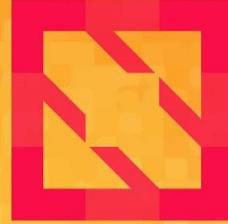




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Inferencing Leveraging KNative, Istio and Kubeflow Serving

*Animesh Singh - IBM
Clive Cox - Seldon*



Agenda

- Introduction to Machine Learning Serving and its challenges
- Kubeflow Serving Introduction
- Monitoring ML Models
- Summary and Roadmap

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The story of enterprise Machine Learning: “It took me 3 weeks to develop the model. It’s been >11 months, and it’s still not deployed.”

@DineshNirmalIBM #StrataData #strataconf

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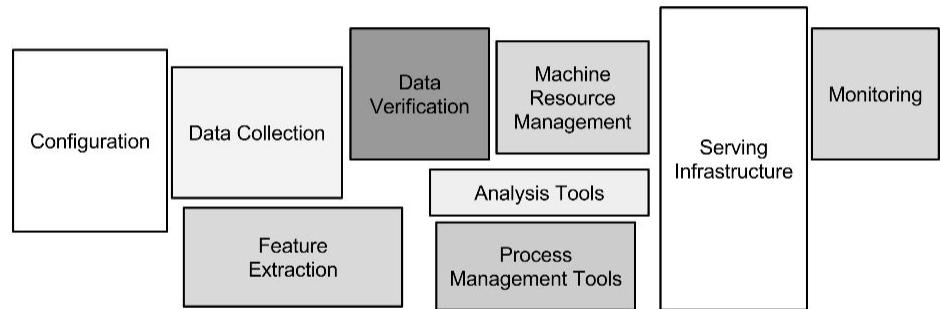
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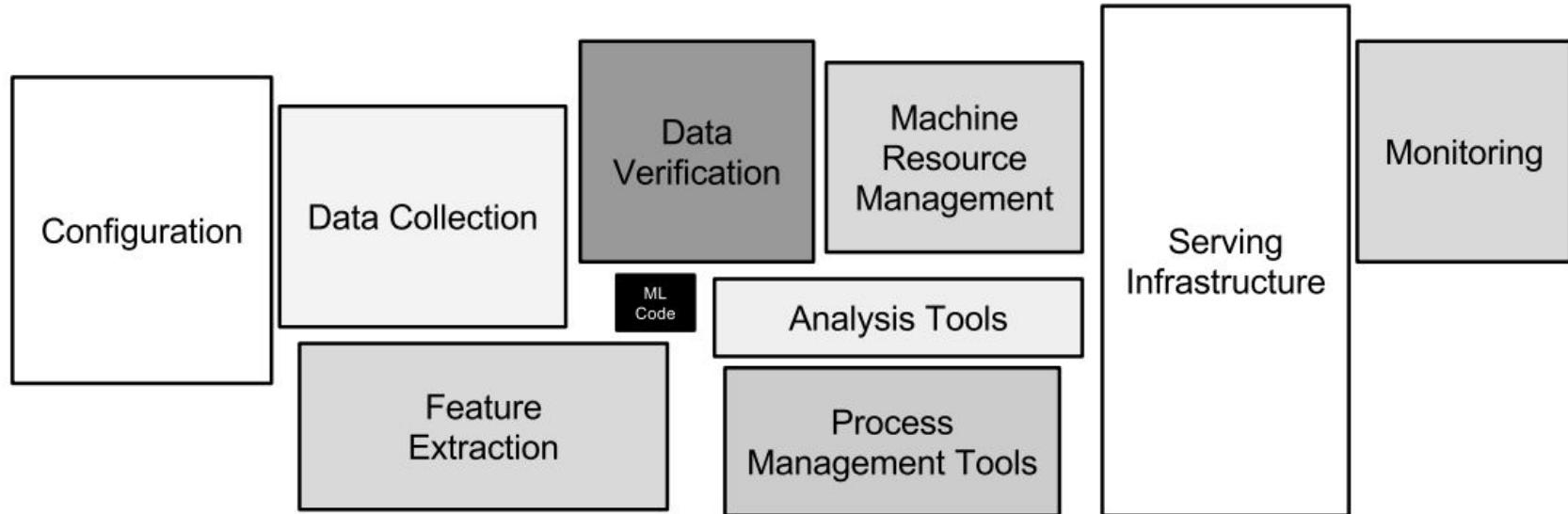
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ML Code



In reality...ML Code is tiny part in this overall platform



ML Workflow

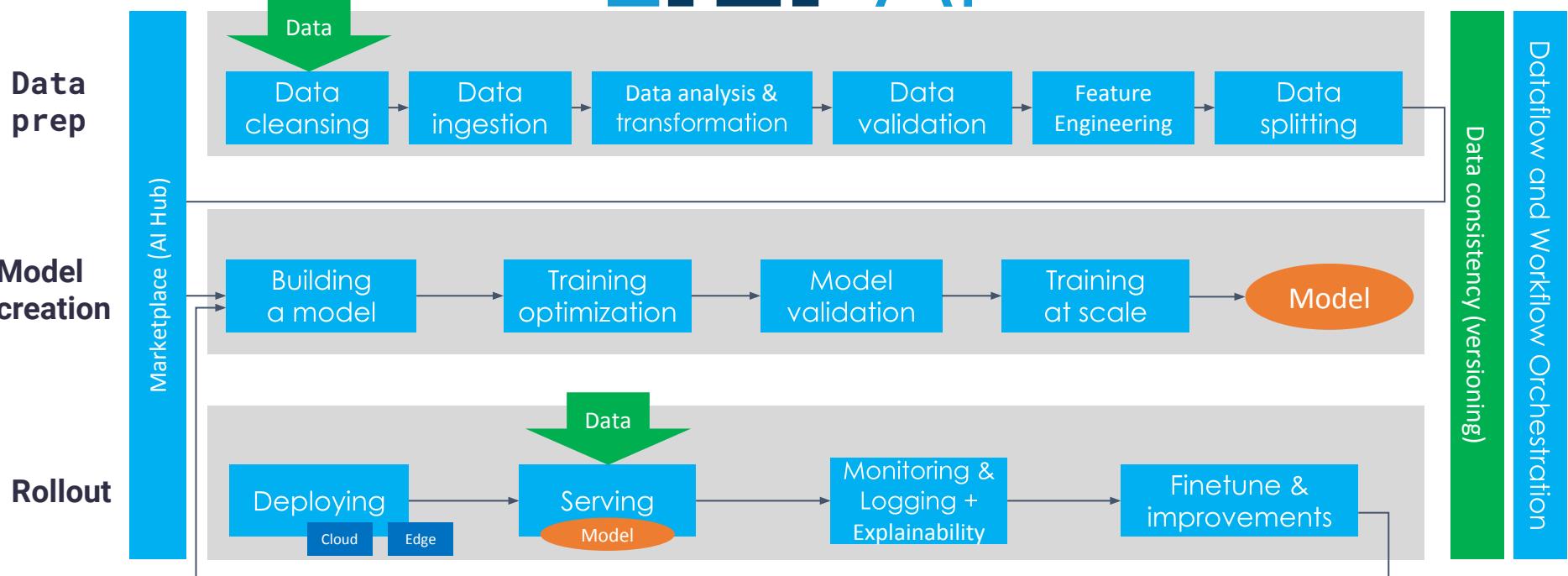


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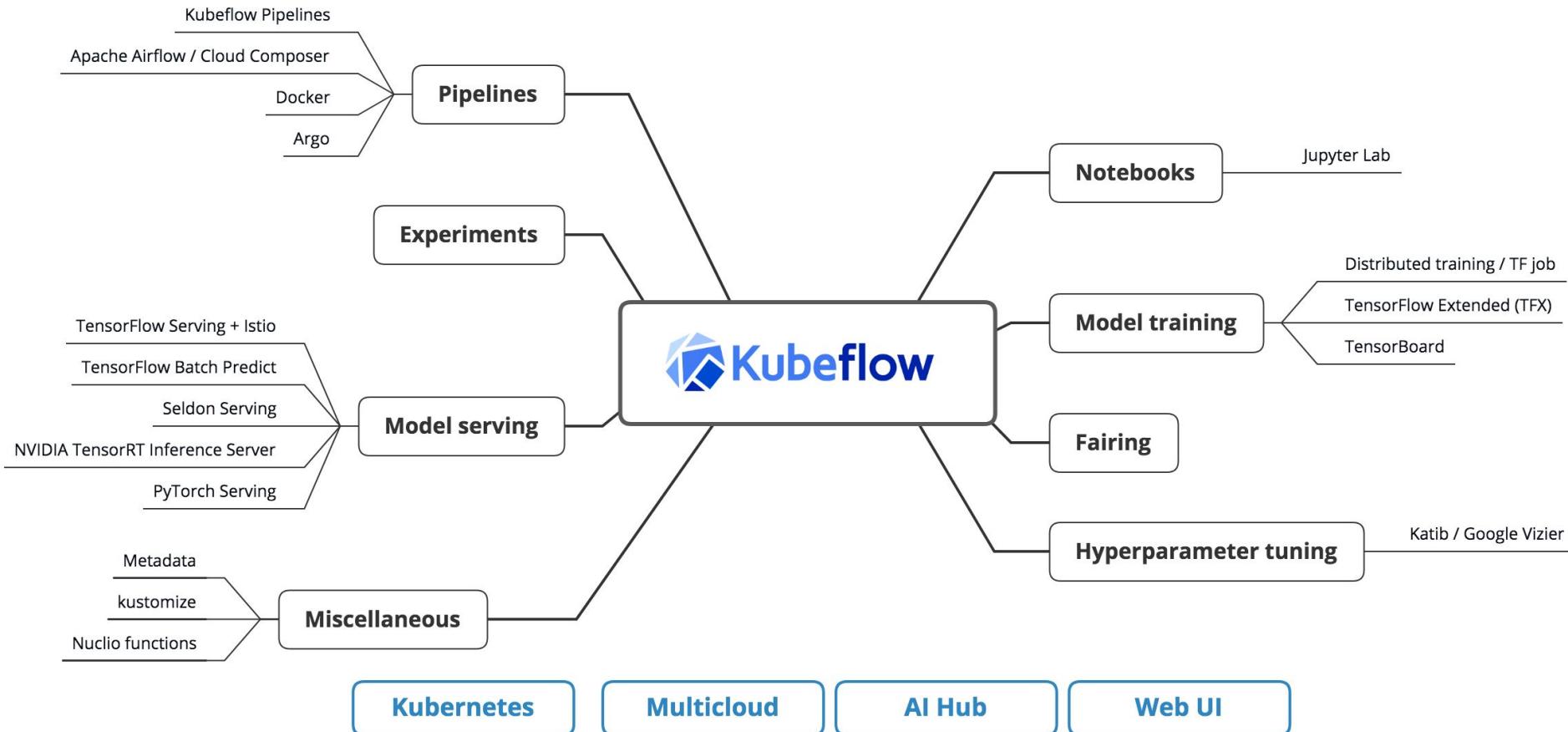
End to end ML on Kubernetes?

