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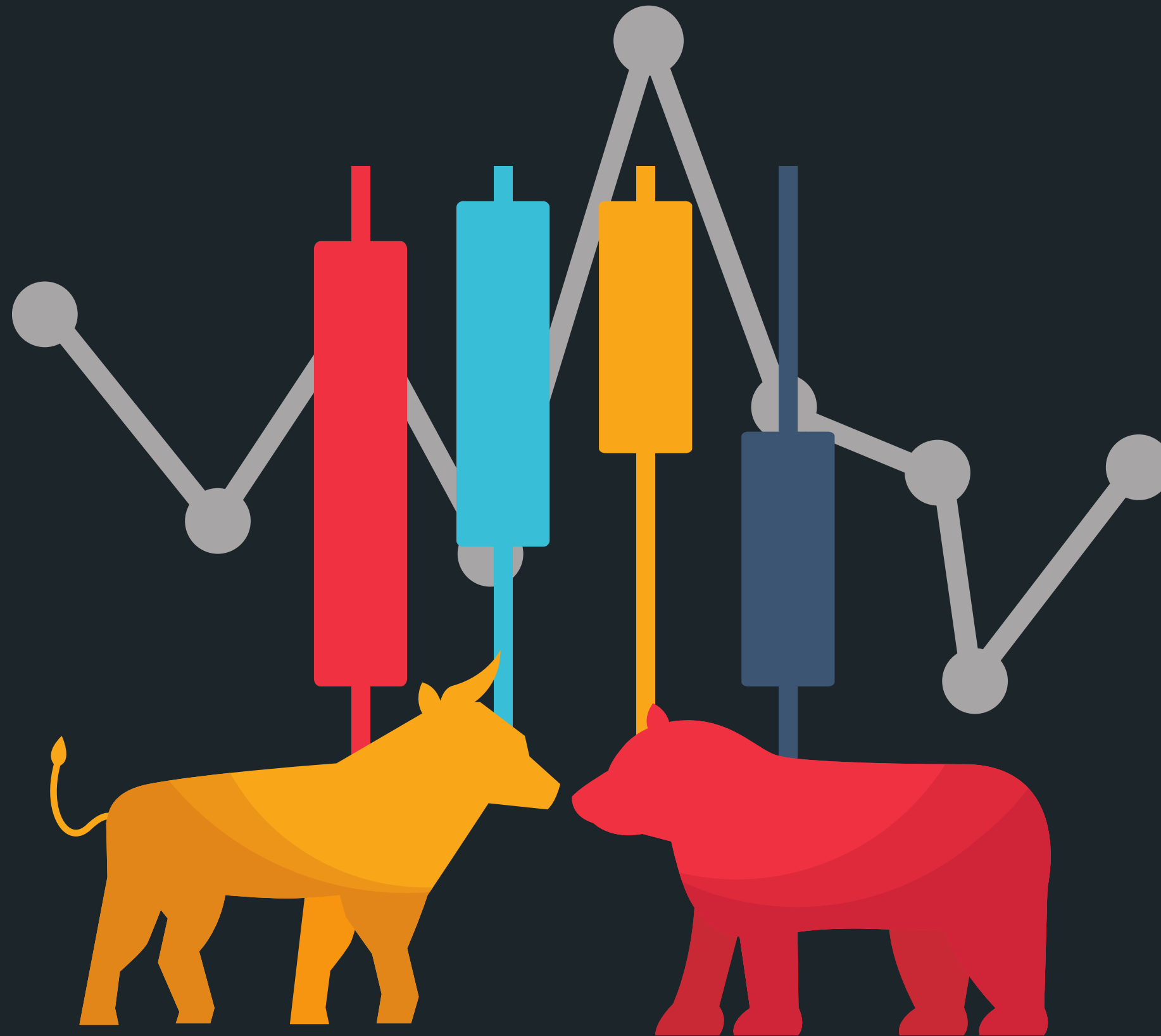
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# STOCK MARKET PREDICTOR

Using Temporal Difference



# OUTLINE



## AGENDA

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# PROBLEM STATEMENT

## STOCK MARKET PREDICTION USING DEEP REINFORCEMENT LEARNING

Create a reinforcement learning agent to perform stock trades with a goal of maximizing returns using technical indicators and historical data similar to how a professional stock trader.

