

# Summary and Results of the 2020 NPD/FORCE machine learning competition

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# Motivation

## Highly successful SEG ML contest in 2016 (Hall& Hall, 2016)

- 40 teams
- 8 training wells
- 2 test wells and no blind wells
- 136 citations in google scholar
- Dataset not entirely public domain
- Demonstrates the need for open data
- Demonstrated that there is an increasing skill pool of geo-datascientists

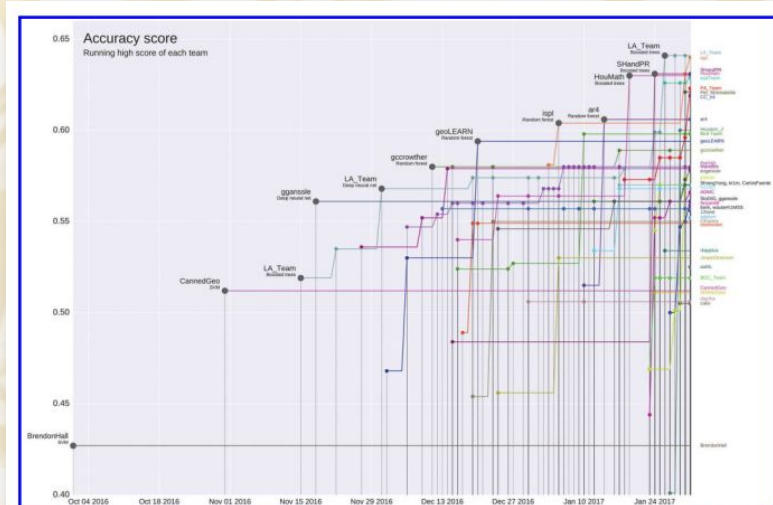
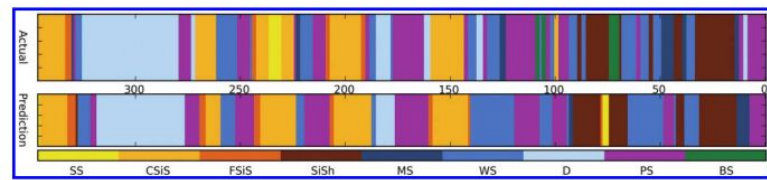


Figure 1. The progress over time of entries to the contest. Each team is represented by a colored line; the line shows the team's highest score up to that point. Each entry is represented by a vertical line and a dot. Changes in the first-place position are shown by a larger gray dot, annotated with the name of the team and the type of model they used. The scores shown are the deterministic scores. The final positions shown in Table 1 were determined stochastically.



# FORCE competition 2020 - GOALS

- Competition on well log data (lithology) and seismic data (faults)
- Global // online // virtual // free of charge
- Data needs to be open source
- Codes need to be public (well logs)
- Provide a legacy database
- Focus on geoscience domain knowledge holders
- Access and connect an increasing skill pool of geodatascientists
- Create an algorithm benchmark for the future

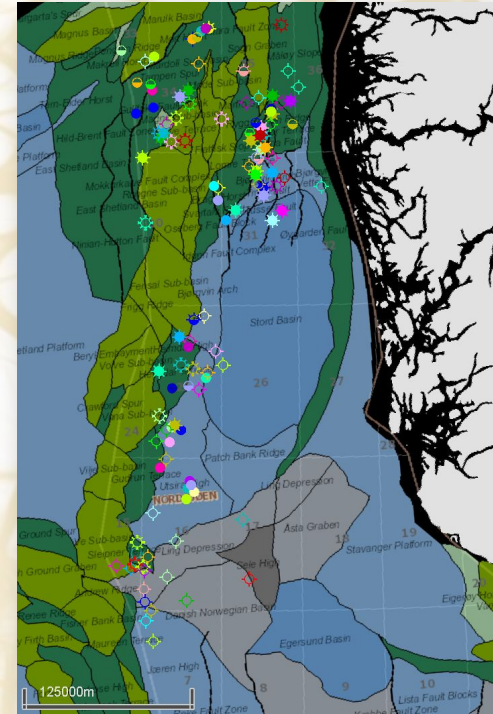


# FORCE competition 2020 –Datasets

- **Seismic data from Geoscience Australia** - via ConocoPhillips company
- **Well dataset from Diskos (NOLD 1.0 License)**
  - No lithology interpretation available
  - Well logs spliced but of very different quality per well
  - Well formation tops OK
- **Need to get funding to create a consistent lithology dataset**
  - Start up funding from FORCE (200knok)
  - Supplemented by sponsors (260knok)
  - Need for a scoring platform

XEEK

Agile\*



# FORCE competition 2020 – Lithology Dataset



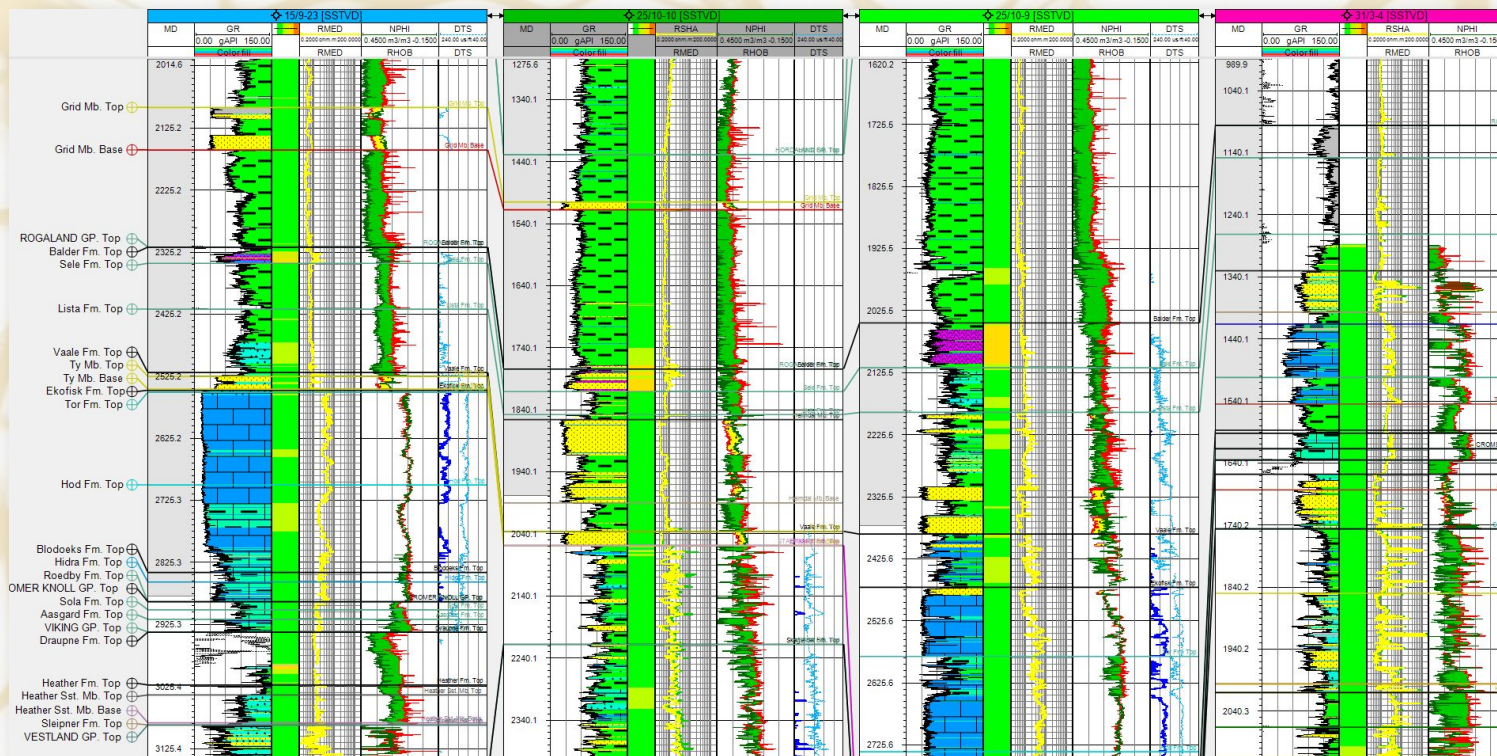
- Well dataset from Diskos (NOLD 1.0 License)
- Lithology interpretation label generation
  - Used **Explocrowd** for creation of lithology interpretation
  - Aware of interpretation bias
  - Hope for consistent interpretations bias
  - 250knok cost
  - 14 wells from **I2G** (Vietnam) -free
  - Use of cuttings, complogs, inhouse data

