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# Fraud detection: Using ML to identify and manage fraudulent activities

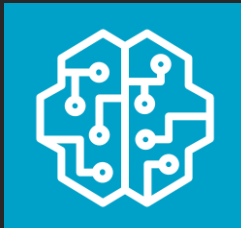
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# Agenda



Amazon fraud learnings



Machine learning and fraud



Amazon Fraud Detector



Demo



Go build

# Amazon fraud learnings



Amazon has over 20 years of experience dealing with fraud

# Payment fraud in Australia

A light gray silhouette of the map of Australia is centered on a dark gray background. Overlaid on the center of the map is the text "\$574M" in a large, bold, orange font.

**\$574M**

# Payments in Australia

\$789B



Relative size of  
payment fraud

# Amazon's fraud experience



# Fraud comes in all shapes and forms

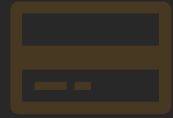


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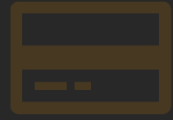
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## Abuse

- Free tier misuse
- Premium phone number

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Real-time

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Data

All pillar generate and exchange data

Raw data for training models

Data analyses for research and  
to inform how to modify rules

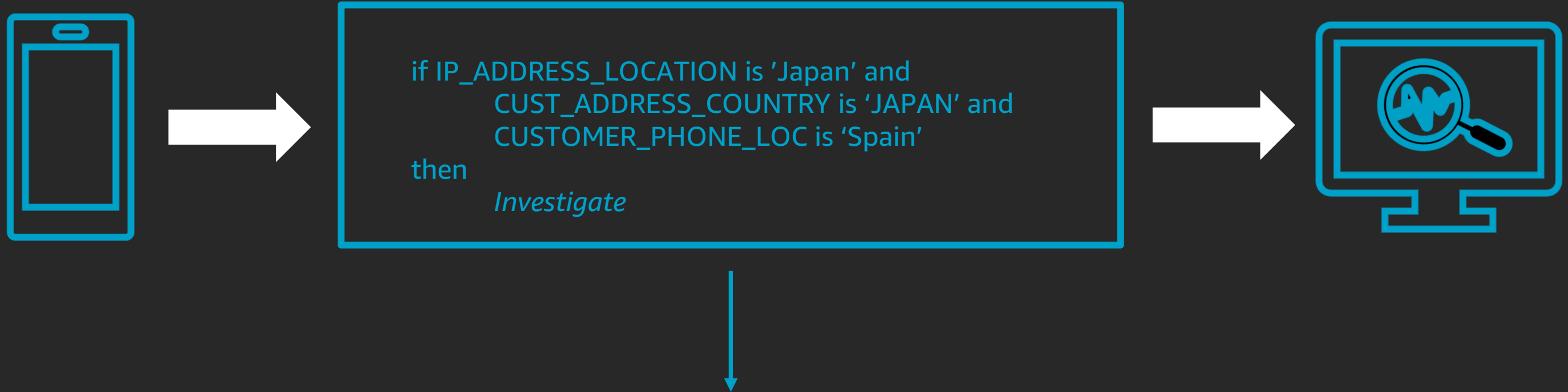
# Machine learning and fraud



Machine learning enables adaptive fraud systems that perform well in a rapidly changing fraud landscape

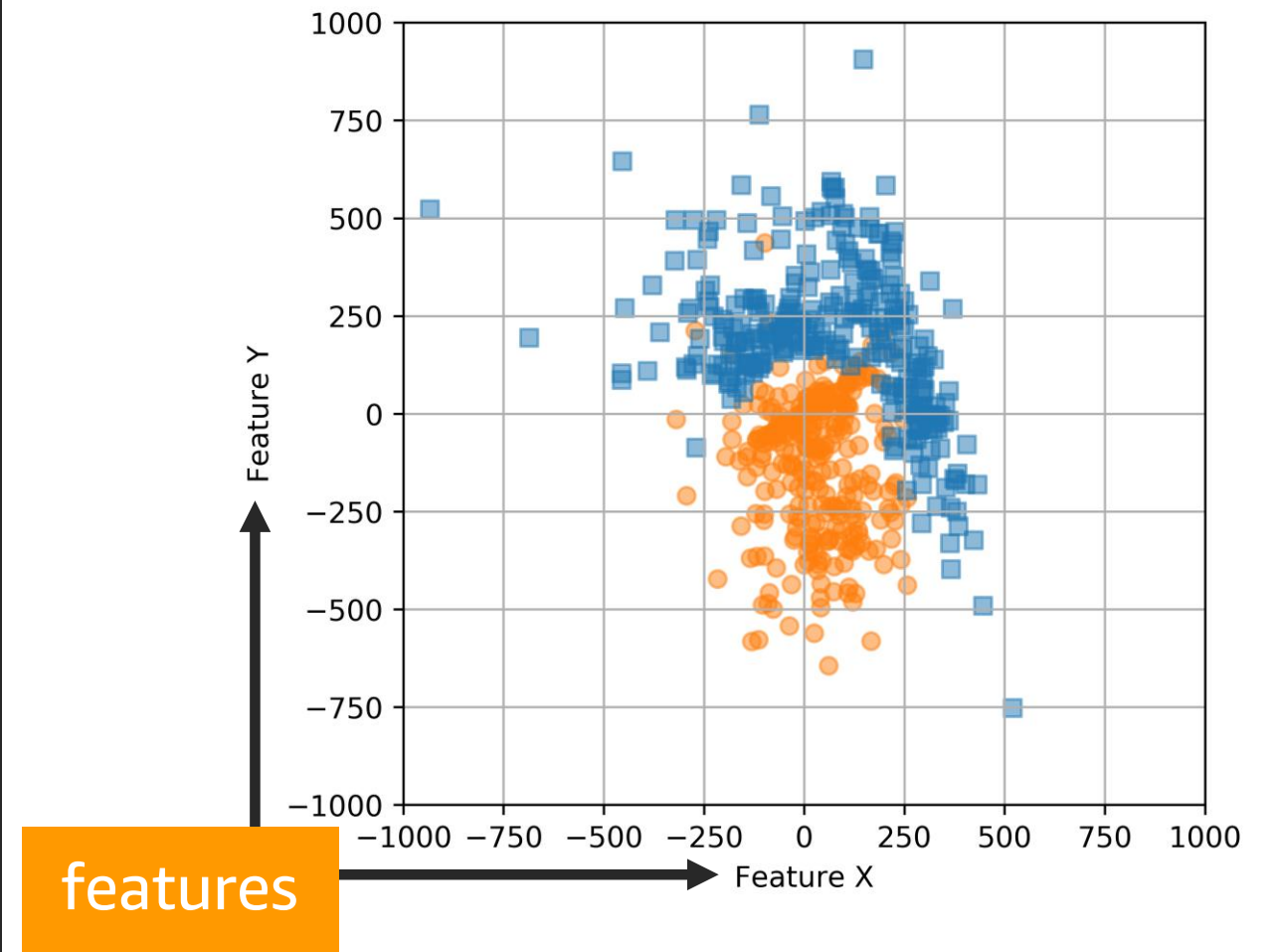
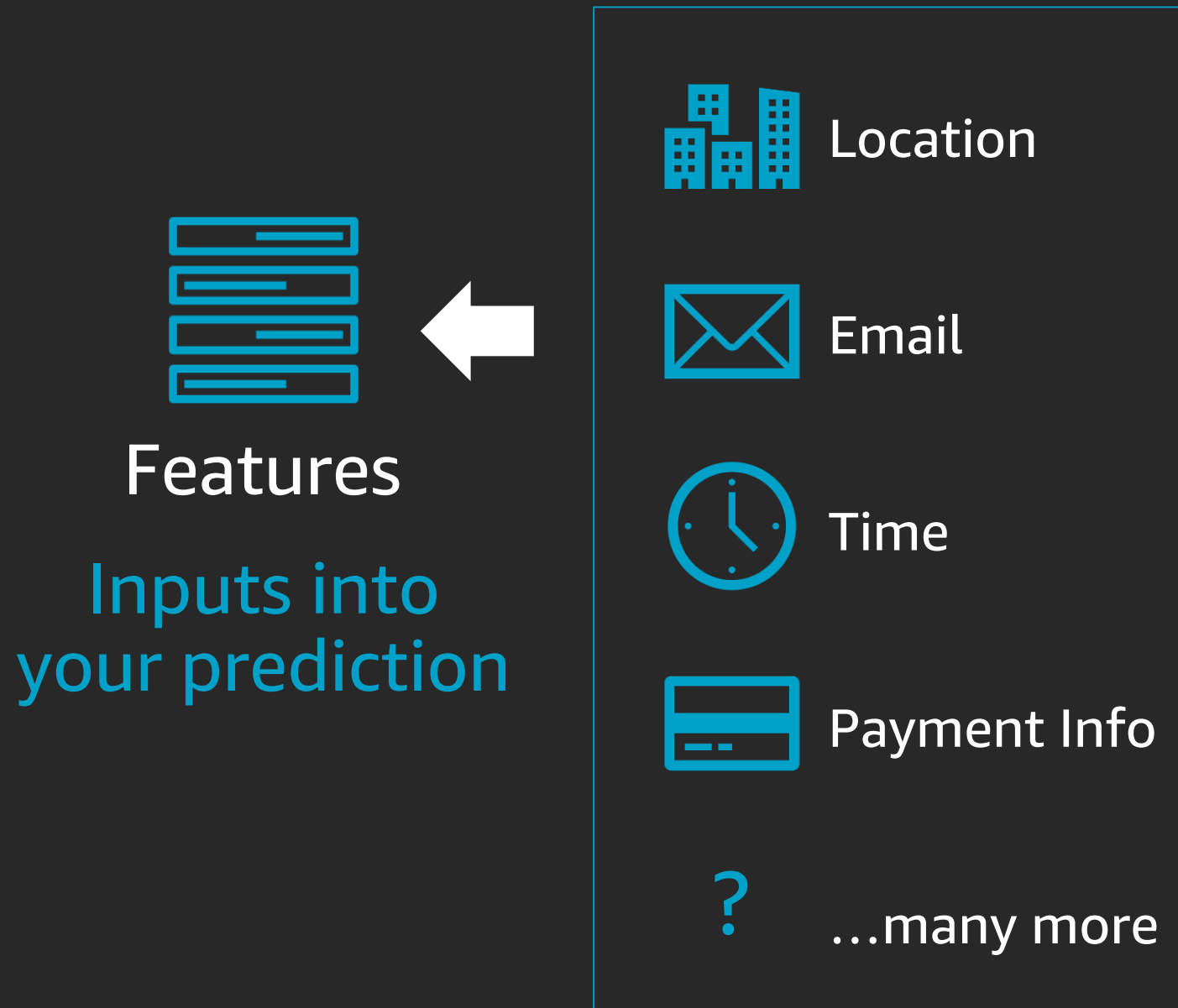


# Fraud detection with rules



Low detection rates = Bad customer experience and increased fraud loss  
High false detection = Customer friction and higher investigation costs

