

## ASX Announcement

23 June 2022



### INVESTOR TECHNOLOGY DAY 2022

Appen Limited (ASX: APX) is holding an online Investor Technology Day event commencing at 10.30am AEST today. The presentation materials for the event are attached.

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#### **About Appen**

Appen is the global leader in data for the AI Lifecycle. With over 25 years of experience in data sourcing, data annotation, and model evaluation by humans, we enable organisations to launch the world's most innovative artificial intelligence systems.

Our expertise includes a global crowd of more than 1 million skilled contractors who speak over 235 languages, in over 70,000 locations and 170 countries, and the industry's most advanced AI-assisted data annotation platform. Our products and services give leaders in technology, automotive, financial services, retail, healthcare, and governments the confidence to launch world-class AI products.

Founded in 1996, Appen has customers and offices globally.

Powering the



AI  
life  
cycle

Appen Limited

Investor technology day

23 June 2022

- Appen's strategy
- Data for the AI lifecycle overview
- Technology demonstrations
- Closing
- Q&A

# Introductions

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**Mark Brayan**

MD and CEO



**Wilson Pang**

Chief Technology Officer



**Sujatha Sagiraju**

Chief Product Officer



**Ryan Kolln**

VP, Strategy and  
Corporate Development

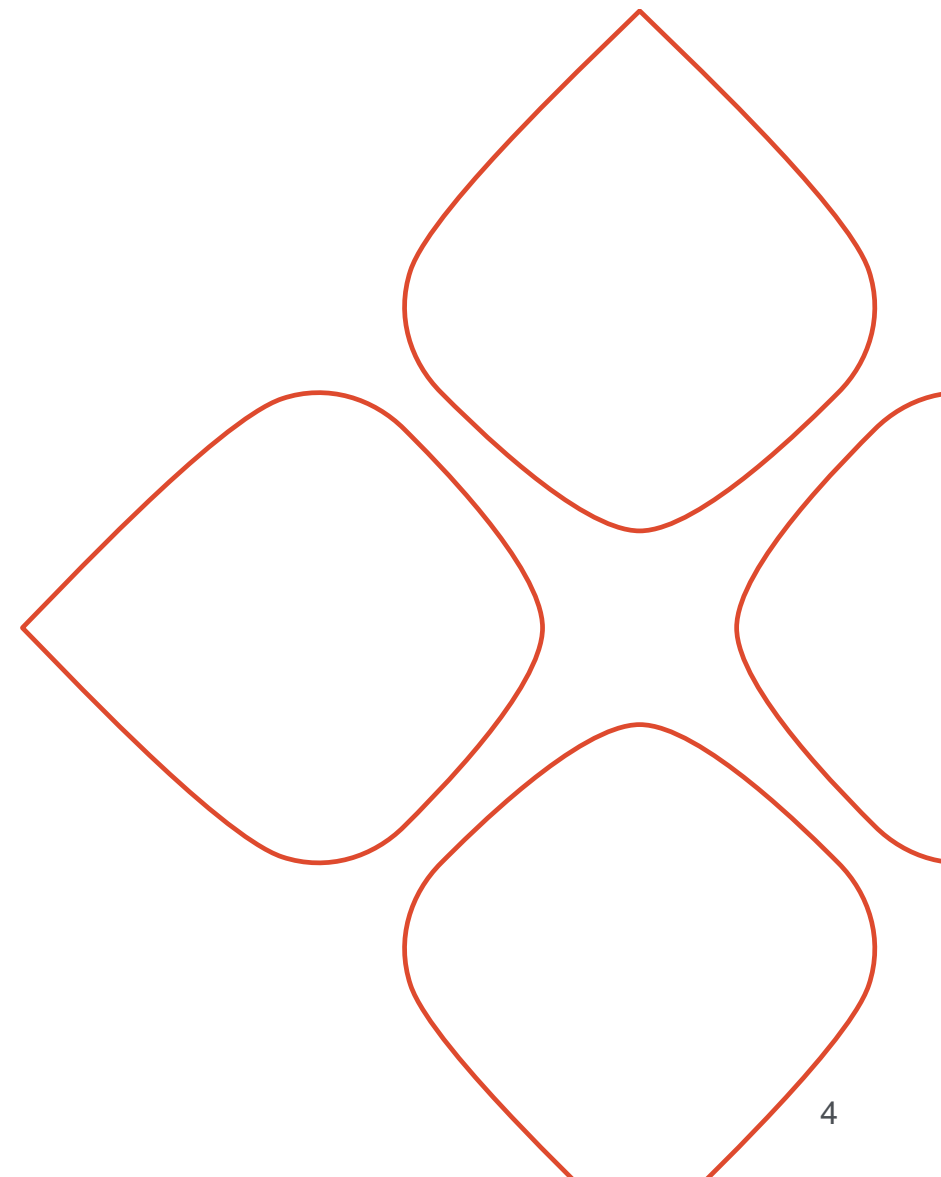


**Mike Davie**

SVP and General  
Manager, Quadrant

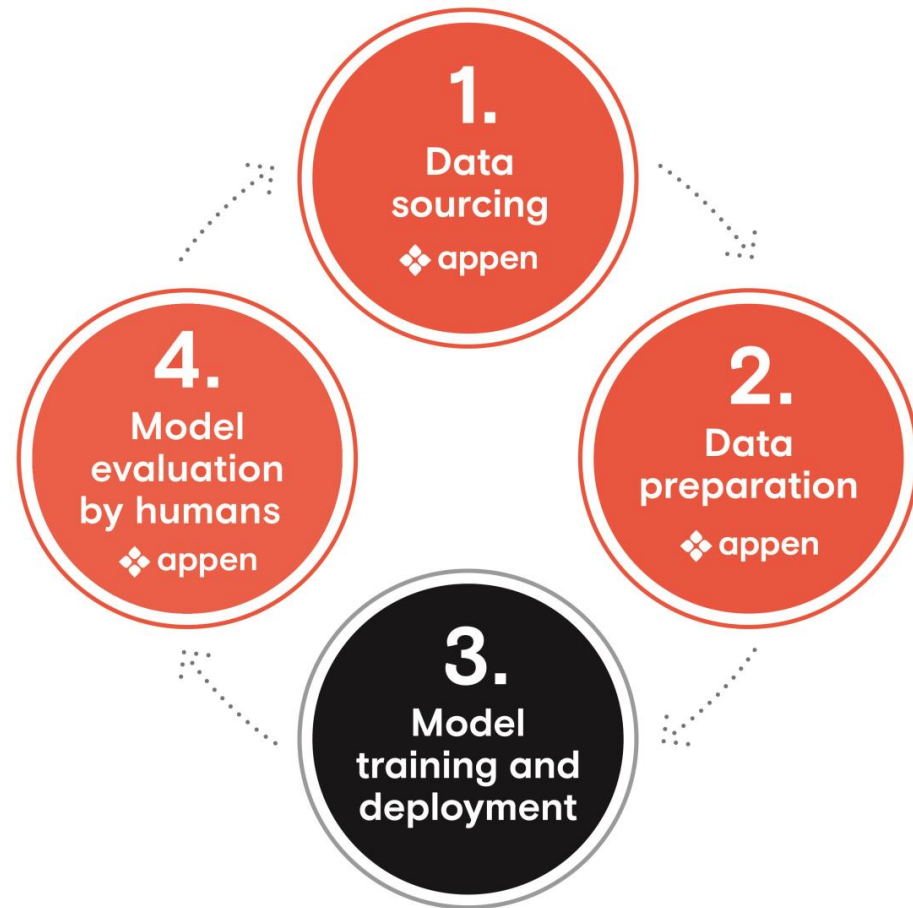
# Appen's strategy

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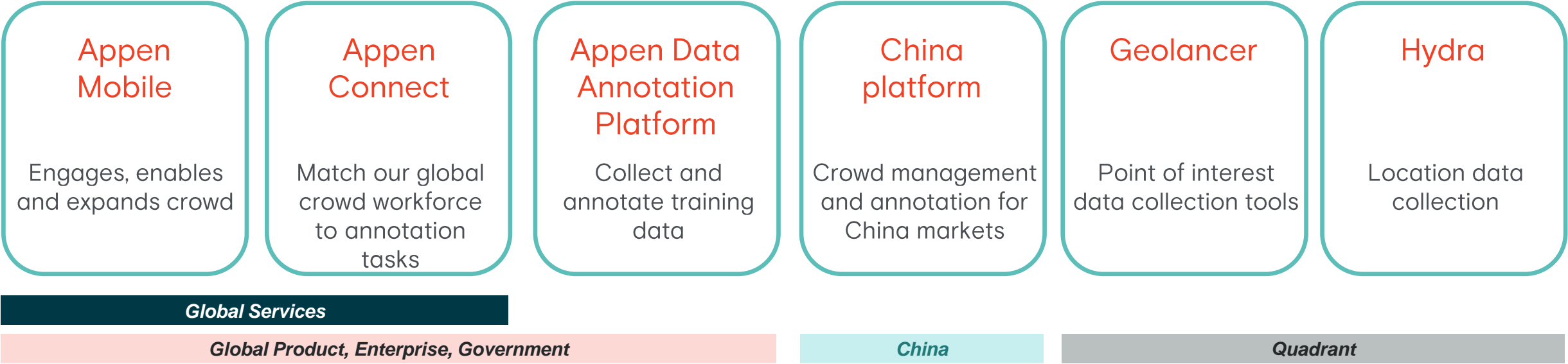
# Appen is the leading provider of data for the AI lifecycle

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1. Data sourcing
2. Data preparation
3. Model training and deployment
4. Model evaluation by humans

# Appen's tech underpins efficiency, quality, reliability and scalability



# We are trusted by leading global tech companies

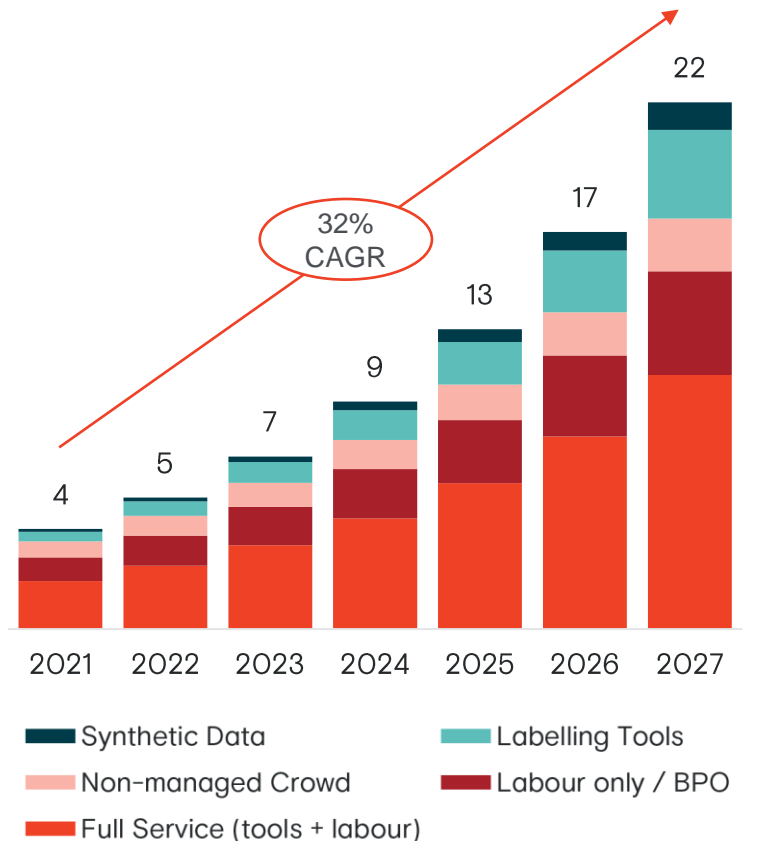




# The AI training data market is growing rapidly

## Growing need for labelling

Data labelling market forecast (US\$B) <sup>1</sup>



Appen supports all data labelling delivery models

## What customers are saying

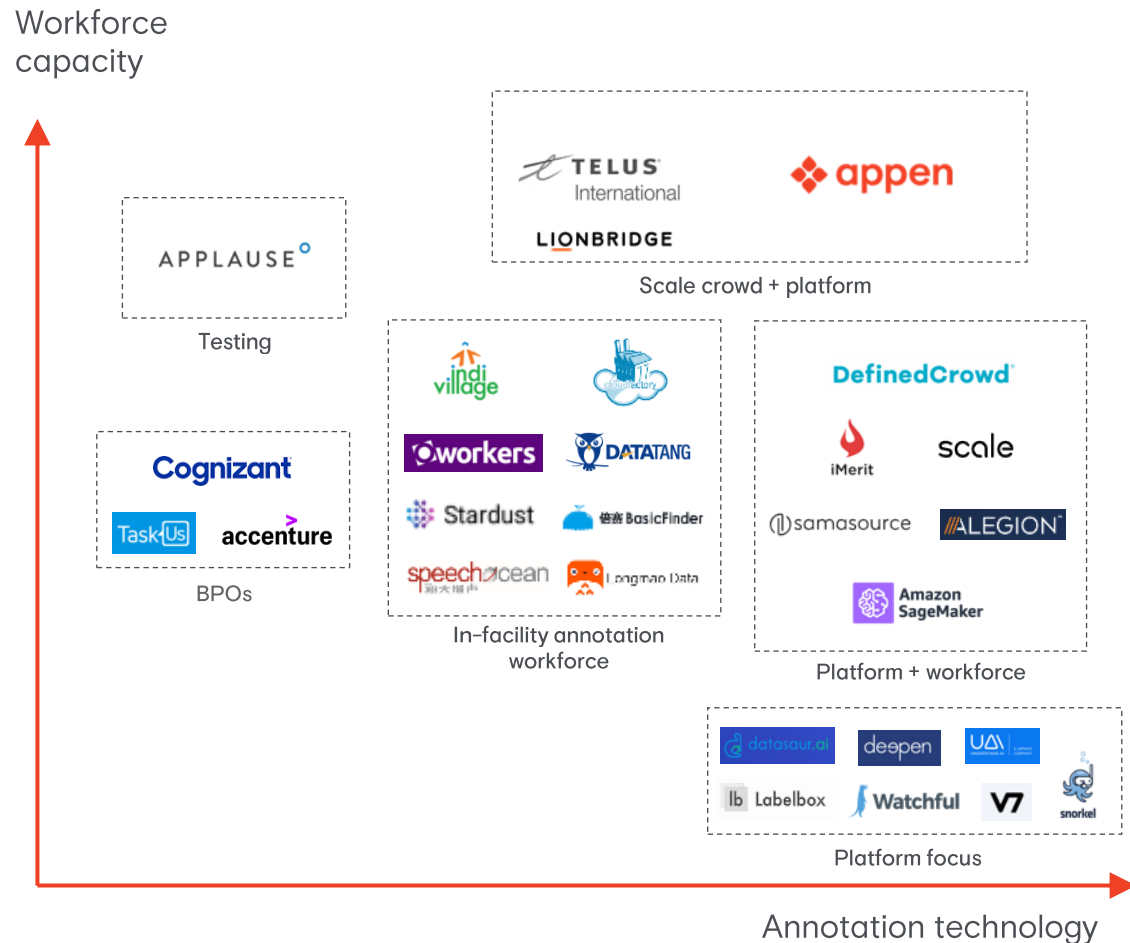
- Vast, high-quality data sets are required for AI models to work perfectly
- Humans will continue to play a significant role in the creation of unbiased AI training data
- Technology is essential for delivering large-volumes of high-quality labelling and sourcing tasks and integrating with model development pipelines
- Data trust and privacy are paramount
- AI is experimental, requires high agility and expertise to support new product development. Customers less likely to commit spend
- Synthetic data is early but will play a role

