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Applying Methods from Other Domains to Identify Gamer Behaviors

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Context Matters



Event Detection



Expression GGWP Behavioral Models Detect Events

Baseline Behavior and Detecting Anomalies

Delivery Channel

Root Cause



Impact

Top Down

Vs

Domain Expertise

Specific Game Knowledge

Statistical Research

Data Processing

Data Science

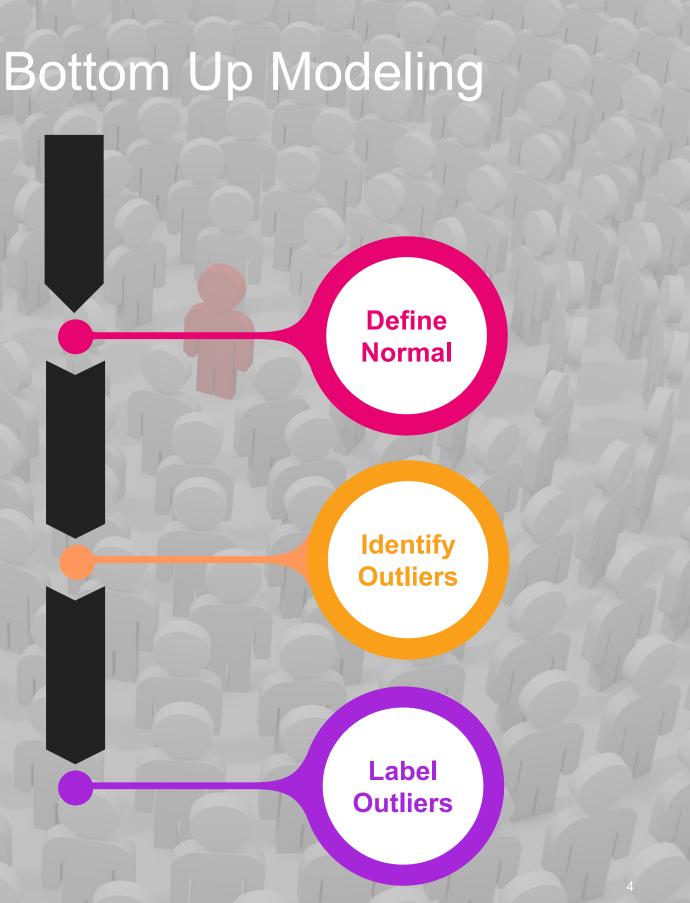
Mathematics

