

Introduction to Drilling Data Analytics

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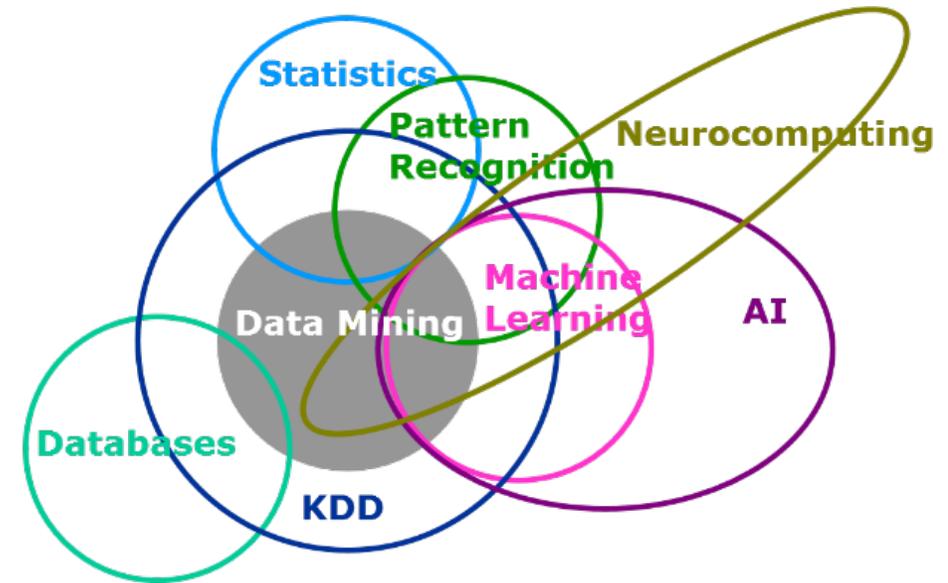

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Big & Messy Data Analytics

- 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



Source: SAS

- 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”**

Why UT-Austin?



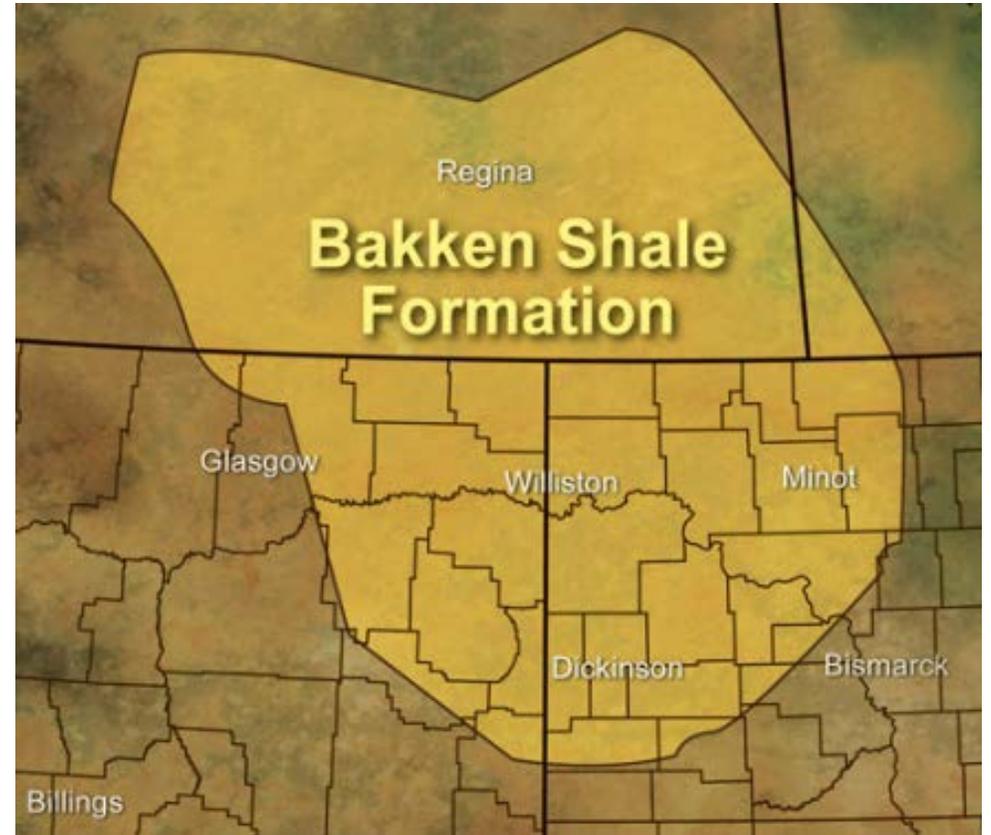
Key enablers:

