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Directors Deals Project

Directors deals...different stories

Jamie Dimon buys \$26.6 million ir JPMorgan Chase stock

by Chris Isidore @CNNMoneyInvest

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Elon Musk buys \$10 million in Tesla shares and plans to purchase \$20 million more next week

- Tesla CEO Elon Musk added about \$10 million worth of shares to his personal stake in Tesla, according to a filing on Tuesday.
- A second \$20 million purchase, done as a direct transaction with Tesla, should follow next week, according to the filing.
- Musk previously announced plans to buy \$20 million in Tesla shares after a settlement with the SEC over fraud charges cost him and the company \$20 million each.



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Directors dealing as an alpha source

Do directors deals signal an investment opportunity?

Dataset: Europe & US director trades

Model : Data before 2015 (140,000 trades)

Test period: 2015, 2016,2017,2018 (35,500 trades)

Measuring outperformance over a 30 day period



- 1. New features/variables +
- 2. New Models
- 3. Understanding the model selection
- 4. Moving from "a lot of data" to "big data"



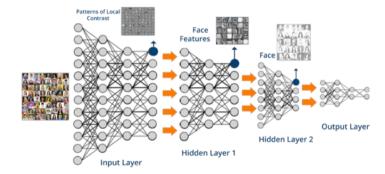
Machine learning vs econometrics/statistical analysis

$$y = -5.4x + 91.3$$

 $R^2 = 0.85$

- (+) Focus on understanding casual relationships (if x...then y)
- (+)Establishes precise relationships (equation)
- (+)good with "small" amounts of data (still benefits from more data)
- (-)Limited capacity for more variables
- (-)Limited forecasting capacities
- (-)Often lower accuracy
- (-)Long time to build





(+)Focused on forecasting & classification

- (+)Handles huge amount of variables(features)
- (+)Ensemble approach: a lot of "bad" models is better than a good model
- (-)Machine learning often means...only the machine understand the relationship
- (-) Much more data intensive
- (-)Computation of models is slower and memory intensive (GPUs...)

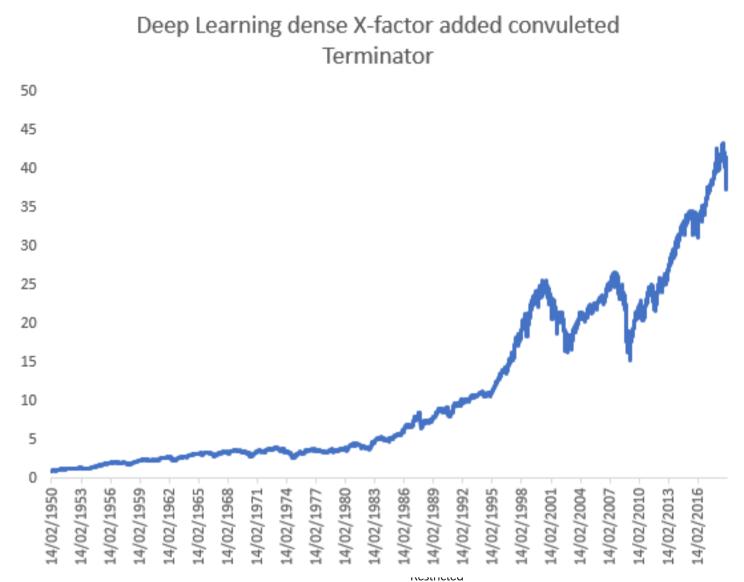


Data Preparation using Python

Disparate Data Sets 240K Directors Deals from Smart Insider **Stock Information** ISIN ▼ Market Ticker ▼ ICB Sector Travel & Leisure Zilkl IL0003860116 QNCO IT equity **Bloomberg** Travel & Leisure Zilkl QNCO IT equity Macrobond II 0003860116 QNCO IT equity Travel & Leisure Lerr Construction & Nau VAIOOOOOMST1 MST VALoquity 18K at a time **All Time Series** as flat files **Expensive** 2 - 3 weeks using macros Manual effort **Batch process in 24 hours**

