

Meeting of the LF AI & Data Technical Advisory Council (TAC)

August 24, 2023

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Agenda

- › Roll Call (1 mins)
- › Approval of Minutes from previous meeting (2 mins)
- › SapientML – New project proposal
- › Open Discussion

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 - example: Nancy Rausch, SAS
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 - example: First motion, Nancy Rausch/SAS

TAC Voting Members

Note: we still need a few designated backups specified on [wiki](#)

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Pyro Project	Graduated Technical Project	Voting Member	USA	Fritz Obermeyer	
Open Lineage Project	Graduated Technical Project	Voting Member	USA	Awaiting confirmation from Project Lead	

Minutes approval

Approval of August 10, 2023 Minutes

Draft minutes from the August 10 TAC call were previously distributed to the TAC members via the mailing list

Proposed Resolution:

- › That the minutes of the August 10 meeting of the Technical Advisory Council of the LF AI & Data Foundation are hereby approved.

Fujitsu's Proposal to Host SapienML project in LF AI & Data

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- Neutral holding ground
 - vendor-neutral, not for profit
- Open governance model
 - Transparent and open governance model
 - Instill trust in contributors and adopters in the management of the project
 - Neutral management of projects' assets by the foundation
- Growing community
 - Increase visibility of project through LF ecosystem
 - Increase contributors by converting new & existing users
 - Opportunities to collaborate with other projects

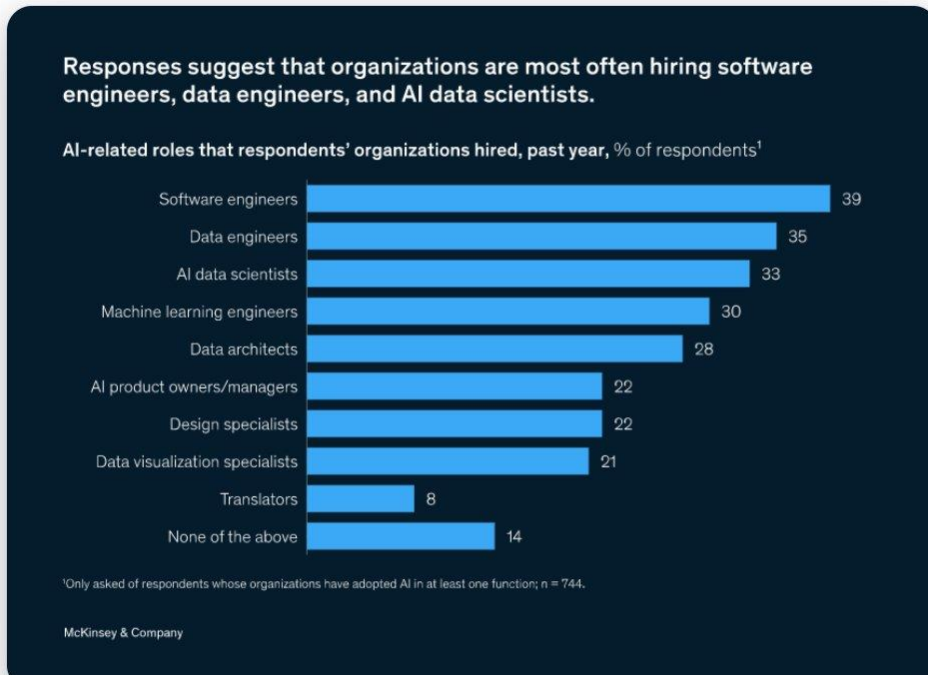
- 1. Background
- 2. Challenges
- 3. How SapienML helps
- 4. Next steps