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**If you don't find a way to make money while you sleep, you will work until you die.**

WARREN BUFFETT

# MOTIVATION



Reinforcement Learning (RL) is the perfect framework to tackle the adversarial nature of the stock market. As long as the environment can be adequately modeled, an RL agent can learn a policy that seeks to maximize the rewards





# METHODOLOGY

## CUSTOM GYM ENVIRONMENT

- Rich state information to include price/volume as well as a wealth of technical indicators.
- Agent actions to include Buy, Hold, Sell.
- Accurate rewards to simulate a fiscal quarter, taking into account trading costs and time penalty.

## TRADING AGENT

- Double Deep Q-Learning Network (DDQN) agent with an Epsilon-Greedy policy.



# IMPLEMENTATION



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## DATA ACQUISITION

Acquired historical stock market data through Nasdaq Data Link, with U.S. stock prices dating back to 1962.

2

## ENVIRONMENT MODELING

Created a custom gym environment, leveraging an open-source python library to calculate technical indicators for the state information.

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## CREATING THE AGENT

We use a Double Deep Q-Learning Network (DDQN) agent

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## COMPARING POLICIES

comparing agent performance with and without the epsilon-greedy policy against market performance

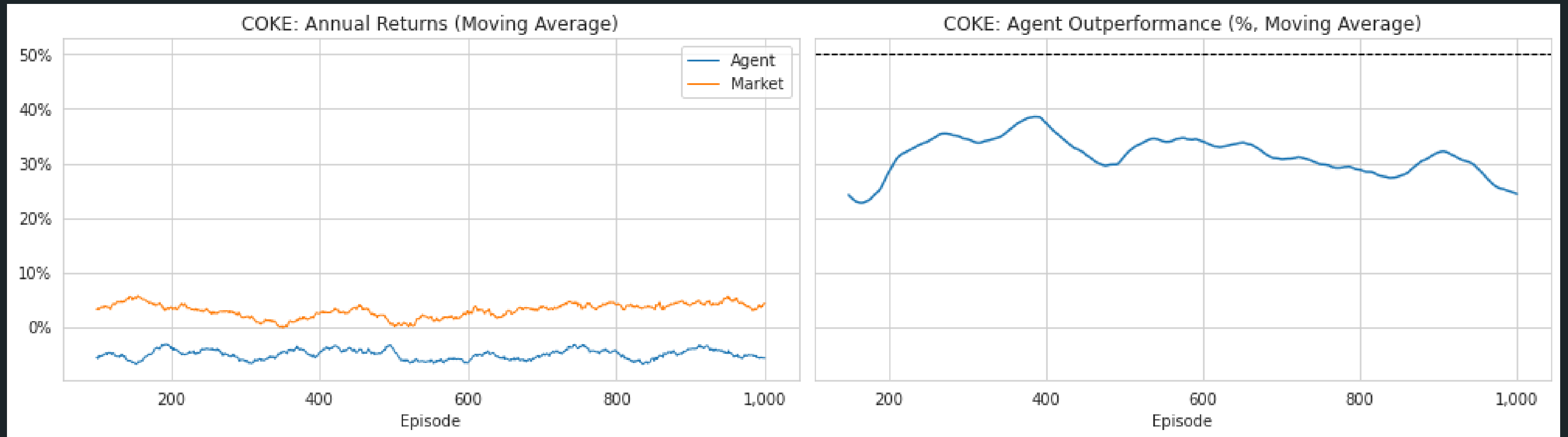


# RESULTS

## EPSILON GREEDY VS. MARKET

Epsilon Greedy policy greatly outperforms no policy. However, given our limited training episodes, we are performing similar to market performance.

