

Data Versioning Motivation

INTRODUCTION TO DATA VERSIONING WITH DVC



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What is Data Versioning?

- Definition
 - Monitors data changes over time
 - Snapshots data over iterations
 - Similar to code versioning
- Benefits
 - Retrieval and scrutiny
 - Data consistency, accountability, and lineage
- Applications
 - Data Science and Machine Learning
 - Data Engineering
 - Financial Analysis, Auditing and Compliance

Data vs Code Versioning

Code Versioning

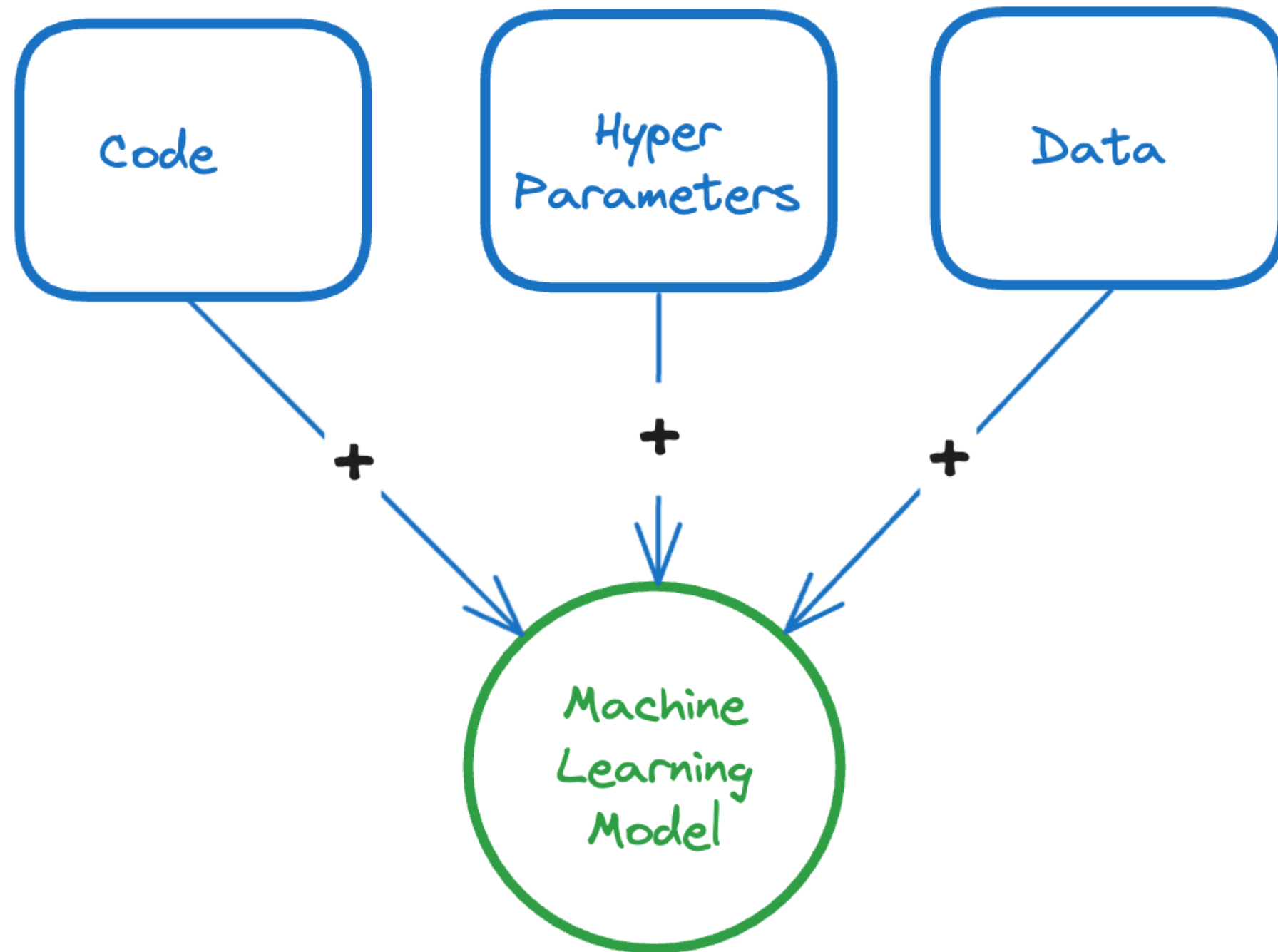
- Well known in software development
- Uses tools like **Git** to do decentralized version control
- Easier to manage as codebases are small

Data Versioning

- Relatively new (SciDB proposed in 2012)
- Toolchains like **DVC** are used in conjunction with Git
- Relatively difficult to manage due to large dataset size

¹ doi: 10.1109/ICDE.2012.102

Why Data Versioning in ML?



