



# Requirements Engineering (Summer 2021)

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<https://github.com/nanniu/RE-Summer2021>

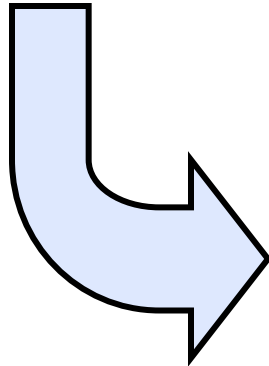


# Today's Menu

Tuesday (July 20)

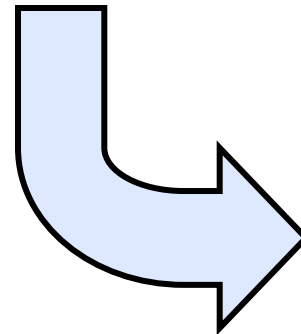
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ASN3 Release



Wednesday (July 21):

RE Research  
(ASN2, ASN3 Q&A)



Thursday (July 22):

Req.s Traceability  
ASN4 Release



## Yesterday's Take-Aways

→  $i^*$ : what, why, & how?

→ Assignment 3: what & when?

Due by 9am  
July 22

One ASN3 submitted -  
Awesome work!

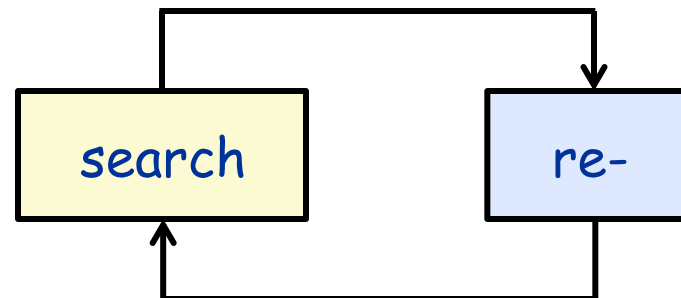


## Today's Take-Aways

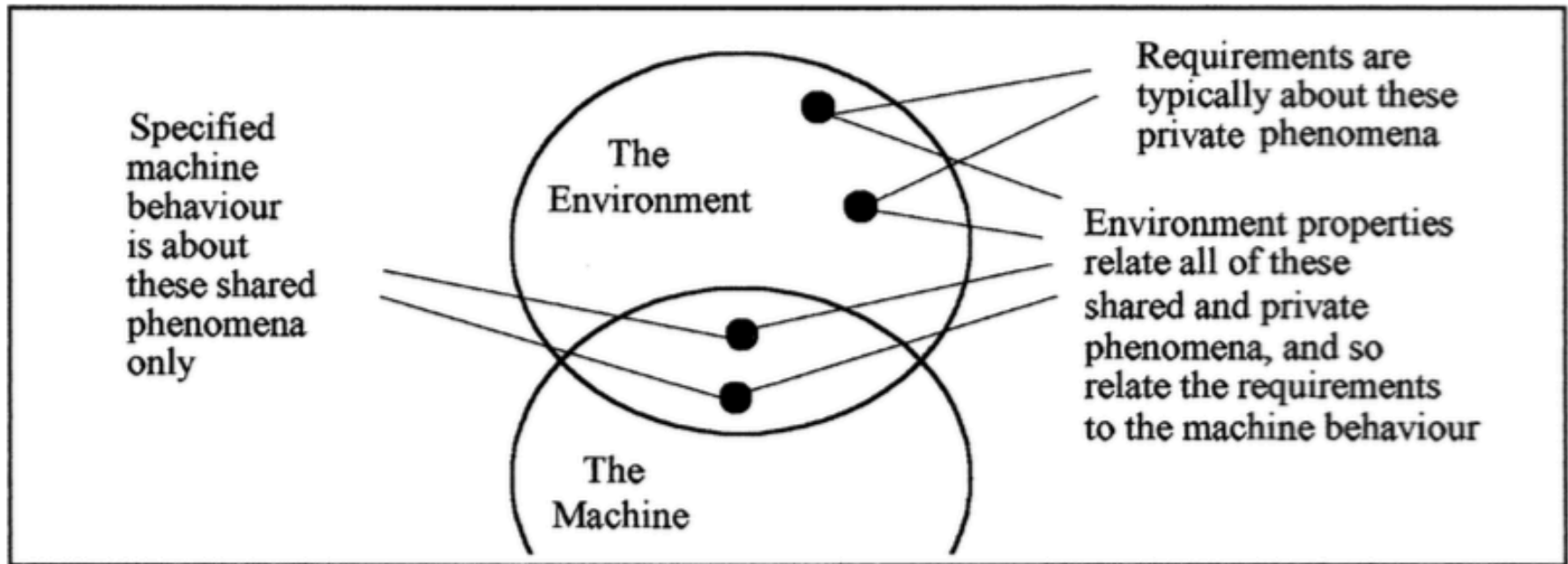
→ Research: create and disseminate new knowledge

→ Research: conceptualize, operate, present

→ Research:



$\mathcal{E}, S \mid - R$



When testing whether 'R' is fulfilled by 'S',  
does writing down ' $\mathcal{E}$ ' explicitly help?



