A Unified Data Analytics Framework for Time-Series Data

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- **Founded as Seattle Car Manufacturing Company in 1905**
- **Headquarters: Bellevue, WA**
- **Major manufacturer of heavy-duty and medium-duty trucks under the Kenworth, Peterbilt, and DAF nameplates**
- **Approximately 31000 employees**

Agenda

- Data collection and analysis scenarios
- Industry challenges
- Introducing Dashboard2
- Working with disparate data sources
- Working with remote data sources
- Automated report generation
- MathWorks tools and capabilities used
- Future capabilities
- The MathWorks tool ecosystem at PACCAR
- Acknowledgements

Data Collection And Analysis Scenarios

Test Cells

Desktop based tools

Dataloggers

HIL Simulation

MIL Simulation

MATLAB SIMULINK®

Development Engineers

Validation Engineers

OBD Engineers

Performance Engineers

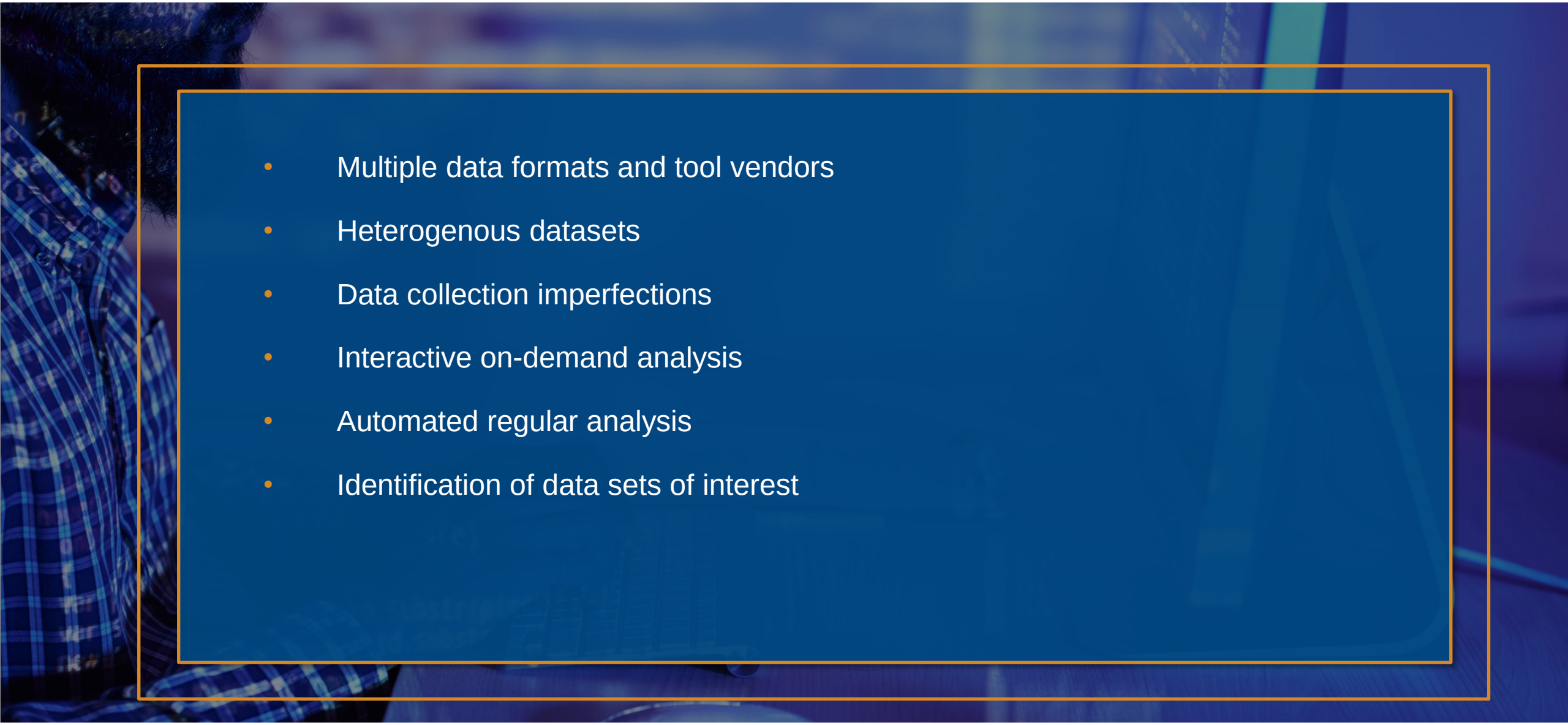