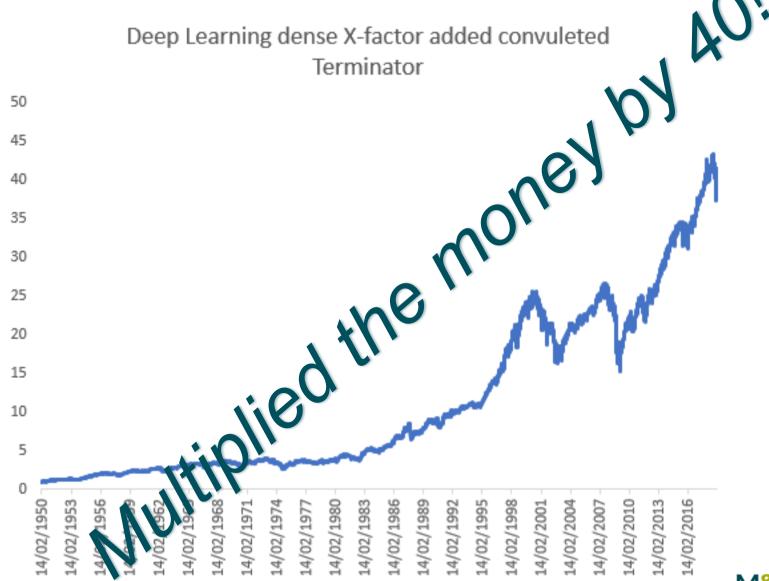
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Measuring performance in finance....





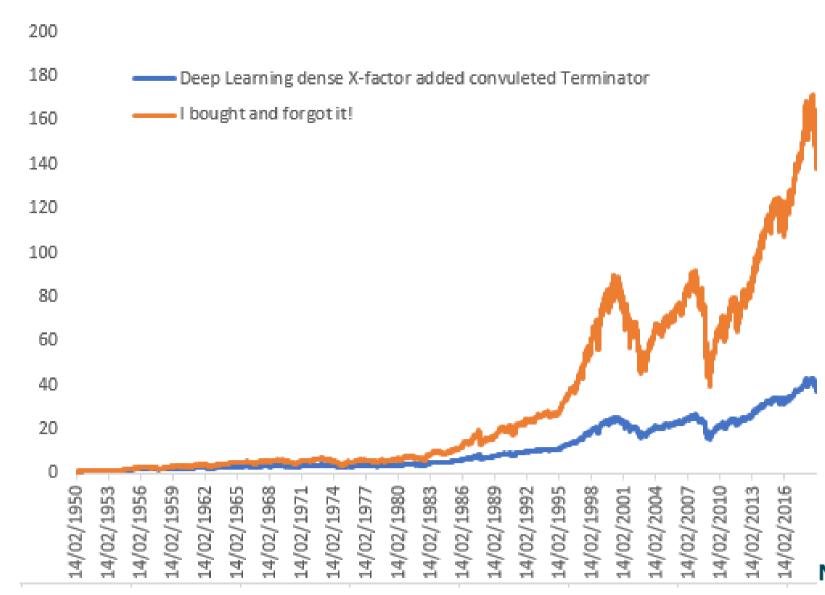
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Relative performance!



What's a "good" accuracy rate?

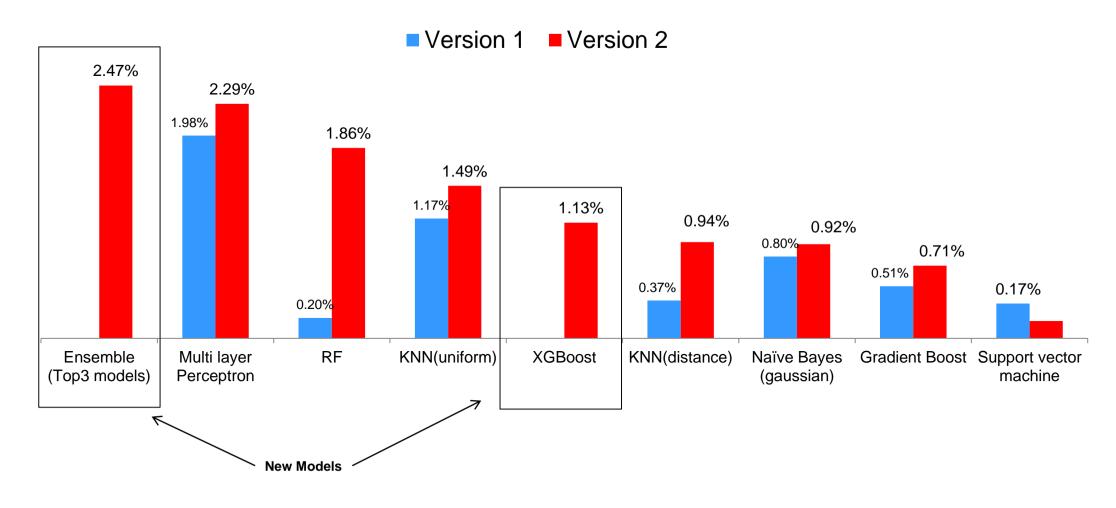


52.7% looks great!



