

# Track Machine Learning Applications by *mlflow* Tracking

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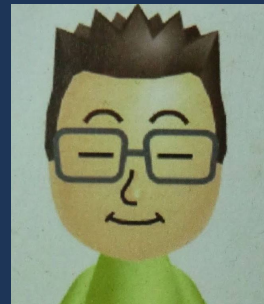
# About Me

Working in a manufacturing company

With data and people

Focus on

- Agile/Engineering culture
- IoT applications
- Streaming process
- Data visualization



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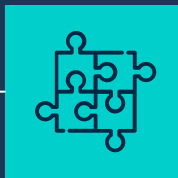
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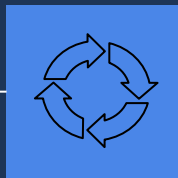
# Agenda

-What we will focus on



Logging

Logging & ML monitoring



ML Life Cycle

ML Life Cycle

MLOPS



MLflow Tracking

Track ML

- Basic logging
- Model logging
- Auto-logging

# What we will **not** focus on

1. Details of ML Platform/ MLOps
  - Deployment/Operation/Administration
2. MLflow Projects/Models/Model Registry
3. Infrastructure Details
4. Comparison of Different Tools
5. Machine Learning Algorithms or Frameworks

# Logging

Everything



# Why Logging is important

## Business Analytics

### Stakeholder

- Auditing for business
- Product improvement from log statistics

## Problem Solving

### End-User

- Self-Troubleshooting

### Developer

- Profiling for performance
- Debugging

### Sysadmin

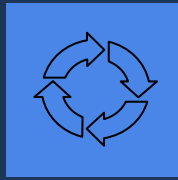
- Stability monitoring
- Troubleshooting

