

Data Science to solve real world problems

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Outline of this talk

- Who am I? What is my background?
- Who are Accelex, what do we do?
- How has my background helped me in industry?
- Things to consider when looking for a job

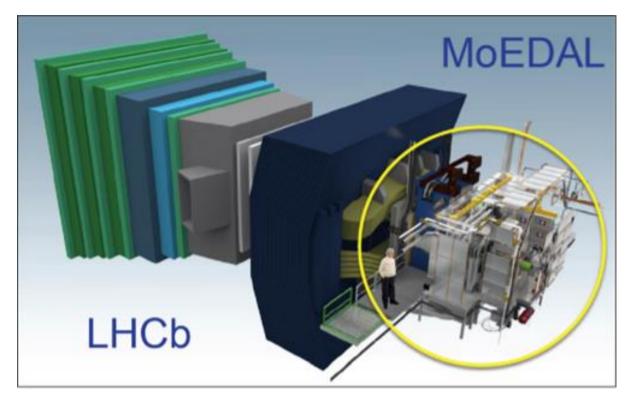
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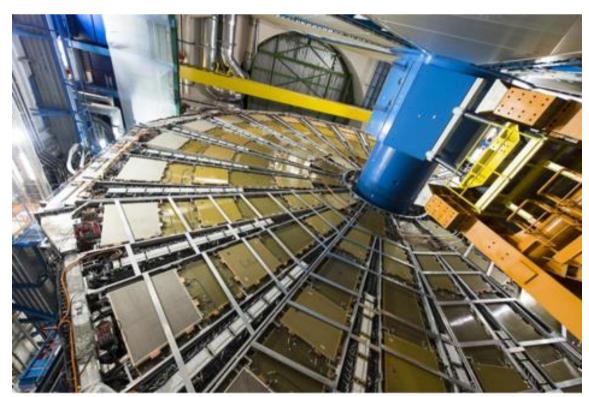
- Foundation year + MSci in physics at QMUL
- Learned to code via undergraduate C++ course, internships (Python) and personal projects
- Started a PhD at QMUL working on the ATLAS and MoEDAL experiments



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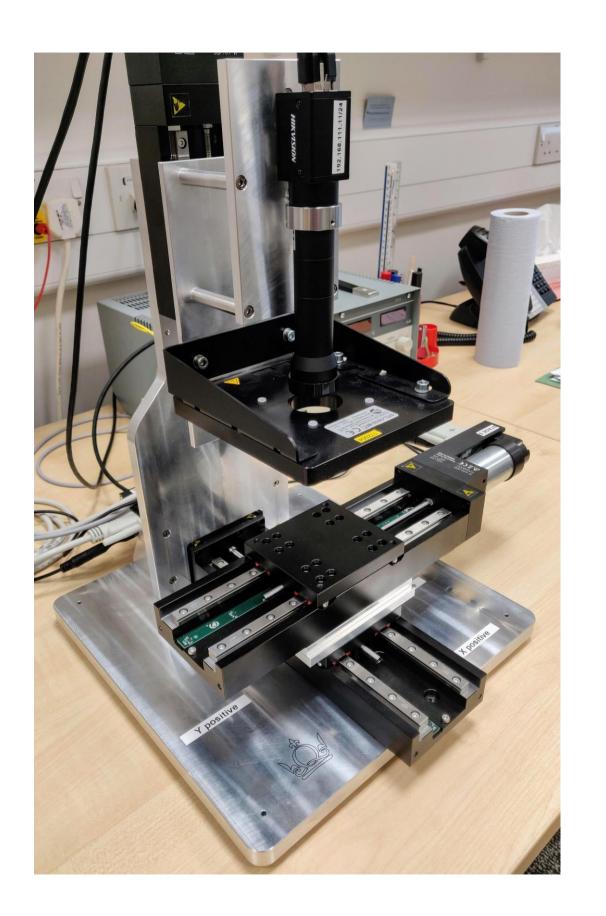
- Completed research on the MoEDAL and ATLAS experiments
- MoEDAL: detection of microscopic damage to polymers using computer vision algorithms
- ATLAS: Modelling of systematic uncertainties on Higgs boson analyses using machine learning





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- Qualification task: development of an area scanning robot for quality control of silicon strip sensors
- Teaching: demonstrated courses in C++, Python, statistics, and mathematics