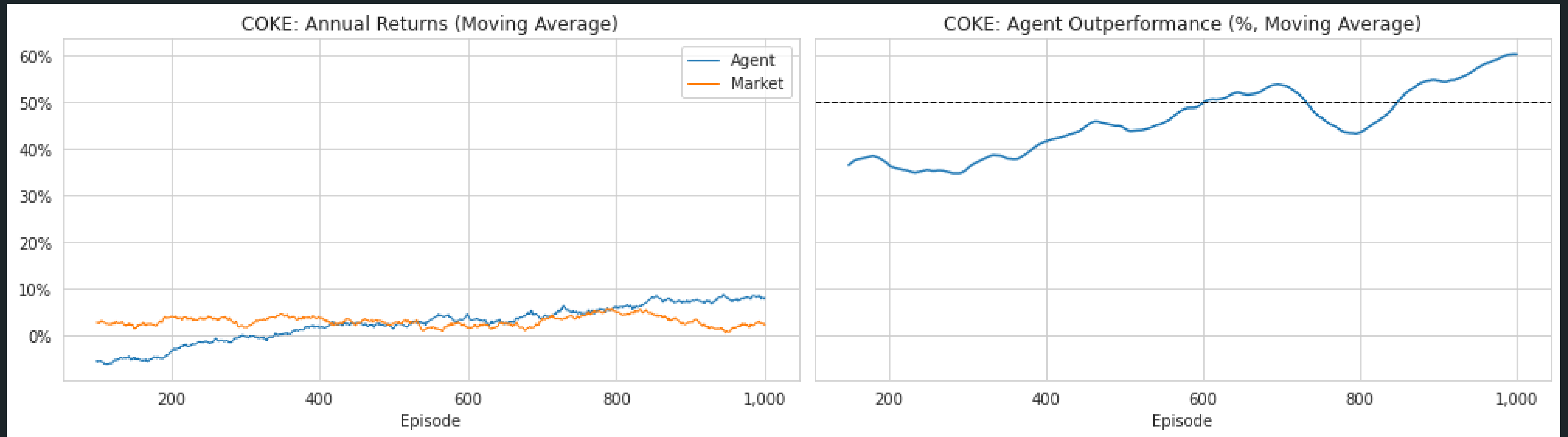




**COCA COLA**

Without any policy

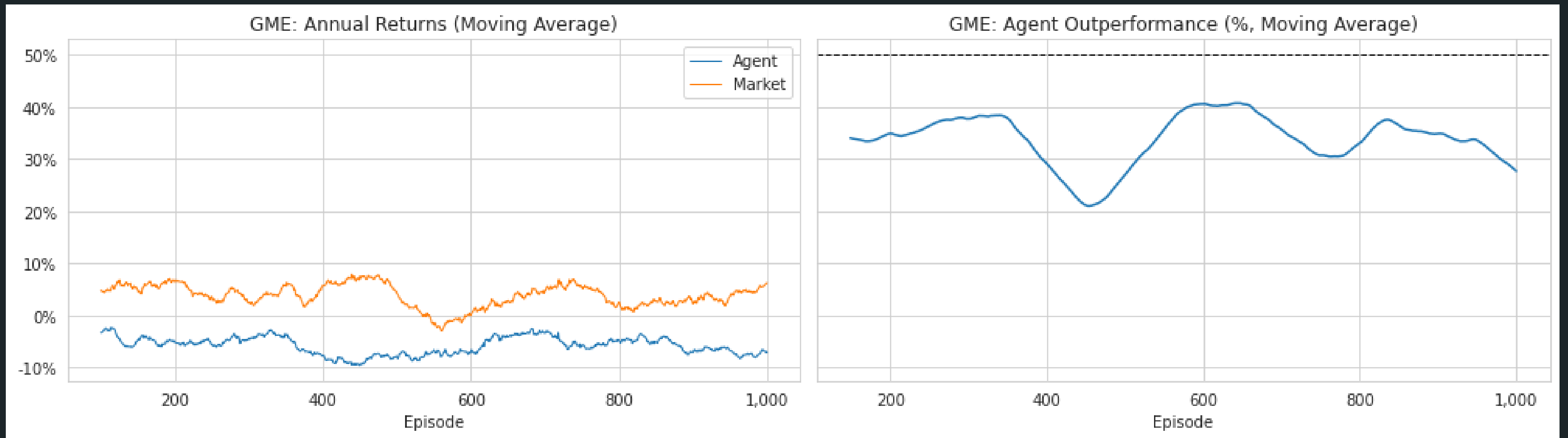




**COCA COLA**

with Epsilon-Greedy Policy



