The Connected Performance Framework:
Beyond Technology to Superior Performance

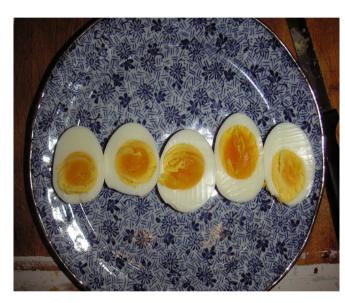
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# Introducing the connected world...







Billions of sensors and systems tracking billions of transactions, activities and people



# What does the connected world mean for performance systems?

- Access to significant volumes of new data especially operational data…
- Leading to new opportunities for performance monitoring and management...
- And potentially new service businesses...
- But also potential for abuse (management control) and in all likelihood the usual dysfunctional consequences...

The enduring challenges of measurement



# Three enduring challenges

#### The desire to quantify:

• "There is a strong tendency to state numerically as many as possible of the variables with which management must deal" - Dysfunctional Consequences of Performance Measurements, V.F. Ridgway, 1956.

#### **Unanticipated consequences:**

• "We feed the machines all the easy orders at the end of the month to meet our quota" - The Impact of Budgets on People, Chris Argyris, New York, 1952.

#### The need for balance:

 "Market standing, innovation, productivity, physical and financial resources, profitability, manager performance and development, worker performance and attitude, and public responsibility as appropriate performance criteria" The Practice of Management, Peter Drucker, New York, 1954.

How have we responded to enduring challenges?

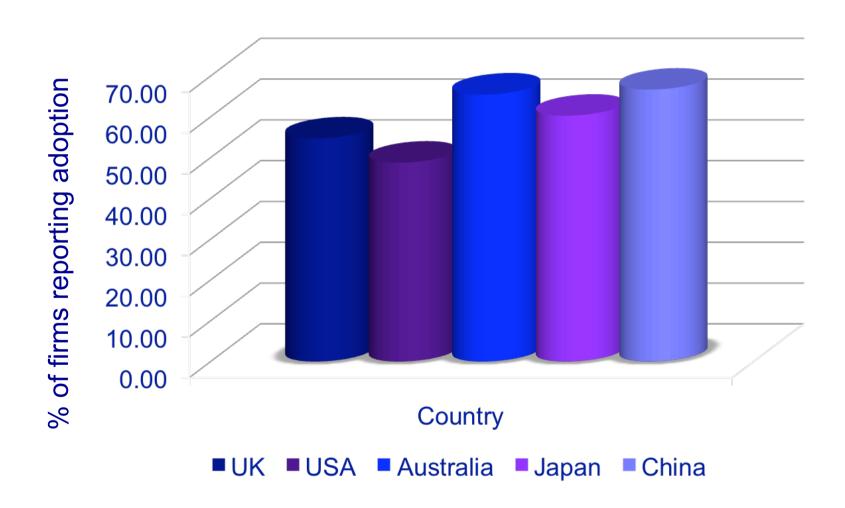


## A plethora of measurement frameworks

- Beyond Budgeting (Hope and Fraser, 2003)
- Performance Prism (Neely et al, 2002)
- Activity Based Profitability Accounting (Meyer, 2002)
- Balanced Scorecard (Kaplan and Norton, 1992)
- EFQM Excellence Model (EFQM, 1992)
- Results-determinants matrix (Fitzgerald et al, 1991)
- Economic Value Added (Stewart, 1991)
- Performance pyramid (Lynch and Cross, 1991)
- Performance measurement matrix (Keegan et al, 1989)
- Shareholder Value (Rappaport, 1998)
- Activity Based Costing (Cooper and kaplan, 1988)
- Throughput accounting (Goldratt and Cox, 1986)
- Baldrige Award (US Congress, 1987)
- ROI and DuPont pyramid of financial ratios
- Etc, etc...



