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Supply Chain Analytics 3
Part I

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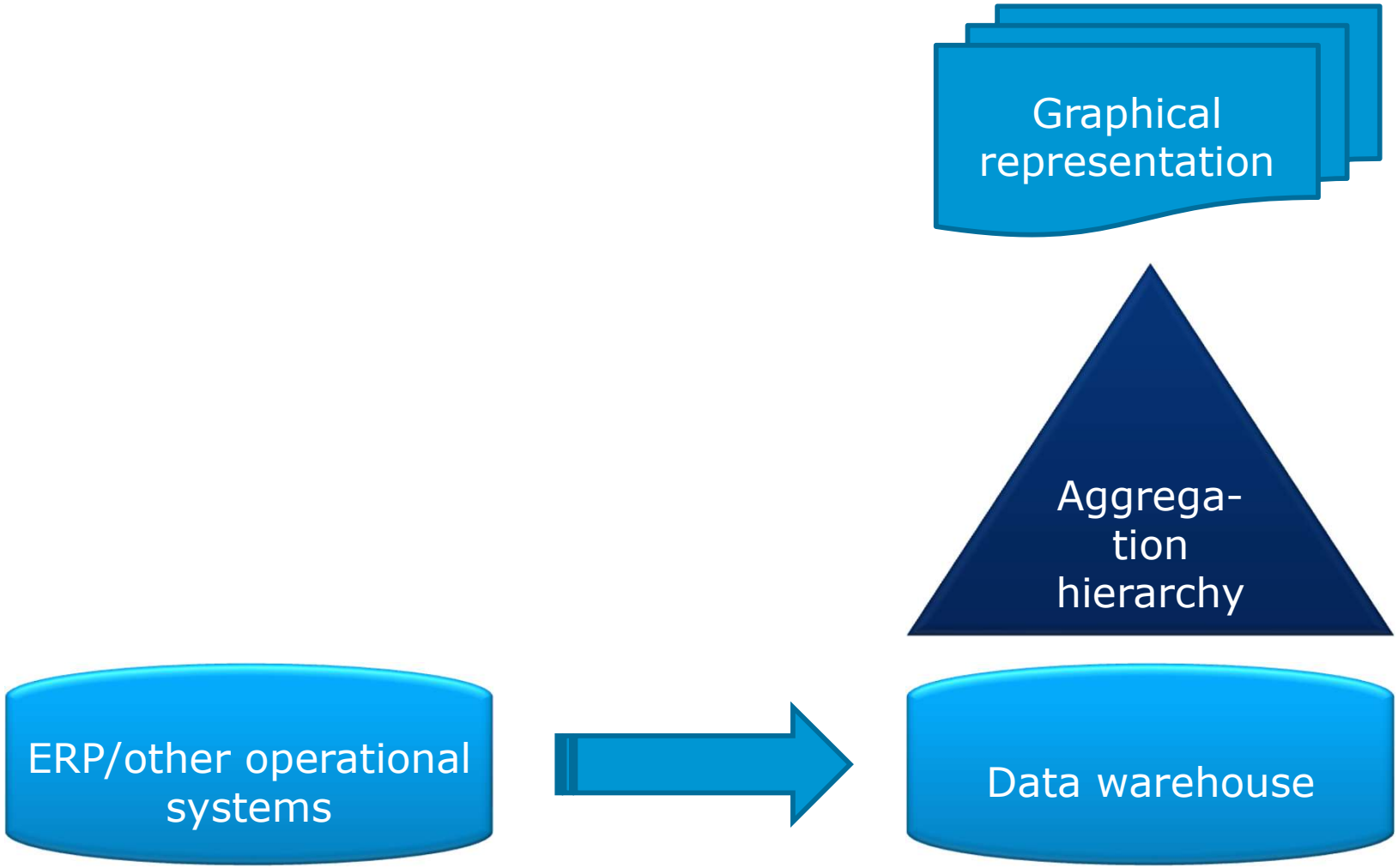
First Generation BI

