



# Cisco Systems: Revolutionize Sales Strategies Through Machine Learning SAP HANA Platform and Cisco UCS

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# Sales Transformation: Outcomes-Based Solutions Through Digital Selling

## Customers & Market Transitions



### Scale

- **\$50B in sales**
- 380 Offices
- 165 countries serviced
- 71,000 employees



### Talent

- 25,000 Engineers
  - 19,000 patents
- **20,000 field employees**
  - 15,000 commissioned
  - 4,000 account managers



### Partner

- **70,000 partners**
- 28,000 CCIEs
- Expanding ecosystem for IOT solutions



### Digital Selling

- **1,300 Product Families**
- 190,000 SKUs
- **Evolving from hardware sales to software, cloud and XaaS sales**



### Outcomes

- **Industry solutions**
- **New Consumption Models**
- **#1 or #2 in key markets**
- **170 Acquisitions**

# Leadership is Looking For Cross-Company Insights, But Analytics has Become Siloed

Leaders are asking their teams for:

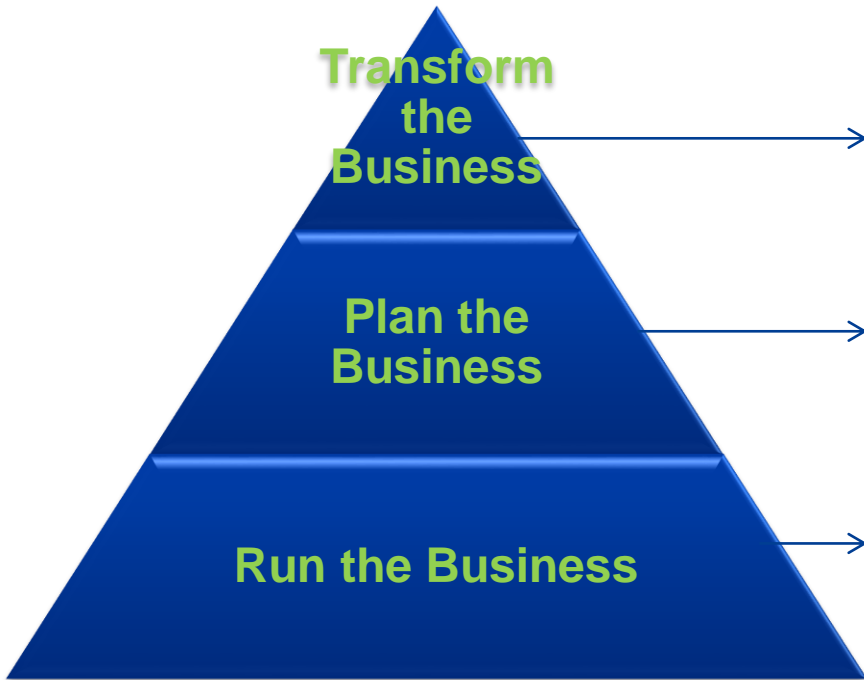
- Consolidated reporting across all functions (“single pane”)
- Real-time access to sales execution data, leading indicators
- Actionable insights; prescriptive recommendations; Available on-demand

Every sales theater, engineering group and supporting function has:

- Assigned reporting & analytics headcount
- Established data mart of corporate data through EDW queries and extracts
- Enriched their data mart with stakeholder definitions
- Authored dashboards for self-serve metrics reporting
- Engaged data scientists for predictive analytics