Accelex highlights Outstanding growth since platform launch in June 2020

2018

company founded

>35

people in London, Luxembourg Paris, New York & Toronto >10

clients as of end of 2021

\$5m

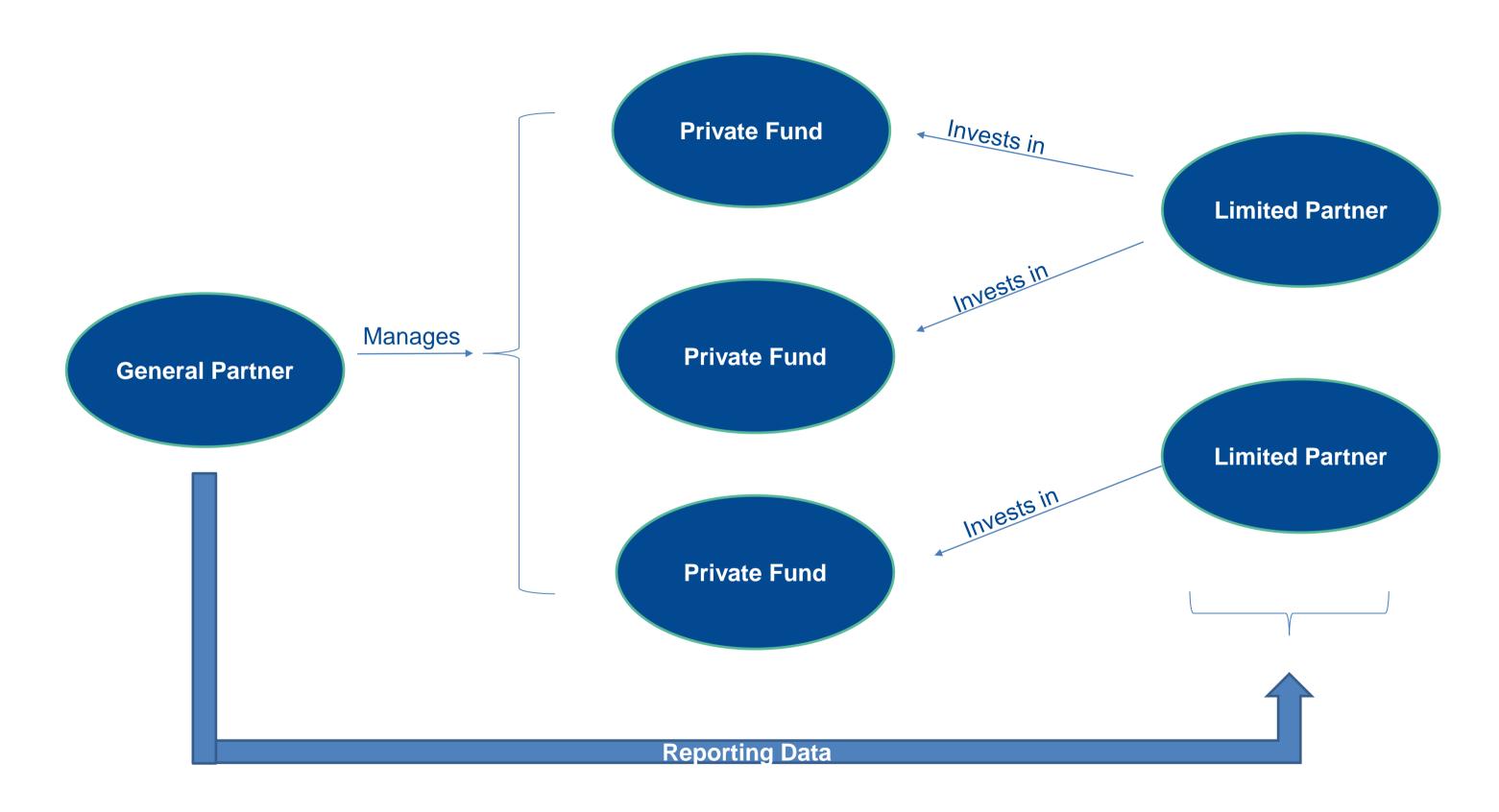
seed investment round May 2021

Transforming labour intense and often error-prone workflows to simplify the process of data acquisition, analytics and reporting of transactional and investment data.

