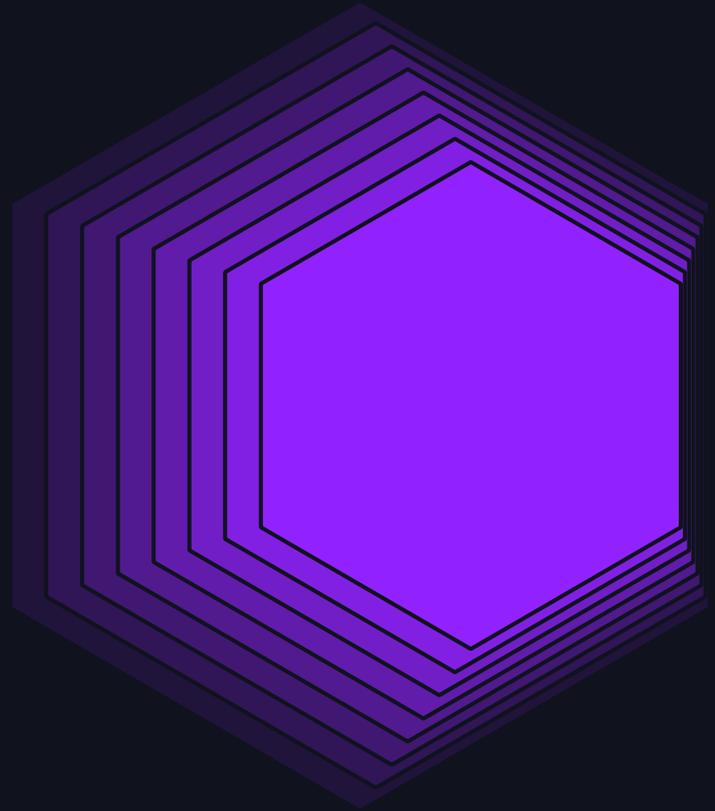


# Production Data Apps On Databricks



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# INTRO

## My Journey at Databricks



### Cody Austin Davis

- Senior Solutions Architect @ Databricks
  - ~3 years @ Databricks
  - > 6 years using Databricks

- Solutions Architect for Digital Native Strategic Customer Segment
- Lead the Data Warehousing SME Group @ Databricks
  - Run a Warehousing Blog @ [medium/db-sql-sme-engineering](https://medium.com/db-sql-sme-engineering)
- Focus Primarily on building out our Data Warehousing ecosystem and GTM in the field
- Developed Data Products for Healthcare Systems throughout the nation @ Loopback Analytics
- Worked in finance in portfolio optimization & investment analysis

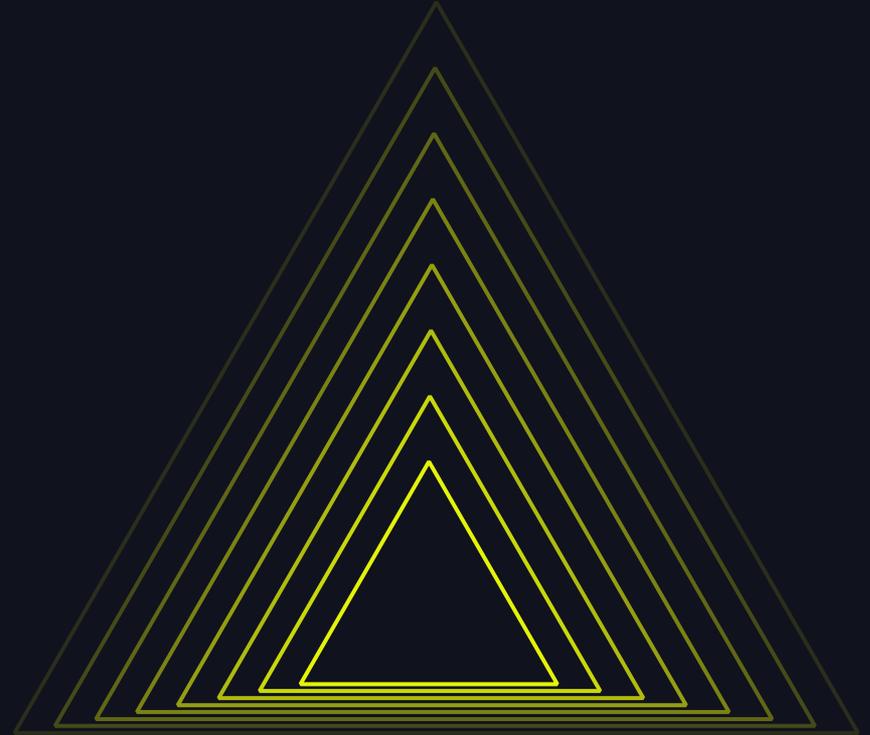
# AGENDA

## Our Journey to AI-embedded Data Applications on Databricks

- What is a **Data App**?
- What do **Data Apps Unlock** for companies?
- What makes **Databricks + Plotly Dash** the best combo for building Data Apps?
- **Demo** of a Data App for Observability
- What comes next



# What is a Data App?



# Production Data Applications

Enterprise Data + AI + BI

**Connect**

**Connect Insight To  
Action In a Single  
UX**

**Embed**

**Embed Insight Into  
Daily Workflow of  
Non(less)-Technical  
End Users**

**Share**

**Share Insights &  
take action with  
end users right  
when they need it**



My favorite example of  
a Data App...