Emissions Compliance Engineers

Battery Engineers

Vehicle Autonomy Engineers

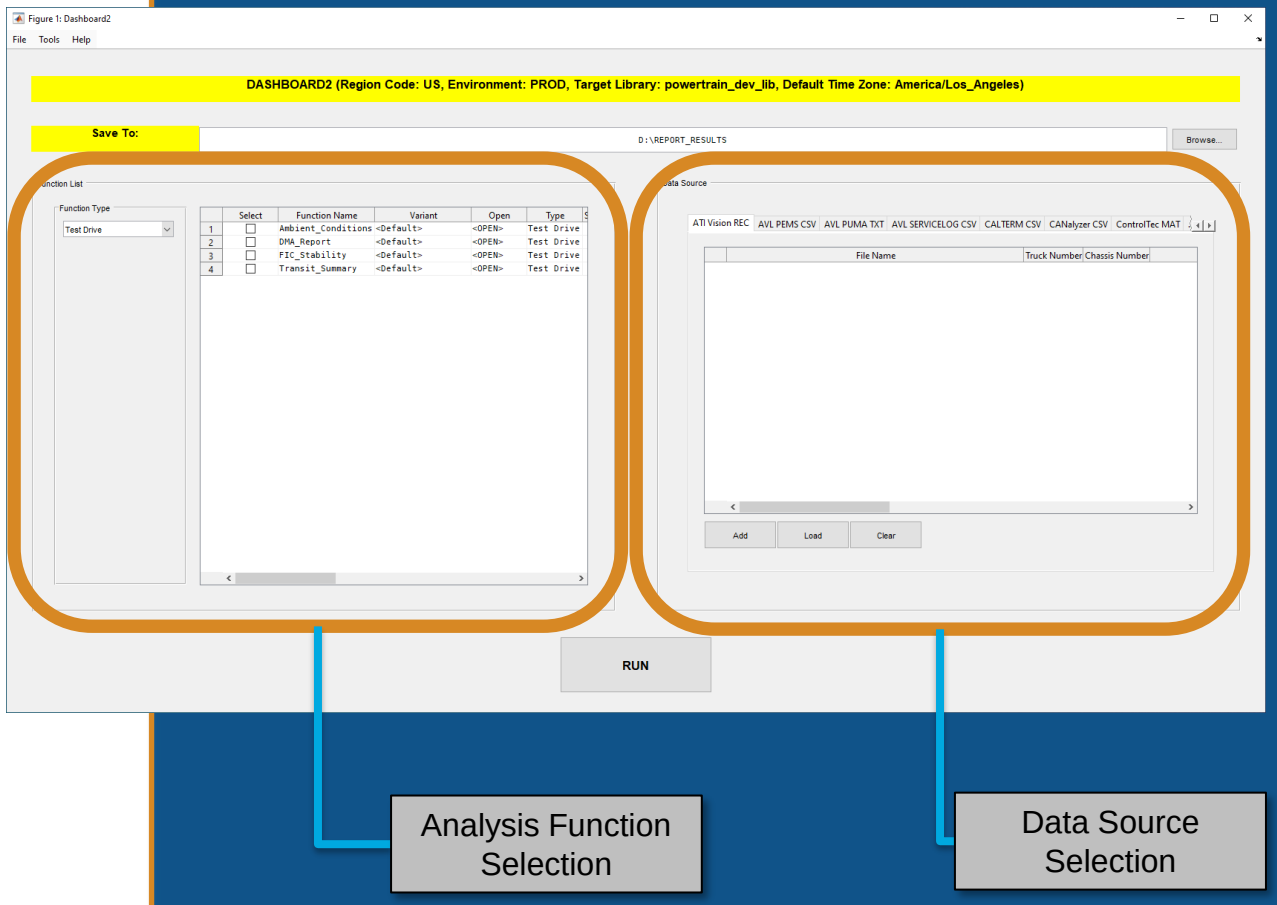
Property Owners

Challenges



- Multiple data formats and tool vendors
- Heterogenous datasets
- Data collection imperfections
- Interactive on-demand analysis
- Automated regular analysis
- Identification of data sets of interest

Dashboard2



- Unified data analytics tool supporting 16 file formats
- Configurable analysis parameters (signal alias lists, units, sampling rates)
- Analysis functions reside in a separate namespace, for independent development
- Interactive operation and command line operation
- Includes utilities for format independent visualization, merging, cleaning, querying, and time aligning data

Dashboard2 Stages

LOADING

Data files are “skimmed” for high level information (headers, metadata, identifier names, starting timestamp) and an object is instantiated for each file.

