

Topics in DATA Science

Computational Improvisation To Support First Response

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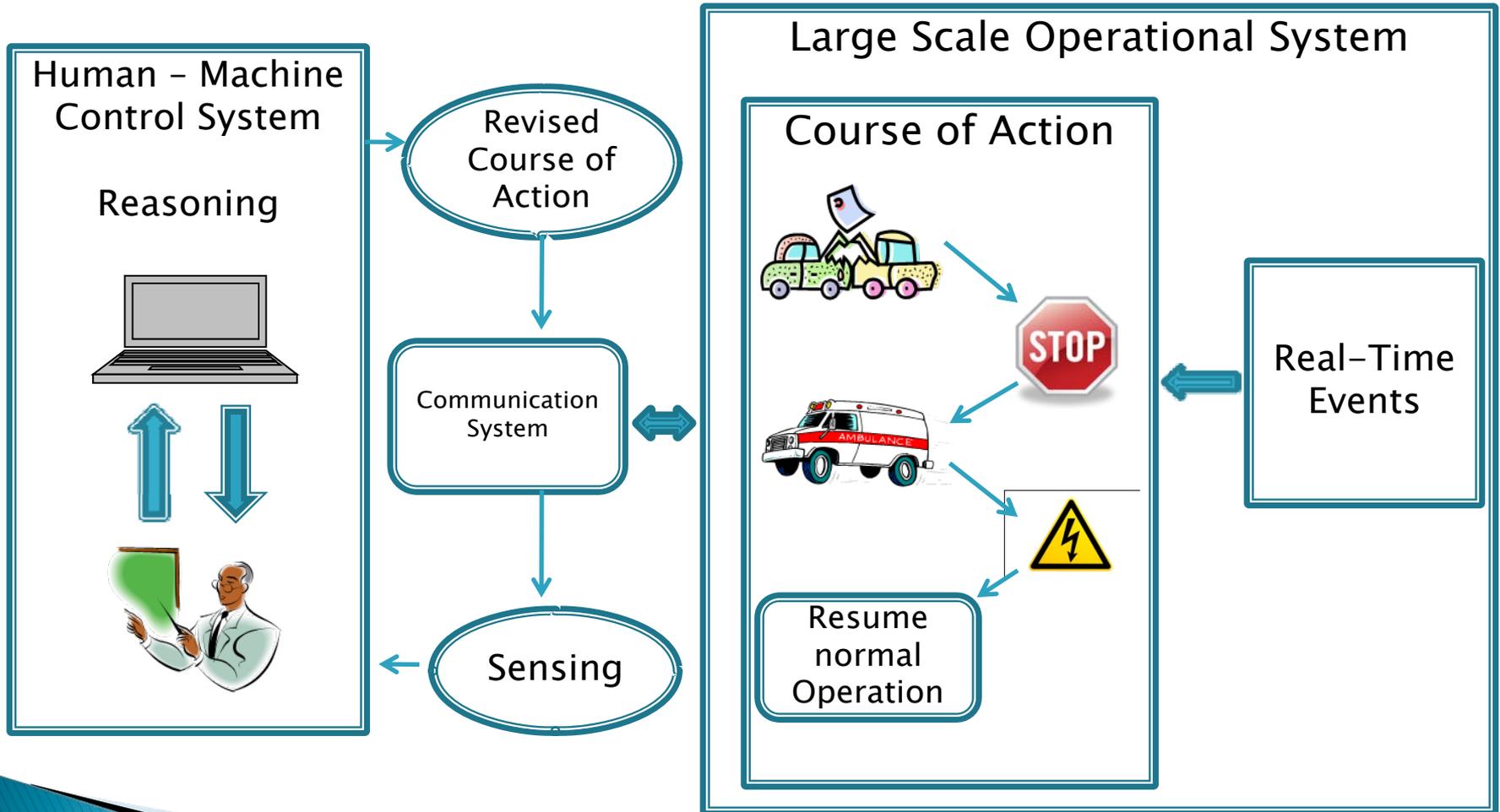