| Log Name                          | Log Description                                  |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| FORCE_2020_LITHOFACIES_CONFIDENCE | Qualitative measure of interpretation confidence |
| FORCE_2020_LITHOFACIES_LITHOLOGY  | Interpreted Lithofacies                          |
| RDEP                              | Deep Reading Resistivity measurement             |
| RSHA                              | Shallow Reading Resistivity measurement          |
| RMED                              | Medium Deep Reading Resistivity measurement      |
| RXO                               | Flushed Zone Resistivity measurement             |
| RMIC                              | Micro Resistivity measurement                    |
| SP                                | Self Potential Log                               |
| DTS                               | Shear wave sonic log (us/ft)                     |
| DTC                               | Compressional waves sonic log (us/ft)            |
| NPHI                              | Neutron Porosity log                             |
| PEF                               | Photo Electric Factor log                        |
| GR                                | Gamma Ray Log                                    |
| RHOB                              | Bulk Density Log                                 |
| DRHO                              | Density Correction log                           |
| CALI                              | Caliper log                                      |
| BS                                | Borehole Size                                    |
| DCAL                              | Differential Caliper log                         |
| ROPA                              | Average Rate of Penetration                      |
| SGR                               | Spectra Gamma Ray log                            |
| MUDWEIGHT                         | Wheight of Drilling Mud                          |
| ROP                               | Rate of Penetration                              |
| DEPTH_MD                          | Measured Depth                                   |
| x_loc                             | X location of sample                             |
| y_loc                             | Y location of sample                             |
| z_loc                             | Z (TVDSS) Depth of sample                        |

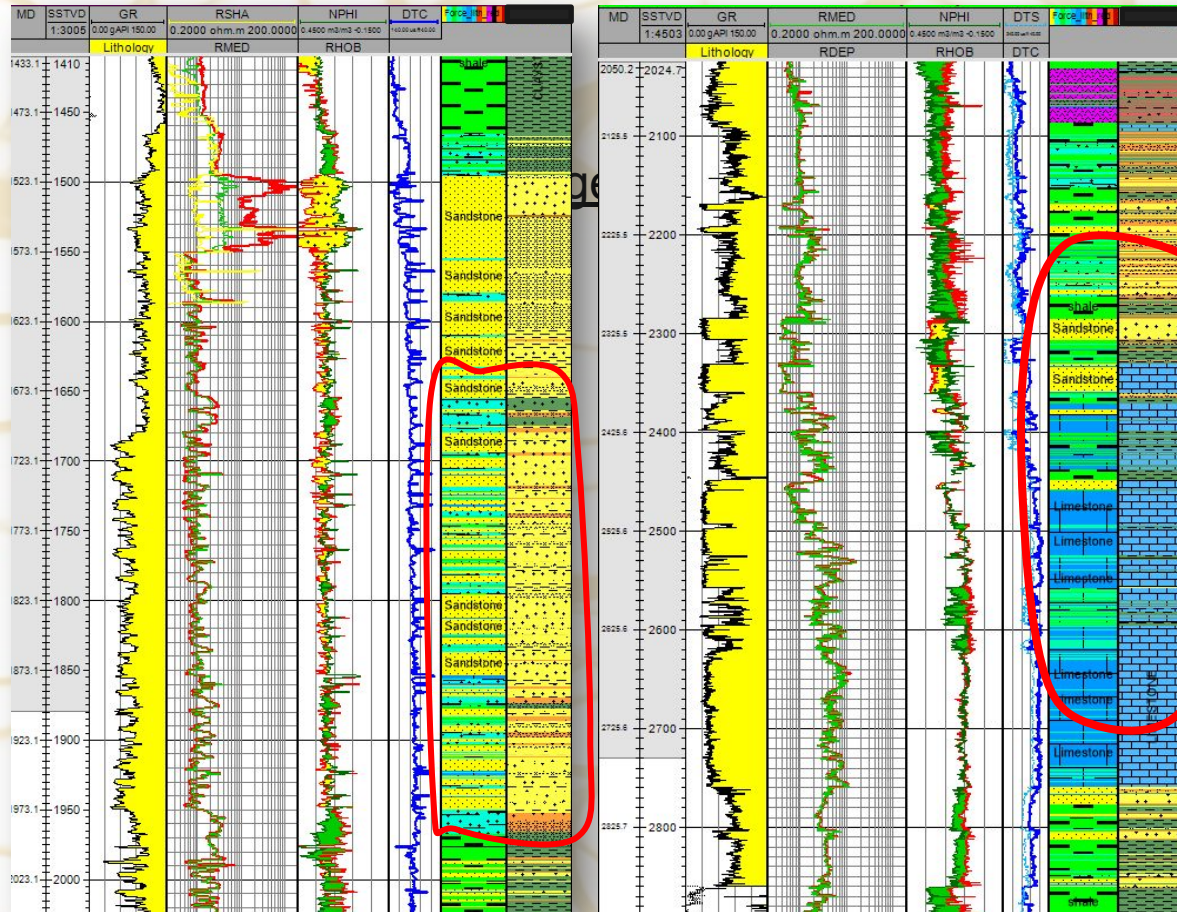
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|----------------------|
| Sandstone            |
| Sandstone/Shale      |
| Shale                |
| Marl                 |
| Dolomite             |
| Limestone            |
| Chalk                |
| Halite               |
| Anhydrite            |
| Tuff                 |
| Coal                 |
| Crystalline Basement |

# FORCE competition 2020 – Well log competition

- 98 interpreted wells released as training data
- 10 test wells (test the prediction)
- 10 blind data (score the final submitted models)
- Lithology and confidence interpretation



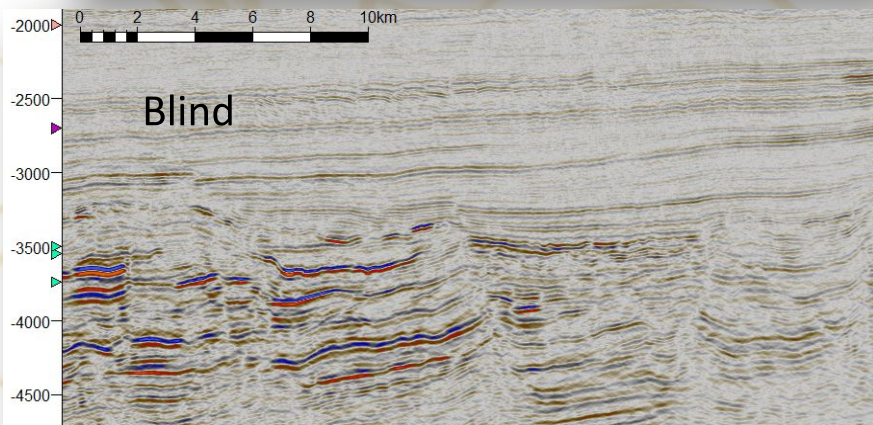
# FORCE competition 2020 - Dataset interpretation



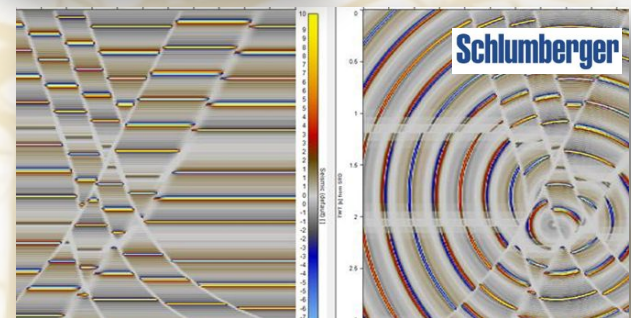
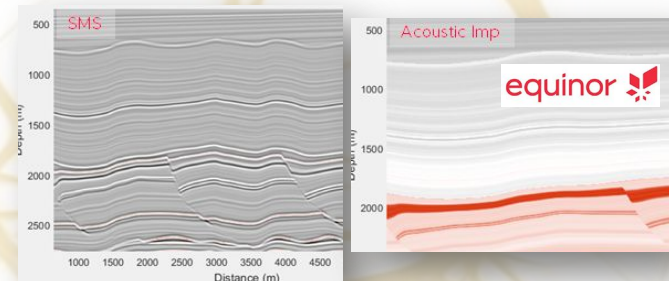
- Lithology will always be an interpretation
- Cuttings help but do not provide the final answer
- Perhaps one needs to crowd source weighted interpretation



