

DRIVING VALUE FROM DATA

# **Value Driven Analytics**

## **Prioritisation and ROI of your Data Science Projects**

**Scot ML**

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Who They/Who He?

Value Driven Analytics

Prioritisation

ROI

Further Reading

## Aggreko Insights Strategy



We will provide trusted insight to our business to enable **insight-driven decision making**

We will **innovate**, harnessing the pace at which new technology becomes available to provide **interactive and visual insights**

We will provide the **right information** for the right person at the right time, and through the right medium

## KEY FACTS

**10,009 MW**

Power in our fleet

**£1,760m**

2018 revenue

**265 locations**

Sales and services centres

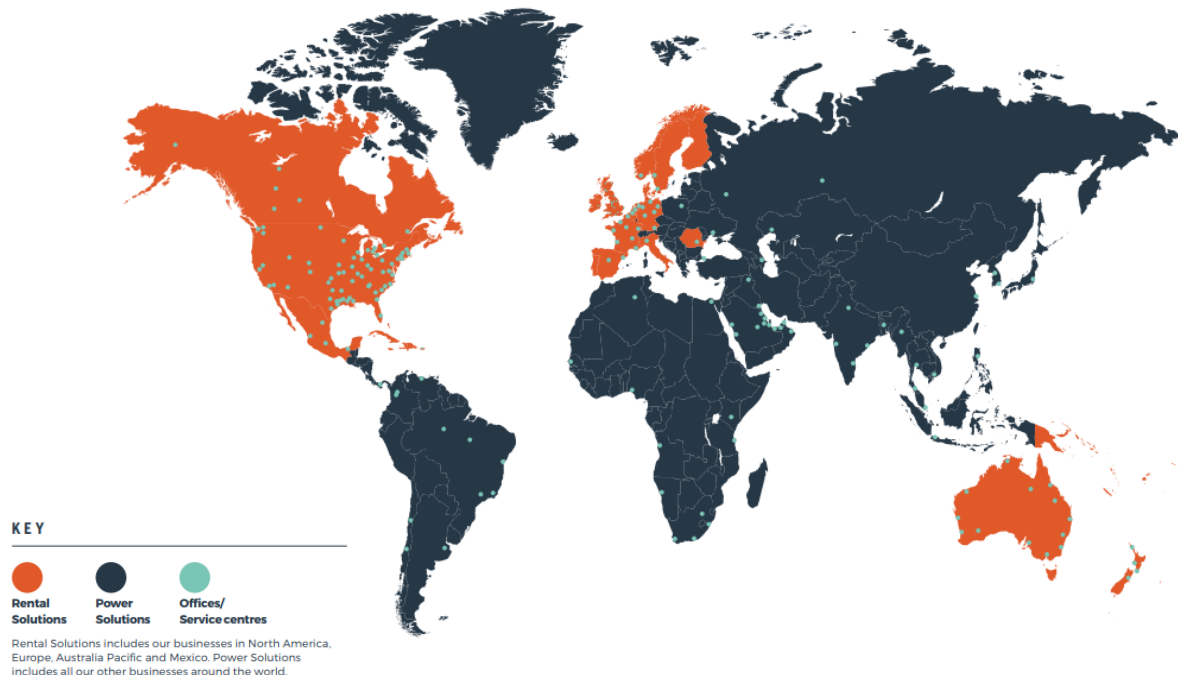
**7,000 employees**

Permanent and temporary

**100 countries**

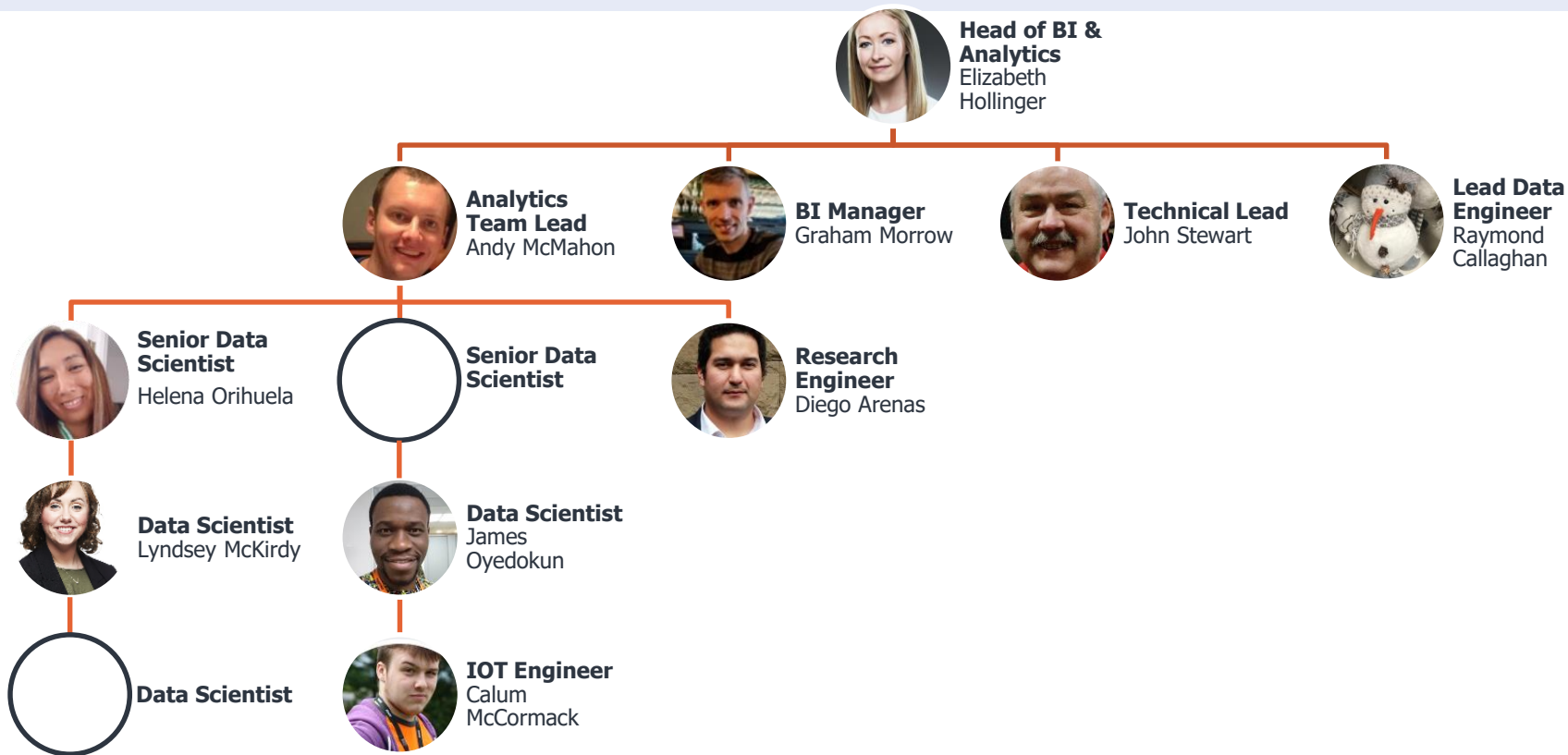
Where we operate

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A global company, listed on the London Stock Exchange

