

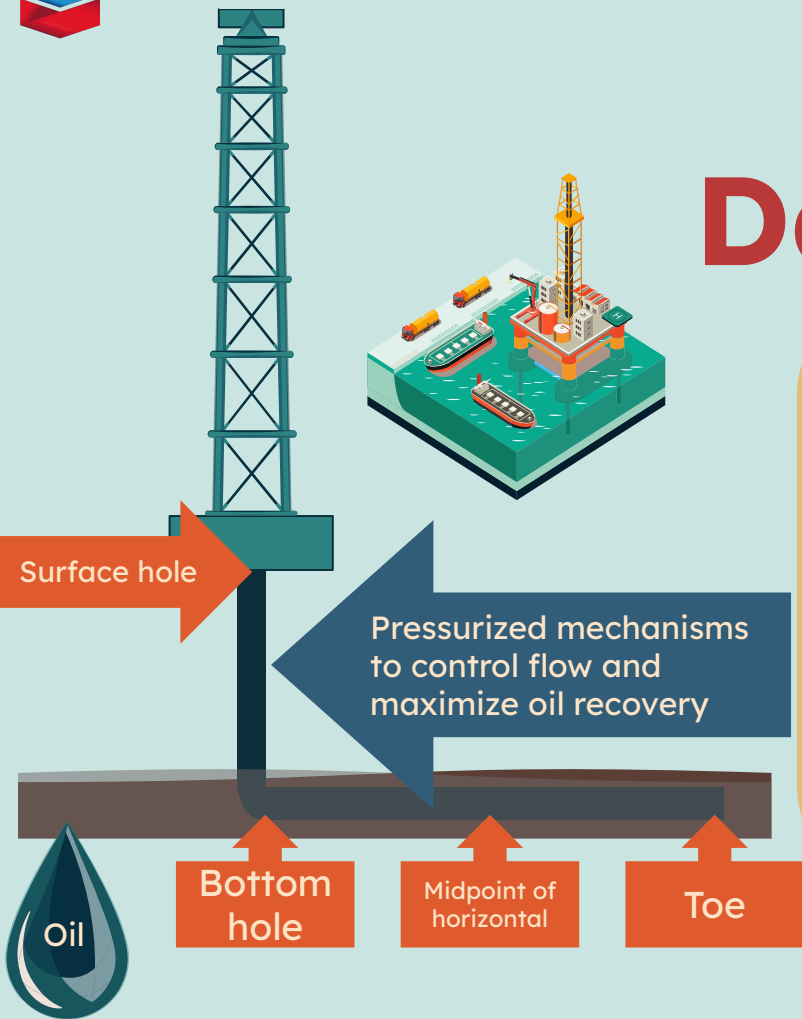
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Background & Data Significance



A significant part of data science is being able to interpret the data and variables we have, in order to use them as a basis to reach conclusions. It is easy to jump into the technical aspect of data science and overlook this key knowledge, so our team made it a point to seek out these crucial details.

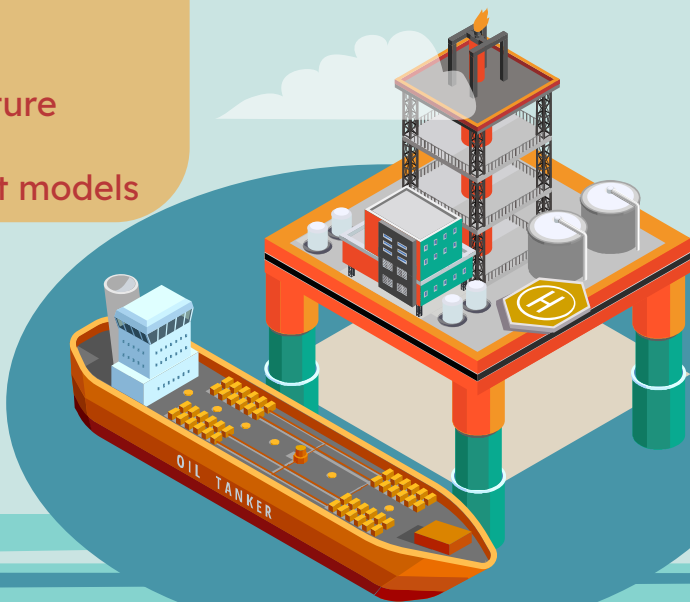
Coming into this Datathon, our team had no knowledge of how oil collection worked. We spoke with the helpful Chevron mentors to clarify the variables we were given. This insight was integral to our processing and conclusions.





