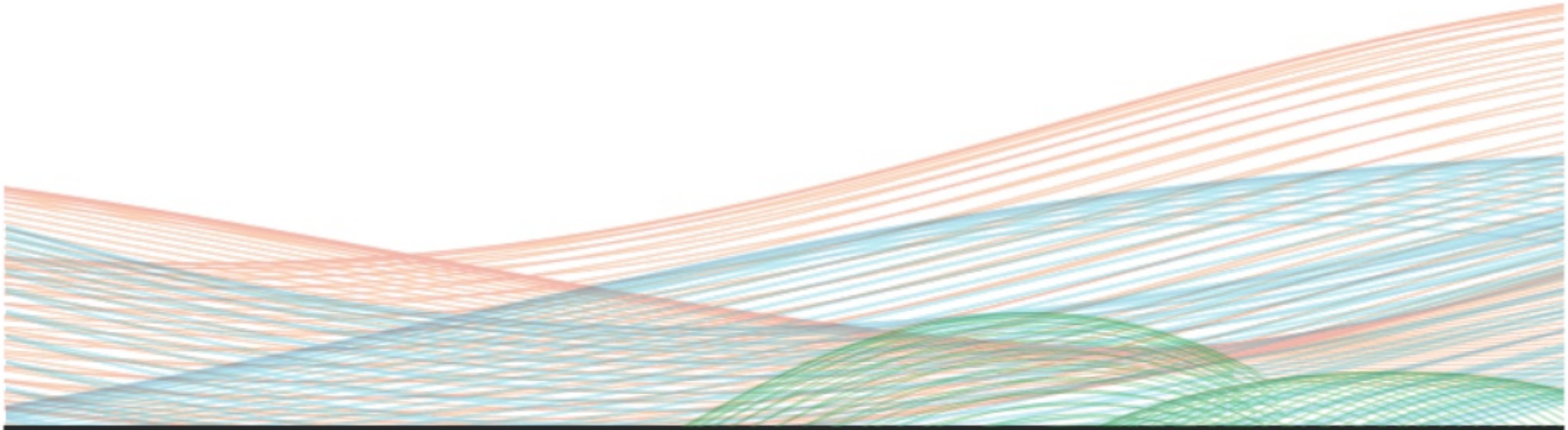

TRIFACTA

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Scalable and Incremental Data Profiling with Spark

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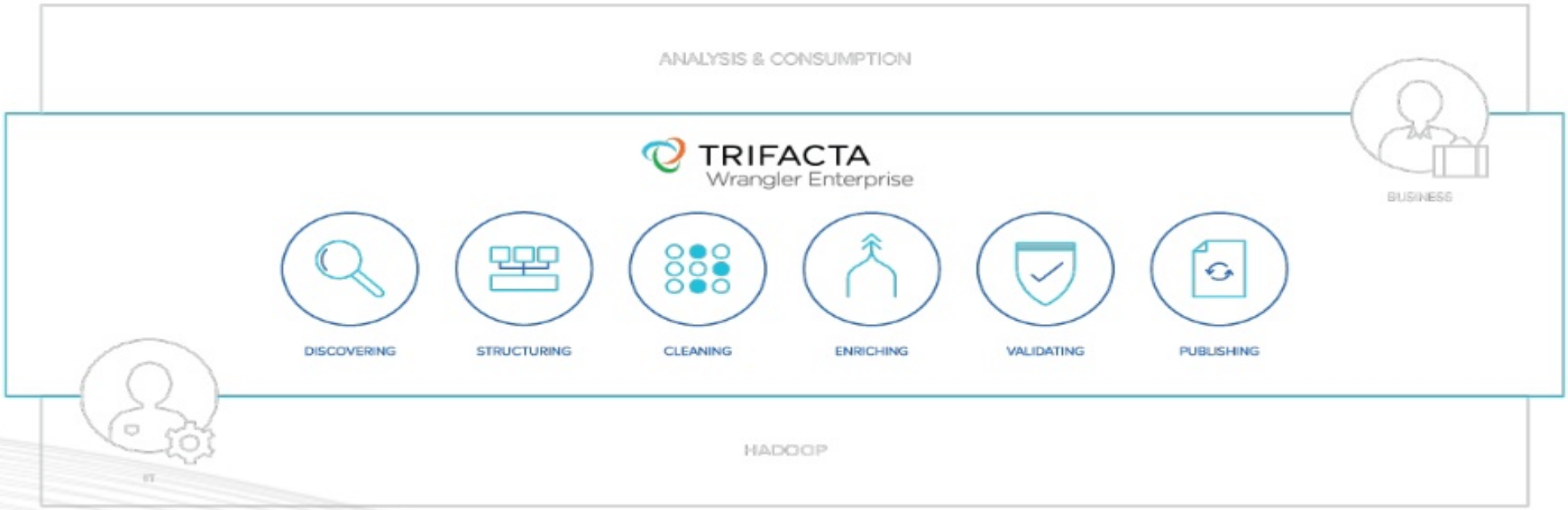

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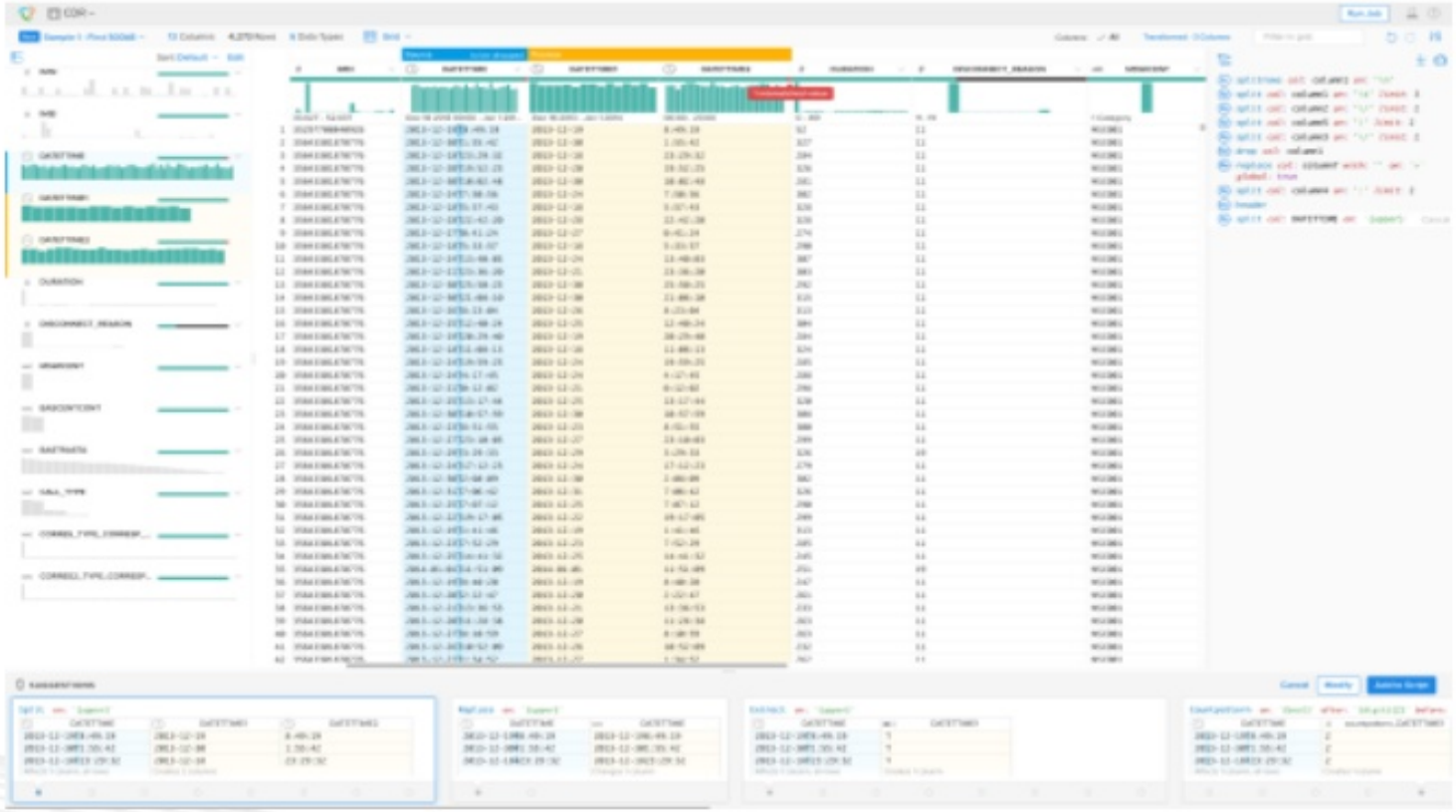

