MERC 2025 - Session 4

EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS

Session 4 Outline

- Introduction to Exploratory Data Analysis.
- EDA – Case Study

Introduction to Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

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QC and Imputation

- Visual Inspection
- Borehole Conditions
- Fill missing data

Basic Stats

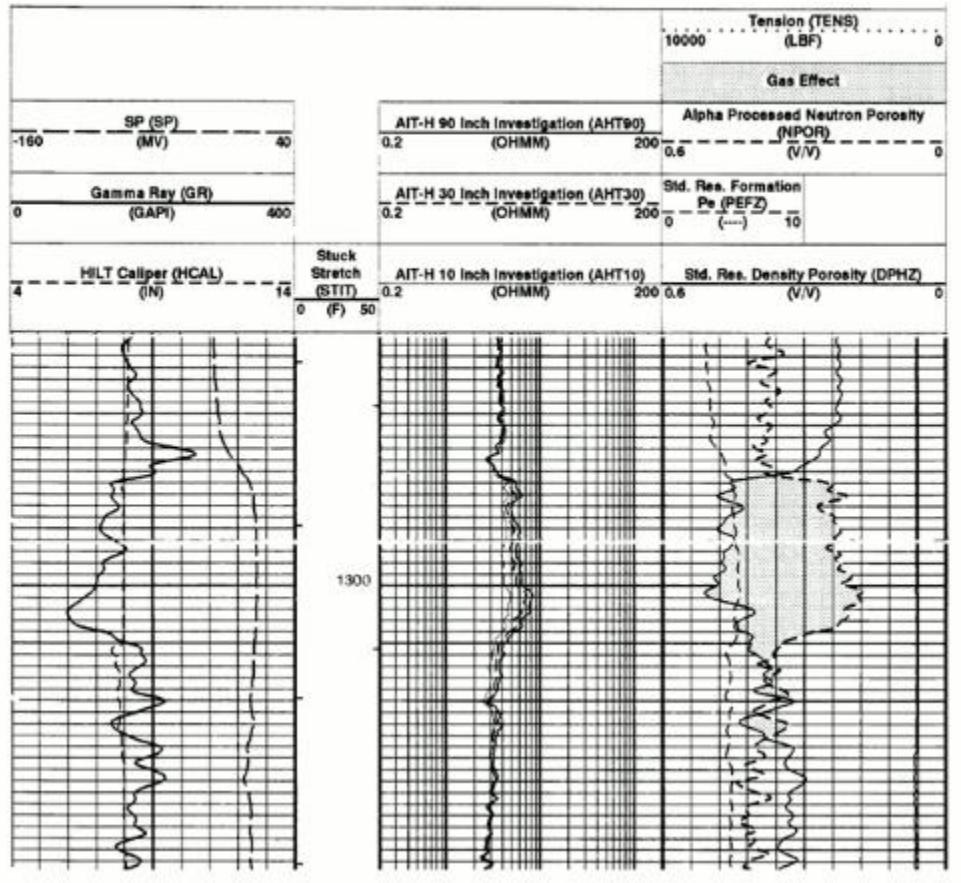
- Distributions
- Categorial Statistics
- Cross-plots
- Box and Violin Plots

Machine Learning Techniqus

- PCA
- t-SNE
- Cluster Analysis
- Self-Organizing Maps (SOMs)

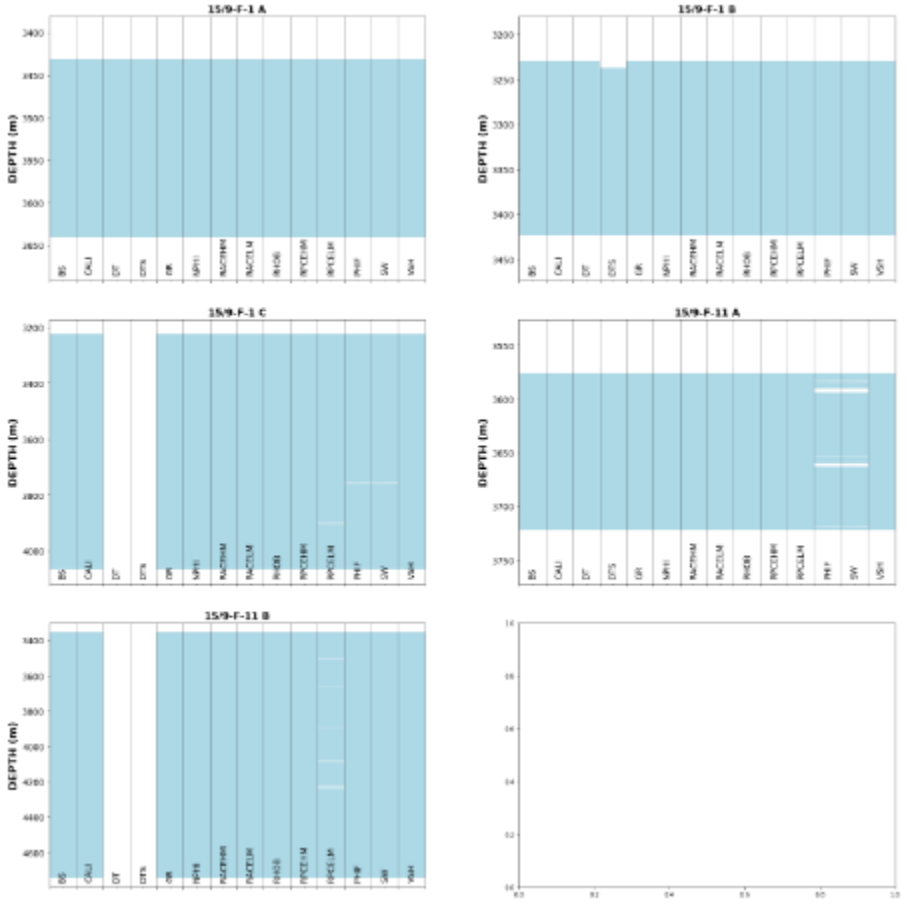
EDA – QA/QC Inspection

- Manual review of the data.
  - Examining for large spikes or unexplained changes in the data.
  - Are the values expected for the environment?
- Baseline Check
  - Are there shifts or changes to the log that are unrelated to geology (borehole or probe related?)
- Composite View
  - Viewing all the logs together to get a holistic view of each hole.



EDA – Filling in the gaps

- In preparation for advanced methods, ensuring there are no gaps in the data is critical.
  - Interpolation
    - Small gaps where obvious trends are continuous.
  - Imputation
    - Using correlated logs to help fill larger gaps.
  - Manual Correction
    - Manually filling in areas based on observed trends.

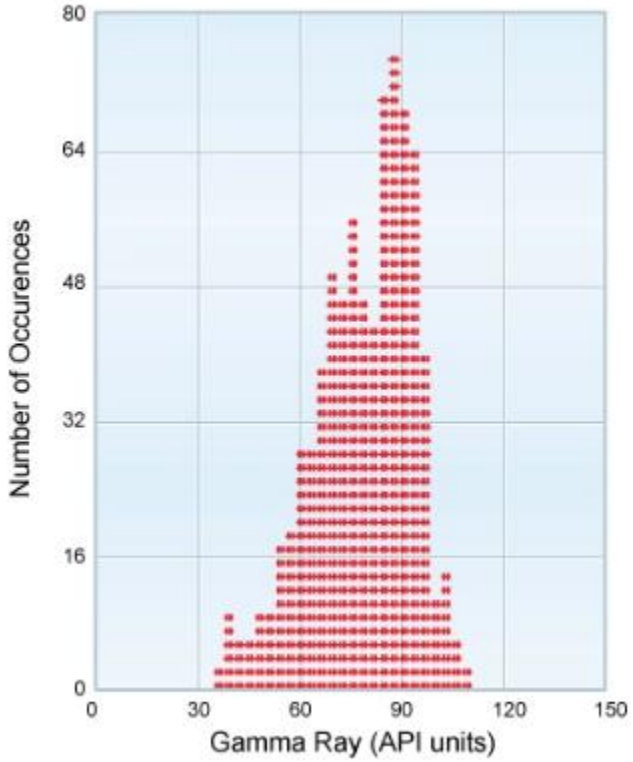


EDA – Examining Distributions

Histograms and Statistics

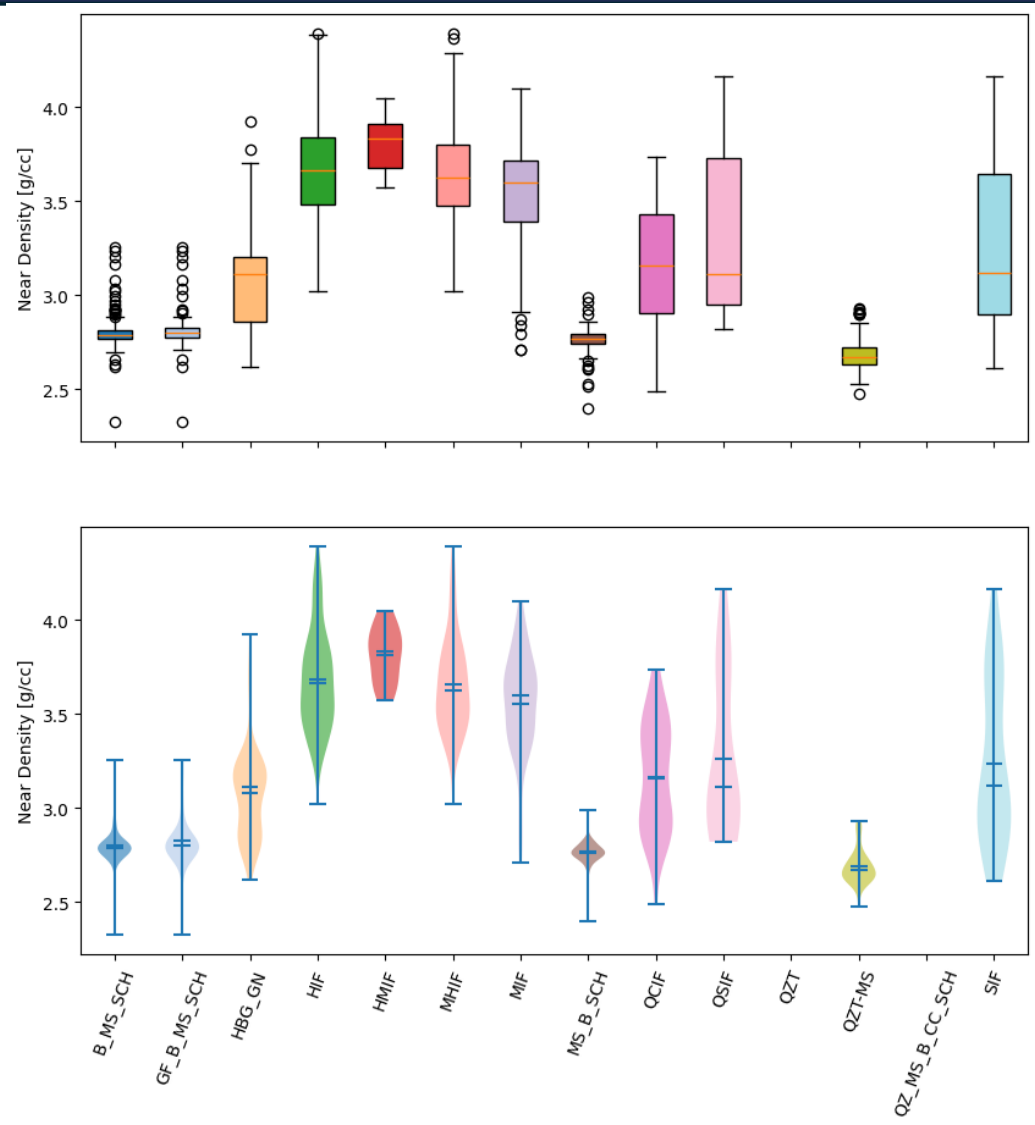
Analyzing the shape of data distribution helps in normalization and lithology identification.

- Modality
  - Bi-Modal or multi-modal distributions often indicate the presence of multiple geologic units or formations.
- Skewness
  - Some parameters (mainly magnetic and electrical) will follow a log-normal distribution and require additional transformation.
- Outliers
  - Values outside the 10th and 90th percentiles should be examined with care as they may indicate errors in the instruments or small (but significant) observations.



EDA – Statistics by Geological Unit

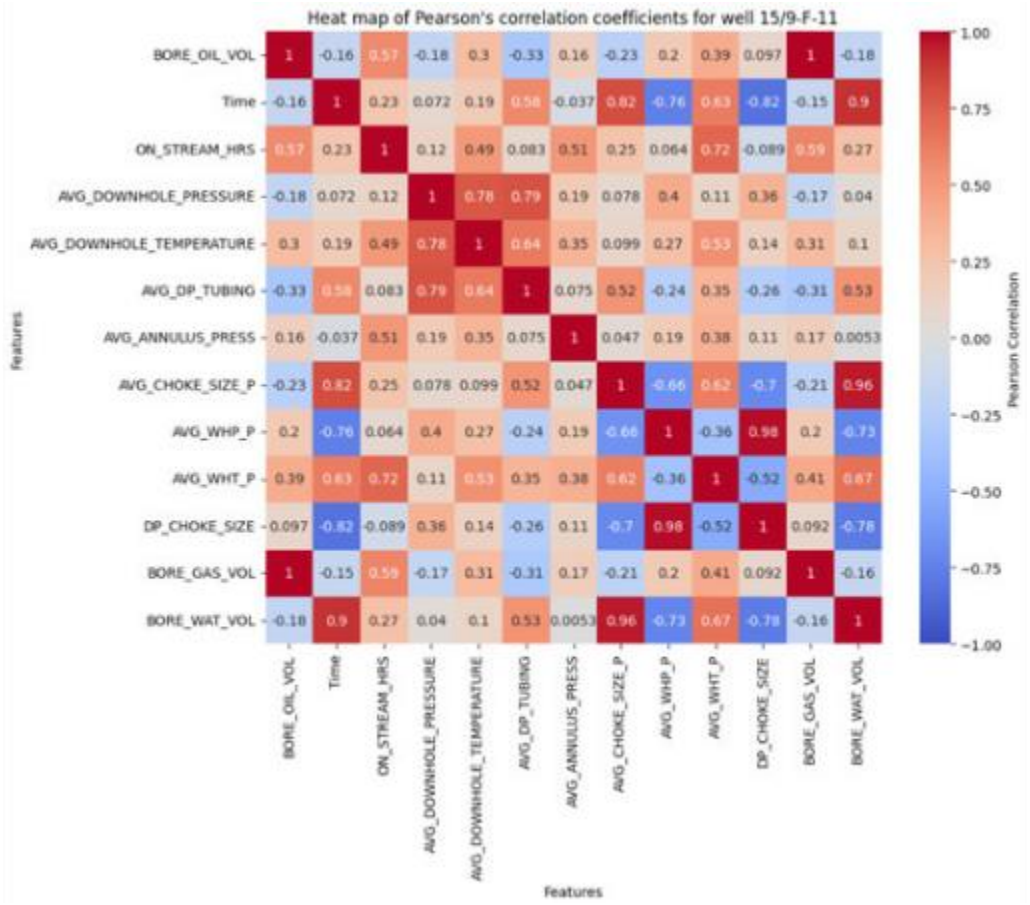
- Segment borehole data based on core-logged ‘from-to’ zones.
- Using visualization such as box or violin plots shows the distribution for each unit.
- Establishes a **characteristic response** for the formation and can be then used in modelling.