Background

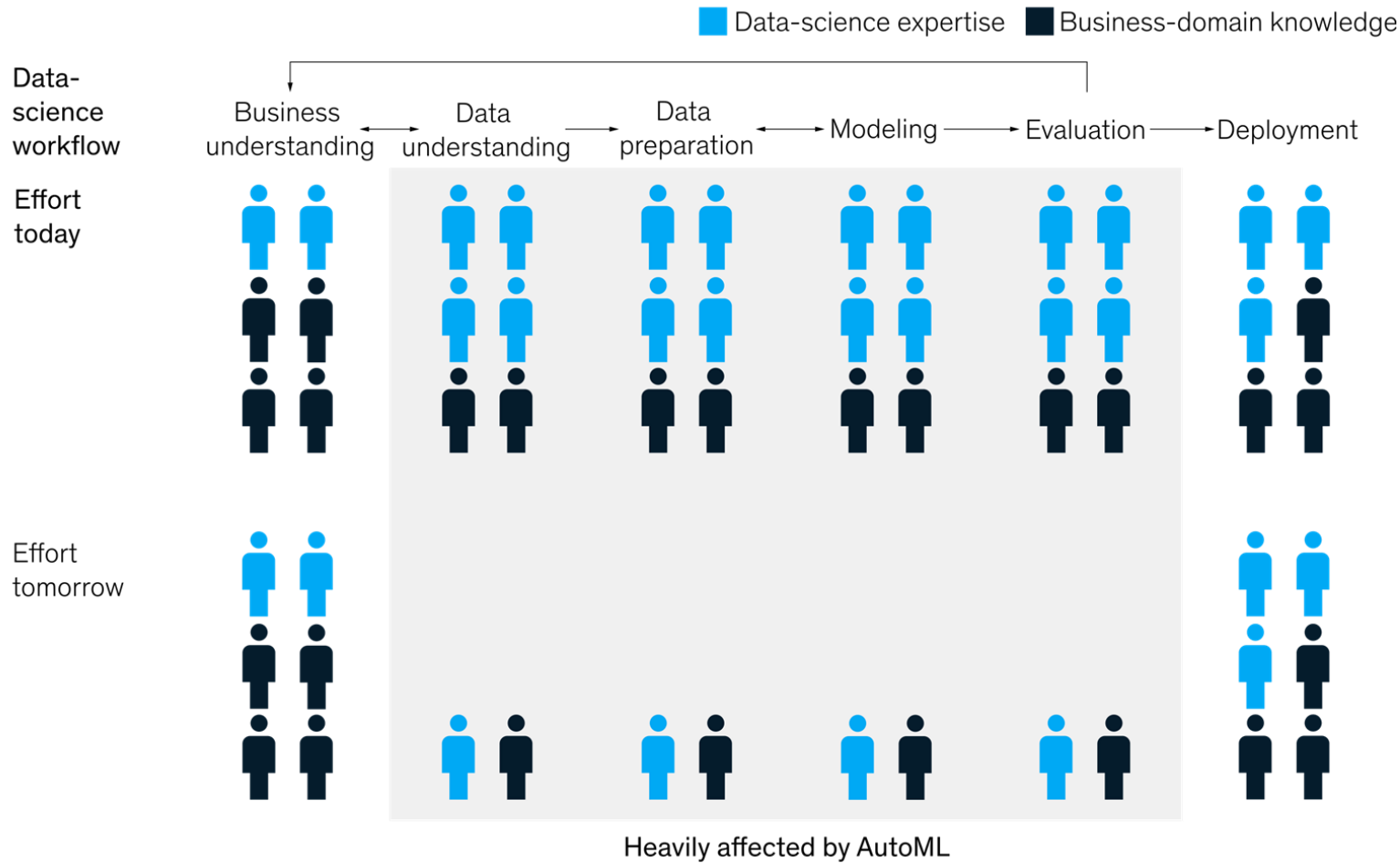
The shortage of AI talent has not been resolved.

It is still difficult to recruit AI talent.

In particular, there is a shortage of AI talent such as data scientists and data engineers.



It is my personal speculation that the reason for the stagnation in the number of AI application cases is due to the shortage of AI talent.

