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Caterpillar Big Data Infrastructure

Big Data, Data Analytics, and Machine Learning



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Autonomous Haul Trucks



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Operator Assistance



Machine Learning on Advanced Sensor Data



Why Do We Need a Big Data Infrastructure?







We Were Spending Too Much Time On Ground Truth and Managing Training and Testing Data



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





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



Caffe

Deep learning framework





Using MATLAB for Continuous Improvement in our Big Data, Data Analytics, and Machine/Deep Learning Infrastructure

Continuous Efficiency Improvement Feedback



Because it is MATLAB, development time is short

Future Direction for the Infrastructure

Continuous Efficiency Improvement Feedback



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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