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# EPIX Usage Update

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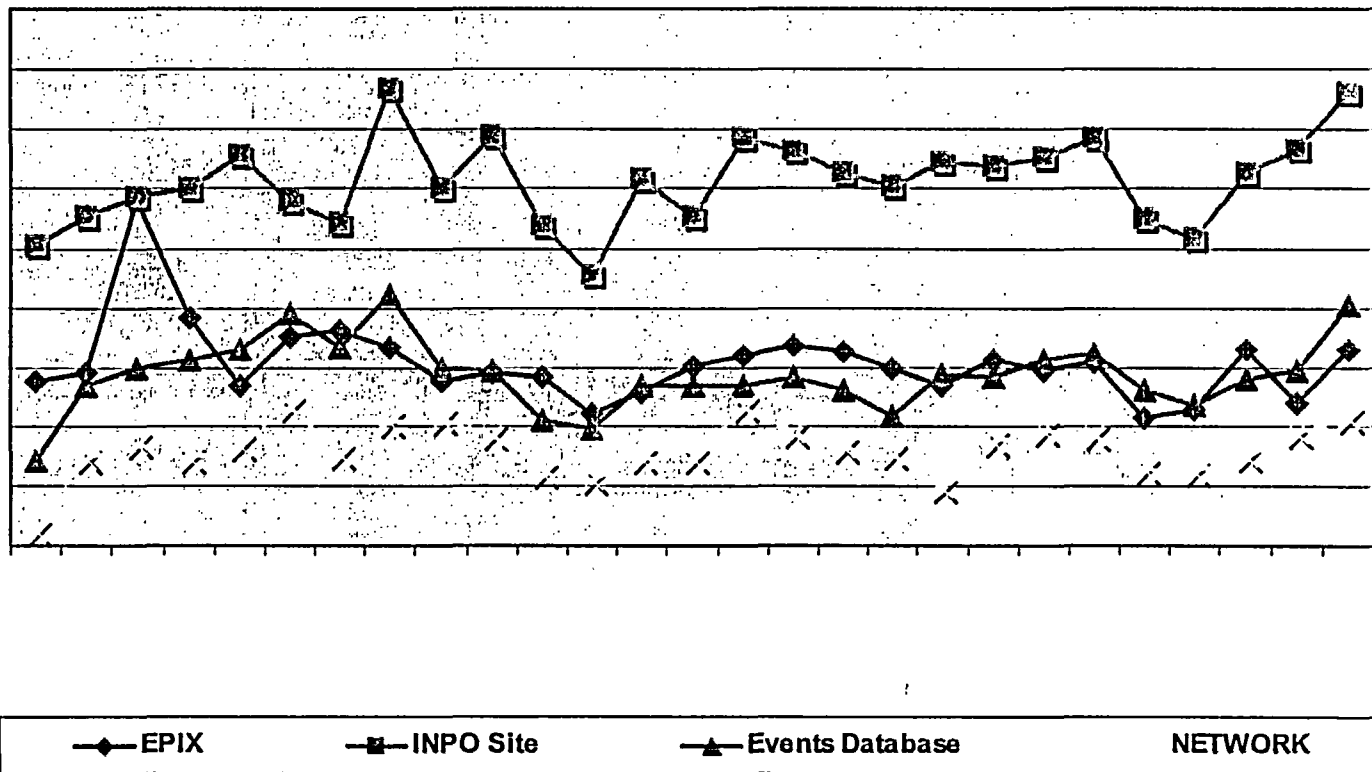
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## Scope

- Website Usage Levels
- Pattern Analysis Reports
  - Use
  - Description
  - Industry & INPO feedback
  - Ad hoc feedback

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# Website Usage



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## Pattern Analysis Reports

- Industry/Fleet/Unit Analysis
- What are the predominant patterns of equipment failures ?
  - System
  - Component
  - Cause
- What are the adverse trends?

