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Energy Analytics Optimization

- **We are a Research & Software Development firm**
- **We help companies find and create value with their data using mathematics and computer science techniques**

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- II. What is Big Data & Analytics?**
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WATER WORKS

If player lands on water works,
they pay nothing to owner.

Instead, the player pays ₦250
to the owner of the electric company
to give them electricity to pump water.



ELECTRIC COMPANY

If player lands on electric company,
charge them anything between
₦150 and ₦500.

Whenever you feel like it,
randomly charge them ₦2000.

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 - Asset based competitive advantage
 - **Monopolies**



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- **Energy markets are next!**
 - I. The data is being stored
 - II. Sufficient processing power is now available
 - III. Markets are becoming integrated

Big Data & Analytics

- As energy markets continue to become more global, the competitive advantage from analytics will continue to grow
 - increased integration of global energy markets
 - new pipelines, transmission, energy technologies
 - growing amounts of data
 - increased competition and demand response
 - integration with financial markets
- *The future of strategic discussions will include include data analytics and algorithms as being competitive advantages*



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What is Big Data & Analytics?

What is “Big Data & Analytics”

- “Big” is relative
 - data starts to become big when you can’t make use of the raw data without summarizing it
- Three types of analytics
 1. Descriptive
 2. Predictive
 3. Prescriptive

Analytics: Descriptive

- Most data in its raw form is not suitable for human consumption
- Data must be condensed into useful pieces of information
- The purpose of descriptive analytics is to summarize what has happened
- The focus is on learning about your data (data discovery)
- 80% of business analytics is descriptive (think about your BI reports)

Analytics: Descriptive

- Averages, variance, correlations, principle components, distributions and summary statistics are all descriptive
- They help you learn about your data, but are not in themselves, predictive or prescriptive
- Example: How do interest rates, spot prices and volatility move together?

Analytics: Predictive

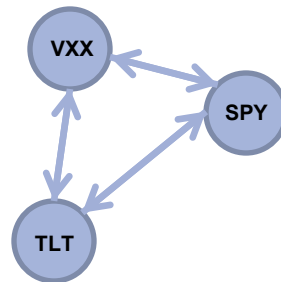
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- Model building is a big part of predictive analytics
 - Statistical models, data mining, machine learning, time-series, monte-carlo simulation, forecasting, neural nets are all predictive
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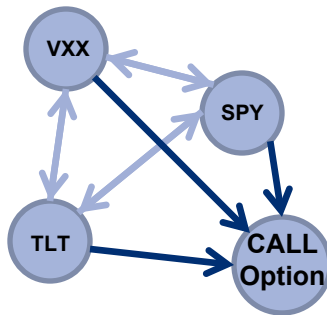
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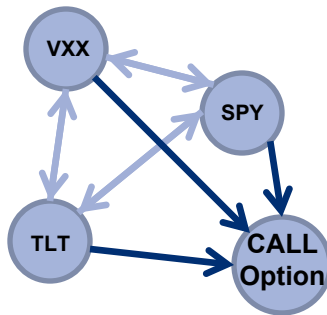
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 - *And possible future option values*



Analytics: Prescriptive

- Using our data, descriptive analytics and predictive models
 - We can prescribe an action that best achieves an objective
- Prescriptive analytics needs “actionable data”
 - What actions can be taken that affect outcomes?
 - **What are the objectives?**

Minimize risk?
Maximize reward?
Maximize Sharpe ratio?

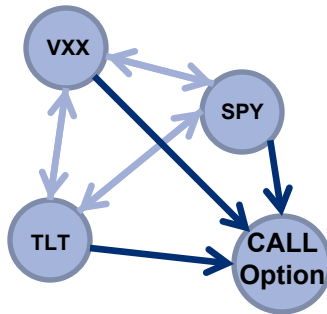


Analytics: Prescriptive

- Example: Actions to hedge a call option
 - We have the data for interest rates, spot prices & volatility
 - We have a predictive model for an option price
 - Objective: Maximize return per unit of risk

Dynamic hedging is a prescriptive strategy

- *delta / gamma hedge*
- *hedge greek exposures*



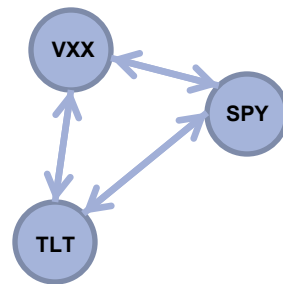


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A “small” Big Data & Analytics example

