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Relaxed Abduction – Robust Information Interpretation for Industrial Applications

Dissertation Presentation

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Presentation outline

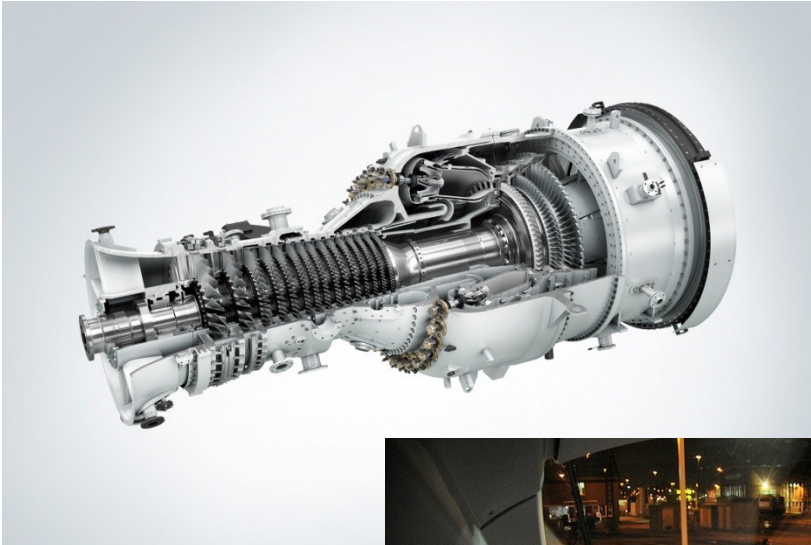
Motivation

Background and target

Relaxed abduction

Conclusion and outlook

Interpretation for automated diagnostics



Relation to model-based diagnosis

Model-based diagnosis (DeKleer, 2003) and qualitative reasoning (Struss, 1997)

- Complex and detailed physical models
- High accuracy in principle
- Low coverage in practice (effort)

Proposed approach

- Automated “first level support” for majority of easy cases
- Allow engineer to focus on long tail of hard cases where their expertise is really needed
- Save time and cost

Requirements to a solution

(R1) (Moderate) Expressiveness

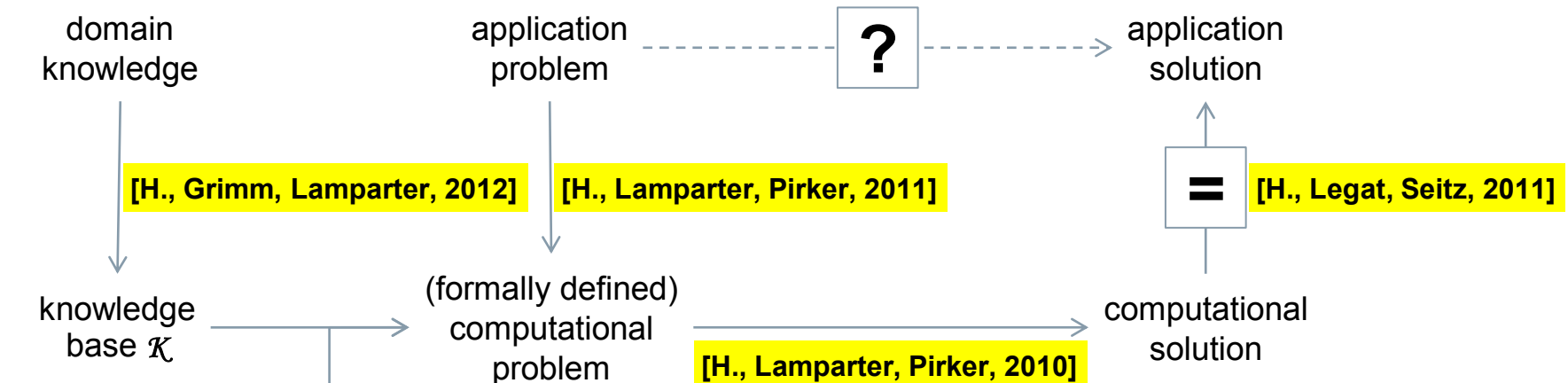
(R2) Robustness w.r.t. incomplete observations

