# Multi-Stage Ensemble and Feature Engineering for MOOC **Dropout Prediction**

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# **ABSTRACT**

In this paper, we present the winning solution of KDD Cup 2015, where participants are asked to predict dropouts in a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) platform. Our approach demonstrates best practices in feature engineering dealing with complex real world data, and pushes forward the state-of-the-art ensemble technique. We began with feature engineering and extracted XXX and YYY features from raw student activity logs, course enrollment, and course material data. Then, we trained 64 classifiers with 8 different algorithms and different subsets of extracted features. Lastly, we blended predictions of classifiers with the multistage ensemble framework. Our final solution achieved AUC scores of 0.90918 and 0.90744 on the public and private leaderboards respectively, and put us to the 1st place out of 821 teams.

# **CCS Concepts**

•Computing methodologies → Supervised learning by classification; Ensemble methods; Cross-validation;

# **Keywords**

KDD Cup, Feature Engineering, Ensemble Learning

#### INTRODUCTION 1.

Since 1997, KDD Cup has been one of the most prestigious competitions in knowledge discovery and data mining, where experts around the world from both industry and academia compete with each other with best modeling practices to solve real world challenges in complex data sets.

The task of KDD Cup 2015 was to predict dropouts of students in a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) platform. MOOC platforms aim at providing the mass population with open access to quality education. Despite of

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their initial success in some courses, MOOC platforms have struggled with extremely high dropout rates. Perna et al. reported that the average completion rate is 4% among 1 million students across 16 Coursera courses offered by the University of Pennsylvania from June 2012 to June 2013 [14]. If we identify those who are likely to drop out, we can engage with and help them complete courses successfully. For this task, XuetangX, one of the largest MOOC platforms in China provides the student activity logs, course enrollment, and course material data.

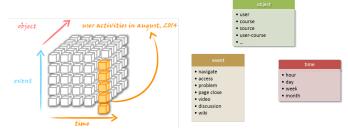
Student dropout in MOOC can be viewed as customer churn, which is a prevailing problem in publishing, financial services, insurance, electric utilities, health care, banking, Internet, telephone, and cable service industries [11]. There are previous competitions related to churn prediction. The task of Teradata Center for CRM (TCC)-Duke Competition was to predict churn with 171 variables provided by a major wireless telecommunication company [11]. The winning solution of TCC-Duke Competition was the ensemble of TreeNet (or MART [6]) models [1]. The task of KDD Cup 2009 was to predict churn, appetency and up-selling with 15,000 variables provided by the French telecommunication company Orange [7]. The winning solution of KDD Cup 2009 was the ensemble of single models trained with 10 base algorithms [12].

Both competitions focused on predictive modeling rather than feature engineering by providing preprocessed variables instead of raw data as in KDD Cup 2015. However, in practice, feature engineering is inevitable and crucial in predictive modeling. For example, Morik and Köpcke showed significant improvements in churn prediction performance of 4 different algorithms when time intervals for the states of variables are added to original variables [10]. Furthermore, winning solutions of both competitions used simple ensemble methods: an average of single model predictions at TCC-Duke Competition [1] and ensemble selection [3], which averages single model predictions with stepwise greedy forward selection, at KDD Cup 2009 [12].

Our final solution is a joint work from 9 data scientists, distributed around the world. The pipeline from raw data to final solution is as follows:

- Hand crafted feature engineering (most of hard work)
- Automatic feature design (autoencoder)
- Individual models (gbm, nn, factor model,..)
- Stage-I ensemble (blends individual models)

Figure 1: Data Cube



- Stage-II ensemble (blends stage-I ensemble models)
- Stage-III ensemble (blends stage-II ensemble models)

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. Section 2 describes our feature engineering approach. Section 3 introduces various classification algorithms used to train single classifiers. Section 4 presents our multi-stage ensemble framework. Section 5 shows our final solution. Section 6 concludes the paper.

#### 2. FEATURE ENGINEERING

Our team members extracted 7 feature sets, namely F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6, and F7 from raw data independently.

