DATA SCIENCE vs OPERATIONS SCIENCE

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Worldwide Spending on Artificial Intelligence Is Expected to Double in Four Years, Reaching \$110 Billion in 2024,

International Data Corporation (IDC)

Nearly 500 Al startups across 42 countries raised over \$8.4B in Q1'20.

The global machine learning market is projected to grow from \$7.3B in 2020 to \$30.6B in 2024, attaining a CAGR of 43%.

Market Research Future (Sep 2019)

Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Construction Market to Reach USD 4.51 Billion By 2026 | Reports And Re



But solving what problem?



Could we be learning what we already know?



Data Science



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What is Data Science?



A multidisciplinary approach to extracting actionable insights from the large and ever-increasing volumes of data collected and created by today's organizations

Source: IBM



Artful Data Science

Understanding the process

Directed use of machine learning (ML)

Focus on intelligibility



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This "result" was due to desynchronization and the players were celebrating in the corner *after* scoring.

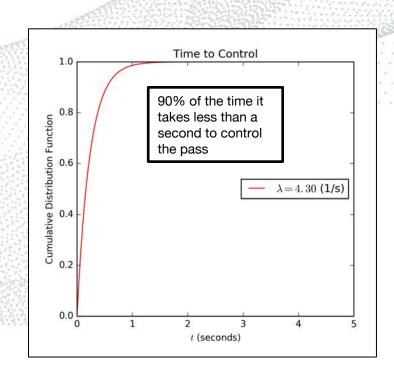




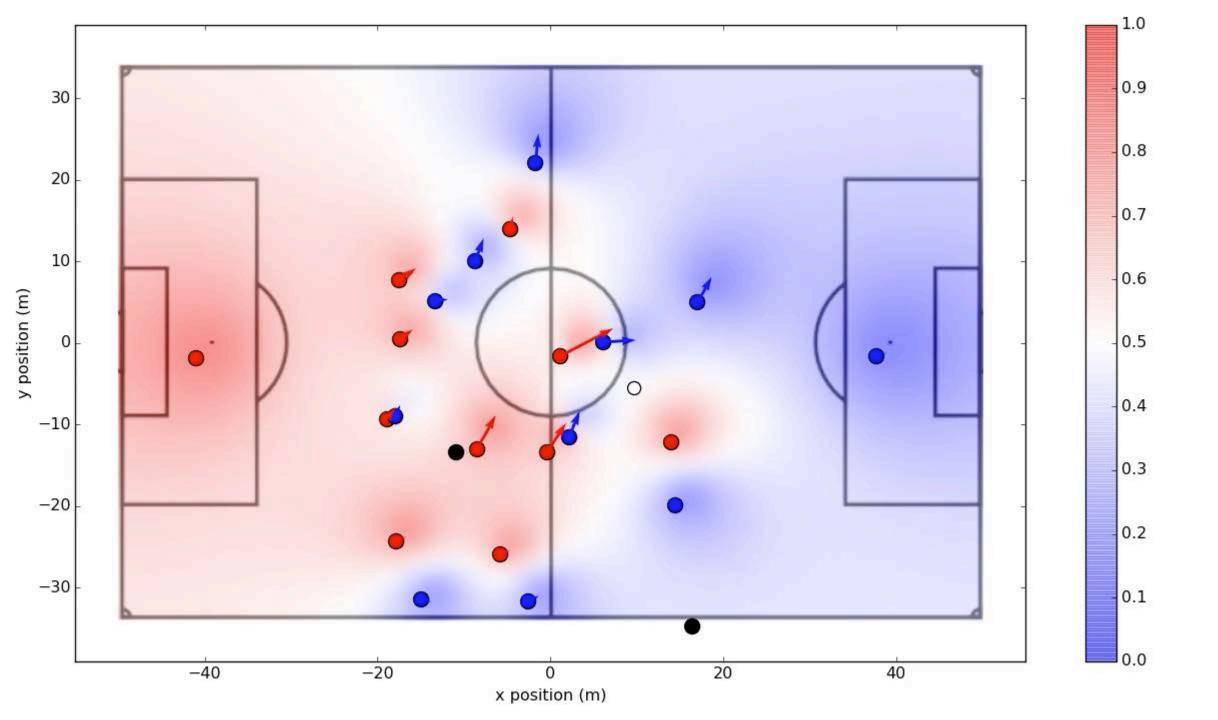


Pitch Control

Time on the ball equates to control of the ball



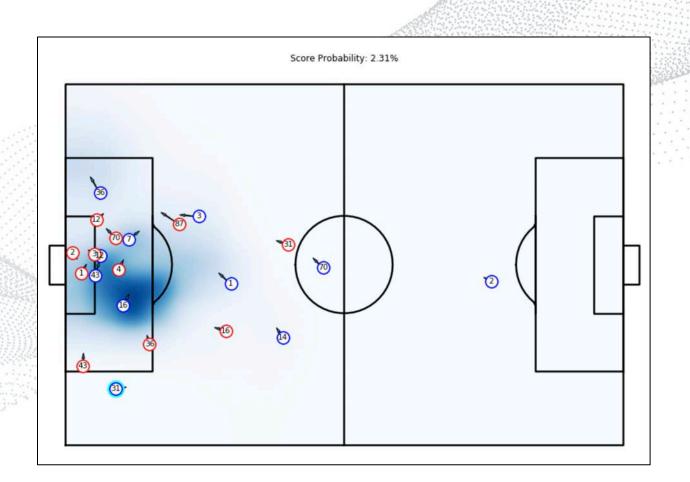




Layering Complexity

Combining ML with process

models





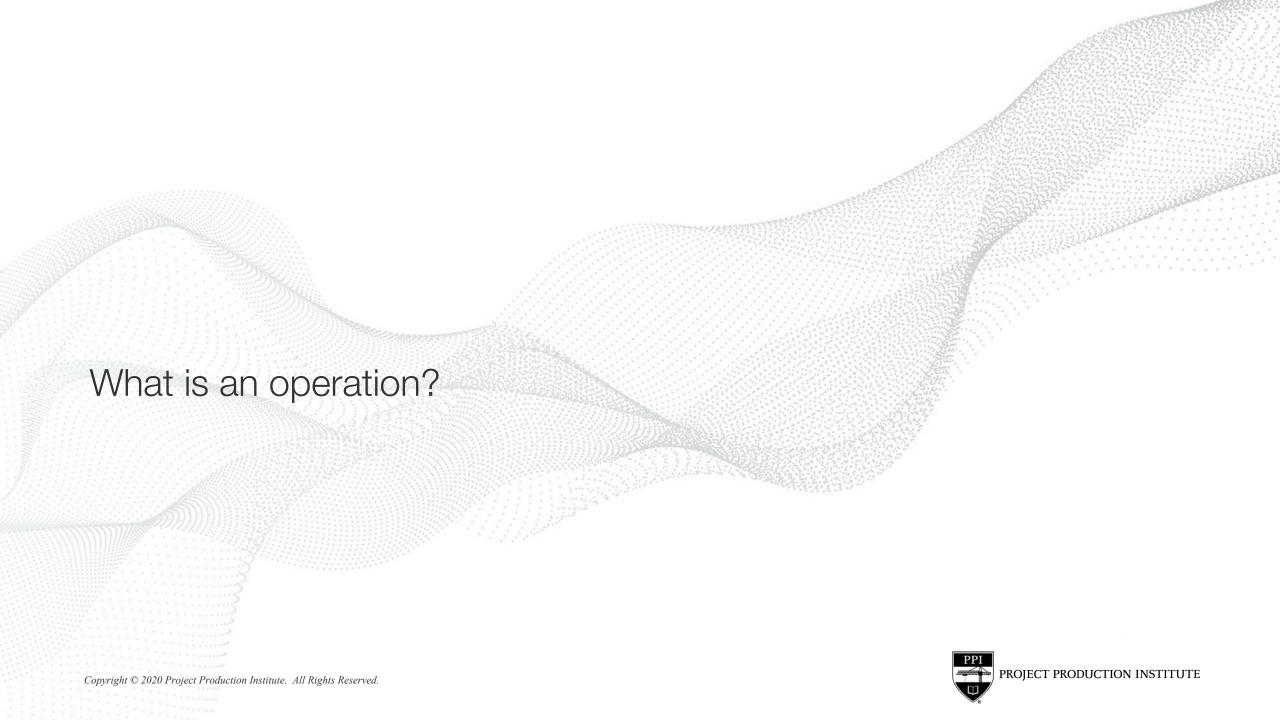


What is Operations Science?