First, can you become an expert in ...

- Containers
- Packaging
- Kubernetes service endpoints
- Persistent volumes
- Scaling
- Immutable deployments
- GPUs, Drivers & the GPL
- Cloud APIs
- DevOps
- ...



Introducing: Kubeflow



Distributed Model Training and HPO (TFJob, PyTorch Job, Katib, ...)

- Addresses One of the key goals for model builder persona:

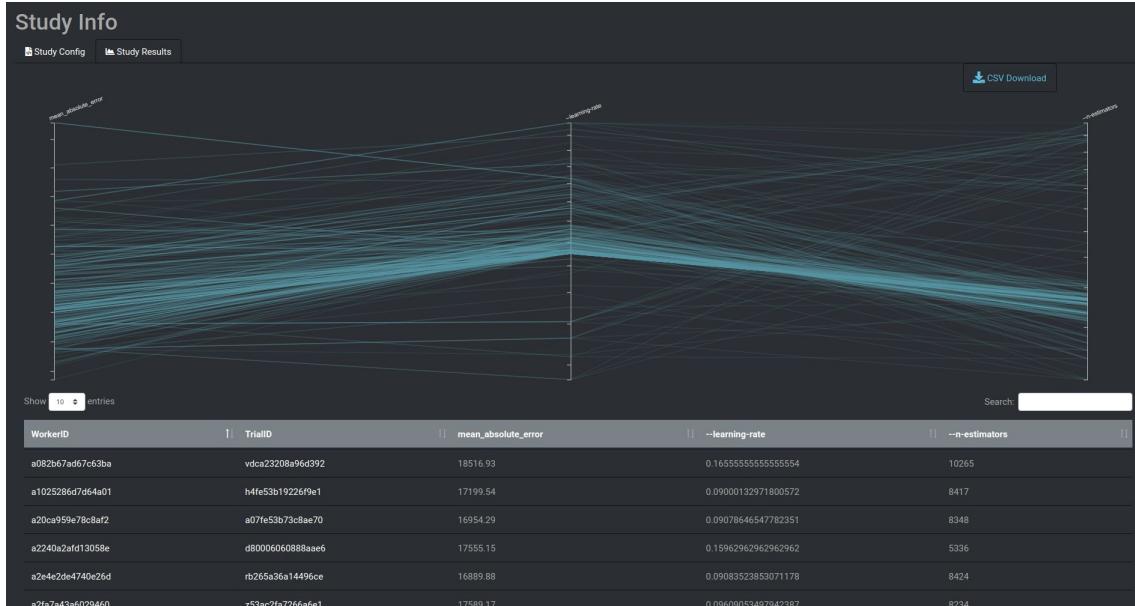
Distributed Model Training and Hyper parameter optimization for Tensorflow, PyTorch etc.

- Common problems in HP optimization

- Overfitting
- Wrong metrics
- Too few hyperparameters

- Katib: a fully open source, Kubernetes-native hyperparameter tuning service

- Inspired by Google Vizier
- Framework agnostic
- Extensible algorithms



Kubeflow Pipelines



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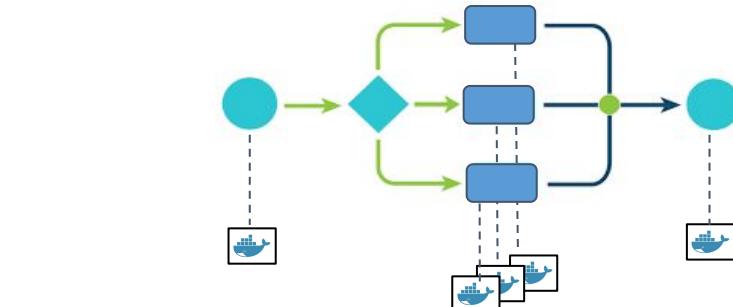
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- Containerized implementations of ML Tasks
 - Pre-built components: Just provide params or code snippets (e.g. training code)
 - Create your own components from code or libraries
 - Use any runtime, framework, data types
 - Attach k8s objects - volumes, secrets

- Specification of the sequence of steps
 - Specified via Python DSL
 - Inferred from data dependencies on input/output

- Input Parameters
 - A “Run” = Pipeline invoked w/ specific parameters
 - Can be cloned with different parameters

- Schedules
 - Invoke a single run or create a recurring scheduled pipeline



IBM and Seldon Major Contributors

Source devstats.org



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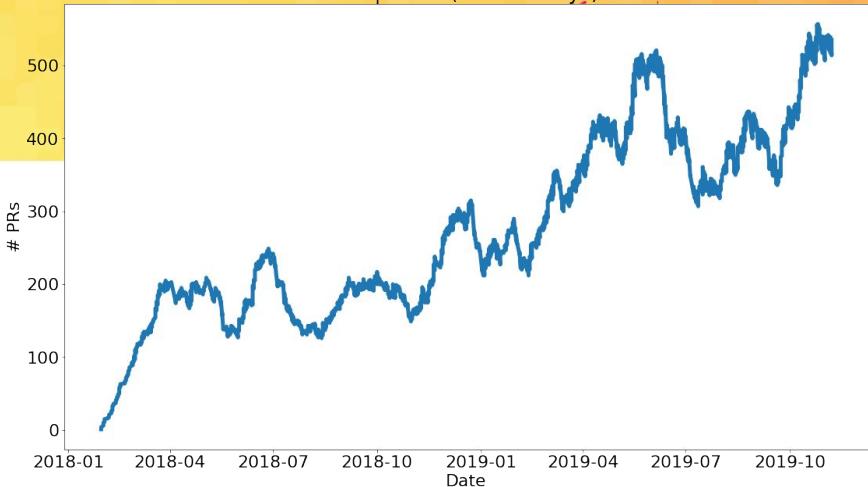
Companies summary ▾

Range Last year ▾ Metric Contributions ▾

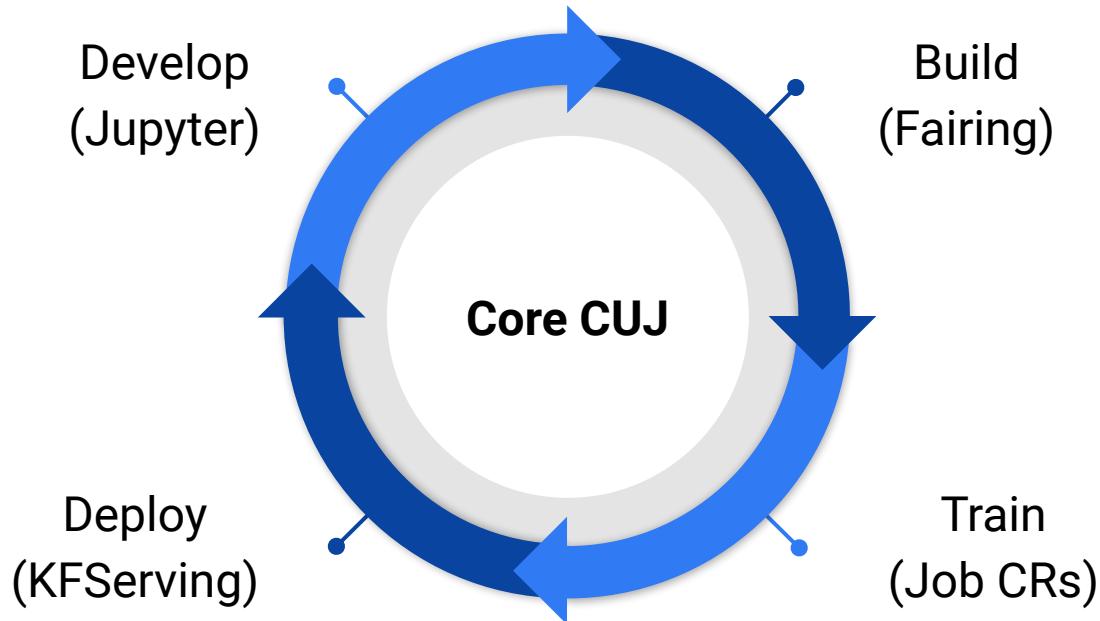
Kubeflow Companies statistics (Contributions, Range: Last year), bots excluded ▾

Company	Number
All	68330
Google	28445
IBM	4318
Cisco	4197
Caicloud	1688
Amazon	693
Microsoft	681
Seldon	474
Net EASE	444
NetEase	398
NTT	315
Intel	214
Amplata	125

Community is growing!



Kubeflow 1.0 Arriving January 2020



http://bit.ly/kf_roadmap



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Production Model Serving



Production Model Serving? How hard could it be?

