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Breaking Down Corporate Barriers

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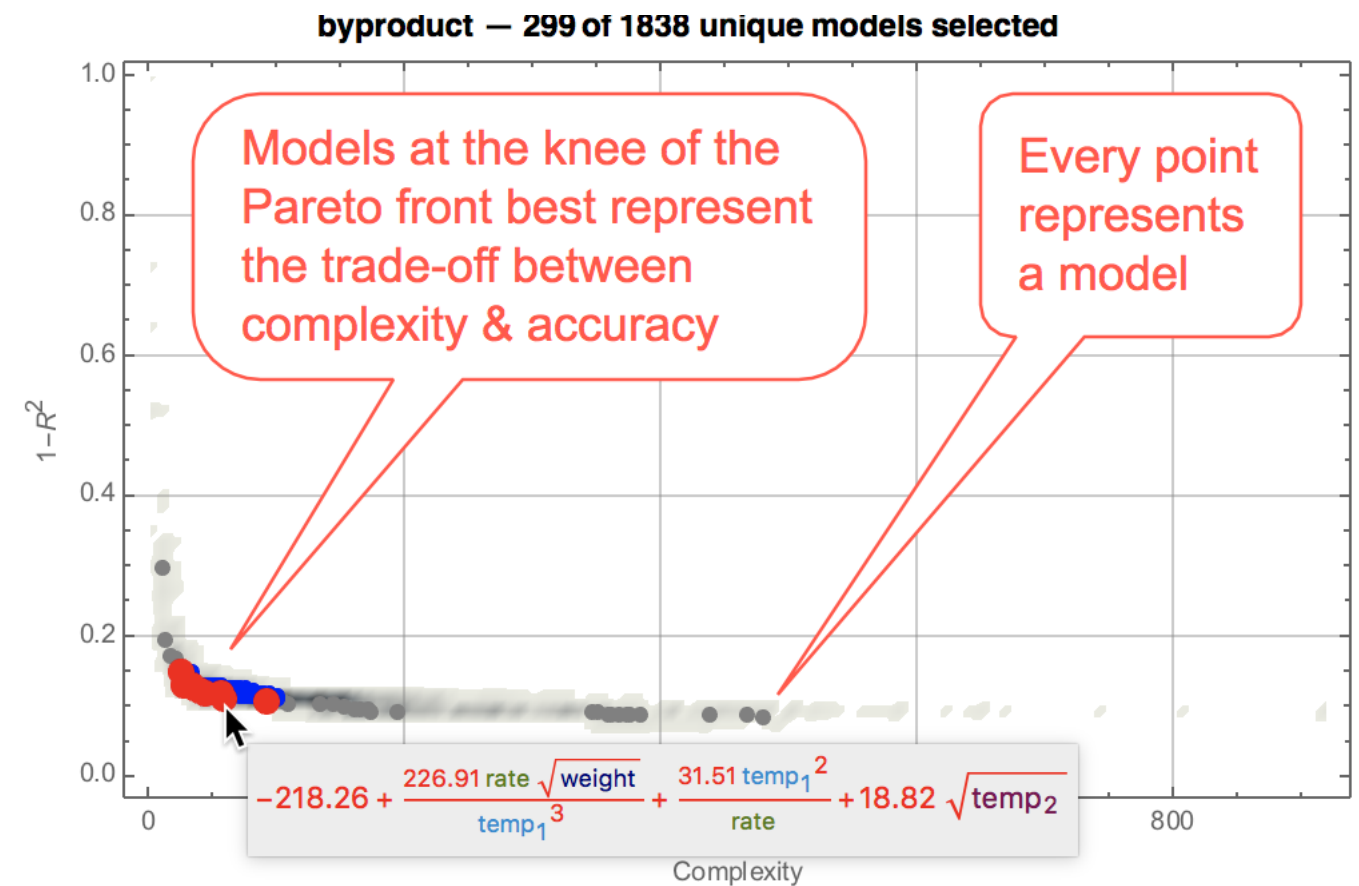


Background

- 2000: Autonomous Analysis Initiative
 - Needed to improve the efficiency & efficacy of data analysis
 - Focus → Predictive Analytics
- 2005: Founded Evolved Analytics
 - DataModeler
 - Wide variety of application domains
 - Clients around the world

