

# DataOps

*COMMUNITY DATA OPERATIONS FOR REPRODUCIBLE TLP*

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# OVERVIEW

## I. **Our Domains**

- A. *Map Data and Domain “pipelines”*
- B. *Immediate needs*

## II. **Our TLP Community**


- A. *The Problem*
- B. ***Lessons from the “front lines”***

# APPLYING DATA-OPS IN OUR DOMAINS

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Example from Maintenance Management

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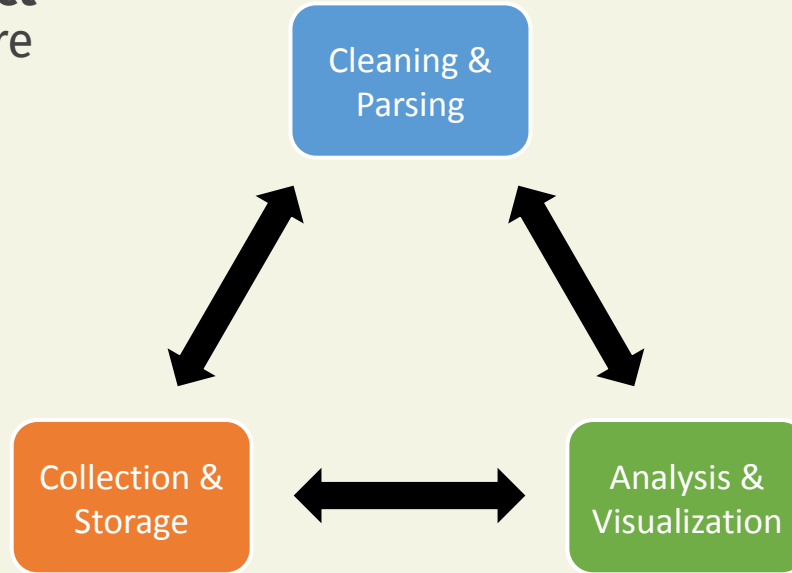