A Portfolio Trading example

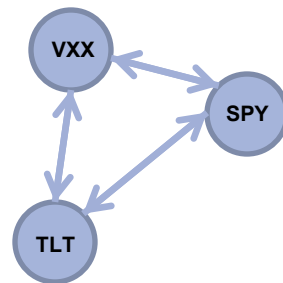
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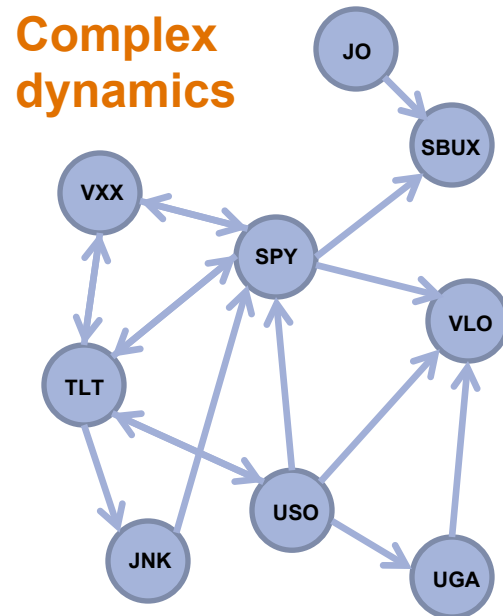
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How can we methodically construct a trading strategy?

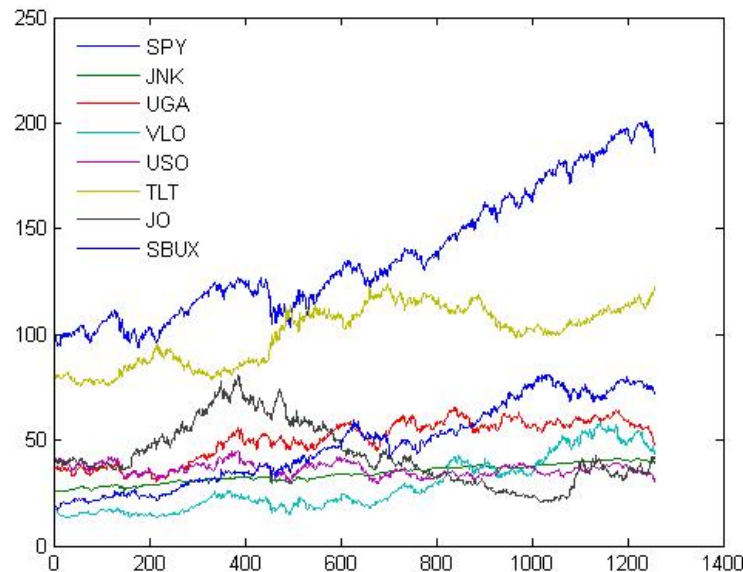
Descriptive

Mini universe of 8 stocks and ETFs

Calculate:

- means, variances
- correlations, autocorrelations
- principle components

Discover features about this dataset



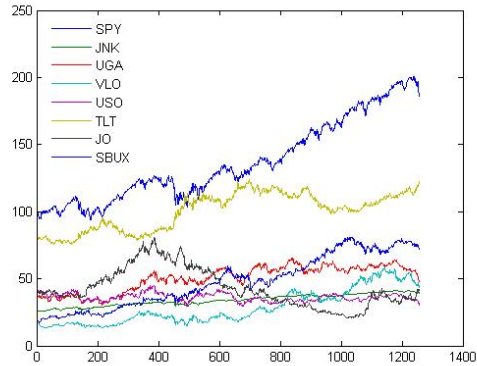
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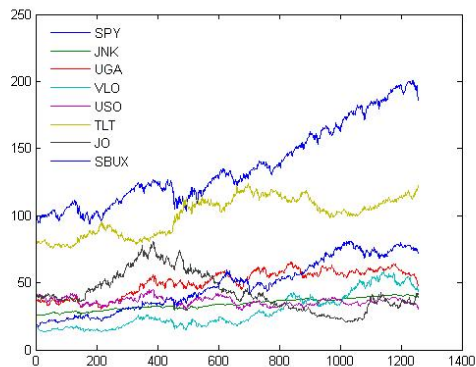
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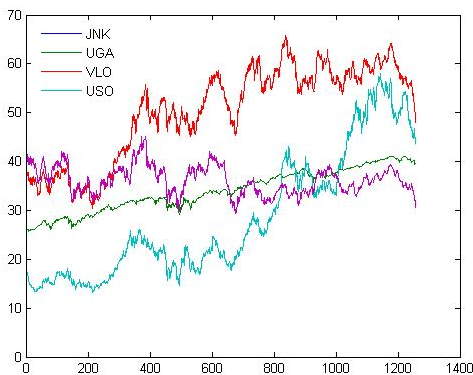