# FORCE competition 2020 – Seismic datasets



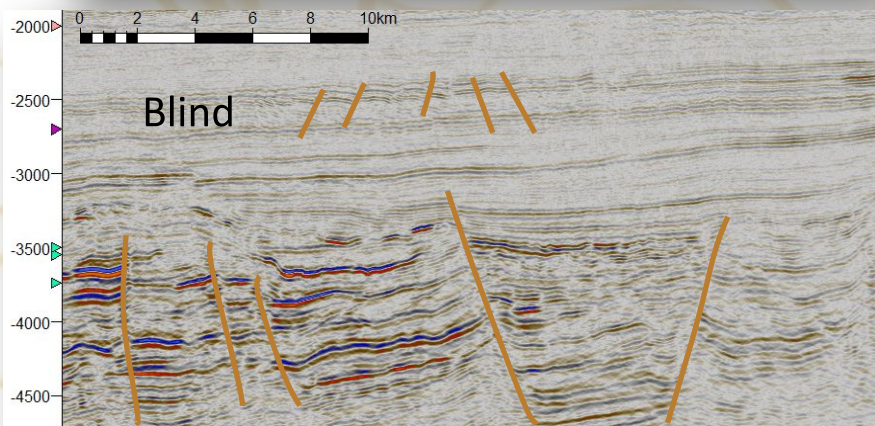
- 3 month to assess together with synthetic models



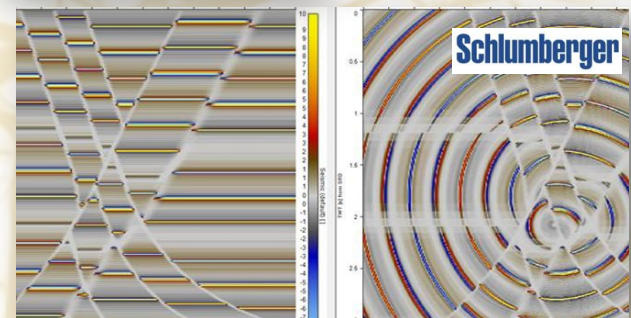
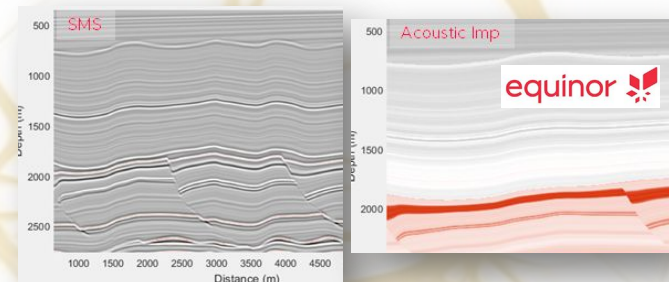
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- No need to disclose code



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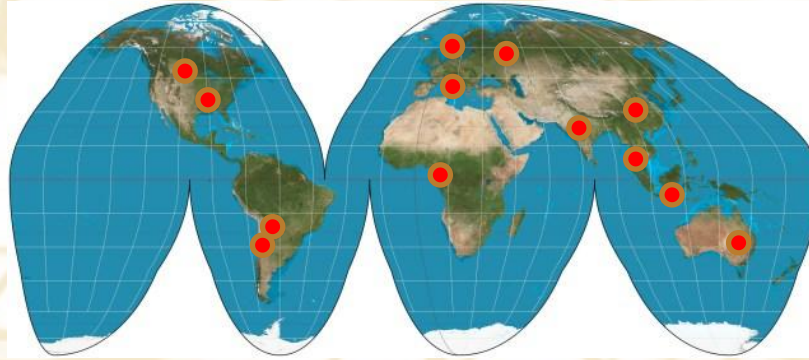


# Who participated in these comeptitions

GIR is a research group from Universidade Estadual do Norte Fluminense (UENF), located in Macaé, Brazil.

We are Team H3G (Harry Brandsen, Haoyuan Zhang, Helena Nandi Formentin, Gregory Barrere) from Equinor.

Applied Computational Intelligence Laboratory (ICA).



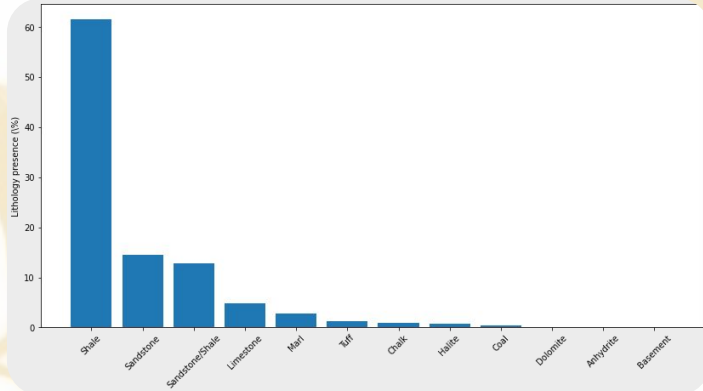
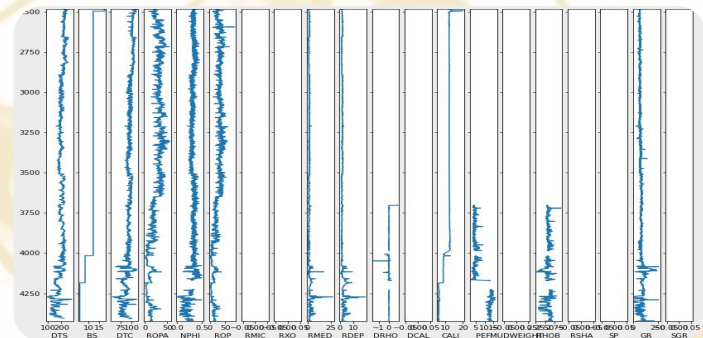
The ISPL\_Team is made up of researchers and PhD students from the Image and Sound Processing Laboratory (ISPL) of the Politecnico di Milano (Italy)