EDA – Feature Redundancy Analysis

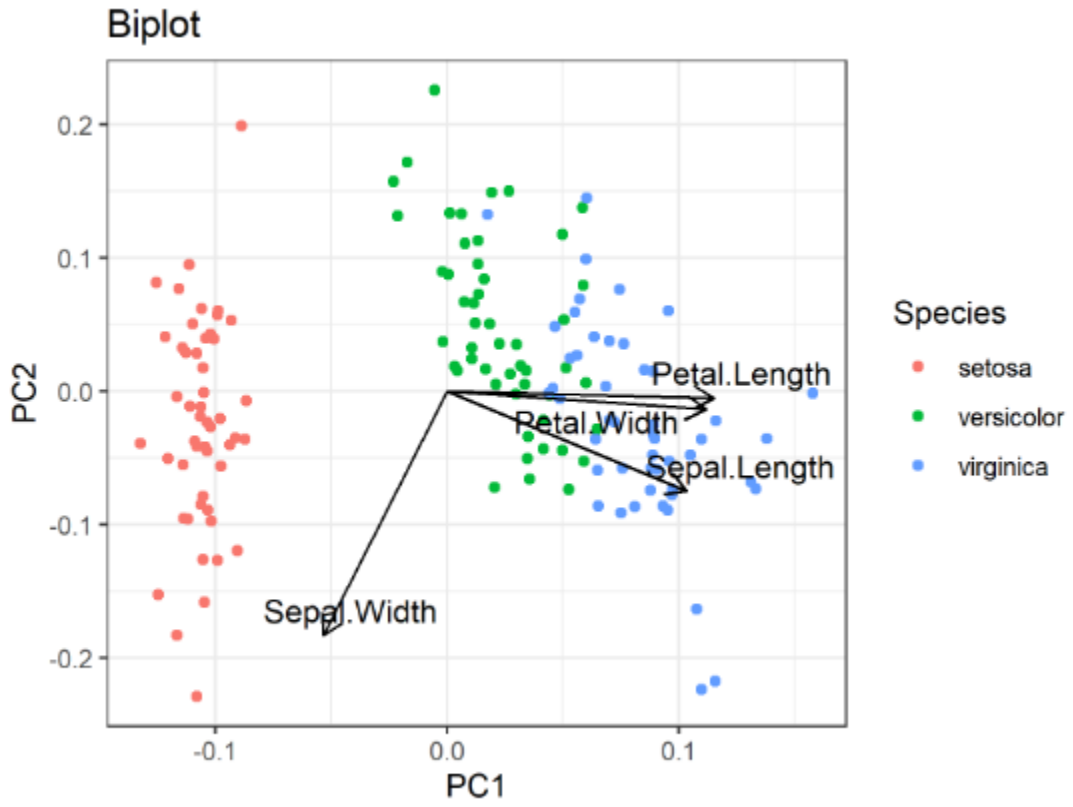
Are there any redundant parameters?

- This is an important consideration before using advanced machine learning techniques as it can introduce bias.
- Correlation Matrix
  - Heat-map showing the Pearson correlation coefficient between parameters.
    - Drop highly co-linear features in improve performance.



EDA – Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

- Linear Dimension Reduction
  - Borehole physical properties are generally multi-parameter (greater than 4) and understanding their relationship can be difficult.
  - PCA reduces the data set into the 2 or 3 components that can be compared with each other.
  - Assumes that all the parameters are **linear**.

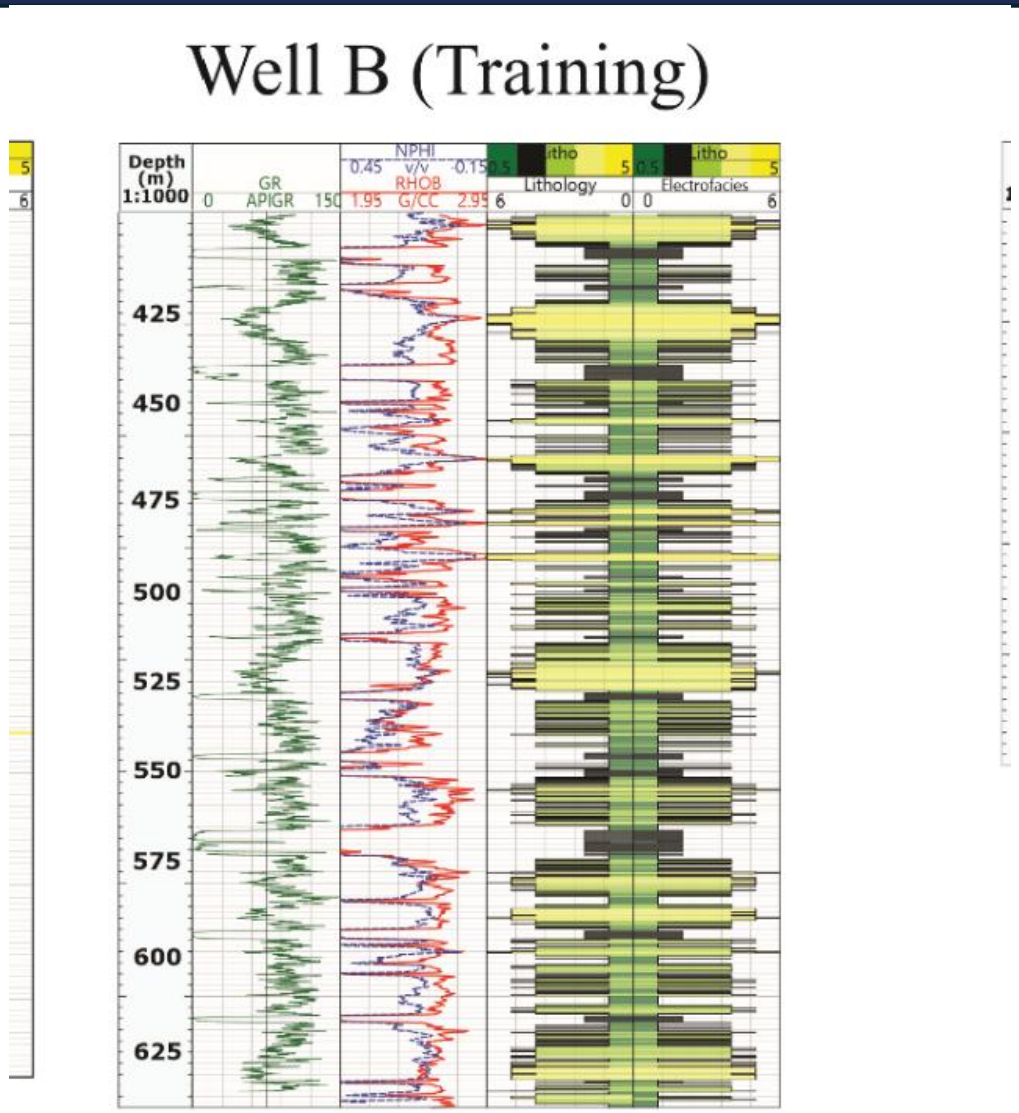


EDA – t-SNE Dimension Reduction

- Like PCA but uses a technique called **Manifold Learning** to reduce multi-dimensional data into 2 or 3 components.
- It's a stochastic method, such that each time it's performed it will be different.
- Is a non-linear technique and can often identify trends that are not apparent compared to PCA.

EDA – Cluster Analysis

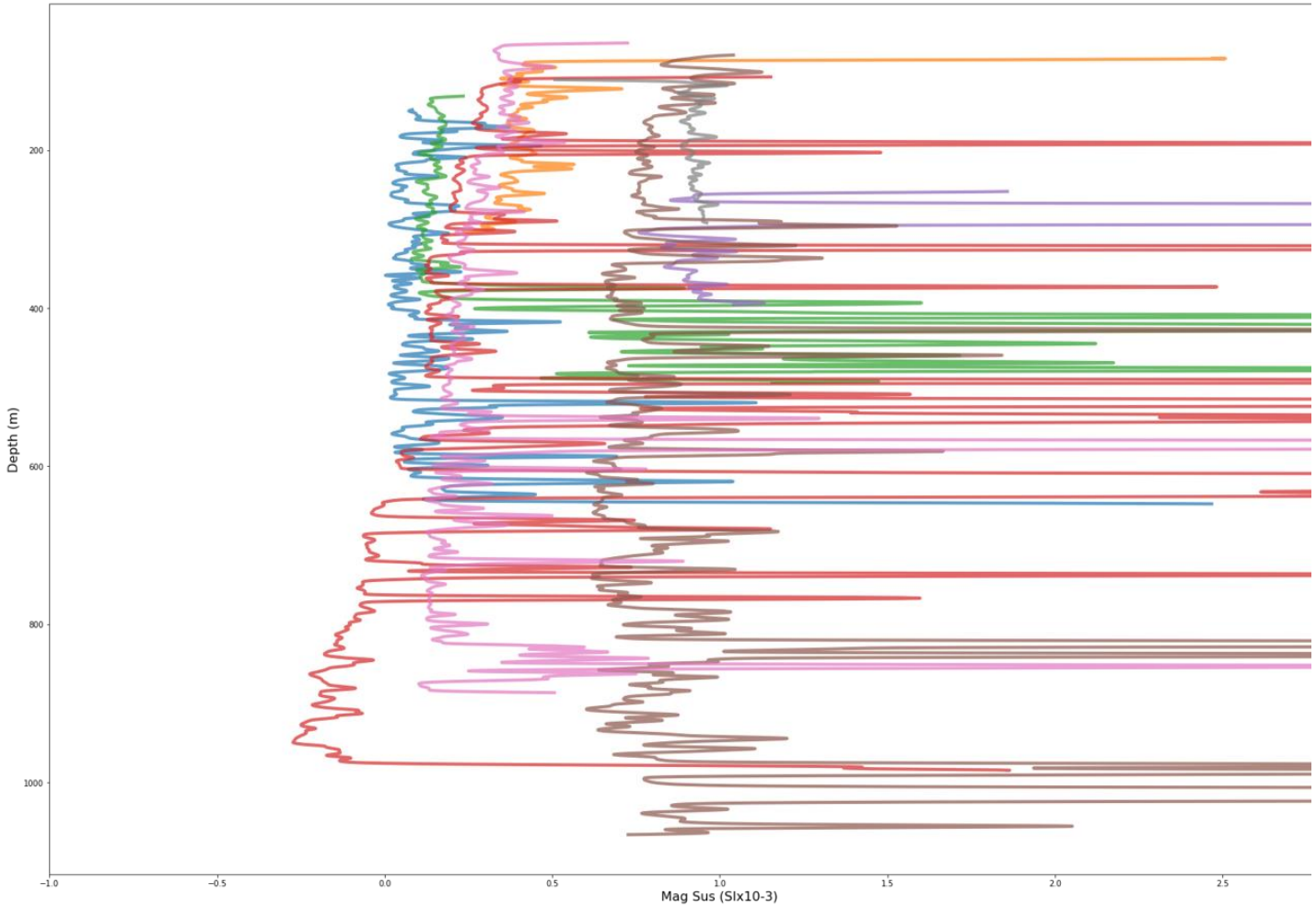
- An alternative interpretation that defines new **domains** based on the natural divisions in the borehole logs.
- Different methods are available such as:
  - K-Means
  - DBSCAN
  - HDSCAN



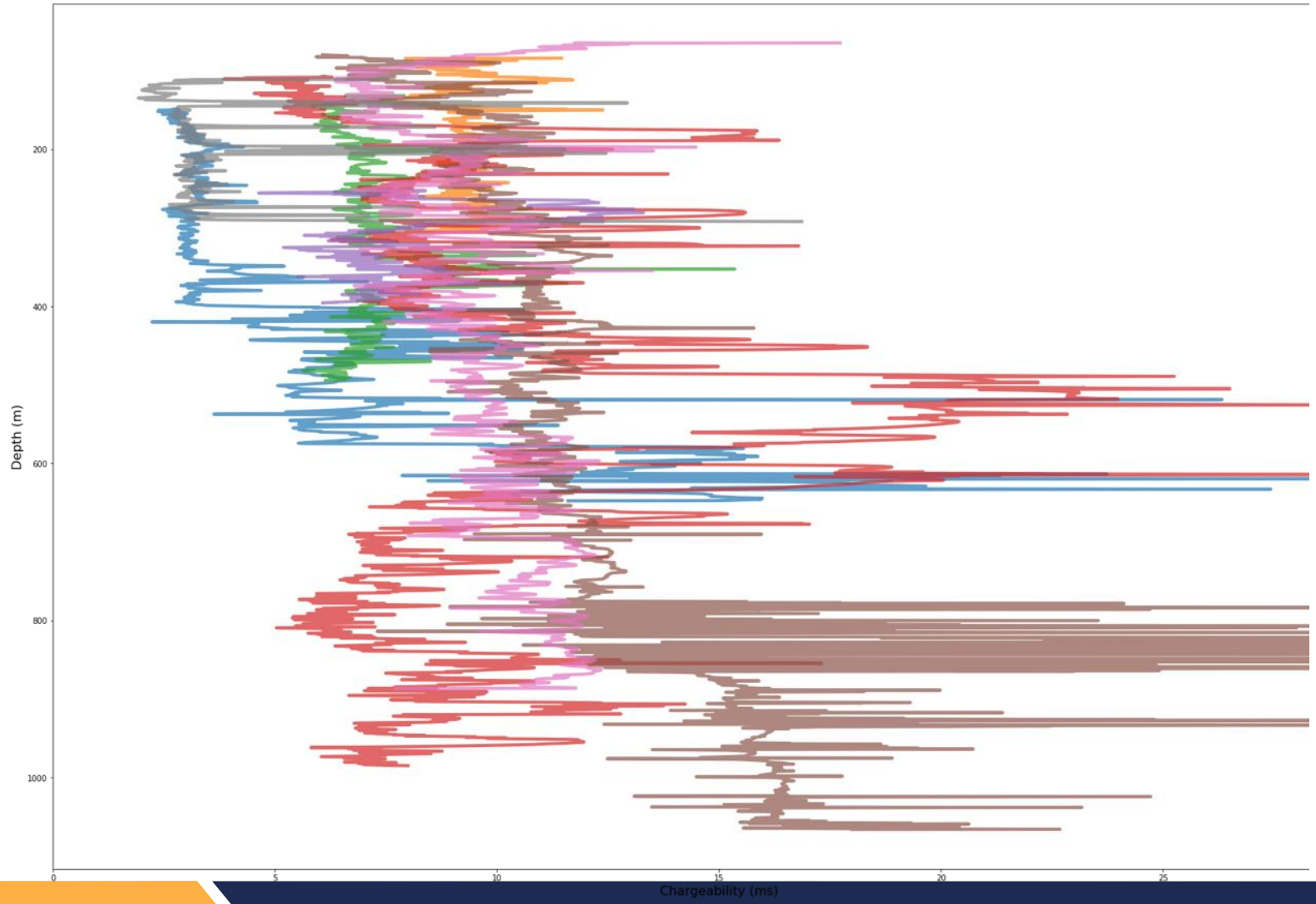
Physical Property Statistical Analysis Case Study

- 11 holes of physical property data acquired by third party with the following parameters:
  - Magnetic Susceptibility
  - Induction Conductivity
  - Induced Polarization
  - Full waveform sonic
  - Spectral Gamma
- Goal of the project was to examine the data quality, examine the relationships between the parameters and geology, and perform a cluster analysis.

