



Space Debris Mitigation Health Monitoring Compliance - Full Steam Ahead

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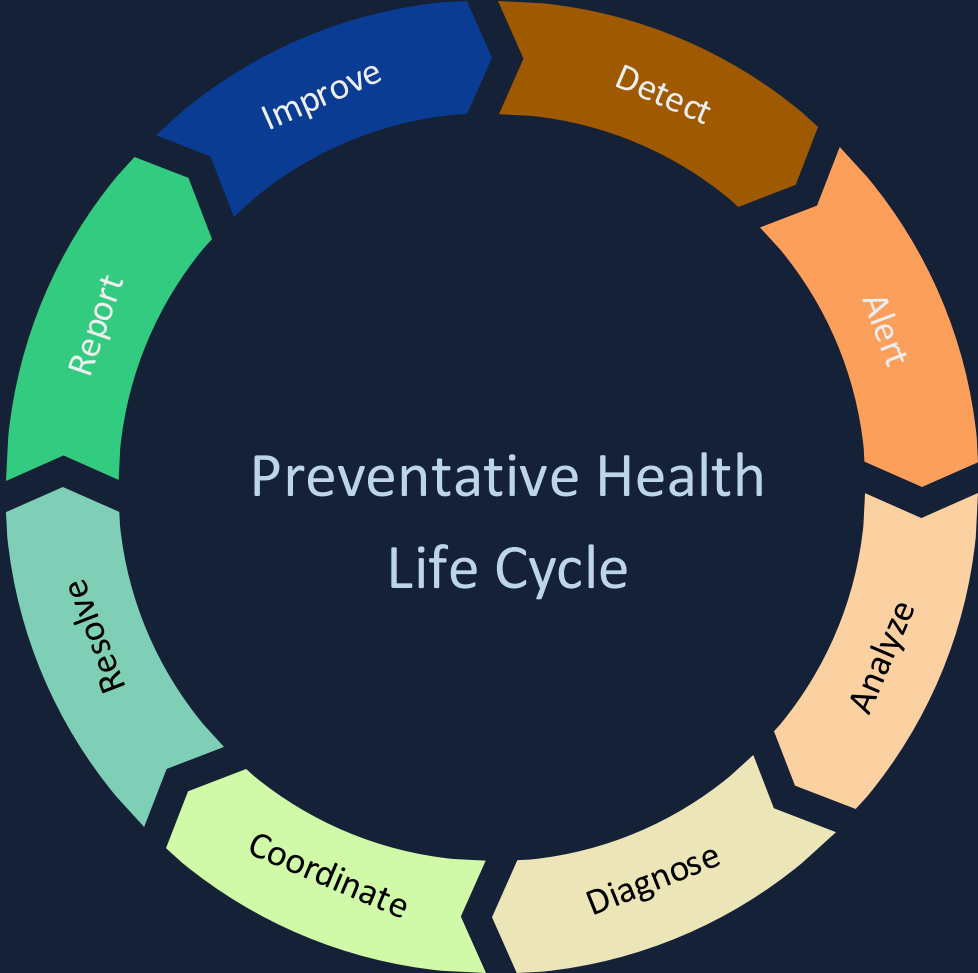