# Supervised machine learning

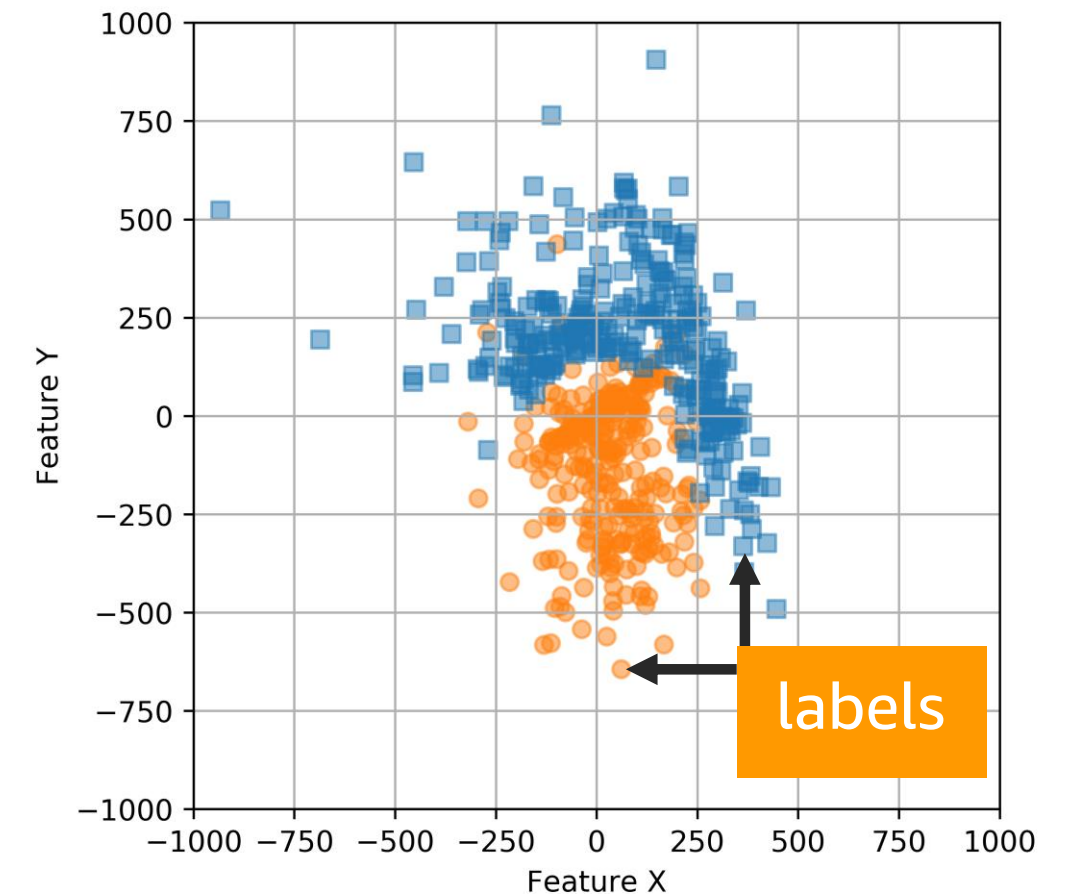
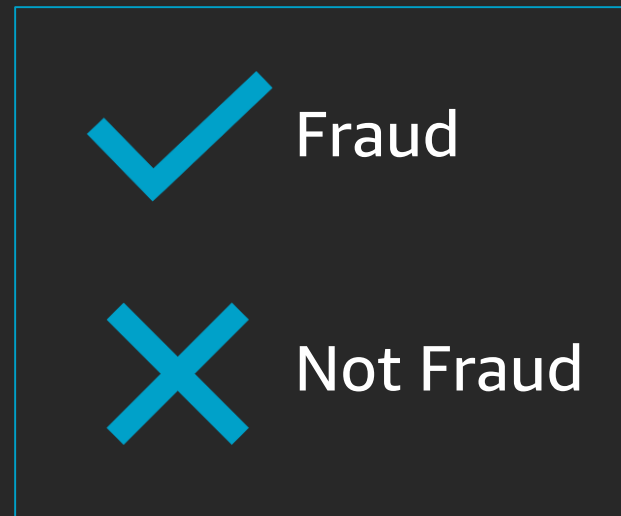
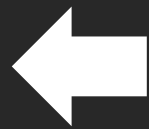


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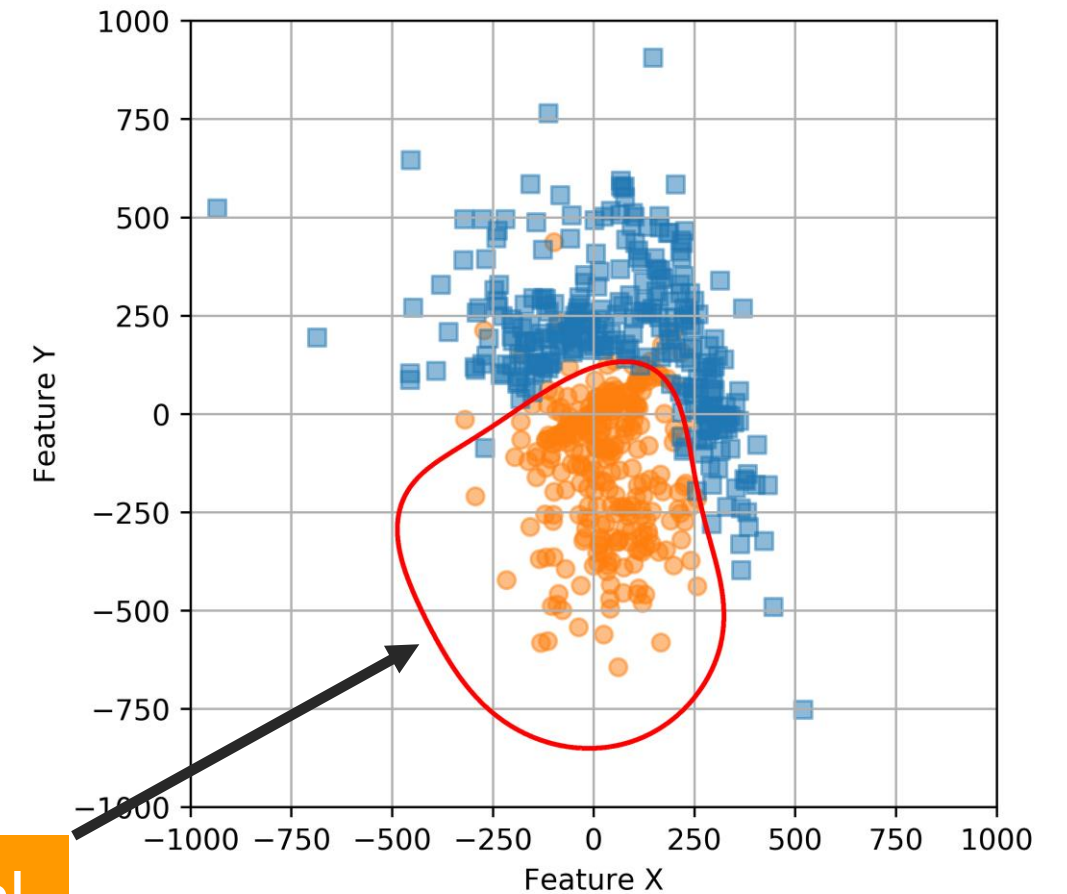
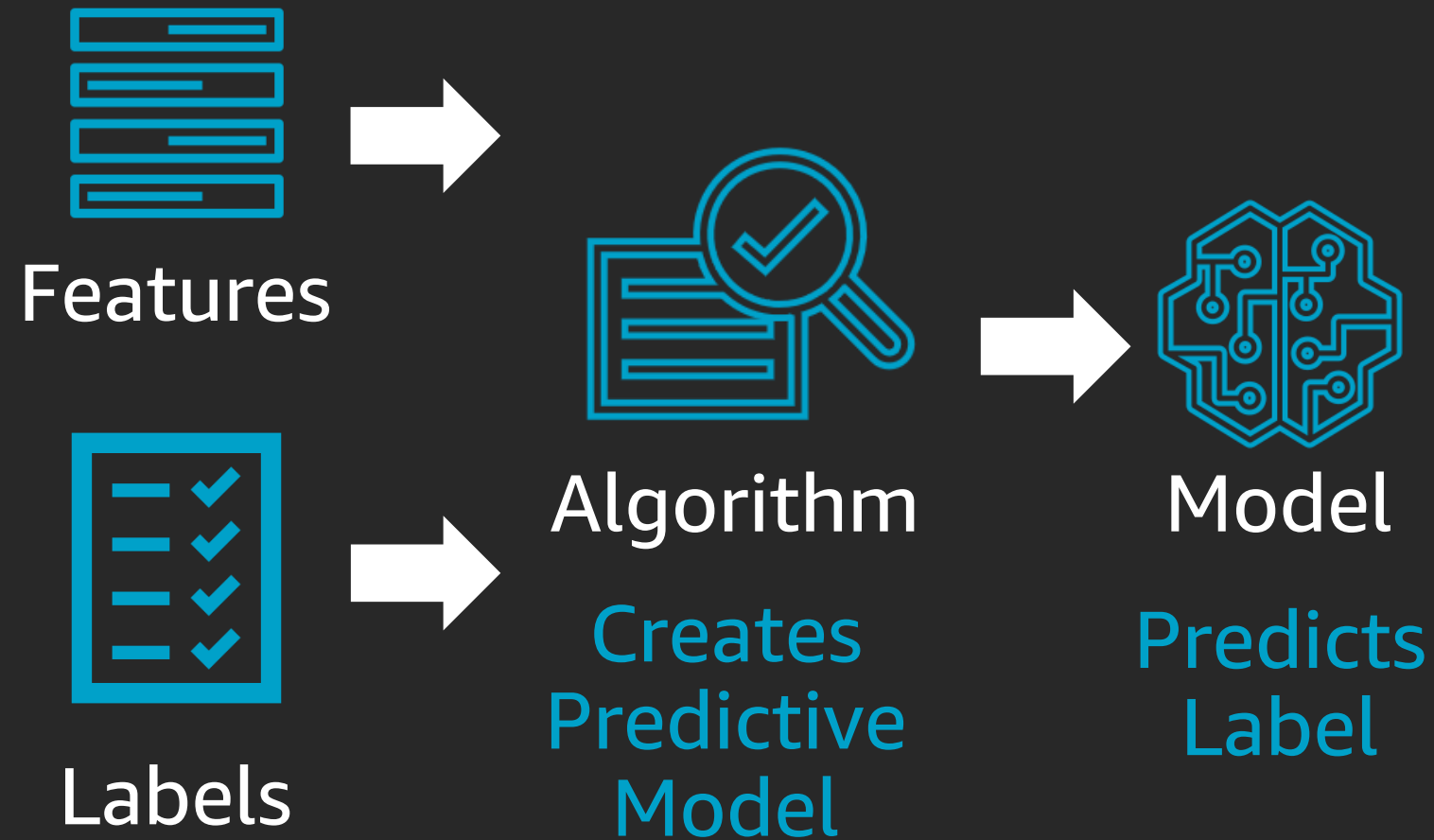


