

Use of Alternative Data in Section G

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Session presentations

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Retail trade: Practical experience in the use of corporate data (BLS)

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The use of electronic invoicing data for the retail sector

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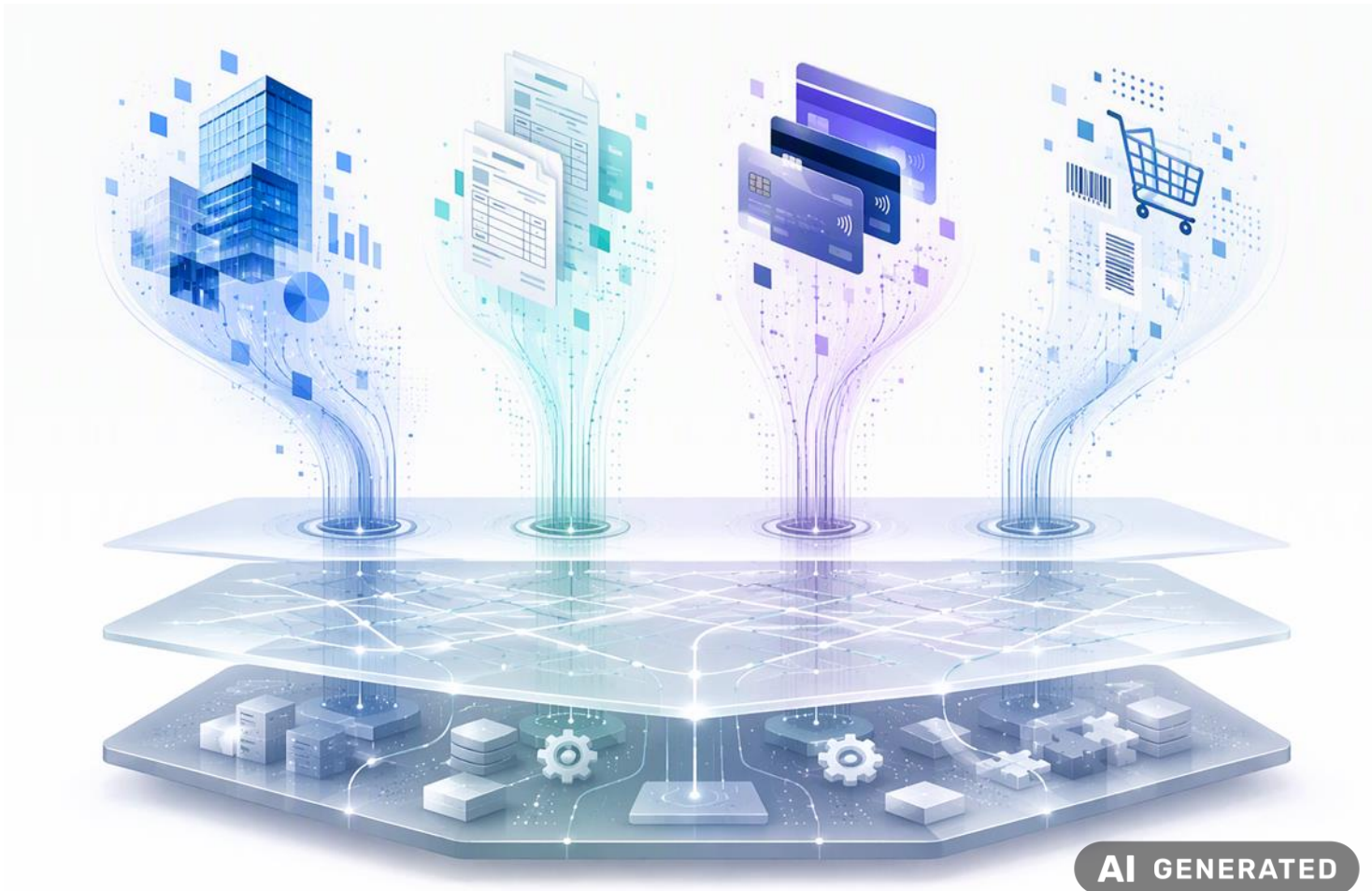
Developing New Retail Trade Indicators Using Bank Card Data:
Evidence from Malta