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Intro to Private Markets







Participants communicate via unstructured content; a long journey from information to decision

Growing pressures

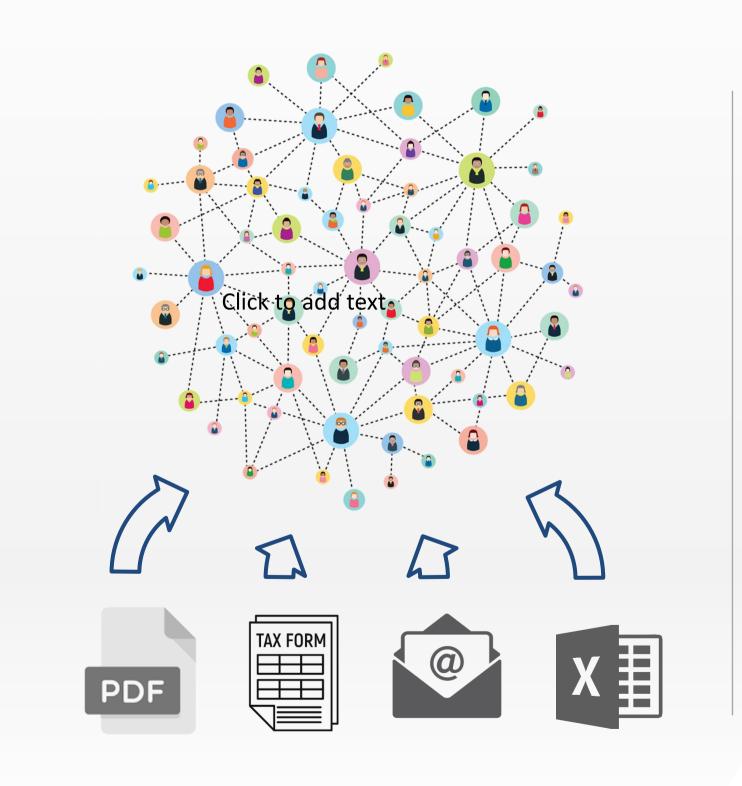
Processing cost

Competition

Complexity

Accuracy

Regulation



Opportunities

Transparency for investors

Informed investment decisions

Control, risk management and compliance





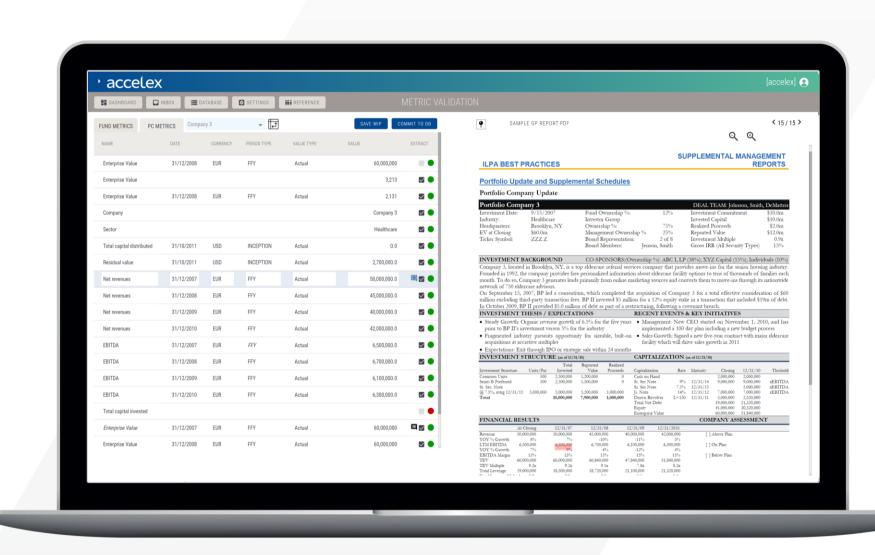
Our SaaS platform enables investors to extract and benchmark valuable data from unstructured content