**Bloomberg Terminal!**

- Data App that helps users generate insights
- Injects those insights into actual workflows to take action
- Empowers non-technical users

BURL US Equity Export ▾

Inflection KPI Correlation Trend Analysis

**Alternative Data Metrics Summary - Burlington Stores Inc** Data up to 2023-07-05 About the Data

| Alt Data Metrics                | Trailing YoY Growth % |        |       | Trailing PoP Growth % |        |       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------|-------|-----------------------|--------|-------|
|                                 | 91 Day                | 28 Day | 7 Day | 91 Day                | 28 Day | 7 Day |
| <b>Bloomberg Second Measure</b> |                       |        |       |                       |        |       |
| ● Observed Sales                | 2.57                  | 5.34   | 7.64  | 7.27                  | -8.20  | 0.06  |
| ● Observed Transactions         | 5.88                  | 9.14   | 10.92 | 6.22                  | -5.71  | -0.34 |
| ● Observed Customers            | 3.22                  | 7.08   | 10.33 | 4.11                  | -5.29  | 0.67  |
| ● Average Transaction Value     | -3.12                 | -3.49  | -2.96 | 0.99                  | -2.64  | 0.39  |
| ● Transactions per Customer     | 2.50                  | 1.60   | 0.92  | 2.50                  | -0.78  | -0.90 |
| ● Sales per Customer            | -0.63                 | -1.63  | -2.44 | 3.04                  | -3.08  | -0.61 |
| <b>Placer.ai</b>                |                       |        |       |                       |        |       |
| ● Estimated Visits              | 6.61                  | 12.21  | 15.28 | 10.70                 | -4.68  | -1.99 |

**Bloomberg Second Measure:**   
U.S. consumer transaction data  
Panel: Millions of consumers  
Geo: Mid-west > coasts  
Card Type: Debit > credit

**Placer.ai:**   
U.S. consumer foot-traffic data  
Panel: 25 million mobile devices  
Stores: Outdoor > indoor  
Operating Systems: iOS > Android

**Observed Sales YoY Growth %**

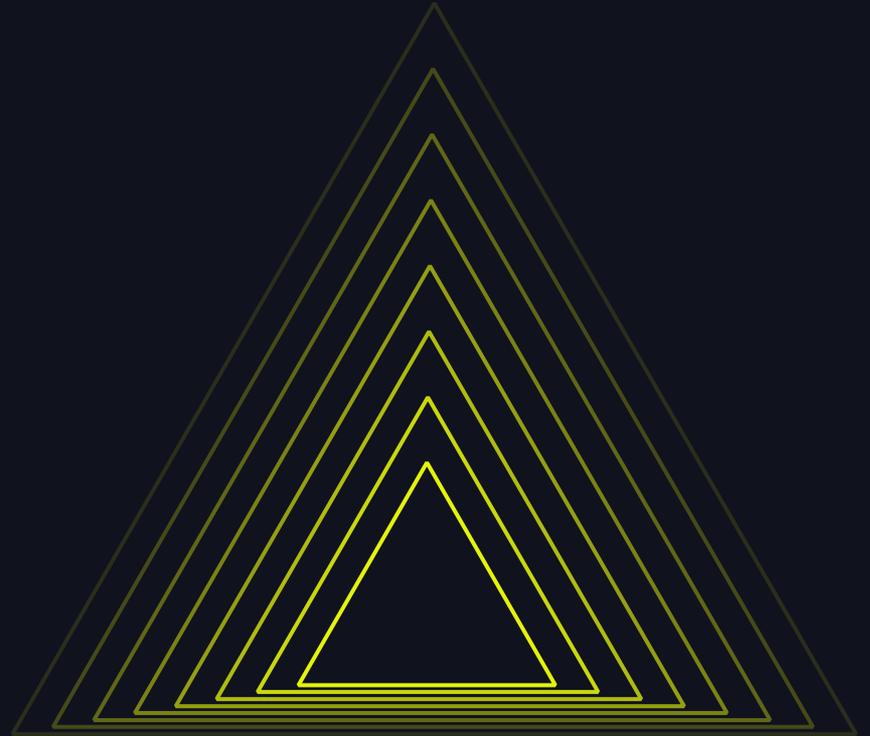
Comp Source Analyst Curated (BI) ▾ Growth Year-over-Year ▾ Period Weekly ▾ 3M 6M 1Y 2Y 3Y 5Y Max

| Week Ending                   | 2023   |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|
|                               | 16-Apr | 23-Apr | 30-Apr | 07-May | 14-May | 21-May | 28-May | 04-Jun | 11-Jun | 18-Jun | 25-Jun | 02-Jul ↓ |
| Analyst Curated (BI) - Median | 5.16   | -0.85  | -5.41  | -6.85  | 13.49  | 2.40   | 0.65   | 0.15   | 5.47   | 2.28   | 4.40   | 7.13     |
| Burlington Stores Inc         | 3.49   | -5.40  | -8.22  | -0.85  | 19.17  | 6.96   | 7.22   | 0.86   | 10.93  | 2.90   | 1.84   | 7.15     |
| TJX Cos Inc/The               | 11.05  | 1.05   | -0.79  | -5.89  | 17.31  | 4.65   | 4.71   | 7.25   | 6.55   | 4.99   | 9.10   | 9.35     |
| Ross Stores Inc               | 6.83   | 1.53   | -2.60  | -7.82  | 9.66   | 0.15   | -3.40  | -0.57  | 4.40   | 1.66   | 6.96   | 7.11     |
| Citi Trends Inc               | -23.45 | -2.76  | -13.30 | -23.68 | -14.27 | -26.09 | -8.81  | -11.11 | 0.82   | -15.47 | -6.27  | -15.99   |