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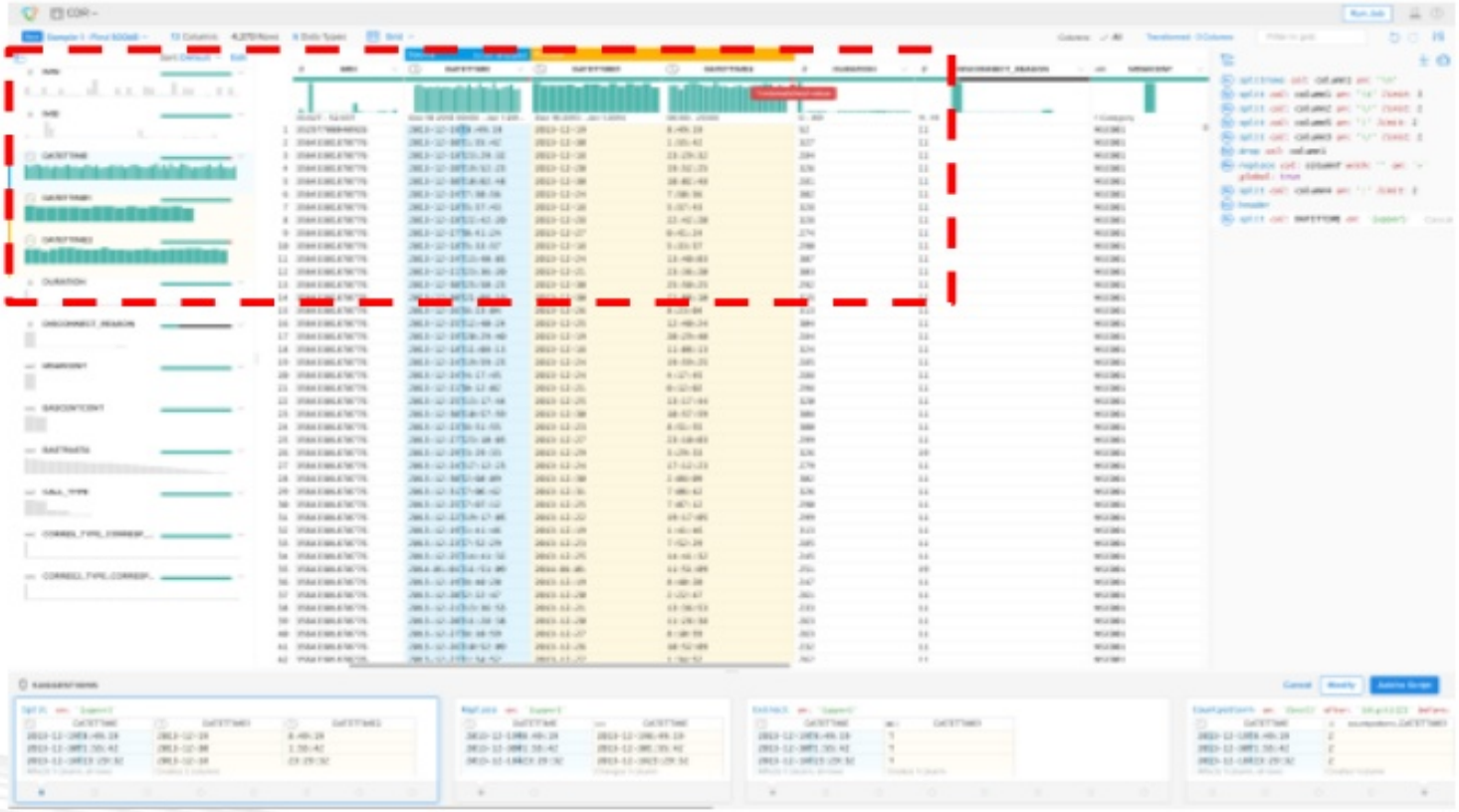

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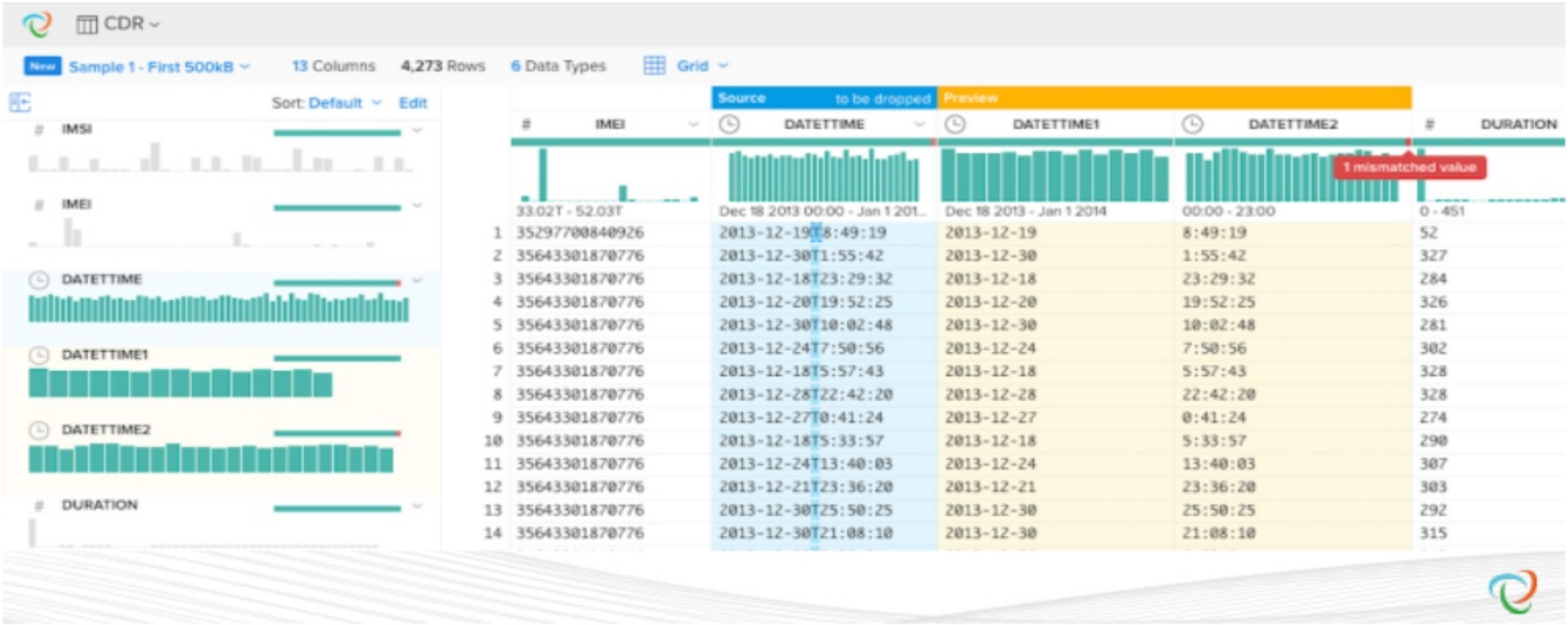

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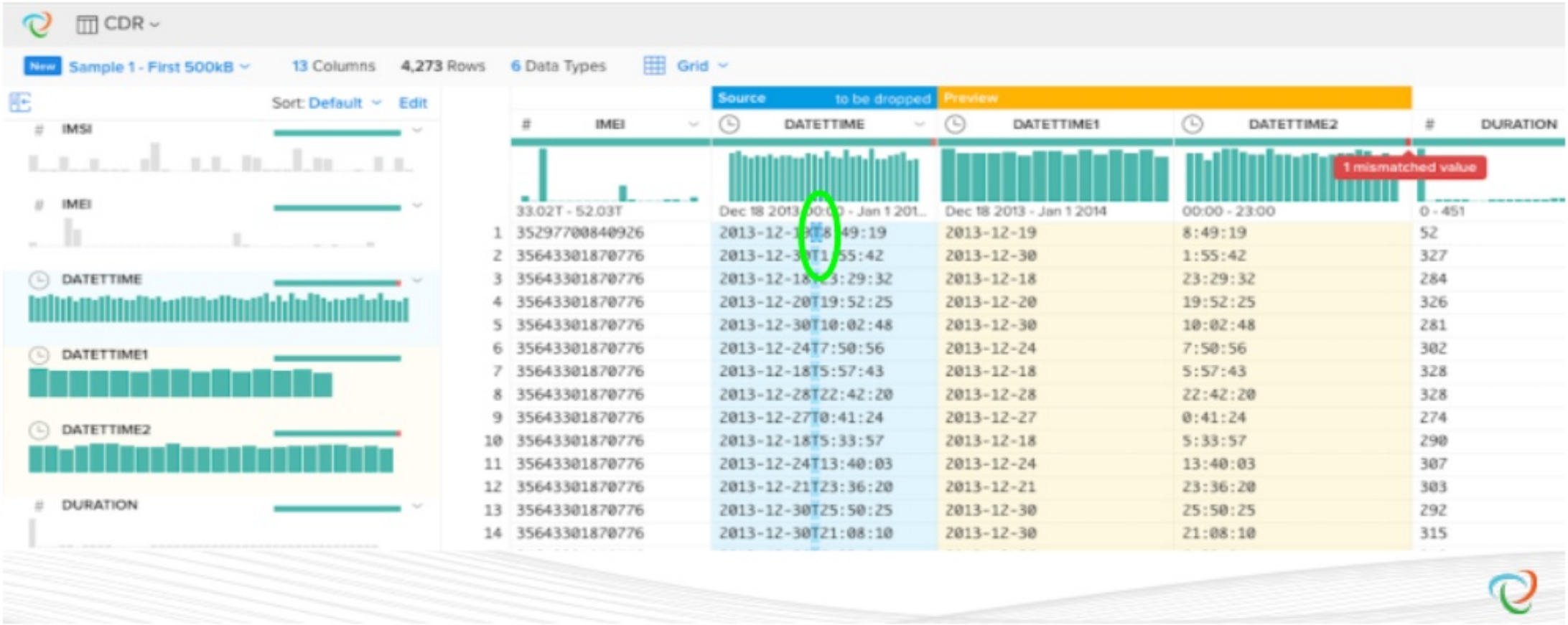

