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SAS Factory Miner and Next Generation SAS Forecasting

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Agenda

Trends in the analytics space

SAS Factory Miner

SAS Forecast Server Client

Market challenges



Market opportunities & risks – volatile and fragmented



Time to market is crucial for the business



Digital economy, Internet of things are rising

Predictive Analytics challenges



Model proliferation

With targeted segmentation and micromarketing campaigns



Less time

to (re)act and differentiate on new market changes



Big Data

High volume, variety and velocity of big data

Examples & facts



35,000 models for marketing campaigns to manage & monitor

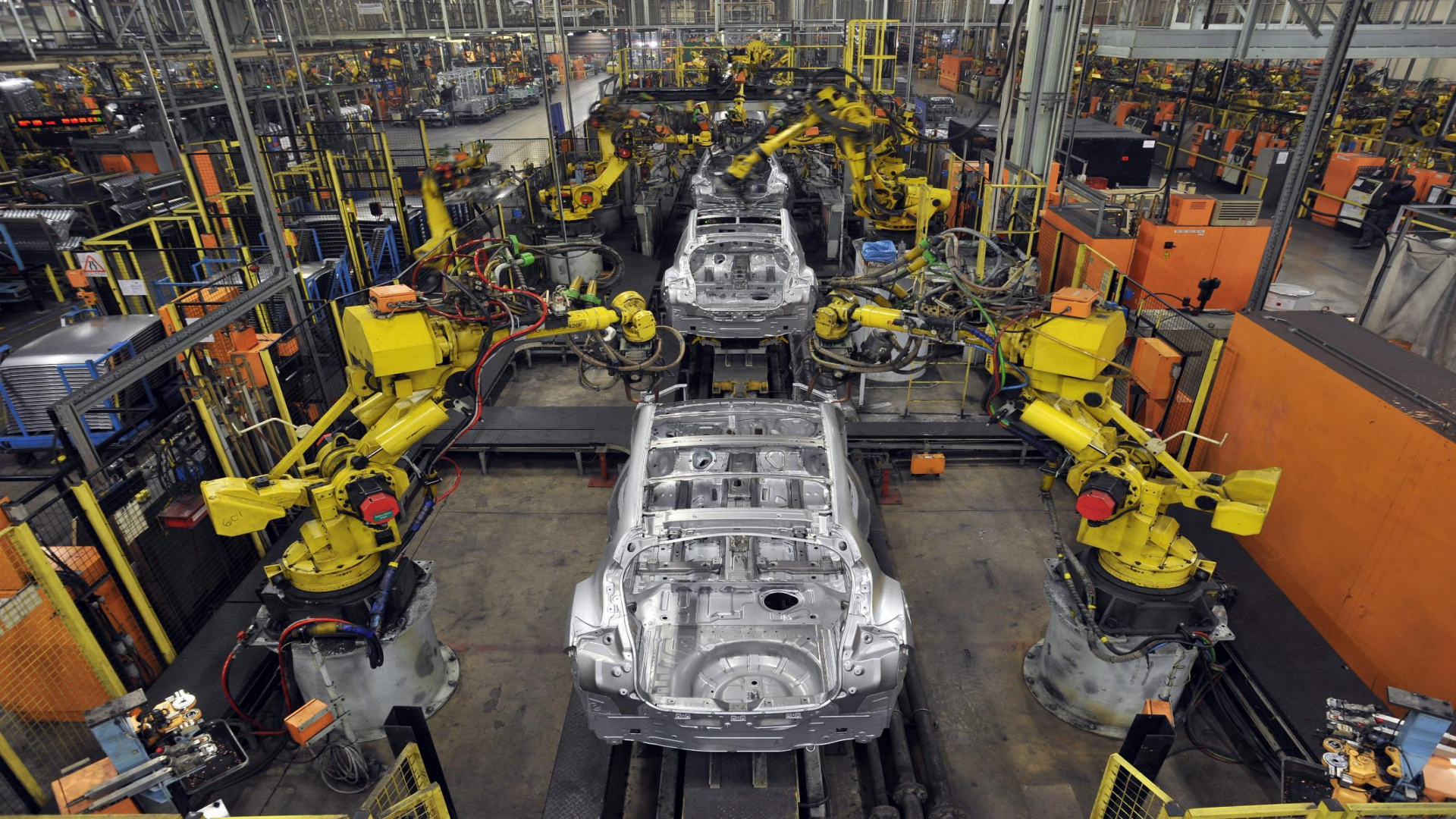


Over a year to select the best variables & deliver a robust & manageable model in production

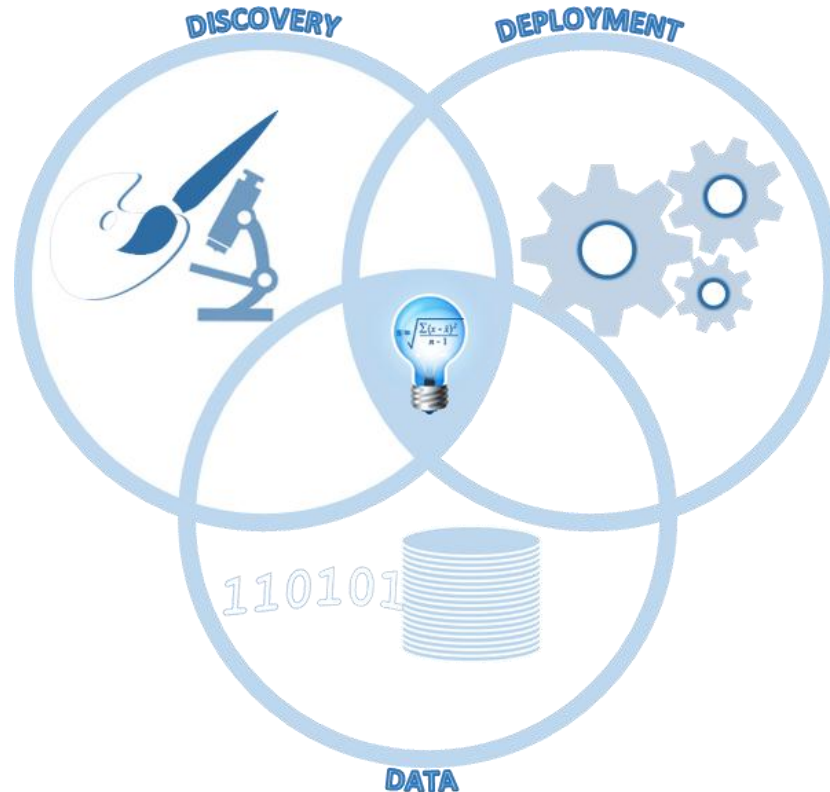


Credit risk score on businesses cost millions of dollars due to volume & complexity of data





