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AIOps – Using Data Analytics, Machine Learning, and AI in IT Operations

Abstract

AIOps – Leveraging Big Data to Operate Complex IT Systems at Scale

AIOps – or AI for IT Operations – is a game-changing new approach to managing complex IT systems by leveraging ‘big data’ practices like data analytics, machine learning, and artificial intelligence in IT Operations

For anyone in AppDev, DevOps, SRE, SysAdmin, ITOps, or DevOps, this session will help you achieve better IT outcomes through AIOps by learning:

- What is AIOps (and what is it not)?
- What does AIOps actually do – and how?
- Building and maturing AIOps practices
- Making AIOps practices actionable
- AIOps examples and real-world stories

Do not miss this chance to get SKIL'd Up on AIOps!

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What is AIOps? (and what is it not)

“ AIOps combines **big data** and **machine learning** to **automate** IT operations processes, including event correlation, anomaly detection and causality determination.”



-Gartner

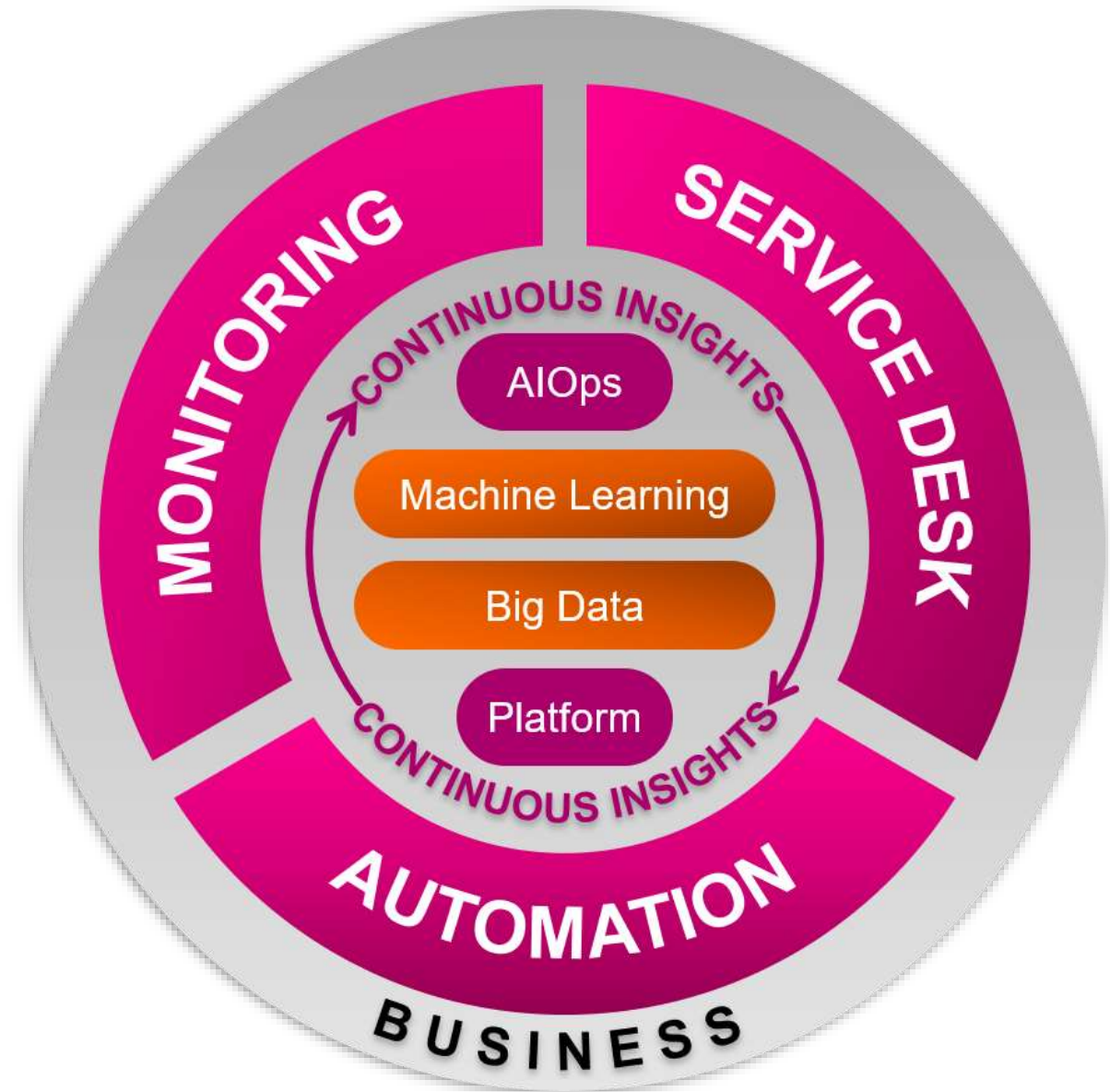
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AIOps

Uses advanced data analytics techniques, to provide insights that improve the speed, agility, accuracy, and efficiency of:

- Monitoring and Alerting
- Service Desk Response
- Automation & Orchestration
- ... and more!



AIOPs Uses Powerful Analytics Techniques

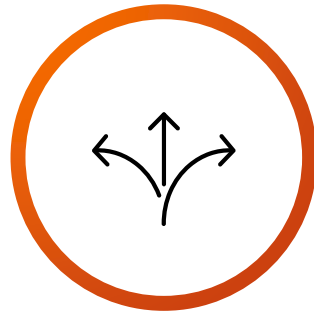
To Make IT Effective, Proactive and Predictive

Anomaly Detection



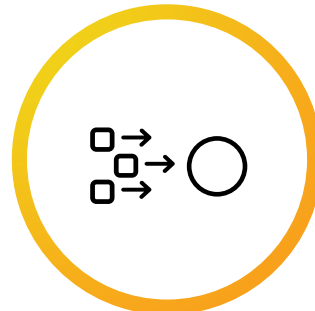
- Alerts triggered automatically by anomalous activity
- Incident responders can see across all silos to find a quicker MTTR

Dynamic Thresholding



- Thresholds adapt in real time
- Trend and alert on anomalous behavior
- Prevent service degradation

Event Clustering



- Detect and highlight the events that matter
- Prioritize events that need action taken

Intelligent Alerting



- Advanced problem detection increases alert fidelity
- Automatically identify and alert on risky service behavior

Predictive Analytics



- Predict outages and anomalies before they occur
- Act on predictions so services are not affected

AIops vs. DataOps

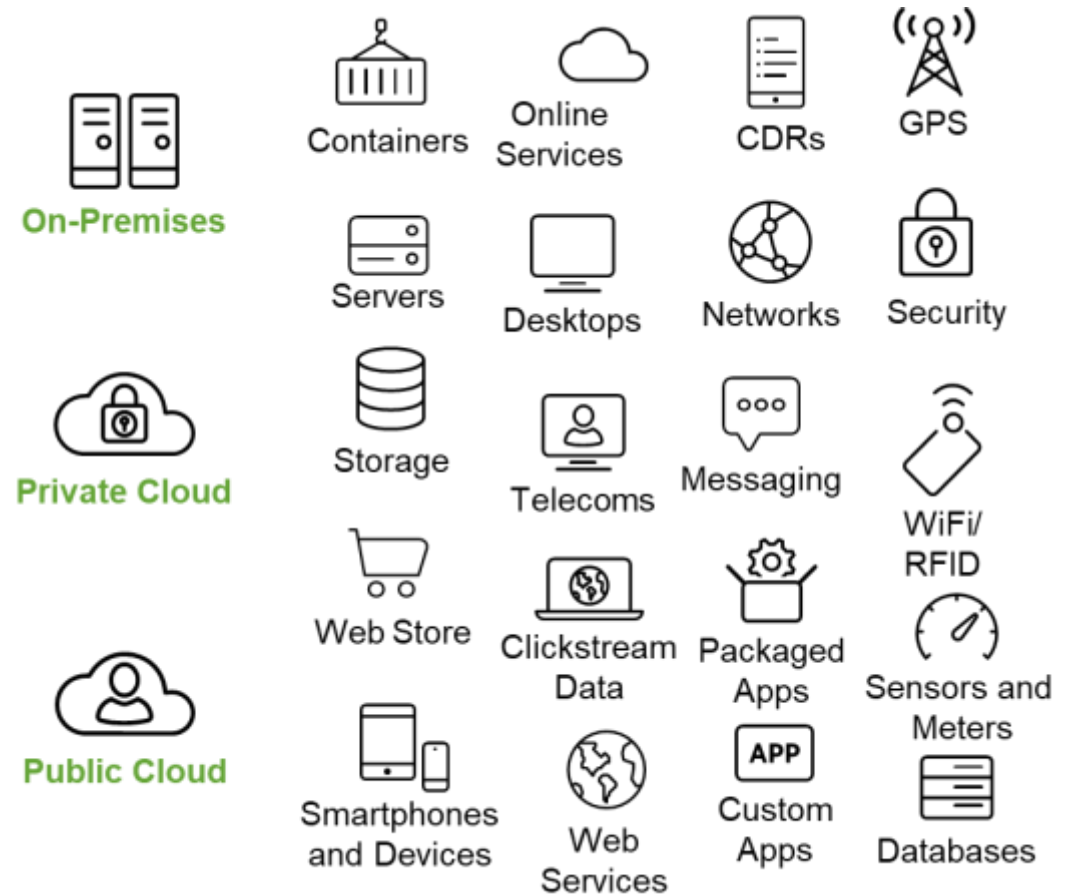
AIops utilizes the data that is managed and stored in DataOps