**400 teams and over  
1000 individuals  
globally**



# What made this a different ML well dataset and competition?

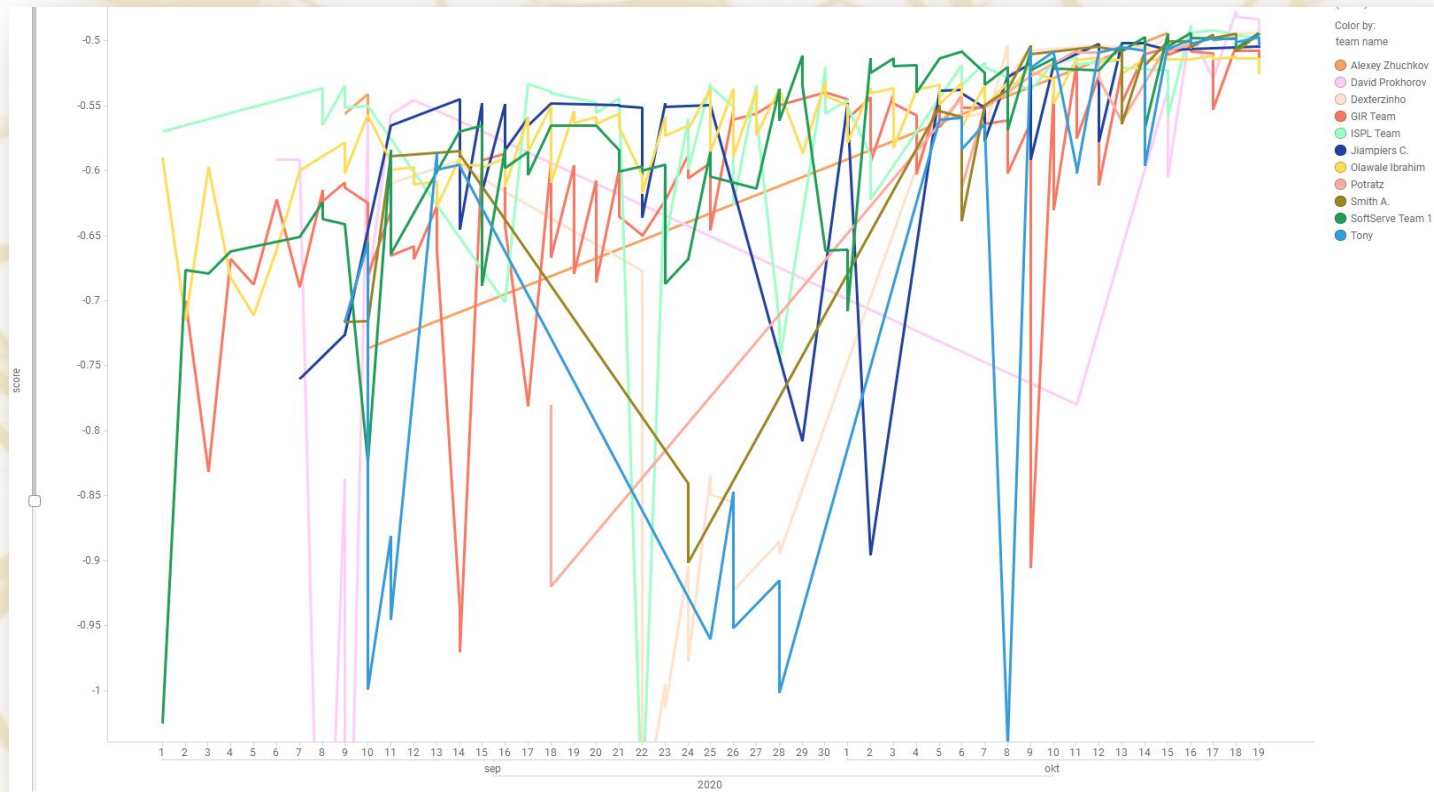
## 1. Realistic well data



## 2. Geologically motivated scoring

| label \ prediction   | Sandstone | Sandstone/Shale | Shale | Marl  | Dolomite | Limestone | Chalk | Halite | Anhydrite | Tuff  | Coal  | Crystalline Basement |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|-------|----------|-----------|-------|--------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|
| Sandstone            | 0         | 2               | 3.5   | 3     | 3.75     | 3.5       | 3.5   | 4      | 4         | 2.5   | 3.875 | 3.25                 |
| Sandstone/Shale      | 2         | 0               | 2.375 | 2.75  | 4        | 3.75      | 3.75  | 3.875  | 4         | 3     | 3.75  | 3                    |
| Shale                | 3.5       | 2.375           | 0     | 2     | 3.5      | 3.5       | 3.75  | 4      | 4         | 2.75  | 3.25  | 3                    |
| Marl                 | 3         | 2.75            | 2     | 0     | 2.5      | 2         | 2.25  | 4      | 4         | 3.375 | 3.75  | 3.25                 |
| Dolomite             | 3.75      | 4               | 3.5   | 2.5   | 0        | 2.625     | 2.875 | 3.75   | 3.25      | 3     | 4     | 3.625                |
| Limestone            | 3.5       | 3.75            | 3.5   | 2     | 2.625    | 0         | 1.375 | 4      | 3.75      | 3.5   | 4     | 3.625                |
| Chalk                | 3.5       | 3.75            | 3.75  | 2.25  | 2.875    | 1.375     | 0     | 4      | 3.75      | 3.125 | 4     | 3.75                 |
| Halite               | 4         | 3.875           | 4     | 4     | 3.75     | 4         | 4     | 0      | 2.75      | 3.75  | 3.75  | 4                    |
| Anhydrite            | 4         | 4               | 4     | 4     | 3.25     | 3.75      | 3.75  | 2.75   | 0         | 4     | 4     | 3.875                |
| Tuff                 | 2.5       | 3               | 2.75  | 3.375 | 3        | 3.5       | 3.125 | 3.75   | 4         | 0     | 2.5   | 3.25                 |
| Coal                 | 3.875     | 3.75            | 3.25  | 3.75  | 4        | 4         | 4     | 3.75   | 4         | 2.5   | 0     | 4                    |
| Crystalline Basement | 3.25      | 3               | 3     | 3.25  | 3.625    | 3.625     | 3.75  | 4      | 3.875     | 3.25  | 4     | 0                    |

# The lithology prediction leaderboard



## How did the lithology competition go?

- 329 teams signed up, 148 submitted
- Extremely close results
- Solid preprocessing and feature engineering wins over fancy ML methods
- No mind-blowing accuracy, but in some cases ML predictions may have uncovered errors in official interpretation

| Team                                                                         | Leaderboard score | Leaderboard rank | Final test score | Final rank |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------|
| Olawale Ibrahim                                                              | -0.5118           | 24               | -0.4690          | 1          |
| GIR Team                                                                     | -0.5037           | 11               | -0.4792          | 2          |
| Lab.ICA-Team / Smith A.                                                      | -0.4943           | 6                | -0.4954          | 3          |
| H3G (Haoyuan Zhang, Harry Brandsen, Gregory Barrere, Helena Nandi Formentin) | -0.509            | 17               | -0.5045          | 4          |
| ISPL Team                                                                    | -0.4885           | 2                | -0.5084          | 5          |
| Jiampiers C.                                                                 | -0.5014           | 9                | -0.5087          | 6          |
| José Bermúdez                                                                | -0.5052           | 14               | -0.5091          | 7          |
| Bohdan Pavlyshenko                                                           | -0.5112           | 22               | -0.5171          | 8          |
| Jeremy Zhao                                                                  | -0.5264           | 31               | -0.5173          | 9          |
| Campbell Hutcheson                                                           | -0.505            | 13               | -0.5221          | 10         |
| David P.                                                                     | -0.4775           | 1                | -0.5256          | 11         |
| SoftServe Team                                                               | -0.4936           | 3                | -0.5263          | 12         |
| Dapo Awolayo                                                                 | -0.5121           | 25               | -0.9441          | 13         |

### RIGHT / WRONG PREDICTION



# Lithology: The winning recipe (top three)

## Machine learning algorithm:

- XGBoost (gradient boosting)

## Model selection:

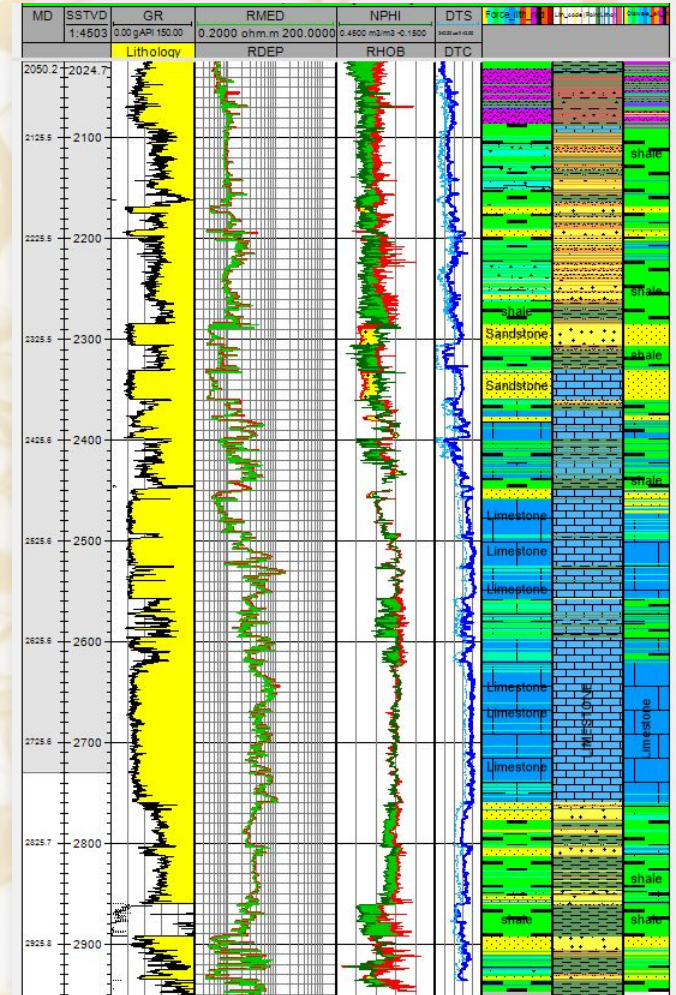
- Stratified KFold cross-validation

## Pre-processing:

- Dropping rare curves
- Imputing missing intervals
- Basic z-score normalization

