



## Turning insights into applications

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1. Creating data-driven insurance propositions
2. Example case studies
  - Propensity to Buy
  - Streamlined Underwriting
  - Dynamic Risk Calculator

# Creating data-driven insurance propositions

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# The four pillars of data analytics

## Data



- Internal Data
- External Data
- Structured Data
- Unstructured Data

## Technology



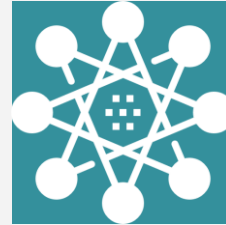
- Hardware
- Software

## People



- Data Scientists & Engineers
- Actuaries
- Business People
- IT Architects

## Methods



- Regression Models
- Machine Learning Models
- Text Mining

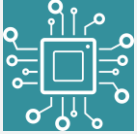
... Creating data-driven business value requires an integrated proposition...

### Integrated analytics:

- ✓ Gains stakeholder buy in
- ✓ Implementable
- ✓ Treats customers fairly
- ✓ Risk acceptance

# Integrated analytics:

*Data-driven business value in four integrated steps*



## Digital transformation

### Digitisation

*Conversion of analogue data into digital form that can be used by a computer*

### Automation

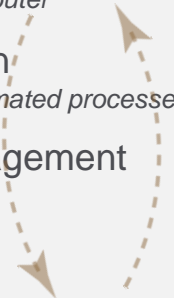
*Manual to automated processes*

### Data management

*Data Capture*

### Analysis

### Digital transformation



## Analytics

### Descriptive analytics

*What happened?*

### Diagnostic analytics

*Why did it happen?*

### Prescriptive analytics

*What should happen?*

### Predictive analytics

*What will happen?*



## Proposition development

### Gather data

### Perform analytics

### Risk assessment

### Risk categorisation



*Targeted underwriting based on insights and risk assessment*

*Customised products based on customer insights*



*Model deployment, customised campaign design & execution*



## Risk acceptance

### Munich Re accept the resulting insurance risk

Underwriting & Product

Deploy Model

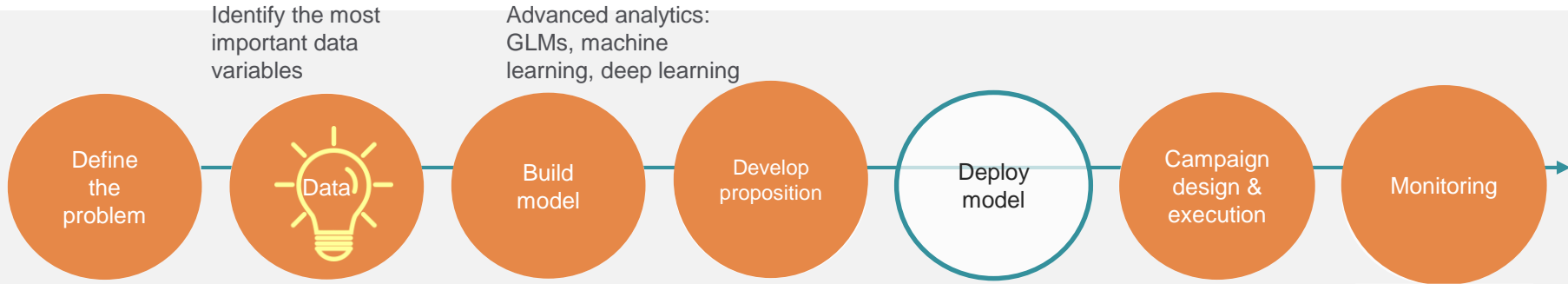
Campaign Design & Execution

Monitoring

How to get the **balance right?**



# Integrated analytics (a holistic solution)



Identify the most important data variables

Advanced analytics: GLMs, machine learning, deep learning



Likelihood to purchase

Enhance customer experience

Eliminate underwriting requirements

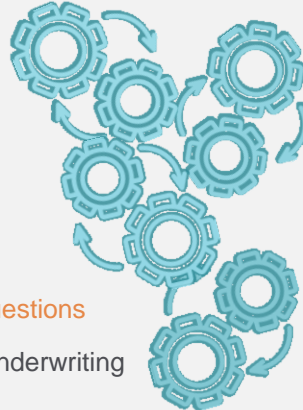
Remove some or all traditional underwriting questions