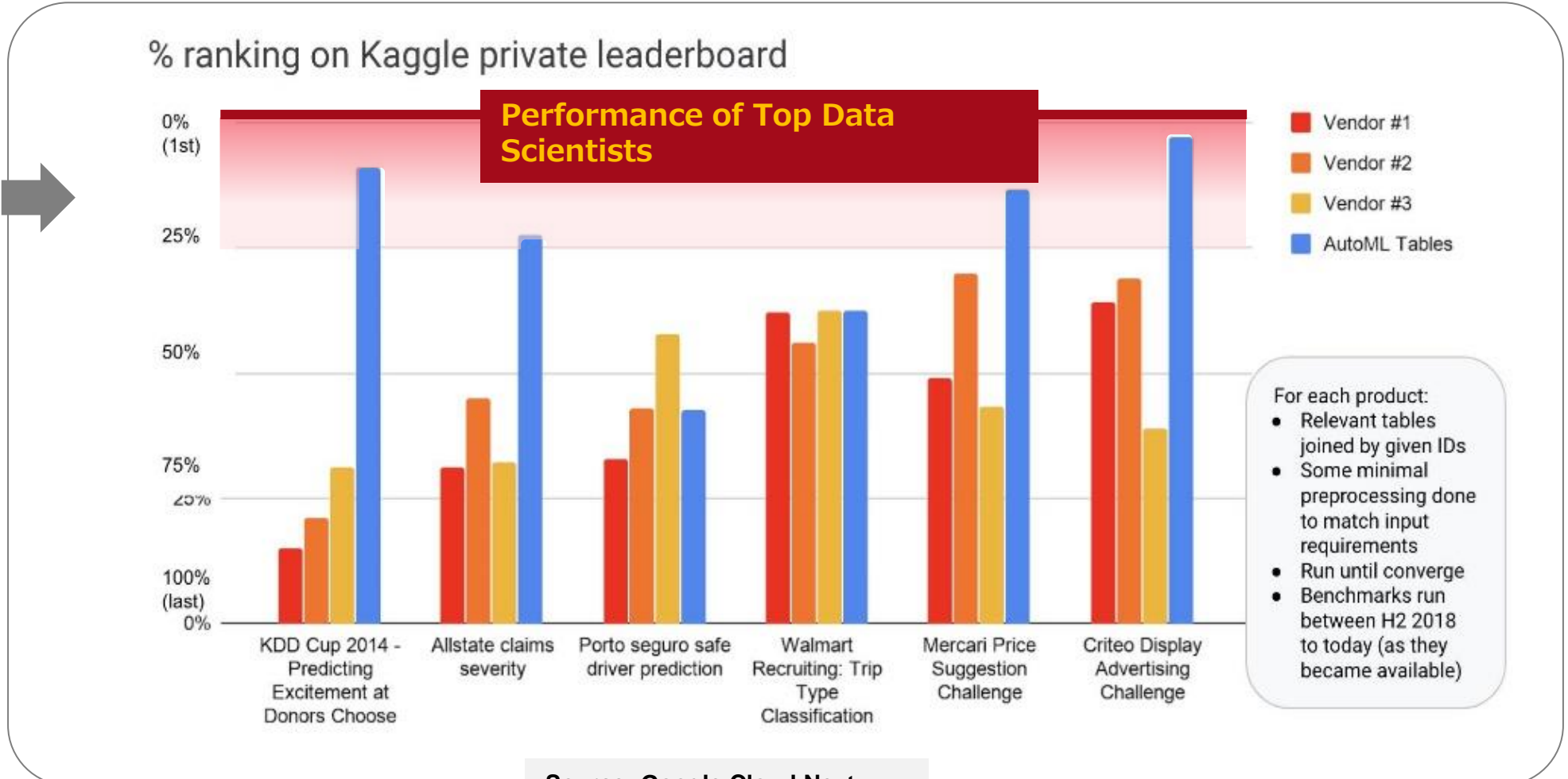


AutoML is a research activity that **scales AI application by automating AI utilization processes.**

<https://www.mckinsey.com/capabilities/quantumblack/our-insights/rethinking-ai-talent-strategy-as-automated-machine-learning-comes-of-age>

AutoML: Reality or Pipe Dream?

AutoML
beginning to
rival top data
scientists in
some cases



Source: Google Cloud Next 2019 talk

AI model creation is rapidly automated (AutoML)

Issue in AI model creation

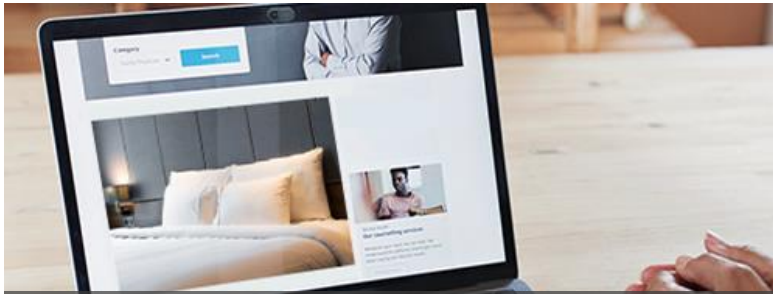
- Many try-and-error are needed (taking long time)
- Model quality is highly depending on individual skill

AutoML evolution

- The emergence of AutoML, that performs the same level of top data scientist

California Design Den

Online sale of bedding (*1)



Quickly create AI model with AutoML without data scientists

Reduce 50% of stocked items in factories

G5

Real Estate Customer Acquisition Business (*2)

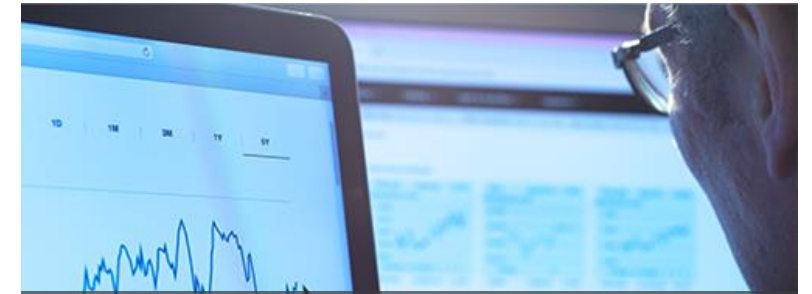


AI model generated by AutoML is as accurate as its by top data scientists

Reduce 80% time and record 95% accuracy

Lenovo

Device sales (*3)



AutoML enables rapid deployment of accurate models

Reduced model build time from 4 weeks to 3 days

Sources: *1: <https://cloud.google.com/customers/california-design-den>,
*2: <https://h2o.ai/case-studies/driving-marketing-performance-with-machine-learning/>,
*3: <https://aws.amazon.com/jp/partners/success/lenovo-datarobot/>

Challenges

- AutoML tools have not yet been adopted widely. Why?
 1. **Time-consuming**/Needs intensive computational resources
 2. **Blackbox nature** of the generated AI models

1. Speed (in AI model creation)

- How quickly can we create an AI model to fit in the data scientist's routine

2. Code (with explanation)

- Code synthesis with explanation can enable iterations (try&error), which are the matter in AI process.

3. Accuracy

- No doubt, accuracy is always matter in AI model creation.

