

# Predictive Testing Strategy at BMW Group

Using the Deep Learning Toolkit  
for Splunk

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# Agenda

## BMW Innovation Lab

- Who we are and what we do

## Use Case and Business Objective

- What is the challenge we want to tackle

## Data Science Solution

- How we use the Deep Learning Toolkit for Splunk

## Future Plans

- What's next



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# BMW Innovation Lab

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“We like to innovate, we like to do things that haven’t been done before, and we like to be leading-edge in technologies.”



**“The Innovation Lab can be thought of as an interface between the present and the future quality management, where concepts can be integrated into series production.”**

# BMW Innovation Lab and Splunk

5+ years of collaboration and innovation

## Our journey of innovations with Splunk:

- **conf15:** Keynote Presentation
- **conf16:** Save Energy with Splunk
- **conf17:** The Next Level of Quality Assurance at BMW with the Machine Learning Toolkit
- **conf18:** Keynote Presentation for Machine Learning
- **conf19:** Image Indexing Framework for Image Search and Deep Learning Applications
- **conf20:** Predictive Testing Strategy at BMW Group Using the Deep Learning Toolkit for Splunk







# Use Case and Business Objectives

Predictive Testing Strategy at BMW Group

**“Everything  
we do we  
believe in  
challenging  
the status  
quo.”**





**“The way we challenge the status quo is by **creating individual, dynamic and proactive test processes** in order to increase process efficiency.”**

**“Can we predict possible error patterns based on a car’s specific product configuration?”**



# Theoretical Approach

Need for predictive testing strategy in order to increase process efficiency

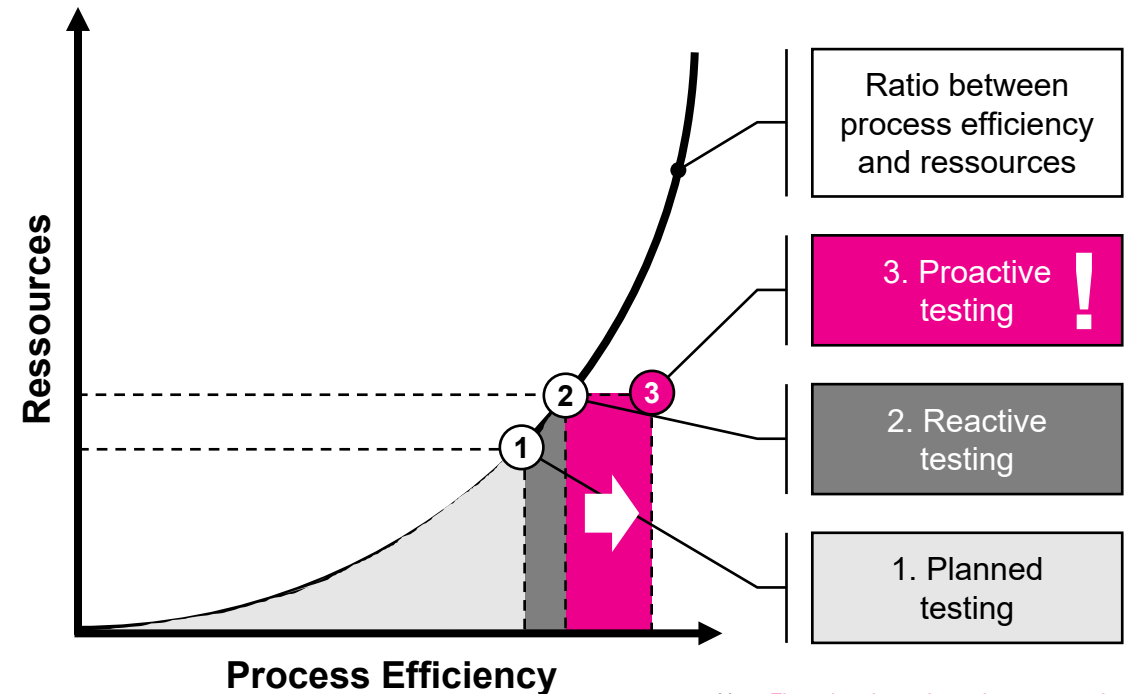
## Status Quo

- High degree of process efficiency due to planned and reactive testing (stage 1 and 2)
- Implemented test processes are capable of detecting all relevant error patterns during production
- Extremely high degree of process efficiency and vehicle protection

## Challenge

- Implement a predictive testing strategy, which is...
  - ...**individual** = create vehicle-specific testing proposals
  - ...**dynamic** = update testing proposals
  - ...**proactive** = take concrete actions to avoid possible errors

...in order to increase process efficiency without any additional resources (tackle stage 3)



Note: Figure is only a schematic representation.