Dataset influence

Dataset A

	Booking_ID	number of adults	number of children	number of weekend nights	...	booking status
0	INN32220	2	0	1	...	0
1	INN19707	2	0	0	...	0
2	INN36276	2	0	1	...	0
3	INN02246	2	0	0	...	1
4	INN27306	1	0	0	...	0

Dataset B

	Booking_ID	number of adults	number of children	number of weekend nights	...	booking status
0	INN33507	2	0	0	...	0
1	INN29646	1	0	0	...	0
2	INN34621	2	0	2	...	0
3	INN19236	2	0	0	...	0
4	INN02991	2	0	0	...	0

Dataset influence

Hyperparameters are kept consistent, dataset changed

Metric	Dataset A	Dataset B
Precision	0.78	0.79
Recall	0.54	0.57
F1 Score	0.64	0.66
Accuracy	0.80	0.81

Hyperparameters influence

Dataset kept consistent, hyperparameters changed

Metric	n_estimators=5	n_estimators=10
Precision	0.78	0.85
Recall	0.54	0.52
F1 Score	0.64	0.65
Accuracy	0.80	0.81

Editor Exercises Layout

The screenshot displays the DataCamp editor interface for a course titled "CI/CD for Machine Learning". The interface is divided into three main sections:

- Exercise Panel (Left):** Contains the title "YAML mappings and sequences", a description of the YAML file, a list of key-value pairs to be added, and a "Submit Answer" button.
- Code Editor (Center):** Displays the content of the file "course_information.yaml". The code is as follows:

```
1  courses:
2    - name: Machine Learning 101
3      # Complete prerequisites in block format
4      prerequisites:
5        - Linear Algebra
6        - Python Programming
7
8      # Write key for students
9      ____:
10     - name: John Doe
11       # Write midterm scores in flow format
12       midterm_scores: ____
13       final_score: 88
14     - name: Jane Smith
15       # Complete midterm scores in block format
16       midterm_scores:
17         - 78
18         - 84
19
20       ____
21       final_score: 92
```
- Terminal (Bottom Right):** Shows the command prompt for the user "repl@2852815e-cbcb-49f2-9560-0285505646ae" in the directory "~/workspace".

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Introduction to DVC

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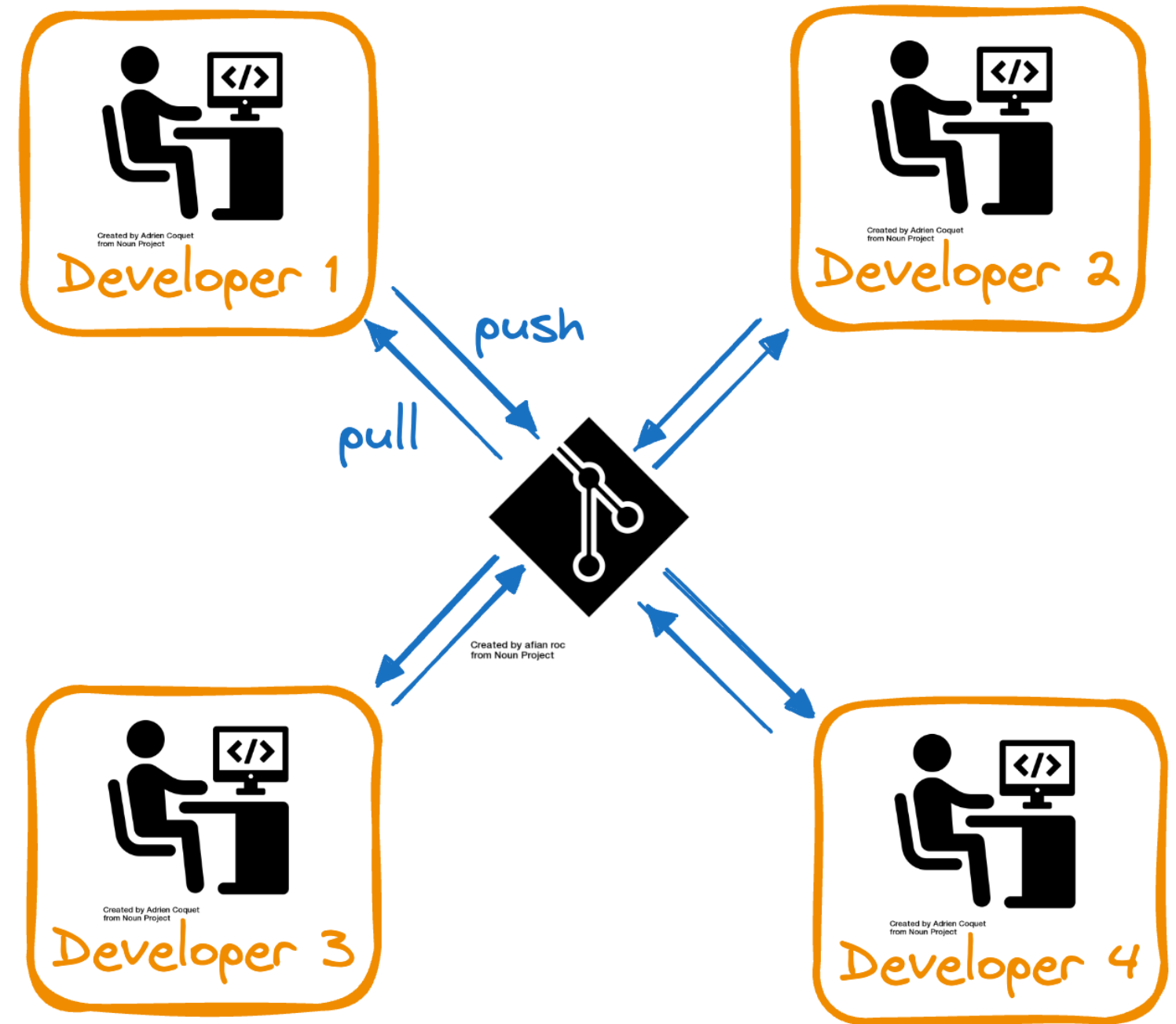


