Supporting Undo and Redo in Scientific Data Analysis

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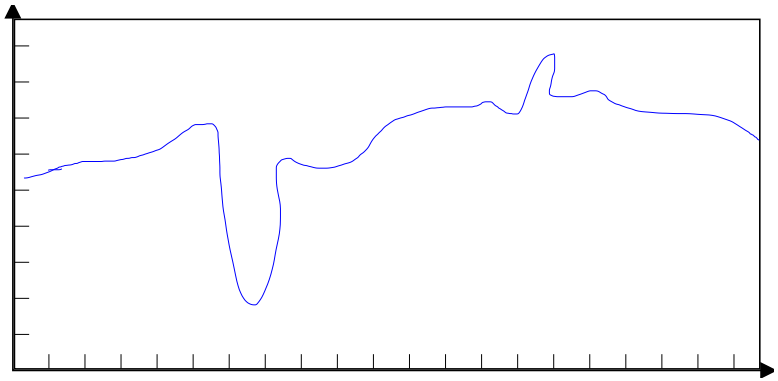

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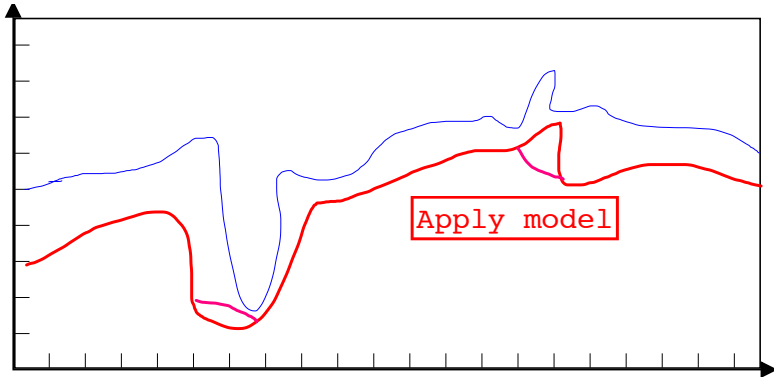

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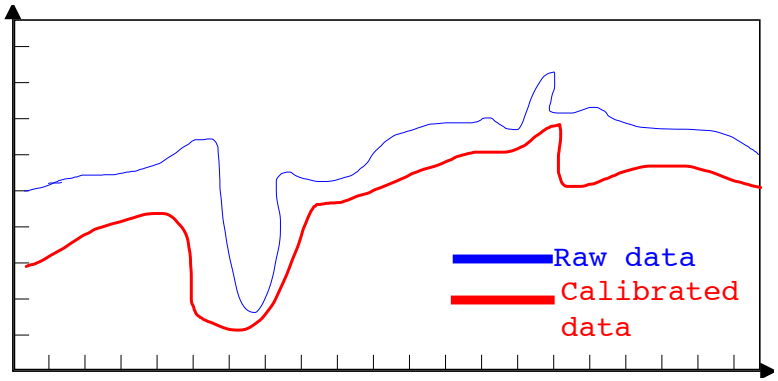

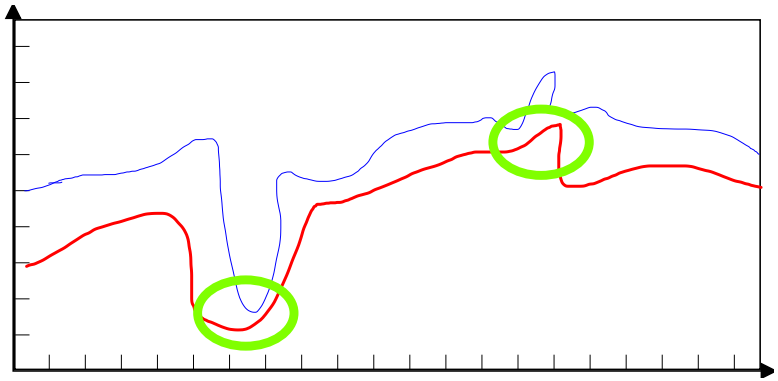

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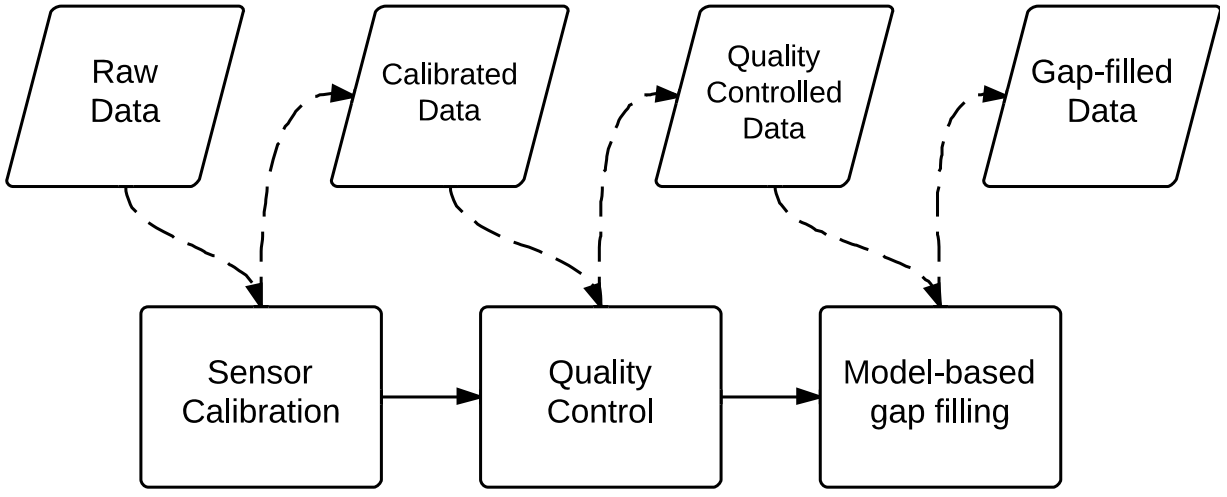

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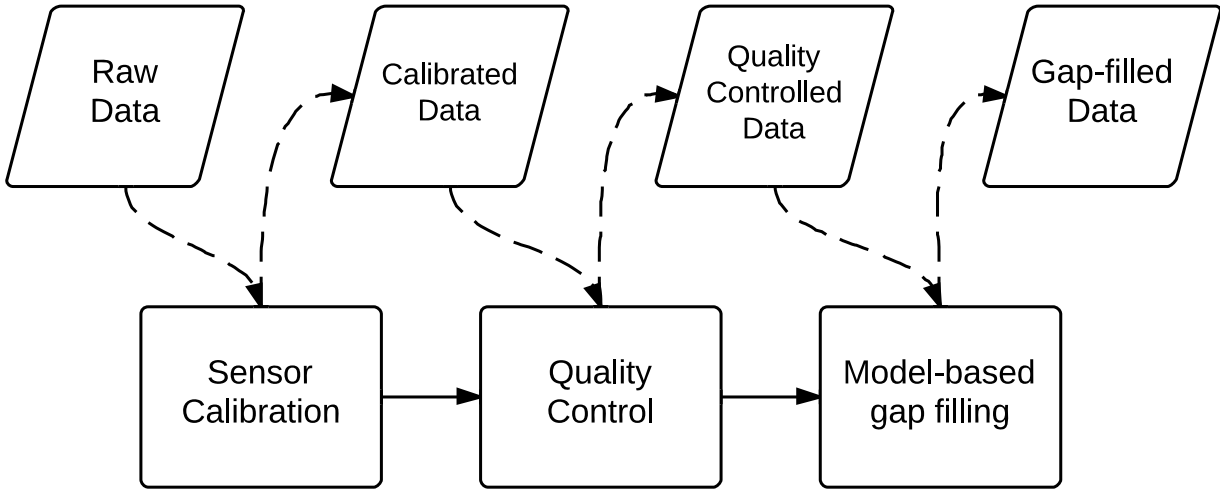

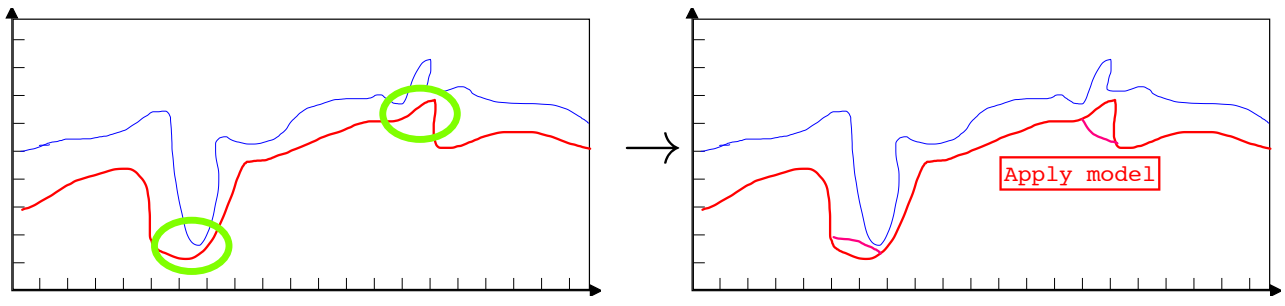

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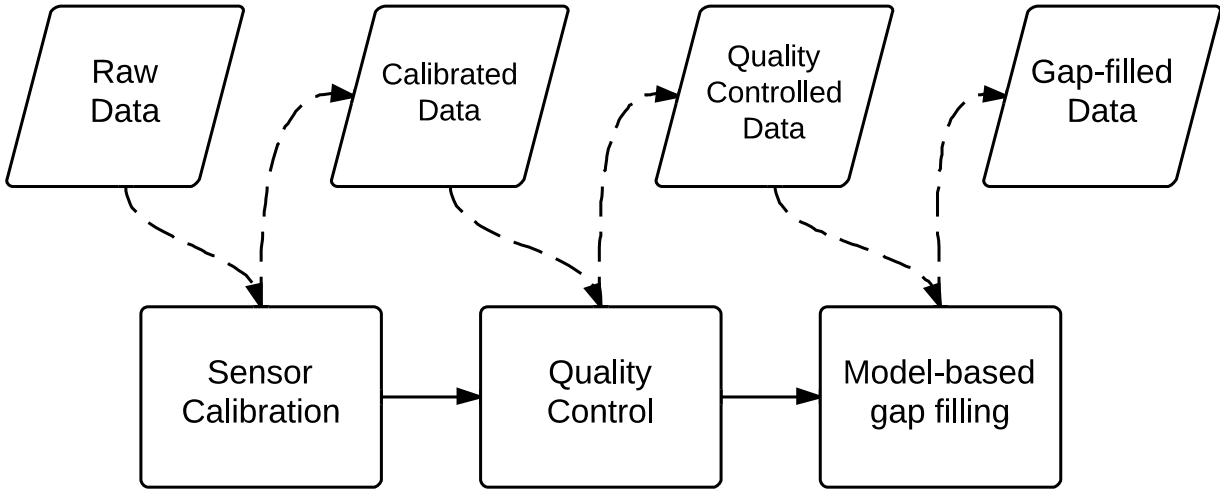