Modeling at Scale



Creating Even More Granular Models

DATA

Summed customer transactions



Customer type



Community type



Distance



Spend frequency



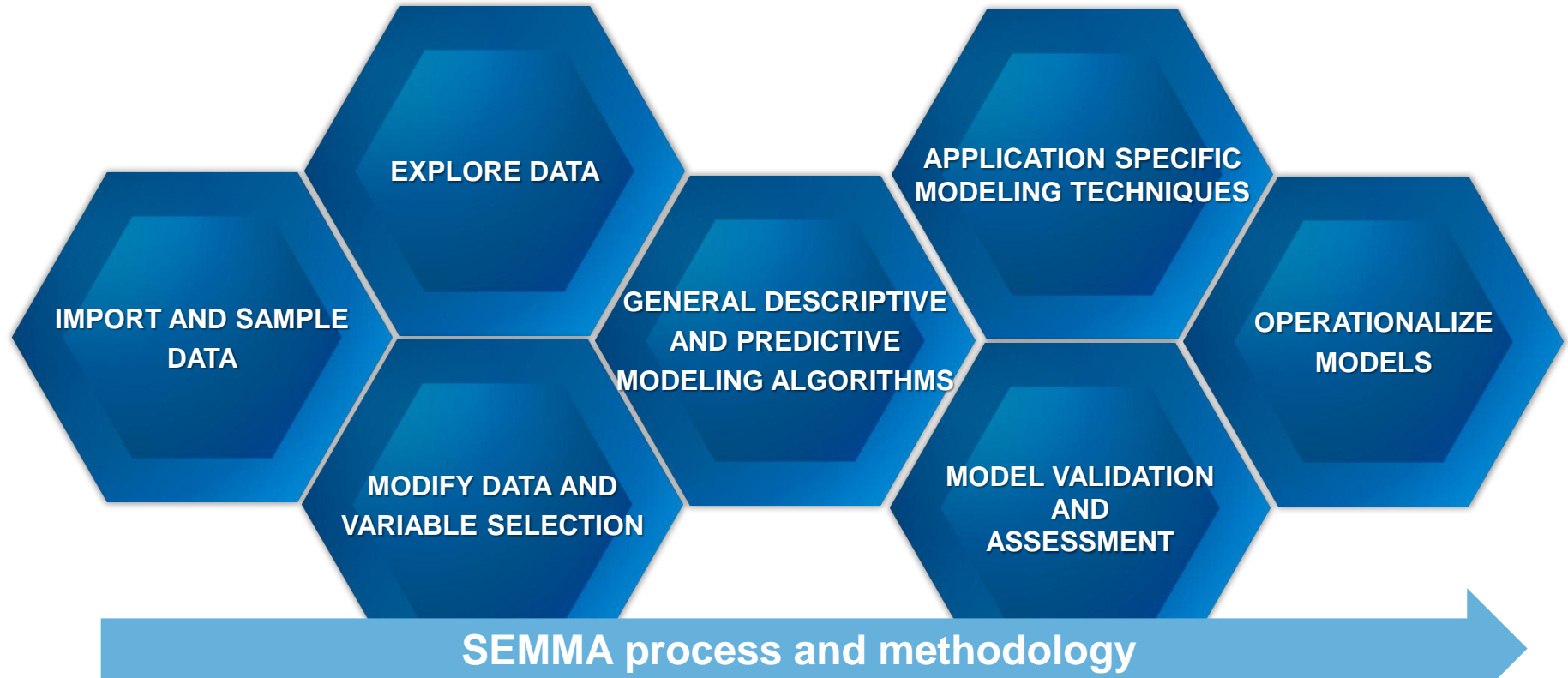
Increasing refinement / granularity

Creating a **hierarchy** of models, choosing the “best” model at each level

Introducing SAS Factory Miner



Where we are now



SAS Factory Miner – Key features

Usability

Efficiency

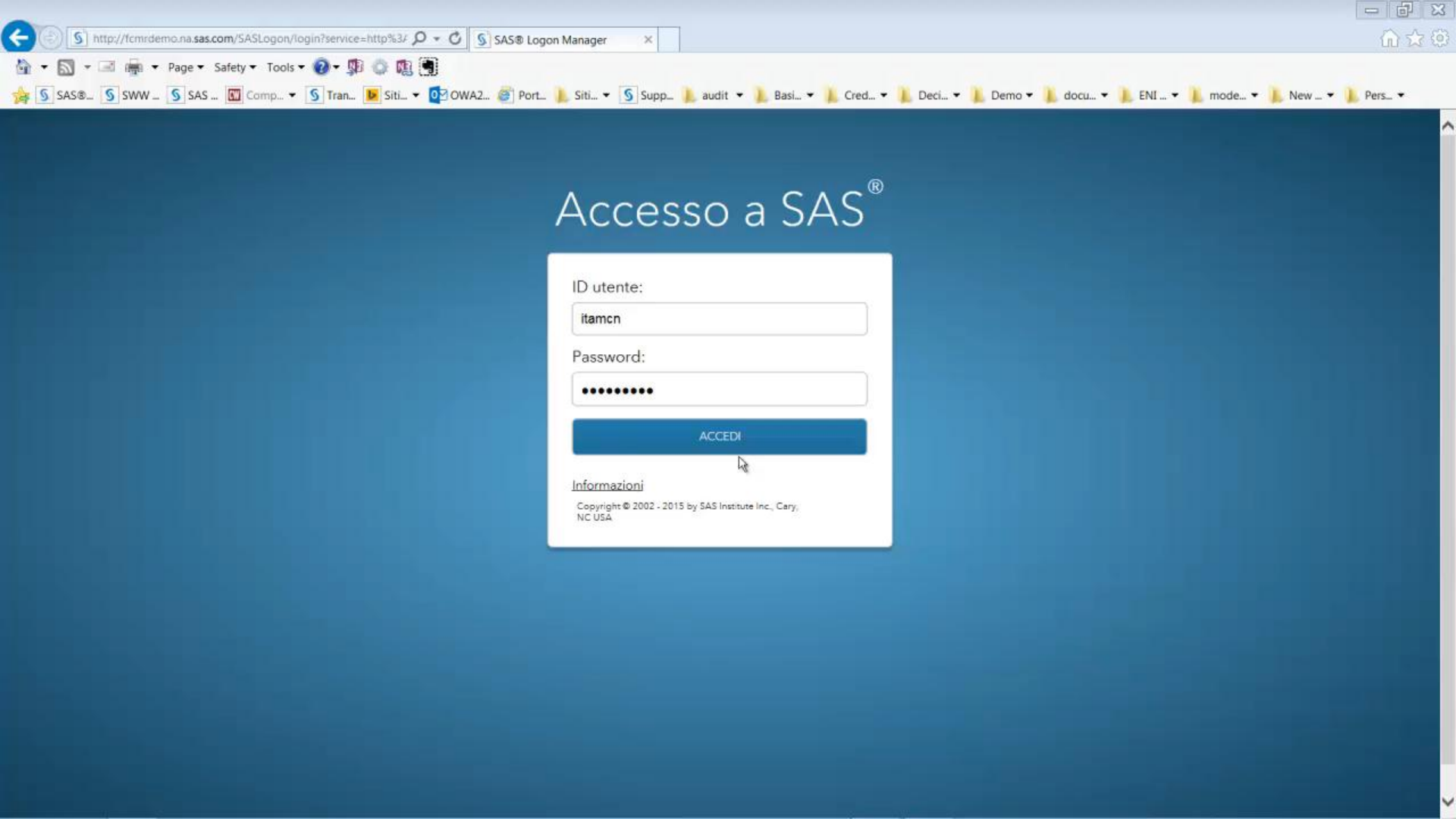
Model Completeness

Model Variety

Replicability and control

Demonstration





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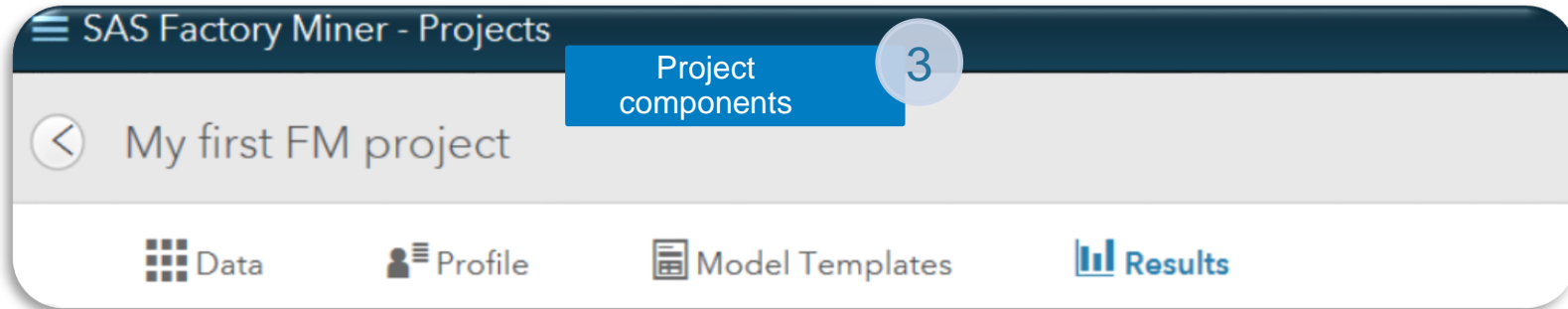
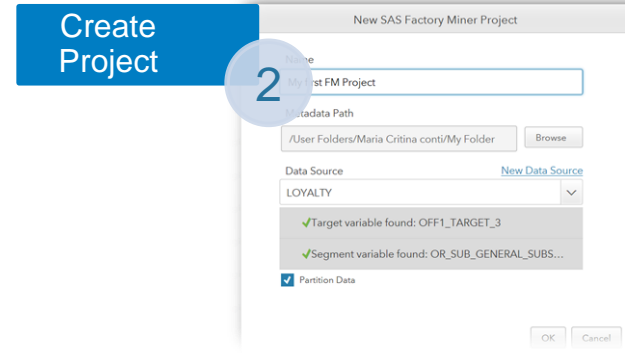
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Overview



Setting the scene: data and segments

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Analyze inputs,
