

# Taking Back 'Software Engineering'

Craftsmanship is insufficient

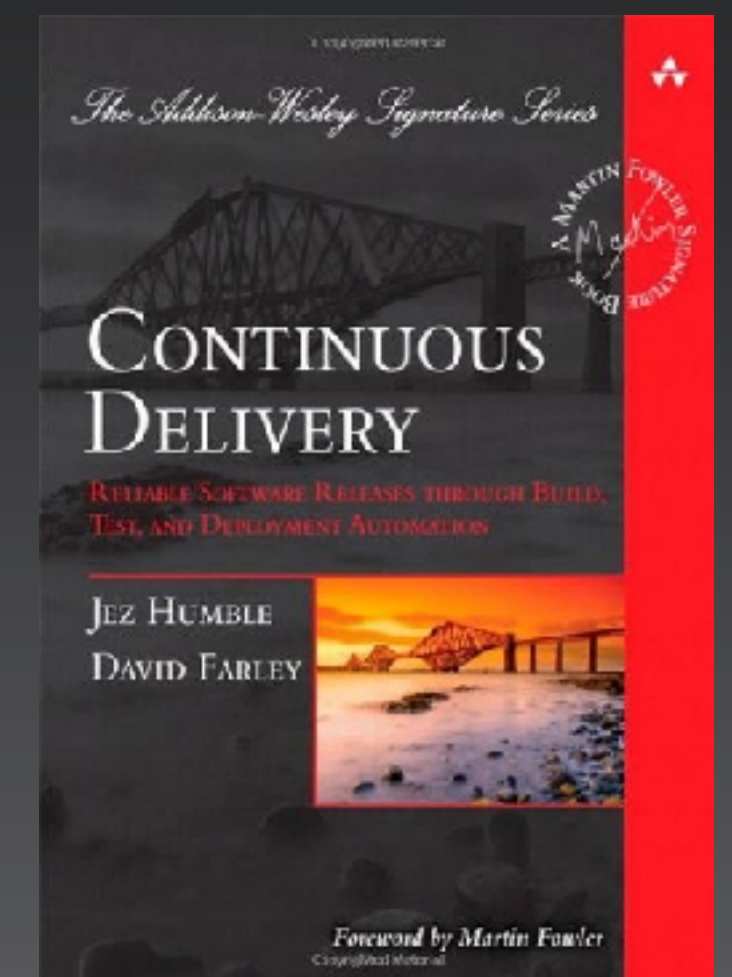
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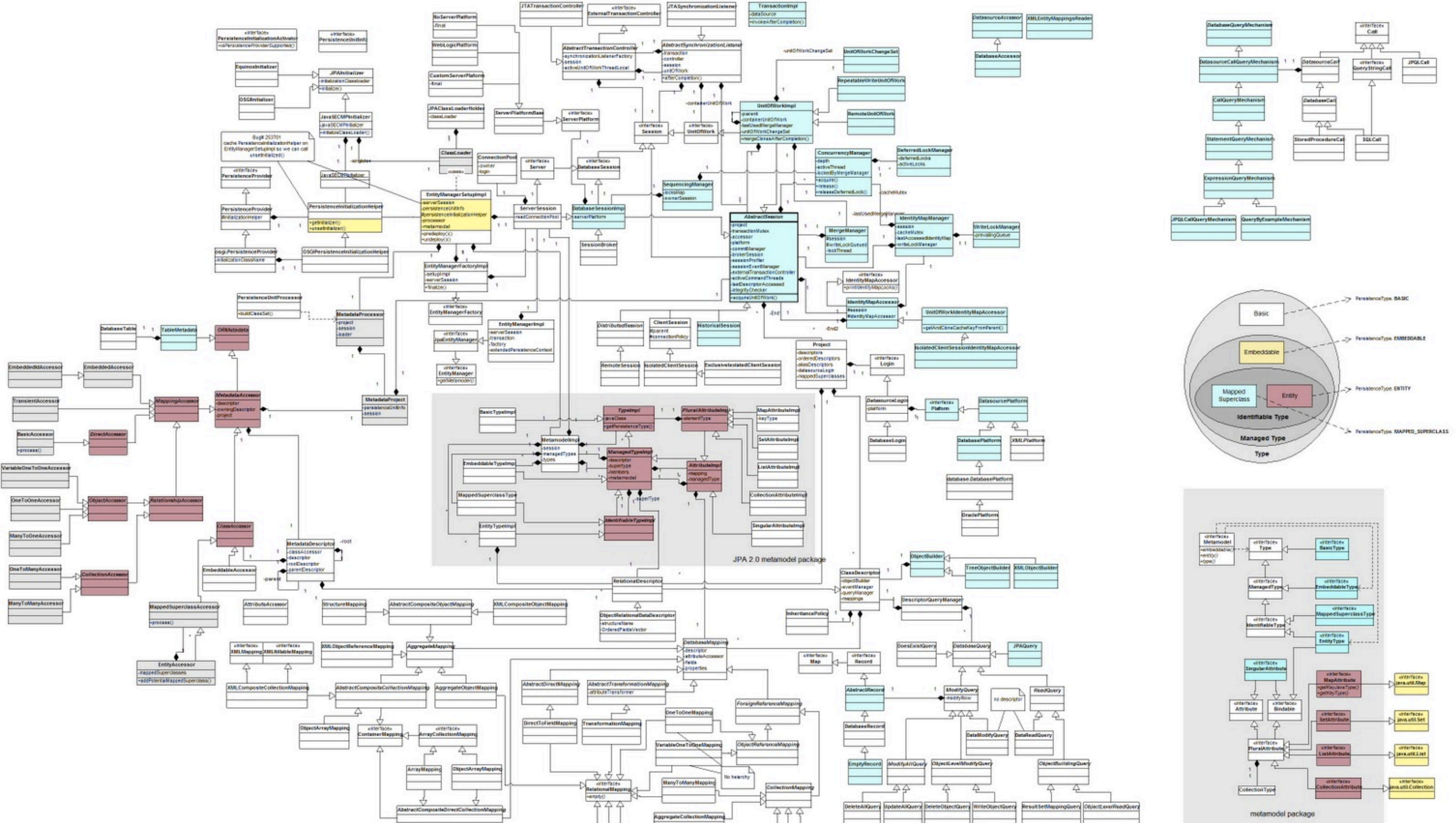
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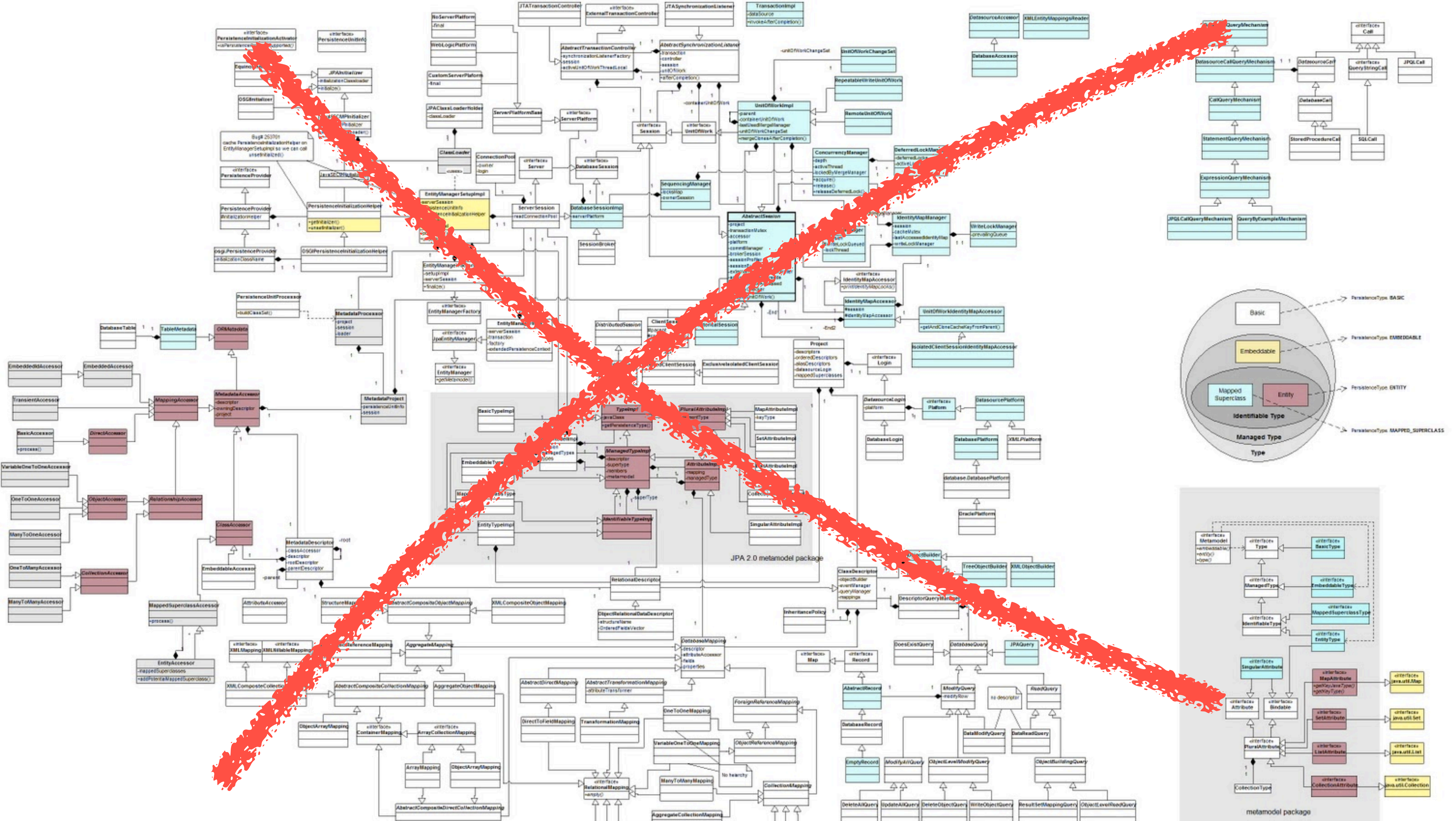
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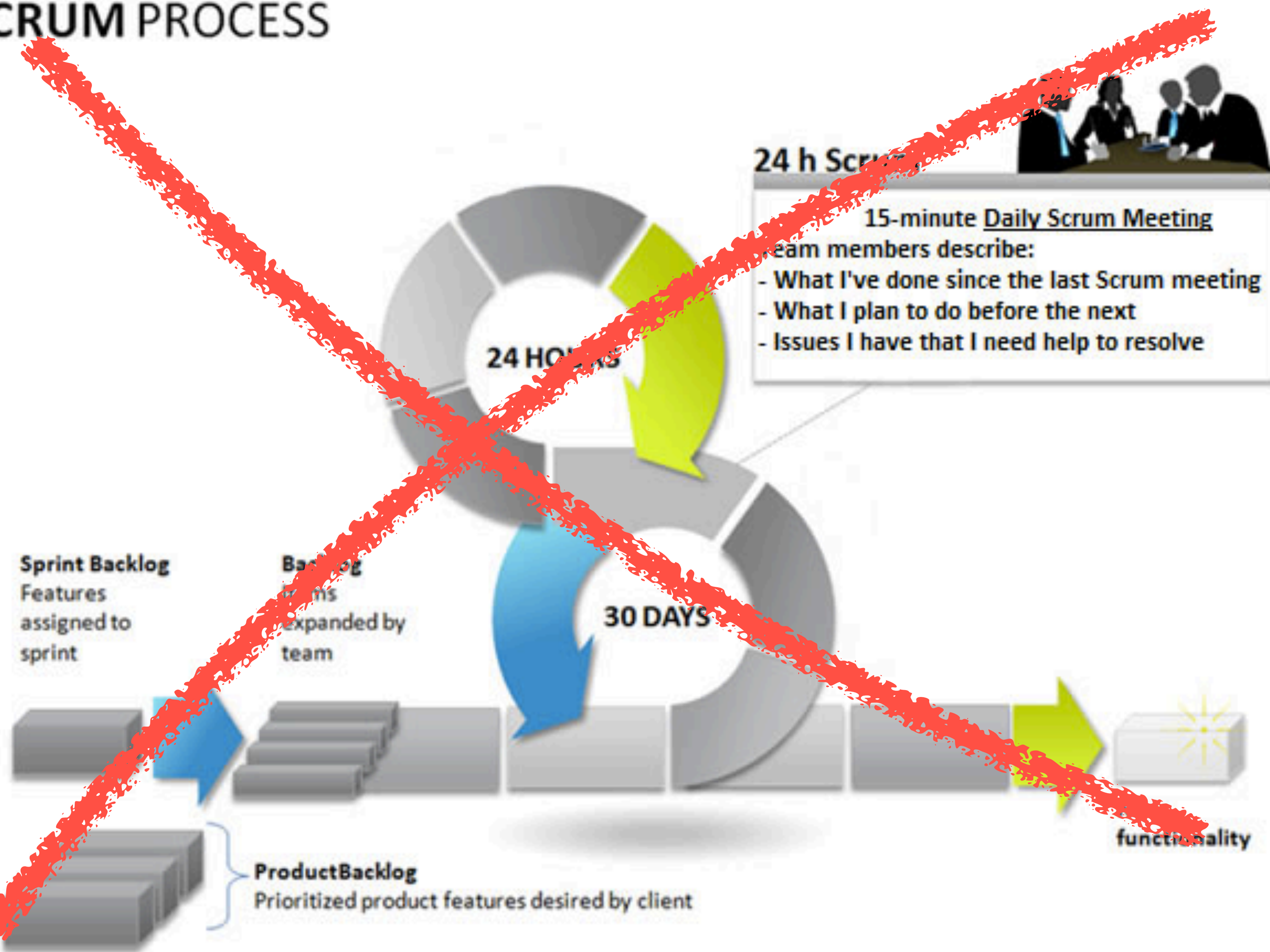




# SCRUM PROCESS



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## 24 h Scrum

**15-minute Daily Scrum Meeting**  
Team members describe:

- What I've done since the last Scrum meeting
- What I plan to do before the next
- Issues I have that I need help to resolve



# CRAFTSMANSHIP

THE PATH TO WRITING GOOD CODE



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# The Evolution of Production

- **Craft**
- **Mass Production**
- **Lean Production Techniques**





# History of Production - Craft

## Craft Based

- Art rather than science
- No work standards
- Each Piece of work is individually crafted and unique
- Based on Individual Expertise



# History of Production - Mass Production

## Mass Production

- Assembly Line
- Standardised Components
- Standardised Steps
- Piece-based Metrics  
(Measure how long to create a component)



# History of Production - Lean Production

## Lean Production

- Quality At Source
- Pull based System
- Minimise Work In Progress
- Minimise Waste
- One-Piece-Flow



# Defined Process Model

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Mass production  
Assembly Lines  
Waterfall process

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**Craft Based Production**  
**Exploration**  
**Continual Improvement**  
**Lean Process**

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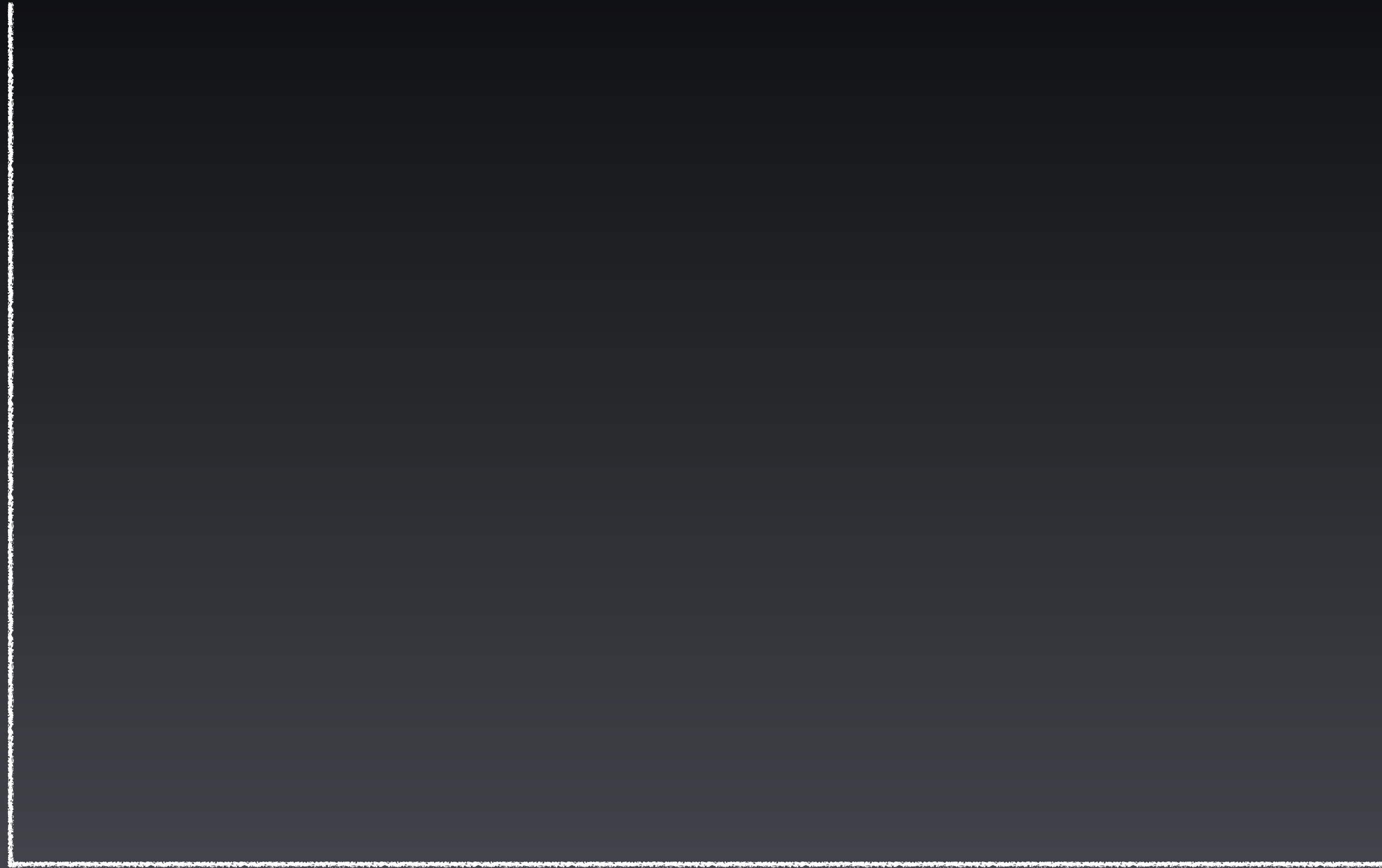
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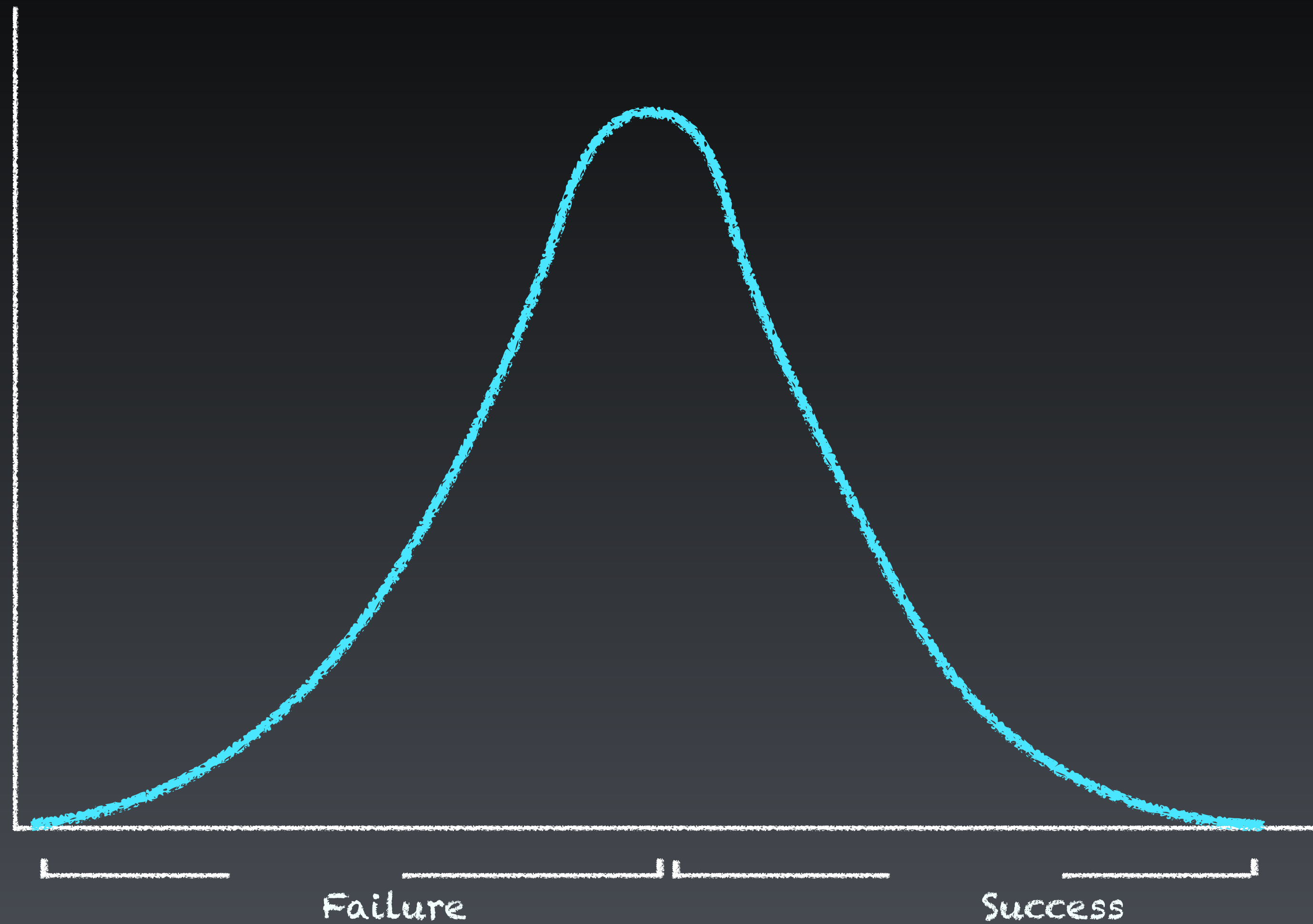