# Practical Implementation

Implement dynamic quality gate to spotlight and prioritize possible error patterns

## High-level process description

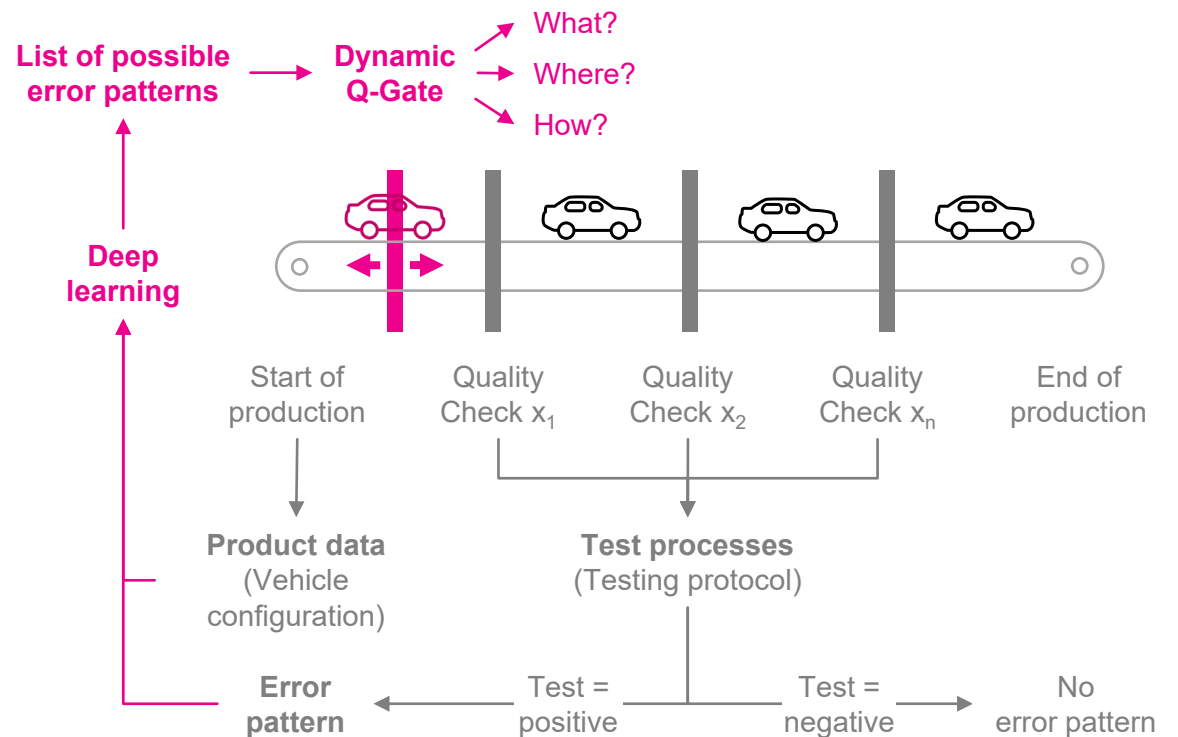
- Lots of standard quality checks ( $x_n$ ) through production
- All testing results (+/-) are splunked in detail

## Approach

- Combine product data and deep learning to predict possible error patterns on vehicle level
- Implement a dynamic quality gate at production based on a vehicle-specific list of possible error patterns

## Objective

- **What:** prioritize possible error patterns
- **Where:** detect error patterns where they are caused
- **How:** recommend qualified testing activities



# Digital Transformation

Increase process efficiency using Deep Learning Toolkit for Splunk

## Now

“Splunk Enterprise provides an integrated view on the vehicle's data and enables production teams to keep track of vehicles in order to assure highest production quality.”

## Future

“Deep Learning Toolkit for Splunk is the brain behind dynamic and proactive test processes and enables production teams to make smarter decision in order to increase process efficiency.”