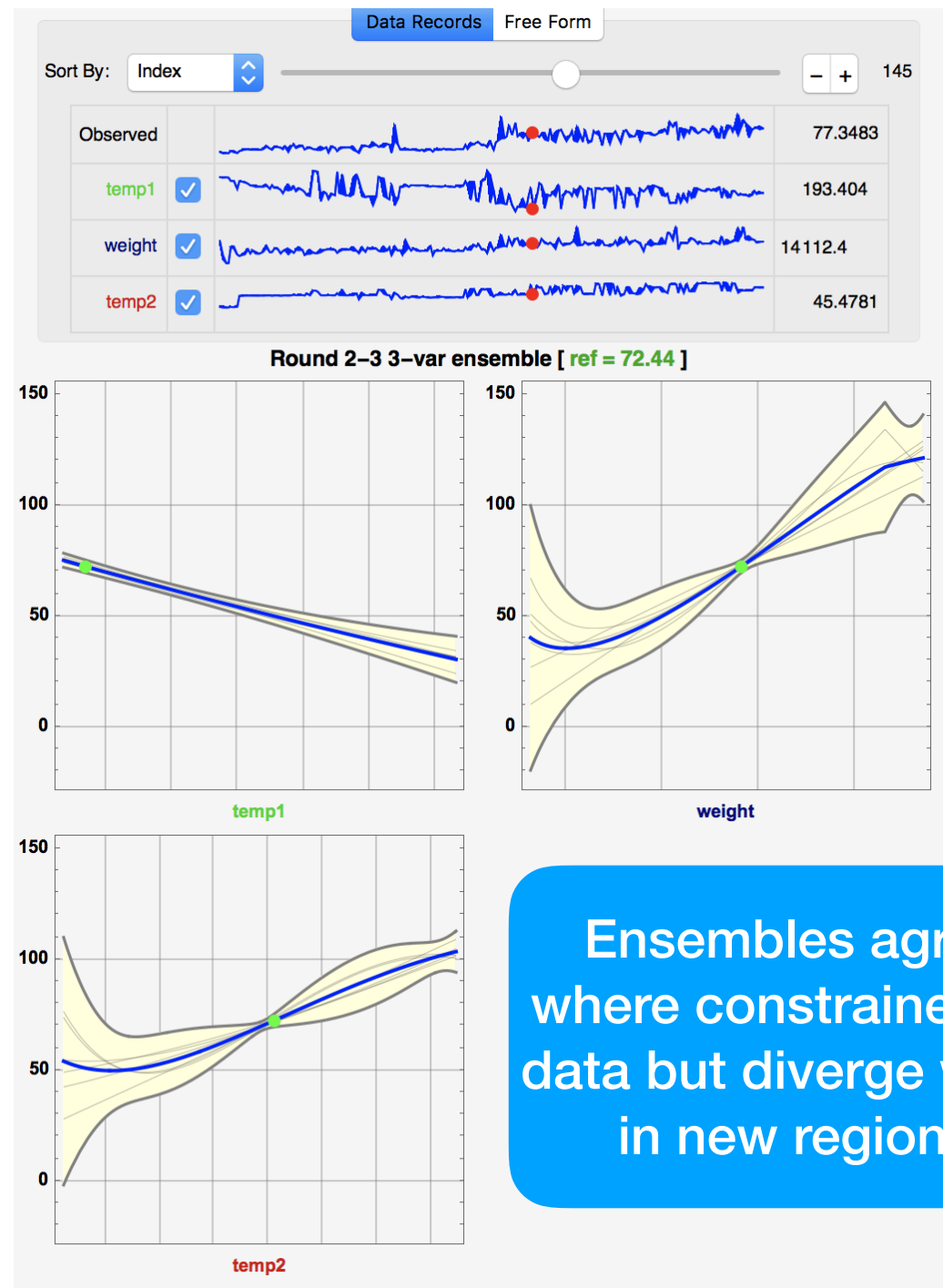
Basic Concept

- Use evolution to develop predictive models from data
- Reward simplicity & accuracy
- Transparent human-interpretable models
- Many (thousands) of developed models are “good” (accurate & simple) and different

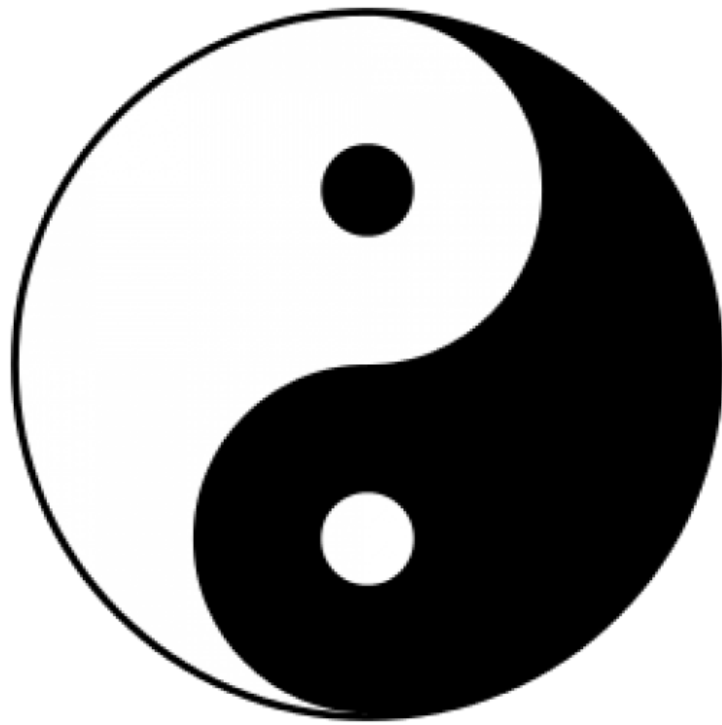


Automated hypothesis
definer & refiner

Implications



- Can handle ill-conditioned data arrays (e.g., fat or correlated variables)
- Multiple paths to quality models
- We can mine the diversity of “good enough” models for insight & guidance
- Ensembles of diverse good models \implies Trustable Models
- Trustable Models \implies Active DOE