## Medical Domain

→ 'R': a patient wants to make a doctor's appointment

→ 'E'

↳ The patient trusts the doctor

↳ The doctor is qualified

↳ An appointment can be scheduled for only a future date & time

↳ Different appointments should not have overlaps

↳ ...

→ 'S'

↳ making a phone call

↳ paying a visit to the doctor's office (e.g., before the end of an appointment)

↳ using an app (a software-intensive system)

↳ ...



# iTrust written mainly in Java

Dataset	LOC (K)	COM (K)	Source
<i>iTrust</i>	18.3	6.3	Req



## Patient Info

- All Patients
- Basic Health Information
- Patient Information
- PHR Information
- Representatives
- Emergency Patient Report
- My Report Requests
- Chronic Disease Risks

## Appointments

- Schedule Appointment
- View My Appointments
- Appointment Calendar

## Announcements

### New features in iTrust

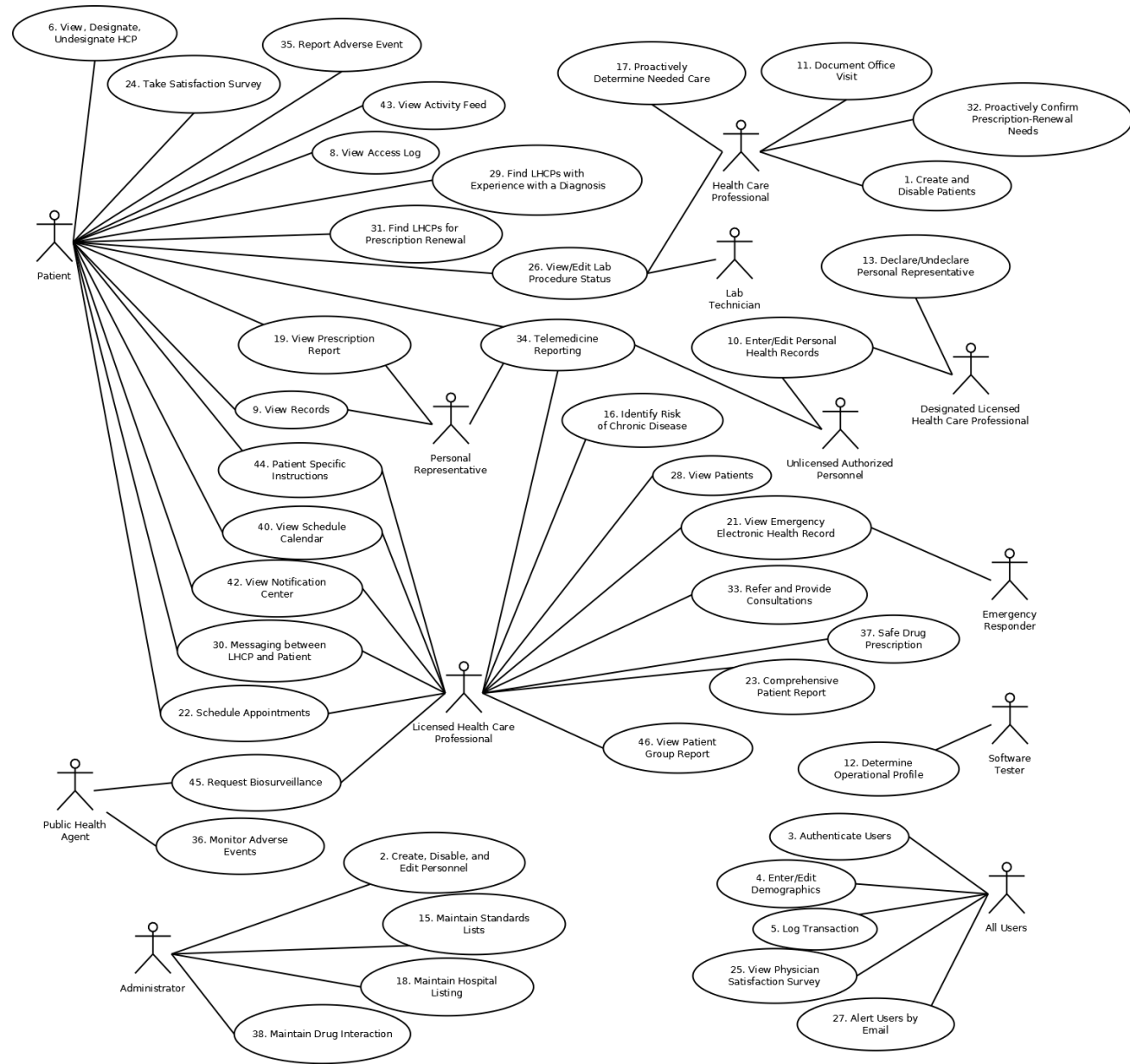
- No more typing in a date! We now have a calendar popup that

## Comprehensive Report History

- Request was requested on 01/01/2008 12:00 by Kelly Doctor
- Request was requested on 01/02/2008 12:00 by Kelly Doctor
- Request was requested on 01/03/2008 12:00 by Kelly Doctor
- Request was requested on 01/04/2008 12:00 by Kelly Doctor
- Request was requested on 01/05/2008 12:00 by Kelly Doctor