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Git as Version Control

- Code version control system
- Independent local development
 - Branch and merge
 - Version history management
- Enables collaboration



Git as Version Control

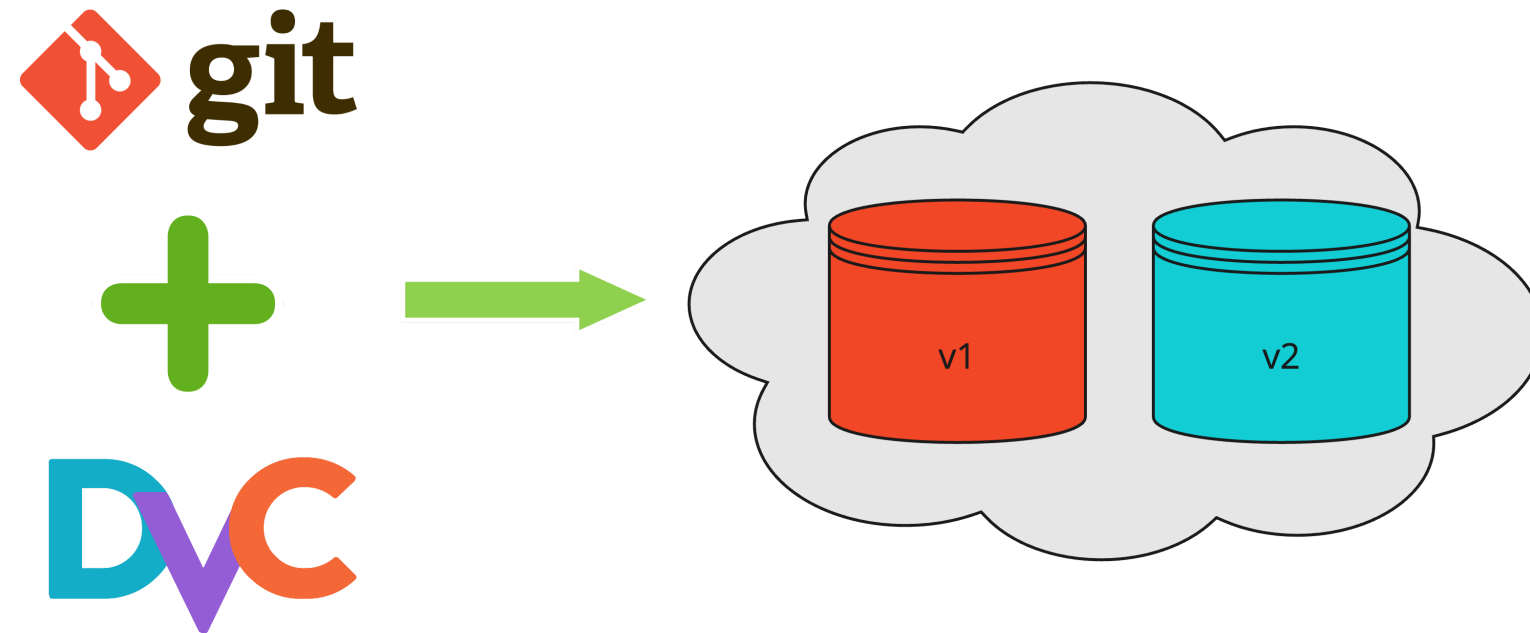
- CLI based interaction
- Run on *terminal*, aka *shell*
- Git tracks contents via a repository
 - Actual files/folders to be tracked
 - Git metadata (in `.git` folder)