By @tech at bloomberg, Sept 2023, ref: <https://www.bloomberg.com/company/stories/what-took-build-altd-bloomberg-terminal-alternative-data-function/>

# Why build Data Apps on Databricks with Plotly Dash

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# Databricks is a unified stack that business can use

Enterprise Data + AI + BI

BI

DBSQL Lakeview + BI  
Ecosystem is rich and AI-  
embedded

AI

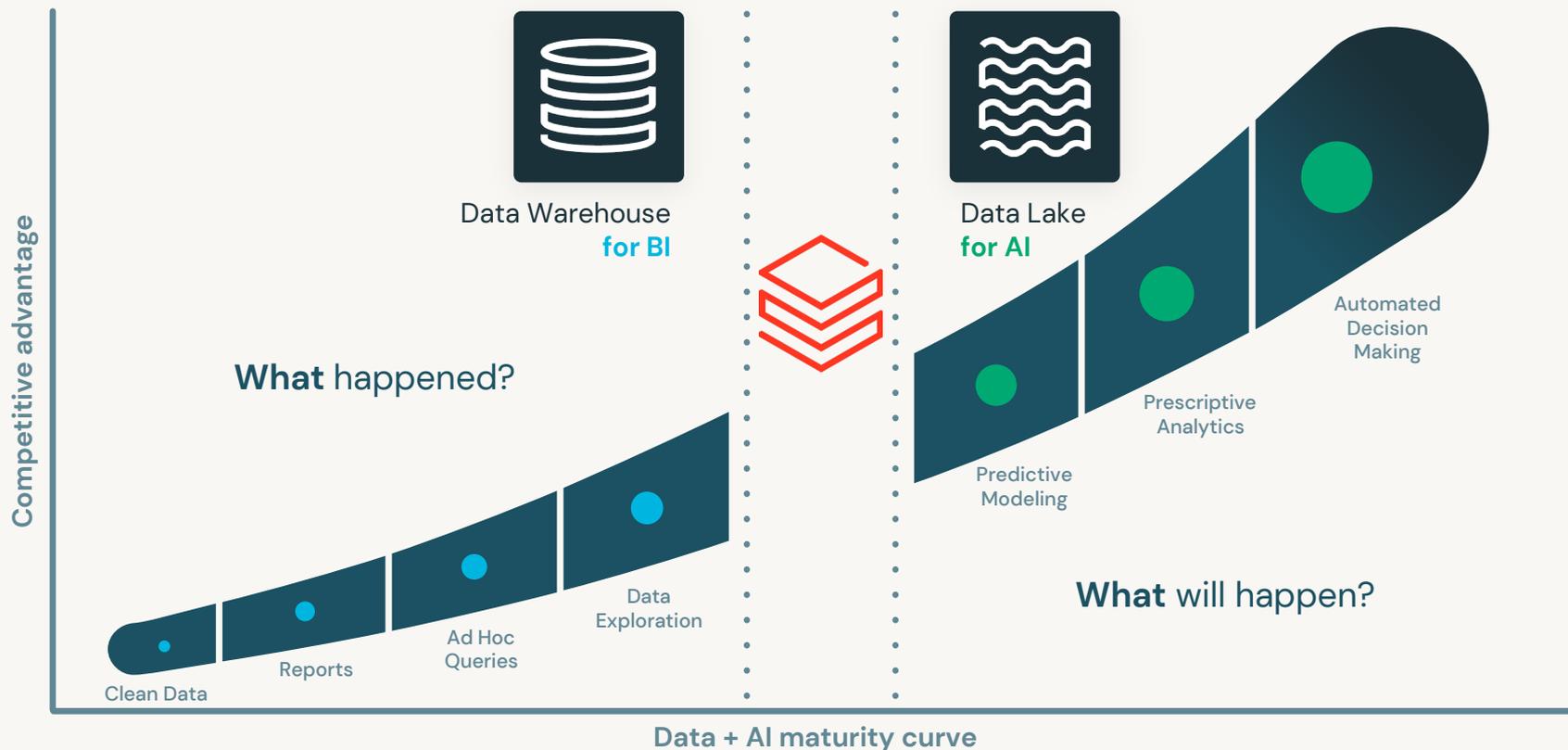
Full ML Lifecycle has  
been on Databricks  
for a long time