# Strategy, Planning and Operations Teams Have Worked Independently – Opportunity for Digitization

## Data Hierarchy of Needs



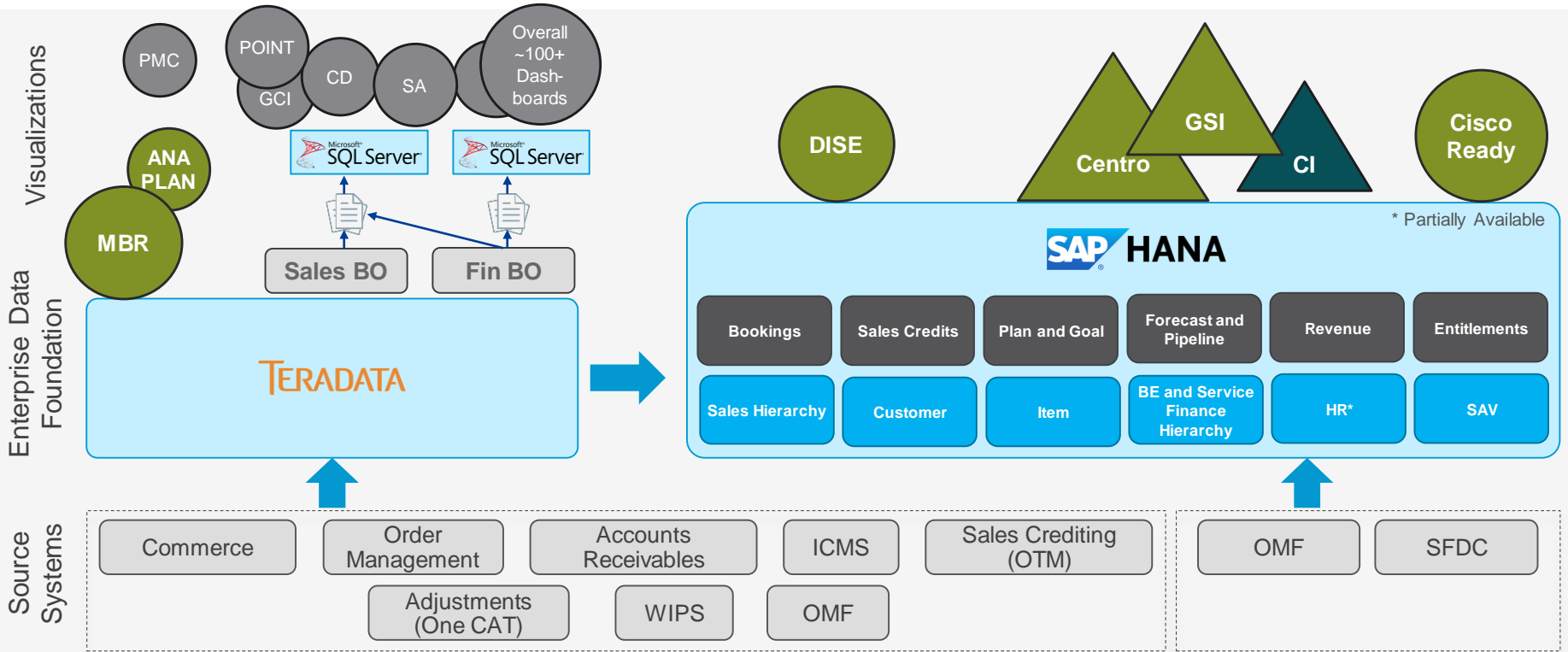
- **Predictive analytics to Transform the Business**
- Target Senior Leadership Team (SLT) for faster, more impactful decisions
- Example: new go-to-market models

- **Advanced analytics to Plan the Business**
- Leveraged primarily by sales management
- Example: strategic sales initiative compensation

- **Reporting is a basic need to Run the Business**
- Leveraged by all levels (SLT to individual contributors)
- Examples: Bookings, pipeline reports

Common Data  
Foundation Needed

# Current State Architecture



# Digitizing Sales Analytics

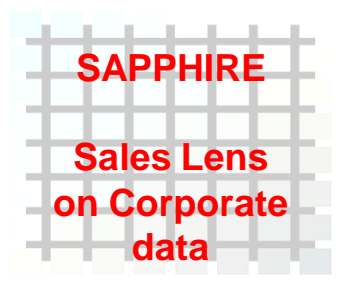


## Address with Business and Technical Architecture:

- Agile Business Architecture with consistent sales measures and metrics (one data dictionary) for consumption by sales strategy functions and views for sales personas
- Agile Technical Architecture to enable one sales analytics backbone with interconnected standardized metrics, measures & unified visualization



