

Patterns in
Time Series Data
Are the New
Gold Nuggets
in the
Digital Economy



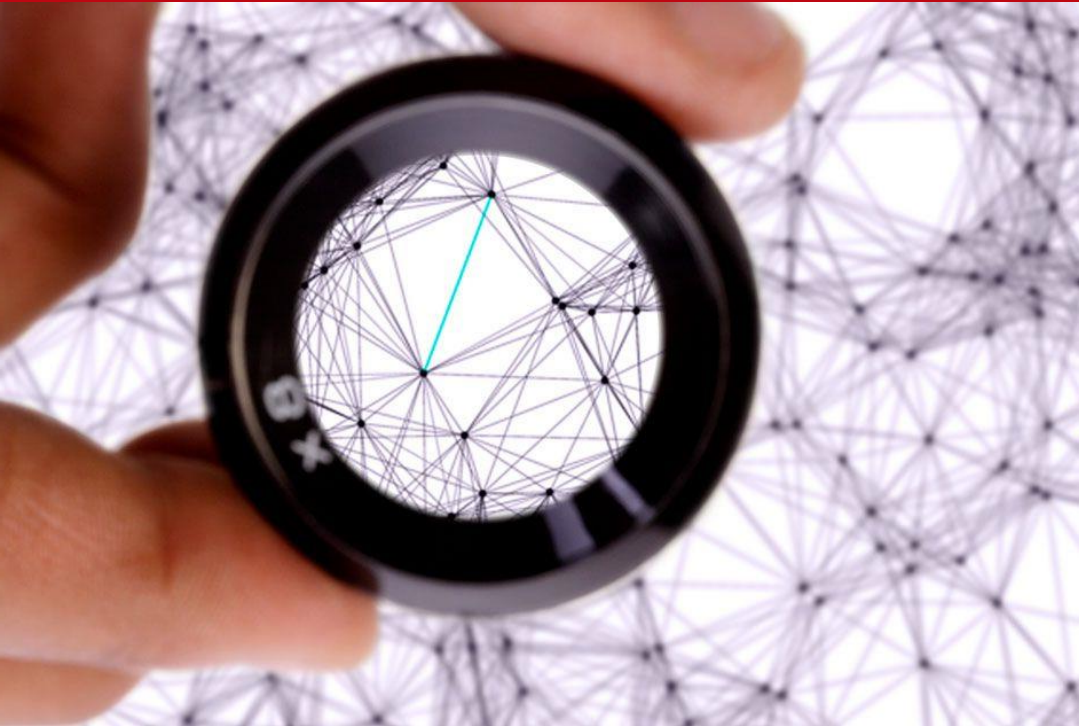
Companies have been walking along the digital transformation path for the past few years. COVID-19 forced all of them to sprint.



The new powerlines that connect and power operations are data pipes.



Introducing granular time series data



- Granularity – this is the sampling rate, i.e., the rate at which measurements are taken. Typically minutes, seconds, milliseconds, nanoseconds.
- Dimensionality – the descriptors and metadata for the individual unit of analysis, i.e., the SKU within a particular retail store, or the sensor at a particular car engine, etc.

The Time Series Data That We All Know

Stock market performance in 2019

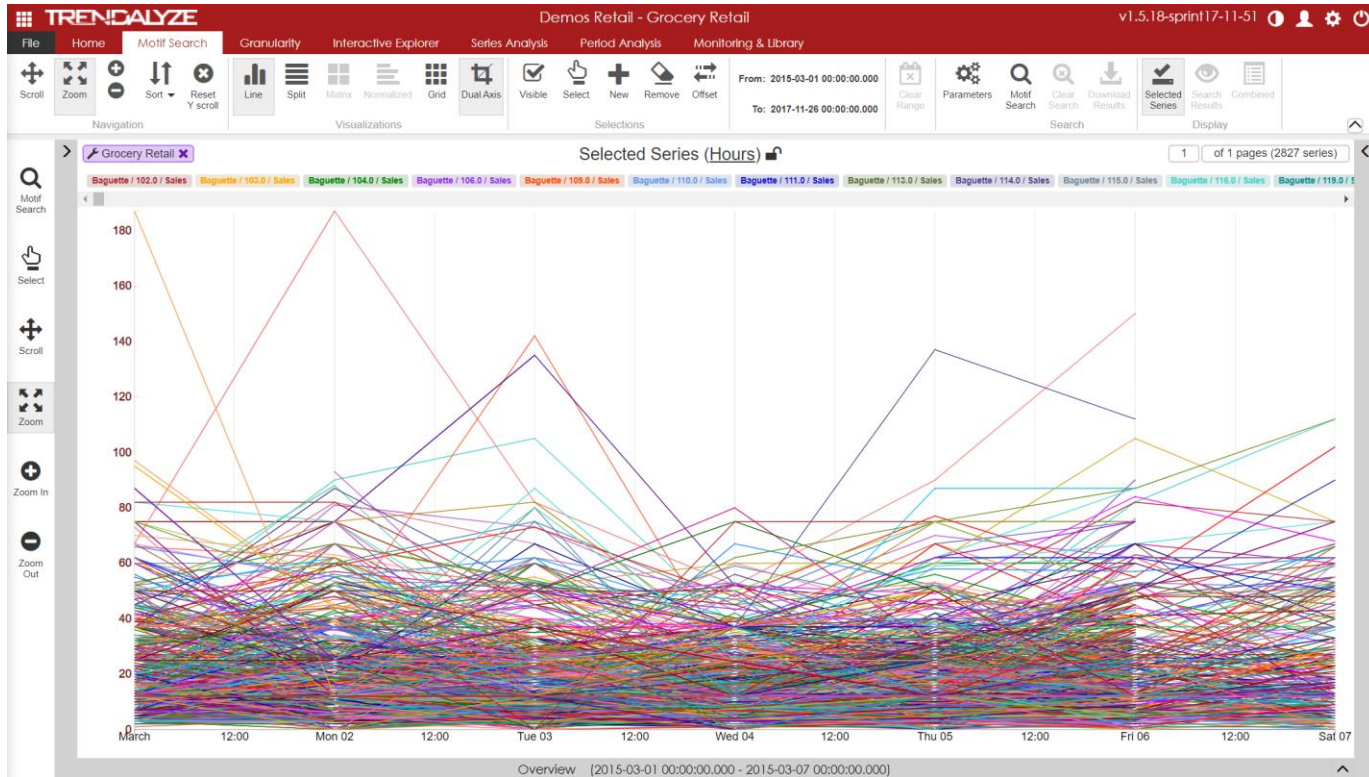
Annual return for the S&P 500, Dow Jones, and NASDAQ