- 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

UT's Storyboarding Approach

1. Data Curation

Well Site Records

BHA and Run Data

Survey Data

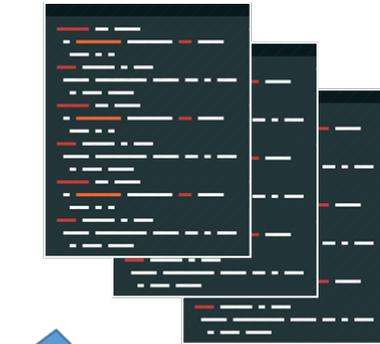
Geology Data

Well Plan

Structured &
Unstructured
Data Sources

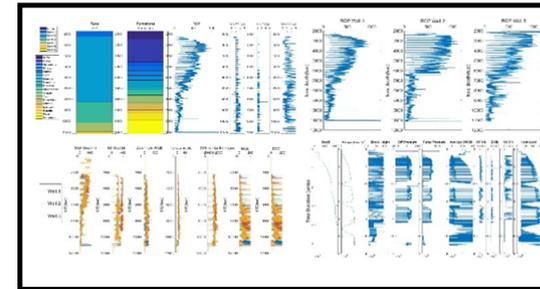
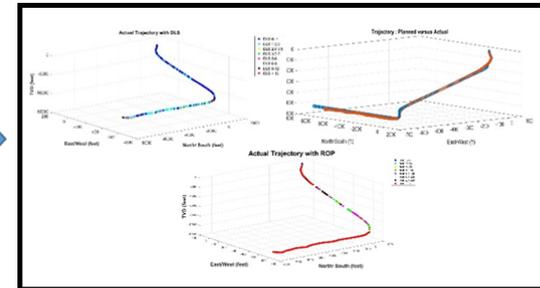
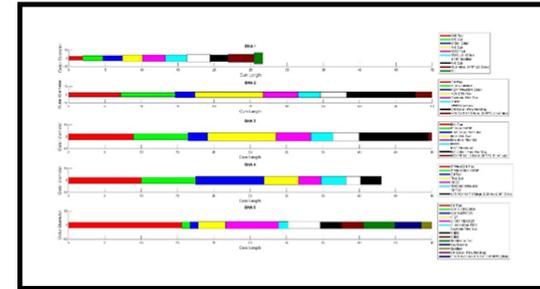
2. Data Visualization

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to import, process and
visualize the data