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## Industry Pattern Analysis Use

- Input to cost/benefit analysis & business plans
- Identify problems obscured by organizational or other factors
- Validate self identified (top-ten) problem lists

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## INPO Industry Performance Analysis

- INPO Analysis Initiatives
  - Has industry performance stalled?
  - What areas are costing the industry the most in trips/transients/lost generation?
- EPIX is preferred tool
  - Only available one that can do pattern analysis without extensive manual review
  - Can be directly cross-checked with ROP & MOR portions of CDE

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## Eq. Performance Patterns

- Group of failure occurrences with something in common
- Historically based on AFI
  - Same system/component doesn't work –  
**Performance Pattern**
  - Same system/component/part breaks –  
**Breakage Pattern**
  - Same causal factor

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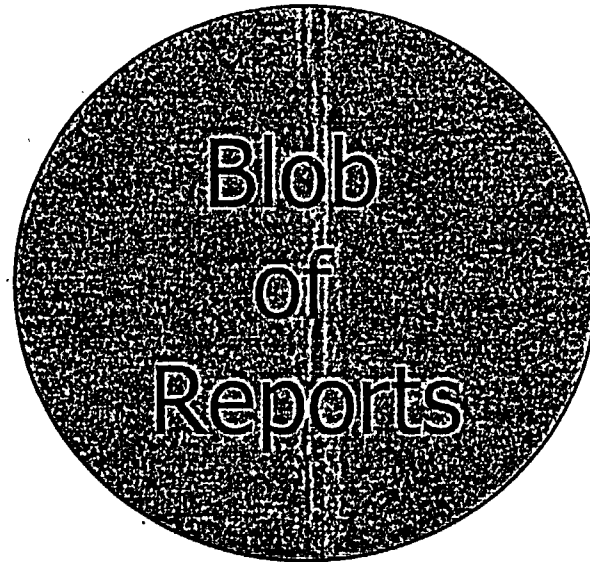
## What Is "Same"?

- Common name (RCP, Feed Pump, etc.)
- Component type (valves)
- Component subtypes (AOV, MOV...)
- Manufacturer/Model/Part
- Cause (general and specific – human performance)
- Combos



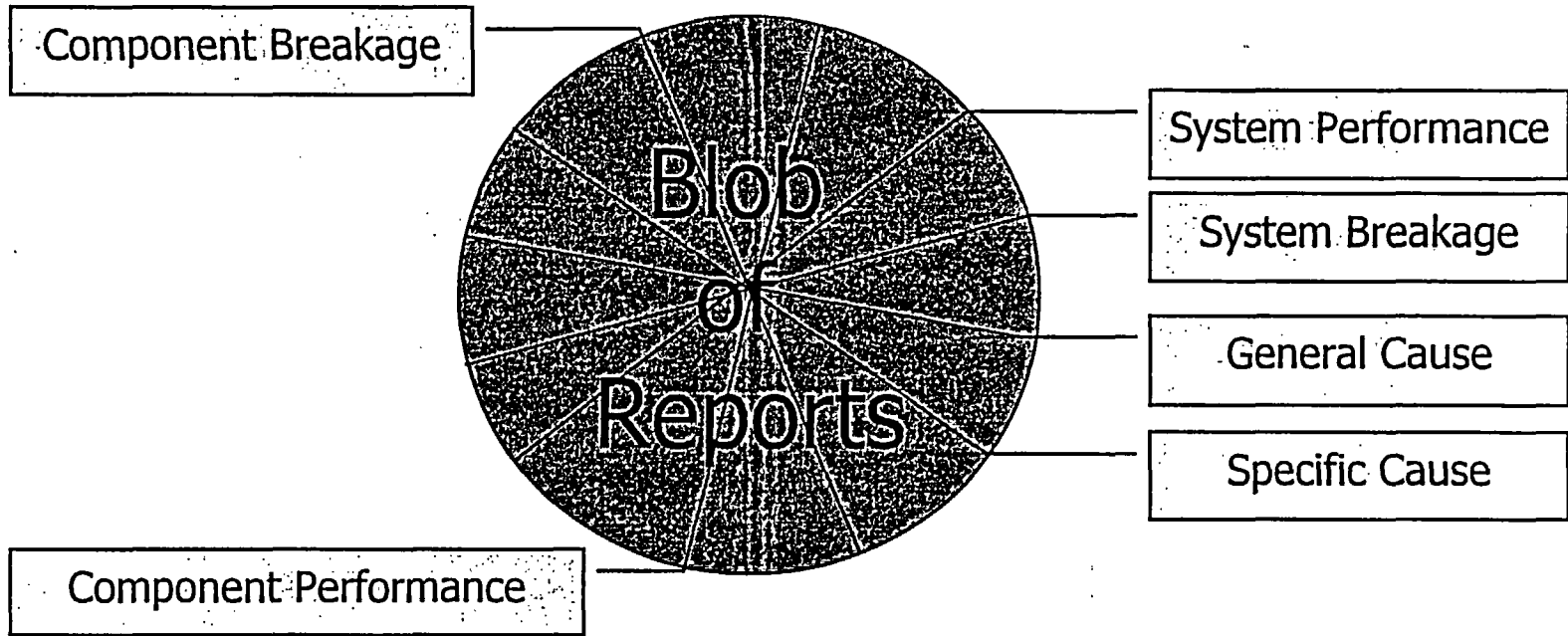
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# Most Significant Patterns