How to use bank or physical activity data in underwriting

Predict which customers smoke

Predict fraudulent claims

Automate claim decisions



Customised sales execution method

Trends to monitor

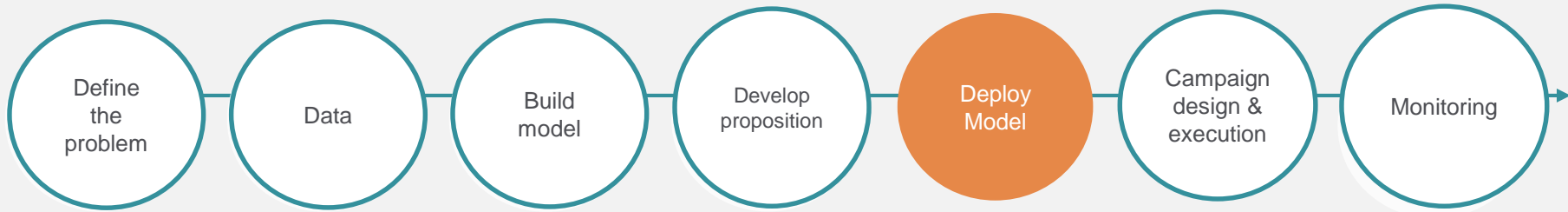
New business profile and agent analysis

Random holdout sample

Claims experience



# Deployment of model



Historic records

Known outcome

New customer record

Predict outcome



Deployment options

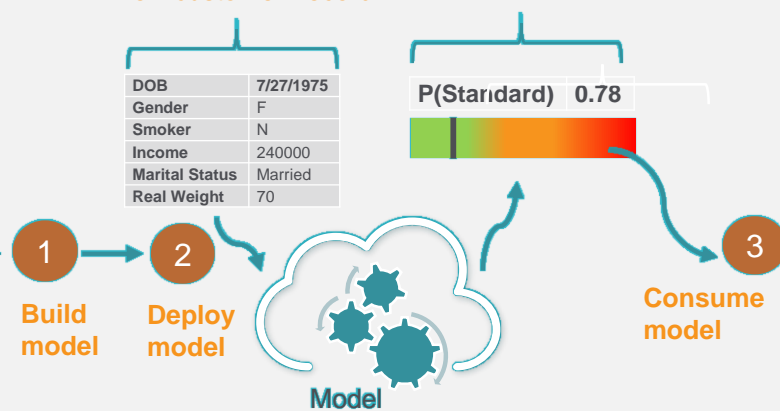


Solution in the Cloud



Own Deployment & Integration System

DOB	Gender	Smoker	Income	Marital Status	BMI	UW Decision
7/24/1975	F	N	240000	Married	30	S
7/17/1969	F	S	552000	Widow	22	NS
7/18/1973	M	N	180000	Married	30	S
3/18/1971	F	N	200000	Married	20	S
2/27/1970	F	S	352000	Married	20	S
12/29/1975	F	S	460000	Married	19	NS
7/22/1986	M	N	850000	Married	34	S
7/24/1975	F	N	240000	Married	30	S
7/17/1969	F	S	552000	Widow	22	NS
7/18/1973	M	N	180000	Married	30	S
3/18/1971	F	N	200000	Married	20	S
2/27/1970	F	S	352000	Married	20	S
12/29/1975	F	S	460000	Married	19	NS
7/22/1986	M	N	850000	Married	34	S



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# Sales and marketing

Cross-selling motor insurance through a banking partner

## Our client's need:

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“I want to increase my motor business sales by cross-selling motor business to my banking partners clients”

## Our approach:

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- Developed a predictive model of the banking customers' propensity to buy a motor insurance
- Ranked banking customers by their propensity to purchase motor insurance – target top X
- 2.4 million monthly observations from 190 000 bank customers

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>25 Original and derived variables (socio-economic, banking and insurance)

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5 Machine learning methods tested

## The outcome (*in progress*):

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**Conclusion:** It is possible to predict the propensity to purchase using banking data. Campaign ongoing...

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5 000 Top customers targeted

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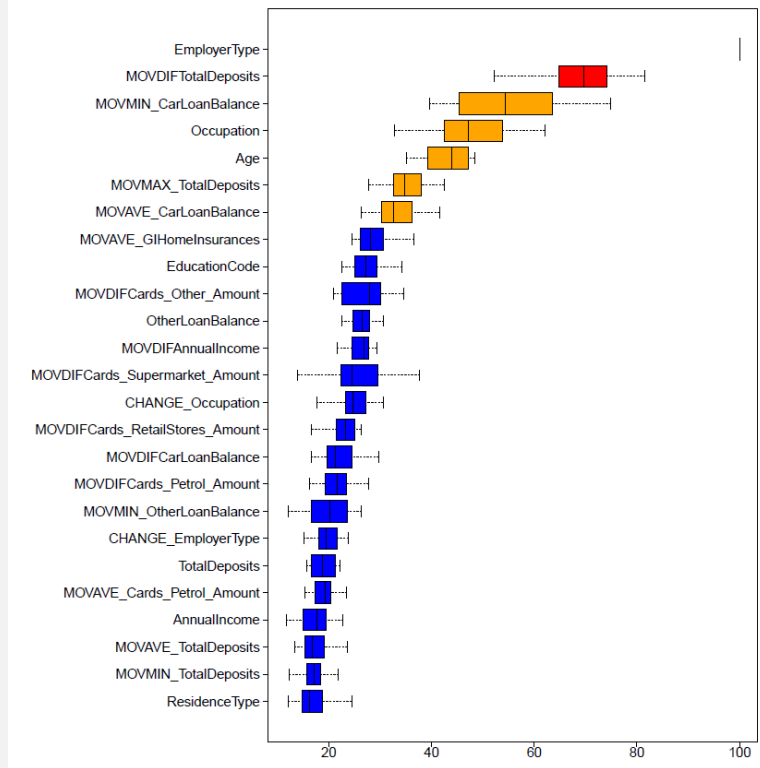
3 Customer segments defined for marketing

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>70% Predictive power metric

# Propensity to buy – insights

## Predictor variables



- Variable importance –
  - The importance of each covariate has been calculated over 20 simulations
  - The plot shows the most important predictors
- Important predictors –
  - Employer type
  - Biggest movement in total deposits in last 3 months
  - Minimum car loan balance in last 3 months
  - Occupation / Age
  - Maximum total deposits over last 3 months
  - Average car loan balance in last 3 months

# Case study: Streamlined underwriting



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## Our client's need:

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“I want to significantly reduce the underwriting requirements with a minimal price impact while retaining sound risk management.”

“Which variables from my loyalty programme data can streamline an up- and cross-selling campaign?”

## Our approach:

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- Developed predictive models of the underwriting decision with machine learning methods using a limited number of variables
- Applied the models to the data to identify eligible customers for streamlined underwriting

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**100 000** lives analysed

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**150** Application form and loyalty programme variables analysed

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**15** Variables predict decision with similar accuracy to 150

## The outcome:

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**>80%**

Reduction in underwriting application questions to identify standard risks

(with **<3%** error rate)

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**>60%**

of customers qualify for streamlined uw / up-selling / cross-selling

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**Live campaign ongoing**

## Generating the study dataset – data is prepared to be “model ready”

### Section 4: Underwriting (continued)

#### G. Medical history

Do you currently or have you ever suffered from any of the following?

