



Fast Cars, Big Data How Streaming Can Help Formula 1



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Agenda

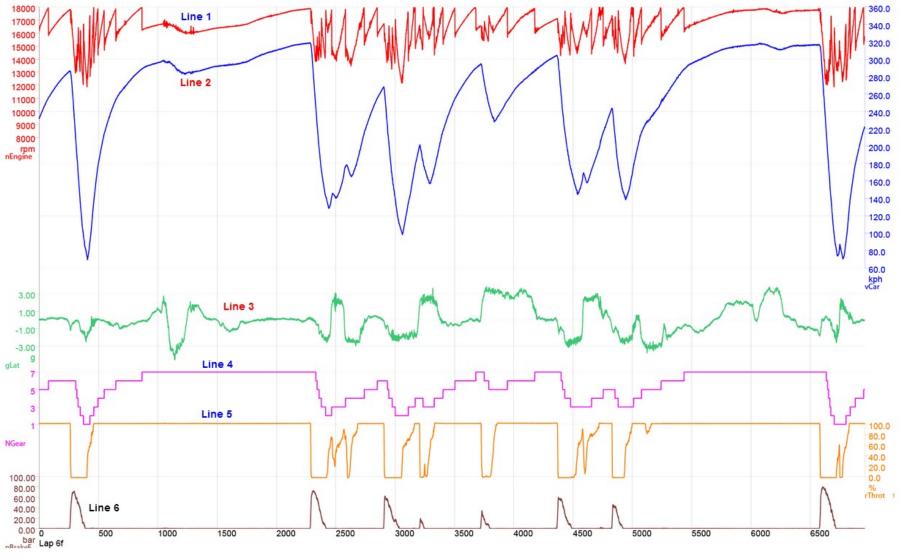
- What's the point of data in motorsports?
- How can we play too?
- KPI preserving generation
- How the sim works
- What works?
- Live demo

