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# Opening Remarks

**Houman Goudarzi, Head of BI & Industry Engagement, IATA**



# Building a Data Science capability in an Aviation company

**Eliano Marques**, VP Enterprise Analytics , Data Science, Emirates Group



ENTERPRISE  
ANALYTICS

BRINGING DATA TO LIFE



THE EMIRATES GROUP

# IATA ADS 2019

Building a Data Science capability in aviation

Eliano Marques, VP Data Science, The Emirates Group

# Agenda

- 1 Building a Data Science foundation to deliver
- 2 Building a Data Science foundation to win
- 3 Delivering value fast in production
- 4 Bringing it all together
- 5 An example use-case

# The maturity levels (A<sup>3</sup>) of Data Science across the Enterprise

R&D  
DS Team

Applied  
DS Team

A<sup>3</sup>utonomous

- All Business & Digital applications speak "Data Science"
- Execs and Business Leaders driving the agenda of "Data Science"
- Data Science Investment/ Revenue no longer have 10 zeros before a number

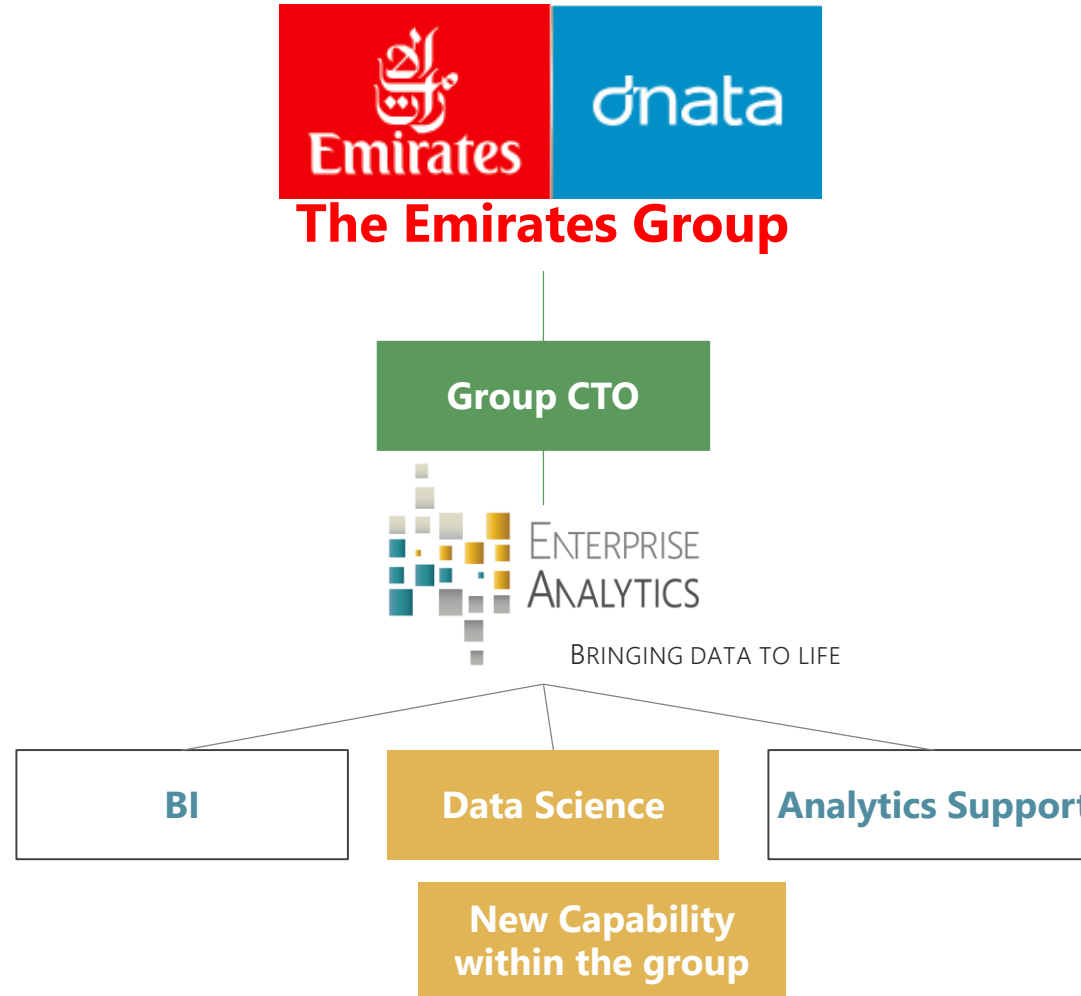
A<sup>2</sup>mbitious

- Focus on foundation
- Cares less about sexy words and more about production
- Very Business and Processes oriented

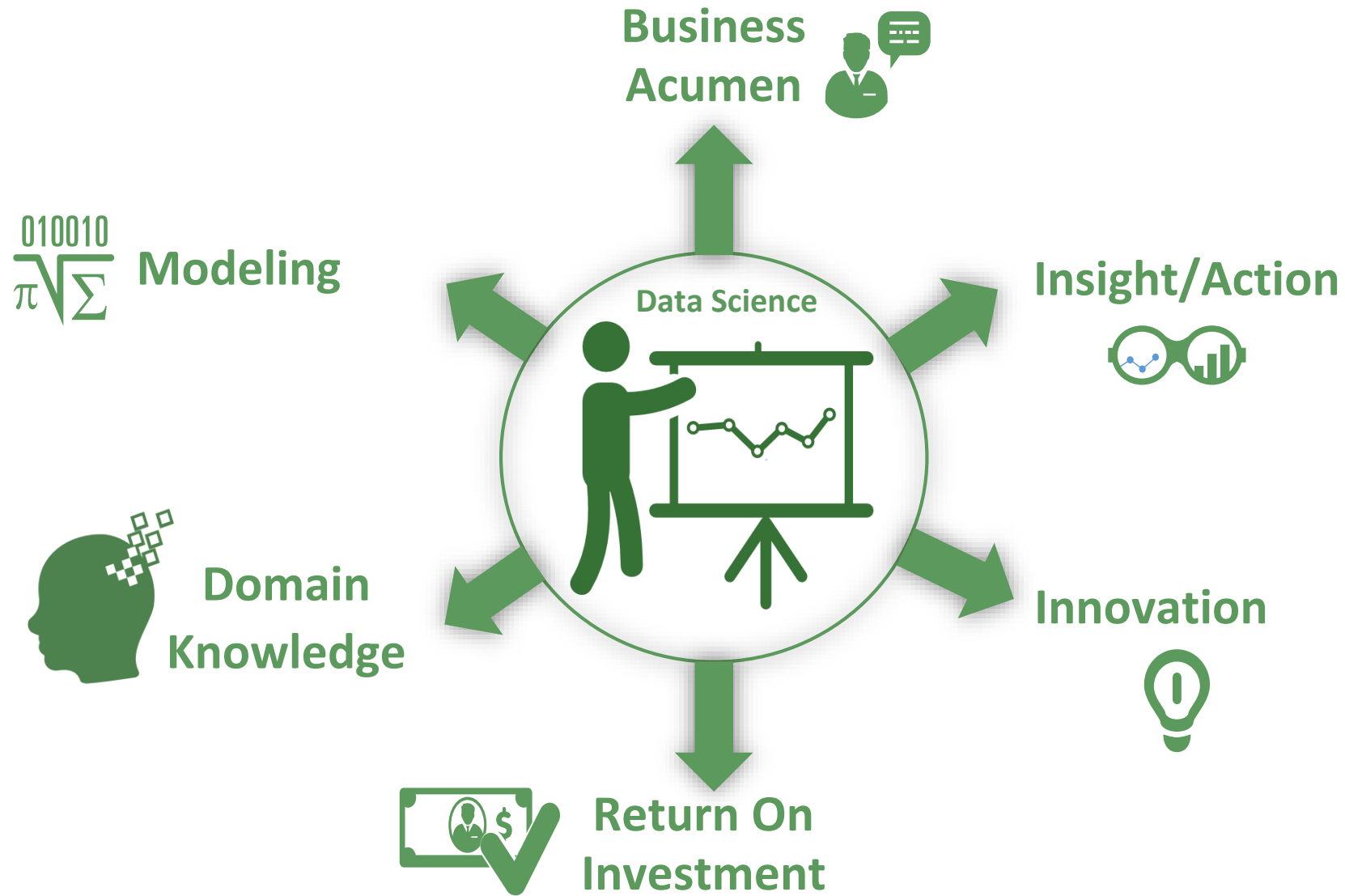
A<sup>1</sup>spirational

- Hire 1 (or a few) Data Scientist and thinks problems are solved
- Does PoC (internal or external) and believes job is done
- Seems to be taken off but runs in circles, churn starts to appear