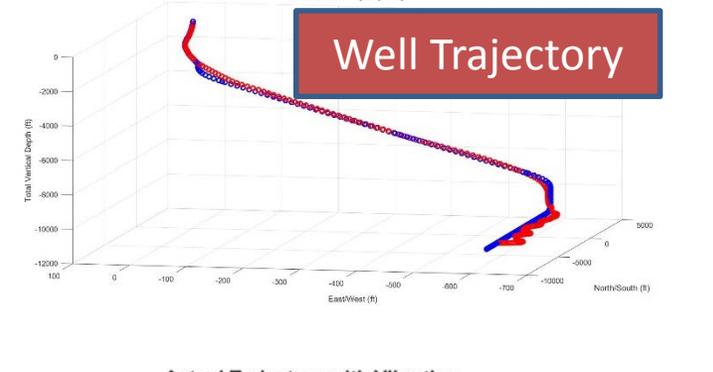
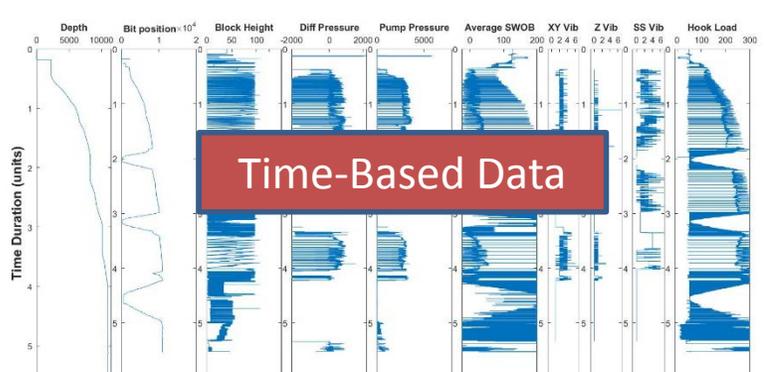
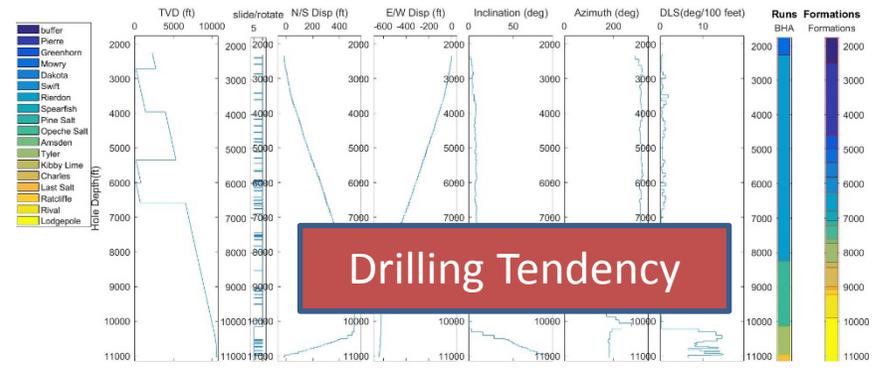
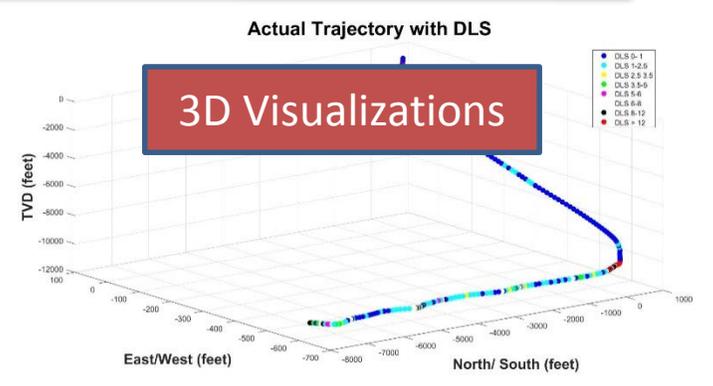
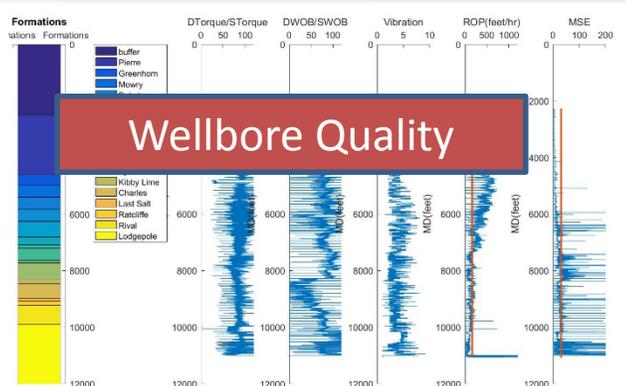
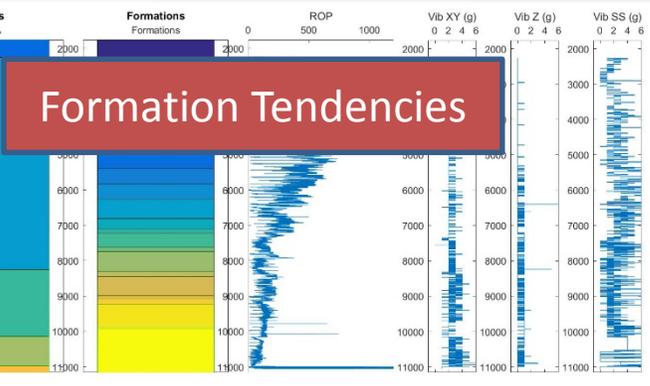


Easy to tweak, control
and modify!