##### 1. Heart or blood circulation

1.1 High blood pressure	1.2 Raised cholesterol	1.3 Palpitations
1.4 Heart attack	1.5 Heart murmur	1.6 Rheumatic fever
1.7 Stroke	1.8 Any cardiac procedure	1.9 Chest pain
1.10 Other		

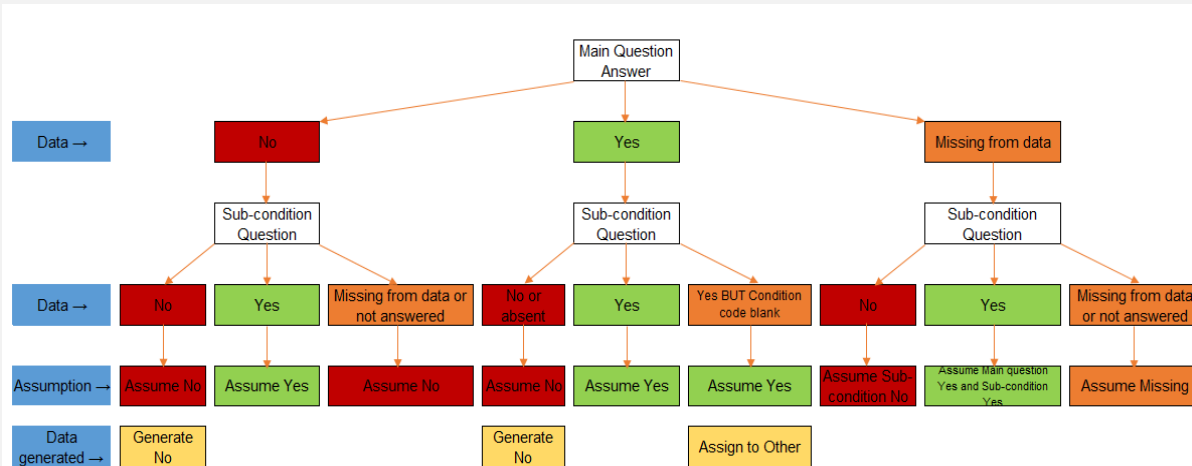
Yes  No

If answered “YES”, sub-conditions left blank are missing and need to be generated as “NO”

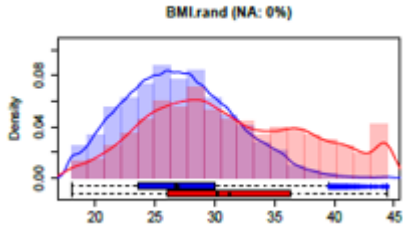
If answered “NO”, all sub-conditions are missing and need to be generated as “NO”

Missing underwriting data is generated using our understanding of how the client’s internal systems record application data.

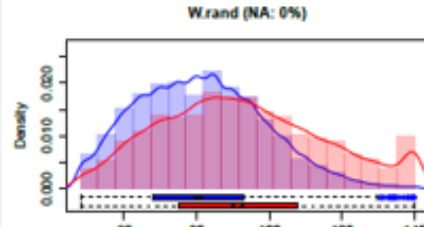
Making your data “model ready”