DataOps

... is an automated, process-oriented methodology, used by analytic and data teams, to improve the quality and reduce the cycle time of data analytics.

- Wikipedia

E.g. workflow automation, governance/compliance, metadata management, benchmarking, extensibility, etc.



AI Ops vs. MLOps

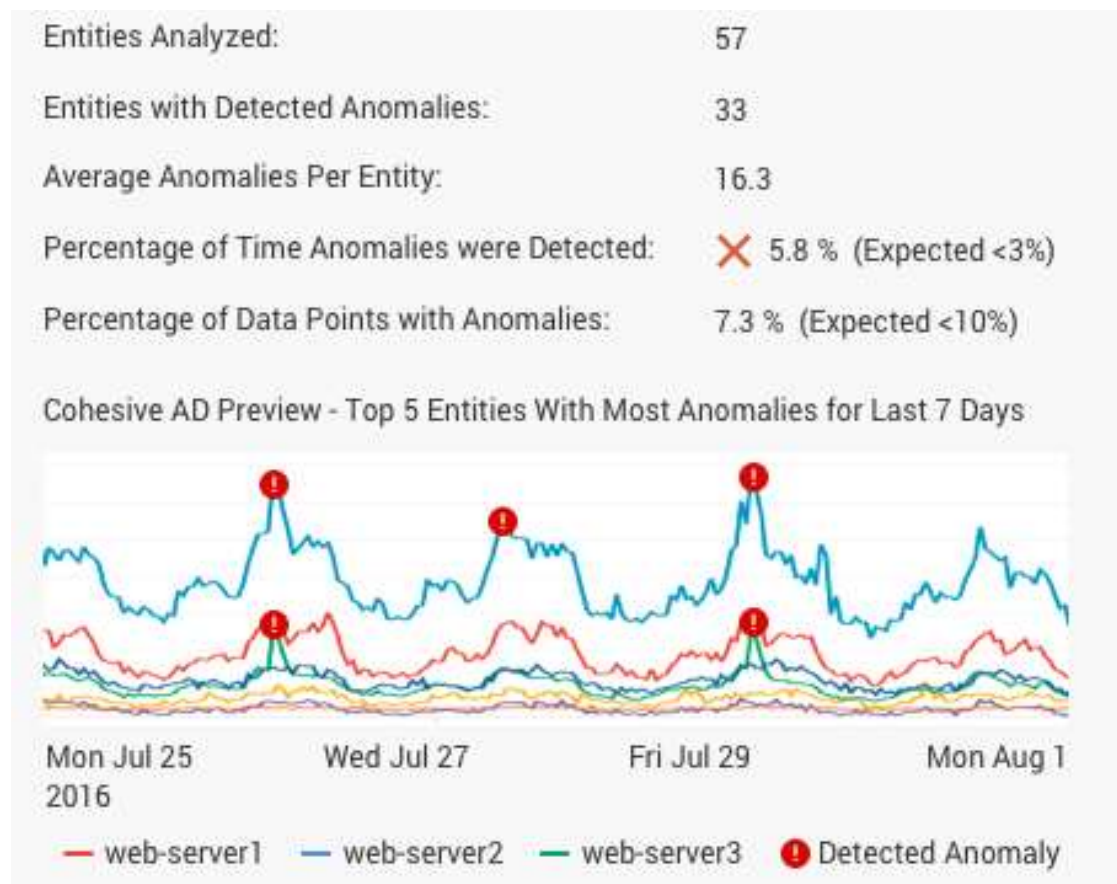
AI Ops utilizes the algorithms that are produced through MLOps

MLOps

... is a practice for collaboration and communication between data scientists and operations professionals to help manage production ML (or deep learning) lifecycle.

- Wikipedia

e.g. model generation, test processing, tool integrations, algorithm access, version controls, compliance, etc.



AI Ops vs. ITOA (vs. *the other* AI Ops)

AI Ops was ITOA before it was *the other* AI Ops before it was *today's* AI Ops

ITOA

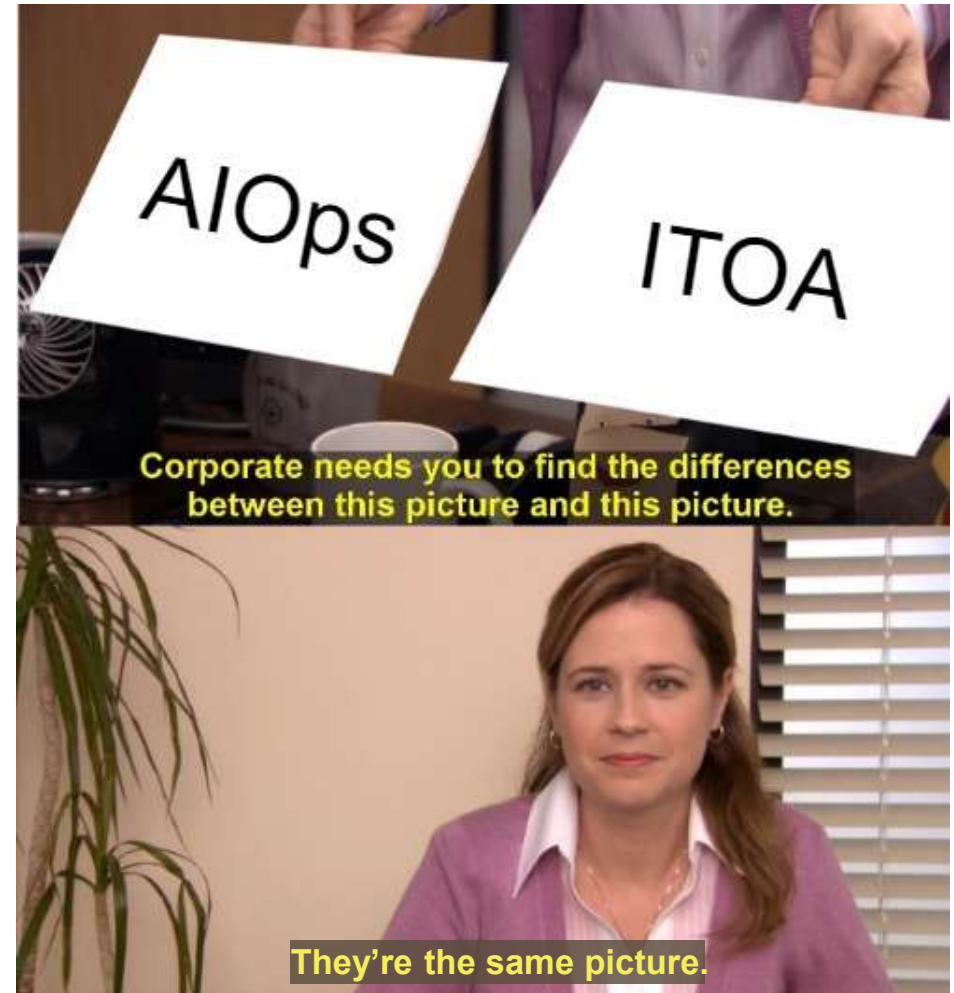
... IT Operations Analytics is the practice of monitoring systems and gathering, processing, analyzing and interpreting data from various IT operations sources to guide decisions and predict potential issues

- TechTarget

(the *other*) AI Ops

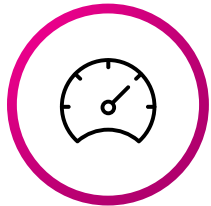
... Algorithmic IT Operations platform technologies comprise of multiple layers that address data collection, storage, analytical engines and visualization.