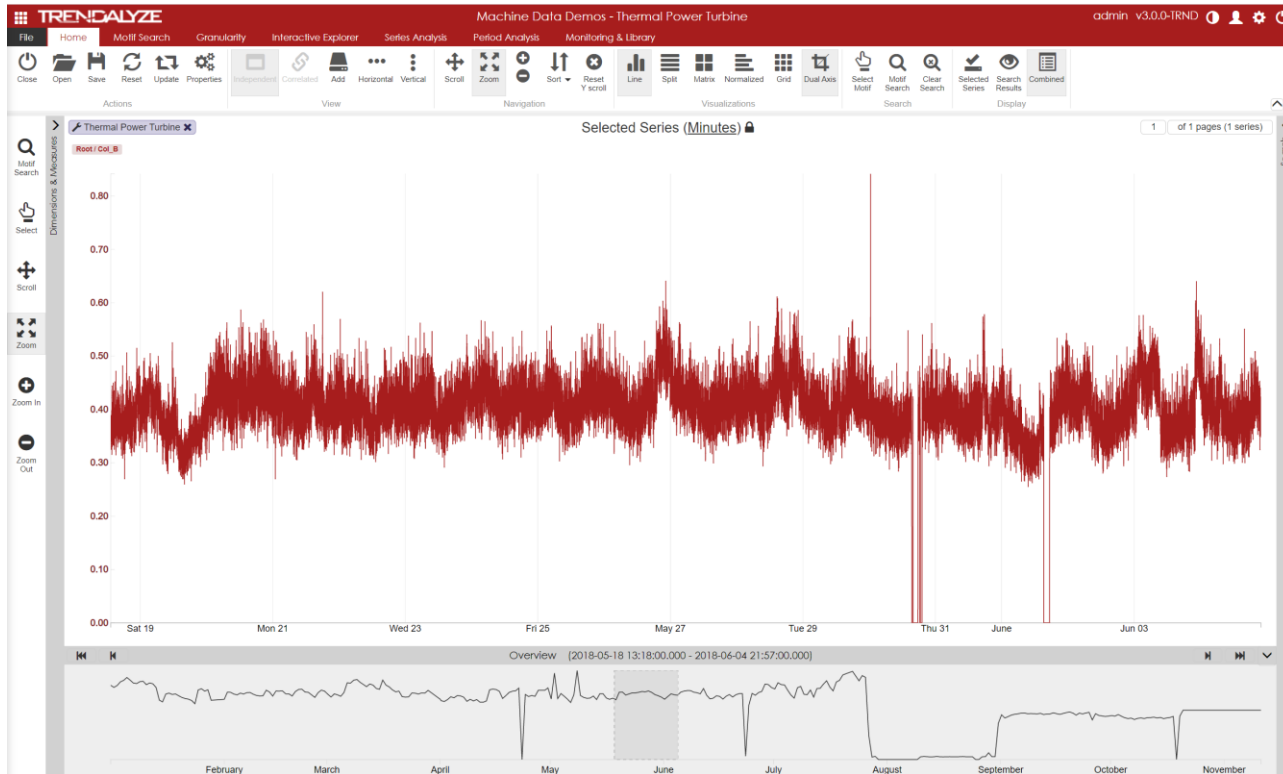
SOURCE: FactSet. Data as of market close on 12/31/2019.



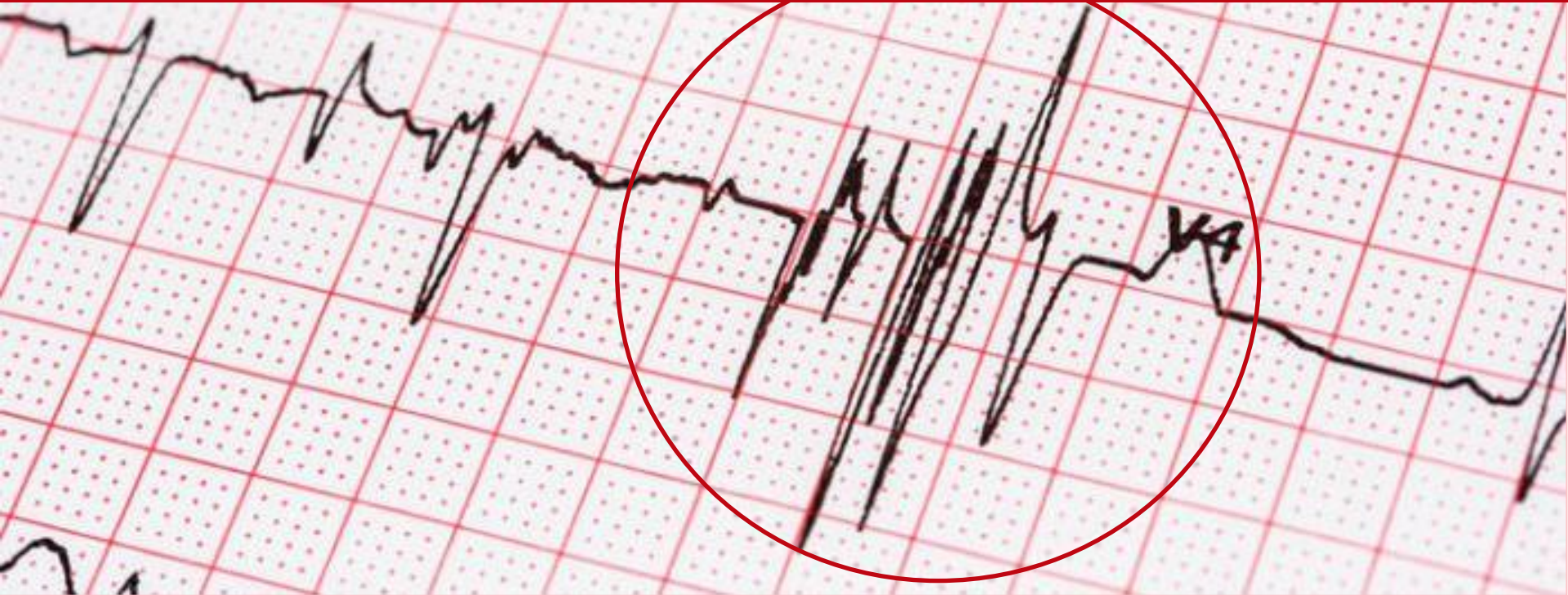
Highly Dimensional Time Series Data



Highly Frequency Time Series Data

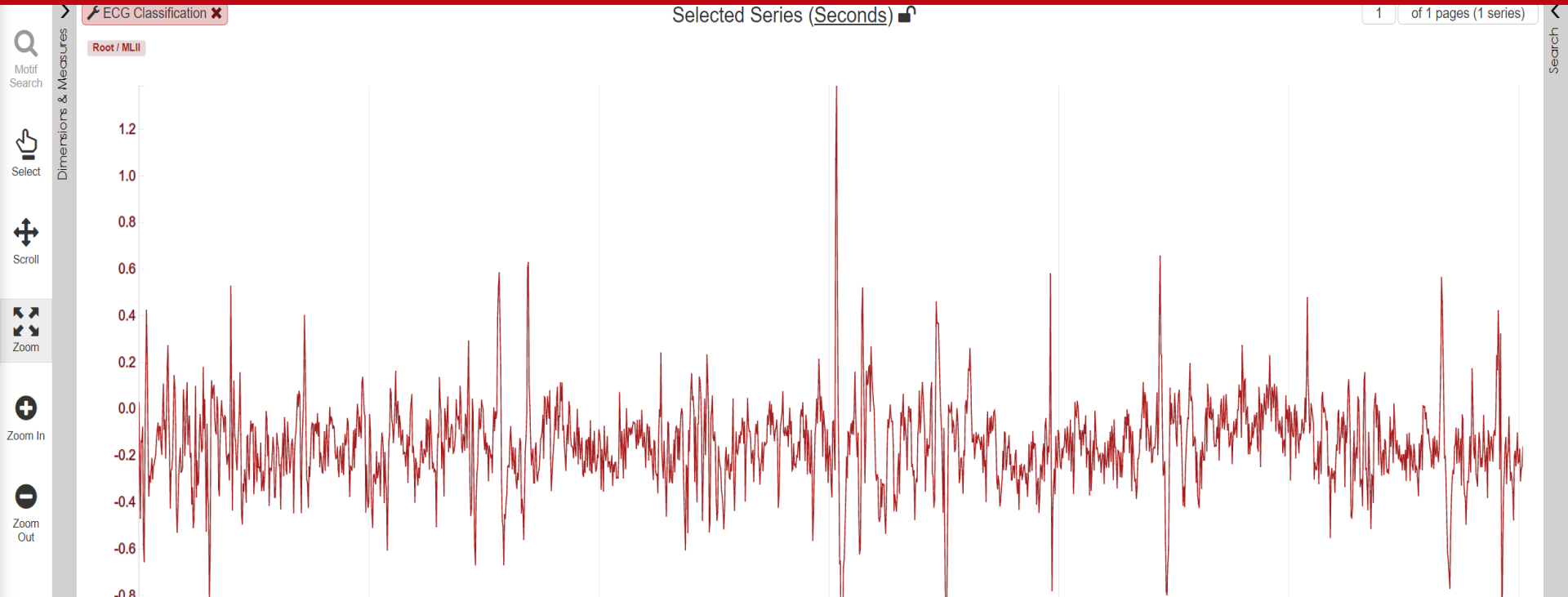


- Sensors and devices collect the “heartbeats” of everything
- Knowing the good and the bad “heartbeats” is gold
- By monitoring the “heartbeats” you can save or make money