PROCESSING

Required signals are extracted and processed into a uniform data representation consisting of MATLAB timetables. POSIX timestamps and source file identifiers are added, and the data is cleaned if applicable (utilizes parallelization)

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47.7 sec	650.75	22800	85.859	1606139170.7
47.8 sec	649	22800	85.875	1606139170.8
47.9 sec	650.75	22800	85.875	1606139170.9
48 sec	650.5	22800	85.859	1606139171

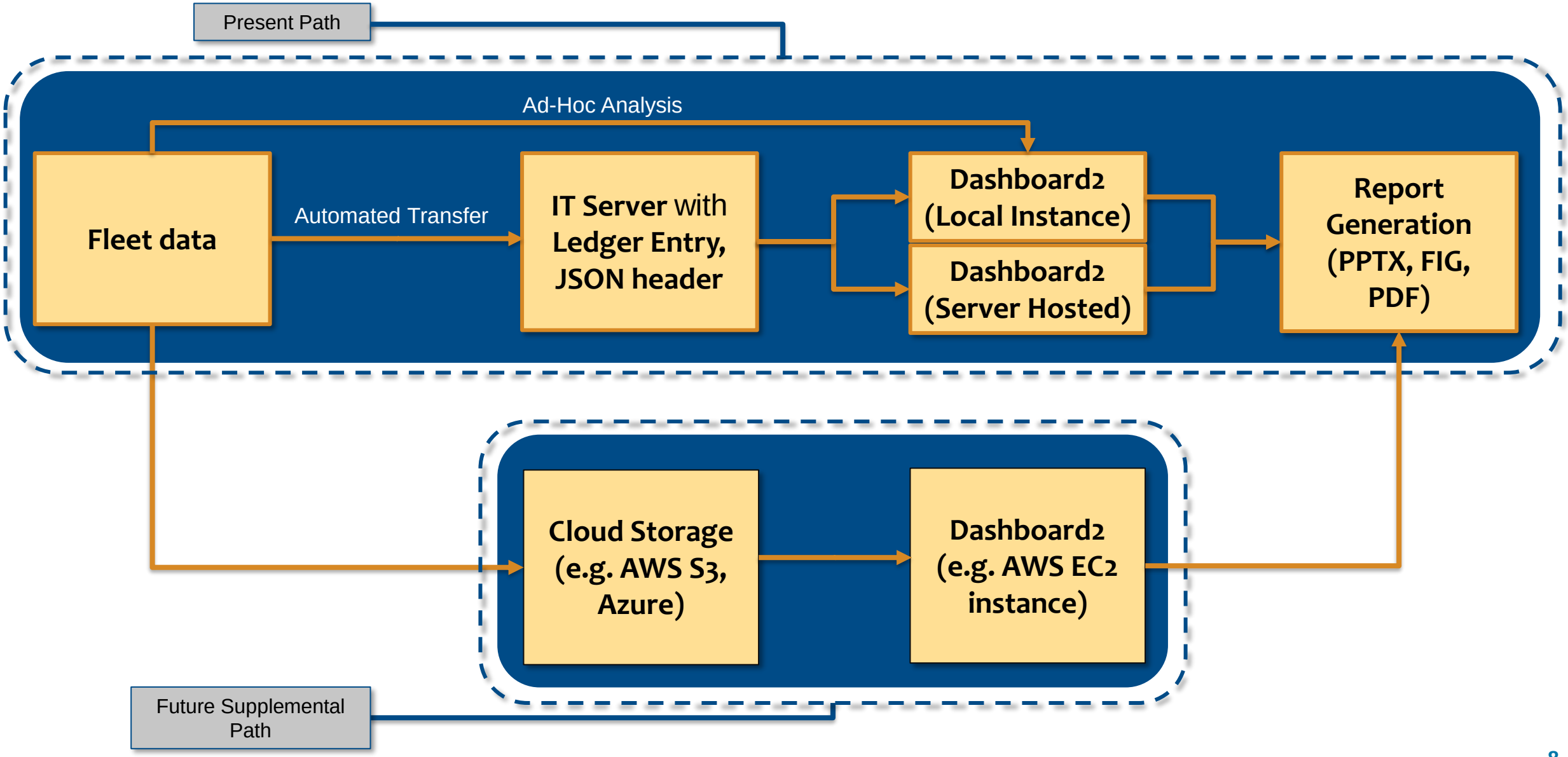
MERGING

If applicable, the extracted data store is merged and passed on to the following stage. Data can be processed sequentially (file by file) or all at once depending on data volumes and reporting requirements

ANALYZING

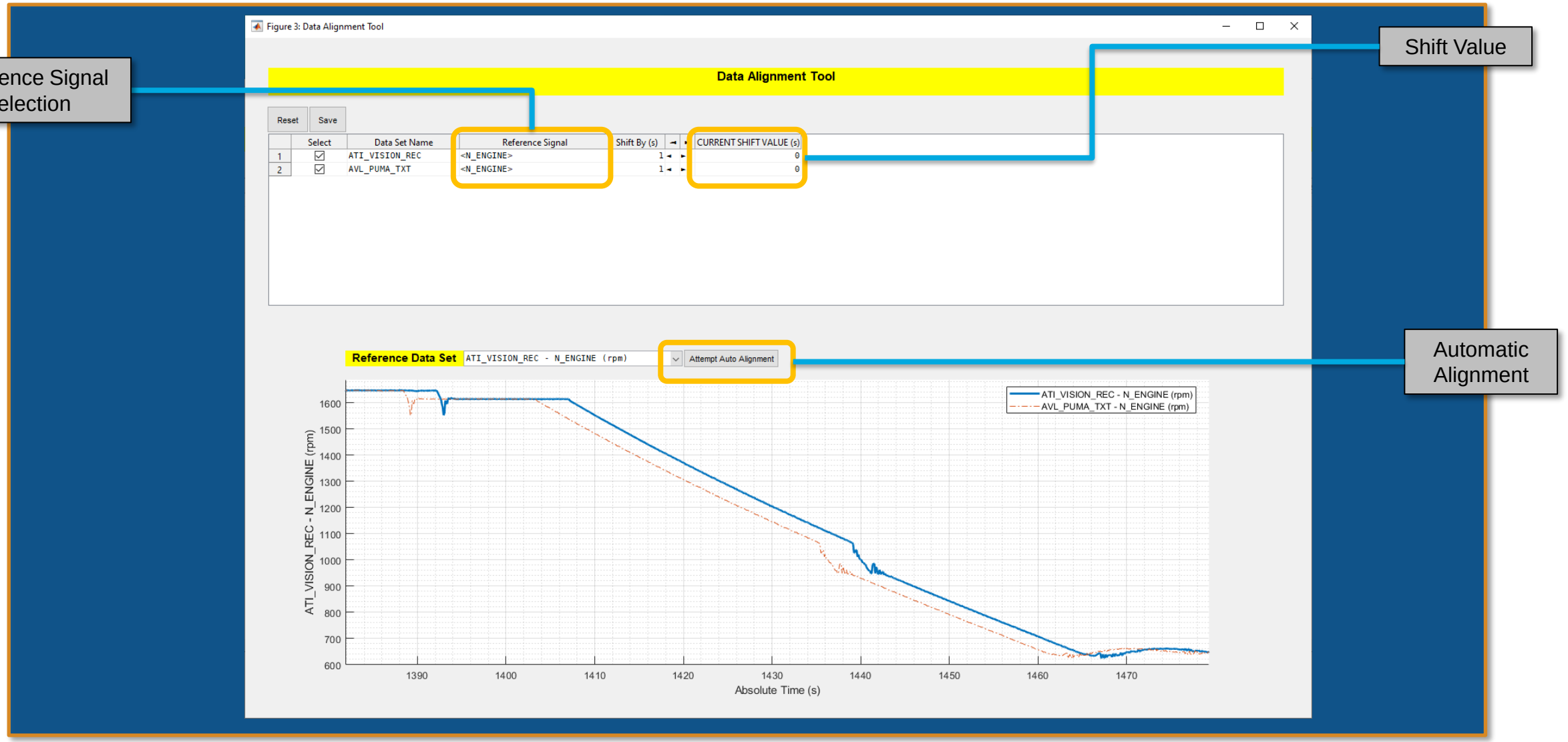
The data store representation is then analyzed to generate an interactive FIG file report. Analysis types include transient analysis and aggregate analysis