- Gartner (2017)



What does AIOps actually do – and how?

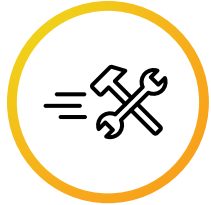
Sample AIOps Capabilities In the Real World



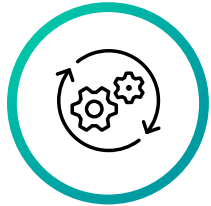
Availability & Performance Monitoring



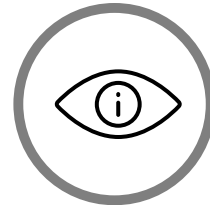
Event Correlation & Analysis



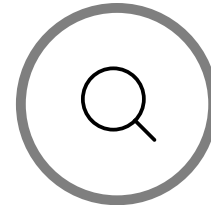
IT Service Management



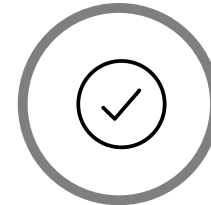
Data-Driven Automation



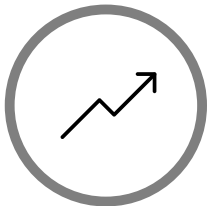
Decrease Mean Time to Detect (MTTD) through Prediction



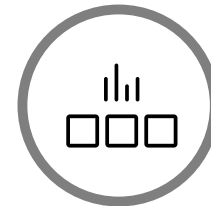
Decrease Mean Time to Investigate (MTTI)



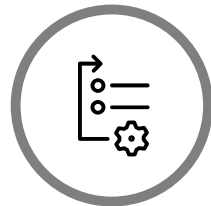
Decrease Mean Time to Resolution (MTTR)



Increase Mean Time between Failures (MTBF)



Reduce Event Noise through ML



Eliminate tedious and manual tasks through Automation

Example AIOps Capabilities

Event Analytics

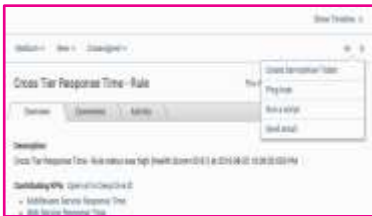


Event analytics and alert workflow to automate managing events

Machine learning to reduce noise and find alerts on root causes of issues



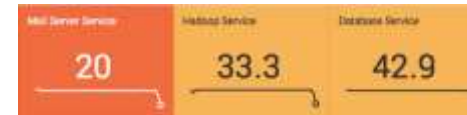
Initiate incident and remediation responses



Operators and engineers access business service data for triage and investigation



Service Insights



Service health scores calculated from KPIs

Baseline KPI trends to identify abnormal conditions for meaningful alerts



Organized view of KPIs and trends for fast triage and analysis



Deep insights into technology domains to speed investigation



What This Means for IT Operations

Faster Time to Business Outcomes and Unified Toolsets Across Every Team

Speed Up Investigations



Spot trends and pinpoint root causes leveraging metrics and logs

Streamline Monitoring



Visibility to services, apps, physical, virtual, and cloud infrastructure

Analyze System Health



Service Insights & Event Analytics to focus on what's important, not just what's noisy

Act & Increase Productivity



Smart collaboration, orchestration and automation

Building and Maturing AIOps Practices

AI Ops for Every Stage of Modernization Journey

Splunk meets you wherever you are

Prevent Incidents

with predictive alerting, actionable insights and auto-remediation

360° Visibility

with correlated business metrics, services and infrastructure in one view

Reduce Alert Fatigue

with intelligent event management and integrated incident response

Infra and App Availability

with guided data onboarding, logging and IT monitoring

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Descriptive

Diagnostic

Predictive

Prescriptive

Getting started with AIOps

Identify data types and uses

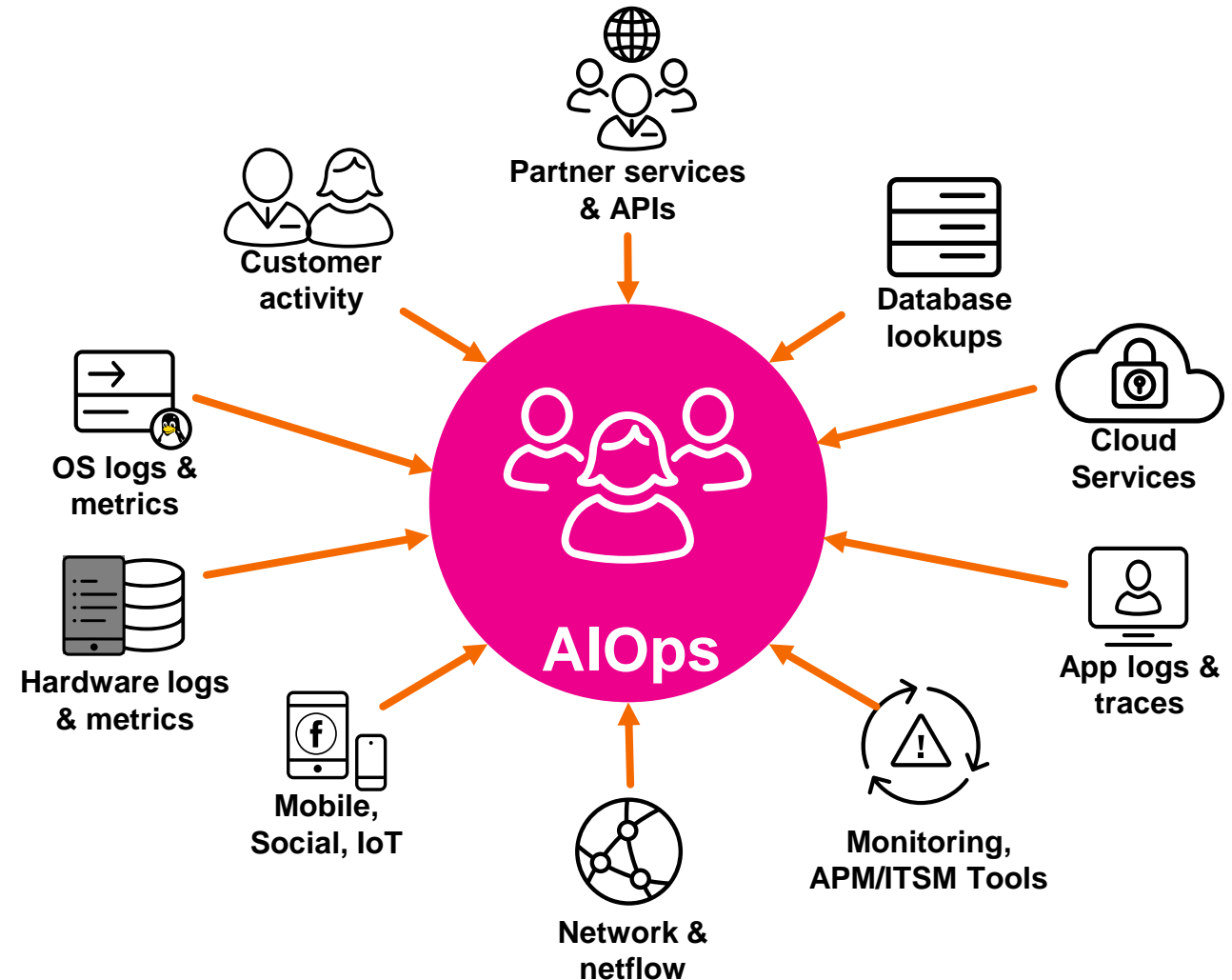
- Machine data, semantic data, tabular data
- Logs, metrics, events, traces, workflows