Data Quality Check – Magnetic Susceptibility



Data Quality Check - IP



Data Preparation: Level Chargeability Data

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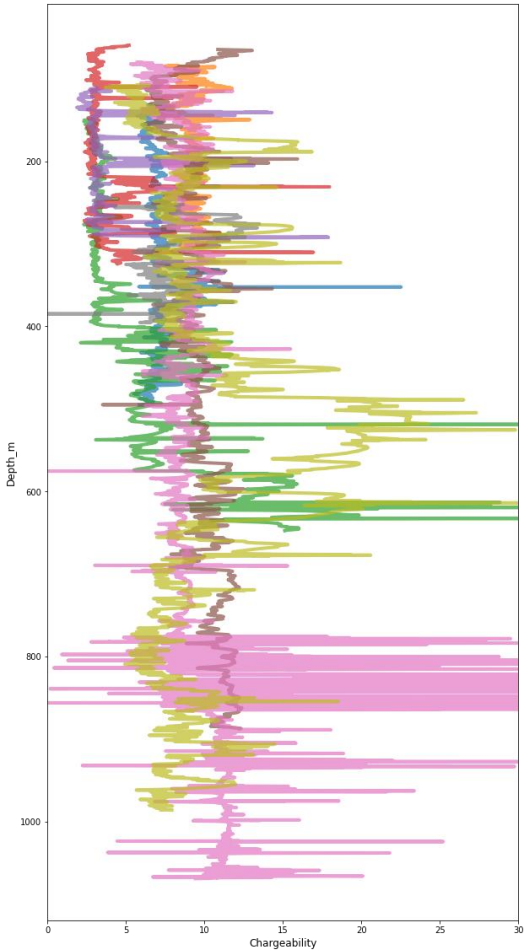
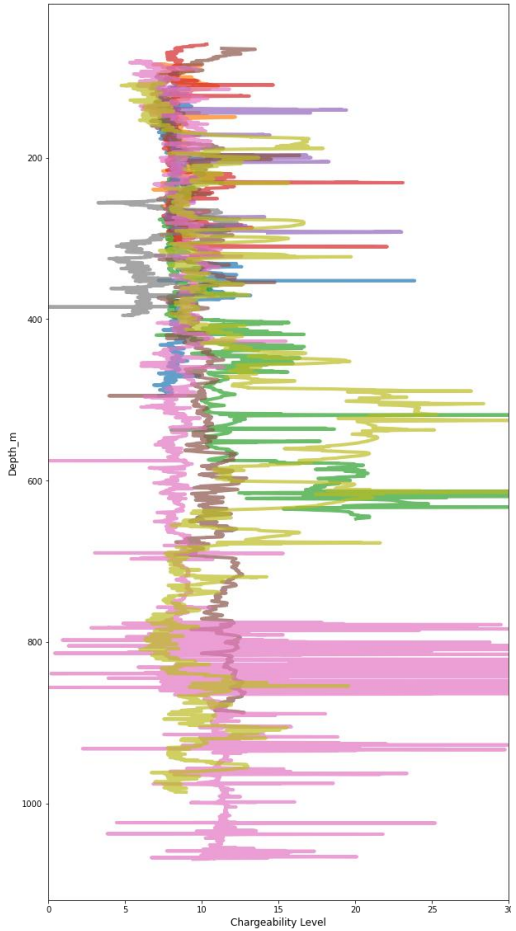
Original Data

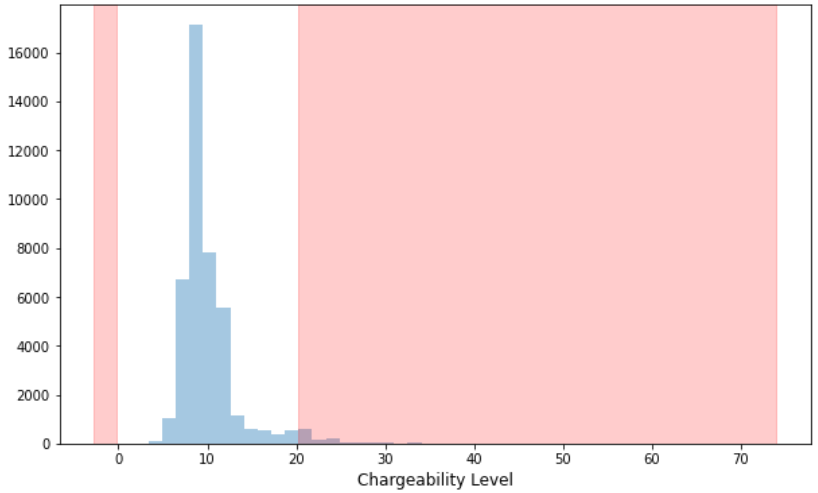


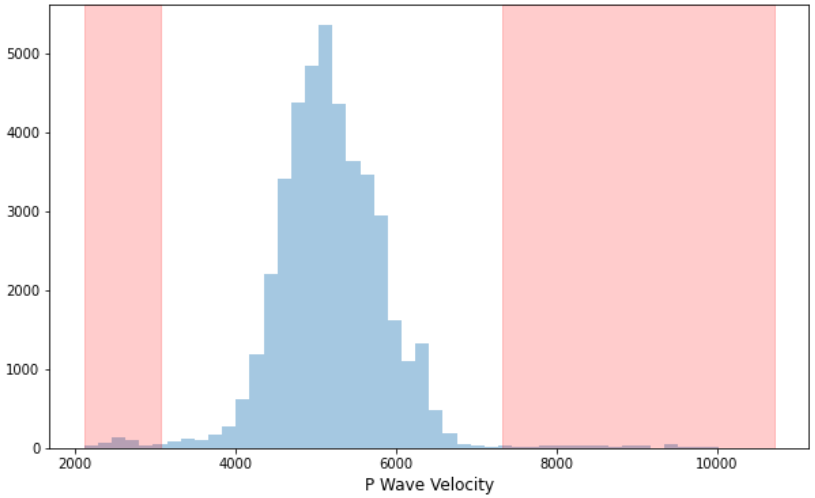
Leveled Data

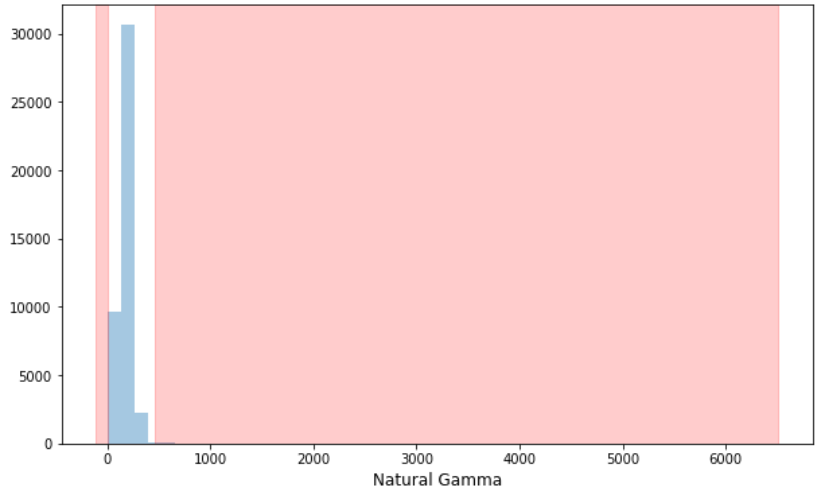


Data Preparation: Remove Outliers

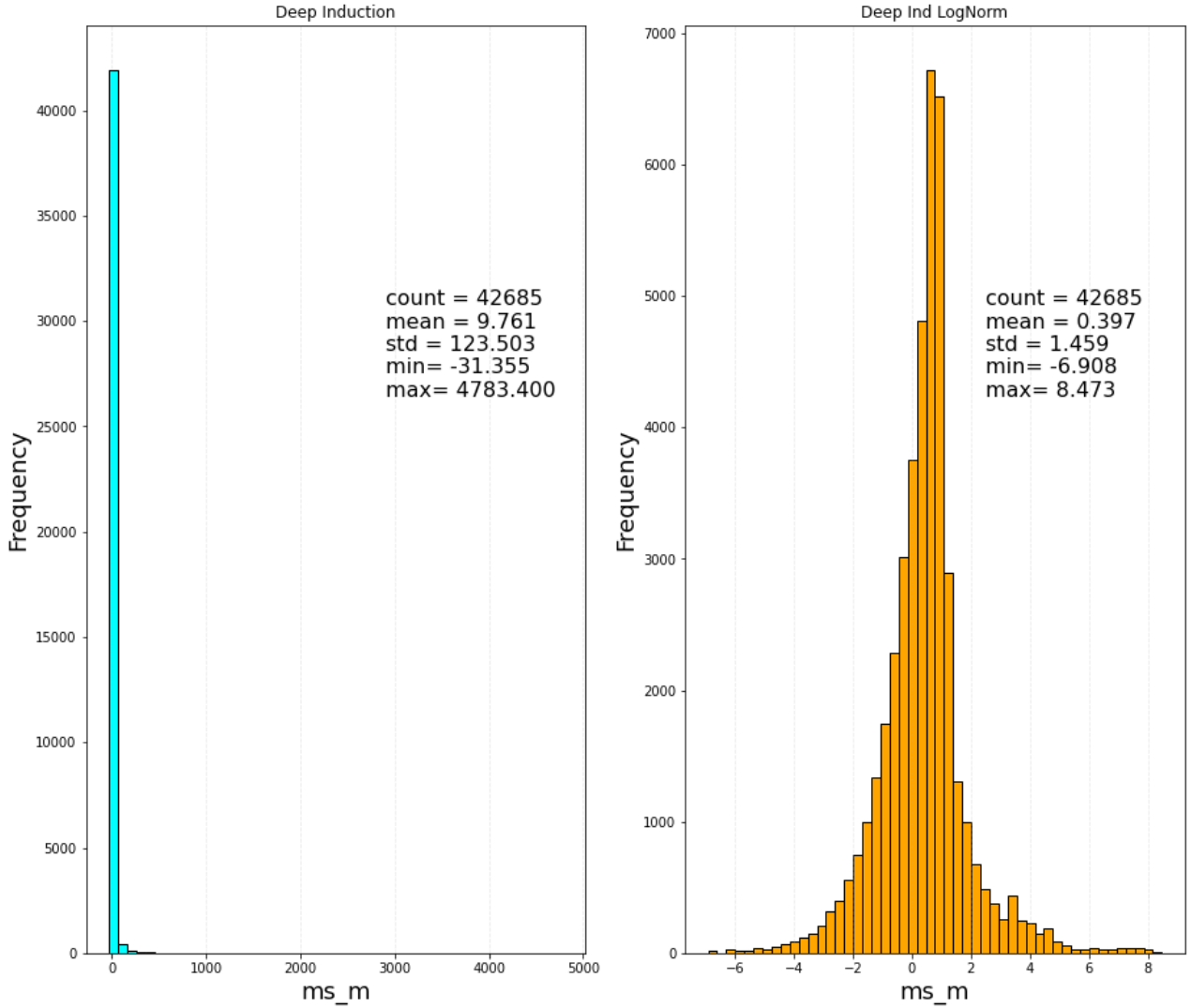
- Chargeability Capped at 20.
- P Wave Velocity Capped at (3000 & 7300)
- Natural Gamma capped at 450.



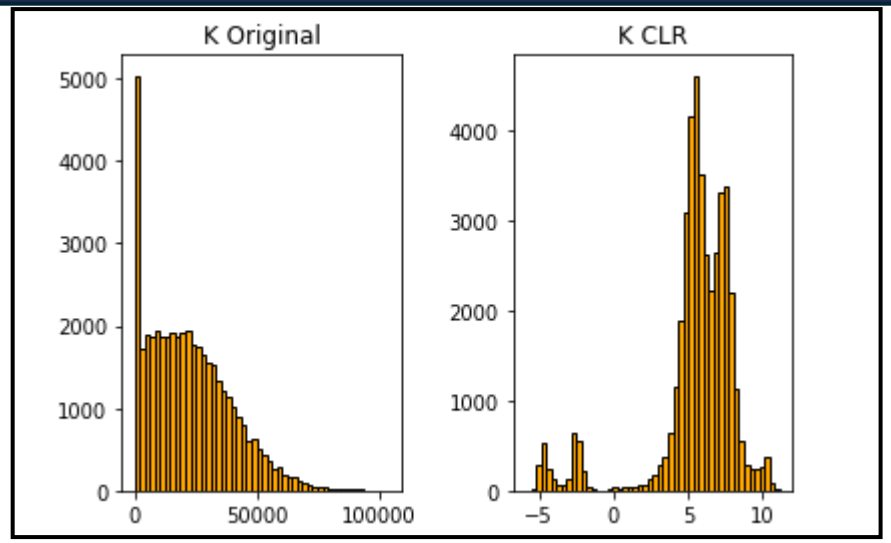


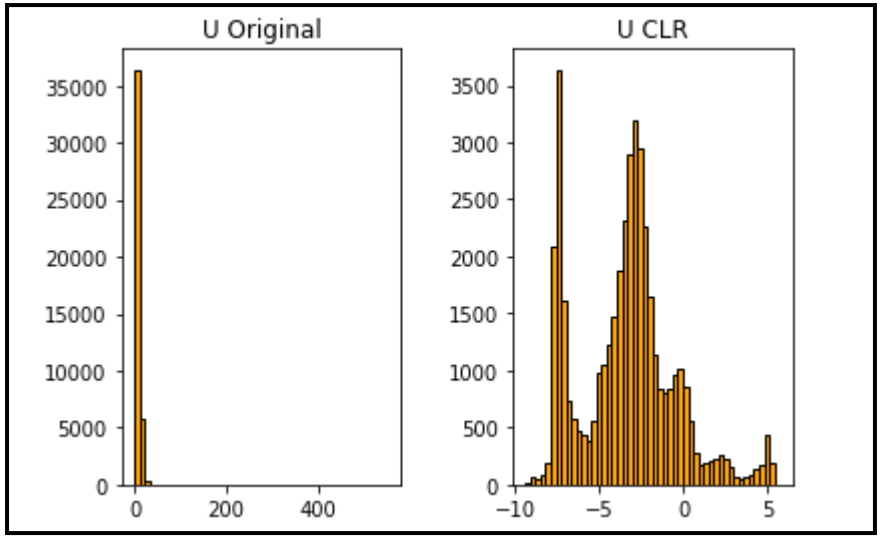


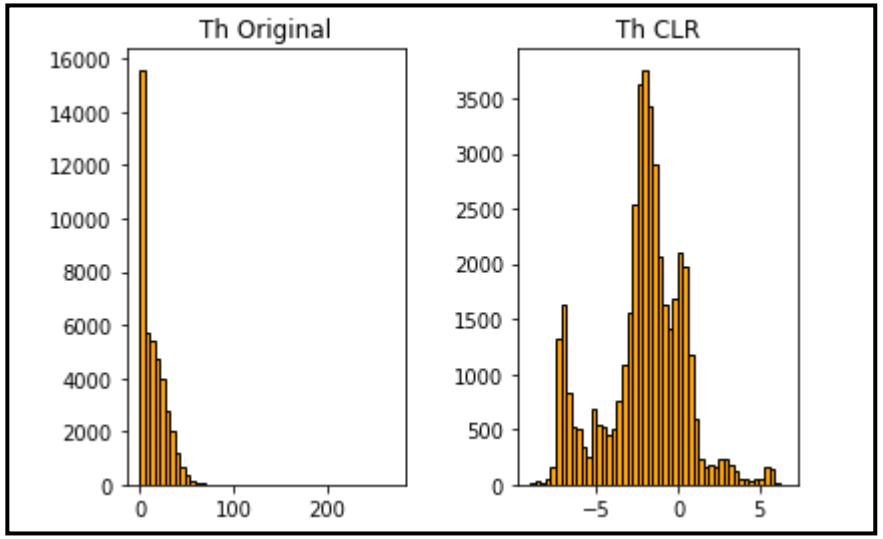
Data Preparation: Log Transform Induction



