

DOCTORAL DISSERTATION DEFENSE

*Semantic Data Mining methods  
for decision support in smart manufacturing.*

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# Agenda

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- Motivations
- Research problems and tasks
- Main results of the dissertation
- Further directions of research

# Motivations

## *How to extend the capabilities of statistical-based practices for Quality Control?*

### ISO 9001:2015

- The totality of features and characteristics of product or service that bear on its ability to satisfy stated or implied needs revolving around the customer.

### British Defence Industries Quality Assurance Panel

- Quality is conformance to specifications.

### Degree of preference

- It is the degree to which a particular product is preferred over competing products of similar grade, supported comparative test by customers, normally called as customer's preference.

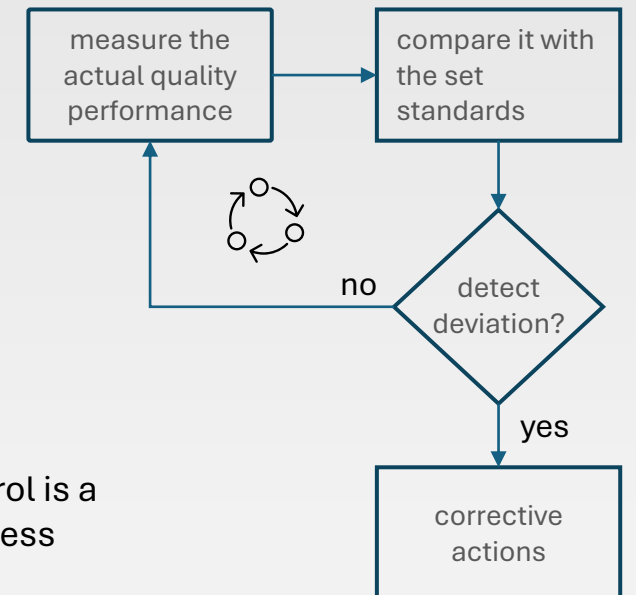
### Manufacturing-based definition

- Quality of a product, means conformance to customer's requirements

### Degree of Excellence

- It is a measure of a degree of excellence at a suitable price and control of variability at a suitable cost. this is often a Value-based definition.

**Quality Control** is a set of activities for ensuring quality starting from raw material to end product.



Quality Control is a reactive process

# Motivations

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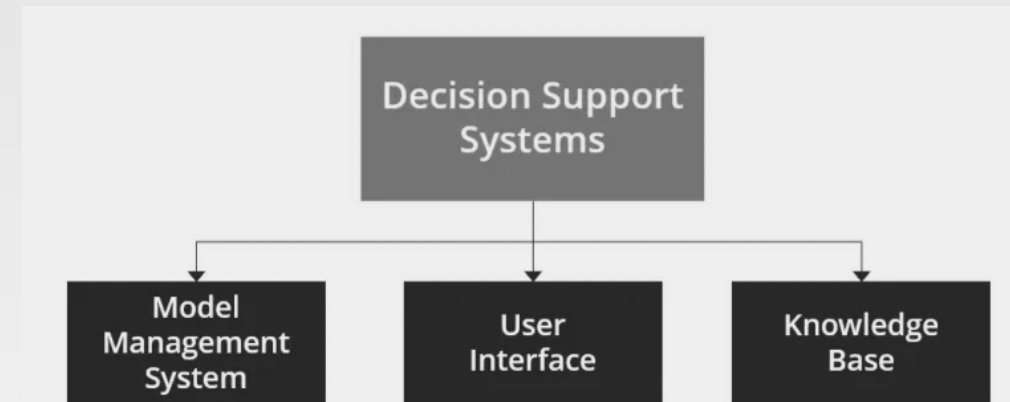
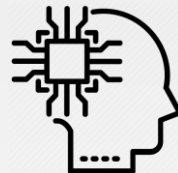
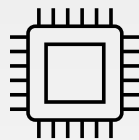
*How to translate the reasoning of the ML model into actionable knowledge?*

explainable AI as decision support enhancement

A **decision support system** (DSS) information system that aids a business in decision-making activities that require judgment, determination, and a sequence of actions.

DSS produces detailed information reports by gathering and analyzing data.

A DSS is either human-powered, automated, or a combination of both.