Establish data collection techniques

- Open source – collectd, statsd, Otel
- Proprietary – agents, drivers, APIs

Apply basic analytics

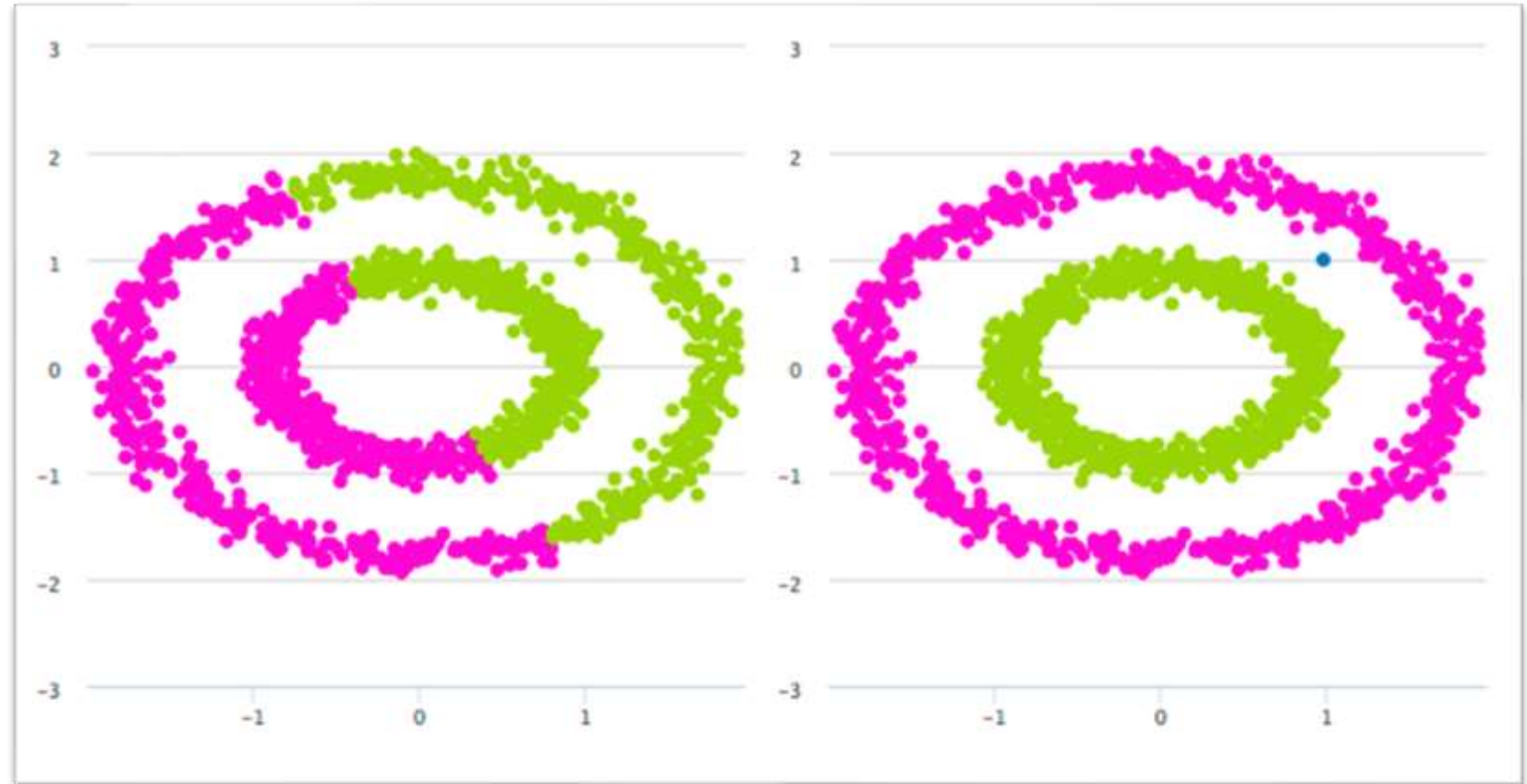
- Start with data-driven baselines
- Correlations, straight-line predictions



Apply Advanced Analytics and Algorithms

e.g.

