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*Manufacturing Commonsense  
knowledge* : an Enabler for Semantic  
Explainable AI for trusted flexible  
Manufacturing

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# Scope – CHAIKMAT project



- ACRONYM: **CHAIKMAT**
- Project Title: **Commonsense Knowledge & Hybrid Artificial Intelligence for Trusted Flexible Manufacturing 4.0**
- Coordinator : **Hedi KARRAY**
- Project start date : **10/2021**
- Duration : **48 mois**
- Full cost : **441k€**
- ANR funding : **316k€**
- Specific instrument: **Mini Production Line**
- Partners



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# Industrial Perspective

Why explainability in AI is important ?

# AI adoption

- In 2023, **6%** of French companies reported having adopted at least one type of AI technology. That's half as many as in Germany!
- France is below the EU average in terms of AI adoption by businesses.
- Within ten years, AI could add an additional 220 to 240 billion euros to the French GDP."
- Trust and acceptance of AI depend on the specific use case and scope of Prediction or Decision.

# Problematic – Need for AI

In times like these can a company's manager know whether the production lines are flexible enough to counter such transitions?

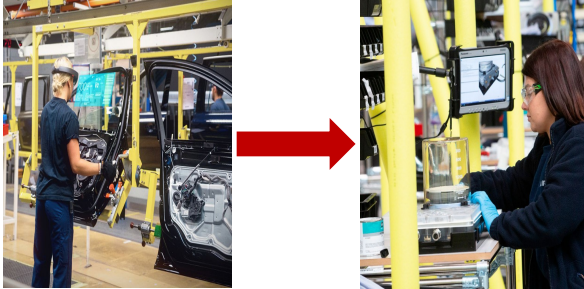


Can a Product A be produced under some B constraint?  
These questions hold immense importance and need answers...



# General Context – Need for Flexibility

Ford switched some of its idled assembly lines from car components to breathing machines to medical supplies, including face masks and reusable gowns.



In 2020, the Hong Kong Innovation and Technology Bureau allocated \$800 million to subsidize the production of reusable masks.

## What went wrong?

Due to unwanted and uncertain situations, production lines switch from creating undergarments to creating masks. Production lines were not **flexible** to switch to new customer requirements and it went wrong!

*“Some people do not like the fabric used for the outer layer. Indeed when I unpacked mine I thought it looked like half a bra. It does not look like a bra, according to my wife, it looks like knickers.”*

**TIM HAMLETT**

PROF OF history , Journalism & Writer for Hong Kong Free Press

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This is why I won't wear underwear over my head: Apple Daily reporter got the govt free mask online but wasn't allowed to choose the size. Hence this 🙄 The design is so ugly that ppl compare it to underwear. Why can't Hong Kong govt just do one thing right?

Traduire le Tweet



# Flexible Manufacturing

Flexibility in manufacturing means the ability to deal with slightly or greatly mixed parts, to allow variation in **parts assembly** and variations in **process sequence** or change the **production volume** and change **the design** of certain product being manufactured.

**1. Routing Flexibility** covers the system's ability to be **changed to produce new product types**, and **ability to change the order of operations** executed on a part.

**2. Machine Flexibility** consists of the ability to use **multiple machines** to perform the **same operation**, and to **absorb large-scale changes**, such as in **volume, capacity, or capability**.

# CHAIKMAT Objective

**Human-centric Artificial Intelligence (AI) approach that:**

- Investigates whether an **available set of machines** can perform a **specific production process** (if reconfiguration is needed or some new resource is required)
- Provides human experts with **meaningful explanations** of how the decision process is conducted.



# Critical Factors Towards adopting AI for Flexible Manufacturing

Uncertain or low expectations for return on AI investments  
(Trust & Risk)

Personal Judgement overrides AI-based decision-making  
(Human Reasoning)

Lack of changes to front-line process after AI adoption  
(Agility)

=> **Explainable AI**

# Explainable AI (XAI)

Symbolic, Connexionist, NeuroSymbolic

# According to DARPA

## Ability to process information



**perceive**  
rich, complex and subtle information

**learn**  
within an environment

**abstract**  
to create new meanings

**reason**  
to plan and to decide

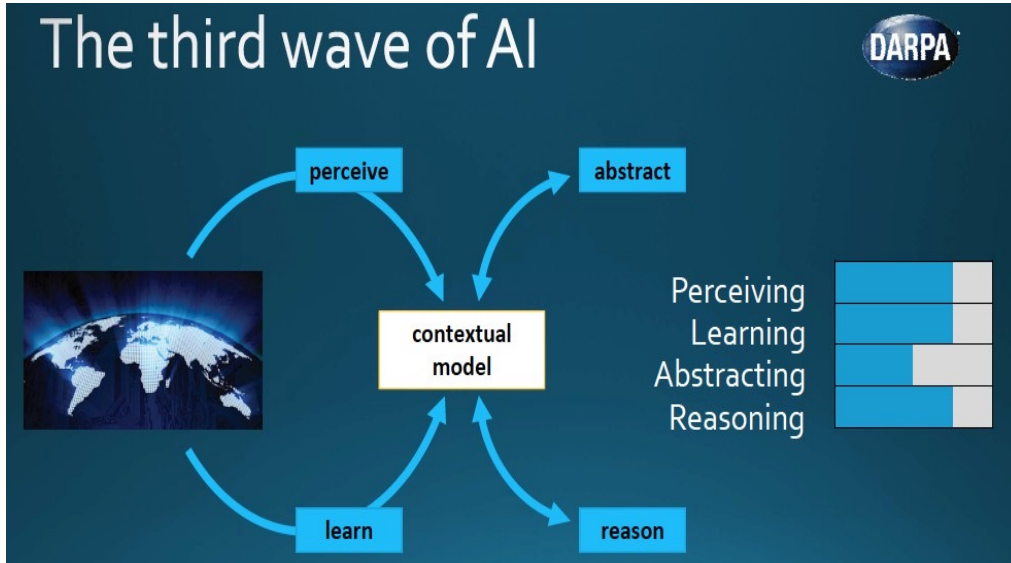
*Artificial intelligence is a programmed ability to process information*

(US - Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency)

# Explainable AI

*XAI focuses on explaining the results generated by AI systems to make them more understandable and to know how the results are obtained*