Comparison of Models

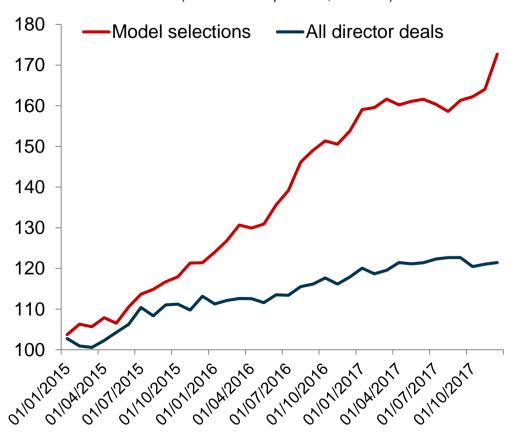
Improvement (pp) vs the Benchmark

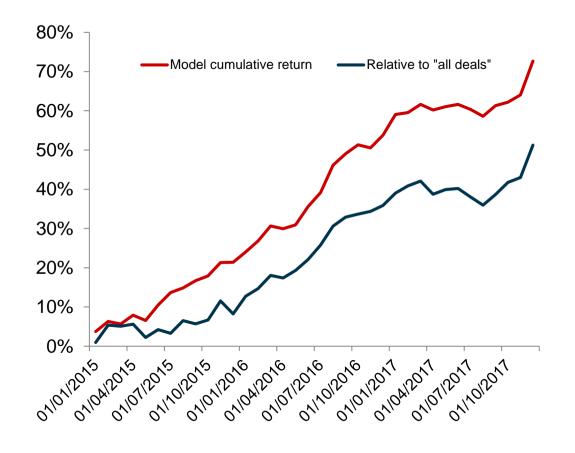


Out-of-sample performance (2015,2016,2017)

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(market neutral portfolios, base 100)





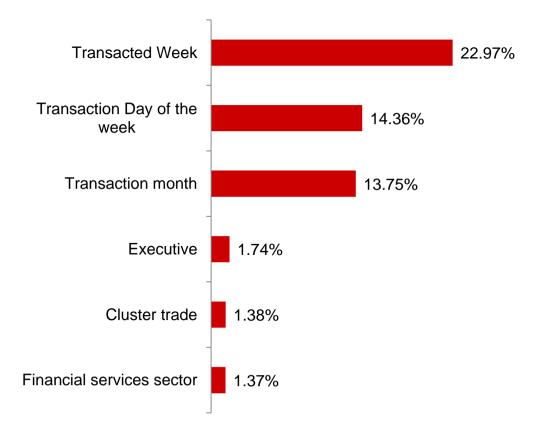
	Model Selection	All deal
Positive months	29	23
Best	5.3%	3.9%
Worst	-1.2%	-1.9%
Max Drawdown ^{Restricted} 1.9%		-2.1%



Understanding the "Black Box"

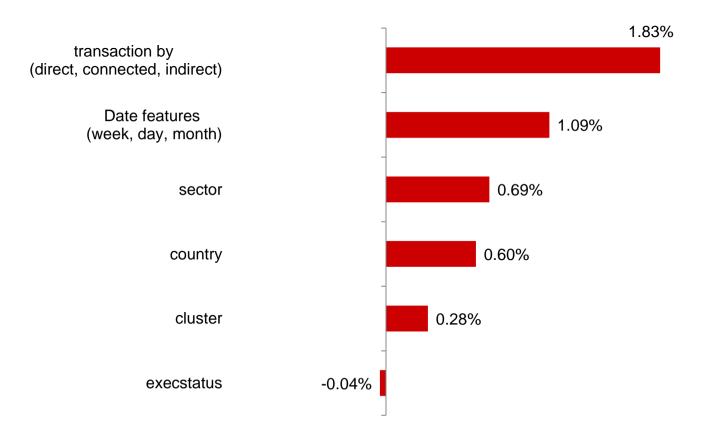
Feature importance

(RF Model, total = 100%)

