



# How CDEROne is Advancing CDER's AI Innovation Mission

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# What is CDEROne?



# What is CDEROne?

CDEROne Analytics is a secure Enterprise Platform that acts as a centralized one-stop-shop, integrating several data sources to provide tailored, self-service, augmented analytical solutions that support the business needs of the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER).

## Advanced Analytics

Offers a conglomeration of advanced analytical tools & technology

## Multi-Tenancy

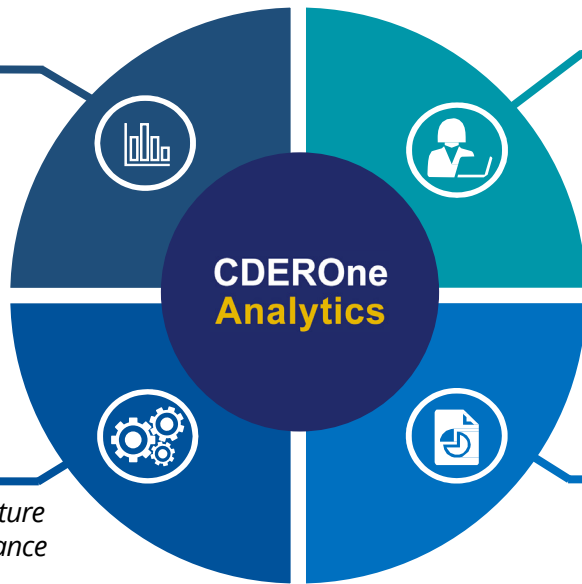
Enables collaboration across all CDER offices via multi-Tenant workspaces

## Enterprised Architecture

Provides a modernized architecture on a secure FISMA high Governance Cloud hosted in AWS

## Centralized Data

Brings and connects CDER's data (external and internal) together



## CDEROne Analytics

### QUICK FACTS

**3700+** Users Onboarded  
to CDEROne Analytics

**2500+** Hours saved  
for Drug Safety Officers

**45+** Use Cases  
across CDER offices

**12+** Tenants  
across CDER offices

### CDEROne Users



# Why CDEROne is the Right Platform to Build CDER's AI Capabilities

- To support CDER's drug regulatory review process, data across a variety of domains needs to be accessible at an enterprise level.

**CDEROne possesses foundational attributes for enabling AI capabilities:**

- Data Abundance
- High Compute Platform that is Scalable and Accessible to Data Scientists
- AI capabilities (In-House Code Development + Open-Source Integration)
- Secure (FISMA high, Zero Trust)
- Platform support for citizen data scientists (i.e., help desk)
- Governance structure to prioritize development



**There is a growing need for AI capabilities as CDEROne continues to scale up in its utility**



# CDEROne's Data and AI Capabilities



# CDEROne's Data Layer

From ingestion to the publish layer, centralized data engineering serves as the foundation to build AI capabilities.

## DATA SOURCES

Industry  
Submissions

FDA internal data  
generated through  
the review process

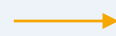
FDA published data  
(e.g., Orange Book,  
Purple Book)

External data  
(e.g., drug sales)

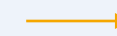
## COMMON DATA LAYER

**End-to-end data pipeline with centralized data engineering  
and analytics tools and technologies**

Data Ingestion



Data Processing,  
Management & Governance



Data Publication &  
Advanced Analytics

Supported by: Data Storage Tools, OCR Tools, Integrated Development Environments, Data Engineering Tools, Data Visualization Tools