### Security

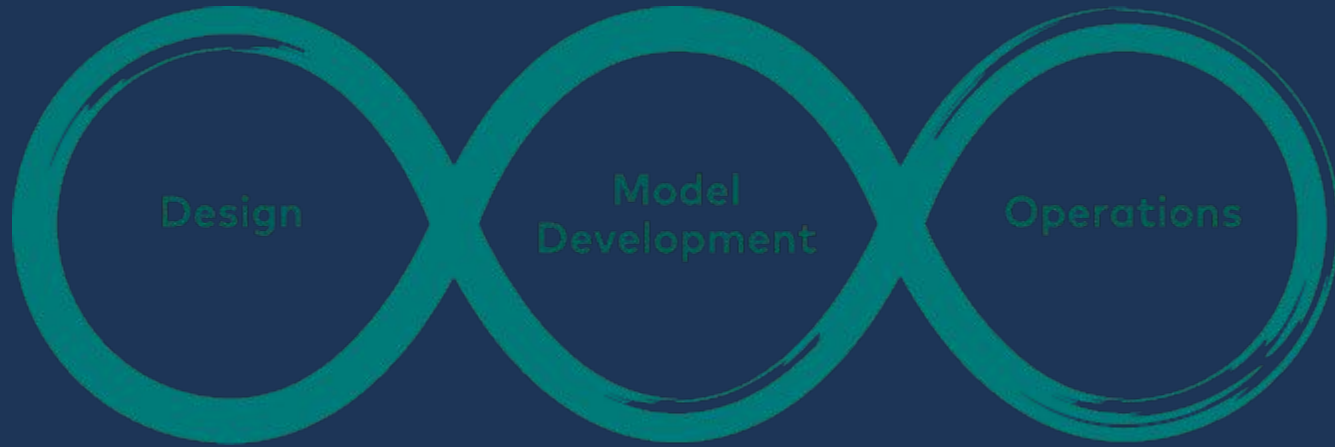
- Auditing for security

# What is Logging in Machine Learning





# ML Life Cycle

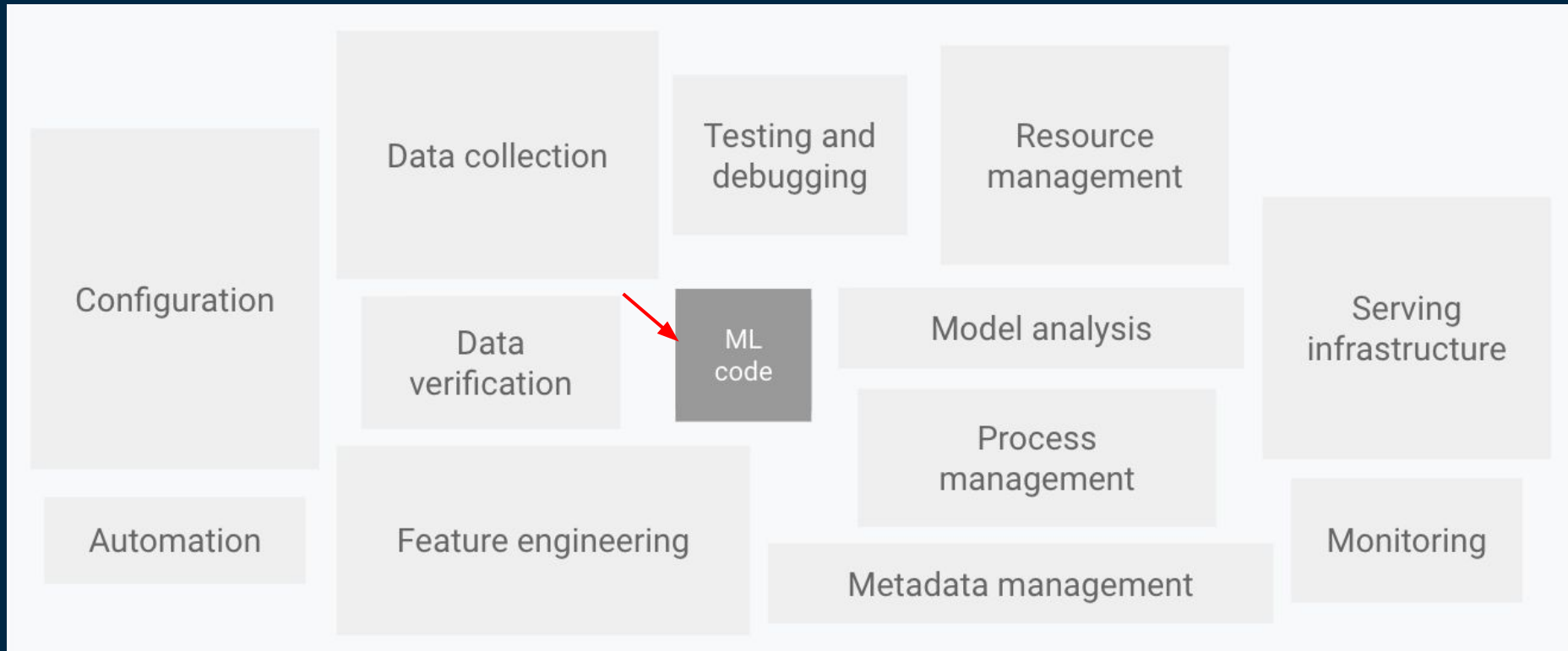




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# ML is't just code

# Elements for ML systems



# ML Life Cycle

Development

DEV

## Exploratory Analysis

- Data collection
- ETL

## Model Dev/Analysis

- Selection
- Training
- Evaluation
- Validation
- Versioned

Featuring Engineering

Deployment

PRD

## Deployment Pipeline

- Audit
  - Score/Serve
- (Batch + Realtime)

Delivery

PRD

## User Interface

- Dashboard
- Recommendation
- Interdiction
- ...

Management

PRD

## Operation

- Model registry
- Monitor
- Alert
- Debug
- Feedback
- Resource manage
- ...

Retrain and re-tuning

New model development/update features

# The Maturity of the MLOPS Process

**level 0**      **Manual process**

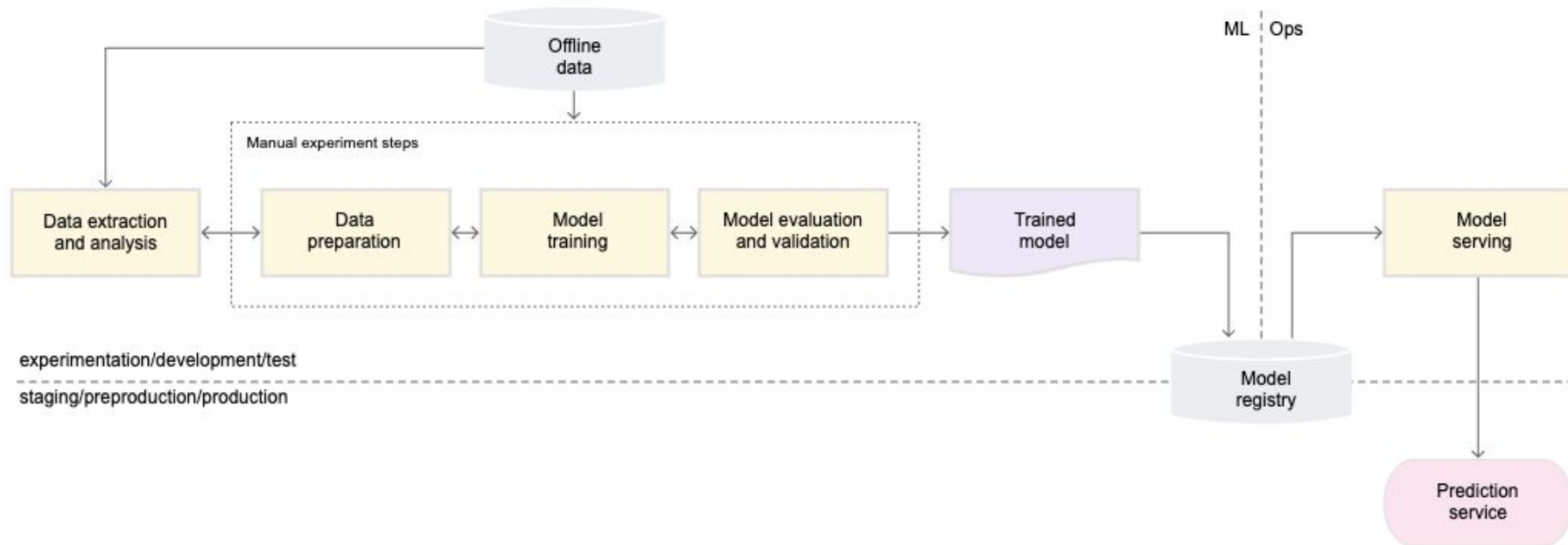
**level 1**      **ML pipeline automation**