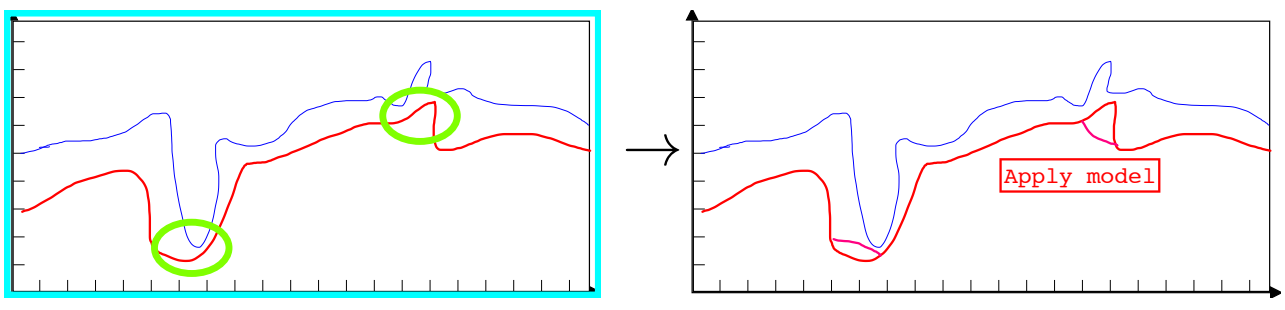

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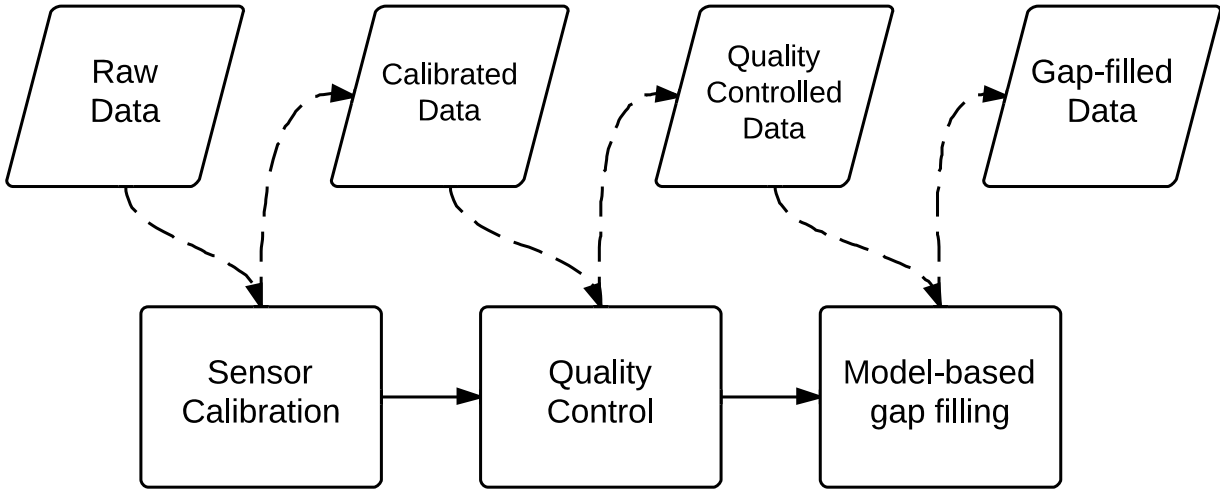

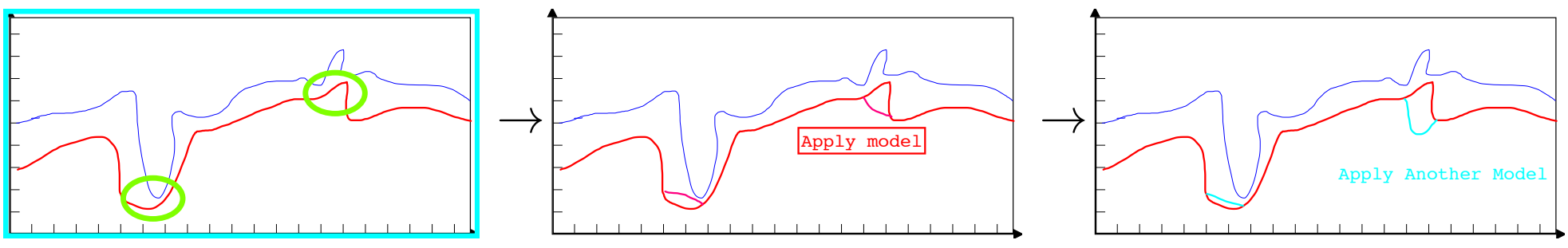

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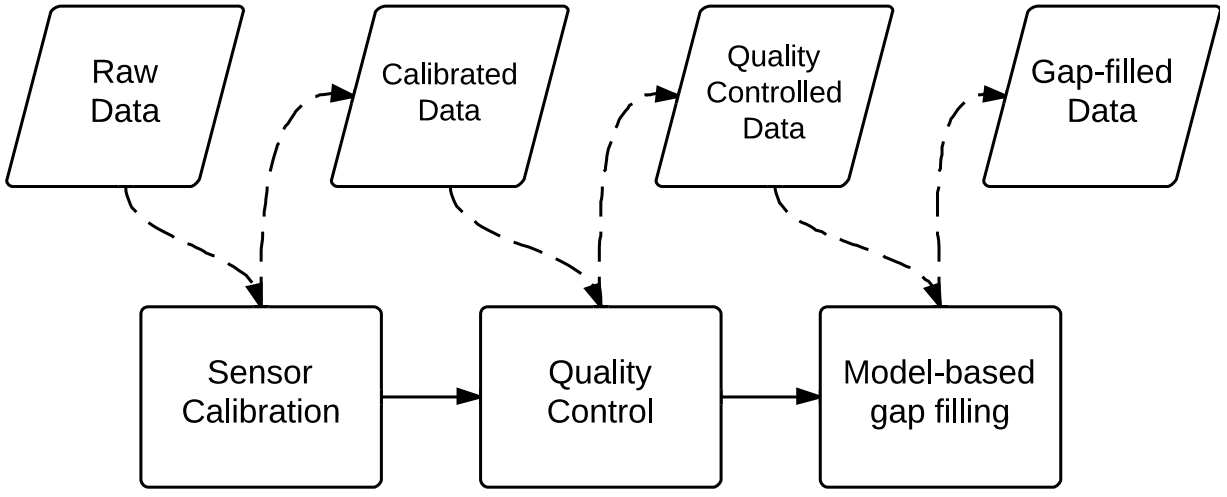

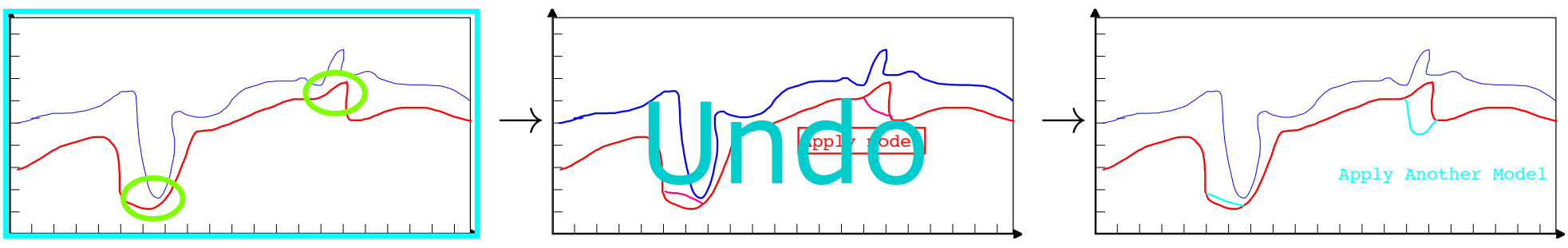

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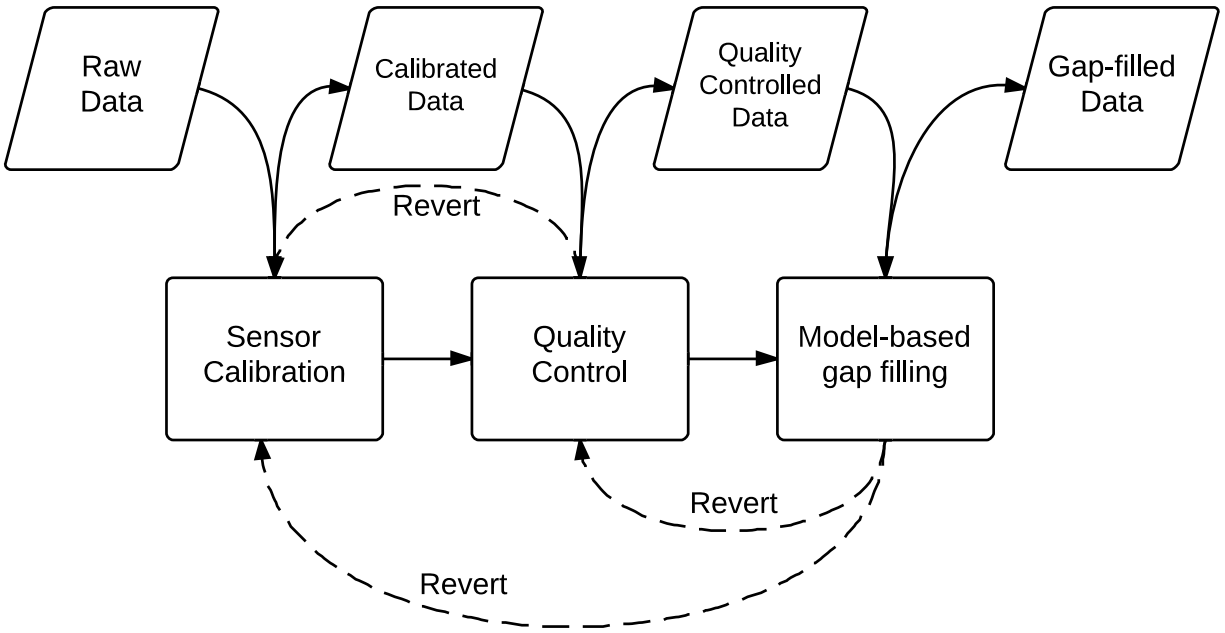

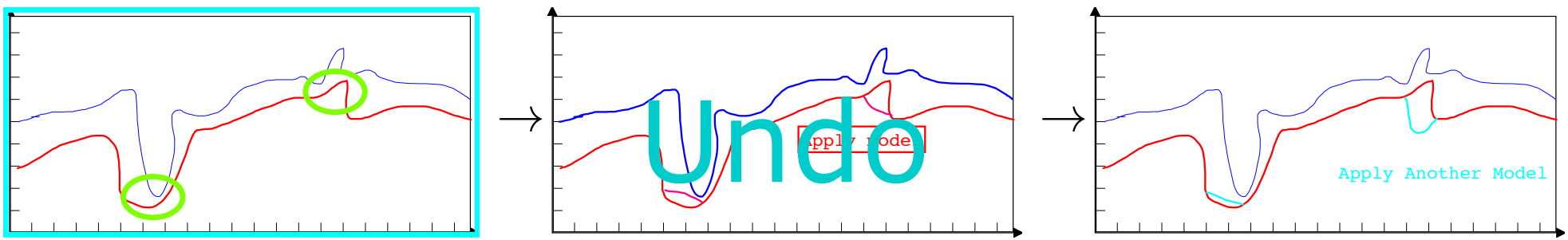

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- Undo and redo happen often
  - Undo and redo should not cause restarting from scratch.
  - Intermediate computations need to be taken advantage of.