## TENANT SPECIFIC DATA ENGINEERING

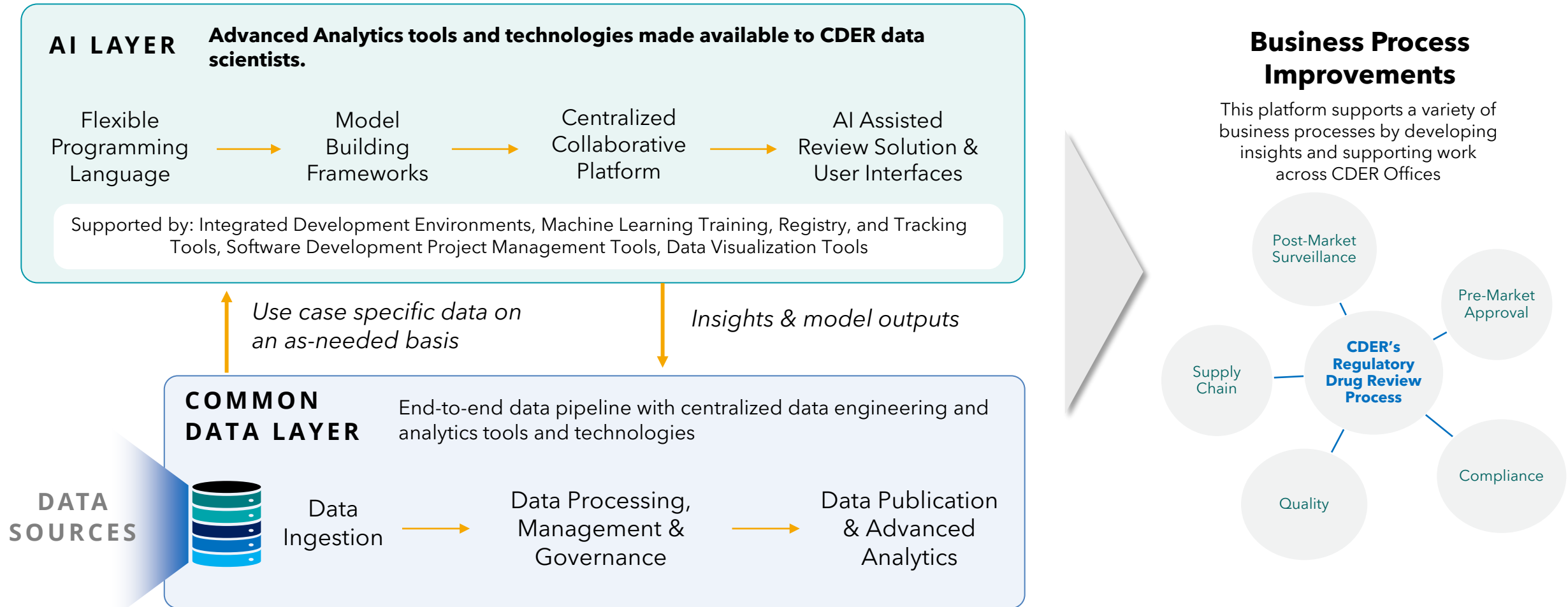


This infrastructure allows for self-service data  
pipelines at a tenant/use case level



# CDEROne's AI Layer

The AI layer, built on top of the data layer, encompasses the tools and technologies that are made available to CDER data scientists.



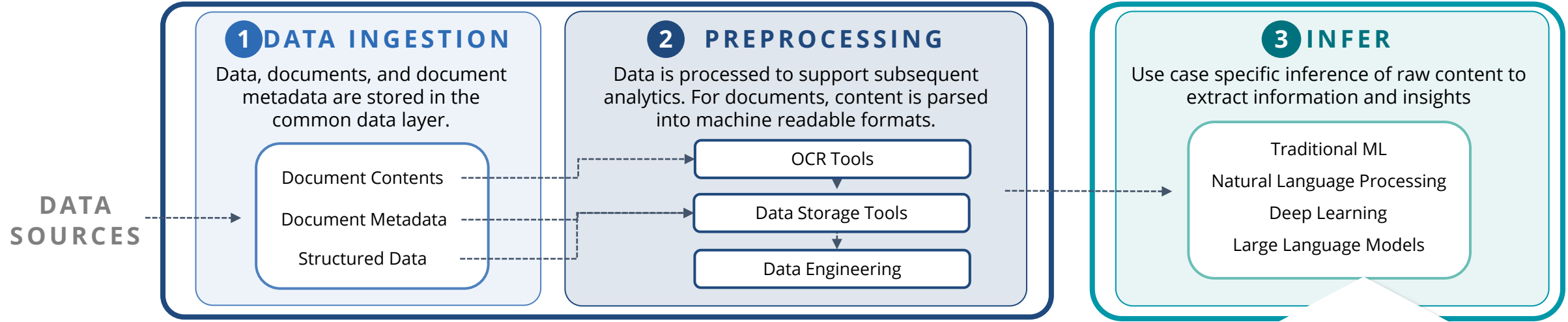


# CDEROne Architecture

CDEROne tenants can leverage a common framework composed of reusable capabilities to accelerate the document centric data science use cases.

