

# Real Time Prediction for an Active Risk Prevention

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Know the unknown.



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WSDO

# ABOUT WEDO TECHNOLOGIES

AN EUROPEAN COMPANY FOUNDED IN 2001 WITH A WORLDWIDE FOOTPRINT



**10 COUNTRIES**

**5 CONTINENTS**

**600+ EMPLOYEES**

## COUNTRY OFFICES

WEDO AUSTRALIA  
WEDO BRAZIL  
WEDO EGYPT  
WEDO IRELAND  
WEDO MALAYSIA  
WEDO MEXICO  
WEDO PORTUGAL  
WEDO SPAIN  
WEDO UK  
WEDO USA

## SOFTWARE HOUSE

PORTUGAL (BRAGA)

# OUR PRODUCT PORTFOLIO

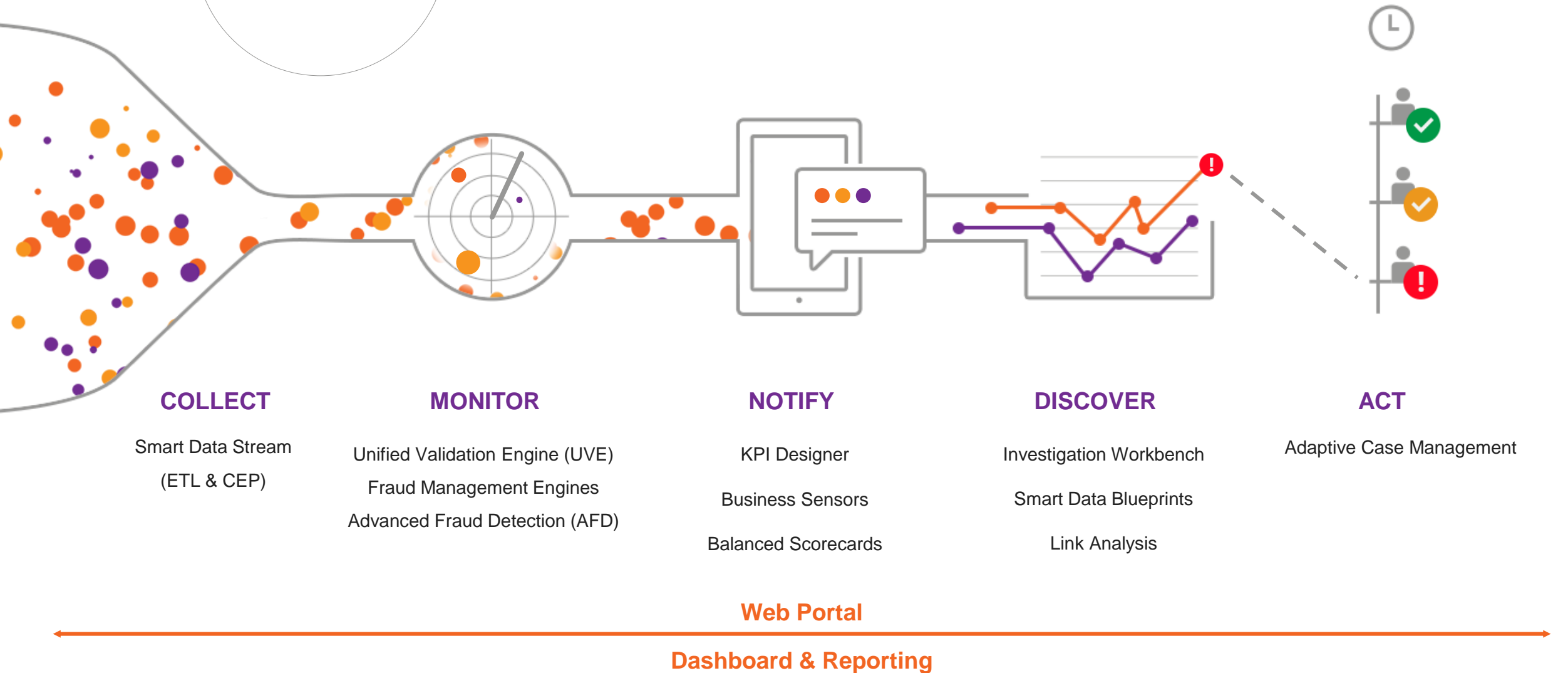