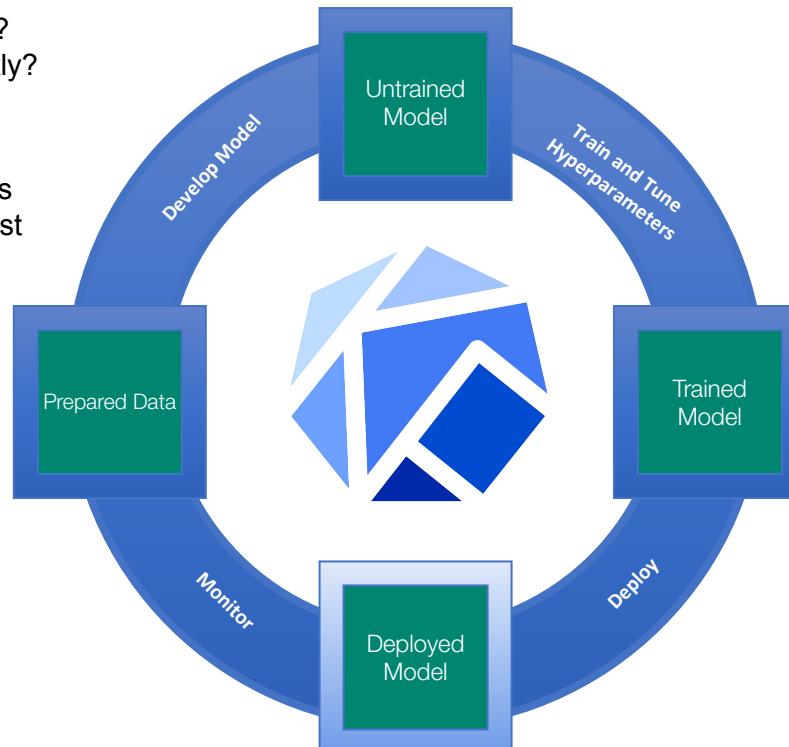


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- Cost:
Is the model over or under scaled?
Are resources being used efficiently?
- Monitoring:
Are the endpoints healthy? What is the performance profile and request trace?
- Rollouts:
Is this rollout safe? How do I roll back? Can I test a change without swapping traffic?
- Protocol Standards:
How do I make a prediction?
GRPC? HTTP? Kafka?



- Frameworks:
How do I serve on Tensorflow?
XGBoost? Scikit Learn? Pytorch?
Custom Code?
- Features:
How do I explain the predictions?
What about detecting outliers and skew?
Bias detection? Adversarial Detection?
- How do I wire up custom pre and post processing

Experts fragmented across industry

- Seldon Core was pioneering Graph Inferencing.
- IBM and Bloomberg were exploring serverless ML lambdas. IBM gave a talk on the ML Serving with Knative at last KubeCon in Seattle
- Google had built a common Tensorflow HTTP API for models.
- Microsoft Kuberntizing their Azure ML Stack



Bloomberg

The Microsoft logo, featuring its signature four-colored square icon (red, green, blue, yellow) positioned to the left of the word "Microsoft" in a gray, lowercase, sans-serif font.

Microsoft

The Google logo, featuring the word "Google" in its signature multi-colored, rounded, sans-serif font.

Putting the pieces together



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- Kubeflow created the conditions for collaboration.
- A promise of open code and open community.
- Shared responsibilities and expertise across multiple companies.
- Diverse requirements from different customer segments





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Introducing KFServing



KFServing

- Founded by Google, Seldon, IBM, Bloomberg and Microsoft
- Part of the Kubeflow project
- Focus on 80% use cases - single model rollout and update
- Kfserving 1.0 goals:
 - Serverless ML Inference
 - Canary rollouts
 - Model Explanations
 - Optional Pre/Post processing



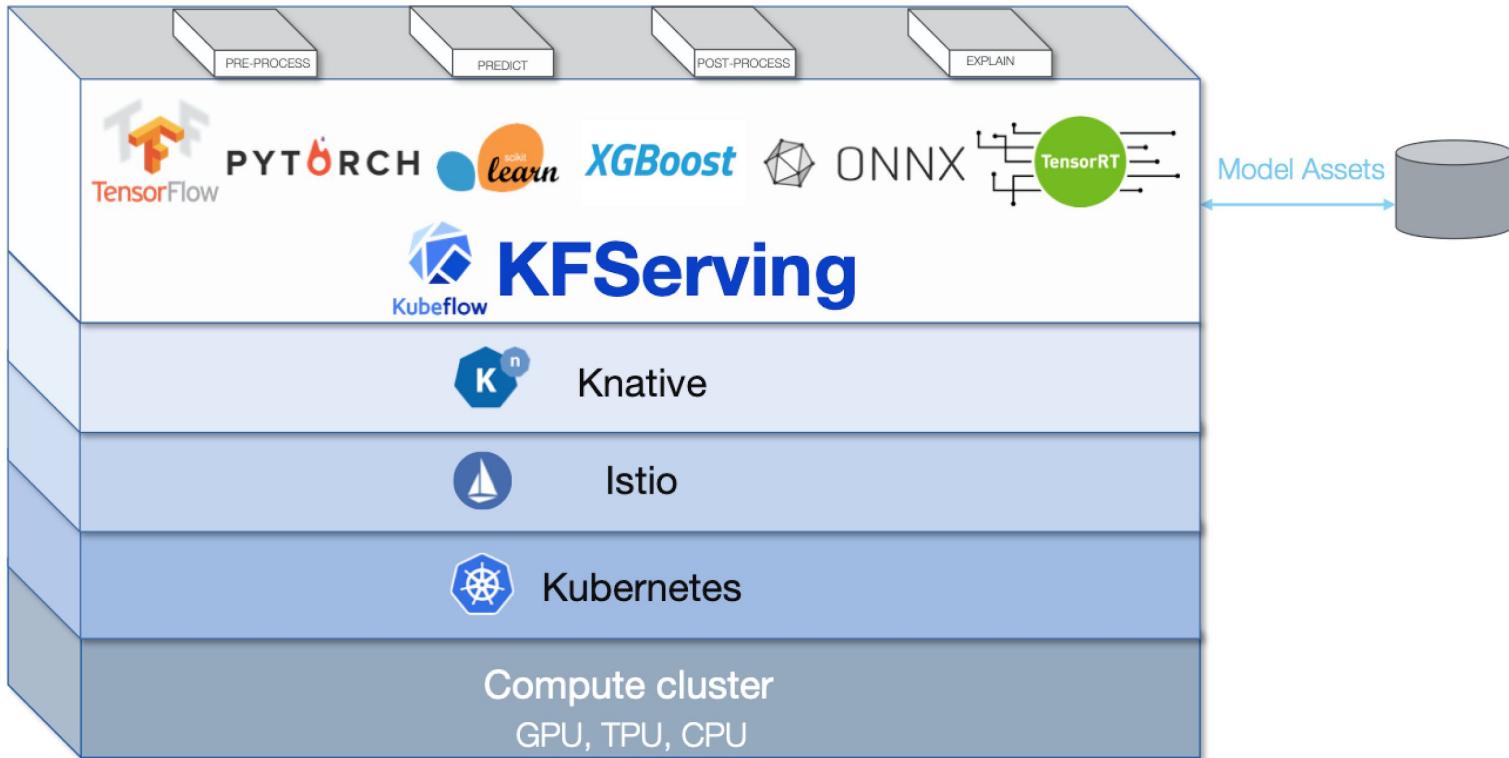
KFServing Stack



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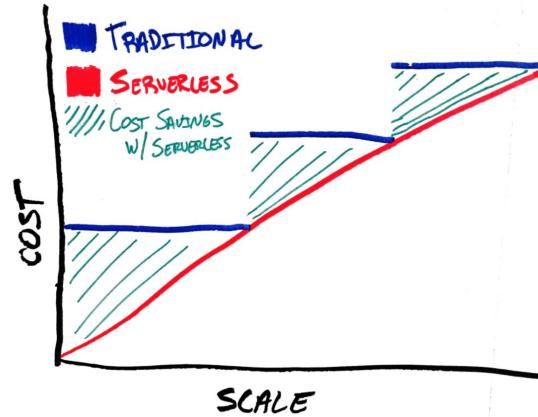
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IBM is
2nd largest contributor

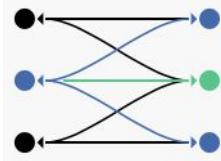


Knative provides a set of building blocks that enable declarative, container-based, serverless workloads on Kubernetes. Knative Serving provides primitives for serving platforms such as:

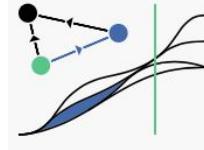
- Event triggered functions on Kubernetes
- Scale to and from zero
- Queue based autoscaling for GPUs and TPUs. Knative autoscaling by default provides inflight requests per pod
- Traditional CPU autoscaling if desired. Traditional scaling hard for disparate devices (GPU, CPU, TPU)

An **open service mesh platform** to **connect, observe, secure, and control** microservices.