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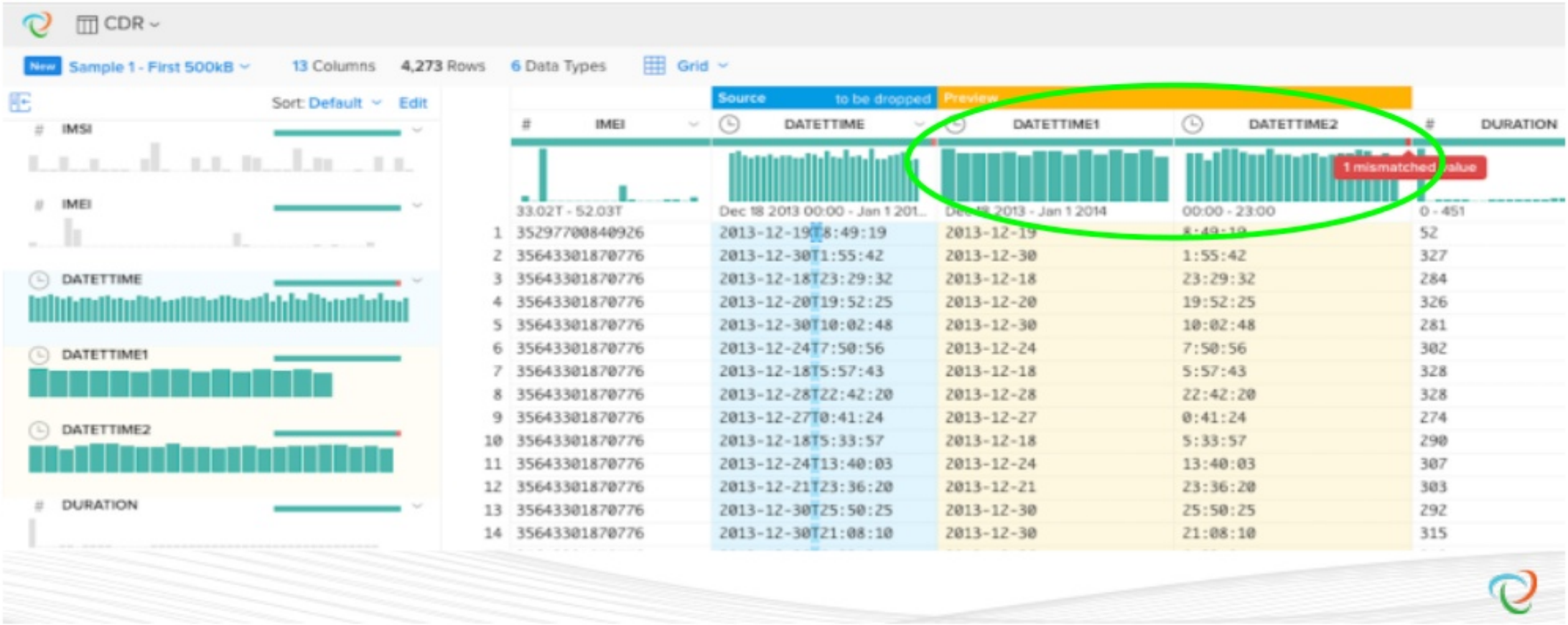

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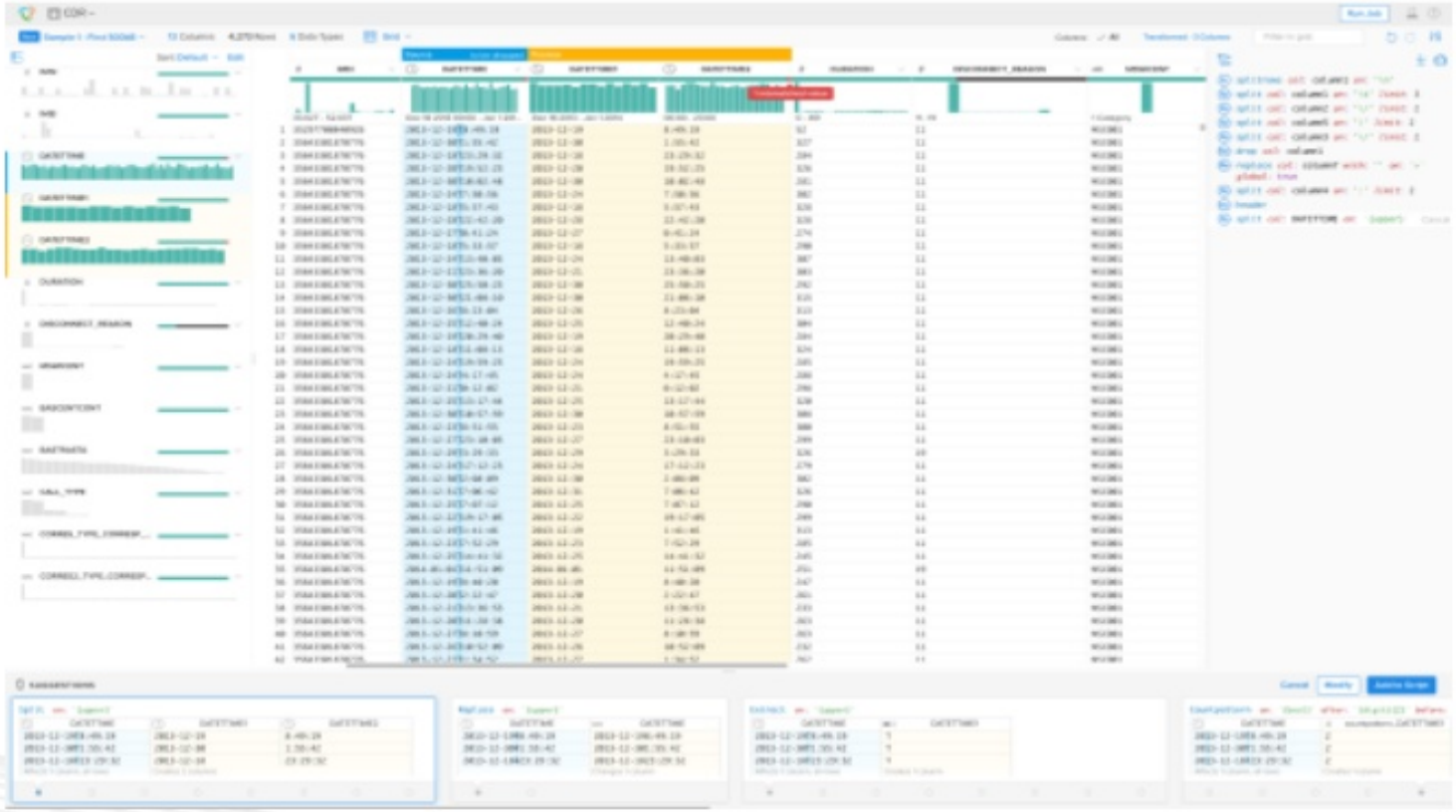

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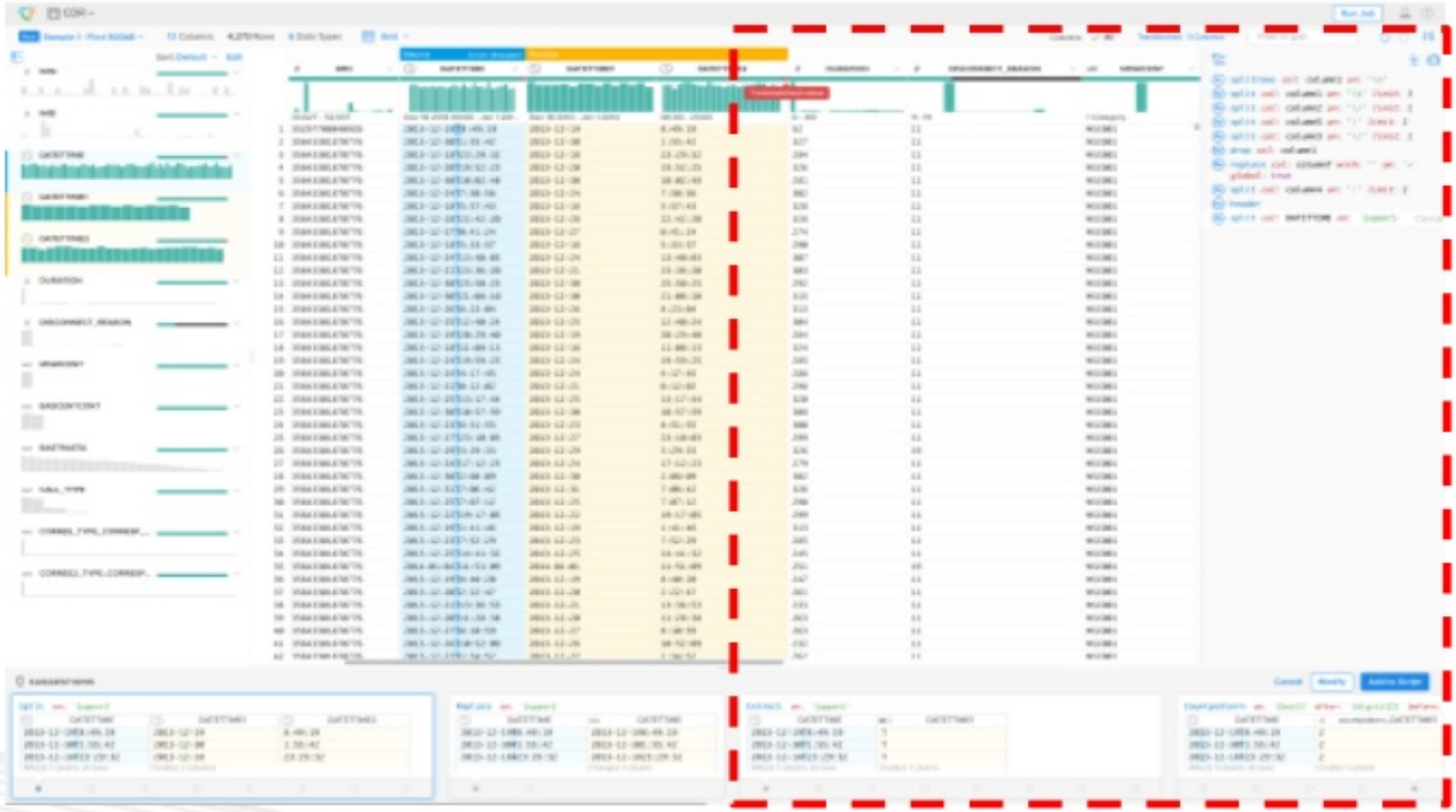