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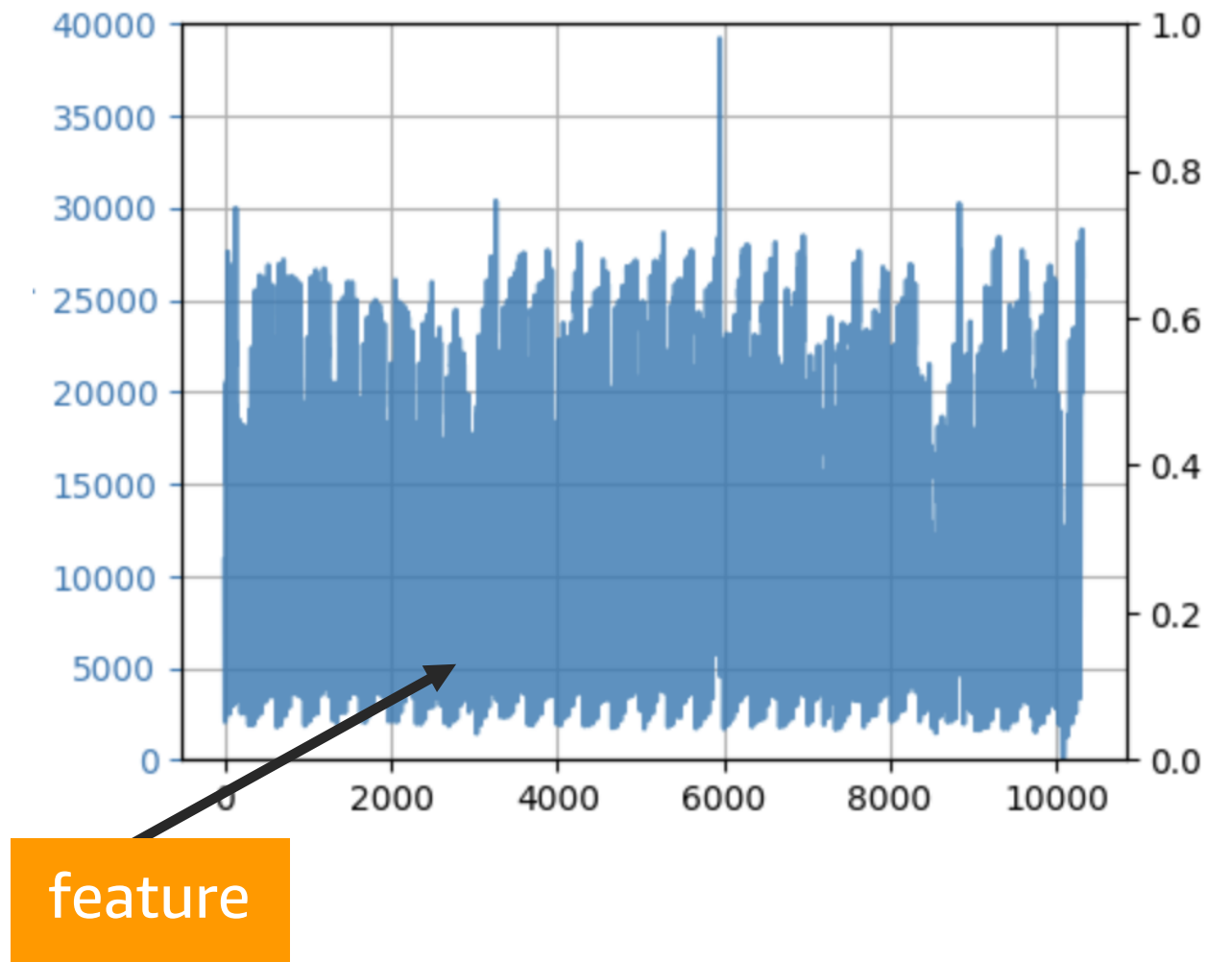
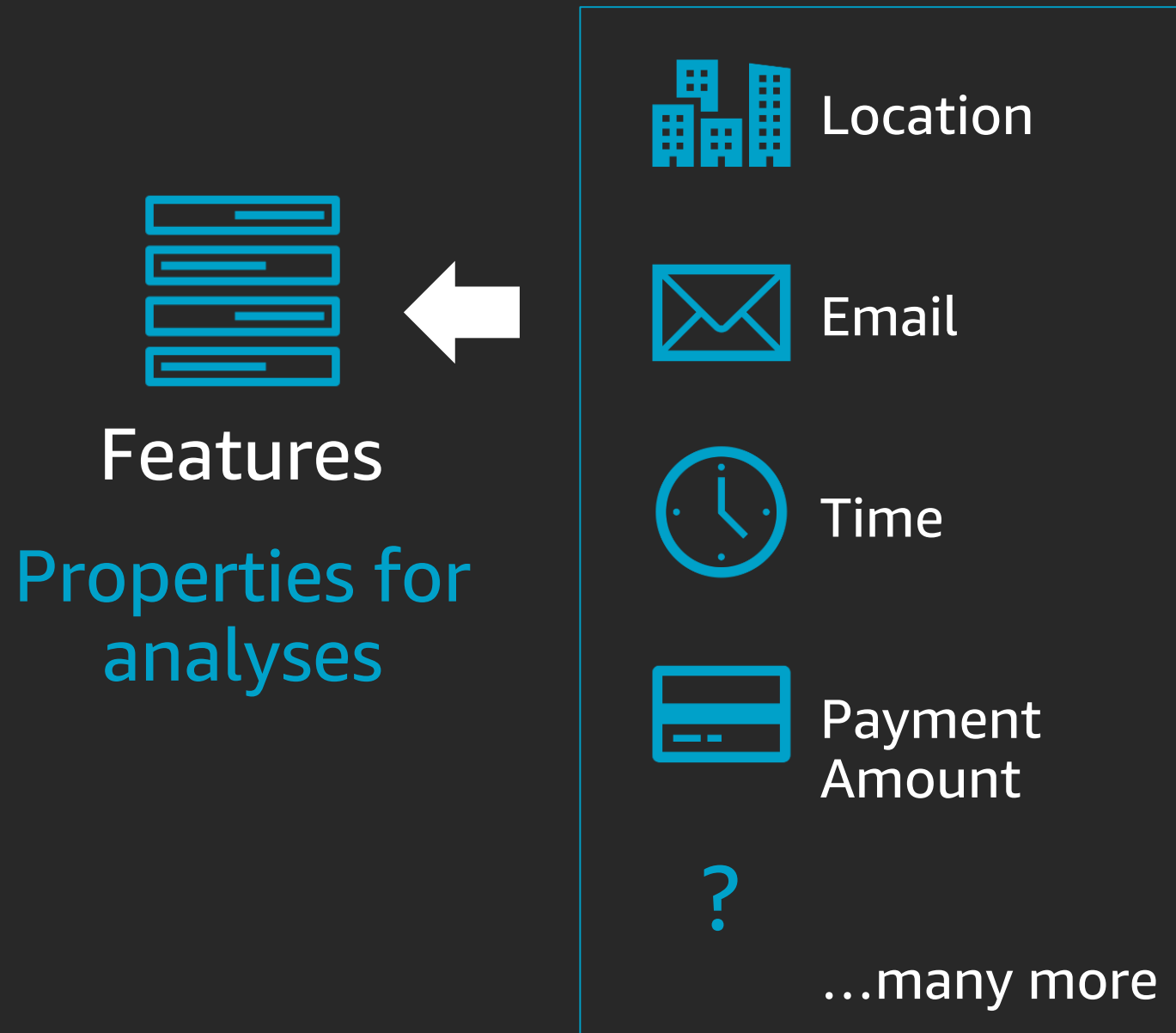
What will be  
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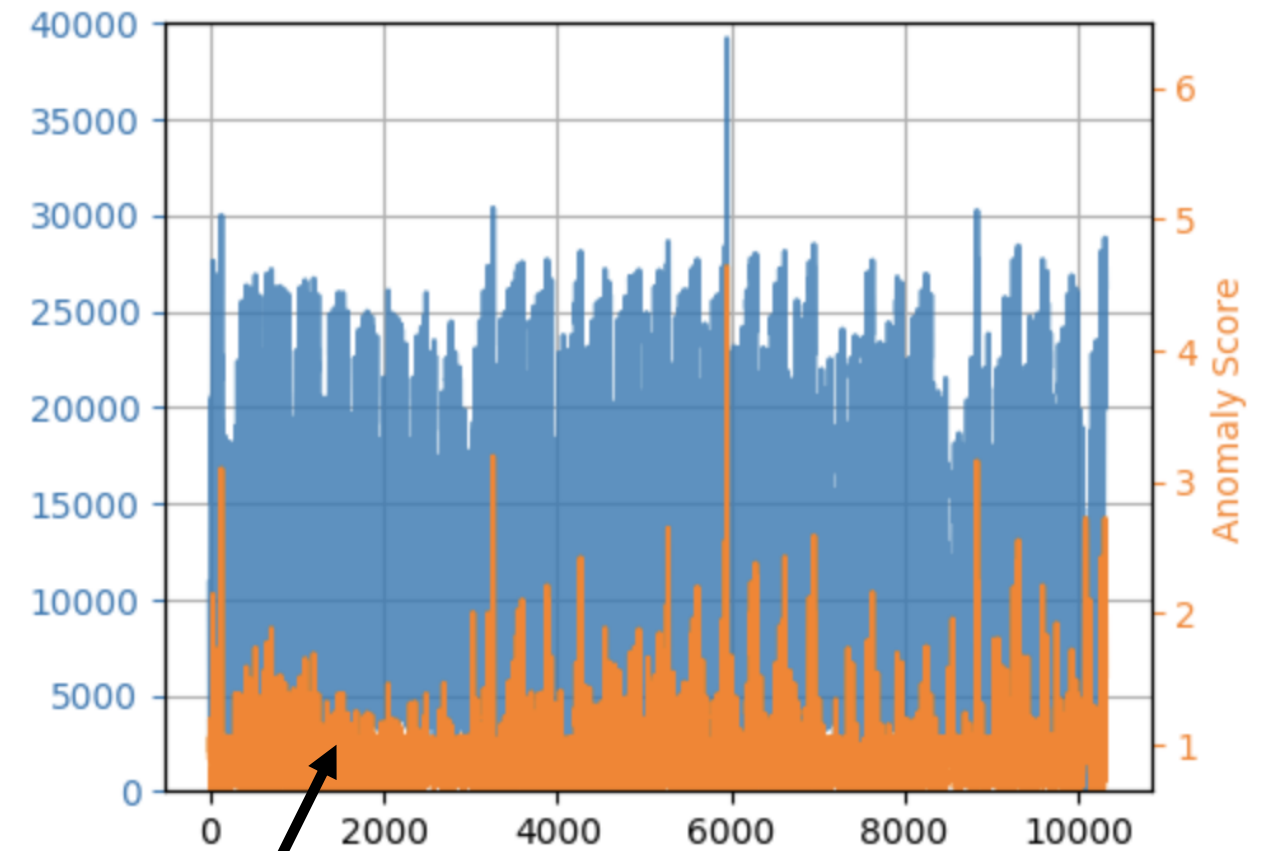
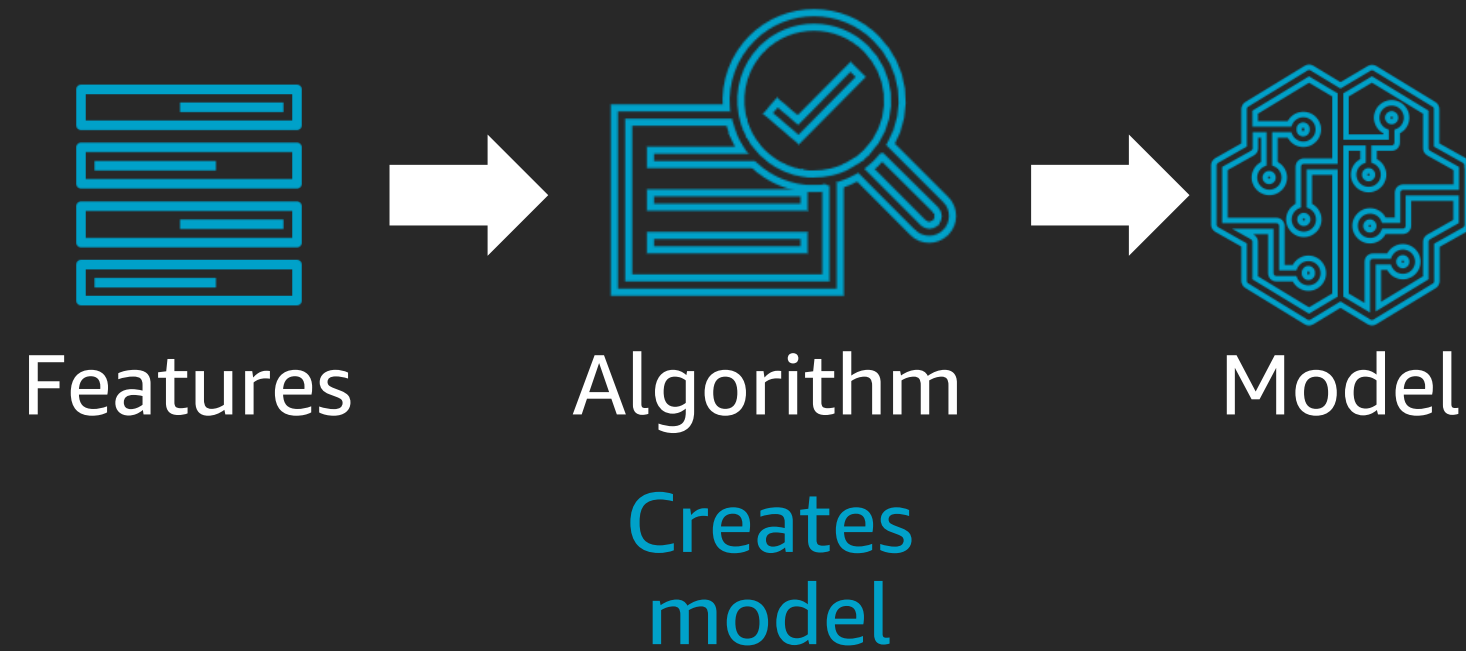
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# Unsupervised machine learning

