

Hit a Home Run

*Discover and operationalize data-analytics for winning
Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning*



The Moneyball All-Stars



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What is Moneyball?

Moneyball is the practice of using data, analytics, artificial intelligence and machine learning to find the best baseball players and build the optimal team to win championships and increase organizational revenue



Organizational AI Challenges

Data-related challenges are hindering
96% of organizations from taking full
advantage of AI

Source: InfoWorld



Organizational AI Challenges

80% of organizations face collaboration challenges due to silos

Source: InfoWorld



Organizational AI Challenges

Data systems don't "do AI" and AI technologies don't "do data."
Organizations use 7 disparate tools

Source: InfoWorld



How Moneyball Relates to Business?

- Diverse datasets living in different systems and formats
- Collaboration across consistent data and analytics to power predictive insights and capabilities
- AI & ML is built on engineered features and “analytics-ready” data
- Technology drives more data and competition drives need for innovation and fast and clear ways to consume these insights

Moneyball Project Goals

- Create a predictive player performance model
- Work with a distributed set of data sources in different data repositories
- Build consistent data and derived attributes (analytics) across that can be shared across the world
- Share domain expertise
- Operationalize ML/AI



Combine Public and Proprietary Databases

Lahman Database

- Public database from 1871 to 2017
- Aggregate pitching and batting statistics

Attribute	Description
playerID	Player ID code
AB	At Bats
R	Runs
H	Hits
SO	Strike Outs
+ More	...

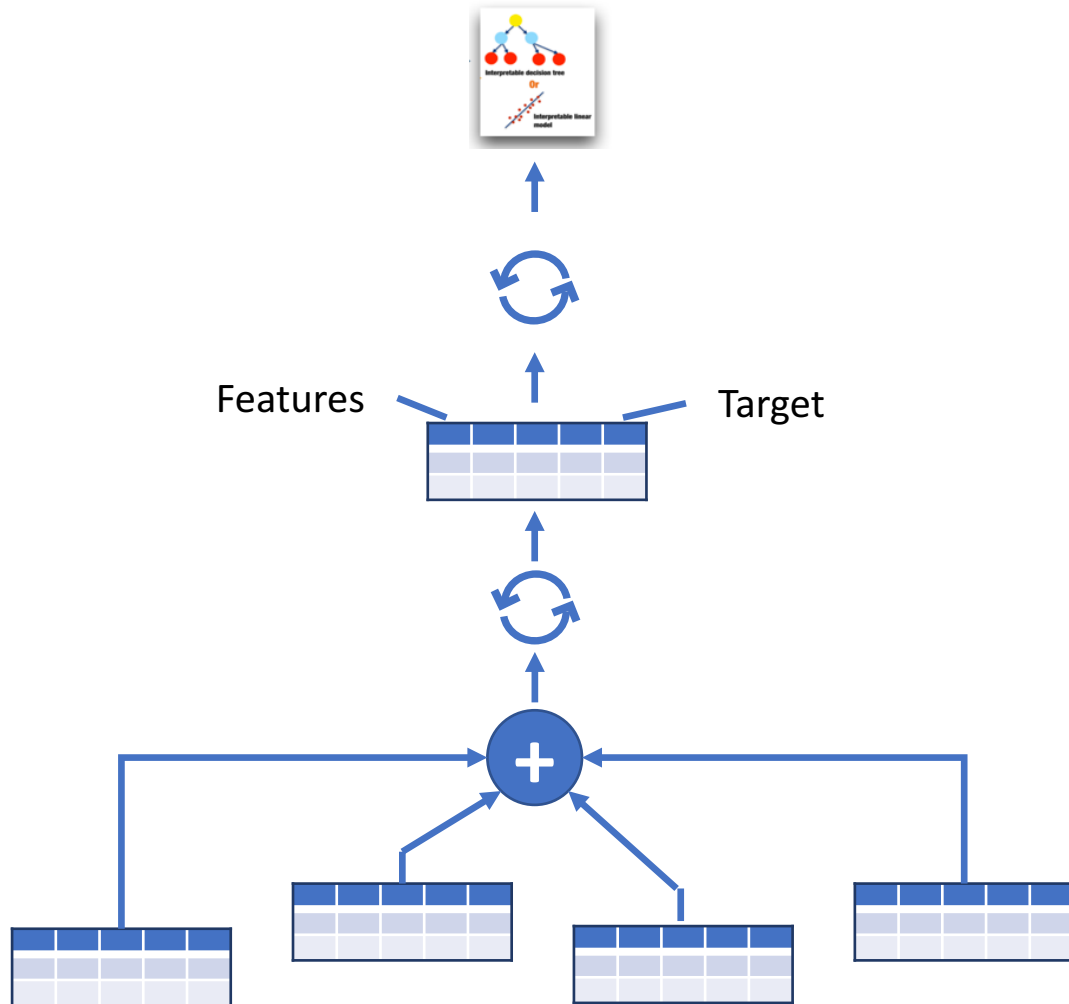
<http://www.seanlahman.com/baseball-archive/statistics/>