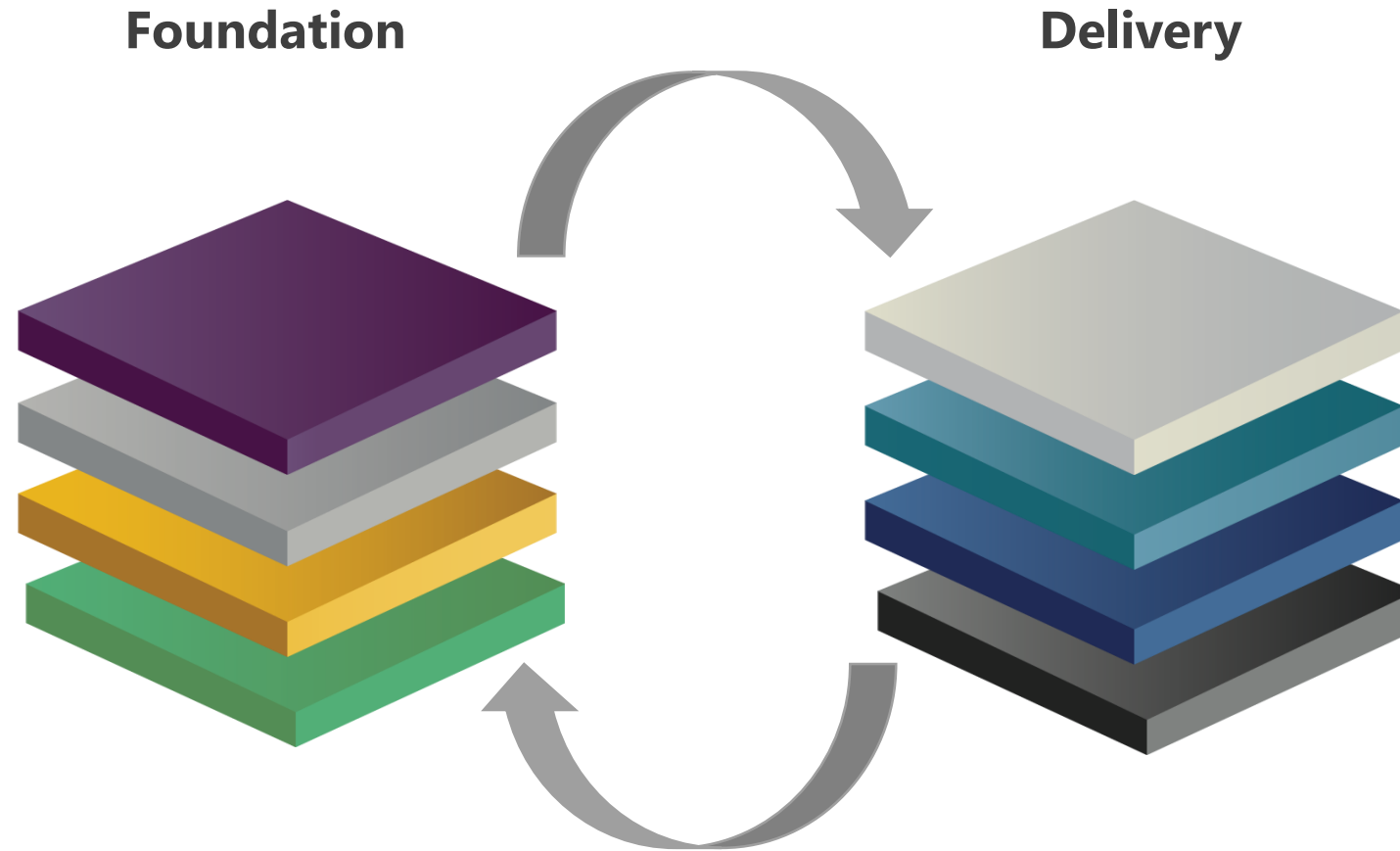


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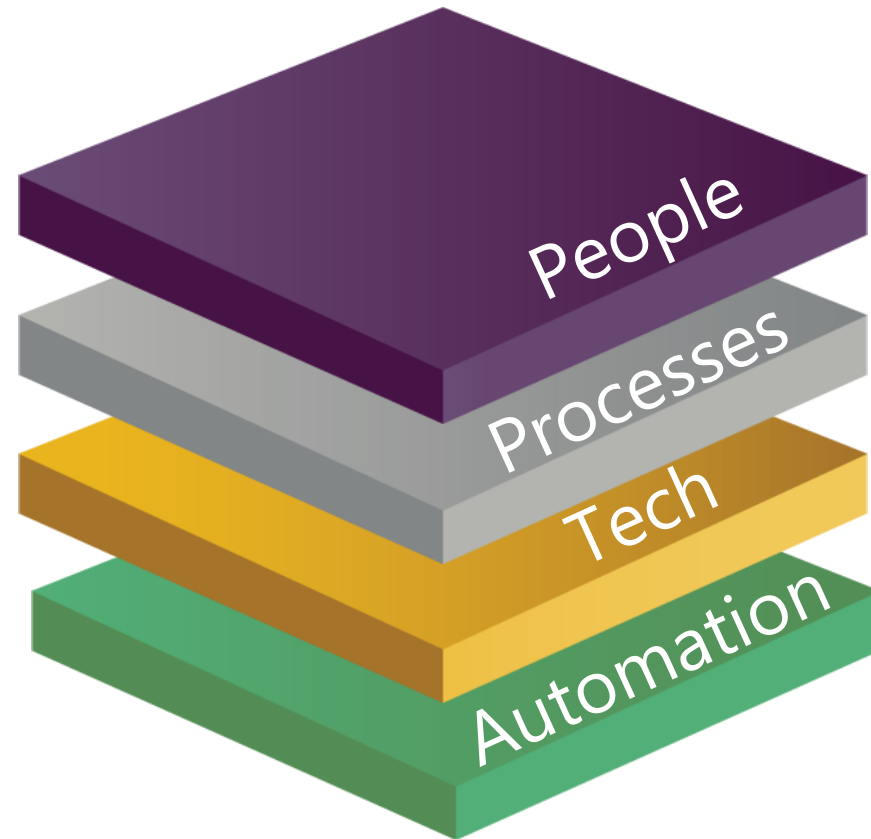




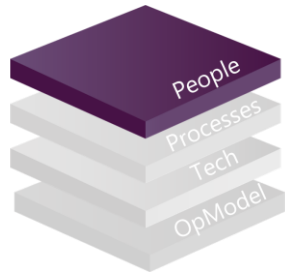
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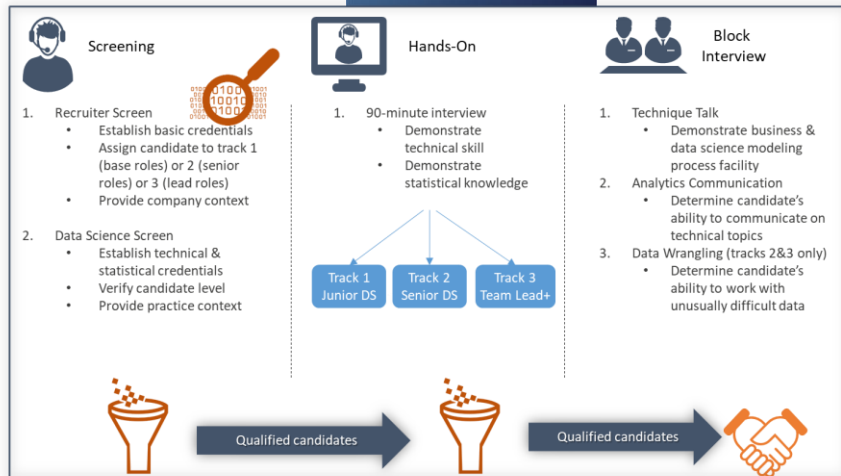
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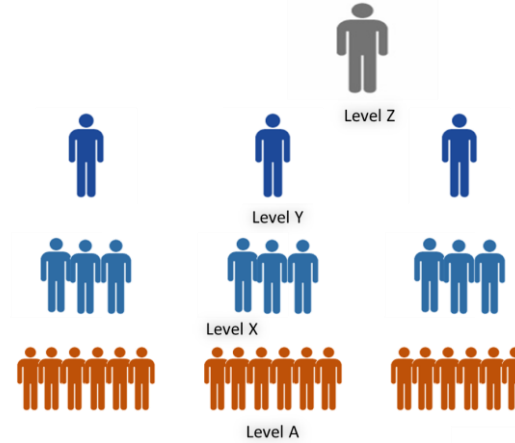
# Building the foundation - People



Recruit well & with standards



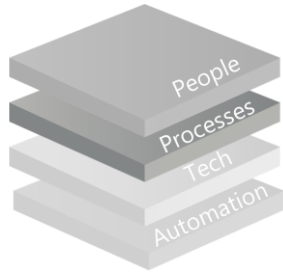
Organise to grow and win



Invest in training paths

	Consulting Track	Data Science Technology Track	Data Science Track	Emirates Group Domains & Business Units
Level 1 - DS (Foundation)	DS110	DS120	DS130	DS140
Assessment 1	A-DS110	A-DS120	A-DS130	A-DS140
Level 2 - SDS (Intermediate)	DS210	DS220	DS230	DS240
Assessment 2	A-DS210	A-DS220	A-DS230	A-DS240
Level 3 - Team Lead (Advanced)	DS310	DS320	DS330	DS340
Assessment 3	A-DS310	A-DS320	A-DS330	A-DS340
Level 4 - VP+ (Expert)	DS410	DS420	DS430	DS440
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# Building the foundation - Processes



