







# Marketing are from Mars, Actuarial are from Venus: How actuaries and marketing can better work together Ashish Ahluwalia and Luke Cassar

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#### Introduction



#### Agenda

- Actuaries' involvement in the insurance value chain
- Current practice with respect to collaboration between actuarial and marketing functions
- Opportunities and barriers for actuaries in marketing
- A road map to more effective collaboration

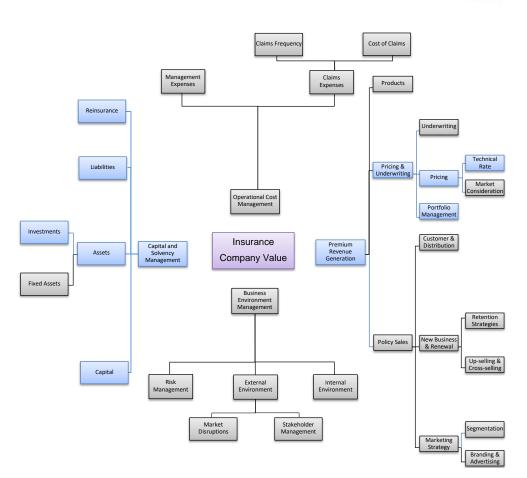


# ANZIIF Insurance Value Chain

Reserving, capital management and pricing can be described as "core" areas of work for actuaries, supported by the Appointed Actuary framework.

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Areas with Traditional actuarial involvement





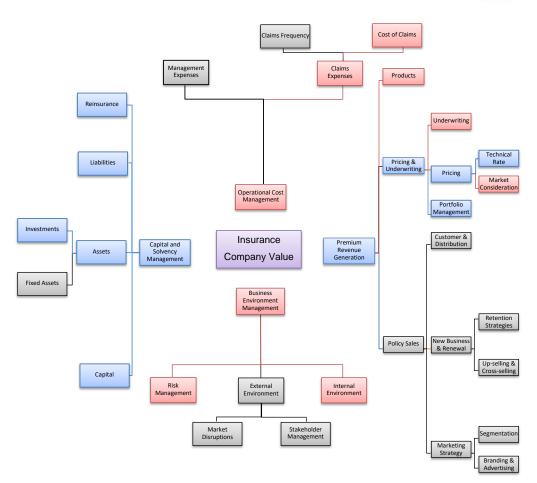
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Pricing and underwriting have been key areas of growth for actuaries

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\_\_\_\_ Areas with recent
Actuarial Involvement





# ANZIIF Insurance Value Chain

Actuaries remain largely uninvolved in the marketing process.

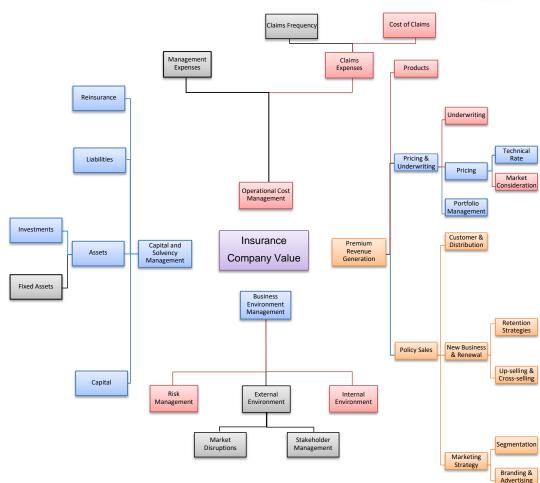
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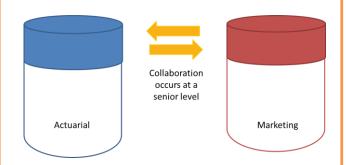
Areas for collaboration between marketing and actuarial





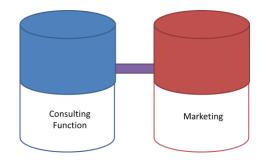
#### **Current Industry Practice**

#### **Typical Siloed Approach**



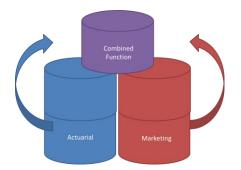
- Low physical proximity
- Minimal interaction
- Opposing KPI's
- Different taxonomies

#### Consulting Approach



- Project based work
- Contextualisation of marketing activities
- Typically one off insights

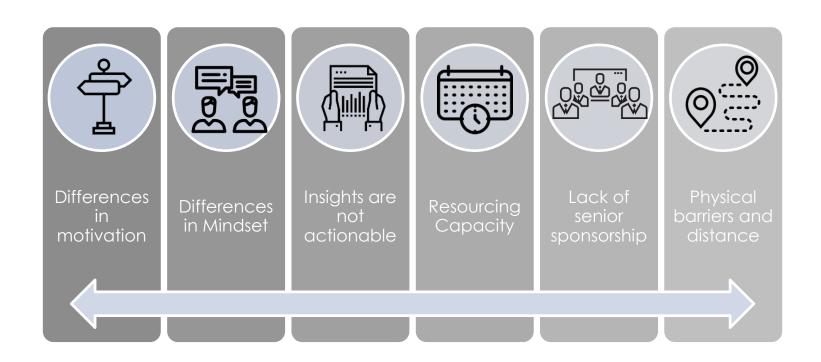
#### Collaborative Approach



- Extensive data sharing and validation
- Aligned KPI's
- Continual feedback
- Integration of profitability and LCV