Founded by Google, IBM and Lyft. IBM is the 2nd largest contributor



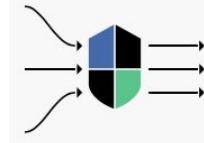
Connect: Traffic Control, Discovery,
Load Balancing, Resiliency



Observe: Metrics, Logging, Tracing



Secure: Encryption (TLS),
Authentication, and Authorization of
service-to-service communication

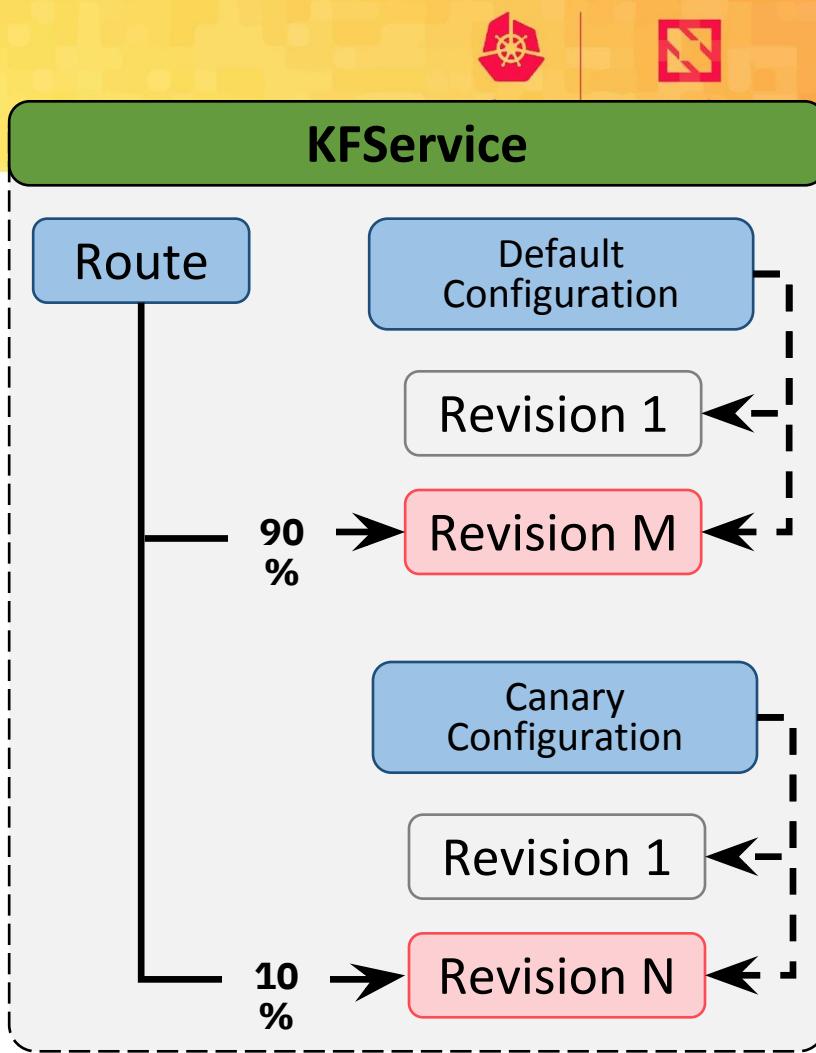


Control: Policy Enforcement

KFServing: Default and Canary Configurations

Manages the hosting aspects of your models

- **InferenceService** - manages the lifecycle of models
- **Configuration** - manages history of model deployments. Two configurations for default and canary.
- **Revision** - A snapshot of your model version
 - Config and image
- **Route** - Endpoint and network traffic management



Supported Frameworks, Components and Storage



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Model Servers

- TensorFlow
- Nvidia TRTIS
- PyTorch
- XGBoost
- SKLearn
- ONNX

Components:

- Predictor, Explainer, Transformer

Storages

- AWS/S3
- GCS
- Azure Blob
- PVC



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Inference Service Control Plane

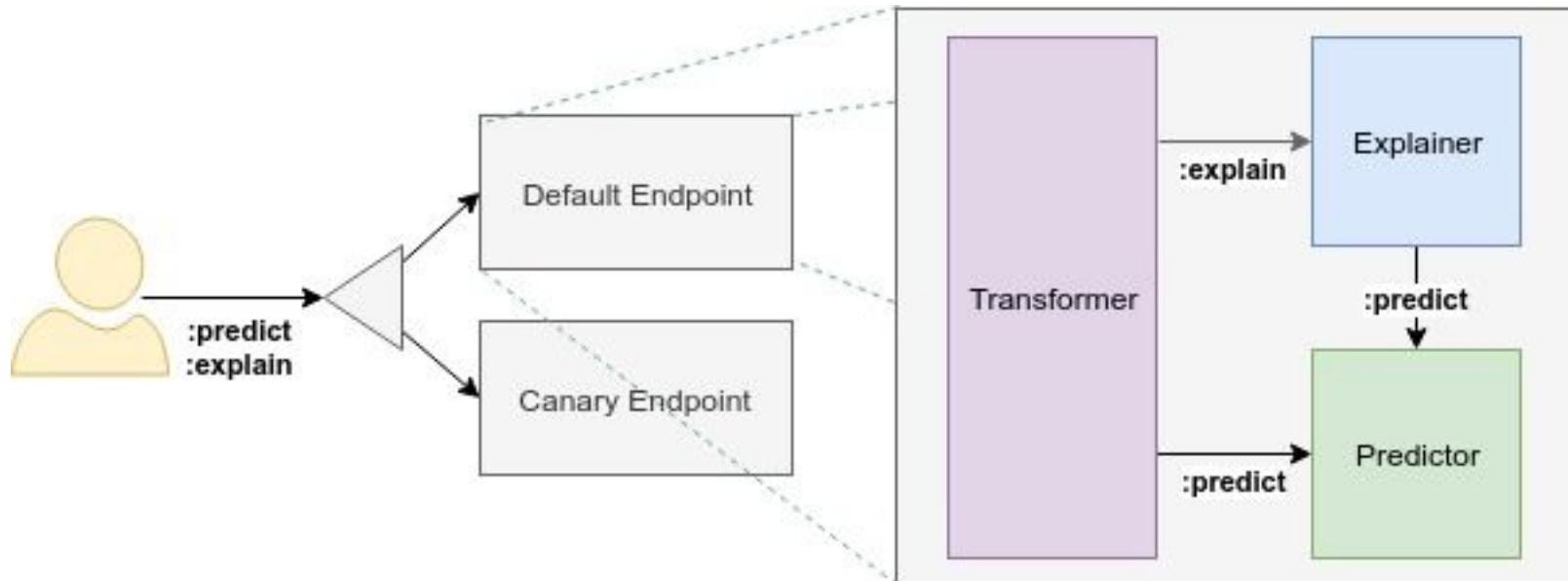


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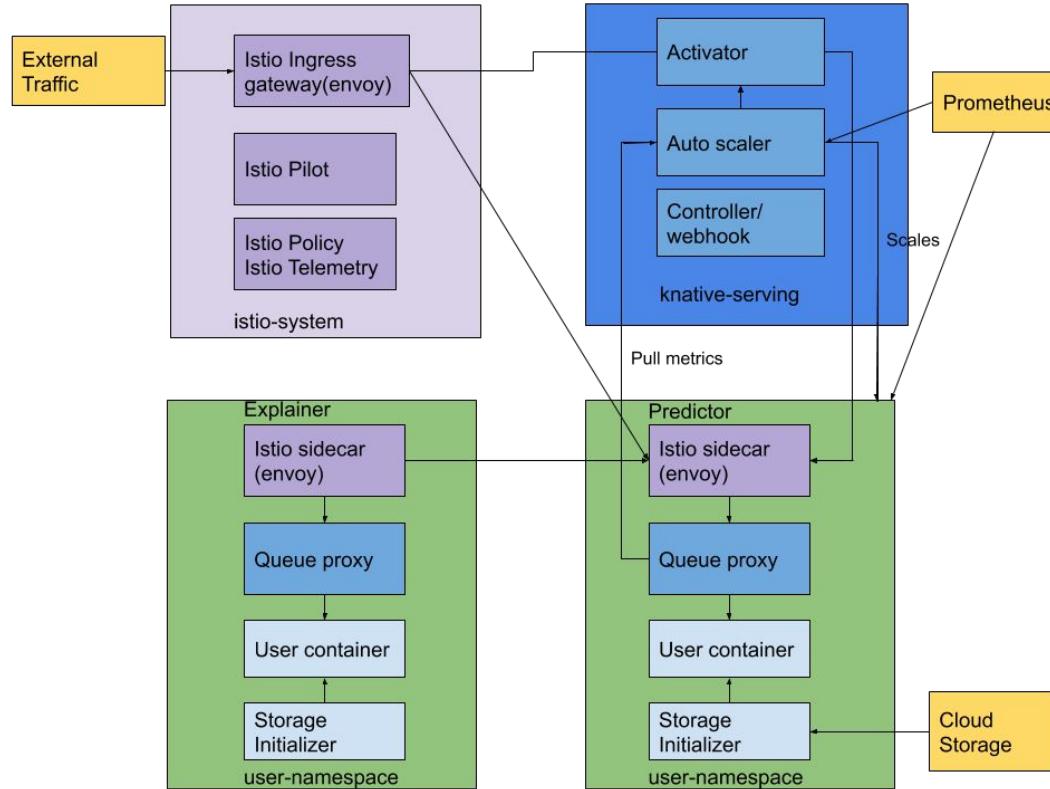
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The InferenceService architecture consists of a static graph of components which coordinate requests for a single model. Advanced features such as Ensembling, A/B testing, and Multi-Arm-Bandits should compose InferenceServices together.



KFServing Deployment View



KFServing Data Plane Unification



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- Today's popular model servers, such as TF Serving, ONNX, Seldon, TRTIS, all communicate using similar but non-interoperable HTTP/gRPC protocol
- KFServing v1 data plane protocol uses TF Serving compatible HTTP API and introduces explain verb to standardize between model servers, punt on v2 for gRPC and performance optimization.