Local expertise to help our customers make their difference





### Descriptive

Correlational and casual analysis  
Trends and distributions



### Diagnostic

Principal component analysis  
Clustering and segmentation  
Anomaly detection



### Predictive

Forecasting  
Regression, Classification  
Bayesian Modelling



### Prescriptive

Simulation (deterministic and stochastic)  
Scenario Analysis



## Award Winning Team

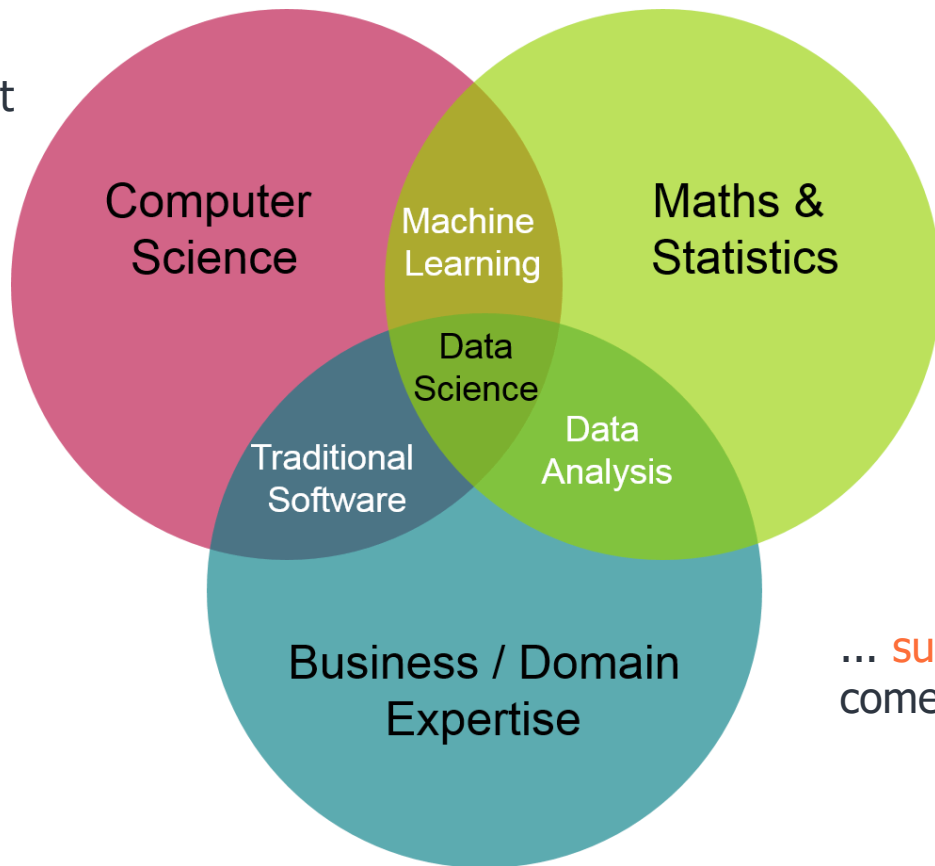
- Attunity Microsoft Partner Project Award
- 'Data Excellence' Lloyds Bank National Business Award Winner's 2019.
- Data Science Foundation's 'Data Scientist of the Year' 2019.

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# VALUE DRIVEN ANALYTICS

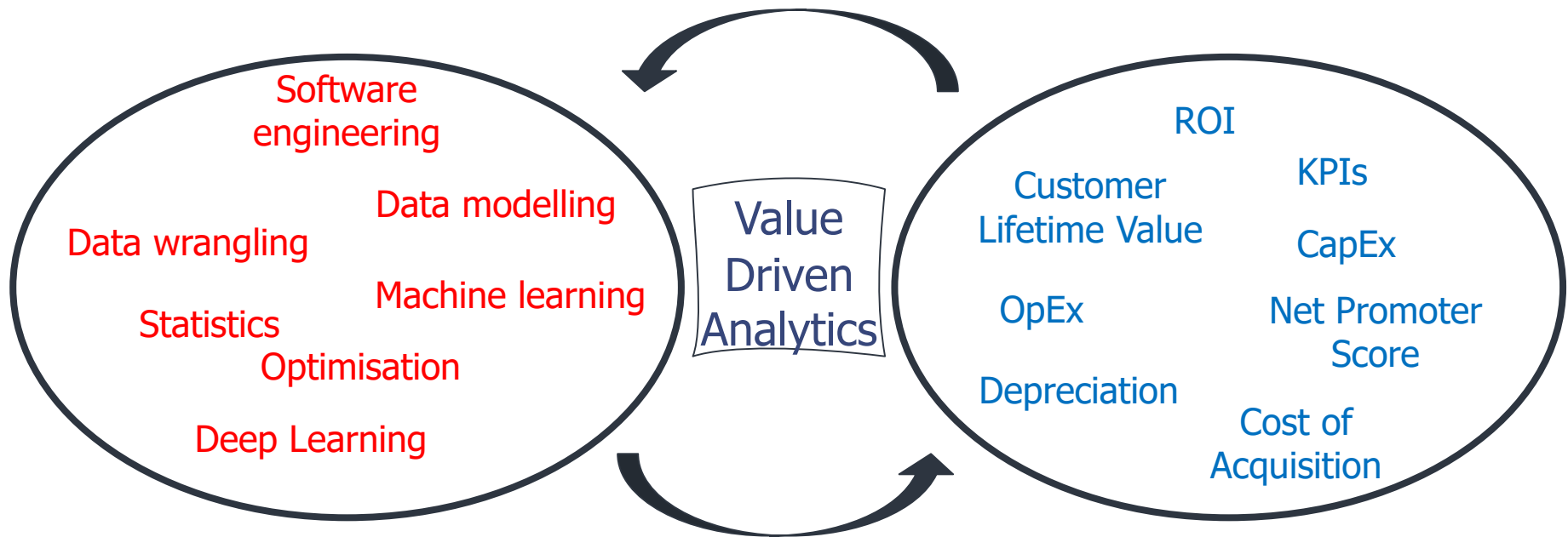
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Unicorns do exist, but  
they are rare ...

