



Innovation Lab

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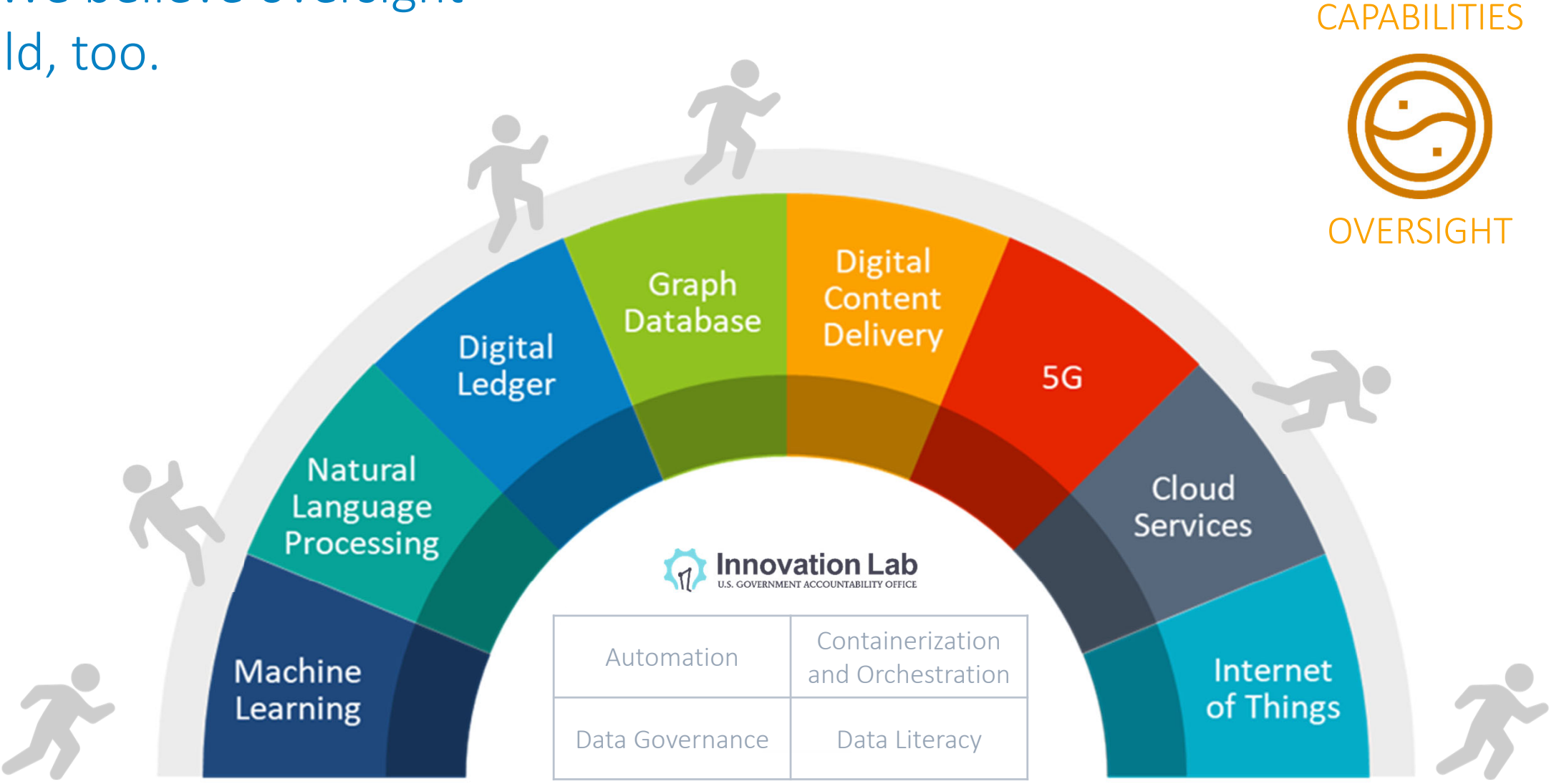


Empower GAO with new capabilities and enhanced capacity to tackle evolving accountability challenges in the Fourth Industrial Revolution by focusing on the art of possible through data science and emerging technologies.



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Technology is advancing every day. We believe oversight should, too.