# iTrust use cases







## iTrust as a machine

→ Allows a patient to make a doctor's appointment for a past date & time

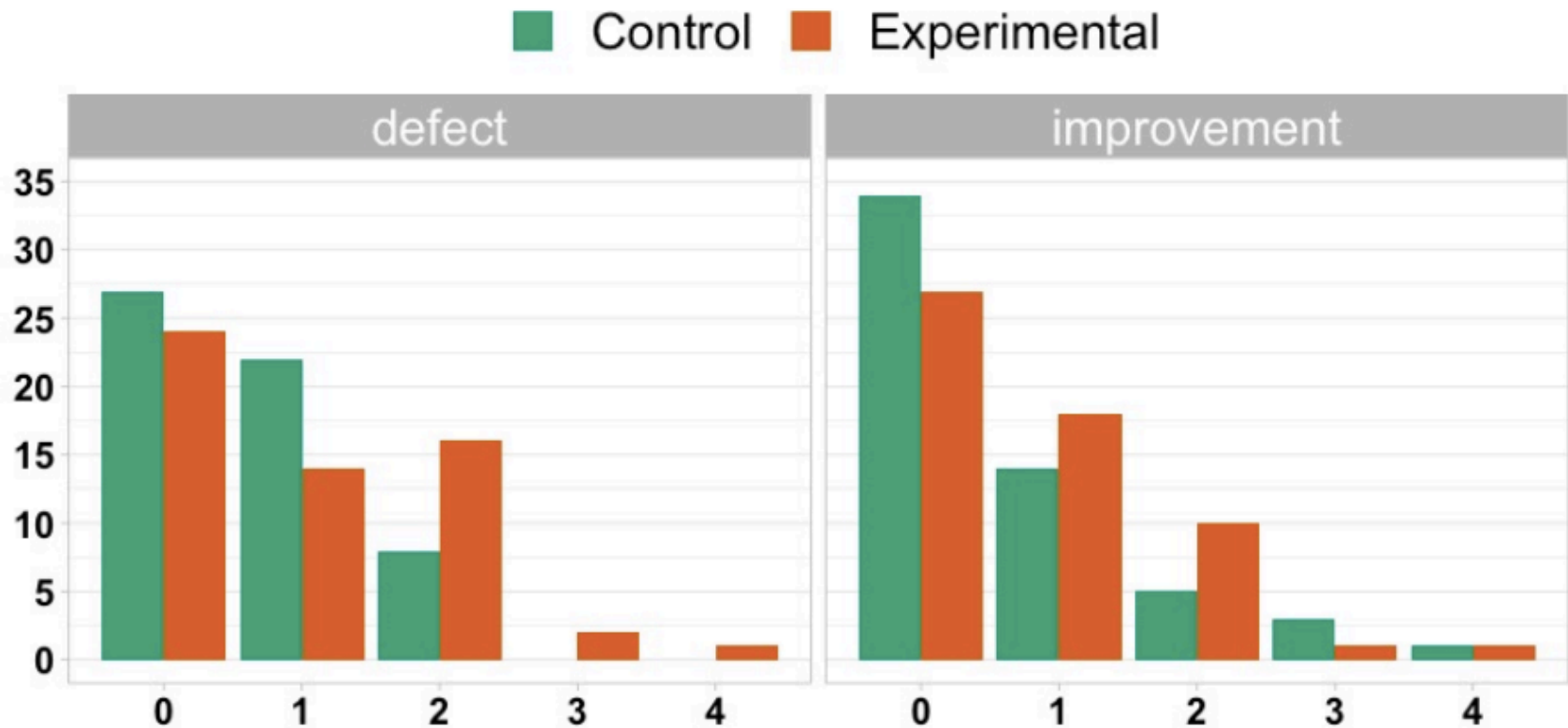
↳ Security concerns: integrity & non-repudiation

↳ Fixable once the "deviation from  $\epsilon$ " is known

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**Results of "When testing whether 'R' is fulfilled by 'S', does writing down ' $\epsilon$ ' explicitly help?"**



Participants identifying defects and improvements.



Results of "When testing whether 'R' is fulfilled by 'S', does writing down 'E' explicitly help?"



## The Role of Environment Assertions in Requirements-Based Testing

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# Automated support toward formulating ' $\epsilon$ '



