

Put Me In Coach: Data-Driven Sales Coaching

Creating a culture of data-driven
coaching in modern sales orgs.



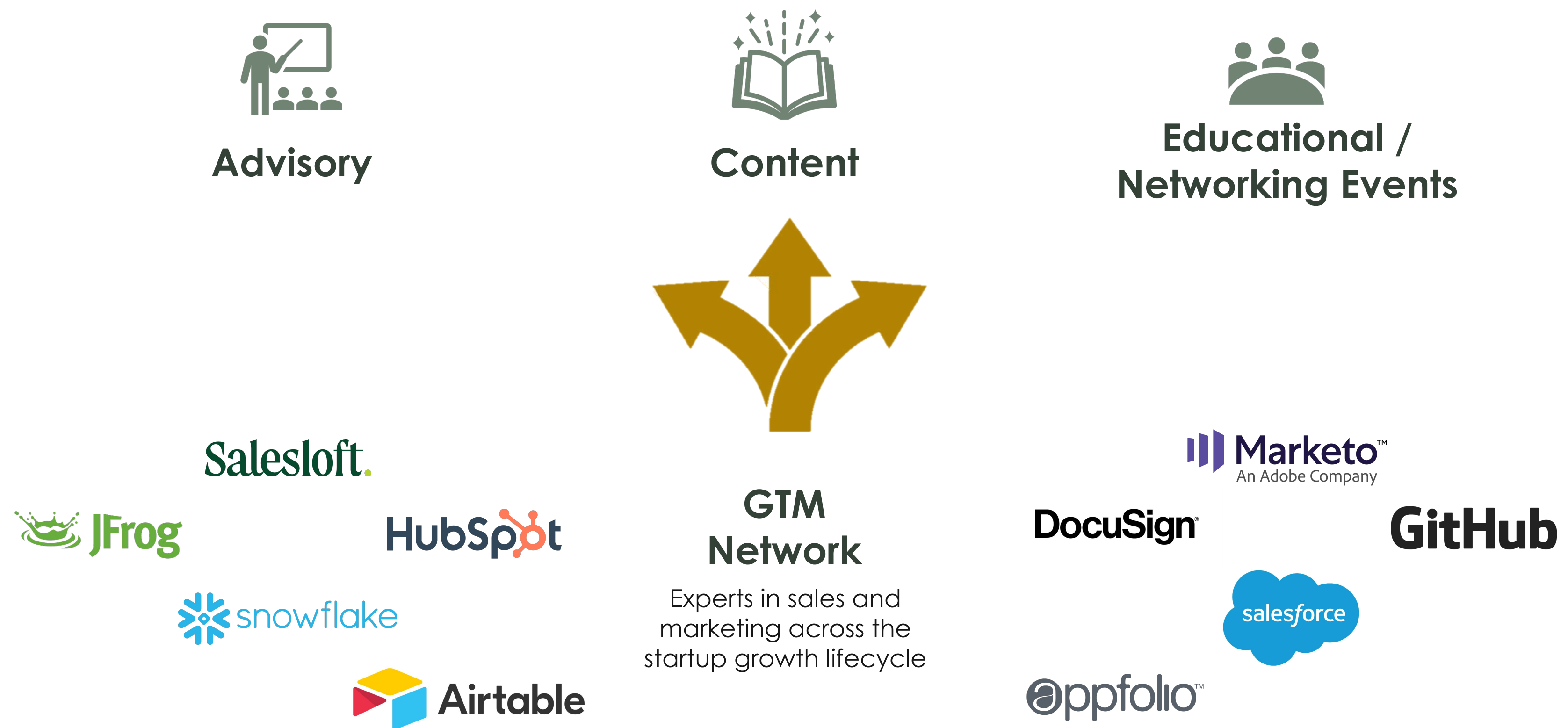
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GTM Platform Introduction



**We help our portfolio build and
optimize hyper-growth GTM
machines**

The GTM platform leverages our expert network to provide a suite of offerings





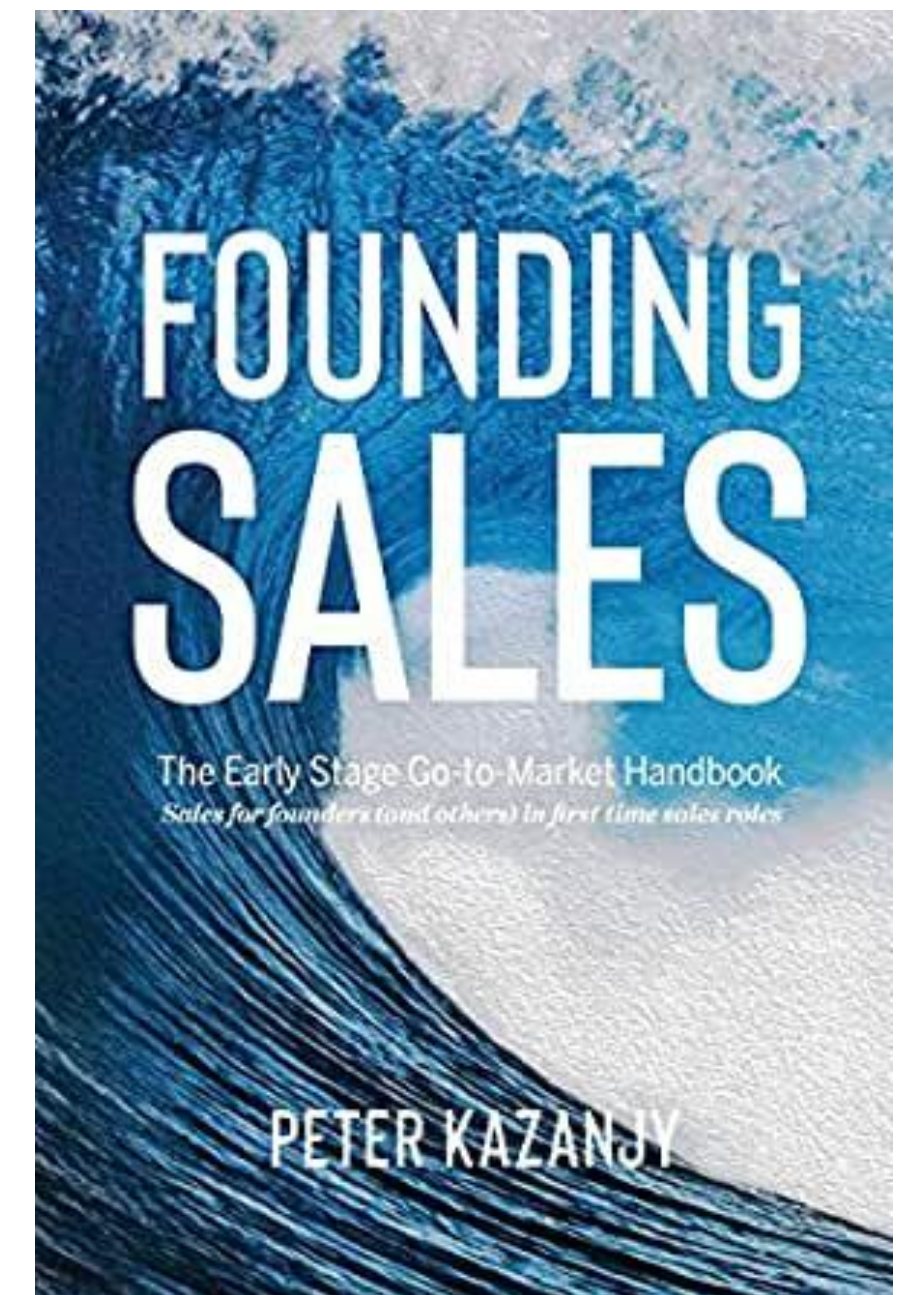
Introductions



Pete Kazanjy
Co-Founder & CRO

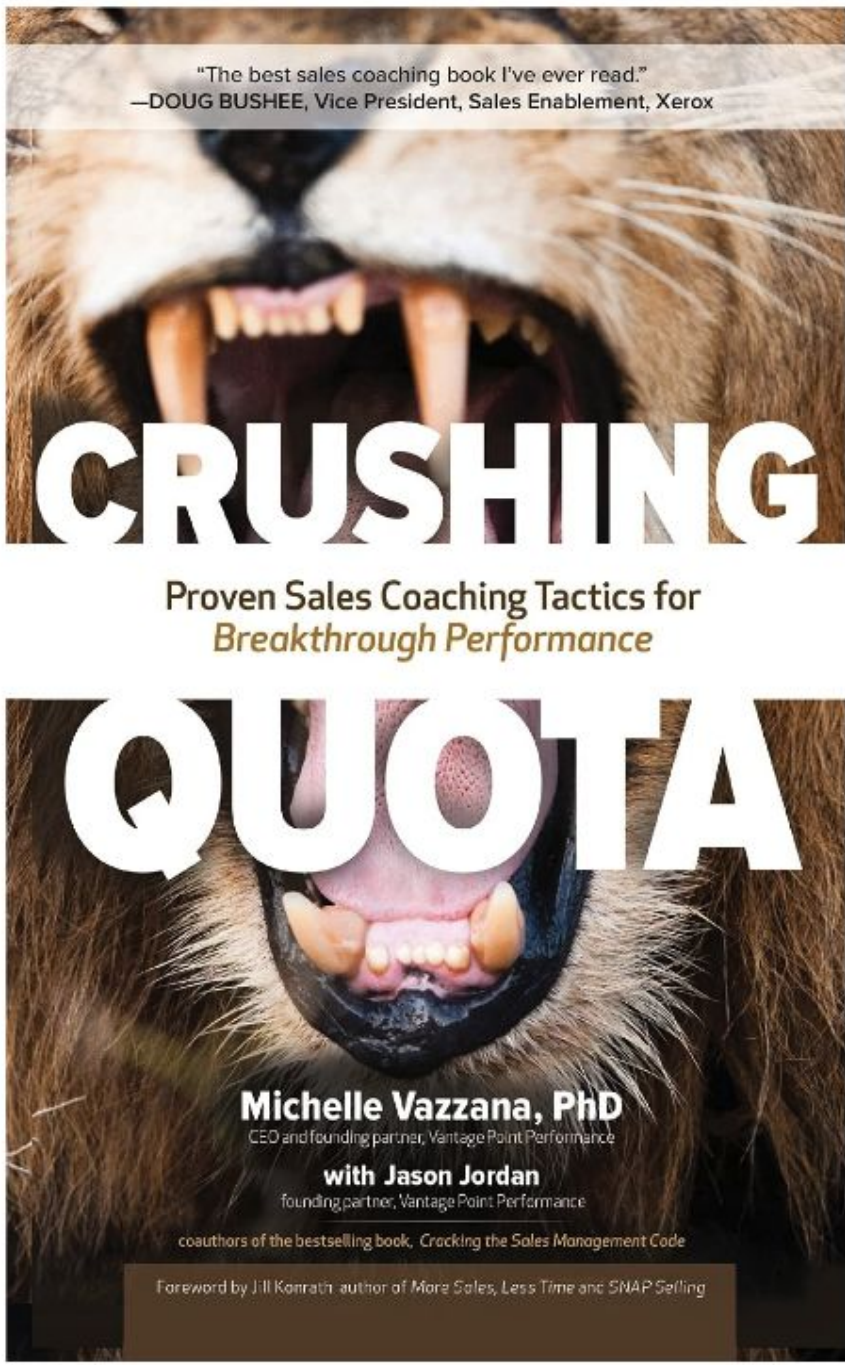
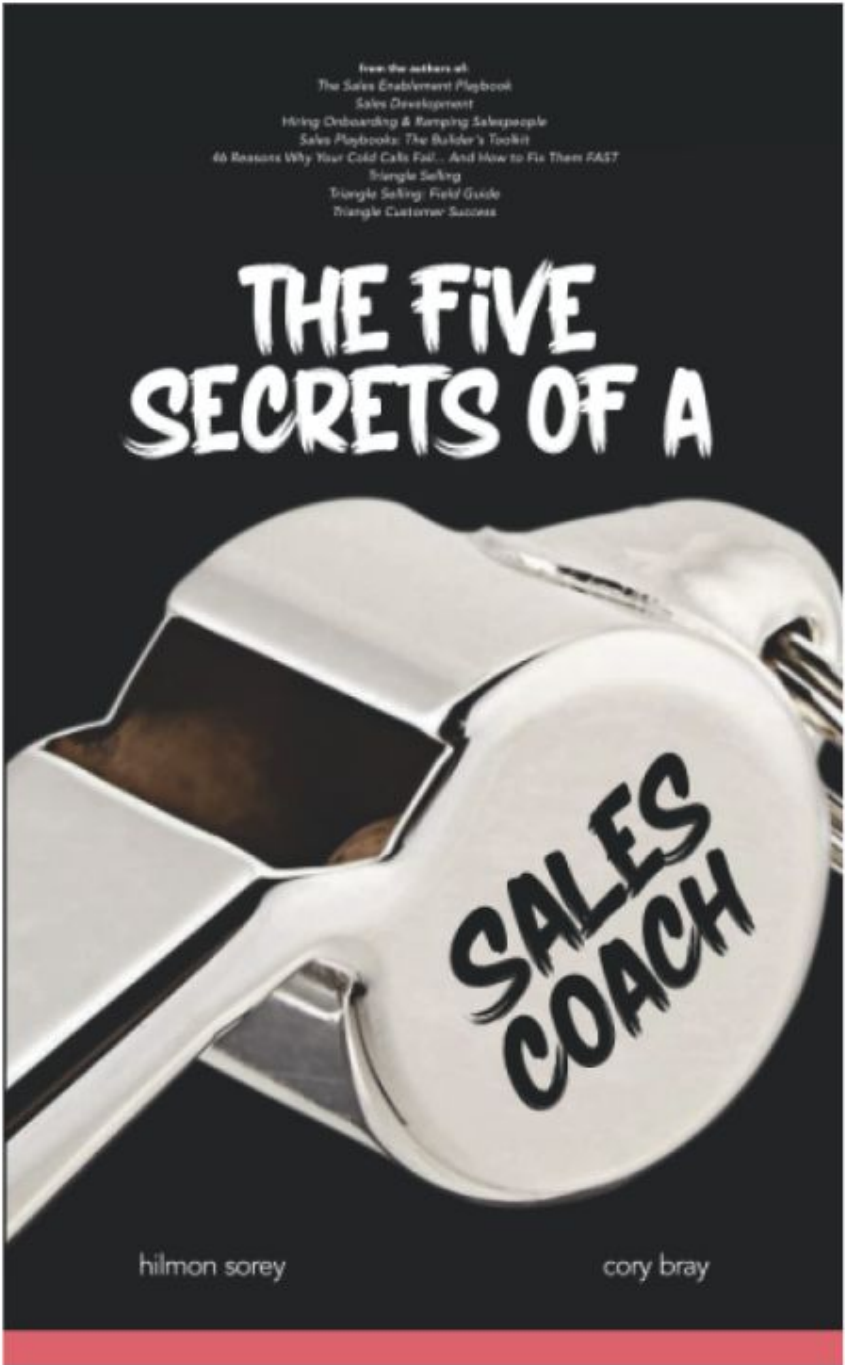


MODERN SALES PROS



My favorite coaching resources of late...

Check the chat!



Why managers should coach

“High performing managers are the difference between team success and failure.” **Gartner®**

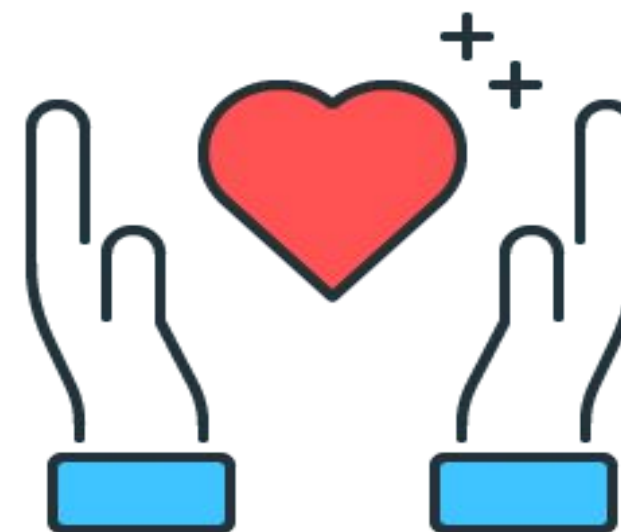
26% higher rep productivity



Reps are 3x more likely to be top performers



80% better rep retention

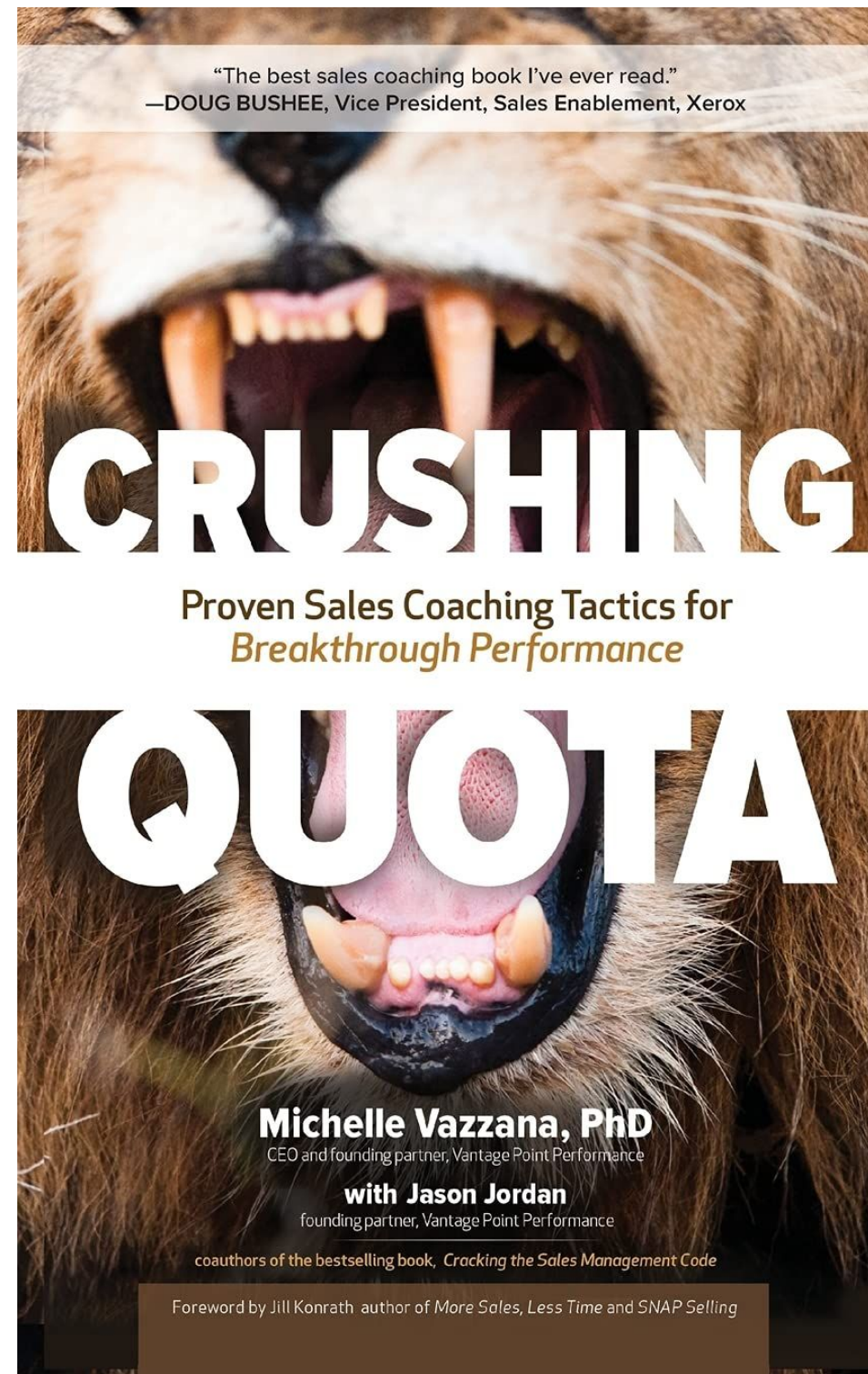


38% higher rep effort



Managers are your sales team's secret weapon...enable them.