(R3) Robustness w.r.t. imperfect domain formalizations

(R4) Optimality of solutions

(R5) Coverage of solution space

Technical diagnosis formalized



Relaxed Abduction + 2-dimensional preference

$$\mathcal{K} = \{ \varphi \rightarrow \omega \}$$

find Δ

~~s.t. $\mathcal{K} \cup \Delta \models o$~~

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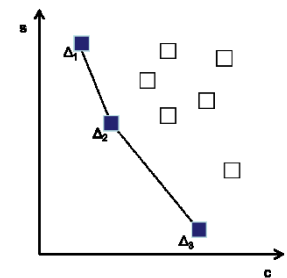
(here: $\Delta = \{ \varphi \theta \}$)

simplicity: minimize Δ

consilience: maximize ω (goal: $\omega = o$)



more assumptions: simplicity \downarrow / consilience \uparrow
 \Rightarrow cannot be combined into a single measure!



A simplified example

domain knowledge (incomplete)

- production system with MCU, gripper, conveyor, PROFINET bus
- minor power fluctuations affect MCU
- MCU SW error affects all components

application problem

- diagnose system
- observed symptoms: MCU outages , gripper functional, conveyor vibrations.

computational solutions

- $A_1 = \{ \text{System} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{ hasDiag} . \text{PowerFluct} \} ,$
 $O_1 = \{ \text{MCU} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{ shows} . \text{IntOutage} ,$
 $\text{Gripper} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{ shows} . \text{OK} \}$
- $A_2 = \{ \text{System} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{ hasDiag} . \text{SWError} \} ,$
 $O_2 = \{ \text{MCU} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{ shows} . \text{IntOutage} \}$

knowledge base (excerpt)

\mathcal{K}

- $\text{MCU} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{ partOf} . \text{System}$
- $\text{MCU} \sqcap$
 $\exists \text{ partOf} . (\exists \text{ hasDiag} . \text{PowerFluct})$
 $\sqsubseteq \exists \text{ shows} . \text{IntOutage}$