## Add non-local features:

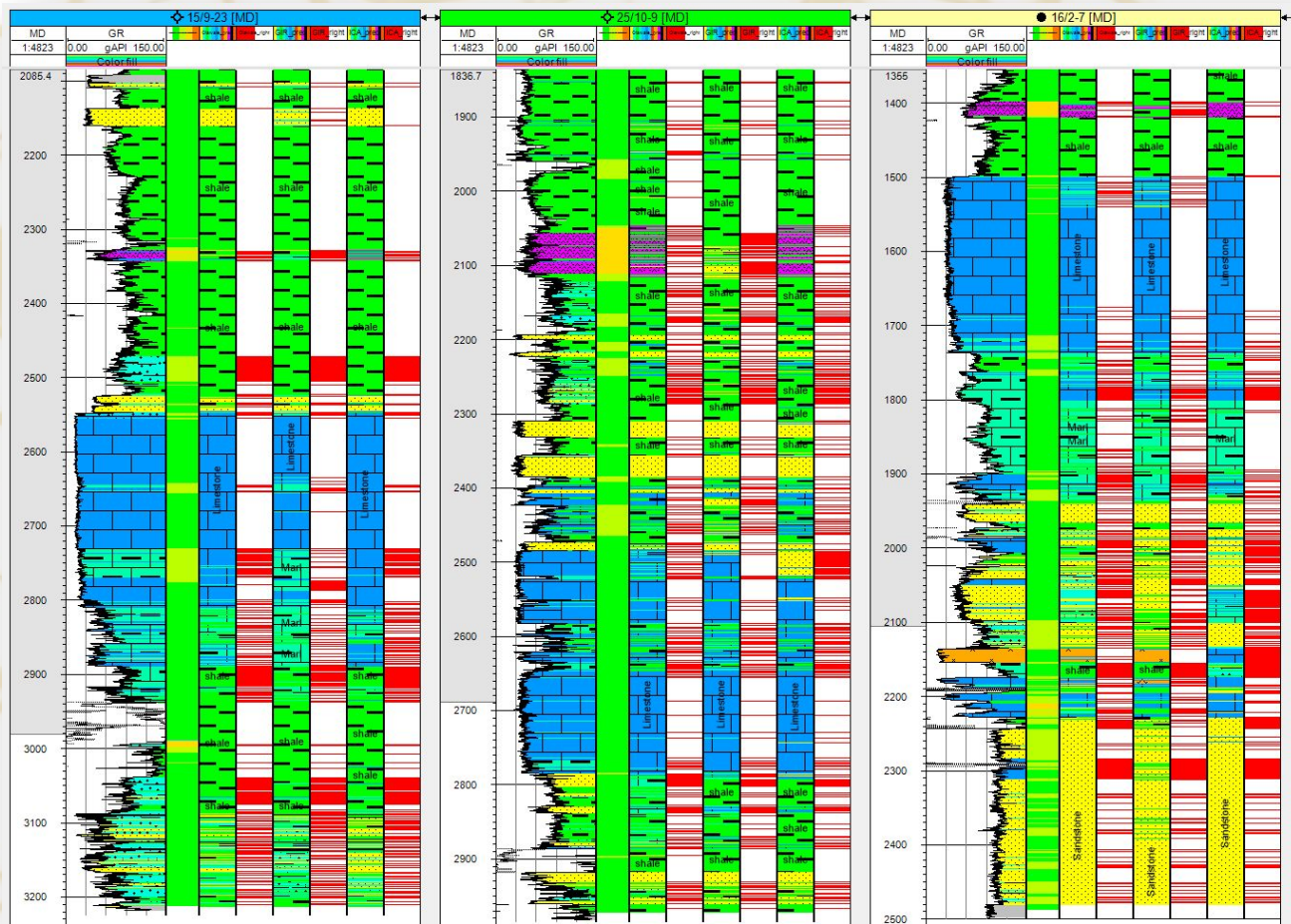
- Compute gradient of logs
- Min/max/mean of a log in a depth window



