



IM-DISCO: Invariant Mining for Detecting Intrusions in Critical Operations

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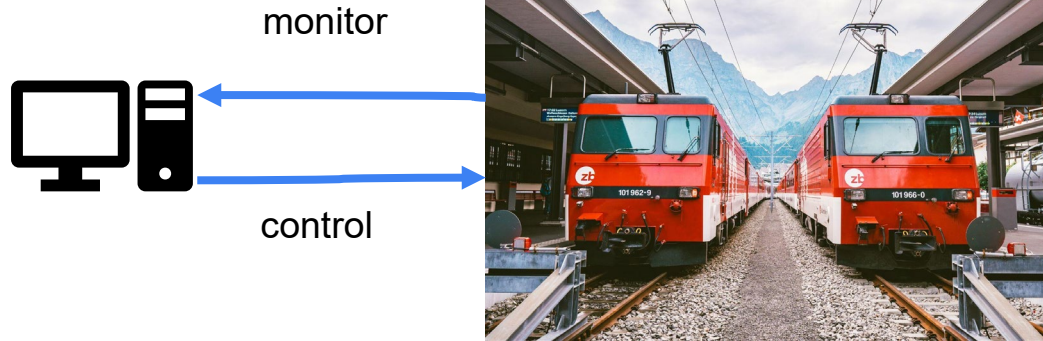


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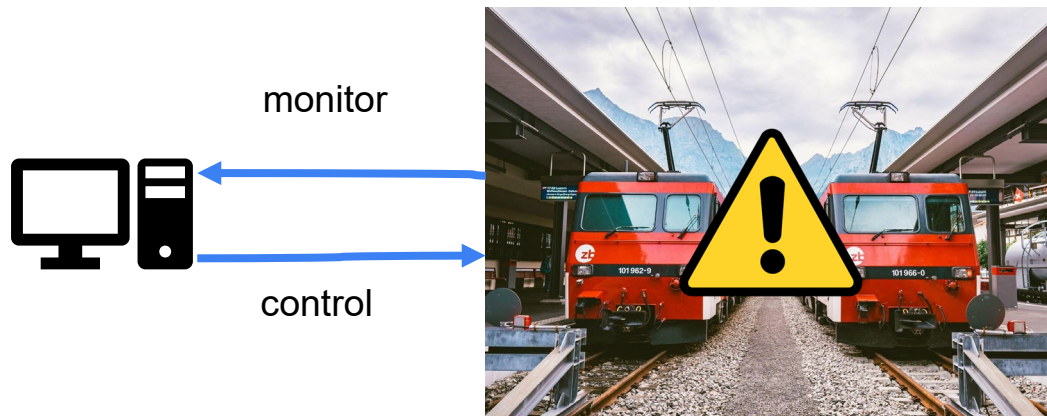


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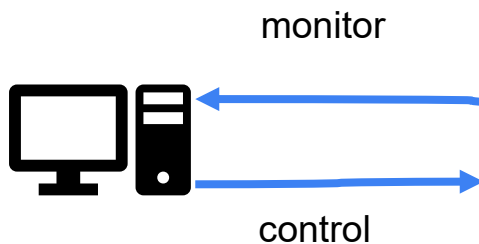
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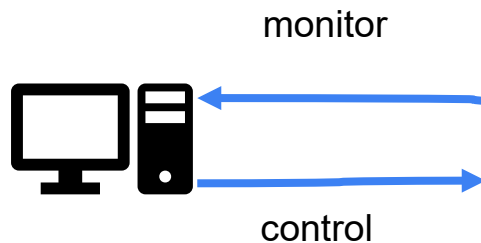
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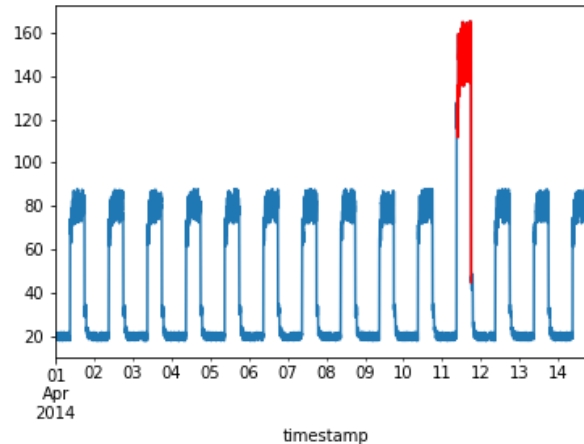
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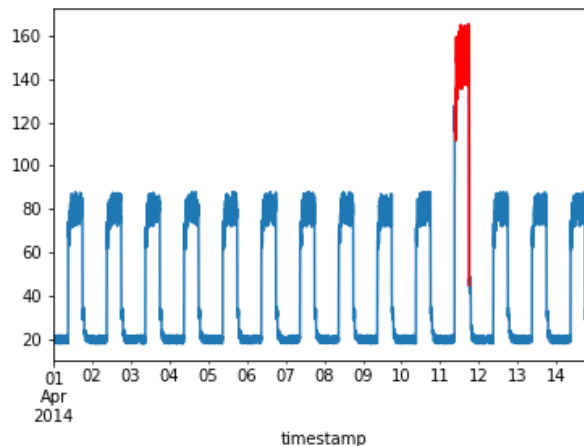


