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# Introduction to MLOps

**The Journey from Machine Learning Model to Machine Learning Product**

# Agenda

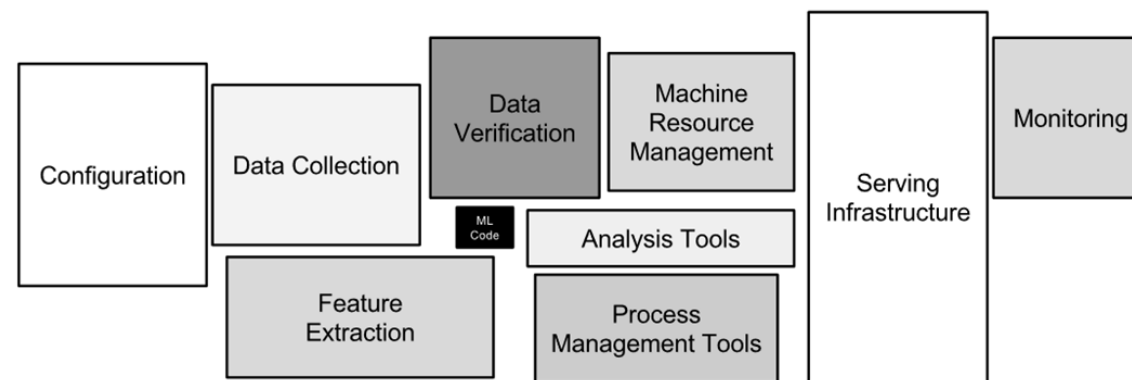
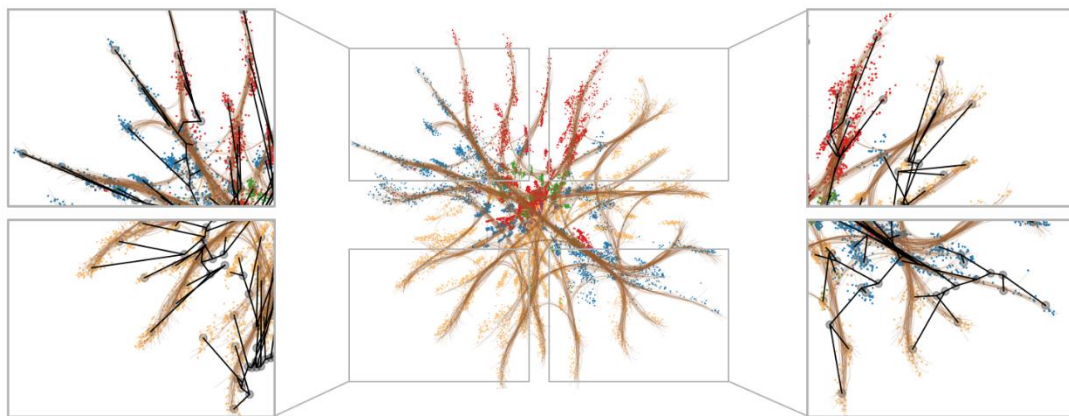
- 💡 9-9:45: What is MLOps?
- 💡 9:45-10:00: Break
- 💡 10:00-10:30: Practical example + rambling
- 💡 10:30-10:50: Trustworthy AI
- 💡 10:50-11:00: Break (dance?)
- 💡 11:00-11:15: Designing Machine Learning Systems
- 💡 11:15-12:00: CANVAS time!

# Who am I



# Who am I

- 💡 Associate Professor at DTU Compute
  - 💡 Research in Data-centric ML, MLOps, Efficient Machine Learning, Machine Learning Development
  - 💡 Open-source developer
  - 💡 Part-time ML Engineer at <https://lightning.ai/>
  - 💡 Technical advisor for 4 DTU startups
- = A good mix between the academic and industrial worlds



# My secret identity

Eager open-source contributor

- Numpy
- Scikit-learn
- Pytorch
- Matplotlib
- ...

ML Engineer at <https://lightning.ai>

- Pytorch-lightning
- Torchmetrics
- LitData
- LitGPT

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**Achievements**

- YOLO x4
- YOLO x2
- YOLO x3
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**Pinned**

- ddtn** (Public) Python ☆ 50 🍴 8  
Repository for our upcoming code, that we used for our "Deep diffeomorphic transformer networks" paper (Accepted to CVPR 2018). Will be update during the spring of 2018.
- libcpab** (Public) Python ☆ 48 🍴 8  
CPAB Transformations: finite-dimensional spaces of simple, fast, and highly-expressive diffeomorphisms derived from parametric, continuously-defined, velocity fields in Numpy, Tensorflow and Pytorch
- dtu\_mlops** (Public) Jupyter Notebook ☆ 363 🍴 303  
Exercises and supplementary material for the machine learning operations course at DTU.
- pl\_crossvalidate** (Public) Python ☆ 55 🍴 9

1,079 contributions in the last year

Contribution settings

Year	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
2022	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
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2017	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█

Learn how we count contributions

**Contribution activity**

December 2023

- Created 1 commit in 1 repository  
MachineLearningLifeScience/stochman 1 commit
- Opened 2 pull requests in 1 repository  
Lightning-AI/torchmetrics 2 open
- Fix support for half precision + cpu in metrics requiring topk operator Dec 1
- New metric: Retrieval AUROC Dec 1

# Mr. MLOps

[https://skaftenicki.github.io/dtu\\_mlops/](https://skaftenicki.github.io/dtu_mlops/)

✓ I been consulting companies for the last couple of years on how to implement AI in their businesses

✓ I done 20+ master project that have implemented some sort of ML I companies

✓ Technical advisor on 4 startups from DTU

DTU-MLOps

Machine Learning Operations

Repository for course 02476 at DTU.

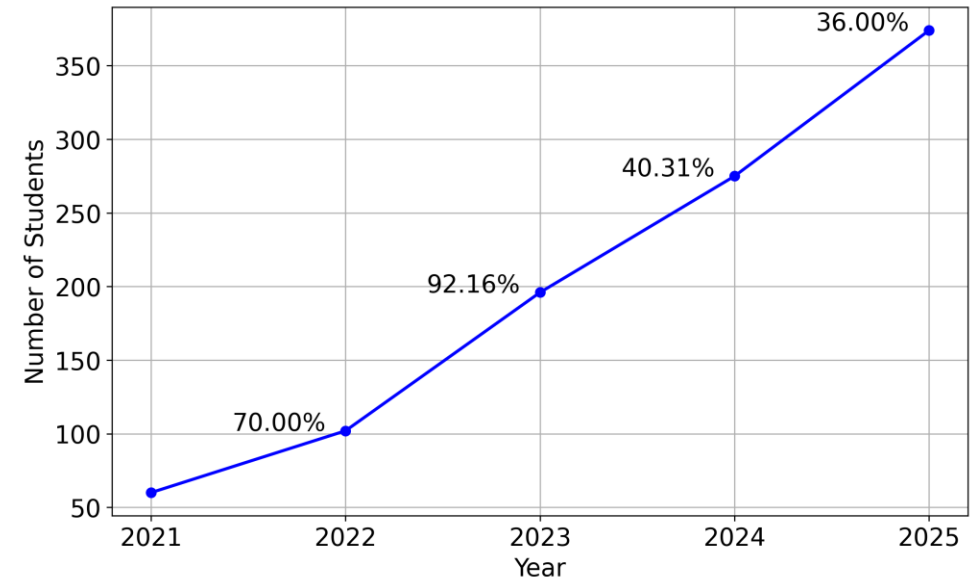
Checkout the homepage!

ML DEV OPS

Course information

- Course responsible
  - Postdoc Nicki Skaft Detlefsen, nsde@dtu.dk
  - Professor Søren Hauberg, sohau@dtu.dk
- 5 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System), corresponding to 140 hours of work
- 3 week period of January 2023
- Master course

Year-over-Year Increase in Number of Students

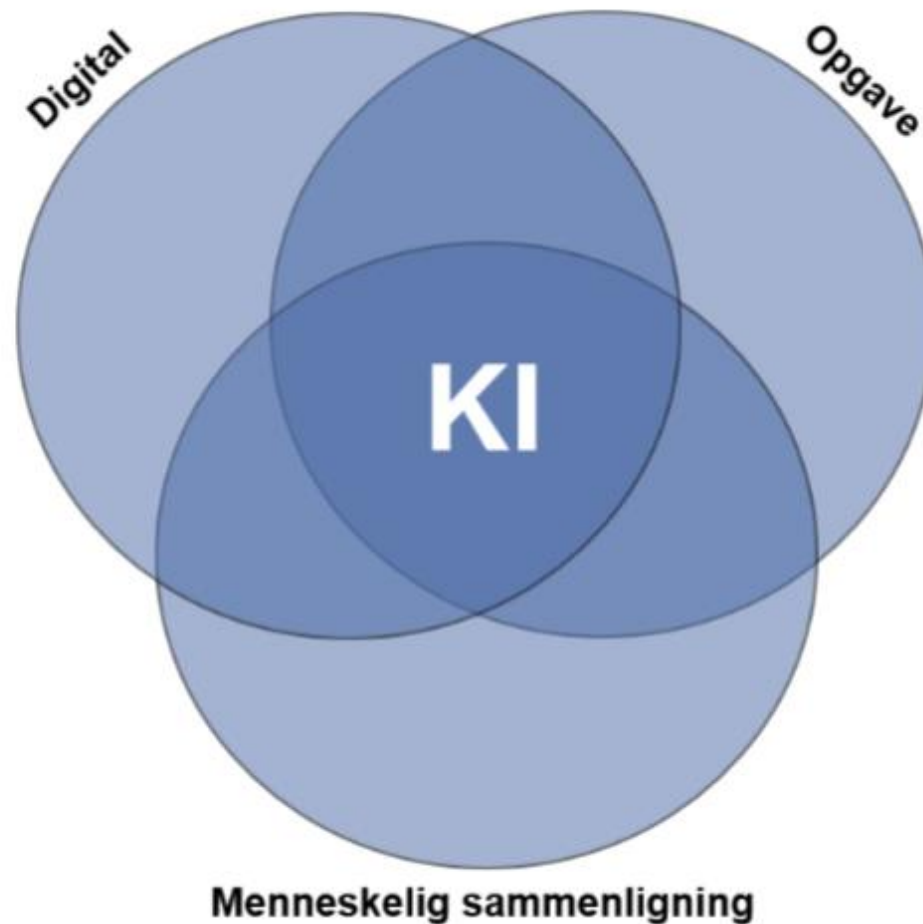


# A definition of MLOps

# What is AI?



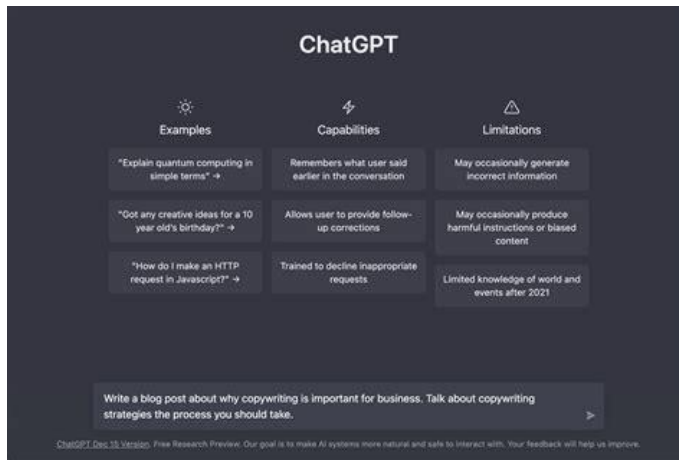
# What is AI?



[1] Thomas Ritter, Kunstig Intelligens eller Kaotisk Idiomi  
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# Let's agree that ML/AI is fantastic

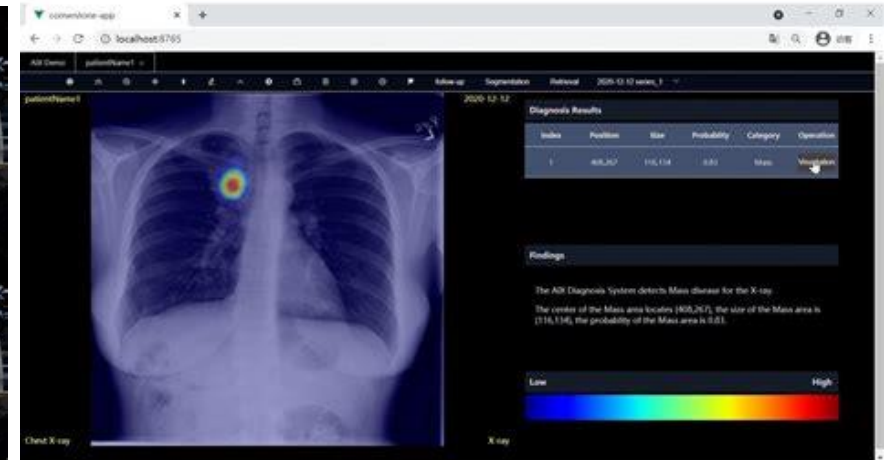
## Chatbot



## Self-driving cars



## Efficient diagnoses



- 💡 AI is a key component of what we call industry 5.0
- 💡 It can solve problems on unprecedented scales

[1] <https://chatgpt.com/>

[2] <https://blogs.nvidia.com/blog/drive-labs-panoptic-segmentation/>

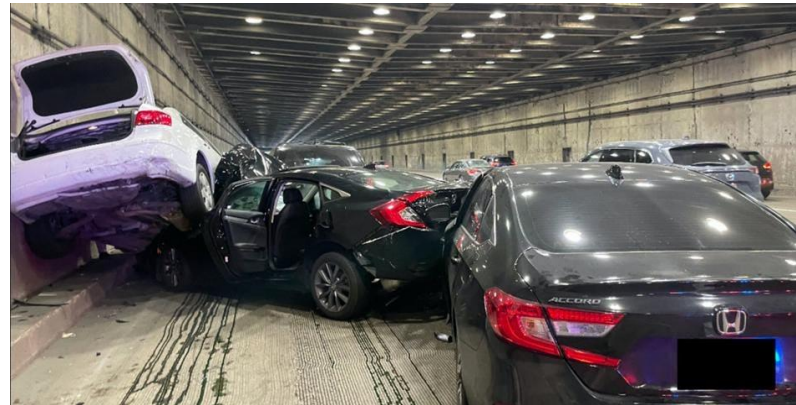
[3] <https://www.innovationhub.hk/article/aixchest-x-ray-screening-with-ai>

# But errors does happen

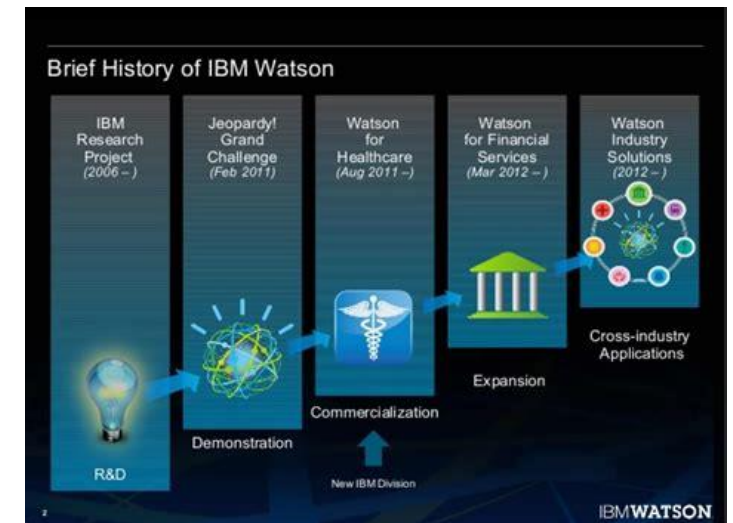
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Efficient diagnoses



- 💡 AI, similar to humans, sometimes takes the wrong decision
- 💡 But due to its unrepresented scale, things can quickly go very wrong

[1] <https://dailywireless.org/internet/what-happened-to-microsoft-tay-ai-chatbot/>  
 [2] <https://www.businessinsider.nl/video-shows-8-car-pileup-after-a-tesla-allegedly-using-full-self-driving-stopped-in-a-highway-tunnel/>  
 [3] <https://www.nextplatform.com/2019/02/14/ibm-mashes-up-powerai-and-watson-machine-learning-stacks/>

# The duality of AI

Developing AI is easy – Running AI in production is hard



AI-Generated

This is not a new

# Why is this?

💡 Because AI is just software at the end of the day  
Being an AI developer <-> Being a software developer

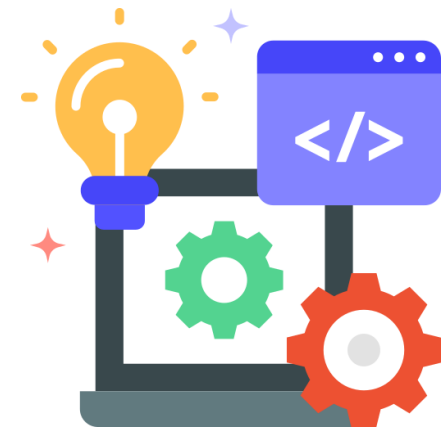
✅ We have been developing software for 30+ years