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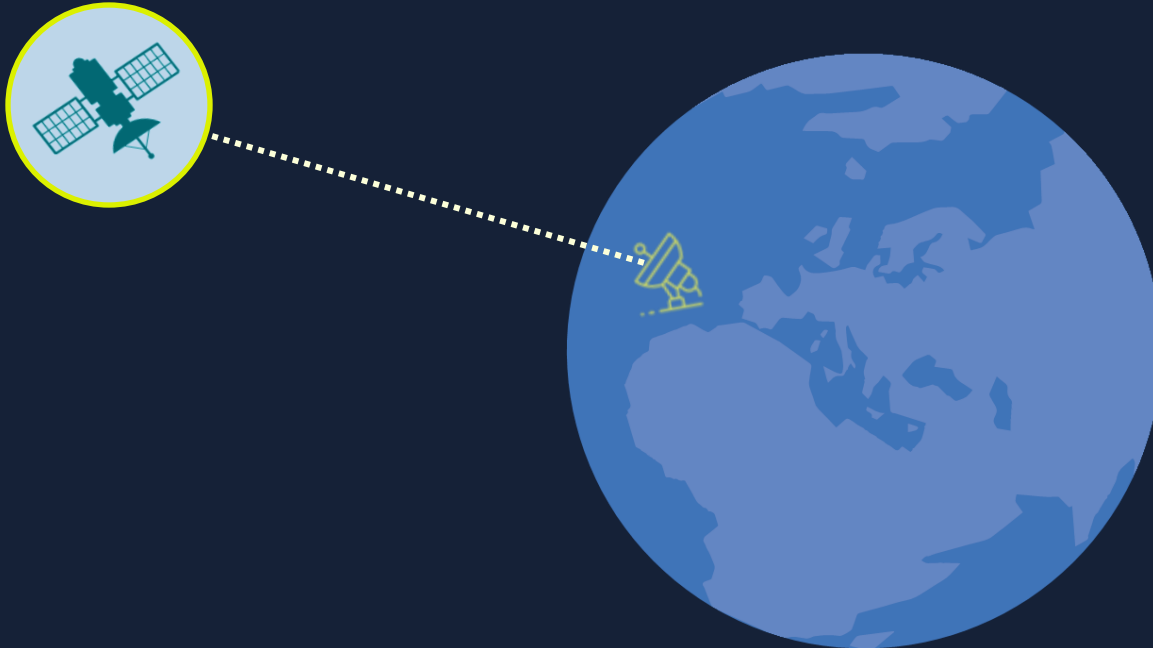
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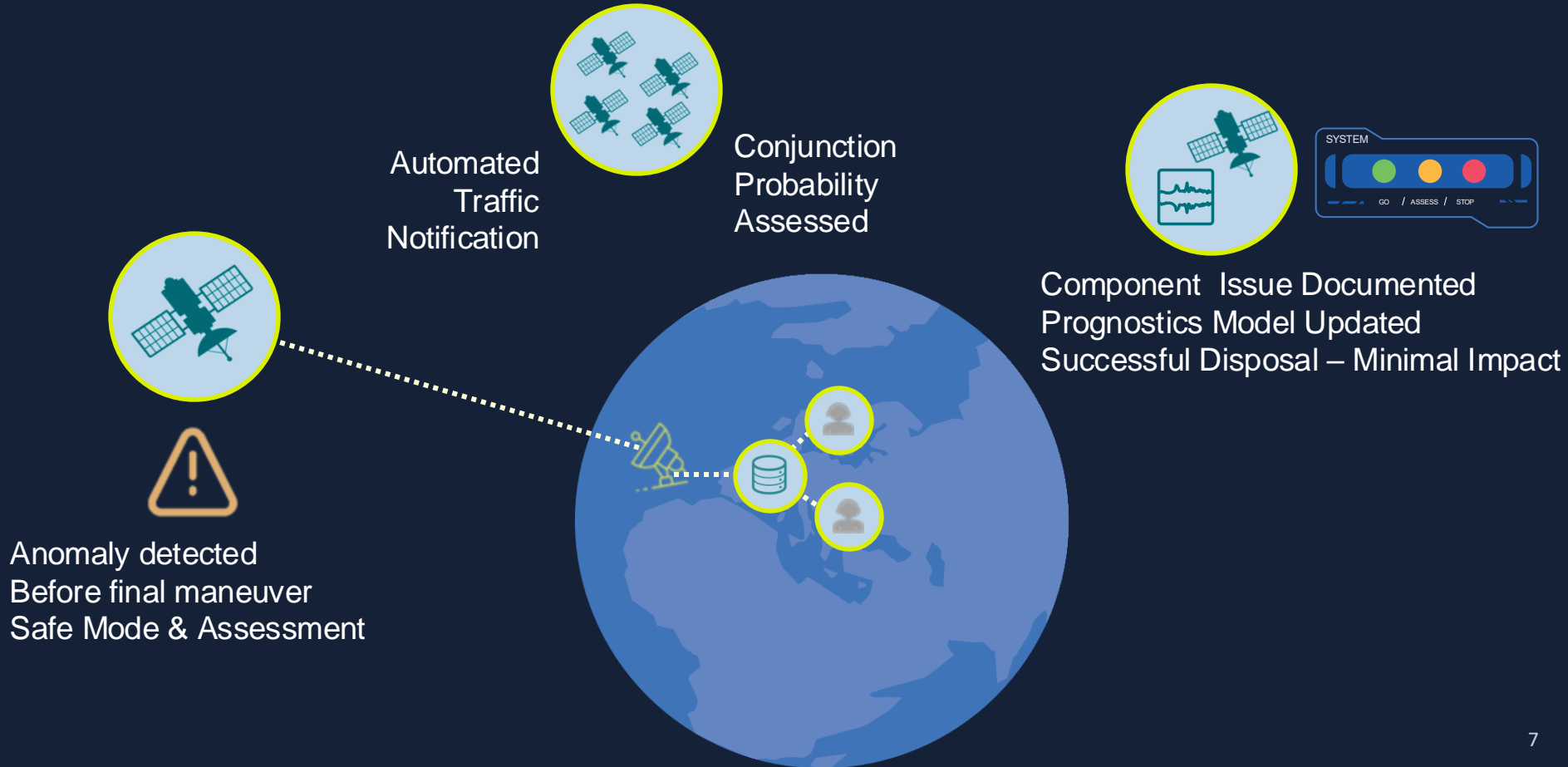
Anomaly detected
Before final maneuver
Safe Mode & Assessment



