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Avant Ski

# Ski Resort Recommender



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# Agenda →

- Introduction
- Market Overview
- Business Problem
- Data
- Model
- Results + Next Steps

Avant Ski is on a mission to make planning ski trips easier with the power of data and we need your resort data.

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# USA ski resort market



# Choice overload



\*Mean lift ticket price at Ikon, Epic, Indy, and Mountain Collective resorts

# How are we different?



Review + Content

+



Content Based



# Data

## User

- 2,795 final reviews
- 662 Unique users
  - > 2 reviews per user

## Resort

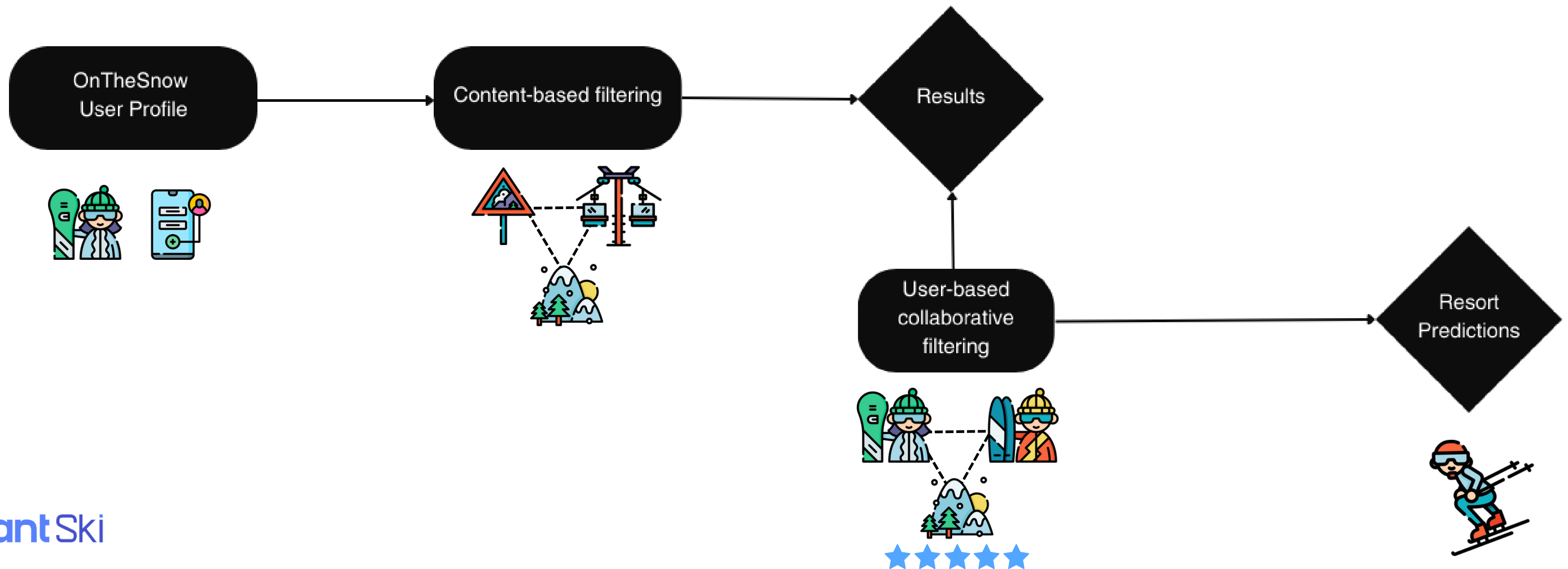
- 330 Resorts
  - 80+ Mountain Features
  - Airbnb and lift ticket prices