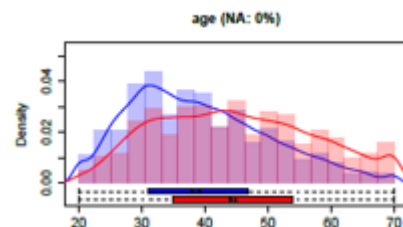
### BMI



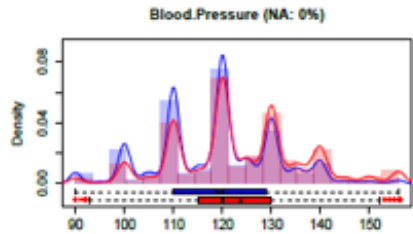
### Weight



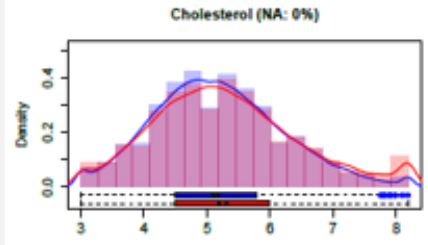
### Age



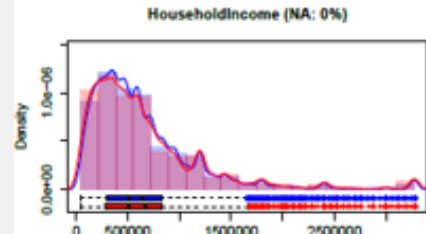
### Systolic Blood Pressure



### Cholesterol



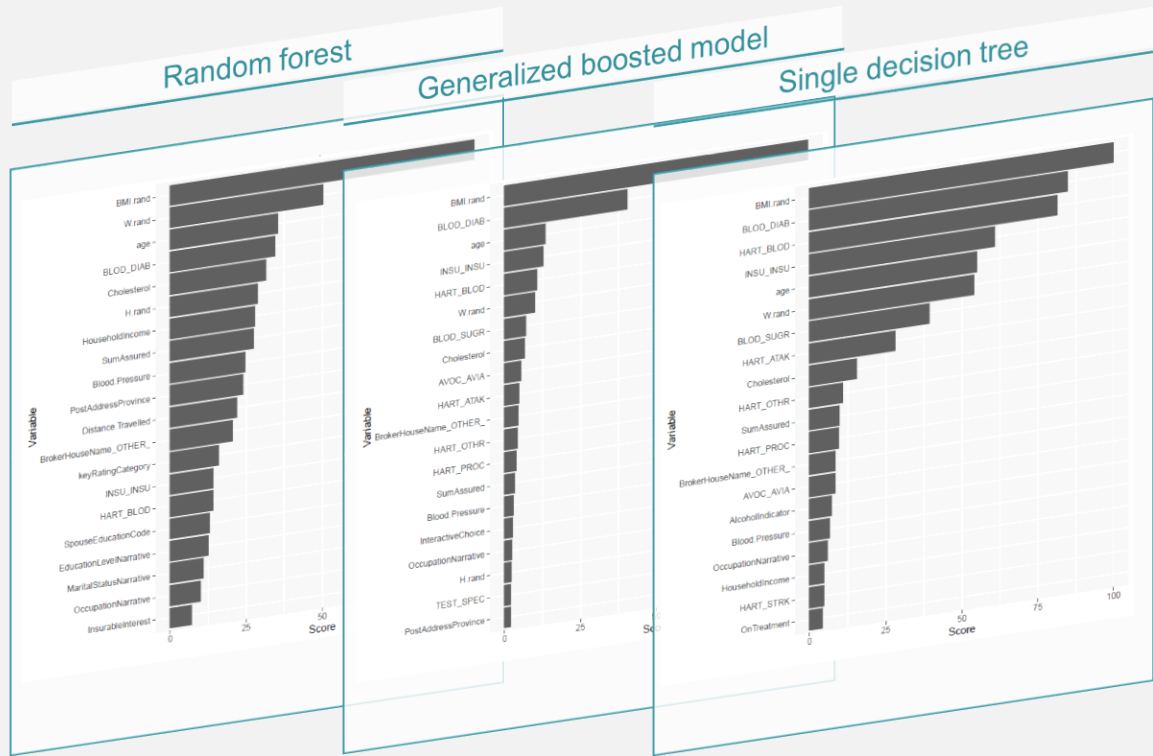
### Household Income



This section shows the reasonability checks of the variables and input the missing data

# Model

Ranking questions based on importance for predictive underwriting decision



Which model is most appropriate?

What questions are most important in making underwriting decisions?

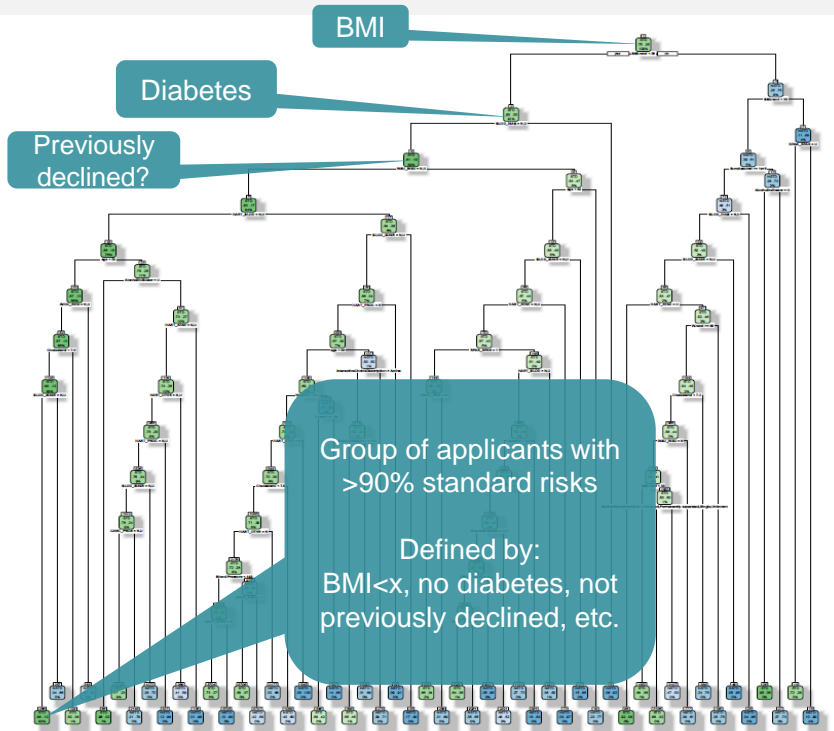
How consistent the results across models?

Top questions include: BMI, diabetes, age, previous declines, high blood pressure, raised blood sugar



# Develop proposition – Decision Tree model

identifies which customers should be targeted with GIO or SIO offers



Which group of applicants should receive standard rates with significantly less or no underwriting questions?

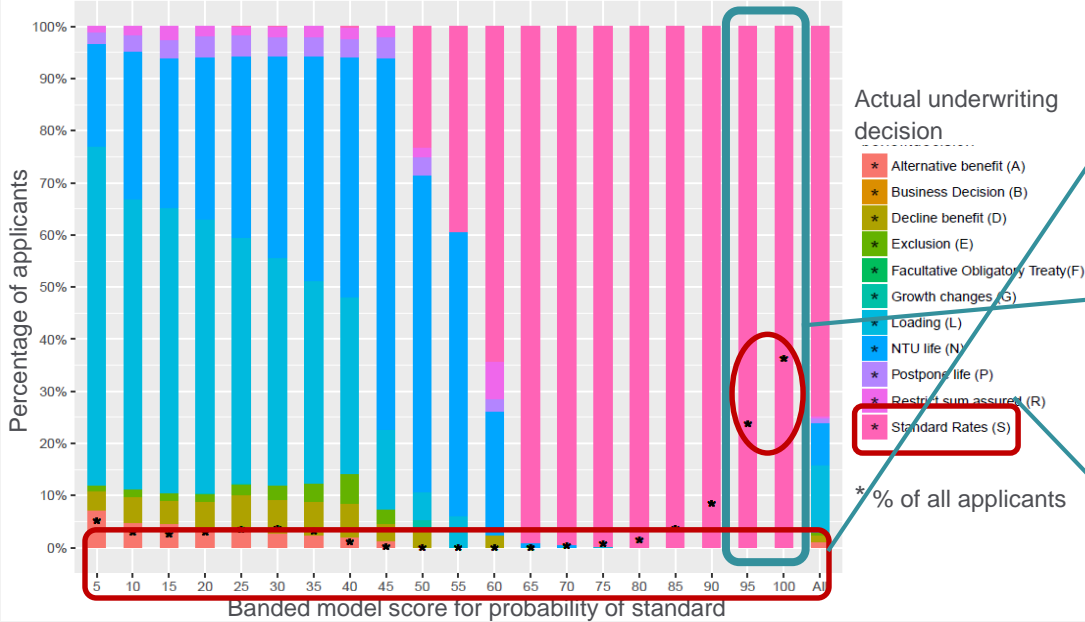
Decision Tree is more interpretable

 Just 10 - 20 variables identify >60% of customers within which >90% are standard risks!