segments and
targets
distributions

My first FM project

Data Profile Model Templates Results

Variable	Label	Type	Role	Level	Order	Percent Missing	Number of Levels	Min	Max	Impute
AIRPORT_C	Number...	Numeric	Input	Interval	None	0.0000				None
aquarius	Number...	Numeric	Input	Interval	None		44.0000			None
AVG_DAYS_BTN_S...	Average...	Numeric	Input	Interval		0.0000	124.2368	3820.0000		None
BUS_PERCENT	Business...	Numeric	Input			0.0000	0.0731	1.0000		None

View Build Profile

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Generate profiles
for each segment

Filter

Exclude Include

Segment ID	Market	Member_Type	Training: Observati...	Training: Event Rate	Run
Segment 1	Midwest	BASE	5165	0.4391	Include
Segment 2	Midwest	GOLD	4973	0.1649	Include
Segment 3	Midwest	PLATINUM	2053	0.4233	Include
Segment 4	Midwest	SILVER	35935	0.0290	Exclude
Segment 5	Northeast	BASE	25790	0.4463	Include
Segment 6	Northeast	GOLD	24908	0.1944	Include

Model definition

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Select list of
templates to
test selecting
from available
algorithms

New Model Template

Name

Model Template 2

Model Algorithm

Forest-Based Model

☐ Make this template available everywhere

☐ Mark as default

7
Define
characteristics
and parameters
of template

Use

7

Drag variables here

Transform Variables

Filter

Variable Selection

Forest-Based Variable Selection

Tree-Based Variable Selection

Impute

OK

Cancel

Model Template 3

Forest-Based Model

Maximum Number of Trees:

100

Proportion of obs in each sample:

0.6

Maximum Depth:

15

Missing Values:

Use In Search

Method to Determine Leaf Size.:

Default

Leaf Size.:

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Save and Run

Close

Model execution, evaluation and selection

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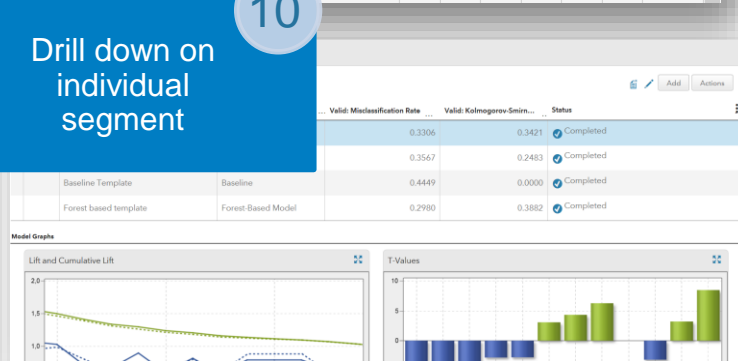
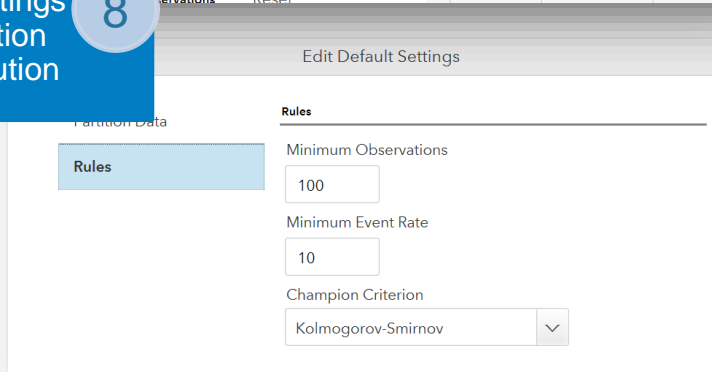
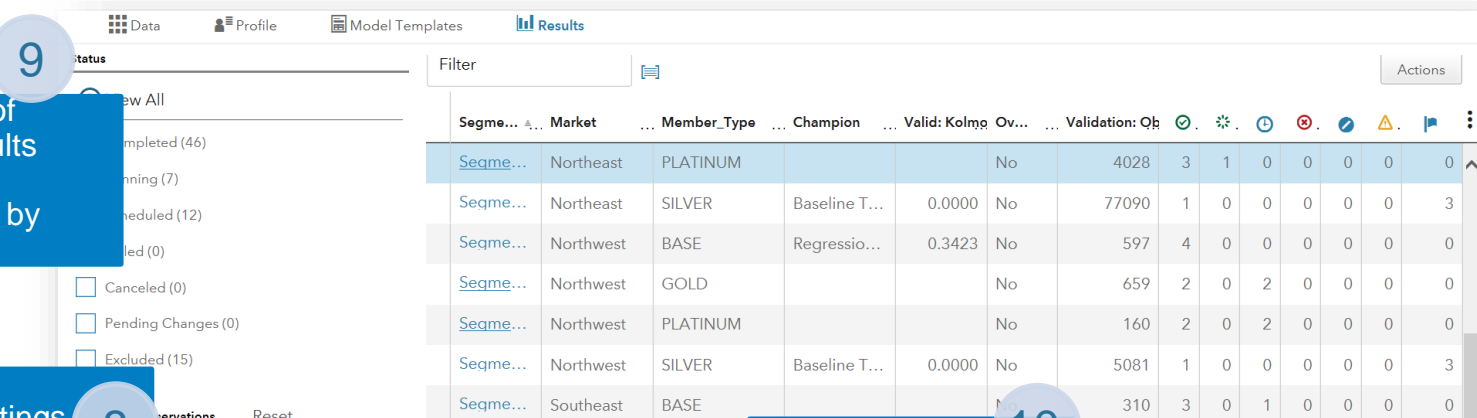
Summary of models, results and performance by segment