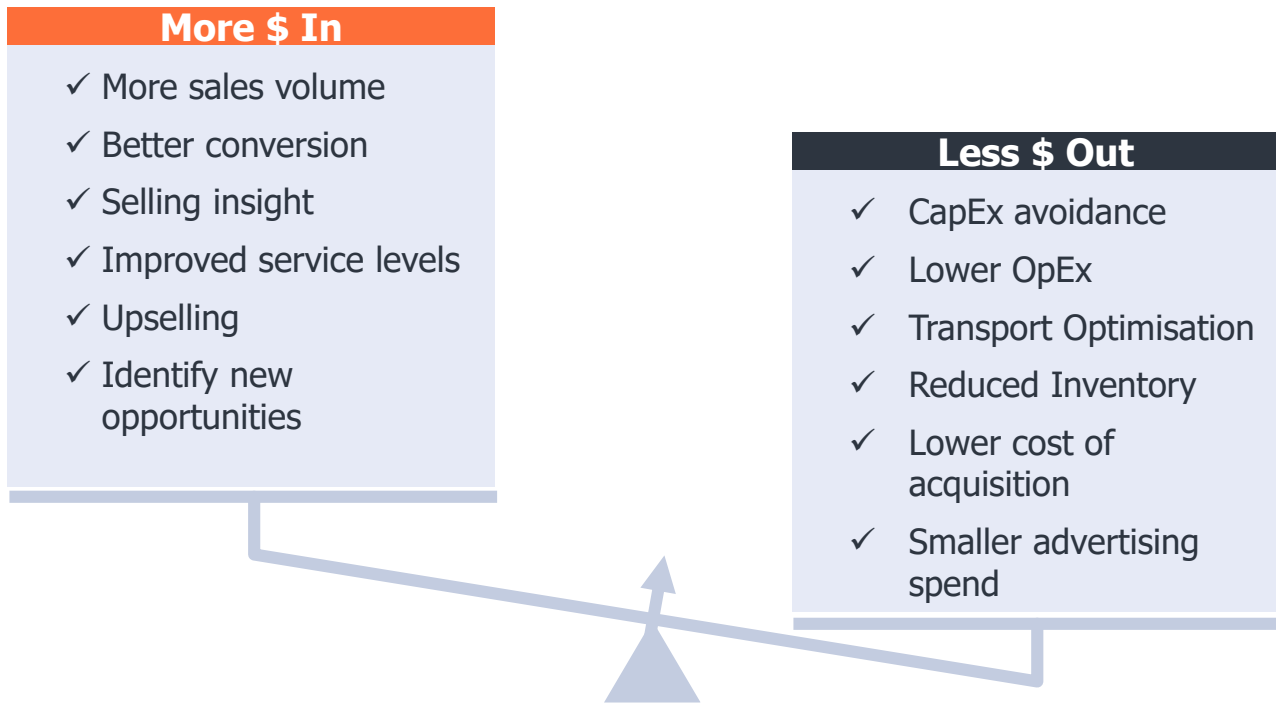


... **sustainable value** will  
come from teams.





*Adapted from the Deloitte Insight Driven Organisation methodology.*



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# PRIORITISATION

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Successful data projects **must start with the problems**, not ideas for solutions

**Do Ask:** can we increase KPI "X" by 5% within a year?

**Don't Ask:** how do we build an app to show KPI "X"?

### **Business value:**

**Do Ask:** what are the five biggest 'value sinks' within my remit?

**Do Ask:** what stops me from hitting my KPIs / what KPIs should we improve?

**Don't Ask:** what is easiest for you guys to do?

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**Definitely Don't Ask:** How do we use machine learning to solve this problem?