**level 2**      **CI/CD pipeline automation**

**MLOps**: DevOps principles to ML systems

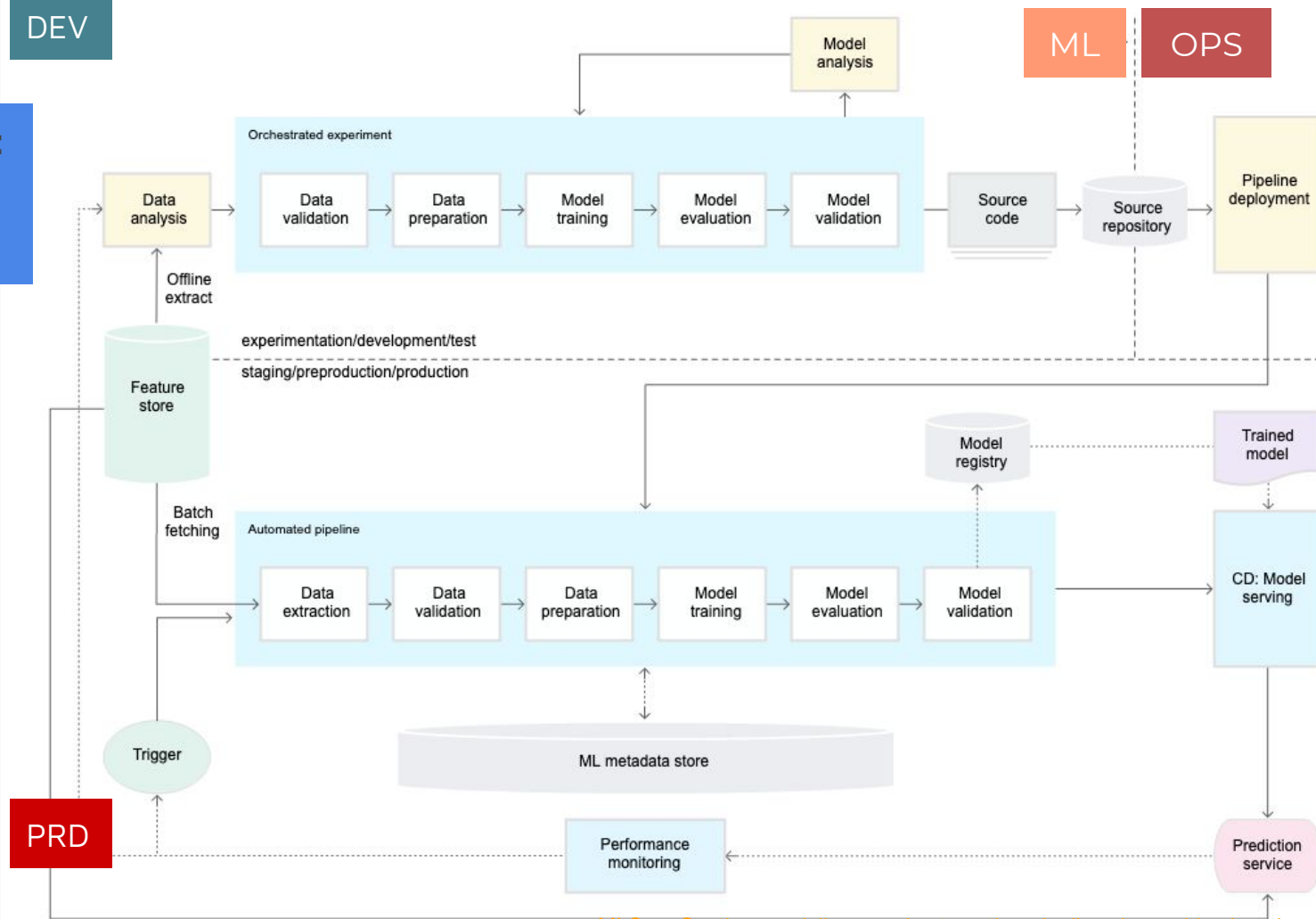
- *MLOps* is an ML engineering culture and practice that aims at unifying ML system development (Dev) and ML system operation (Ops).
- Practicing MLOps means that you advocate for **automation** and **monitoring** at all steps of ML system construction, including integration, testing, releasing, deployment and infrastructure management.

# MLOps level 0: Manual process



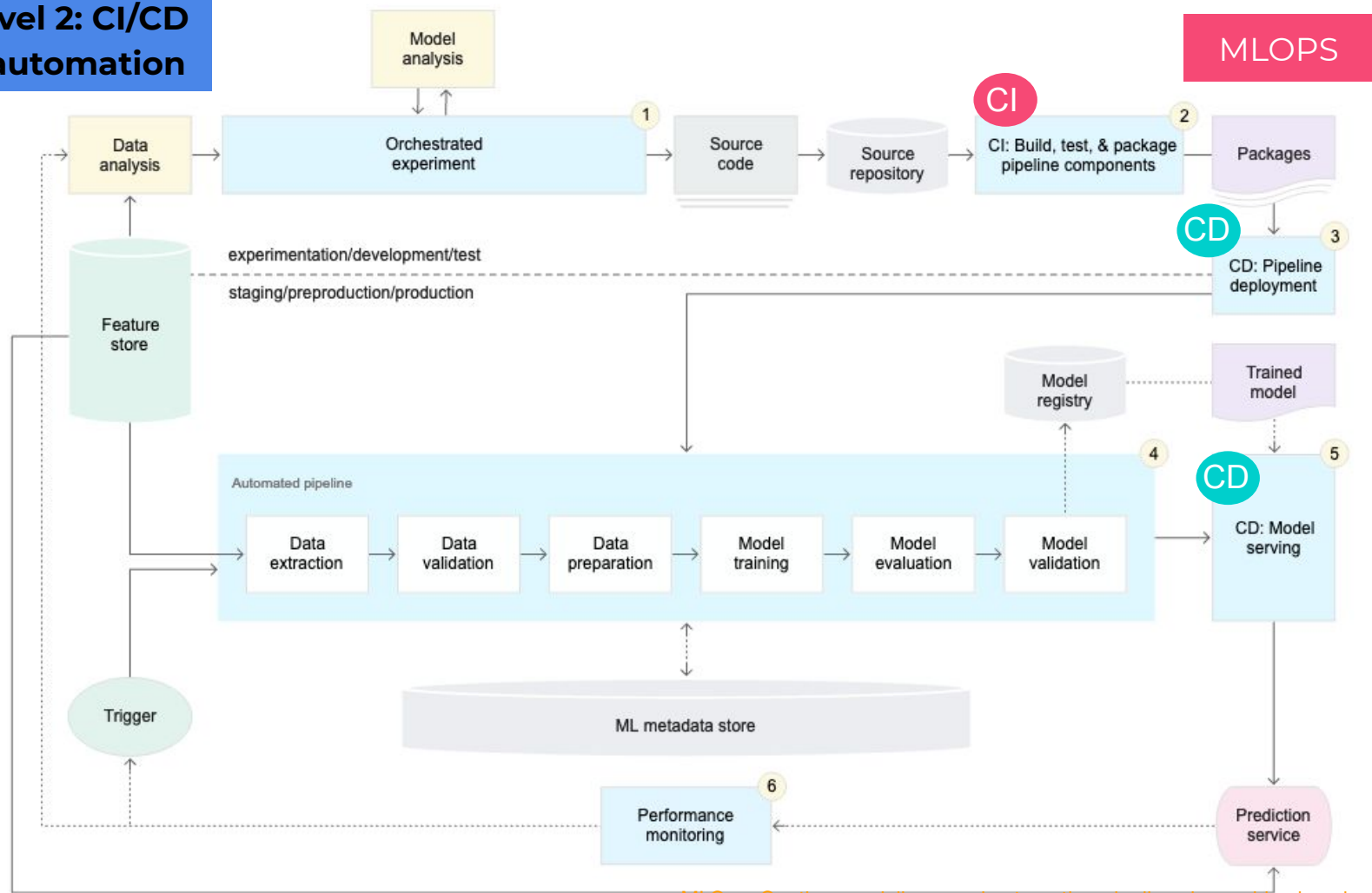
DEV

## MLOps level 1: ML pipeline automation



MLOps: Continuous delivery and automation pipelines in machine learning

# MLOps level 2: CI/CD pipeline automation



# Experiment Tracking

## Model development & Post-Deployment

- **Prove value of experiment**
  - Need baseline to show and compare
- **Collaborate**
  - Need to refer and access models and artifacts from other members
- **Reproduce work**
  - Need same parameters and model of ex-run



# What we should log/track in ML

## Log day-to-day work in ML life cycle

- Hyper parameters
- Training/modeling performances
- Model
  - Type
  - Building environment
  - Modeling version
- and so on



### parameters

- Convolutional filter
- Kernel\_size
- Max pooling
- Dropout
- Dense
- Batch\_size
- Epochs
- ....