How data plays in F1 motorsports

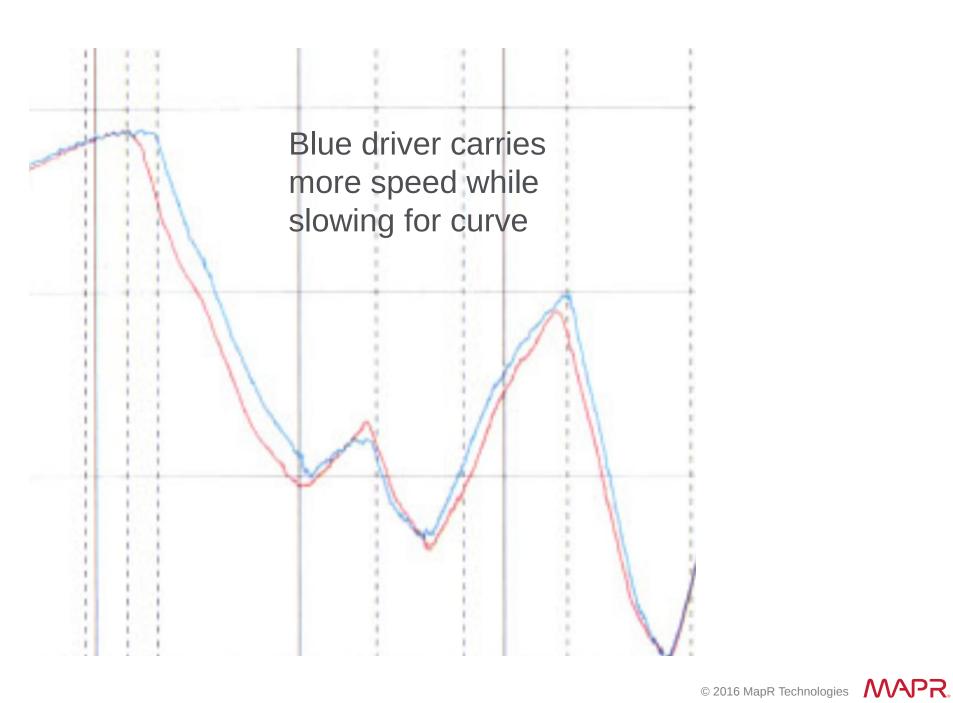


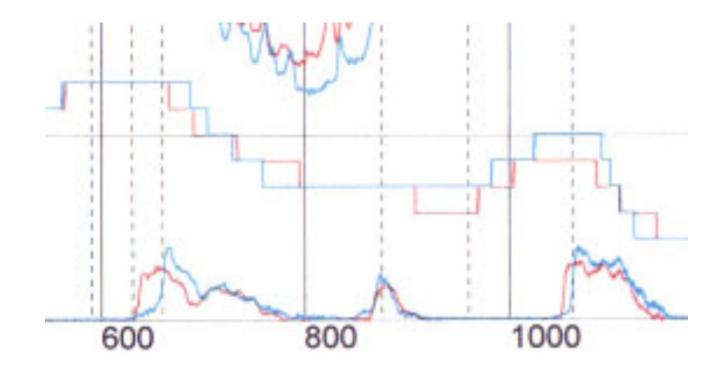


Data in Motorsports









Difference is due to later and sharper braking

Real Analytics as Well as Visualization

• Inputs

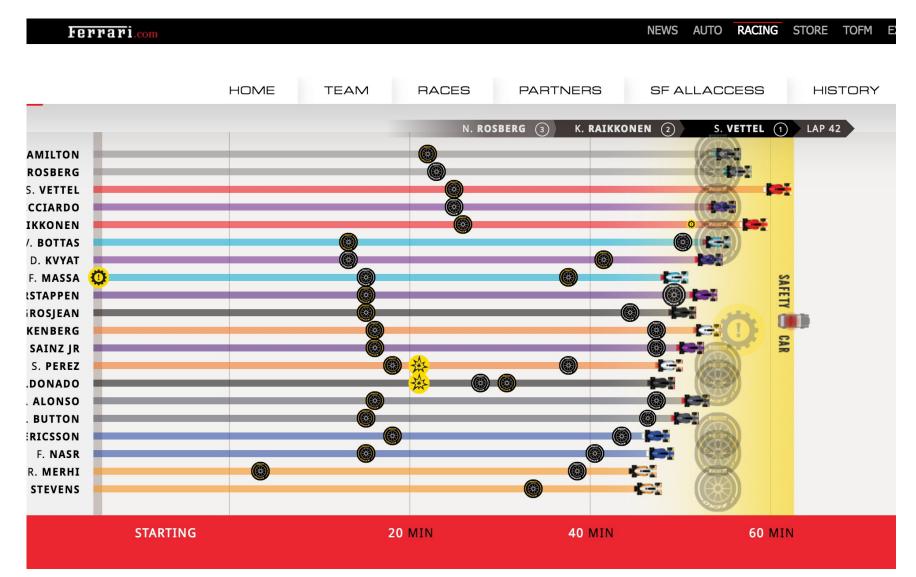
Predictive analysis of consumables and tires Physical models of car + driver performance

Tire wear slows lap times, lower fuel weight speeds lap times
 Game theoretic analysis of competitors' options
 Monte Carlo analysis of likely weather conditions
 Current GP points status

• Outputs

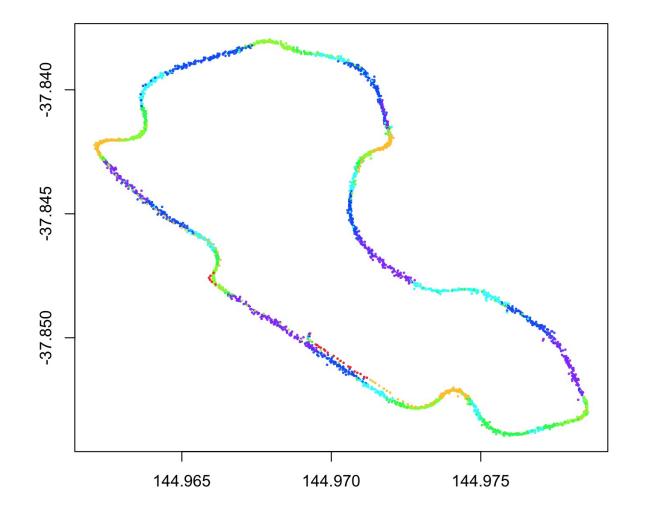
Tactical options, outcome distributions

Data for Marketing as well





More Data = More Gearhead Engagement



Occasionally, somebody makes a tiny bit of data available like this data dump of Button's ride in the Australian Gran Prix

Fans go nuts with this

But it still doesn't work ...



