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# Feature Discovery Using Topological Data Analysis (TDA)

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# The Age of Big Data!

- Financial transactions, GPS coordinates, social media generate 2.5 Quintillion Bytes (exabytes) every day!
- Expected to grow by 100% annually through 2015.
- Huge Potential for user centric solutions

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## A Small Problem :-(

- How do we derive any insights from such big data?
- Traditional approach is to ask questions and query answers
- How do you ask question you didn't know to ask?

### From data to insights?

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### Feature Selection

- Typical data sets have hundreds to thousands of features
- Feature selection decides which features to use for prediction and how they are related
- Key challenge especially in feature rich data sets such as DNA microarrays, etc.

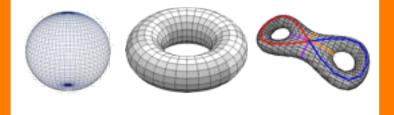
### The Curse of Combinatorics!

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# A Pioneering Approach

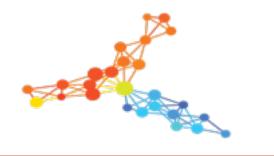
#### Topology is the study of shape

Topology is a branch of mathematics from the 1700's that studies continuity and connectivity of objects and spaces, utilizing the shape of data to derive meaning in data



#### **Our Differentiation is TDA**

The combination of Topological Data Analysis (TDA) with machine-learning automatically creates topological networks revealing statistically significant patterns in complex data



Ayasdi's approach is using Topological Data Analysis one of the top 10 innovations developed at DARPA in the last decade.





### How TDA is Different

**Traditional Statistics** 

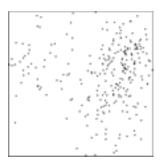


Algebraic models



**Visualization** 

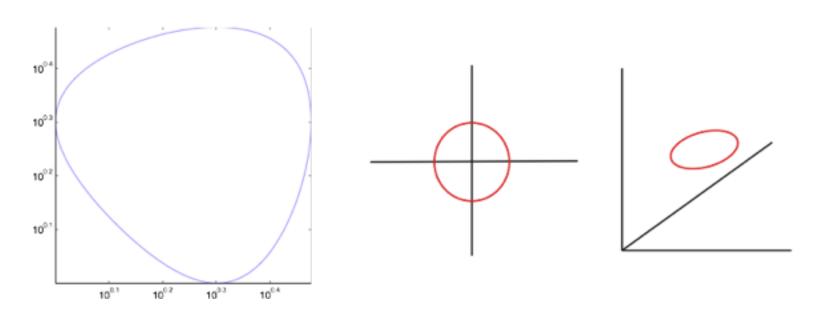
Scatterplots, Heatmaps, Dendrograms,





### Property #1: Coordinate Freeness

Topology studies properties of geometric objects which are not dependent on the particular coordinate frame in which they are represented.



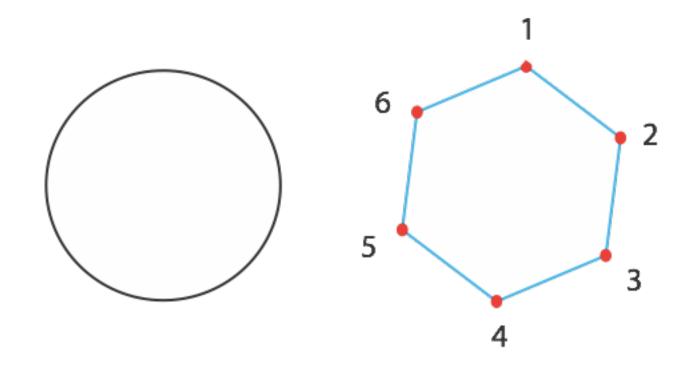
### Property #2: Deformation Invariance

Topology studies properties of curves and surfaces which do not change when you stretch them.

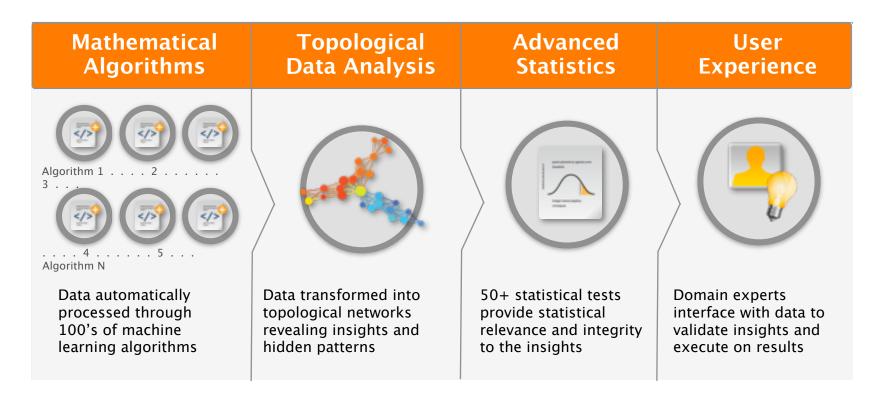


### Property #3: Compressed Representation

Topology constructs small, combinatorial representation of continuous objects.