1. Cognilytica Research Snapshot: Data Labelling Markets (December 2021)

# Appen is strongly positioned against competitors



## Competitive landscape

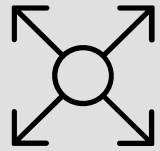


## Our differentiators

- Unique combination of **leading annotation technology** and **global crowd**
- **Trusted by global AI leaders** to support both in-deployment and emerging AI enabled products
- 25 years expertise working delivering **high quality AI training data**
- Appen's crowd supports **large-scale data requirements with high quality**
- **Full market coverage** with dedicated business units focusing on Global (big-tech), China, Government and Enterprise

# Technology is critical to deliver our strategy and long-term goals

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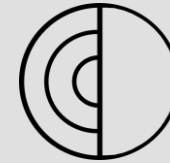
## Grow

revenue and diversify



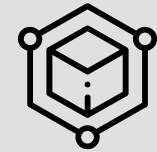
## Automate

crowd and labelling  
processes



## Expand

our product offering



## Evolve

how we do business

Delivery solutions that support revenue growth in specific segments

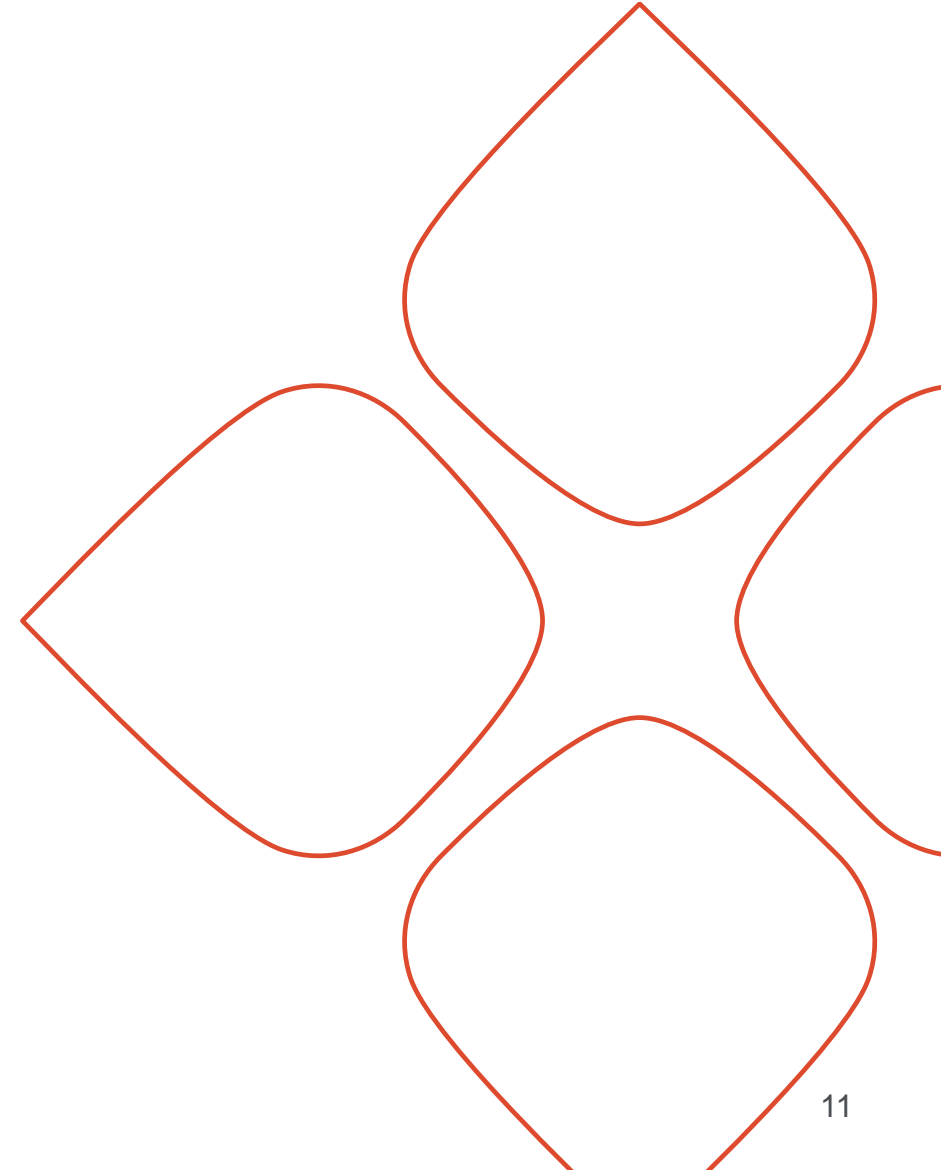
Crowd automation underpinned by AI/ML models that deliver improve gross margins

New tech-enabled products increase customer spend and improve retention rates

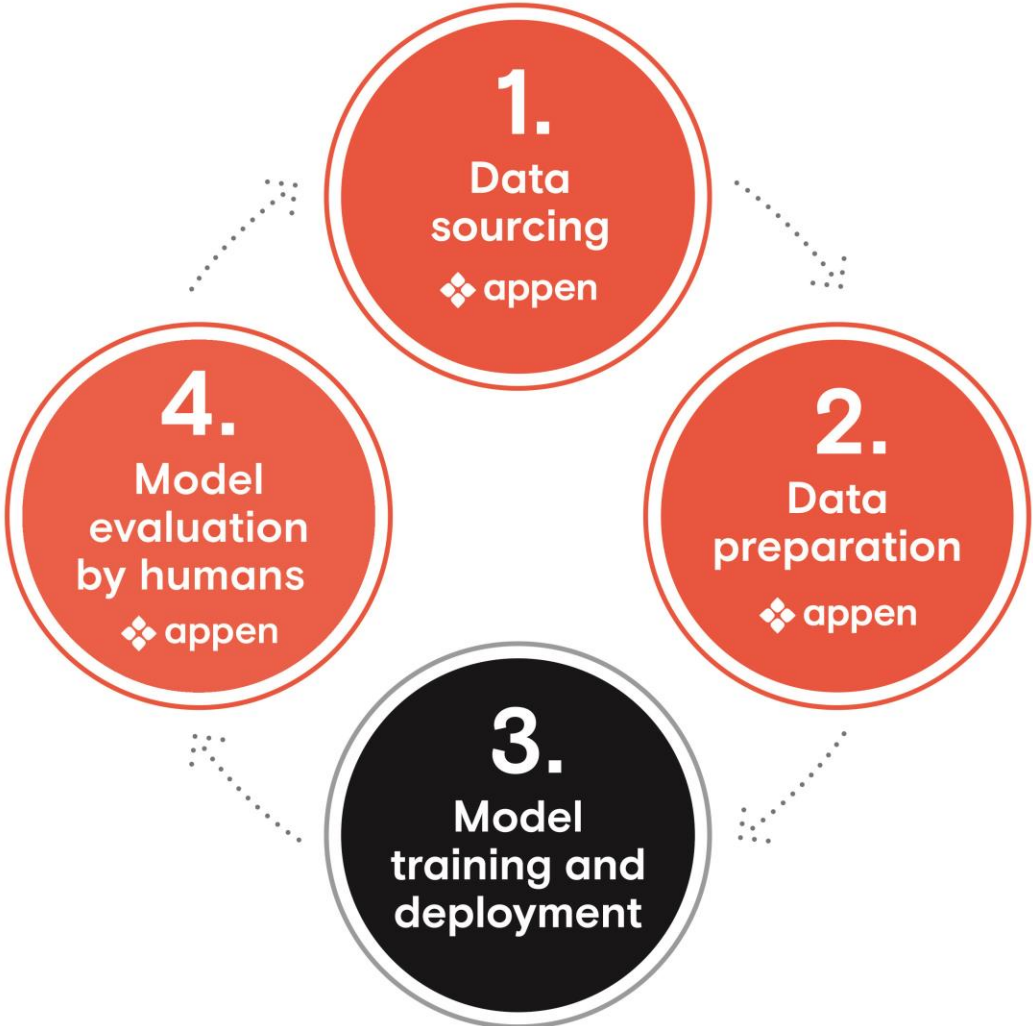
Utilising technology within our internal operations to improve margins

# Data for the AI lifecycle

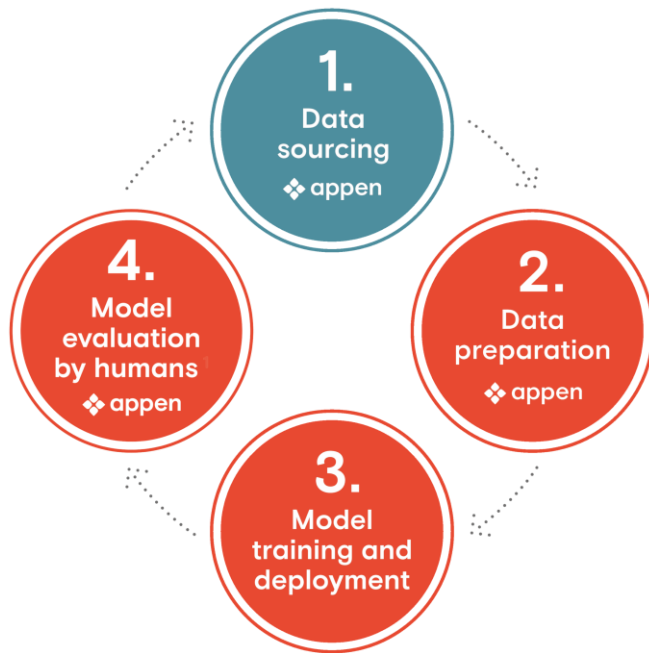
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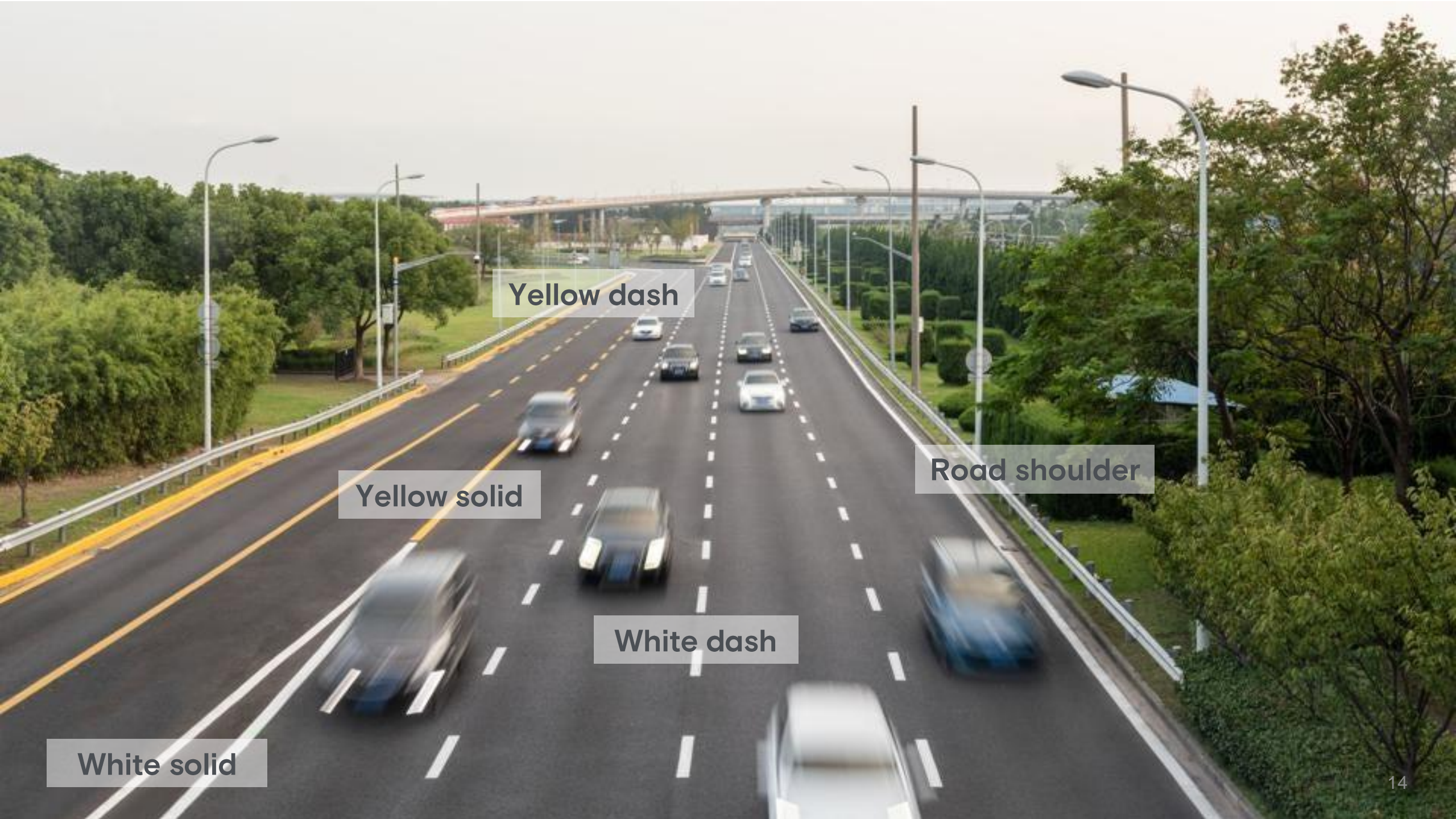


