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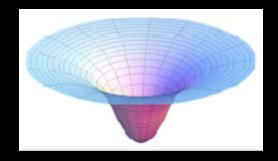
Production Model Deployment

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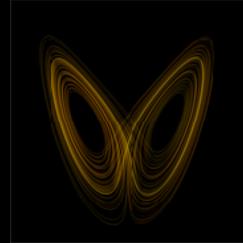
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And other, failed startups





Agenda

MODEL LIFECYCLE

DEPLOYMENT CHALLENGES

SOLUTIONS

THAT THEMSELVES ARE CHALLENGES

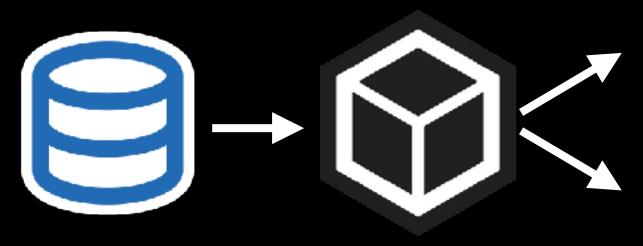
THERE ARE SOLUTIONS TO THOSE TOOM

THEY ARE ALSO CHALLENGING



Model Lifecycle

Black Box Data Scientists



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users-controller: Users Controller

Post /api/1.0/users/

GET /api/1.0/users/all

Response Class (Status 200)

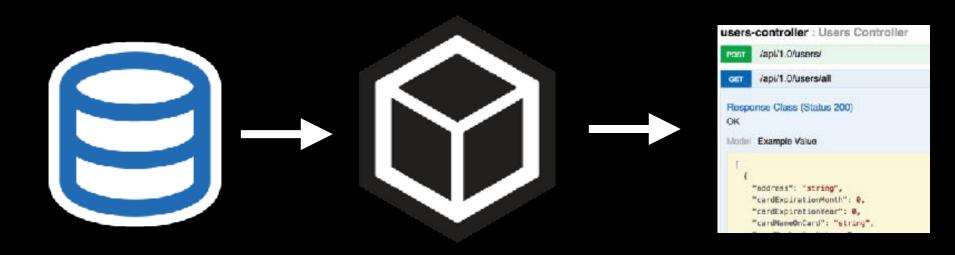
OK

Model Example Value

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    "cardExpirationYear": 8,
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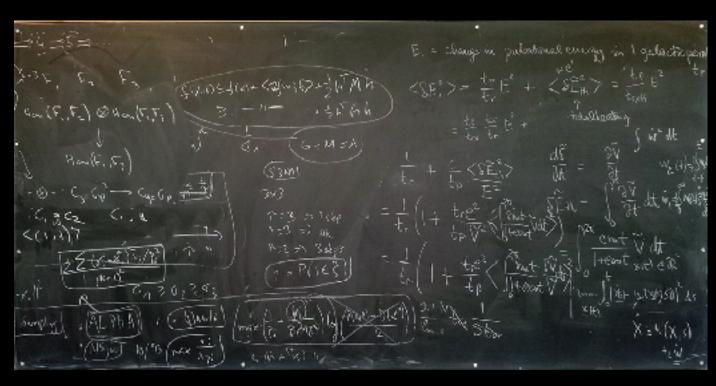


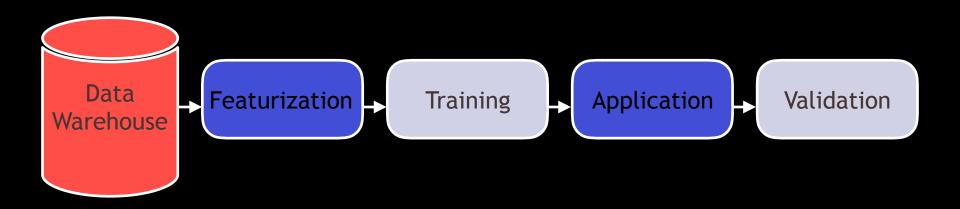
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The Black Box