# Research problems

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## **RP 1:**

How to link the results from explainable AI as additional set of information in industrial QM systems and preserve meaning for end users?

## **RP 2:**

What are the key aspects of visualisation methods to fuse information from ML-based indicators and quality control principles?

## **RP 3:**

What is the most effective way to apply Semantic Data Mining to provide decision support in the area of quality control for smart manufacturing?

# Research tasks

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1. Conduct a comprehensive study of QM and decision support methods in the industrial practice.
2. Analysis of industrial data characteristics focusing on prospective use as input to the SDM procedure.
3. Investigate technology indicators and forms of information presentation used in industrial quality control.
4. Developing a new approach on interpreting explanatory results to provide domain context for end users.
5. Propose a SDM component that will enable practical application in industrial quality control for smart manufacturing.

# Main results of the dissertation

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Article	Published	Date	Contribution [%]
P1	IDEAL	2020.10	70
P2	Expert Systems	2022.05	80
P3	PP-RAI	2023.04	90
P4	SEDAMI @ ECAI	2023.09	40
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P8			✓	✓	✓

## Other activities during the doctorate

### Publications not included in the dissertation

Published	Date
ICAISC	2020.10
Human-AI Interaction Workshop @ ECAI	2020.11
Scientific Data	2022.06
xAI 2023	2023.07

Performing 17 reviews for IEEE Access

Participation in 7 national and international conferences

Participation in 4 international research projects



# Conclusions of research task I

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*Conduct a comprehensive study of QM and decision support methods in the industrial practice.*

## Process Approach and Risk-Based Thinking

- cross-functional teams work within clearly defined workflows
- anticipate potential failures

## Evidence-Based Decision Making

- use of data-driven analysis and performance metrics to make informed decisions

## Continuous Improvement and Customer Focus

- project teams constantly refine their methods and solutions
- develop innovative and high-quality technological solutions



# Conclusions of research task I

Well-tested set of techniques aimed at reducing the variability (tolerance) and defectiveness of a product-process

## Data-Driven Decision Making

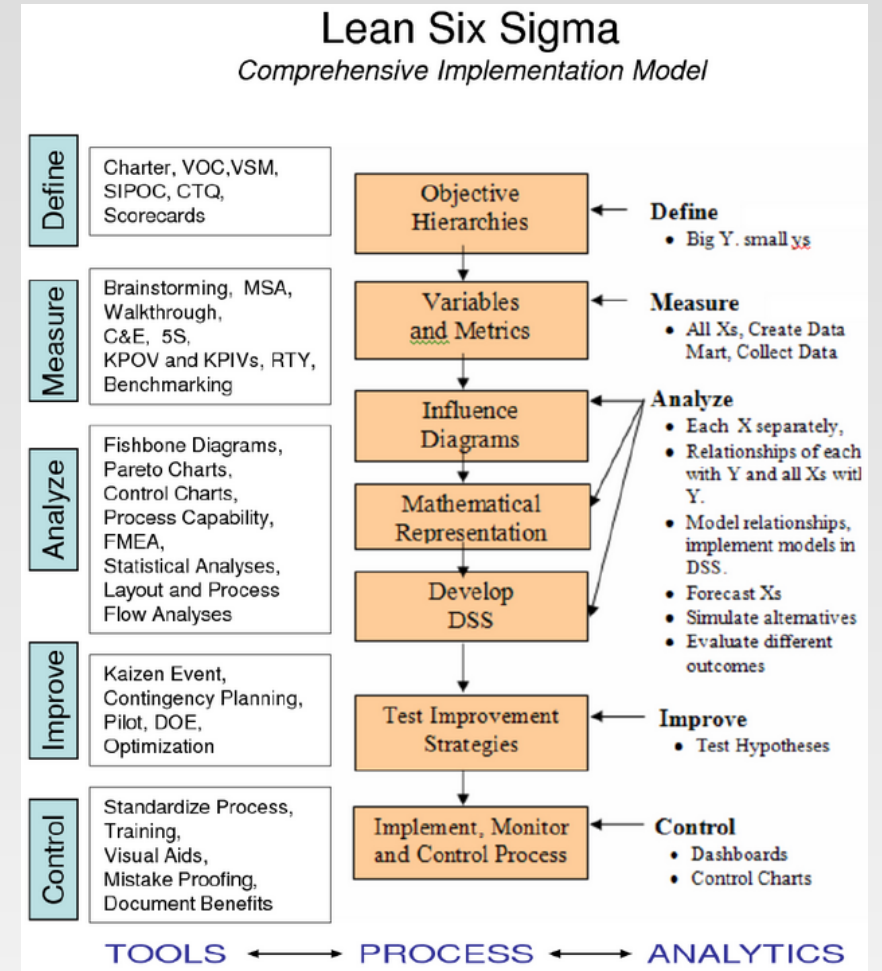
- DMAIC Approach
- Define, Measure, Analyze, Improve, and Control