Why managers should coach



- Top 25% managers generate **39% more revenue** than bottom 25%. On average **\$3.5m more attainment**.
- Top 25% managers got **30% more reps to quota**.
- Organizations who engaged in effective coaching realized **8% more revenue** across their teams.
- Companies that **allocated 50%+** of their training budgets **to managers** drove **15% more revenue** to goal.

⚙️ How to build a data-driven sales culture from the ground up.

*Modern sales orgs aspire to use **data** to properly **empower** Front Line Managers*

🤝 Align

✅ Select key org priorities to be managed.

📊 Choose metrics by which to measure those initiatives.

🎯 Set goals on input and output metrics for initiatives.

💪 Embed

🚧 Construct relevant data assets for managers to manage from.

⚽ Embed assets into managerial operating rhythms.

🏃 Train managers to interpret & manage from data assets.

🚀 Empower

📅 Managers recurrently leverage data assets in operating rhythm.

🔍 Managers track progress to and completion of goals.

🩺 Managers interpret assets and root cause issues to fix with their reps.

🔬 Managers self-serve “next questions” by manipulating data assets.

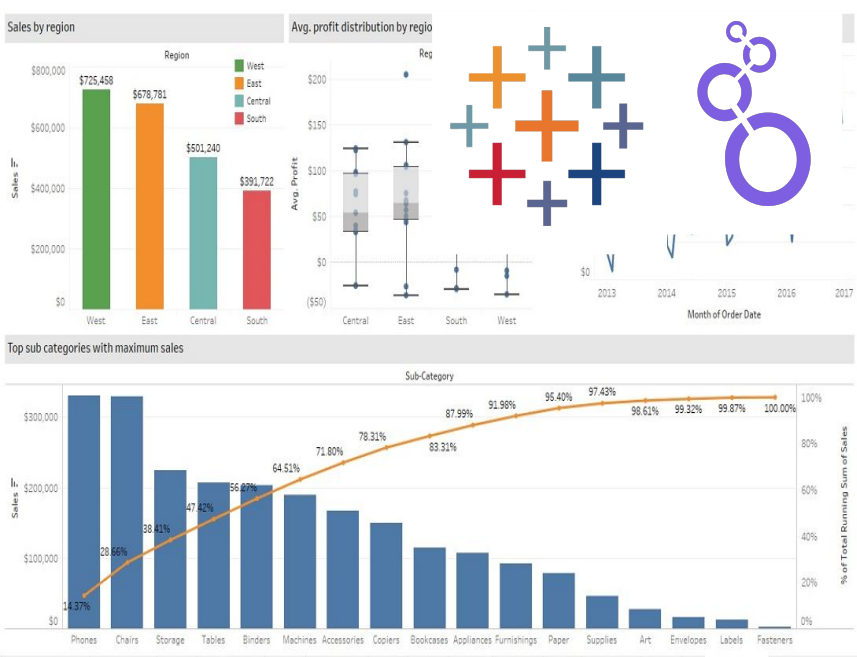
🙄 *If only it was this easy.*

Managers lack the training and the tools to succeed

Manager enablement is an afterthought

- Most tools focus managers on a forecast instead of how to **improve** it
- Enablement resources go to reps first
- Managers are often recently promoted ICs
- Data analysis is **not** an organically acquired skill

Walls of Charts to Decipher



CRM, BI, and Tool-specific dashboards, oh my!

What managers should be doing

Think of all the things managers should be doing...but don't



Deal Inspection & Strategy



Rep Goal Tracking



Data-Based 1:1s



Monitoring New Hire Ramp



Issue Identification & Fixing



Standardizing Success of Top Performers



And 50 other things that soak up their time...personality management, rep training, internal meetings, remote reps, a pandemic...

What managers typically end up doing

What's coming in this month? Where's the Hilton deal at? Can we pull that forward? Can you up that forecast?



Deal Inspection & Strategy



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Why use data?

It's the only way to get leverage and get out of anecdotal data.



Riding along on calls is **low leverage**. Are you on the right call?



Remote staff impacts “organic instrumentation.”



Closing deals for your reps is **low leverage**. There's only one of you.



Listening to hours of calls is **low leverage**.



Recurring deal inspection only shows you a deal-by-deal snapshot.

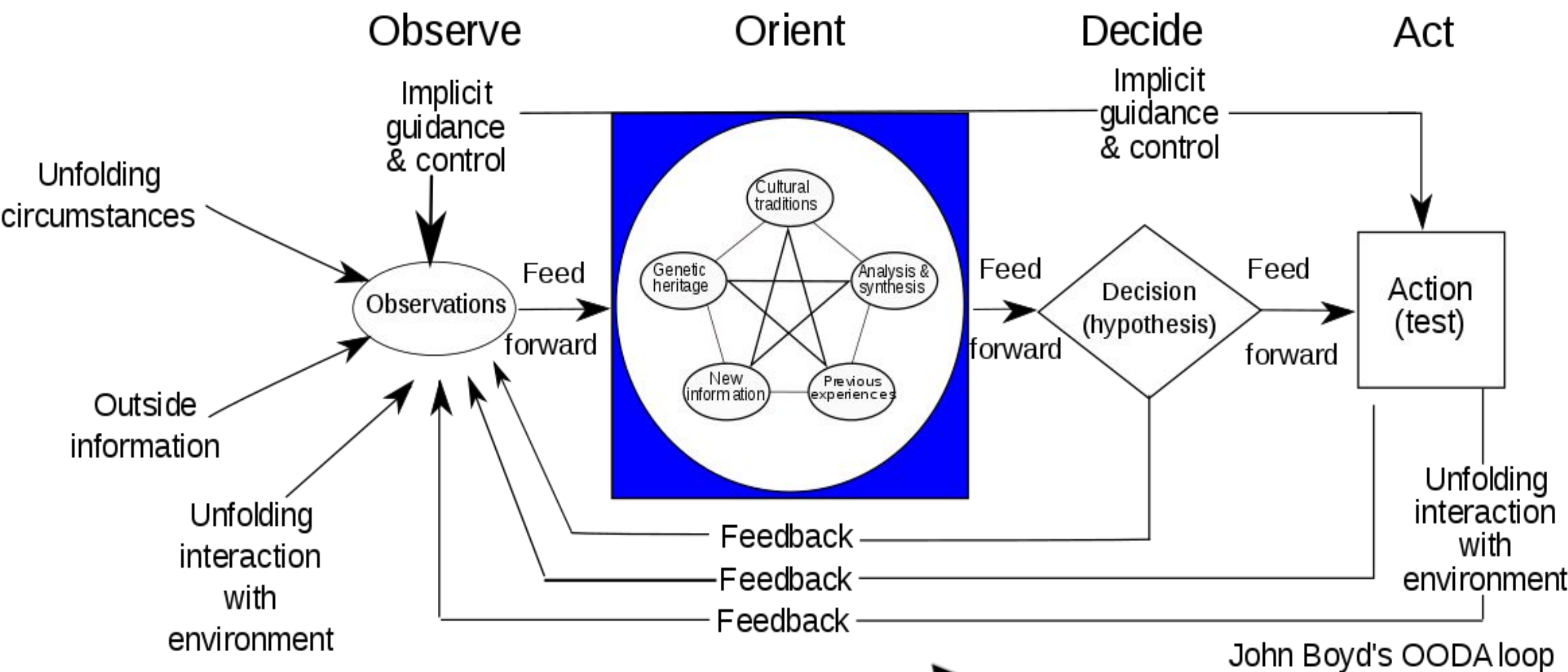


With data, you can track the feedback loop to see if management is working.

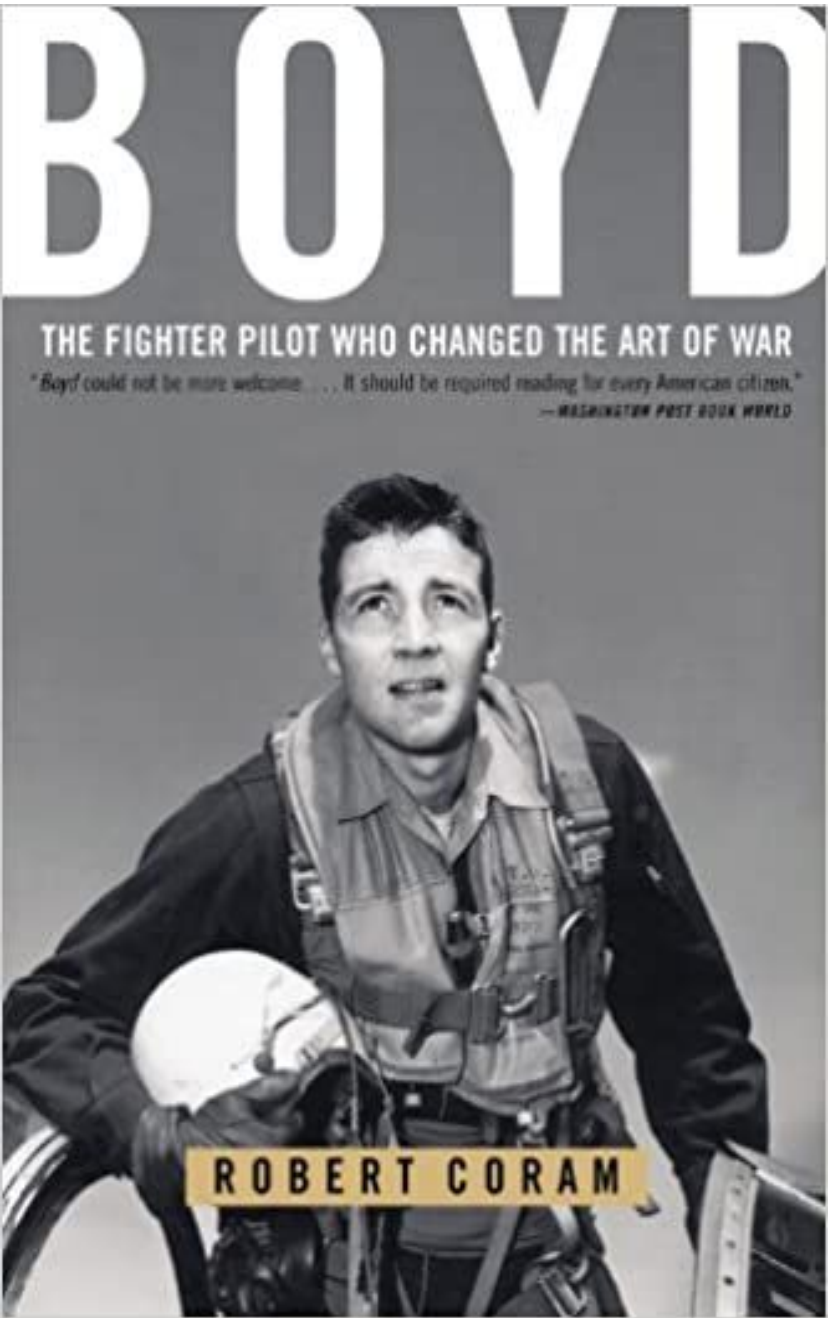


With data, you can see around corners.

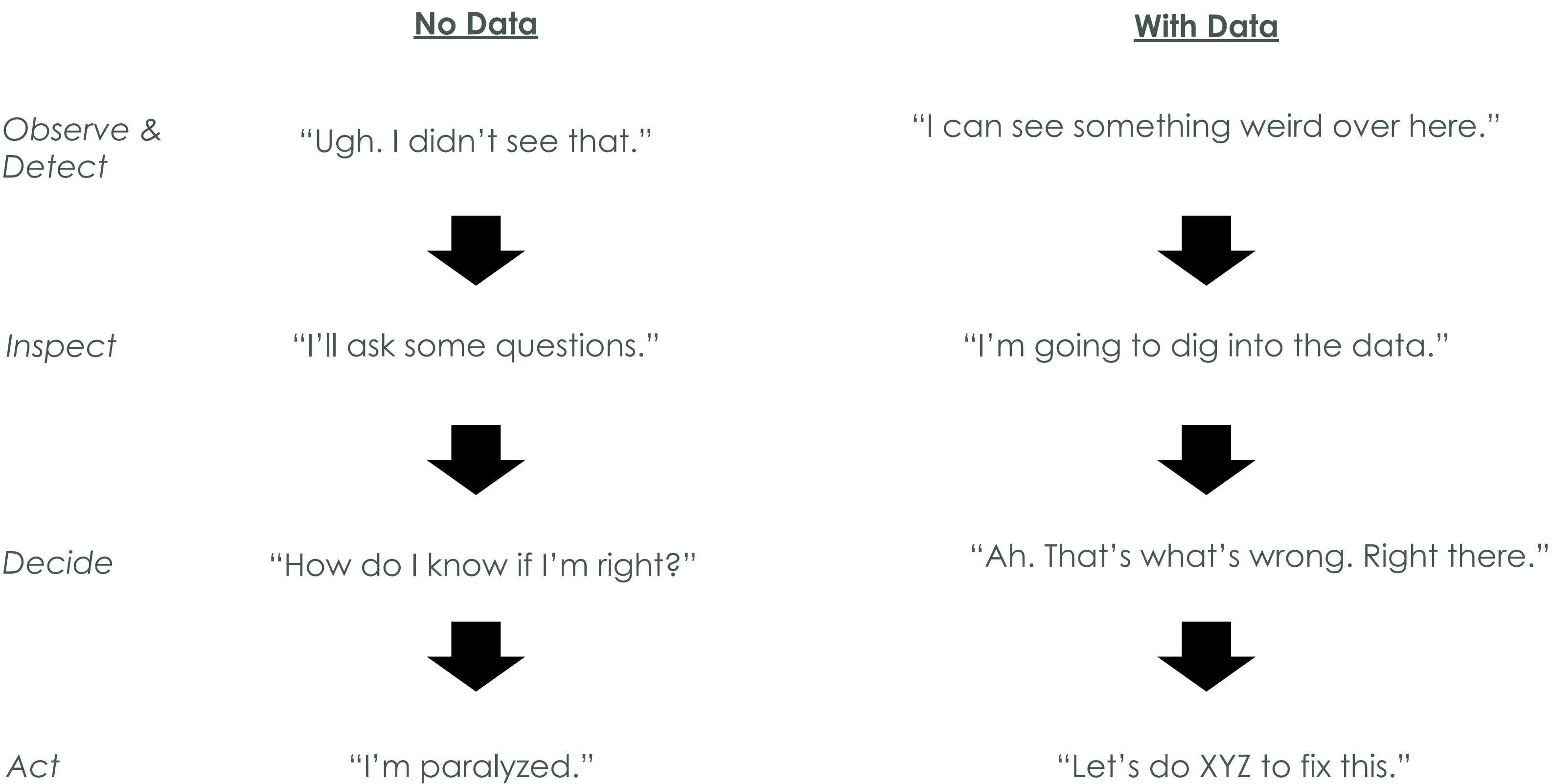
Observe. Orient. Decide. Act.



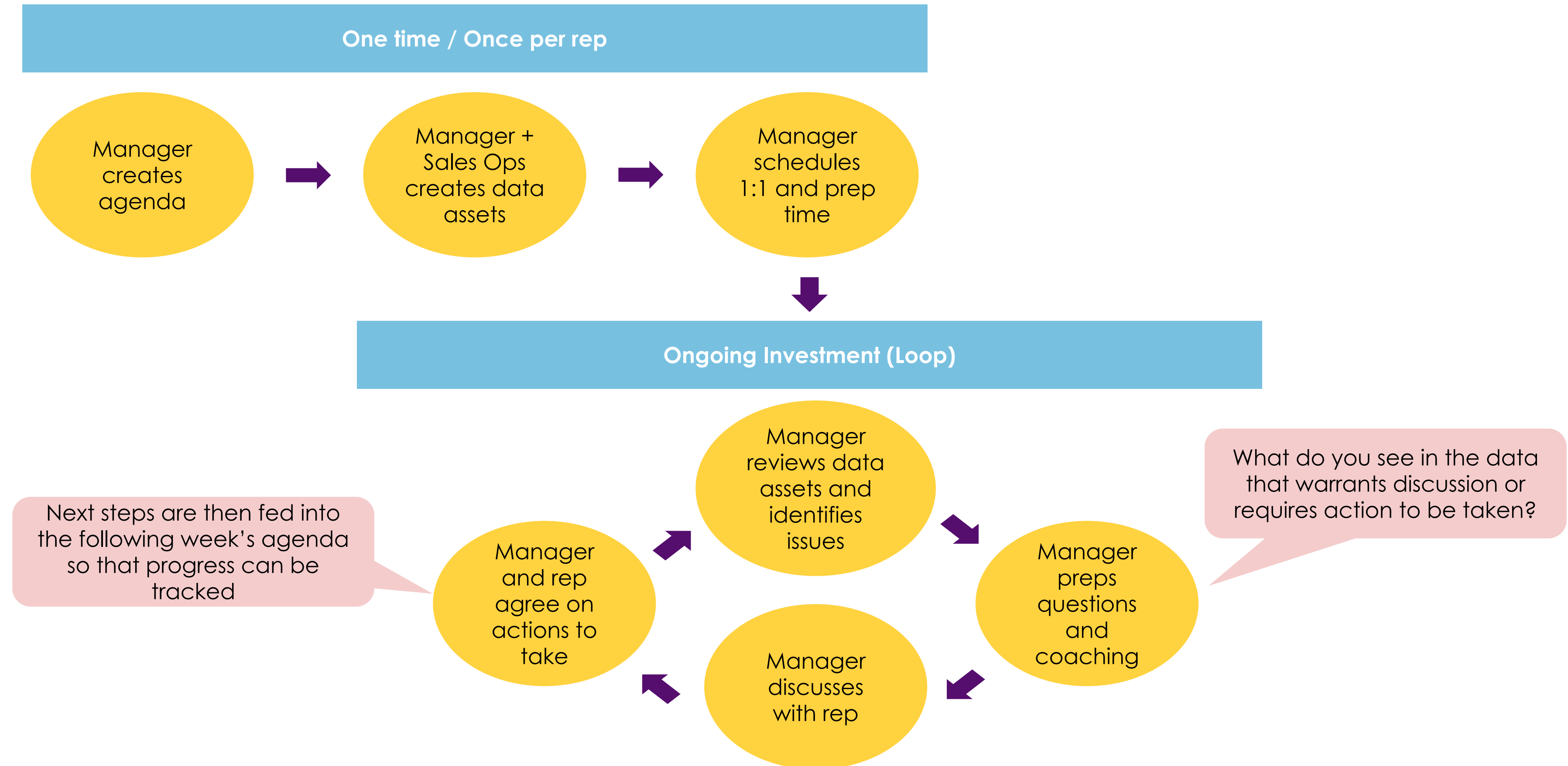
John Boyd's OODA loop



OODA in Sales Management



How this looks in practice



Some Coaching Methodologies: ClozeLoop C.O.A.C.H



Challenge

Outline

Action Plan


Consequences

Hold Accountable

What is coaching vs not?

Not Coaching	Coaching (with data)
"When's the Lockheed deal coming in?"	"What's concerning you about the Lockheed deal? I've noticed we seem to only be engaged with <u>three</u> contacts there."
"Can you make this forecast bigger?"	"I've noticed that your forecast is pacing behind . Ideas on things we can pull forward? Or to avoid this situation in the future?"
"I need you to do more activity."	"I've observed your meeting volumes over the last four weeks have been lighter than usual. What might be contributing to that?"
"Clean up your pipeline."	"I've noticed that you have a number of opps in your pipe that haven't been touched in some time. Do those need to be closed out? Or should we think about what we can do to enable you more pipeline management time?"
"Good job last month."	"Great job last month. Did you see how your higher average selling price by stretching for an additional seat lead to 20% more bookings on the same number of wins? Pretty awesome, right?"




 WHO MIGHT NEED HELP?

