

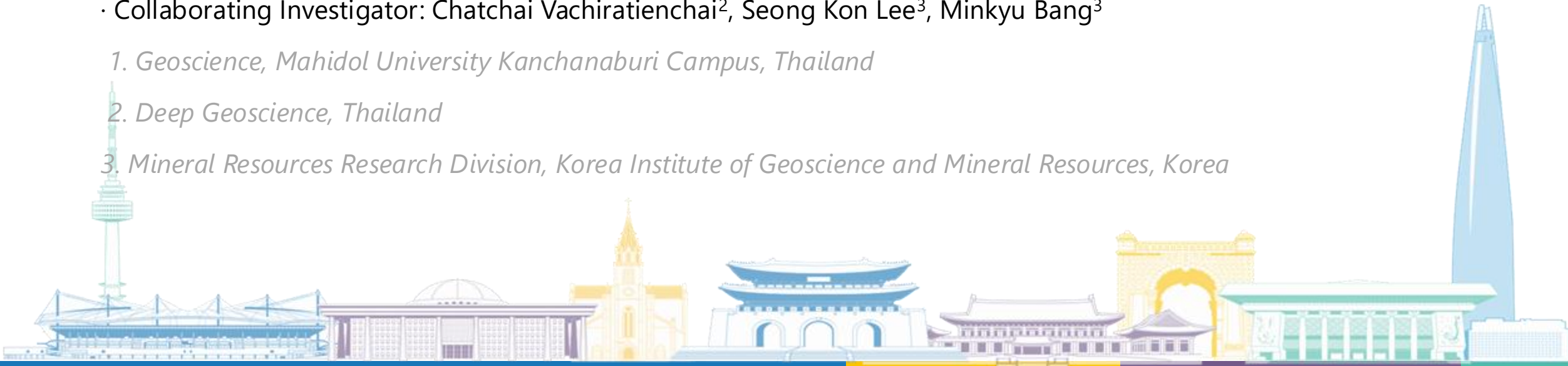
# Soil classification using machine learning on DC resistivity and geotechnical data

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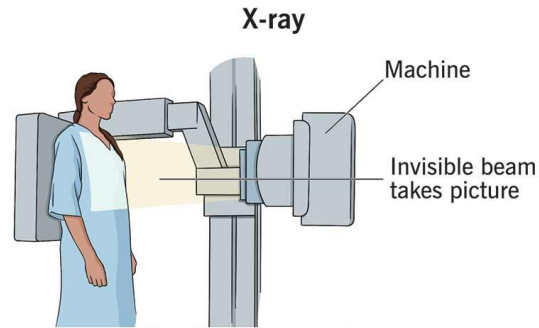
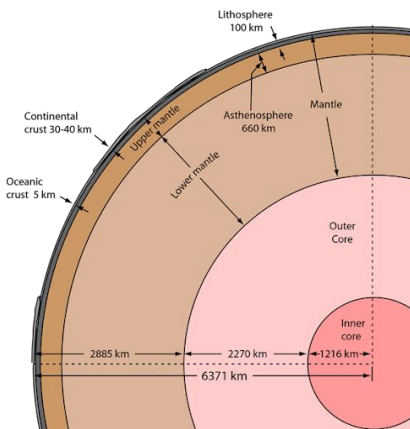
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# Project Summary(1/2)



X-rays can show:

- Joints (shoulder)
- Bones (rib)
- Soft tissue (heart)