Initial Approach

1. Visualized given data
2. Created baseline models to predict oil peak rate
 - Linear Regression
 - Random Forest
 - XGBoost
 - Lasso
3. One-hot encoding for feature engineering
4. Clean and create resultant models





Initial Approach: Results

Baseline models

- Best Initial Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE): ~96.3 using Lasso Regression Model.
- Despite achieving an initial RMSE of 96.3, the training sample size was around 1300, which is significantly lower compared to the initial size of 29000. This disparity in sample sizes could potentially lead to overfitting issues in the models.

```
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error, r2_score
selected_features = np.array(X.columns)[coef != 0]

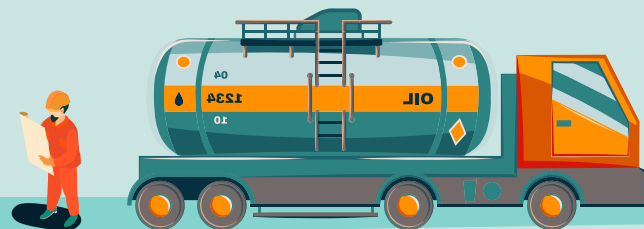
# Refit Lasso model with selected feature, using best alpha value from grid search
lasso_model_selected_features = Lasso(alpha=1.3)
lasso_model_selected_features.fit(X_train[selected_features], y_train)

# Evaluate the model on test data
predictions = lasso_model_selected_features.predict(X_test[selected_features])
mse = mean_squared_error(y_test, predictions)
r_squared = r2_score(y_test, predictions)

print("MSE:", mse)
print("R-squared:", r_squared)
```

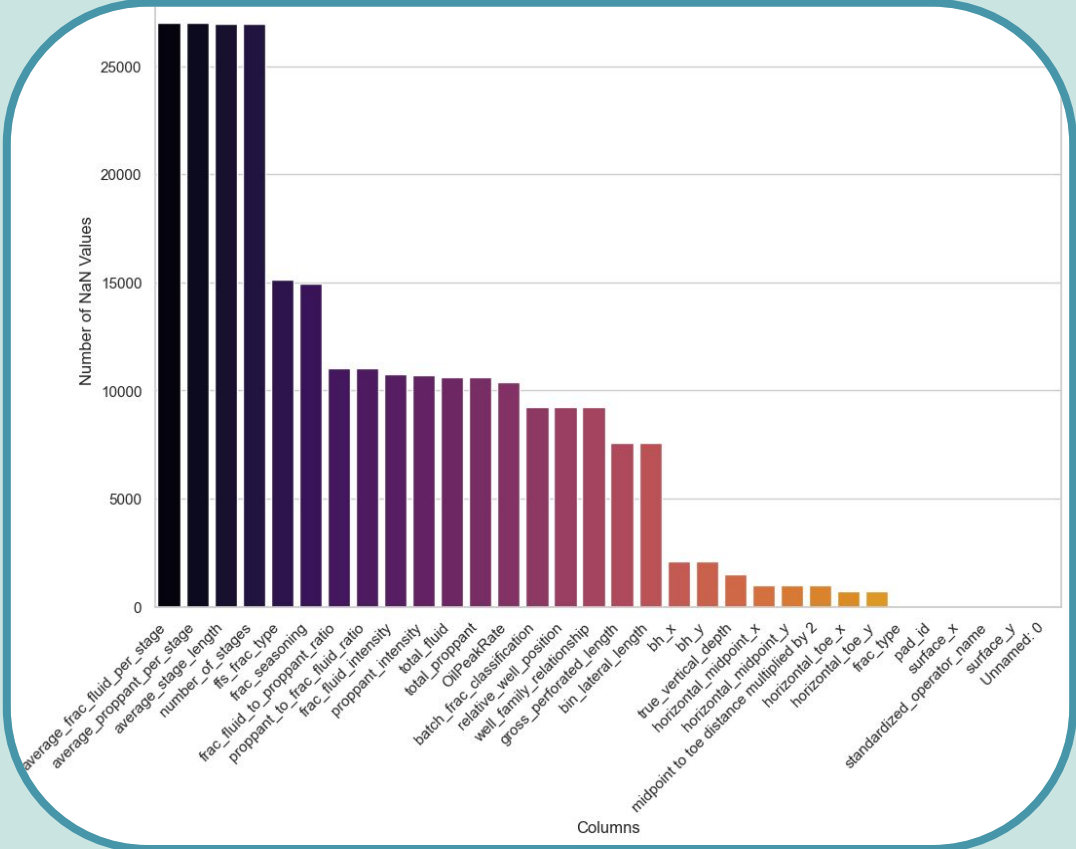
MSE: 9284.622710025973
R-squared: 0.45818523500945185