Data Ingestion

End-to-end platform building

Recruitment

Features Store

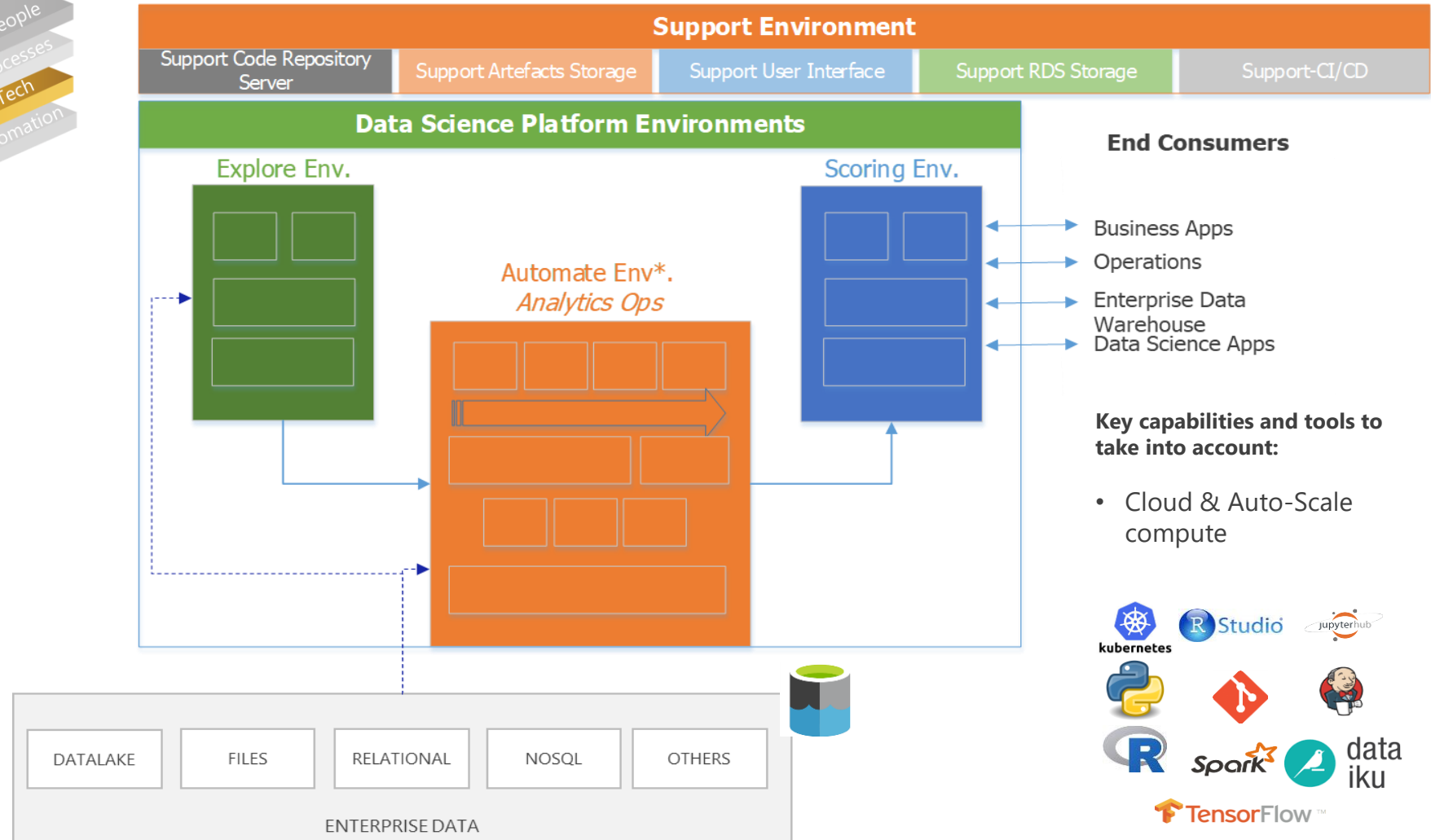
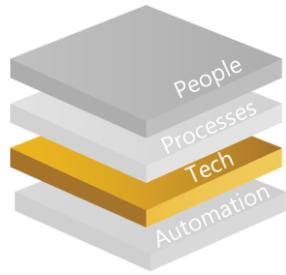
End-to-end use-case delivery