Apps

Everything you  
need for rich data  
is already on  
Databricks

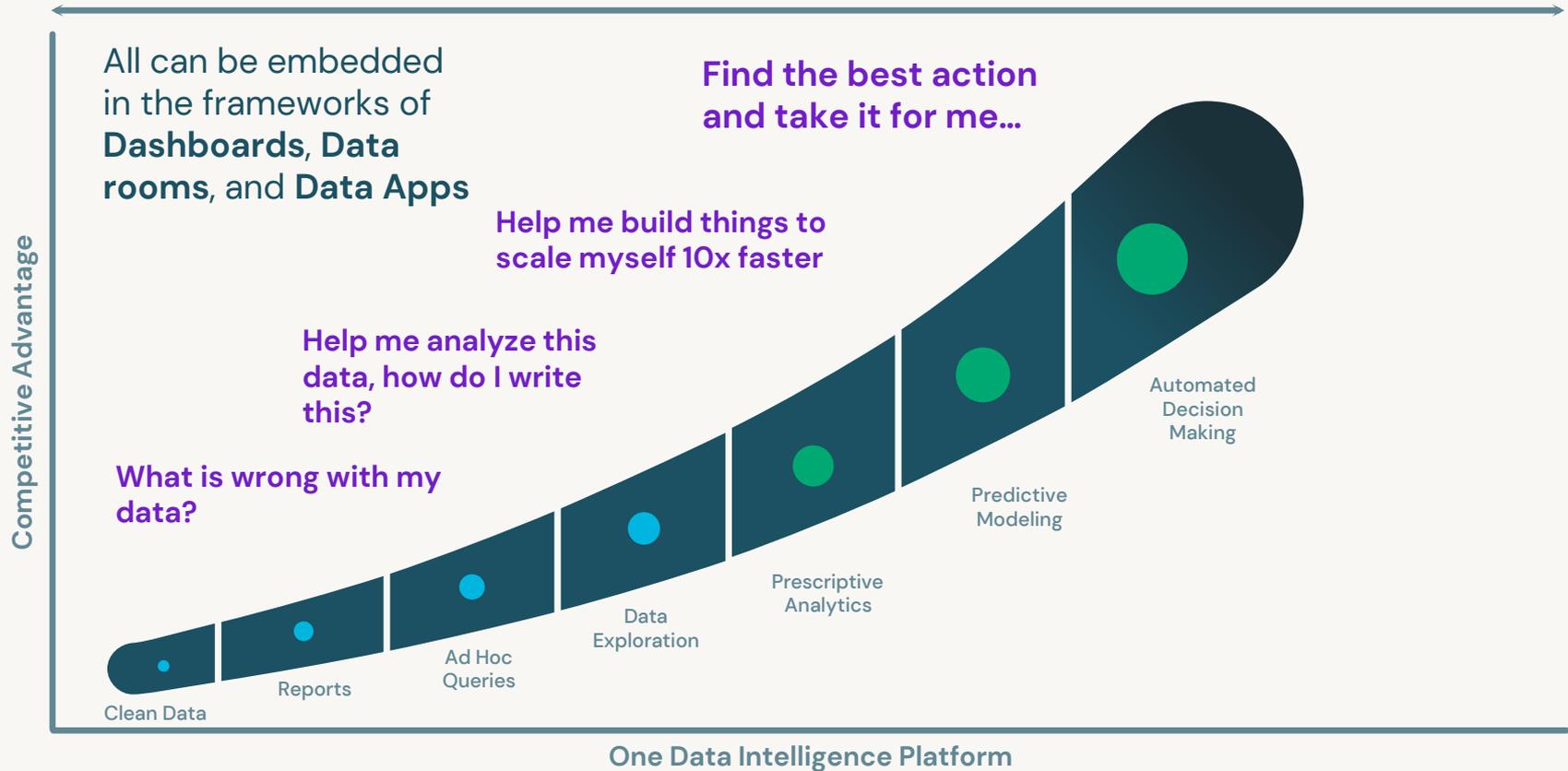


# Databricks Connected the Data Maturity Chasm

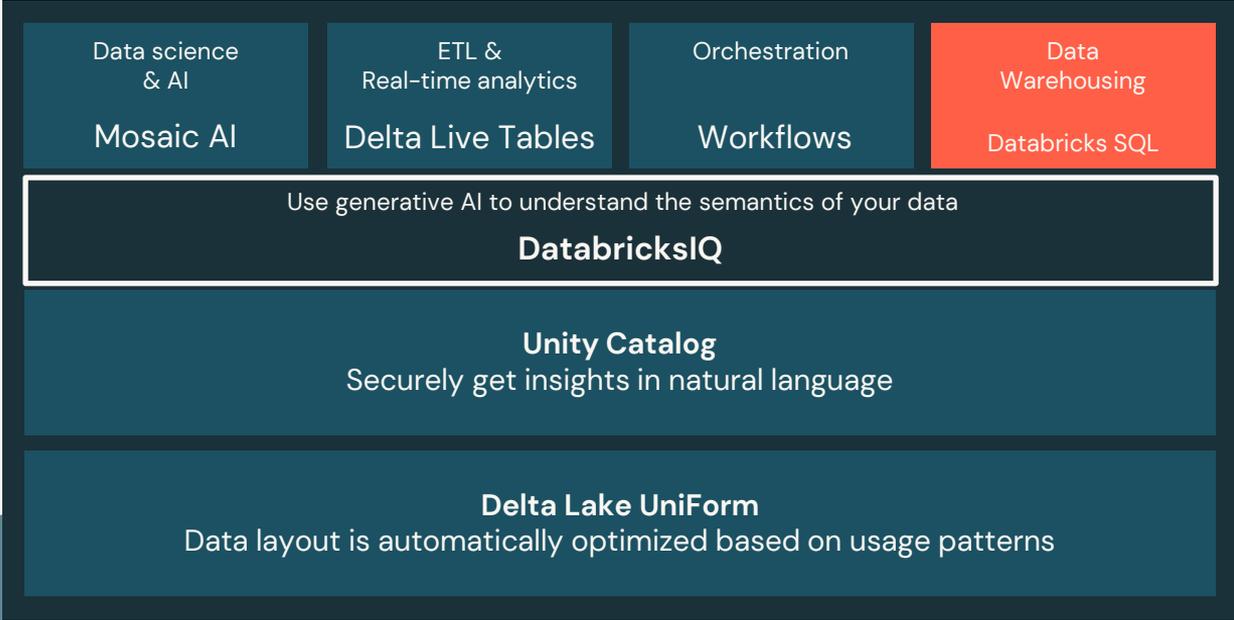