SapientML

Meta-Learning based AutoML to bring successes to AI model creation process.

1 Extract expert knowledge from codes

Break the limit (1)

Current AutoML searches parameters from pre-defined search space. We utilize expert experience, which are stored in codes.

2 Be interactive with data scientist

Break the limit (2)

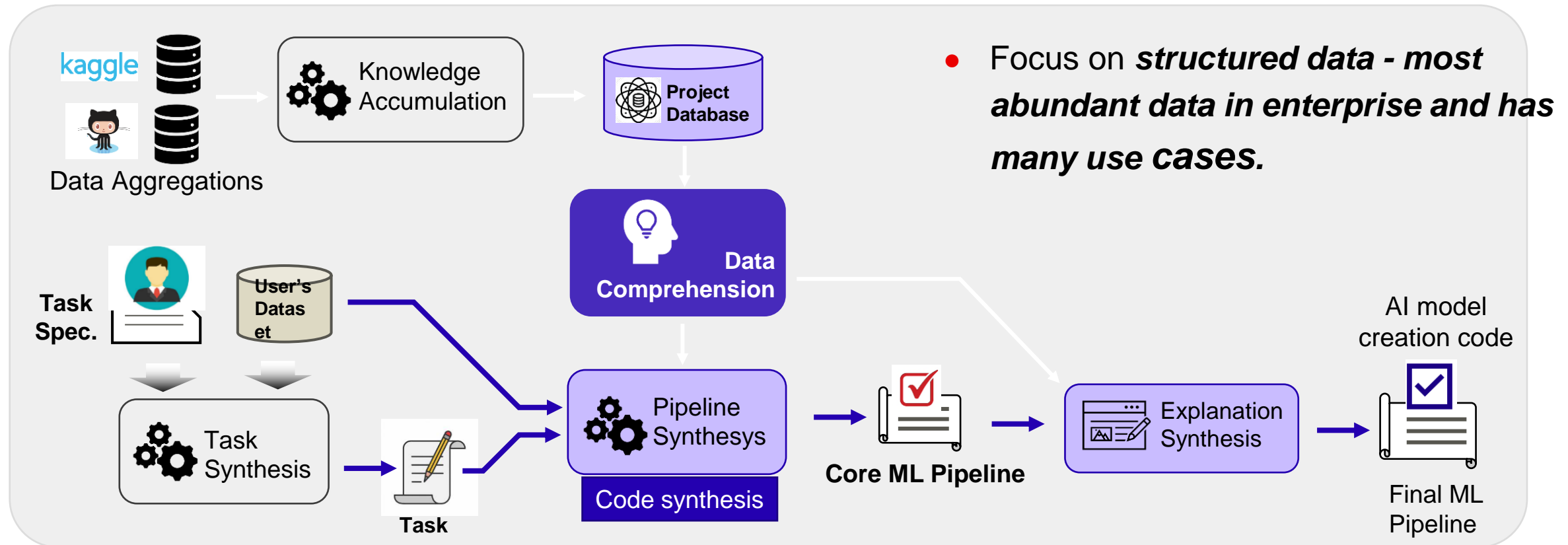
Current AutoML creates AI model only. There is no flexibility (ex. No chance to modify, hard to understand why the model is good)



Meta-Learning based AutoML

- Synthesis high accurate **AI model creation code** by using expert knowledge
- Provide the modifiable code to interact with data scientist

- AutoML that harnesses expertise of DS encapsulated in large corpora of existing ML pipelines, e.g., Kaggle



SapienML: An AutoML approach harnessing the wisdom (sapere) of human (sapien) data scientists.

How works SapienML?

- Input Table Data and ML Spec. □ Output AI model with code

e.g. When you build an AI model that predicts whether or not each Titanic passenger survived,

PassengerId	Survived	Pclass	Name	Sex	Age
1	0	3	Braund, Mr. Owen Harris	male	22
2	1	1	Cumings, Mrs. John Bradley (Florence)	female	38
3	1	3	Heikkinen, Miss. Laina	female	26
4	1	1	Futelle, Mrs. Jacques Heath (Lily May)	female	35
5	0	3	Allen, Mr. William Henry	male	35
6	0	3	Moran, Mr. James	male	2
7	0	1	McCarthy, Mr. Timothy J	male	54
8	0	3	Palsson, Master. Gosta Leonard	male	2
9	1	3	Johnson, Mrs. Oscar W (Elisabeth Vilh)	female	27
10	1	2	Nasser, Mrs. Nicholas (Adele Achem)	female	14
11	1	3	Sandstrom, Miss. Marguerite Rut	female	4

[Target Variable]
"survived?"
(Prediction Target)

[Explanatory Variable]
Various attributes of
passengers

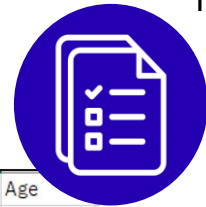


Table Data

Input

Output



SapienML

Machine Learning Program

Data Preprocessing

```

import numpy as np
_NUMERIC_COLS_WITH_MISSING_VALUES = ["Age"]
for _col in _NUMERIC_COLS_WITH_MISSING_VALUES:
    _simple_imputer = SimpleImputer(missing_values=np.nan, strategy='mean')
    _train_dataset[_col] = _simple_imputer.fit_transform(
        _train_dataset[_col])
    if _col in _test_dataset:
        _test_dataset[_col] = _simple_imputer.transform(
            _test_dataset[_col])
            
```