### 2.1 Data Sets

Activity logs of 200,906 enrollments from 112,448 students across 39 courses are provided. Each activity is described by 6 fields of the username, course ID, timestamp, source, event, and object. For each object, 3 additional fields of the category, children, and start date are provided. The training set consists of 8,157,278 logs from 120,543 enrollments with the target variable indicating if a student dropped out. The test set consists of 5,387,848 logs from 80,363 enrollments. The full description of the data sets is available in [2]. In general, this data can be organized in three dimension space, object, time, and event as shown in Figure 1. Feature engineering tasks were carried out based on these views.

#### 2.2 Common Features

There are common features across 7 feature sets as follows:

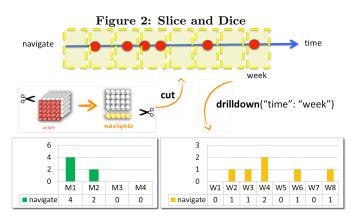
- Number of objects
- Number of events
- Aggregation features these count features

The common features can be generated using cube operations. Figure 2 shows an example how weekly and monthly count features are calculated. Firstly, the data is cut using object dimension. In this case, we choose to generate feature for users. Next, we select an event "navigate" in the event space to generate a time series presenting "navigate" event over the time. Finally, drill down operation is used to generate monthly or weekly count features.

# 2.3 F1

Features generated by Song and Kohei can be classified as follows:

• Enrollment-based features (No.1-8)



- Username-based features (No.9-18)
- Username-based features for each courses (No.19-25)
- Features based on 10 days after the end date of course (No.26-35)
- Features based on 1 day after the end date of a course (No.36-45)
- Day-level features (No.46)
- Day-level features using target variables (No.47-58)

Full list of features generated by Song and Kohei are described in Table 6. (just listing them for now. TBD in detail).

#### 2.4 F2

Peng and Xiaocong features are comprised of the following parts:

- Visit time(hour, day) set features (including time span and max absent days)
- Act(event, object) counting features (some uses missed content counts)
- Course drop rate
- Number of courses the user enrolled
- Minimum time interval between time points(first visit, last visit, course begin, course end, 10 days after course end) of current course and another enrolled course
- Active days between course end and 10 days after course end
- Active days between last visit and course end
- Number of courses ended after current course end

The full feature list could be found in Table 2.

#### 2.5 F3

These features were generated by Tam. They can be categorized into three major groups, count, aggregation, and date features. The list of features is as follows:

No.	Description
1	Course_id encoded by 1-of-N coding
2	Number of requests by an enrollment_id
3	Number of unique object by an enrollment_id
4	Number of unique problem object of event by an enrollment_id
5	Number of active days by an enrollment id
6	Number of active hours by an enrollment_id
7	Time of first access in hours by an enrollment_id
8	Time of last access in hours by an enrollment_id
9	Number of enrollments by an username
10	Number of requests by an username
11	Number of unique objects by an username
12	Number of unique problem object of event by an username
13	Number of active days by an username
14	Number of active hours by an username
15	Time of first access in hours by an username
16	Time of last access in hours by an username
17	Time of first problem access in hours by an username
18	Time of last problem access in hours by an username
19	For each course, number of requests by an username
20	For each course, number of unique object by an username
21	For each course, number of unique problem object by an username
22	For each course, number of active days by an username
23	For each course, number of active hours by an username
24	For each course, time of first access in hours
25	For each course, time of last access in hours
26	Number of enrollment_ids during 10 days after the end date of course by an username
27	For each course, number of access logs during 10 days after the end date of course by an username
28	For each course, number of unique objects during 10 days after the end date of course by an username
29	For each course, number of unique problem objects during 10 days after the end date of course by an username
30	For each course, number of active hours during 10 days after the end date of course by an username
31	For each course, difference between first and last access during 10 days after the end date of course by an username
32	For each course, time of first access in hours during 10 days after the end date of course by an username
33	For each course, time of last access in hours during 10 days after the end date of course by an username
34	For each course, time of first access to an problem object in hours during 10 days after the end date of course by an username
35	For each course, time of last access to an problem object in hours during 10 days after the end date of course by an username
36	Number of enrollment_ids during 1 day after the end date of course by an username
37	For each course, number of access logs during 1 day after the end date of course by an username
38	For each course, number of unique objects during 1 day after the end date of course by an username
39	For each course, number of unique problem objects during 1 day after the end date of course by an username
40	For each course, number of active hours during 1 day after the end date of course by an username
41	For each course, difference between first and last access during 1 day after the end date of course by an username
42	For each course, time of first access in hours during 1 day after the end date of course by an username
43	For each course, time of last access in hours during 1 day after the end date of course by an username
44	For each course, time of first access to an problem object in hours during 1 day after the end date of course by an username
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Table 1: List of features generated by Song and Kohei.

