

# British Cycling Data Platform in Python

# Infinity Works at-a-glance

## We are unique in: We deliver value fast

If a customer wants to launch new products or services for clients who want to overtake or stay ahead of their competition. **Think Infinity Works.**

We operate in **Days & Weeks** to build PoC's and MVPs (Minimum Viable Products) so customers can interact with the consumers at the earliest opportunity.

## The customers we work with have a Challenger mindset and have the following characteristics:

- Needs to launch a new, bold and exciting product or service
- Has a strong leadership & vision they want to achieve
- Desire to challenge the market leaders
- Digital-first business
- Financially backed

## Commercial Team



**Andy Emmett**  
Head of Alliances



**Charles Morgan**  
Business Development Executive

## Edinburgh/Glasgow 80 people



**Rory Patience**  
Client Services Lead



**Craig Lumley**  
Technical Services Lead



## Manchester 180 people



**Dave Postle**  
Client Services Lead



**Rich Handley**  
Technical Services Lead



## Leeds 240 people



**Natalie Lovett**  
Client Services Lead



**Simon Roberts**  
Technical Services Lead



## Birmingham/London 205 people



**Elaine Shanks**  
Client Services Lead



**Antony Cox**  
Technical Services Lead





## Murray Tait

Infinity Works part of Accenture

### Profile Overview

- Murray is a Senior Technical Architect, Technical Lead and Delivery Lead with Infinity Works based in Manchester, UK.
- Murray has 30 years experience in software projects implementation
- He specializes in working with agile development teams using Scrum and Kanban frameworks
- He has been involved in Agile transformation since 2005, by example and though coaching

### Recent Experience - Extract

#### Velocity Labs, Accenture

- Technical Product Owner responsible for productizing the project from proof of value to a production-ready multi-client product.

#### NHSD Spine

- Technical lead of project create multiple Proof of Concept implementations to move NHSD Spine to a range of Cloud platforms include serverless AWS, AWS RDS and Azure Cosmos
- Technical lead for upgrading Spine from Python2 to Python3

#### Great Britain Cycling Team

- Architect and delivery lead of project re-platforming on-prem to
- Data processing and analysis tools allow performance analysts to compare multiple sessions or multiple efforts over different periods of time and in various conditions.

### Skills

- Delivery management
- Data architecture
- Cloud migration

Vehicle Insurance: retail and wholesale pricing.

Telemetry insurance: data collection, aggregation, analysis and integration.

Fintech: payment gateway provider including functional innovation. Test management and client facing project management. Responsibilities in PCI-DSS compliance

Vehicle pricing and provenance: Wholesale and leasing industry. Consumer facing services

## Background and Experience

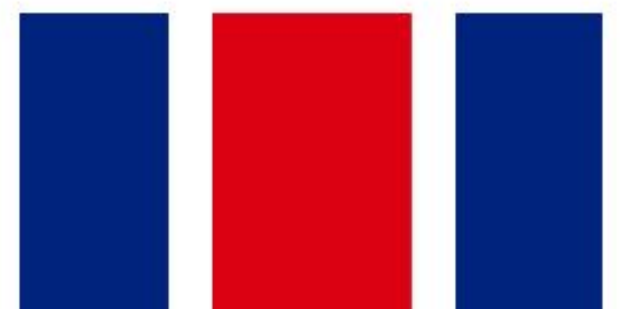
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Peter Robinson

Senior Data Engineer  
Great Britain Cycling  
Team

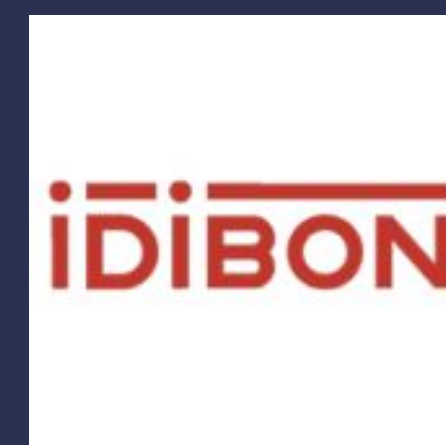
- MEng from University of Cambridge, including a Masters project working alongside GBCT to develop a collocation based cycling simulation for optimisation problems.
- 2 years working at Softwire Ltd as a full stack developer, including both web and mobile platforms.
- 9 months working as Senior Data Engineer for GBCT, handling the entire data lifecycle from collection through to presentation.