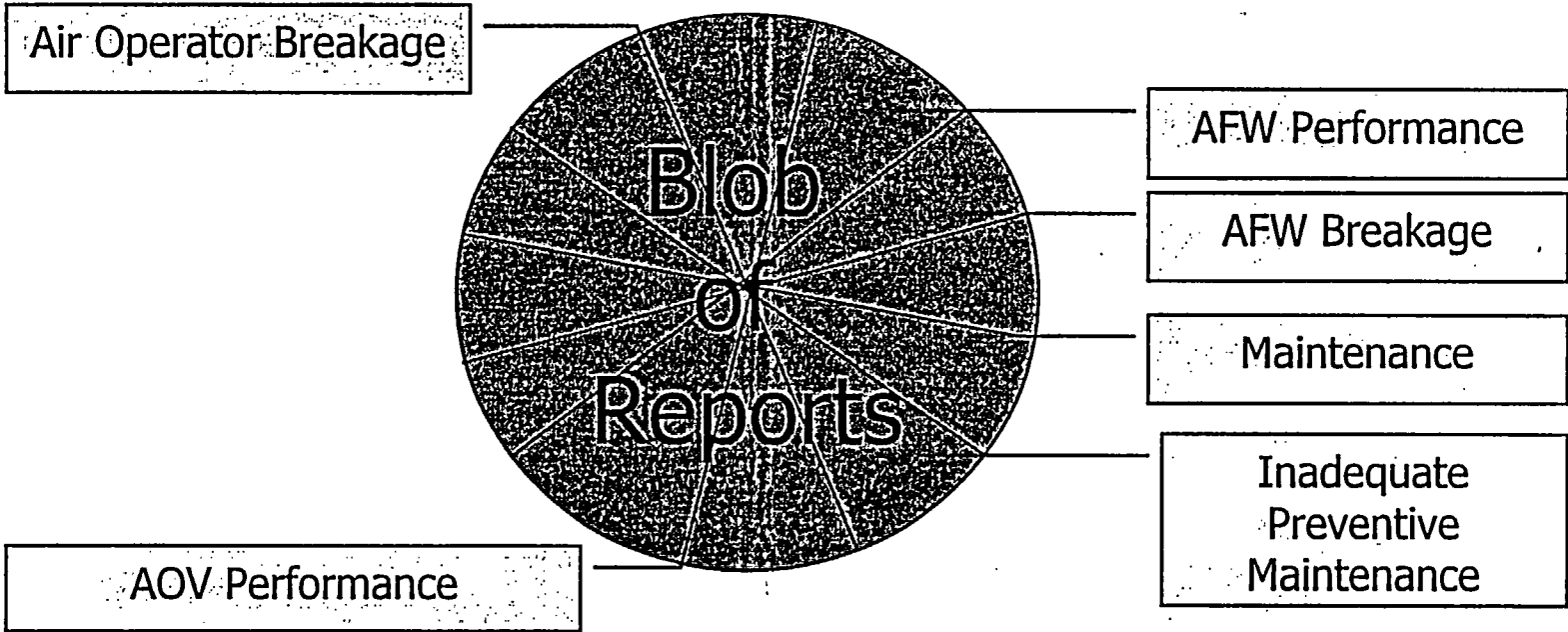
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# Cut By Pattern Types (42)



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# Yields Thousands of Specific Patterns – For Example



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## Specific Pattern Significance – So What?