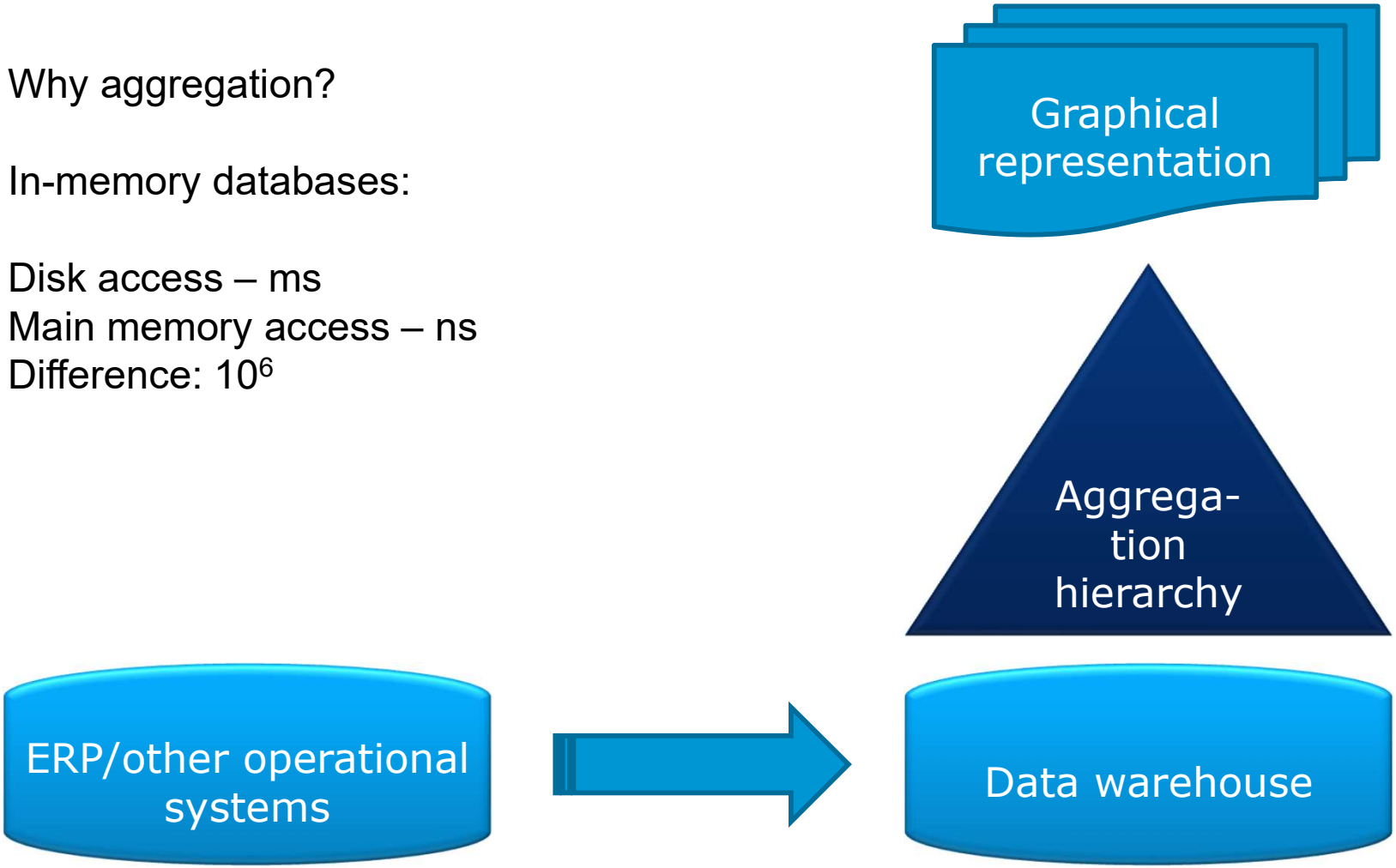


First Generation BI

Why aggregation?