A terminal window titled "Git Repository" with a dark background and light text. It shows the output of the command `$ tree -aL 2`. The output is a tree structure: a root directory `.` containing a `.git` folder and two files, `code.py` and `data`. The `.git` folder contains subfolders `HEAD`, `config`, `description`, `hooks`, `info`, `objects`, and `refs`. The `data` folder contains a file `mydata.csv`.

```
$ tree -aL 2
.
├── .git
│   ├── HEAD
│   ├── config
│   ├── description
│   ├── hooks
│   ├── info
│   ├── objects
│   └── refs
├── code.py
└── data
    └── mydata.csv
```

Data Version Control (DVC)

- DVC: Data Version Control tool
 - Manages data and experiments
 - Similar to Git



- Git tracks metadata, DVC handles data versioning

Git vs DVC CLI

Git

- Initialize repository in working folder

```
$ git init
```

- Adding files to repository (staging changes)

```
$ git add code.py
```

- Commit changes (in version history)

```
$ git commit -m "adding first file"
```

DVC

- Initialize DVC repository in working folder

```
$ dvc init
```

- Adding data files to DVC

```
$ dvc add data/mydata.csv
```

- Updating all tracked data files

```
$ dvc commit
```

Git vs DVC CLI

Git

- Push code changes to remote server

```
$ git push
```

- Pulling changes from remote

```
$ git pull
```

- Cloning an existing repository from remote (Github)

```
$ git clone \  
https://github.com/username/repository-name.git
```

DVC

- Push data changes to remote data server

```
$ dvc push
```

- Synchronizing your DVC project

```
$ dvc pull
```

- Download a file or directory tracked by DVC

```
$ dvc get \  
https://github.com/username/repo-name model.pkl
```

