



Hands-on Introduction to AI Reservoir Modelling Workflows

Short Course

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Outline for the day

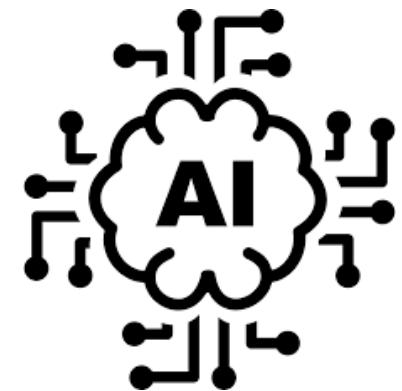
- AM:
 - Well data visualisation with Python (Google Colab)
 - Unsupervised learning for clustering wireline data – hands on
 - Supervised classification of lithofacies from wireline data – hands on
- PM:
 - Seismic segmentation with unsupervised learning – demo
 - Unsupervised pattern reignition of PTA well data – hands on
 - Time-lapse PTA monitoring of well dynamic performance – demo

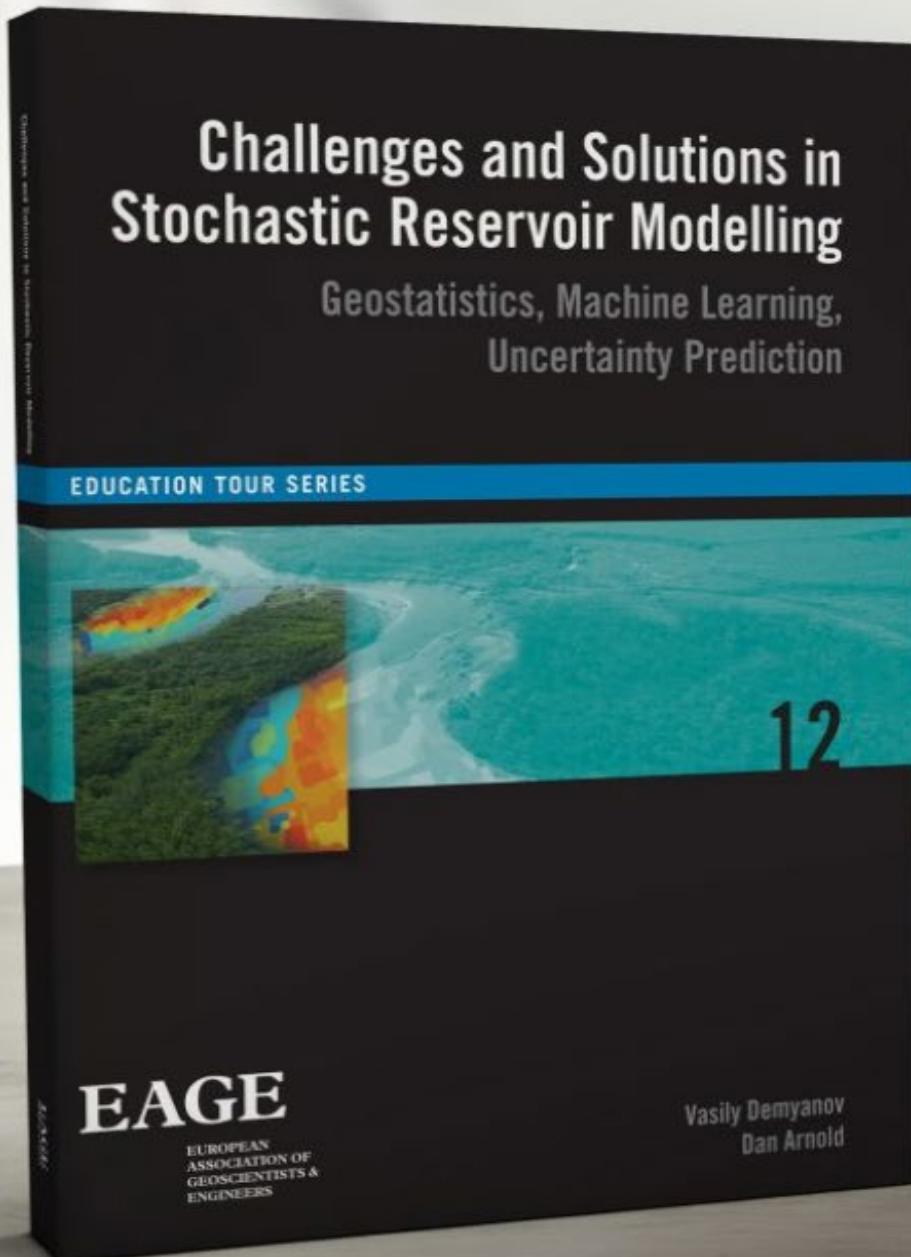
Learning Objectives

- Get practical introduction of basic concepts of ML – supervised and unsupervised learning.
- Gain a hands on experience with Python workflows in Google Colab using real open access reservoir data (Volve)
- Practice unsupervised clustering with wireline data, compare with interpreted lithologies.
- Practice supervised classification of lithofacies from wireline data, compare different classification methods.
- Practice pattern recognition of well production PTA data for evaluating well productivity characteristics and monitoring well performance.

Geo Data Science & UQ Group

- Use AI to discover patterns in reservoir data to improve our understanding of the subsurface for better management of Earth resources
- Our integrated team implements best in-class data science solutions across all subsurface disciplines to leverage data for reservoir modelling, forecasting and optimisation





"This book aims to bridge across different fields — geostatistics, machine learning, and Bayesian statistics — to demonstrate the common grounds in solving challenging problems of uncertainty quantification, geological realism, and data integration in reservoir prediction"

- NEW EAGE PUBLICATION

Challenges and
Solutions in Stochastic
Reservoir Modelling
(Ebook)

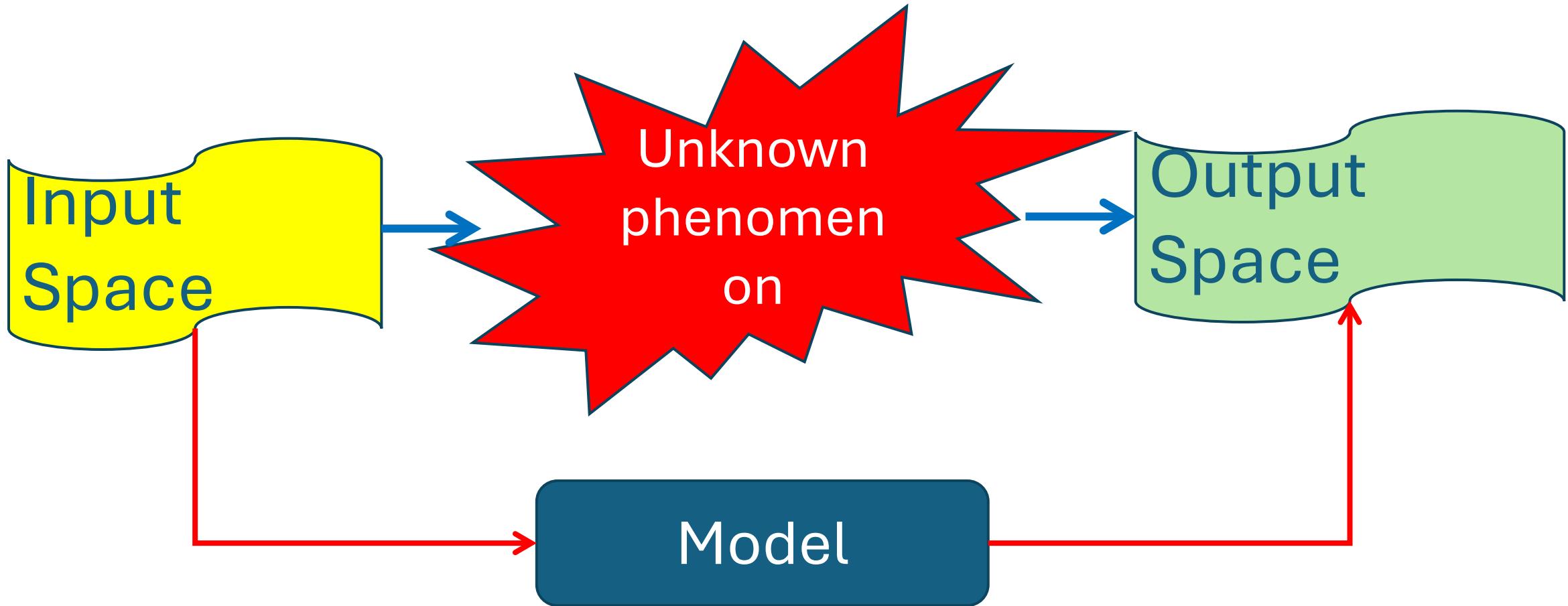
Brief introduction to machine learning

- Learning from data
- Supervised vs unsupervised
- Overfitting

XXI Century Landscape

- Increasing digital data volumes
- Accumulated domain knowledge expertise in oil & gas
- Fast growing data science technology proved its value in many data rich environments
- Generational change in perception and ethos towards digital environment and AI

Generic Modelling Task – Predictive learning



Why Machine Learning?

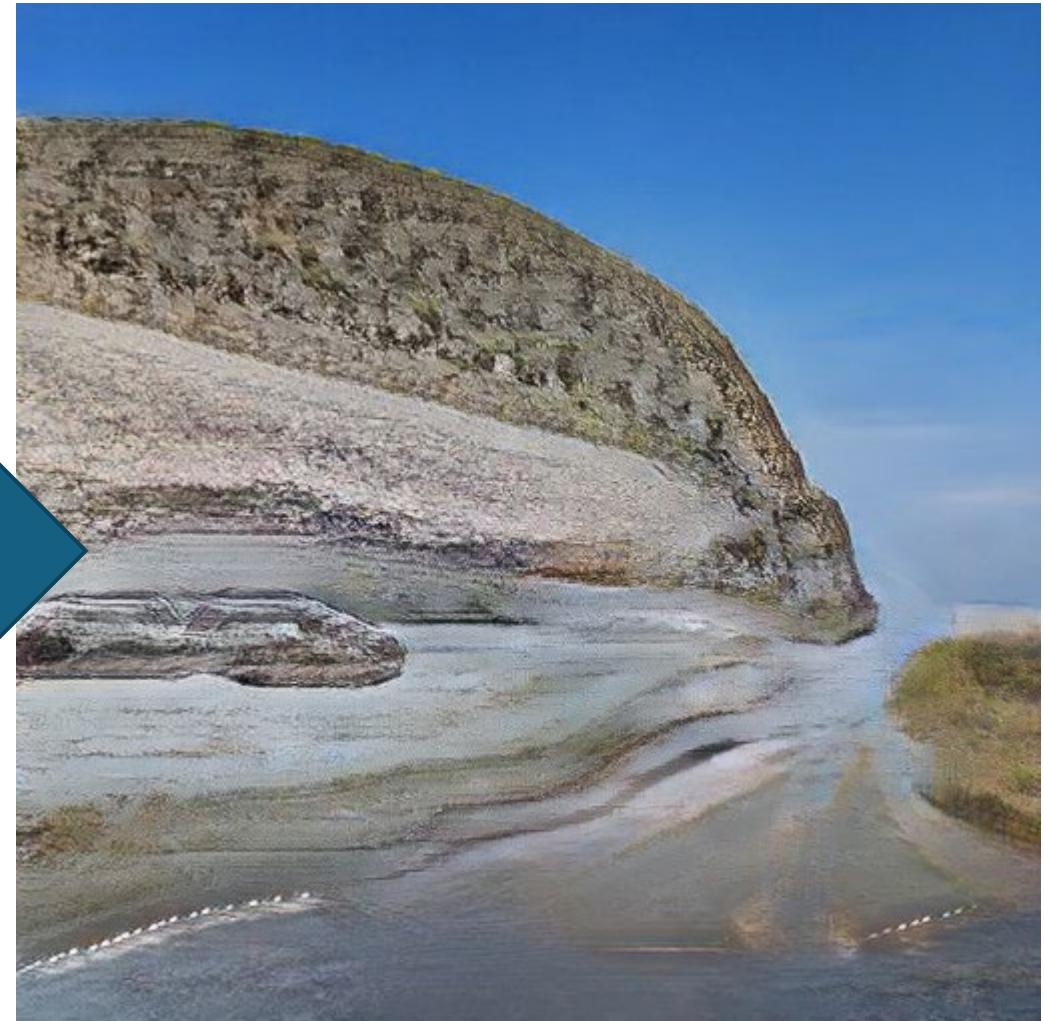
*How can we build computer systems
that automatically improve with experience,
and what are the fundamental laws
that govern all learning processes?*

Tom Mitchell, Machine Learning, McGraw Hill, 1997

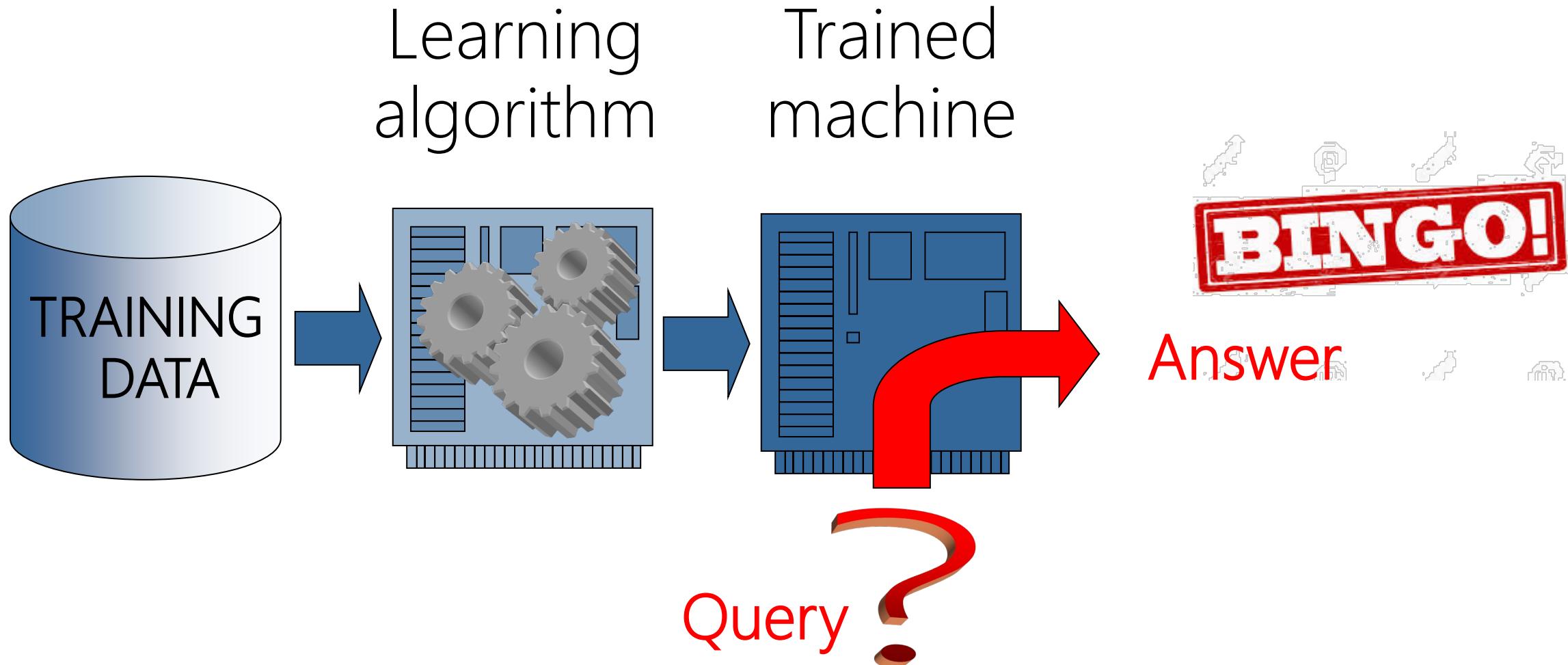
From a concept to a realistic image



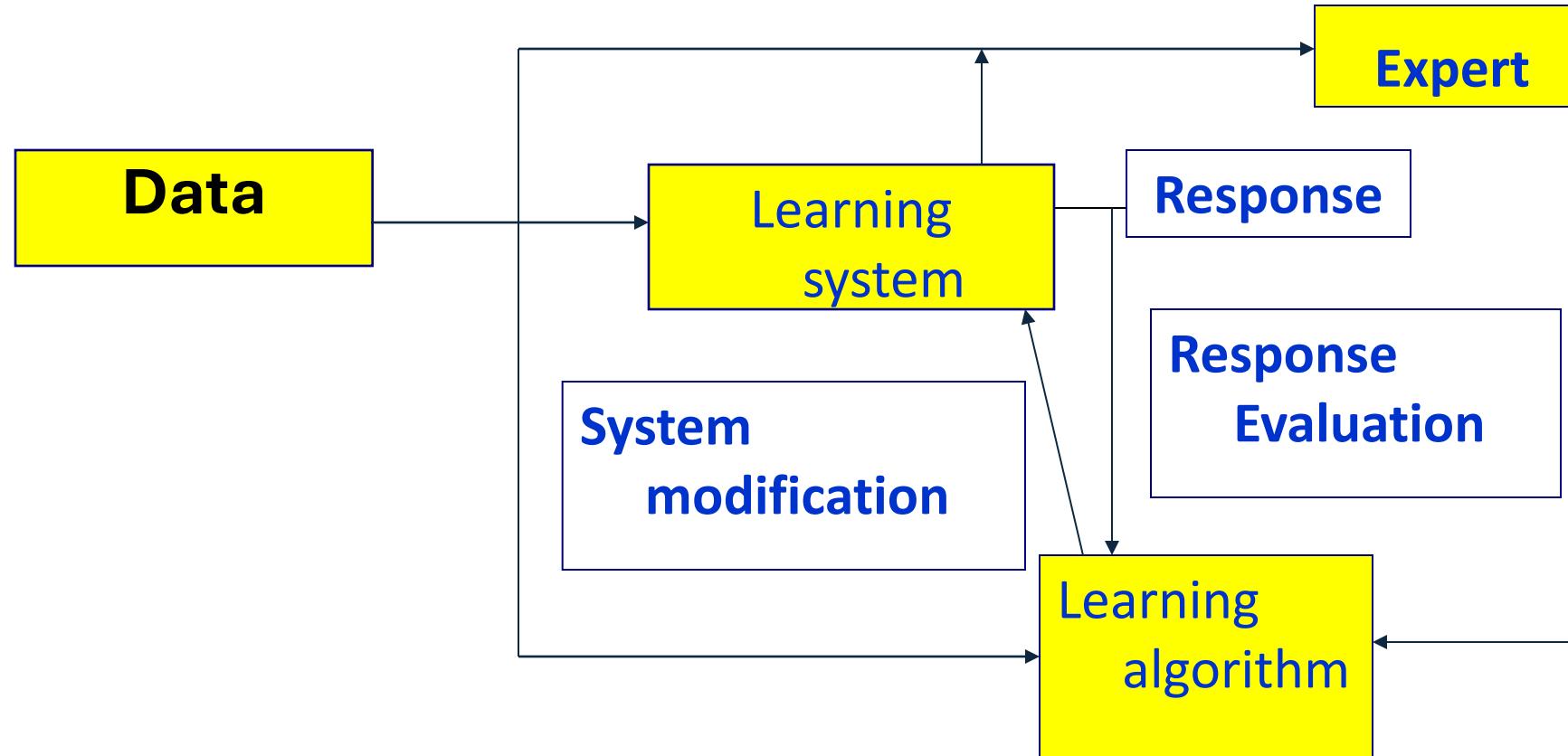
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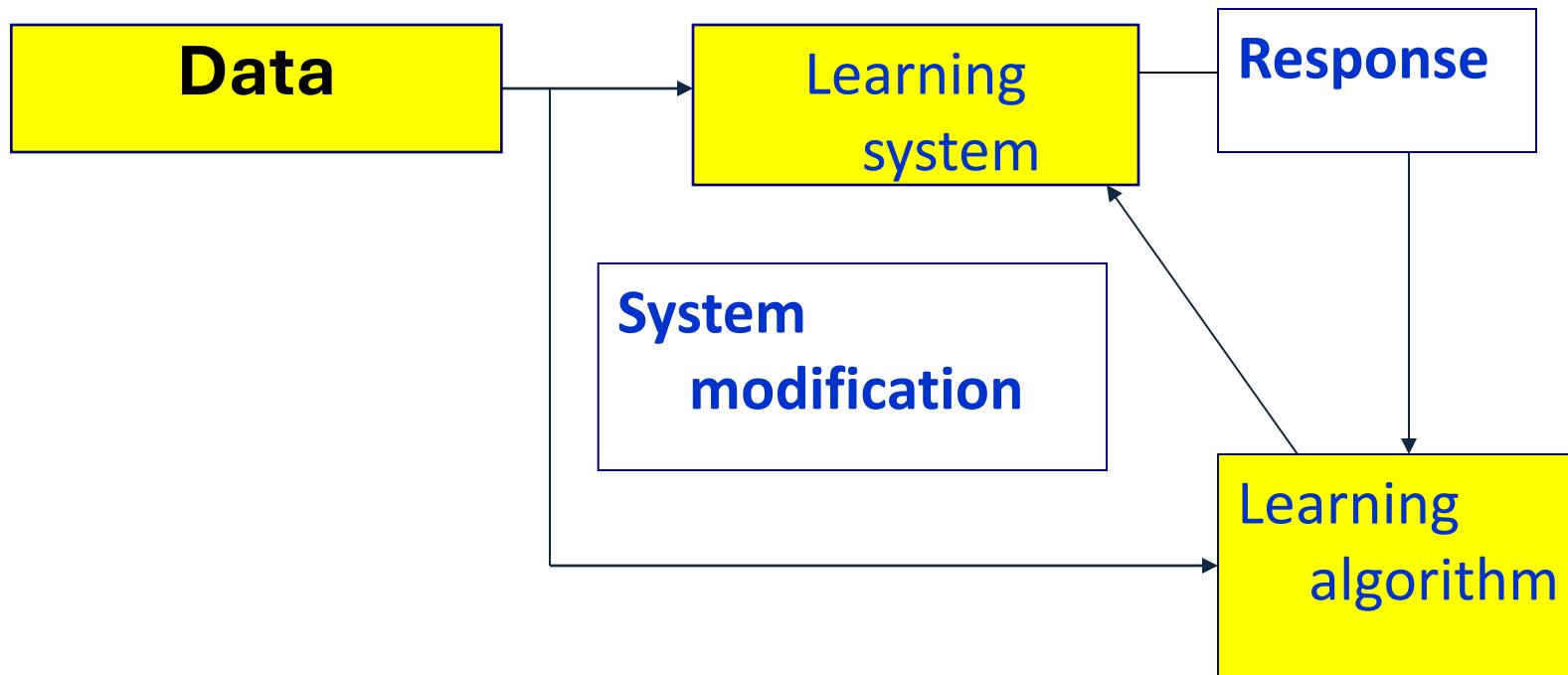
What constitutes Machine Learning?



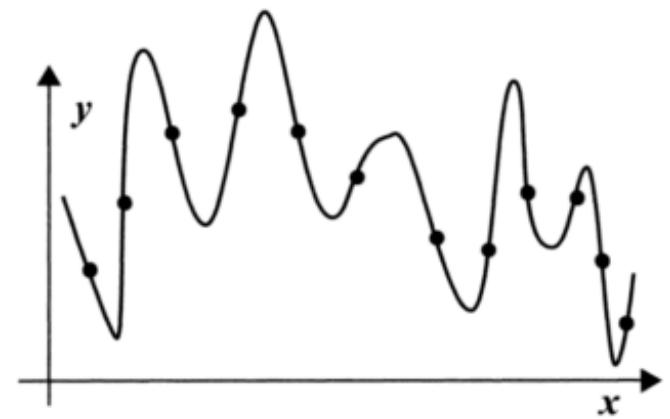
Supervised Learning



Unsupervised Learning



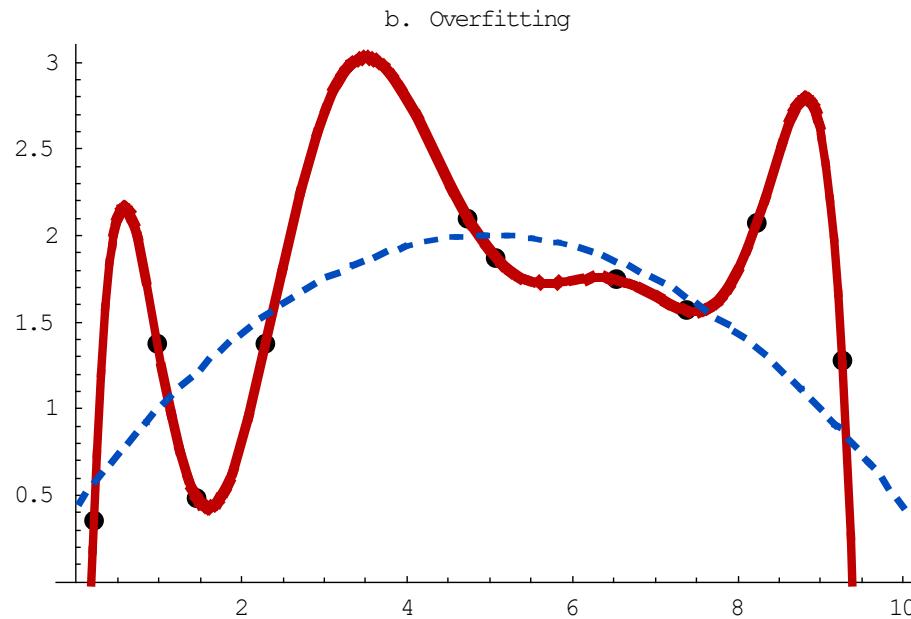
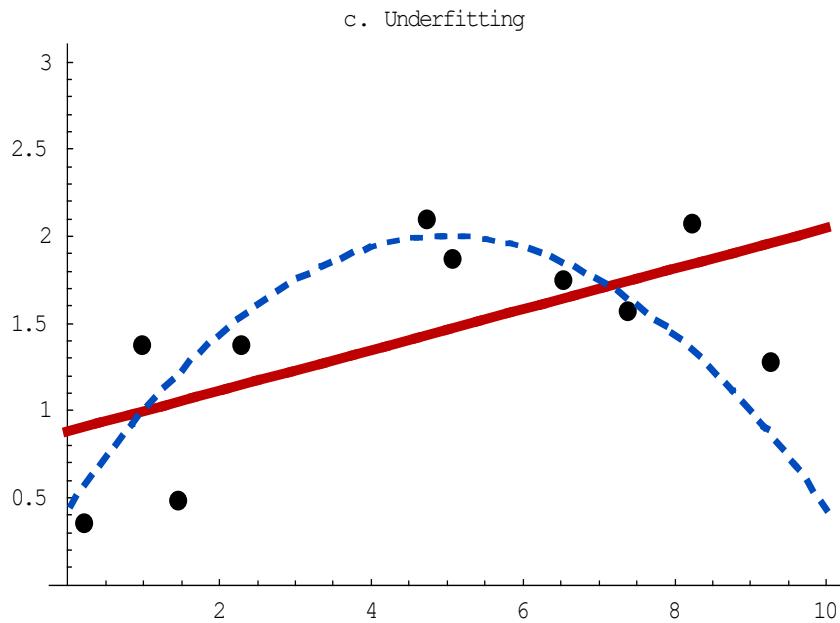
Overfitting



Problem of data-driven modelling: Overfitting

“With four parameters I can fit an elephant
and with five I can make him wiggle his trunk”.

J. von Neumann



Model Choice in a Regression Problem

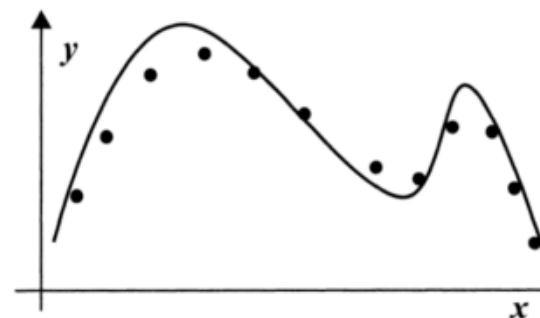
Simple model

- low variability
- oversmoothing
(underfitting)



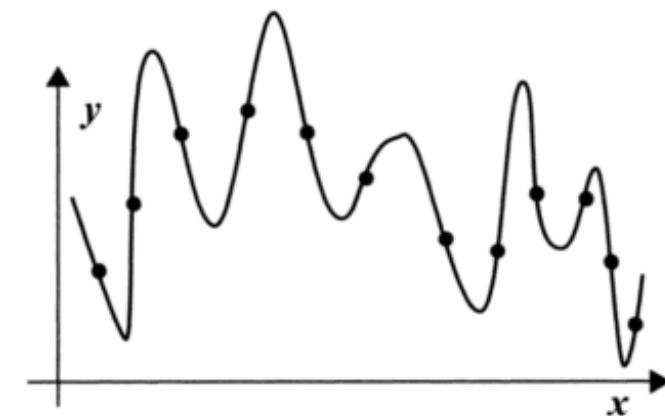
Optimal model

- Balanced complexity and data match

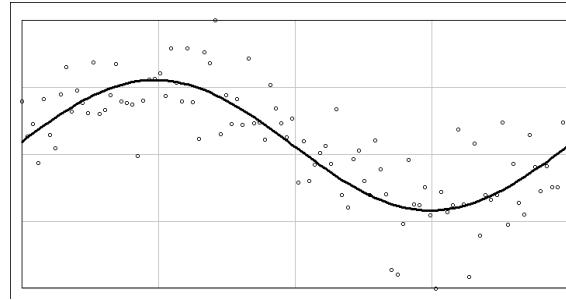


Highly complex model

- Matches the data exactly
(overfitting)
- High variability

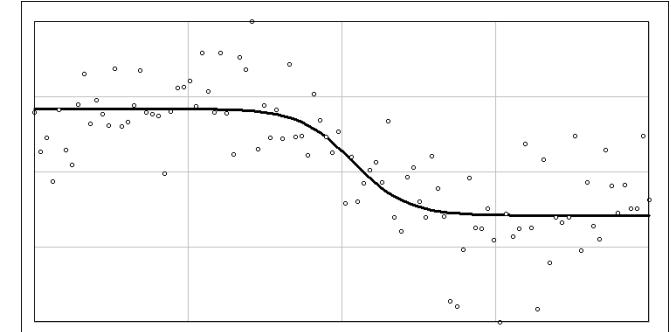


Overfitting

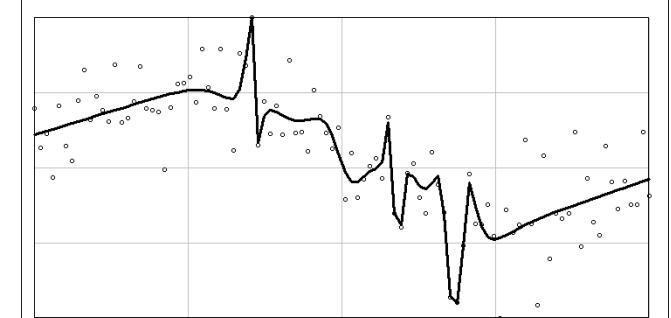
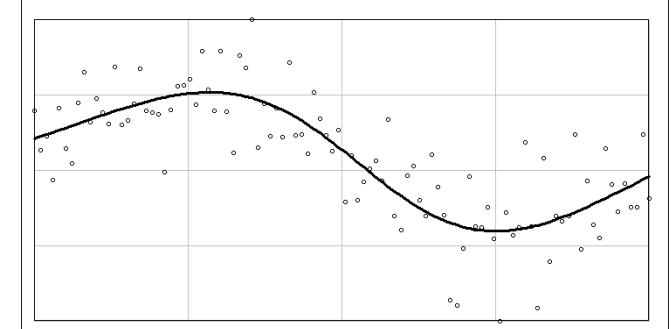


Reference

Underfitting



Overfitting



William Occam (1285 - 1349)

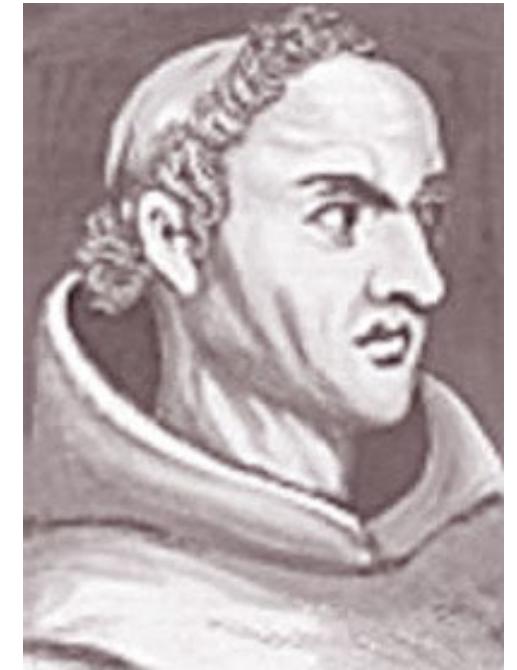
- Occam razor:

“Pluralitas non est ponenda sine necessitate”

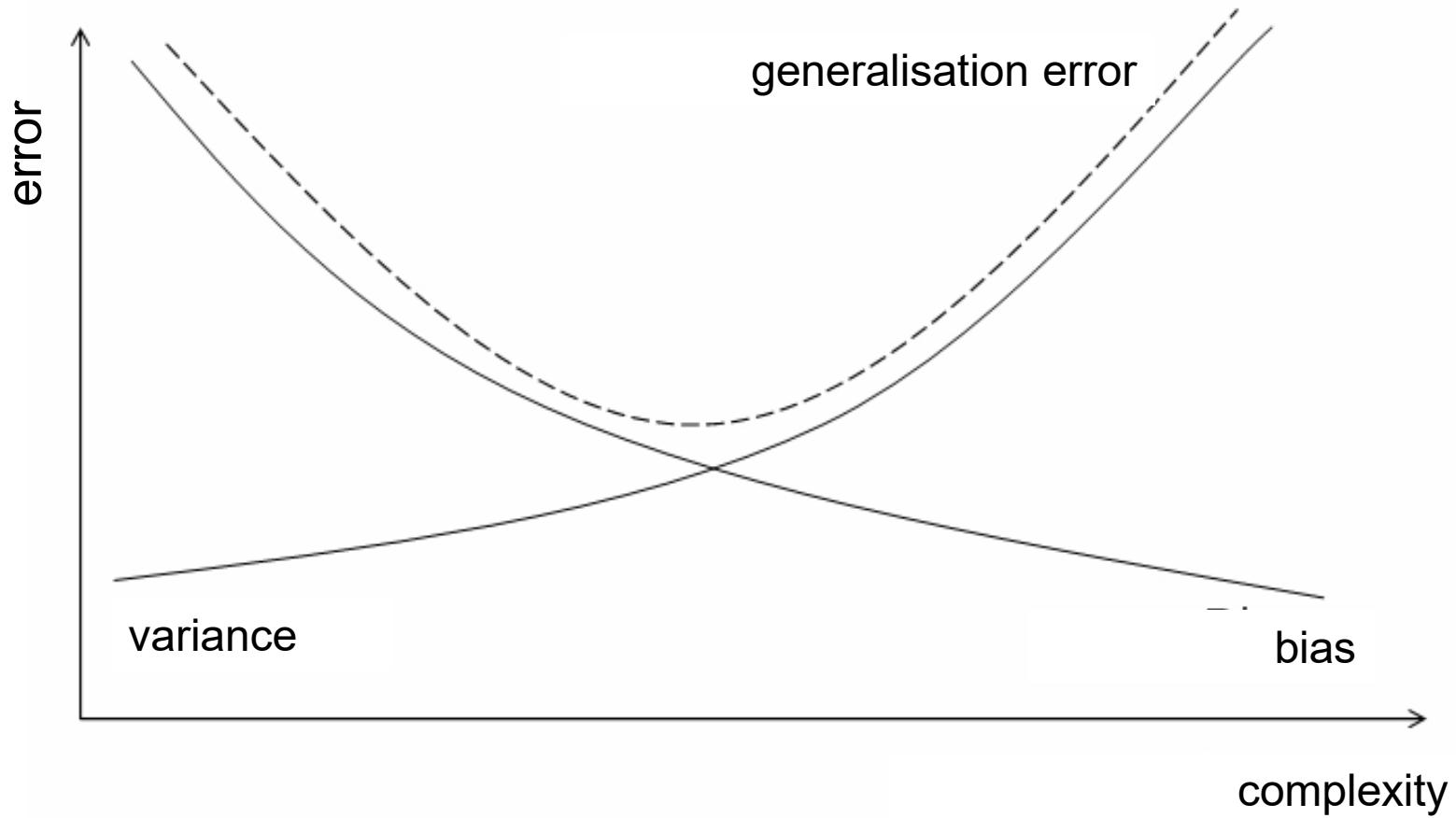
«Plurality must never be posited without necessity»

- *Wiki*

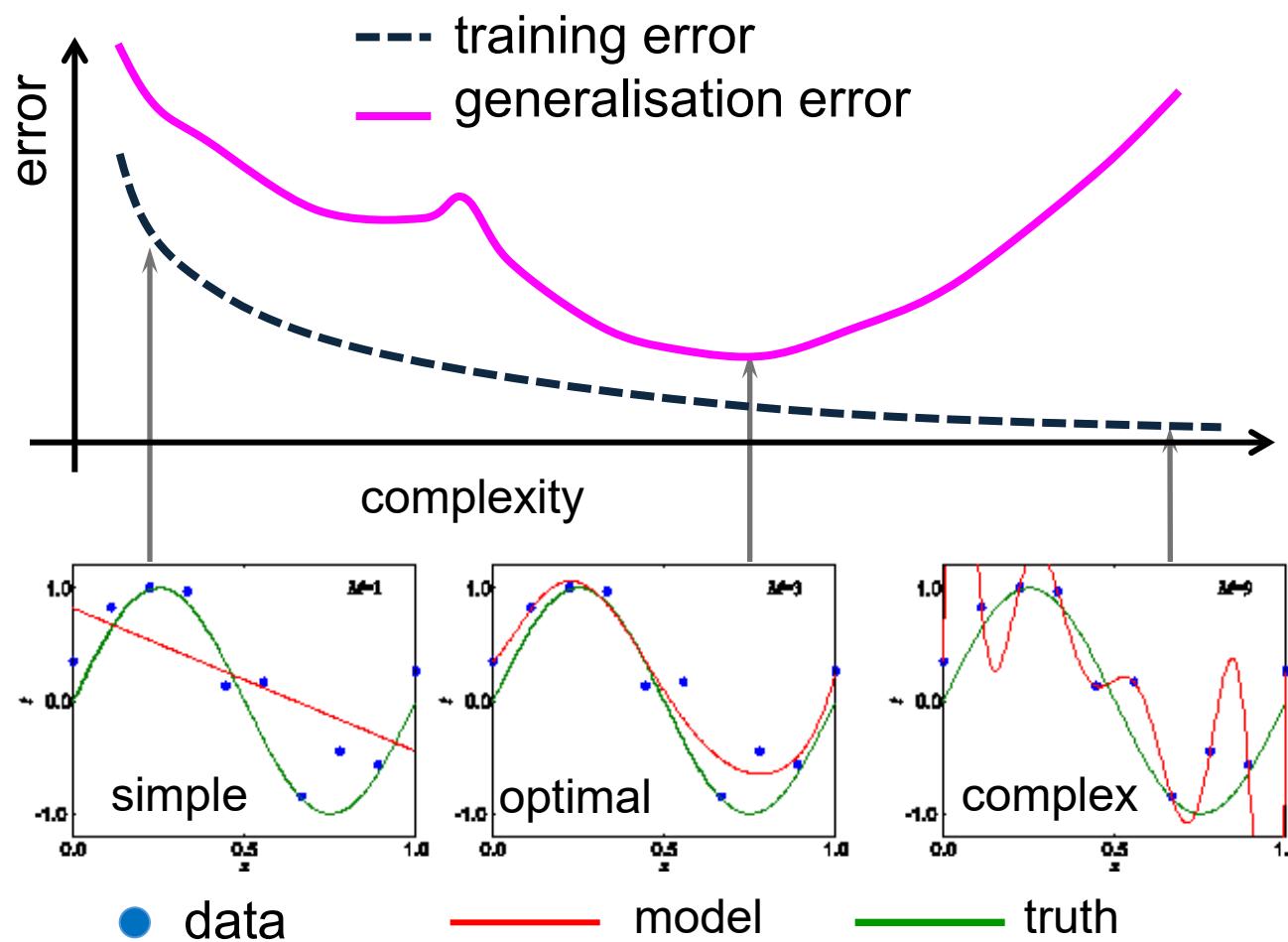
“one should proceed to simpler theories until simplicity can be traded for greater explanatory power”



Learning and generalisation



Prediction Errors and Complexity



Over-learning

- Overfitting is one of the most important problems related to learning-based algorithms is
- Estimates well known data used for training
- But is not able to generalise and accurately predict previously unseen data
- Problem of complex over-determined models
- *Solution: balance bias and variance of the estimate*
 - Divide data into training and testing(validation) sets.
 - Test (validation) set is used to control the model's ability to generalise.

Data sub-set Purpose

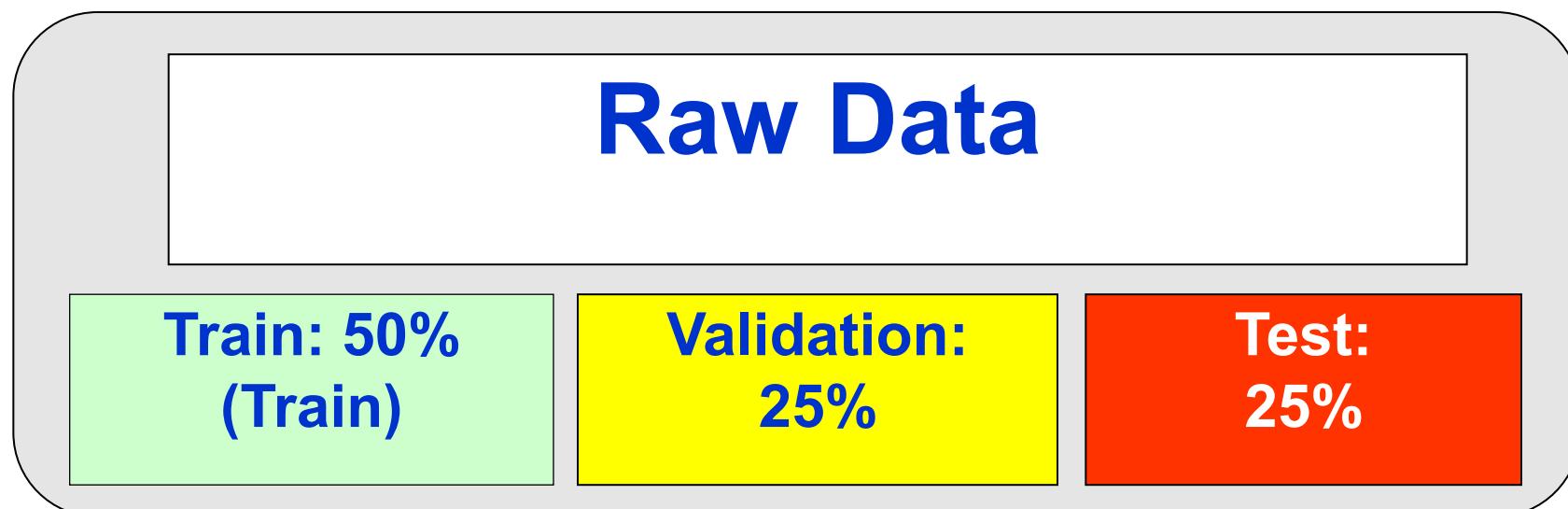
- The **training** set is used to **fit the models**
- The **validation** set is used to estimate prediction error for **model selection** (tuning hyperparameters)
- The **test** set is used for assessment of the **generalization** error of the final chosen model

The Elements of Statistical Learning- Hastie, Tibshirani & Friedman 2009

If we are in a data-poor situation – use cross-validation/leave-one-out

If we are in a data-rich situation –

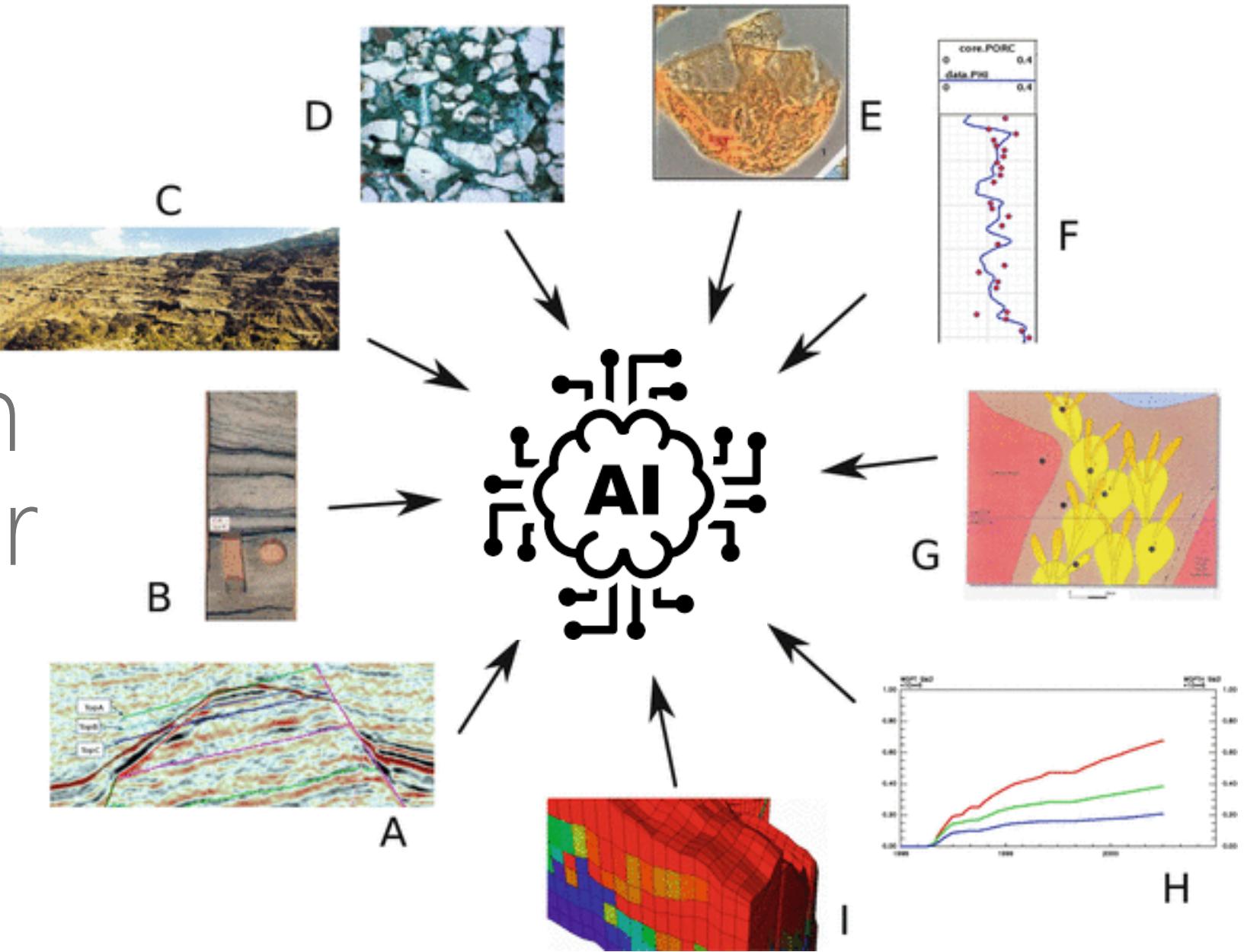
split data randomly (?)



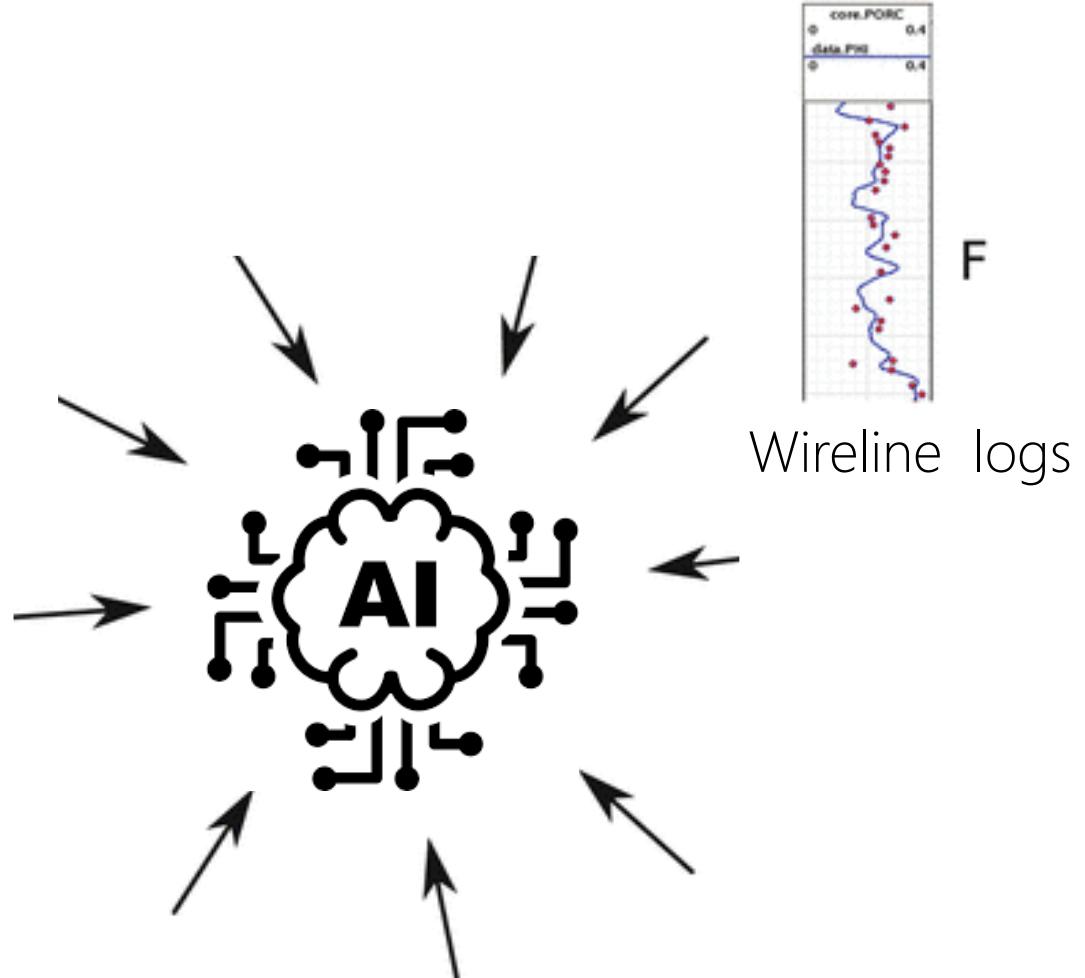
Hands-on AI application to wireline data

- Volve field
- Unsupervised clustering
- Supervised classification

Data integration in reservoir prediction modelling

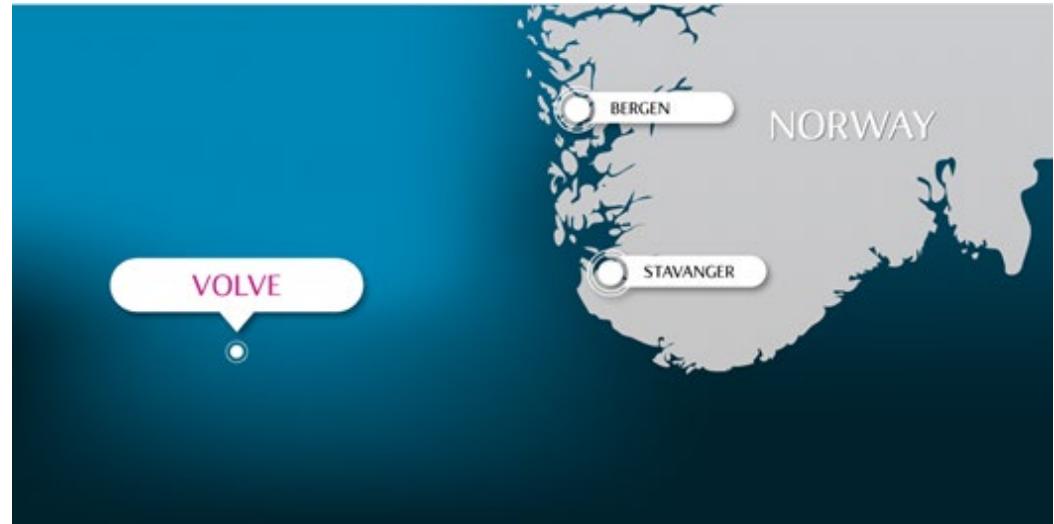


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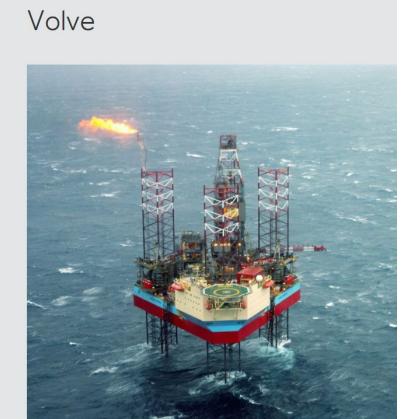


Volve Field

- The Volve oil field is located 200 kilometers west of Stavanger at the southern end of the Norwegian sector (central part of the North Sea).
- The reservoir is located at depths ranging from 2750m to 3120 m (water depth 80m).