The science that describes the behavior of operations





Transformation of entities through the utilization of resources to create and distribute goods and services that satisfy a given demand



Almost everything we do involves operations

Manufacturing

Transportation

Medical services

Project execution



Operations Science describes

Demand processes

Resource utilization

Variability due to randomness and lack of information

Buffering and synchronization

Work in process, cycle time, throughput

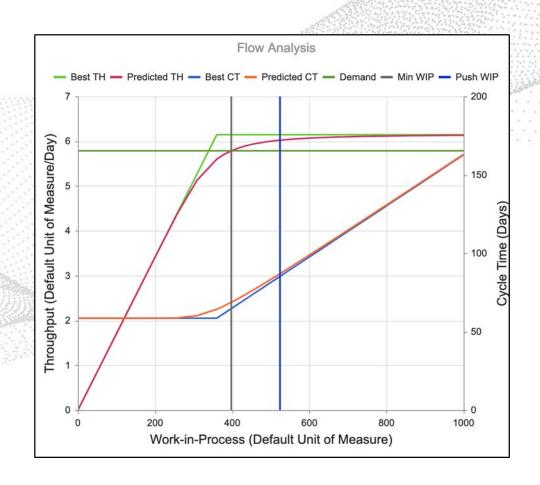
Stocks, backorders and lost demand



Better understanding of Operations Science leads to Better Operations and more successful enterprises



Operations research
Queueing theory
Inventory theory
Stochastic models
Big data





Artful Operations Science

Not just operations research models

Need to understand the process

What to model, what to skip

Approximate analytics

Basic physics



Data Science and Operations Science both seek to explain how a complex world works



Data Science and Operations Science both require intuition and basic understanding of the system and do not use black box techniques

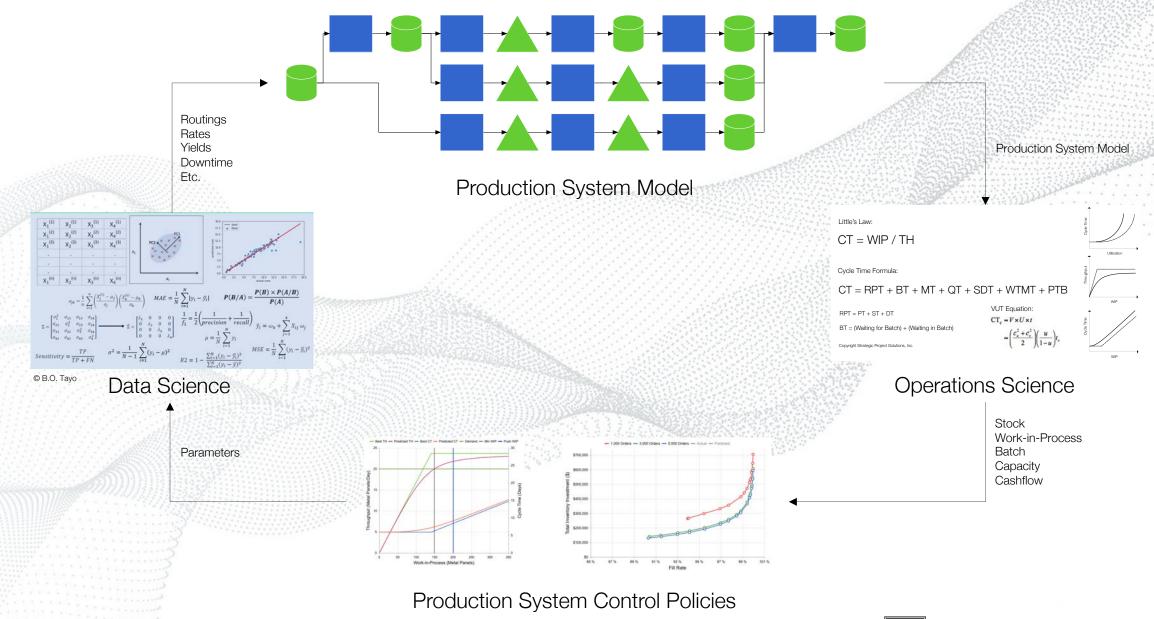


Data Science vs Operations Science



How can production system performance be improved through combining DS and OS?





Use Operation Science to model, analyze, optimize and better understand the production system

Use Data Science to analyze complex data, in real time, to execute and manage production systems

