

Data Cleaning

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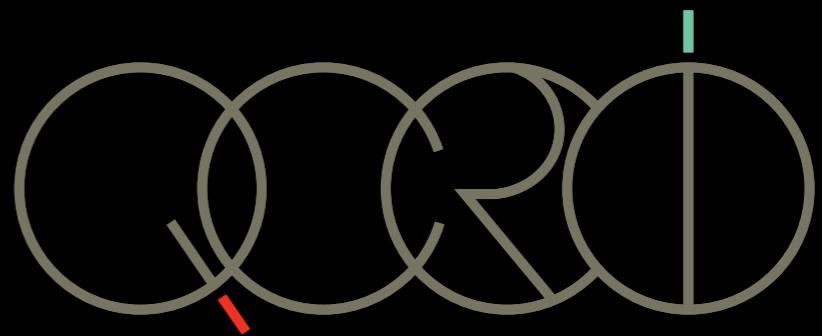


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Data Cleaning?

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Data is Dirty

Big (clean) data: new oil

Data Cleaning Market



Data Explorer



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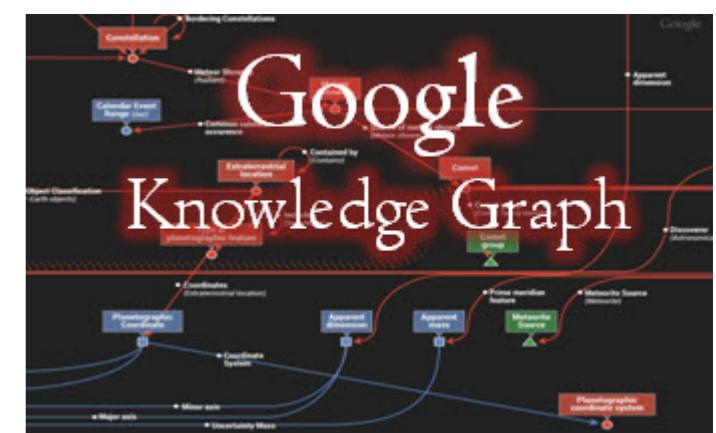
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Data Cleaning Problems

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Diagram illustrating data cleaning problems:

- typo**: Points to the name "Xiaokui Xiao" which contains a misspelling.
- Consistency**: Points to the country "Qatar" which is listed under Nan Tang's row, while "Singapore" is listed under Xiaokui Xiao's row.
- Currency**: Points to the age "33" which is listed under Nan Tang's row, while "31" is listed under Nan Tang's row.
- Completeness**: Points to the empty cell under the capital column for the second row.

