

# Data Science Workstations

The Missing Link to Productivity?

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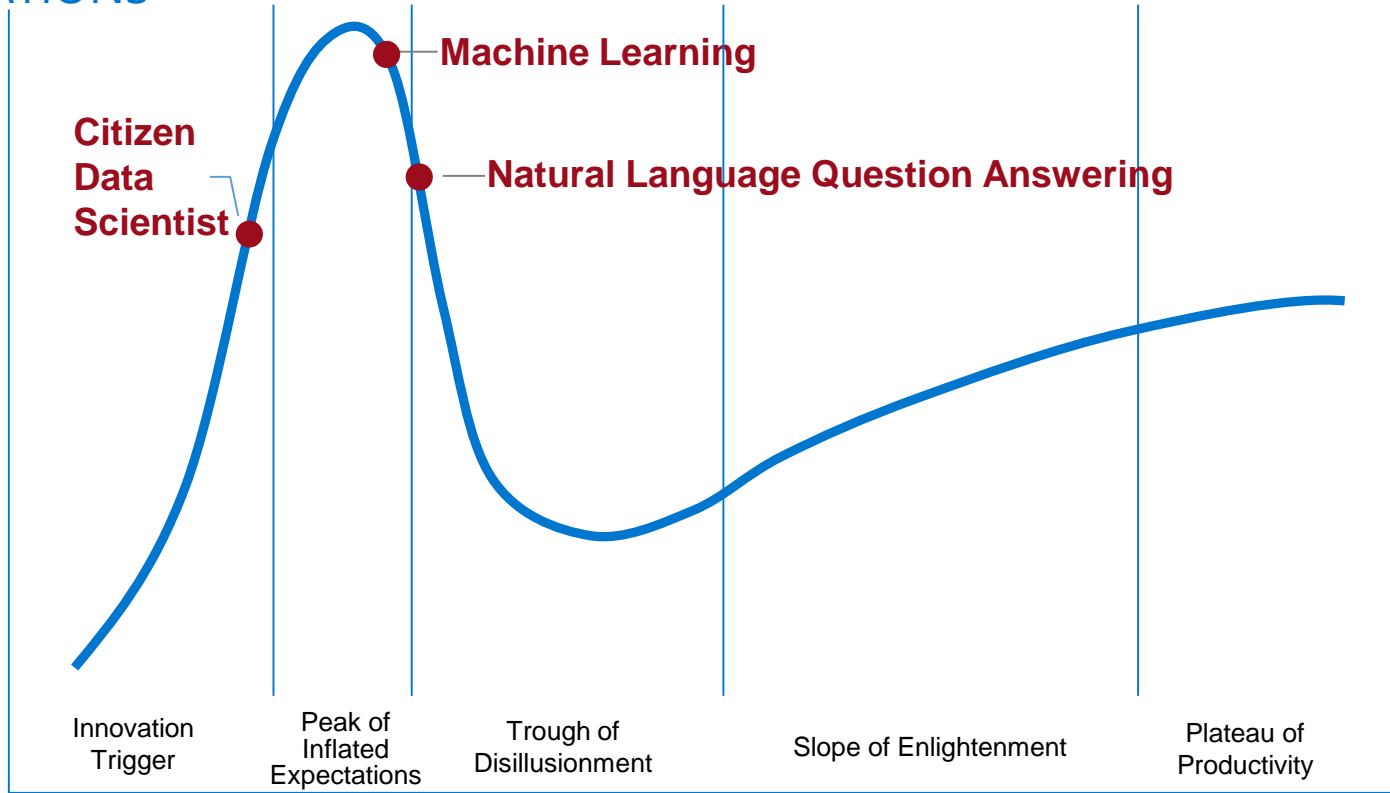
# Introduction