COMMON ARCHITECTURE FOR ALL SOFTWARE PRODUCTS



# RAID

## RAID END-TO-END SOFTWARE

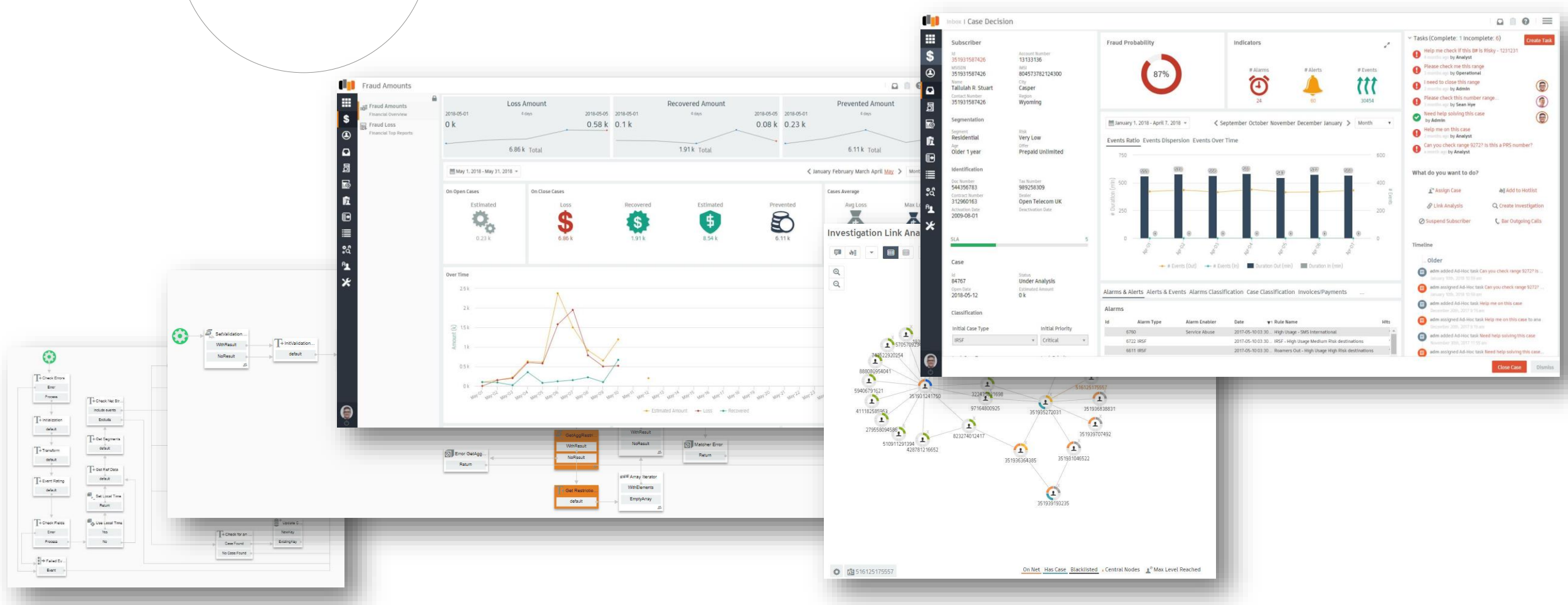
NEXT GENERATION BUSINESS MONITORING PLATFORM





# RAID END-TO-END SOFTWARE

## NEXT GENERATION BUSINESS MONITORING PLATFORM



COLLECT

MONITOR

NOTIFY

DISCOVER

ACT



# MARKET LEADERSHIP IN TELECOM

WORLDWIDE LEADERSHIP IN REVENUE ASSURANCE AND FRAUD MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE



Recognized market leaders by  
3 independent industry reports

Trusted by more than 220 CUSTOMERS  