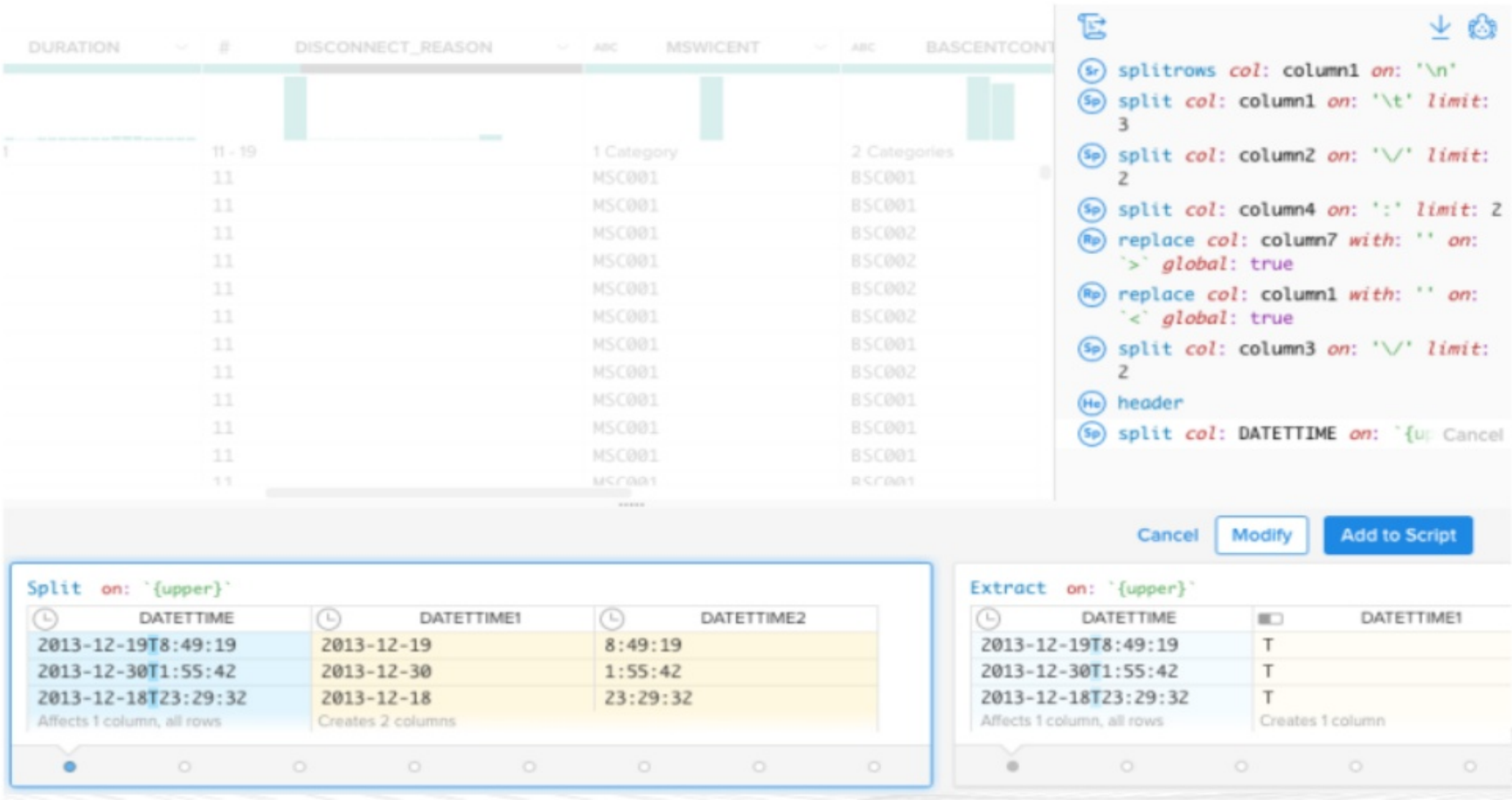
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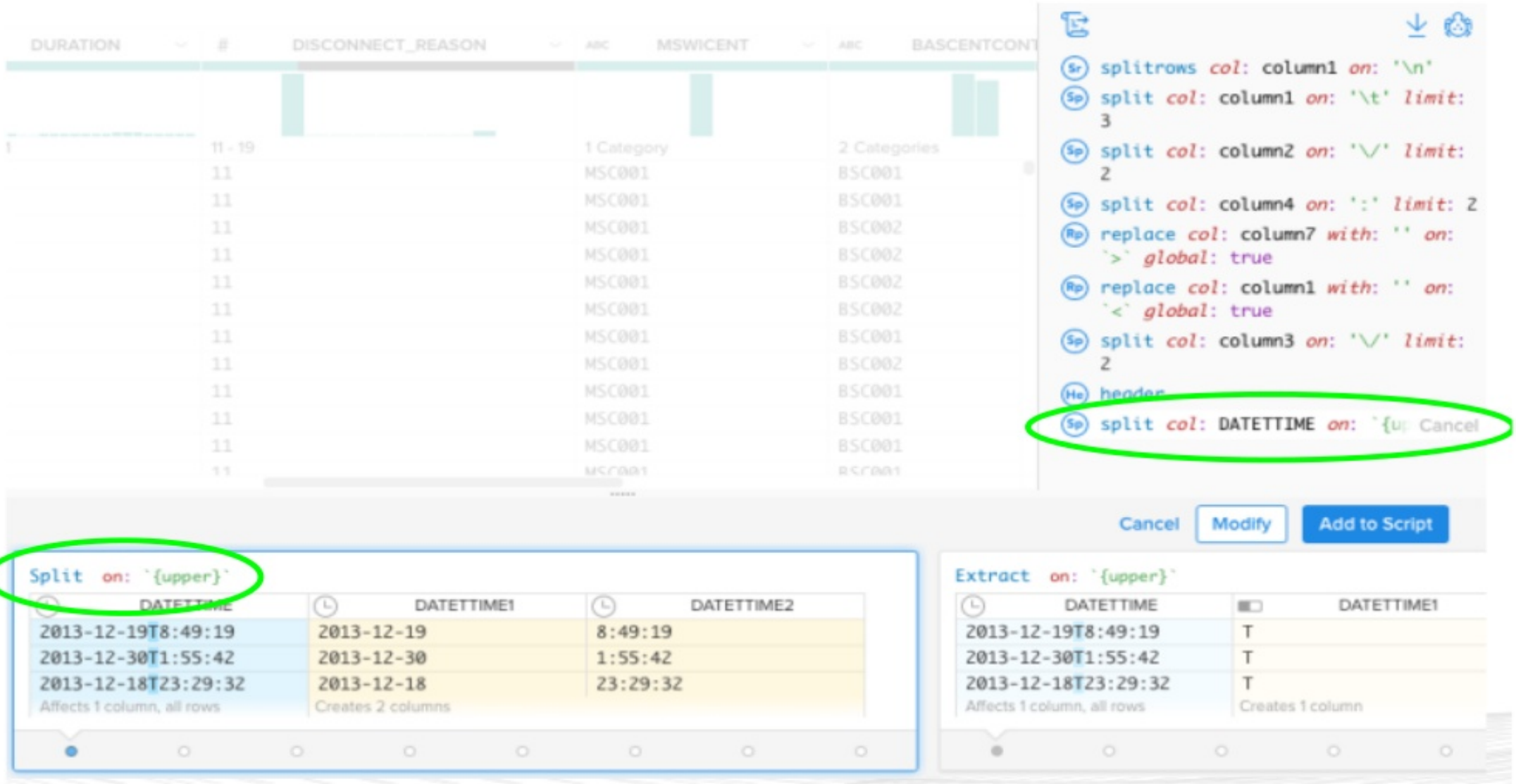
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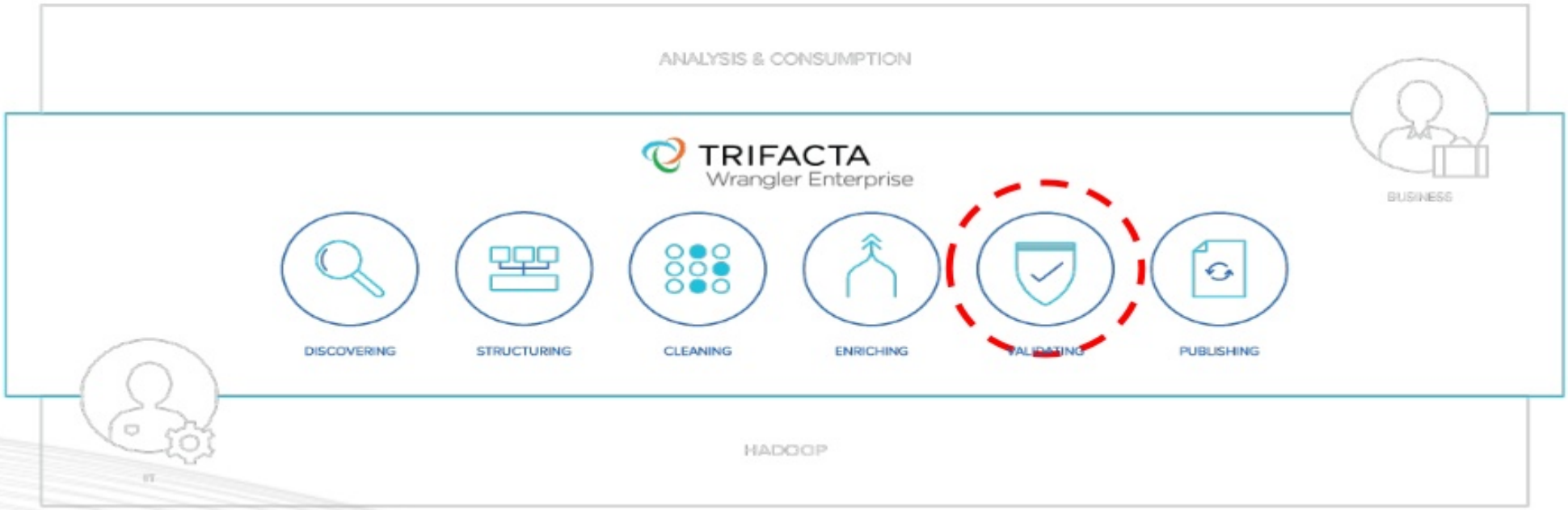
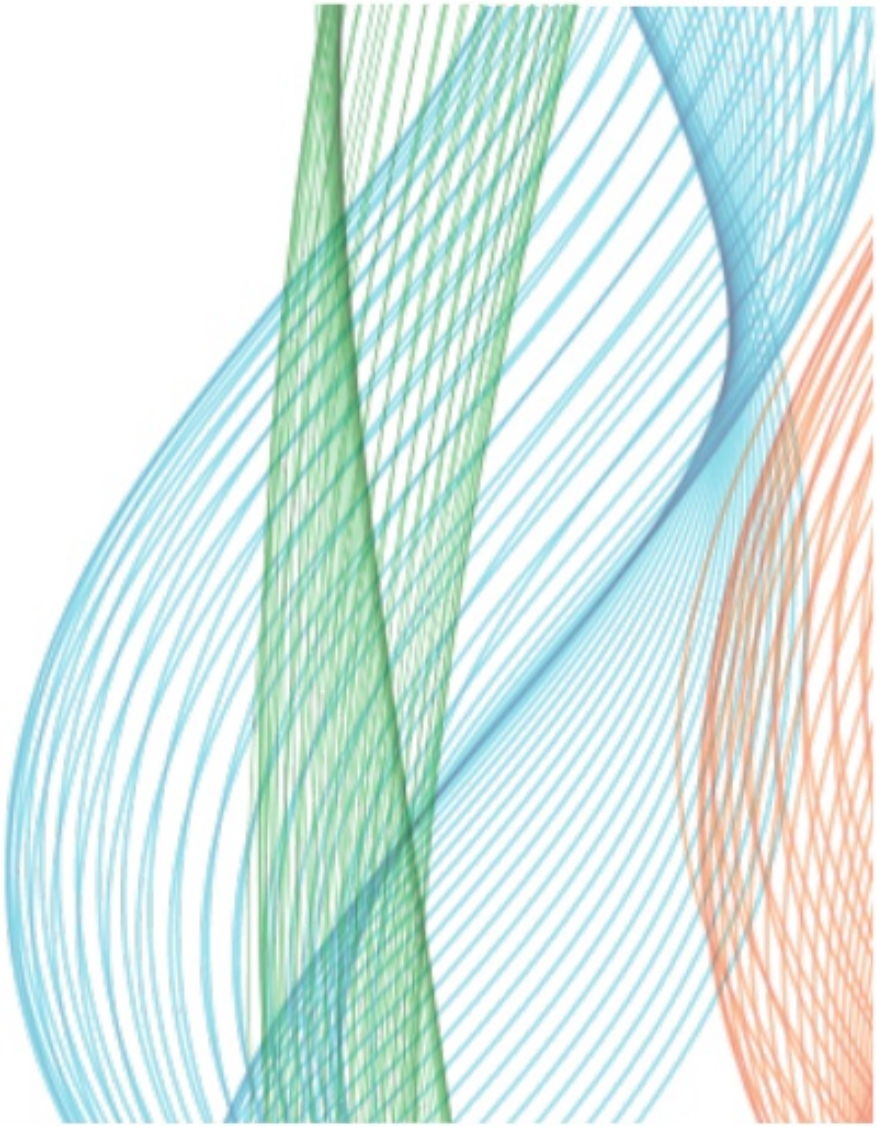