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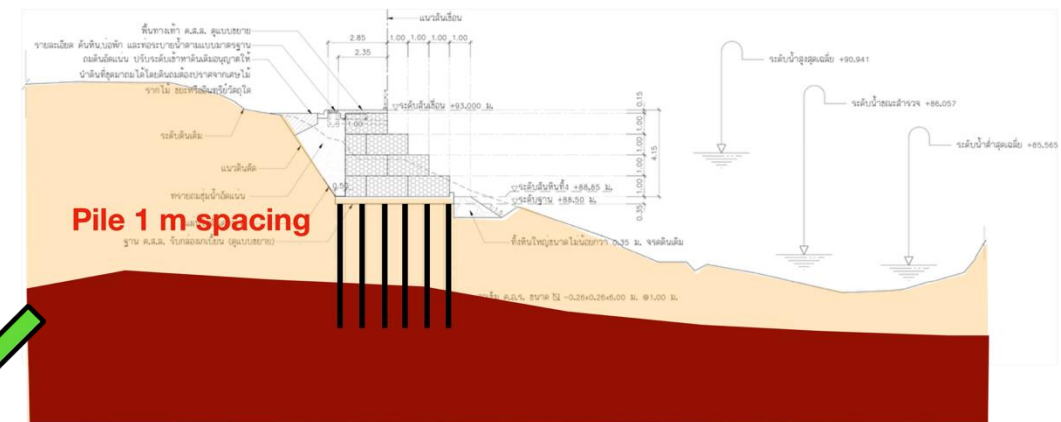
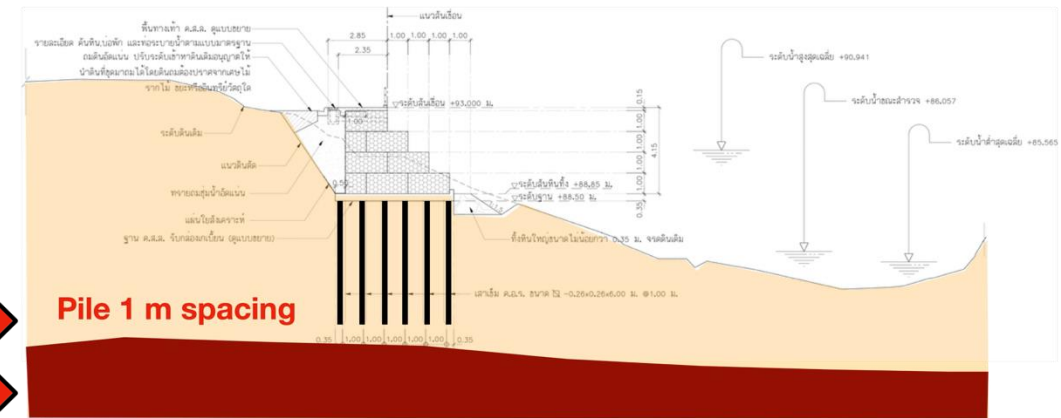
**Problem:** concrete pile not reach basement



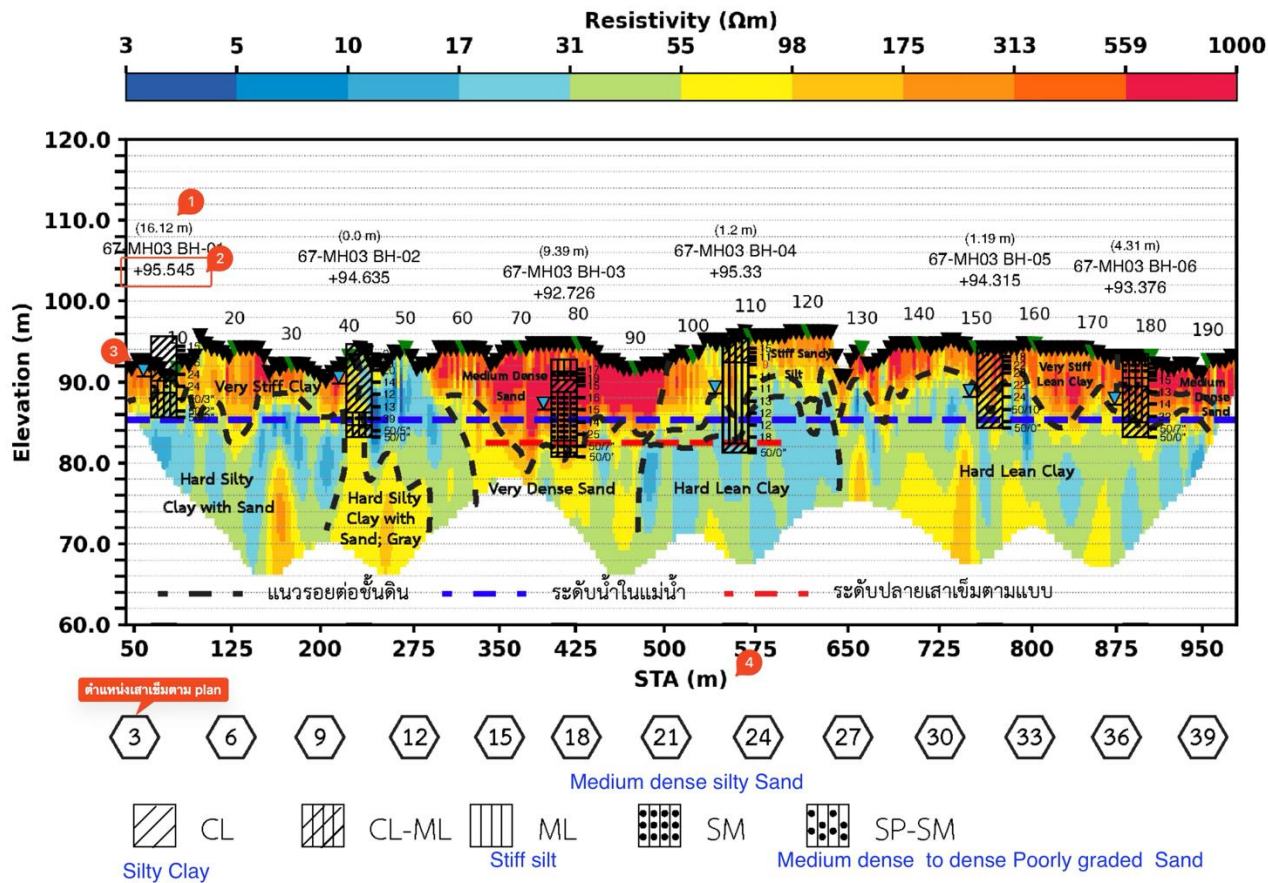
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## Objectives