# Data Science Solution

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Using the Deep Learning Toolkit for Splunk





# What is DLTK?

Freely available app for advanced data science projects using any open source AI frameworks

Speed up your data science projects with GPU accelerated containers

Seamlessly integrate & operationalize with Splunk Enterprise

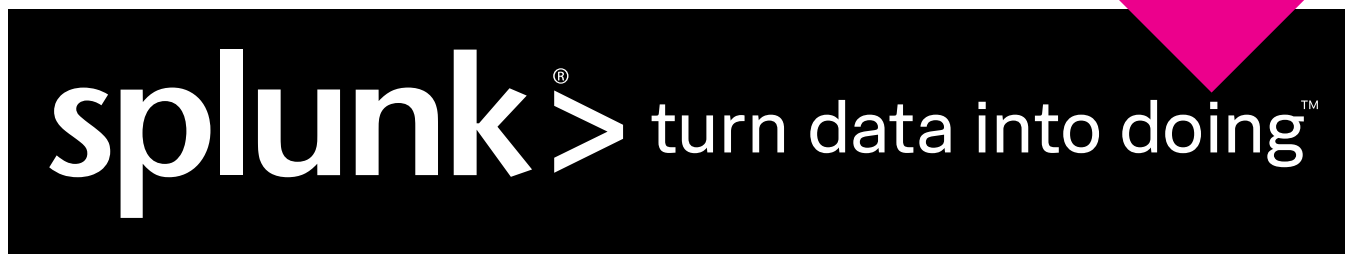
Download the app from splunkbase:  
<https://splunkbase.splunk.com/app/4607/>

# Accelerate Your Data Science Innovations

Leverage GPU powered model building and easily integrate with Splunk

Technical setup used in this project:

- NVIDIA DGX Workstation with 4 GPUs
- Splunk Enterprise 8.0
- Deep Learning Toolkit for Splunk 3.2
- Tensorflow based Deep Neural Network
- Historical Data of 100,000+ Produced Vehicles



# Data Science Approach

Following five typical steps for an applied data science project

## Frame the Problem



Predict possible error patterns based on vehicle data

## Get Data and Explore



Product and process data of 100K+ vehicles with high feature cardinality

## Create Models



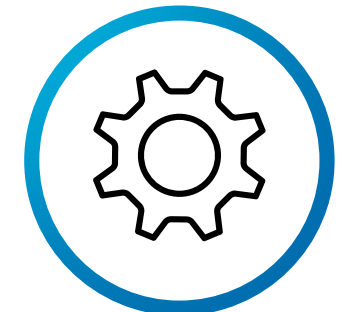
Use the Deep Learning Toolkit for Splunk to create neural network models

## Evaluate and Understand



Evaluate, Understand and Explain Model Predictions within Business Context

## Present and Operationalize



Predictive Testing Dashboard and Operationalize for daily Reporting



## Frame the Problem

Can we predict possible error patterns based on a car's specific product configuration?

# Use Case Description

Predict error patterns based on vehicle data

## Concept

- Use product data (vehicle configuration) and specific error patterns
- Learn the connection between product data and error patterns
- Try out different machine learning concepts and approaches

## Results and outcomes

- Find the best model to predict possible error patterns
- Shortlist vehicles according to their highest testing probability
- Provide a final dashboard for production teams