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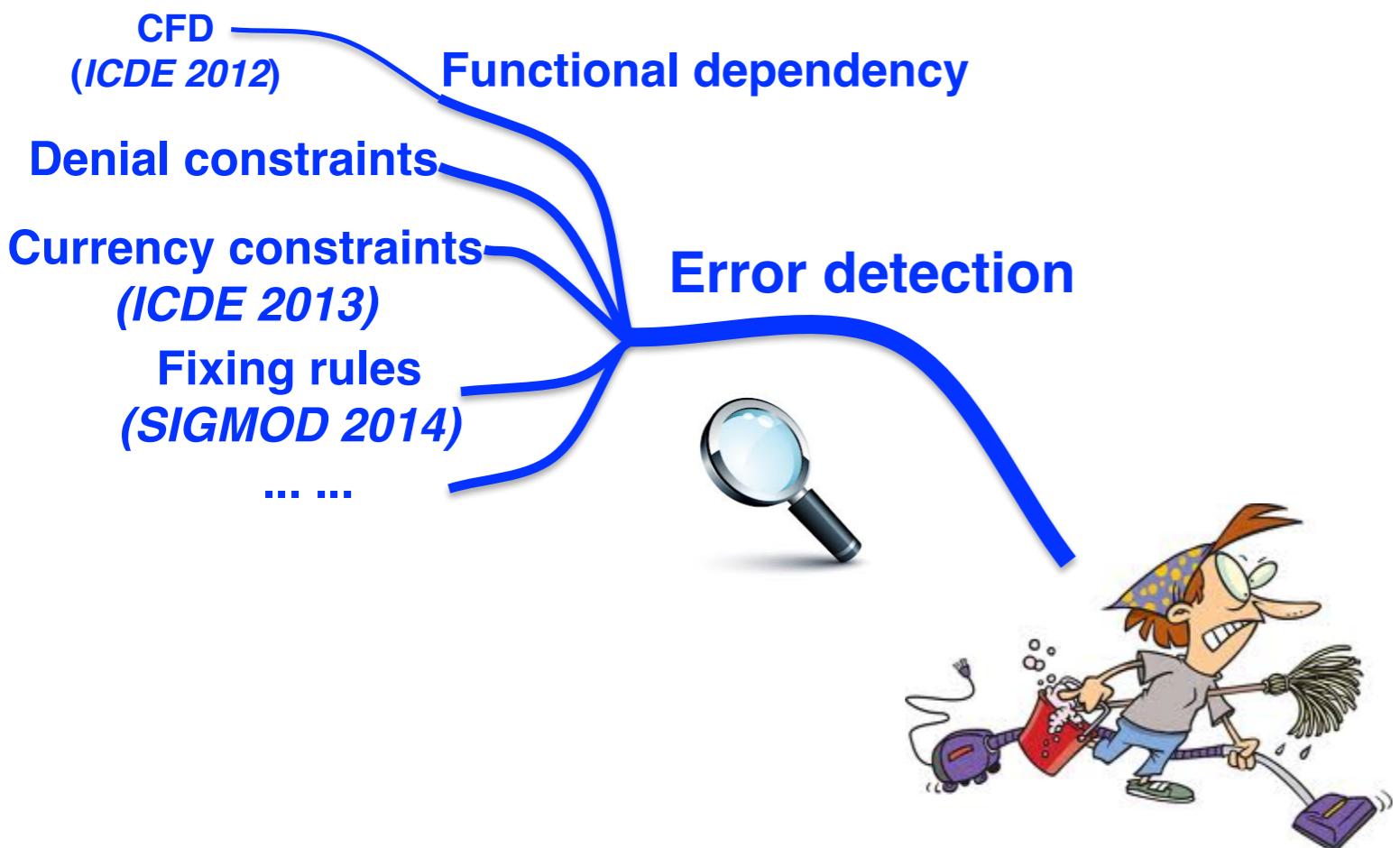
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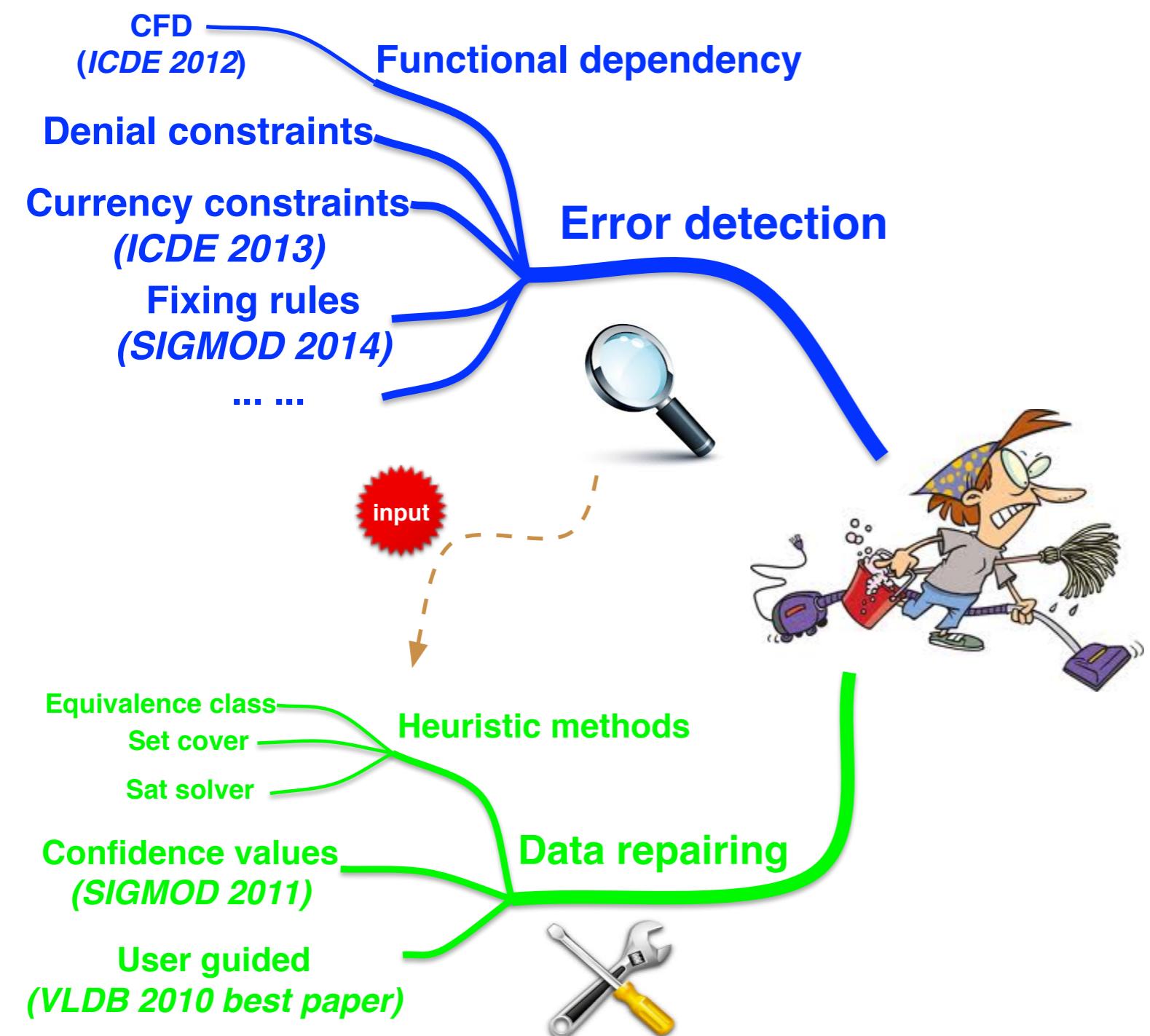
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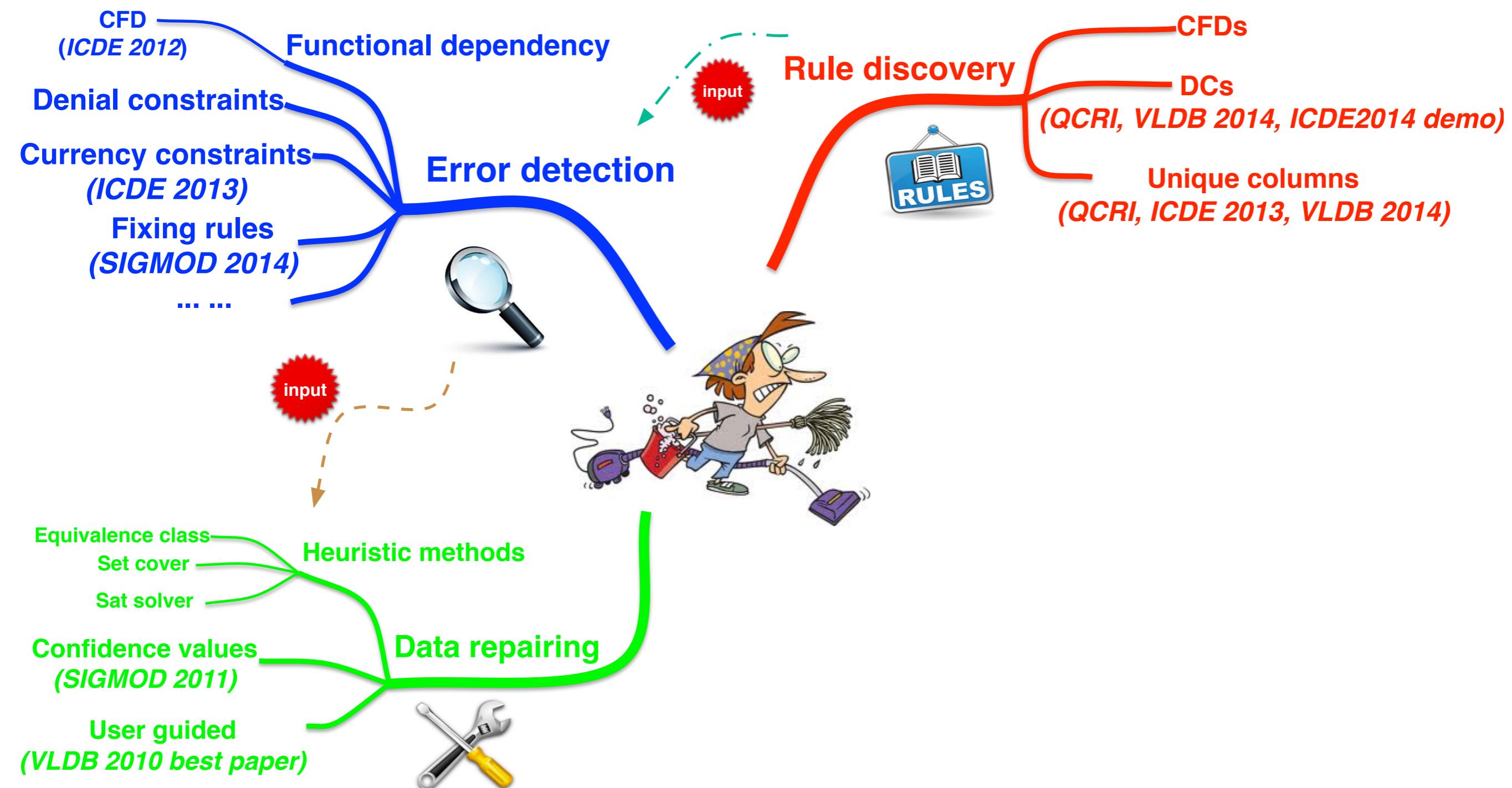