Intuitive user experience

Dynamic data extraction powered by proprietary algorithms

Market-specific data model and collaboration platform

Full data and process auditability





Key benefits we offer our clients



DOMAIN EXPERTISE

Private markets focus with an intuitive user experience



AUDIT TRAIL

for data points including traceability to and within a document



TIME SAVINGS

accelerated data acquisition process



SCALABILITY

extraction of more metrics, more documents, more often



ACCURACY

artificial intelligence delivering measurable accuracy performance



OWNERSHIP

internalize and take control of your data strategy



Parser pipeline overview

Complex data science pipeline to deliver accurate results for validation

Render

Optical character recognition

XML conversion for digitally-born content

Watermark removal, layout analysis

Classify

NLP document classifier

Fund name and report date identification

Search

Lexical search: domain specific ontology

Semantic search

Link

Table detection and understanding

Metric graph representation

Entity-based segmentation

Score

Document structure modelling

Disambiguation and confidence calculation

Default

Assign default values for attributes not supplied by parser

Apply business rules

Unstructured to structured data



Headquarters: USA

Sector: Consumer Discretionary

Company Overview

Operating through two business units, Excelsior provides wiper blades and auto care accessories (Pylon®), as well as brake hardware and related components (International Brake Industries®), to the automotive aftermarket. The company is the market leader in hybrid blades that it sells under a variety of iconic brand names, including Michelin, and is the leading North American supplier of brake hardware to the automotive aftermarket.

Securities Holdings of WECP

(\$ in millions) Realized	Date of Purchase	Shares	Cost	Current Value
Interest	Various			\$8.9
Subordinated Debt	October 2016		\$27.6	27.6
Unrealized				
Common Stock	October 2014	522,502	\$52.3	\$143.2
Total			\$79.9	\$179.7

Income Statement and Net Debt

(\$ in millions)	FYE 12/31	FYE 12/31	FYE 12/31	LTM 6/30	LTM 6/30	YTD 6/30	YTD 6/30
	2017	2018	2019	2019	2020(2)	2019	2020(3)
Net Sales ⁽¹⁾	122.6	117.9	158.3	118.6	177.9	20.7	40.2
EBIT	23.1	24.2	30.1	24.5	32.5	4.1	6.4
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Net Debt	96.2	88.9	89.2	86.1	92.0	86.1	92.0
# Employees	206	276	326				

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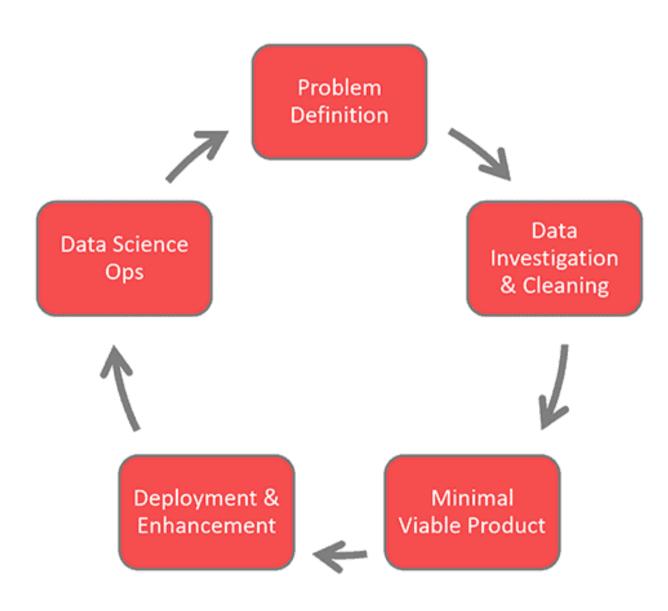


