



# Operationalizing Machine Learning at Scale

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# QUANTIUM IS AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST DATA ANALYTICS BUSINESS



## Founded in 2002

Widely regarded as Australia's leading data analytics firm



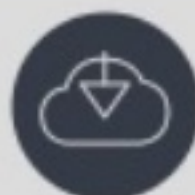
## Over 500 staff in

Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Hyderabad, Auckland, Johannesburg



Actuaries, data scientists, strategy consultants and software engineers

30 - 40% growth pa since inception



## Data ecosystem

Allow complementary businesses to share data between themselves and allow third parties to gain better insight



## Applied analytics

Use proprietary data and advanced analytics to create ground breaking analytical apps



## Media execution

Plan, activate and measure media through knowing what people see and what they then do

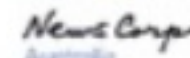
### Top 6 Banks



### Top 5 Insurers



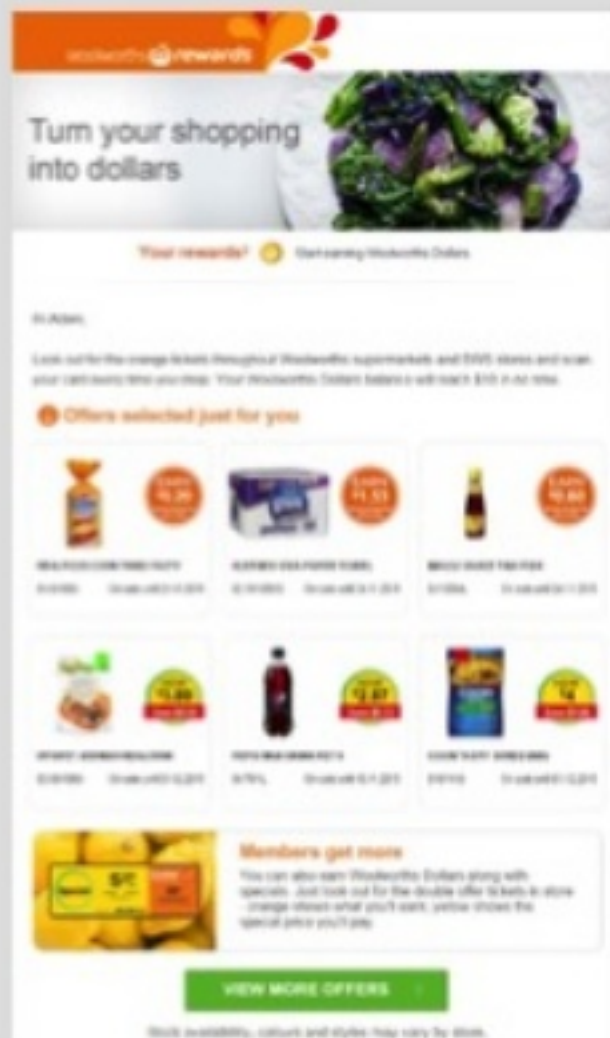
### Top 5 Telco and Media



### Top 8 FMCG and Key Retailers



# PERSONALISATION USES THE COMPLEX RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EVERY CUSTOMER AND EVERY PRODUCT



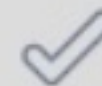
Informs wide range of business applications...



**Contact customers with the right offers**

Across all channels – DM, eDM, online, etc.

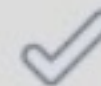
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Optimising for NPS or revenue growth or other metrics



**Provide customers with a store laid out just for them – tailored ranging online**

Use full knowledge of customer relationship to inform online interactions

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Relevance informs search result, basket autofill or more simply basket suggestions

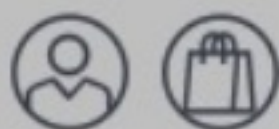


**Bring customer understanding to the centre of business processes**

Use insight contained inside the algorithm to inform loyalty strategy, promotional strategy, ranging and marketing for bricks-and-mortar stores



# QUANTIUM HAS INVESTED IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO POWER THIS ENGINE



**20 trillion** records in size



To build a credible model that would also work for sparsely purchased products, we sampled this to around

**400 million** records

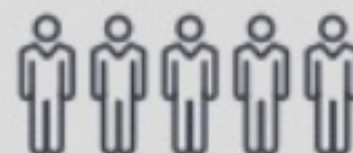
**Machine learning**  
fits thousands of decision  
trees to the data