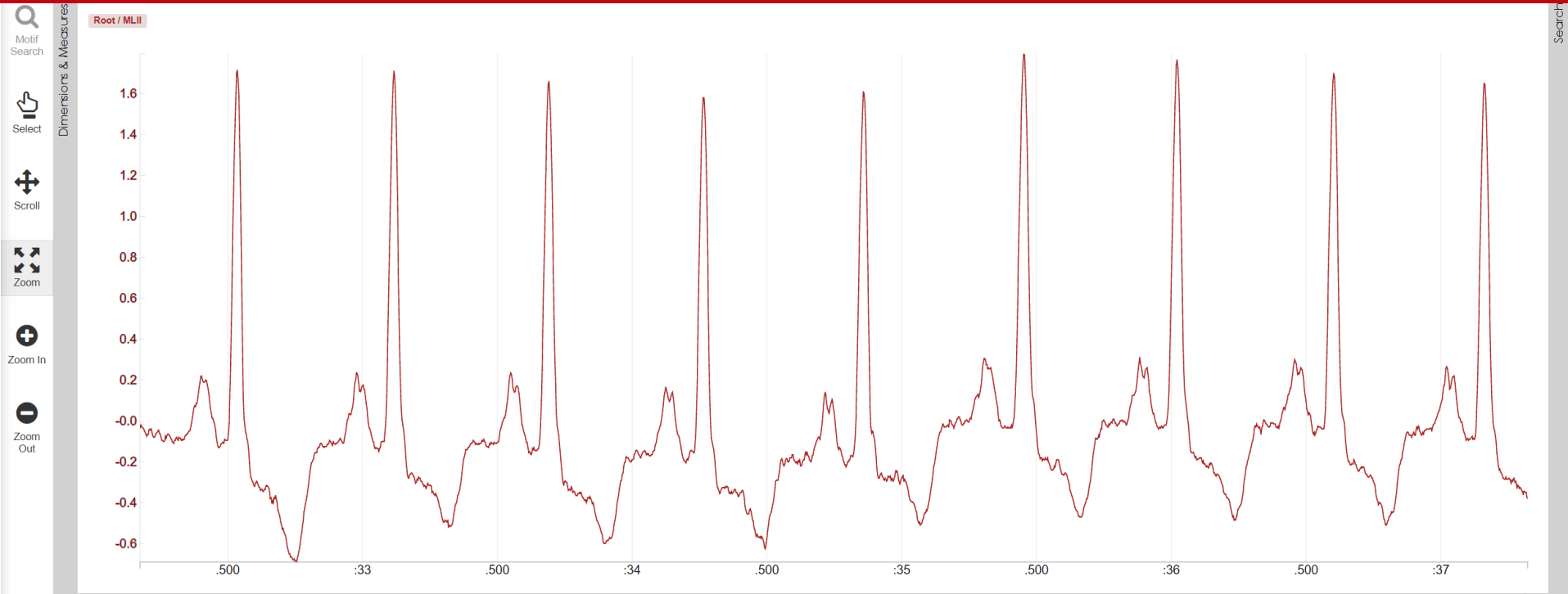


Why is granular time series data so important:

- What is this time series?
- You cannot recognize it.

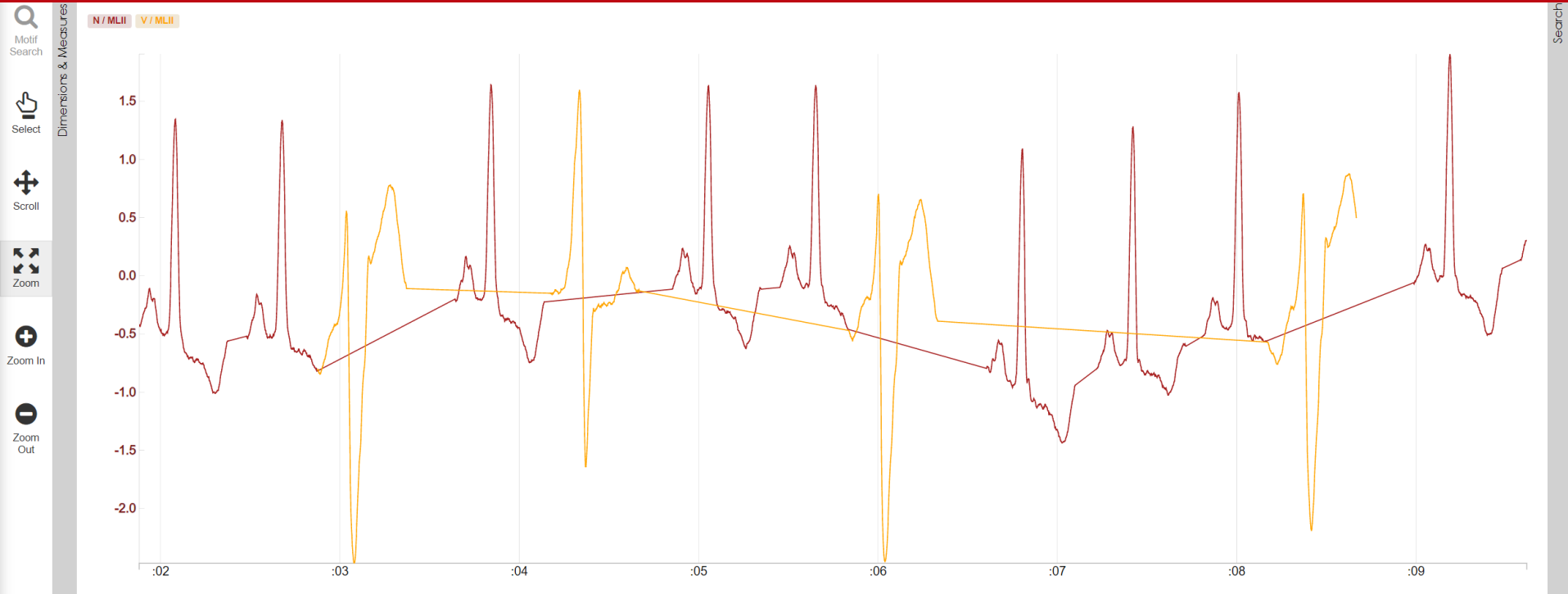


- This one you recognize instantly
- It is “heartbeats” from ECG
- The more detailed data reveals the shape



What are the golden nuggets in such data?