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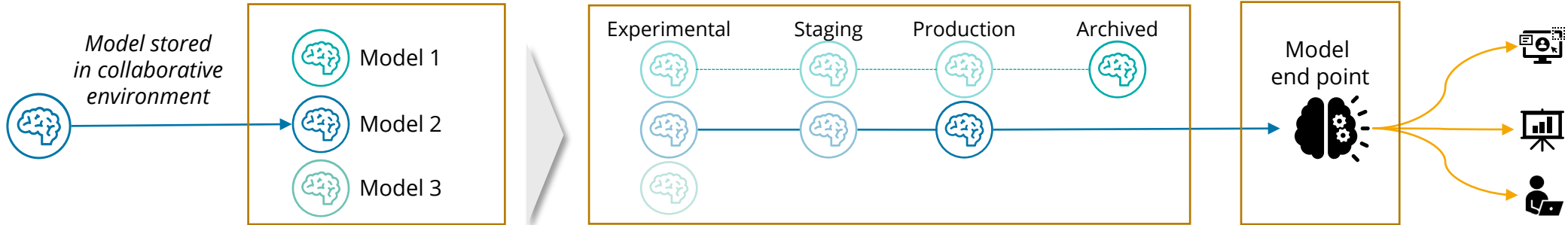
## TENANT SPECIFIC ANALYTICS



Generalized model format that standardizes deployment options

Centralized and collaborative model lifecycle management

Expose models to end points such as dashboards & reports



# What is AI and existing CDER One use cases

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is an interdisciplinary area demonstrated by machines operating human tasks such as speech recognition, computer vision, translation between languages, etc.

## Artificial Intelligence (AI)

The theory and development of computer systems able to perform tasks normally requiring human intelligence.

## Machine Learning (ML)

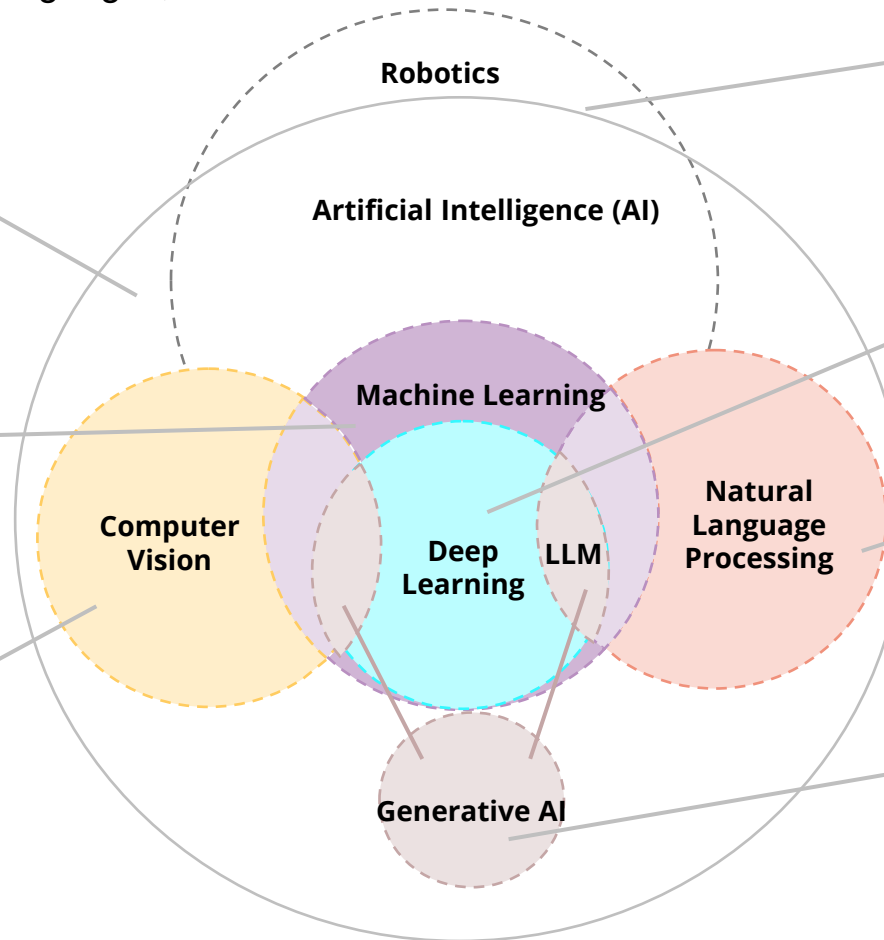
A field devoted to building methods that let machines "learn" leveraging data.