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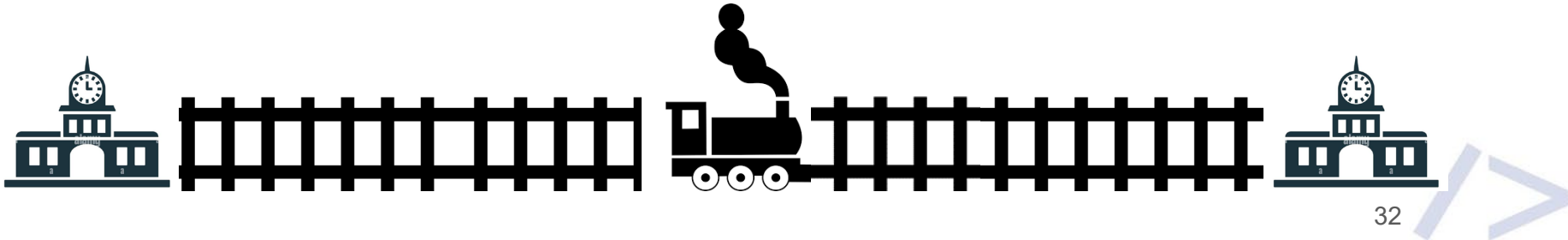


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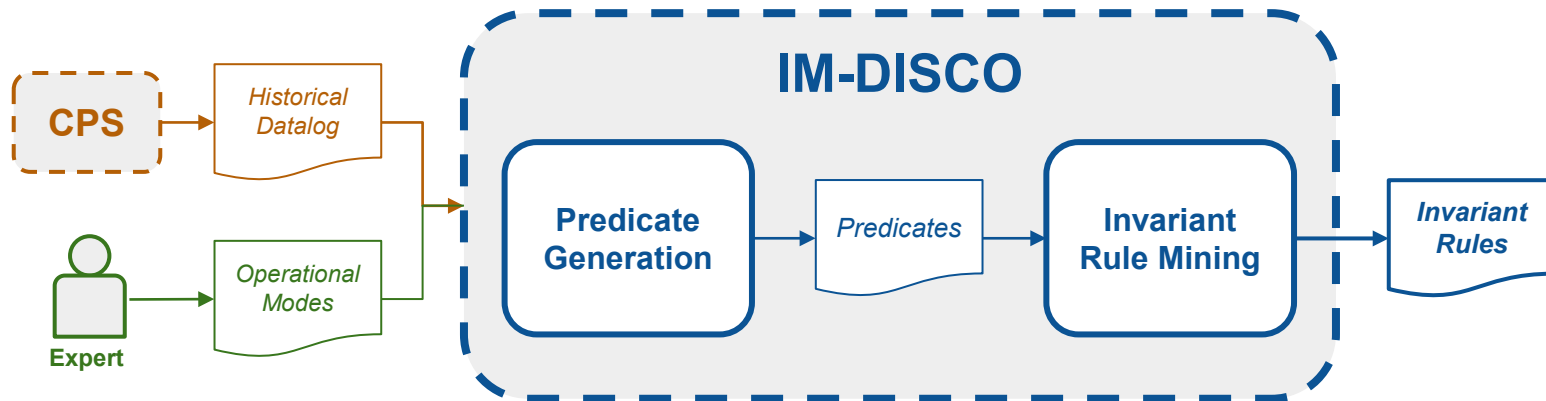