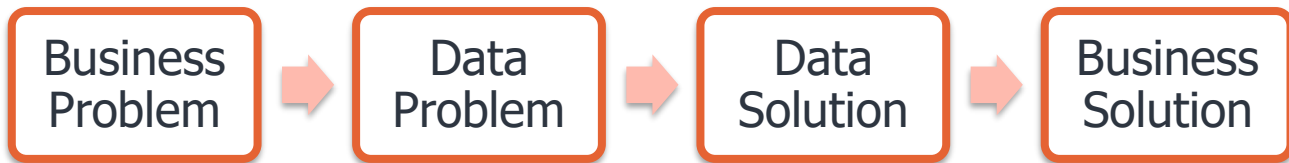
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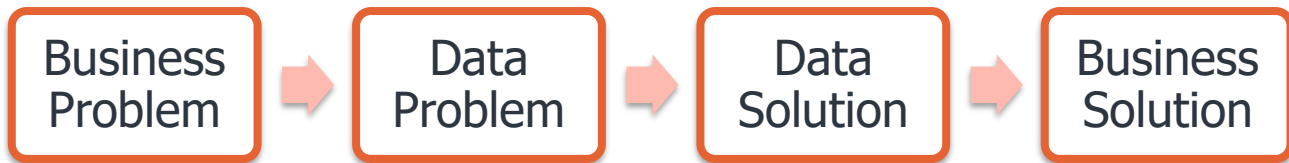
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### Suggested Route

#### Pros:

- Clearest route to solution
- Potentially multiple applications

#### Cons:

- May not be the most effective
- Reliant on action being taken / suggestions being understood

### Medium Route

#### Pros:

- Can be based on classification techniques (standard)
- Can have multiple applications

#### Cons:

- Contingent on data volume
- No guarantee of accuracy

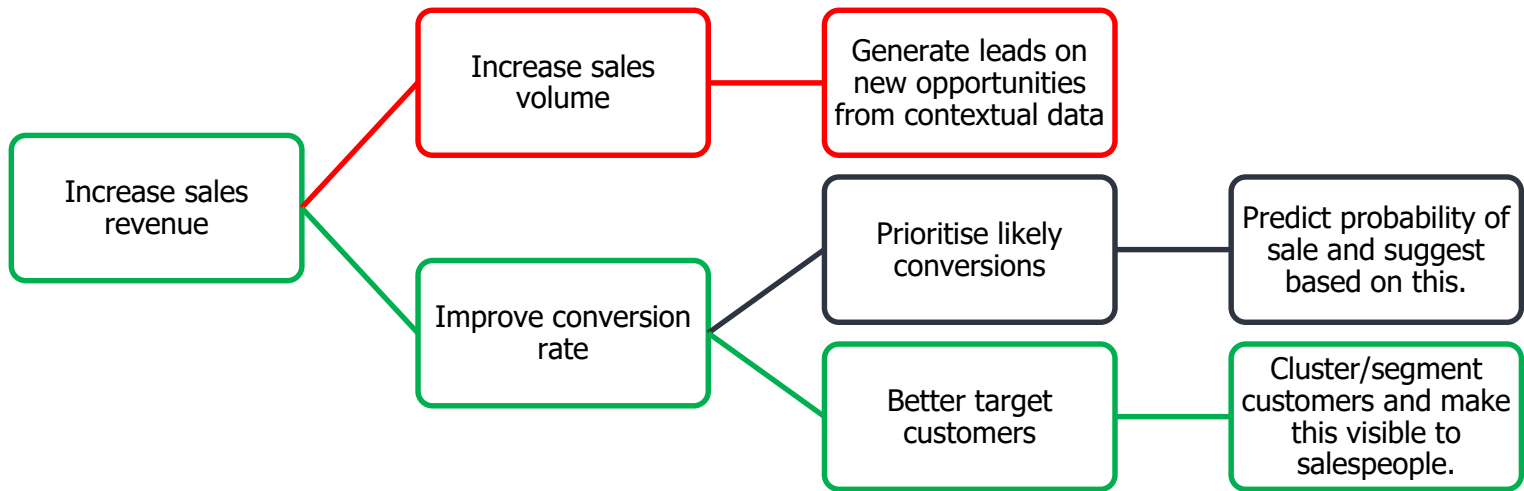
### Hard(er) Route

#### Pros:

- May be most effective for problem

#### Cons:

- Likely requires most complex algorithms (NLP etc)
- Limited applicability beyond this project.