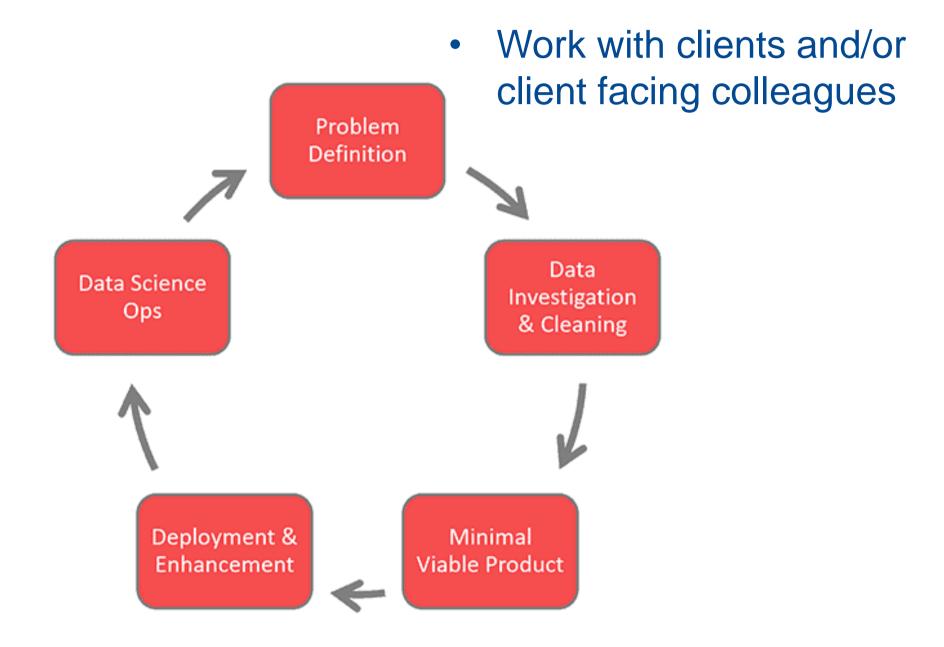
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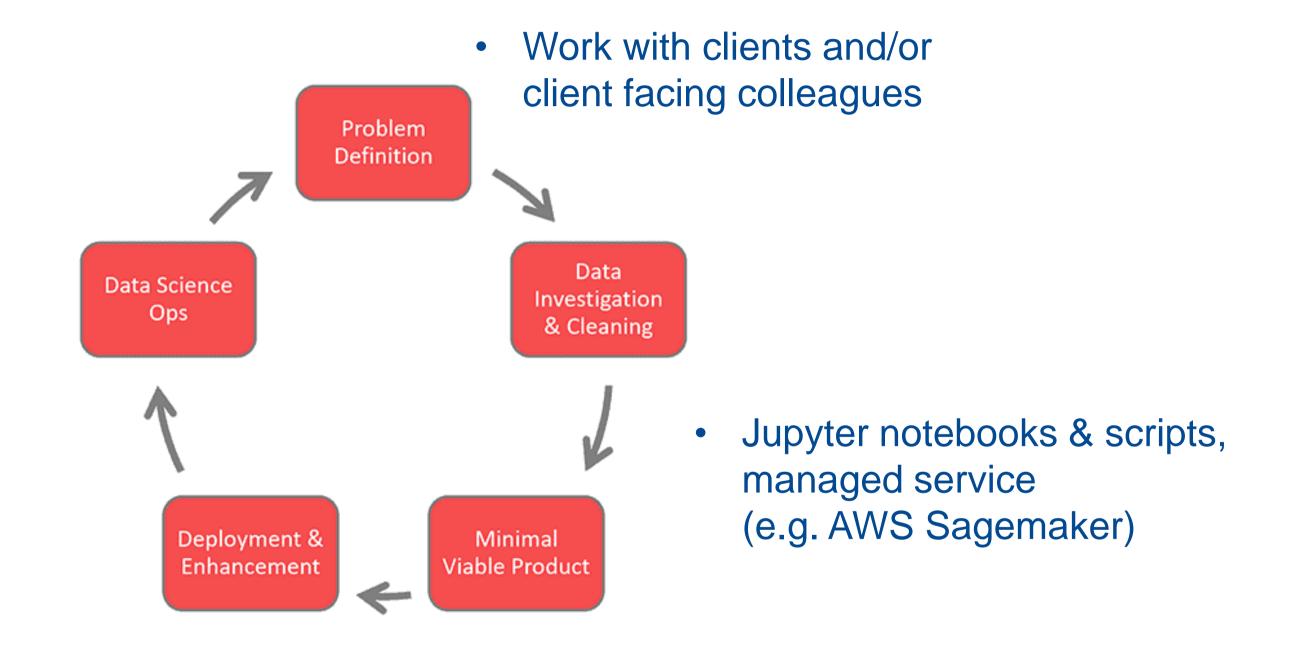
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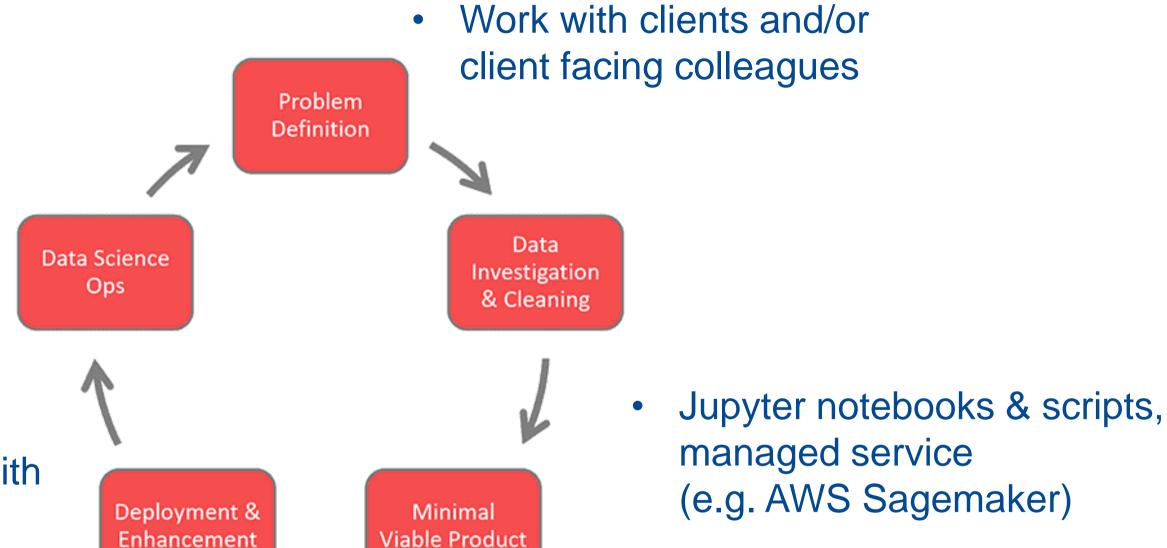
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- Table structure: understanding the row and column relationship
- Table structure is used to link search results and form metrics
- Metrics are represented as graphs
- Linking can also occur outside tables, including vertical or horizontal key-value pairs