- The different "heartbeats" shapes
- Monitoring "heartbeat" shapes saves lives



Today Every Industry Generates Loads to Granular Time Series Data

Vibrations



Predictive failure, maintenance

Trades



Buy / sell opportunities

Vehicle Operations



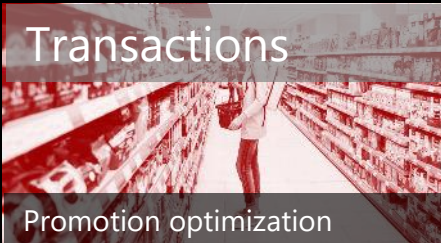
Driving patterns, maintenance

Vitals



Remote patient monitoring

Transactions

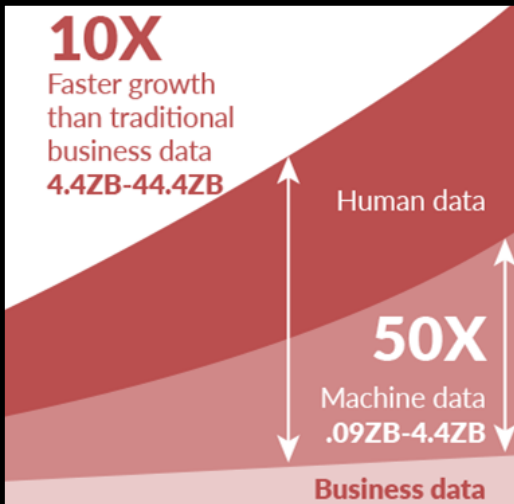


Promotion optimization

Data Traffic

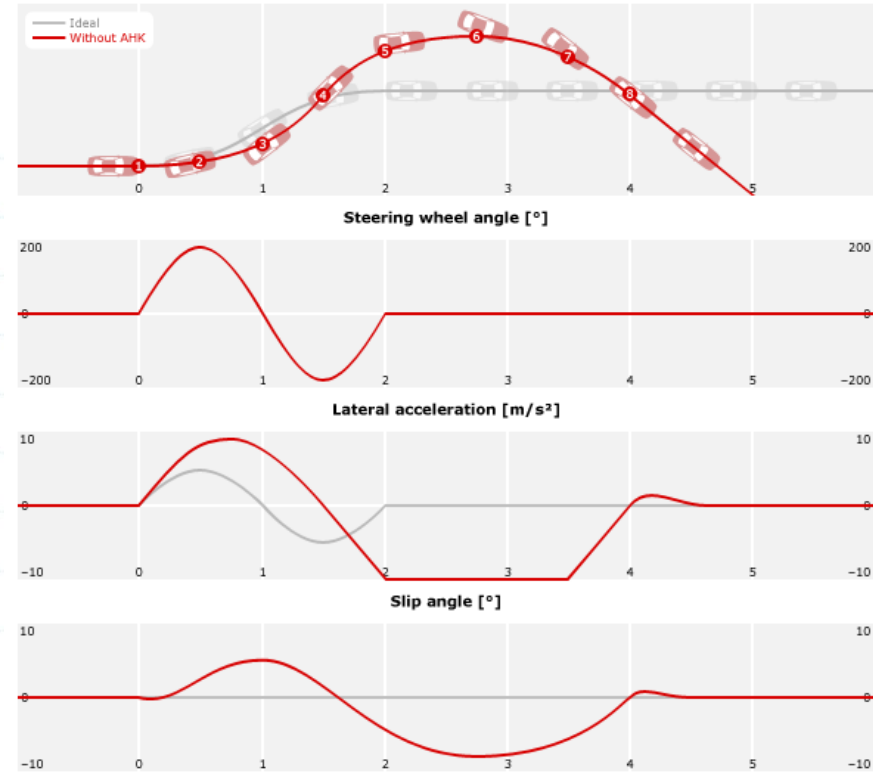
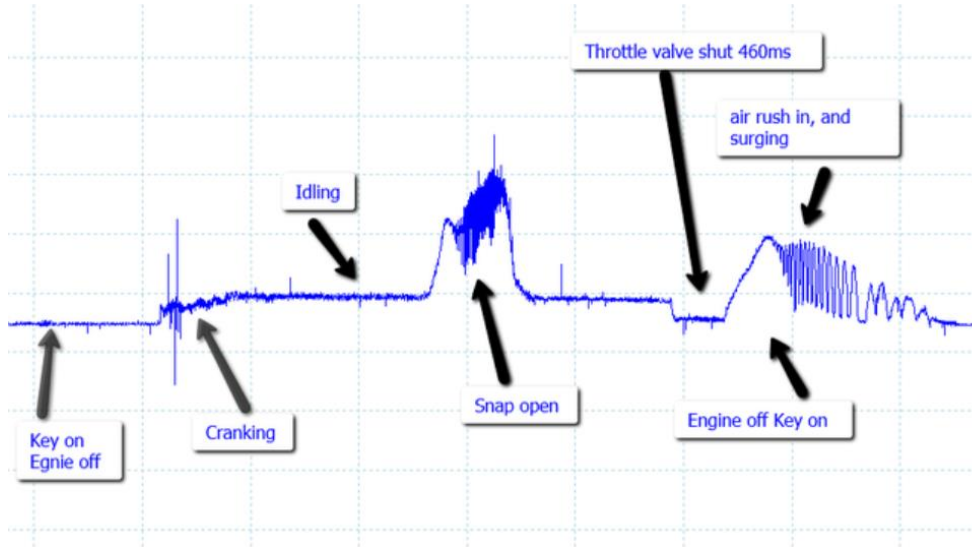