## 29<sup>th</sup> IEEE International Requirements Engineering Conference

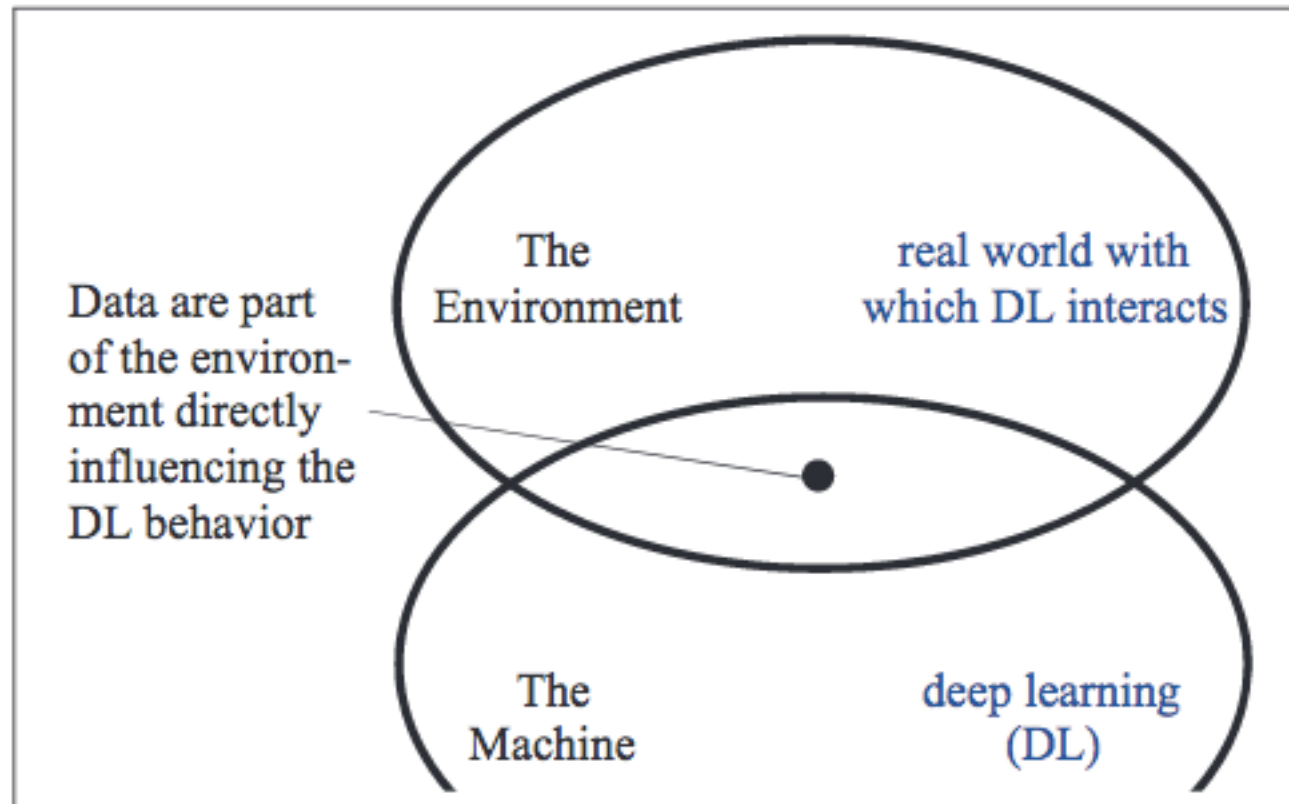
Notre Dame, South Bend, USA  
September 20-24, 2021



Environment-Driven Abstraction Identification for Requirements-Based Testing

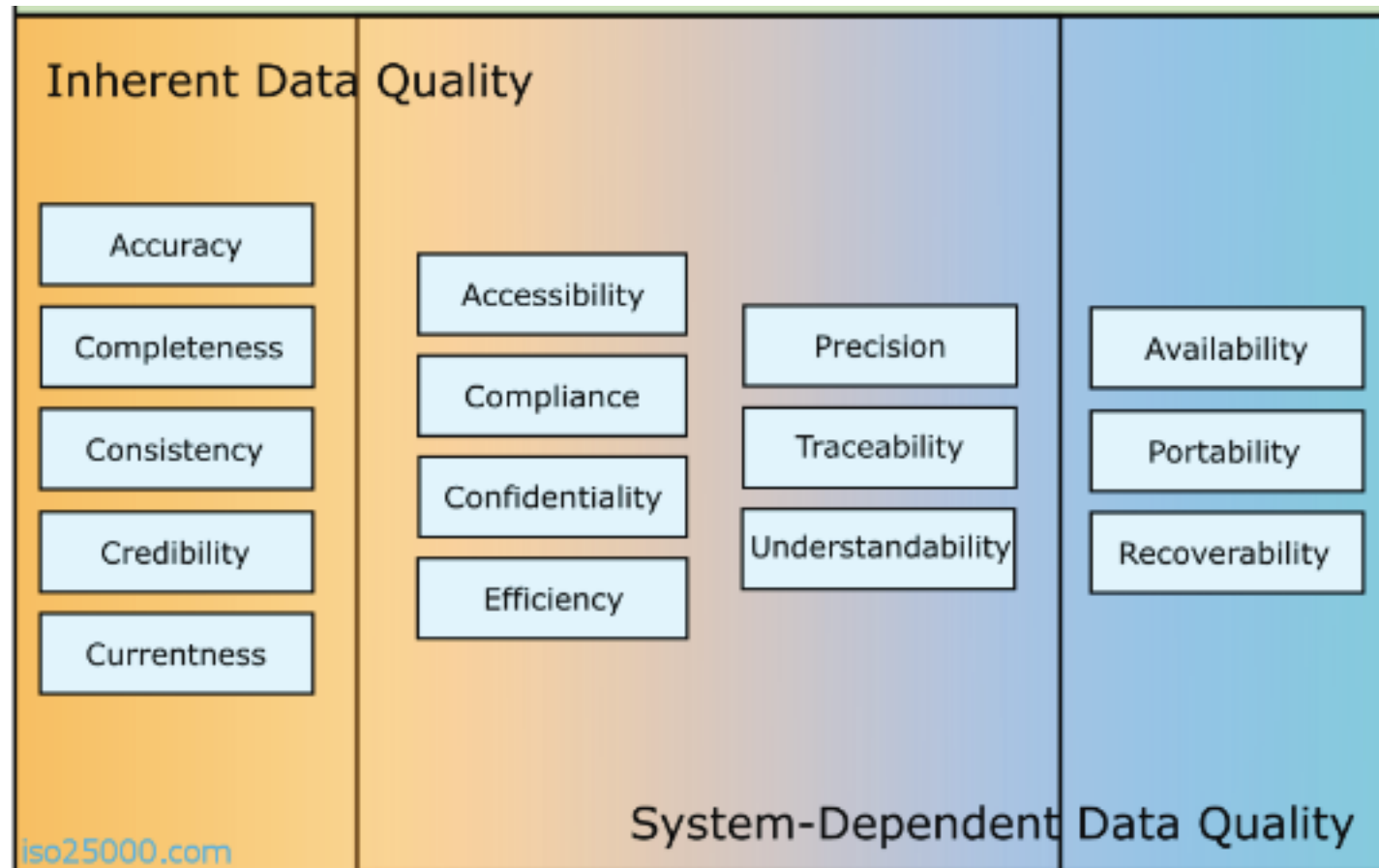
Zedong Peng, Prachi Rathod, Nan Niu, Tanmay Bhowmik, Hui Liu, Lin Shi, Zhi Jin