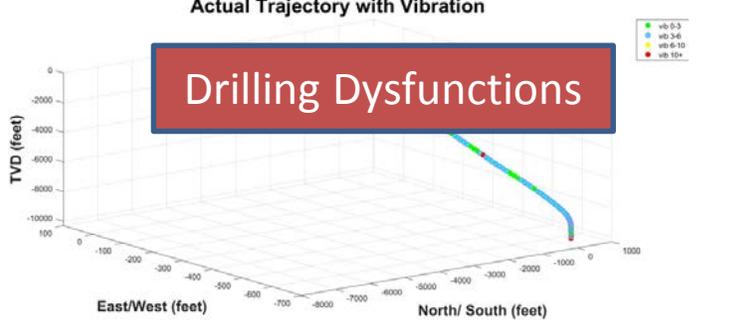
3. Storyboard



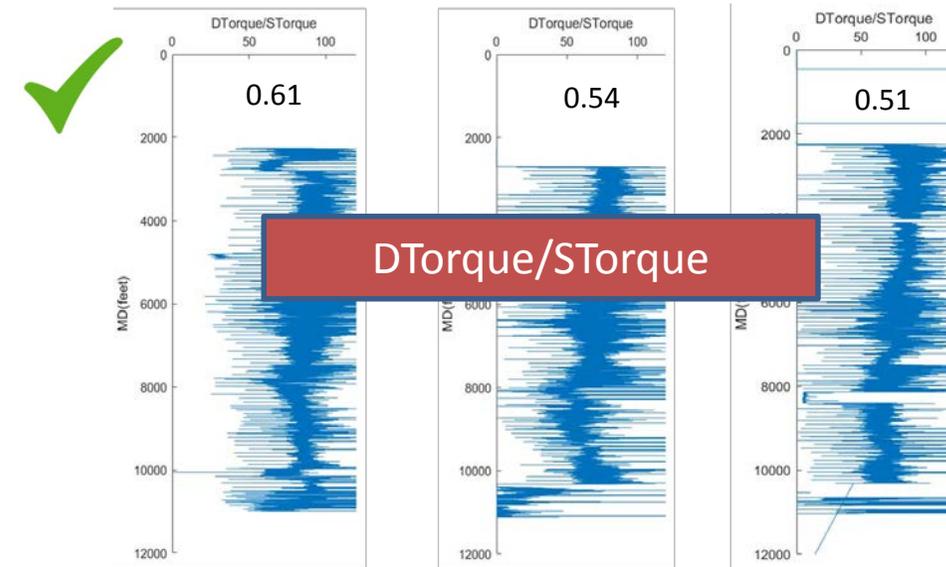
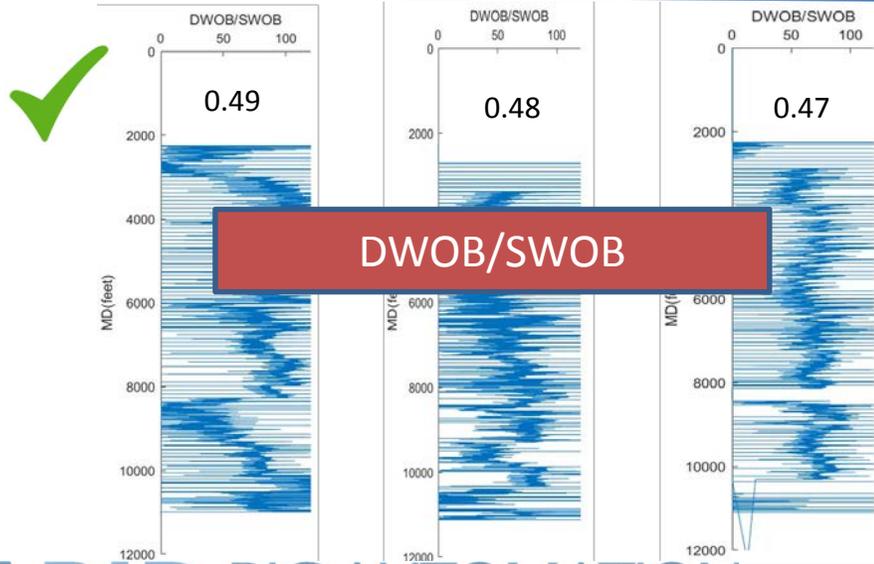
