



Agile Data Science

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Marginality

Mystery

Misalignment



Marginality:

Perception that we are tangential to the core work of the organization





Mystery:
People struggle to really
understand what we do

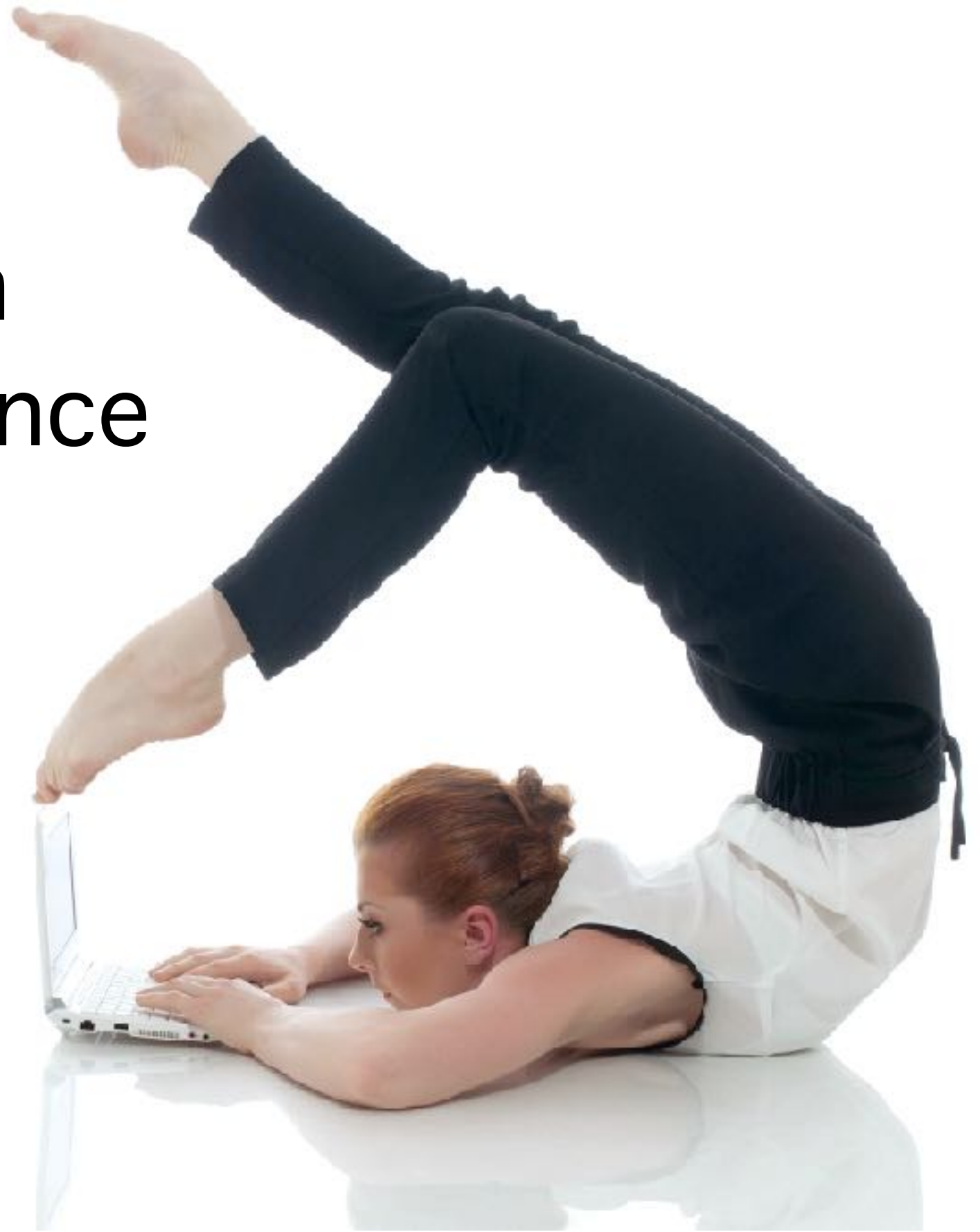
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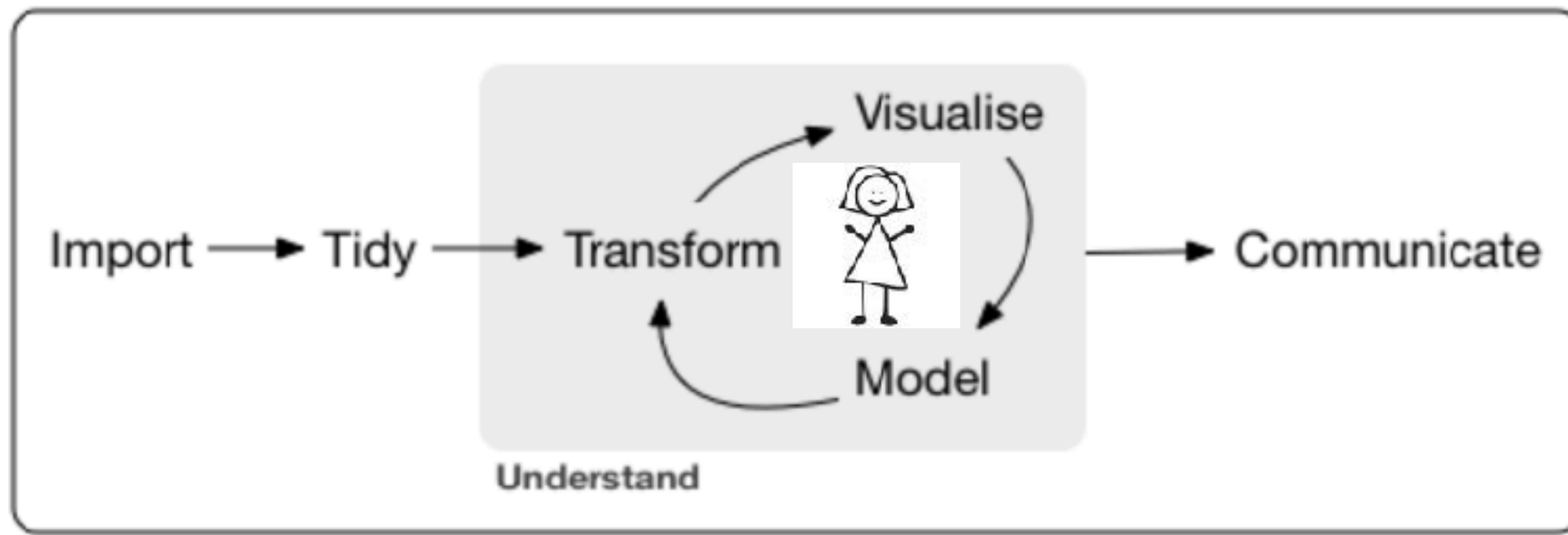
Poor placement
within the
organization





