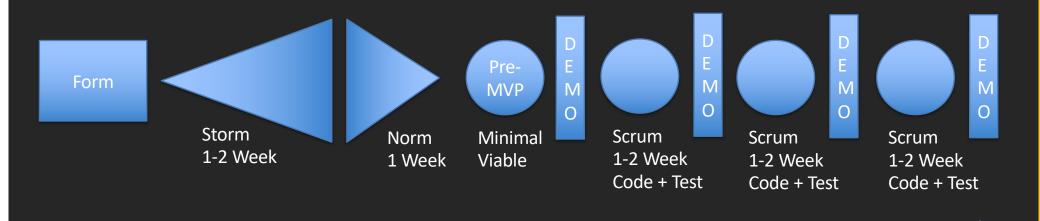
# PROJECT GUIDANCE AGILE ANALYTICS

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# Agile Project Guidance

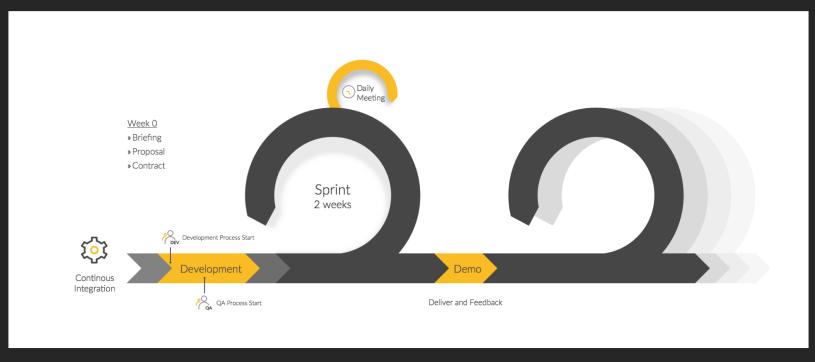
## Getting Started – Behaviors and Process



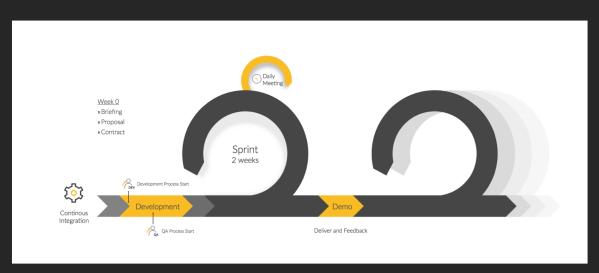
4 or more iterations

- 1. Form, Storm, Norm
- 2. Minimum Viable
- 3. Key skeleton components
- 4. Hypothesis  $\rightarrow$  Test  $\rightarrow$  Record
- 5. Agile Model for Feature Increments (for a changing objective)
- 6. Agile Analytics

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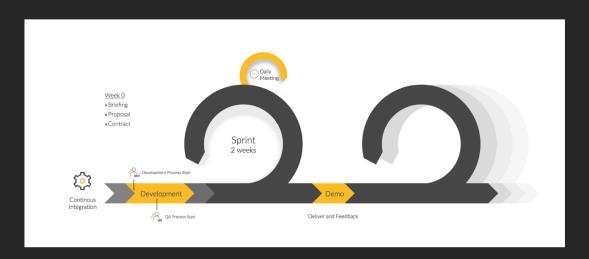
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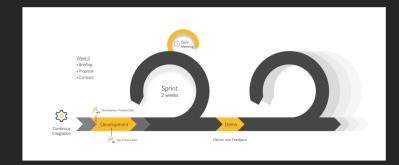


