

Massive Disruption: AI to Optimize Fairness and Job Relevance in Employment Selection



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ANALOG EMPLOYMENT SELECTION IS NOT GREAT

FINDING EMPLOYEES IS A GAMBLE

40-50%

Failure rate for new hires

66%

Of hiring managers regret
their decisions

30%

Of an employees first year
earnings = turnover costs

Source: Sullivan (2017), *ERE Media*

FINDING A JOB IS MISERABLE

65%

Of applicants never hear
back

60%

Rate experience as poor

36%

Fewer callbacks for Black
applicants

Sources: Florentine (2017) *CIO*; Quillan et al (2017) *PNAS*

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CHARGES FILED

76,418

total in 2018

32%

race/ethnicity based

32%

sex based

<https://www.eeoc.gov/eeoc/newsroom/release/1-25-18.cfm>

MONETARY RELIEF

\$505M

secured by EEOC in 2018

\$39M

secured by OFCCP in 2017-2018

<https://www.dol.gov/ofccp/BTN/index.html>

CA ACR 125

Bias and discrimination in hiring reduction through new technology

- WHEREAS, Innovative technologies for hiring and promotion, including artificial intelligence and algorithm-based technologies, have the potential to reduce bias and discrimination in hiring and promotion ...
- WHEREAS, California should be the leader in the appropriate standards that are necessary to ensure that the technologies being developed and used will reduce employment bias and discrimination, while achieving better employment outcomes and ensuring equal opportunity to economic mobility; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature urges policymakers in federal and state government to explore ways to promote the development and use of new technologies that will reduce bias and discrimination in hiring, help employers find the best-suited candidates based on objective factors, and help ensure that all persons who seek, obtain, and hold employment in this state are able to do so free of discrimination...

CA ACR 125



NY S03971B/ AO1746C

A temporary state commission, to be known as the **New York state artificial intelligence, robotics and automation commission** is hereby created to study and make determinations on issues including but not limited to:

- (a) current law within this state addressing artificial intelligence robotics and automation;
- (b) comparative state policies that have aided in creating a regulatory structure for artificial intelligence, robotics and automation, and whether such measures would be similarly effective in this state;
- (c) criminal and civil liability regarding violations of law caused by entities equipped with artificial intelligence, robotics and automation;
- (d) the impact of artificial intelligence, robotics and automation on employment in this state;
- (e) the impact of artificial intelligence, robotics and automation on the acquiring and disclosure of confidential information;
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IL HB2557



Video Interview Act

Disclosure of the use of artificial intelligence analysis. An employer that asks applicants to record video interviews and uses an artificial intelligence analysis of the applicant-submitted videos shall do all of the following when considering applicants for positions based in Illinois before asking applicants to submit video interviews:

- (1) Notify each applicant before the interview that artificial intelligence may be used to analyze the applicant's video interview and consider the applicant's fitness for the position.
- (2) Provide each applicant with information before the interview explaining how the artificial intelligence works and what general types of characteristics it uses to evaluate applicants.
- (3) Obtain, before the interview, consent from the applicant to be evaluated by the artificial intelligence program as described in the information provided. An employer may not use artificial intelligence to evaluate applicants who have not consented to the use of artificial intelligence analysis.





CUSTOM AI TRAINED ON A COMPANY'S OWN SUCCESSFUL INCUMBENTS



existing employees play pymetrics behavioral science games



pymetrics analyzes trait data; trends are identified



custom AI algorithms representing success profiles are built for roles and audited for bias



Candidates scored on match to opportunities

pymetrics is a Netflix-like recommendation algorithm.
we build a custom profile for each role + company, and match candidates to success profiles.