How to Shape Statistical Research

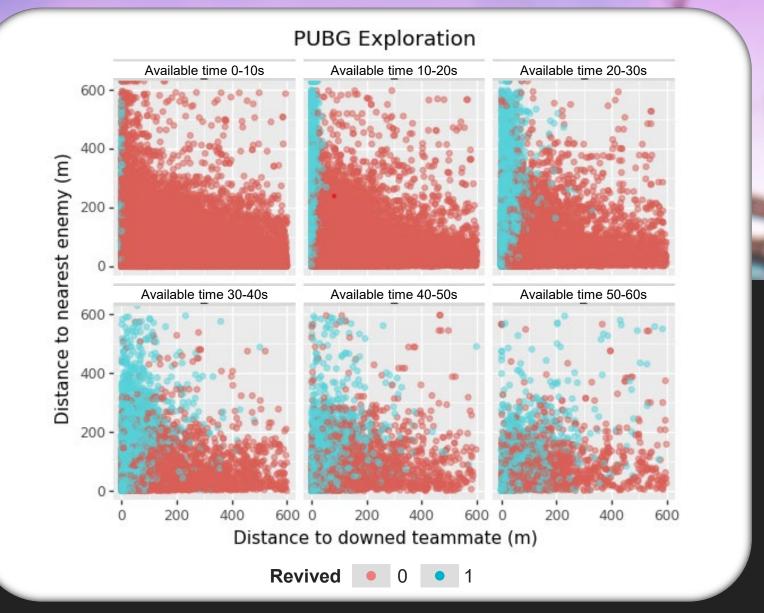
Machine Learning

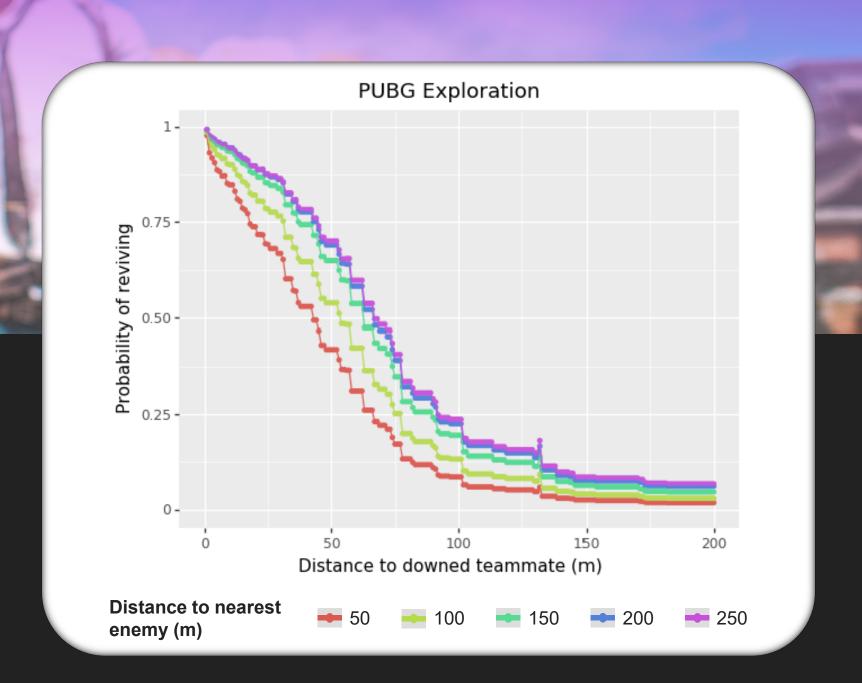
Computer Science

How to Hack and Scale Processes



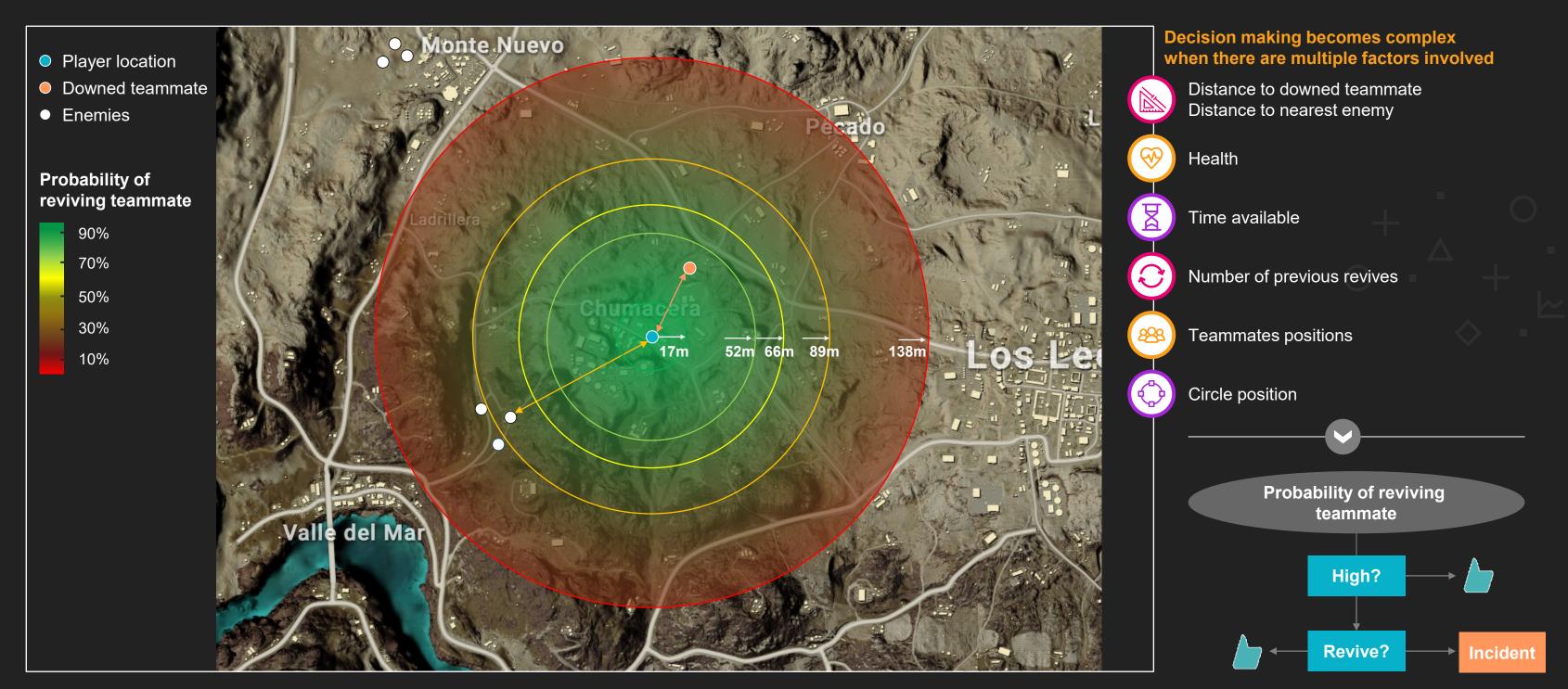
Baseline Models – Ex. PubG Revive Probability





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Event Detection - Ex. PubG Reviving a teammate or not?



1. The scale of the background map is distorted to facilitate the visualization

What Led to the Event?