Remove Missing Values in Numerical Columns

In the given input dataset there are 2 columns with missing data as follows

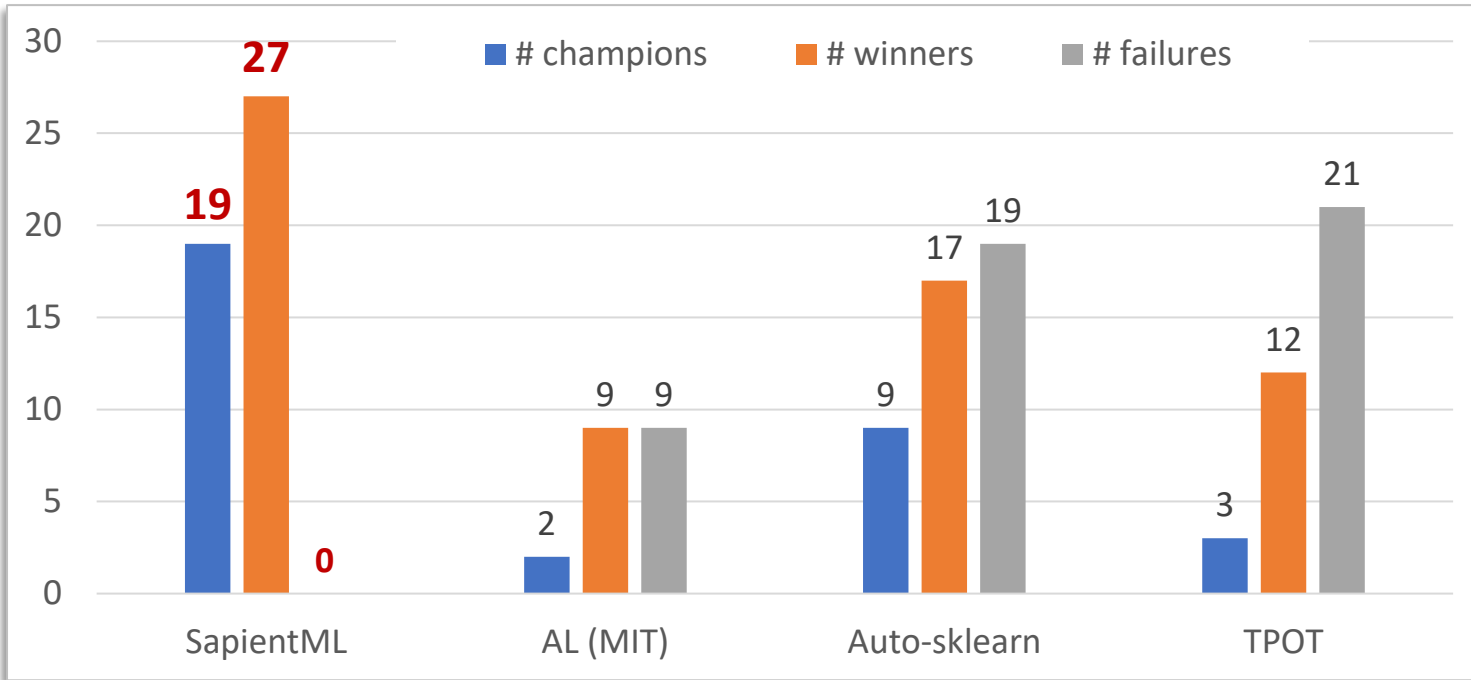
Exploratory Data Analysis

Model	Probability	Accuracy
1 RandomForestClassifier	0.32	0.826
2 LogisticRegression		
3 XGBClassifier		

Model Build

Execute
output program





SAPIENTML: Synthesizing Machine Learning Pipelines by Learning from Human-Written Solutions
Ripon Saha, Akira Ura, Sonal Mahajan, Chenguang Zhu, Linyi Li, Yang Hu, Hiroaki Yoshida, Sarfraz Khurshid, Mukul Prasad



S-rank, CORE: A*
Flagship SE Conference

Acceptance rate:
26% (197/751)

- SapientML out-performs all academic AutoML tools on incl. SoTA AL (MIT)
 - 41 benchmarks, including 20 Kaggle competitions
- No failures, highest number of wins
- SapientML synthesis is quite robust to variations in training data – pipelines should generalize well

Example: IEEE-CIS-Fraud-Detection (Kaggle Competition)

Rows: e-commerce transactions, represented by 394 features, device type, product features, etc.

