Where's the ROI?

How to Develop Business Cases for Digital Transformation & Technology Initiatives

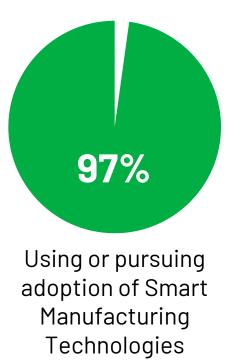
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Many leaders don't have what they need

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Statistics from the Rockwell Automation State of Smart Manufacturing, 2023



30% of leaders feel that their top internal obstacle to meeting business goals is **not having the tools they need to be successful**.



The ideas that get funded are the ones that fund themselves. -- some CF0 (probably)

Articulating and demonstrating ROI is critical for any leader who aspires to have **organizational impact**



Two common metrics for assessing investments

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ROI

Payback Period



Return on Investment (ROI)

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Money saved by cutting costs Net new profit

Total Cost of Ownership

Calculated for a given time period (such as annually)

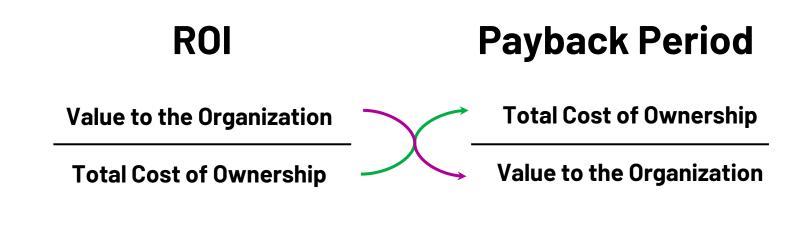
Cost of technology Cost of integration (amortized) Operational cost

*Some will argue that the numerator is "Net Value" not "Gross Value", but most executive intuition is aligned with Gross Value



ROI and Payback Period are Related

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For manufacturing, ROIs of **>3** are considered very strong

Yet many organizations feel **18+ month** paybacks are acceptable



ROI is a better metric than payback period

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- While ROI and Payback Period can both use the same inputs, most often Payback Period uses fewer inputs ex. Robotic automation accounts only for wage savings, not quality improvement
- ROI enables you to account for the broadest possible impacts of a technology investment on the organization
- Many people find ROI to be more clear: I pay \$1 to save \$3



Who here has calculated the ROI of one of your technology investments?



In manufacturing, calculating ROI is hard

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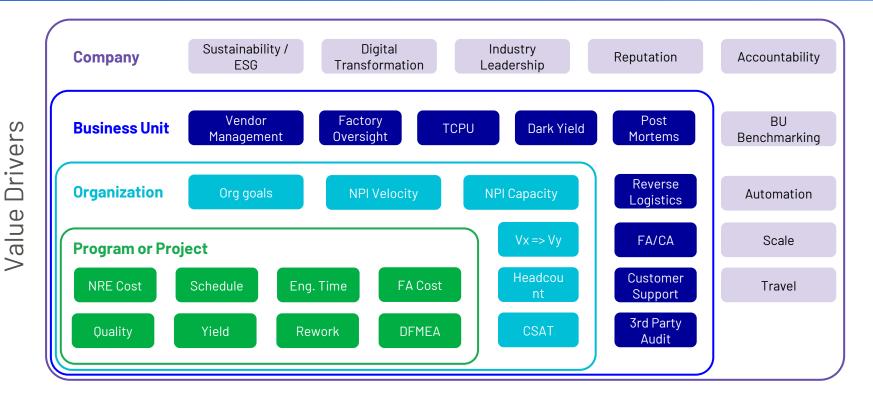
- The person with the problem often has limited access to value data, resulting in value analyses with lower ROIs
- Value information is often siloed throughout the organization:
 - Easy to get process cost or headcount
 - Hard to get return rates and cost of field repair process
- There are hidden costs to change management
- There are a lot more value drivers than many people contemplate



Increase ROI by accounting for greater impact

Never use fewer than three value drivers in your analysis

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Leverage your leg up!