- DC resistivity + ML to find basement



## Project Summary(2/2)



- *Expected Outcomes*
  - *Soil classification model using **DC resistivity data, Borehole data***
  - *Basement boundary (automatically)*
  - *SPT , Water content transfer cross section*

reduce drilling and Lab cost



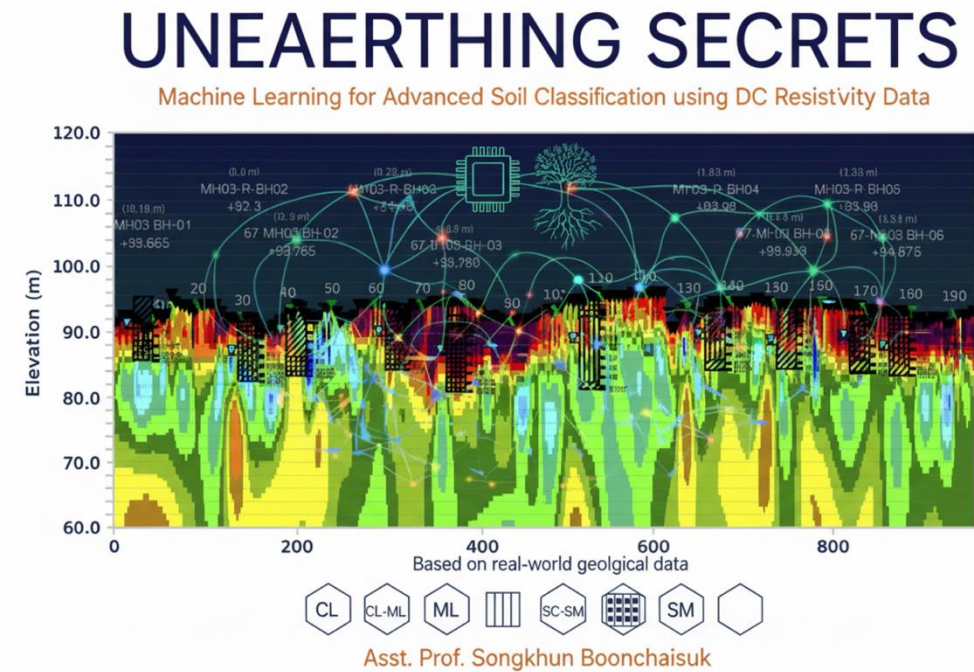
# Project Description(1/4)

- *Specific Aims*
  - Find the most suitable **ML model for Soil classification** model using DC resistivity data, Borehole data and soil description