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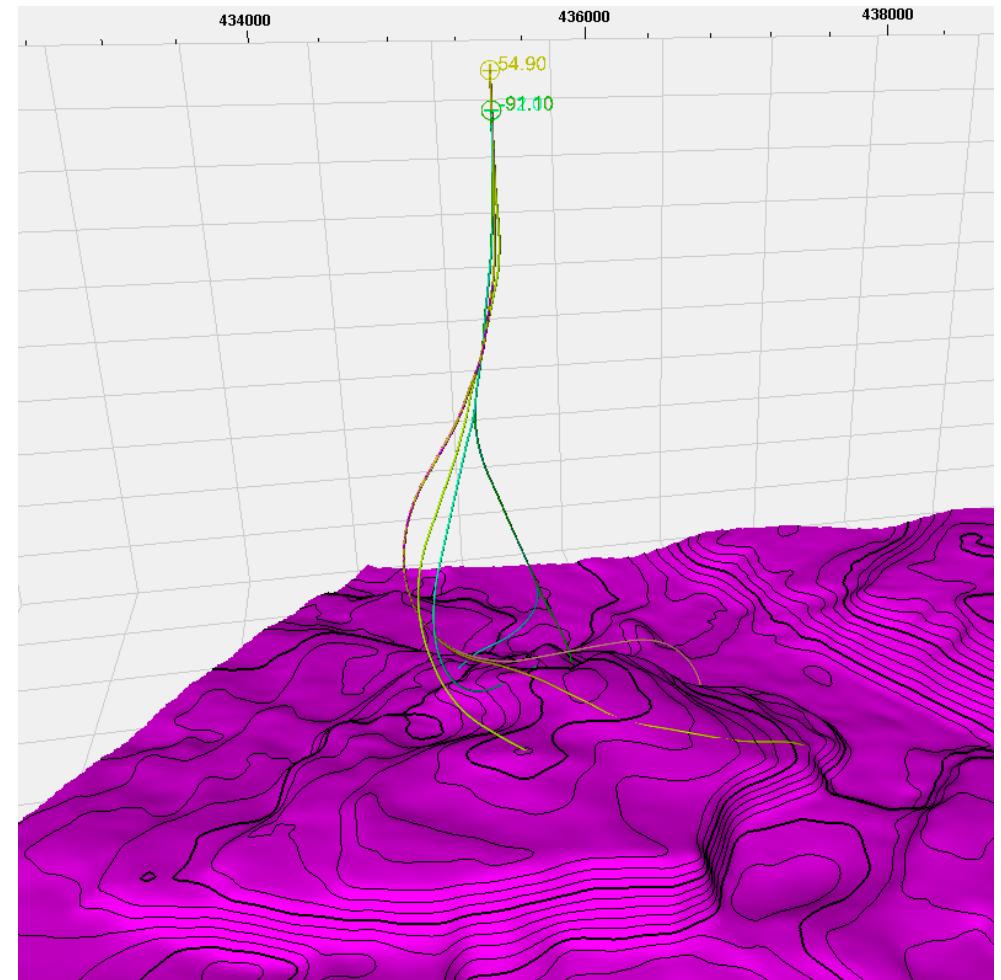


Geological context

- The environment of deposition was interpreted by Equinor to be a shallow marine mouth bar with influence of fluvio-deltaic.
- The oil was produced from sandstone in the Late Middle to Early Upper Jurassic Hugin Formation.

Data description- Volve

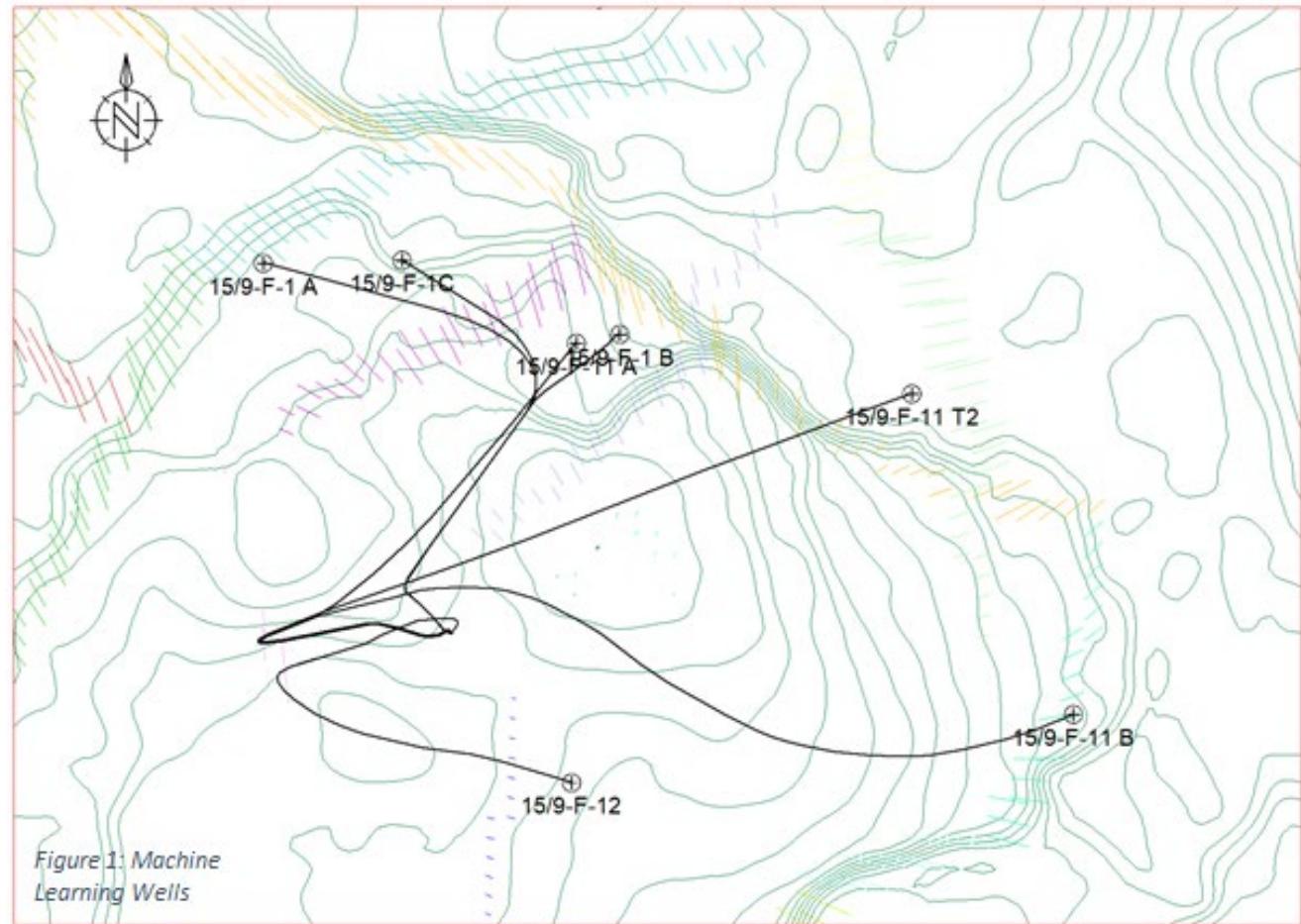
- Interpreted Wireline logs
- Core photos
- Seismic
- Simulation model (ECLIPSE)
- Geo-model (RMS)
- Production Data



Well locations

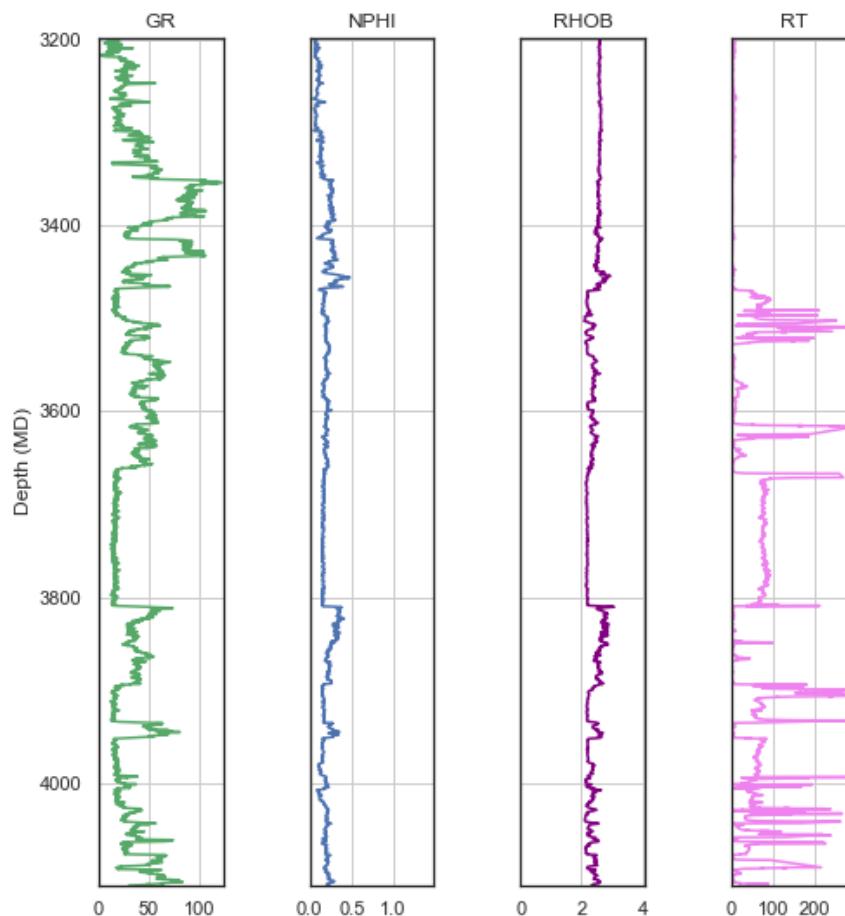
Well Names

- 15/9-F-1 A
- 15/9-F-1 B
- 15/9-F-1 C
- 15/9-F-11 A
- 15/9-F-11 B
- 15/9-F-11 T2
- 15/9-F-12



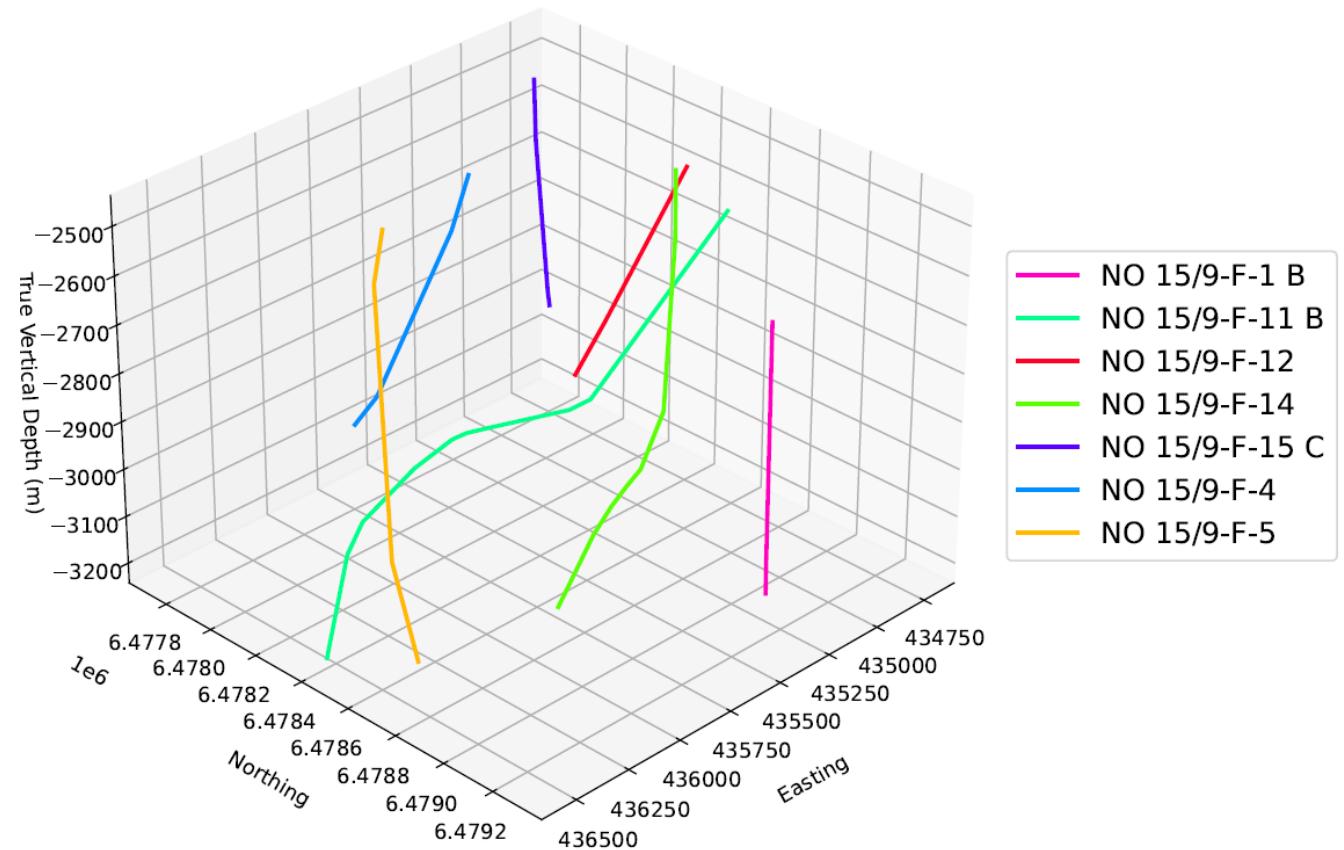
Wireline logs from six wells

NPHI DT GR PEF RHOB RT



BVW VSH KLOGH

3D Visualisation of Volvo Field Wells



Data Visualisation

Hands-on

Data visualisation. Notebook 1

<https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1hmBqXKjBpnfH3wIN5t80Zw0RXz98fRk9?usp=sharing>



Exercise 1

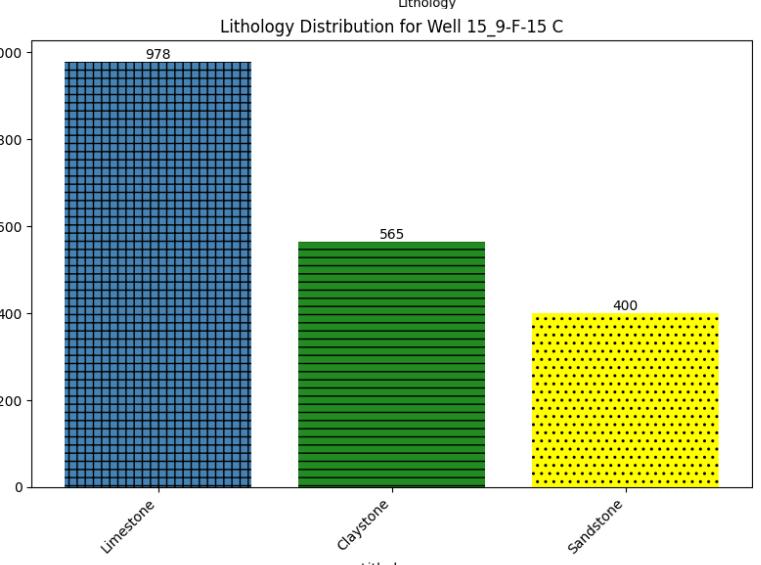
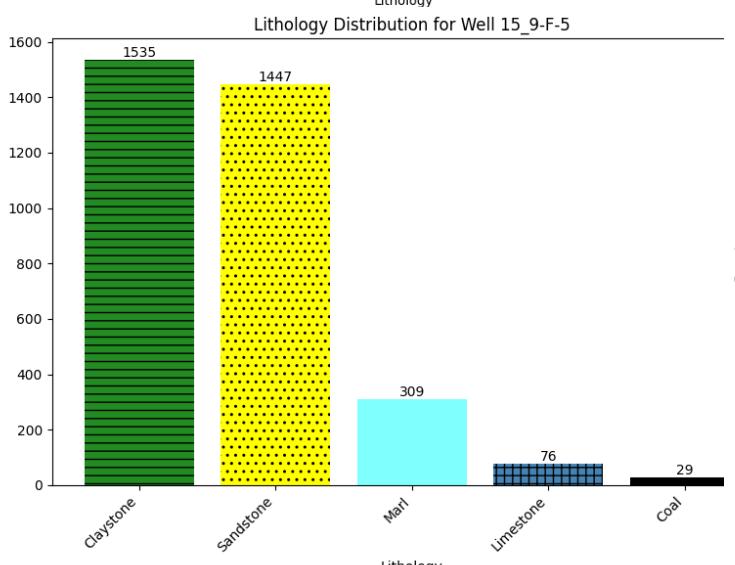
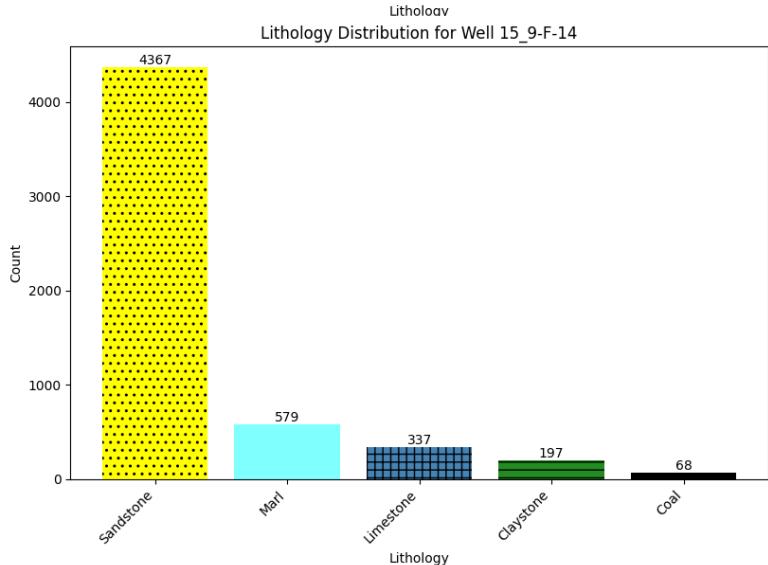
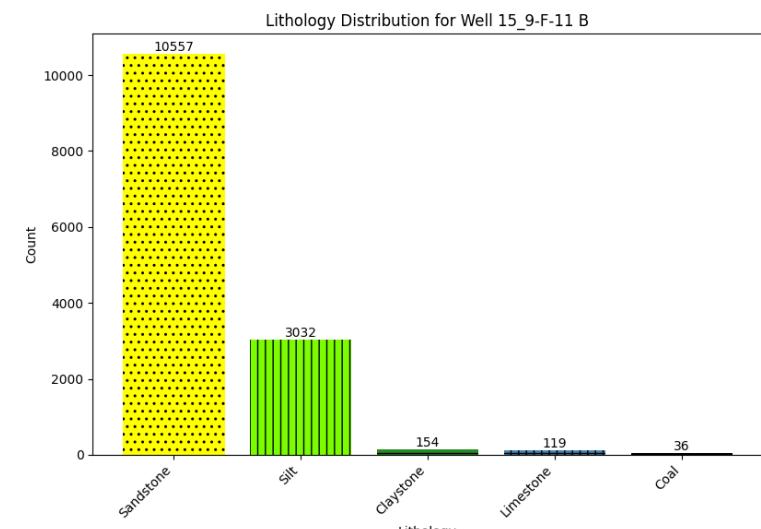
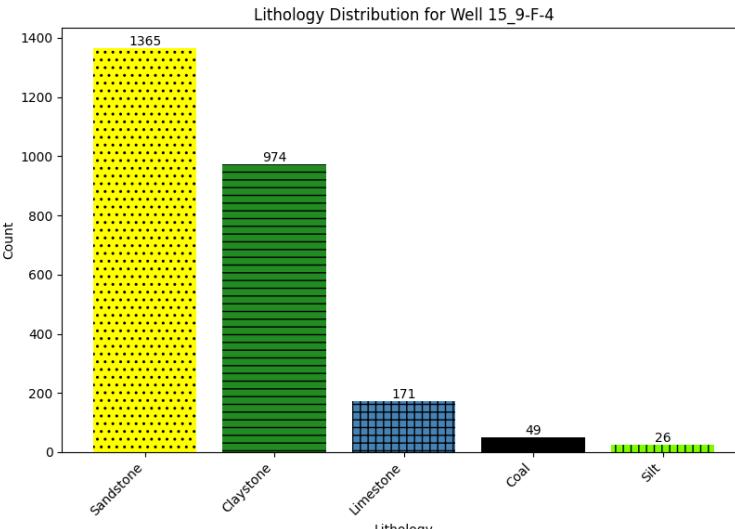
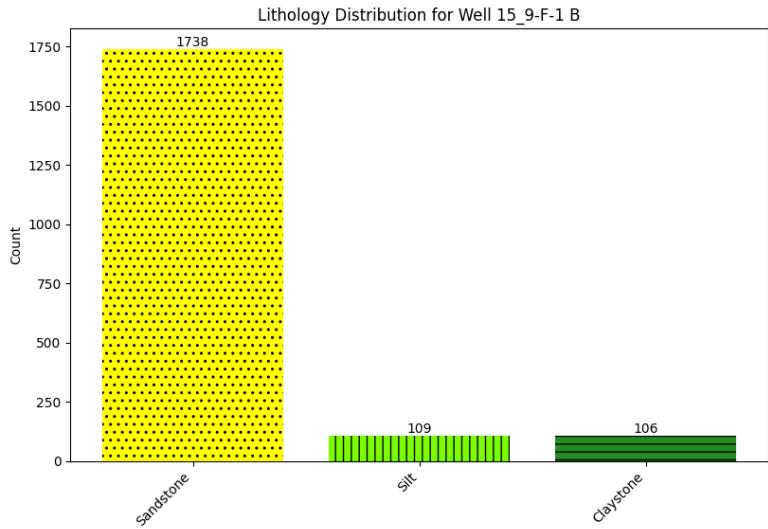
Task 1.1: Run python code to visualise:

- Lithology distribution in a well
- Wireline log panel for a well
- Cross plot wireline (may have to use log scale)
- Save plots in Word/PowerPoint (Copy image/Paste)

Task 1.2: Select a different well

- Repeat Task 1.1, compare the wells.
- Decide which wells would you select for training/testing/validation for the next exercises.

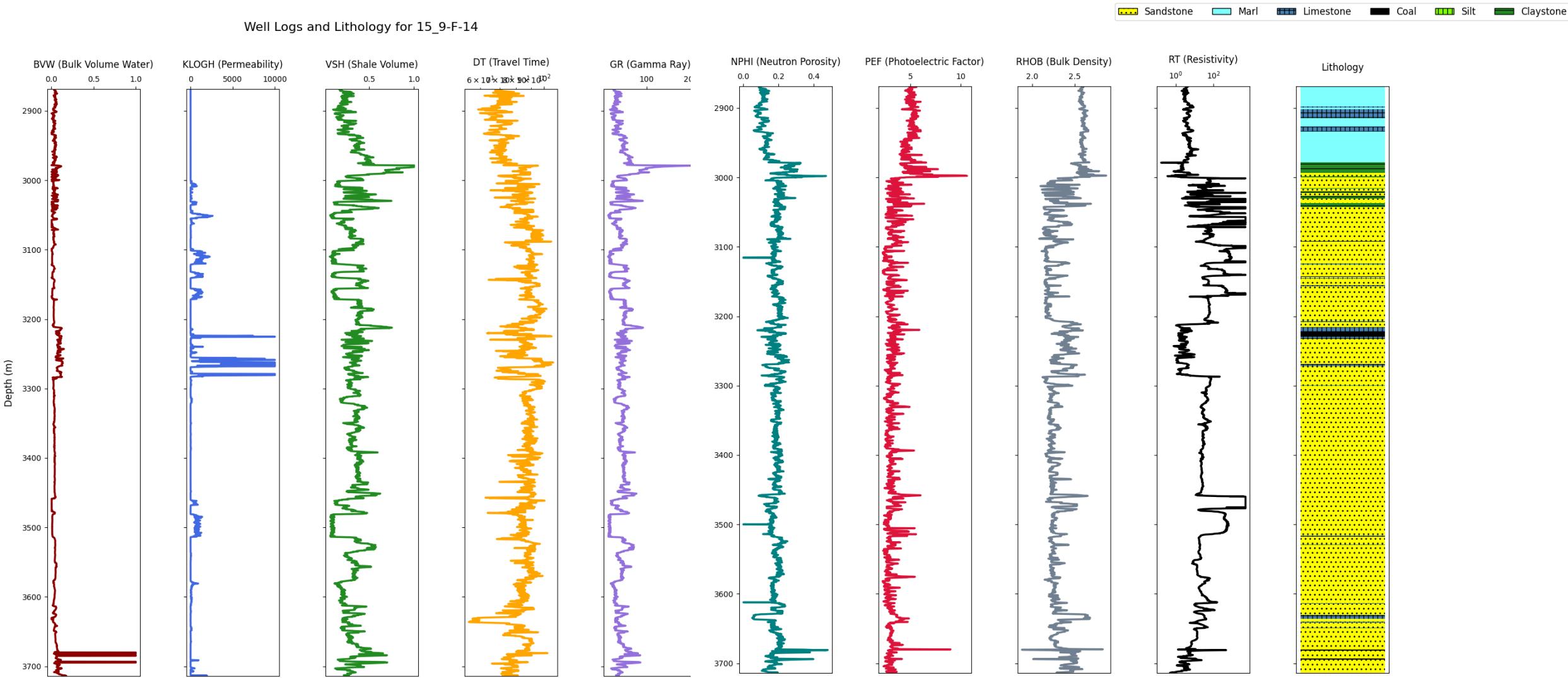
Lithofacies



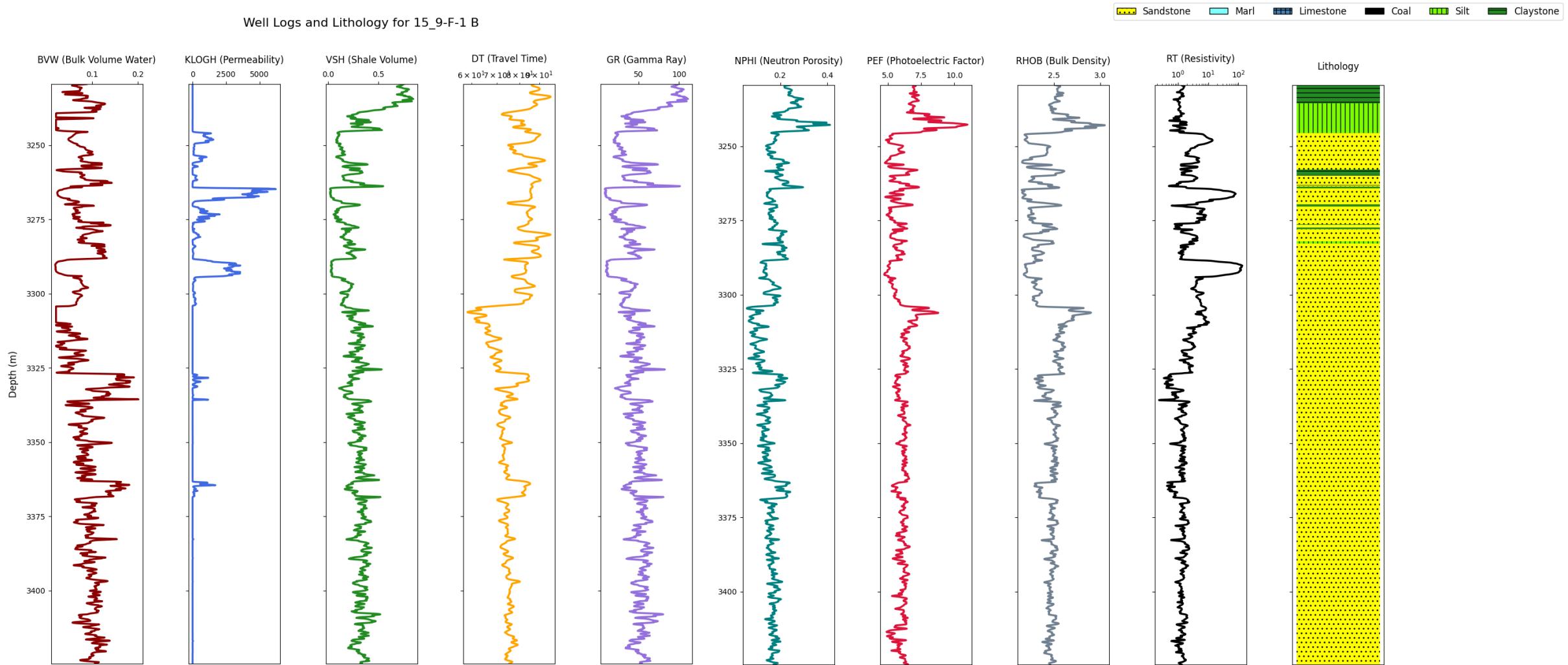
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 ■ Sandstone
 ■ Marl
 ■ Limestone
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 ■ Claystone

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Well data: 15_9-F-14

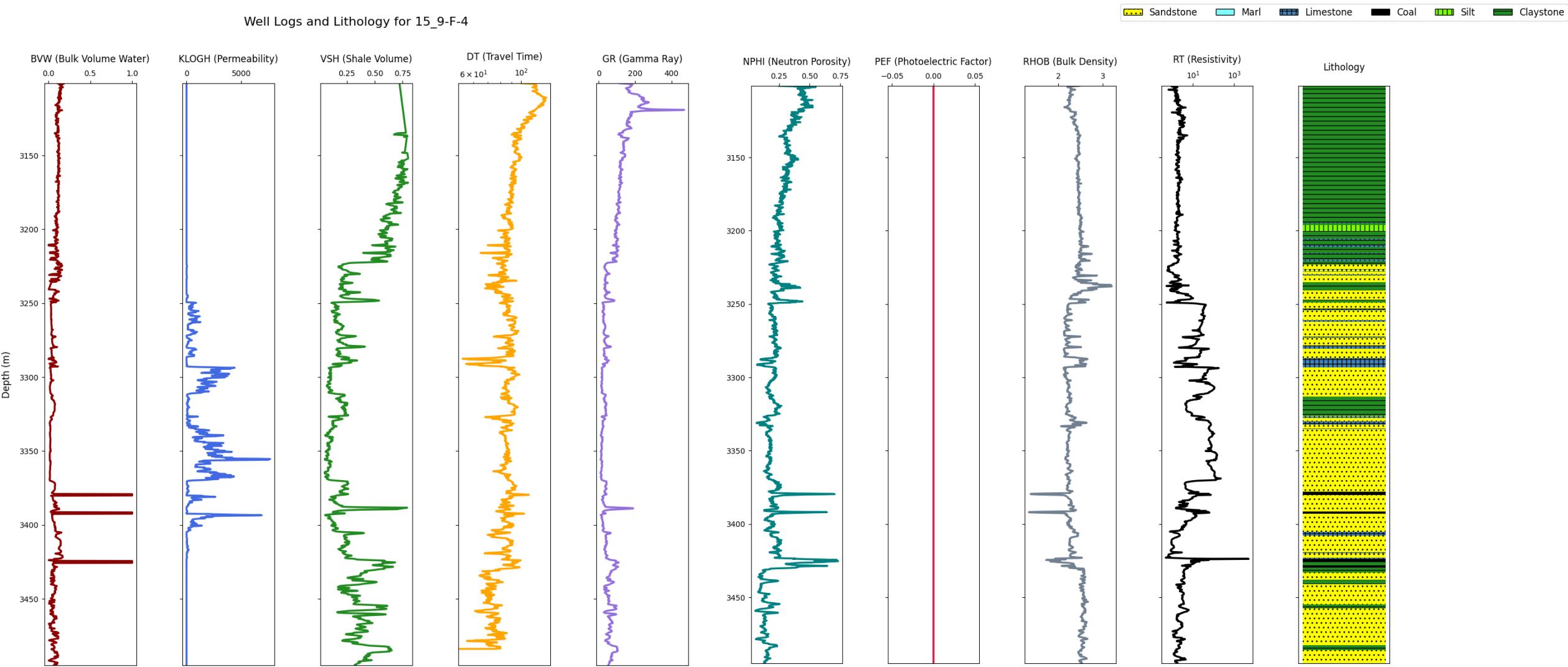


Well data: 15_9-F-1 B

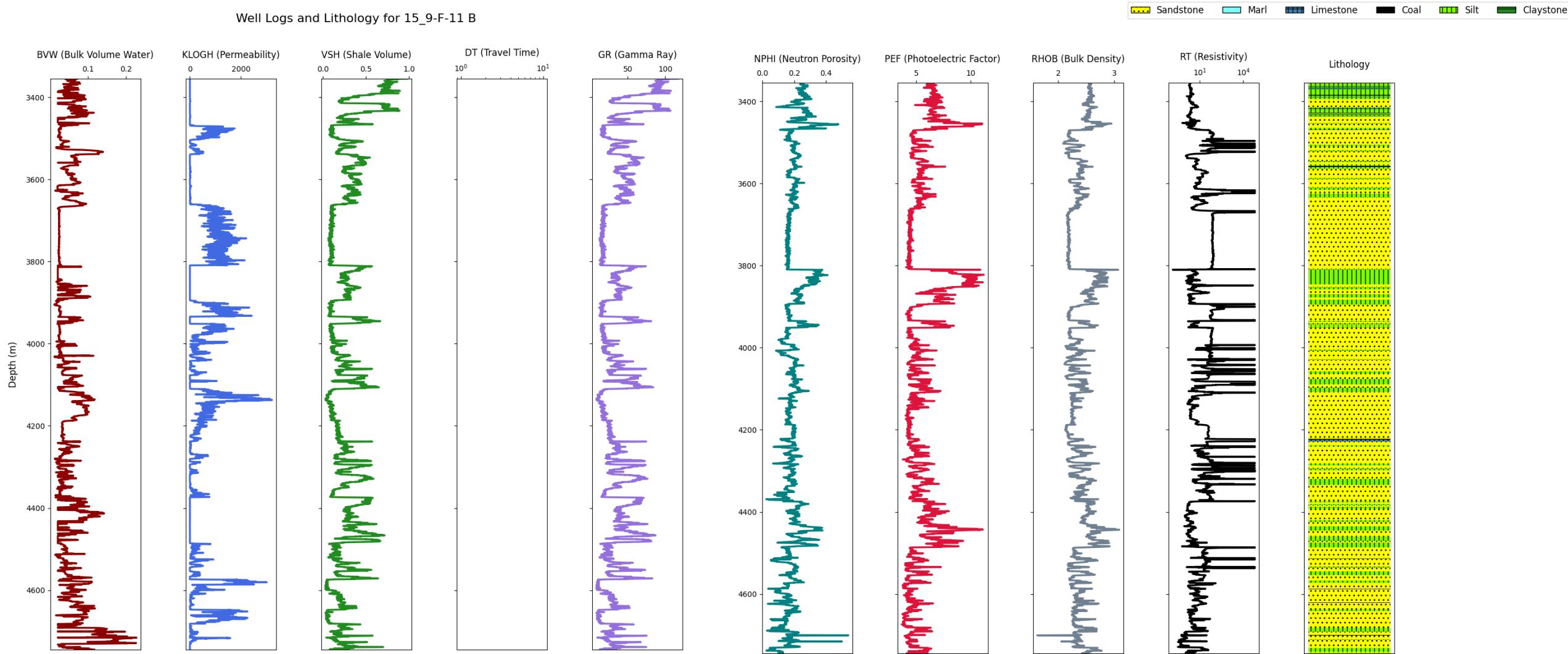


Well data: 15_9-F-4

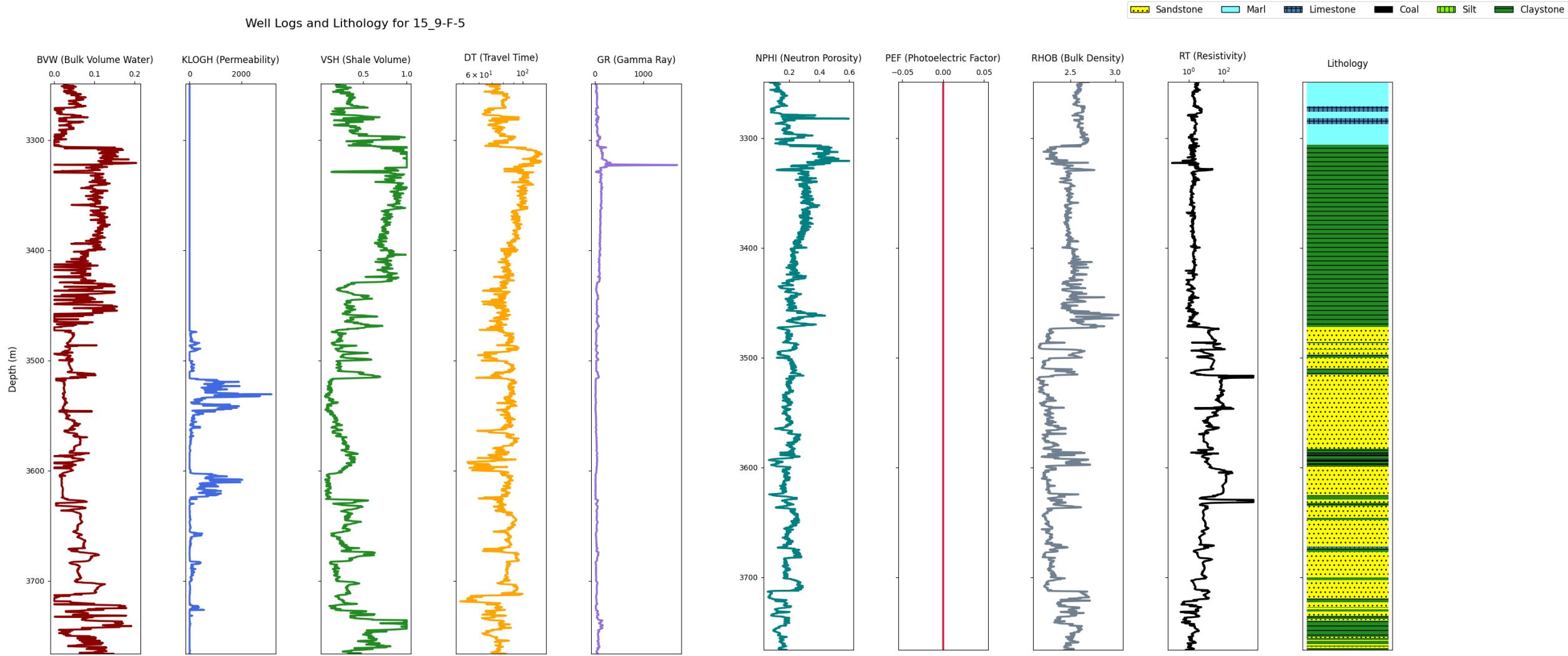
Well Logs and Lithology for 15_9-F-4



Well data: 15_9-F-11 B



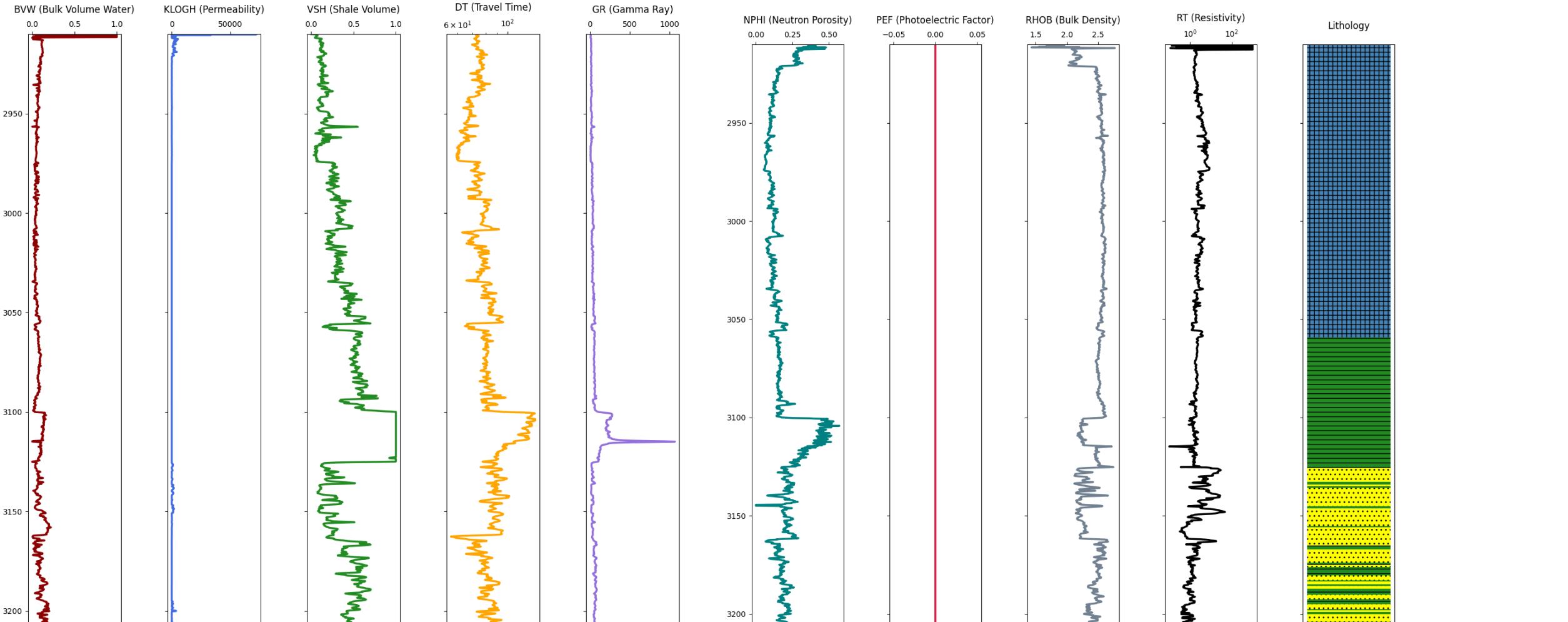
Well data: 15_9-F-5



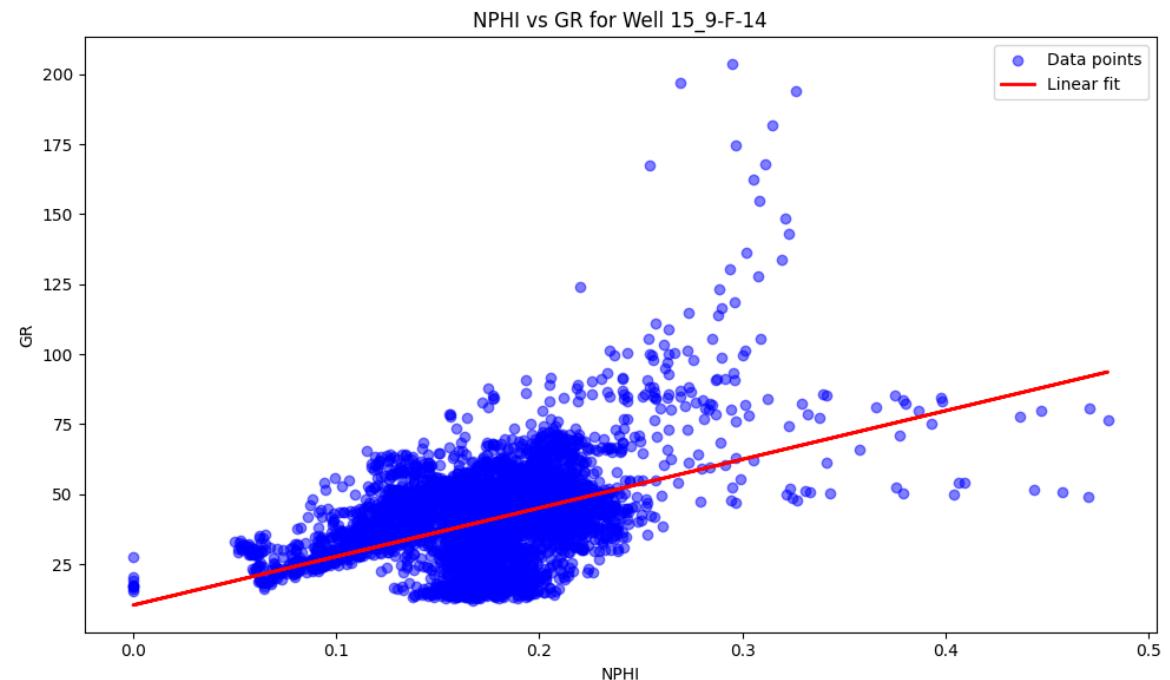
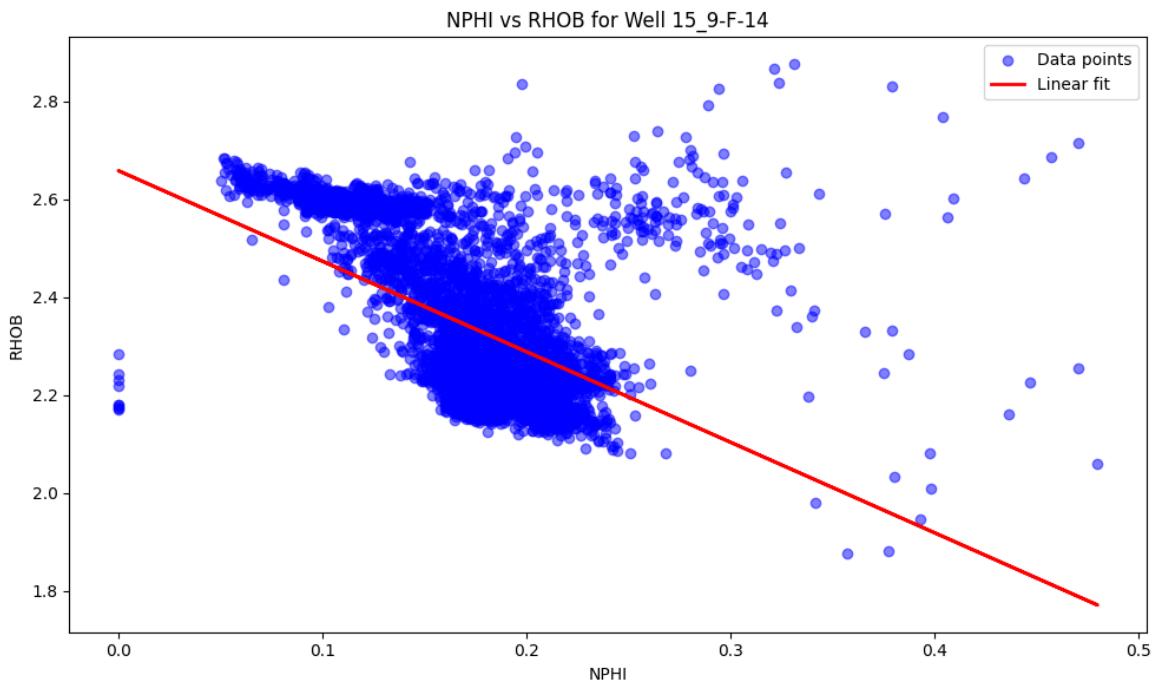
Well data: 15_9-F-15 C

Well Logs and Lithology for 15_9-F-15 C

Legend:
Sandstone (Yellow)
Marl (Cyan)
Limestone (Blue)
Coal (Black)
Silt (Green)
Claystone (Dark Green)



Cross plots



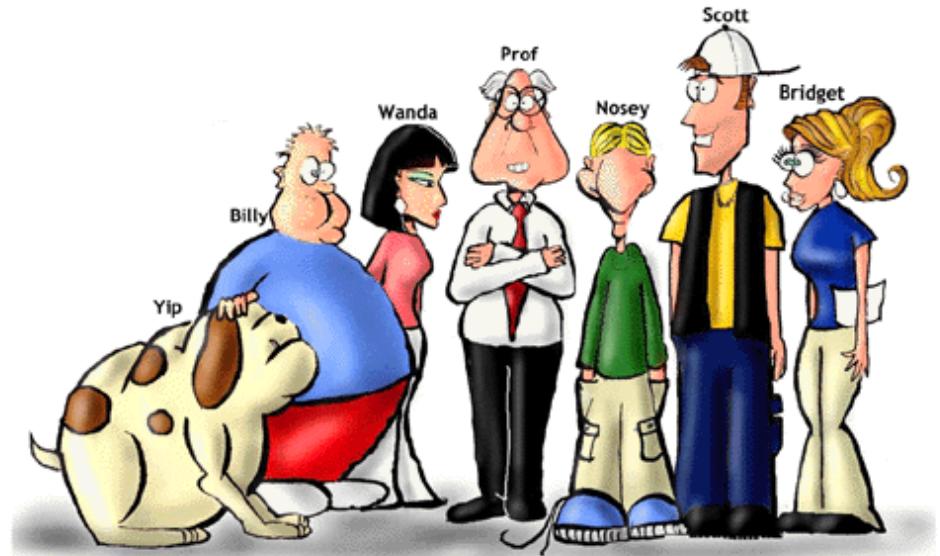
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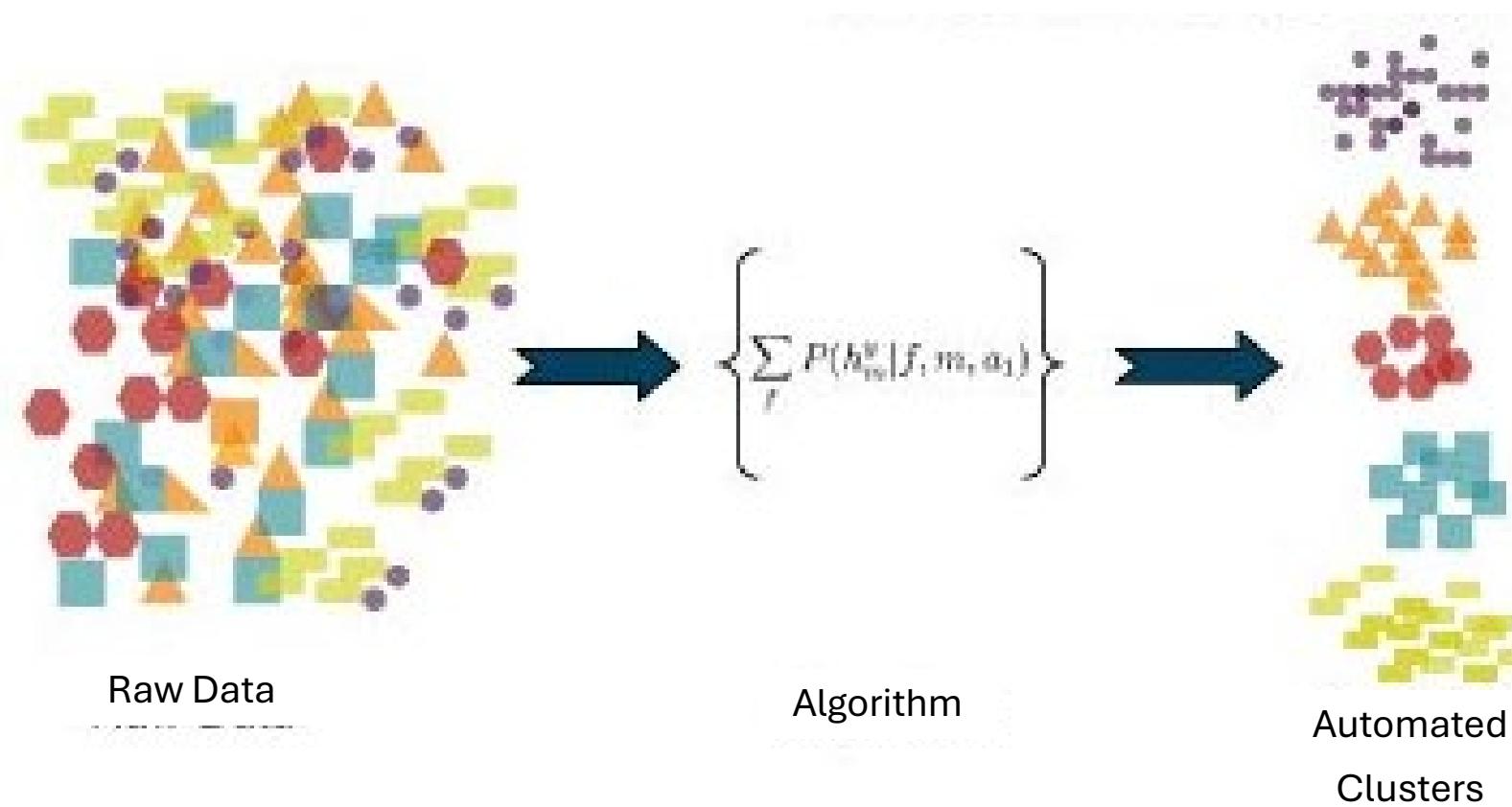
Unsupervised Learning