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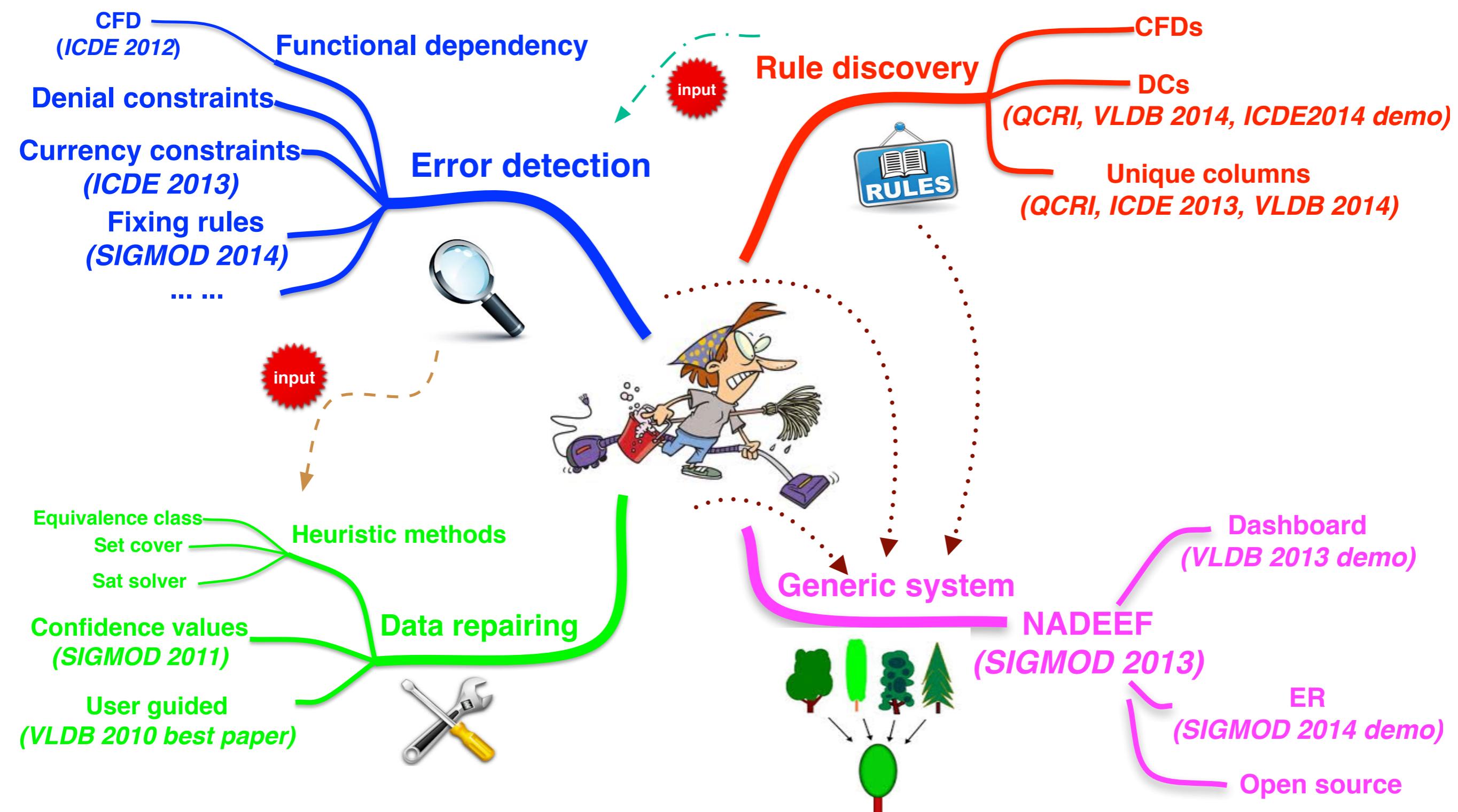
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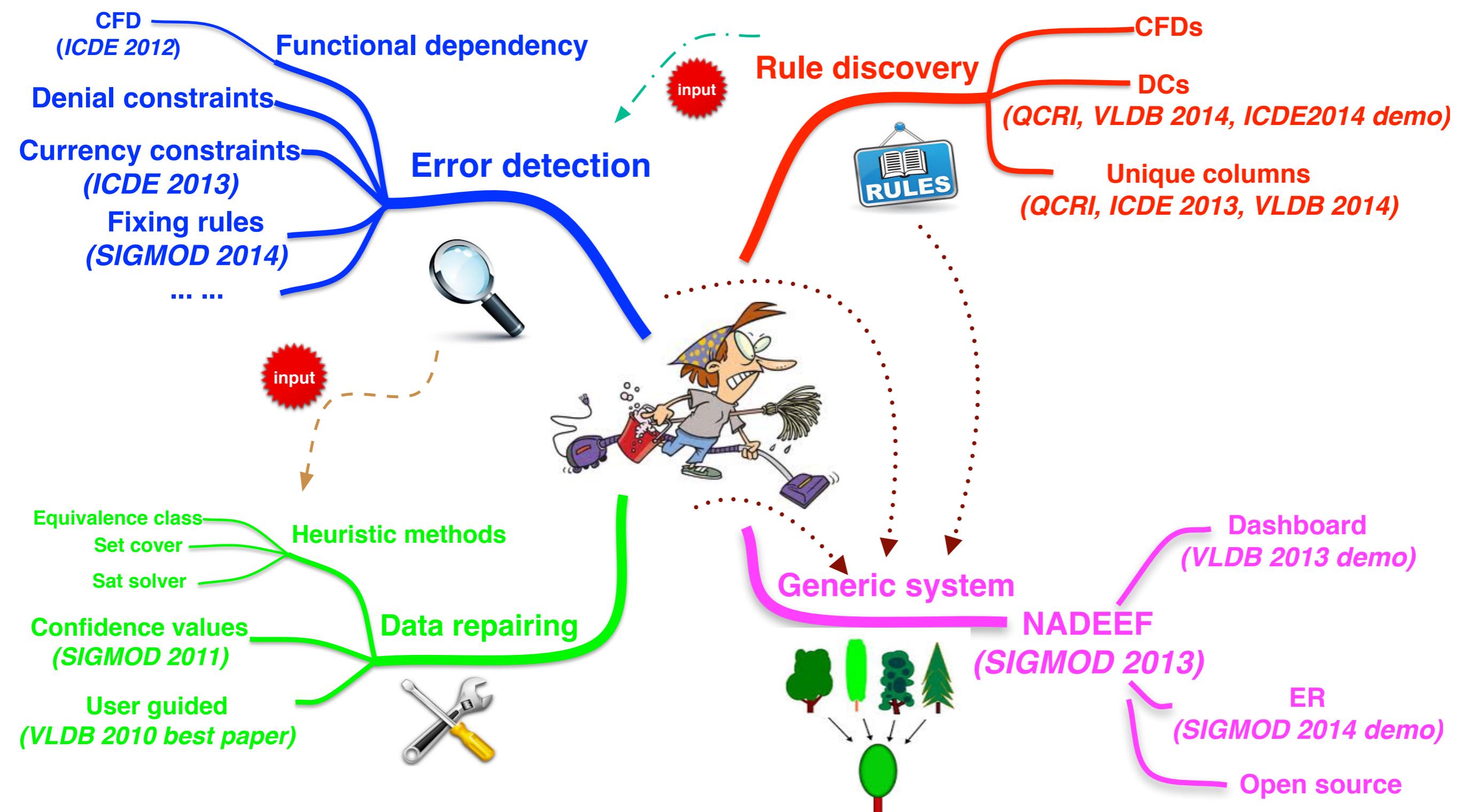
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Aggregation constraint