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KFServing Data Plane v1 protocol



API	Verb	Path	Payload
List Models	GET	/v1/models	[model_names]
Readiness	GET	/v1/models/<model_name>	
Predict	POST	/v1/models/<model_name>:predict	Request: {instances:[]} Response: {predictions:[]}
Explain	POST	/v1/models<model_name>:explain	Request: {instances:[]} Response: {predictions:[], explanations:[]}



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KFServing Examples



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```
apiVersion: "serving.kubeflow.org/v1alpha1"
kind: "InferenceService"
metadata:
  name: "sklearn-iris"
spec:
  default:
    sklearn:
      modelUri: "gs://kfserving-samples/models/sklearn/iris"
```



```
apiVersion: "serving.kubeflow.org/v1alpha1"
kind: "InferenceService"
metadata:
  name: "flowers-sample"
spec:
  default:
    tensorflow:
      modelUri: "gs://kfserving-samples/models/tensorflow/flowers"
```



```
apiVersion: "serving.kubeflow.org/v1alpha1"
kind: "InferenceService"
metadata:
  name: "pytorch-iris"
spec:
  default:
    pytorch:
      modelUri: "gs://kfserving-samples/models/pytorch/iris"
```



Canary/Pinned Examples



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```
apiVersion: "serving.kubeflow.org/v1alpha1"
kind: "KFService"
metadata:
  name: "my-model"
spec:
  default:
    # 90% of traffic is sent to this model
    tensorflow:
      modelUri: "gs://mybucket/mymodel-2"
  canaryTrafficPercent: 10
  canary:
    # 10% of traffic is sent to this model
    tensorflow:
      modelUri: "gs://mybucket/mymodel-3"
```