### Evaluation metrics

- Mean Absolute Error (MAE)
- Mean Squared Error (MSE)
- Root Mean Squared Error (RSME)
- R-squared (r2)
- ...

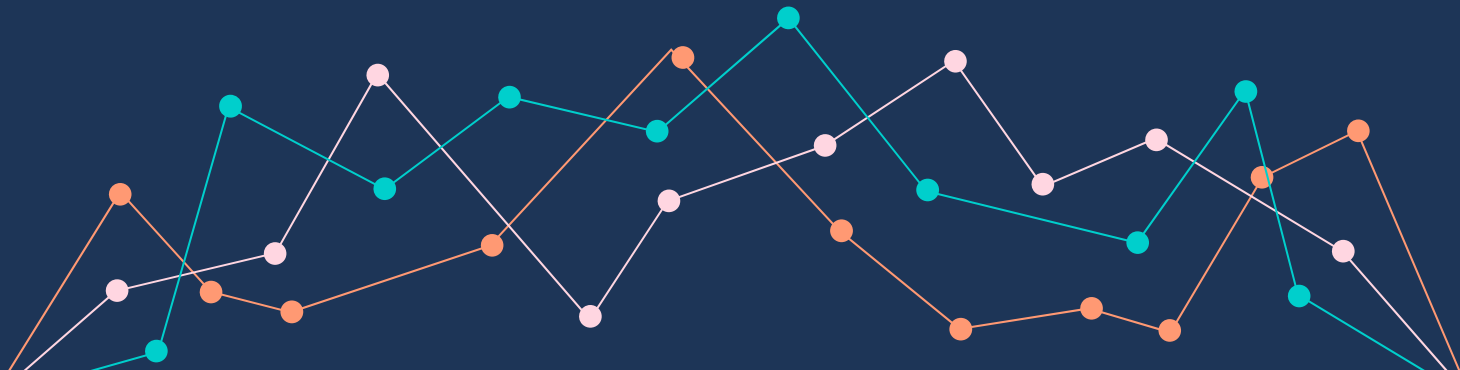
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ML is **complex**  
and need to be **tracked**



<https://github.com/mlflow>

- Since 2018 from DataBricks (Main contributor)
- An open platform for the machine learning lifecycle
- Python Library; runs locally and on the cloud
- Built-in UI for experiment visualization
- Logging integrations for major frameworks: scikit-learn, PyTorch, TF,...

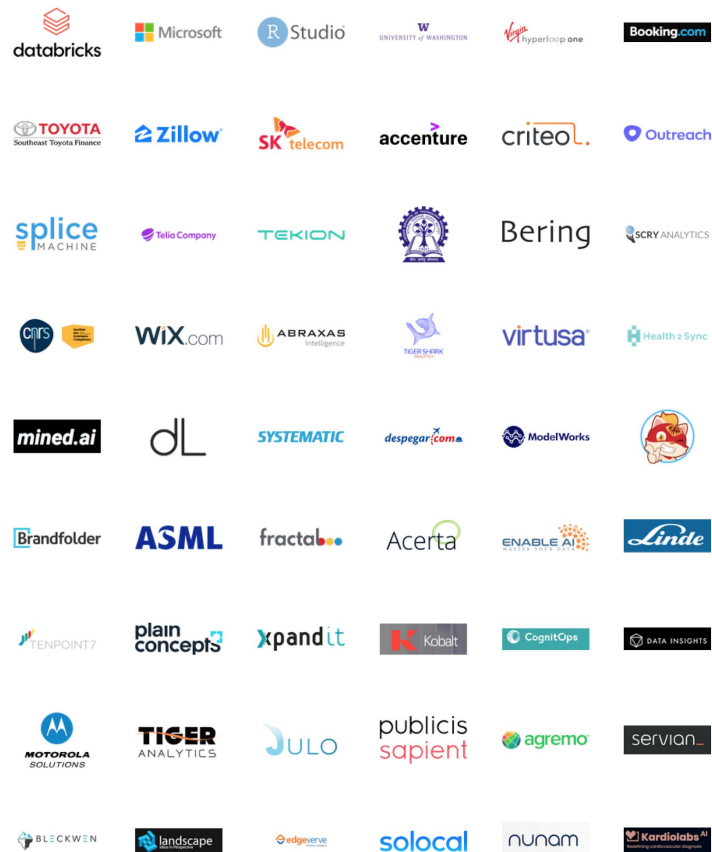


# Collaboration with MLflow

## Built-in integrations:



## Organizations using and contributing to MLflow:



# mlflow Components

MLflow is an open source platform to manage the ML lifecycle, including experimentation, reproducibility, deployment, and a central model registry. MLflow currently offers four components:

## MLflow Tracking

Record and query experiments: code, data, config, and results

[Read more](#)

## MLflow Projects

Package data science code in a format to reproduce runs on any platform

[Read more](#)

## MLflow Models

Deploy machine learning models in diverse serving environments

[Read more](#)

## Model Registry

Store, annotate, discover, and manage models in a central repository

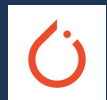
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Main focus of this sharing!