Lasso Regression Code Snippet





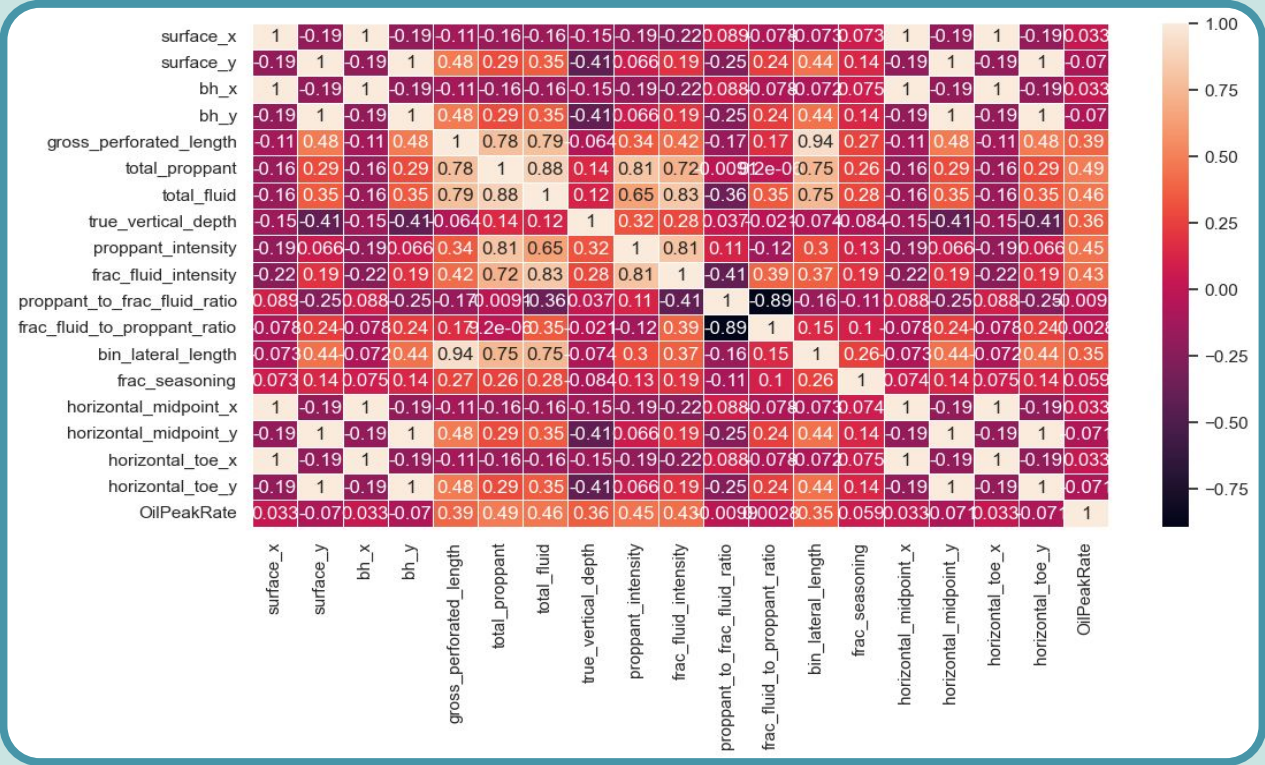
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Number of NaN Values per Column