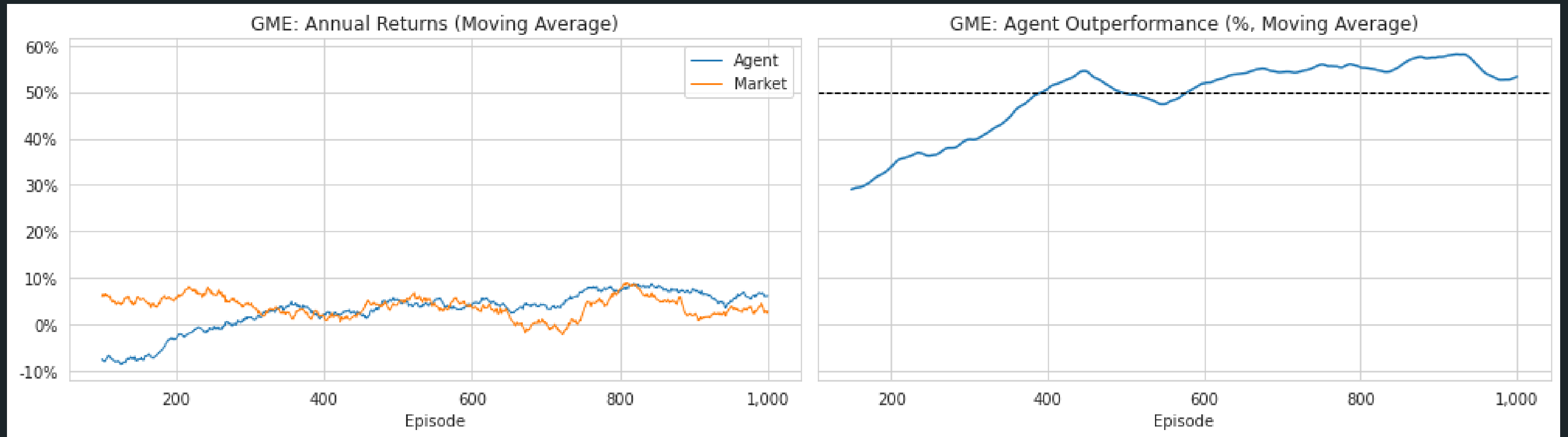


# GAME STOP

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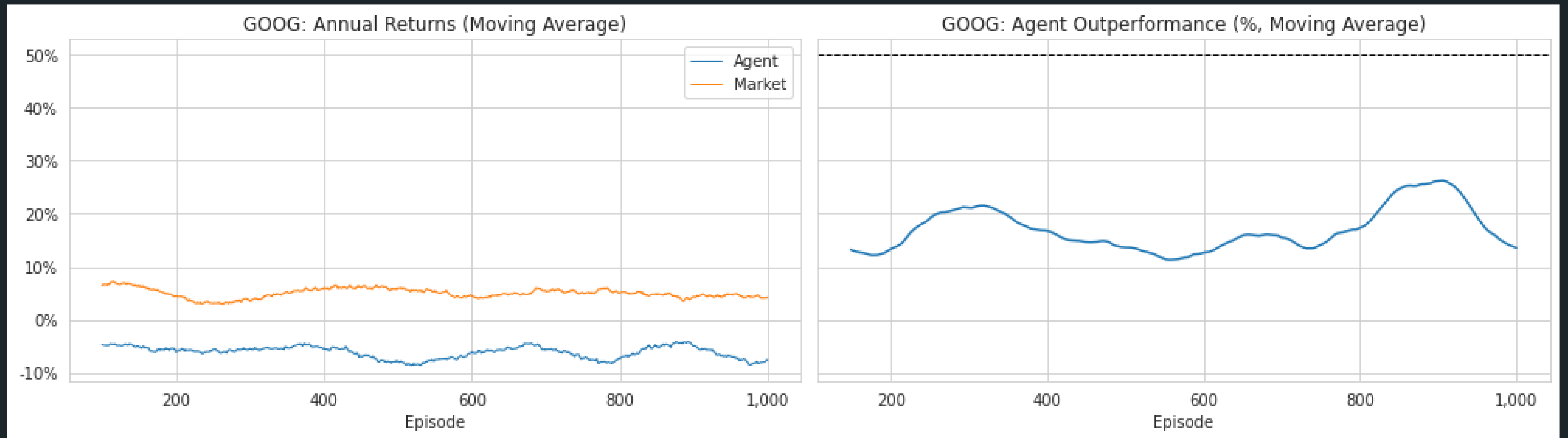