**Stefan Krawczyk**  
CEO DAGWorks

**12+ years in ML**  
**& Data platforms**





**Win 10 Olympic and 15 Paralympic medals**



*“The whole principle came from the idea that if you broke down everything you could think of that goes into riding a bike, and then improve it by 1 percent, you will get a significant increase when you put them all together.” -  
Dave Brailsford, Performance Director of The British Cycling Team*

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## London 2012 Olympics: Bike chief's joke about roundness of our wheels fuels French row over our cycle success

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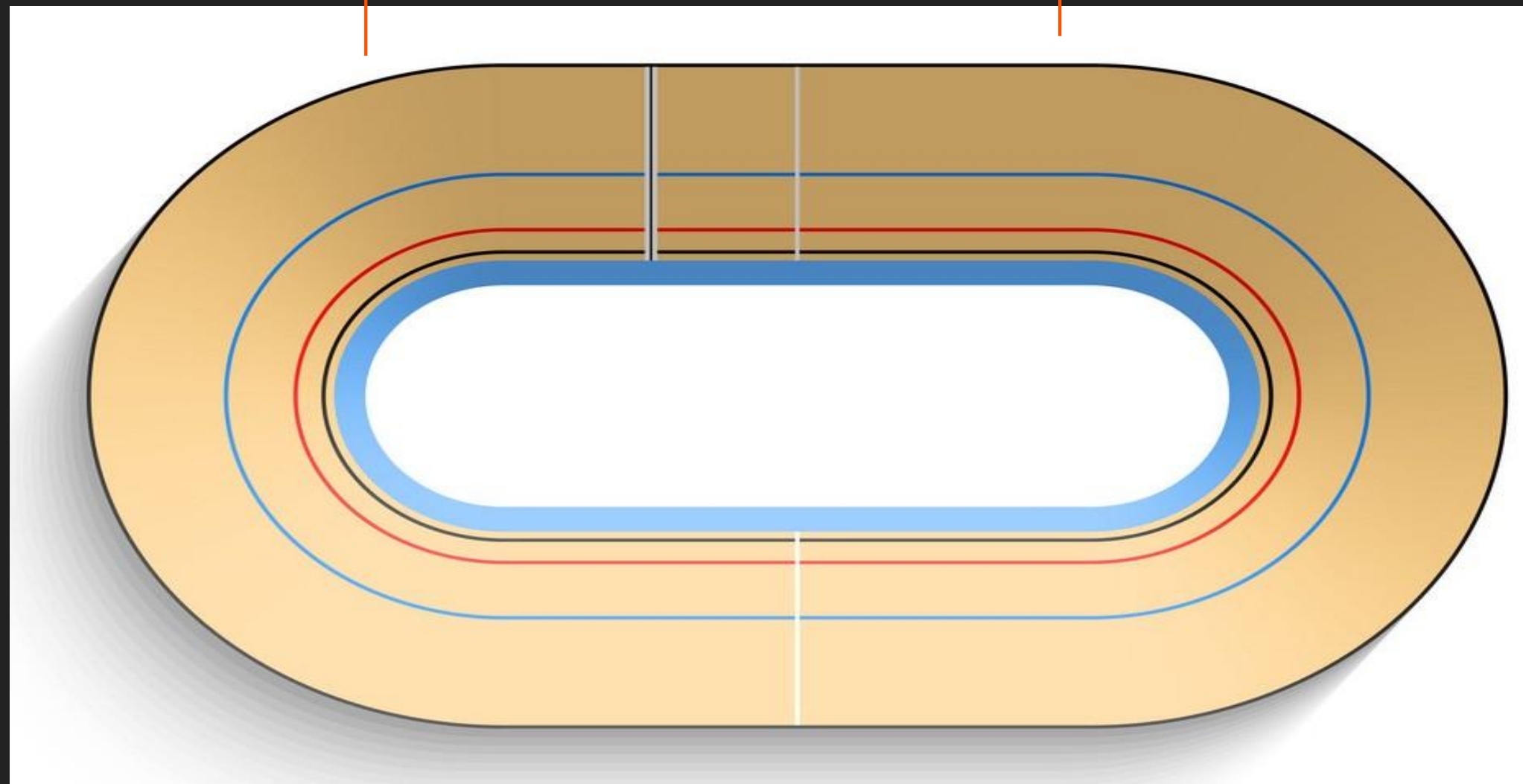