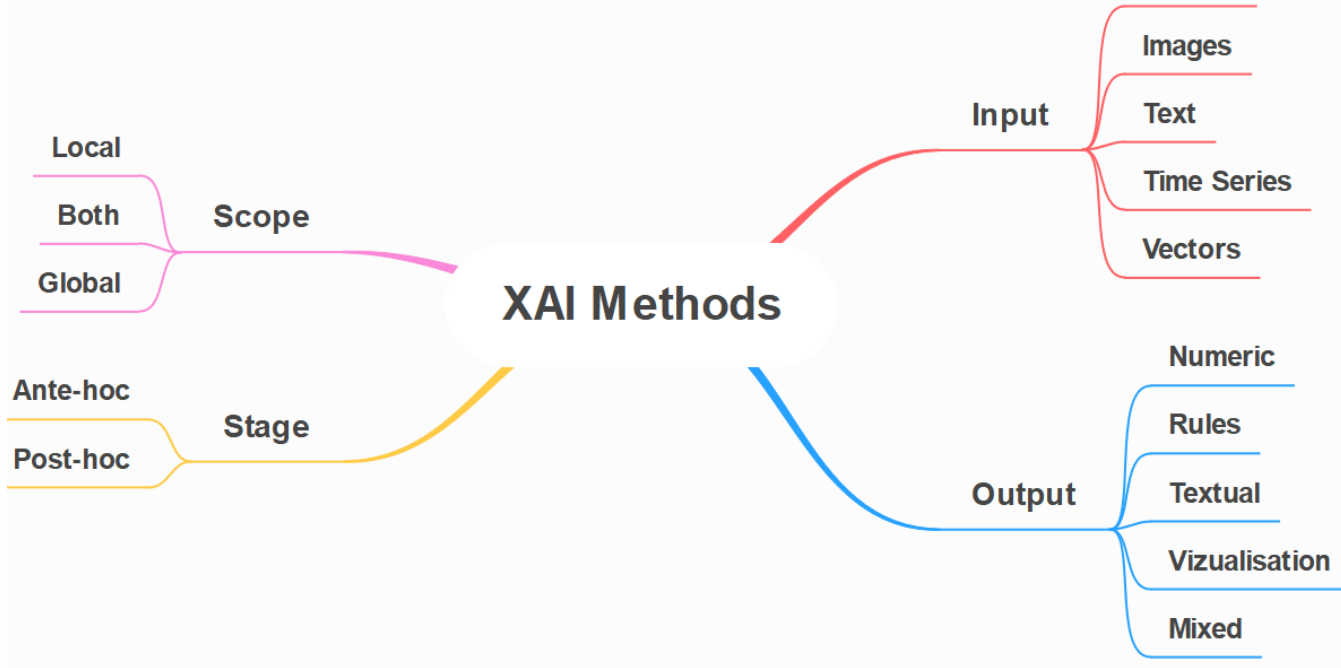
*XAI aims to provide explanations to make AI results more understandable and trustable by the users.*



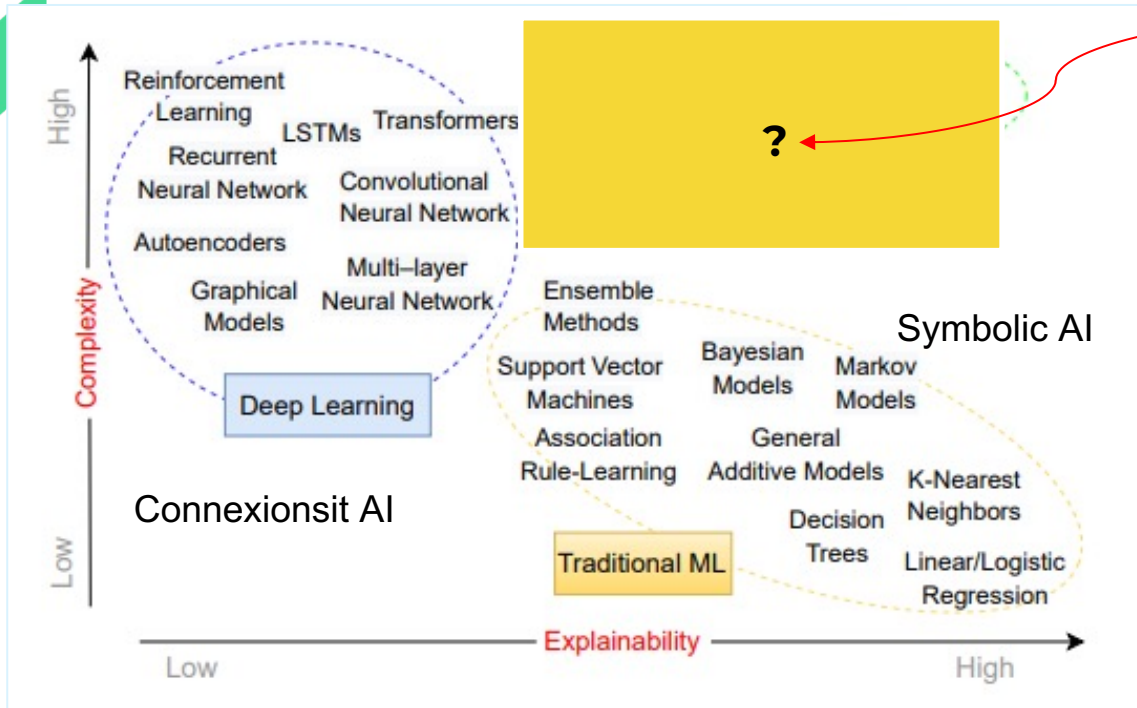
**The fundamental principle of XAI is to make AI applications fully traceable and make sure that the most influenced factors in regard to results of AI clearly are identified.**

**XAI has demonstrated impressive practical success specifically in manufacturing (intelligent maintenance, product quality, new product development, and real-time optimization of process parameters).**

# Explainable AI: Methods



# Models complexity Vs Explainability

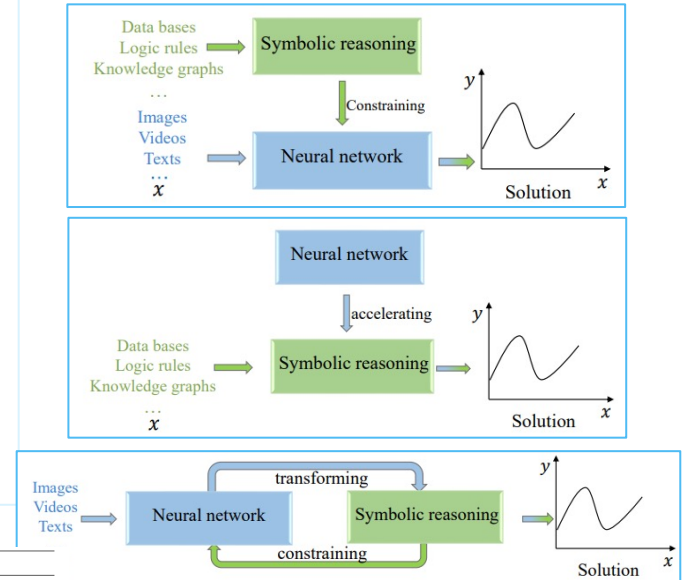


Clement et al, 2023

Systems	Processing Methods	Knowledge representation	Primary algorithms	Advantages	Disadvantages
Symbolic systems	Deductive reasoning	Logical representation	Logical deduction	Strong generalization ability Good interpretability Knowledge-driven	Weak at handling unstructured data Weak robustness Slow reasoning
Neural systems (Sub-symbolic systems)	Inductive learning	Distributed representation	BP algorithms	Strong at handling unstructured data Strong robustness Fast learning	Weak generalizability (adaptability) Lack of interpretability Data-driven