Spark Profiling at Trifacta

- Profiling results of transformation at scale
  - Validation through profiles
- Challenges
  - Scale
  - Automatic job generation
- Our solution
  - Spark profiling job server
  - JSON spec
  - Pay-as-you-go

The Case for Profiling



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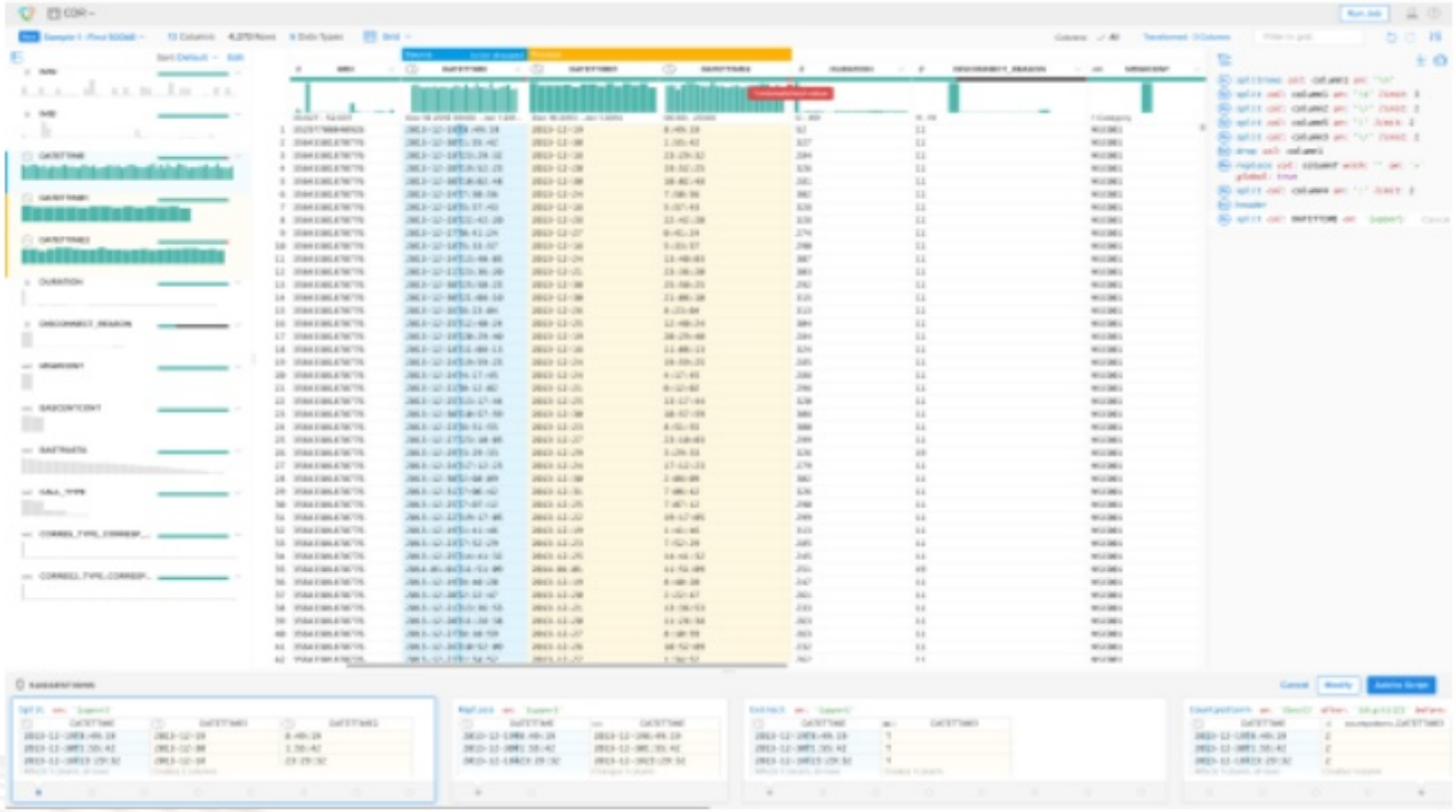