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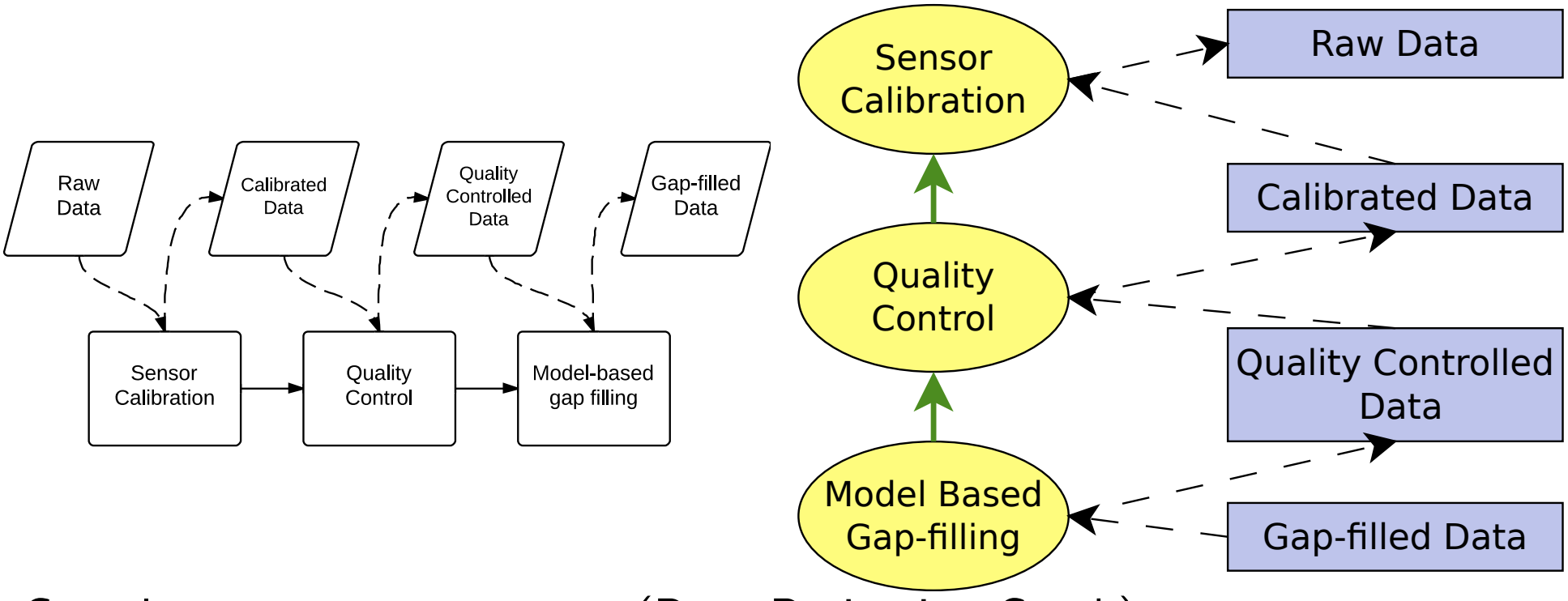

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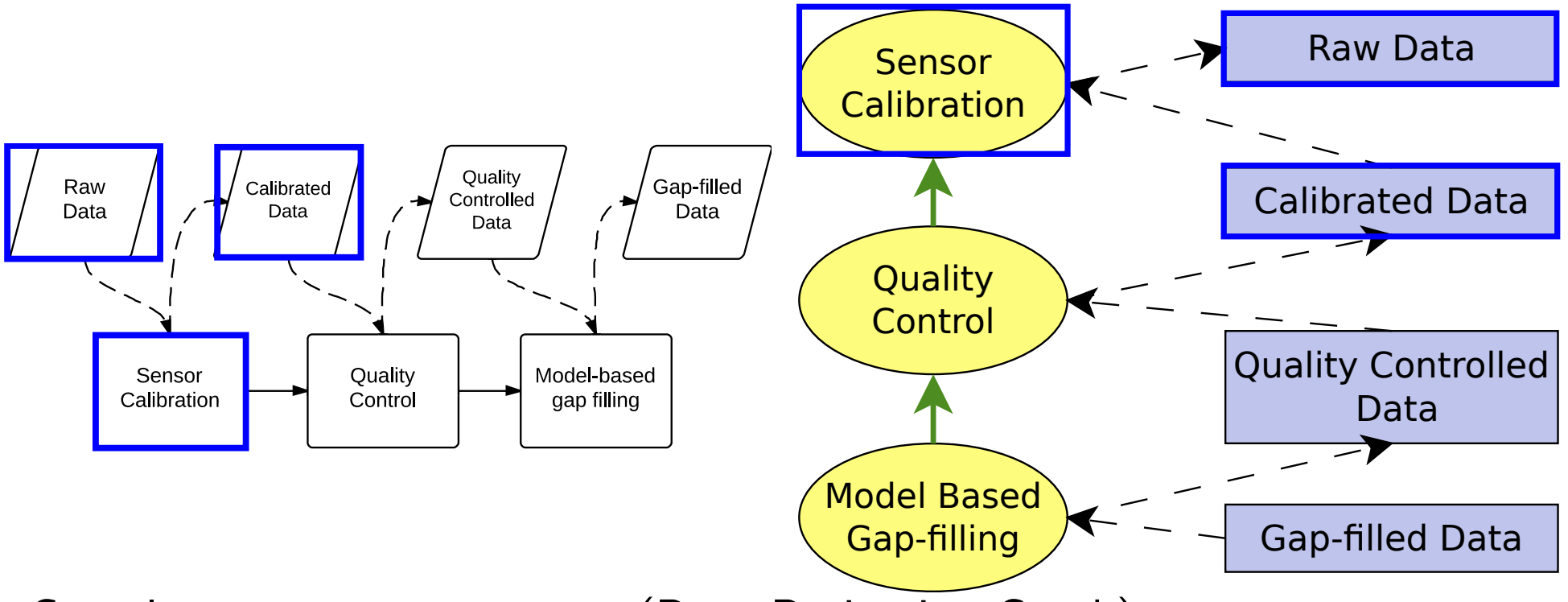

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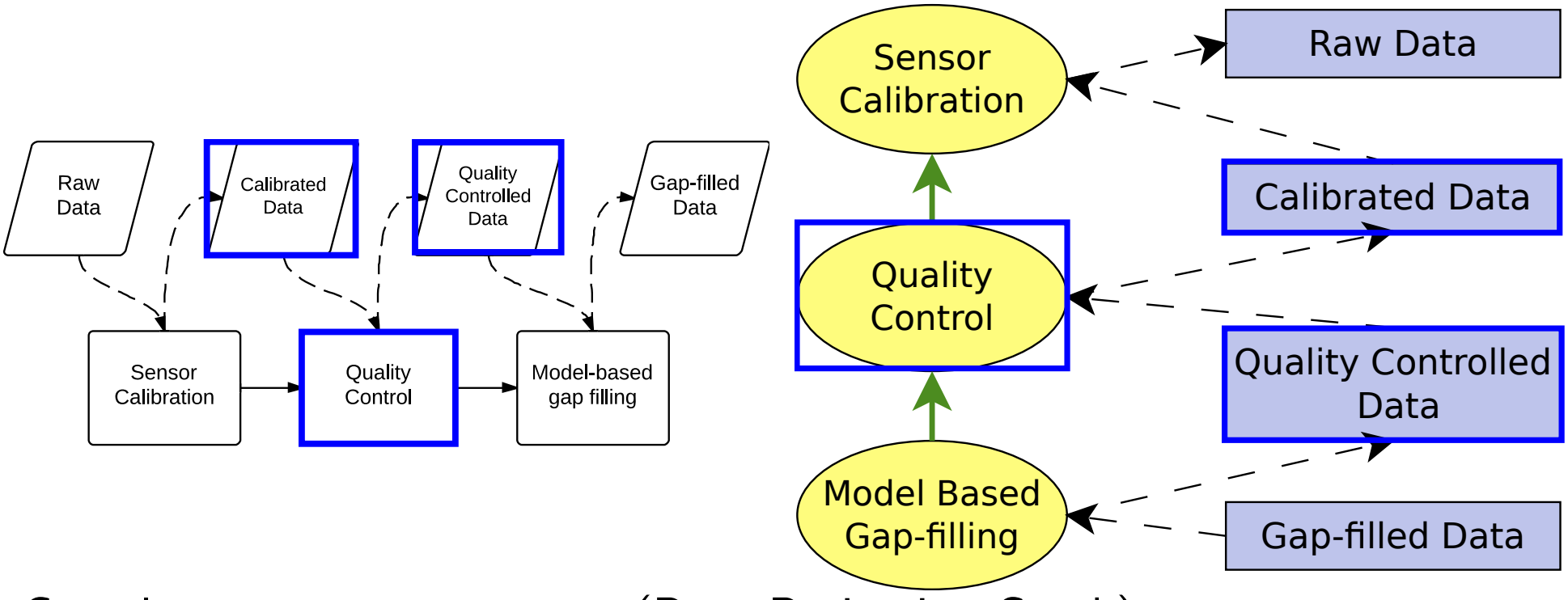

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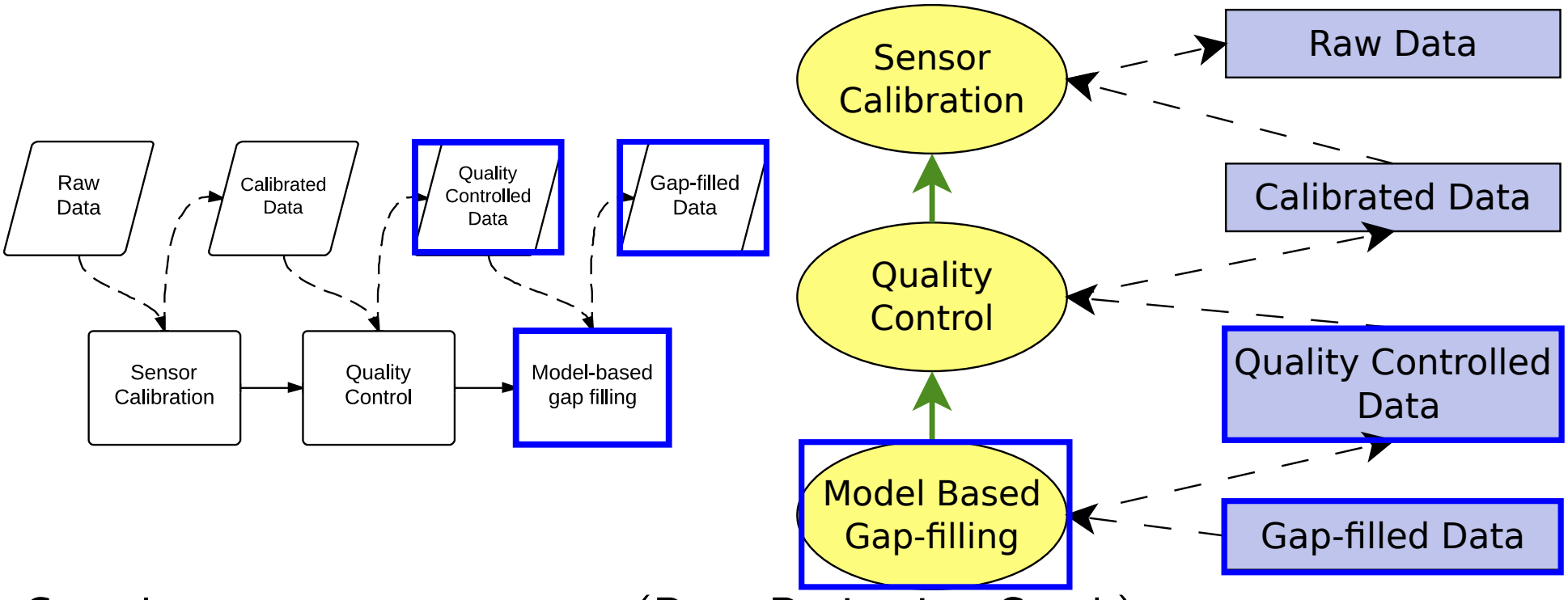