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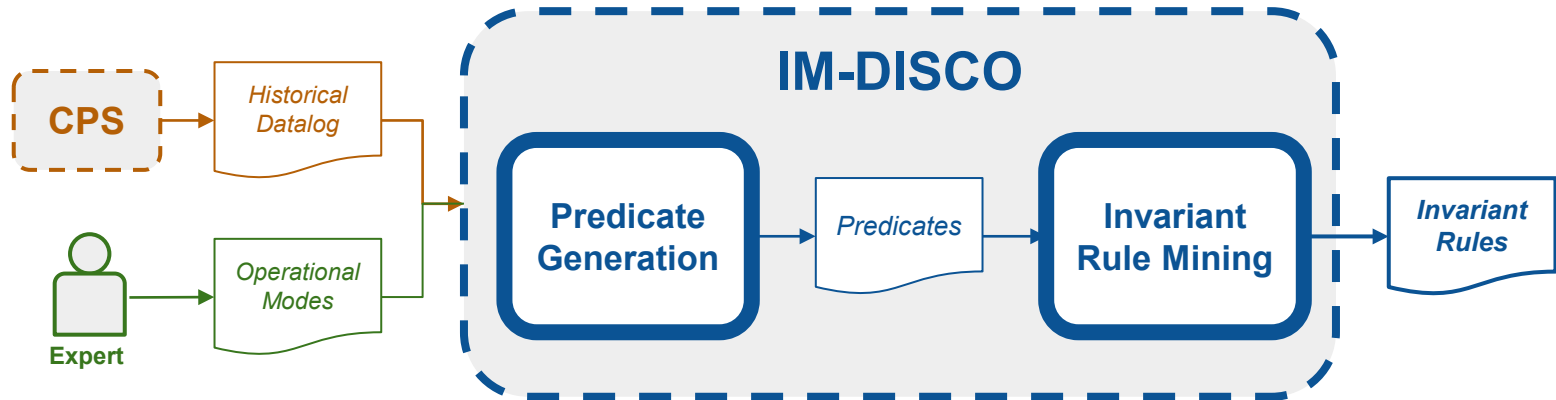
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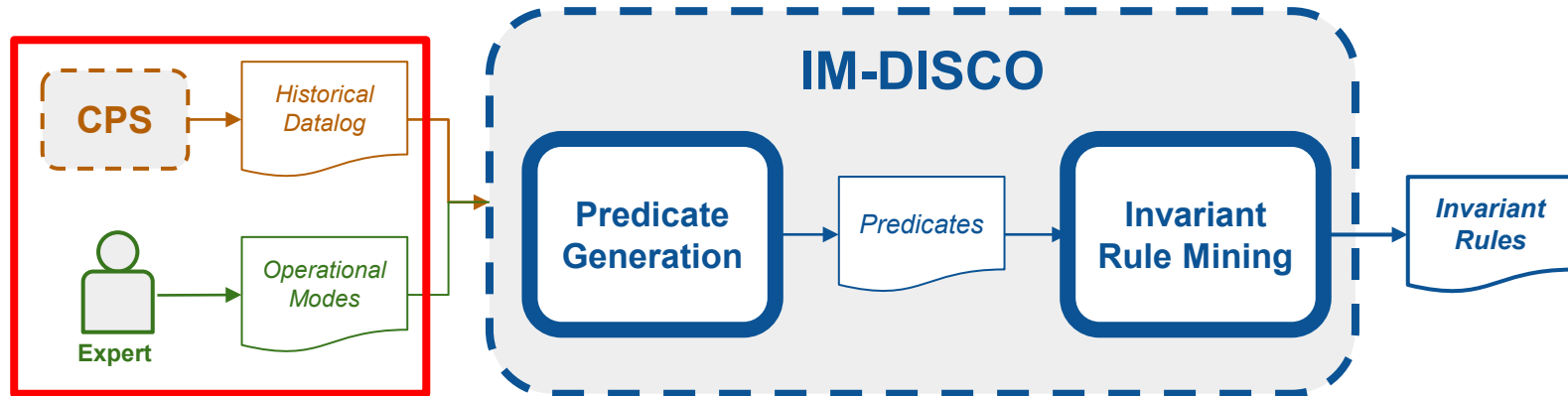
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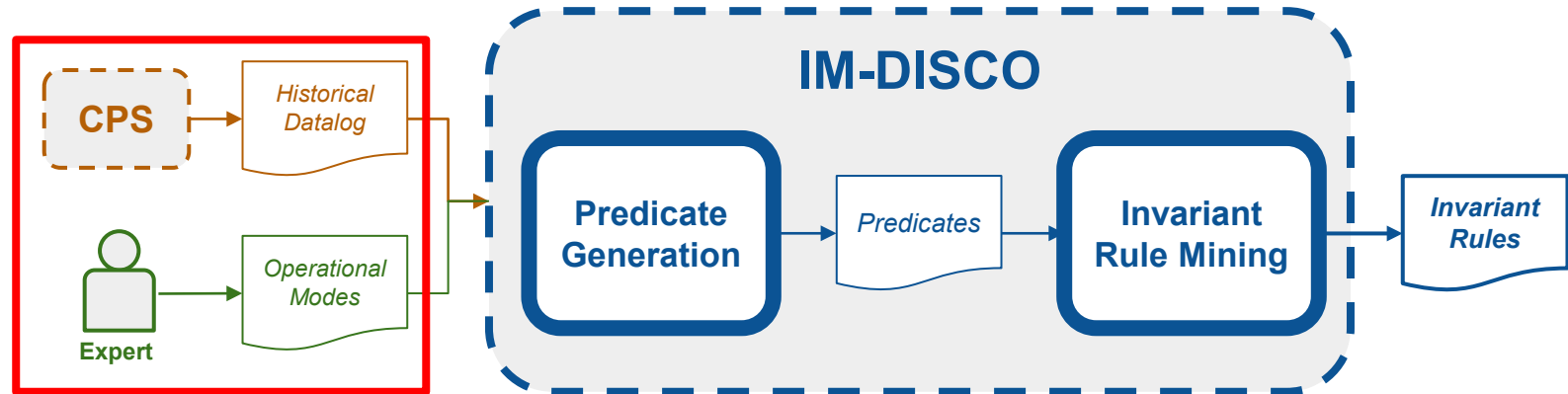