Job Results

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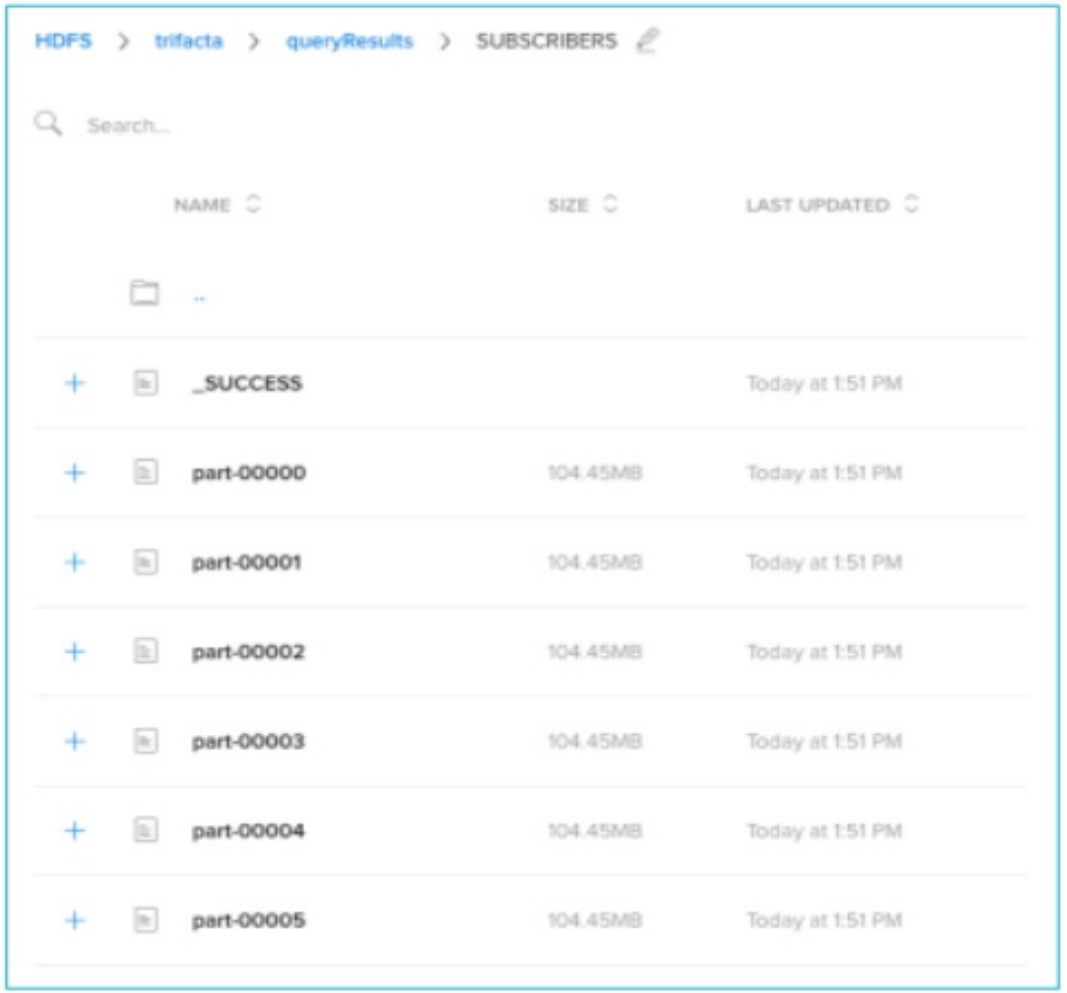
  - Especially when it is too large to inspect manually.
- Need a summary representation.
  - Statistical and visual
- Generate profile programmatically.



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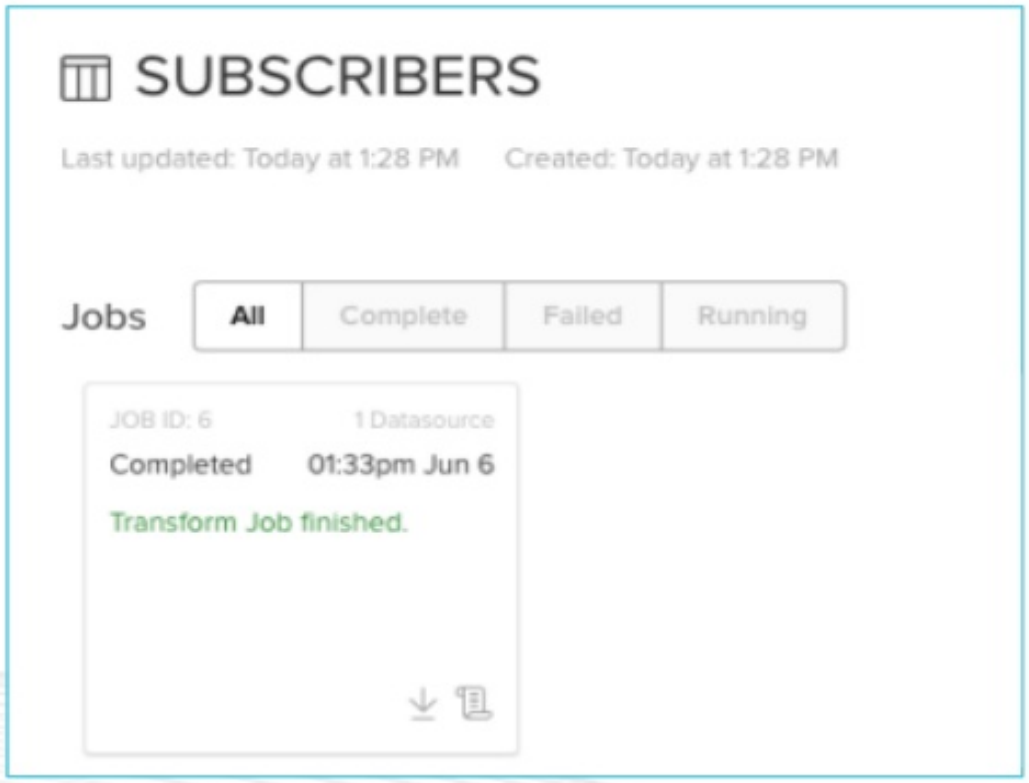

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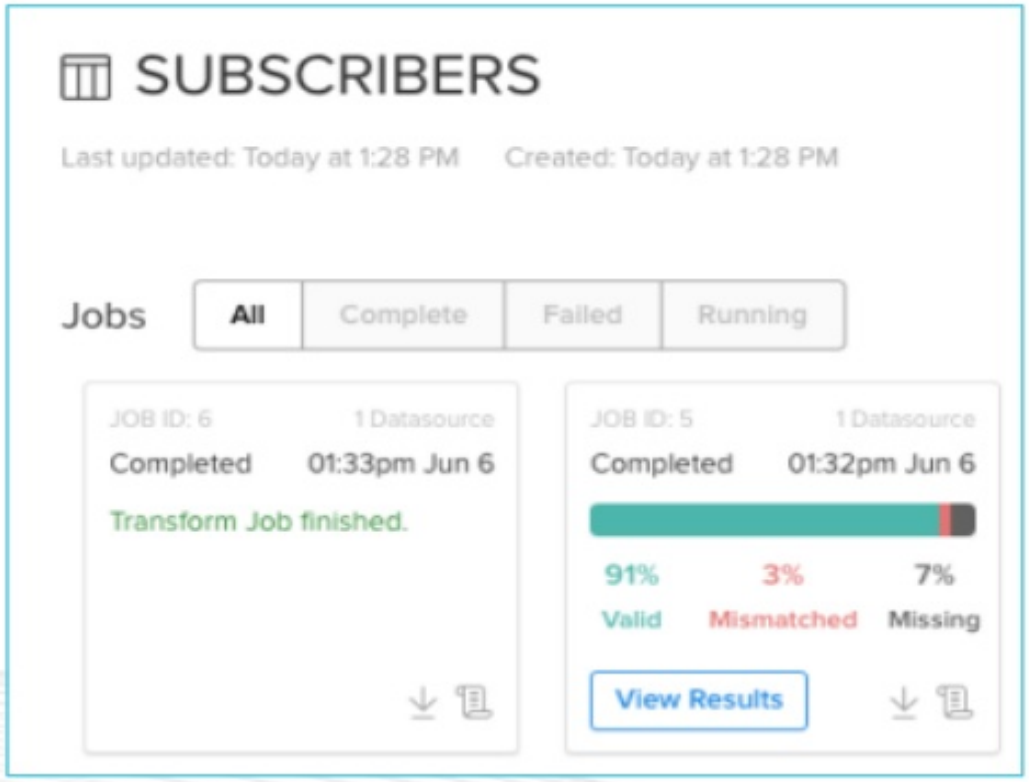