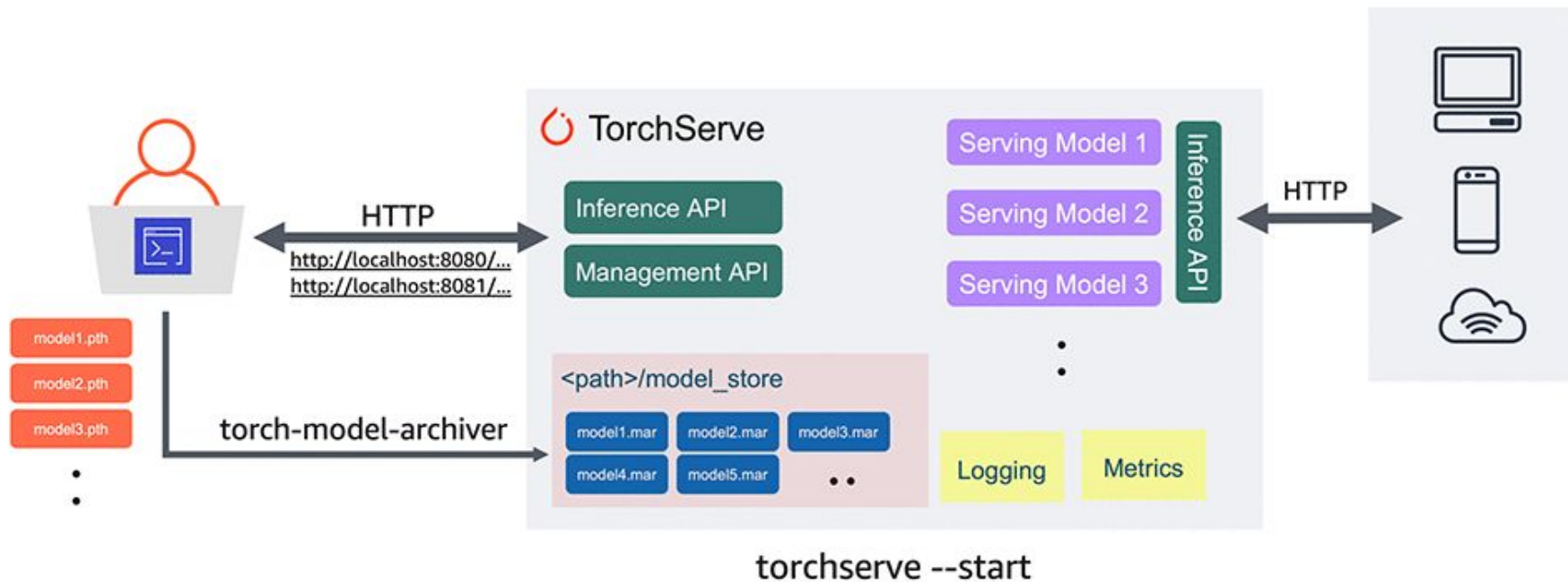
# Similar Tools



- Neptune (commercial)
- Tensorboard (+MLflow.tensorflow)
- TorchServe (+ MLflow.pytorch)
- Kubeflow (Meta)
- Data Science Workbench
- ...



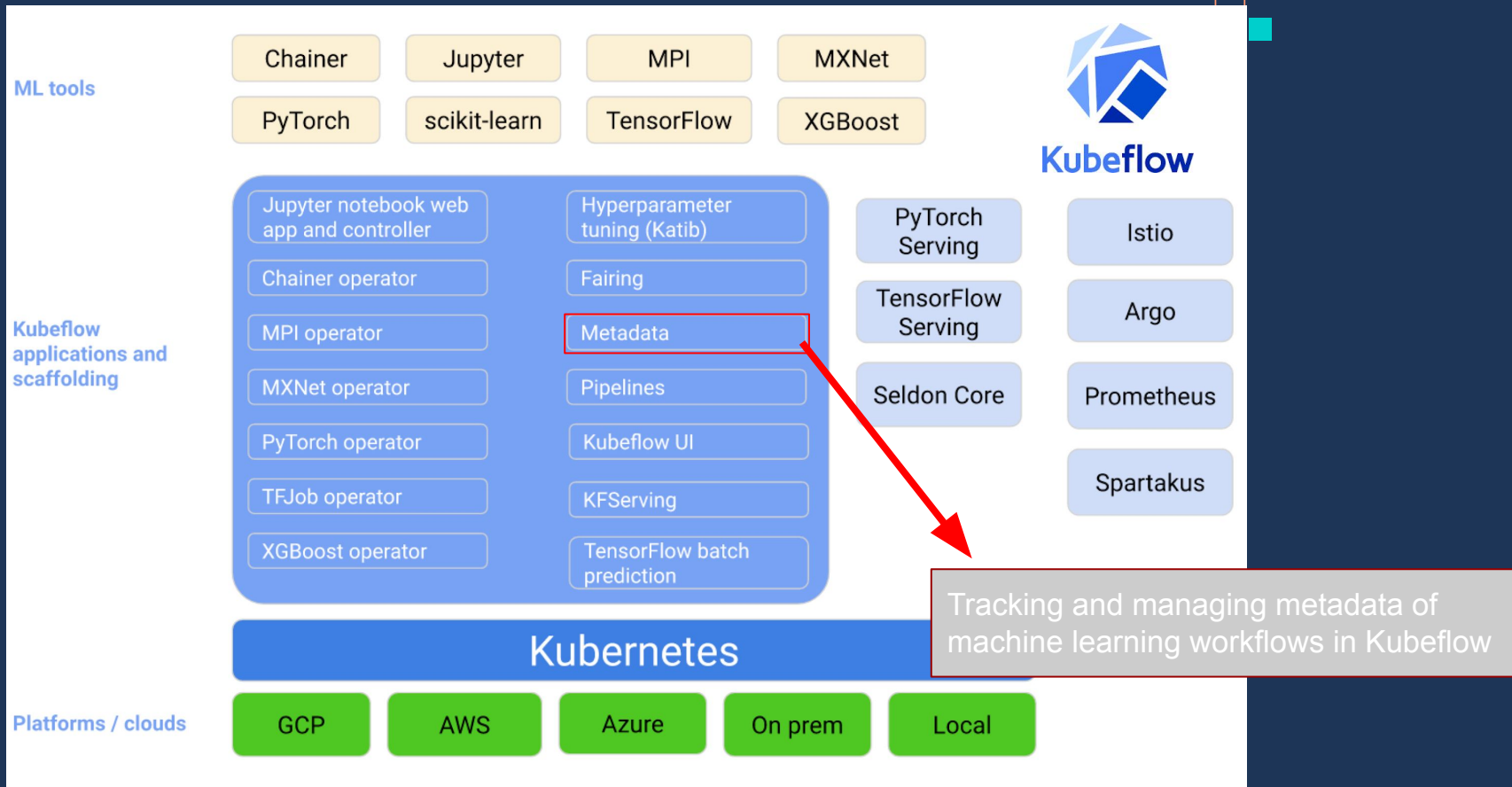
# TorchServe



Facebook + AWS

<https://aws.amazon.com/tw/blogs/machine-learning/deploying-pytorch-models-for-inference-at-scale-using-torchserve/>

