

#### quantmod + xts

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The Basics

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chartSeries

#### barChart



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Zoomed to "last 3 months"



#### Switch to candlesticks



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addChVol	addDEMA	addDPO	addEMA	addEMV
addEnvelope	addEVWMA	addExpiry	addKST	addLines
addMACD	addMFI	addMomentum	addOBV	addPoints
addROC	addRSI	addSAR	addSMA	addSMI
addShading	addTDI	addTRIX	addVo	addVolatility
addWMA	addWPR	addZLEMA	addZigZag	and more!

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# Easy to add to charts

addEnvelope		
addMACD		
addROC		
addShading		
addWMA		

#### Start with a chart of AAPL (in happier times)

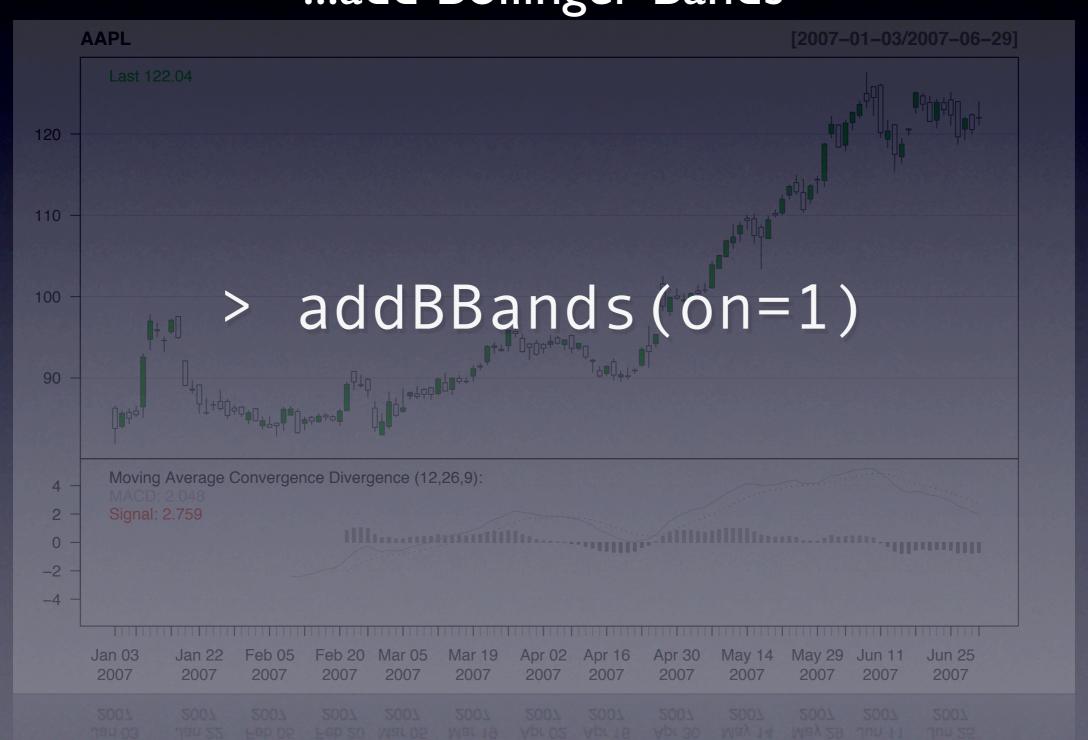


...add Moving Average Convergence Divergence





#### ...add Bollinger Bands



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#### One main series



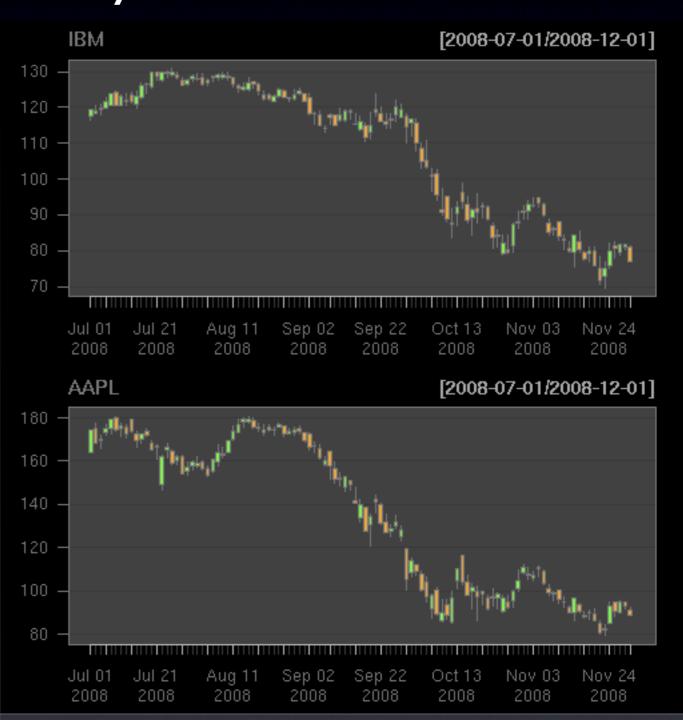
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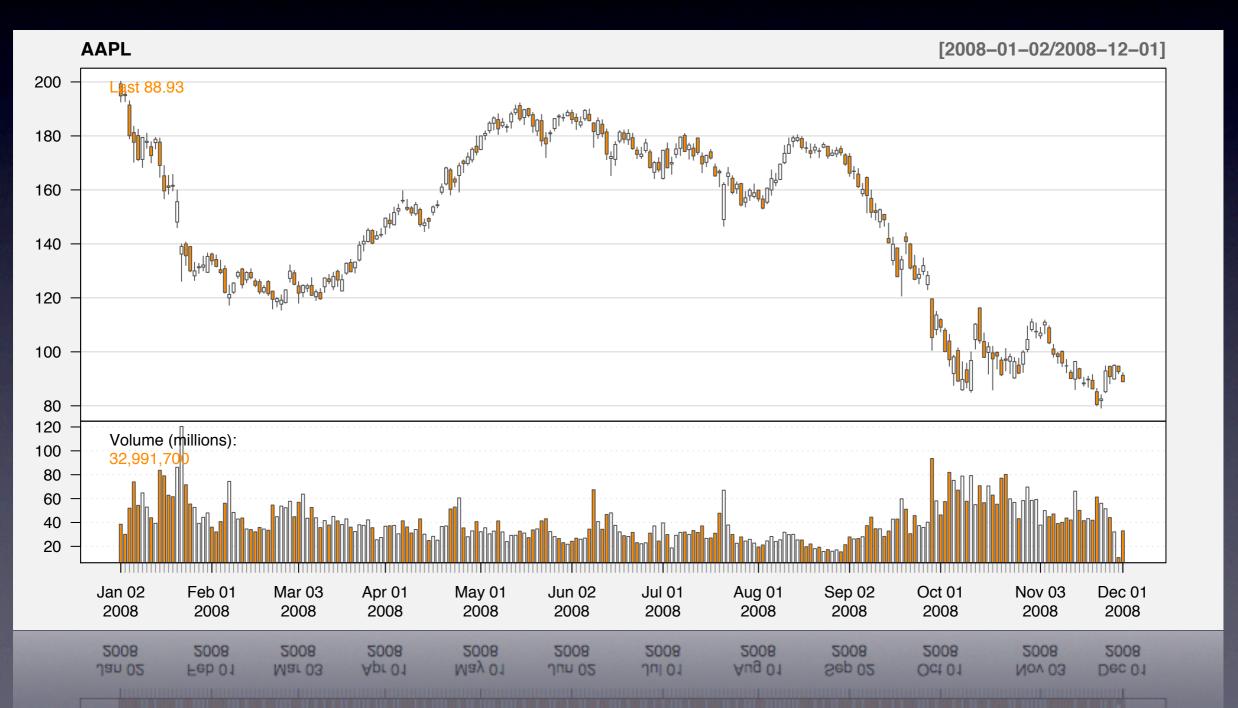
addTA