Google Maps

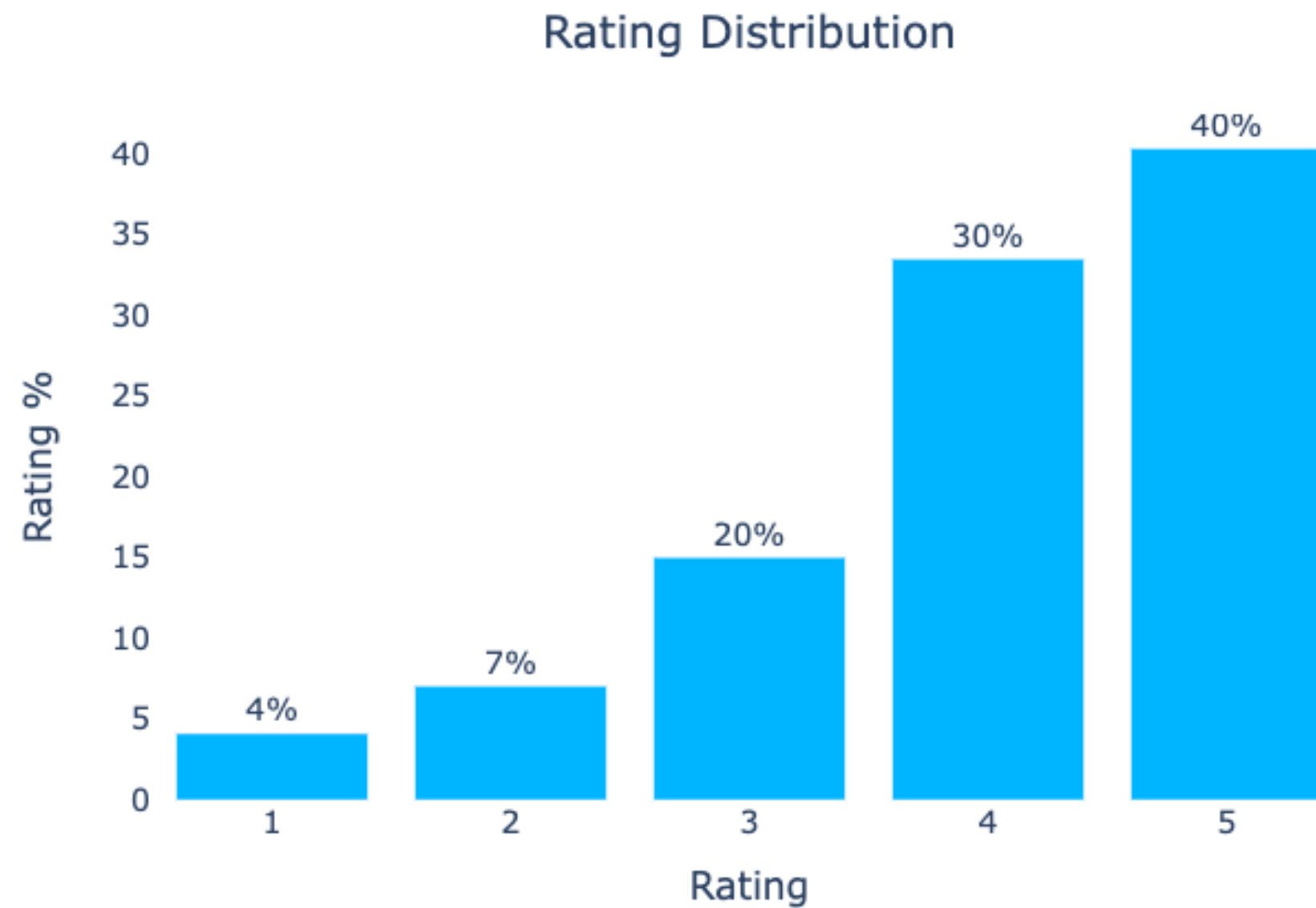


# Hybrid Cascade Recommendation System





# User-based model performance



.89 difference in  
predicted vs actual  
user ratings

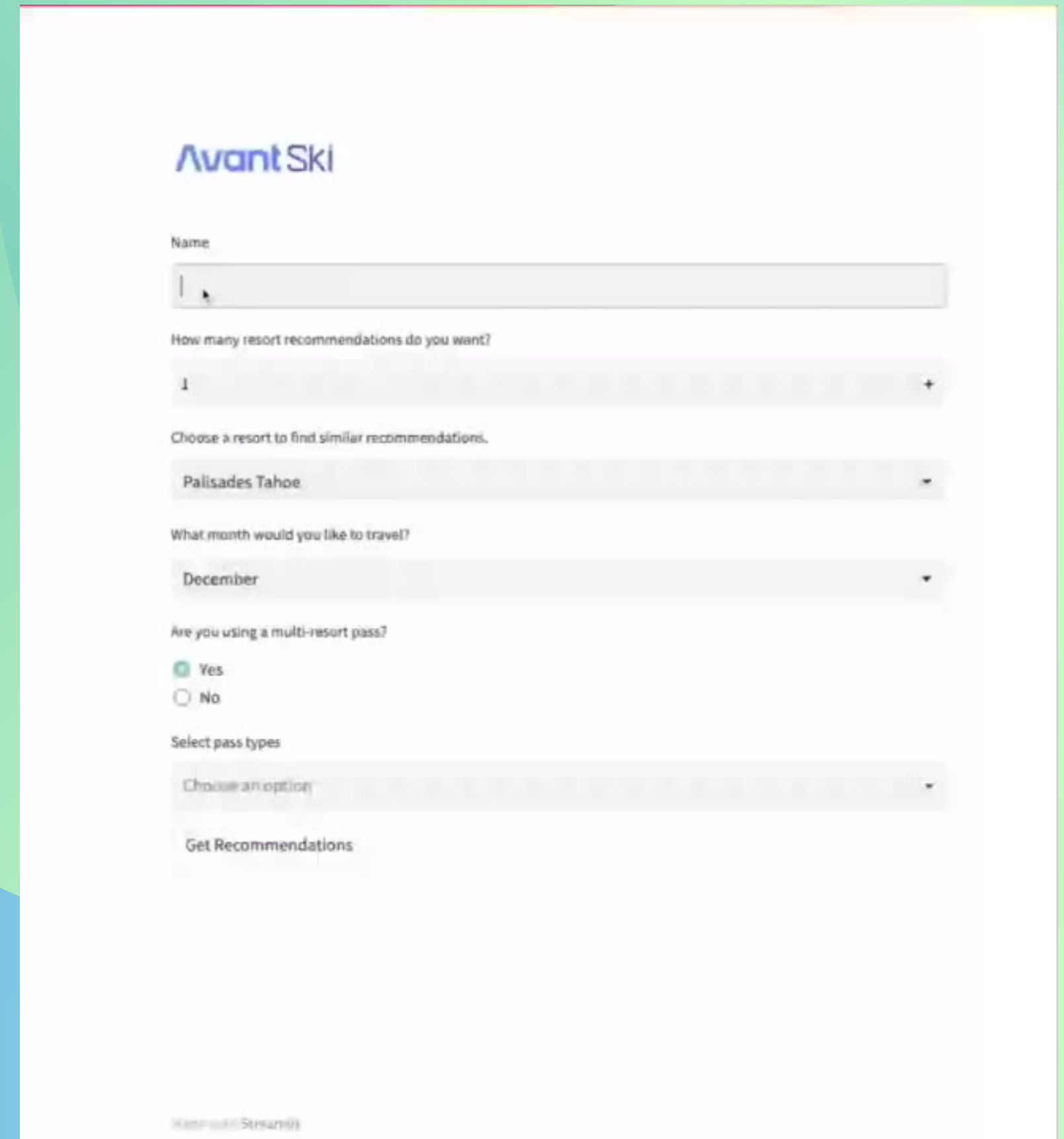
# Demo

## User Inputs

- Name
- Resort Preference
- Pass Information
- Travel Month

## Outputs

- Mountain Features
- Airbnb Costs
- Location
- Airport Information

A screenshot of the Avant Ski website's recommendation form. The form is titled 'Avant Ski' in blue. It contains several input fields: a text box for 'Name', a numeric input for 'How many resort recommendations do you want?' (set to 1), a dropdown for 'Choose a resort to find similar recommendations.' (set to Palisades Tahoe), a dropdown for 'What month would you like to travel?' (set to December), and radio buttons for 'Are you using a multi-resort pass?' (Yes is selected). Below these is a dropdown for 'Select pass types' (set to 'Choose an option') and a 'Get Recommendations' button. At the bottom, there is a small link for 'Watkins Glen Streamlit'.

# User #1 – Feedback

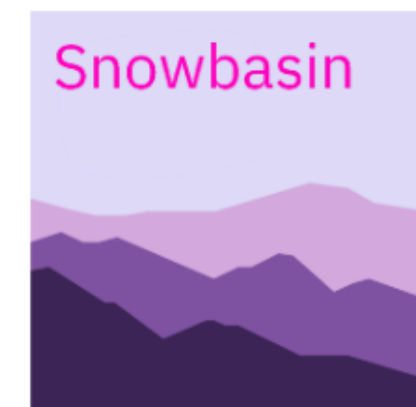
## Slope Seeker

- Dislikes "bougie" resorts
- Travels to shred
- Looks for expert runs and accessible transportation
- Buys the Epic pass but dislikes Vail and corporate ski vibes
- Budget-friendly planning



## Feedback:

It worked! Based on my pick, I can see how my recs fit it, for sure. Two that I haven't been to, but one of them is high on my list, Telluride.

