Analytics in Major Junior Hockey



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It's the same game... but different

Larger spread in performance and skill

More special teams time

Higher shooting percentages

Shorter windows to evaluate players

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Only 12 returning players from 2015-16

All 12 players improved 5v5 SAF%

• Minimum: +3%

• Maximum: +12%

• Average: +6%

• Coefficient of Determination: 0.63

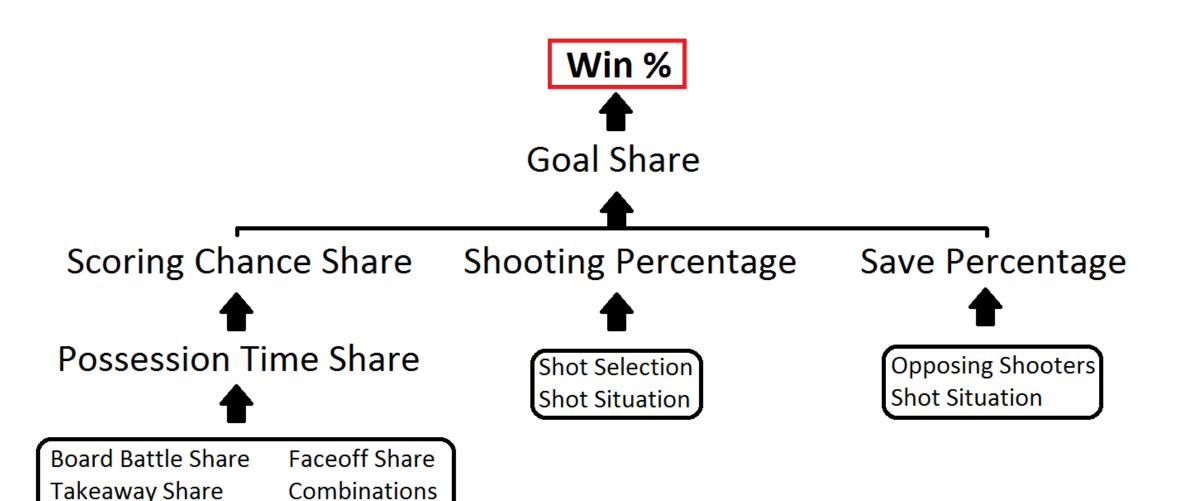
You need your own data

Limited data available in the first place

Many stats can be collected in real time

Maximize the value of your data points

Prioritize what you track



The goal is to maximize P(win)

Player deployment

Tactical recommendations

Roster management

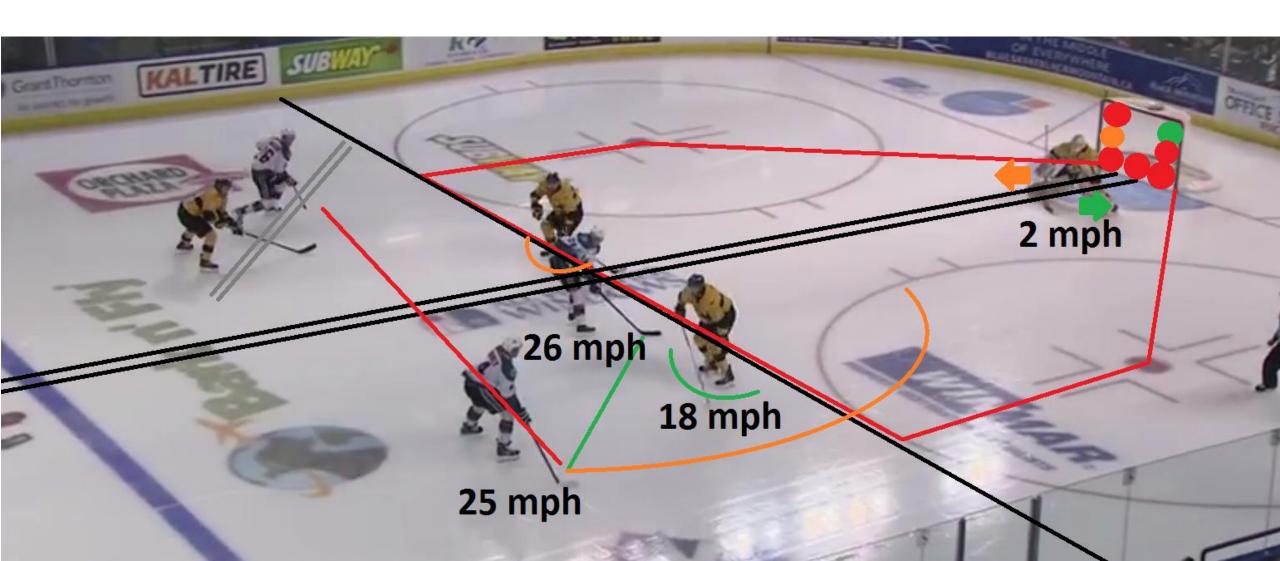
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Who is the audience?