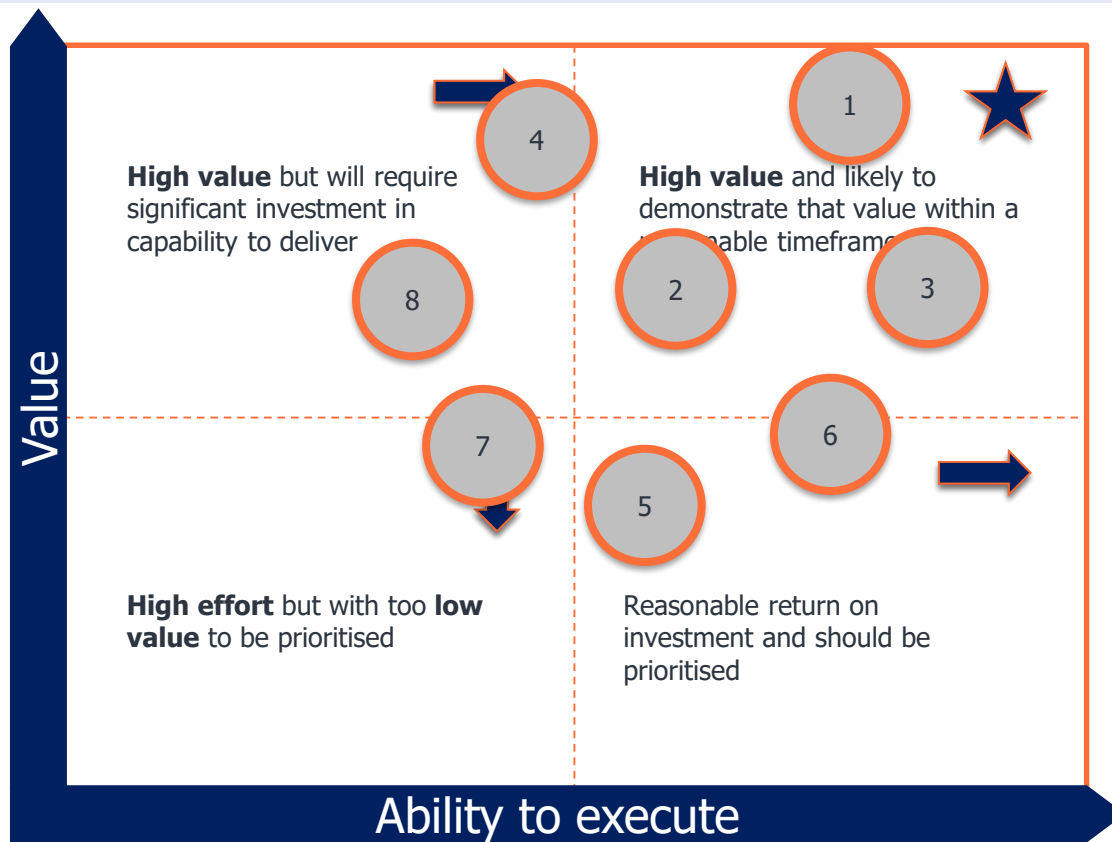
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For example, here I would probably go with the 'Customer Segmentation' project, it has a lower data readiness than the anomaly detection project, but to my mind this is made up by the fact that it is lower complexity.