**Knowledge !!**

**=> Neurosymbolic AI**



Yu et al 2023

# Knowledge Representation

Knowledge Graph	Propositional Logic	First-Order Logic	Programming Language	Symbolic Expression
	Proposition A: <i>cat is an animal</i> Proposition B: <i>cat is a living thing</i> $A \wedge B$ $A \vee B$ $\neg A$ $A \Rightarrow B$	<i>cat is an animal</i> $\forall x \text{ Cat}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Animal}(x)$ <i>everybody has a father</i> $\forall x \exists y \text{ Father}(y,x)$	<pre>(machine lookalgo  (state lookleft   (running [robot move: [:msg      angular z: search]))))  (state returnleft   (running [robot move: [:msg      angular z: search negated])))) .....</pre>	$3+4 \times (1+6) \div 2$ $2x^2 - \sin(3x) + 1$ <i>How many cylinders are small?</i> 1. <i>filter_shape</i> (scene, cylinder) 2. <i>filter_shape</i> (scene, small) 3. <i>count</i> (scene)

W. Wang, Y. Yang, and F. Wu, 'Towards Data-and Knowledge-Driven Artificial Intelligence: A Survey on Neuro-Symbolic Computing'. arXiv, Oct. 12, 2023 [Online]. Available: <http://arxiv.org/abs/2210.15889>

Algebraic Equations	Differential Equations	Simulation Results	Spatial Invariances	Logic Rules	Knowledge Graphs	Probabilistic Relations	Human Feedback
$E = m \cdot c^2$ $v \leq c$	$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ $F(x) = m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2}$			$A \wedge B \Rightarrow C$			

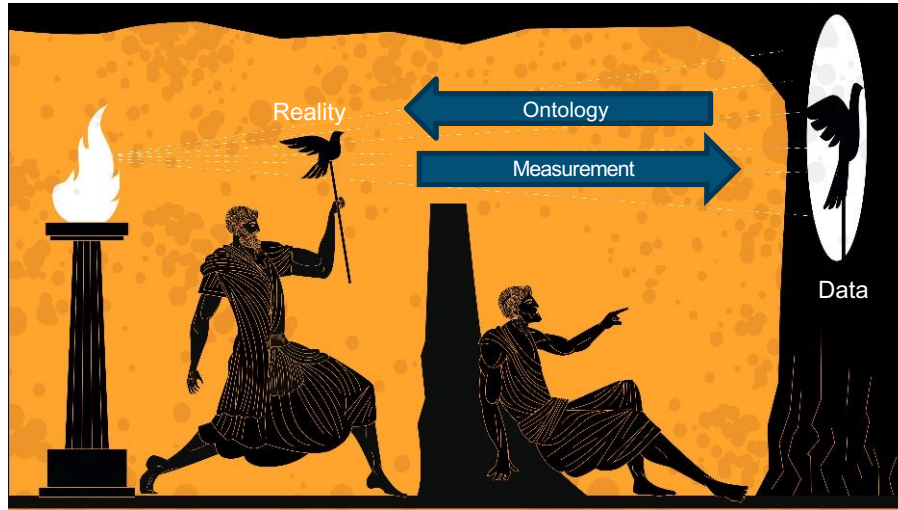
Refers to technologies that transform knowledge via direct interfaces between users and machines.

# Enablers for explainability

## Ontologies and Commons Sense Knowledge



# Is Ontology still a thing?



*“Allegory of cave” - Plato*

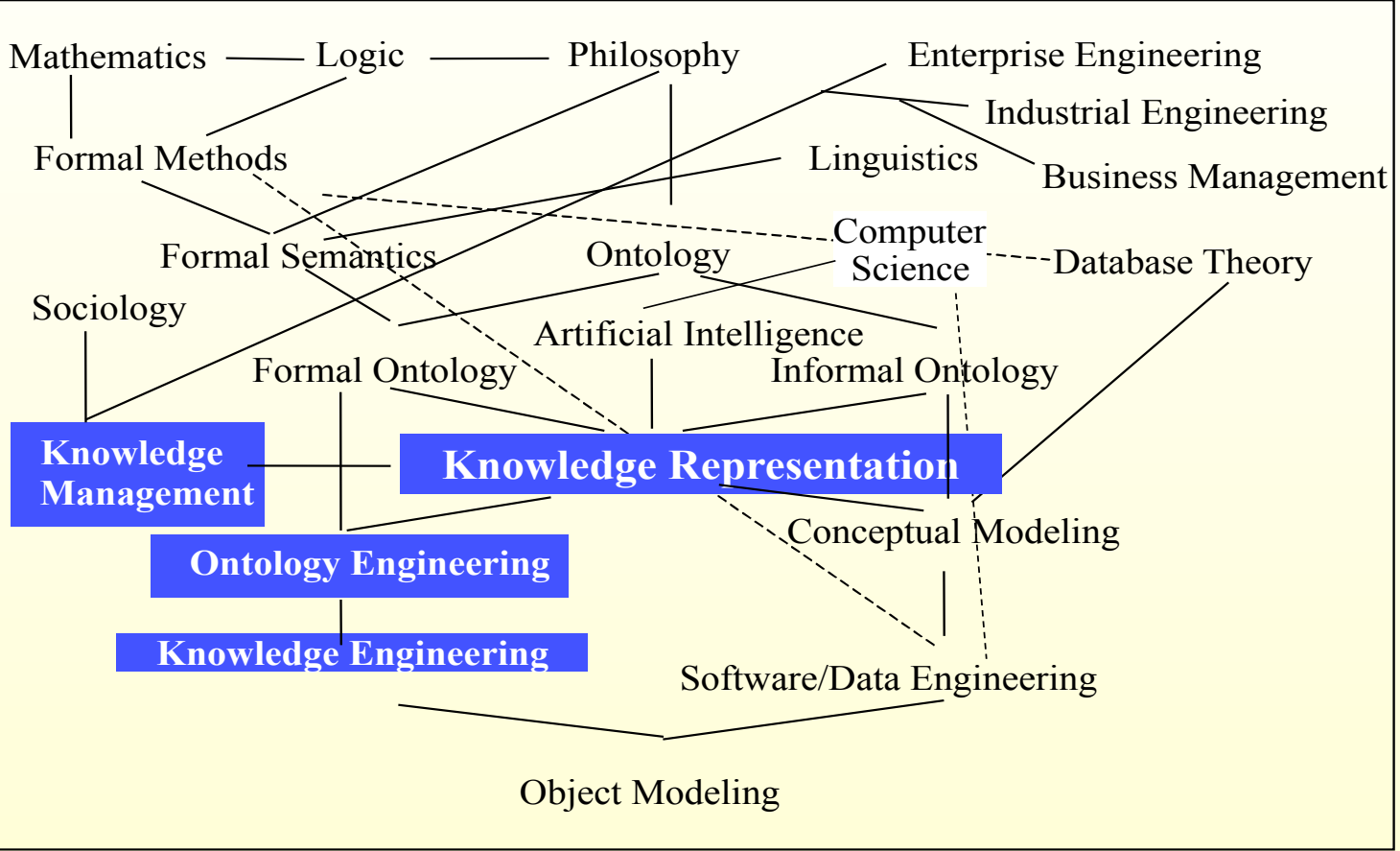
**Ontology as a branch of philosophy is the science of what is, of the kinds and structures of the objects, properties and relations in every area of reality.**

