

Introduction to Drilling Data Analytics

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Control
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Analytics

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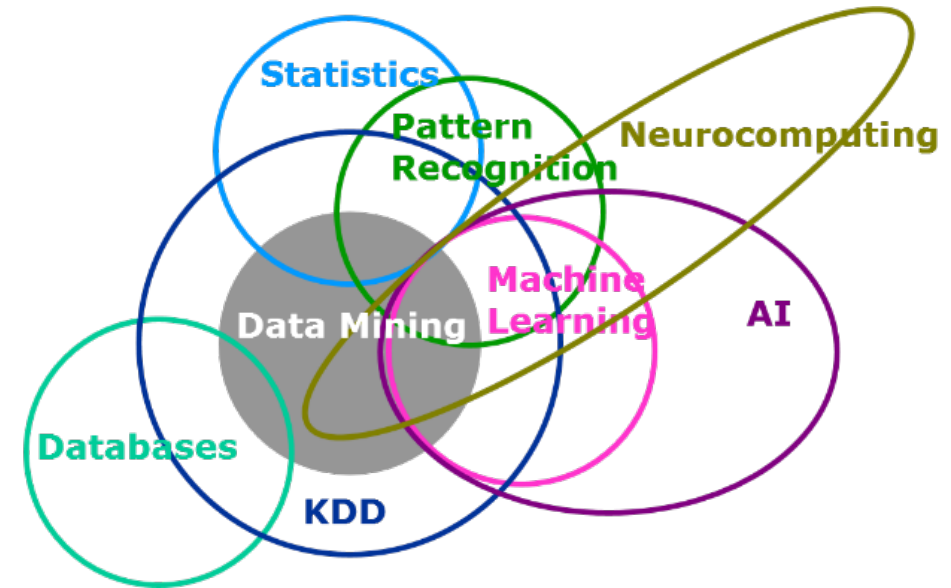

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Big & Messy Data Analytics

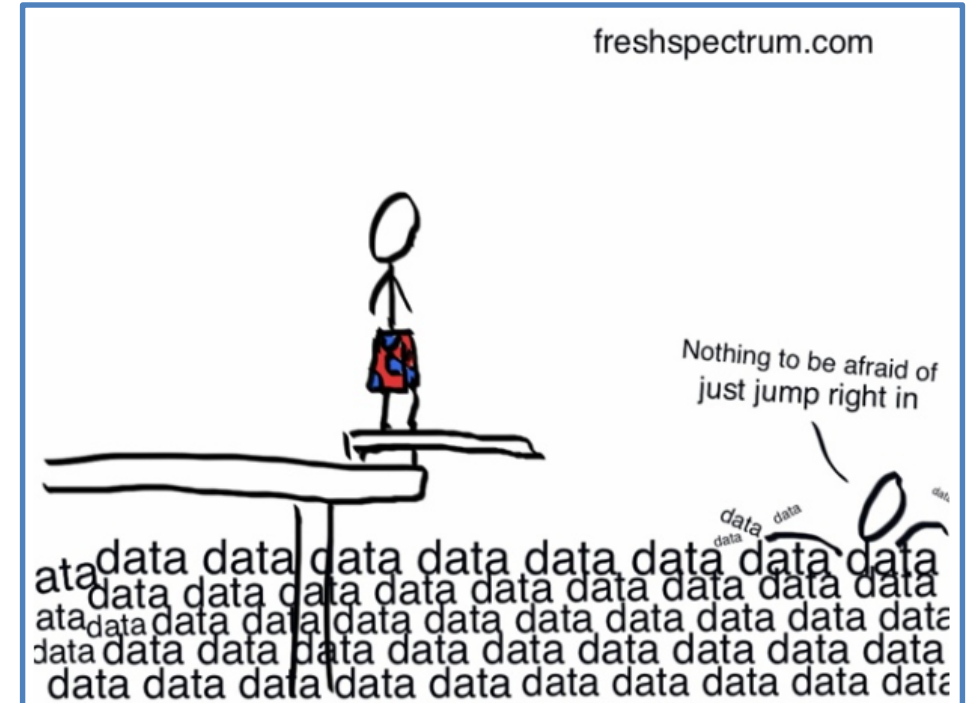
- We are at the dawn of using big / messy data analytics in well construction and operation
- Key hurdles associated with data quality, reliability, security, communication, novel sensors, etc. still need to be addressed
- Complexity arises because Mother Nature is highly unpredictable, but.....
- There is an incredible amount of value to be obtained from data mining, machine/statistical learning, pattern recognition, AI, etc.
- **“The Future is Data ... Resistance is Futile”**