- Safety
  - Transients
  - Risk-significant equipment affected
- Reliability
  - MWhrs lost
  - Repeat maintenance

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## Specific Pattern Significance Index

- Sum of four significance factors
  - Fraction of all failures occurring
  - Fraction of risk-significant equipment failures
  - Fraction of failures causing transients
  - Fraction of all MWhrs lost

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## Specific Pattern Trend Detector

- Analysis Period
  - Two year moving window
  - Analyses for the previous 8 quarters at each point
- Adverse Trend (trending up-U)
  - Long term
  - Emerging

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# Report Example

Performance	Significance		Failures	
Valves	0.78	U	1219	U
Circuit Bkrs	0.60	S/D	435	S/D
Pumps	0.45	U	135	U

Trending Up (U) or  
Steady/Declining  
(S/D)

Pattern Type Ordered by  
Significance Index (Max value 4)

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Microsoft Access - [rptMostSignificantPatterns; Report]

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## Industry Most Significant Failure Patterns for 2 Years Ending (YrMo): 200312

EPIX Analysis Included: 103 Locations, 6722 Failures(Firs.), 2732 Risk-Significant Firs., 699 Transients and, 46711761.1 MWhrs Lost  
44 Pattern Types and 108815 Specific Patterns Were Identified

Pattern Type Specific Patterns	Significance	No. Units	No. Firs.	Specific Pattern's Contribution To:					
				Firs-	Risk Significant Firs-	MW/hr Lost-	Transients		
<b>General &amp; Specific Cause of Breakage</b>									
erosion / corrosion process - chemical attack	0.3478	U	7	9	S/D	0.13%	0.15%	33.78%	0.72%
management - risks of decisions not completely assessed	0.3467	S/D	8	8	S/D	0.12%	0.18%	33.66%	0.72%
erosion / corrosion process - primary water stress corrosion cracking	0.3447	U	8	10	S/D	0.15%	0.37%	33.38%	0.57%
management - delayed implementation of corrective actions	0.3435	S/D	14	32	S/D	0.48%	0.51%	32.93%	0.43%
management - insufficient interdepartmental communication	0.3345	S/D	8	9	S/D	0.13%	0.15%	32.60%	0.57%
management - needed changes not approved or funded	0.3287	S/D	4	5	S/D	0.07%	0.11%	32.54%	0.14%
mechanical process - leakage	0.2264	U	72	206	S/D	4.25%	5.89%	4.34%	8.15%
electrical process - defective circuit	0.1570	S/D	83	406	S/D	6.04%	4.83%	0.82%	4.01%
electrical process - short/circuit	0.1560	U	77	210	S/D	3.12%	3.26%	5.31%	4.01%
electrical process - open circuit or loss of continuity	0.1471	U	75	323	S/D	4.81%	4.80%	1.28%	3.72%
electrical process - insulation breakdown	0.1406	U	34	76	S/D	1.13%	1.32%	8.75%	2.86%
maintenance - inadequate preventive maintenance	0.1401	S/D	68	215	S/D	3.20%	3.37%	2.72%	4.72%
mechanical process - clogged / blocked	0.1396	S/D	60	158	S/D	2.35%	2.86%	6.33%	2.43%
equipment aging - metallic parts - normal wear	0.1364	S/D	85	361	S/D	5.37%	3.40%	1.72%	3.15%
equipment aging - nonmetallic parts - electrical breakdown	0.1348	U	72	219	S/D	3.26%	3.29%	4.21%	2.72%
mechanical process - sticking or binding	0.1318	S/D	71	264	S/D	3.93%	5.05%	0.48%	3.72%
design - general design inadequacy	0.1220	S/D	63	220	S/D	3.41%	3.40%	2.67%	2.72%
mechanical process - foreign material	0.1143	S/D	59	134	S/D	1.99%	2.71%	3.30%	3.43%
mechanical process - vibration	0.1076	S/D	54	103	S/D	1.53%	1.83%	2.68%	4.72%
maintenance - improper reassembly of component	0.0926	S/D	55	122	S/D	1.81%	2.42%	1.74%	3.29%

Notes: Report is ordered from most significant to least significant. Significance is fraction of risk-significant equipment failures + fraction of MWhrs lost + fraction of transients induced + fraction of all failures. U is an upward (adverse) trend. S/D is a stable or decreasing trend. Trend detection is based on a moving two year window situated at eight quarterly points. U indicates 5/8 point trending up by 30%, or 2/3 most recent point trending up by 30%. If 3/3 most recent point are trending down by 30%, trend is S/D.