# Get Data and Explore

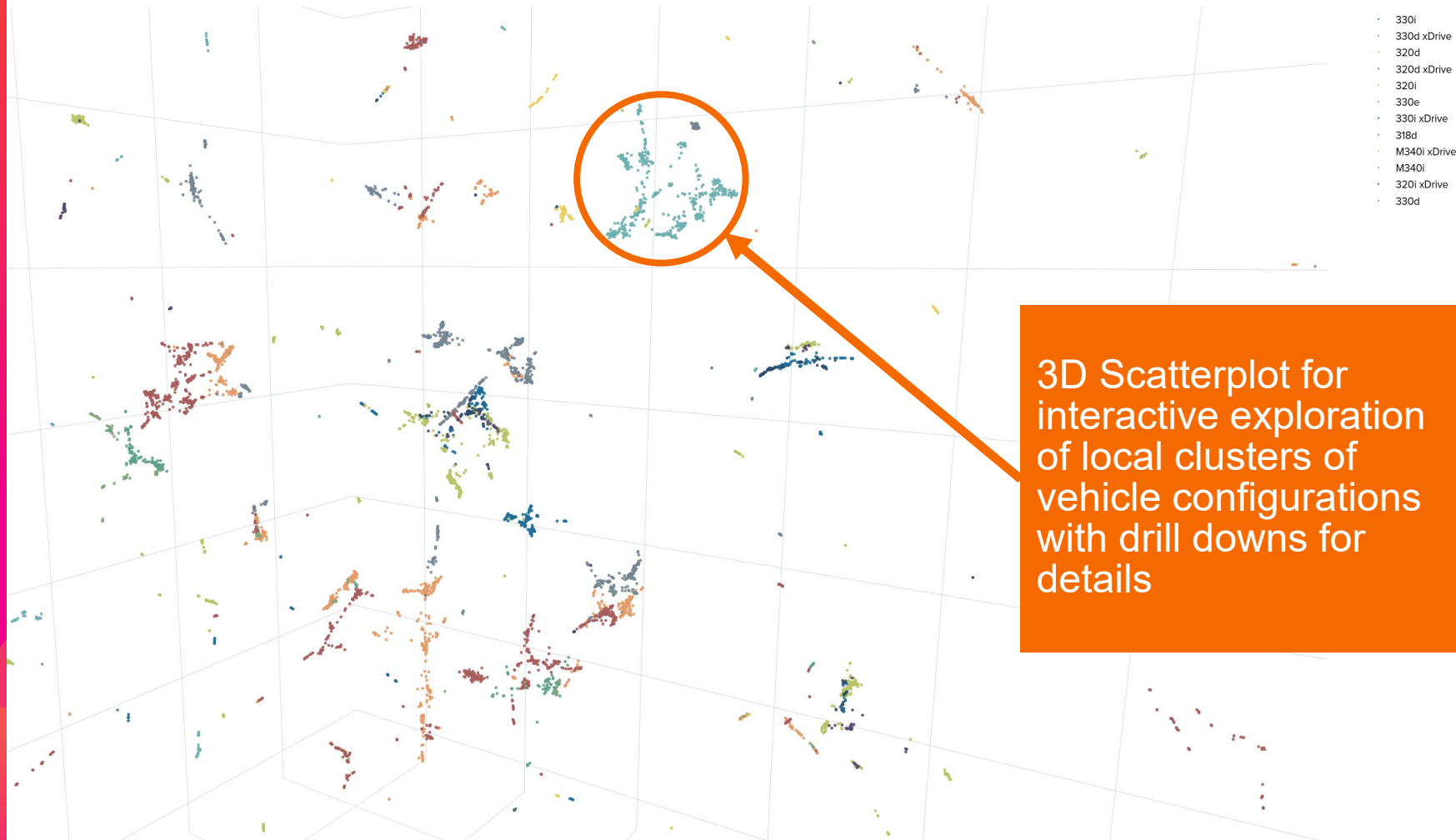
UMAP based exploration of high dimensional dataset

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Apply Clustering and detect groups with increased frequency of error combinations

# Dimensionality Reduction and Exploration of the Feature Space

Compute meaningful features and use for visualizations



More information on UMAP: <https://umap-learn.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

Note: All data used in the presentation are synthetically produced data.



# Create Models

Baseline with a basic Random Forest Classifier

# Create a Baseline Model

Using Machine Learning Toolkit's RandomForestClassifier

Algorithm: RandomForestClassifier | Field to predict: testing\_true | Fields to use for predicting: date\_wday, dhour\_peri... (15) | Split for training / test: no split

N Estimators: 100 | Max Depth: (optional) | Max Features: (optional) | Min Samples Split: (optional) | Max Leaf Nodes: (optional)

Notes: (optional)

Fit Model | Open in Search | Show SPL

How does the model perform on all training data?

Prediction Results

testing_true	predicted(testing_true)	date_wday	dhour_periode	model	description	drive	hybrid	motor	country	x_1	x_2	motor_family	motor_form	motor_modul	motor_range_lifecycle	motor_type
1	1	wednesday	11-4	G21	320d xDrive	LL	HYBR	XD5	FR	52	31					
1	1	wednesday	10-4	G21	330i xDrive	LL	NOHY	B48	PL	63	26					
1	1	wednesday	10-3	G21	320d xDrive	LL	HYBR	XD5	FR	52	31					
1	1	wednesday	9-1	G21	320d xDrive	LL	HYBR	XD5	FR	52	31					
0	1	wednesday	9-1	G20	M340i xDrive	LL	NOHY	B58	CH	71	35					
1	1	wednesday	8-1	G21	320d xDrive	LL	HYBR	XD5	DE	66	34					
0	1	wednesday	5-3	G21	320d xDrive	LL	NOHY	B48	DE	64	25					
1	1	wednesday	4-2	G20	M340i xDrive	LL	NOHY	B58	US	71	34					
0	1	wednesday	4-2	G21	320d xDrive	RL	NOHY	B47	JP	51	31					
1	1	tuesday	21-4	G21	320i	RL	NOHY	B48	JP	45	28					