✅ We have a lot of tools for software development

❌ Software can break

❌ Software needs to be maintained

Let's therefore try to understand AI in the context of software development



# Let's start where it all began

Machine learning in production is fantastic

BUT



Massive technical debt is incurred if not careful

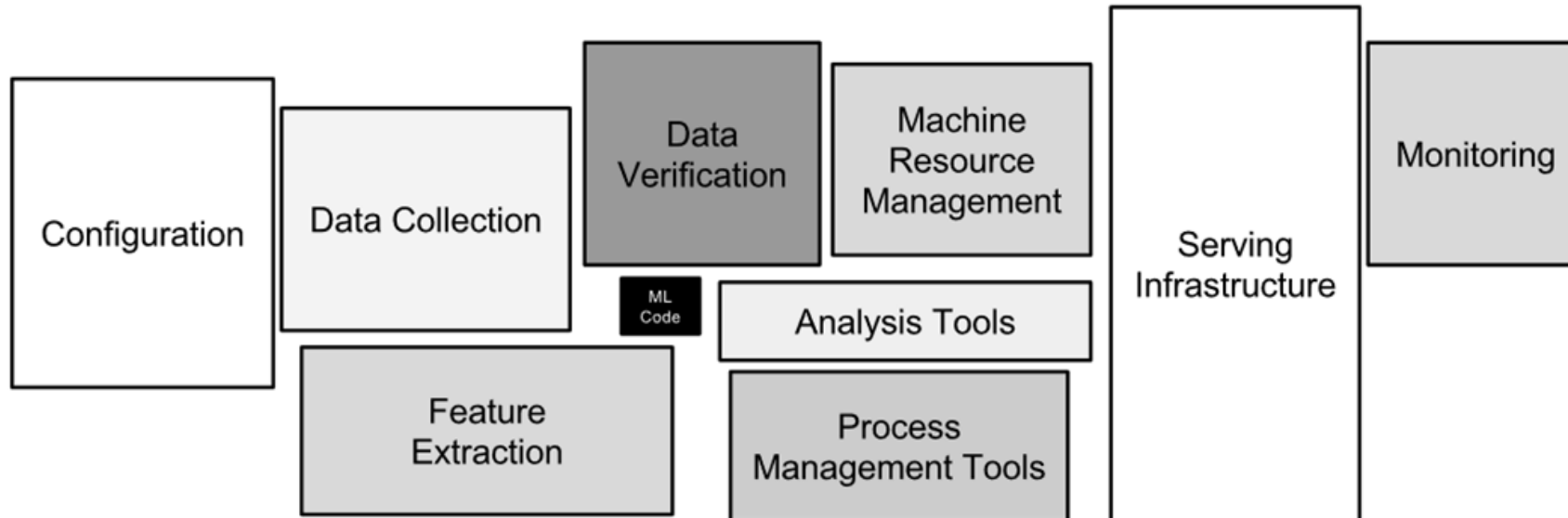
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## Hidden Technical Debt in Machine Learning Systems

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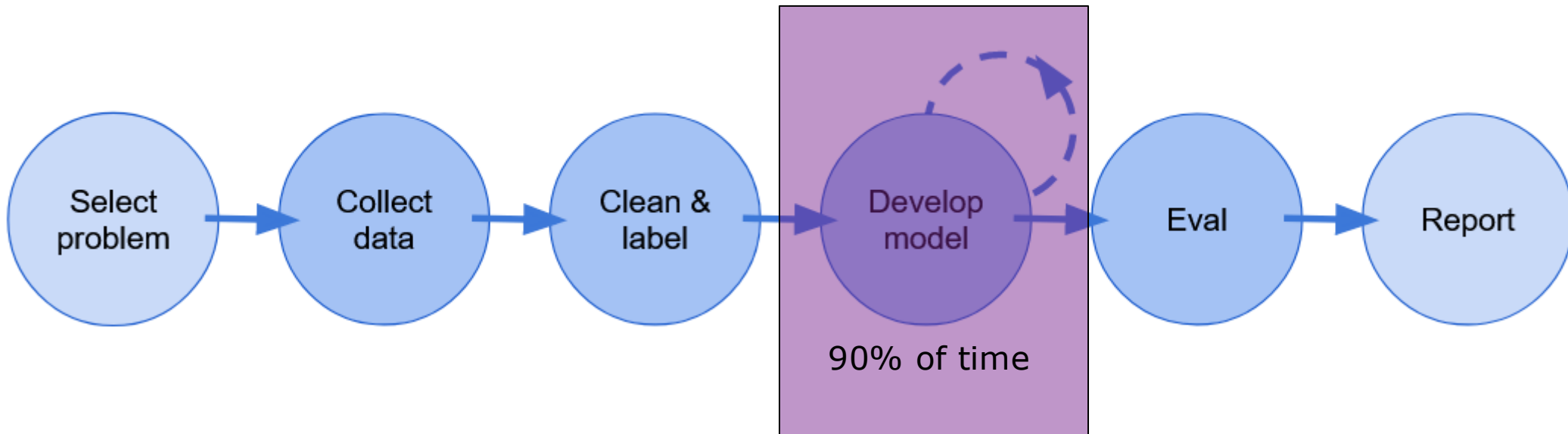


[1] Hidden Technical Debt in Machine Learning Systems, <https://proceedings.neurips.cc/paper/2015/file/86df7dcfd896fcdf2674f757a2463eba-Paper.pdf>

# Why do we focus on modelling?

Because we teach people it!

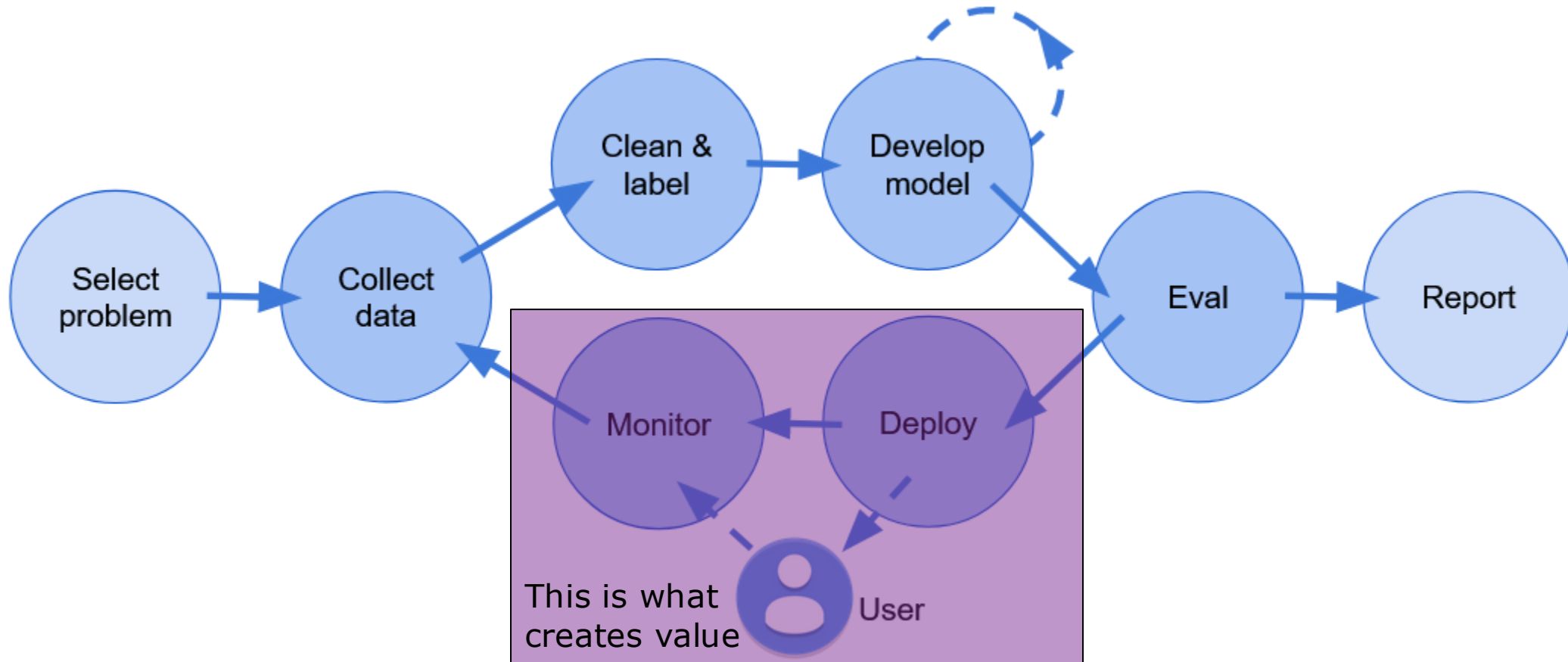
Courses / Projects are linear in nature



Feedback is grades / funding

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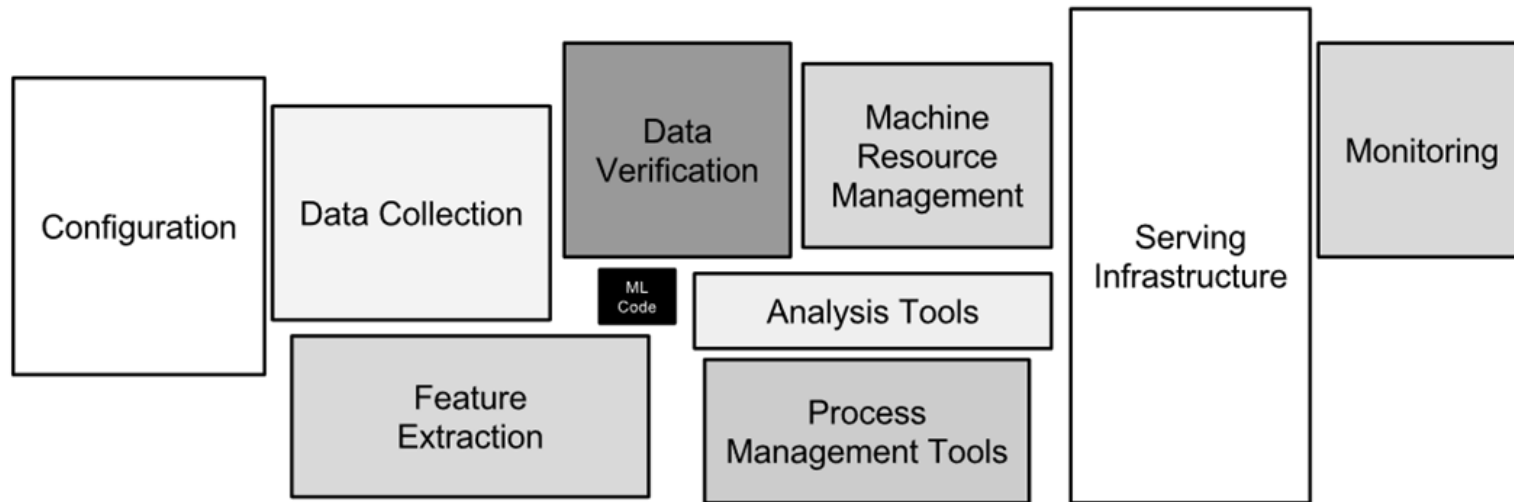
# Machine Learning in the real world



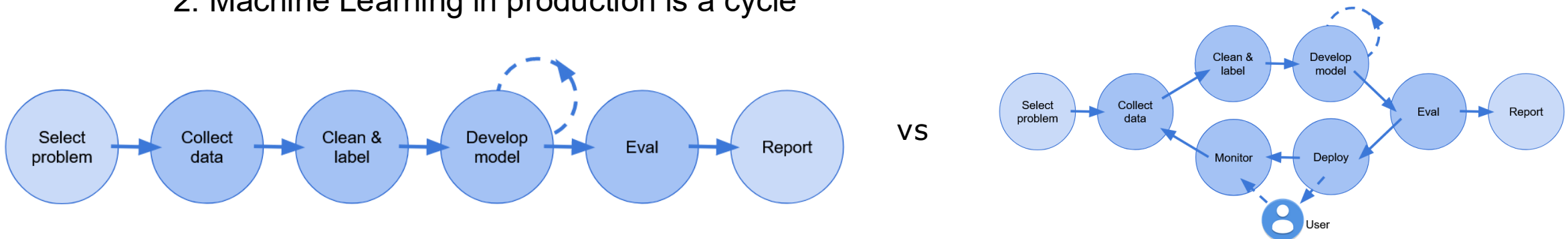
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# Key observations

1. Machine Learning in production is much more than doing ML modelling



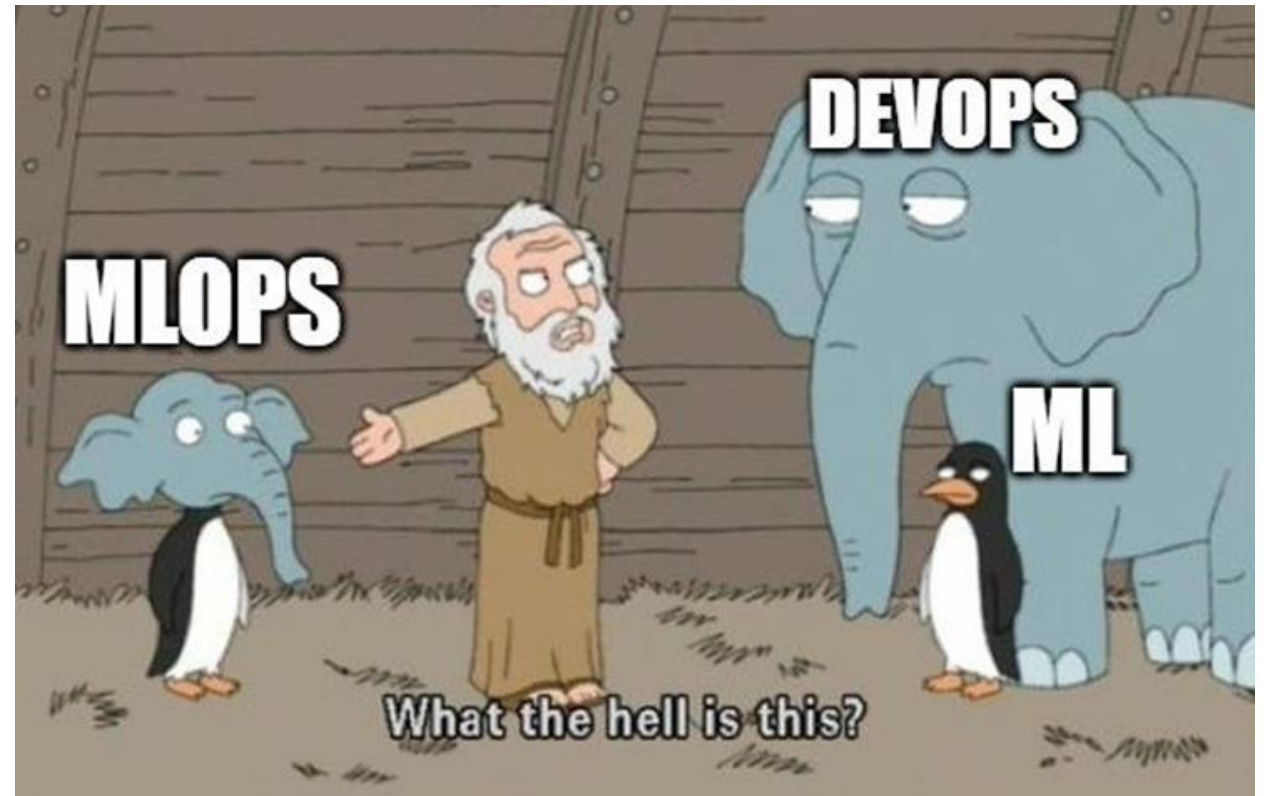
2. Machine Learning in production is a cycle



# The other stuff is DevOps

DevOps = Developer operations

- 💡 Dates back to the late 1980s and early 1990s
- 💡 Gained popularity around 2007/2008 to remove the separation between software development and IT operations

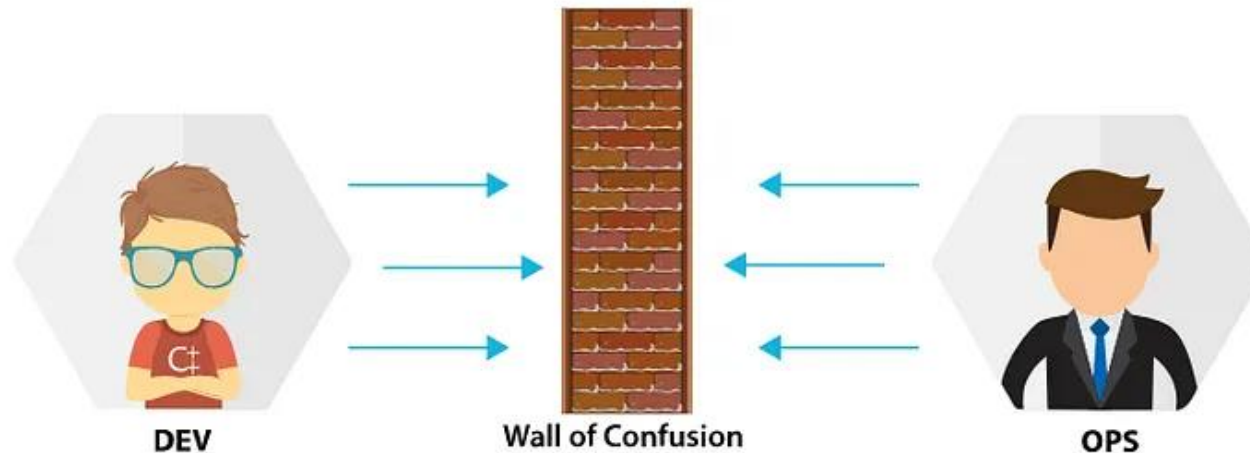


# Hvad var det for et problem man identificeret?

There are two teams in software development:

- 💡 Dev team = focuses on developing and improving software
- 💡 Ops team = focuses on infrastructure and operationalizing the software

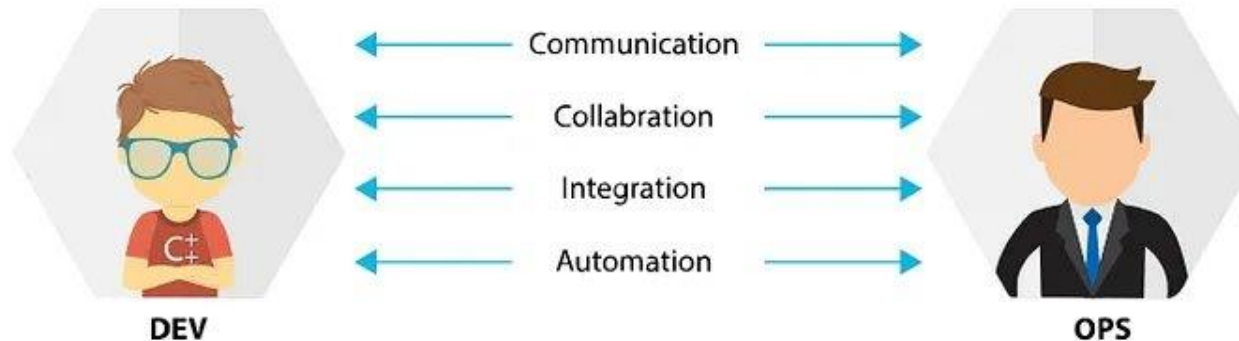
If these two don't communicate, Dev might develop software that Ops can't deploy — and Ops might set up the wrong infrastructure for what Dev is building.



