

## Industrializing DataScience Workflows

... and associated Idiosyncratic Operating Principles.

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#### The Problem



So you've been asked to bring the infrastructure into the cloud.

So your Data Lake is actually a Data Swamp.









#### The Problem



Login Impressions Clicks Purchases Every MicroService has a log

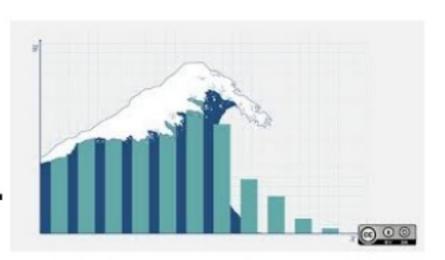
And you want to AB Test

Every Line of Business has its own Structure



#### The Problem

Can you please turn..













#### **Preview**

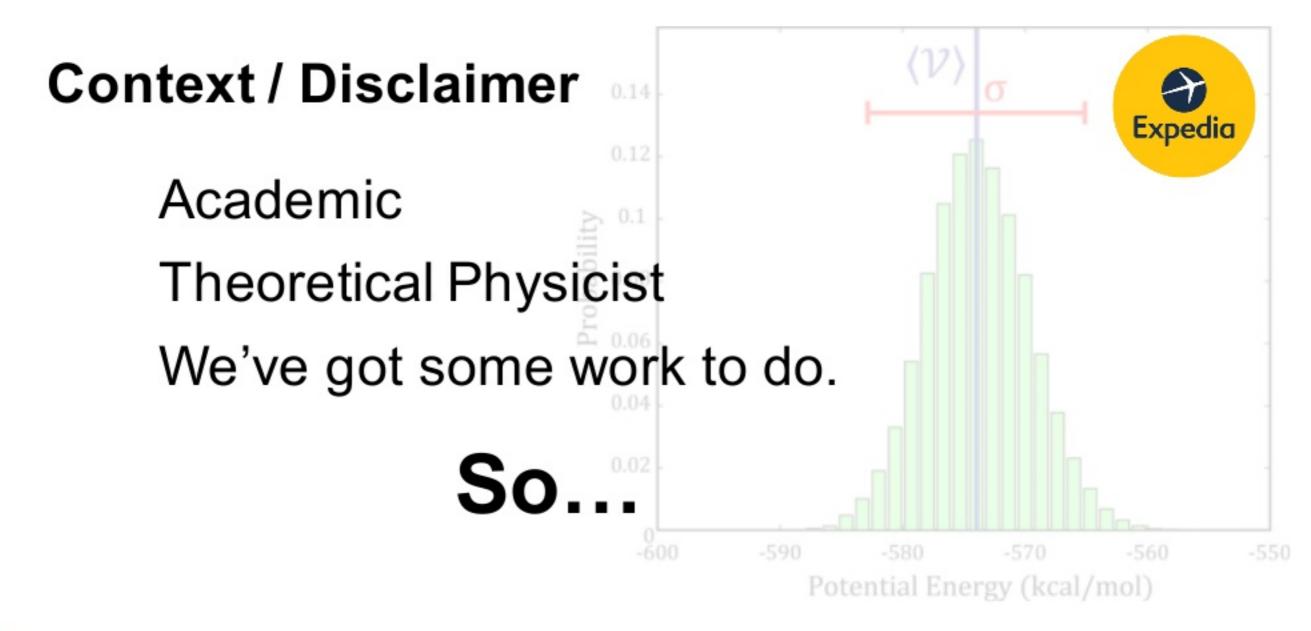


Context / Disclaimer

Lightning Review of Data Platforms

(idiosyncratic) Organizing Principles







I'm implicitly assuming this talk will be one in an ensemble of opinions

# **Lightning Review of Data Platforms** Expedia supercomputers...

#### **Lightning Review of Data Platforms**

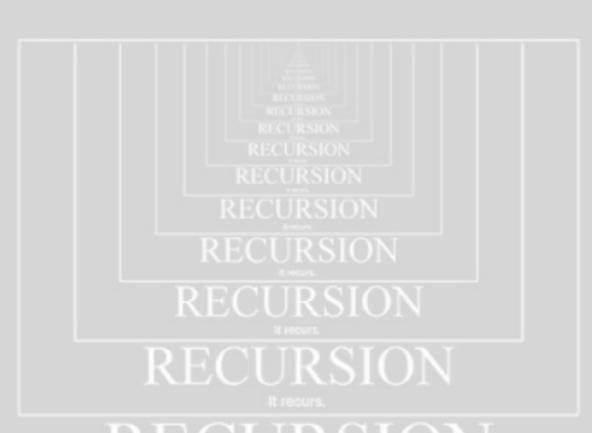


... the Commerical Data Center...



#### **Lightning Review of Data Platforms**





- 1. Assign Tasks their own virtual hardware
- 2. Expend / Contract Resources by demand
- 3. Real-time HotSwapping
- 4. Software Updates Built In
- 5. Etc Etc Etc.



It recurs

... Virtualized Everything



#### idiosyncratic Organizing Principles



iOP1) Clarity

iOP2) Engineers are not Data Scientists

iOP3) PMs are not Data Scientists

iOP4) Data Scientists are not Engineers

iOP5) Close the Data Loop



#### iOP1: Data Clarity

"big data, big noise"



Where is what data?

Who owns what field?

What is this this field?

Where did this field go?

Why is this field NULL?

#### **PUBLISH THIS INTERNALLY!**



#### iOP1: Data Clarity

"Expect Data Science"



Minibatch streaming into nested JSON?

O(10kB)?

GZip?

Spark



Big Thanks to Jason Pohl @ DB!

And Charles Pritchard!

O(50-500 MB)

Parquet.

Snappy.



#### iOP2: Engineers are not Data Scientists



"why would you need to do that?"

**Scratch Space** 

Cluster Bootstrap **Permissions** 

Access S3 Buckets

Sandbox Clusters

Share Notebooks Across Accounts

We DO NOT SPEAK IAM Role/Anything



#### iOP2: Engineers are not Data Scientists



"why would you need to do that?"

#### if possible:

Write your own Pipelines.

#### else:

Explain Data Science.



#### iOP3: PMs are not Data Scientists

"you don't need that!"



#### Once upon a time in the Flight DataLake...

Only 10% of a Search Impression was recorded

Worse: It was only the Cheapest 10%

Many of the **bookings** where **not included** in this list!



#### iOP4: Data Scientists are Not Engineers



"we need to support models in @#&%? format"

Pick a Robust Standard and Stick to It.

jPMML

If you're big enough to worry about this, you can commit code

Everybody Use Git. Now. Yes You.

Production Code Matters. Format. Document.

Pipelines Count as Production Code.



#### iOP5: Close that Data Loop



#### What is your data doing?

Big Data? Set up a learning problem.

New Data? Consider Bandits!

Empower by Design.





### Empower by Design.





#### Thank You.

Contact information or call to action goes here.