Dataset

	TransactionID	isFraud	TransactionDT	TransactionAmt	ProductCD	card1	card2	card3	card4	card5	...	V330	V331	V332
0	3460022	0	12233710	107.950	W	13623	585.0	150.0	visa	226.0	...	NaN	NaN	NaN
1	3293299	0	7602727	97.000	W	2722	NaN	150.0	visa	226.0	...	NaN	NaN	NaN
2	3284094	0	7337050	57.950	W	15372	241.0	150.0	visa	226.0	...	NaN	NaN	NaN
3	3066993	1	1724715	76.023	C	9633	296.0	185.0	visa	138.0	...	NaN	NaN	NaN
4	3390641	1	10186470	23.926	C	14276	177.0	185.0	mastercard	137.0	...	NaN	NaN	NaN
5	3479148	1	12848316	77.000	W	6174	490.0	150.0	visa	226.0	...	NaN	NaN	NaN

Task: Classifying if a transaction is *Fraud*

Problem type: (binary) classification

Target column: isFraud (1 or 0)

SpaientML generated pipeline

```
# LOAD DATA
__train_dataset=pd.read_csv("training.csv", delimiter=",")
__test_dataset=pd.read_csv("test.csv", delimiter=",")

# PREPROCESSING-1
_STRING_CATG_COLM_HAS_MISSING = ['card4', 'card6', 'P_emaildomain',...]
for _col in _STRING_COLS_WITH_MISSING_VALUES:
    __si = SimpleImputer(missing_values=np.nan, strategy='most_frequent')
    __train_dataset[_col] = __si.fit_transform(__train_dataset[_col].values.reshape(-1,1))[:,0]
    __test_dataset[_col] = __si.transform(__test_dataset[_col].astype(__train_dataset[_col].dtypes).values.reshape(-1,1))[:,0]

# PREPROCESSING-2
_CAT_COLS = ['ProductCD', 'card4', 'card6', ..., 'M9']
_ohc = OrdinalEncoder(handle_unknown="use_encoded_value", unknown_value=-1)
__train_dataset[_CAT_COLS] = pd.DataFrame(_ohc.fit_transform(__train_dataset[_CAT_COLS]), columns=_CAT_COLS)
__test_dataset[_CAT_COLS] = pd.DataFrame(_ohc.transform(__test_dataset[_CAT_COLS]), columns=_CAT_COLS)

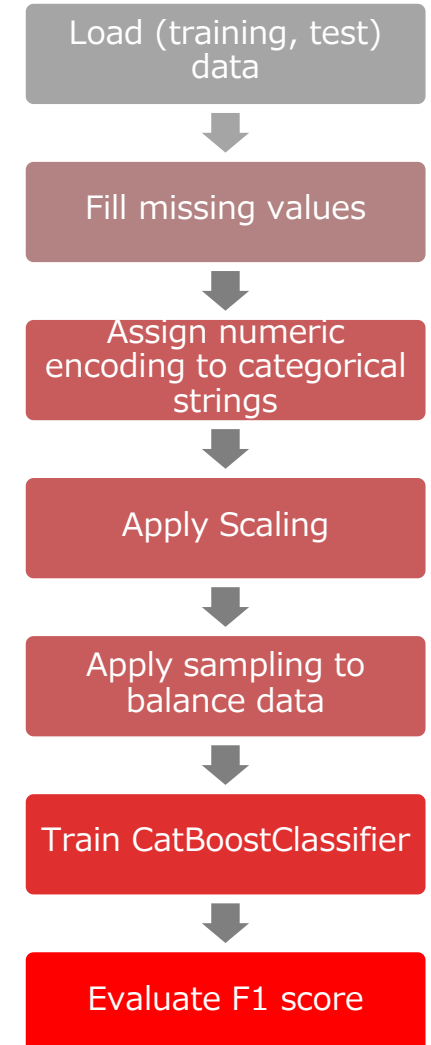
# PREPROCESSING-4
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
__ss= StandardScaler()
__feature_train = pd.DataFrame(__ss.fit_transform(__feature_train.values), index=__feature_train.index, columns=__feature_train.columns)
__feature_test = pd.DataFrame(__ss.transform(__feature_test.values), index=__feature_test.index, columns=__feature_test.columns)

# PREPROCESSING-5
from imblearn.over_sampling import SMOTE
smote = SMOTE()
__feature_train, __target_train = smote.fit_resample(__feature_train, __target_train)

# MODEL
from catboost import CatBoostClassifier
__model = CatBoostClassifier()
__model.fit(__feature_train, __target_train)
__y_pred = __model.predict(__feature_test)

# EVALUATION
from sklearn import metrics
__f1 = metrics.f1_score(__target_test, __y_pred, average='macro')
print('RESULT: F1 Score: ' + str(__f1))
```

shortened for presentation



GUI – Simple 3 steps to generate AI

1. Load dataset

2. Specify ML task

3. Request to generate

Click 「USE SAMPLE DATASET」 to load sample data for housing price prediction example.