Philosophy

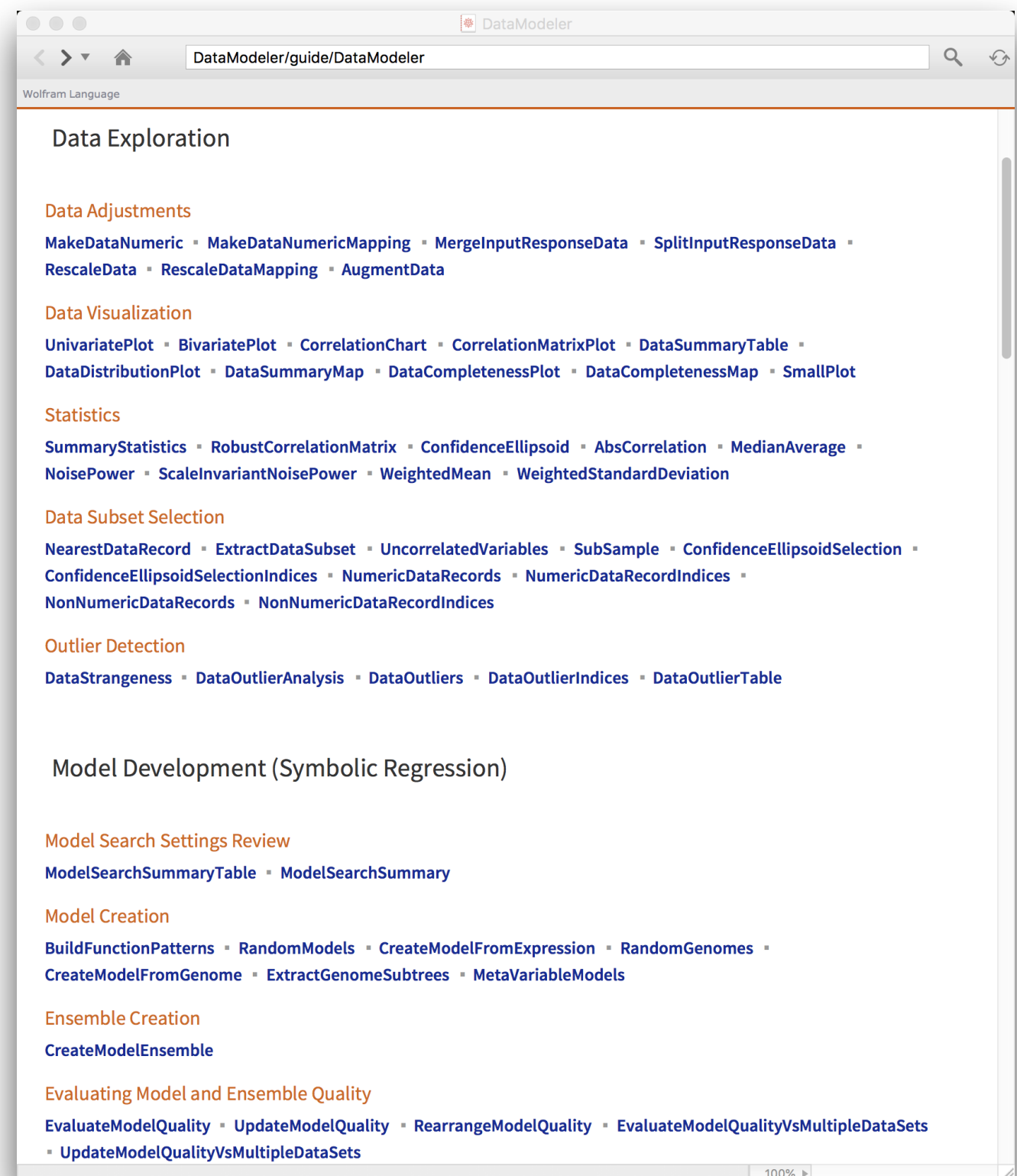
Automation is Good

AI \Rightarrow Augmented Intelligence

- Humans *have* to be in the loop
- Trust established by ensembles AND context
- The machine should serve — not the converse
- Missing data adaption
- Automatic categorical conversion
- Outlier identification

In the Beginning was The Package

- A thing of beauty!
- ~460 Functions — spanning entire data analytics workflow
- Extensive & complete documentation
- Total control
- Custom workflows
- Limited market acceptance

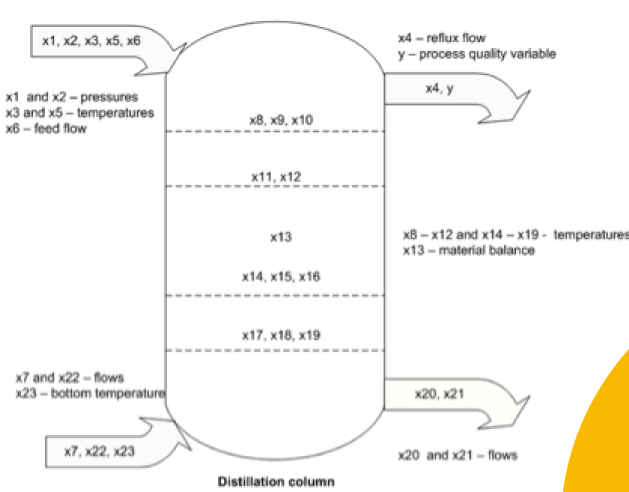


Package Issues

Inferential Sensor for Distillation Quality

DataModeler/tutorial/caseStudy02DistillationSoftSensor

our model accuracy target is 0.05–0.07 ppm which implicitly places a requirement on the (off-line) gas chromatograph used to supply the reference quality metric.