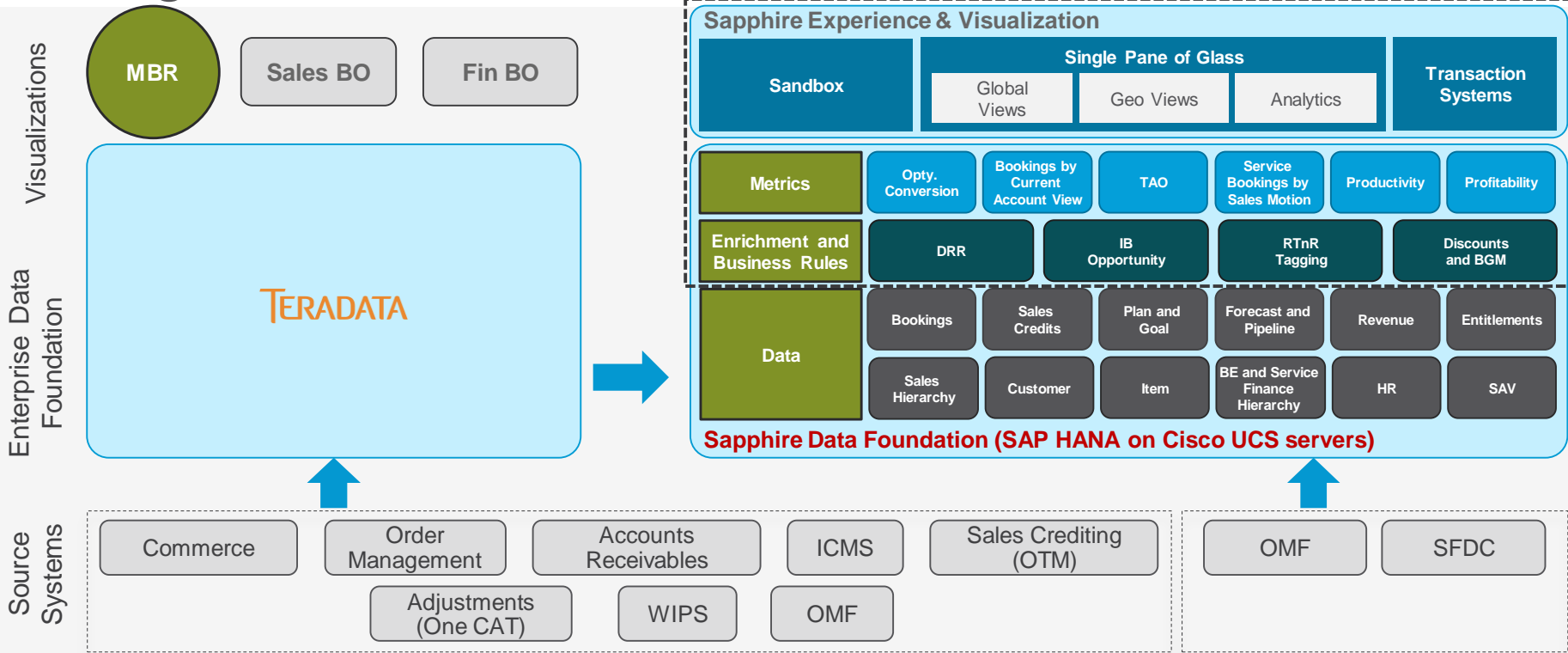
- Territory
- Seller
- Partner
- Customer
- Technology