**1. Increase more training data**  
(No. of data, soil color, soil description, etc.)

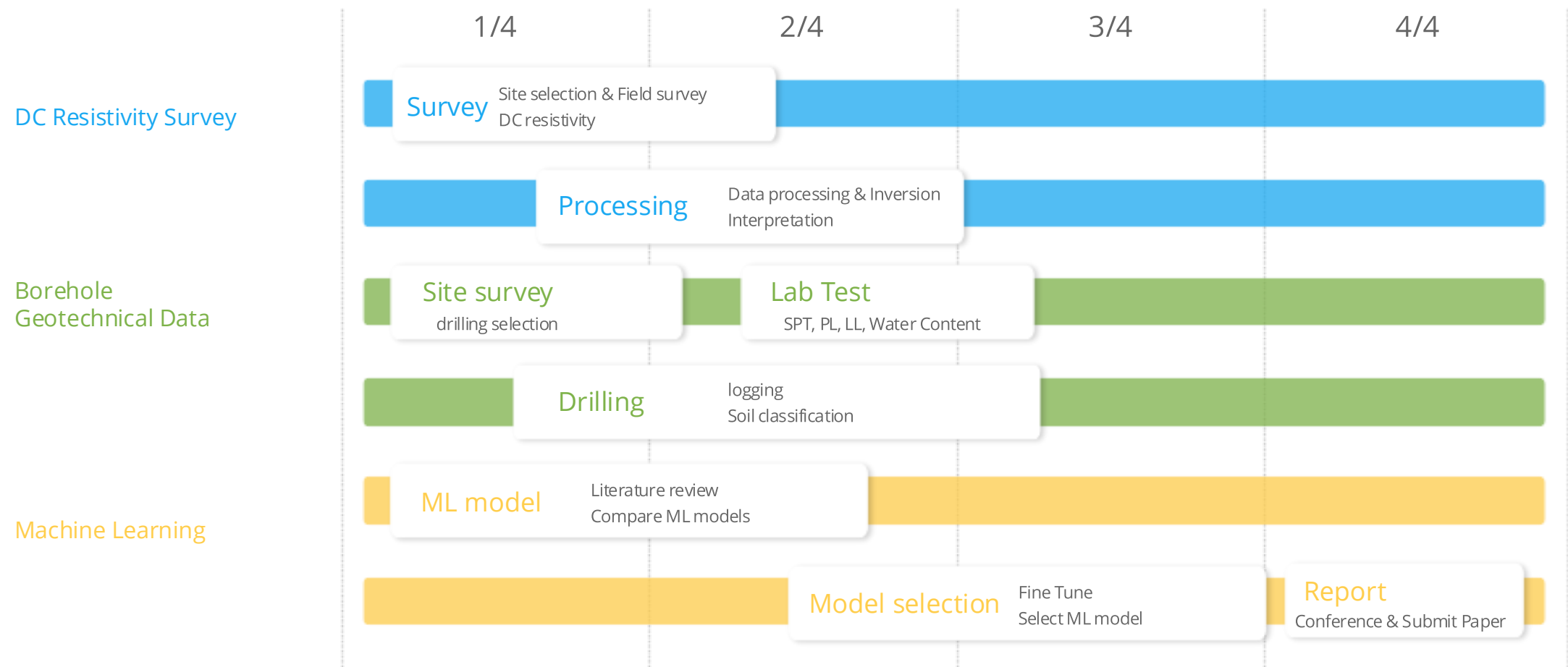
**2. Find parameters correlation**  
(rho vs SPT, rho vs wn, etc.)

**3. Apply various ML model**



# Project Description(2/4)

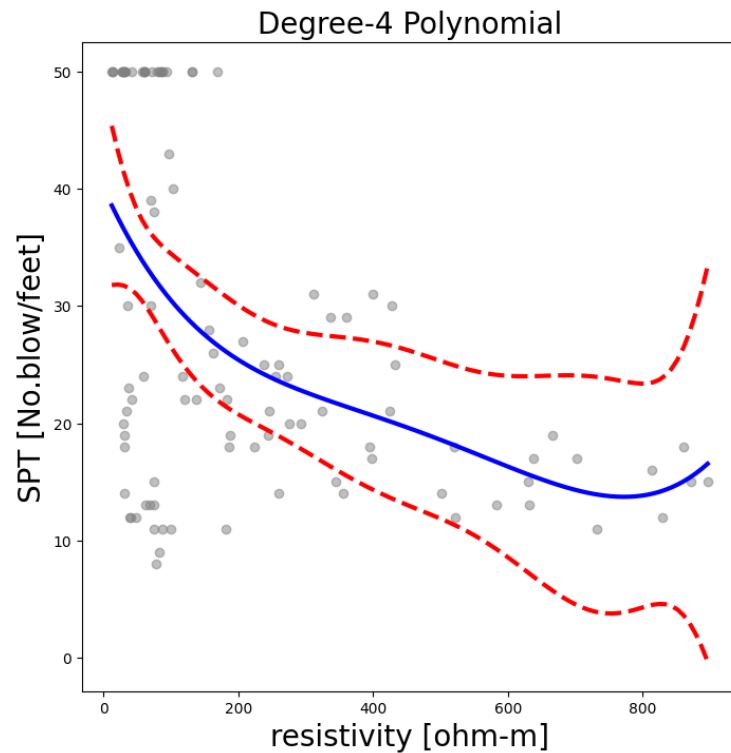
- Project Milestones (1-year plan)



