

# Methods to Extend Asset Life

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# Frazer-Nash Today

- ▶ Systems and Engineering Consultancy
- ▶ Core engineering skillset
  - ▶ Mechanical, EC&I, electronics, software, civil
- ▶ Specialist groups
  - ▶ Modelling, HF, cyber, TEA, fire, info. systems
- ▶ Experience of regulated industries
- ▶ Reduce risk, improve resilience
- ▶ 80% of income is repeat business
- ▶ Prefer to sell solutions ... not man hours
- ▶ Established market sectors:
  - ▶ Transport, industry & infrastructure
  - ▶ Power & energy
  - ▶ Defence





## Our Approach to (Digital) Asset Management

# Frazer-Nash Asset Management Support

## Realise Value (Strategy)

Supporting organisations to maximise through-life value from assets by optimising the balance of cost, risk and performance.

Asset  
management  
policy & strategy

Asset  
management  
decision support

Risk and  
resilience  
analysis

Lifecycle value  
realisation

Alignment with  
key business  
drivers

## Integrate (System)

System  
requirements

System modelling  
and design

Information  
management

Safety and  
dependability

## Understand (Asset)

Advanced  
CFD & FEA

Materials  
analysis

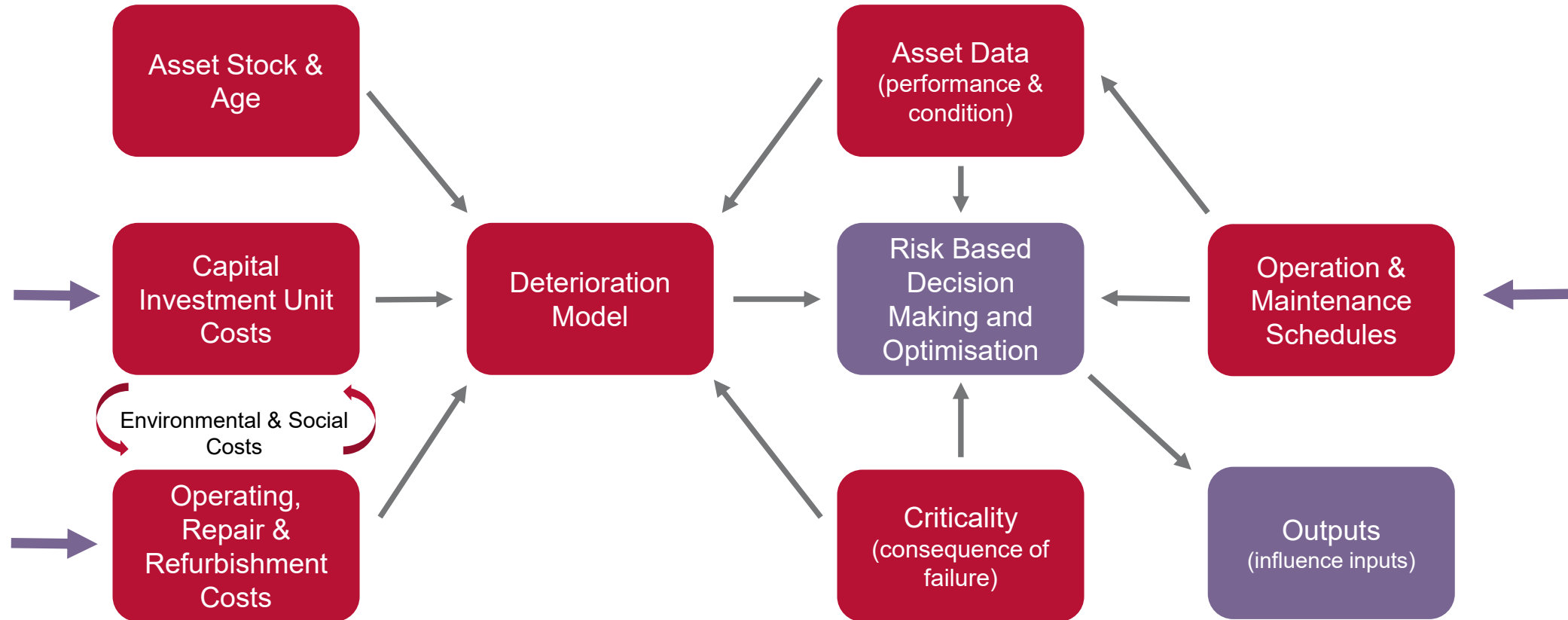
Risk &  
reliability

Predictive  
analytics

Instrument  
& measure

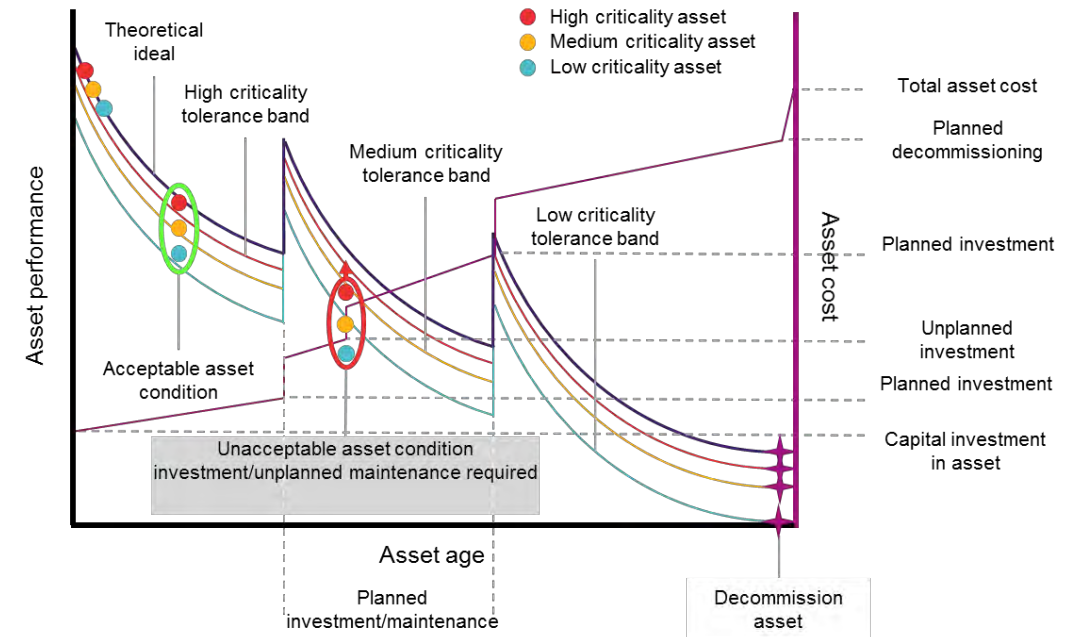


## Good Asset Management = Good Decision Making



# Life Extension – The Two Fundamental Questions

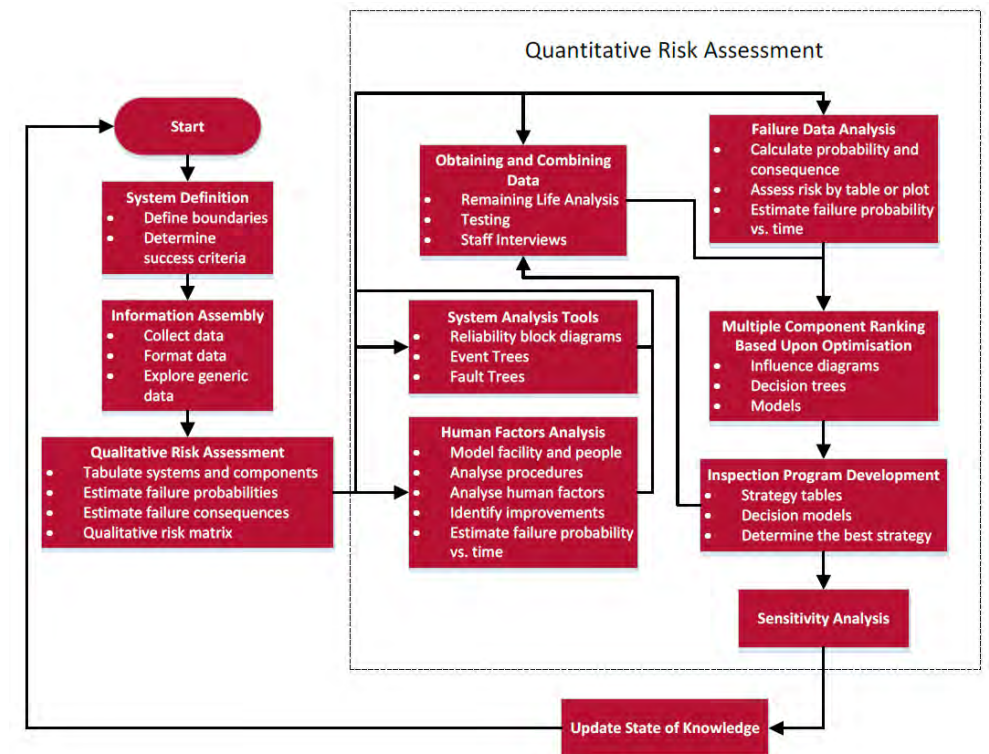
- ▶ How long can the Asset operate for?
  - ▶ An appraisal of current health and rate of degradation
  - ▶ Analysis based on known or assumed inputs
  - ▶ Some control over future operations management to extend life
  
- ▶ What is required to achieve additional (25?) years life?
  - ▶ An appraisal of current health and rate of degradation
  - ▶ What investment decisions are necessary to ameliorate degradation risks