Precision	Recall	Accuracy	F1
0.83	0.72	0.72	0.76

Classification Results (Confusion Matrix)

	Predicted actual 0	Predicted 0	Predicted 1
0		(73.6%)	(26.4%)
1		(37.1%)	(62.9%)

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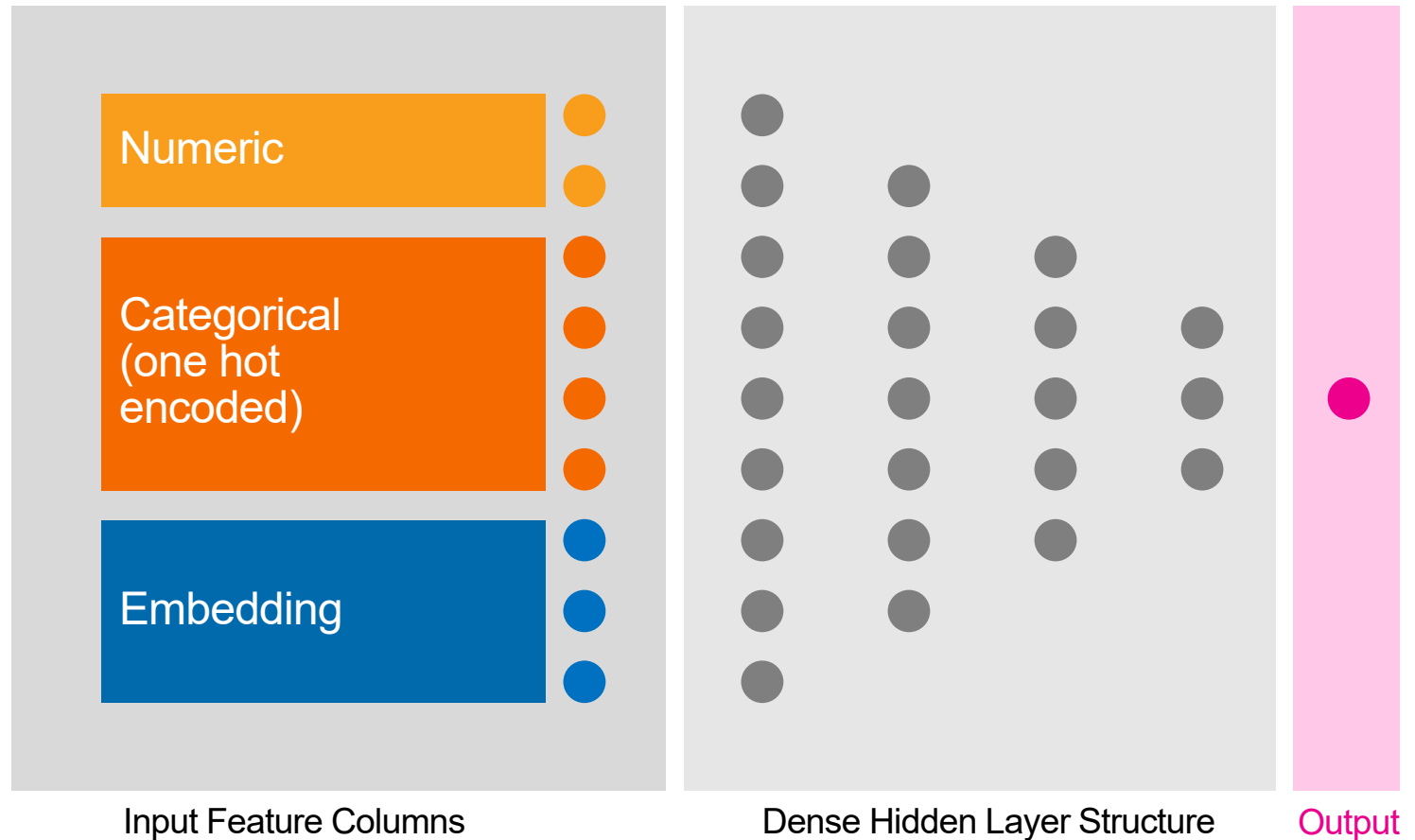


## Create Models

Improve with a Deep Learning Neural Network Approach

# Deep Learning Approach

TensorFlow Neural Network Classifier with Feature Columns



More information: [https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/structured\\_data/feature\\_columns](https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/structured_data/feature_columns)



# Create Models

Improve with a Neural Network and compare with existing baseline

# Improvements with Deep Learning

## Using a custom TensorFlow Neural Network Classifier

### 2. Define and Train the Neural Network Classifier

This section allows you to design, create and train a neural network classifier with specific configurations for your dataset.

