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# Anomaly In Stream

ROBUST RANDOM CUT FOREST BASED ANOMALY DETECTION ON STREAMS

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# 1 Intro

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2. Main challenge

# 1.1 Why Stream Data

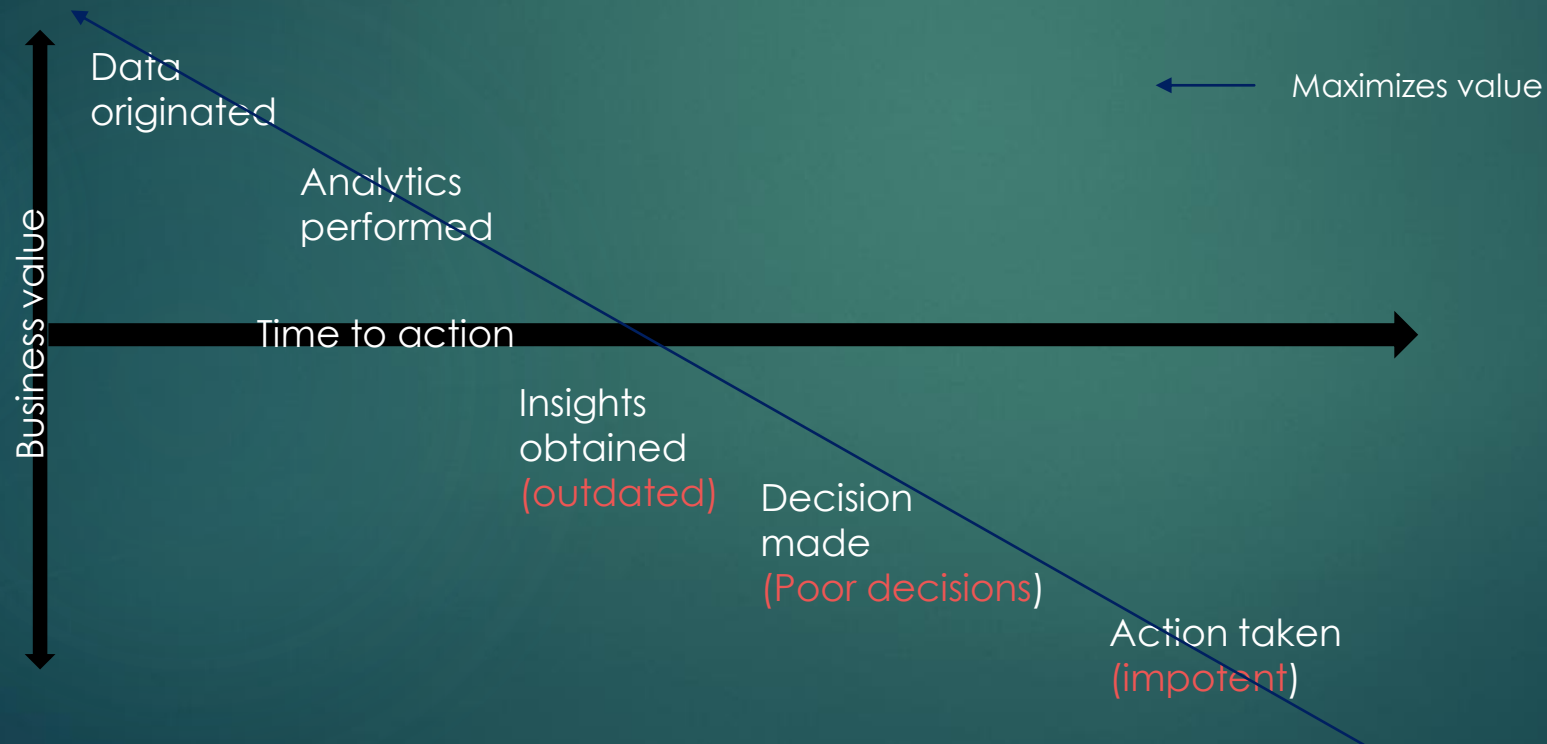
- ▶ All data originates in real time
  - ▶ Image segmentation, Language modeling
- ▶ Emerging explosion of IoT and internet, rejuvenated the well-studied problems such as anomaly detection
- ▶ We are dealing with it in everyday tasks