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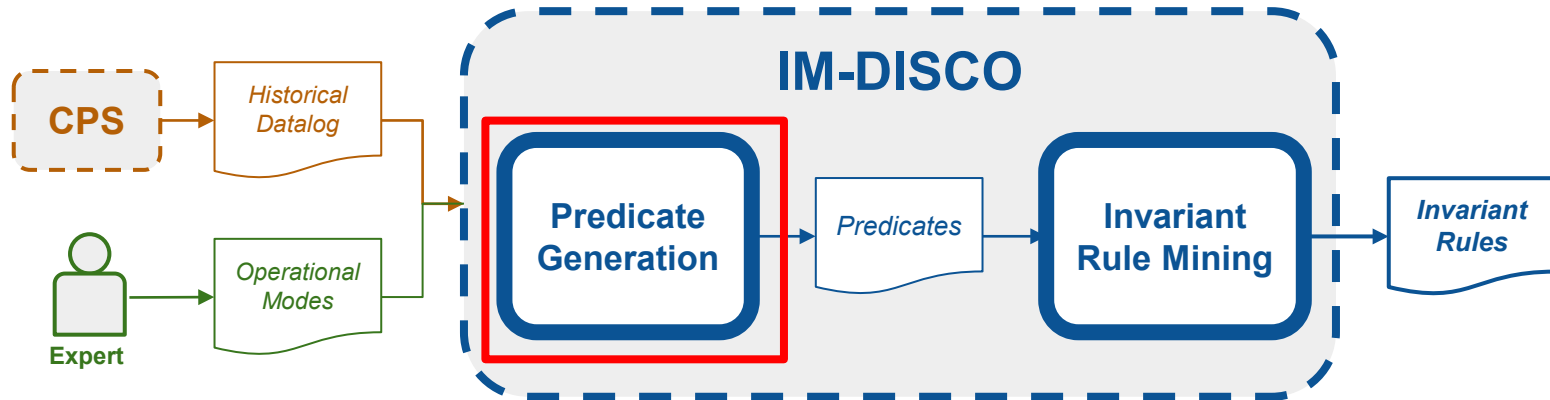
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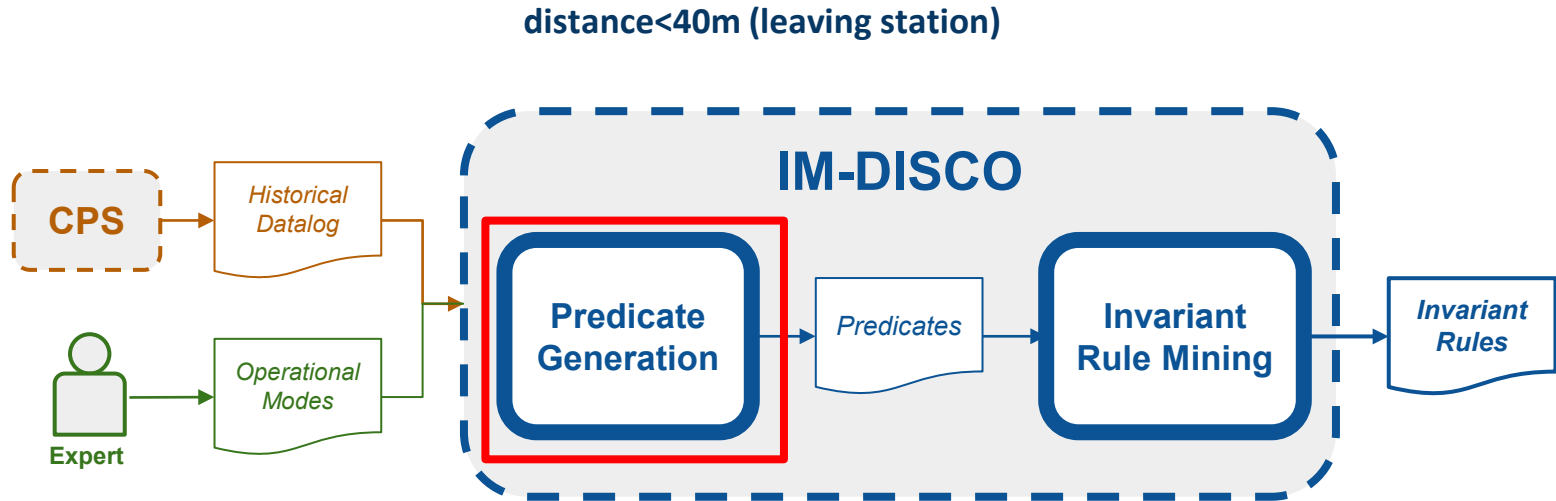
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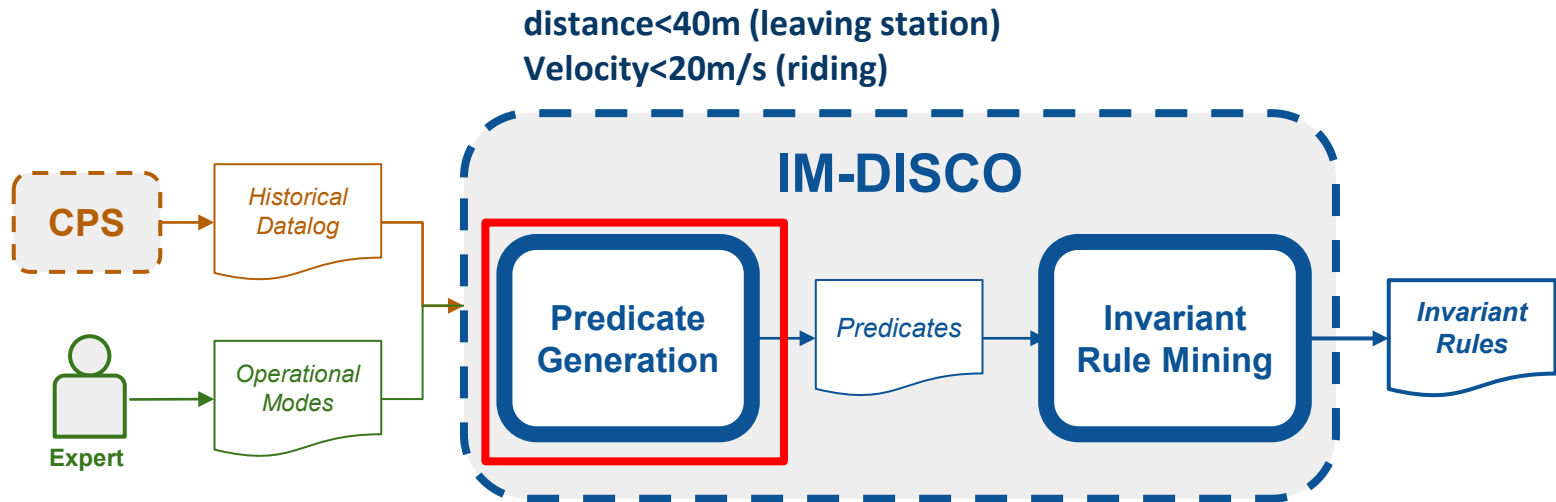