[Kit Cloudkicker](#): **10** - Accounts Touched, Average Selling Price, Emails Sent, Meeting

[Cyril Proudbottom](#): **9** - Average Selling Price, Bookings, Emails Sent, New Opps Own

[Madame Upanova](#): **7** - Accounts Touched, Emails Sent, Opp Health, Pipeline Owned

[See More](#)

 WHO DESERVES KUDOS?

[Michael Darling](#): **9** - Accounts Touched, Emails Sent, Meetings on Calendar, New Acc

[Carl the Robot](#): **7** - Bookings, Emails Sent, Meetings on Calendar, Opp Health, Opps

THIS MONTH'S GOALS (Dec 01 - Dec 31) ▼

New Pipe Owned


Goal: \$500k

Actual: \$187k

Projected: \$287k

Status: **AT RISK**

[View details](#)

 **-43%** New Pipe Owned

How To Systematize This

How to systematize observation?

Have *time on the calendar* to ensure it actually happens. **Calendar is destiny.**

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Audience</u>	<u>Content</u>
Pipeline Review	Weekly	Individual or Team	Top to bottom inspection - close dates, amounts, stage, forecast cats.
Deal Strategy Meeting	Weekly	Individual	Review top deals that rep feels stuck on.
1:1 Meeting	Bi-weekly	Individual	Not a deal review. Reviews metrics and progress on coaching initiatives. HR Topics.
QBR Meeting	Quarterly	Individual	Review highlights and lowlights and outcomes of last quarter coaching intentions. Set new intentions.
Call Review	Monthly	Team	Review one or two calls. "Film session."

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Mid-day Standup Sales Team Meeting: Prior month retrospective, this month forward looking.	Mid-day Standup	Mid-day Standup AE Team Pipeline Review.	Mid-day Standup One-on-ones with all team members. Team Happy Hour	Mid-day Standup
Week 2	Mid-day Standup Sales Team Meeting: Getting into rhythm	Mid-day Standup	Mid-day Standup AE Team Pipeline Review.	Mid-day Standup	Mid-day Standup
Week 3	Mid-day Standup Sales Team Meeting: Approaching end of the month. Last chance for adjustments.	Mid-day Standup	Mid-day Standup AE Team Pipeline Review.	Mid-day Standup One-on-ones with all team members. Team Happy Hour	Mid-day Standup
Week 4	Mid-day Standup Sales Team Meeting: Last opportunity for getting deals / opp creation across the line.	Mid-day Standup	Mid-day Standup AE Team Pipeline Review.	Mid-day Standup Team Happy Hour	Mid-day Standup

How to systematize observation?

*Have the **assets** in hand.*

What are reports / dashboards for?

- You should think about each report as answering a question. “How many opps have the SDRs created this month so far?” “How many opps does each AE own right now?” “How much pipeline is closing in the coming 90 days, by rep?” “How many emails did each SDR send last week?”
- Similarly, each dashboard should be thought of “This is used at this consumption point to do these things.”

E.g., “This dashboard is used in an AE 1:1 to review performance metrics during this time period.” “This dashboard is used at noon every day to see how the SDRs are doing on their daily performance metrics.” “This dashboard is used at the Monday morning sales team meeting to look at our performance last week, and progress this month.” “This dashboard is used in our exec meeting to look at aggregate metrics.”

Multiple Views Per Metric

- One view per metric is usually not enough (this is why report building can be a large effort if you want to be comprehensive) to properly monitor a metric.

E.g., if a rep has been declining in new opps coming into the pipe, and you’re only looking at “Total New Opps Per Rep, Trailing 90 Days”, you won’t notice this for a few weeks. Whereas if you have a week by week view, you’ll visually see the decline.

- A good approach is pairing a Total w/ a Trend, and doing Per Rep along w/ Team Totals.

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CRM Reporting: Available now, flexible, but time consuming.

- Overview: In-CRM reporting and dashboarding is one of the most common ways that sales team instrument the performance of their reps and teams.

Business Intelligence: Slow to set up, flexible and powerful, time consuming to monitor.

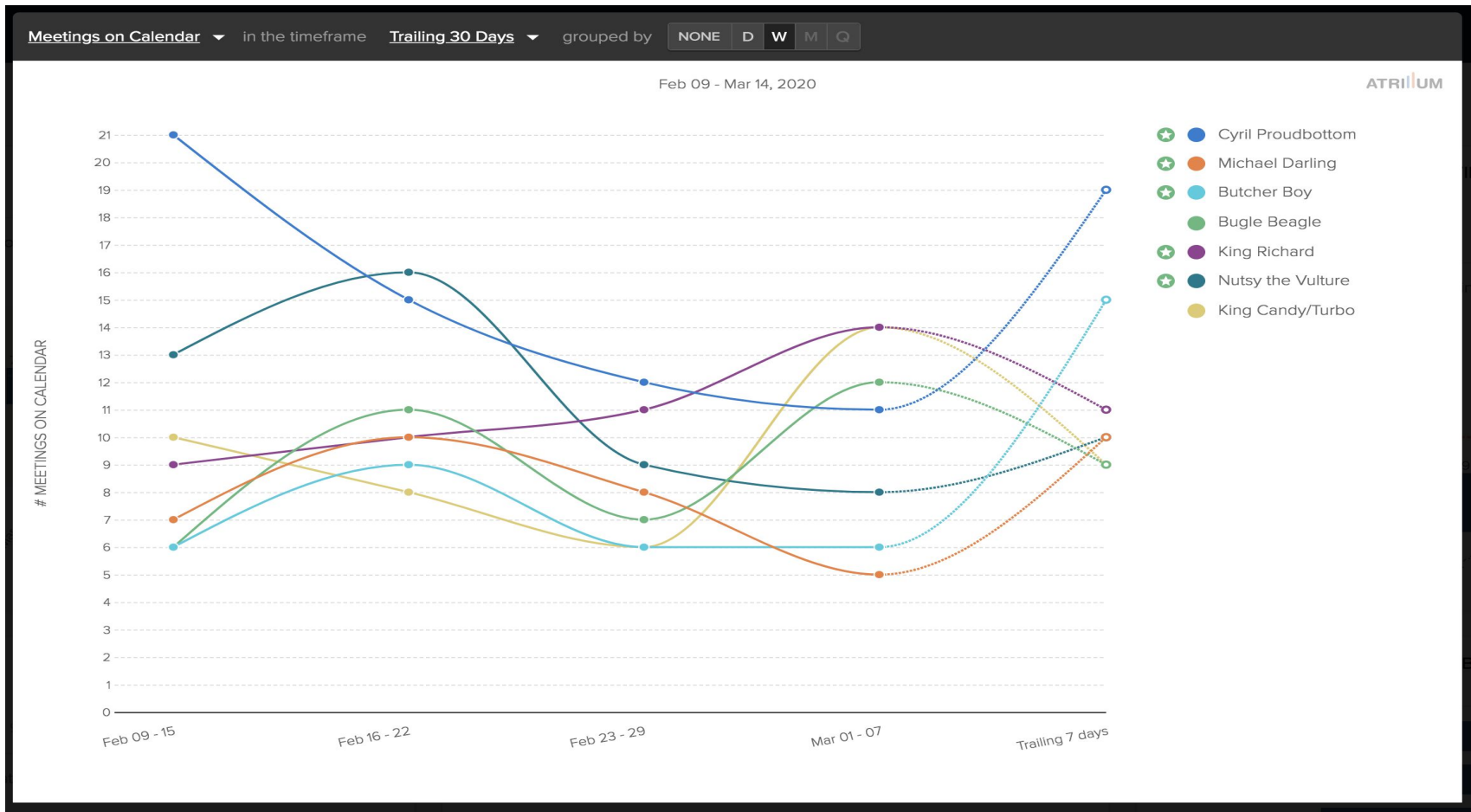
- Overview: Horizontal Business intelligence is a powerful and flexible way to do reporting and visualization, and is typically viewed as more advanced. Popular examples are Tableau and Looker.

Data-Driven Sales Management Software: Quick setup, less flexible, automatically monitored.

- Overview: There is a category of performance-centric analysis software that is purpose built for instrumenting sales reps and teams. [Atrium](#) is an example of this software.

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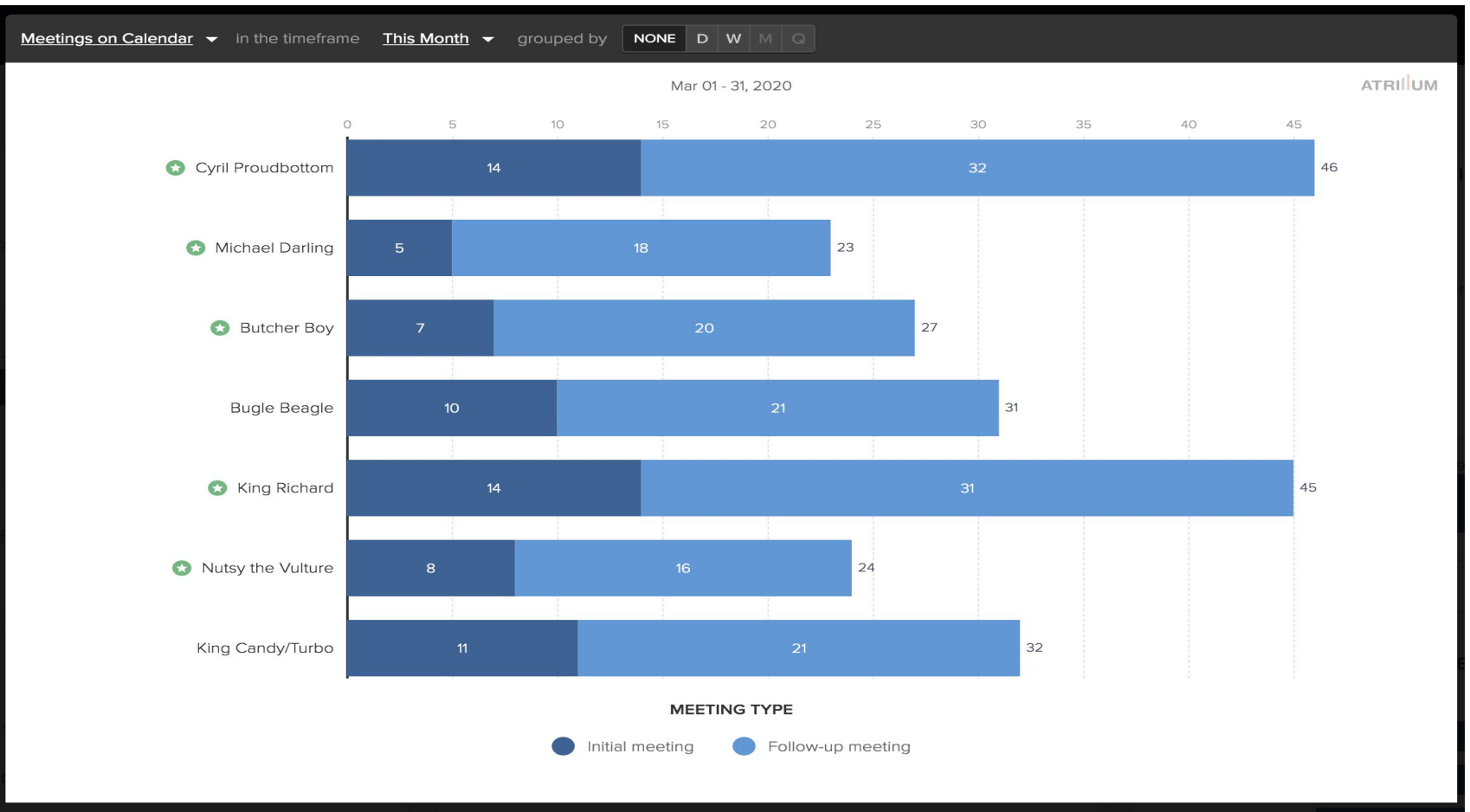
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Customer Meetings by Rep, Trailing 30, By Week

Questions Answered:

“Are we seeing any trends in meeting volumes in our reps that would be a cause for concern and we should address?”



Customer Meetings by Rep, This Month, Totaled

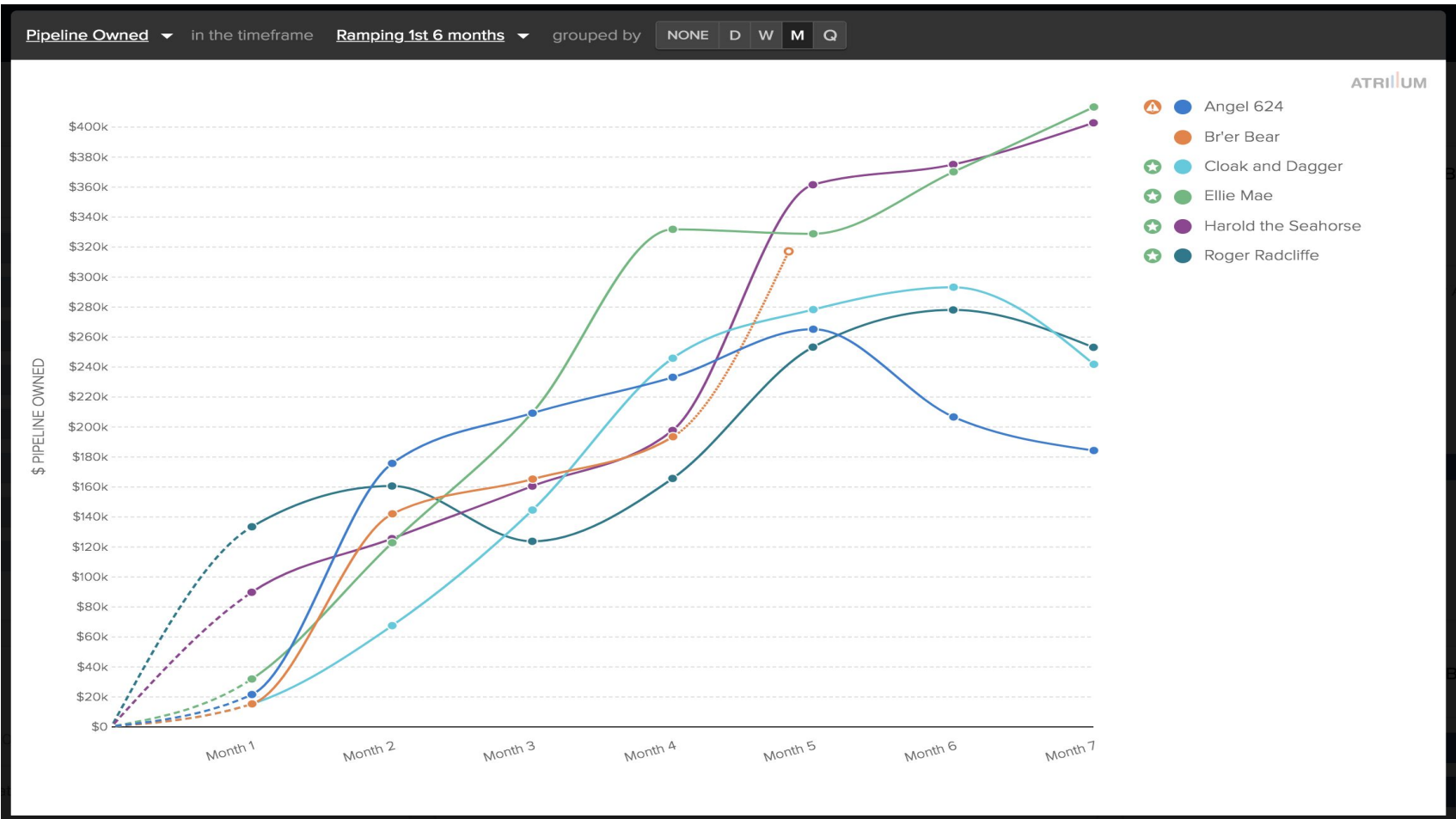
Questions Answered:

“Is there any rep that appears to be lagging on customer facing meetings this month in a way that would cause concern and we should address?”



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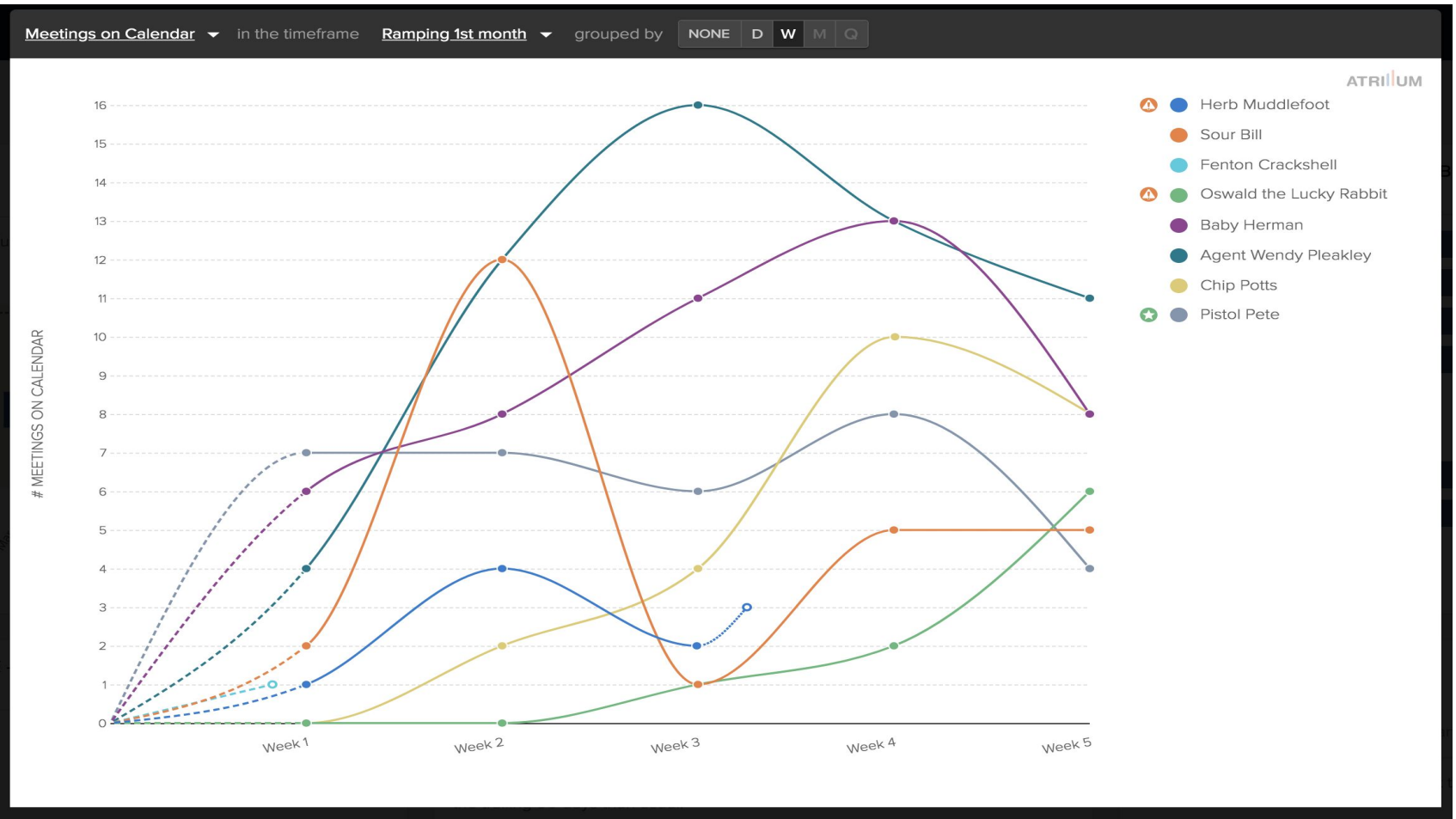
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Pipeline Owned by Rep, Ramping 6 Months, By Month

Questions Answered:

“Is there anyone early in their ramp who’s not ramping into band?”



Customer Meetings, Ramping 30 Days, By Week

Questions Answered:

“Is there any rep that appears to be lagging on customer meetings in a way that will hurt their later ramp?”