# Enabling our customers to build AI applications



# 1. Data sourcing: distracted driver detection





Yellow dash

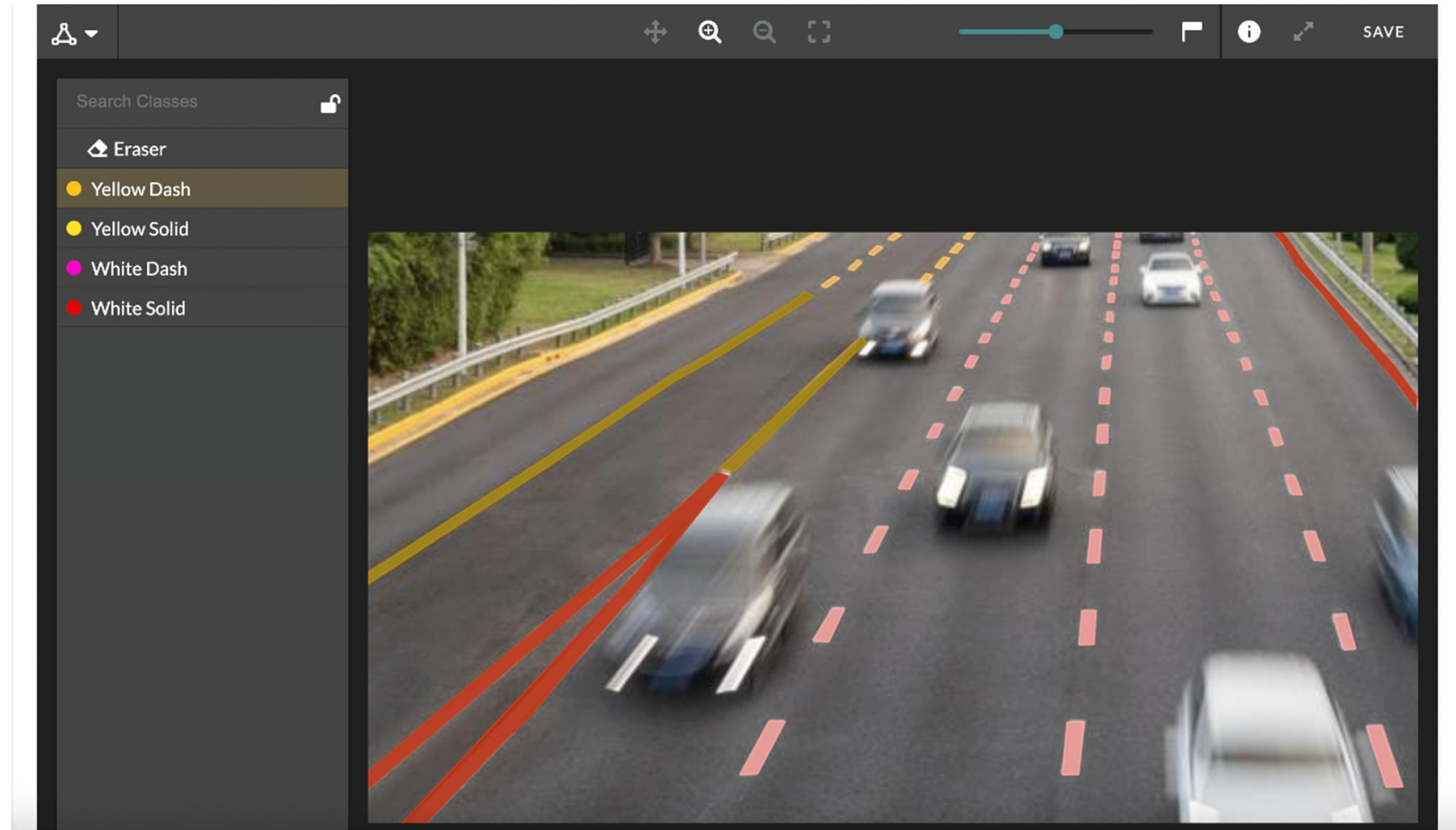
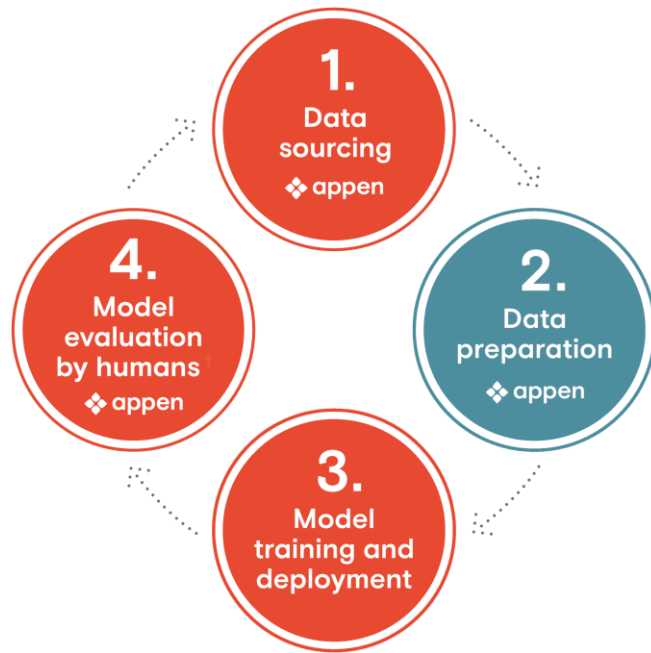
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Road shoulder

White dash

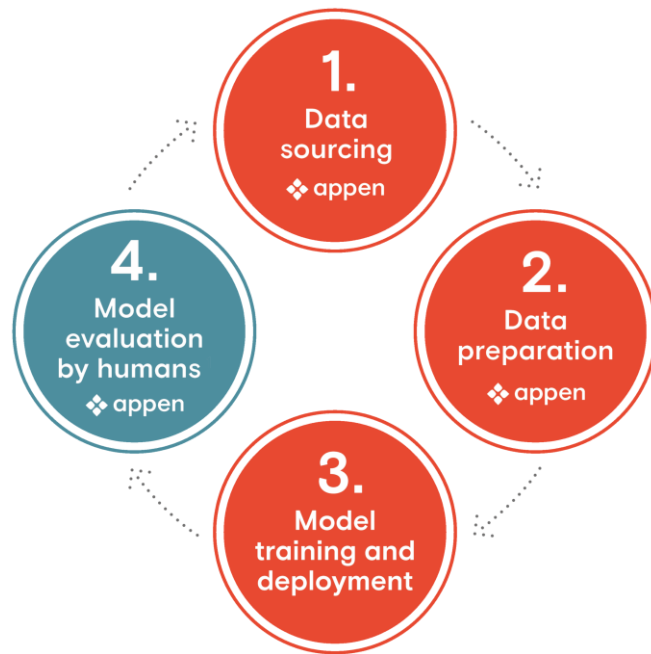
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## 2. Data preparation: lane line data labelling





# 4. Model Evaluation: voice activated function powered by Appen



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## Did My Virtual Assistant Get It Right?

Instructions ▾

What the user said to their virtual assistant:

**“go to the nearest gas station”**

The virtual assistant thought the user was asking about finding or navigating to an amenity or service

AMENITY - Anything to do with local amenities like looking up or finding gas stations, parks, etc.

Did the AI correctly classify the intent of the speaker as looking for information or directions to a local amenity? (required)

Yes  
 No

What the user said to their virtual assistant:

**“how much does gas cost at the nearest gas station”**

The virtual assistant thought the user was asking about finding or navigating to an amenity or service

AMENITY - Anything to do with local amenities like looking up or finding gas stations, parks, etc.

Did the AI correctly classify the intent of the speaker as looking for information or directions to a local amenity? (required)

Yes  
 No

# Key points and benefits to the business

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Appen supports the entire Data for the AI lifecycle for all data modalities

Our product strategy is key to delivering long term vision

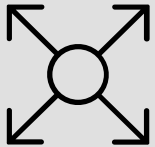
Machine learning powered capabilities improve quality and delivery time

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## *Benefit to the business*

- Competitive advantage – one stop shop for AI data
- Expands our total addressable market, opens the market
- Technology enables scale and repeatability
- Improved gross margin

# Our products enable our growth strategy



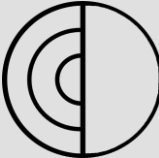
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## Evolve

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China platform

Knowledge graphs



Computer vision labelling automation

Audio labelling automation



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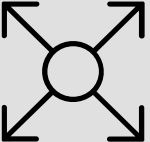
Synthetic data



Crowd management

Labelling quality flow

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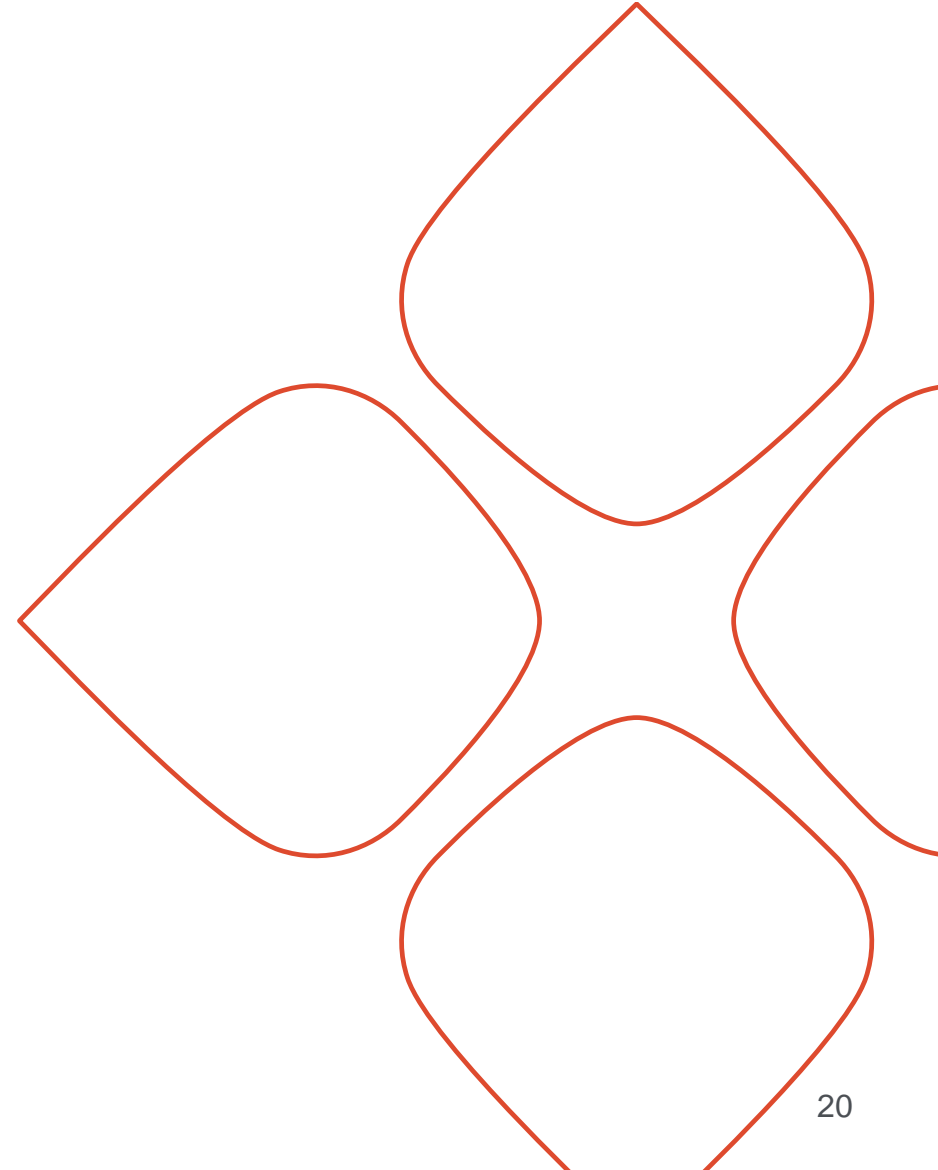


Crowd management

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# China annotation platform

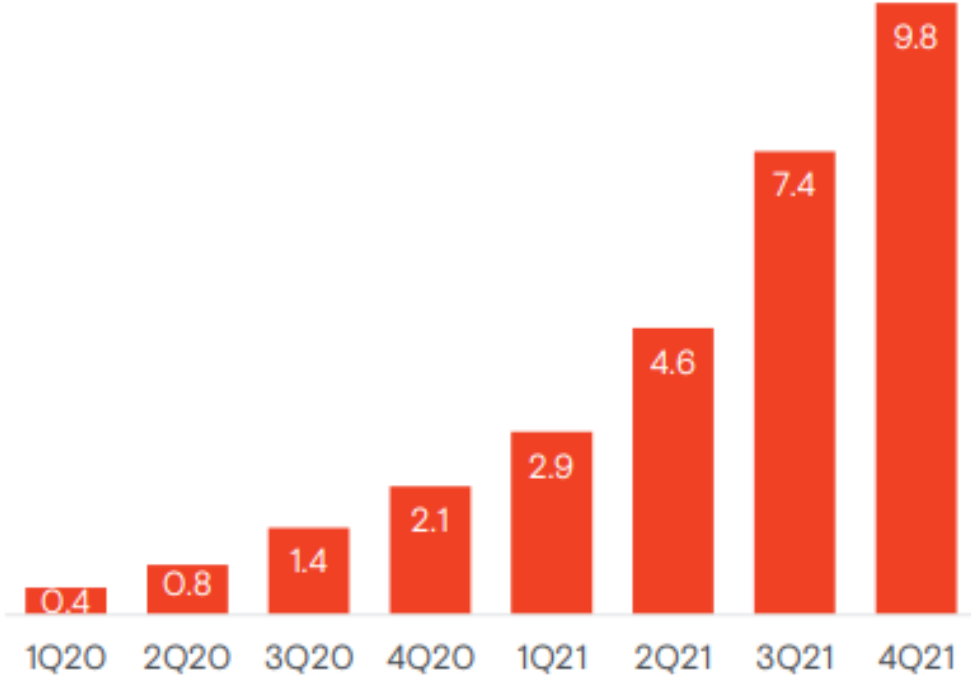
Wilson Pang



# Our market-specific platform is the key to our China growth

## Appen has phenomenal growth in China

Appen China revenue (US \$M)



## China platform underpins our growth

### Built for local requirements

- Product features are design to suit China-specific customer requirements

### Fast response time

- Dedicated engineering team enables rapid customer response

### Data protection

- China data remains in market

### IP protection

- Air-gapped platform provides IP protection for our non-China customers

# Appen China platform has a full suite of annotation capabilities



## Project management

Project configuration

Workflow configuration

Data management

Quality control

Result analytics

## Annotation Toolset

Image

Video

LiDAR

Audio

Transcription

Landmark

Translation

NER

Content relevance

## Resource Management

Task distribution

Internal team

BPO management

## AI pre-labelling



Classification

Object detection

Tracking

Transcription

ASR

OCR

Semantic segmentation

Key-points

Translation

NER

## Workflow engine



Collection

Annotation

Quality check

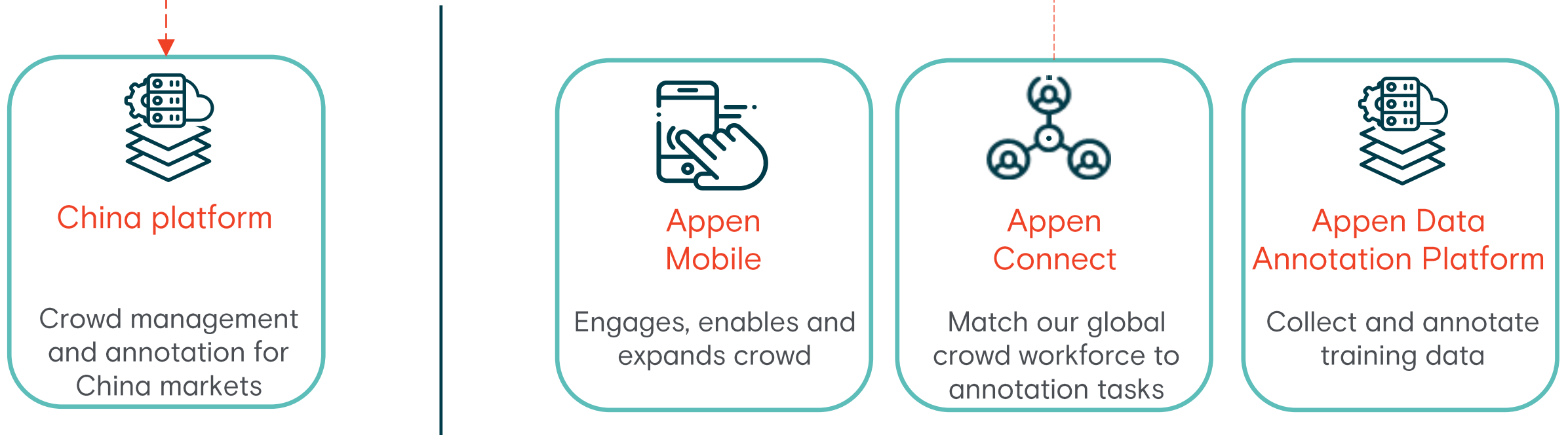
Audit

Report

# Appen China has the benefit of accessing our global crowd



A crowd opt-in process enables Appen China to access our global crowd where crowd members give permission



China platform fire-walled from core product suite to protect core IP and Chinese customer data



# Key points and benefits to the business

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Tech underpins our success in China