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DVC features and use cases

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DVC features and use cases

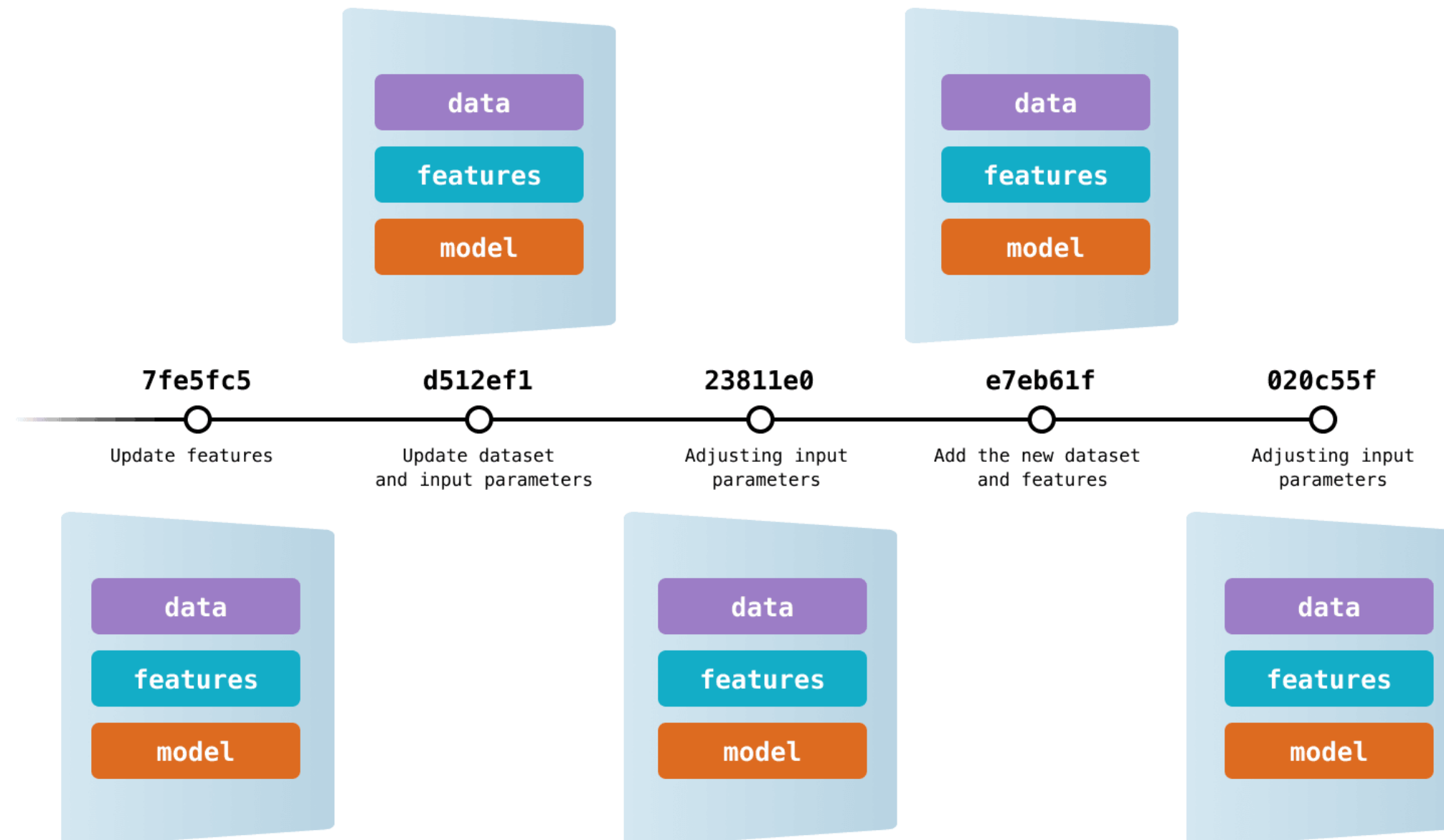
Covered topics

- Versioning data and models
- DVC Pipelines
- Metrics and plots tracking

Advanced topics (not covered)

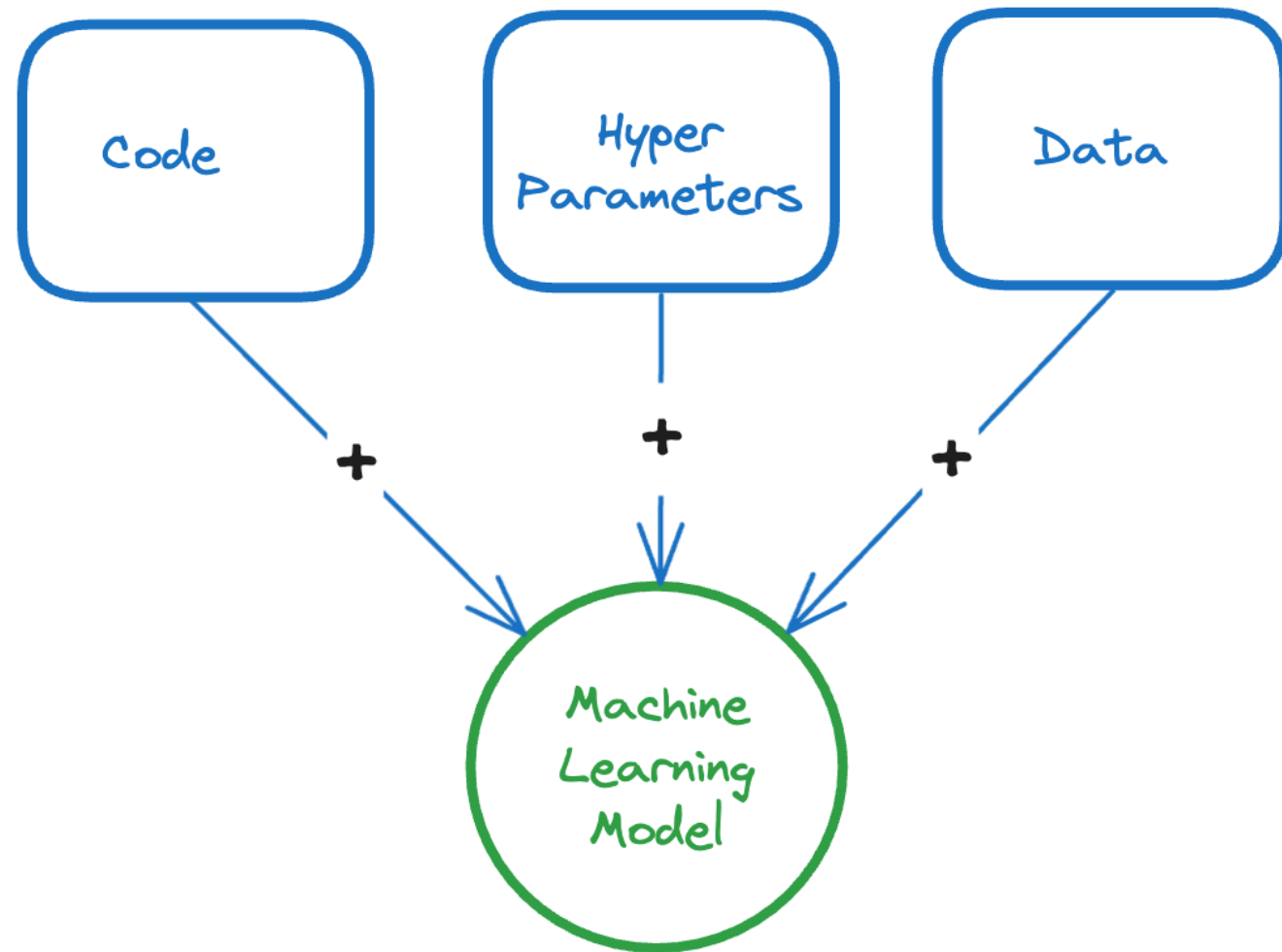
- Experiment tracking
- CI/CD for machine learning
- Data registry