# What about deep learning?

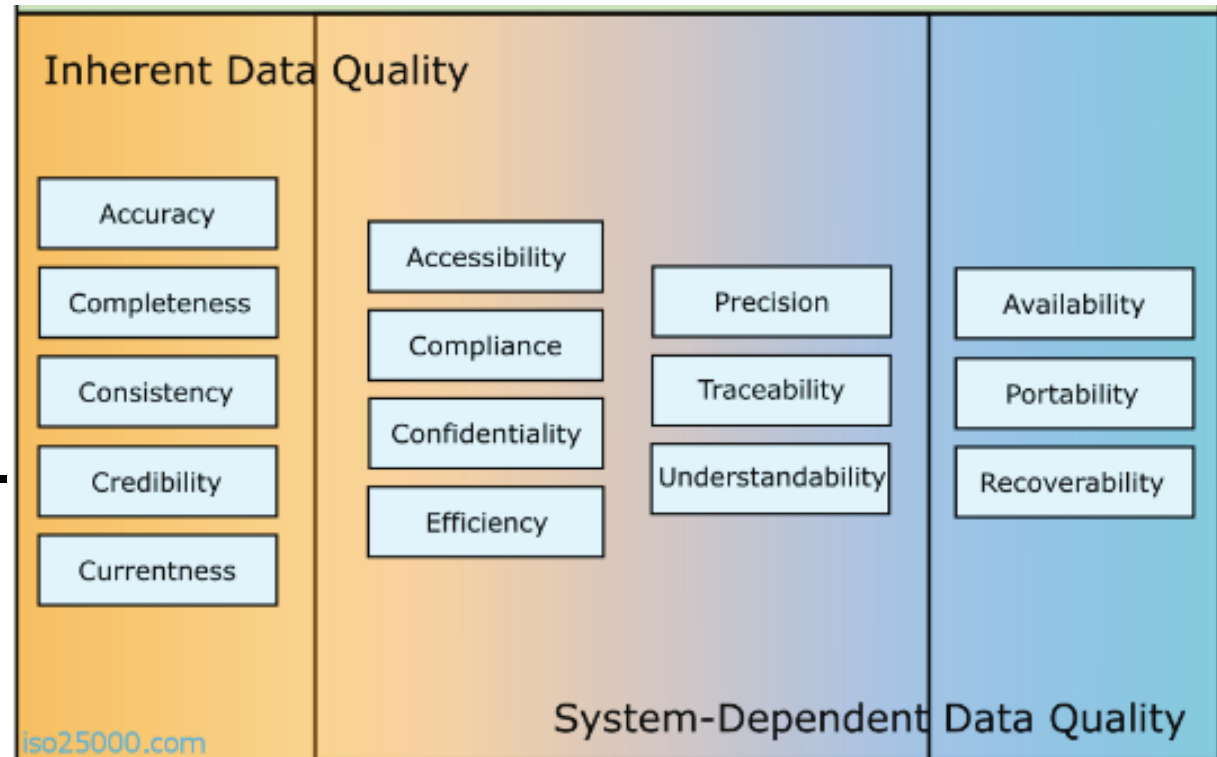


Data lie in the overlap of the DL machine and its environment.

# High-quality requirements



# High-quality requirements: *SRS* vs. *Data*



- a) Correct;
- b) Unambiguous;
- c) Complete;
- d) Consistent;
- e) Ranked for importance and/or stability;
- f) Verifiable;
- g) Modifiable;
- h) Traceable.