# Kubeflow



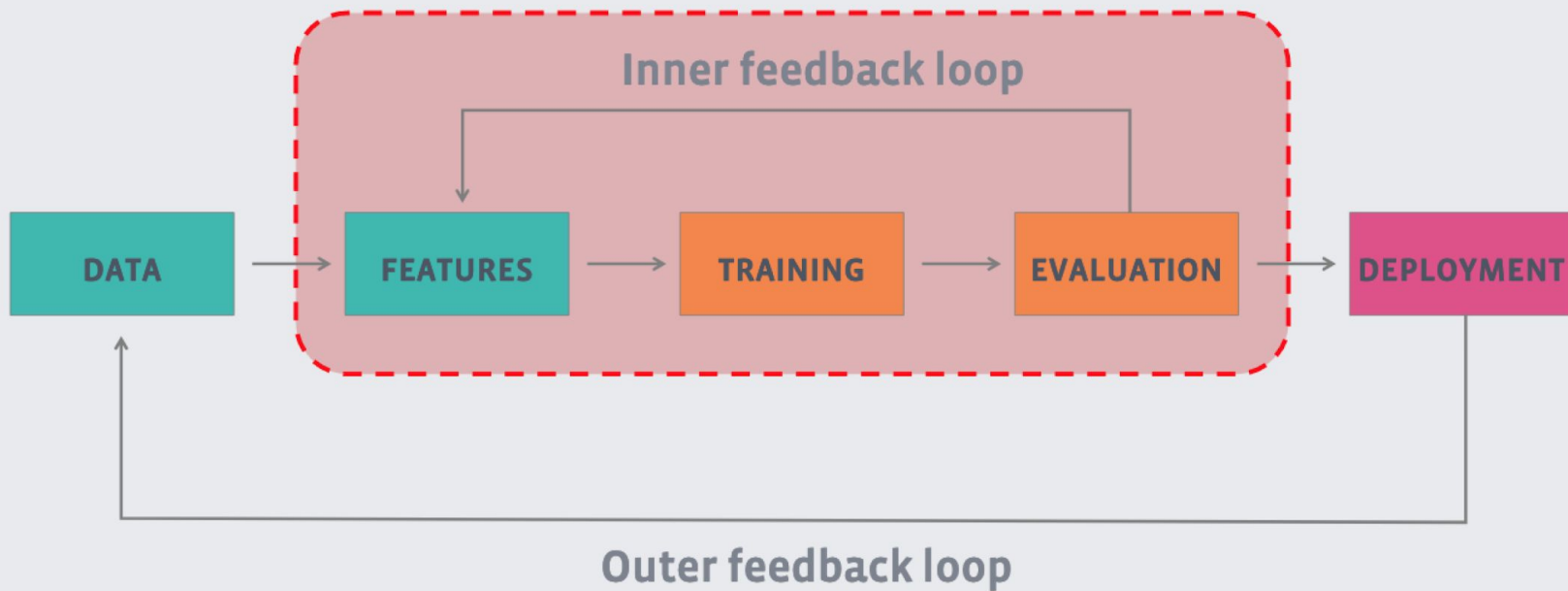


# Getting Started with *mlflow* Tracking



# MLflow Components

## Experiment tracking



Experiment/Production pipeline

Experiment and metric tracking

Notebooks



Tracking APIs (REST, Python, Java, R)

Local Apps



Cloud Jobs



Tracking Server



UI

Artifacts



API

# Terminology

## Project

### Experiments



### Entity

- Code version
- Start and end time
- Source
- (Hyper) Parameters
- Metrics
- Tags/Notes

### Backend stores

- File store
- Database

Run

### Artifacts

- Output files
  - a. Images
  - b. Pickled models
  - c. Data files...

### File storage

- Amazon S3
- Azure Blob Storage
- Google Cloud Storage
- FTP server
- SFTP Server
- NFS
- HDFS

# Experiments

## Setup & Initialize

- Data preparation
- Setup MLflow experiment



Run

## Train & Inference

- Start a Run
- Log (Hyper)parameter
- Log metrics
- Log artifact
- Log model



Evaluation

## Post-analysis

- Compare runs/ Tuning (parameters/models)

Feedback loop



# MLflow Tracking for ML Development

## Tracking.API

- `start_Run()`
- `log_param()`
- `log_metric()`
- `log_artifact()`
- `end_Run()`

## Output

- Parameters
- Metrics
- Output file
  - Artifact
- Code version
- ...