## Continuous Improvement (Kaizen)

- iterative refinements to develop and sustain high-performance, technology-driven solutions

## Defect Reduction and Process Optimization

- reduce variability
- increase operational efficiency



[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/333648011\\_Quality\\_a\\_Key\\_Value\\_Driver\\_in\\_Value-Based\\_Management](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/333648011_Quality_a_Key_Value_Driver_in_Value-Based_Management)

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# Conclusions of research task II

*Analysis of industrial data characteristics focusing on prospective use as input to the SDM procedure.*

- Analysis of process data streams
- Selection of the most reliable information and a set of characteristics



## Furnace

- Heating
- Product - hot slab
- Main parameters - *charge/discharge temperatures, heating time*



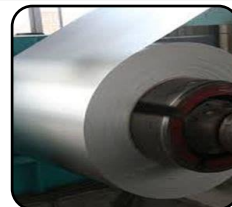
## Roughing Mill

- Preliminary iterative rolling
- Product - transfer bar
- Main parameters - *forces, temperatures, dimensions*



## Finishing Mill

- Primary single pass rolling
- Product – strip
- Main parameters - *temperatures, dimensions, forces, mills setups*



## Cooling and coiling

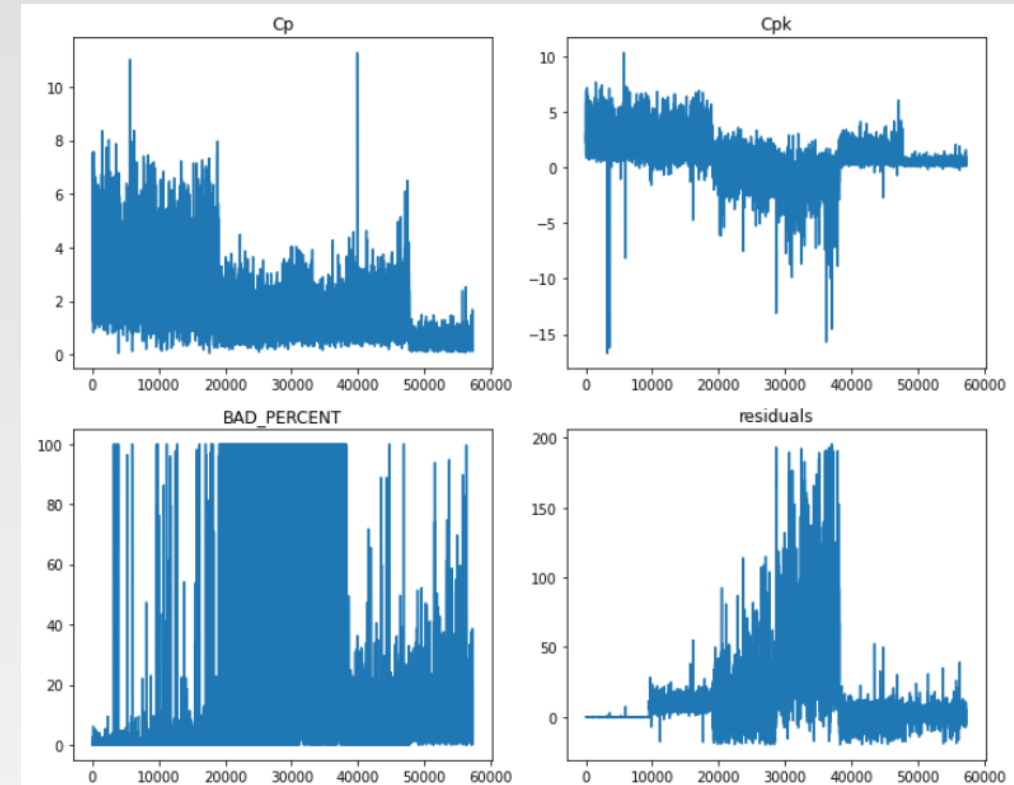
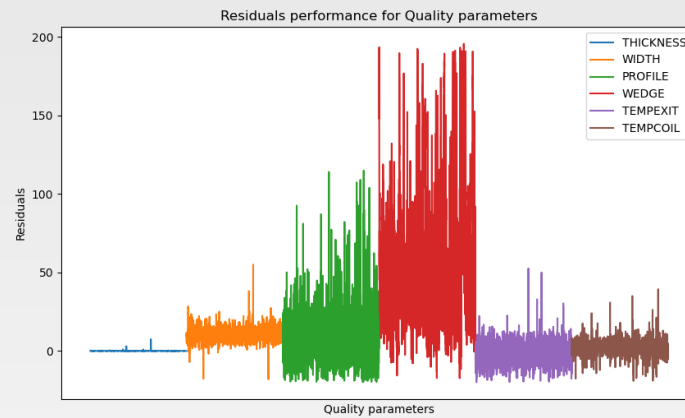
- Temperature reduction
- Product - coil
- Main parameters - *temperatures, water amount*