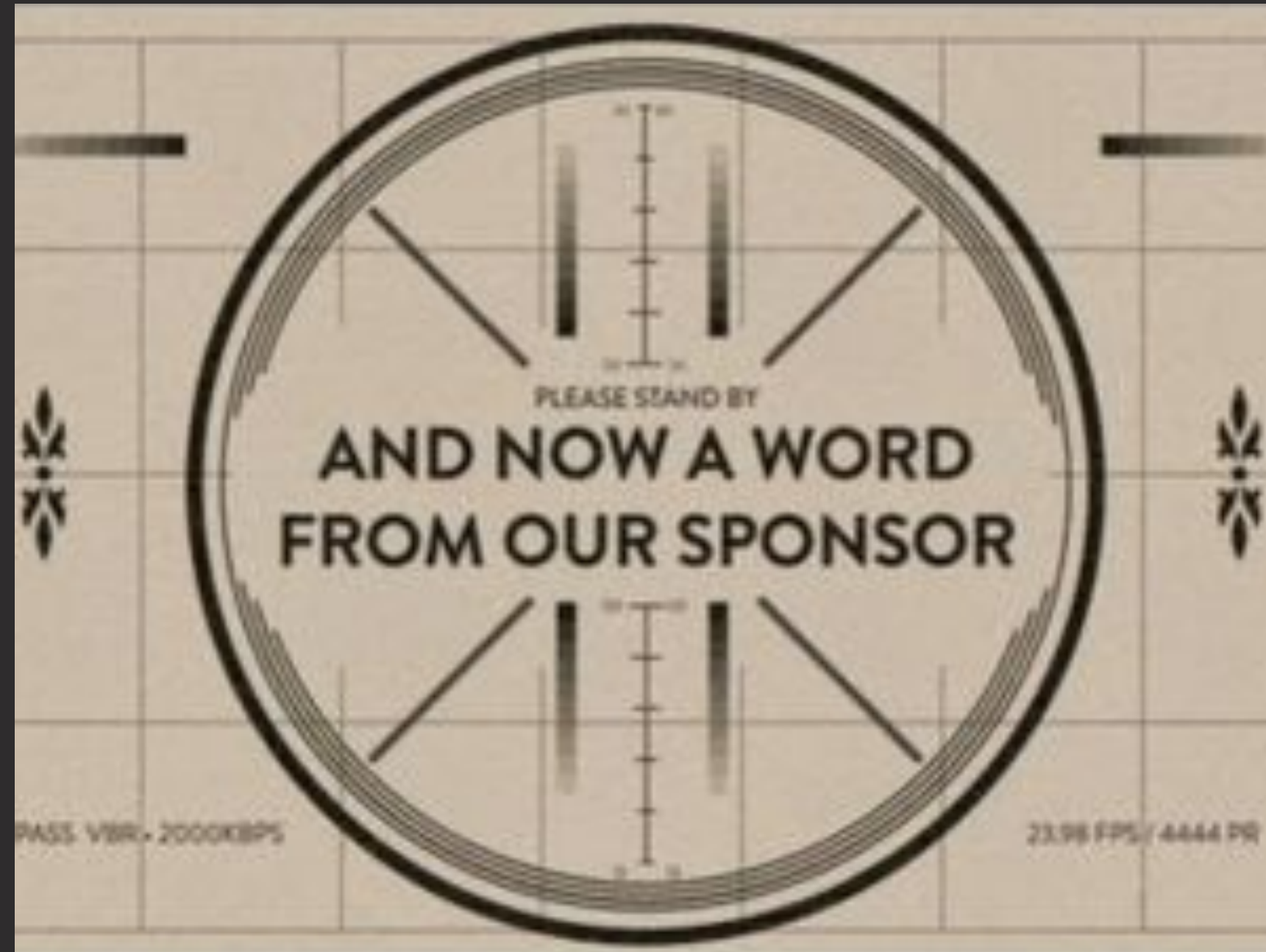
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Dashboard Design for a given meeting

Metric	Time Period	Grouping	Metric	Time Period	Grouping
Bookings by Rep	Last Week	Totaled	Bookings by Rep	This Month	Totaled
Wins by Rep	Last Week	Totaled	Wins by Rep	This Month	Totaled
Meetings by Rep	Last Week	Totaled	Meetings by Rep	This Month	Totaled
Opps Advanced by Rep	Last Week	Totaled	Opps Advanced by Rep	This Month	Totaled
Opps Touched by Rep	Last Week	Totaled	Opps Touched by Rep	This Month	Totaled
New Opps by Rep	Last Week	Totaled	New Opps by Rep	This Month	Totaled
New Pipe by Rep	Last Week	Totaled	New Pipe by Rep	This Month	Totaled

Quick Commercial for Atrium



Everything managers need to be data-driven

Imagine a world where sales managers have:



All the KPIs for *reps & teams*



Proactive goal tracking



Early warning alerting



Performance issue diagnosis

In a solution that is easy to deploy and adopt:



Wildly easy for managers to use



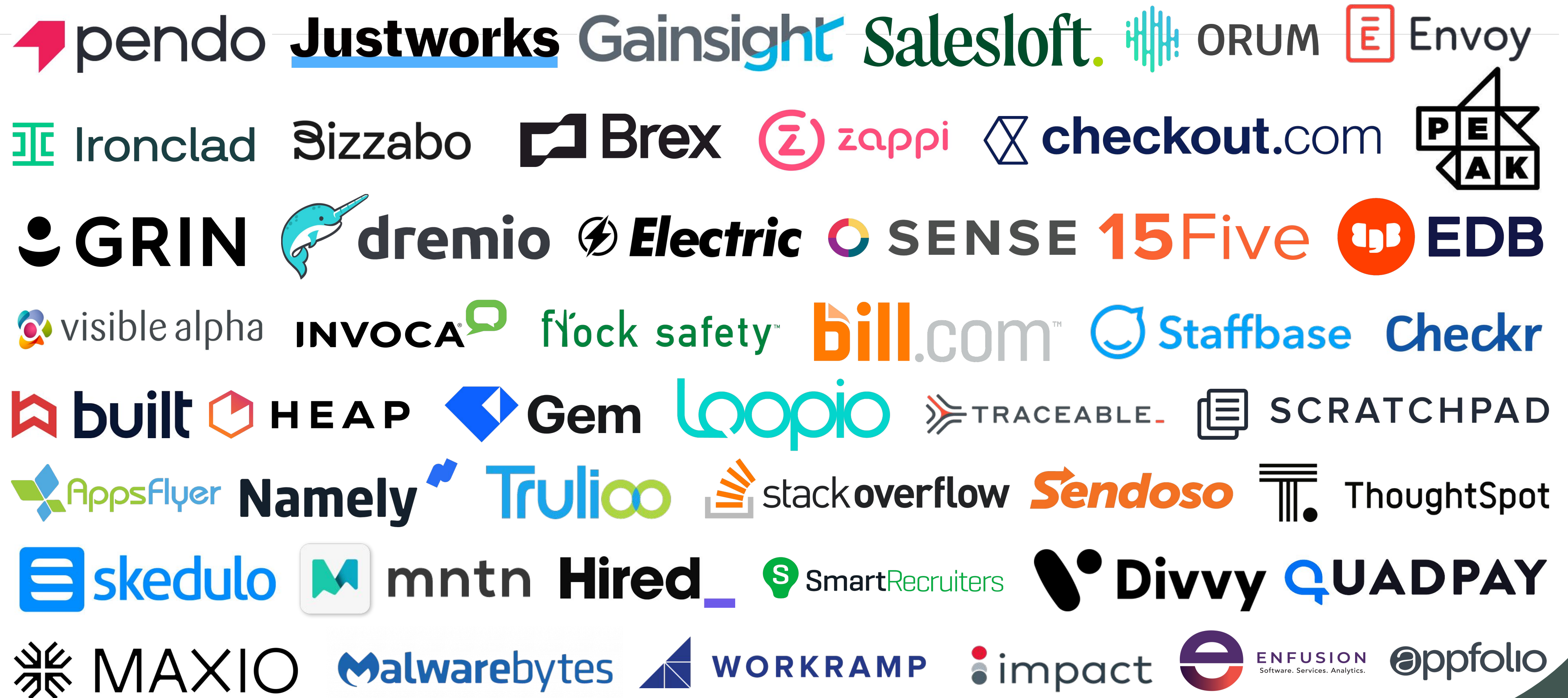
Instant-on & automatic data synch



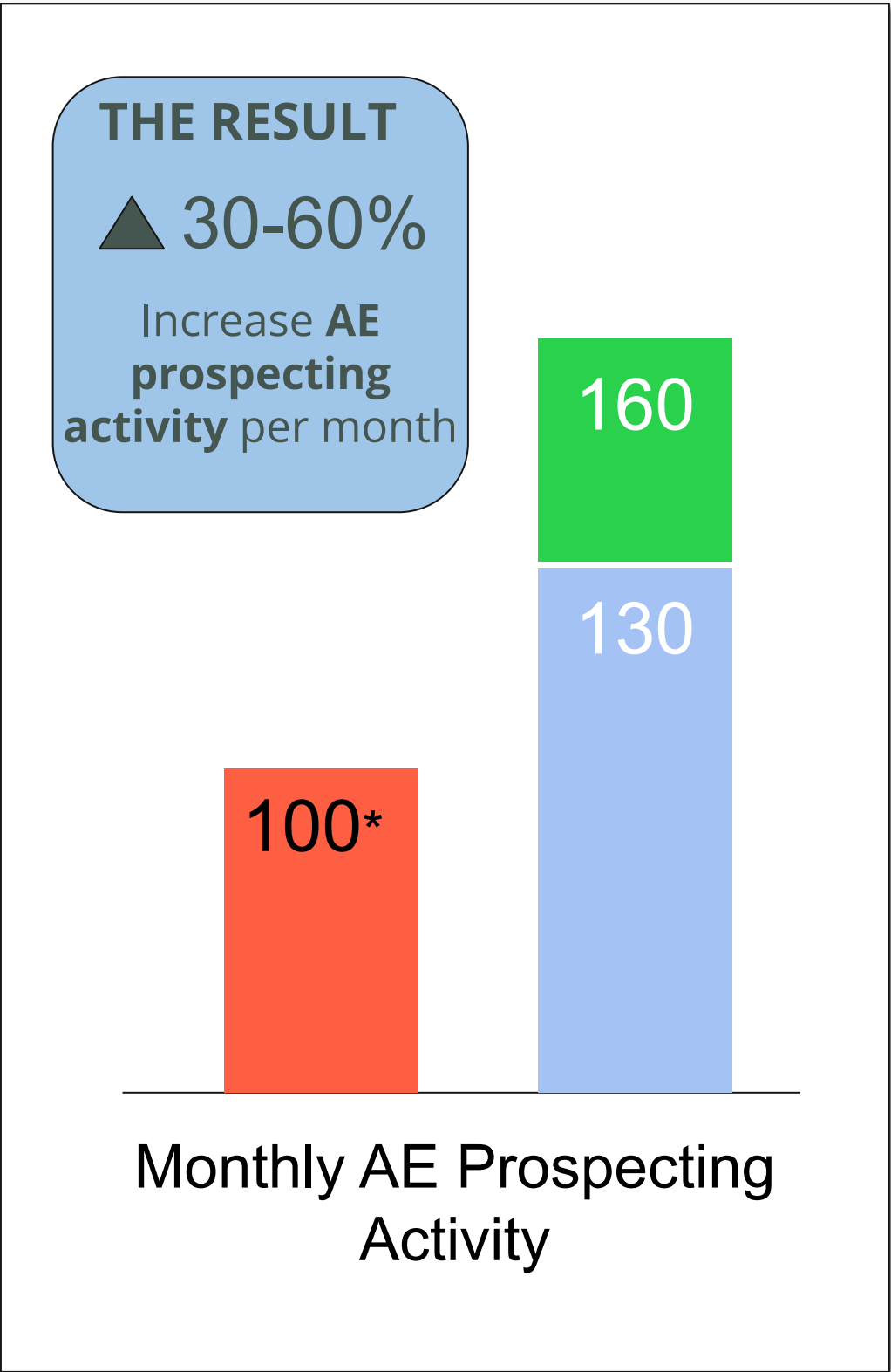
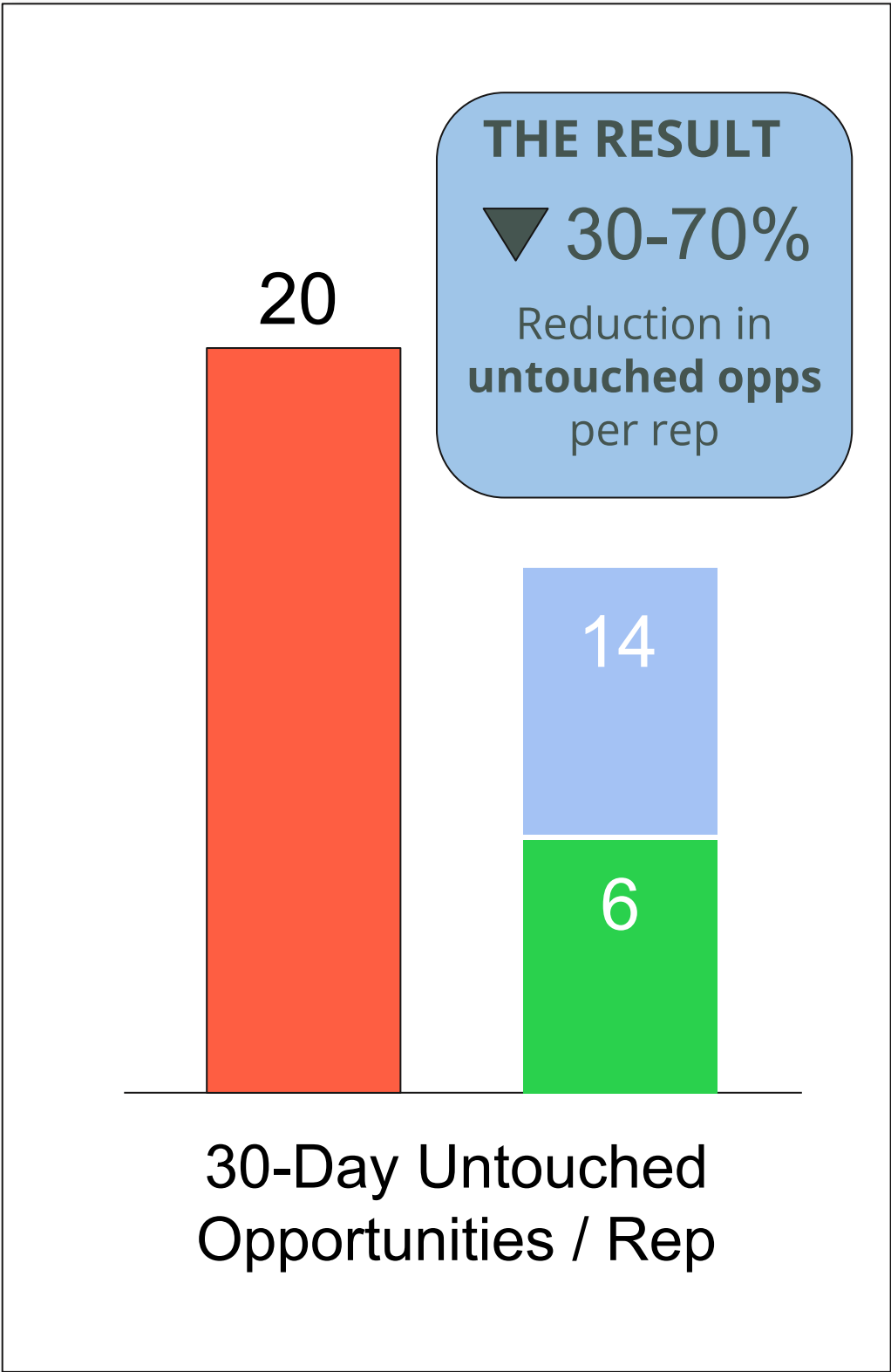
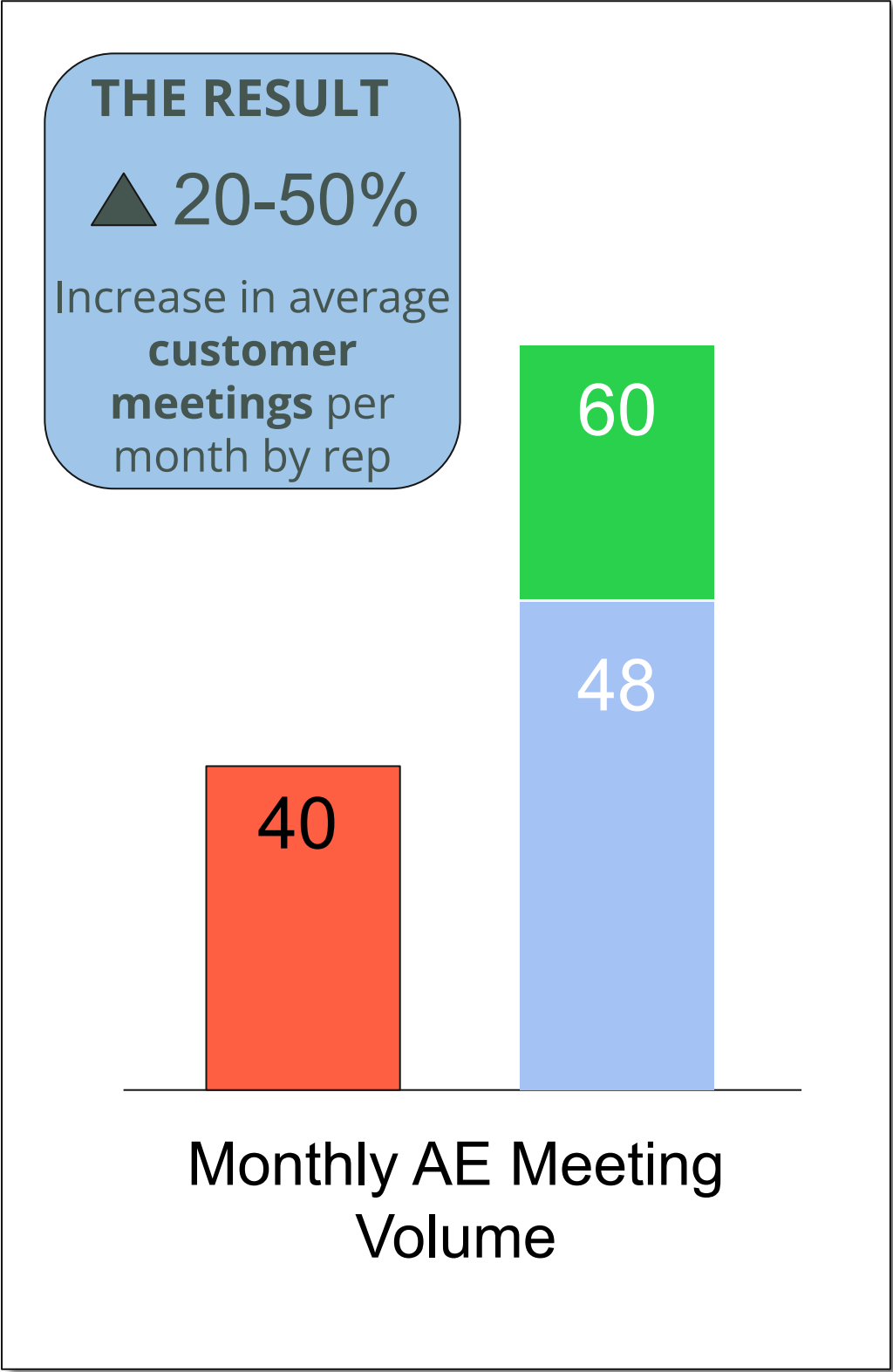
Woven into managerial operating rhythm

Atrium helps sales managers,
leaders, and reps **use metrics** to
improve performance.