Training with no answer available

- How fast will they run 100 yards?
- How can we know without a trial?
 - Group them by prior info:
 - height, weight, age, etc.
 - Make limited number of trials with typical group members

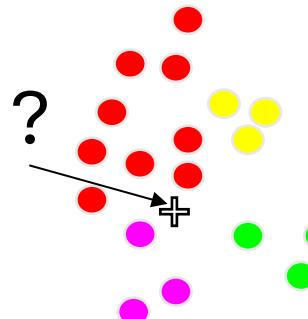


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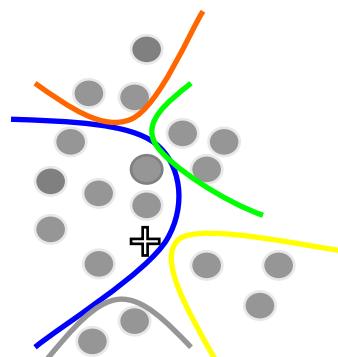


Unsupervised learning tasks

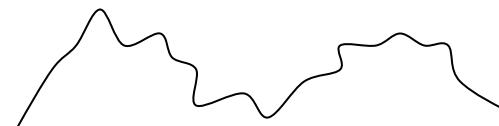
- Pattern classification



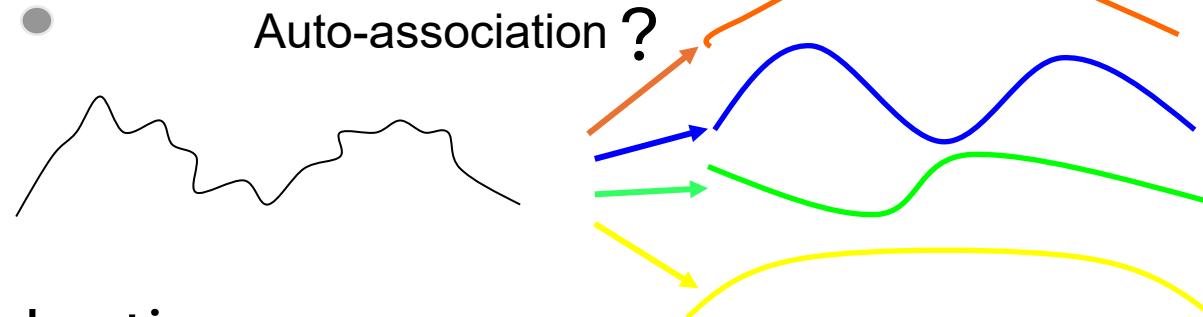
- Clustering



- Auto-association

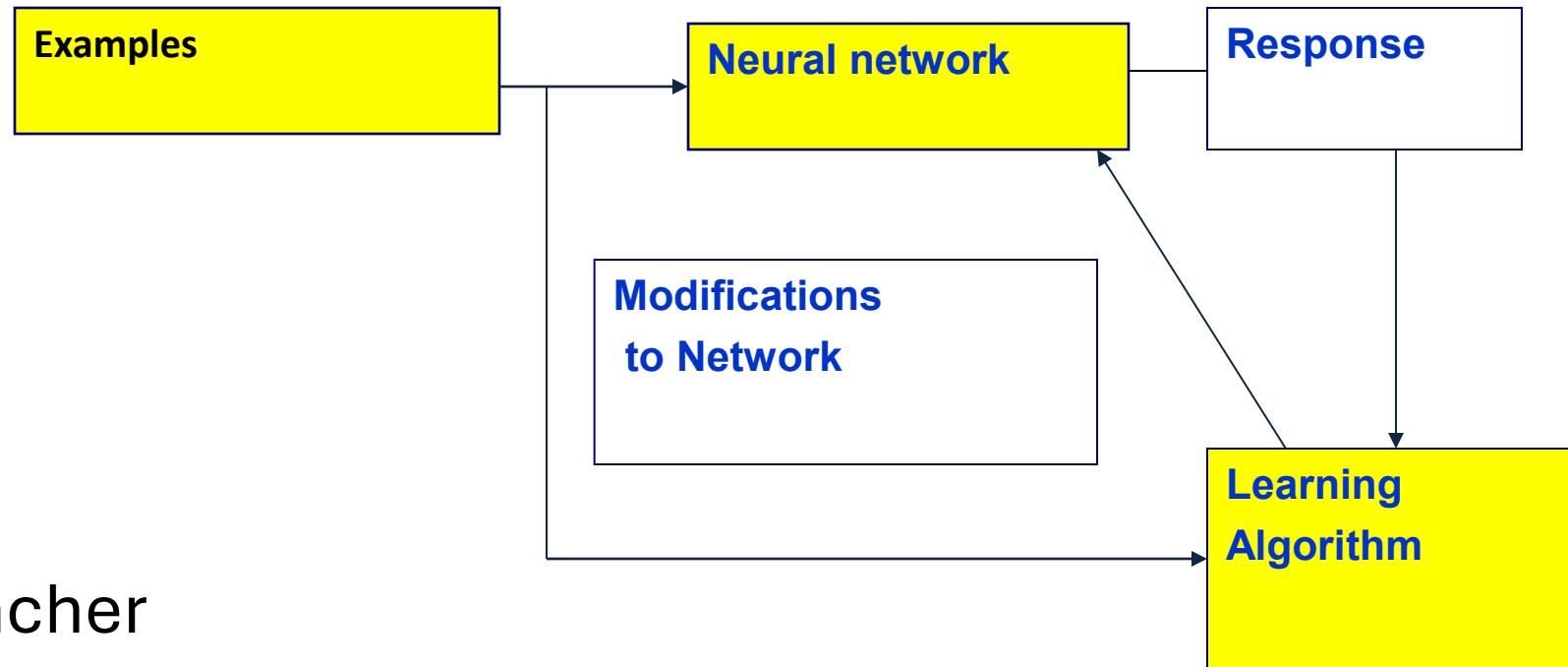


- Dimensionality reduction



- Outliers/anomaly detection

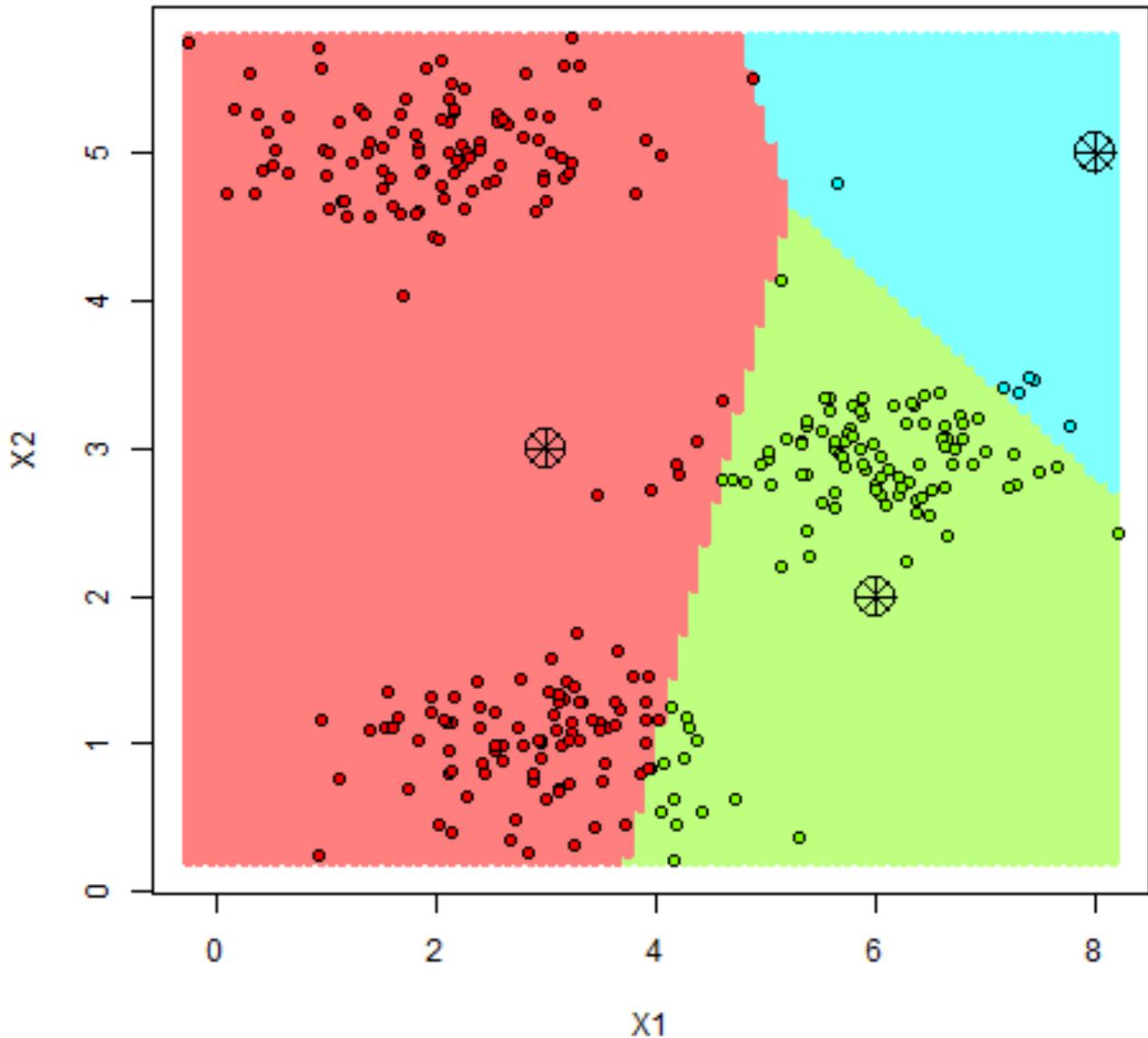
Unsupervised learning



- No external teacher
- Task-independent measure of quality
- Learn features of the input (no outputs)

K-Means clustering

Iteration number 1



K-Means Algorithm

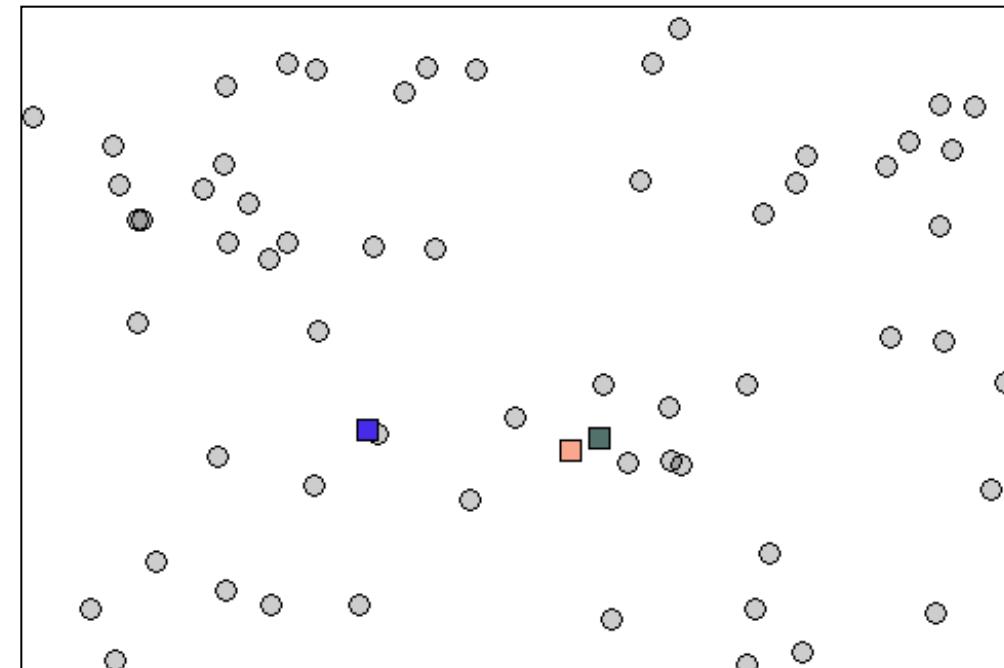
Partitions data according to distance minimisation to cluster centres

$$V = \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j \in S_i} |x_j - \mu_i|^2$$

where there are k clusters S_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$

μ_i is the central point of all the points x_j in the cluster i

Random placement
of centres



K-Means Algorithm

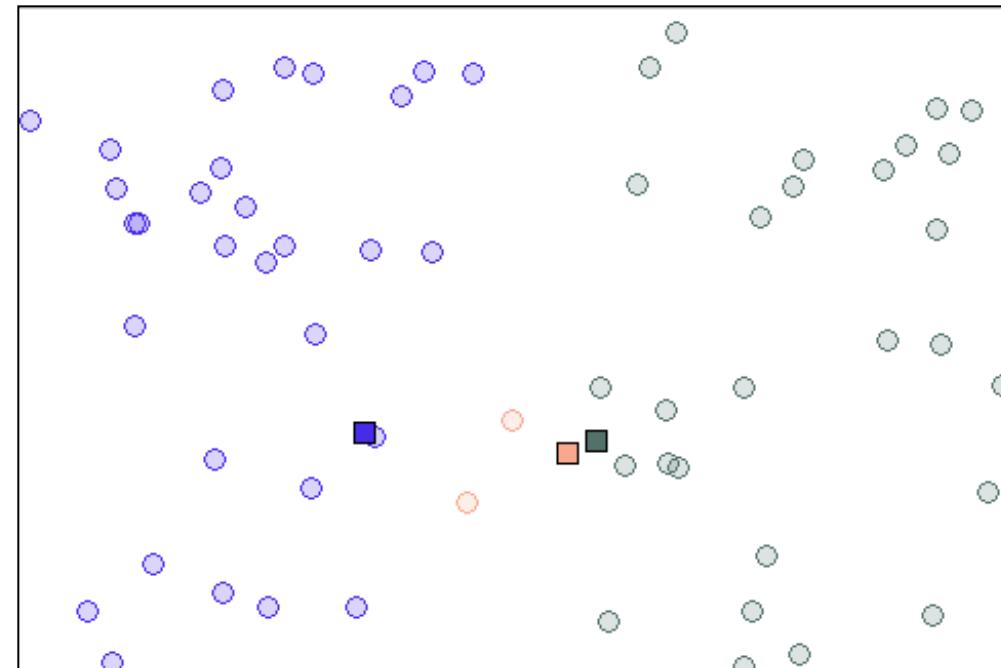
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Associate points
with centres



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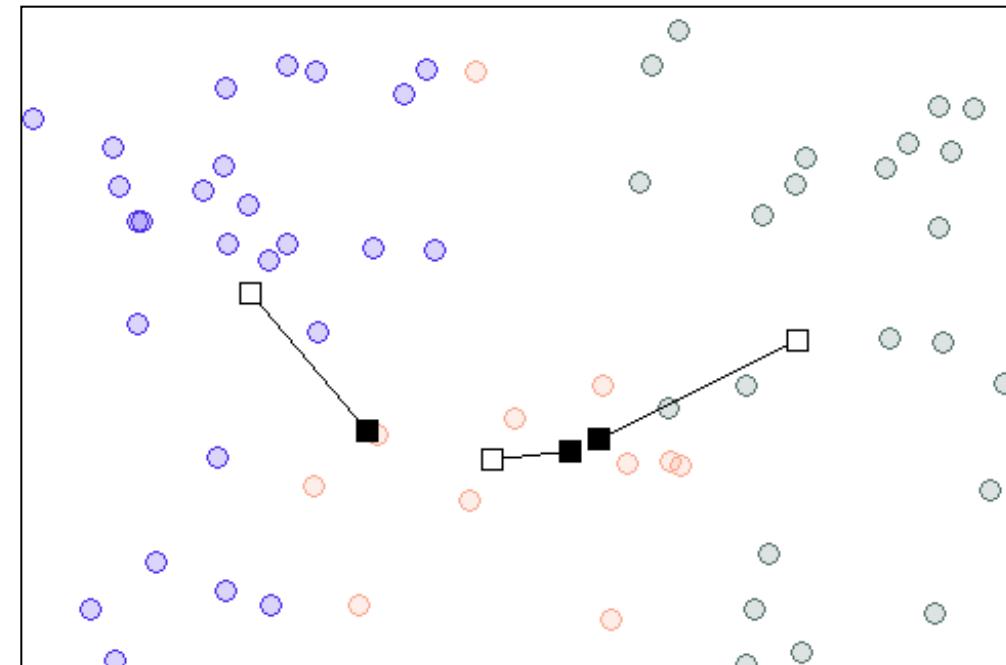
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Move centres to the middle of each group and re-associate the points with new centres



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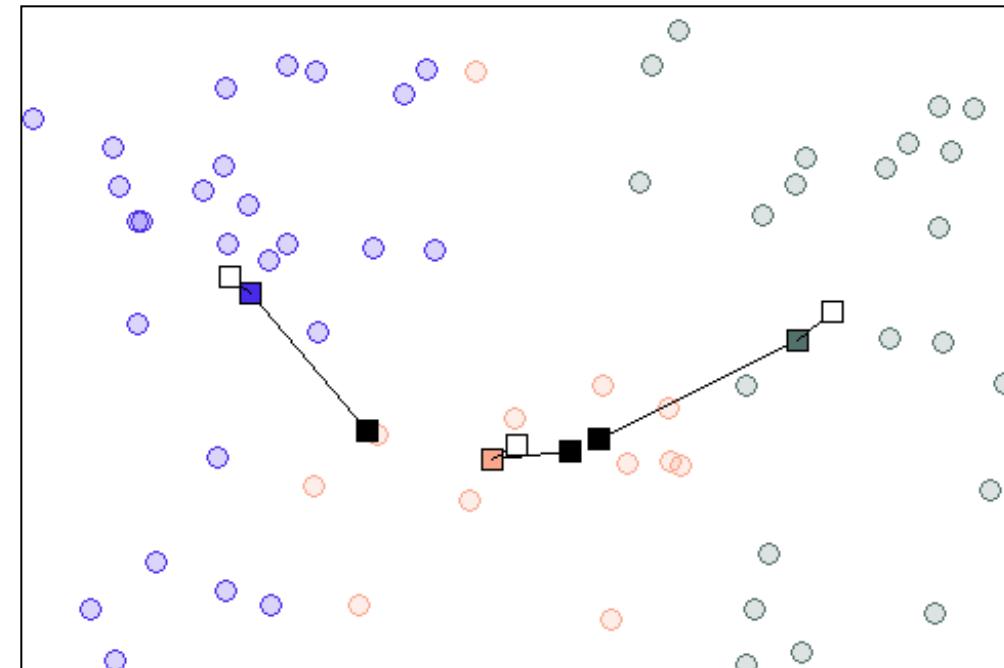
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Iteratively move the
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minimising V



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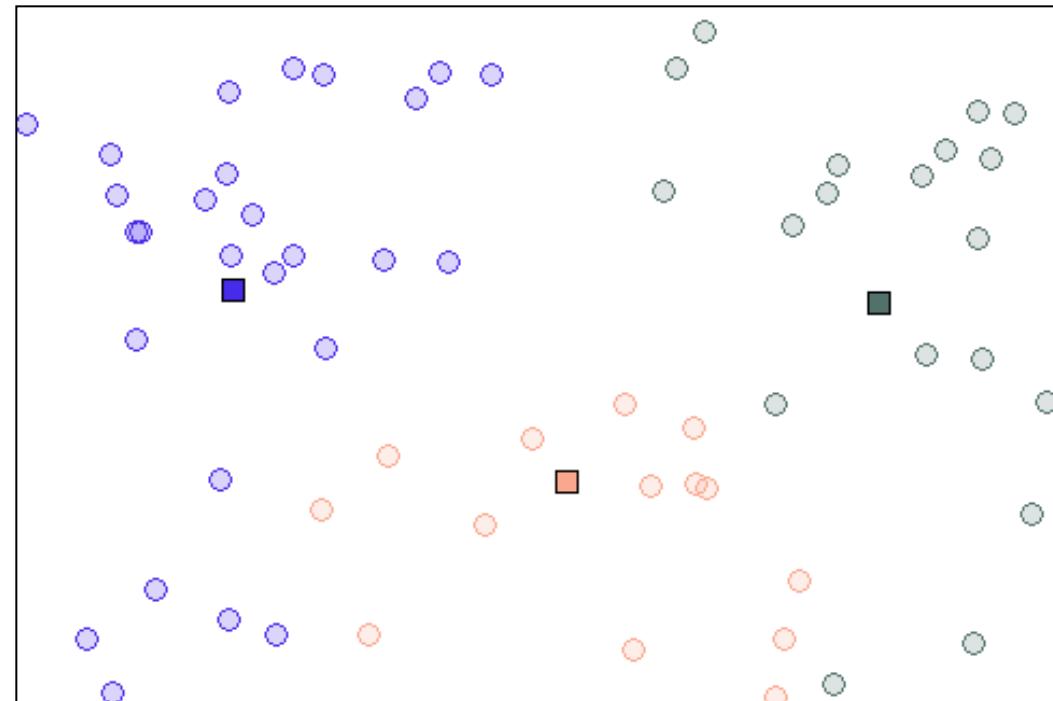
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Converge



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Abstract

Reservoir development decisions strongly depend on our understanding on reservoir heterogeneity, which is often subject to sparse and conflicting data, interpretational bias and constraints imposed by the modelling assumptions. The work tackles a challenging task of accurately and quickly identifying and describing uncertainty in the spatial distribution of reservoir heterogeneity derived from geological well data and with respect to a geological concept. We propose a metric based machine-learning approach to identify and describe spatial trends in reservoir heterogeneity/facies property distribution using wireline and production data.

We demonstrate how the proposed method can help to partition reservoir heterogeneity and discover and verify spatial trends for a real mature producing field in the Western Siberia. The obtained clustering of reservoir facies based on the wireline logs (alpha-SP) demonstrated a good agreement with the reservoir zonation based on manual log interpretation and the geological concept. Clustering based on individual well production profiles has confirmed the reservoir partitioning and matched some of the reservoir features aligned with the prevailing geological concept. The outcome of the proposed method helps to improve the facies distribution model by integrating the discovered spatial trends into a geostatistical model and account for uncertainty in the depositional scenario that is difficult to quantify based on manual interpretation.

Introduction

The interpretation of geological reservoir heterogeneity is one of the major reservoir uncertainty that is usually inferred from different data types: well logs, core data, seismic, production data analysis, etc. as well as based on the geological understanding to derive the conceptual interpretation. Reservoir zonation is commonly used to introduce large scale spatial trends and differentiate between depositional zones according to the derived interpretational concept. This approach is traditionally used to tackle non-stationarity in spatial reservoir property distribution. Reservoir zonation and spatial trends constitute principle uncertainty that is vital to assess in reservoir modellings, simulation and forecasting studies.

Clustering Application

Hands-on

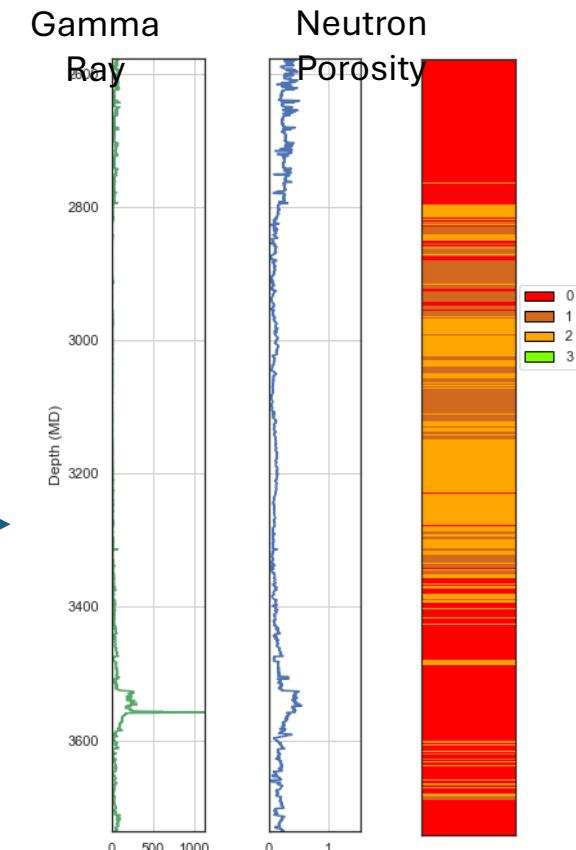
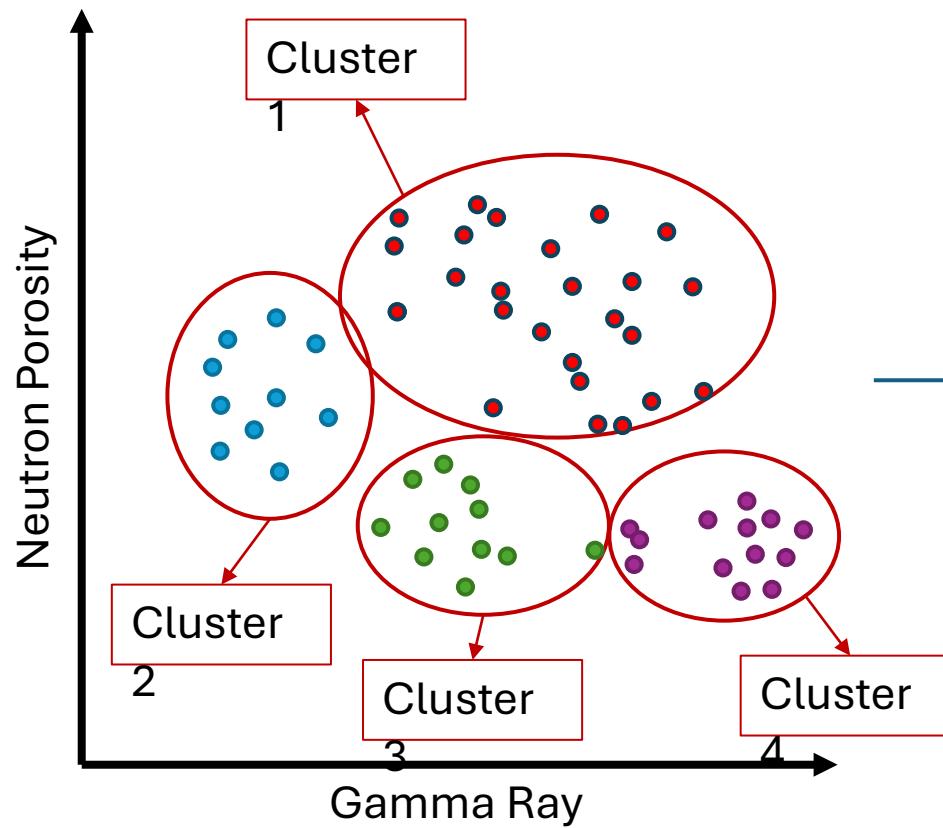
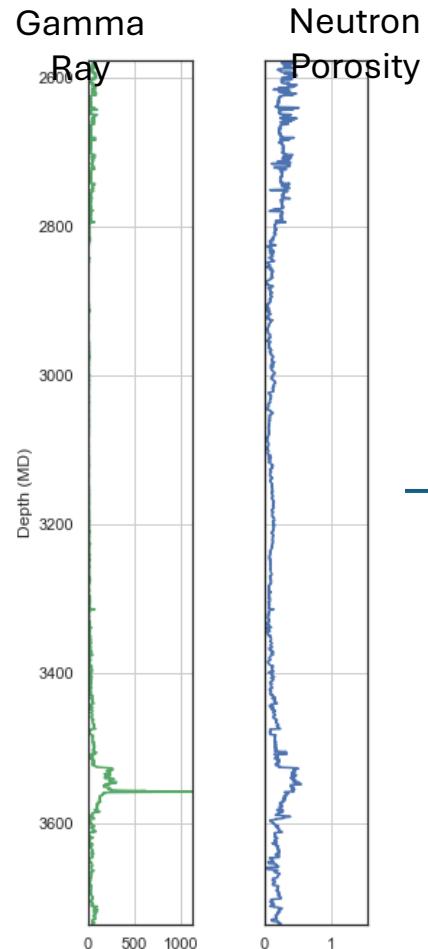
Unsupervised Clustering. Notebook 2

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Objective of the exercise

How clustering can help identify lithology classes by similarities in wireline log data?



Exercise 2

Task 2.1: Run python code to cluster wireline log input combination:

- Select 15_9-F4 for **training** and 15_9-F5 for **testing**
- Select input logs: **BVW**, **KLOGH**, **VSH**, **GR**, **NPHI**, **RHOB**, **RT**
- Select number of k clusters from inertia plot: 4
- Compare clustered groups with the interpreted lithofacies
- Save plots in Word/PowerPoint (Copy image/Paste)

Task 2.2: Select a different number of **k** clusters

- Repeat Task 2.1

Task 2.3: Select a different combination of input logs

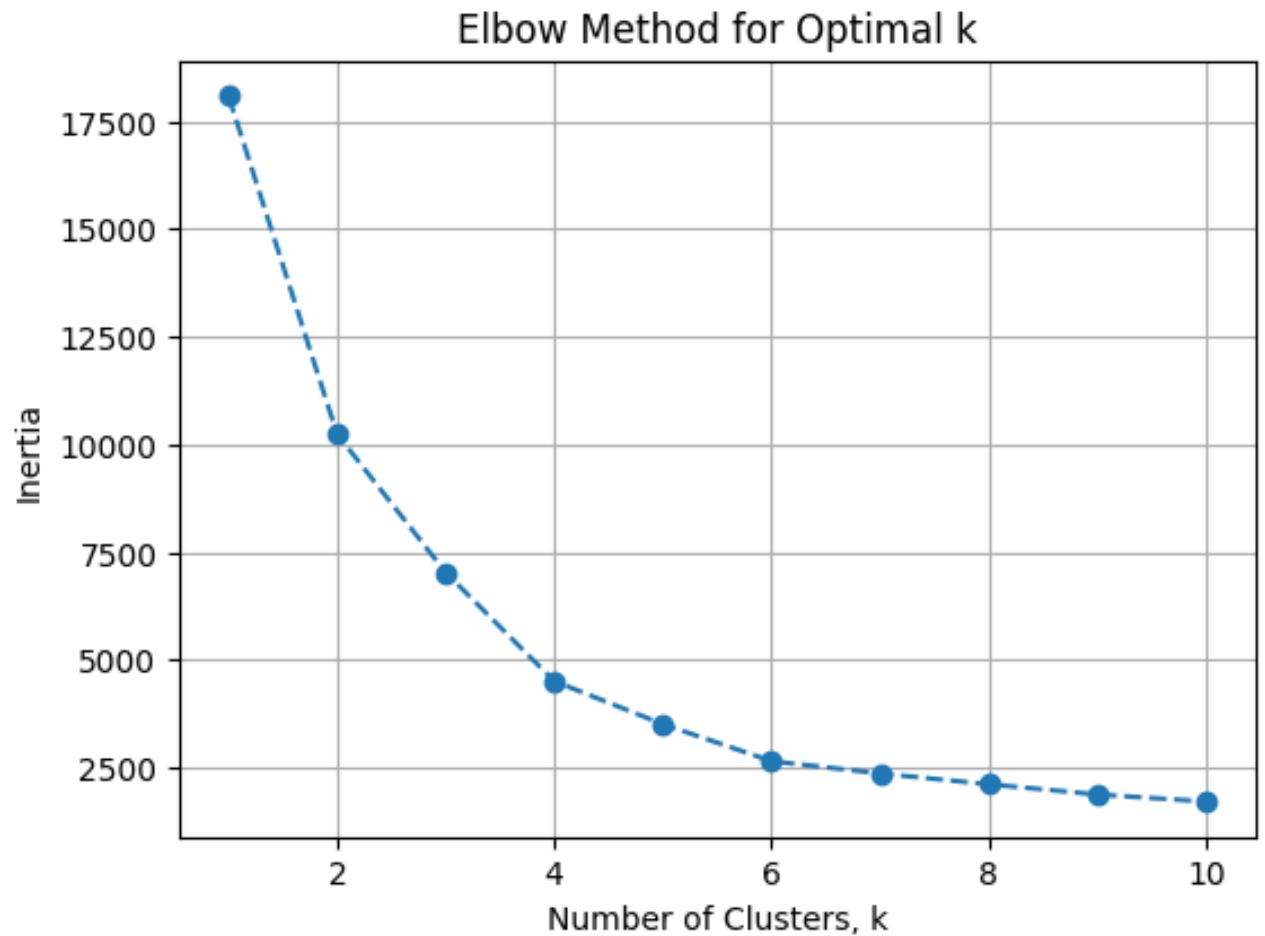
- Repeat Tasks 2.1 and 2.2

Task 2.3: Select different wells for training/testing

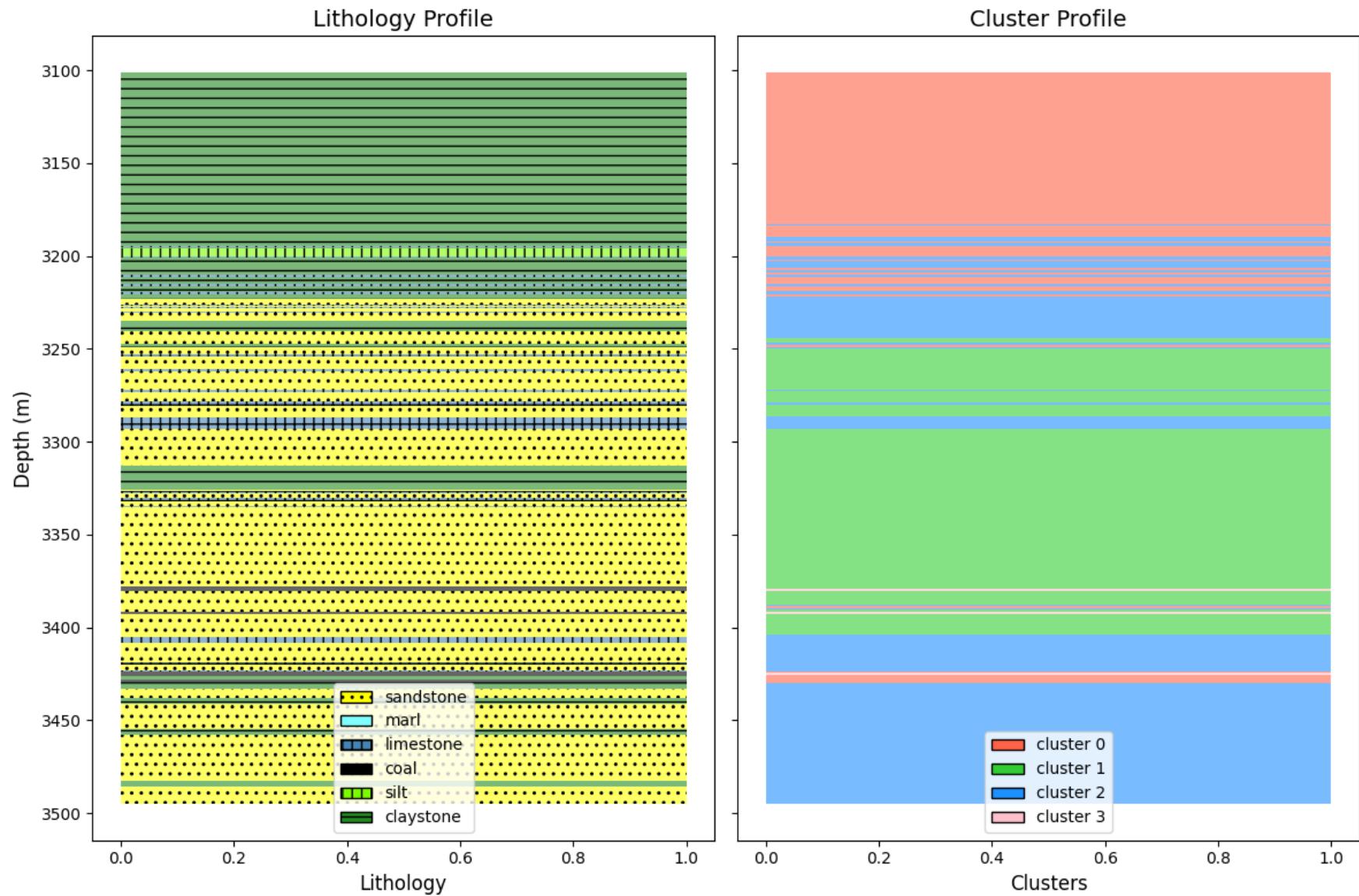
- Repeat Tasks 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 and compare the results for the training and the validation wells.

Select the number of k clusters: 4

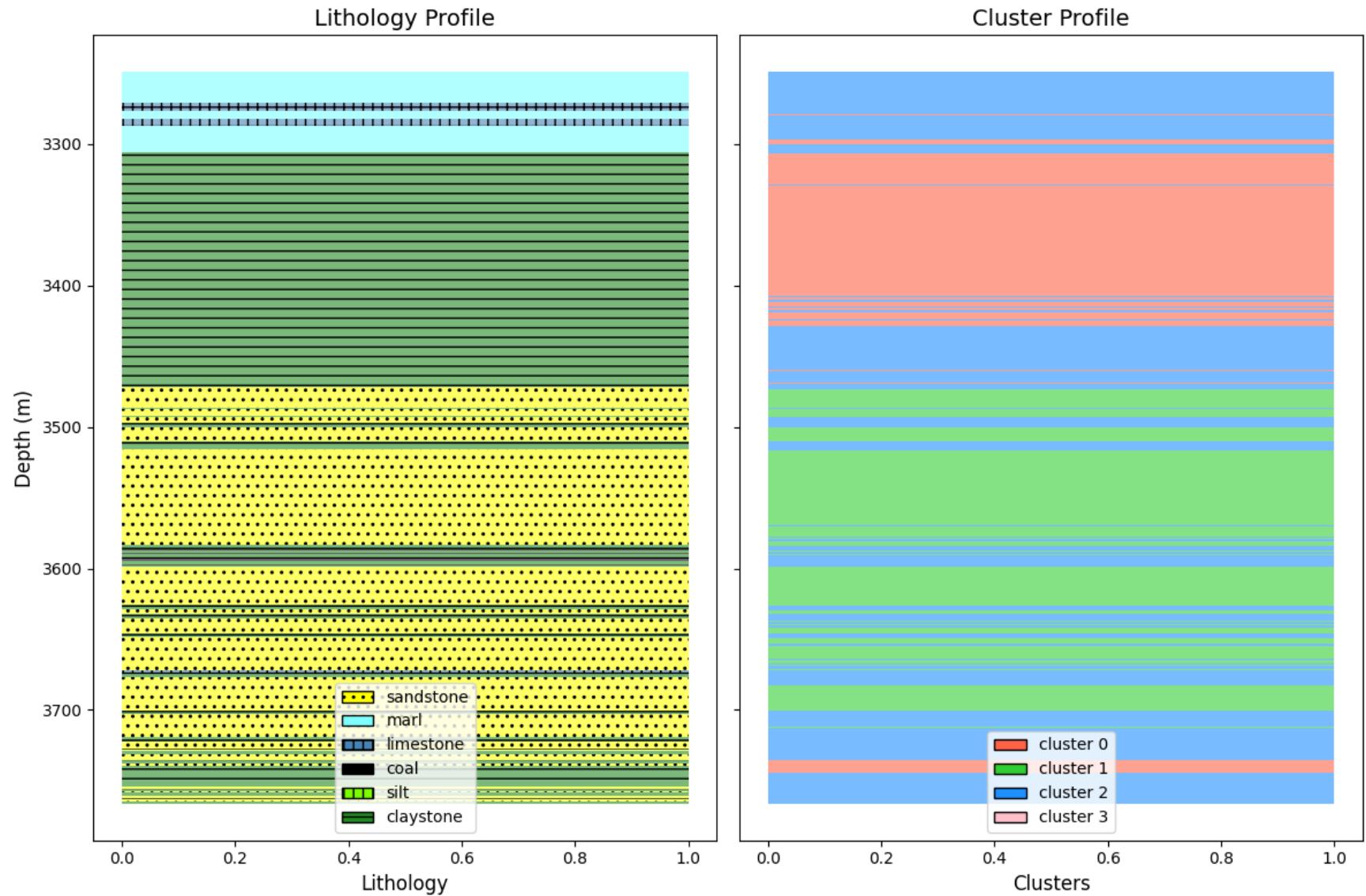
- Inertia plot – elbow method



Training well: 15 9-F-4



Training well: 15_9-F-5



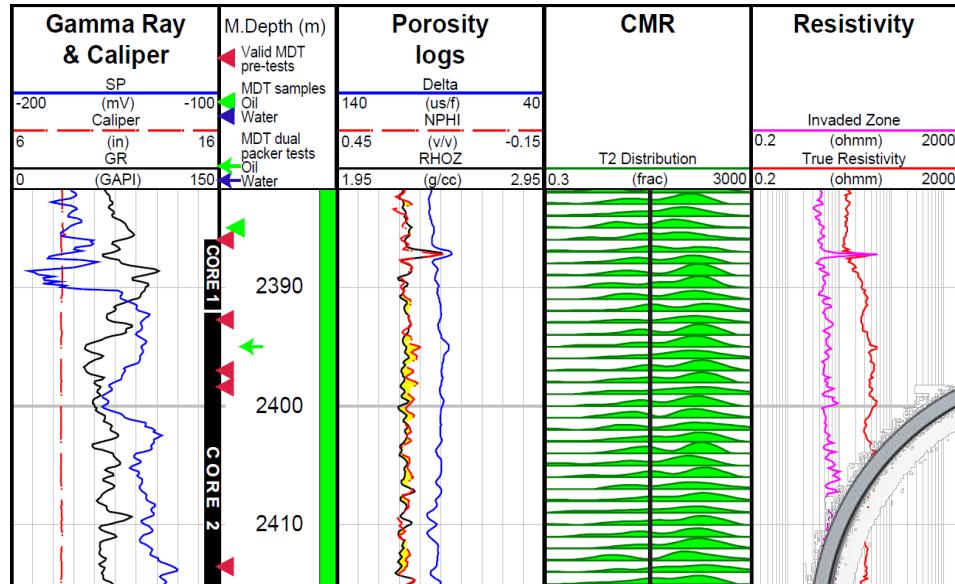
Hands-on AI application to wireline data

- Volve field
- Unsupervised clustering
- Supervised classification

Facies Classification

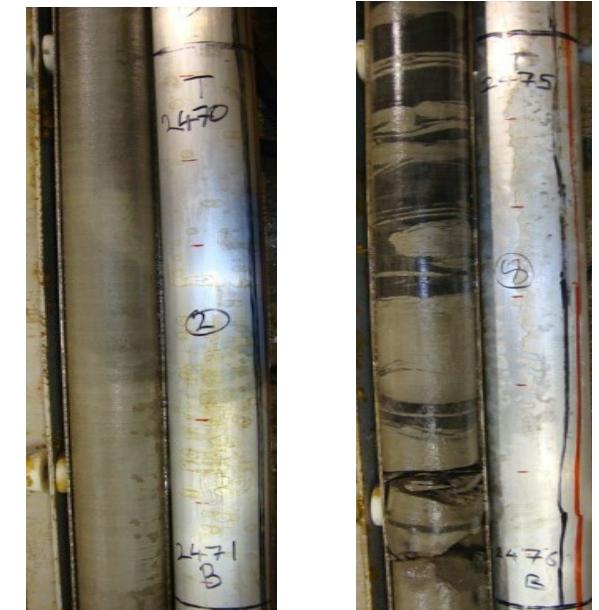


Facies classification challenge



Bias
Uncertainty

Petrophysiysical interpretation

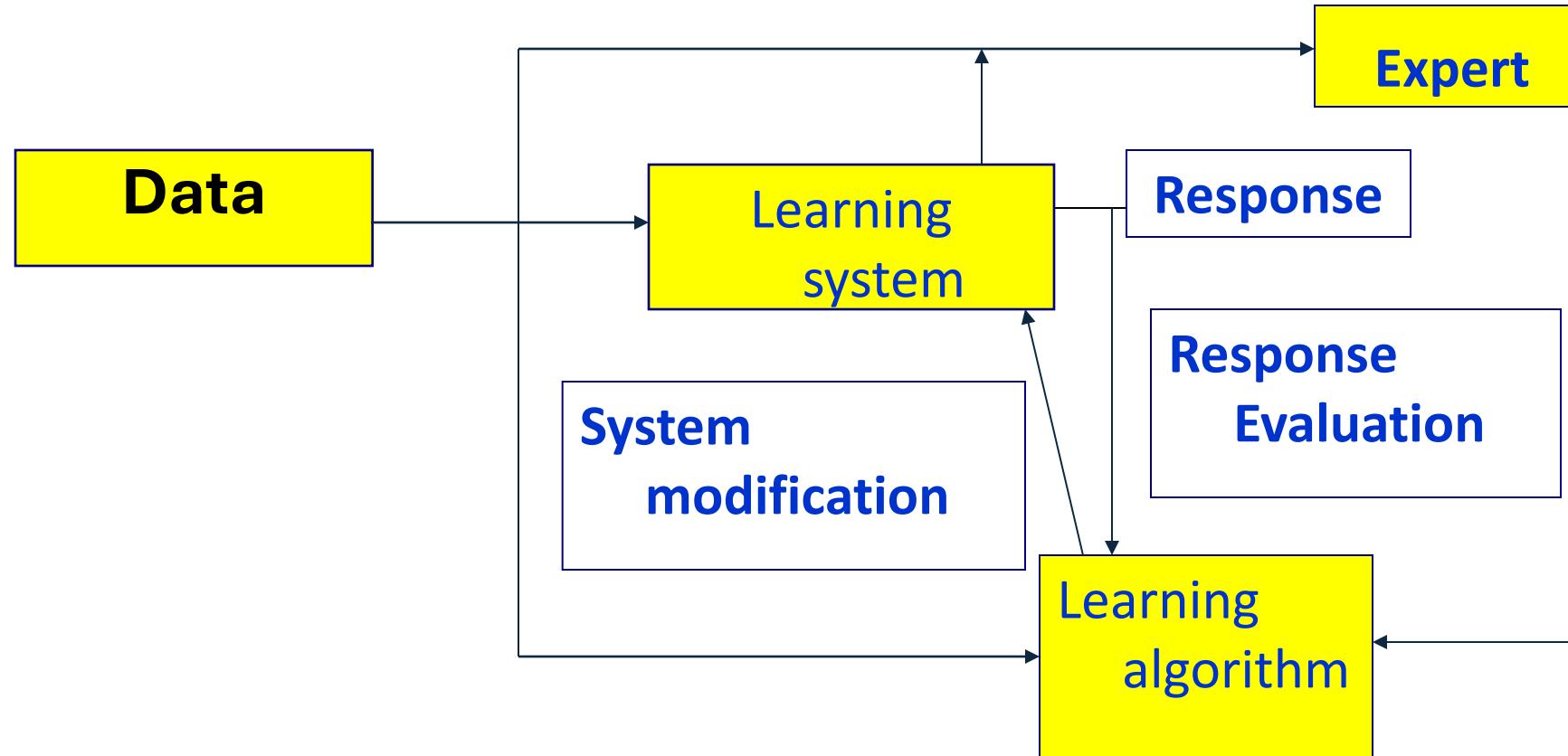


Sedimentological interpretation

Supervised classification

- K-Nearest Neighbour
- Random Forest

Supervised Learning



K- Nearest Neighbours

- A well known approach in different sciences under different names: Voronoi polygons, Dirichlet cells, Thiessen polygons, method of analogues, area-of-influence,...
- We consider k-NN as a benchmark
 - “vanilla” model
 - kNN is local, nonparametric



K-NN prediction:

- K-NN methods use those k -observations in the data set T closest in input space to prediction point x to estimate Y

$$\hat{Y}(x) = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{x_i \in N_k(x)}^k y_i$$

where k is the neighbourhood of x defined by the closest points in the set

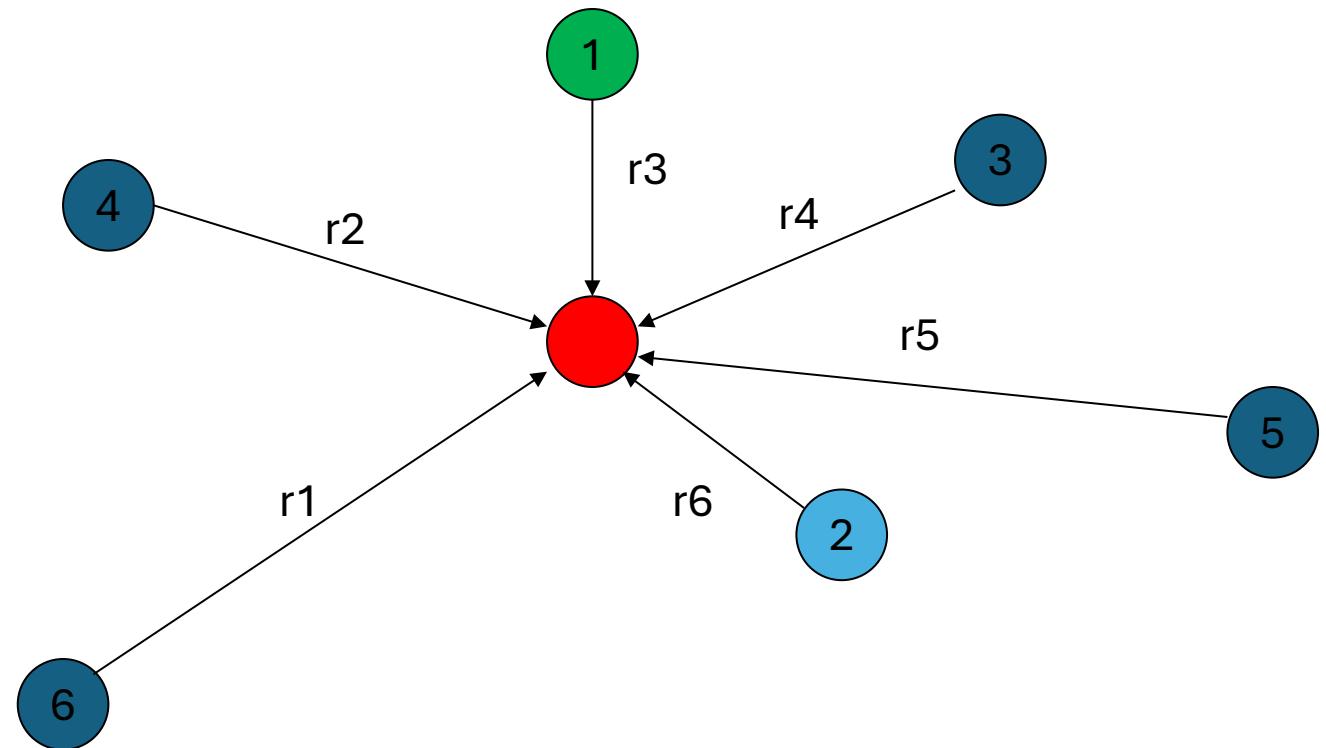
Q: how to select hyper-parameter k ?