ASSESSMENTS + SUCESS PROFILES



Decision Making

Approach to making decisions
(deliberative/instinctive)



Generosity

Tendency to prioritize the needs of others above your own
(sharing/frugal)



Risk Tolerance

Comfort with risk-taking
(adventurous/cautious)



Learning

Tendency to change behavior based on new information
(adaptive/consistent)



Focus

Concentration style for one or more tasks
(focused/multi-tasking)



Emotion

Strategy for interpreting others' emotions
(expression-oriented/context-oriented)



Effort

Effort invested based on size of reward and probability of success
(hard-working/outcome-driven)



Fairness

Perception of the fairness of social situations
(accepting/critical)

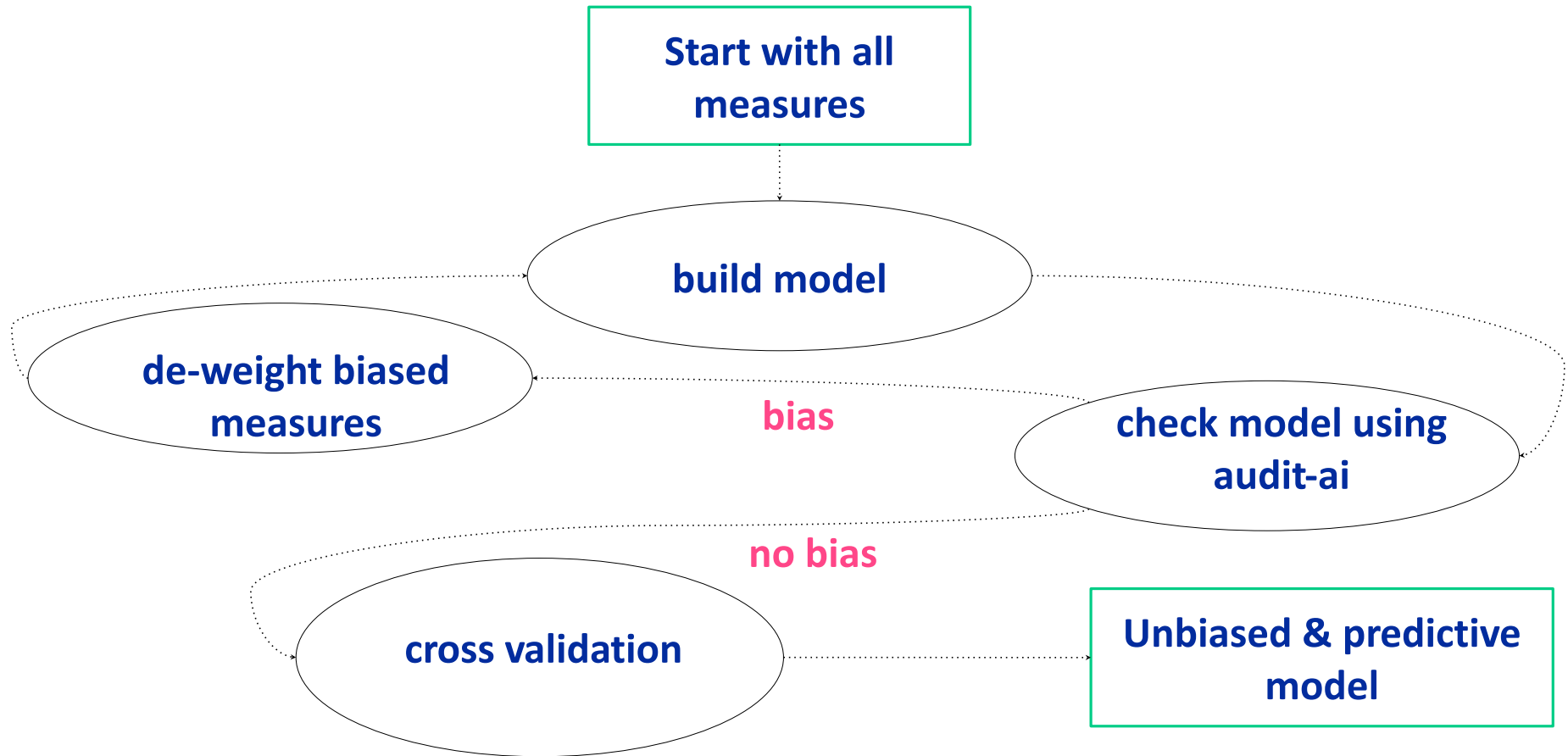


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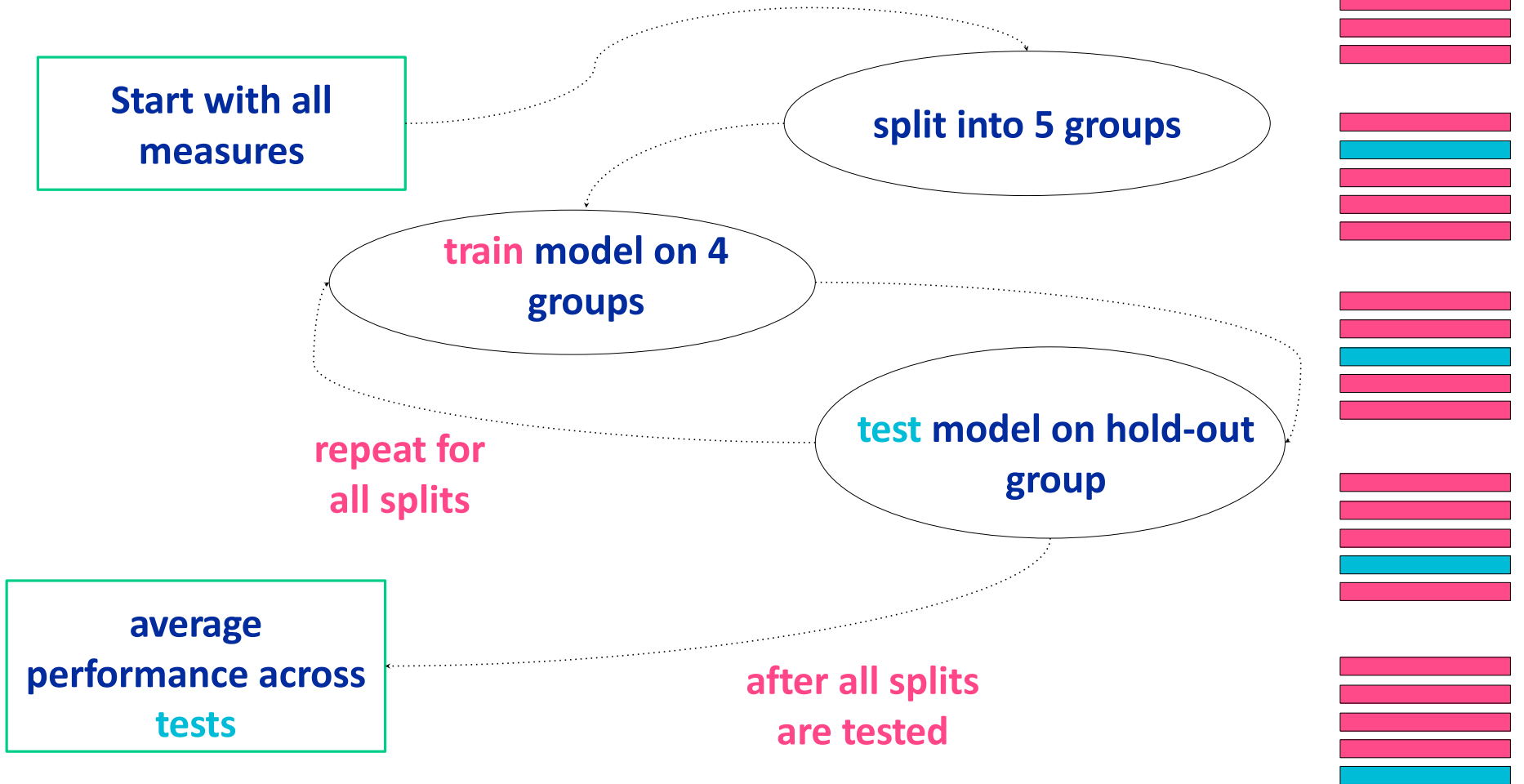
Approach to managing incoming information and distractions
(methodical/biased towards action)