Data Pipeline



Working with Disparate Data Sources

Different Data Sources Utilizing Different System Clocks



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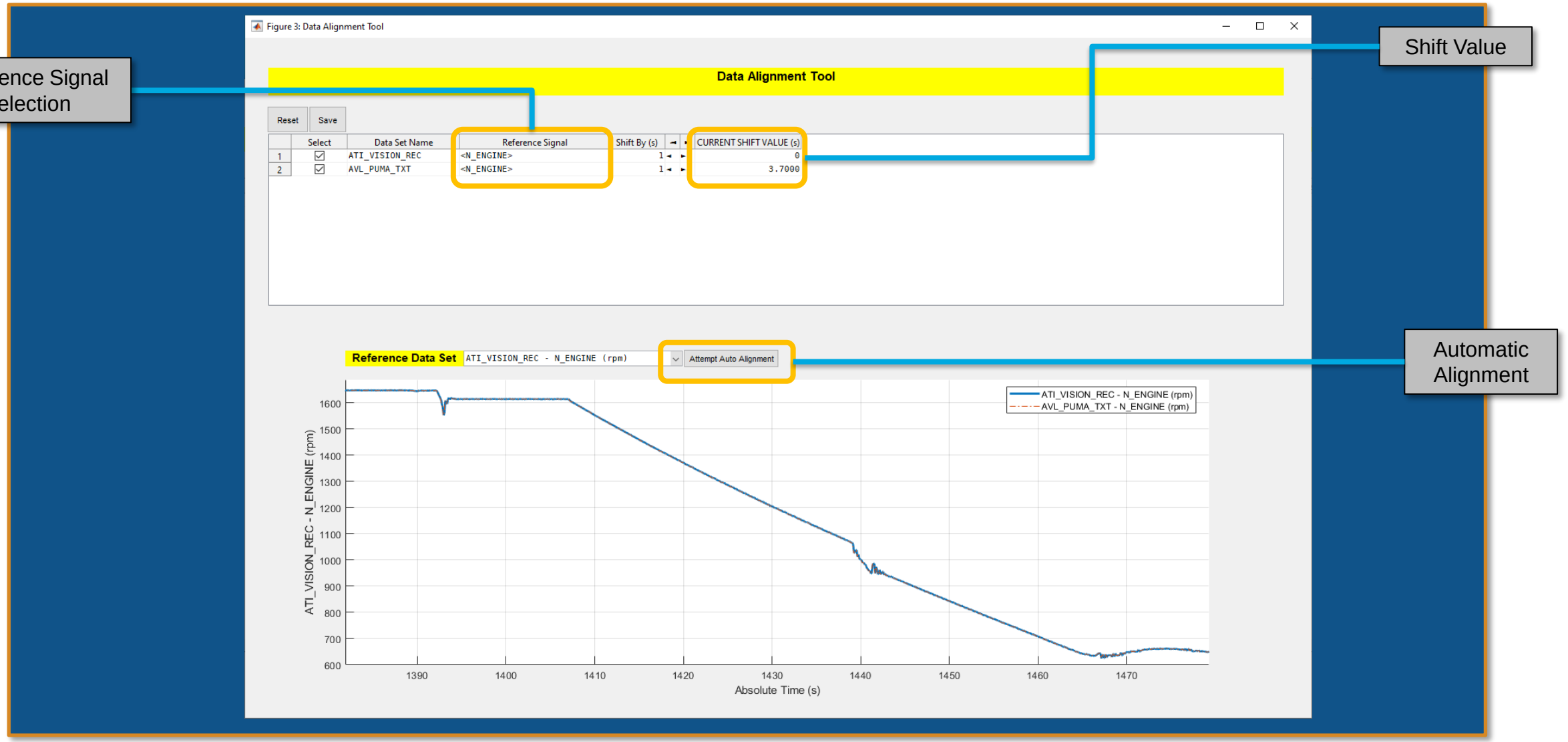
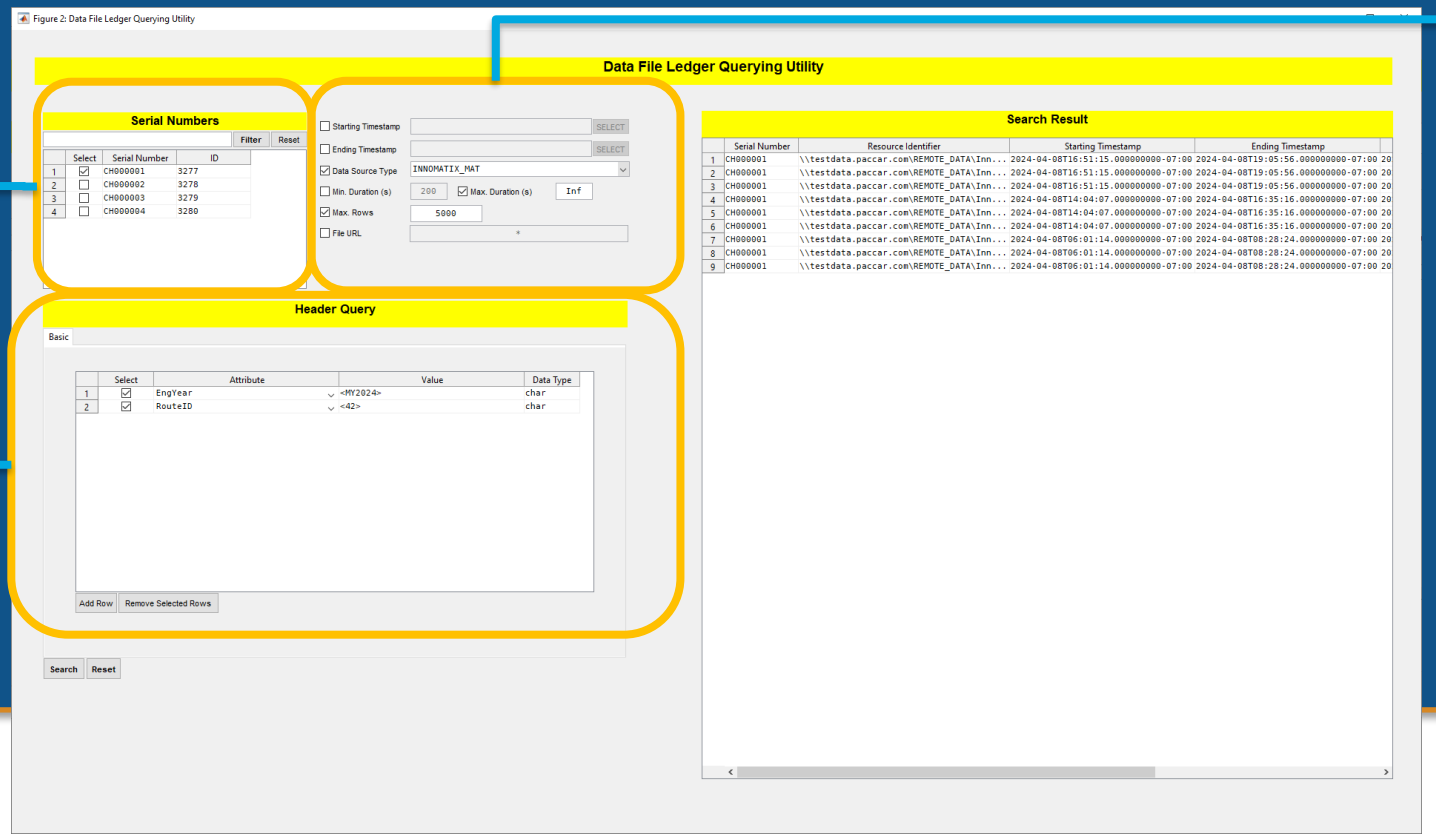


Working with Remote Data Sources

- Large numbers of data files are streamed daily from vehicles in the field and archived in remote locations
- High level metadata is automatically extracted and entered into a file ledger (SQL Server Database), and queried using this utility



Automated Report Generation

Done in conjunction with the previously described Data File Ledger

```
Dashboard2_US_OBD_DEV.exe Action runAutomatedReport FunctionName <AnalysisFunctionName>
StartDateVec "[2023 10 1 0 0 0]" StopDateVec "[2023 10 2 23 59 59.999]" SerialNumberList
<ChassisNumberList> VariantName <VariantName> EmailList <EmailList>
```