# 1.2 Main Challenge

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- ▶ **Insights are perishable**
- ▶ Batch analytics operations take too long



# 1.2 Main Challenge cont.

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- ▶ What we want:
  - ▶ Ingest data as it it's generated
  - ▶ Process data on the fly
  - ▶ Real time machine learning
- ▶ Robust Random Cut Forest

# 2 Study Case

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## 2.1 What Is Anomaly?

- ▶ Anomaly is an observation that diverges from otherwise well-structured data
  - ▶ Outlier, exception or anything that deviates from normal pattern
- ▶ Model based perspective: A point is anomaly, if it increases the complexity of model
  - ▶ In case of trees, creating new leaves in early stages
  - ▶ Far from what has been learned, easier isolation



## 2.2 Importance of Anomaly Detection

- ▶ Anomalies need to be responded fast and accurately
  - ▶ A anomalous behavior in a patience gathered from their smart watch
  - ▶ Finding a failure in network systems
  - ▶ ...

## 2.3 Synopsis of input data

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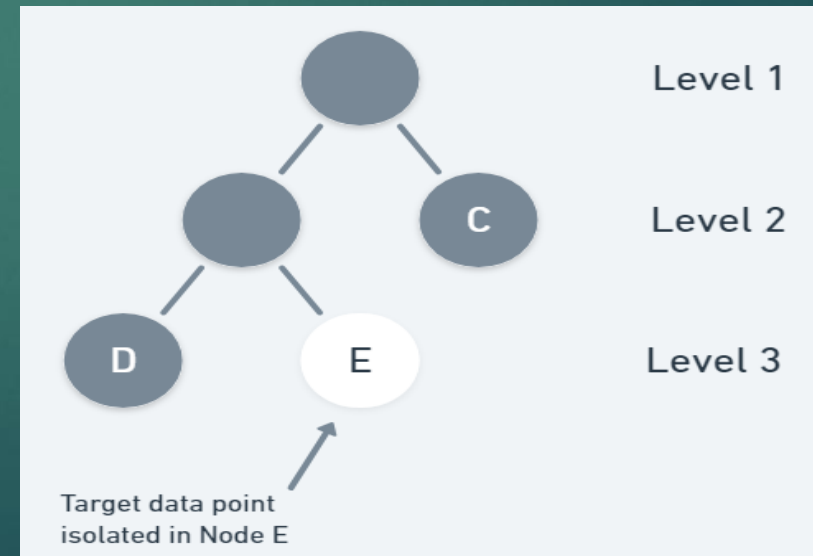
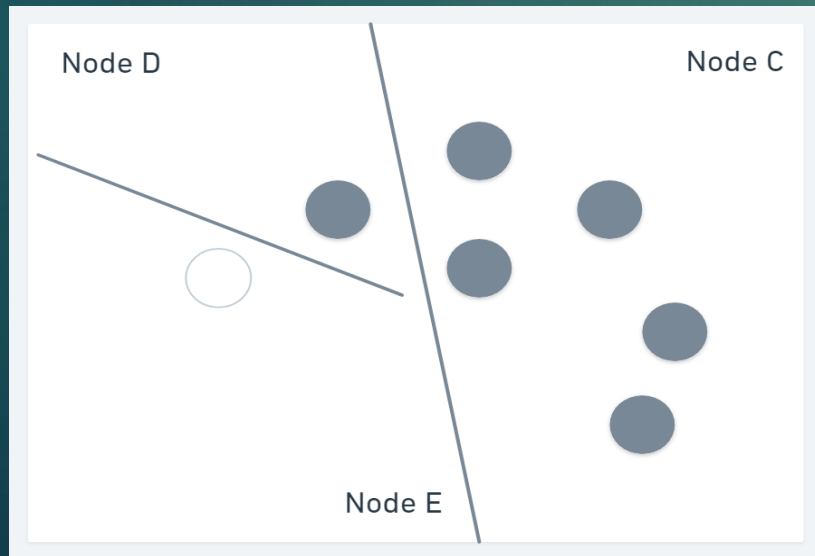
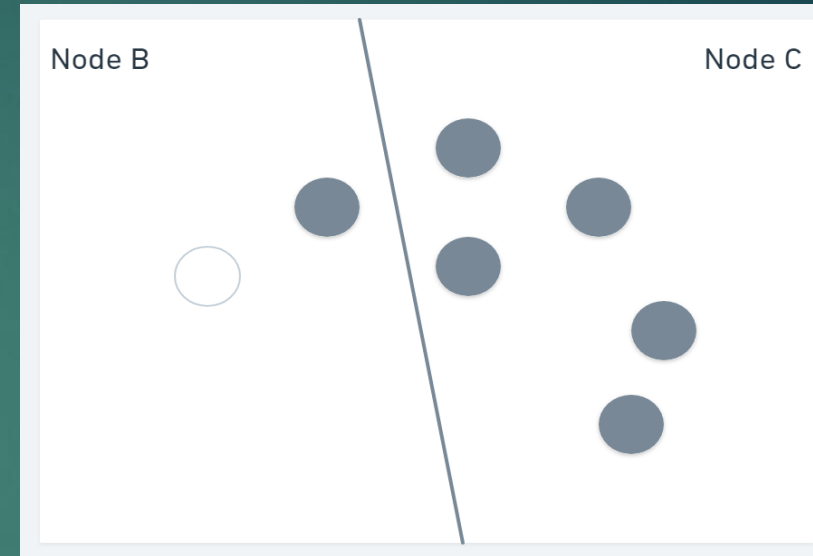
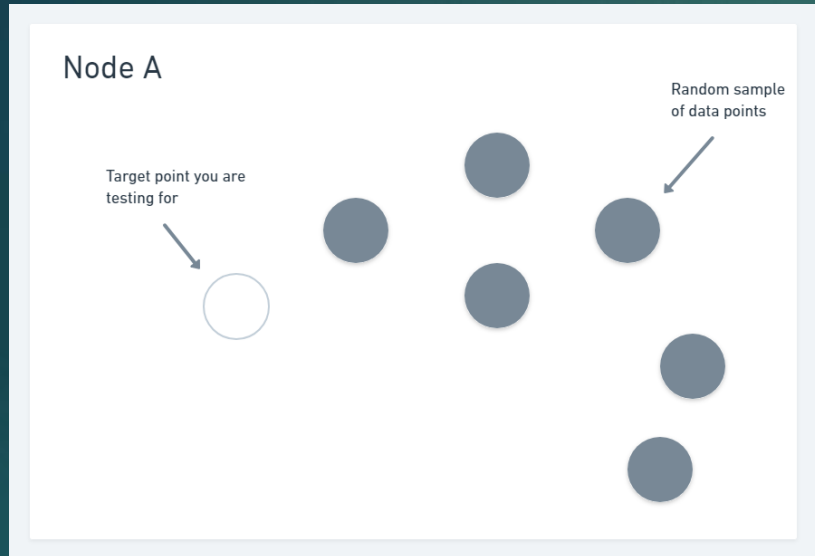
## 2.3.1 Algorithm