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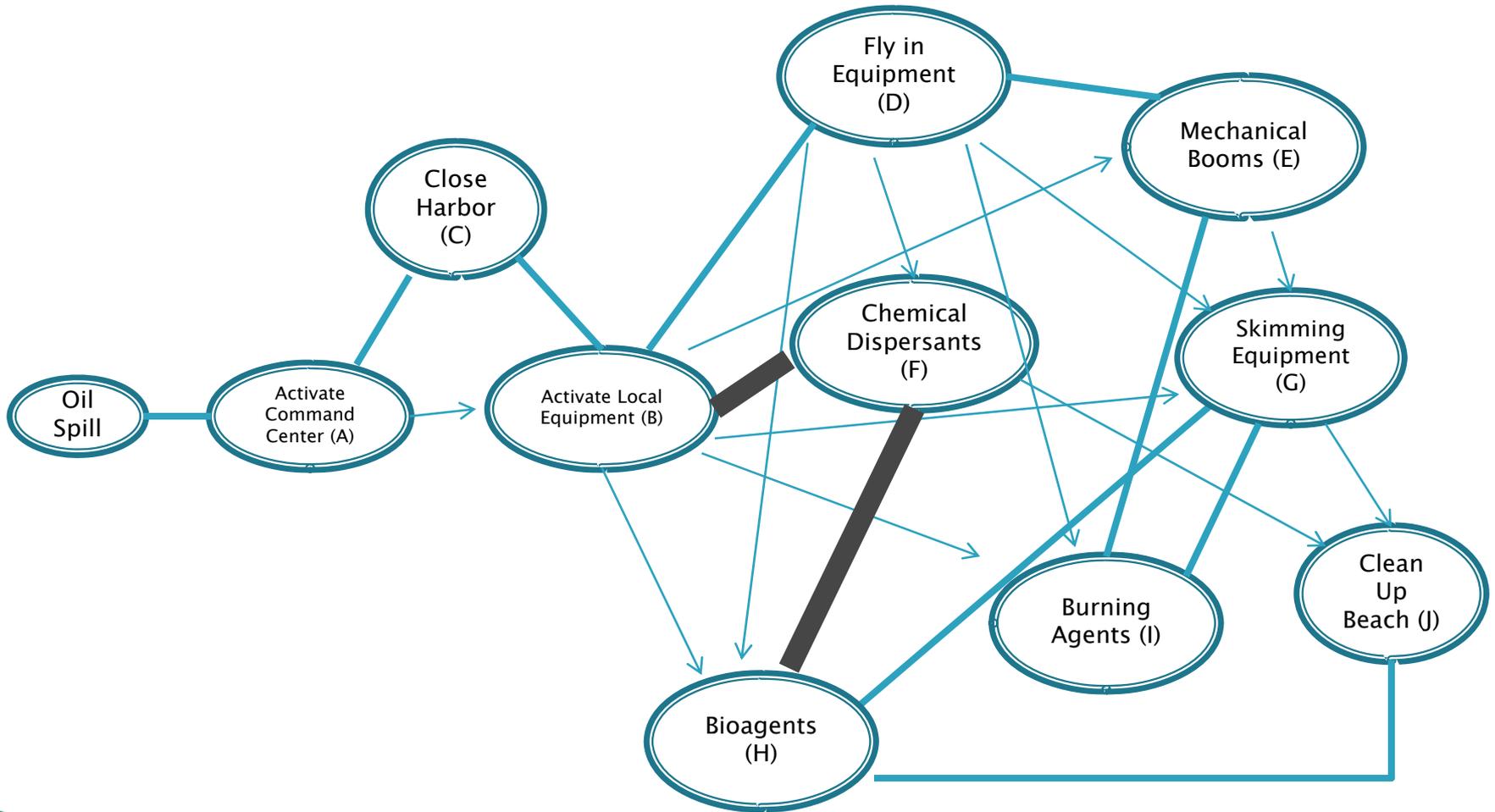


Screenshot of a video from the U.S Fire Academy

Decision Environment For Emergency Management



Topographical Graph of Oil Spill Response Plan



What if no planned actions are possible,
i.e. can not traverse the graph?