# With widespread adoption...



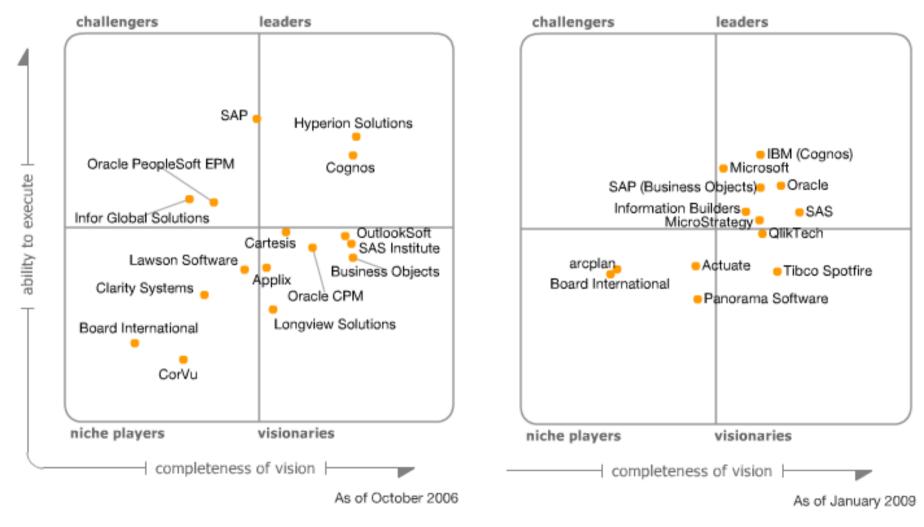


# Fuelled by promises of glory...



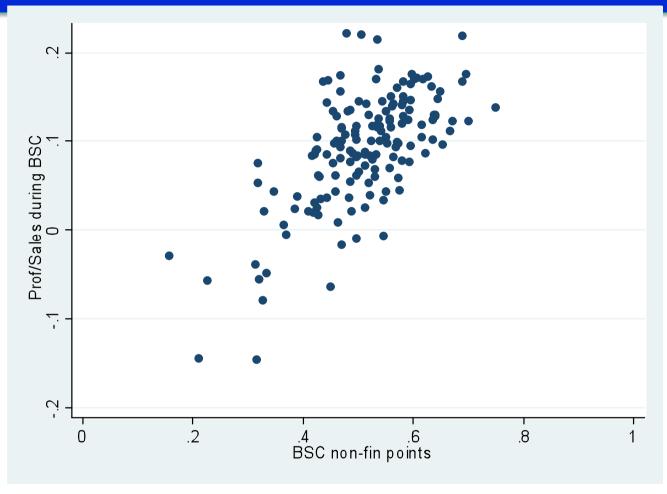


# Supported technology in a competitive and consolidating market





# Empirical support for measurement...

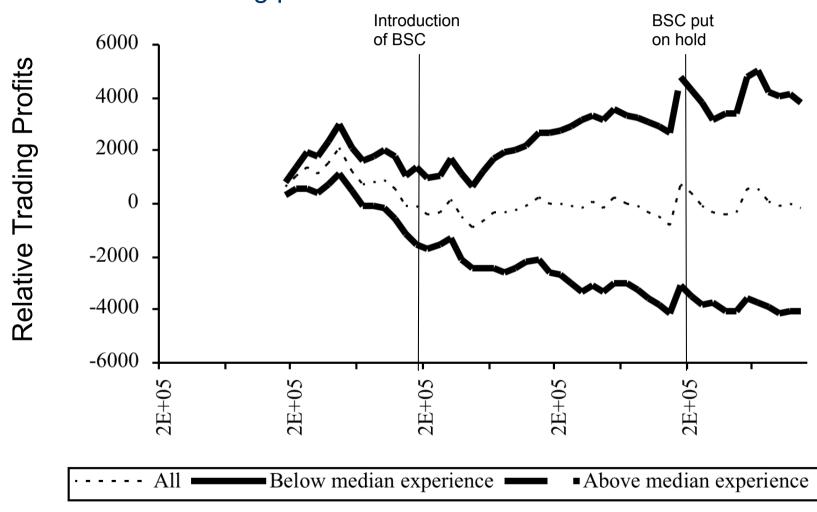


Notes: 156 observations (one for each Division 1 Brand A branch); x-axis is the share that each branch earned of the total points they could have earned on the non-financial BSC measures (customer, internal, people and supplier) over the period August 2002 - July 2004; y-axis is the average value of trading profits over sales for each branch over the period August 2002 - July 2004.



## Although not a straightforward picture

#### Trading profits in Build relative to Plumb





# Picture will become more complex!

Enterprise performance management is an integrated approach to performance management enabled by information and communications technologies, covering:

Planning, budgeting, forecasting and resource allocation

Profitability and causal modelling

Scorecards and dashboards, strategy translation and target setting

**EPM** 

People & Processes

**Systems** 

Management and operational reporting

Financial consolidation, financial and statutory reporting, compliance, stakeholder and value reporting



# The reality: measurement is a mess...

- "We use 2% of what we measure, the rest is CYA".
- "We measure the wrong things, to four decimal places of accuracy".
- "If you want to know what my inventory levels are today, come back in six weeks".
- "We are masters of the micro. We measure paper clip acquisition times".