  - ▶ Investment options (cost-vs-life extension) decisions
    - ▶ Is it cost-effective to replace now, or repair later?
  - ▶ Find the 'Step Changes' in future investment
  - ▶ Monitoring and validation





# Risk Based Assessment vs Risk Based Life Extension

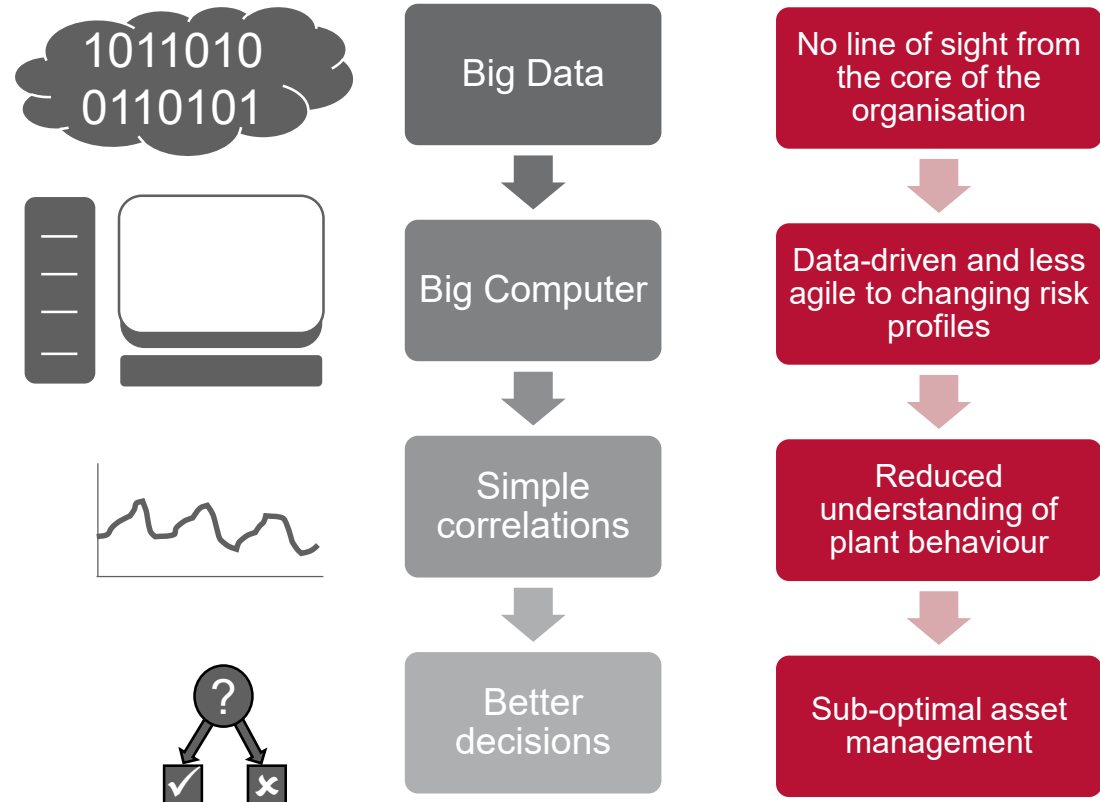
- ▶ Risk Based Assessment is already widely adopted across industries
  - ▶ RBA programmes typically supported by Risk-Based Inspection programmes
  - ▶ RBI programmes have been successfully used to extend inspection intervals of equipment
- ▶ Risk-Based Life Extension adopts the same philosophy as RBA, but...
  - ▶ Adds techno-economic modelling
  - ▶ Adds cost/benefit analysis for appraising different risk-mitigating solutions
    - ▶ Repair, replace, re-rate
    - ▶ Varying levels of integrity analysis to improve certainty of life estimates
- ▶ Integrate any risk models
  - ▶ API / ASME / DNV / ISO 31000 / ISO 17776
  - ▶ In-house or tailored