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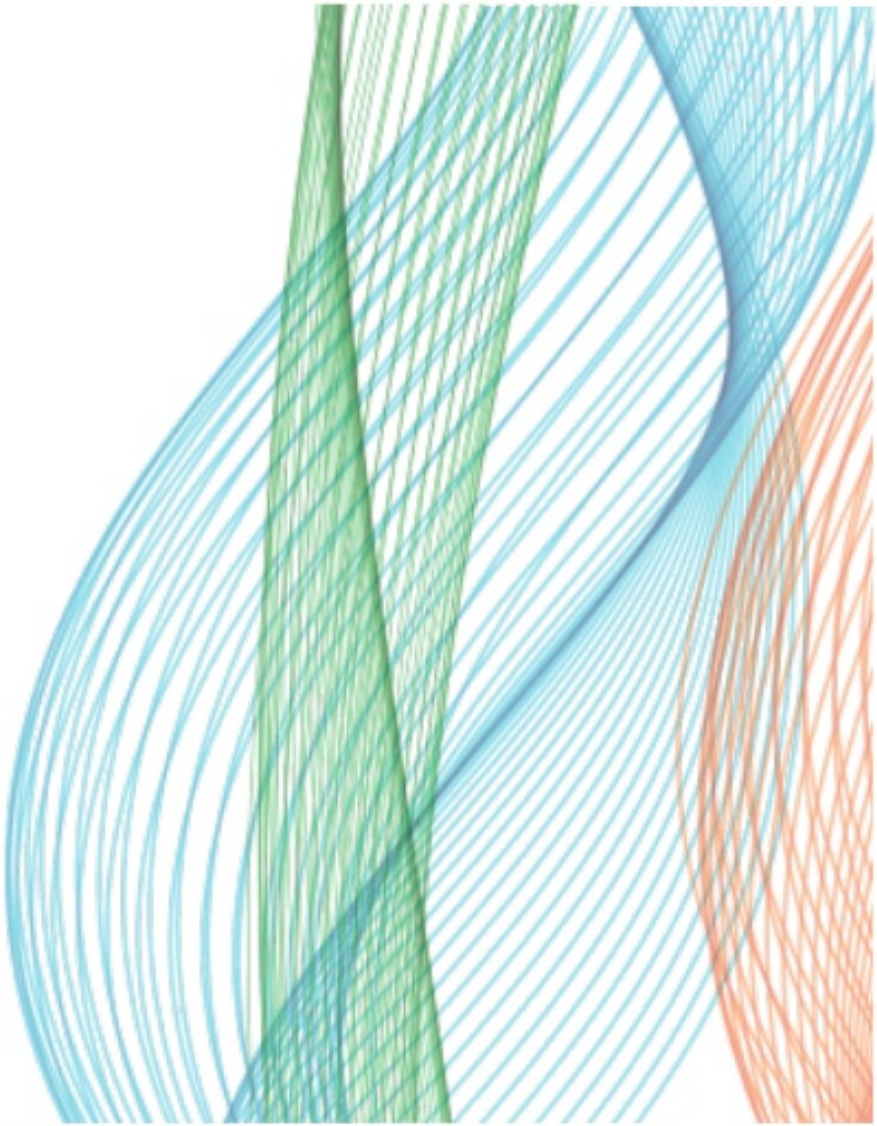

The Goal: Profiling for Every Job

- We've talked about the value of profiling, but...
- Profiling is not a tablestakes feature, at least not on day 1.
  - Don't want our users to disable it!
- Profiling is potentially more expensive than transformation.

Profiling at Scale

- Large data volume
  - Long running times
  - Memory constraints

Performance vs. Accuracy

- Approximation brings performance gains while still meeting profiler summarization requirements.
- Off-the-shelf libraries (*count-min-sketch*, *T-digest*) great for approximating counts and non-distributive stats.
- Not a silver bullet though...sometimes approximations are confusing.

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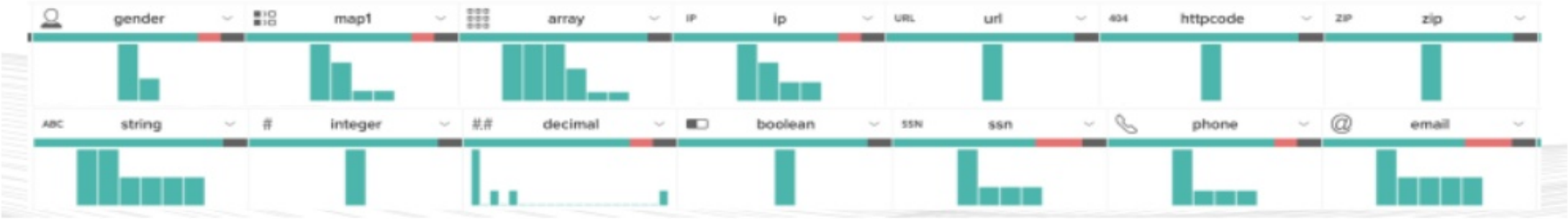
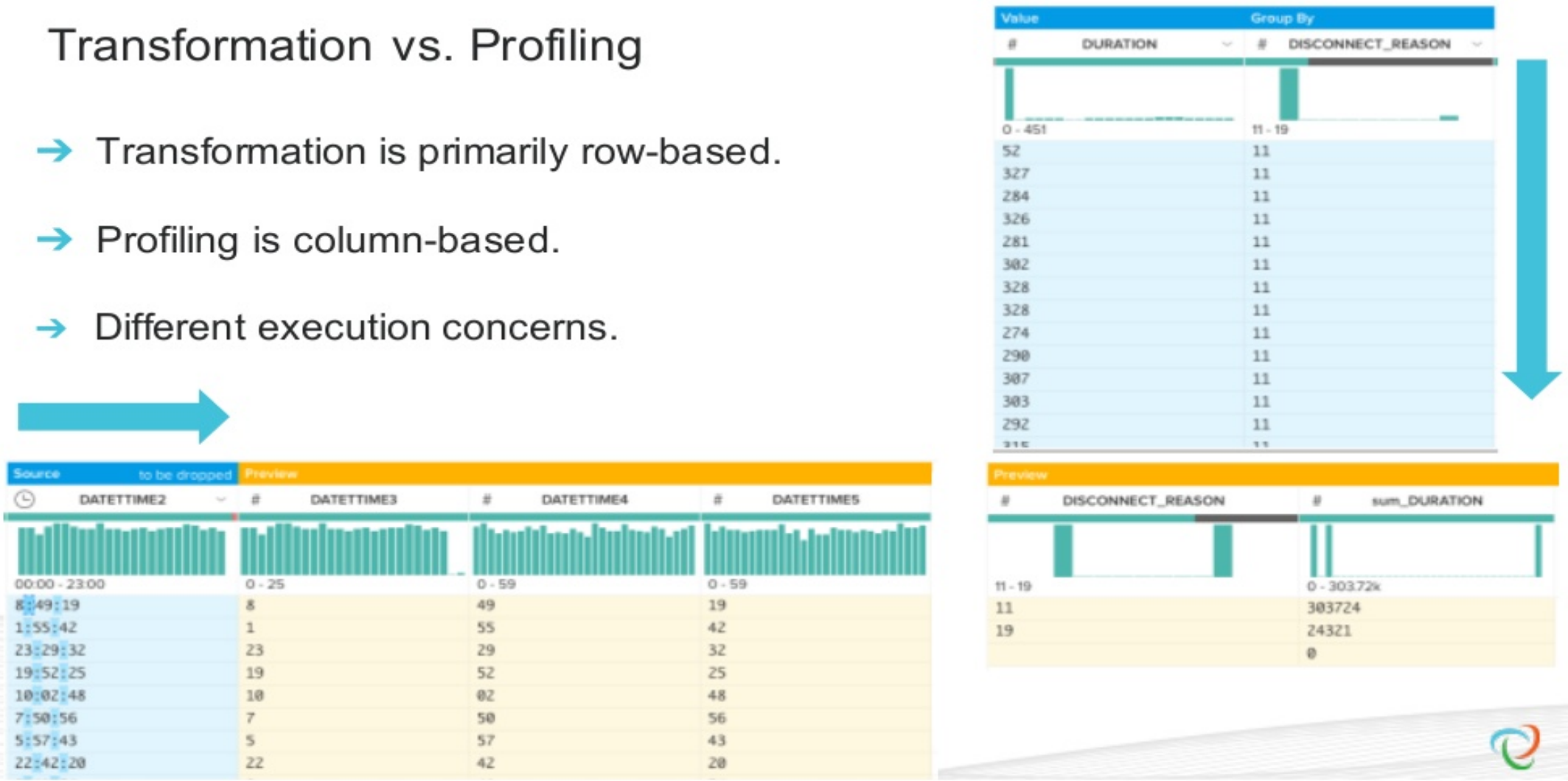


Transformation vs. Profiling

- Transformation is primarily row-based.
- Profiling is column-based.
- Different execution concerns.