The AI/ML Journey courtesy Gartner Hype Cycle



# Gartner Emerging Tech Hype Cycle - 2015

## EXPECTATIONS



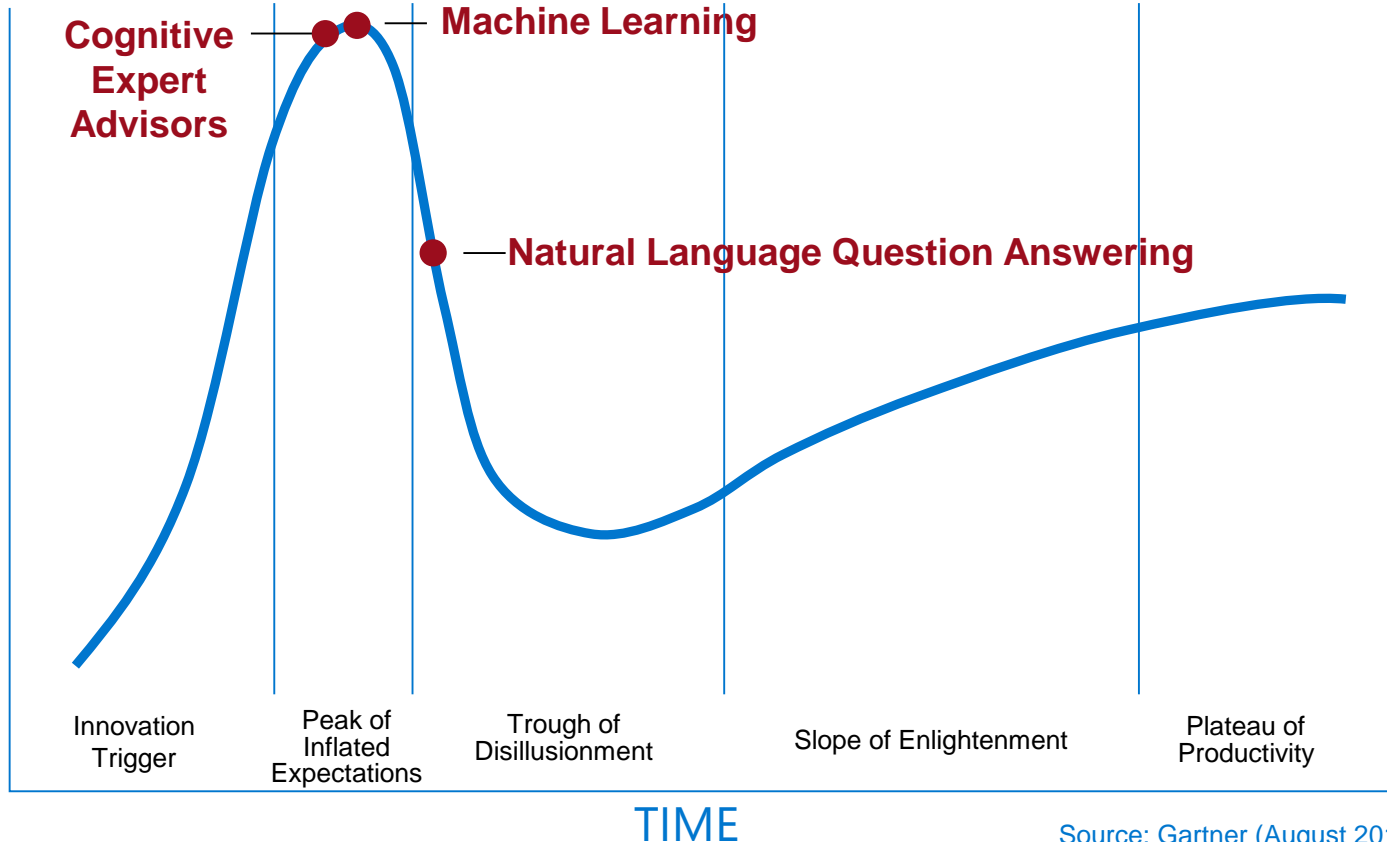
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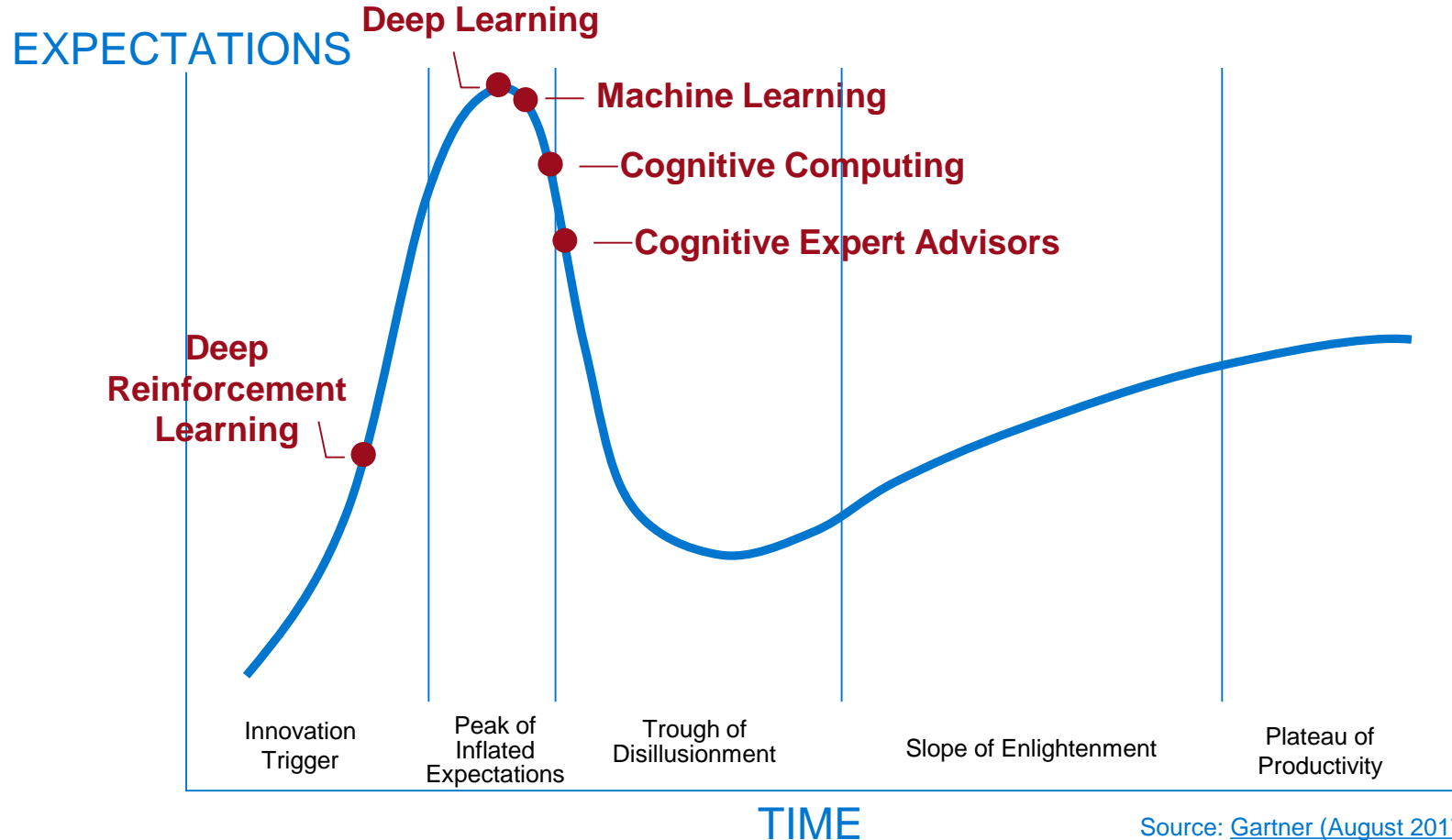
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# Gartner Emerging Tech Hype Cycle - 2017