# Develop proposition – Random Forest model

identifies which customers should be targeted with GIO or SIO offers

Random forest model predicts the likelihood (score) of an applicant being standard



This chart shows the comparison between the actual underwriter decision vs. predicted decision from the Random forest model:

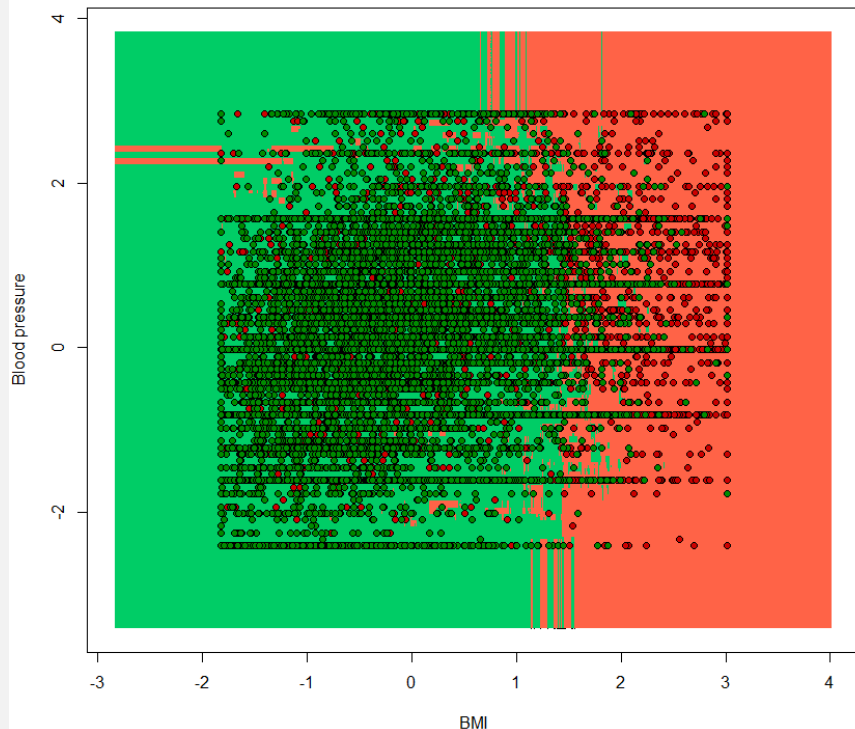
- The horizontal “X” axis shows the predicted probability of standard within the random forest model (i.e. “90” shall mean that predicted probability of standard (y) is  $86\% < y < 90\%$ ).
- The black bullet point inside the bar chart indicates the volume of cases as % of all cases (i.e. if we add up the “95” and “100” which means predicted probability of standard  $> 90\%$ , we could see 60% applicants meet this standard)
- For this 60% of applicants, the actual underwriting decision is 100% standard.

 **Insight:** > 60% of applicants have a score > 90%

**Application:** offer customers with high scores a standard decision with significantly reduced underwriting questions

# Develop proposition – potential impact to pricing

Random Forest Classification (Test set)



	Predicted decision	
Actual decision	Standard	Non-standard
Standard		
Non-standard	<b>False positive</b>	



- Deeper dive into false positives
- Use insights to develop knock-out questions

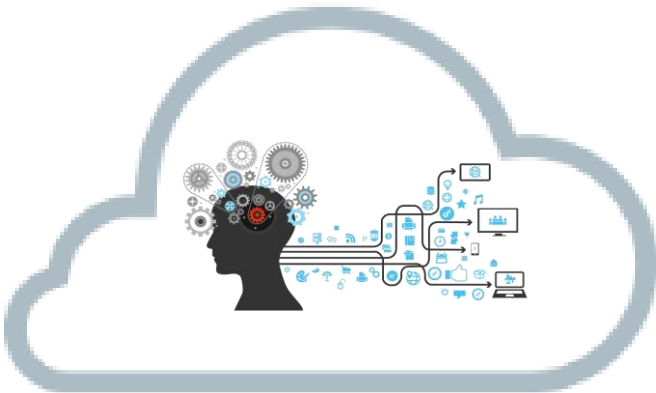



- Random checks to compare model to actual underwriting – no downside for client
- Specifically monitor false positives and their profile
- Relate false positive impact to pricing

# Deployment

through Munich Re's cloud hosted model deployment

- Stand-alone solution
- Integrates with various auto-underwriting engines
- Real-time underwriting decisions



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## Predict

Predictive model to determine whether an applicant can be accepted at standard rates, or must be referred to an underwriter.

What is your date of birth?

What is your height?

What is your weight?

Do you have, or have you previously had, any form of diabetes?  Yes  No

Do you have, or have you previously had raised blood sugar?  Yes  No

Has an insurer ever declined, postponed or withdrawn any of your benefit(s) applied for, or accepted it at an increased premium, or reduced the benefit(s) applied for, or issued a benefit subject to an exclusion clause, or have you ever submitted claims for disability or third-party benefits?  Yes  No

Do you have, or have you previously had high blood pressure?  Yes  No

Do you, have you or do you intend to participate in aviation activities that might be considered hazardous?  Yes  No

What was your most recent total cholesterol measurement (mmol/L) in the last 3 months?