MacFeature	Miscue	Method	Year	SaleType	SubCondition	SalePrice
0	2	2008	WD	Normal		208500
0	5	2007	WD	Normal		181500
0	9	2008	WD	Normal		223500
0	2	2006	WD	Abnorml		140000
0	12	2008	WD	Normal		250000
Shed	700	10	2009	WD	Normal	143000
0	8	2007	WD	Normal		307000
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0	4	2008	WD	Abnorml		129900
0	1	2008	WD	Normal		118000

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GUI – Prediction using generated AI

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SapientML Result

Selected Preprocess
Replacing missing values → Categorical data encoding (OrdinalEncoder) → Logarithmic transformation

Candidate models and metrics in validation

In test, the model which has highest score is used.

candidate_number	model	probability	score (R2)
0	MLPRegressor	0.358289	-1269925481537.382095
1	DecisionTreeRegressor	0.225541	0.729443
2	ExtraTreeRegressor	0.366294	0.861348

Execution time
Execution time: 0 hours 1 minutes 9.25 seconds

Display execution logs

Training Data
Shape of data: 81 cols × 1460 rows
Display training data

Configuration
Display configuration

It generates codes for top 3 AI Models as well as AI model performances

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Feature Importance

Correlation between feature and target column

Select column to show the correlation.
SalePrice

Select feature to show the correlation.
OverallQual

We can check feature importance and correlation between feature and target variable(column).

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Select the character code for the target variable.
UTF-8

Shape of data: 81 cols × 1460 rows

Grid height (Adjusting height of rendering)

We can predict sales price for a set of unseen houses (i.e., test dataset) by clicking 「Predict」.

	Id	MSSubClass	MSZoning	LotFrontage	LotArea	Street	Alley	LotShape	LandContour	Utilities	LotConfig	LandSlope	Neighborhood	Condition
	1451	90	RL	60	9000	Pave		Reg	Lvl	AllPub	FR2	Gtl	Names	Non
1	1452	20	RL	78	5262	Pave		Reg	Lvl	AllPub	Inside	Gtl	Somerst	Non
2	1453	180	RM	35	3675	Pave		Reg	Lvl	AllPub	Inside	Gtl	Edwards	Non
3	1454	20	RL	90	17217	Pave		Reg	Lvl	AllPub	Inside	Gtl	Mitchel	Non

After editing input data above if necessary, you can execute prediction by pushing [Predict] button.

Prediction Result

	SalePrice_actual	SalePrice_predicted	Id	MSSubClass	MSZoning	LotFrontage	LotArea	Street	Alley	LotShape	LandContour	Utilities	LotConfig	LandSlope	Neighborhood	Condition
0	136000	136,000,0000	1451	90	RL	60	9000	Pave	<NA>	Reg	Lvl	AllPub	FR2	Gtl	Names	Non
1	287000	287,000,0000	1452	20	RL	78	5262	Pave	<NA>	Reg	Lvl	AllPub	Inside	Gtl	Somerst	Non
2	145000	145,000,0000	1453	180	RM	35	3675	Pave	<NA>	Reg	Lvl	AllPub	Inside	Gtl	Edwards	Non
3	84500	84,500,0000	1454	20	RL	90	17217	Pave	<NA>	Reg	Lvl	AllPub	Inside	Gtl	Mitchel	Non

Start Exploratory Data Analysis instantly

Customize AI model easily by modifying generated code

The code includes EDA(Exploratory Data Analysis) part and you can begin data analysis instantly.

You can see why each segment of the pipeline is generated and what its probability is by reviewing the code with its explanation.

Train a Model

- GH repo: <https://github.com/sapientml/sapientml>
- License: Apache 2.0
- Proposal: <https://github.com/lfai/proposing-projects/blob/master/proposals/sapientml.adoc>
- Possible Collaboration in LF AI&Data
 - Pre-processing: Amundsen, Feast, Feathr
 - Modelling: Adversarial Robustness Toolbox, AI Explainability 360, AI Fairness 360, Intersectional Fairness
 - Deployment: Acumos
 - Coding: Elyta, Kedro