Scaled sales teams give their managers data-driven superpowers

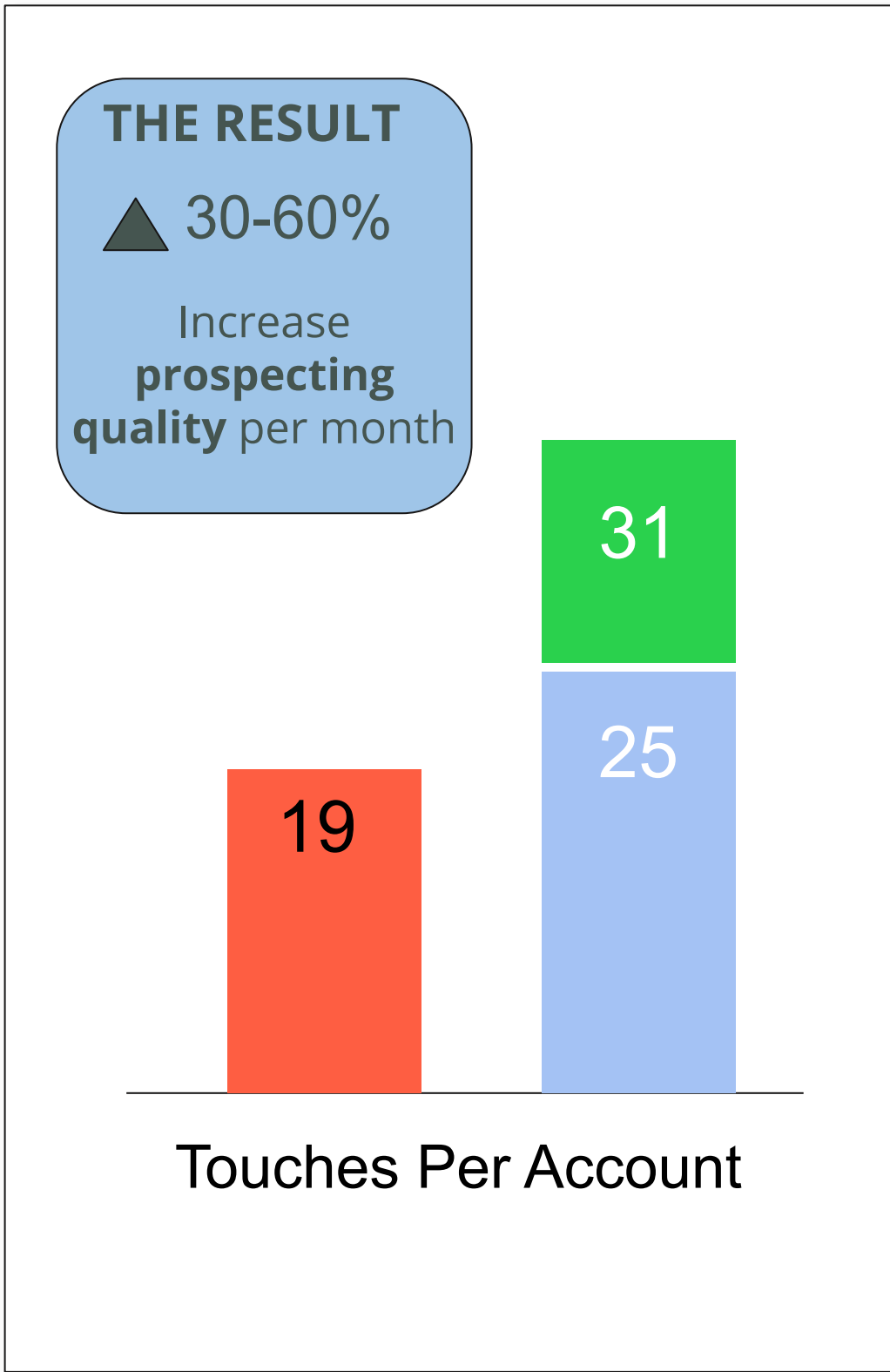
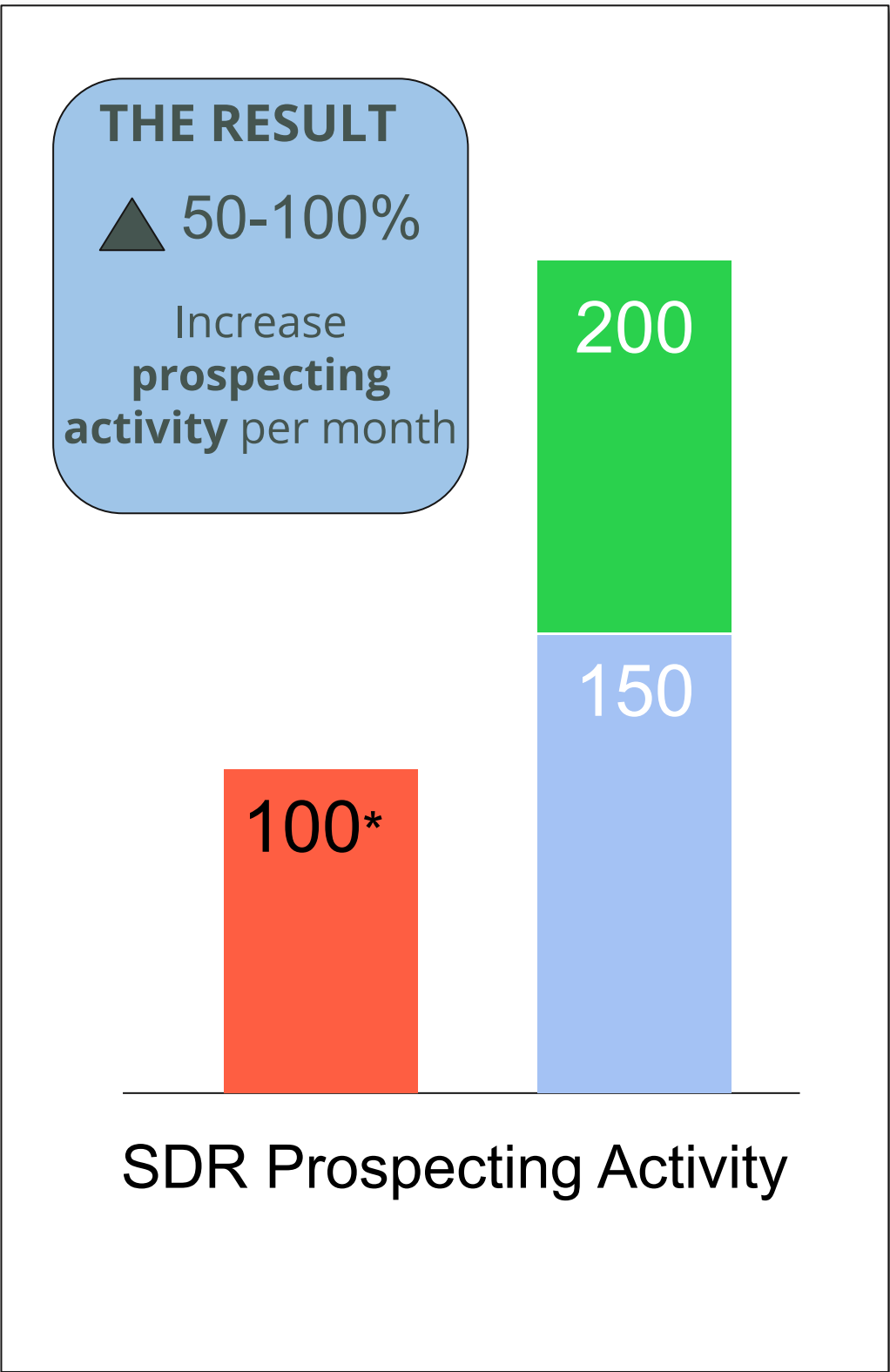
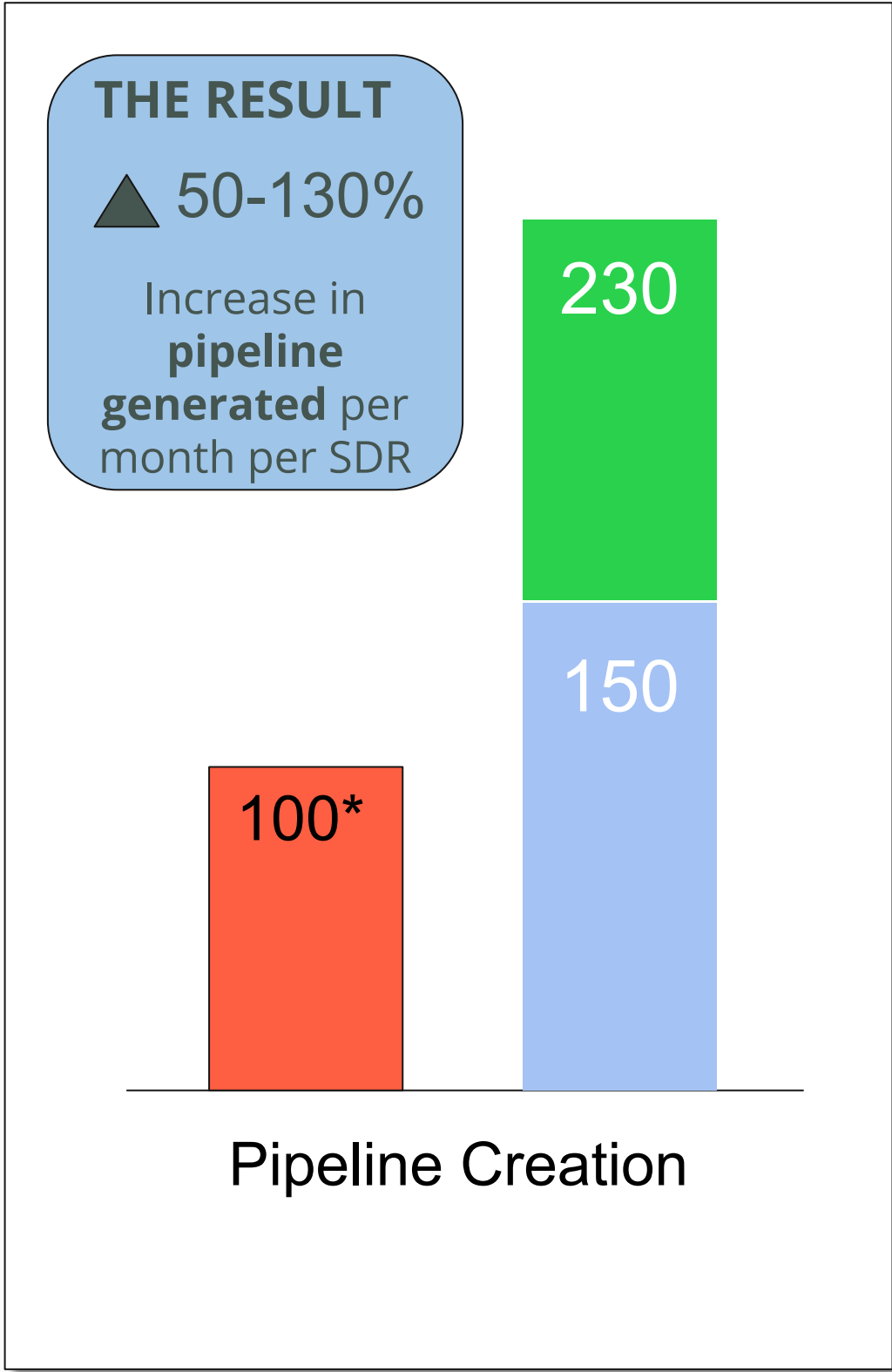


Customers see between 30% - 70% *improvements* in key AE metrics via enhanced management.



*“Baseline” pre-Atrium AE prospecting levels.

Customers see between 30% - 140% improvements in key SDR metrics via enhanced management.



*“Baseline” pre-Atrium levels.

Gainsight uses Atrium to *resurrect* \$3 million in stuck opportunities

THE CHALLENGE

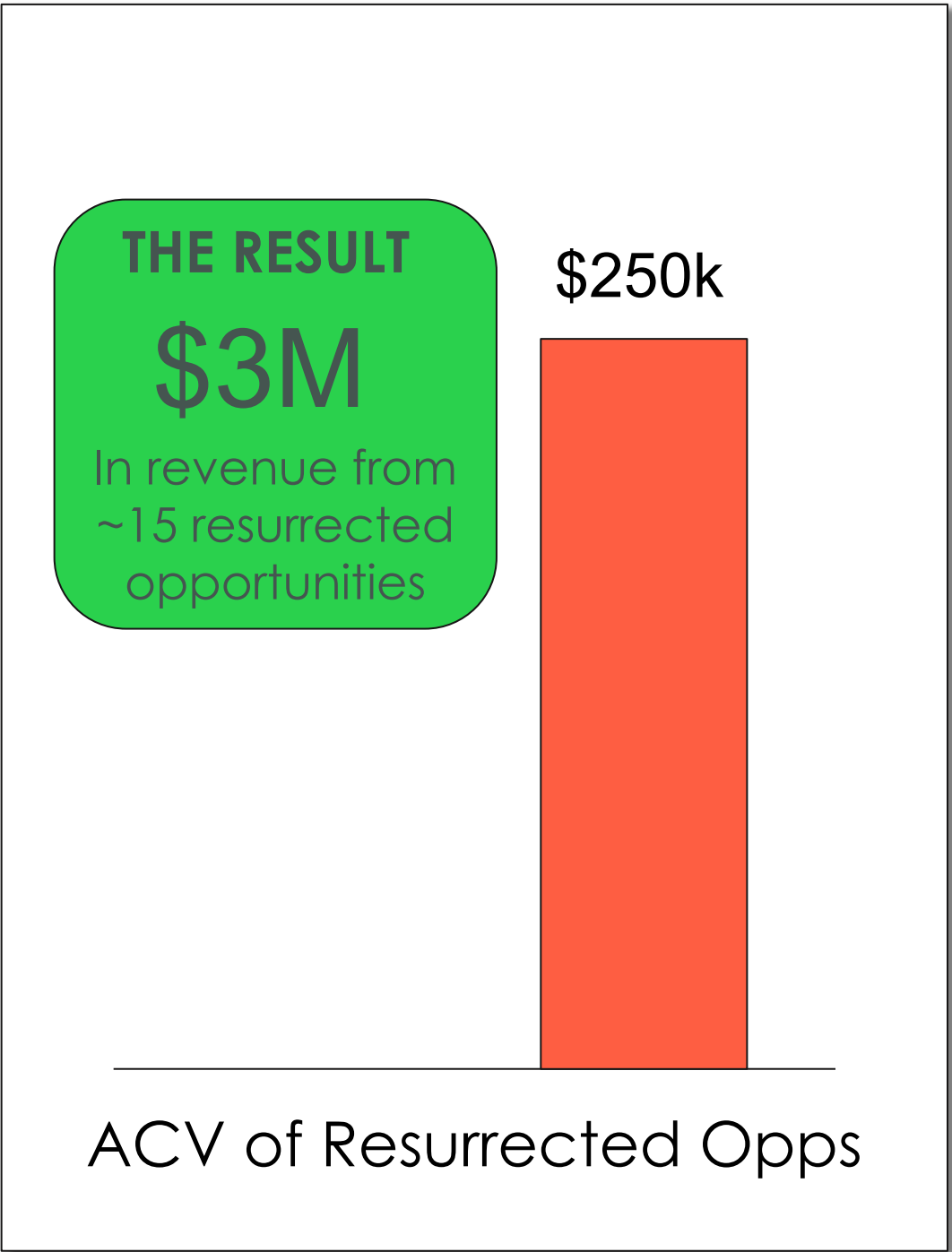
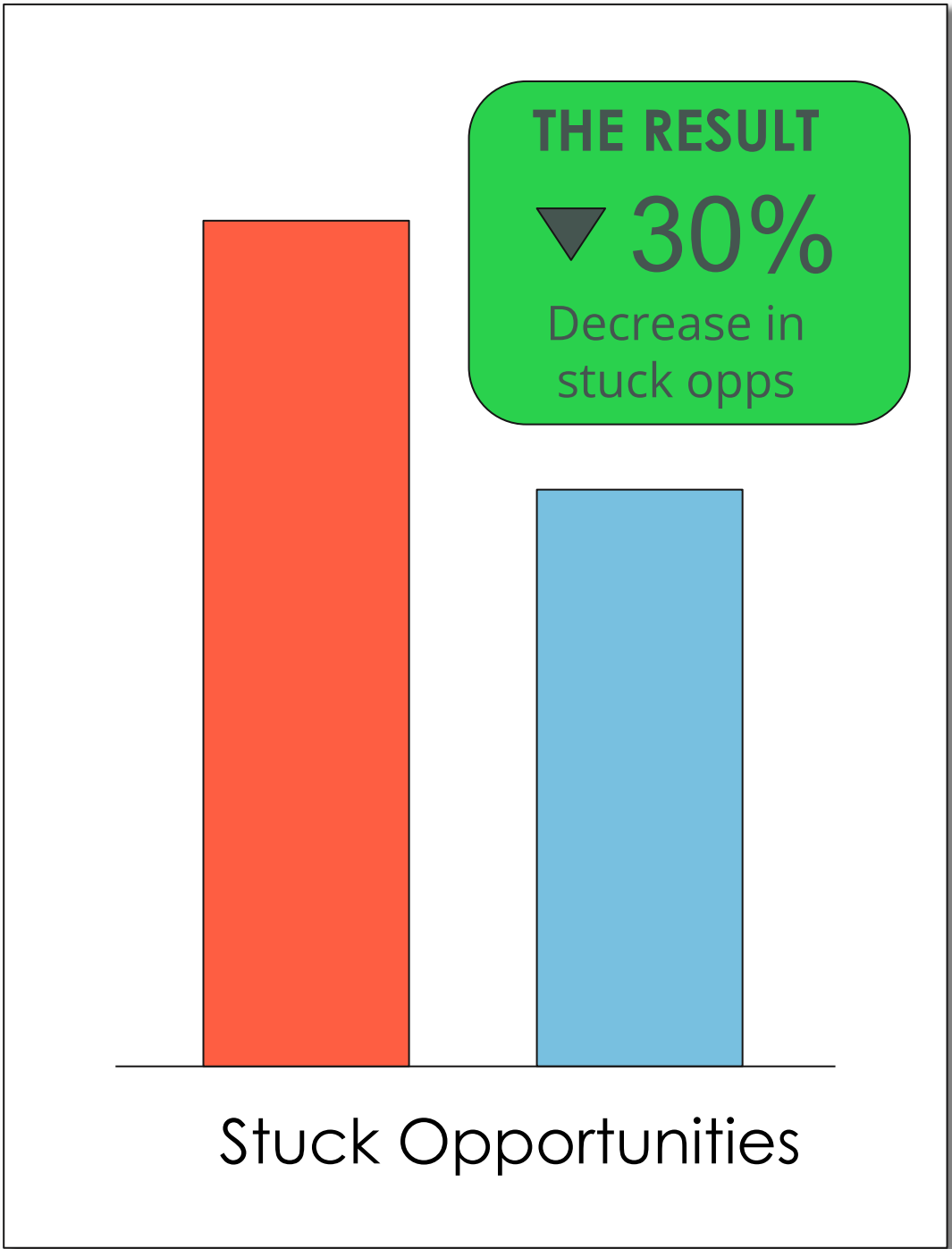
Jim's sales managers were spending so much time analyzing charts that they were missing gaps in their sales teams' performance.

THE SOLUTION

Atrium revealed said gaps, which included a lack of multi-threading, a bottleneck of stuck opps, and the opportunity to resurrect opportunities that had gone cold.