Measurement location	Stand 1	Stand 6
Beginning of the strip	0.25m	1.6m
End of the strip	0.35m	2.2m
Length of the strip	114m	654m
Subprocess duration	76s	72s

# Conclusions of research task II

Process parameters data series	Product quality parameters data series	Metadata single data
Speed Gap Left side pressure force Right side pressure force Bending Shifting	Thickness Width Profile Wedge FM exit temp. Coiling temp.	Product IDs Targets and constraints Products dimensions in all nodes Rollers dimensions Thickness reduction settings Chemical composition

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# Conclusions of research task III

*Investigate technology indicators and forms of information presentation used in industrial quality control.*

**Process capability – Cp** : tolerance width divided by the total spread of process.

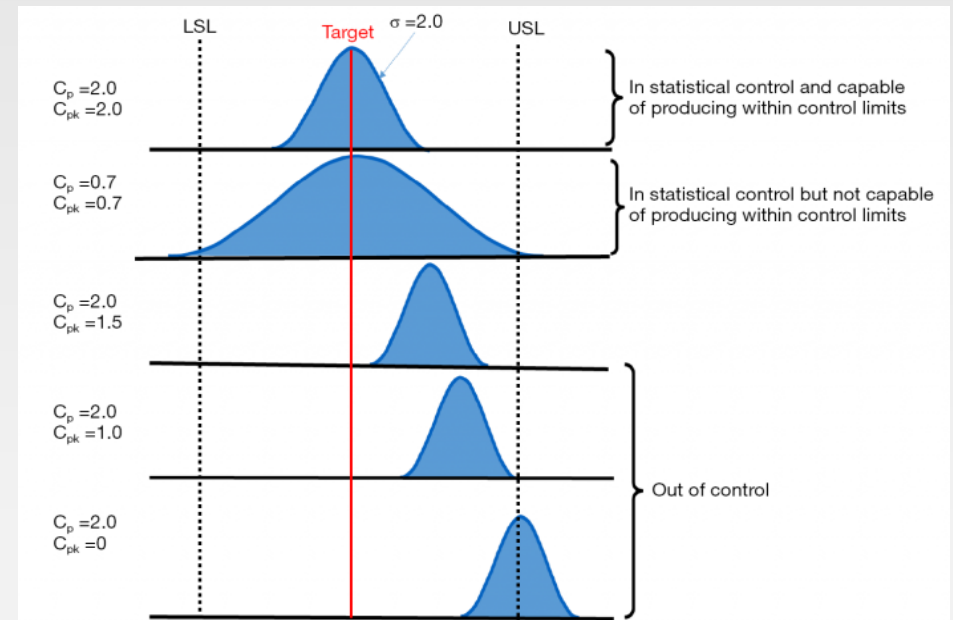
Calculation of Process Capability (Cp) :