Data Preparation: Compositional Scaling of Spectral Gamma



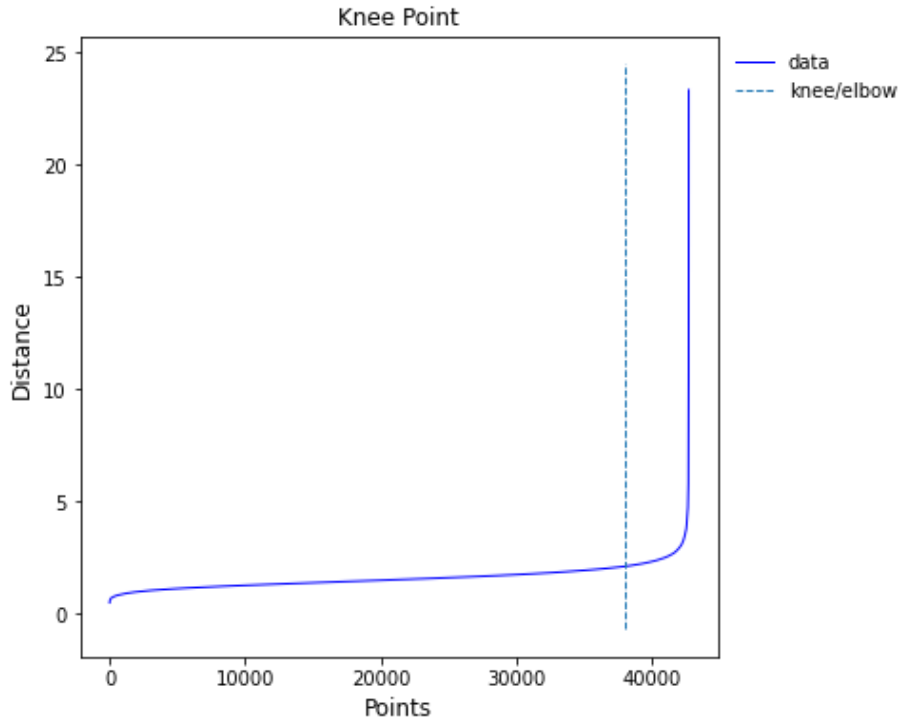




Dimensional Reduction using TSNE

Clustering Tuning Parameters

Epsilon Value



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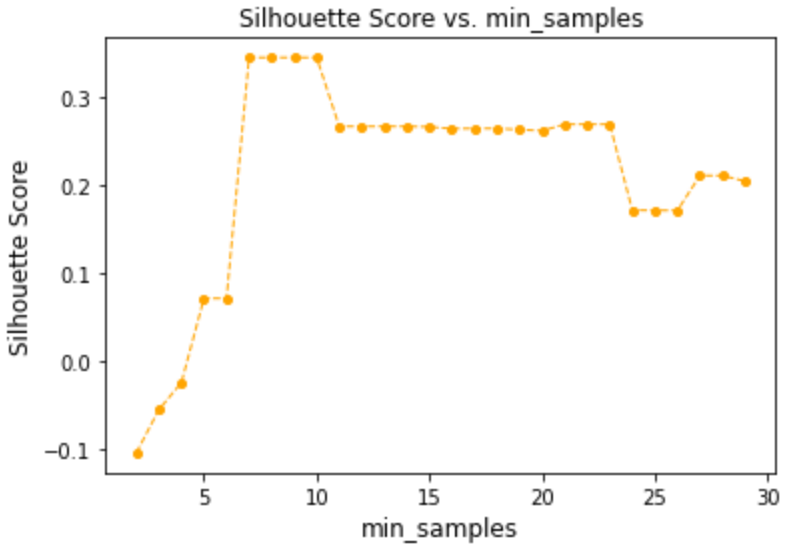
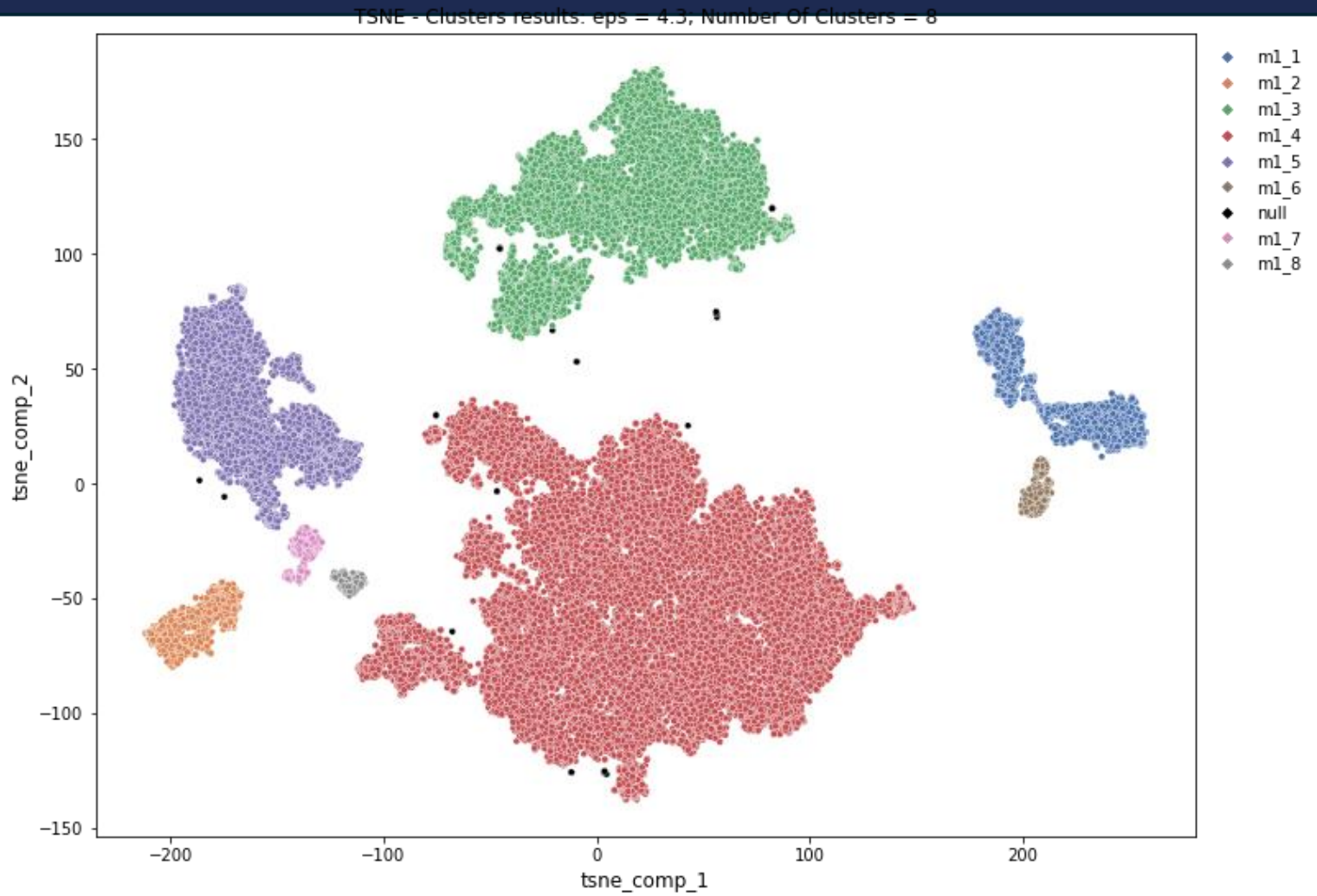
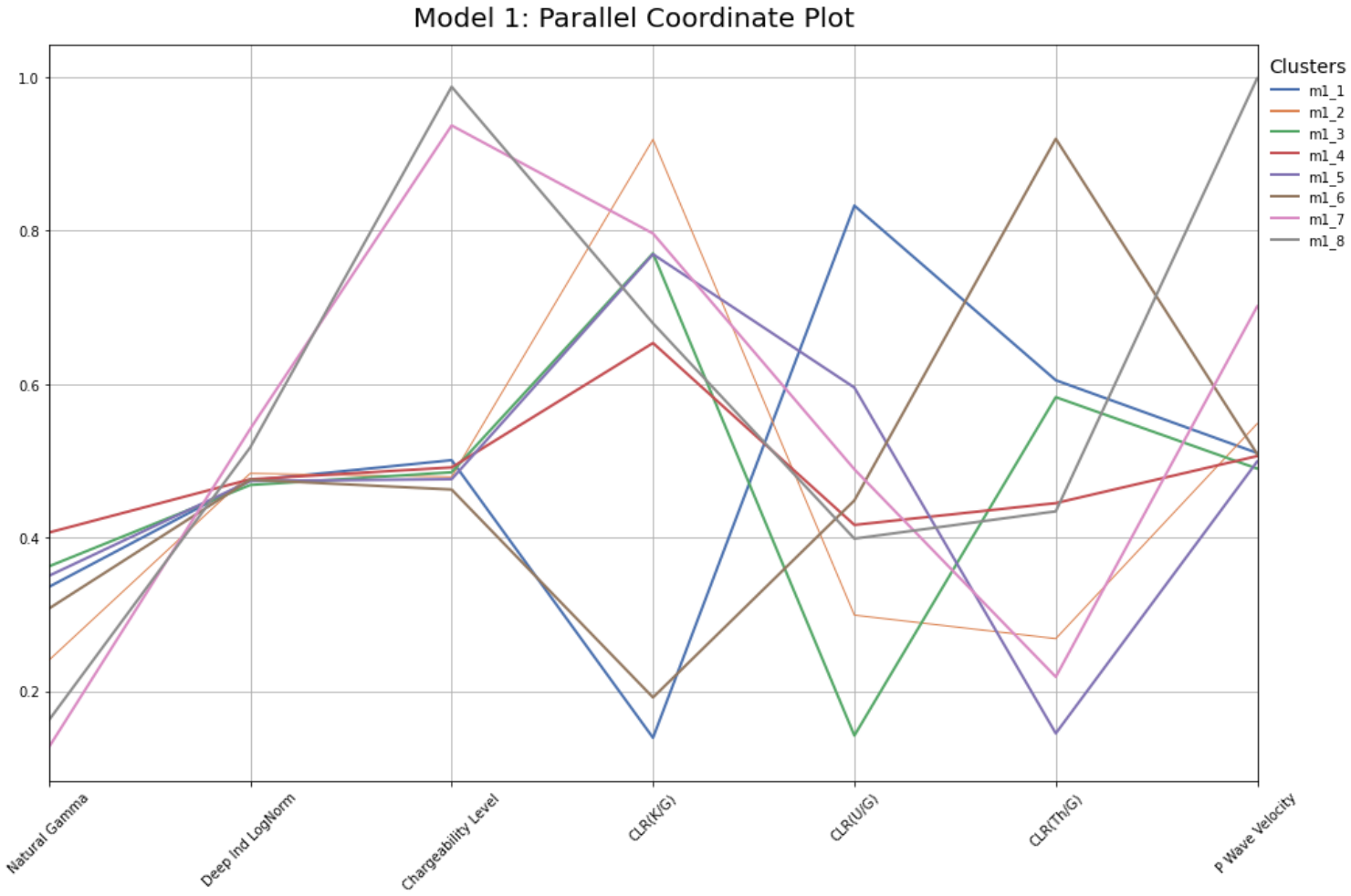


Cluster Analysis: 8 Clusters in the model



Parallel Coordinate Plot



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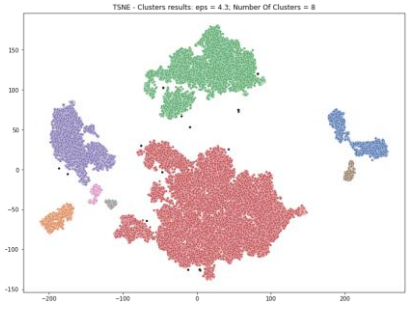