Each one to  
a maximum  
depth of  
**10 splits**

**2 million**  
possible pathways

Every combination must be evaluated  
every time the model is used



**5 million**  
customers

We must  
process  
**15 billion**  
combinations

**4.5 million** customer / product  
combinations per second



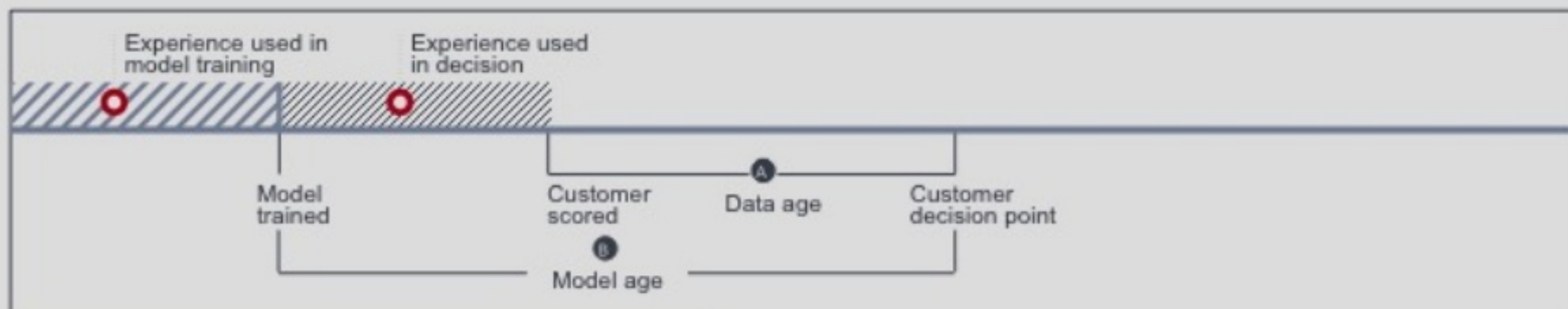
**5,000 CPU cores, 5 petabytes of storage**

and over 50 terabytes of memory to transform data and build algorithm



Using leading open source technology stack including  
**Hadoop, MapR, Apache Spark, H2O**

## REDUCING BOTH TRAINING AND SCORING TIME IS NO LONGER NEGOTIABLE



⇒ Previously, models were calibrated every 6 - 12 months in the absence of market shocks, implying a model age between 1 and 12 months

⇒ Scoring would take place 1 - 6 weeks before communications (data age of 1 to 6 weeks)

Today, both model and data age are being pushed towards zero

### Zero data age

- ✓ Real-time pricing optimisation in insurance
- ✓ Instant approval loans
- ✓ Geography-based offers

### Zero model age

- ✓ Continuous website creative optimisation
- ✓ Self-adapting models (used in insurance)

# THE WAY ANALYTICS IS CONSUMED DEMANDS FASTER AND FASTER TURN AROUND OF MACHINE INTELLIGENCE

2006



- Limited to own data
- Customer contact planned and deliberate
- Mass market channels require aggregated analytics results
- Long lead times for media planning, even in 1:1 channels

2016



- Much more data available through data hubs (like Quantum) and IOT
- Customer contact spontaneous – limited window to respond to opportunity
- Individual channels as each person carries their own smart device



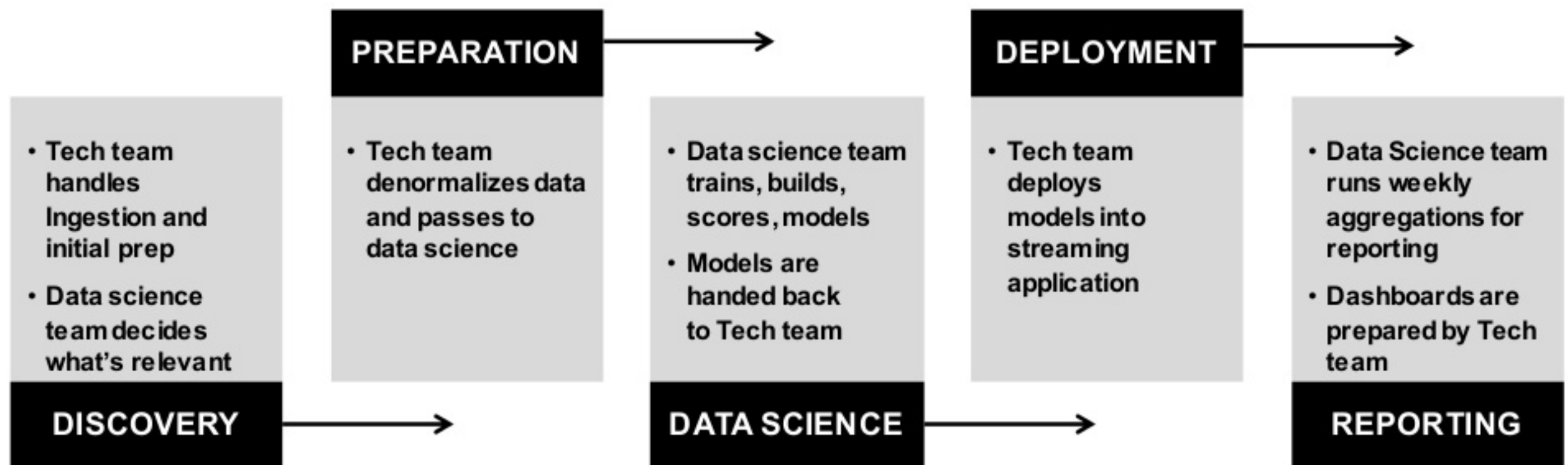
## UNITED HEALTH GROUP (UHG) FRAUD ANALYTICS