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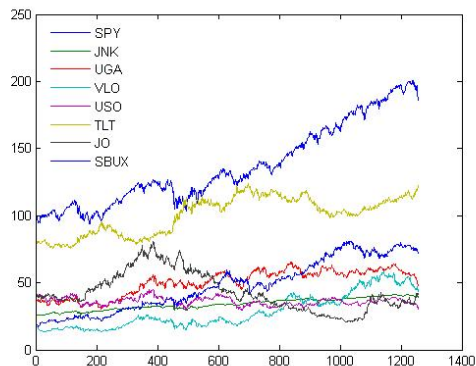


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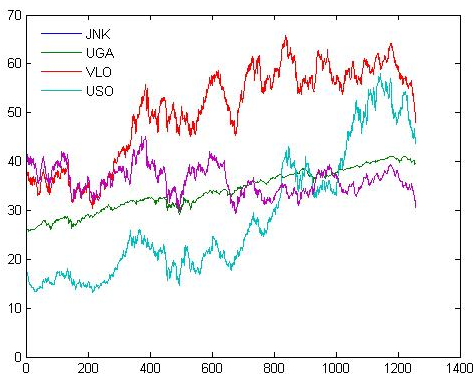


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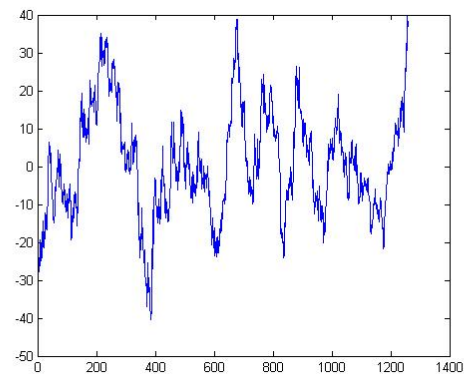
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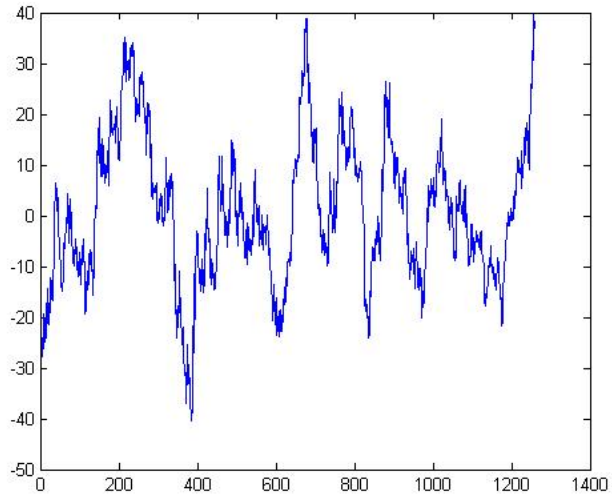
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Cointegrated
portfolio allocation

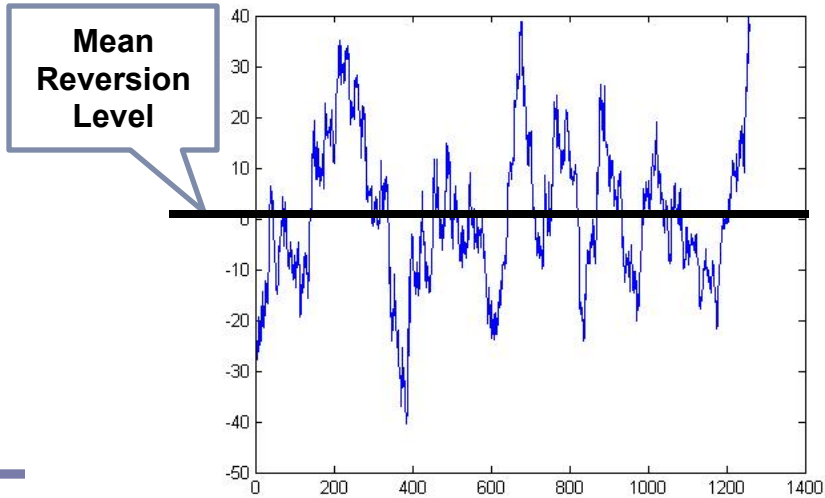
1. long 7.0136 shares of JNK @ \$40.31 = \$282.72
2. short 2.0775 shares of UGA @ \$48.87 = (\$101.53)
3. short 1.2010 shares of VLO @ \$48.36 = (\$58.08)
4. short 2.7351 shares of USO @ \$30.64 = (\$83.80)