# ... And has embedded AI into every stage

Embedded AI across the data continuum



# Databricks Data Intelligence Platform



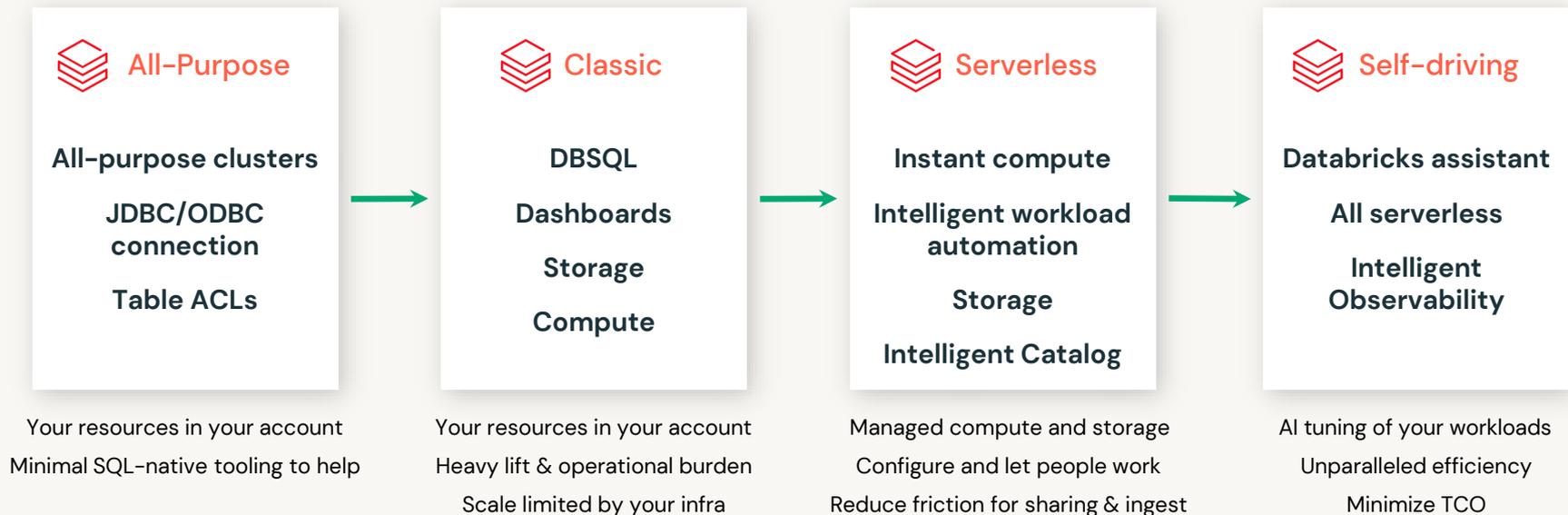
## Open Data Lake

All raw data  
(Logs, Texts, Audio, Video, Images)