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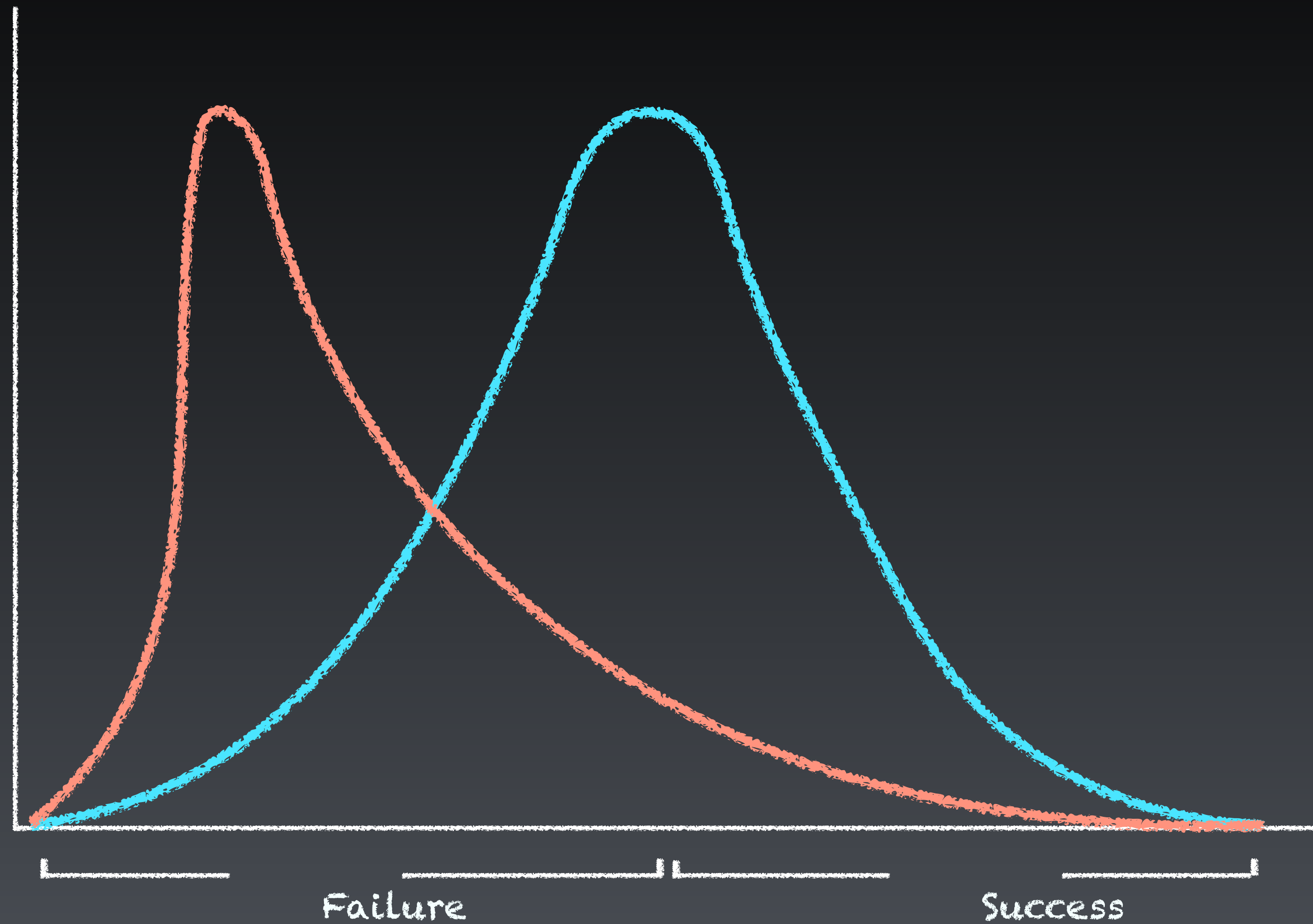
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Source: “ Lianping Chen Paddy Power (<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0164121217300353>)



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**90% lower  
defect rate**

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**8000x faster  
deployment  
lead times**

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**44% More time  
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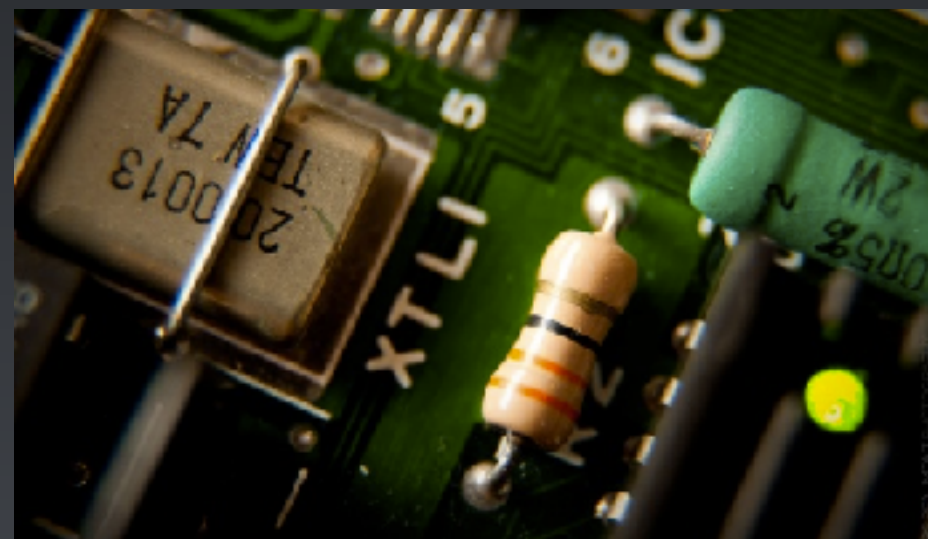
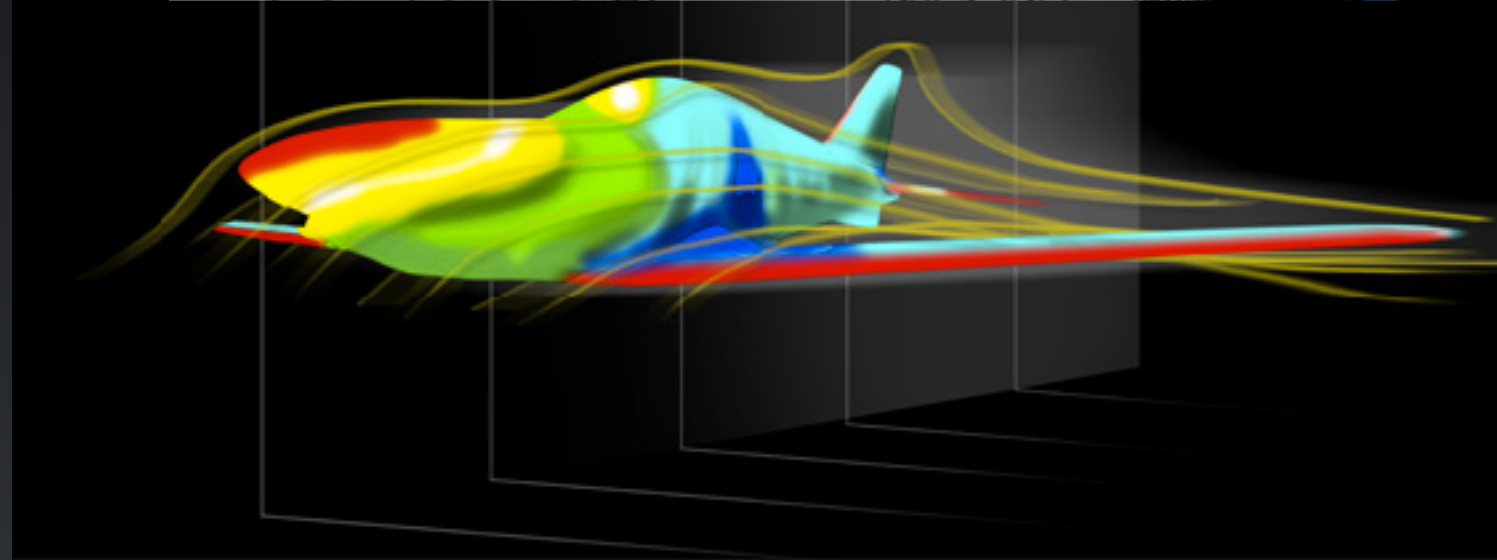
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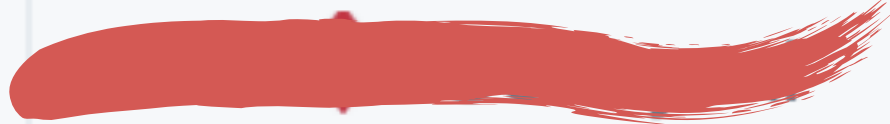
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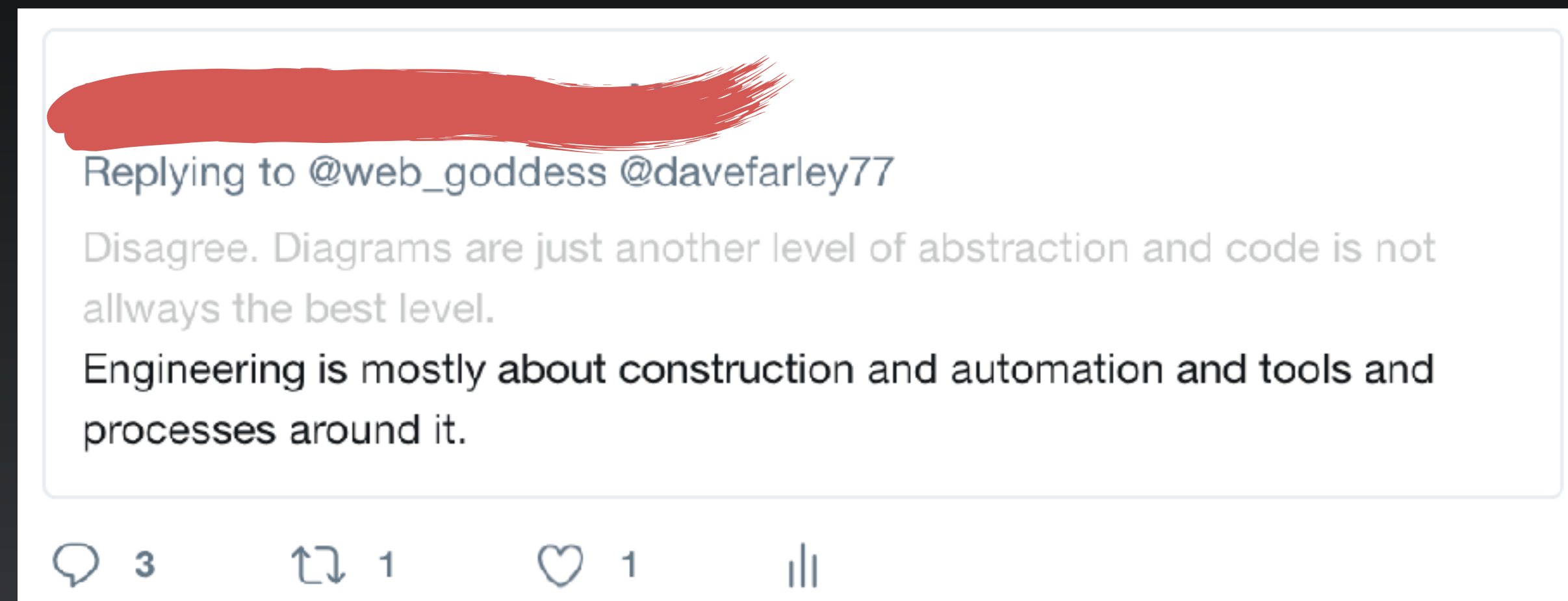
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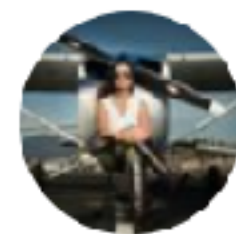


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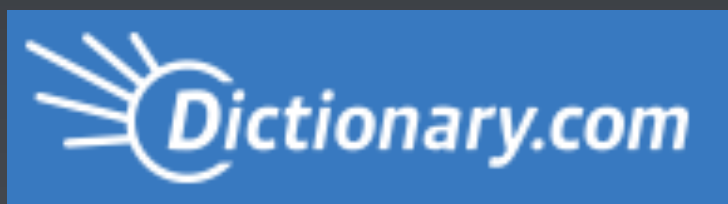
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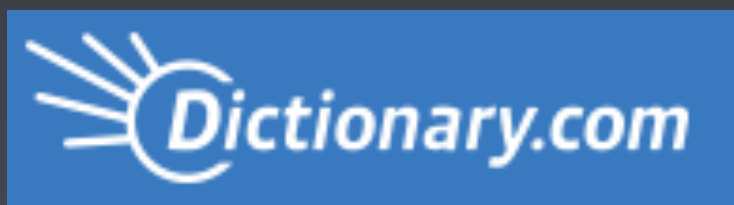
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**Engineering** is the application of an empirical, scientific approach to finding efficient solutions to practical problems.

*(Dave Farley - Just Now!)*

# Fundamentals of an 'Engineering' Approach

- Iterative
- Employs Feedback
- Incremental
- Experimental
- Empirical

# Iterative

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**Iteration** is the act of repeating a process, either to generate an unbounded sequence of outcomes, or with the aim of approaching a desired goal, target or result.”

