



# Energy A.I. 2025 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Hackathon Introduction

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Rowan Halliday, Heba Abdel-Rahim, Gabby Banales, Jaime Haider and Stacia Miller  
Coordinators of Chaos



## Appreciation

*Appreciation to the student participants, the hackers!*

*Thank you for your enthusiasm!*



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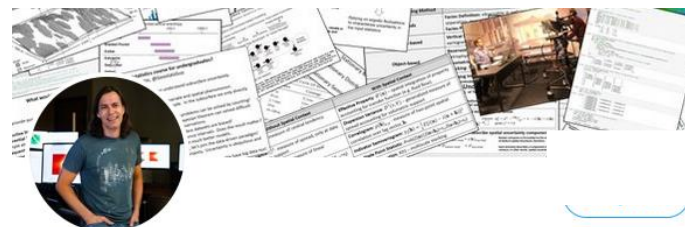
### Bronze





## Who's Running this Show?

Professor Michael Pyrcz (aka GeostatsGuy)  
Hackathon Host



**Michael Pyrcz**  
@GeostatsGuy

Assoc. #Prof @UTAustin @CockrellSchool @txgeosciences @daytum\_io |  
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**John Foster**  
@johntfoster



Professor John T. Foster  
Hackathon Host



Ahmed Merzoug, PhD Candidate PGE  
Hackathon Architect



Elnara Rustamzade, PhD Candidate PGE  
Hackathon Architect, Volunteer



## Appreciation

Rowan Halliday  
Coordination



Stacia Miller  
Communication, Promotion,  
Photography



Jaime Haider  
Organizing, Student Engagement

Professor Matt Balhoff  
PGE Chair  
Strong support and engagement



Heba Abdel-Rahim  
Business Development, Student Support



Gabby Banales  
Organizing, Student Engagement





## Welcome Message



*Professor Matt Balhoff*  
*Chair of the Hildebrand Department of Petroleum and Geosystems 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





## Mentors

Anahita Pourjabbar  
Alena Grechishnikova  
Eduardo Maldonado-  
Cruz  
Jose Salazar  
Julio De La Colina  
Reece Wooten  
Sarah McDonnell  
Shane Prochnow  
Tao Sun



Tyrel Krohn  
Vrishank Jannu



Eric Qian



Travis Salomaki



Sercan Gul



Jesus Ochoa



Marcelo Jimenez

Amy Rueve



Ricardo Lara Orozco



Charles (Cheolkyun) Jeong



## Judges

**Jeff Stewart**

Vice President  
Engineering



**Andy Flowers**

Manager, Enterprise AI



**Susan Howe**

President



**Philip T Mantaring**

HR Advisor, Academic and  
Technical Programs



**David Schuab**

Senior AI Engineer



**Hector Martinez**

Data Analytics Supervisor





## Who is Here to Build? Longhorns from all over the 40 acres!

Teams, from UT Austin Cockrell, Jackson, Natural Sciences, McCombs, Liberal Arts, etc.

Including:

ChatPGE  
Barrels of Innovation  
Crown Joules  
Neural Nuggets  
Party Rockers  
Bevo Baddies  
Gradient Ascent  
Data Drillers

DataComrades  
Rubber Duckies  
Bayesian  
Boil  
Cooked

**Data Derricks**

Petroleum and Geosystems Engineering, Operations Research, Mechanical Engineering, Geological Sciences, Materials Science Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Data Science, Computer Science, Aerospace Engineering, Mathematics, McCombs, Math, Physics, Economics, Neuroscience,



## The Hackathon Rules

**Submit to GitHub by 12:00 noon, January 21<sup>st</sup>:**

1. Well-documented Python workflow in a Jupyter Notebook. **See template in resources folder.**
2. Results as a .csv DataFrame ESPs (fail in 30 days = 1, otherwise = 0).  
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 have volunteered to assist over the weekend.**

- **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.**
- **Share contacts within your team in case you get locked out. PGE student can open external door if locked.**



## The Hackathon Rules

**Participate in the Scheduled Workshops and Working Sessions**

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

**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!**



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

But, here's a hint...