# Data Intelligence Platform Evolution

Journey to self-driving in 4 years or less

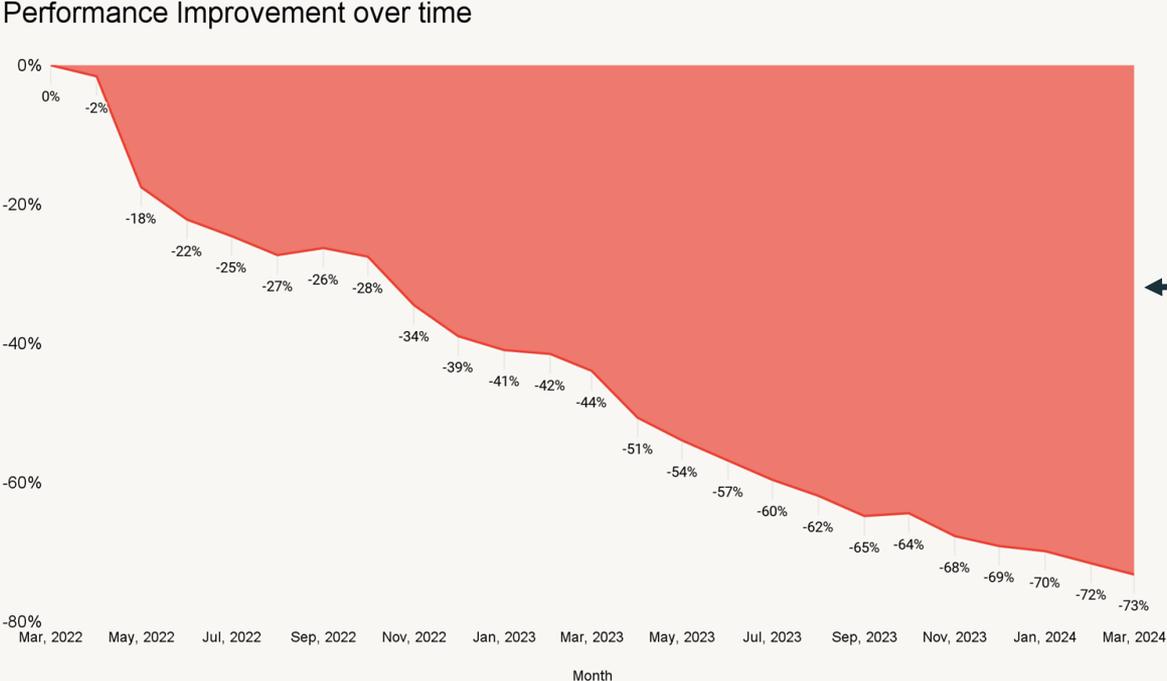


Moving to no knobs, no config features—serverless and self-driving Lakehouse



# Automatic Performance improvements time

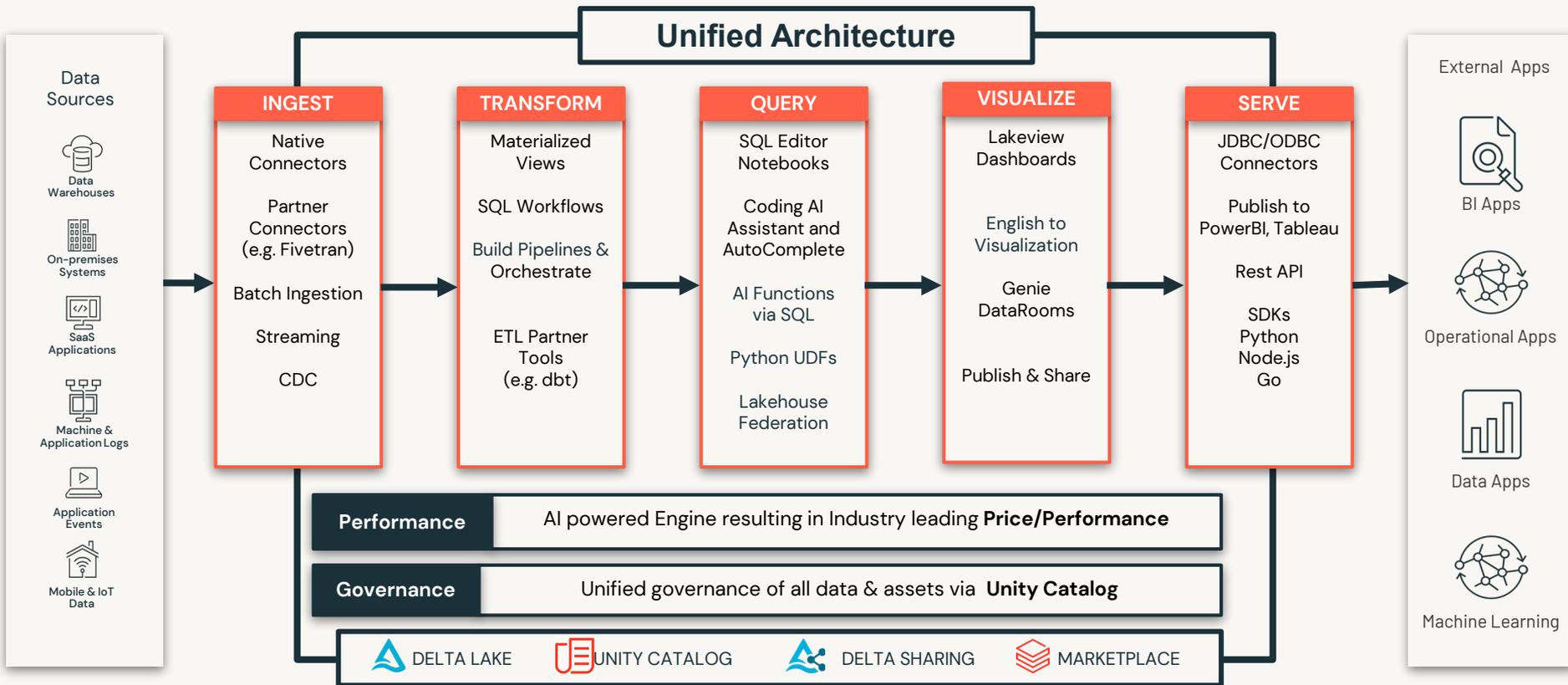
Actual customer queries improved 73% over last 2 years (4x faster)



73%  
Faster



# A Complete Data Warehousing Solution



# Production Data App Stack

## Data Apps with Plotly Dash

- Drive every part of the Databricks Platform from a Data App all in Python

Govern + Share  
Insights

Interact + Build  
Models

Run Jobs

SQL Querying

Write to Tables /  
Save State

## Unity Catalog

Understands all your data assets, governs and empowers your platform

- Context-aware search
- Auto describe tables and columns
- Automated lineage
- End-to-end **observability** and monitoring
- **Sharing data, functions, volumes, AI models, & more.**