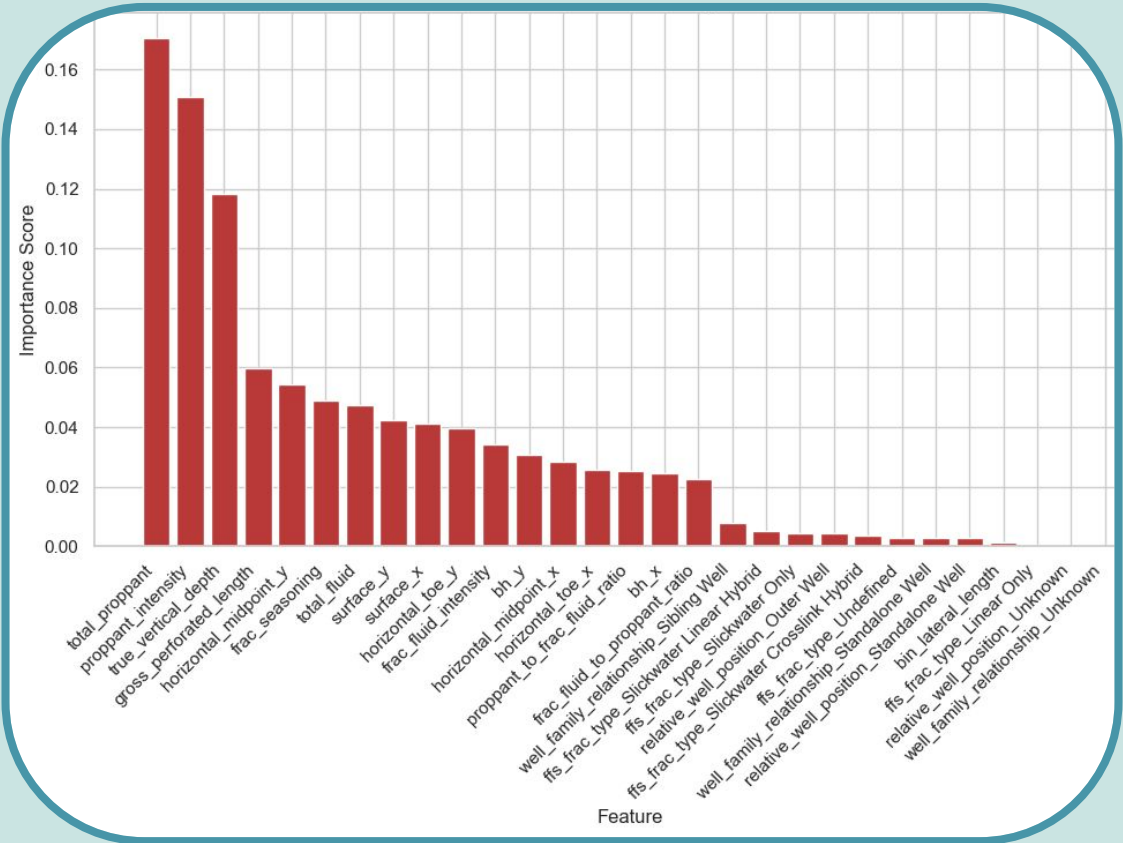
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Heat Map



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Random Forest Feature Importance



Reevaluation and Final Approach

1. Analyzed findings from Number of NaN Values per Column graph and made the decision to drop columns with NaN values of over 70% of total data.
2. Decided which columns were insignificant enough to remove using Random Forest Feature Importance.
3. Dropped outliers beyond three standard deviations from the mean.
4. Imputed Data: Used linear regression and KNN to fill in remaining null column values.





Results and Conclusion

By utilizing these combined data science techniques:

- Dropping columns with null values over our 70% threshold
- Imputing data to fill in the rest of the null values
- Using graphs to evaluate the significance of columns to predict oil peak rate

We achieved a RMSE of ~83.6 with the cleaned initial given data, using the Random Forest Regression model.

Although we obtained lower RMSEs from dropping large amounts of null data, we settled for this method as our final RMSE. We concluded the models that resulted from dropping large amounts of data, to produce a smaller RMSE, were not reflective of the original dataset. As mentioned earlier, this practice could risk overfitting the model.

```
rf = RandomForestRegressor(n_estimators=100, random_state=101)
rf.fit(X_train, y_train)

rf_pred = rf.predict(X_test)

from sklearn.metrics import mean_absolute_error, mean_squared_error

# Calculate mean absolute error
mae = mean_absolute_error(y_test, rf_pred)

# Calculate mean squared error
mse = mean_squared_error(y_test, rf_pred)

# Calculate root mean absolute error
rmae = np.sqrt(mae)

# Calculate root mean squared error
rmse = np.sqrt(mse)

# Print the results
print('RMAE:', rmae)
print('RMSE:', rmse)
```

RMAE: 7.956928038175161

RMSE: 83.59242731941056

Random Forest Regression Code Snippet



Technologies Used

- Jupyter Notebook (Python)
- Sci-kit Learn
- Tensorflow
- XGBoost
- Numpy/Pandas
- VS Code
- Github



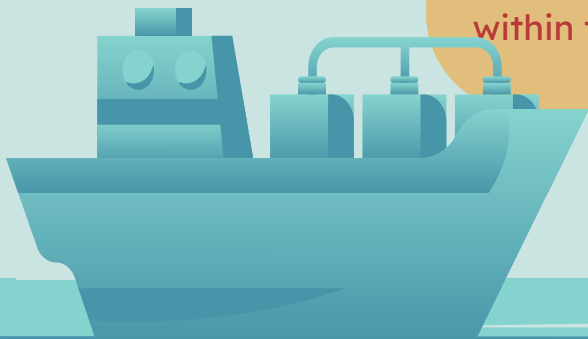


Potential Improvements💡

In the real world, the large amounts of null data would have been caused by locations failing to send full rows of data. If we were able to ask for data reentry to fill NaN values, this could lower our final RMSE.

Additionally, we could have tried more models.

Finally, the limitations of our technology definitely had an impact on the feasible tests we could run within the given 37 hour time frame.





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