

### Sentiment-Driven Financial Intelligence

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# Digital Reasoning Trusted Cognitive Computing For A Better World



Machine Learning platform that understands human communication



National Security Financial Services Health Analytics Data Science



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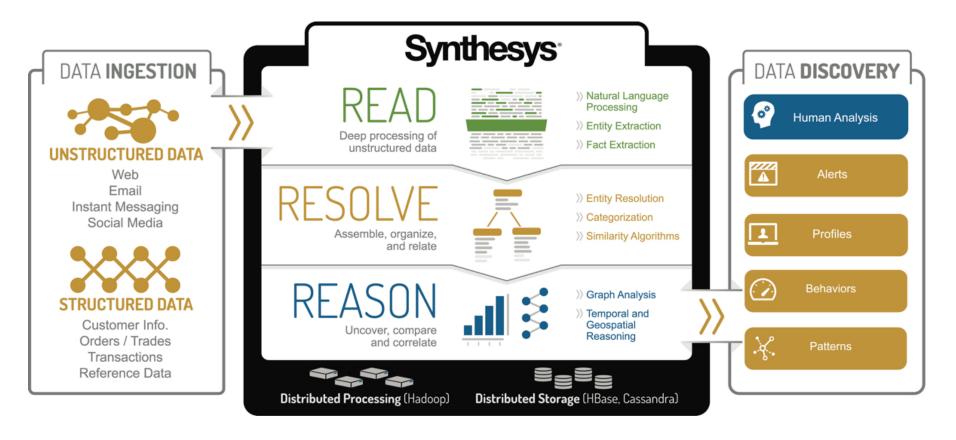






# Digital Reasoning Platform

Scalable platform designed to analyze human communications



# What is Financial Intelligence?

Predict client interests and behavior from communications and interactions

Customer Insight

Market Intelligence Extract key market themes and monitor risk metrics from structured and unstructured data

Uncover investment opportunities through insights derived from public and private data

Investment Research Risk & Compliance Monitor AML, SAR, misconduct, manipulation and unauthorized trading, trade reconstruction

# Customer Insight

- Goal: leverage client communications to predict client preferences and behavior, extract client holdings
  - CRM data, emails, documents, phone calls, chat
- Example:
  - Banking chat mining:

# Risk & Compliance

 Goal: Monitor AML, SAR, misconduct, manipulation and unauthorized trading, trade reconstruction



#### **FX Rate Manipulation**

- Reveal collusion and market manipulation
  - "Quid-proquo" exchanges
- Clustered Bid/Ask quotes
- Order execution around the benchmark



#### **Unauthorized Trading**

- Indentify trading abuse
  - Deal related language
  - Abusive/dirty references
- Improper placement and execution



#### **Wall Cross Violations**

- Uncover insider trading
- M & A terminology
  - Personal trade execution
  - Discussing
     Companies on
     Restricted list



#### Conduct Risk / Anti-Bribery

- Email from/to sensitive countries
- Bribery & gift language
- Presence of attachments
- Deal related language
   & order execution



#### **Anti-Money Laundering**

- Use public information to enhance KYC profiles
- Email to/from economically sanctioned countries
- Deal related language
   & order execution
- Analyze wire instruction fields for hidden risks



Electronic Communications Surveillance

# Useful Analyst Sentiment?

"The stable outlook reflects our expectations that Apple will continue to maintain and defend its strong market position in mobile devices and tablets despite seeing an contraction in its addressable market."