Data science  
& AI

Mosaic AI

ETL &  
Real-time analytics

Delta Live Tables

Orchestration

Workflows

Data  
Warehousing

Databricks SQL

Embed AI into every part of the platform to accelerate developer productivity

## DatabricksIQ

## Unity Catalog

Govern, Share, and Manage Data Apps in one Platform

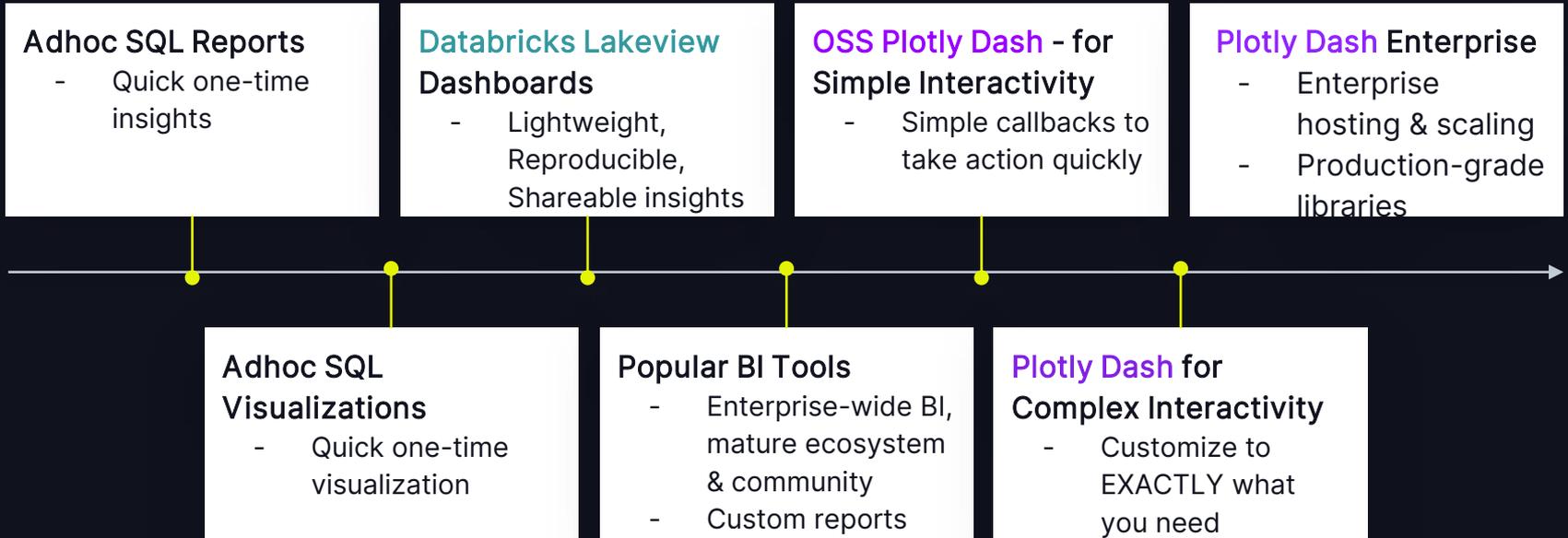
## Delta Lake UniForm

Open and sharable format with no performance sacrifices



# Scale of Data App Severity

## Databricks Supports the Entire Continuum



# Building Full Stack Apps is hard - how do we make it easier?

Building full stack apps is hard, even harder when they are high analytical-  
much more complex state to manage

## Databricks

- Databricks is the one-stop-shop to ingest, engineer, and extract insights (value) from your data.
- Fully Managed Catalog for All Data Assets
- Embedded AI for 10x productivity
- Leading Warehousing Performance

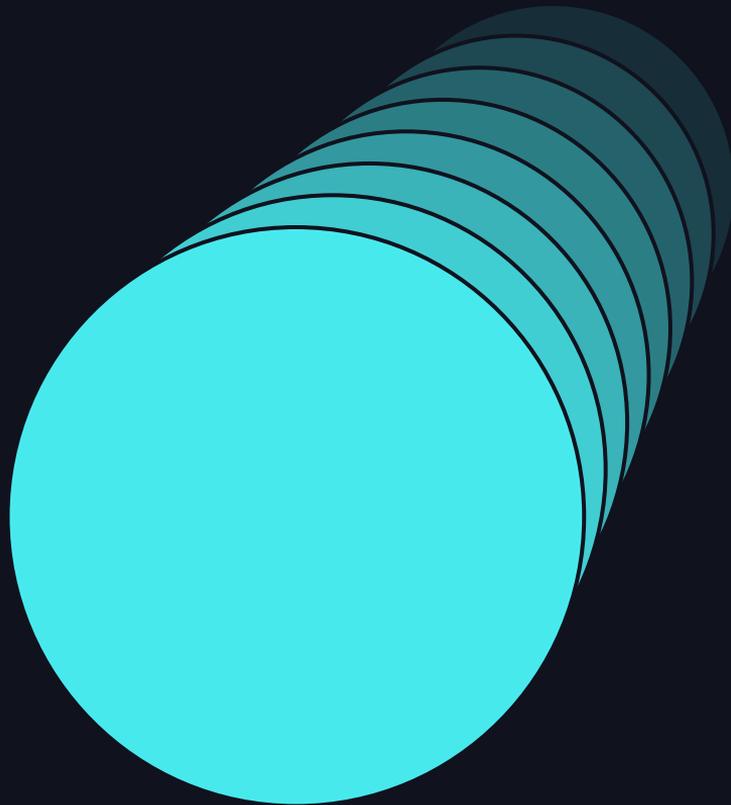
## Plotly Dash

- De-facto Data Visualization leader (nearly everyone uses Plotly Charts)
- Simple full-stack app framework in Python
- Start-simple, endless customizability
- Beautiful Visualization + Simple Interactivity