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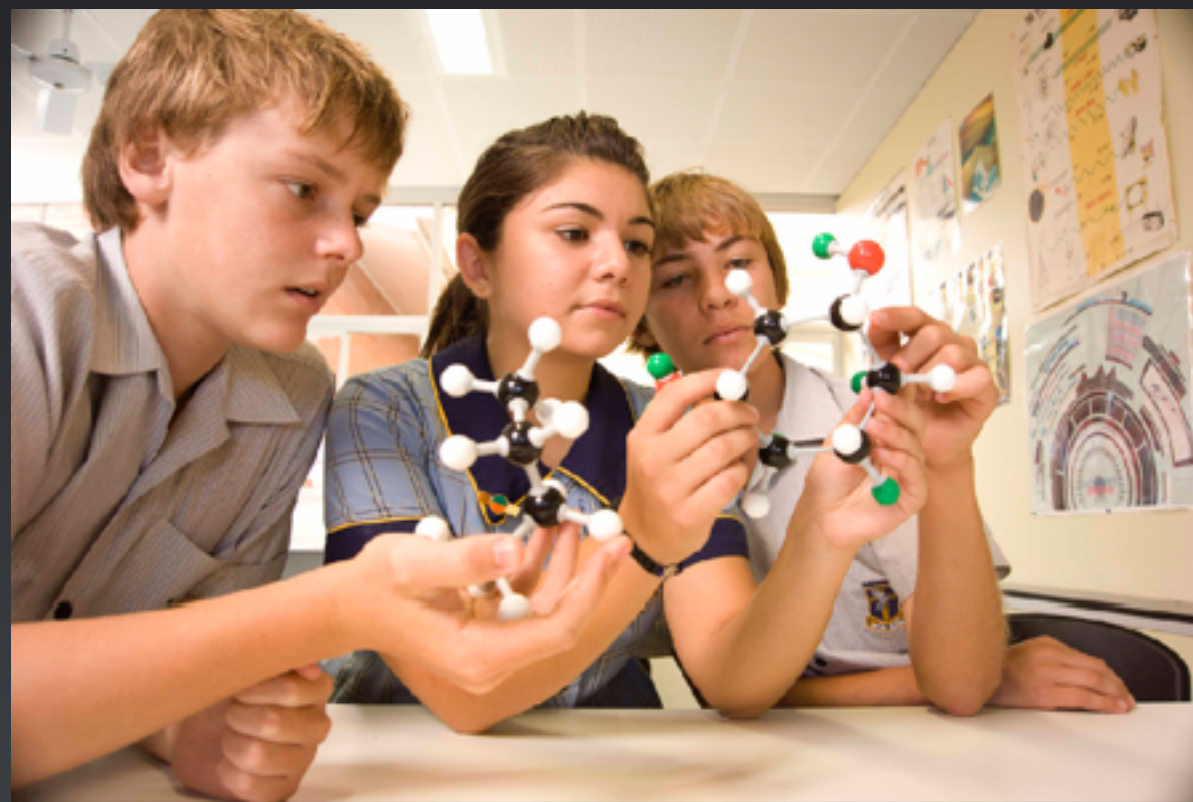
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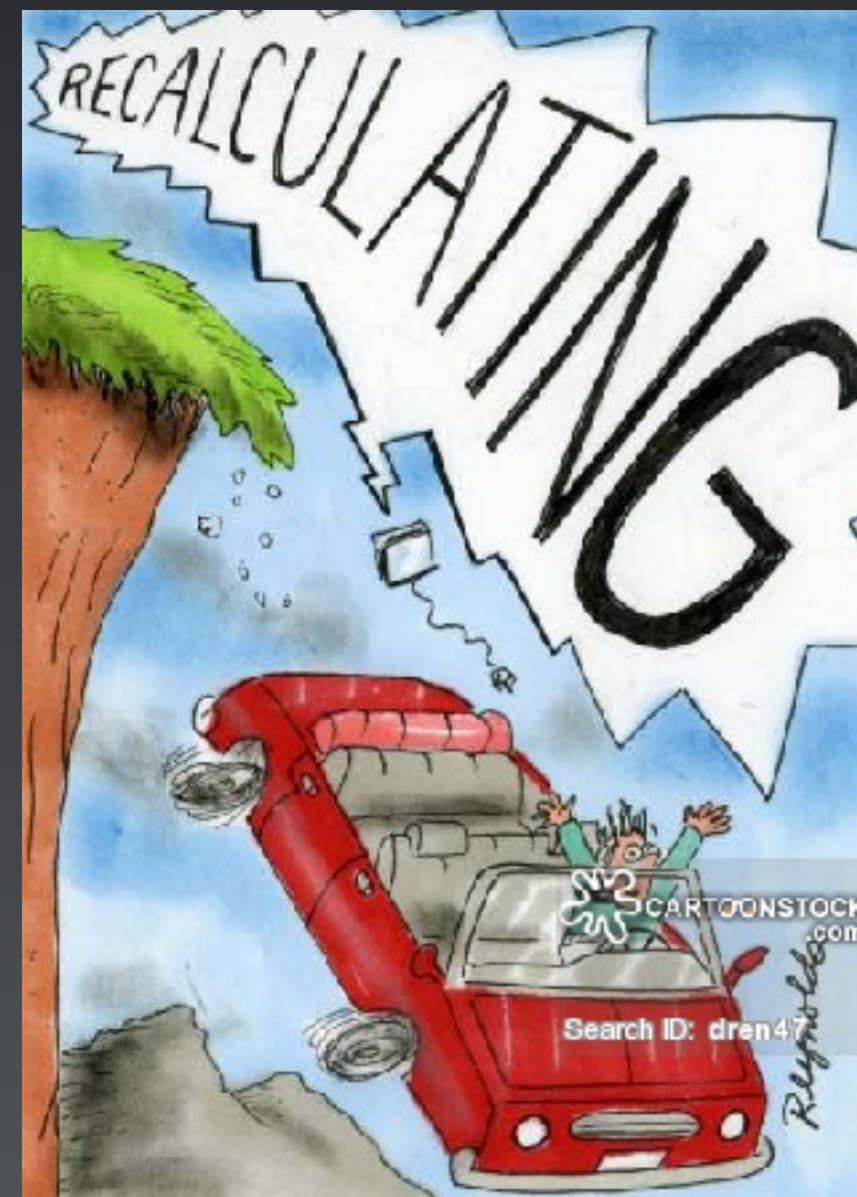
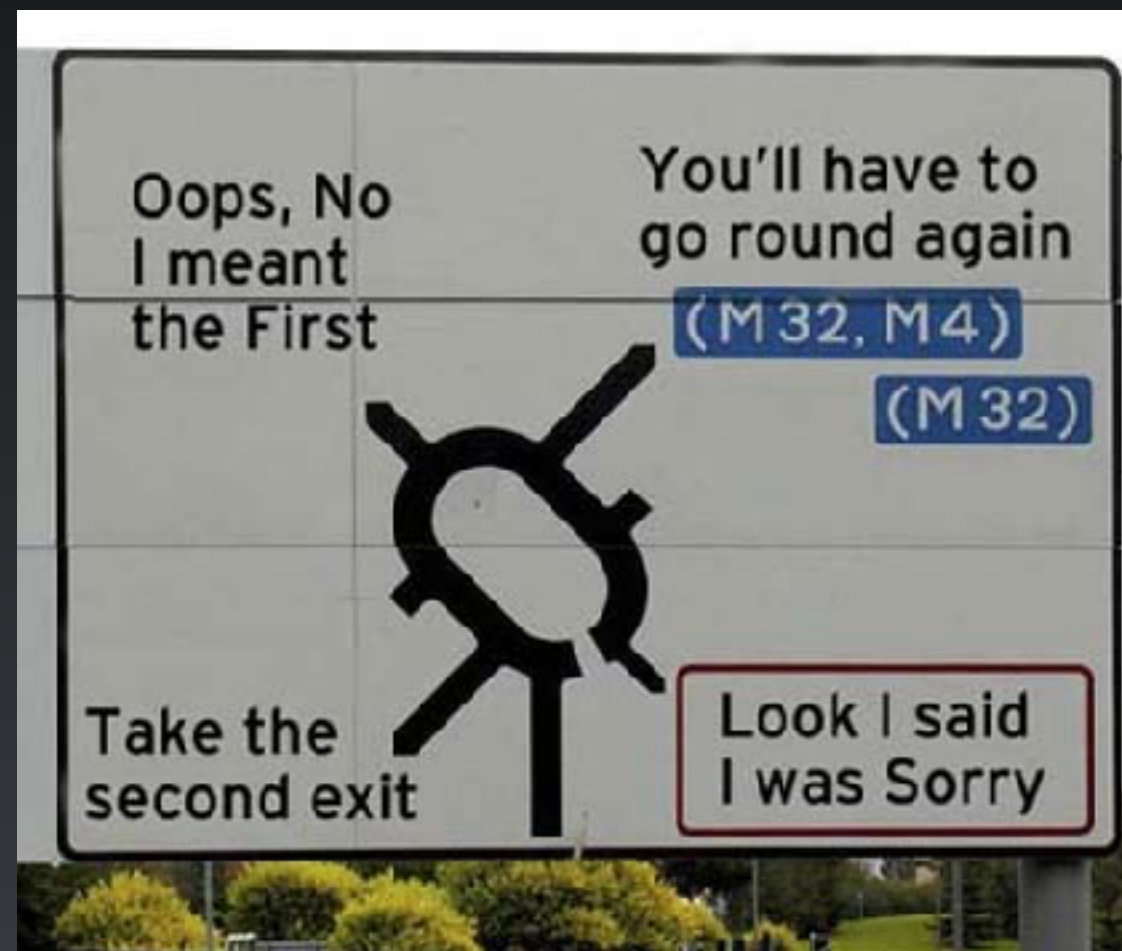


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**Feedback** is information about actions, returned to the source of the actions.



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**AWESOME!**

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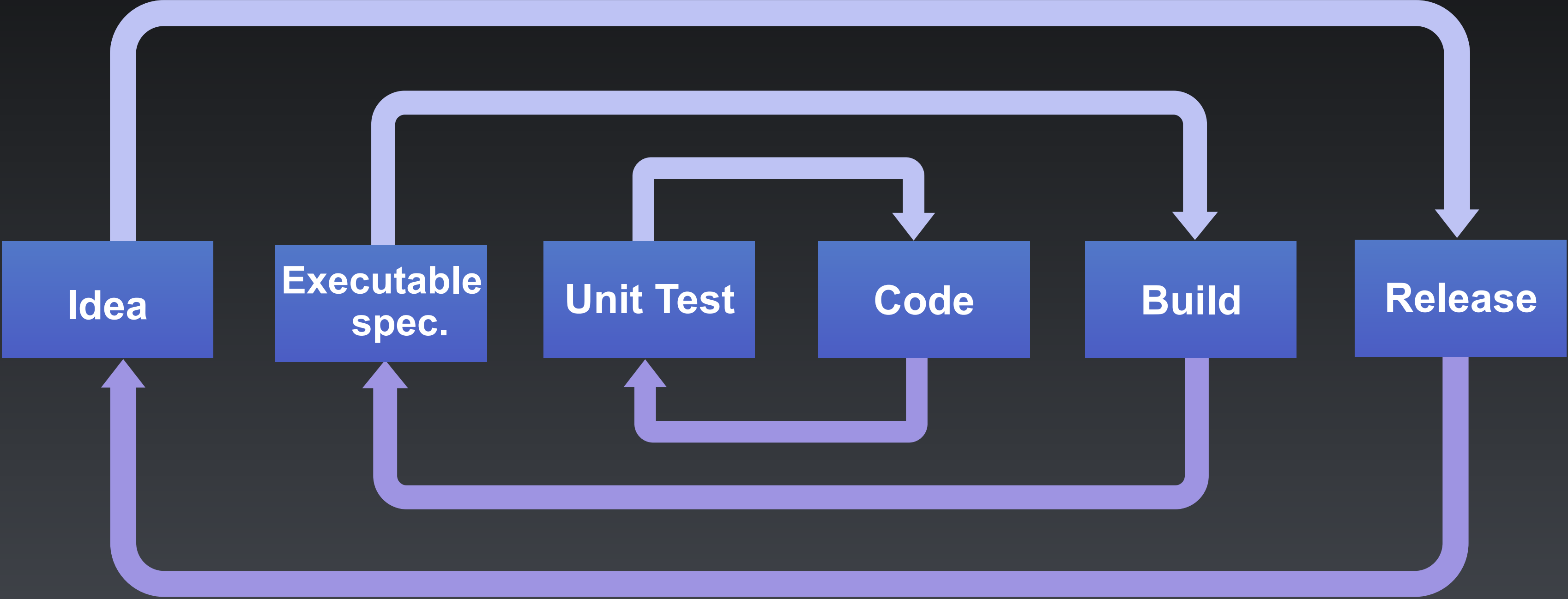
**Very Good**

**Satisfactory**

**Marginal**

**Poor**

# Feedback!!!



# Incremental

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Evolutionary design, Continuous design, Evolutive design, or "**Incremental design**" is directly related to any modular design application, in which components can be freely substituted if someone improved can ensure better performance.

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Earth to  
Earth orbit

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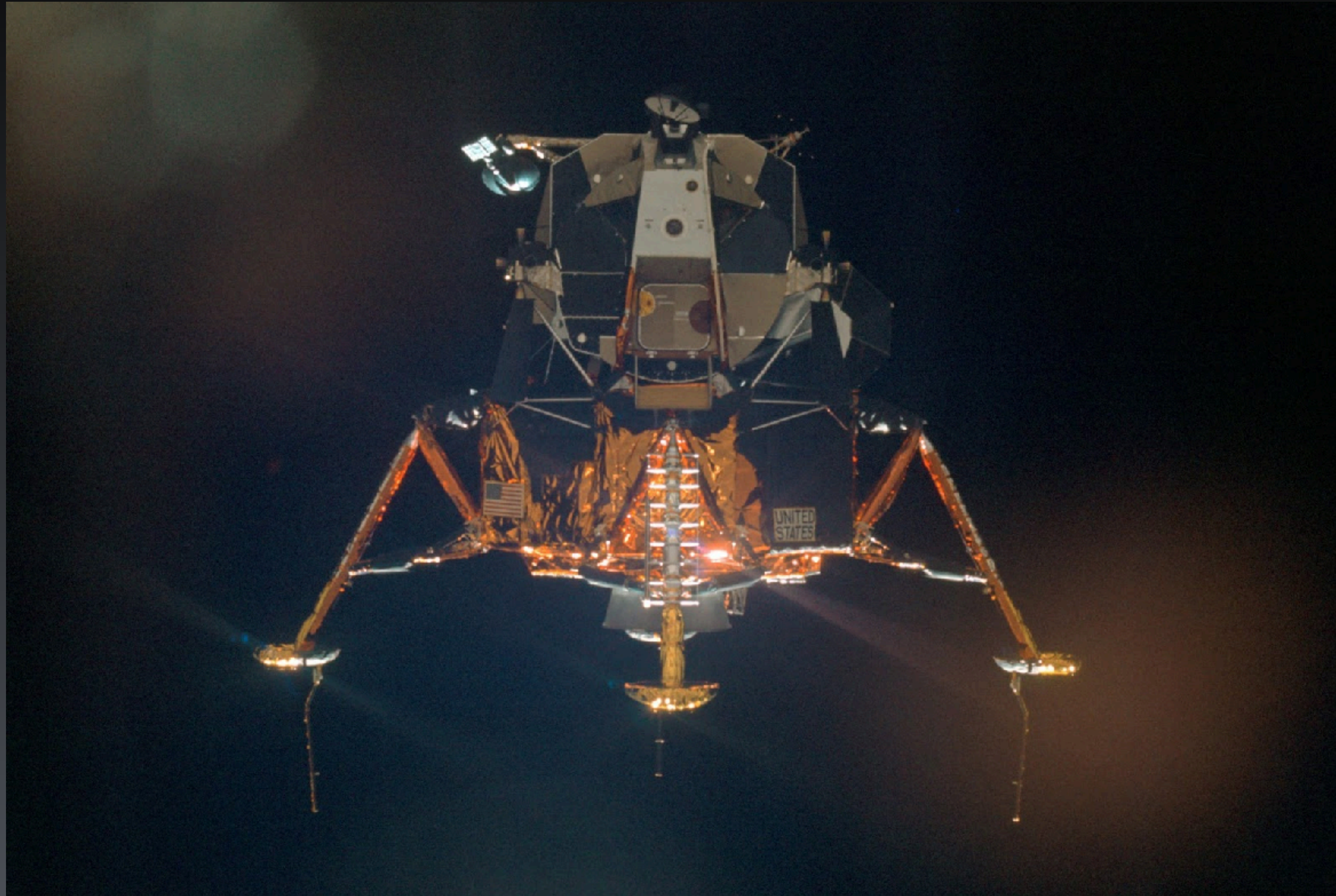
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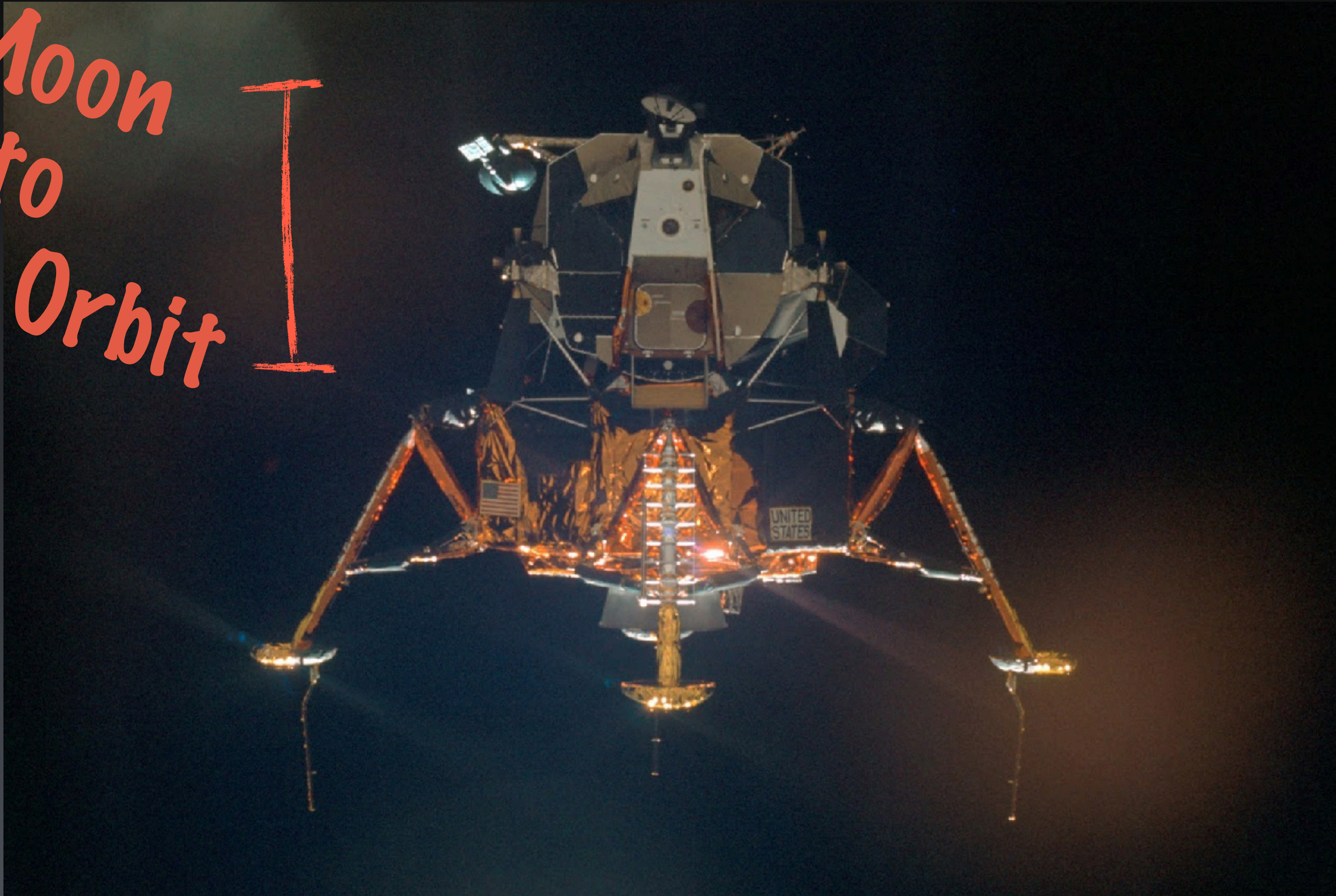