In-memory databases:

Disk access – ms
Main memory access – ns
Difference: 10^6



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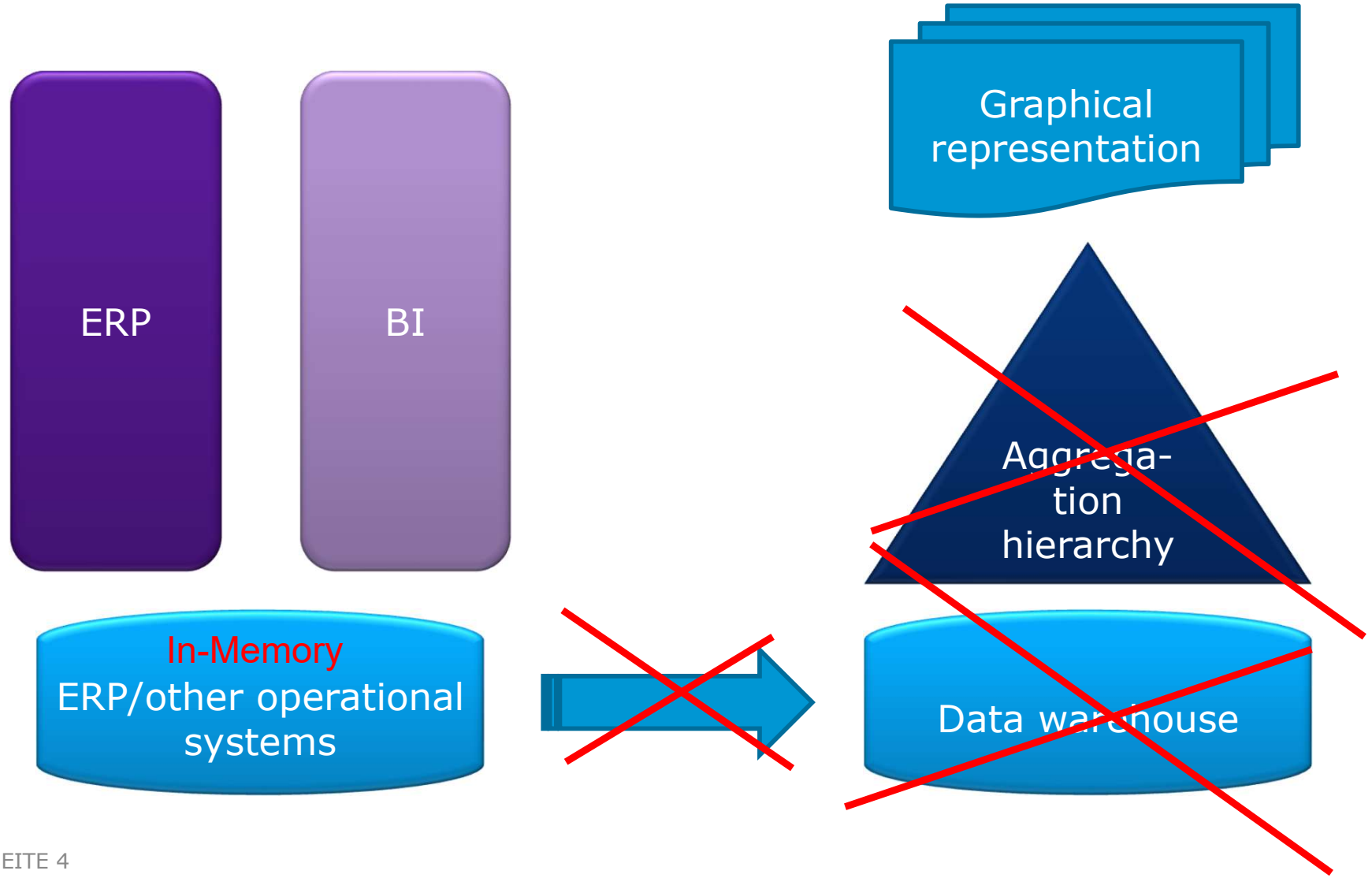

