

# AI and Business Model Innovation

## IRI TRACK Workshop

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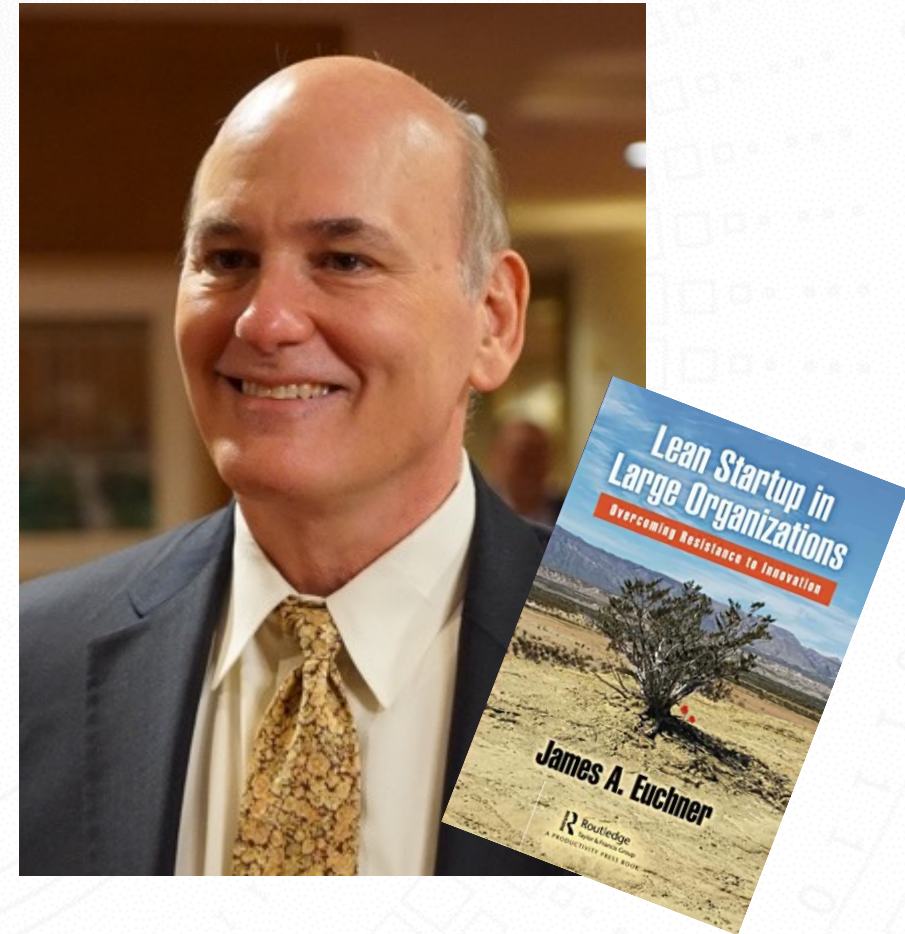


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# Objectives and Focus

- ✓ Understand how AI can radically transform a business design
- ✓ Distinguish among the types of artificial intelligence applications (from a business perspective)
- ✓ Give examples of each type
- ✓ Provide frameworks for thinking about business models and their essential elements
- ✓ Discuss key questions for thinking about business model innovation with AI

# Ground Rules

- ✓ Feel free to ask questions
- ✓ Actively participate
- ✓ Compare what you hear with your experience
- ✓ Share. . . But be cognizant of proprietary information
- ✓ Connect with one another . . . a key benefit of IRI

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# AI will disrupt business models.

*All of them. Faster than you think possible.*

- ✓ Value is already migrating to new digital business models
- ✓ AI creates new sources of competitive advantage
- ✓ The capabilities make entirely new business models possible
- ✓ These new models are powerful – *and will drive out long-established models*

# There is a boom in new applications of AI

**Computer Vision - Platform (190 Companies)**  
 cortica, clarifai, ImageVision, KAIROS, AlchemyAPI, FACE\*\*

**Computer Vision - App (182 Companies)**  
 Slyce, LEAP, allyke, DEFINIENS, CHUTE, BLUE RIVER, CURALATE

**Smart Robots (145 Companies)**  
 anki, jibo, tingbot, saviok, ALDEBARAN, neato robotics

**Gesture Control (59 Companies)**  
 eyeSight, gestigon, 3DiVi, omek, GestureTek

**Speech Recognition (155 Companies)**  
 VOCi, promptu, MALLUBA, speech

**Machine Learning - Applications (526 Companies)**  
 AYASDI, criteo, drive.ai, EVERSTRING, sense, Energy, arago, ALGORITHMIA, CustomerMatrix

**Artificial Intelligence**  
 Venture Scanner  
 Contact [info@venturescanner.com](mailto:info@venturescanner.com) to access the full market report and data with all 1,727 companies

**Machine Learning - Platform (217 Companies)**  
 bigml, ALPACA DB, GraphLab, iCarbonX, nervana

**Natural Language Processing (269 Companies)**  
 CLEARFOREST, Digital Reasoning, NarrativeScience, inbenta, ARRIA, ai AUTOMATED INSIGHTS

**Virtual Assistants (160 Companies)**  
 next IT, ejenta, sherpa, X, Z, VIV

**Recommendation Engines (89 Companies)**  
 exenSa, nara, Utrip, Tipflare, h

**Video Content Recognition (23 Companies)**  
 VisionSmarts, ueronica, audible, ENswers, VTAGE

**Context Aware Computing (33 Companies)**  
 cleversense, grokr, APPEAR, semusi, EnFind, origo

**Speech to Speech Trans. (21 Companies)**  
 AppTek, speech, VoiceBase

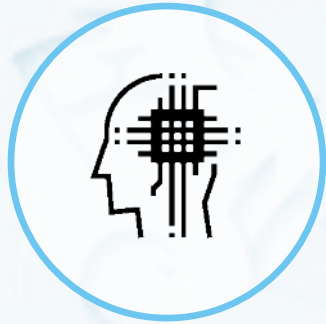
- Computer vision-platform and apps
- Smart robots
- Gesture control
- Speech recognition
- Machine learning
- Natural language processing
- Virtual assistants
- Recommendation engines
- Video content recognition
- Context-aware computing
- Speech translation



# Five key drivers that position AI to become critical to strategic advantage



Deep learning advances



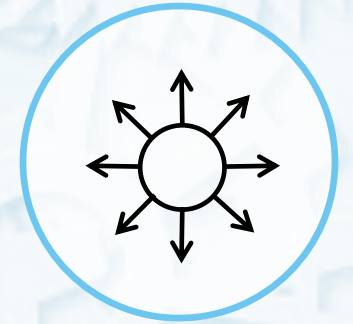
The explosion of data for learning



Tools/infrastructure for managing disparate data types



Cheap/elastic computing power

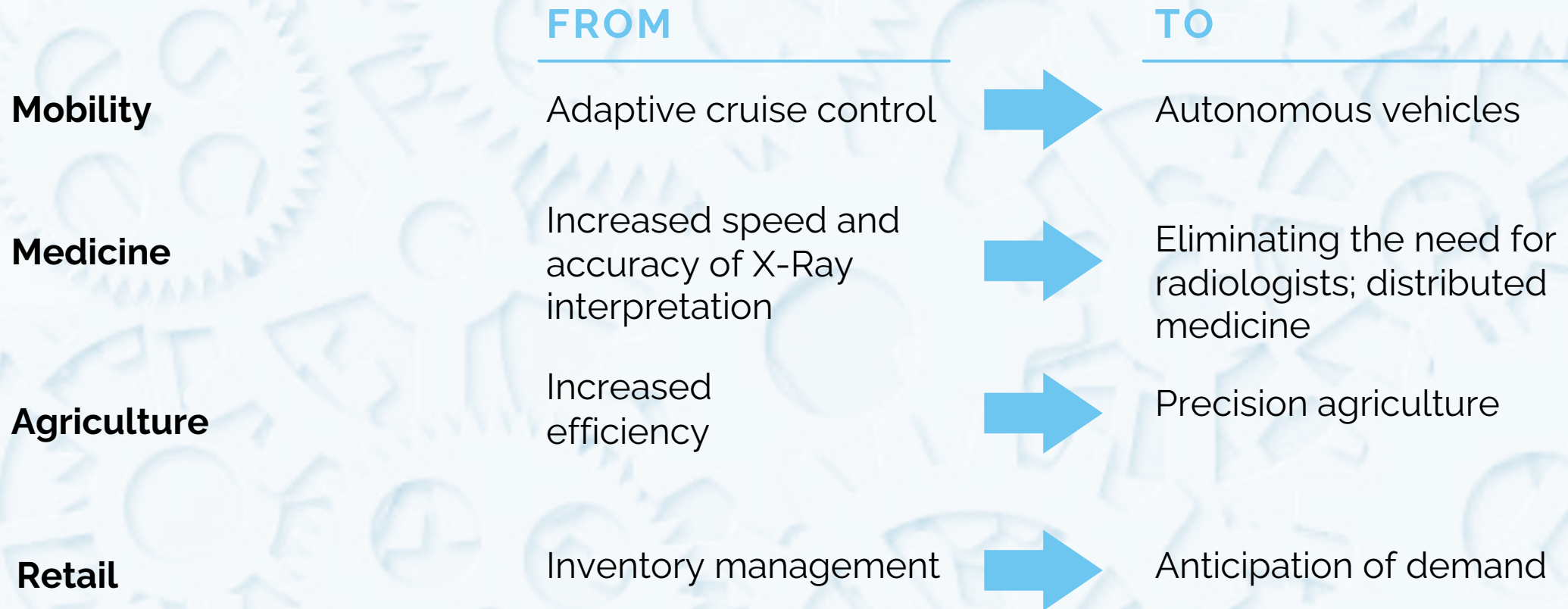


Inexpensive tools that "democratize" AI (including LLM)