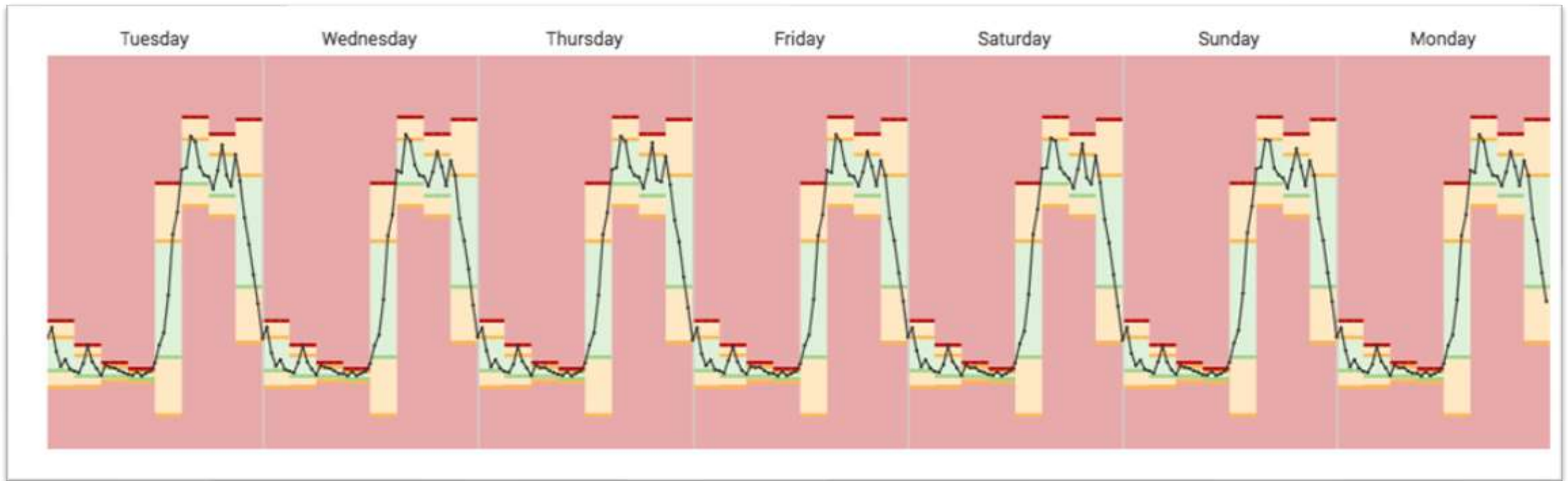
- Event clustering



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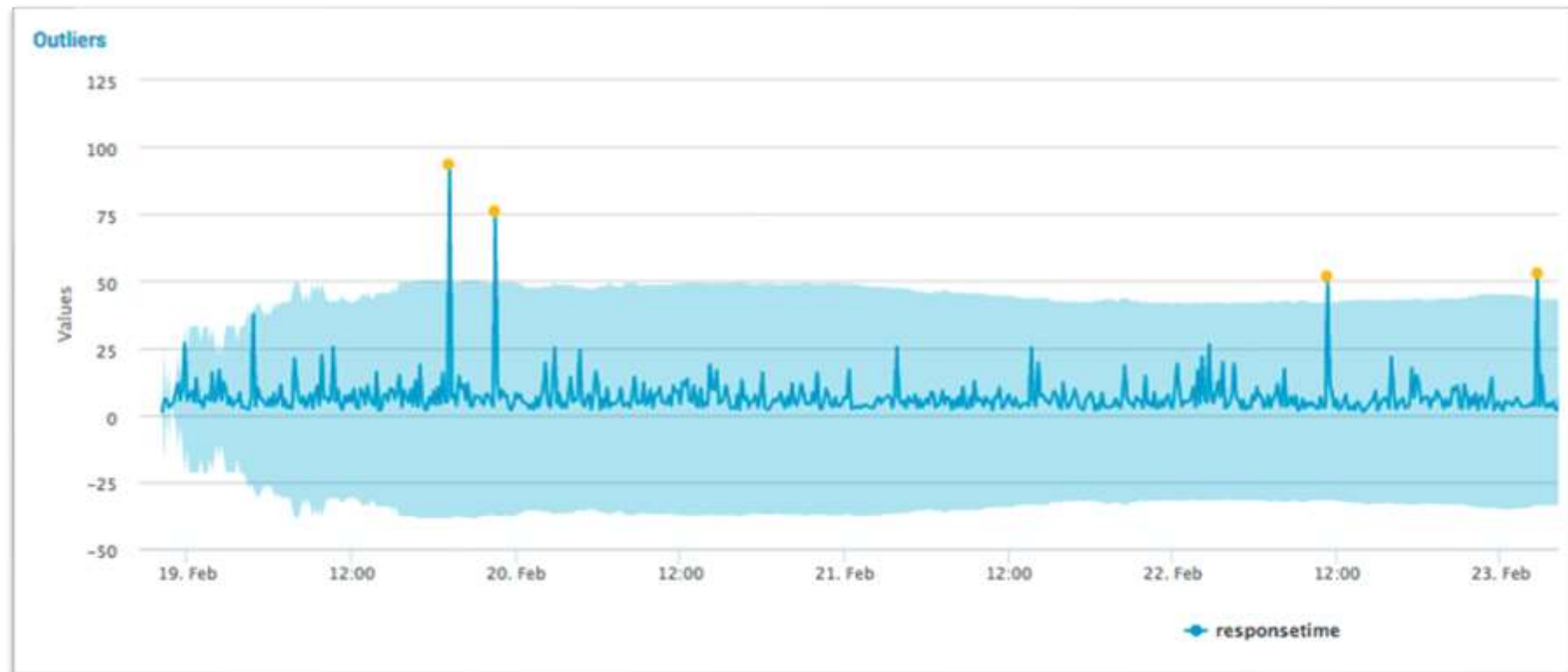
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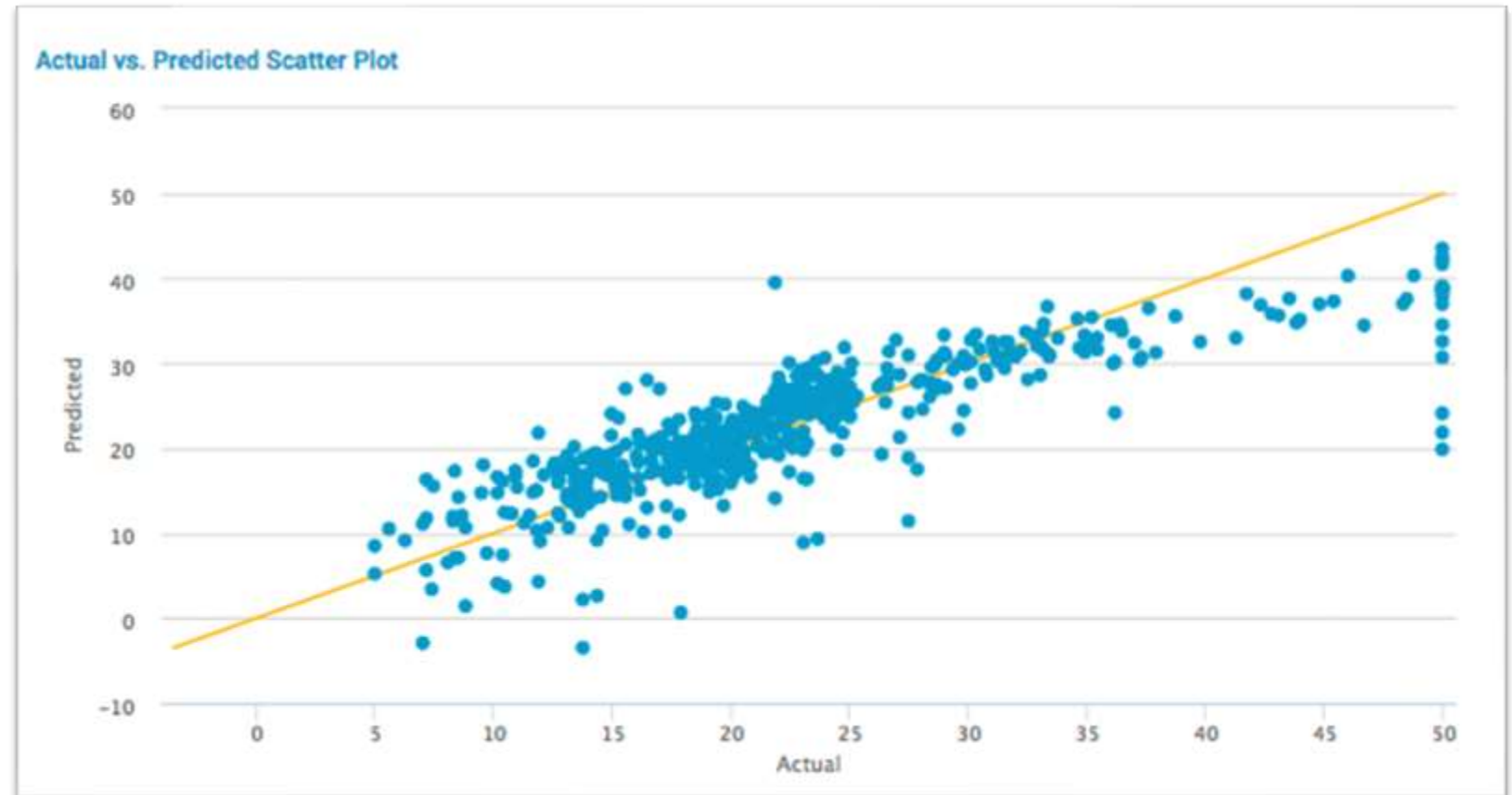
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- Anomaly detection



Apply Advanced Analytics and Algorithms

e.g.

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- Dynamic thresholding
- Anomaly detection
- Predictive analysis