Currency constraint

Accuracy constraint

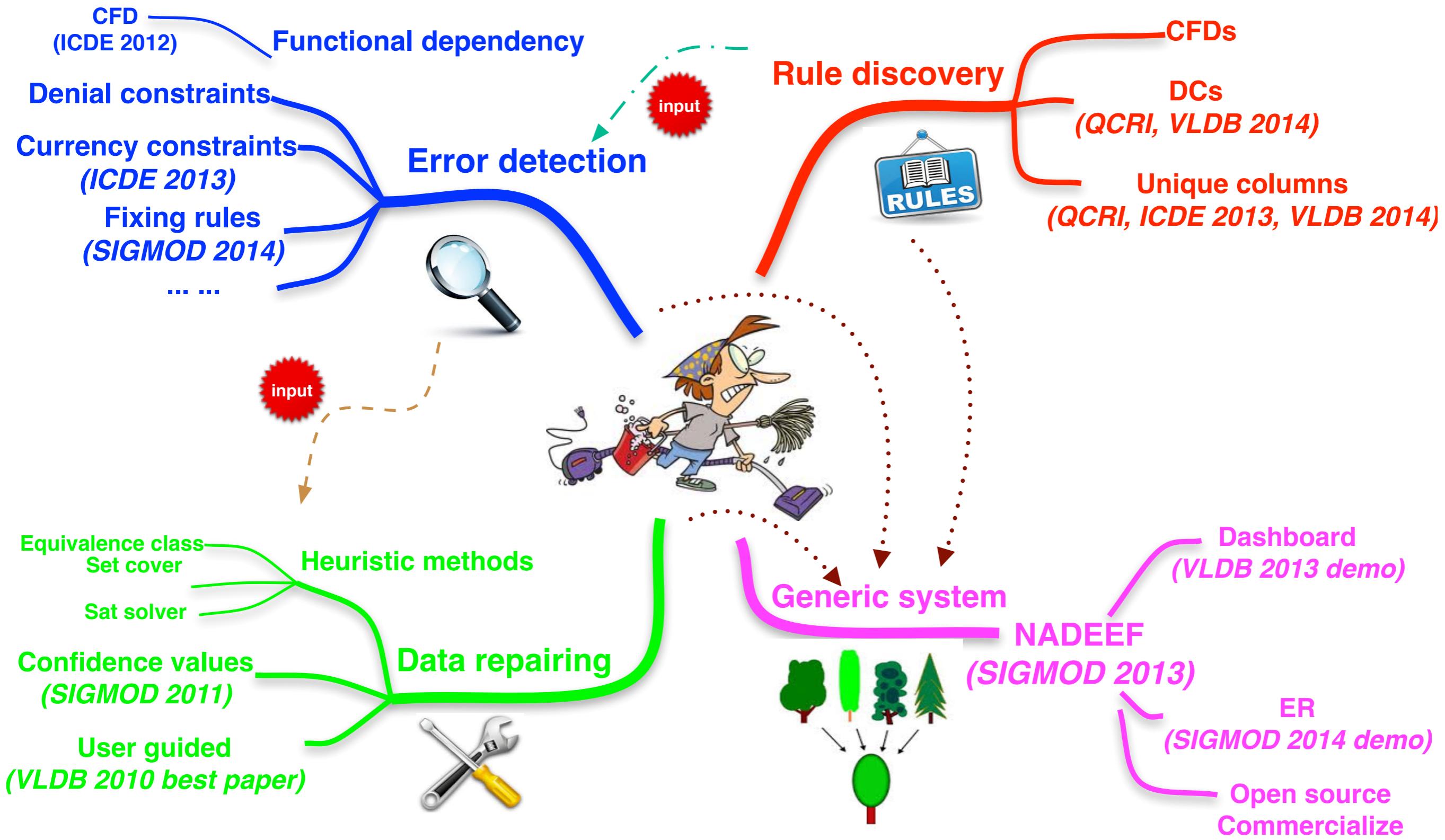
Sequential dependency

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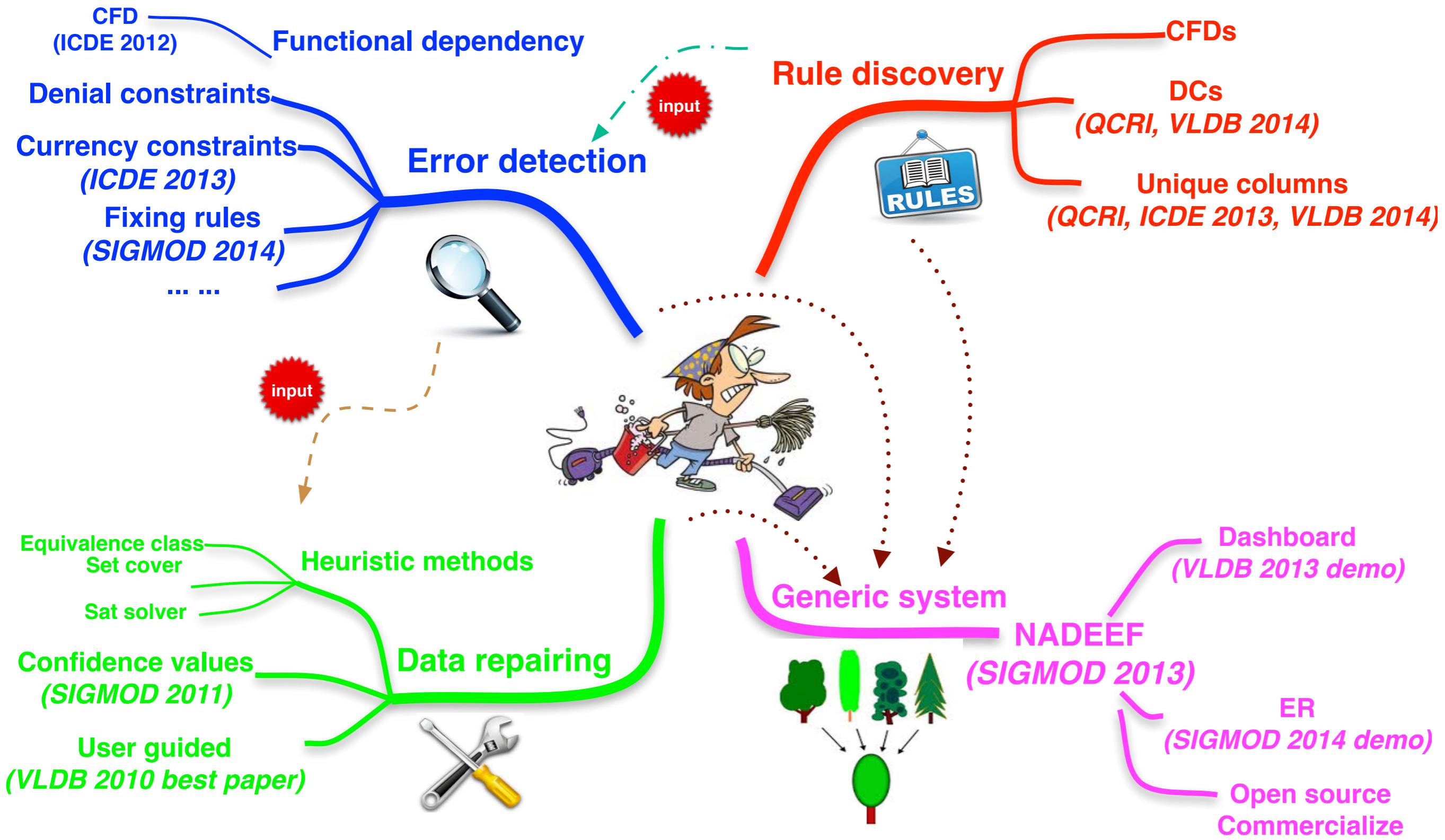
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Data Repairing



Data Repairing



Automated



Computing a Consistent Database

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Dg ?