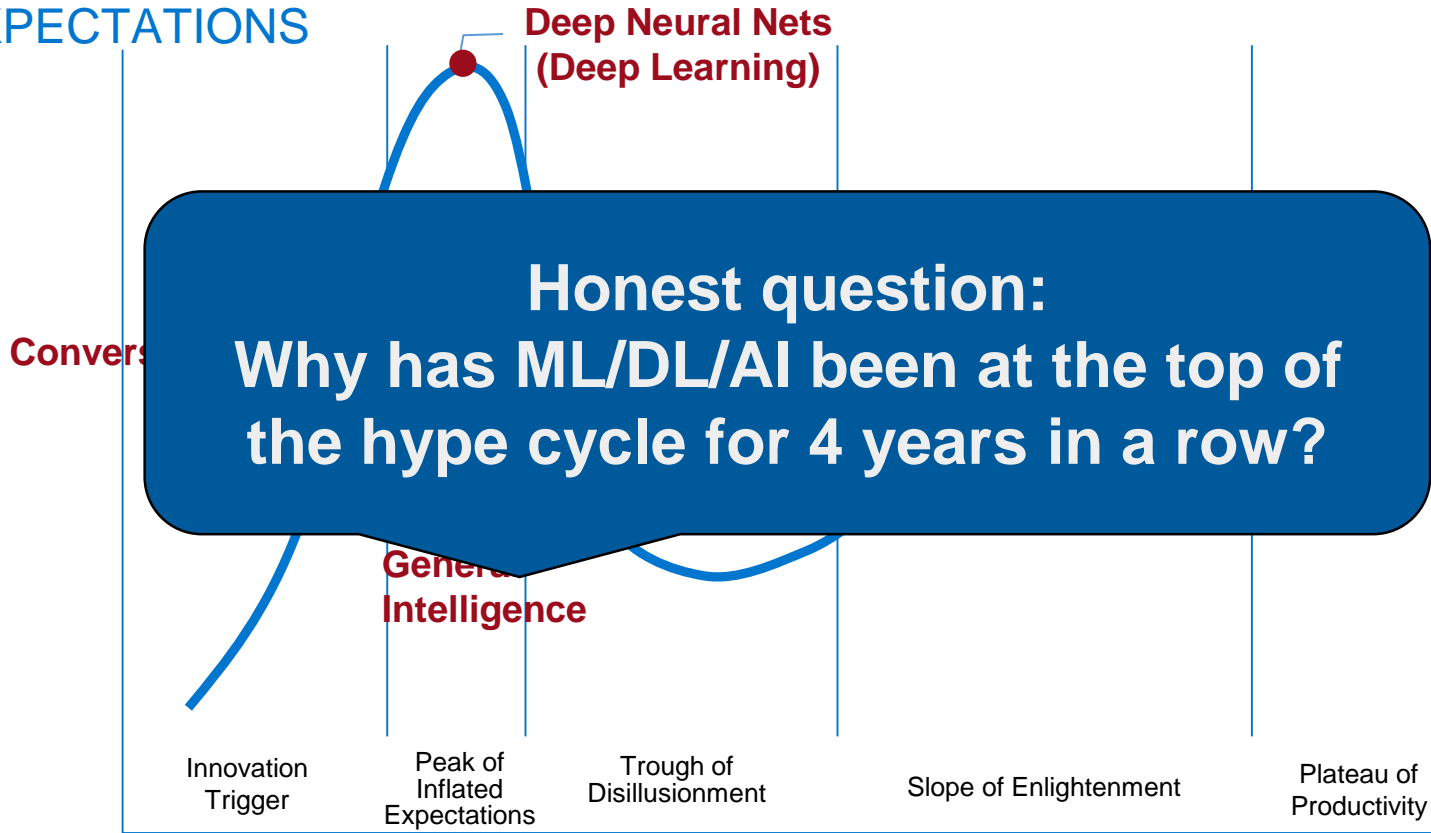


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# Gartner Emerging Tech Hype Cycle - 2018