- Ontology is not a data model but a model for relating data to the “Reality”.
- Ontology helps us in having a shared view of the “Reality”, based on:
  - Consensus
  - Common sense
  - Metaphysics



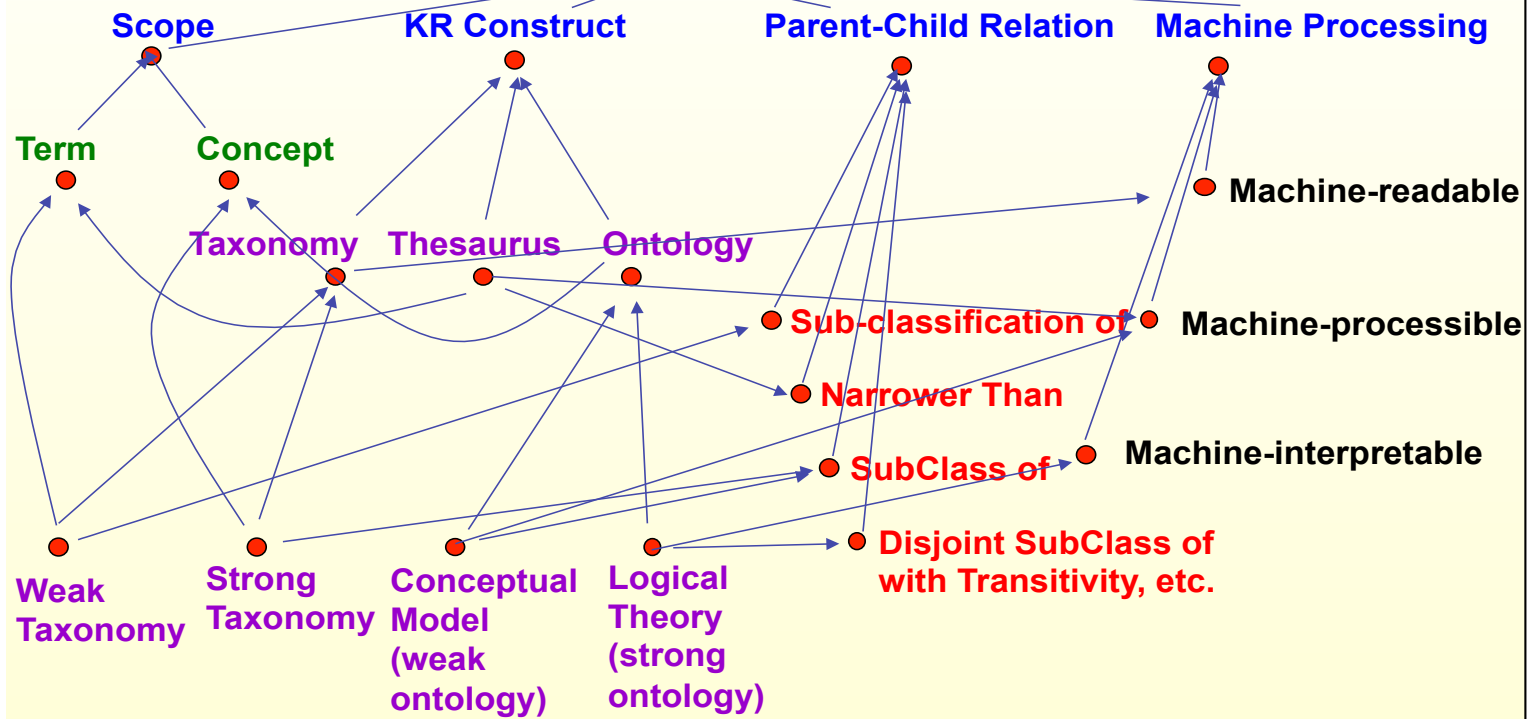
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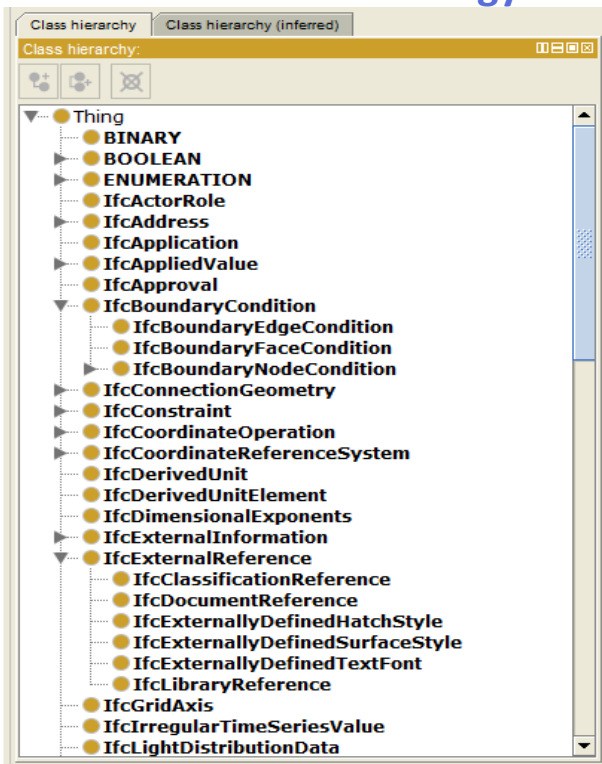
# Ontology Spectrum



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# OWL Files !!

## IFCowl: Is This an Ontology ?



*Formal or Informal ?*

Classes defined in an OWL file are not usually an Ontology. !!

# Logical Formalization

Is This an Ontology ?

**Axiom 9:**  $WeldingProcess(w) \rightarrow PlannedProcess(w) \wedge \forall p (prescribedBy(w, p) \rightarrow WeldingSpecification(p))$

**Axiom 10:**  $WeldingSpecification(p) \rightarrow JoiningSpecification(p) \wedge \forall f (hasContinuantPart(p, f) \rightarrow FusingMaterialActionSpecification(f)) \wedge \exists o (WeldingObjective(o) \wedge hasContinuantPart(p, o))$