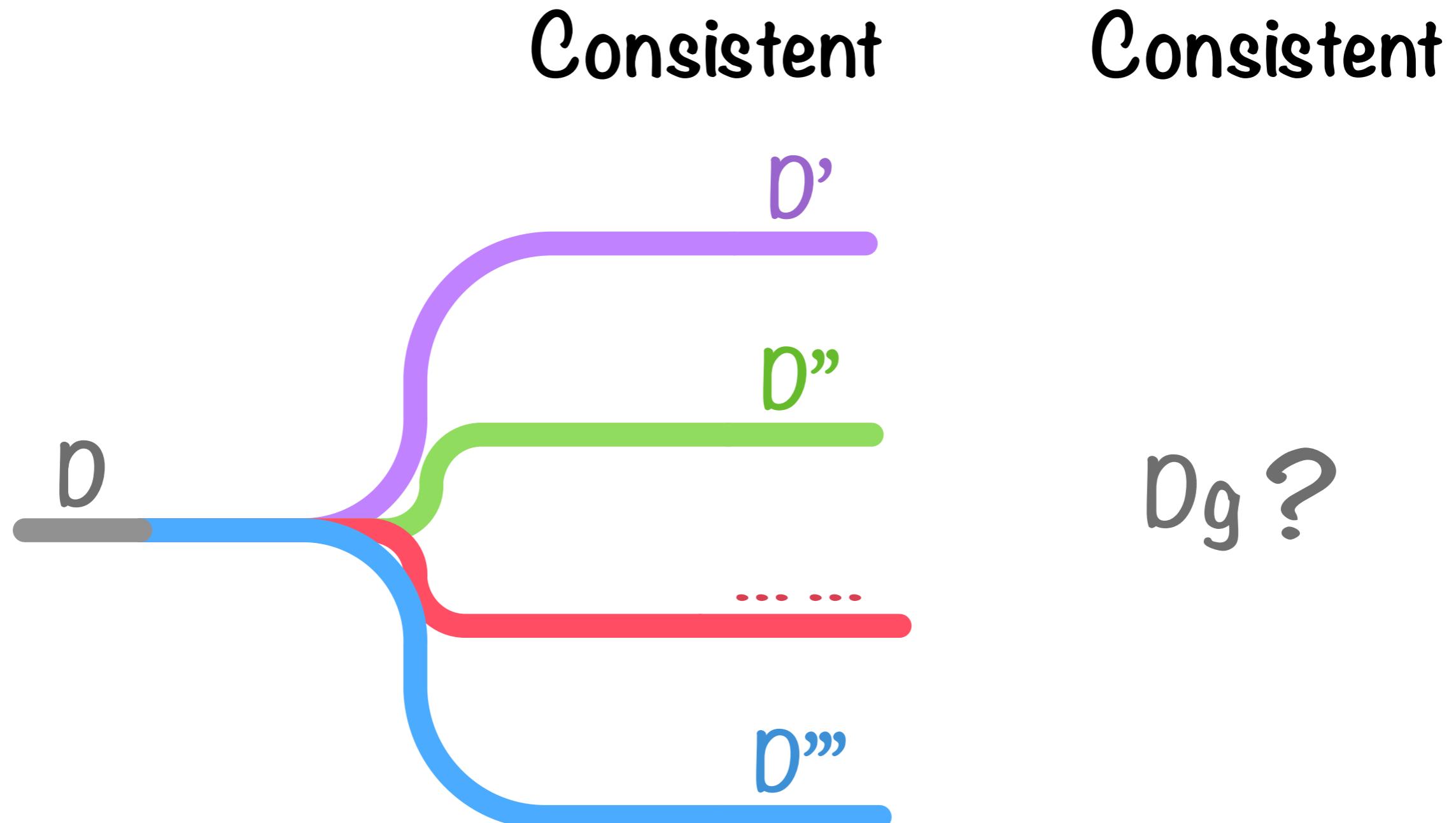
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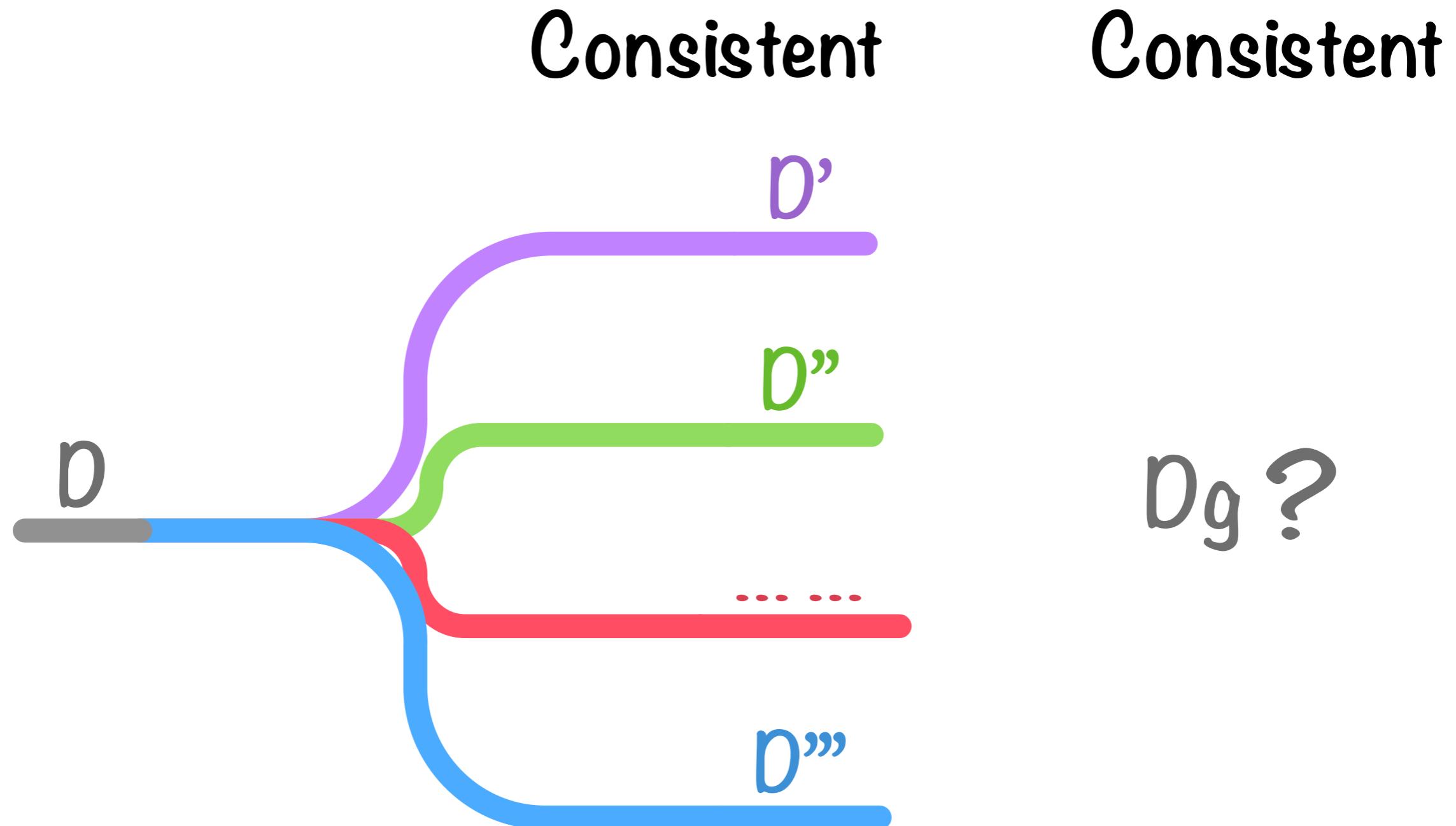
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Computing a Consistent Database



Computing a Consistent Database



find a D' such that $\text{dist}(D, D')$ is minimum

Computing a Consistent Database

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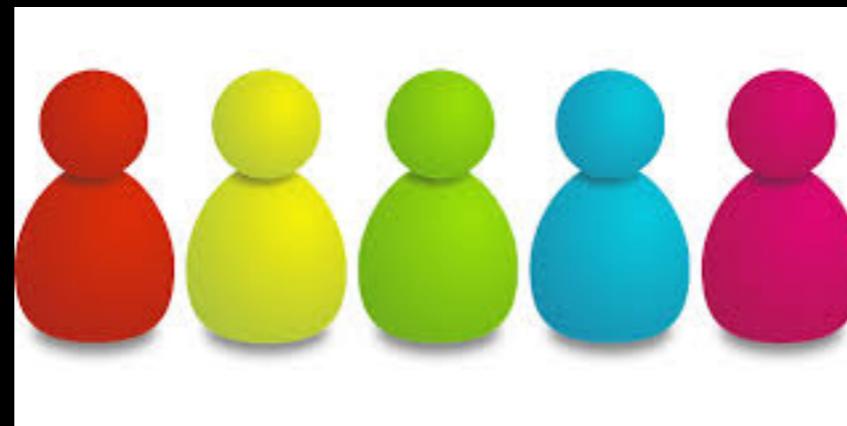
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User Guided



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Is r3[country] China?

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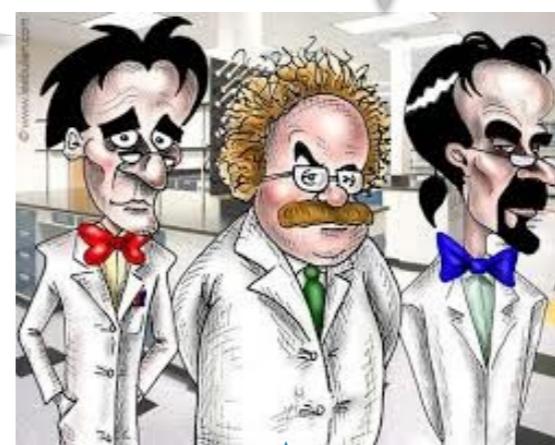
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check **each** tuple: not cheap !!