EXPECTATIONS

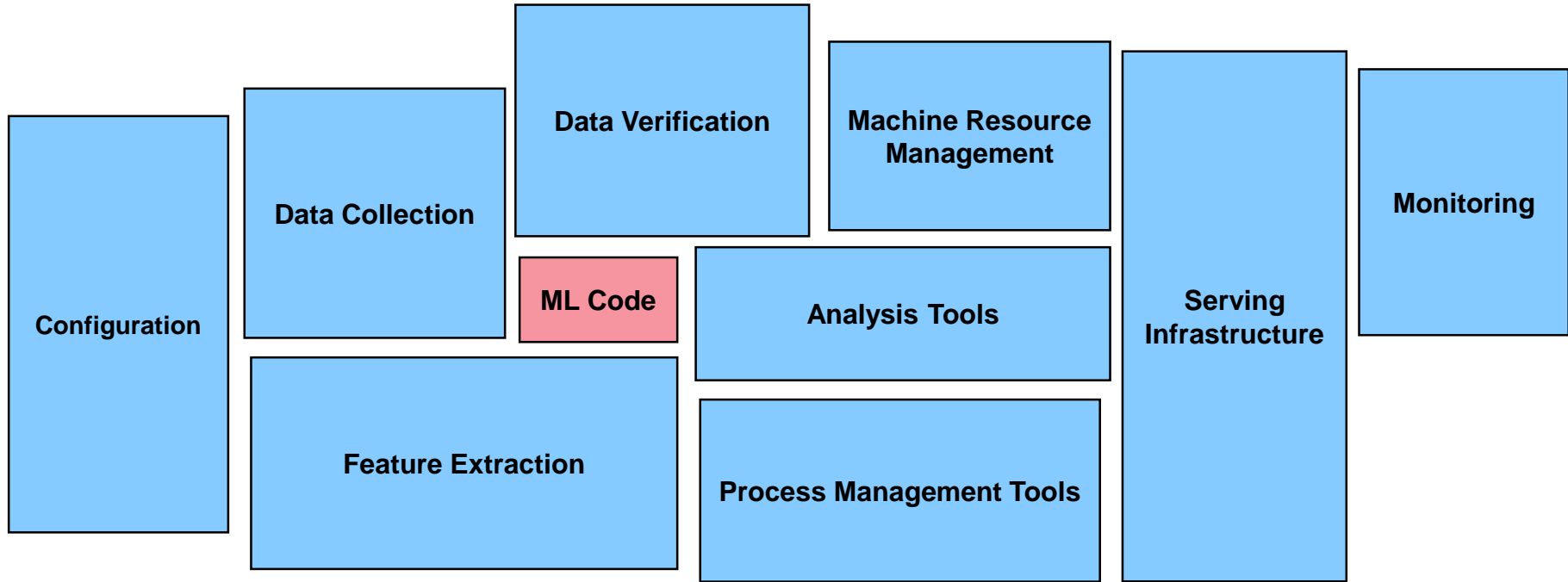


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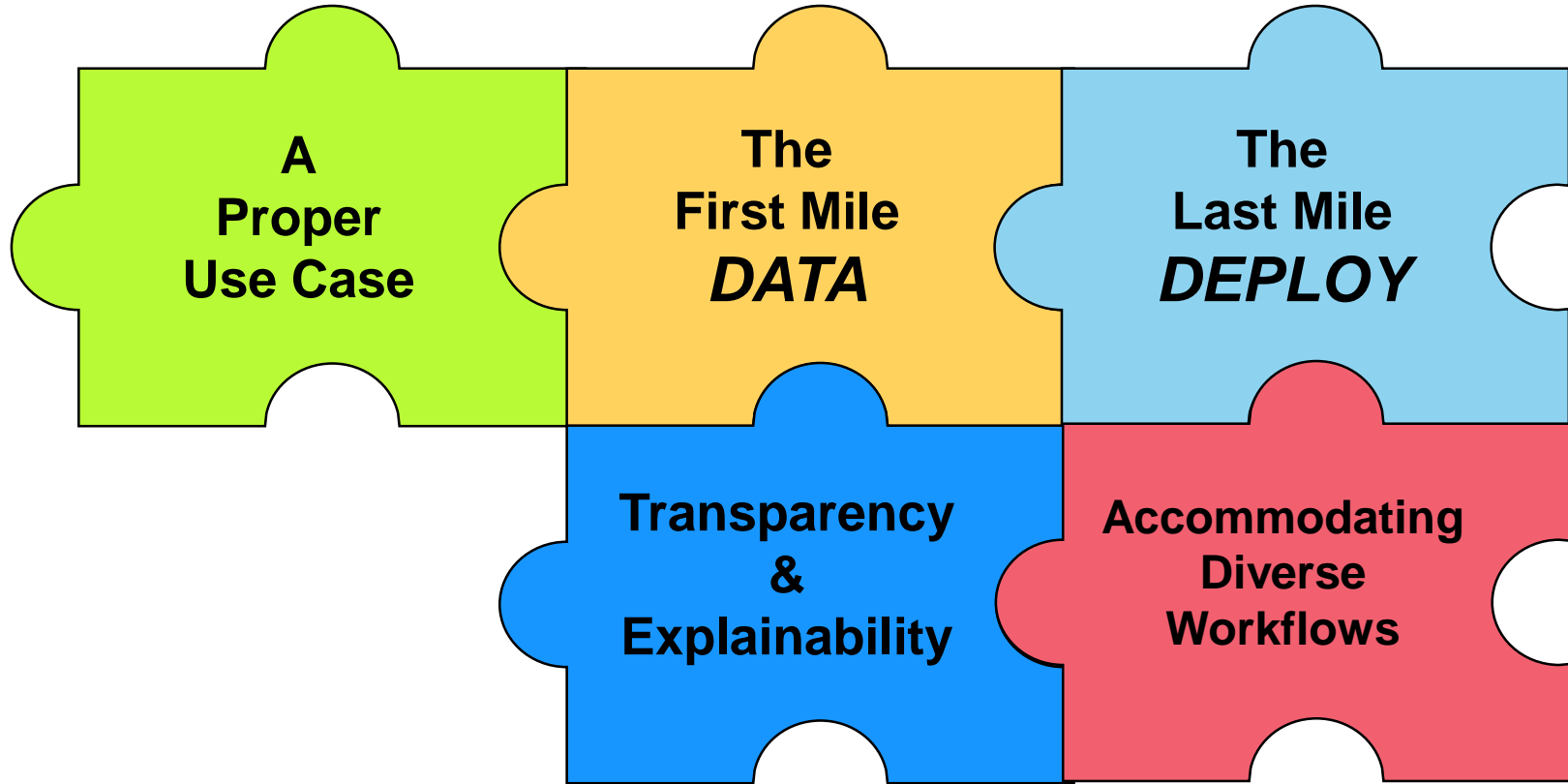
# ~~SOEYED~~ ~~NOTSOEYED~~



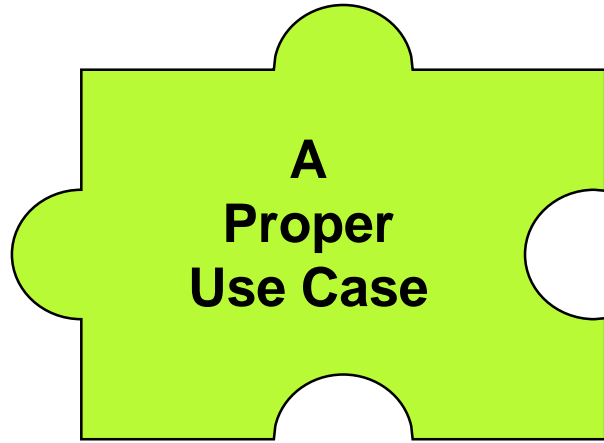
[“Hidden Technical Debt in Machine Learning Systems”](#)—Sculley et al, Google



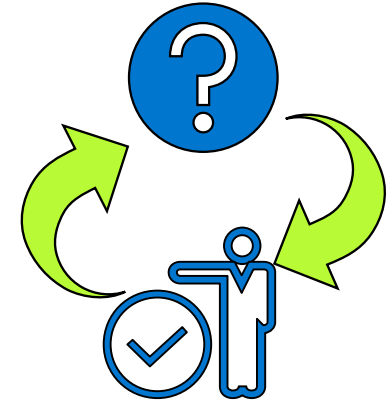
# 5 Pieces of the Unsolved Puzzle







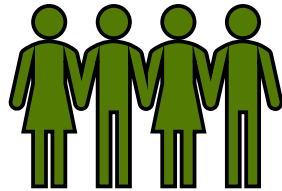
Same Question(s)  
Asked



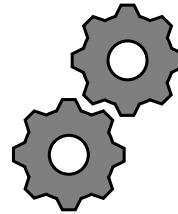
Repeatable Decision  
in point in time



Measurable  
Outcome



Human Capital  
Constrained

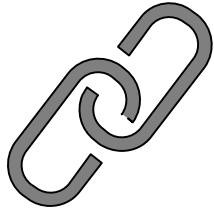


IT-Supportable  
(Batch, Real-time)