K-NN Interpolation

$$\hat{Y}(x) = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{x_i \in N_k(x)}^k y_i$$

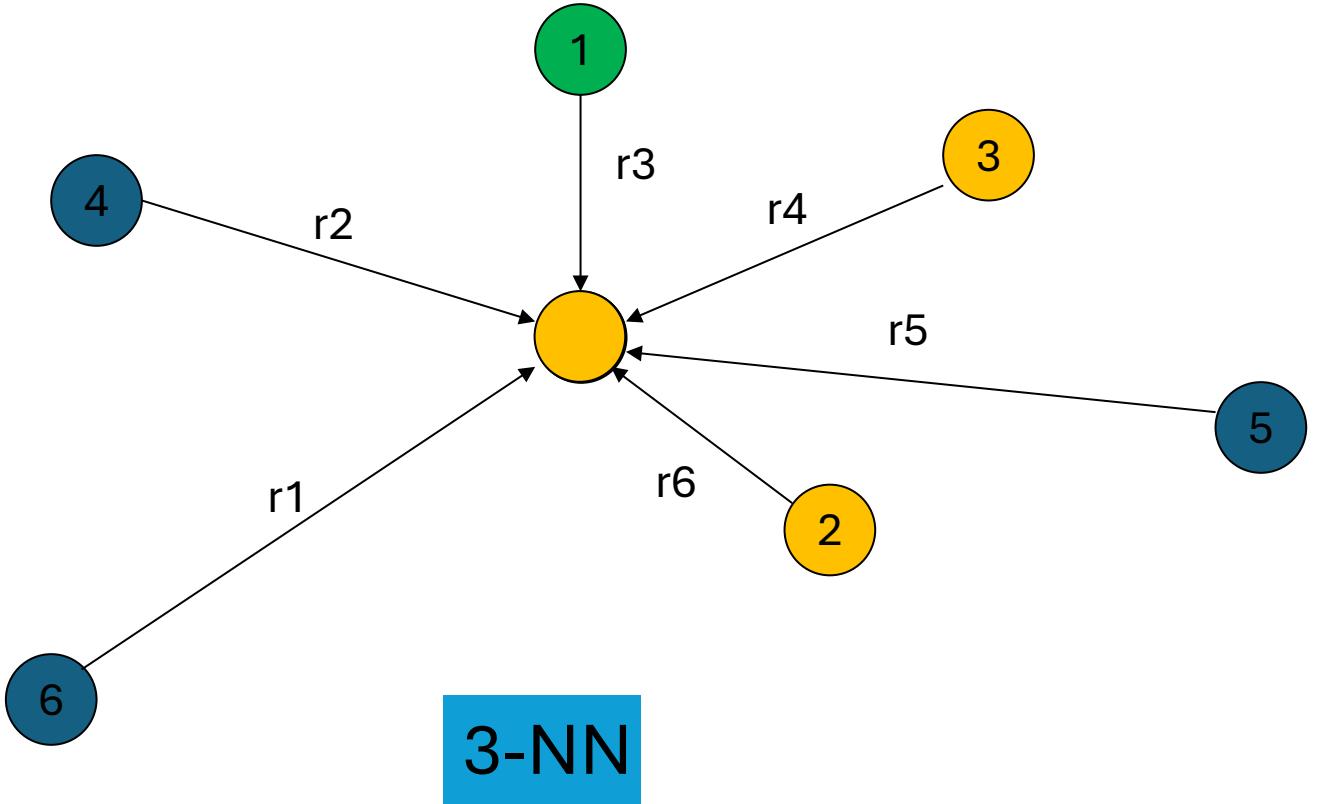
1-NN: $Y(x)=y_1$

2-NN: $Y(x)=(y_1+y_2)/2$



k-NN Classifier

- These classifiers are memory-based and do not require any model to be fit!
- Given a query point x , we find the k training points closest in the distance to x and then classify using MAJORITY vote among the k neighbors.



K-NN notes

- Despite of its simplicity, k-NN has been successful in a large number of classification problems, including handwritten digits, satellite image scenes and ECG patterns.
- It is often successful where each class has many possible prototypes, and the decision boundary is very irregular.
- Because it uses only the training point closest to the query point, the bias of the 1-nn estimate is often low, but the variance is high.

KNN - how to find K?

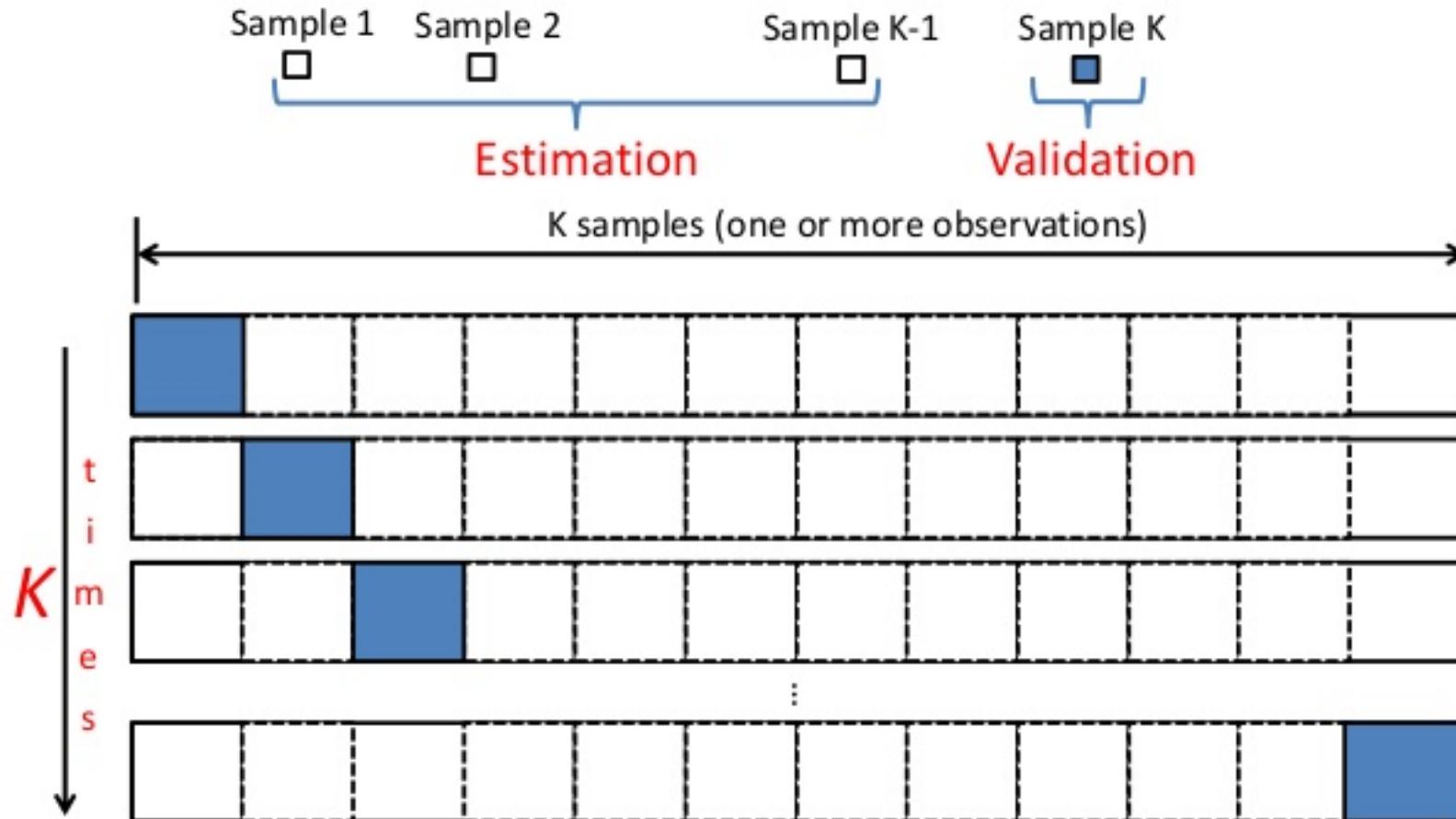
Cross-validation
Classification

Cross-validation

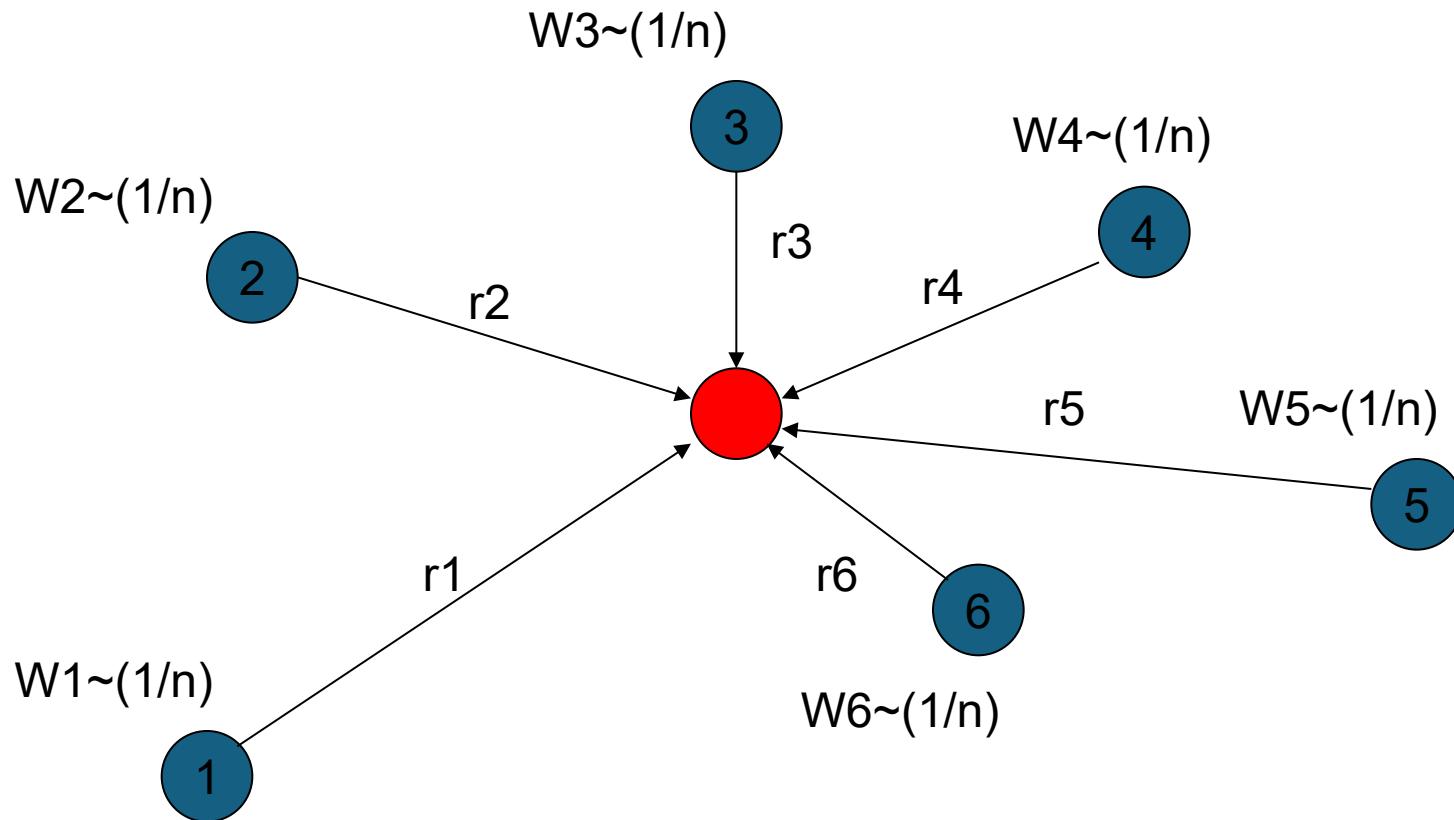
- Predict a value at the data location without using the date value available at this point
- A way to tune the prediction model parameters given the available data
- Compares the predicted value with the data one in one point at a time by removing the data point temporality from the data set.
- Cross-validation – leave-1-out
- Fold cross-validation – leave-fold-out (or jack-knife)

Cross-validation: How it works?

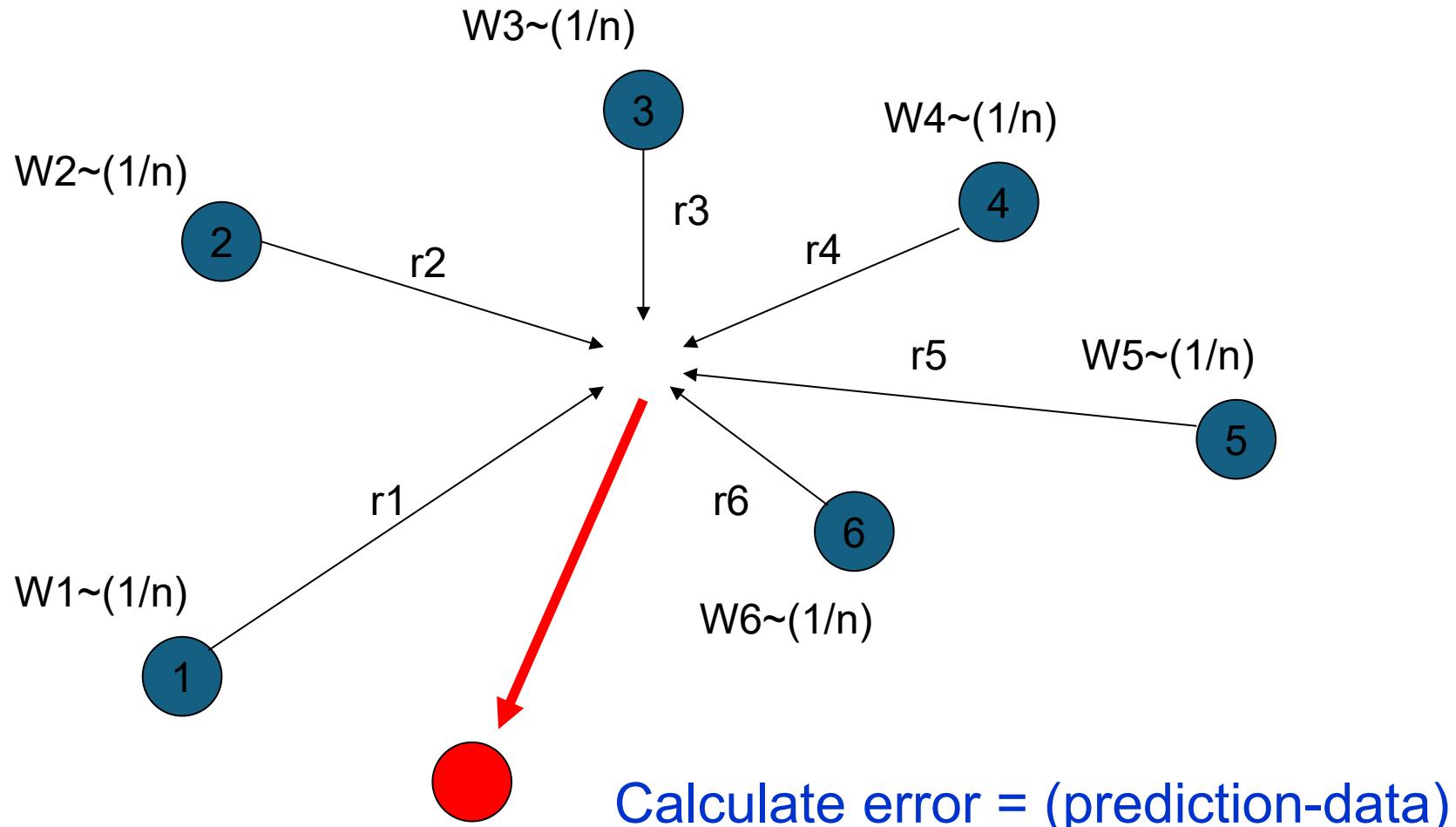
- K-fold cross-validation:



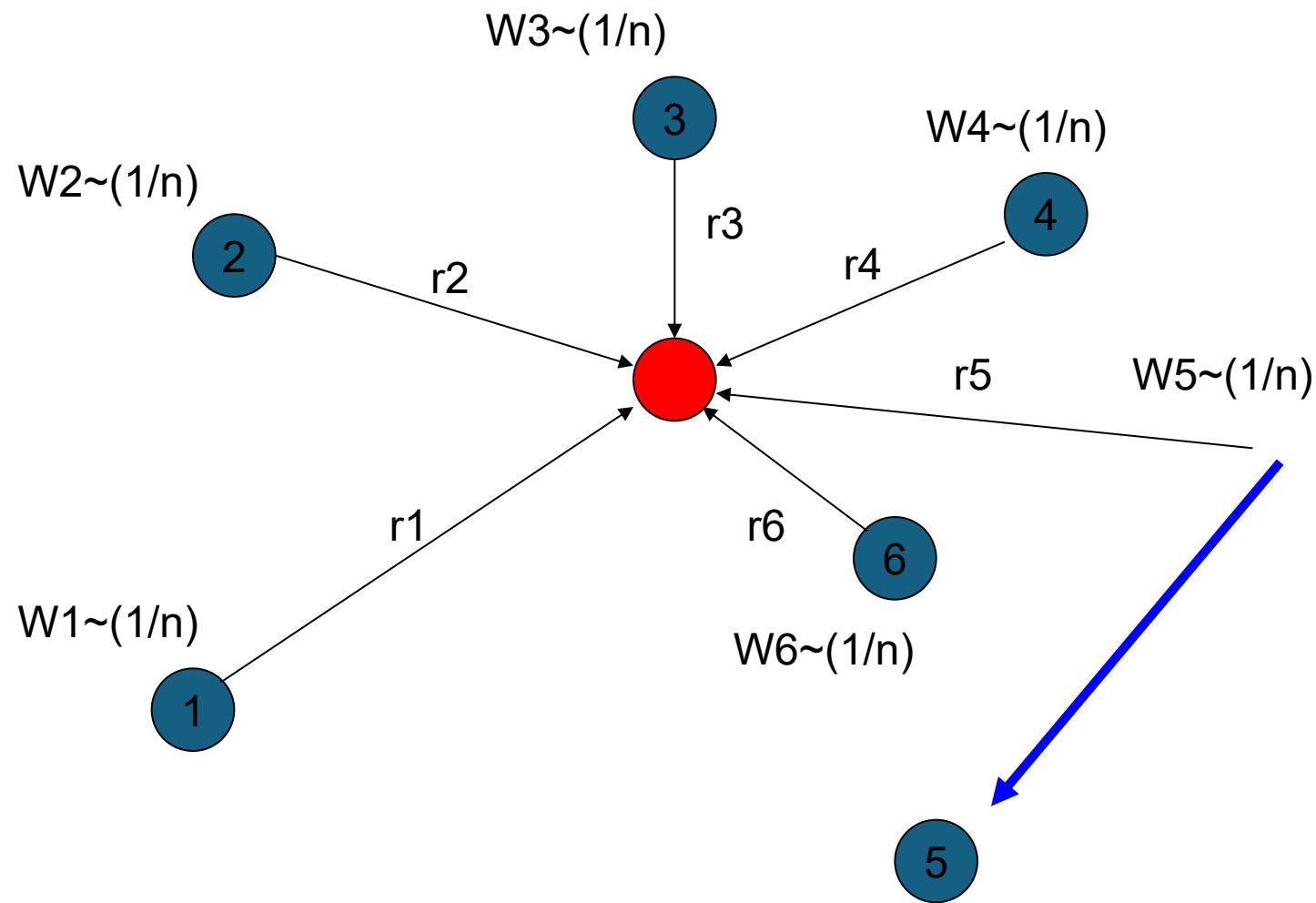
k-NN Interpolation (n=6 ?)



Cross-validation

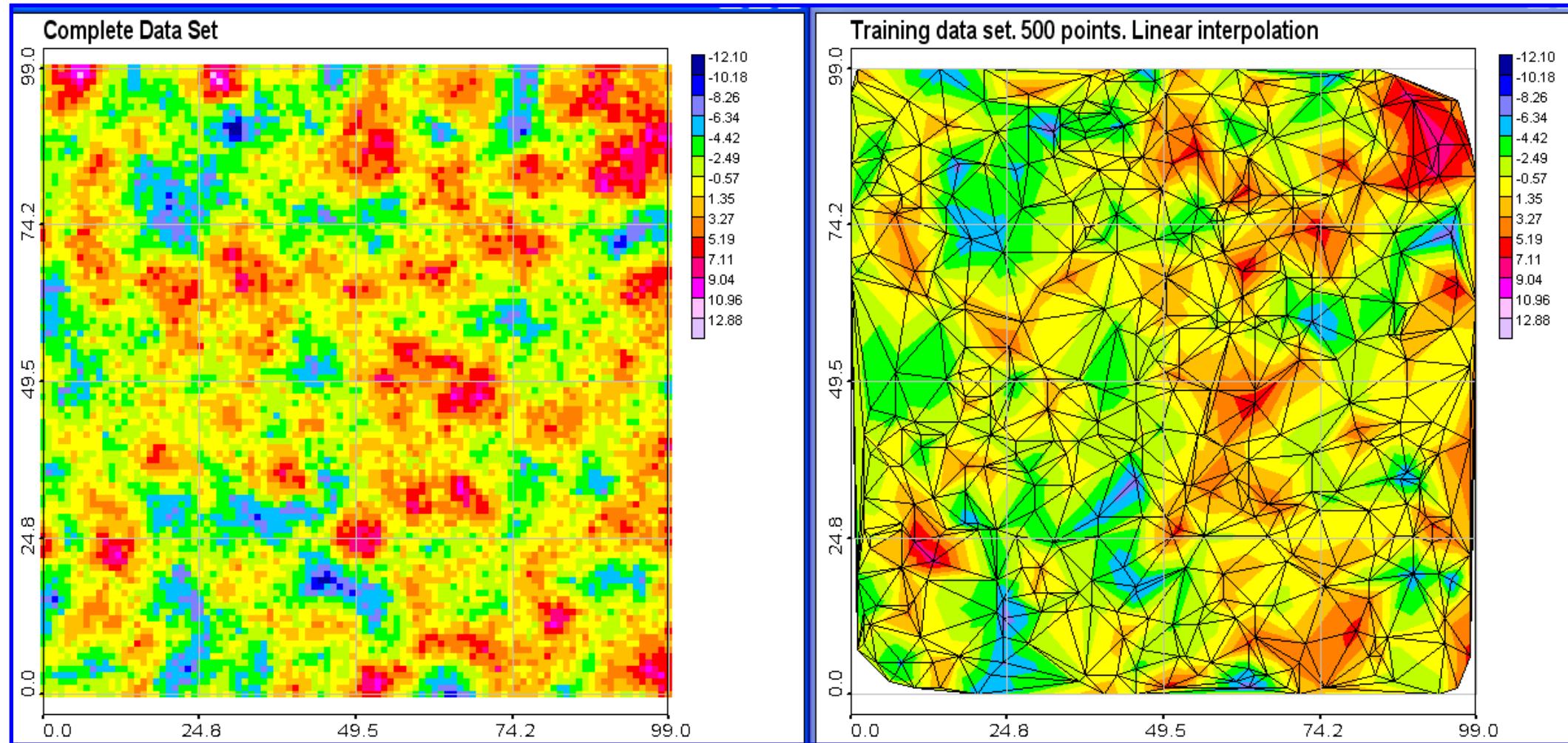


Leave-next-one-out, etc



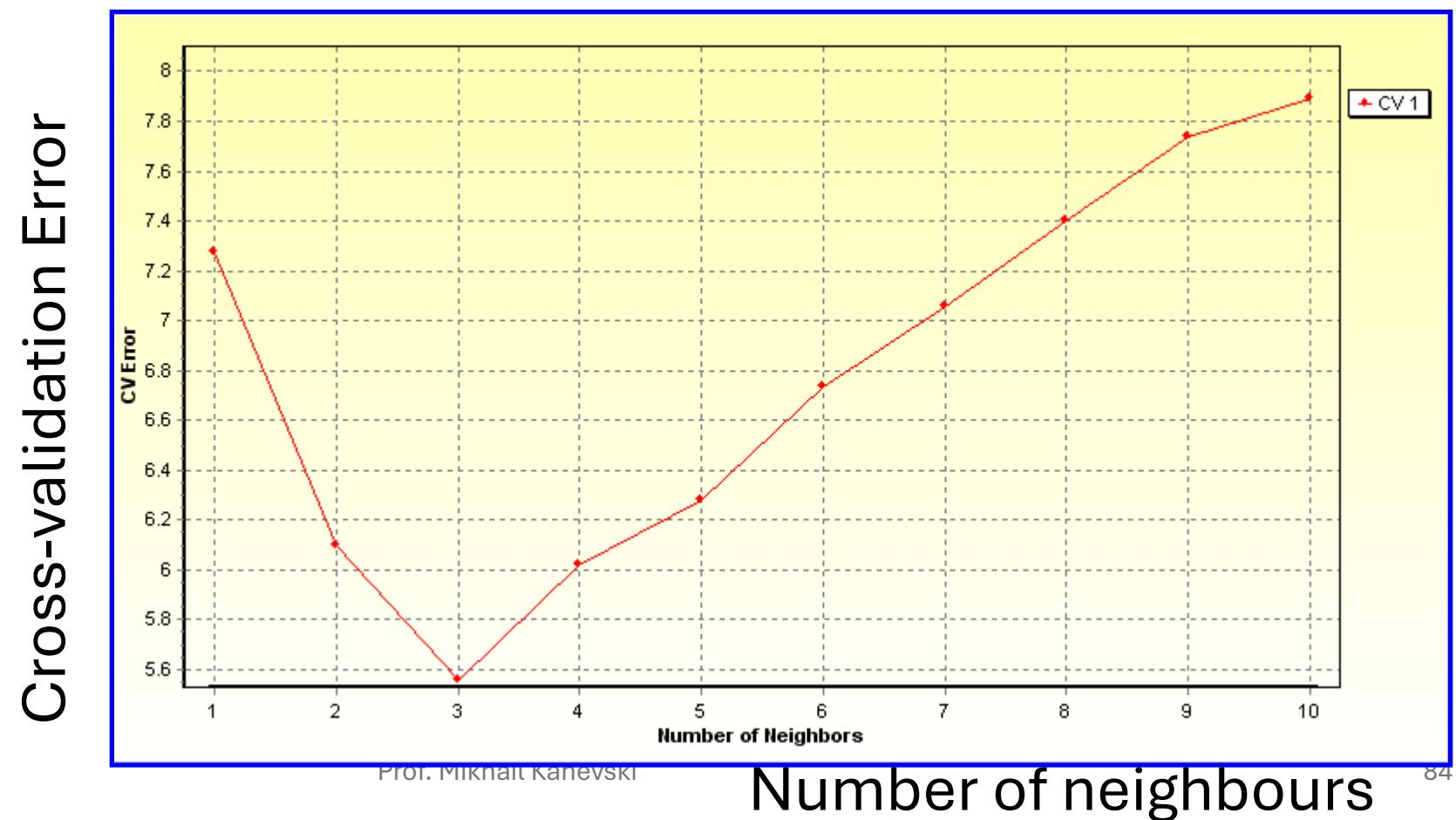
Calculate error = (prediction-data)

Prediction with a spatially correlate pattern

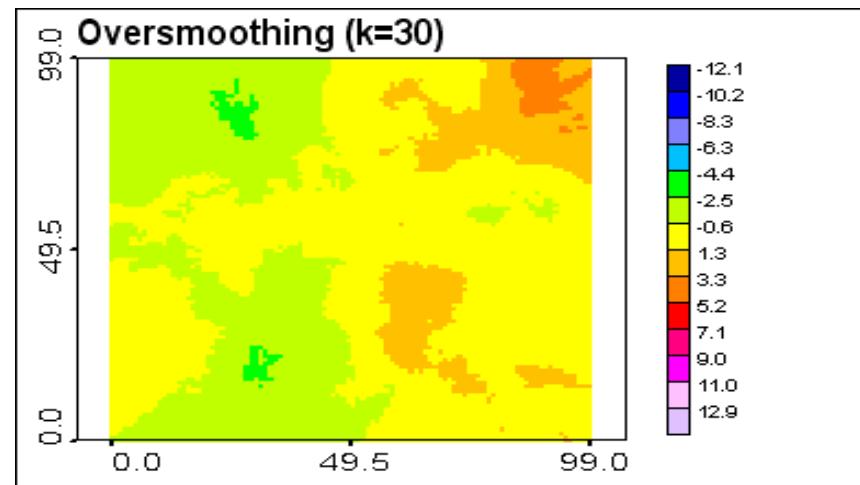
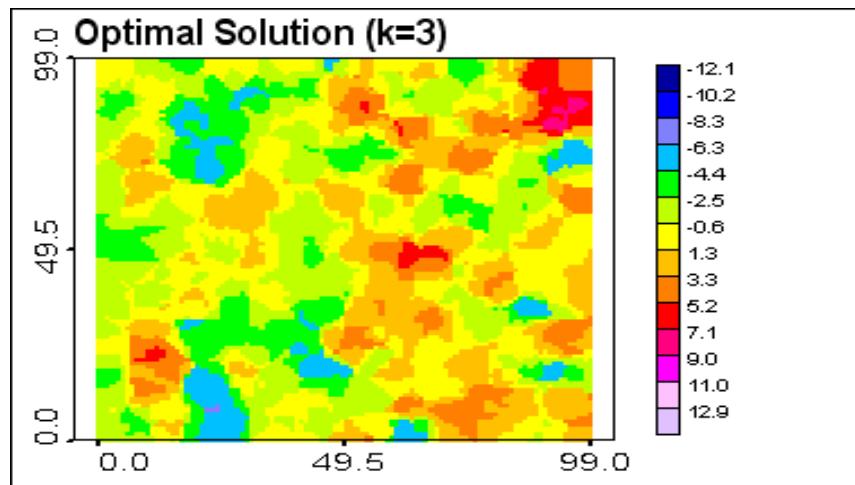
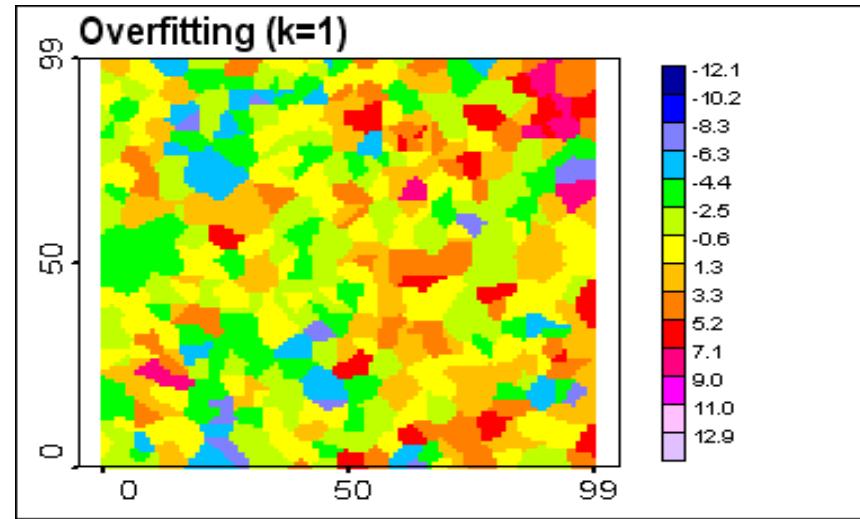
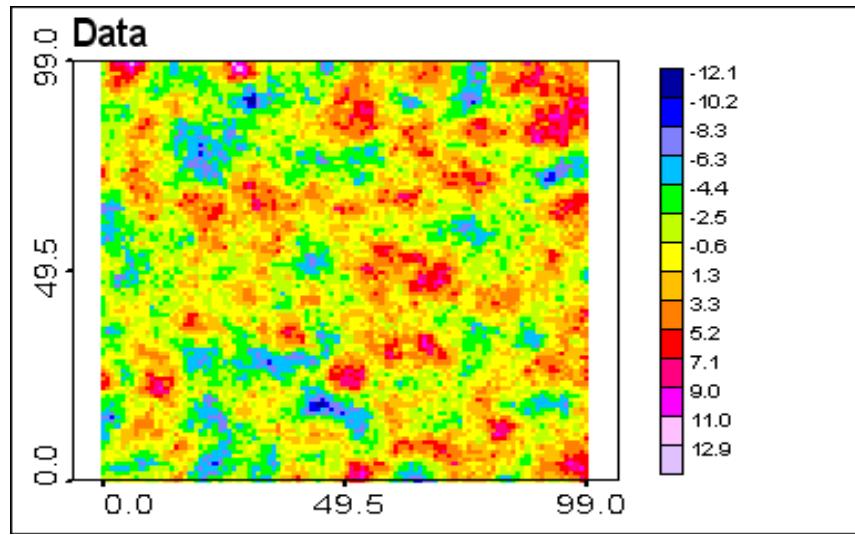


K-NN Cross-validation error curve

- How many K neighbours give the best prediction?

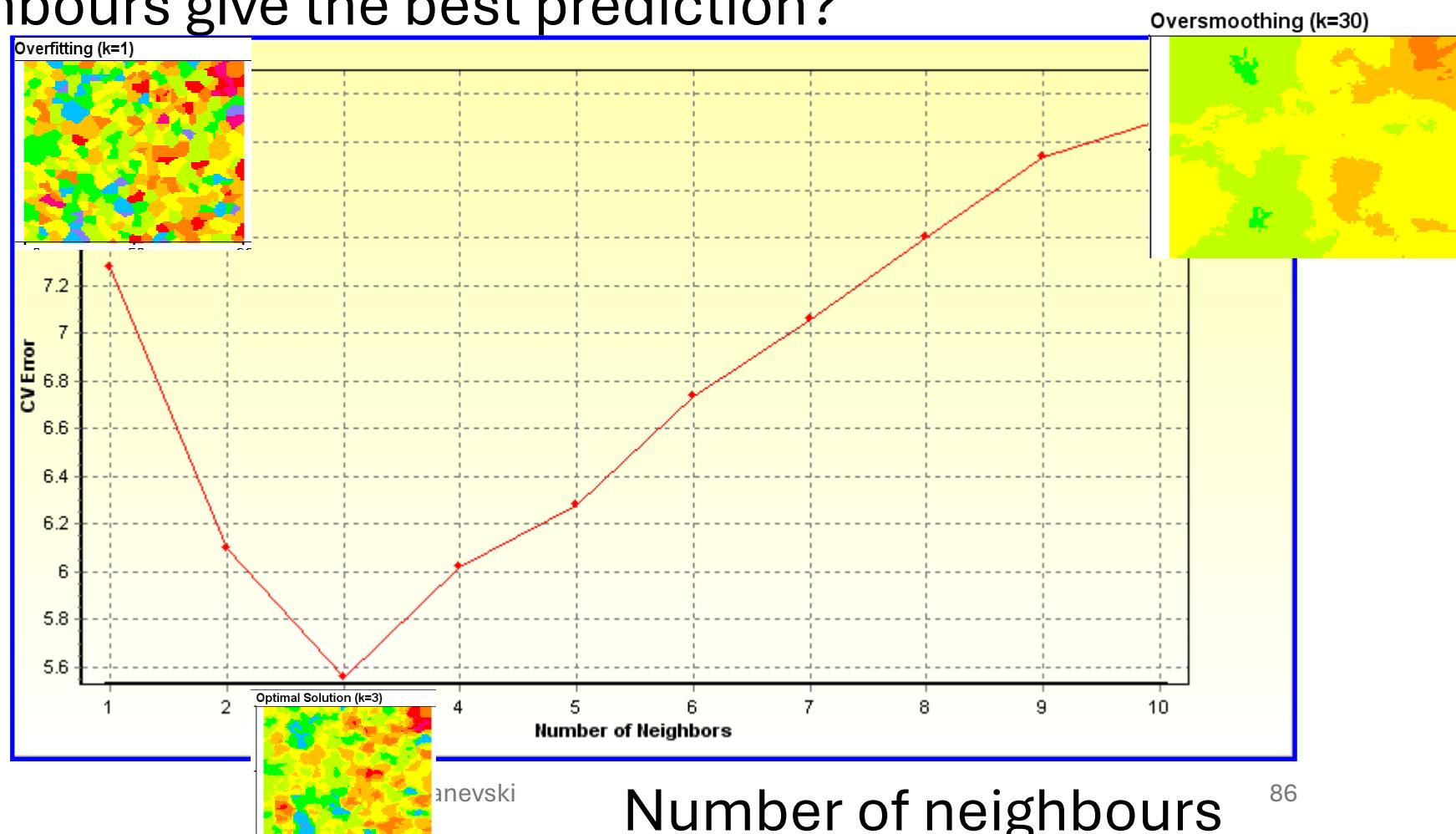
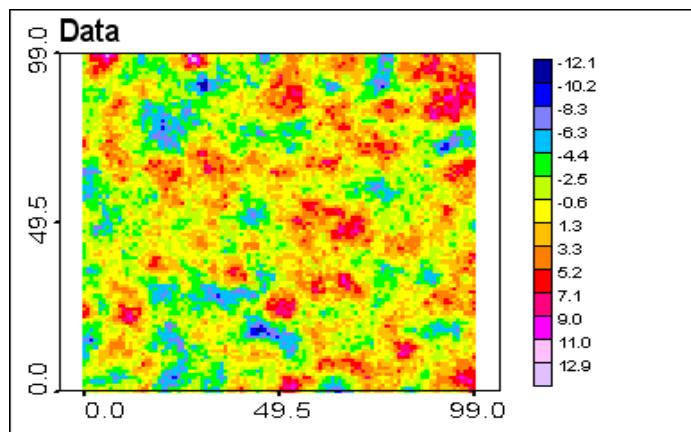


K-nn predictions



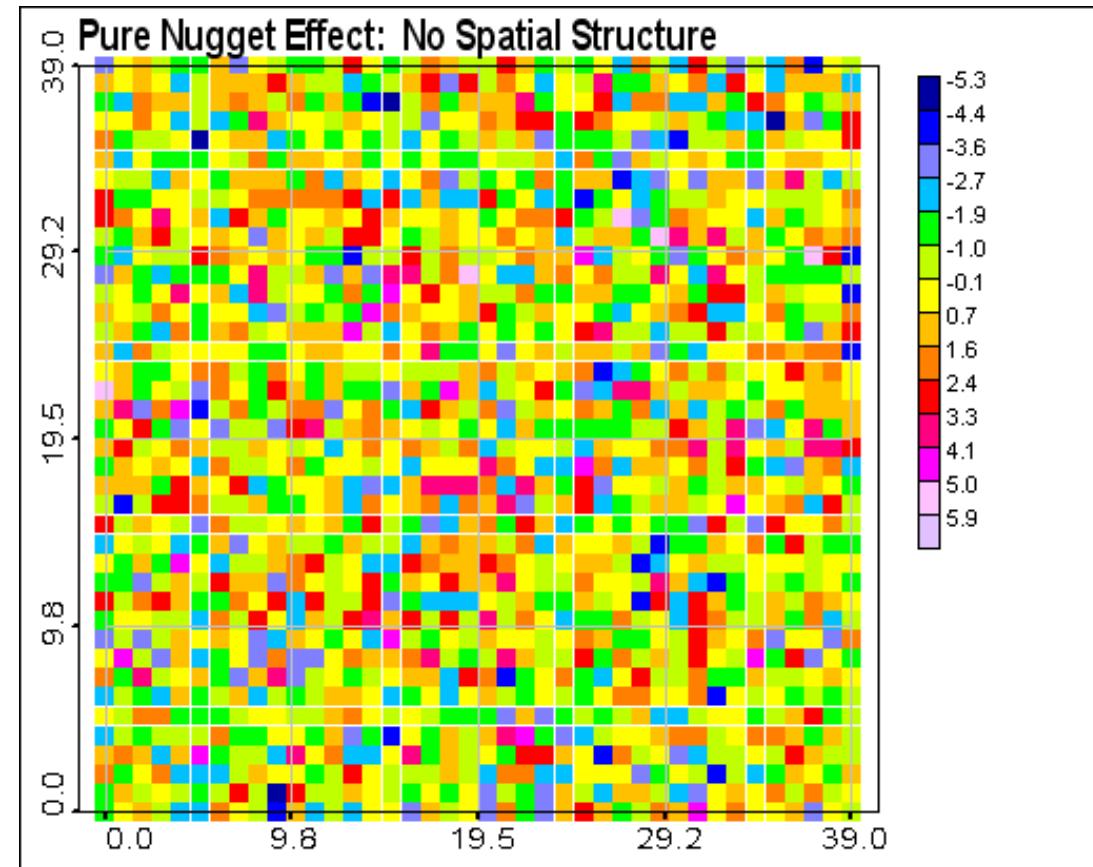
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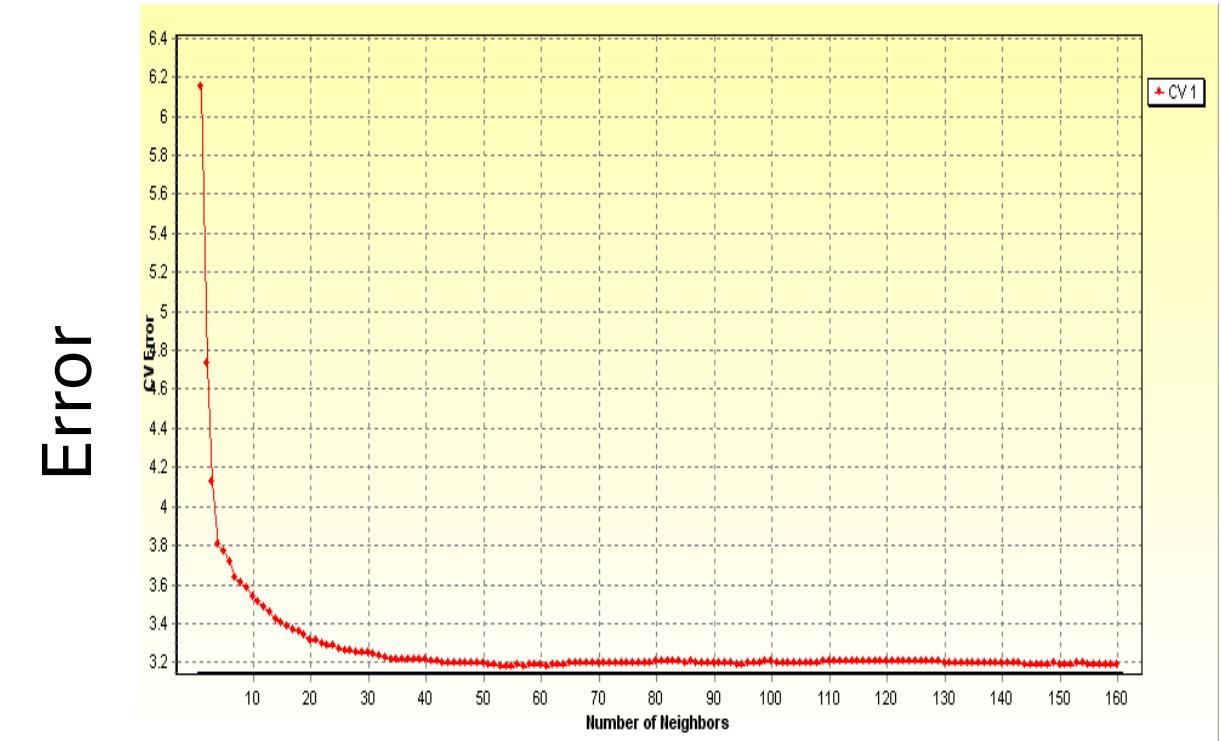
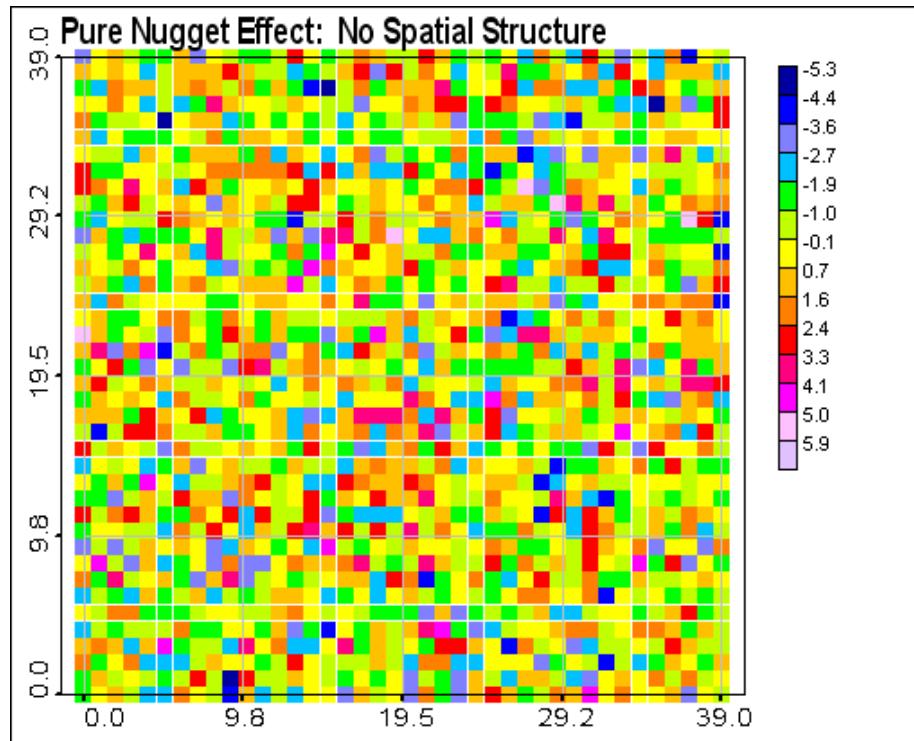
What is there is no spatial correlation - random pattern?

- Take a random value
- Take the mean value
- Does the spatial estimate depend on $x\&y$?



K-NN prediction of a random noise

- k-nn Cross-validation error curve has no minimum!

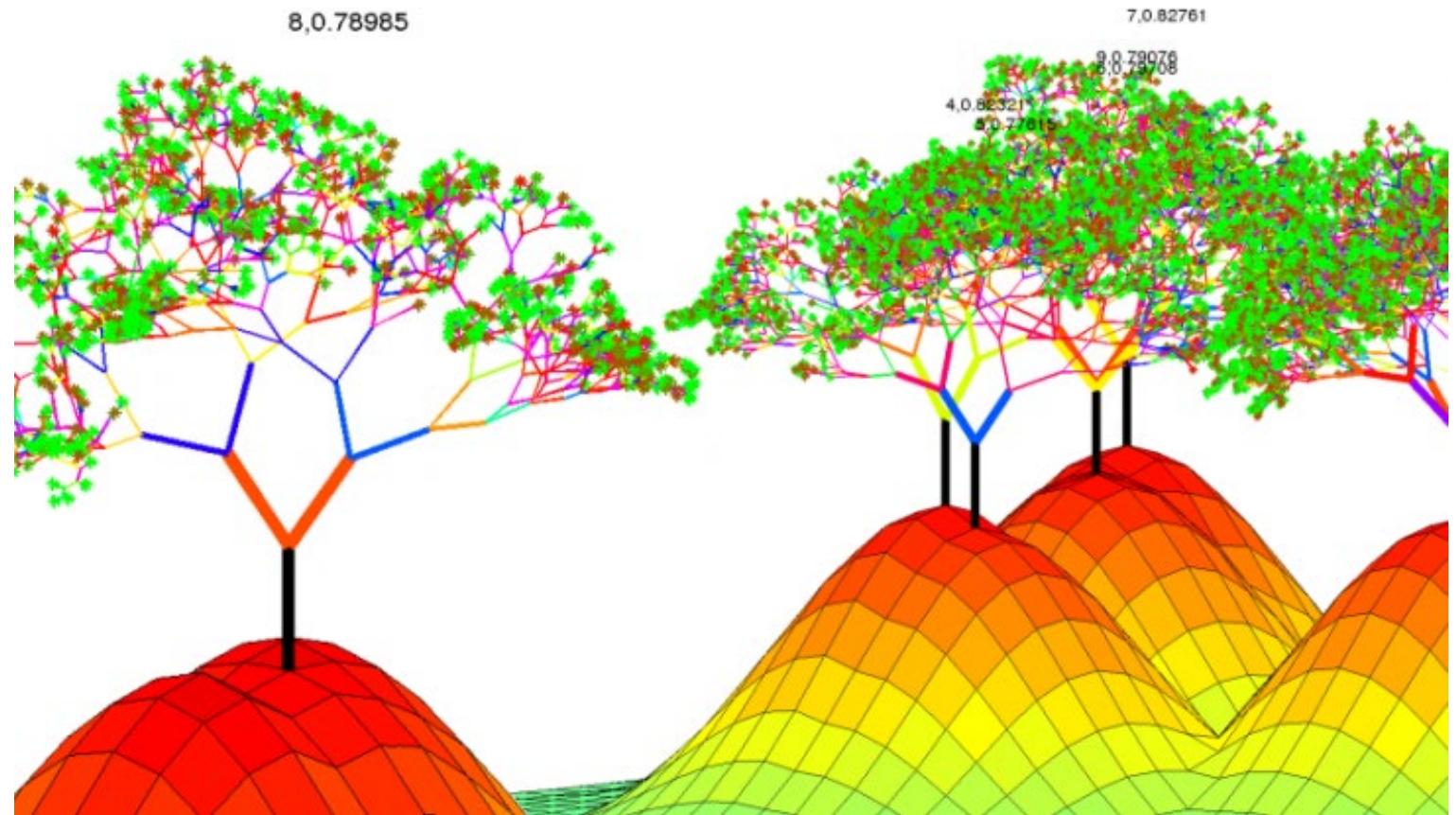


- Spatial x&y coordinates are not relevant input variable predictors

Summary

- Learning patterns from data – signal or noise?
- Avoid overfitting – match perfectly training data but fail to predict new data
- Complexity vs predictive power – bias variance dilemma
- Training / testing / validation sub-sets
- Cross-validation for parameter tuning
- Relevant vs irrelevant features

Random Forest



Classifier: Random Forest

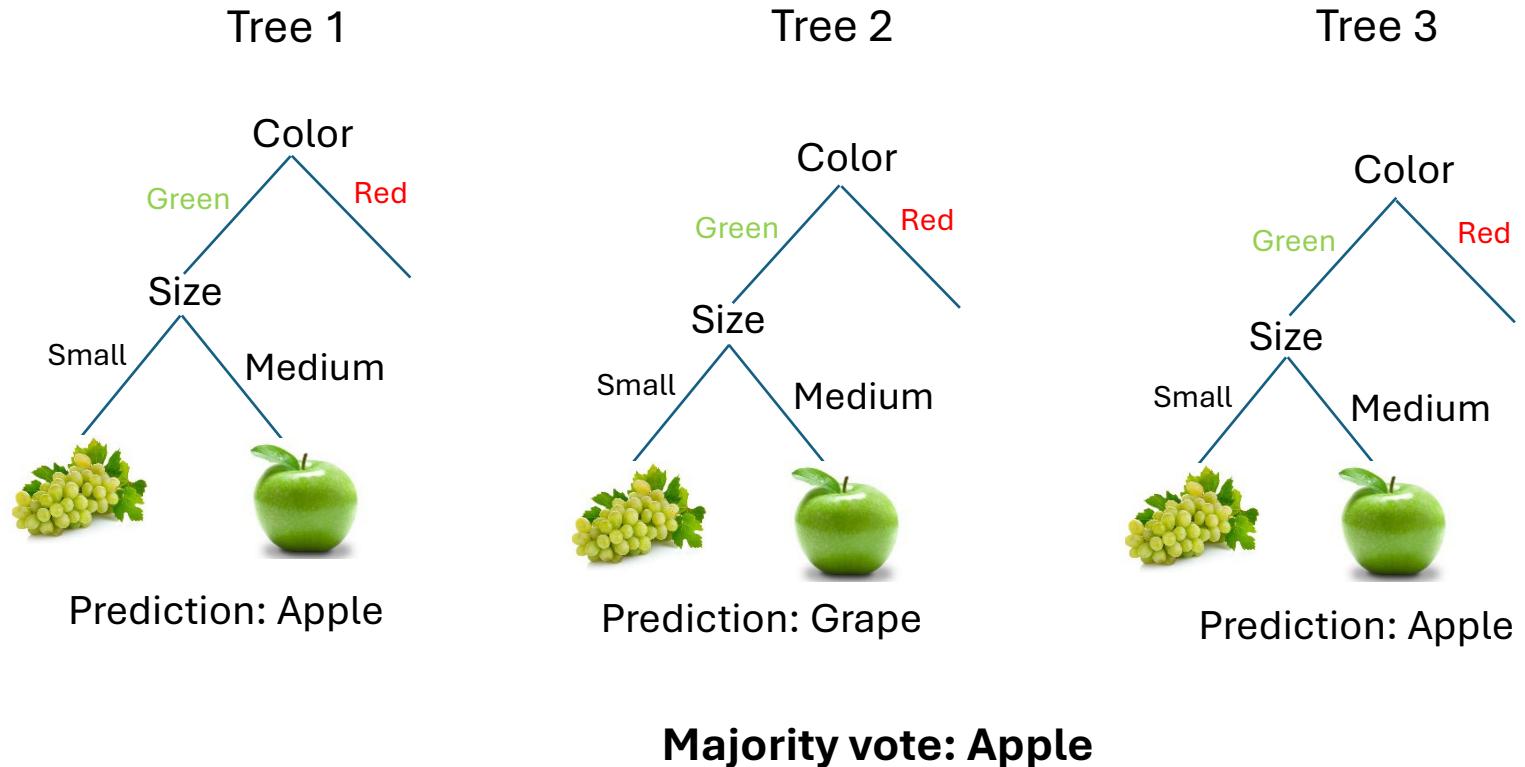
What is a random forest?

An ensemble of decision trees which predict an instance by the most popular class

Where does the random component come from?