Ari Database

- Private database from 2012-2017
- Pitch-by-pitch play for each MLB game

Attribute	Description
Pitch_Type	Two - character code of type of pitch
Spin_rate	Spin of the pitch in rotations per minute.
Start_speed	The velocity of the pitch in MPH
End_speed	The velocity of the pitch when it arrives at the plate in MPH
Spray_des	Classification of type of hit
+ More	...

The Manual Way...



Phase	Challenge
Model	Limited traceability and full picture of how it was built
Model Building	Manual model tests & specific expertise
Modeling Table	
Data Quality & Transformation	Manual data prep, re-coding & no model reuse
Data Integration	Disparate data sources & small data sets

To the Enterprise Way: IBM + Aginity + H2O

Challenge

Limited traceability and full picture of how it was built

Manual model tests & specific expertise

Manual data prep, re-coding & no model reuse

Disparate data sources & small data sets

Solve

Who, what, when and how the analytic was created

AutoML

Re-usable analytics operationalized and universally shareable

Rich data sets in from multiple enterprise data solutions

Application Layer



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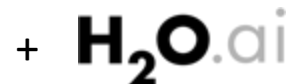


Analytics Layer




Data Layer






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 Addins

Disk usage: 24%

Project: (None)

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83 # H2O AutoML with Lahman only
84 automl_lahman = h2o.automl(x = features,
85                           y = targets[n_target],
86                           training_frame = h_train,
87                           validation_frame = h_valid,
88                           max_models = 10, # increase this to allow more models
89                           max_runtime_secs = 120, # increase this to allow more time
90                           stopping_metric = "RMSE",
91                           stopping_rounds = 3,
92                           seed = n_seed,
93                           exclude_algos = c("DeepLearning"), # you can exclude any algo
94                           project_name = paste0("AutoML_Lahman", targets[n_target]))
95
96
97 # Extract model
98 model_best_lahman = automl_lahman@leader
99 # print(automl_lahman@leaderboard)
100
101
102 # Make predictions for all records in one go
103 tmp_yhat_lahman = as.data.frame(h2o.predict(model_best_lahman, h_all))
104
105
106 # Store Results
107 colnames(tmp_yhat_lahman) = paste0("pred_lahman_", targets[n_target])
108 d_all_with_pred = cbind(d_all_with_pred, tmp_yhat_lahman)
109
110
111 }
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116:22 # (Untitled) R Script

Console Terminal

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Environment History Connections

 Import Dataset

Global Environment

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Let's talk

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Enter Target (e.g. 'DB.Tablename')

Click feature names to add to modeling set:

- Base asset: AriDB2012

Variable/Feature name:

Description

1	mlbid	Player Identifier
2	gameid	Game Identifier
3	gameday	Date of game played
4	batter_team	3 letter abbreviation for team
5	pitcher_team	3 letter abbreviation for team
6	h_a	Player home or away team
7	inning_num	Inning of the pitch
8	atbat_num	nth batter to appear in game
9	ball	Pitch count of balls
10	strike	Pitch count of strikes
11	outs	Number of outs at start of at bat
12	batter	mlbid of the batter
13	pitcher	mlb id of the pitcher

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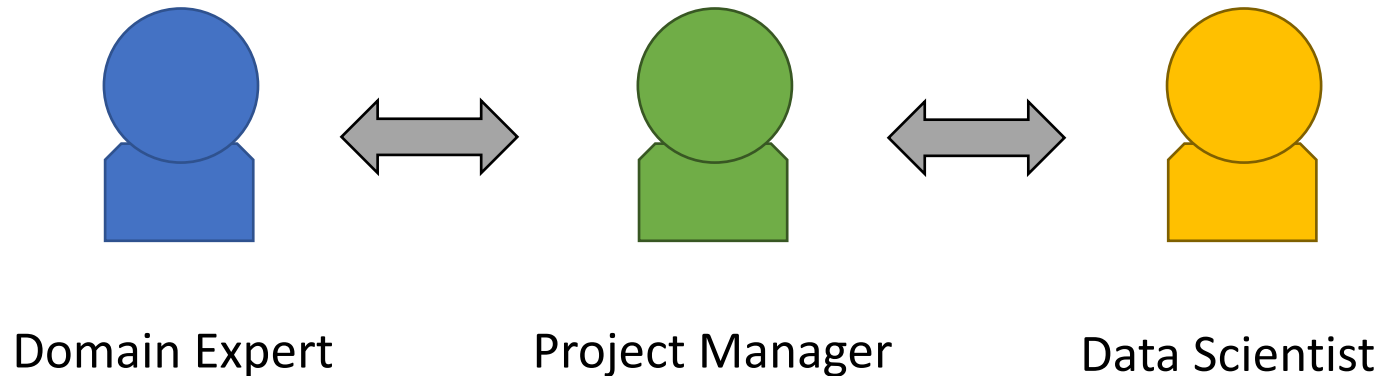
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Key Findings

1. Diverse Team with Specific Skills

- Important have a team with a wide variety of skills so the full context of what you're trying to accomplish is understood
- Provide the context first

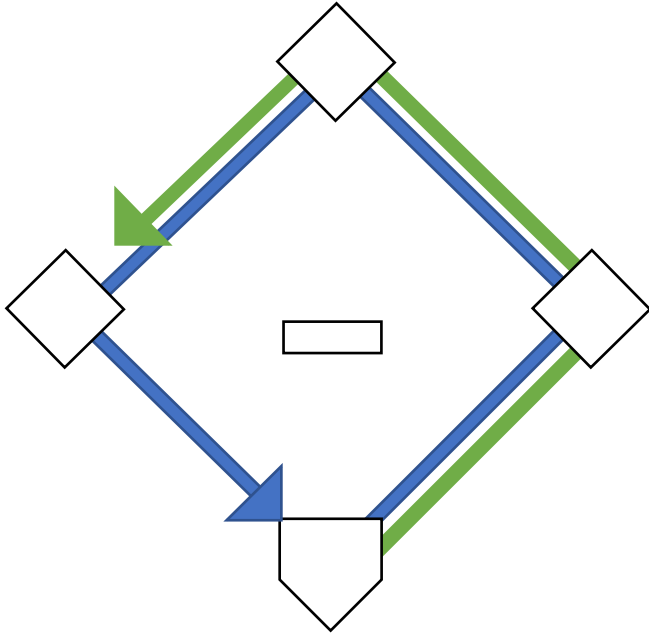


2. Encapsulate Domain Expert Knowledge

- Who do you constantly rely for domain expertise?
- How can you encapsulate their knowledge...
- ...Make it easily accessible to the rest of the team, department or enterprise?