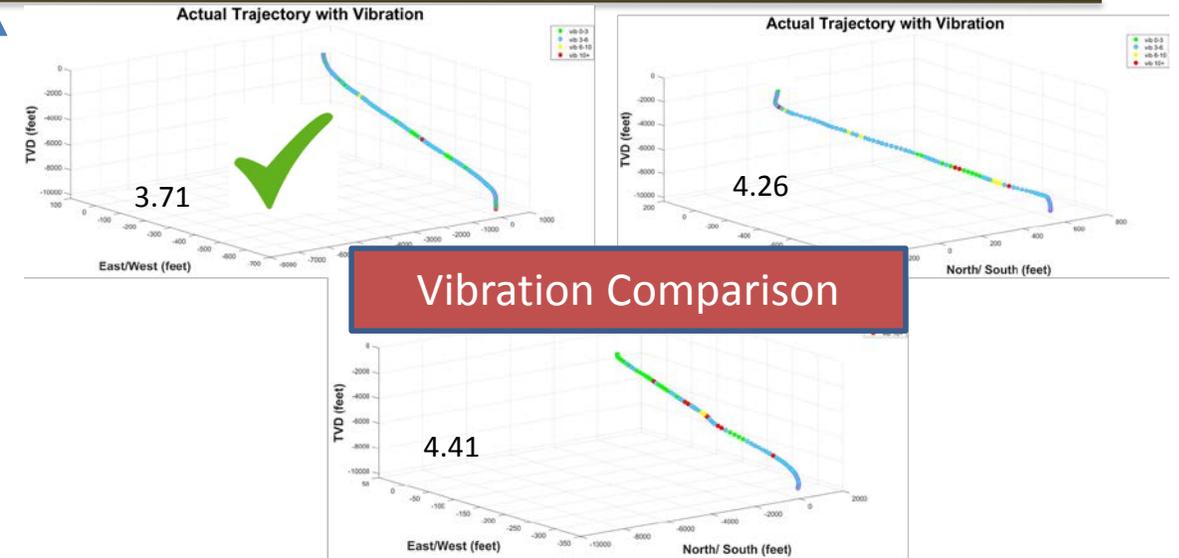
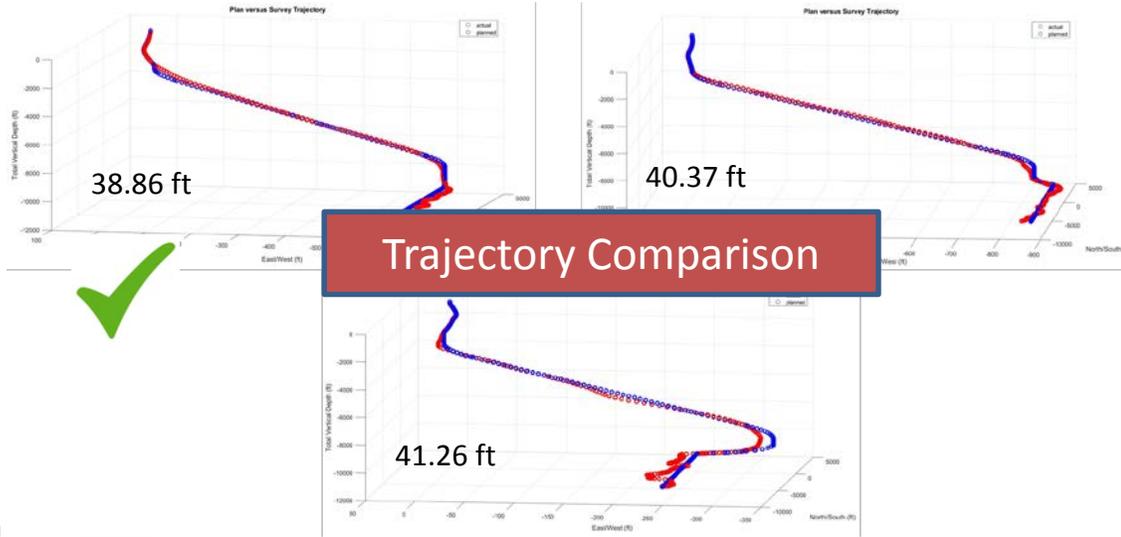
Answering Tough Questions with Visuals



And many more relevant plots.....