Expression GGWP Behavioral Models detect events Delivery Channel

Baseline Behavior and Detecting Anomalies





Root Cause GGWP Severity Modifiers adjust for context of events

Types of Players

Expectations

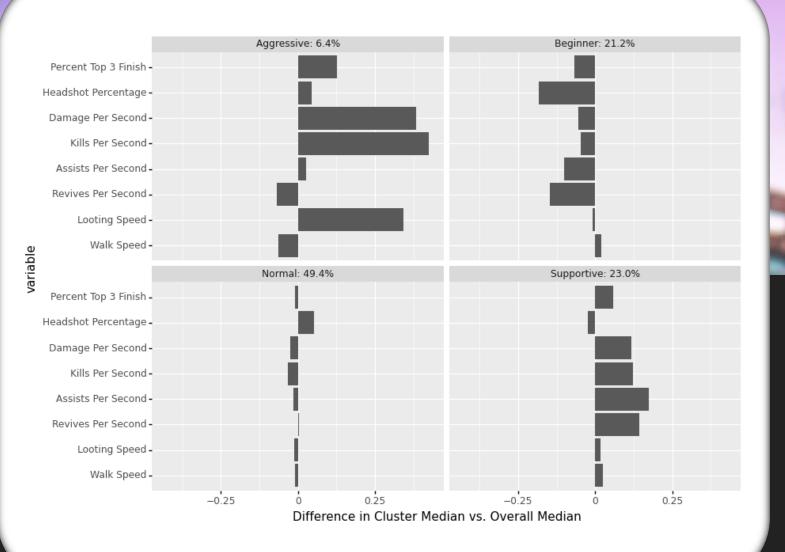
Initiation and Triggering

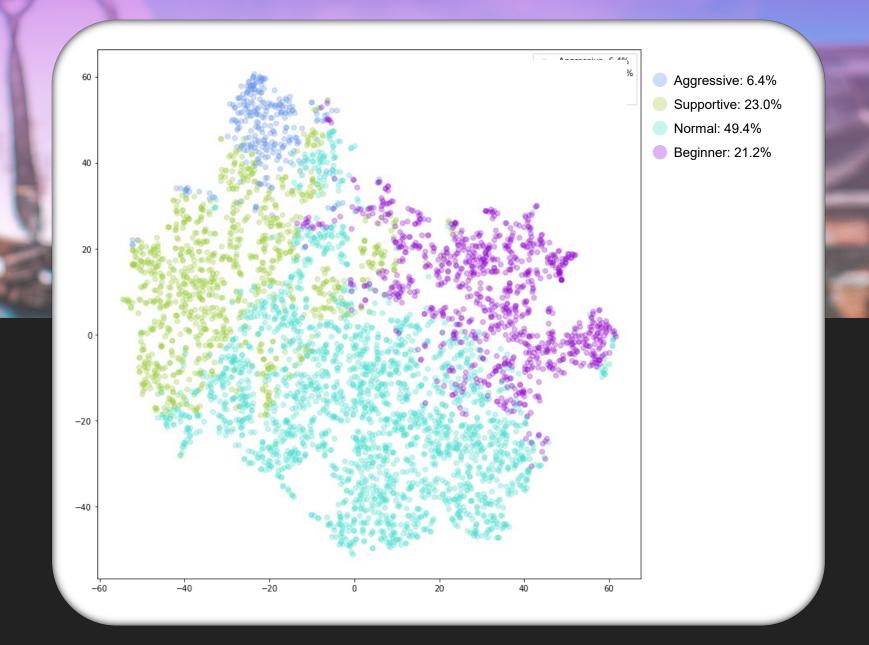
Social Factors



Impact

Types of Players – Ex. PubG Personas





Expectations (Skill Level) – Ex. Valorant Friendly Fire by Rank

	Breach Aftershock	Brimstone Incendiary	Brimstone OrbitalStrike	Killijoy Nanoswarm	Phoenix Blaze	Phoenix HotHands	Raze PaintShells	Raze Showstopper	Sova HuntersFury	Sova ShockBolt	Viper SnakeBite
Iron	0.0136	0.0271	0.0118	0.0157	0.0225	0.0294	0.0314	0.0067	0.0111	0.0169	0.0079
Bronze	0.0069	0.0158	0.0077	0.0077	0.0093	0.0163	0.0198	0.0038	0.0106	0.0153	0.0112
Silver	0.0051	0.0115	0.0084	0.0081	0.0067	0.0152	0.0156	0.0058	0.0103	0.0125	0.0087
Gold	0.0028	0.0101	0.0076	0.0081	0.0048	0.0122	0.0178	0.006	0.0071	0.0111	0.0071
Platinum+	0.0052	0.006	0.0053	0.0049	0.003	0.0128	0.0175	0.0054	0.0089	0.0103	0.0064

Triggering – Ex. Offenders That May Not Have Initiated Toxicity

Dataset: League Tribunal Case Chatlogs

Percent of total cases where the reported player does not initiate toxicity

Reviewed Case Examples

19.3%

[Ally] (00:00:21) Ezreal: ask myself sometimes

[Ally] (00:00:24) Ezreal: who needs a map

[Ally] (00:00:25) Ezreal: gg

[Ally] (00:00:32) Ezreal: sounds gay

[Ally] (00:00:33) Ezreal: im in

[Ally] (00:01:11) Ezreal: crank?

[Ally] (00:01:13) Ezreal: da fuk u doing ?

[Offender] (00:01:21) Blitzcrank: im going top

[Offender] (00:01:21) Blitzcrank: told u [Offender] (00:01:22) Blitzcrank: dumbass

[Ally] (00:01:15) Xin Zhao: voli help plz [Enemy] (00:01:21) Elise: first time, don't flame if i screw :p [Enemy] (00:01:29) Pantheon: lol ok [Enemy] (00:02:09) Annie: omg

[Ally] (00:02:11) Xin Zhao: idiot

[Ally] (00:02:14) Fizz:

[Enemy] (00:02:15) Annie: how u jungle -.-" [Ally] (00:02:22) Fizz: fu [Enemy] (00:02:22) Annie: smite noob

Flagged by GGWP Toxicity Models

[Enemy] (00:02:32) Elise: look what you are doing

[Enemy] (00:02:38) Annie: dude i made basic atks!