Distillation column

Initialization

- Load the Observed Data
- Explore the Univariate Behavior
- Explore the Bivariate Behavior
- Partition the Data into Training, Test and Validation Sets
- Build exploratory models using the training set
- Execute a time-constrained symbolic regression using data subsetting (OrdinalGP)

The **OrdinalGP** option sets use the base **ParetoGP** algorithm by initially using a small random data subset for each generation and ramping up the fraction of the data used during the model evaluation as the generations progress. At the same time, As mentioned earlier, the size of the data set makes it appropriate to use data subsetting in the model development. To illustrate this, let us perform a **OrdinalGP**-based symbolic regression. As shown below, each of the **IndependentEvolutions** nominally involves a total of 100 generations

```
In[329]:= (GenerationsPerRun * RunsPerCascade * CascadesPerEvolution) /. $OrdinalGPQuick /.
Options@SymbolicRegression
```

Out[329]= 100

Notebooks
are linear

Insight &
understanding is
nonlinear

- Users were coming from outside the Mathematica community
- Needed to train users in Mathematica as well as analytics
- Shift-enter is a remarkable barrier

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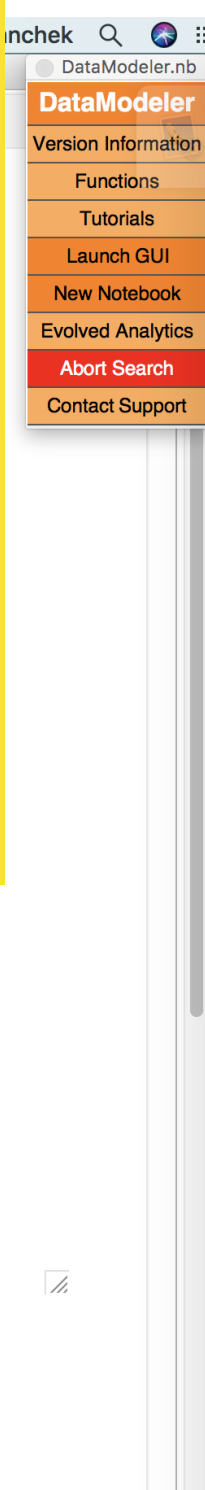
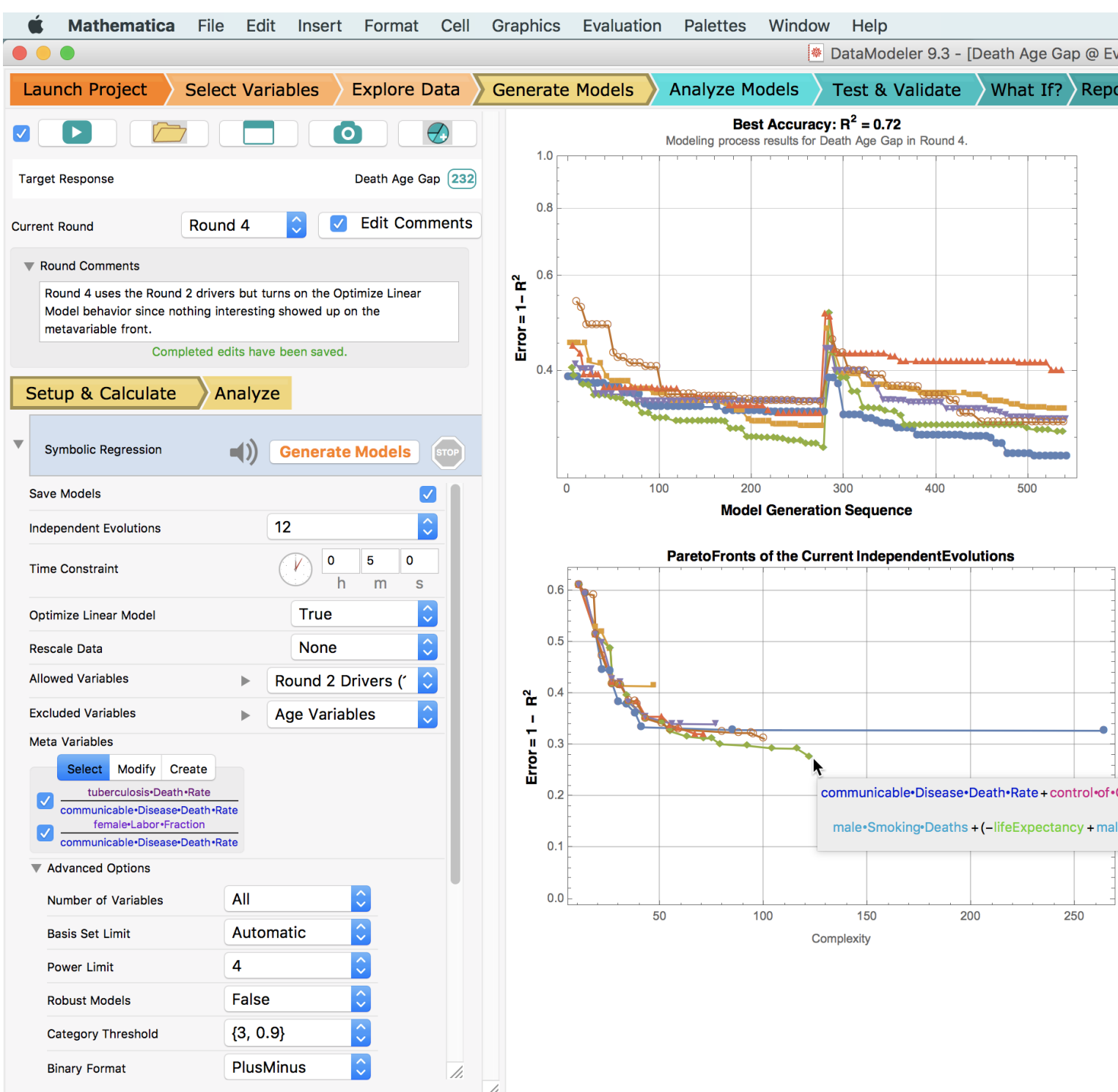
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... and then there was the GUI