← Objective

Resources →



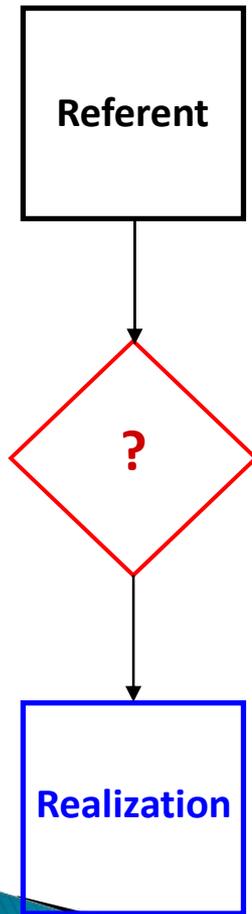
Screenshots from movie *Apollo 13* (1995)

Improvisation in Jazz



Result: computational model of improvisation in emergency management

Cognition in Improvisation



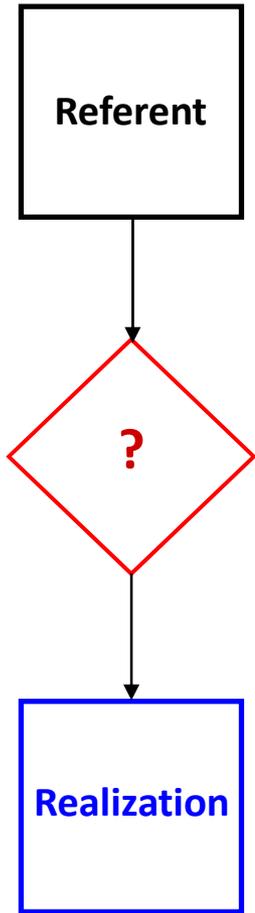
Referent

“a set of cognitive, perceptual or emotional structures (constraints) that guide and aid in the production of musical materials” (*Pressing, 1984*)

Realization

an actualization or operationalization of a referent (*Lord, 1960; Berliner, 1994*)