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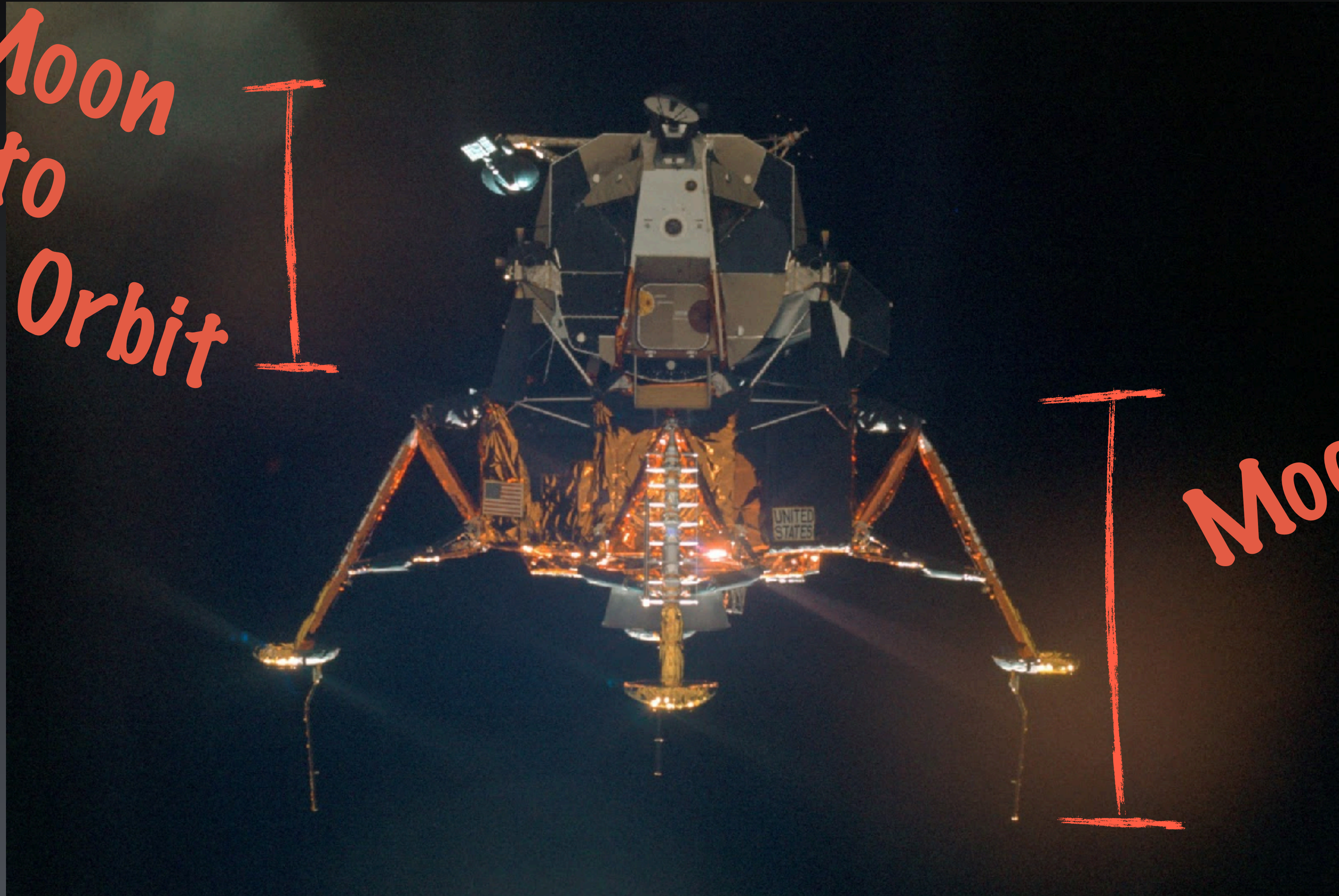
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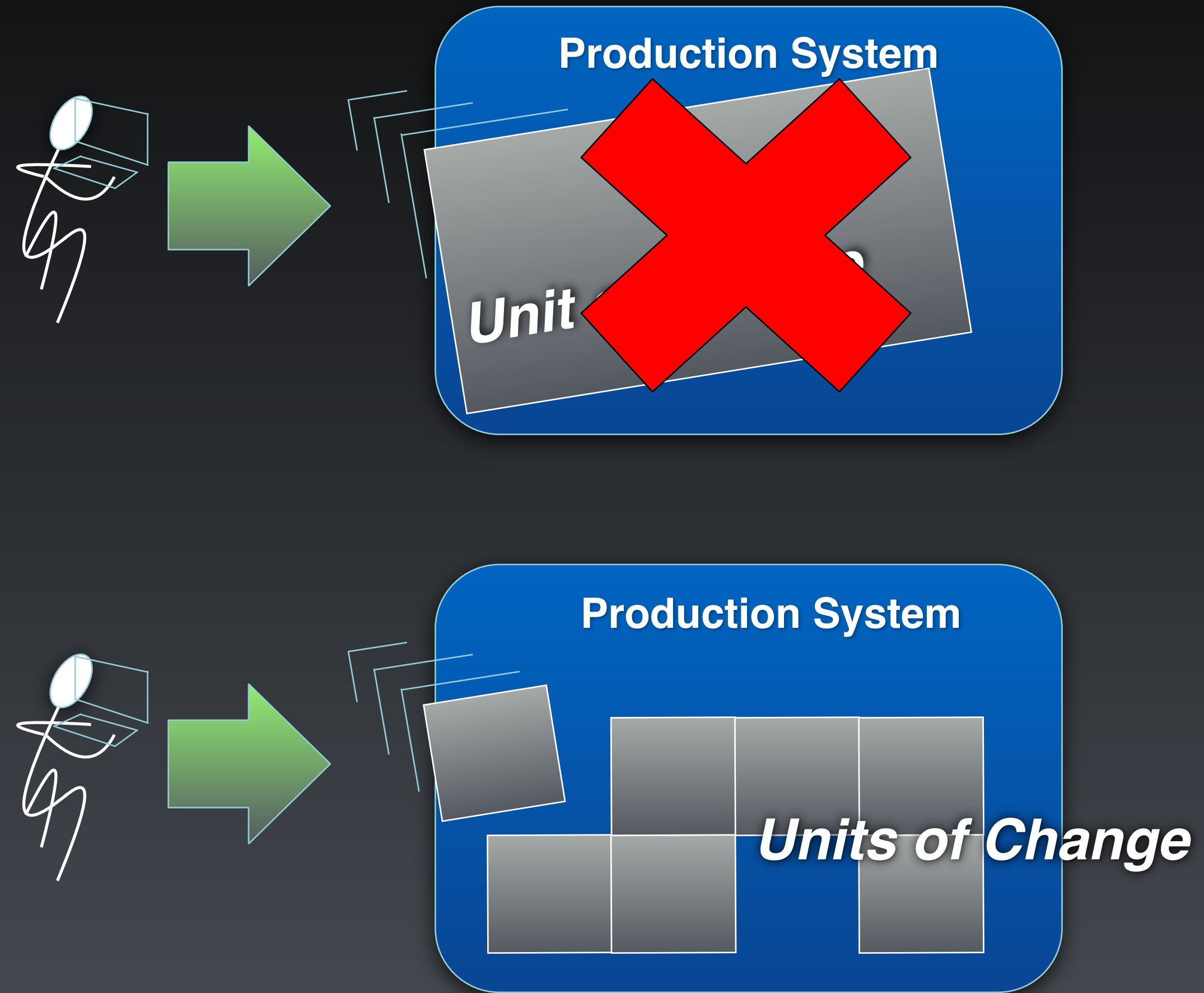
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# Small Batch-Size



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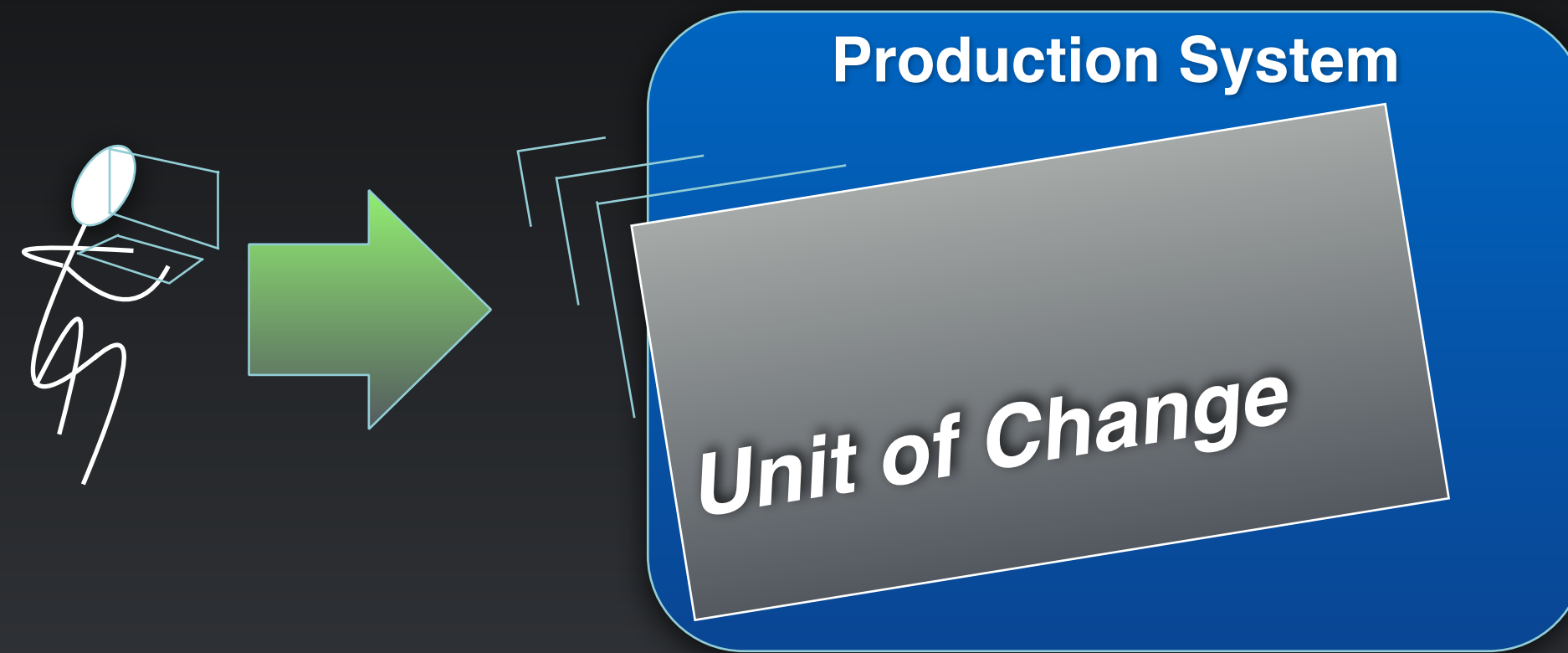
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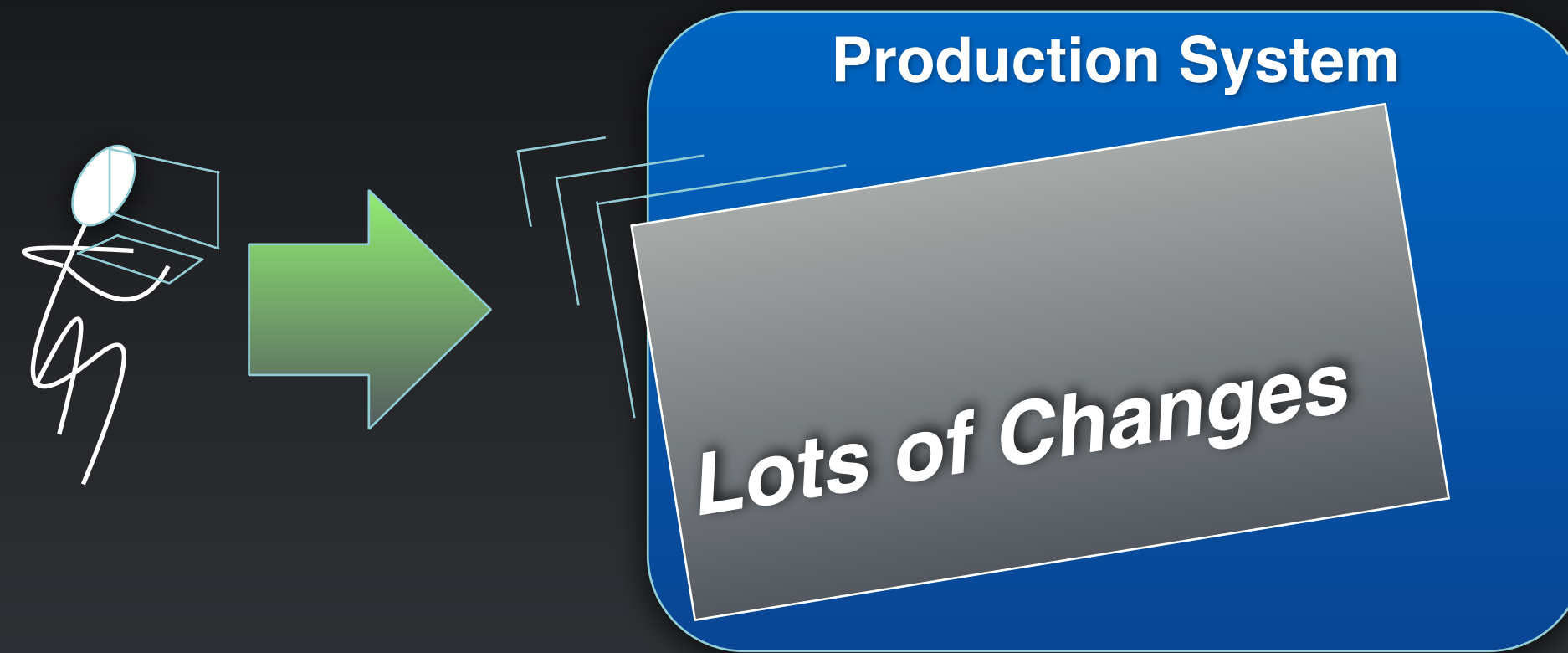
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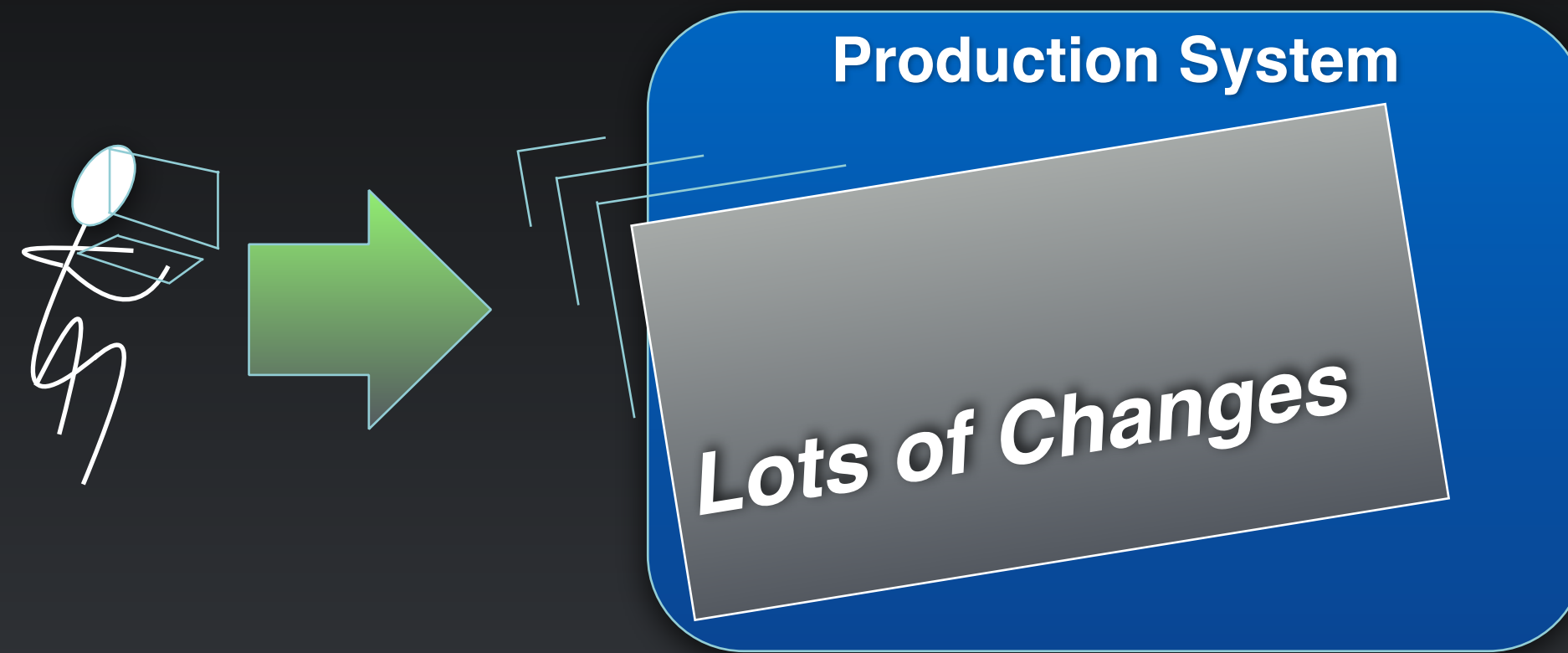


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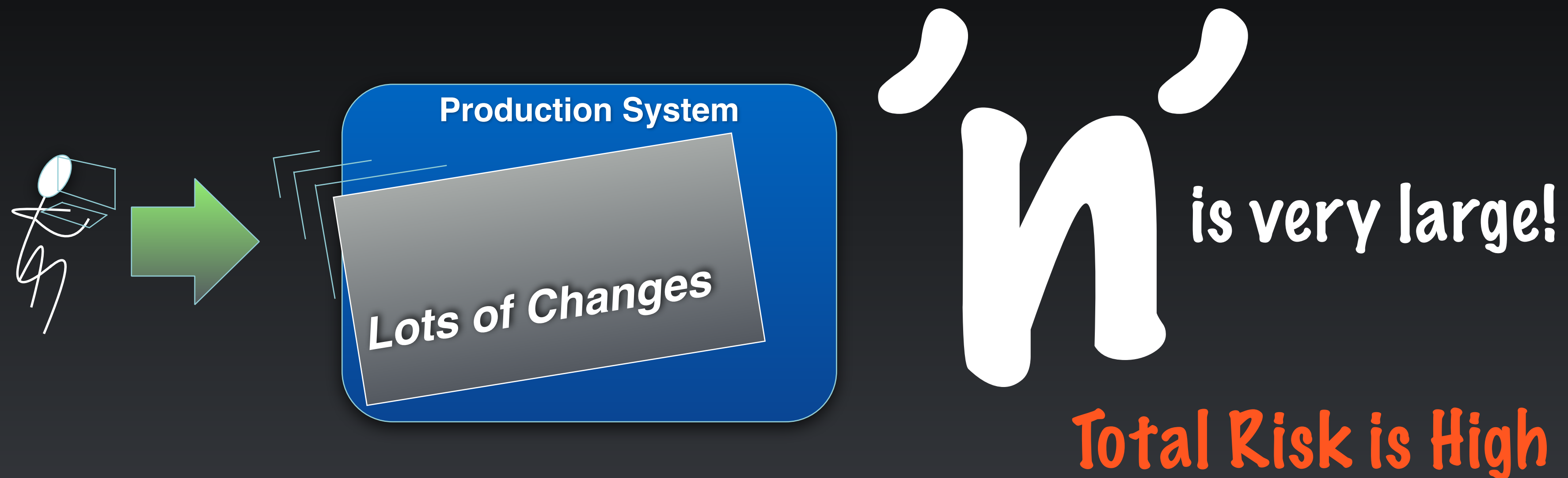


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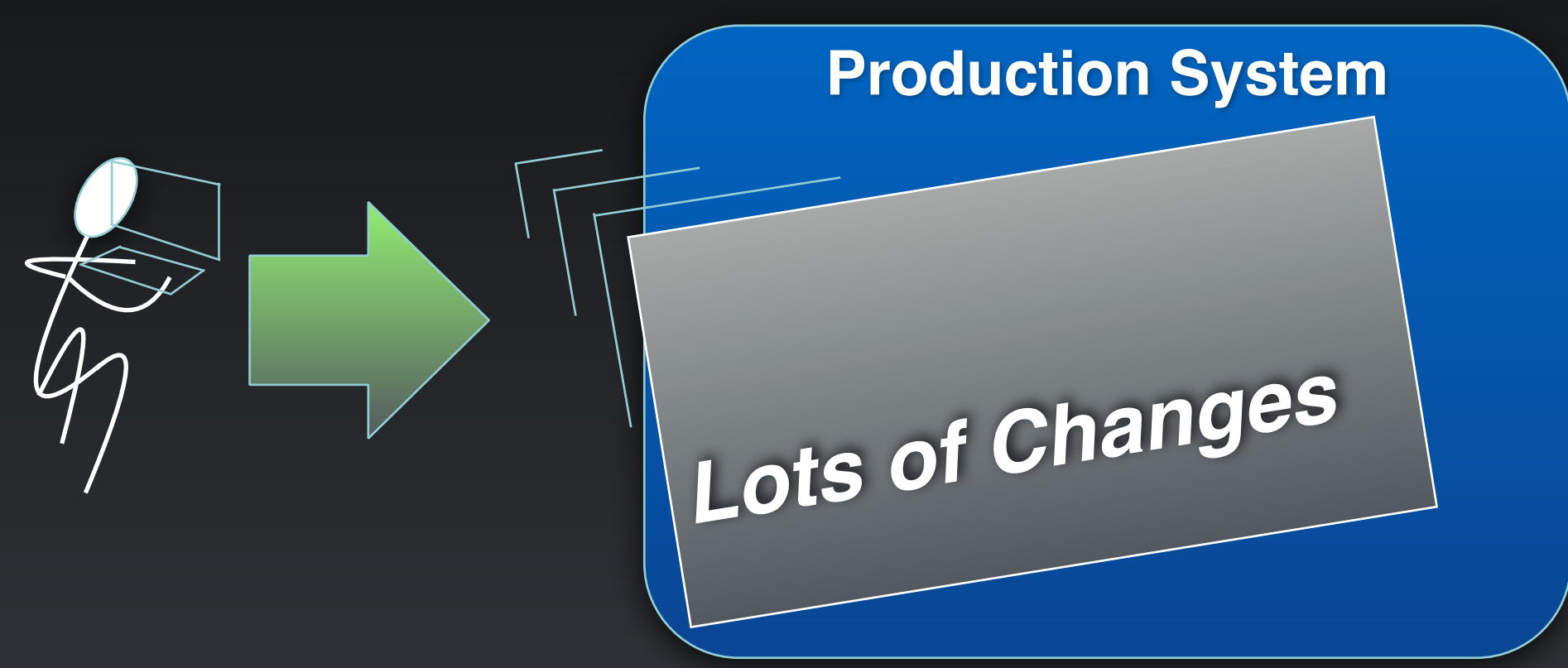