Show Messages  Clear Values

**Success** - Accepted standard terms.

# Campaign design

## Customized sales execution method

Model deployment, customised sales execution method

Outbound

Inbound

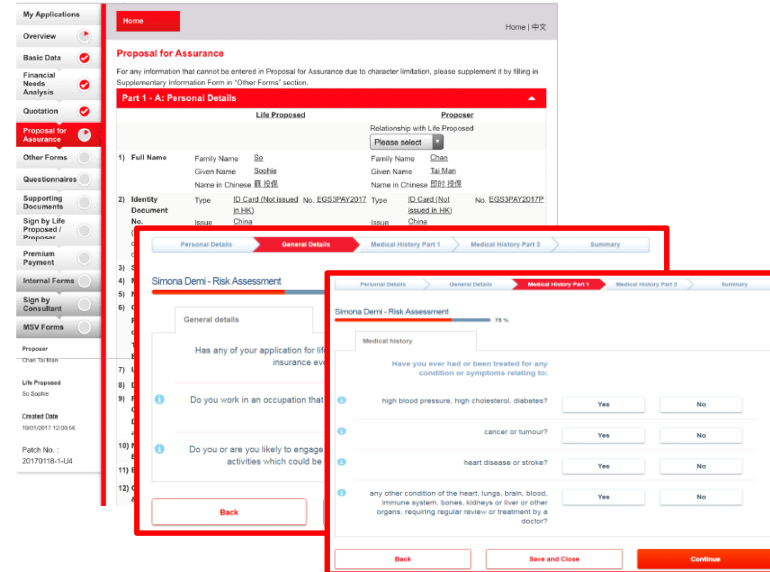
Hybrid

### Outbound:

Pre-approve customers with offers through direct marketing channel (lower risk)

### Inbound:

Open to new business based on predictive variables with offers through digital channel (higher risk)



My Applications

Overview

Basic Data

Financial Needs Analysis

Quotation

Proposal for Assurance

Other Forms

Questionnaires

Supporting Documents

Sign by Life Proposed / Proposer

Premiums Payment

Internal Forms

Sign by Certificant

MDV Forms

Proposer

Life Proposed

Created Date

Patch No.

Home

Proposal for Assurance

For any information that cannot be entered in Proposal for Assurance due to character limitation, please supplement it by filling in Supplementary Information Form in "Other Forms" section.

Part 1 - A: Personal Details

Life Proposed

Proposer

Relationship with Life Proposed

Please select

1) Full Name

Family Name: So

Given Name: So, So

Name in Chinese: 蘇 蘇

2) Identity Document

Type: ID Card (Not Issued in HK)

No.: EG03PAY2017

Issue: China

Issue: China

No.: EG03PAY2017

Personal Details

General Details

Medical History Part 1

Medical History Part 2

Summary

Simona Derr - Risk Assessment

General details

Have any of your application for life insurance ever been approved?

1 Do you work in an occupation that is considered high risk?

2 Do you or are you likely to engage in activities which could be considered high risk?

Back

Simona Derr - Risk Assessment

74 %

Medical history

Have you ever had or been treated for any conditions or symptoms relating to:

1 high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes?

2 cancer or tumour?

3 heart disease or stroke?

4 any other condition of the heart, lungs, brain, blood, immune system, bones, kidneys or liver or other organs, requiring regular review or treatment by a doctor?

Yes No

Yes No

Yes No

Yes No

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Which agents bring the lowest risks?

Which agents bring high-sum assured, high-risk cases?



Analytics can flag agents for non-disclosure and anti-selection investigations

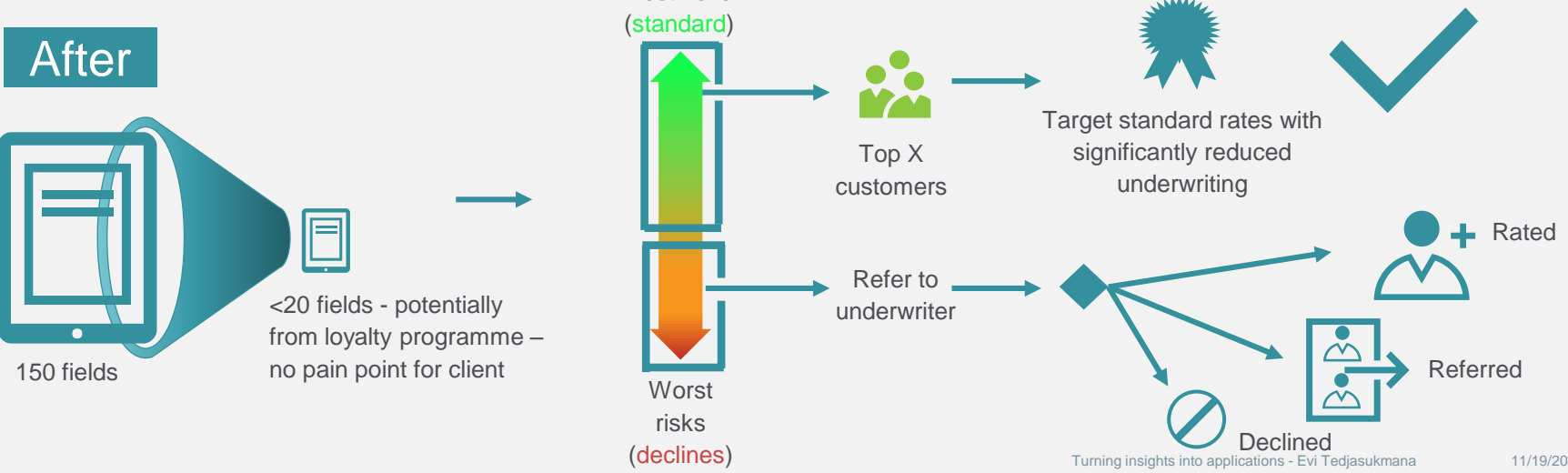
# Pre- and post customer journey

*Simplifying customer journey for those who are eligible*

## Before



## After



# Case study: Dynamic Risk Calculator



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# Underwriting and risk management

*Risk categorisation at the time of policy issuance*

## Our client's need:

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“I want to reduce the incidence of fraudulent/early claims by identifying potentially risky profiles at the policy inception stage, while simultaneously offering smoother on boarding experience to low risk profiles. ”

“Which profile characteristics indicate higher risk of anti-selection and fraud?