Why do we measure everything that walks and moves, but nothing that matters?

# In both the public and private sectors...

$$A = \frac{\sum\limits_{js} QASAS_{js} \times W_{js}^{S} + \sum\limits_{jL} QATAS_{jL} \times W_{jL}^{T} + \sum\limits_{kL} QATAS_{kL} \times W_{kL}^{T}}{\sum\limits_{js} W_{js}^{S} + \sum\limits_{jL} W_{jL}^{T} + \sum\limits_{kL} W_{kL}^{T}}$$

# Just one of the 3,000 key performance Indicators proposed for the London Underground

Put bluntly – measurement is a mess



#### The information house of cards

#### **Drowning in data, yet thirsting for insight**

Poor data – data not trusted by the majority of executives

### III designed measurement systems

We measure the wrong things.

We measure only the easy to measure.

We don't measure the true drivers of value.

We end up measuring too much.

And the information we have arrives too late.

#### Inconsistent information architecture

We have multiple, fragmented databases.

We have multiple definitions of the same measure.

We have no co-ordinated data model for the business and hence no comparability across products, customers or geographies.

### Disconnected management processes

We have separate planning and budgeting, financial consolidation, capital allocation and strategy management systems.

Our incentive and individual performance management systems are not aligned with our management systems.

We have no clear governance structures to manage data and system integration.

Some fundamental challenges with measurement

# The positive - we're making progress...

# Measurement frameworks

Deliver alignment

Translate strategy into action

Enable strategy challenge

# Methodologies

Measures selection

Measures design

Performance visualisation

# **Technologies**

Consistent data

– one version of
the truth

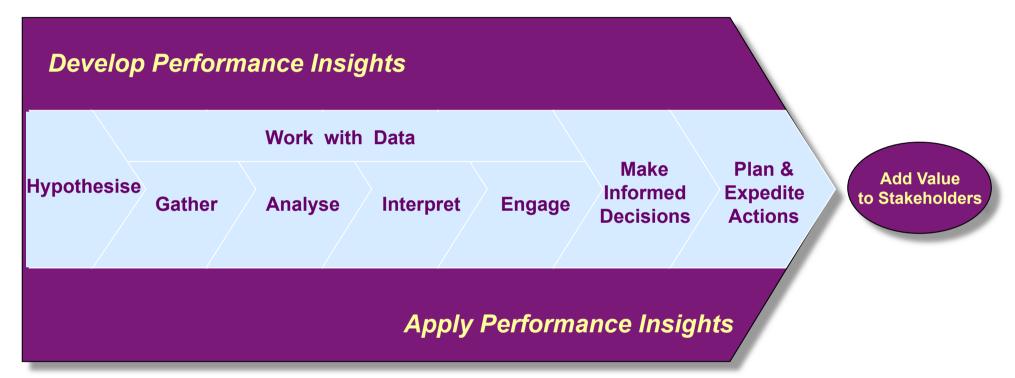
Enabling people to focus on data analysis not capture

Increasing integration and consolidation



## But let's go back to basics...

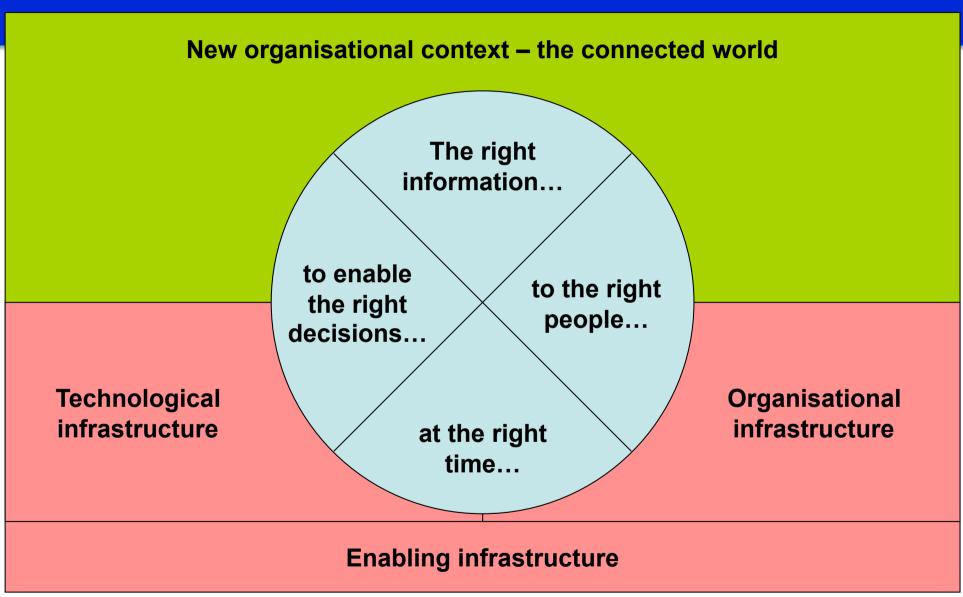
Managing the development and communication of performance insights