# AI is a strategic technology

- ✓ It has the potential to be significantly better than people at critical tasks
- ✓ It gets better with experience
- ✓ It has the potential to change industry boundaries and business models
- ✓ It takes you from early indicators of emerging trends to big insights informed by multiple variables in seconds.
- ✓ It allows you to ask fundamentally different questions with a foundationally different point of departure
- ✓ It is the basis for radically new and scalable operating models

# The potential of AI





**If you're not thinking about putting yourself out of business using Transformative AI, someone else is.**

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# Creating New Business Models

## Business Model Definition

The *set of choices* a company makes  
to *capture value* from an offering  
in a *competitive environment*

# Creating New Business Models

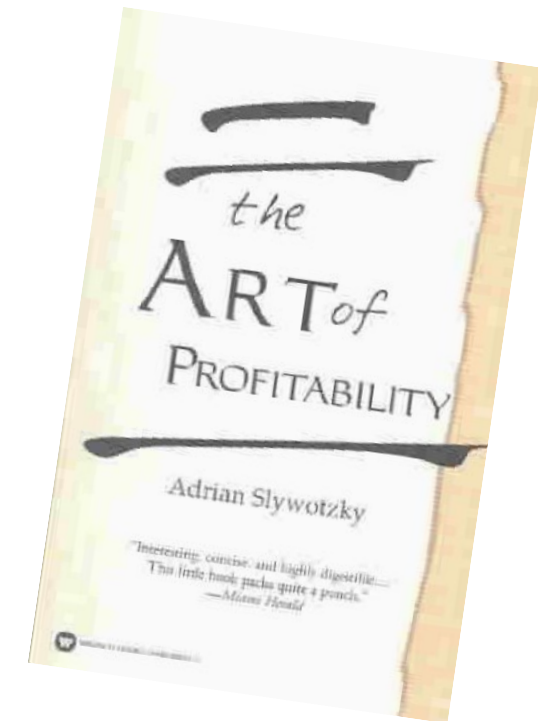
## Attributes of a Successful Business Model

- ✓ **Complete** – considers all necessary elements
- ✓ **Coherent** – the parts support one another
- ✓ **Profitable** – creates economic leverage
- ✓ **Competitive** – builds competitive advantage
- ✓ **Viable** – aligns all necessary stakeholders

# Creating New Business Models

## 23 Traditional Business Model Archetypes

- Customer Solution Profit
- Pyramid Profit
- Multi-Component Profit
- Switchboard Profit
- Time Profit
- Blockbuster Profit
- Profit Multiplier Model
- Entrepreneurial Profit
- Installed Base Profit
- De Facto Standard Profit
- Brand Profit
- Specialty Product Profit
- Local Leadership Profit
- Transaction Scale Profit
- Value Chain Position Profit
- Cycle Profit
- After-Sale Profit
- New Product Profit
- Relative Market Share Profit
- Experience Curve Profit
- Low-Cost Business Design Profit
- Digital Profit





# Creating New Business Models

## Emerging Digital Business Model Archetypes

### Pure Digital

- E-tail Model
- 2-sided Digital Marketplace Digital Advertising Model
- Digitalization of Content Model
- Streaming of Content
- Open-Source Software
- Data Monetization

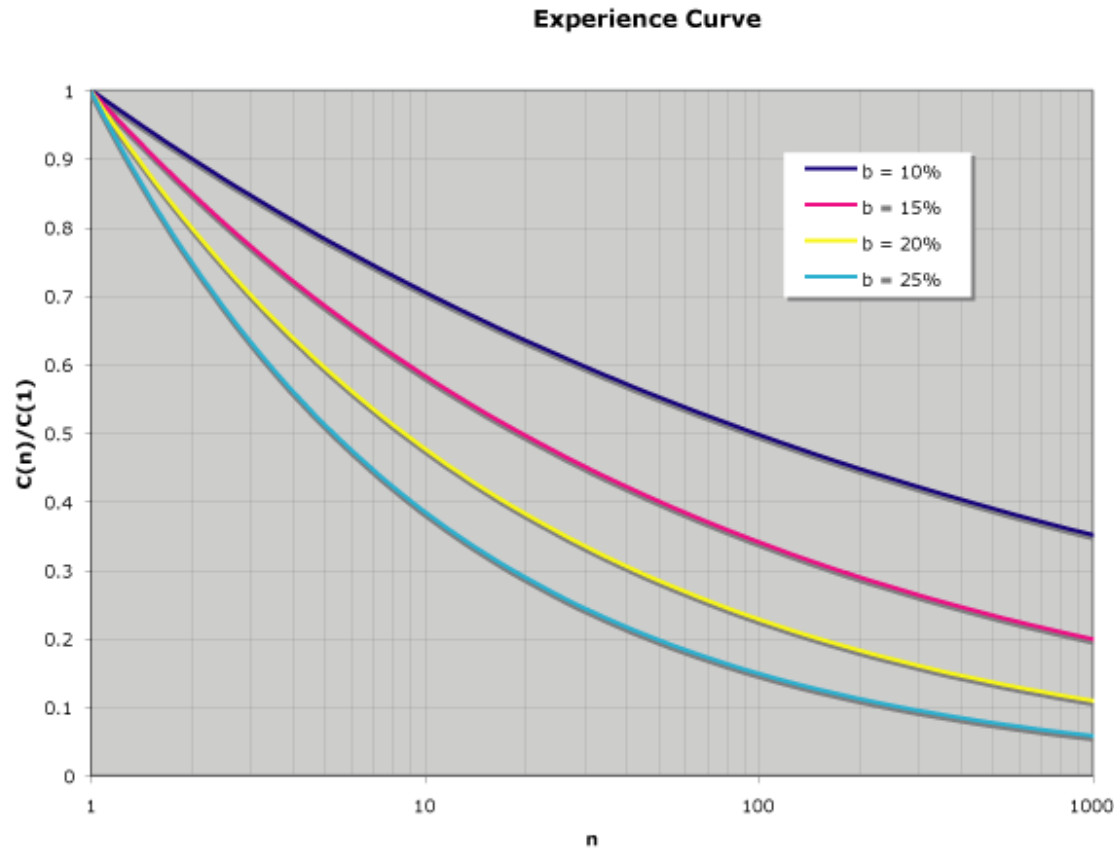
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- Predictive Selling
- Mass customization
- Shared economy
- Digital First Product Design
- Bundled services
- Digital R&D
- ...

Business model innovation requires systematic change  
*(not just a different revenue model)*

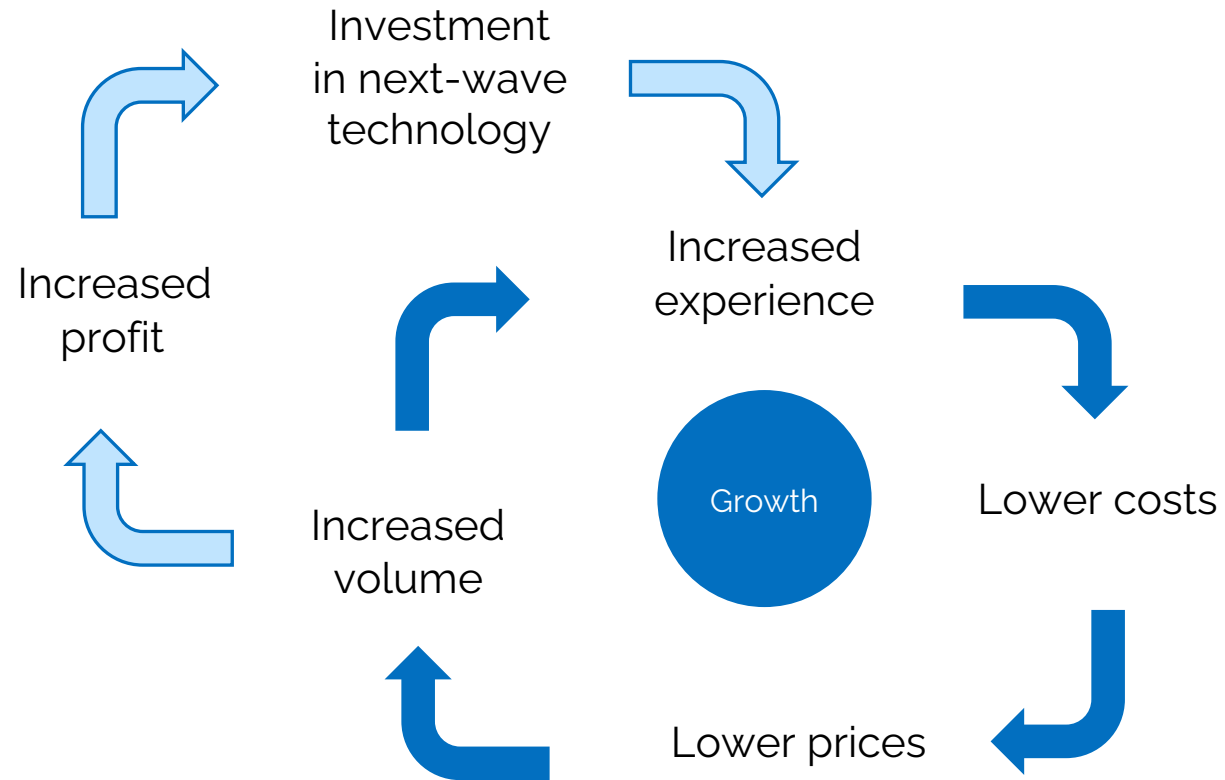
# Archetype Example Experience Curve Profit