in more than 100 COUNTRIES



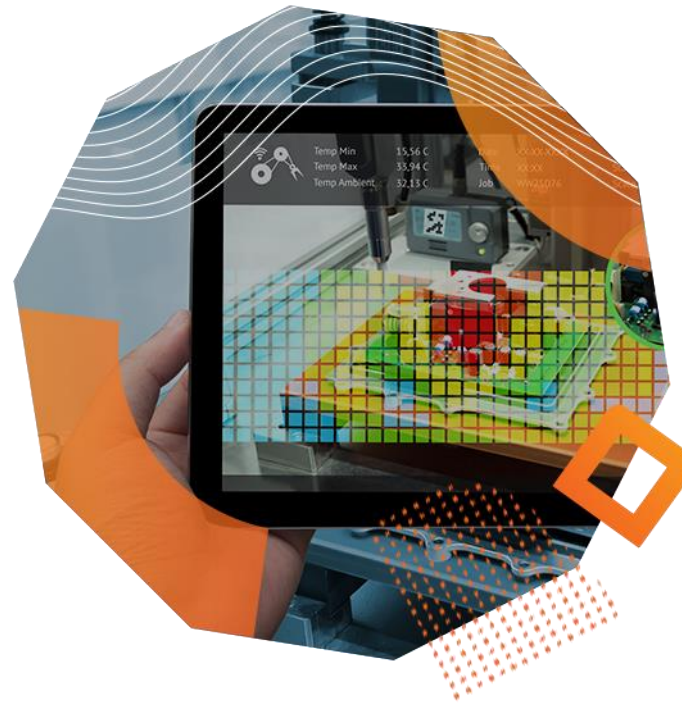


# DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

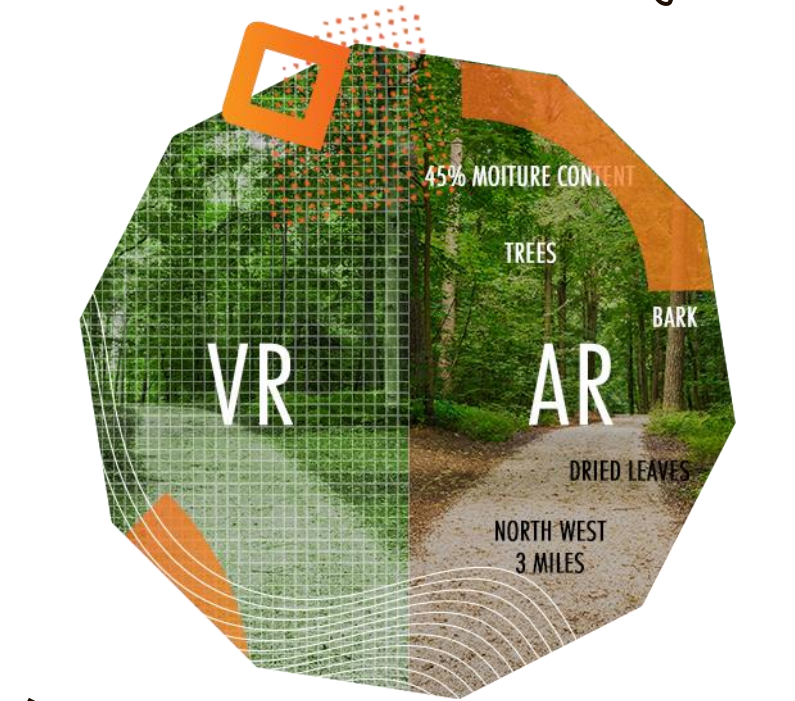
## Heading to a Digital Society



The rise of  
**digital twin**



The blur between the  
**digital and physical worlds**



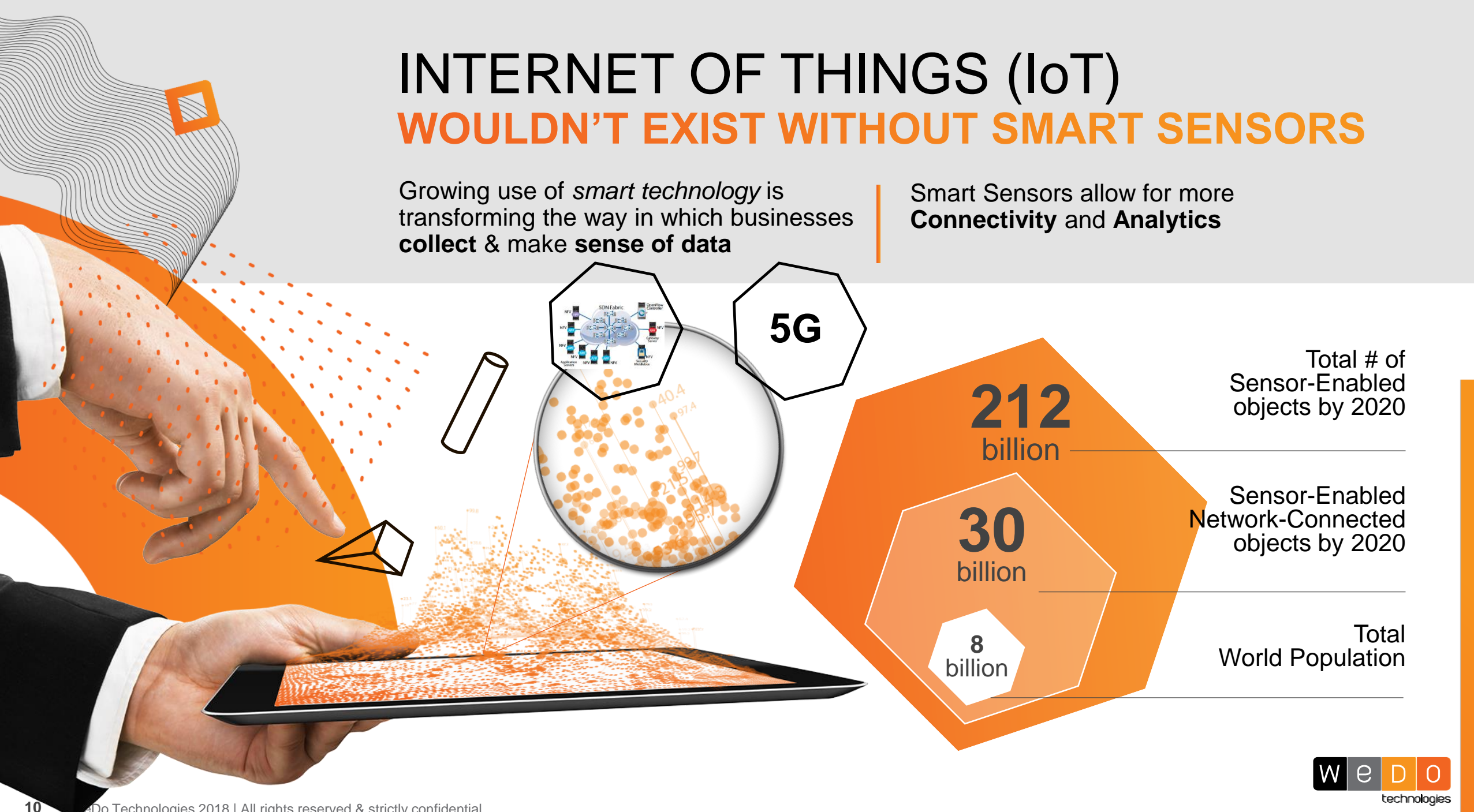
**One reality**  
vs.. Many realities

# INTERNET OF THINGS (IoT)

## WOULDN'T EXIST WITHOUT SMART SENSORS

Growing use of *smart technology* is transforming the way in which businesses **collect & make sense of data**