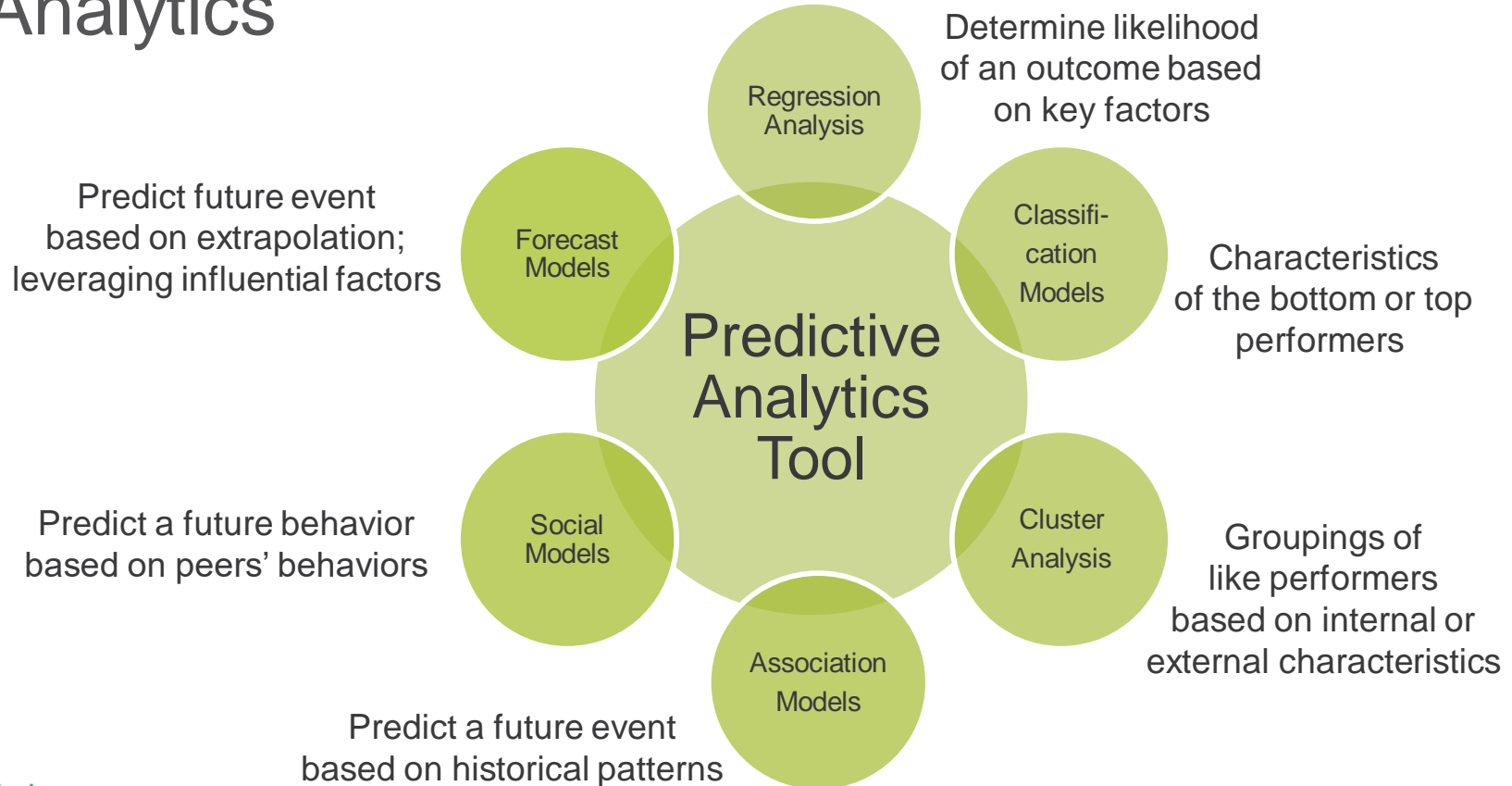
*Sapphire is the best lens medium for broad spectrum and high clarity*

# Introducing Sapphire & Visualization – Target State

Illustrative – to prioritize







# Leverage Data Foundation for Rapid Predictive Analytics





# Immediate Benefits – Identifying Top Opportunities

Analysis	Description	Outcome
 <b>Pipeline Analysis</b>	Classification model that predicts the outcome of active opportunities	Provide insight to <b><i>what attributes correlate to an opportunity</i></b> decision, positively or negatively
 <b>Recommendation Model</b>	Social Networking Model that shows Product Associations based on Customer Transaction History	Able to identify which products will sell best by customer Determine which <b><i>product families will drive security bookings</i></b>
 <b>Association Model</b>	Social Networking Model that shows Product Associations based on customer transaction history	Understand product relationships across technologies and their <b><i>mutual growth trajectory</i></b>
 <b>Install Base Analysis</b>	Compare current LDOS value to active opportunities in pipeline	Identify customers with <b><i>greatest refresh opportunity</i></b>

# Accelerating Sales Strategy with SAP Predictive Analytics software



## What Will Happen?

- Forecasting: doing nothing vs. "what if"



## What Should I Do?

- Success explained: Best-in-Class product, partner, country, competitor analysis
- Product associations/bundles
- Size of opportunity prioritization
- Resource allocation

Market  
Diagnostics  
(External)



## What Happened?

- Market Opportunities vs. Bookings growth
- Market share gains/losses

Execution  
Diagnostics  
(Internal)