$$C_p = \frac{\text{Design Tolerance}}{6\sigma} = \frac{USL - LSL}{6\sigma}$$

USL = Upper Specification Limit, LSL = Lower Specification Limit

**Process Capability Index – Cpk**: indicates shifting of the process, the minimum of Cpk upper and Cpk lower.

Cp	Defects amount
1	2700 ppm
1,33	63 ppm
1,67	0,57 ppm
2	0,002 ppm



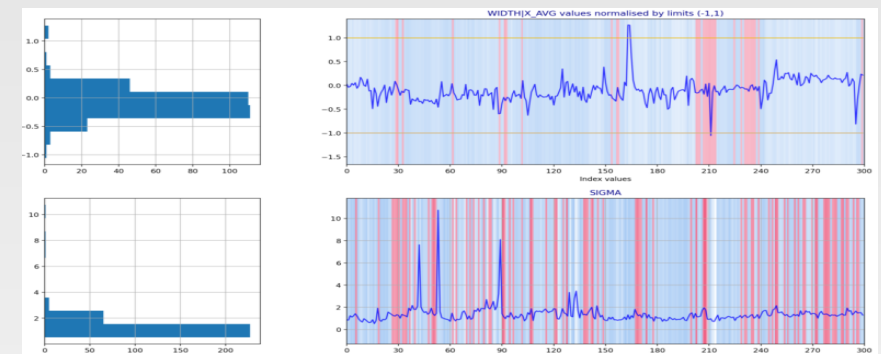
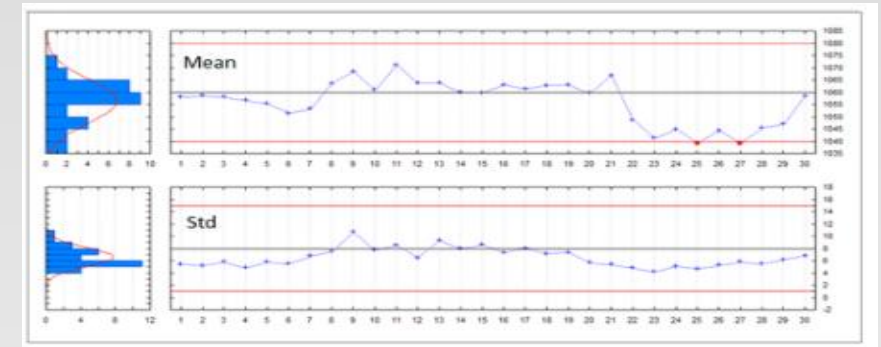
# Conclusions of research task III

Consistency with quality control methods based on commonly used statistical evaluation of sensory process measurements

Quality KPIs

- Capability factors
- Bad percent
- Residuals

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Klin pasma (za FM)	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III
Temperatura końca walcowania	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Temperatura związania	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
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Szerokość pasma (za FM)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Grubość pasma (za FM)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0



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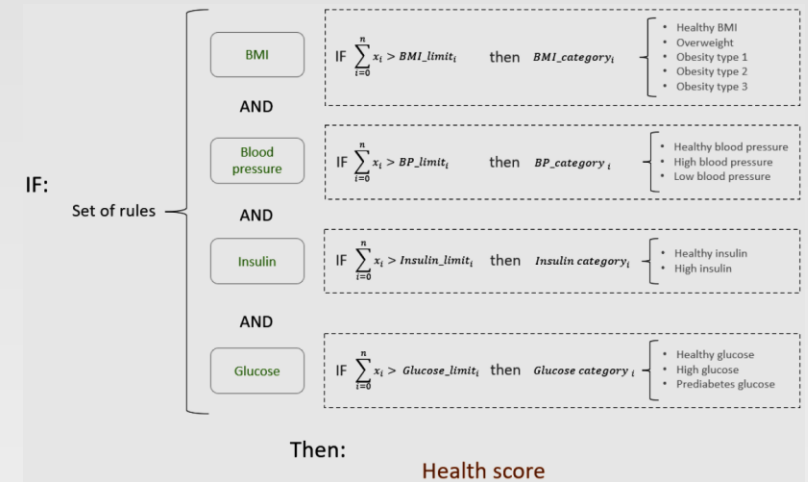
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# Conclusions of research task IV