#### **Barriers to Effective Collaboration**



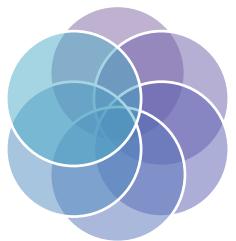


#### Why Actuaries?

Understanding what's not in the data

Domain knowledge of insurance financial management

Incorporate strategic and risk considerations



Experience in bringing together disparate datasets

Linking customer behaviours

Control Cycle Discipline



#### Immediate opportunities called out

Data sharing

Measuring campaign performance

Validating marketing activities

Using marketing's information

Customer lifetime value

Integrating profitability



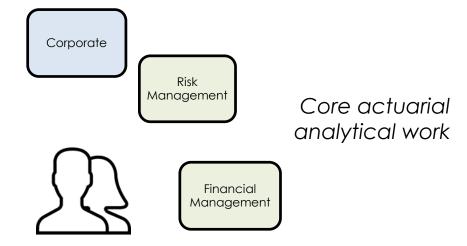


#### Throw out the funnel?



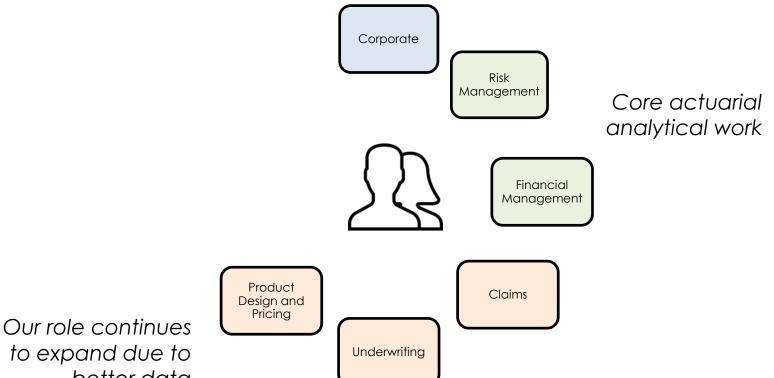


## Thinking about insurance business more holistically





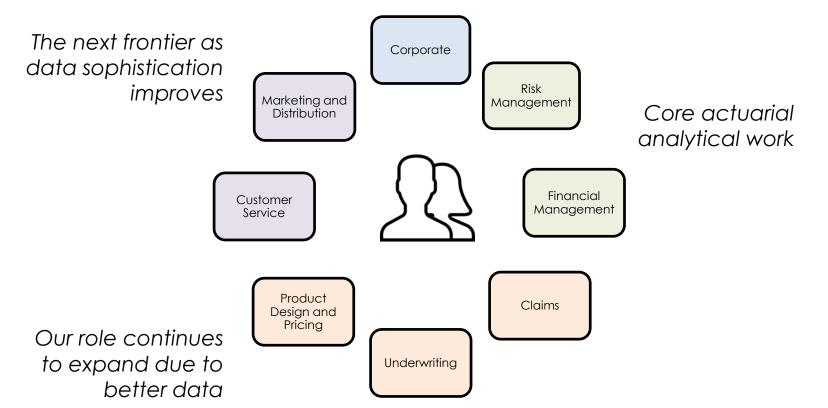
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to expand due to better data

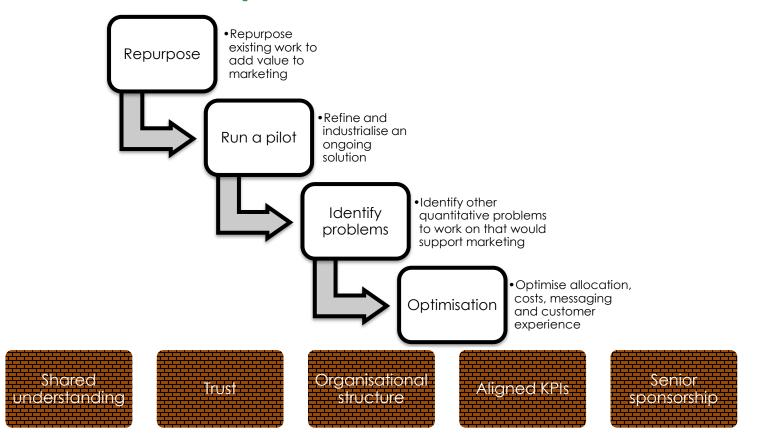


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#### A Roadmap to Better Collaboration