We've invested our platform tailored to market specific conditions

IP and data protections create sufficient separation across our business units

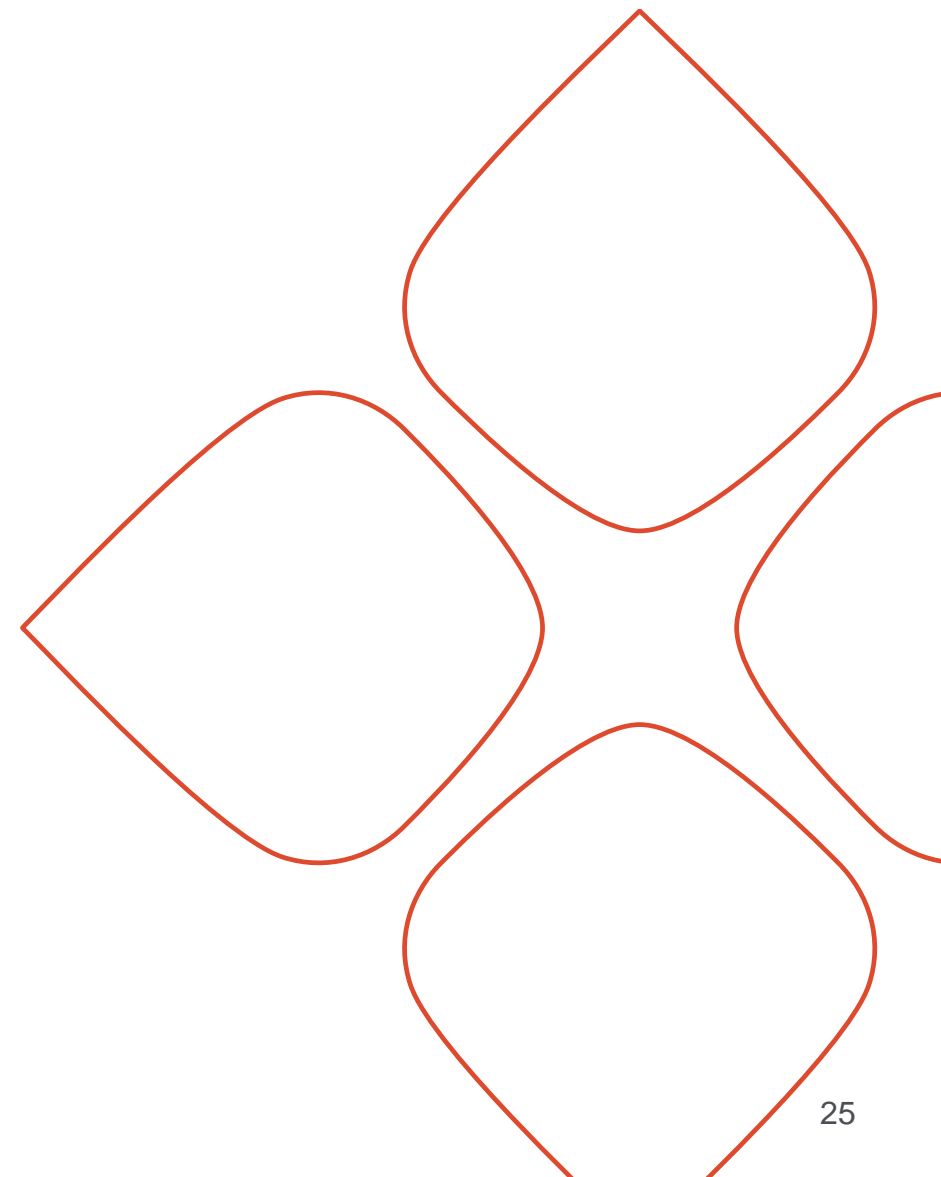
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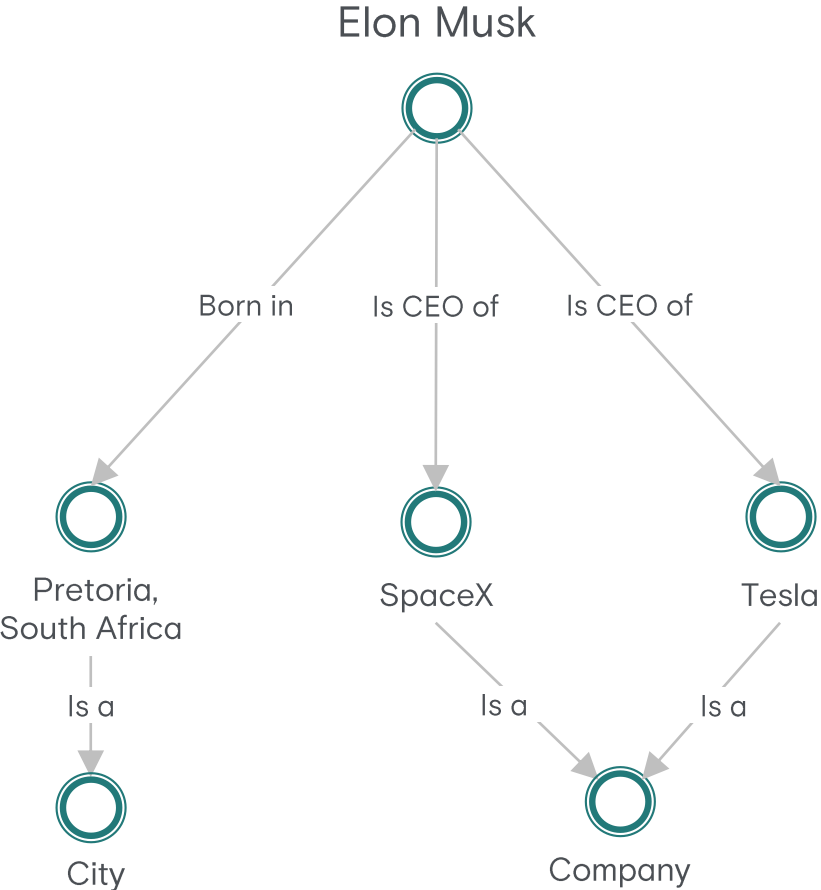
- Ongoing revenue growth in a high value market
- Expanded data modalities and platform features increase addressable market
- Customers value our approach to tech separation

# Knowledge graphs

Ryan Kolln



# Knowledge graphs use relationship structure to arrange data



Knowledge graphs (KG) map relationships between data and underpin AI used by major technology companies

Appen has a long-history in providing linguistic services to structure data

Appen Ontology Studio (OS) combines our deep linguistic expertise with a no-code interface for customers to design knowledge graphs

# Video demonstration of Appen Ontology Studio

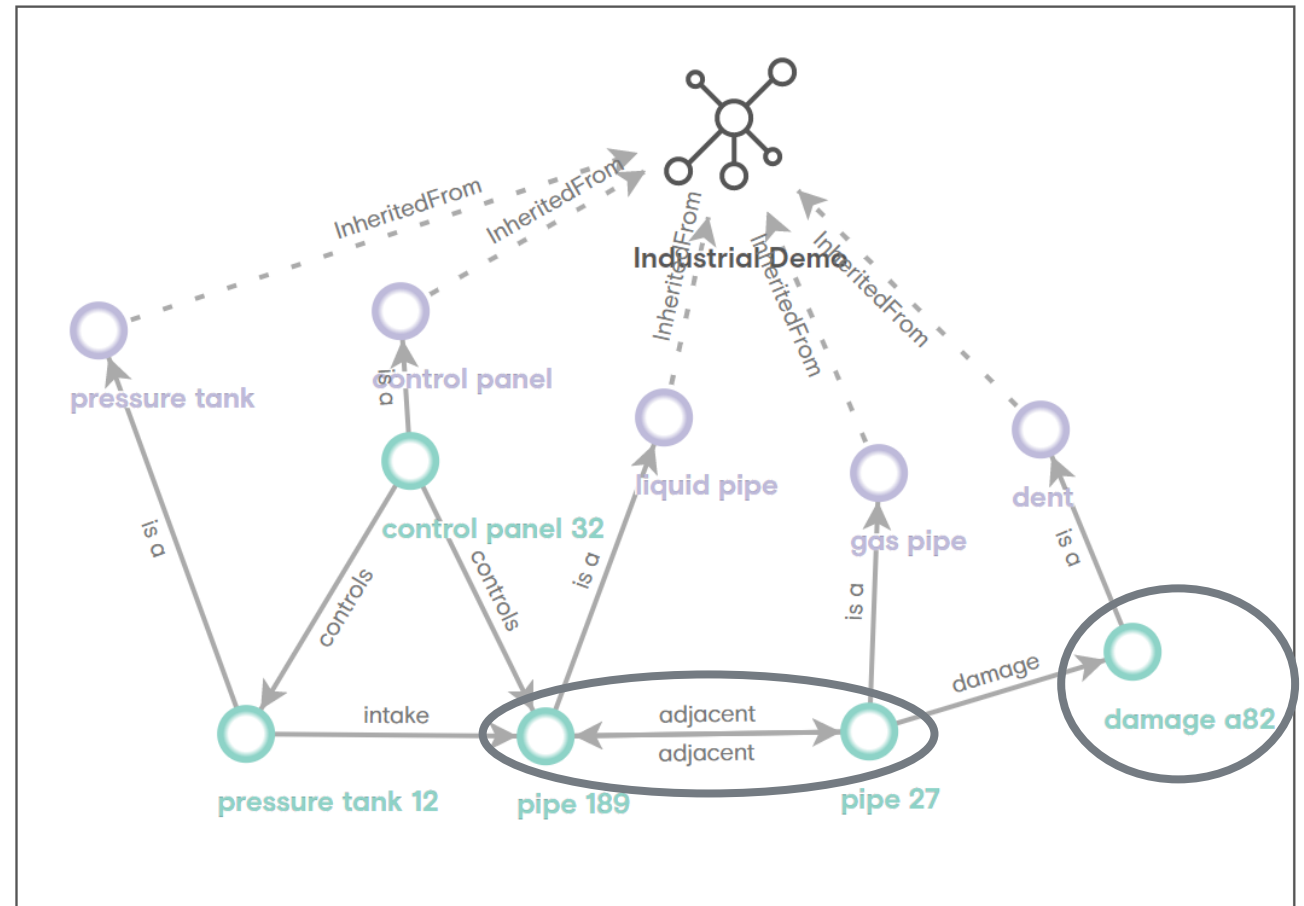


The screenshot displays the Appen Ontology Studio interface. The browser address bar shows the URL: `https://10.2.0.200:5300/Ontology/Clothing%20Demo/`. The interface includes a sidebar on the left with a 'Next Annotation' button and a list of subgraphs: MetaGraph, Ontology (selected), Clothing Demo, Schema, Annotation (selected), Dress Annotation Demo, and AnnotationJob. The main workspace shows a taxonomy diagram for 'Clothing Demo' with the following structure:

- Product
  - Apparel
    - Clothing
    - Shoes
  - Housewares
- Event
  - Party
  - Work Event

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# Knowledge graphs are relevant to physical relationships



# Key points and benefits to the business

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Appen OS productises core components of our linguistic expertise

Democratises technology typically only available to leading tech companies

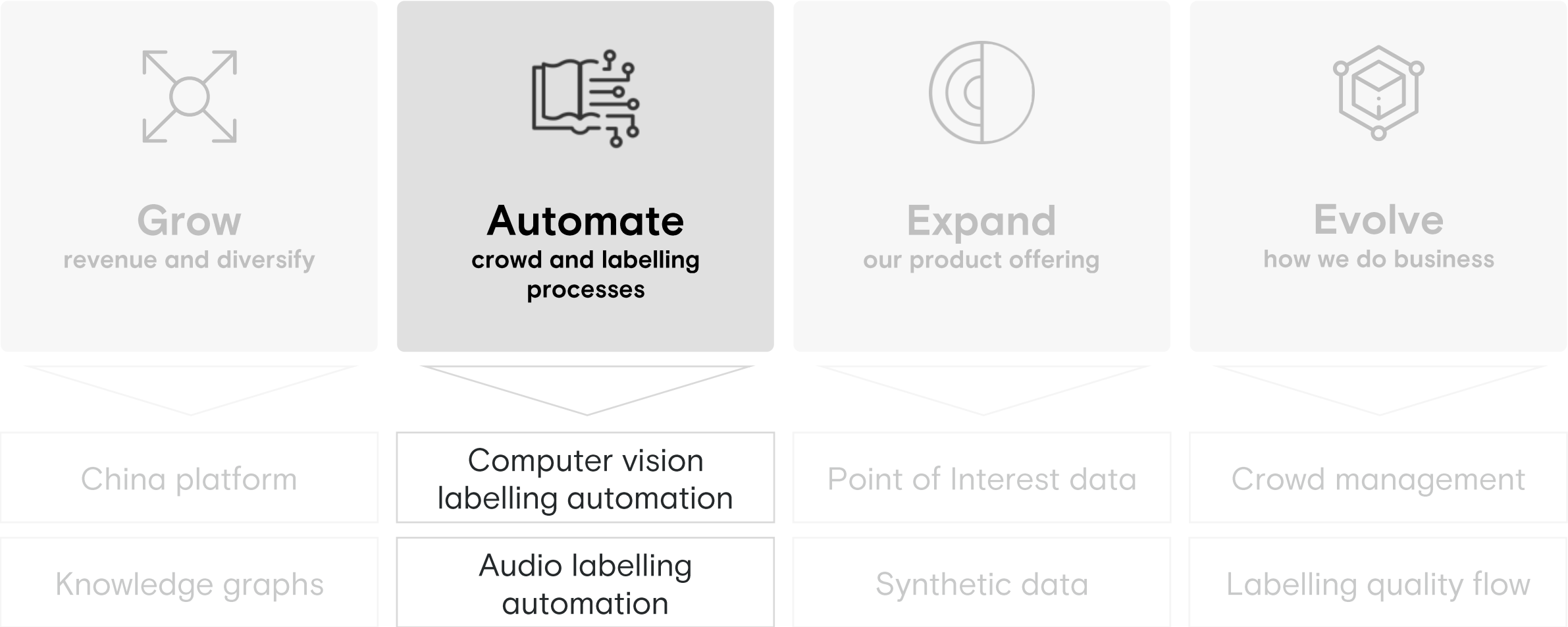
Appen OS interface simplifies data labelling process

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## *Benefit to the business*