#### Things that don't work so well:

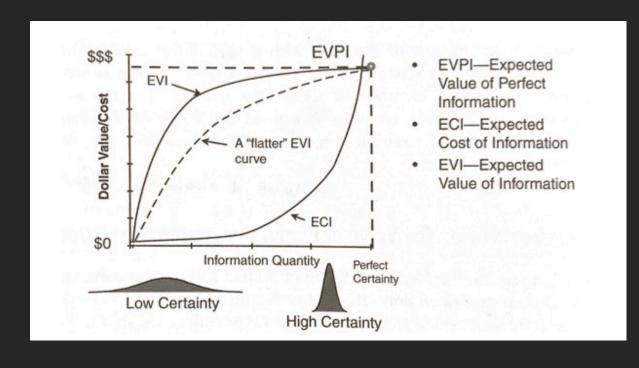
- The fortuitous finding
- Exploratory data analysis
- Product ownership / story-writing (customer x is trying to do Y)
- Business-as-usual support, ie monthly report

#### Adjustments to SCRUM for Data Analytics:

- Time bounded spikes for research with conclusion like should this be pursued further
- Make the AC (Acceptance Criteria) include "write the next story" (proposal):
  - 1 page summary, eg what to look into next
  - Recommend our strategy to pursue
  - Write the ACs to be able to prototype it
- Reserve 10% for non-sprint work
  - Transparent, say what they are working on
  - Plausible value
- Peer Review instead of Sprint Review at demo day
  - Bring team together to review
  - Spread knowledge across team (junior learn from senior members)
  - Cross team input on research topics
  - Catch more errors, see discrepancies



# Strategic Analytical Measurement

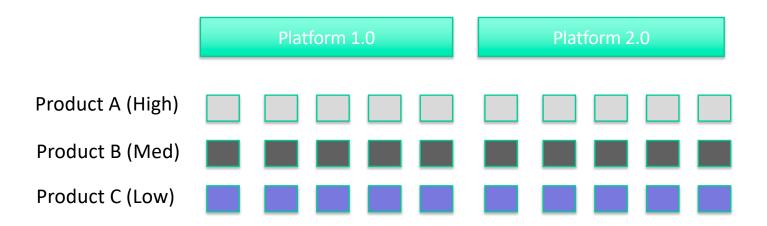


- Estimate value of perfect prediction / classification / information?
- 2. How close are you to perfect information/ prediction today? (what value have you already obtained?
- 3. Estimate the cost of improving the information / prediction with an asymptotic shape (
- 4. Calculate Incremental ROI: Additional Value/Additional Cost

# Platforms and Product Management Process

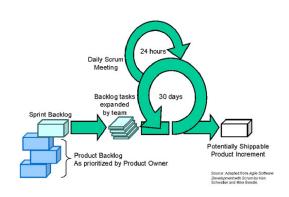
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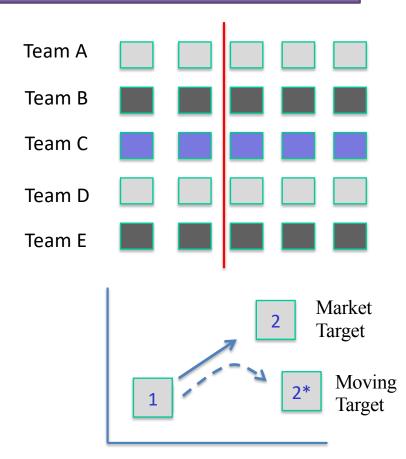


- Fully featured platform -> product line management
- Avoid Medtronic problem: newest feature on simplest product
- Platform costs are shared and allocated over all products
- Team structure to avoid duplicate work and skills

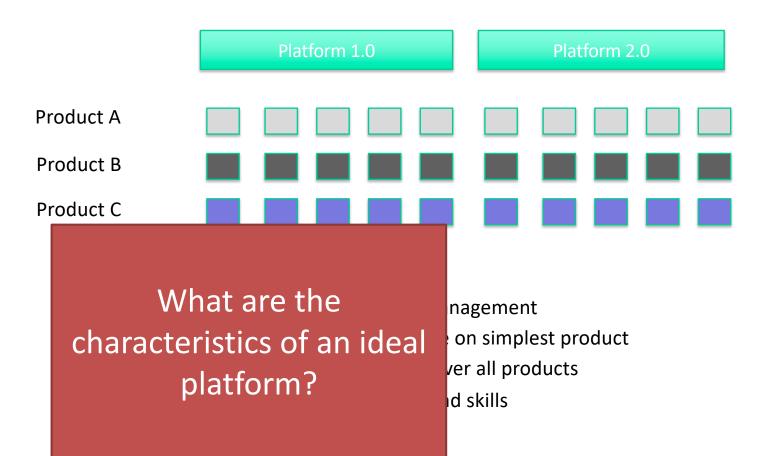
# Purpose of Agile



- \* X day sprints
- \* Design + test together



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#### An R&D Process for Product Development