- **Action runAutomatedReport:** Required to run the automated report
- **FunctionName <AnalysisFunctionName>:** Which function is to be run
- **StartDateVec "[2023 10 1 0 0 0]":** The starting timestamp [year month day hours minutes seconds], in the local system time zone
- **StopDateVec "[2023 10 1 23 59 59.999]":** The ending timestamp [year month day hours minutes seconds], in the local system time zone
- **SerialNumberList <ChassisNumberList>:** A comma separated list of chassis numbers of interest
- **VariantName <VariantName>:** Specifies the signal list variant to be utilized for this execution
- **EmailList <EmailList>:** Comma separated list of email addresses

Backend

- Utilizing POSIX timestamps as a uniform representation of timestamps with a high level of precision, using MATLAB's "posixtime" functions

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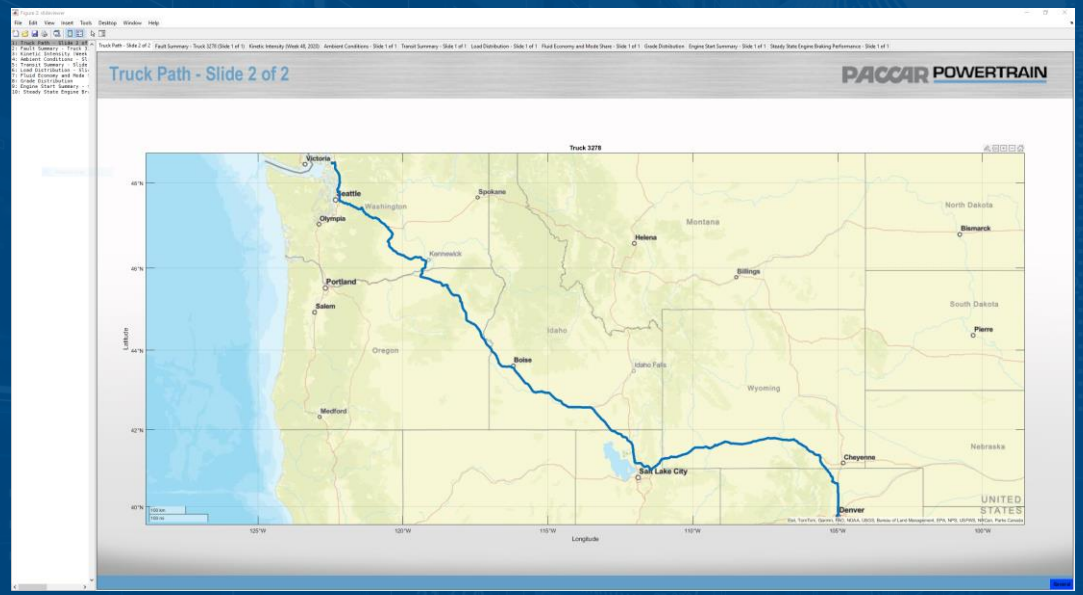
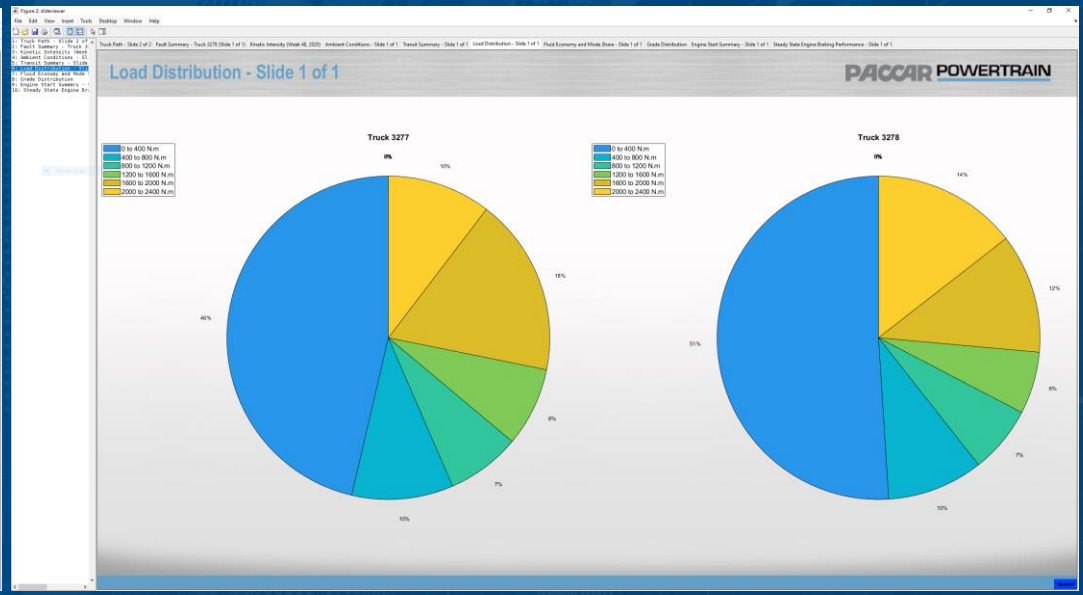
- A specific reader function designed for each data format to ensure that only the data applicable for a specific report is ever loaded, thus allowing one data collection cycle to serve multiple stakeholders
  - MATLAB's "load" and "matfile" functions: Permit loading only the necessary labels from a MAT file
  - MATLAB's "readtable" function: Permits the selection of specific columns in a delimited ASCII file (like CSV)