# Archetype: Experience Curve



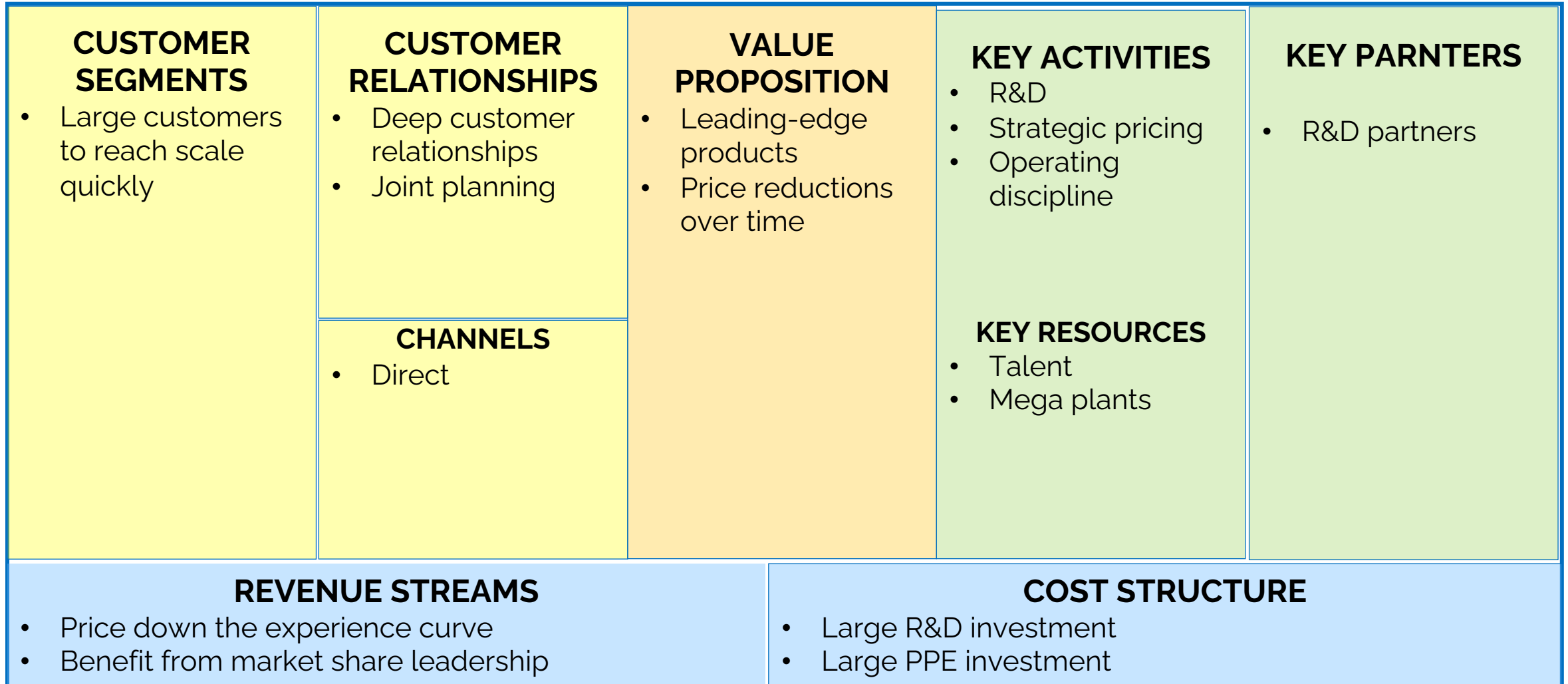
- Costs drop with volume produced
- Requires a discipline of learning
- Volume can be increased by “pricing down the experience curve”
- The leader with a new technology has a distinct advantage

# Experience Curve Flywheel



# Experience Curve Profit

## The Business Model Canvas



\* After Osterwalder and Pigneur

# Experience Curve

## Strategic Control Points

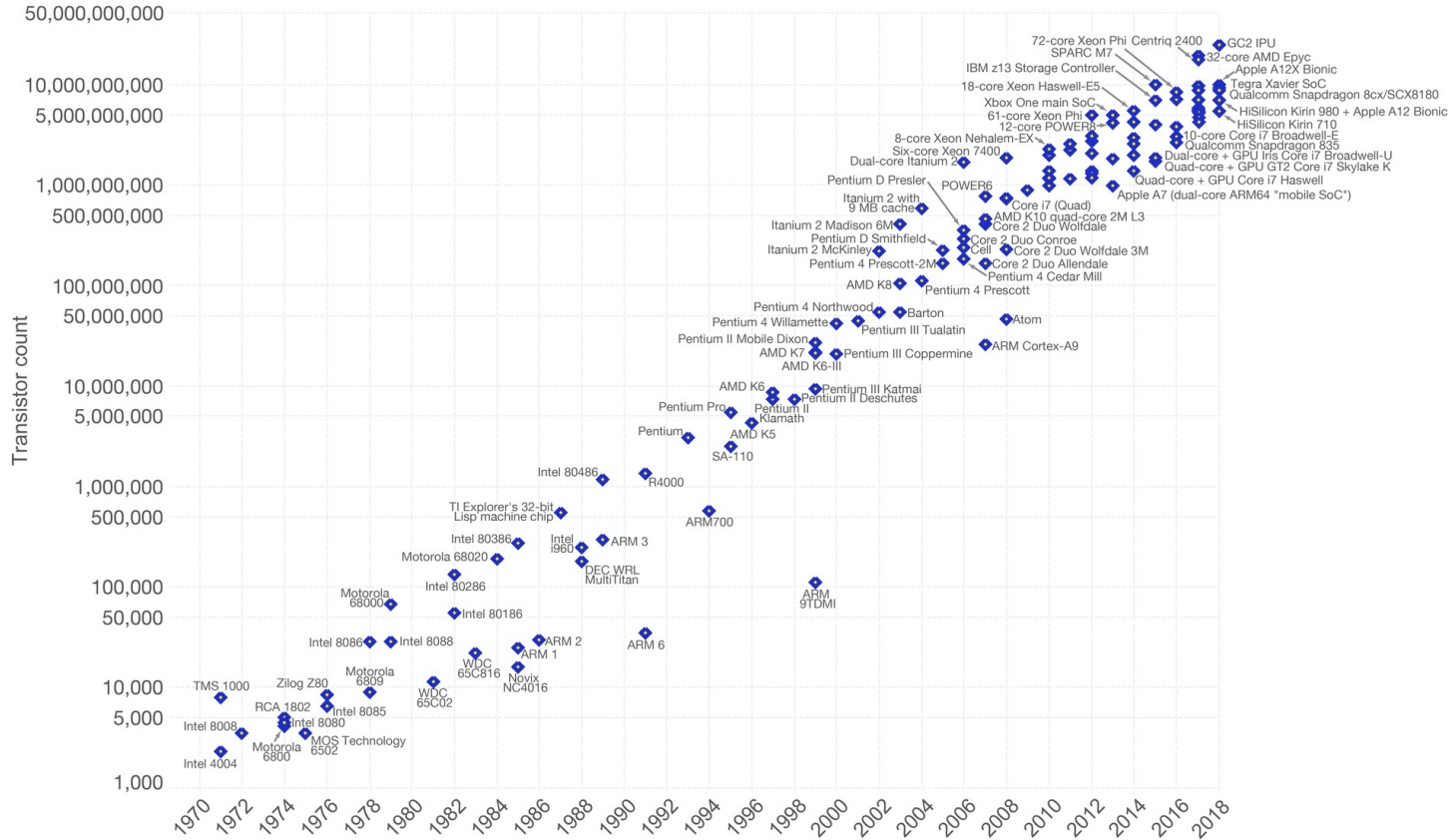
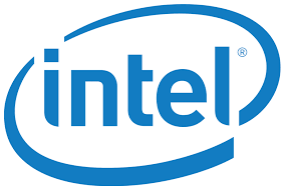
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Power	Index	Strategic Control Point	Examples
High	10	Own the standard	Microsoft, Oracle, <b>Intel</b>
	9	Manage the value chain	Intel, Coke Amazon
	8	String of super-dominant positions	Coke, internationally
Medium	7	Own the customer relationship	EDS, GE Amazon
	6	Brand, copyright	Countless
	5	Two-year product development lead	<b>Intel</b>
Low	4	One-year product development lead	Few
	3	Commodity with 10-20% cost advantage	Nucor, Southwest Air
None	2	Commodity with cost parity	Countless
	1	Commodity with cost disadvantage	Countless

# Experience Curve Technology Drivers

## Moore's Law – The number of transistors on integrated circuit chips (1971-2018)

Moore's law describes the empirical regularity that the number of transistors on integrated circuits doubles approximately every two years. This advancement is important as other aspects of technological progress – such as processing speed or the price of electronic products – are linked to Moore's law.



Data source: Wikipedia ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transistor\\_count](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transistor_count))  
The data visualization is available at [OurWorldinData.org](https://www.ourworldindata.org). There you find more visualizations and research on this topic.