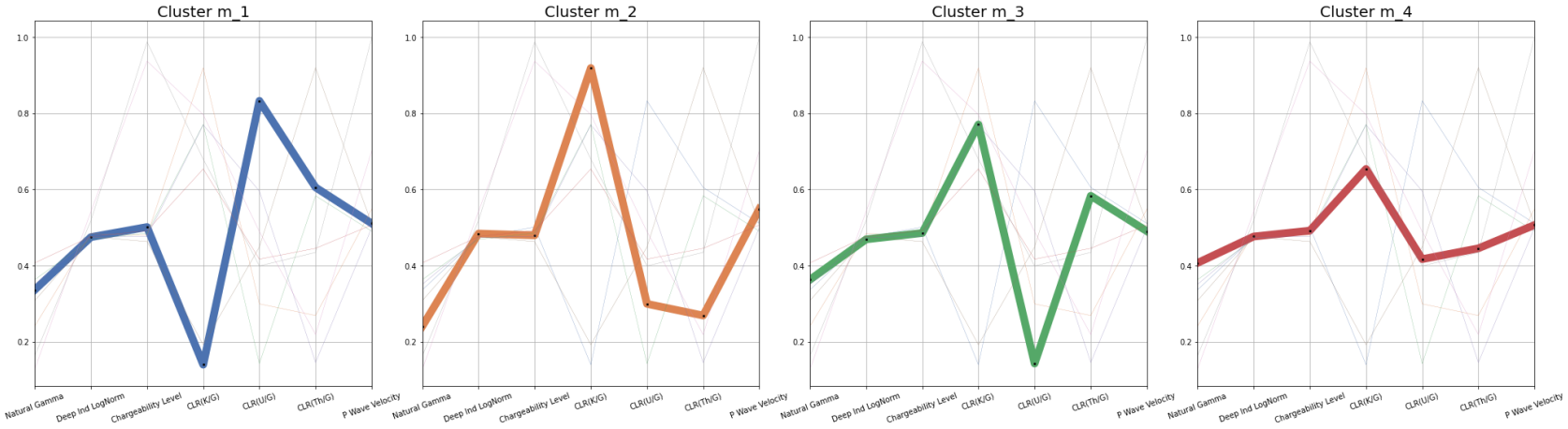

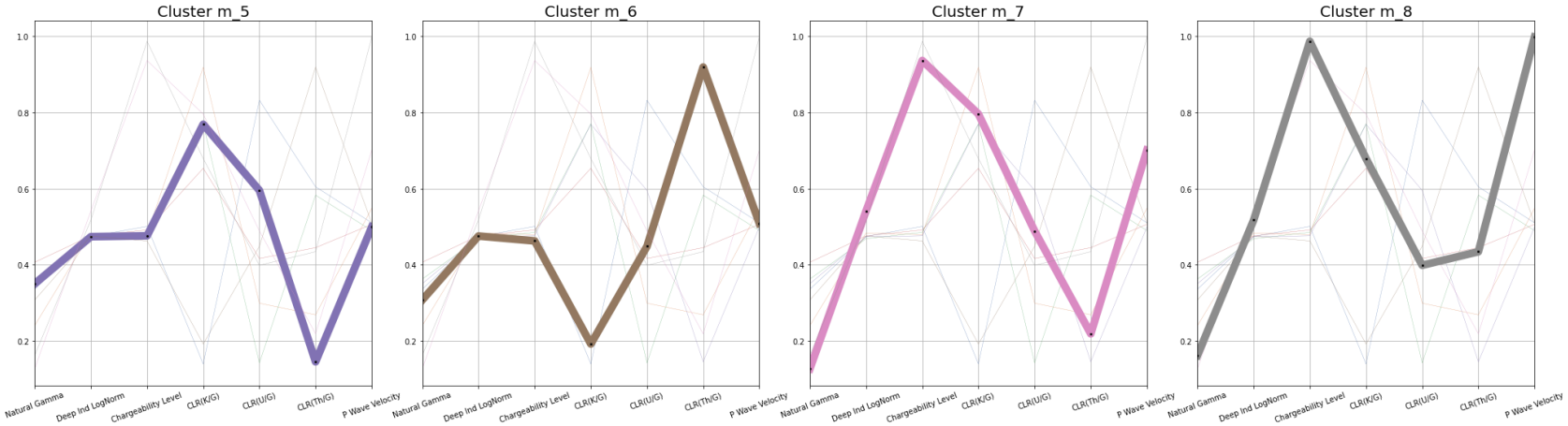

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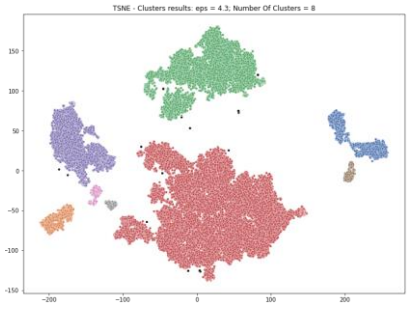
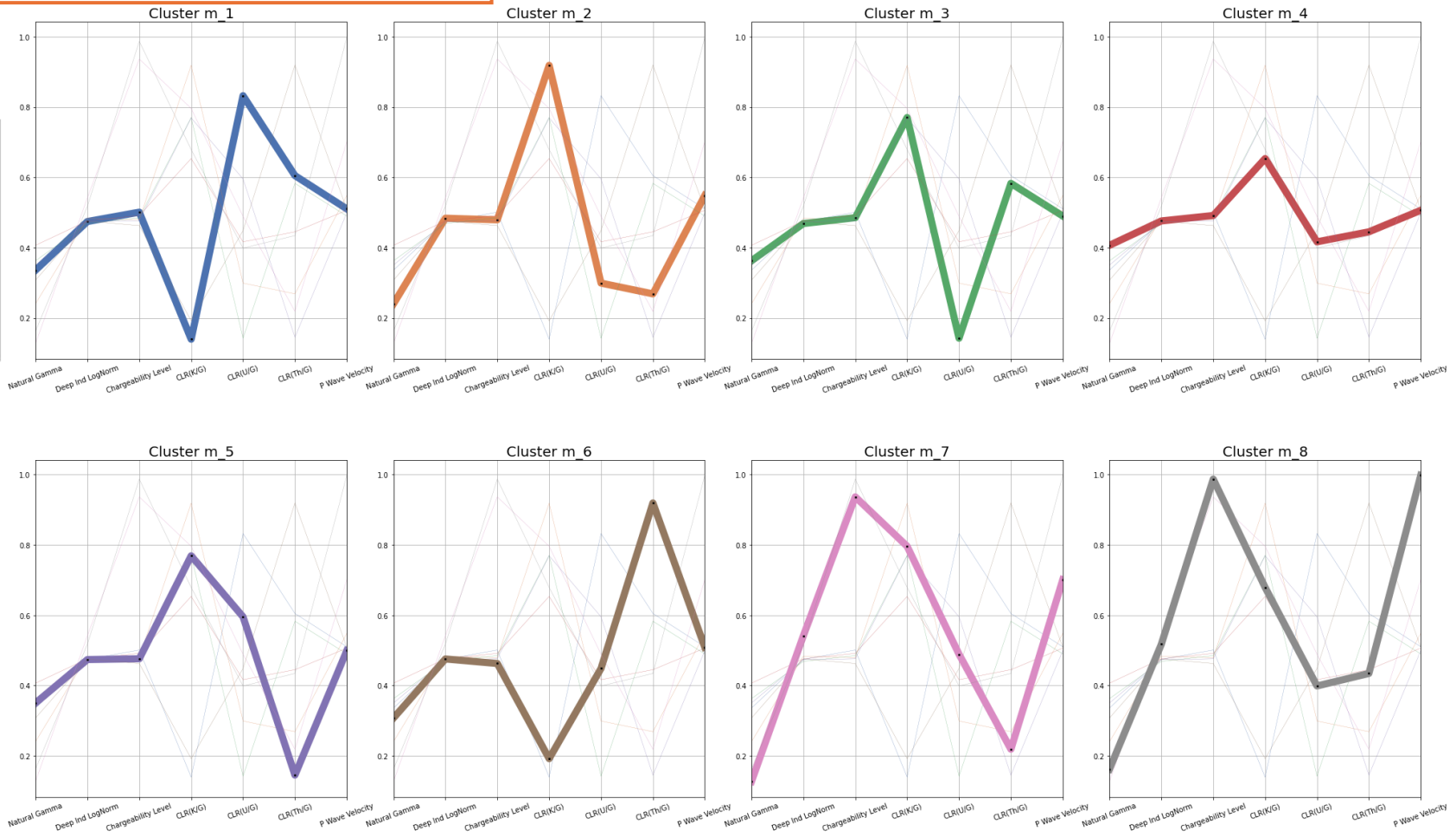
Cluster 1 shows a low K and high U.





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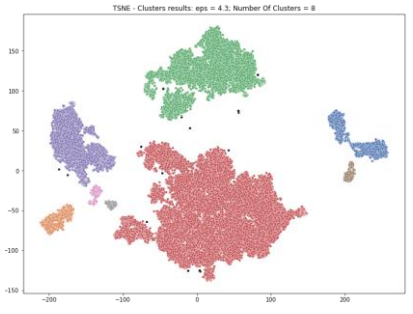
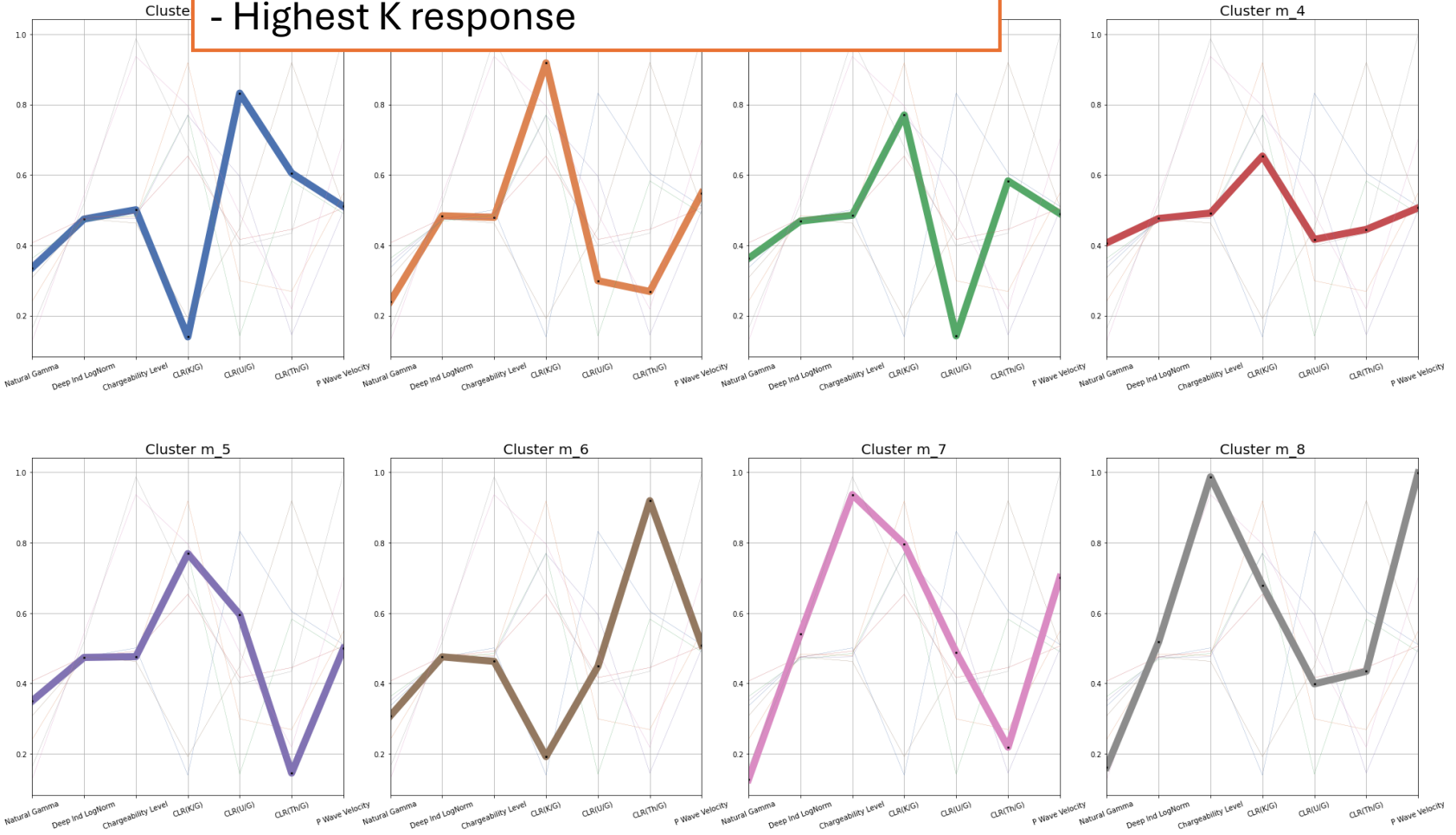
Cluster 2 is one of the smaller groups.
- Highest K response





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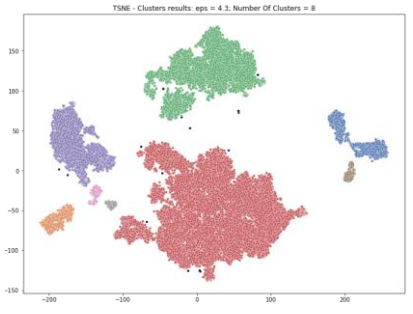
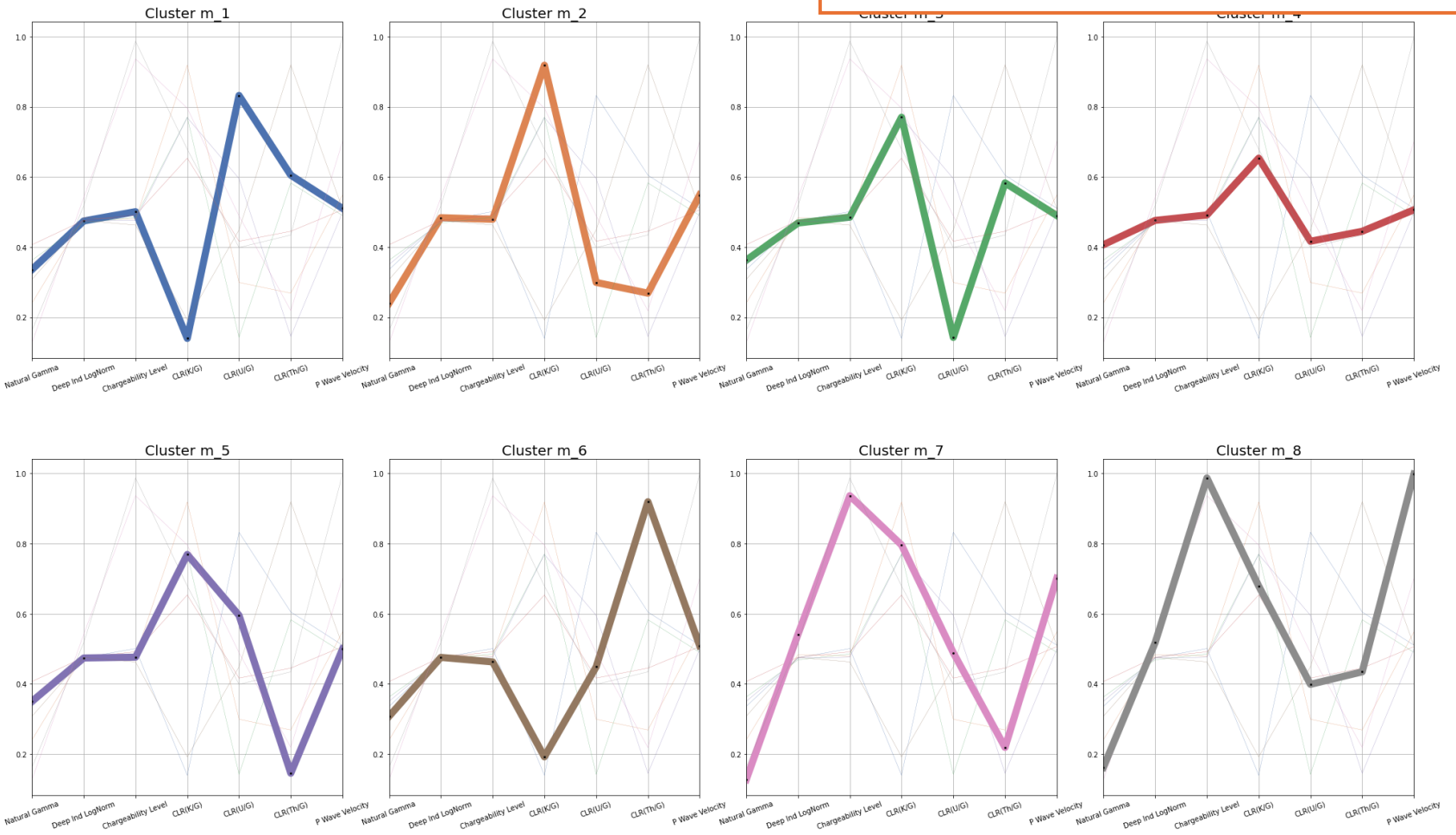
Cluster 3 – Low U response.