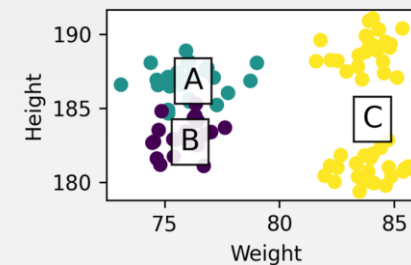
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Integration of domain knowledge into the analytical process:

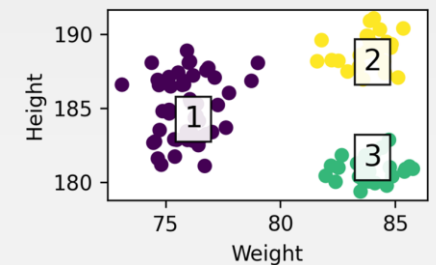
- Knowledge-Augmented Clusters (KnAC)
- Subgroup Discovery
- Set of rules based on domain knowledge
- Quality Management standards



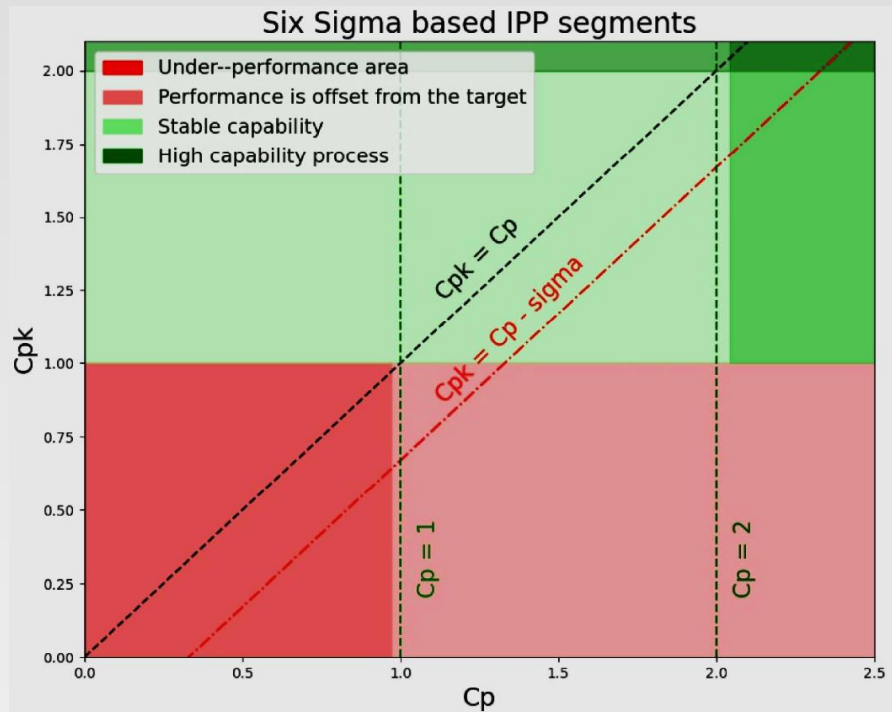
Expert clustering (1a)



Algorithmic clustering (1b)



# Conclusions of research task IV



Incorporation of domain knowledge into Quality Management analysis:

- Additional set of rules or conditions
- Compliance with company practice
- Evolution not revolution. Extension of QM standards, maintaining compatibility with previous solutions

**Model agnostic:** regression models and classifiers, regardless of the ML model used

**XAI agnostic:** flexibility of using any explainability-based indicator

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# Conclusions of research task V

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*Propose a SDM component that will enable practical application in industrial quality control for smart manufacturing.*