Extract insight from data to uncover the story in a connected world

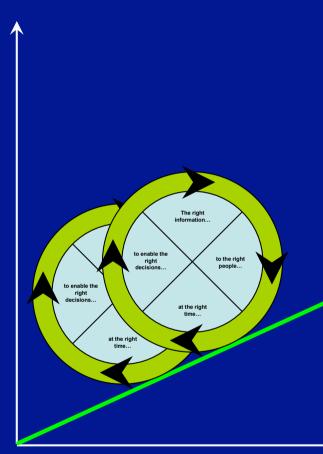


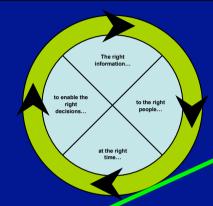
# Fundamentally... It's R4IPTD





Developing organisational infrastructure





Increasing the performance impact of business intelligence

"The latest research suggests that the combined development of organisational and technological infrastructures leads to a 34% performance improvement, compared with an 8% improvement when only the management or the information system is improved" (Bloom et al, 2007).

**Developing technological infrastructure** 

We have spent too much time and effort on the technological infrastructure.

# What is organisational infrastructure?

Performance Performance architecture planning Connected Performance Performance Performance exploration culture

Thinking in terms of Connected Performance



#### Performance architecture

- 1. Have you specified <u>who</u> in your organisation needs to come together to look at <u>what</u> and <u>why</u>?
- 2. Have you specified clear <u>decisions rights</u>, that conform with the ABC principles?
- 3. Have you specified the <u>frequency</u> and <u>scheduling</u> of performance planning meetings?
- 4. Have you ensured alignment across the organisation (<u>horizontally and vertically</u>) in terms of performance priorities?

Four key questions to ask of your architecture



# Performance planning

- 1. Do your discussions focus on <u>how are we going to get to</u> <u>where we want to be</u>, rather than why are we where we are?
- 2. Does the necessary <u>preparation take place prior</u> to your performance planning meetings so you can deliver <u>actionable insights</u>?
- 3. Have you moved beyond excel and into the <u>realm of</u> <u>visualisation</u> when exploring your performance data?
- 4. Have you established <u>clear rules and principles for the</u> <u>escalation</u> of performance challenges?

Four key questions to ask of performance planning



# Performance exploration

- 1. Do your performance planning meetings <u>deliver regular "ah-ha's" for you and your customers</u>?
- 2. Have you created the <u>infrastructure</u> you need to explore performance information quickly and interactively?
- 3. Are actions <u>implemented and evaluated quickly</u> are you learning through performance?
- 4. Is <u>management by fact</u> the dominant driving force in your organisation?

Four key questions for performance exploration



#### Performance culture

- 1. Is performance planning <u>role modeled</u> throughout your organisation?
- 2. Do people exercise their <u>authority to act</u>, when the action is <u>beneficial</u> and <u>compliant</u> (ABC)?
- 3. Is there a <u>hunger for performance insights</u> in the organisation?
- 4. Is your performance system having a <u>demonstrable difference</u> to the way you do things?

Four testing questions of your performance culture



## Some closing observations...

- The connected world opens up some new opportunities both for businesses and performance management...
- While we've made progress in our journey to date with frameworks, methodologies and technologies – we still have work to do on our organisational infrastructures...
- A useful way of thinking about organisational infrastructures is the Connected Performance framework – four elements: performance architecture, performance planning, performance exploration and performance culture.
- The 16 questions (four per perspective) offer you a useful way of auditing your own approach to Connected Performance.



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