Career Paths/  
Training curriculum

Model Lifecycle

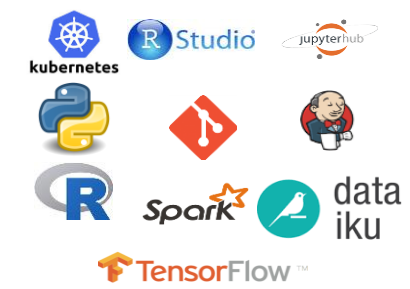
Common Libraries

# Building the foundation - Tech

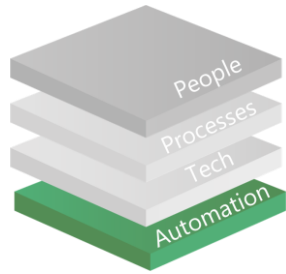


### Key capabilities and tools to take into account:

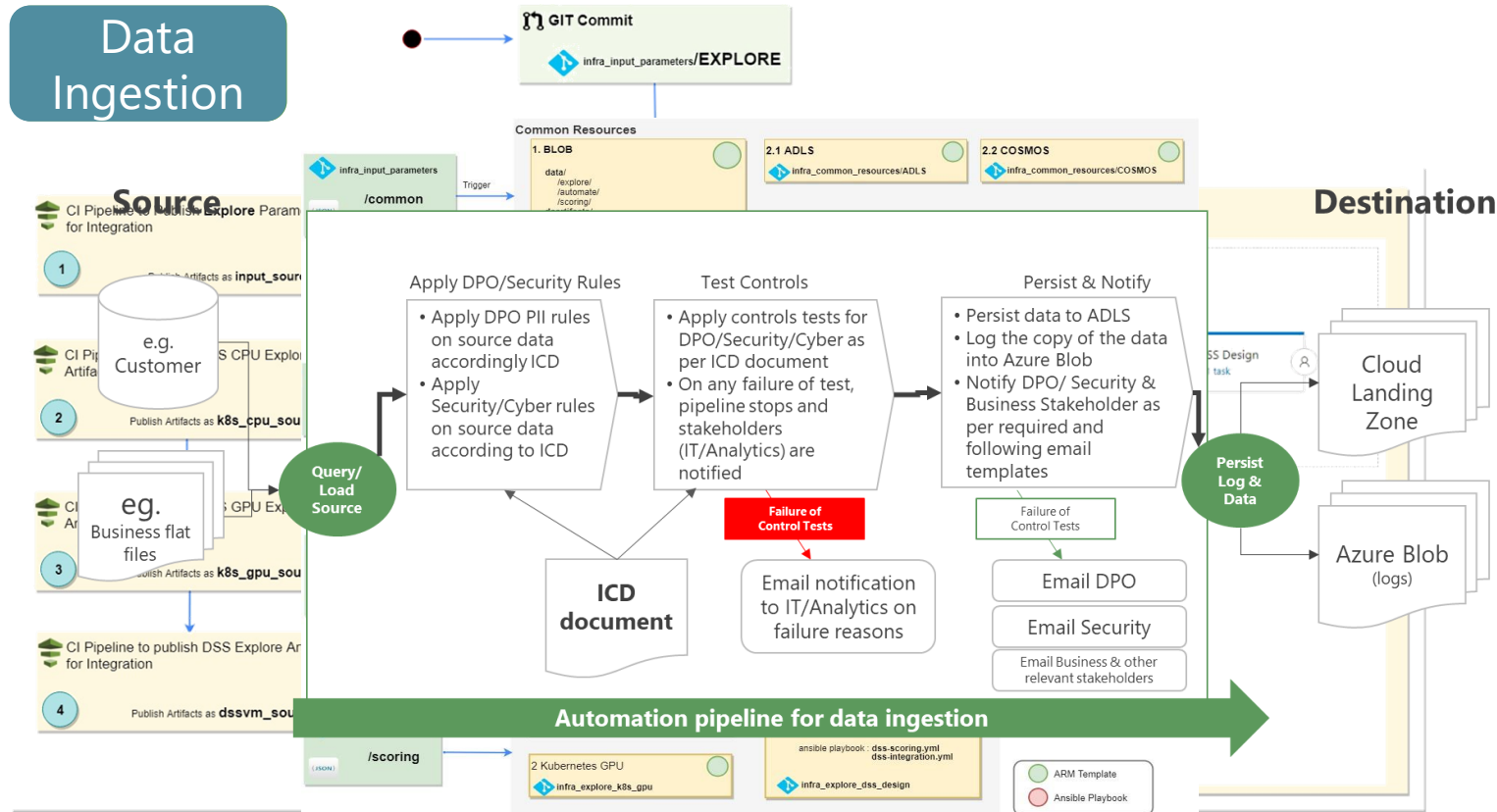
- Cloud & Auto-Scale compute



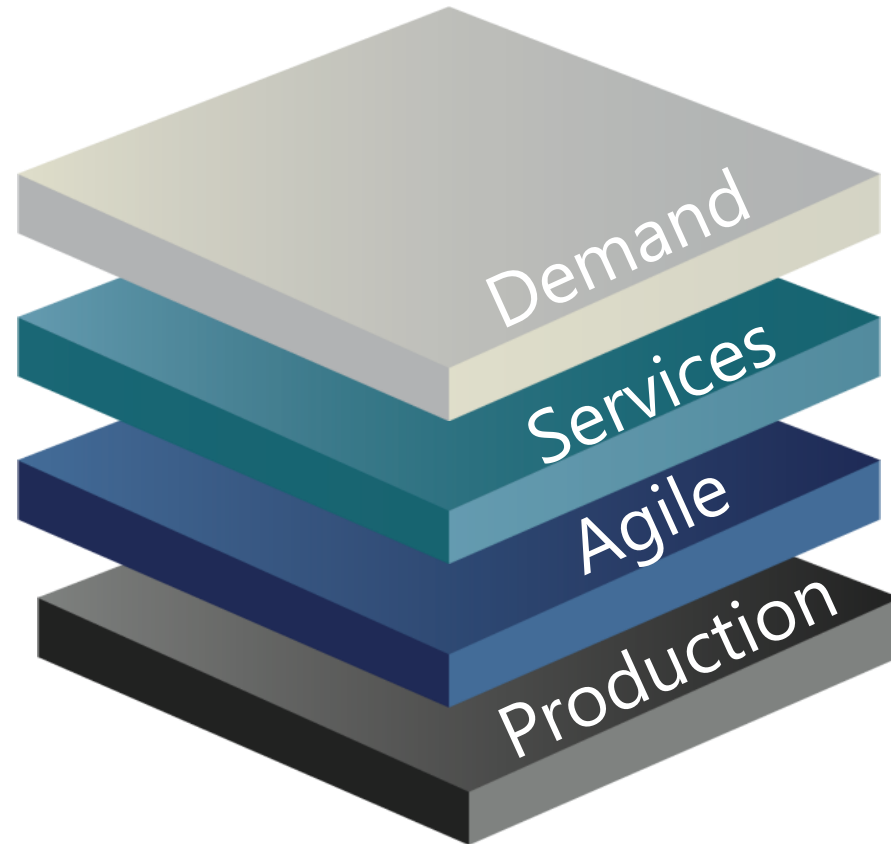
# Building the foundation - Automation



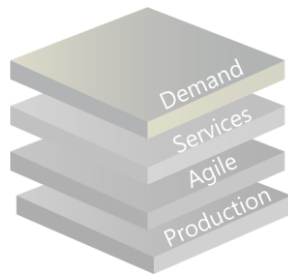
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- Key focused areas to automate are Analytics Platform, Data Ingestion, Integration of outcomes



# Delivering value fast in production

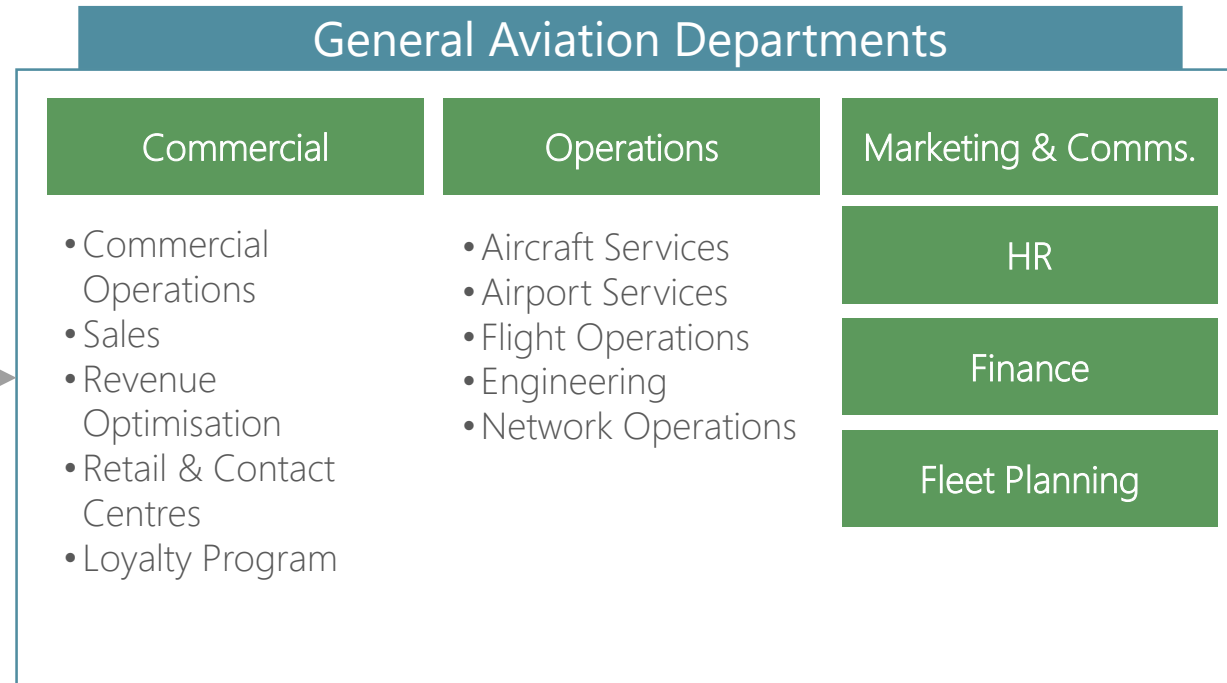


# Delivering value fast in production - Demand



Aligned with  
each business  
unit

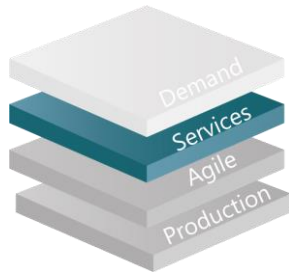
Portfolio  
Mgmt. +  
DS Team  
Leads



- Periodically collect and review demand
- Prioritise demand against a standard business & technical complexity matrix
- "Accepted" demand delivered through agile with clear timelines and path-to-production
- Each demand item requires buy-in and support from key stakeholders within business, primarily to drive change around adoption & integration



# Delivering value fast in production - Services



Demand  
Management

Use-case  
exploration

Use-case  
Validation

Use-case  
Deployment

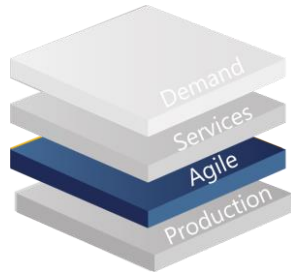
Use-case  
monitoring

Self-service use-  
case exploration

Self-service usage  
of DS outputs

Recruitment on  
behalf

# Delivering value fast in production - Agile

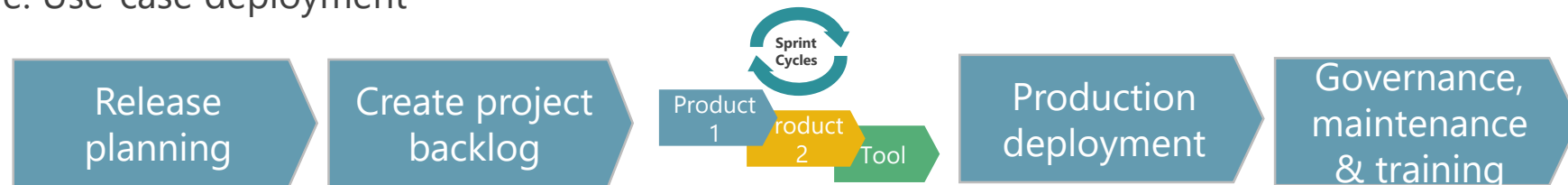


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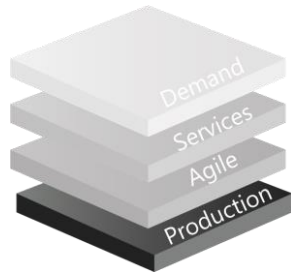
## Example: Use-case exploration



## Example: Use-case deployment



# Delivering value fast in production - Production



Define and build the to-be process that embeds the DS outcome

Build standard integration patterns to automate and accelerate rollouts

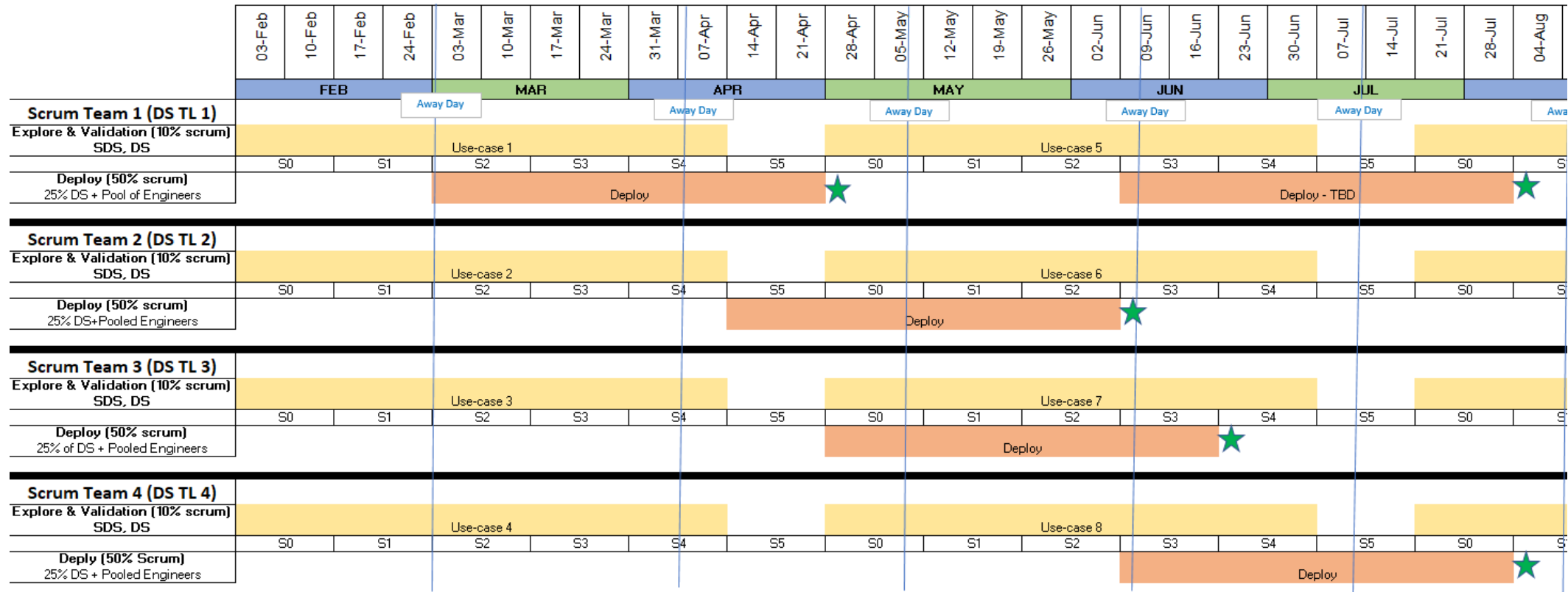
Automate deployment of the DS artefacts with clear business release input strategy