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# Experience Curve

## Critical Success Factors

- Early entry with a new generation of products => R&D leadership
- Willingness to invest throughout the economic cycle
- Disciplined learning
- Pricing for market share (vs. early profit)

*AI puts continuous learning on steroids*



# Multi-sided Markets Amazon

# Amazon Marketplaces Example

## Moving from e-tail to a two-sided marketplace

**Why: Provide greater product selection to customer base**

**How: Open Amazon infrastructure to third-party sellers**

- Storefront infrastructure
- Fulfillment infrastructure
- Transparent shopping experience

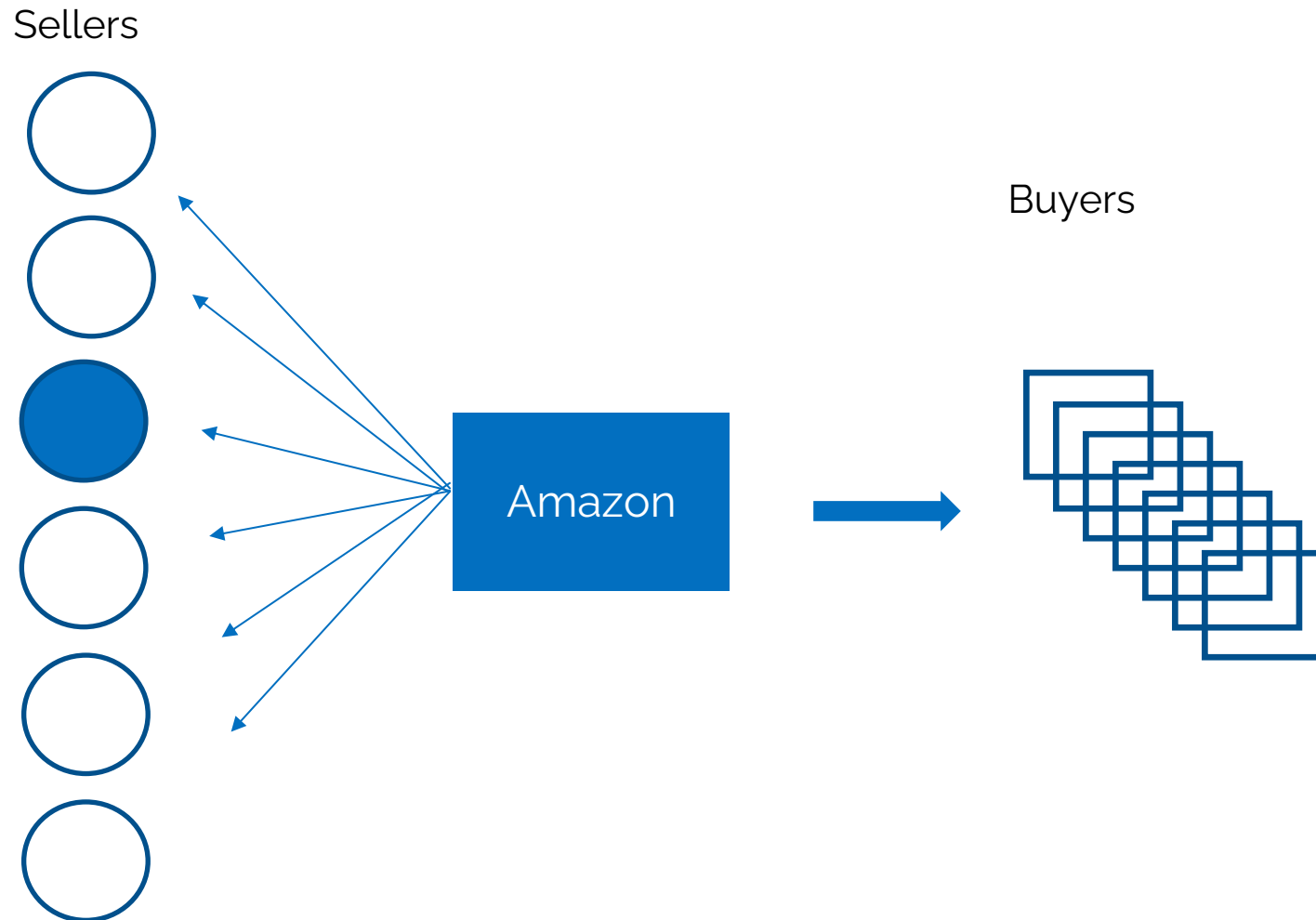
**Become the “Everything Store”**

# Economic Leverage

## The Flywheel



# Amazon Switchboard Model

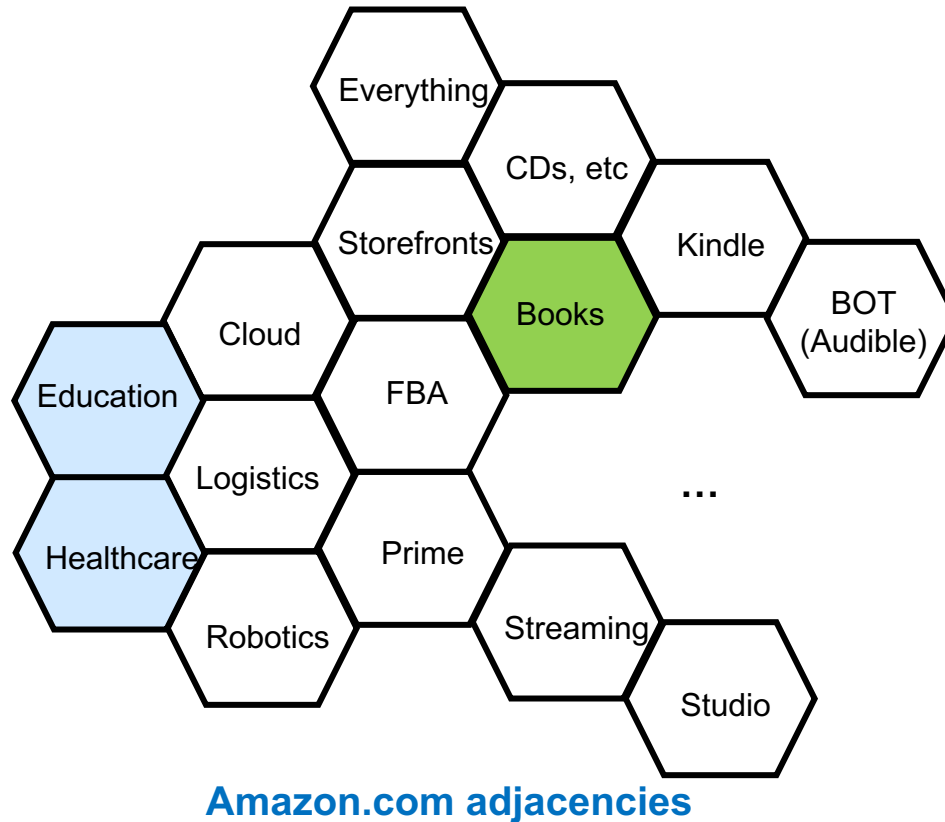


# Switchboard Model

## Profit Sources

- **Increased customer loyalty**
  - More selection
  - Lower prices
- **Increased traffic**
- **Increased data on customer behavior**
- **Fees from sellers**
  - Storefronts
  - Transactions
  - Fulfillment

# Amazon: Economies of Scope



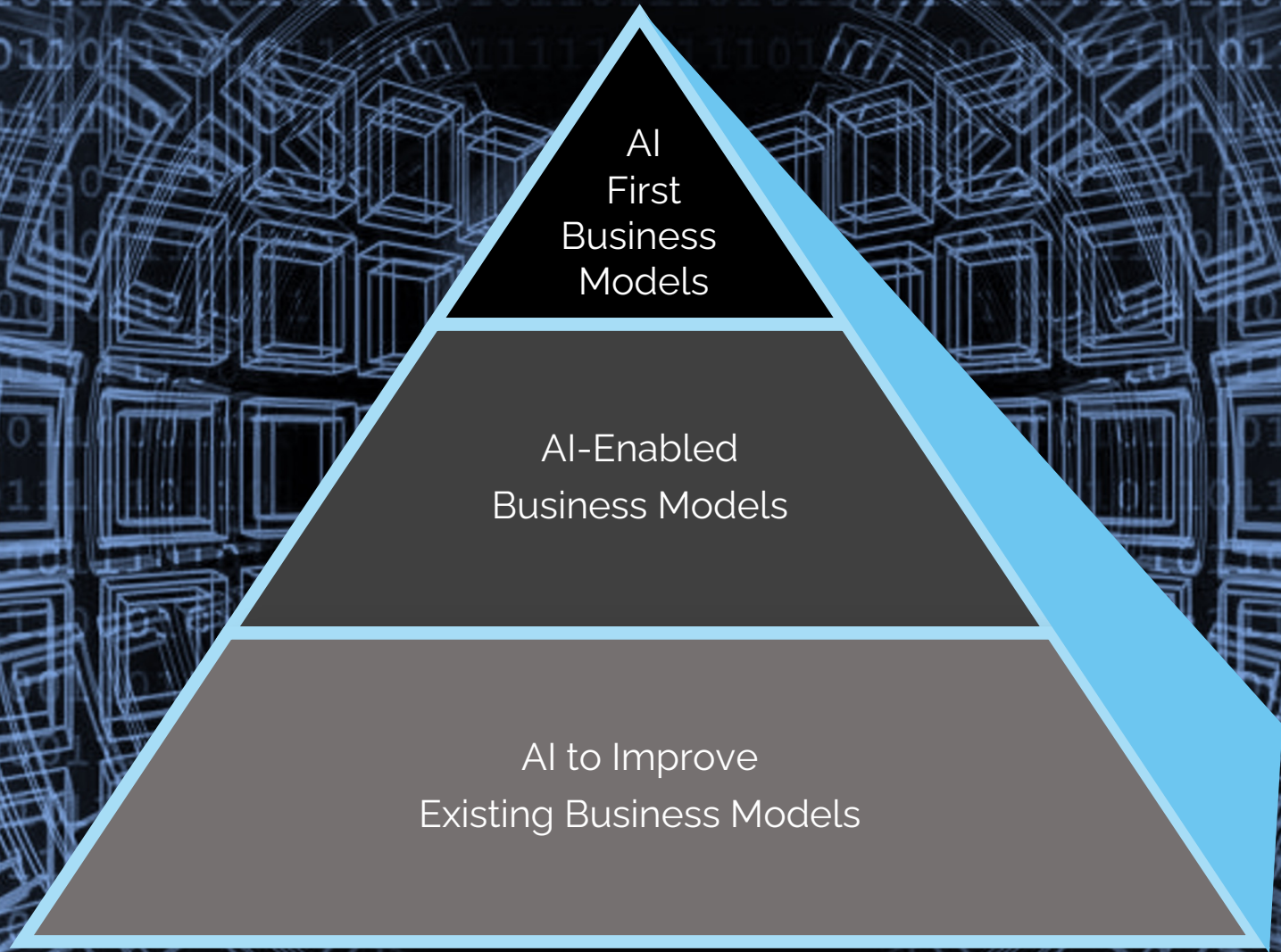
- Align with corporate strategy
- Consider adjacencies to give yourself a right to win
- Leverage assets of the core
  - Customer base
  - Infrastructure
  - Technology
  - Channel
- Many adjacencies still require a mind-shift
- You cannot finesse the issue of where to play

