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Data Mesh Accelerates Analytics Time to Value

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About SDG&E

OUR VALUE

Do the right thing | Champion people | Shape the future

OUR MISSION

We improve lives and communities by building the cleanest, safest and most reliable energy infrastructure and company in America.



~4,600

Employees



1.3M

Customers



1.5M

Electric Meters



908K

Gas Meters



17.4K

Power Line Miles



4,100 sq. mi

in San Diego & S. Orange Counties



259,063

Total Solar/Wind Projects Authorized Under NEM (20% of Customer-Base)



Common Data Challenges

Bad data

Which data set should I use
How is this metric calculated

We need time to fix the data since the system is wrong
How has this data been changed from the source

Missing data

Access

The data I am using is old and not maintained
These data points don't match – which one should I believe

Trust It takes too long to get answers
How do I request access to the data
Who needs to approve my data access I don't trust my data
I don't know where to find the data
Where did this data comes from



Becoming a Data Driven Organization

Accelerate Time to Insights

Re-use trusted data sources to enable rapid development; provide business leaders the data they need when they need it

Streamline Data Accessibility

Modernize data management; Reduce the amount of time needed to find and securely connect to the right data

Increase Trust in Data

Establish single-sources of truth; Measure and improve data quality for critical data elements



Data Initiatives Driving Outcomes

Initiatives supporting our data-driven transformation...

DATA GOVERNANCE

Management function to implement **enterprise-wide** processes and tools to create trusted, **information-based assets** and enable the management of **data as a strategic asset**

DATA MESH

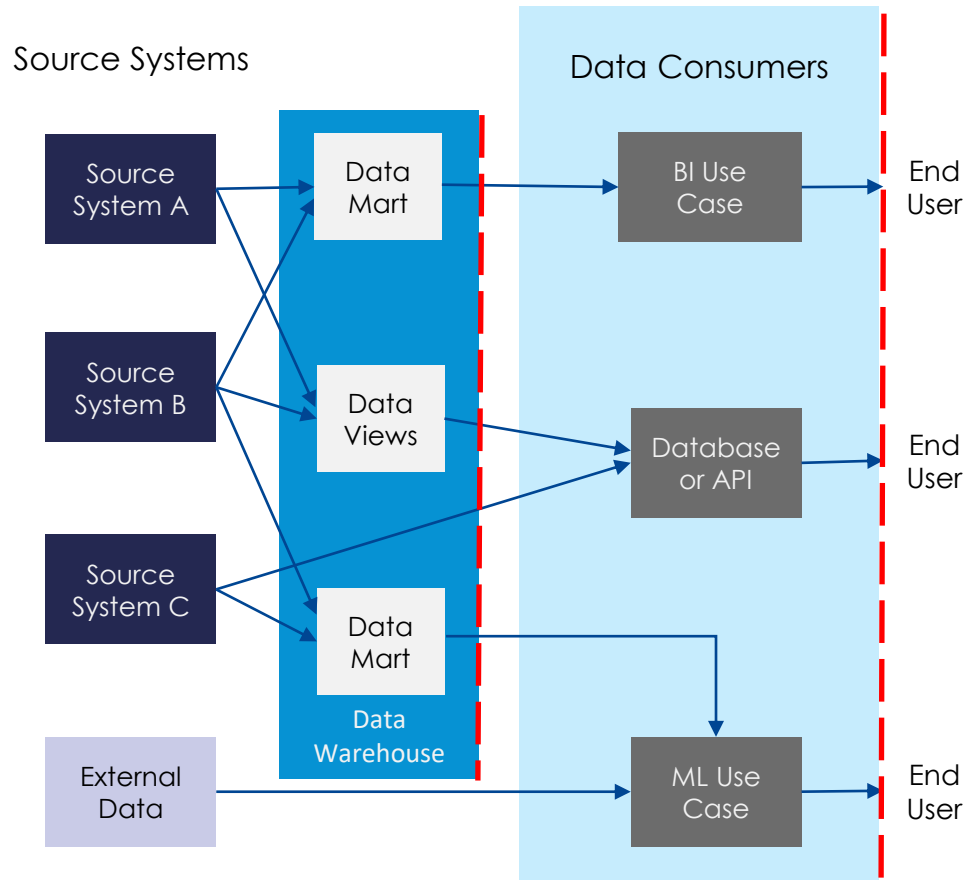
A paradigm shift to building Data as a Product, enabling **data democratization, transparency and secure, streamlined access**