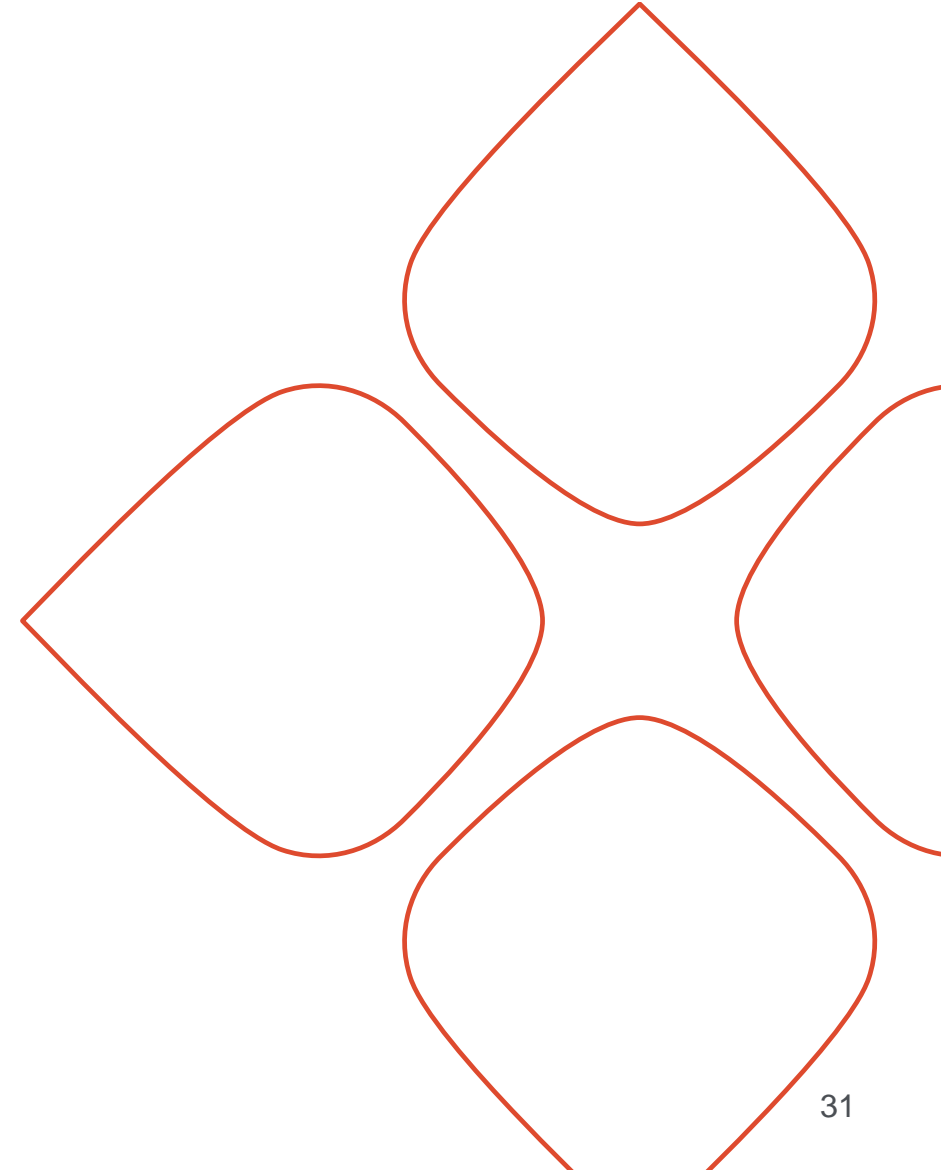
- Increases stickiness with our customers
- Scales our expertise, improving our productivity
- Grows our addressable market in the Enterprise sector
- Improved productivity of the crowd for KG annotation projects

# Our products enable our growth strategy



# Computer vision labelling automation

Sujatha Sagiraju





# Automation critical to the labelling process

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## Speed labelling

AI models that assist contributors by automating slow tasks



## Pre-labelling

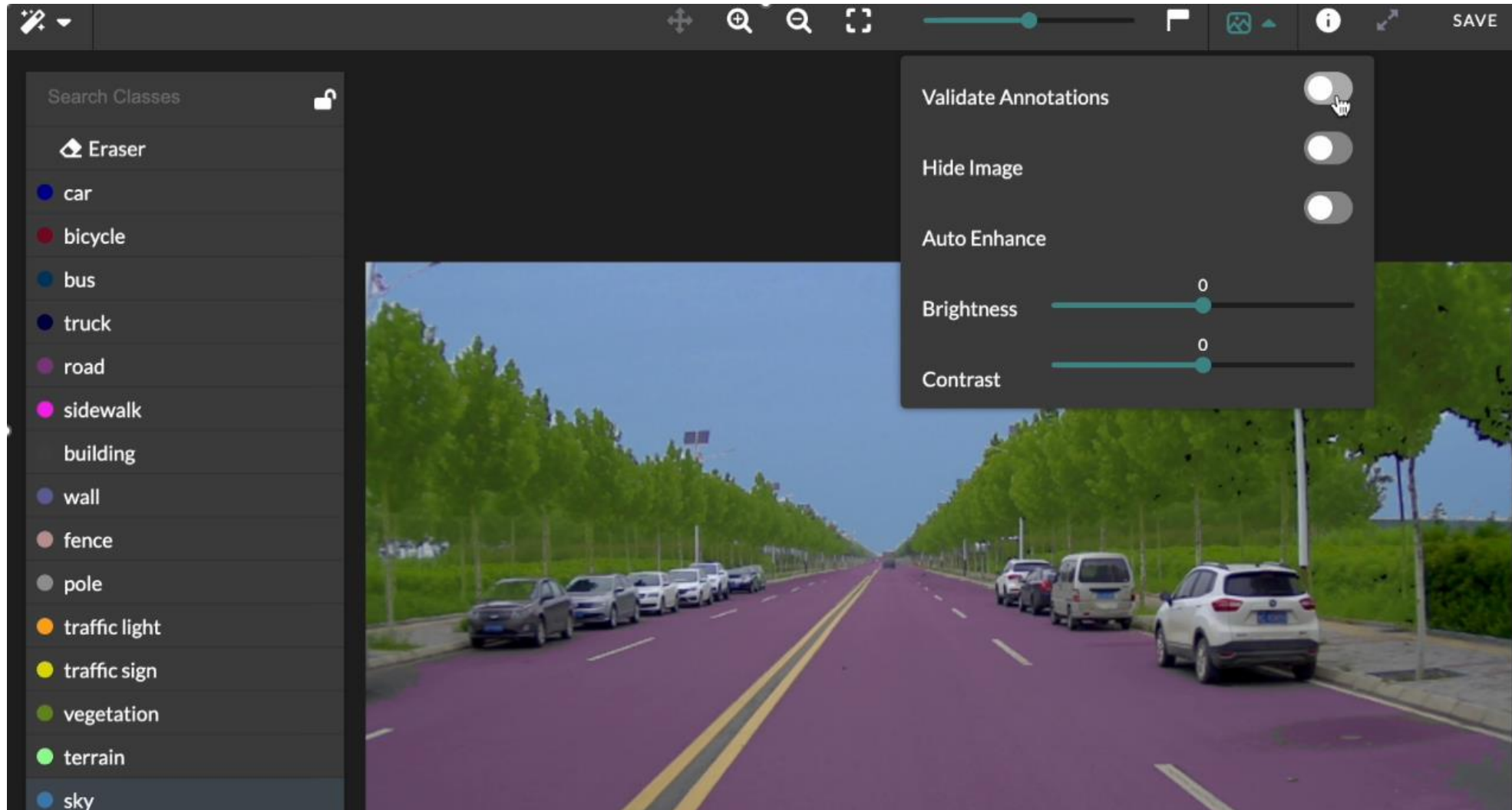
AI performs an initial 'best guess' of the annotation



## Smart validators

AI models that verify contributor output before they are submitted

# Video demonstration of labelling automation



# Key points and benefits to the business

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Automation improves  
the productivity our  
crowd

Automation improves  
the speed of our  
delivery

Automation improves  
the training data  
quality

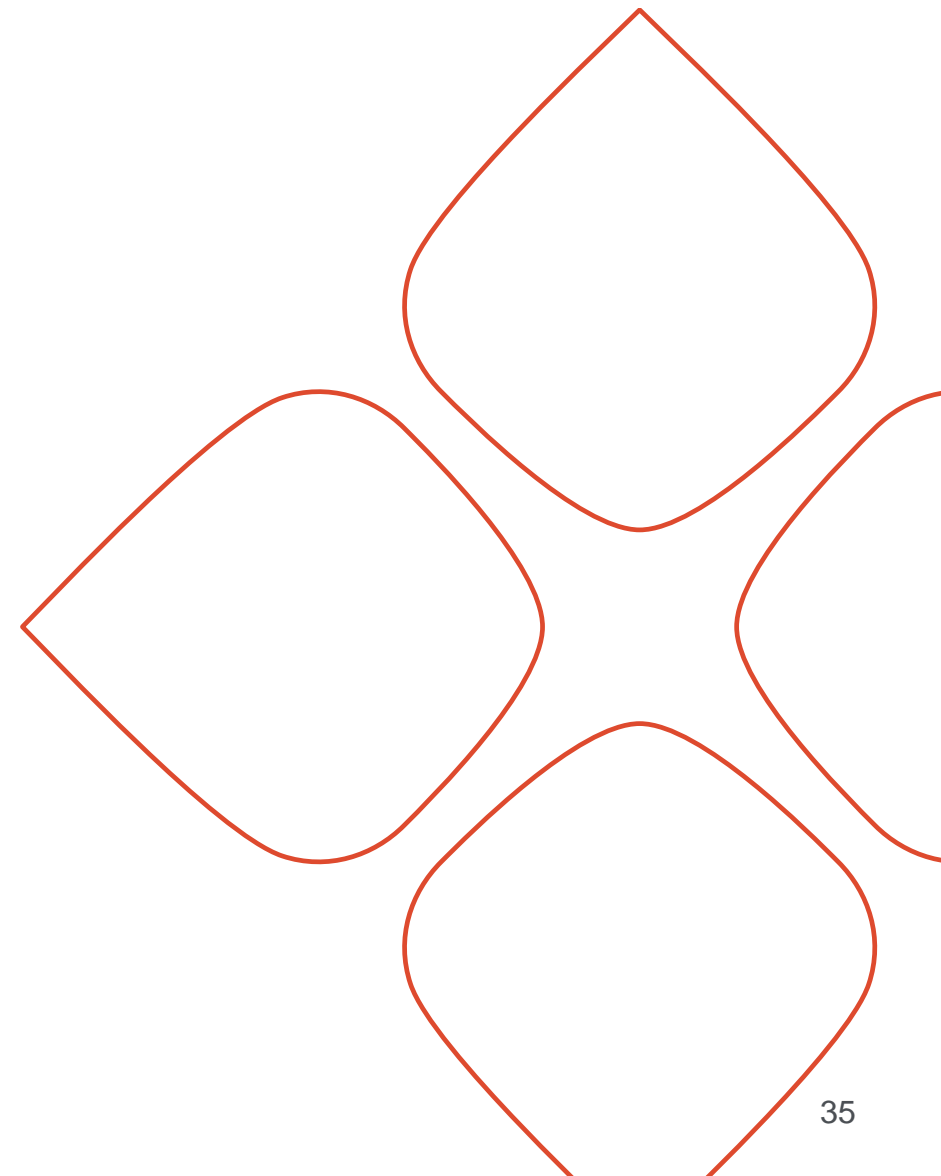
*Benefit to the business*

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- Improved gross margin
- Faster speed to output results in more revenue
- Better quality output results in more revenue

# Audio labelling automation

Wilson Pang



# Growth in AI for customer service, however challenges in real-world

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# Appen uses proprietary models to automate labelling



Audio recordings are loaded into ADAP

Pre-labelling using Appen's proprietary AI models

Quality checks and adjustments by the Crowd

High quality training data faster at larger scale

Superior AI model performance for the end user

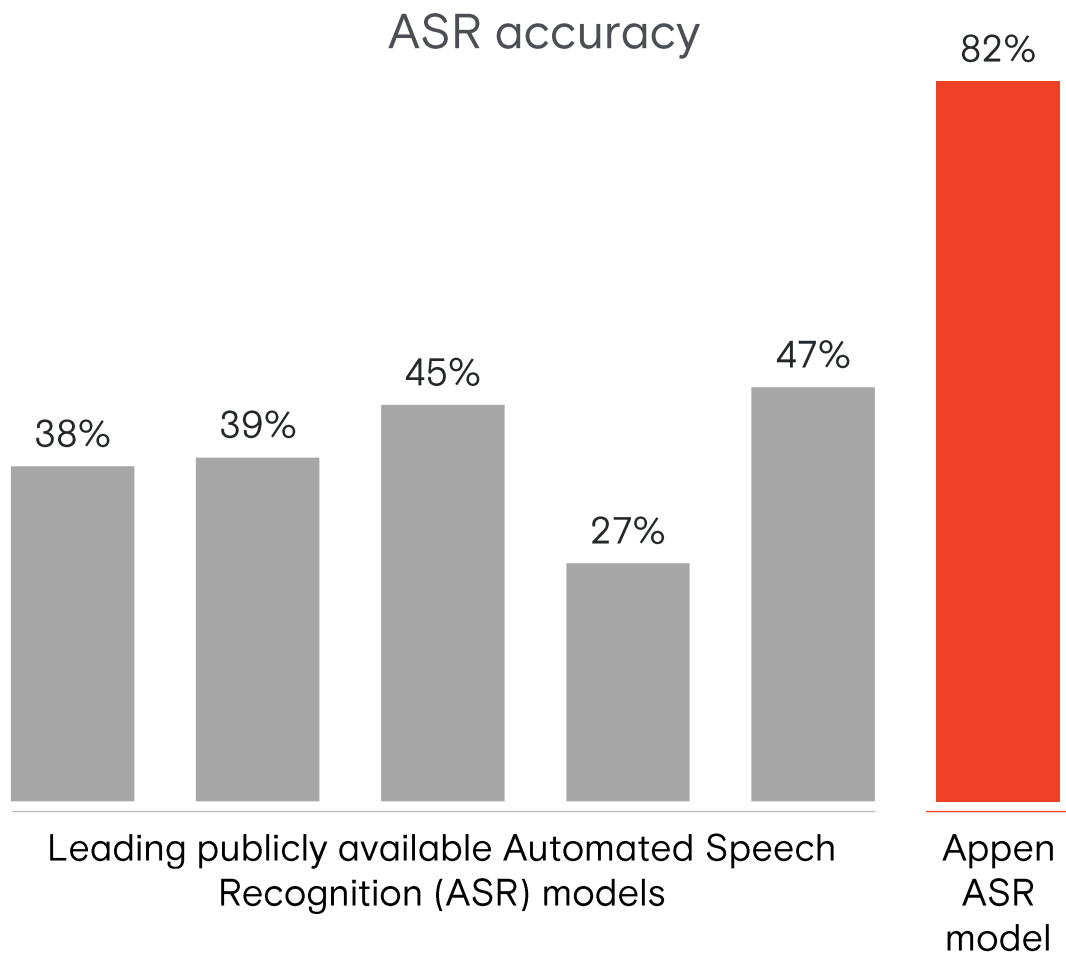
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Use of pre-labelling changes the crowd task from 100% labelling to more quality assurance – crowd remains a critical function

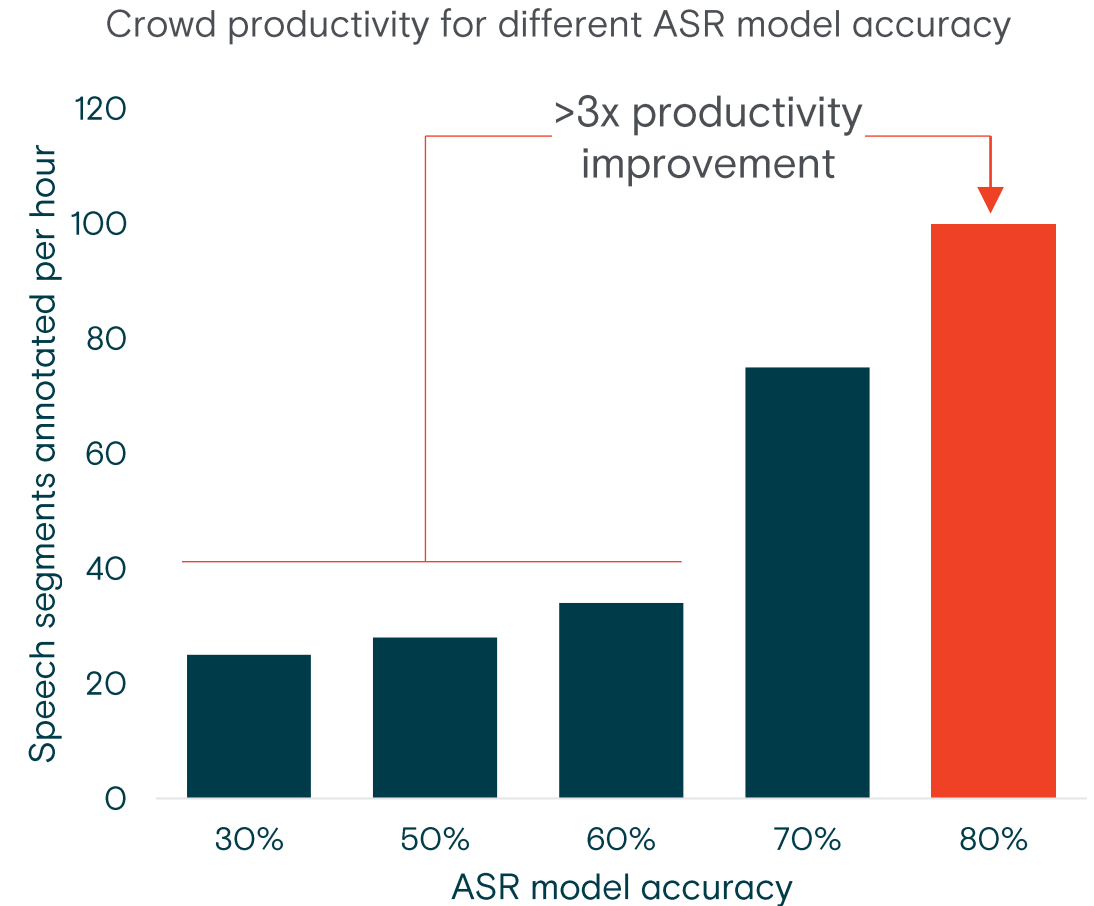
# Appen's ASR automation enables >3x crowd productivity