\mathcal{A}

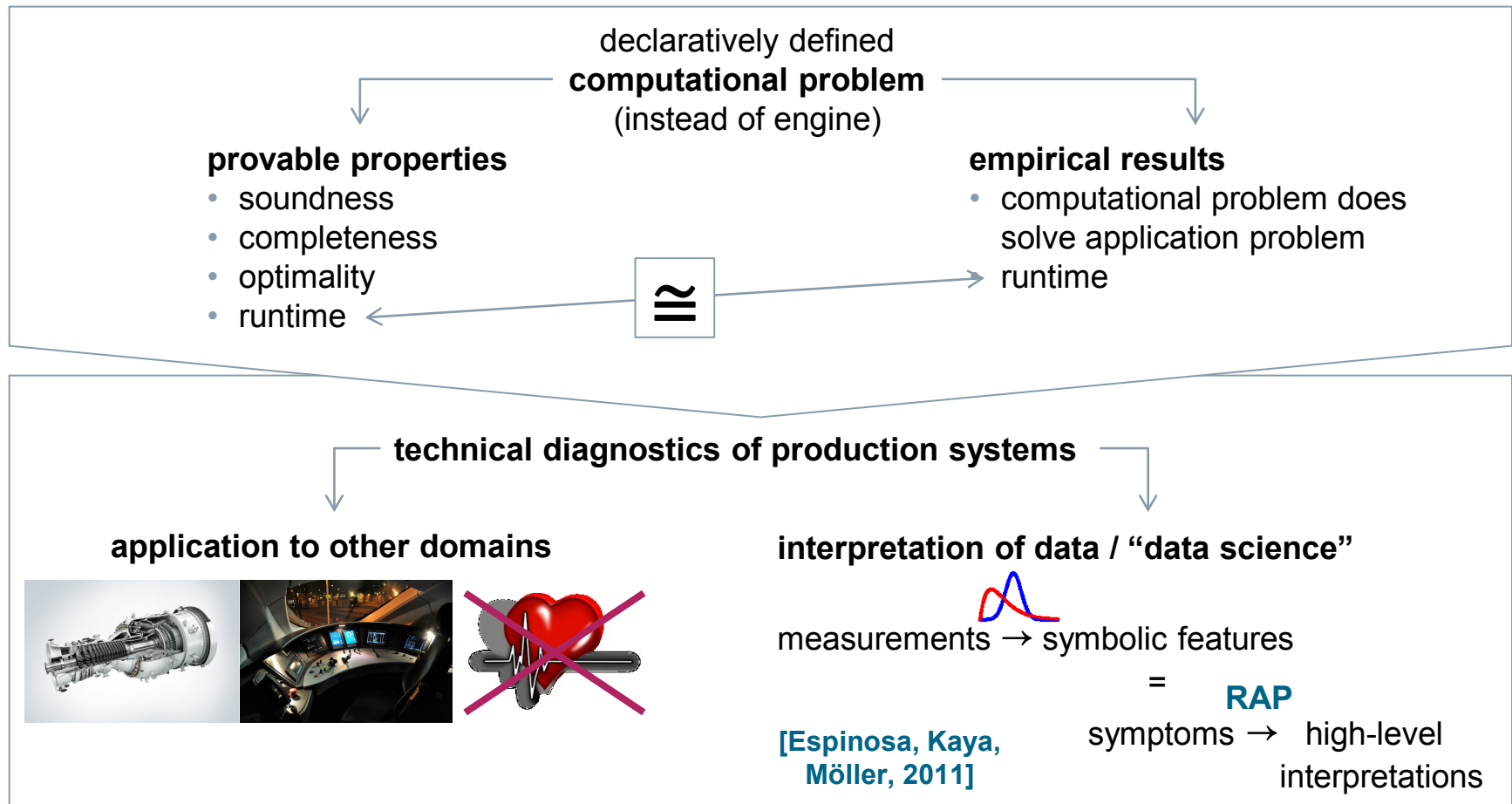
- $\text{System} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{ hasDiag} . \text{PowerFluct}$
- $\text{System} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{ hasDiag} . \text{SWError}$

computational problem

$\text{RAP} = (\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{A}, O, \sqsubseteq, \supseteq)$, with $O =$

- $\text{MCU} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{ shows} . \text{IntOutage}$
- $\text{Gripper} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{ shows} . \text{OK}$
- $\text{Conveyor} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{ shows} . \text{Vibration}$

Properties and scientific relevance



What could not be addressed here...

Thesis contents not mentioned in the talk

- **Alternative use case:** Relaxed abduction can also be used for **debugging of rule bases**.
- **Different instantiations:** The thesis describes effects of various preference orders on runtime, and how **safe pruning** must be applied to retain the complete set of solutions.
- **Expressiveness:** The **algorithmic approach can be extended** straightforwardly to other DLs such as \mathcal{EL}^{++} and Horn-SHIQ by adding **new completion rules** for, introducing **nogoods**, and extending the maps R, S .
- **Incrementality:** For \mathcal{EL}^{+} (and \mathcal{EL}^{++}), **axiom additions and retractions to T, A and O can be processed incrementally**, alleviating the need for a full re-computation. The required algorithmic extensions are described in the thesis.
- **Generality:** Relaxed abduction can **simulate a number of other abduction frameworks** including standard abduction, preferential abduction, concept-based abduction and subsumption-based abduction. It is shown to be **similar to ATMS**, yet providing more expressiveness on the logical layer.

Thank you for your attention!

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