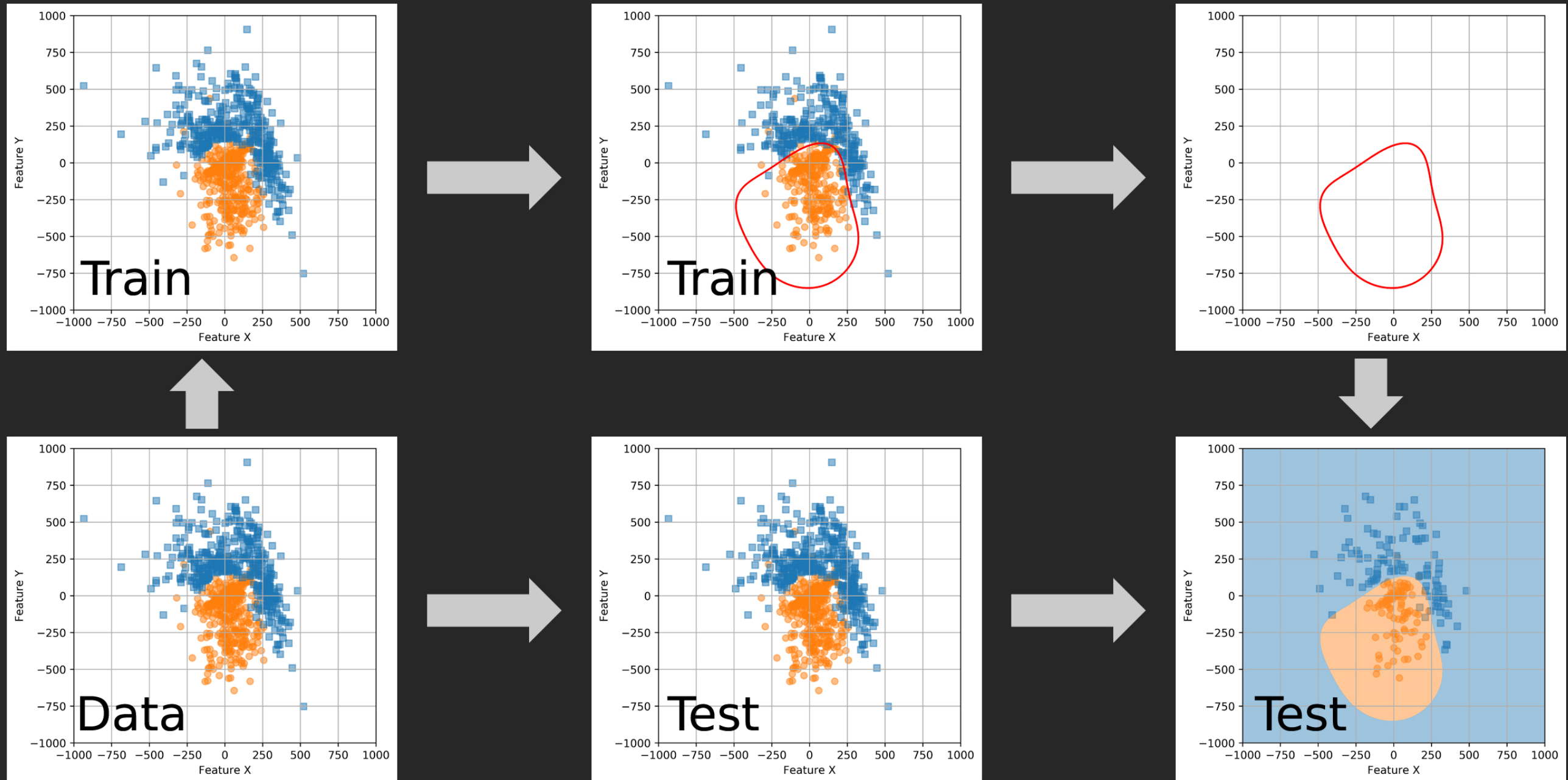


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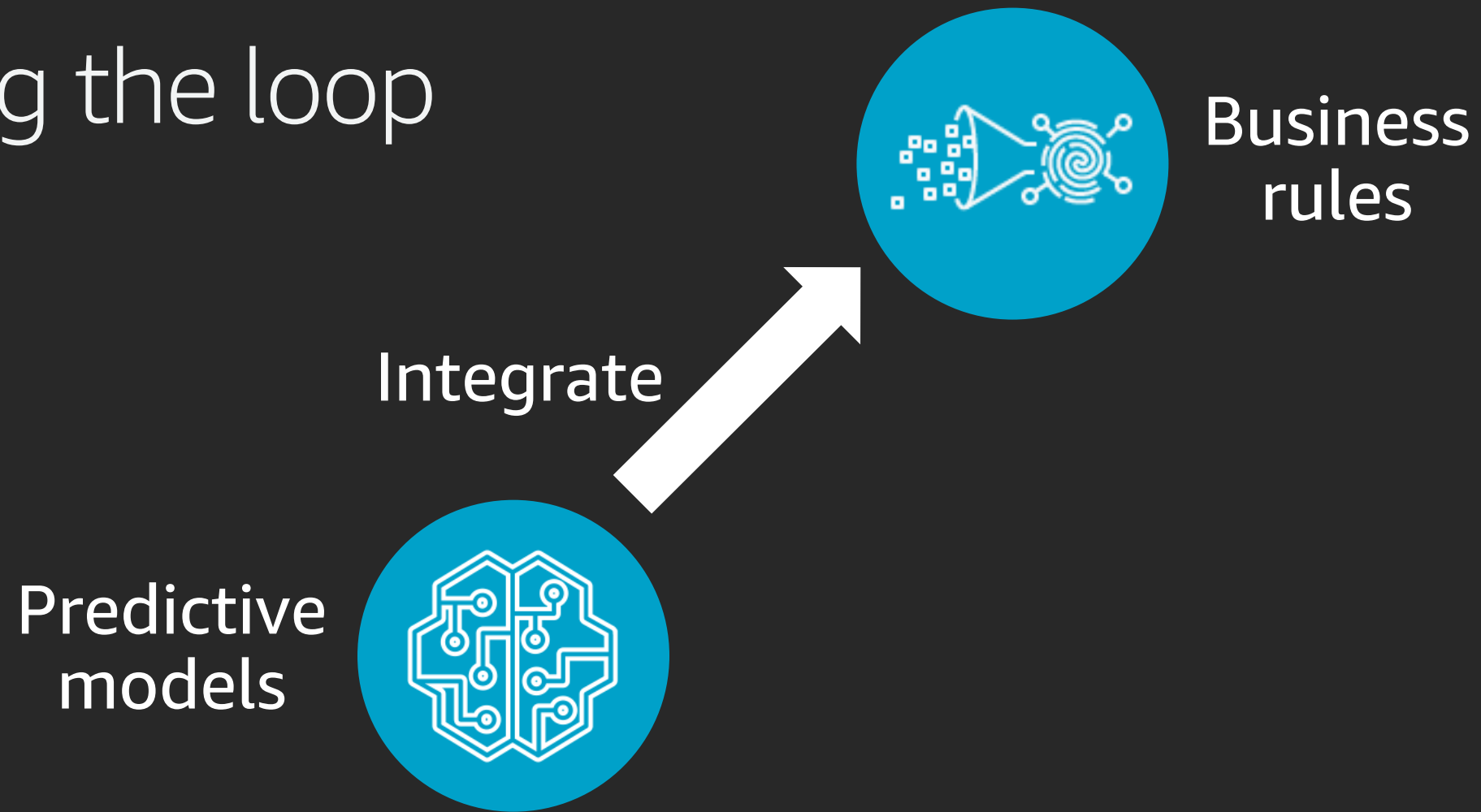


anomaly score

# Building and evaluating machine learning models

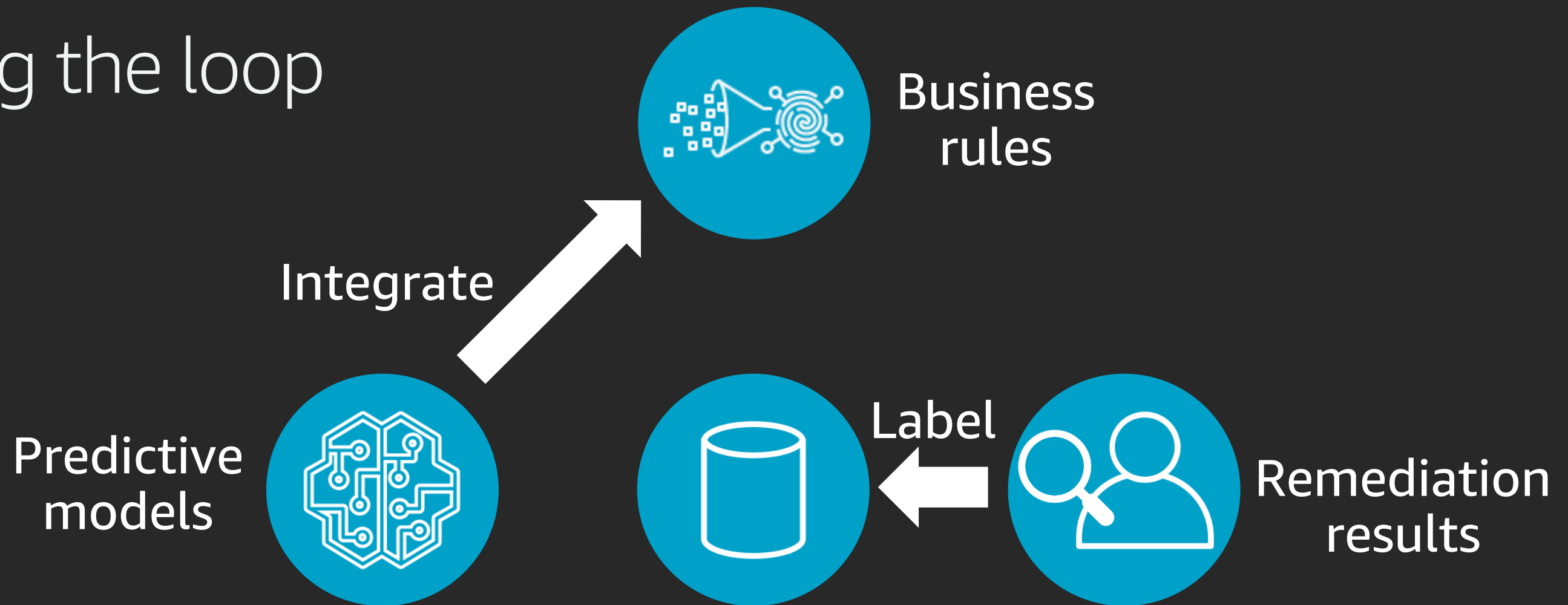


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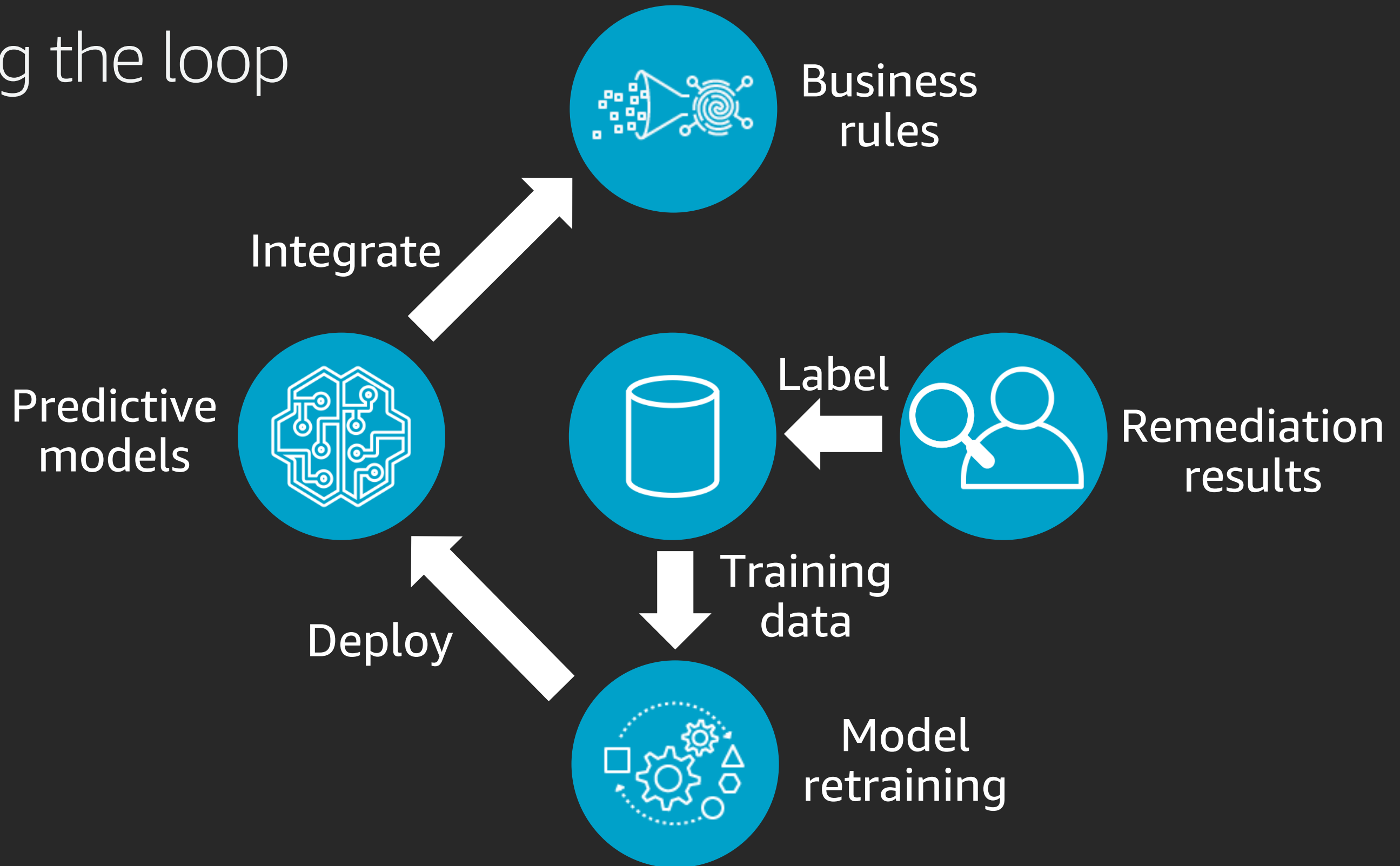