3. Similar Analytics Across Use Cases



80%

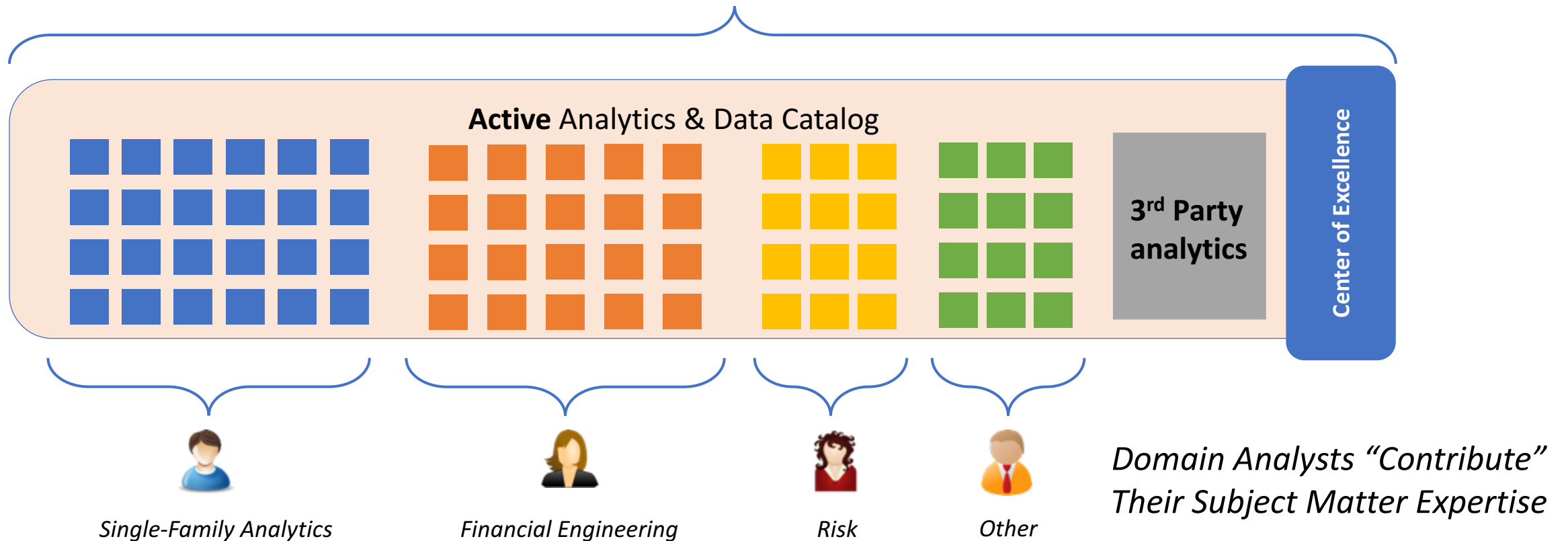
Of enterprise analytics
are highly similar.

100%

Of enterprise analytics
are recreated.

4. Enterprise-width Features Enables AI/ML

AutoML



Final Project Result

\$20M

trade 2 weeks prior to the
season beginning



Try it Yourself!

GitHub: <https://github.com/woobe/moneyball>



GitHub interface showing the repository **Moneyball Demo (Public Version)** by **woobe**.

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cache_data	Raw data from Lahman database	15 hours ago
.gitignore	Initial commit	20 days ago
LICENSE	Initial commit	20 days ago
README.md	Added descriptions	14 hours ago
step_1_data_munging.R	Data munging for Lahman data only	15 hours ago
step_2_model_pitching.R	H2O AutoML Model Building Scripts	14 hours ago
step_3_model_batting.R	H2O AutoML Model Building Scripts	14 hours ago

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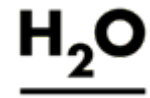
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