### ADVANCED RESEARCH & ANALYTICS GROUP

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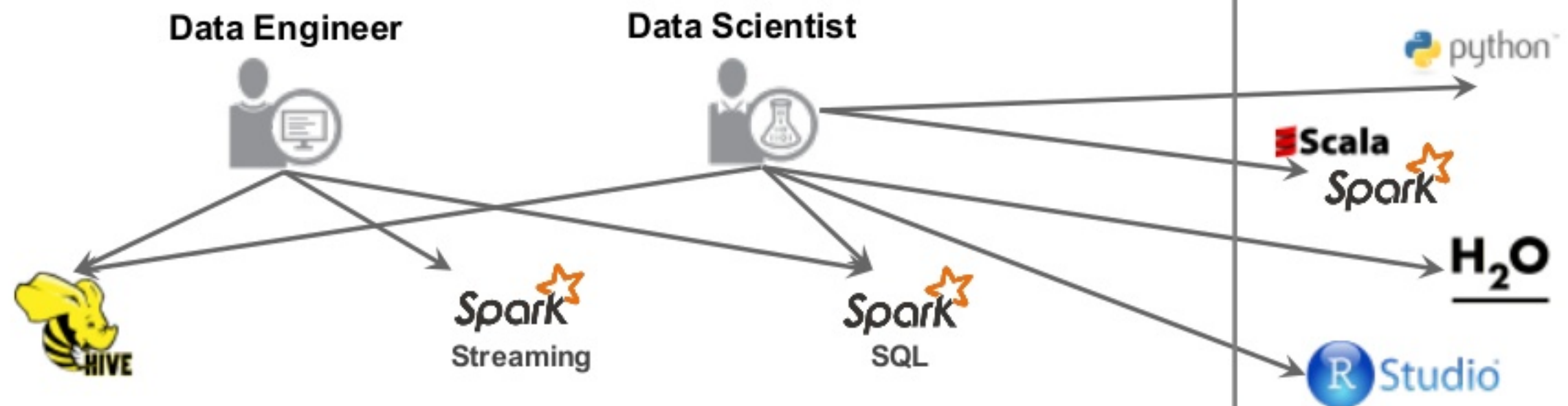
- **Batch job** for weekly aggregates of claims processes **30 million records**
- The models are deployed into a Streaming Application (**Spark Streaming**) and used to flag suspicious or fraudulent claims for human review
- Models are built in **Python (TorchML)** and **Spark (MLLib)**. Scoring is done in H2O POJO library

## PIPELINE PHASES





# UHG ARA MACHINE LEARNING ARCHITECTURE



## UNIQUE MAPR FEATURES AT PLAY

ALSO APPLICABLE FOR PROD ENV.

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### 1. **VOLUMES**

Data Scientists assigned a specific volume with right level of security policies  
Quotas, Label based scheduling for job prioritization

### 2. **SNAPSHOTS**

Versioned Training and Validation Datasets stored efficiently  
New models can be run against these datasets on demand

### 3. **RANDOM READ/WRITE NFS**

Modeling language of choice with access to the data in the cluster  
Specialized libraries (C/C++) work out of the box  
Easy to bring new datasets into the mix

## CHALLENGES WITH M/L MODELING AND DEPLOYMENT

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