Train and Apply Machine Learning Models

Acquire
data to test
an algorithm



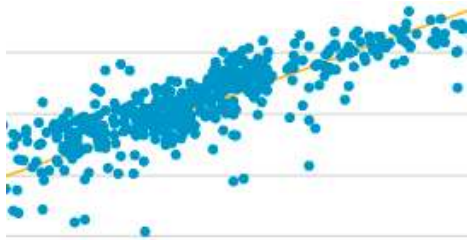
Train
algorithms to
create a model



Apply
real data to
validate model



Surface
model to solve
problems

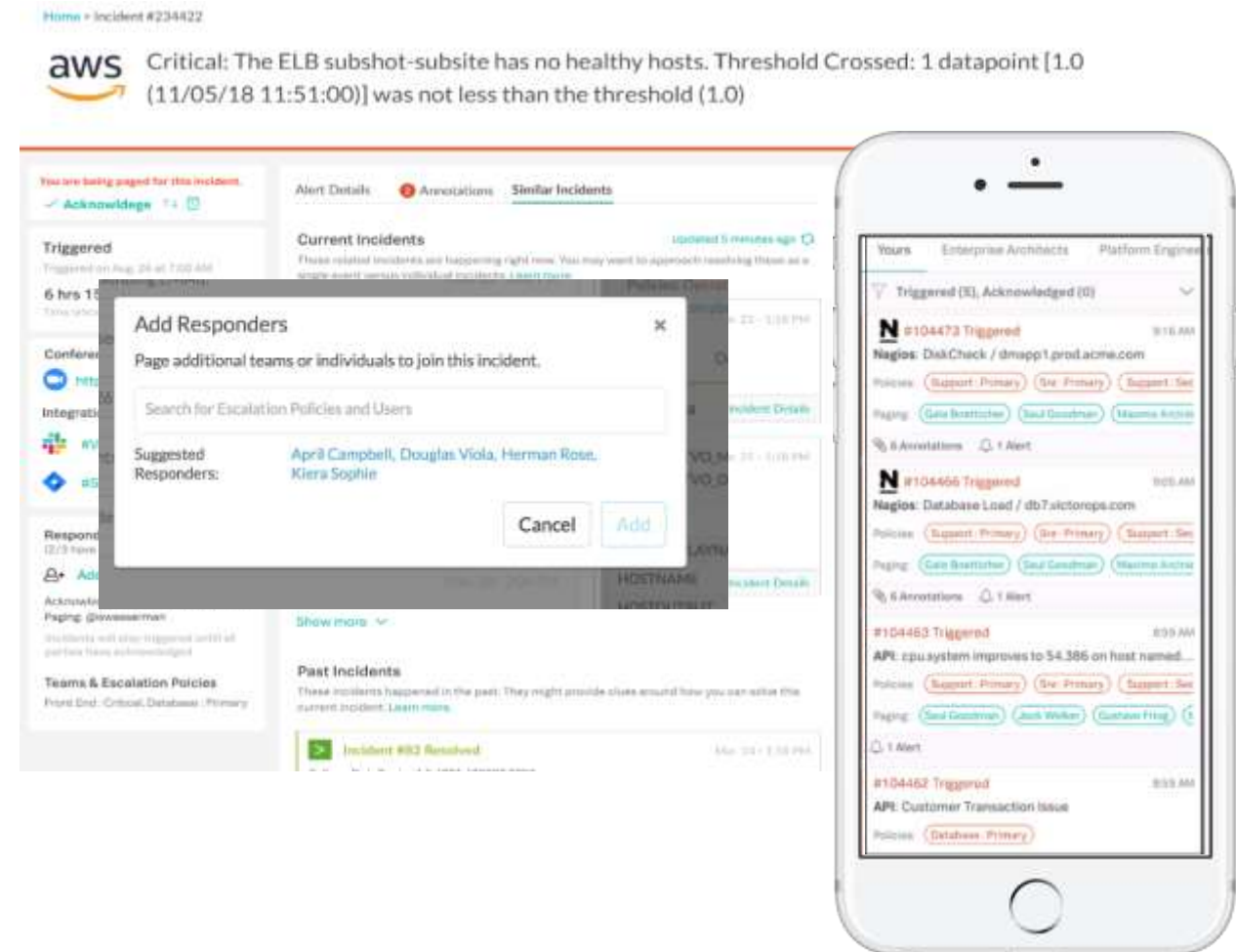


Operationalize
your model

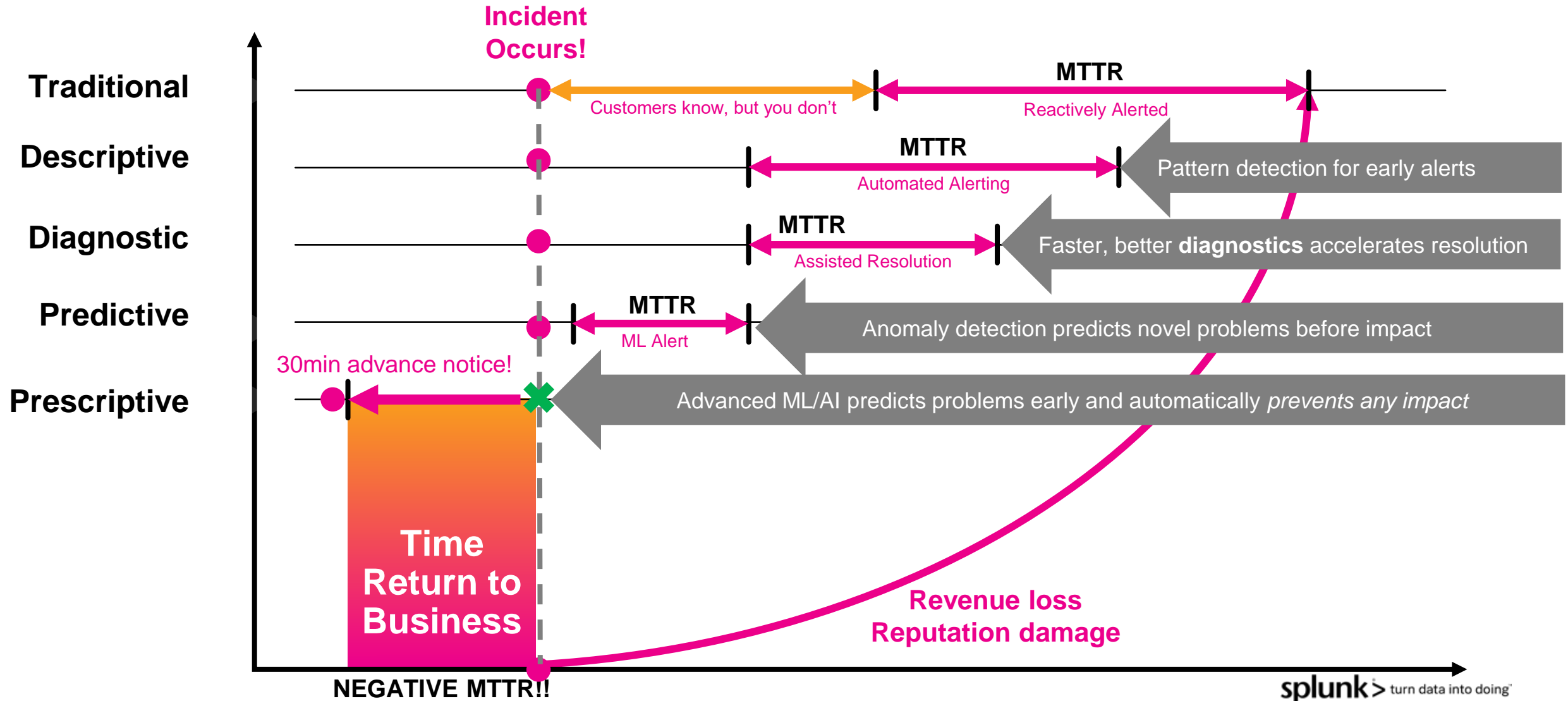
Make Your AIOps Practices Actionable

Integrate and Activate Other Tools and Processes e.g.

- ITSM tool integration
 - Automatically open, update, close Service Desk tickets
 - Interrogate CMDB/CMS for diagnostics, 'known knows'
- Automation integration
 - Execute discrete tasks to aid investigation
 - Collect additional data, execute diagnostic scripts
- Orchestration integration
 - Identify and execute complex remediation
 - Trigger ITPA, RPA, CM, or SOAR processes
- Collaborative Incident Response
 - Correlate and analyze data across tools
 - Identify responders and share diagnostics



AIOps Maturity Example – Achieving Negative MTTR



AI Ops in the Real World: Case Studies & Examples

AI Ops is a catalyst for transformation!

Nearly every function in IT Operations benefits from AI Ops



↑
Customer Experience

↓70%
MTTD / MTTR
from Hours to Minutes

↓5x
Incidents
& reduced MTTR by 63%

↓98%
Events
& event storm noise

+KPI Predictions

↓90% Incidents



90% Reduction in Auction Incidents

We have been able to reduce the number of incidents at our auctions by 90%. We have proactive infrastructure monitoring to ensure a consistent level of customer service.
-VP Technology Application Development & Operations, Cox Automotive

- Reduced time-to-investigate and resolution with real-time insights
- Reduced incidents across global auctions by 90%
- Improved end-user experience and service reliability