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- Deployment of choice
 - Kubernetes
 Serverless computing

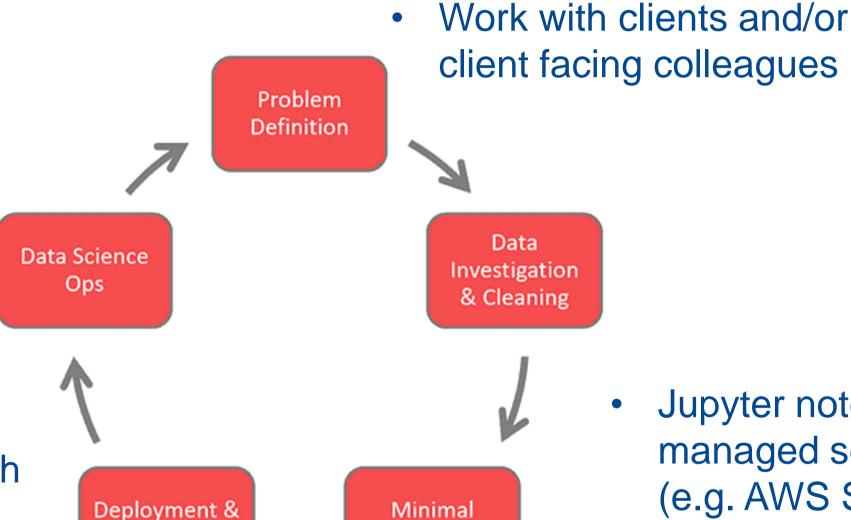
Life cycle of a data science project

- Maintain software
- Manage incidents
- Monitor performance

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Viable Product

Enhancement

 Jupyter notebooks & scripts, managed service (e.g. AWS Sagemaker)

Skills to be mindful of as you complete your PhD

- Version control git etc.
- Good software development practices, managing dependencies etc.
- Strong knowledge of your programming language – Python, C++ etc.
- Knowledge of popular machine learning frameworks – torch, tensorflow etc.
- If you can: docker



Things to consider when starting a data science career

- Size of the company
 - Start-up
 - FAANG
- What role are you actually applying for?
 - Data Scientist
 - Data Engineer
 - Machine Learning Engineer
 - Research Scientist/Engineer
- What role does data science play in that company?
 - Business decision making
 - System monitoring
 - A product (B2C, B2B)











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