Source: SAS

Working with Operators on Value Creation

- Drilling and production improvement from in-depth data analysis
- Using unused/under-utilized datasets by operators
- Messy data-problem: data is structured / unstructured, static/dynamic, low/high frequency etc.
- Data issues:
 - Data quality (requiring cleaning/curation)
 - Data security and confidentiality
 - Data storage and organization
 - Data processing, visualization, etc.



Why UT-Austin?



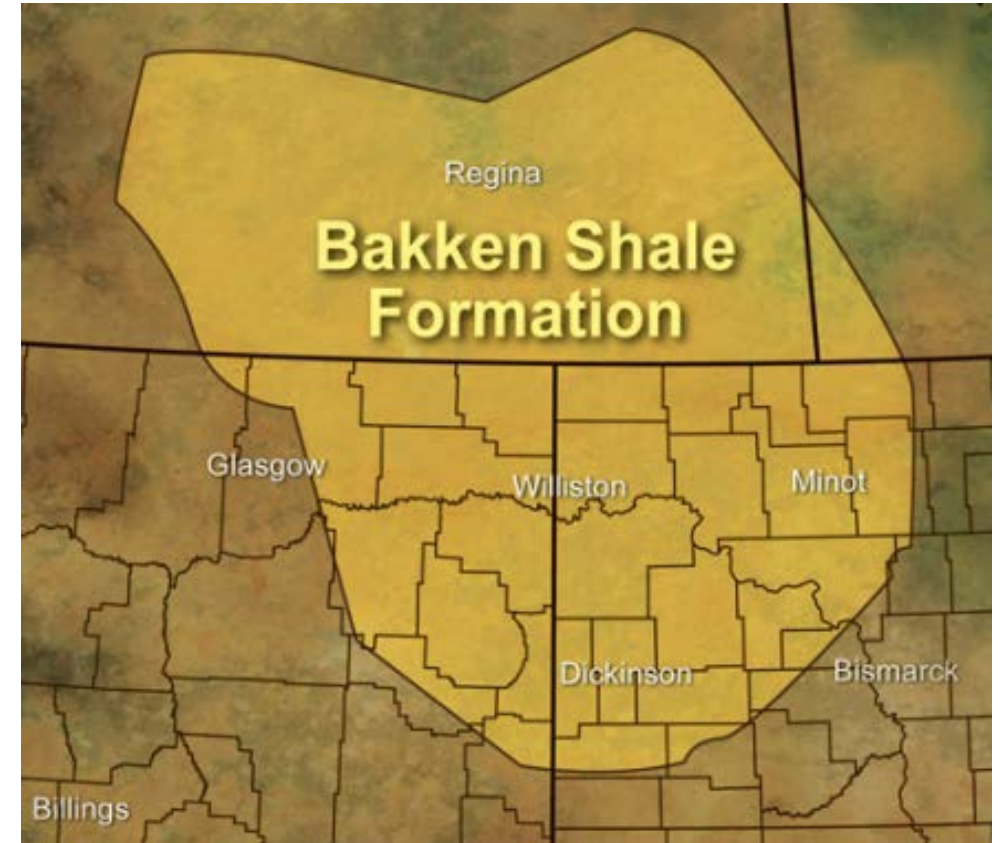
Key enablers:

- Unique infrastructure (Real-Time Remote Collaboration Center, Drilling Simulator)
- High quality grad/undergrad students & senior scientists
- Strong ties to industry with access to field datasets

Really Big Field Data Sources

Wells drilled in the Bakken formation in summer 2015

- Downhole, surface and directional data
- Over 100 GB of sensor data
- Over 20 million rows of data
- 588 listed channels per well
- 6+ GB CSV files
- Daily Morning Reports (DMRs)
- Well plans
- Well surveys
- Formation tops
- Etc.