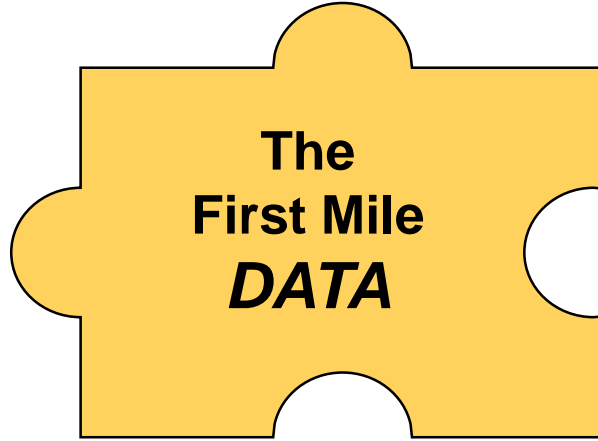


Starting with  
Wrong Problems

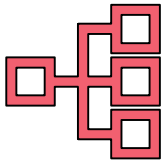
# Make Data Come A.L.I.V.E. !



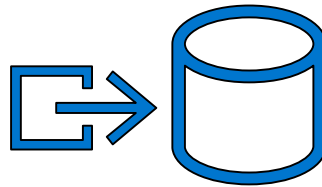
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**E**nhancement



**L**ineage



**I**ngestion



**V**alidation



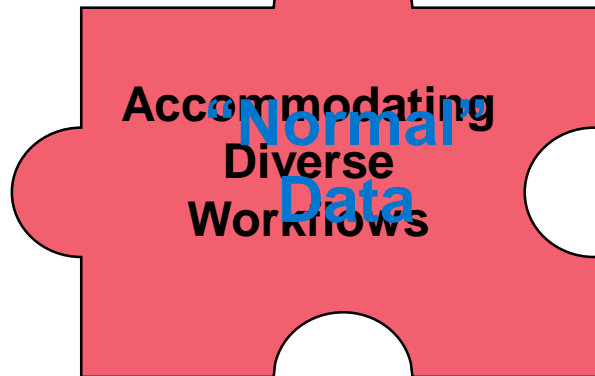
# What's Your (Data) Problem?

Workflow depends on the data, right?



**Big Data**

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# Forrester Study

Respondents site the following reasons for using workstations in AI workloads:

- **Price/Performance**
- **R&D w/ Flexible Timelines**
- **Offload server demand**

Workstations are essential as a development platform:

## DEVELOPING AI APPLICATIONS



Base: N 210 AI & Workstation decision-makers in North American companies with 100+ employees  
Source: A commissioned study conducted by Forrester Consulting on behalf of Dell, April 2018



# Data Science Workflow Considerations

- Resources
- Experimentation
- Agility
- Scaling
- Performance



# Resource Considerations

Will  
resources  
available?

## Reality:

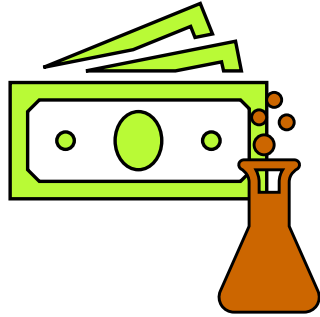
If Data Scientists are having to think about these questions, they are **not thinking about solving the business problems!**

How much  
will this  
cost?

How long  
will  
this take?



# Experimentation Considerations



Science,  
Experimentation,  
and  
Risk-taking



The  
Lower-cost,  
“All-Inclusive”  
Alternative

# Agility Considerations



EDA  
&  
Baseline Modeling

Before Deep Learning, there were techniques like:

- Chunking
- Subsampling
- Stratification

Surprisingly, they are still rather successful today for:

- Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)
- Feature Engineering
- Baseline Model Building



DASK



data.table



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# Scaling Considerations (Containers)

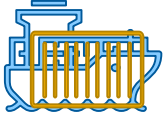
Containers lend themselves

- **Reproducibility**
- **Portability**
- **Streamlined Model Deployment**

Containers possess:

- **Data Science libraries and toolkits with complex dependencies**
- **Ability to simplify DevOps demands**

IT (Container Ship)