DATA SCIENCE

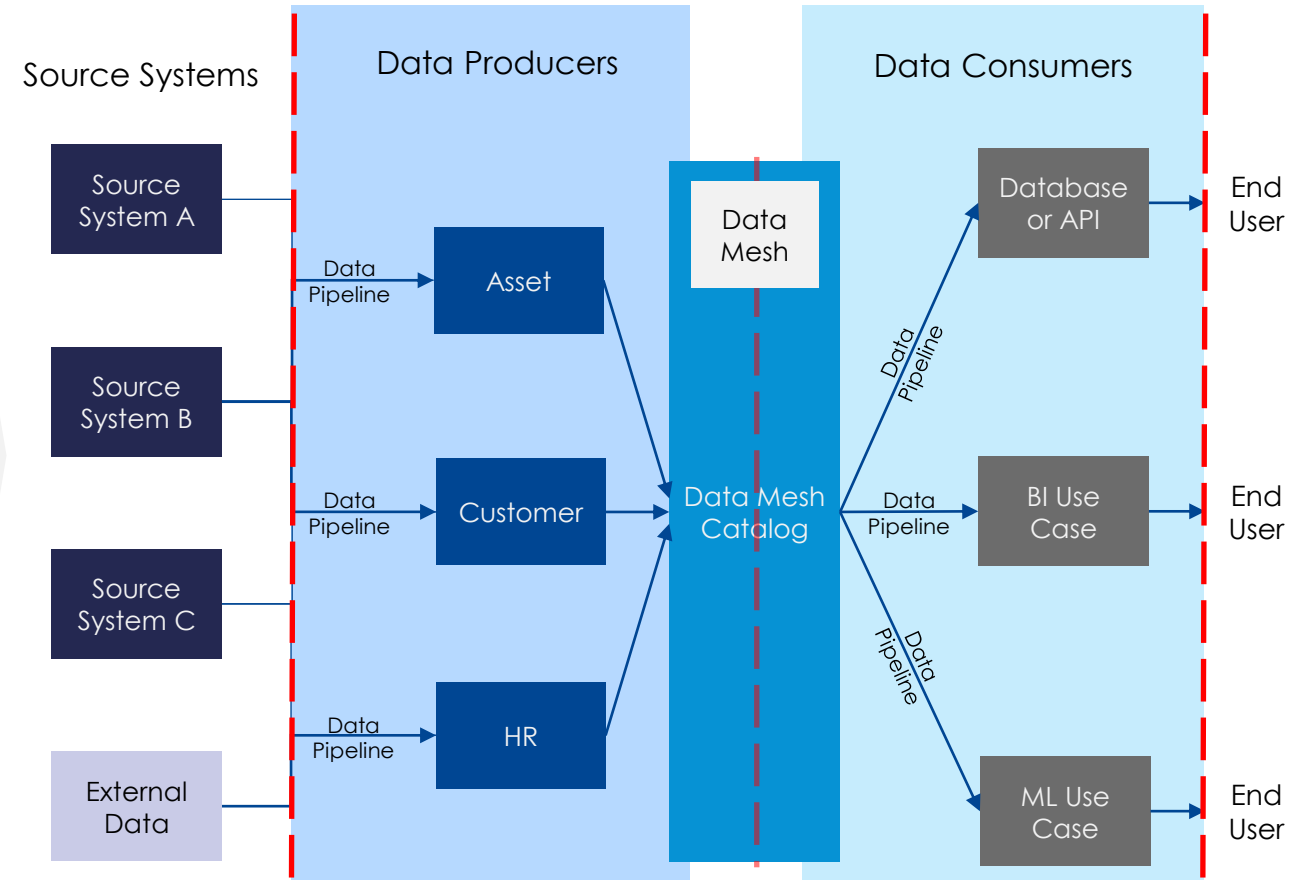
Looking to establish an Office of Data Science (target 2023)