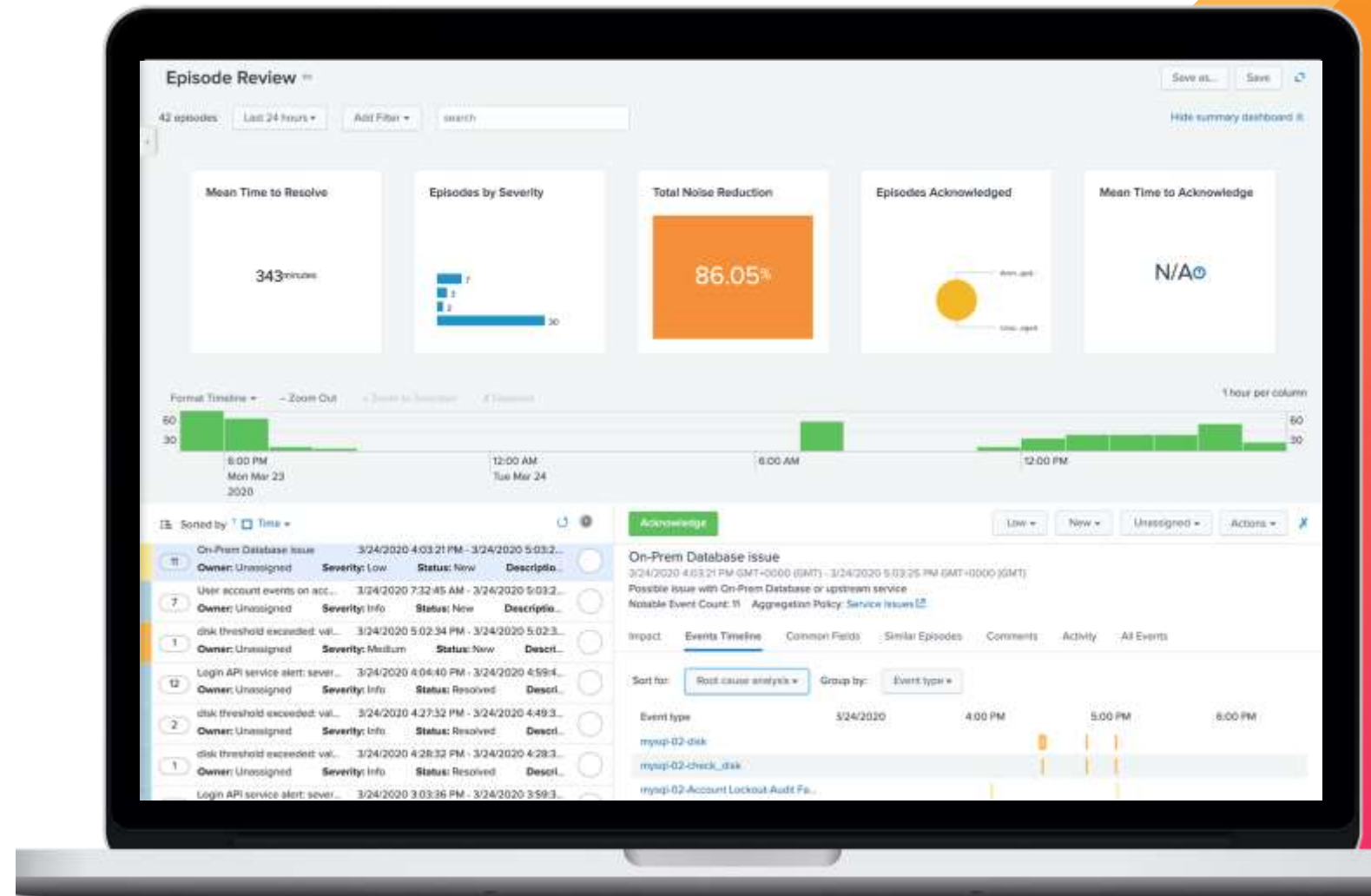


98% Reduction in Event Noise

"I've been in IT management for over 20 years... this is the first time I've been able to do heterogeneous, up-and-down-the-stack monitoring of my IT environment..."

- Director of Performance Management, Leidos

- Reduced 5000 events to 200 actionable events after replacing legacy systems
- Real-time enterprise-wide infrastructure monitoring
- Dashboards for different audiences, from problem-solving techs to big-picture managers



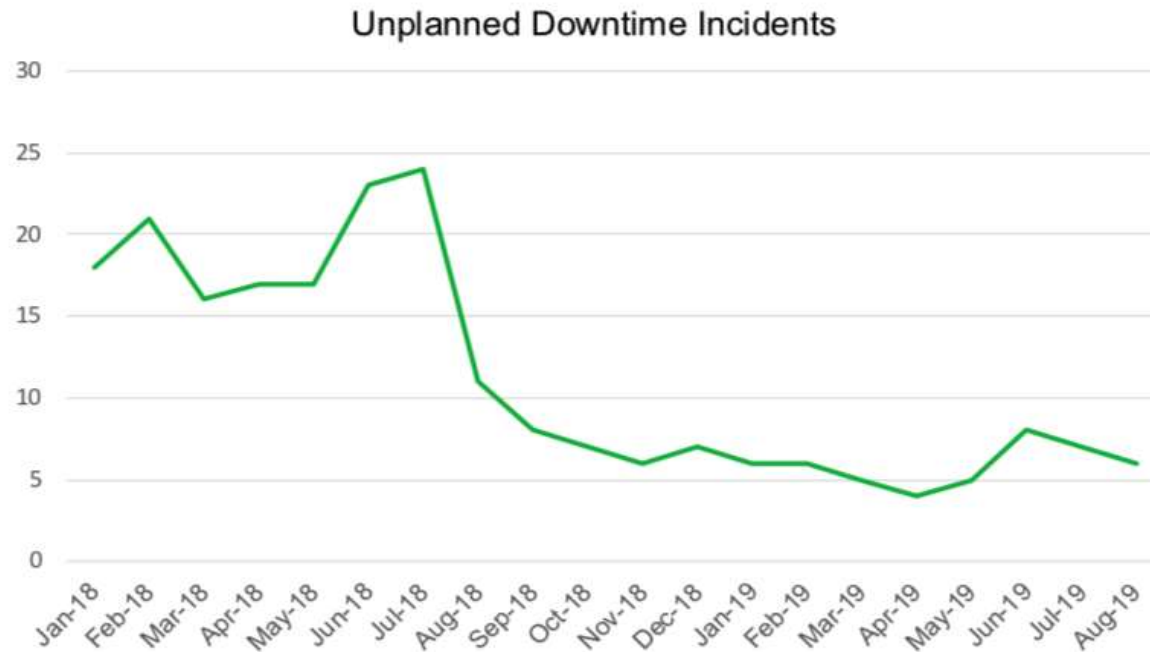
AI Ops in the Real World: Deep Dive: 3M Case Study



AIOPS Benefits

Goal attainment:

Reduced unplanned downtime by **64%**



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Achieved Benefits

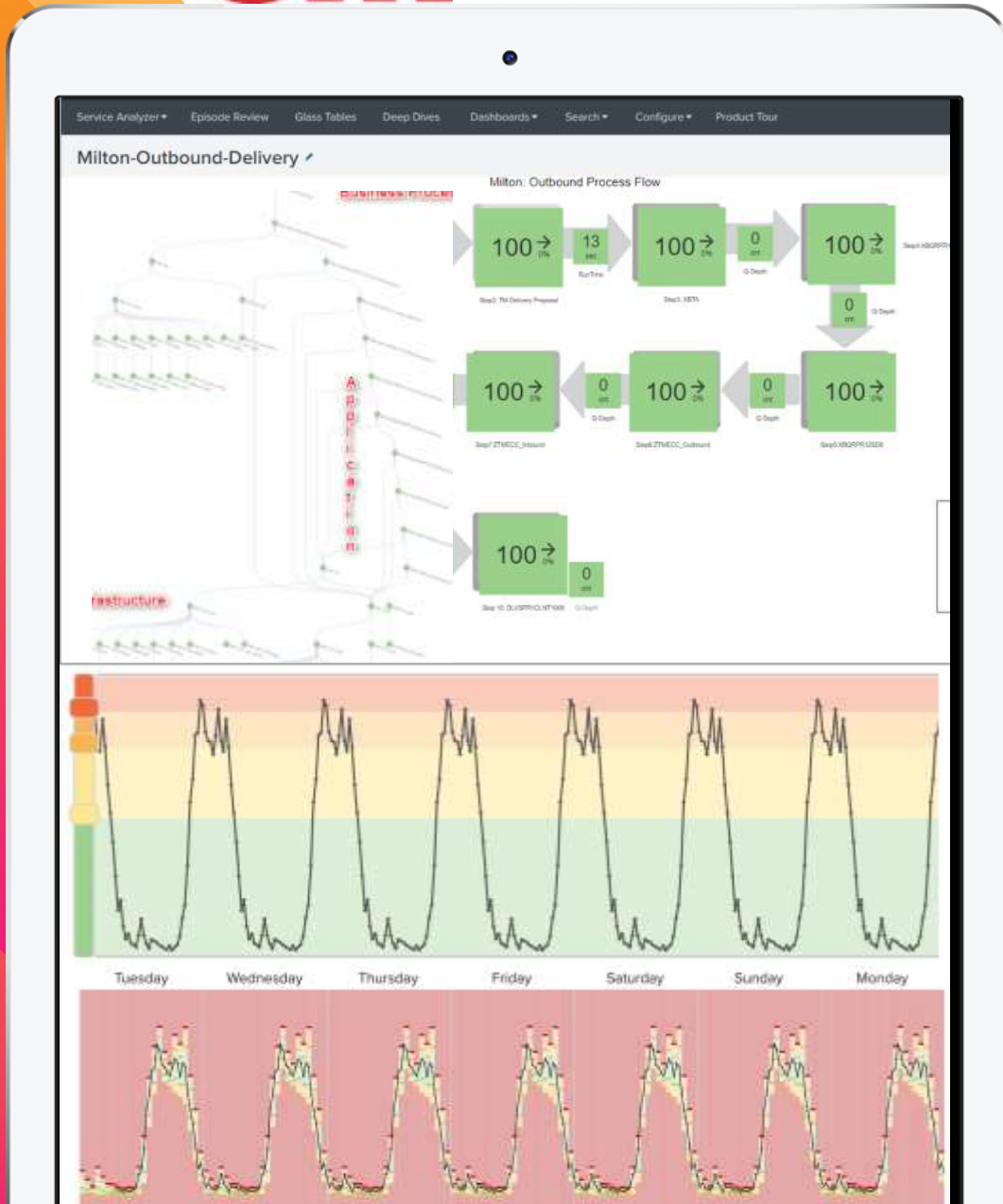
- Automatic Critical Notifications
- Reduced MTTD ~ 80-90% for critical focus areas
- Reduced MTTR ~ 70-80%
- Reduced RCA Costs
- Reduced War Room Costs
 - 65% less War Room Activity