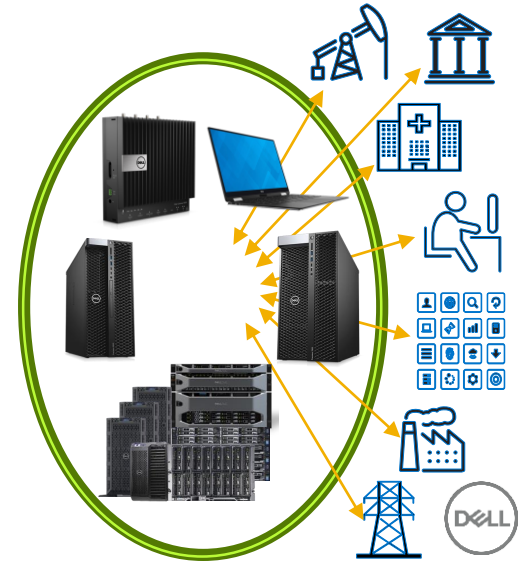
Dell EMC Storage



Dell Precision Workstations

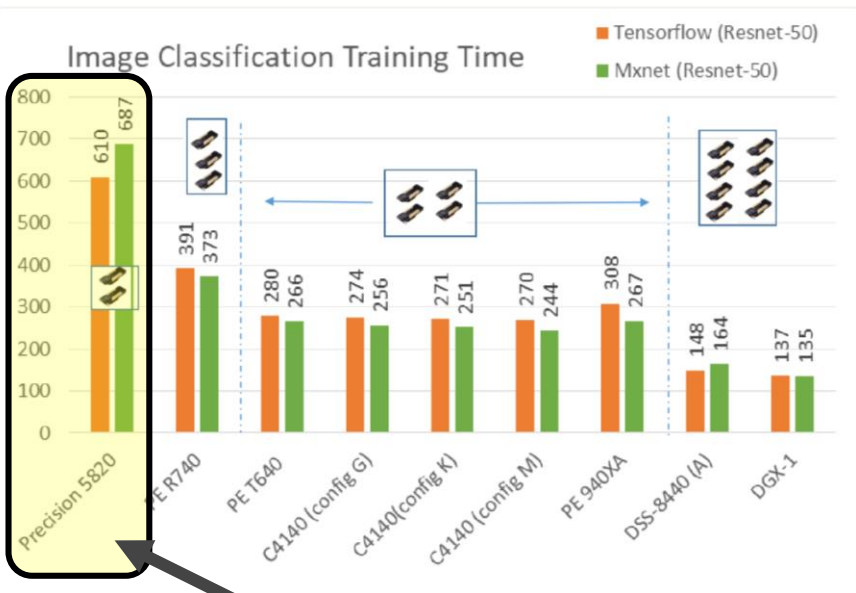


Dell EMC PowerEdge



# Performance Considerations

2-8 GPU server provide adequate performance to train complex state of the art models in reasonable time



Use Cases: Security Cameras, Facial Recognition, Tagging Photos, Autonomous Driving, Customer Service, Retail etc

Train the Resnet50 model from scratch to target accuracy (74.9%)

**~10 hours for Resnet50 (2 x GV100)**



# Success Considerations

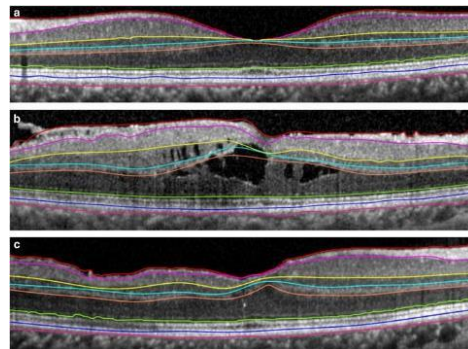


## Revolutionizing Ophthalmic Image Analysis

- Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) allows for 3-D imaging of the Eye
- Neuro-degenerative diseases can be detected via OCT images (Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, ALS, MS, etc.)
- Using Dell Precision Workstations w/ NVIDIA GV100 graphics cards, Voxeleron has trained Deep Convolutional Neural Networks to detect known neuro-degenerative pathologies and incorporate these models into their InSight and InSight3D software for primary-care ophthalmologists.



OCT Data Collection



OCT Retinal Layer Thickness



# Success Considerations



Transforming Business with AI in weeks not years ... with existing teams

Image preview:



Get prediction:  
http POST SURL/v2/workflow/ce7ff01411f4434d9ae49471e451f994/RealtimeResult  
image\_url=\${IMAGE\_URL} X-API-KEY=\${API\_KEY}

Response:  
HTTP/1.1 200 OK  
Connection: keep-alive  
Content-Length: 19546  
Content-Type: application/json  
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Via: 1.1 b70ae87076eae3722ae29e8c96b9e4.cloudfront.net (CloudFront)  
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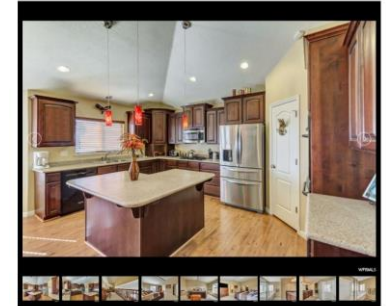
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Dev-friendly response

- The World's Only Unstructured Database
  - An AI system in a box.
- No data scientist necessary to build deep learning models.
  - A data engineer retrieves the data.
  - A domain expert ensures that value is being derived
- Models capable of being trained with mixed structure data (relational, image, audio, video, etc.)
  - Car damage – image, structured vehicle information
  - Home values – images, geospatial, structured data
- Using Dell Precision Workstations w/ NVIDIA GV100s in Proof of Concept engagements with customers.
- 20k rows x 6 million features -> trained in a day