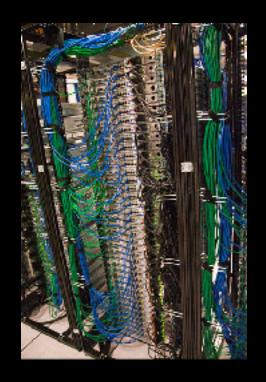
Deploying a Model



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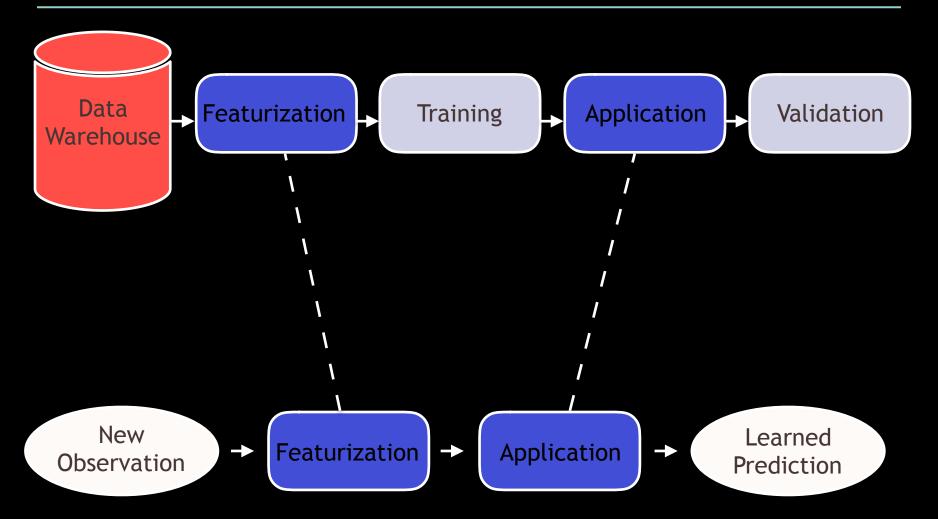
3 Modes of Deployment





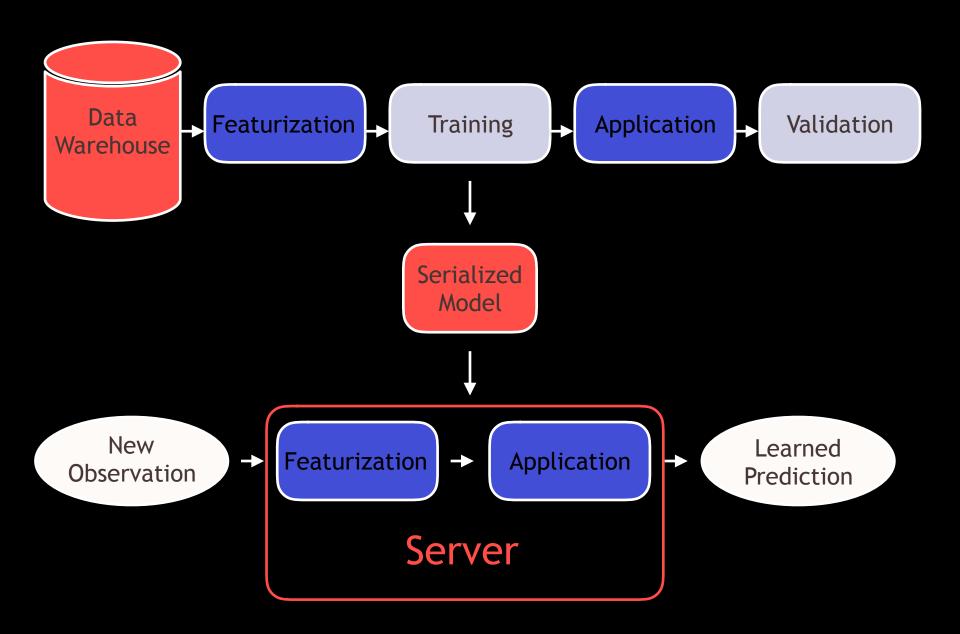


What is a model?



Moving Models





Deployment Challenges & Solutions

3 Questions

Does your model do what you need?

Does it meet your engineering requirements?

Is your team organized to build and support it?

Function?







Useful?

George Box (kind of) said "All models are wrong, some are useful."

Useful?



Continues to be useful?

Forever?





Distribution of features
Distribution of predictions

Continues to be useful?

Forever?