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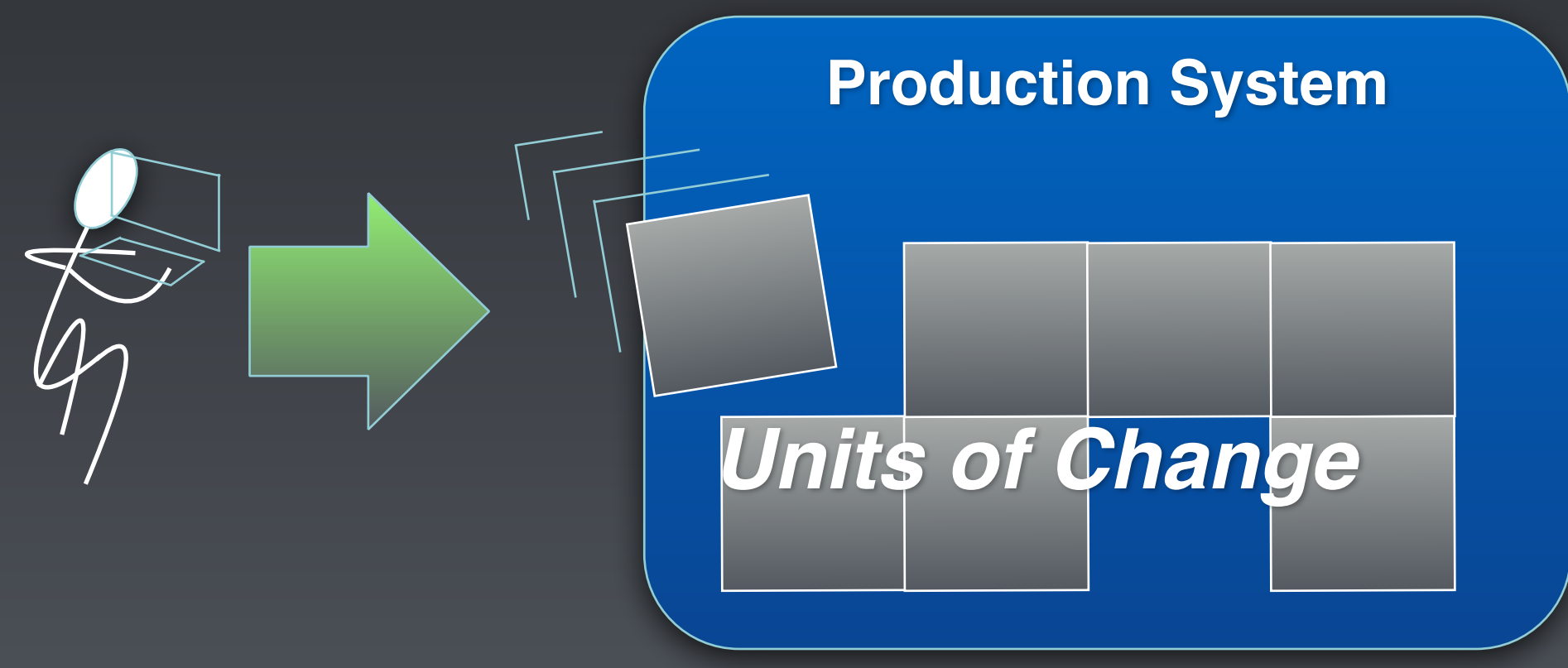
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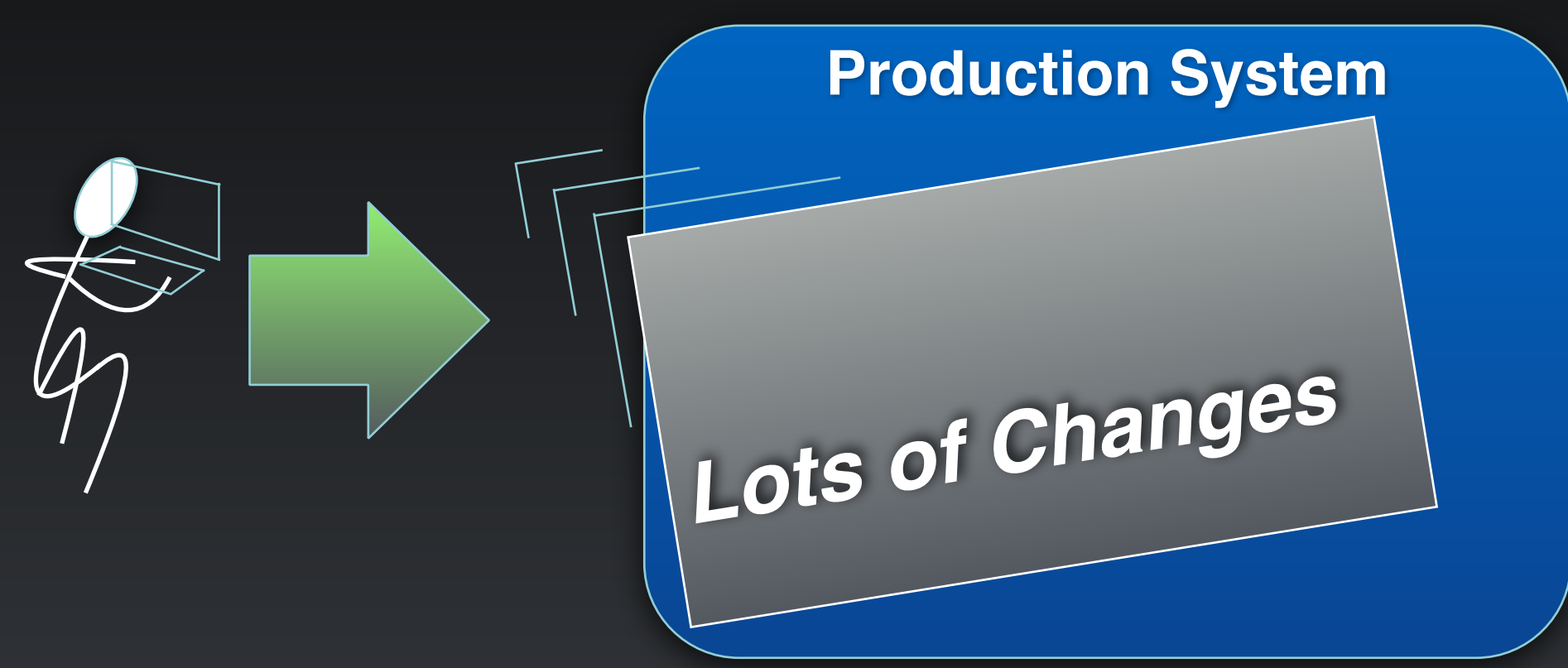
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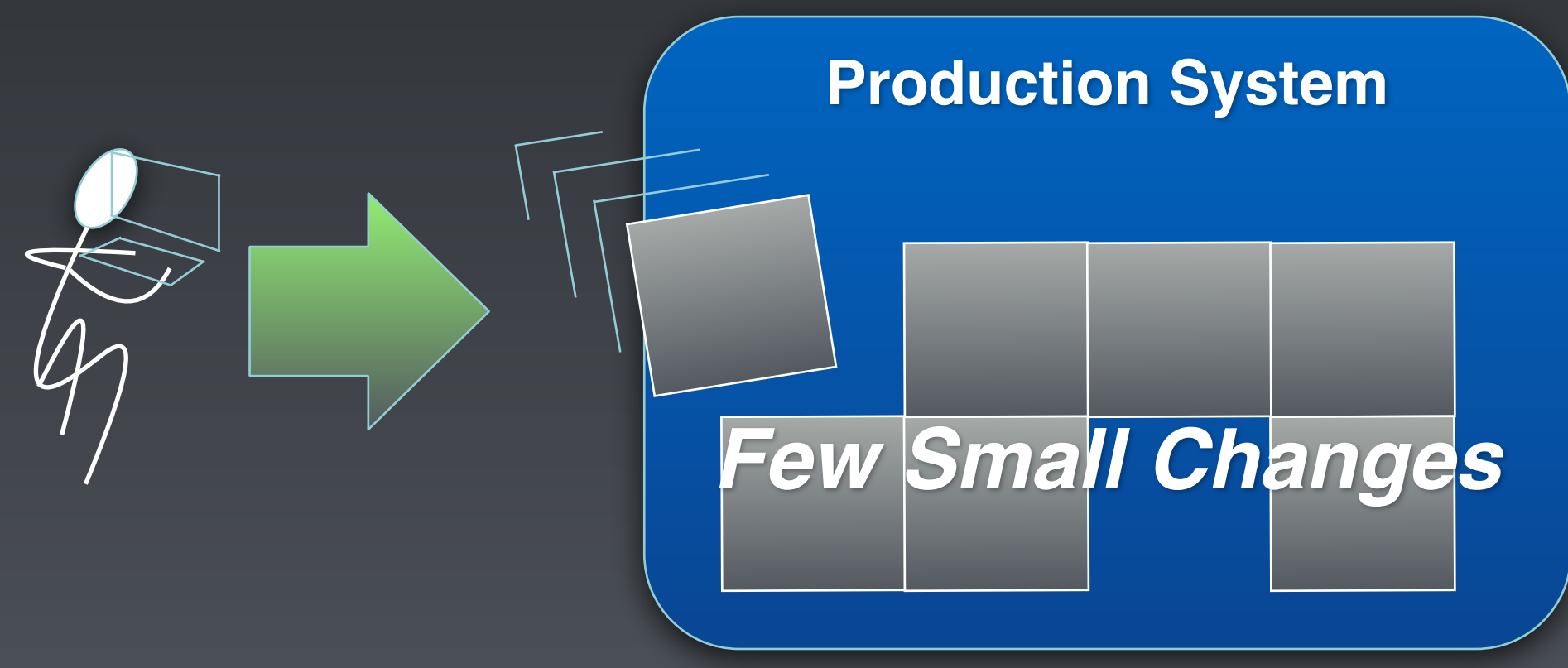
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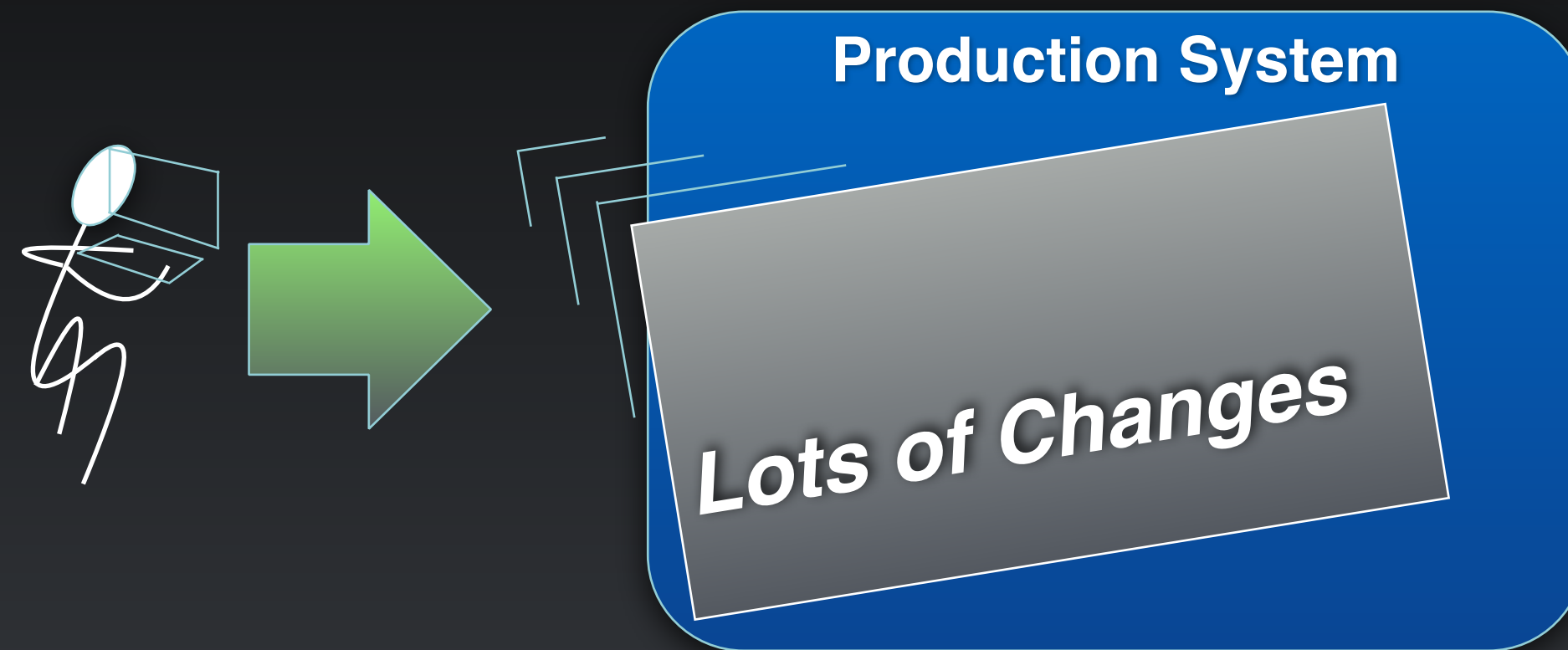
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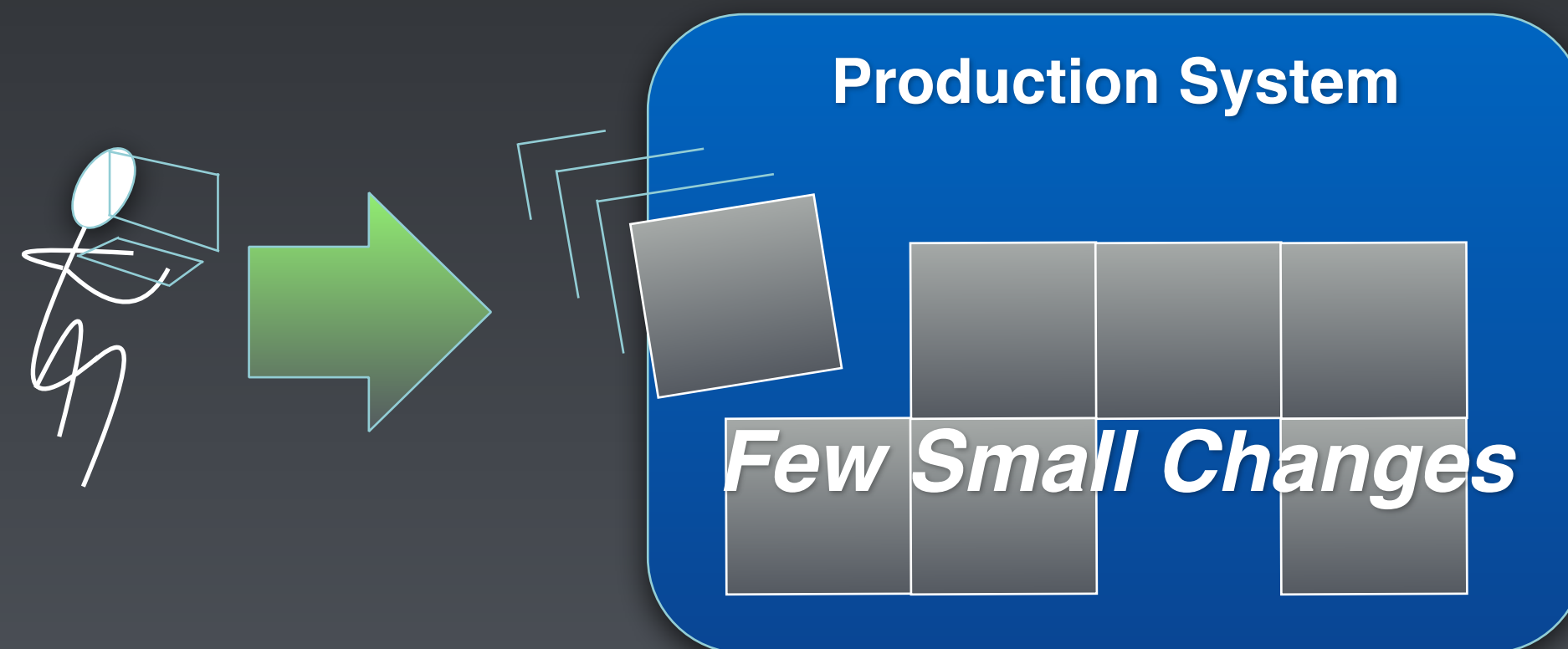