Typical Example: a 2.5 month data analytics project in the Bakken Shale identified \$57.5MM in potential operator savings

RAPID RIG AUTOMATION
Performance Improvement in Drilling

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the best drilled well?

Which drilling crew performed best?



UT's Storyboarding Approach

1. Data Curation

Well Site Records

BHA and Run Data

Survey Data

Geology Data

Well Plan

Structured &
Unstructured
Data Sources

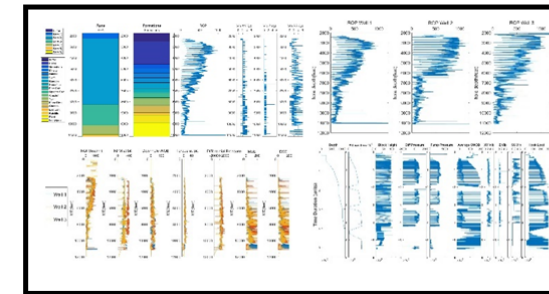
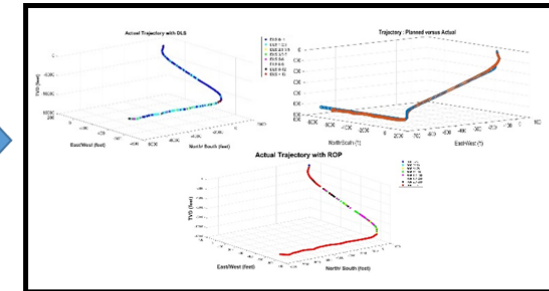
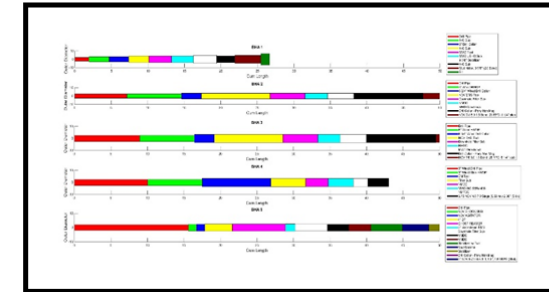
2. Data Visualization

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to import, process and
visualize the data



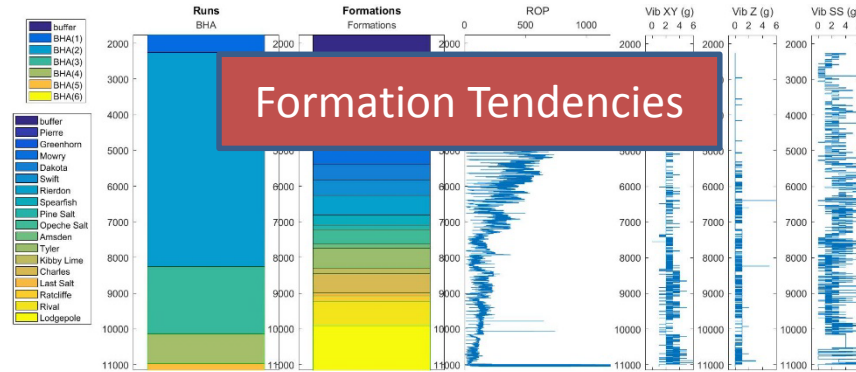
Easy to tweak, control
and modify!