[Ally] (00:02:39) Xin Zhao: no ganks mid

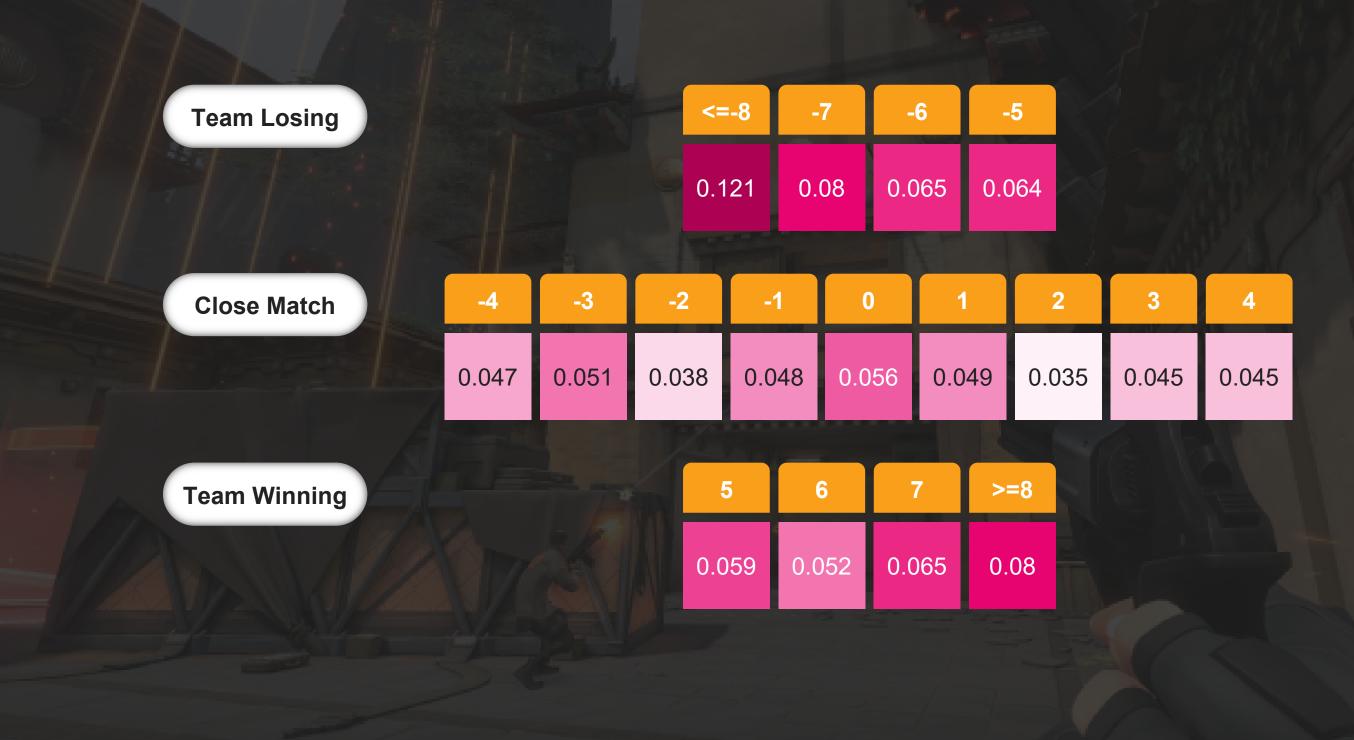
[Ally] (00:02:40) Xin Zhao: fking idiot

[Ally] (00:02:44) Xin Zhao: then i troll

[Enemy] (00:02:45) Annie: dont blame if u cant smite! Noob

[Offender] (00:02:46) Kassadin: dont cry

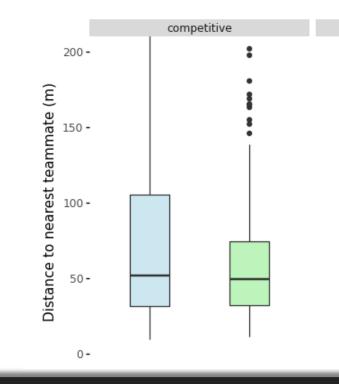
Triggers – Valorant Friendly Fires Detected by Score Difference



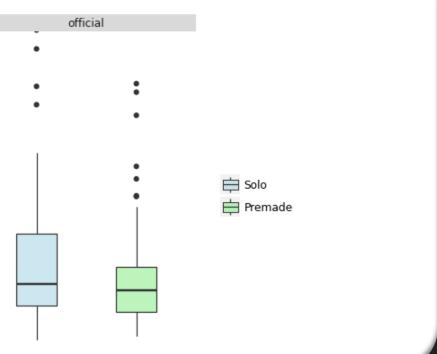
Social Factors – Ex. PubG Distance in Premade vs Solo Queue

Players with friends on their squad tend to walk closer together

Impact of friends in team distance



Match type	Playing with Friends	Avg, distance to nearest teammate (m)
Competitive	Yes (Premade)	76
Competitive	No (Solo)	112
Official	Yes (Premade)	67
(Casual)	No (Solo)	144



How are the victims impacted?

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Baseline Behavior and Detecting Anomalies



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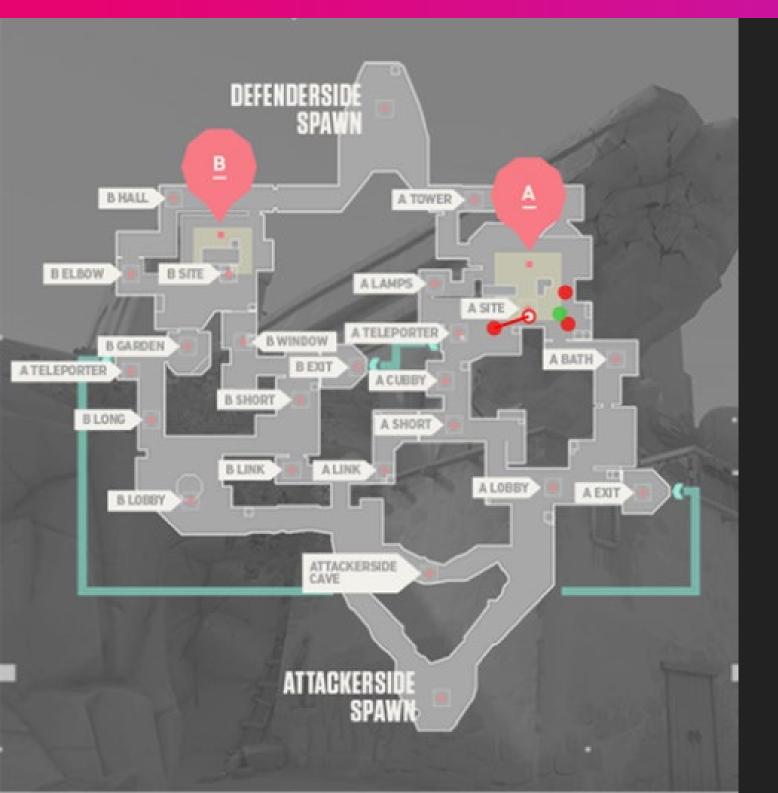