DEBIASING



CROSS-VALIDATION



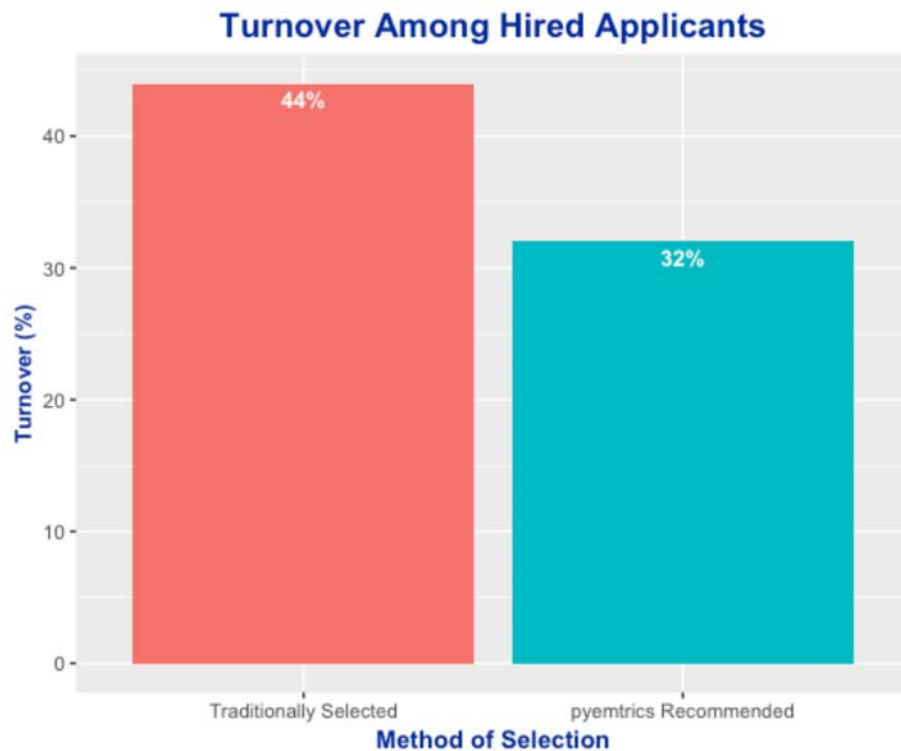
AGGREGATE MODEL RESULTS TO DATE



- Recall = The average success rate of the model at identifying successful incumbents across trials
- Accuracy = The average success rate of the model at distinguishing successful incumbents + baseline participants across trials
- Biserial Correlation = Strength of the model at predicting group membership (ingroup v baseline)
- Fairness = Adverse Impact Ratios for lowest-performing demographic to highest
- Across 187 models built in the past 5 years, mean results are:

Recall	Accuracy	Biserial Correlation
.79	.74	.40
Gender Fairness	Race/Ethnicity Fairness	
.93	.85	

PYMETRICS RELATED TO DECREASED ATTRITION – CONSUMER GOODS



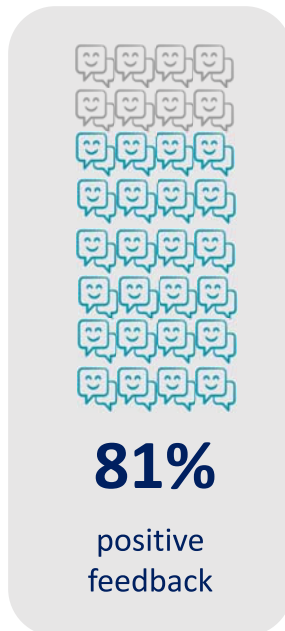
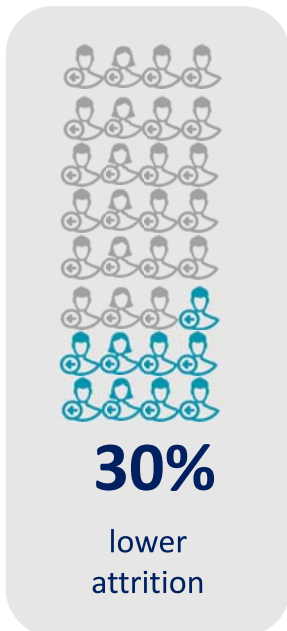
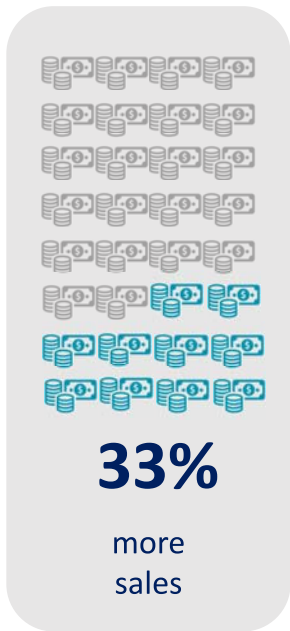
28%
less attrition

among employees
recommended by
pymetrics compared to
traditional selection
means

Multi-national consumer goods company contracted with pymetrics to build [seven function-specific success models](#) for a leadership-training program