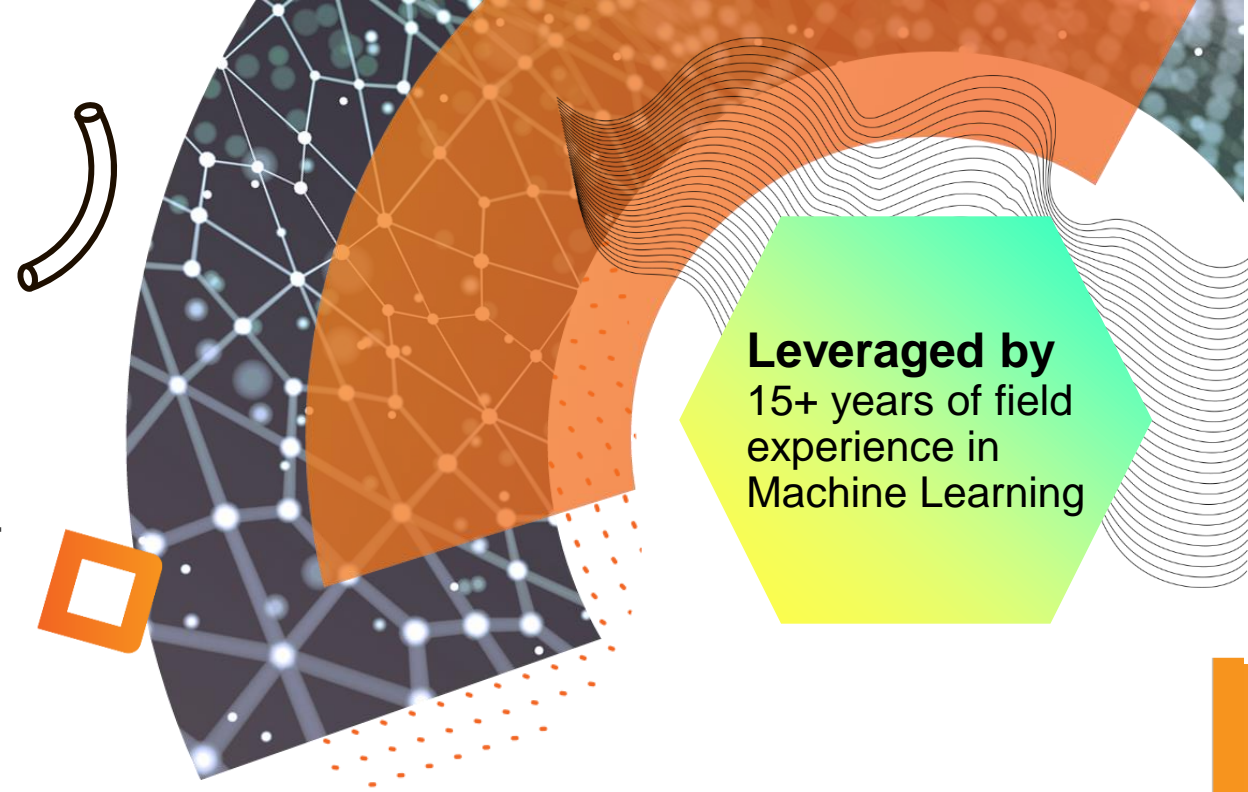
Smart Sensors allow for more **Connectivity** and **Analytics**