Impact

Game State Win % Rating

Game Situation – Ex. Valorant Friendly Fire

Friendly Fires Detected - When enemy team has been eliminated



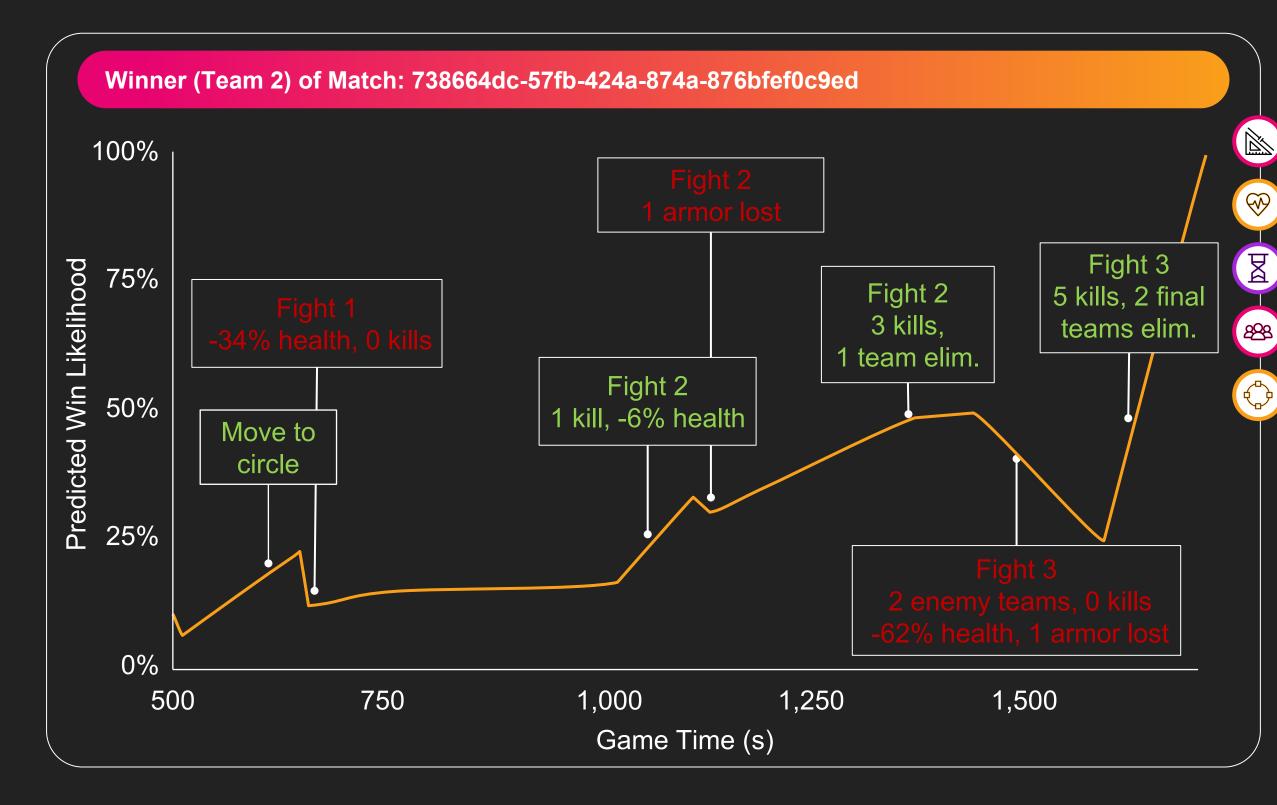
Stat	Value
Match_Id	1702bcf7·
Ranked	False
Round	12
Team	Red - Def
Kill_Time	35.971
Killer_Rank	Unranked
Killer_Agent	Raze
Ability	PaintShel
Victim_Rank	Unranked
Victim_Agent	Viper
Score	2-9
Record	LWLLLL
Round_Winner	Red
Killer Round Stats	Enemy_K
Killer_Match_Stats	Enemy_K
Victim_Round_Stats	Enemy_K
Victim_Match_Stats	Enemy_K

Timing in Game – Ex. Valorant Friendly Fire by Round Side Switch 11 0.035 0.033 0.035 0.073 0.029 0.047 032 OT 23 24 21 22 0.048 0.03 0.036 0.04 0.03 0.032

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0.067	0.049	0.032	0.037	0.032	0.033	0.0
14	15	16	17	18	19	2
0.032	0.029	0.033	0.038	0.042	0.033	0.0

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ender
ls
LWLL
ills: 0, teammate_kills: 2, deaths: 0, assists: 0
ills: 6, teammate_kills: 2, deaths: 17, assists: 2
ills: 3, teammate_kills: 0, deaths: 1, assists: 0
ills: 13, teammate_kills: 0, deaths: 16, assists: 2

Win Likelihood Model – Ex. Following a Team in a PubG



Win Likelihood Model

Performance relative to remaining teams

Team health and equipment ratings

Game time and teams remaining

Team social status and prior stats

Relative team distance to safety circle

Team Win Likelihood at Current Game State

Incident Detection Platform How much did the incident affect win rate?