Build competition for production

Value to the Enterprise is one use-case are running in production

# Bringing all together

- Foundation + Delivery together enables definition of **Velocity**



## Example backlog of use-cases:

- **Customer**

- Next best action
- Loyalty program
- Customer experience

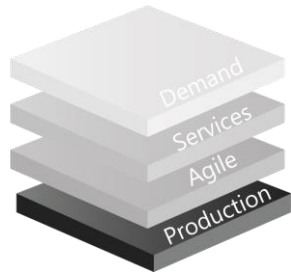
- **Operations**

- Meals, Duty Free optimisation
- Baggage handling optimisation
- Repeat defect of assets parts

- **Shared services / Others**

- Finance – Agents risk of default
- HR – Employee Attrition

# Deep dive into a use-case - Meals

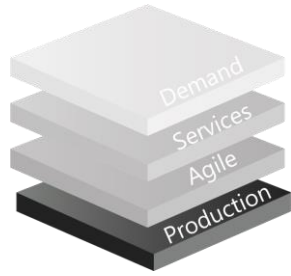


## Business problem:

- To meet Pax meals first choice
- To reduce food wastage and as a result reduce cost
- To optimize supply chain via better estimation of uplift requirements

Challenges	Solution	Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Data availability, quality &amp; integration</li><li>• Complexity of changing as-is process involving multiple stakeholders, e.g. catering, suppliers, operations, delivery, finance, ...</li><li>• On Demand Service</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Predict the demand of main course meal type by flight</li><li>• Ability to provide short-term (t-4 hours) and long-term (t-72 hours) predictions</li><li>• Self-adjusting to new menus and/or recent consumption</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improved % of Pax meeting their meals first choice</li><li>• Saved on fuel &amp; supply chain</li><li>• Automated/Simplified</li></ul>

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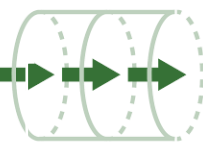
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### Source Data



### Data Pipelines



### Cloud Storage



### DS Platform

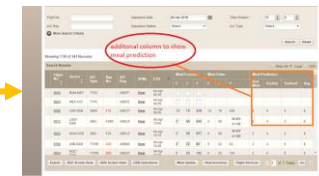
#### DS Solution



DS Scoring  
Pipeline



### Operations



On-demand

### Flight





# Bigger Data

**Charles Girard, Customer Data Officer, Air France KLM**

# BIGGER DATA

CHARLES GIRARD

*CUSTOMER DATA OFFICER*





**116 COUNTRIES**

**101.4 MILLION  
PASSENGERS**

**314 DESTINATIONS**

**33 MILLION FOLLOWERS  
ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

**548 AIRCRAFT  
OPERATED**

# BIG DATA

# Data Lake

A scenic landscape featuring a calm lake in the foreground that perfectly reflects the surrounding environment. In the middle ground, a dense forest of green trees lines the shore. The background is dominated by a range of mountains, with the highest peaks covered in snow and set against a clear, bright blue sky. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

# Value Creation

A man with a goatee and glasses, wearing a bright yellow hazmat suit, sits in a metal chair in the center of a large, dilapidated warehouse. He is surrounded by stacks of cash wrapped in clear plastic, some on pallets and some on the floor. A rifle is visible on the floor to his right. The background features large windows and industrial structures, with light streaming in from the windows.

# THE REALITY

A close-up photograph of a swampy area. The water is a deep, vibrant blue, reflecting the sky. The water is surrounded by dense, green reeds and other aquatic plants. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the swampy terrain. The overall scene is a natural, somewhat desolate landscape.

# Data swamp

# GDPR / Privacy

A hand is shown in the foreground, pointing towards a digital interface. The interface is composed of various icons and symbols, including a large shield with a padlock, a globe, a person icon, a shopping cart, a percentage sign, a currency symbol (¥\$€), a padlock, a smartphone, a gear, and a person icon. The background is a dark blue gradient with a grid pattern and some blurred icons.

# THE SOLUTION





# Data Management

A male runner in a bright blue long-sleeved jacket and black shorts is captured in profile, running uphill on a grassy slope. The background shows a clear sky and some sparse vegetation. The overall mood is one of physical effort and achievement.

Pain but successful

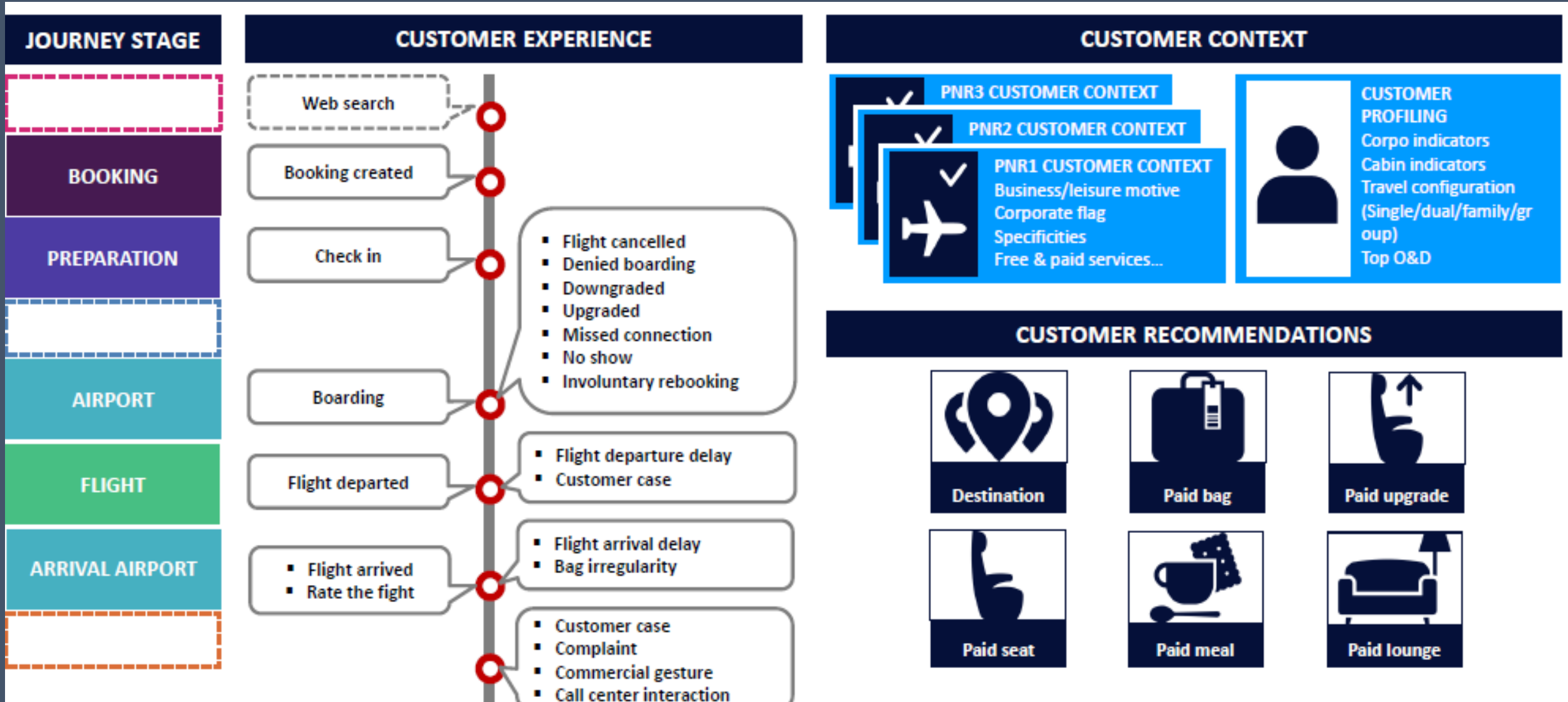
**WHAT WE ACHIEVED**

**WITHIN AF & KL**

A person in a dark suit is skydiving, floating upside down in the sky. The background is a panoramic view of a city with many skyscrapers and a body of water, captured during a golden sunset. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, with a few white contrails from other aircraft visible.

360° View

# Customer Journey



- Flight cancelled
- Denied boarding
- Downgraded
- Upgraded
- Missed connection
- No show
- Involuntary rebooking

- Flight departure delay
- Customer case


- Flight arrival delay
- Bag irregularity



Destination



Paid bag



Paid upgrade



Paid seat



Paid meal



Paid lounge

IS IT ENOUGH ?

An aerial photograph of a rugged coastline. The foreground shows dark, jagged rock formations. The middle ground features a narrow channel of deep blue water between the rocks. The background shows a vast expanse of lighter blue water meeting a clear sky at the horizon.