Agile:
Change the
conversation
about data science





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Agile:

Iterative process focused on delivering maximum value to the end user

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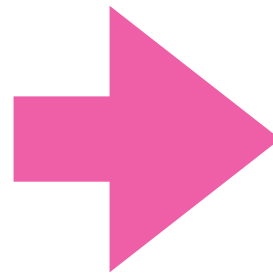
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#1: User Stories

Develop a
shared
understanding



We will simulate ride requests and algorithmic vehicle-trip assignments to produce a service schedule and metrics



As a transit planner, **I need to** understand how a microtransit system will perform in my region, **so that I can** assign the appropriate number of vehicles at launch



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**User
Stories**



**Shared
Value
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#2: Thinnest Vertical Slice

Maximize
the work
not done





Report Transit System Metrics

Calculate Transit System Metrics

Get Simulated Schedule

Run Simulated Transit Service

**Build Simulation Tools Around
Scheduling Algorithm**

Create Simulated Transit Inputs

Vehicles	Rides	Wait Time (min)	% Ride Sharing
10	300	17	36
15	300	11	21

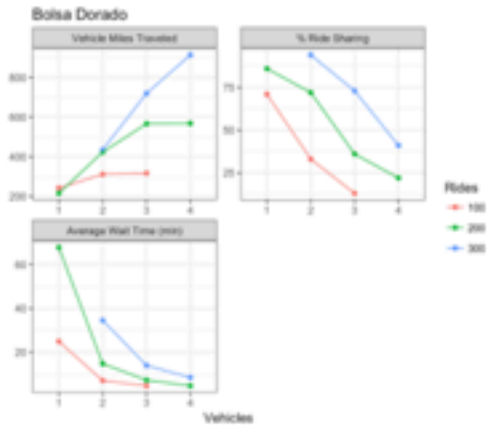
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Ride ID	Vehicle	Request time	Mins. until pickup	Pickup lat.	Pickup long.	Pickup time	Dropoff time	Mins. on vehicle	Dropoff lat.
3	1	06:22	4	33.734	-117.999	06:26	06:34	8	33.734
9	1	06:52	4	33.723	-118.041	06:56	07:10	14	33.723
11	1	06:56	6	33.748	-118.037	07:02	07:16	14	33.748
17	1	07:12	10	33.73	-117.991	07:22	07:36	14	33.73
18	1	07:12	10	33.73	-117.991	07:22	07:36	14	33.73
19	1	07:12	10	33.73	-117.991	07:22	07:34	12	33.73
20	1	07:16	10	33.735	-117.999	07:26	07:36	10	33.735
21	1	07:16	10	33.735	-117.999	07:26	07:40	14	33.735
22	1	07:16							

Service-Performance Tradeoffs

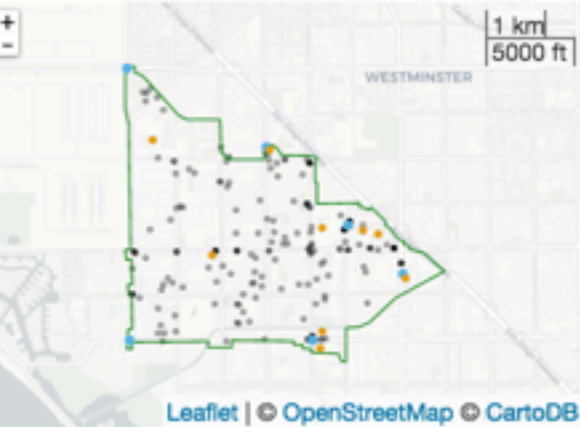
The graphs below show data from the above tables side-by-side to compare tradeoffs in service (wait times) and performance (vehicle miles traveled). Steep parts of the curves show where adding more vehicles can have a strong effect on the outcome.



Appendix

Trip Origins and Destinations

The map below shows trip origins (in black), the transit hubs (large blue markers) and other common destinations (large orange markers) for the simulation with 300 ride requests. Simulations with 100 and 200 rides were subsets of this data.

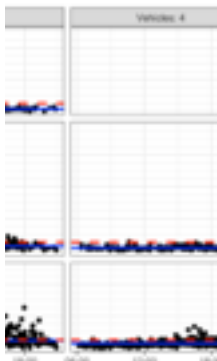


Example schedule results

Below are example results from the simulation with 300 ride requests per day and 3 vehicles.

Distributions

for that simulation



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ed (% Ride Sharing),
vehicles when occu

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Average Load	% Time w/ 7+ R
1.7	
1.1	
1.1	
4.5	
1.6	
1.2	
1.1	
3.1	
1.5	
1.2	

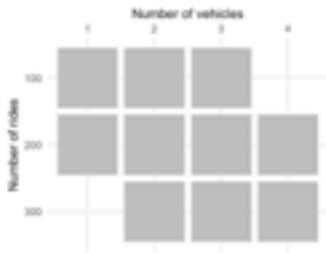
Service Design

Each simulation requires service parameters including number of vehicles, vehicle capacity, vehicle origin, time of service, and service type.

- Number of Vehicles: Simulations were run with combinations of 1, 2, 3, and 4 vehicles. We added the 4 vehicle scenarios for high ridership after examining the initial results.
- Vehicle Capacity: All vehicles were assumed to have a maximum of 9-passenger capacity.
- Vehicle Origin: At the beginning of the service period, all vehicles were assumed to be coming from 7301 Center Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92647.
- Time of Service: Ride requests were accepted for pickup times from 6:00 to 21:00.
- Service Type: Ride requests were simulated as on-demand, meaning that the ride would be scheduled for pickup as soon as possible after being requested.

Ride and Vehicle Combinations

We omitted the results with 300 rides and 1 vehicle because this combination had low quality results (only 52% of the rides were served and average wait times were over 1 hour) due to a backlog of requests and insufficient vehicle capacity.