From Data Warehouse to Data Mesh

Traditional BI/Data Warehouse (Today)



Data Mesh (Future)



Data Mesh Principles

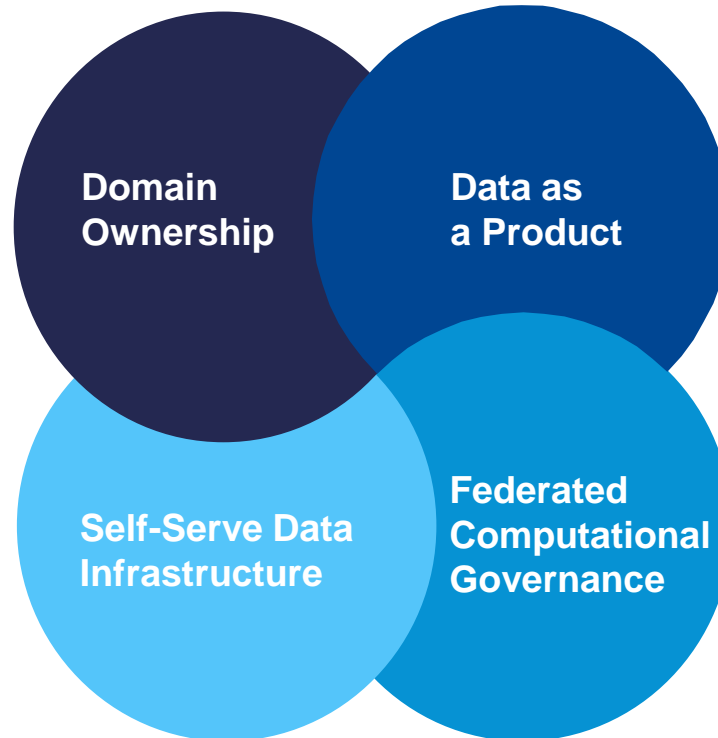
People and Process over Technology

Domain Ownership

Business domains own the development and ongoing management of Data Products within the solution framework. Domains have autonomy, but Data products must adhere to common principles.

Self-Serve Data Infrastructure

Data products should be easily and flexibly addressable by domain-approved use cases while benefiting from a common backbone of security, data management, auditability, and other architectural goods.