#### 2.5.1 Count Feature

There are a few entities such as user, course, and object in the training dataset. Combining these entities together, we have user activities or events. The simplest way to generate features from these events is to count the number of times an entity engaging in the event. The motivation is that the more does a user participate in course, the more chance does he drop out that course. The list of count features are given in Table 3.

# 2.5.2 Aggregation Feature

Aggregation features were calculated based on count features. Usually, each course would have a fixed schedule for users to study. Therefore, students roll in the course must have stable activity patterns. Aggregation features would measure the stability of course engagement. These features are mean, median, standard deviation of count on date ba-

sis such as weekly, monthly, etc. The list of aggregation features are given in Table 4.

#### 2.5.3 Date Feature

To capture how often users participate in a certain course, we generated date features. Date features can be time span among user activities as well as time span from last activity and last course date. The list of date features is given in Table 5.

#### 2.6 F4

Features generated by Michael Jahrer are in sparse format:

- uID (0-112,447)
- cID (112,448-112,486)

No.	Description
1	act counts
2	hourset length in last 2 days
3	last month
4	max absent days
5	day set length
6	hour set length
7	average hours per day
8	event wiki counts
9	event discussion counts
10	event access counts
11	event video counts
12	event problem counts
13	obj chapter not visited
14	obj chapter visited ratio
15	obj video not visited
16	obj video visited ratio
17	obj problem not visited
18	obj problem visited ratio
19	obj set length
20	total time span
21	days from last act to course end
22	course drop rate
23	number of courses enrolled
24	min days between first visit and next course begin
25	min days between 10 days after last visit and next course begin
26	min days between last visit and next course end
27	min days between previous course end and last visit
28	min days between 10 days after current course end and next course begin
29	min days between 10 days after current course end and next course end
30	min days between current course end and next visit
31	number of active days between last visit and course end
32	number of active days in 10 days after course end
33	number of courses ended after current course end

Table 2: List of features generated by Peng and Xiaocong.

- uIDcnt (112,487-112,487)
- eIDcnt (112,488-112,488)
- eID  $\rightarrow$  sID (112,489-112,490)
- eID  $\rightarrow$  evID (11,2491-112,497)
- eID  $\rightarrow$  oIDCnt (112,498-139,443)
- eID  $\rightarrow$  tIDCnt (139,444-139,635)
- uID:  $floor(log(dateSpan^2+1))$  (139,636-140,635)
- uID  $\rightarrow$  log(time diff to obj start+1) (140,636-140,636)
- eID  $\rightarrow$  date Vec diff stats (140,637-140,649)

#### 2.7 F5

- Course ID One-hot-encoded course\_id
- Source time counts by enrollment The log count of each source type per day for each enrollment
- Source time counts by course id The log count of each source type per day for each course id
- Event time counts by enrollment The log count of each event type per day for each enrollment
- Event time counts by course id The log count of each event type per day for each course id

#### 2.8 F6

Features generated by Jeong-Yoon Lee are as follows:

• User ID (20,113) - One-hot-encoded username. Usernames appearing less than 100 times in training log data are grouped together as one user ID.