Canary

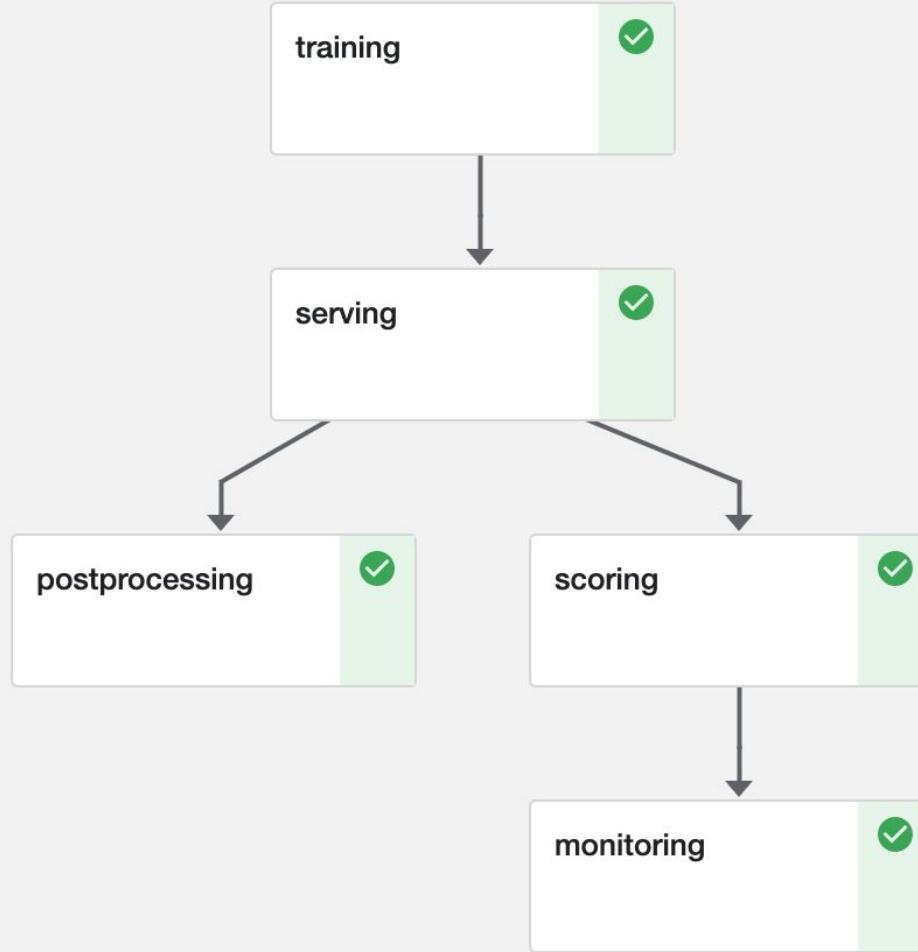


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apiVersion: "serving.kubeflow.org/v1alpha1"
kind: "KFService"
metadata:
  name: "my-model"
spec:
  default:
    tensorflow:
      modelUri: "gs://mybucket/mymodel-2"
  # Defaults to zero, so can also be omitted or explicitly set to zero.
  canaryTrafficPercent: 0
  canary:
    # Canary is created but no traffic is directly forwarded.
    tensorflow:
      modelUri: "gs://mybucket/mymodel-3"
```

Pinned



Demo



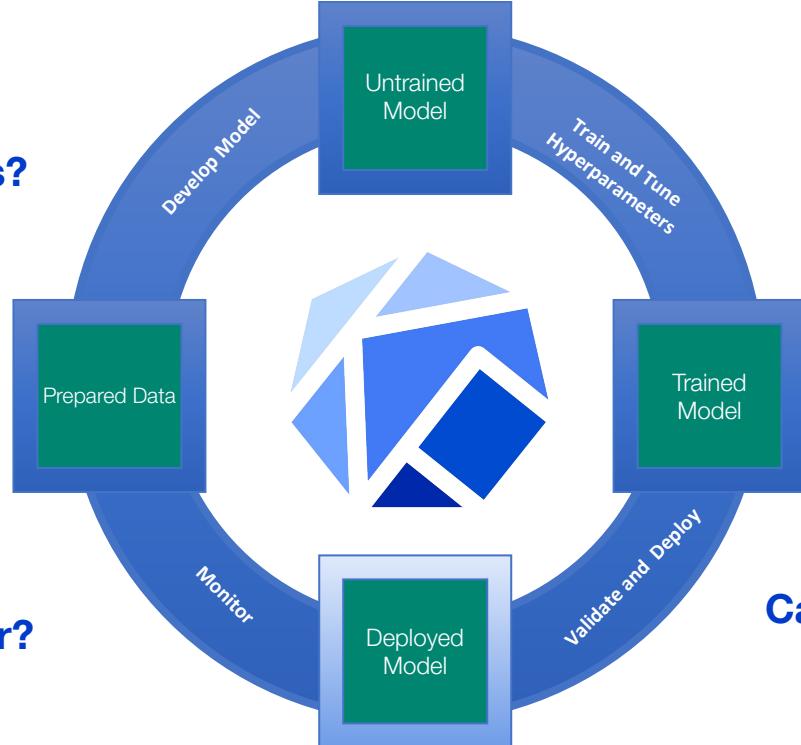
Model Serving is accomplished. Can the predictions be trusted?



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Are there concept drifts?



Is there an outlier?

Is the model vulnerable
to adversarial attacks?

Can the model explain
its predictions?



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Production Machine Learning Serving



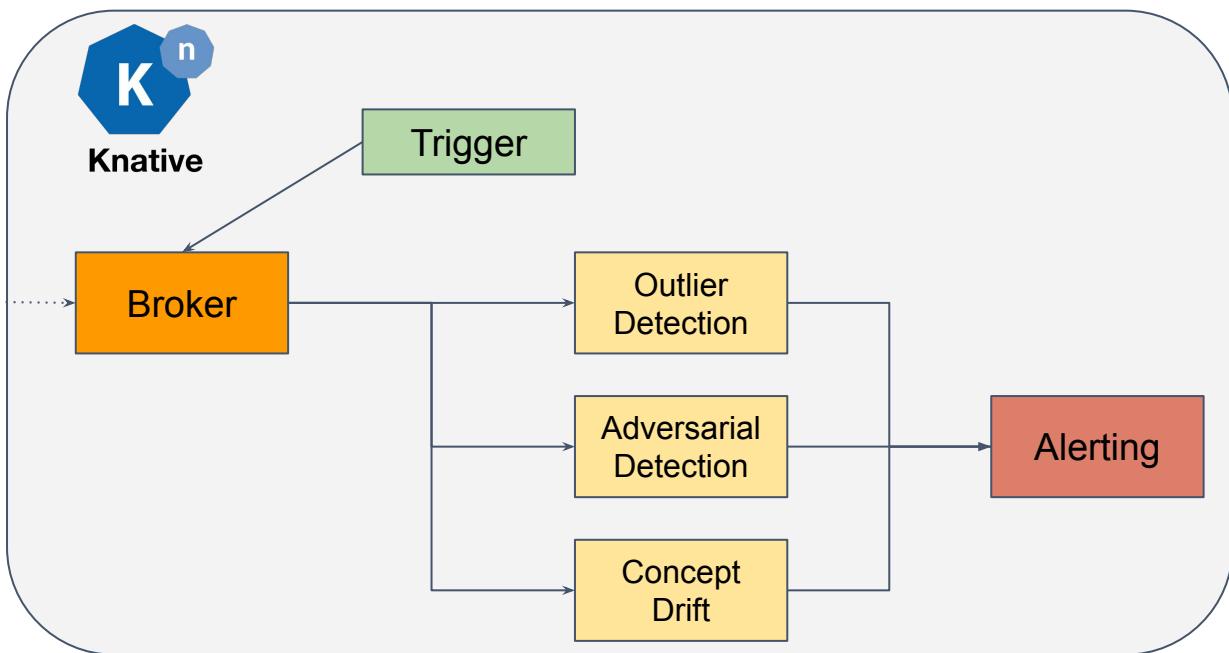
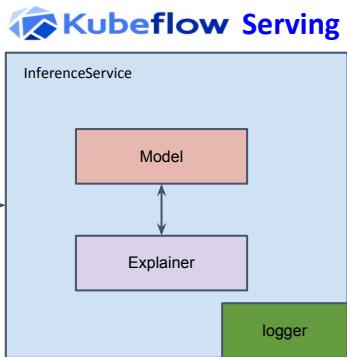
Production ML Architecture



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Machine Learning Explanations



Why Explain ML Models?



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Regulation (GDPR):

[the data subject possesses the right to access] “*meaningful information about the logic involved, as well as the significance and the envisaged consequences of such processing for the data subject.*”

Insight:

- Is my model doing what I think it's doing?
- Investigate model behaviour, e.g. on outliers



ML Explanation Goals

- Human interpretable
- Not over-simplified
- **Trade-off between interpretability and fidelity**



Local Black Box Explanations

Explain this:

Age:

23

Occupation:

Bar staff

Postcode:

IV3 5SN

Owns house:

No



Deny:

$p=0.95$

Accept:

$p=0.05$

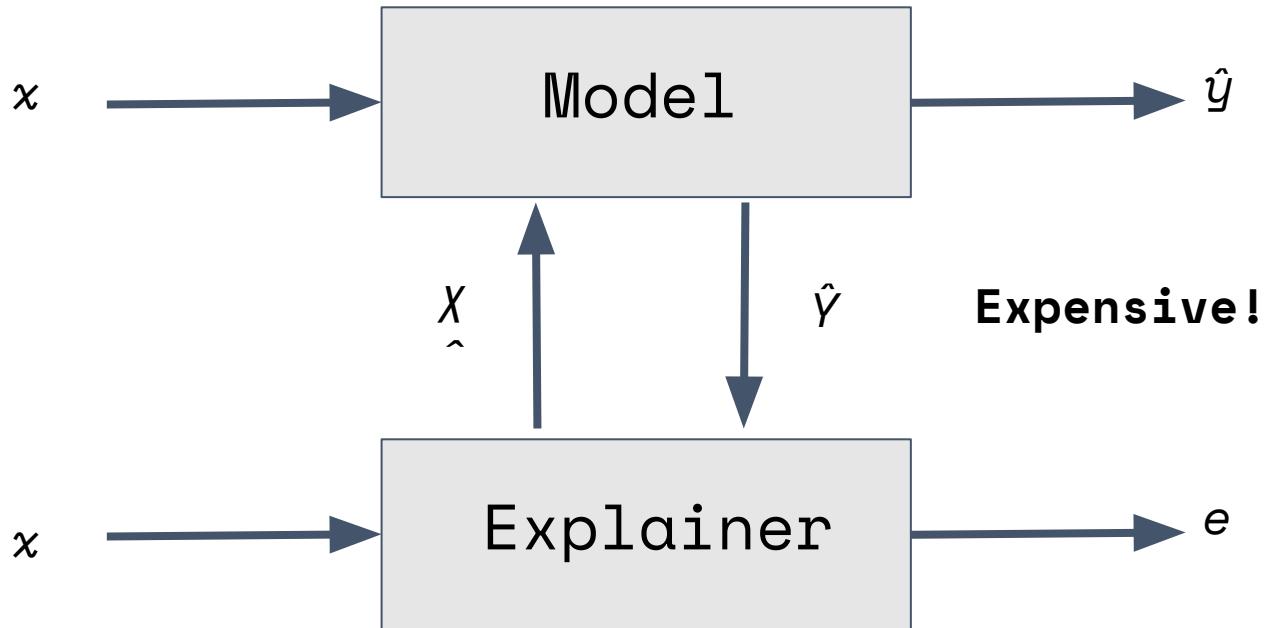
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Seldon Alibi:Explain



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<https://github.com/SeldonIO/alibi>



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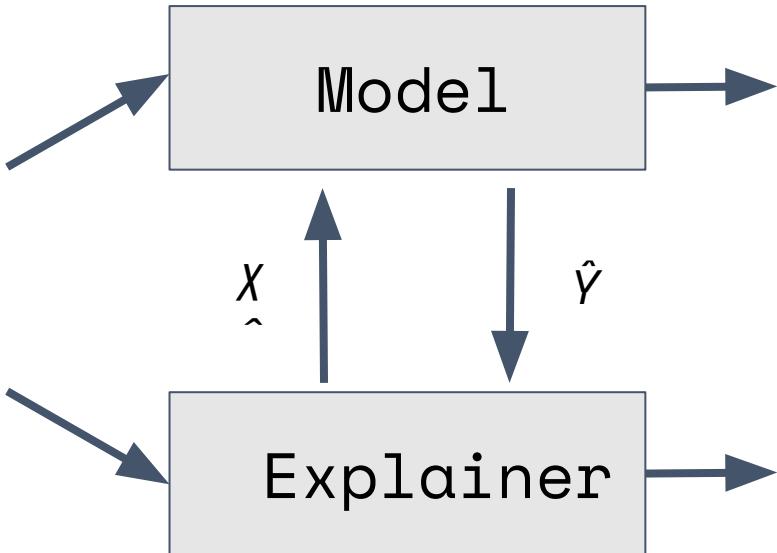
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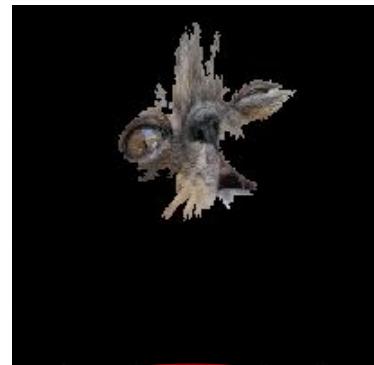
- Anchors
- Counterfactuals
- Contrastive explanations
- Trust scores



Anchors



Persian
cat:
 $p=0.90$
Dishwasher
: $p=0.003$
Notebook:



Precision:
0.95

KfServing Explanations



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```
apiVersion: "serving.kubeflow.org/v1alpha2"
kind: "InferenceService"
metadata:
  name: "income"
spec:
  default:
    predictor:
      sklearn:
        storageUri: "gs://seldon-models/sklearn/income/model"
  explainer:
    alibi:
      type: AnchorTabular
      storageUri: "gs://seldon-models/sklearn/income/explainer"
```

```
apiVersion: "serving.kubeflow.org/v1alpha2"
kind: "InferenceService"
metadata:
  name: "moviesentiment"
spec:
  default:
    predictor:
      sklearn:
        storageUri: "gs://seldon-models/sklearn/moviesentiment"
  explainer:
    alibi:
      type: AnchorText
```

Explanation Demos



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Income Prediction SKLearn Classifier and Alibi:Explain AnchorTabular Explainer

https://github.com/kubeflow/kfserving/blob/master/docs/samples/explanation/alibi/income/income_explanations.ipynb



Movie Review RoBERTa Classifier and Alibi:Explain AnchorText Explainer

https://github.com/SeldonIO/seldon-models/blob/master/pytorch/moviesentiment_roberta/inference/kfserving/movie_review_explanation.ipynb

Income Model and Explainer



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InferenceService

Income Model



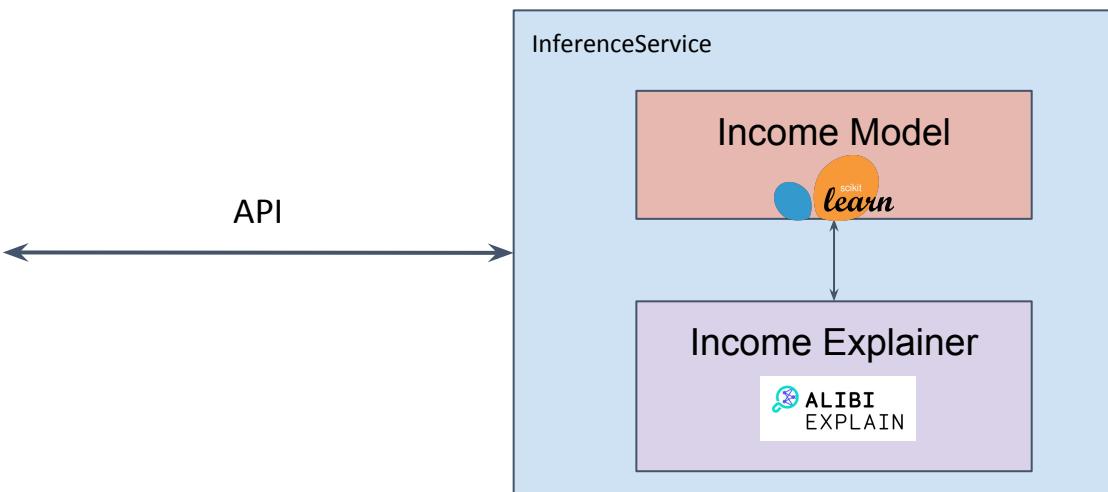
learn

Income Explainer



ALIBI
EXPLAIN

API



Explanations: Resources



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AI Explainability 360 ↳ (AIX360)

<https://github.com/IBM/AIX360>

AIX360 toolkit is an open-source library to help explain AI and machine learning models and their predictions. This includes three classes of algorithms: local post-hoc, global post-hoc, and directly interpretable explainers for models that use image, text, and structured/tabular data.

The AI Explainability360 Python package includes a comprehensive set of explainers, both at global and local level.