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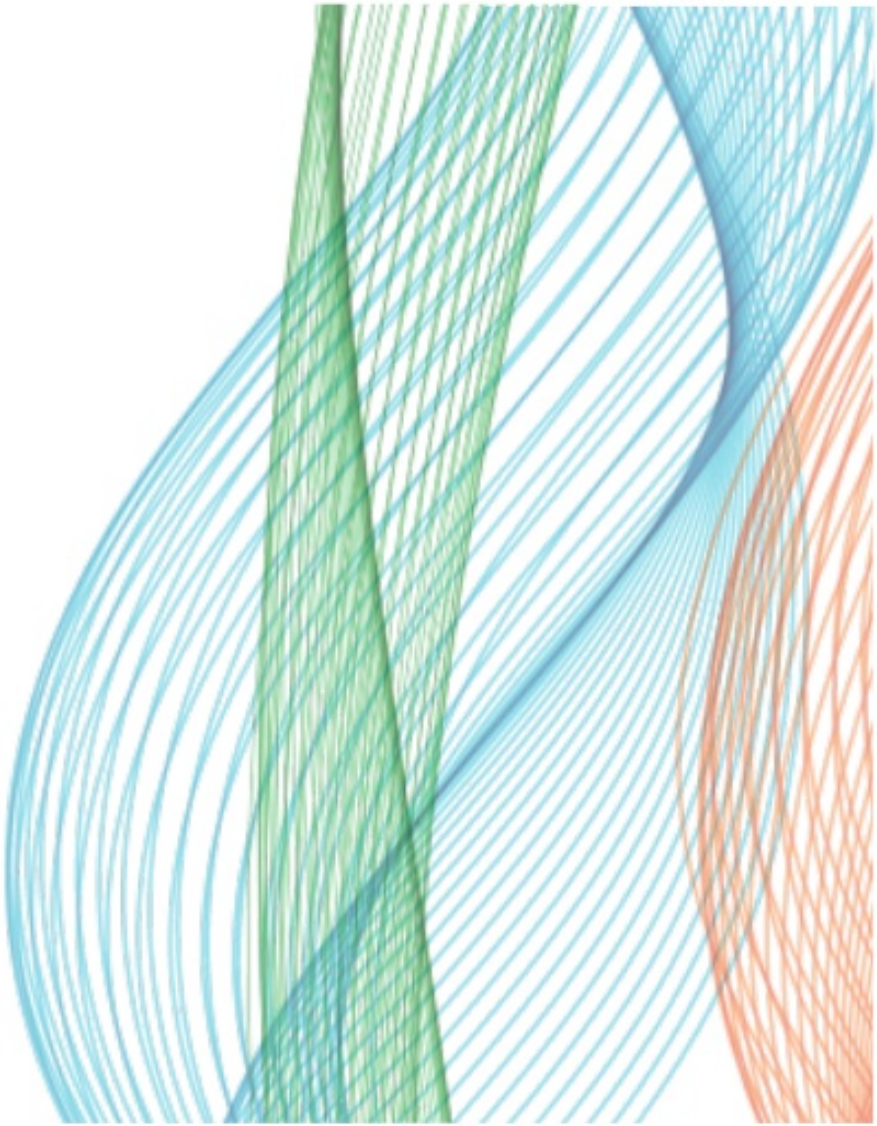
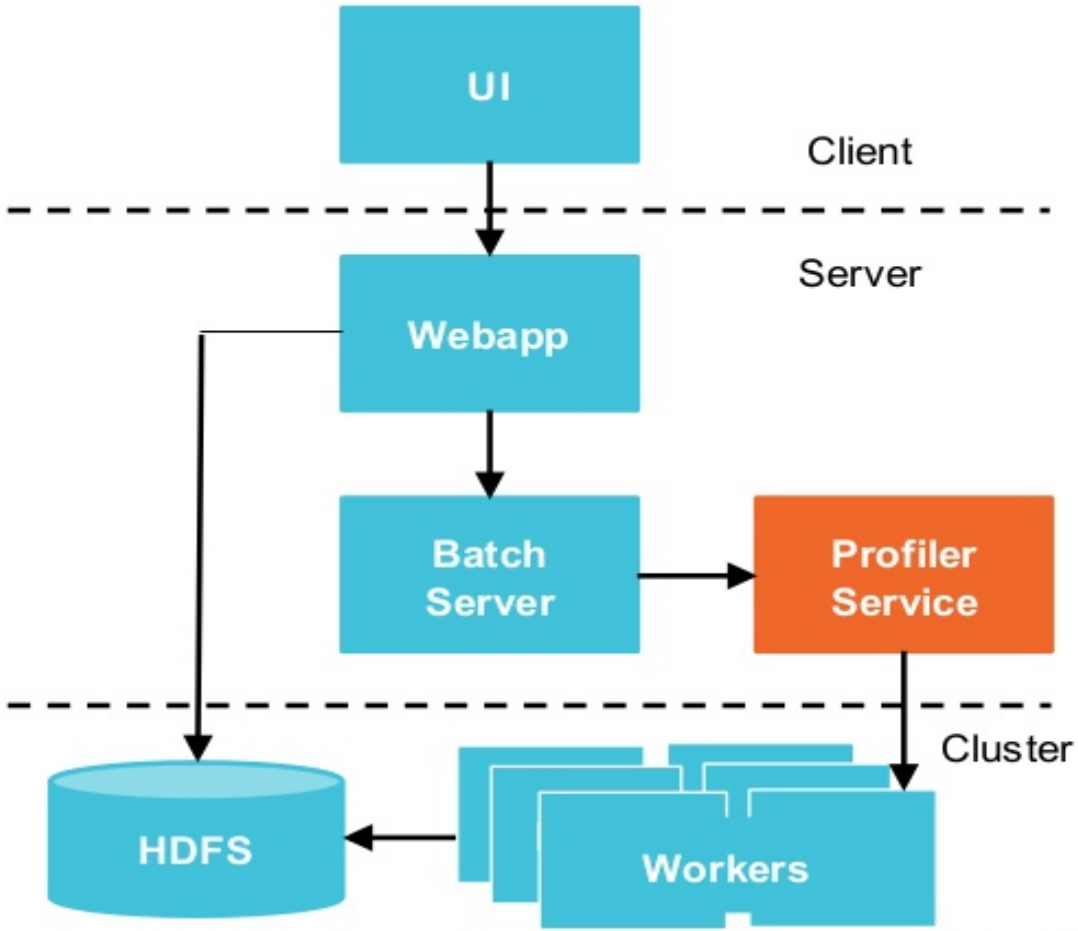


Why Spark

- Effective at OLAP
- Flexible enough for UDFs
- Not tied to distributions
- Mass adoption
- Low latency

Spark Profile Jobs Server

- We built a Spark job server
- Automatically profiles output of transform jobs
- Outputs profiling results to HDFS
- Renders graphs in Trifacta product



Profiler Service

- Which columns to profile and their types
- Uses Trifacta type system, eg:
  - Dates
  - Geography
  - User-defined
- Requested profiling statistics
  - Histograms
  - Outliers
  - Empty, invalid, valid
- Extensible
  - Pairwise statistics
  - User-defined functions

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Performance Improvements

Spark profiling speed-up vs. MapReduce

	Few Columns	Many Columns
High Cardinality	2X	4X
Low Cardinality	10X	20X

- A few troublesome use cases:
  - High cardinality
  - Non-distributive stats
- Huge gains for large numbers of columns

Pay-as-you-go Profiling

- Users do not always need profiles for all columns
- More complex and expensive statistics
- Drilldown
- Iterative exploration

Conclusion

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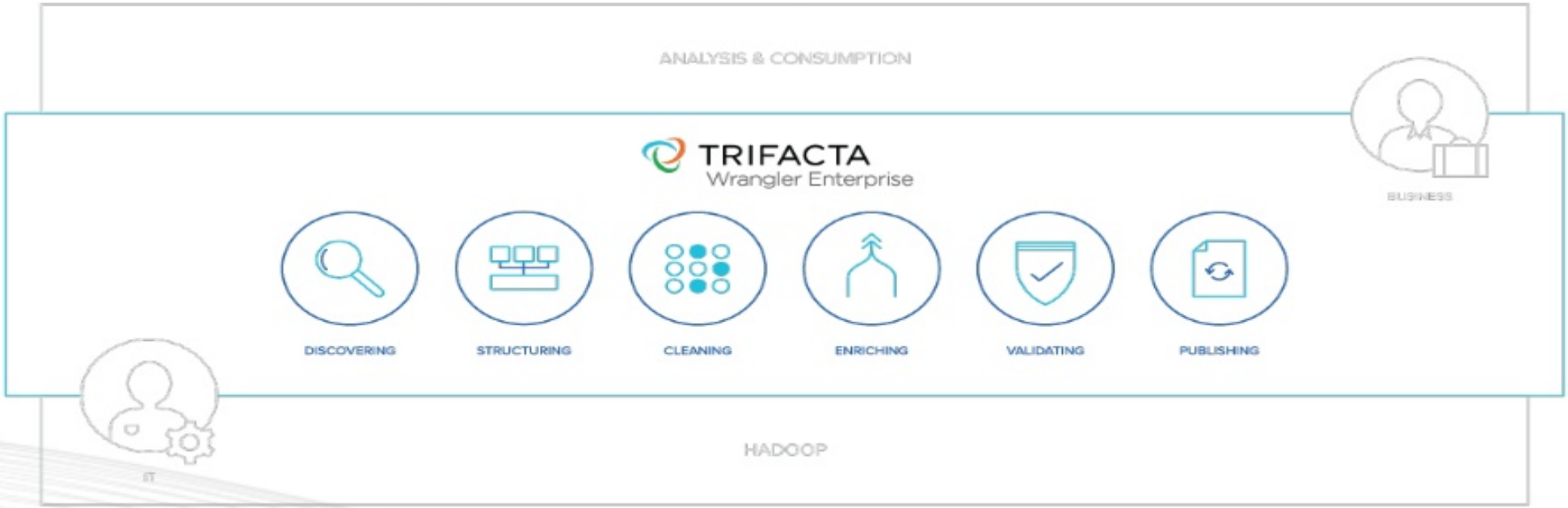

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