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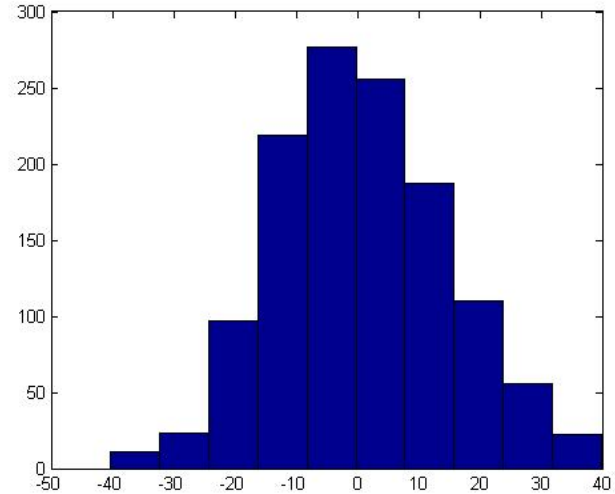


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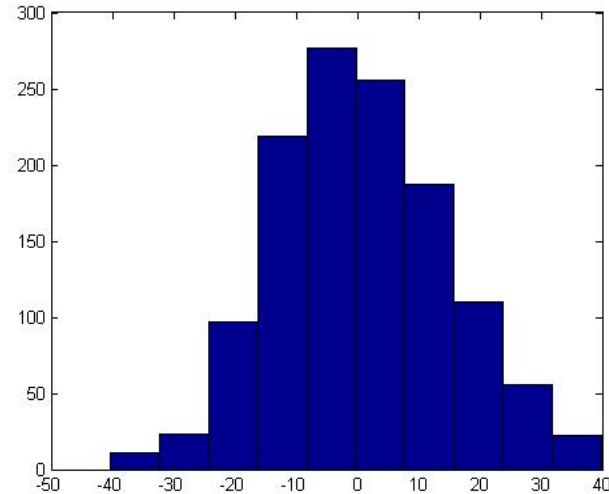
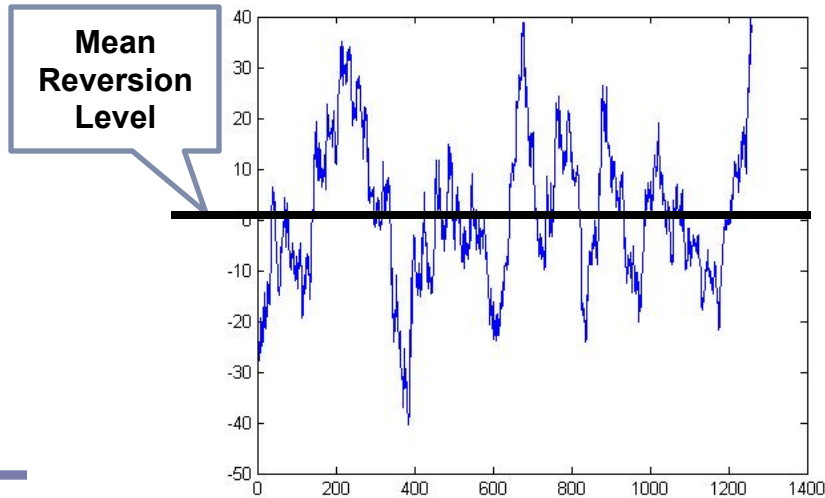


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Distribution of the net portfolio value over the 5 years