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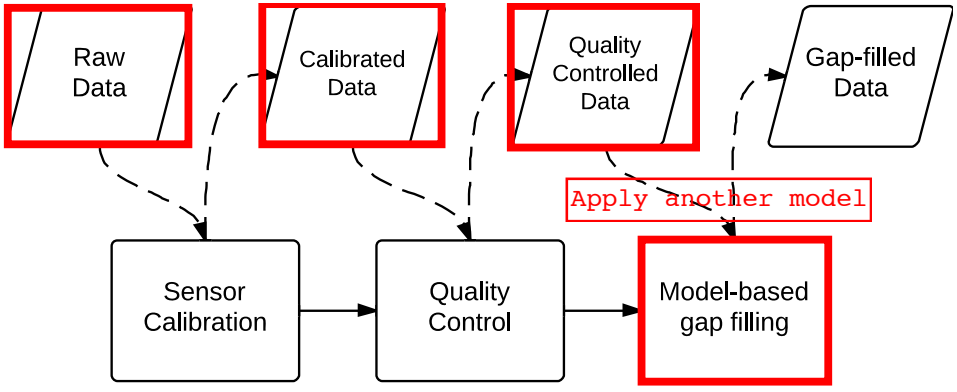

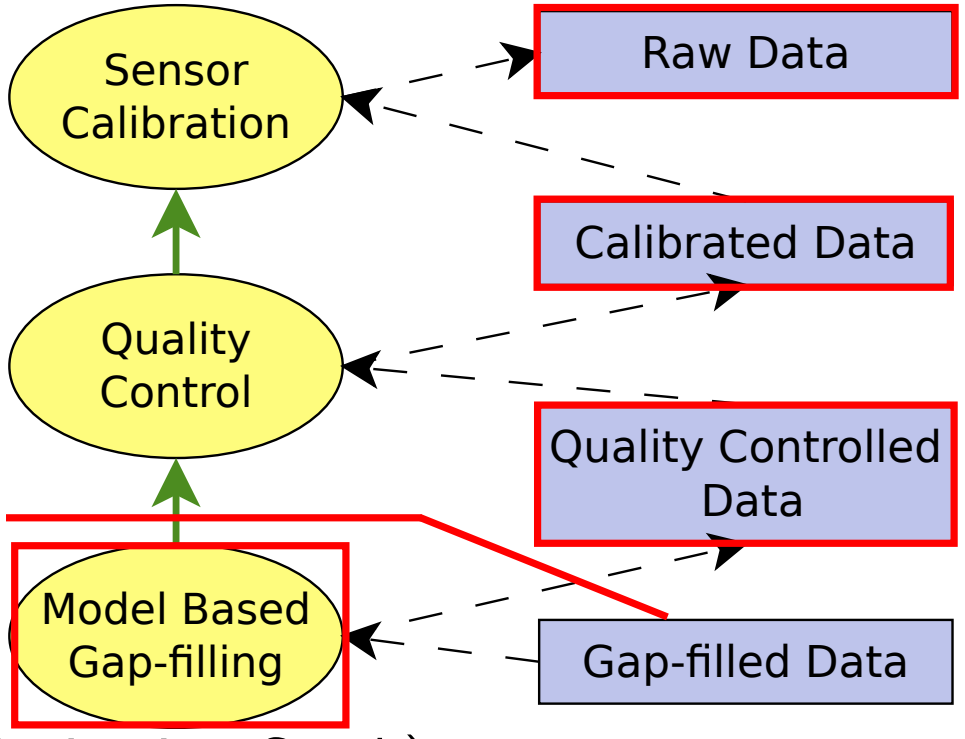

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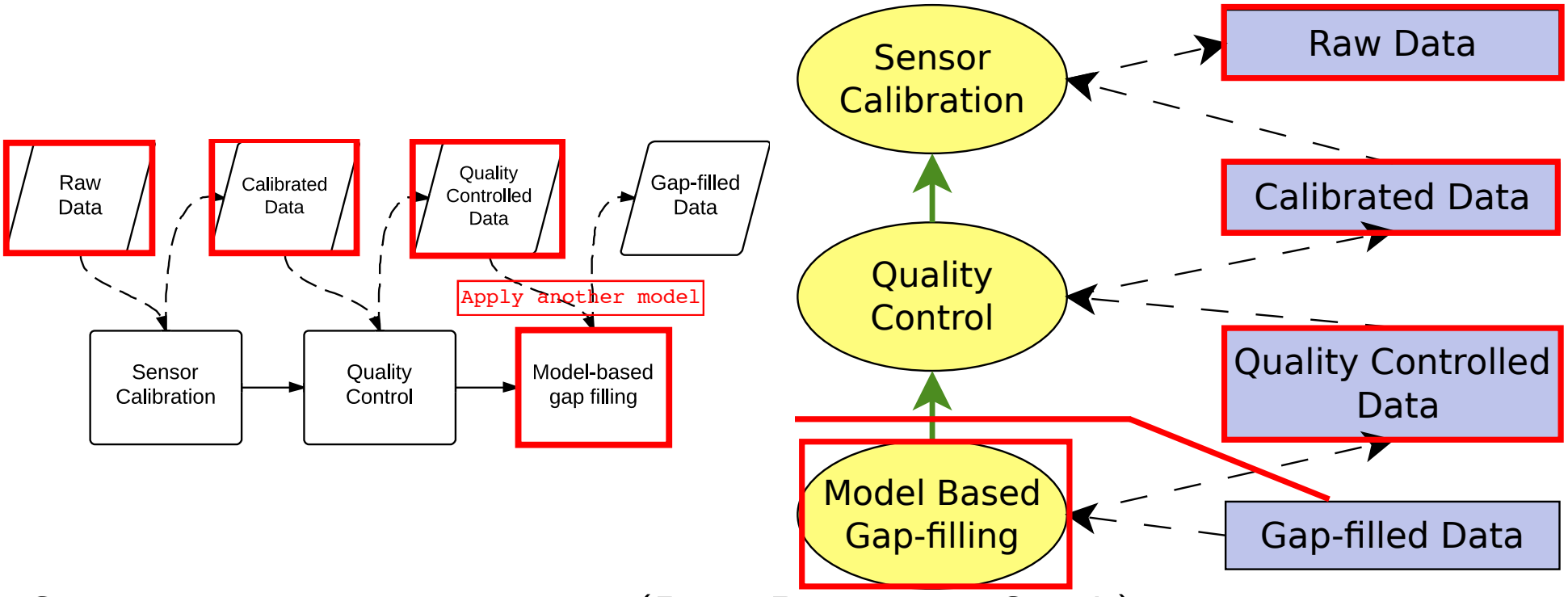

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- **Undo**: The provenance overrides the current state with the retrieved state, and drives the process.

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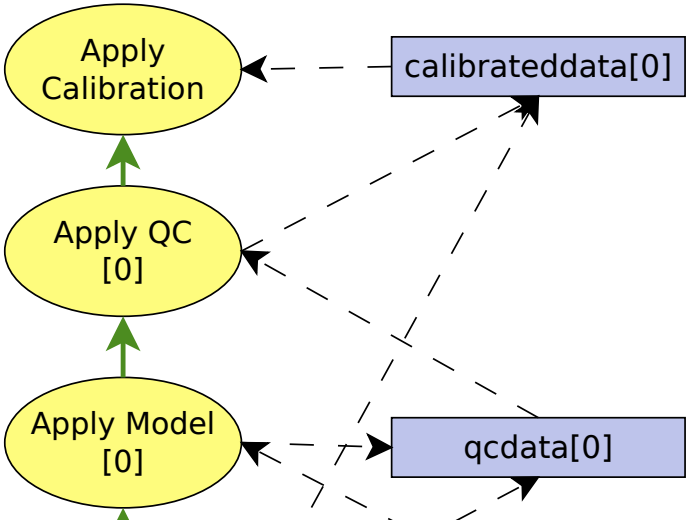

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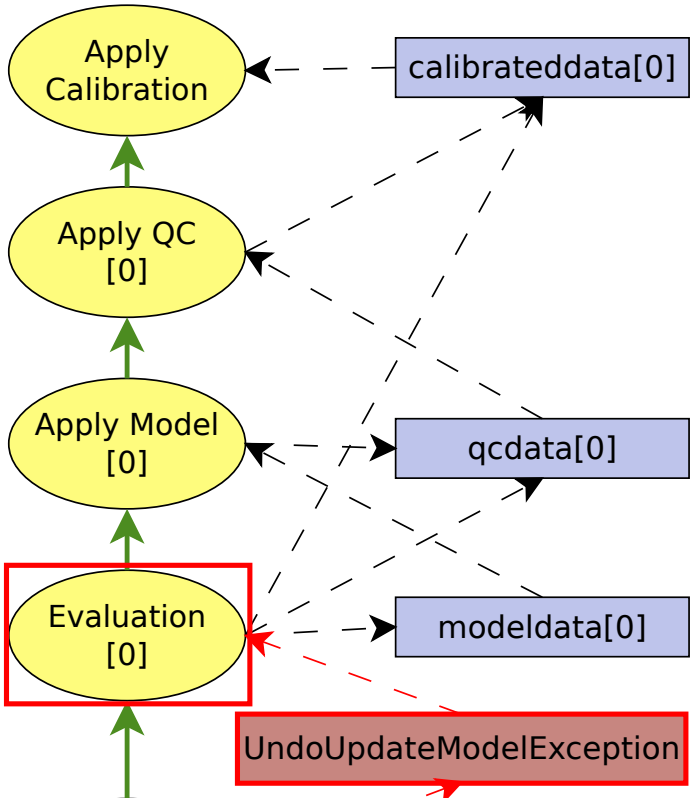

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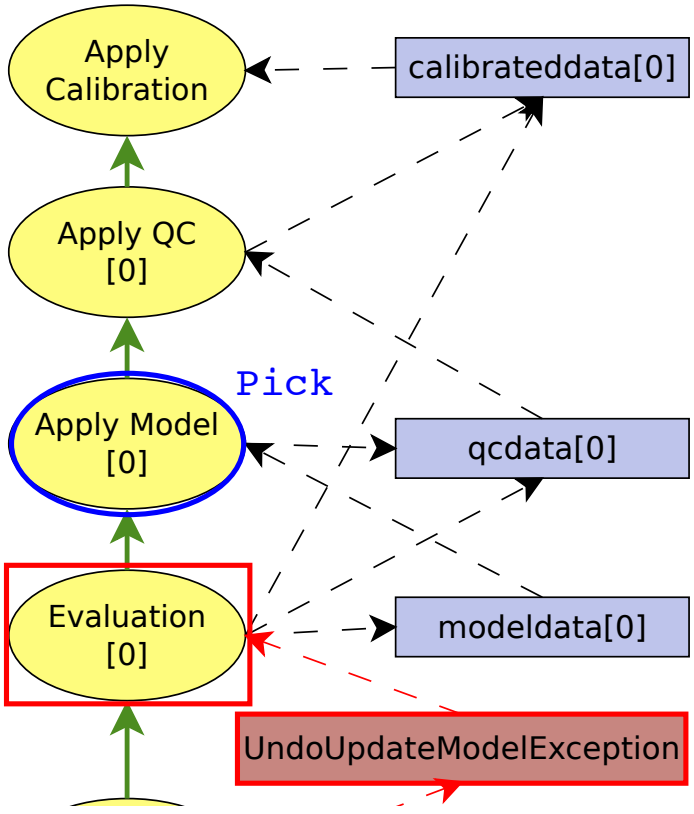