# So, what is DevOps?

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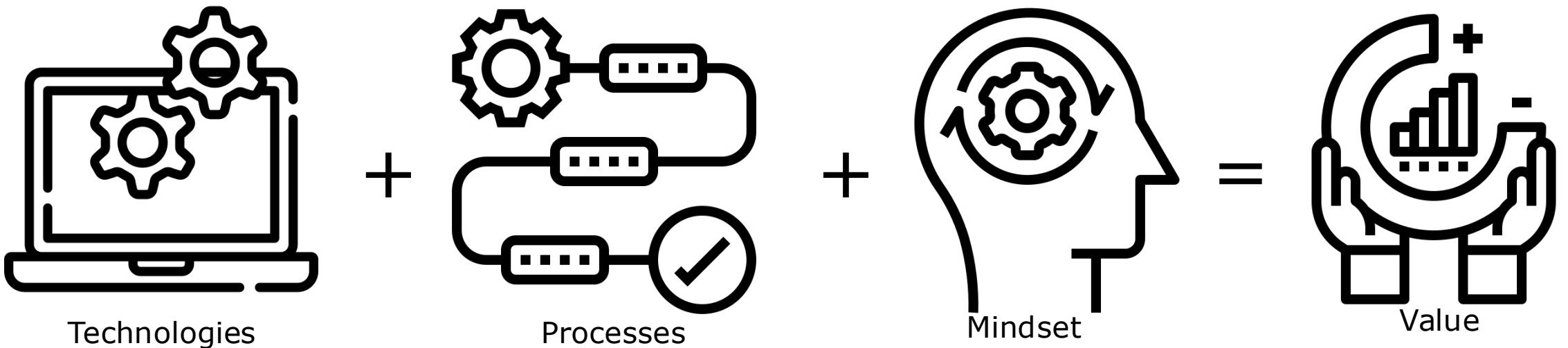
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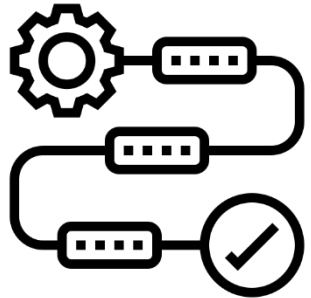
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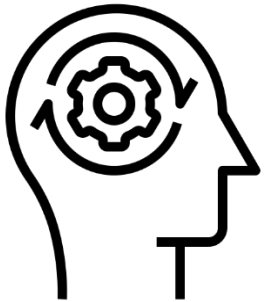
# Technology, Processes, Mindset



Use technologies that support the different parts of the lifecycle



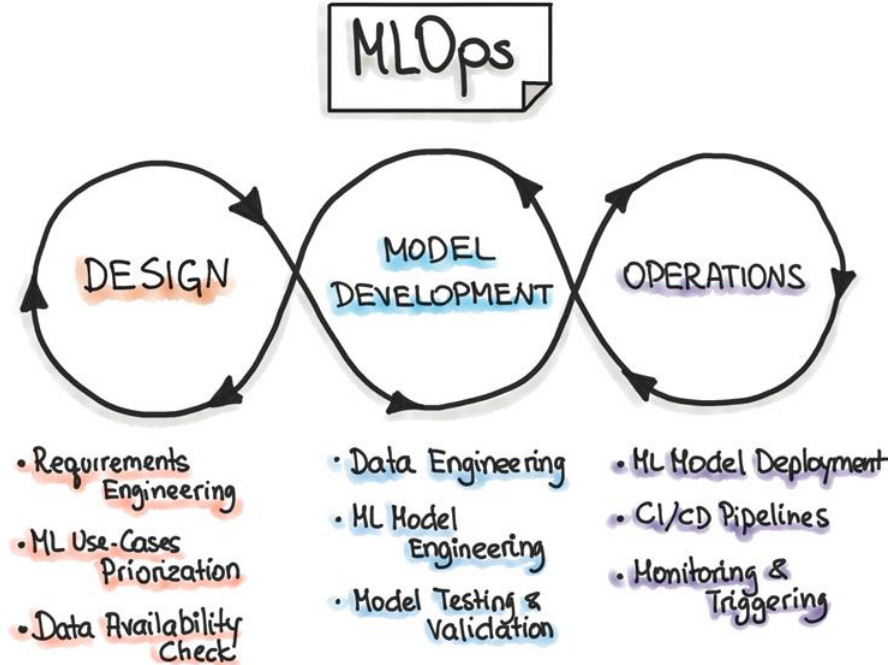
Implement processes to make sure everyone is in sync about the lifecycle



Always consider all part of the lifecycle, not just its parts

# But then MLOps must be...

Is a set of **tools, processes, and mindset** that aim to make **ML Lifecycle** *reproducible, trackable, testable and maintainable* to continuously create value.



Let's look at the different phases of MLOps



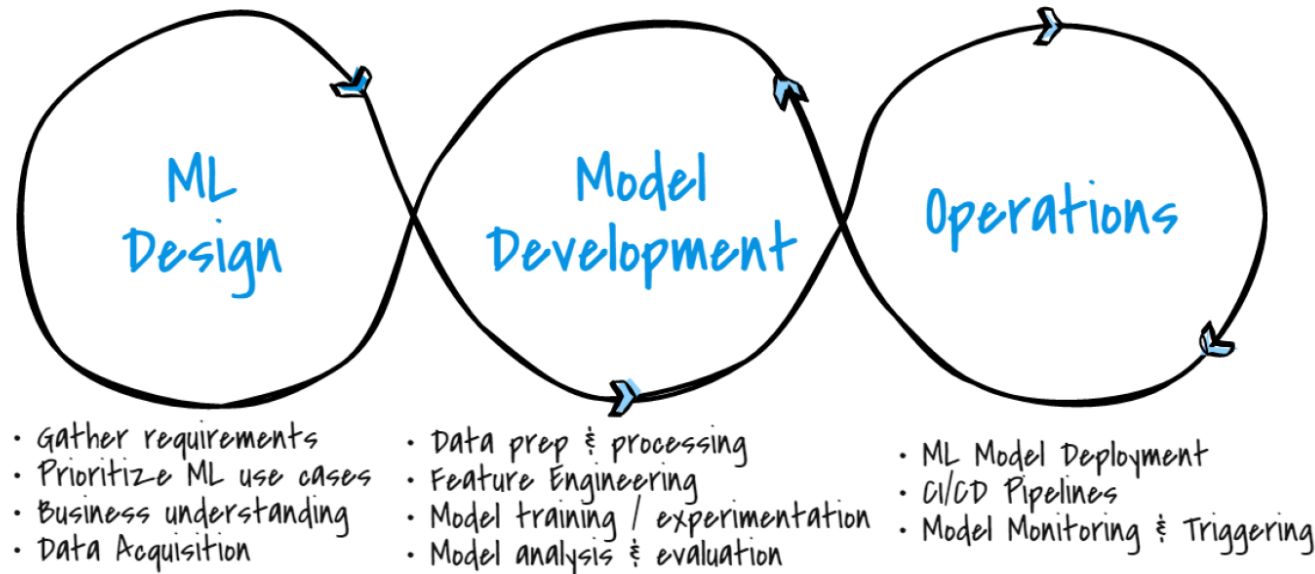
Define:

- 💡 Reproducible
- 💡 Trackable
- 💡 Testable
- 💡 Maintainable

# Data phase

- Business understanding
- Data understanding
- Designing the ML-powered software

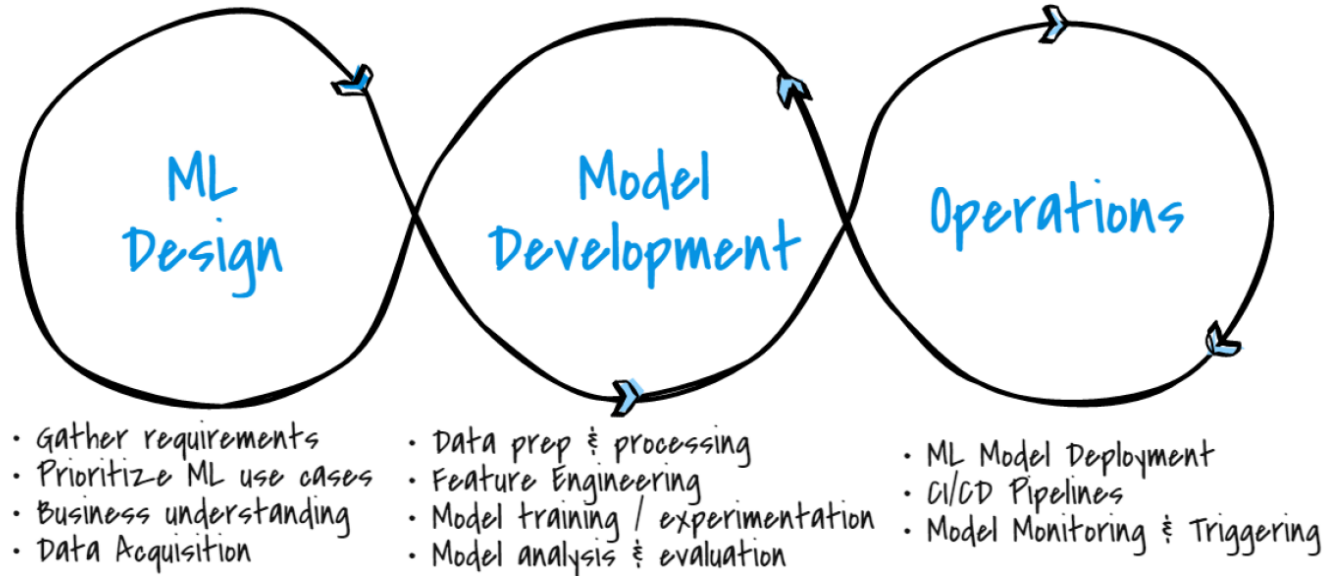
## Machine Learning Operations (MLOps)



# Model phase

- Model engineering
- Data engineering
- Deliver a stable quality ML model that we will run in production

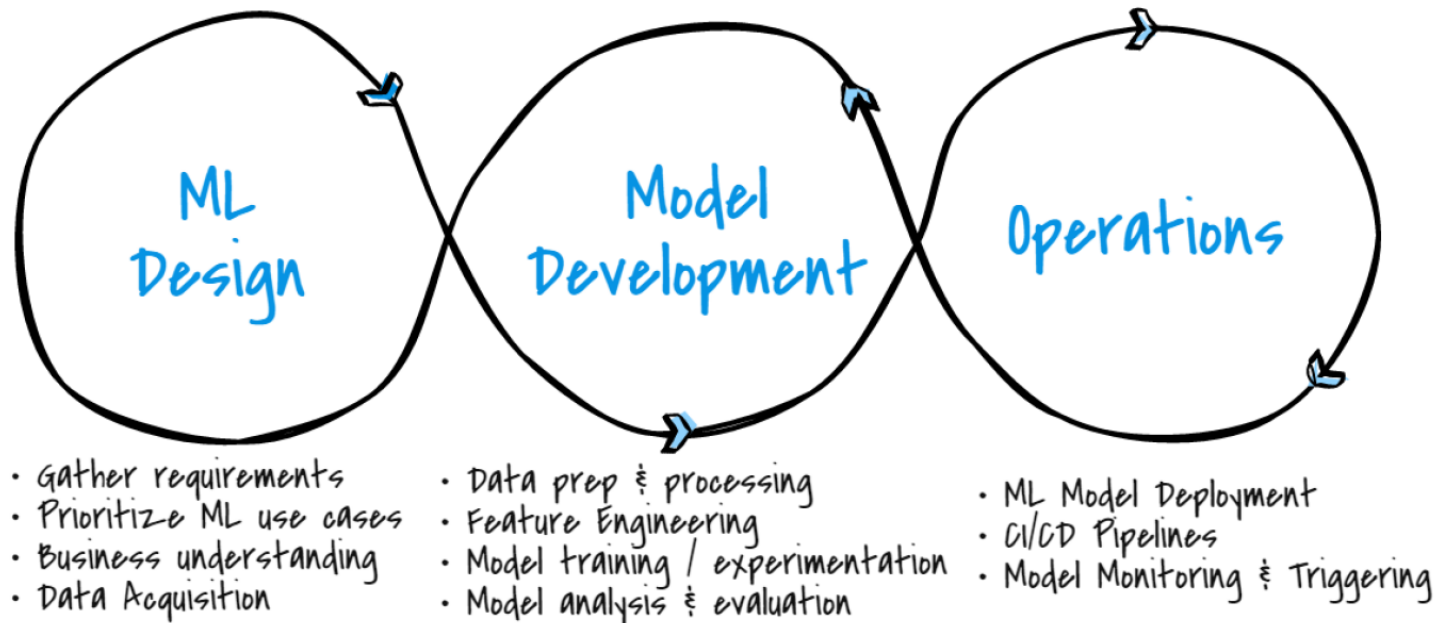
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# Operations phase

- Deliver the previously developed ML model in production
- Testing, versioning, continuous delivery, and monitoring

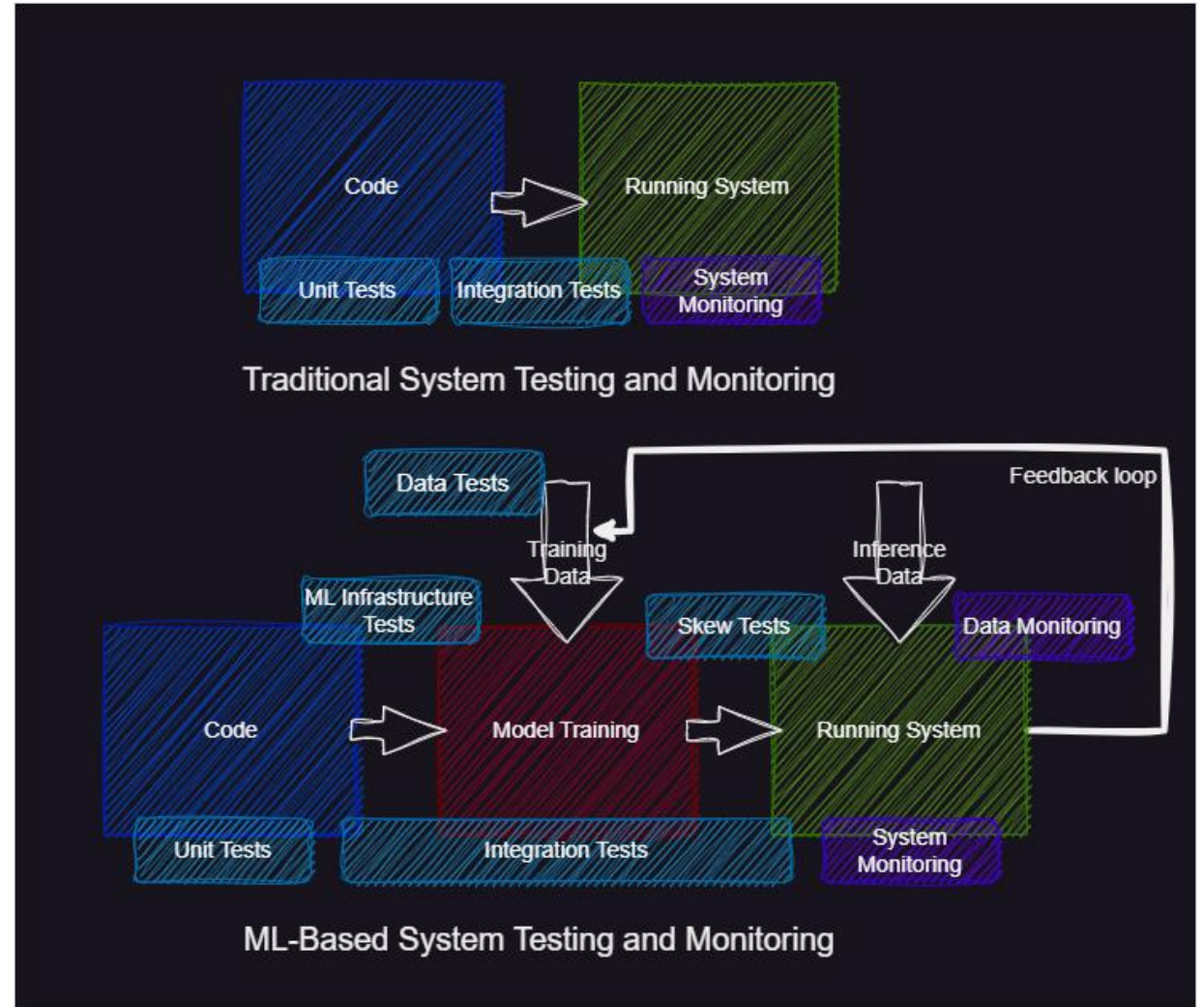
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# If DevOps exist, then why do we need MLOps?