# The Ayasdi Platform™



**44** Ayasdi is one of the **real advances** in data analysis to have arrived in the last 10 years)

Bloomberg Businessweek **Eric Schadt** 

Director of the Institute for Genomics & Multiscale Biology New York Mount Sinai Medical Center



# Discovering Fraud

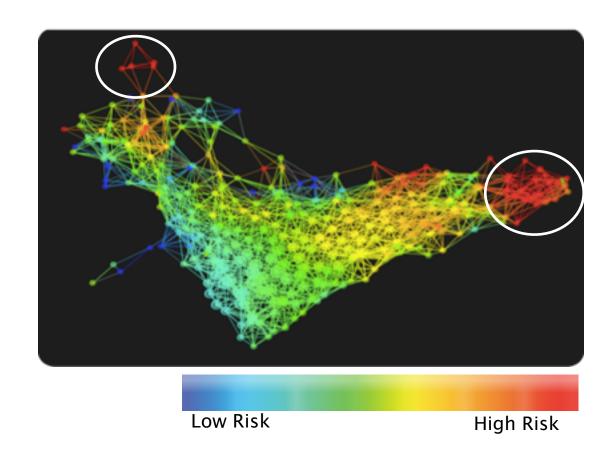
## Finding fraudulent transactions.

This topological network automatically discovers transactions where fraud exists.

#### **About the Data:**

~6M transactions across

~300 attributes





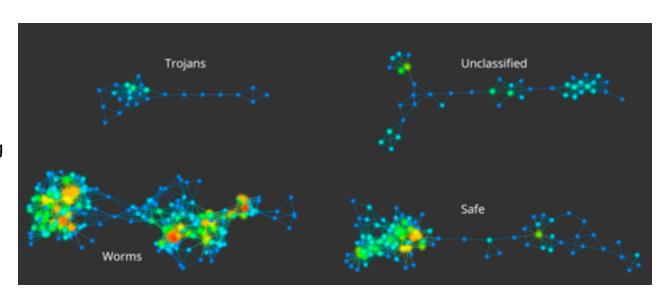
# Detecting Malware Attacks

### Finding new patterns of malware.

This topological network automatically discovers program types highlighting malware.

#### About the Data:

- ~30K system calls
- ~Hundreds of programs



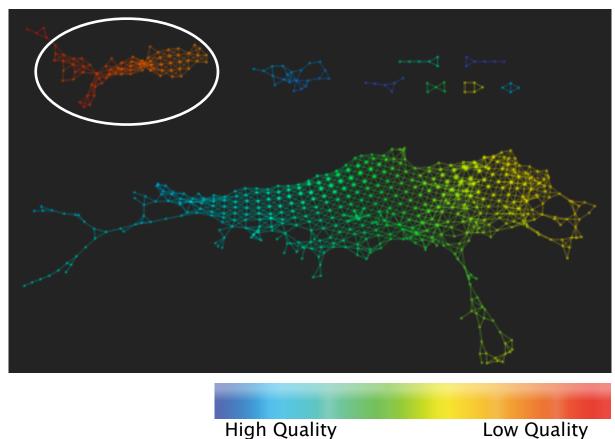
# Optimizing Yield Performance

#### **Predicting yield** performance across manufacturing lines.

This topological network automatically classifies manufacturing lines and to help formulate a strategy for yield optimization.

#### About the Data:

- ~ 1,000+ MFG lines
- ~ 500+ attributes/line



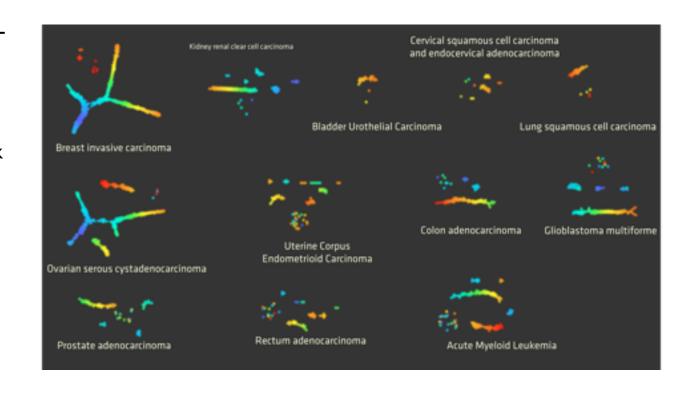
# Developing Targeted Drugs

Finding patient subpopulations to develop targeted drugs.

This topological network automatically grouped patients into sub-categories based on genetic characteristics.

#### **About the Data:**

- ~ 3M genetic markers
- ~ 14K patients



### Vision

# Transform how the world uses data to solve problems



The new shape of big data



New big data firm to pioneer topological data analysis



Ayasdi: A Big Data Startup with a Long History



A New Company Uses Big Data to Fight Cancer (And Rethink Basketball)

#### Bloomberg Businessweek

Ayasdi: Stanford Math Begets a Data Company



Has Ayasdi turned machine learning into a magic bullet



# Questions?