Anticipated Benefits

- Automated Resolutions
- Predictive Operations
- Reduced War Room Costs
 - 90% less war room activity
- Reduced TCO

Reduced MTTR by 70% with AIOps

- 3M required integrated incident management to reduce costly hourly outages
- Replaced outdated event management console with integrated operations across monitoring, service management, orchestration/automation
- Track outbound delivery business process with health scores
- Reduced unplanned downtime and war room activity by 64%





Technology, Manufacturing

\$32.8 billion in global sales

Four business groups

90,000 employees

117,000 patents

One of 30 companies on
Dow Jones Industrial Index

3M Reduced Unplanned Downtime by 64%

Splunk helped understand complex SAP data and create alerts that matter

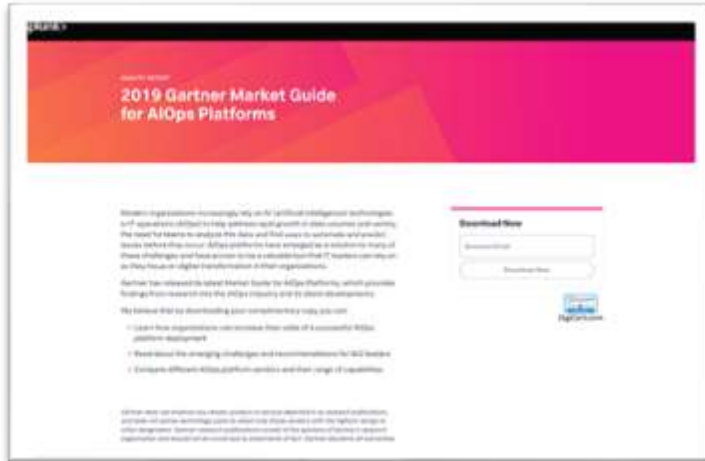
- Hourly outages were costing \$100k+ loss in revenue
- Leveraged **PowerConnect** to get data out of SAP and **Splunk** to orchestrate event management and AIOps
 - **ITSI** for views into application, infrastructure and business process layers
 - **Phantom** for automating critical notifications and resolutions
- Tracked business process for outbound delivery - each step generated a **health score**
- Impactful **ROI**:
 - Went from 4-6 hour performance impact to no impact
 - Reduced
 - MTTD 80-90%
 - MTTR 70-80%
 - RCA Costs
 - War Room Costs - 65% less war room activity

Wrap-Up

... and Next Steps

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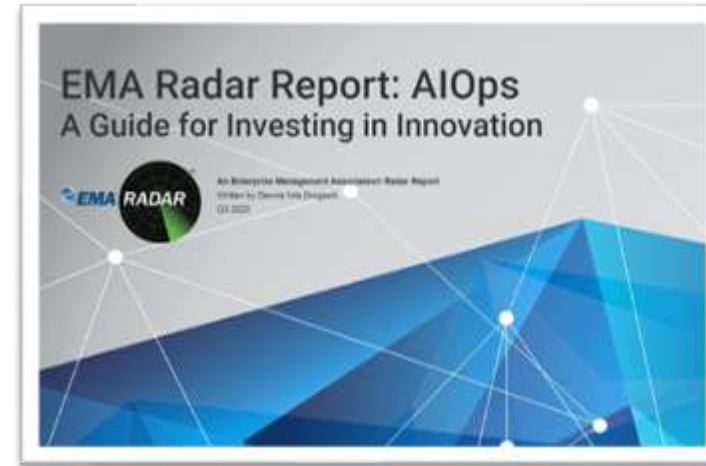
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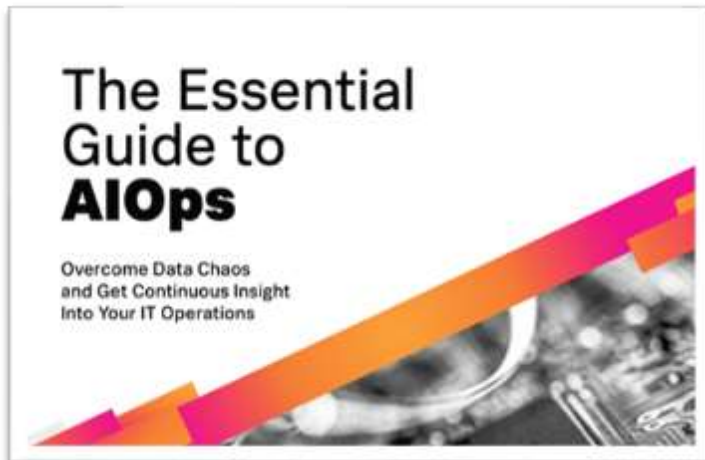
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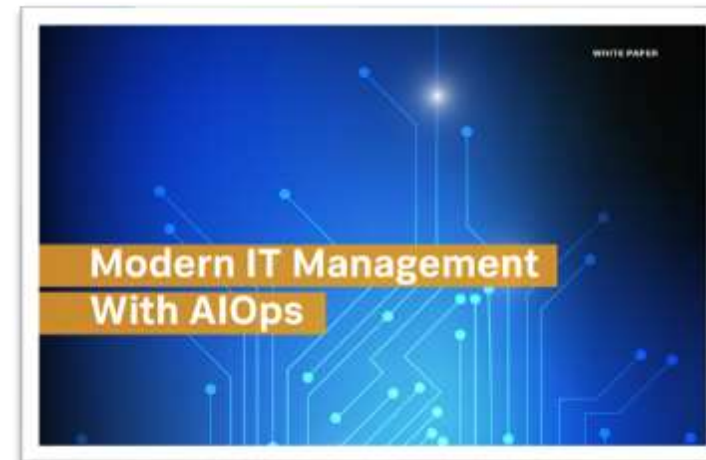
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The Essential Guide to AIOps

Authored by experts at Splunk, everything you need to know to begin your AIOps journey

www.splunk.com/aiopsguide



Modern IT Management With AIOps

A practical guide to using Splunk for AIOps, for current and new Splunk users.

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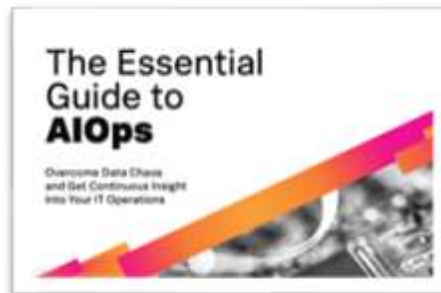
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