Candidates went through pymetrics, and the company evaluated the predictive results of those hired

— PYMETRICS RELATED TO DECREASED ATTRITION AND INCREASED PERFORMANCE – FINANCIAL SERVICES

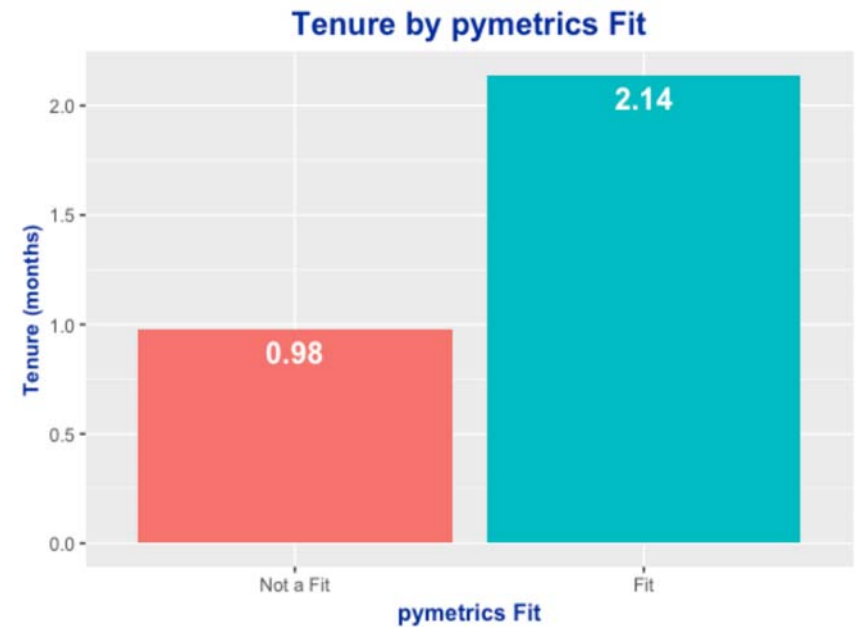
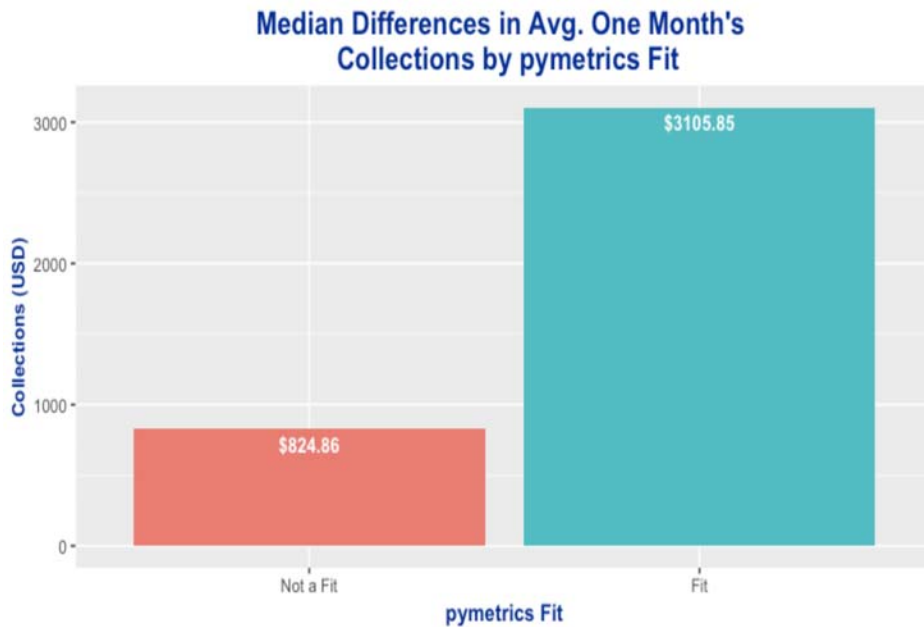