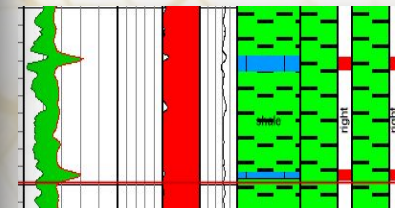
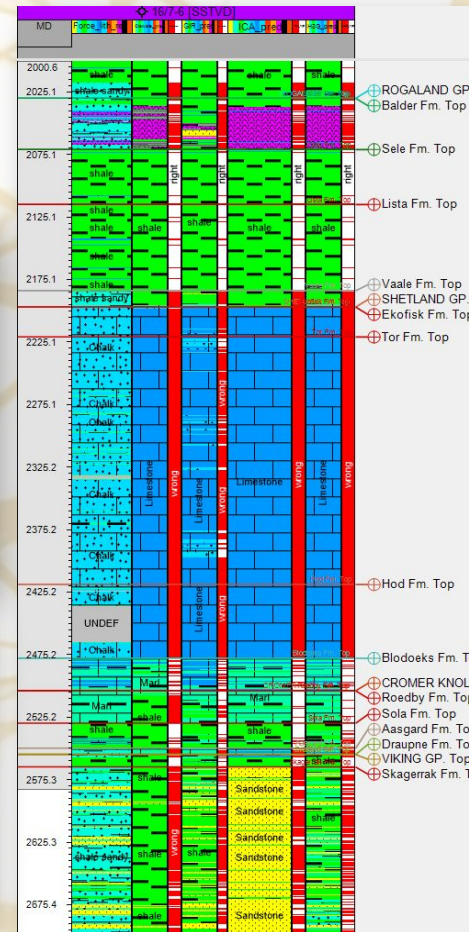
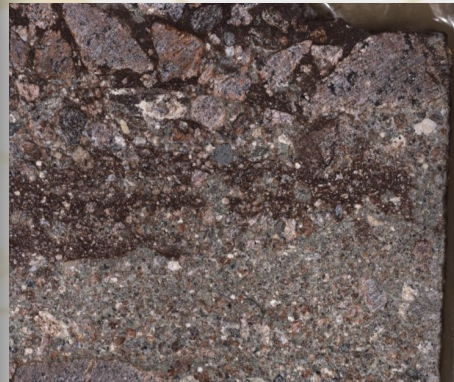
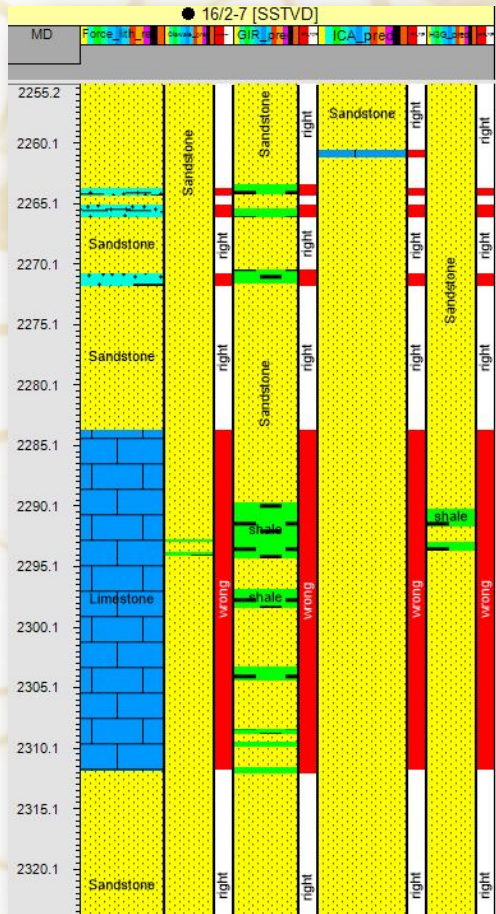
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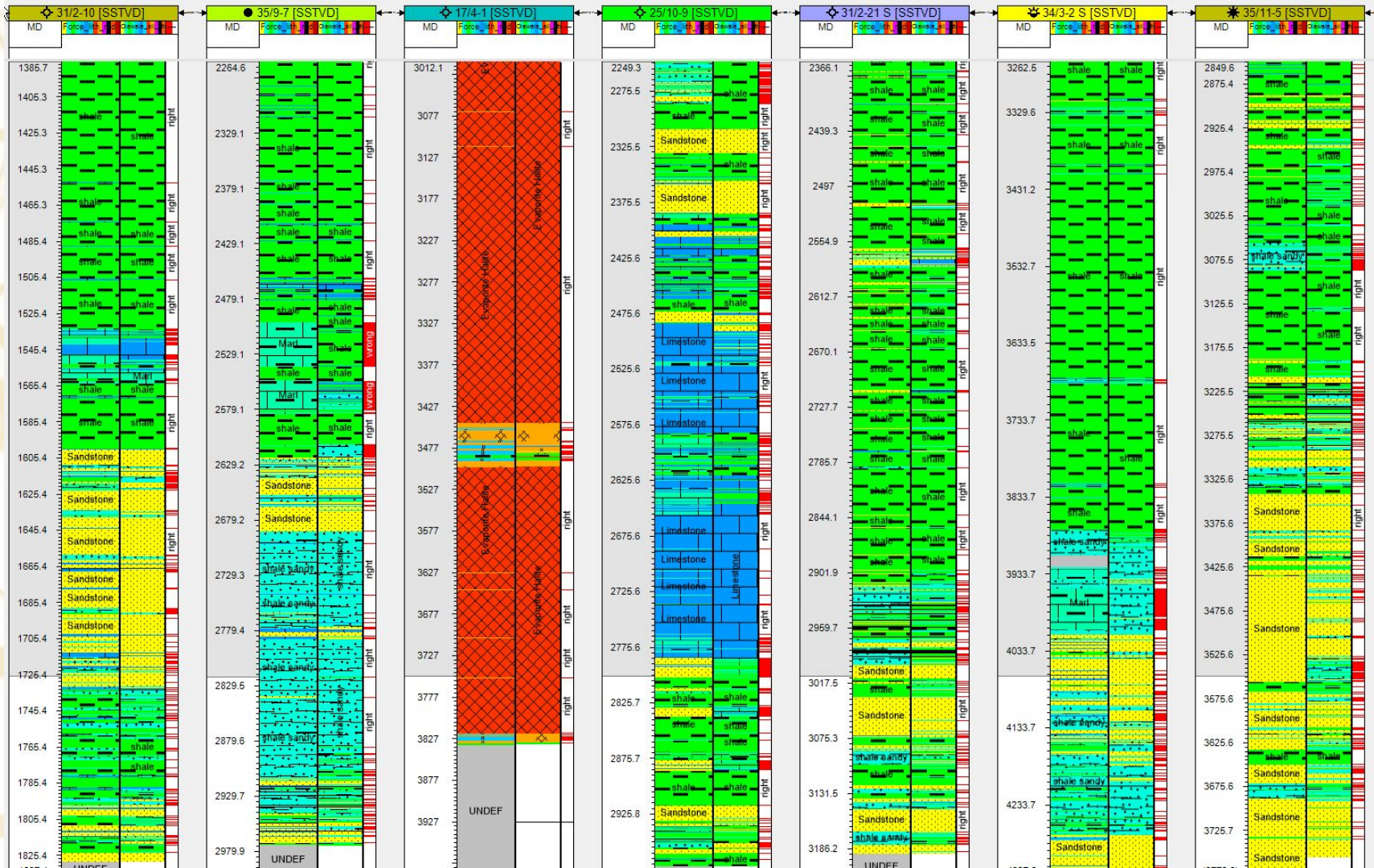
| 1st Olawale<br>Predicted | Labeled Sandstone | Labeled Sandstone /Shale | Labeled Shale | Labeled Marls | Labeled Dolomite | Labeled Limestone | Labeled Chalk | Labeled Halite | Labeled Anhydrite | Labeled Tuff | Labeled Coals | Labeled Basement | 2ndGIR<br>Predicted  | Labeled Sandstone | Labeled Sandstone /Shale | Labeled Shale | Labeled Marls | Labeled Dolomite | Labeled Limestone | Labeled Chalk | Labeled Halite | Labeled Anhydrite | Labeled Tuff | Labeled Coals | Labeled Basement |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| Sandstone                | 78.5              | 20.5                     | 1.4           | 5.5           |                  | 2.7               |               |                |                   |              |               |                  | Sandstone            | 75.0              | 24.5                     | 1.5           | 0.6           |                  | 2.8               |               |                |                   |              | 0.8           |                  |
| Sandstone /Shale         | 12.7              | 55.5                     | 8.3           | 4.4           |                  | 0.3               |               |                | 11.9              | 5.7          |               |                  | Sandstone /Shale     | 12.8              | 51.8                     | 6.6           | 6.6           |                  | 0.3               |               |                |                   | 5.2          | 9.2           |                  |
| Shale                    | 3.6               | 14.1                     | 86.3          | 32.9          |                  | 2.7               | 2.4           | 0.2            | 1.4               | 21.0         | 13.8          |                  | Shale                | 5.0               | 21.4                     | 87.1          | 21.7          | 8.4              | 2.8               | 2.6           | 0.0            | 1.3               | 36.2         | 14.2          |                  |
| Marl                     | 0.1               | 7.7                      | 2.0           | 30.7          |                  | 11.7              | 5.1           |                |                   |              |               |                  | Marl                 | 0.1               | 1.6                      | 2.2           | 42.4          | 1.0              | 9.5               | 6.4           |                |                   | 0.8          |               |                  |
| Dolomite                 | 0.0               |                          | 0.2           | 0.0           | 5.6              | 0.1               |               | 0.0            | 18.5              |              |               |                  | Dolomite             | 0.0               |                          | 0.2           | 0.1           | 40.6             | 0.1               |               |                | 6.0               |              |               |                  |
| Limestone                | 4.1               | 1.9                      | 1.4           | 26.2          | 11.1             | 60.9              | 15.6          |                | 4.5               | 3.3          |               |                  | Limestone            | 5.5               | 0.5                      | 1.4           | 27.3          | 6.4              | 64.2              | 1.2           |                | 8.5               | 4.6          |               |                  |
| Chalk                    | 0.5               |                          | 0.0           | 0.2           |                  | 21.1              | 76.9          |                |                   |              |               |                  | Chalk                | 0.4               |                          |               | 1.3           |                  | 19.7              | 89.8          |                |                   |              |               |                  |
| Halite                   |                   |                          | 0.0           |               | 27.8             | 0.1               |               | 98.9           | 1.0               |              |               |                  | Halite               | 0.1               |                          | 0.3           |               | 13.4             | 0.0               |               | 98.8           | 0.2               |              |               |                  |
| Anhydrite                | 0.1               |                          | 0.0           |               | 55.6             | 0.4               |               | 0.9            | 74.6              |              |               |                  | Anhydrite            | 0.1               | 0.0                      | 0.0           |               | 30.2             | 0.4               |               | 1.2            | 84.0              |              |               |                  |
| Tuff                     | 0.0               |                          | 0.3           |               |                  | 0.1               |               |                | 63.8              |              |               |                  | Tuff                 | 0.9               | 0.0                      | 0.6           |               |                  | 0.1               |               |                |                   | 53.3         |               |                  |
| Coals                    | 0.2               | 0.3                      | 0.1           |               |                  | 0.0               |               |                |                   | 80.5         |               |                  | Coals                | 0.1               | 0.2                      | 0.0           |               |                  |                   |               |                |                   |              | 75.7          |                  |
| Basement                 |                   |                          |               |               |                  |                   |               |                |                   |              |               |                  | Basement             |                   |                          |               |               |                  |                   |               |                |                   |              |               |                  |
| 3rd ICA<br>Predicted     | Labeled Sandstone | Labeled Sandstone /Shale | Labeled Shale | Labeled Marls | Labeled Dolomite | Labeled Limestone | Labeled Chalk | Labeled Halite | Labeled Anhydrite | Labeled Tuff | Labeled Coals | Labeled Basement | 4th H3G<br>Predicted | Labeled Sandstone | Labeled Sandstone /Shale | Labeled Shale | Labeled Marls | Labeled Dolomite | Labeled Limestone | Labeled Chalk | Labeled Halite | Labeled Anhydrite | Labeled Tuff | Labeled Coals | Labeled Basement |
| Sandstone                | 71.3              | 19.2                     | 2.4           | 8.6           |                  | 7.6               |               |                |                   | 0.6          |               |                  | Sandstone            | 79.5              | 14.4                     | 2.3           | 2.0           |                  | 5.1               |               |                | 0.4               | 0.9          |               |                  |
| Sandstone /Shale         | 15.1              | 58.6                     | 8.2           | 2.9           |                  | 0.7               |               |                |                   | 11.0         | 10.4          |                  | Sandstone /Shale     | 11.7              | 64.4                     | 10.1          | 6.3           |                  | 0.8               |               |                |                   | 14.2         | 7.3           |                  |
| Shale                    | 4.7               | 12.9                     | 86.1          | 22.1          |                  | 3.0               | 0.4           | 0.2            | 2.1               | 23.8         | 18.9          |                  | Shale                | 3.6               | 10.3                     | 84.0          | 43.6          |                  | 3.1               | 3.3           | 0.0            | 4.0               | 16.8         | 14.5          |                  |
| Marl                     | 1.0               | 8.8                      | 1.6           | 48.0          |                  | 12.8              | 2.1           |                |                   |              |               |                  | Marl                 | 0.1               | 6.5                      | 1.9           | 31.7          |                  | 10.6              | 6.0           |                |                   |              |               |                  |
| Dolomite                 | 0.0               |                          | 0.2           | 0.2           |                  | 0.3               |               | 0.1            | 20.9              |              |               |                  | Dolomite             | 0.1               |                          | 0.2           | 0.0           | 40.0             | 1.3               |               |                | 2.9               |              |               |                  |
| Limestone                | 6.2               | 0.5                      | 1.3           | 18.1          |                  | 58.1              | 17.1          |                |                   | 3.3          |               |                  | Limestone            | 3.6               | 4.1                      | 1.0           | 16.2          | 40.0             | 60.0              | 16.6          |                |                   | 3.1          |               |                  |
| Chalk                    | 1.5               |                          | 0.0           | 0.0           |                  | 15.8              | 80.3          |                |                   |              |               |                  | Chalk                | 1.0               |                          | 0.0           | 0.1           |                  | 15.8              | 74.0          |                |                   |              |               |                  |
| Halite                   |                   |                          | 0.0           |               |                  | 0.0               |               | 98.7           | 1.7               |              |               |                  | Halite               | 0.0               |                          | 0.1           |               |                  | 0.1               |               | 99.2           | 8.0               |              |               |                  |
| Anhydrite                | 0.1               |                          | 0.0           |               |                  | 1.4               | 1.0           | 75.4           |                   |              |               |                  | Anhydrite            | 0.1               |                          | 0.0           | 0.0           | 20.0             | 2.8               |               | 0.7            | 84.8              |              |               |                  |
| Tuff                     |                   |                          | 0.2           |               |                  | 0.2               |               |                |                   | 61.2         |               |                  | Tuff                 |                   | 0.3                      | 0.3           |               |                  | 0.3               |               |                |                   | 65.0         |               |                  |
| Coals                    | 0.1               | 0.1                      | 0.0           |               |                  |                   |               |                |                   |              | 70.7          |                  | Coals                | 0.3               | 0.0                      | 0.1           |               |                  |                   |               |                |                   |              | 78.2          |                  |
| Basement                 |                   |                          |               |               |                  |                   |               |                |                   |              |               |                  | Basement             |                   |                          |               |               |                  |                   |               |                |                   |              |               |                  |