Because data changes everything

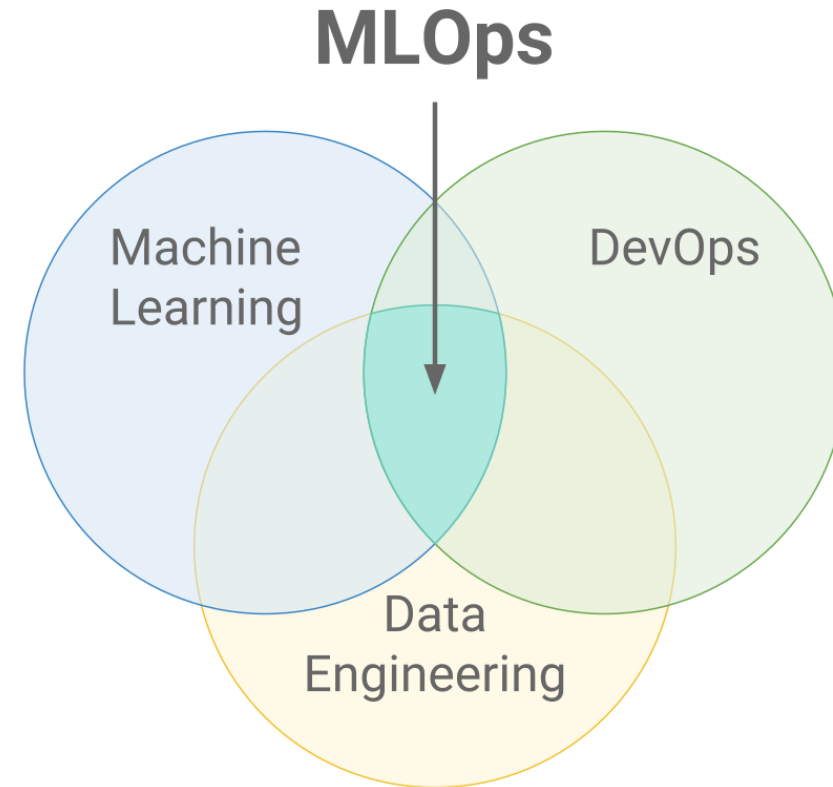


# What is an MLOps engineer?

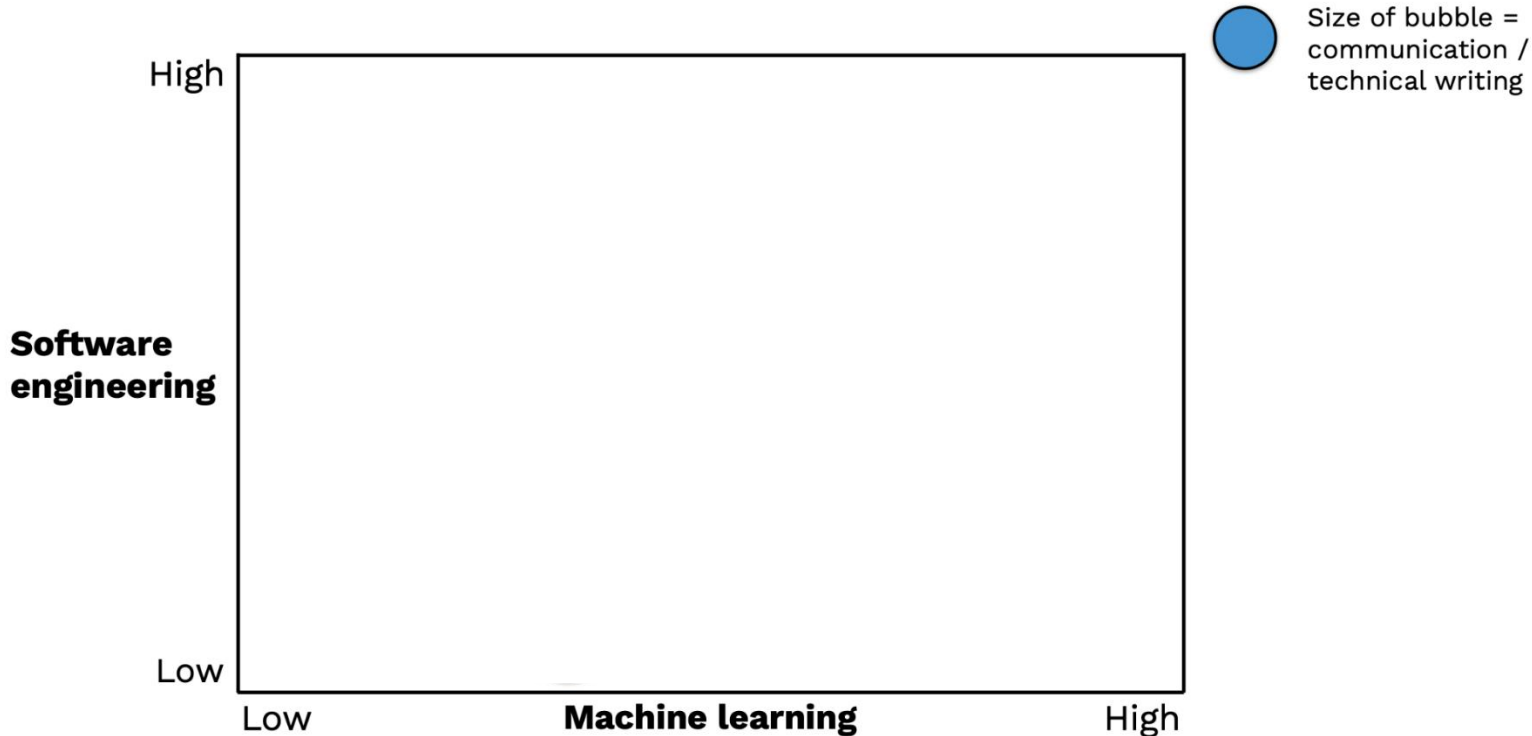
# What makes an MLOps engineer?

A mix of

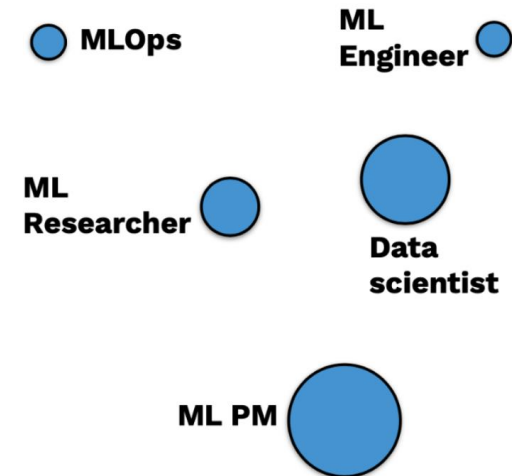
- Software developing
- Machine Learning
- Data engineering



# Where's waldo?



Where should the different positions be?



[1] Full Stack Deep Learning course 2022, <https://fullstackdeeplearning.com/course/2022/lecture-8-teams-and-pm/>

# According to stable diffusion

<https://stablediffusionweb.com/>

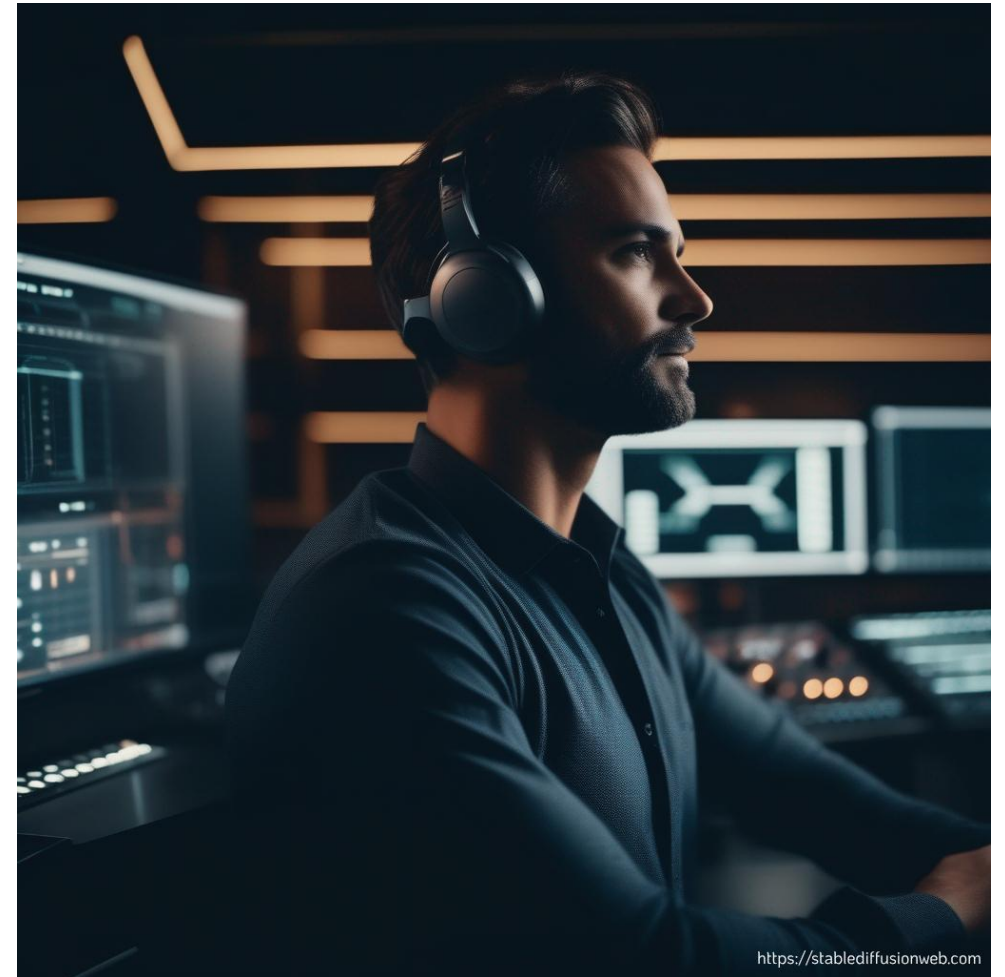
Prompt:

“Machine Learning operations engineer”

A MLOps engineer is

- Buff
- Locked in
- Many screens

Its not completely wrong



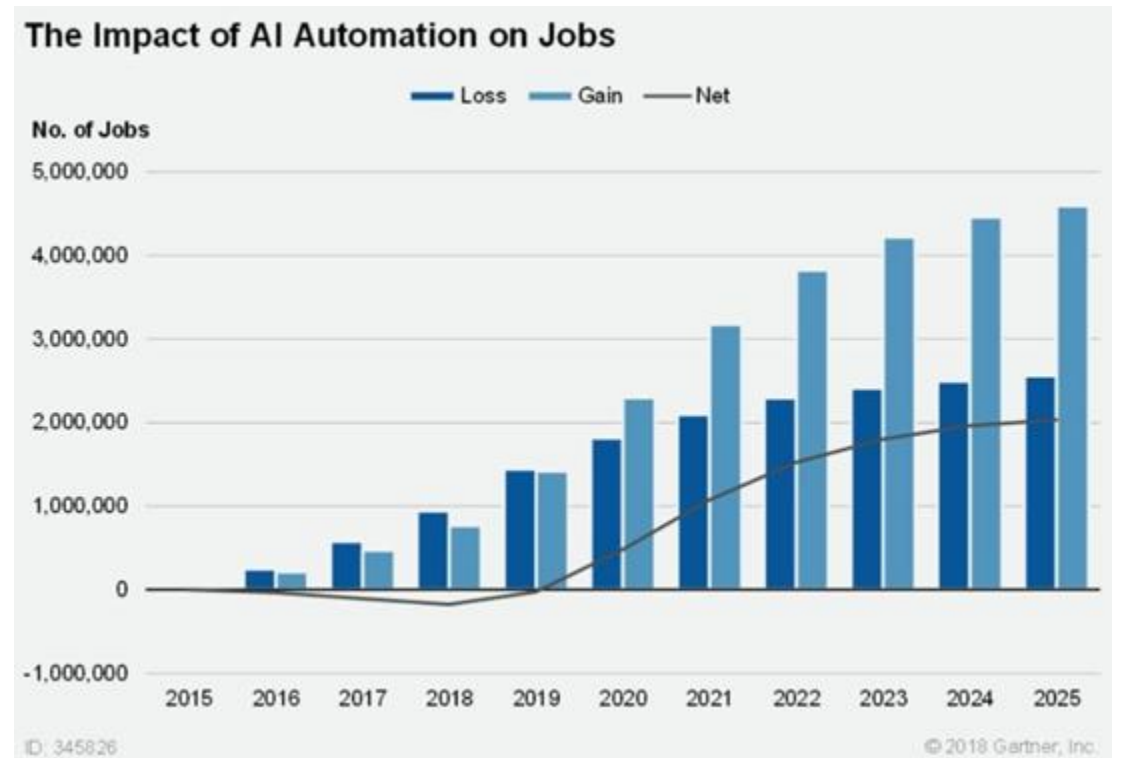
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# Why is MLOps hot?

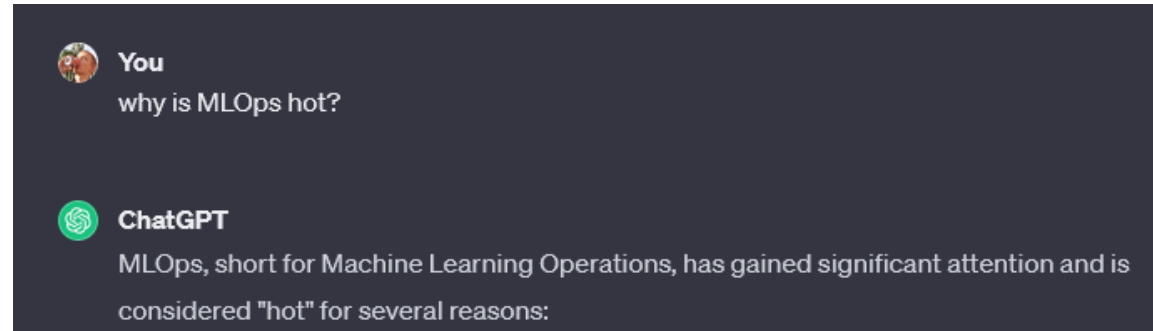
# Why does companies care about MLOps

Having automated model deployed with errors can cost A LOT of money:

*”A famous example of the dangers here was Knight Capital’s system losing \$465 millions in 45 minutes, apparently because of unexpected behavior from obsolete experimental codepaths”* – Hidden Technical debt in Machine Learning Systems








# Let's ask ChatGPT



1. Growing Adoption of Machine Learning (ML)
2. Complexity of ML Workflow
3. Bridge between Development and Operations
4. Need for Collaboration
5. Ensuring Model Governance and Compliance
6. Automation and Scalability
7. Continuous Integration and Continuous Deployment (CI/CD)
8. Infrastructure Orchestration
9. Adoption of Cloud Services
10. Business Impact