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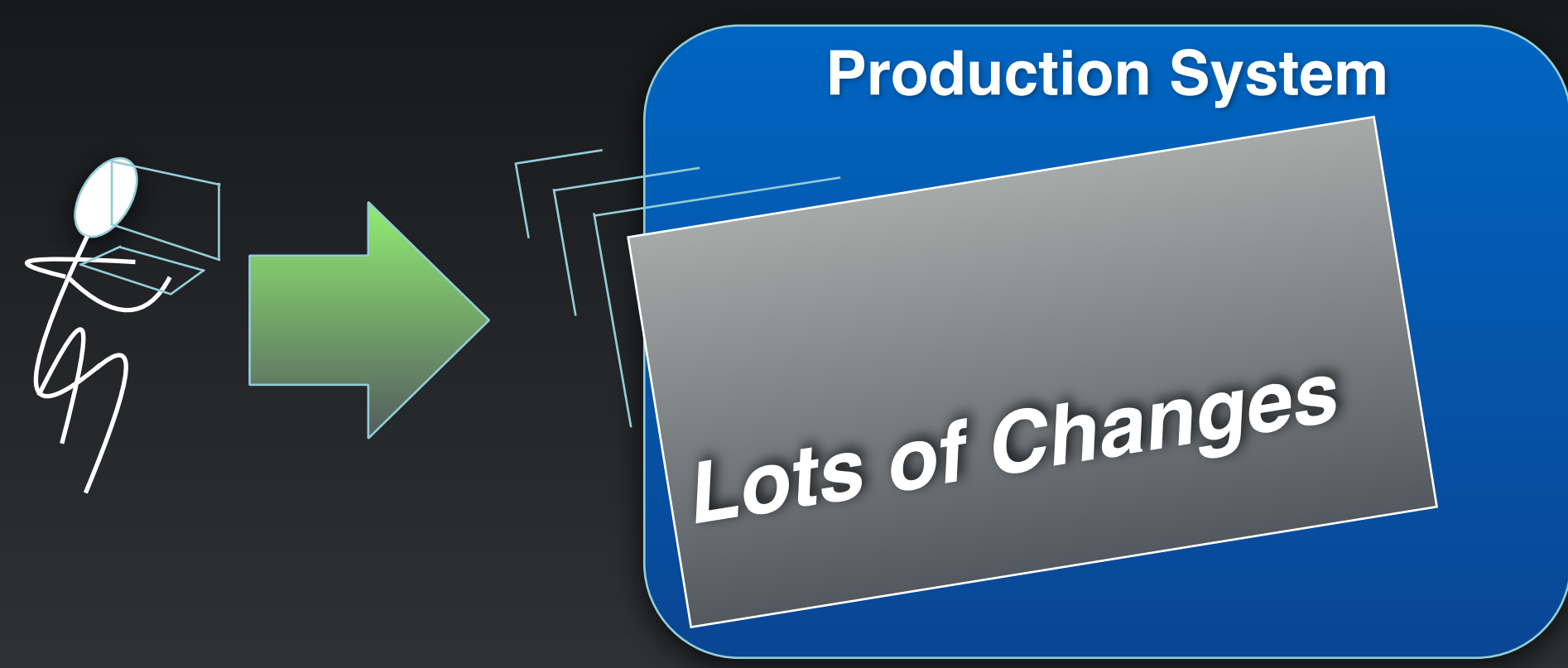
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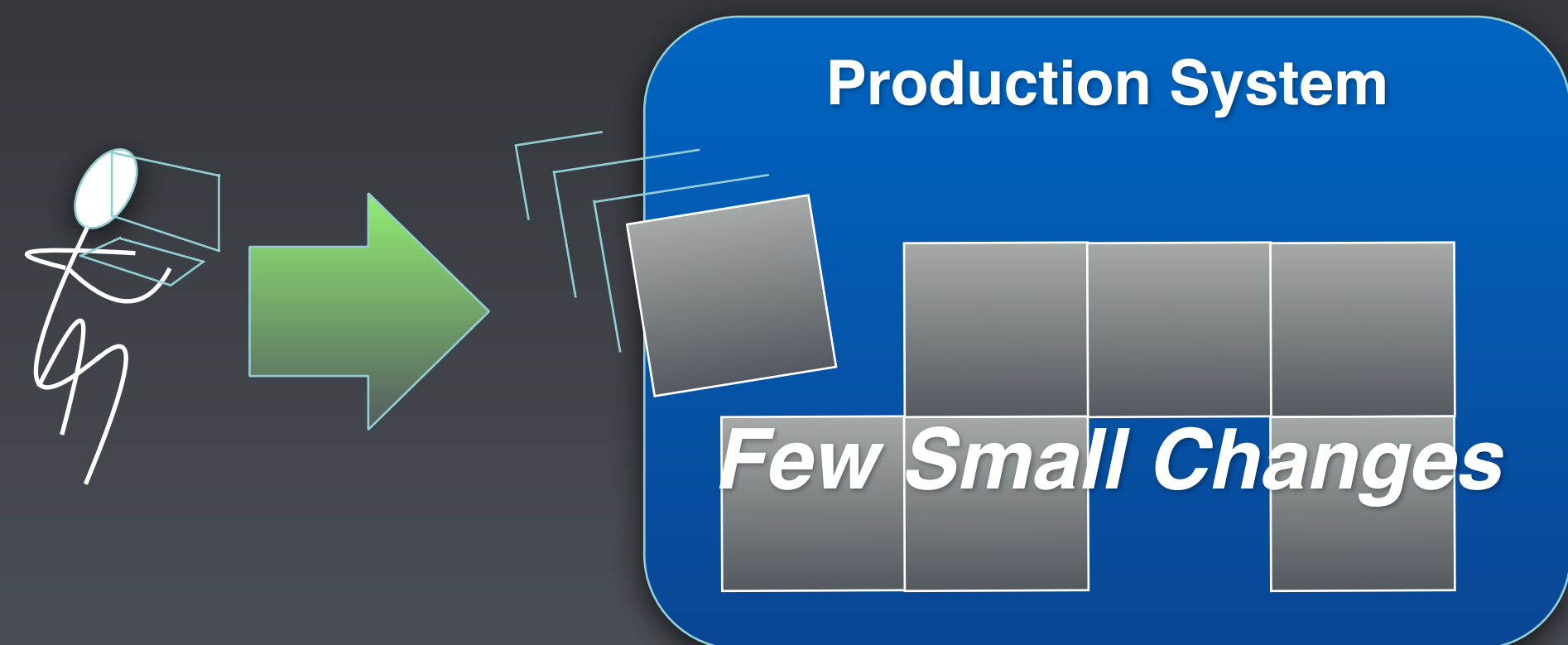
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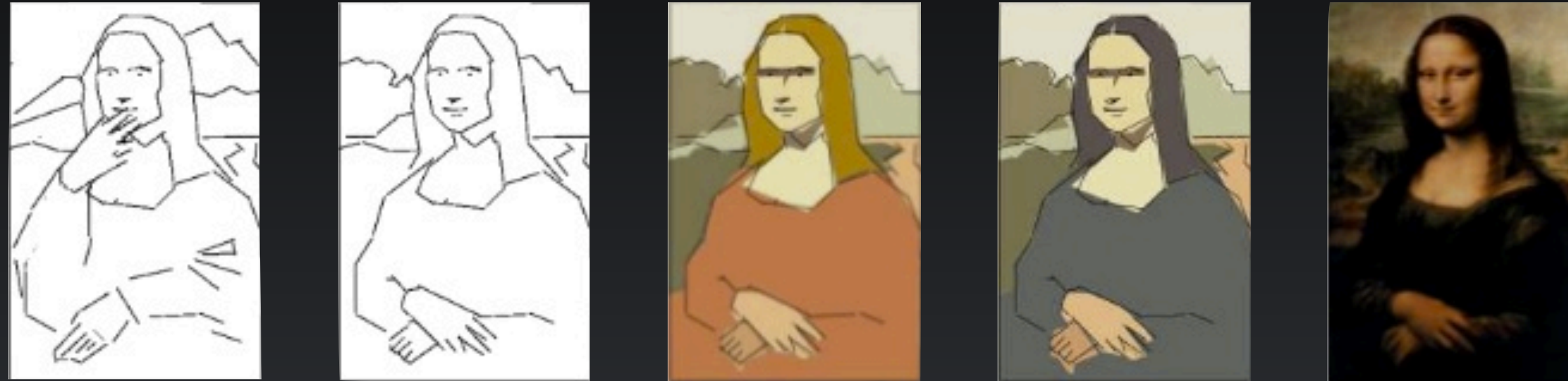
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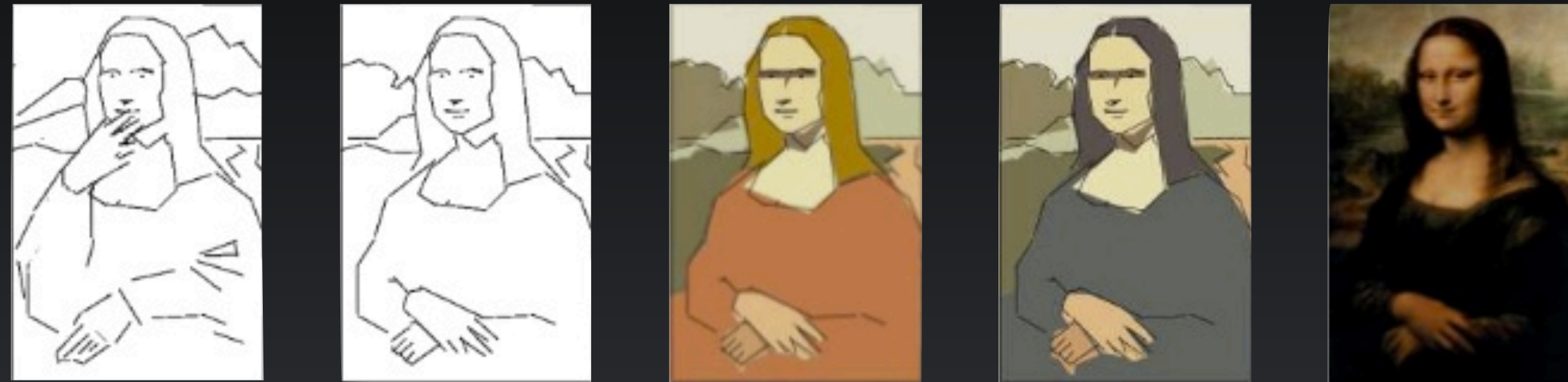
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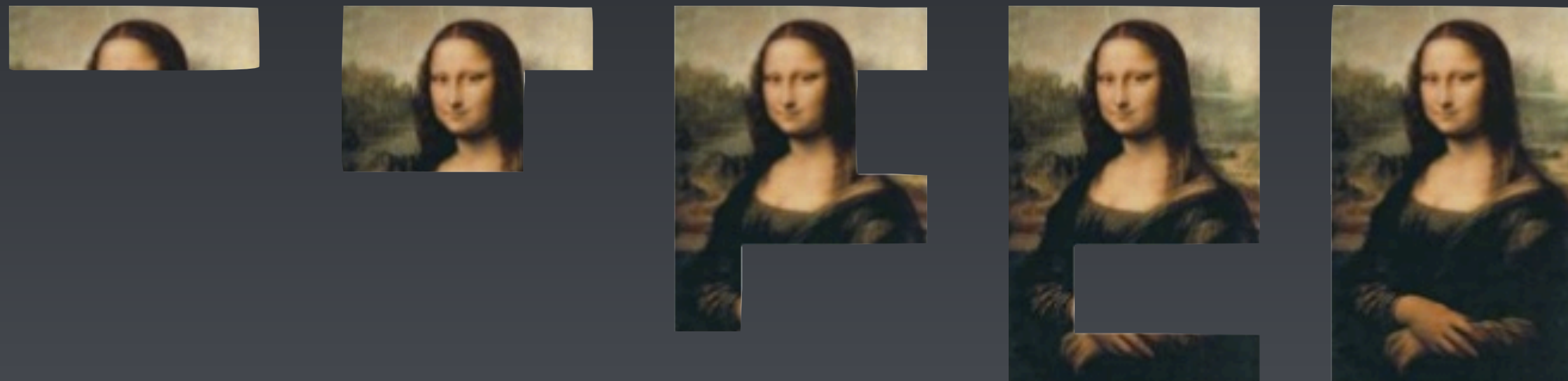


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# Experimental

## Experimental

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An **experiment** is a procedure carried out to support, refute, or validate a hypothesis. Experiments provide insight into cause-and-effect by demonstrating what outcome occurs when a particular factor is manipulated.

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***“I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to the earth”***

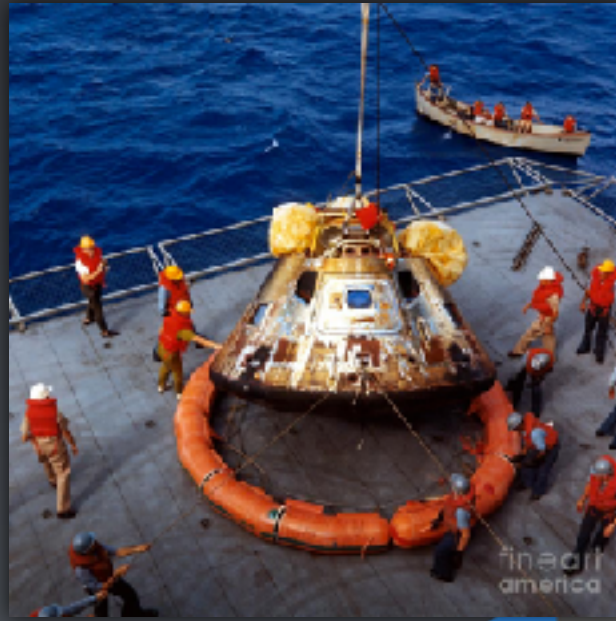
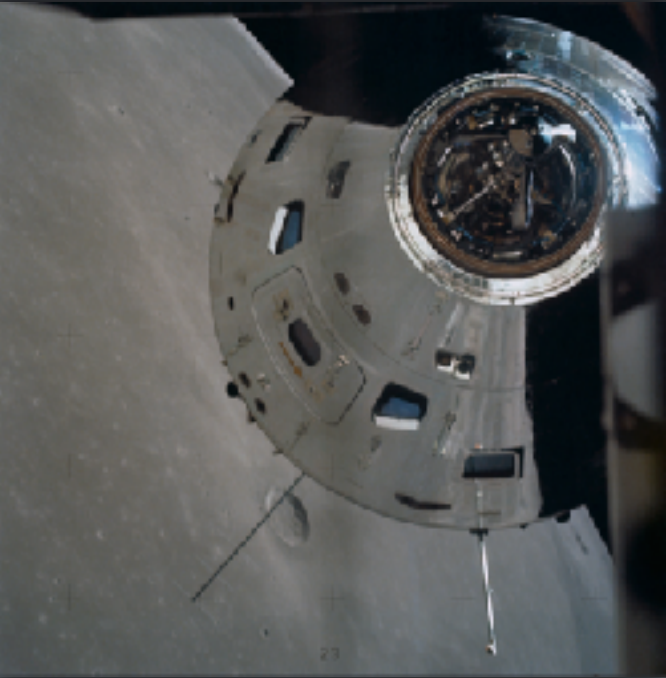
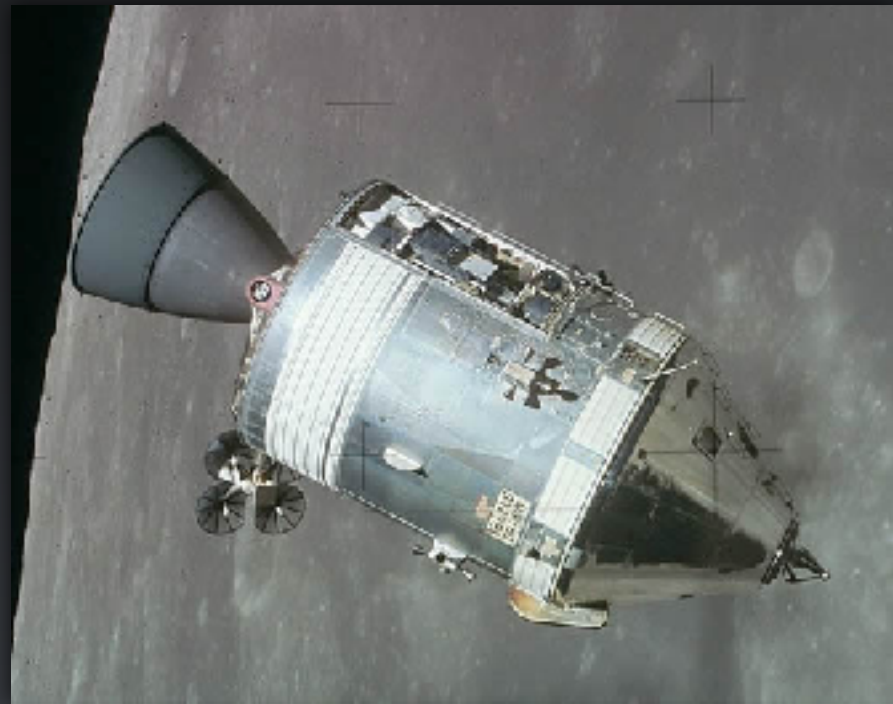
***- John F. Kennedy (1961)***

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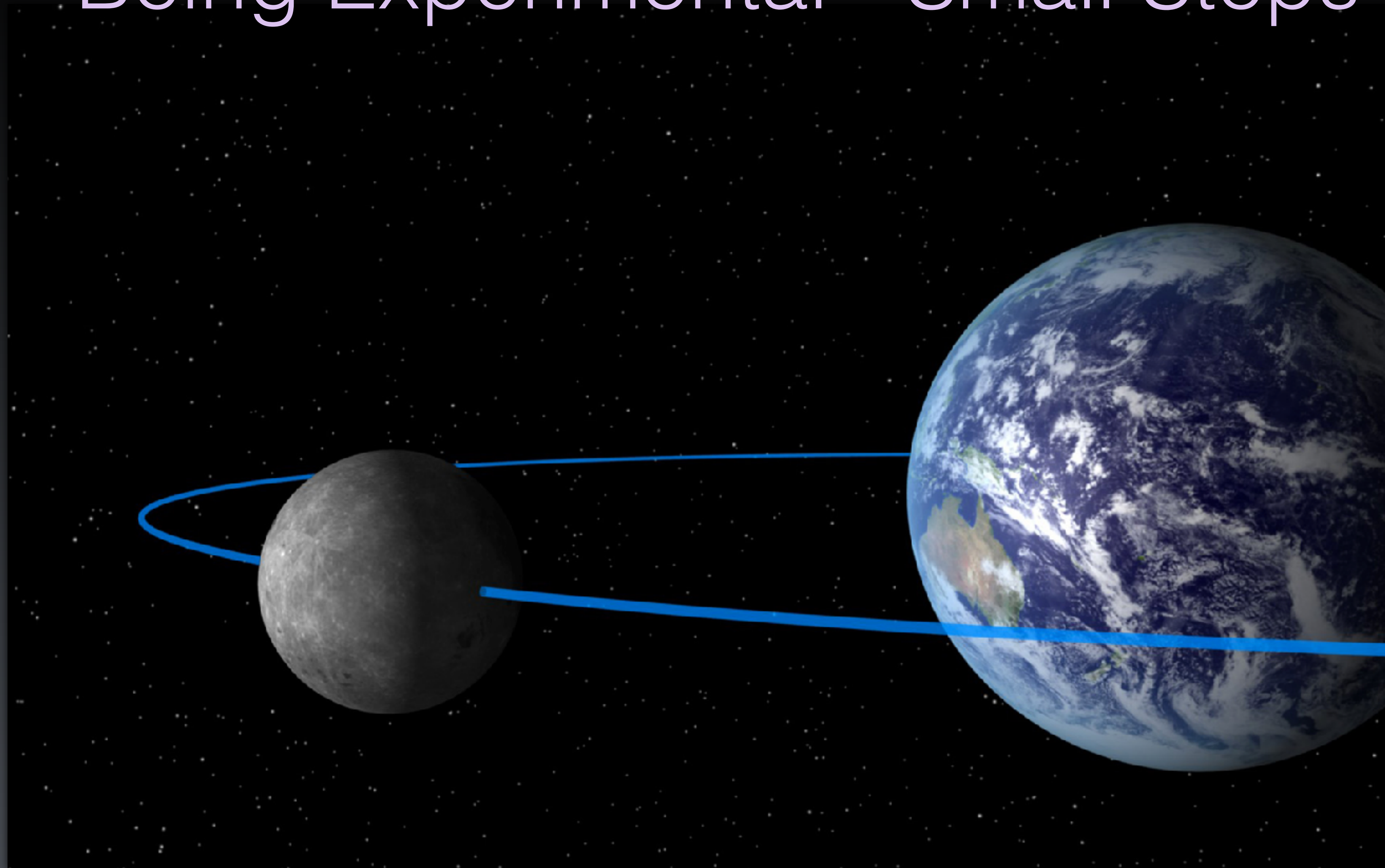
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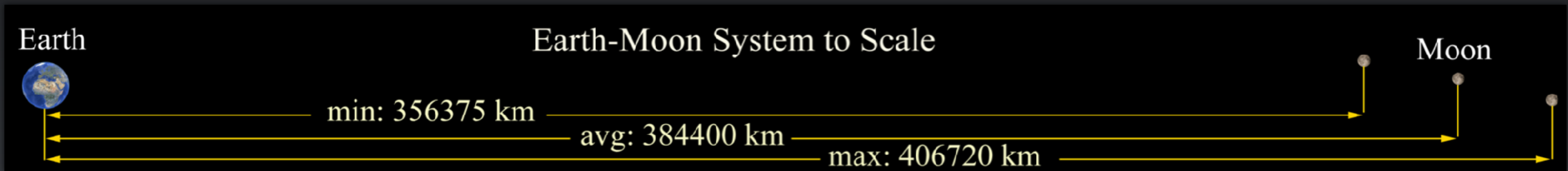
# Being Experimental - Small Steps

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# Being Experimental - Giant Leaps

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## The Ranger Programme

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▶ **Ranger 1** - *Launch Failure*