# Stationarity of time-series data

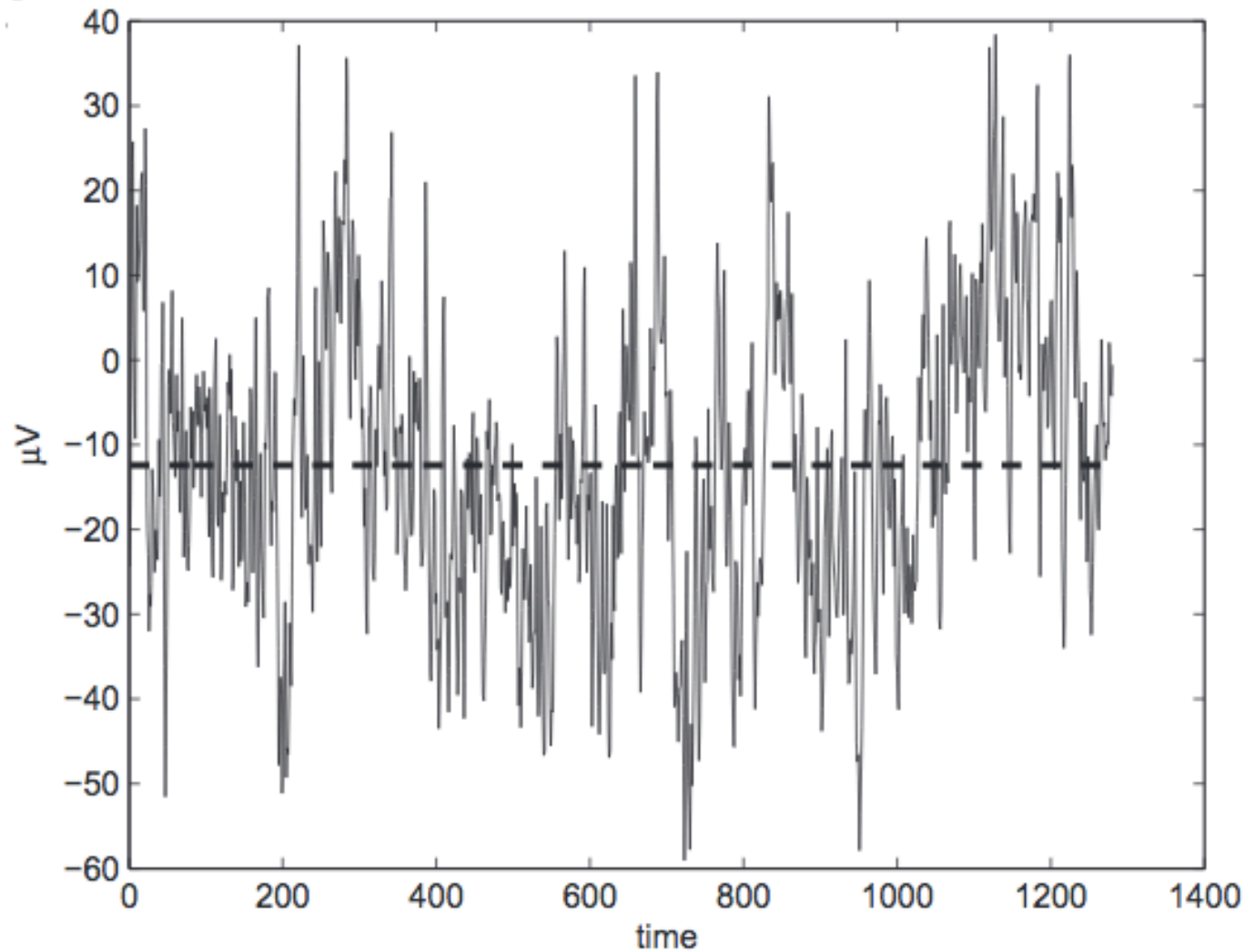
More formally, a time series is *strictly stationary* if the joint distribution of  $X(t_1), X(t_2), \dots, X(t_n)$  is the same as the joint distribution of  $X(t_1+\tau), X(t_2+\tau), \dots, X(t_n+\tau)$  for all  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n, \tau$ , where  $X(t)$  denotes the random variable at time  $t$  [40]. In other words, shifting the time origin by an amount of  $\tau$  has no effect on the joint distributions, indicating that the statistical properties of the time series are invariant with respect to the window in which the data are analyzed. In practice, it is often useful to define stationarity in a less strict sense, and hence a time series is *weakly stationary* if both the variance and the mean are constant [40].