Trees constructed on

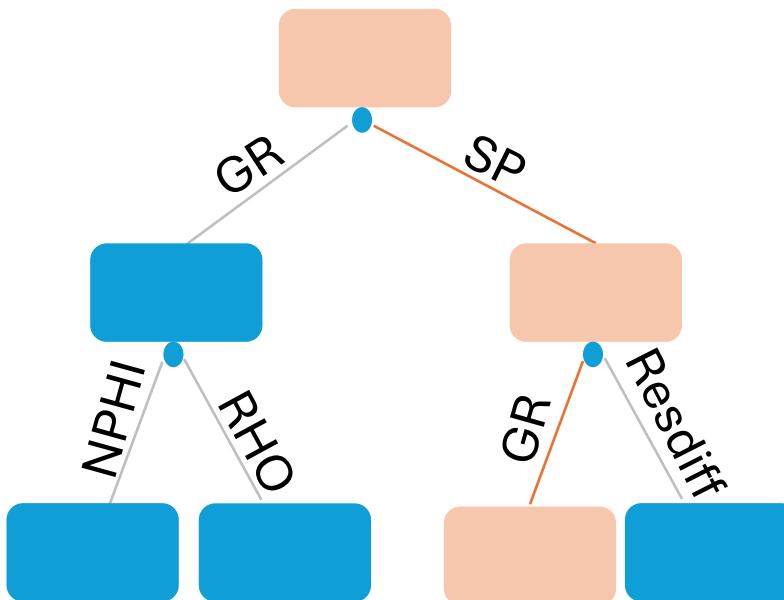
- Bagging
- Random feature selection



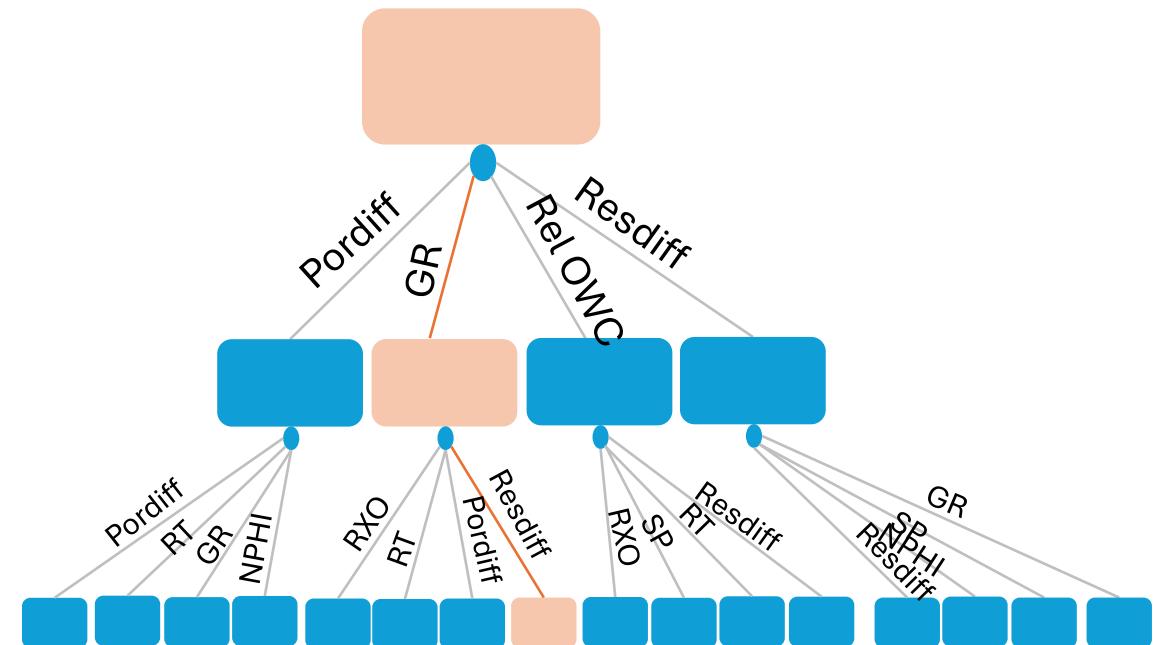
Growing a tree and a forest: RF parameters

Number of features to consider when looking for the best split + number of trees

2 features (out of 9)

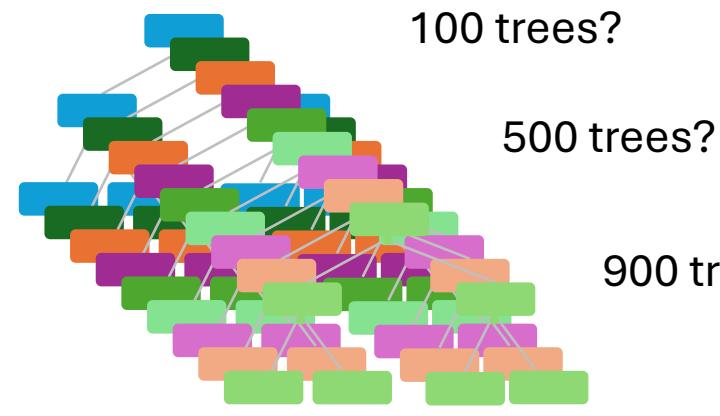


4 features (out of 9)?



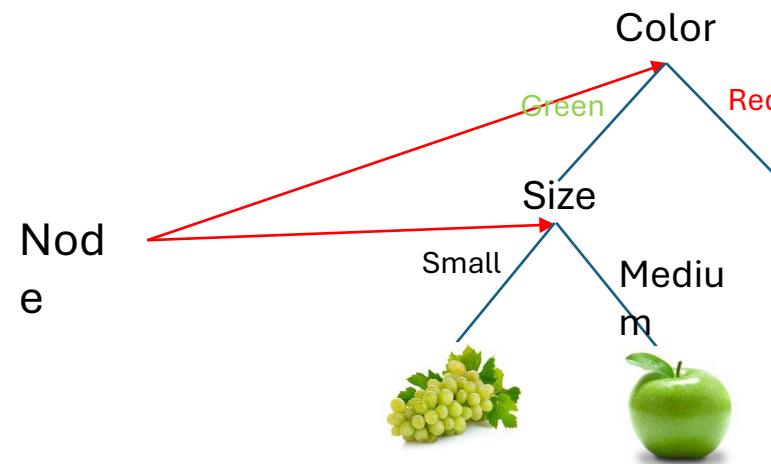
Random forest parameters

How many trees in the forest?



How many splits at a node?

Each node is split with a set number of features



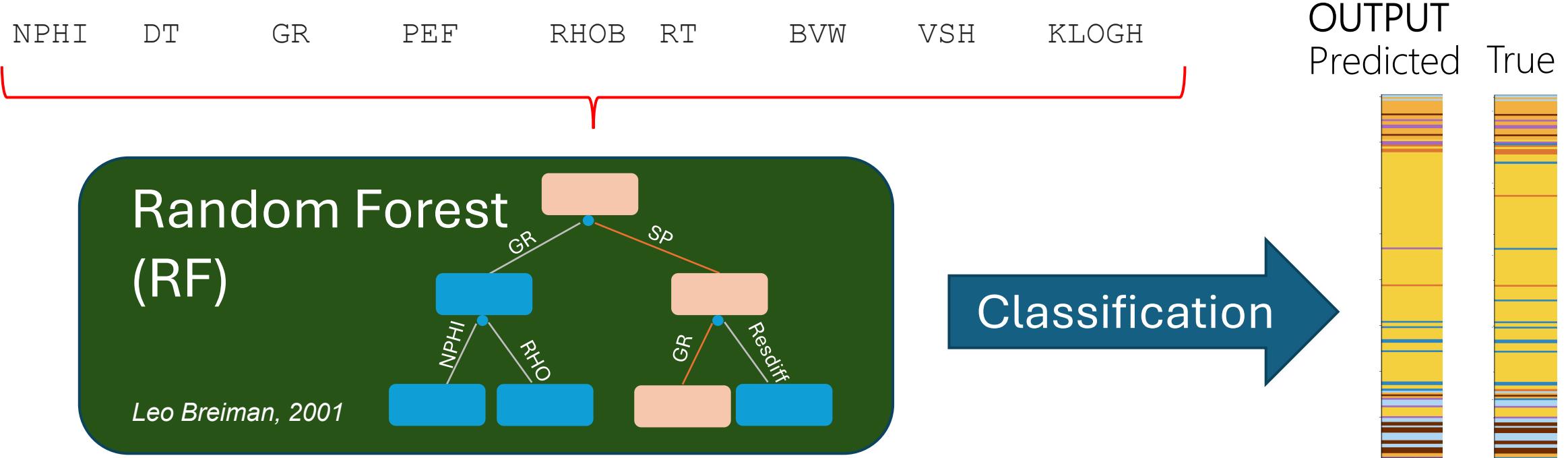
Combination of parameters which yields the lowest prediction error

Classifier Selection



What are the right inputs?

INPUT: wireline logs



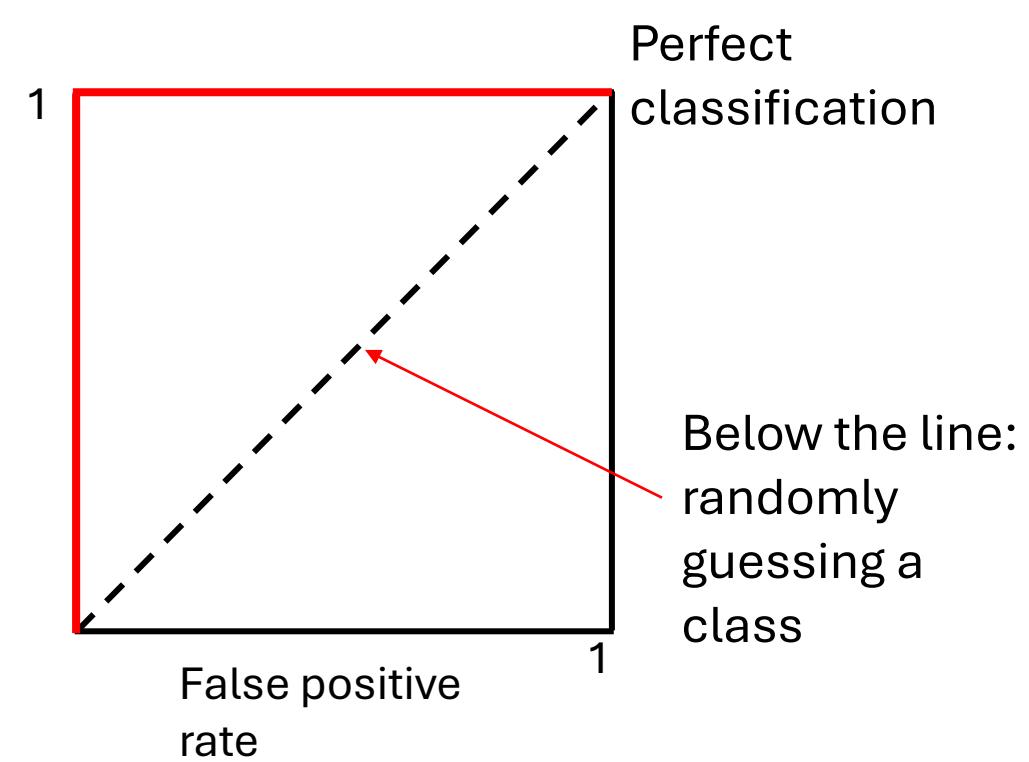
Classification quality

$$\text{True positive rate} = \frac{\text{Positives correctly classified (TP)}}{\text{Total positives (TP+FP)}}$$

$$\text{False positive rate} = \frac{\text{Negatives incorrectly classified (FP)}}{\text{Total negatives (FN+TN)}}$$

True labels		
A	B	
A	True positive (TP)	False Positive (FP)
B	False Negative (FN)	True Negative (TN)

True positive
rate

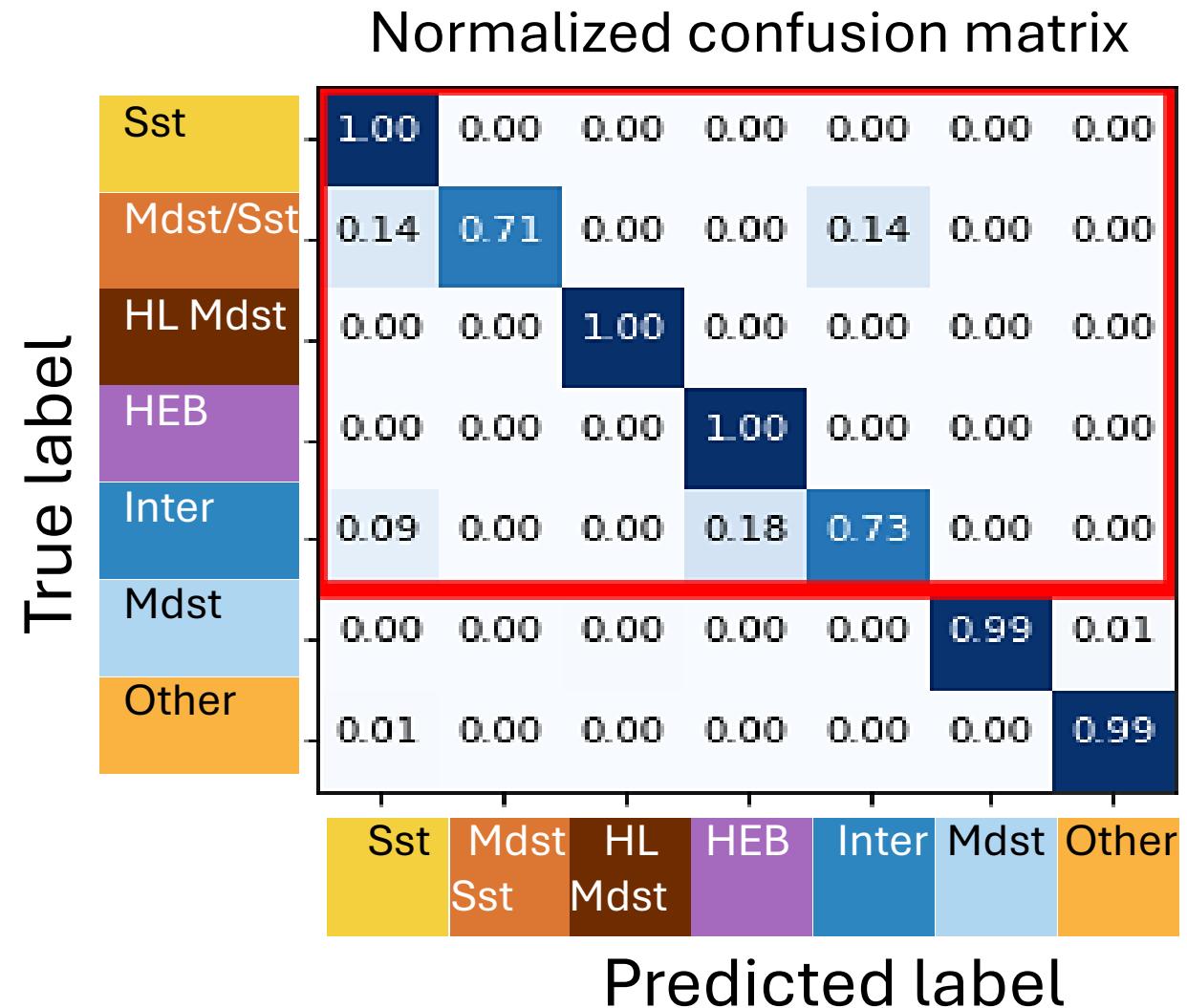


Perfect
classification

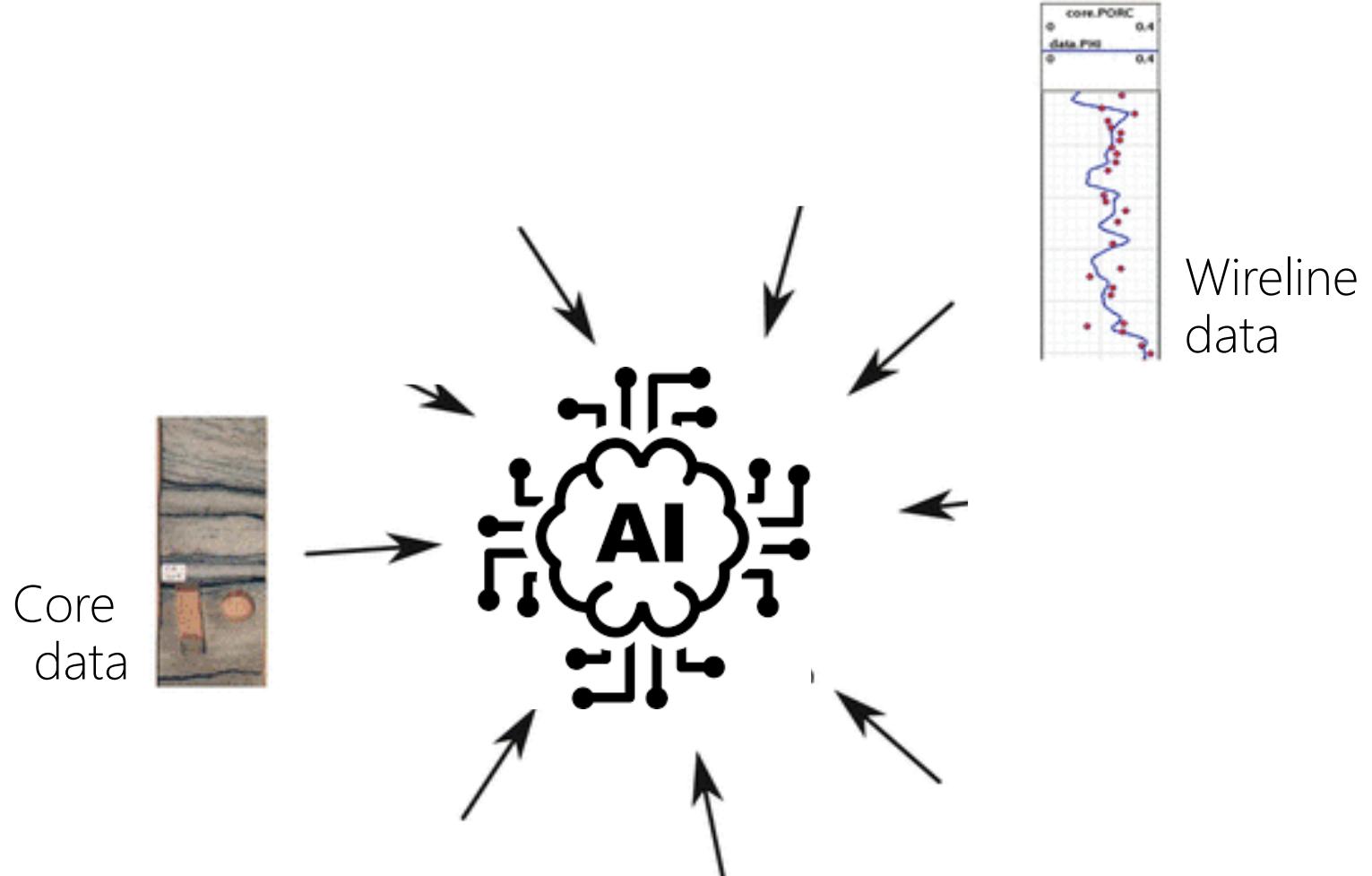
Below the line:
randomly
guessing a
class

How to evaluate the TEST performance?

Misinterpreted facies
- interbedded Mdst/Sst
and Intermediate

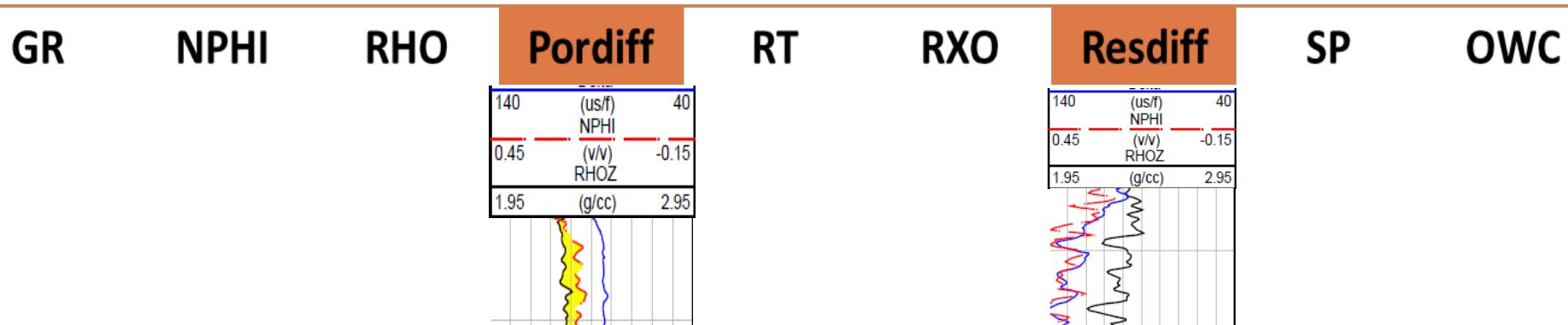


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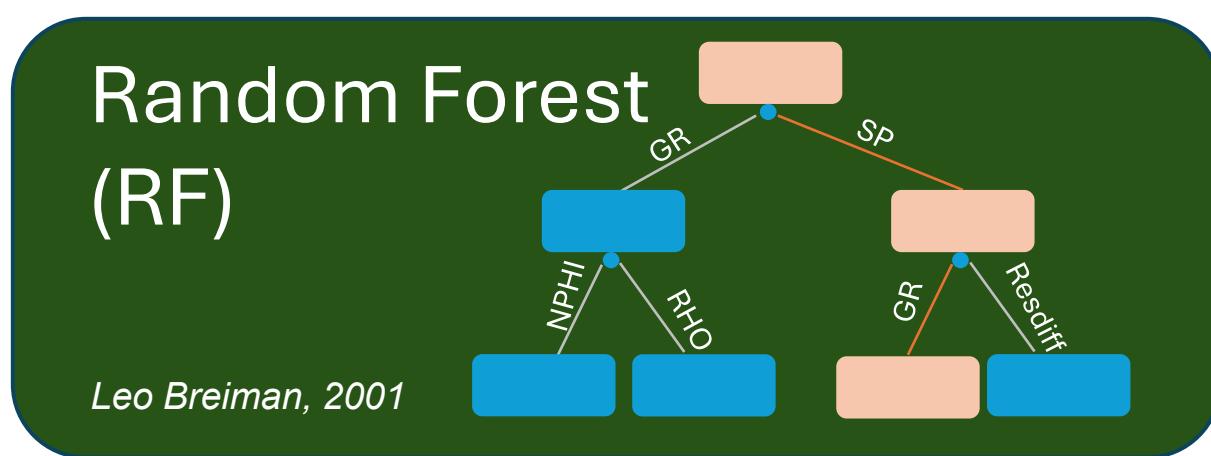


What are the right input features?

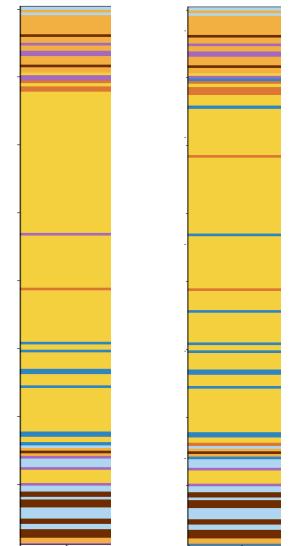
INPUT: wireline logs + engineered features



OUTPUT
Predicted True



Classification





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SPECIAL ISSUE

Value of Geologically Derived Features in Machine Learning Facies Classification

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Abstract The aim of this work is to demonstrate how geologically interpretative features can improve machine learning facies classification with uncertainty assessment. Manual interpretation of lithofacies from wireline log data is traditionally performed by an expert, can be subject to biases, and is substantially laborious and time consuming for very large datasets. Characterizing the interpretational uncertainty in facies classification is quite difficult, but it can be very important for reservoir development decisions. Thus, automation of the facies classification process using machine learning is a potentially intuitive and efficient way to facilitate facies interpretation based on large-volume data. It can also enable more adequate quantification of the uncertainty in facies classification by ensuring that possible alternative lithological scenarios are not overlooked. An improvement of the performance of purely data-driven classifiers by integrating geological features and expert knowledge as additional inputs is proposed herein, with the aim of equipping the classifier with more geological insight and gaining interpretability by making it more explanatory. Support vector machine and random forest classifiers are compared to demonstrate the superiority of the latter. This study contrasts facies classification using only conventional wireline log inputs and using additional geological features. In the first experiment, geological rule-based constraints were implemented as an additional derived and constructed input. These account for key geological features that a petrophysics or geological expert would attribute to typical and identifiable wireline log responses. In the second experiment, geological interpretative features (i.e., grain size, pore size, and argillaceous content) were used as additional independent inputs to enhance the prediction accuracy and

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Facies Classification

Hands-on

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Exercise 3

Task 3.1: KNN classification:

- Select training/validation/testing wells.
- Plot lithology distributions for the three sub-sets and compare.
- Select input log variables and screen their stats between training/validation/test sets.
- Optimise **K** parameter with validation accuracy curve – select max accuracy.
- Compare test predictions with optimal/suboptimal k
- Save plots in Word/PowerPoint (Copy image/Paste)

Task 3.2: Random forest classification

- Train RF classifier
- Make predictions on training/validation/test wells and compare with KNN predictions (Task 3.1).
- Select a different combination input log variables and compare the outcomes.

Task 3.3: Select different wells for training/validation/test

- Repeat Tasks 3.1, 3.2, compare the outcomes.

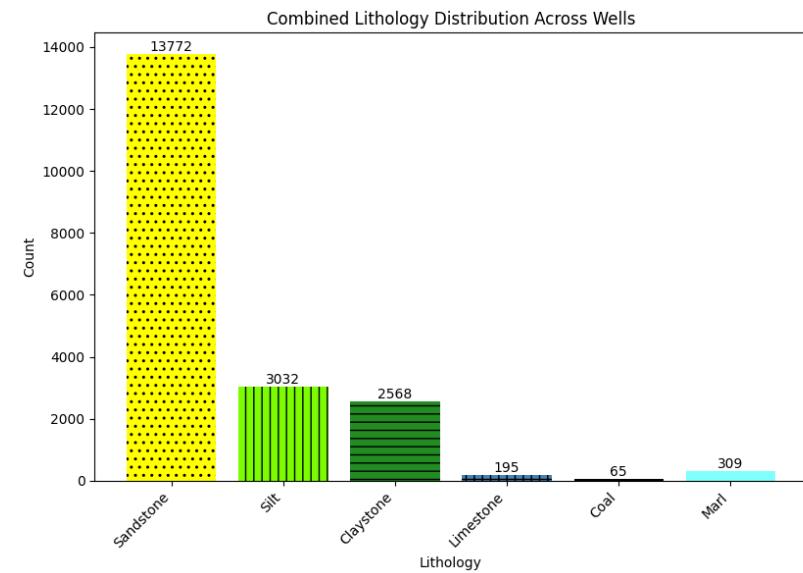
Data sub-set Purpose

- The **training** set is used to **fit the models**
- The **validation** set is used to estimate prediction error for **model selection** (tuning hyperparameters)
- The **test** set is used for assessment of the **generalization** error of the final chosen model

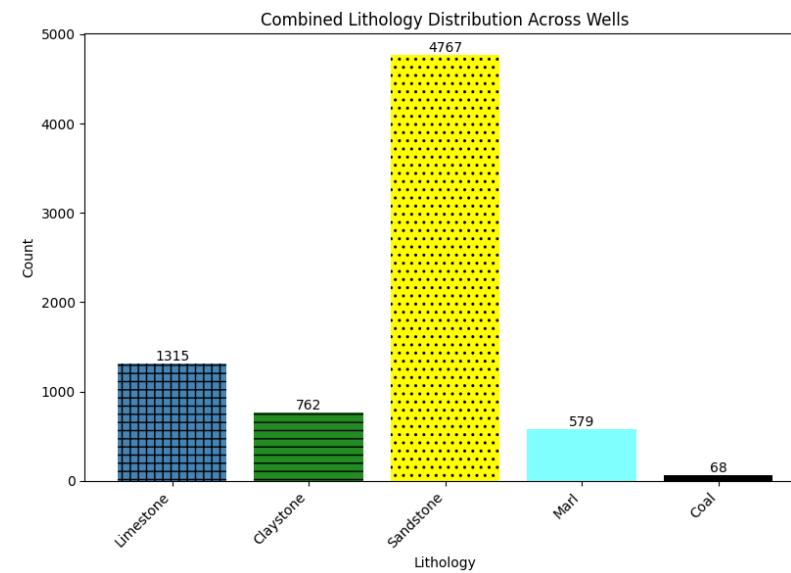
The Elements of Statistical Learning- Hastie, Tibshirani & Friedman 2009

Lithology distributions

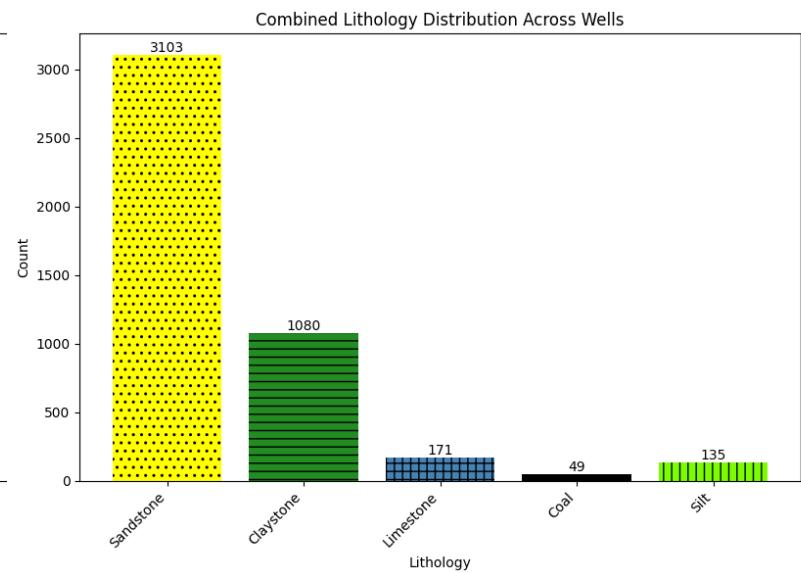
Training wells



Validation wells



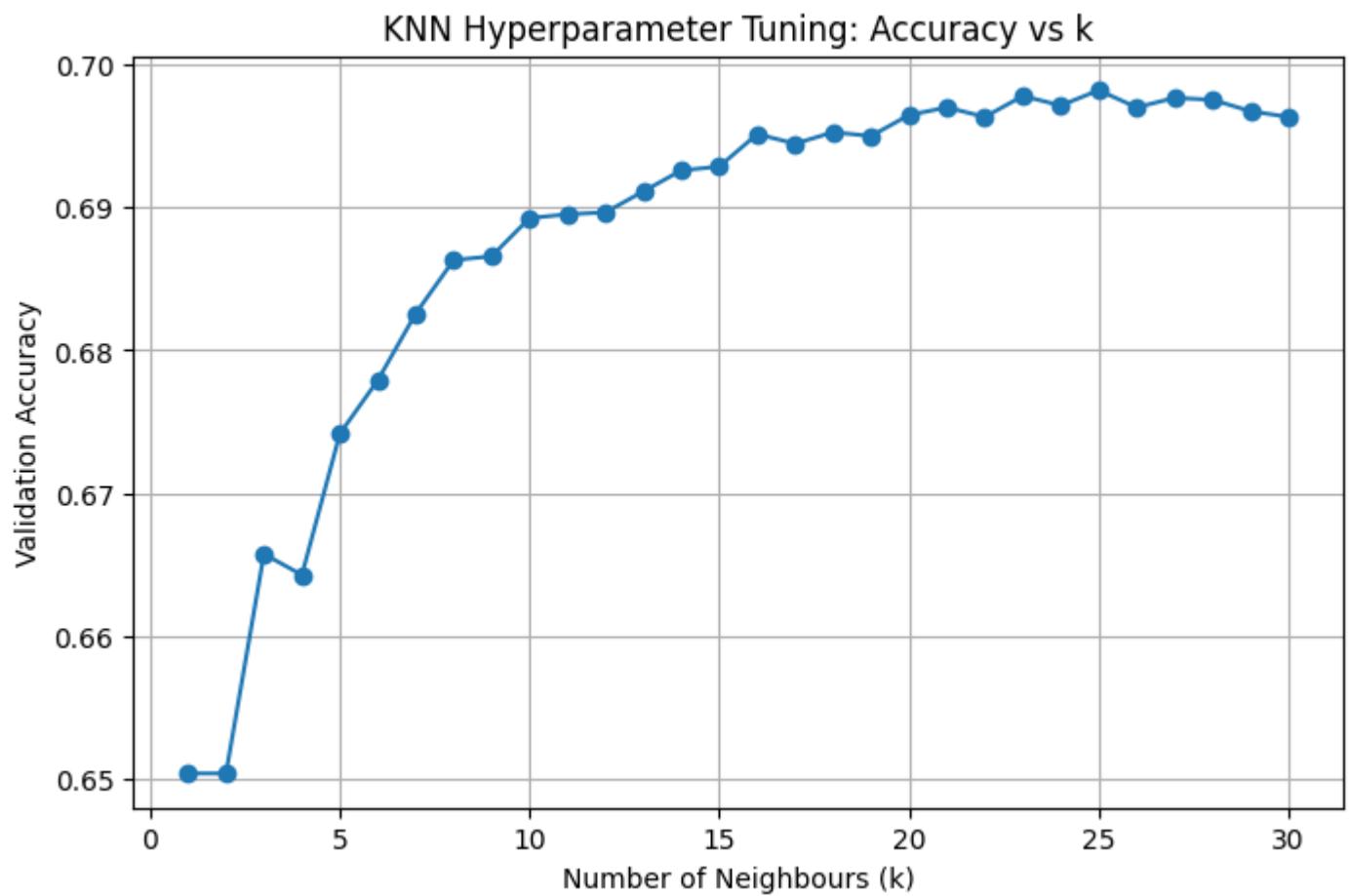
Test wells



Lithology
Sandstone
Marl
Limestone
Coal
Silt
Claystone

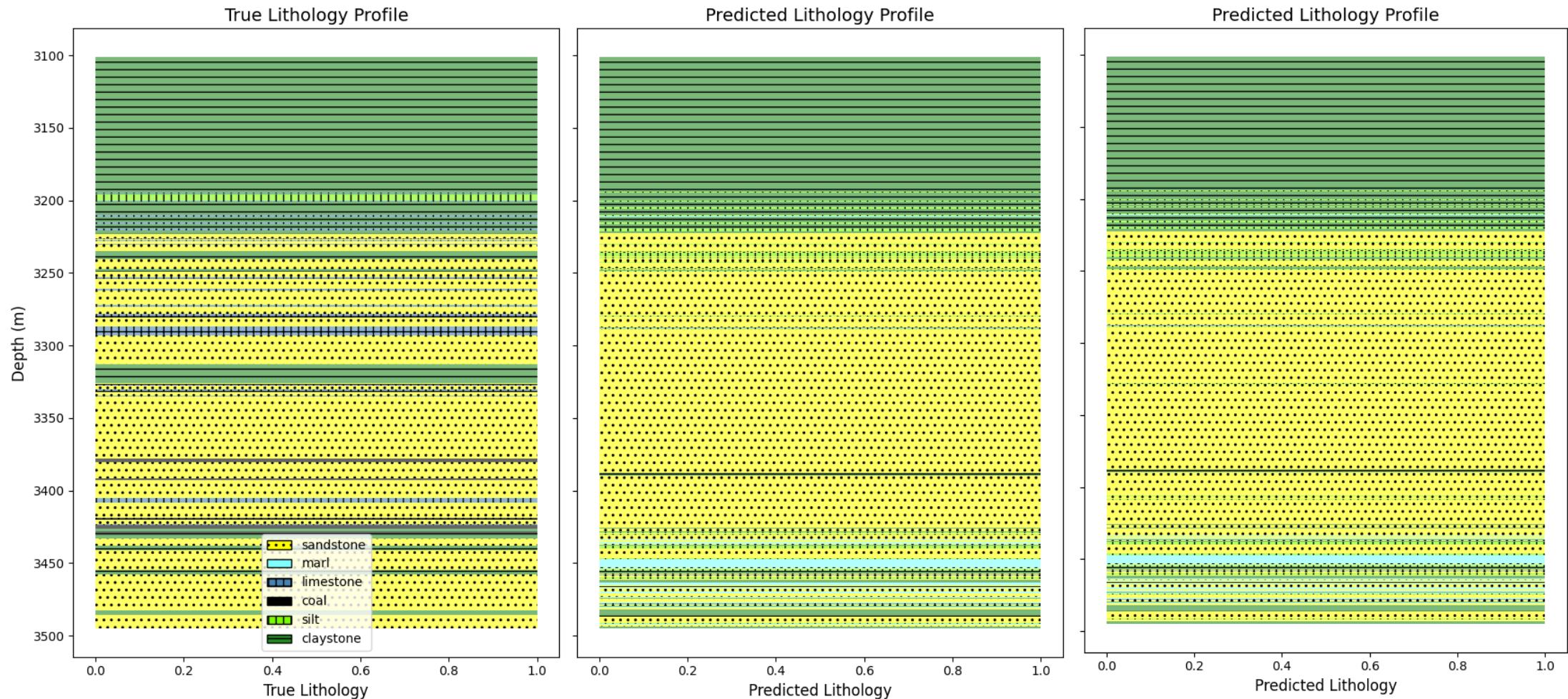
Validation accuracy curve

- Max validation accuracy
- $k = 25$



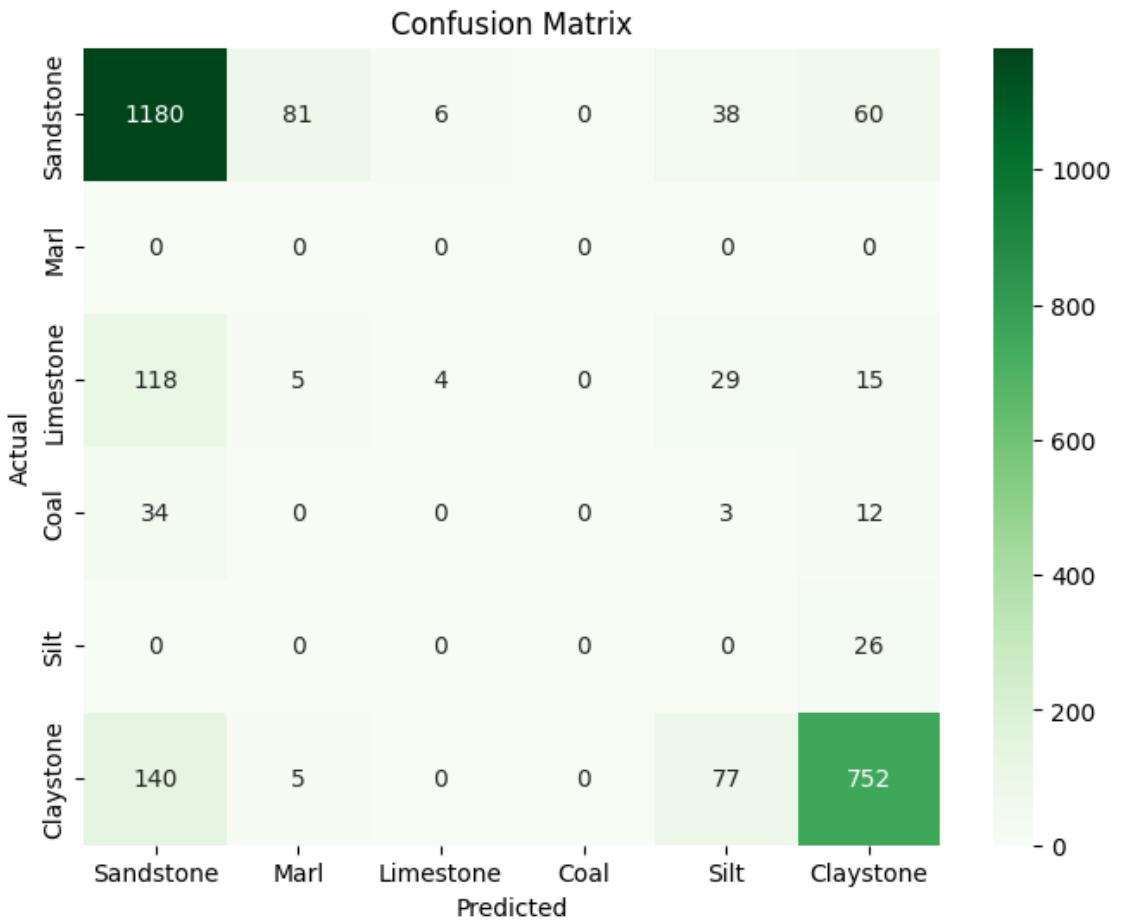
Validation well lithology classification

- Reference $k = 25$, error= 0 . 749 $k = 10$, error= 0 . 740



Confusion matrix: KNN

- $k = 25$



- $k = 10$

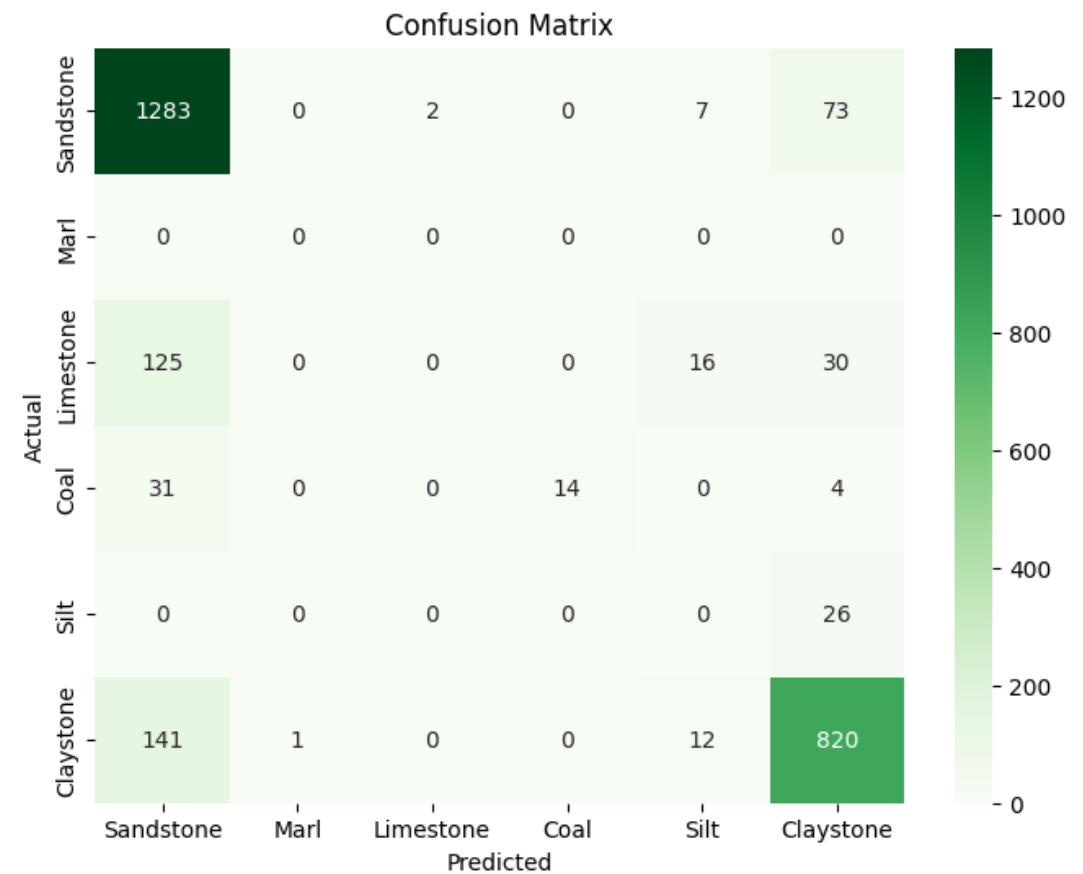


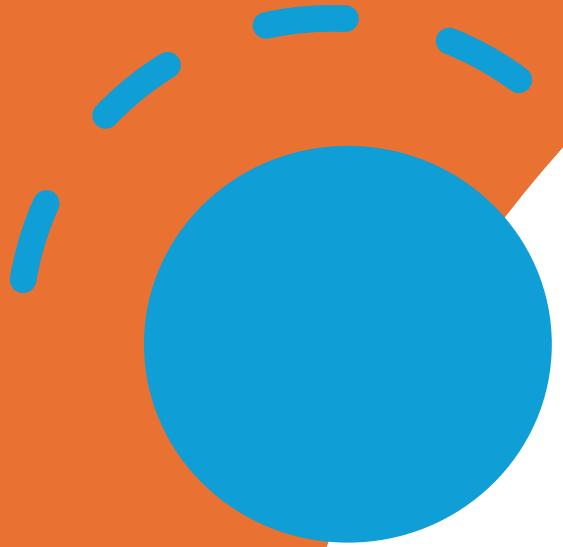
Confusion matrix: KNN vs RF

- KNN



- Random Forest



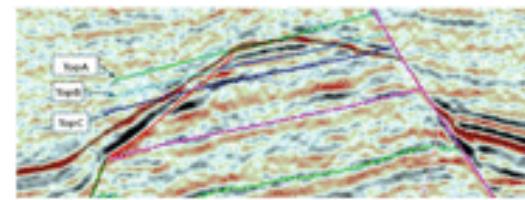


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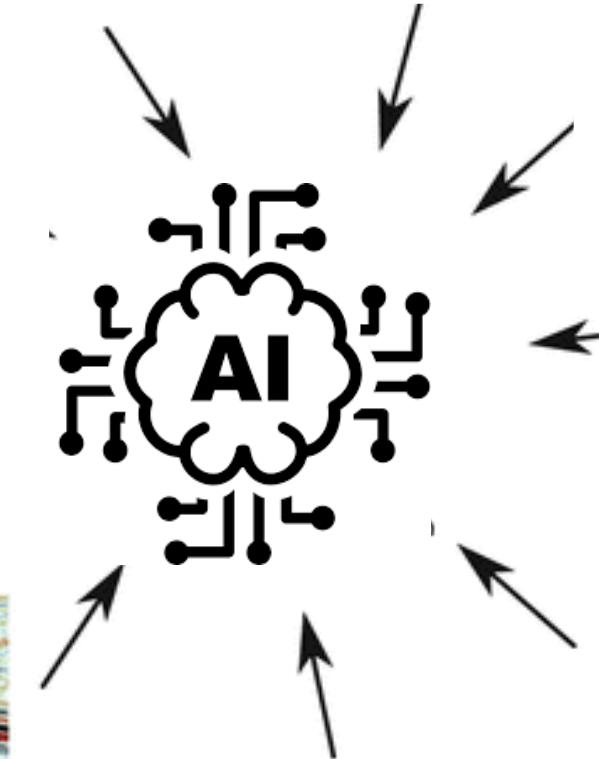
Unsupervised Seismic Interpretation

- Interpretational uncertainty
- Seismic pattern recognition
- Unsupervised seismic segmentation
- Object detection
- Real field application

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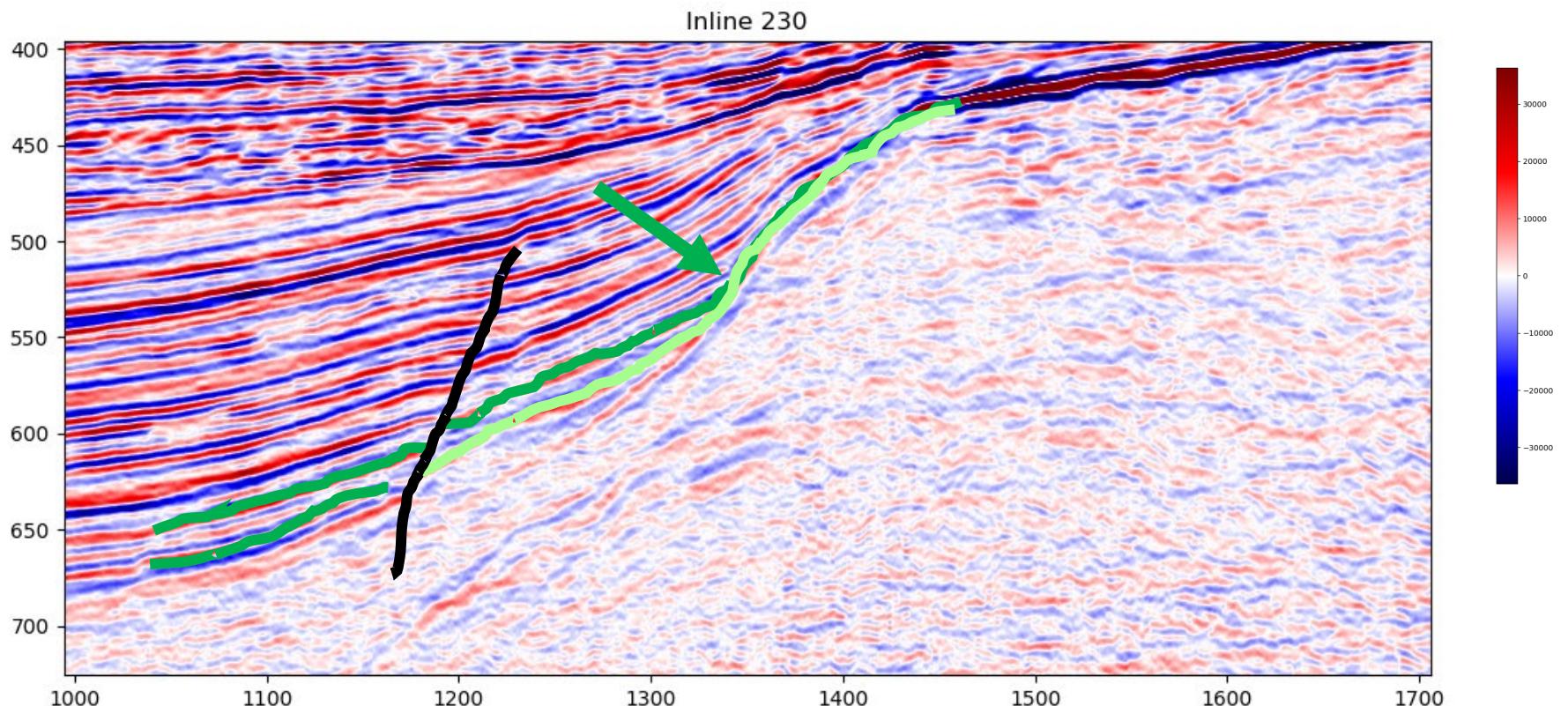


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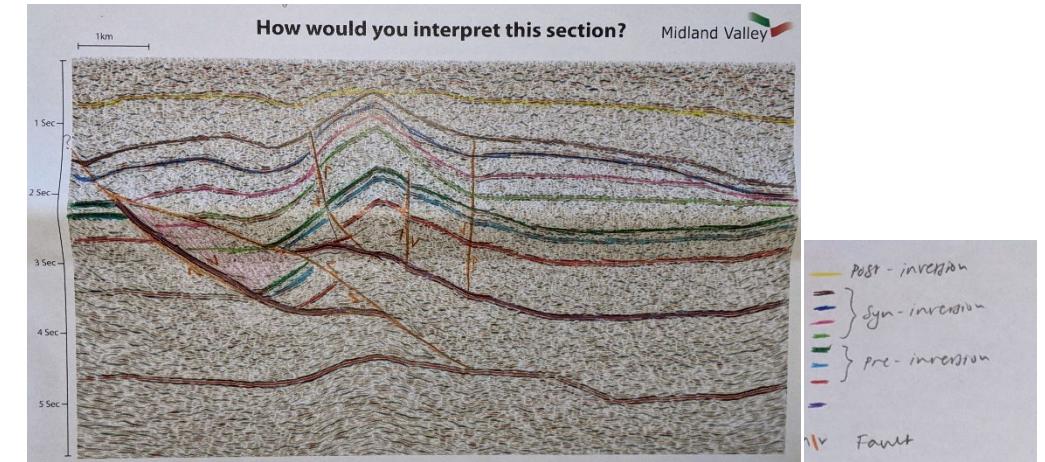
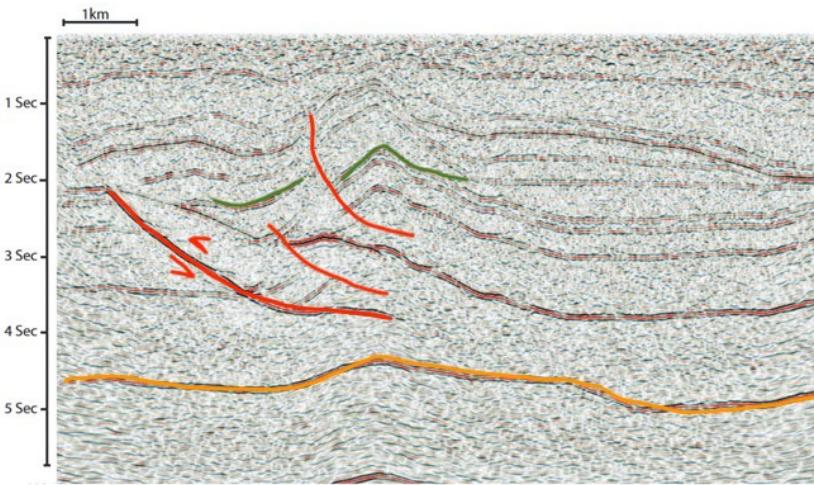
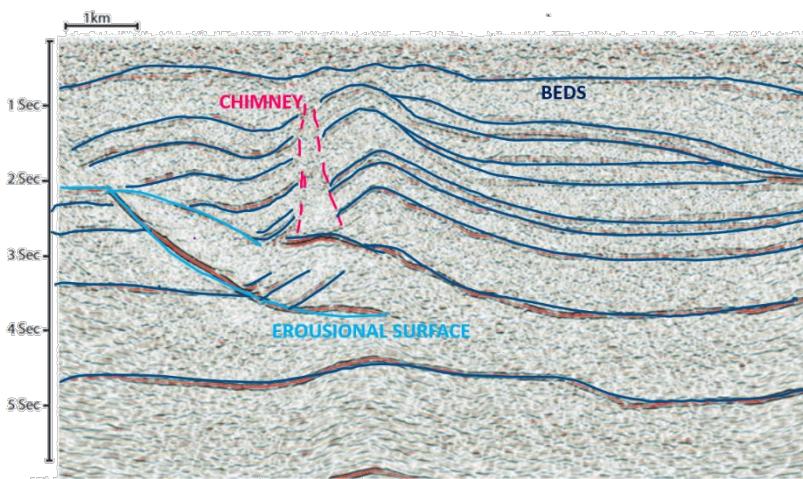
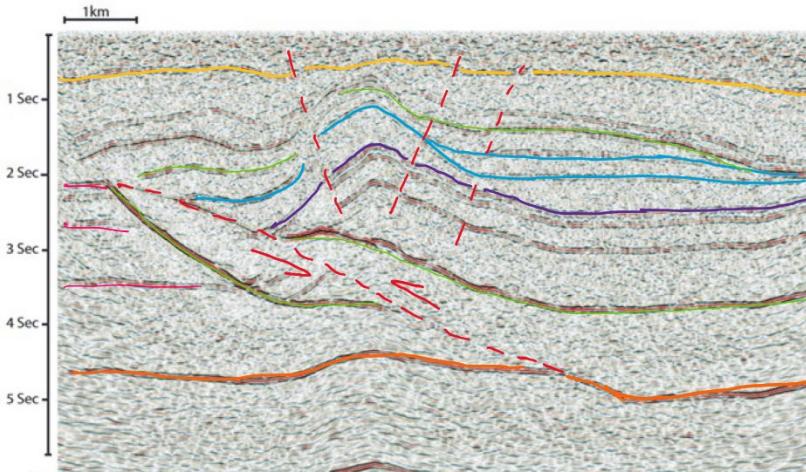


Why is it a challenge?

