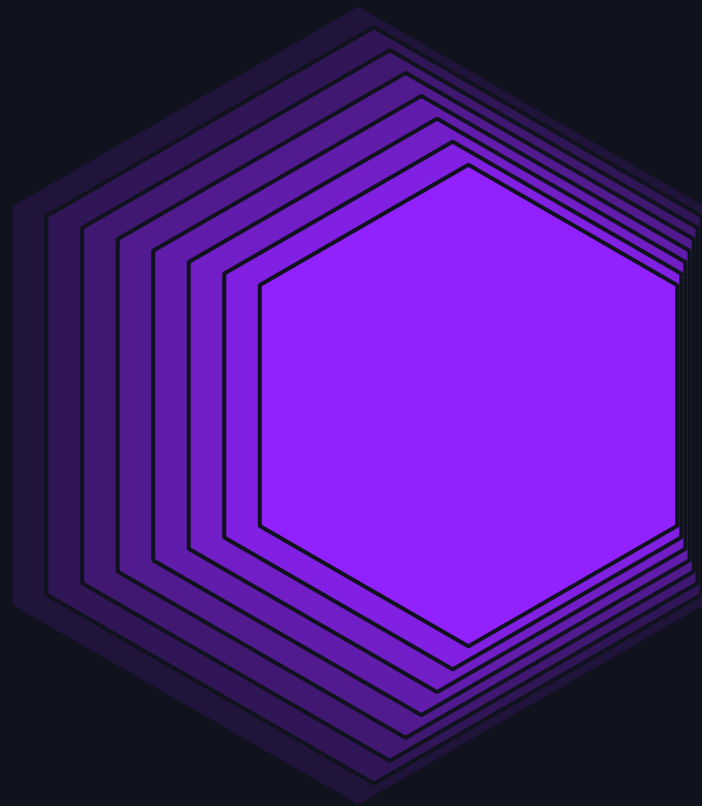


# POWERING THE NEXT-GEN GLOBAL MEDICAL AFFAIRS



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# YOUR SPEAKERS TODAY



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# WHAT WE ARE GOING TO COVER

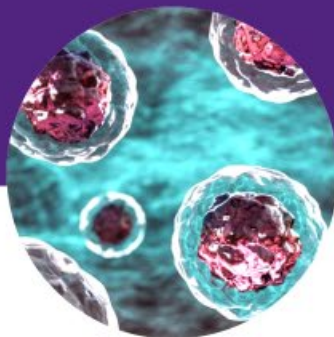
1. Introduction of Vertex and Tredence
2. Orientation of the role Global Medical Affairs plays
3. The business problem
4. Hi-level solution and architecture
5. Learnings through the journey

## WE ARE VERTEX

We invest in scientific innovation to create transformative medicines for people with serious diseases with a focus on specialty markets.



Patients are at the heart  
of everything we do



We strike at the core  
of serious diseases to  
change people's lives



We're not afraid to  
take on the impossible

**For the lives we have changed and for those who are still waiting, we will never stop fighting until we discover cures.**

# MEDICAL AFFAIRS – THE BRIDGE BETWEEN SCIENTIFIC EXCELLENCE AND PATIENT VALUE

## Medical Information, Communication, and Education

Disseminate accurate, up-to-date medical and scientific information and lead educational healthcare initiatives