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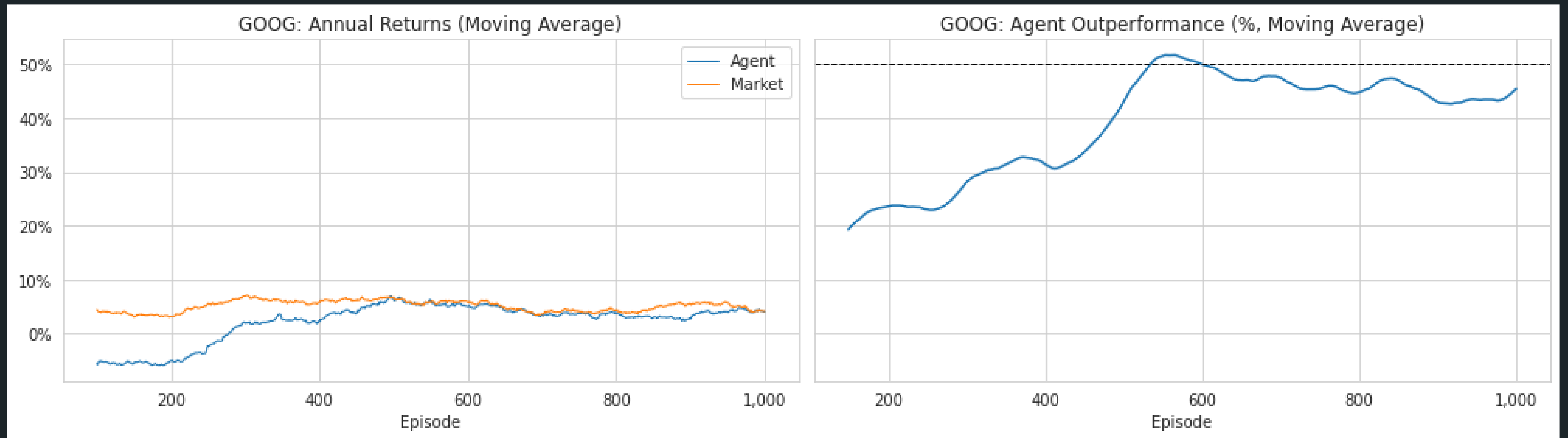