ENODATA !

- Available data is definitely not good enough for more than an occasional blog post
- Available data is intermittent, out of date and inconsistent
- Except in special cases we can't really build publicly available systems from scrounged data



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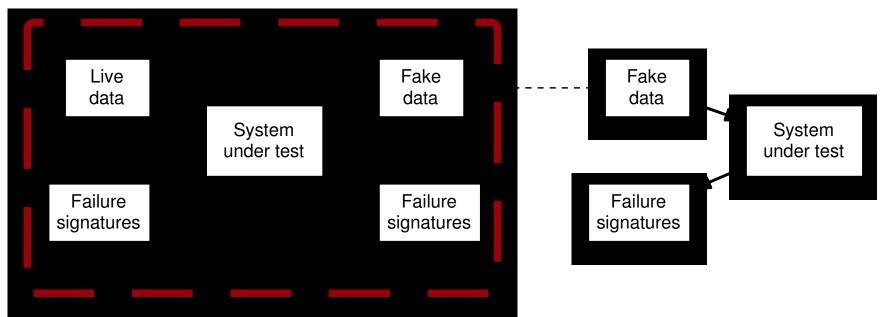
The Unrealistic Nature of Real Data

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 - We can't share it (*due to confidentiality*)
 - We can't get it (*too big, wrong scale, out of date*)
 - We can't break it (*injecting major real-world faults frowned upon*)
 - We can't understand it (*we don't know what really happened*)

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KPI Matching Simulation

Parametric matching of key performance and failure signatures allows emulation of complex data properties



Matching on KPI's and failure modes guarantees *practical* fidelity

If it breaks the same, it's as good as the same



The Method

- Pick realistic and important KPI's and failure measures
 - Sample rates, data volumes
 - Plausible physics
 - Plausible data semantics
 - Your mileage may vary
- Build emulation roughly based on real system
- Tune data spec to match KPI's using real models
- Export data spec to alternative models
- Re-tune data spec to match on alternative models



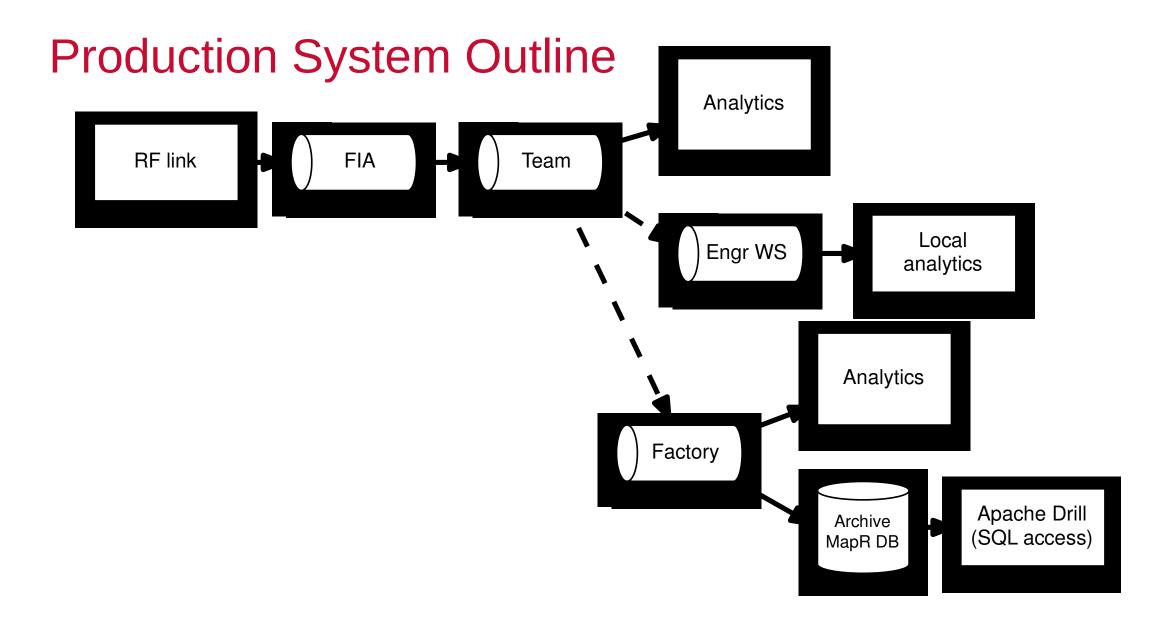
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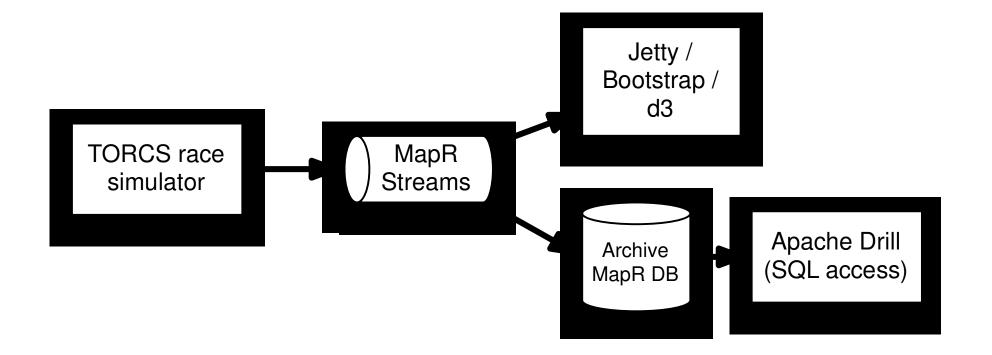