3. Storyboard

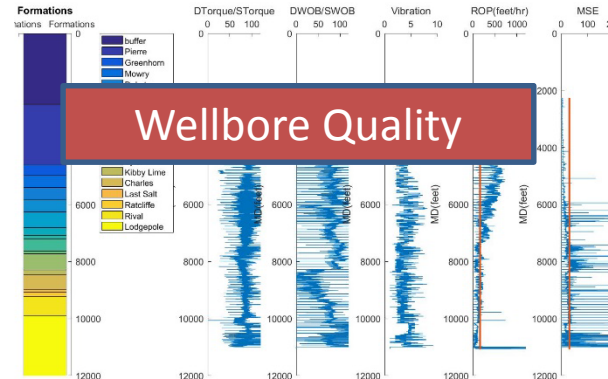


Answering Tough Questions with Visuals

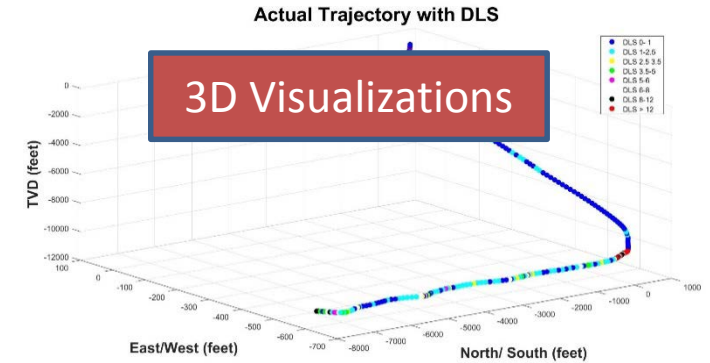
Formation Tendencies