Multinational Financial Services firm launched **12 month study** with pymetrics for its Insurance Sales business

pymetrics **built a profile** based on current high performing Sales Agents

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PYMETRICS RELATED TO INCREASED TENURE AND PERFORMANCE – DEBT RECOVERY

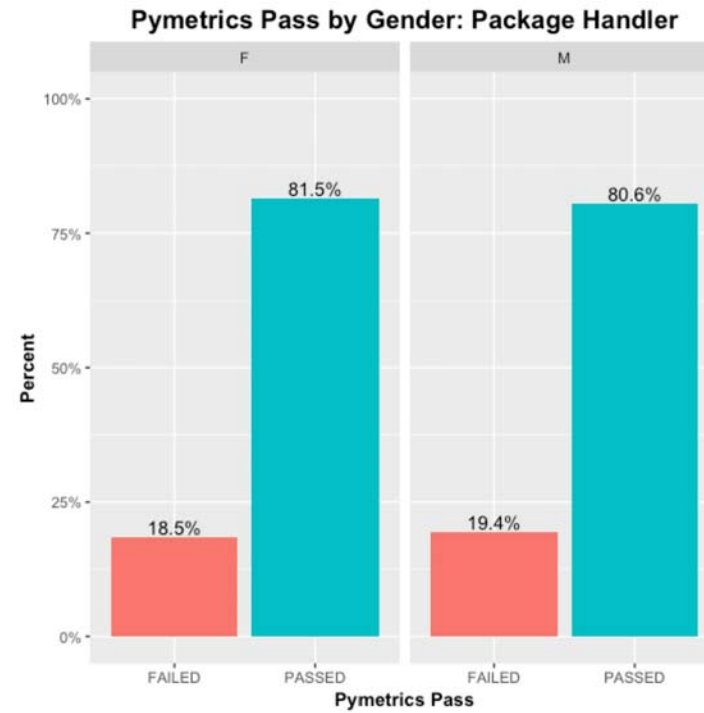
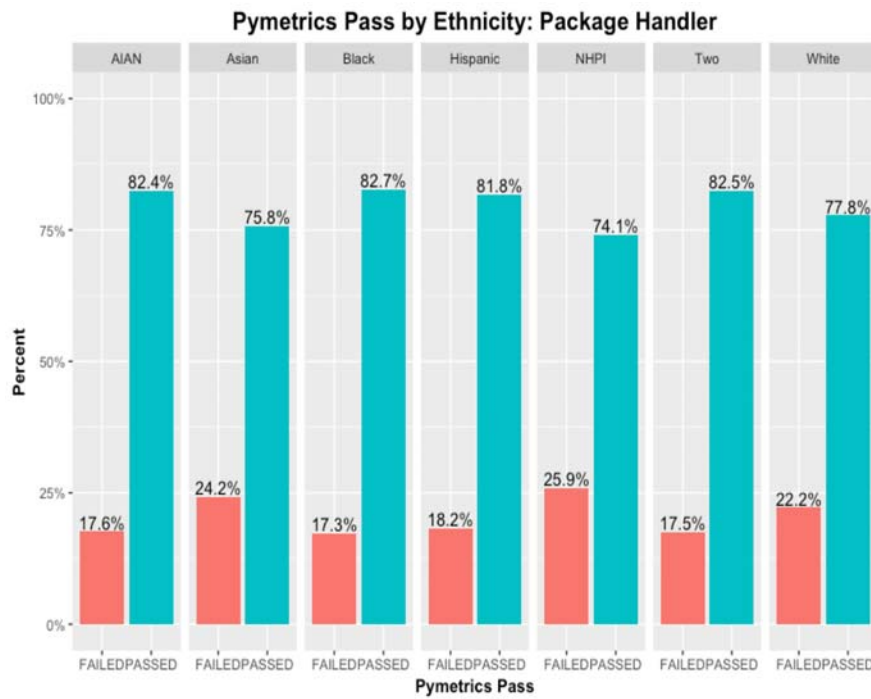


US-based Debt-recovery organization contracted with pymetrics to build an [Account Representative model](#)

[High turnover](#) role, main performance indicator is [collections](#)