add xtsible or raw data directly to a chart

newTA

create a new TA function like the built-in ones

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#### with our own RSI

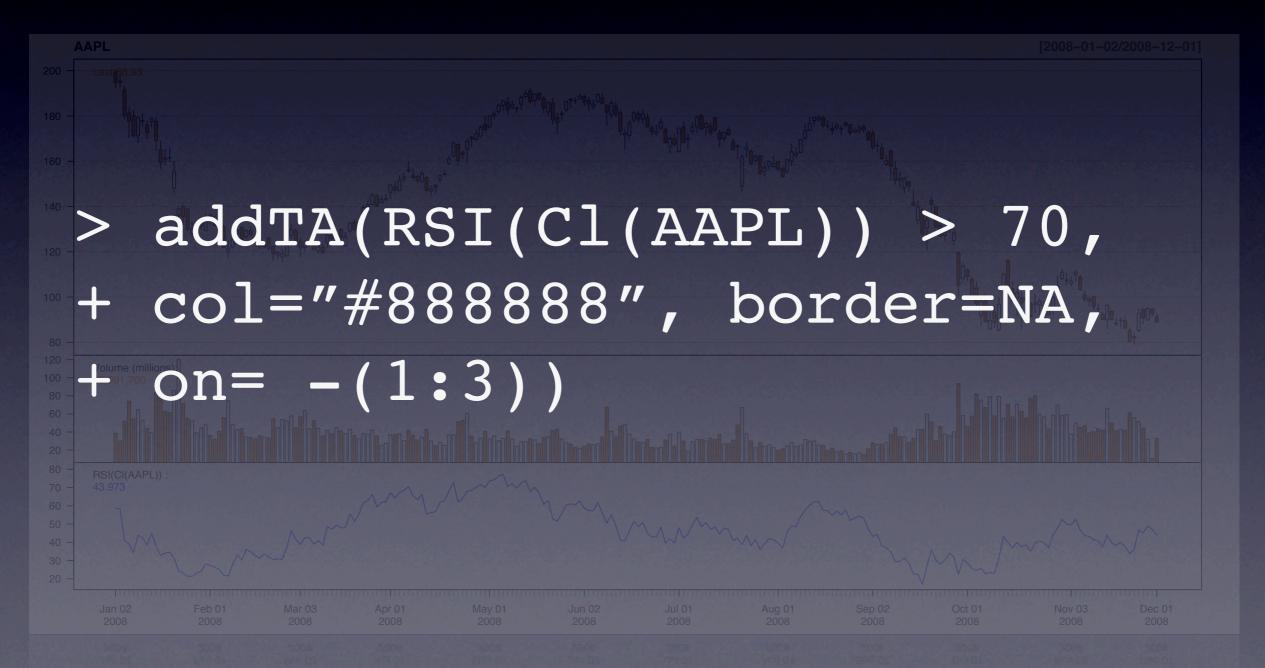


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Pass a logical vector to addTA











### Bands are automatically created!



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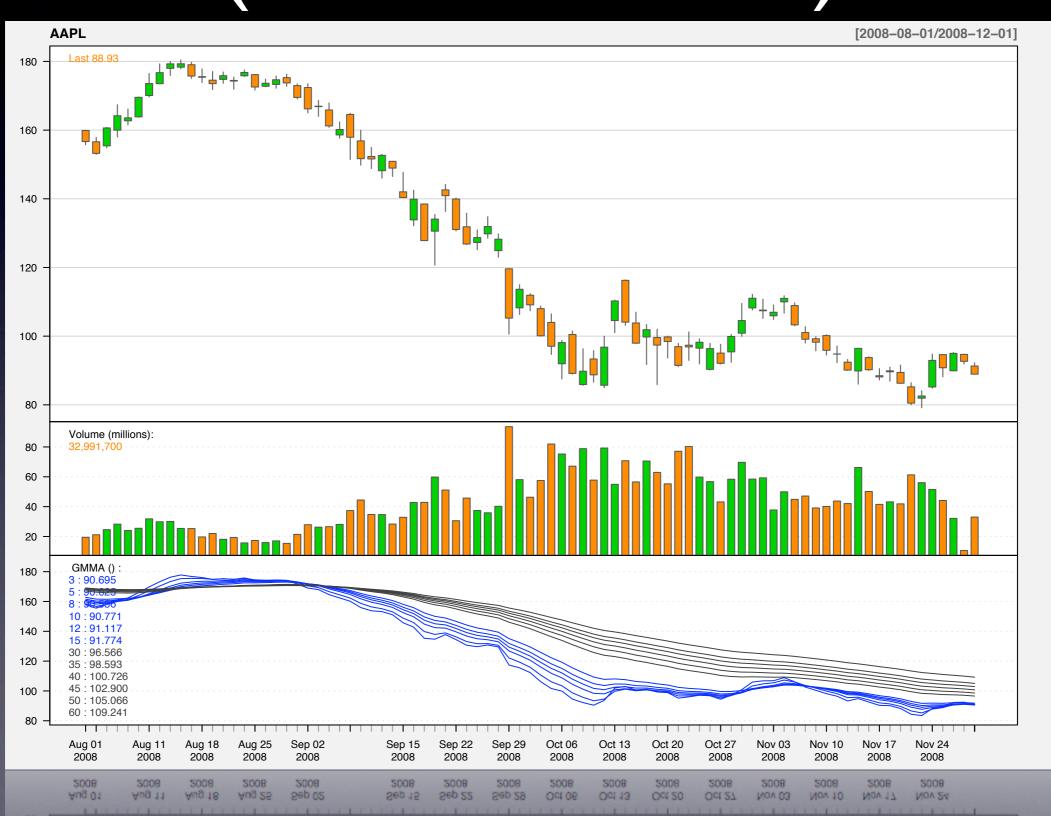
GMMA
Guppy Multiple Moving Average