An Example...Finding the Best Well Drilled

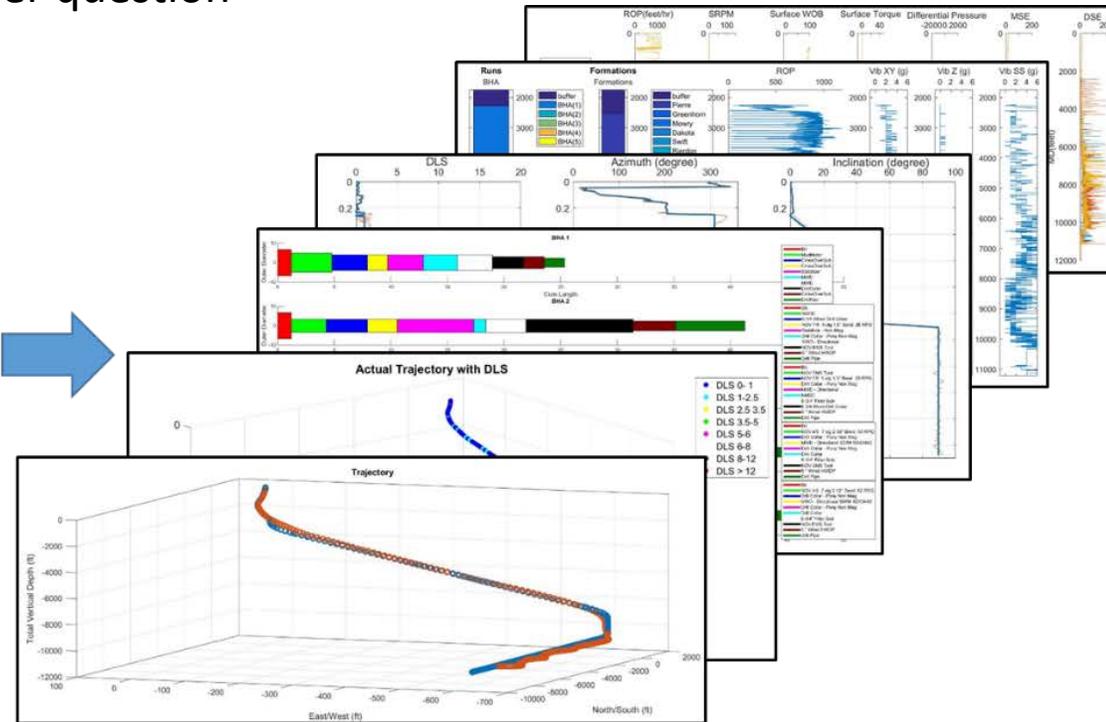


Storyboarding

- 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

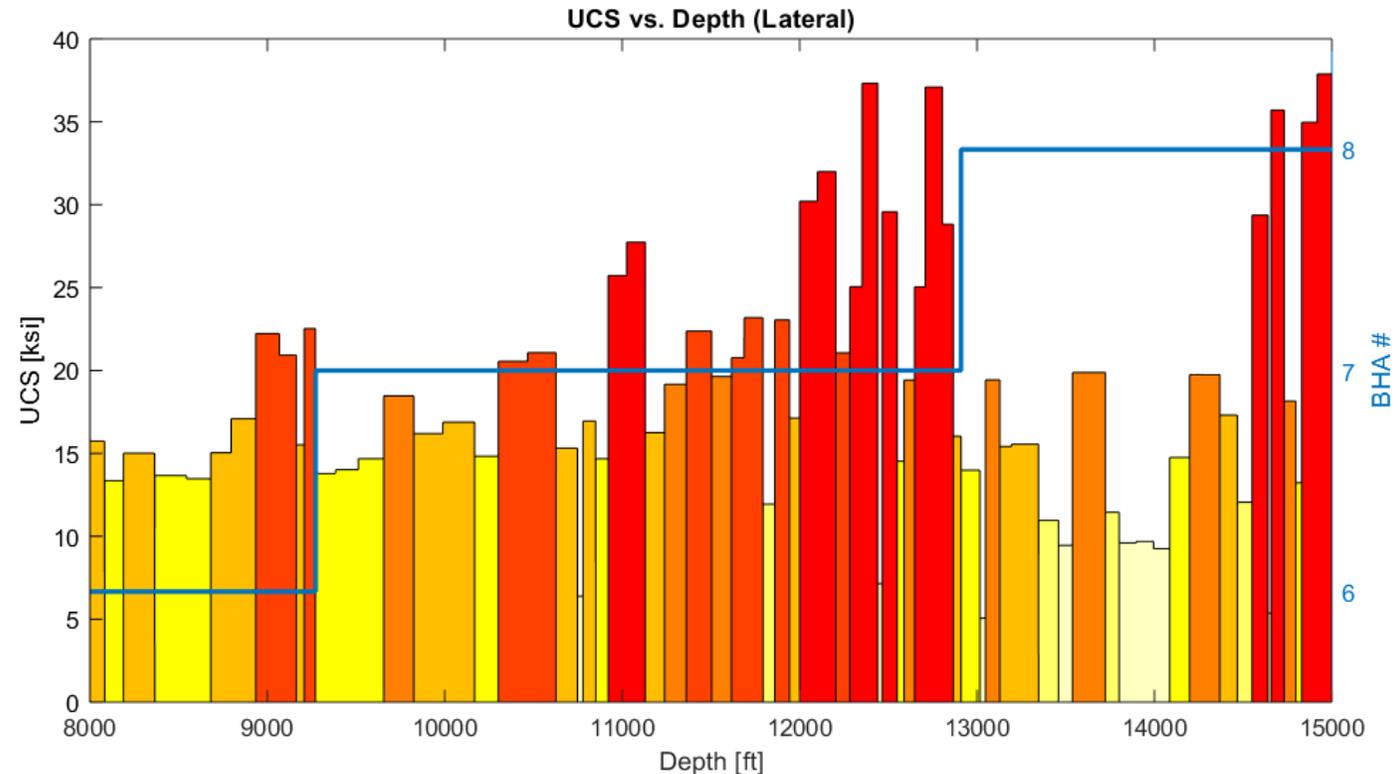
Performance Questions

- Which BHA was the best in the vertical section of the hole?
- Which well on the pad had the best lateral?



Performance Decisions & Actions

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
Petroleum
BS Spring 2017



Mitchell Johnson
Mechanical
BS Fall 2017



William Dubois
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BS Spring 2017



Tiffany Yang
Mechanical
BS Spring 2016



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Brandon Hilts
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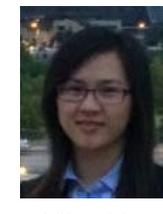
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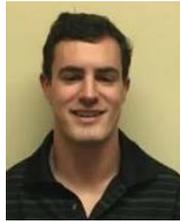
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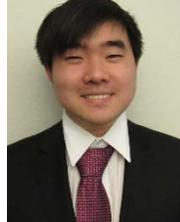
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BS Fall 2019



Carson Yang
Mechanical
BS Spring 2019



Charles Wang
Petroleum
BS Spring 2019



Hongxi Li
Accounting
MS Fall 2017



Eric Kim
Petroleum
BS Spring 2019



Trung P Luong
Petroleum
BS Spring 2019

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

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Abstract

On their continuous quest to improve drilling efficiency, operators are reaching more and more towards the sensor and data-streaming technologies and their powerful data analytics capabilities. For this project, an operator partnered with the drilling automation research group at the University of Texas at Austin to develop a workflow for big data analysis and visualization. The objectives were to maximize the value derived from data, establish an analysis toolkit, and train students on data analytics—a necessary job function of any future drilling engineer. The