Amazon has leveraged assets and capabilities to move into new business models many times

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# Transformational AI



# Tactical AI



# Improving Existing Business Models

## Task Automation

- ✓ Automation of any routine task
  - ✓ Diagnosing a telephone line (MAX)
  - ✓ Diagnosing infectious diseases
  - ✓ Designing cements for oil wells (C-Mentor)
  - ✓ Placing online ads (Google)
- ✓ Providing intelligent support to people doing tasks
  - ✓ Call Centers (ASAPP)
  - ✓ Network Designers (Arachne)

# Improving Existing Business Models

## Process Re-engineering

- ✓ Traditional re-engineering
  - ✓ Top-down, technology-driven
  - ✓ Clean sheet of paper
    - ✓ Intelligent ERP Systems
    - ✓ Robotic Process Control
- ✓ Distributed re-engineering
  - ✓ Enabled by LLM tools
  - ✓ Work-oriented
  - ✓ Based on empowerment of individuals and teams

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# Business Model Collection



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# Creating New Business Models

## AI-enabled Business Models

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- Streaming of Content
- Open-Source Software
- Data Monetization

### For Industrial Companies

- **Proactive Solutions Model (Goodyear)**
- **Product as a Service Model (Rolls Royce)**
- Direct to Consumer (D2C) Model
- **Predictive Selling (StitchFix)**
- Mass customization
- Shared economy
- Digital First Product Design
- Bundled services
- Digital R&D
- ...

Business model innovation requires systematic change  
*(not just a different revenue model)*

# Proactive Solutions

## Improve Performance of the Product in Use

# Proactive Solutions Archetype

**Value Proposition:** Reduced unplanned downtime

**Value Delivery System:** Real-time monitoring  
Predictive analytics  
Actionable alerts  
Integration with service network

**Revenue Model:** Subscription per vehicle  
Extension into additional services

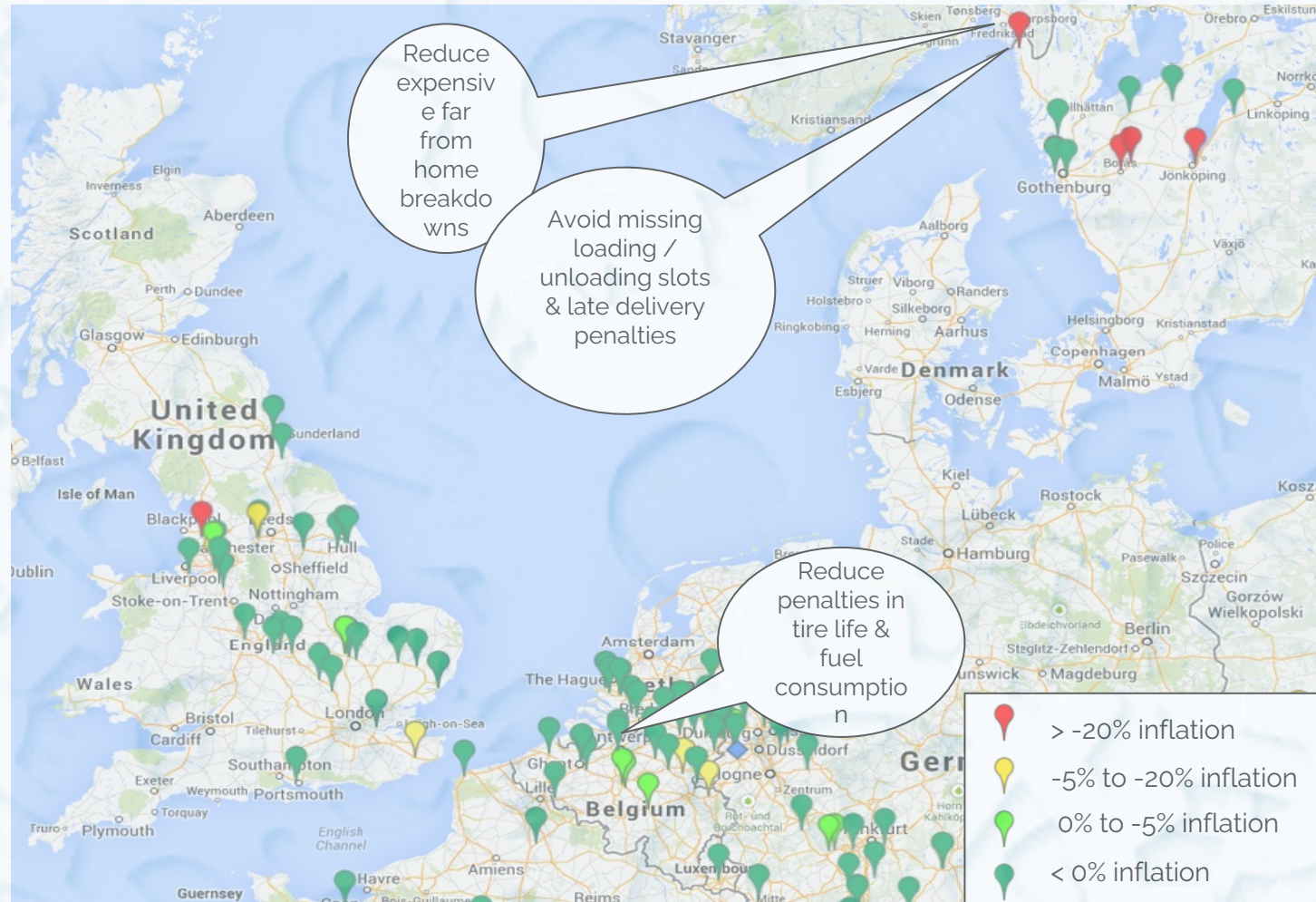
**Business Model:** Pay for uptime



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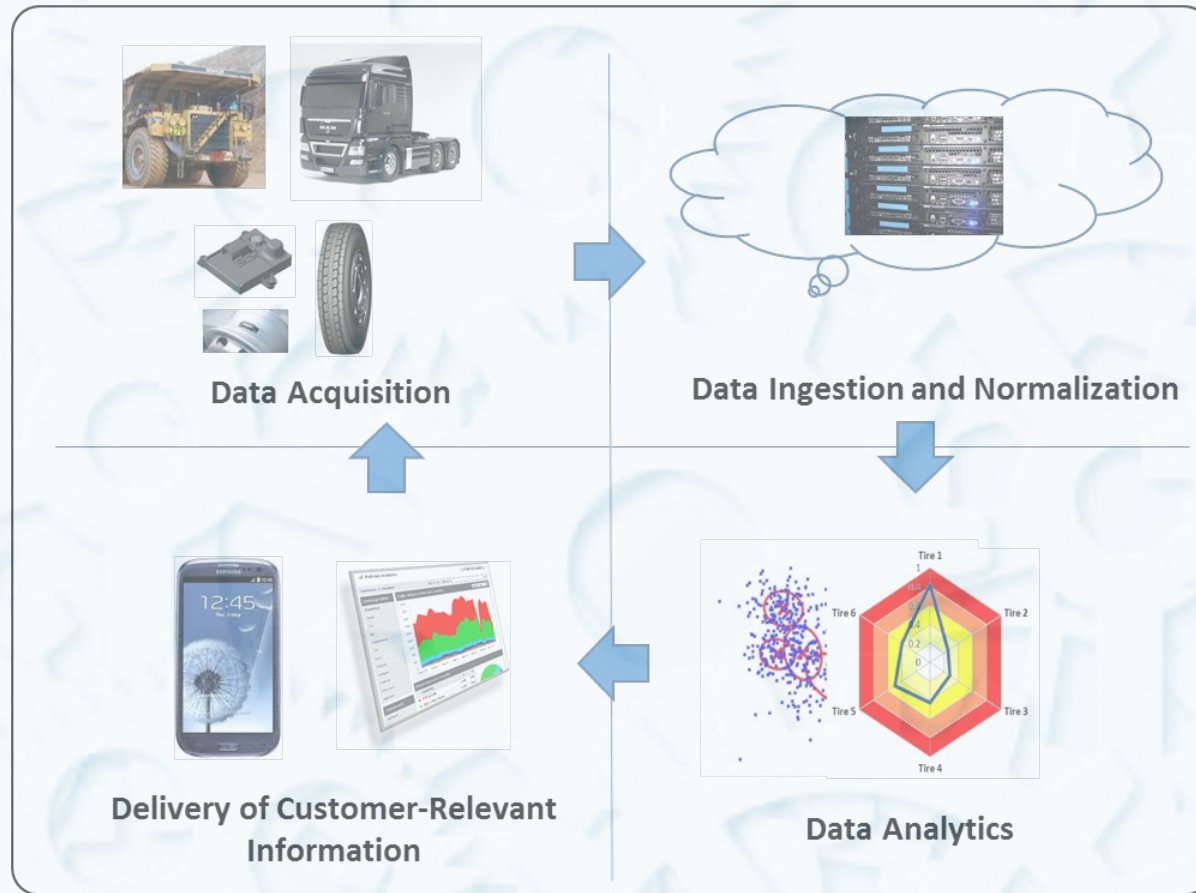
# Proactive Solutions