How can the process of policy issuance be seamless?”

## Our approach:

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- Developed a predictive model to estimate the propensity to fraud/early claim, based on the profile parameters available at the time of policy issuance (using Tree-boosting algorithm)
- Categorised policies into risk profiles.

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**300,000** Policies analysed

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**80%** Repudiated Sum Assured captured by the model

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**74%** Repudiated claims captured by the model

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**5** Risk profiles created

## The outcome:

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Predicted the risk profile for policies issued in the next year using the trained model

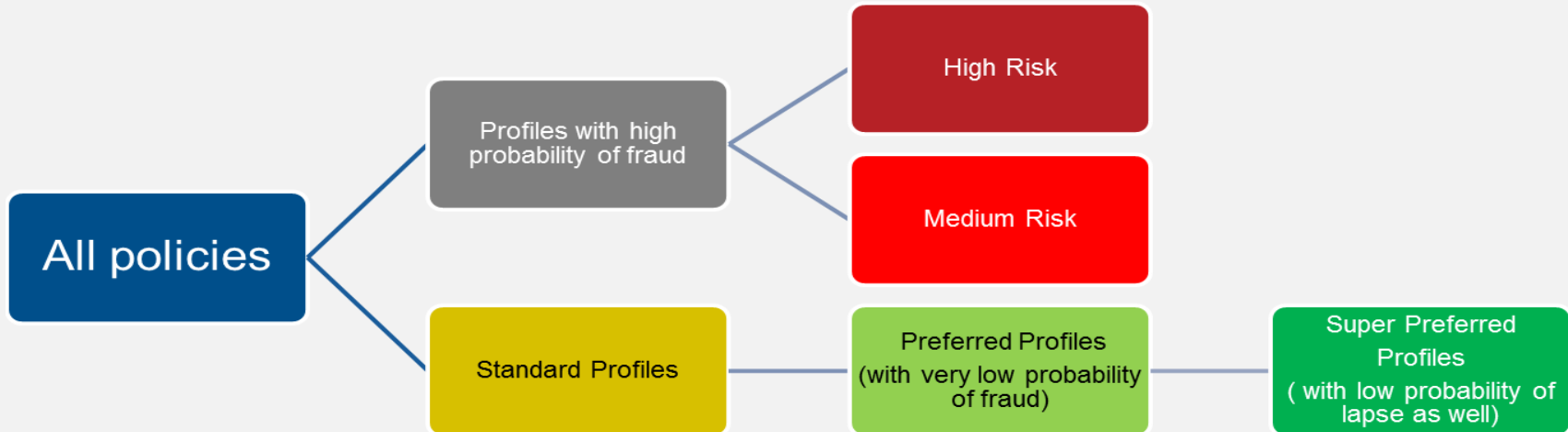
**Potential reduction in claim repudiations, reducing the litigation cost and reputation risk.**

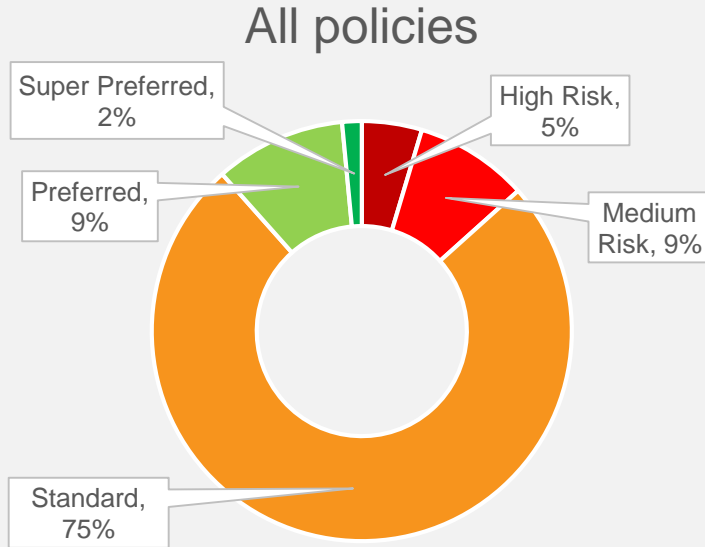
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**Improved on boarding experience for potentially low risk profiles.**

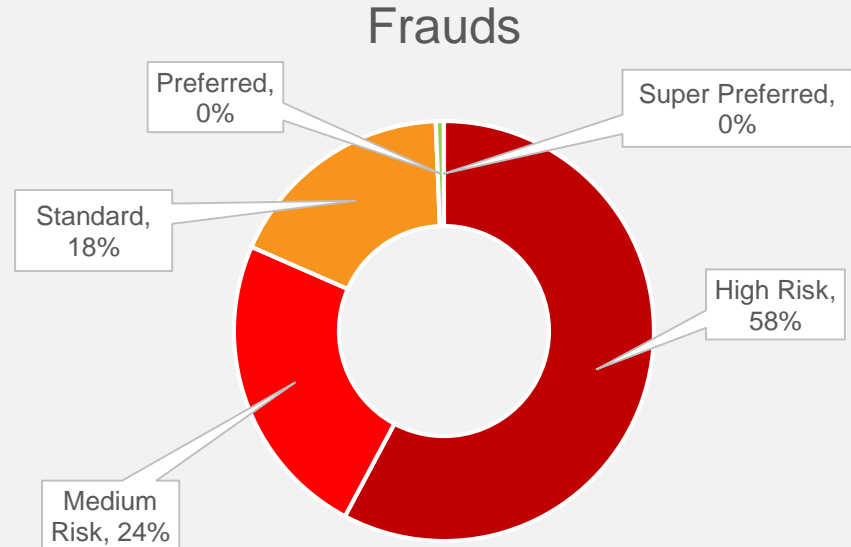
# DRC (Dynamic Risk Calculator) categorization

- Each policy is assigned a profile based on the channel through which it is sourced and its predicted probabilities of fraud and lapse.
- **High risk** category represents the **poorest risk profile**, having the highest probability of resulting a fraudulent claim.
- **Super Preferred** profiles exhibit the **best risk profiles** which have least propensity of fraud as well as lapse.