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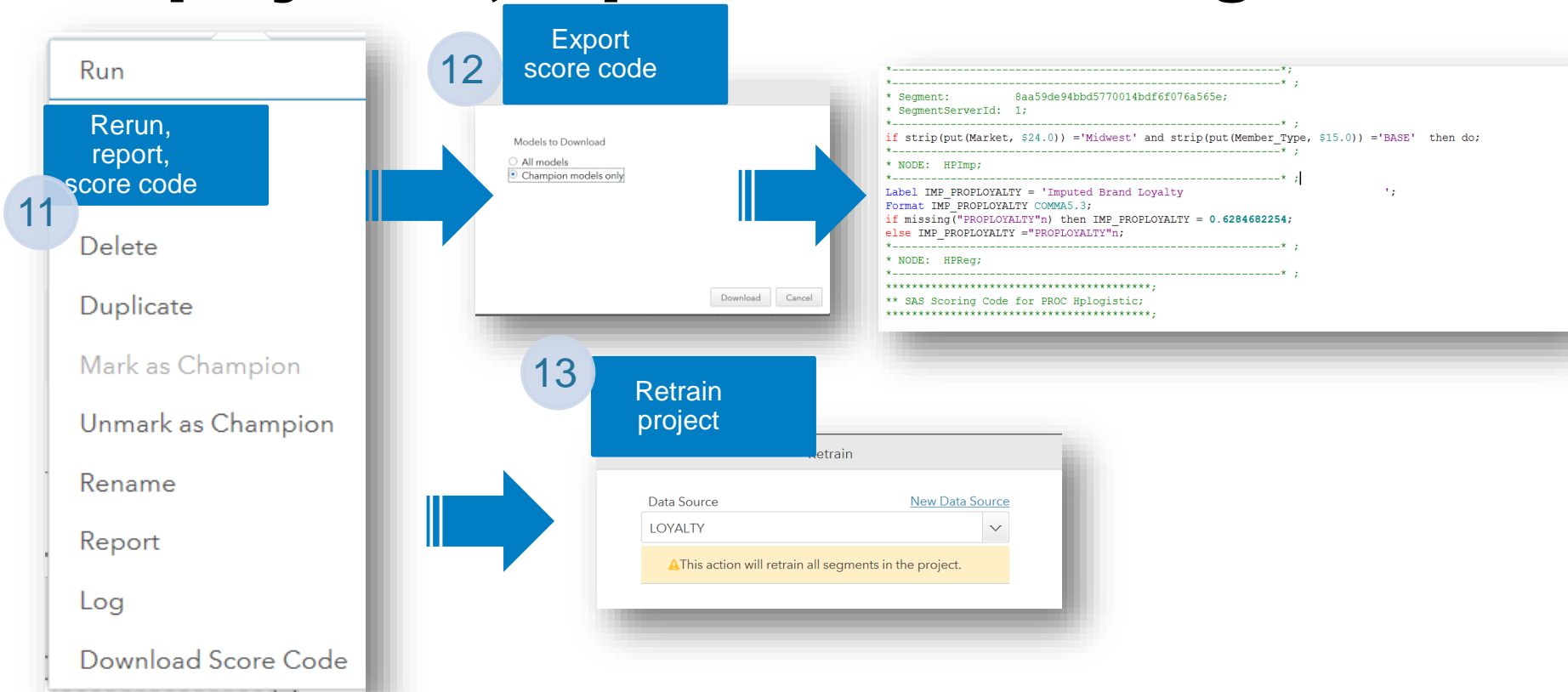
Define settings for selection and execution

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Drill down on individual segment



Deployment, report and retraining



Forecasting challenges



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Different demand profiles requiring different modelling strategies



Over 40 million forecasts generated every day



Tracking of accuracy across forecasting iterations

Large scale automatic modelling

Scalable

Create a very large number of forecasts quickly

Manageable

Create statistical forecasts with limited resources

Reliable

Create sound forecasts that follow best practices

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- Approachable analytical workflow (automation)
- Productivity environment for statistical modeler
- Capitalizing on existing products while adding value
- Modeling by exception

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Extensibility allows users to define and reuse their own strategies:

- Segmentation
- Modeling
- Exceptions

Demonstration



LARGE SCALE AUTOMATIC DEMO: FORECAST SERVER CLIENT FORECASTING





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