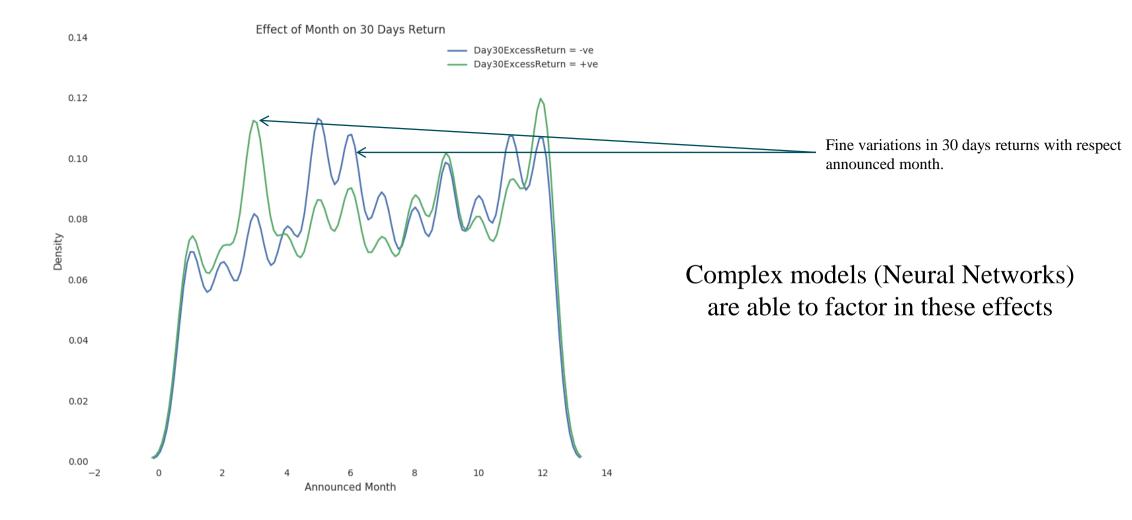


Increased accuracy by feature type

(MLP model, in percentage points against the benchmark)



Finding Finer Data Patterns

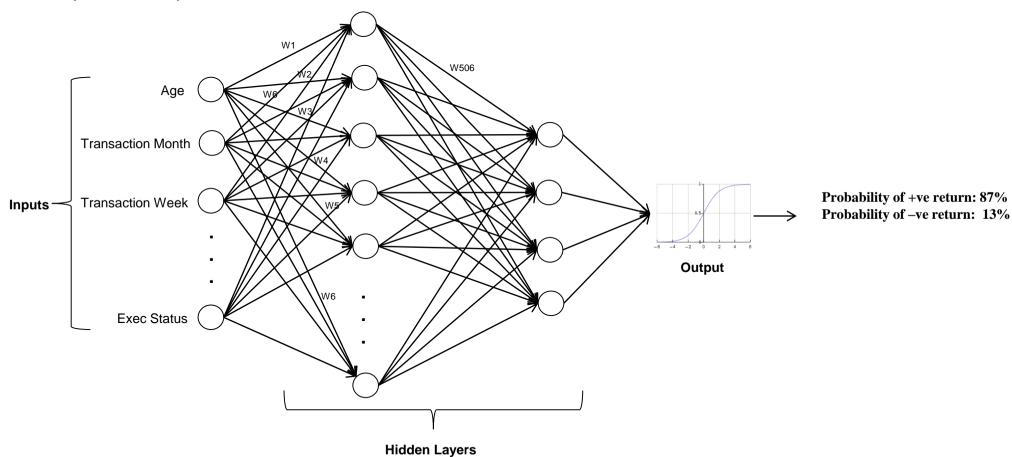


The Neural Networks Concept

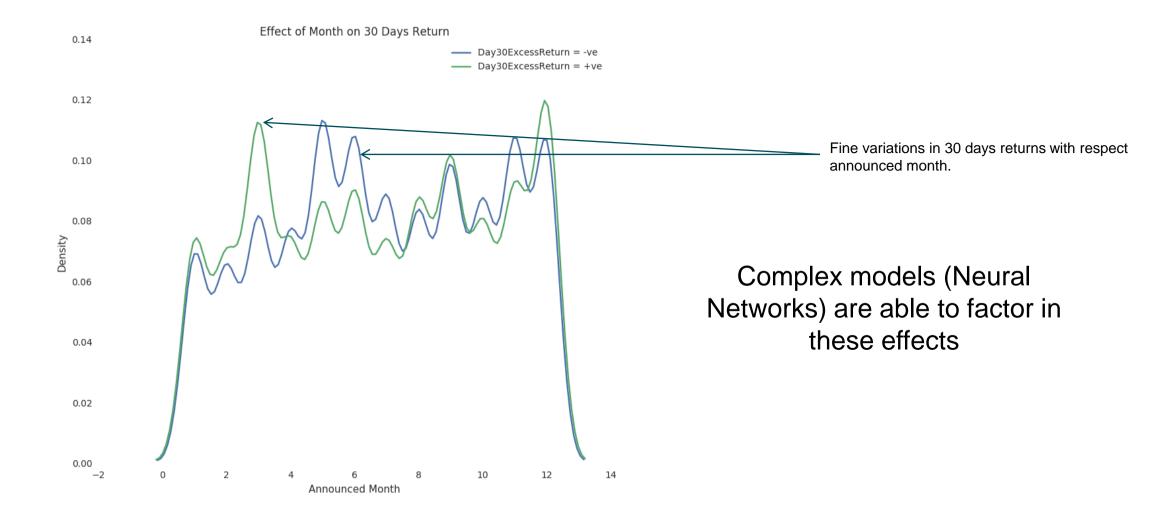
A "very large & complex equation" between inputs & output