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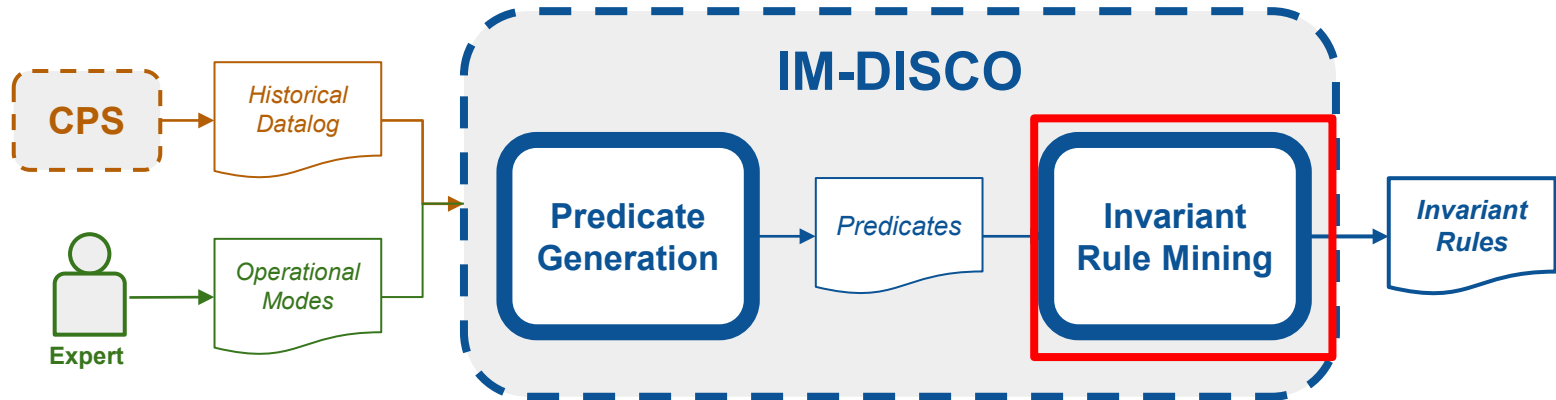
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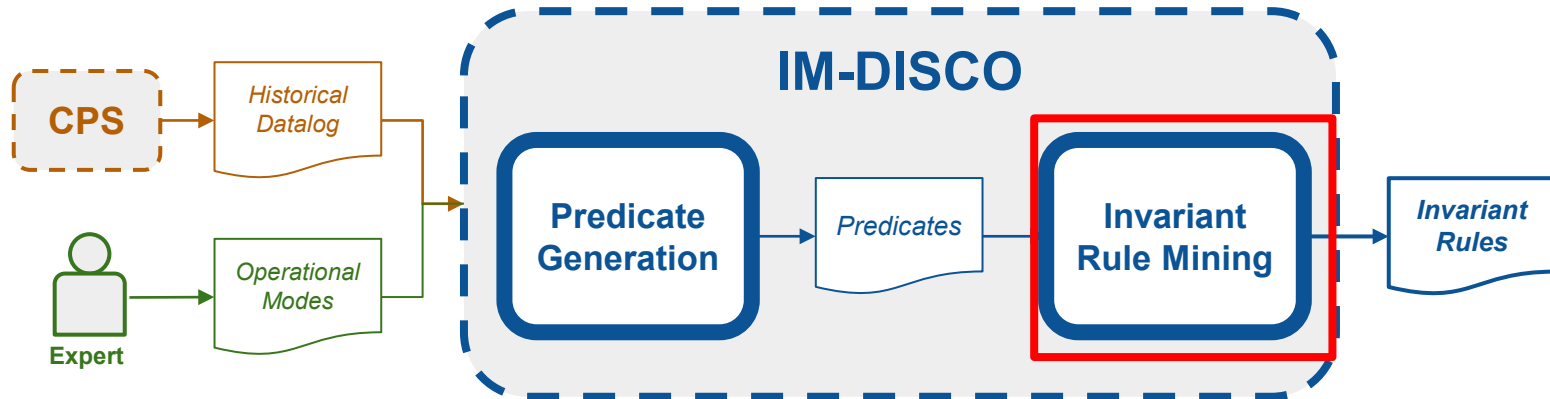
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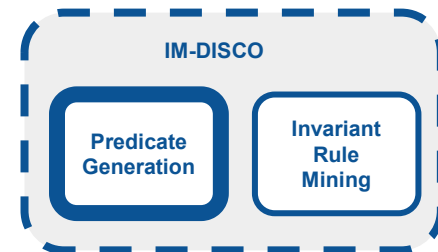