- Detecting fans?
- Starts? Ends? Path?
- Fans overlapping?
- Deal with faults



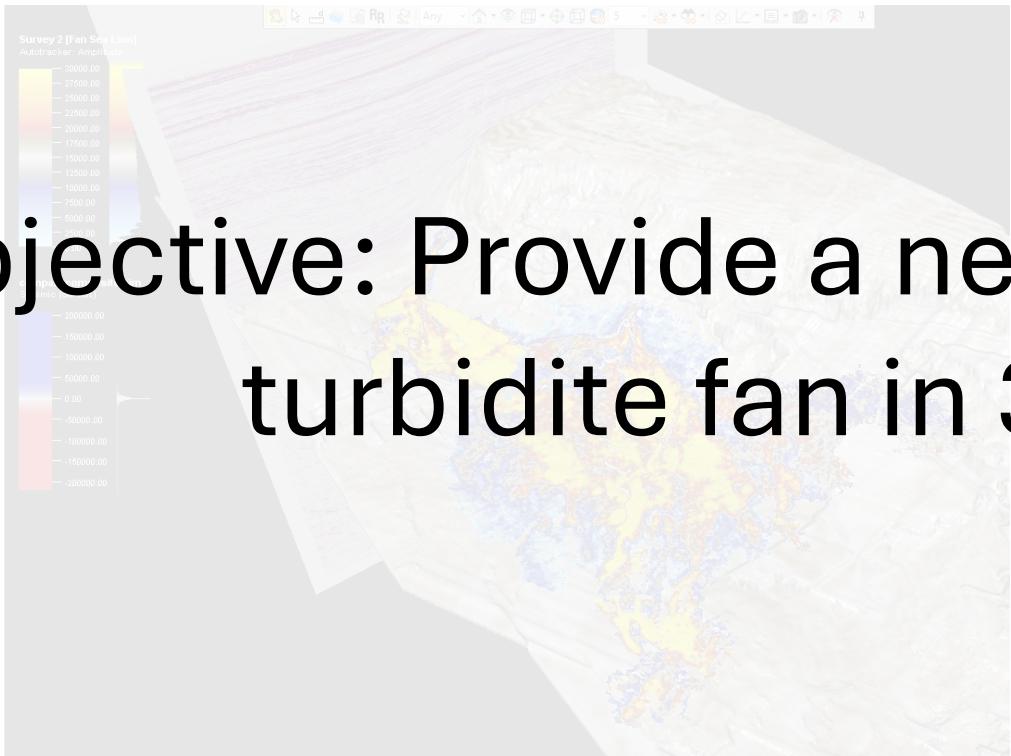
Interpretational Uncertainty



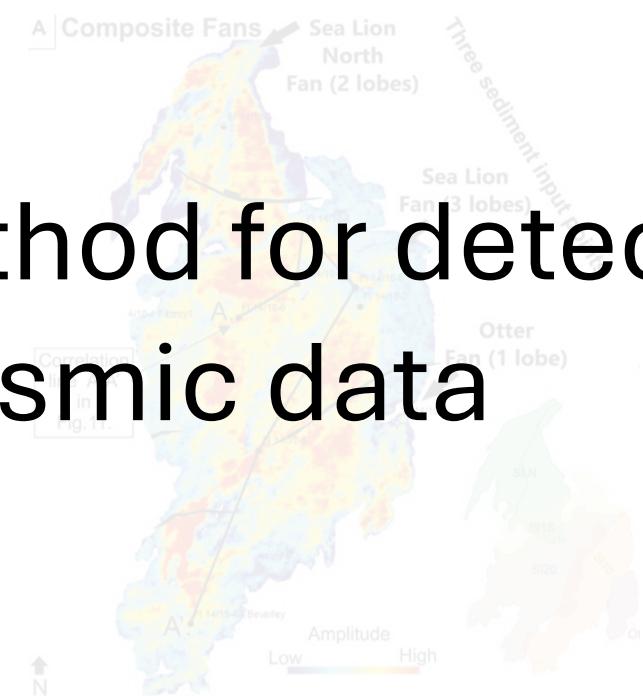
Challenges of fan detection

Fan interpretation in the North Falkland Basin (Sea Lion field)

Objective: Provide a new method for detecting turbidite fan in 3D seismic data

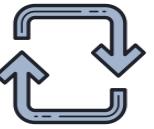


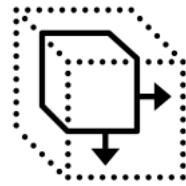
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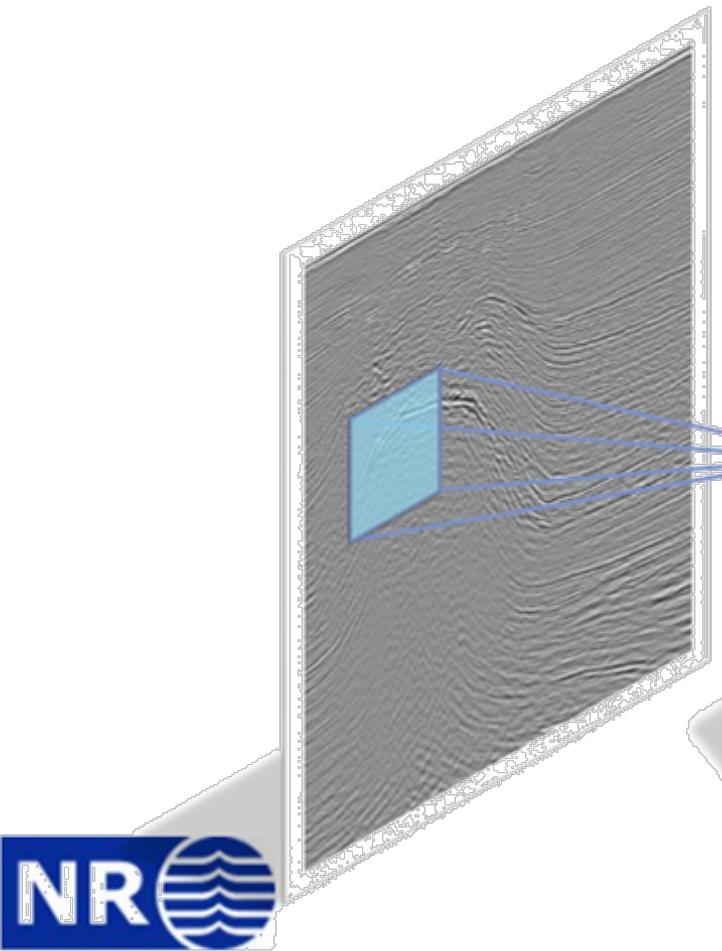
Motivations for a data-driven approach

- Embedding all information at once (3D information, seismic attributes, different sources information...)
- Unbiased by colours, zooming... 
- Repeatable process 
- Multiple realizations to quantify uncertainties 

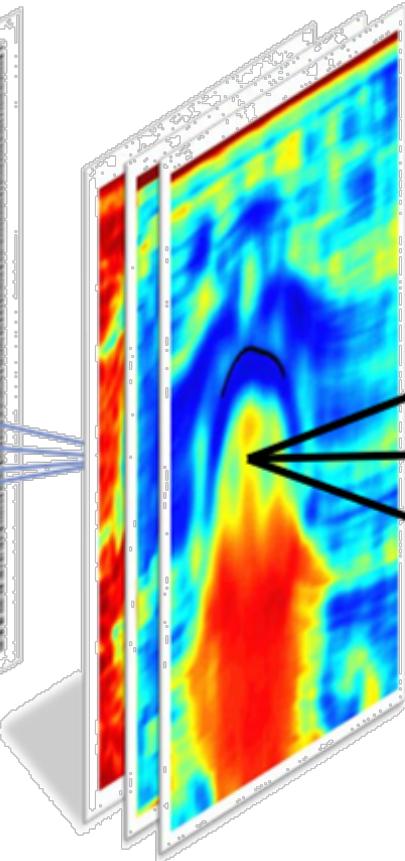


Machine learning for seismic classification

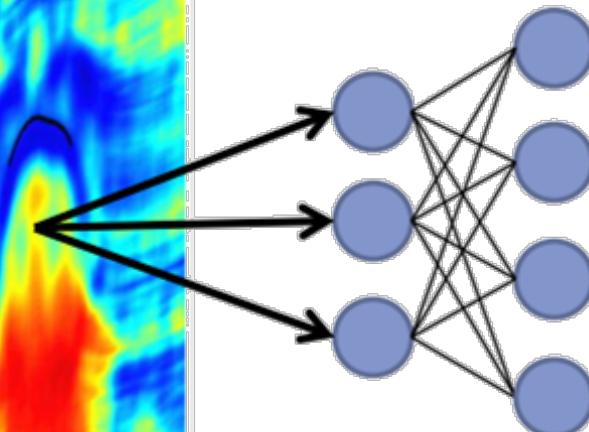
Input



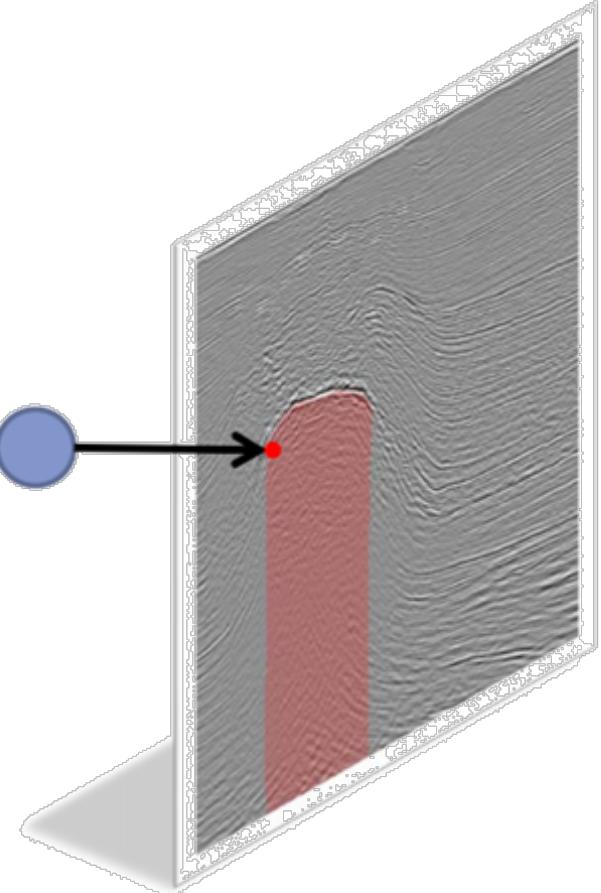
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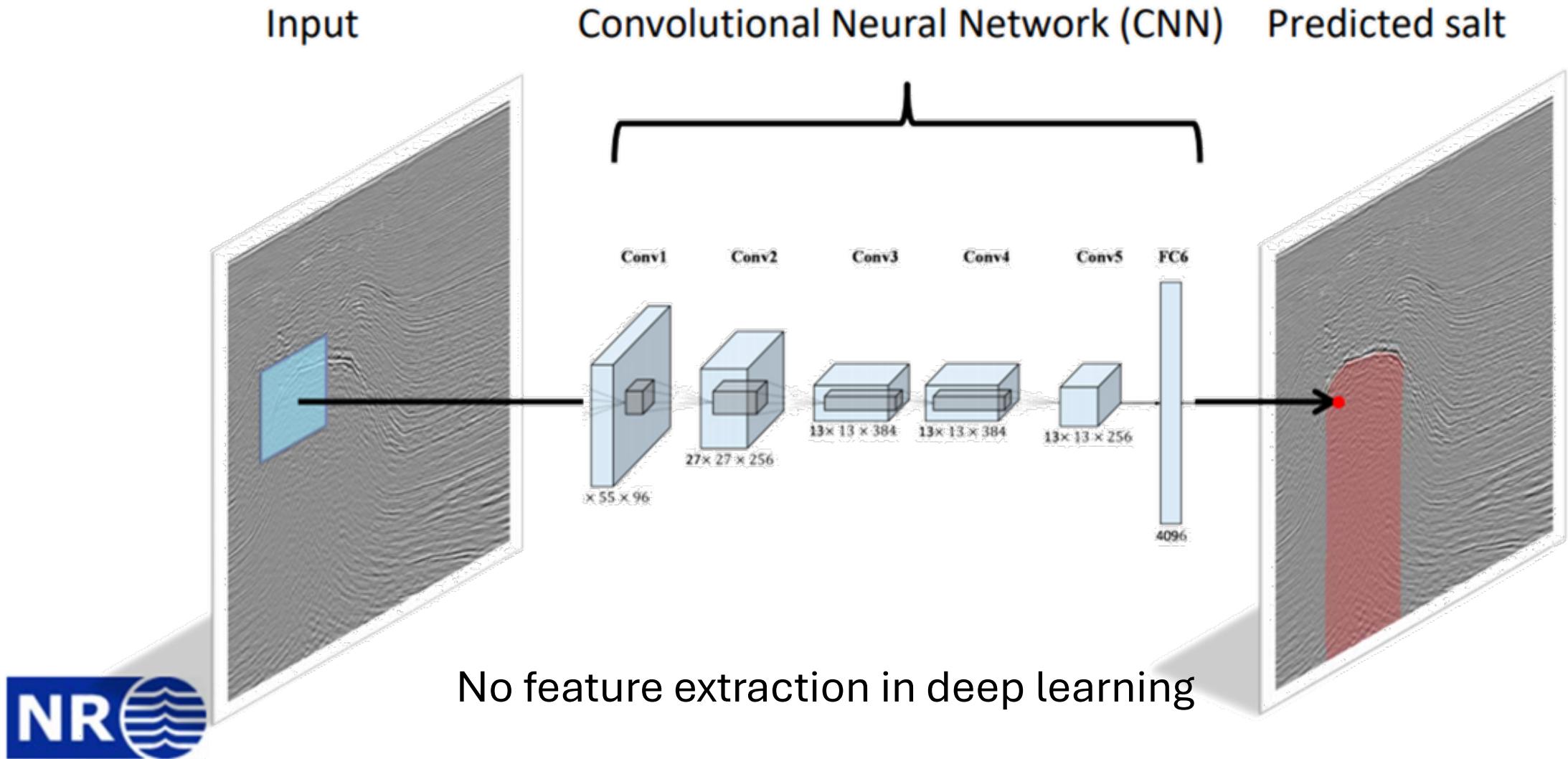
Classifier



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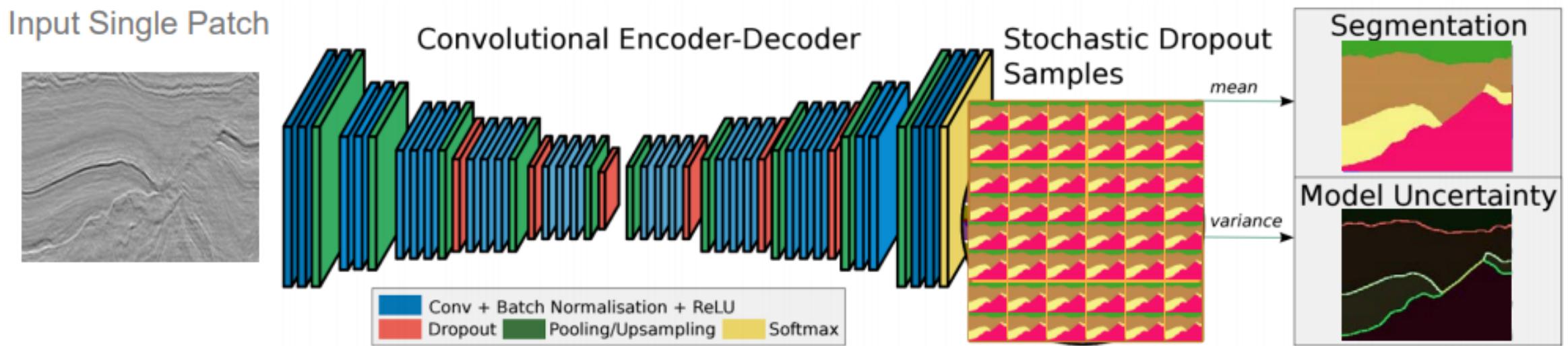


Deep learning for seismic classification

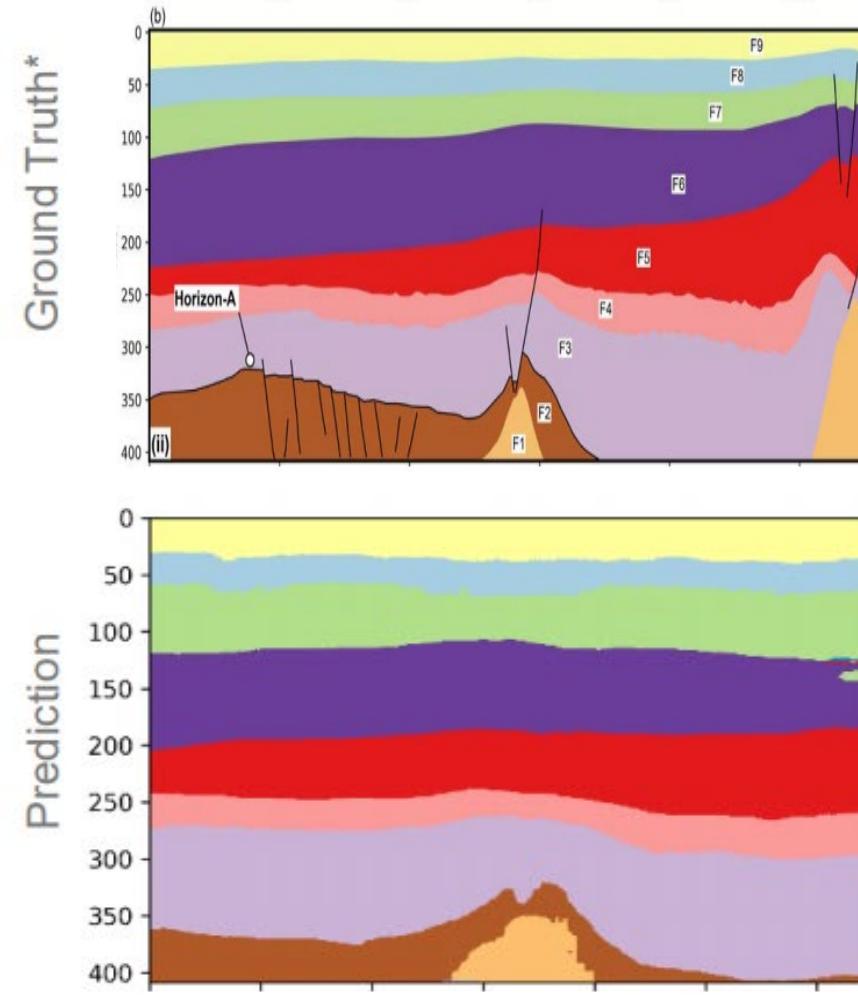
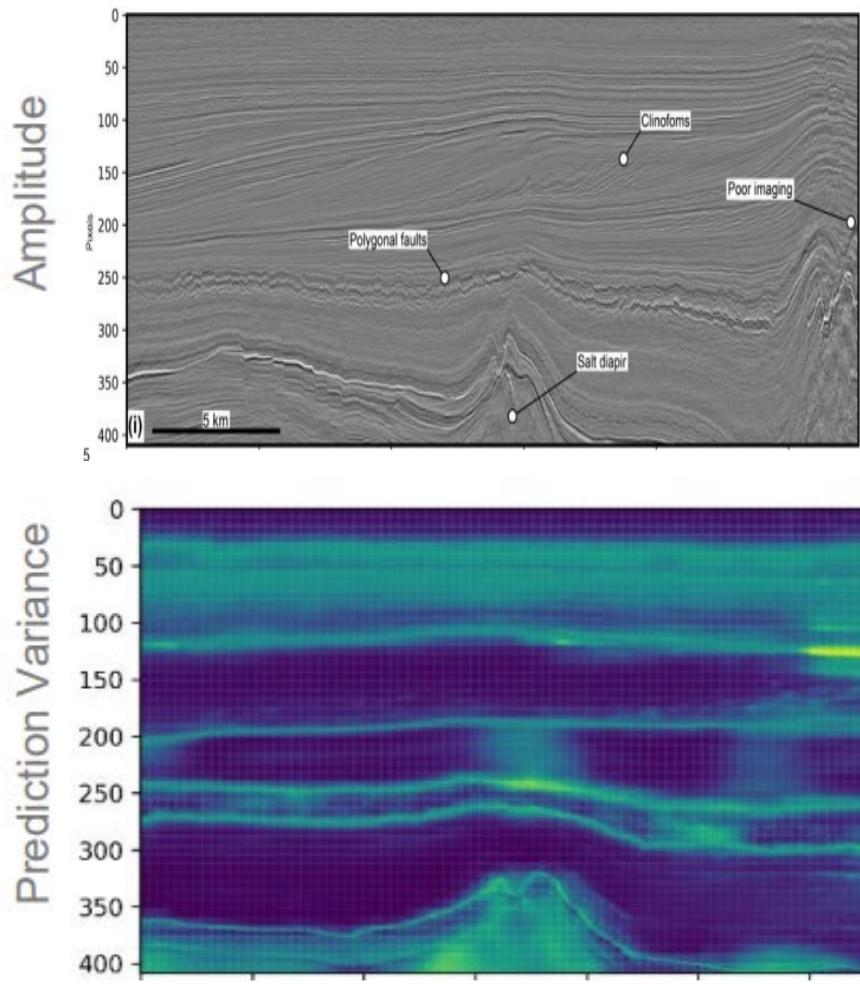


CNN for stratigraphic interpretation

Model Architecture – Bayesian ConvNet: Segnet



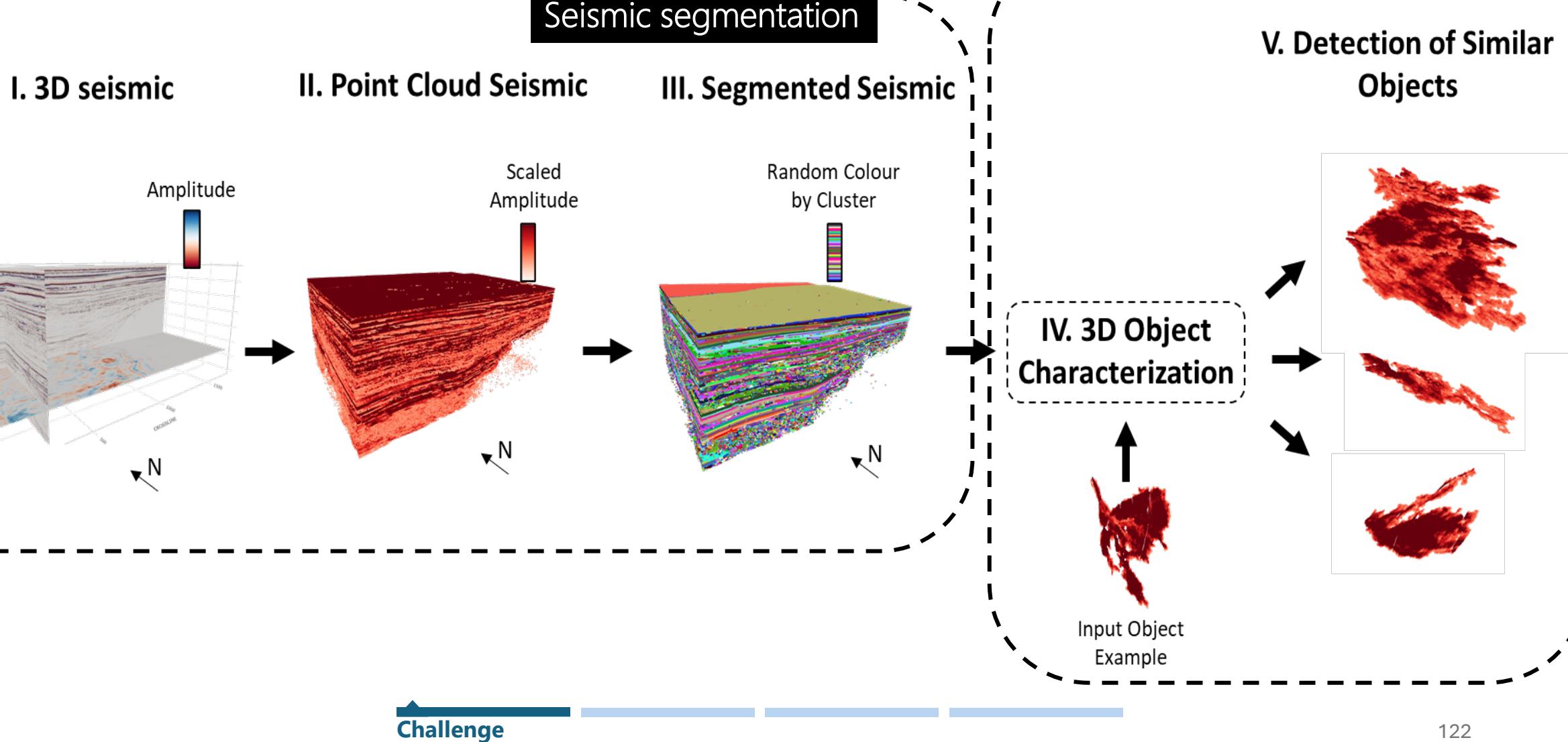
CNN vs manual interpretation



Unsupervised Seismic Interpretation

Quentin Corlay
Fast Detection of
Geobodies in 3D Seismic
with Unsupervised
Segmentation
PhD thesis, 2023

Workflow

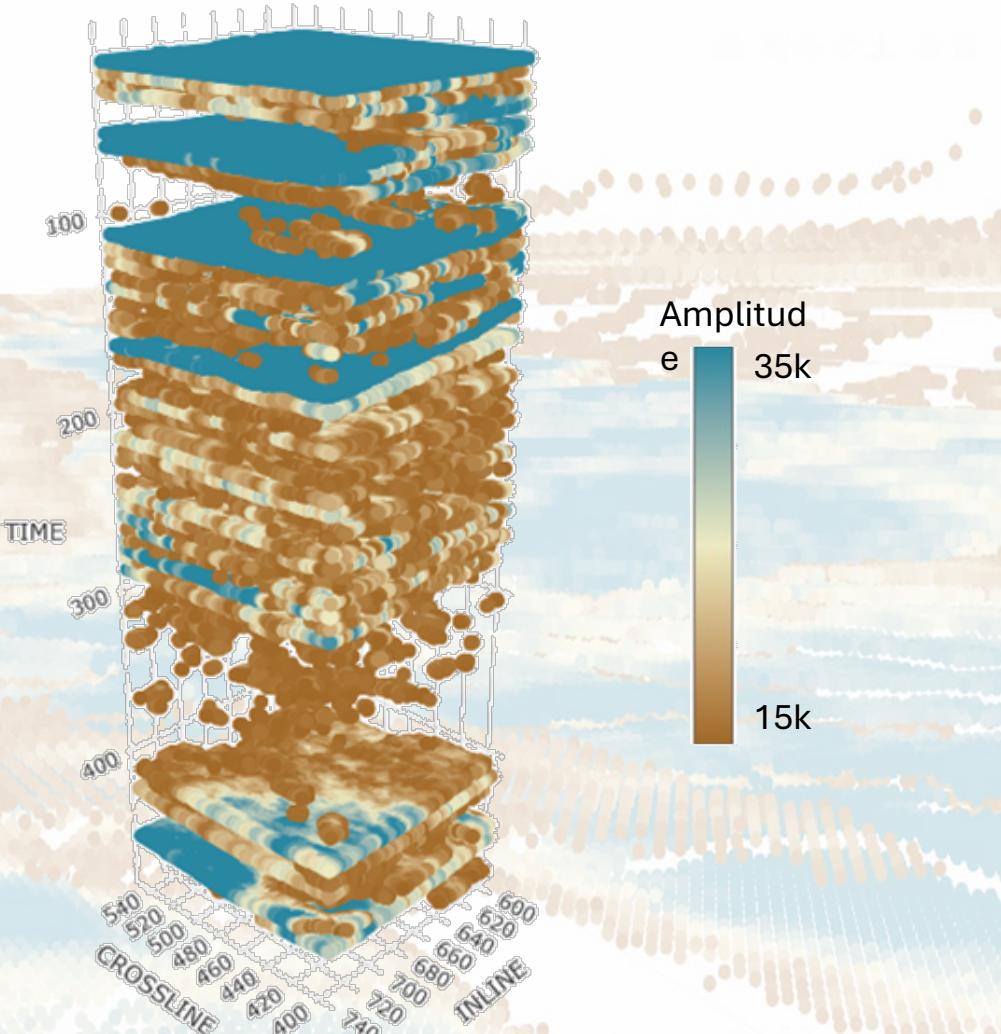
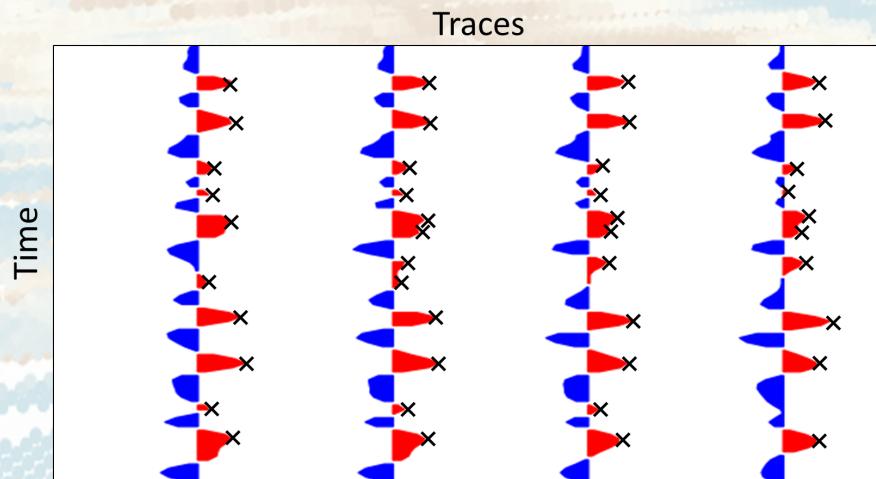


Point Cloud Seismic

Sparse representation of 3D seismic

Point selection:

- local extrema extraction in the trace direction
- seismic attributes filters



Spatial Segmentation - DBSCAN

Density-Based Spatial Clustering with Application of Noise

Unsupervised machine learning clustering algorithm based on spatial density

Epsilon-Neighbourhood:

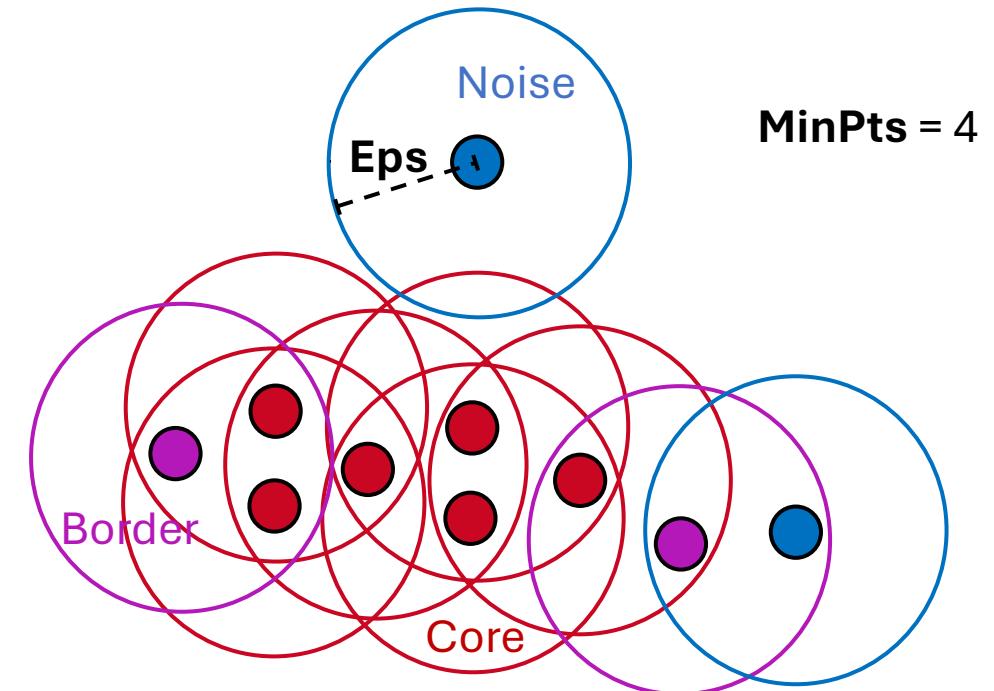
$$N_{Eps}(p) = \{q \in D \mid dist(p, q) \leq Eps\}$$

MinPts:

Minimum number of point in an Eps-Neighbourhood
for a point to be considered as a Core point

A cluster regroups the ensemble of connected core points and their Eps-Neighbourhood.

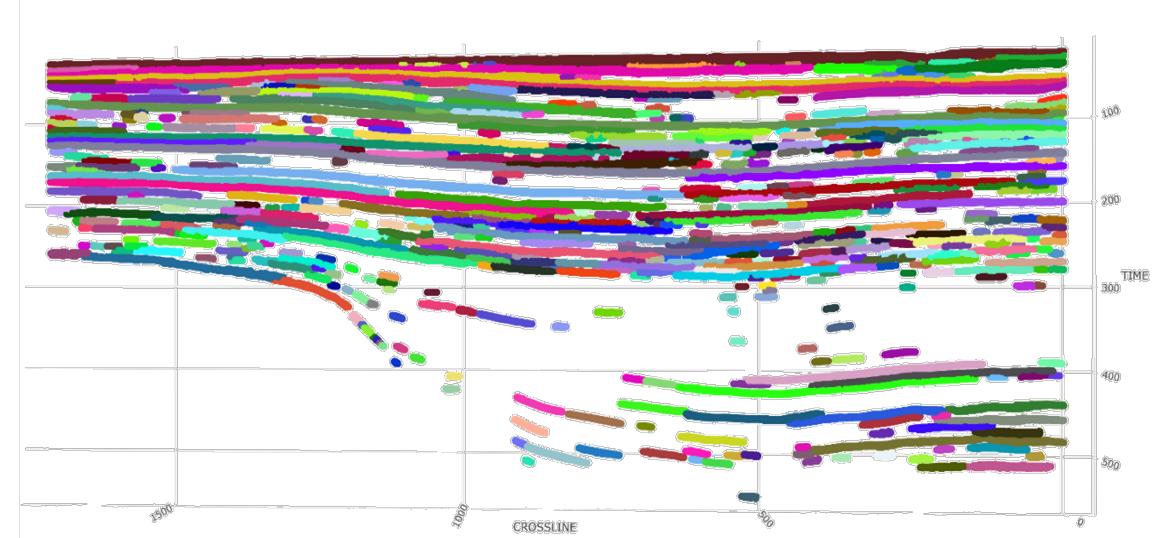
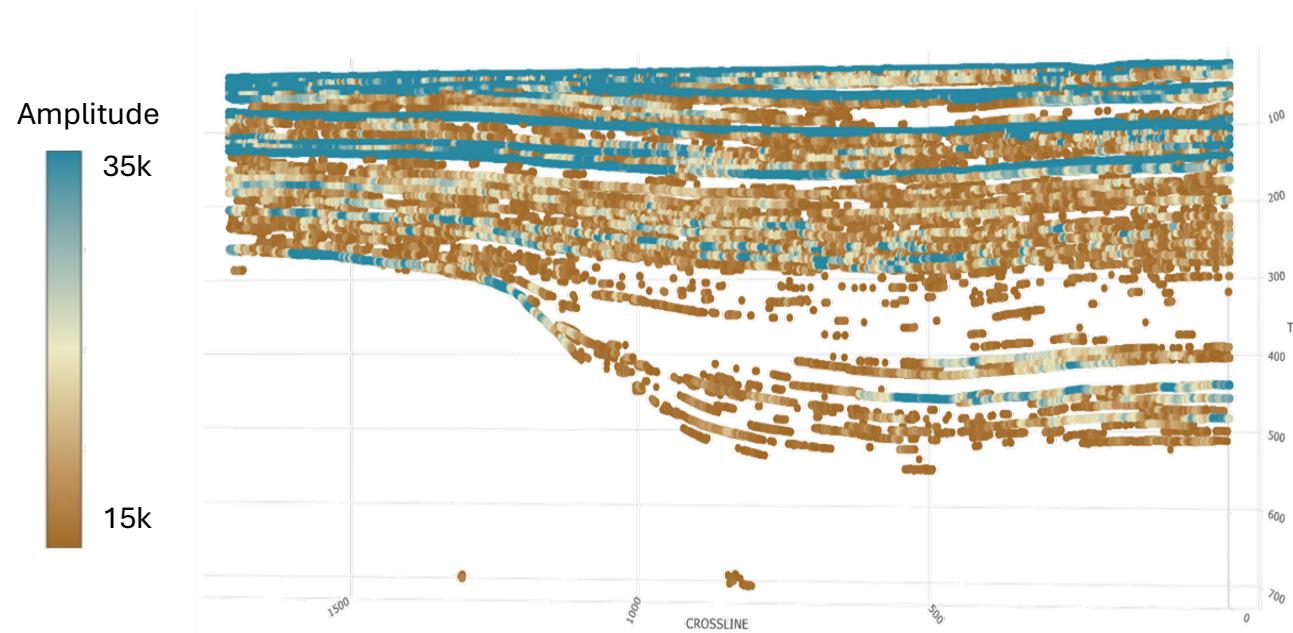
The points not included in a cluster are considered as Noise



[Ester et al., 1996]



Segmented Point Cloud Seismic

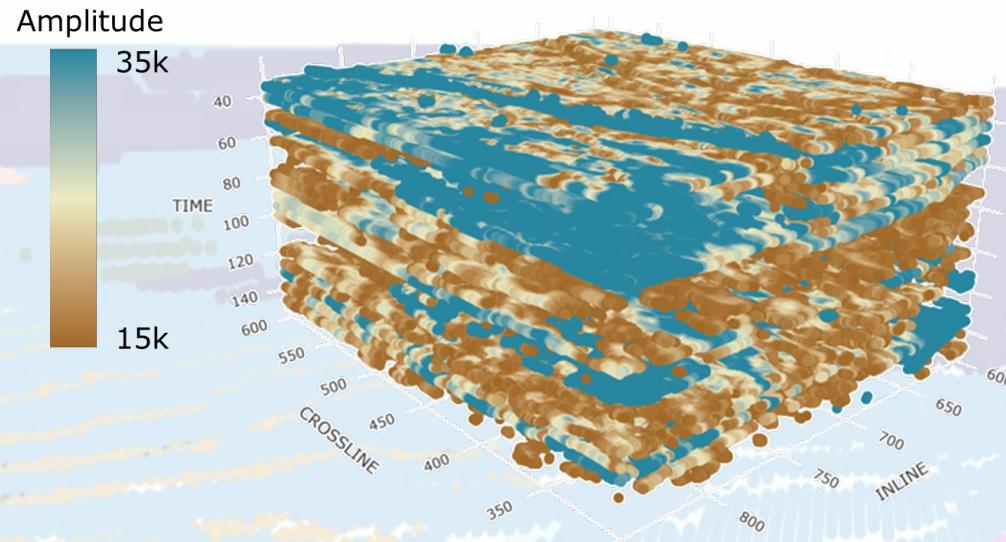


Every cluster is associated with a random color
Noise has been removed from the display

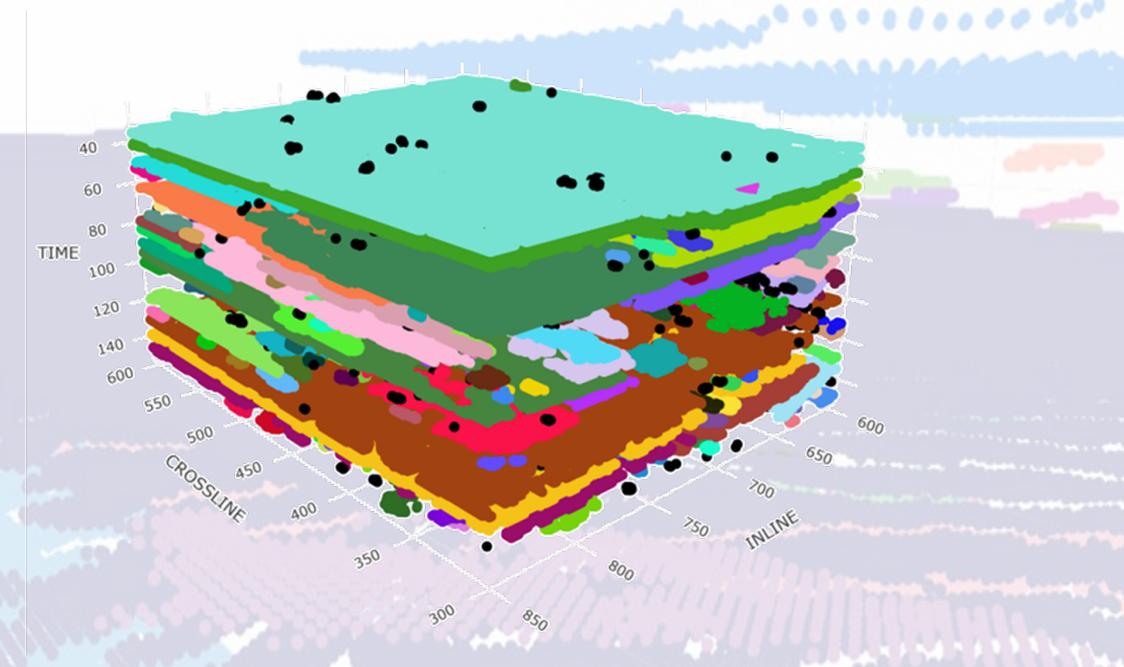


Segmented Point Cloud Seismic

Small 3D area: seismic cube (250 inlines × 300 crosslines × 100 timeslices)



393,299 points are extracted and segmented – 9s on a standard workstation



Clusters associated with random color
Noise appears in black

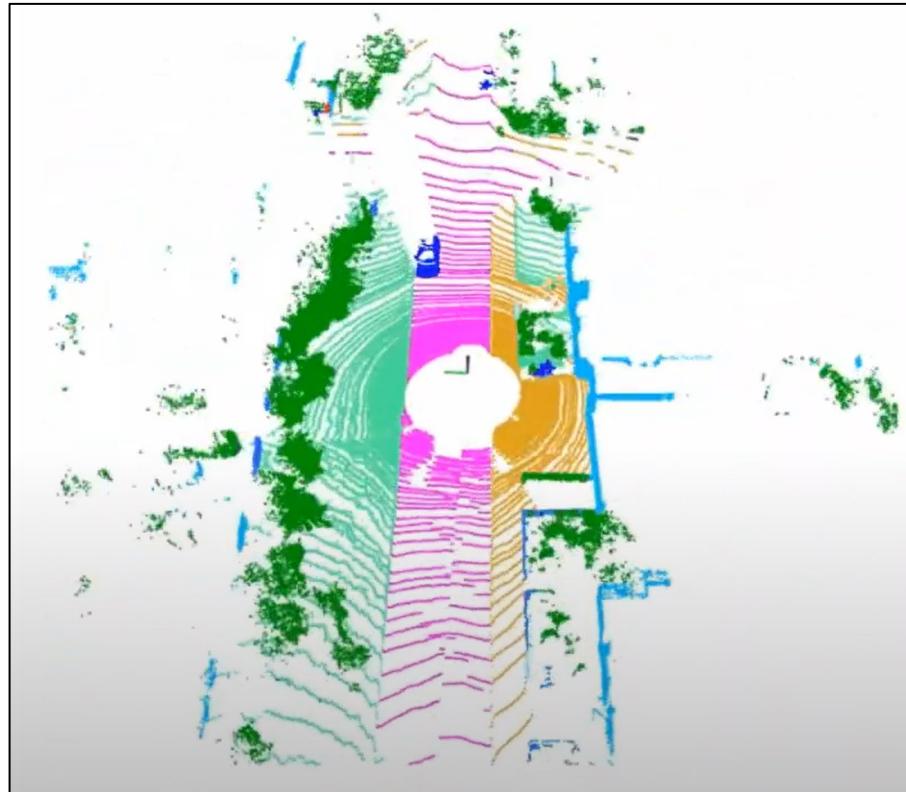


Unsupervised Seismic Interpretation

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Discussion - Point Cloud Semantic Segmentation with Deep Learning

A lot literature is available on point cloud semantic segmentation



Legend for semantic classes:

- car
- pole
- fence
- person
- bicycle
- parking
- vegetation
- other-vehicle
- bicyclist
- motorcyclist
- road
- truck
- terrain
- trunk
- building
- sidewalk
- traffic-sign
- other-ground
- motorcycle

Linking Points With Labels in 3D

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PointNet: Deep Learning on Point Sets for 3D Classification and Segmentation

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RandLA-Net: Efficient Semantic Segmentation of Large-Scale Point Clouds

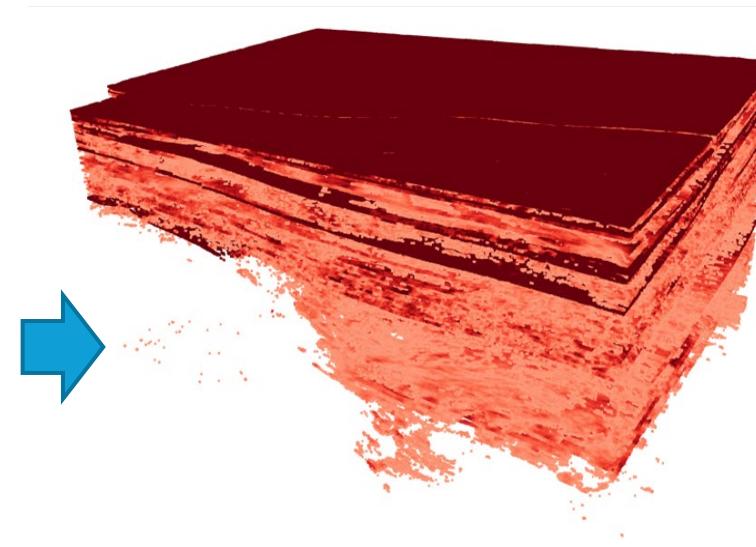
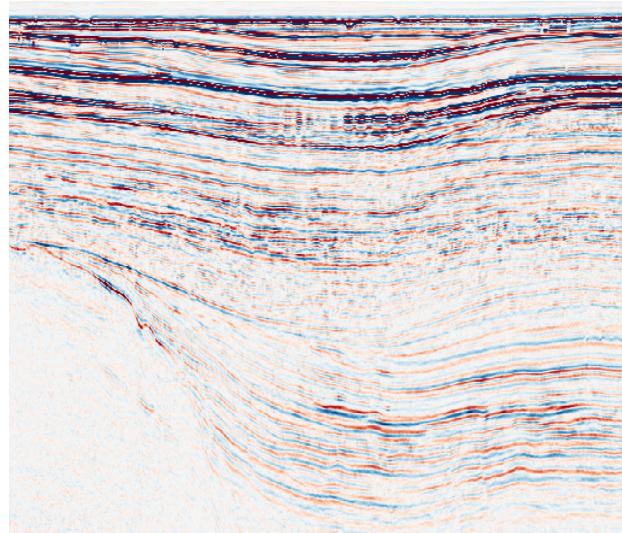
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Abstract

We study the problem of efficient semantic segmentation for large-scale 3D point clouds. By relying on expensive sampling techniques or computationally heavy pre/post-processing steps, most existing approaches are only able to be trained and operate over small-scale point clouds. In this paper, we introduce RandLA-Net, an efficient and lightweight neural architecture to directly infer per-point semantics for large-scale point clouds. The key to our approach is to use random point sampling instead of more complex point selection approaches. Although remarkably computation and memory efficient, RandLA-Net achieves state-of-the-art performance on several benchmarks.