Operationalizing Models – Impact of Errors

Impact of False Positives

Loan Underwriting **Movie Recommendation**

Does Woody like dinosaur movies?

Will Carl default on his loan?



Confirm the target's location?

More Conservative Detection

Possible Threat Identification

Penalty Applications

Impact of False Positives



More Conservative Detection

Channel

XP Gain Match-making Chat, Audio PvP, Ranked, Event, Leaderboard All

GGWP Reputation Score

Comprehensive Multiple Events, Multiple Games

Consistent Less Sensitive to Individual Errors



Interpretable Single Holistic Number

Quantifying the Impact of Toxicity

HIGH **Toxicity Level**

MEDIUM **Toxicity Level**

+10%

Player Retention vs High Toxicity Group

Change in Reddit Posts

-7.2%

Change in Reddit Posts

Sandbox Action

Battle Royale, TPS

Card Strategy



Popular Games in Category

Popular Games in Category

MOBA

Tactical Shooter

Battle Royale, FPS



Player Retention vs High Toxicity Group



+16%

Player Retention vs High Toxicity Group

0.0% **Change in Reddit Posts**



MMORPG

Sandbox Survival

Mobile Strategy



Popular Games in Category

Summary

Automate Anomalous Event Detection

a(bc) = (ab)ca+b = b+aa(b+c) = ab+a

126 = 6xy2x + 2y = 20 Add Contextual Factors

(x)(2x+3) = 0 $2x^{2}+3x-90 = 0$ (2x+15)(x-6) = 0

Tune Based on Application



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Appendix

Quantifying the Impact of Toxicity

HIGH Toxicity Level

MEDIUM Toxicity Level

2.6 Community Health Score

-17.1% Change in Reddit Posts

Player Retention vs Average

3.3 Community Health Score

-7.2% Change in Reddit Posts

+0.9% Player Retention vs Average











3.9 Community Health Score

0.0% Change in Reddit Posts

+4.5%

Player Retention vs Average





GGWP Game Health Scores

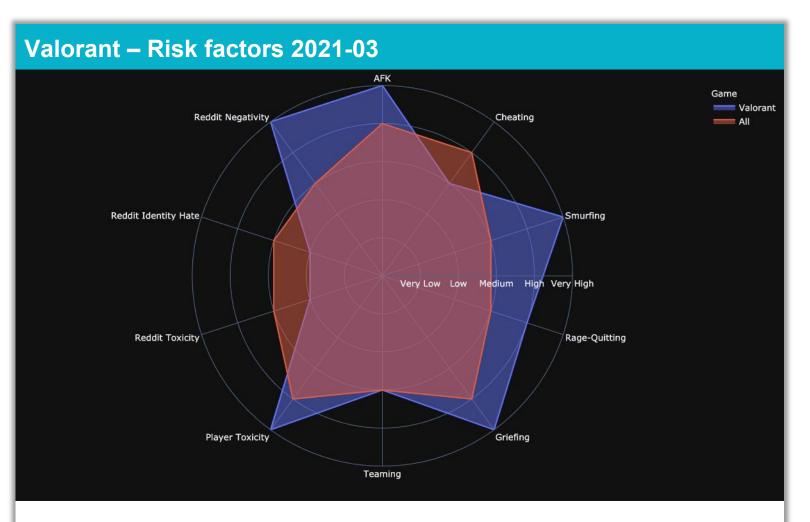


Community Health score Game - Valorant - All 4.5 3.5-Value 3 2.5 2 1.5 1 Jan 2020 Mar 2020 May 2020 Mar Jul 2020 Sep 2020 Nov 2020 Jan 2021 Date

GGWP Community Health Score –

Single value to summarize the "healthiness" level of a game's community based on social media data

Bronze	1.0 – 2.5	Platinum	3.5 - 4.0
Silver	2.5 – 3.0	Diamond	4.0 - 5.0
Gold	3.0 – 3.5		

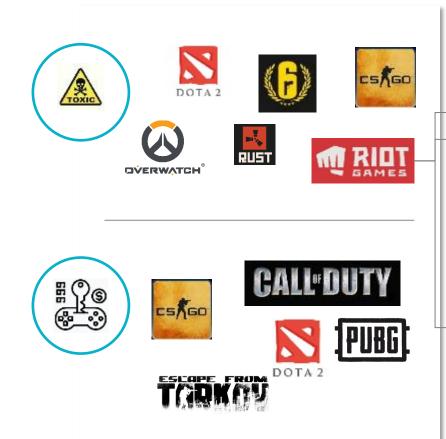


Health Score. They represent

- Gameplay Toxicity: In-game toxic behaviors like AFK, cheating, griefing, being mean to other players, etc.
- **Community Toxicity:** Level of hatred within the Reddit community
- **Community Sentiment:** General sentiment of posts and comments