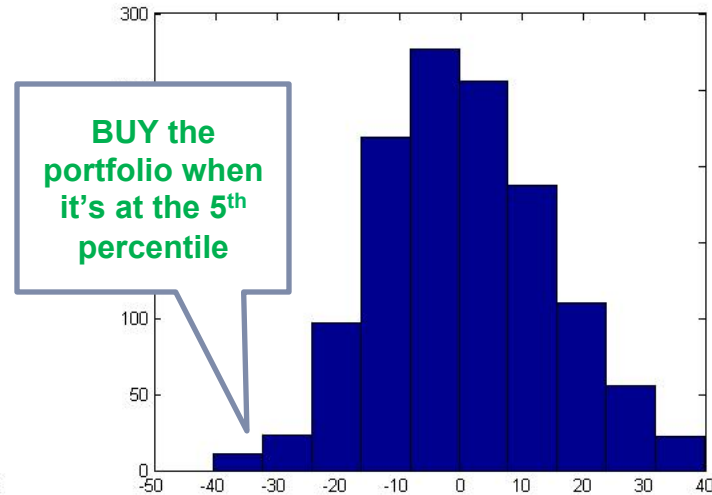
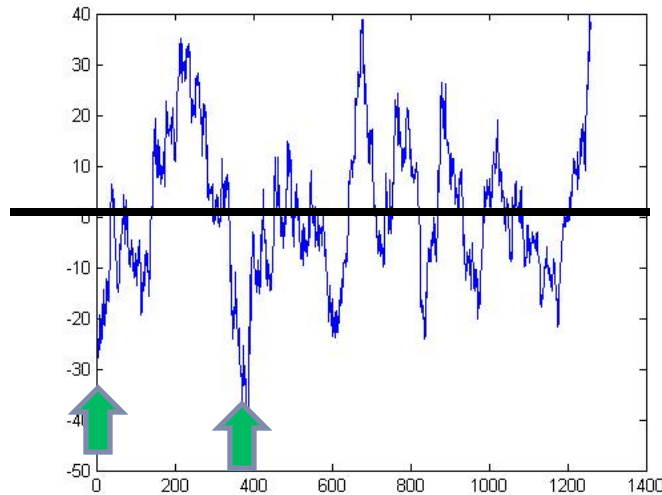
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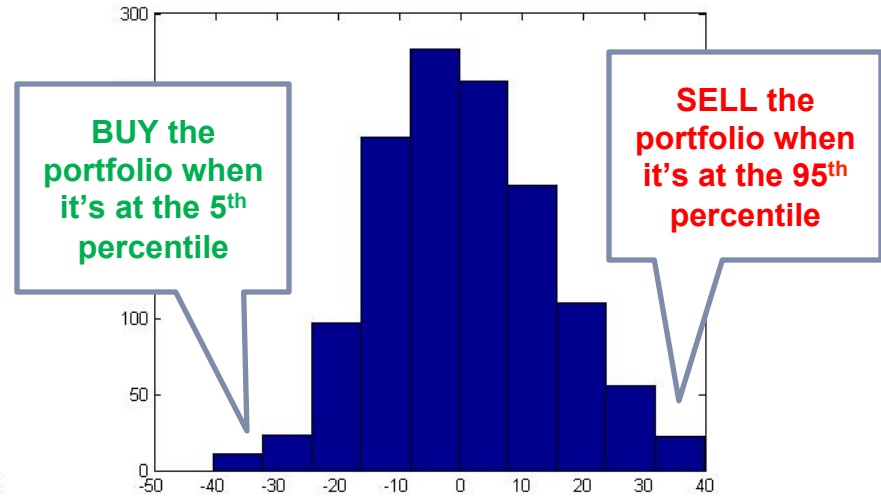
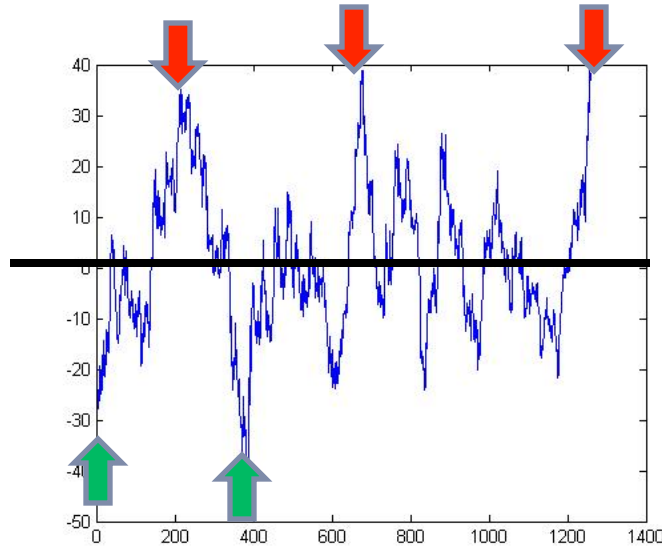
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