- Course ID (39) One-hot-encoded course\_id.
- Source Event (10) One-hot-encoded combination of source and event.
- Object ID (3,554) One-hot-encoded object. Objects appearing less than 100 times in training log data are grouped together as one object ID.
- $\bullet$  Count (1) Number of log entries for an hour\_id.
- Object Category (6) Number of log entries with an object category for an enrollment\_id.
- Number of Children Objects (7) One-hot-encoded total number of object's children for an enrollment\_id.
- Object Timespan (10) One-hot-encoded timespan in days between object's start date and last day of the class
- $\bullet$  Day of Class (30) One-hot-encoded day of the class
- Week of Class (4) One-hot-encoded week of the class
- End Month of Class (7) One-hot-encoded end month of the class
- Object Started in Dropout Period (2) Binary variable that is 1 if object started after but before 10 days after last day of the class and 0 otherwise.

# 2.9 F7

F1 features and additional features generated by Kohei. Additional features are as follows:

No.	Feature	Description
1	User counts	The log count of each user
2	Course count	The log count of each course
3	Event count	The log count of each event
4	User weekly count	The log count of each user per week
5	User bi-weekly count	The log count of each user per two weeks
6	User weekday count	The log count of each user per weekday
7	User monthly count	The log count of each user per month
8	Course weekly count	The log count of each course per week
9	Course bi-weekly count	The log count of each course per two weeks
10	Course weekday count	The log count of each course per weekday
11	Course monthly count	The log count of each course per month
12	Event weekly count	The log count of each event per week
13	Event bi-weekly count	The log count of each event per two weeks
14	Event weekday count	The log count of each event per weekday
15	Event monthly count	The log count of each event per month

Table 3: List of count features generated by Tam.

No.	Feature	Description
1	Min	Min of all above count features
2	Max	Max of all above count features
3	Mean	Mean of all above count features
4	Median	Median of all above count features
5	Std	Standard deviation of all above count features

Table 4: List of aggregation features generated by Tam.

#### 3. CLASSIFICATION ALGORITHMS

We selected algorithms that achieve good predictive performance, process large sparse data sets efficiently (with exception of K-Nearest Neighbors) and differ from other algorithms. The 8 classification algorithms selected are as follows:

- Gradient Boosting Machine (GBM): We trained 26 GBM classifiers using the Scikit-Learn Python package [13] and XGBoost [4]. We used various tree structures of 4 to 10 maximum depths and 0.004 to 0.05 shrinkage rates.
- Neural Networks (NN): We trained 14 NN classifiers with the dropout [16], rectified linear unit (ReLU) [5] transfer function and sigmoid activation function. We used various network architectures of 1 to 3 hidden layers and 16 to 500 hidden units per layer. We wrote our own C++ NN implementation optimized for sparse data sets.
- Factorization Machine (FM): We trained 12 FM classifiers using libFM [15] and libFFM [8]. We used 2-way interaction dimensions of 4 to 20. We transformed count variables x into  $\log(1+x)$ .
- Logistic Regression (LR): We trained 6 LR classifiers using the Scikit-Learn Python package [13] and Vowpal Wabbit [9]. We used the regularization parameter C=0.01. We transformed count variables x into  $\log{(1+x)}$ .
- Kernel Ridge Regression (KRR): We trained 2 KRR classifiers using our own C++ implementation. We used the ridge regression constant  $\lambda = 1.5e 3$  with the Gaussian kernel. We transformed count variables x into  $\log(1+x)$ .
- Extremely Randomized Trees (ET): We trained 2 ET classifiers using the Scikit-Learn Python package [13].

- Random Forests (RF): We trained 1 RF classifier using the Scikit-Learn Python package [13].
- K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN): We trained 1 KNN classifier using our own C++ implementation. We used k = 124 with the Euclidean distance. We transformed count variables x into  $\log (1 + x)$ .