# Open AI study

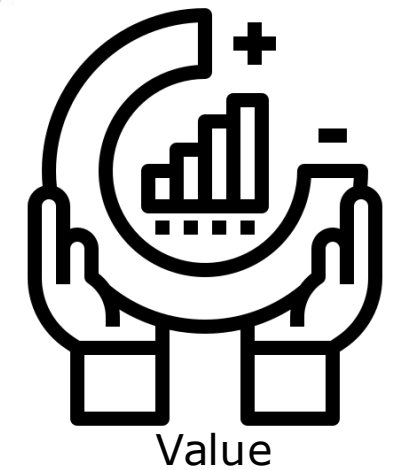
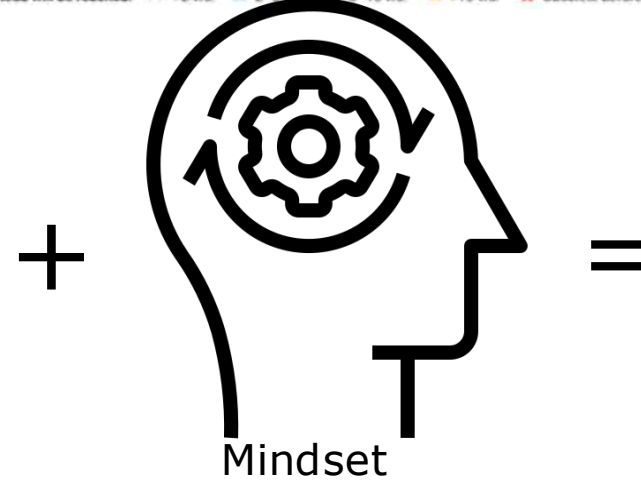
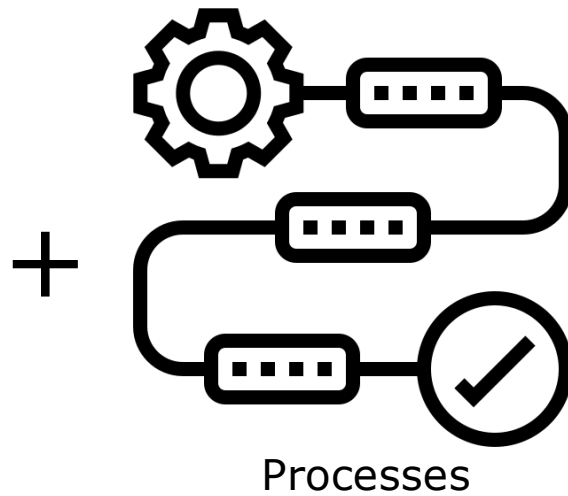
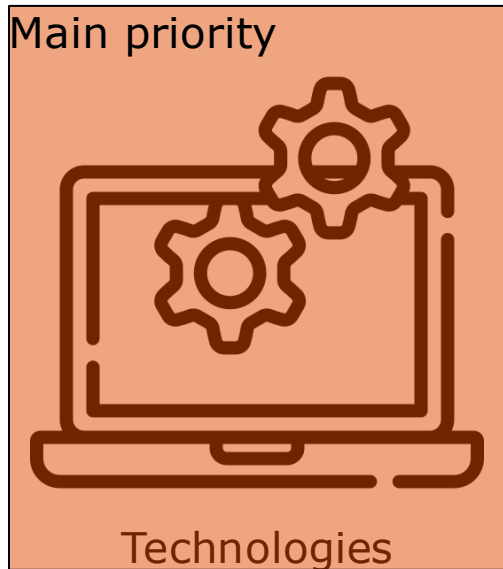
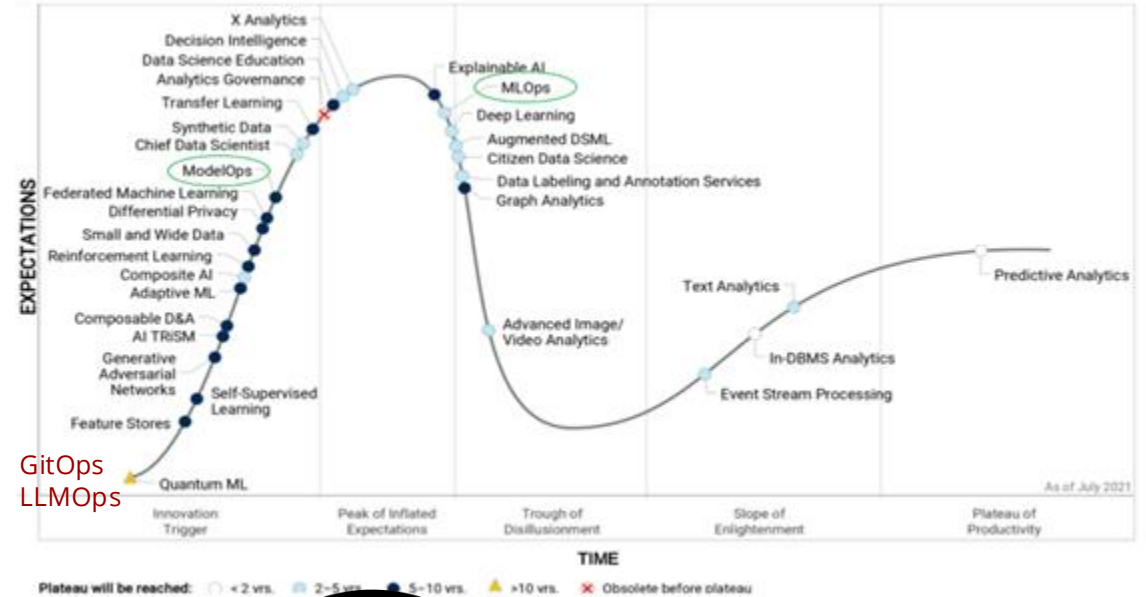
 What is the contributes to the success of OpenAI?

-  Funding
-  Data
-  People
-  Compute
-  Service contract with Microsoft

Microsoft fired 10,000 workers in the same breath as the invested \$10B in OpenAI

# Trends in MLOps

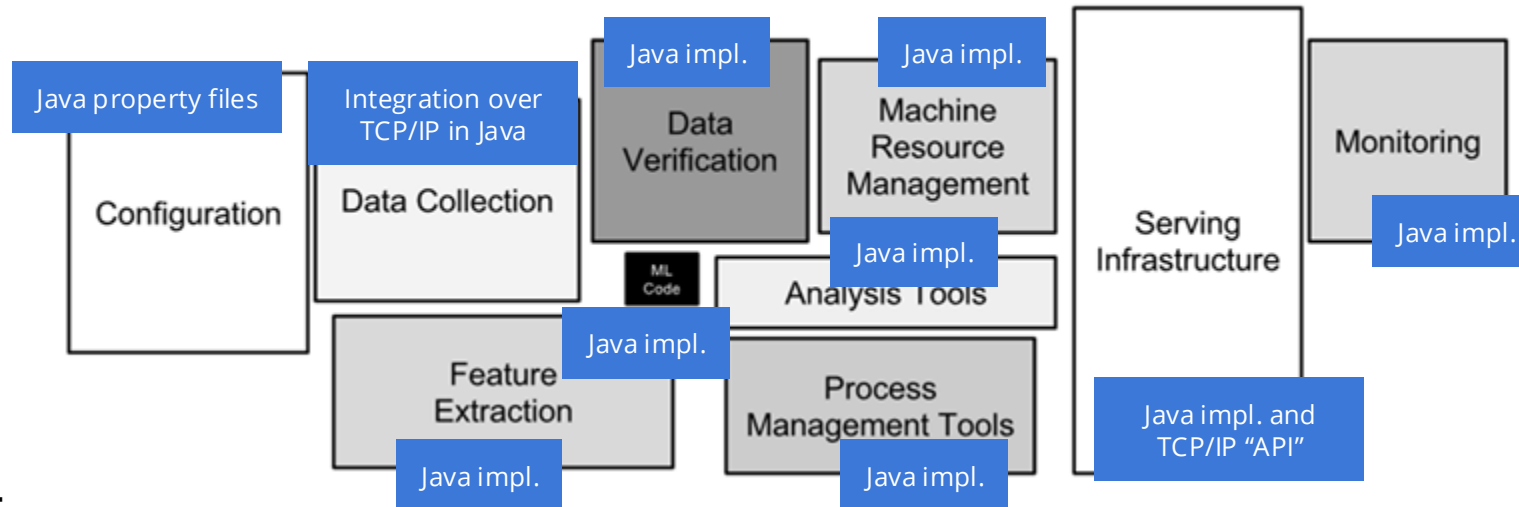
MLOps has been trending for a couple of years. Tools have been the main priority.



# Choosing the right tool for the job

# Looking back

MLOps around 2006 = write everything from scratch



Credit: Mikkel Baun Kjærgaard

Pros:

+ Full control

Cons:

- Slow to iterate
- Hard to maintain
- Lot of manpower per project

# Today we have options

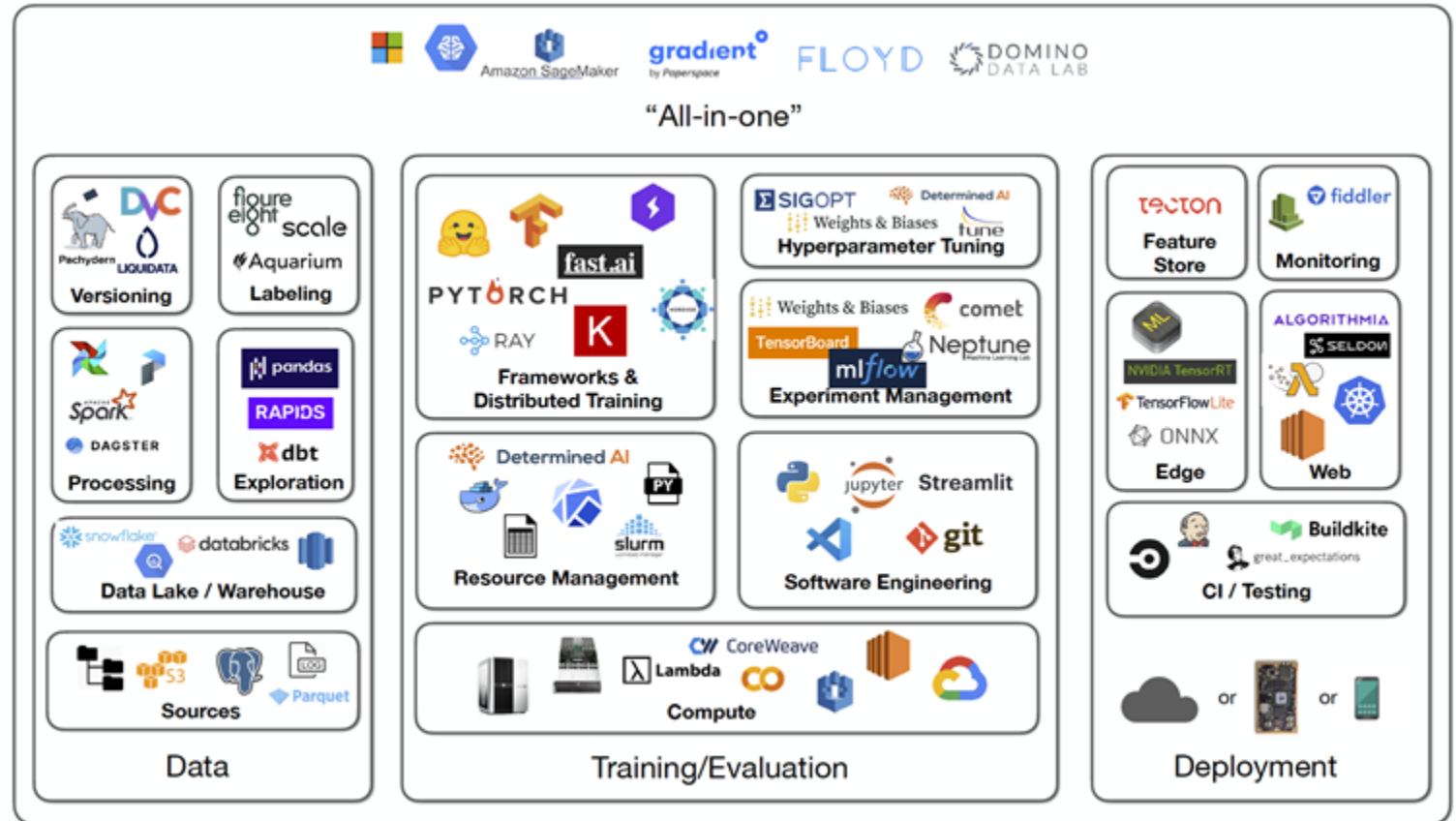
There is a tool for everything you need

Pros:

- + Easy to get started
- + Easy to iterate

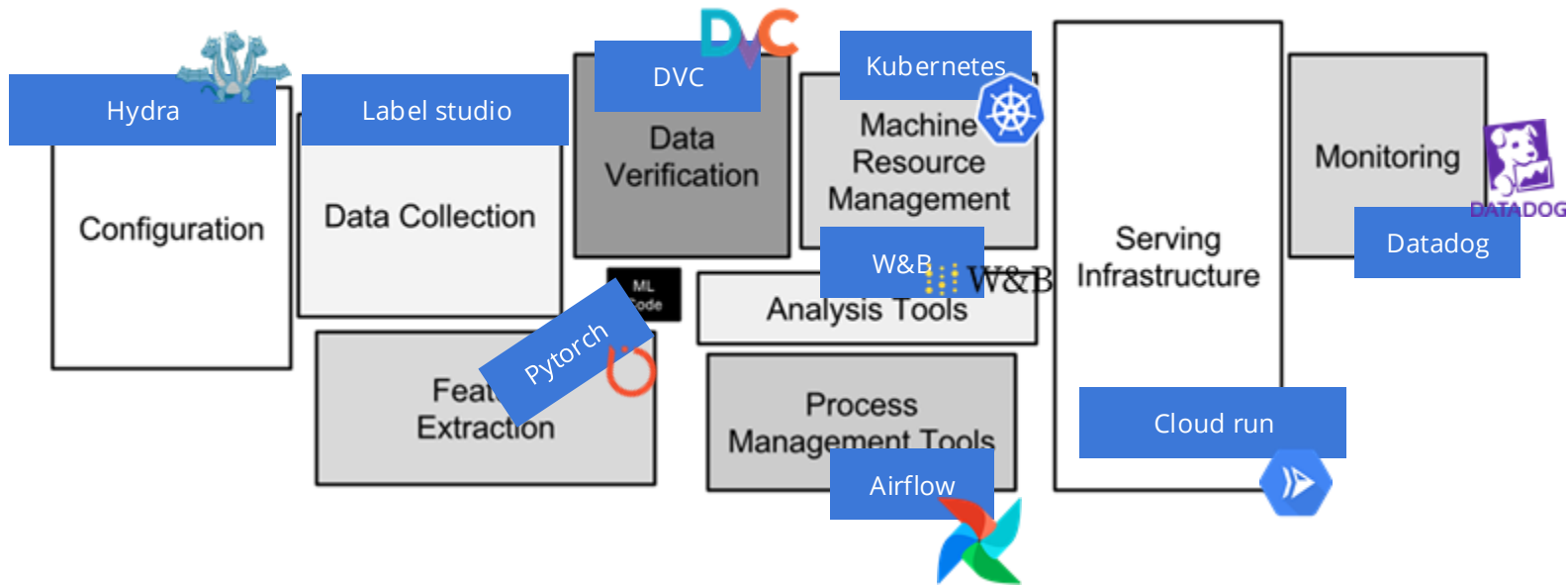
Cons:

- Framework integration can be really hard
- Hard to compare frameworks



# MLOps now

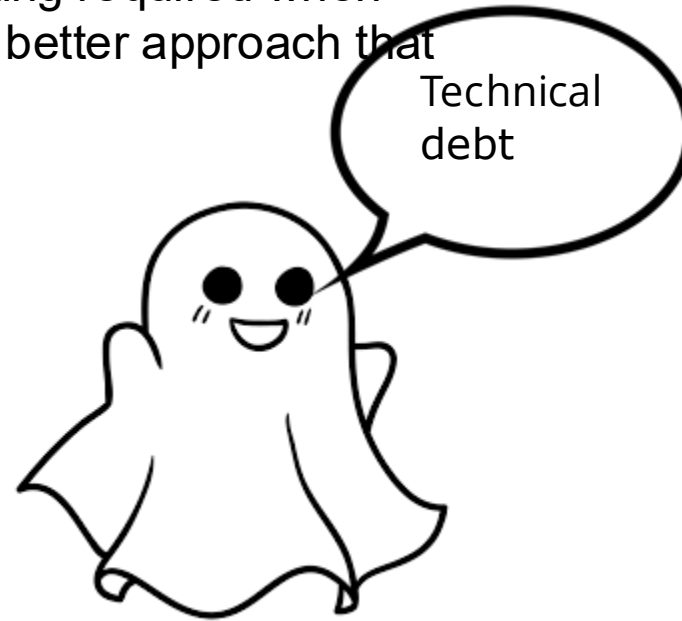
Pick a *stack* of tools



# Not picking the right tool leads to TD

In a nutshell MLOps is about dealing reducing technical debt

Technical debt is the implied cost of future reworking required when choosing an easy but limited solution instead of a better approach that could take more time



# MLOps is full stack

In MLOps we embrace the full stack of problems that comes from the full lifecycle. Especially integration problems.

Criteria for what goes into the stack (4Cs):

- Cost
- Coverage
- Complexity
- Community

Whenever we need to pick one tool over the other, we need to consider these 4 criteria.

And most time this is not possible without actually trying to use both.



# MLOps as a process

# MLOps has and is too tool centric

Why the Focus on Tools?

- 💡 **Tech-Driven Hype** – MLOps emerged alongside cloud AI services, containerization, and orchestration tools, making it feel like a tooling problem rather than a process and culture problem.
- 💡 **Vendor Influence** – Companies push their own MLOps stacks, leading to fragmented ecosystems that emphasize tool adoption rather than best practices.
- 💡 **ML Engineers' Backgrounds** – Many ML practitioners come from research backgrounds and are more familiar with coding than system design

Why Process Matters More

If we **strip away the tools**, the core of MLOps is about establishing **robust workflows** that ensure:

- 💡 Models are reproducible and traceable (versioning, experiment tracking).
- 💡 CI/CD practices extend beyond software to **model development** (automated validation, deployment gates).
- 💡 Models are **continuously monitored and retrained** as data distributions change.
- 💡 Organizations have **clear roles and responsibilities** (who builds, tests, deploys, and maintains models).

# 1. Maturity model

💡 The MLOps model is intended as a tool to help companies get an understanding of where they are the MLOps process and where to go next

💡 Do note that not all should aim for level 4, due to regulation, risk etc.