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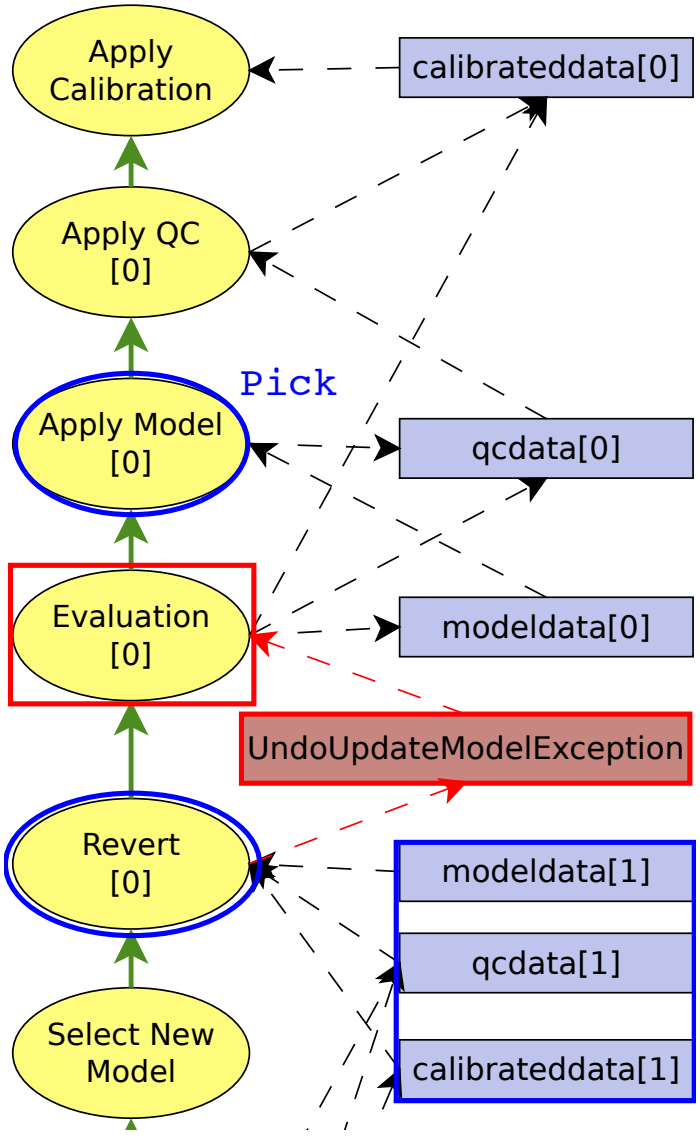

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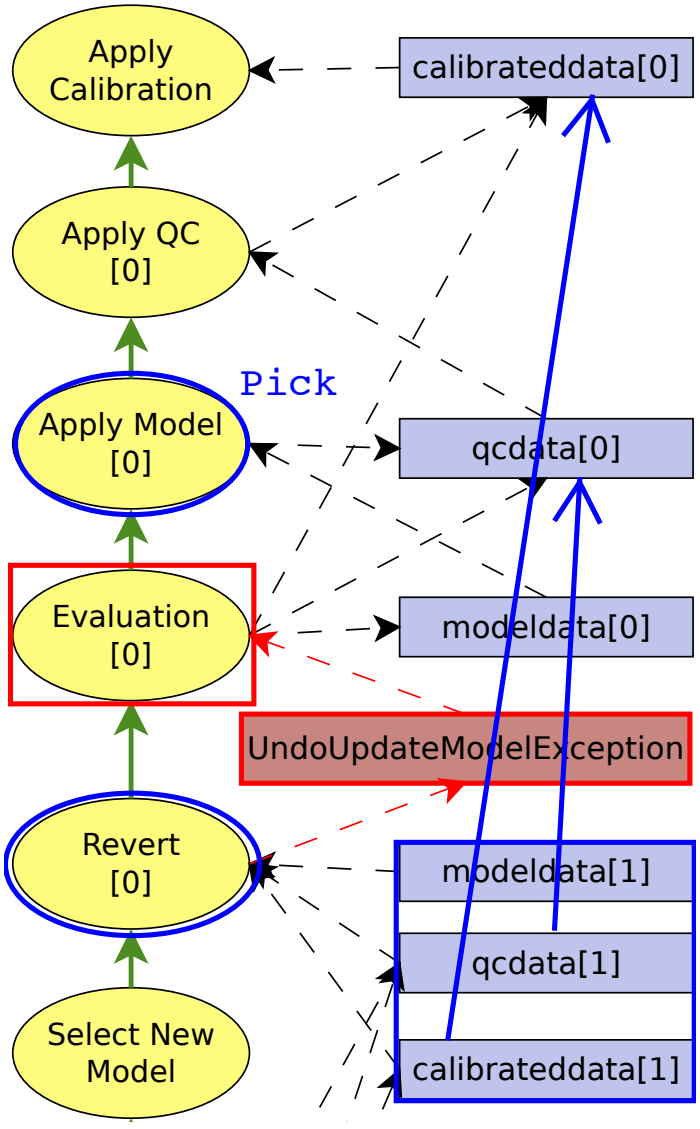

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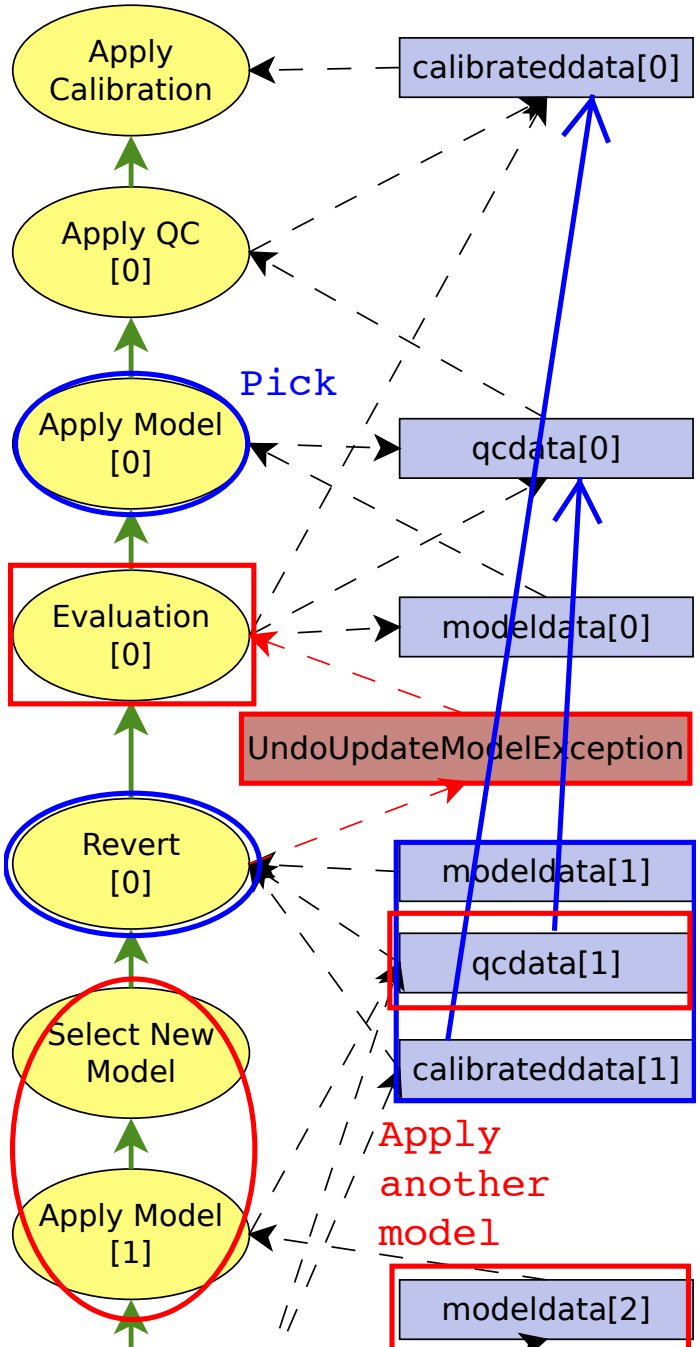

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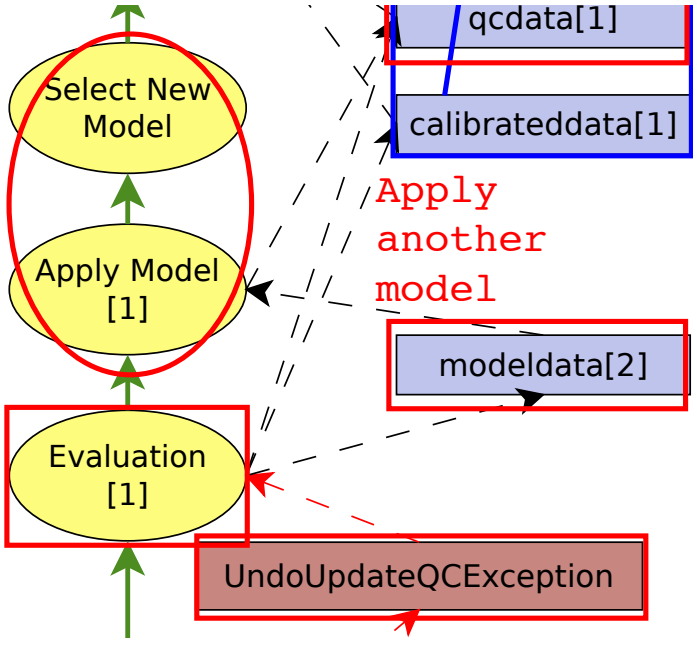

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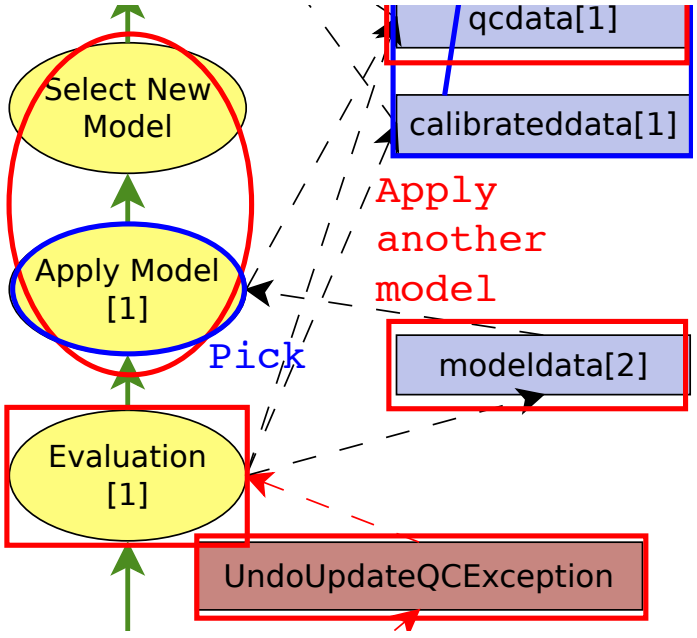