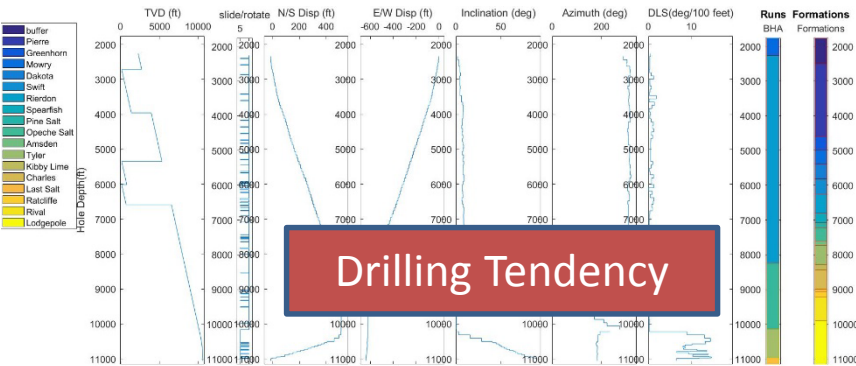
Wellbore Quality



3D Visualizations



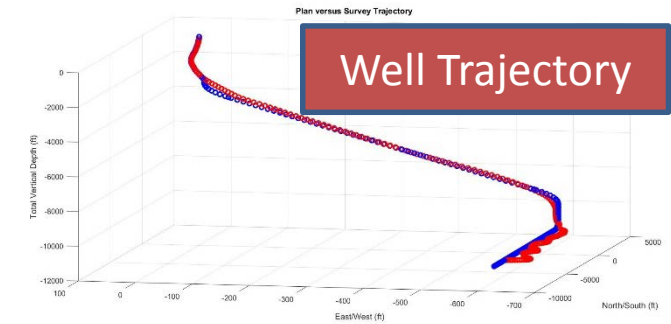
Drilling Tendency



Time-Based Data