## Predictive Tire Maintenance





# Proactive Solutions Value Creation



**Prevents 80+% of roadside failures**

# Proactive Services

## Critical Success Factors

- Focus on customer metrics
- Move downstream into the value chain
- Provide actionable data
- Integrate with customer operations
- Partner with the product business to improve outcomes

Requires systematic change  
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# Total Care Sell the Product as a Service

# Total Care Archetype

**Value Proposition:**

Pay by the hour of flight time  
Reduced unplanned downtime



**Rolls-Royce®**

**Value Delivery System:**

Robust engine monitoring and predictive analytics  
Design for service  
Relocate service to customer location  
Re-engineered spare parts supply chain  
Customer-facing service personnel

**Revenue Model:**

Value pricing

**Business Model:**

“Servitization” of products

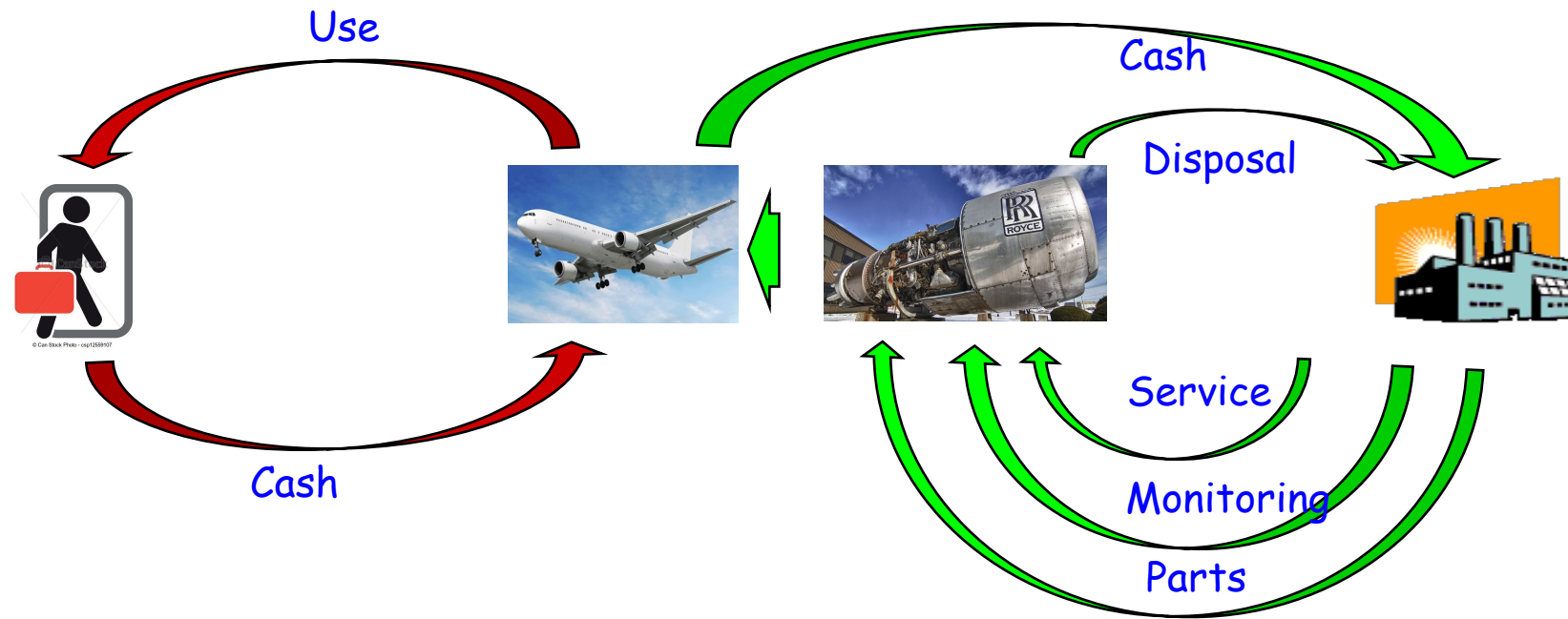
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# Total Care Value Creation



## Value Creation

- Create value through intelligent systems
- Differentiate product with service (sell outcomes, not products)
- Reduce customer's total cost of ownership
- Participate in a larger part of the customer's value chain
- Increase customer intimacy



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# Total Care Critical Success Factors

- Focus on customer outcomes and customer metrics
- Invest in *prevention* of failure
- Invest in rapid recovery from failure
- Invest in staff skills in customer relationships



# Predictive Selling Anticipate Demand



# Predictive Selling Archetype

**Value Proposition:**

Convenient fashion  
Reduced time shopping

**Value Delivery System:**

Deep customer analytics (data)  
Strong predictive algorithms  
Strong design  
Effective logistics

**Revenue Model:**

Subscription (like Book of the Month Club)

**Business Model:**

Predictive Selling



STITCH FIX



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# Predictive Selling Value Proposition

- Reverse the e-tail experience

## From

1. Shop
2. Try on
3. Decide
4. Pay
5. Take home

## To

1. Pay
2. Ship
3. Try on
4. Decide
5. Return



STITCH FIX

- Profitability critically depends on predictions that result in few returns

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# Predictive Selling Value Proposition



Customers will always want

- More selection
- Faster delivery
- Cheaper prices

Examples

- Amazon Storefronts
- Fulfillment by Amazon (FBA)
- USPS Sunday delivery
- Predictive Analytics

Relentless focus on the customer

Process discipline

# Predictive Selling

## Critical Success Factors

- Focus on customer desires; be ahead of the curve
- Invest in predictive analytics
- Invest in operational excellence

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**“AI is the ‘runtime’ that is going to shape all that we do.”**

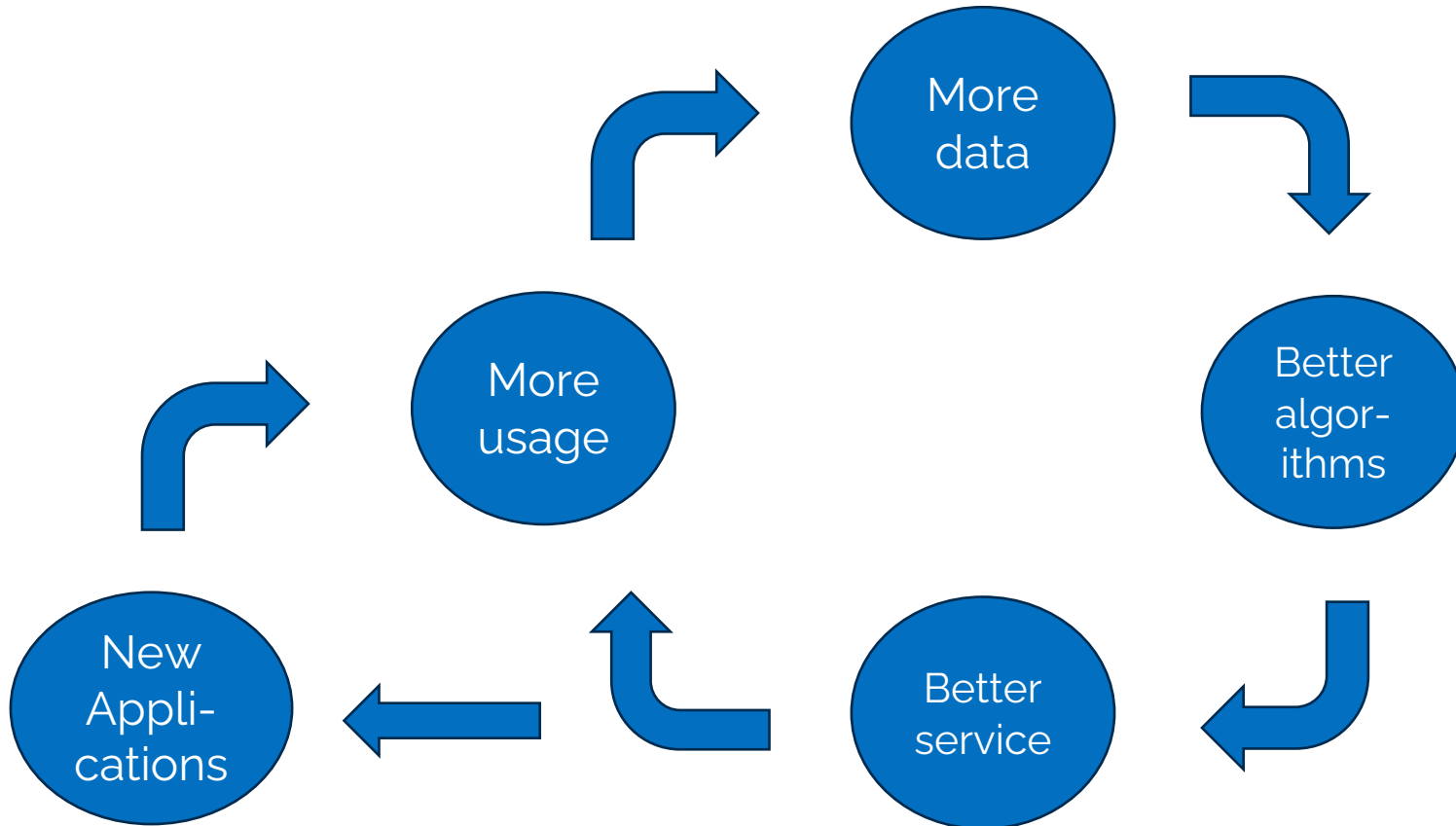
Satya Nadella, Microsoft

# AI First Business Models

- ✓ Radically redesigned operating model based on an AI Factory
- ✓ Enables the best of all worlds
  - ✓ Economies of scale
  - ✓ Economies of scope
  - ✓ Accelerated learning
- ✓ Efficiencies can be 100X or 1000X