Versioning data and models



¹ <https://dvc.org/doc/use-cases/versioning-data-and-models>

Pipelines



- Define pipeline in `dvc.yaml`

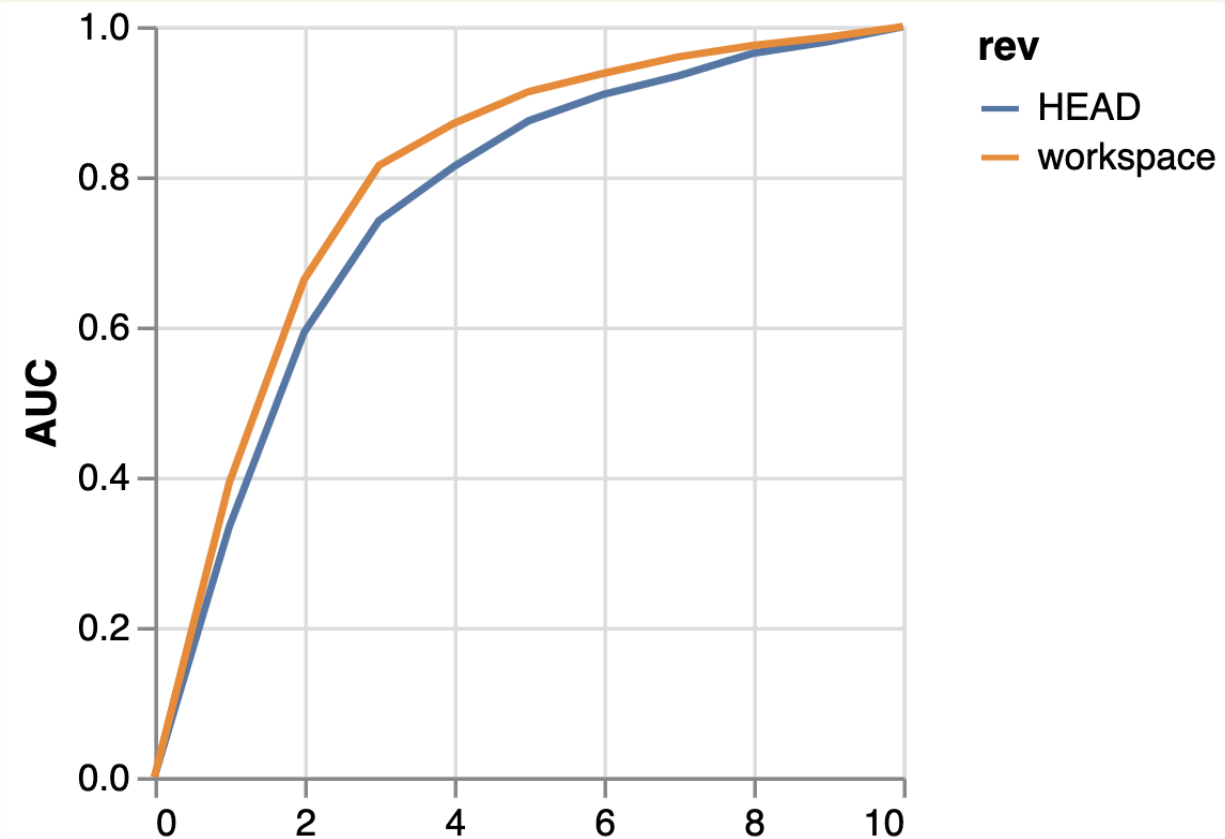
```
stages:
  train:
    cmd: python train.py
    deps:
      - code/train.py
      - data/input_data.csv
      - params/params.json
    outs:
      - model_output/model.pkl
```

- Run with `dvc repro`.