Results

The results for the daily service period in each case are below.

Operating Efficiency

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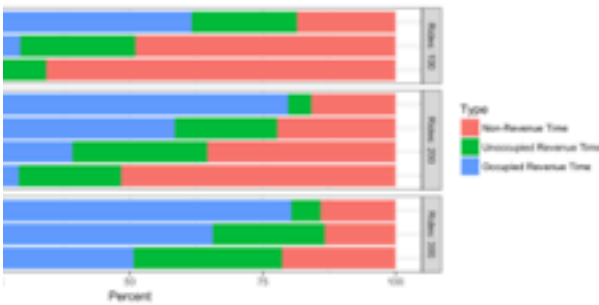
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ion is the number of rides served per vehicle hour.

a different number of rides, for comparisons across the s.



Time is idle time where vehicles are not in use.

venue Time is time when vehicles are en-route to pick

nue Time is time with riders (loading and driving).

Served (%)	Average Wait Time (min)	95%ile Wait Time (min)*	Average Ride Duration (min)	95%ile Ride Duration (min)*	Average Total Trip Time*
100	24.9	66.3	10	28.1	35
100	7	14.1	6.5	12.2	13.4
100	4.6	8.1	5.6	10	10.2
90	67.8	232.4	22.4	66.2	90.1
100	11.7	14.1	6.5	12.2	23.8
100	4.6	8.1	5.6	10	13.6
100	4.6	8.1	5.6	10	10.7
100	4.6	8.1	5.6	10	52.5
100	4.6	8.1	5.6	10	23.8
100	4.6	8.1	5.6	10	16

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Interactive map



About this tool

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Agency

Cerritos On Wheels

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Central Arkansas Transit Authority

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Centro

OGTSNET

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Artesia

Cerritos

Lakewood

Results

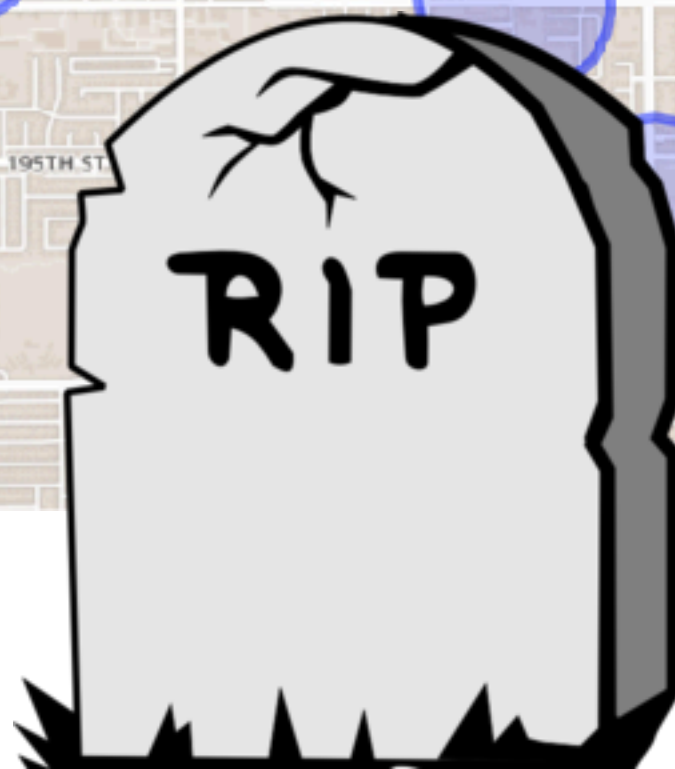
Data sources

American Community Survey 5-year estimates
2010-2014

TransLoc stop locations as of 1/18/16

Public GTFS stop locations as of 3/15/16

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**Vertical
Slicing**

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#3: Stakeholder Review

Collective
resolution of
competing
priorities



- 1) What we did (and why)
- 2) What we propose to do next (and why)
- 3) Let's chat



DS Team Capacity = 9 units



Simulation Cohort = 4 units



Simulator Upgrades = 3 units



Pilot Analytics = 4 units



Microtransit Advisor = 2 units

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**Stakeholder
Reviews**

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Prioritization**

Agile requires
discipline







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