



AI for Good



# The $W^4H$ of AI for Public Good.

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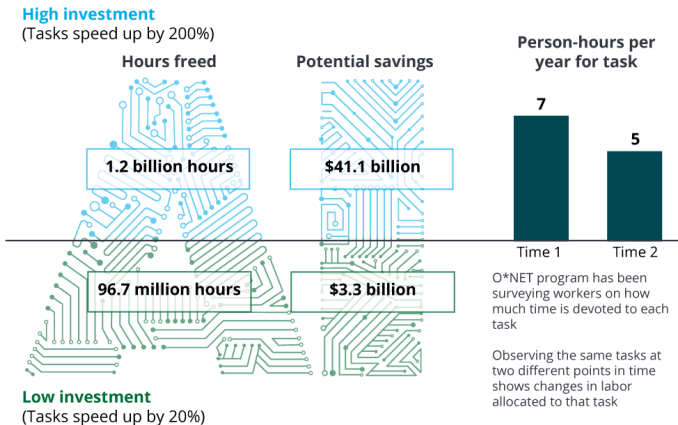
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Figure 1. How much savings can AI in government generate?



Source: Deloitte analysis.

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## The ( $W^1$ ): What is Intelligence?

**Intelligence:** the ability to learn and perform suitable techniques to solve problem.



Figure 2: credit:Lindah Mavengere

A fully pre-programmed factory robot is flexible, accurate, and consistent but not intelligent.

# The $W^1$ : What is Artificial Intelligence

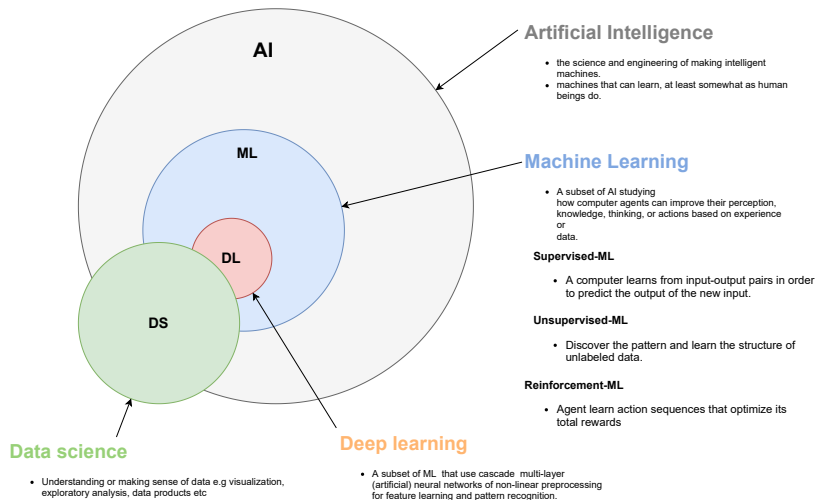


Figure 3: AI defined

# The $W^1$ : What is ML?

**Machine learning (ML):** the science (and art) of programming computers so they can learn from data.

## Learn from data

- Automatically detect patterns in data and
- Build models that explain the world
- Use the uncovered pattern to understand what is happening (**inference**) and to predict what will happen (**prediction**).

This gives computers the ability to learn without being explicitly programmed.

## The $W^2$ : Why AI?

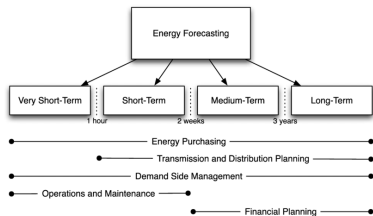
Consider how you would write a spam filter using traditional programming techniques.

## The $W^2$ : Why ML?

- Hard problems in high dimensions, like many modern CV or NLP problems require complex models  $\Rightarrow$  difficult to program the correct behavior by hand.
- Machines can discover hidden, non-obvious patterns.
- A system might need to adapt to a changing environment.
- A learning algorithm might be able to perform better than its human programmers.

# The $W^3$ : AI in Energy

## Energy forecasting (Demand and supply)



## SDG-7 monitoring and mapping



## Grid and microgrids planning and management



## Improve Energy literacy and efficiency

### Watt's up at Home? Smart Meter Data Analytics from a Consumer-Centric Perspective

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# The $W^3$ : AI and EO for Public Goods

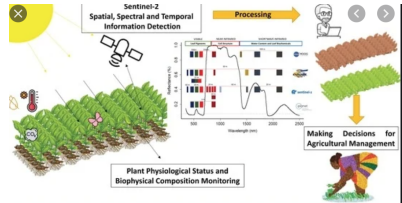
## Urban Planning and Management



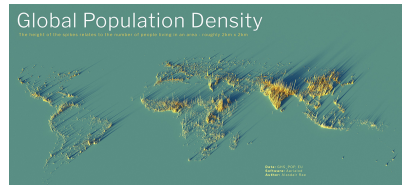
## Natural resources monitoring and management