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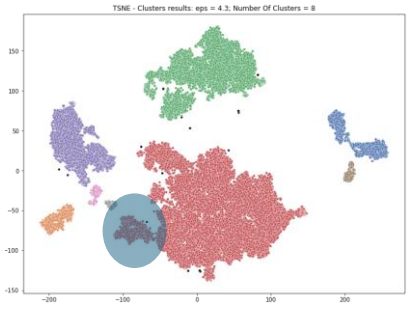
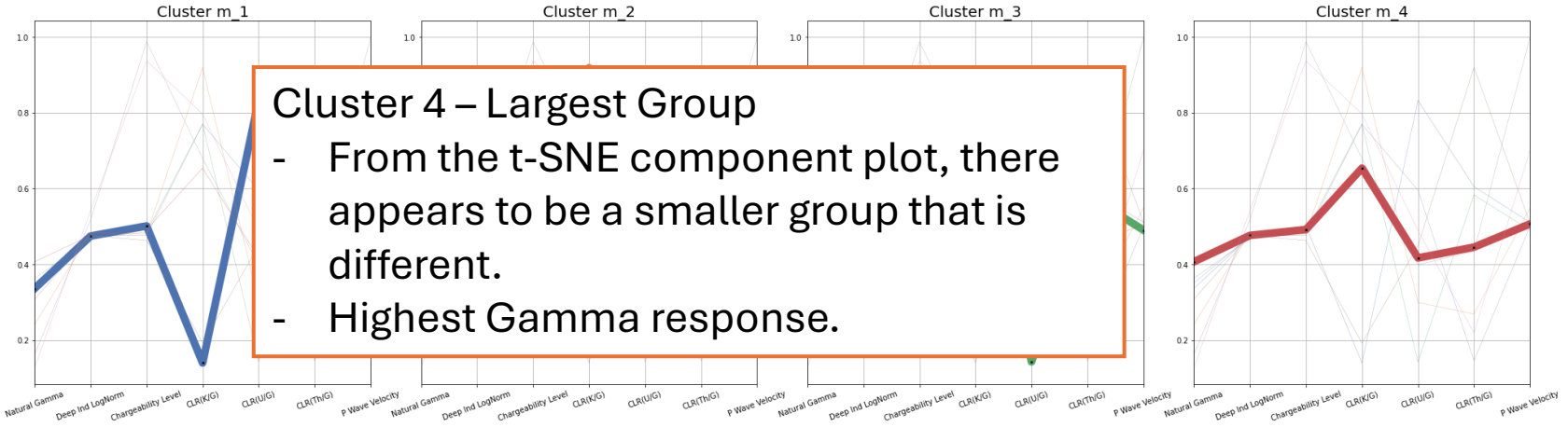
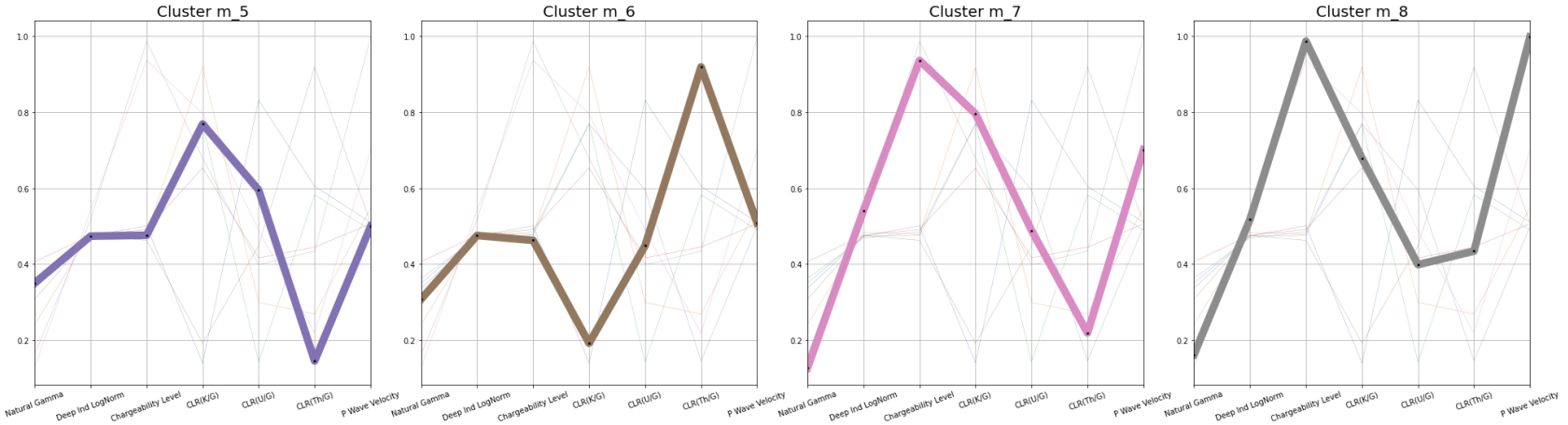




Cluster 4 – Largest Group

- From the t-SNE component plot, there appears to be a smaller group that is different.
- Highest Gamma response.



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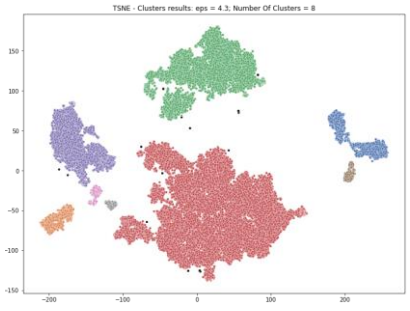
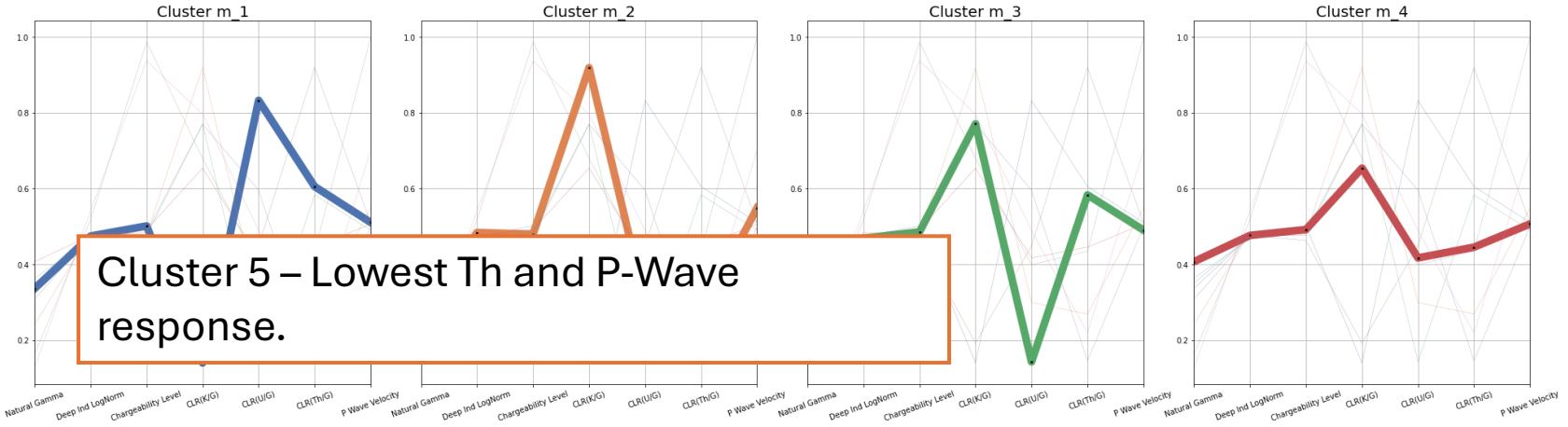
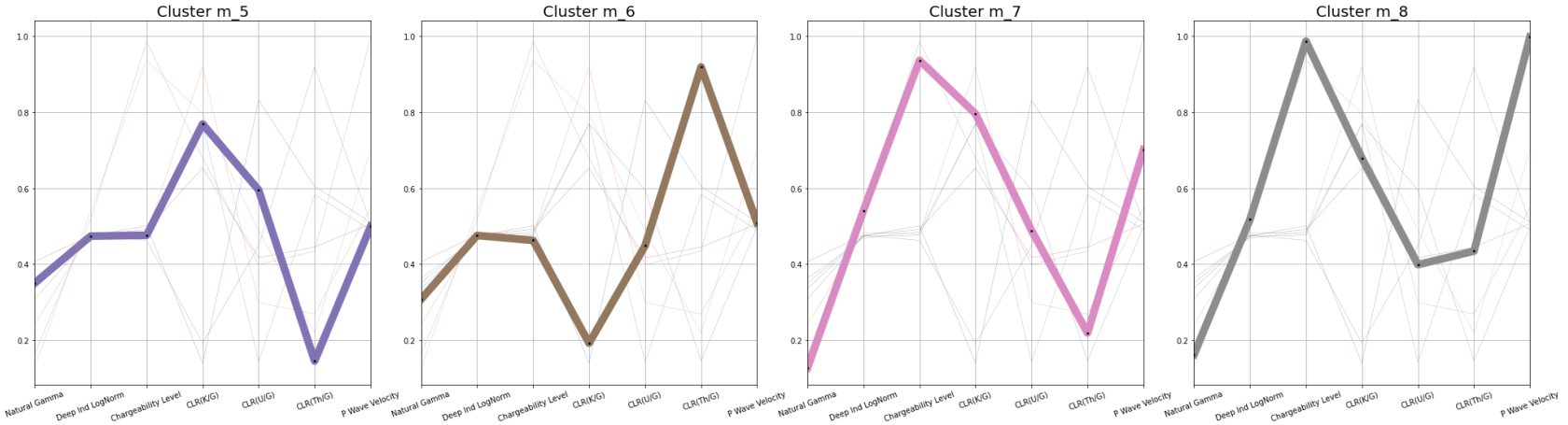




Cluster 5 – Lowest Th and P-Wave response.



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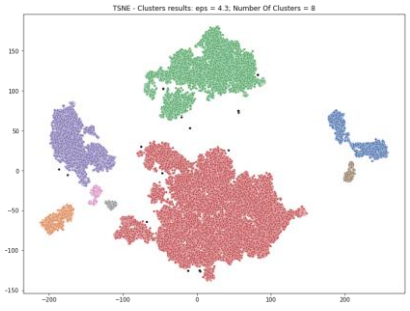
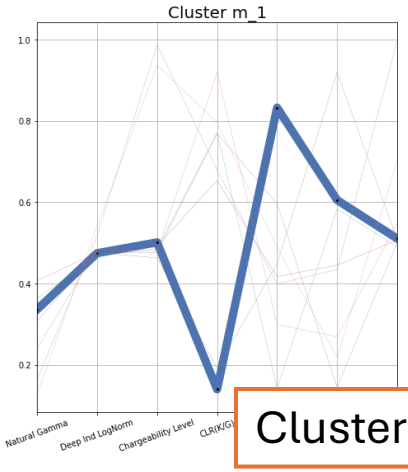
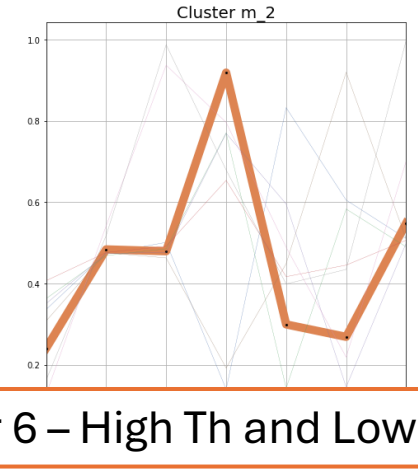
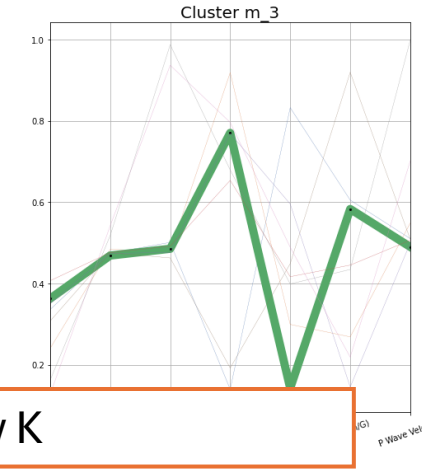
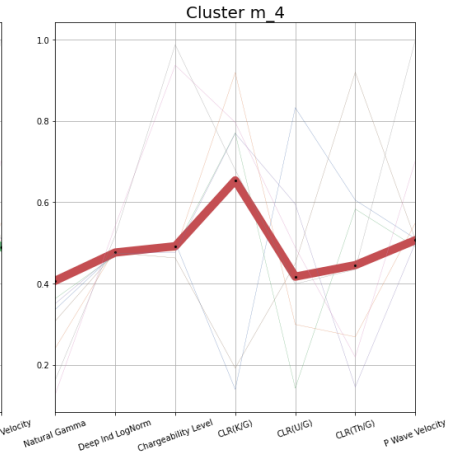


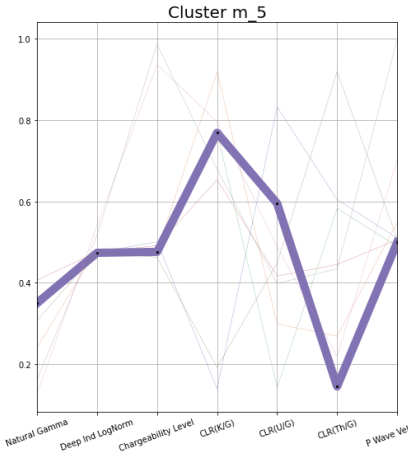


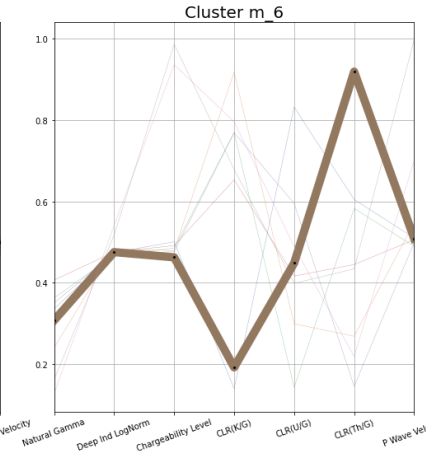


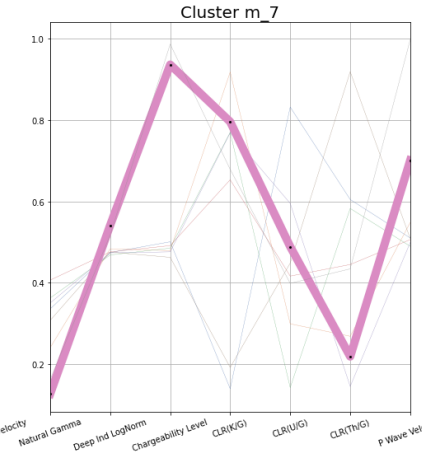


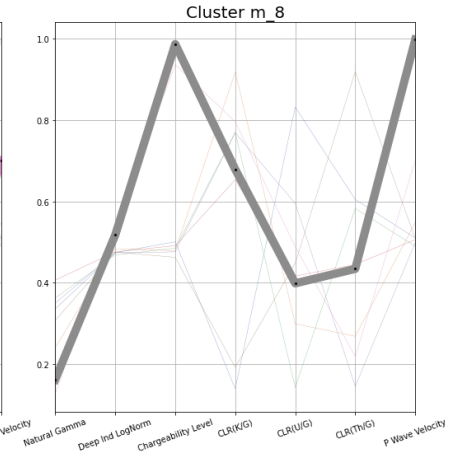


Cluster 6 – High Th and Low K









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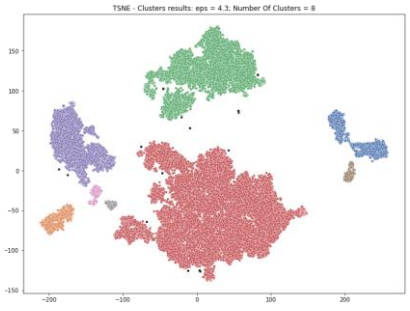