#### 4. LEARNING FRAMEWORK

Our final AUC score of 0.90918 results from a complex pipeline from raw data to final score. Every part of that pipe needs to be (sub-)optimal implemented by our team to get the best score at the end. The first part "feature design" is the most important one and needs expertise, experience and of course a bit luck to capture all signals in the data.

#### 4.1 Model Validation



Figure 3: 5-fold CV

We use stratified 5-fold cross validation (CV) for model validation and ensemble. Training data are split into five folds while the sample size and dropout rate are preserved across folds.

For validation, each of single and ensemble models is trained five times. Each time, one fold is held out and the remaining four folds are used for training. Then, predictions for

No.	Feature	Description
1	Min time span	Min time span among activities
2	Max time span	Max time span among activities
3	Mean time span	Mean time span among activities
4	Last time span	Time span from the last activity and last course date
5	Number of unique days	The number of unique activity days of each user

Table 5: List of date features generated by Tam.

Description
For each 10 days after the end date of the course, number of active enrollment_id, which target variables are 1 in the training set, enrolled by
For each 10 days after the end date of the course, number of active enrollment_id, which target variables are 0 in the training set, enrolled by
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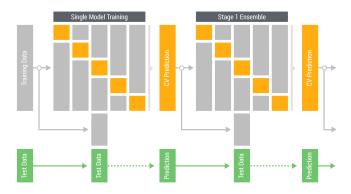
Table 6: List of additional features generated by Kohei.

the hold-out folds are combined and form the model's CV prediction. CV predictions are used as inputs for ensemble model training as well as validation score calculation.

For test, each of single and ensemble models is retrained with whole training data. Then predictions for test data are used as inputs for ensemble prediction as well as for submission.

# 4.2 Multi-Stage Ensemble

Figure 4: 5-fold CV stacked generalization ensemble

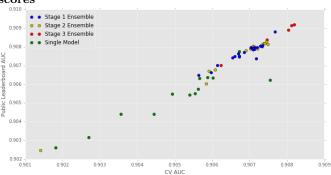


We use the multi-stage ensemble with stacked generalization [18, 17] to blend predictions of multiple models. As shown in Figure 2, in each stage, we train ensemble models with 5-fold CV, and use the CV and test predictions of models in the previous stage as inputs. Then, we pass the CV and test predictions of the ensemble models to the next stage as inputs.

# 5. FINAL SOLUTION

Our final AUC score of 0.90918 results from a complex pipeline from raw data to final score. Every part of that pipe needs to be (sub-)optimal implemented by our team to get the best score at the end. The first part "feature design" is the most important one and needs expertise, experience and of course a bit luck to capture all signals in the data.

Figure 5: 5-fold CV vs. public leaderboard AUC scores



We train 64 single models with 7 algorithms and 7 feature sets.

We trained 15 stage-I ensemble classifiers with different subsets of CV predictions of 64 single classifiers.

At KDD Cup 2015, GBM outperforms other algorithms. Our top 8 single models as well as top 2 stage-1 ensemble models are trained with GBM.

We trained 2 stage-II ensemble classifiers with different subsets of CV predictions of 15 stage-I ensemble classifiers.

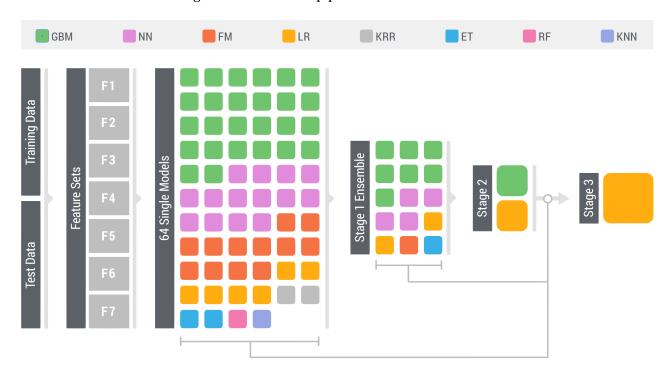
We trained a stage-III ensemble classifier with CV predictions of 5 classifiers: 1 stage-II ensemble, 3 stage-I ensemble, and 1 individual classifiers.