↪ data being coherent with each other in a specific context



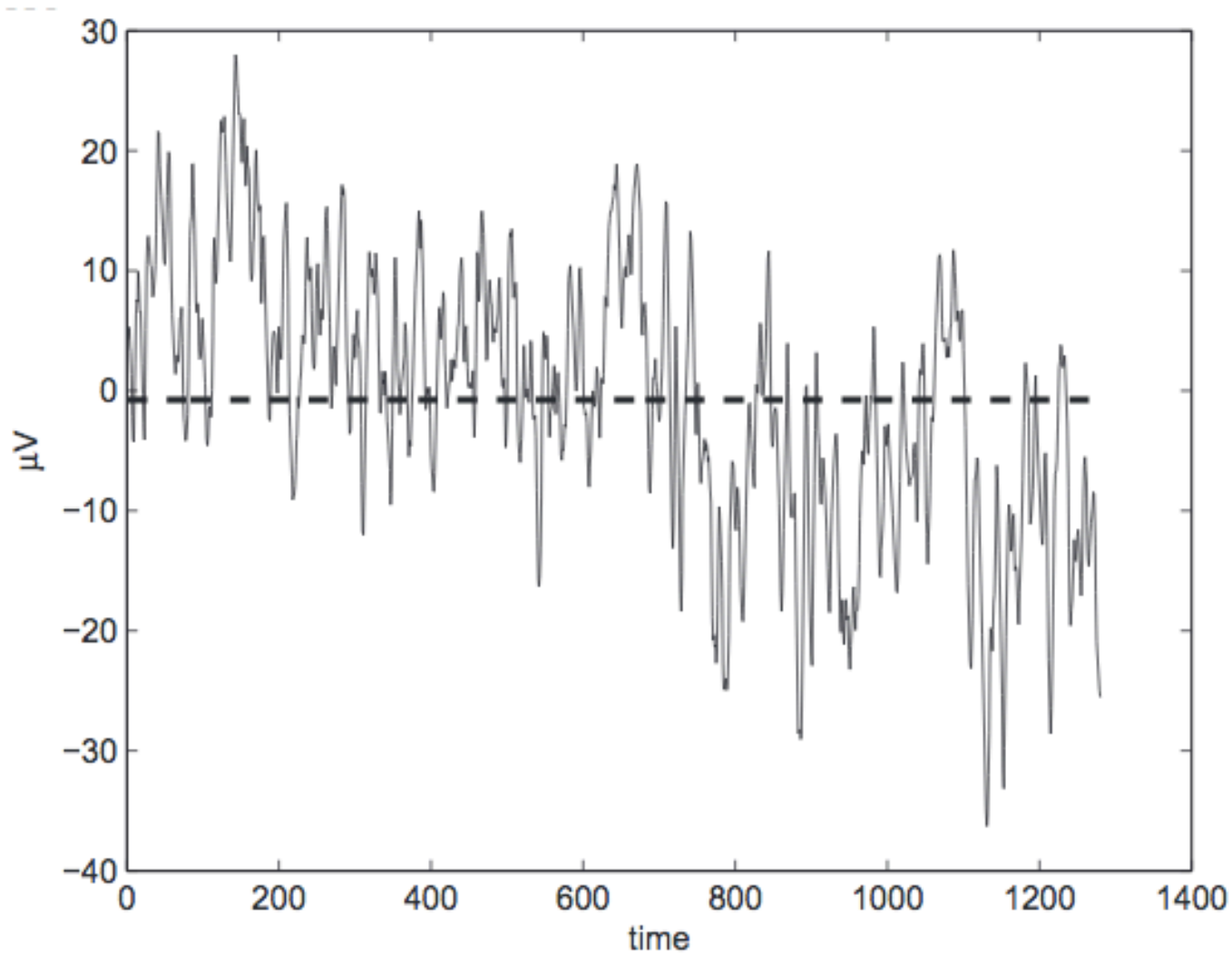


# Stationary



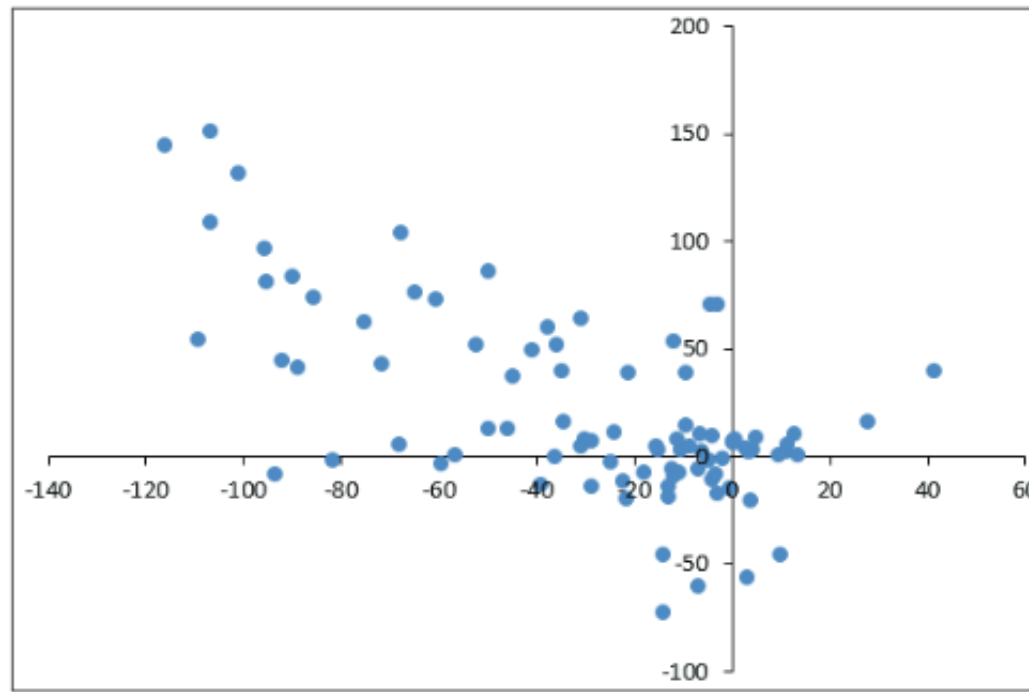


# Non-stationary



# Making data inconsistent

↪ Idea: By introducing noises to a multivariate time-series data, we're making the data from more stationary to less stationary. As a result, an LSTM's prediction should become less accurate.