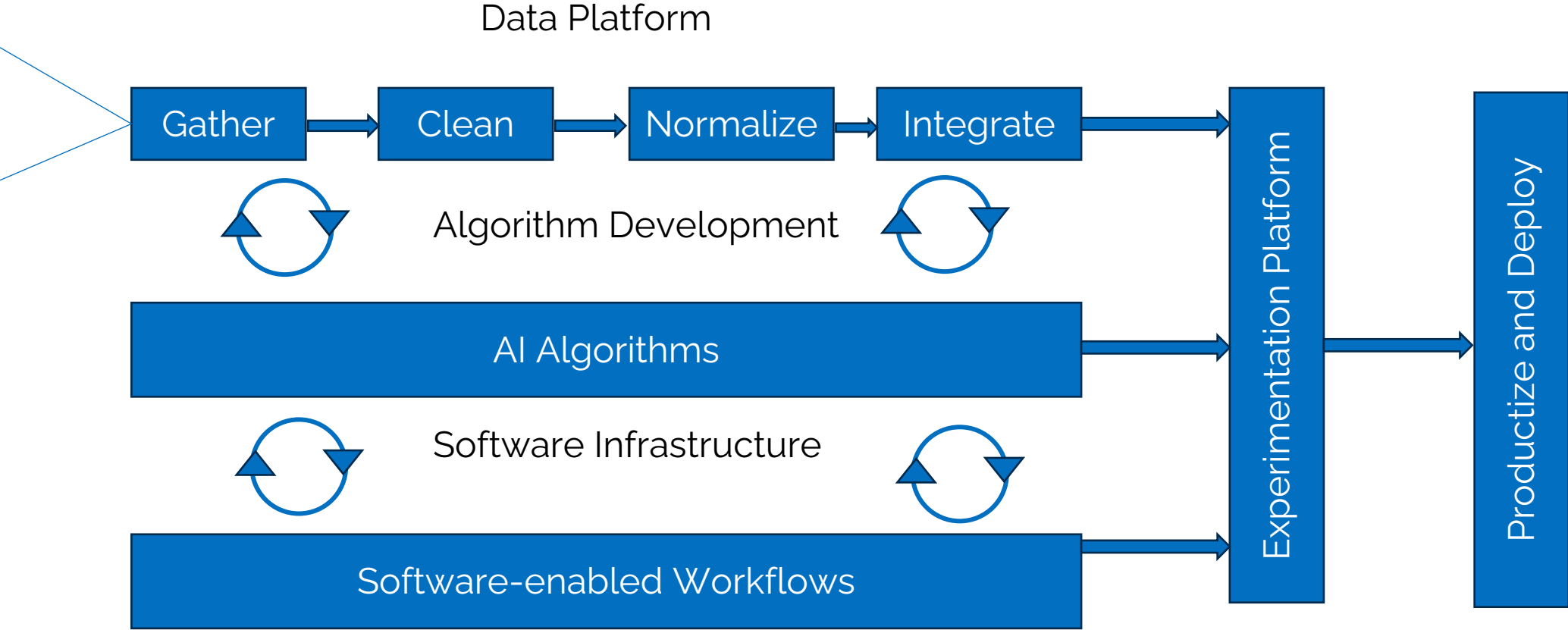
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# AI Factory



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# AI First Benefits

- ✓ Economies of Scale
- ✓ Economies of Scope
- ✓ Accelerated Learning
- ✓ Speed

**Traditional strategic trade-offs do not apply**

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# AI/Digital Business Models

## Key Enablers

### 1. Data

feeds insight  
(customization, diagnosis)

### 2. Cloud computing

enables scale  
provides ubiquity

### 3. Artificial Intelligence

enables prediction  
improves all aspects of marketing  
improves operations

### 4. Internet of Things

greatly expands data

### 5. Mobile

greatly expands data  
provides point of customer access

Quantitative differences become qualitative differences

# Creating New Business Models

## AI First Business Model Archetypes

### Pure

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- *Multi-sided Digital Marketplace (Amazon)*
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- **Data Monetization (*Ant Financial*)**

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- **Digital First Product Design (Tesla)**
- Bundled services
- **Digital R&D (*Moderna*)**
- ...

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# Data Monetization Ant Financial

# Data Monetization Archetype

<b><u>Value Proposition:</u></b>	Full range of financial services Fast, inexpensive, broad market
<b><u>Value Delivery System:</u></b>	Deep data on customers from many apps Enables hyper targeting Enables extensive cross-sell Extremely low-cost delivery model
<b><u>Revenue Model:</u></b>	Fees of various types
<b><u>Business Model:</u></b>	Data Monetization



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# Data Monetization Flywheel on Steroids

Diagram 14: User engagement across Ant's expanding ecosystem



Source: Alibaba Group Investor Day, June 2016

# AI-driven R&D Moderna



# AI-Driven R&D Archetype

## An AI-based bio-technology company

**Value Proposition:** Identification of possible mRNA molecules to test  
Identification of process for synthesis  
Automated testing of potential molecules

moderna

**Value Delivery System:** Speed (e.g., Covid-19 vaccine)  
Breadth of application (many disease types)  
Continuous improvement using AI

**Revenue Model:** Treatment sales

**Business Model:** AI-Driven R&D



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# AI-driven R&D

## Critical Success Factors

- Design in virtual space
- Create the capability for rapid testing in the physical world
- Leverage generative AI techniques as well as machine learning
- Establish a culture of continuous improvement
- Extend the AI model to every aspect of the business
  - Science
  - Manufacturing
  - Quality control

moderna

“We’re using AI for schedule optimization, in vitro studies, clinical trial design, epidemiology studies and protein engineering and design...”

Andrew Giessel

Director AI and Data Science

# Digital First Product Tesla

# Digital First Product Archetype

## Value Proposition:

Great car that gets better  
Promise of future features  
Infrastructure enablers

## Value Delivery System:

Unique concept (computer on wheels)  
Innovative EV design  
Internet sales channel  
Over the air updates

## Revenue Model:

Vehicle sales  
Carbon credits  
Subscription upgrades (autonomy)  
Cross-sell insurance  
Robo taxi (future)

## Business Model:

Digital First Product

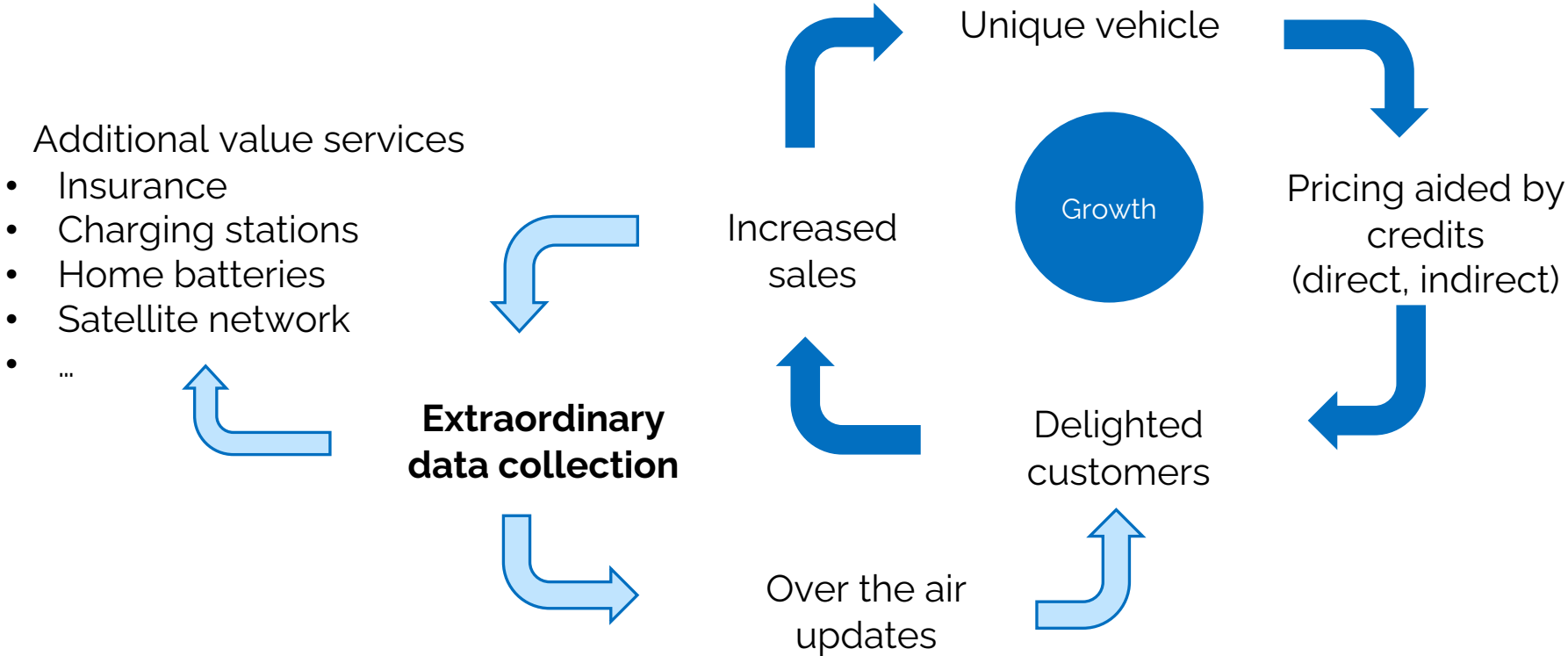


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# Digital First Product Flywheel