- Ease of use
- Beautiful interface
- Supported best-practice workflow
- Robust (but pushes Dynamic limits)
- Layered complexity
- New clients had no Mathematica experience or interest



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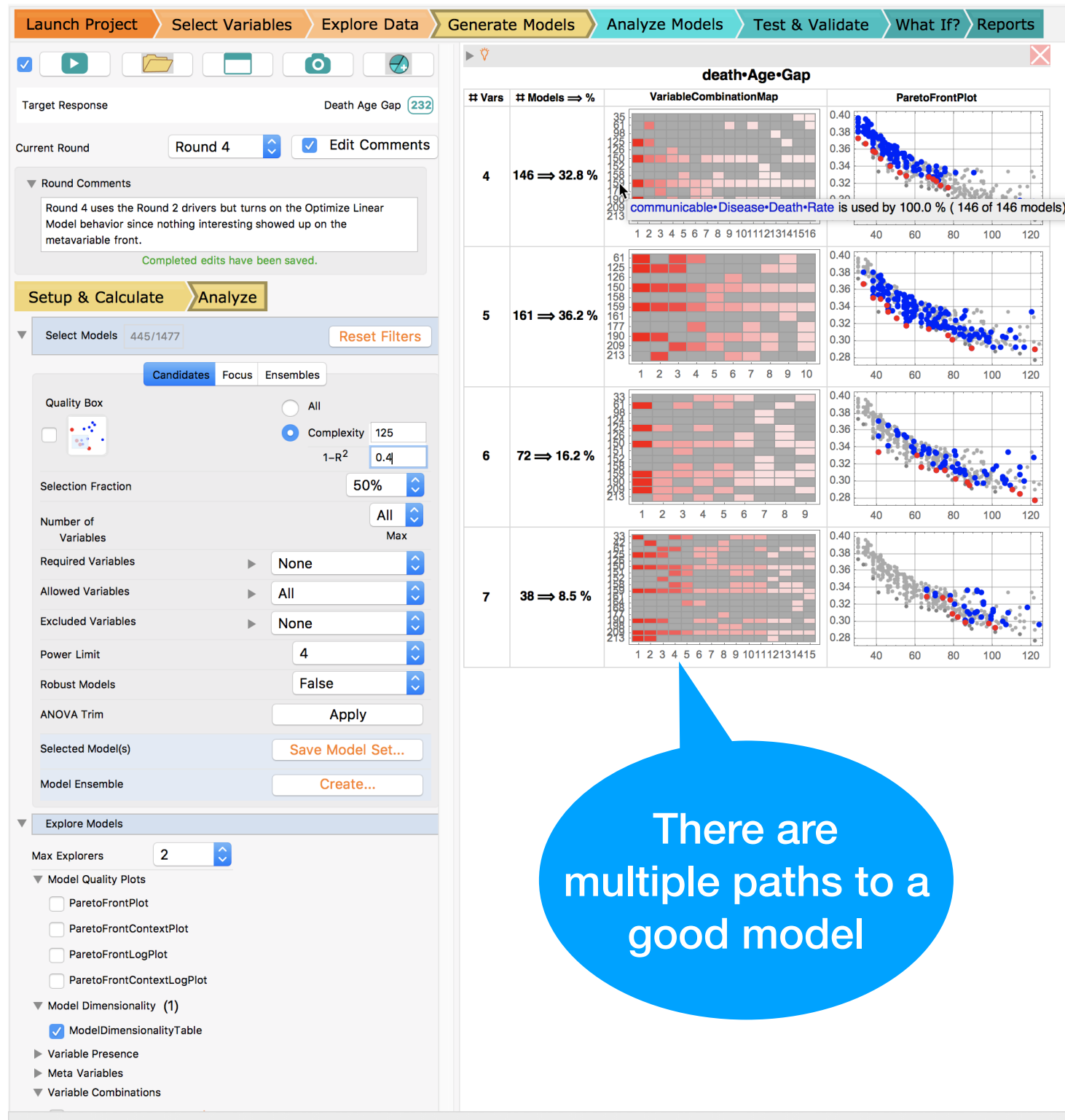