Simplified Demo System Outline







TORCS for Cars, Physics and Drivers

TORCS is a pseudophysics based racing simulator with full graphics output and pluggable control modules.

TORCS is commonly used for AI research, but the control model can just as well collect data



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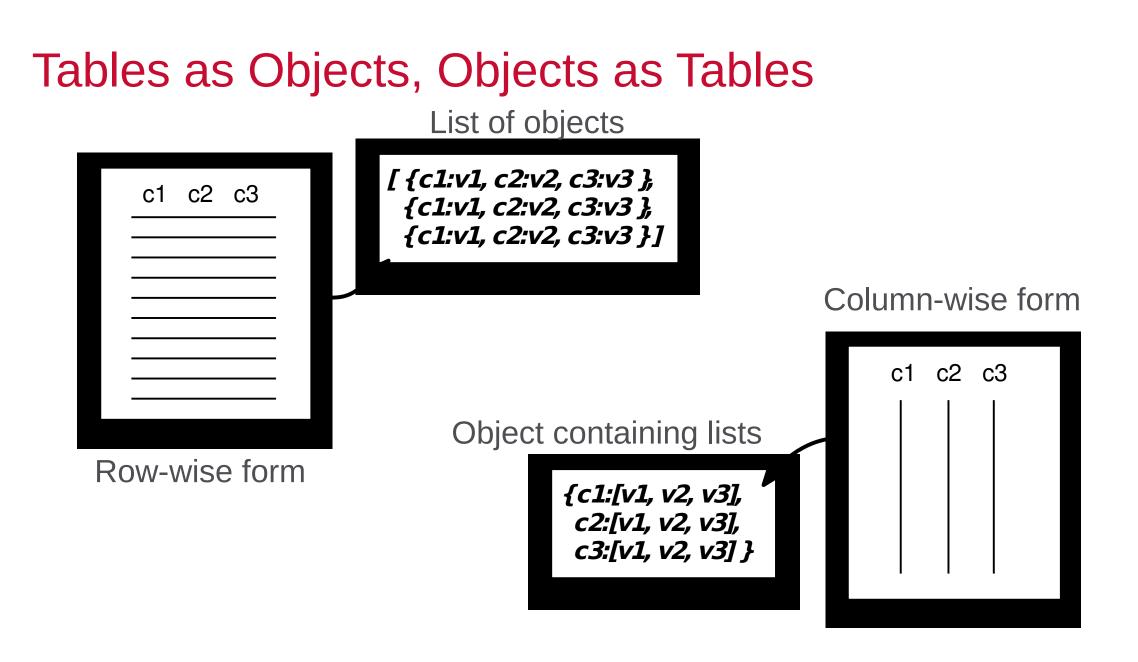
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 - Prove out software architectures
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 - Tune UI's
- We also need to
 - Simulate system failure scenarios
 - Push limits for future usage