## Appen's ASR model outperforms leading public models



## Resulting in a >3x crowd productivity uplift



# Key points and benefits to the business

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Pre-labelling  
significantly improves  
crowd productivity

Appen proprietary  
models a key  
differentiator

Automated labelling  
enriches ADAP  
features suite

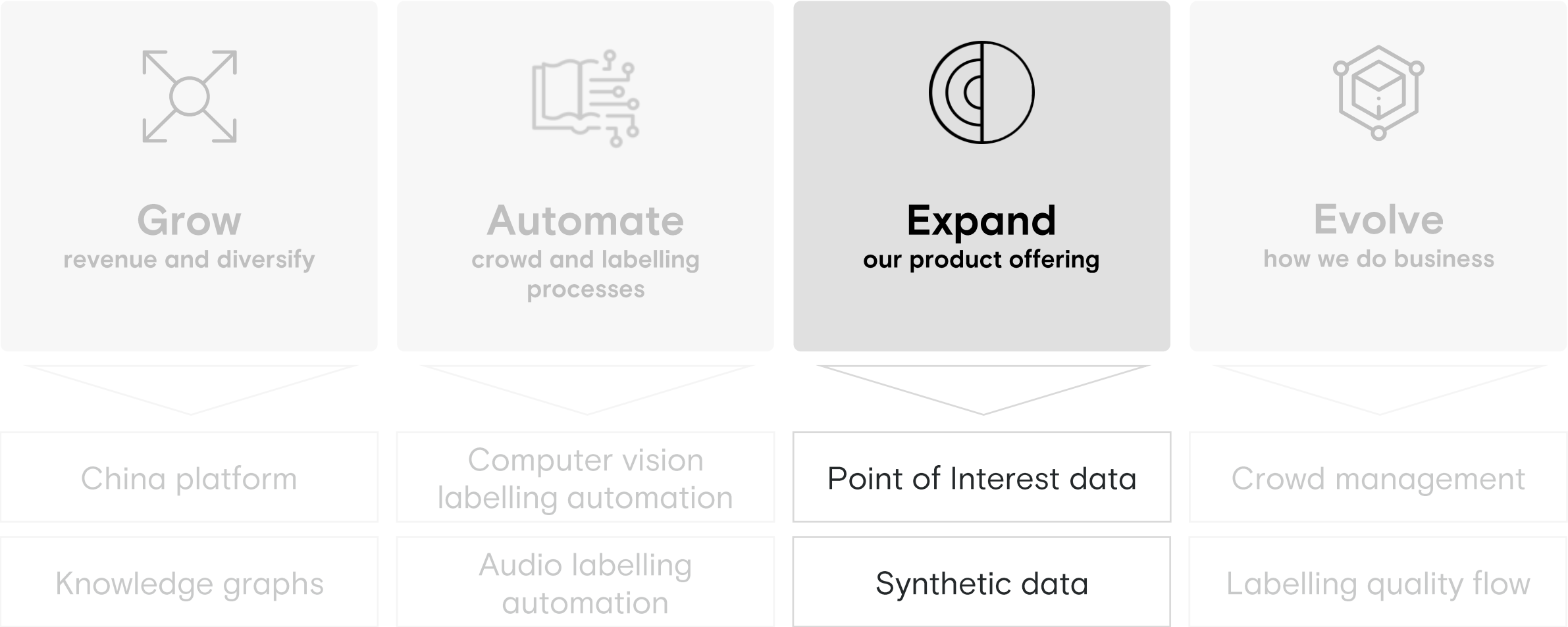
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*Benefit to the business*

- Improves gross margin
- Greater output per crowd worker
- Creates a competitive advantage in sectors where we have high-performing models
- Increase stickiness of existing customers, leading to greater revenue

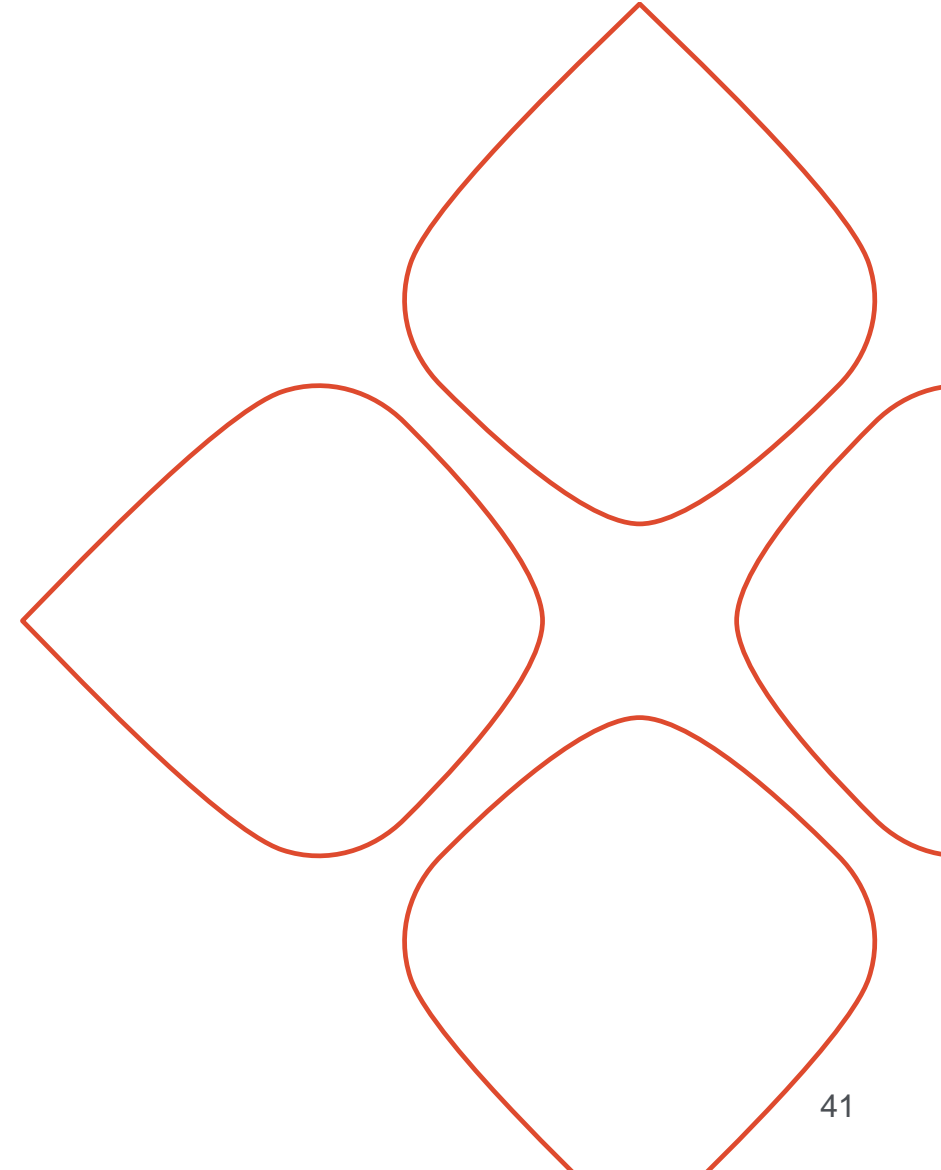


# Our products enable our growth strategy



# Point of Interest data

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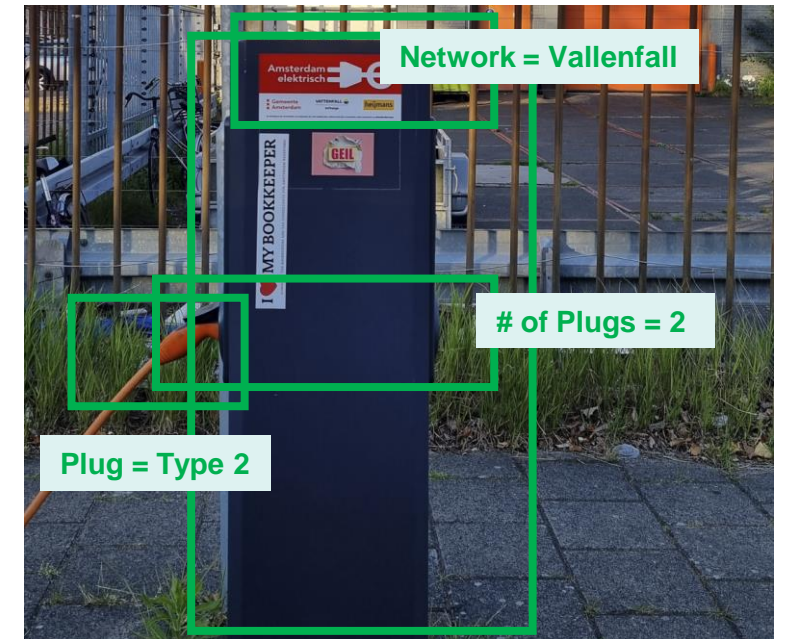
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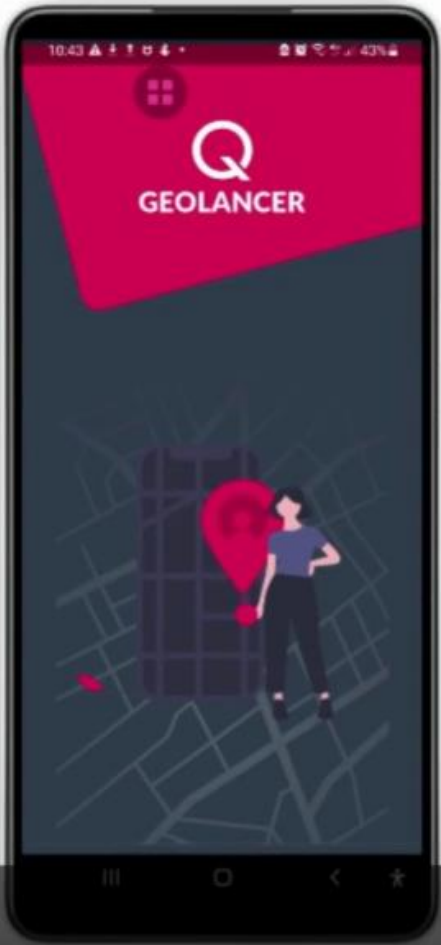
## New interfaces



## Evolving expectations



# Video demonstration of Geolancer



Geolancer

Scalable in-field data collection.

# Key points and benefits to the business

Digital mapping and data collection is a \$4.6B opportunity growing 14% YoY

Ongoing demand for location data requires recurring data feeds

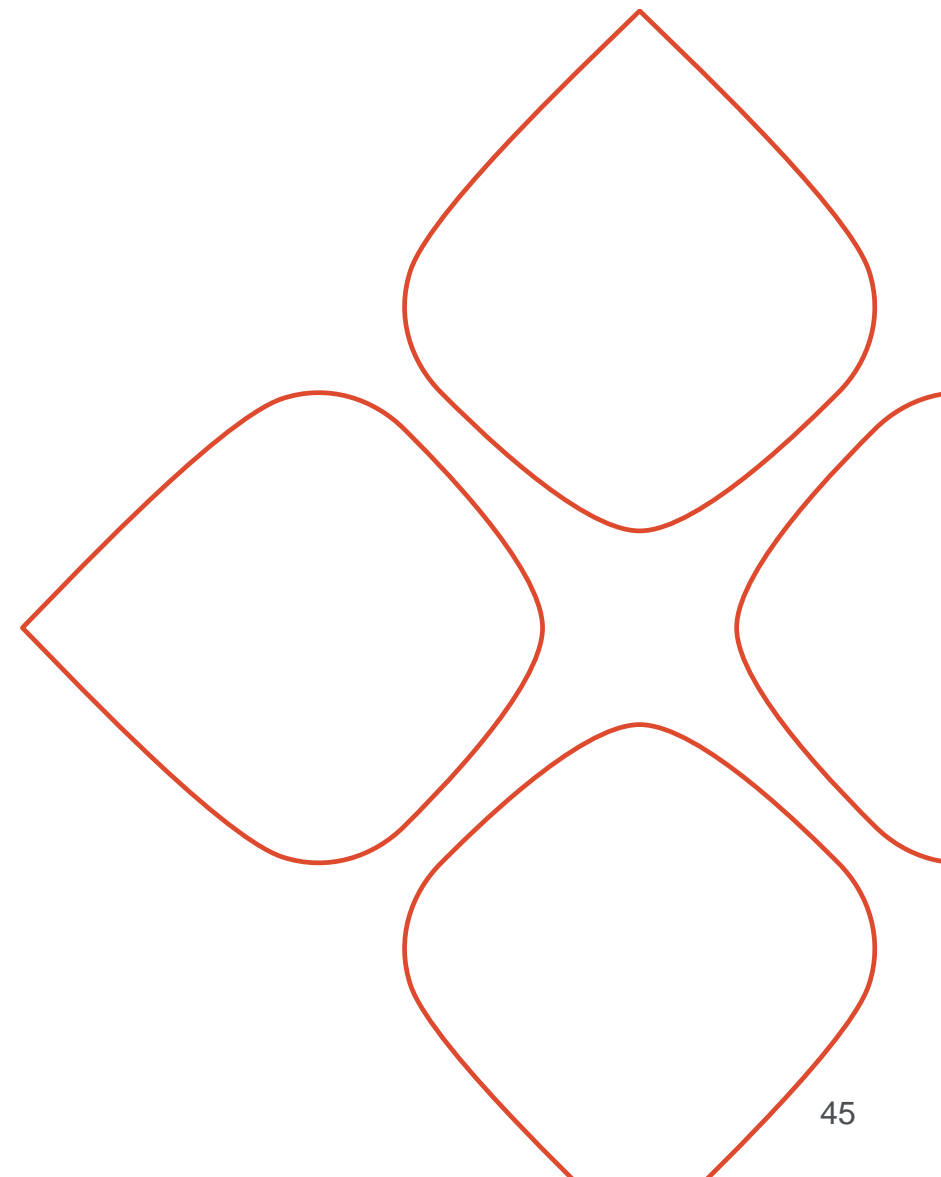
Quadrant's Geolancer application with Appen's crowd is a highly scalable product

## *Benefit to the business*

- Geolocation data adds a large TAM to our business
- Geolocation projects have a similar profile to Search and Ad relevance projects
- Persistent demand expected
- Product-first approach to data collection to deliver higher gross margins