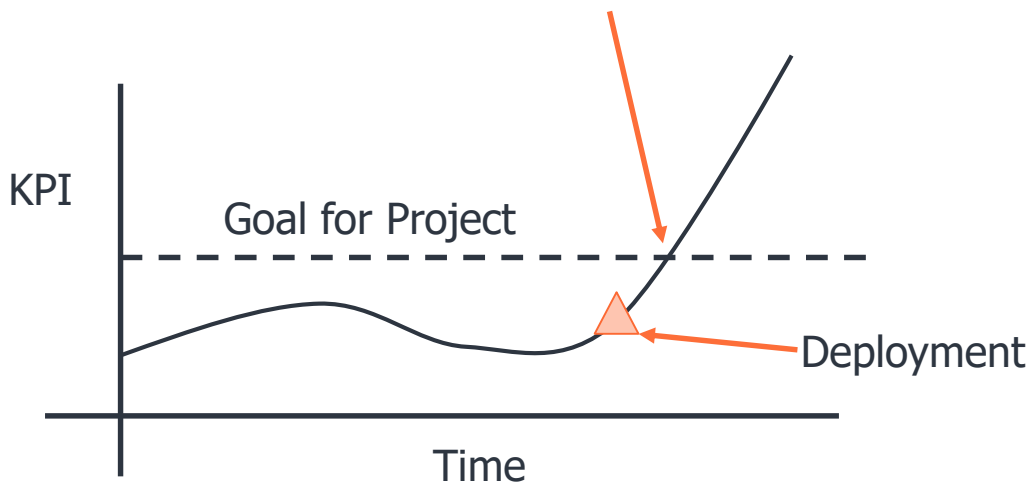


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**ROI**

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Post Deployment Monitoring Ends



The whole point is to create **value**:

- If we achieve the goal – we stop and move on to the next valuable opportunity.
- If we do not achieve the goal – regroup and decide whether to iterate or park for later.
- Goals must always value driven – what is the minimum viable improvement for this project?
- No vanity metrics!

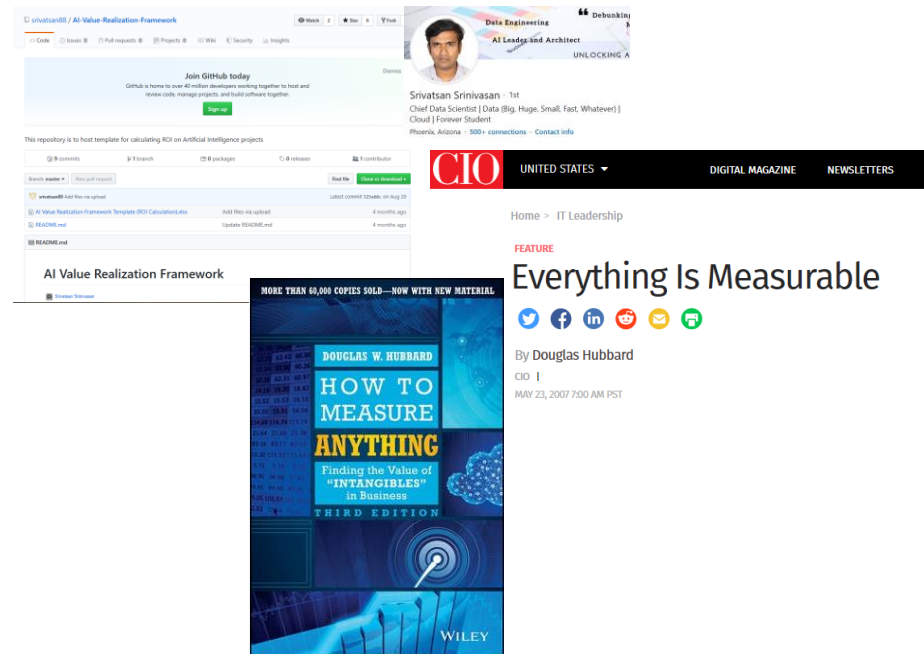
So, we all know that ROI is something like

$$ROI = \left[ \frac{Benefits - Investment}{Investment} \right] * 100$$

How do you do this for data science projects?

- **Ballpark is enough** – you are allowed error bars ....
- **Scenarios** – Pin your best and worst estimated numbers against these values and see what it looks like.
- **Use multiple metrics for benefits:** Time saved, sales closed, costs lowered, etc.
- **The bigger picture:** Often a small (and hard to pin down) contribution to a wider initiative may still dwarf your development costs.

- The wider community is starting to think about this in earnest (good!)
- Some people have been thinking about it for a lot longer (Hubbard).
- The key thing to remember is that the core ideas are the same in any business discipline, the details are what is different for analytics.



<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/identifying-prioritizing-artificial-intelligence-use-cases-srivatsan/>  
<https://github.com/srivatsan88/AI-Value-Realization-Framework>  
<https://www.cio.com/article/2438921/everything-is-measurable.html>

### **Value Driven Analytics**

- Teams, not unicorns.
- More money in, less money out.

### **Prioritisation**

- Ask the business, help them ask the right questions.
- Map Business Problem -> Data Problem -> Data Solution -> Business Solution.
- Decision and hypothesis trees.
- T-shirt sizing.

### **ROI**

- Agree and end point and stick to it.
- Start vague and hone in.
- It's ok to be ballpark, just be consistent and logical.