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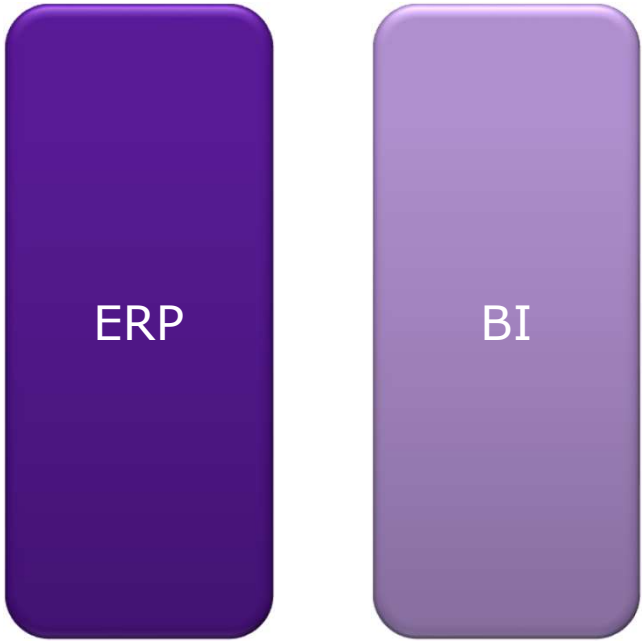

Run through individual records

Machine learning
Artificial intelligence

BI & AI

Graphical representation

Second Generation BI

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"Large main memory". How large is "large"?

https://www.ibm.com/downloads/cas/VX0AM0EP

Mere example, performance industry standard.

How much is 64 TB?

Average Netflix HD Movie 4 GB => 16k+ movies

High-quality portrait 1MB => 67m+ photos

… and you can search that content in main memory in a matter of a few seconds

Modelling

The technology may have changed, fundamental case modelling has not.

=> Dimensions and facts => Dimensional Fact Modelling

Let us design a BI system

Modeling

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STEP 1:

What is the fact I want to analyze ?

What are the key figures representing the fact ?

What do the key figures look like ?

Modeling

Operator	Nominal	Ordinal	Interval	Rational
Sum	No	No	No	✓
Average	No	(✓)	✓	✓
Minimum	No	✓	✓	✓
Maximum	No	✓	✓	✓

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STEP 2:

What are the axes in my analyses ?

What are their aggregation levels (if any) ?

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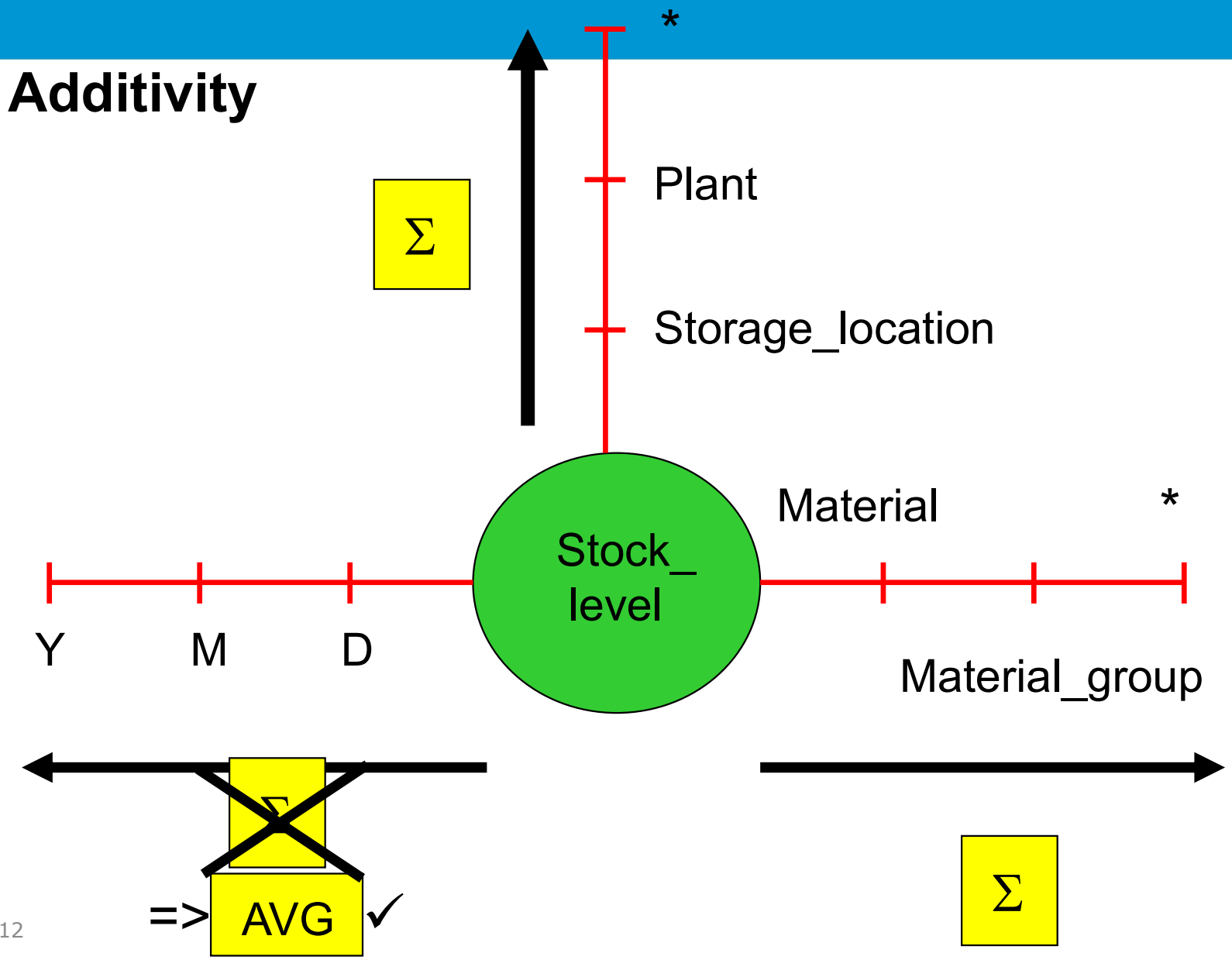
STEP 3:

Are there any restrictions in aggregation ?

Modeling


Additivity
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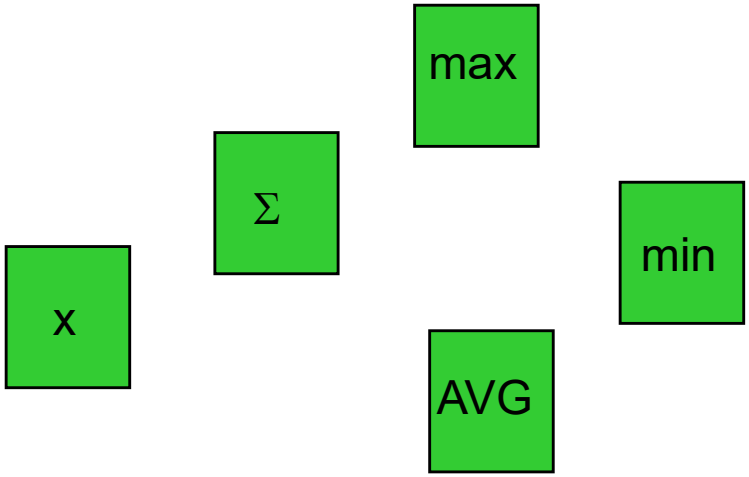
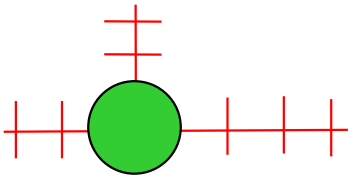


These are logical restrictions.

No technology in the world changes that.



	Some dimensions	All dimensions
Some aggregation operator	Semi-additive	Semi-additive
All aggregation operators	Semi -additive	Additive

Modeling

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STEP 4:

Do I have parallel hierarchies ?