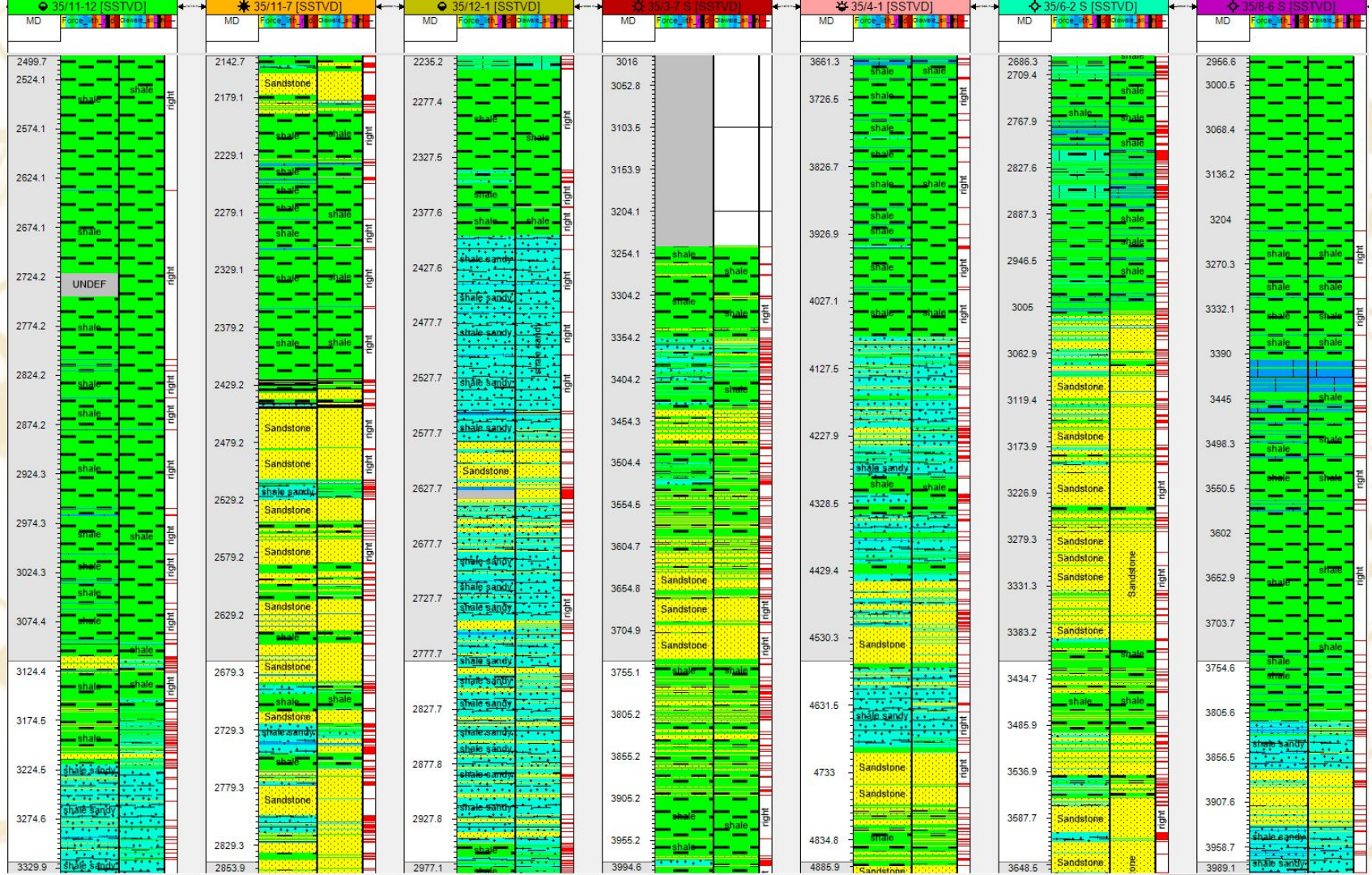
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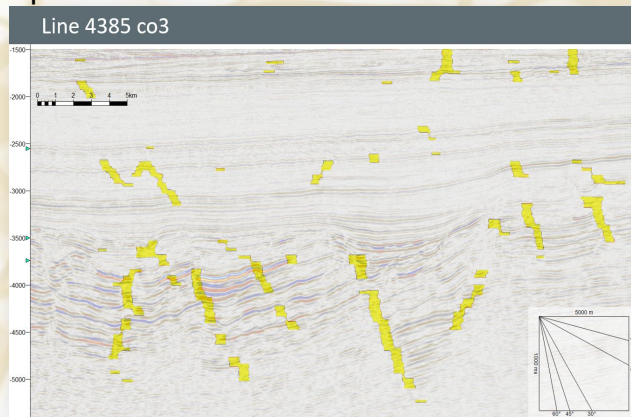




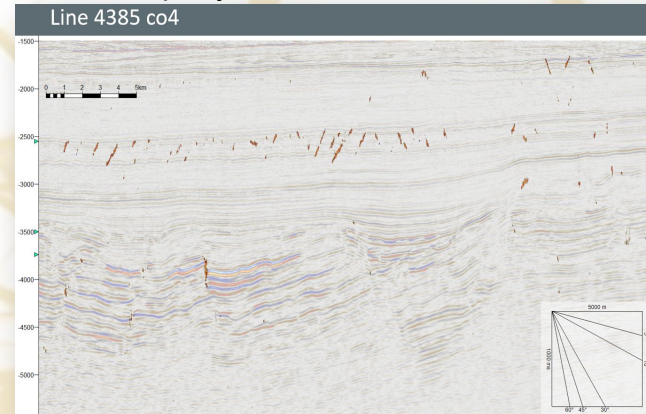
# How did the seismic competition go?