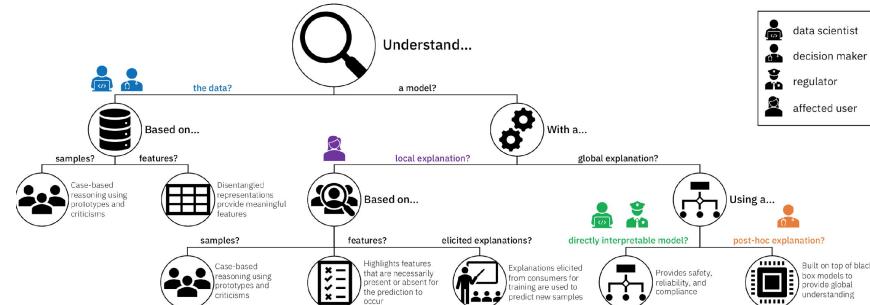
Toolbox

Local post-hoc

Global post-hoc

Directly interpretable

<http://aix360.mybluemix.net>





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Payload Logging



Payload Logging



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Why:

- Capture payloads for analysis and future retraining of the model
- Perform offline processing of the requests and responses

KfServing Implementation (alpha):

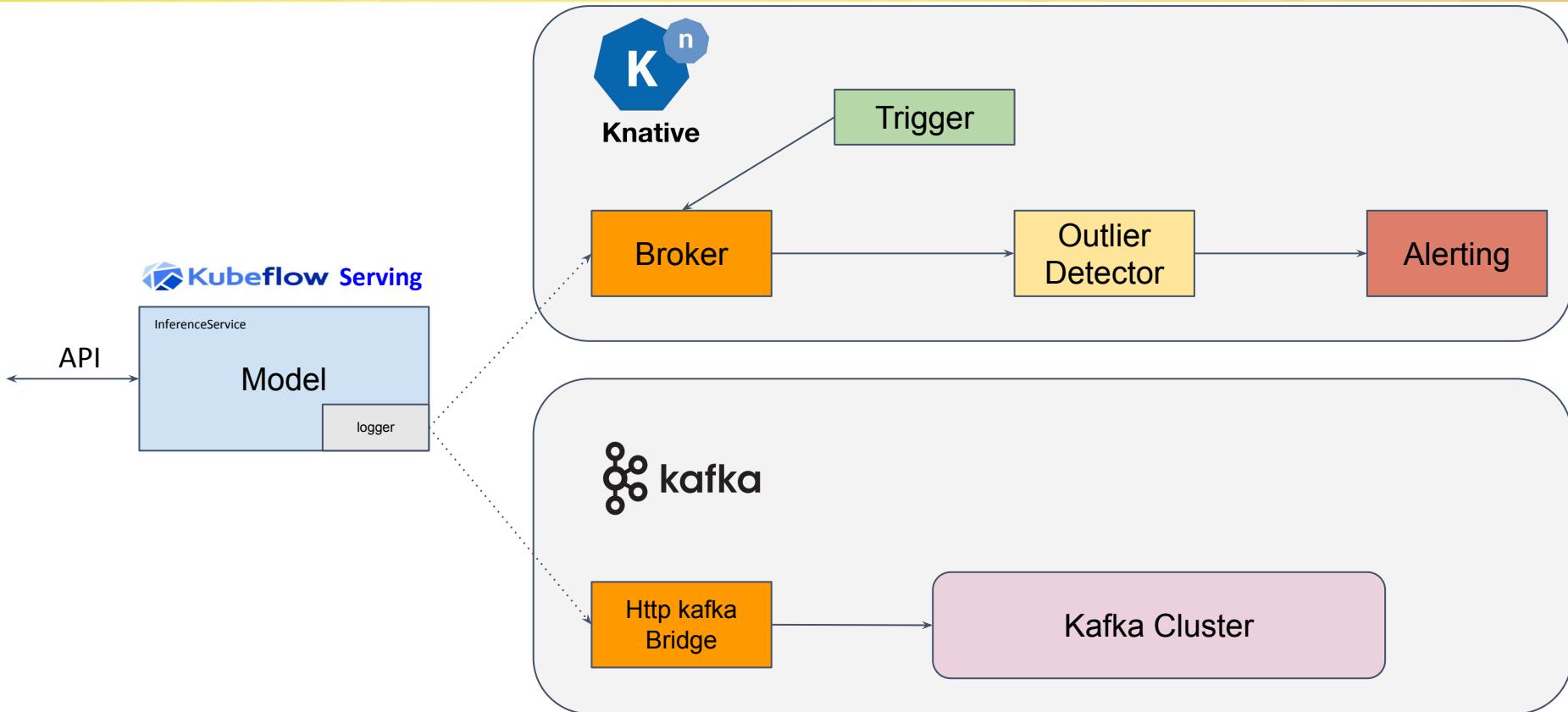
- Add to any InferenceService Endpoint: Predictor, Explainer, Transformer
- Log Requests, Responses or Both from the Endpoint
- Simple specify a URL to send the payloads
- URL will receive CloudEvents



Payload Logging

```
apiVersion: "serving.kubeflow.org/v1alpha2"
kind: "InferenceService"
metadata:
  name: "sklearn-iris"
spec:
  default:
    predictor:
      minReplicas: 1
    logger:
      url: http://message-dumper.default/
      mode: all
  sklearn:
    storageUri: "gs://kfserving-samples/models/sklearn/iris"
    resources:
      requests:
        cpu: 0.1
```

Payload Logging Architecture Examples





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ML Inference Analysis



ML Inference Analysis



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Don't trust predictions on instances outside of training distribution!

- Outlier Detection
- Adversarial Detection
- Concept Drift

Outlier Detection

Don't trust predictions on instances outside of training distribution!

→ **Outlier Detection**

Detector types:

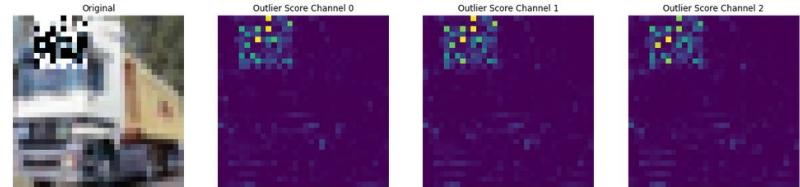
- stateful online vs. pretrained offline
- feature vs. instance level detectors

Data types:

- tabular, images & time series

Outlier types:

- global, contextual & collective outliers

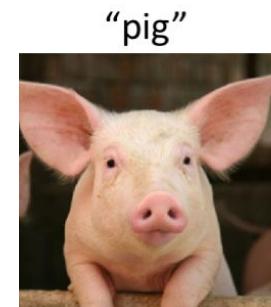
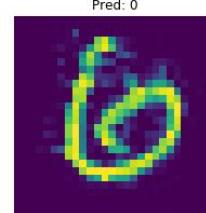
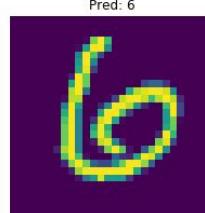
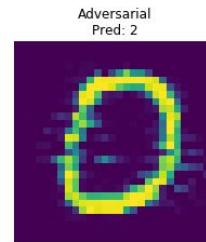
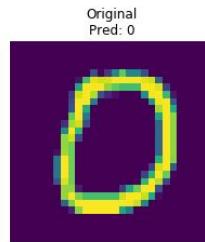


Adversarial Detection

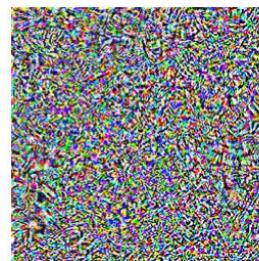
Don't trust predictions on instances outside of training distribution!

→ **Adversarial Detection**

- Outliers w.r.t. the model prediction
- Detect small input changes with a big impact on predictions!



$$+ 0.005 \times$$



Concept Drift

Production data distribution \neq training distribution?

→ **Concept Drift! Retrain!**

Need to track the right distributions:

- feature vs. instance level
- continuous vs. discrete
- online vs. offline training data
- track streaming number of outliers



Seldon Alibi:Detect



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<https://github.com/SeldonIO/alibi-detect>



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State of the art implementations:

- Outlier Detection
- Adversarial Detection
- Concept Drift (roadmap)



Outlier Detection Demo



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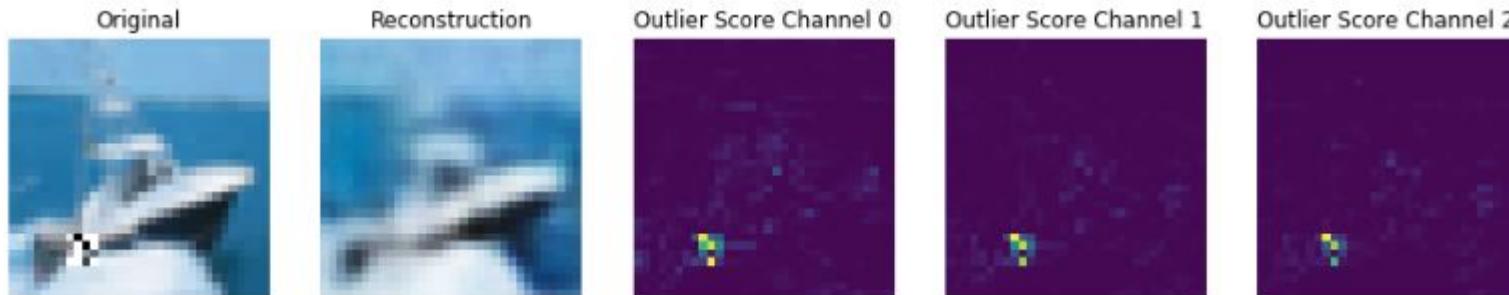
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KFServing CIFAR10 Model with Alibi:Detect VAE Outlier Detector

<https://github.com/SeldonIO/alibi-detect/tree/master/integrations/samples/kfserving/od-cifae10>