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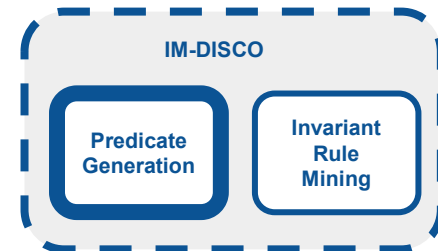
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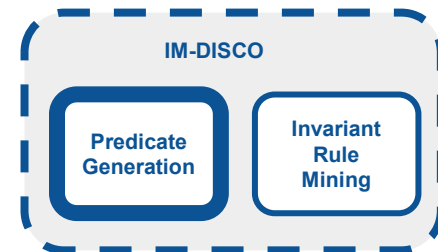
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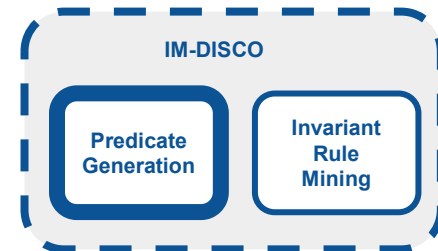
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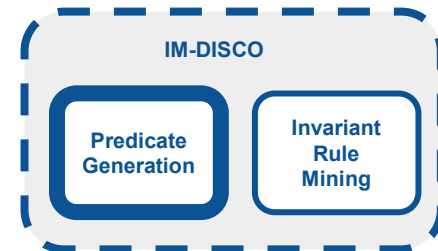
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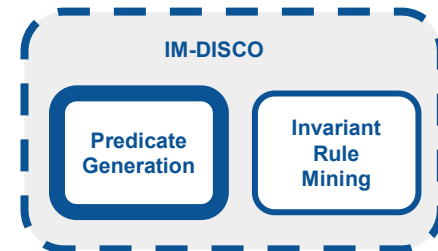
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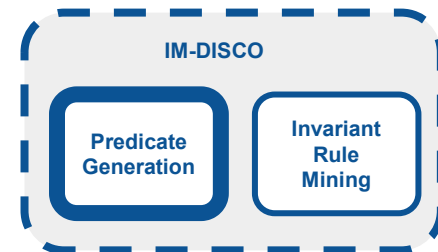
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Ex: $10s < A.doors = OPEN < 50s$
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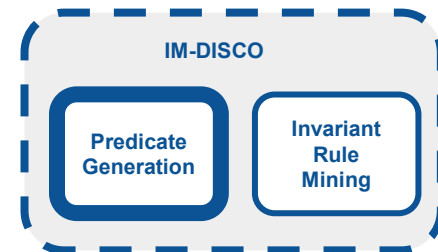
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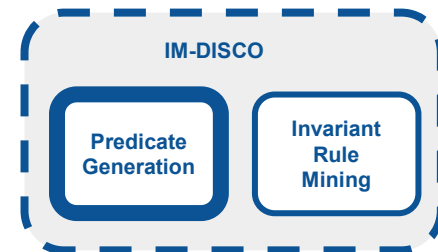