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## Engineering Supervisors Professional Development Seminars(6) Feedback

- Provides a unique and valuable analysis capability not available at many member plants
- Data reporting not complete enough at a some of sites to yield credible results
- Need to express factor fractions as percents
- Needs a "drill down" capability

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## INPO Equipment Performance and Analysis Department Feedback

- Needs a “drill down” analysis capability
- Some major events are mischaracterized
- Some major events are not reported
- May have too rich a set of pattern types (some are redundant)
- Significance factors may need to be changed

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## Other Management Feedback

- Needs to identify improving as well as adverse trends
- Format looks too complexed, needs a summary or rollup

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## Drill Down Capability

- Requested by INPO Analysis Dept.
- Requested by ESPDS
- ACCESS® prototype in testing
- Demonstration

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# Questions for Ad hoc Feedback


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## Is Two Years the Right Window?

- Two years includes at least one refueling
- Corresponds with Plant Information Center
- WANO/ROP use 3 years for equipment performance

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## Are the Significance Factors Correct?

- Currently
  - Fraction of all failures occurring
  - Fraction of risk-significant eq. failures
  - Fraction of failures causing transients
  - Fraction of all MWhrs lost
- Possibly
  - Fraction of automatic/manual/all scrams
  - Fraction of unplanned/planned MWhrs lost
  - Fraction of unavailable hours
  - Fraction of units affected 
  - other

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## Are the Pattern Types Correct?

- Which can be dropped
- Should we add?
  - System-component
  - System-component-general cause
  - System-component-general & specific cause
  - System-component subtype-cause
  - System-component-general & specific cause
  - Other



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## Redundant Specific Patterns

- Multiple specific patterns may consist of the same  $n$  reports
- Should we
  - Ignore it and present all specific patterns?
  - Filter out more detailed specific patterns that are covered by more general specific patterns?

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## Unit Common Failures

- Currently
  - Counted against all units at station
  - Small number of events (32 in last 2 years)
- Other alternatives?

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## Single Event Saturation of Results

- Single large events saturate results for a window before & after
- What do we need to do?
  - Ignore it, it reflects reality
  - Cap MWhrs from any one event
  - Exclude selected events
  - Other

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## MWhrs For Continuing Events

- Currently not accounted for
- Possibilities
  - If failure end date is blank, use plant rating x hours since discovery for trips/shutdowns
  - If MWHrs is blank, use plant rating x hours between discovery and failure end for trips/shutdowns

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## Format Improvements?

- How do we improve readability?
- How make it look less complexed?
- Do we apply a significance cutoff?
- Do we apply a number of failures cutoff?
- How do we make a summary?

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## Should We Include?

- Improving as well as adverse trend identification
- Significance outlier information (this is a worst problem here than at peer plants)
- Failure probability outlier information (CFAR replacement)

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## Performance Analysis Problems

- There is an increasing demand for this type of analysis with short lead times
- High stakes analysis requires high quality, reasonably complete data
- A single misreported/omitted large event can skew the results
- Examine details in the Data Update