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candleChart(AAPL); addGuppy()



The Future

book/depth data 2D/3D/4D

option surfaces/payoffs

real-time updating...

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New Release 0.6-2!

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A: xts is a matrix plus a time index. (formally extending zoo)

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New features for 0.6-2

### Internal Structure Changes

- index is now POSIXct representation (int or double)
- index class is preserved and used for index(), as well as for printing, and conversion with as.
- xts.compat.zoo.lag global option

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#### Performance Benchmarks\*

	matrix	vector	ts	timeSeries	fts	zoo/xts	xts (0.6-2)
construct	0.052	0.537	0.022	65.00*	0.128	1.032	0.055
subset by time	0.130	0.132	0.003	103.40*	0.247	0.453	0.007
merge/cbind*	0.031*	0.031	0.257	170.00*	1.146*	16.77	0.052
rbind	0.05	0.035	0.024	0.30**	1.853	9.527	0.048
diff	0.164	0.205	1.049	56.35*	0.133	11.49	0.053
lag	0.047	0.052	0.016	57.55*	0.024	1.226	0.024
x + x	0.018	0.028	1.068	0.270*	1.403	8.920	0.018
x + x[-1]	error	error	error	error	1.403	9.200	0.089

<sup>\*</sup> memory limits limited timeSeries objects to 100,000 obs, so these are extrapolated timings results in an *unordered* time series \*cbind for fts

<sup>\*</sup> timing on a very modest 2.2 GHz MacBook with 2GB RAM calling: .xts(1:1e6L, 1:1e6L)

#### New C level API

- Access xts functionality from C code linked to R
- Worked package example installed in api\_example/
- #include "xts.h" & linkingTo in DESCRIPTION

#### Future Direction

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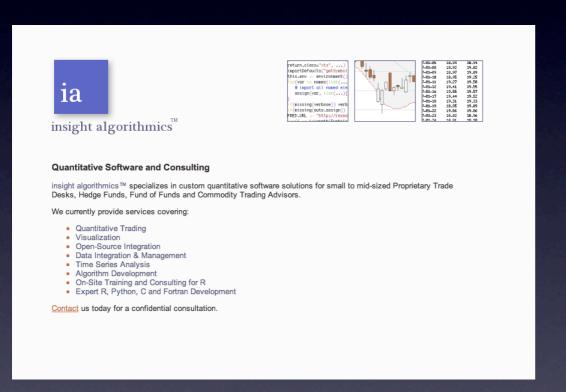
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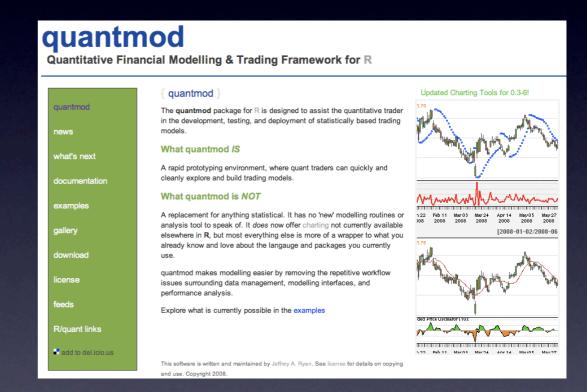
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- support for <u>data.table</u>, <u>bigmemory</u> or <u>ff</u> in place of matrix objects

# More Information

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