# MWO DATA “PIPELINE”

Decisions made at each stage **will impact** the strategies that are

- Available
- Efficient

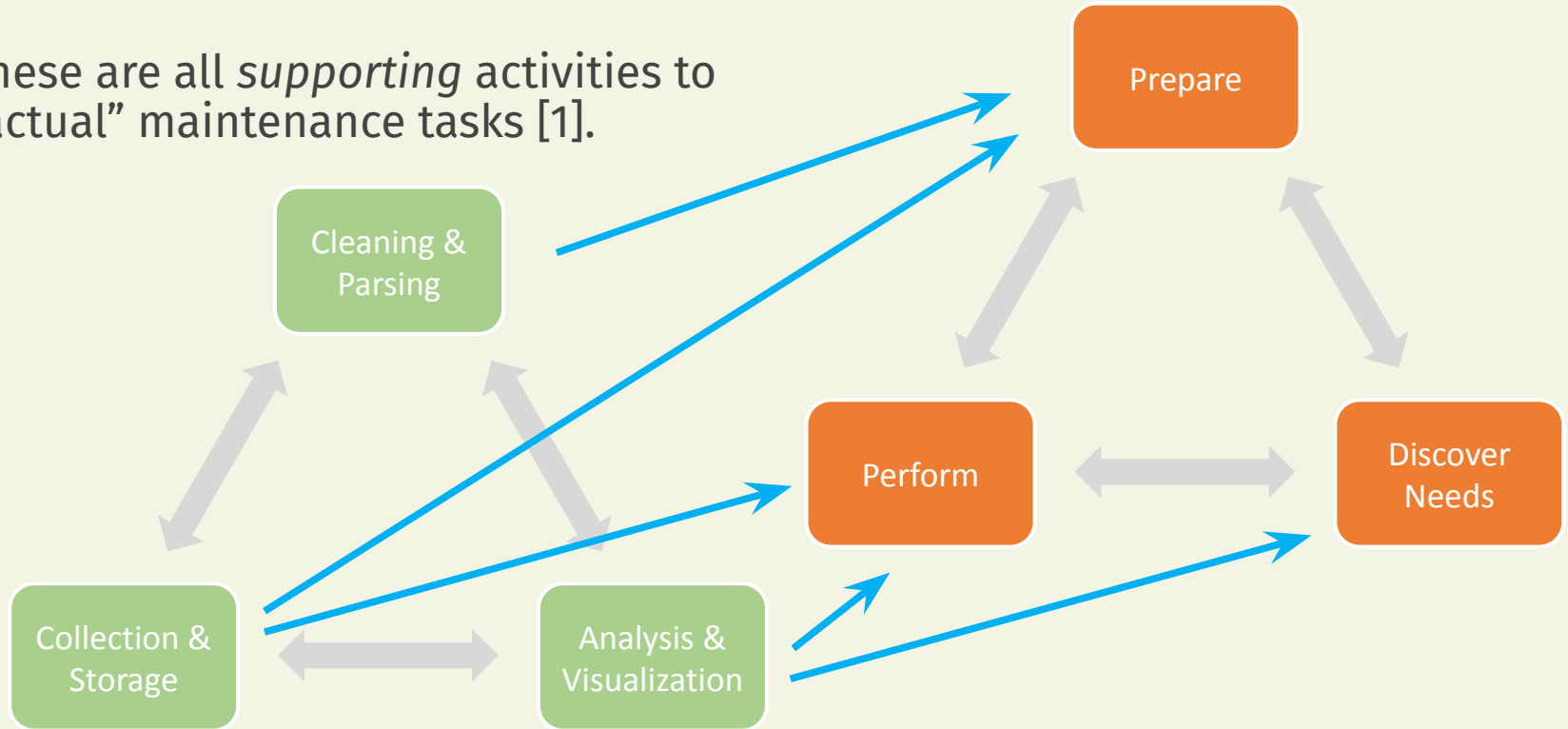
at each other stage.



*Keep in mind ...*

# MWO DATA "PIPELINE"

These are all *supporting* activities to "actual" maintenance tasks [1].



[1] Brundage, M. P., Sexton, T., Hodkiewicz, M., Morris, K., Arinez, J., Ameri, F., Ni, J., and Xiao, G. (July 22, 2019). "Where Do We Start? Guidance for Technology Implementation in Maintenance Management for Manufacturing." *ASME. J. Manuf. Sci. Eng.* September 2019; 141(9): 091005.



# Needs - Data Collection and Storage

- MWO Terminology Definitions

*What defines its components? Who is involved? What is it recording?*

- Atomic data types and formats for information flow in MWOs

*Issue meta-data (dates, descriptions, etc.), personnel, asset IDs*

- Adaptive database schemas for storing varied MWO data

*Desirable information will shift over time—what are the core invariable relations?*