Model Function

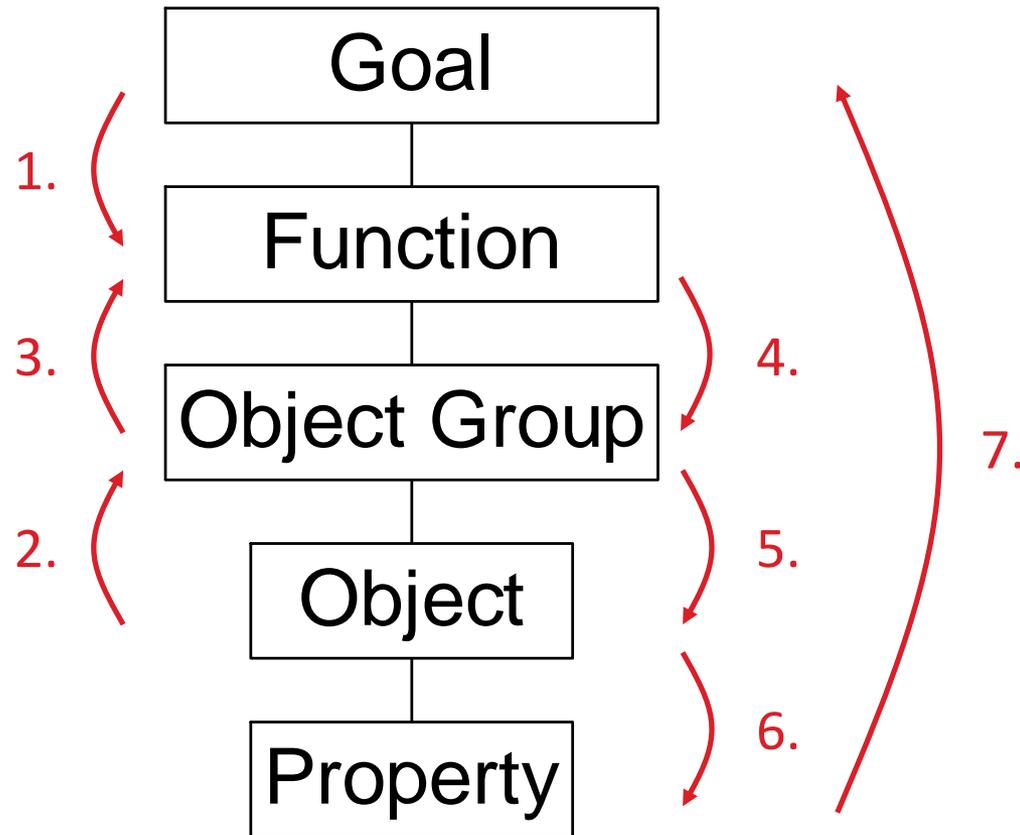


- ▶ Initialize with courses of action (CA) and goals (G)
- ▶ Execution of some CAs at t is blocked
- ▶ Identify replacement resources using
 - CA_i as referent
 - contextual factors (G_i, t)
 - agent's existing knowledge (ontology)
- ▶ Recommend substitute resources to group coordinator
- ▶ Group develops realization