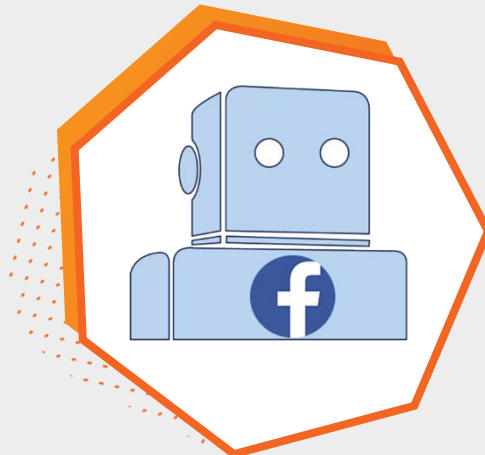


# PUTTING AI IN THE CENTER OF OUR STRATEGY

TO HARVEST THE VALUE OF DATA  
FUELING AN **INTELLIGENT** RISK MANAGEMENT

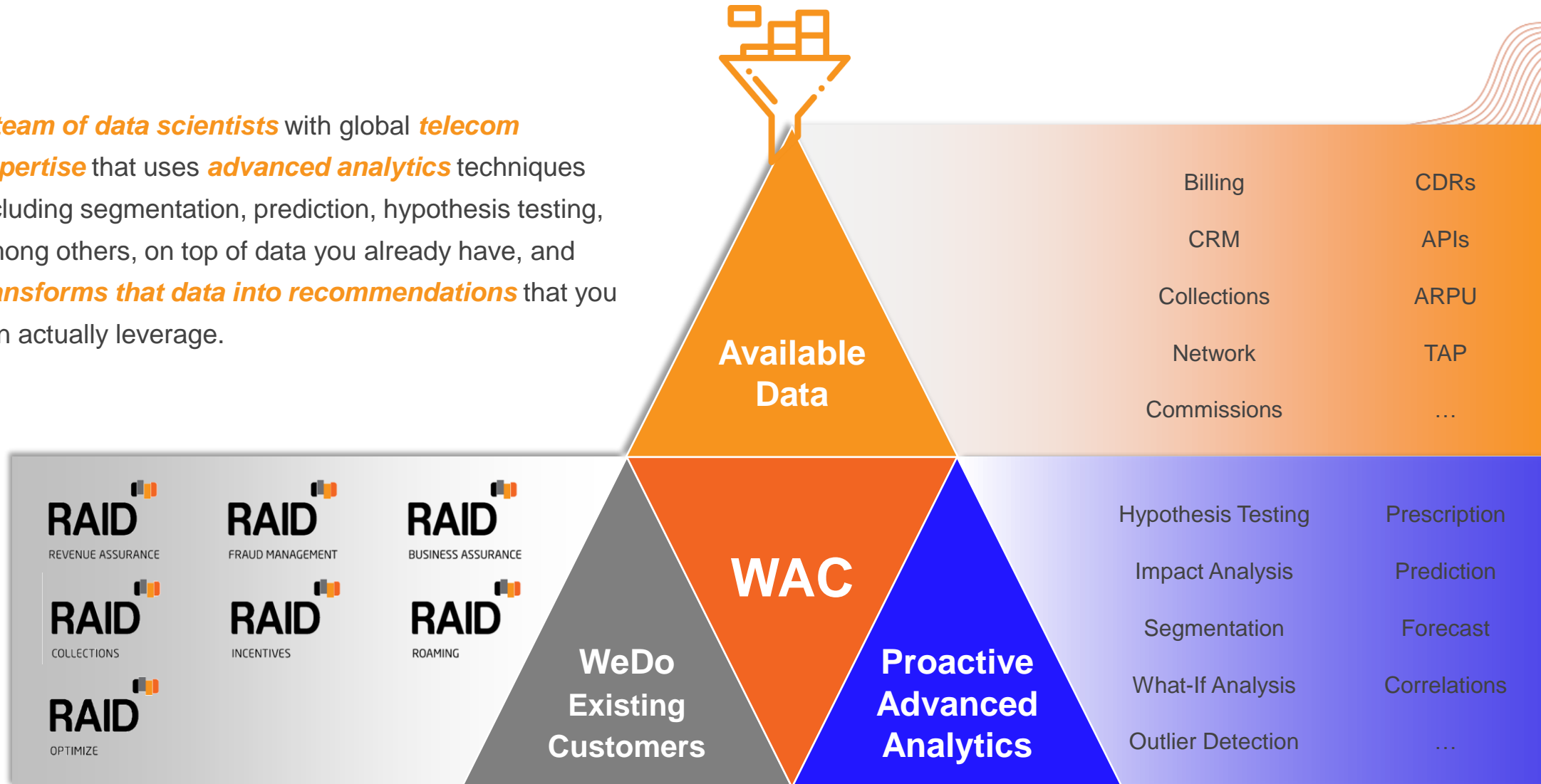


Leveraged by  
15+ years of field  
experience in  
Machine Learning



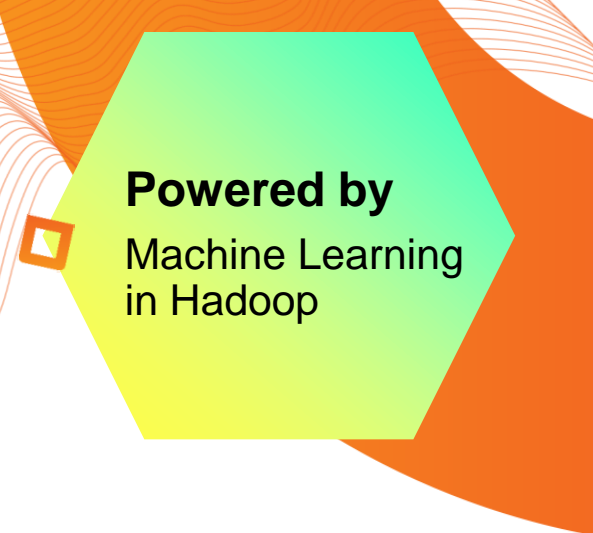
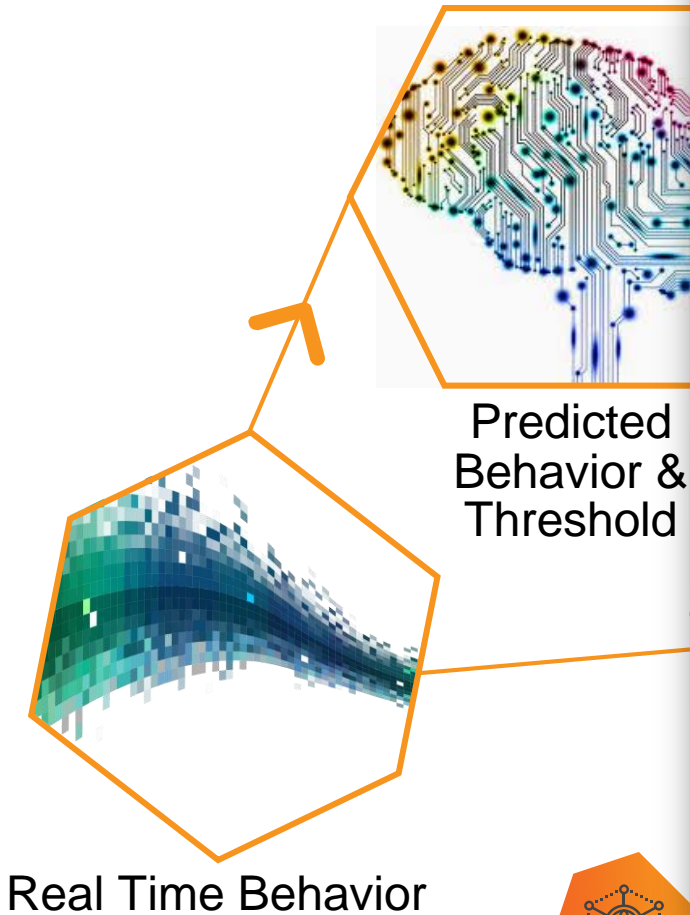
# WEDO ANALYTICS CENTER (WAC)

A **team of data scientists** with global **telecom expertise** that uses **advanced analytics** techniques including segmentation, prediction, hypothesis testing, among others, on top of data you already have, and **transforms that data into recommendations** that you can actually leverage.