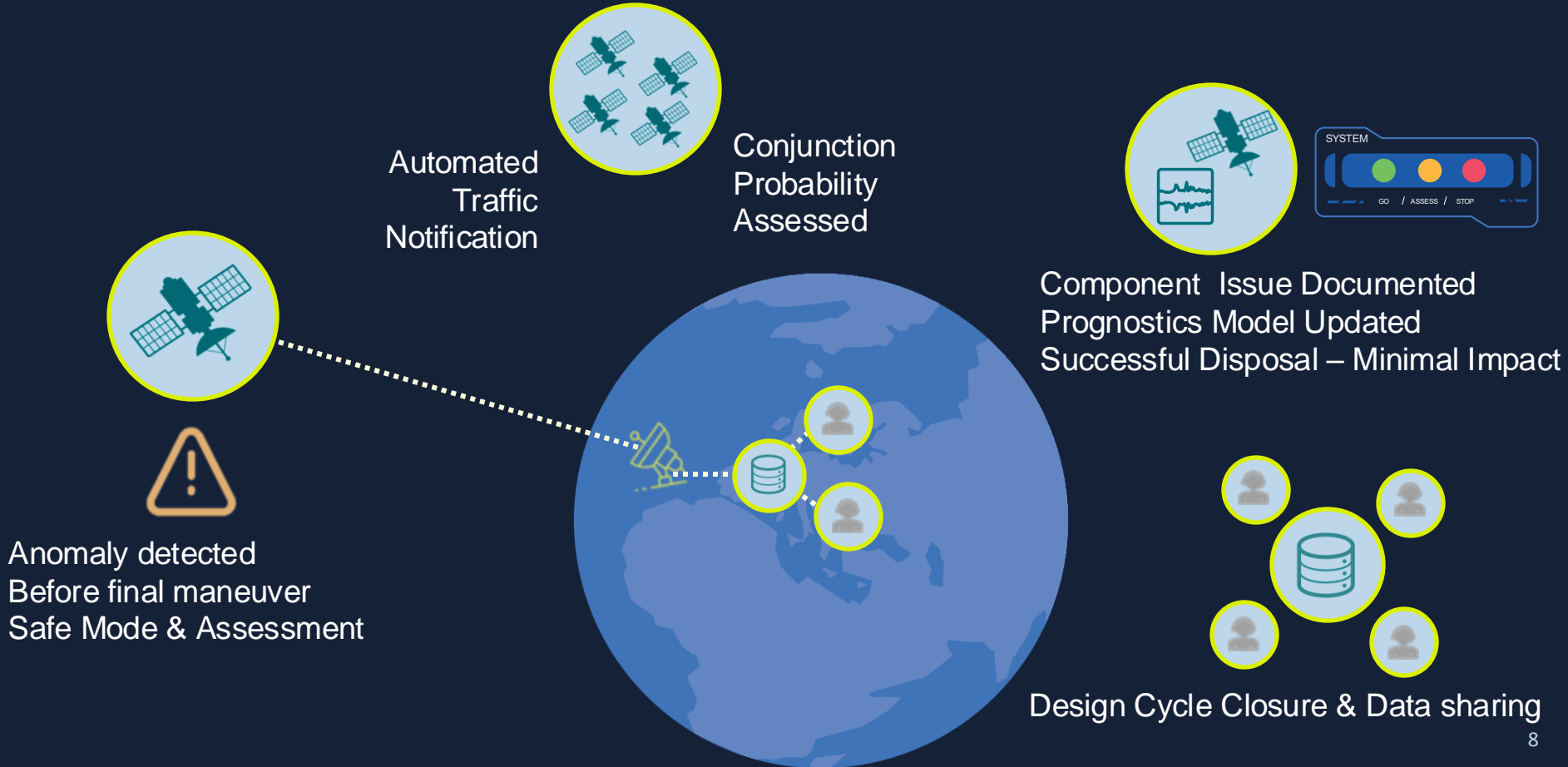
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Health Monitoring - Requirements