**Axiom 11:**  $ObjectiveSpecification(o) \wedge prescribes(o, j) \wedge WeldedJoint(j) \rightarrow WeldingObjective(o)$

**Axiom 12:**  $FusingMaterialActionSpecification(p) \rightarrow ActionSpecification(p) \wedge$

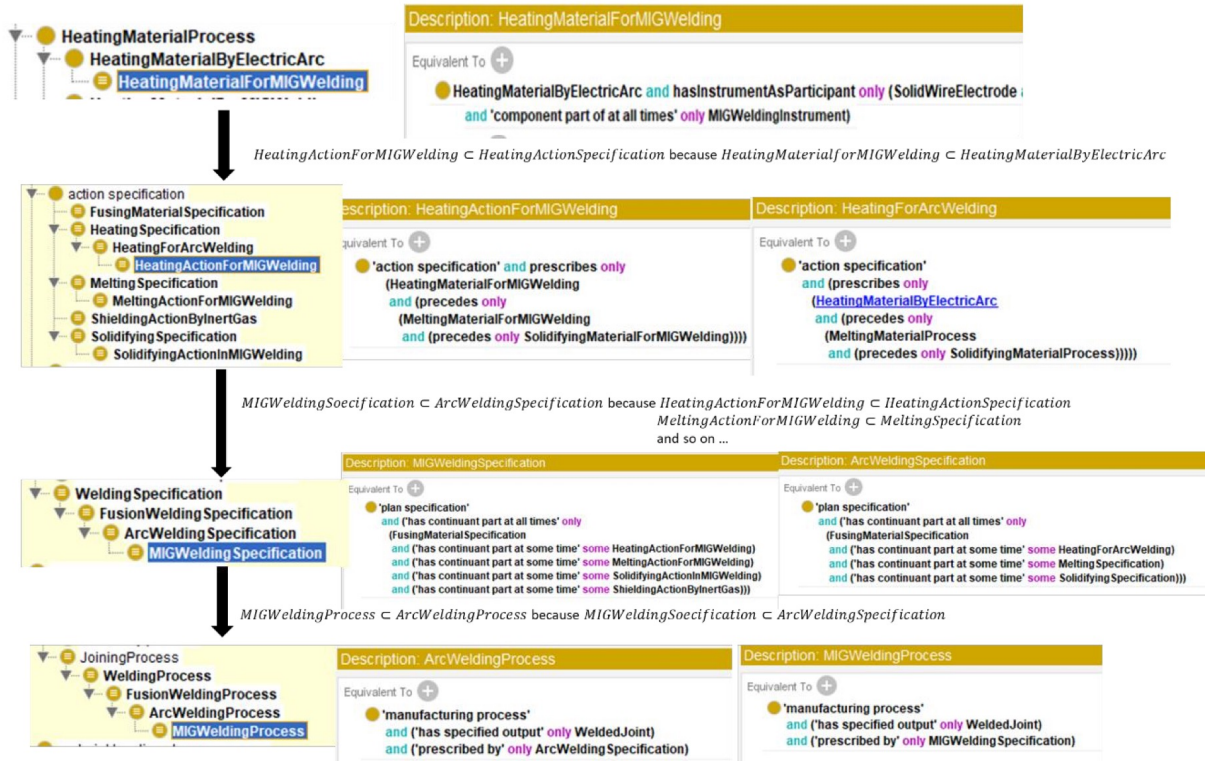
$\exists h (HeatingActionSpecification(h) \wedge hasContinuantPart(p, h)) \wedge \exists mt (MeltingActionSpecification(mt) \wedge hasContinuantPart(p, mt)) \wedge \exists s (SolidifyingActionSpecification(s) \wedge hasContinuantPart(p, s))$

**Axiom 13:**  $HeatingActionSpecification(p) \rightarrow ActionSpecification(p) \wedge \forall h \exists mt, s ((prescribes(p, h) \rightarrow Heating(h) \wedge (Melting(mt) \wedge precedes(h, mt) \wedge (Solidifying(s) \wedge precedes(mt, s)))) \wedge \forall i (hasInstrument(h, i) \rightarrow WeldingMachine))$

**Axiom 14:**  $MeltingActionSpecification(p) \rightarrow ActionSpecification(p) \wedge \forall mt \exists s ((prescribes(p, mt) \rightarrow Melting(mt) \wedge (Solidifying(s) \wedge precedes(mt, s))) \wedge \forall c (hasPatient(mt, c) \rightarrow MaterialComponent(c) \vee FillerMaterial(c)))$

**Axiom 15:**  $SolidifyingActionSpecification(p) \rightarrow ActionSpecification(p) \wedge \forall s ((prescribes(p, s) \rightarrow Solidifying(s)) \wedge \forall g (environs(s, g) \rightarrow InertGas(g) \vee slug(g)) \wedge \forall c (hasPatient(s, c) \rightarrow MaterialComponent(c) \vee FillerMaterial(c)))$

# Logical Formalization and the power of inference



# Ontologies in Philosophy Vs Computer science

## Ontology perspective

- **Representation** of entities, ideas, and events, their properties and relations, according to **a system of categories**.
- The **same** in Computer science and Philosophy.

## Ontology focus

- In computer science, is about establishing fixed, controlled vocabularies.
- In philosophy, is more on the perception and the representation of the world.

In **computer science** and engineering area: **focusing** on the **formats of the vocabularies** (OWL, JSON, UML, etc.) and the **capacities to process** them.

**WARNING**

Missing the most important part: The semantic disambiguation of the vocabulary.

Necessity to make the **balance** between the **utility** of use and the **philosophical** vision to represent the world when building ontologies.

# Ontology: From Conceptual model to Common Sense

*What is termed Domain Ontology in the realms of artificial intelligence (including the Semantic Web) is a special type of conceptual model*

*The unfolding of formal ontology as a philosophical discipline aims at developing a system of general categories that can be used in the development of scientific theories and domain-specific common sense theories of reality.*

*(Guizzardi 2008)*



# Common Sense Knowledge

Basic ability to perceive, understand, and judge things that are shared by (**‘common to’**) nearly all people and can reasonably be expected of nearly all people without need for debate.”



- Manufacturing knowledge was defined as knowledge about manufacturing processes, assembly, quality, materials handling and operation planning.

**Manufacturing Common Sense Knowledge** contains know-how about the production process background knowledge, and experience from Machinist’s handbooks and validated shopfloor feedbacks.