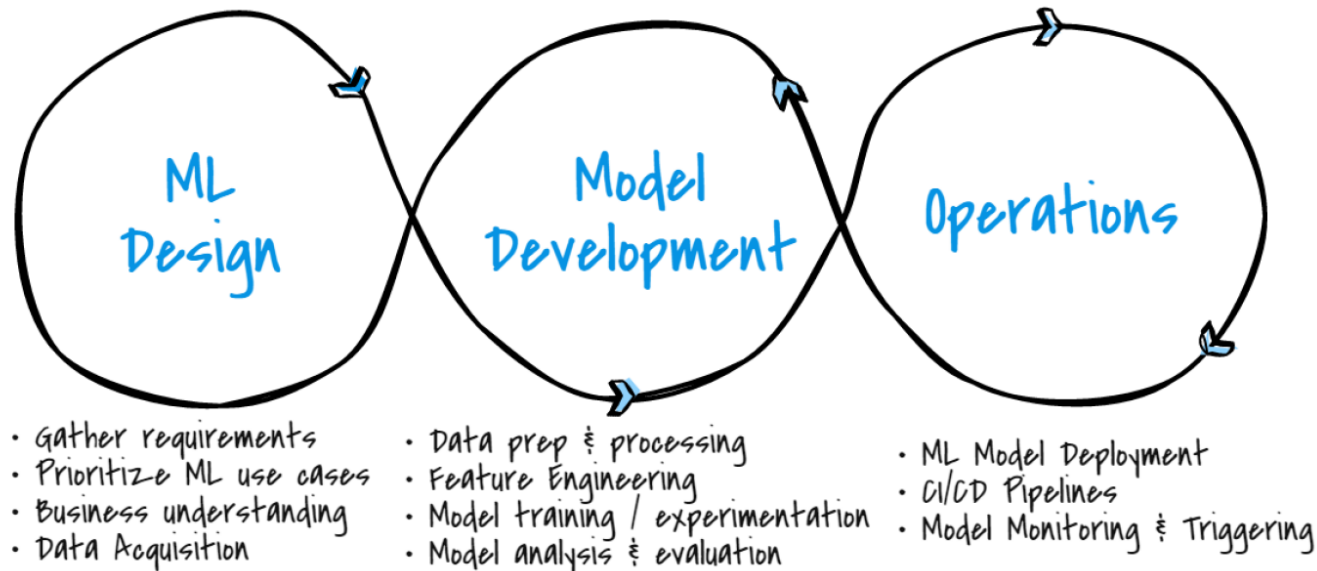
Level	Description	Highlights	Technology
0	No MLOps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Difficult to manage full machine learning model lifecycle</li> <li>• The teams are disparate and releases are painful</li> <li>• Most systems exist as "black boxes," little feedback during/post deployment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manual builds and deployments</li> <li>• Manual testing of model and application</li> <li>• No centralized tracking of model performance</li> <li>• Training of model is manual</li> </ul>
1	DevOps but no MLOps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Releases are less painful than No MLOps, but rely on Data Team for every new model</li> <li>• Still limited feedback on how well a model performs in production</li> <li>• Difficult to trace/reproduce results</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Automated builds</li> <li>• Automated tests for application code</li> </ul>
2	Automated Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training environment is fully managed and traceable</li> <li>• Easy to reproduce model</li> <li>• Releases are manual, but low friction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Automated model training</li> <li>• Centralized tracking of model training performance</li> <li>• Model management</li> </ul>
3	Automated Model Deployment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Releases are low friction and automatic</li> <li>• Full traceability from deployment back to original data</li> <li>• Entire environment managed: train &gt; test &gt; production</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated A/B testing of model performance for deployment</li> <li>• Automated tests for all code</li> <li>• Centralized tracking of model training performance</li> </ul>
4	Full MLOps Automated Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full system automated and easily monitored</li> <li>• Production systems are providing information on how to improve and, in some cases, automatically improve with new models</li> <li>• Approaching a zero-downtime system</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Automated model training and testing</li> <li>• Verbose, centralized metrics from deployed model</li> </ul>

[1] <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/architecture/ai-ml/guide/mlops-maturity-model>

## 2. Machine learning is experimental at its core

- 💡 This means starting with simple solutions first and then improving them.
- 💡 Everything should be thought of as a cyclical process.
- 💡 This means allocating time in the future to fix, improve, and develop your solution.

### Machine Learning Operations (MLOps)



### 3. Focus on one problem at the time

We want an

ML lifecycle that is *reproducible, traceable, testable, and maintainable*.

Or in other words: we want to reduce future technical debt.

However, this is not possible on the first attempt. So, focus on one aspect, iterate until it is resolved, and then move on to the next—while ensuring:

💡 **Reproducibility**: Ensure that every step can be reproduced by a colleague. If not, it may mean having to start over at times.

💡 **Traceability**: Ensure that all data is stored throughout the pipeline. If not, parts of experiments/models may need to be redone.

💡 **Testability**: Implement proper CI for all parts of the pipeline. If not, there are no guarantees for robustness when making future changes.

💡 **Maintainability**: Ensure the project does not become outdated. If not, updating it in the future will take a long time.

## 4. Focus on what is important for your case

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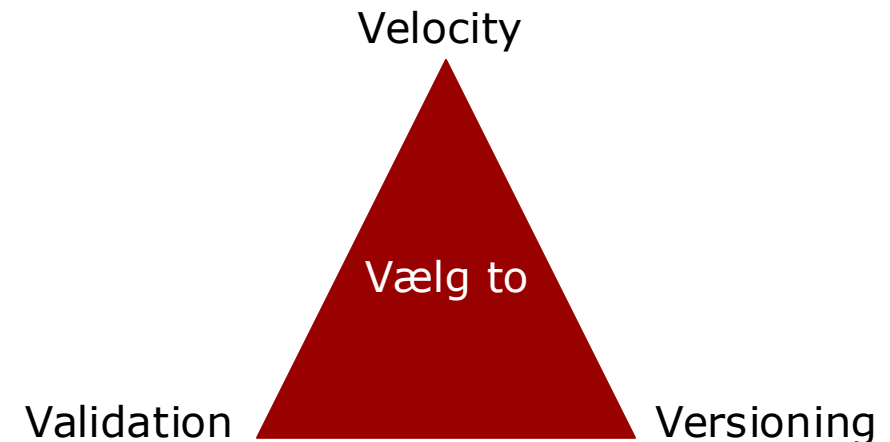
💡 ML is experimental by nature. The faster you can prototype and iterate on ideas, the better.

Validation:

💡 Errors become more expensive to fix once users encounter them. Early validation helps eliminate bad ideas and catch mistakes as soon as possible.

Versioning:

💡 Ensures reproducibility of the production pipeline. Minimizes downtime by quickly switching from a faulty model to another.



# Case study 1

# Improving a pipeline

Danish company for cardiac monitoring

- Core business is hardware
- Slowly transforming into a software as an service company

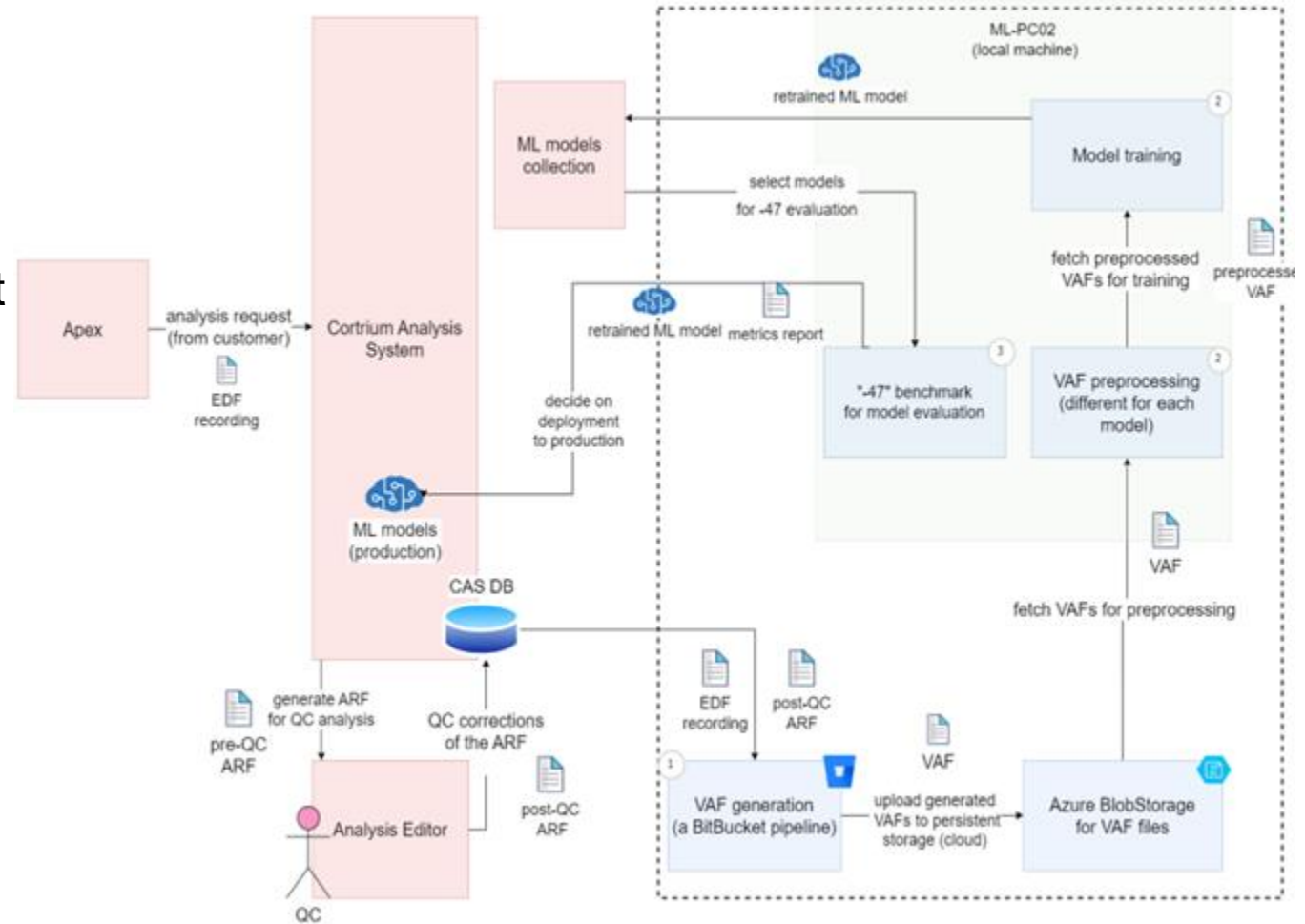


# A pain point analysis

Semi-structured interviews with stakeholders

- C-suite
- Data scientists
- Engineers

To identify restrictions and pain points of current workflow




# Restrictions and sectors to improve

Restrictions:

- Minimum intrusion on current workflow
- Minimum cost

Note:

I can guarantee that this will lead to technical debt down the line



Sectors to improve:

1. Data generation
2. Model training
3. Model evaluation

# The pain points

## Data generation

- Data is not persisted
- Manually extraction of data
- Manual analysis was not persisted

## Model training

- Remote connection to machines
- No centralization of jobs config
- No consistency in training schedule

## Model evaluation

- Manual executing on validation pipeline
- Hard to configure to a new model

-Versioning, -Velocity, +Validation

= Overall an orchestration platform was needed to run jobs

# Choosing the right tool for the job

The search for a tool to solve most of the pain points was conducted



Coverage	5/5	4/5
Complexity	1/5	5/5
Cost	5/5	3/5
Community	4/5	2/5

# The pain points

## Data generation

- Data is not persisted
- ~~Manually~~ Automatic extraction of data
- ~~Manual~~ Automatic analysis was not that persisted and auto reported to stakeholders

## Model training

- ~~Web service to lunch jobs~~ Remote connection to machines
- ~~No centralization of jobs config and requirements~~
- No consistency in training schedule (only through paid service)

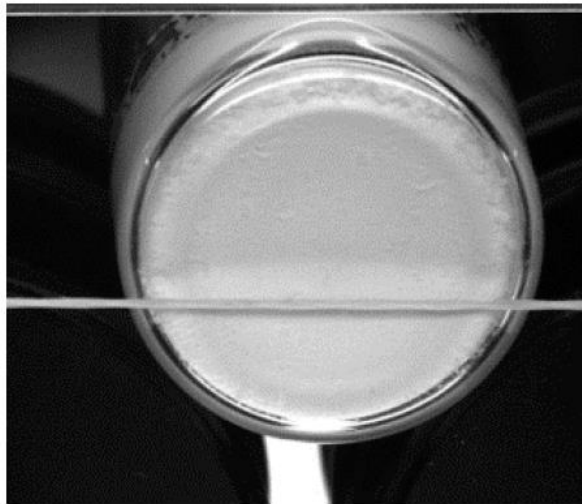
## Model evaluation

- ~~Manual executing on validation pipeline~~
- ~~Hard to configure to a new model~~ Simple one line change to run on new model

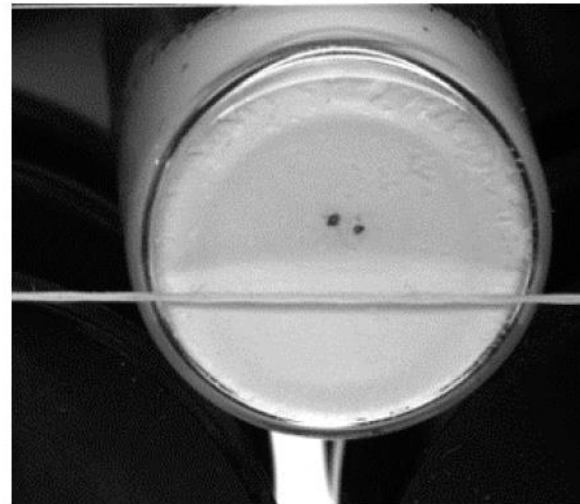
# Case study 2

# Detection of flaws in products

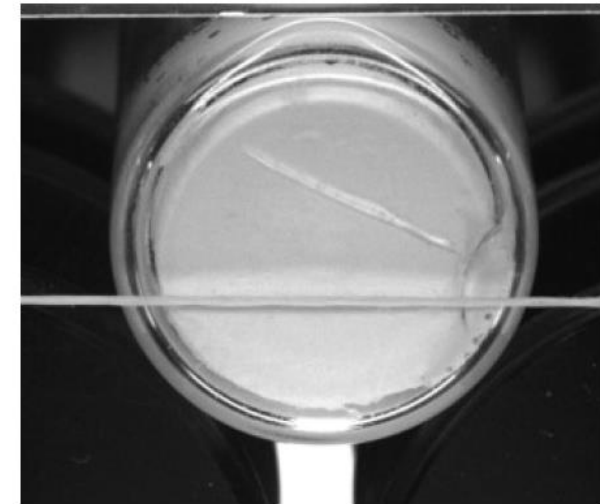
Danish medical company want to automatically detect errors in viels



(a) Good Vial - No Defect



(b) Particle Defect



(c) Chips & Cracks Defect

# Requirements specification

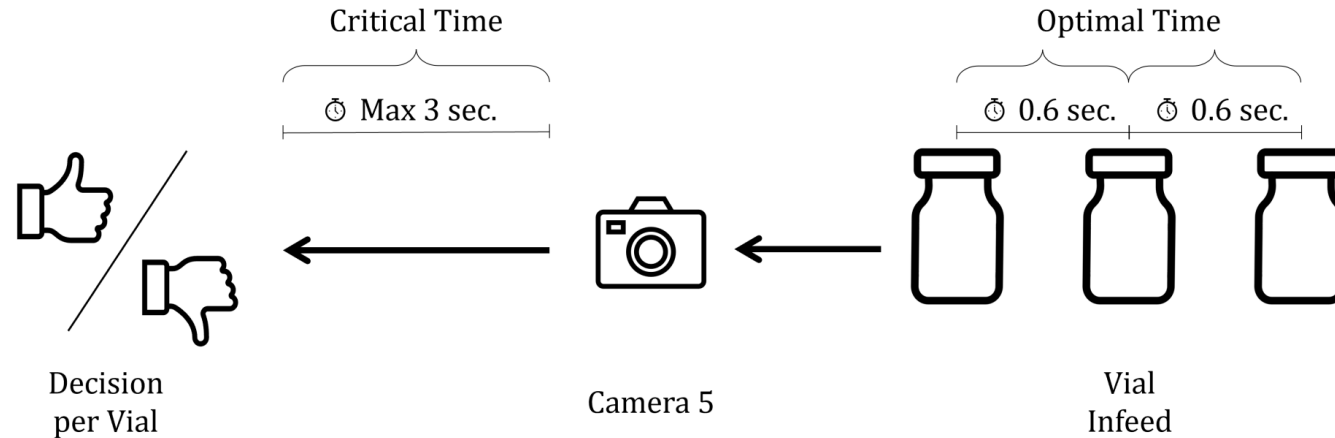


## Model requirements

1. **Must** outperform human baseline
2. **Must** not approve flawed vials -> no risk to patient safety
3. *Should* have a low false rejection rate, minimizing product loss
4. *Should* outperform existing model

## Model serving requirements

1. **Must** have a serving latency of less 3 sec pr vial
2. *Should* have a serving latency of less than 0.6 seconds per vial