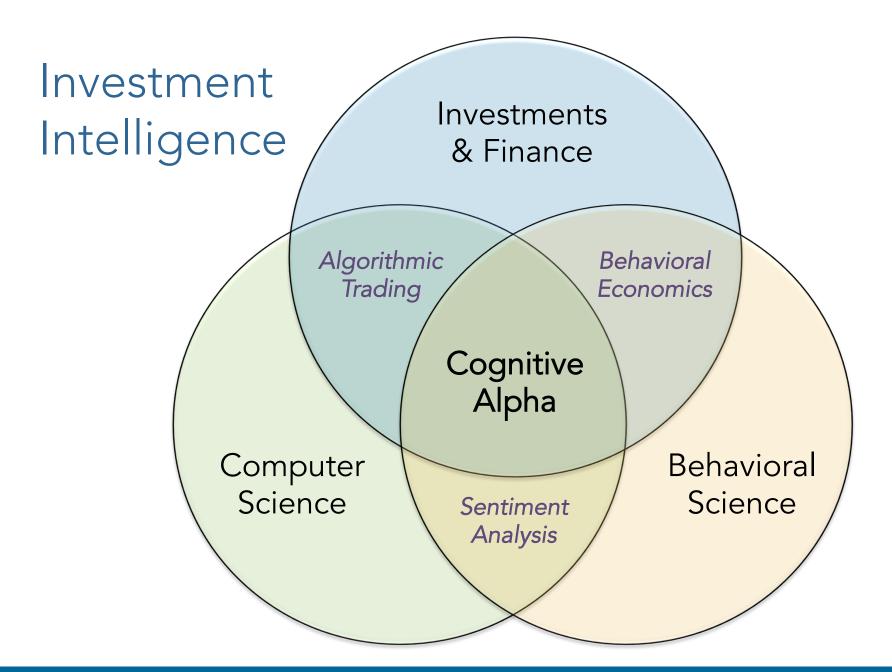




# Investment Intelligence

# Alpha: the active return above that of a passive benchmark

- Goal: identify persistent sources of alpha through sentiment analysis
- Key is "<u>persistent</u>" as sentiment is widely viewed as <u>transitory</u> and unstable over long-term
- Current approaches incorporate emotional, affect psychology and intent models that aggregate individual sentiment to identify short-term group trends
- Incorporate models of investor behavior?



### Traditional vs. Behavioral Economics

Empirical evidence diverges greatly from classic theory

#### **Traditional**

- Perfect rationality
- Expected utility theory
  - Risk aversion
- Efficient market hypothesis
- CAPM and APT

#### Behavioral

- Bounded rationality
- Prospect theory
  - Loss aversion
- Adaptive market hypothesis
- Behavioral Asset Pricing
- Market anomalies

Why do market anomalies exist?



### Drivers of Anomalies

#### Cognitive Biases

- Conservatism
  - Overweight Bayesian priors
- Confirmation
  - Selection bias
- Gambler's Fallacy
  - Mean reversion
- Representativeness
  - Overweight recent evidence
- Availability
  - Familiarity premium

#### **Emotional Biases**

- Loss aversion
  - Pain > Gain
- Overconfidence
  - Underestimate risk
- Endowment
  - Sentimental value premium
- Status-Quo
  - Regret-aversion
- Herd behavior

Anomalies are <u>drivers</u> of excess return (alpha)

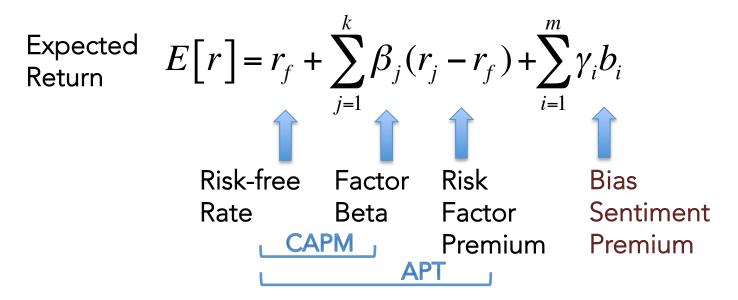
### Studies of Market Anomalies

Year	Authors	Anomaly	
1968	Ball & Brown	Earnings announcement effect	
1975	Haugen & Heins	Low volatility effect	
1976	Rozeff &Kinney	January effect	
1977	Basu	Low P/E effect	
1981	Gibbons &Hess	Monday effect	
1981	Shiller	Excess volatility effect	
1981	Banz	Size effect	
1985	Rosenberg, Reid, Lanstein	Value effect	
1987	DeBondt & Thaler	Over-reaction to bad news	
1993	Jegadeesh & Titman	Momentum investing	