Performance improvement diminishes as we add more ensemble stages. The stage-1 ensemble improves the CV AUC score by XXXX from 0.906721 to 0.907688. The stage-2 ensemble improves the CV AUC score by XXXX to 0.907968. The stage-3 ensemble improves the CV AUC score by XXXX to 0.908194.

We choose subsets of predictions from the previous stage for ensemble model training.

A linear combination of the 5 models from table 5 results in train AUC=0.908072 and accuracy=0.887334. Which leads to 0.90910 public leaderboard score. By adding 39 courseID correction factors train AUC=0.908194 and public score improved to 0.90918.

Figure 6: End-to-end pipeline for the final solution



ID	Model	Type	5-CV	Weight
S1	xgb_rf.ko_new_feat	Single	0.906721	1.1703 [5
E4	at.esb50v2+ko	Stage I	0.907878	1.9626
E8	esb58v5+magic.dae+nn	Stage I	0.907567	0.7871
E18	$et_{esb58v5\_rank}$	Stage I	0.906207	0.4580
E2	$lr\_forward\_0.01\_esb.esb15v3$	Stage II	0.907968	1.6146

# 6. CONCLUSIONS

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ID	Model	Feature	5-CV	Public Leaderboard
S1	xgb_rf_ko_new_feat	F2 + F3 + F6 + F7	0.906721	0.907765
S2	ko_v83	F2 + F1 + F6 + F7	0.906729	0.907525
S3	bag_10_xgb_rf.xiv	F2 + F1 + F3	0.905875	0.906361
S4	xgb_rf.xvi	F2 + F3 + F6	0.905543	0.905516
S5	xgb_rf.xix	F2 + F1 + F3 + F5	0.905356	-
S6	rw_sk_xgb	F2 + F1	0.905312	-
S7	xgb_rf.xv	F2 + F3	0.904935	0.905480
S8	xgb_rw_sk	F2 + F1	0.904914	-
S9	mjahrer.feat.tam+rw+sk+tam2+sk2+azure.dae+nn	F2 + F1 + F3 + F4	0.904235	-
S10	mjahrer.featmjahrer+Tam+RW+KoheiSong.nn	F2 + F1 + F3 + F4	0.903736	-
S11	mjahrer.featTam+RW+KoheiSong.dae+nn	F2 + F1 + F3	0.903669	-
S12	pred_train_sk_feature_ffm_rw	F1 + F2	0.903560	0.904411
S13	mjahrer.featTam+RW+KoheiSong.nn	F2 + F1 + F3	0.903428	_
S14	xg_400_4_0.05_feature_rw	F2 + F6	0.903385	_
S15	kohei_song	F1	0.902918	_
S16	xgb_cv_rw	F2	0.902287	_
S17	ffm_cv_rw	F2	0.901983	_
S18	mjahrer.dae+nn.RWfeat	F2	0.901846	0.902614
S19	mjahrer.featmjahrer+Tam+RW+KoheiSong.dae+krr	F2 + F1 + F3 + F4	0.901522	-
S20	mjahrer.feat.tam+rw+sk+tam2+sk2+azure.BIN	F2 + F1 + F3	0.900982	_
S21	xg_400_4_0.05_feature_sk	F1	0.900906	_
S22	xgb_rf.xiv	F3	0.899239	_
S23	xgb_rf.xiv	F3	0.899167	_
S24	xgb_rf.xiv	F3	0.898969	
S24	xgb_rf.xiv	F3	0.898890	_
S26	xgb.xiv	F3	0.898749	-
S20	libfm_100_4_0.002_feature_rw_v2	F2 + F6	0.898308	-
S28	xgl_500_0.5_10_10_feature_rw_v2	F2 + F6 F2 + F6	0.897968	-
S29	=	F3 + F0	0.897908 $0.897912$	-
	xgb_val.xiii nn_20_16_0.01_feature_rw_v2			-
S30		F2 + F6	0.897143	-
S31	mb_nn_50_20_feat19	F2 + F5	0.896748	-
S32	sm_rw_sk_tam	F2 + F1 + F3	0.896435	-
S33	ffm_30_20_0.01_feature_rw_v2	F2 + F6	0.896160	-
S34	xg_400_4_0.05_feature_tam	F3 F4	0.895754	-
S35	ConfigAMLKRR	F3	0.894524 $0.893507$	-
S36 S37	gbm.xiii xg_600_4_0.05_feature10	F6	0.892364	-
S38	=	F6		-
	xg_600_4_0.05_feature9	F4	0.892253	-
S39	ConfigAML		0.891217	-
S40	lr_0.01_feature_tam	F3	0.890580	-
S41	ConfigAMLCUDAPreModel	F4	0.890565	-
S42	ffm_30_20_0.01_feature_tam	F3	0.888418	-
S43	libfm_100_4_0.002_feature_tam	F3	0.888381	-
S44	rf.xiii	F3	0.887583	-
S45	et_1000_20_feature_tam	F3	0.887768	-
S46	ffm_30_20_0.01_feature9	F6	0.887116	-
S47	libfm_100_4_0.002_feature9	F6	0.886866	-
S48	ConfigAML	F4	0.886705	-
S49	nn_20_16_0.01_feature9	F6	0.886109	-
S50	xg_400_4_0.05_feature6	F6	0.885184	-
S51	xg_400_4_0.05_feature3	F6	0.885124	-
S52	ffm_20_20_0.01_feature6	F6	0.885037	-
S53	ffm_20_20_0.01_feature3	F6	0.884697	-
S54	xg_400_4_0.05_feature_mj	$\operatorname{F4}$	0.882441	=
S55	et_1000_20_feature_rw_v2	$F_{2} + F_{6}$	0.881539	=
S56	libfm_100_8_0.01_feature6	F6	0.880878	=
S57	$libfm_100_8_0.01_feature3$	F6	0.880366	-
S58	$nn_20_16_0.005_{feature3}$	F6	0.880219	-
S59	ConfigAMLKNN	F4	0.877652	-
S60	$nn_20_16_0.005_feature5$	F6	0.876905	-
S61	$lr_0.01_feature_mj$	F4	0.821332	-
S62	$lr_0.01_feature9$	F6	0.804150	=
S63	$lr_0.01_feature3$	F6	0.802138	=
S64	$lr_0.01_feature6$	F6	0.800225	-