## Improve Agriculture productivity and enhance Food Security



## Improve National Statics and SDGs monitoring



# The $W^4$ : When to apply AI

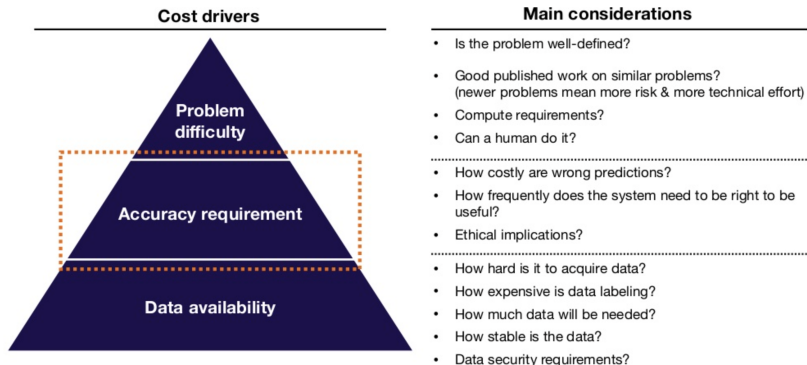


Figure 4: credit:Full stack DL

More reference: cs329s ML System Design Lecture #2 part 5

# The *H*: Data and Resources

## Data

- Data strategy that support the use of data-driven solutions.
- Data development that follow acceptable standards and best practices.
- Development of tools and platform for data sharing/hosting

## Resources

- Invest in upgrading legacy IT systems.
- Invest on necessary computing resources for an AI project.
- Hire and retain AI talents (Juniors and Seniors).
- Engage research centers and universities.

# The *H*: Research and Collaboration

## Research

- Invest on Research and Development (R&D)
- Develop research-driven innovation.
- Encourage experimental-mindset.
- Invest on capacity and capabilities required to drive research-innovation agenda.

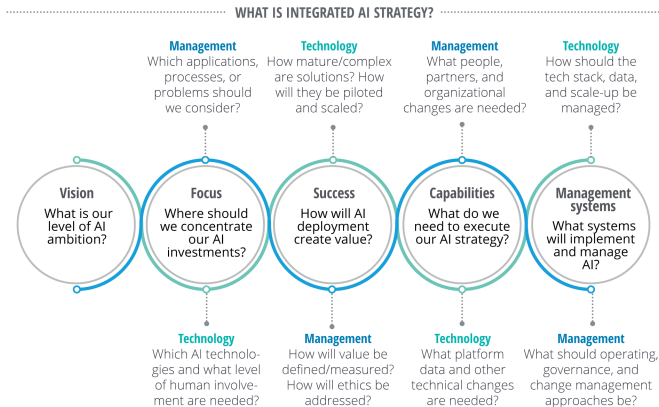
## Collaborate

- Collaborate with domains experts (local and international).
- Research institute-govt partnership project.
- Collaborate with research centres and companies leading in AI (local and international)

# The H:Strategies

FIGURE 1

## An integrated AI strategy considers technology and management choices



Source: Deloitte analysis.

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Figure 5: Credit:Deloitte:Crafting an AI strategy for government leaders