Heuristic (Automated)

precision: +
recall: ++

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Certain (User guided)

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Heuristic **(Automated)**

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Fixing Rules **(Automated)**

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Certain **(User guided)**

Data patterns

country
capital

China
Shanghai

Data patterns

country
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evidence
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China
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China ?
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evidence
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(China, Beijing)

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Data patterns

country
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Fixing Rules (SIGMOD 2014)

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Fixing Rules (SIGMOD 2014)

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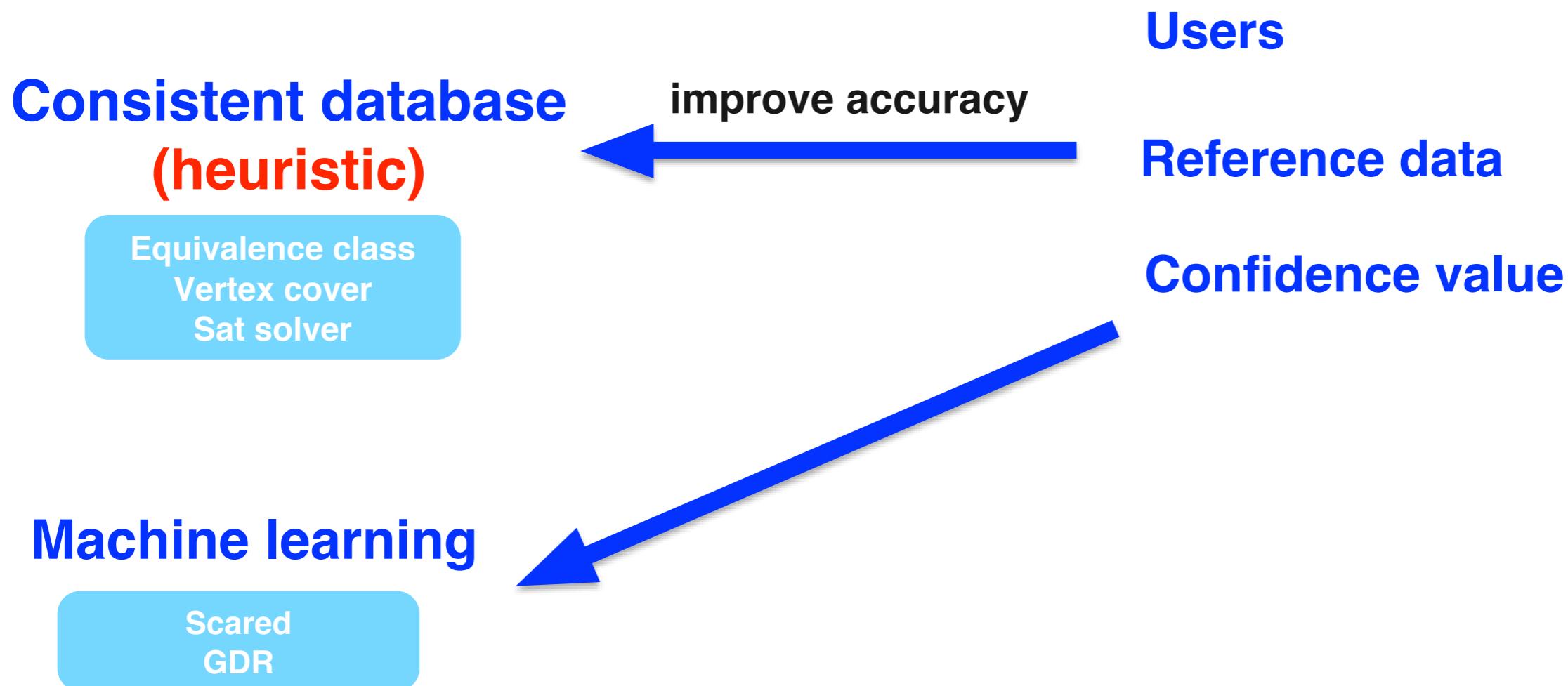
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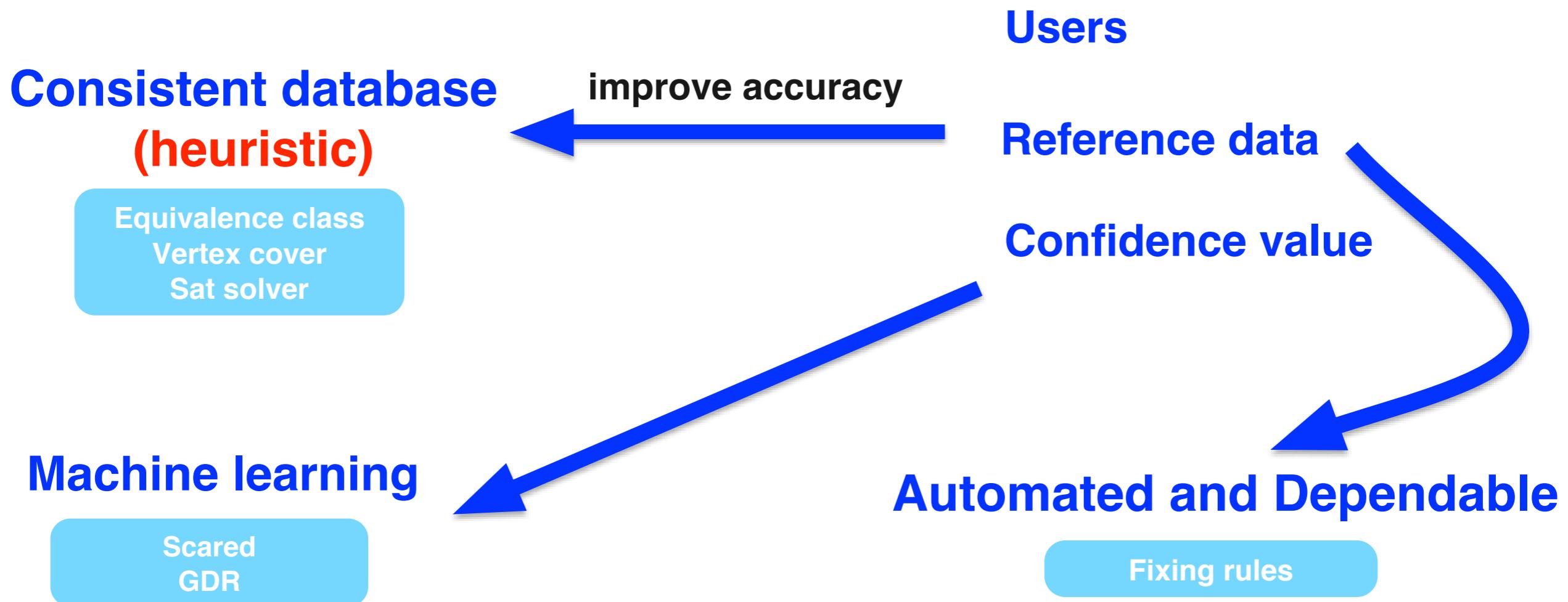
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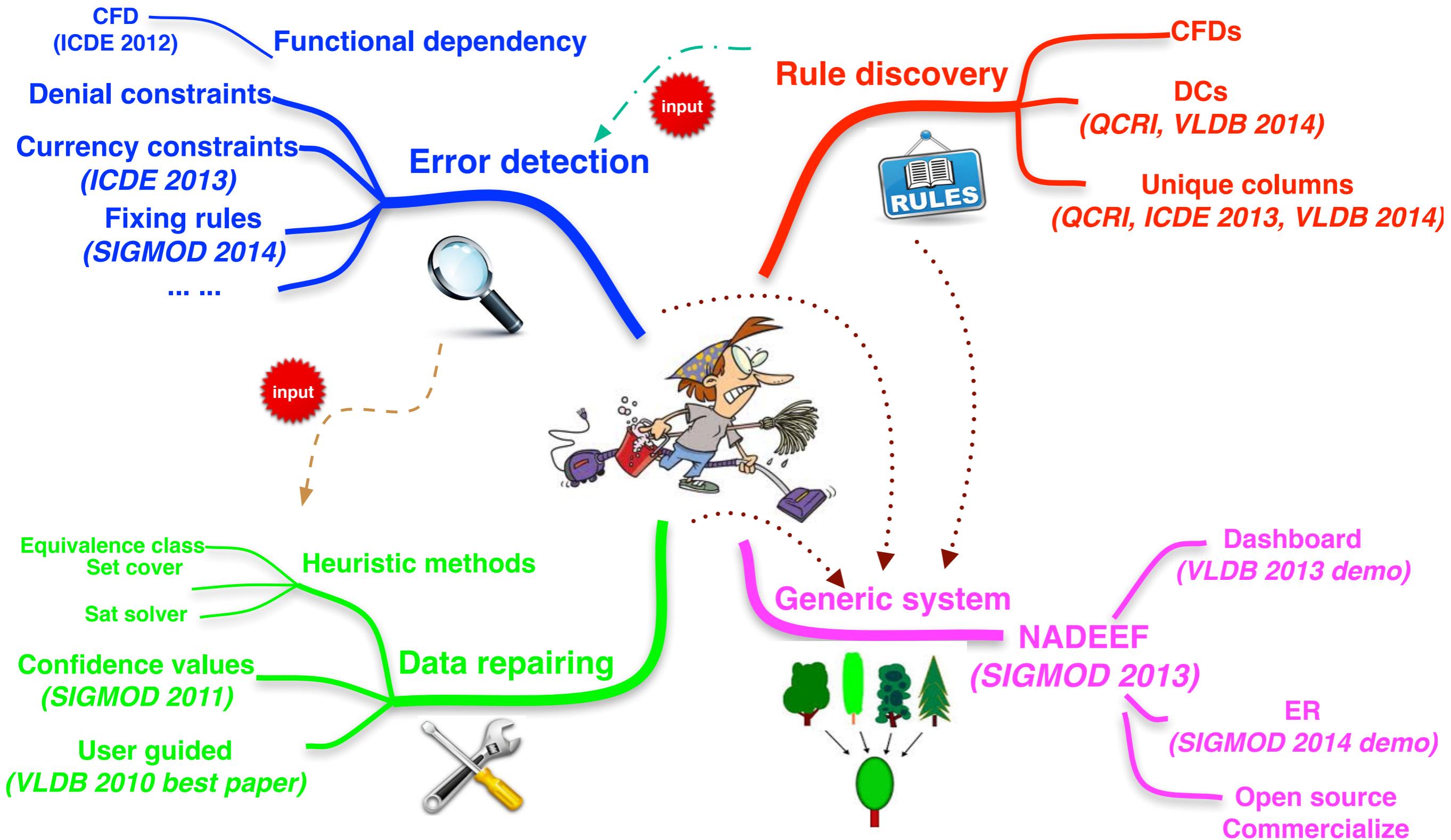
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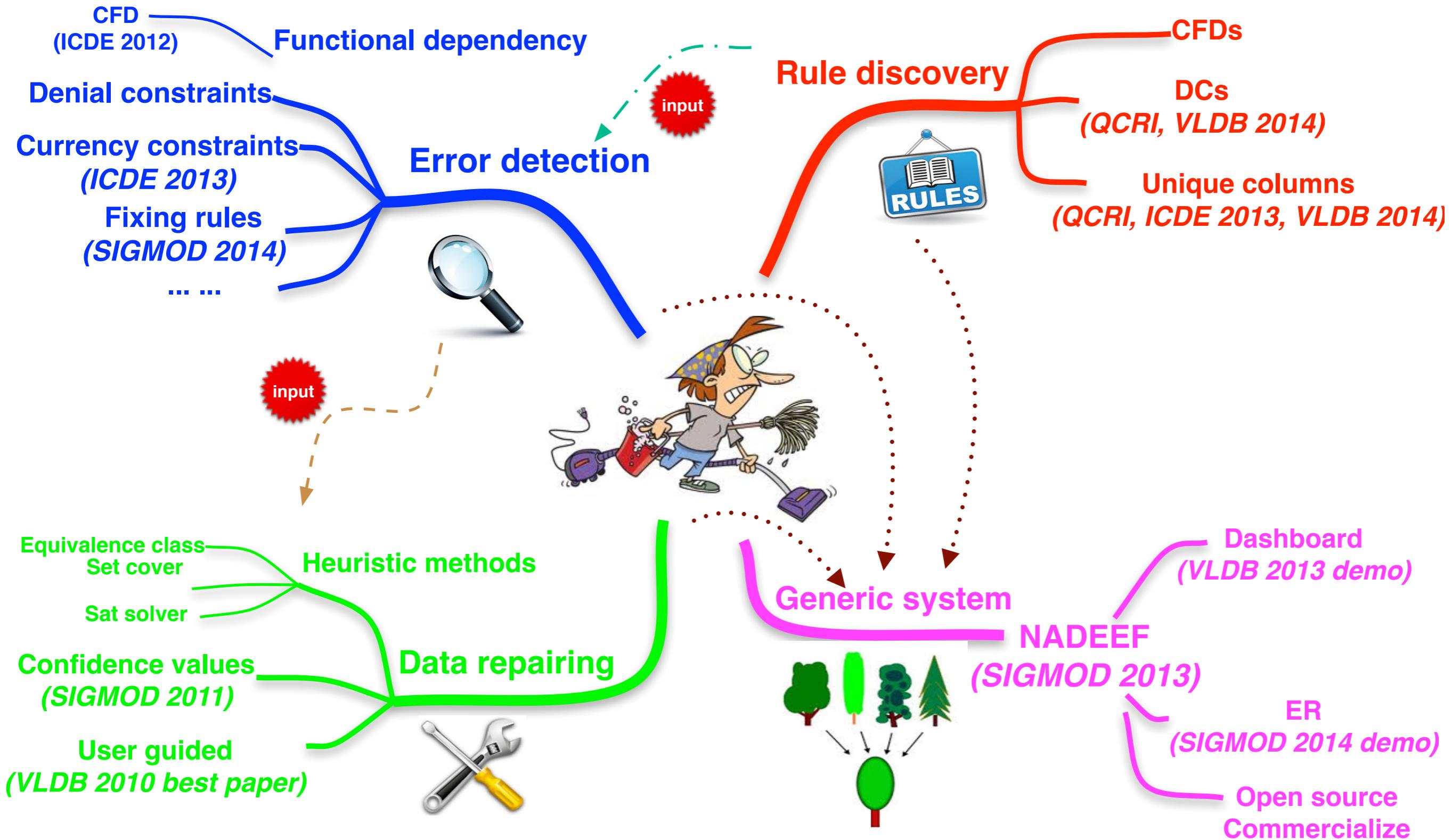
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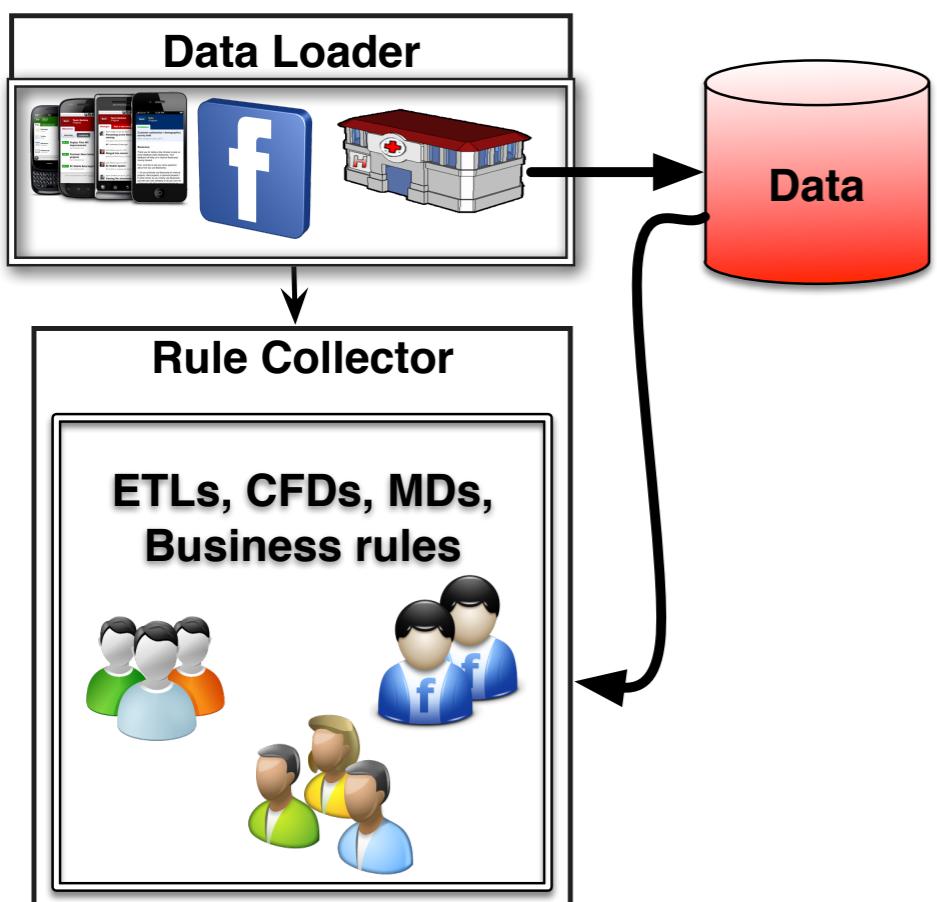
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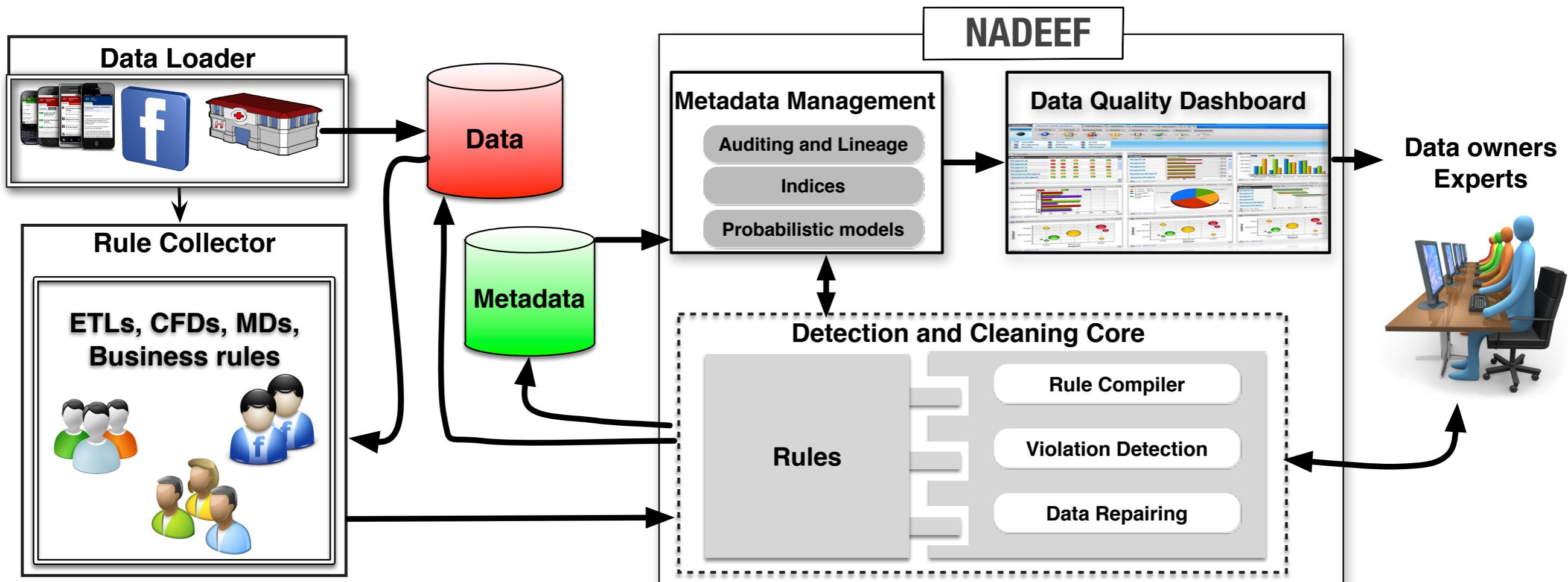
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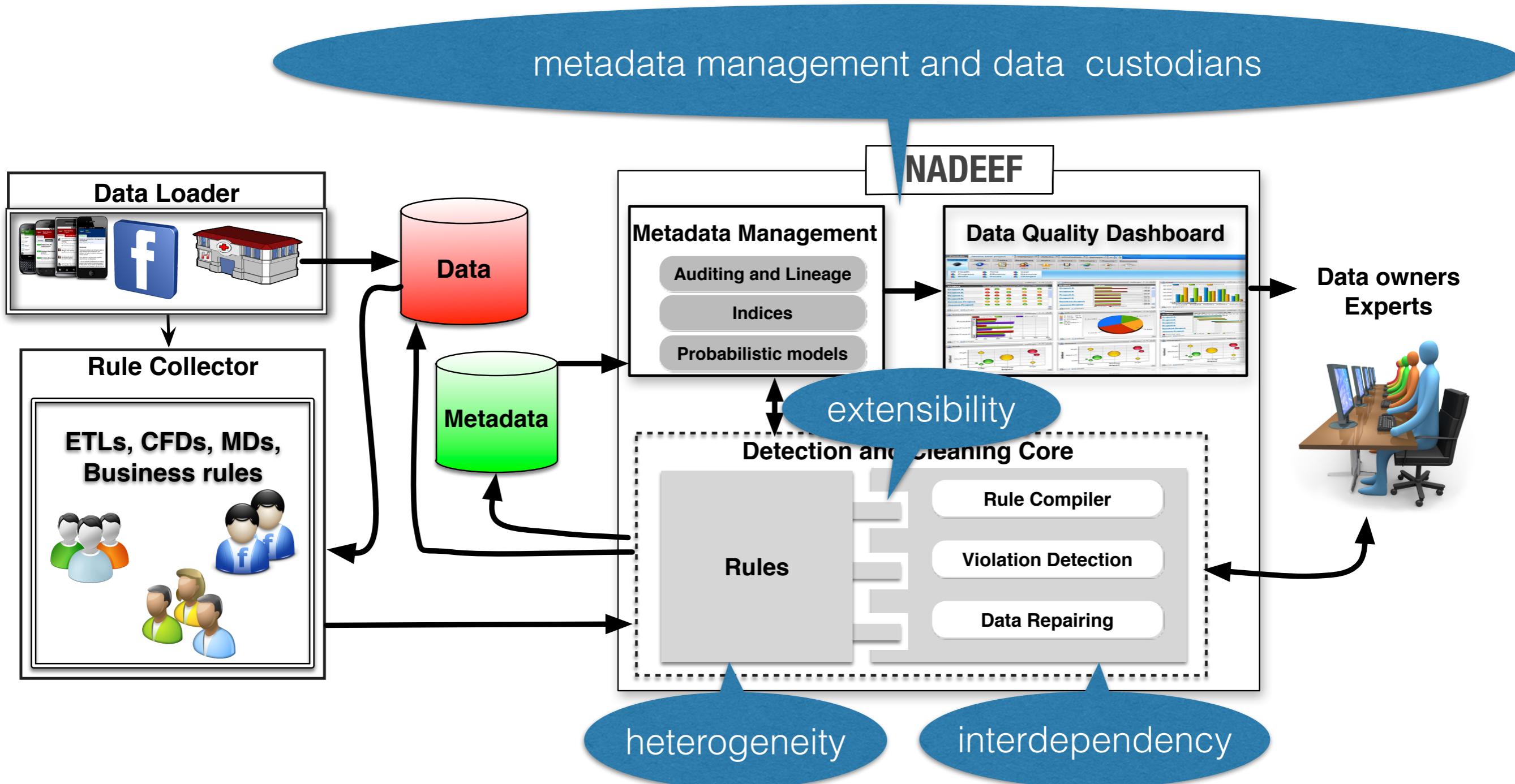
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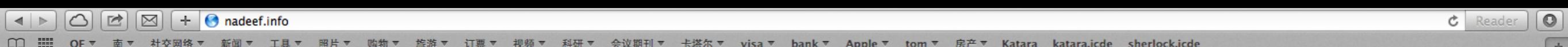
Rule Editor