- `log_model`

- Model

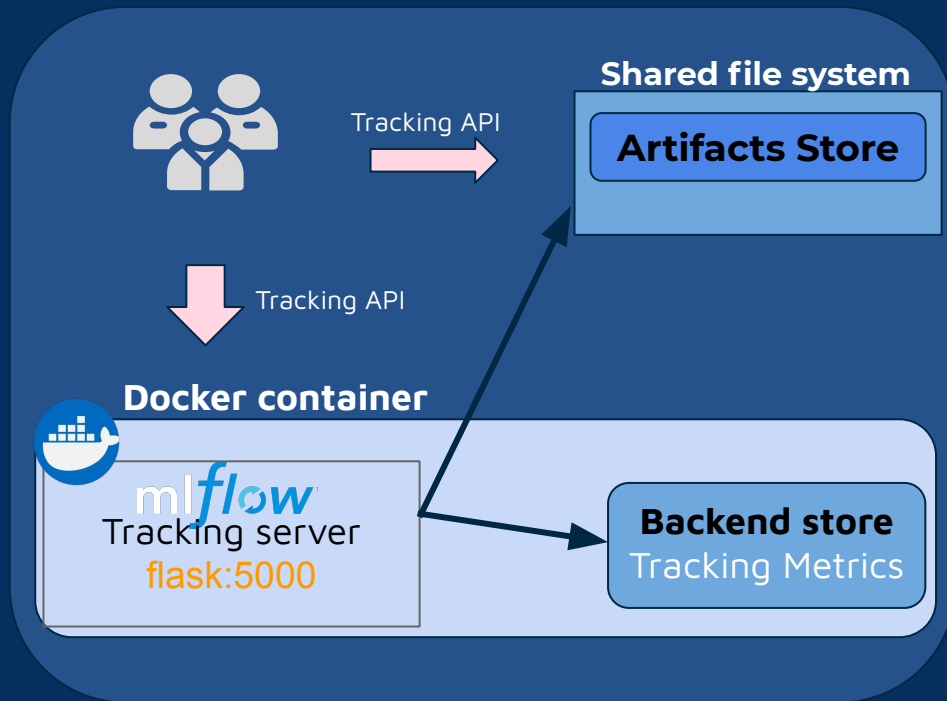
# mlflow Tracking

## ~~DEMO~~ Examples

# Example Architecture

```
mlflow server \  
--backend-store-uri $FILE_STORE \  
--default-artifact-root $ARTIFACT_STORE \  
--host $SERVER_HOST \  
--port $SERVER_PORT
```

```
docker run -d -p 5000:5000 \  
-v /tmp/artifactStore:/tmp/mlflow/artifactStore \  
--name mlflow-tracking-server \  
suci/mlflow-tracking
```





# Tracking-Experiments

## Setup & Initialize

```
# Setup & Initialize MLflow experiment
experiment_name = "PyconTW 2020 Demo "
tracking_server = "http://localhost:5000"

mlflow.set_tracking_uri(tracking_server)
mlflow.set_experiment(experiment_name)
```

```
#System Env setting

#backend-store-uri
$FILE_STORE
#default-artifact-root
$ARTIFACT_STORE
#host
$SERVER_HOST
#port
$SERVER_PORT
```



# Basic Logging

# Tracking-Run

## Train & Inference

```
with mlflow.start_run() as run:
```

```
# Log a parameter (key-value pair)
log_param("param1", randint(0, 100))
```

Log (Hyper)parameter

```
# Log a metric; metrics can be updated throughout the run
log_metric("metricsA", random())
log_metric("metricsA", random() + 1)
log_metric("metricsA", random() + 2)
log_metric("metricsB", random() + 2)
```

Log metrics

```
# Log an artifact (output file)
with open("outputs/test.txt", "w") as f:
    f.write("hello world! Run id:{}".format(type(mlflow.active_run().info)))
```

```
log_artifacts("outputs")
```

Log artifact

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# Tracking UI

Experiments + ◀

Search Experiments

demo tracking api

experiment

run

## demo tracking api

Experiment ID: 0

Artifact Location: /tmp/mlflow/artifactStore/0

▼ Notes [🔗](#)

None

Search Runs: metrics.rmse &lt; 1 and params.model = "tree" and tags.mlflow.source.type = "LOCAL"



State:

Active ▼

Search

Clear

Showing 4 matching runs

Compare

Delete

Download CSV



Columns

					Parameters		Metrics		
	Start Time	Run Name	User	Source	Version	param1	foo	metricA	metricB
<input type="checkbox"/>	2020-08-30 17:56:37	-	shuhsi	pycontw2020_d	06be11	54	-	2.326	2.125
<input type="checkbox"/>	2020-08-30 17:55:56	-	shuhsi	pycontw2020_d	06be11	66	-	2.879	2.644
<input type="checkbox"/>	2020-08-30 17:41:27	-	shuhsi	pycontw2020_d	06be11	10	-	2.044	2.713
<input type="checkbox"/>	2020-08-30 12:09:21	-	shuhsi	pycontw2020_d	06be11	18	2.468	-	-

# Compare Two Runs

Run A

Run B

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Experiments

Models

## demo tracking api > Comparing 2 Runs

Run ID:	5ca319b9535141b5b324093cf630e7f6	9fbade5e2a834268a705c5b48601e641
Run Name:		
Start Time:	2020-08-30 17:56:37	2020-08-30 17:55:56

### Parameters

param1	54	66
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### Metrics

metricA <a href="#">🔗</a>	2.326	2.879
metricB <a href="#">🔗</a>	2.125	2.644

Scatter Plot

Contour Plot

Parallel Coordinates Plot

X-axis:

param1

2.9

Y-axis:

metricA

2.8

# Compare Two Runs

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Experiments

Models

GitHub

Docs

demo tracking api > Comparing 2 Runs > metricA

Points: ☐ Off

Line Smoothness ?

1

X-axis:

☐ Step

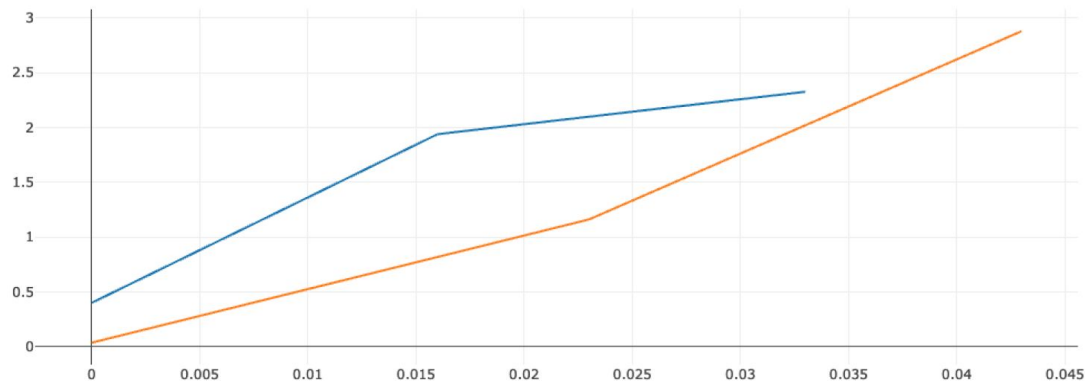
☐ Time (Wall)

☒ Time (Relative)

Y-axis:

metricA ×

Y-axis Log Scale: ☐ Off





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# Model Logging



# Model

## Log->Load->deploy

```
mlflow.<model-type>.log_model(model, ...)
```

```
mlflow.<model-type>.load_model(modelpath)
```

```
mlflow.<model-type>.deploy()
```

```
mlflow.sklearn.log_model(lr, "model")
```

## Built-In Model Flavors <model-type>

- Python Function (python\_function)
- R Function (crate)
- H2O (h2o)
- Keras (keras)
- MLeap (mleap)
- PyTorch (pytorch)
- Scikit-learn (sklearn)
- Spark MLlib (spark)
- TensorFlow (tensorflow)
- ONNX (onnx)
- MXNet Gluon (gluon)
- XGBoost (xgboost)
- LightGBM (lightgbm)
- Spacy (spacy)
- Fastai (fastai)

## ▼ Artifacts

### ▼ model

MLmodel

conda.yaml

model.pkl

Full Path: /tmp/mlflow/artifactStore/4/557a222e5c8e454689a112cd...