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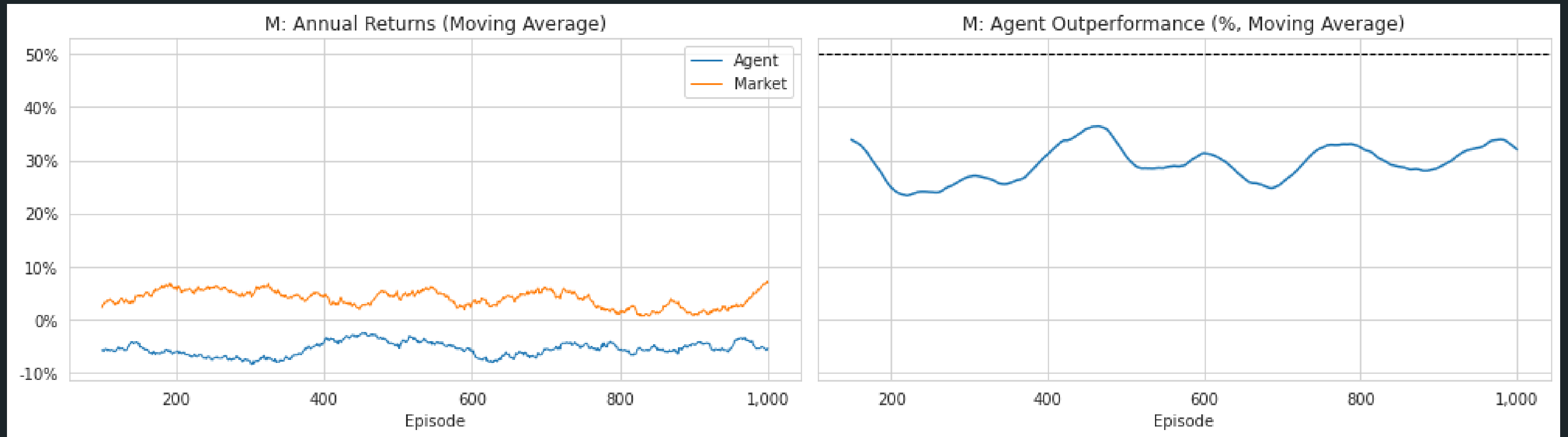




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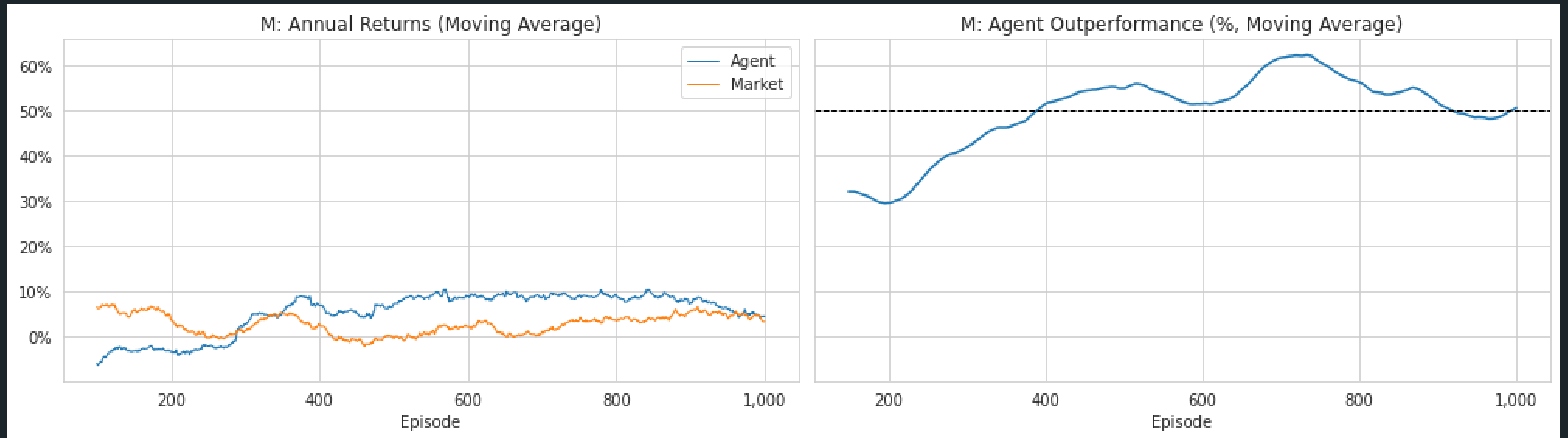