Interline : 10 / 12%

Source IATA

**Standard : IATA ID**



# LET'S DREAM

BEFORE

AFTER

BOOKING



APIS



LOYALTY



CHECK-IN



IATA ID



BOOKING

APIS

LOYALTY

CHECK-IN

# BENEFITS

Seamless journey

Frequent flyer proof

Hassle free preparation

Better insights

Investment rationalization

Improved personalisation relevancy

# Leveraging value creation

**AIRFRANCEKLM**  
GROUP

**LET'S SHAPE  
THE NEW REALITY**



# How a leading airport has built a wide spectrum of data (AI/data science/BI) capabilities

**Sjoerd Blüm, CIO, Amsterdam Airport Schiphol**



# The Dawn of Urban Aerial Ridesharing

Ian Andreas Villa, Vehicle Partner & Strategic Modeling Lead, Uber



# Networking Break



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# Introduction

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# Opening Remarks

**Soumit Nandi, MD, Customer Technology Platforms, United Airlines**

# Key drivers

- Customer centricity
- Retail transformation
- Operational transparency
- Privacy, trust and data ownership
- Technological evolution





# Business Architecture

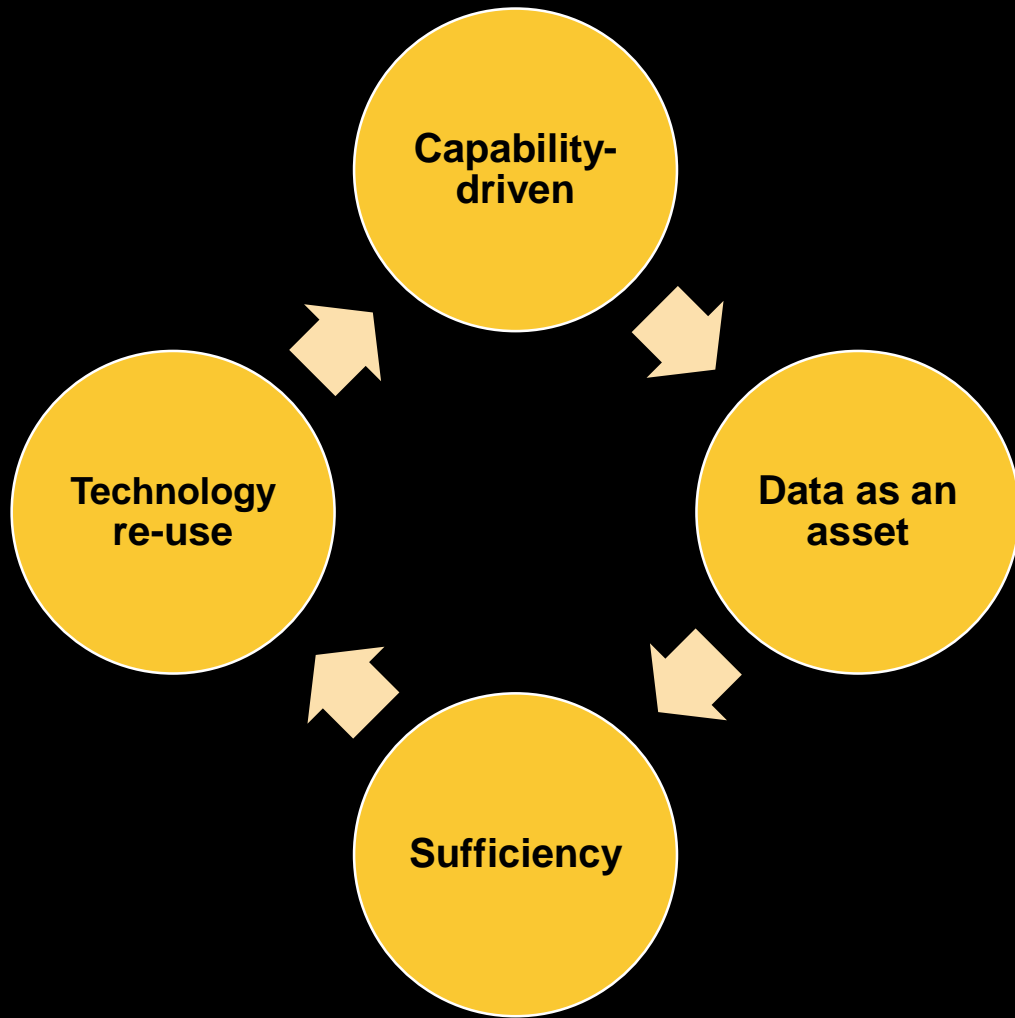
- Intelligent customer channels
- Retail business architecture
  - Customer
  - Storefront
  - Partnership framework
- Transparency end-to-end
  - Operational data exchange
  - Customer transparency
  - Journey management
- Airport as a key logistical hub
- Aircraft operation

# Enabling capabilities

- Shared semantics
- Events as triggers for automation
- Identification and identity management
- Location, addressing and discovery
- Distributed data processing



# Guiding Principles



- Address industry-wide needs
- Embody diverse perspectives
- Leverage proprietary knowledge
- Consider various legal or regulatory requirements
- Aim for simplicity
- Serve as building blocks for innovations
- Drive interoperability and scalability
- Enable streamlining of development and implementation
- Enable cost reduction and control
- Enable new opportunities



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# Uncovering value from data

**Soumit Nandi**

Managing Director – Customer Technology Platforms

 @soumit



Make smarter decisions

Tackle tougher problems

Tell better stories



When do we swap a flight?



How can we improve connections?



How do we keep customers informed?

## Houston to Guatemala City

Details

Seat Map

Standby

Upgrades

Delayed due to severe weather conditions in our route network (Estimated Departure 1 Hour 30 Minutes Late)

IAH

10:10am

Scheduled



GUA

1:00pm

Scheduled

## Houston to Guatemala City

Details

Seat Map

Standby

Upgrades

We're sorry for the delay. The airport has reduced the number of planes allowed to arrive per hour into Guatemala because of ash emitting from Volcano Fuego, impacting your flight. We will provide an update at 10:50am, however your delay may be extended. We appreciate your patience.

IAH

10:10am

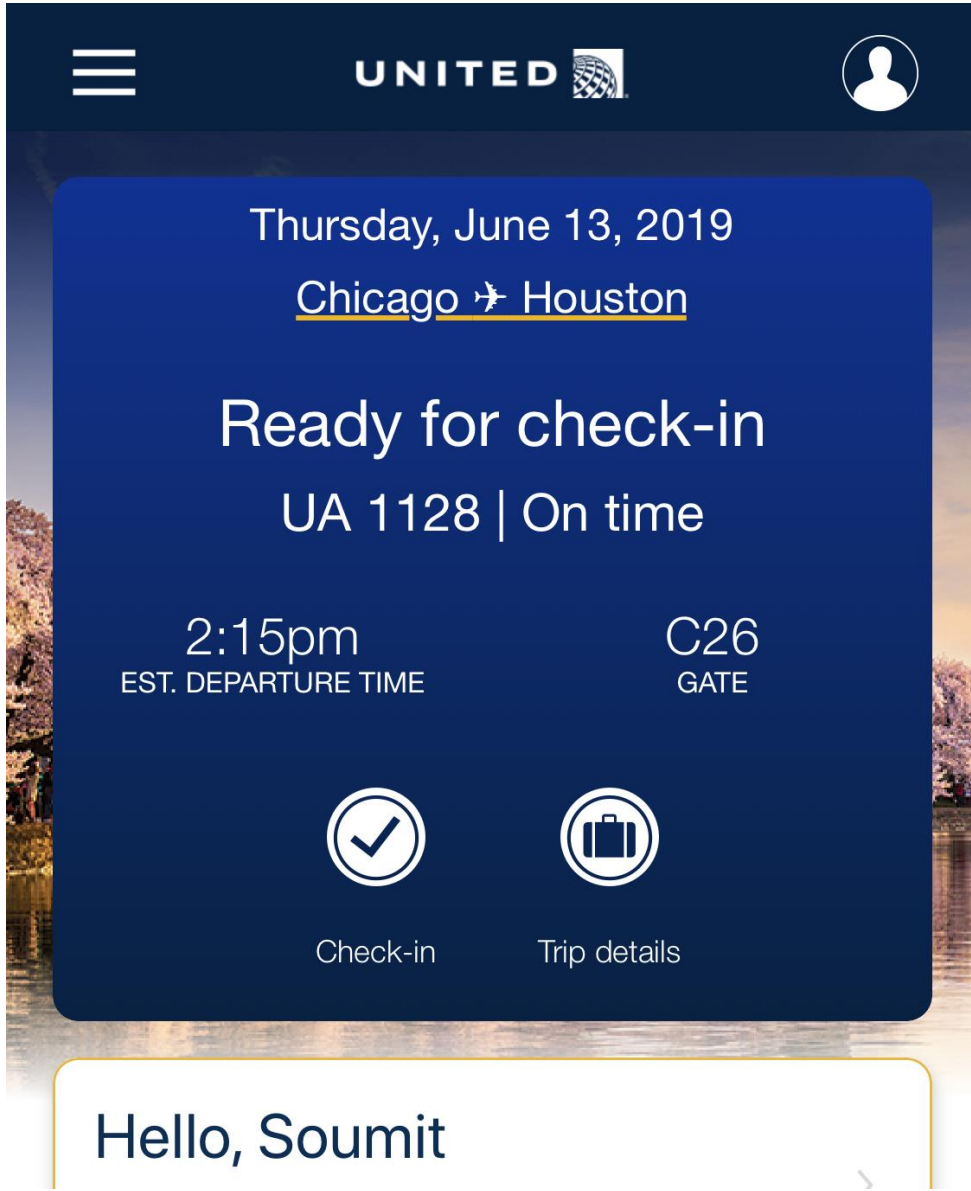
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Leveraging data is  
critical to customer  
centricity