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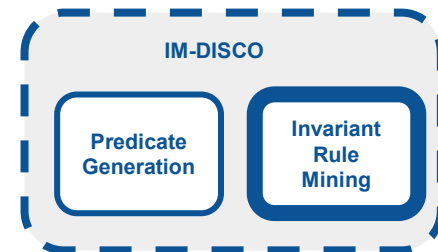
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IM-DISCO - Invariant Rule Mining

Approach:

- Use **Association Rule Mining** to discover associations between the predicates that characterize the operational modes
 1. *Frequent Itemsets Extraction*
 2. *Association Rules Generation*



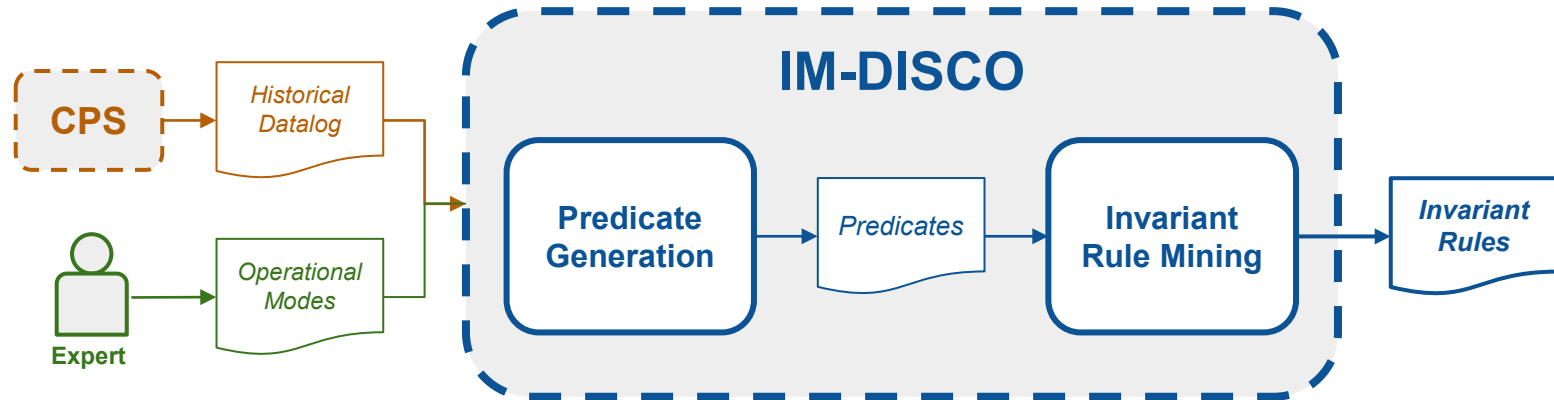
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IM-DISCO - Takeaways

Provides invariant rules for inferring operational modes within CPS

Allows the detection of anomalies that can be verified by human experts

$40\text{m/s} < S.\text{velocity} < 100\text{m/s} \wedge 10\text{s} < A.\text{throttle} = \text{ON} < 50\text{s} \Rightarrow \textit{riding}$





Evaluation





Evaluation 1

Real Train Dataset:

- Data collection using *Strava* mobile app
- Sensors and actuators derived based on GPS coordinates
- Operation mode collected based on observation
- Dataset uses two train rides

Ride	Stops	Time	Datapoints
Departure ride	12	35 minutes 22 seconds	2122
Return ride	12	34 minutes 28 seconds	2068





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Evaluation 2

Simulated Train Dataset:

- Data artificially generated
- Same sensors, actuators and operational modes
- Dataset uses one train ride
- Includes an attack that disrupts the brakes of the train

Ride	Stops	Time	Datapoints
Simulated ride	13	48 minutes	1697





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Table 2. Results of using invariant rules for anomaly detection in a simulated ride