± 25% uplift compared to the baseline

Train Neural Network Model for target field testing\_true

Neural Network Structure: 256-128-64  
 Model Name: model\_1  
 Numerical Fields: x\_1 x\_2

Categorical Fields: date\_wday, motor, hybrid, dhour\_periode, motor\_family, motor\_form, motor\_range\_lifecycle, motor\_type  
 Embedding Fields: y\_list, z\_list  
 Batch size: 256

Epochs: 50

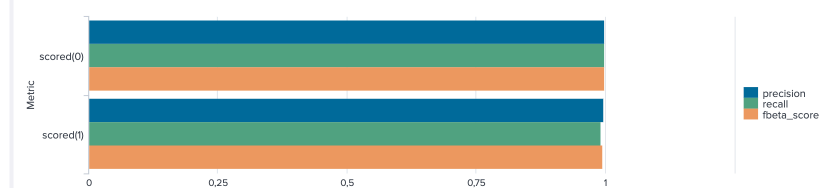
#### Prediction Results

testing_true	predicted_testing_true	probability_testing_true	date_wday	dhour_periode	model	description
1	1	0.9999989999999999	friday	9-4	G20	330d
1	1	0.9999995	monday	10-1	G21	320i

#### Model Metrics

accuracy	precision	recall	f1
0,9983	0,9983	0,9983	0,9983

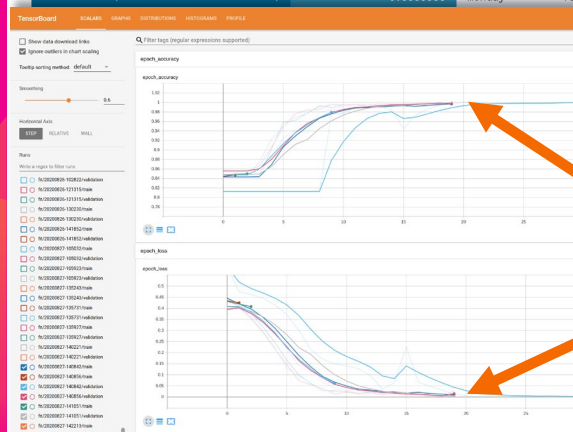
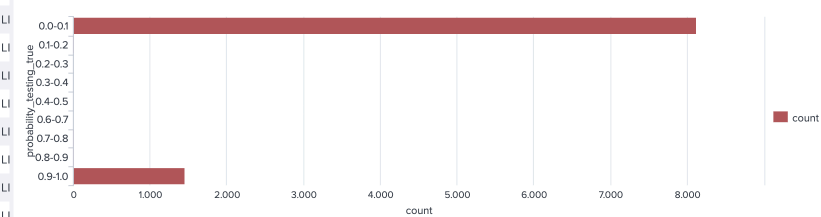
#### Metrics by target classes



#### Confusion Matrix

Label	predicted(0)	predicted(1)
actual(0)	8132	5
actual(1)	11	1485

#### Probabilities for testing\_true



The Neural Network converges on training and test validation holdout data with good metrics