Capacity and utilization

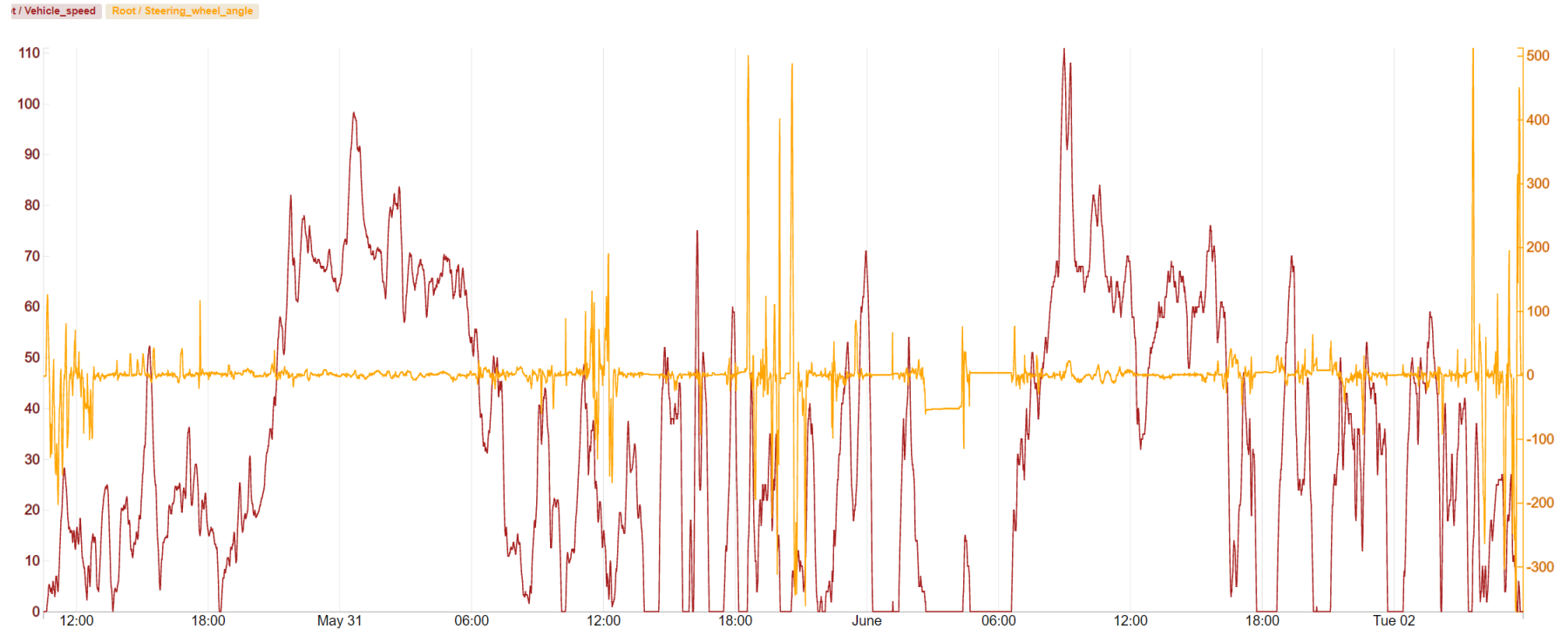


Time Series Data & Analytics Is Growing Fast

Engine Diagnostics & Fleet Management Examples



Driver Fingerprinting & Forensics Examples



Covid 19 Examples

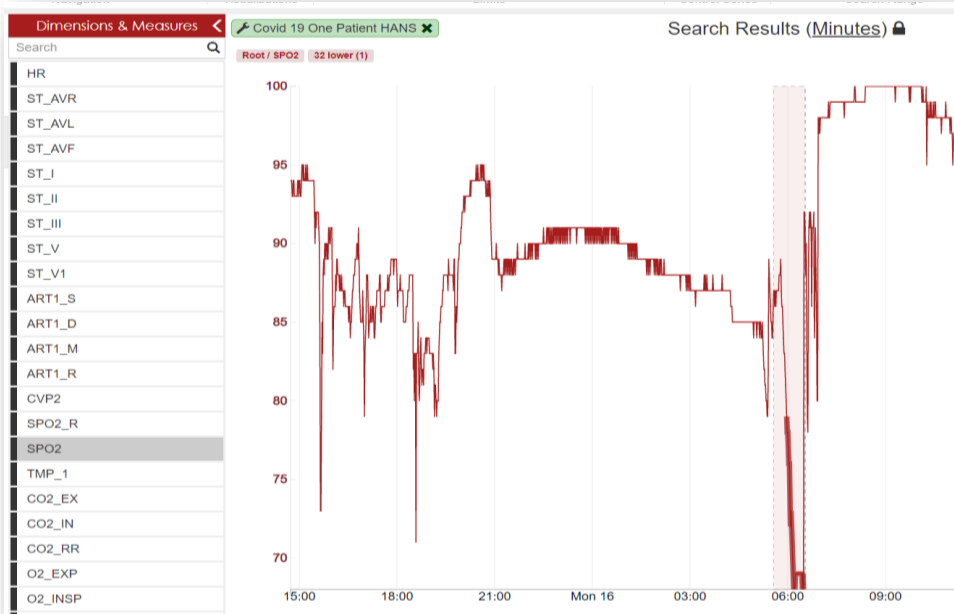
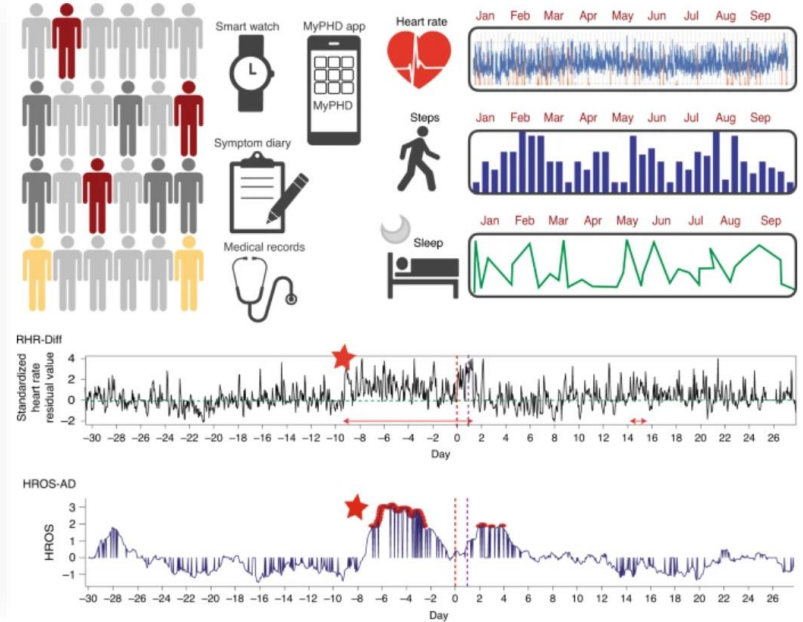


Fig. 1: Overview of the study design, cohort and data.



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Quality Analysis Using Motif Discovery from Small Data

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Abstract Modern manufacturing demands high standards of quality. New automated quality control solutions monitor quality using image classification with Deep Learning (DL). DL requires large data samples, expensive computational infrastructure, and time-consuming model training. As a result, many manufacturers cannot deploy DL-based quality control. The problem is worse in small and medium enterprises (SME) that lack the required resources and are thus put at a competitive disadvantage. In this paper we propose a new time series motif discovery method that could effectively learn from significantly smaller datasets compared to DL. The new approach uses one image sample as the “golden quality standard” and converts it into a time series motif. Then we apply motif-based similarity search to compare it with the converted time series of product images coming out of the production line. A distance score from the golden standard determines the quality status of the product item. Meanwhile, to enhance the performance, rather than comparing the entire image we compare separately the known segments in the image. We use image decomposition to extract core shapes and areas. By decomposing the image and performing multiple comparisons, we could achieve higher accuracy for each similarity search. The advantage of the present method is that it can be configured entirely by the engineers who are not trained in data science. Furthermore, it can be changed quickly when the production outputs change. In this paper we conduct a three-way comparison between DL, motif

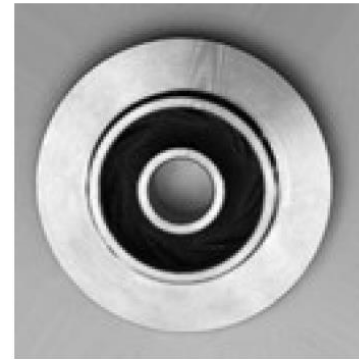


Fig. 1 A casted plate labeled “ok”.



Fig. 2 A casted plate labeled “def”.



Fig. 11 A visualization of the converted to time series “Ok” images [A] and “Def” images [B] showing clear differences in shapes

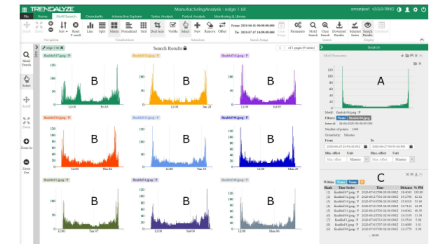


Fig. 12 A reference motif of an “Ok” image [A] used as a reference to search for most different patterns from it, matching correctly the “Def” images [B] and showing the difference in similarity [C].

Financial Industry Examples

Trading via Image Classification*

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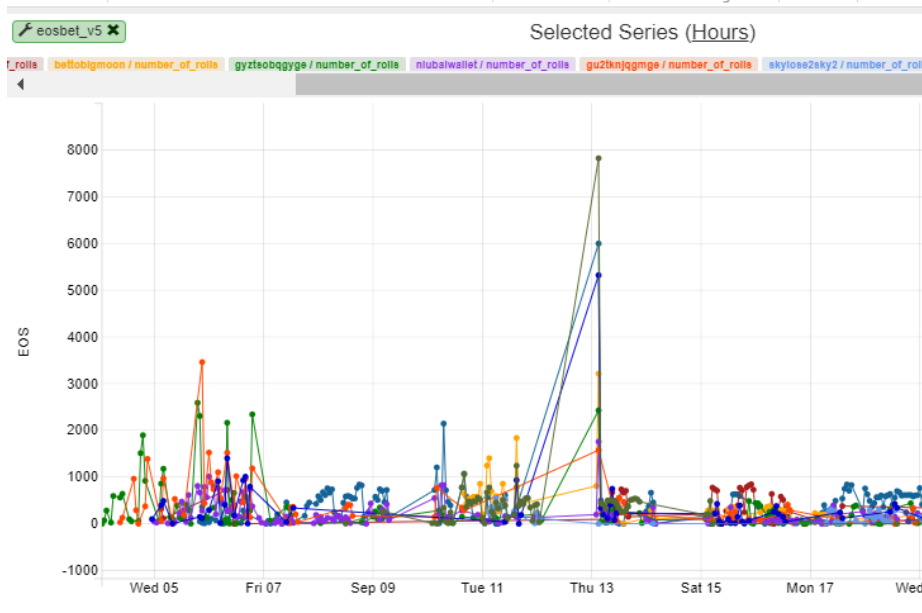
The art of systematic financial trading evolved with an array of approaches, ranging from simple strategies to complex algorithms all relying, primarily, on aspects of time-series analysis (e.g., [Murphy, 1999; De Prado, 2018; Tsay, 2005]). Recently, after visiting the trading floor of a leading financial institution, we noticed that traders always execute their trade orders while *observing* images of financial time-series on their screens. In this work, we built upon the success in image recognition (e.g., [Krizhevsky, Sutskever, and Hinton, 2012; Szegedy et al., 2015; Zeiler and Fergus, 2014; Wang et al., 2017; Koch, Zemel, and Salakhutdinov, 2015; LeCun, Bengio, and Hinton, 2015]) and examine the value in transforming the traditional time-series analysis to that of image classification. We create a large sample of financial time-series images encoded as candlestick (Box and Whisker) charts and label the samples following three algebraically-defined binary trade strategies ([Murphy, 1999]). Using the images, we train over a dozen machine-learning classification models and find that the algorithms are very efficient in recovering the complicated, multiscale label-generating rules when the data is represented visually. We suggest that the transformation of continuous numeric time-series classification problem to a vision problem is useful for recovering signals typical of technical analysis.