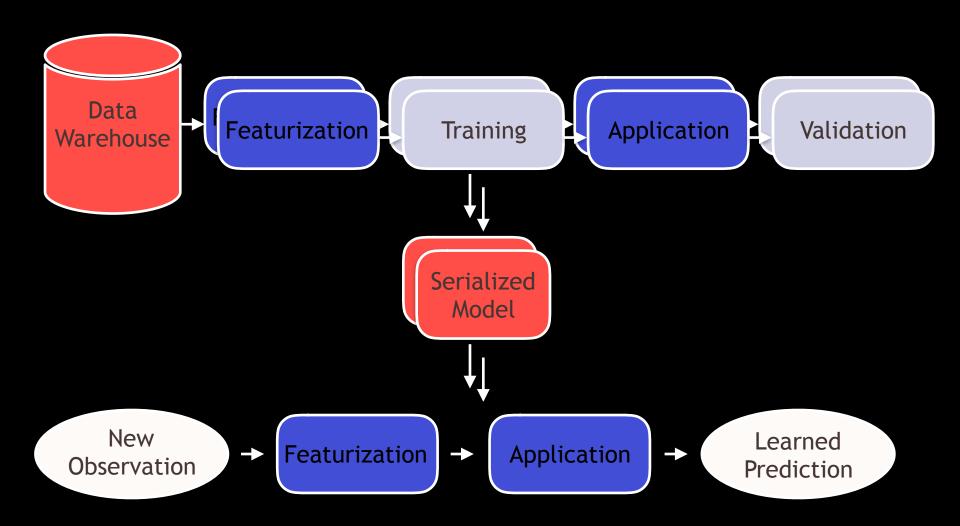


Distribution of features
Distribution of predictions

Pipelines

We don't deploy one model, we deploy the process for repeatedly making more





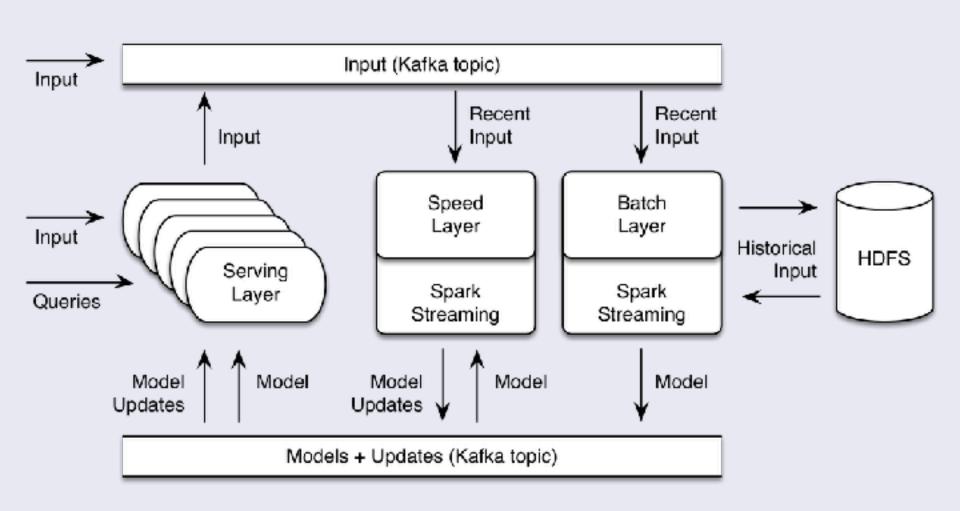
When?

Nightly

Continuously

Scheduled Model Training



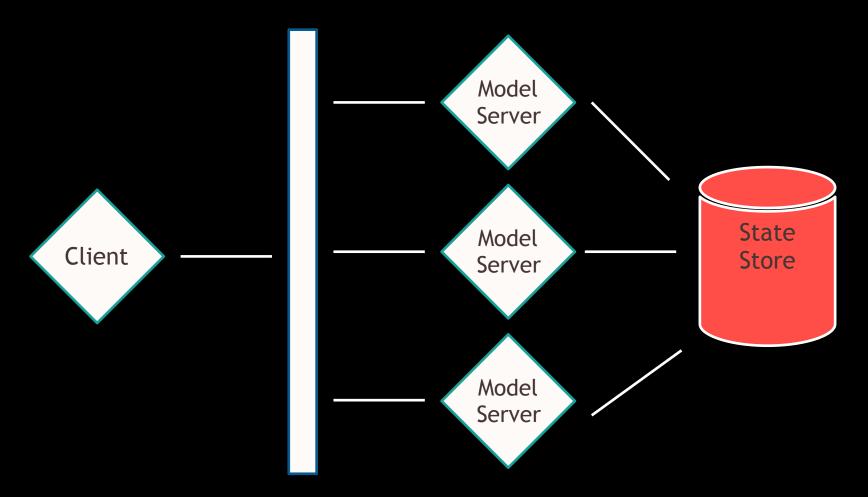


Meets Requirements?