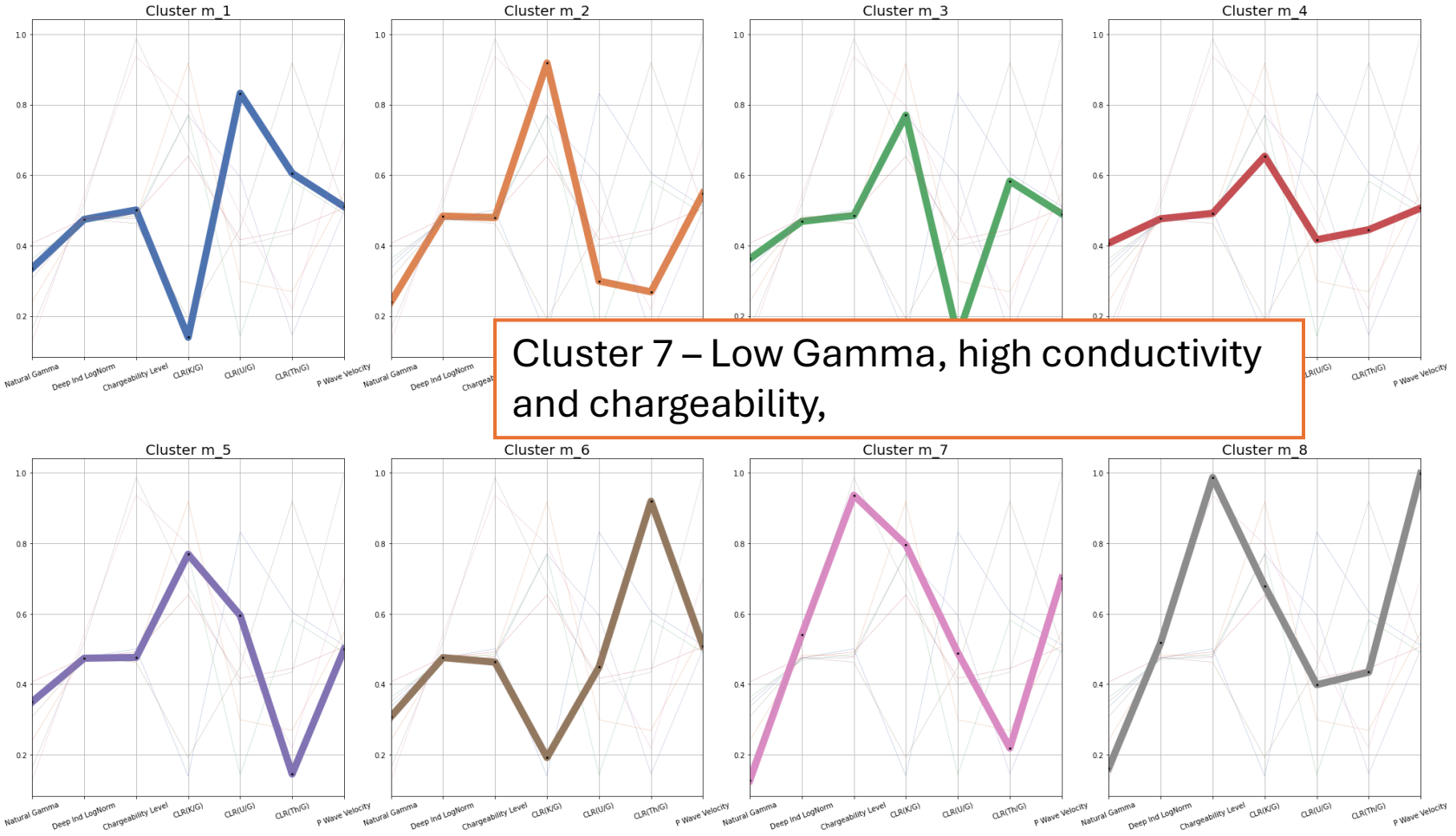

Cluster 7 – Low Gamma, high conductivity and chargeability,

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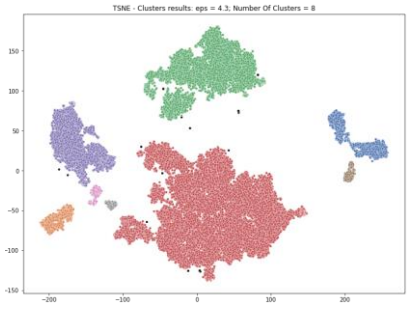
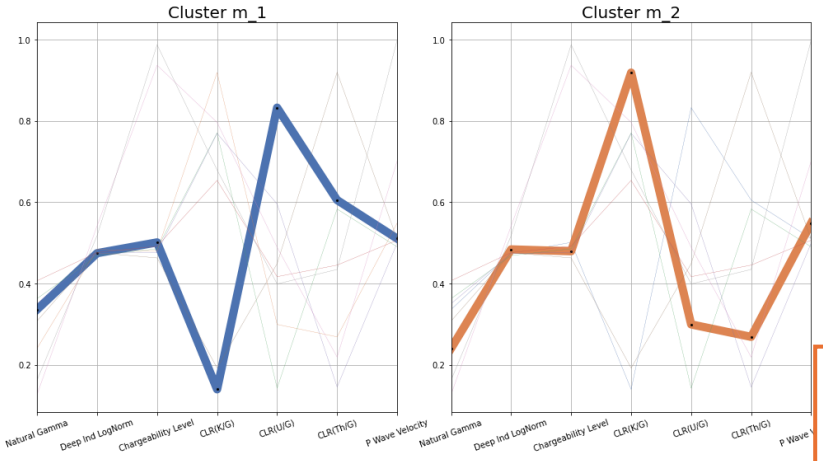
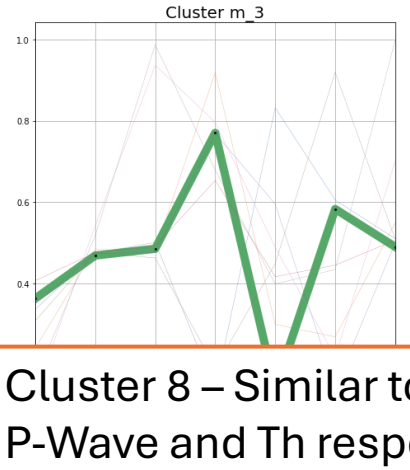
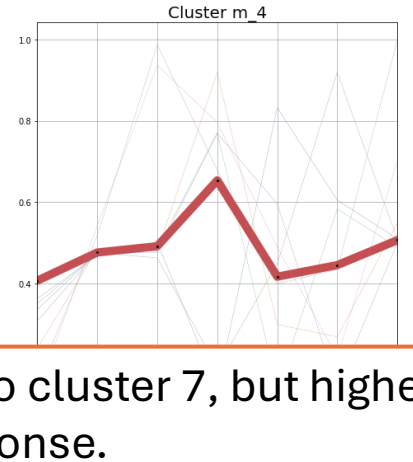
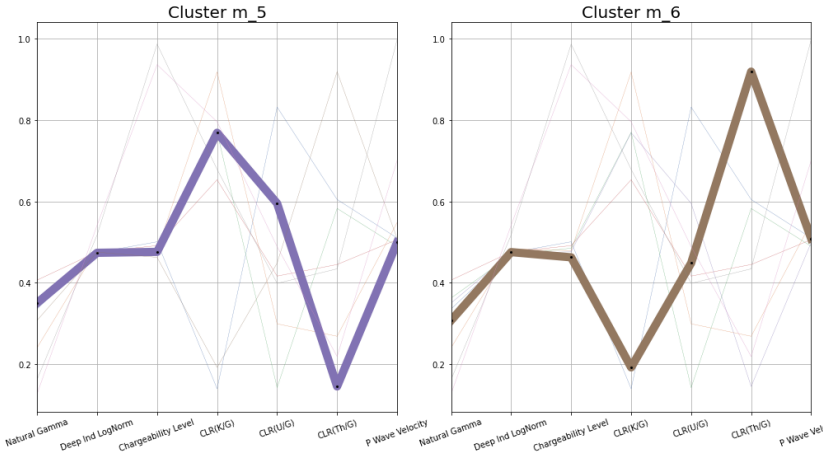


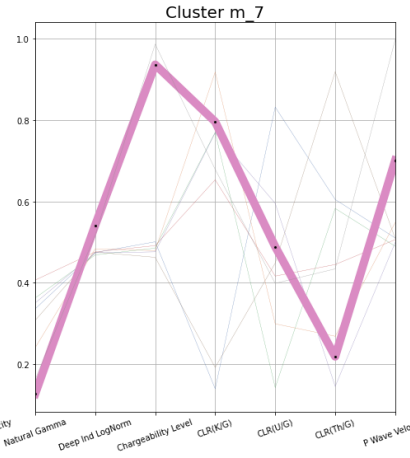


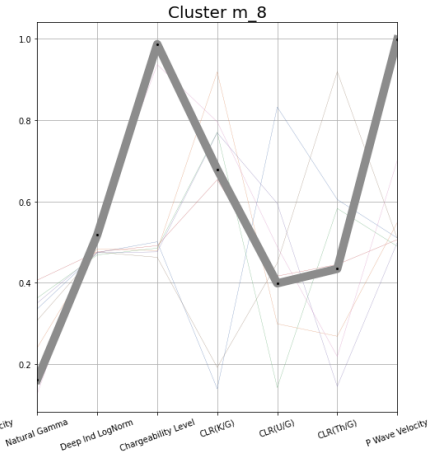




Cluster 8 – Similar to cluster 7, but higher P-Wave and Th response.







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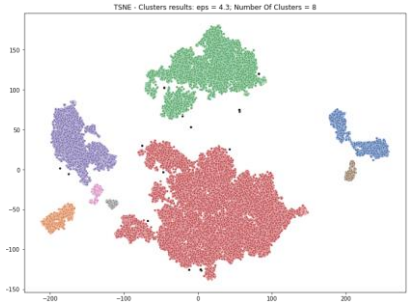

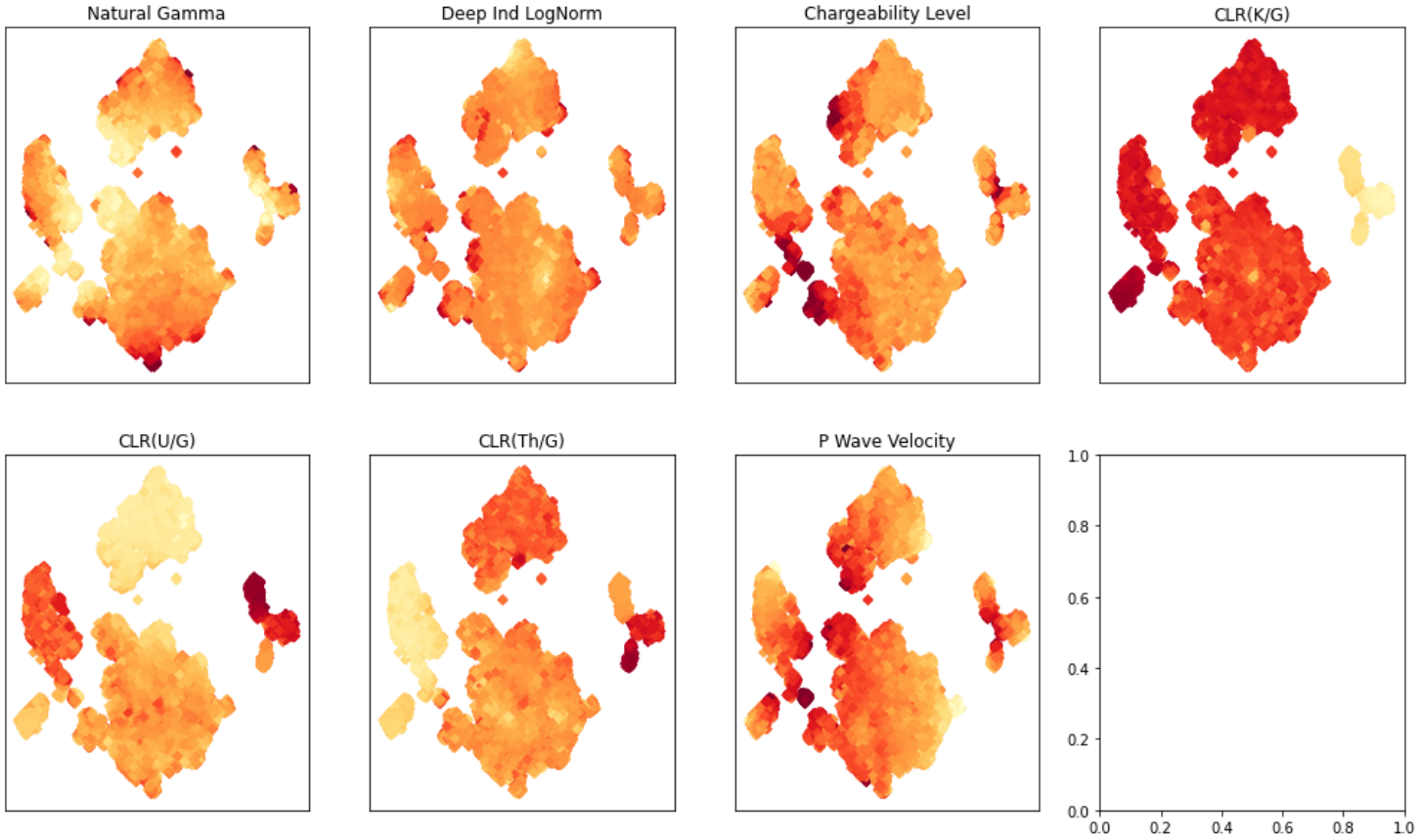

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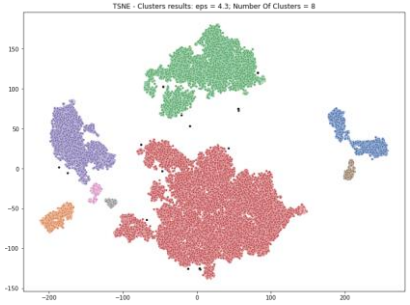