# So How Does Our Approach to Digital Assets Differ?



## The Conventional Approach - led by the data



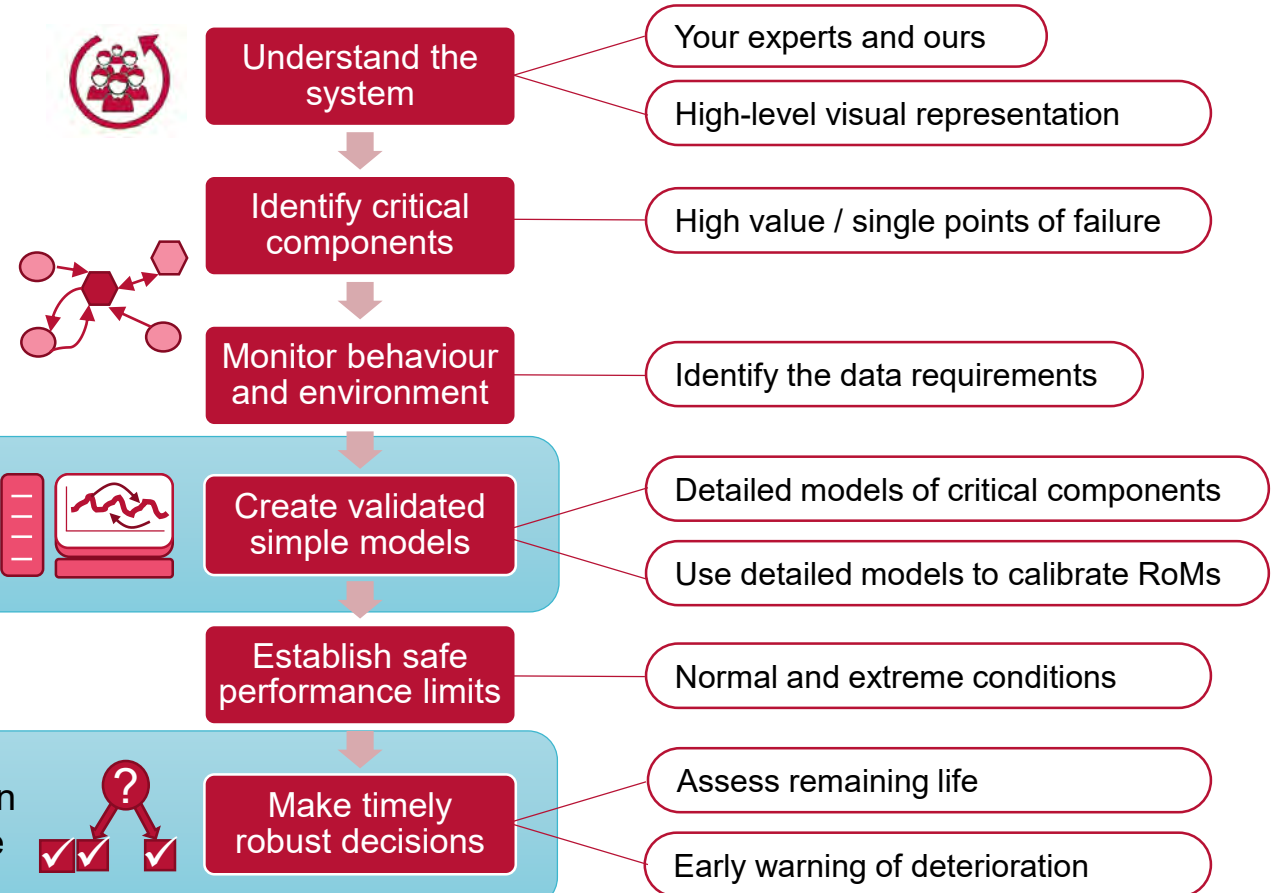


# Our Approach to Digital Assets



## The Digital Assets Approach

*- led by understanding of the risks, system and problem*



### 'Digital Twin'

A mathematical model of the system

A surrogate for direct monitoring where required

Make this as simple as can be

Assess in real time

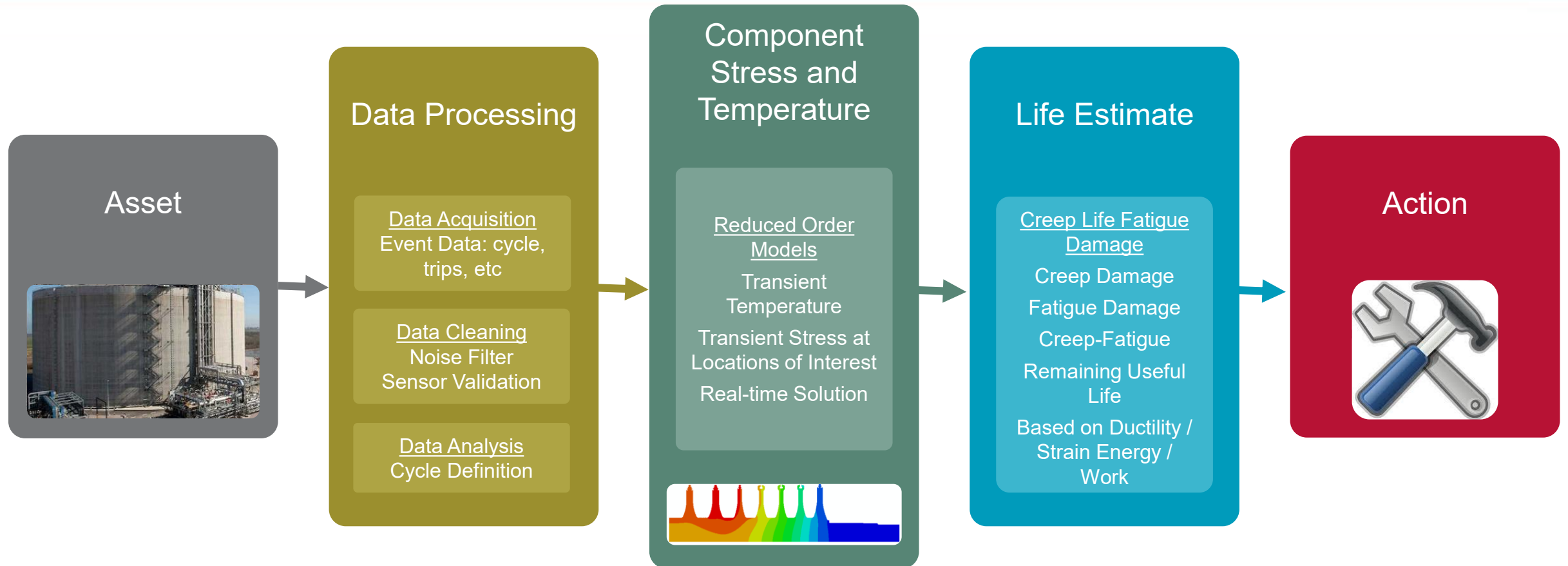
Remove need for complex analytics

Encourage greater trust in the process and outcome



Make timely robust decisions

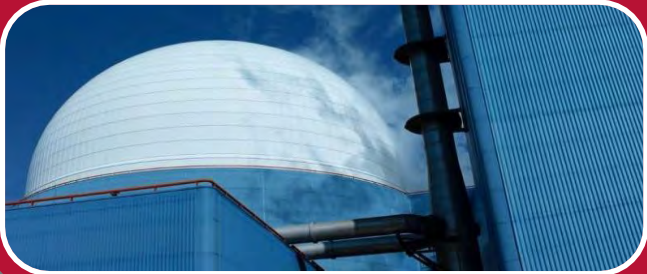
# Condition Based Maintenance



The Condition Based Maintenance approach uses data from individual assets to determine life usage to inform and tailor maintenance actions

## Case Studies

### Nuclear



### Energy



### Maritime



### Oil & Gas



### Munitions



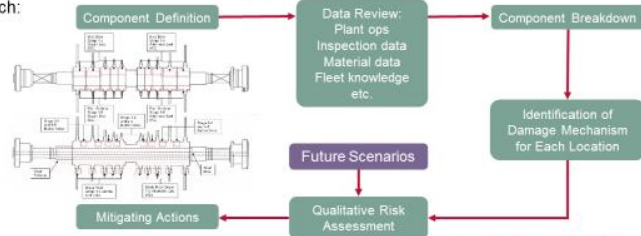
# Case Studies

## Case Study 1



### Case Study 1: Qualitative Risk Assessment for Managing Ageing Plant

- Problem:
  - Forecasting integrity issues for ageing plant to minimise outage risk
  - 40+ individual LP rotors with variable usage profiles
- Approach:



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## Case Study 2



