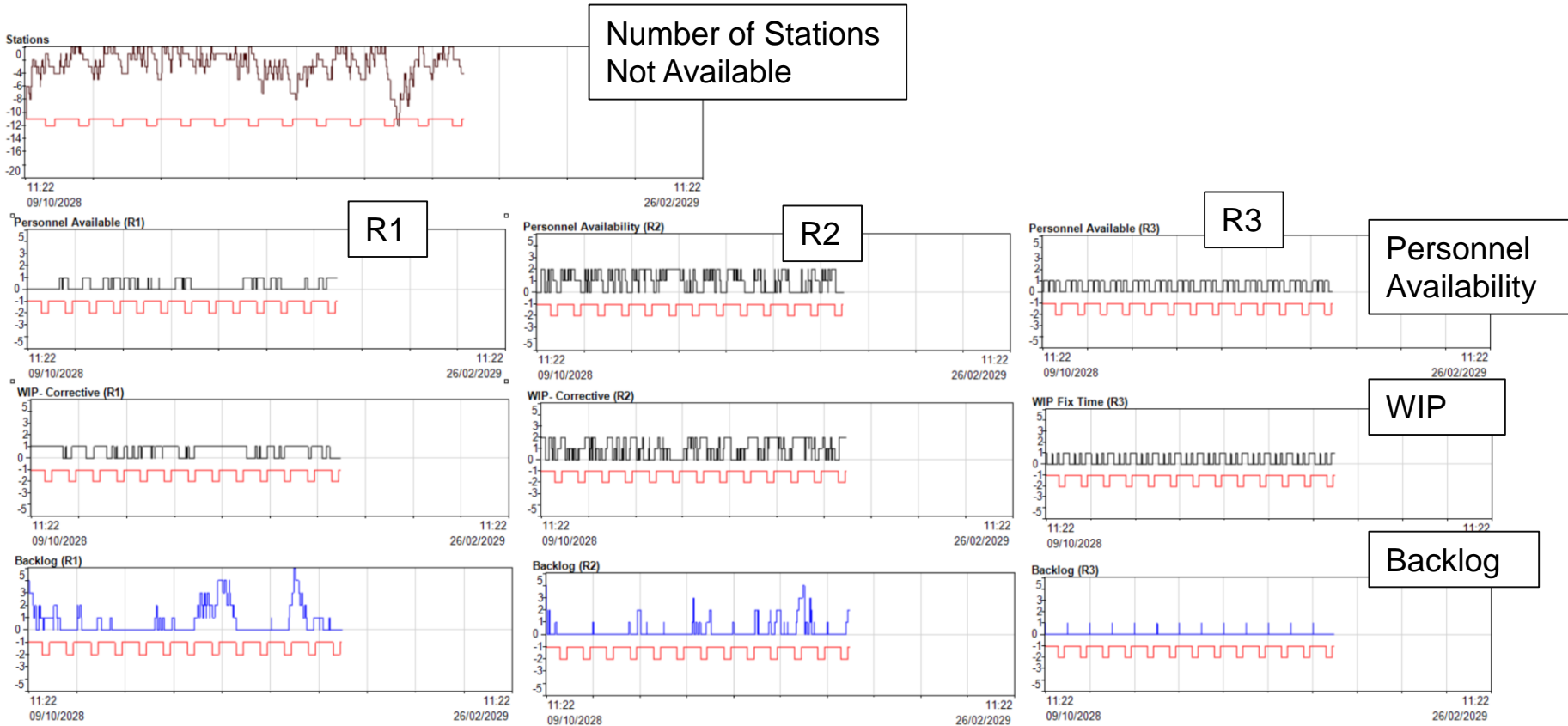
- Array & Processing
- Built-in/Designed-in
- Single Point of Failures