- **CDER Capability:** ML Classification & Operationalization

## Computer Vision

A field that focuses on enabling computers to identify objects and people in images and video.

- **CDER Capability:** Text extraction using Optical Character Recognition (OCR)



## Robotics

An interdisciplinary branch designing machines that can help and assist humans.

- **CDER Capability:** Intelligent Document Processing using Robotic Process Automation (RPA)

## Deep Learning (DL)

Machine learning algorithms with brain-like logical structure of algorithms called artificial neural networks.

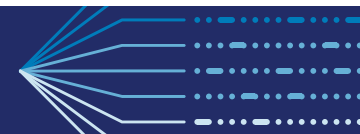
## Natural Language Processing (NLP)

An interdisciplinary subfield of linguistics, computer science, and AI such as how to program computers to process and analyze large amounts of natural language data.

## Generative AI (including LLM)

A type of AI system capable of generating text, images, or other media using generative models such as large language models (LLMs).

- **CDER Capability:** Extract insights from unstructured documents

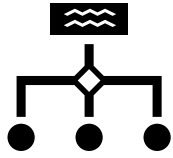


# Achievements in AI at CDEROne



# How AI Can Improve CDER's Business Processes

AI can improve business processes by improving the accuracy, quality and accessibility of data, modernizing business processes, and creating new insights, among other improvements.



## STRUCTURE UNSTRUCTURED DATA

FDA receives submissions and data in a variety of formats. Structuring this data and storing it in a central location makes it easier to leverage.

*e.g., Computer Vision, Machine Learning, NLP*



## IMPROVE DATA QUALITY

AI can be used to validate, clean, detect anomalies, and ensure accuracy and consistency across large data sets.

*e.g., Machine Learning, NLP, Deep Learning, LLMs*



## STREAMLINE OPERATIONS

These models are aiding manual processes to improve accuracy and efficiency.

*e.g., Machine Learning, Robotic Process Automation*



## GENERATING NEW INSIGHTS

AI can create insights that is difficult to achieve by manual processes or traditional analytics methods.

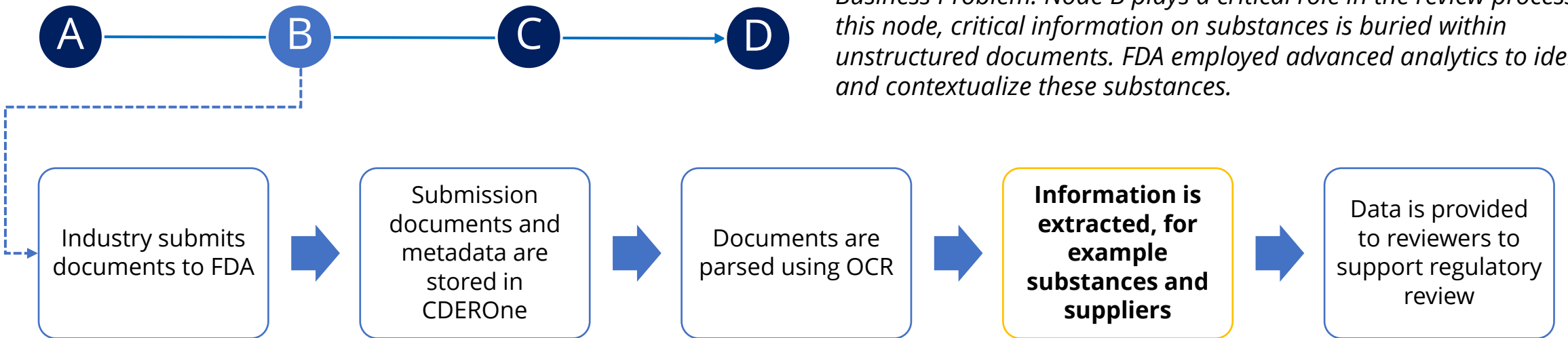
*e.g., NLP, Deep Learning, Generative AI (including LLMs)*