# Data Sources

**Video** from a number of cameras around the track which capture metrics on rider position and posture.

**Induction Loop** fitted underneath the track to monitor the rider position.



**Wind Tunnel** data captured through both real world wind tunnel trials and a digital wind tunnel hosted in AWS.



**Hub** fitted to each bike to record a number of 'onboard' metrics including power, speed, air pressure.



**Weather Station** next to the track to record atmospheric metrics within the velodrome

**External Data Capture** to capture data outside of the velodrome for road cyclists. Inc. heartrate, power & speed.

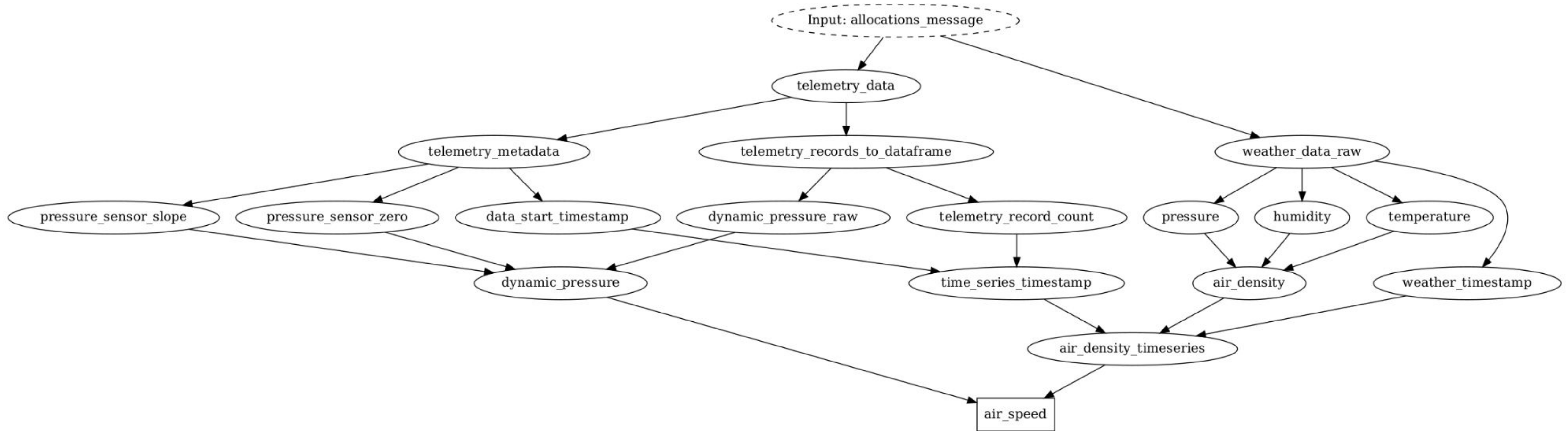




# Keystone

- Hamilton based
- Run as a cloud function
- Processes raw data into key metrics
- Flexible to different input sources
- Handles missing and poor quality data
- Self-documenting and modular

# Data Lineage



```
@tag(unit="m/s")
def air_speed(
    dynamic_pressure: pd.Series,
    air_density_timeseries: pd.Series,
) -> pd.Series:
    """Function to determine the oncoming air speed for timeseries data, where
    positive is a headwind.

    Units: m/s

    """
    return (2 * dynamic_pressure / air_density_timeseries).pow(0.5)
```

**Introduction of  
Hamilton  
Stefan Krawczyk**



# What is Hamilton?

**micro-framework for defining dataflows**

SWE best practices:  testing  documentation  
 modularity/reuse  lineage

*“DBT for python functions”*

```
pip install sf-hamilton [came from Stitch Fix]
```