[Hu et al., 2020, IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition]

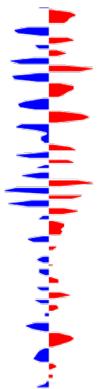
Step 1 - Seismic point cloud



Amplitude



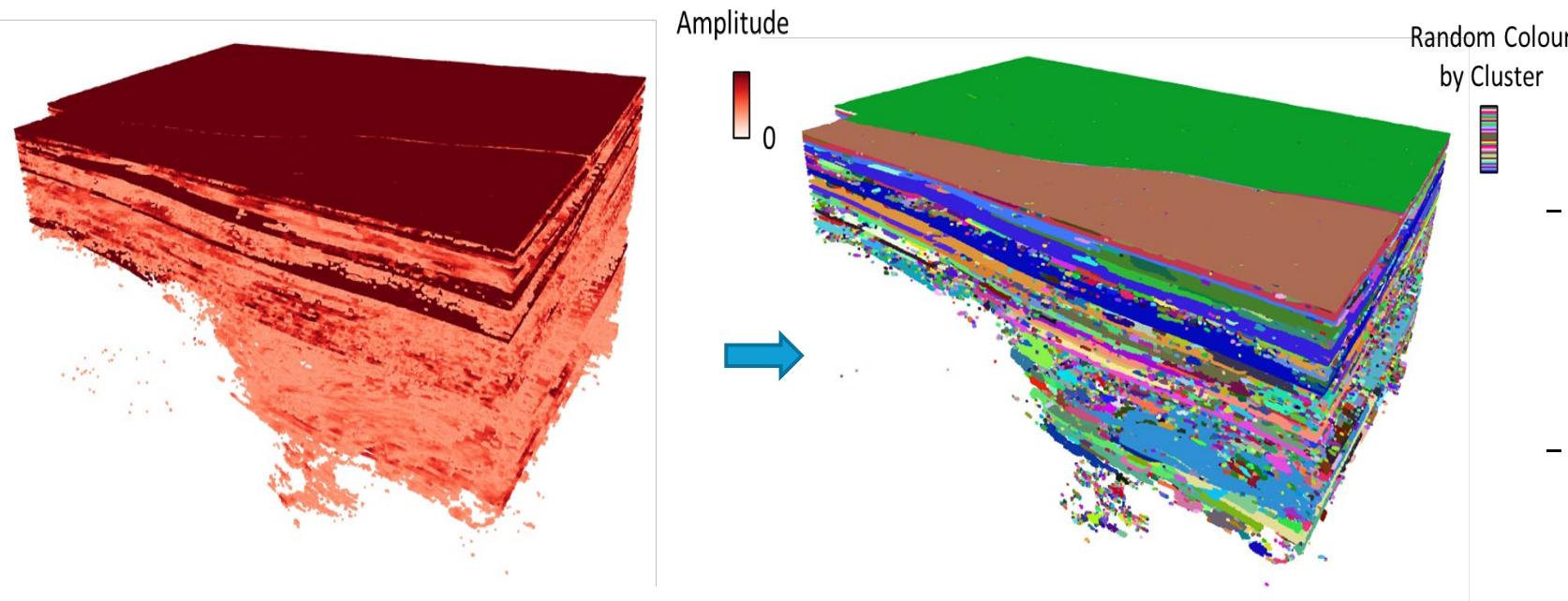
- Extrema extraction in the trace direction
- Filtering points on coherence
- Filtering points on amplitude



Advantages:

- Creates space between objects in the seismic
- Reduces the volume of data

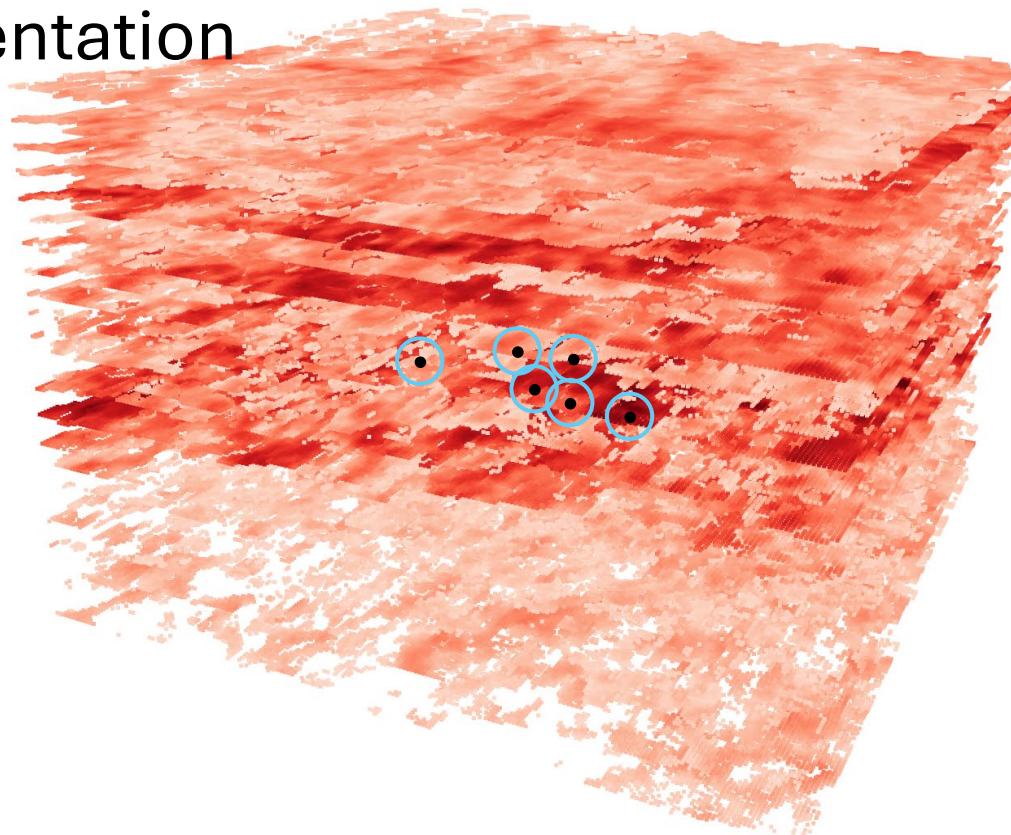
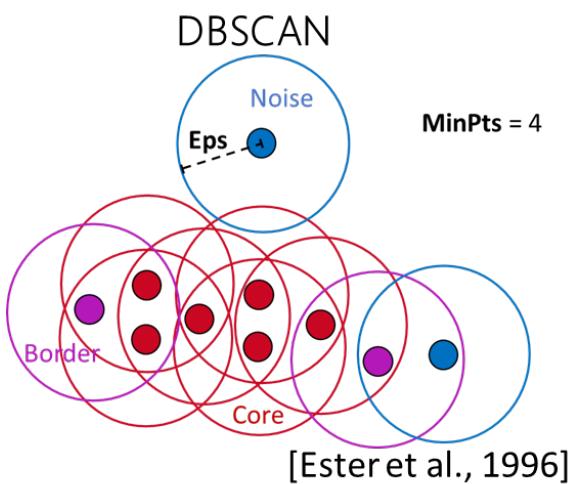
Step 2 - Seismic segmentation



- Density-Based Spatial Clustering with Application of Noise (DBSCAN)
- Clusters based on density connectivity between the points

Step 2 - Seismic segmentation

- Spatial segmentation



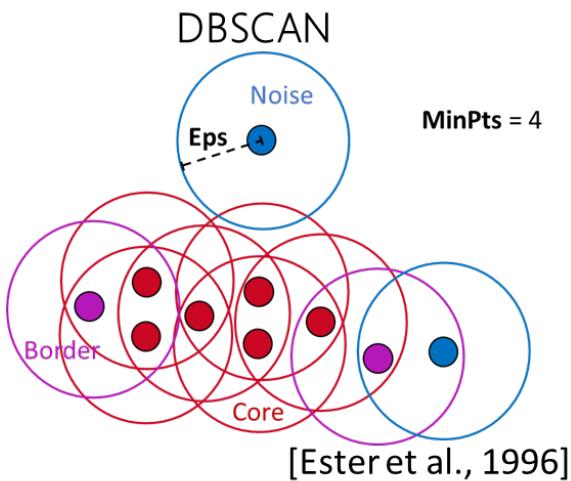
DBSCAN parameters

Eps: Epsilon

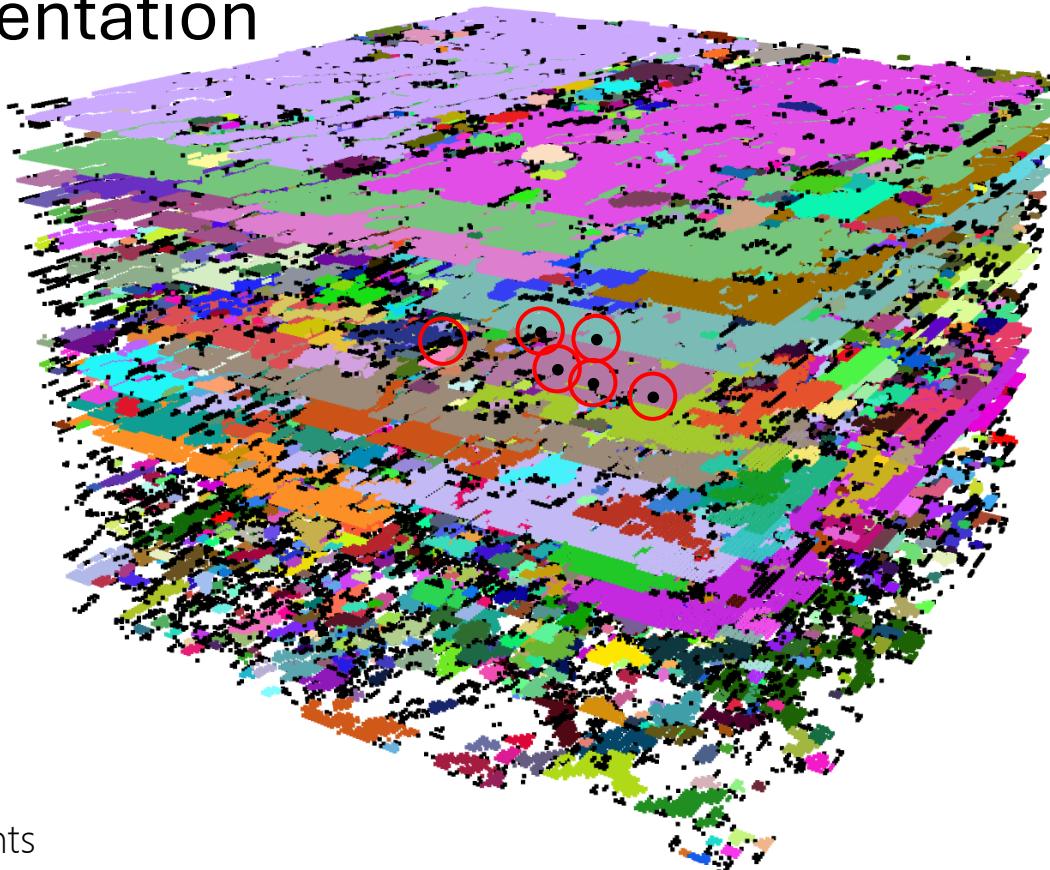
MinPts: Minimum number of points

Step 2 - Seismic segmentation

- Spatial segmentation



DBSCAN parameters
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Seismic
segmentation

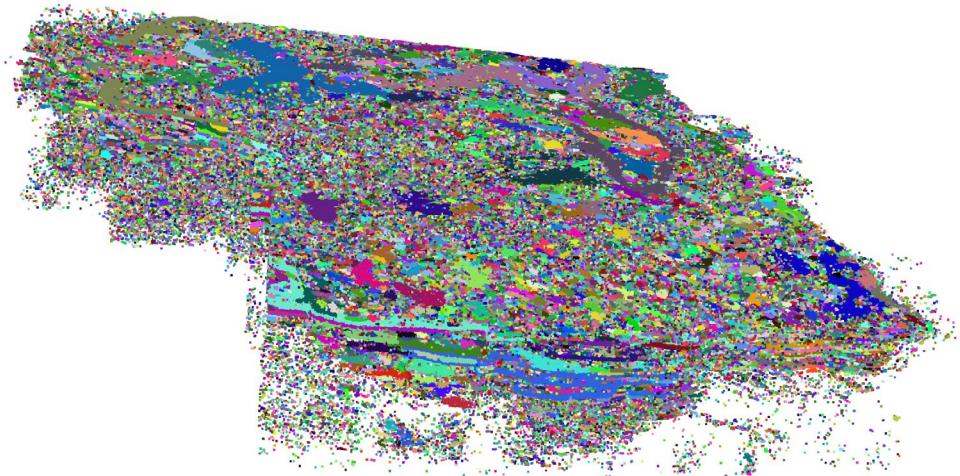
- Advantages:
- Segments are not size or shape dependent
 - Robust to noise
 - Extremely fast

Unsupervised Seismic Interpretation

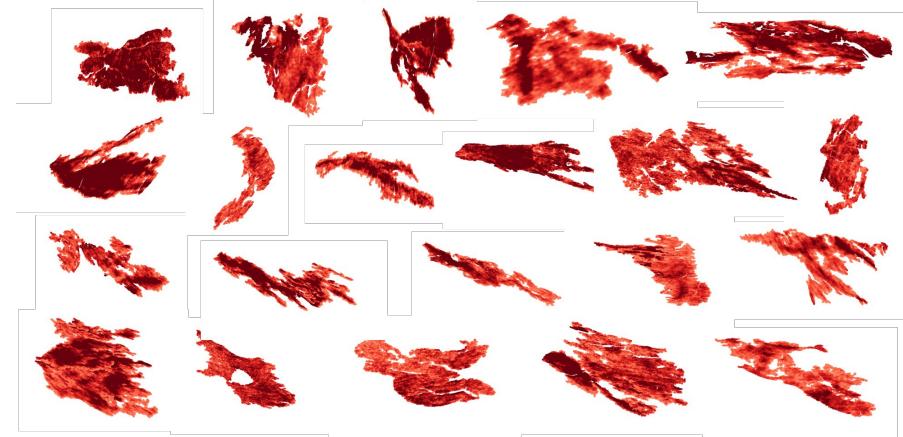
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Problems – No labelled datasets

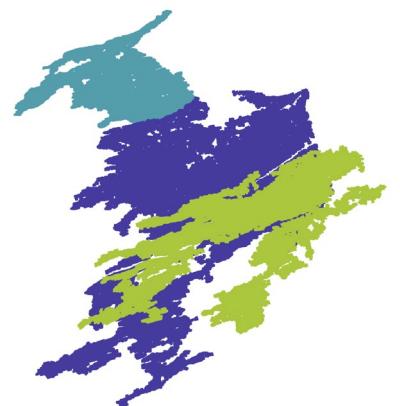
1. No labelled datasets



2. Diversity of objects in the seismic

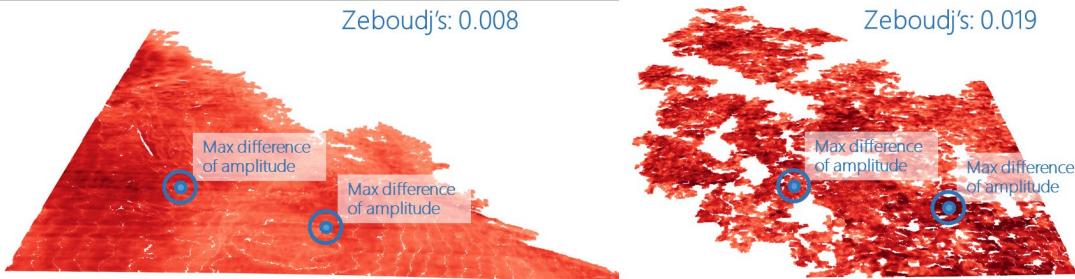


3. Diversity of shapes
of turbidite fans



Segment Characterisation with Feature Engineering

1. Amplitude spatial distribution

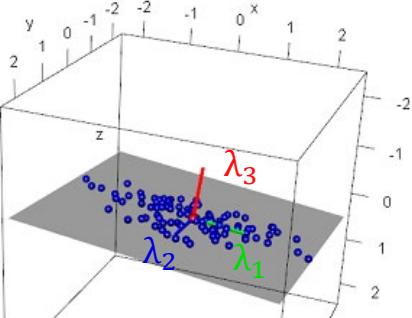


Zeboudj's Internal disparity (CI): $CI(R_j) = \frac{1}{S_j} \sum_{s \in R_j} \max\{C(s, t), t \in W(s) \cap R_j\}$

$$C(s, t) = \frac{|Amp(s) - Amp(t)|}{Amp_{max}}$$

[Zéboudj, R., 1988, Doctoral thesis]

3. Aspect ratio

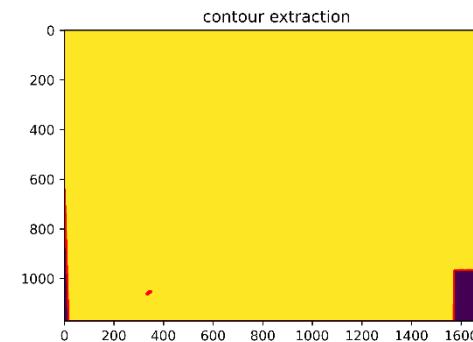


$$\frac{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2}{\lambda_1}$$

$$\frac{\lambda_3}{\lambda_1}$$

2. Contour ratio

Surface (S)
 Contours



$$\frac{d_{\text{contours}}}{S}$$

Table of extracted features

segmentID	nPoints	Amplitude Mean	Semblance Mean	Zeboudj Distance	Outline Ratio	linearity	slope	orientation	rZHigh	rZLow
21851	-0.085	0.433	0.351	-0.916	0.836	0.076	-0.078	0.911	-0.836	-0.679
27634	-0.244	0.598	-0.590	-0.060	0.920	0.077	-0.078	1.167	-0.306	-0.445
105043	-0.255	1.007	0.109	-0.016	-0.319	0.074	-0.078	-0.789	-0.693	0.148

Approach 1: binary classification



A turbidite fan

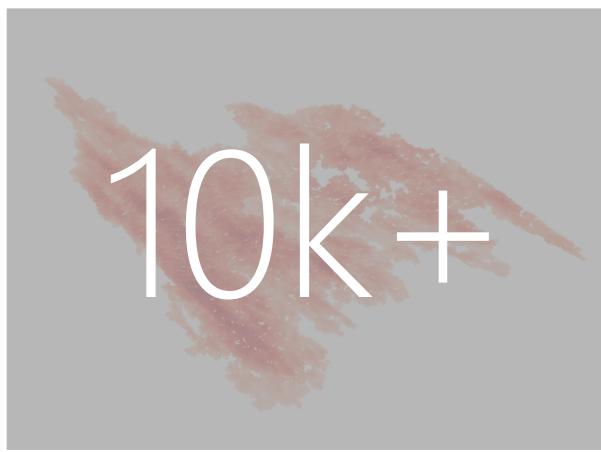


Not a turbidite fan

Approach 1: binary classification



A turbidite fan
3 examples

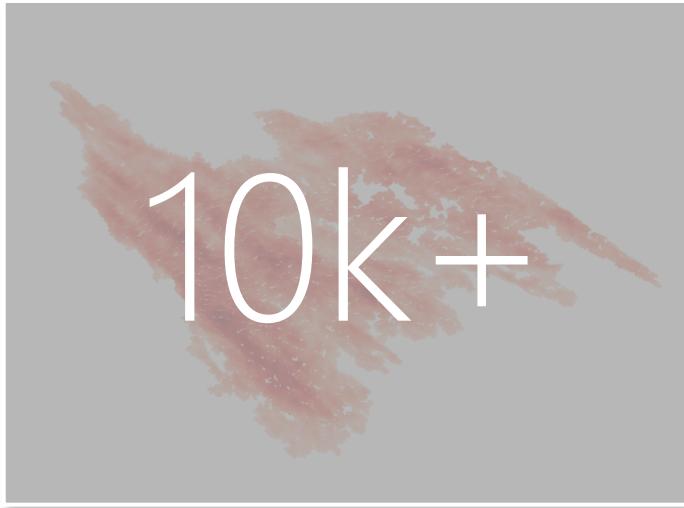


Not a turbidite fan
10k+ examples

Problems:

- 3 fan examples / 10k+ segments
- False positives?

Approach 2: closest objects retrieval



Database of segments (10k+)

Find the n-closest
segments



Example of object to find

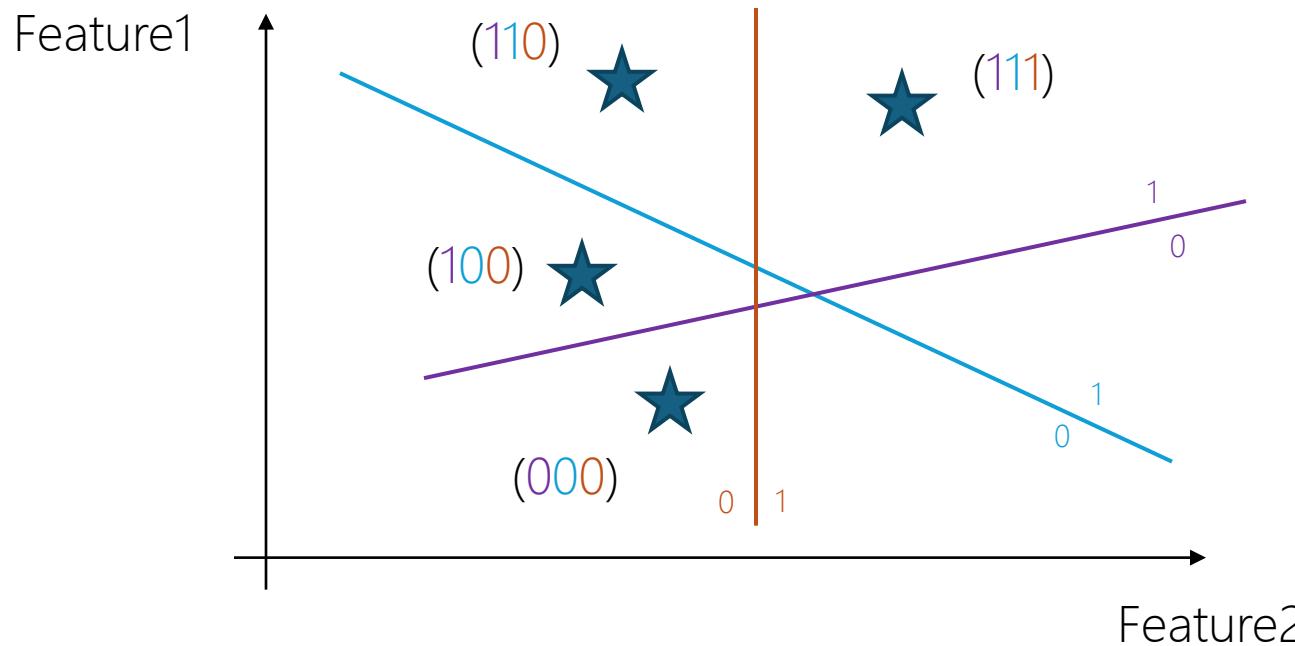
Approach 2: closest objects retrieval

Binary Hashing for Approximate Nearest Neighbour

[Lin et al., 2015, IEEE]

Step 1

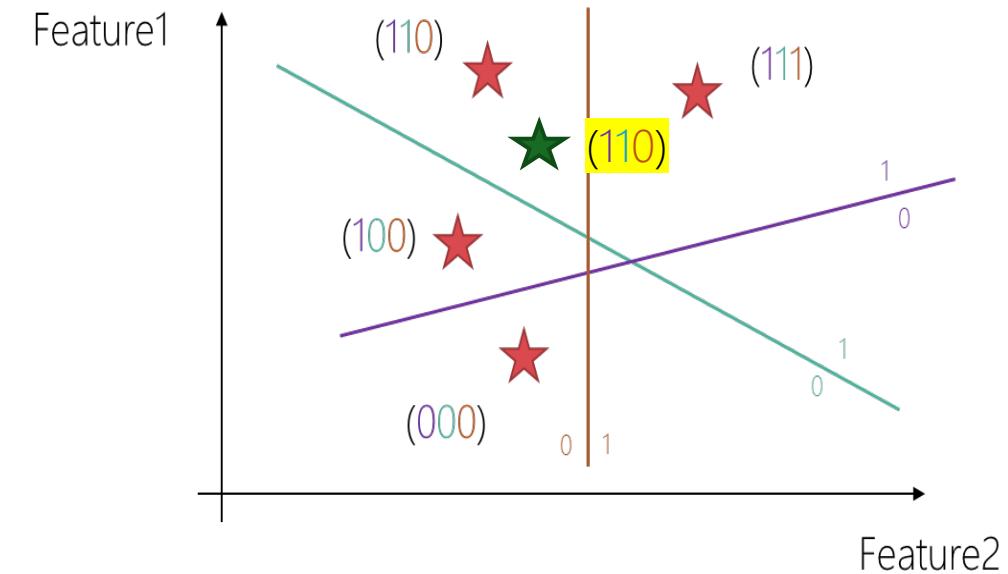
Binary code creation by feature hashing



Step 2

Object retrieval

Query: ★



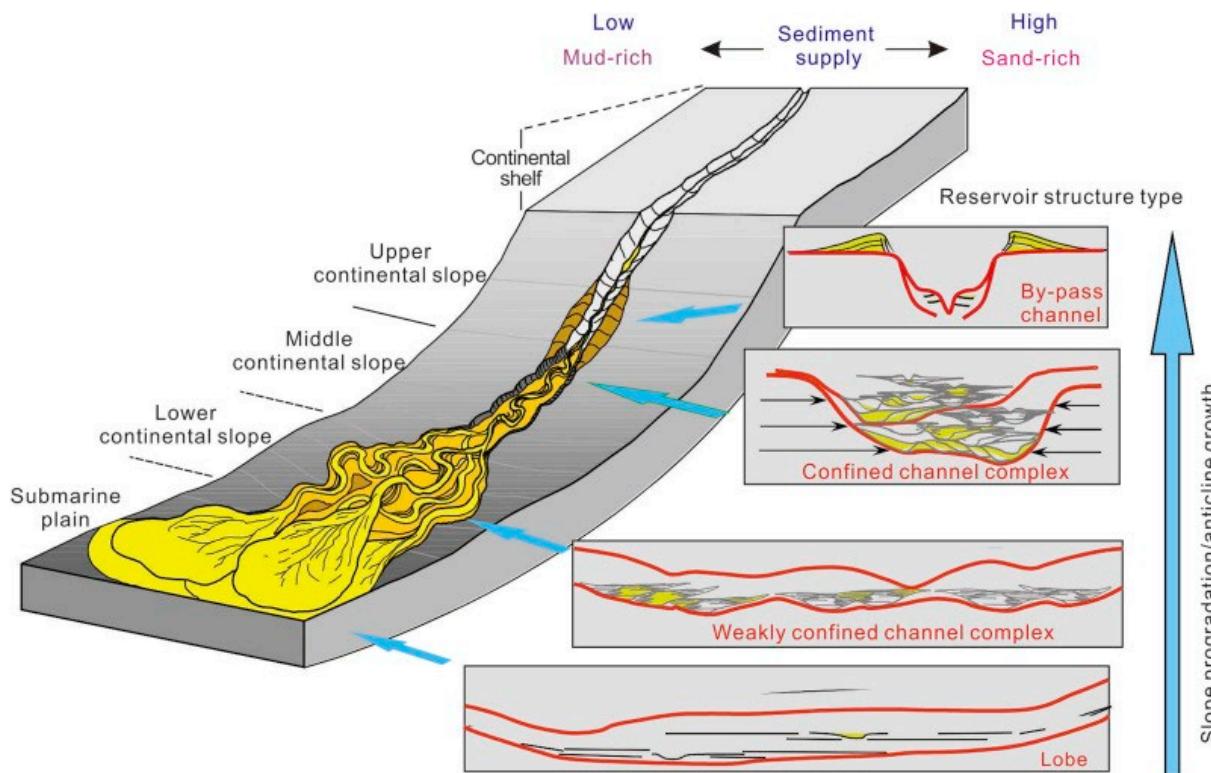
Object detection

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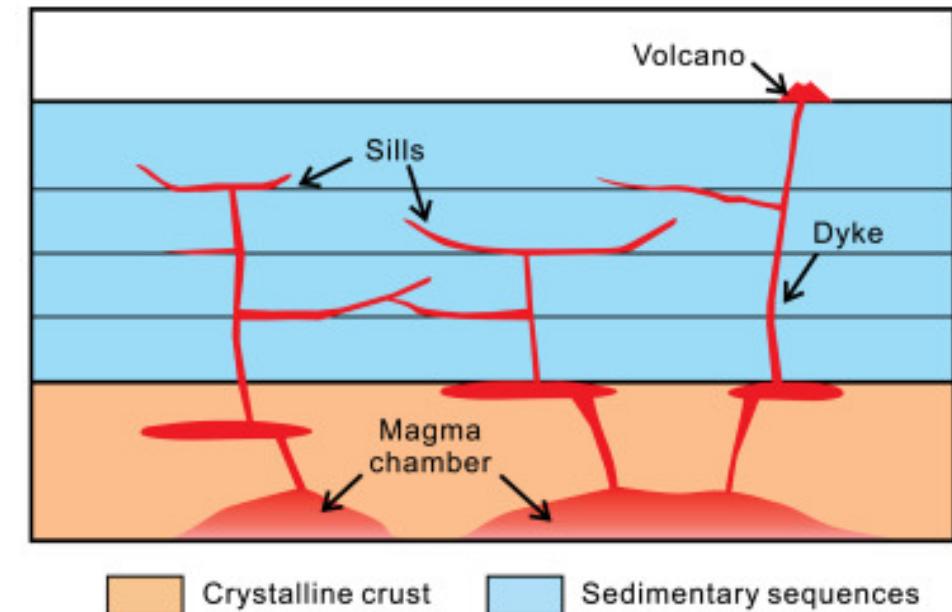
Geobody detection – 2 type of objects

Turbidite fan



[Huang, Y., 2018, Petroleum Research]

Sill intrusions

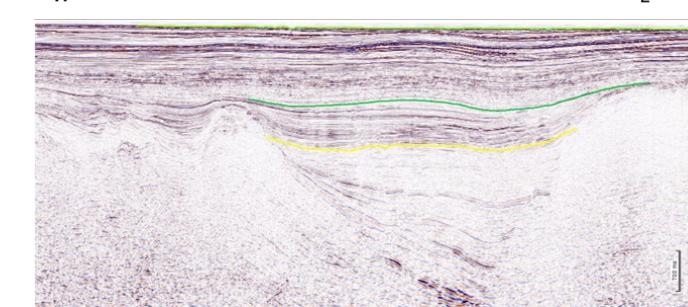


[Yao Z. et al., 2020, Marine and Petroleum Geology]

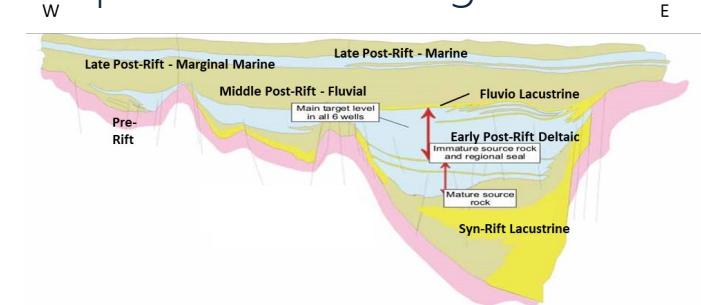
North Falkland Basin



A modern high resolution (12.5m) 3D seismic

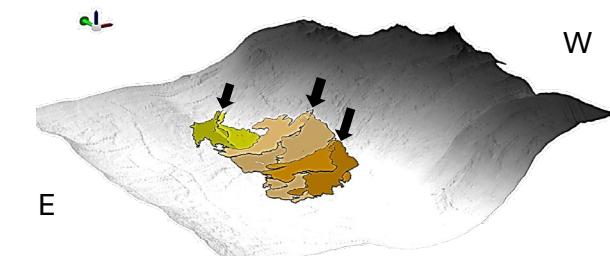


A deep lacustrine half graben



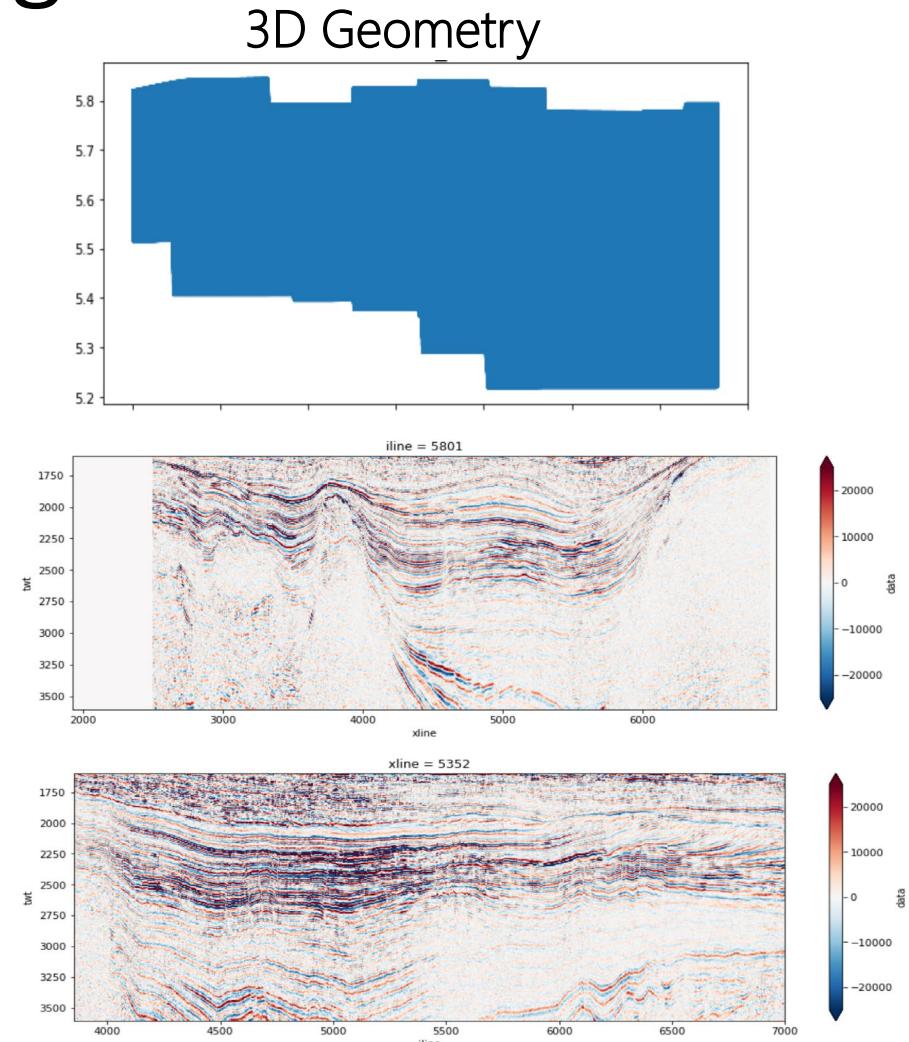
[Bamford, 2010, GeoExPro]

Turbidite fans



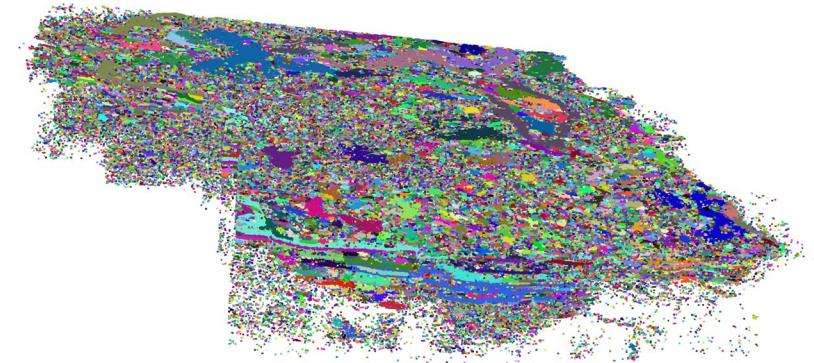
[Presentation Dodd & McCarthy, 2017]

Very fast, automatic & unsupervised full seismic segmentation



Results

Sizeable seismic (79GB)



574634 segments

step

time

Extract extrema maxima/minima

13min 12s

Normalize and filter amplitude

9s

Compute and filter semblance

8min 41s

Spatial segmentation (DBSCAN)

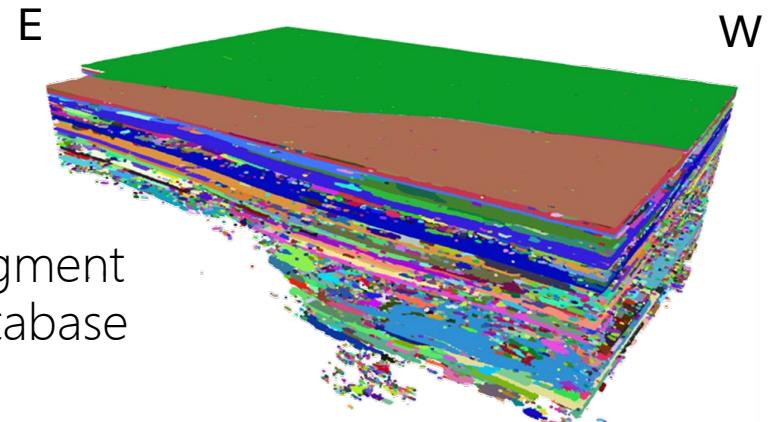
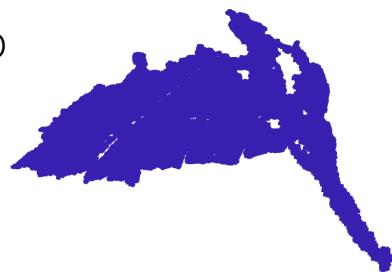
9min 8s

Point cloud
creation
~25min

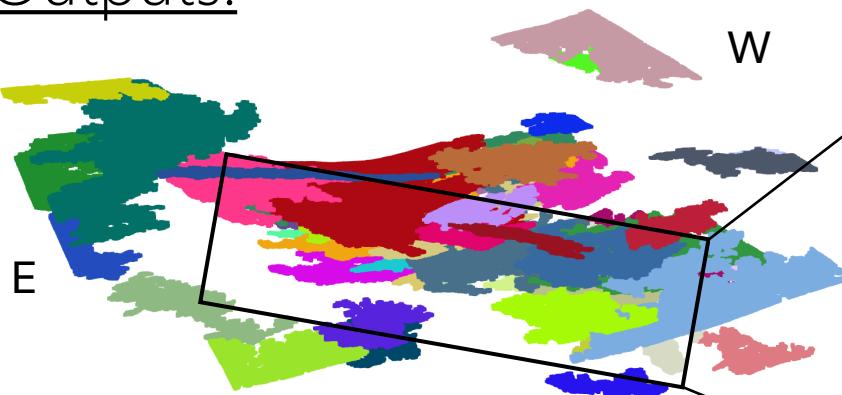
Turbidite fan detection

Inputs:

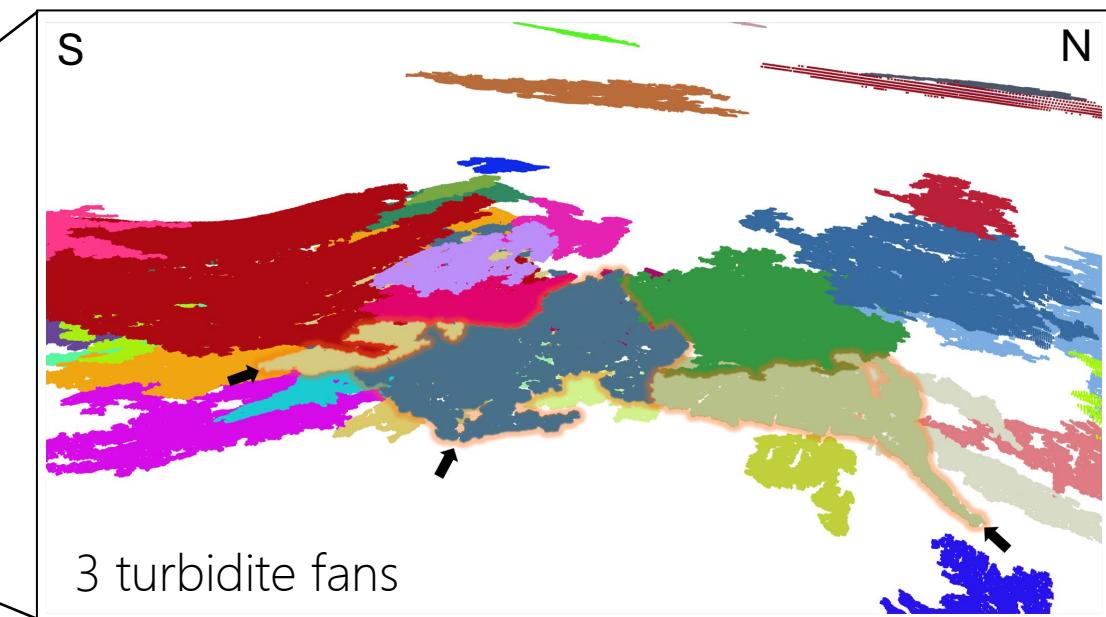
Segment to
retrieve



Outputs:



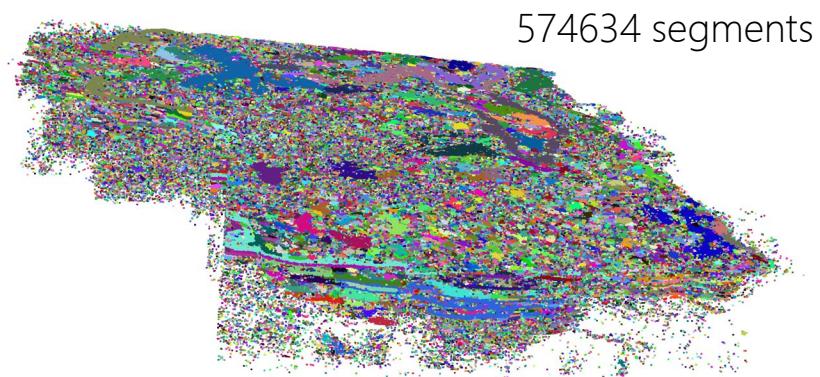
50-closest segments in
the database



3 turbidite fans

NFB – Turbidite fan detection

Full seismic segmentation



Sizeable seismic (30GB) (3150 iL, 5032 xL, 501 ts)

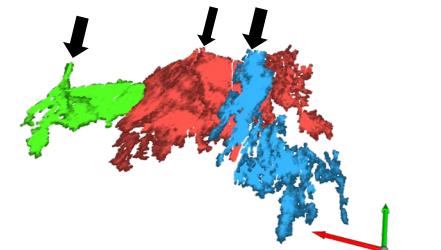
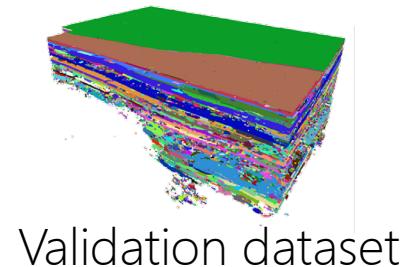
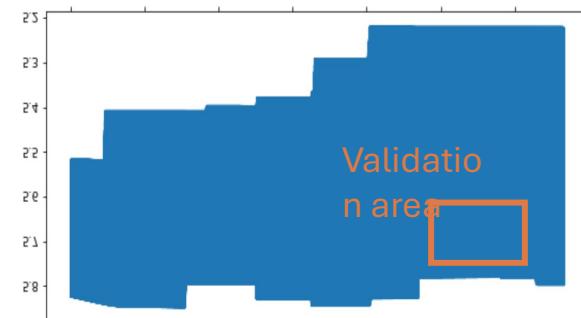
step	time
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Point Cloud extraction	25min
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Spatial segmentation (DBSCAN)	9min
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Extremely fast

Validation methodology

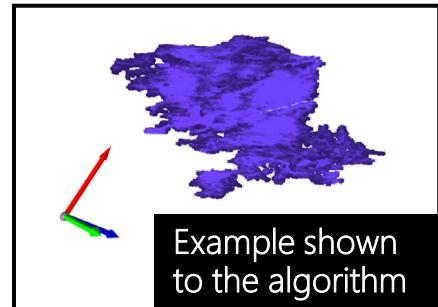
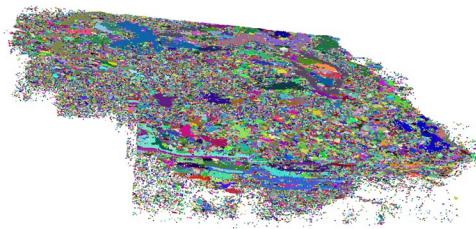


Retrieve unknown turbidites?

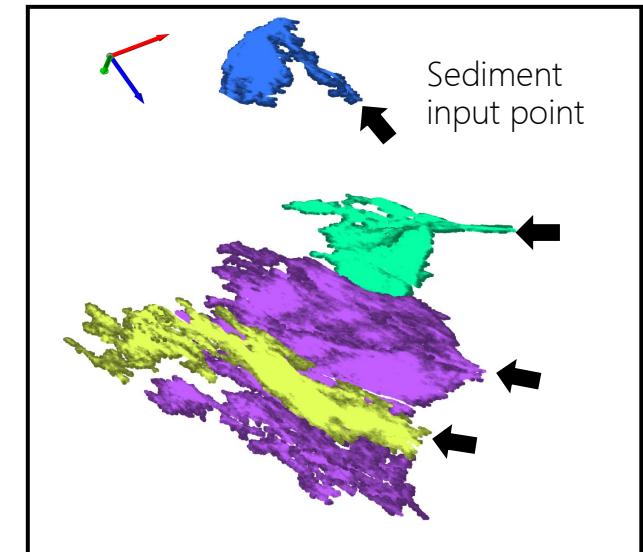
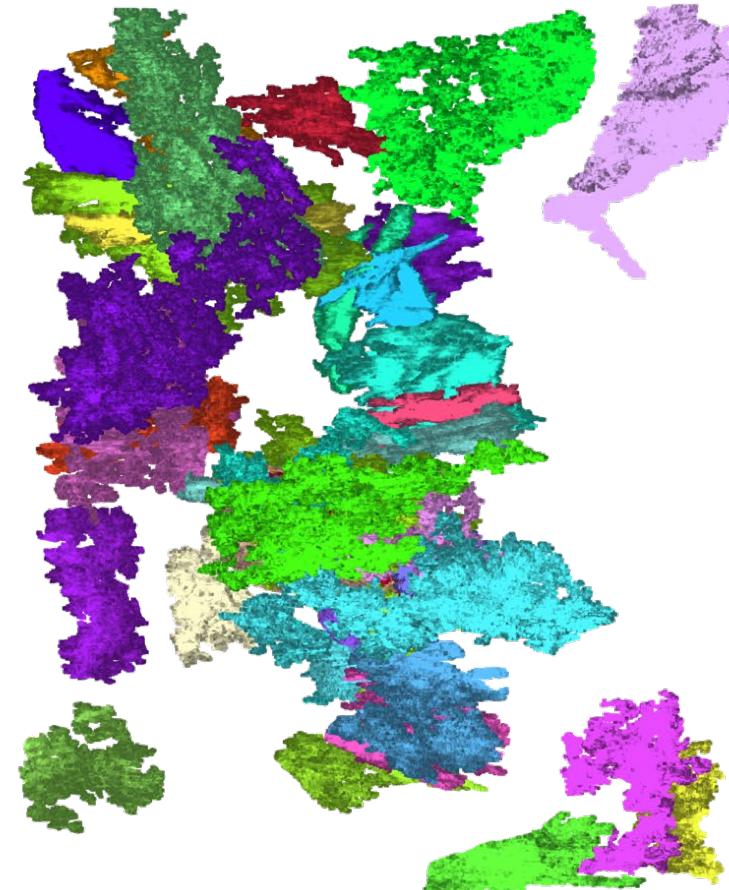
Application

NFB – Turbidite fan detection

Results turbidite fan detection

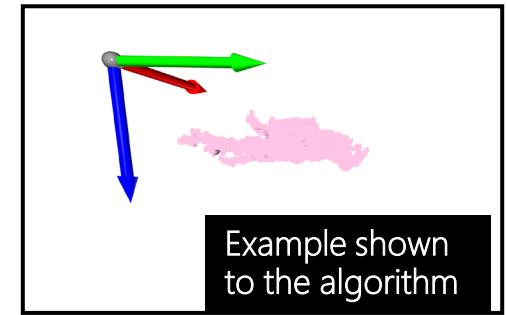


50 closest objects



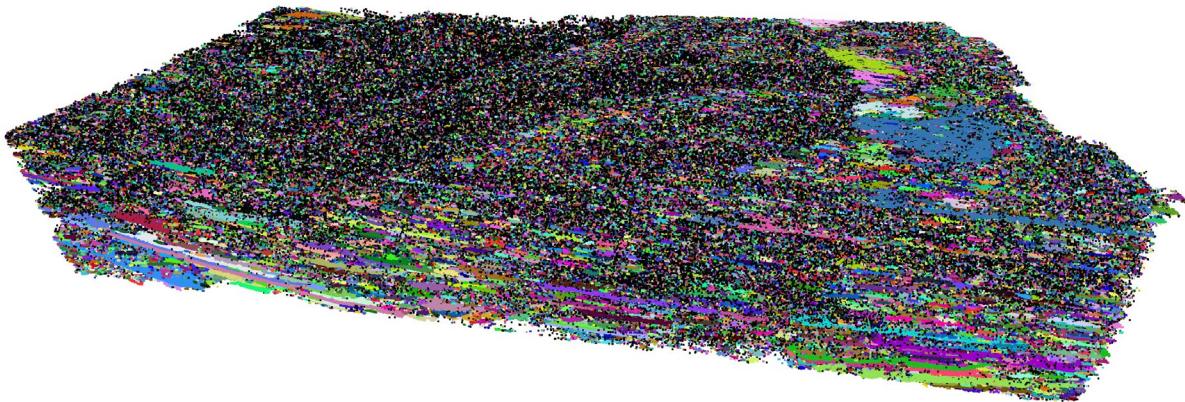
Application

Fisa – Sills intrusion detection



Full seismic segmentation

1,594,216 segments



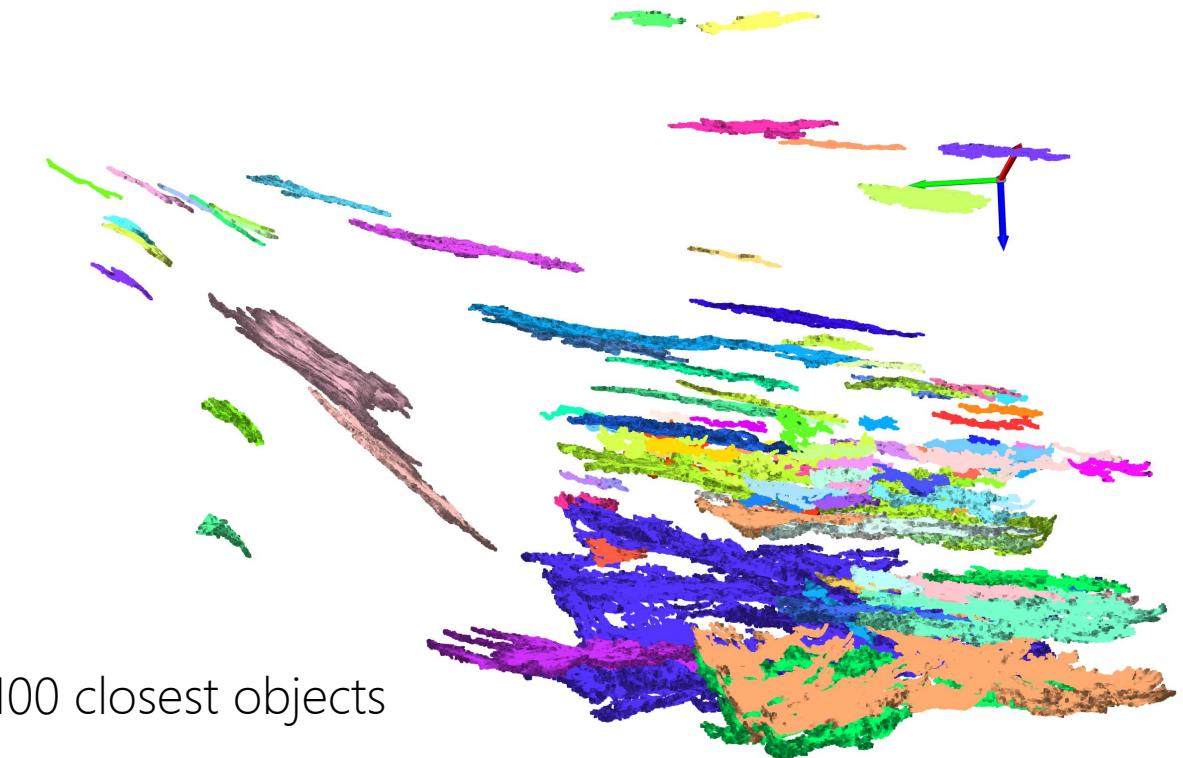
Sizeable seismic (56GB) (2616 iL, 5692 xL, 1001 ts)

step	time
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Point Cloud extraction	1h11min
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Spatial segmentation (DBSCAN)	18min
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Results sills detection