Jim Murphy
SVP, North American Enterprise Sales



 [Hear what Jim has to say!](#) 

Envoy uses Atrium to 2x meeting volumes and reduce neglected opps by 40%

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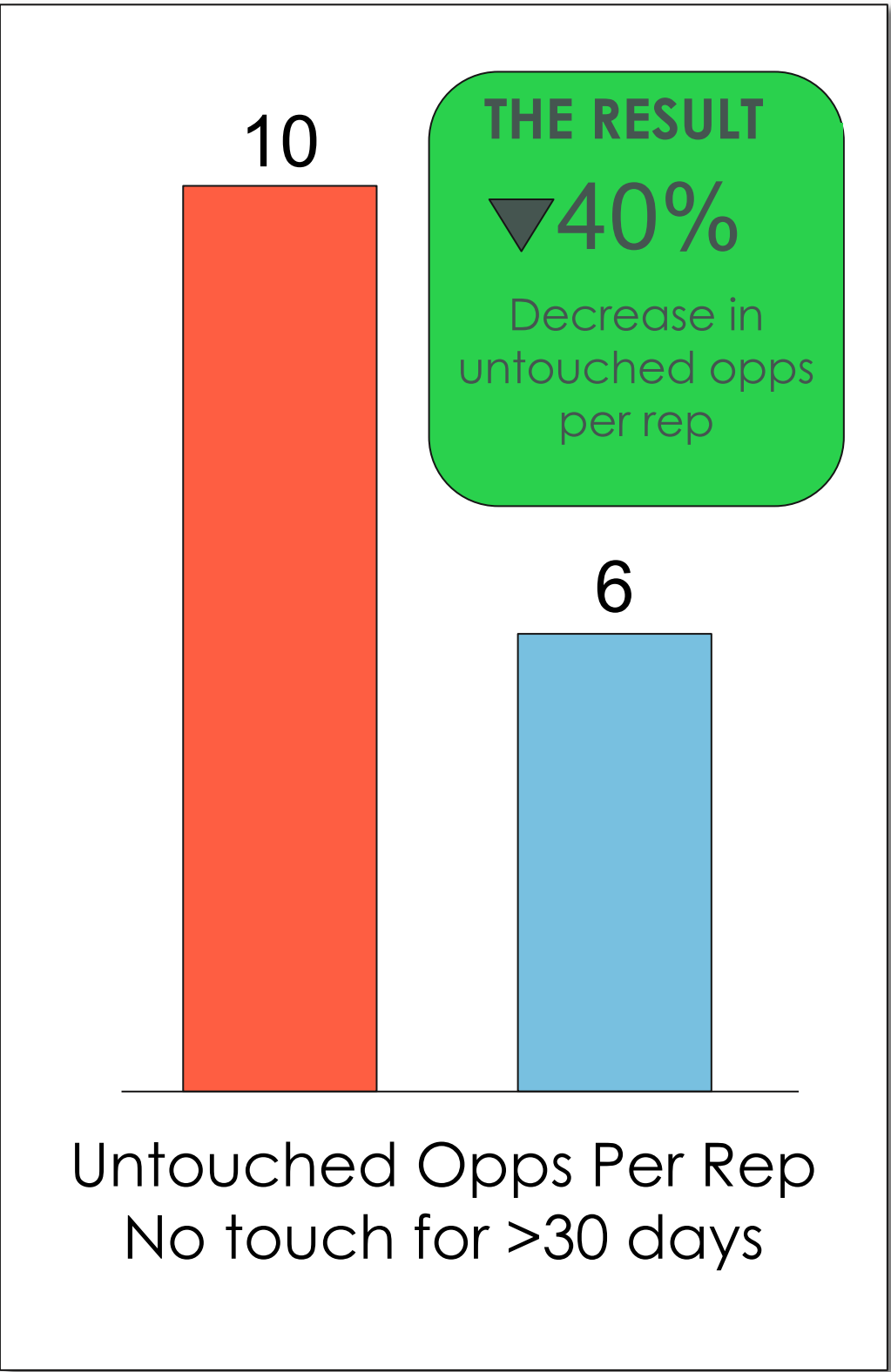
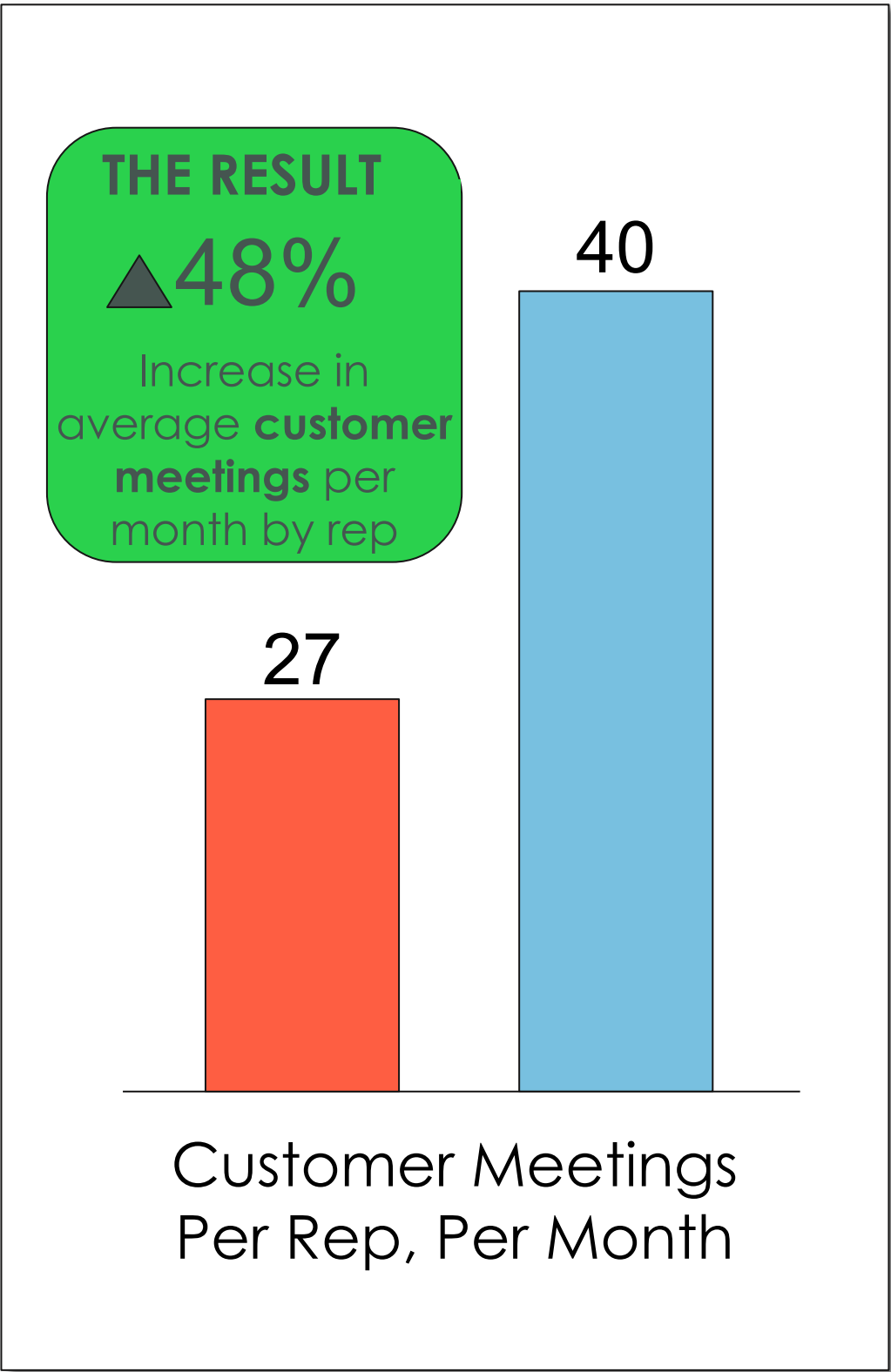
Envoy's two biggest quarterly goals were to increase AE selling activity while raising effectiveness of pipeline management in light of scarcer opportunity generation.

THE SOLUTION

Envoy deployed Atrium views tracking key metrics to use in weekly meetings with his managers and sent out to his team via Slack and email. Justin ensured that his managers were also using them in their team meetings and 1:1s to help coach reps in getting next meetings scheduled and touching their opps.



Justin Bullock
VP of Sales



Workramp uses Atrium to *improve AE pipeline hygiene by 50%*

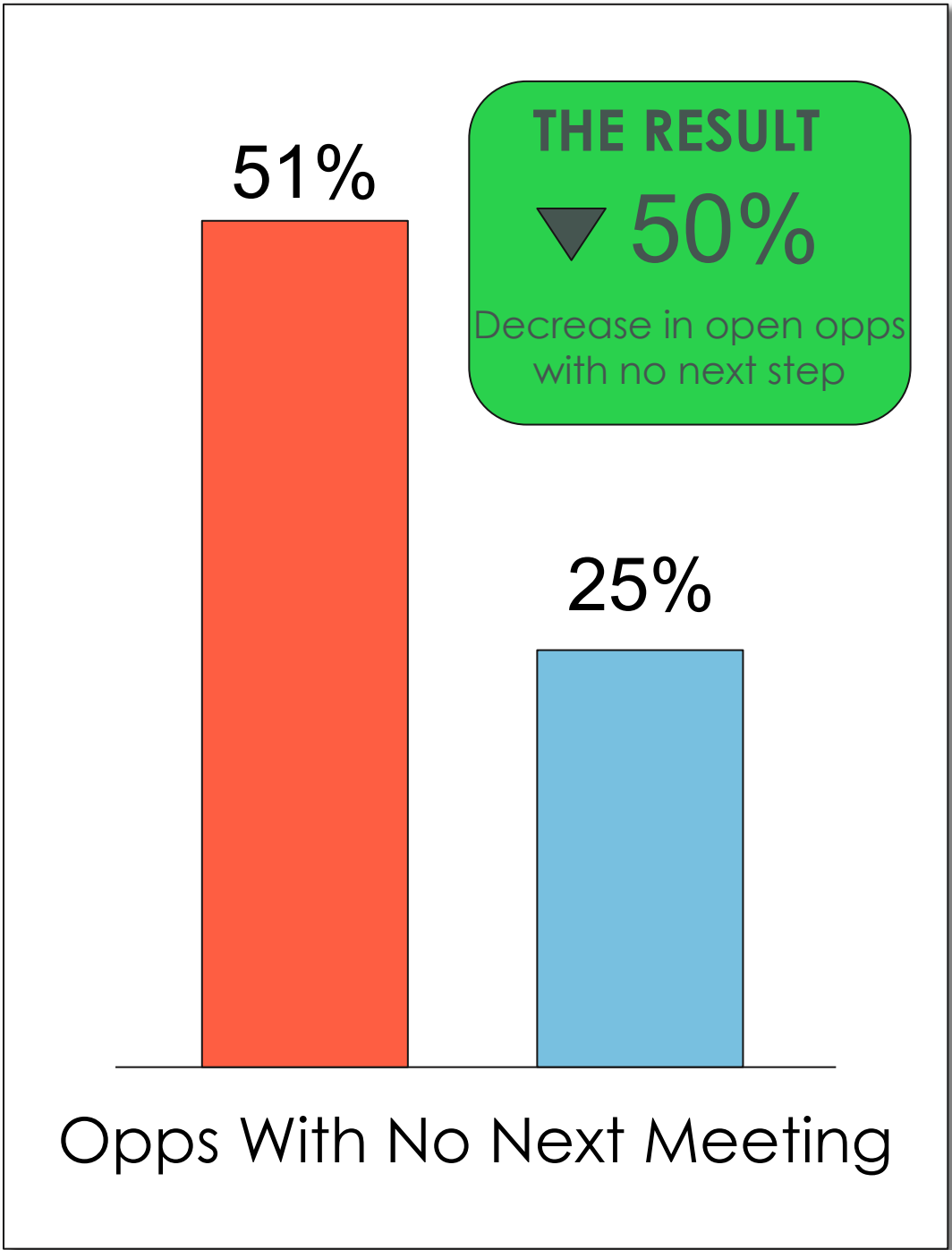
THE CHALLENGE

Prior to using Atrium, 51% of Chris' team's opportunities did not have a next meeting on calendar. His team struggled with pipeline hygiene and their 1:1s were not as effective as they could have been in addressing these issues.

THE SOLUTION

Opp health views in Atrium exposed to Chris how much of his team's open pipeline had no next step. **He used those views in his 1:1s** and team meetings to show his reps where they need to focus in order to get those next meetings scheduled, and then **used Atrium to track their progress going forward.**

As a result, now only 25% of the team's opportunities have no next step, a nearly **50% improvement in less than 1 month.**



Chris Hartig
Director Of Commercial Sales



WORKRAMP

HEAR FROM CHRIS

"I can't tell you how much more effective my 1:1s have been because of Atrium."

**Now back to our regularly
scheduled programming...**

How to systematize orientation & decision?

Get good at **reading** the data.

So you've gone through all the effort of selecting metrics, setting goals, building visualizations, and cadencing their consumption - the last step is to sniff out issues, and then work to remediate them!



DETECT

Look for potential issues



DIAGNOSE

Determine root cause(s)

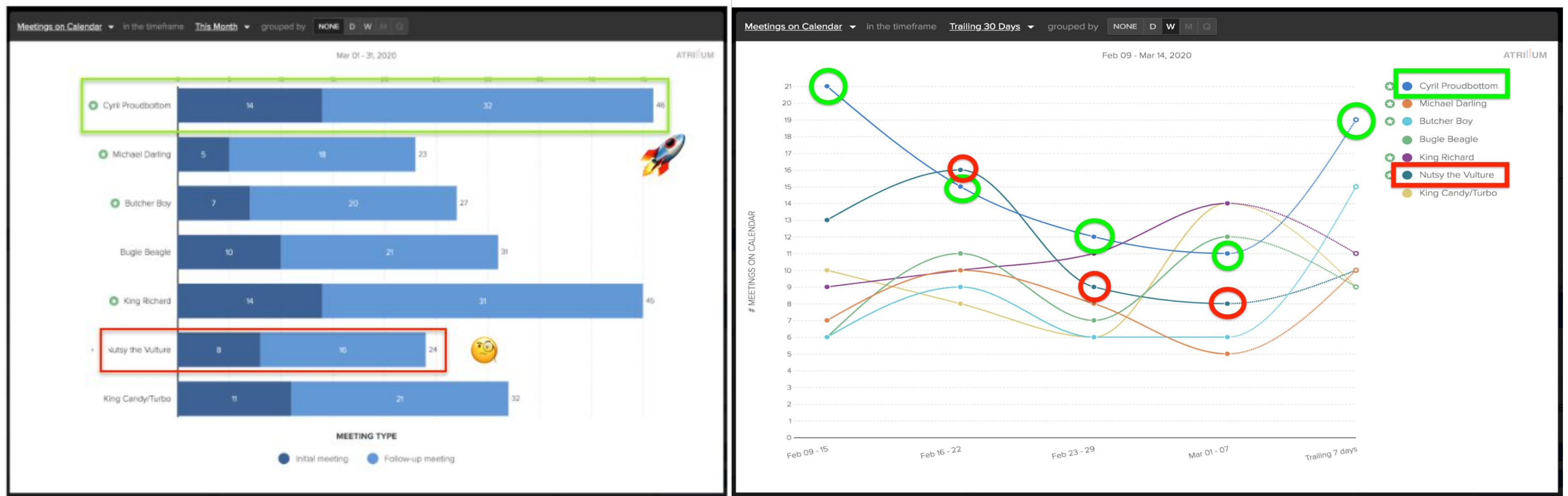


COMMUNICATE

Discuss and agree on resolution steps

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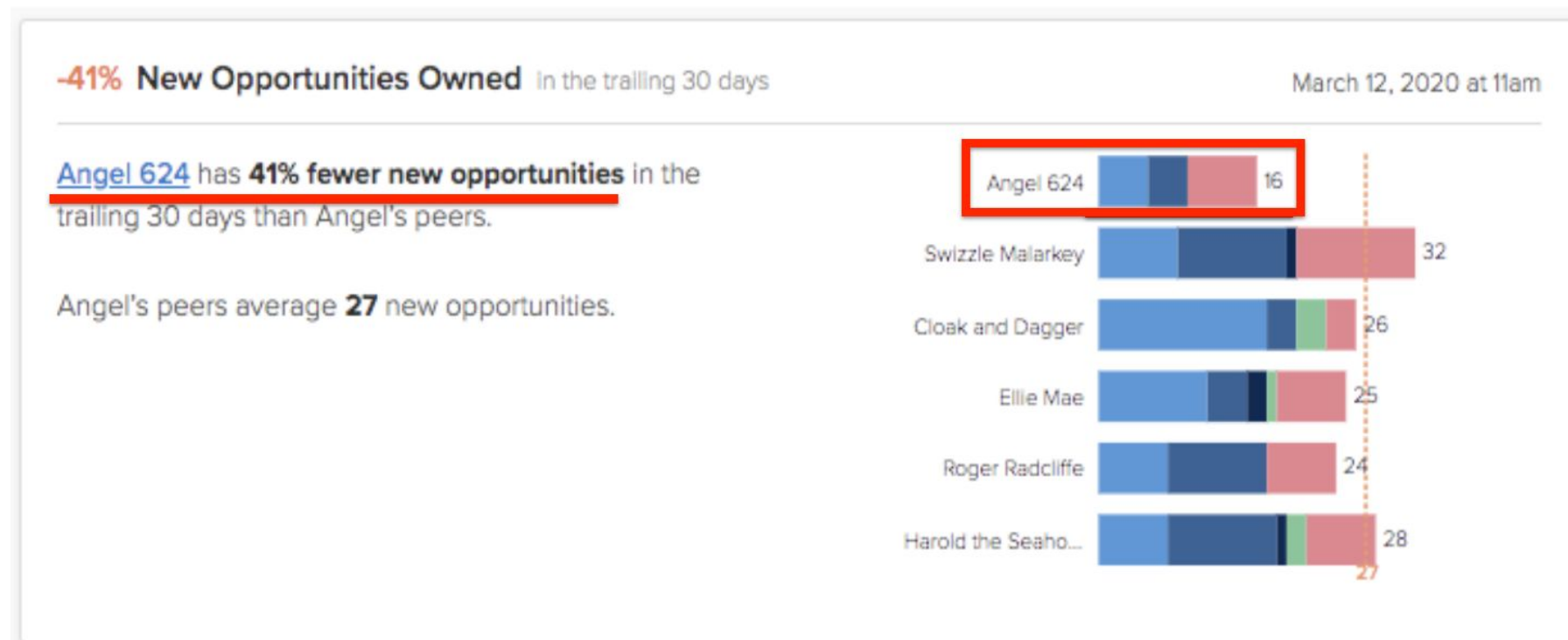
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Look at issues and bright spots in totals and trends.