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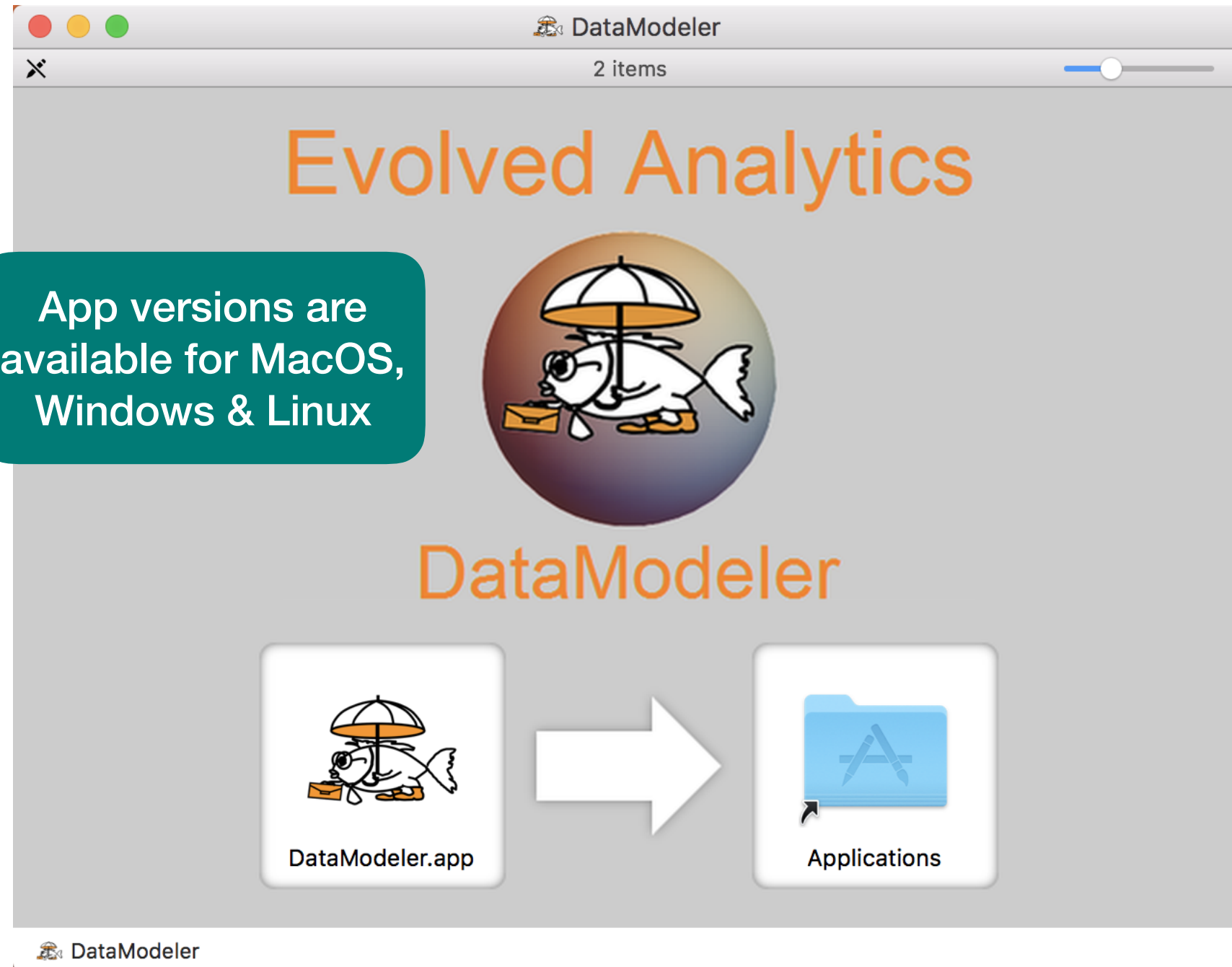
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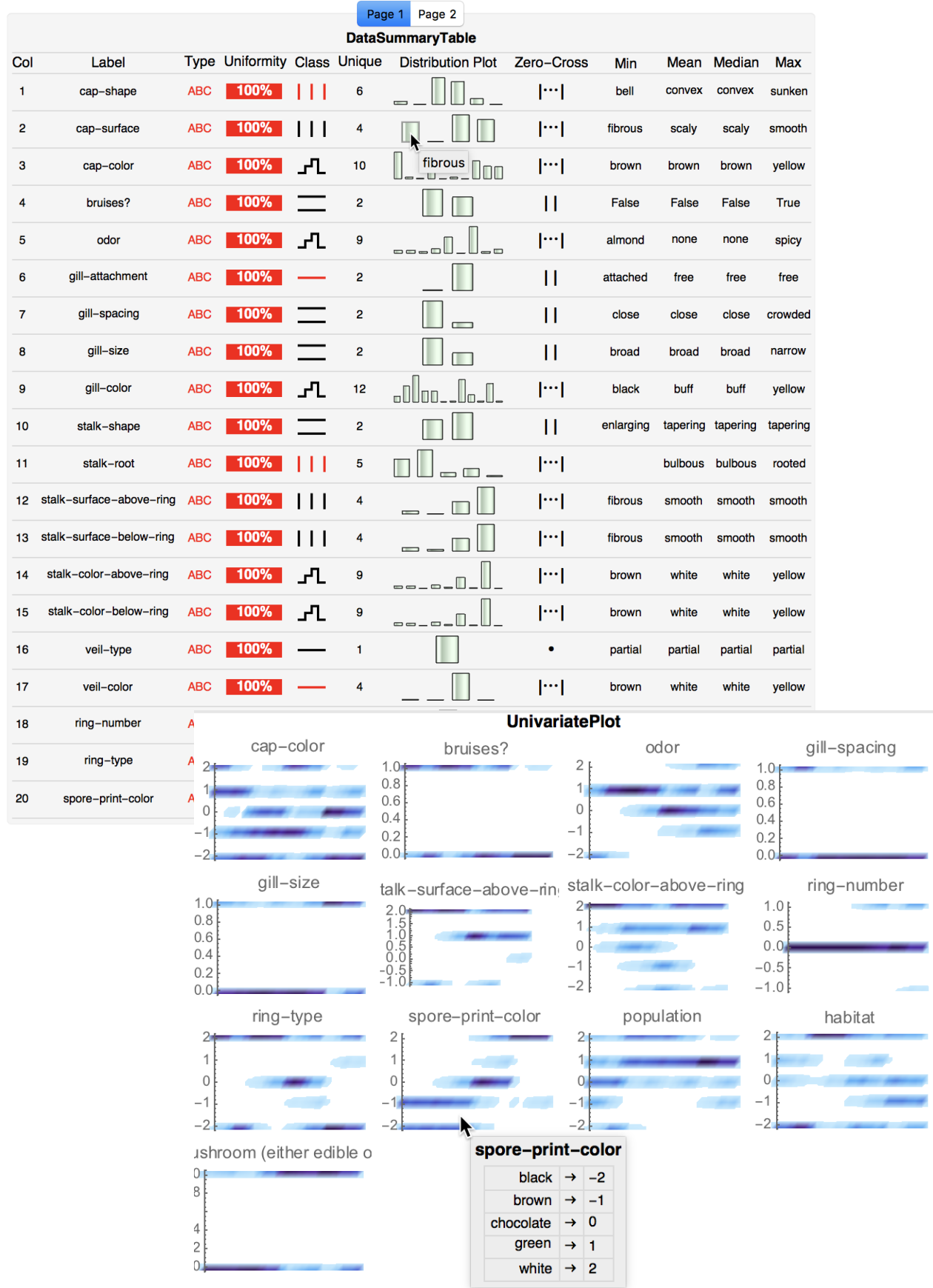
Package + GUI Issues