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# Apply Models

Apply the Neural Network and evaluate model performance on holdout data

# Evaluate Model Performance

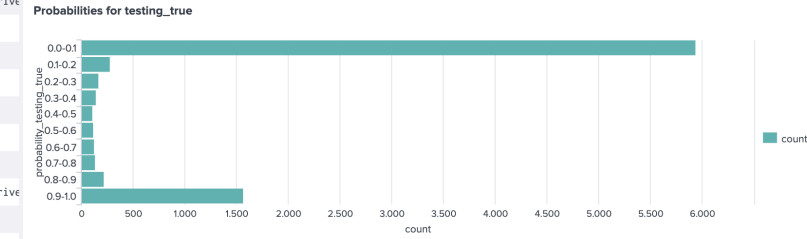
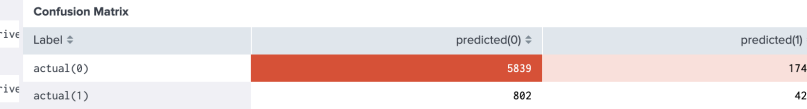
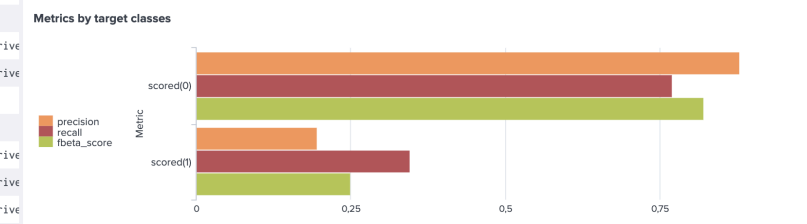
Using a custom TensorFlow Neural Network Classifier

Better than expected results and outperforming other existing approaches

Inference

Inference on Dataset

testing_true	predicted_testing_true	probability_testing_true	date_wday	dhour_periode	model	description
1	0	0.9999833	tuesday	16-4	G20	330e
2	1	0.999962	tuesday	21-4	G20	318d
3	0	0.9999523	monday	4-4	G21	M3401 xDrive
4	1	0.9999509999999999	monday	16-3	G21	320d
5	1	0.9999938	monday	11-3	G20	330d xDrive
6	1	0.9999166	tuesday	14-3	G21	330i xDrive
7	1	0.9998903	tuesday	8-3	G21	318d
8	1	0.9998869999999999	monday	10-2	G21	320d
9	1	0.9998844	thursday	18-3	G21	330d xDrive
10	0	0.999882	tuesday	6-3	G21	330d xDrive
11	0	0.9998367	wednesday	14-4	G21	330d xDrive
12	0	0.9998343	monday	14-3	G20	330i
13	0	0.999831	friday	12-4	G21	320d xDrive
14	0	0.9998224	friday	15-2	G21	320d
15	0	0.9998057	monday	11-3	G20	330d xDrive
16	0	0.9998045	tuesday	16-4	G20	330d xDrive
17	1	0.999802	tuesday	16-4	G20	330e
18	0	0.999795	wednesday	14-3	G21	330i
19	0	0.999786670001	monday	6-4	G20	320i
20	1	0.999785	monday	5-2	G20	330e
21	0	0.9997819999999999	monday	6-3	G21	330i
22	1	0.9997795	friday	10-3	G20	320i
23	0	0.9997044	tuesday	16-4	G21	330d xDrive
24	1	0.99969	friday	15-2	G21	320d
25	1	0.9996849999999999	tuesday	21-4	G21	330i xDrive



False positives still exist and further tuning and improvement is possible

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# Model Explainability for Better Transparency and Additional Insights

## Make Machine Learning Models Interpretable



## Evaluate and Understand

Better understand how a machine learning model is working and which features have what impact on a model's output

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Deep Learning Toolkit for Splunk

### Explainable Machine Learning with XGBoost and SHAP

XGBoost Learning Rate: 0.05 Sampling: 1:1 Plot type for SHAP: Default Dots All time Submit Hide Filters

#### Example for XGBoost Classifier and SHAP

This example shows how to introduce explainability in machine learning models with the help of SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanations), a game theoretic approach to explain the output of any machine learning model. This is helpful to better understand which features in a model have higher or lower impact on its output.

testing_true	predicted_testing_true	probability_testing_true	date_wday	dhour_period	model	description
1	1	0.9999989999999999	Friday	9-4	G20	330d
1	1	0.9999995	Monday	10-1	G21	320i
1	1	0.9999993	Tuesday	9-1	G21	330d xDrive
1	1	0.9999993	Tuesday	10-3	G20	330d xDrive
1	1	0.99999905	Tuesday	7-1	G21	320d
1	1	0.9999889999999999	Monday	20-1	G21	320d xDrive
1	1	0.9999880000000001	Wednesday	4-4	G21	320d xDrive
1	1	0.9999869999999999	Tuesday	6-3	G21	330d xDrive
1	1	0.9999833	Monday	14-1	G21	330d xDrive
1	1	0.9999785	Friday	7-2	G21	320d xDrive

SHAP Summary Plot (default)

SHAP value (impact on model output)

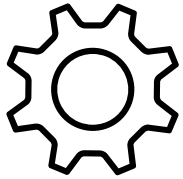
**SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanations)** is a game theoretic approach to explain the output of any machine learning model.

