Caterpillar Big Data Infrastructure

Big Data, Data Analytics, and Machine Learning
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Machine Learning on Advanced Sensor Data
Why Do We Need a Big Data Infrastructure?

Personnel Detection/Classification

Equipment Classification

Data Pre-Processing

Determine Initial Machine Learning Algorithms to Compare

Ground Truth Data

Separate Training & Test Data

Train Algorithms on Training Data

Compare Algorithms on Test Data

Select Algorithm

Verify Algorithm

Example: Machine Learning Flow
We Were Spending Too Much Time On Ground Truth and Managing Training and Testing Data

Example: Machine Learning Flow
CatBigDat – Field Data Collection
CatBigDat – Web Based Ground Truth Tagging
CatBigDat – Ground Truth Metadata Database
CatBigDat – Engineering Interface Leverages Power of MATLAB
Completely Flexible and Modifiable Ground Truth Label Hierarchy - Vehicle
Completely Flexible and Modifiable Ground Truth Label Hierarchy - Personnel
General Additional Fields - Pick Lists

- Environmental Lighting
  - Sunny Day - Full day data, dawn to dusk on clear sunny day with mixed lighting (shadows and bright sunlight)
  - Cloudy Day - Full day data, dawn to dusk on cloudy day
  - Low Light
  - Night w/ Lights - Night data with vehicle lighting
  - Night w/ Lights and Incidental - Night data with vehicle and incidental lighting

- Background Environment (Construction Building, Construction Highway, Mine Surface, Commercial, Residential, Urban, Rural)

- Location (Indoor, Outdoor)

- Airborne obscurants (Dust, Fog, Smoke)

- Weather (Raining, Snowing)

- Ground Conditions (Mud/Dirt, Partial Snow, Majority Snow, On-Road, Off-Road, vegetation, gravel)

- Quality of Focus (Good, Poor, Lens Occlusion, Lens Damage)
Example Queries w/ Example Results

- Standing, un-occluded people
- Crouching, un-occluded people
- Close range, occluded people
- Negative Data (e.g. Non-People)
- Hydraulic Excavator, Side View
- Hydraulic Excavator, Rear View
- Wheel Loader, Bucket in Air
c1 = annotation with properties:

   id: 'Ai2f6m-cd6b-43ef-9822-5d85f5cb58c'
   image: [1 serializable]
   folder: '/srv/CAM/framework/2016-11-09-12-30-16_0_simulatedloading_frames/contl08/'
   object: [1 serializable]
   description: []

>> c2 =

1x2 annotation array with properties:

   id
Automatic Labeling of Data
Tight integration with MATLAB Classification Learner App

- Simple queries into Caterpillar labeled data to import multi-class positive and negative data for training.
- Tight integration with MATLAB Machine Learning Backend (Classification Learner and Command Line)
Integration with Auto-Coding Tools And 3rd Party Machine Learning

- HDL Coder
- Caffe
- VIVADO
- SDSoc
Using MATLAB for Continuous Improvement in our Big Data, Data Analytics, and Machine/Deep Learning Infrastructure

Because it is MATLAB, development time is short.
Future Direction for the Infrastructure

Continuous Efficiency Improvement Feedback

Collect and Ground Truth Data → Auto Gather New Ground Truth → Run New Training with Pre-defined Queries on HPC → Calculate Performance Statistics of New Classifiers → Review and Select Classifier Performance → Auto Generate Code and Download to Embedded Platform → Evaluate Performance in the Field

Make it Even Easier to Find Best Classifiers to Solve a Given Problem - More Science, Less Art
Conclusions

• Developed big data and machine/deep learning infrastructure
• Web based ground truth interface
• Automatic ground-truth -- limits need for human supervision, reducing development time
• Database for storing and querying meta-data
• Engineering interface with tight integration with MATLAB products for learning, visualization, verification
• Code generation - direct to embedded real-time platforms
• Scalable in number of users, amount of data, and compute power
Thank You!

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