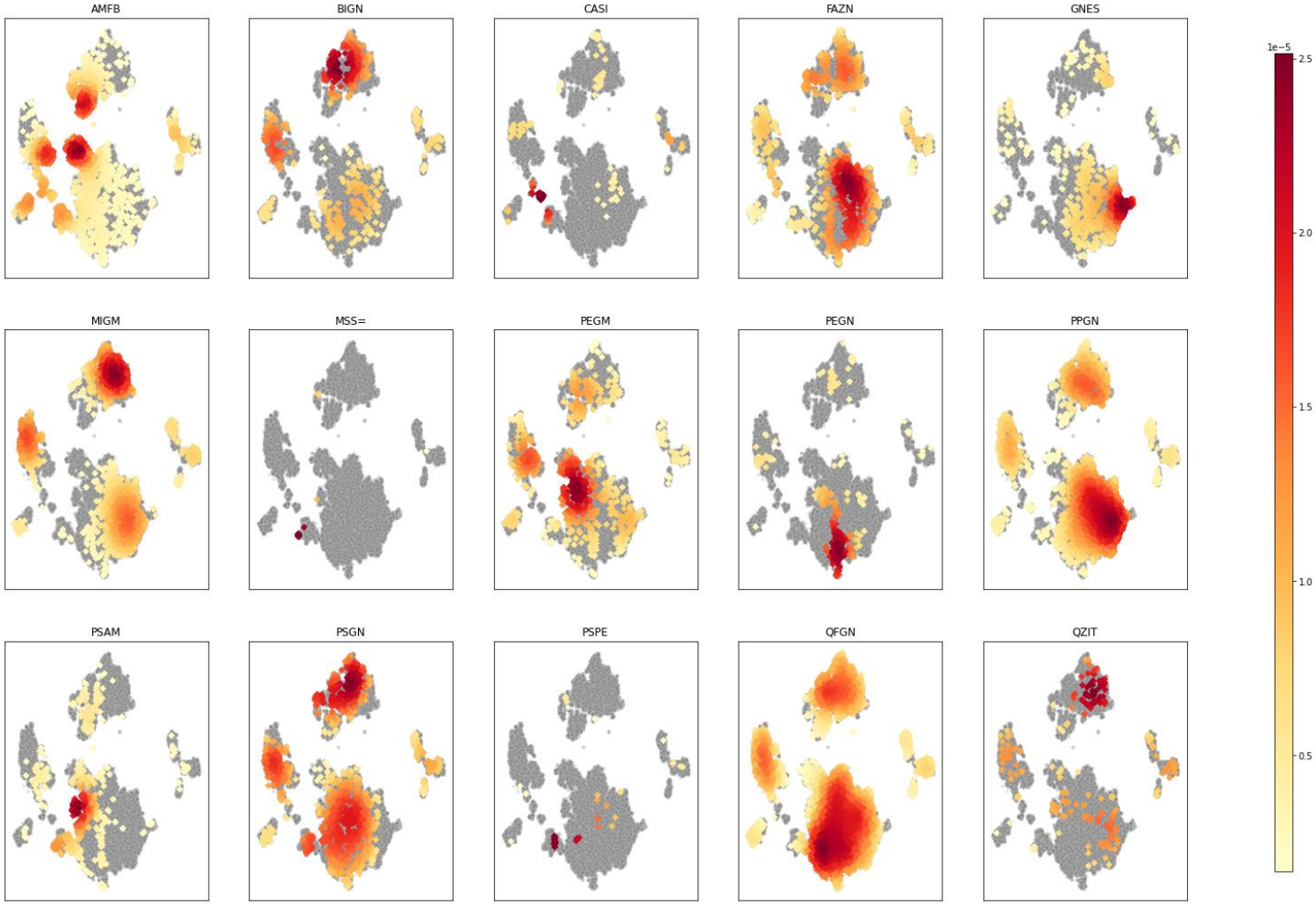

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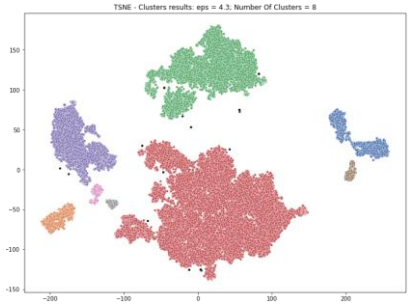

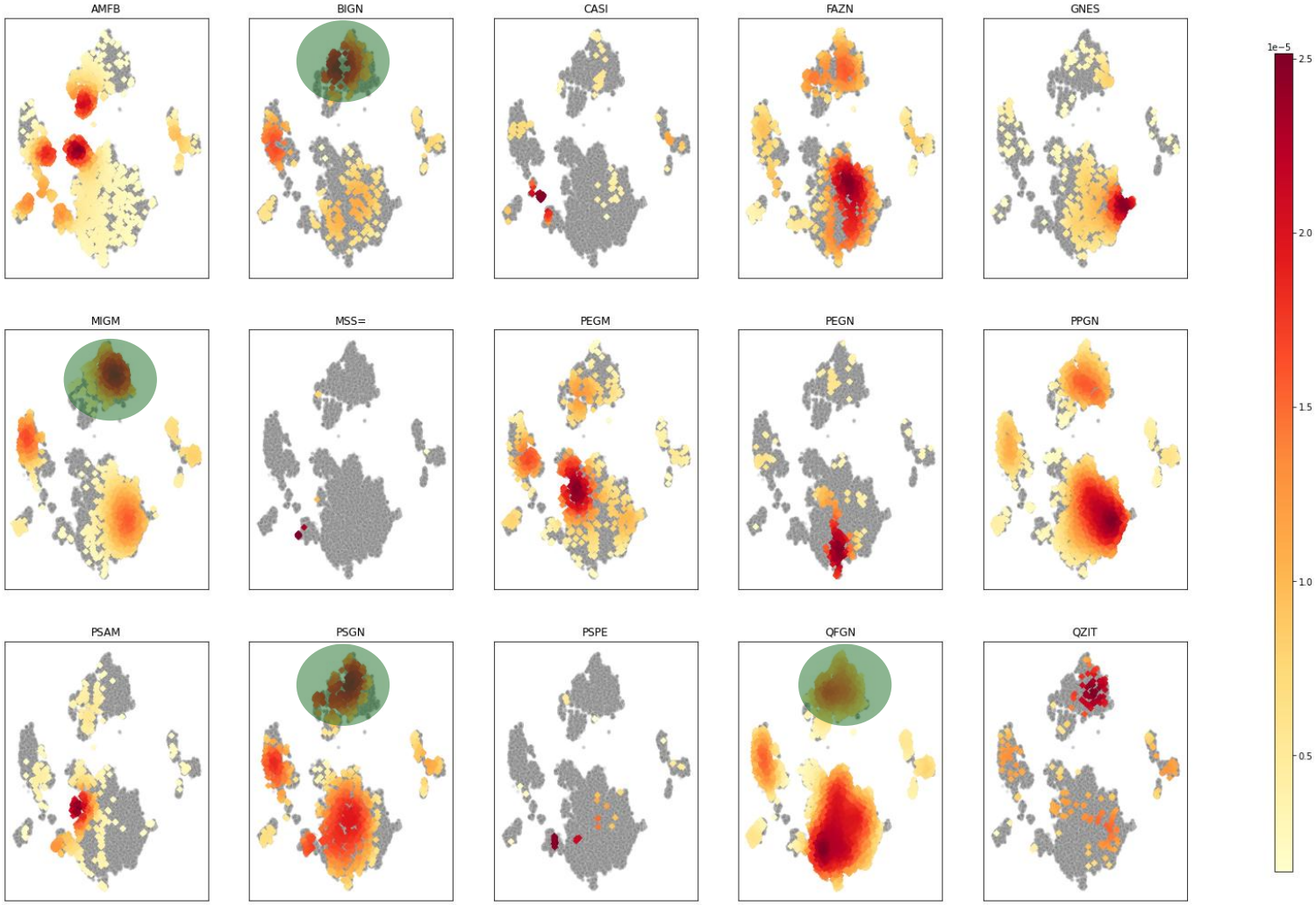

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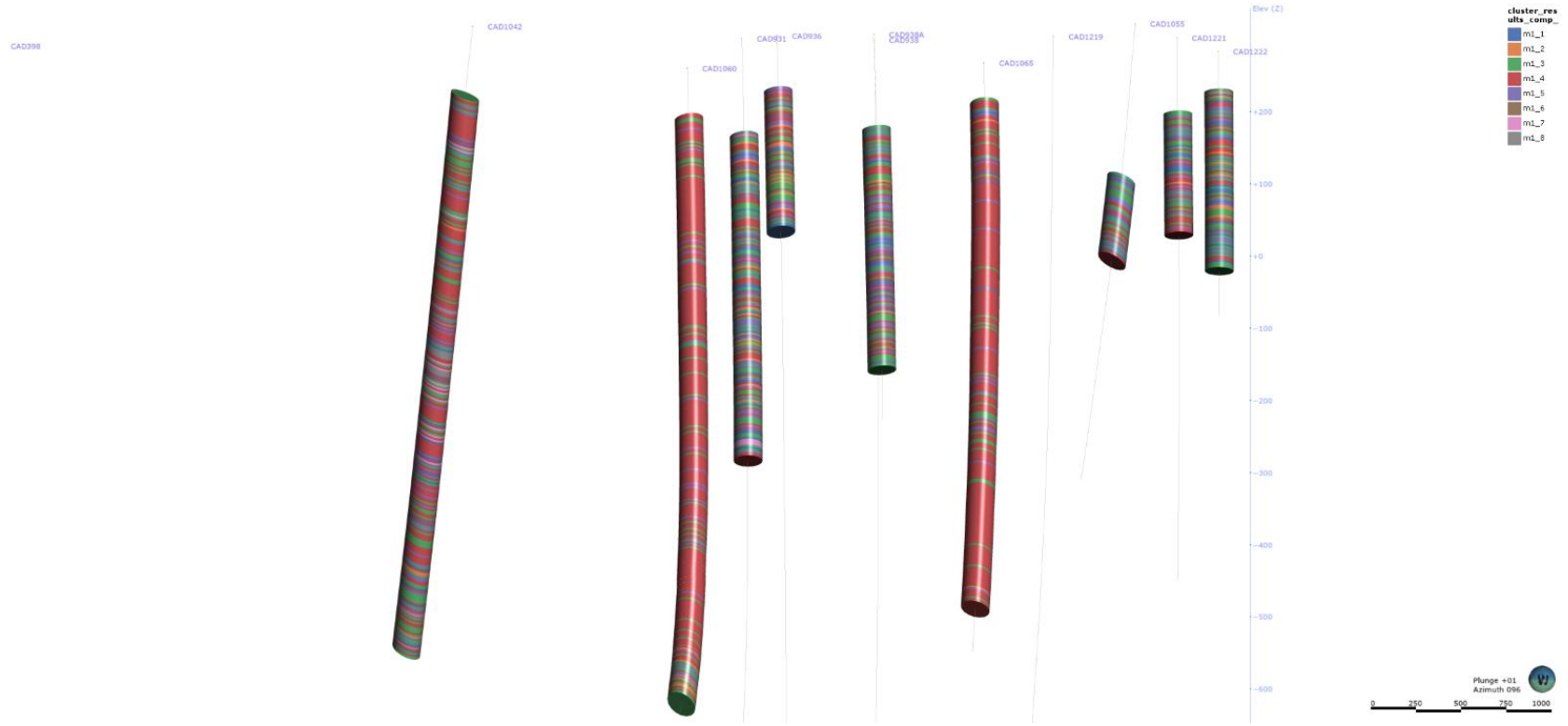

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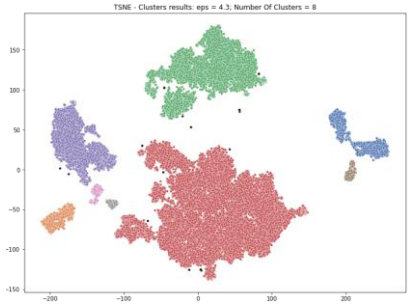

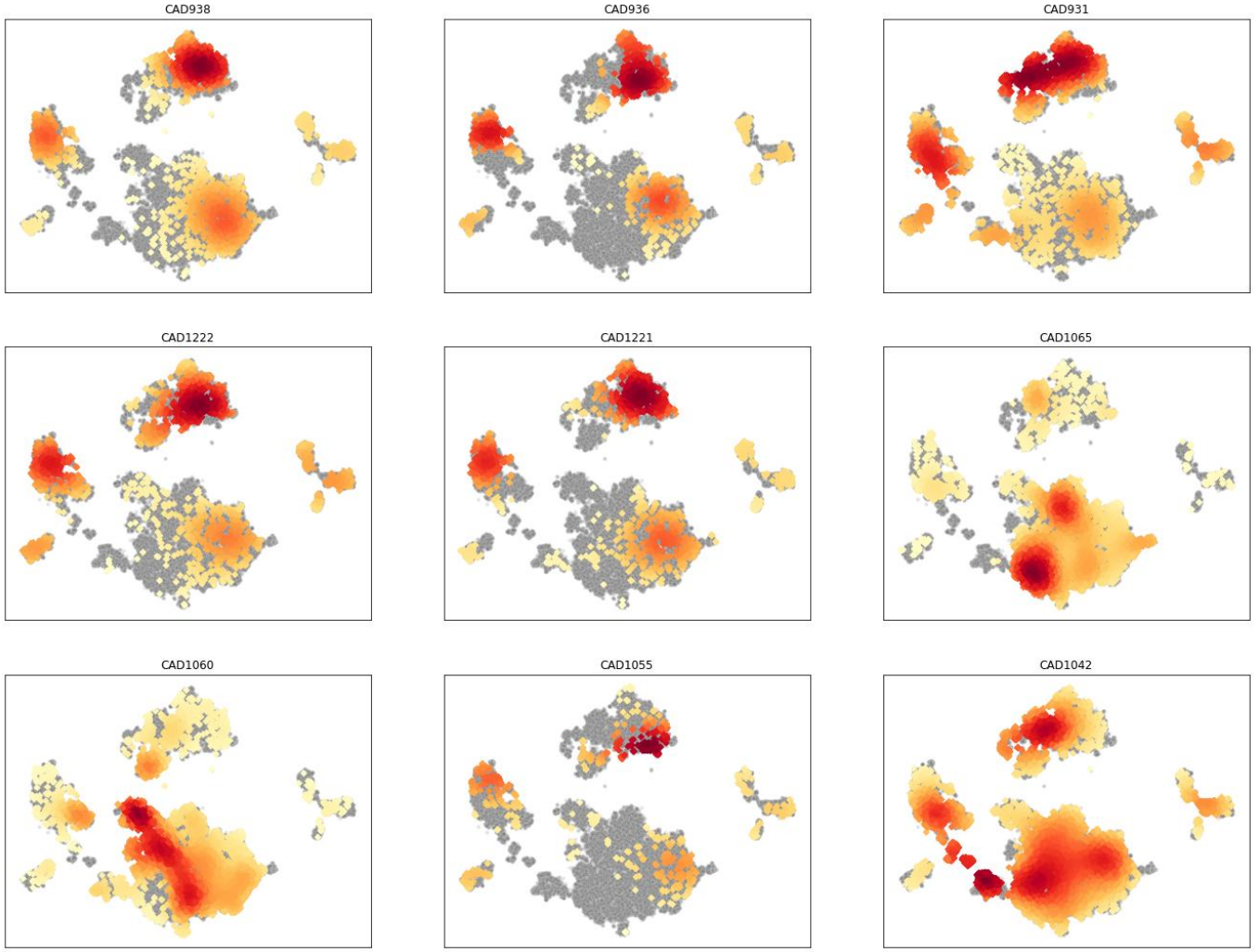

Remarks

- PRP domains are an alternative interpretation based on the downhole logs.
- Will often match a mix of lithology, alteration, and/or mineralization.
- Same methodology can be applied to other datasets (geochemistry).
- It’s an iterative process.
  - Clusters can identify anomalies in the data.
    - How can we explain these anomalies?
      - Geology Related?
      - Borehole Conditions?
      - Probe Related?

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