



# Energy A.I. 2025 1<sup>st</sup> Annual High School Hackathon Introduction

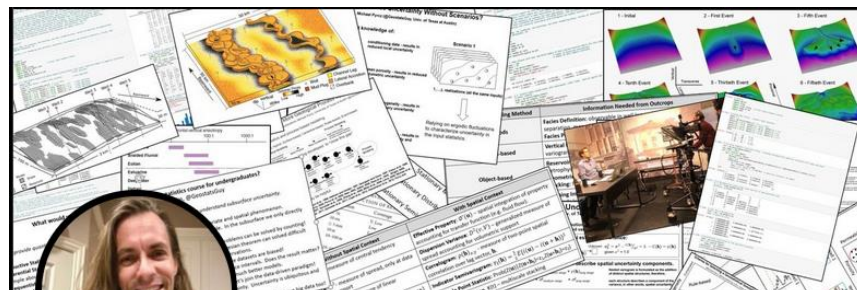
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Energy A.I. 2021-2025 Hackathon Hosts  
Hildebrand Department of Petroleum and Geosystems Engineering

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## Who's Running this Show?

Professor Michael Pycrz (aka GeostatsGuy)  
Hackathon Host  
Department of Petroleum and Geosystems  
Engineering  
Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences



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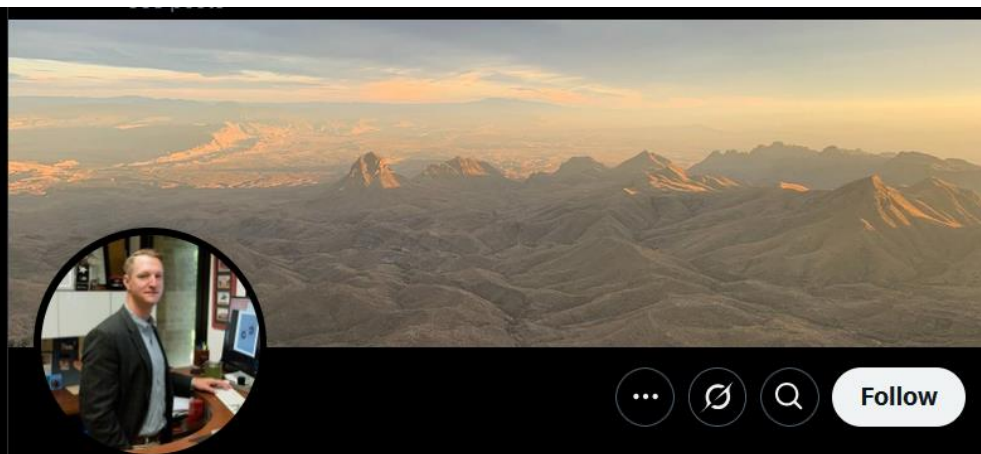
**Michael Pycrz** 🌻 🟦

@GeostatsGuy

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**John Foster** 🟦

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## Appreciation



Kiersten Fernandez  
Senior Program Coordinator



Professor Matt Balhoff  
PGE Chair  
Strong support and engagement

Undergraduate student counselors from Cockrell School of Engineering



## Appreciation

*Appreciation to the student participants, the hackers!*

*Thank you for your enthusiasm!*



## Hackathon Team Scoring

### **Results: 75% - Results, Results, Results!**

- Average of rank transform of accuracy error measure and uncertainty model goodness over all groups.

### **Presentation: 20% - and We Must Be Able to Communicate Our Work!**

- Executive summary, project goals, workflow description, results and discussion, **novel data analytics, and data and model viz**, finish on time

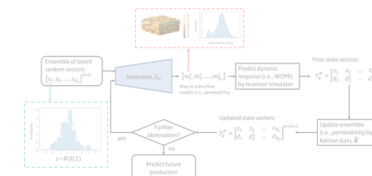
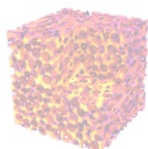
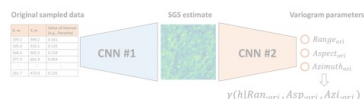
### **Workflow: 5% - Others Must Understand our Work for Adoption!**

- Scoring metrics: readable code, efficient code, documentation of steps

Each team will have 5 minutes to present.