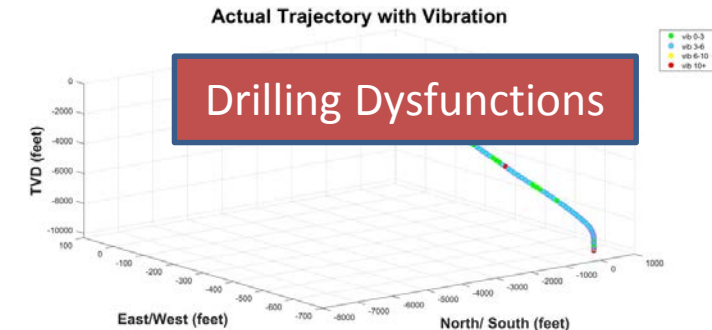


Well Trajectory

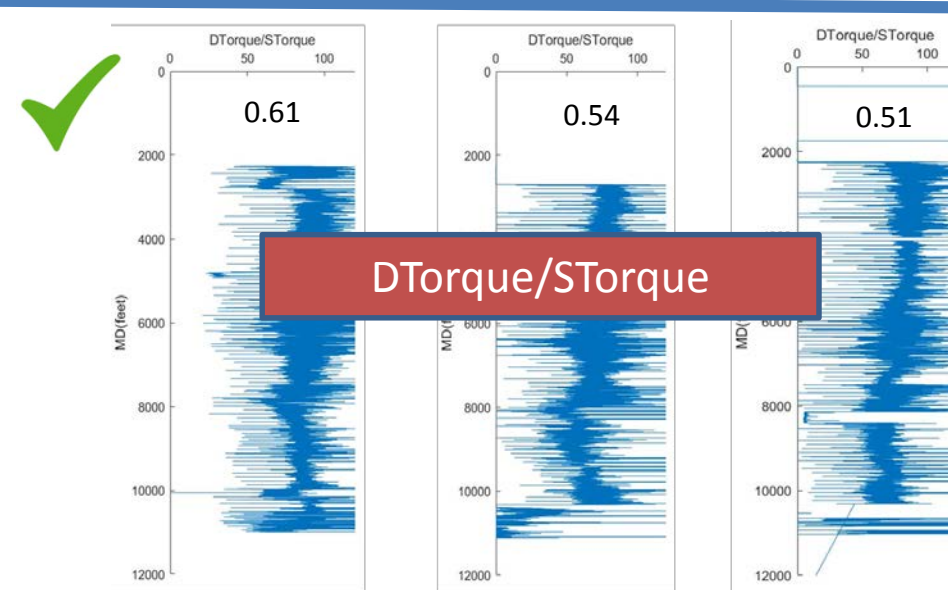
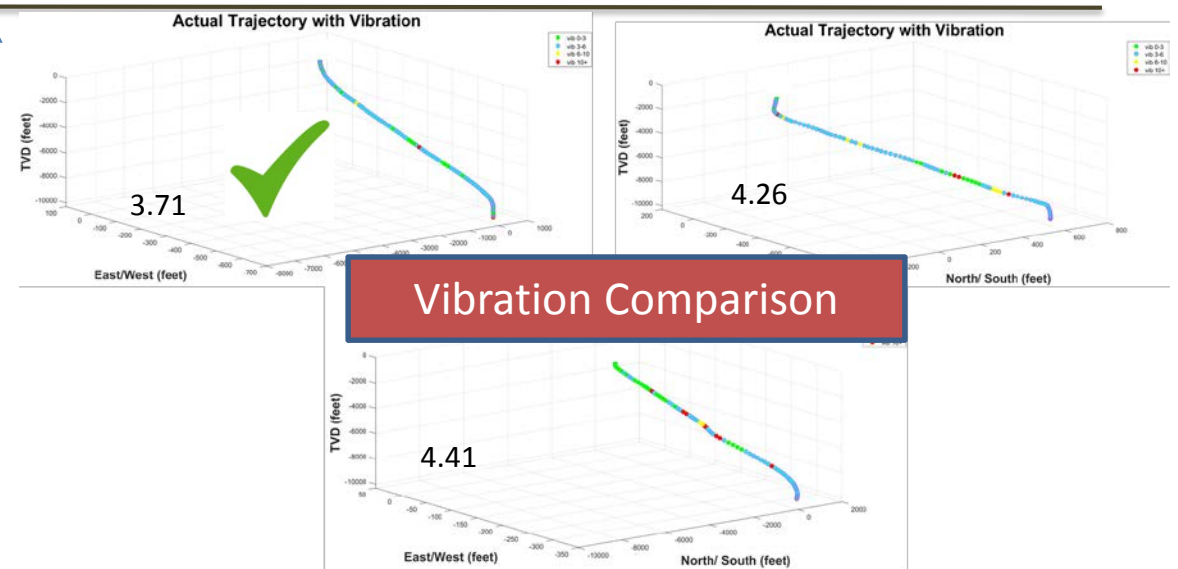
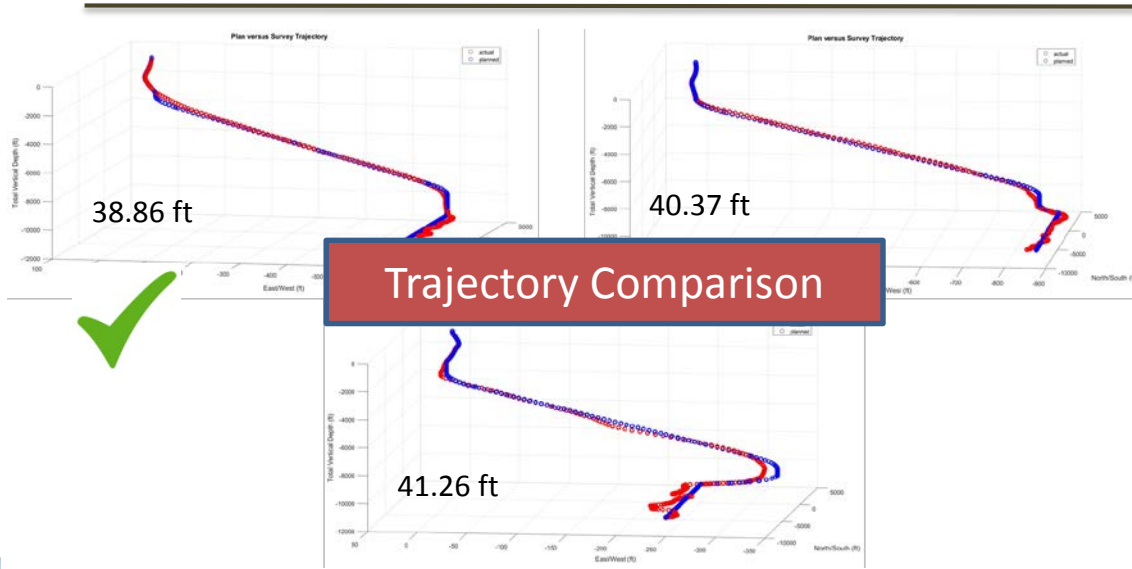