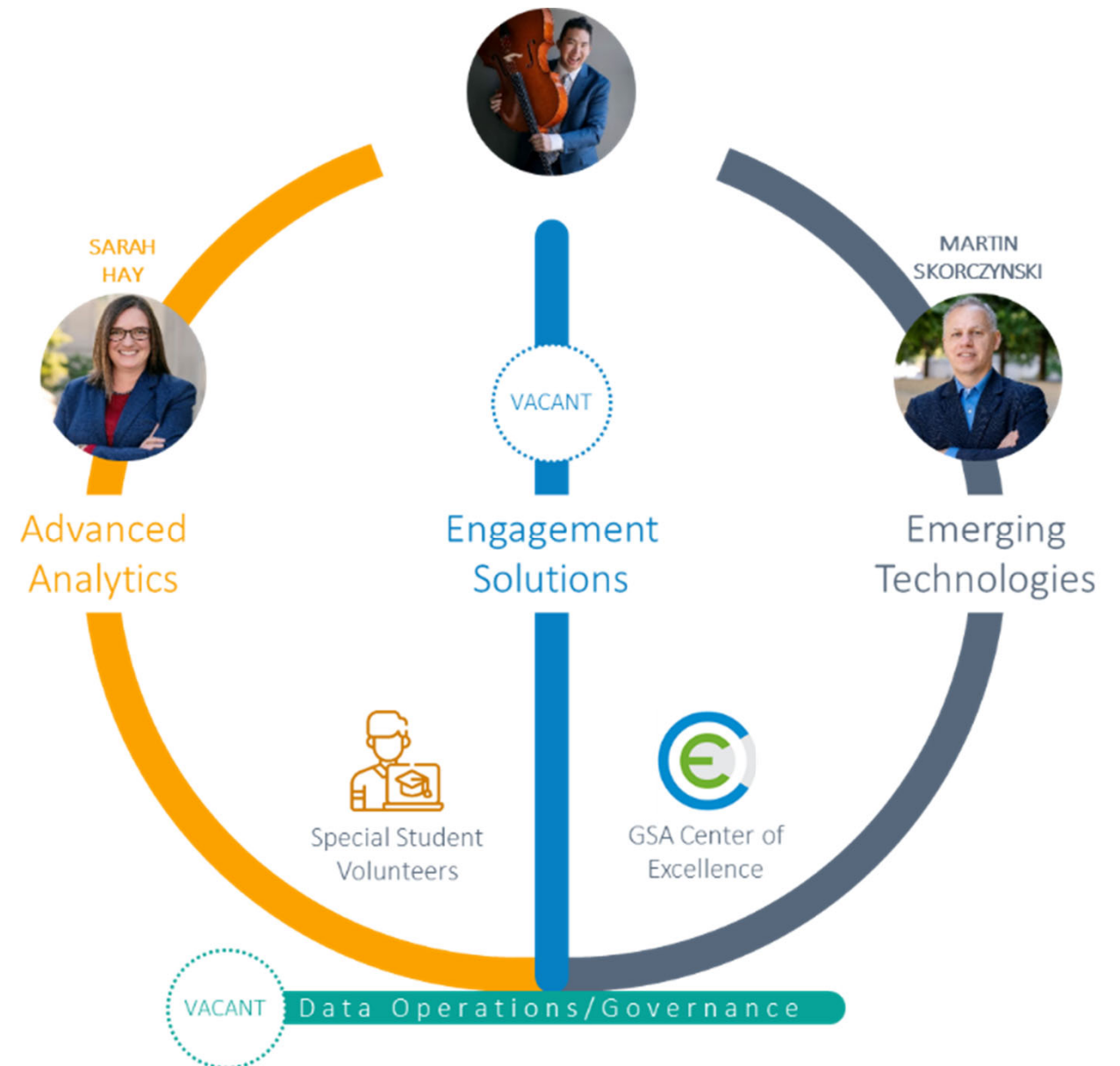


How is the Innovation Lab organized?

- Entrepreneurial, “startup” mentality
- Problem-focused approach vice hammers looking for nails
- Making minor miracles happen everyday because they believe in the difference that GAO can make

30% minorities

30% women



Innovation is not *automagical*



DE-RISK NOVEL THINKING

Minimize impacts to engagement time, quality, and budget



ENGAGE WITH AGILITY

Insist all stakeholders utilize Agile tools and processes

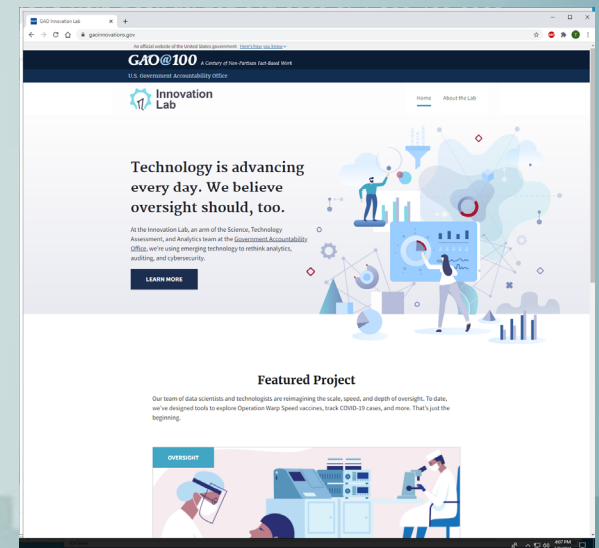


TURN UTILITY FUNCTIONS INTO SELF SERVICE

Focus specialist skill sets on complex, high-value challenges



<https://gaoinnovations.gov>



Challenges ahead

Off Ramp

Transitioning prototypes to production for scaling and sustainment

Speed

The Innovation Lab's Agile nature can result in mismatched expectations

Identity

Expanded scope, though necessary, risks reduction of exploratory mission

Resourcing

Recognizing analytics is not IT and IT is not analytics

Embracing Change

Development of culture willing to take reasonable and even necessary risk

Procurement

Acquisition laws are designed to have many speed bumps