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# Digital First Product

## Critical Success Factors

- Completely reconceived product
  - EV
  - OTA updates
  - Autonomy (AI)
- Digital foundations
- Enabling infrastructure
- Regulatory skills
- Brand management

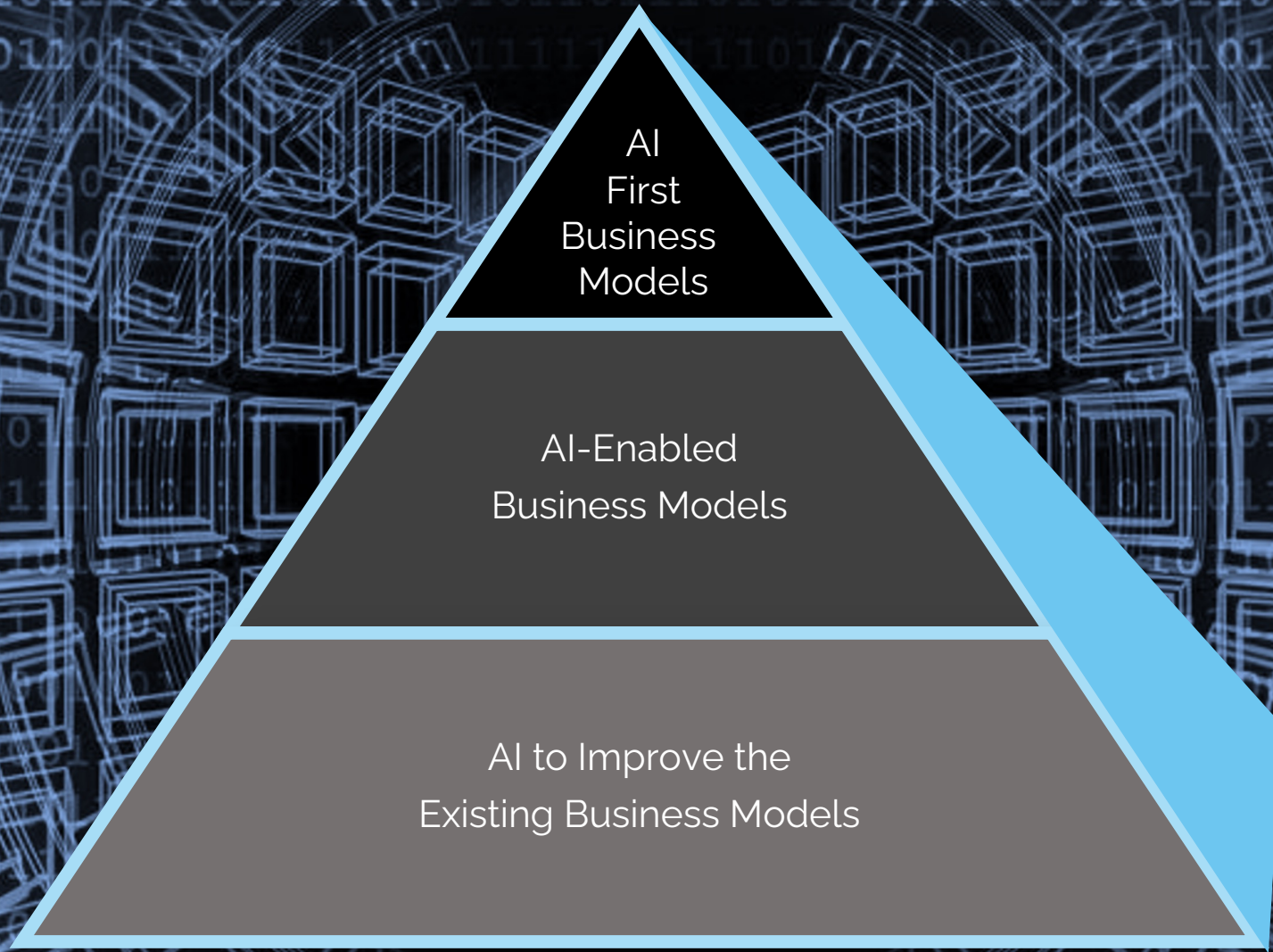


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# AI to Improve the Existing Business Model

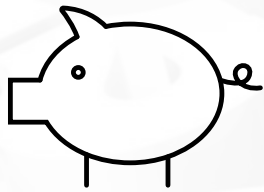
1. Where are people doing repetitive work?
2. What data are they using to do the work?
3. Can the data be tagged to create a training set?
4. How should the AI be integrated with the work
  - task automation
  - person-in-the-loop (cyborg)
  - process redesign
5. What does the learning curve look like (empirical)?
6. What is the ROI?



# AI to Enable New Business Models

- 1. Where are people (workers or customers) managing the consequences of uncertainty?**
- 2. If the uncertain information were known, what would change?**
- 3. How could we create a data set to make this possible?**
- 4. What business model would best exploit the new capability?**
- 5. How good could an AI system get? How good would it have to get?**
- 6. What is the potential of the business model?**

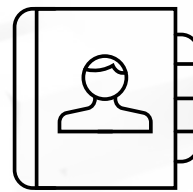
# Which assets will you leverage? Where do you have proprietary data?



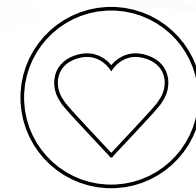
**Financial  
Resources**



**A large reservoir of  
ideas in the form of  
the workforce**



**Established  
customer  
relationships**



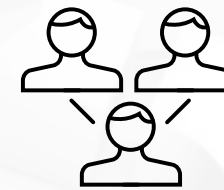
**Brand  
strength**



**Scale through  
multiple locations**



**Communications  
infrastructure for  
mobilizing a workforce**



**Channel  
relationships**

# AI First Business Models

- 1. What decisions are critical to our business?**
- 2. What are the bottlenecks in making these decisions?**
- 3. What would our business processes look like if these were fully automated?**
- 4. What data would permit us to deliver this automation?**
- 5. How good could an AI system get? How good would it have to get?**
- 6. What are the risks in an AI First business model in our industry?**

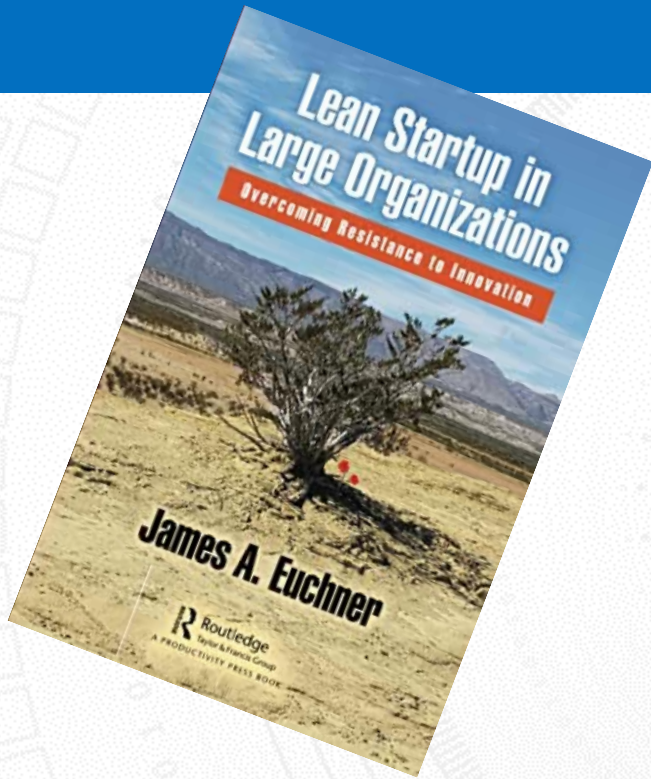
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# Critical success factors

- Focus on the transformative implications of better prediction ability
- Think about creating data, not just using what is there
- Redesign the business model around the new economics
- Experiment and learn before committing (Lean Startup)
- Once the model is understood, bet to win
- Challenge yourself to think of entirely new questions: “How might we...”

# Follow up



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I am glad to schedule 30 minutes to talk with you and answer any further questions you may have.

# References

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Youngjin Yoo	Design in the Generative Economy
John Rossman	Innovation the Amazon Way
Adrian Slywotzky	Business Design
Marco Iansiti	Corporate Operating Models in the Age of AI

# Other Useful References

	<b>Books</b>
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Ajay Agrawal, et. al	<i>Prediction Machines</i>
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	<b>Blogs and Papers</b>
Ethan Mollick	<i>One Useful Thing</i>
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Jim Euchner	Generative AI (resources)