Risk Factors – 10 toxicity components that explain the Community

GGWP Game Health Snapshot – 2021 Q1

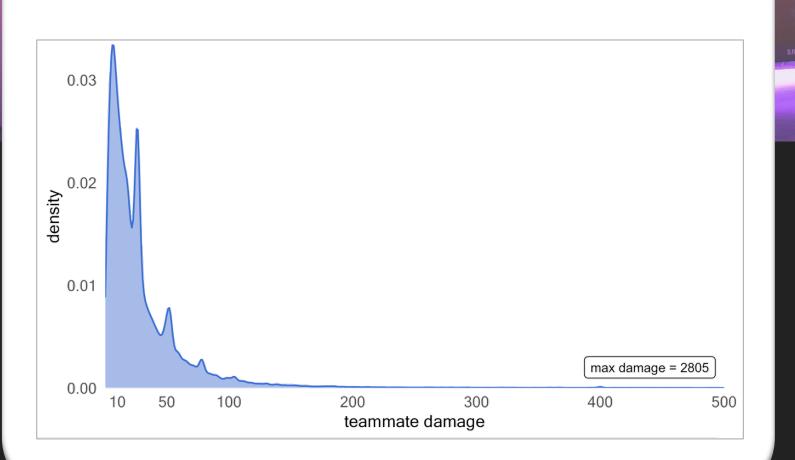


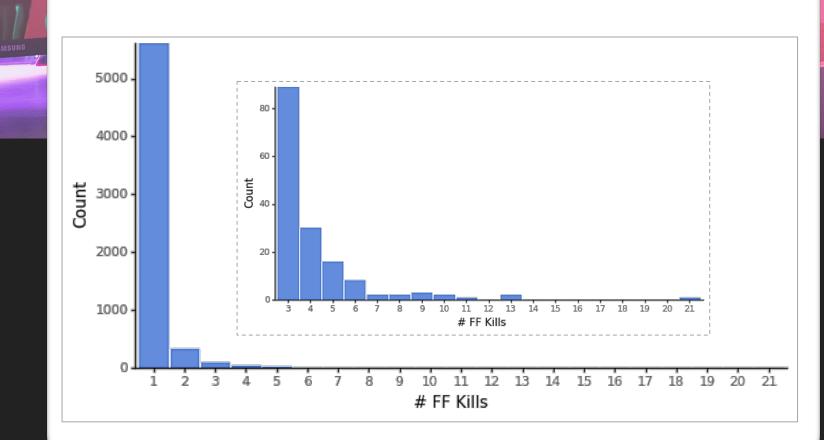


Game	Avg Daily Posts	AFK	Cheating	Smurfing	Rage- Quitting	Griefing	Teaming	Player Toxicity	Reddit Toxicity	Reddit Identity Hate	Reddit Negativity	Community Health Score	
DOTA 2	195	1.4%	3.3%	3.5%	0.9%	4.4%	0.0%	3.3%	6.8%	0.1%	34.6%	1.9	
Valorant	475	1.8%	2.7%	1.9%	0.5%	1.5%	0.0%	2.5%	4.7%	0.0%	39.0%	2.1	
League of Legends	628	1.4%	1.0%	1.2%	0.5%	2.1%	0.0%	2.6%	6.3%	0.0%	36.0%	2.3	
Apex Legends	778	0.2%	2.2%	0.3%	0.7%	0.3%	0.2%	0.7%	7.4%	0.1%	33.8%	2.5	
Escape from Tarkov	407	0.1%	3.9%	0.0%	1.1%	0.6%	0.1%	0.3%	9.3%	0.1%	36.9%	2.5	
Rainbow Six	346	0.2%	2.1%	0.7%	0.4%	0.6%	0.0%	1.5%	6.6%	0.2%	32.2%	2.6	
Rust	137	0.2%	3.1%	0.0%	0.5%	0.8%	0.1%	1.7%	8.5%	0.1%	33.2%	2.6	l
CS: GO	195	0.3%	4.9%	0.4%	0.5%	0.8%	0.0%	1.1%	6.0%	0.1%	32.7%	2.6	l
Overwatch	203	0.1%	1.5%	0.8%	0.5%	0.8%	0.0%	1.6%	5.8%	0.1%	31.7%	2.7	
Wild Rift	161	2.0%	1.0%	0.4%	0.4%	2.1%	0.0%	2.1%	4.1%	0.0%	31.6%	2.7	
World of Warcraft	281	0.3%	1.8%	0.0%	0.5%	1.2%	0.0%	1.3%	5.9%	0.1%	32.8%	2.8	
COD: Warzone	380	0.1%	5.2%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	9.3%	0.1%	35.2%	2.9	
COD: Black Ops - Cold War	446	0.1%	1.7%	0.0%	0.6%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	9.0%	0.1%	36.5%	3.0	
Arena of Valor	35	1.7%	1.0%	0.5%	0.2%	2.2%	0.0%	0.9%	4.8%	0.0%	28.1%	3.0	
PUBG	35	0.2%	4.5%	0.0%	0.2%	0.5%	0.2%	0.6%	6.4%	0.1%	35.4%	3.0	
PUBG Mobile	69	0.1%	4.5%	0.0%	0.4%	0.2%	0.3%	0.6%	4.9%	0.1%	29.5%	3.2	
GTA Online	488	0.3%	1.4%	0.0%	0.3%	1.8%	0.0%	0.3%	6.4%	0.1%	29.1%	3.3	
Super Smash Bros	31	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.4%	0.6%	0.1%	1.0%	5.5%	0.1%	34.8%	3.3	
COD Mobile	615	0.1%	2.4%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.4%	7.2%	0.1%	30.5%	3.4	
Warframe	114	0.2%	1.8%	0.0%	0.1%	0.9%	0.0%	0.6%	4.0%	0.0%	31.6%	3.4	
Fortnite: Battle Royale	612	0.1%	0.6%	0.0%	0.1%	0.4%	0.1%	0.4%	4.3%	0.1%	28.7%	3.6	L
Final Fantasy XIV	60	0.2%	1.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.6%	0.0%	0.7%	3.3%	0.0%	32.0%	3.7	
Minecraft	1561	0.4%	0.9%	0.0%	0.2%	0.4%	0.0%	0.1%	3.3%	0.0%	23.8%	4.1	
Clash of Clans	187	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	2.6%	0.0%	30.0%	4.5	