- 80 teams signed up
- 7 submitted a results
- No vendor submitted
- Not impressive

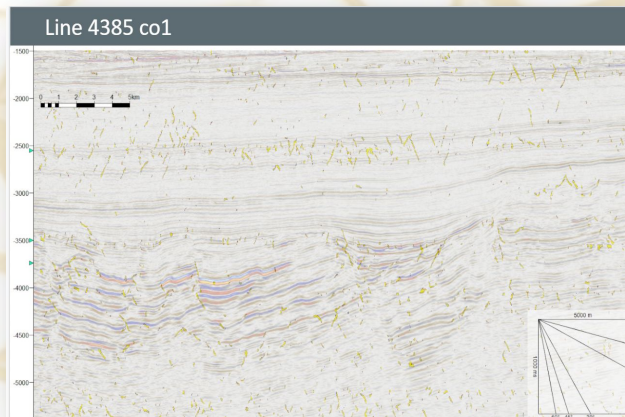
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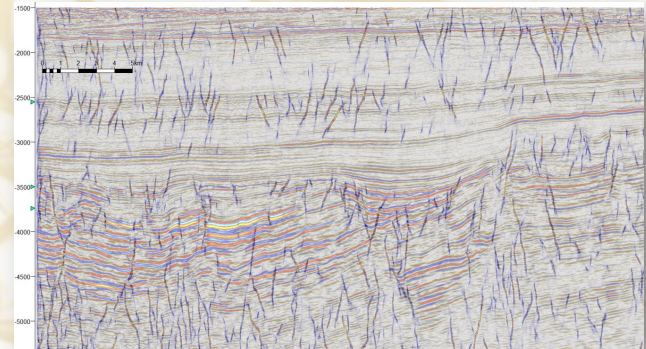
Company C



Company B



Inhouse CoP



# Why are good open datasets key in further developing ML?

- Open, high-quality data is hard to come by in geoscience
- It provides a common benchmark for vendors and prototypes
- Democratizes ML on subsurface data - students, independents can test ideas and compete on equal footing with companies
- **Openness fosters openness**

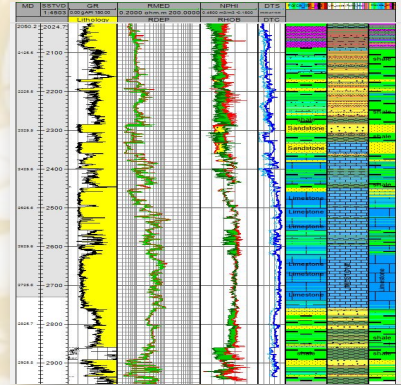
All datasets and results are here:

<https://github.com/bolgebrygg/Force-2020-Machine-Learning-competition>  
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# What have we learned, and what would we do different?

- Scoring should be consistent with a petrophysicist's evaluation
  - Geological scoring matrix improvement
  - Address class imbalance in scoring
  - Consider thin bed scoring that makes an impact
- The true legacy is the dataset
  - Invest in a large, high-quality dataset
  - Keep it raw and realistic
  - Remember that interpreted data is subjective
  - Secure broad funding and collaboration
- Keep prizes largely symbolic
- Fault competition was a bust, need to reevaluate its purpose



# Questions?



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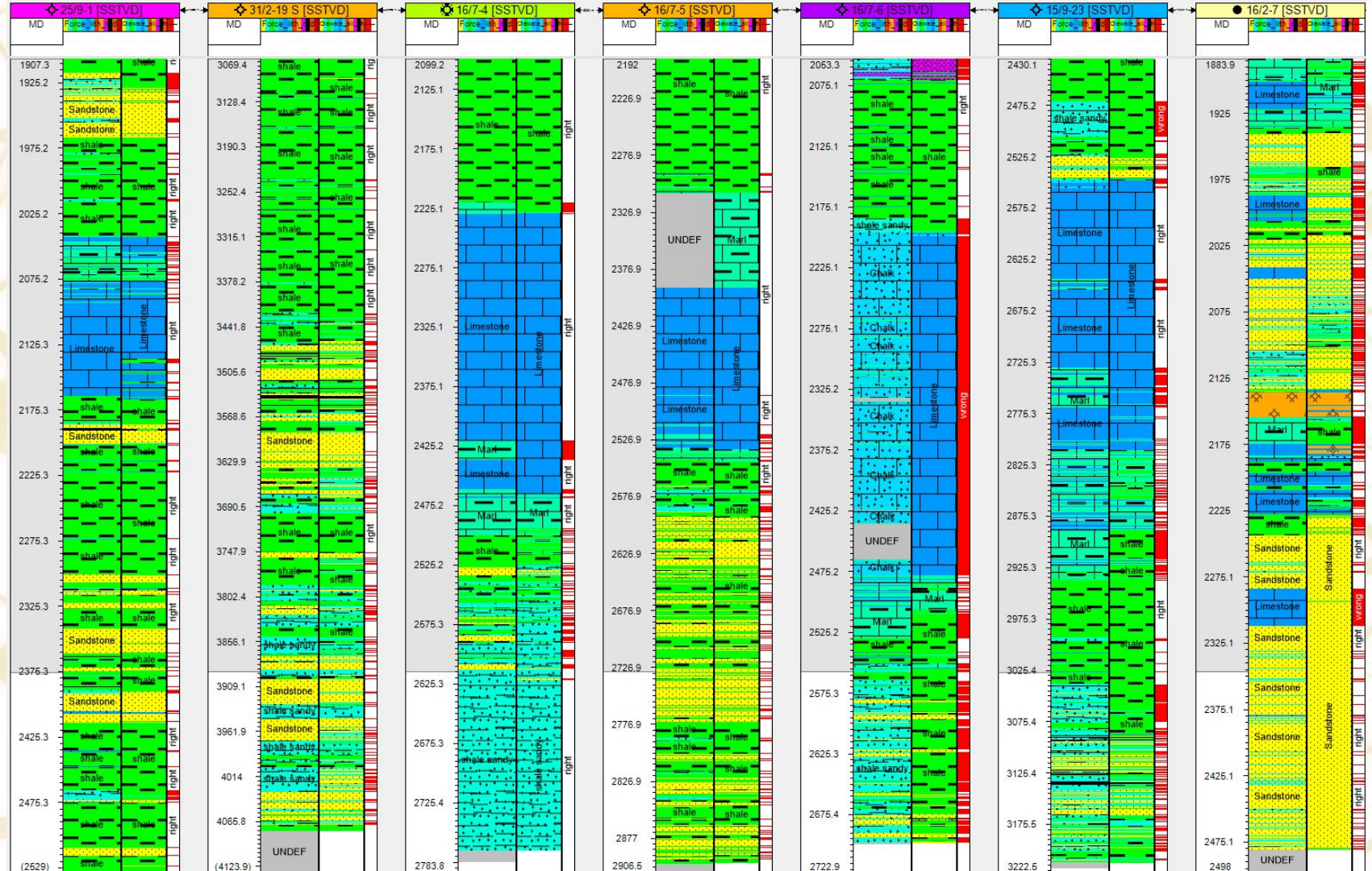
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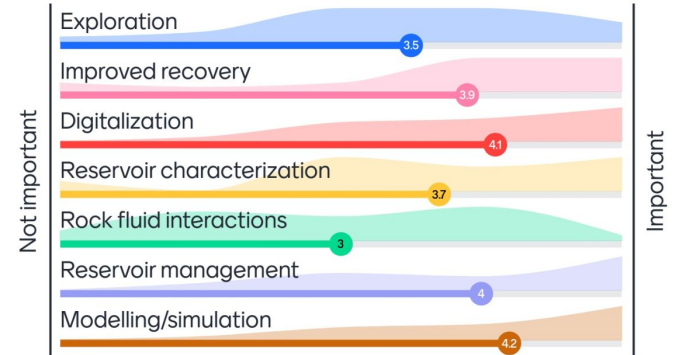


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# What are the important technology gaps and knowledge needs in exploration of new areas?





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