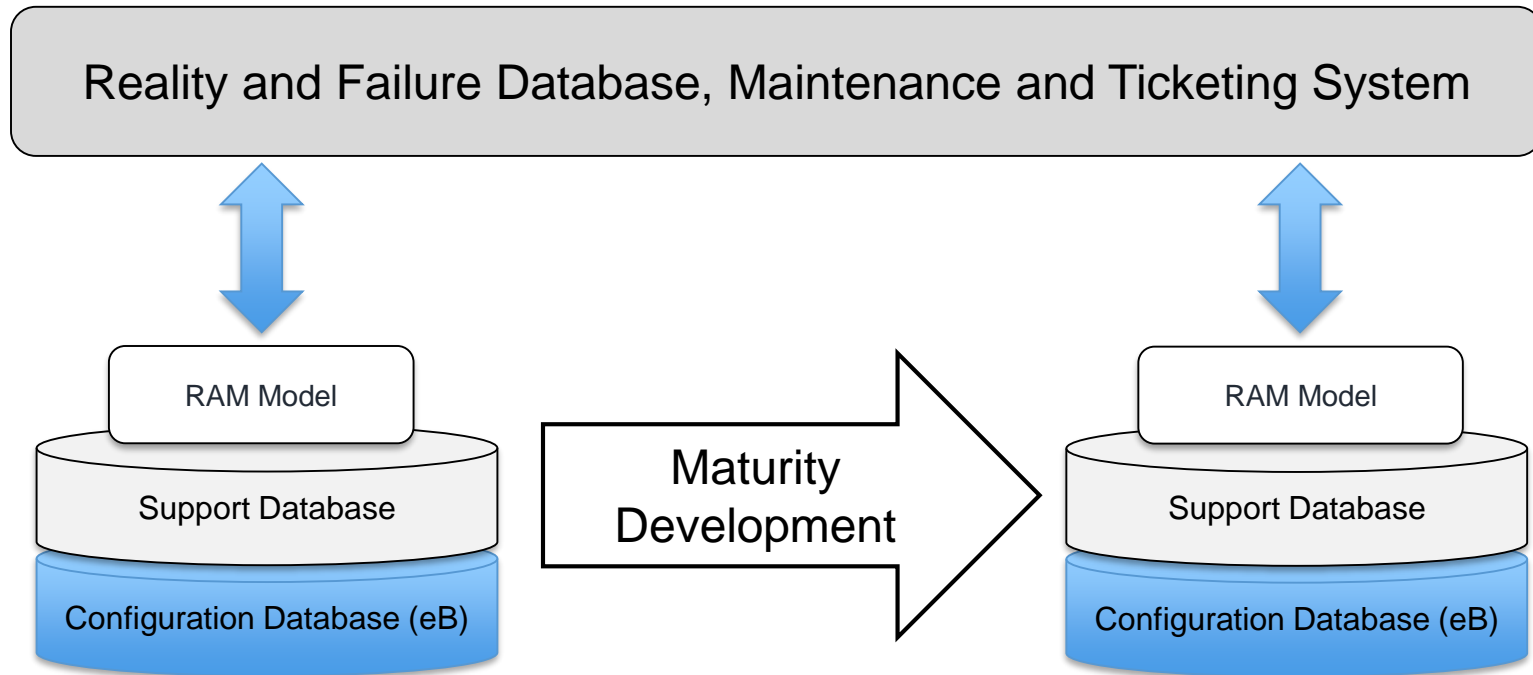
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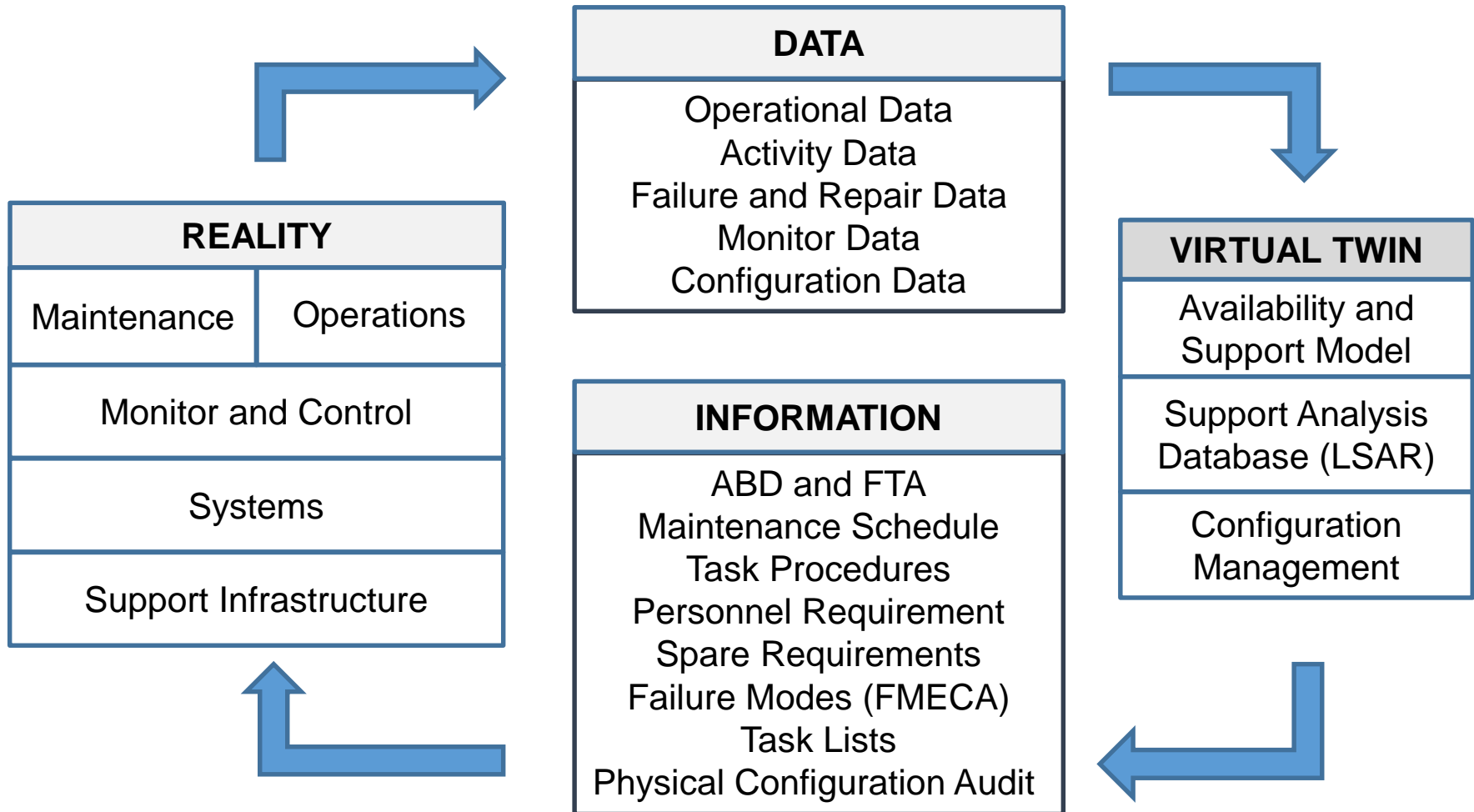
Continuous Improvement



“If you do not measure it you cannot manage it”
W. Deming

Digital twin... support system

Digital Twin



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