- Mapping from disparate CMMS solutions into standard data types

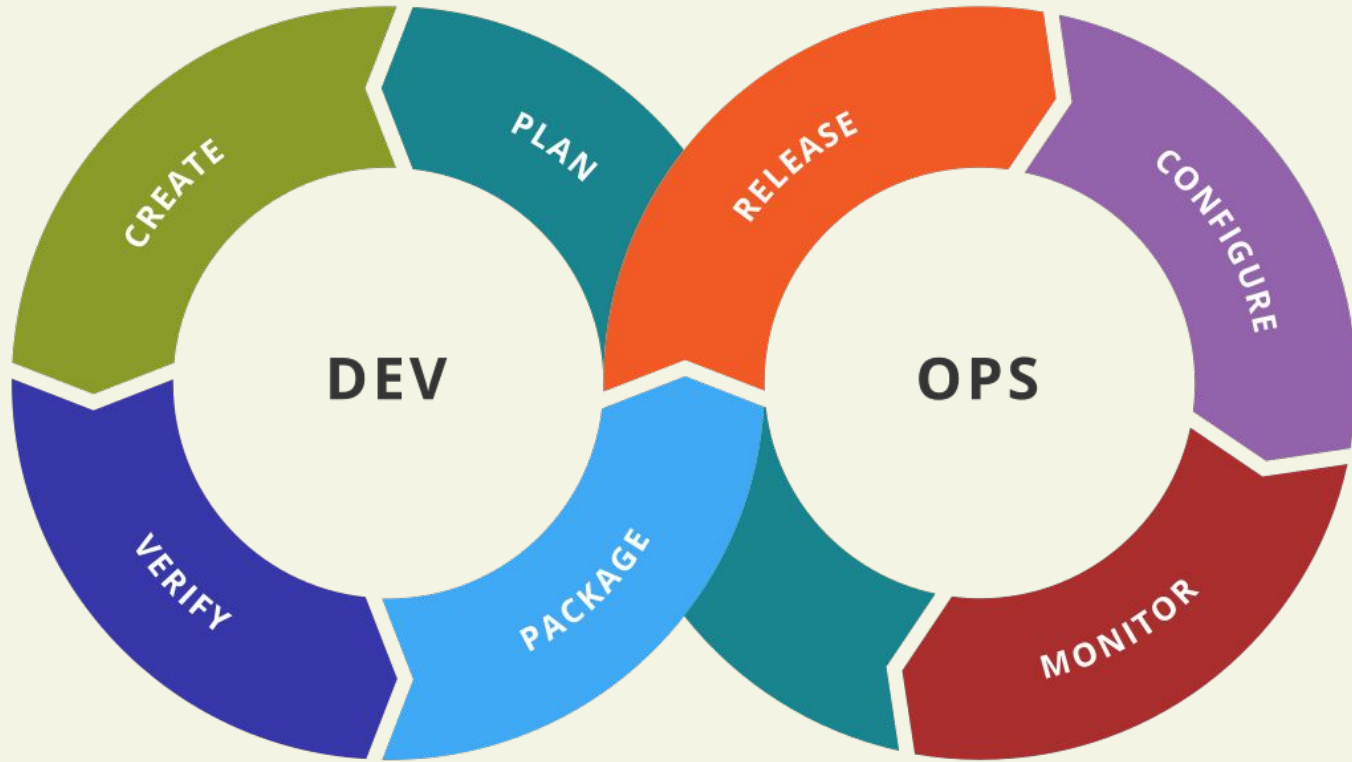
*Current software uses proprietary/custom schemas—unification?*

# OUR COMMUNITY: The Problem

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Developers vs “Hackers”

# DEALING WITH COMPLEXITY



# MOVIES VS REALITY

## Programmers?



## Researchers



See: [Science as Amateur Software Development, R. McElreath 2020](#)

So programmers use **Dev-Ops...**  
Science and Research is fueled by **Data...**

→ **Data-Ops**

# WHAT IS DATA OPS?

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- Establish **progress** and **performance** measurements everywhere
- Abstract **validation** layer: Ensure everyone is
  - a. “speaking the same **language**”
  - b. **agrees** on what the data (and metadata) **is** and **is not**.

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- **Validate** with the “eyeball test”:
  - a. Include continuous-improvement-oriented **human feedback loops**.
  - b. Trust in the data comes from **incremental** validation.
- **Automate** data flow.... As much as possible:
  - a. preprocessing
  - b. testing
  - c. data science
  - d. analytics

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- Identify **bottlenecks**, then **optimize** for them.
  - a. Use performance measurements here!
  - b. Investment: hardware, automation, etc.
- Governance discipline
  - a. data ownership & **transparency**,
  - b. data lineage tracking
- Design for growth and **extensibility**
  - a. Must accommodate volume and variety of data.
  - b. Enabling technologies should be priced affordably