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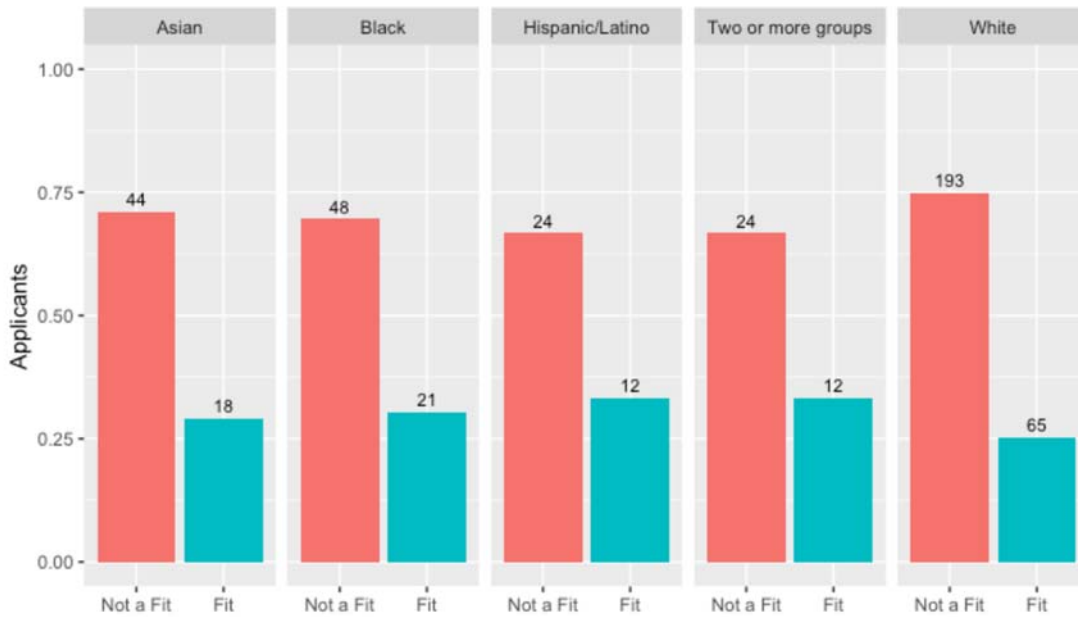
PYMETRICS UNRELATED TO RACE/ETHNICITY OR GENDER – PACKAGE DELIVERY + SUPPLY CHAIN



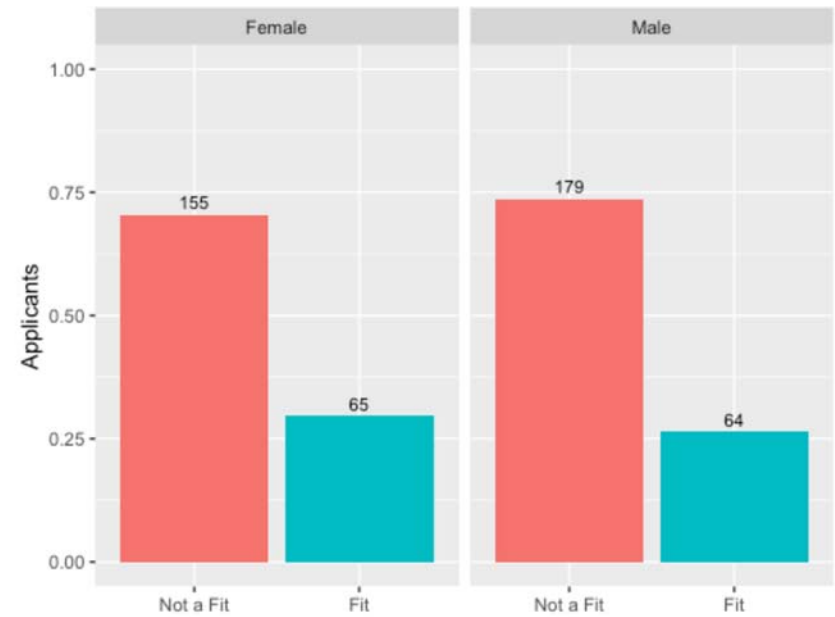
PYMETRICS UNRELATED TO RACE/ETHNICITY OR GENDER – QUICK SERVICE RESTAURANT



Pymetrics Pass by Ethnicity: Operations Associate



Pymetrics Pass by Gender: Operations Associate





QUESTIONS