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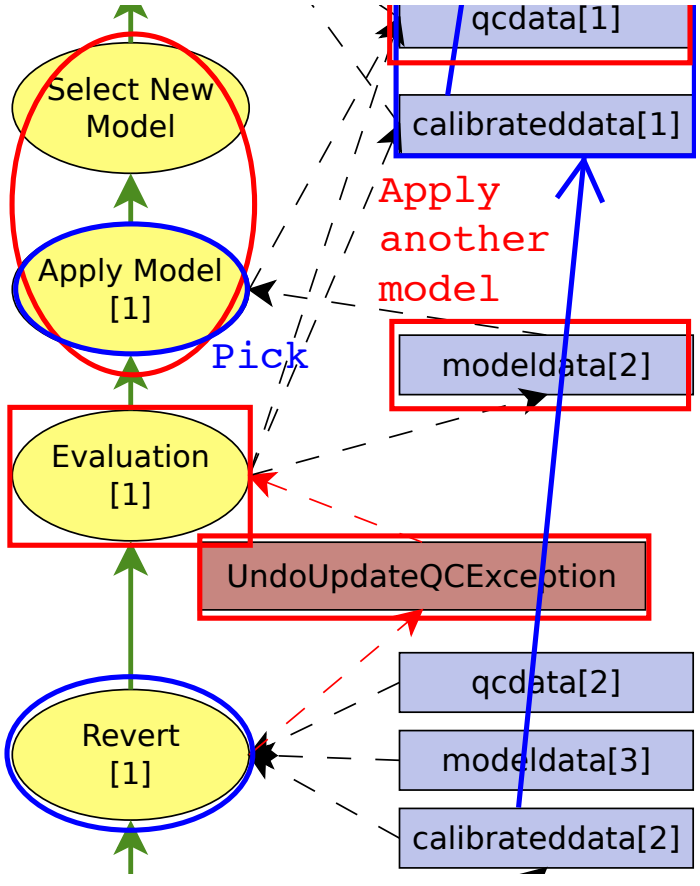

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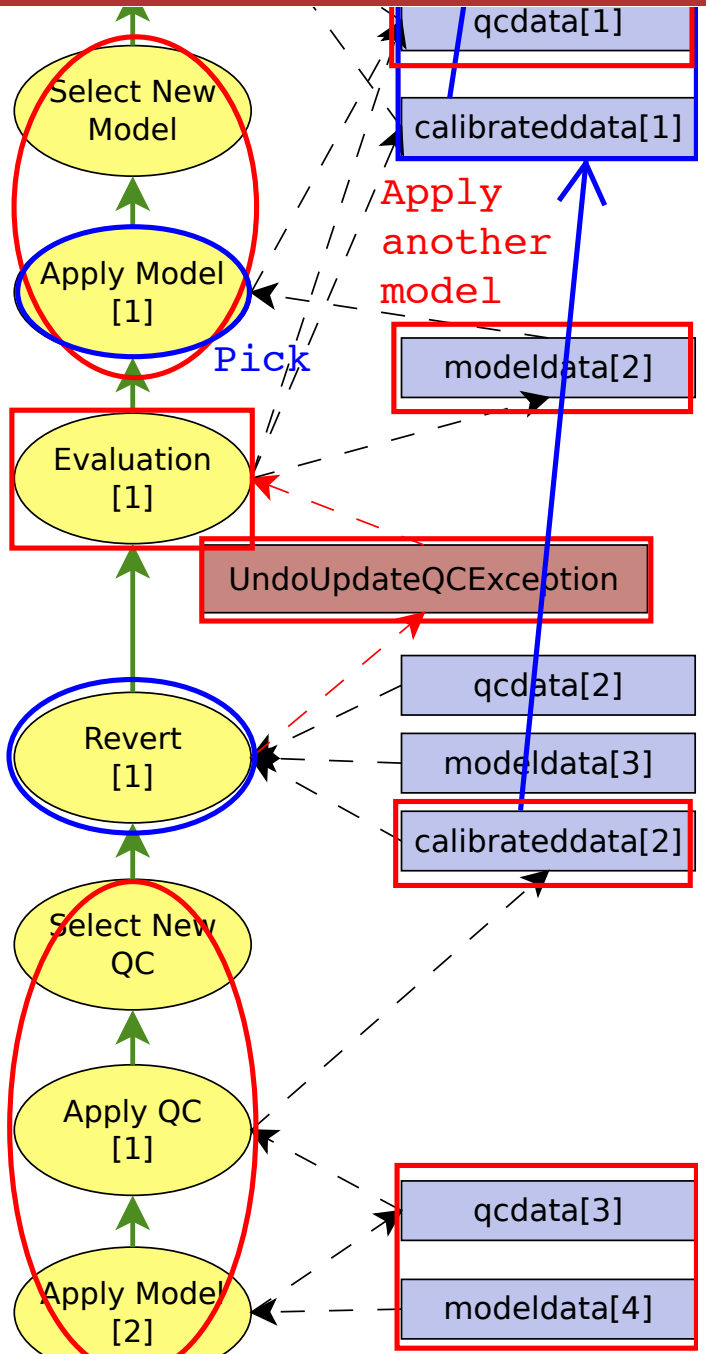

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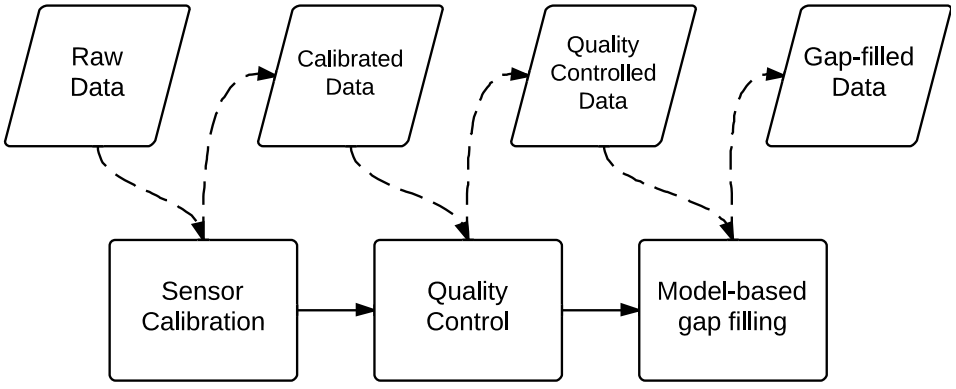

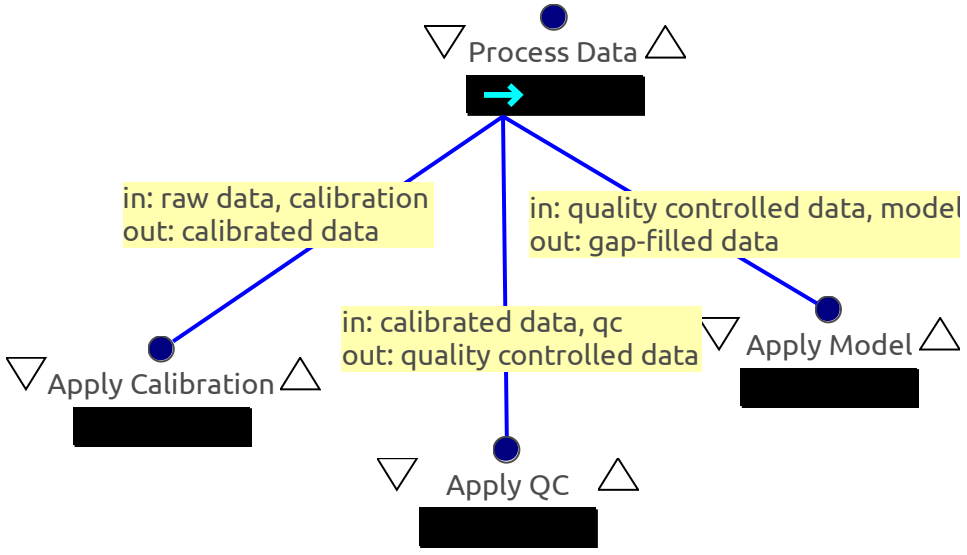

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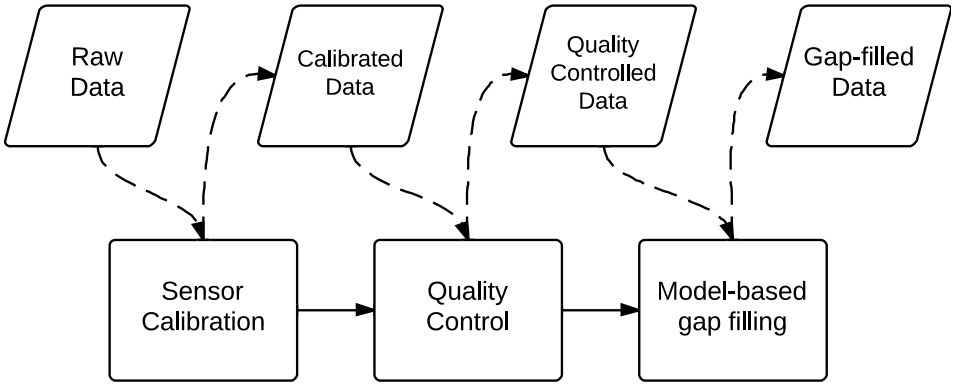