## Databricks + Plotly Dash for Data Apps

- *Uplevel your Data team to build more valuable & scalable data products*
- Standardize Stack on **Python + SQL**
- Start simple, customize as much as you need
- **Open Stack** - Delta/Uniform, Plotly Dash, Spark, ML FLOW

# Demo - Observability with Lakeview + Dash Apps



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Real-time App Demo, by Cody Davis

# SCENARIO



## You are a large enterprise with...

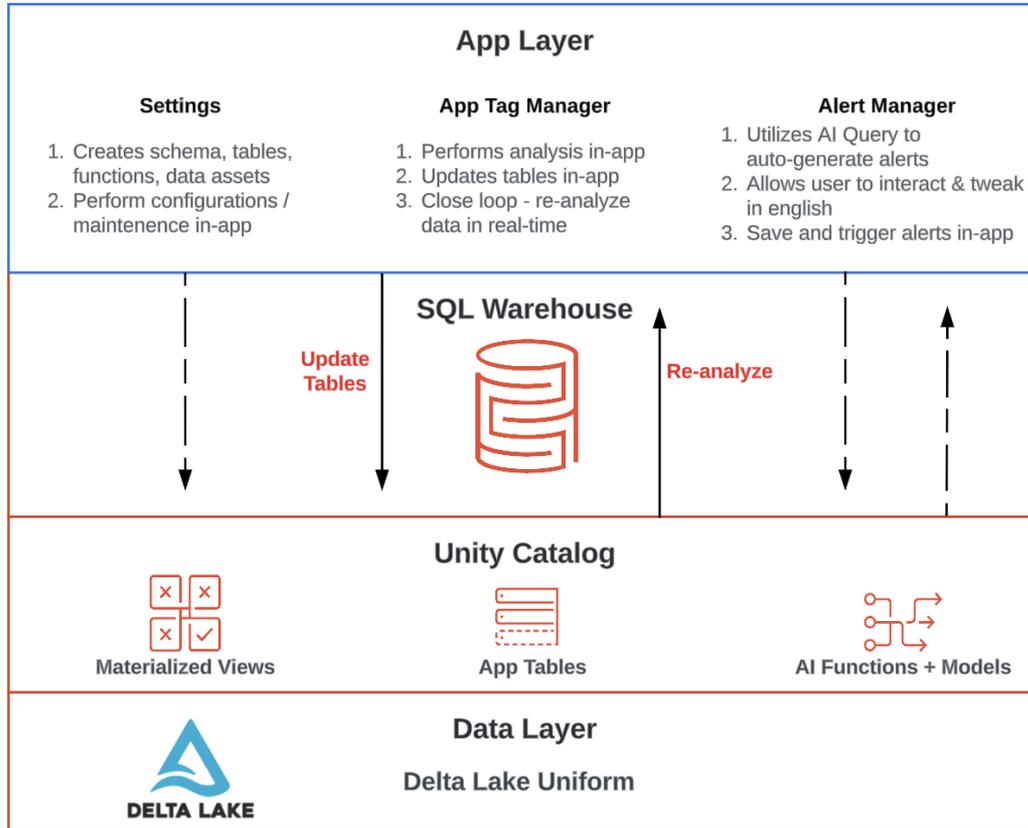
- Over 1000+ jobs
- 50+ SQL Warehouses
- And 1000+ users on the Databricks Platform
- Adoption (and cost) is growing, and you want to get a handle on where costs are going and how to control them. Right now, you don't know where to start. You just know you need to implement tagging to allocate and observe spend by use case
- The Billing Account Console, is a great starting point, but you want to implement your own frameworks to enable your data team to solve this problem themselves

## We are going to

- Review what Lakeview dashboards can do to solve this problem (and be on the lookout for more announcements for OOTB Dashboards)
- **Use a Plotly Dash App on Databricks to**
  - Identify spend by tag (already doable in the account console, but we can dive deeper)
  - Create some tagging policies
  - Track adherence to those policies over time
  - Identify improperly tagged assets, and fix them in the app



# App Architecture



# Future



What can we easily do next?

Automated Custom Alerting

AI Embedded Alerting - So non-technical users can drive

Overall Larger TAM of Users that can build and commercialize Data Apps!

Stay tuned this week on all kinds of announcements around Observability, AI, and Data Apps on Databricks!



# Resources

- [DBSQL SME Engineering Blog](#) - For all things warehousing and apps from our SMEs
  - [Plotly + Databricks Page](#)
  - [Lakeview Dashboard Templates](#)
  - [Code to This App](#)
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