# ADAPTIVE THRESHOLDS FOR MAXIMUM E



RT behavior  
monitoring

Adaptive threshold  
setting / suggestion

Predicted RT  
Behavior

Smart alarms and  
case generation



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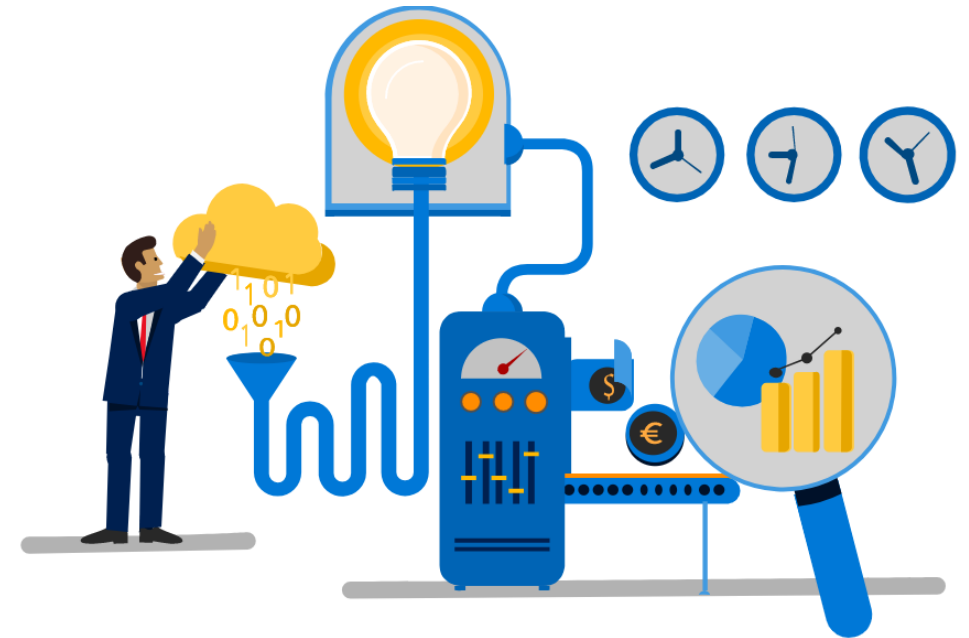
# Introduction

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## Motivation

- **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** solutions are being deployed everywhere
- Advances in **data availability and processing** changed what is possible to accomplish in real-time
- Making a predictive analytics **application real-time** is a today question of infrastructure
- Big data and AI solutions are today the key basis of competition, underpinning new waves of productivity growth and innovation



# Introduction

## Goals

- ❖ How can WeDo help risk management teams, on defining the best revenue assurance and fraud alerts thresholds, for each business reality?
- ❖ Can these thresholds rules be adjusted dynamically, without human intervention, and deliver the right outcomes?
- ❖ Could these predictive models be updated/fit automatically using an on-going process with high volumes of data?



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# Drop Calls

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## Industry

- **Cell phones** are used more than ever and have increasing impacts in our social and business lives
- New-generation smartphones and data applications support simultaneous voice and data services
- Service providers are **migrating current networks to next generation networks** (Ex., LTE) in order to support more demanding services such as VOIP and high resolution video
- These factors together contribute to a **higher risk of delivering a quality service.**



# Drop Calls

## Opportunity

- **Service quality** has direct influence on customer experience and satisfaction.
- **Drop Calls** are today the major reason of complaints by phone users.
- It is of great interest to **quickly identify** and understand the causes for dropped calls.
- While certain number of dropped calls are expected, there are others that are unexpected, and may be caused by system malfunctions.
- In Europe, it's frequent a drop call rate below 1% of total voice calls. But in other countries, like India for instance, the average drop call rate can reach 4.73%!



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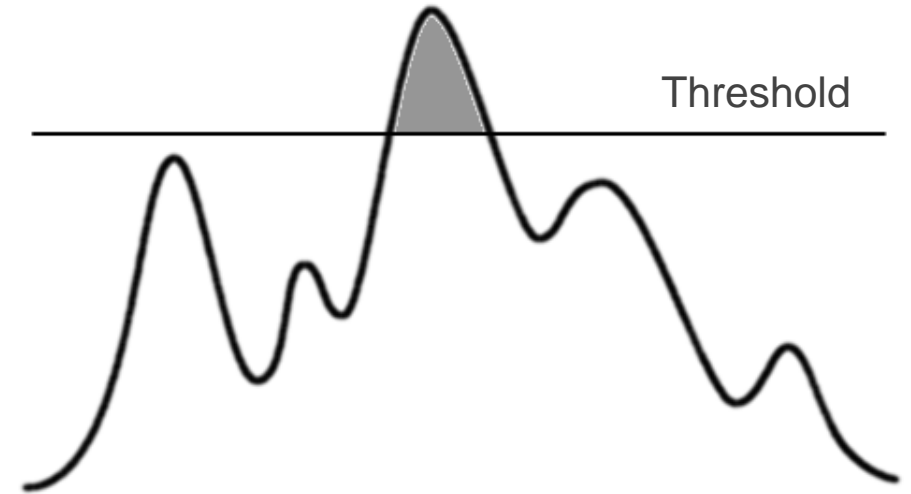
# Adaptive Thresholds