Total Policies: 292,165



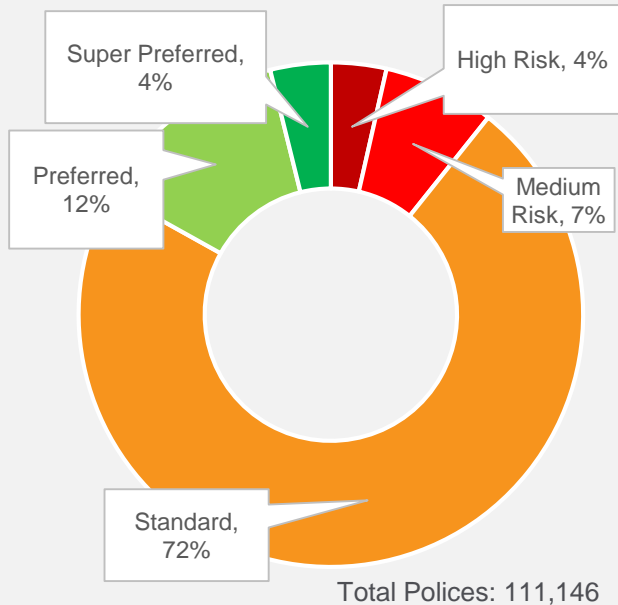
Total Frauds: 320

- **58%** of the fraud claims originated from the High Risk category.
- Risky profiles together constitute **14%** of the portfolio, but contribute to **82%** of the total fraudulent claims.

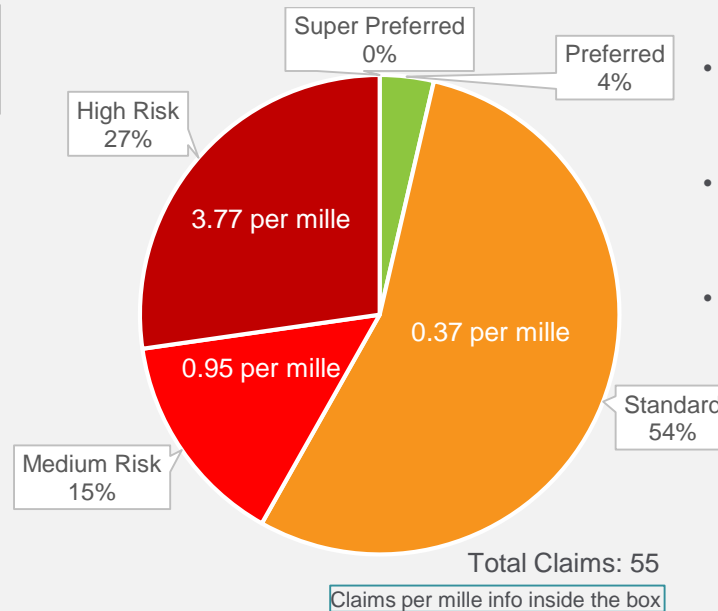
# Assessing model effectiveness

Testing model of policies issued in 2017

### Policies Issued



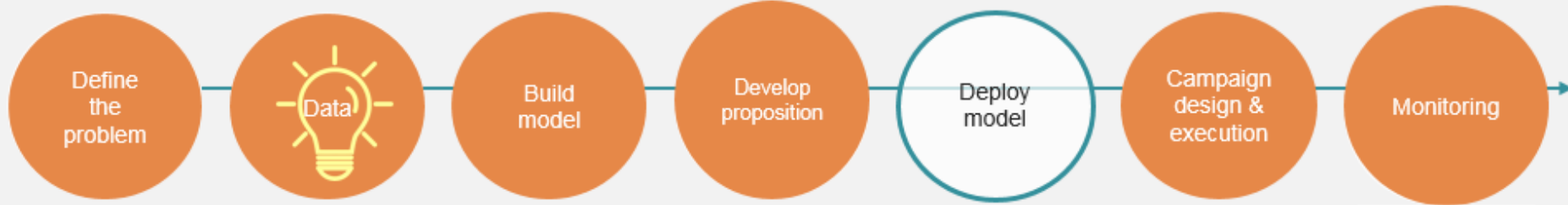
### All Claims (paid and repudiated)



- Proportion by risk profiles remain largely similar with risky profiles make up ~ 12% of total policies.
- Profiles marked as “Preferred” and “Super Preferred” did not result in any fraudulent claims.
- Out of 55 claims, 7 are repudiated: 2 / 2 / 3 from standard / medium / high risk respectively.
- The categorization allows the Company to:
  - Decide whether additional documentation is required for the risky profiles
  - Decide whether to rate or decline those risky profiles
  - Decline those with high propensity to claim

The early claims and repudiated claims experience is poor for “High Risk” profiles as expected

## 1. Creating data-driven insurance propositions



## 2. Case studies

- **Propensity to Buy** – ranking potential customers based on their observed needs and / or the predicted likelihood of purchasing an insurance product
- **Streamlined Underwriting** – developing revised and simplified underwriting processes or guidelines by using existing data, without a negative impact on the price charged or level of risk accepted.
- **Dynamic Risk Calculator** – segmenting customers based on the likelihood of fraudulent/early claims at the policy inception stage

Please get in touch

*“War is ninety percent information.”*

Napoleon Bonaparte

*“You can have data without information, but you cannot have information without data.”*

Daniel Keys Moran, Computer programmer and science fiction author

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