Detect **Repair** **Block** **Iterator**

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8  @Override
9  public Collection<Violation> detect(TuplePair tuplePair) {
10     List<Violation> result = new ArrayList<>();
11     Tuple left = tuplePair.getLeft();
12     Tuple right = tuplePair.getRight();
13
14     if (
15         Metrics.getEqual(
16             left.get("name"), right.get("name")) == 1.0 &&
17         Metrics.getLevenshtein(
18             left.get("address"), right.get("address")) > 0.8 &&
19         Metrics.getEqual(
20             left.get("gender"), right.get("gender")) == 1.0
21     ) {
22         Violation v = new Violation(getRuleName());
23         v.addTuple(left);
24         v.addTuple(right);
25         result.add(v);
26     }
27     return result;
28 }
29
30
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Close **Save changes**

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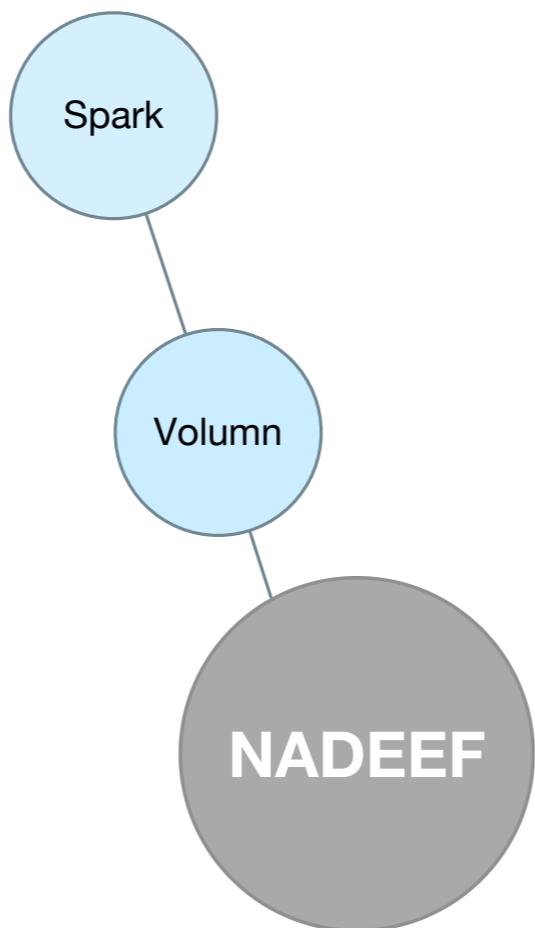
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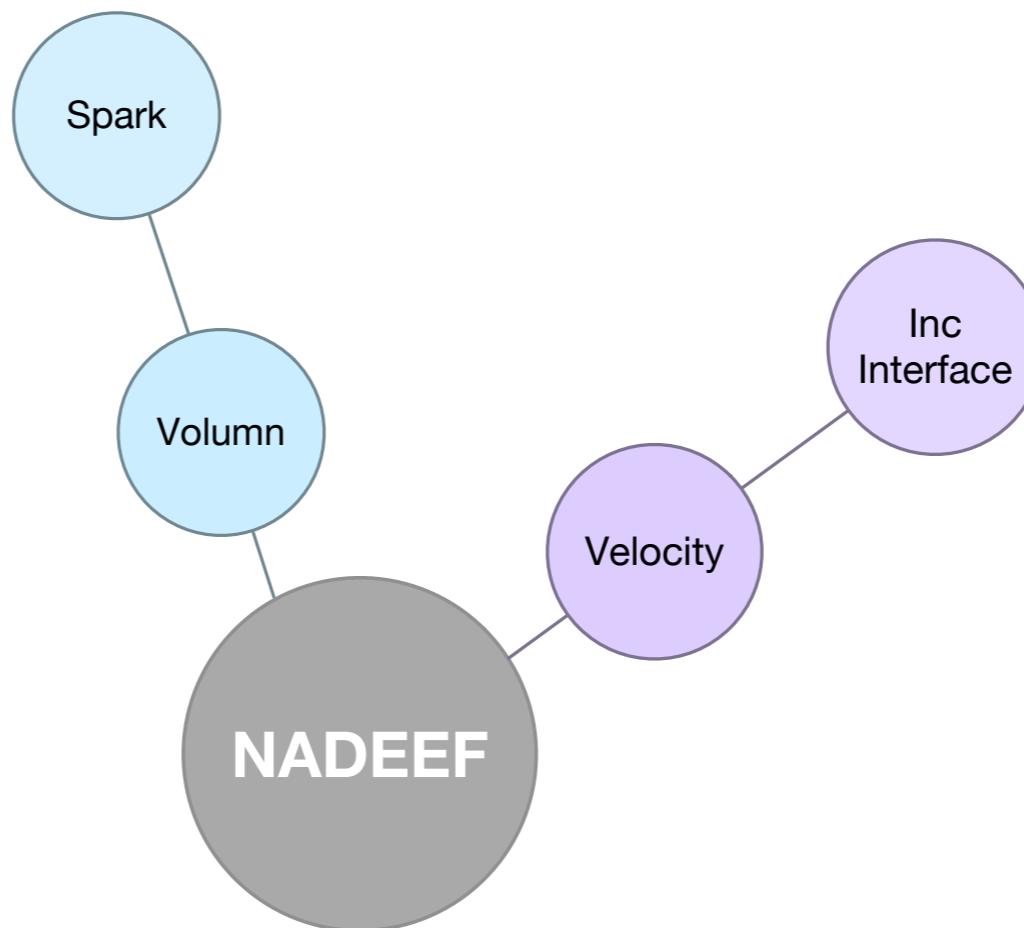
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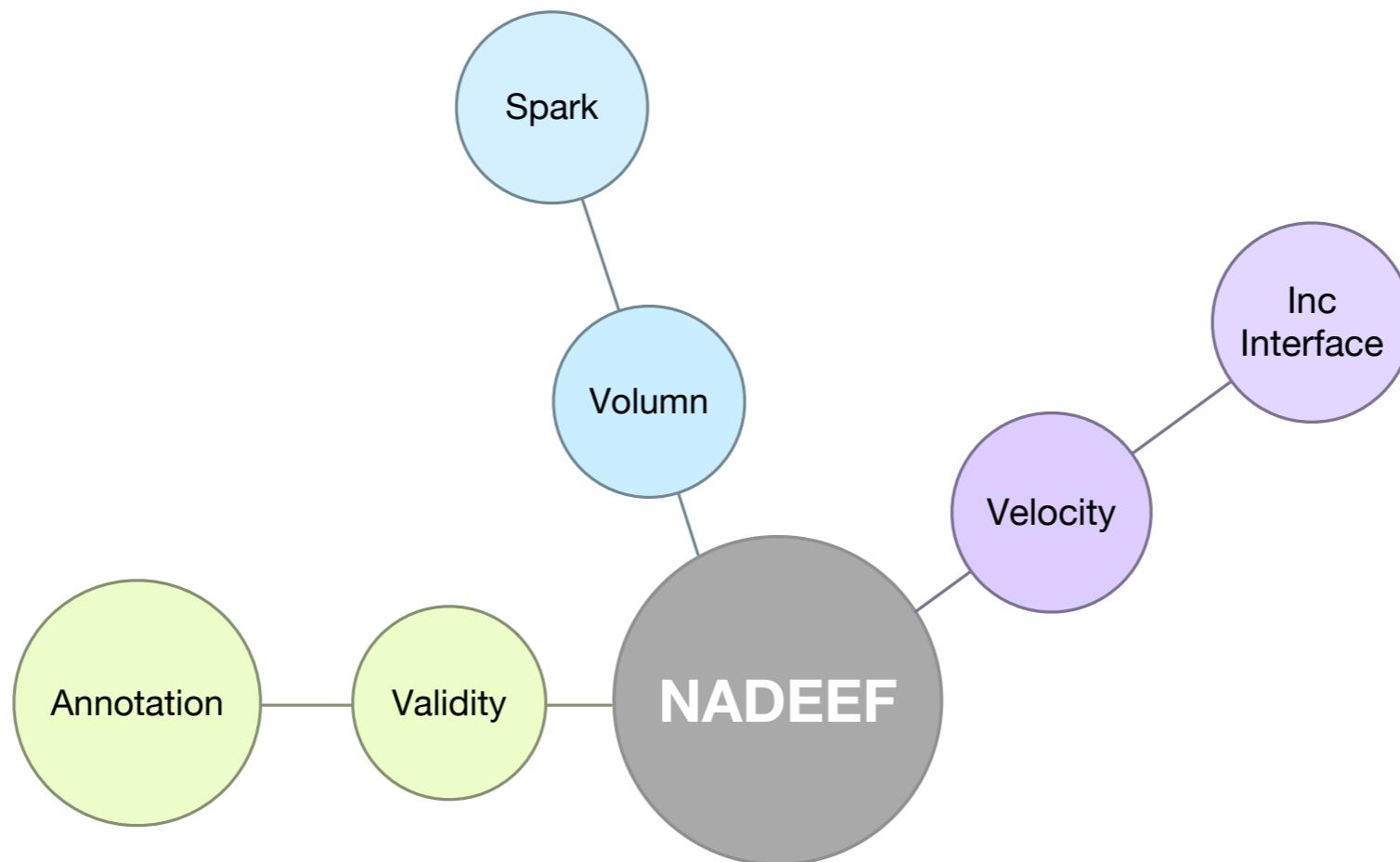
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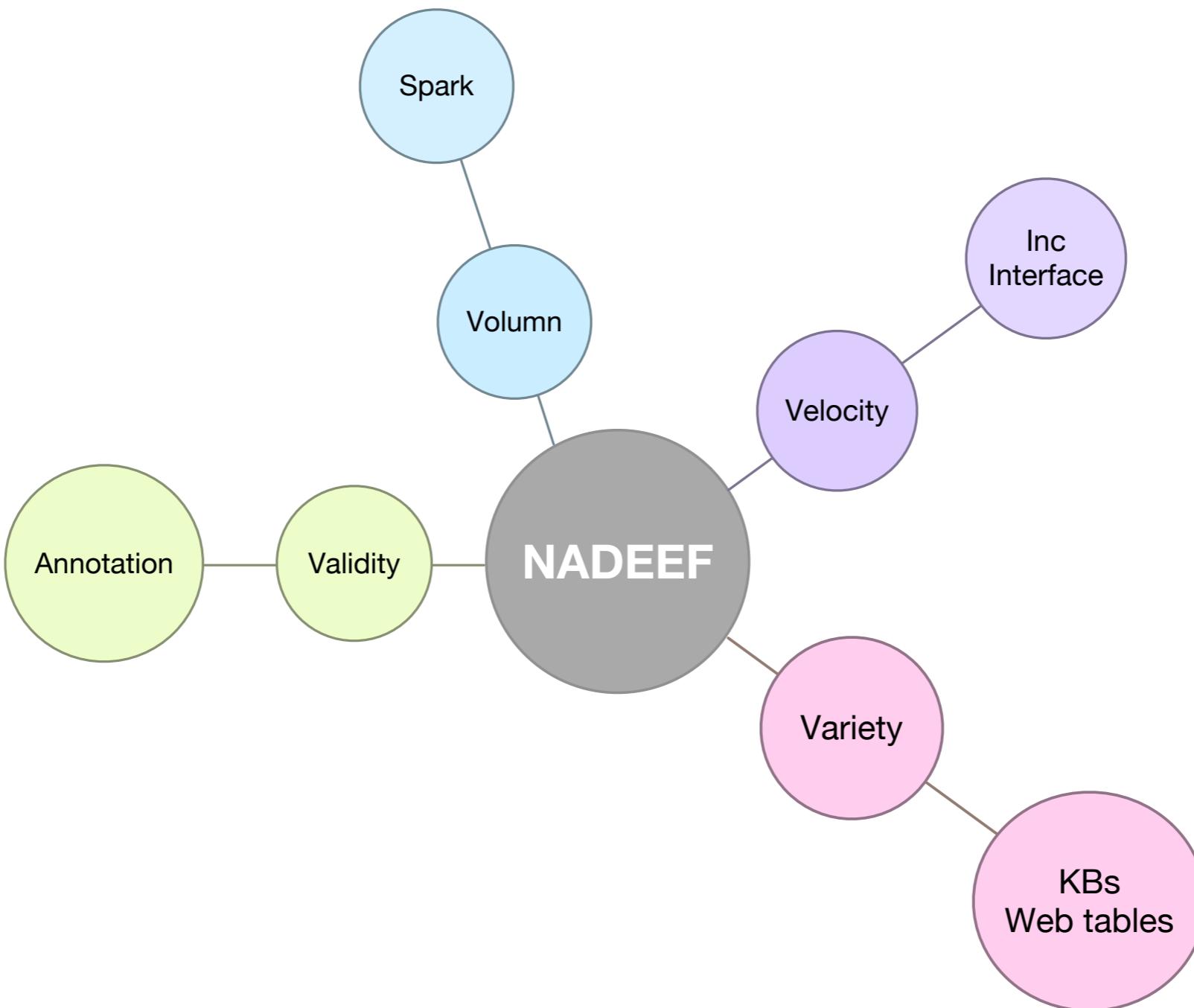
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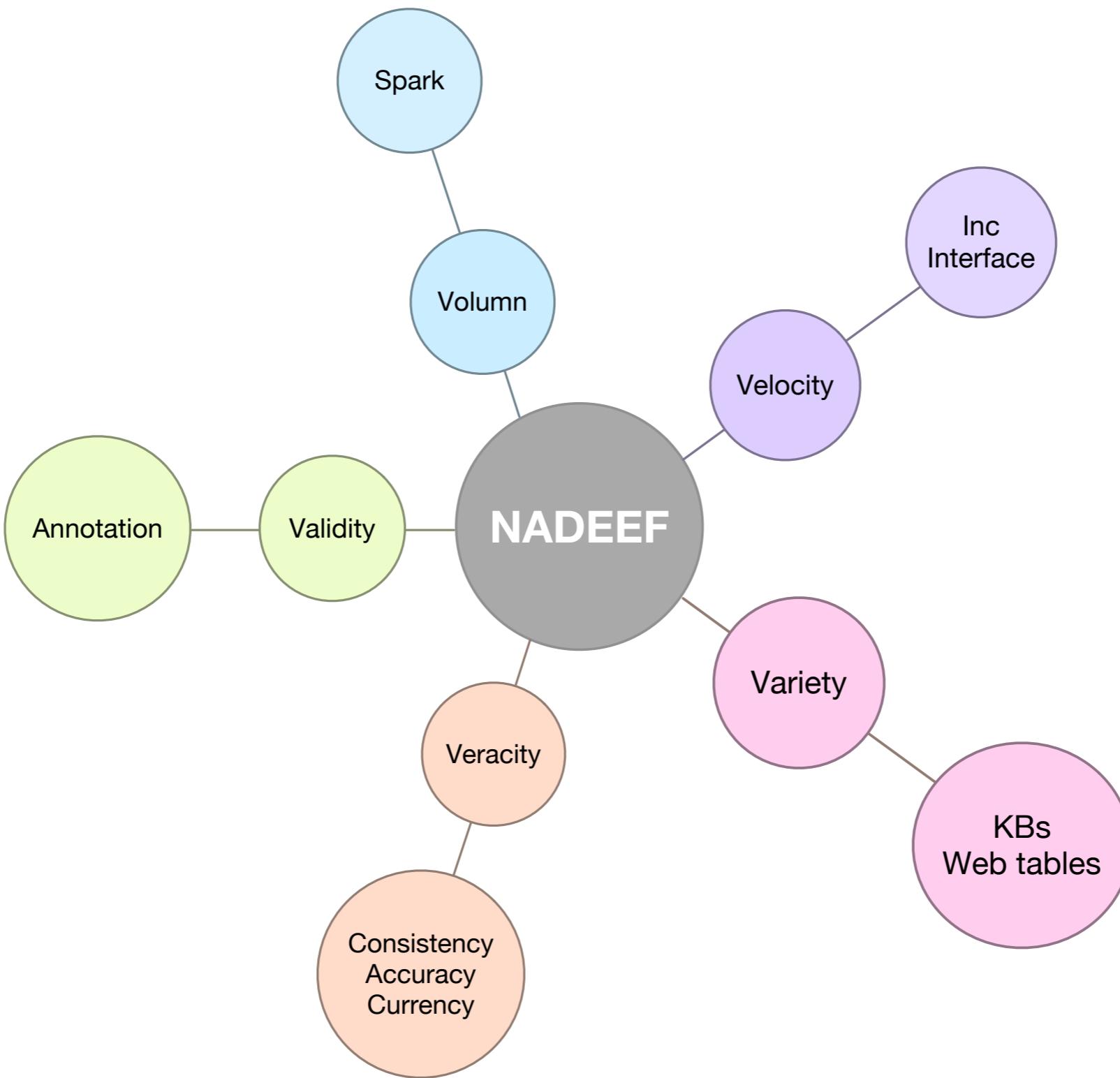
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Future Work

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 - Rule discovery and validation
 - Combining different methods
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 - Summarization
 - Visualization
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 - Effectively involve users as first-class citizens