## The Plan at 30,000 ft



## Hackathon Schedule

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Morning

Group  
Presentations

Evening

Welcome  
Introduction

Feature  
Imputation

Predictive  
Machine  
Learning

Predictive Machine  
Learning

Data Science  
in Python

Feature  
Selection

Complete  
Submission



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*Cockrell School of Engineering*



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## Petroleum / Mining / Spatial Engineering and Science Leadership in the Fourth Paradigm

*'We are the original data-driven science, we have been big data long before tech learned about big data!'*

1930-1940s

1950-1960s

1980-1990s

>1990s

Probability and  
Stationarity  
Kolmogorov

Volume  
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Mining  
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Spatial Statistics, Big  
Data Analytics and  
Machine Learning

*'Complicated, heterogeneous, sparsely sampled, vast systems with complicated physics and high value decisions.'*





## What is a Hackathon?

*'an event in which a large number of people meet to engage in collaborative computer programming.'*

Dictionary.com

*'The goal of a hackathon is to create functioning software or hardware by the end of the event'*

Wikipedia



## The Hackathon Rules

**Submit to GitHub by 9:30 noon, Wednesday June 25<sup>th</sup>:**

1. Well-documented Python workflow in a Jupyter Notebook. **See template in resources folder, NAME: [TeamName].ipynb**
2. Results as a .csv DataFrame, **NAME: solution.csv, use the file in data folder.**
3. Short presentation with executive summary, goals workflow choices and defense, results and discussion. **Novel data analytics and data viz!**  
Every team member participates in the presentation. **Use template in resources. NAME: [TeamName].pptx**

**Participation:** All team members contribute to the above products. There are various roles! Participate in sessions.

**Coding:** Use only open source and methods / workflows developed during the hackathon. Provide code for testing and scoring. All code submitted in Jupyter Notebook. **Readable code!**



## The Hackathon Rules

**Our academic staff and counselors are working hard during long days!**

- **Please let them know that we appreciate. Please treat them with great respect.**
- **Let's all do house keeping, clean up and disposal of recycling and waste in your work area and general areas, as we go. Take out the trash.**



## The Hackathon Rules

**Participate in the Workshops and Working Sessions**

**Treat All other Hackers, Hosts, Mentors, Judges, Coordinators with the utmost respect.**

**Do NOT repost Professors Pyrcz and Foster's content, share the links instead!**

**Use code from others, but cite all code used from other sources in your workflows and presentations, e.g. figure captions.**

Pyrcz, M.J. (2020) GeostatsPy 0.0.19 [Source code]. <https://github.com/GeostatsGuy/GeostatsPy>

Foster, J.T., (2015) 1DPDpy 1.0 [source code]. <http://dx.doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.15795>