Tracking metrics and plots

```
$ dvc metrics diff
```

Path	Metric	HEAD	workspace	Change
dvclive/metrics.json	AUC	0.78912	0.18114	-0.60798
dvclive/metrics.json	TP	215	768	553

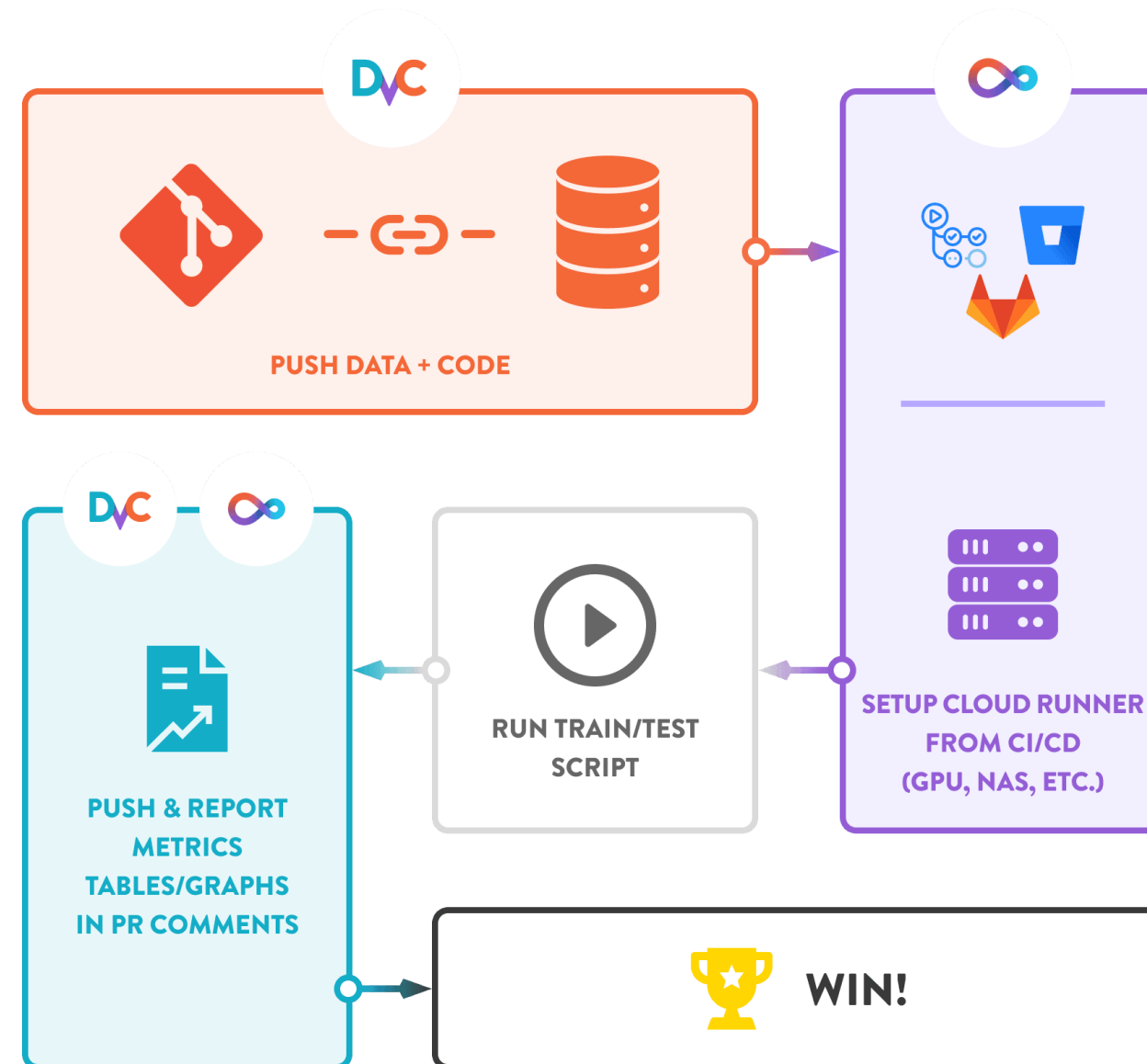


¹ <https://dvc.org/doc/command-reference/plots/diff>

Experiment tracking

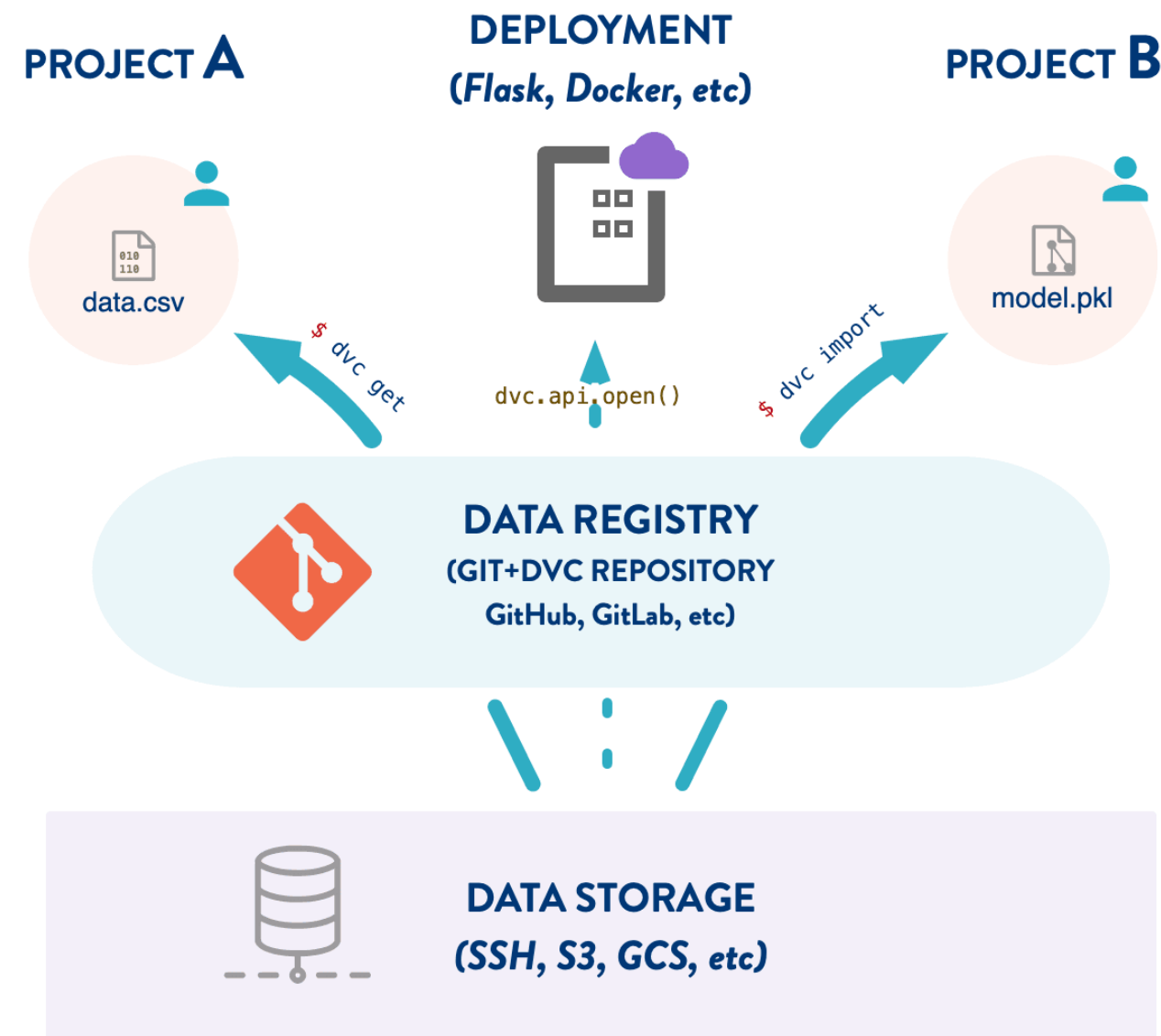
- Run experiment and log metrics
 - `dvc repro`
 - `dvc exp save`
- Alternatively, combine two steps `dvc exp run`
- Experiments are custom Git references
 - Prevent bloating up Git commits
 - Explicit saves can be made with `dvc exp save`
- Visualize using `dvc exp show`

CI/CD for Machine Learning



¹ Picture credits: <https://dvc.org/doc/use-cases/ci-cd-for-machine-learning>

Data registry



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