# We're working with MSDGC on the CSO prediction problem

## ➤ RNNs

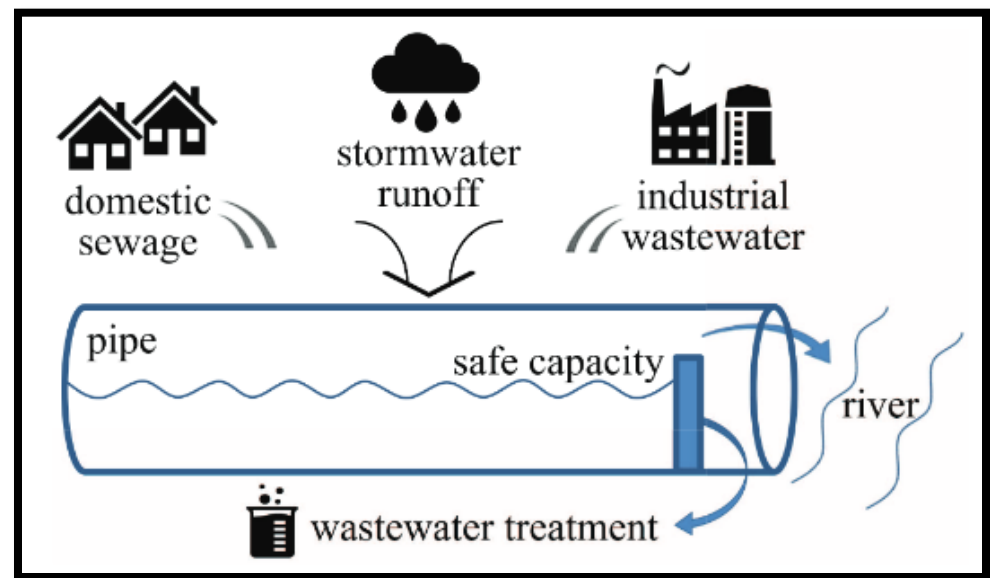
➤ LSTM, GRU, IndRNN

## ➤ NFRs

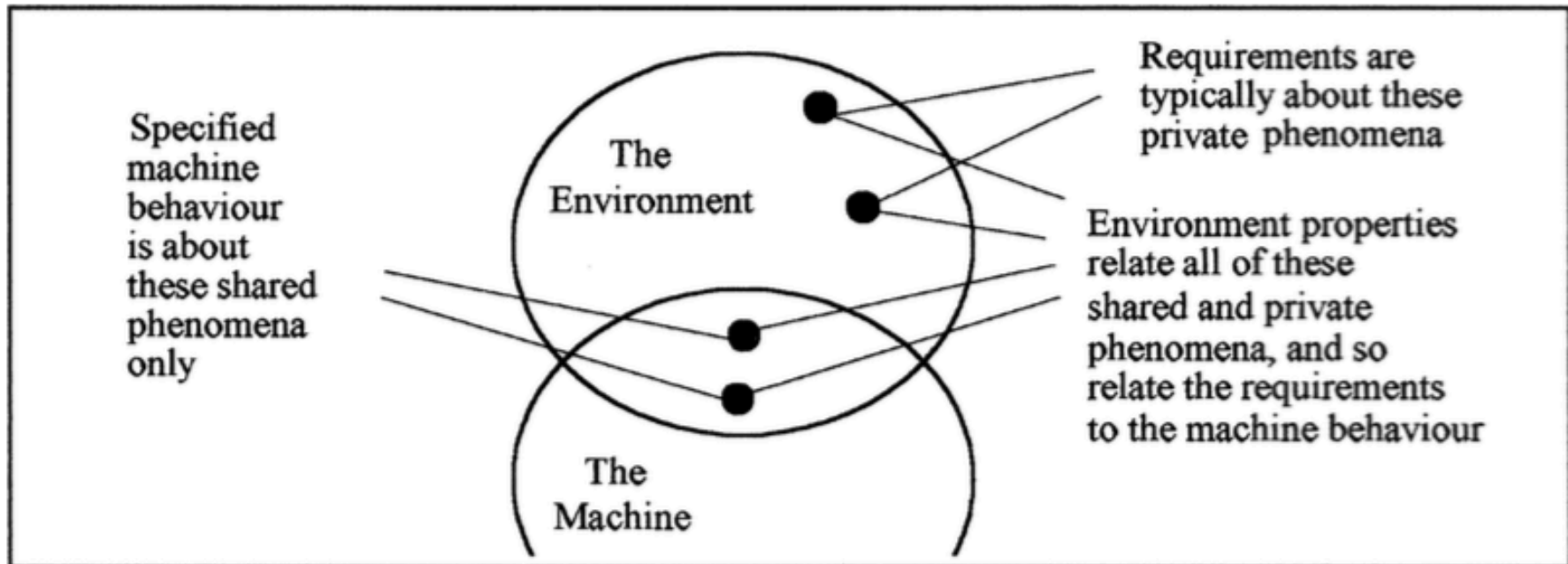
➤ Robustness,  
incompleteness,  
inconsistency,  
explainability



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# Does " $\mathcal{E}, S \vdash R$ " work in DL?



R: "translate the food menu into English to taste sth. new"

S: "given text  $t$  in Chinese, output an equivalent target language text  $t'$ "

$\mathcal{E}$ : "knowing old taste" (more intelligent), "knowing food allergy" (safer), ...

# Final remark on "research"