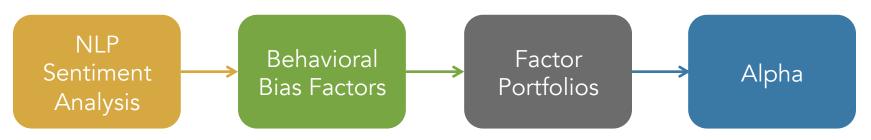
### Quantitative Behavioral Finance

Behavioral asset pricing model:



- This is a linear factor model that includes behavioral bias sentiment factors
- Exposure to behavioral biases given by weights  $\gamma_i$

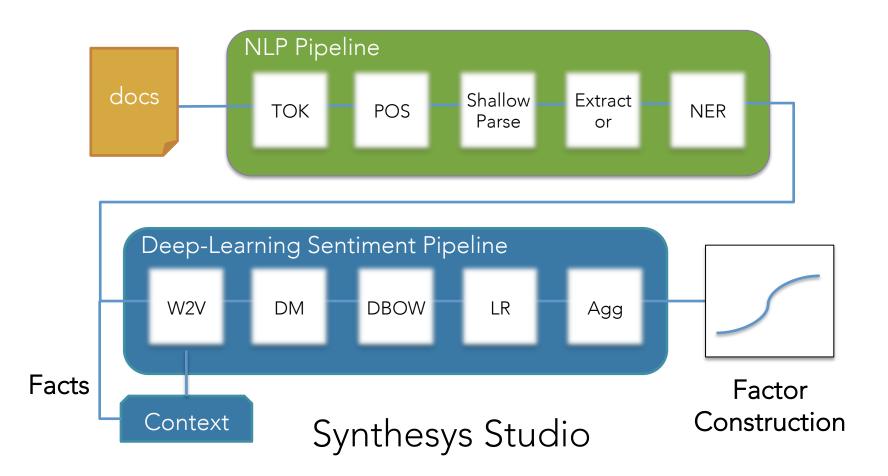
# In Search of Alpha



- 1. Context-based sentiment analysis to extract features of behavioral biases observed in investor commentary
- 2. Combine these features with structured data to formulate behavioral bias factors
- 3. Use the factors to fit regression models for asset returns
- Construct factor portfolios to monetize market anomalies by overweight/underweight exposure to specific behavioral biases

# Our Methodology at Digital Reasoning

Data: public and private investor commentary



### Some Results

Standard Fama-French model (MKT, SMB, HML) regression with two behavioral factors (UMO, ITF): Sun 2014

	Factor Premium	Standard Deviation	P-value	Sharpe Ratio	Corr. Vs. MKT
MKT	0.47	4.66	0.0262	0.10	1.00
SMB	0.19	3.16	0.1942	0.06	0.28
HML	0.42	3.04	0.0022	0.14	-0.33
UMO	0.32	1.57	0.0001	0.20	-0.12
ITF	0.91	3.06	0.0001	0.30	-0.50

# Key Takeaways

- Intersection between sentiment analysis and behavioral economics is opening up new opportunities for investment alpha generation
- DR's context-based sentiment analysis methodology is useful for extracting behavioral bias features from public and private data
- Behavioral bias feature extraction yields factor portfolios that can take advantage of anomalies manifested from these biases
- Open research field

### Final Words

 We at Digital Reasoning are actively exploring neural embedding and deep learning methods to enhance feature extraction of behavioral biases

Toolbox: Synthesys Studio

- Text analytics
- Model training
- Open platform
- Q4 2015 release
- Freeware