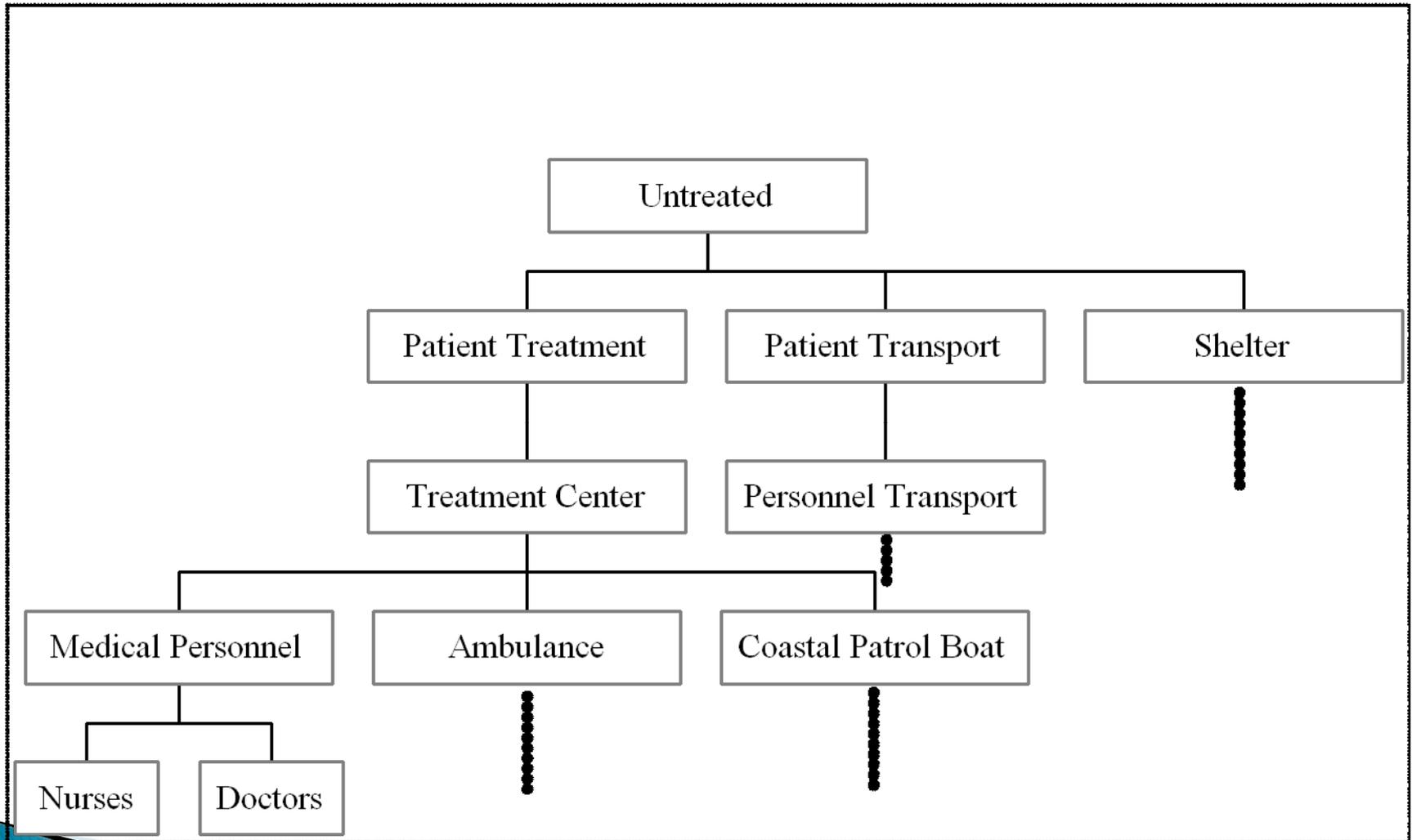
Ontology

0. CA, G

Decision
Logic



Excerpt from Ontology



Referent-based Improvisations

CA_i	Original CA_i	Summary CA_i	Realization
1	Send pumper truck (<i>Ea</i>) to <i>G</i> pick up chem suits (<i>Ga</i>), then proceed to scene (<i>Z</i>) in order to control access (<i>G2</i>) and rescue trapped persons (<i>G3</i>)	<i>Ea</i> to <i>Ga</i> to <i>Z</i> for <i>G2</i> and <i>G3</i>	Substitute <i>Gb</i> for <i>Ga</i>
2	Send ambulance (<i>Aa</i>) to scene to treat injured persons (<i>G1</i>)	<i>Aa</i> to <i>Z</i> for <i>G1</i>	Substitute <i>Ja</i> (ladder truck) and <i>Pa</i> (med. pers.) for <i>Aa</i>
3	Send ladder truck (<i>Da</i>) to scene to fight fire (<i>G4</i>)	<i>Da</i> to <i>Z</i> for <i>G4</i>	Substitute <i>Ja</i> for <i>Ba</i>

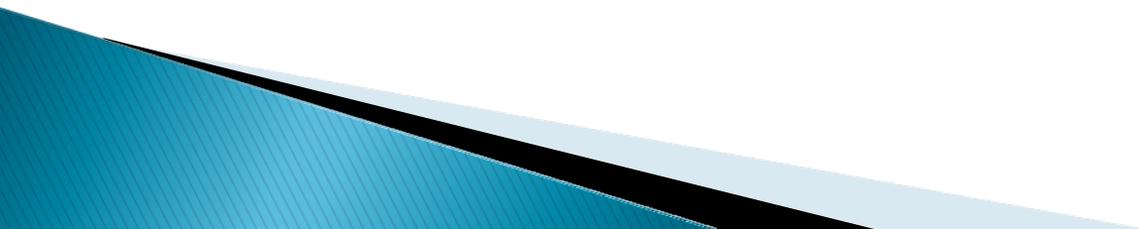
Scores for All Resource/Goal Mappings

Index	Resource	Goal			
		1	2	3	4
1	Aerial ladder truck	7	70	13	16
2	Ambulance	14	9	18	15
3	Bus*	1	2	3	4
4	Chemical Protection Suits	1	0	2	10
5	CO ₂	0	3	0	0
6	Coastal Patrol Boat	6	9	18	10
7	Gravel Truck*	2	3	5	6
8	Helicopter*	1	2	3	4
9	Medical Personnel	6	0	0	8
10	Oil Boom*	0	0	0	1
11	Police	5	0	4	2
12	Police Cruiser	5	3	6	9
13	Pumper Truck	6	5	9	11

where **Goal**

- 1=treat injured
- 2=control access
- 3=rescue trapped persons
- 4=fight the fire

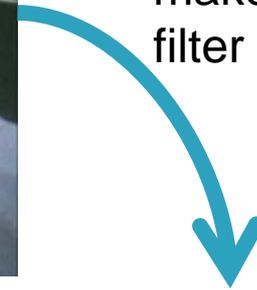
Research in Data Science

- ▶ Traversing very large networks in real time
 - ▶ Discovering resources that can be used to meet the goals
 - ▶ Matching objects with property needed to satisfy goals
 - ▶ Complete the networks with new actions
 - ▶ Display the location and attributes of the resources for the new actions
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Solution for CO2 Problem in movie *Apollo 13*



Procedures to
make a new CO2
filter



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