# The Data Revolution

## - Deriving Value from Data

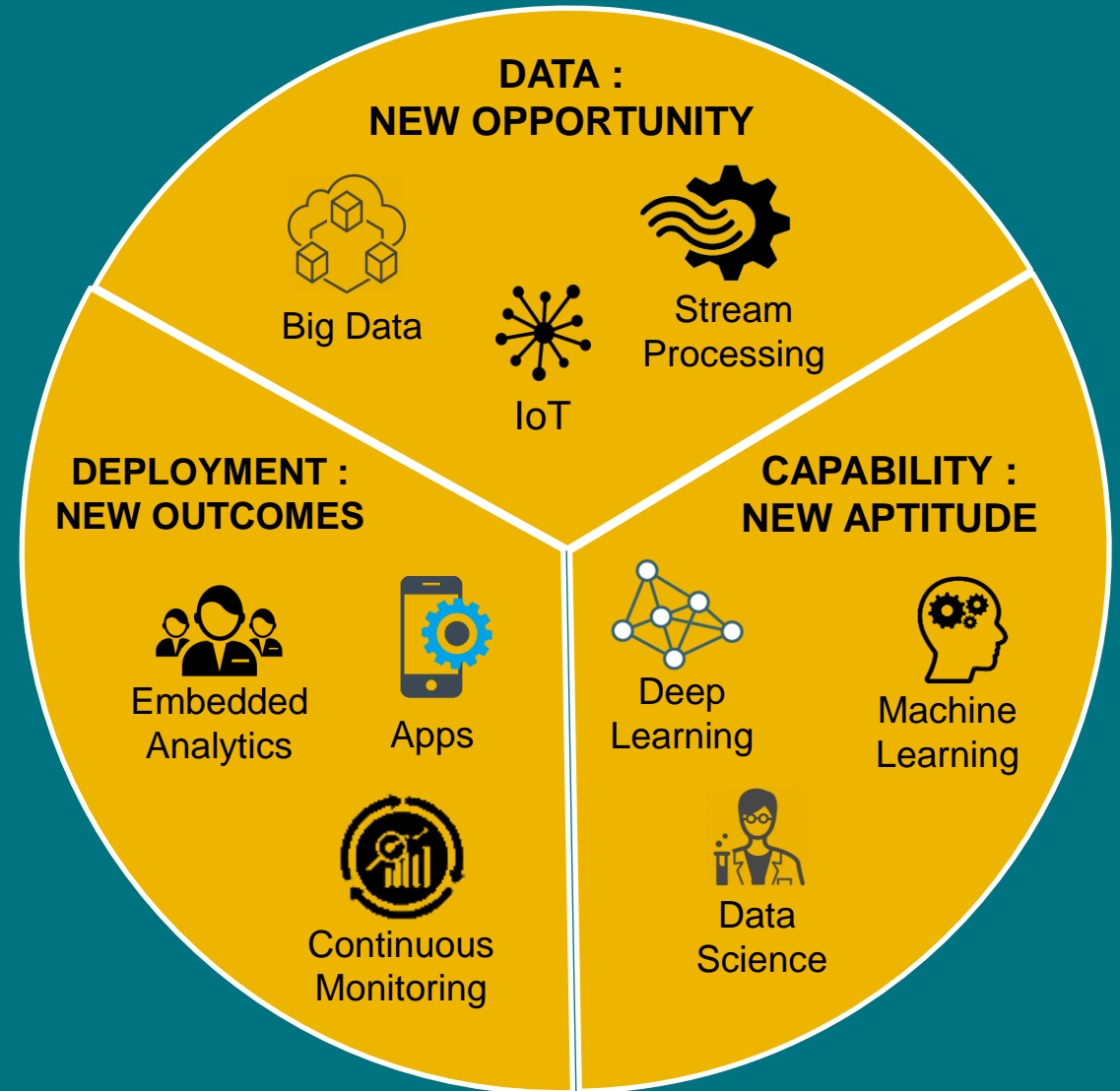
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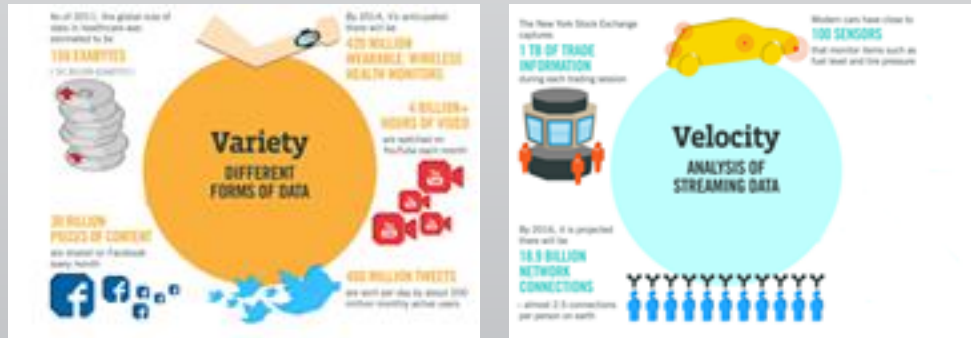
# The Data Revolution

There has been a step change in :

- Ability to handle and store lots more data
- The accessibility of analytical techniques
- The focus of how we use and create value from our data – ***Embedded Analytics***



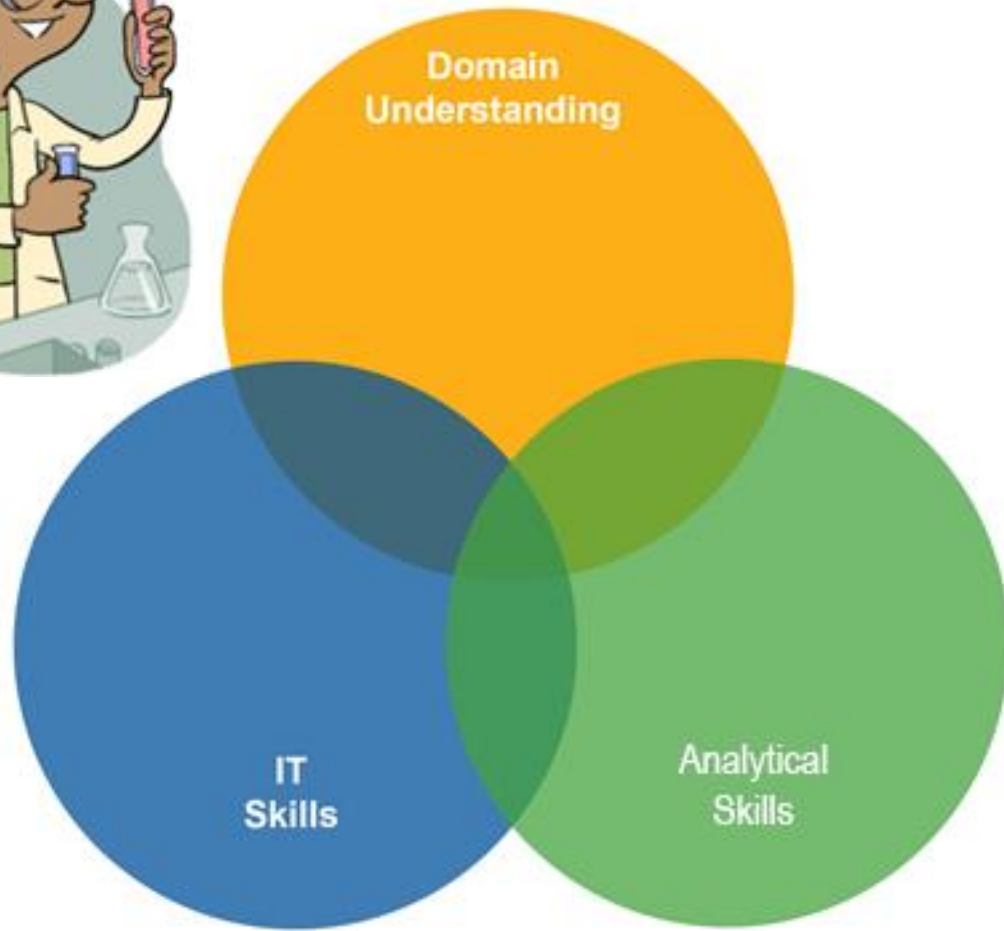
# Big Data : Finally data takes centre stage!



- Data is vital! Everything else starts with the data!
- We must collect and protect our data
- Use new data sources, create data sources
- Flexibility, connectivity at a low cost
- Speed to market – approach turned on its head



# Data skills are essential...



- This is becoming far more accessible, tools are amazing ... but it is not easy!
- **Skills are vital and in short supply.**
- Big data not as friendly as the Data Warehouse!
- Integration lies with the analyst - Data skills key
- Data is vital – creating interesting data features
- Domain understanding is key in the data phase
- However ... the stats/models are far more accessible to most, in some areas (e.g. Deep Learning) domain expertise less important.