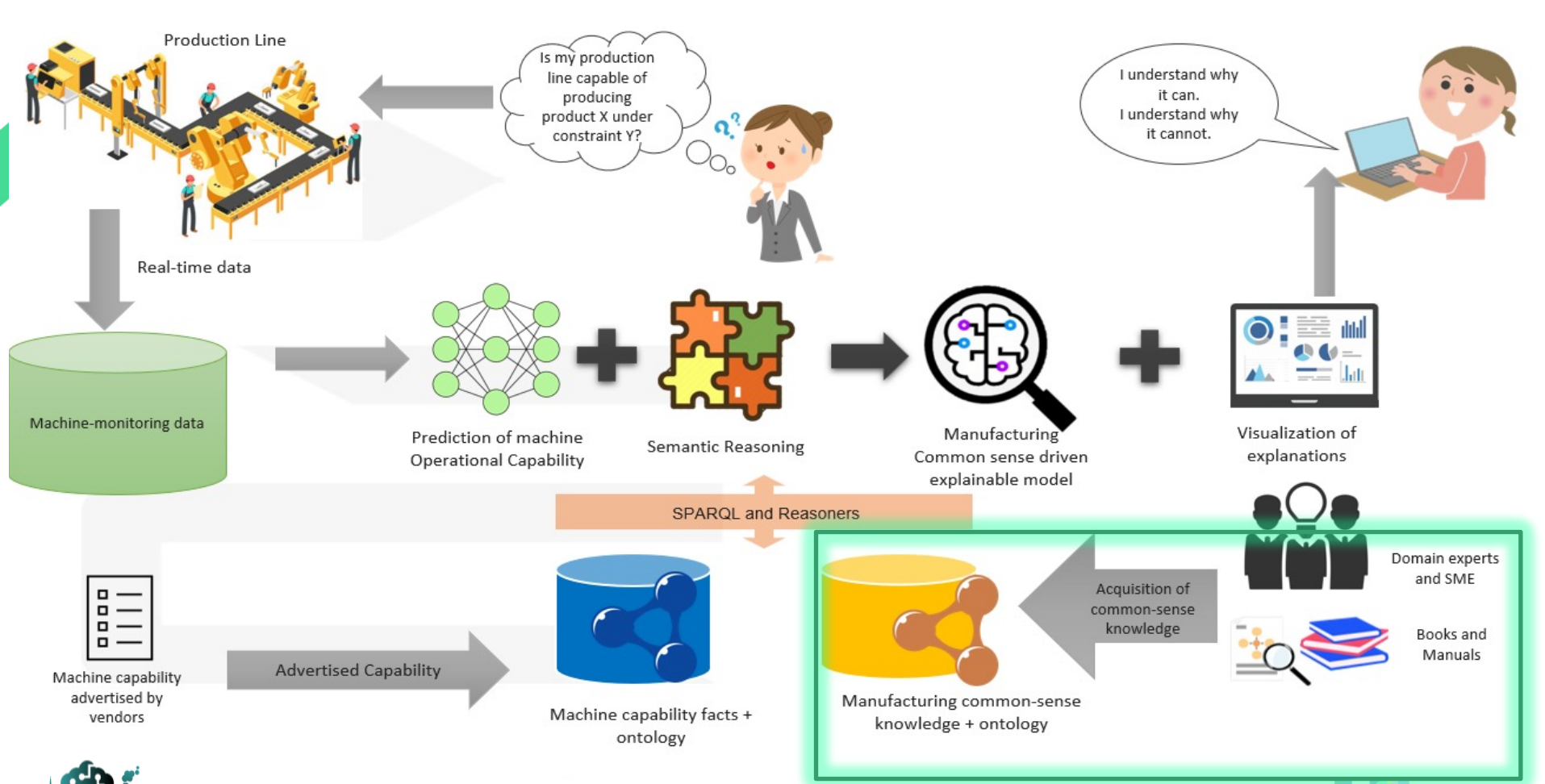
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# Manufacturing Common Sense Knowledge Graph

Augmented GenAI approach for building

# How should we build commonsense Knowledge for Manufacturing

- **Where to find the knowledge ?**
  - Educational Institutions, Libraries and Archives, Research Journals and Conferences, Machinist Books and Publications, Work Experience
- **How to extract the knowledge ?**
  - Named Entity Recognition (NER), Relationship Extraction, Topic Modeling, Text Classification and summarization etc
- **How to Formalise the extracted knowledge ?**
  - Using Standard Vocabularies as such Manufacturing Domain
- **How to make knowledge useable ?**
  - Machine readable, machine interpretable, FAIR
- **How to store the extracted Knowledge?**
  - Dedicated portals, Open Knowledge Graphs, etc.