**[www.tryhamilton.dev](http://www.tryhamilton.dev) ← uses pyodide!**



# Hamilton: “a ha” moment

## Table:

	spend	spend_zero_mean	spend_zero_mean_unit_variance
2023-01-01	10	-46	-1.173035
2023-01-02	10	-46	-1.173035
2023-01-03	20	-36	-0.918028
2023-01-04	40	-16	-0.408012
2023-01-05	40	-16	-0.408012

**Idea:** What if every output (column) corresponded to exactly one python fn?

**Addendum:** What if you could determine the dependencies from the way that function was written?

```
def spend_zero_mean_unit_variance(  
    spend_zero_mean: pd.Series, spend_std_dev: float  
) -> pd.Series:  
    """More docs would go here..."""  
    return spend_zero_mean / spend_std_dev
```





# Old Way vs Hamilton Way:

Instead of

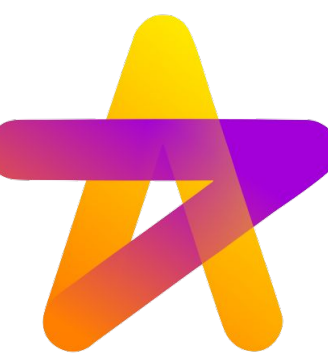
```
df['c'] = df['a'] + df['b']  
df['d'] = transform(df['c'])
```

**Outputs == Function Name**

**Inputs == Function Arguments**

You declare

```
def c(a: pd.Series, b: pd.Series) -> pd.Series:  
    """Sums a with b"""  
    return a + b  
  
def d(c: pd.Series) -> pd.Series:  
    """Transforms C to ..."""  
    new_column = _transform_logic(c)  
    return new_column
```