## Why Did it Happen?

- Captured vs. Uncaptured business (heat map)
- Seller, BE, partner, country, competitor analysis

Forecast

Growth  
Recommendations

**Sales  
Acceleration  
Cycle**

# Pipeline Performance Analysis



## Dynamically Impacting GTM Strategy

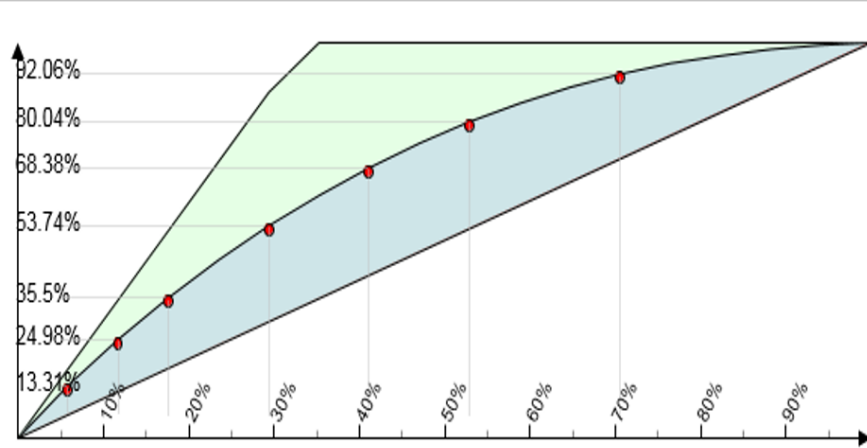
- **Challenge:** What are the challenges we are facing in our Sales Execution – GTM Strategy?
- How do we apply changes on a dynamic basis to always be prepared for changing market conditions

**Solution:** Looking at our historical pipeline records, we can observe which opportunities booked or were lost – further understanding what led to that outcome

**Results:** Provided guidance to Sales Leadership, addressed their concerns, and created impactful recommendations

# Understanding Pipeline Performance

Performance and Quality



*By targeting 34% of the clients we detect 60% of the entire population of interest, or 1.8 times better than without a predictive model*

Variable Contribution

Less contributive (Negatively Correlated to "Cancelled")	Variable Name	Most contributive (Positively Correlated to "Cancelled")
	Length of Deal	
	Primary Partner	
	Supergroup Name	
	Sales Representative <u>EMail</u>	
	EBV	
	Competitors	
	Business Sub-Entity	

Green represents positive correlation to "Booked"  
Red represents positive correlation to "Cancelled"

# Product Recommendation Engine



## Advancing New Product Growth

- **Challenge:** How do we further advance our product growth? How do we know which customers are ready to migrate from legacy to Next-Gen Products?

**Solution:** Create a Social Network Analysis – gathering Customer transaction history for the past three years. We create certain parameters that link Customers with each other, as well as link Products to other Products. As a result, we create a network graph that produces Top Recommendations for each Customer

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# Deployment of Model

The machine learning was derived from the historical purchase trends.

The application of the recommendation will be based on the current active opportunities in the Pipeline.

Recommender: PRODUCT\_FAMILY ▾  Do not recommend if already owned

SVM\_GROUP\_NAME   Include Best Sellers

Keep Top N

**Get Recommendations**

Recommendation	Confidence
EWMGMT	94.46%
CISE	93.96%
N9500	80.78%
UCSSCCX	80.39%
UCSSWLU	78.6%
UCSB	76.85%
AIRMSW	75.56%
C4500	74.83%
2800	74.63%
AGOTHER	73.13%
FSIGHT	72.6%
TRN CLC	71.64%
ICVSW	71.64%
UCSSCCE	70.95%
UCSSCVP	70.24%
C1UCS	70.16%
WRKAUTO	69.51%
NETWORK	69.04%
C1AIRF	68.44%

# Product Association Mapping



## Where are the Greatest Cross-Sell Opportunities?

- **Challenge:** How do we better align our Product Portfolio with solutions that our Customers need?

**Solution:** Create a Social Network Analysis – gathering Customer transaction history for the past three years. We create certain parameters that link Customers with each other, as well as link Products to other Products. As a result, we can see linkage of Products to Products – understanding our Customer’s most paramount bundling patterns.

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