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- ▶ RRCT
  - ▶ Unsupervised
  - ▶ Very fast on high dimensional data
- ▶ A **R**obust **R**andom **C**ut **T**ree on point set  $S$ 
  - ▶ Choose a random dimension proportional to:
$$\frac{l_i}{\sum_j l_j}$$
where  $l_i = \max(x_i) - \min(x_i)$
  - ▶ Choose  $X_i \sim \text{uniform}(\min(x_i), \max(x_i))$
  - ▶ Let  $S_1 = \{x | x \in S, x_i < X_i\}$  and  $S_2 = \frac{S}{S_1}$  and recurse on  $S_1$  and  $S_2$

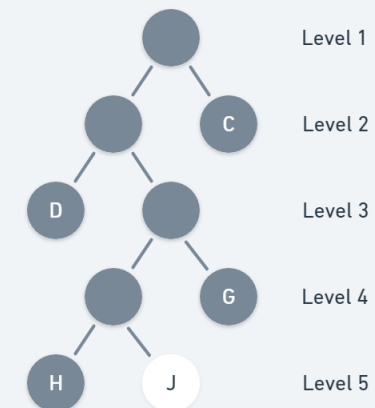
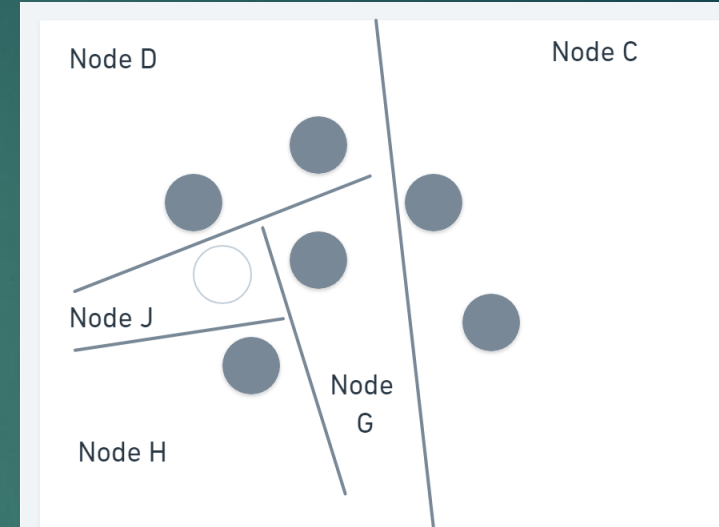
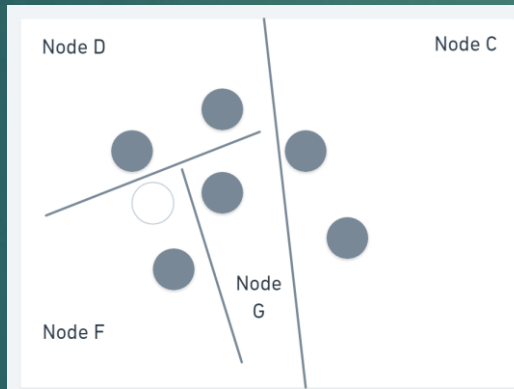
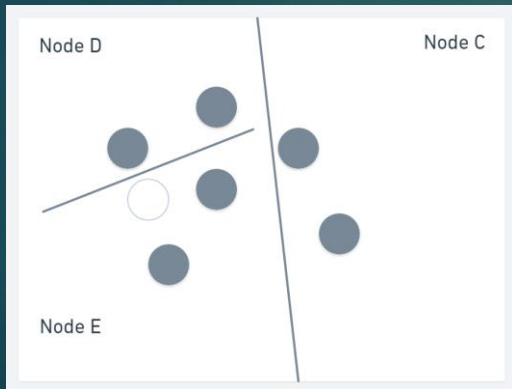
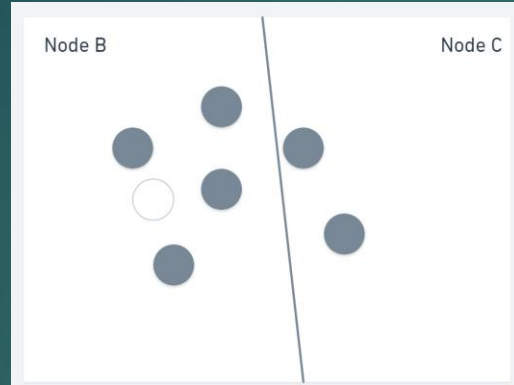
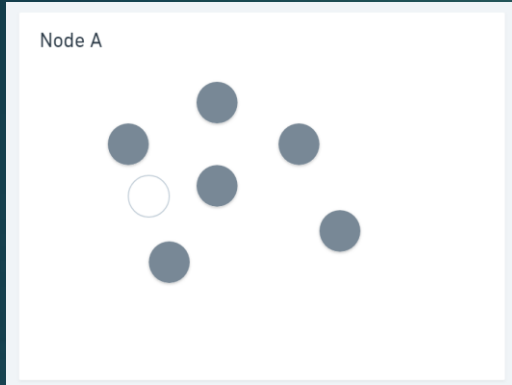
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## 2.3.3 Definition of Anomaly in RCF