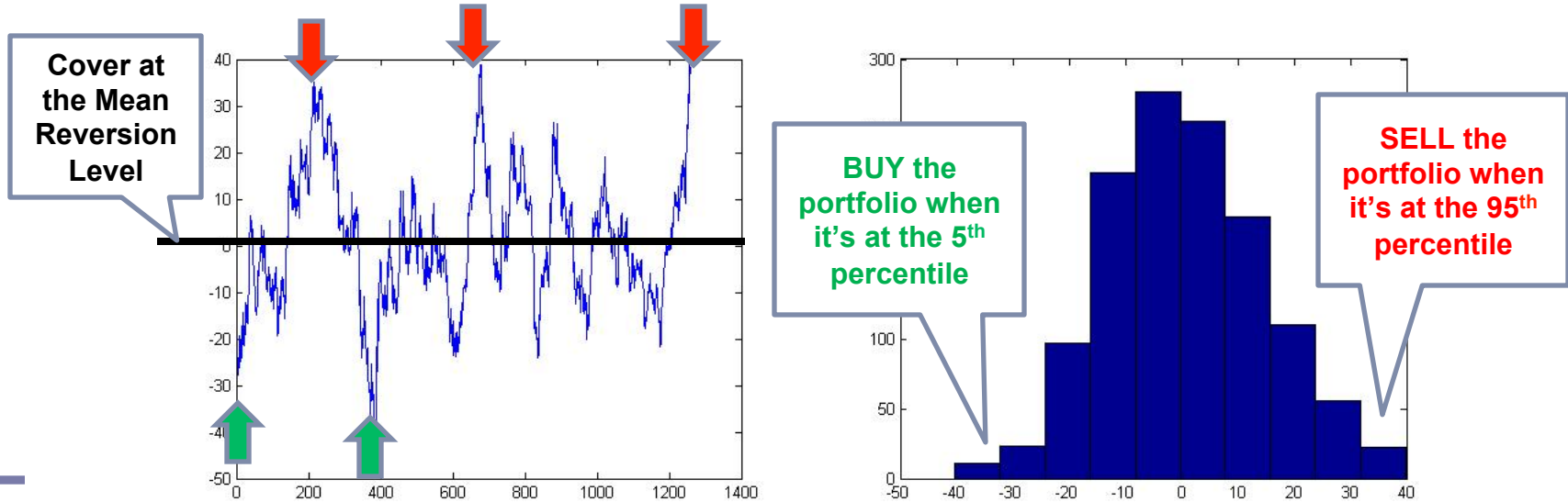
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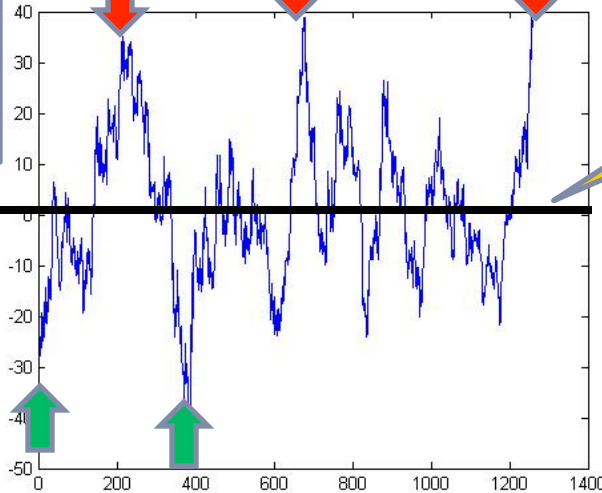
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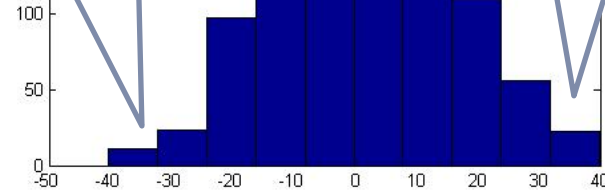
Prescriptive