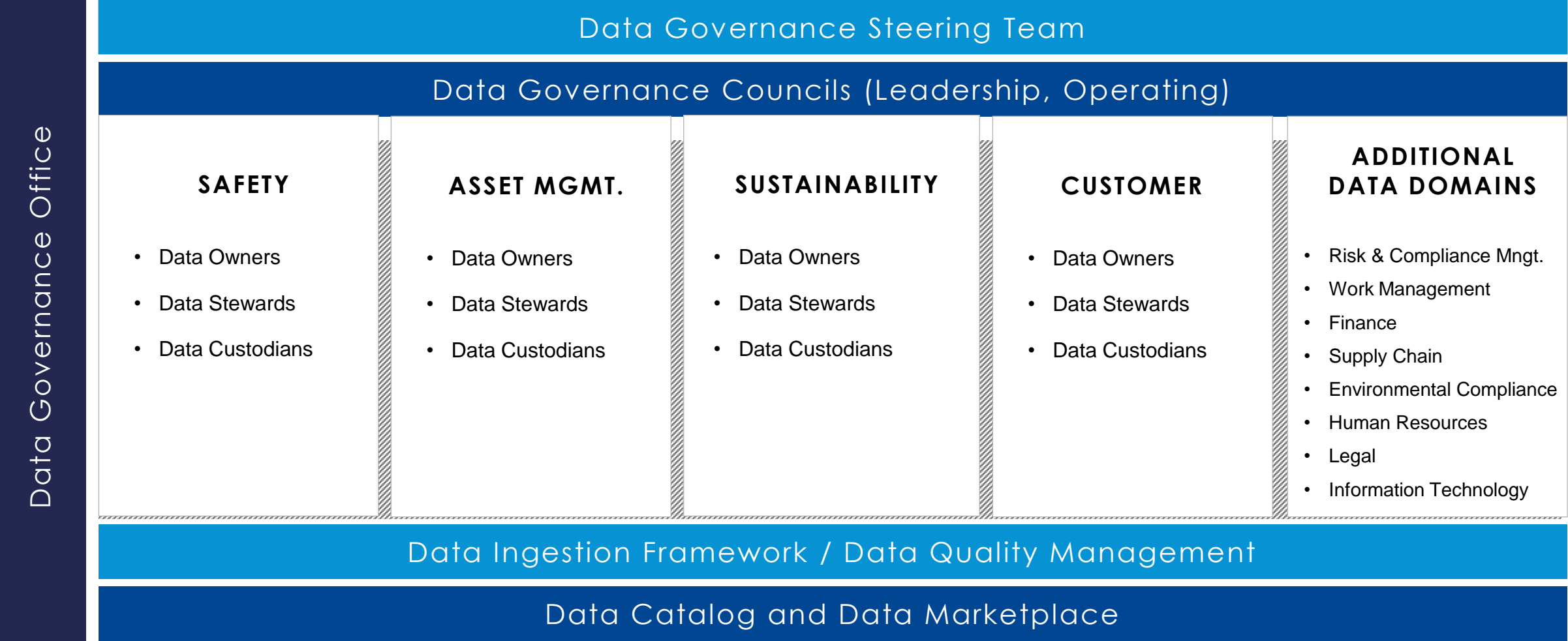
Data as a Product

Data should be forward-engineered to meet existing and emerging business needs instead of built-in arrears on a project-by-project basis. Products must have a clear purpose and value-centric user experience.

Federated Computational Governance

Domains are responsible for decisions about their data, but we allow for centralization of cross-domain portfolio and master/reference data. Where possible, push decision-making down into the domains.

Data Domain Governance Structure



Data Products

Definition & Expected Attributes of Data Products (Independent of Data Mesh)

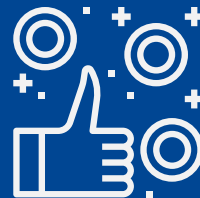
DATA PRODUCTS SHOULD HAVE THE FOLLOWING ATTRIBUTES:



Discoverability



Addressability



Trustworthiness



Descriptiveness



Interoperability



Security & Accessibility

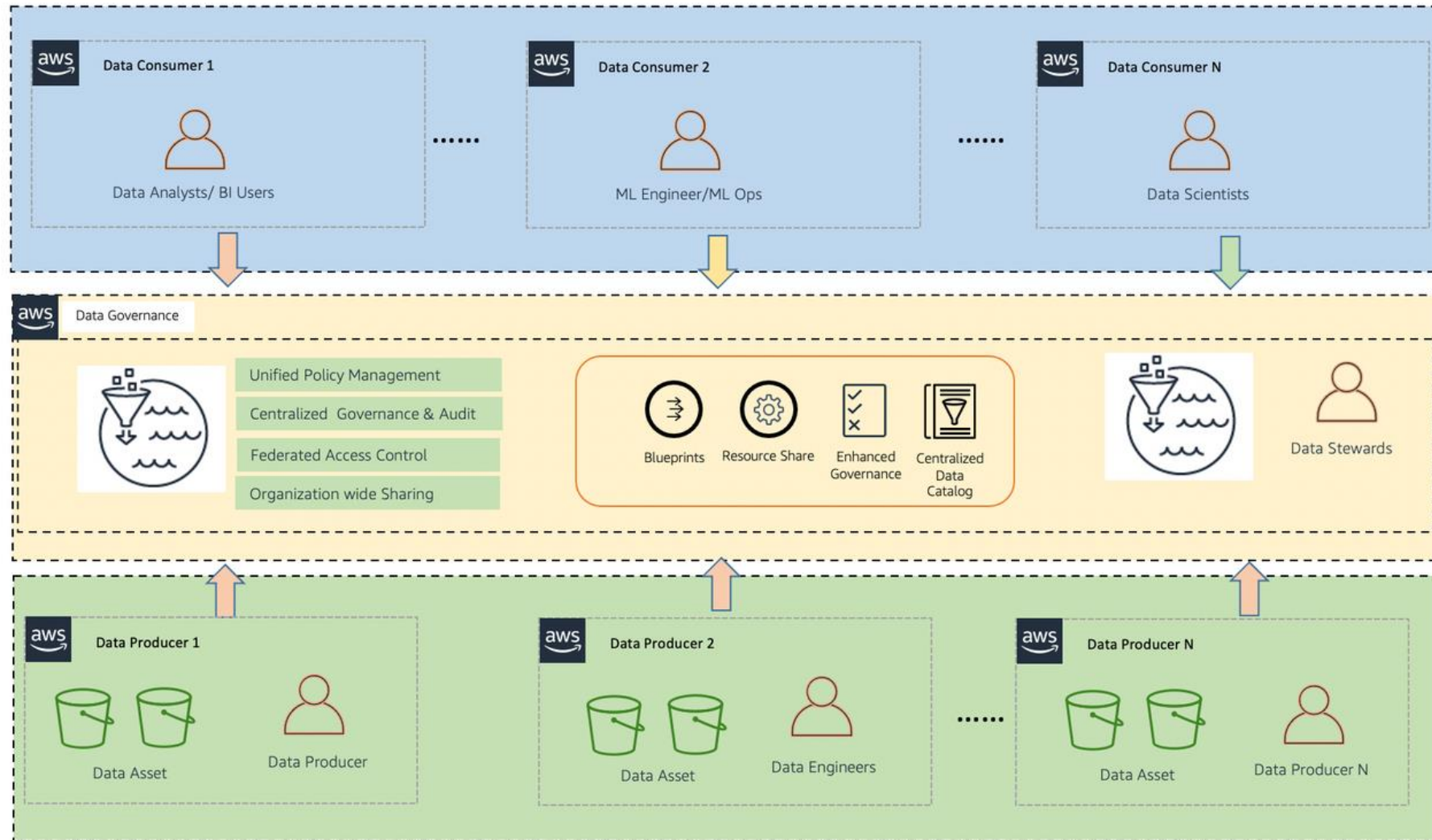
DATA PRODUCTS:

A Data Product is a reusable data asset, engineered to deliver a trusted dataset for a specific purpose at a guaranteed level of service

Data Products can include:

- *Data Sets*
- *API Endpoints*
- *Data Streams*
- *Machine Learning Models*
- *BI Dashboards*