### Case Study 2: Review of Life Extension Case for Pressure Vessels on an Oil Platform

- Problem:
  - Provide guidance to ensure all potential degradation threats have been considered for life extension of oil platform pressure vessels
  - Provide technical assurance on the validity of the risk based inspection approach when considering asset life extension.
- Challenge:
  - The large number of assets meant it was inefficient to perform individual analyses. We developed an approach to simplify the problem.
- Solution:
  - An asset inventory was created and threats relevant to asset life extension were identified.
  - Asset population was reduced when considering where these threats were applicable. Analyses were performed on these assets only.



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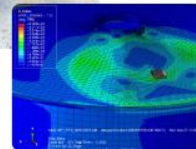
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## Case Study 3



### Case Study 3: Chemical Storage Tanks

- Problem
  - Client operate ~275 chemical storage tanks (~100 te)
  - 173 tanks had been identified as not having been designed to recognised design standards
  - HSE has challenged the basis of design of these tanks
  - Separate to a condition assessment, is the design acceptable?
- Approach
  - Extensive site based survey to collect and confirm data
  - Comprehensive software tool to assess designs against BSEN 14015, API-620, API-650, BS2654 and ASME VIII, and analysis to ASME VIII Div 2
- Outcome
  - Detailed appraisal of code shortfalls
  - Robust information to support site area RBI plans
  - Complex finite element modelling: non-compliance with design codes is not necessarily a safety limitation



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## Case Study 4



### Case Study 4: Gas Turbine Generator Problem

- Problem
  - Poor availability of aging GTG system
  - Serious failures of multiple systems and prolonged outages
- Approach
  - Review operating conditions to assess system criticality (FMECA)
  - Develop reliability predictions
  - Assess maintenance activities
- Outcome
  - Identified a number of single points of failure
  - Identify systemic maintenance issues including:
    - Uncoordinated maintenance activity
    - Incomplete preventative maintenance schedule
    - Unavailability of critical spares
  - Recommend support improvements



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**Thank you. Any questions?**

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