# Pipeline

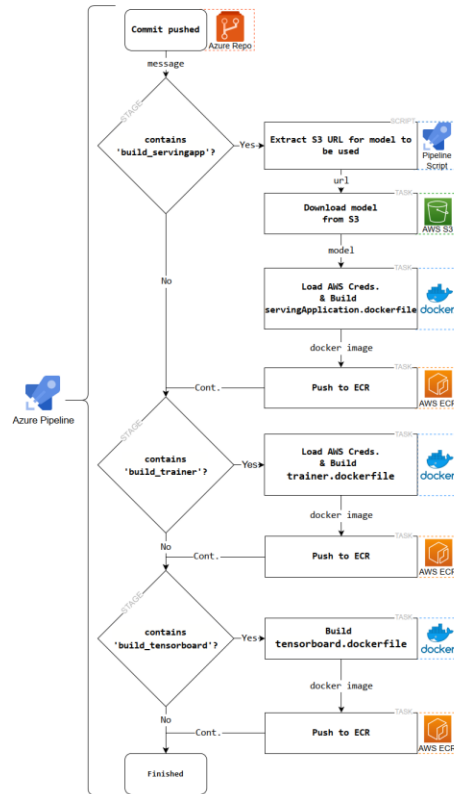
💡 Containerization

💡 Training

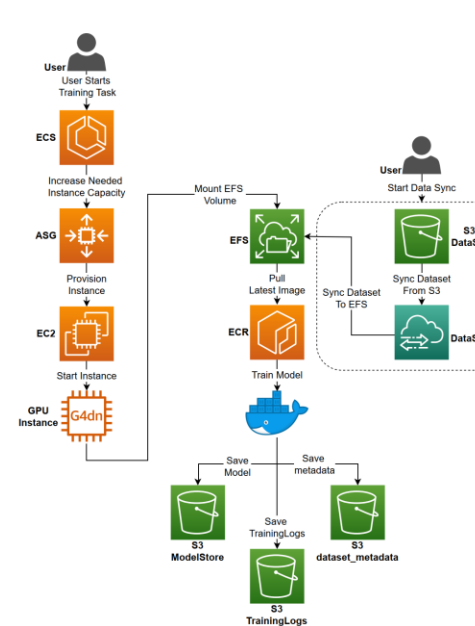
💡 Inference

Make sure pipeline is can deal with change in data and model specification

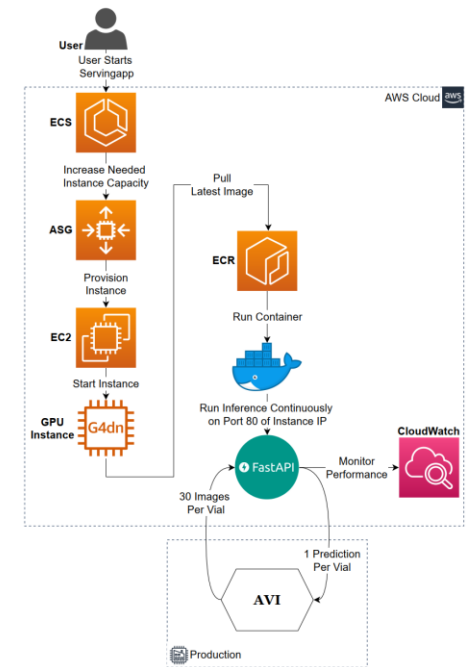
## Containerization



## Training



## Inference



# Did it work?

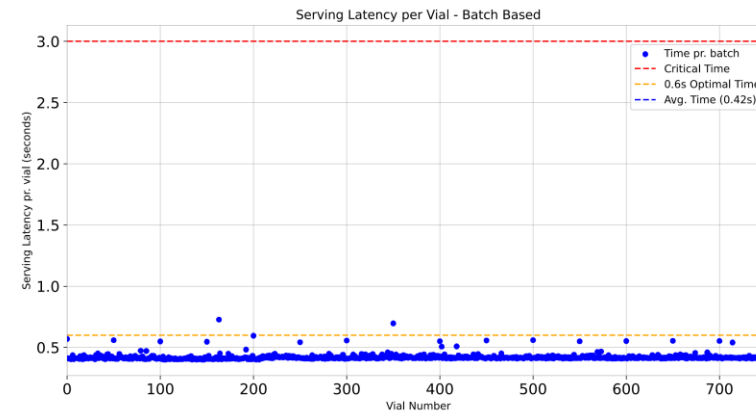
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		Predictions						Total
		NN Model			Efficientnet_b0			
		Good	Particle	CC	Good	Particle	CC	
Ground Truth	Good	648	13	22	682	0	1	683
	Particle	0	17	8	0	25	0	25
	CC	10	0	36	0	0	46	46



# Let's get down to business, to defeat the bugs

 Practical live coding example from ML model to deployed model

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PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL PORTS COMMENTS

No folder path to the makefile is defined in the settings file.  
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 Dry-run switches: '--always-make', '--keep-going', '--print-directory'  
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 stopAtEntry = undefined,  
 symbolSearchPath = undefined

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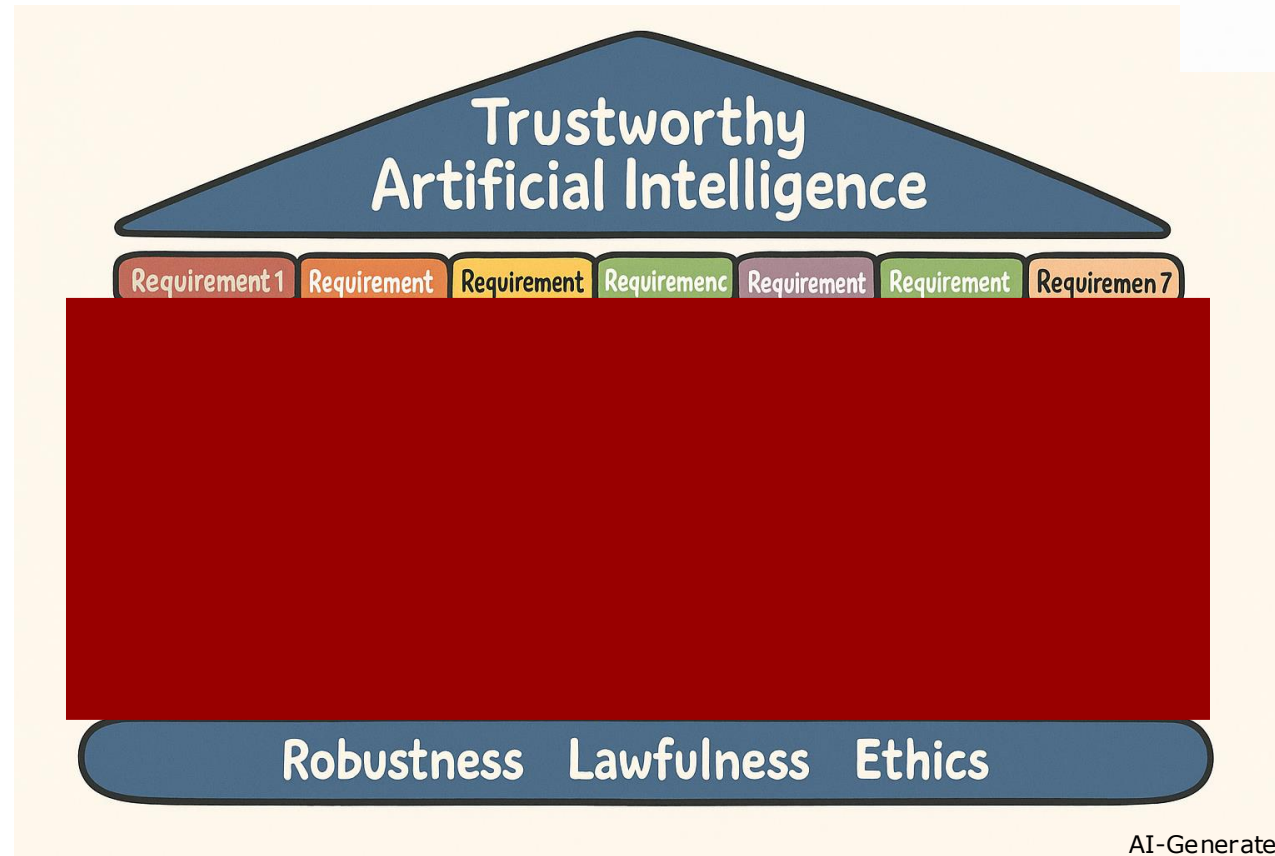
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Folder contains a Dev Container configuration file. Reopen folder to develop in a container (learn more).  
 Source: Dev Containers Reopen in Container Don't Show Again...

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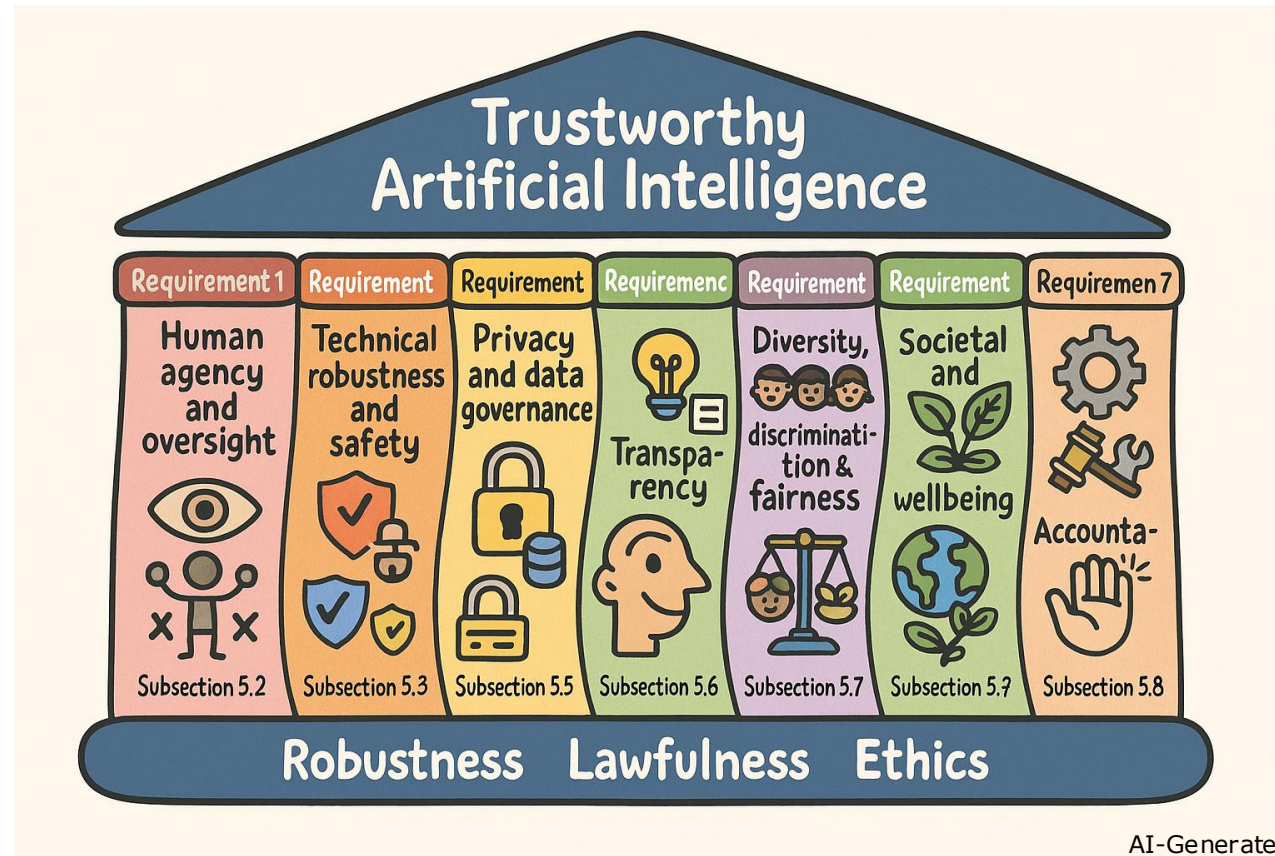
# Trustworthy AI

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[2] Connecting the dots in trustworthy Artificial Intelligence: From AI principles, ethics, and key requirements to responsible AI systems and regulation, <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1566253523002129>

# OECD AI principles

## Values-based principles

The OECD AI Principles promote use of AI that is innovative and trustworthy and that respects human rights and democratic values. Adopted in May 2019, they set standards for AI that are practical and flexible enough to stand the test of time.

**Inclusive growth, sustainable development and well-being** +

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**Human rights and democratic values, including fairness and privacy** +

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**Transparency and explainability**

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**Robustness, security and safety**

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**Accountability**

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## Recommendations for policy makers

**Investing in AI research and development** +

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**Fostering an inclusive AI-enabling ecosystem** +

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**Shaping an enabling interoperable governance and policy environment for AI** +

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**Building human capacity and preparing for labour market transformation** +

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**International co-operation for trustworthy AI** +

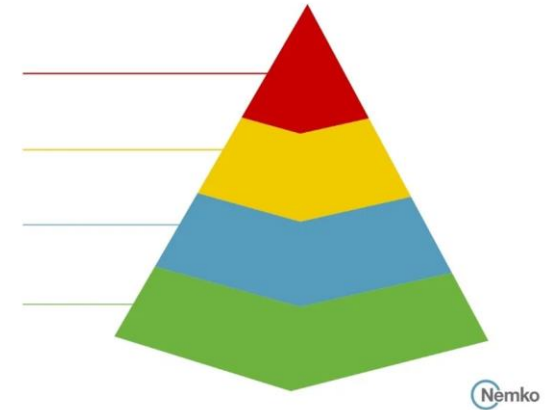
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# Regulation is coming

Think risk from the beginning to not get hit in the end

## EU AI Act: Risk Levels

- **PROHIBITED AI SYSTEMS**  
Prohibited
- **HIGH RISK AI SYSTEMS**  
Must undergo a conformity assessment
- **LOW RISK AI SYSTEMS**  
Must adhere to transparency requirements
- **NO RISK AI SYSTEMS**  
No obligations



### Examples of AI systems

(non-exhaustive list)

#### Prohibited

- Social scoring
- Behavioural manipulation
- Emotion recognition in the workplace/ schools
- Biometric categorisation deducing sensitive characteristics

#### High risk

- AI systems covered by sectoral product safety regulations e.g. medical devices, vehicles, toys etc.
- Biometric identification, categorisation and emotion recognition not falling under prohibited practices
- Access to essential services
- Education and vocational training
- Employment and workers management

#### Low risk

- Virtual assistants
- Chatbots
- Spam filters

#### Systemic risk









- General purpose AI models



[1] <https://www.nemko.com/blog/a-quick-dive-into-the-eu-ai-act>

# Two ways to think AI in the future









## Category

-  Regulation
-  Legal Authority
-  Innovation Focus
-  Risk Management
-  Data Privacy
-  Ethics
-  Global Influence
-  Enforcement

## us USA

-  Voluntary, flexible
-  Executive orders
-  Fast, market-driven
-  Voluntary standards
-  Fragmented (state-based)
-  Non-binding principles
-  Compete to lead
-  Light-touch, decentralized

## EU EU

-  Strict, binding (AI Act)
-  EU law with penalties
-  Balanced, precautionary
-  Mandatory assessment & oversight
-  GDPR + AI-specific rules
-  Mandated fairness & transparency
-  Shape global standards
-  Strong, centralized

# An optimistic view on EU's direction

*“The winner of the AI race will not be the one with the best model, but the one that best deals with the social changes”*

- LinkedIn post I can't find anymore

💡 Open-source models have (almost) caught up with closed-source models

💡 If everyone has access to the best model, then what really matters?

**Closed-source vs. open-weight models**

Llama 3.1 405B closes the gap with closed-source models for the first time in history.

@maximelabonne

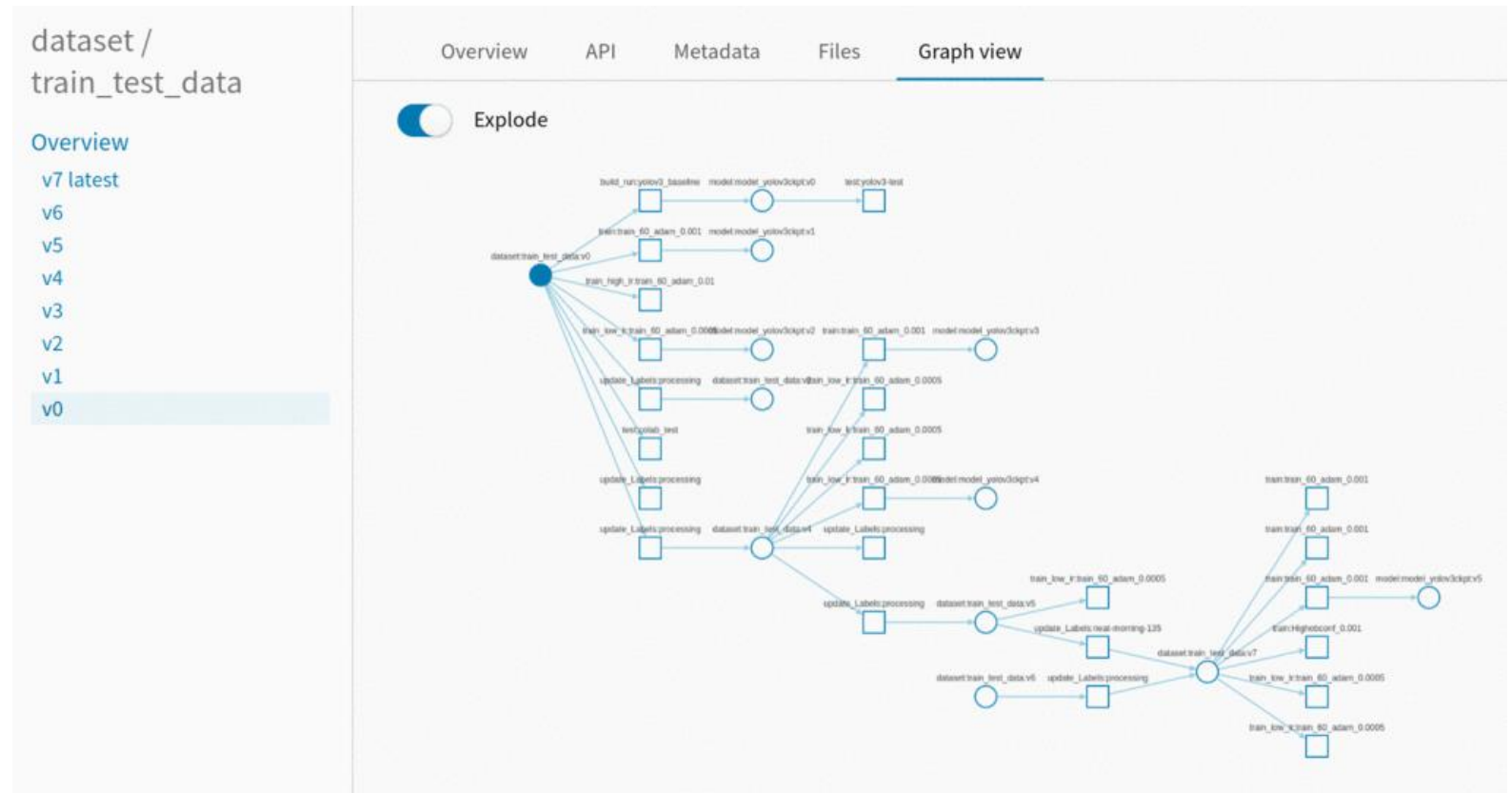


[1] <https://the-decoder.com/googles-rumored-gemini-2-0-launch-in-december-could-support-llm-stagnation-thesis/>