Introduction

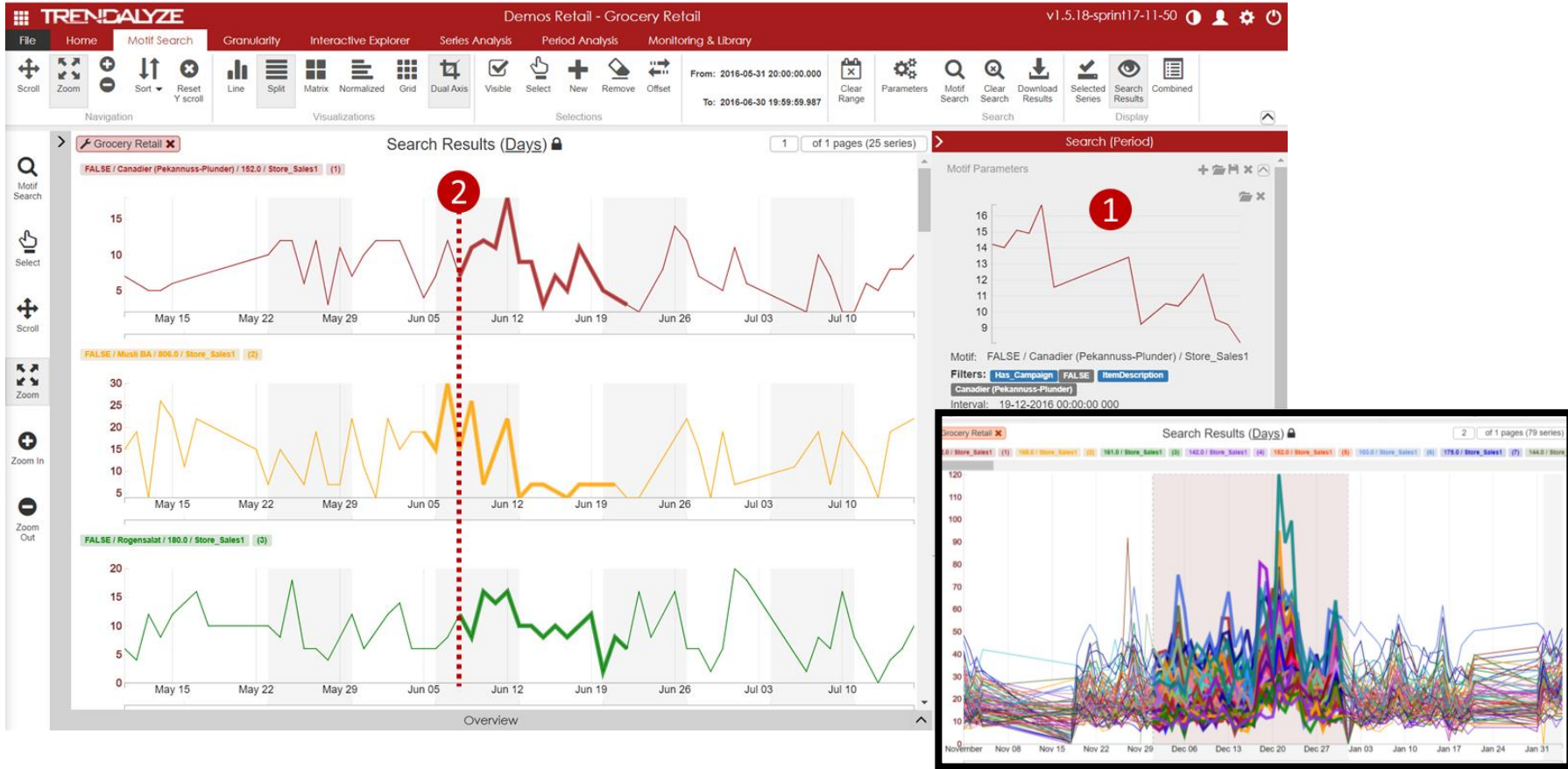
Traders in the financial markets execute buy and sell orders of financial instruments as stocks, mutual funds, bonds, and options daily. They execute orders while reading news reports and earning calls, but also while observing charts of time-series data that indicate the historical value of particular securities, or leading financial indices (see Fig. 1 for a typical workstation of a professional trader¹). Many algo-

gorithms process time-series data as a list of numerical data, aiming at detecting patterns as trends, cycles, correlations, etc. (e.g., [De Prado, 2018; Tsay, 2005]). In case a pattern is identified, the analyst can then construct an algorithm that will use the detected pattern (e.g., [Wilks, 2011]) to predict the expected future values of the sequence in hand (i.e., forecasting using exponential smoothing models, etc.).

Experienced traders with years of experience observing financial time-series charts and executing buy and sell orders start developing an intuition for market opportunities up to a point in which their intuition, based on observing charts, almost reflects the recommendation that their state-of-the-art model provides (personal communication with J.P. Morgan's financial experts Jason Hunter, Joshua Younger, Alix Floman, and Veronica Bustamante). In this perspective, financial time-series analysis can be thought of as a visual process; when experienced traders look at a time-series data, they process and act upon the image instead of mentally executing algebraic operations on the sequence of numbers.

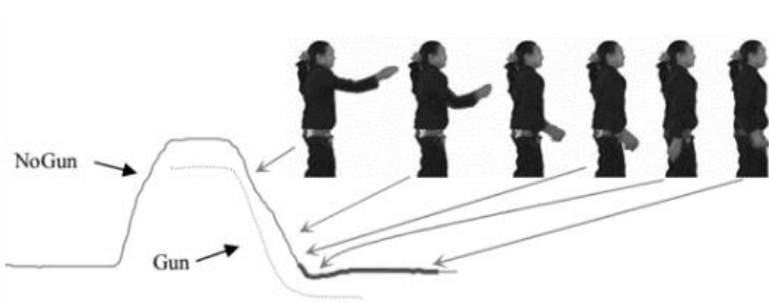
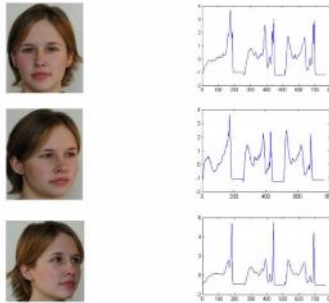


Retail Industry Examples



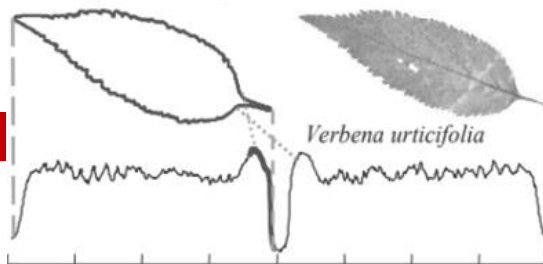
- Nearly all data can be converted to time series data
- Text, images, voice, video
- Shapes can be detected in all of it

Face Detection

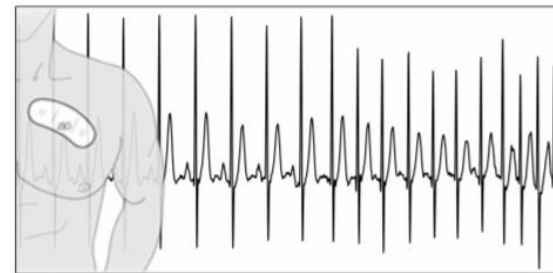


Gesture Detection

Object Detection



Process Monitoring



Types of Time Series Machine Learning

AI 1.0

ARIMA

Statistical Analysis

AI 2.0

Deep Learning

Statistical Learning

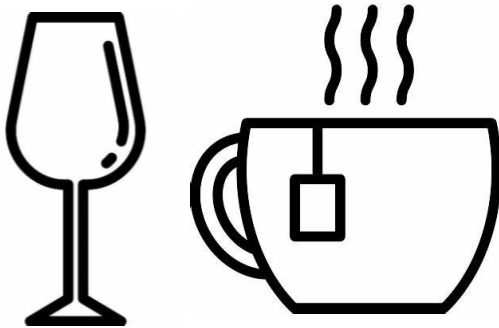
AI 3.0

Motif Discovery

Shape Based Learning

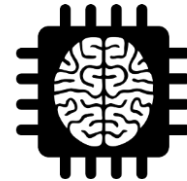
The Fundamental Difference Between Machine & Human Learning

How do humans and machines learn the differences between these two shapes?