Data Mesh Conceptual Architecture



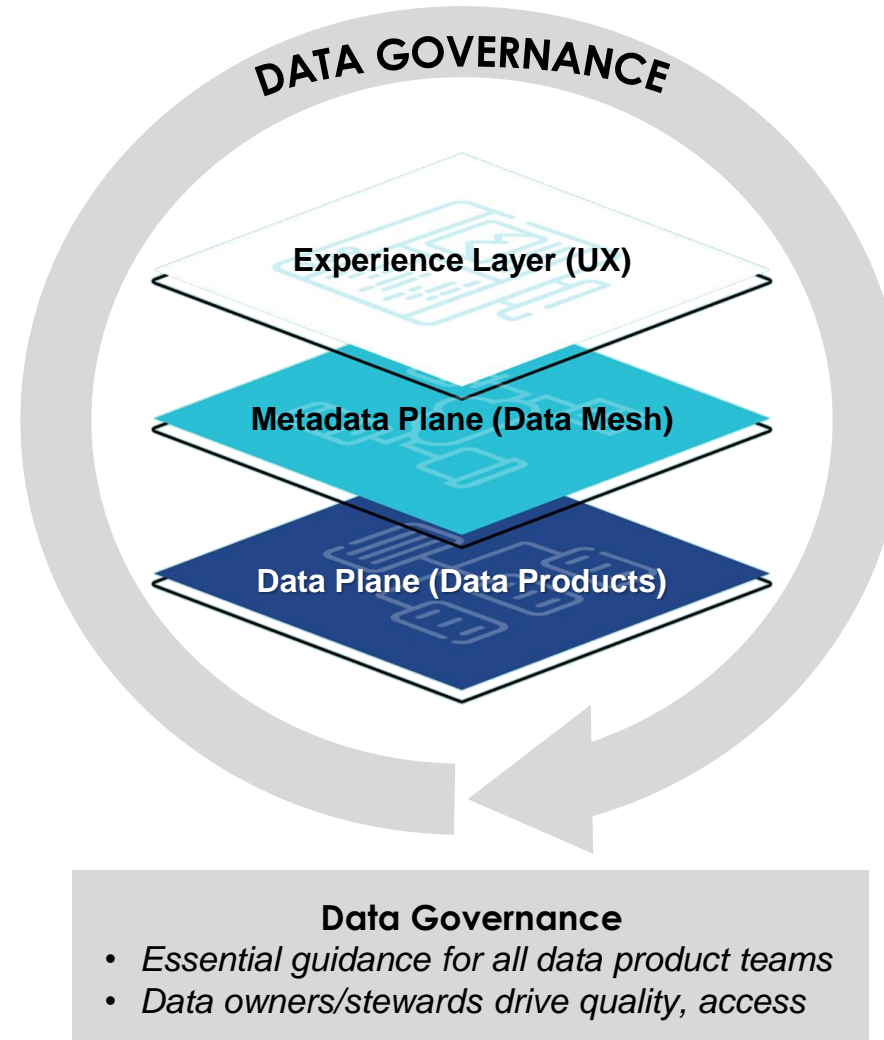
Reference: <https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/big-data/design-a-data-mesh-architecture-using-aws-lake-formation-and-aws-glue/>

Where We are Going – Data Fabric

Exploring, Accessing, and Connecting to Data Products

Metadata Plane (Data Mesh)

- Manages programmatic access to Data Products across all platforms