Player Profile - Ex. Valorant Teammate Damages and Kills

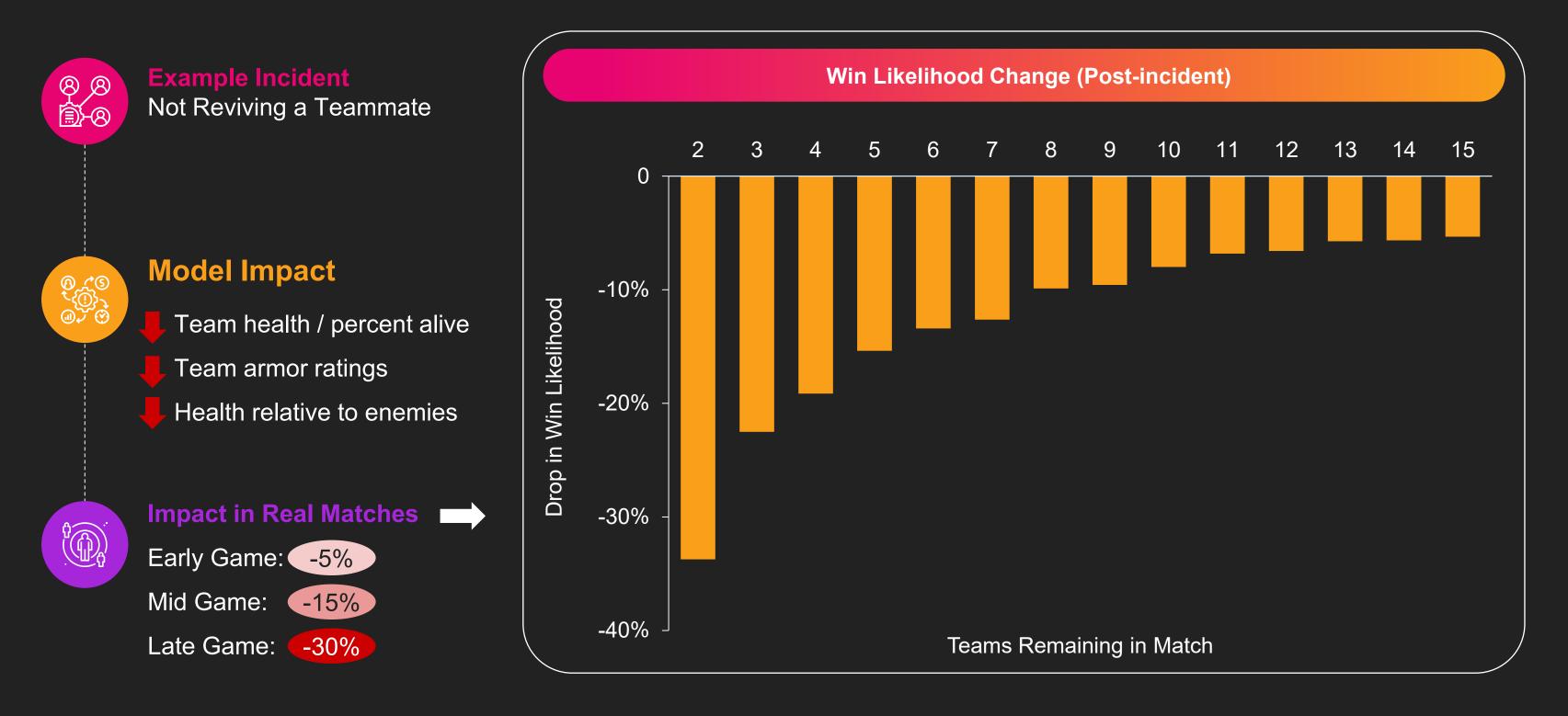
Teammate Damage Distribution





Number Friendly Fires per Player per Match

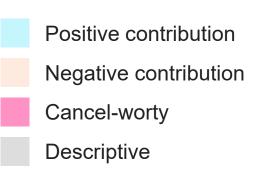
Incident Impact to Win Likelihood – Ex. PubG Not Reviving



Reputation Subscores

Net Community Contribution Score: v1

Negative Engagement (PvP)	Cr. Mode: Negative Engagement	Cr. Mode: Creator Toxicity	Positive Engageme
 Trolling Griefing AFK Toxic chat (via audio transcription) 	Destruction of AssetsTrolling	 Mature content Negative/trolling/toxic content PEGI ratings*** 	 Incident-free play Encouragement Friendliness / inc
Red Flag Behavior	Cr. Mode: Affinity for Toxic Content	Cr. Mode: Creator Contribution +	Engagement Segmentat
 Cheating Extreme identity hate Doxxing, stalking, grooming 	 % time toxic content chosen 	 Others' engagement in content [assuming non-toxic] Amount contributed (tier) Content Epic wants to encourage (e.g. extra marks for gathering places for concerts) 	 Instigator (wolf) Passive (sheep) Tit-for-Tat (bird)



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Social Influence & Assertiveness

- Network cluster score
- % of times started party
- # of friends imported
- # of friends made in-game

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Social Affinity

• % times solo queue vs in party

Spend

• [for analytics purposes]

Engagement

• How many games, how long, games/session, frequency

Behavior Base Weights

Severity Tier	Time Decay	Example Behaviors	Cross-Game Weight
Extreme (-)	None	Grooming, Credible Threat	High
Gameplay High (-)	Slow	Cheating, Exploits	Med
Social High (-)	Slow	Identity Hate, Scam, Doxxing	High
Medium (-)	Med	Griefing, AFK/DC, Trolling	Med
Low (-)	Fast	Vulgarity, Not following teammates	Low
Very Low (+) [Capped]	Fast	Non-negative engagement	Med
Low Positive (+)	Med	Sharing items, unexpected revives	Med
Med Positive (+)	Slow	Unique positive Commendations	High