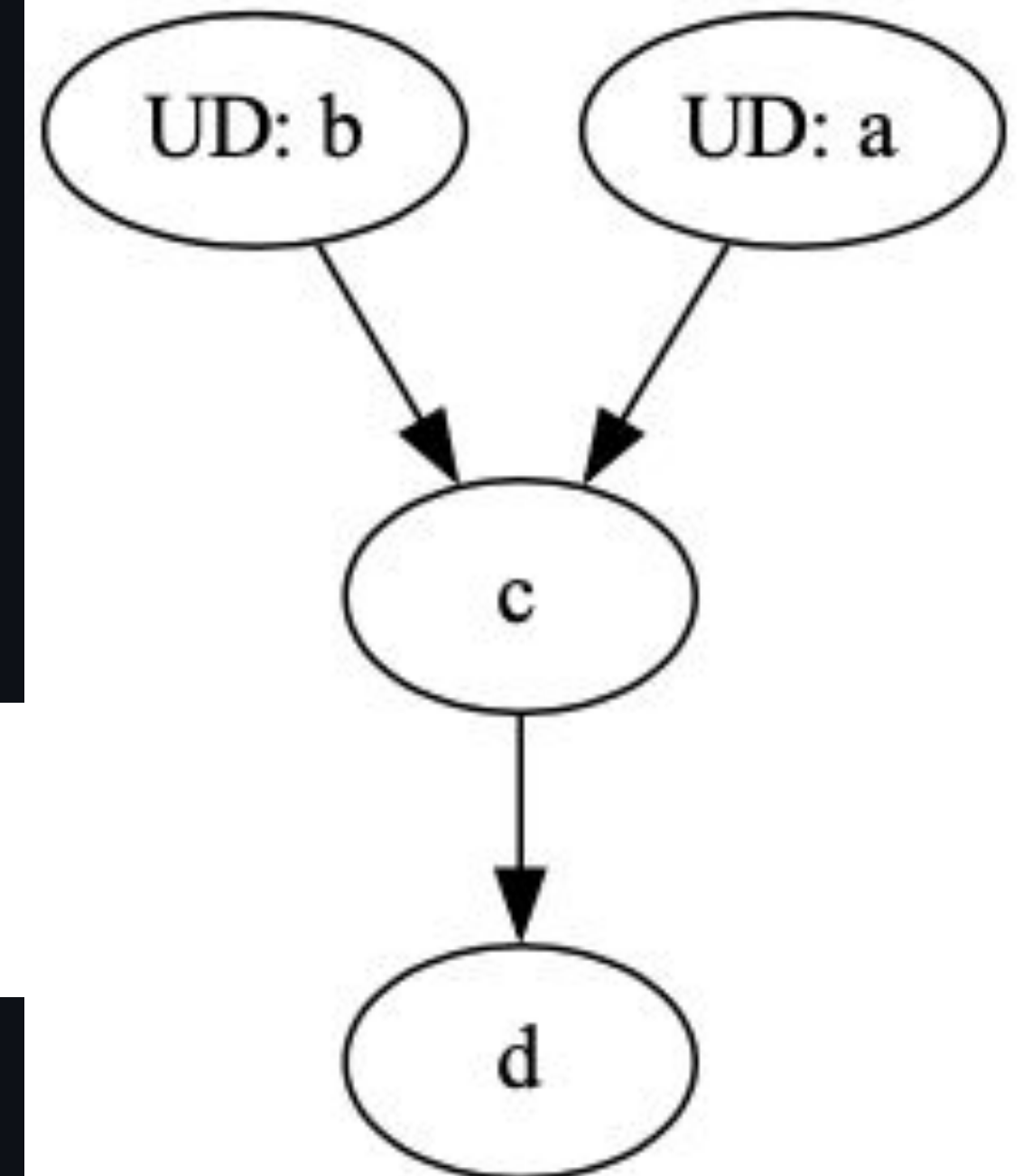


# Full Hello World

Functions

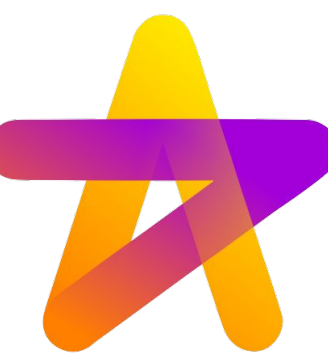
```
# feature_logic.py
def c(a: pd.Series, b: pd.Series) -> pd.Series:
    """Sums a with b"""
    return a + b

def d(c: pd.Series) -> pd.Series:
    """Transforms C to ..."""
    new_column = _transform_logic(c)
    return new_column
```



Driver says what/when to execute

```
# run.py
from hamilton import driver
import feature_logic
dr = driver.Driver({'a': ..., 'b': ...}, feature_logic)
df_result = dr.execute(['c', 'd'])
print(df_result)
```



# Some Hamilton features that come naturally

A function:

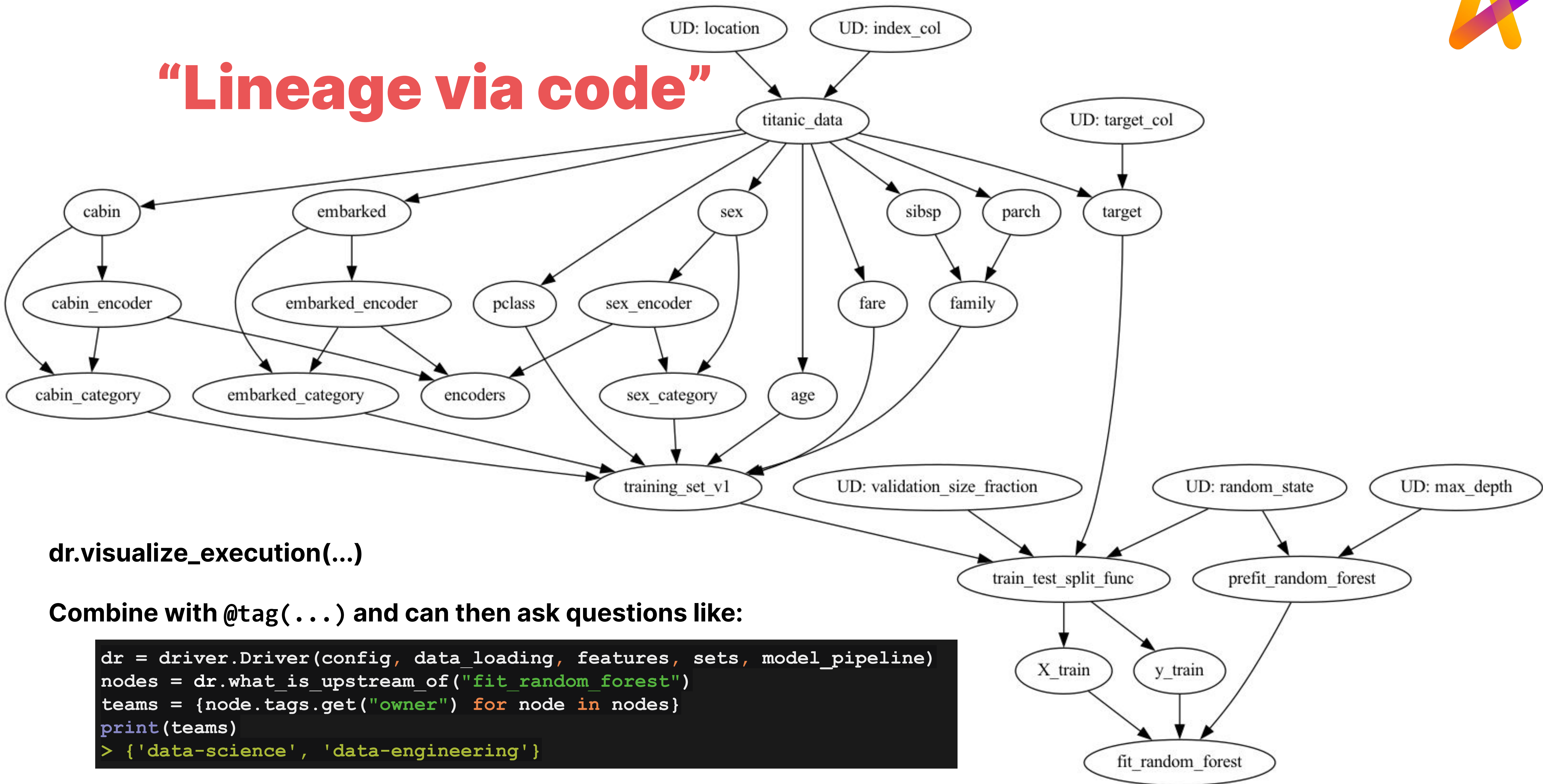
```
# client_features.py
@tag(owner='Data-Science', pii='False')
@check_output(data_type=np.float64, range=(-5.0, 5.0), allow_nans=False)
def height_zero_mean_unit_variance(height_zero_mean: pd.Series,
                                   height_std_dev: pd.Series) -> pd.Series:
    """Zero mean unit variance value of height"""
    return height_zero_mean / height_std_dev
```

Features that come naturally with Hamilton:

- Unit & integration testing
  - Documentation
  - Modularity/reuse
  - Central definition store (in code)
  - Data quality
  - It's just python code
- ✓ always possible & straightforward
  - ✓ tags, visualization, function doc
  - ✓ module curation & decoupled drivers; extensible & expressive with decorators
  - ✓ naming, curation, versioning
  - ✓ runtime checks
  - ✓ lightweight and flexible; not just for pandas



# “Lineage via code”



**dr.visualize\_execution(...)**

**Combine with @tag(...) and can then ask questions like:**

```
dr = driver.Driver(config, data_loading, features, sets, model_pipeline)
nodes = dr.what_is_upstream_of("fit_random_forest")
teams = {node.tags.get("owner") for node in nodes}
print(teams)
> {'data-science', 'data-engineering'}
```



# Hamilton Summary

**Write declarative functions, get a DAG!**  
**Runs anywhere python runs**

SWE best practices come out of the box - *“DBT for python functions”*

```
pip install sf-hamilton
```

[www.tryhamilton.dev](http://www.tryhamilton.dev)

★ <https://github.com/dagworks-inc/hamilton>



A quick word – we’re building on top of Hamilton:

“Unifying platform layer for data & ML”

If you’re interested in lineage, observability, and catalogs:

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Q&A