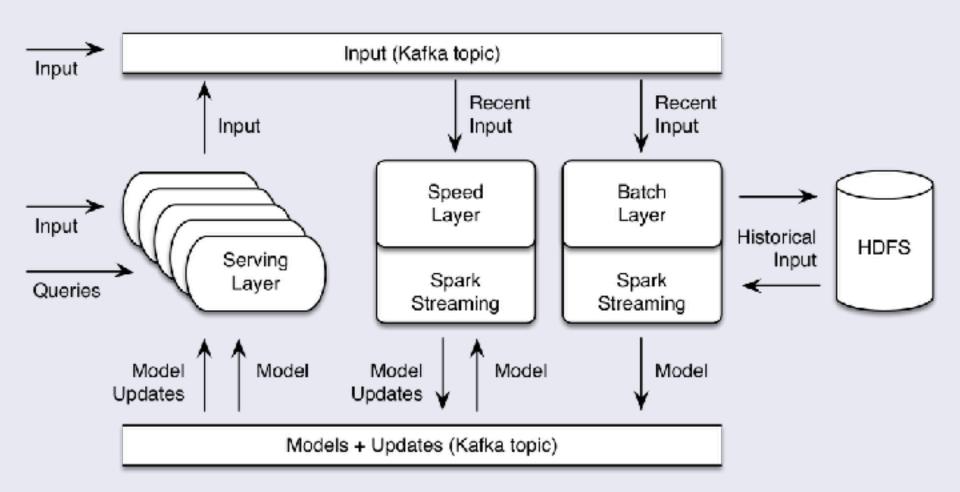


Throughput?

Load Balancer

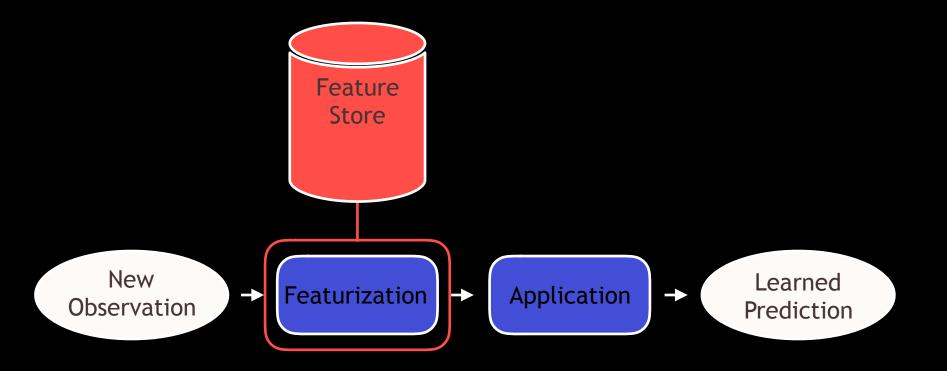


Lambda & Throughput?