- Parallel computing allows processing of multiple files simultaneously, utilizing upto 32 workers

Example Reports

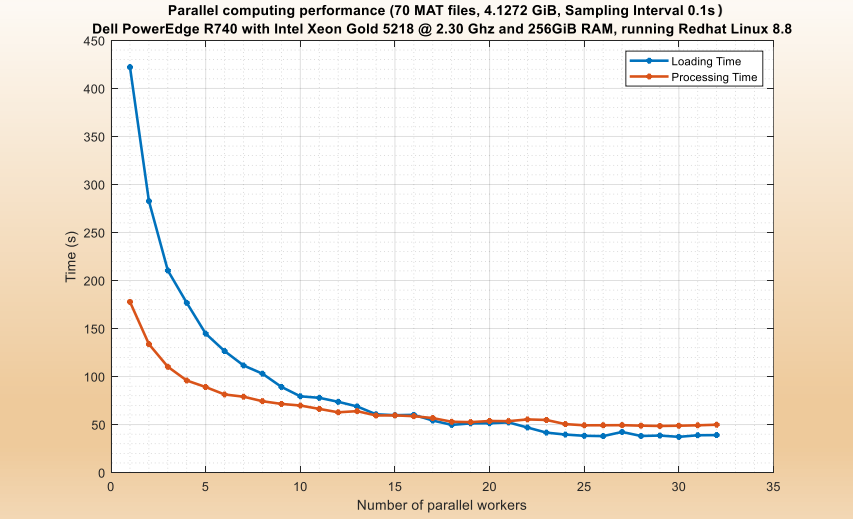




- Reports are generated in a tabbed MATLAB FIG file by default
- Distributable, viewable from the compiled tool without MATLAB
- All of MATLAB's interactive plotting and annotation tools are available within this window
- Data traceability can be incorporated

MathWorks Tools and Capabilities Used

- **Parallel Computing Toolbox**: Utilization of up to 32 workers for improved data processing speeds



- **Database Toolbox:** Cross platform connectivity to SQL Server
- **MATLAB Interfaces to Java:** Used for Java's built-in cryptography routines
- **Vehicle Network Toolbox:** Adds support for MF4 files and Vector CAN DBC files
- **MATLAB tables and timetables:** Form the basis of the abstraction layer provided by Dashboard2
- **MATLAB Compiler:** Compiles Dashboard2 targeted towards different stakeholders

Future Capabilities

- Integration with cloud storage
- Archiving of processed data in a queryable form in a cloud storage area, such that it can serve all stakeholders
- Scaling with the MATLAB Parallel Cluster, interfacing with Simulink based tools for generating Simulated data
- Availability of reports through a “Software as a Service” (SaaS) model

The MathWorks tool ecosystem at PACCAR

- Software release tools to prepare memory images for programming various ECUs
- Vehicle simulation tools for optimizing calibration work
- Rapid controls prototyping tools and frameworks utilizing MATLAB Coder, Simulink Coder, and Embedded Coder

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