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# Adaptive Thresholds

- **Thresholds are basically borders**, which separates the normal or expected behavior from the abnormal or problematic behavior.
- **Most of the solutions** in Revenue and Business Assurance do not automate their threshold settings.
- **Important business seasonality patterns** that need to be different throughout the day, week and month are ignored.
- **Automatic derivation, configuration and adaptation** of statistically meaningful thresholds on the parameters values is essential for self-managed systems.



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**Solution**

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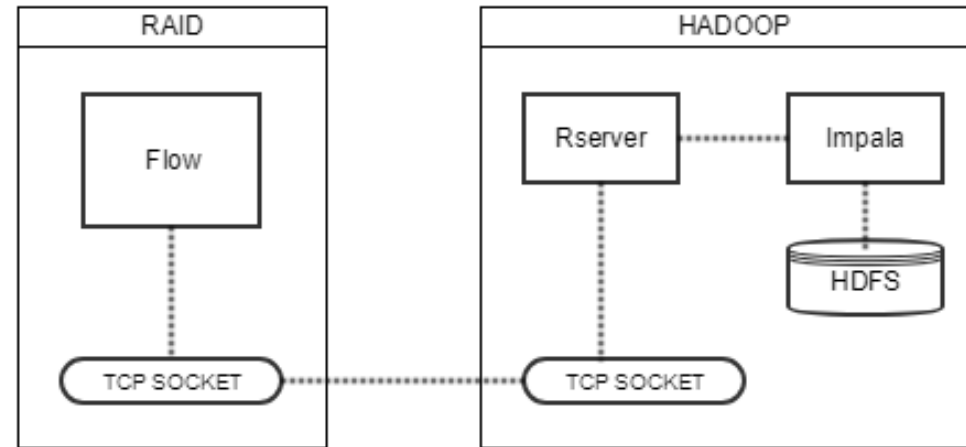
# Solution

## Context

- Real data from operator containing **30 days of history** (360 Million of desegregated events) with ~5300 distinct cell id's
  - Time Series modeling in R
  - Hadoop cluster for storage
  - RAID as central coordinator for configurations and UI
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- ❖ Based on historical total calls and drop calls indicators, predict future calls (total and drop) at a cell id level

# Solution

## High Level Architecture

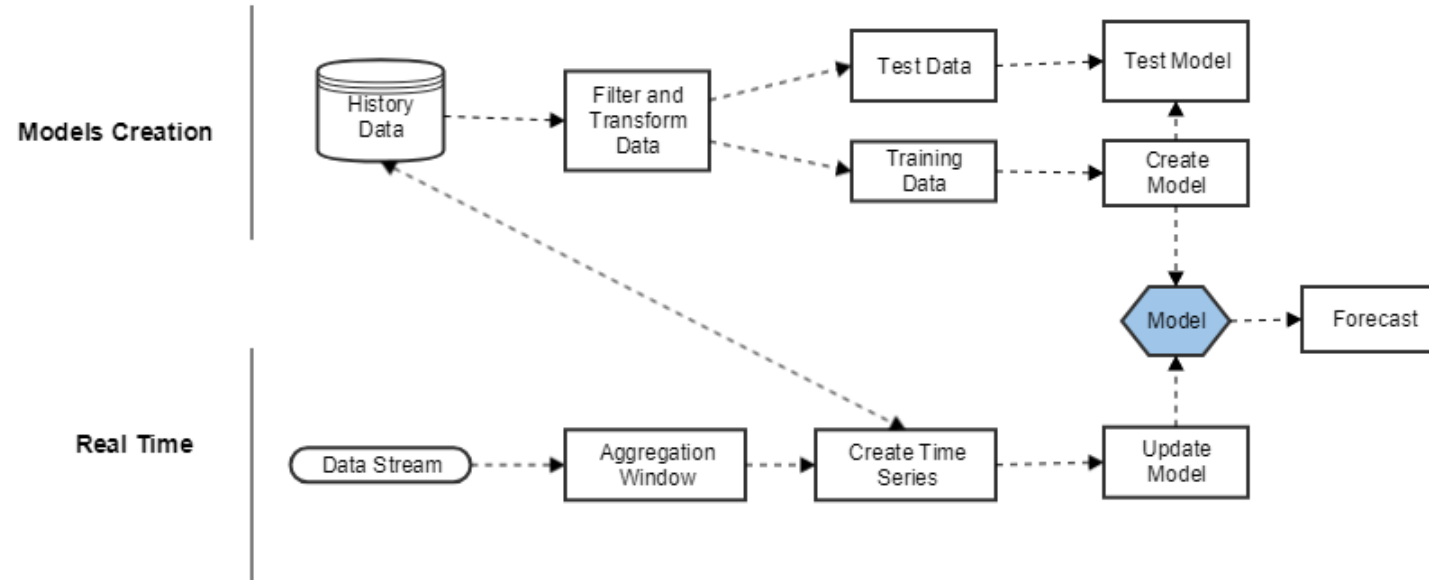


- Data processing and event storage in Hadoop
- Code with the modeling instructions is generated on the RAID side. It is sent and executed in RServer through a TCP Sockets connection
- The instance RServer uses the parallel query engine Impala to quickly fetch the data and execute the modeling tasks