operator provided data sets, business and technical objectives, and guidance for the project, while a multi-disciplinary group of undergraduate and graduate students piloted an analysis workflow. The students developed methods to: 1) understand and clean the data; 2) structure, combine, and condense information; 3) visualize, benchmark, and interpret the data, as well as derive key performance indicators (KPIs); and 4) automate these processes.

The operator provided data collected from drilling 16 wells in an US unconventional play. The large data sets comprised of un-organized time and depth based information from surface and downhole sensors, daily drilling reports, geological information, etc. Students were trained on specialized software and subsequently curated data into smaller sizes and standard formats.

Students investigated bottom hole assembly (BHA) and directional drilling performance using a combination of auto-generated conventional visuals (e.g., BHA designs, annotated time vs depth curves) and newly developed tools (e.g., tortuosity, 3D well trajectory plots combined with operational data). Methods for 'push a button' investigations of mechanic specific energy (MSE), vibration, torque and drag were also developed by calculating specific KPIs from the raw measurement data. The analysis work itself coupled with the attempt to improve the workflow processes served as a meaningful and highly effective way to educate students and prepare them to be the "drilling engineers of the future" with proficiency in data analytics.

Introduction

The oil and gas industry is undergoing a transformation to drive waste out of the business of safely delivering hydrocarbons to consumers. The societal, technological, and political environment in which petroleum producers operate continues to elevate future requirements (Handscorn et al., 2016):

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