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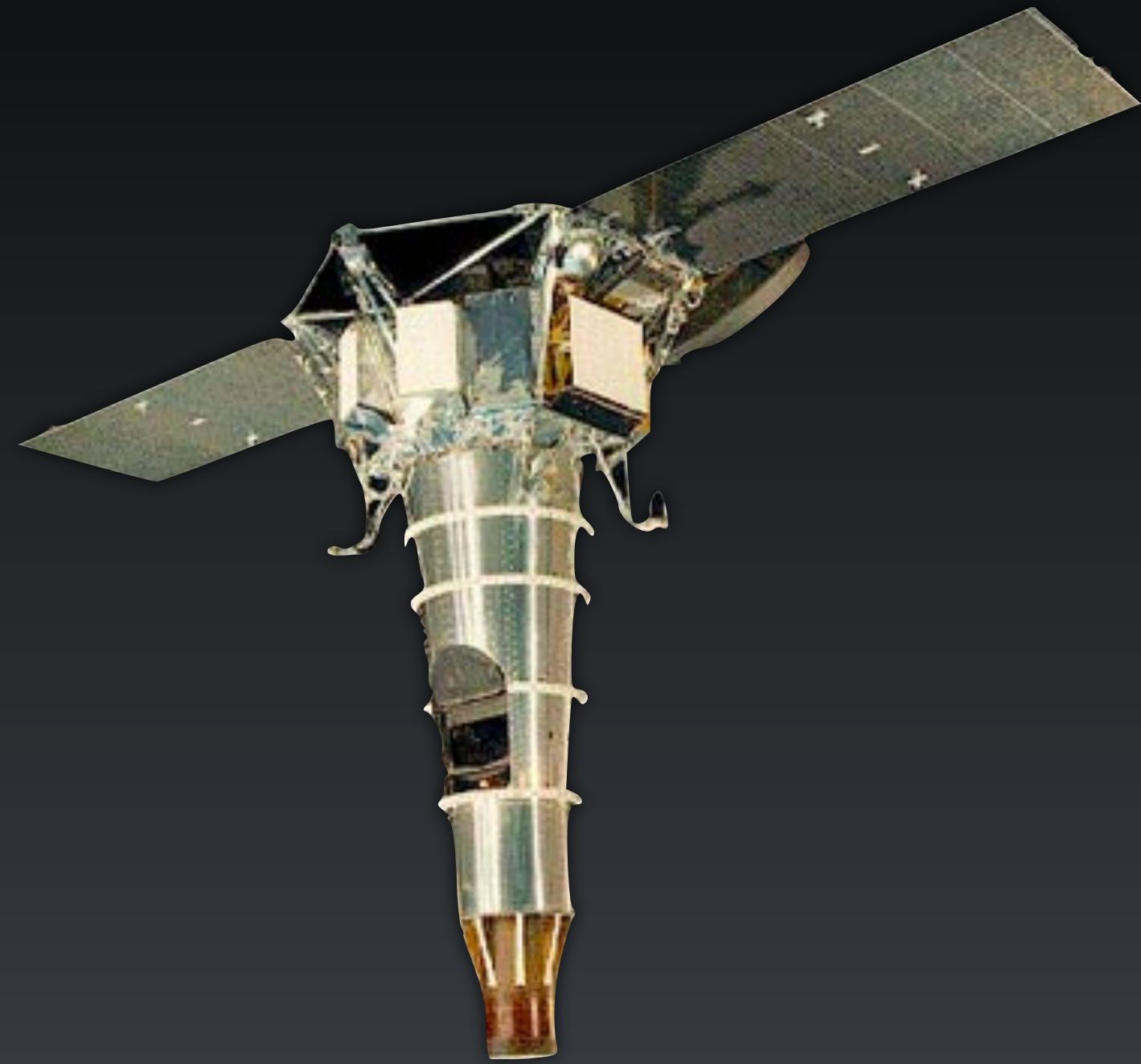


- ▶ **Ranger 1** - *Launch Failure*
- ▶ **Ranger 2** - *Launch Failure*

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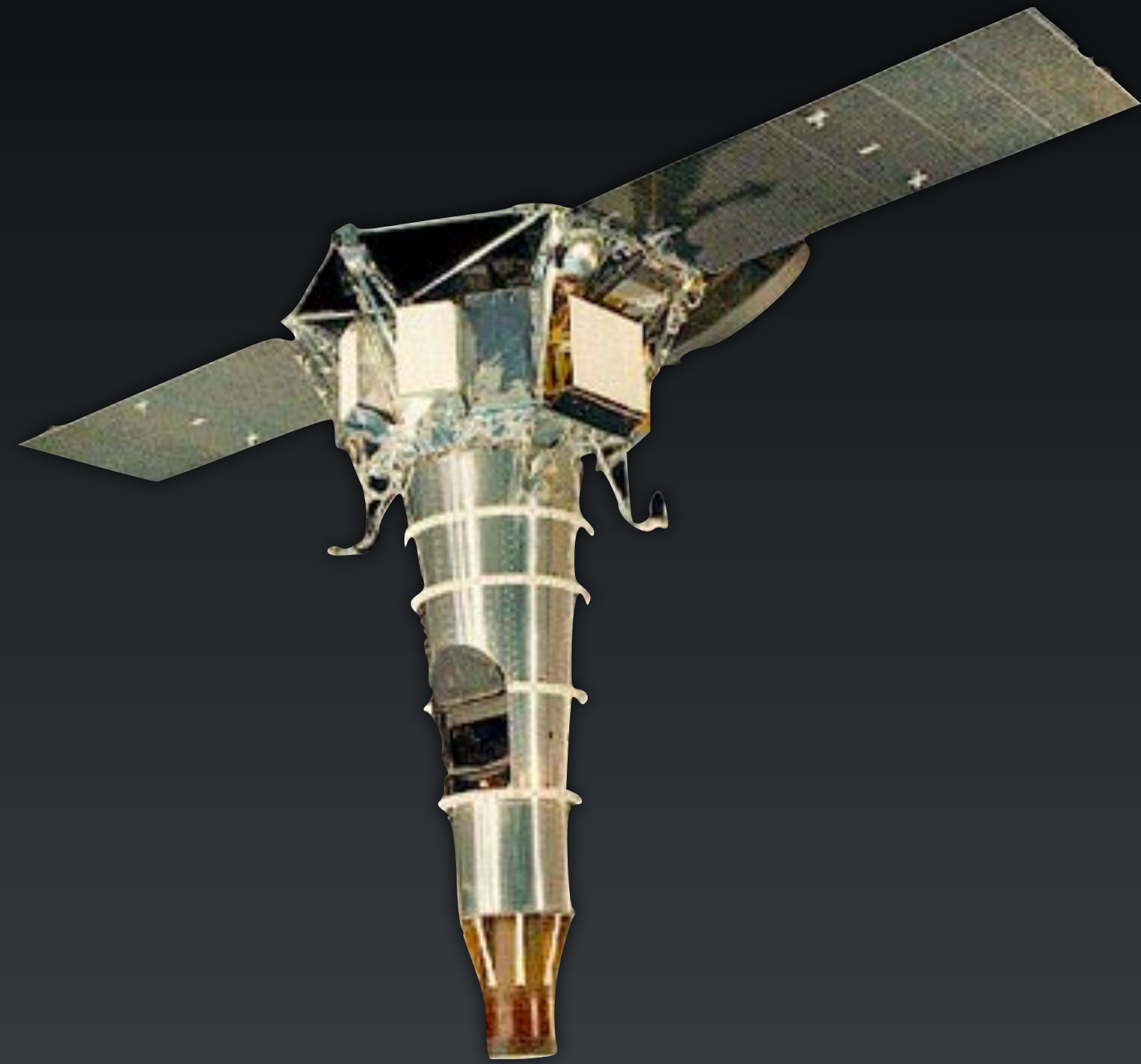
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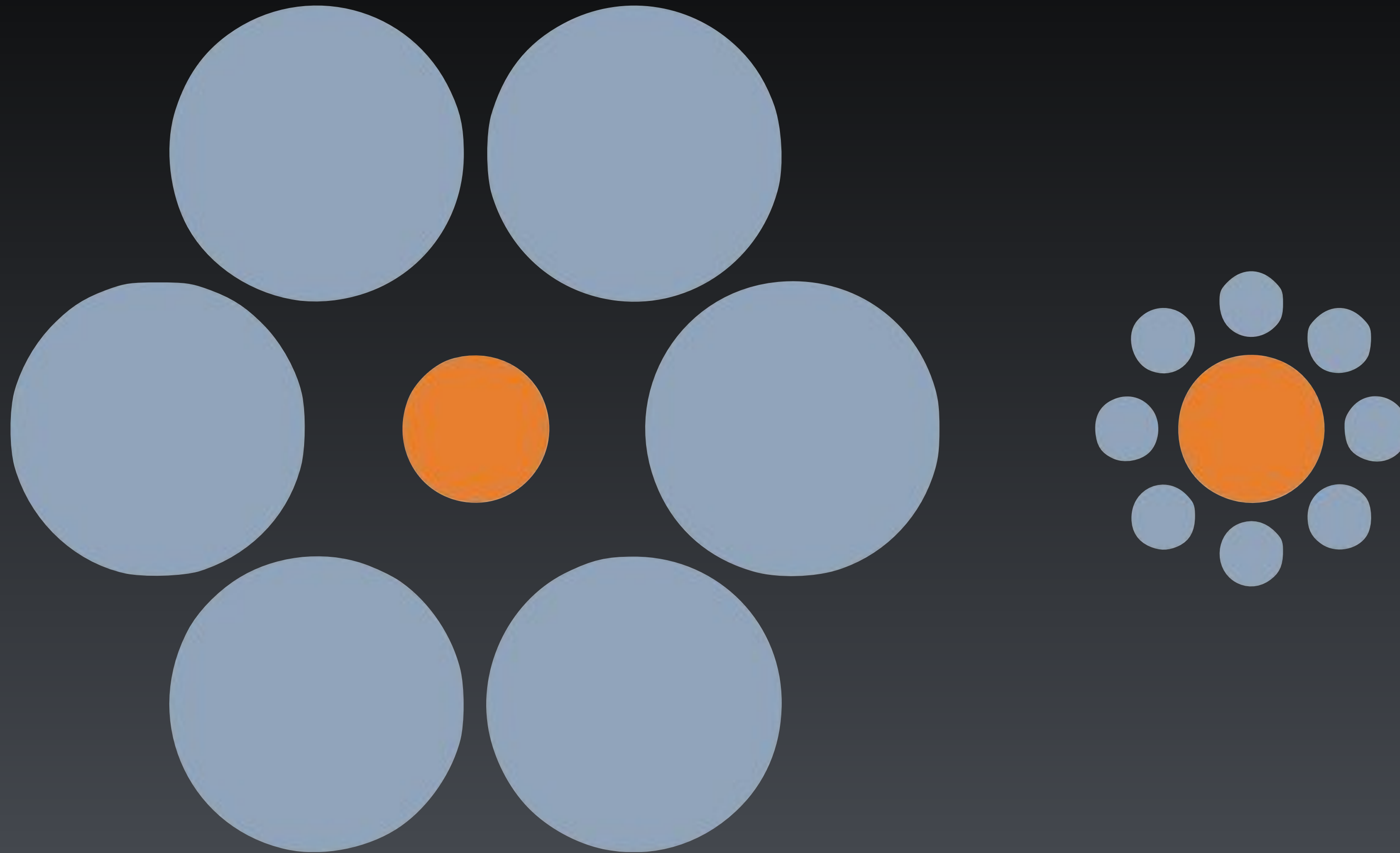
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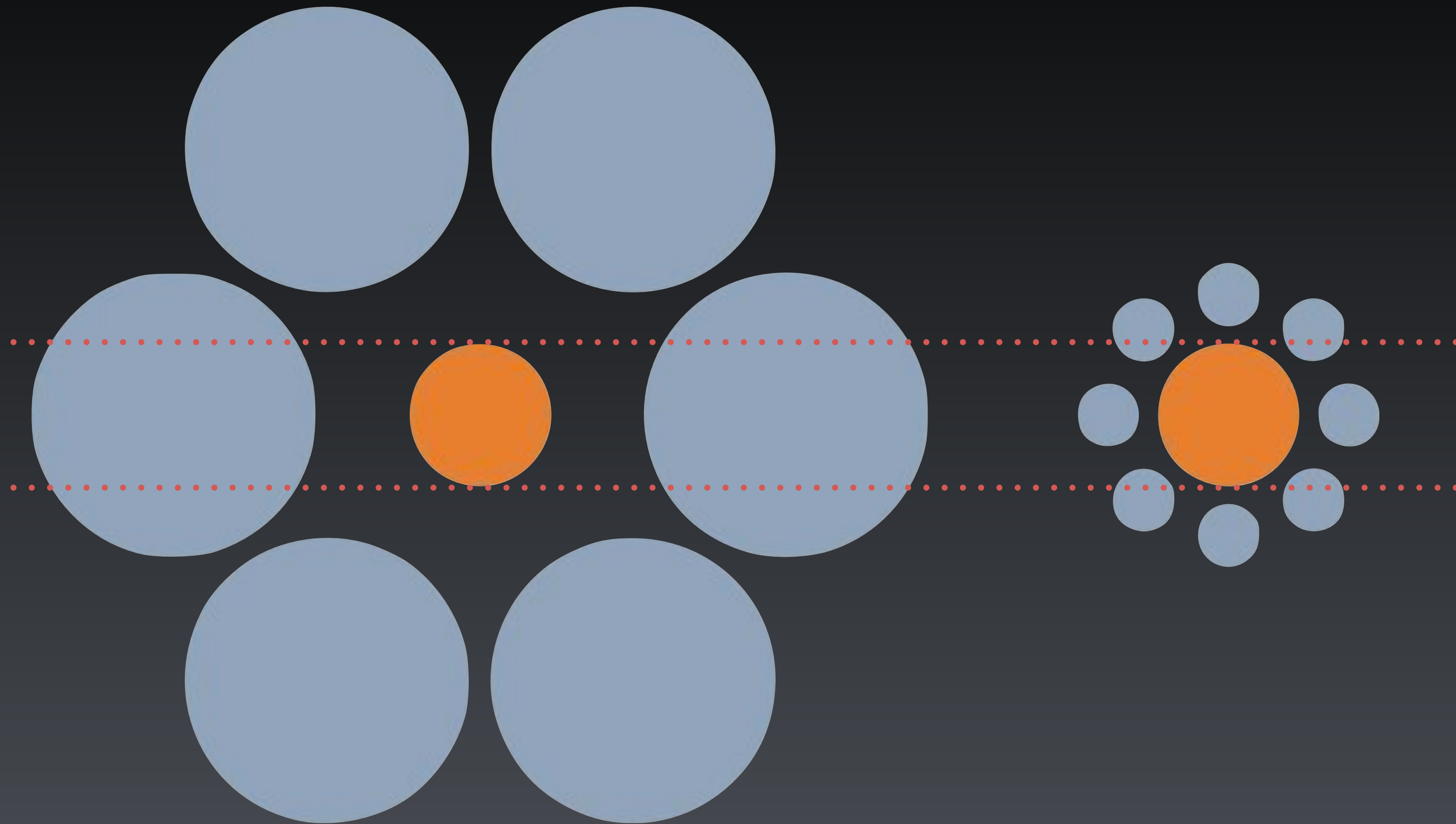
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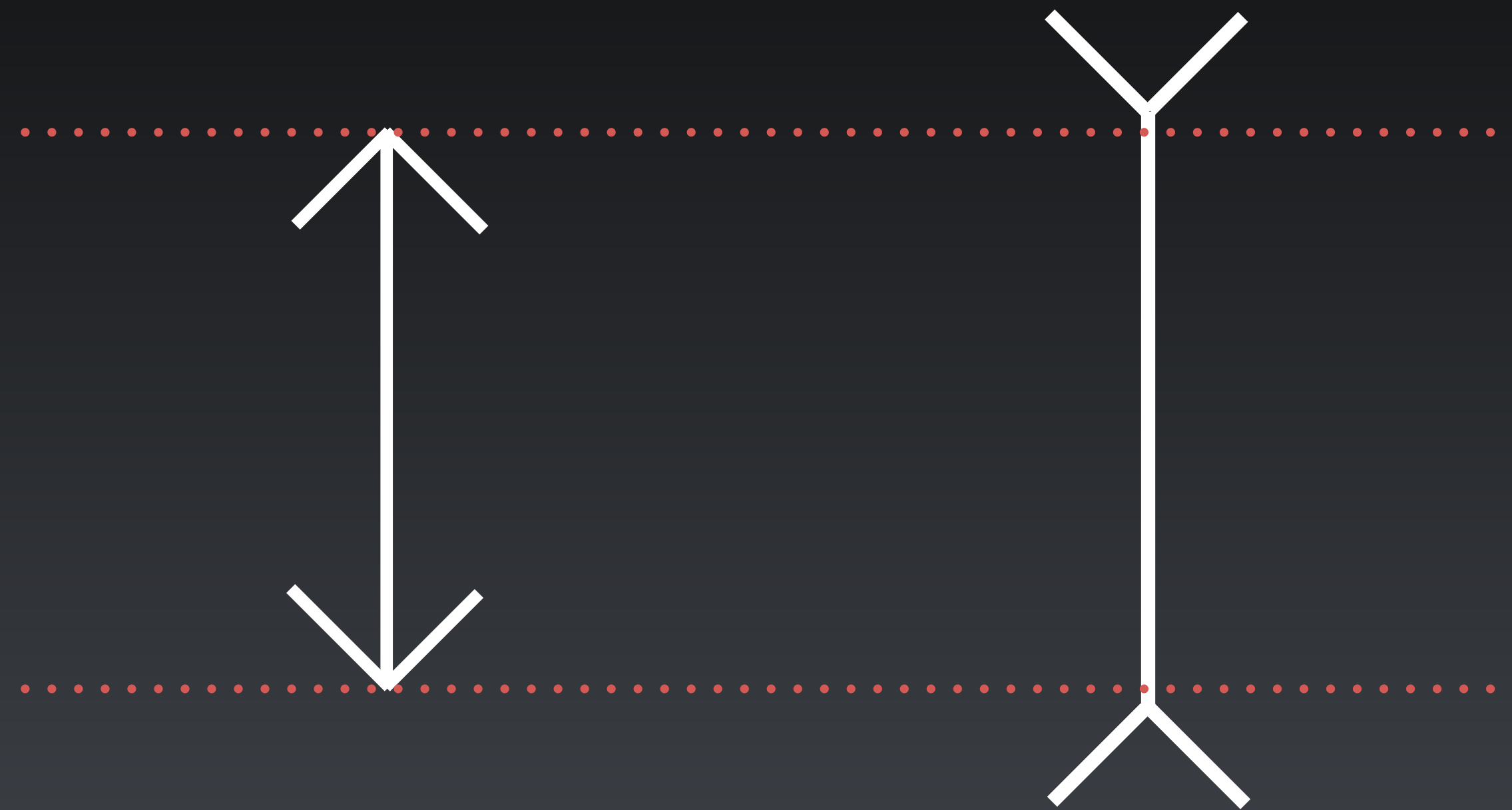
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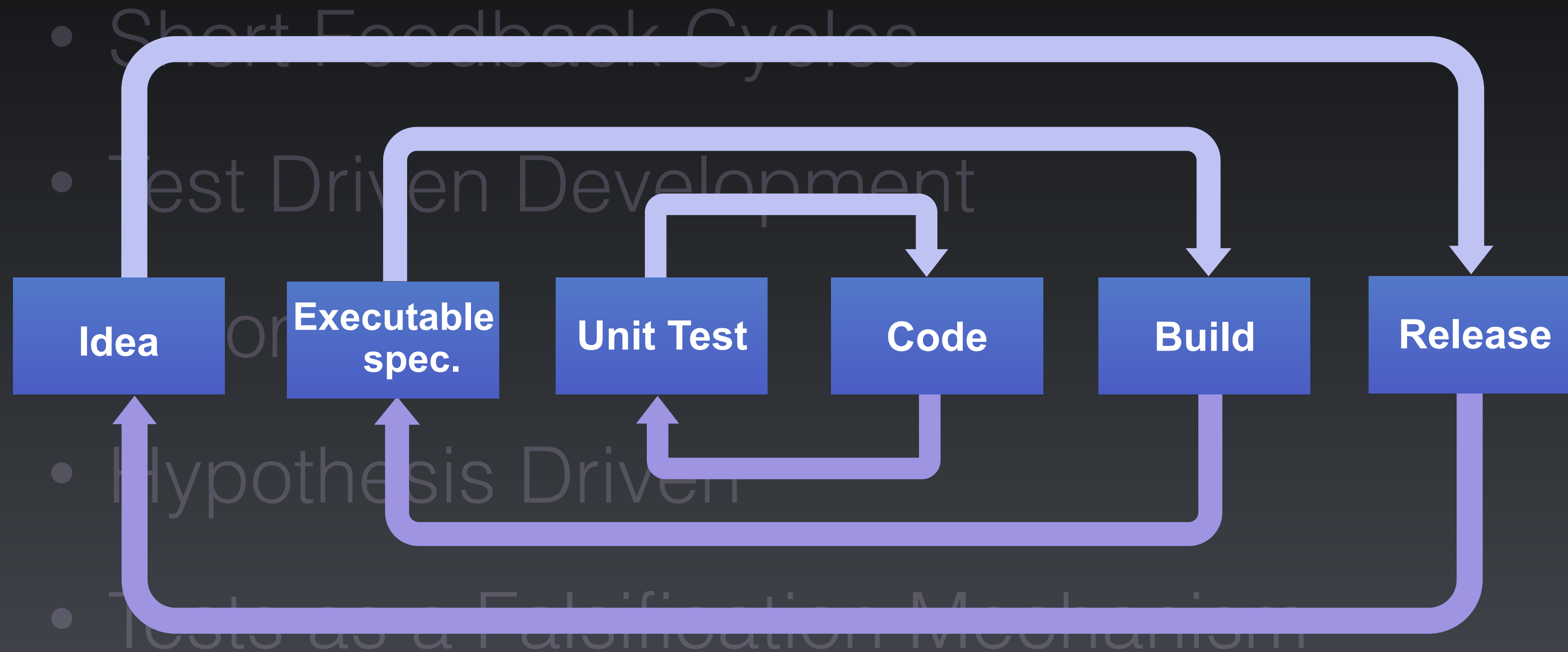