# Project Description(3/4)

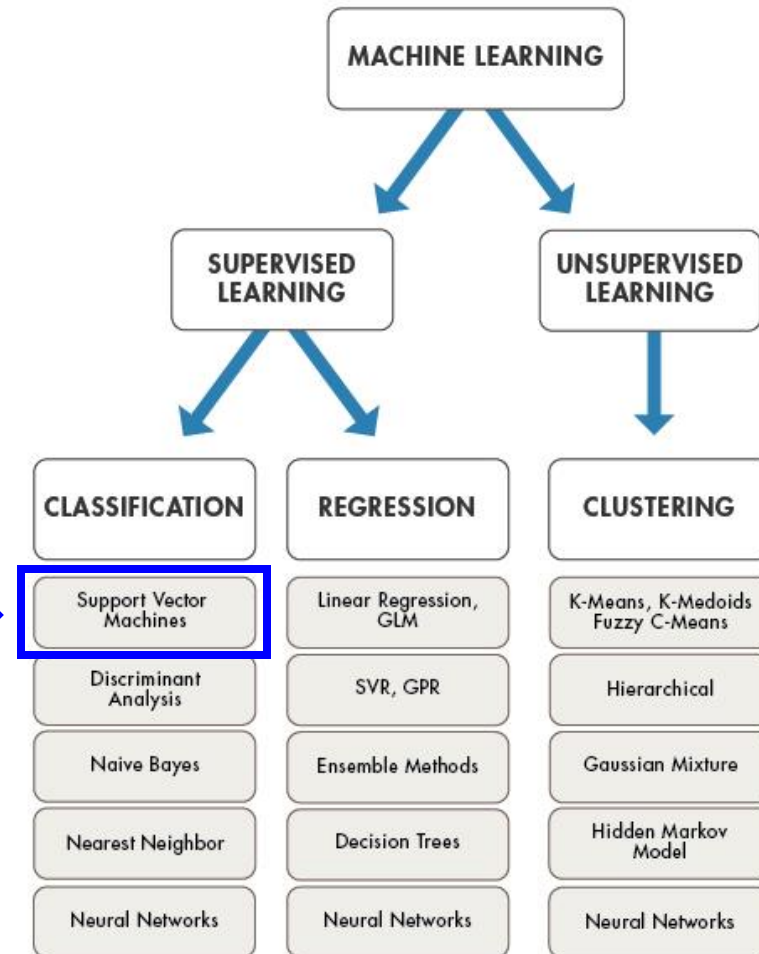
1. **Increase more training data** (gray dot)

2. **Find parameters correlation** (blue line)