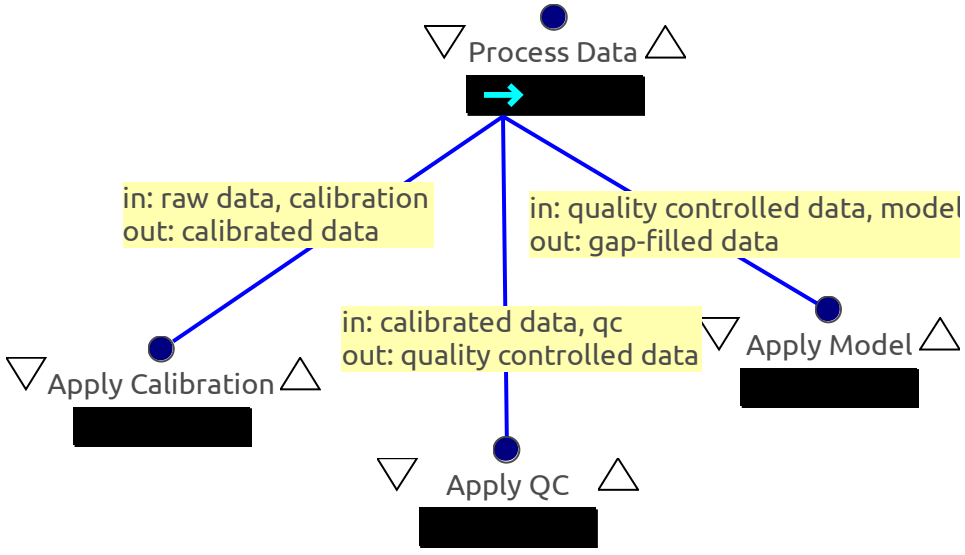

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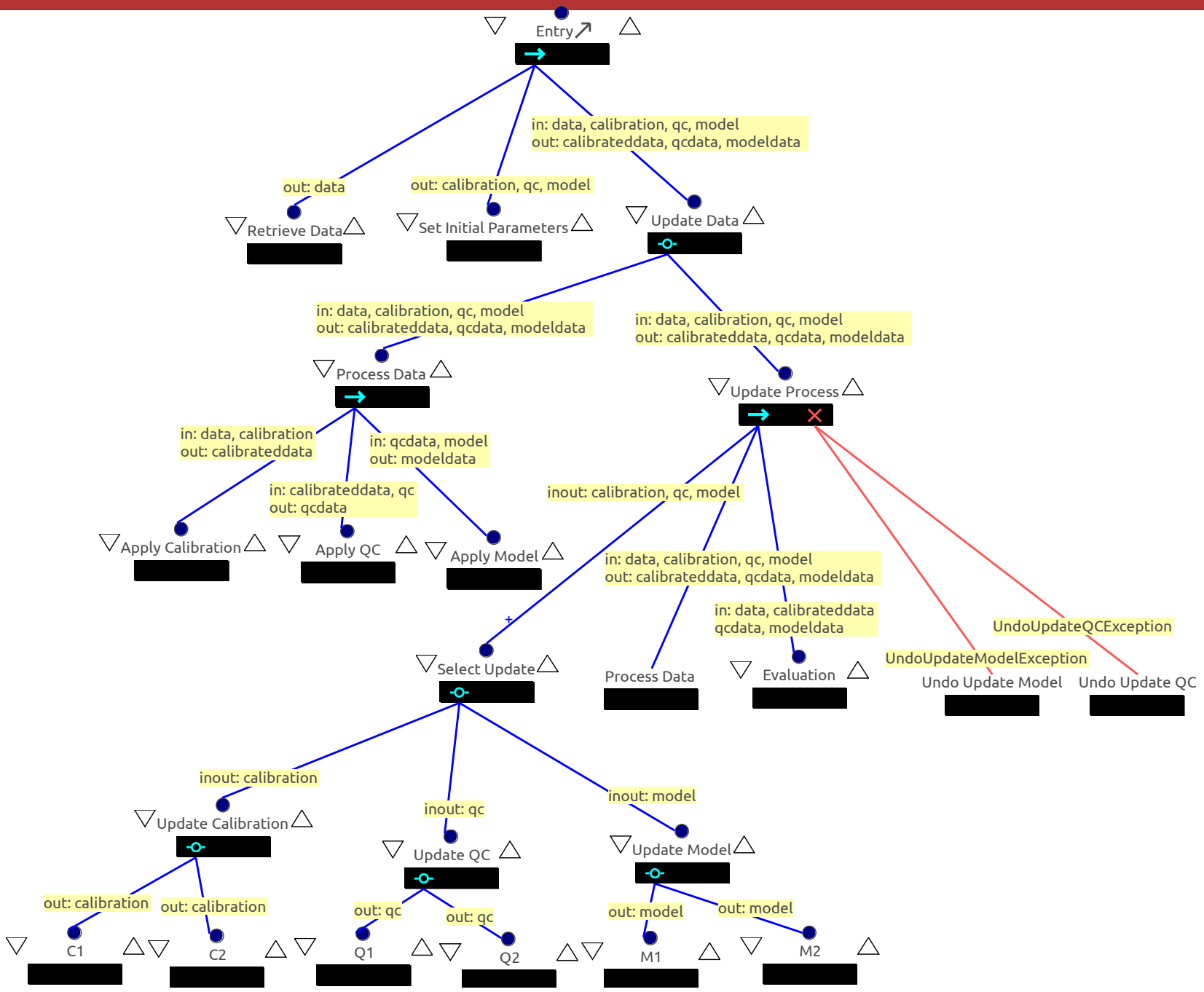

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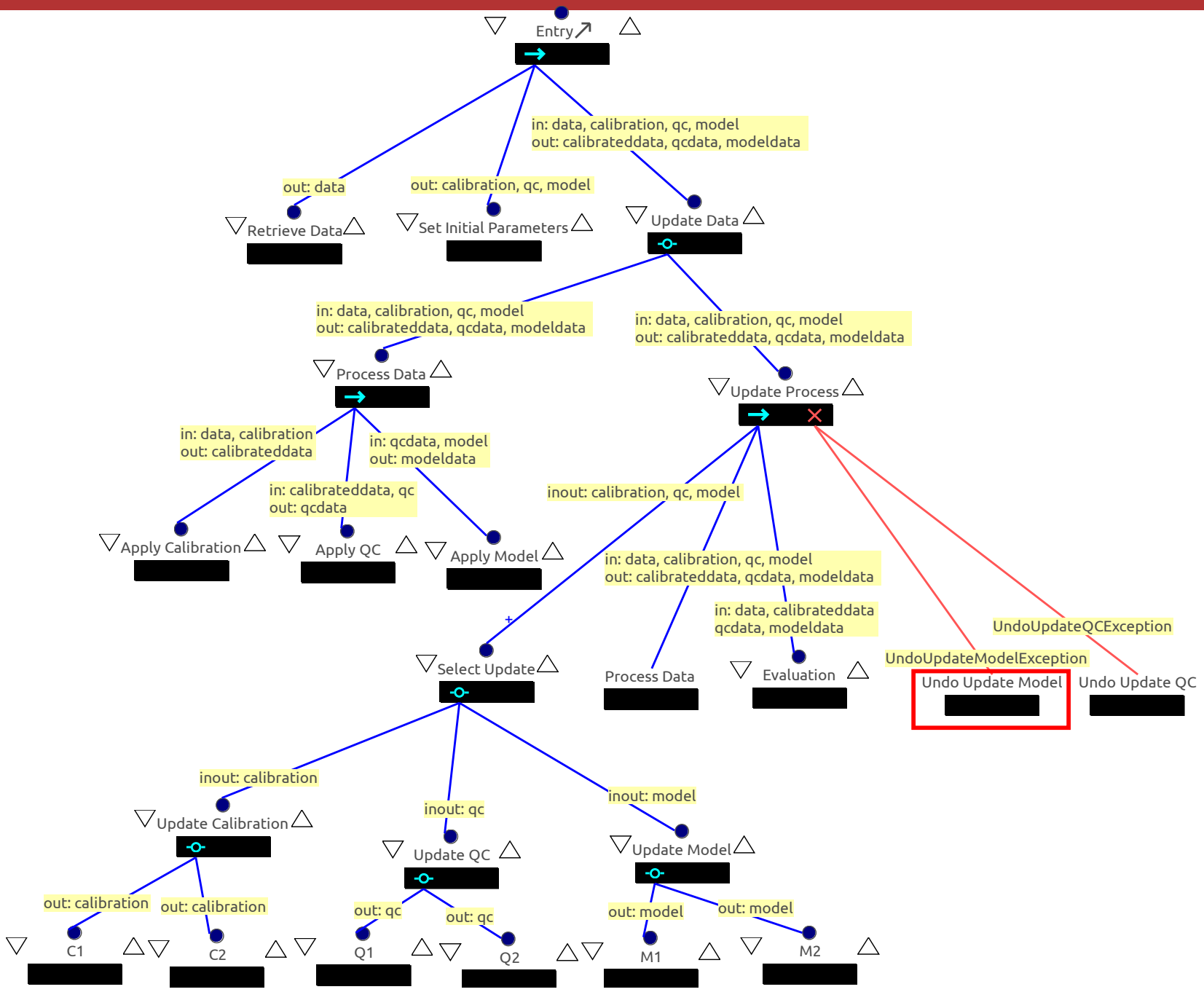

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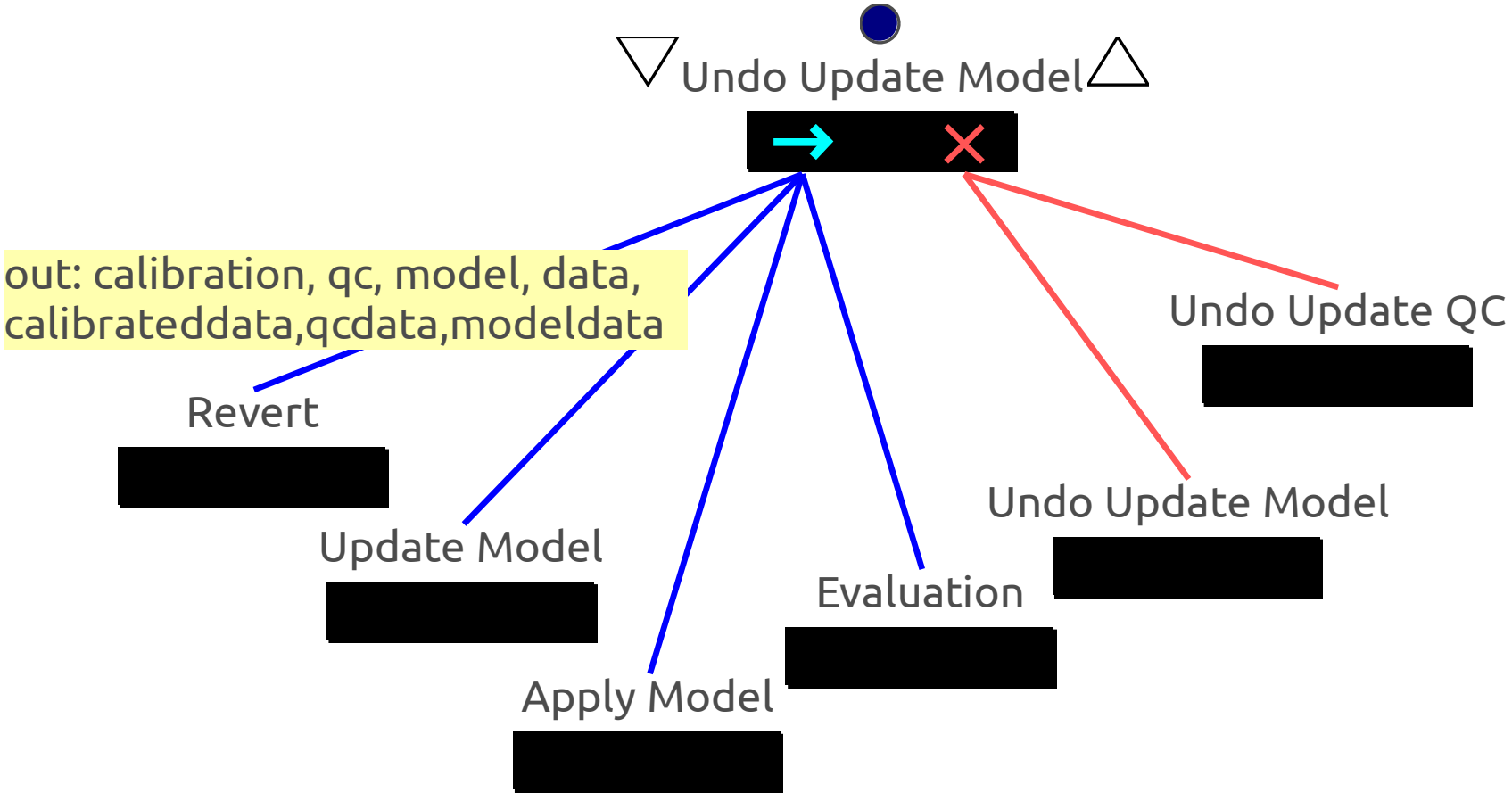