# Solution

## Process Flow



- **The model creation event** is executed at the beginning before the system is in production or when the model update task returns a model with low accuracy. (~16 Seconds)
- **The real time event** is an on-going event where the data stream received is aggregated by a defined time window and sent to the time series creation task. (~ 2 Seconds)

# Solution

## Model Details

Multiple seasonality, hour-of-day and day-of-week, was modelled with:

- TBATS function with native ETS model (Error, Trend, Seasonal) and parallel configurations
- ARIMA with external regressors in the form of fourier terms to account seasonal behavior and parallel configurations

Model **Fitting strategy/algorithm** was tested with:

- Conditional Sum of Squares (CSS)
- Maximum Likelihood (ML)
- Conditional Sum of Squares, followed by Maximum Likelihood (CSSML)

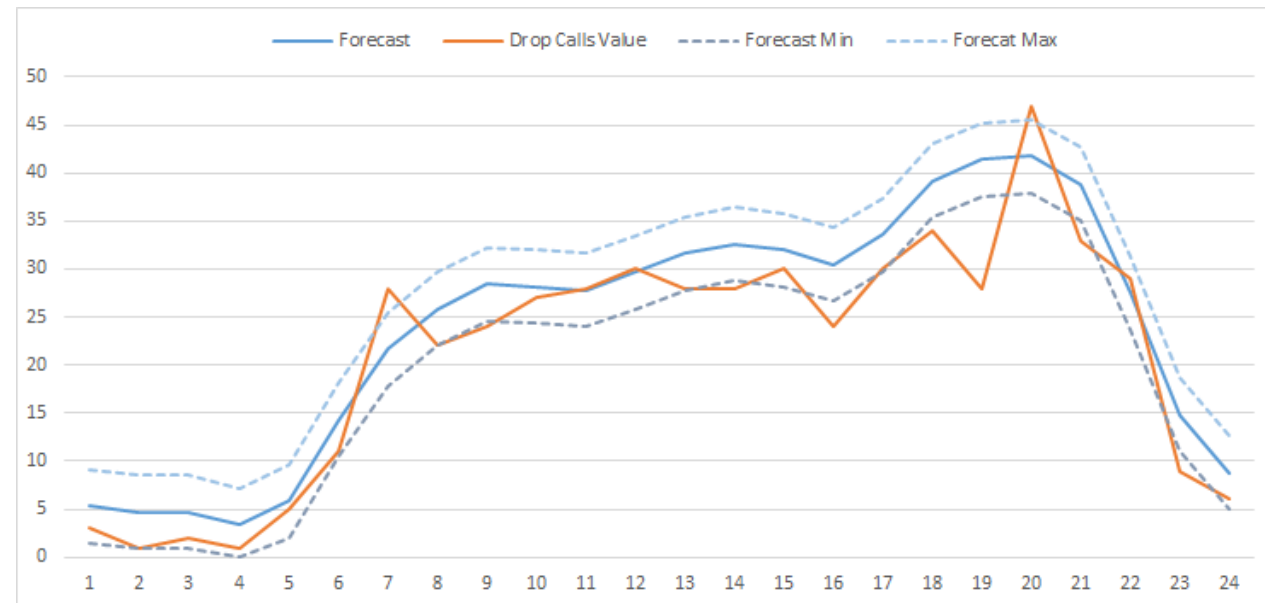
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## Model Details

We created an algorithm to test different models parameters and find/automate the best model according to the following accuracy measures:

- **Akaike Information Criteria (AIC)** was used to find the best fit model
- **Root-Mean-Square Error (RMSE)** was used to measure the differences between values predicted by the model and the values observed

*This chart illustrates the resume of drop calls values for one cell station at Monday. Upper and Lower confidence intervals of 95% are also visible.*



# Solution

## Results

1. CSS fitting strategy is the best for a real-time solution. Model results are very similar and the other strategies, ML and CSSML, have much higher processing cost (minimum 3 times more).
  2. Although ARIMA with external regressors has better performance when forecasting up to 12 hours, it requires 5 times more CPU
  3. TBATS has better accuracy with higher forecasting horizons and has best processing performance
- ❖ Each configuration can be useful depending in the business needs. For our use case, TBATS function with CSS fitting strategy was the best for a real-time solution.
  - ❖ For purpose of this work, Upper and Lower confidence intervals of 95% were used for Adaptive Thresholds rules

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# Future Work

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# Conclusions and Future Work

1. We achieved great performance values when using a distributed Hadoop cluster. (data manipulation and model creation/update)
  2. We were able to create an automatic process capable of updating a model with on-going data, maximizing the concept of real time.
  3. We learned how Adaptive Thresholds solutions can be used as a suggestion or hybrid system.
- ❖ WeDo is currently working on the integration of Adaptive Thresholds solutions in its products portfolio, both on-premises and as Cloud Services (<https://raid.cloud/>)
  - ❖ Real-time technologies are being evaluated and integrated in WeDo products (Ex., Apache Kafka messaging)

# THANK YOU

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