Spacecraft Health Monitoring

Failure Prognostics

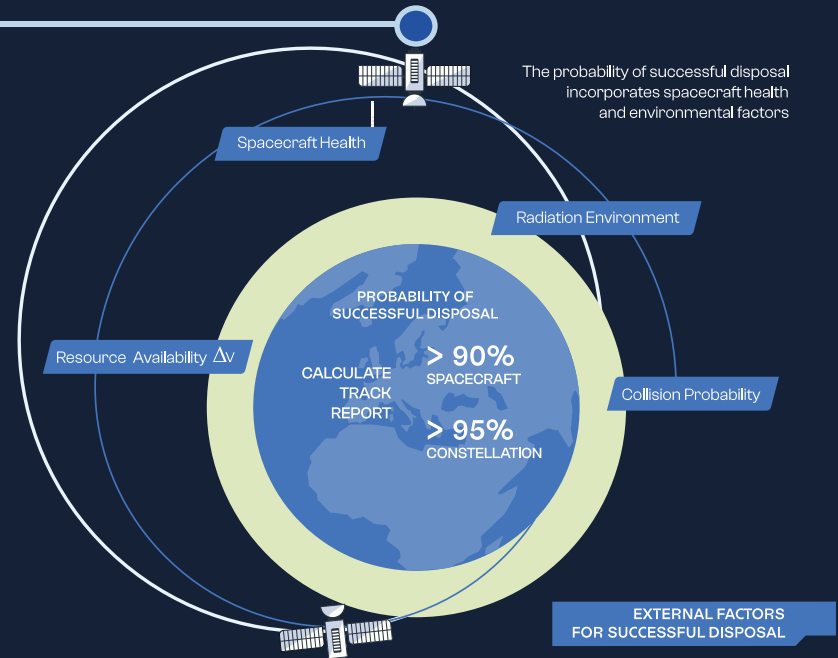
- Model-based
- Return of Experience
- Stochastic, model-based data trend
- Remaining Useful Life (RUL)

Diagnostics & Anomaly Mgmt

- In-flight data analysis
- Early anomaly detection, attribution, and mgmt
- Lessons learned (Anomaly – Failure)
- Future insight integration

Critical System & Component Monitoring

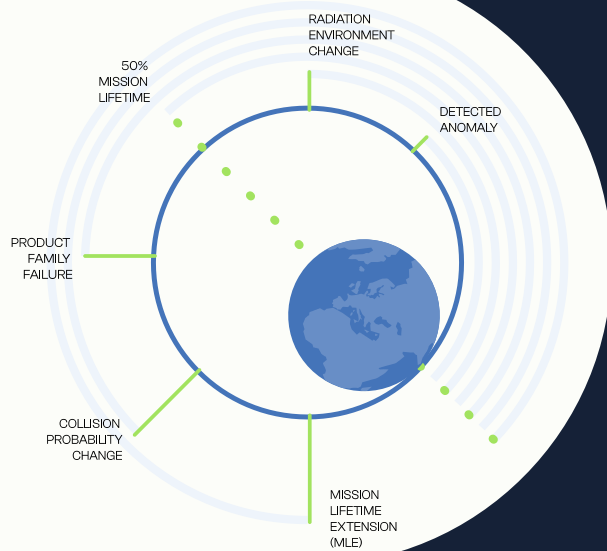
- Wear-out data tracing
- Failure in Time (FIT)



Health Monitoring - Requirements



UPDATE SCENARIO

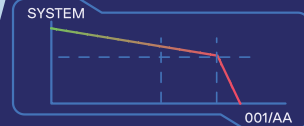


RELEVANT METRICS DATABASE FOR SUCCESSFUL DISPOSAL

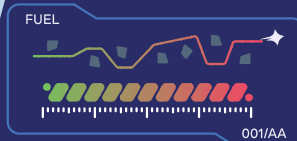
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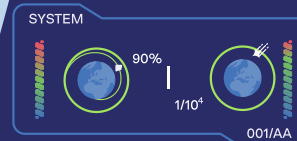
SUCCESSFUL DISPOSAL



N. COLLISION AVOIDANCE MANEUVERS



ORBITAL LIFETIME & RE-ENTRY COLLISION



RESOURCE AVAILABILITY



Detection, Diagnostics, and Prognostics



- Solutions are available
 - Ops teams can already benefit from monitoring
- Healthy development effort – Institutions & Industry
 - Technology and accessibility are maturing
- Institutional and Academic Resources:
 - RAMS Methodologies
 - Wear-out trends – latest models
 - Probability of Successful Disposal
 - Additional useful metrics



