



Energy A.I. 2025 1st Annual High School Hackathon Introduction

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Appreciation to the student participants, the hackers!

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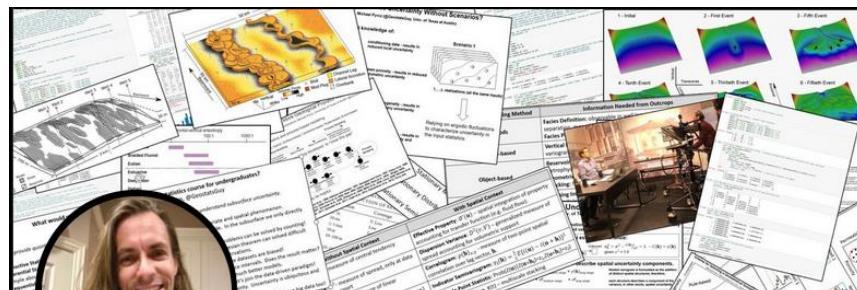


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Who's Running this Show?

Professor Michael Pycrz (aka GeostatsGuy)
Hackathon Host
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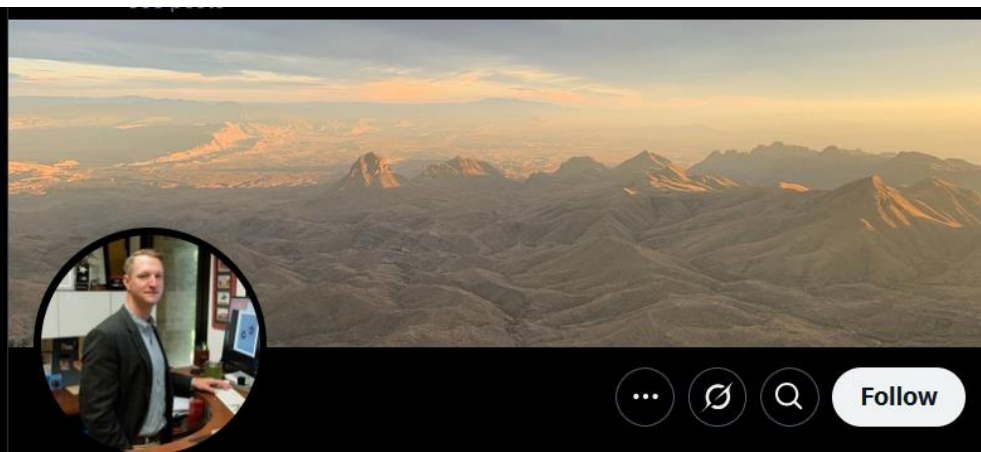
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Appreciation

Professor Matt Balhoff
PGE Chair
Strong support and engagement



Kiersten Fernandez
Senior Program Coordinator

Undergraduate student counselors from Cockrell School of Engineering



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
Variance in
Mining
Kriging

Geostatistics
Mathematical
Morphology
Matheron

Applications in Oil
and Gas,
Environmental
Journal, Verly, Deutsch

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 25th:

1. Well-documented Python workflow in a Jupyter Notebook. **See template in resources folder.**
2. Results as a .csv DataFrame, named: 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.**