# Consequences as they are right now

**TLDR: Treat AI like the software it actually is!**

- ★ Documentation and governance
- ★ Model cards
- ★ Bias audits
- ★ Usage logs
- ★ Data-model lineage



[1] <https://docs.wandb.ai/guides/core/registry/lineage/>

# Z-inspection

💡 Proven and tested framework for trustworthy AI

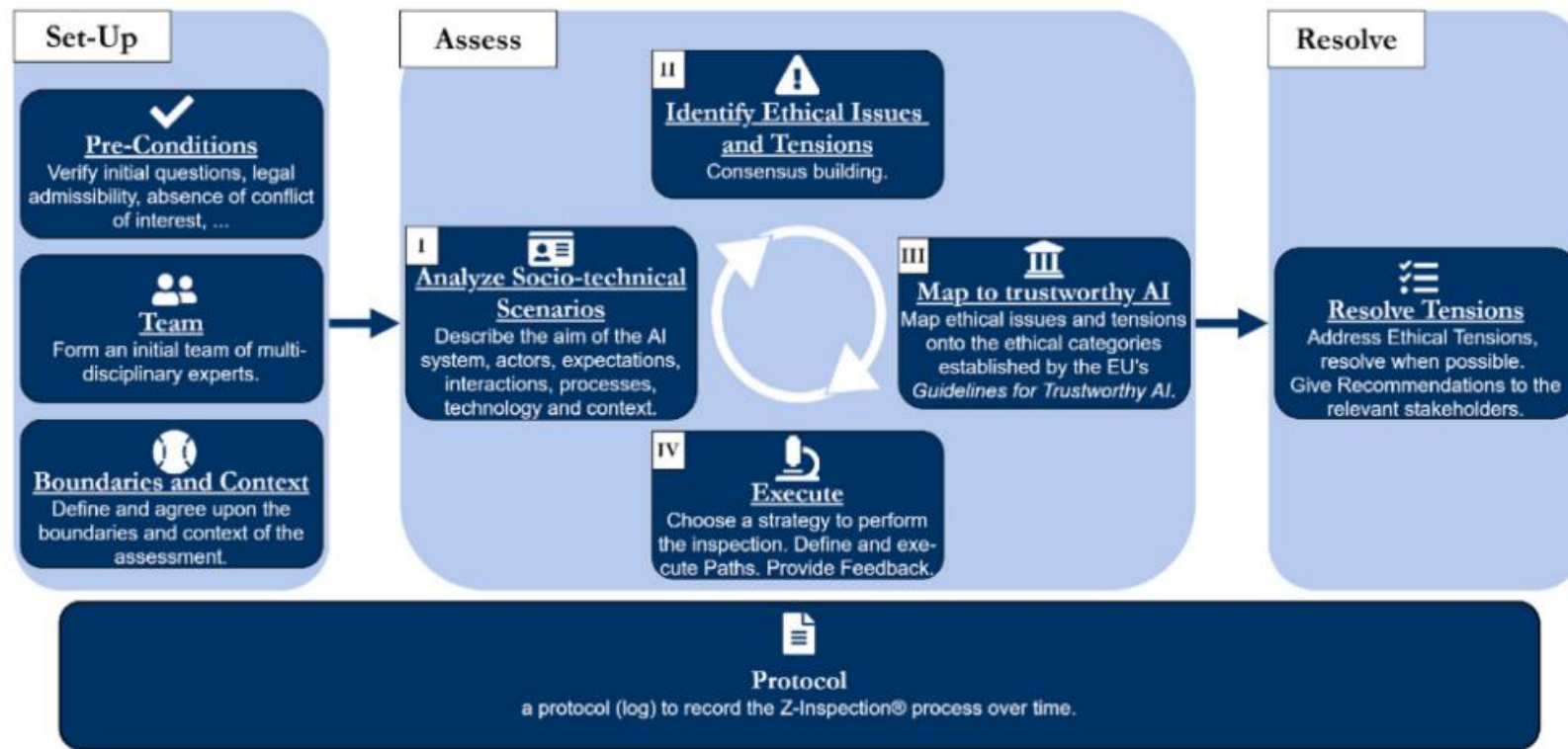


Fig. 1. Z-Inspection process in a nutshell.

[1] <https://oecd.ai/en/catalogue/tools/z-inspection>

[2] Getting Ready for the EU AI Act in Healthcare, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2505.07875>

# Power analysis

Definitions:

**Value** is something that causes future actions

**Power** predicts impact of actions

Through the lens of power, it's possible to see why accurate, generalizable and efficient AI systems are not good for everyone. In the hands of exploitative companies or oppressive law enforcement, a more accurate facial recognition system is harmful. Organizations have responded with pledges to design 'fair' and 'transparent' systems, but fair and transparent according to whom?

- ? Are Meta behaviors aligned with their values ?
- ? Are Meta behaviors aligned with your values ?
- ? Is the Meta-you relation "power symmetric" – how are EULA/terms negotiated ?

A personal take on science and society

## World view

Don't ask if AI is good or fair,  
ask how it shifts power



By Pratyusha  
Kalluri

Now It's  
Your Turn



# Design of Machine Learning Projects

# Machine Learning Operations Canvas

Anecdotally, as many as 90% of machine learning models never make it to production. The reasons vary—from misaligned objectives to operational bottlenecks—but the message is clear: building a model is only one part of the journey.

*A machine learning model is only as impactful as the system that supports it—strategy, scalability, and accountability form its true foundation.*

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# Machine Learning Operations Canvas

MLOps Canvas (Machine Learning Operations) is a structured framework designed to assist with planning, execution, and management of machine learning projects.

Inspired by the widely used Business Model Canvas, the MLOps Canvas aims to help teams, consisting of both technical and non-technical members, collaborate effectively on machine learning projects.

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# Problem - Background

- ★ What is the context or environment where this problem exists?
- ★ Why is this problem worth solving?
- ★ Who are the stakeholders affected by this problem?
- ★ What is the current state of the problem?
- ★ Are there any constraints or assumptions that need to be considered?

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# Problem – Value Proposition

- ★ What value will the solution provide to the stakeholders?
- ★ How does this solution improve existing alternatives?
- ★ What specific needs or pain points does it address?
- ★ Who benefits the most from solving this problem?
- ★ How will success be measured in terms of delivered value?

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# Problem - Objectives

- ★ What are the measurable goals for the machine learning system?
- ★ How do these goals align with the overall business or project objectives?
- ★ What are the short-term and long-term goals?
- ★ How will you prioritize conflicting goals, if any?
- ★ Are there clear performance limits or benchmarks to achieve?

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# Data – Data Collection

- ★ What are the primary data sources, and how will the data be accessed?
- ★ Is the data collected at a fixed frequency, in real-time, or as a one-time batch?
- ★ How much data is needed (volume), and how will it be labeled or annotated?
- ★ Are there license, ownership, or copyright issues associated with the data?
- ★ Does the data contain diverse and representative samples to effectively address the problem?

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# Data – Data Verification and Governance

- ★ What steps will you take to ensure data quality (e.g., handling missing, duplicate, or incorrect data)?
- ★ How will you validate that the data accurately represents the real-world problem?
- ★ Are there policies in place to manage the storage, access, and use of the data?
- ★ How will you handle sensitive data or ensure compliance with privacy laws (e.g., GDPR)?
- ★ What methods will you use to detect and mitigate potential biases in the data?

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# Model - Modelling

- ★ Which algorithms or techniques will be used to build the model?
- ★ How will you decide which features to include or exclude?
- ★ What is the expected complexity of the model, and is it justified?
- ★ What tools and frameworks will you use to develop the model?
- ★ What trade-offs (e.g., accuracy vs. interpretability) will you need to consider?

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# Model – Metrics and evaluation

- ★ Which metrics will be used to evaluate the model's performance?
- ★ How will you determine if the model meets its objectives?
- ★ What baseline or benchmarks will you compare the model with?
- ★ How will you evaluate the model's performance across different datasets?
- ★ How will you validate the model's robustness to edge cases and noise?

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# Model – Model governance

- ★ What processes are in place to document the model's development lifecycle?
- ★ How will you ensure accountability for the model's predictions?
- ★ What security measures are in place to monitor ethical compliance?
- ★ How will you track changes and versions of the model over time?
- ★ Are clear roles and responsibilities defined for maintaining the model?

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# Operations - Inference

- ★ How will the model's predictions be generated in production?
- ★ What infrastructure is necessary to support inference at scale?
- ★ How will latency and throughput requirements be met?
- ★ What methods will be used to handle errors or failed predictions?
- ★ What format will the predictions be delivered in for further use?

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# Operations - Decision

- ★ How will predictions be integrated into decision-making processes?
- ★ Who or what will act on the model's predictions?
- ★ Are there automatic or manual checks in place for critical decisions?
- ★ What are the expected consequences of these decisions for stakeholders?
- ★ How will the model's output be communicated to end-users or stakeholders?

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# Monitoring - Feedback

- ★ What mechanisms are in place to collect feedback on the model's predictions?
- ★ How will feedback be used to improve the model over time?
- ★ Who will be responsible for analyzing and acting on feedback?
- ★ What channels will you use to collect user or system feedback?
- ★ How will you handle negative feedback or identified performance issues?

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# Monitoring - Lifetime

- ★ What is the expected lifespan of the model before it needs to be retrained or replaced?
- ★ How will you monitor for model drift or performance degradation?
- ★ What triggers will indicate the need for model updates?
- ★ What processes are in place to phase out outdated models?
- ★ How will you handle dependencies and compatibility over the model's lifespan?

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# Risk - Fairness

- ★ What potential biases could arise in the data or model, and how will you identify them?
- ★ How will you ensure fair outcomes for all stakeholder groups?
- ★ What metrics or methods will you use to measure fairness?
- ★ What steps will you take to mitigate bias during development and deployment?
- ★ Are there any groups or scenarios that could be disproportionately affected?

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# Risk - Explainability

- ★ How will you ensure that the model's decisions can be interpreted by stakeholders?
- ★ What tools or techniques will you use to improve explainability?
- ★ How will you communicate the model's decision-making process to non-technical audiences?
- ★ Are there trade-offs between explainability and performance to consider?
- ★ What level of transparency is required for regulatory or ethical purposes?

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# Risk - Security

- ★ What risks exist for data breaches or leaks, and how will you mitigate them?
- ★ How will you protect against adversarial attacks on the model?
- ★ What processes are in place to ensure data protection during and after model usage?
- ★ How will you monitor and address vulnerabilities in the implemented system?
- ★ Are there compliance requirements related to security that need to be addressed?

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# Machine Learning Operations Canvas

How do I answer these questions?

- Discussion with stakeholders
- Research
- Iterative updates

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# Case description

## Description:

Company X operates in the pharmaceutical industry and produces life-saving medicine for its customers. Medicine X is sold in small bottles. In very rare cases, small particles may enter the bottles along with the medicine, contaminating it and posing a potential risk to customers.

## Focus:

- 💡 Patient safety
- 💡 The solution must run in real-time



# What did we do?

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Identified main criteria

## Model

1. No contaminated product should go to the user
2. Reduce product discarded



## Operations

1. Inference needs to run faster 1sec
2. Inference should preferably run faster than 0.4sec

# What did we do?

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Install single camera at some point during conveyor belt

Because rare event:

1. Add contaminant to bottles
2. Run bottles through setup
3. Automatic labelling of images

Because the contaminant is in a liquid it was not visible on all images -> change data collection setup to include more angles and repeat

# What did we do?

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## Development of model

1. Doing classification per image -> good but not good enough performance
2. Doing classification per set of images (multiple angles) -> no bad vials where approved

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## Inference of model

1. Deployment of model to company cloud provider -> average inference time of 0.8sec but with some above 1sec
2. Optimization of model architecture for faster inference
3. Deployment of new model to cloud -> average inference of 0.6sec, with no spikes above 1sec
4. Deployment of new model to local laptop connect to visual setup -> all inference below 0.4 sec

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Because medical companies needs to comply with strict regulation

1. Small adjustment to model architecture to make it fits with explainability frameworks
2. Human-in-the-loop feedback procedure established that evaluates predictions, data setup and explainability on regular basis

# CANVAS time!



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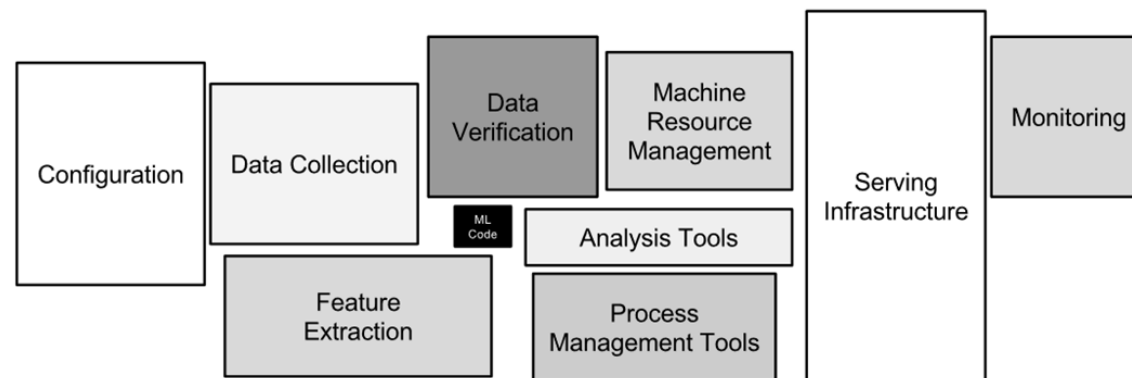
# Take aways

Just like machine learning models:

## Garbage in, garbage out 🗑️

💡 If the fundamental problems and requirements are not defined early, any machine learning pipeline will accumulate technical debt.

💡 We can reduce the debt we have to pay by considering the entire pipeline.



# MLOps is really just...

...delivers value to the business 📈

...considers the entire pipeline, not just data and model 🤖

...takes long-term goals into account from the start 📅

...that includes thinking about the ethical risks ⚠️

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# A canvas is "just" a template

💡 Maybe the ML canvas I presented doesn't fit your company.

💡 That's completely fine—create a version that suits you better.

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<b>Background</b> <p>Describe the context, including the problem and business need. Explain why this ML project is important</p>	<b>Data Collection</b> <p>Identify the data sources and methods for gathering data. Include information on data frequency, volume and labelling process.</p>	<b>Modelling</b> <p>Detail the algorithms and techniques used for building the model. Include information on feature engineering and selection.</p>	<b>Inference</b> <p>Describe the deployment process for the model to make predictions. Include details on the infrastructure and environment used.</p>	<b>Feedback</b> <p>Describe the mechanisms for collecting feedback on model performance. Explain how this feedback is used to refine the model.</p>	<b>Fairness</b> <p>Evaluate potential biases in the data and model that could lead to unfair outcomes. Include strategies for identifying, measuring, and mitigating bias across the system.</p>
<b>Value Proposition</b> <p>Outline the key benefits and the value the ML solution will bring. Highlight its impact on the business or users.</p>	<b>Data Verification and Governance</b> <p>Explain the data management policies, focusing on quality, privacy, and compliance. Include mechanisms for data access controls, quality checks, and compliance monitoring.</p>	<b>Metrics and Evaluation</b> <p>Specify the performance metrics and evaluation methods. Describe how the model's effectiveness will be assessed.</p>	<b>Decision</b> <p>Explain how the model's predictions are integrated into decision-making. Detail any human oversight or automated decision systems.</p>	<b>Lifetime</b> <p>Outline the lifetime after model deployment. This includes monitoring for model drift, conditions for retraining, and conditions for decommissioning.</p>	<b>Explainability</b> <p>Detail how the model's decisions can be interpreted and understood by stakeholders. Include methods to enhance transparency and communicate decision-making processes effectively.</p>
<b>Objectives</b> <p>State the specific, measurable goals of the ML project. Detail the expected outcomes and success criteria.</p>		<b>Model Governance</b> <p>Outline the process for managing models versions including conditions for going from staging to production. Outline procedures for updating and retraining models.</p>			<b>Security</b> <p>Identify risks related to data breaches, adversarial attacks, and system vulnerabilities. Include measures for safeguarding data and ensuring model robustness against malicious exploitation.</p>

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💡 3 weeks MLOps course: [https://skaftenicki.github.io/dtu\\_mlops/](https://skaftenicki.github.io/dtu_mlops/)

💡 Practical MLOps pipeline example: [https://github.com/SkafteNicki/example\\_mlops](https://github.com/SkafteNicki/example_mlops)

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