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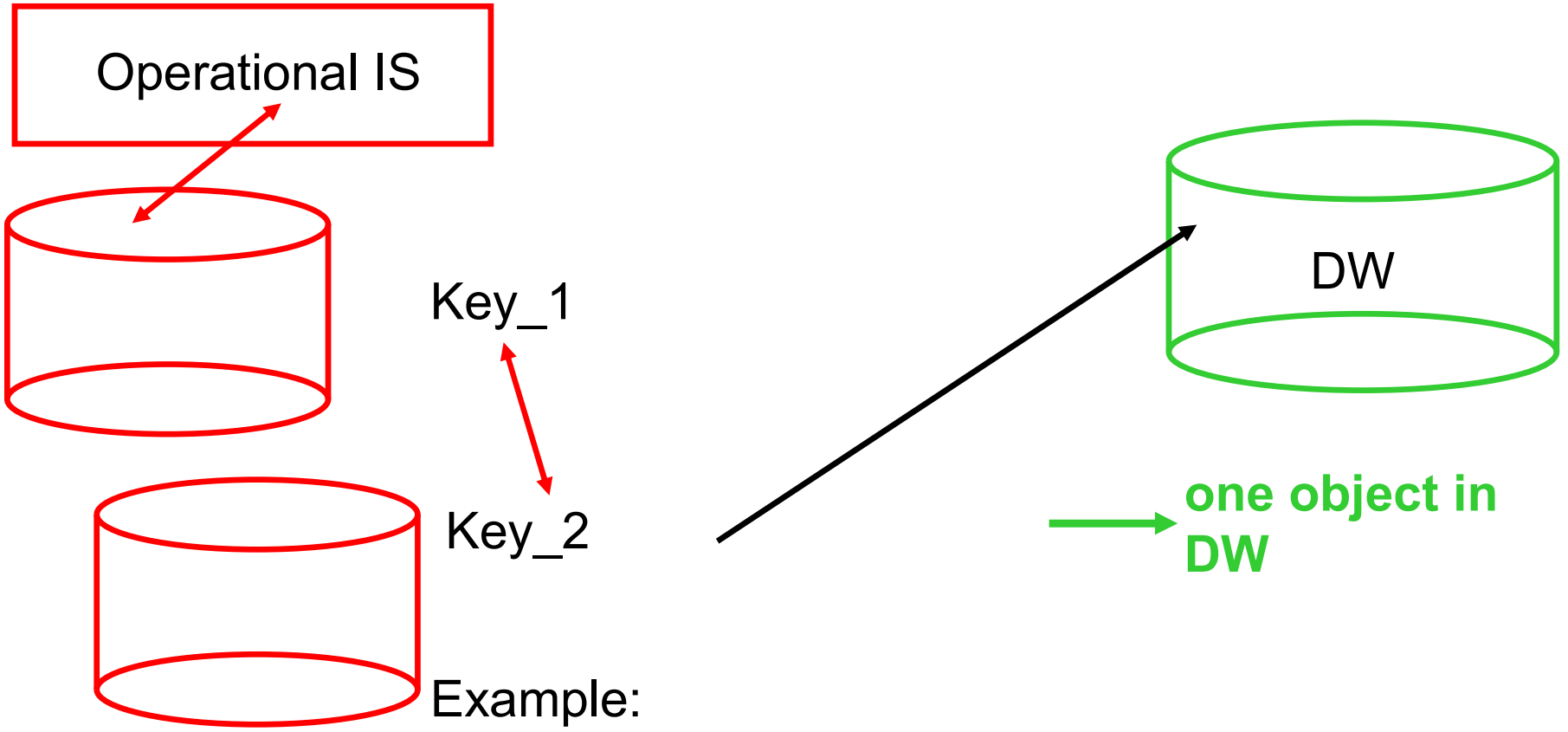
STEP 5:

Where does the data come from ?

Do I need to reconcile data from different sources ?