Preliminary results

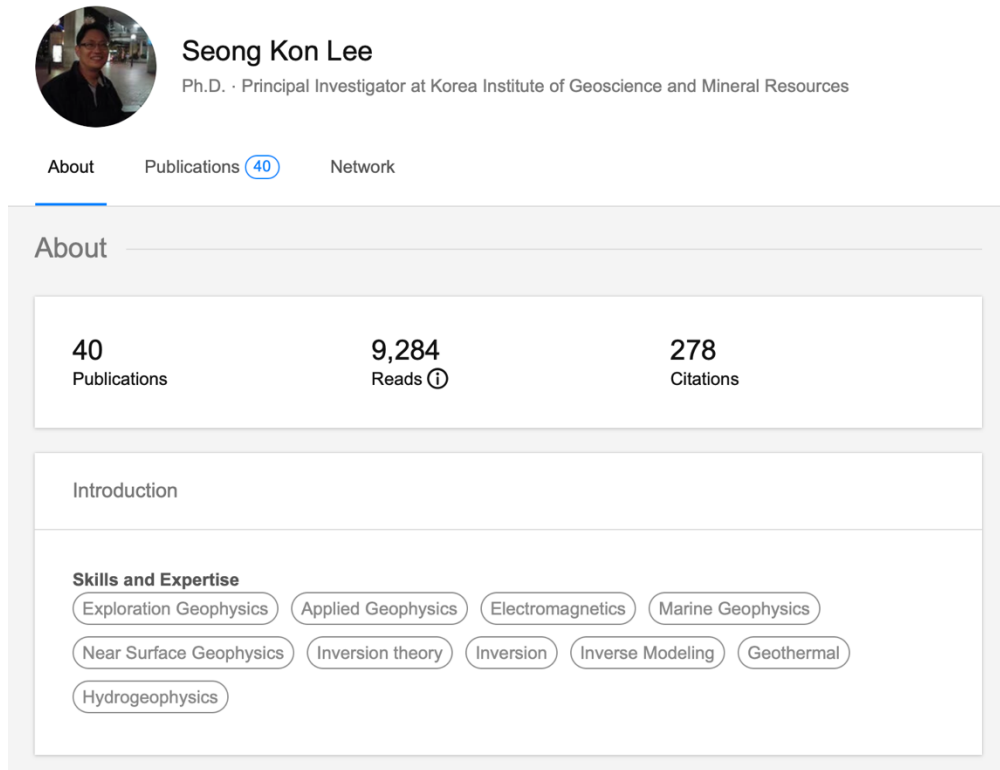
## 3. Apply various ML model



<https://www.mathworks.com/help/stats/machinelearningtypes.jpg>

# Project Description(4/4)

- *Collaboration & Exchange*



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Introduction

**Skills and Expertise**

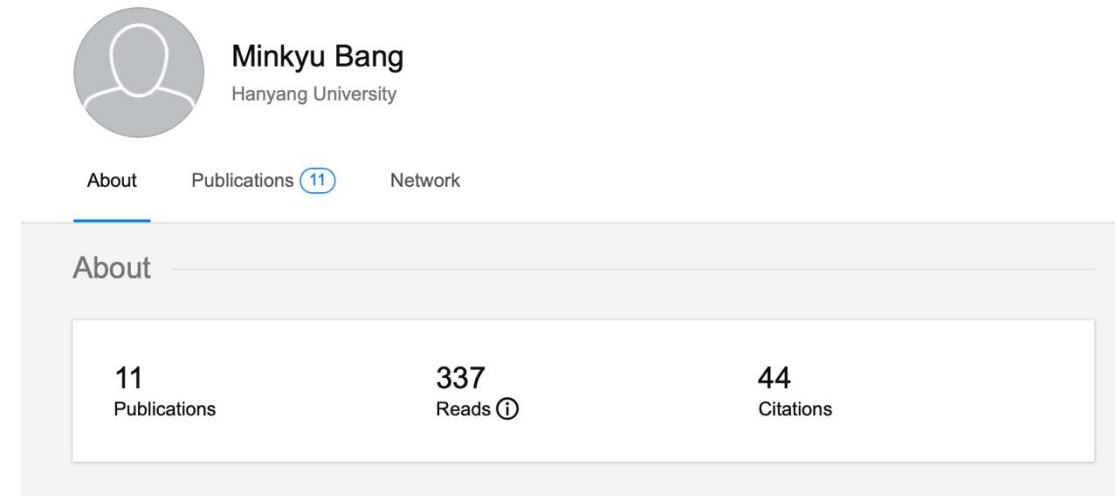
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*Machine learning on Geophysics data*

*Machine learning on Inversion Technique*

*Future corroborations*



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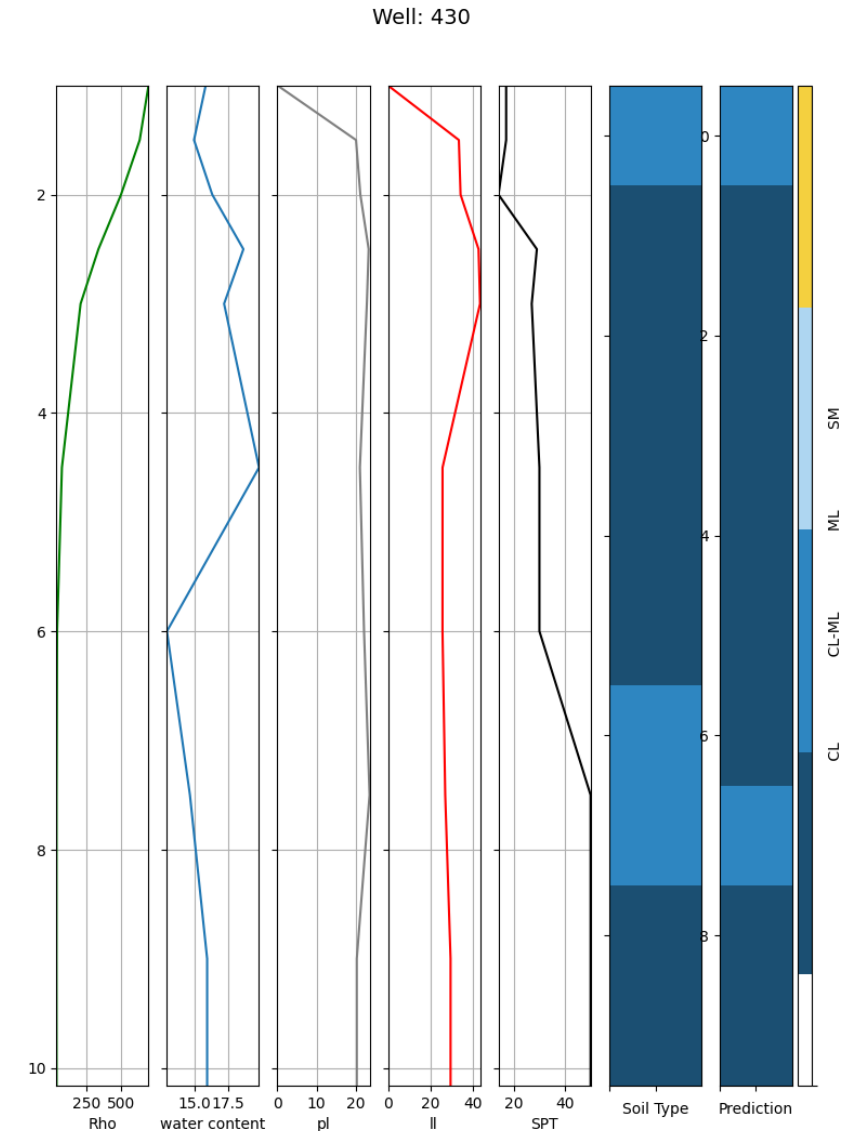
About