## **UPDATE ON NRC USAGE OF EPIX DATA**

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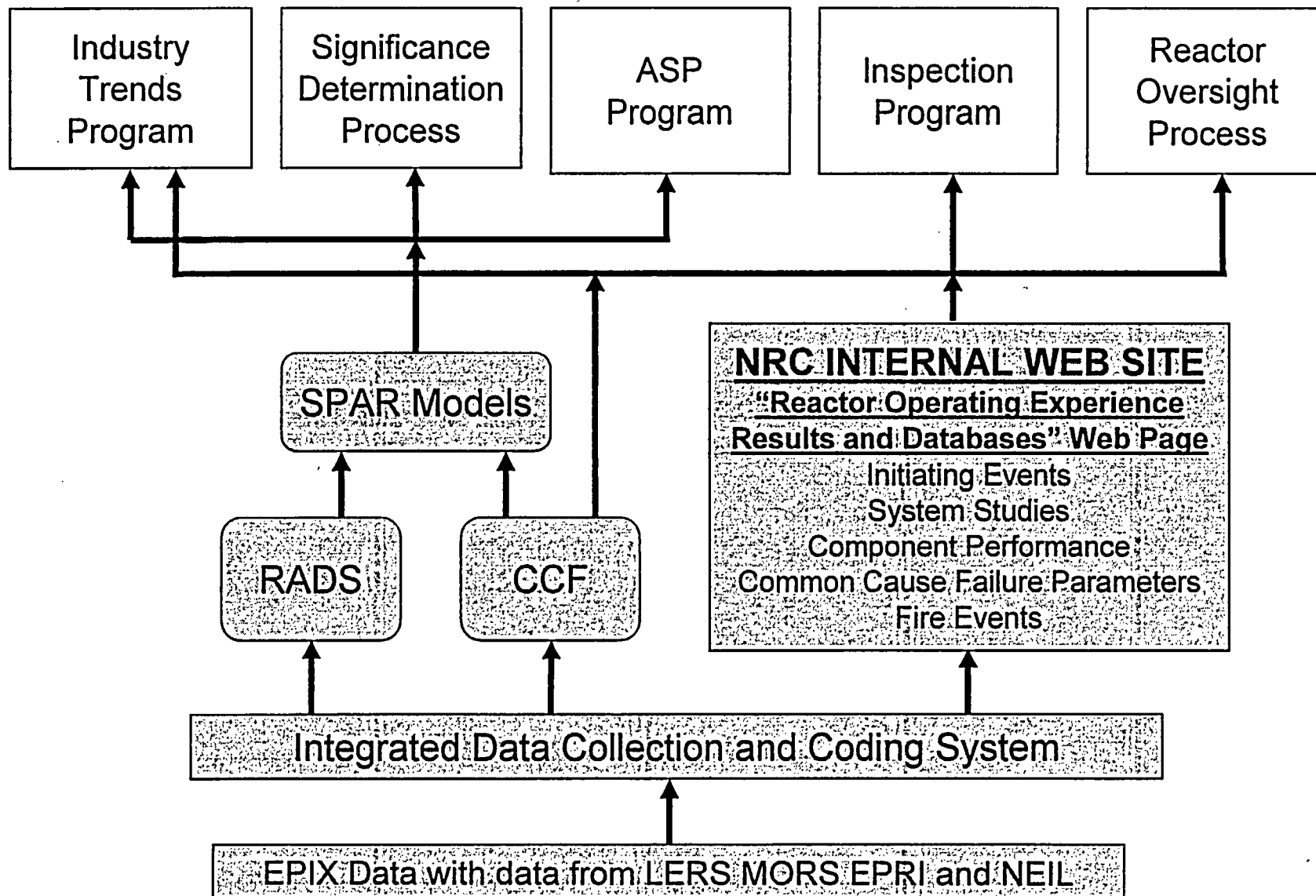


## CONTINUED USE OF EPIX DATA IN REGULATORY PROGRAMS

- EPIX data provide input into NRC databases
  - Reliability and Availability Data System (RADS)
  - Integrated Data Collection and Coding System
  - Common-Cause Failure Database (CCFDB)
  
- RADS and CCFDB provide PRA parameter estimates for SPAR models
  
- SPAR Models and RADS data used in
  - Industry Trends Program
  - Significance Determination Process
  - ASP Program
  - Inspection Program
  - Indicator Development for ROP

# EPIX DATA IN THE NRC REGULATORY PROCESS

## Regulatory Programs



## EXPANDED USE OF EPIX DATA

- SPAR Models
  - EPIX/RADS data will be used to estimate more up-to-date component failure probabilities and failure rates for SPAR models
  
- RADS
  - Number of risk-significant components being expanded from about 20 to about 40
  - New component types being added to support SPAR models include
    - Chillers
    - Check valves
    - Circuit breakers
    - Gas turbine generators
    - Electrical fans