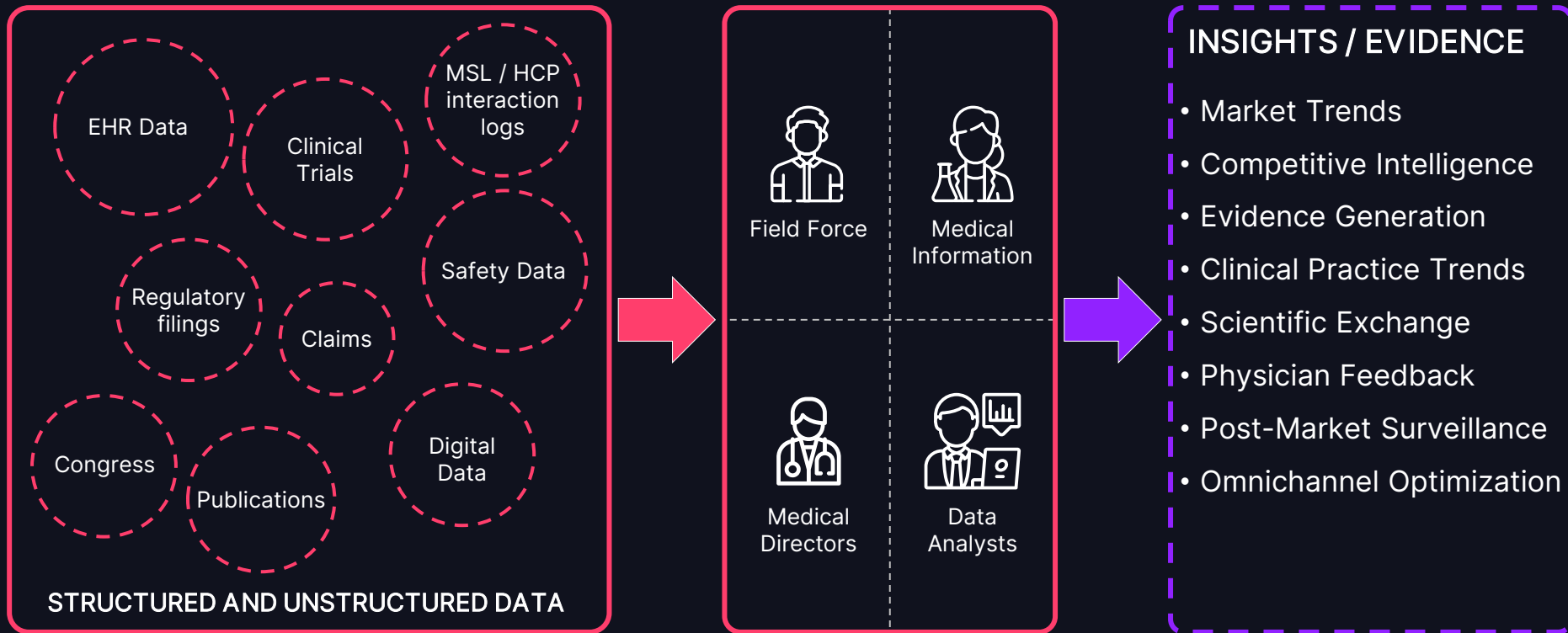
## Stakeholder engagement

Build and maintain relationships with Key Opinion Leaders and other stakeholder in the medical and scientific communities

## Insight Generation

Generate insights and inform research and commercial strategy

# WIDE VARIETY OF DISPARATE DATA SOURCES ARE LEVERAGED TO GENERATE INSIGHTS



# ABOUT TREDEENCE

## Who we are...

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**Business Verticals**

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**Practices**

(DE, DS & AI CoE, CXM, ML Ops, SCM, IoT, Studio)

94%

**NPS**

104

**Customers**

6 out of Top 10 fortune 500

2500+

**Members**

1200 DE practitioners  
600 DS practitioners  
300+ BI practitioners  
200+ Industry SMEs  
200+ functional SMEs



**Fastest Growing**  
US private companies  
7 years in a row



**Gartner**

"Market Guide for Data Analytics & Intelligence Platforms in Supply Chain 2024"



## What we do...

### Data Foundation

Enable data foundation to help harness full potential of data assets

### Platform Support & Governance

Built infrastructure for effective data management & analytics, driving data quality, privacy, security and operational efficiency

### BI and Analytics

Harness full potential of data through actionable customer insights from the reporting layer.  
AI CoE: ML Anomaly engine, Conversational AI

### AI and GenAI

Data Foundation & LLMOps Framework for GenAI  
GenAI Foundry & Factory to enable use case led rapid prototyping to LLM productionalization

## How we differentiate...



### Our Accelerators

### Our Partners



### Marquee HLS Clients



# WE SELECTED TWO AREAS TO PROVIDE **10X** PRODUCTIVITY LIFT

## HANDLING MASSIVE UNSTRUCTURED DATA

**Problem Statement:** Large amount of scientific knowledge is trapped in:

- 50K+ MSL/HCP conversations logged in CRM
- 100K+ scientific publications
- 2K+ Clinical trial narratives
- 5M+ social media conversations from top HCPs
- 10K+ congressional excerpts
- 6K+ internal reports / surveys

Knowledge is getting created and made available at 20 times the speed at which Medical Directors and scientists can process it. They spend 100s of hours to go over the corpus manually to search for information

## KOL IDENTIFICATION FROM A VAST HCP NETWORK

**Problem Statement:** Vertex Pharma is making a strategic pivot from rare therapies (like CF and SCD) to mass-market therapies with acute pain

- 92K patients → 80M patients
- Home settings → 2000+ hospitals/150+ IDNs
- 10K+ physicians → 280K physicians
- 10 times more HCPs to cover per MSL

MSL capacity is limited to target such a large HCP population. There is a need to algorithmically determine the right KOLs (“top voices”) who can influence a large number of HCPs in their communities.