And many more relevant plots.....

Drilling Dysfunctions

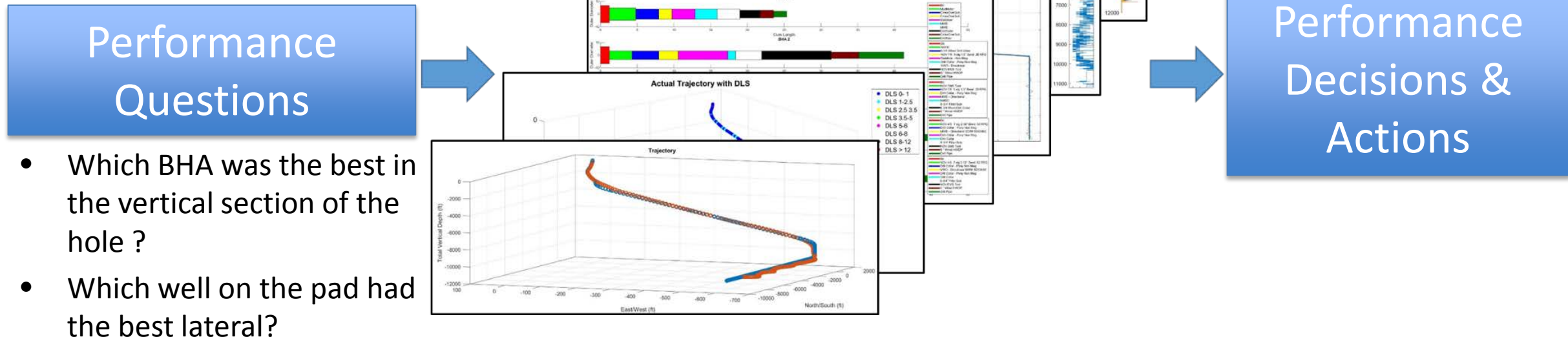


An Example....Finding the Best Well Drilled

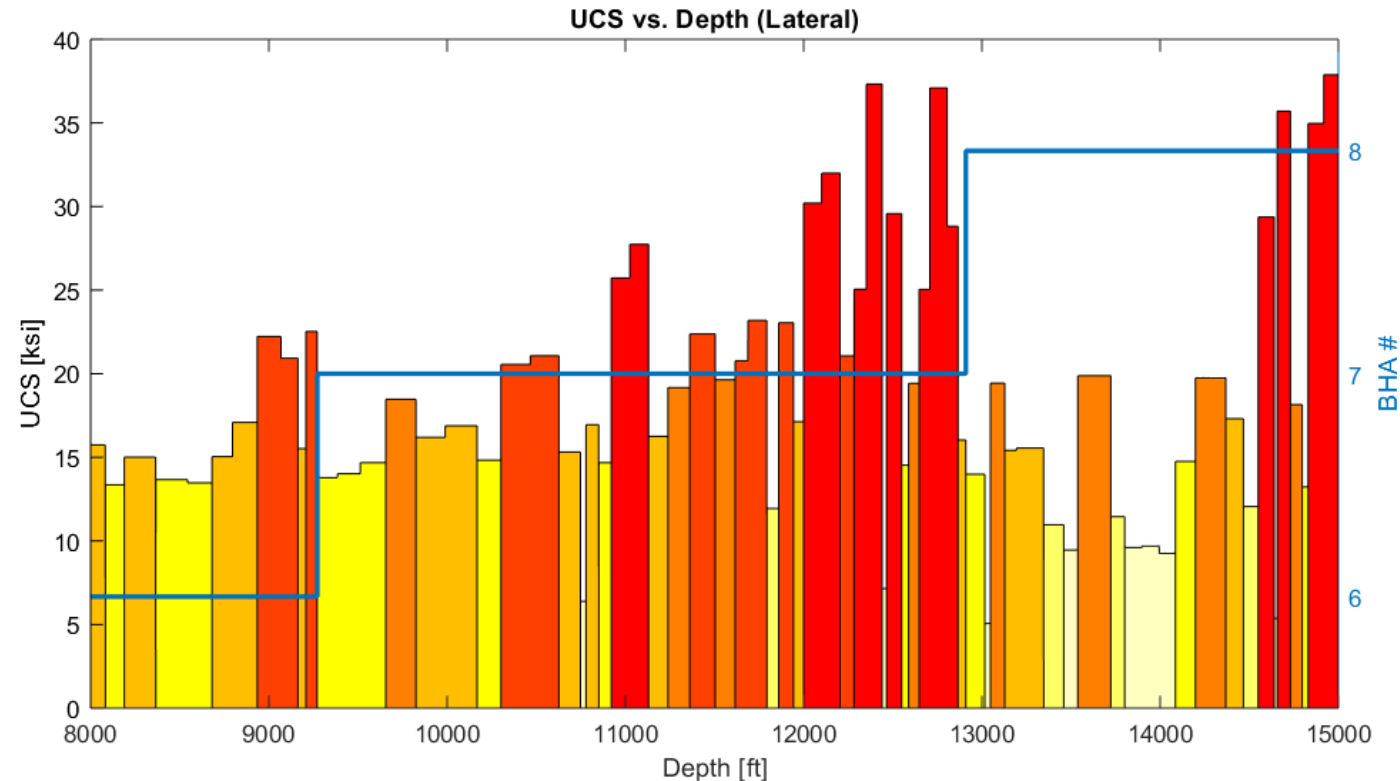


Storyboarding

- Pre-selected visuals to answer commonly asked questions
- Organizing visuals in a sequence to tell a story
- The sequence is decided based on the application
- Around 4 to 10 visuals per question



Drilling Data Acquisition for Completion Optimization



- Deliberate formation evaluation and data-acquisition during drilling for stimulation optimization: “which zones are best to perforate and hydraulically fracture?”
- Drilling parameters (ROP, MSE, mud losses etc.) used to characterize relevant rock/fracture parameters for optimized hydraulic fracturing