## Actionability

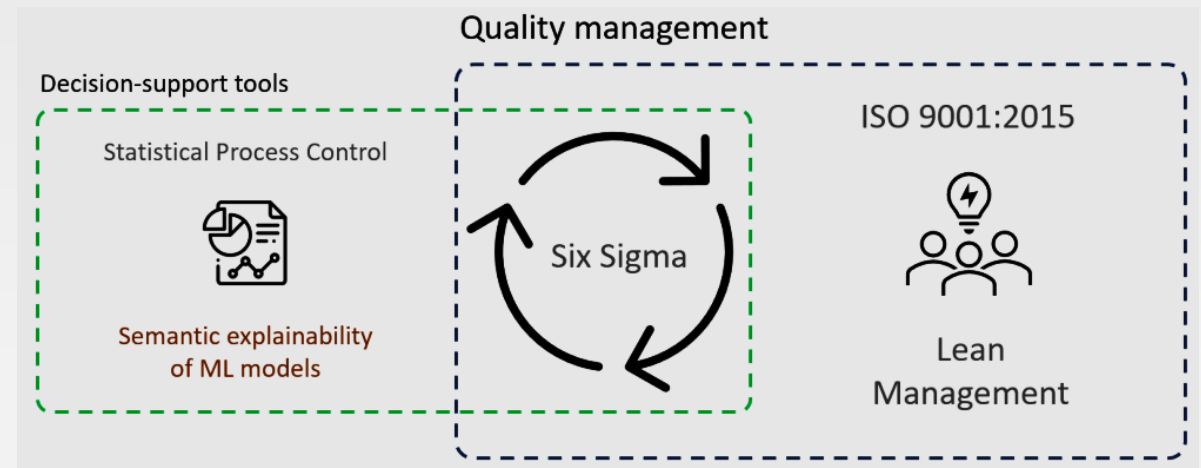
ML methods enhance traditional statistical approaches, improving process control, deviation detection, and cost optimization within QM systems.