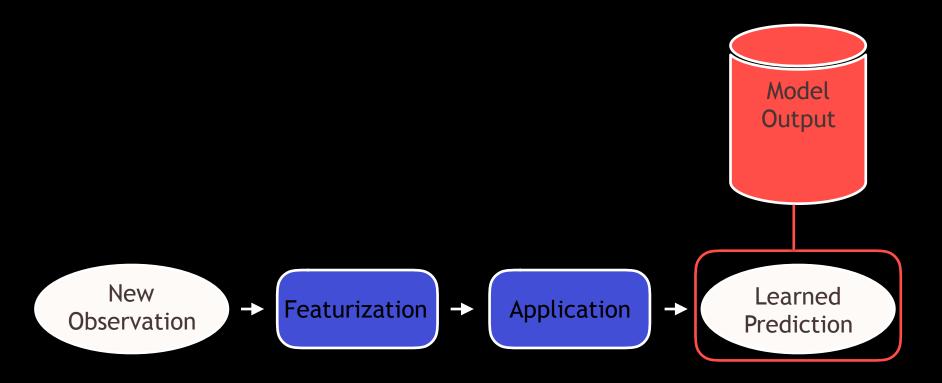




Materialize model features



Materialize model output





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Model Handoff



Model Handoff



Error Prone

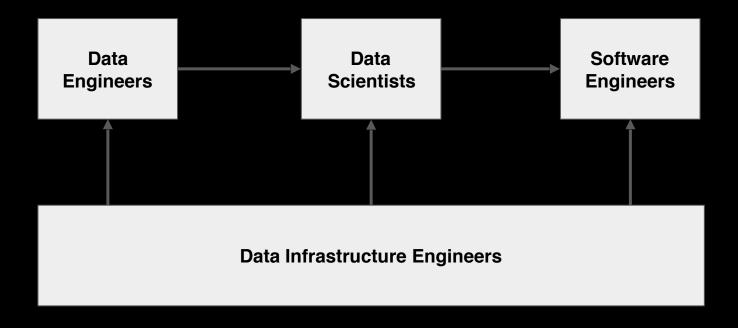


Conway's Law

"organizations which design systems ... are constrained to produce designs which are copies of the communication structures of these organizations."

— M. Conway

Typical Data Science Department



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Data Driven Capability

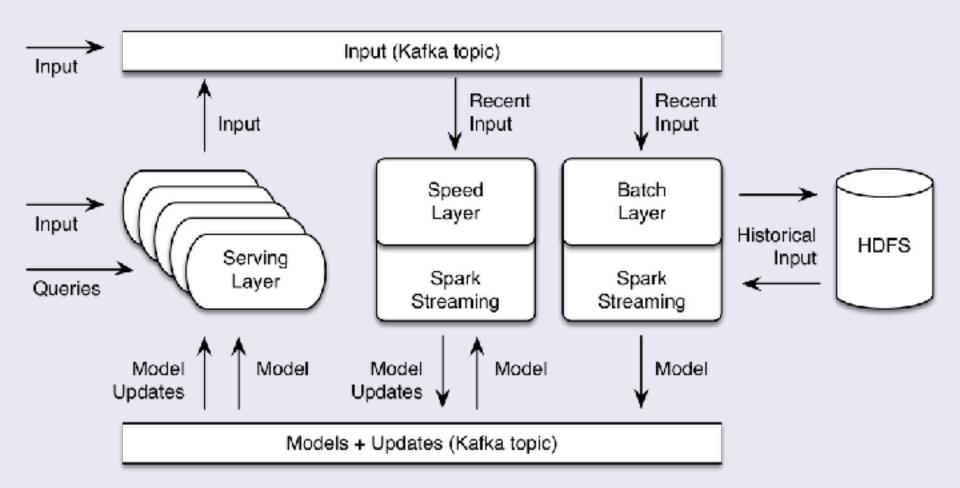
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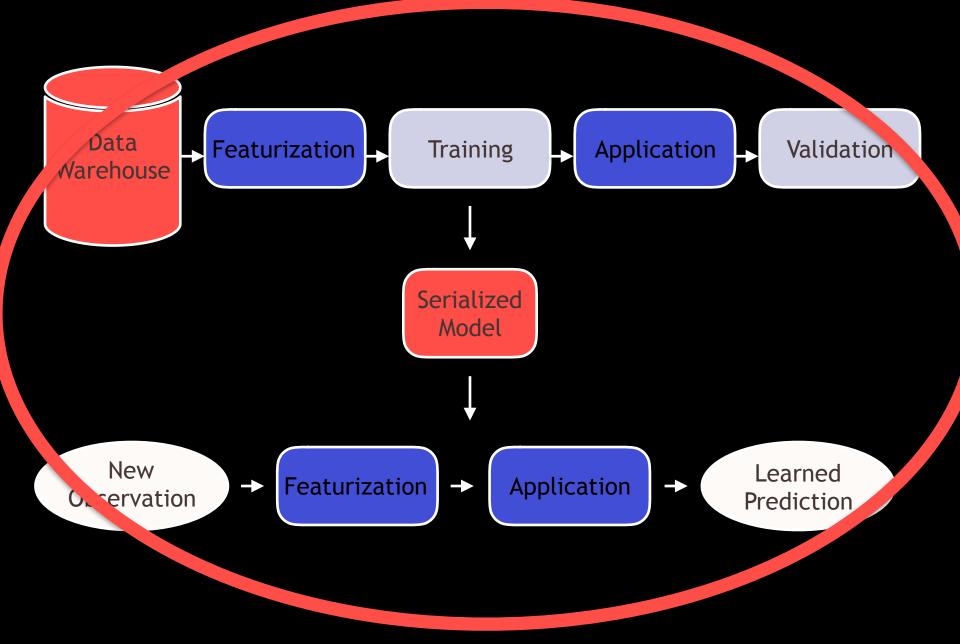
Data Scientists