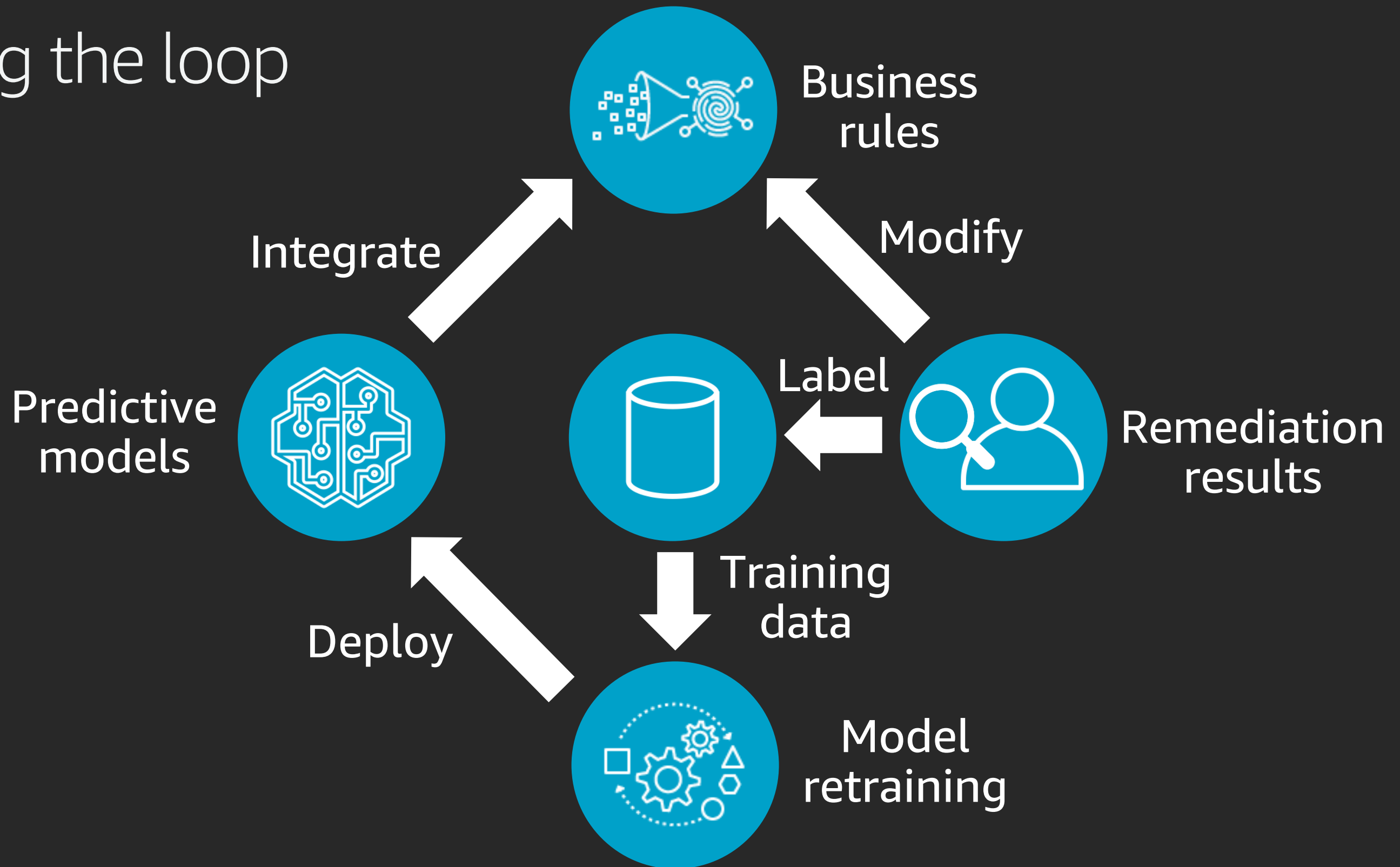
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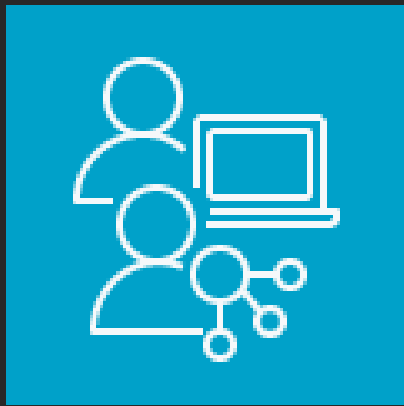
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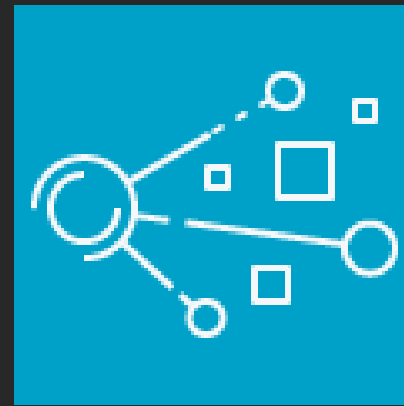
# Machine learning is difficult



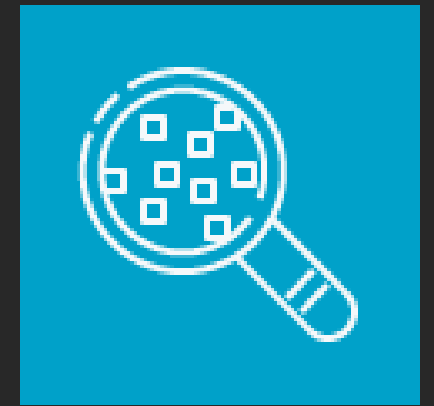
ML experts costly,  
hard to find



Generic models  
underperform



Time-consuming  
data transforms



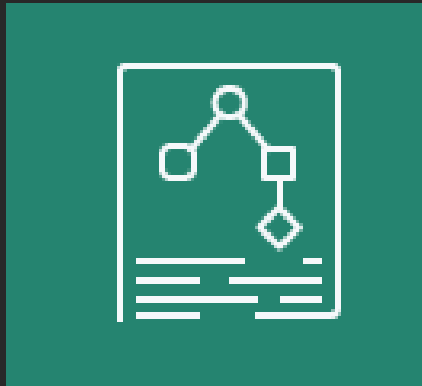
Needle in a  
haystack

# Introducing Amazon Fraud Detector



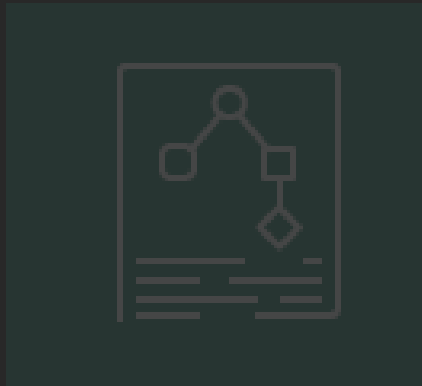
A fraud detection service that makes it easy for businesses to use machine learning to detect online fraud in real-time, at scale

# Key features

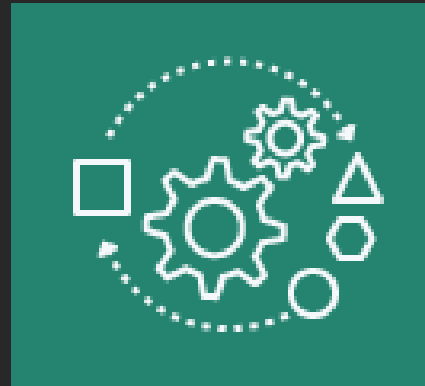


Pre-built fraud  
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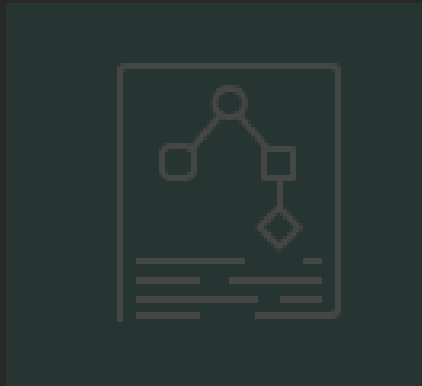


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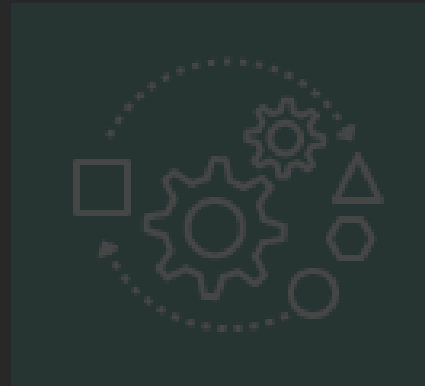


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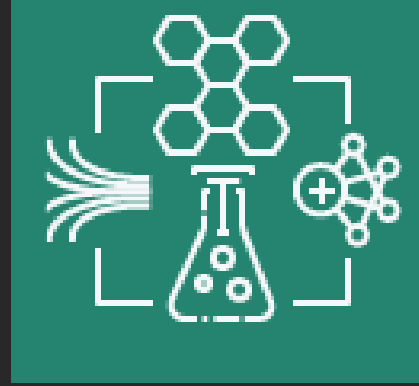
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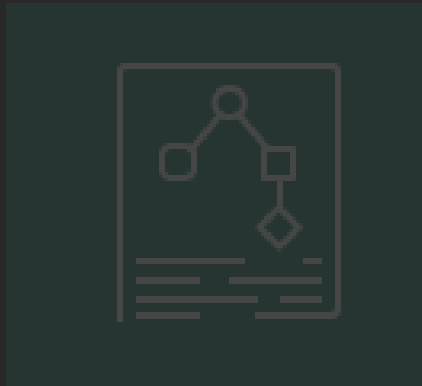
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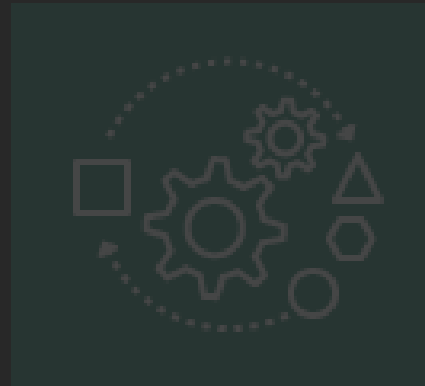
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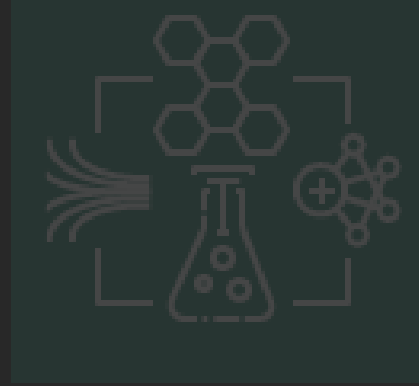
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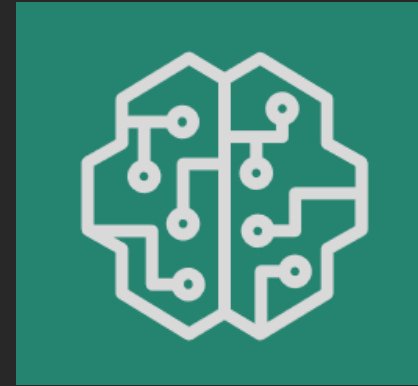
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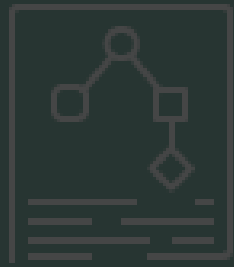


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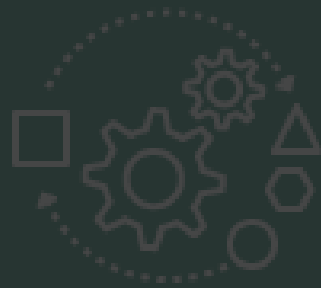


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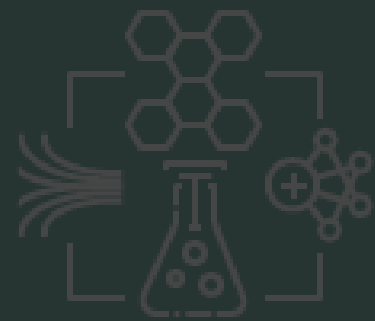
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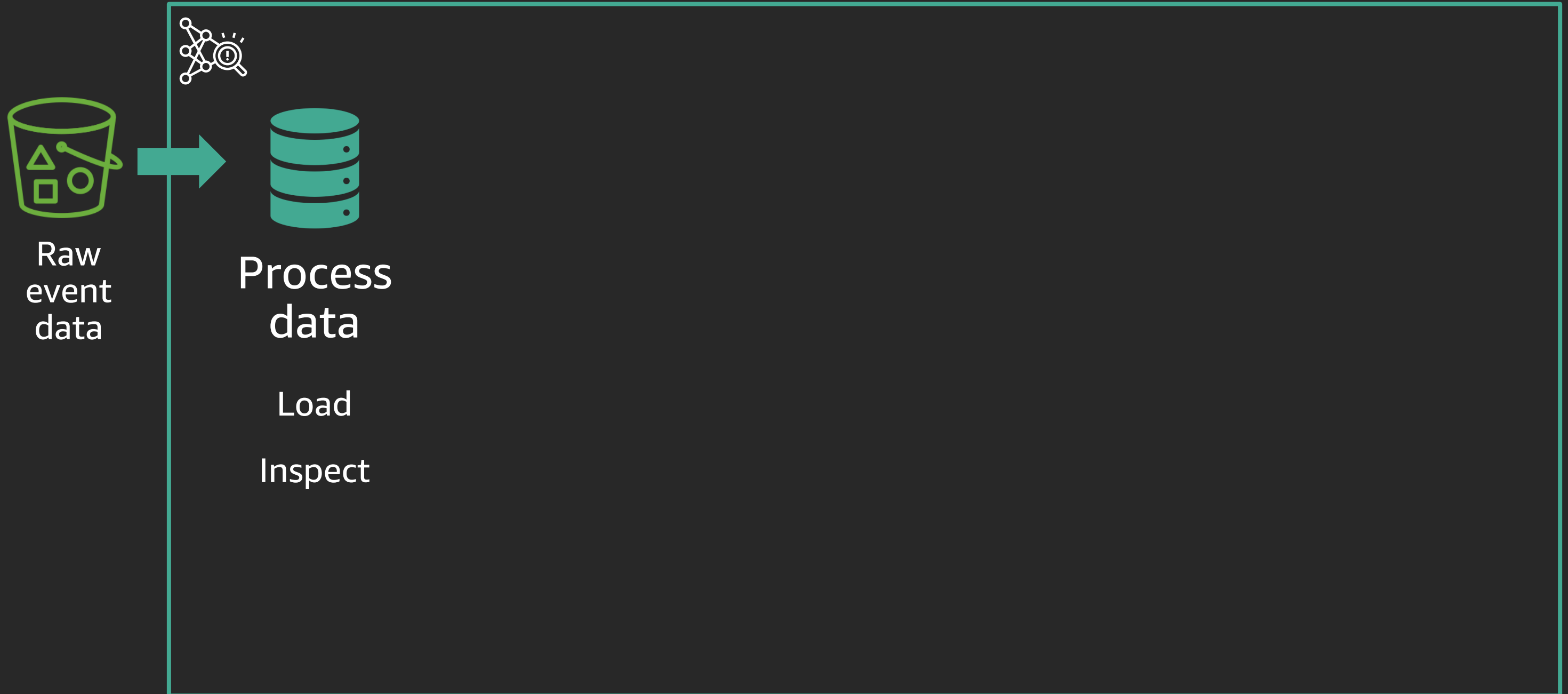