More information on SHAP: <https://github.com/slundberg/shap>

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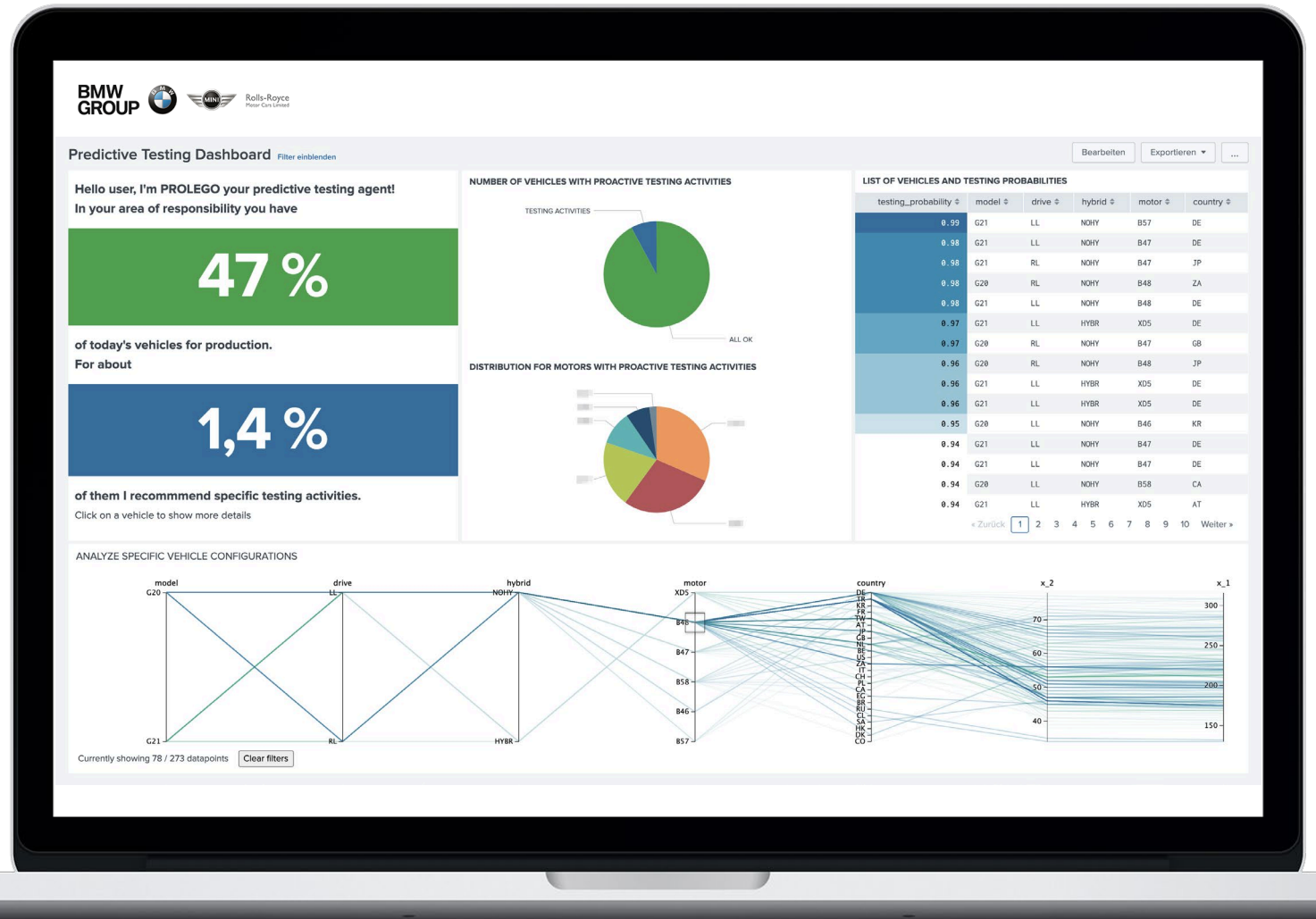
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# Final Dashboard to Communicate Results with Drill Downs for Details



## Present and Operationalize

Make the model results accessible and usable in a simple and easy way





# Future

What's Next?



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This organization contains open source software for realtime computer vision published by the developers, partners and friends of the BMW InnovationLab.

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# With Splunk and DLTK: Sky is the Limit!



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