Software Engineers

Infrastructure Engineers

Lambda & Team Structure

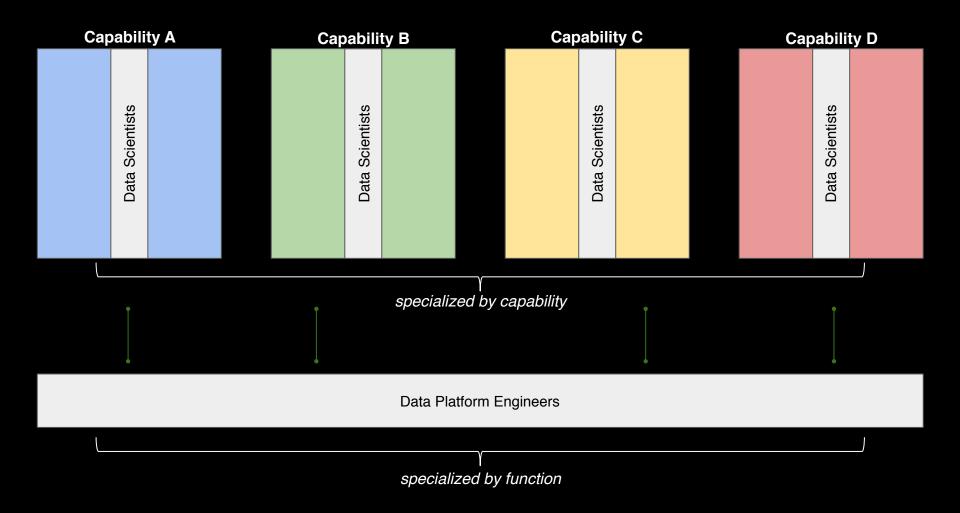


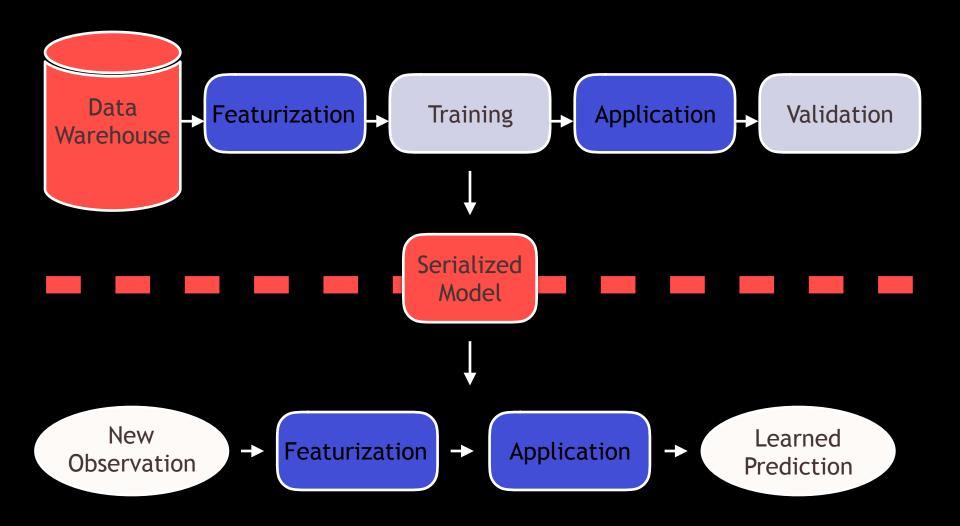


Fix Model Handoff?