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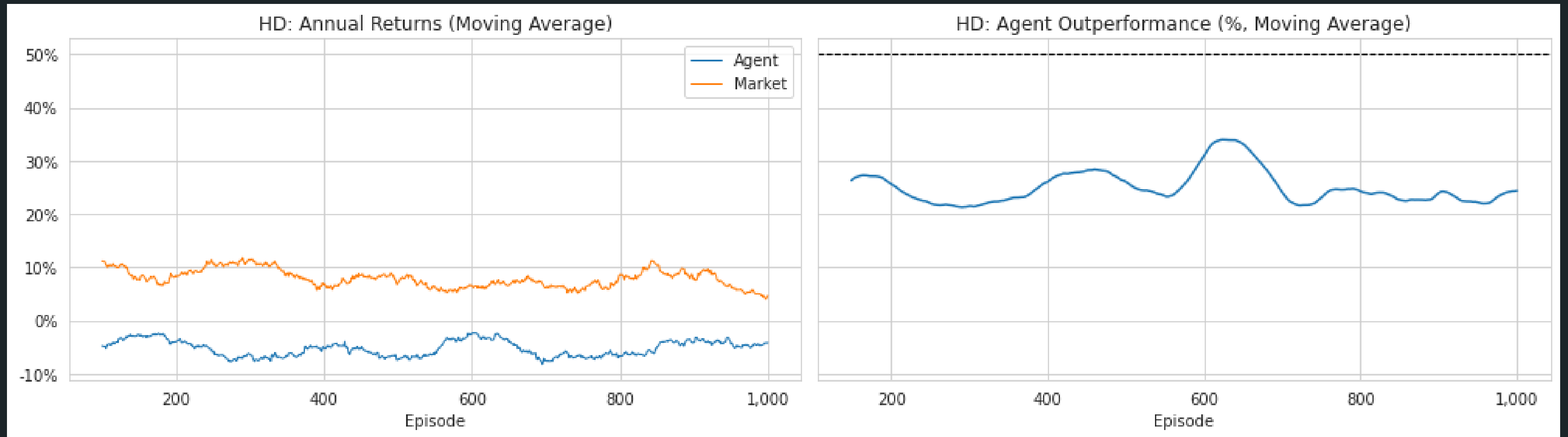




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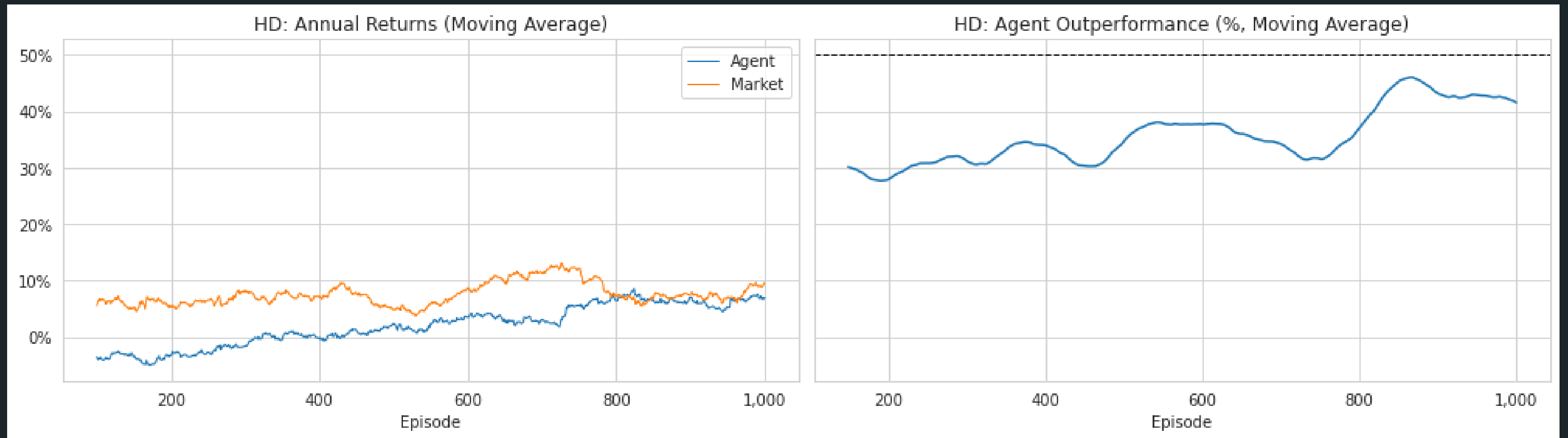




# HOME DEPOT

Without any policy





# HOME DEPOT

with Epsilon-Greedy Policy



# TECHNICAL WALKTHROUGH

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