# Generating Insights from Unstructured Data Using AI

Valuable data is provided to FDA in unstructured formats, making it difficult to access and use. AI can be leveraged to structure and extract information, making it usable for reviewers.

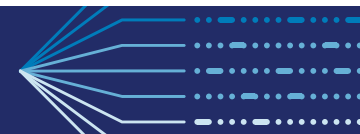
Regulatory Review Process



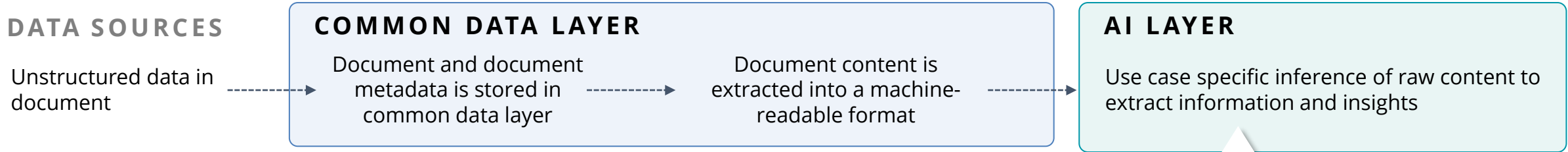
*Business Problem: Node B plays a critical role in the review process. In this node, critical information on substances is buried within unstructured documents. FDA employed advanced analytics to identify and contextualize these substances.*

At this step, CDEROne's AI layer uses OCR, Deep Learning, and Large Language Models to structure data and glean insights.

**Added Capability**



# Generating Insights from Unstructured Data Using AI (Cont'd)



*Now that the data has been pre-processed into a machine-readable format, it can be passed into models. The team then evaluates, tests, and deploys models to identify and contextualize substances.*

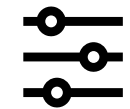
**Explore Models:**  
Test a variety of models to identify the best model for the business problem



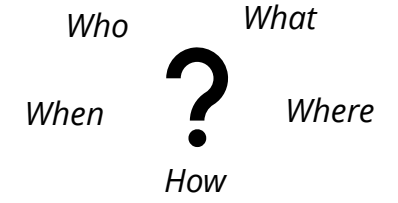
**Select model:**  
Selected a name entity recognition model that was pre-trained on large data sets to identify substance names



**Fine tune model:**  
Retrain model on CDER data and evaluate for accuracy



**Contextualize Data:**  
Use a large language model to understand context about the substance

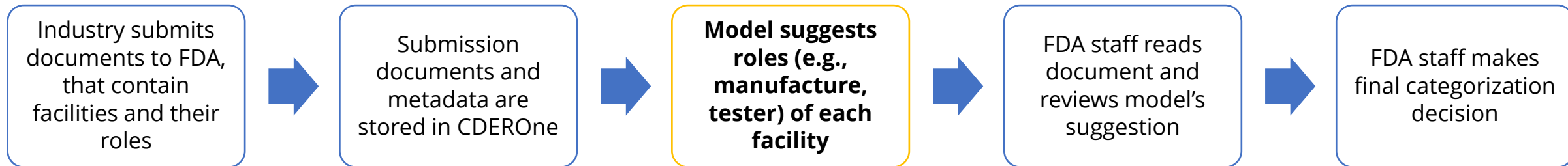


**Impact:** This effort structured unstructured data, filling in data gaps and improving data quality, ultimately generating new insights, which improved CDER's ability to:

- Conduct surveillance
- Understanding a fuller picture of layers in the drug manufacturing process

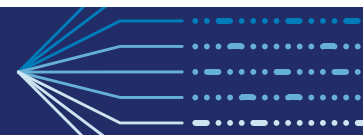
# Supporting Manual Processes Using Machine Learning

Leveraged AI to support the manual process of classifying industry submitted information (e.g., facility business operation).