#### Methods:

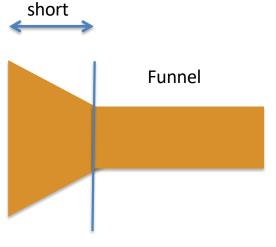
- Train schedules
- Platforms/Produc ts
- Gates / Docs
- Funnels
- PRD
- Agile vs.AggregatePlanning

#### Measures:

- Cycle time
- Market Share
- Quality
- Fully Allocated Cost



Keep Technology Risk in "Labs"



Commitment Point with Product Requirements

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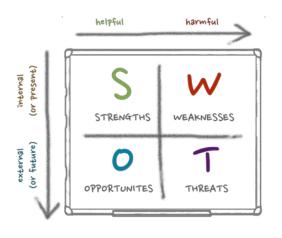


# Disrupt Yourself

#### **Exercises for Urgency and Information Gathering:**

What would your firm do if your current products and services were offered at no cost?

How would you disrupt yourself, that is how competitors will do it. What defensive strategy will you use?

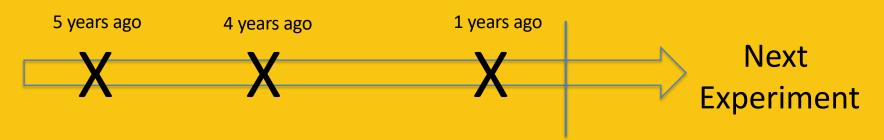






# Sometimes It is Important to Look Backwards and Learn

Attempted Projects to Innovate in This Area



#### Review in each case:

- What went right? What went wrong?
- Conditions/environment?
- Team, Culture, Decision Making
- Build/buy/Contract
- Timing

Hypothesis of

What can work

Today

Exercise: Try it List 3-5 past projects Sub-bullets: reflections

Final statement: What can we learned

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Core Competency	Scale 10x?	Hard to Copy	Option A	Option B	Option C
Inventory Selection					
Customer Service					
Information Management					
Full Price on Internet					
Logistics					
Culture					CANAD

SAMPLE \*WORKSHEET

#### **Berkeley Innovation Index**

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Company or Organization Understand People & Functions

Data Analytics

X-Ray to Understand









Input vs Output

Investment R&D Returns We can now see and understand at the level of people

#### Your **innovation culture** score is

2.7 / 5.

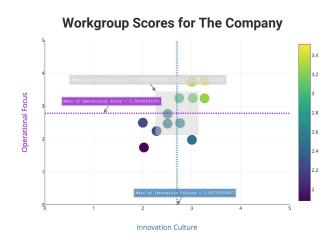
Your **operational focus** score is

2.8 / 5.0

Your total score is



7.6



# Useful data to collect prior to your next strategy or planning meeting

#### Summary of The Company's perceived strengths

Most important answers to the Question: "What do you feel we do best?"

- Pulling together in times of crisis or incidents.
- Completely satisfy the Customers.
- We manage issues that arise, very well!
- The majority of the organisation wants to do a good job servicing the customer in the best way with the tools available.



#### Summary of The Company's perceived weaknesses

Most important answers to the Question: "What are the most important areas for us to improve?"



- Learn to change and take some risks along the way.
- Bringing everyone in the organisation into the 21st century more open approach to change across organisation. Too many blockers to change and very risk adverse
- A structured realistic approach to efficiently delivering good quality strategic solutions



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