ID	Stage	Model	5-CV	Public Leaderboard
E1	III	subBlend_0712v2	0.908194	0.909181
E2	II	$lr\_forward\_0.01\_esb.esb15v3$	0.907968	-
E3	II	$xgl_{10}_{0.01}_{10}_{10}_{10}_{esb.esb}_{11v6}$	0.907379	0.908187
E4	I	at.esb50v2+ko	0.907878	-
E5	I	$xg_sk_1800_5_0.004_esb51_rank$	0.907734	
E6	I	$lr\_forward\_0.01\_esb51\_rank\_norm$	0.907716	-
E7	I	$song_train_xgb_esb58v5_ko$	0.907668	0.908796
E8	I	esb58v5+magic.dae+nn	0.907567	-
E9	I	esb58v3.trn.final	0.907353	0.908060
E10	I	trn.esb56.blend.at	0.907283	0.908043
E11	I	ConfigAMLCUDAPreModel	0.907076	-
E12	I	$xg_sk_1800_5_0.004_esb56_rank_4$	0.907036	0.907977
E13	I	esb55.dae+nn	0.906956	-
E14	I	$lr_0.01_{esb51\_rank\_norm}$	0.906746	-
E15	I	nn	0.906714	-
E16	I	$xgb\_rf\_esb55.xix$	0.906689	-
E17	I	libfm	0.906537	-
E18	I	$et_esb58v5_rank$	0.906200	-