- Single source for Access Control
- Contains Data Product Metadata (Data Catalog)
- Data Definitions
- Business Data Models



Experience Layer (UX)

- Front-end for Data Discovery
- Displays information on all Data Products
- Search engine queries for Products using information in the Metadata Plane
- Data Marketplace

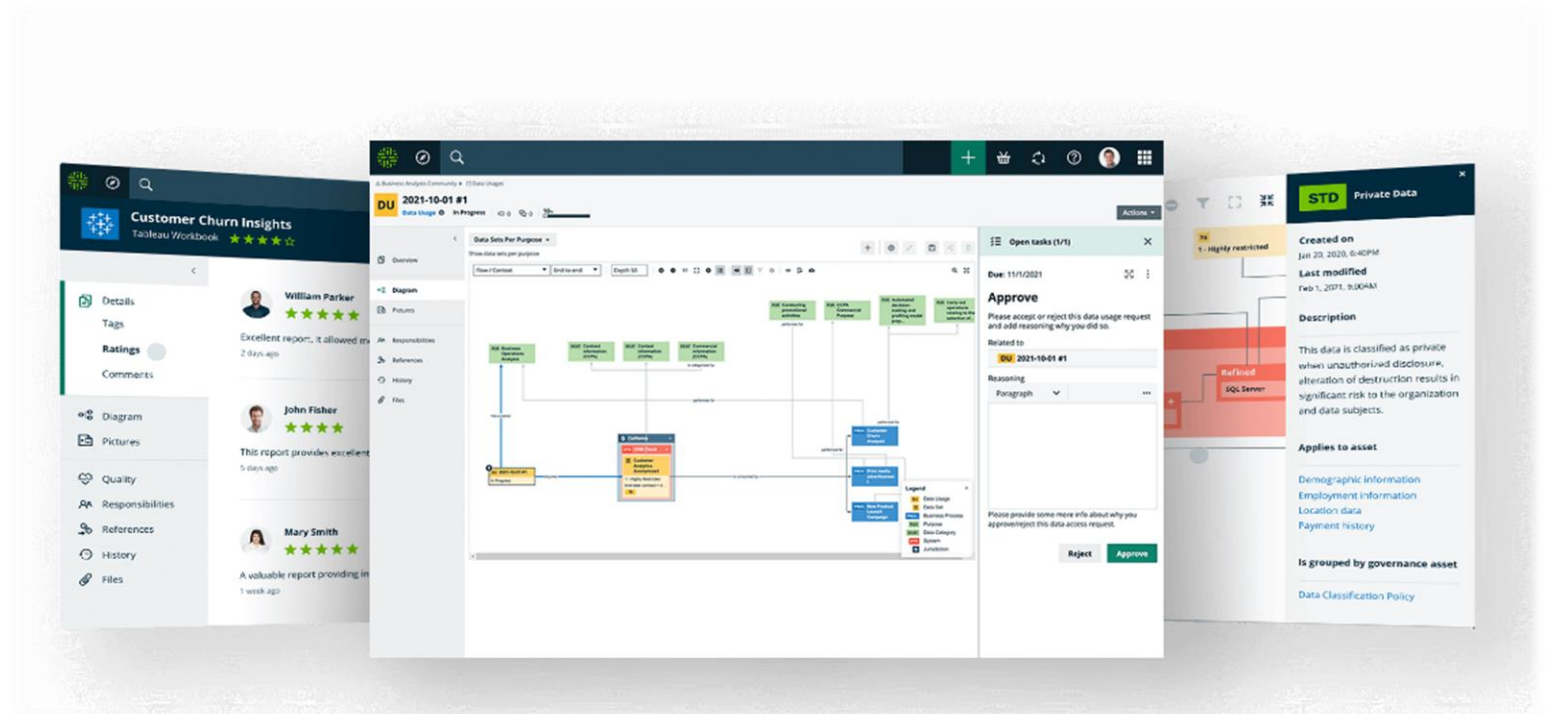
Data Plane (Data Products)