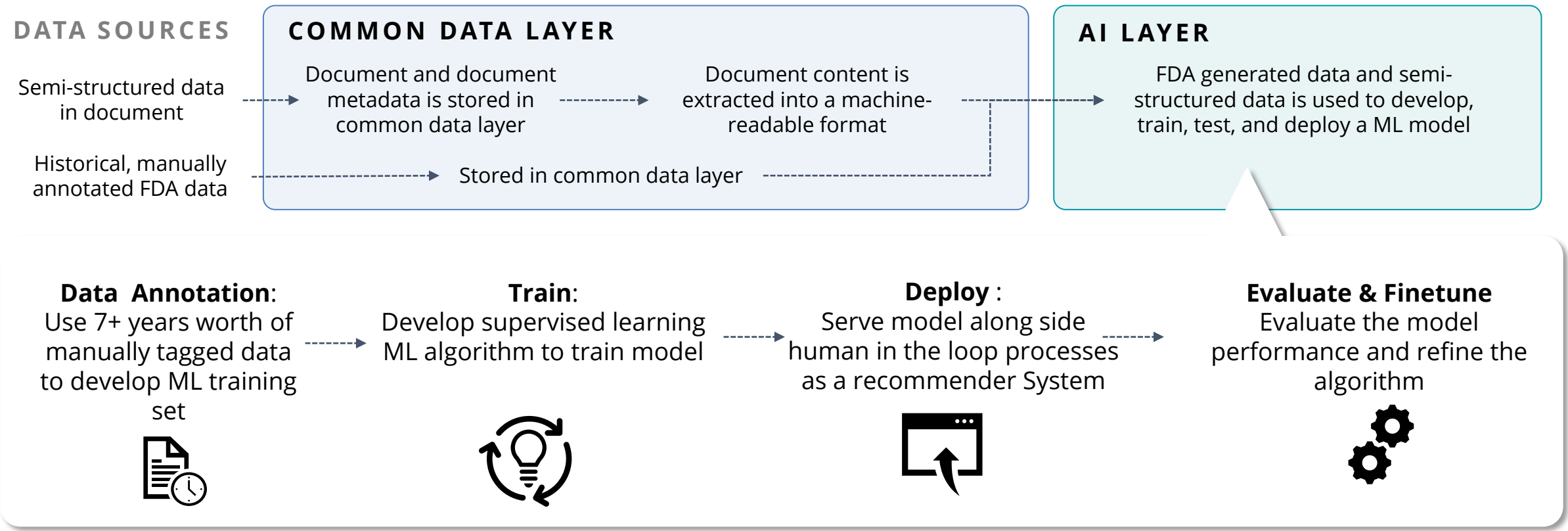


At this stage, machine learning is used to help optimize this manual process.

**Added Capability**



# Supporting Manual Processes Using Machine Learning (Cont'd)



**Impact:** The manual process of reviewing and categorizing information is now aided with machine learning, improving accuracy and efficiency.



# Data Scientists Leverage AI Capabilities in CDEROne

Created a self-service environment to carry out data science projects to solve **policy and operational** challenges

## Policy or Operational Challenges



Client has  
**policy question**  
or  
**operational challenge**

## Build Data Science Solution



CDEROne provides  
**self-service data science**  
**environment** to build AI  
models