- Mathematica required
- WRI required to demo
- Concurrent licenses
- Flexera the chosen vendor
- Reprise is an alternative
- Neither are stellar in terms of customer support

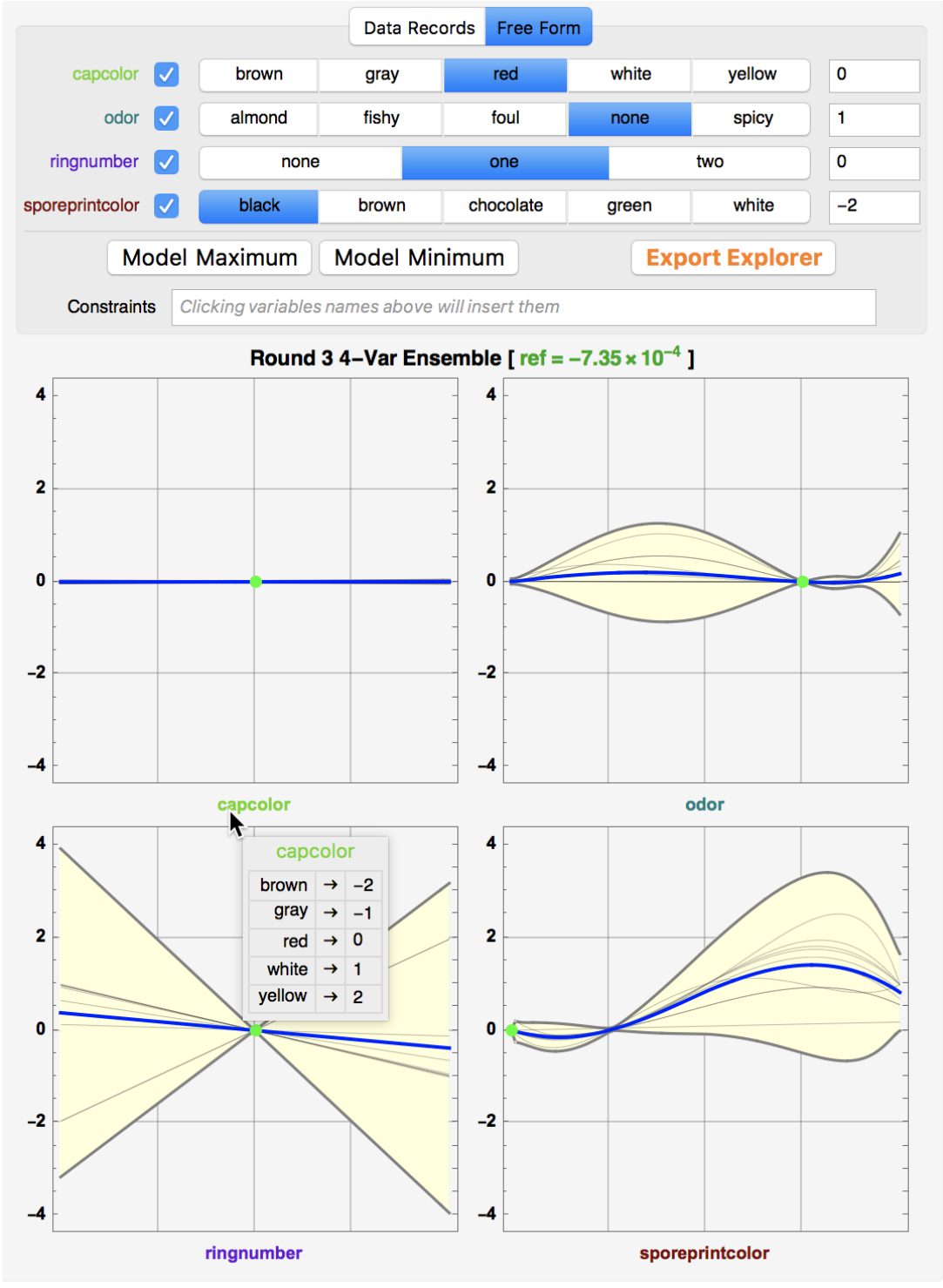
Enter the App



- GUI-only (same as package version)
- Created with Enterprise Mathematica
- CDF Player embedded
- Code signing
 - Apple & DigiCert
- OS-specific installers — MacOS, Windows, Linux
- Behaves (mostly) like a conventional app