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AI Validation Opportunities



- How do we evolve traditional Certification?
 - How can we have certified models and detection methods?
- Powerful unsupervised methods are available
 - Dynamic and provide benefits in time-sensitive scenarios
 - Anomaly characteristics not well-characterized
 - Statistical in nature
- Require Accepted Validation Approaches
 - Benchmarking
 - Common Datasets
 - Maintenance, growth, and anonymization approaches
 - Borrow from healthcare, cybersecurity, and pharma
- Unsupervised models + Human in the loop
 - Near-term synergy
- Matters of Perception – Demystifying Complexity



European Space Agency Benchmark for Anomaly Detection in Satellite Telemetry, Kotowski et al. 2024

<https://mlcommons.org/>

Data-sharing

Coordinate

Resolve

Report

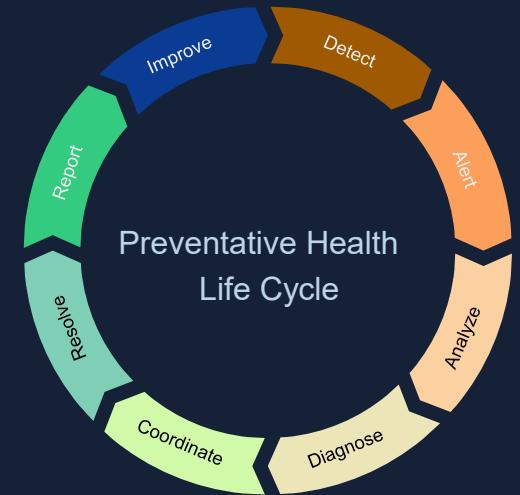
- Taking Health Monitoring out of isolation
 - Critical data for other stakeholders
 - Must be automated, integrated, and easy
- Distributed Communication Network
 - Standardize data format and metrics
 - Standardize infrastructure and service availability
 - Int'l coordination body
- Traffic and SSA Interface
 - Debris tracking
 - Space Weather
 - Secondary objects from collisions
 - Data for new space environment KPIs
- What about anomalies and failures?



Open Source DB - Anomaly/Failure + Satellite Health



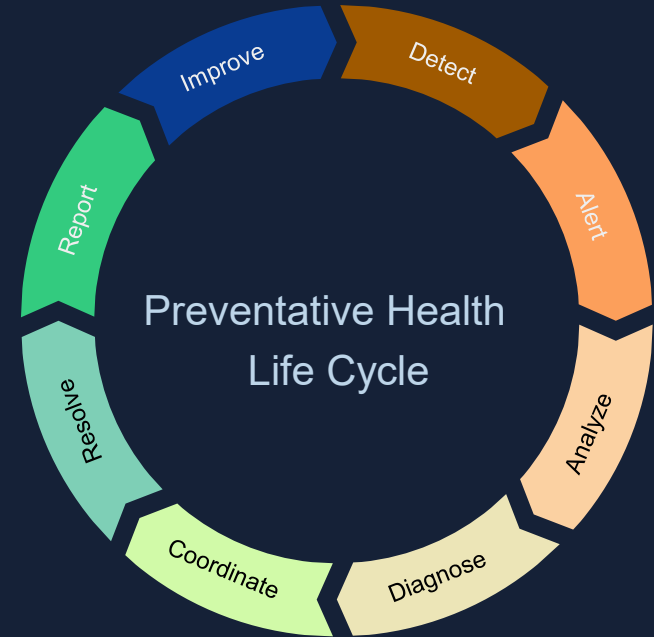
- Improving Prognostics
 - Common metrics, data-sharing methods, and automated satellite health updates
 - Improved and validated RAMS and FDIR methodologies
 - Resource Management and Mission Planning
 - Digital twins data source
- Manufacturing Benefits
 - Automated wearout and RUL capabilities across industry
 - Design validation and component quality
- AI Models - General Evaluation Framework
 - If shared in consistent and anonymized format
 - Can be used for shared KPIs, evaluations, and model development
 - Improving AI model explainability
- Anonymization is key enabler
 - Create buy-in of key stakeholder



Concluding Statements



- Health Monitoring Benefits – Best when shared
 - Health Monitoring benefits cannot be realized through isolated analysis
- AI Monitoring Solutions Are Available
 - Diagnostics and prognostics are maturing
 - Require validation approach and common benchmarking
- Focus on the Interface
 - Data sharing across efforts creates a resilient ecosystem
 - Prognostics, manufacturing, traffic management
 - Must focus effort to streamline and automation
- “Open-sourcing” of Anomalies and Health Metrics
 - Anonymization and buy-in are key
 - Fuel for improvements across industry
 - Feedback for model improvement





Thank You

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