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- ▶ Anomaly points are isolated much faster and they will be on top of the tree
- ▶ The points near the root will get higher score
- ▶ The score is distance based, so the points far from normal clusters get higher score (nearer to root)
  - ▶ So a point will be anomaly if it increases the size of tree profoundly.
- ▶ Same idea has been used for test
  - ▶ If test node is near to root, then it is probably an anomaly
- ▶ If a point is far in from data in N-dim data, it will be as far relatively in RCF

## 2.3.4 Classic Shortcomings

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- ▶ Classic approaches such as thresholding peaks for detecting anomalies were not successful
  - ▶ Could not be adopted from one task to another
  - ▶ Could not fit the nature of stream data
  - ▶ It needed expert which is against the automation!

## 2.4 Updating synopsis efficiently

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- ▶ If we delete a node containing a isolated point  $x$ , and its parent, then the resulting tree has the same probability if it is being drawn without  $x$
- ▶ By extending previous theorem, we can construct a tree without  $x$  but by adding it after construction.
- ▶ Typically, if we build a tree and insert a node and then delete it again, the result will be almost the same and preserves the distribution.
- ▶ This enables the adaption in stream learning



## 2.4 Updating synopsis efficiently cont.

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- ▶ We can maintain a random tree over  $s$  sample set even as the sample is updated dynamically for streaming data using sublinear update time  $O(d|S|)$
- ▶ For sliding window over data, we can think of removing a node and adding other nodes.
  - ▶ Removing nodes can be done by deleting nodes with lower priority
  - ▶ As we do this uniformly, we can think of last recently used as the choice.
- ▶ Based on the theorem in previous slide, we can efficiently answer this question that what would happen if we add arbitrary point  $p$  but constructing its tree.
  - ▶ Inserting is like constructing the tree with  $p$  from the beginning.

## 2.5 Ensemble of RRCTs

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- ▶ Those theorems can be expanded to include in ensemble case:
  - ▶ The probability of choosing a random cut that splits  $S$  is exactly same as the conditional probability of choosing a random cut that splits  $S \cup \{p\}$  conditioned on not isolating  $p$  from all points of  $S$
  - ▶ Insertion, deletion also follow same definitions