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# Expected Outcomes & Impact

- *1 publications*
- *Machine learning for Soil classification using DC resistivity and Geotechnical data*
- *Automatically soil classification*
- *Basement boundary*
- *reduce drilling cost*





# Estimated Budget

1 • 1 line DC resistivity survey  
500 m : 100,000 baht [4.35M won]

2 • Geotechnical data  
• 5 boreholes, 100 samples  
• 264,825 baht [11.5M won]

3 • Operations & manpower [~3M won]  
• Conference  
• publication

1 area ~ 15M won (5 boreholes and 100 sample

4 area ~

60M

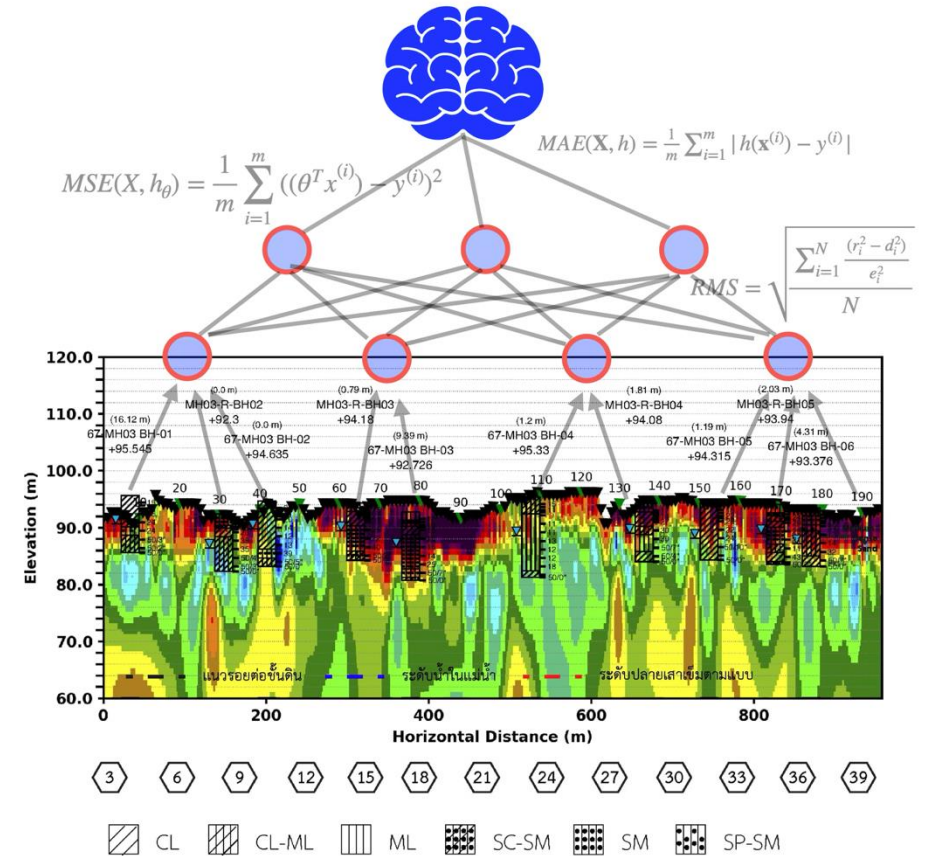
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No.	list	unit	rate (baht/unit)	unit	amount bath
1) Price for geotechnical data					
	1) Transportation (Onland Drilling)				
	- round-trip	trip/car	50,000.00	1	50,000.00
	- between borehole	trip/car	1,500.00	5	7,500.00
	Drilling				
	- drilling with SPT test (SPT)	meter	1,000.00	100	100,000.00
	- การทดสอบการร่วซึมแบบ Gravity Test ในชั้นดิน	hole	500.00	0	0.00
	2) Lab samples				
	1) Sieve Analysis	ตัวอย่าง	300.00	100	30,000.00
	2) Hydrometer Analysis	ตัวอย่าง	400.00	100	40,000.00
	3) Atterberg Limits	ตัวอย่าง	200.00	100	20,000.00
	4) Standard Compaction Test	ตัวอย่าง	1,500.00	0	0.00
	5) Permeability Test	ตัวอย่าง	1,700.00	0	0.00
	6) Dispersion (Pinhole Test)	ตัวอย่าง	1,200.00	0	0.00
	7) Direct Shear Test	ตัวอย่าง	3,000.00	0	0.00
	sum				247,500.00
	Vat 7 %				17,325.00
	Total				264,825.00