The algorithm iterates till it gets a "good" combination of these "weights"

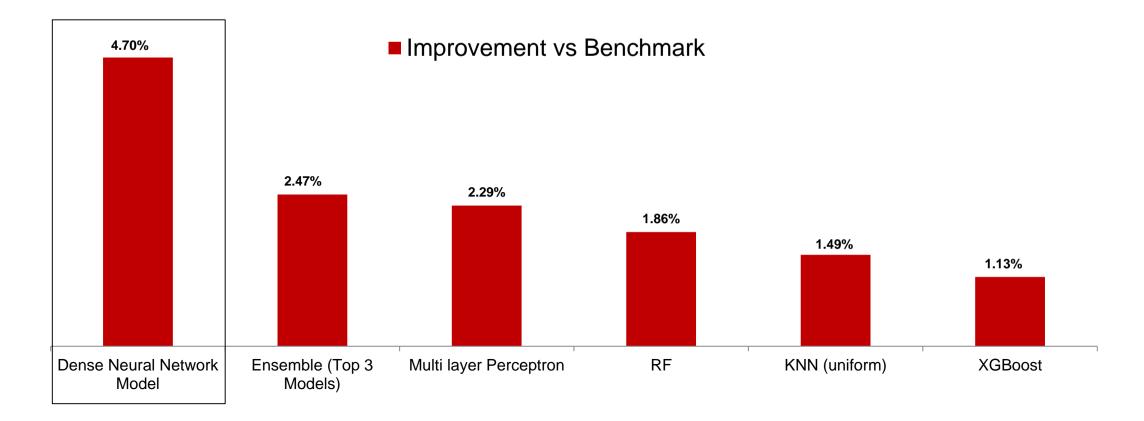
This picks the finer patterns



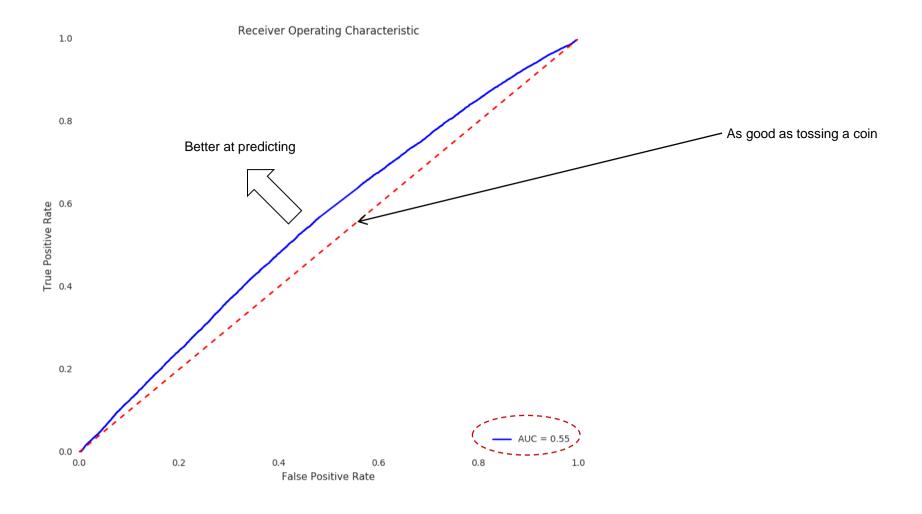
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Neural Network outperforms by a large margin



Evaluating the Neural Network



Next Steps

More data Already connected the new database (250k individual trades) to a API provider

More features Connection the API will allow us to obtain company specific metrics (past performance, financials, etc) – big data!

Better models There is good scope for improving models

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- Free beer
- Free pizza
- Testing environment

And real world Data!

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