# The *H*:AI Policy

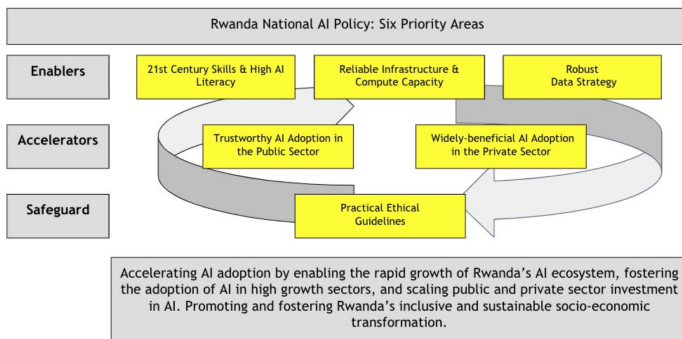


Figure 6: credit:RwandaICT

More reference: National AI Policy Making

# The H: AI readiness

AI readiness can be assessed in six areas

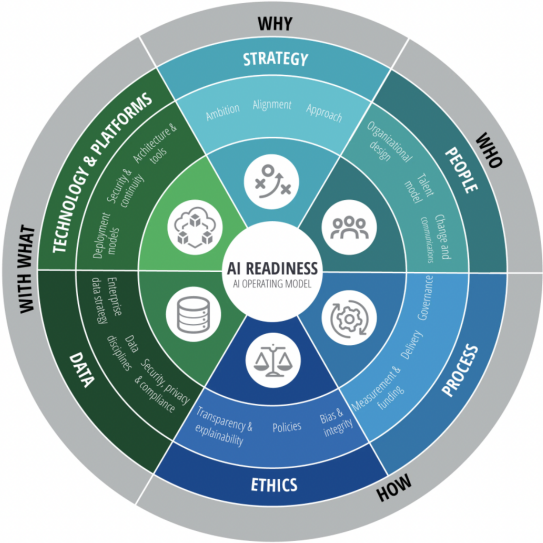


Figure 7: credit:deloitte:AI readiness for government

# ML life-cycle

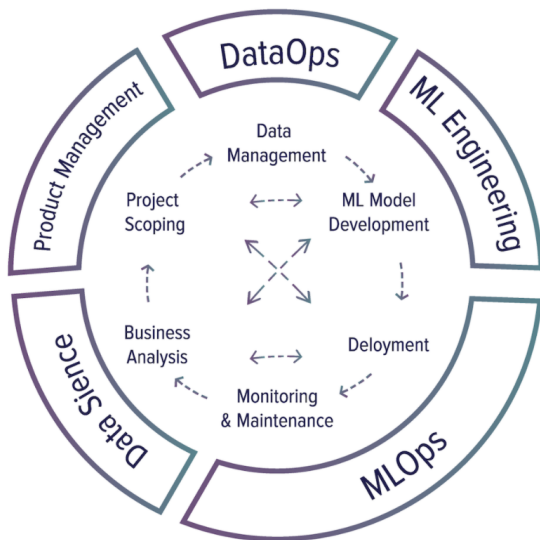


Figure 8: credit: CS 329S: Machine Learning Systems Design



# Where can I contribute?

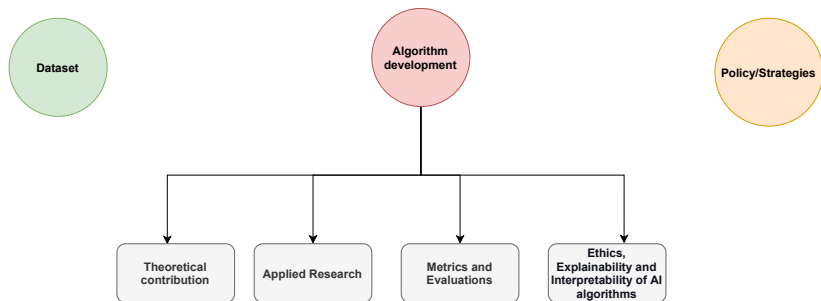


Figure 9: Contributions

## Identify open and specific problem

Establish hypothesis about the problem.



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### Review literature

- Identify open questions that need answers.
- Learn about common methods, datasets and libraries.
- Lay out goals & objectives, constraints, and evaluation criteria.

## Identify datasets

Identify data-set(s) to benchmark your solution.

At least one dataset that appeared in related prior work.



### Where to find datasets

- Build them.
- Scrape them.
- Find them (contact authors).
- Generate them (artificial data).

Take time to understand your data: exploratory analysis.

# Establish baseline

**Define your baseline:** Any publishable performance with simplest approach.



**Write code quickly**

- data-pipeline.
- Training-evaluation-pipeline.
- Analysis-pipeline.

First get a baseline running  $\Rightarrow$  this is good research practise.

# Run Experiments

**Track experiments:** Take notes of what each experiment was meant to test.

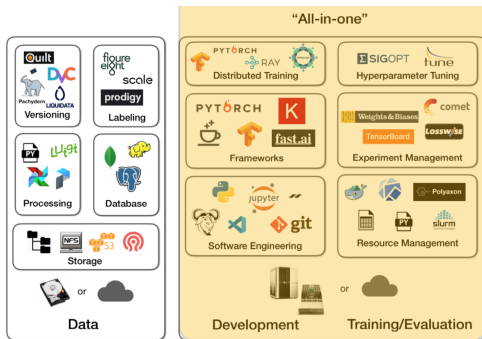


Figure 10: credit:Full stack DL

**More references:** CS329: Versioning & experiment tracking

- Use recommended best practices for managing and monitoring ML experiments.
- Version code, data and ML experiments.
- Use existing frameworks and tools.

# Experiment Evaluation

When the cook tastes the soup that is formative; when the customer tastes that is summative.

## Formative evaluation

- They guide further investigations.
- Compare design option A to B, tune hyper-parameters etc.

## Summative evaluation

- compare your approach to previous approaches,
- compare different major variants of your approach.

Don't save all your qualitative evaluation for the summative evaluation.

# Experiment Evaluation

Follow prior work precisely in how to choose and implement main evaluation metric.



## Quantitative evaluation

- Show metric as many variants of your model as you can.
- Test for statistical significance (for highly variable models or small difference performance).
- If your results are not significant. say so and explain what you found.

# Experiment Evaluation

Conduct a thorough analysis



## Qualitative-evaluation

- convince reader for your hypothesis  $\Rightarrow$  look to prior work to get started.
- Show examples of system output.
- Plot how your model performance varies with the amount of data.
- Present error analysis.



# Conclusion

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