- Storage and Compute layer for Data Products
- APIs/data sets/streams/models
- Lives across multiple platforms

Self-Service Data Marketplace

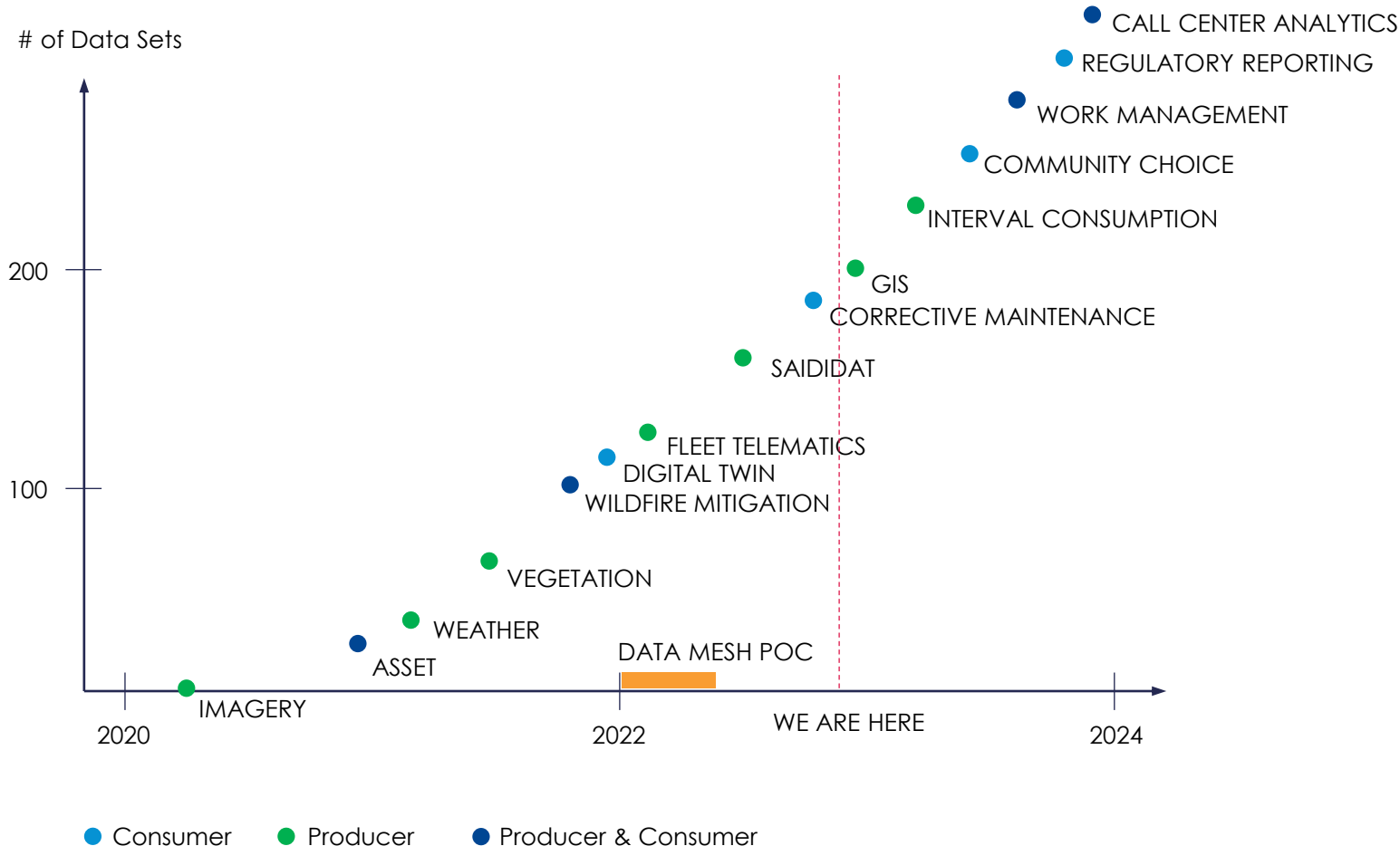
SELF-SERVICE VIA CENTRALIZED DATA MARKETPLACE

- Empower data analysts, engineers, and scientists to source data quickly and easily
- Automated workflow for access controls
- Increase trust in data quality and accuracy via business glossary & data lineage
- Accelerate analytics time-to-value



Analytics Progress in Cloud

Reusable Data Products are key to speed-to-value



CURRENT STATE:



Number of Data sets = 220



Number of ingestion jobs = 184



Volume of data = 7 TB



Average Cost over past 6 months =
\$1900 per month

TARGETED DATA SETS:

- Outage
- SCADA
- Safety
- Materials
- Gas Leaks
- Emissions
- Reference Data (Finance, HR, etc.)

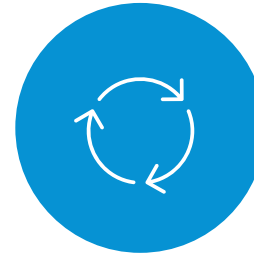
Lessons Learned

But it's only been a few months



WHAT WORKED WELL

- Started with Proof of Value (PoV)
- Collaboration with Cloud Office & cybersecurity on account strategy, et al
- Focused on advancing one domain
- Grassroots support for building & sharing data products
- Initial efforts on OpModel and organizational change management



WHAT WE'D DO DIFFERENTLY

- Start Data Governance initiative earlier
- Bring business domain and technical teams together earlier
- Data onboarding backlog/roadmap
- Dedicate resources from business and IT to OpModel and organizational change management



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Additional Considerations

- Role of Data Product Owner relative to Data Owner
- Data Tagging Schema
- AWS Account Strategy
- Chargeback Model
- Access Controls / Workflows



What's next in our journey?



SHORT-TERM

- Split out central Data Mesh team
- Complete Glue Data Catalog integration with Collibra
- Migrate sub-domain tagging and access control policies
- Implement monitoring/audit reporting (access, performance, etc.)
- Implement security controls for sensitive data (PI, NERC/CIP, etc.) into central catalog
- Balance use-case driven backlog with strategic data sets



LONG-TERM

- Make transition to Data Product management
 - Business domain leadership
 - Product SLAs, data profiling, ratings
 - Technology team enablement
- Implement Data Marketplace and workflow automation
- Complete onboarding of key domains
- Automate use case onboarding

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