# Synthetic data

Ryan Kolln



# Challenges with real-world AI data collection

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Edge cases

Car driving down the wrong side of the road

Data privacy

AI training that requires images of faces

Data Bias

Training set may have insufficient skin-tone representation

External conditions

Outdoor AI that needs to perform under different weather conditions

New products

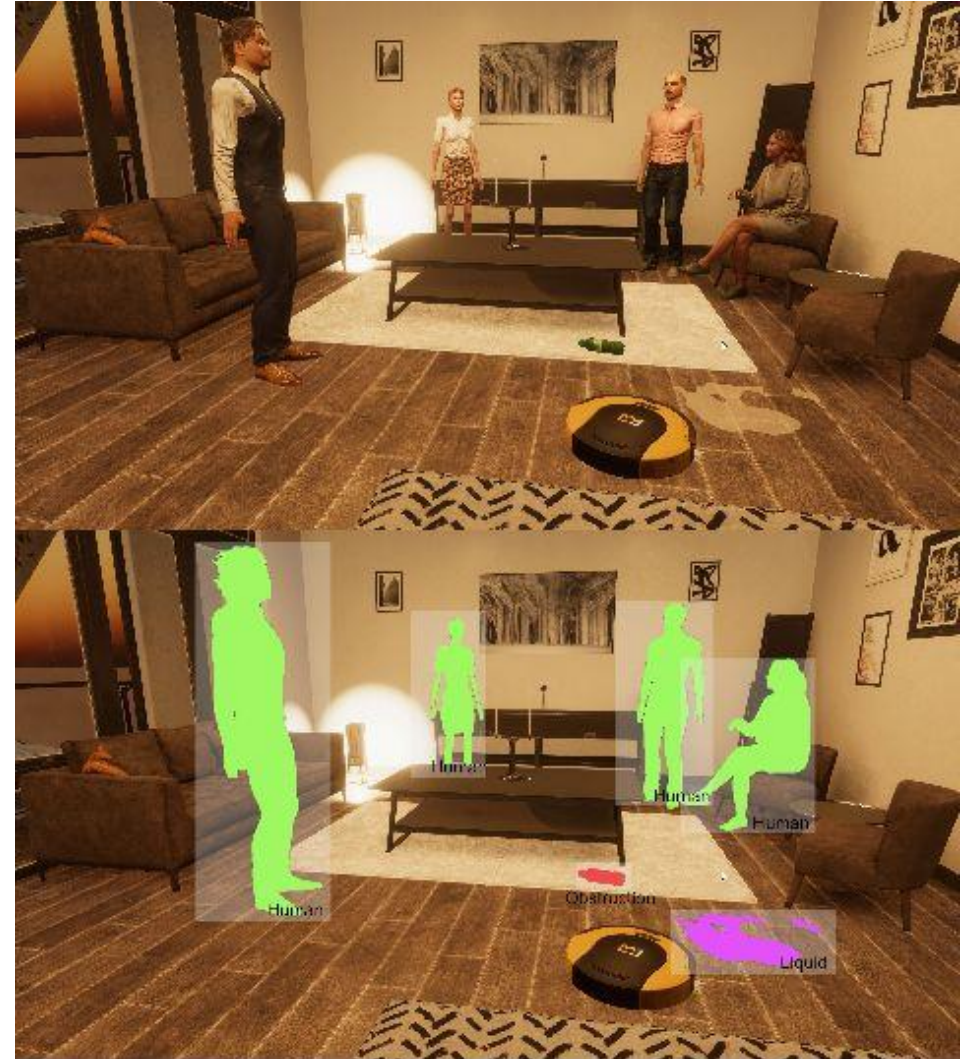
AI models to support high-secret products

# Synthetic data simulates real-world training data

Computer-generated, photo-realistic, 3D environments

Compliments real-world data

Appen and Mindtech have created an industry leading partnership







Limitations to real-world data can limit AI performance

AI models can benefit from combination of synthetic and real-world data

Appen and Mindtech have an industry leading partnership

*Benefit to the business*

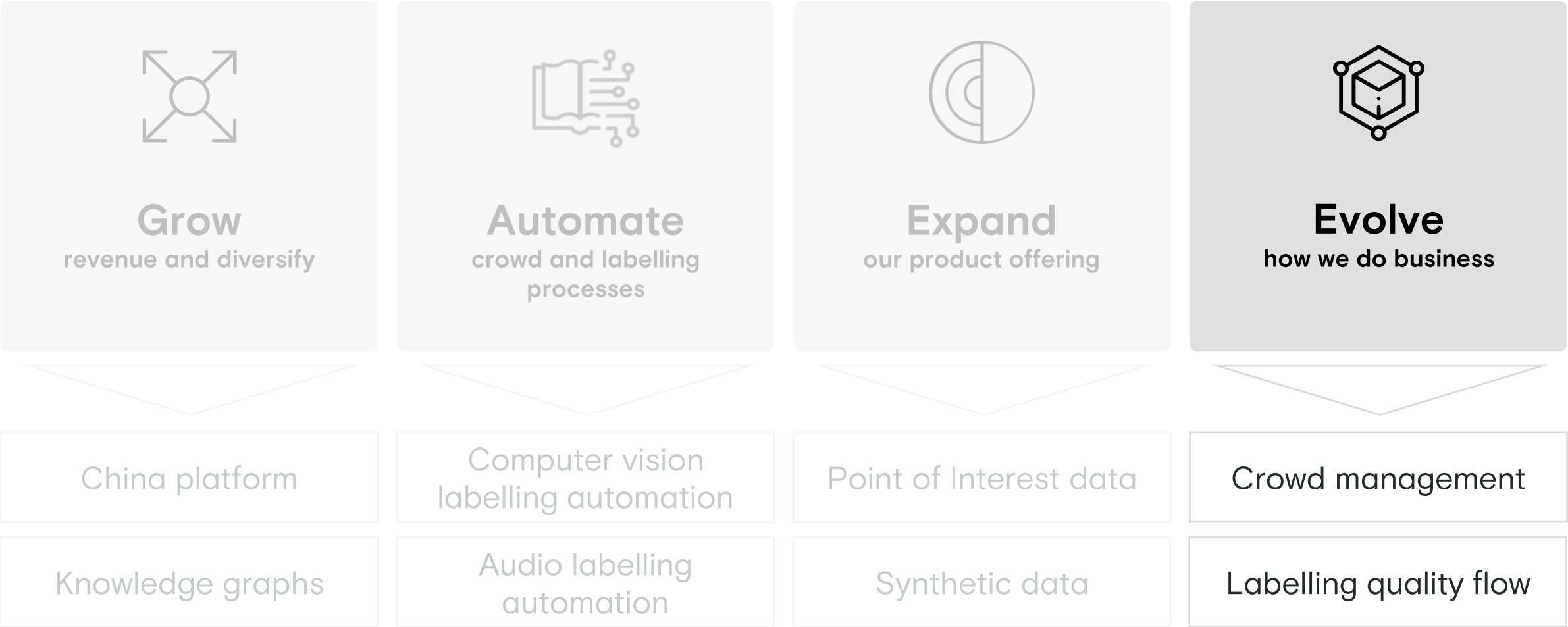
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- Synthetic data has the potential to improve model performance and increase market growth

- Human annotated data is an ongoing need

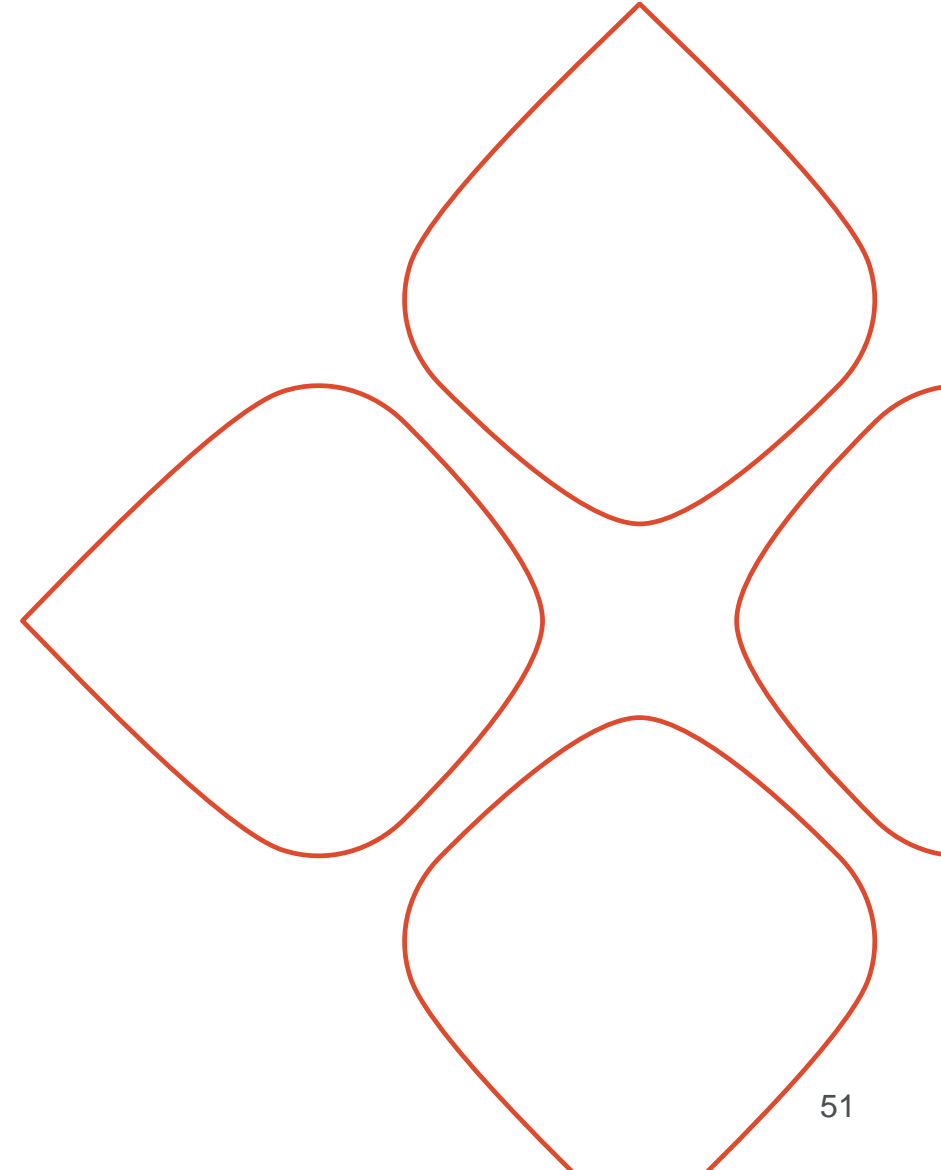
- Combination of synthetic and real-world data is a competitive advantage
- Cross-sell opportunities lead to greater revenue

# Our products enable our growth strategy



# Crowd management

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# Our diversified crowd with 1M+ contributors is the foundation

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Over a million  
crowd workers

Thousands of  
projects

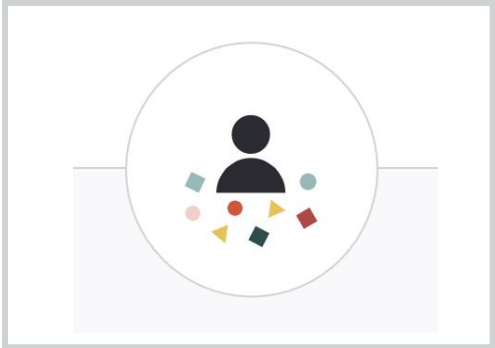
50-100k workers  
paid each month

Matching the right contributors to the right project is a highly complex task that we do at large scale every day

# Wide variety of data and signals used to match workers to projects

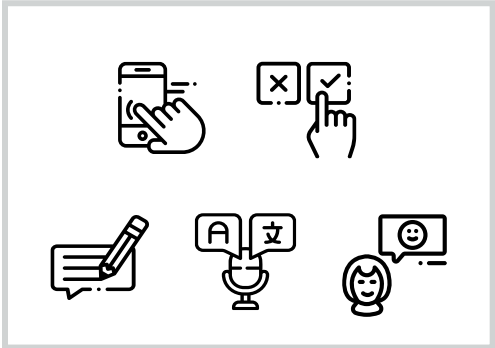


## Profile information



- Location
- Language
- Demographics
- ...

## Contributor activity



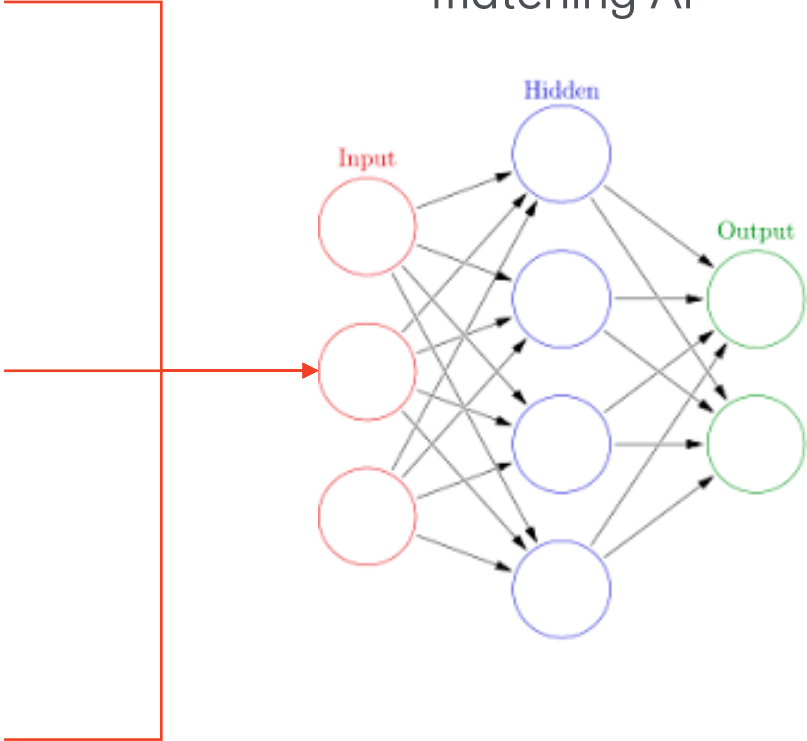
- Logins
- Browsing history
- Tickets
- ...

## Project history



- Volume of project completed
- Quality by project type
- Productivity
- ...