- People seem to care!



App Demo



- “Most Effective Technology”
 - Think Different is a barrier
 - Corporate Software Certification (IT Restrictions)
- Excel xlsx Import
 - Mathematica implementation is poor
- Dynamic limitations
 - There are dragons here
 - Imposed limits on data sizes
 - Subkernels
- CDF issues
 - Audit trail / Cut & Paste

Remaining Barriers



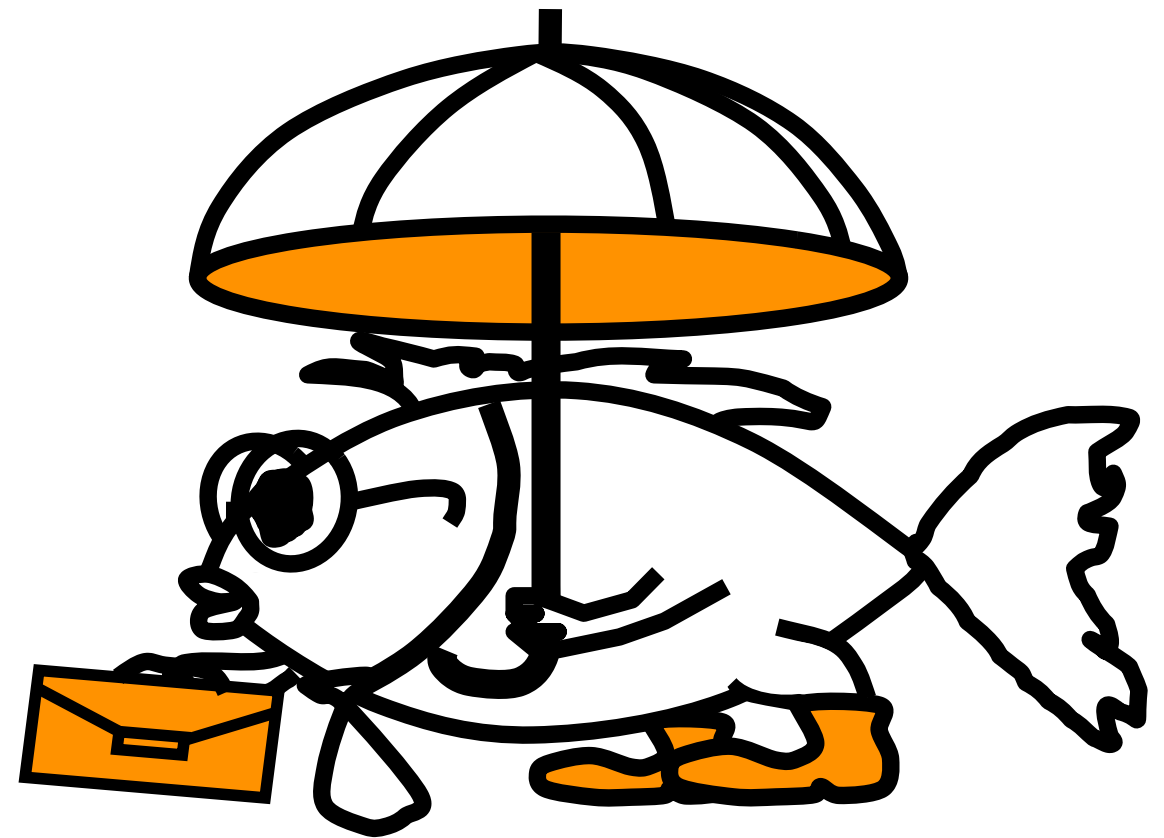
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