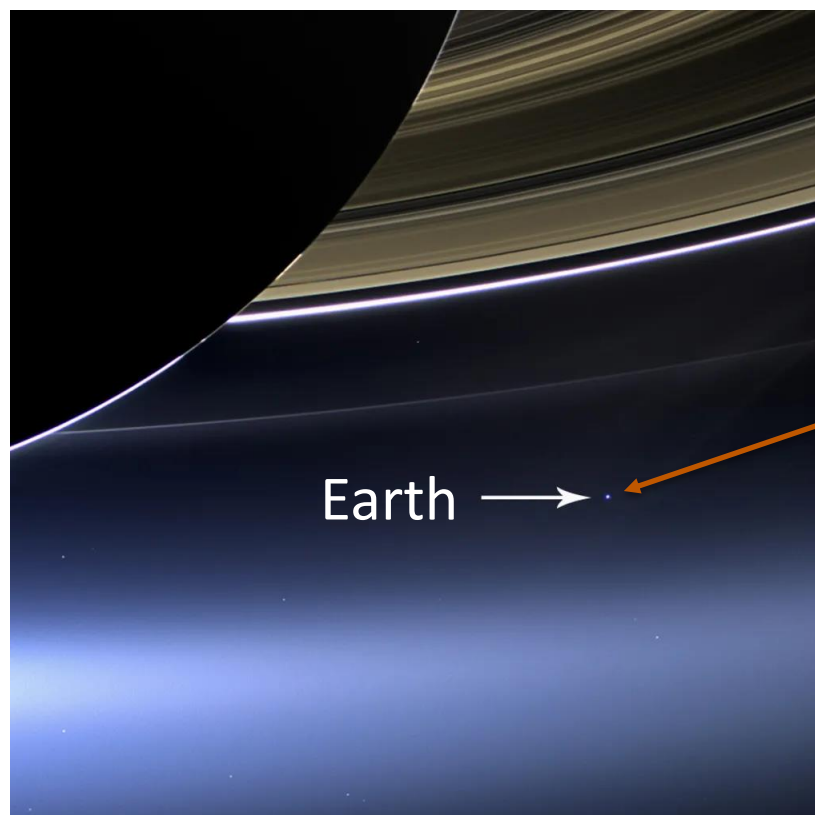
**Work Hard, Learn and Have Fun!**



## The Hackathon Rules

**The data has been sanitized. Do not attempt to hack the source!**

We can provide the following general location of the data set.



Our problem

Earth →



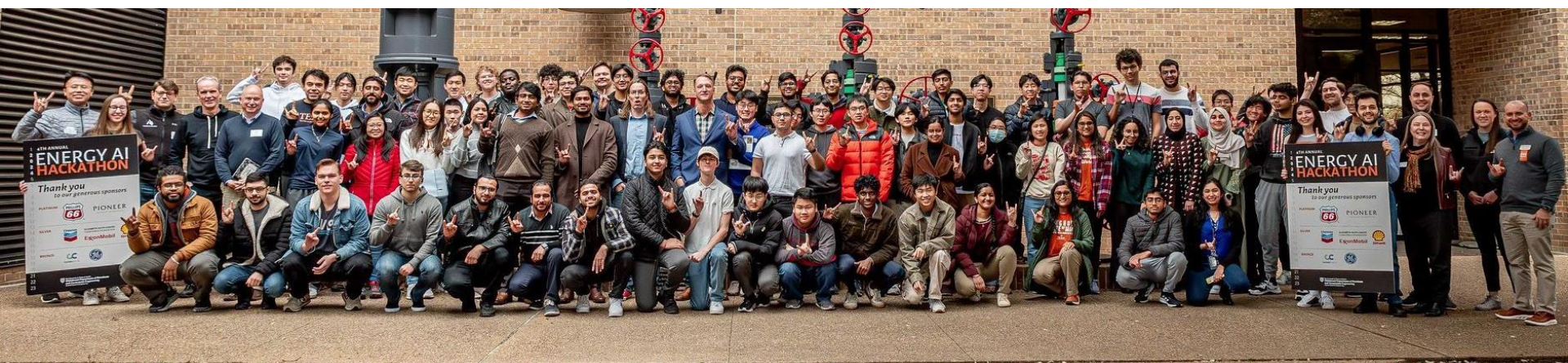
## The Plan for Session

- 1. Lecture with theory and discussion**
- 2. Demonstration with workflows, and interactive dashboards**
- 3. Hands-on exercises with the mystery dataset**
- 4. Documentation, building the workflow and presentation as we go**



## The Plan for Hackathon

It is a lot of work, stick with it, it will be worth it!



Hackathon Finish photo from 2024.





## Top Teams from Last Year

### Data Derricks, First Place

Faraz Rahman, Matthew Heichel,  
Nurul Hisham, Viren Govin,  
Saffat Reza



### EnergPT, Second Place

Ahmed Merzoug, Erica Orona,  
Lei Liu, Mohamed Awad





## Hackathon Guidance

- 1. Build from provided Python codes.**
- 2. Document as you go so Wednesday evening you can build your presentation and clean up your code for submission**
- 3. Multitask with your team members, e.g., exploring data, workflow construction, plotting and presentation slides, etc.**
- 4. Submit on time. Perfect is the enemy of good enough.**
- 5. Submit correctly. [TeamName].pptx, [TeamName].ipynb, solution.csv in root directory.**



## Don't Jump to Complexity



Deep learning generated image of Professor Pyrcz.



Deep learning generated image of Professor Foster.