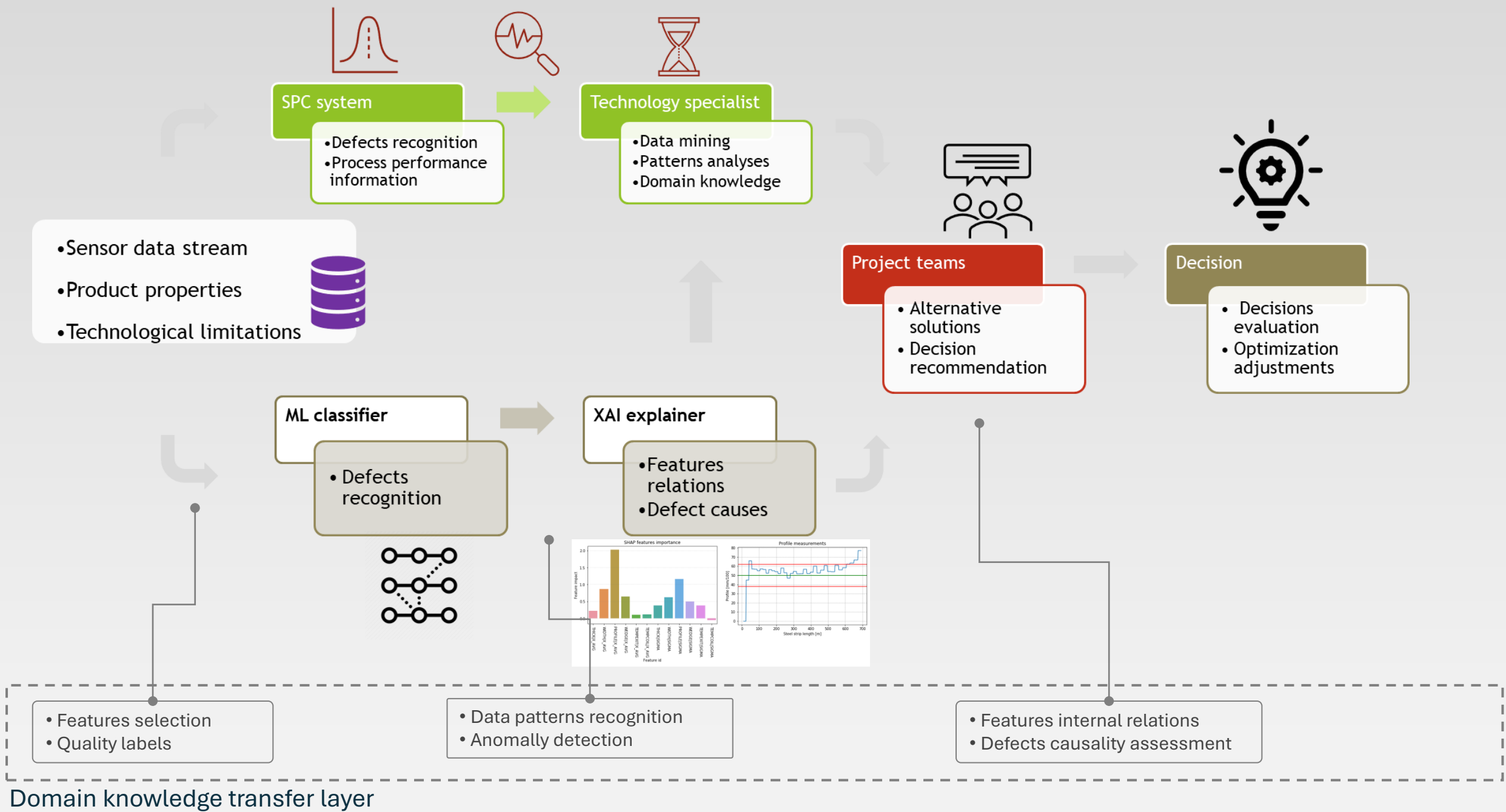
## Contextualization

Combining classic SPC indicators with XAI-based metrics ensures interpretability, making ML-generated insights more accessible for decision-making.

## Visualization

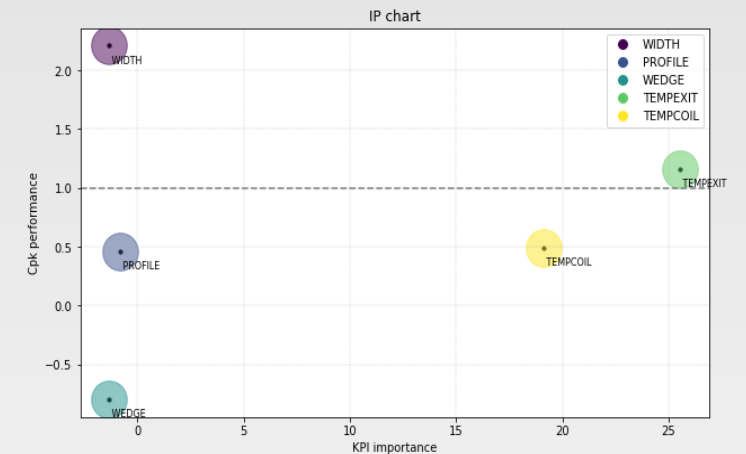
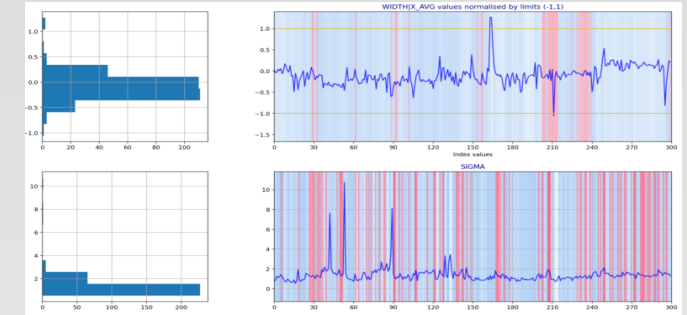
A standardized format enables effective comparison of independent metrics, improving the presentation of explainability outcomes in IPA analysis





# Conclusions of research task V

- The possibility of **full integration with existing systems** in terms of contextualization and interpretation of the obtained results.
- **Universality of applications**, possibility of creating multidimensional links between data streams and business KPI's.
- Consistent visualization scheme that will allow interpretation of results regardless of ML methods, XAI and the set of information presented.



Feature	Cpk	residuals shap
WIDTH	2.21	-1.35
PROFILE	0.46	-0.83
WEDGE	-0.79	-1.33
TEMPEXIT	1.16	25.54
TEMPCOIL	0.49	19.10

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# Further directions of research

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- Recognizing the impact of data disparity between classes. An important aspect of analysis related to high-precision manufacturing processes.
- Assessing the differences between XAI methods in terms of response variability for a similar dataset.
- Utilization of developed methods in areas other than smart manufacturing.

Dziękuję za uwagę