Mathieu Thomassin

CANADA

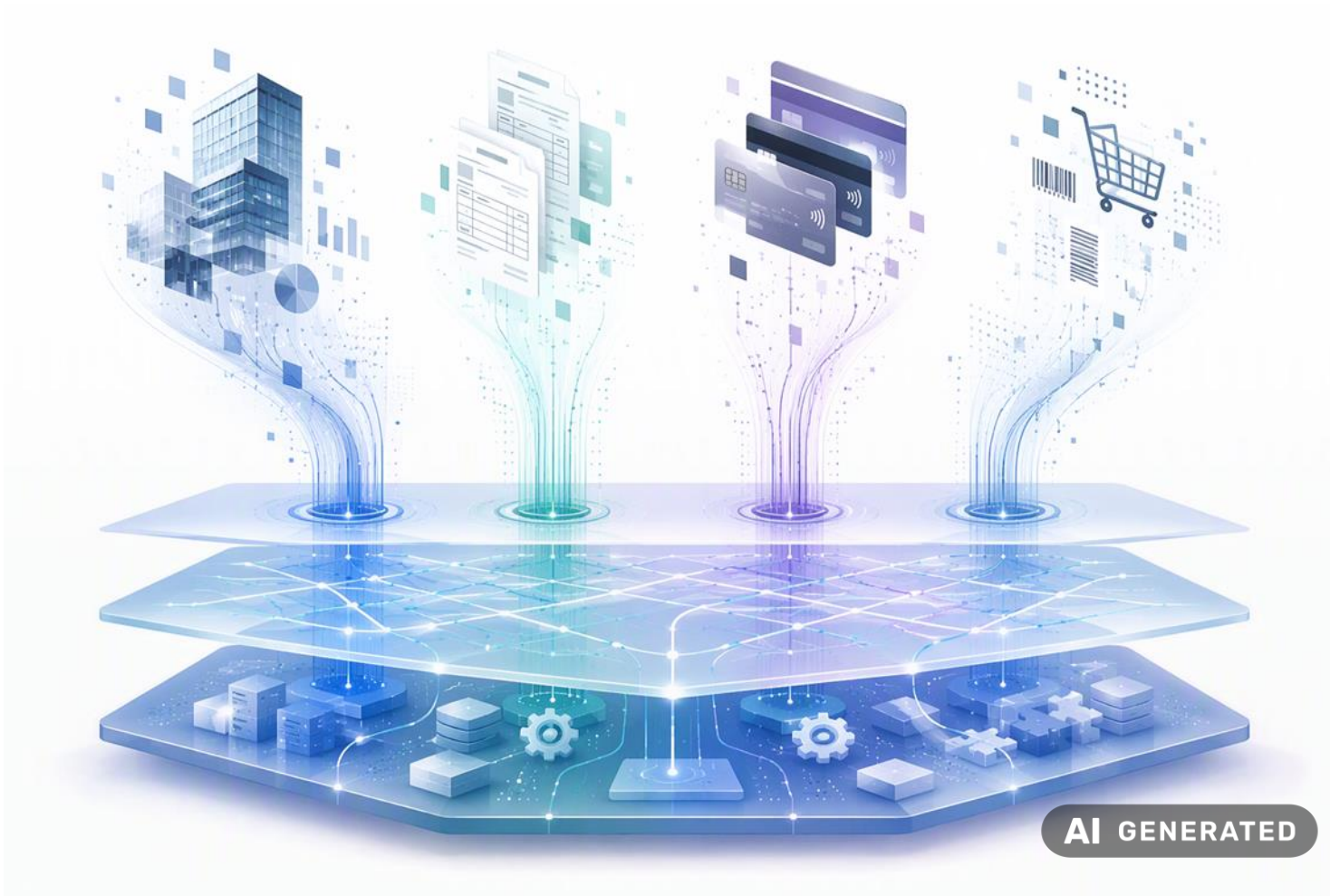
Scanner data use in Statistics Canada's Retail Trade Program

Four different data sources



- Corporate data
- Electronic invoicing data
- Bank card data
- Scanner data

From potential data sources towards statistical use



Access & continuity

Fitness for purpose

Practical implementation

Session agenda



Questions will be taken after the panel discussion.

Presentations



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How did you get access to the data?

initiative • responsibility • legislation • cooperation

What does working with the data require in practice?

methods • IT • skills • resources

What is needed to move from pilots to production?

fitness • process • repeatability • maintenance

Audience Q&A