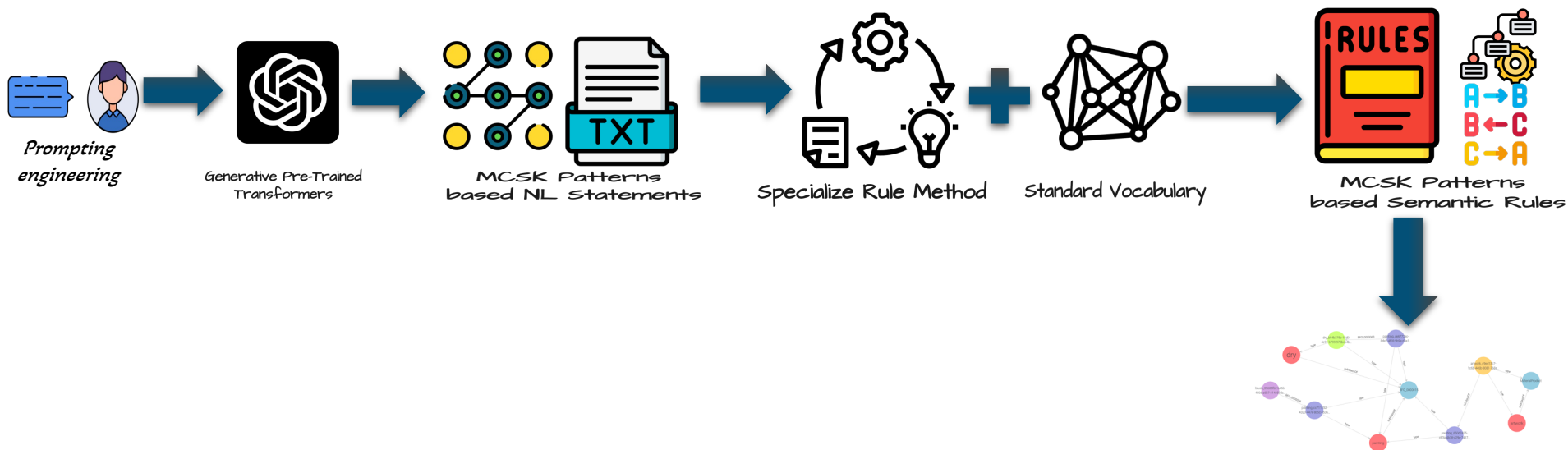
=> LLMs as a potential solution

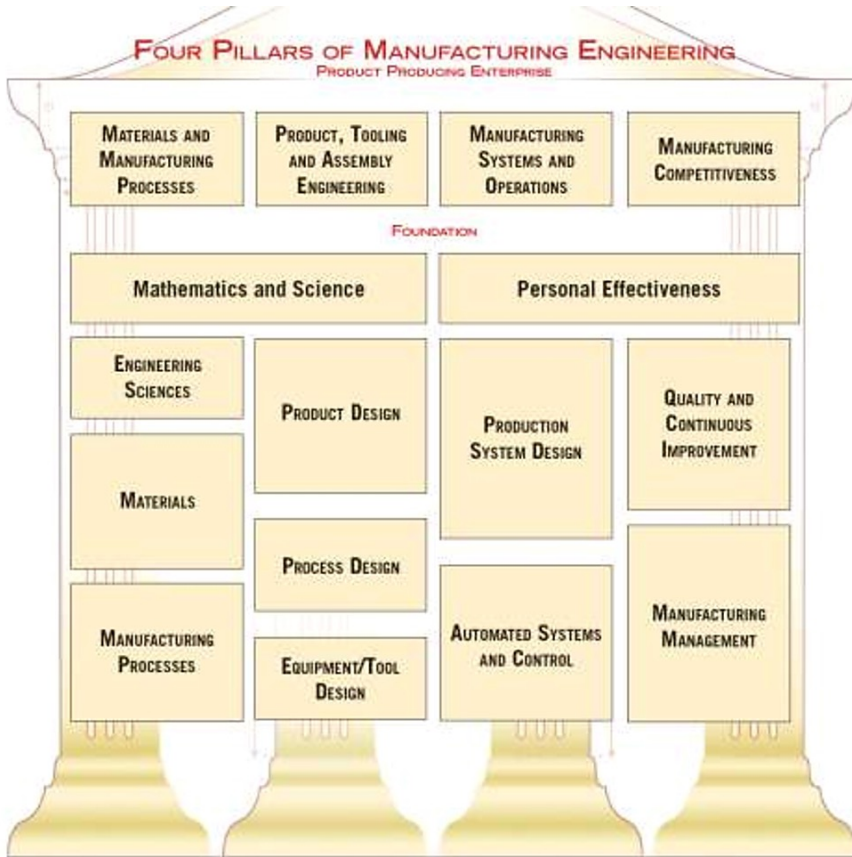


# ***Limitations of pre-trained LLMs in the context of ontology development***

- Lack of Explicit Knowledge Representation***
- Lack of logical consistency***
- Semantic Ambiguity and inconsistent responses***
- Domain Specificity***
- Data Bias and Incompleteness***
- Semantic Ambiguity***
- Limited Multi-modal Understanding***
- Scalability Issues***

# MCSK Acquisition and Semantic Rules Generation Approach





## MCSK Patterns

1. Requirement
2. Precedence
3. Causation
4. Similarity
5. Distinctness
6. Parthood
7. Performance

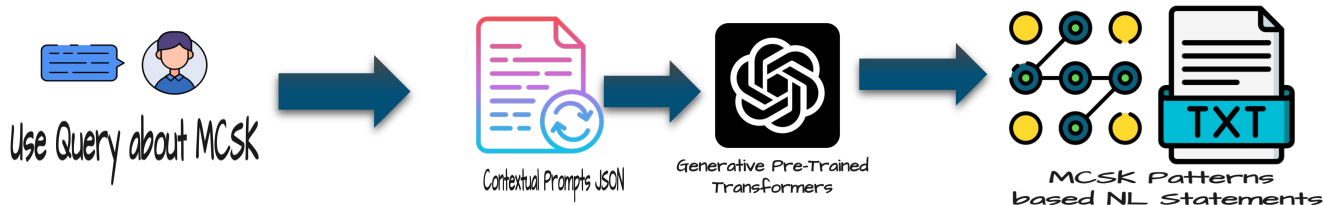
## Extract MCSK using LLM



### Chain of thought and Contextual prompt engineering

Utilize Open-AI API to extract MCSK according to identified patterns.

### Extracted MCSK natural language (NL statements)





Pattern	Subcategory	Example
Requirement	Material Requirement Process Requirement Tool Requirement Skill/Capability Requirement Environment/Location Requirement	A wooden chair <u>requires</u> wood. Cutting and assembling are <u>required</u> to manufacture a wooden chair. A saw is <u>required</u> to cut wood. The <u>capability</u> to cut and assemble wood properly. A workshop is <u>required</u> for cutting and assembling the chair.
Precedence	Process Precedence Object Precedence in Workflow Existence Precedence	Designing the chair <u>comes before</u> cutting the wood. The wood must be <u>present before</u> it can be cut. The design of the <u>chair must exist</u> before the manufacturing process can begin.
Causation	Material Causation Process Causation	Using low-quality wood <u>causes</u> the chair to be less sturdy. If the assembly process is <u>not properly followed</u> , the final chair might be unstable.
Similarity	Material Similarity Process Similarity  Tool Similarity Product Characteristic Similarity Environment Similarity	Both a wooden chair and a wooden bed require <u>wood</u> . The cutting and assembling process <u>is similar for</u> a wooden chair and a wooden bed. Both processes require the <u>use of a saw</u> . Both a chair and a bed can be <u>used for sitting</u> . Both can be manufactured in a <u>workshop</u> .
Distinctness	Material Distinctness Process Distinctness  Requirement Distinctness	A book is made with <u>paper</u> , a chair is made with <u>wood</u> . Printing and binding <u>are required</u> for making a book, while <u>cutting</u> and <u>joining</u> are required for making a chair. The requirements for making a book (e.g., print format, binding) <u>differ</u> from those for making a chair (e.g., type of wood, type of joinery).
Part-Hood	Process Part-hood Object Part-hood Grouping	Cutting and joining are <u>parts of</u> the chair-making process. A chair <u>consists of parts like</u> legs, a backrest, and a seat. A chair can be <u>grouped</u> with other types of furniture.
Performance	Material, Performance Process Performance Product Performance Environmental Performance  Competitive Performance	High-quality wood, <u>leads to a sturdy</u> chair. Effective cutting and joining <u>result in a well-made chair</u> . A well-made chair <u>offers comfortable seating</u> . A well-ventilated and safety-compliant workshop leads to a safe and <u>efficient production process</u> . A well-made, well-priced chair <u>can outperform competitors</u> in the market.

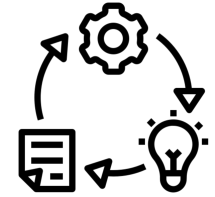


Convert into Axiom  
(First Order Logic)



# MCSK Acquisition and Semantic Rules Generation Approach

Convert into First  
Order Logic



Specialize Rule Method

## Function: *SpecializeRule*

Formally defined, the function *SpecializeRule* is:

$$\text{SpecializeRule} : RT \times MCSK \rightarrow CR$$

### Process:

1. **Input:** A Rule Template, *RT*, and manufacturing Commonsense Knowledge, *MCSK*.
2. **Extraction:** Identify and extract specific classes or instances from the *MCSK*.
3. **Substitution:** Systematically replace the placeholders in *RT* with the extracted classes/instances.
4. **Output:** Return a Concrete Rule, *CR*.

RT =Rule Template

MCSK= Manufacturing Commonsense Knowledge in NL

CR=Concrete Rule

# MCSK Acquisition and Semantic Rules Generation Approach

Convert into Axiom  
(First Order Logic)

## *Definition 1: Rule Template*

In logic, a Rule Template (RT) is like a formula where you fill in the blanks. The formula isn't complete on its own because some parts are left blank. You can fill in these blanks with specific information later on, which will turn the template into a rule that can be used in certain situations. A Rule Template, *RT*, is defined as a logical expression containing placeholders that represent general classes or relationships. These placeholders are meant to be replaced with specific classes or instances to create a concrete Rule. The *x* and *y* are place holders for specific processes.

### **Example:**

$$\text{process}(x) \rightarrow \exists y \text{process}(y) \wedge \text{precedes}(x,y) \quad (1)$$

# MCSK Acquisition and Semantic Rules Generation Approach

Convert into Axiom  
(First Order Logic)

## *Definition 2: Common Sense Knowledge (CSK)*

A CSK is an NL statement that provides specific Knowledge about a particular case, like classes or instances regarding Painting extracted from LLM using the Chain of thought prompt engineering method. The CSK serves as the source from which specific information is extracted to replace placeholders in the Rule Template.