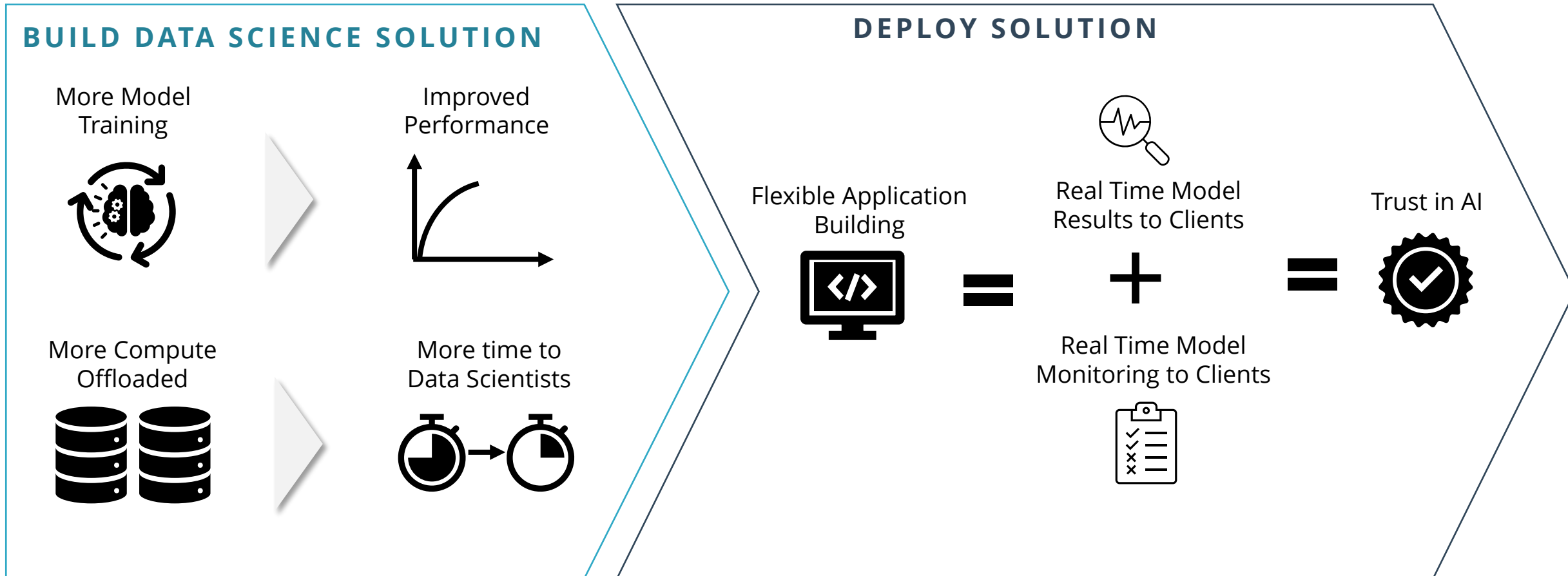
## Deploy Solution



CDEROne provides  
**self-service deployment**  
to host AI powered  
applications



# Data Scientists Leverage AI Capabilities in CDEROne (Cont'd)



**Impact:** Data Scientists build more finely tuned models **improving performance**, offload compute of model training **freeing up time**, and develop flexible ways to deliver model results directly to clients **increasing trust in AI models**.

# Moving Forward



# Moving Forward Outline



## Infrastructure

Enterprise level capabilities require scalable, high-performance infrastructure that can handle large datasets and complex models.



## Security

Adhering to FISMA high Governance Cloud standards and implementing a Zero Trust is paramount to protecting sensitive data.



## Access Control

Defining granular permissions to prevent unauthorized model and data access and continuing to implement a governance policy down to the data attribute level.



## Computational Cost

Current pricing models could lead to uncontrolled costs for organizations when used at scale.



## Cross Cloud Platforms

Integration, data interoperability, and consistent performance across cloud environments requires careful orchestration.

*Keeping these known challenges in mind, CDEROne plans to expand its state-of-the-art analytics through..*

## Enterprise Level AI

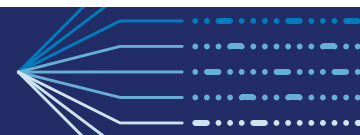
Expanding to be a ready-to-use enterprise level AI capability that can support citizen data scientists. Continue to identify the data needs and the AI capabilities needed to be included as a part of the enterprise capability.

## Enhance Open Search Capability

Leverage advanced artificial intelligence and natural language processing techniques to enhance multi-dimensional contextual/semantical searches.

## Strengthen the AI Community of Practice

Collaborate with AI CoP in providing the necessary platform to identify, prioritize, and help develop AI related use cases, in support of CDER's mission.





Thank you!