# DEVELOPED SOLUTIONS THAT INVOLVED NLP, MEDICAL LLMS, AND GRAPH NETWORKS

## HANDLING MASSIVE UNSTRUCTURED DATA

**Solution:** Leverage NLP techniques and proven medical LLMs on the large unstructured corpus.

Developed a **smart natural language Q&A engine** for the Medical Directors and scientists that allows

- searching and asking scientific questions
- answers with reference to the documents / notes
- summaries across multiple document sources
- emerging topic detection

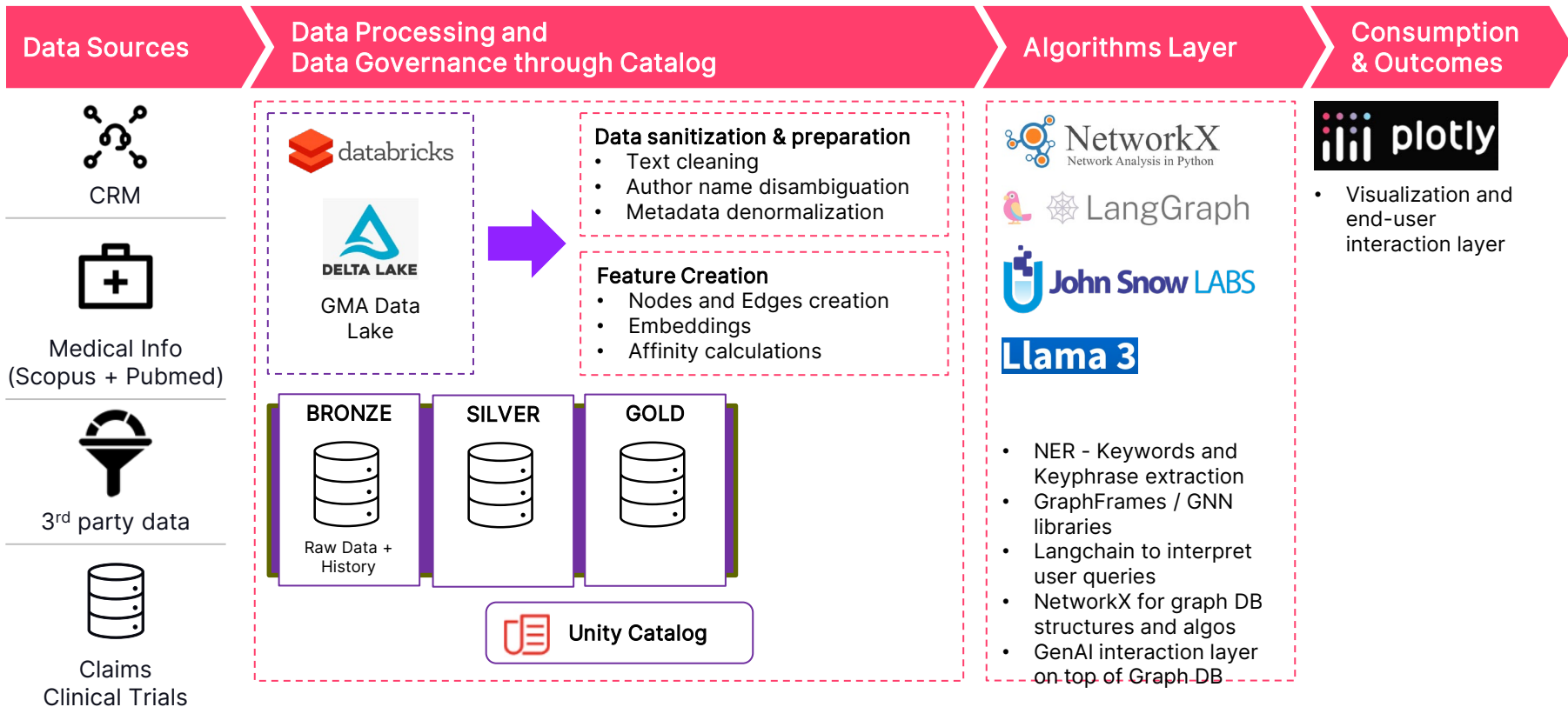
## KOL IDENTIFICATION FROM A VAST HCP NETWORK

**Solution:** Leverage the power of graph networks to connect the large number of HCPs using their hospital affiliations, co-authoring of papers with peer HCPs and so on