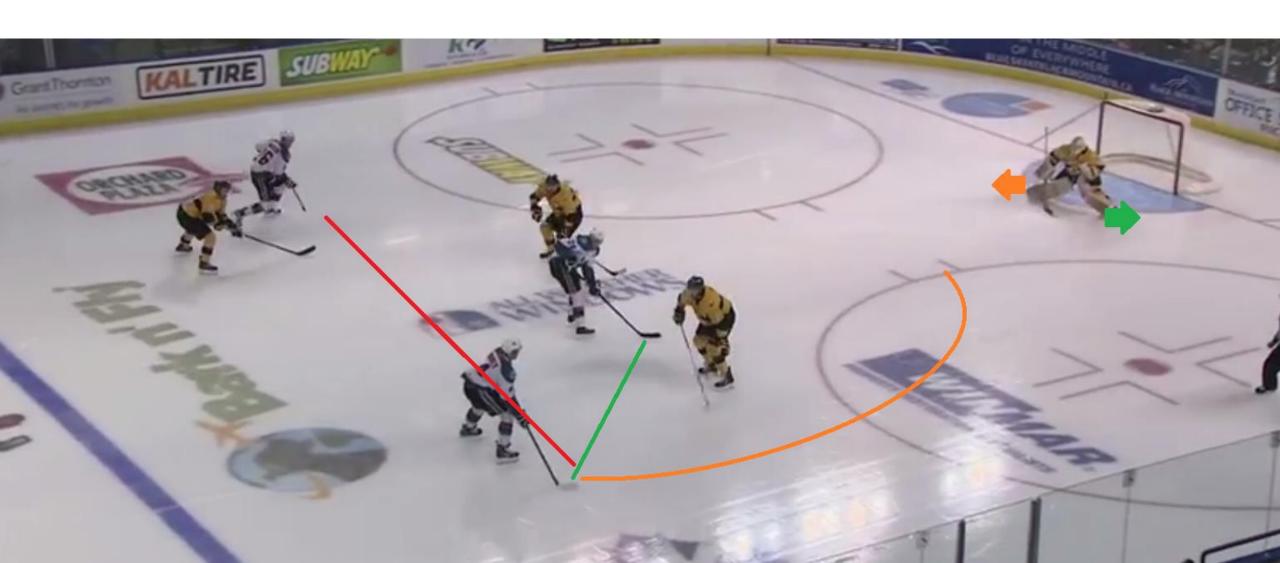
How can this be used?

How can we get the players' attention?

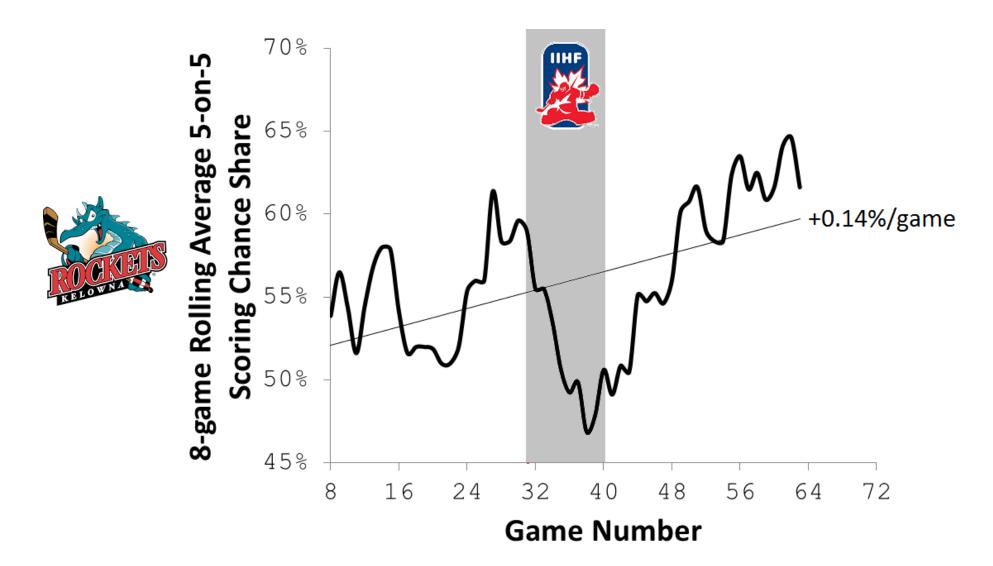
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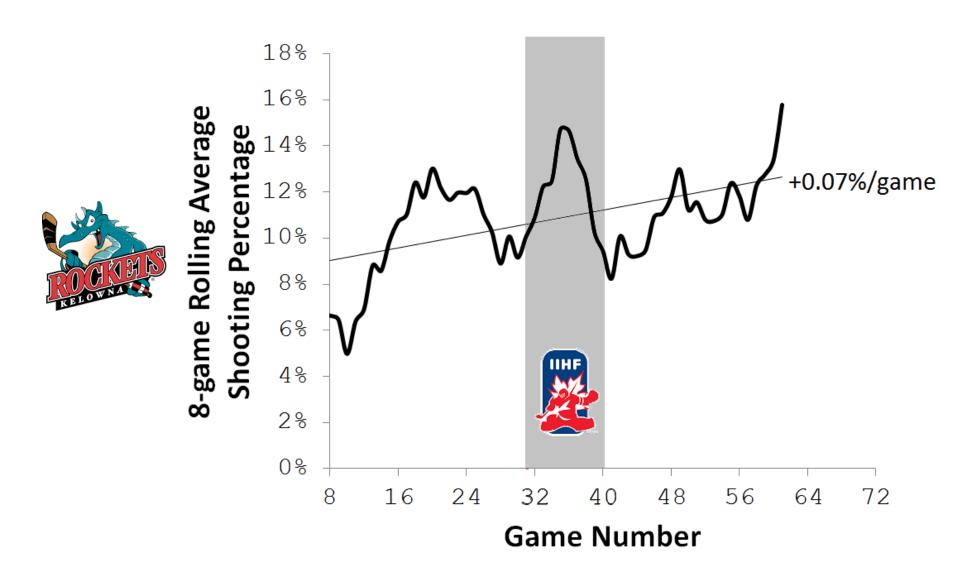
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It's possible to influence 5v5 SCF%



It's also possible to influence SH%



Not every experiment will work

Some recommendations work more consistently than others

Some skills did not show repeatability

You have to try to stay ahead of the game

Thank you for your attention!



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