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Estimate Mortgage 4 Beds 4 Baths 4113 Sq Ft

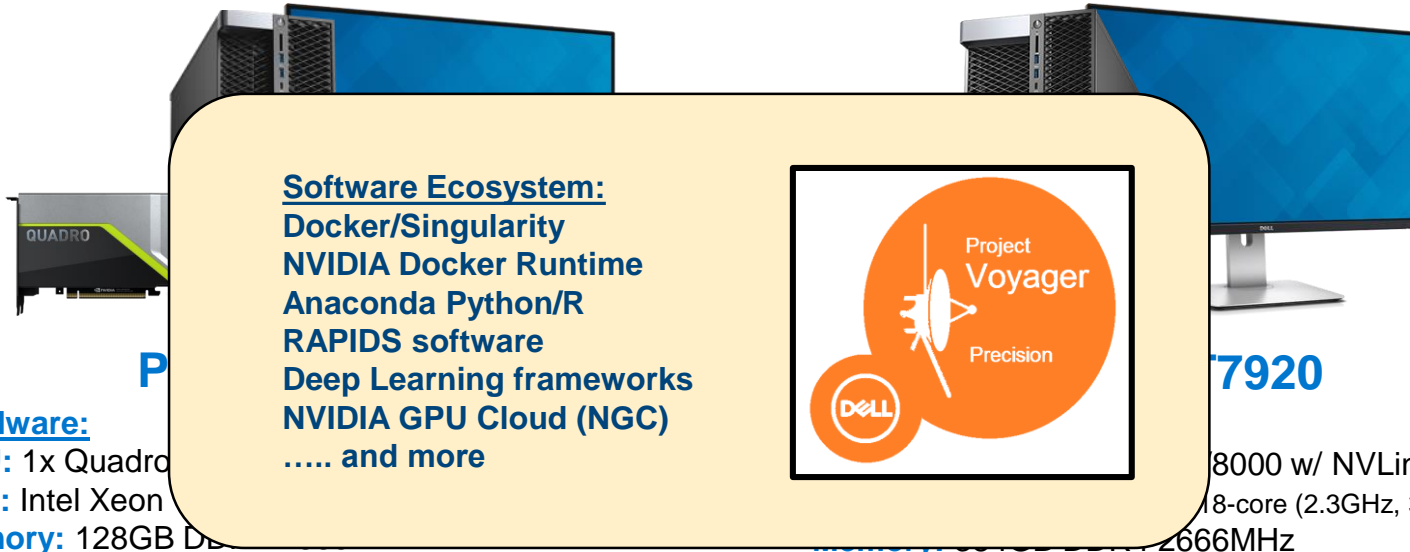
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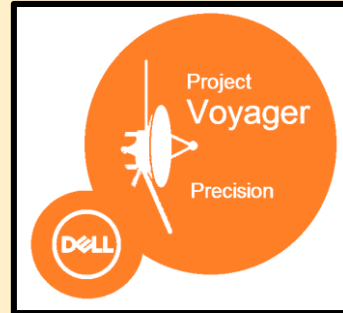
Predicted house price  
Structured only: r=0.6  
ZIFF Holistic: r=0.92



# Dell Workstation Offerings



**Software Ecosystem:**  
Docker/Singularity  
NVIDIA Docker Runtime  
Anaconda Python/R  
RAPIDS software  
Deep Learning frameworks  
NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)  
..... and more



## Hardware:

**GPU:** 1x Quadro

**CPU:** Intel Xeon

**Memory:** 128GB D

**HDD 1:** M.2 1TB PCIe NVME Class 40 SSD

**HDD 2:** 3.5" 4TB 7200rpm Nearline SAS HDD

**OS:** Ubuntu 16.04

**7920**

8000 w/ NVLink (48GB/96GB)

8-core (2.3GHz, 3.7GHz turbo)

2666MHz

**HDD 1:** M.2 1TB PCIe NVME Class 40 SSD

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# Dell Mobile Workstation Offerings



## Precision 5530

### Hardware:

**CPU:** Intel Xeon E-2176M, 6-core (2.7GHz, 4.4GHz turbo)

Or

**CPU:** Intel Core i9-8950HK, 6-core (2.9GHz, 4.8GHz turbo)

**Memory:** 64GB DDR4 2666MHz

**HDD :** M.2 1TB PCIe NVME Class 40 SSD

**OS:** Ubuntu 18.04



## Precision 7730

### Hardware:

**GPU:** NVIDIA Quadro P5200, 16GB GPU memory

**CPU:** Intel Xeon E-2186M, 6-core (2.9GHz, 4.8GHz turbo)

Or

**CPU:** Intel Core i9-8950HK, 6-core (2.9GHz, 4.8GHz turbo)

**Memory:** 128GB DDR4 2666MHz

**HDD :** M.2 1TB PCIe NVME Class 40 SSD

**OS:** Ubuntu 18.04



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