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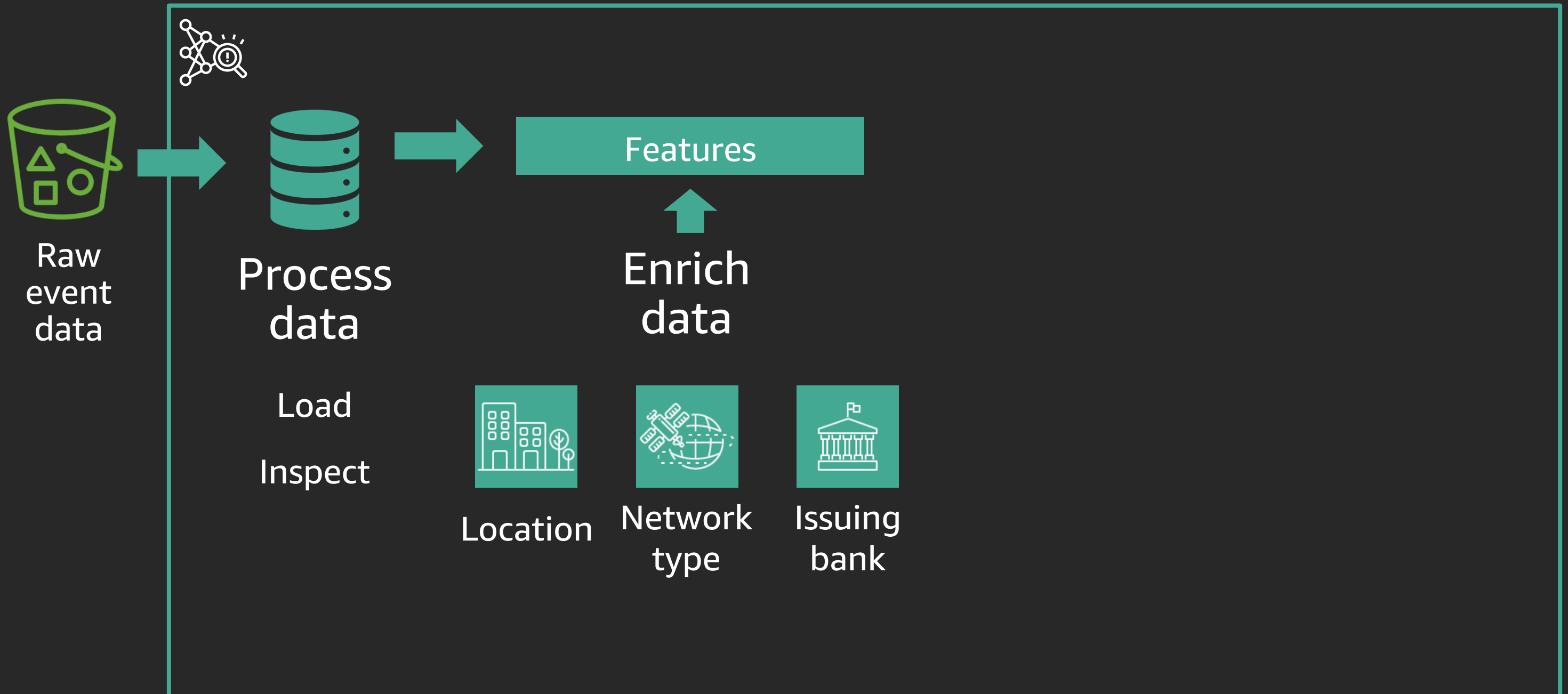