*Come back and ask me
what happened in 6
months!*

Cover at
the Mean
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BUY the
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SELL the
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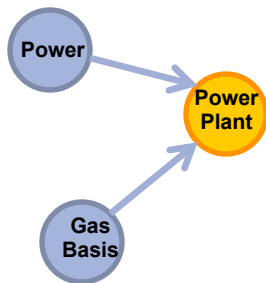
Big Data, Analytics and Energy Markets

Energy Market Big Data Analytics

- Modeling energy markets is a difficult and complex problem
 - complex distributions
 - large constrained optimization problems
 - market feedback loops
- Problems in energy markets, get very big, very fast!

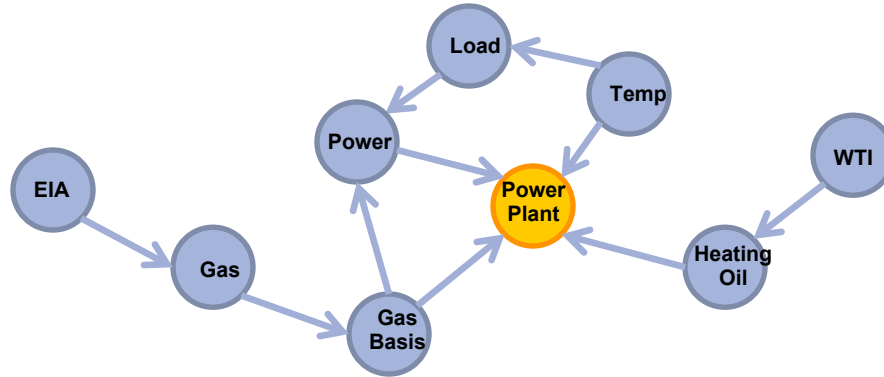
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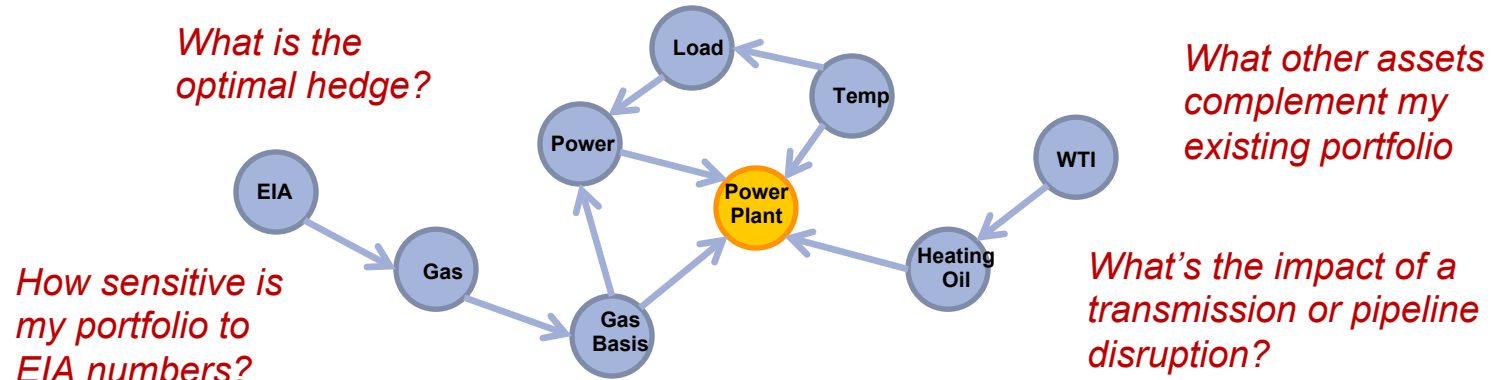
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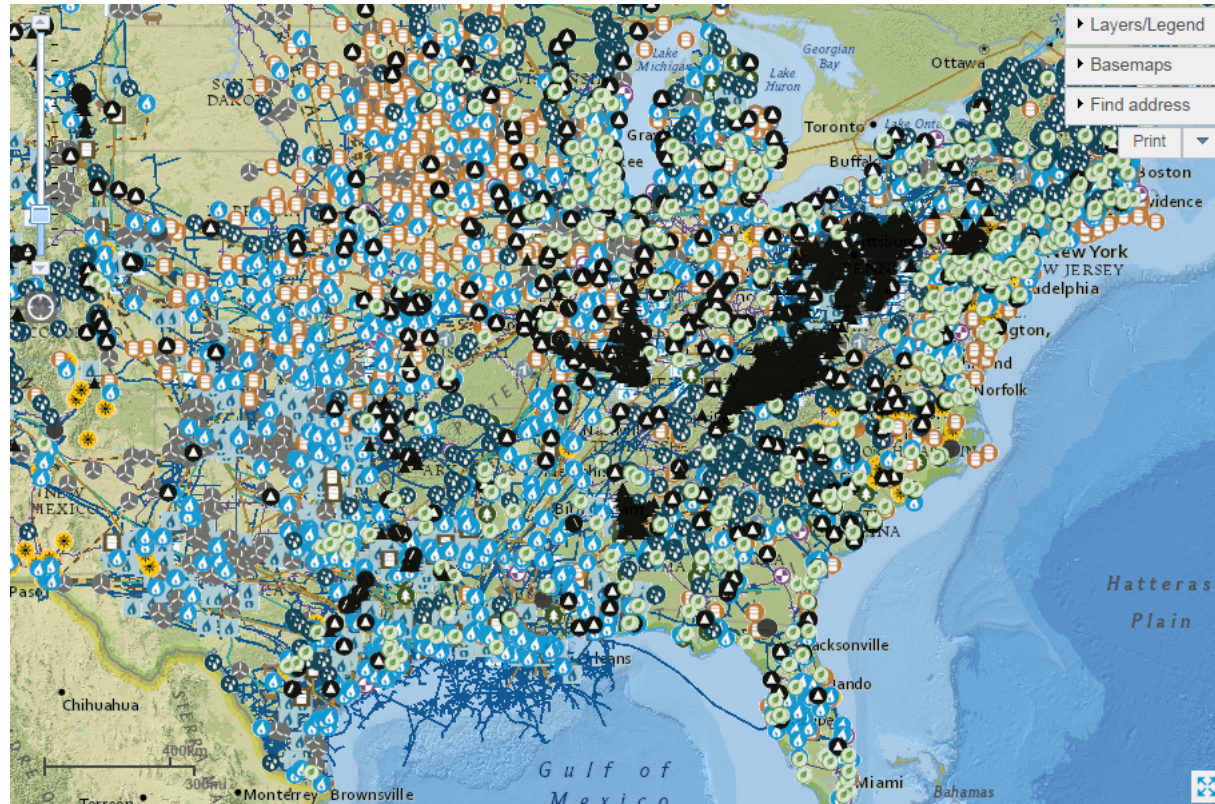
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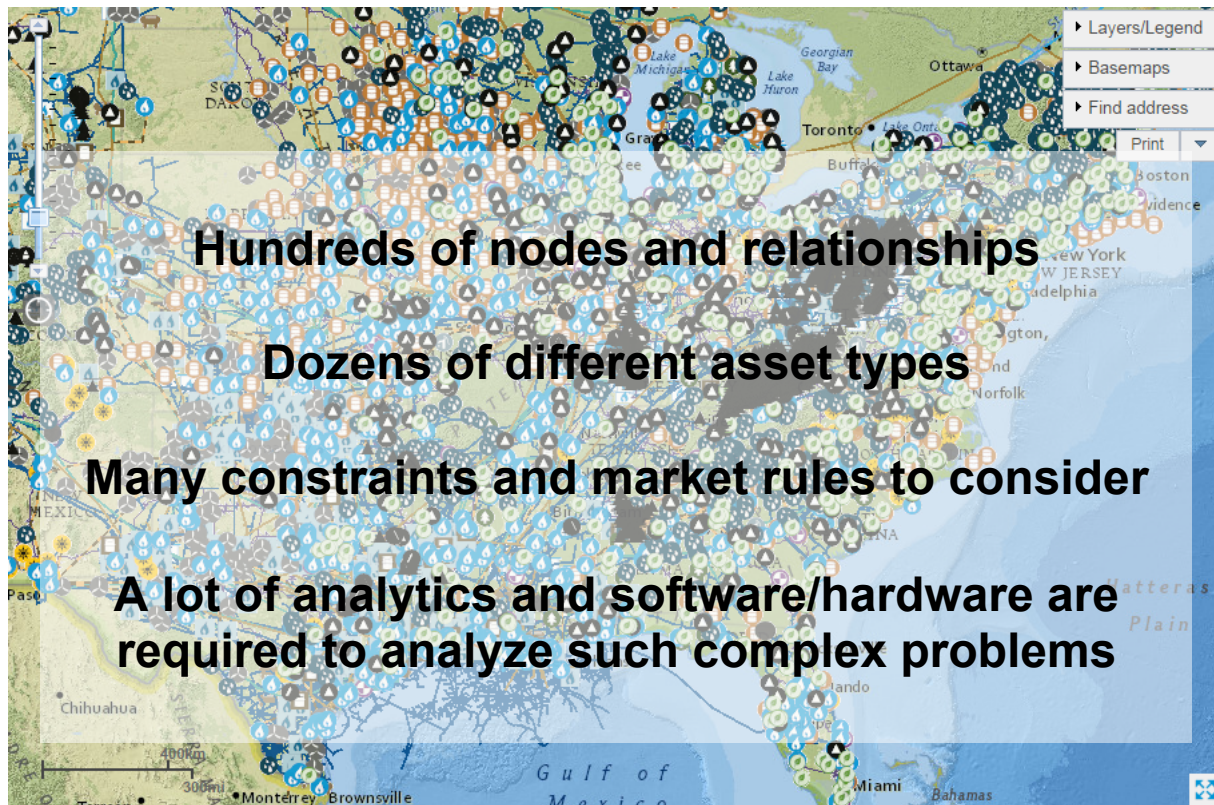


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The “Real” World



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Energy Market Big Data Analytics

- Even the largest problems can still be broken down
 - Use an analytics based approach to simplify the problems
 - Include top down quantitative methods with bottoms up fundamental based modeling
 - Leverage “Big Data” technology once its needed
 - Hadoop (reading / writing)
 - Distributed and cloud computing (large scale computations)

Hadoop and distributed / cloud technologies can be extremely powerful in helping you solve large problems



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Gaining Adoption

- Gaining adoption can be difficult at first
- Start with small, easy to handle projects
 - Try descriptive analytics first
- Focus on solving specific problems first to show ROI
- Share results often and invite feedback
 - Incorporate feed back and use rapid prototyping
- Teach & **collaborate!**

Resources

- Free online courses
 - [coursera.org](https://www.coursera.org)
 - [udacity.com](https://www.udacity.com)
- Open source software options
 - www.mysql.com
 - hadoop.apache.org
 - www.r-project.org
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 - Javascript libraries
- Commercial software options
 - www.tableausoftware.com
 - Matlab
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QUESTIONS?