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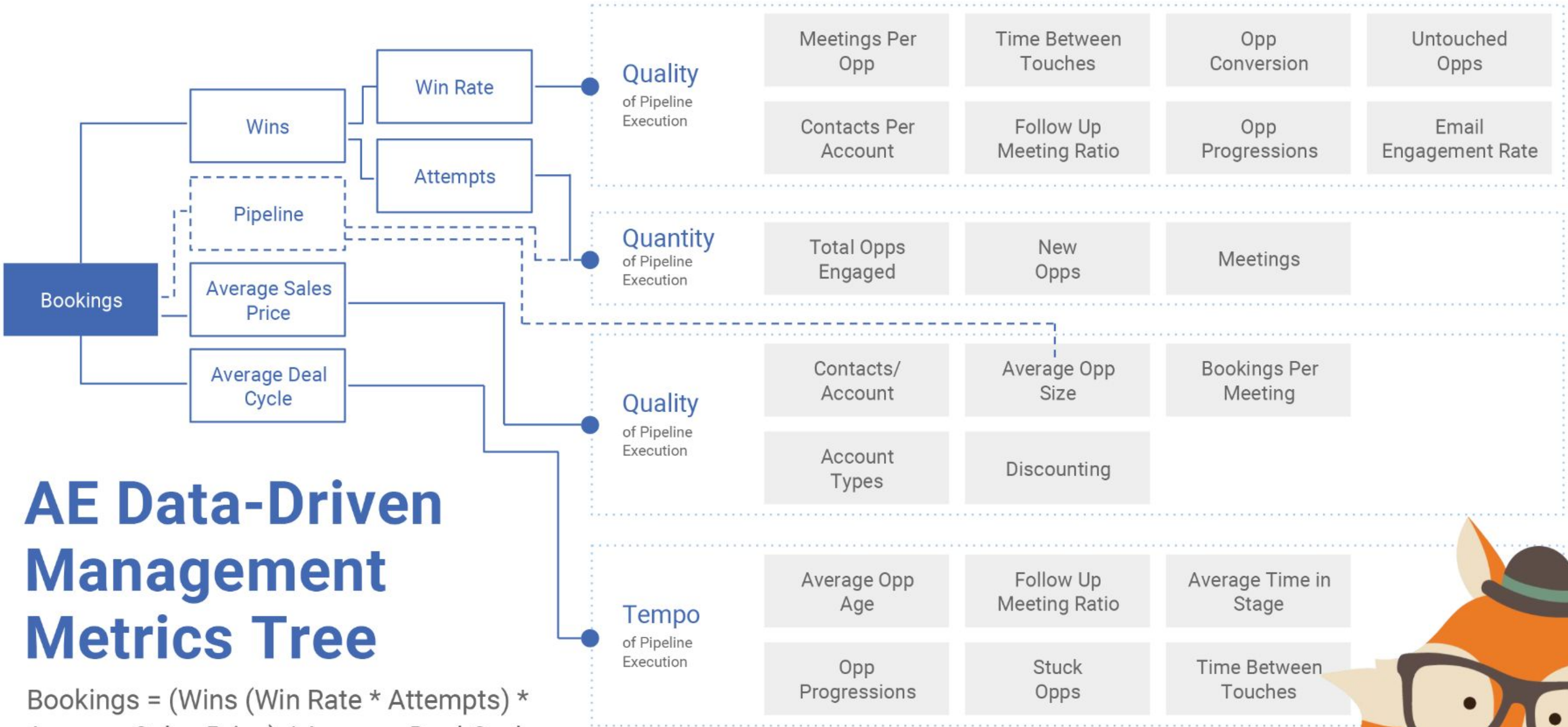
*If you can **monitor these movements statistically**, that can take some eyeball time off your plate.*



If you're looking for the root cause of an issue "go right".

AE Revenue Formula

Drivers



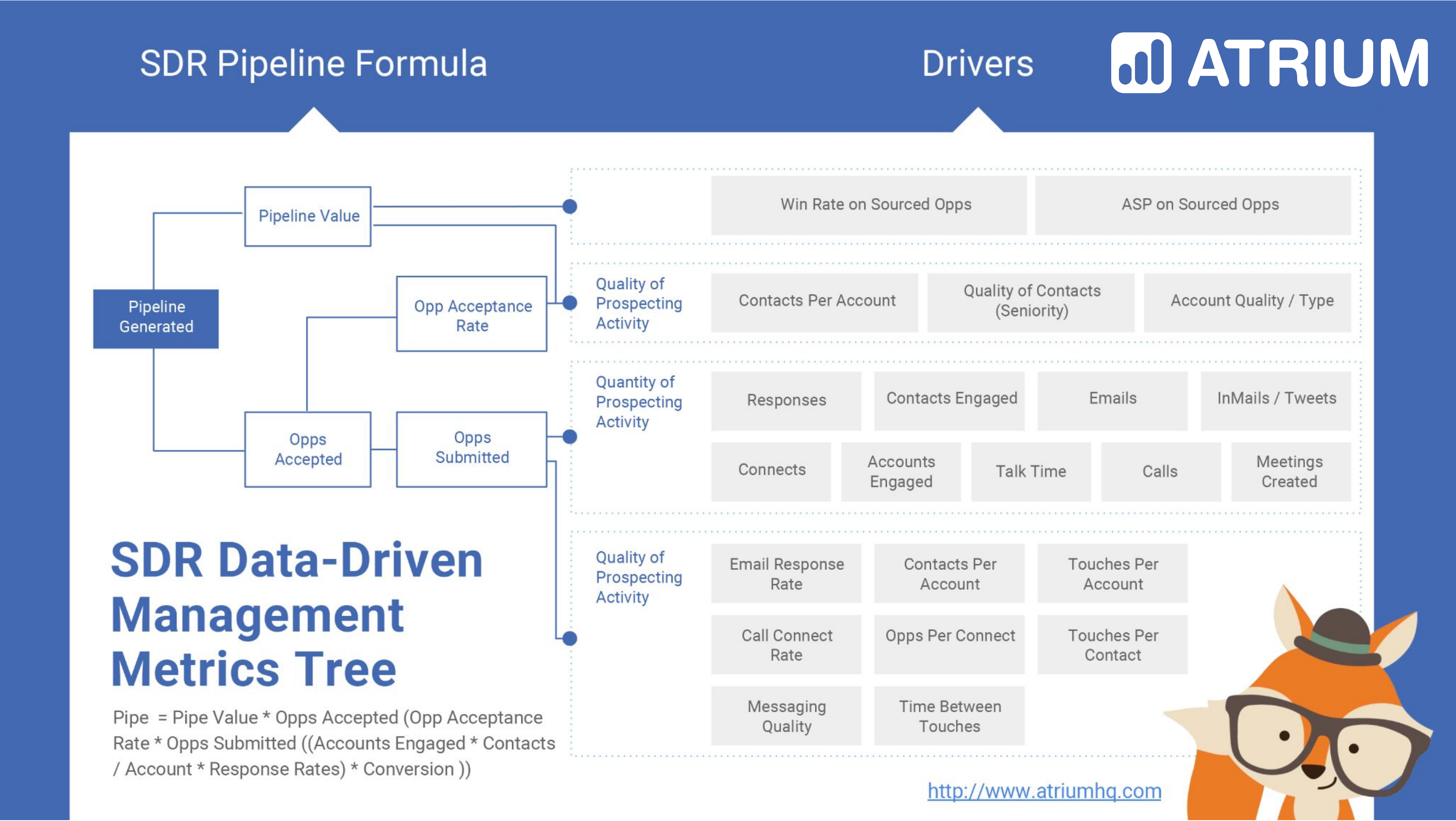
AE Data-Driven Management Metrics Tree

$$\text{Bookings} = (\text{Wins} (\text{Win Rate} * \text{Attempts}) * \text{Average Sales Price}) / \text{Average Deal Cycle}$$

<http://www.atriumhq.com>




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How do we systematize looping back?

Make a plan. Stick to it. Audit it.

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 **ATRIUM**

1:1 Working Doc - REP_NAME

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MM.DD.YY - TEMPLATE_TO_COPY

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09.21.21 (Filled Out Example)

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- Rep Topics
 - TBD
 - TBD
 - TBD
- Manager Topics
 - TBD
 - TBD
 - TBD
- Current Coaching Area of Emphasis
 - TBD
 - TBD
 - TBD
- Next Actions
 - TBD
 - TBD
 - TBD

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09.21.21 (Filled Out Example)

- Rep Topics
 - Opp Round Robin
- Manager Topics
 - Prospecting Activity
 - Open Enrollment
- Current Coaching Area of Emphasis
 - Pipe Hygiene
 - Untouched Opp Counts
- Next Actions
 - Calendar two 1-hour blocks per week for pipe management, [using this report](#).
 - BCC Pete on outbound touches.


1:1 Coaching Meeting Template



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QQ-YY QBR - REP_NAME

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Highlights:


- TBD
- TBD
- TBD

Lowlights:

- TBD
- TBD
- TBD

Plan for coming quarter:

- TBD
- TBD
- TBD



Q2-21 QBR - Rep1

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Highlights:


- You're a beast.
- [Best quarter ever](#) - didn't get help from ████████ - etc. did it on your own.
- Huge quality improvements from buckling down and improving on key behaviors.
- [Data light volume is crazy](#) - Marshawn approves.
- [Win rate way up. Even in Tier 3.](#)
- [Getting out of manager reviews. Sending proposals. Winning from proposal.](#)

Lowlights:

- Had some deal behavior deterioration (Hot pocket deficits).
- Last minute slips ████████ from relying on others.
- Some items were too calorically intensive. "I'll do another meeting!" - [Check out 2nd and 3rd meetings vs. first meetings](#) and [Follow Up Meeting Ratio](#)

Plan for coming quarter:

- Faster sales cycle. Push to close.
- Don't get pushed around.
- Call people. Spear new contact calendars. Marshawn goes [down funnel](#).
- Close.
- Continue to be a stud.



Q2 2021 QBR - Rep2

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Highlights:

- [Continue to kick ass!](#) Even with the July lag.
- [Fantastic expansion work.](#)
- [Fantastic pipeline win rate.](#)
- [Fantastic deal cycle.](#)
- [Pipe hygiene](#) got **somewhat** better. (Still room to improve)

Lowlights:

- [Vacations during end of quarter kill momentum.](#)
- [Meeting pending conversions?](#)
- [Down funnel conversion dip. Win Rate from Manager Reviews. Win Rate from Proposal.](#)
- Win rate from Data Live deteriorated - [lowest on team, decline from before](#). Let's discuss this.

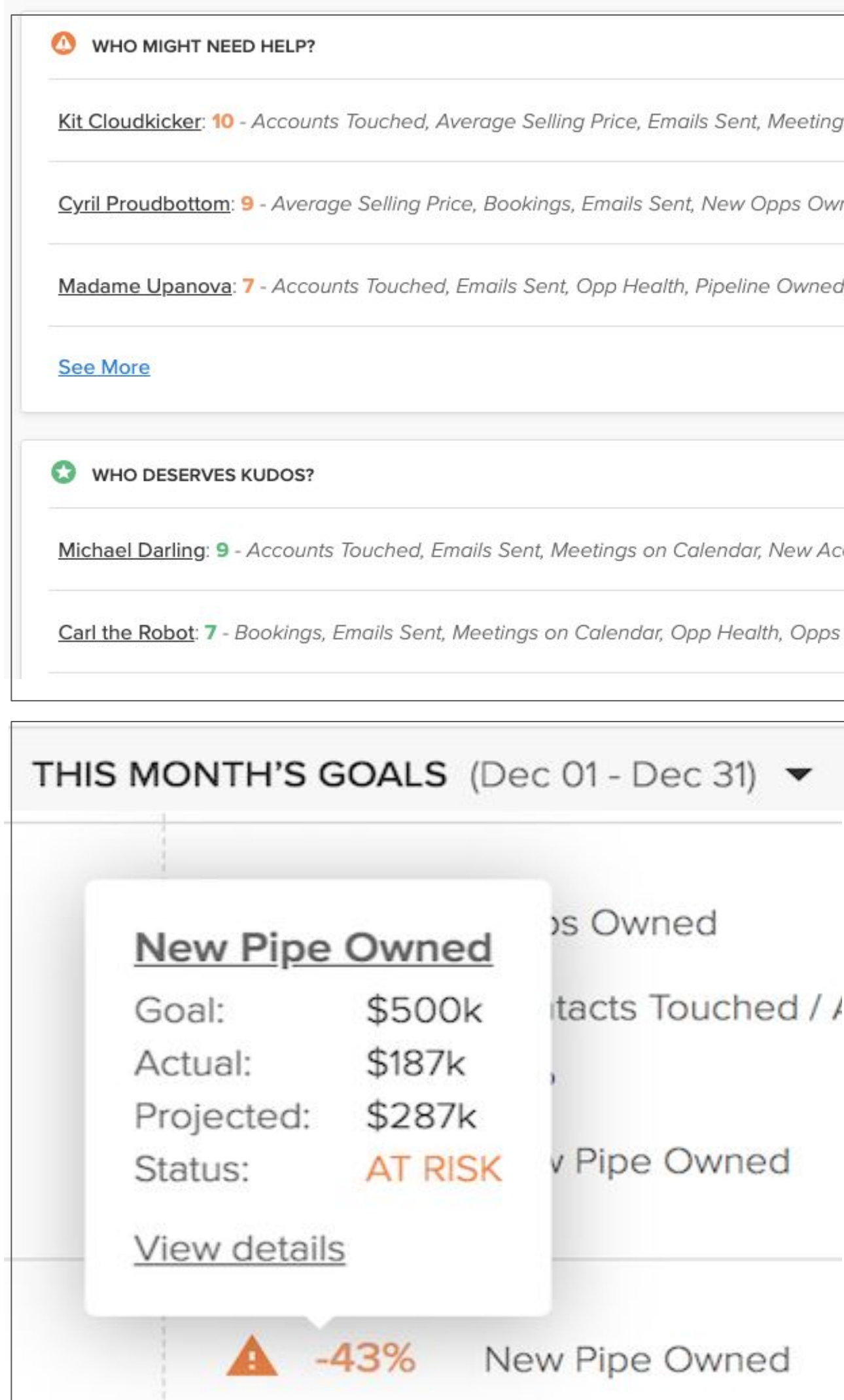
Plan for coming quarter:

- Consistency - don't spike high, don't crash low.
- Let's get things out of Meeting Pending / Manager Reviews (either hygiene, or action)
- Let's start working on some bigger opps.
- Can we do an \$█████ quarter?
- Let's get our [Data Driven Sales Management talk tracks up!](#)
- Let's not let ourselves get overloaded!

QBR Template



Data-Driven Sales Coaching In Action



DATA-DRIVEN SALES COACHING IN ACTION EXAMPLE 1

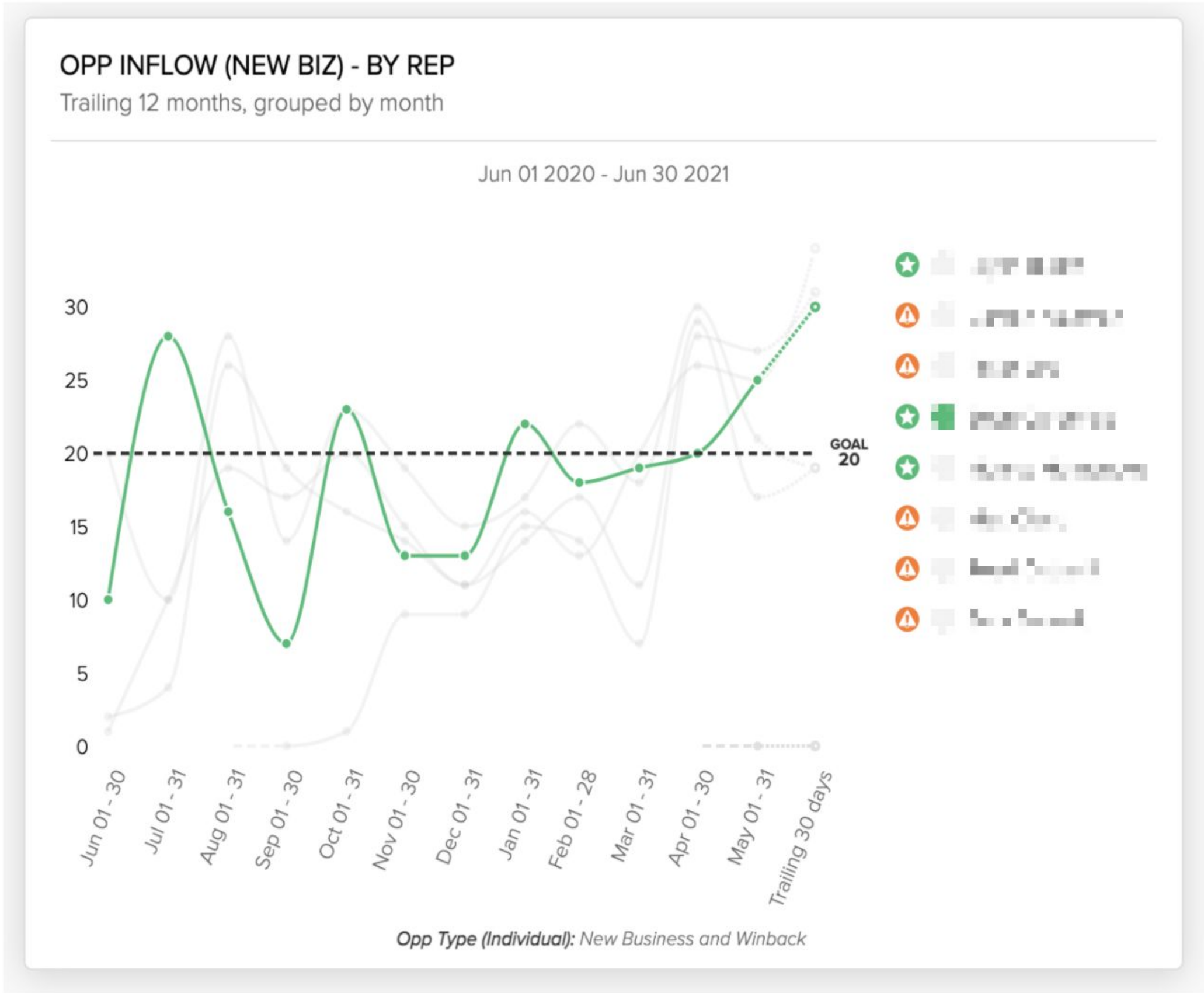
Data-Driven Sales Coaching in Action: Example 1

Context: Rep was on track for a miss for the month.

Data-Driven Sales Coaching in Action: Example 1

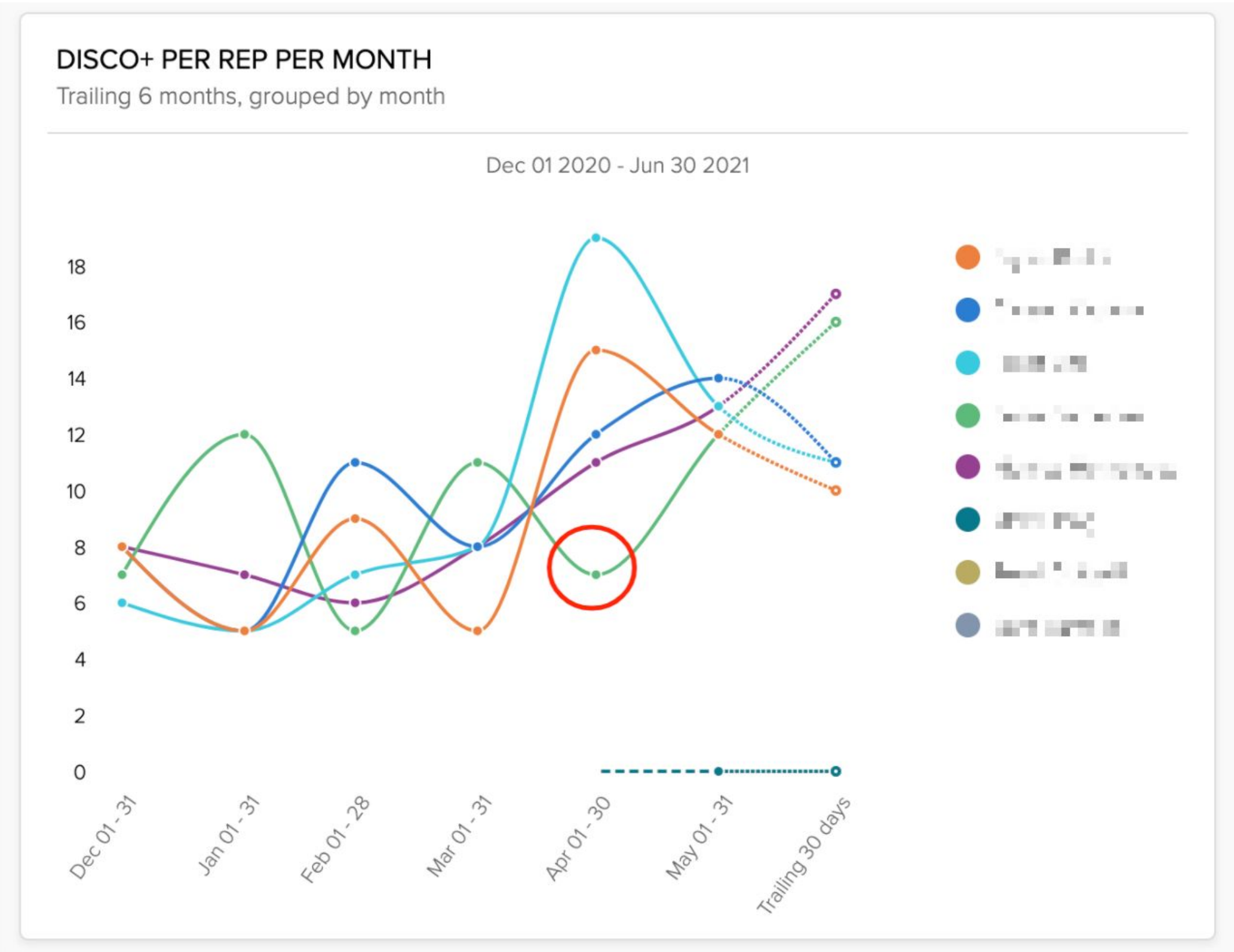
Could opp inflow be the issue?