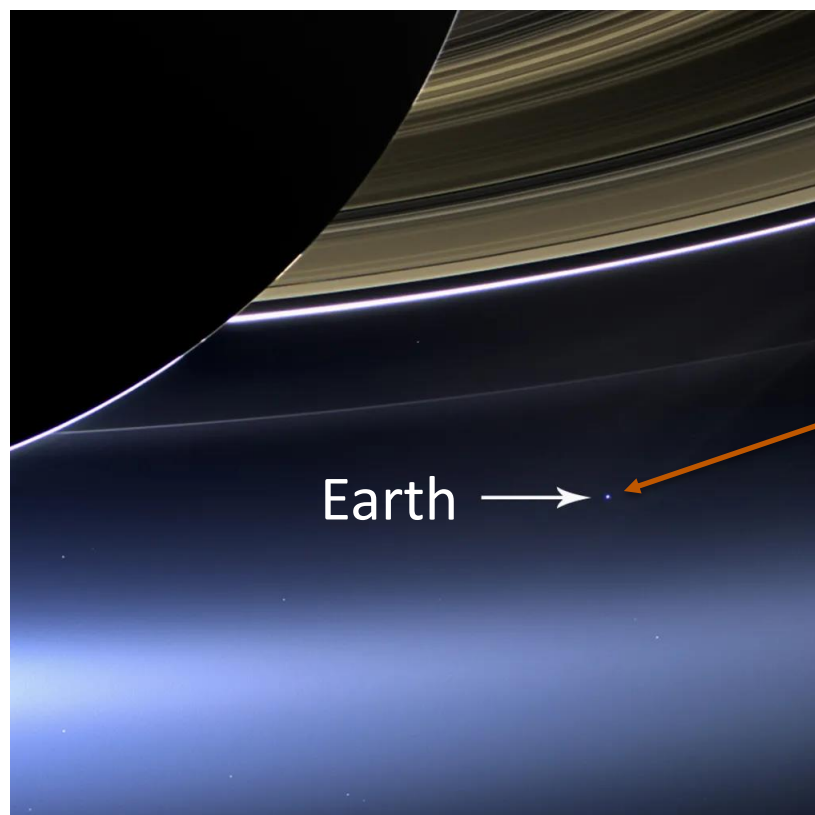




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We can provide the following general location of the data set.



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

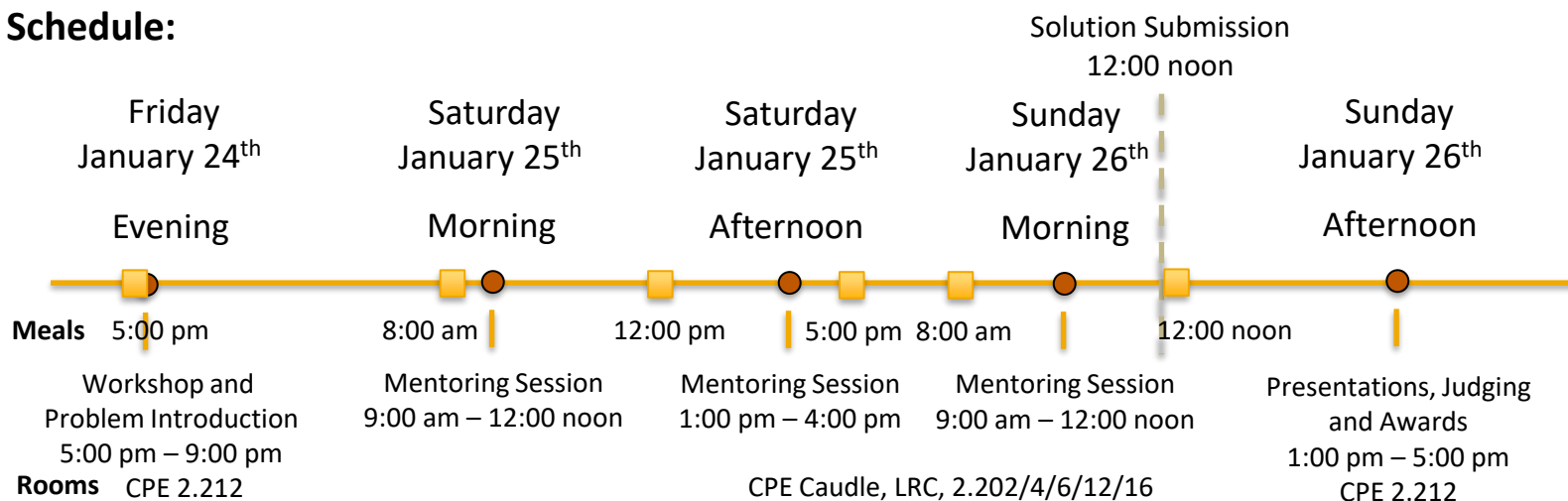
Use the provided templates for results, workflow and presentation. Follow the submission guidelines and submit on time.