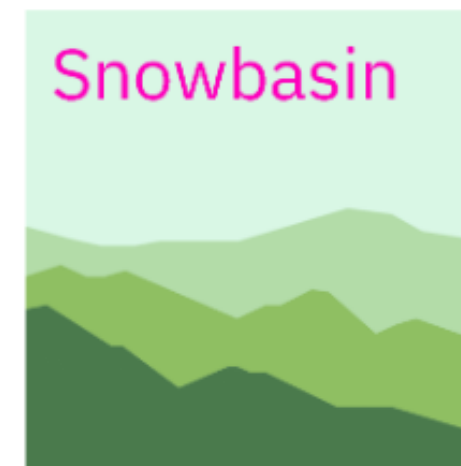


# User #2 – Testing



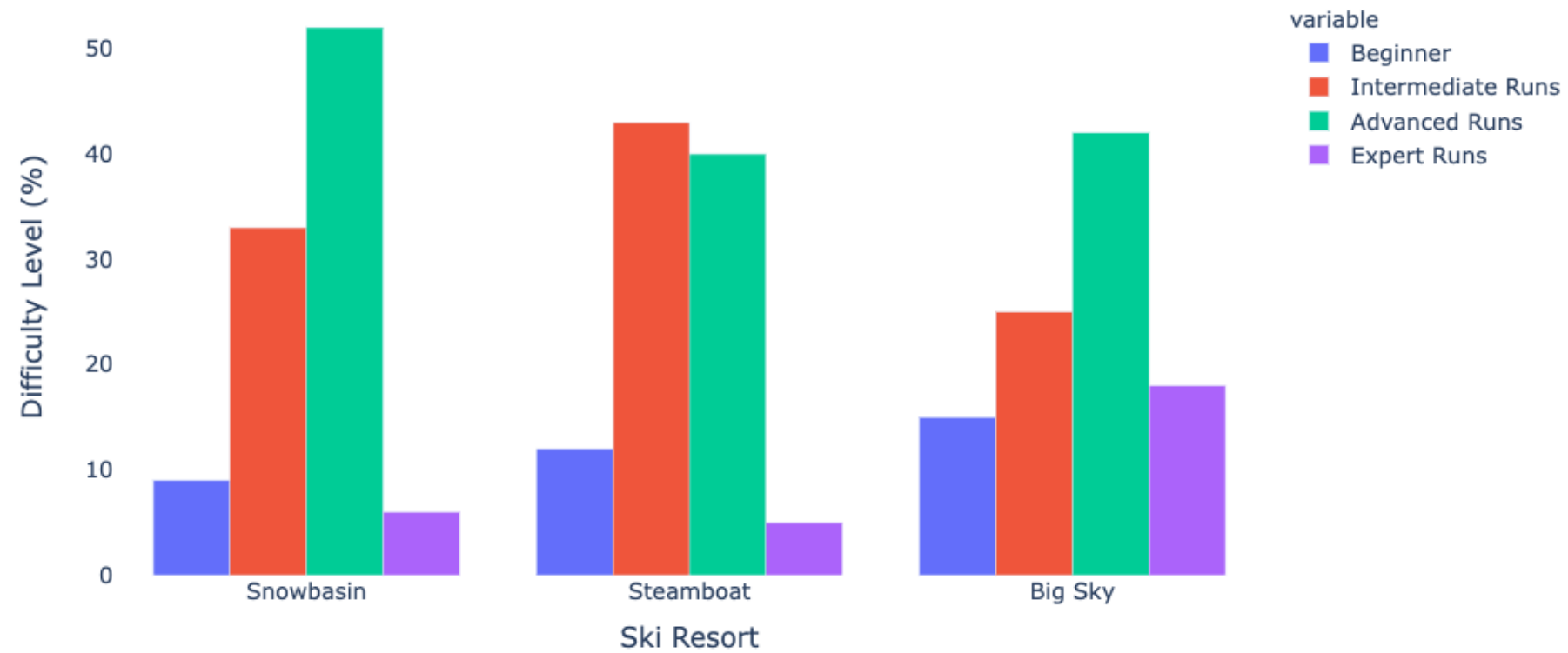
## Powder Party Pro

- Loves expert terrain and well-marked trails
- All about the apres-ski life
- Travels to shred but wants to have fun while doing it
- Uses both Epic & Ikon passes