Human Learning:

- Recognize shape differences immediately
- Learn from a few examples the differences
- Identify known shapes instantly

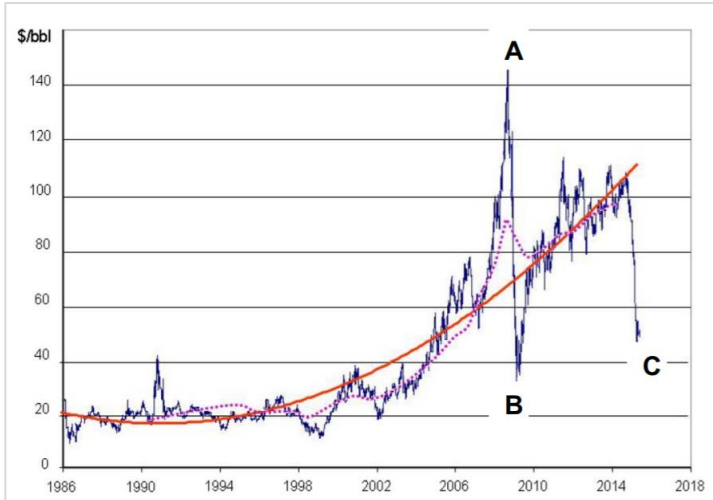


Machine Learning:

- Requires thousands of picture to train the model
- All pictures have to be labeled precisely by humans
- Small shape differences confuse machines

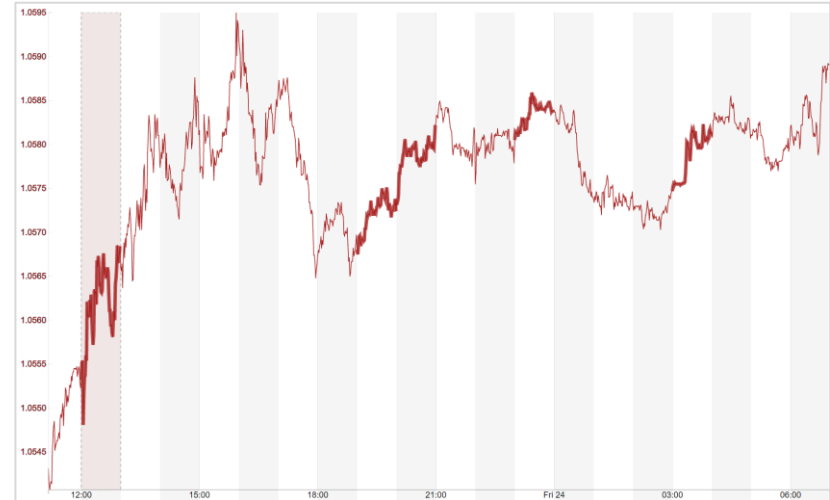
Statistical Modeling vs. Motif Discovery

Statistical Model Fit



Model fit (see red vs blue line) captures the macro trends but omits all micro trends (A, B and C segments). The predictions based on the model will be close to the red line.

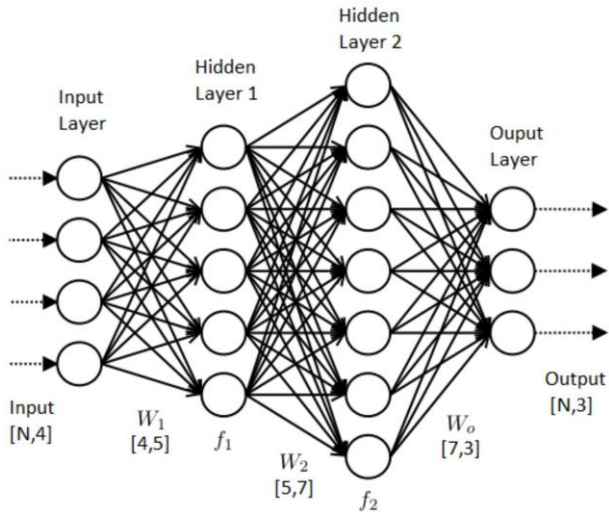
Motif Discovery & Search



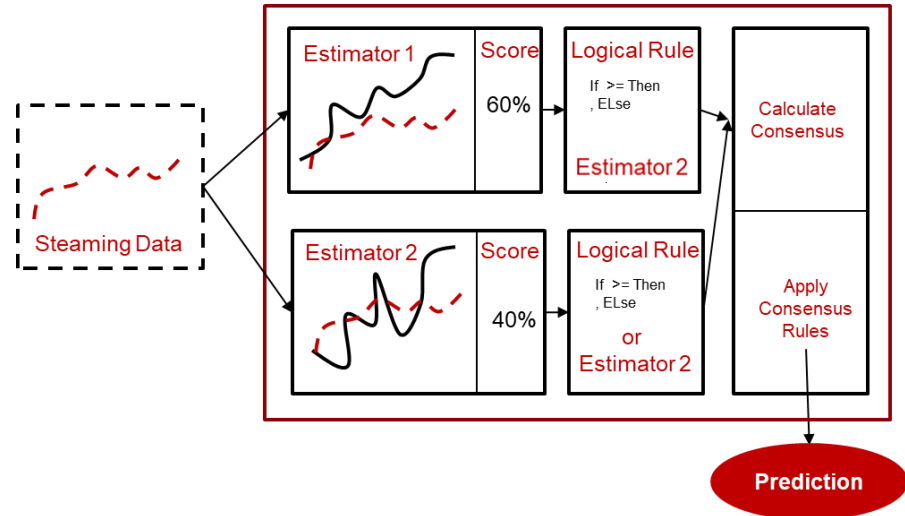
Motif search is like Google search and rank learning algorithms. Motif 1 is used to identify, and rank all matches 2. The process can be used for mining, anomaly detection and real time monitoring.