## The Plan at 30,000 ft



### Schedule:



Enhance Learning



Promote collaboration & data-driven science



Inspire Innovation

### Teams:

Register teams of 3-4, which can include students from other departments and schools (UT EID required), but one student must be a UT PGE student and one 1 undergraduate student per team (could be the same student).

### Awards:

Winners of the A.I. Hackathon will be awarded bragging rights and \$5,000 for first place, \$2,500 for second place, \$1,000 for third place and \$500 for fourth place teams.



## The Plan for Today's Workshop

### DAY 1 / Jan. 24th - Energy A.I. Hackathon 2025 Workshop Schedule

5 pm – 5:15 pm: Hackathon Welcome, Introduction and Review Plan and Rules, Prof. Balhoff / Prof. Pyrcz

5:15-6:30 pm: Essential Energy Data Science, Numpy, Pandas, Git - Prof. Foster

6:30 – 7:00 pm: Feature Importance, Engineering and Selection, Multivariate Analysis and Shapley Values  
Prof. Pyrcz

7:00 – 7:30 pm: Uncertainty Models – Prof. Pyrcz

7:30 – 8:00 pm: Machine Learning Basics, Train and Tune Overview of Methods - Prof. Pyrcz

8:00 – 8:30 pm: Machine Learning in Python, scikit-learn and TensorFlow Packages – Prof. Foster

8:30 – 9:00 pm: Introduce the Energy A.I. Hackathon Problem and Mystery Data Set – Prof. Pyrcz / Prof. Foster

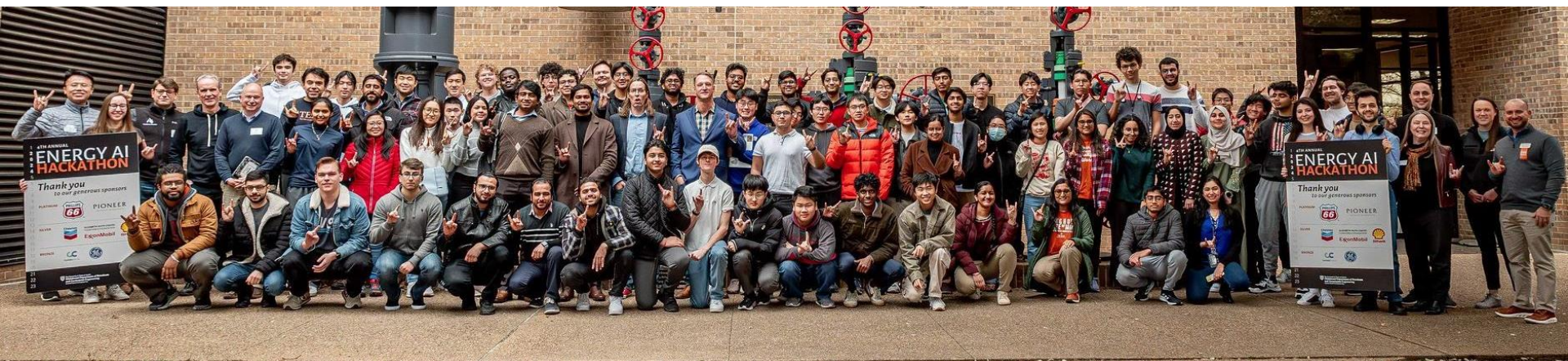
9:00 pm - : Teams Break-out for Initial Data Review and Planning



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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



## Don't Jump to Complexity



Deep learning generated image of Professor Pyrcz.



Deep learning generated image of Professor Foster.