Capabilities



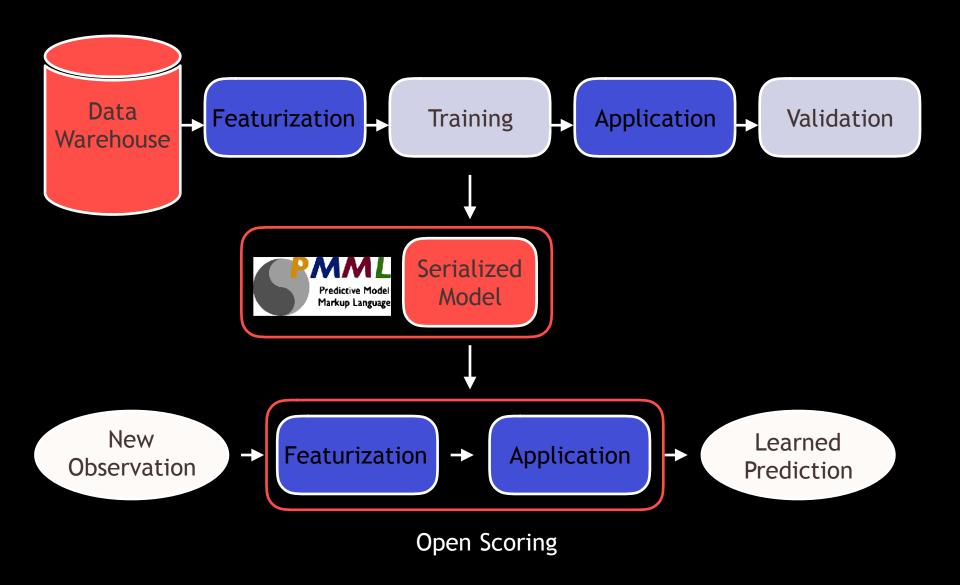


Open Standards



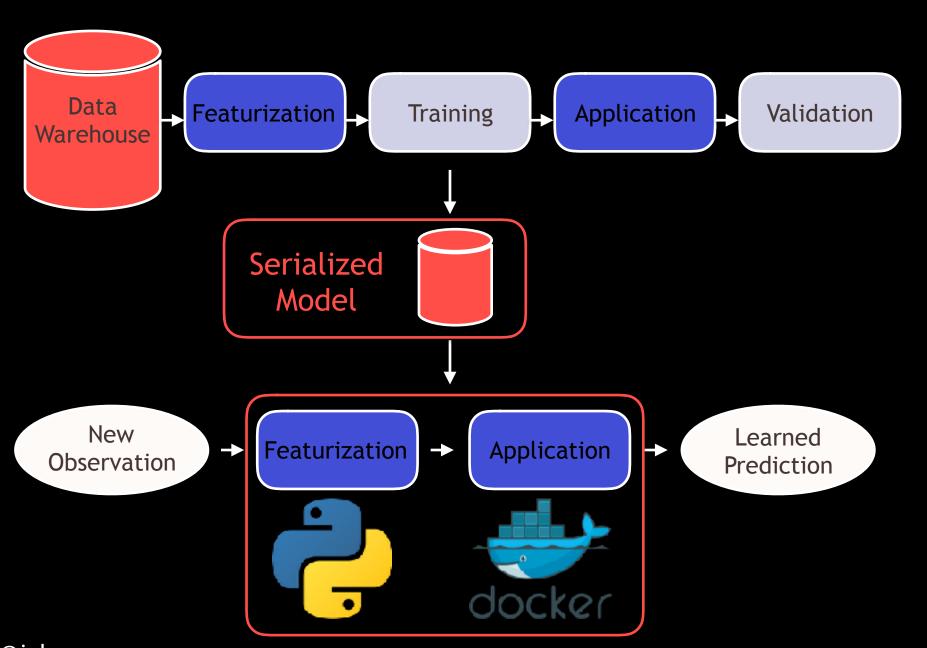
Open Scoring

HTTP method	Endpoint	Required role(s)	Description
GET	/model	-	Get the summaries of all models
POST	/model	admin	Deploy a model
PUT	/model/\${id}	admin	Deploy a model
GET	/model/\${id}	-	Get the summary of a model
GET	/model/\${id}/pmml	admin	Download a model as a PMML document
POST	/model/\${id}	-	Evaluate data in "single prediction" mode
POST	/model/\${id}/batch	-	Evaluate data in "batch prediction" mode
POST	/model/\${id}/csv	-	Evaluate data in "CSV prediction" mode
DELETE	/model/\${id}	admin	Undeploy a model



Open Standards, Limited Choices

Mining Model Naïve Bayes k-NN Neural Network Regression Rule Sets Scorecards SVM



Does the model...

Do the thing you want it to?

- Functionality
- Usefulness
- Both continually

Meet your requirements?

- Throughput
- Latency
- Freshness

Is your team...

Organized in a way that supports your system and its requirements?



Thanks!