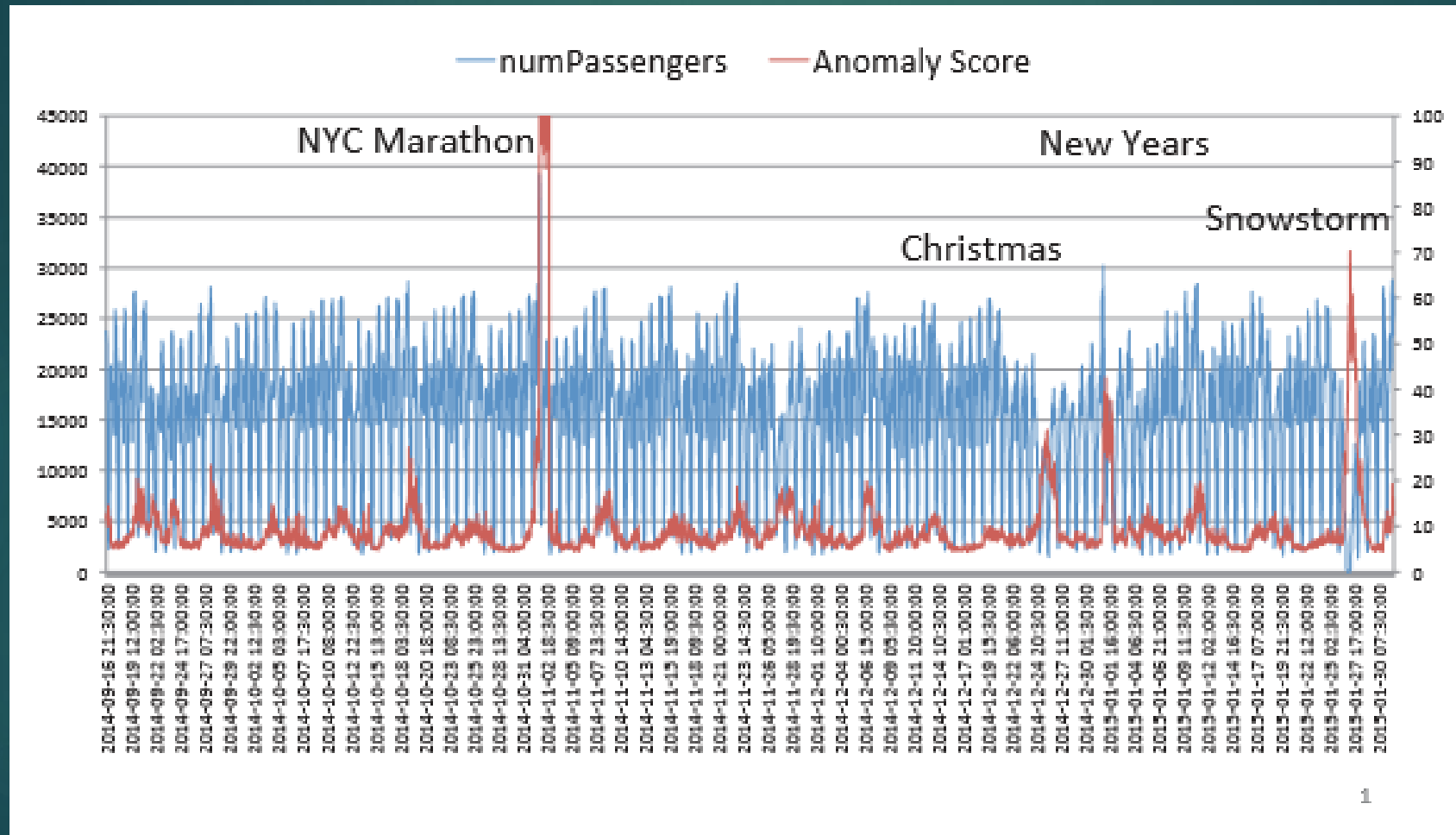
## 2.6 Viability

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- ▶ New York taxi ridership
- ▶ Shingling data
  - ▶ Each time stamp as a different feature for a window with stride of 1
  - ▶ It can capture typical shape, any departure can be interpreted as anomaly
- ▶ Data collected for 7 months
- ▶ Data is 1-dimensional but by shingling, they include current day and last day, so 48 dimensions
- ▶ Special days as anomaly
- ▶ Accuracy 96 and AUC 0.9

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- ▶ Amazon SageMaker: A production level implementation of RCF, currently available in AWS clouds using native implementation
  - ▶ [Link to official docs](#)
  - ▶ [Official open source project on Github](#)

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