Interface to review  
past events and  
detection logic

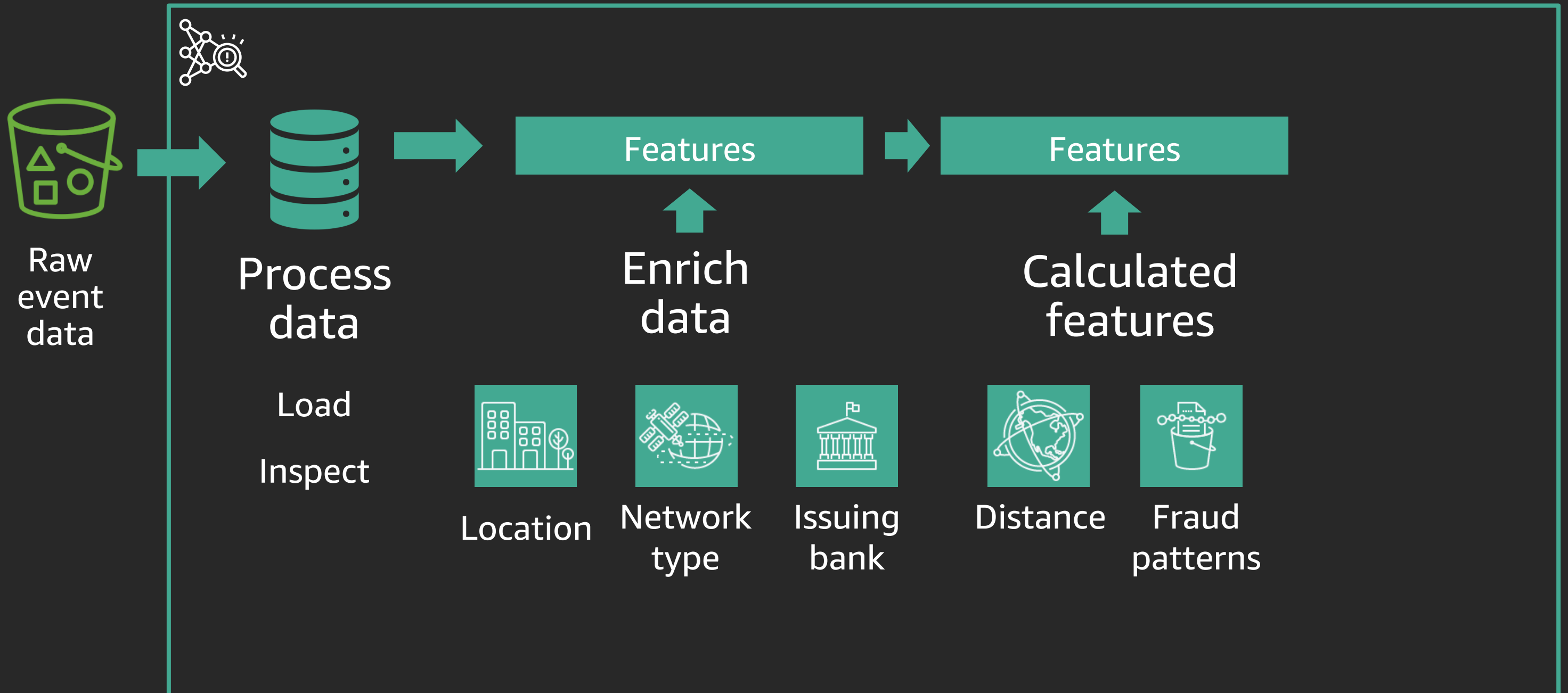
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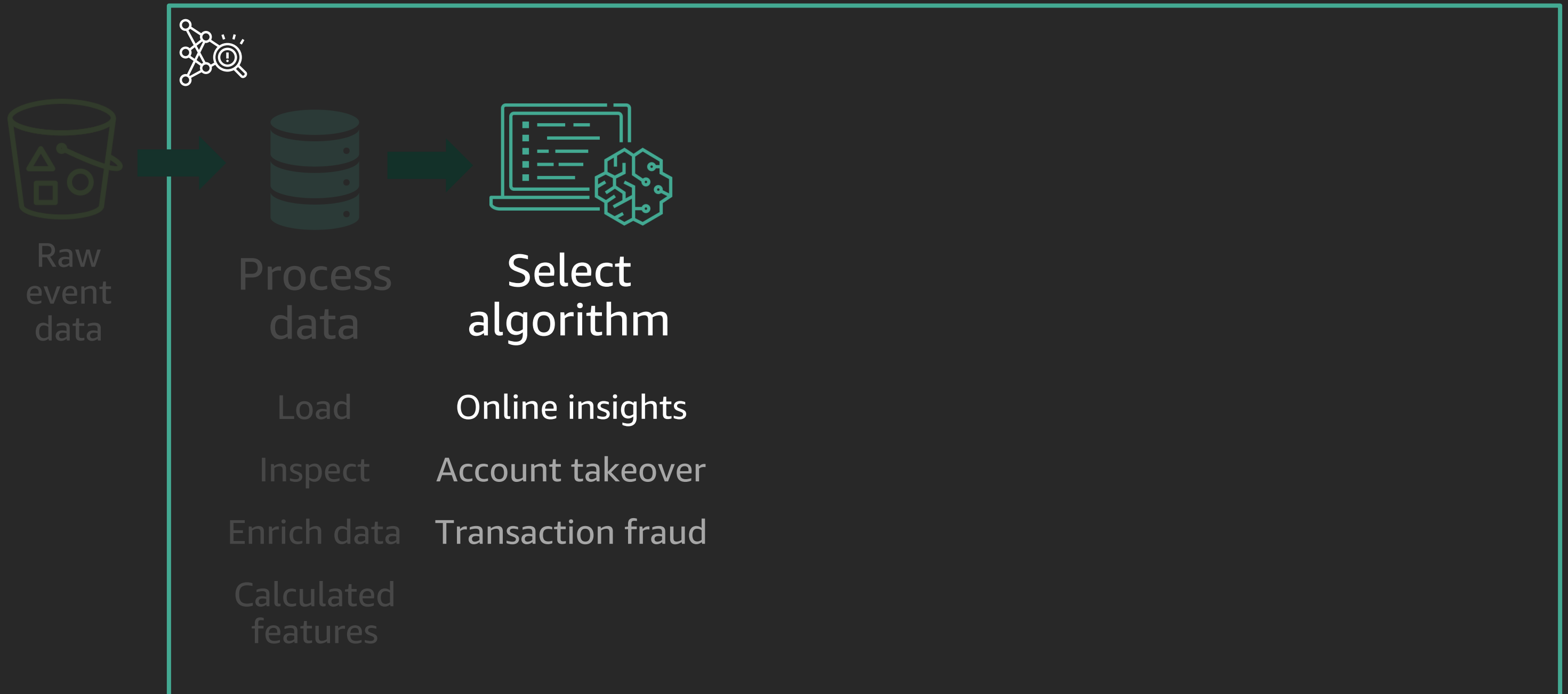
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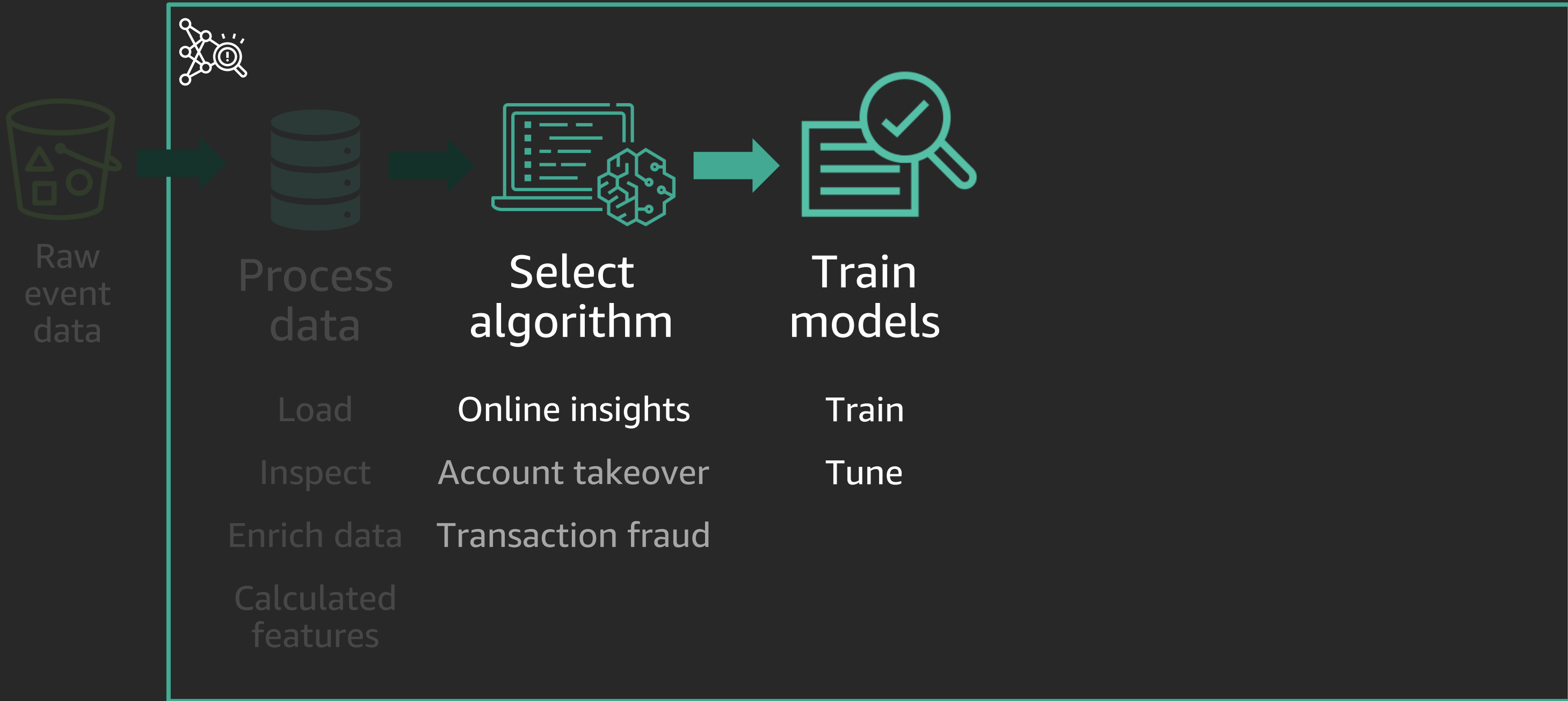
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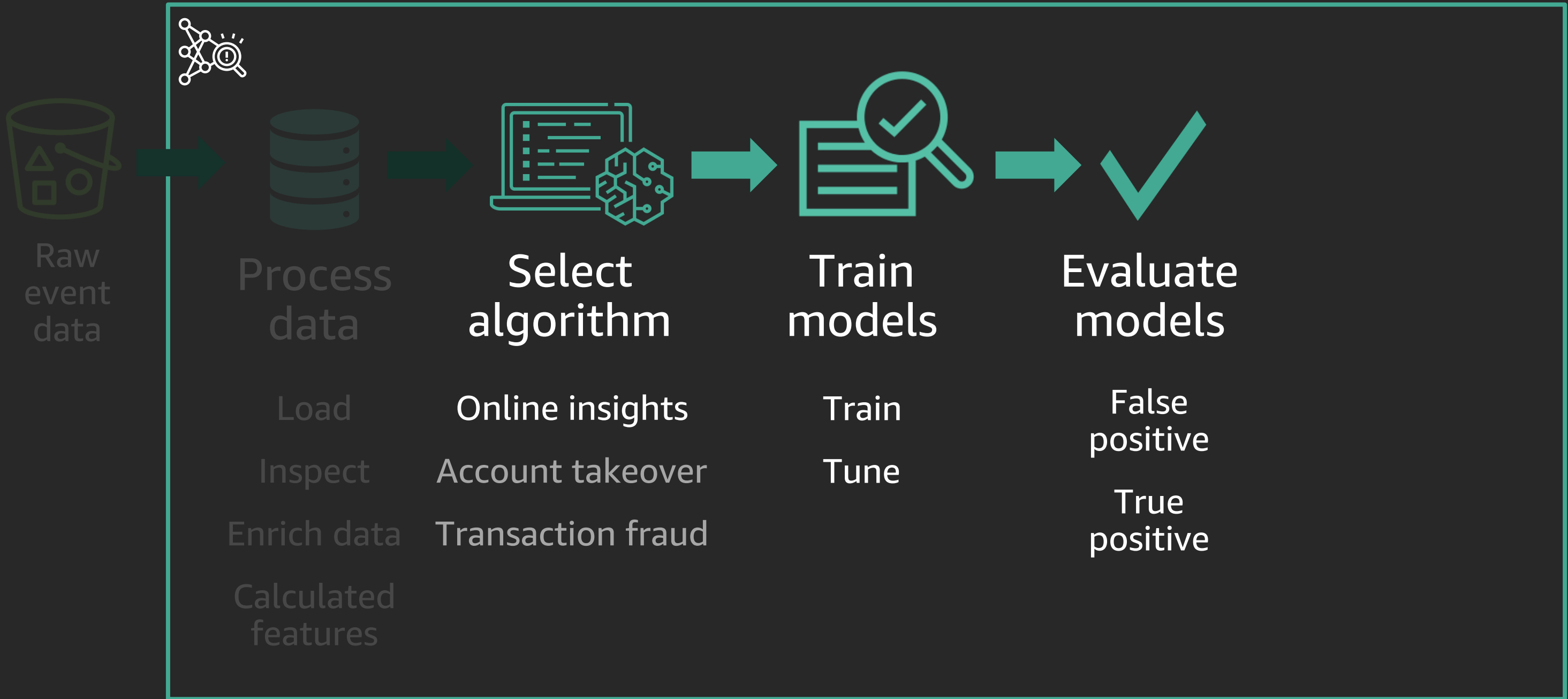
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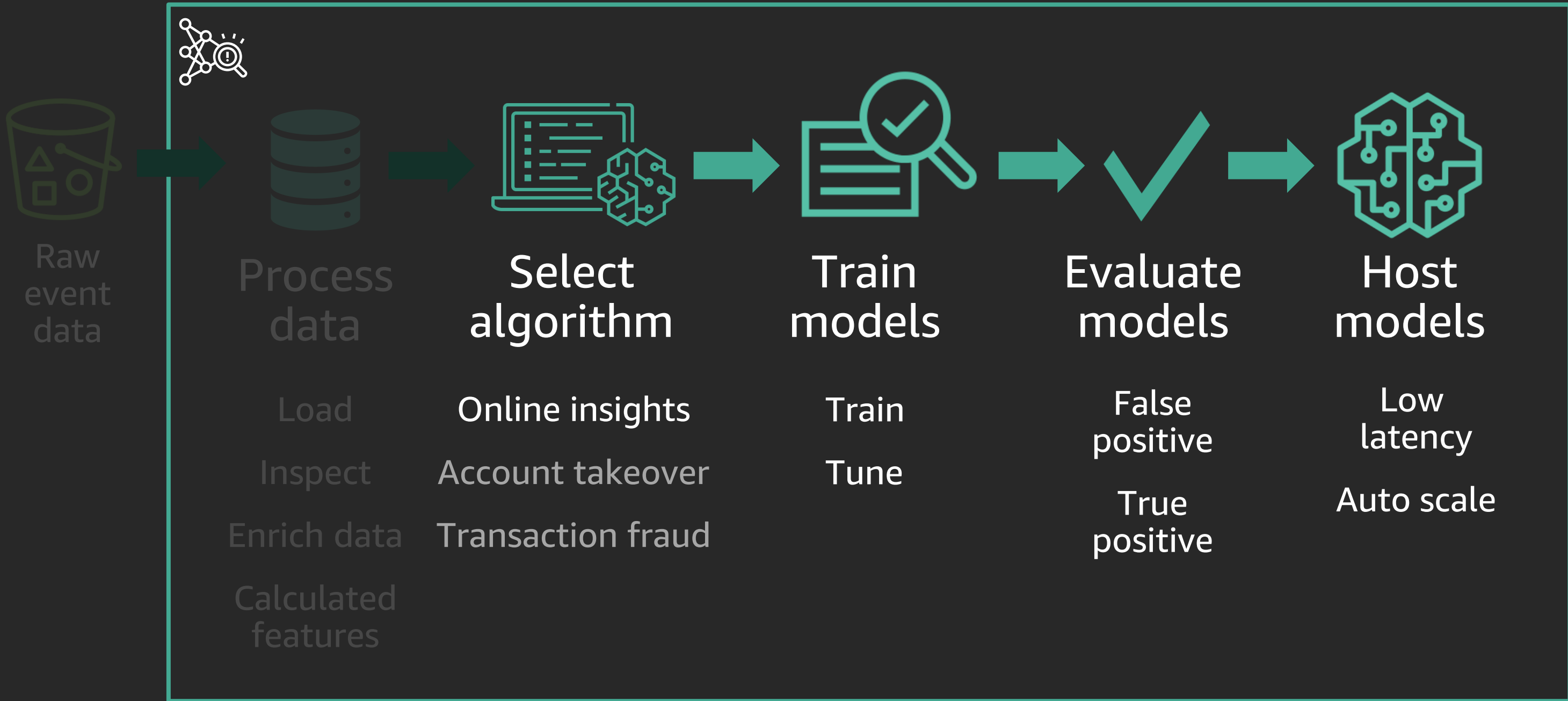


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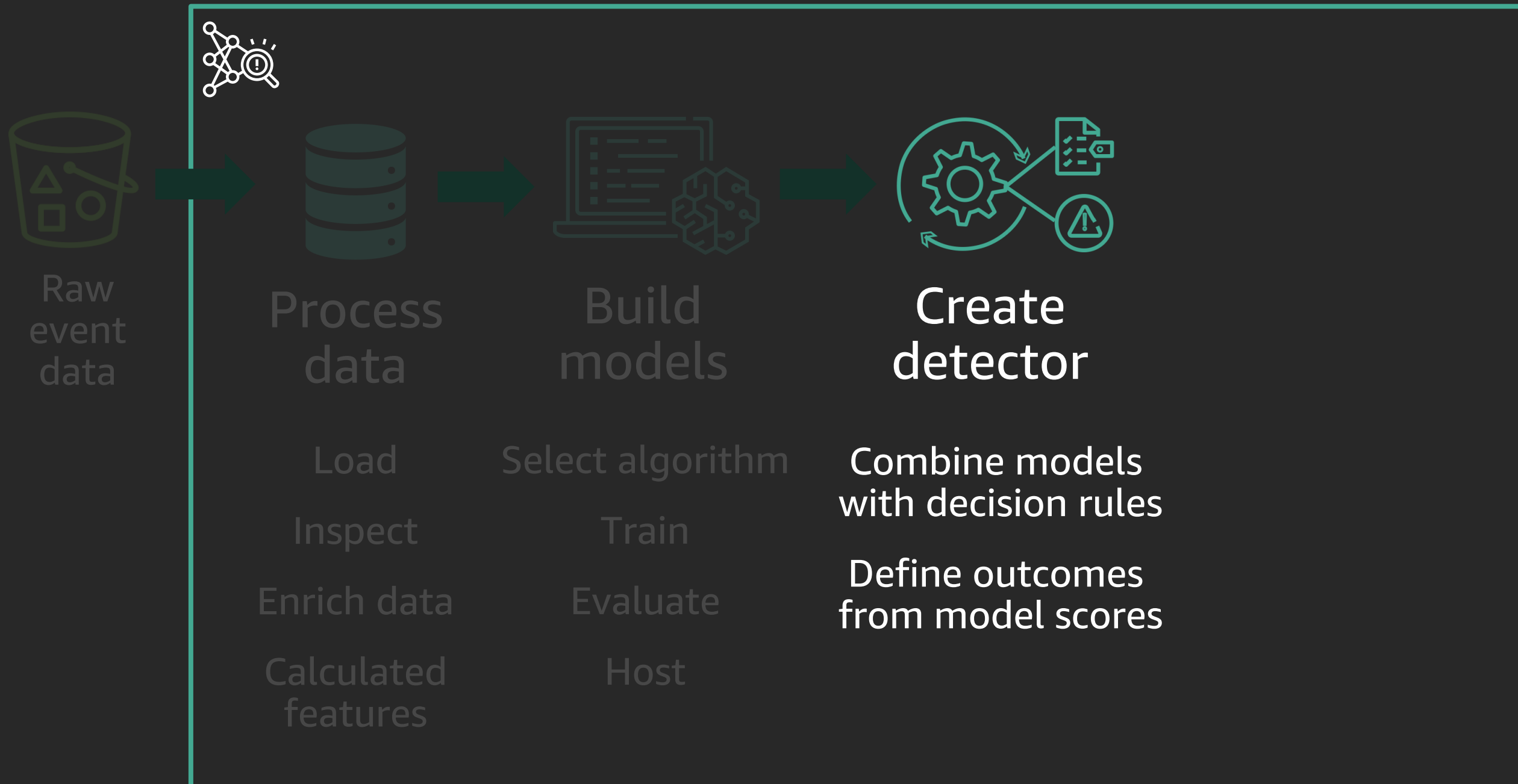