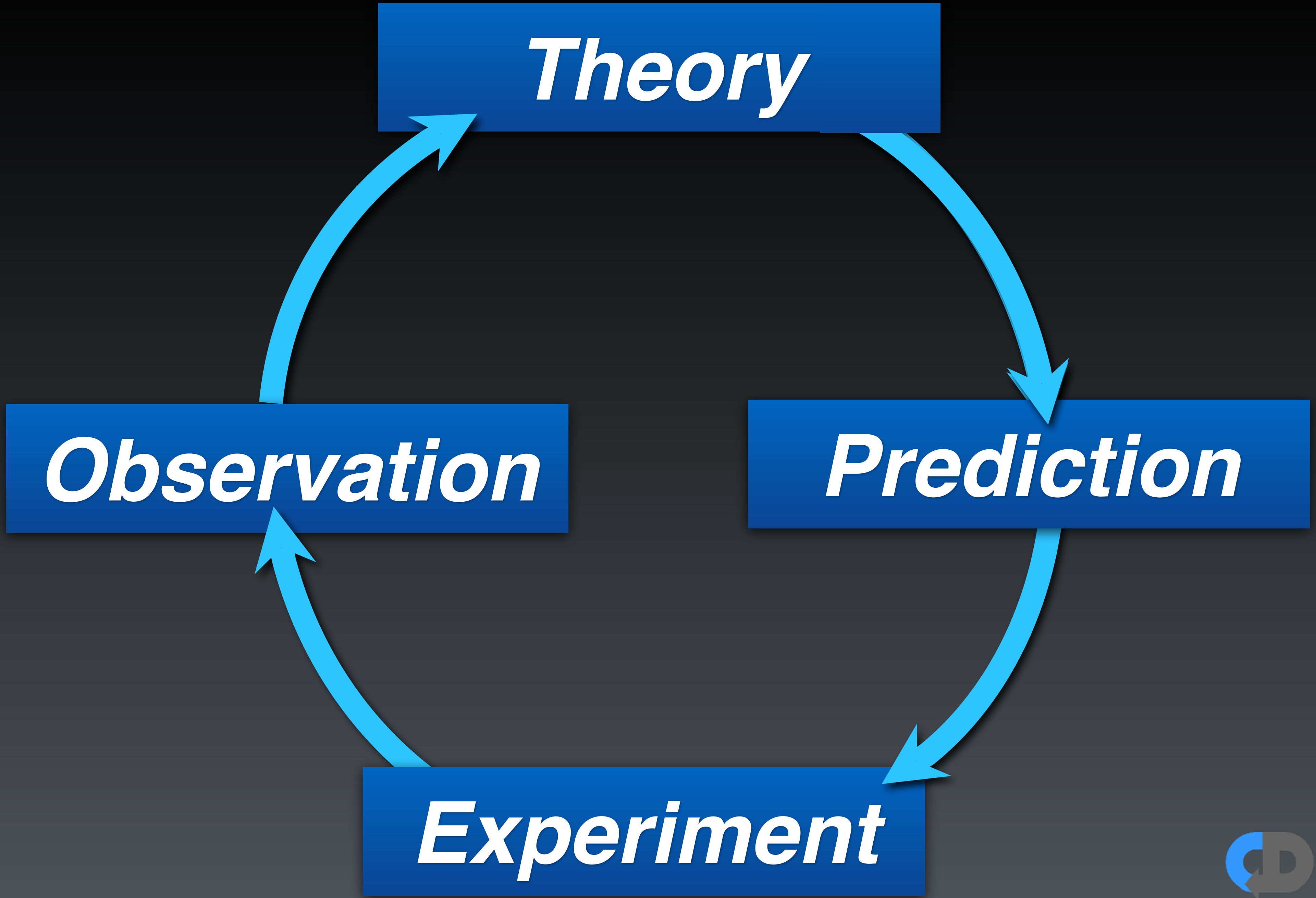
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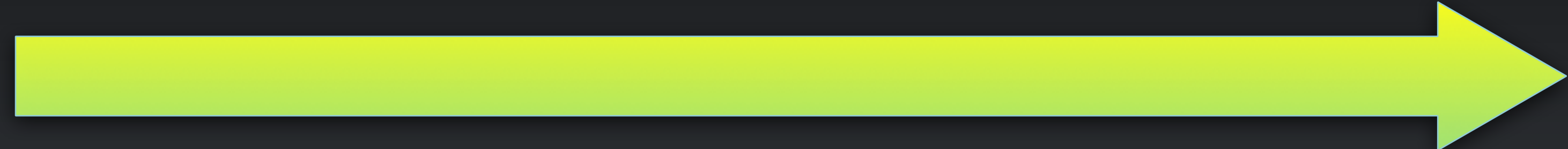
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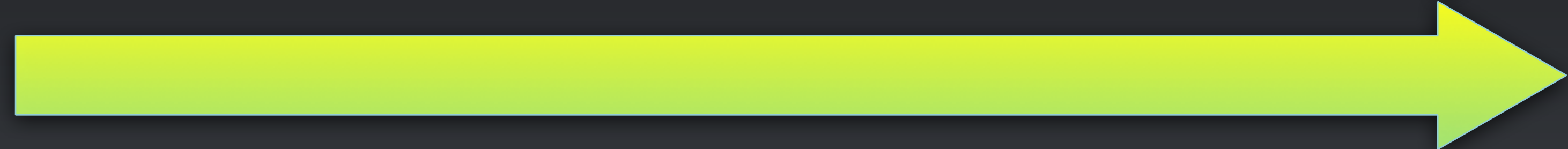
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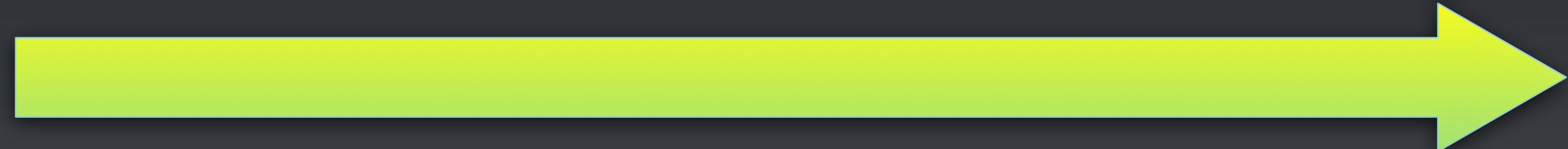
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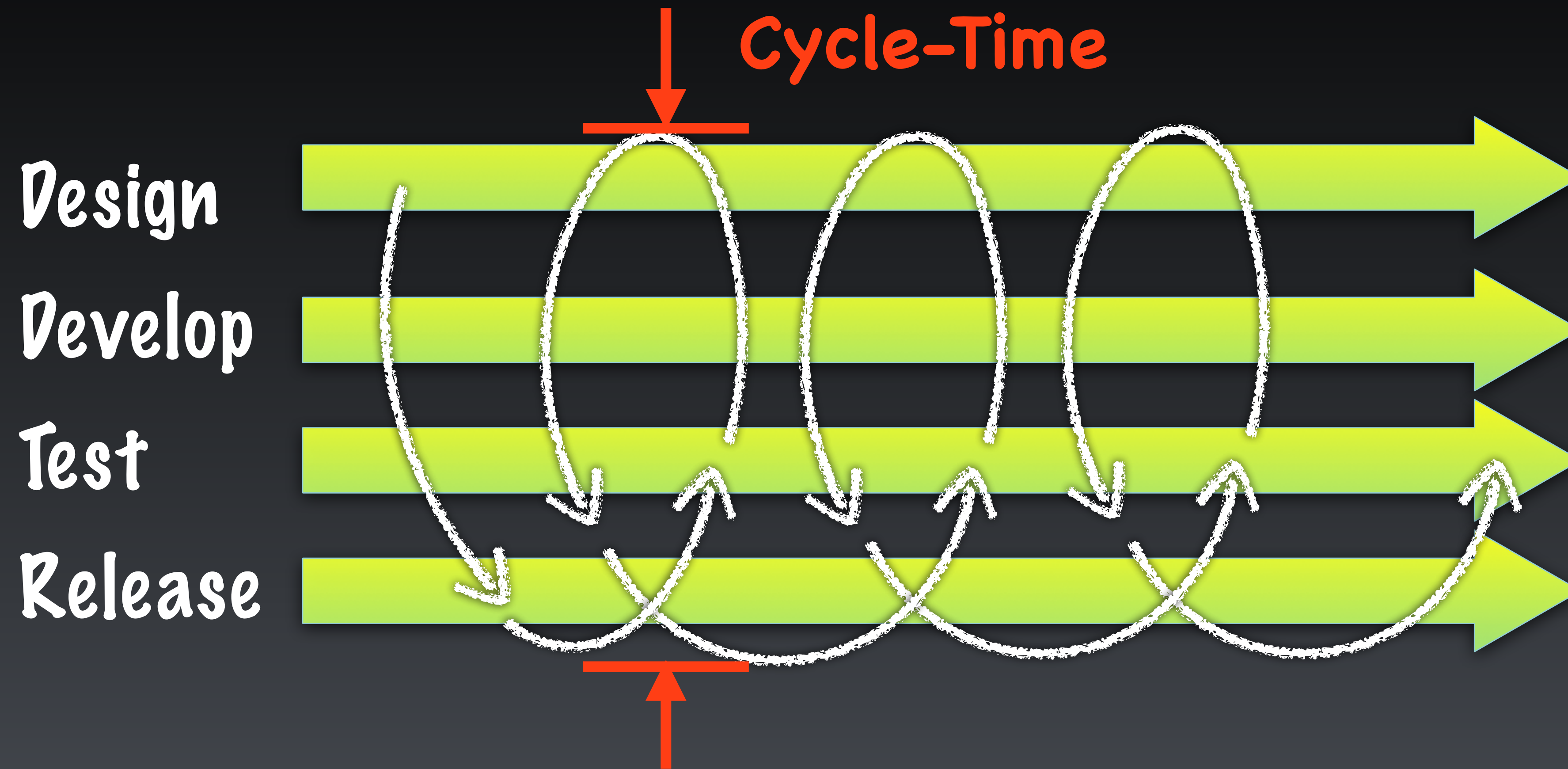
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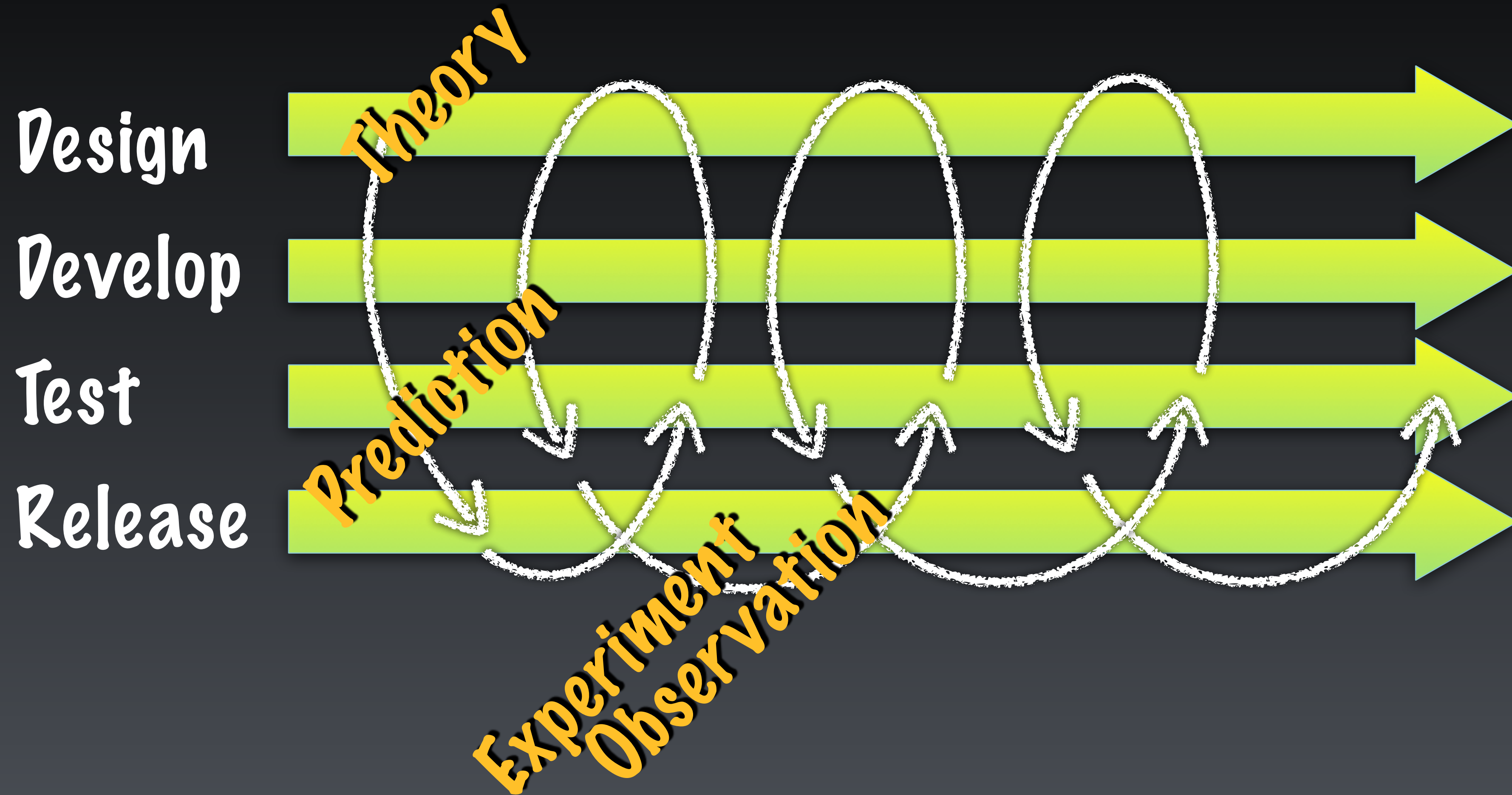


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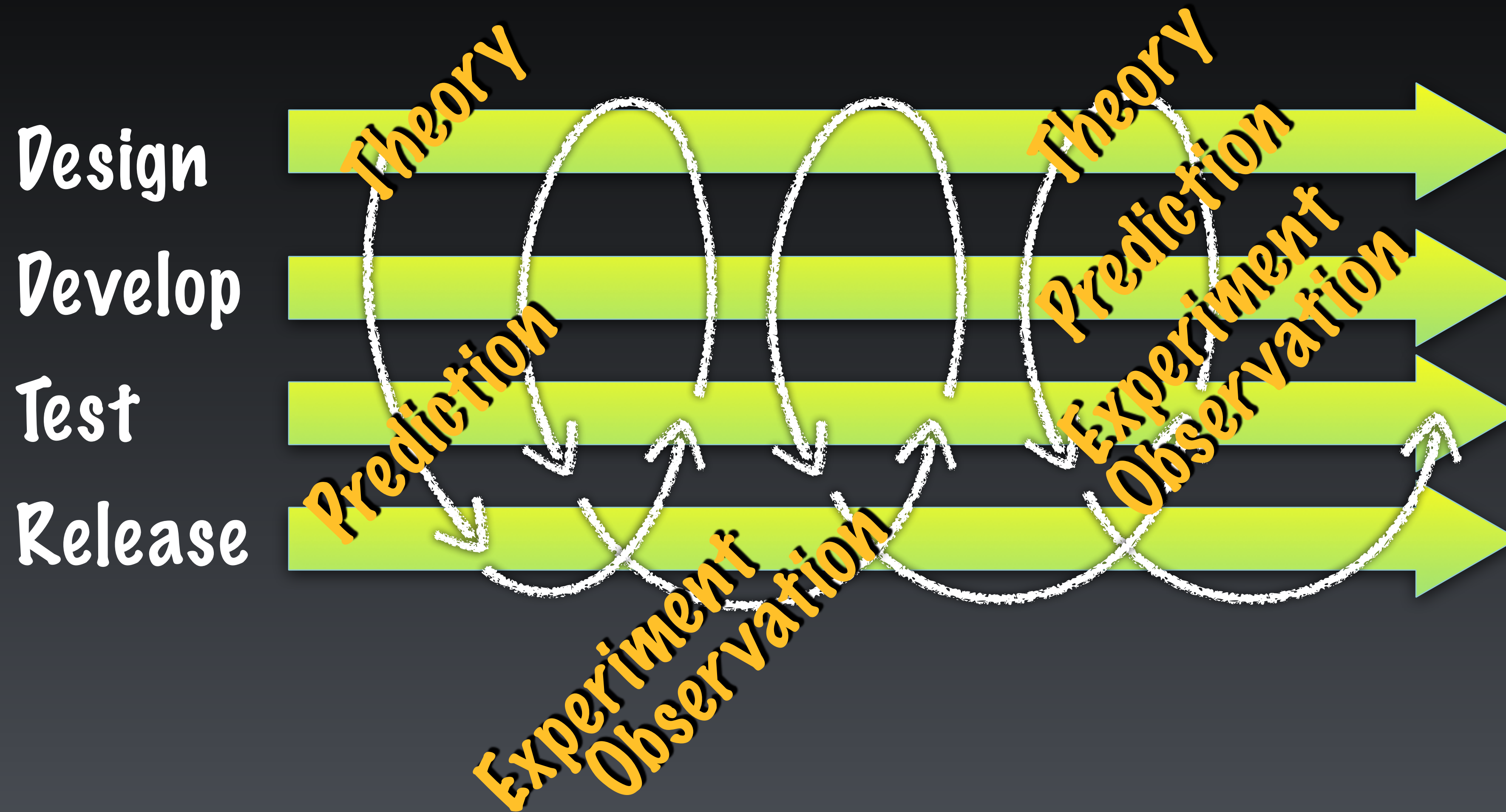




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# Don't be “like” Engineers

# Be Engineers!

# Q&A



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