## Getting started – humility is critical

Start with a conversation

Do the doable

Avoid modelling exercise

Repurpose an existing solution

Co-design

Don't forget to measure outcomes

**Identify learnings** 



#### A repurposing example

Leverage existing work

Co-design a simple customer segmentation

Run a pilot

Measure outcomes

- Profitability
- Competitiveness
- Price sensitivity

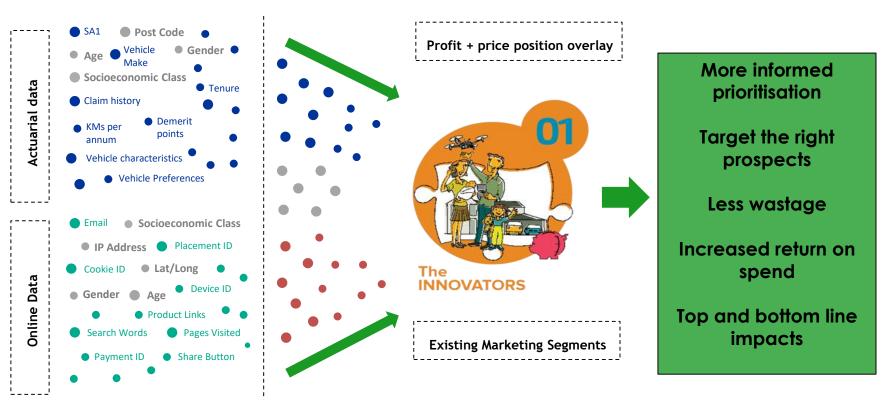
- Existing marketing segmentation
- Identify overlapping attributes
- Incorporate actuarial metrics

- Digital is simplest
- Incorporate experiments
- A/B testing
- Define measures of success

- In total and by segment
- Incorporate more detailed metrics
- Holistic measurement

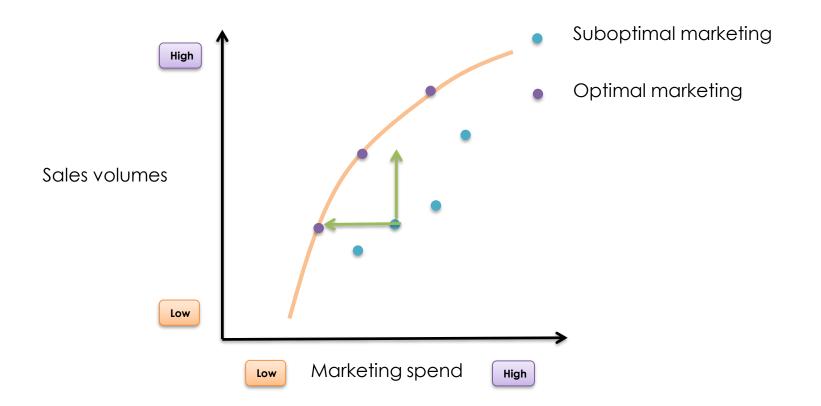


## Digital advertising example in action



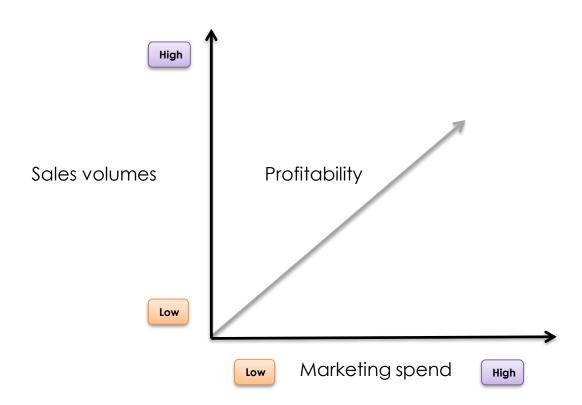


#### Think of it as an optimisation problem



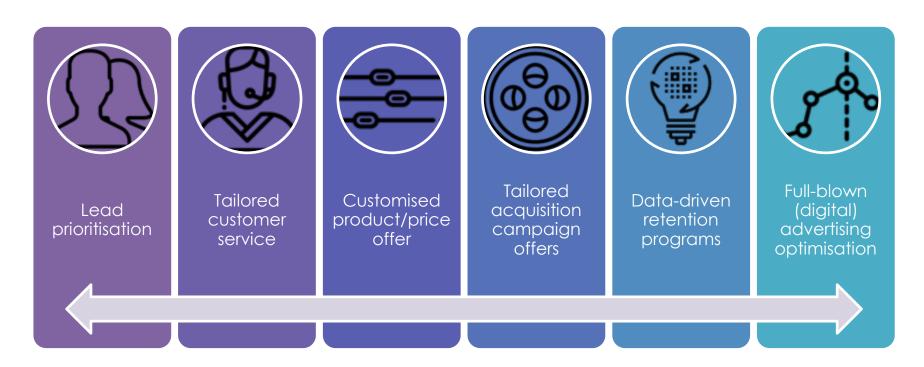


#### What if we add in profit into the mix?





#### Broader opportunity set



# Concluding remarks

- Industry practitioners see the potential
- Actuaries are well placed
- Barriers do exist
- Challenge status quo (take a risk)
- Recognise what you don't know humility
- Start simple and figure it out together
- The business case for change doesn't create itself



QUESTIONS