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Our experience working with both commercial and A&D customers is:

- A&D electronics teams can more easily enumerate the cost of quality and field performance on the business
- A&D teams do more in-house assembly, reducing the muddiness that CM and JDM models create in the analysis



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Step-by-Step Playbook

For building business cases that support technology investment and expansion



Playbook for Technology Investment ROI

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Build & Present a Business Case

Identify the core value drivers and leverage the business case to justify the investment in a trial of the technology Implement the Proof of Value

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Implement the technology where the value drivers are maximized – providing the greatest ability to demonstrate value Update & Re-Present Business Case

3

Measure realized value and realized costs of ownership to the organization to calculate the ROI and justify expansion



Build the Business Case

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Step 1: Identify Relevant Value

Understand your key objectives and future state - vision to identify at least *three* value drivers

Step 2: Generate Business Case

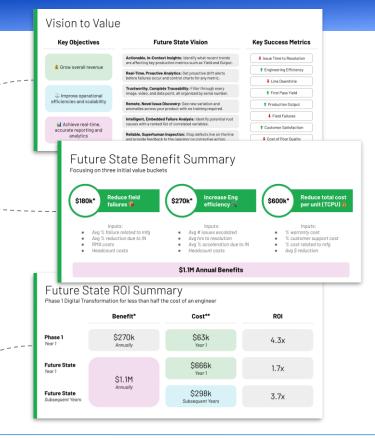
Make simple assumptions to rapidly produce expected dollar savings to ensure ROI is viable

Step 3: Architect the Solution

Identify and price out the investment for both the proof of value and the full roll-out

Step 4: Present to Your Leadership

Value, Price, and ROI ready for official review



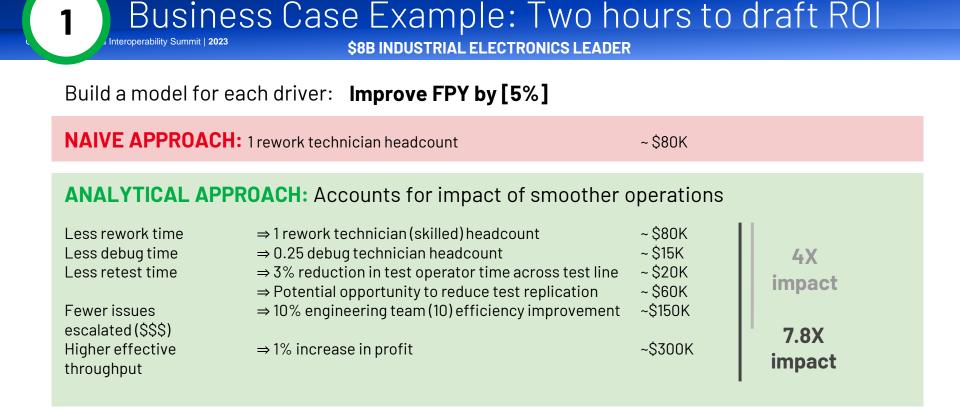


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Identify 3+ value drivers for the business

- Expensive in-field repair
- High cost of rework
- Just starting a multi-factory scaleup
 - 1. Reduce field failures
 - 2. Improve First Pass Yield
 - 3. Ramp lines faster







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Build a model for each driver

Create a detailed spreadsheet to build up the calculations

Which line items will you measure in your POV to determine realized value for the organization?

	ltem	Year 1	Description		
	Number of lines with Instrumental	1	Input	Requires custor	ner input
È	Units produced per day	6,000 Input	Educated assumption		
Capacity	Operational days per year	300	Assumption	Calculated	
ő	Production per line per year	1,800,000	Calculation		
	Total units through Instrumental	1,800,000	Calculation		
	Number of monitors running (ref)	20	Assumption		
	% intercepted per monitor (ref)	0.0050%	Calculated		
	% of units intercepted by monitors	0.10%	Assumption		
ß	# of units intercepted by monitors	1800	Calculated		
ğ	% of units with new discoveries [one-offs]	0.10%	Assumption		
ntercepts	# of units with new discoveries [one-offs]	1800	Calculated		
<u>_</u>	% attribution versus other tests	70%	Assumption		
	Total number of defective units avoided	2520	Calculated		
	Percent that actually fail in the field	50%	Assumption		
	Adjusted actual field failures	1260	Calculated		
	Unit cost	\$200	Input		
	Customer support phone call	\$20	Assumption		
SIS	Product install	\$100	Assumption		
Costs	Reverse logistics	\$25	Assumption		
ect	Refurbish rate	10%	Input		
Direct	Units that get refurbished	126	Calculated		
	Total Direct cost of single failure	\$345	Calculated		
	Total Direct costs	\$391,230	Calculated		
	# engineers involved on a field defect	3	Assumption		
	Hours spent per engineer on investigation	0.25	Assumption		
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- Build a one-slide executive summary to take to leadership
- Make your recommendation
- Describe how you will measure the realized value

Executive Summary

💡 Value Hypothesis

By partnering with Instrumental, Company will empower Engineering and Operations teams with modern tools to maximize efficiency, streamline manufacturing processes, and centralize data within one system of record.