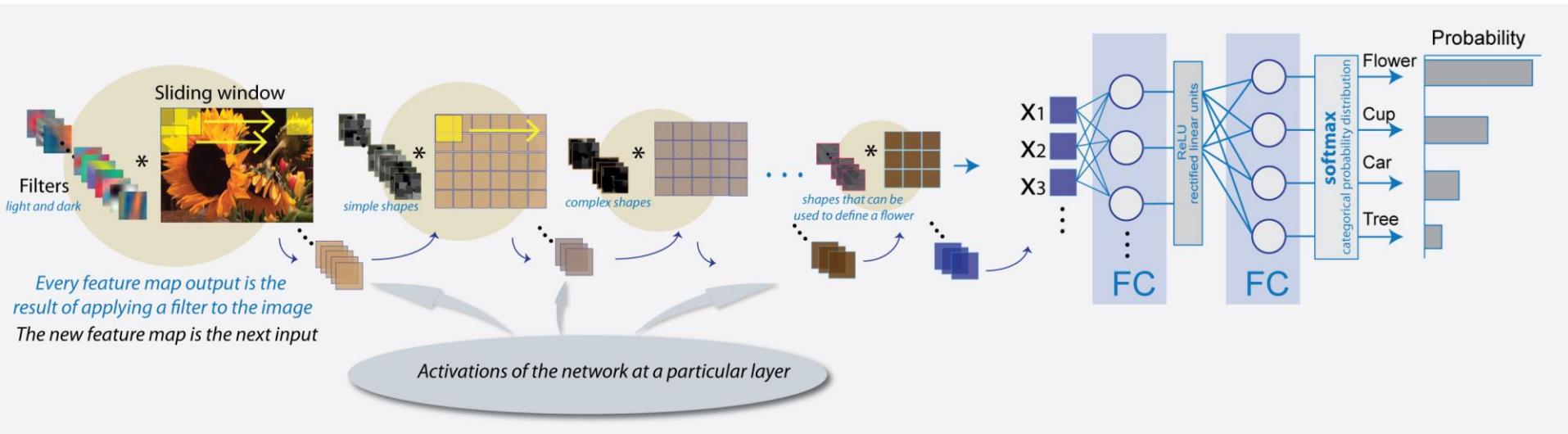
Deep Learning vs. Motif Discovery

Neural Network



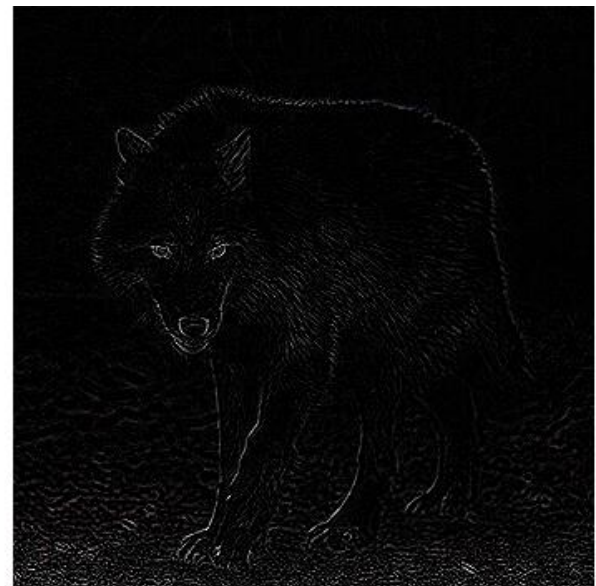
Logical Network





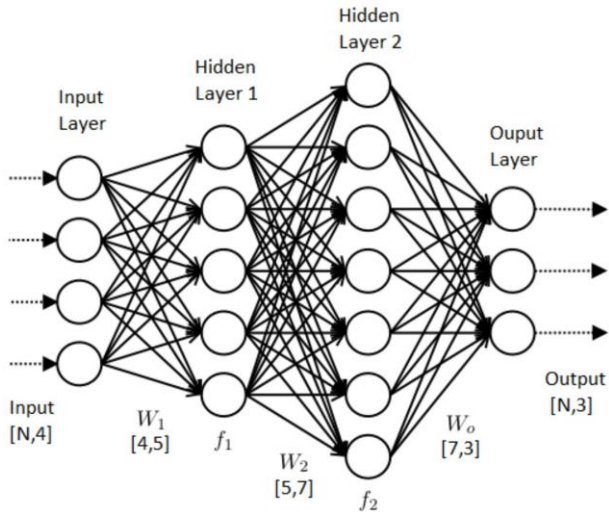


$$\text{kernel} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

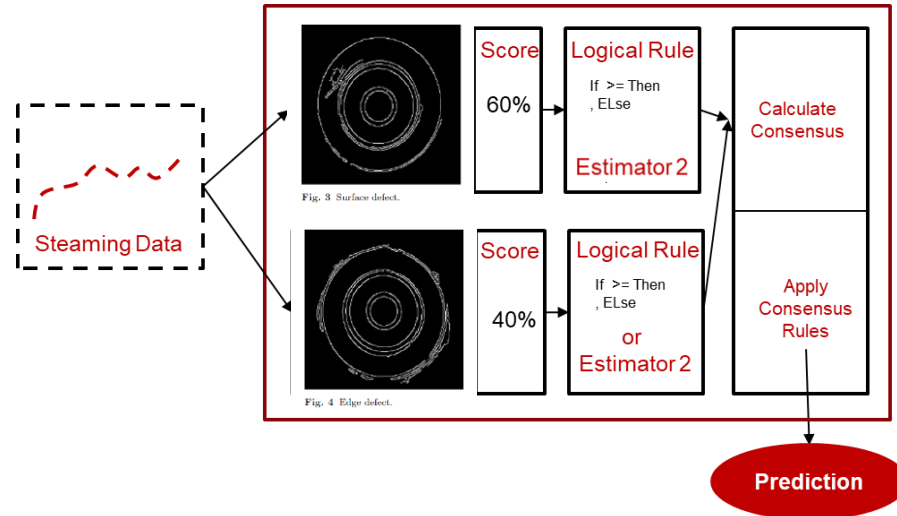


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The Choice of a Method Depends on Four Factors

Cost

Time

Resources

Reliability

AI 1.0

ARIMA

Statistical Analysis

AI 2.0

Deep Learning

Statistical Learning

AI 3.0

Motif Discovery

Shape Based Learning

Hype, Magic, and Myths



Machines learn
on their own

Machines are
Faster than humans

Machines are
very accurate

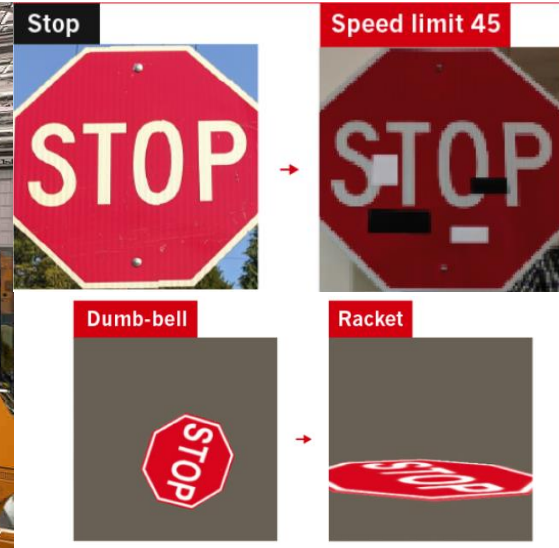
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What You Should Know About Machine Learning

A recent MITSloan survey found that only 10% of companies obtain significant financial benefits and achieve ROI with AI. And they are not alone. Gartner has found that 85% of ML projects fail. Worse yet, the research company predicts that this trend will continue through 2022.

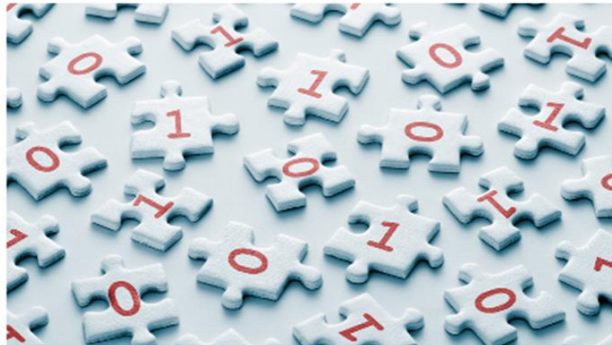
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by H. James Wilson and Paul R. Dougherty

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The way we train AI is fundamentally flawed

The process used to build most of the machine-learning models we use today can't tell if they will work in the real world or not—and that's a problem.

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They trained 50 versions of an image recognition model on [ImageNet](#), a dataset of images of everyday objects. The only difference between training runs were the random values assigned to the neural network at the start. Yet despite all 50 models scoring more or less the same in the training test—suggesting that they were equally accurate—their performance varied wildly in the stress test.

The Risk of Not Doing vs Doing AI Wrong

Sure Profit:

Doing AI right ensures effectiveness and competitiveness



Money Bleed:

Doing it wrong can lead to failures, litigation and other costly mistakes

Safe Trials:

Without competitive pressure there is time to do it right

Money Waste:

Your experiments lead to dead ends and only increase future risks

Risk of Doing It Wrong



The Top 6 Time Series Intelligence Software

Check out this list of the top Time Series Intelligence Software products based on user satisfaction. A product's satisfaction score is calculated by a **proprietary algorithm** that factors in real-user satisfaction ratings from review data. Software buyers can compare products according to their satisfaction scores to streamline the buying process and quickly identify the best products based on the experiences of their peers.



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