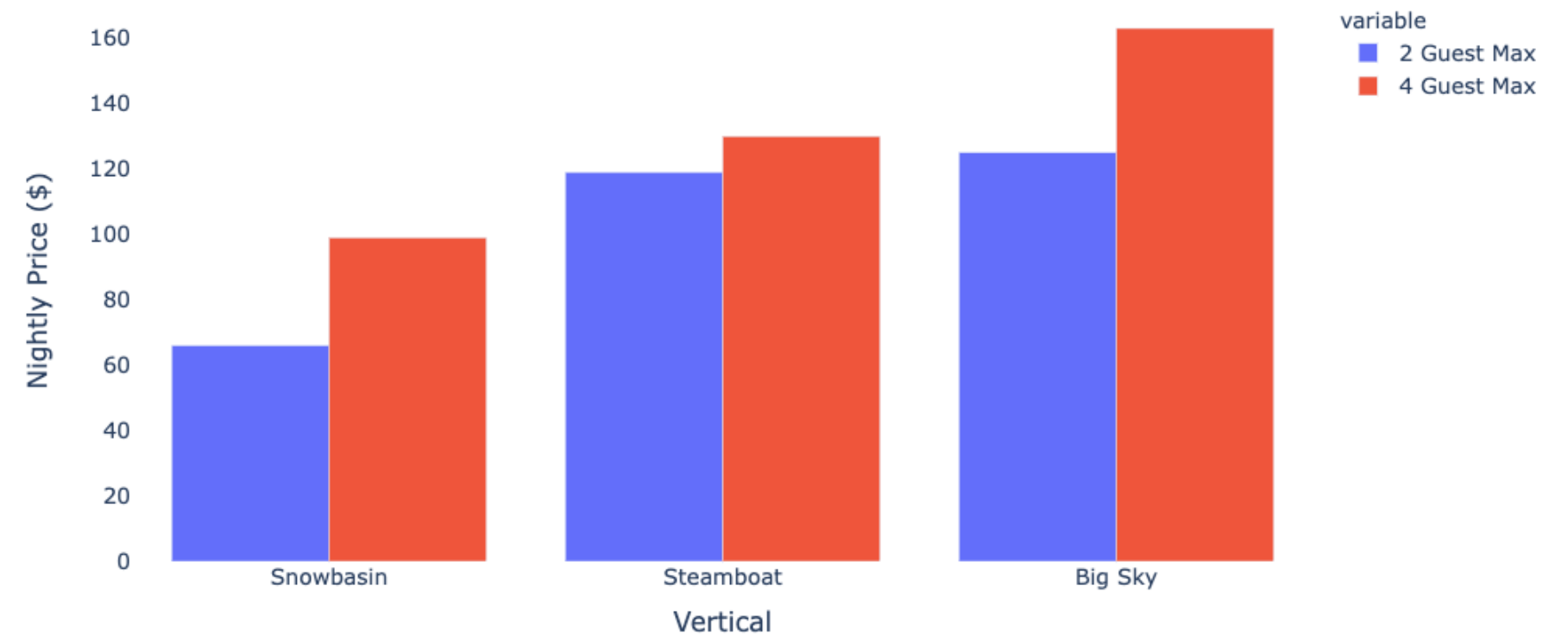


# User #2 – Rec Analysis

Terrain Difficulty



December Airbnb Costs

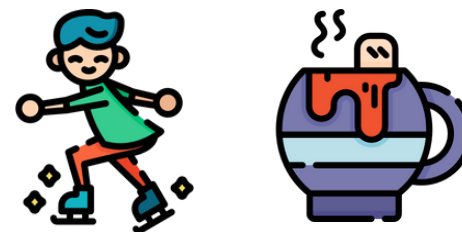


# Conclusions

Collect more  
reviews &  
refine model



Add  
additional  
features

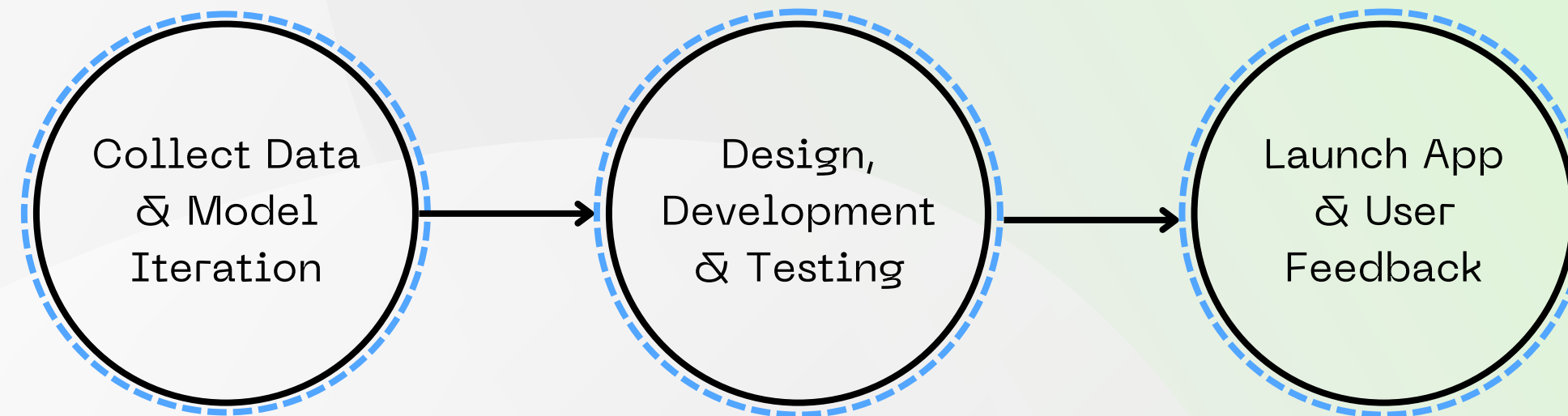