Developed a **KOL mining solution** with pre-built graph models for the data analysts to:

- select publications for specific therapy area, geo
- cleanse and transform the publication metadata
- run the pre-built graph analytics algorithms
- detect communities of HCPs
- detect influential HCPs (KOLs)
- ranking of Vertex literature compared to peers

# ILLUSTRATIVE HI-LEVEL ARCHITECTURE



# KEY LEARNINGS WITH AI-POWERED APPS

## Start from the business goal

- Clear understanding of the end-user personas and the types of insights to be delivered
- How would the insights be leveraged by business users
- Estimate the impact on business metrics from leveraging the insights produced by the solution

## Invest in Data Governance – clean data is key

- List all the internal and external data sources – evaluate feasibility to procure each data source
- Thorough EDA on each source (quality, relevance, ability to join, etc) before accepting into the mix
- Use a data catalog (like UC) for governance
- Spend time in automatically collecting, cleaning, joining and modelling the various datasets

## Real-world validation and fine-tuning

- Starting with a prototype / MVP is key to win end-users trust before investing in scale
- End users who “act” on the insights must provide feedback on its real-world usefulness
- Fine-tune the algorithms based on feedback
- Design for automated feedback capture and adjusting the algorithms in the long-run

## Design for reliability – repeatable responses

- Regulated domains require responses to be same for same / similar questions
- Effective prompt engineering vital for predictable high-quality responses
- Create pre-built prompt libraries - map the incoming prompts to one of the pre-built prompts
- Control for hallucinations and have no response when outside of prompt library

# KEY LEARNINGS

## Design for flexibility – leverage multi-LLM

- Different LLMs excel at different tasks -text generation, summarization, translation, sentiment analysis, etc
- Design for multi-LLM architecture to classify requests, route to appropriate LLMs and aggregate responses
- The space is rapidly evolving - regularly evaluate response quality and add / update new or existing LLMs

## Design for efficient API cost economics

- Have a thorough understanding of cost of each data source, API calls, cloud services
- Deploy design patterns that caches results locally for limited time and avoids repeated API calls
- During POC phase, study the cost drivers and design for avoiding redundant costs

# IMPACT POTENTIAL

70-80%

Reduction in manual efforts of medical directors and scientists to extract information from thousands of literature artefacts

40-50%

Increase in MSL efficiency as they get summaries of key scientific topics before they meet their target HCPs

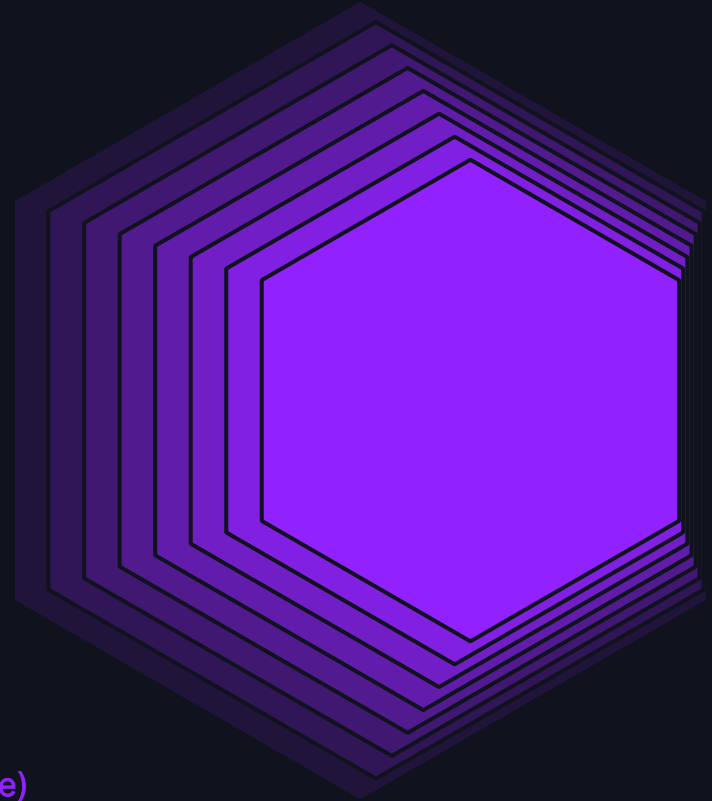
15-20X

Boost in reach as MSLs target the most influential KOLs identified with the help of network algorithms. Also reduce overlap with commercial teams in HCP reachout

DISCOVER  
UNKNOWNNS

Unknown topics / new correlations were unearthed from the vast literature mined

# THANK YOU



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