Modeling

Key Integration

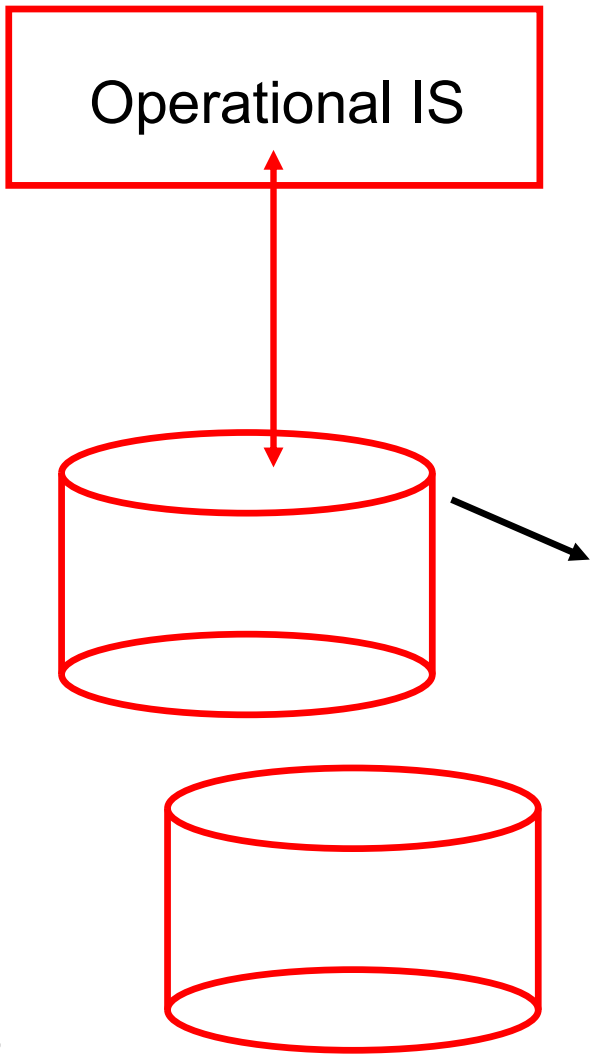


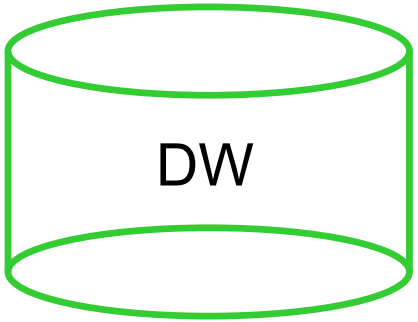
Example:

- Accounts receivable
- Customer
- Transport destination

Modeling

Field Integration





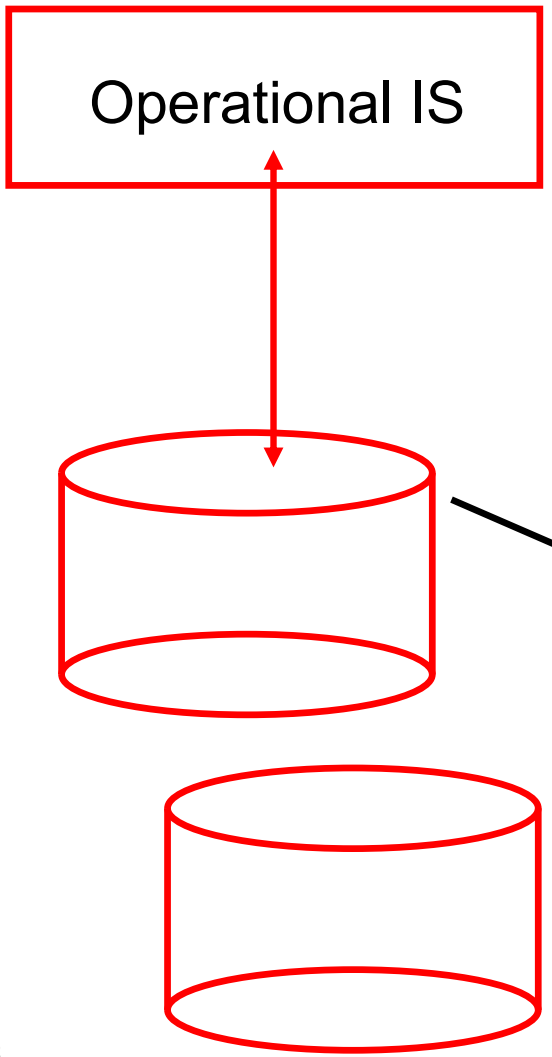
Filter:

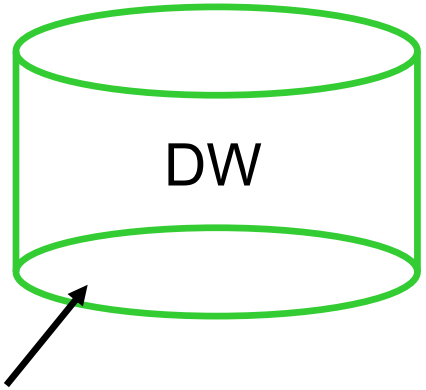
- Currencies
- Measurements
- Scope of figures (eg, gross/net)
- … ?

- All fields available ?