Outlier image and heatmap of VAE outlier score per RGB channel



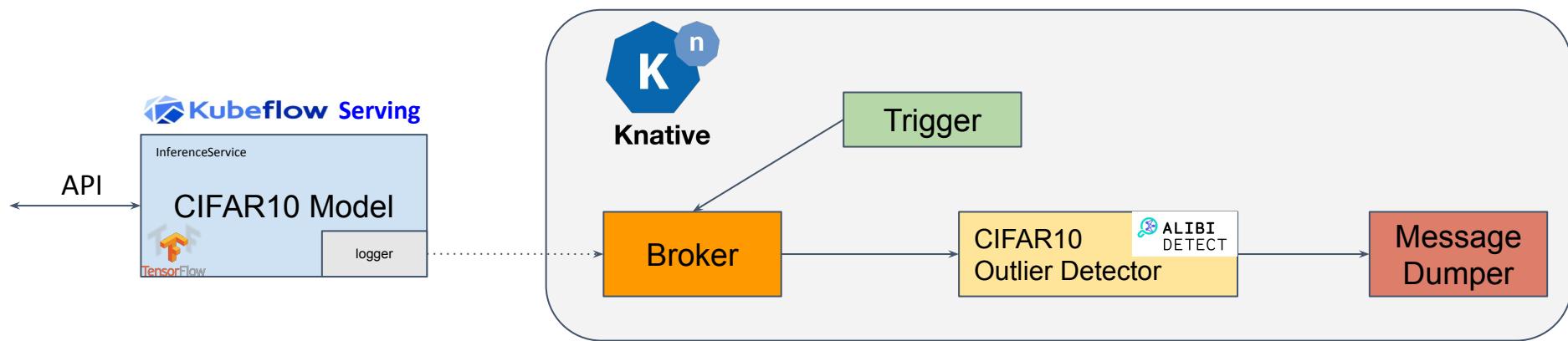
Outlier Detection on CIFAR10



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Adversarial Detection Demos



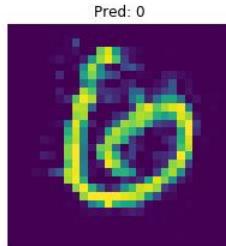
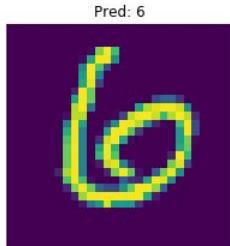
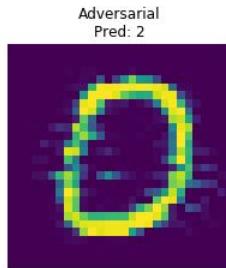
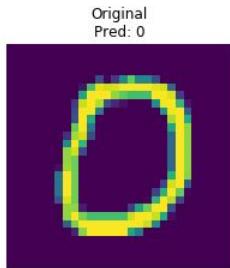
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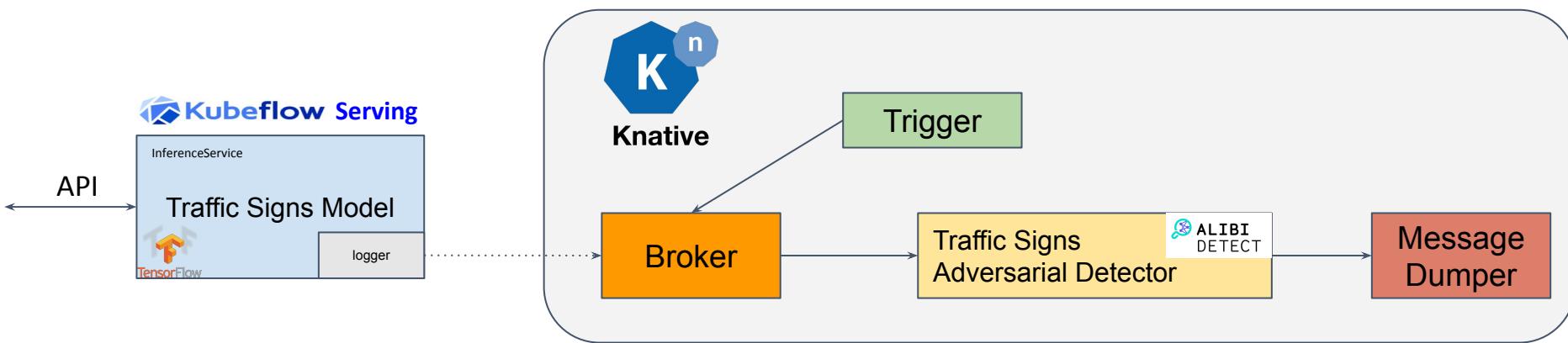
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Adversarial Attack, Detection and Defense Mechanisms: Resources

Adversarial Robustness 360

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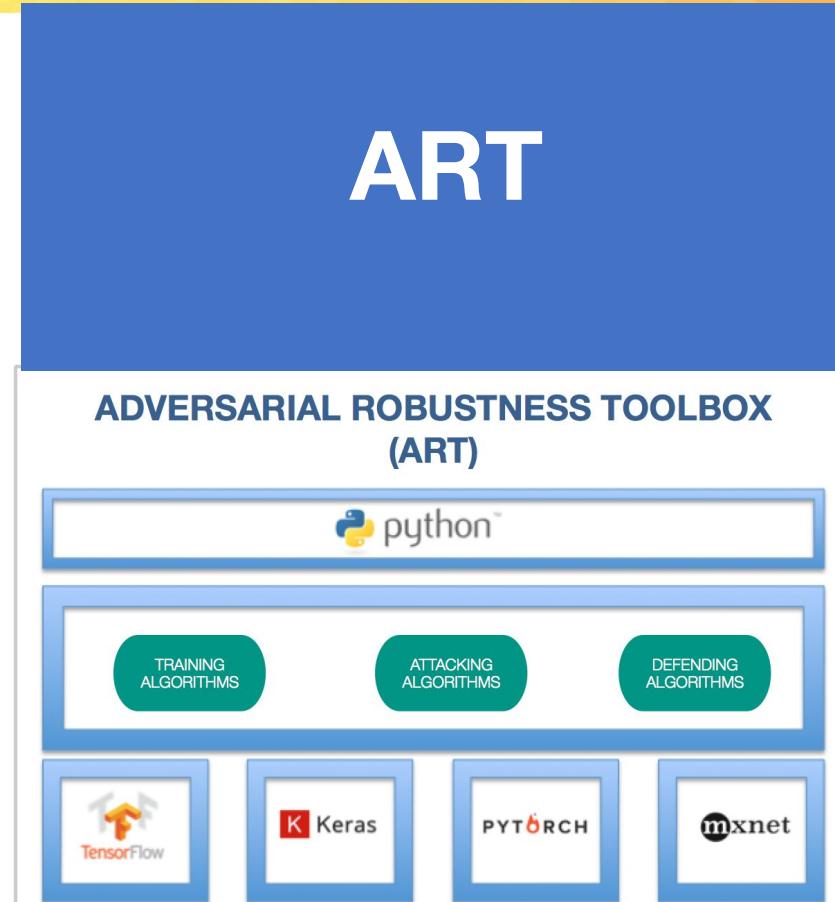
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The Adversarial Robustness Toolbox provides an implementation for many state-of-the-art methods for attacking and defending classifiers.

Toolbox: Attacks, defenses, and metrics

Evasion attacks
Defense methods
Detection methods
Robustness metrics

<https://art-demo.mybluemix.net/>





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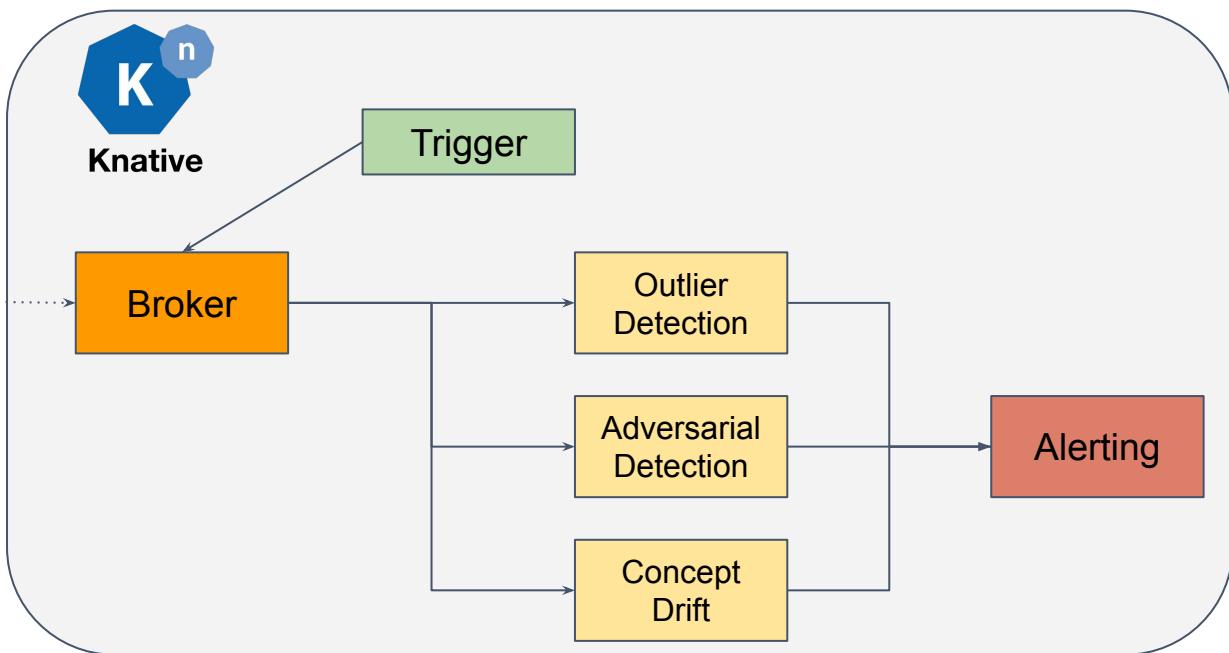
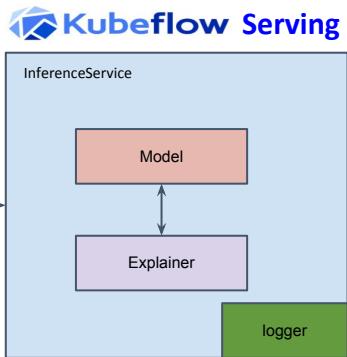
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Open Source Projects



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