## Appen's project matching AI



# Signal extraction – contributor activity example



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Email

Password

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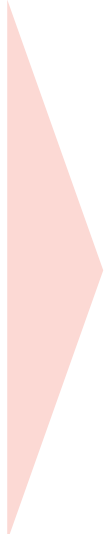
New user? [Register](#)



	Crowd worker #A	Crowd worker #B
<b>Country</b>	Brazil	US
<b>IP</b>	10.21.368.xx	10.21.368.xx
<b>Login time</b>	8am-6pm	3am-5am
<b># of logins</b>	2	300



# Signal extraction – project history example

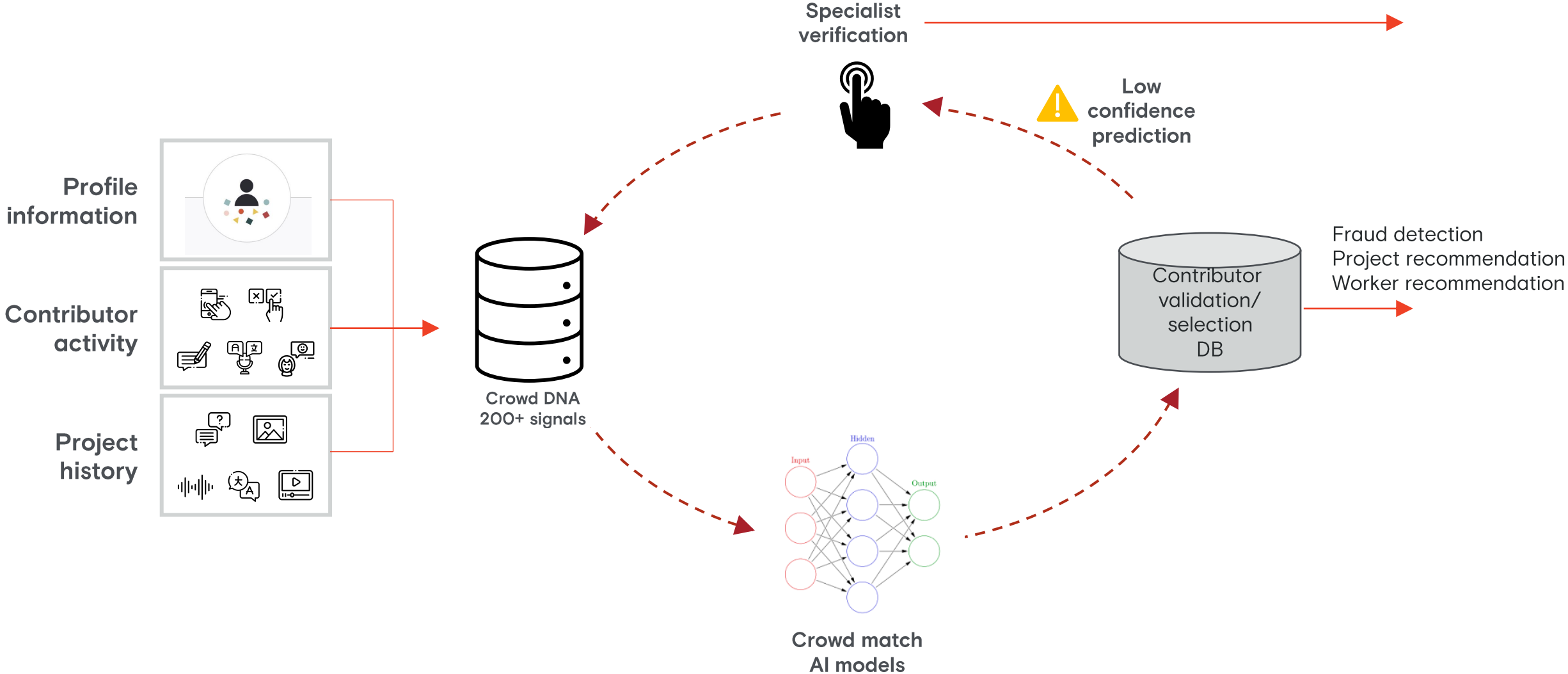


	Crowd worker #A	Crowd worker #B
Project type	Autonomous vehicles	Retail
Working hours	20	40
Quality score	92	85
Delivery speed	50 images/hour	200 images/hour





# Constant AI model improvements with human in the loop



# Key points and benefits to the business

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Faster at staffing  
crowd workers

Improved productivity  
of our internal crowd  
management teams

Improved crowd  
experience

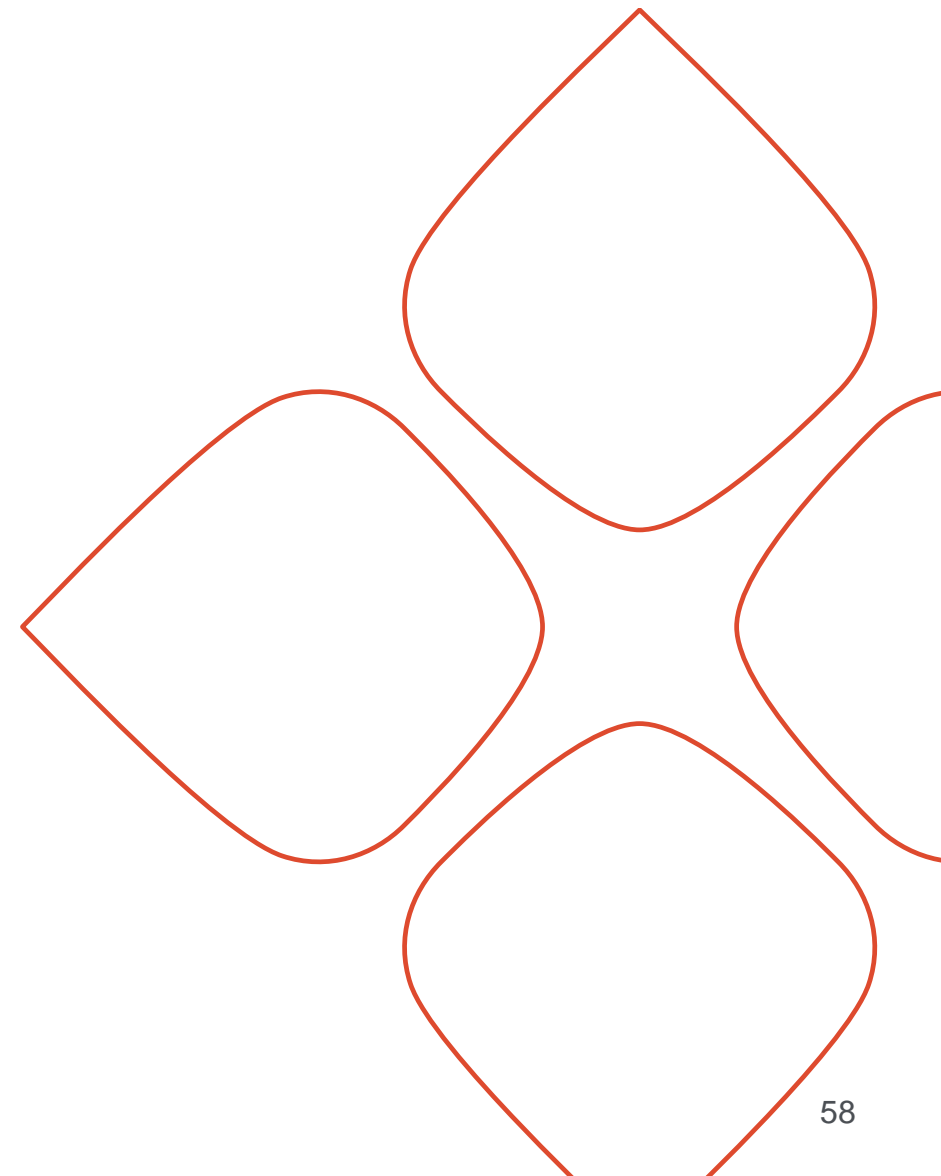
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*Benefit to the business*

- Improved delivery speed for our customers, leading to greater revenue
- Crowd automation enables our teams to support a larger volume of projects, improving productivity
- Happier crowd workers have higher retention and are more productive

# Data quality

Sujatha Sagiraju



“If 80% of our work is data preparation, then ensuring data quality is the important work of a machine learning team”

– Andrew Ng

# Data quality challenges – a ‘search relevance’ example

Search



Contributor 1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Contributor 2	✓	✓		✓	✓
Contributor 3	✓		✓	✓	
Contributor 4	✓	✓	✓		

# Video demonstration of data quality features



# Key points and benefits to the business

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Quality remains critical to delivery of high quality training data

Appen has built industry leading data quality capabilities into our platform

No-code interface simplifies quality management

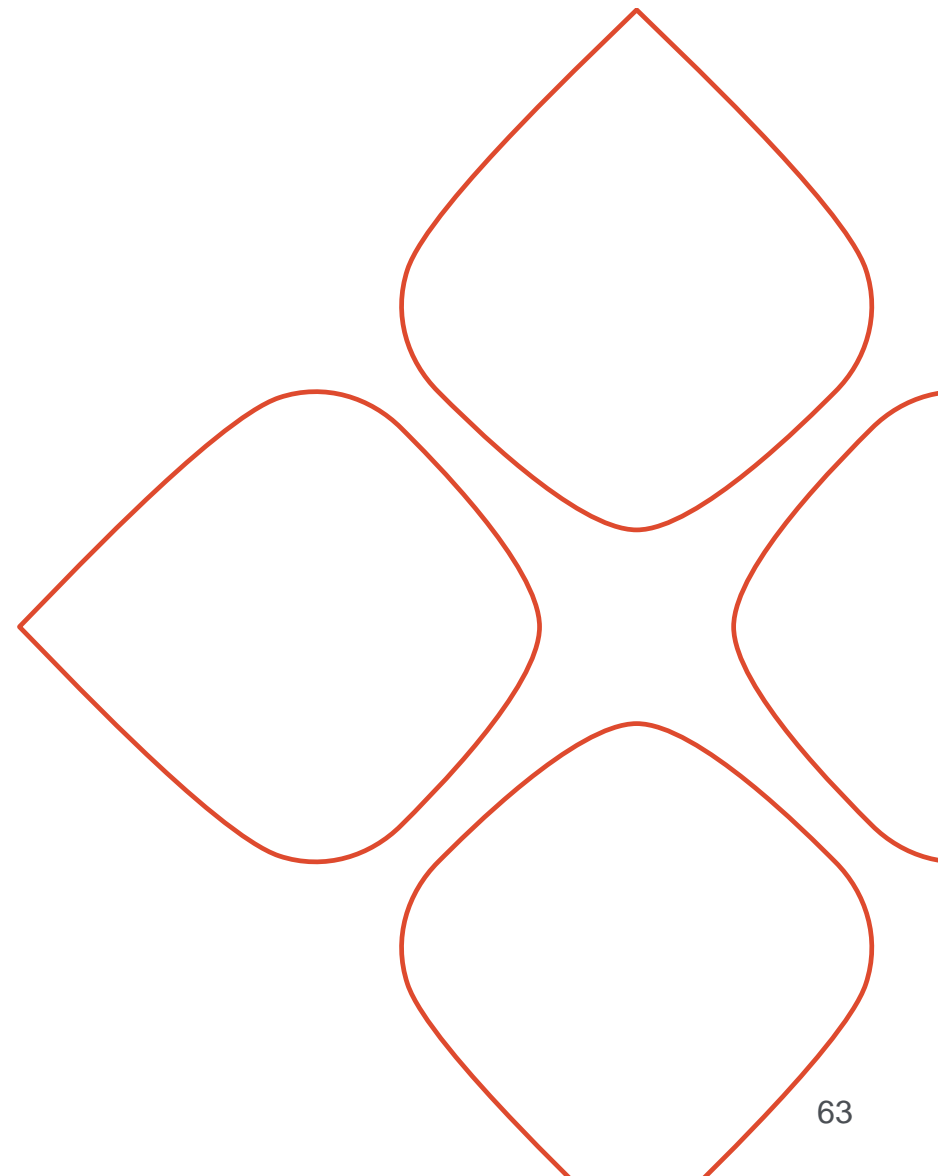
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## *Benefit to the business*

- Appen's 25 years of experience in delivering high quality training data is a competitive advantage
- Creates a competitive advantage, leading to increased revenue
- Improves the model performance for our customers
- Easier for customers to obtain high quality data
- Creates better value for our customers, improving retention

# Closing

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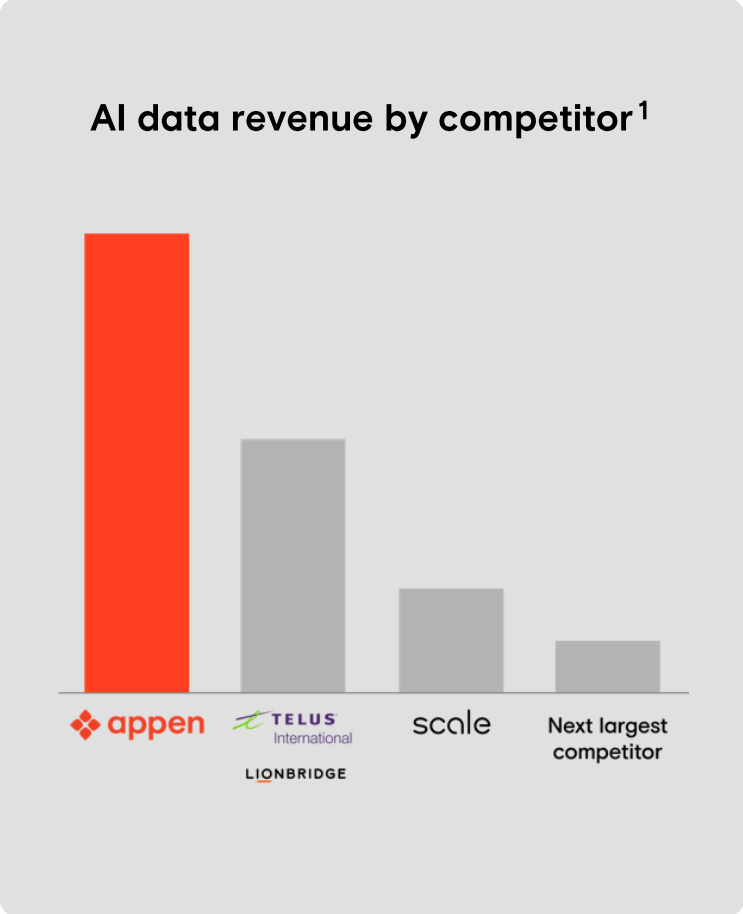




# Growth strategy and long-term goals



## Appen is the market leader



## We are transforming our business

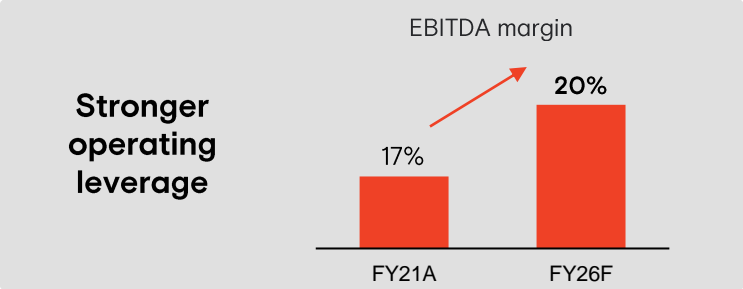
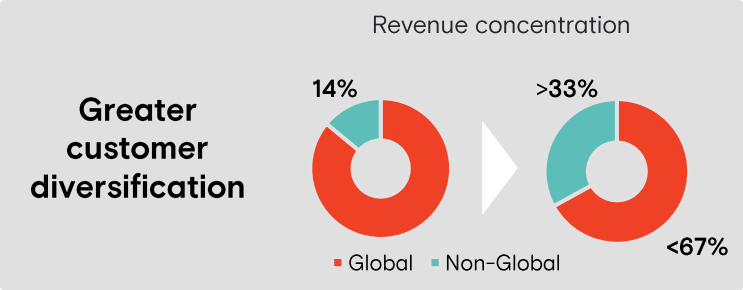
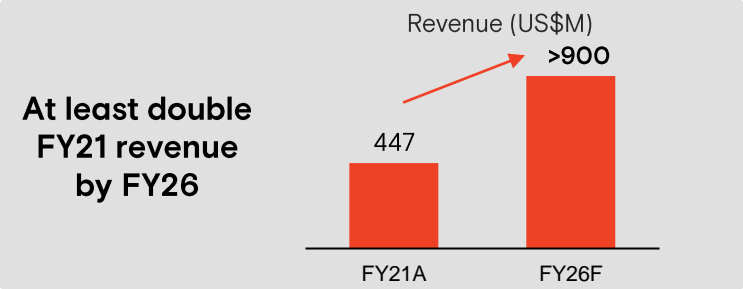
**Grow**  
revenue and diversify customers

**Automate**  
crowd and labelling processes

**Expand**  
our product offering

**Evolve**  
how we do business

## Long term goals



1. Lionbridge revenue source from Telus International IPO and other statements, Scale AI revenue estimated from public announcements related to funding rounds

# Questions

Thank you for your attendance