No!



Data-Driven Sales Coaching in Action: Example 1

We found that opps weren't progressing beyond discovery stage!



DATA-DRIVEN SALES COACHING IN ACTION EXAMPLE 2

Data-Driven Sales Coaching in Action: Example 2

Context: Rep was having issues with moving opps throughout the funnel



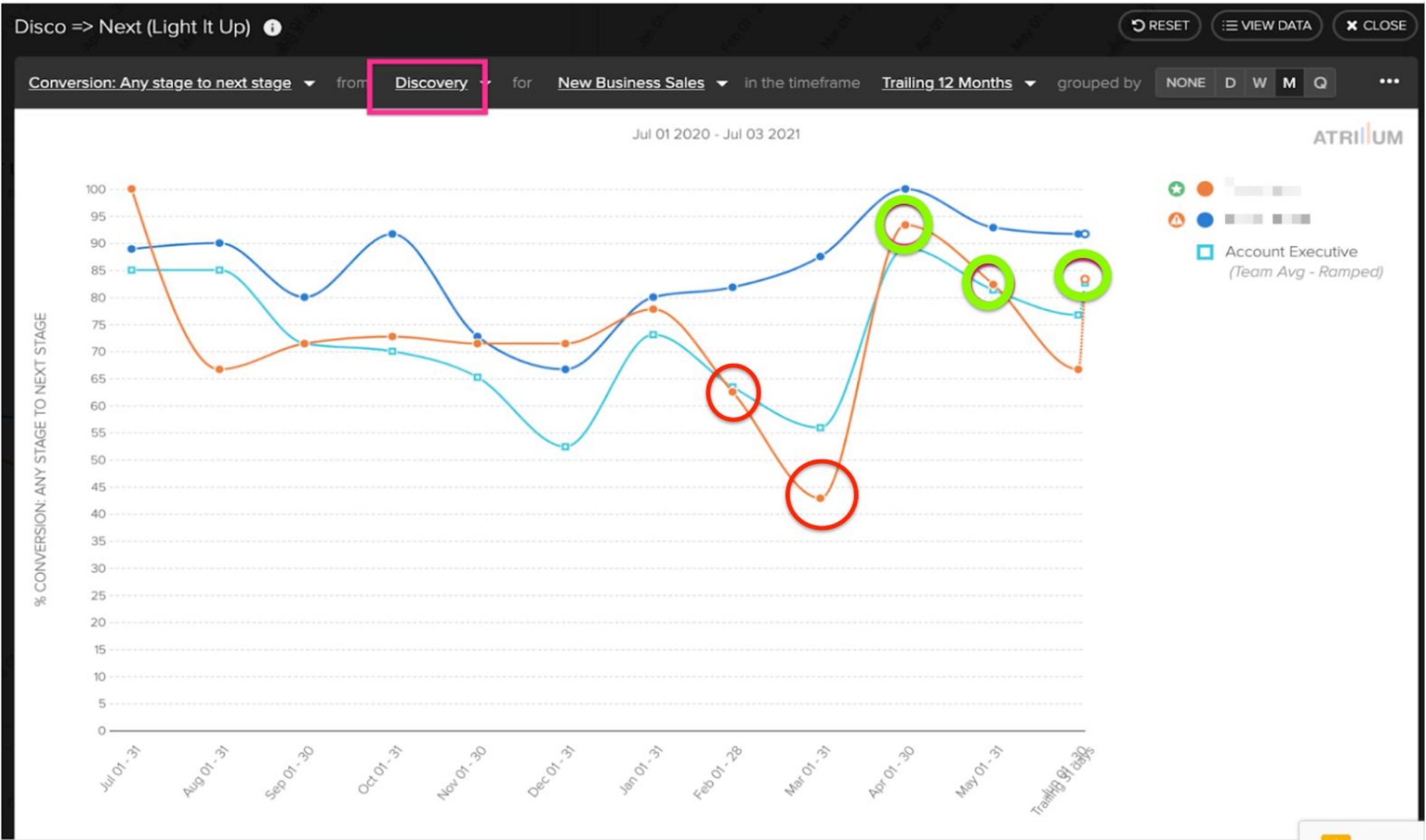
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Rep had lighter conversions compared to team average at top and bottom funnel



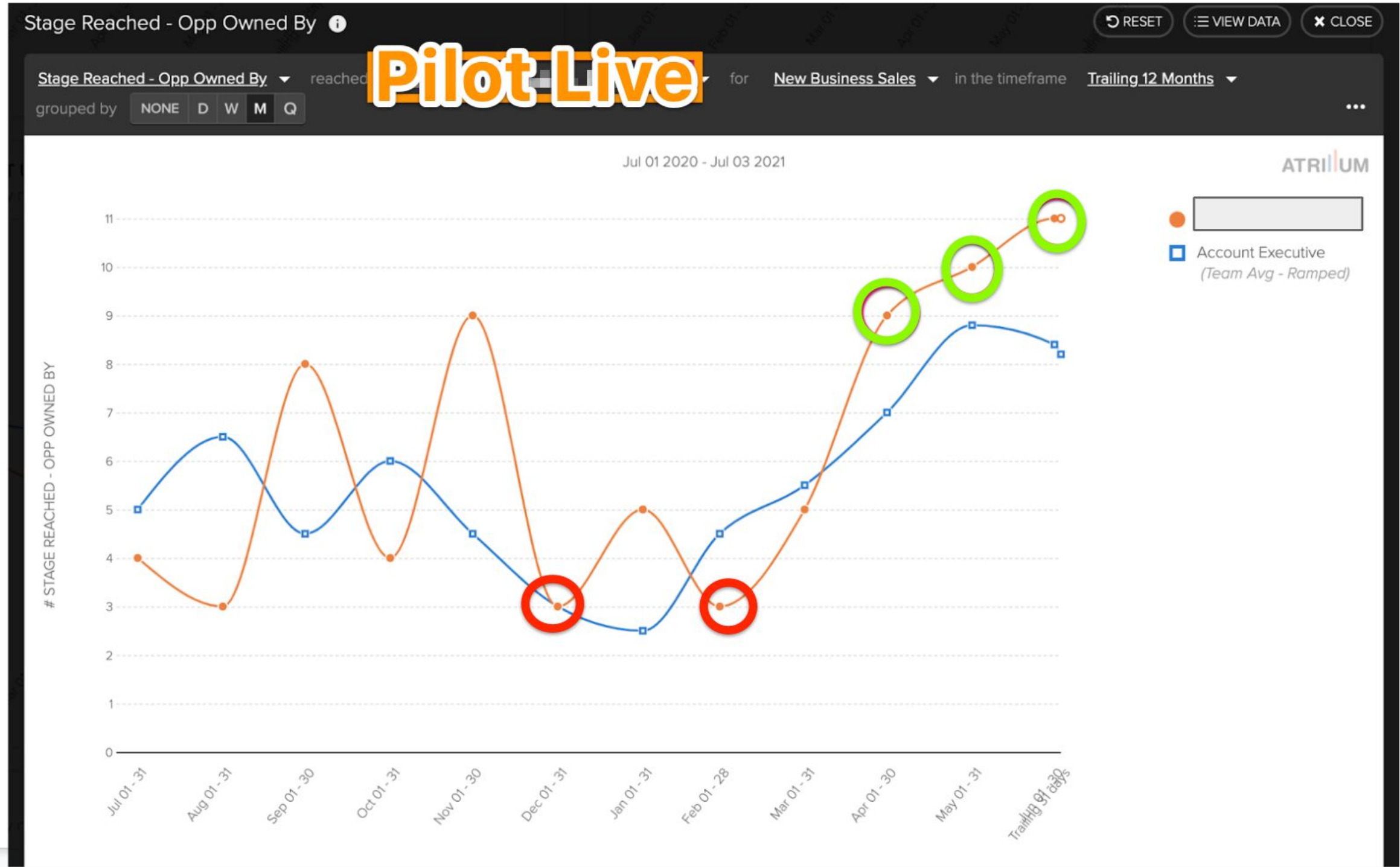
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We worked on improving their behavior at the top of funnel



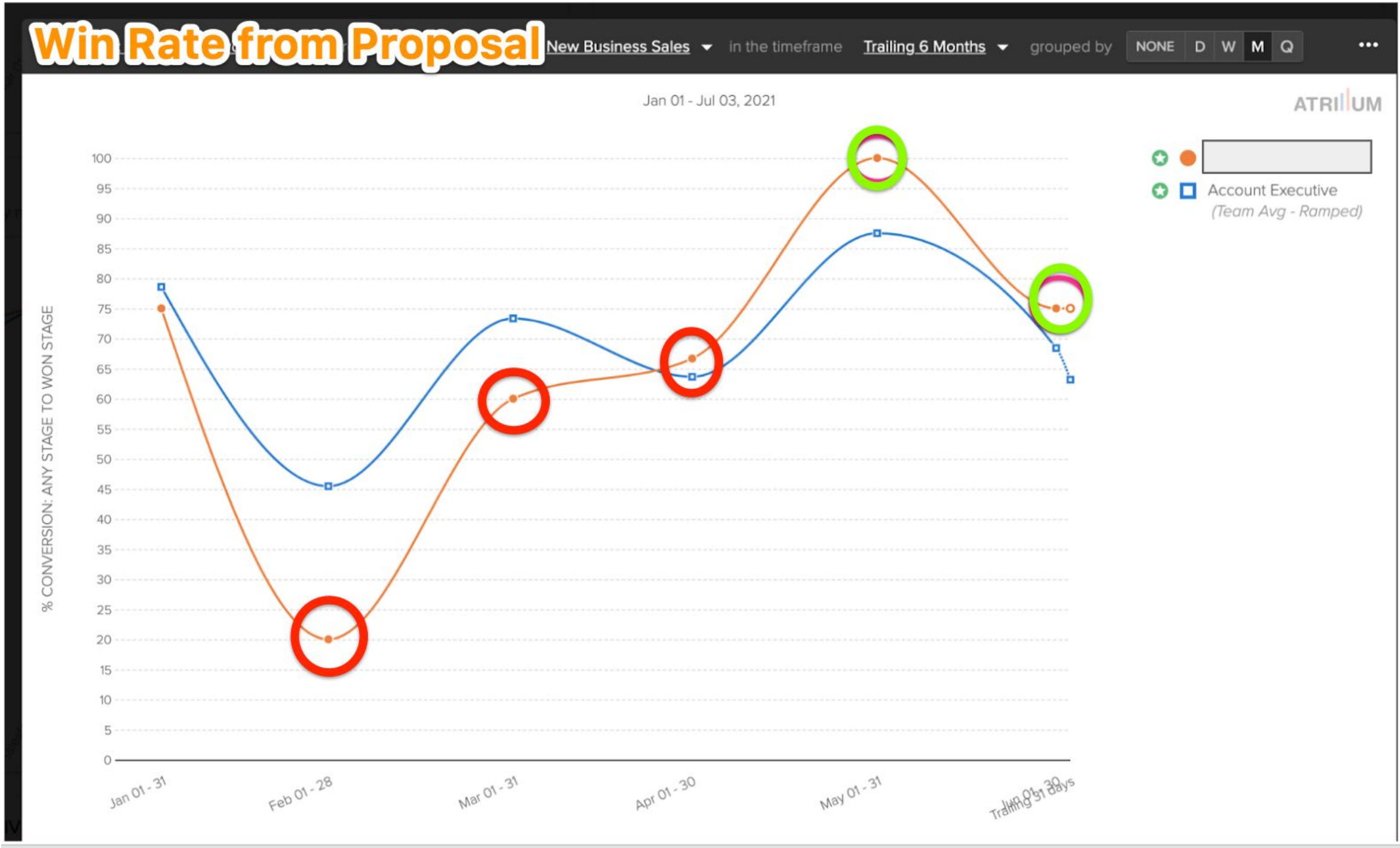
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By being more effective at top of funnel, they gave themselves more “at-bats”



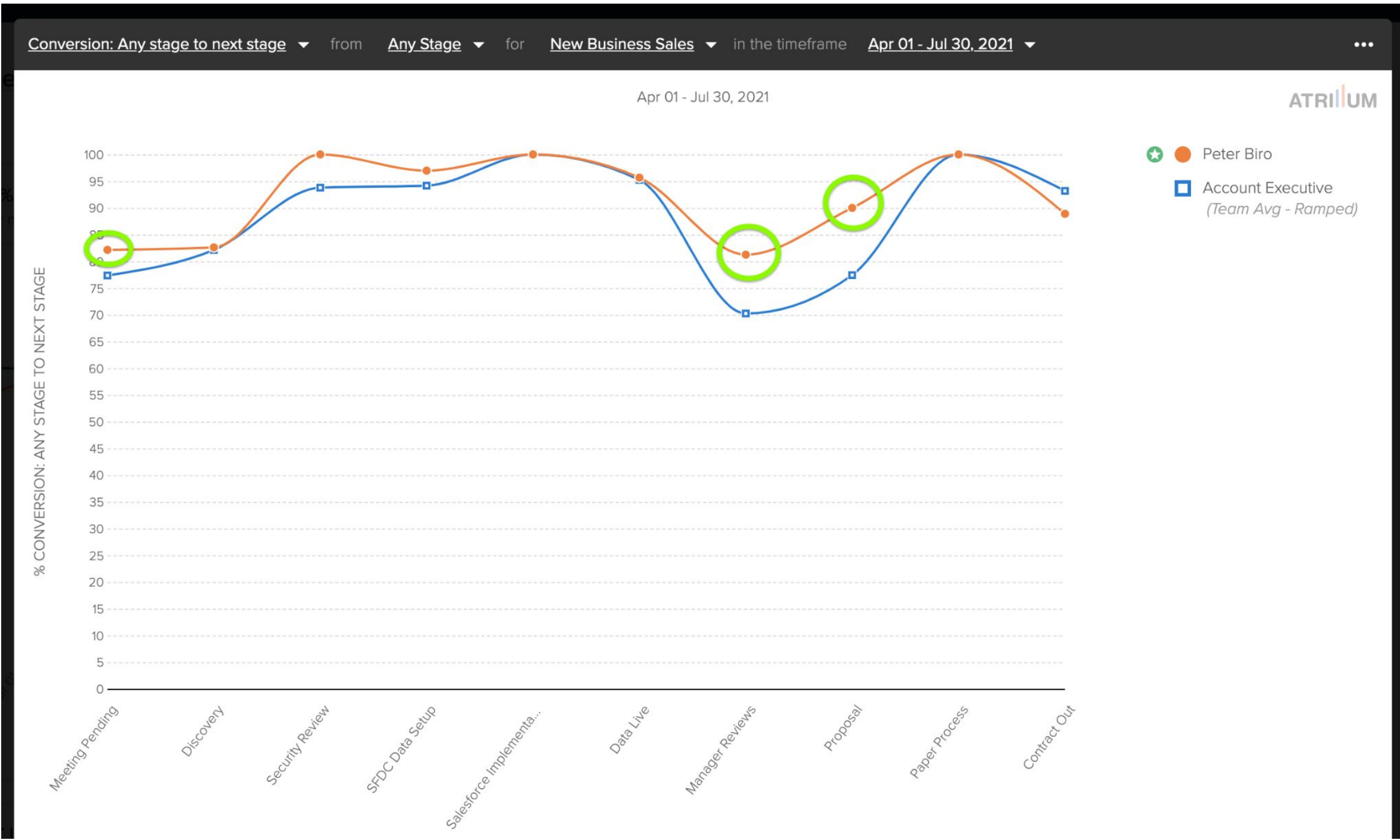
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We also worked on improving some late stage behaviors



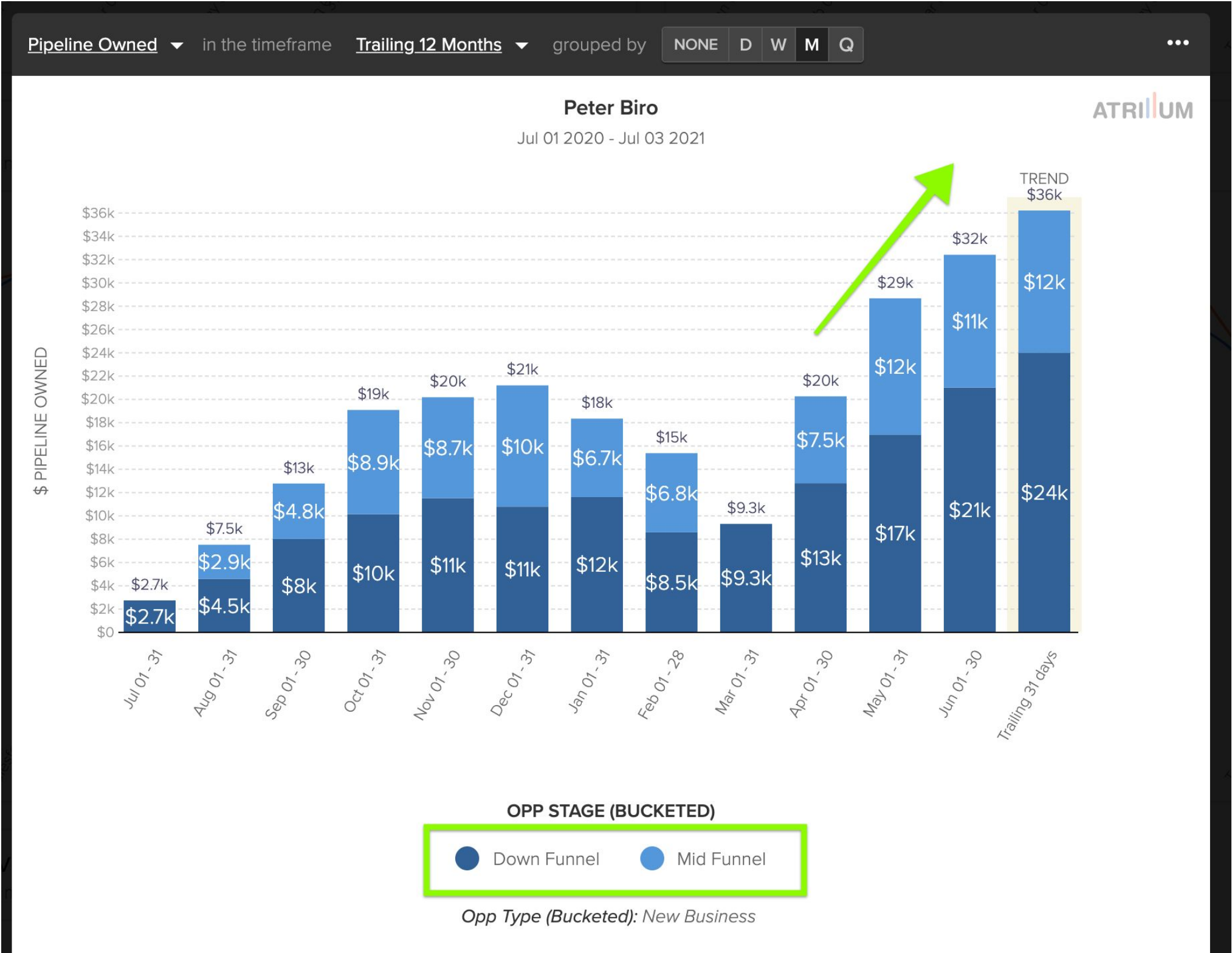
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As a result, their conversion has improved all around



Data-Driven Coaching in Action: Example 2

Rep has seen far more pipeline moving downfunnel



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