# Conclusion

- Reduces (drilling) **cost**
- ML to find **insight** correlation
- Reduce **time** & Increase **accuracy** for interpretation (boundaries)
- Apply ML to many Geophysical techniques

## UNEARTHING SECRET

Machine Learning for soil classification  
using geotechnical data and DC Resistivity Data



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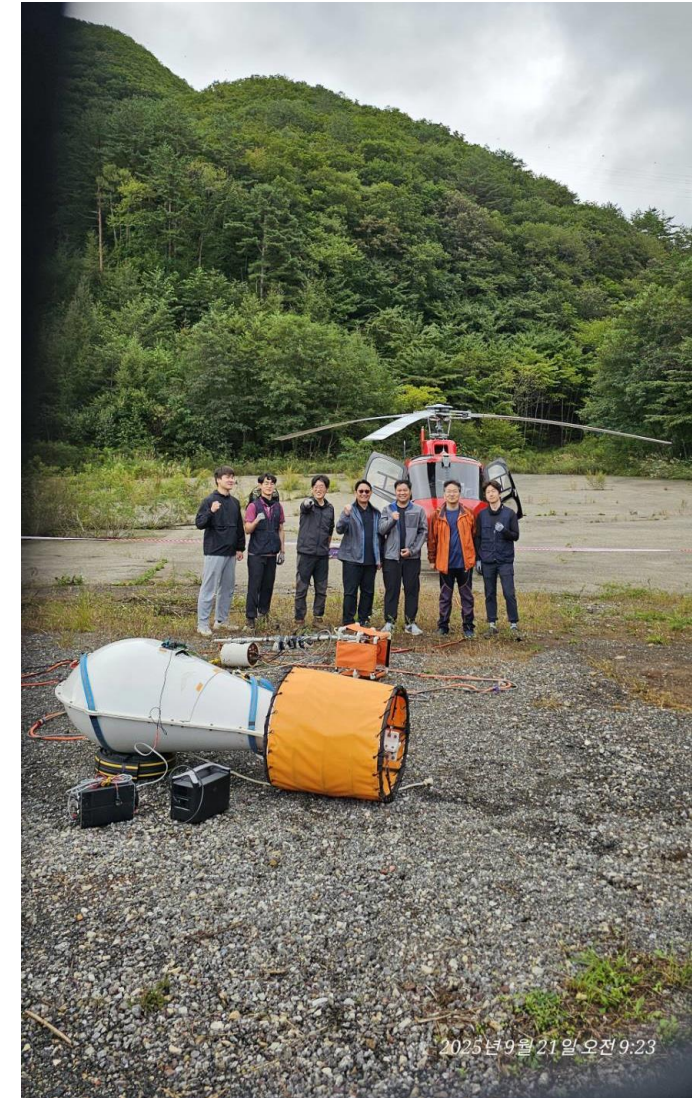
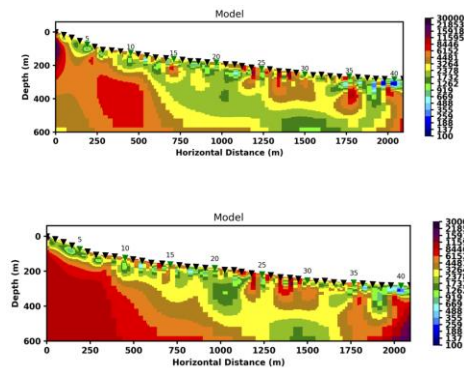
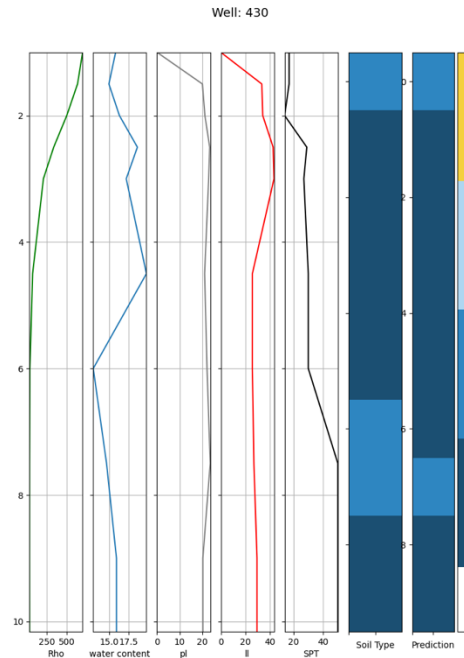
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# Activities & Experiences in Korea

Preliminary result: ML on DC resistivity



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<https://github.com/Songkhun/SIP2025>