Current Status

- It works, is available on github, ASL 2
- Data collected is unrealistically limited, lacks
 - Tire pressure, temperature x 4
 - Brake usage, temperature x 8
 - Engine monitoring is primitive (RPMs only, no KERS)
 - Data rate is fixed, real data comes in at highly variable rates
 - Real data has variable delays due to RF dropout + buffering
- Data collected is in pure JSON
 - Real data is columnar compressed blobs





Micro Columnar Formats

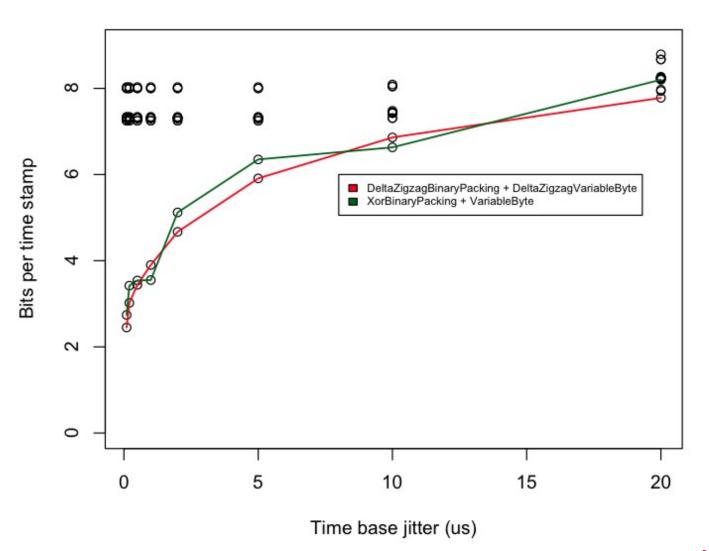
Compression Results

Samples are 64b time, 16 bit sample

Sample time at 10kHz

Sample time jitter makes it important to keep original time-stamp

How much overhead to retain time-stamp?





Sensor Data V1

- 3 main data points:
 - Speed (m/s)
 - RPM
 - Distance (m)
- Buffered

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Sensor Data V2

- 3 main data points:
 - Speed (m/s)
 - RPM
 - Distance (m)
 - Throttle
 - Gear
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Let's see it work! (Murphy be praised)

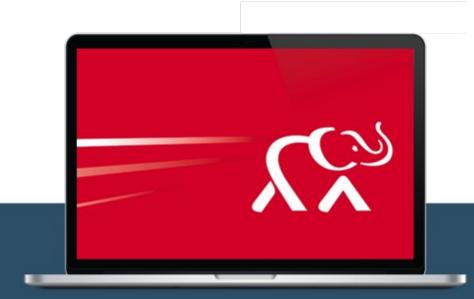


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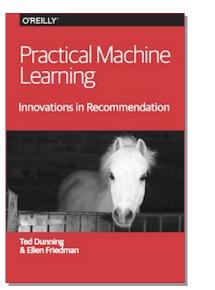
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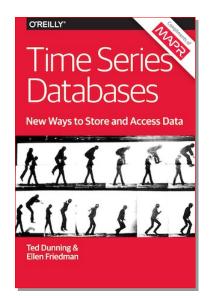
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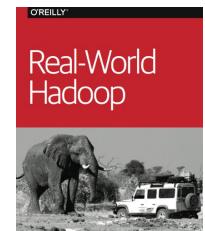


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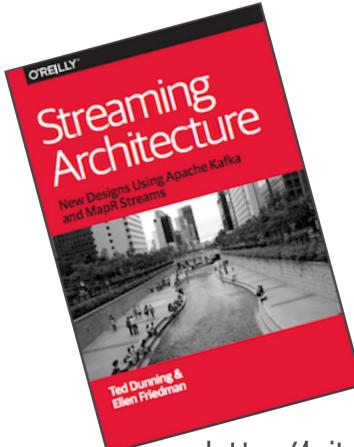
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