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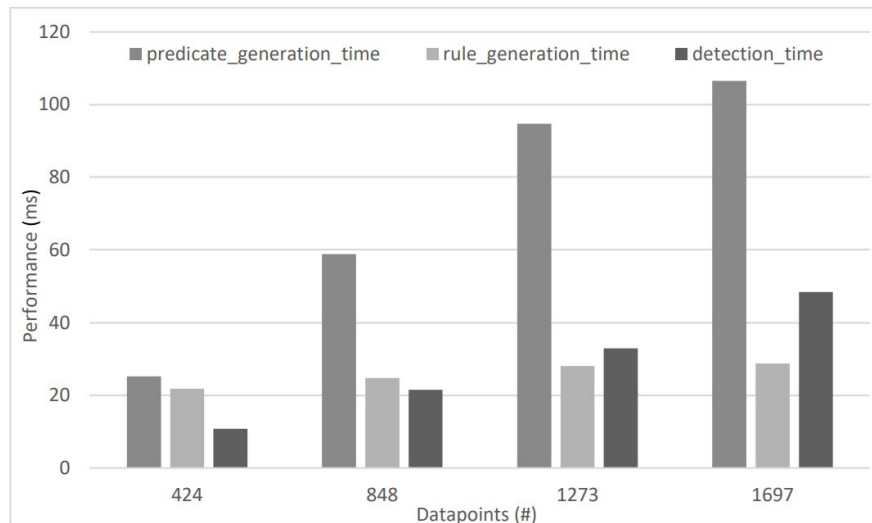
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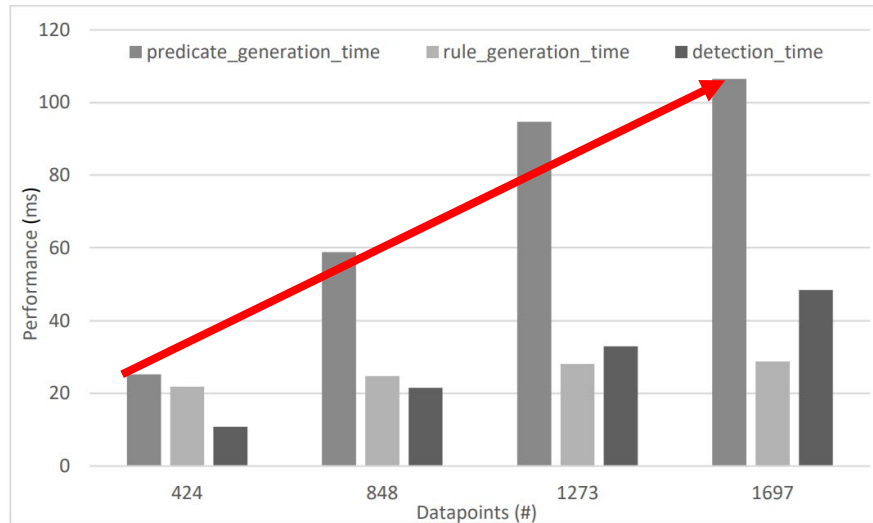


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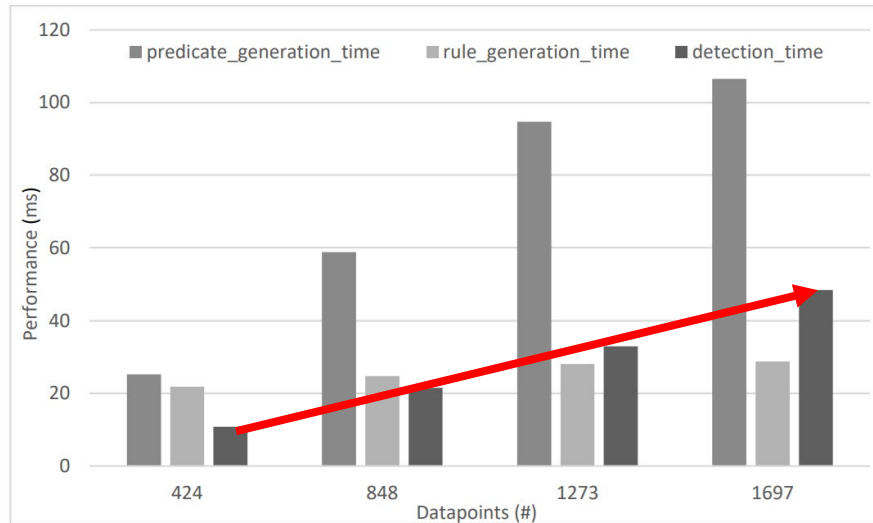


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Conclusion

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- Allows anomaly detection with understandable alerts
- IM-DISCO is accurate and real-time
- Adequate for detecting cyberphysical attacks





Thank you for listening!

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