# We need to put our data to work –

## Owning and managing its use from end-to-end

### Collect

- Collect all types of data structured and unstructured
- Include all open sources of data
- Leverage a single platform with a common application layer
- Write once and deploy anywhere

### Connect

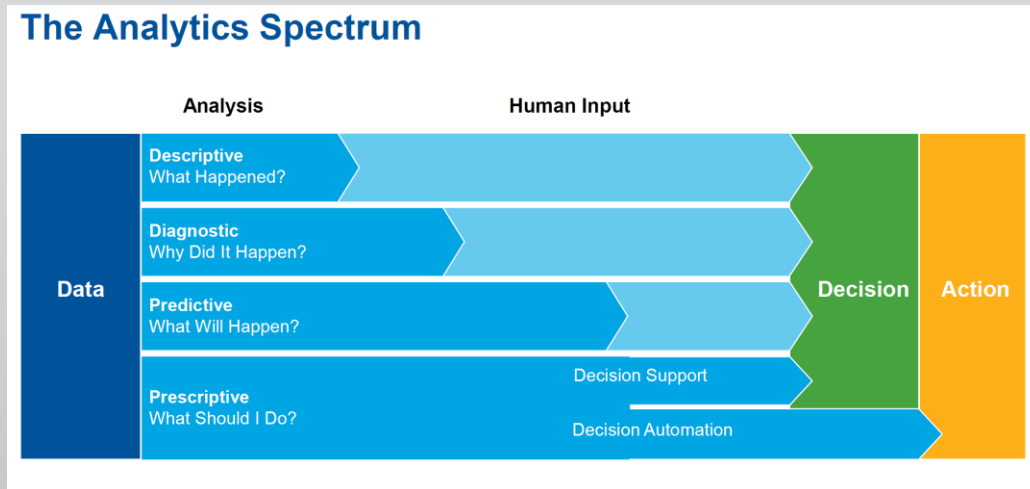
- Locating, cataloguing and masking data
- Integrate fluid data sets
- Deliver built-in compliance and privacy by design
- Leverage advanced machine learning capabilities
- Creating speed and agility

### Create

- Deliver descriptive, prescriptive and predictive insights across all types of data
- Empower all your teams and their unique use cases
- Enable advanced analytics and data science methods

# From Dashboards to “Embedded Analytics”

*As ever the most important part is getting Business Value from all this!*



Change in Focus

Move expectation from reporting and us doing the decision making

Continuous monitoring embedded within business processes

Automated decisions where possible

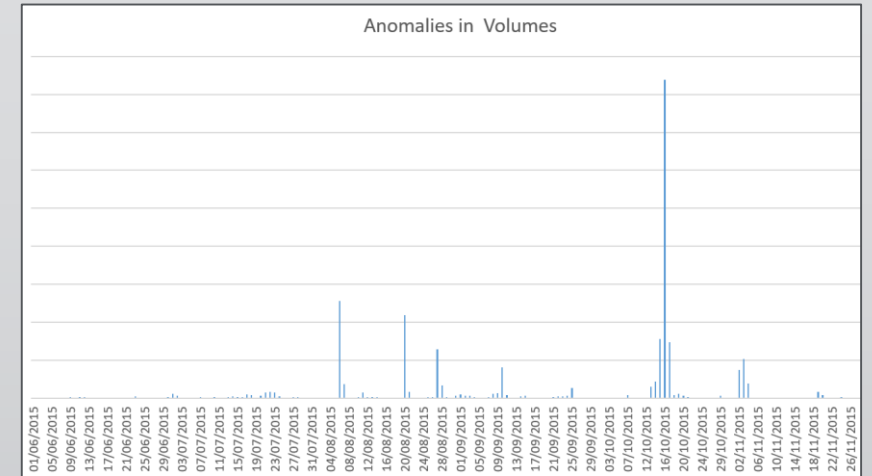
- Increase value by embedding analytics within our Business Processes
- Challenge for the business : Focus on the real questions and desired outcomes not data
- Challenge for the analysts : Not only reframing the business problem but deliver products

# Fares Monitor

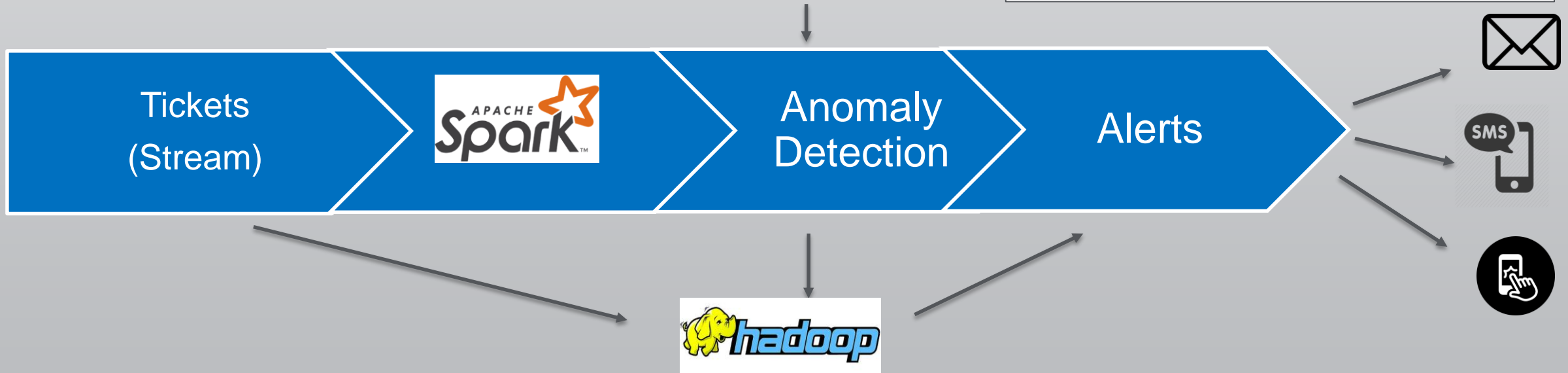
**Question :** Can we quickly identify fares that may be incorrect?

**Desired Outcome :** Fares are corrected as quickly as possible

**Benefit :** Fares in the market are as we planned



Data Warehouse



*Simple, focused, beneficial, big data, right time, embedded*

# What has been done? Baggage

Real/Near Real time data being combined to enhance Business Processes

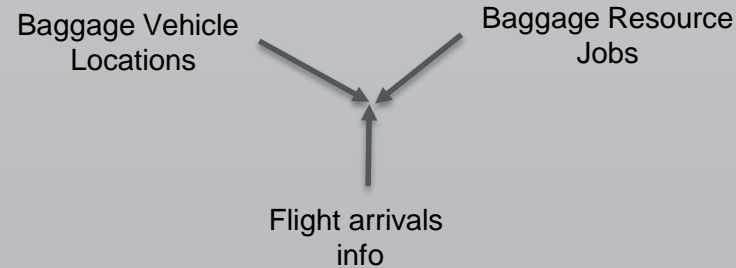
Can we give early warning to Baggage Hall of arriving flights with delays in removing bags?

- + BA 188 from EWR will arrive at 09:13
- + BA 202 from BOS will arrive at 09:15
- + BA 114 from JFK will arrive at 09:21
- + BA 761 from OSL will arrive at 09:23
- + BA 1461 from EDI will arrive at 09:26
- + BA 228 from BWI will arrive at 09:29
- + BA 377 from TLS will arrive at 09:31
- + BA 543 from BLQ will arrive at 09:32
- + BA 1387 from MAN will arrive at 09:34
- + BA 551 from FCO will arrive at 09:36
- + BA 771 from ARN will arrive at 09:36
- + BA 190 from AUS will arrive at 09:54
- + BA 885 from OTP will arrive at 09:55

Last updated at 09-Jun-2017 09:38

**BA 228  
from BWI  
will arrive at 09:29  
on stand 537  
Aircraft touched down at 09:21**

Jobs	Staff no	Status	(Exp) Start	(Exp) End	Vehicle ID	Loc	Status	
BL_TS_ARR_DIR_CON	537	202270	Confirmed	09:29	09:42	ET2003	537	P
BL_TS_ARR_HS_DIR_LS	537	209064	Confirmed	09:29	09:45	ET2138	537	P
BL_TS_ARR_TFR_CON	537	167513	Confirmed	09:29	09:36	ET2147	TSB Southern Tunnel	P



# Big Data : To recap...



- Data is vital! Everything else starts with the data!
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**Industry Standards help us achieve this along with common data definitions from the AIDM**

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# ATSB and Passenger Standards Governance

Single combined Passenger Services and Tariffs Conference

Steering Group

Plan Board

Scheduling (SSIM)  
Coding  
MCT  
Interline



Shop-Order Board

Ticketing  
Reservations  
Offer and Order  
Management  
(NDC, ONE Order)  
Tariffs and Currency  
Intermodal



Travel Board

Baggage  
Passenger Experience  
BCBP  
Airport Handling  
Common Use  
Facilitation



Pay-Account Board

Reporting (DISH)  
Fraud  
Payment



Architecture  
&  
Technology  
Strategy  
Board

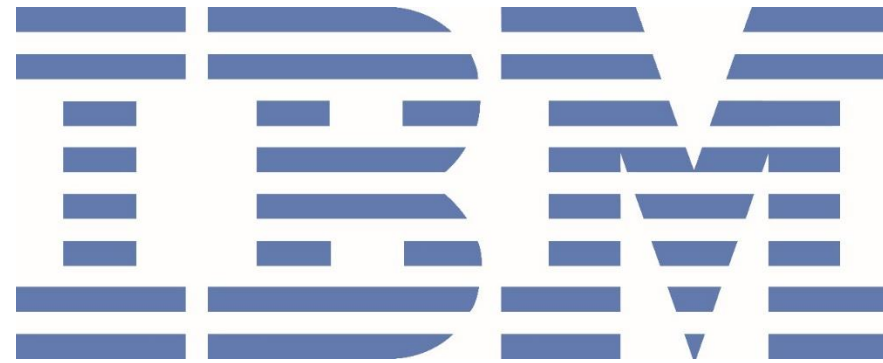
Data Exchange  
Interoperability  
AIDM  
Architecture  
Data Security







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