Size: 349B



```
artifact_path: model
flavors:
  python_function:
    env: conda.yaml
    loader_module: mlflow.sklearn
    model_path: model.pkl
    python_version: 3.7.1
  sklearn:
    pickled_model: model.pkl
    serialization_format: cloudpickle
    sklearn_version: 0.23.2
run_id: 557a222e5c8e454689a112cd54dd7ff7
utc_time_created: '2020-09-04 00:21:11.388959'
```

## ▼ Artifacts

### ▼ model

MLmodel

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#### channels:

- defaults
- conda-forge

#### dependencies:

- python=3.7.1
- scikit-learn=0.23.2
- pip
- pip:
  - mlflow
  - cloudpickle==1.5.0

name: mlflow-env



# Automatic Logging

# Automated MLflow Tracking

Currently supported libraries:



LightGBM

dmlc  
XGBoost



fast.ai

Coming soon:



<https://www.mlflow.org/docs/latest/tracking.html#automatic-logging>

# Auto-Logging - TF

## # Manually logging

```
import mlflow

mlflow.log_param("layers", layers)
model = train_model()
mlflow.log_metric("mse", model.mse())
mlflow.log_artifact("plot", plot(model))
mlflow.tensorflow.log_model(model)
```



## # With autologging

```
import mlflow

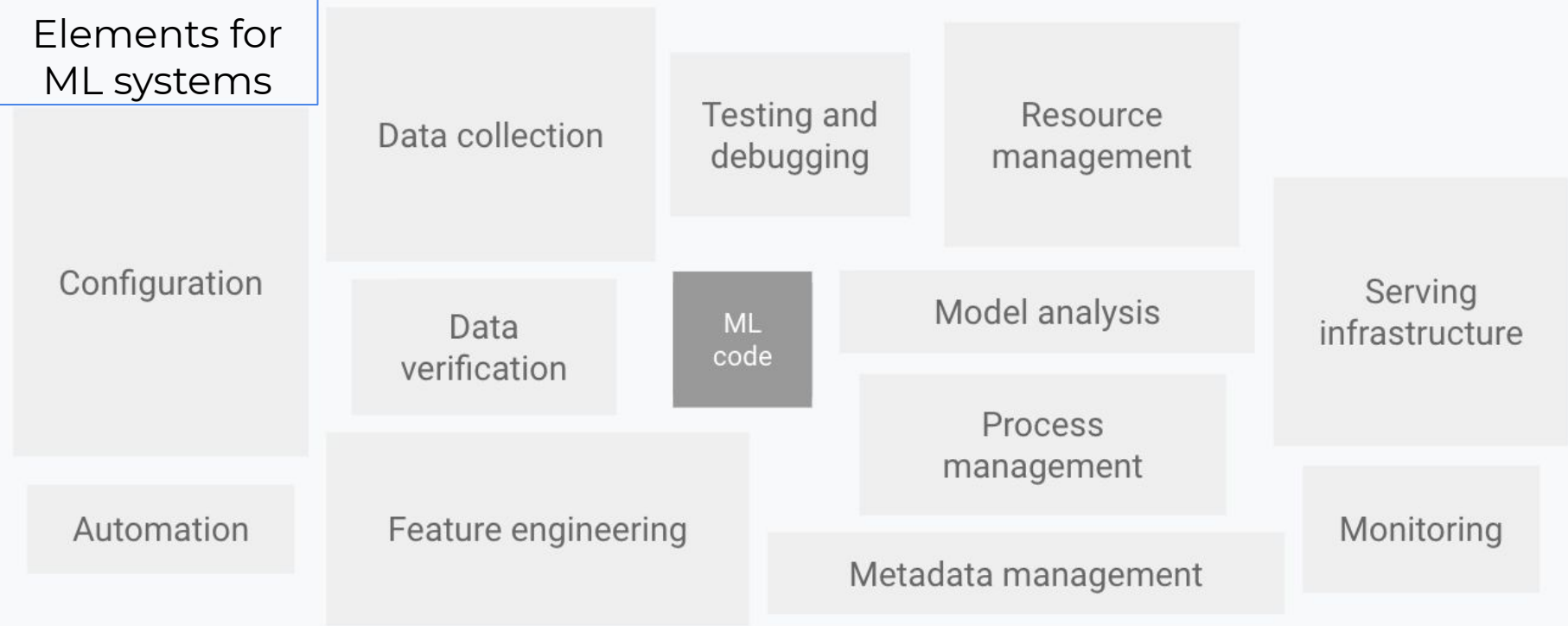
mlflow.tensorflow.autolog()
model = train_model()
```

Capture TensorBoard metrics

# Recap

# ML is **COMPLEX** and need to be **Tracked**

Elements for  
ML systems





# What **mlflow** can help

Managing the machine learning lifecycle - (Experiment) Tracking

## Easy use in at the same way

- Remotely /cloud or locally
- Individual, team or large orgs

## Tracking Metrics

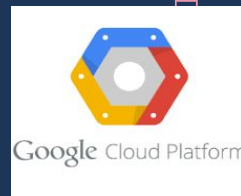
- Simplified tracking for ML models means faster time to insights and value
- Integrated with popular ML library & languages

## Model management

- Launch of model registry enhances governance and core proposition of model management.

# More **mlflow**

- MLflow Tracking
- MLflow Project
- MLflow Models
- MLflow Model registry
- MLflow Deployment



Experiment tracking

Model deployment/serving

Model governance



Azure  
Machine Learning

# Reference

- MLflow official Doc
- MLflow tracking
- Learning MLflow
  - 2020\_Workshop | Managing the Complete Machine Learning Lifecycle with MLflow (DataBricks)
- MLOps: Continuous delivery and automation pipelines in machine learning
- 2020 Spark Summit: Enabling Scalable Data Science Pipelines with MLflow and Model Registry at Thermo Fisher Scientific
- 2020 DEEM workshop: Developments in MLflow: A System to Accelerate the Machine Learning Lifecycle
- Example codes of this talk (Github)

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