Acquire first  
party data

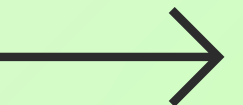
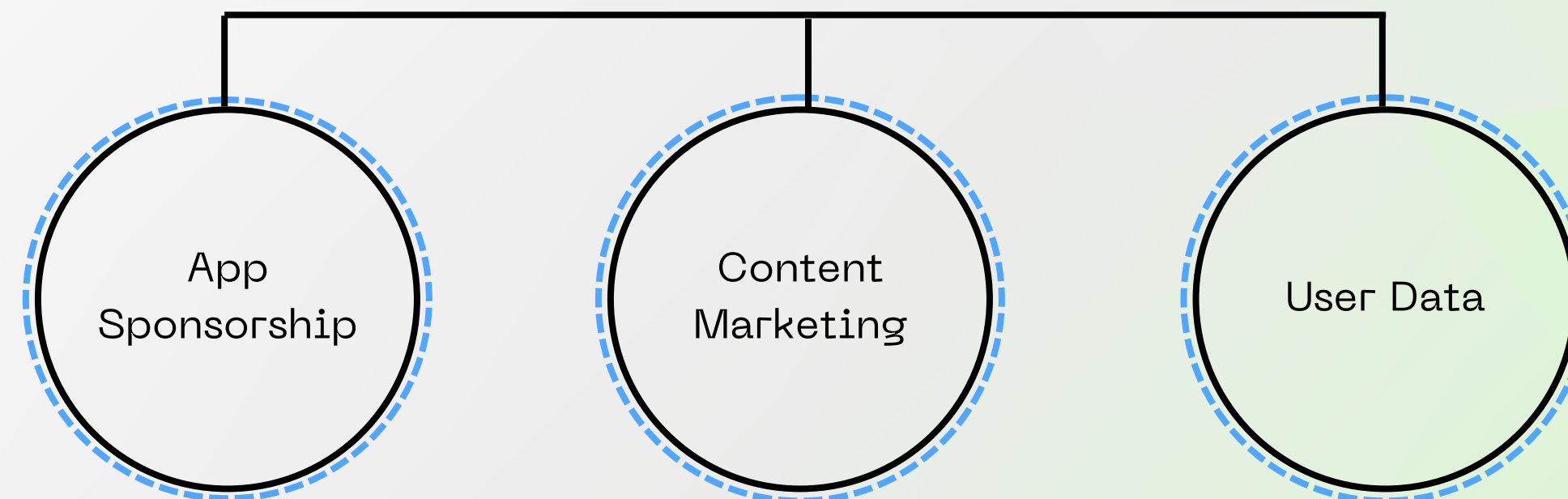




# Next Steps



## Resort/Brand Partnerships



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# Questions?

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