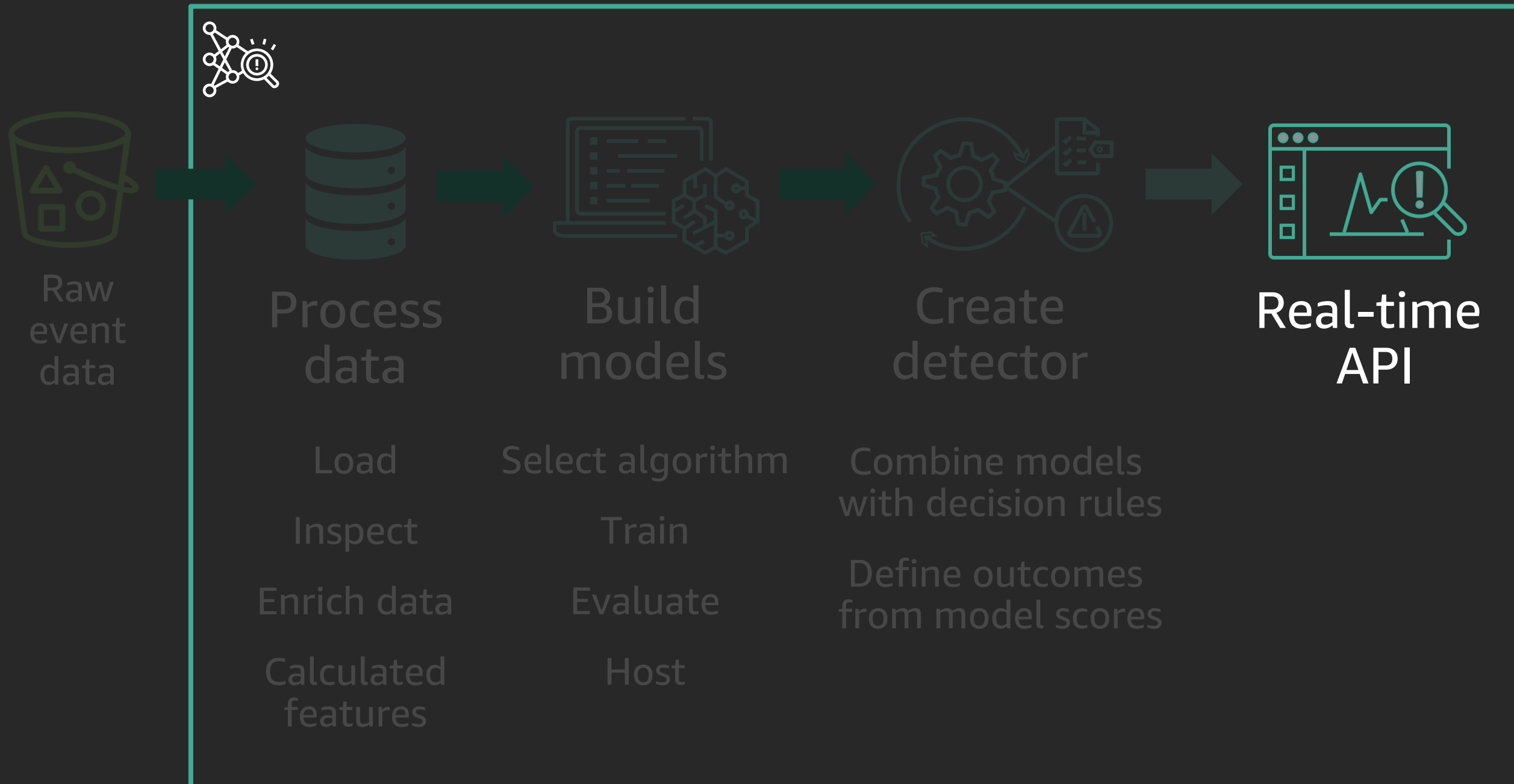
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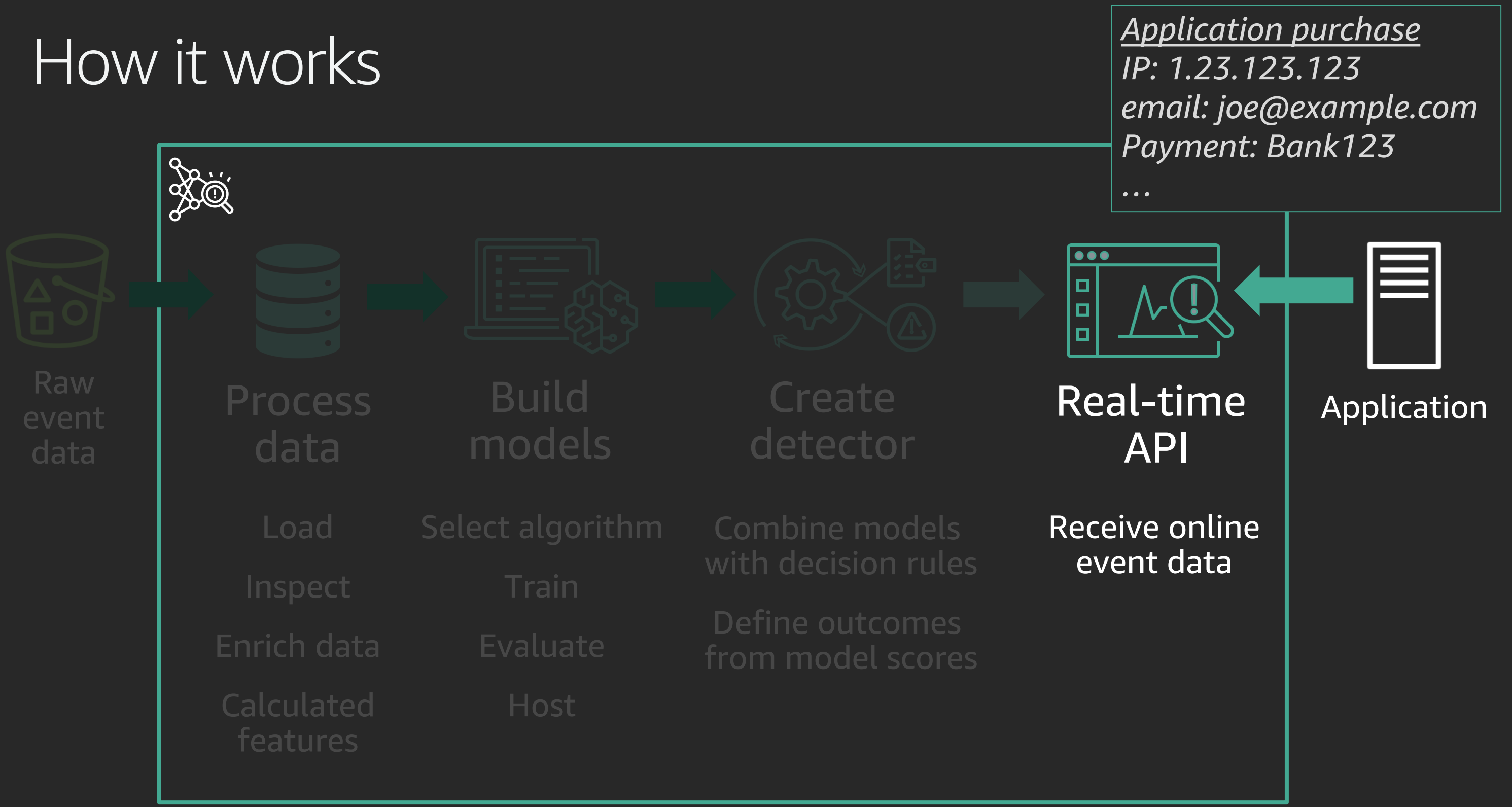
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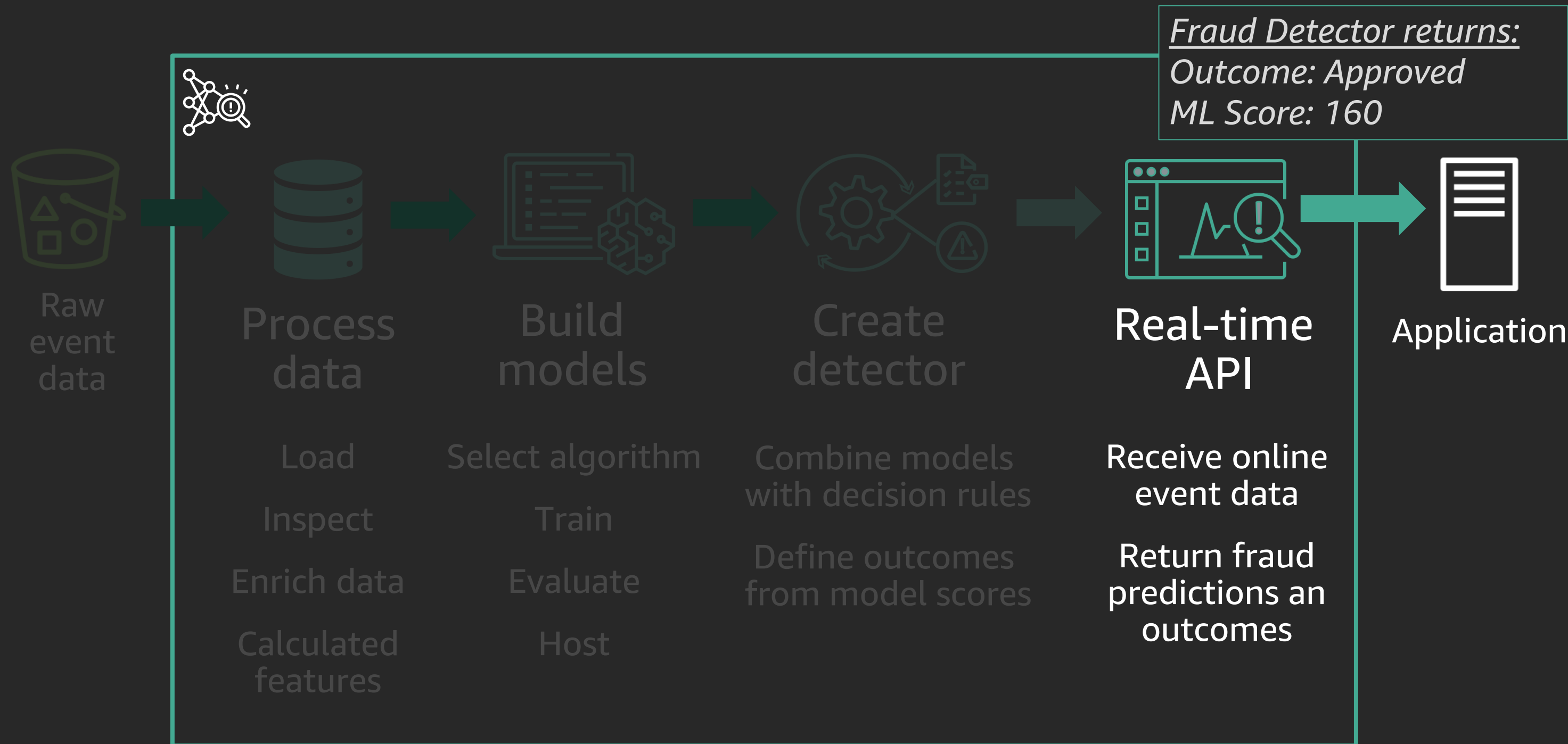
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# Amazon Fraud Detector demo



How to build a fraud detector through the Amazon Fraud Detector console

# Go build!



Customers are already experimenting  
with Amazon Fraud Detector

# Stopping more fraudsters



Vacasa is the largest full-service vacation rental management company in North America, with more than 23,000 vacation homes in 17 countries serving over 2 million guests per year.

“...we can more easily use advanced machine learning techniques to accurately detect fraudulent reservations. Protecting our ‘front door’ from potential harm enables us to focus on making the vacation rental experience seamless and worry-free.”

Eric Breon founder and CEO of Vacasa



# How to get started

Available in preview US East (N. Virginia)

Sign up for preview

<https://aws.amazon.com/fraud-detector/>

User documentation

<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/frauddetector/latest/ug/what-is-frauddetector.html>

Use sample data (you're your own)

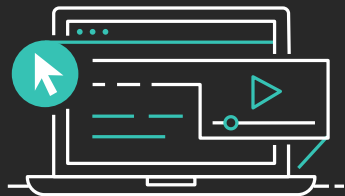
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# Thank you!

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