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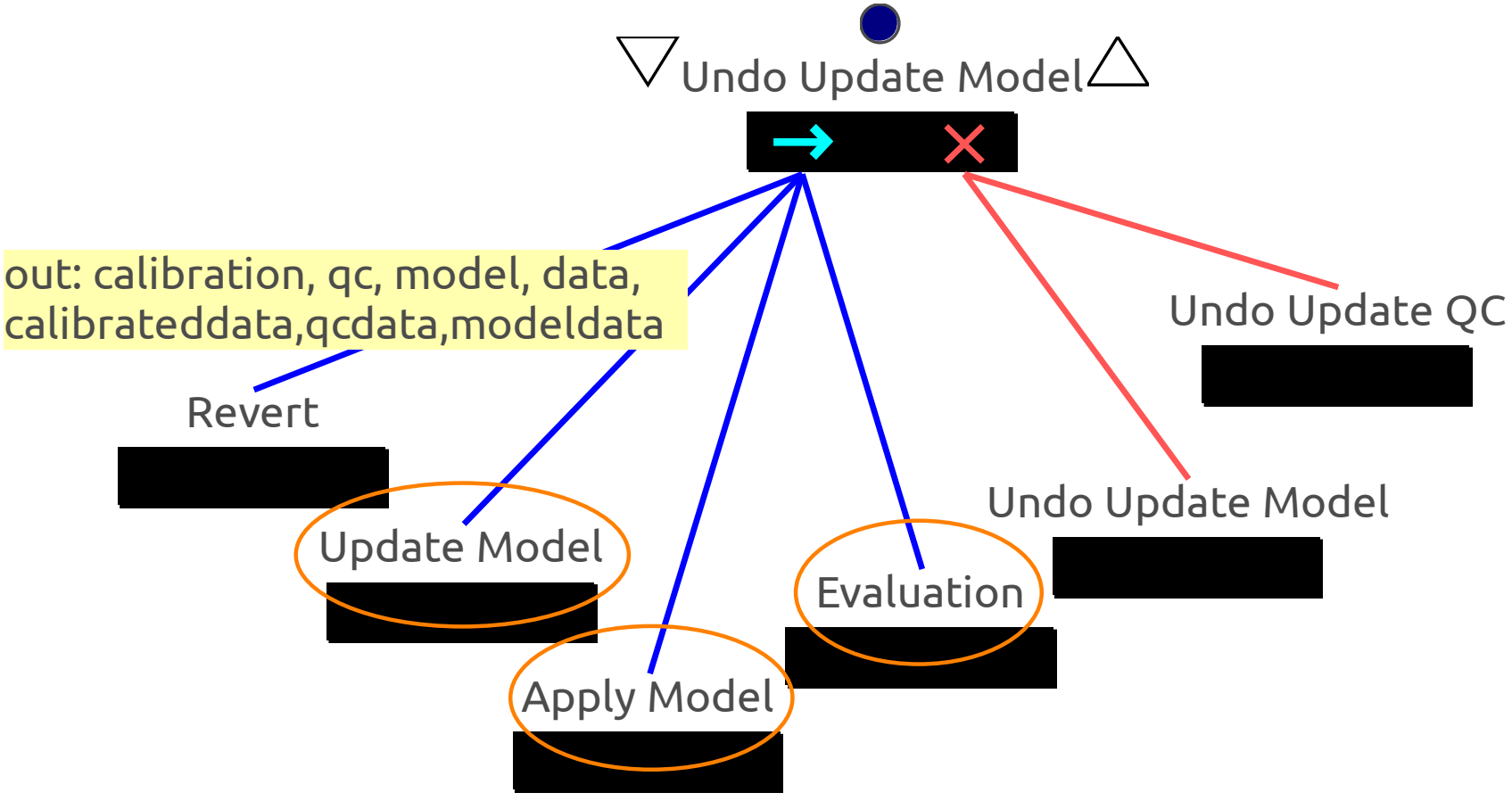

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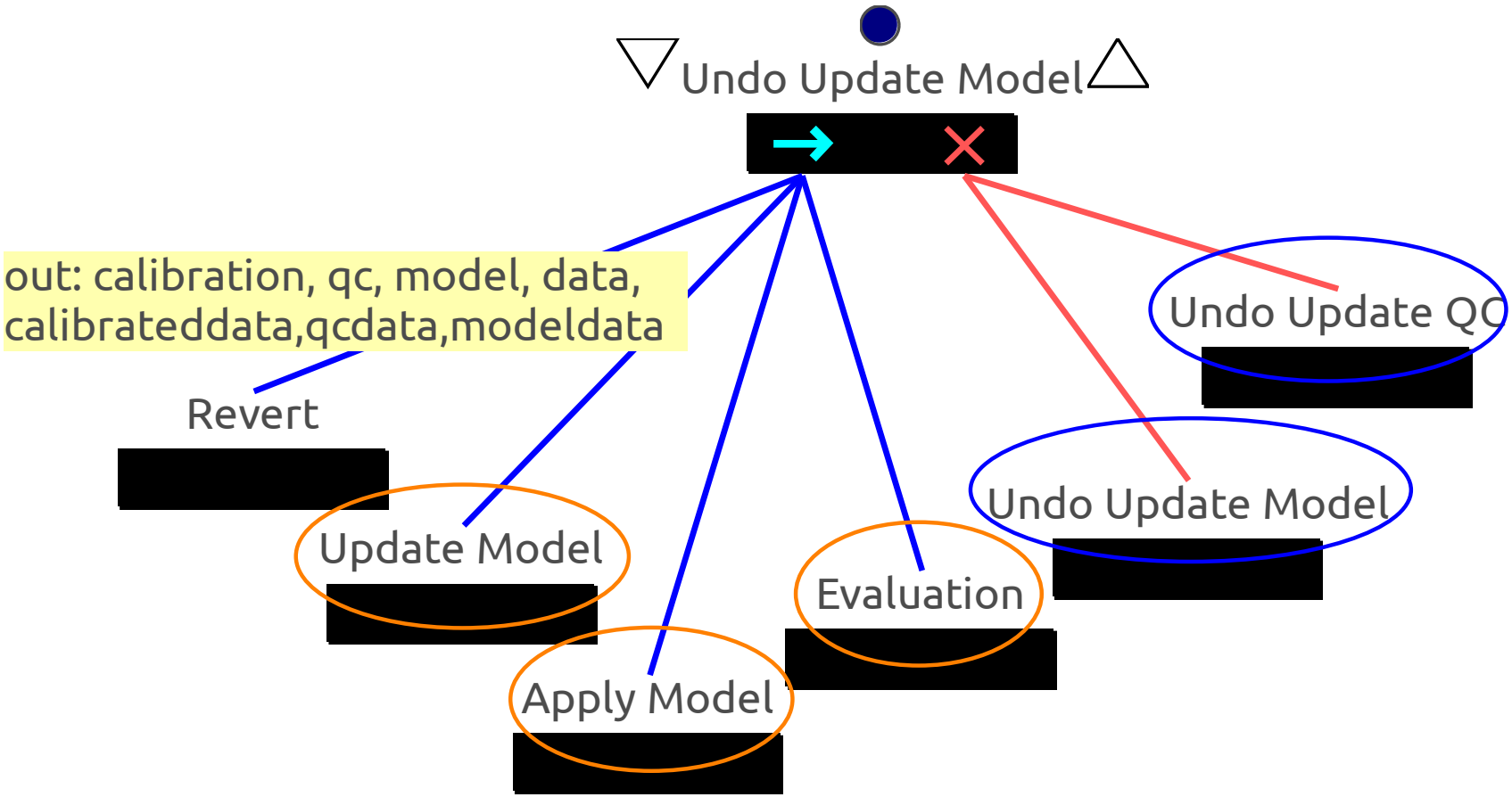

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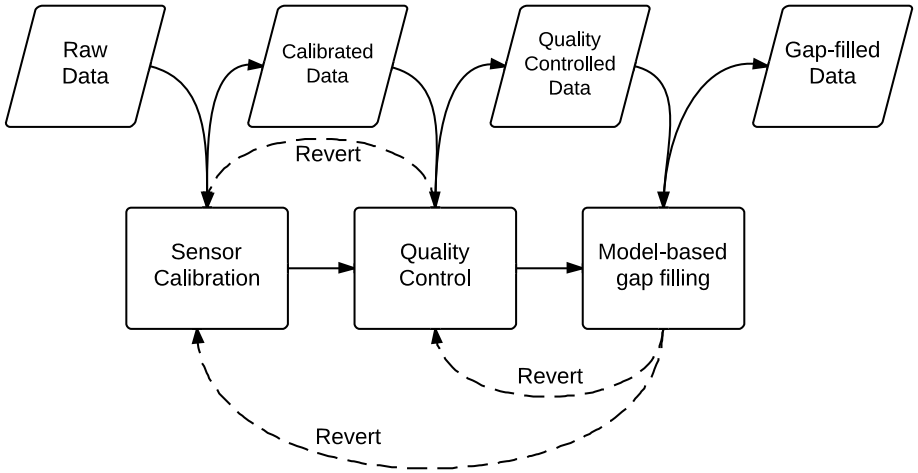
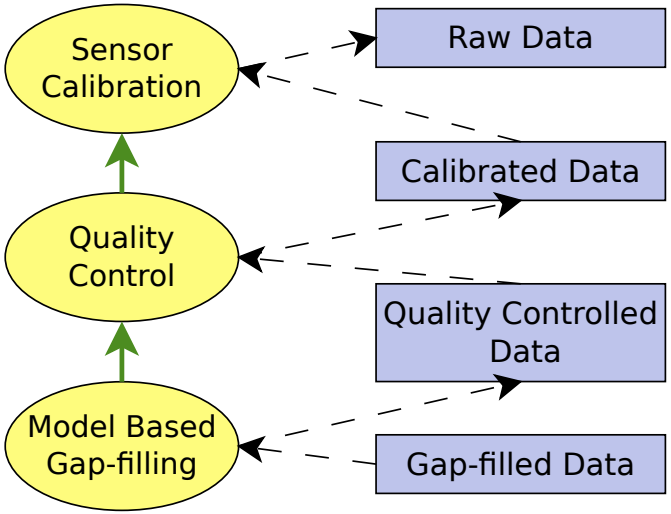
- Exception handlers can be recursive to assist repetitive undo/redo.

Related Work

- Provenance Visualization
  - Provenance Map Orbiter[Seltzer et al. TaPP '11] captures large provenance graphs and provides navigation mechanism.
  - Navigation model for scientific provenance[Anand et al. WORKS '09].
  - *DDG takes advantage of Little-JIL's hierarchical structure*
- Undo Mechanism
  - [Leeman TPLS '86] proposed a formal approach to undo operations.
  - Selective undo model [Berlage TCHI '94] provides the user with the ability to undo an arbitrary operation in history.
  - *Our approach takes into account both control flow and data flow*
- Undo in WFMSs
  - Kepler tolerates faults by providing check-pointing and forward recovery [Mouallem et al. SSDBM '10].
  - Self-healing Kepler (periodically constructing checkpoints) [Hary et al. HPDC '10].
  - *Our approach is complementary and allows undoing work and trying a different strategy when the results are unsatisfactory*

Contributions and Future Work





Contributions:

- Undo tasks while remembering old artifacts and consequences
- Modify a data-processing step without losing the history
- Automatically redo set-aside tasks that are consistent with the modification

Our approach is implemented as a command-line tool.

Future Work:

- User interface for browsing and querying the DDG
- Detect conflicts in redo operations