**Example:** “The result of painting process is a painted object.”

**Example:** “After painting process, you do drying process.”

**Example:** “The drying process involves a dryer machine.”

# MCSK Acquisition and Semantic Rules Generation Approach

Convert into Axiom  
(First Order Logic)

## Definition 3: Concrete Rule

A Concrete Rule,  $CR$ , is derived from a Rule Template by replacing its placeholders with specific classes or instances extracted from a MCSK.

## Function: *SpecializeRule*

Formally defined, the function *SpecializeRule* is:

$$\text{SpecializeRule} : RT \times MCSK \rightarrow CR \quad (2)$$

# MCSK Acquisition and Semantic Rules Generation Approach

Convert into Axiom  
(First Order Logic)

**Rule** Given the Rule Template,  $RT$ :

$$\text{process}(x) \rightarrow \exists y \text{process}(y) \wedge \text{comesafter}(y,x)$$

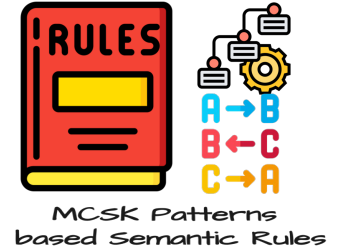
MA-CSK: "After painting process, you should perform a drying process."

Applying SpecializeRule:

$$\text{drying}(x) \rightarrow \exists y \text{painting}(y) \wedge \text{comesafter}(y,x)$$

# MCSK Acquisition and Semantic Rules Generation Approach

Convert into  
Semantic Rule

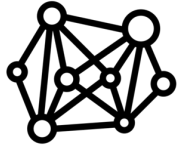


- Alignment with Standard Vocabularies
- Use of Existing Relation
- Mapping Process (driven by predefined mapping rules)
- Conversion to Query Languages



# MCSK Acquisition and Semantic Rules Generation Approach

Convert into  
Semantic Rule



Standard Vocabulary

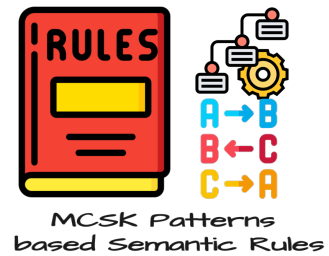
Given the Rule Template,  $RT$ :

$$\underline{\text{BFO:process}(x)} \rightarrow \exists y \underline{\text{BFO:process}(y)} \wedge \underline{\text{BFO:precedes}(y,x)}$$

Extracted MACSK NL Statement :“After painting Process perform drying Process”

Applying SpecializeRule:

$$\underline{\text{drying}(x)} \rightarrow \exists y \underline{\text{painting}(y)} \wedge \text{BFO:precedes}(y,x)$$



*Rule 1*

Given the Rule Template, *RT* based on Standard vocabulary classes and property relations from BFO and IOF:

$$\text{IOF:MaterialProduct}(x) \rightarrow \exists y \text{BFO:process}(y) \wedge \text{IOF:isOutputof}(x,y) \quad (3)$$

CSK: "The result of painting is a painted object."

Applying *SpecializeRule*:

$$\text{paintedobject}(x) \rightarrow \exists y \text{painting}(y) \wedge \text{IOF:isOutputof}(x,y) \quad (4)$$

*Rule 2*

Given the Rule Template, *RT*:

$$\text{BFO:process}(x) \rightarrow \exists y \text{BFO:process}(y) \wedge \text{BFO:precedes}(x,y) \quad (5)$$

CSK: "After painting, you should dry."

Applying *SpecializeRule*:

$$\text{drying}(x) \rightarrow \exists y \text{painting}(y) \wedge \text{BFO:precedes}(x,y) \quad (6)$$

*Rule 3*

Given the Rule Template, *RT*:

$$\text{BFO:process}(x) \rightarrow \exists y \text{IOF:machine}(y) \wedge \text{BFO:participates in at some time}(y,x) \quad (7)$$

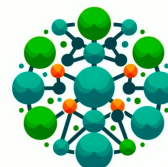
CSK: "The drying process involves a dryer machine."

Applying *SpecializeRule*:

$$\text{drying}(x) \rightarrow \exists y \text{dryer}(y) \wedge \text{BFO:participates in at some time}(y,x) \quad (8)$$

# Manufacturing Common Sense Knowledge Graph

The generated semantic rules are then in a graph-based structure.



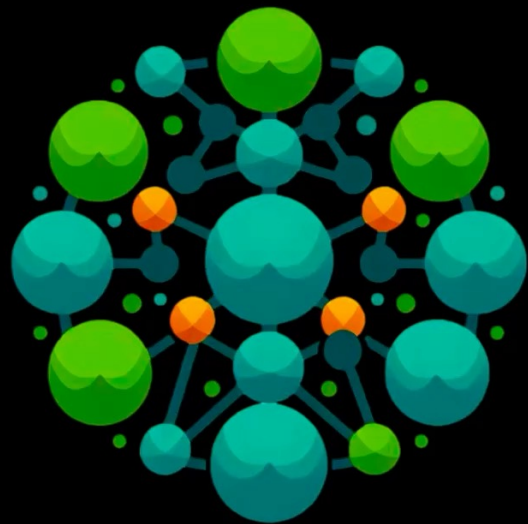
**MACS-KG**

## Benefits of Graph-Based Storage:

- Graphs naturally represent entities and relationships, allowing more intuitive data manipulation and quicker access."
- Enables direct querying of specific entities or relationships without the need to traverse unnecessary paths, significantly enhancing performance.

## Operational Framework:

- Semantic rules converted from MCSK are stored as nodes and edges in MACS-KG, with nodes representing processes or terms and edges representing relationships like 'precedes'.
- Whenever a query is made, only the relevant subgraph is retrieved, minimizing data handling and processing time.



**MACS-KG**

# KGA a platform for collaboration and networking

- ❖ Knowledge Graph Alliance nonprofit organization
- ❖ KGA *ACTs as a bridge among the ongoing and future efforts* by industry, research organizations, universities, and standardization bodies **in SKG** to facilitate harmonization, benchmarking, and standardization along with the development of industry-standard guidance, maturity, and risk models for alleviating the uncertainty of the return of industrial investment in SKG transition projects.
- ❖ KGA *showcases the practical use of state-of-the-art and future technologies as part of its continuous promotional effort in building confidence in companies for adoption* of SKG in their operations.

[www.kg-alliance.org](http://www.kg-alliance.org)



# Conclusions

- **Symbolic & Neurosymbolic Explanation are required for industrial trust and adoption**
  - It's not a matter of compete it's a matter of complete
- **We need XAI enablers such as Common Sense Knowledge**
- **Common Sense and Logics should be driven by a hybrid approach: acquiring through Bottom-up and Building from top down**
- **Explainability in AI is also a matter of knowledge and abstraction not only a matter of algorithms**