# LESSONS WE'VE LEARNED

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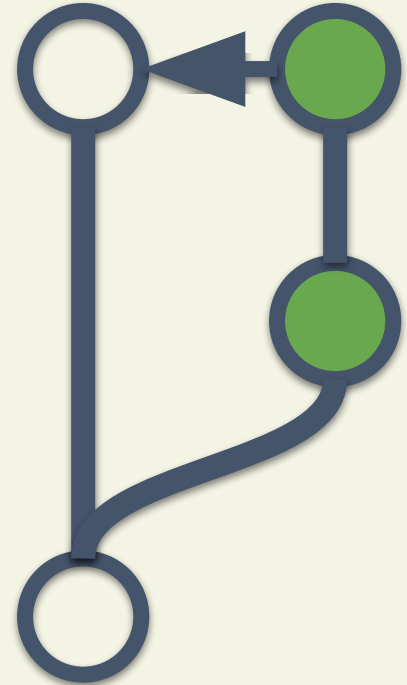
From the “front lines”

## Pull(Merge) Requests

- Projects as **iterative** collaborations
  - Start exploration as a branch
  - Can be “empty”
  - Track small commits w/ **conversation**
  - Integrated review, suggestions, @’s
  - Inline change views/comments
- Prototype, test, complete, review, merge
  - All without breaking “main”
  - Can apply to all steps in the pipeline

### References:

- [Ten Simple Rules for Taking Advantage of Git and GitHub](#)
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## Data Science Environments

- Reproducible Compute (e.g. Python?)
  - Jupyter Notebooks + git??? → [lupytext](#)
  - *Lightweight* environments? → [miniconda](#)
  - Simple Packages (w/o setuptools) → [poetry](#)
- Documentation and Interop.
  - Easier documentation → [mkdocs-material](#)
  - Use automated [docstring extraction](#)
  - Data-oriented programming
  - Unify styles: Type-hinting, functions-first.
  - property-based tests → [Hypothesis](#)

Also see:

- [Tom Augspurger, Modern Pandas](#)

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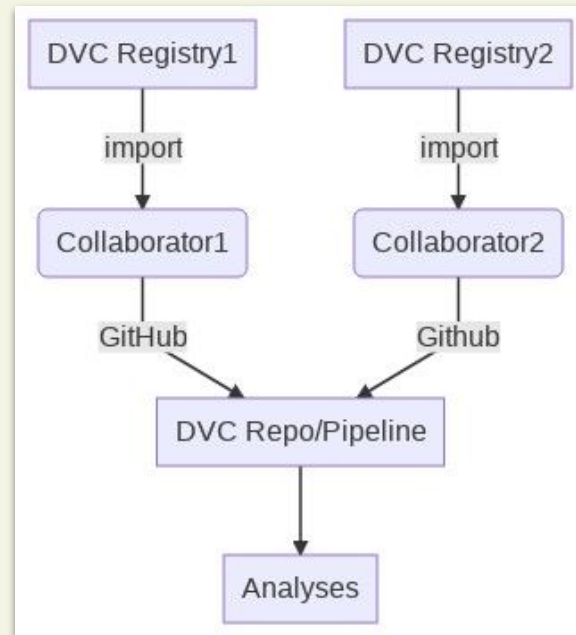


## Data *Itself*

- Data-as-Code: makefiles+git=[DVC](#)
  - Don't reinvent the wheel, **use git**.
  - Language-agnostic, w/ python API
  - Every step of the **pipeline**, version-controlled with automated cache-updates
  - Make **registries** for your entire community (!) (data is just an "import" away...)
- Validate *all the things*
  - Data shape, types, etc., make *explicit*: [datatest](#)
  - Schemas once-and-for-all: → [pydantic](#)

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## Distributed Collaboration for the TLP Col

- I. GitHub Organization: **TLP-COI**
  - A. Documentation - best practices for TLP, theory, etc
  - B. Networking - curated list for state-of-the-practice (“awesome-ttp”)
  - C. Collaboration - base or forks for open tool repositories
- II. Communication:
  - A. TLP-COI Slack Workspace - QR code →
  - B. Other options? Possible “Discourse”? Webinars? Let us know!



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