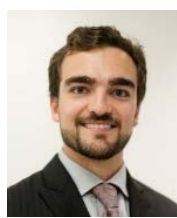
Undergraduates since 2014



Kyle Goncalves
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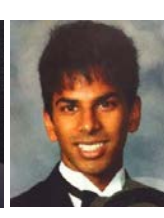
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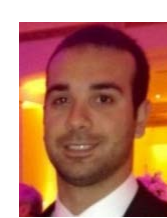
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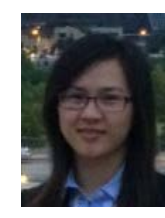
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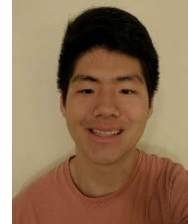
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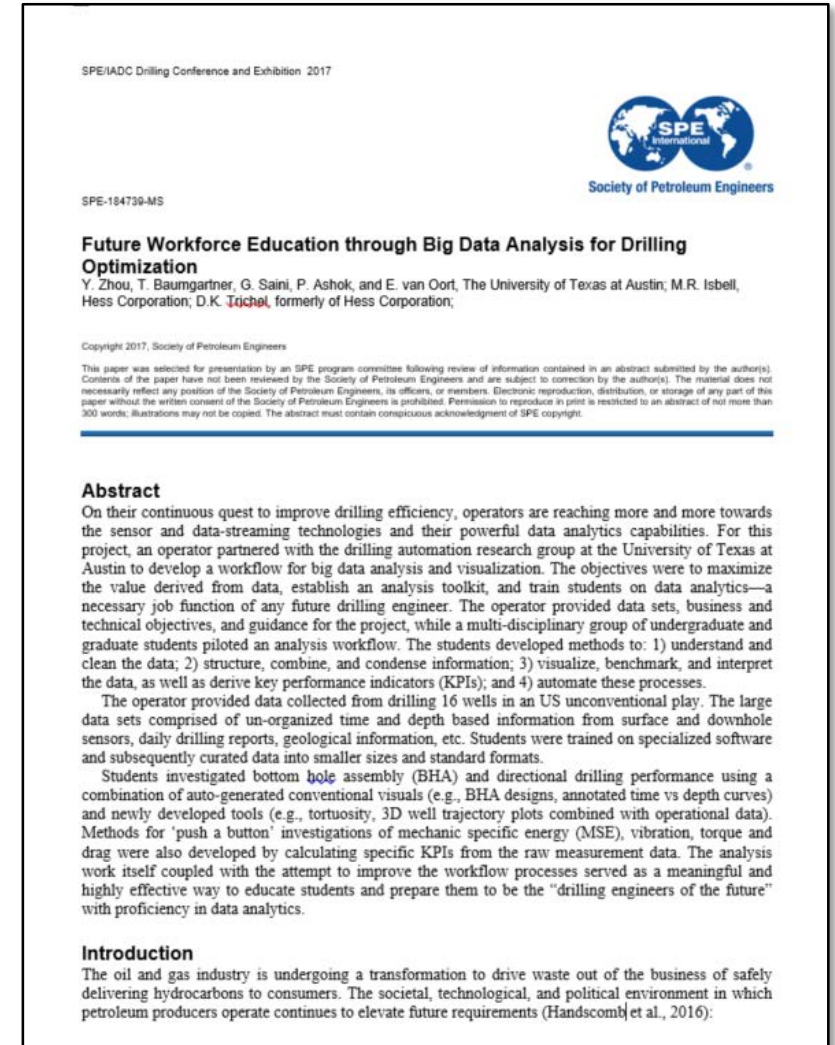


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Since the first pilot in the Fall of 2014, more than 30 undergraduate students have graduated from the **RAPID data analytics** program.

A Plethora of Stakeholder Benefits

- **Industry Operators**
 - Detailed data-analysis of unused/under-utilized data
 - Performance/cost opportunities identified
 - Aiding future workforce development!
- **Students**
 - Better, more active learning on field cases
 - Acquiring relevant data analytics skills
 - Interact with real field data
 - Interact with future employers
- **University**
 - Better teaching
 - Excellent student / workforce development
 - Great applied R&D results, stronger ties to sponsors



Source: SPE 184739