The Instrumental platform can extend from traceability to predictive analytics, enabling engineers to identify quality changes, manufacturing trends, and predictive failure avoidance.

🔑 Key Objectives

- Grow overall revenue
- Improve operational efficiencies and scalability
- Achieve real-time, accurate reporting and analytics

Uncover up to: \$1.1M

Annual Steady-State Gross Benefits:

- Reduce field failures \$180k
- Increase engineering efficiency - \$270k
- Reduce TCPU \$600k



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Implement Proof of Value

- **Upgrade POCs into POVs.** A Proof of Concept demonstrates how a technology functions; a POV demonstrates how much value a technology provides
- **Put the POV where it hurts most.** Select a high-visibility problem area to maximize results
- **POVs do not need to be ROI-positive.** The business case is what matters, not the NRE for the POV
- Assess Cost of Ownership. Update assumptions for integration and operational costs
- Add more value drivers. Expand your value drivers as necessary to fully capture total organizational value



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Proof of Value Example

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Put the POV where it hurts most.

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- Implemented Instrumental's quality improvement solution on a line with low yield
- Forgot to consider that upcoming build plan had reduced volume, so didn't capture as much value as intended

• POVs do not need to be ROI positive.

- \circ Due to setup costs, ROI on a 90 day POV was >1, but <3.
- Team presented value at scale longer duration and more lines to show >3X ROI

• Add more value drivers.

 Discovered influence on the bone pile, an ongoing operational cost ⇒ an additional value driver to add to the business case



Update and Present Realized Value

Step 1: Replace Assumptions with Reality

Leverage your measurements from the POV to turn your Business Case into a Realized Value study

Step 2: Confirm Total Cost of Ownership

Ensure technology pricing, integration costs, and operational costs are accounted for, informed by the POV

Step 3: Present to Leadership

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Present Realized Value from the POV (if relevant), or POV-informed organizational business case for expansion

Step 4: Realize Business Impact Expand the technology solution

		Item	Year 1	Description	
		Number of NPI's with Instrumental	7	Known	Requires input
Γ	m	Percent of programs with unexpected build	30%	Input	Educated assumption
	līme	Extra weeks req'd for extra build	6	Input	Confirmed
	-	Probability of Instrumental preventing the build	20%	Assumption	
		Expected additional builds avoided with IN across all programs	0.42	Calculated	





Realized Value Example: Anecdotes into Data

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Original value driver: Eliminate 1000 field failures / year

ORIGINAL MODEL: Based on service records, we believe we have about 1000 field failures every year

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	Item	Year 1
	Adjusted actual field failures eliminated	1000
	Cost for every unit with field issue	\$240
sts	Cost for replaced units	\$1,050
ő	Refurbish rate	12%
Direct Costs	Cost per refurbished unit	\$280
ā	Total Direct cost of single failure	\$1,198
	Total Direct costs	\$1,197,600
Cos	Total eng cost saved	\$225,000
oct C	Total management cost saved	\$120,000
Idirect (Total Indirect Costs	\$345,000
	Total	\$1,542,600

POV RESULT: Technology prevented an escape that impacted 10K units, but management time investment was less

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Cos	Total eng cost saved	\$2,250,000
oct (Total management cost saved	\$160,000
idirect	Total Indirect Costs	\$2,410,000
	Realized Value Total	\$14,386,000



Total Cost of Ownership = Direct Costs + Indirect Costs

Direct Costs to Assess:

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- Technology license or CapEx
- Vendor support fees
- Integration fees
- Team costs for setup
- Operator headcount needs

Indirect Costs to Assess:

- Line space
- Added cycle time
- Cultural shift & training



Realized Value Example: Present to Leadership

Demonstrate your leadership and ability to impact organizational goals

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- Build a one-slide ROI summary to take to leaders
- Make your recommendation – to stop, continue, or expand
- Highlight rollout plan and further investment

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Instrumental Realized Value Results

Assumptions: Unique defect modes % defects w/ Eng involved	Assumptions: Number of new lines/yr Bring up time
Rework time per unit Scrap cost % of BOM cost	% time reductionDaily line capacity
\$0.9M Cost Reduction*	\$1.8M Increase in Gross Profit*



Key Takeaways for Organizational Visionaries

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- ROI is hard: you won't have all of the numbers off hand finance may be able to help
- Never have fewer than three value drivers to justify an investment, even if one seems sufficient
- Proof of Value, not Proof of Concept
- Look out for unexpected value drivers that arise during POV
- Impacting organizational goals provides you with visibility and can accelerate your career





Speak to an expert about doing your own ROI analysis



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