Modeling

Content Integration





Example MM/Procurement:

- Material classes the same ?
- Account assignment the same ?
- Data maintenance discipline/rules the same ?
- … ?

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Dimensional Fact Modelling

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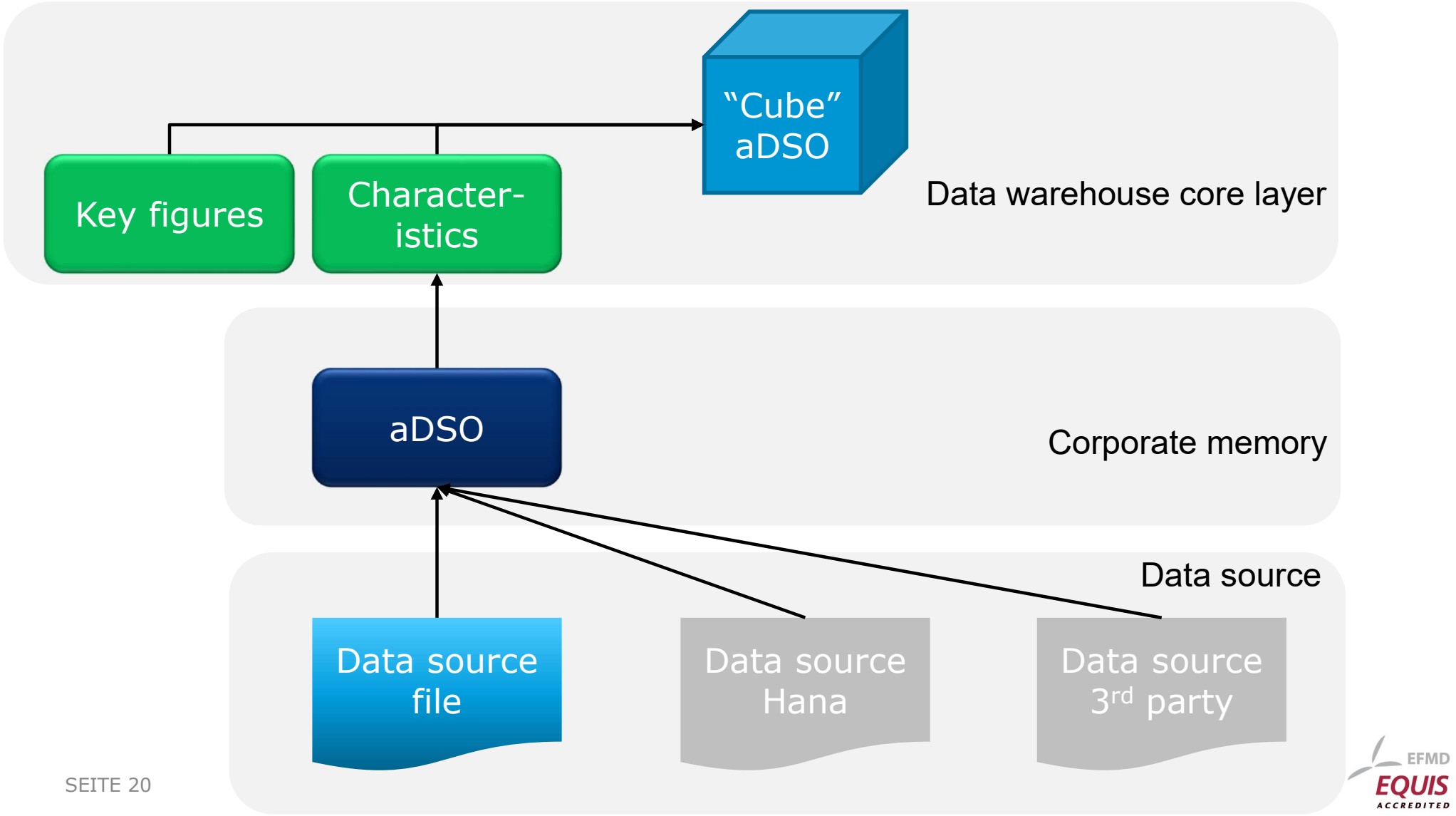
Case Study: Data flow



Case Study: Reporting