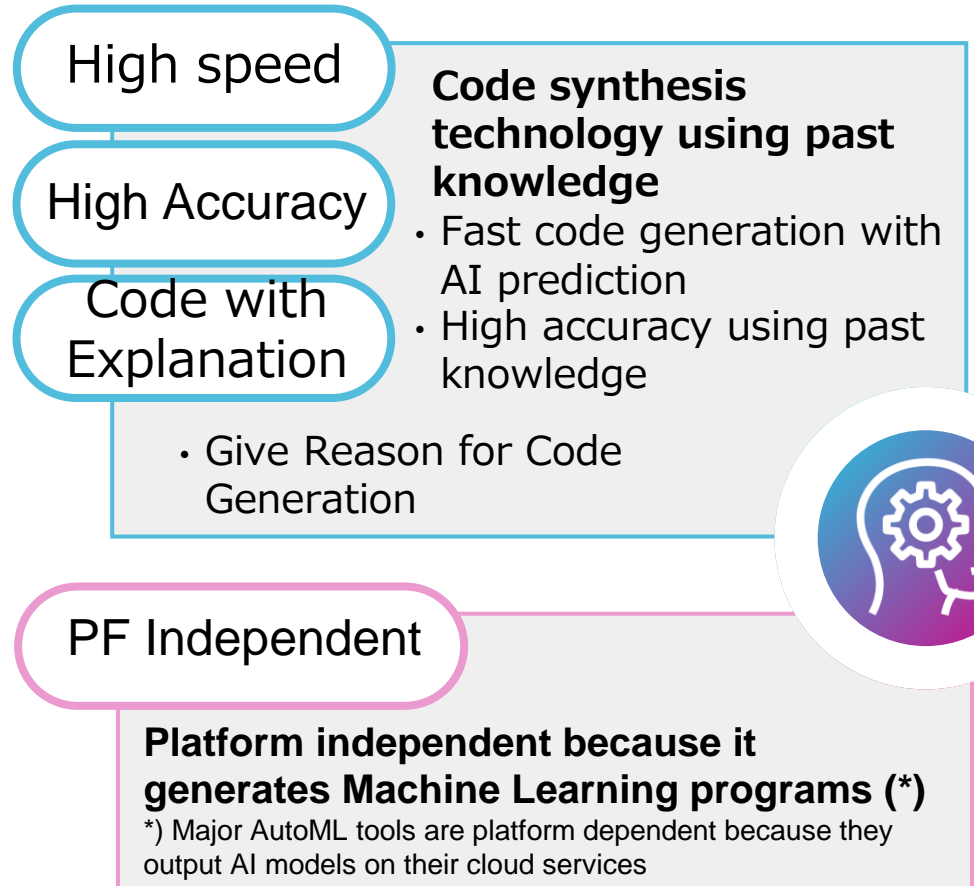
User
(Data Scientist)



Value

- ✓ **No programming required. Generation of practical AI models**
- ✓ **Reduces the effort of trial and error by making clear model selection including code generation reasons**
- ✓ **Freely customizable including proprietary know-how and additional precision tuning**

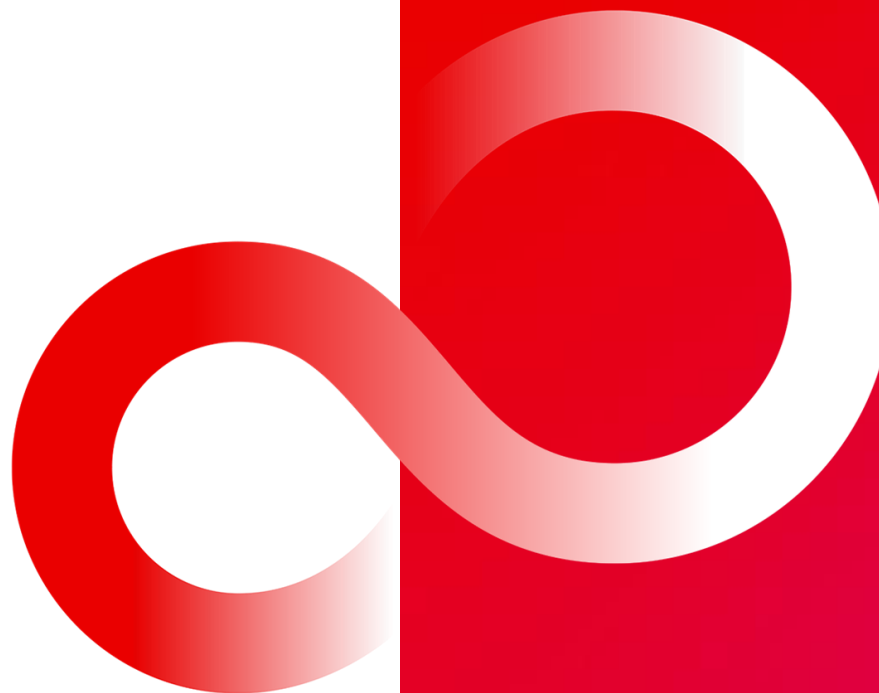
SapienML Functions/Features



Next Step

- Support more meta-features of datasets
 - Support more ML components
 - Preprocess components
 - Model
- Accumulate more datasets and ML pipelines from community

Thank you



Approval on SapienML

Proposed Resolution:

- › SapienML as a sandbox project of the LF AI & Data Foundation is hereby approved.

Upcoming TAC Meetings

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Upcoming TAC Meetings

- › September 7 – Update from the Trusted AI committee, Update from the MLSecOps Committee
- › September 21 – Marquez graduation request; AIDA, a new project requesting Sandbox Incubation

Please note we are always open to special topics as well.

If you have a topic idea or agenda item, please send agenda topic requests to tac-general@lists.lfaidata.foundation

Upcoming Events of Interest

- › 2023 AICON Middle East Summit - October 8th to 9th in Riyadh
<https://lfaidata.foundation/blog/2023/07/18/2023-aicon-middle-east-summit-call-for-topics-from-around-the-world/>
- › Open Source Summit Europe in Bilbao, Spain, September 19-21
– LF AI&Data will have a booth
<https://events.linuxfoundation.org/open-source-summit-europe/>

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