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>

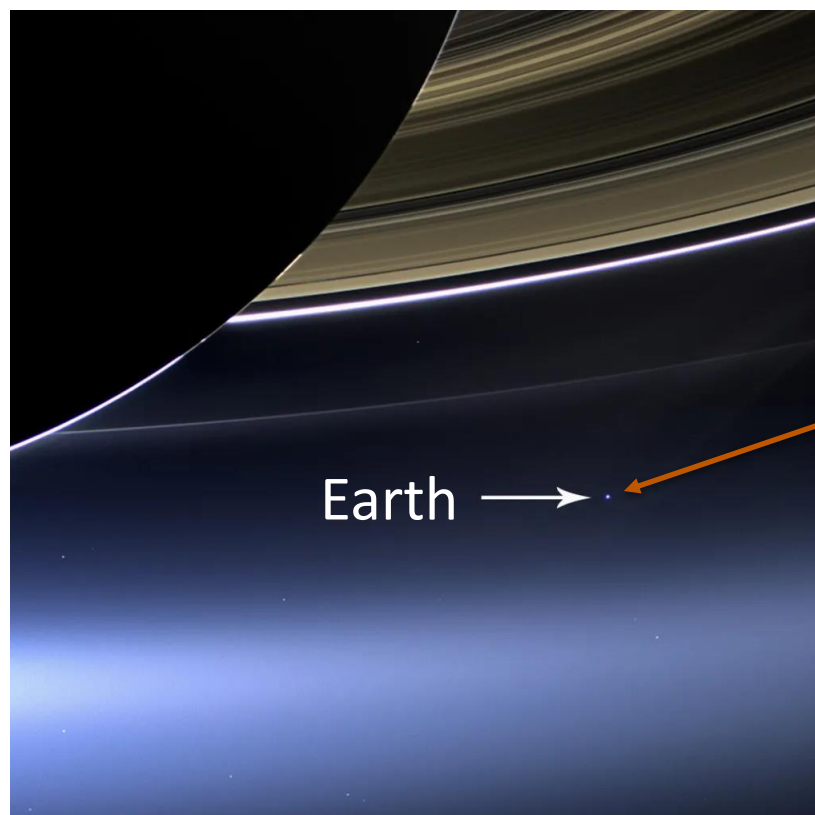
Work Hard, Learn and Have Fun!



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 →



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

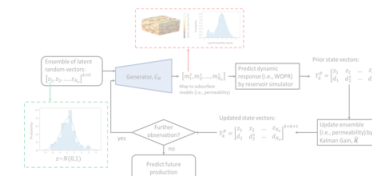
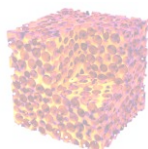
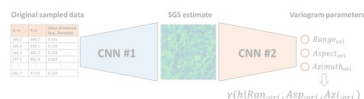
Workflow: 5% - Others Must Understand our Work for Adoption!

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

Use the provided templates for results, workflow and presentation. Follow the submission guidelines and submit on time.



The Plan at 30,000 ft



Hackathon Schedule

Schedule:

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Morning

Data Science
in Python

Feature
Selection

Prediction
Models

Group
Presentations

Afternoon

Cluster
Analysis

Evening

Welcome
Introduction

Feature
Imputation

Principal
Components
Analysis

Complete
Submission



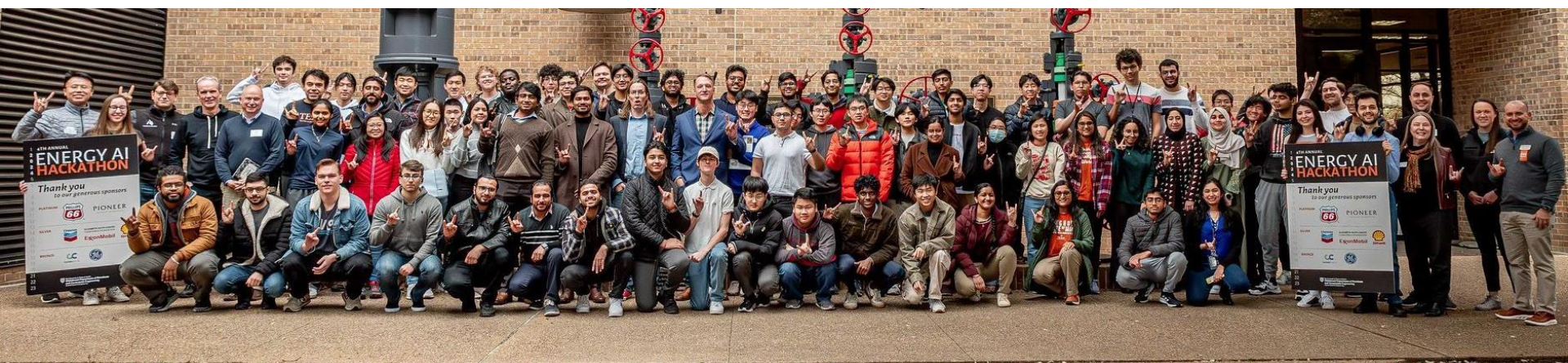
The Plan for Session

- 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 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.**



Don't Jump to Complexity



Deep learning generated image of Professor Pyrcz.



Deep learning generated image of Professor Foster.



The Problem

Now to the GitHub repository.