Application

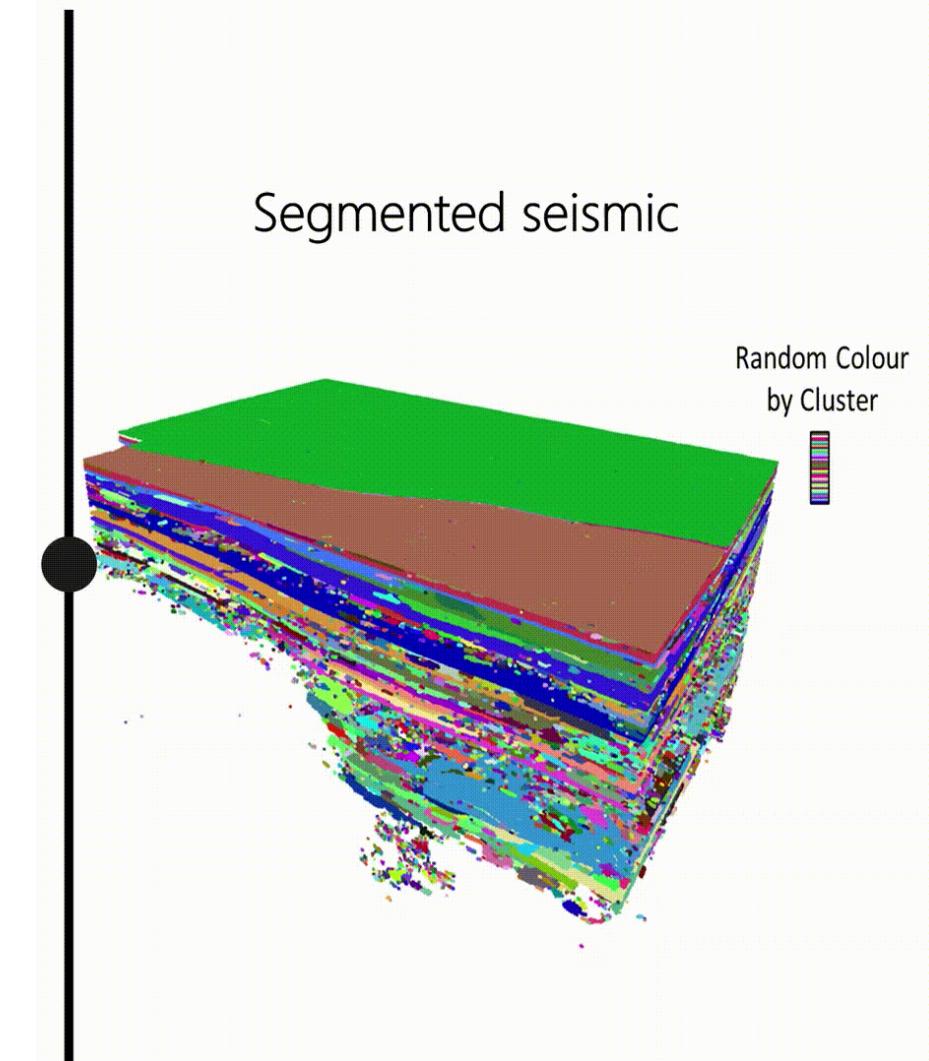
Conclusion

- Fully data-driven method for detecting turbidite fans
- Allow to screen through a small number of possible targets looking for a particular geobody
- Adaptive to detection of other types of geobodies

pySeismic Python code available:

[GitHub repository](#)

<https://github.com/GeoDataScienceUQ/pyseismic/>

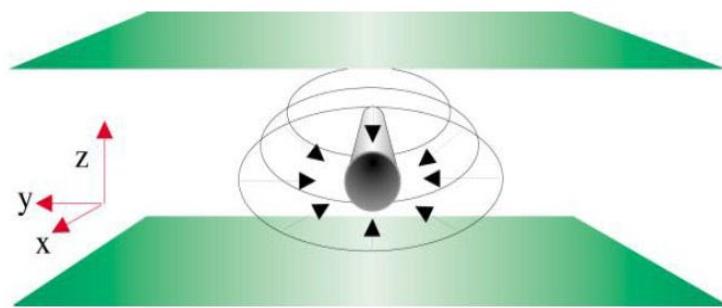


Pressure Transient Analysis (PTA)

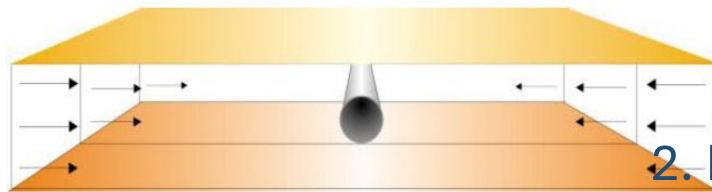
- PTA basics: flow regimes, k , skin
- Transient analysis illustration
- Permeability estimation from PTA
- Practical exercise

Pressure Transient Analysis (PTA): flow regimes

1. Radial (cross-section) flow, similar as to vertical well



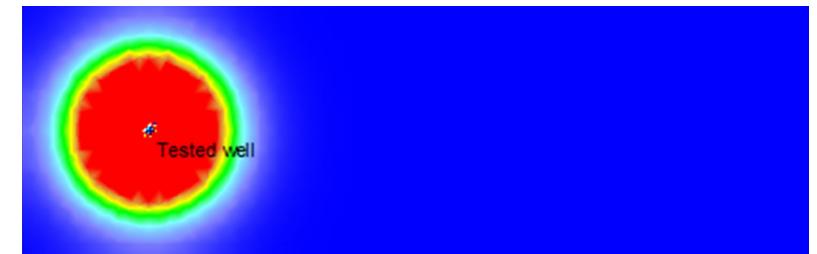
2. Linear flow between top and bottom



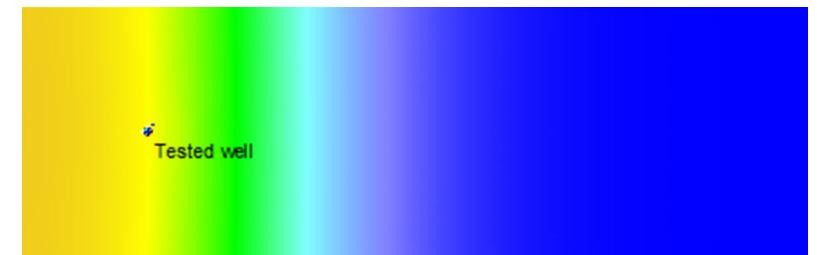
3. Radial (reservoir) flow, similar as to vertical well

Top view (vertical well)

1. Radial flow (reservoir)

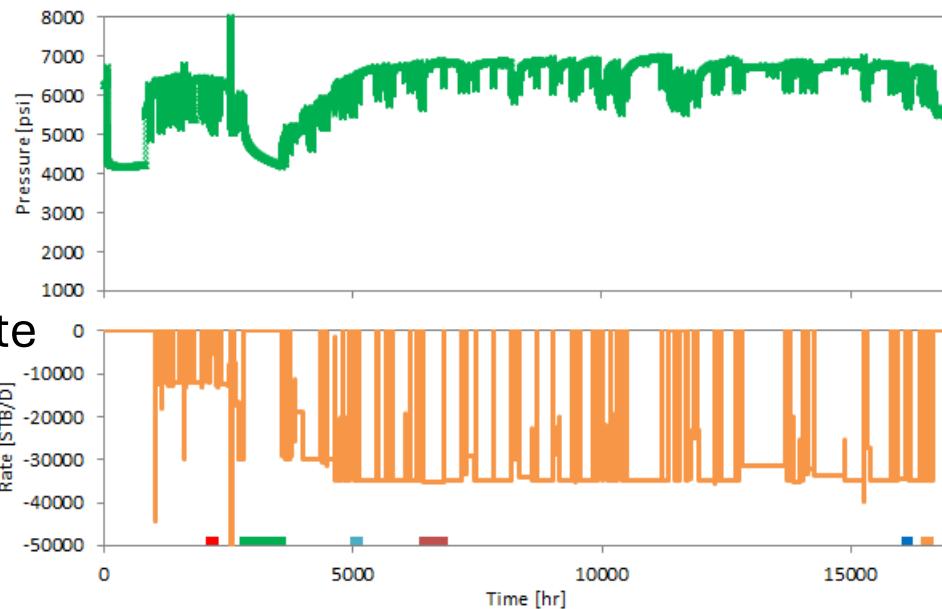


2. Linear (boundary dominated)



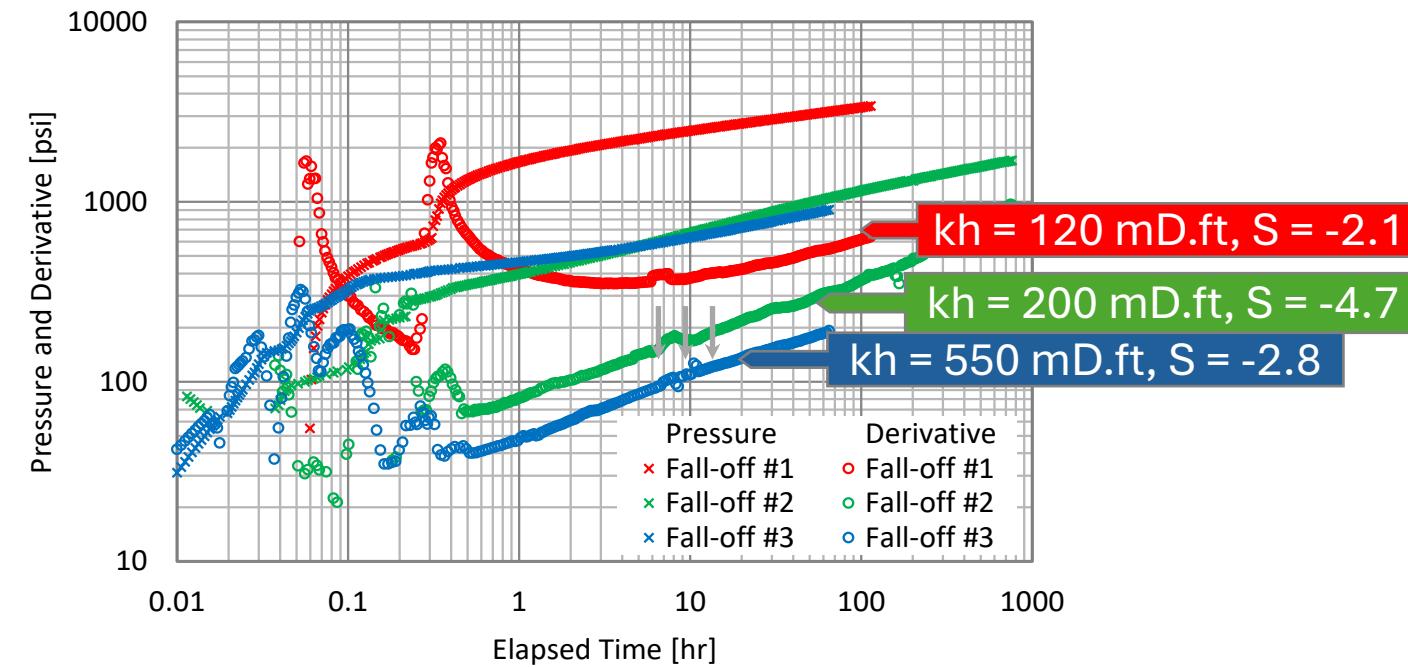
Pressure transients

Pressure (BHP):



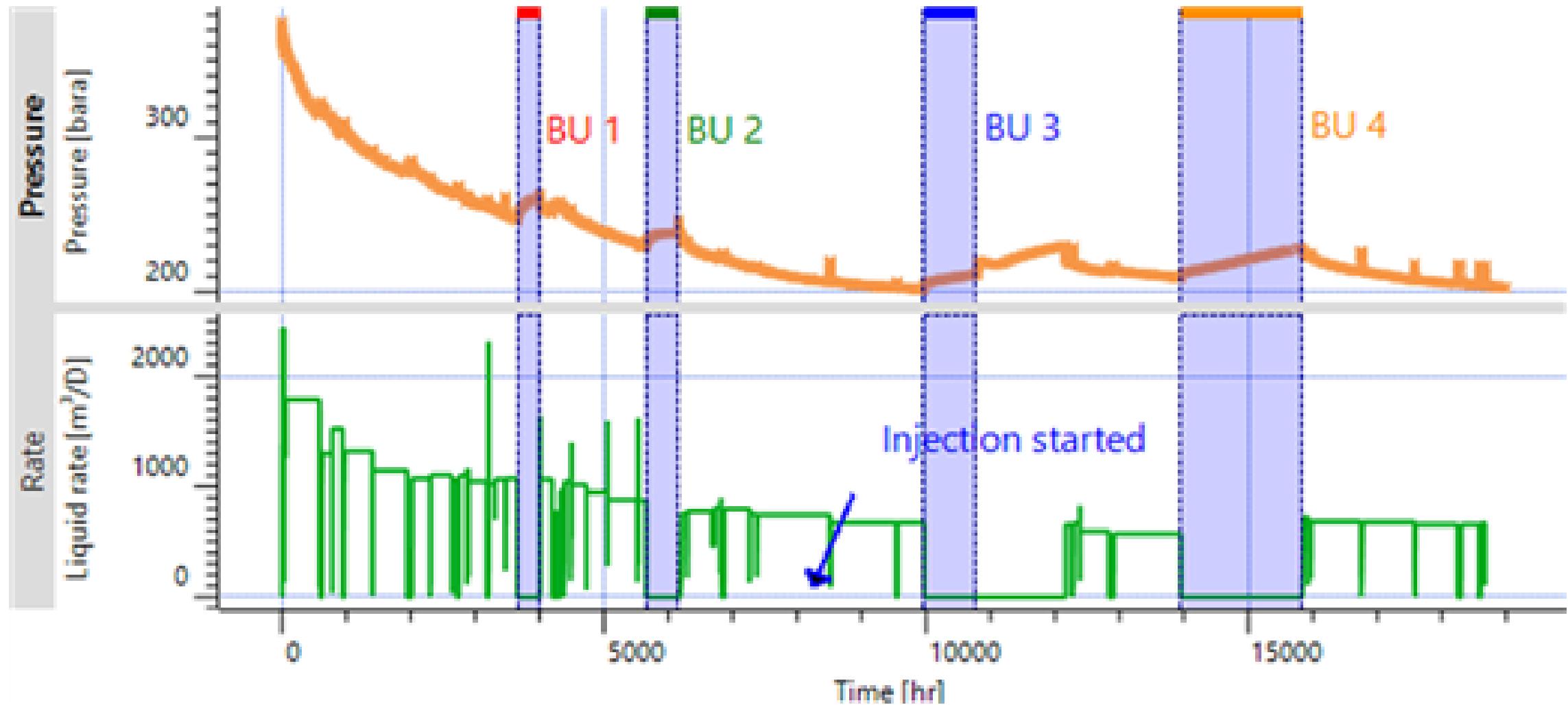
Rate

History of a horizontal multi-frac
water injector with variety of
fall-off and injection periods

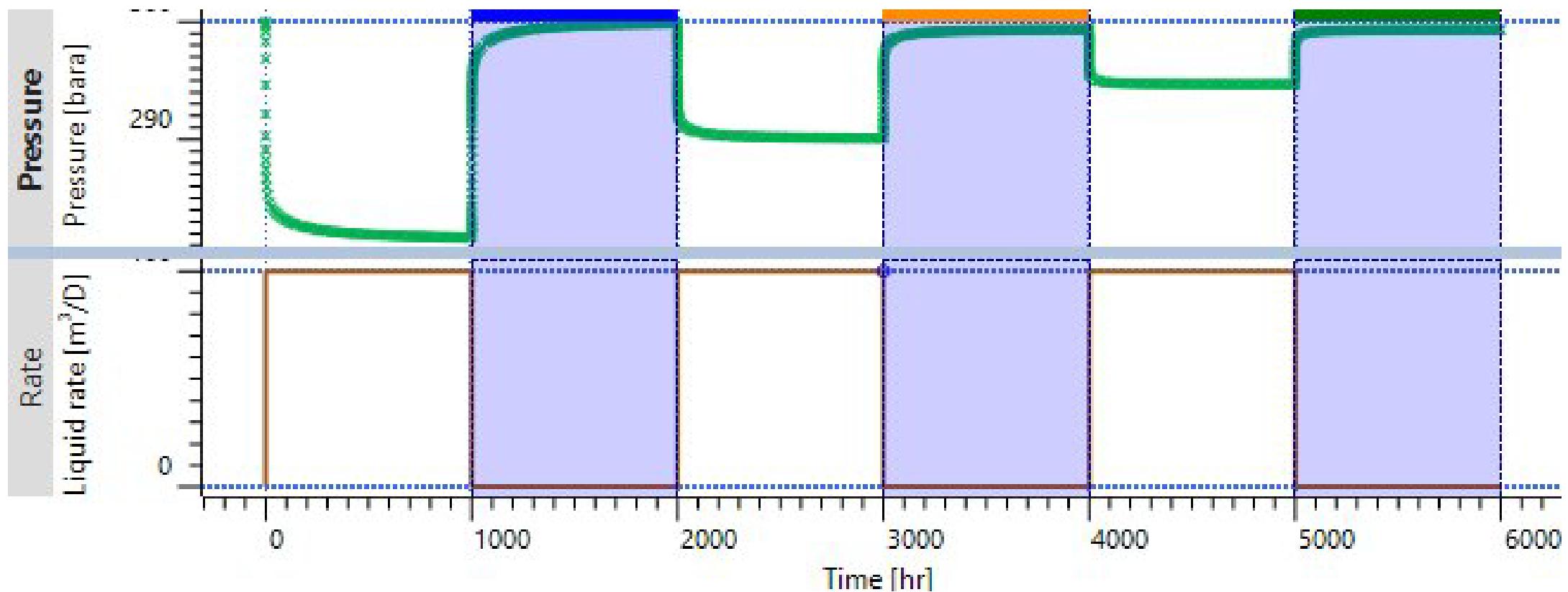


Shifting fall-off pressure derivatives down
indicates kh growth
with time / pressure build-up

Pressure and rate measurements



Well pressure transients: flow/shut-in

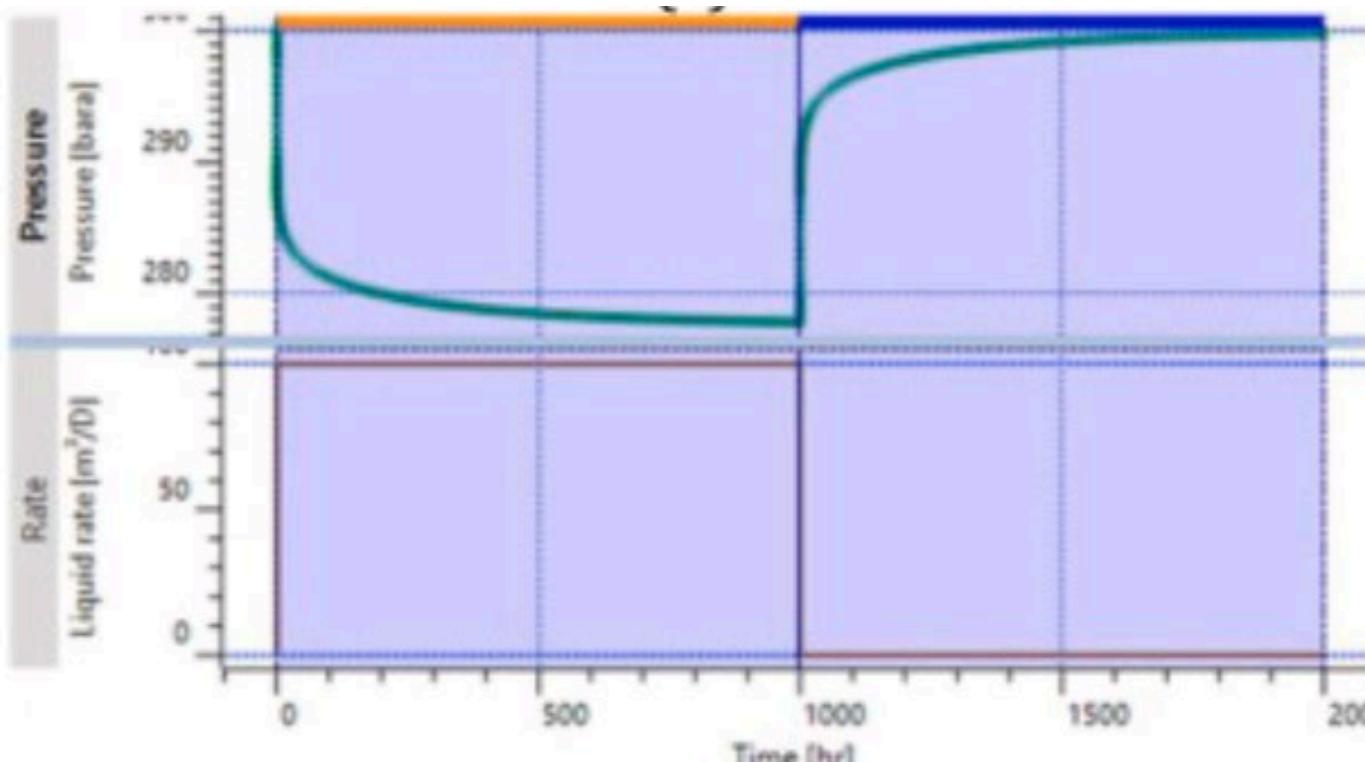


Pressure transient analysis (PTA)

Production well:

flow in interval

shut-in interval



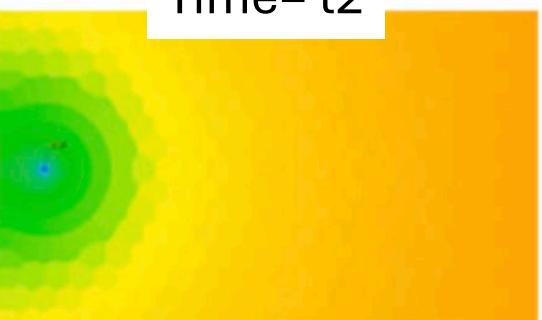
Production well



Pressure field change:
Time= t_1



Time= t_2

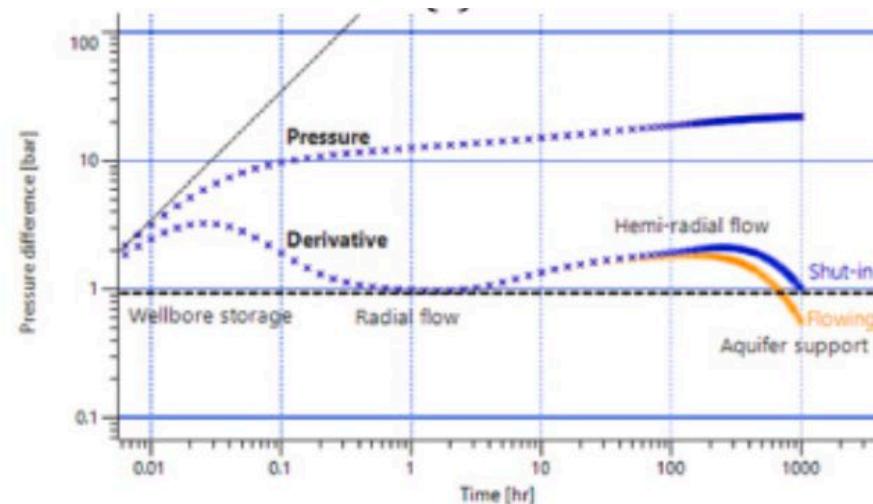
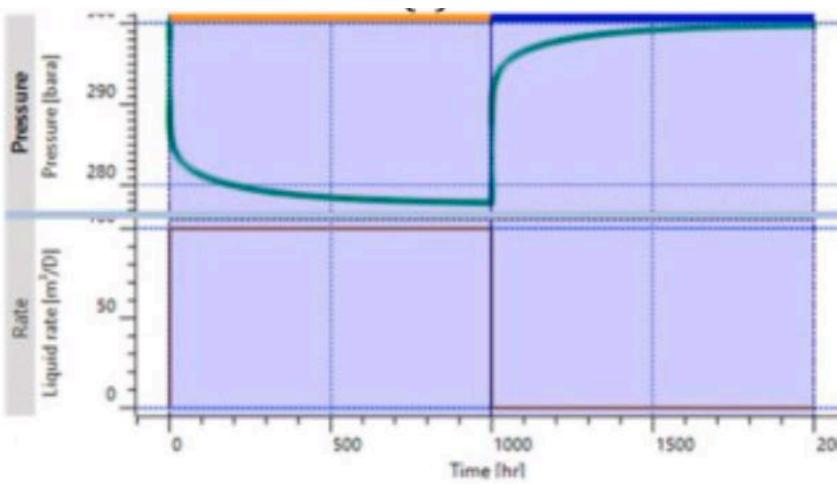


Time= t_3



Pressure transient analysis (PTA)

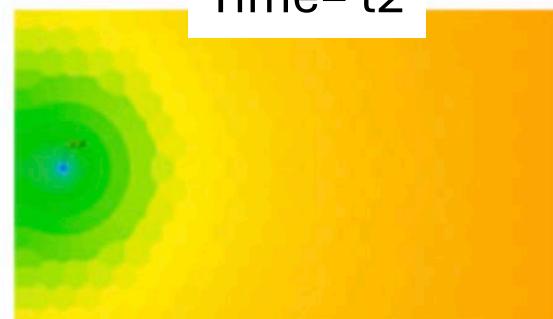
PTA helps to estimate well and reservoir parameters (skin and permeability) by analysing Pressure vs Time response to a well flow rate change.



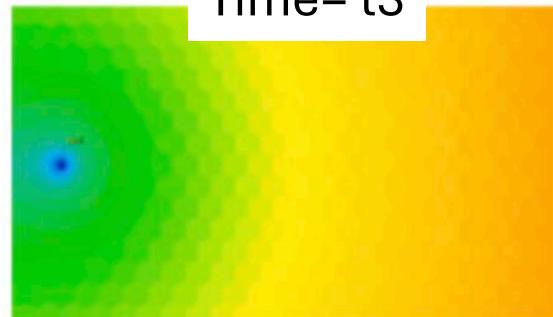
Pressure field change:
Time= t1



Time= t2



Time= t3



Permeability estimation: Slope analysis

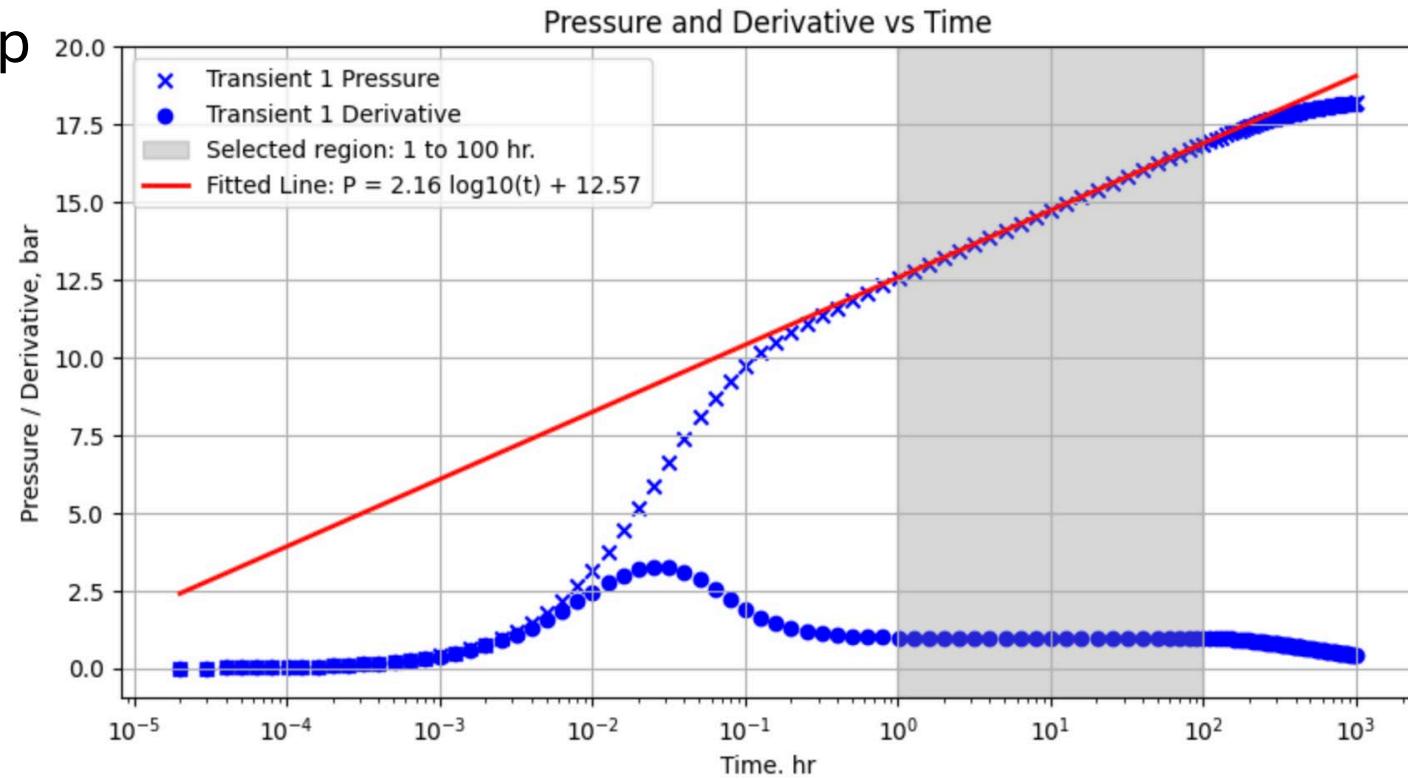
Pressure follows linear relationship with $\log(t)$ during Radial Flow regime.

Once Radial Flow Identified:
start = 1hr, end = 100hr

Permeability can be estimated from the slope a of the:

$$P \sim a * \log(t) + b$$

Model permeability $k = 100$ mD
Estimated permeability $k = 99.39$ mD



Pressure Transient Analysis (PTA)

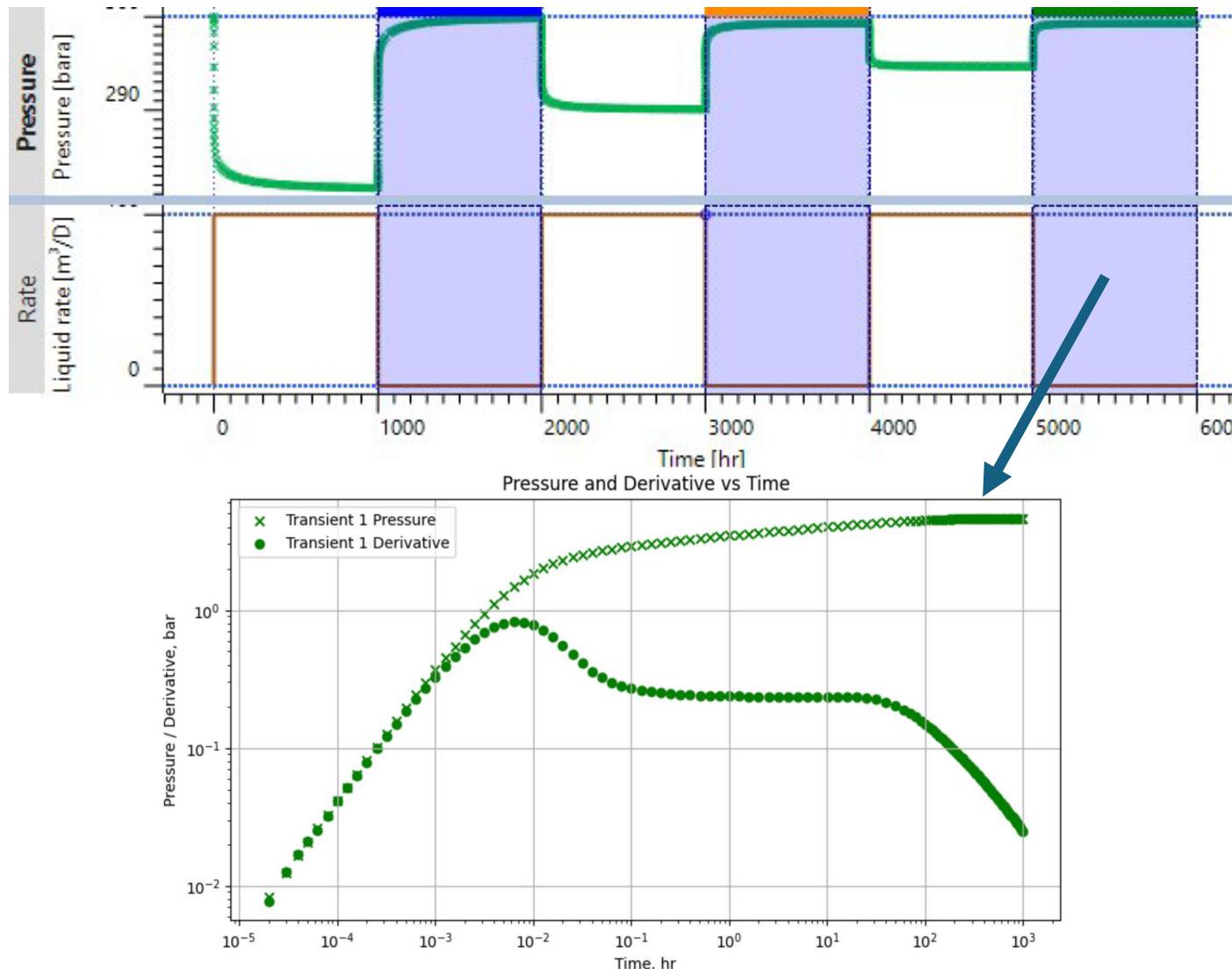
Hands-on

Unsupervised Clustering. Notebook 4

https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1TEFEJ7wAeNW9ocSHjsidmeOvxS_pq4KP?usp=sharing



Pressure and derivative



Standard Oil Analysis
Analytical

Wellbore = Constant
Well = Vertical
Reservoir = Homogeneous
Boundary = Fault

$P_i = 300.000 \text{ bara}$
 $k_h = 4000.00 \text{ md.m}$
 $k = 400.000 \text{ md}$
 $C = 0.01 \text{ m}^3/\text{bar}$
 $\text{Skin} = 0.00000$
 $L = 1000.00 \text{ m}$

Some default values were used!

PVT & diffusion

PVT & diffusion Analytical modeling Numerical modeling

Linearized PVT properties

Use pseudos

Formation volume factor B : 1.00000 m^3/stm^3

Viscosity μ : 1.00000 cp

Total compressibility

Total compressibility c_t : 4.35113E-5 bar^{-1}

S_w : 0.00000 Fraction

Multiphase flow

Use Perrine
 Use Kr

keep model parameters

OK Cancel

Exercise 4.1

Assumed Radial Flow period:

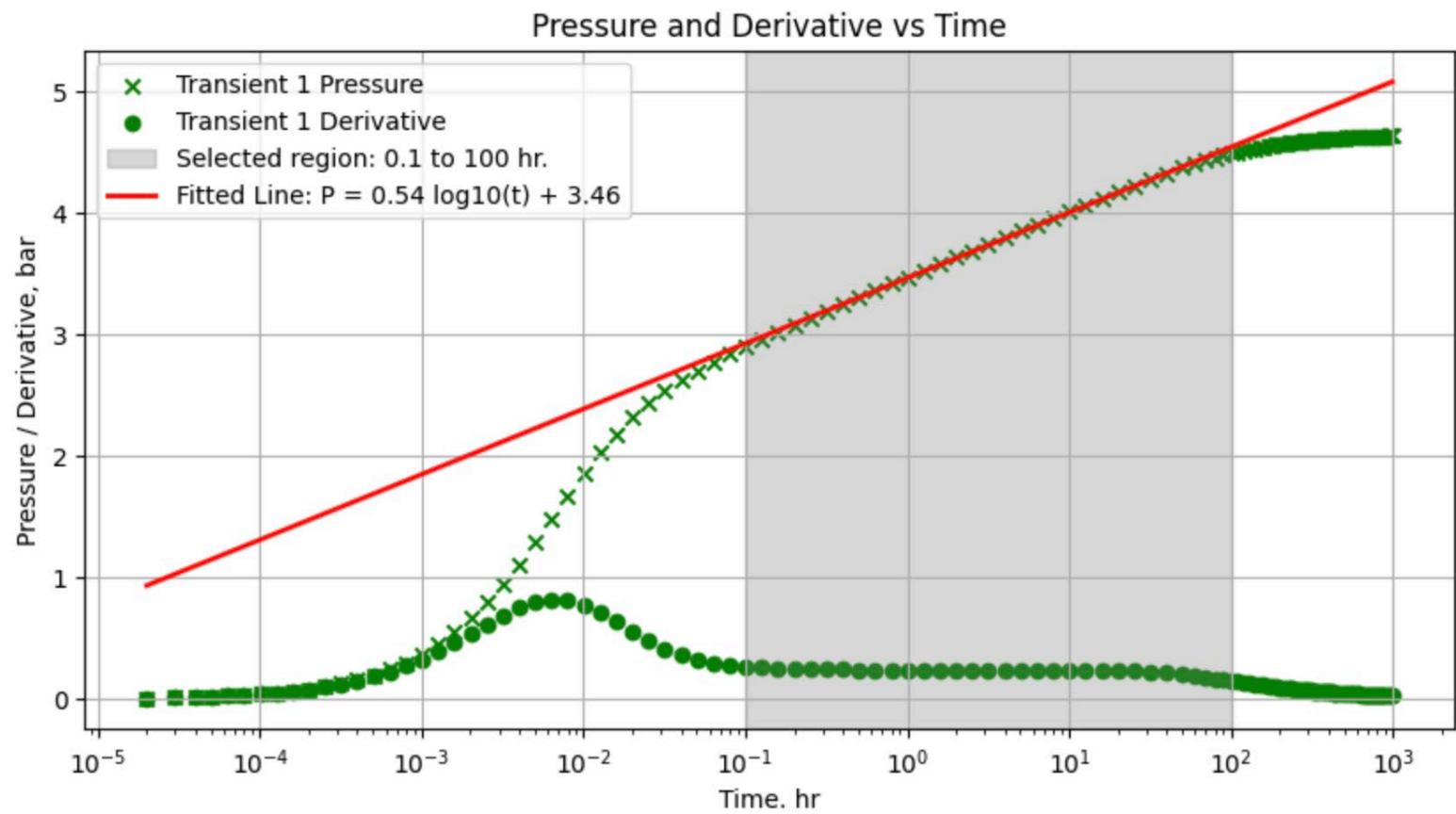
Start = 0.1 hr

End = 100 hr

Estimated permeability - ?

Actual model permeability:

$K = 400 \text{ mD}$



Exercise 4

Task 4.1: Manual PTA

- Select a radial flow period (flat dP derivative) and calculate permeability.
- Select a different radial flow period and compare how it impacts permeability calculation

Task 4.2: Automated flow pattern classification with pta-learn

- Automatically identify radial flow period and calculate permeability, compare with the one in calculated in Task 4.1.
- Apply automatic PTA classification for a different well.

Exercise 4.1

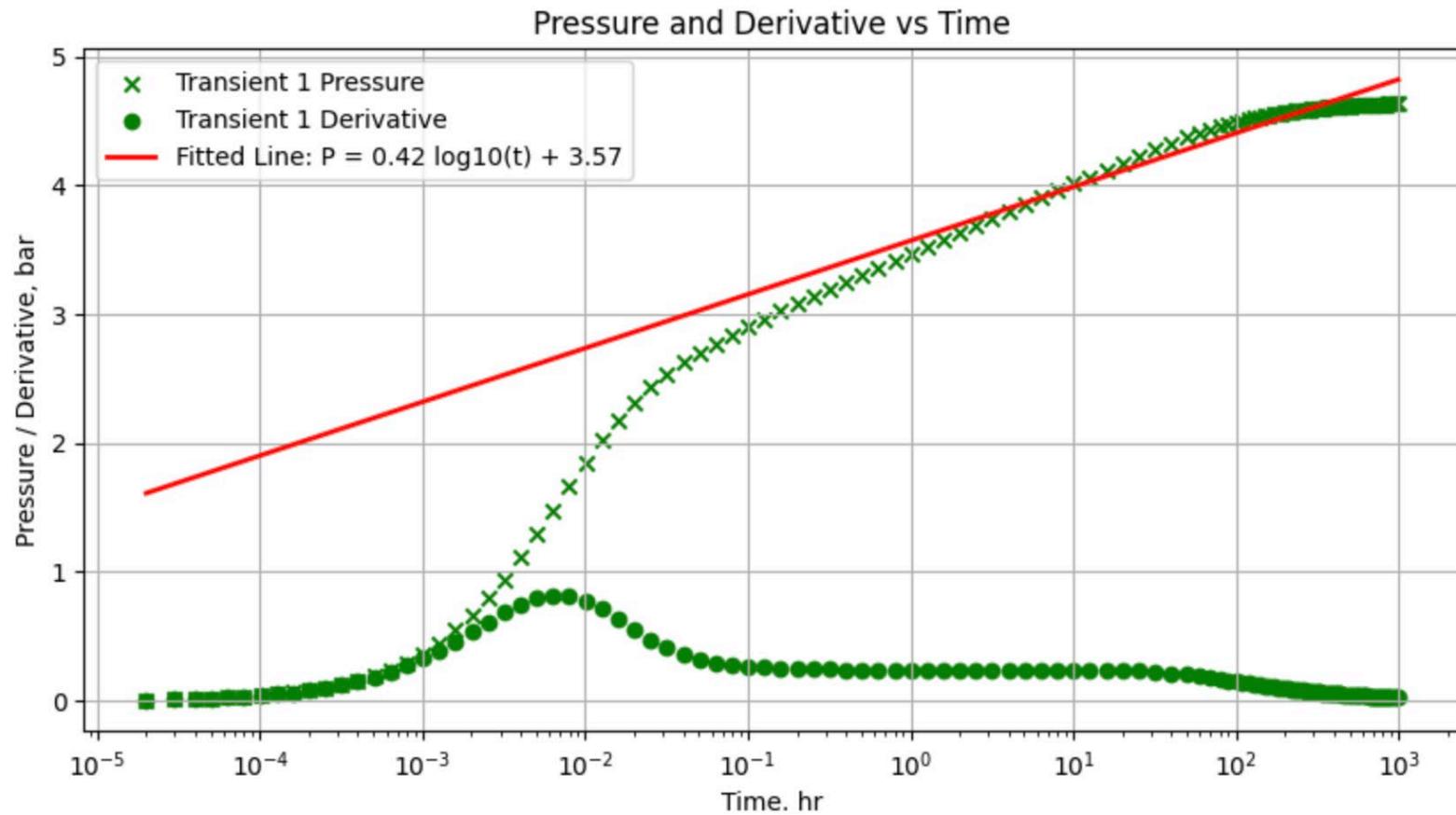
How does region selection affect permeability calculation?

Start = ?

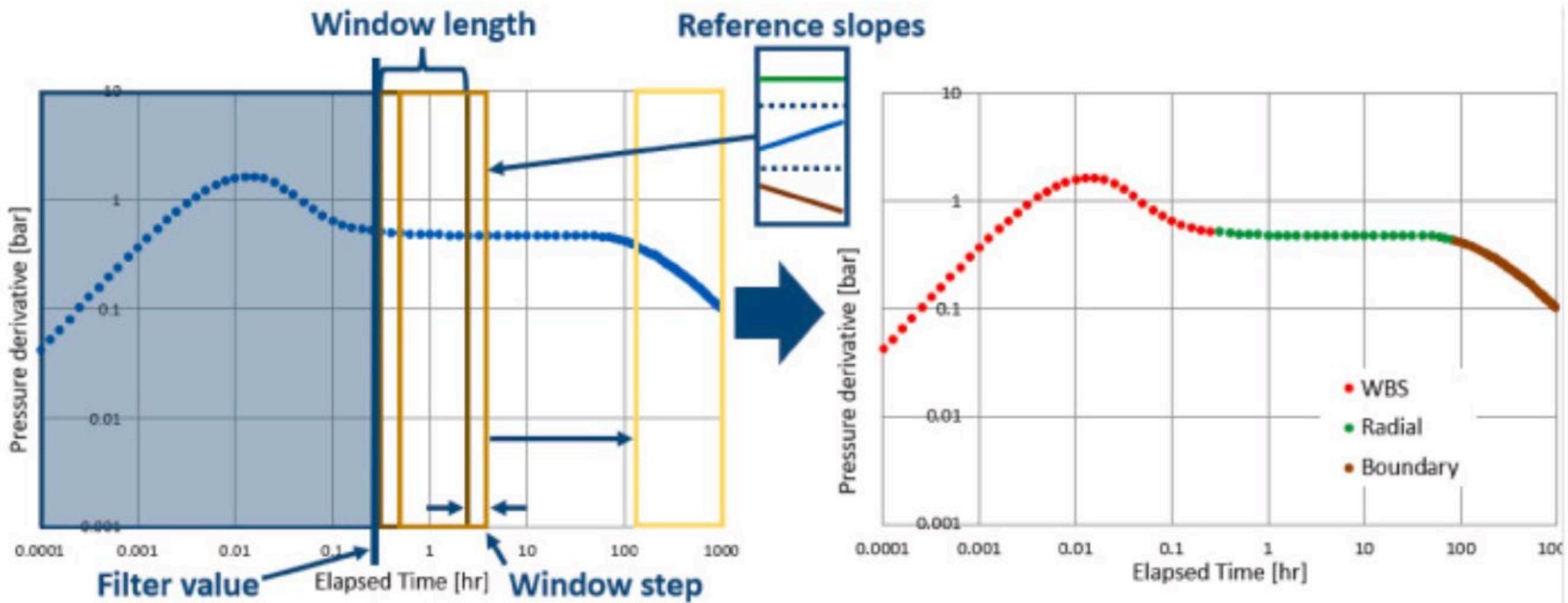
End = ?

Estimated permeability - ?

Actual model permeability:
 $K = 400\text{mD}$

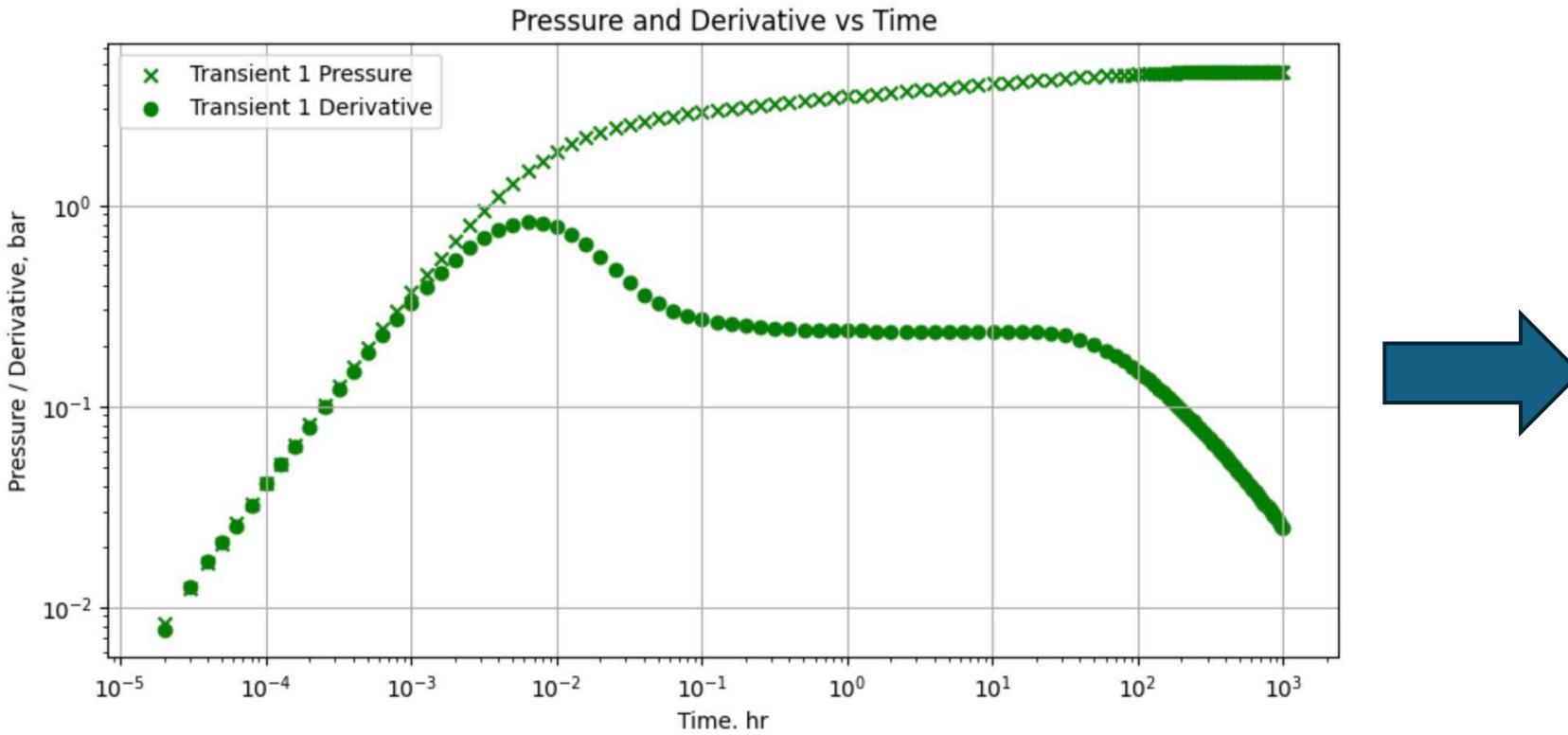


pta-learn: Automated feature extraction



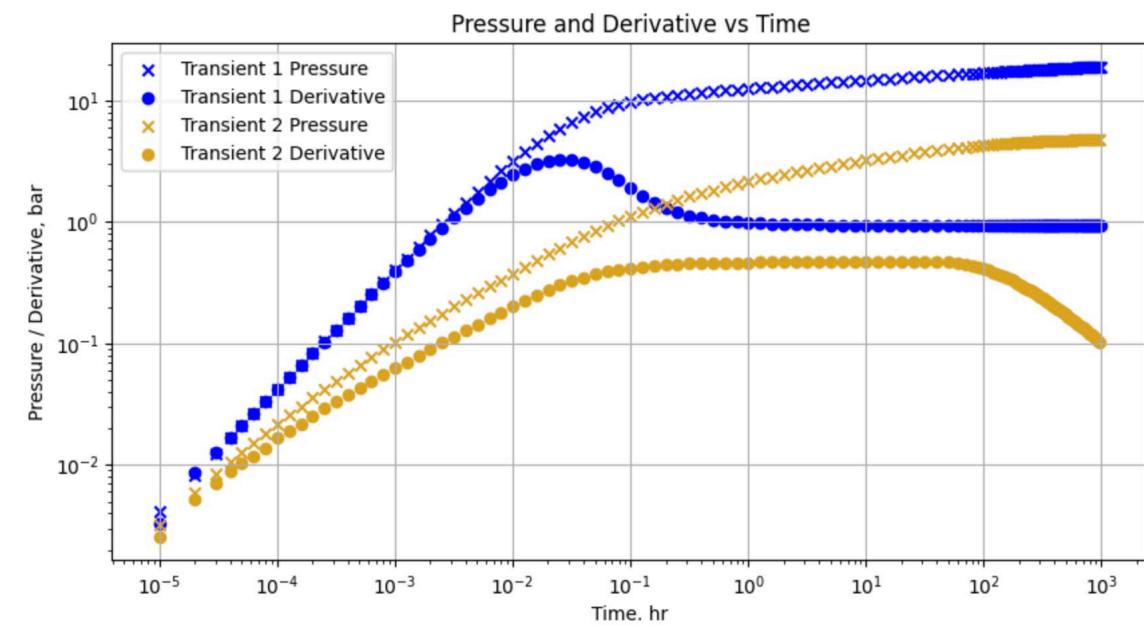
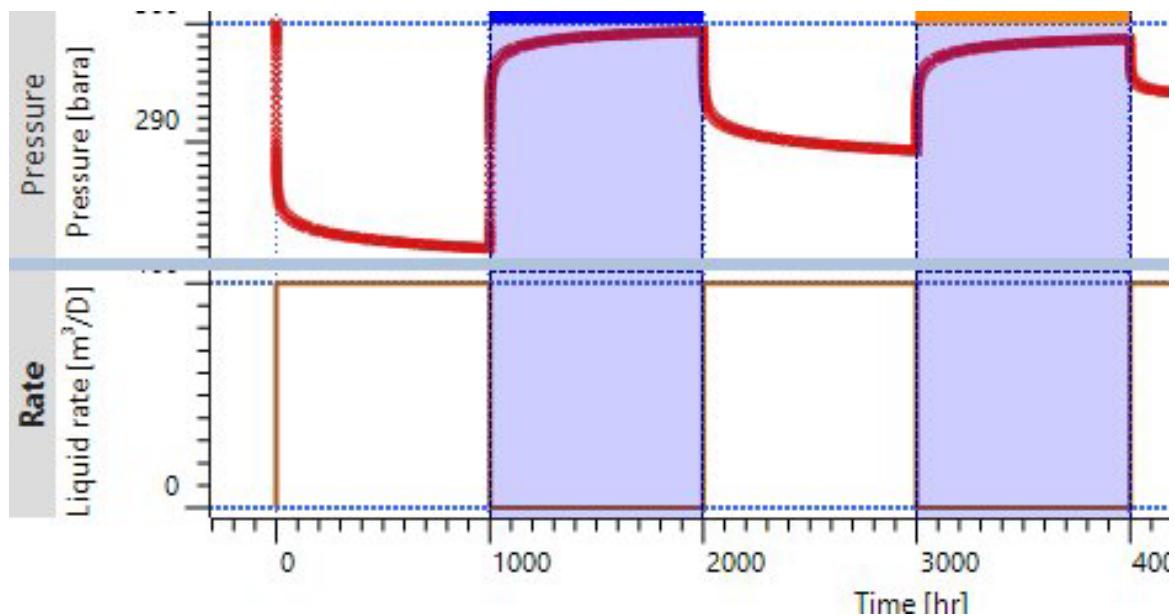
Exercise 4.2

1. Extract Flow regime features
2. Identify radial flow regime
3. Calculate permeability



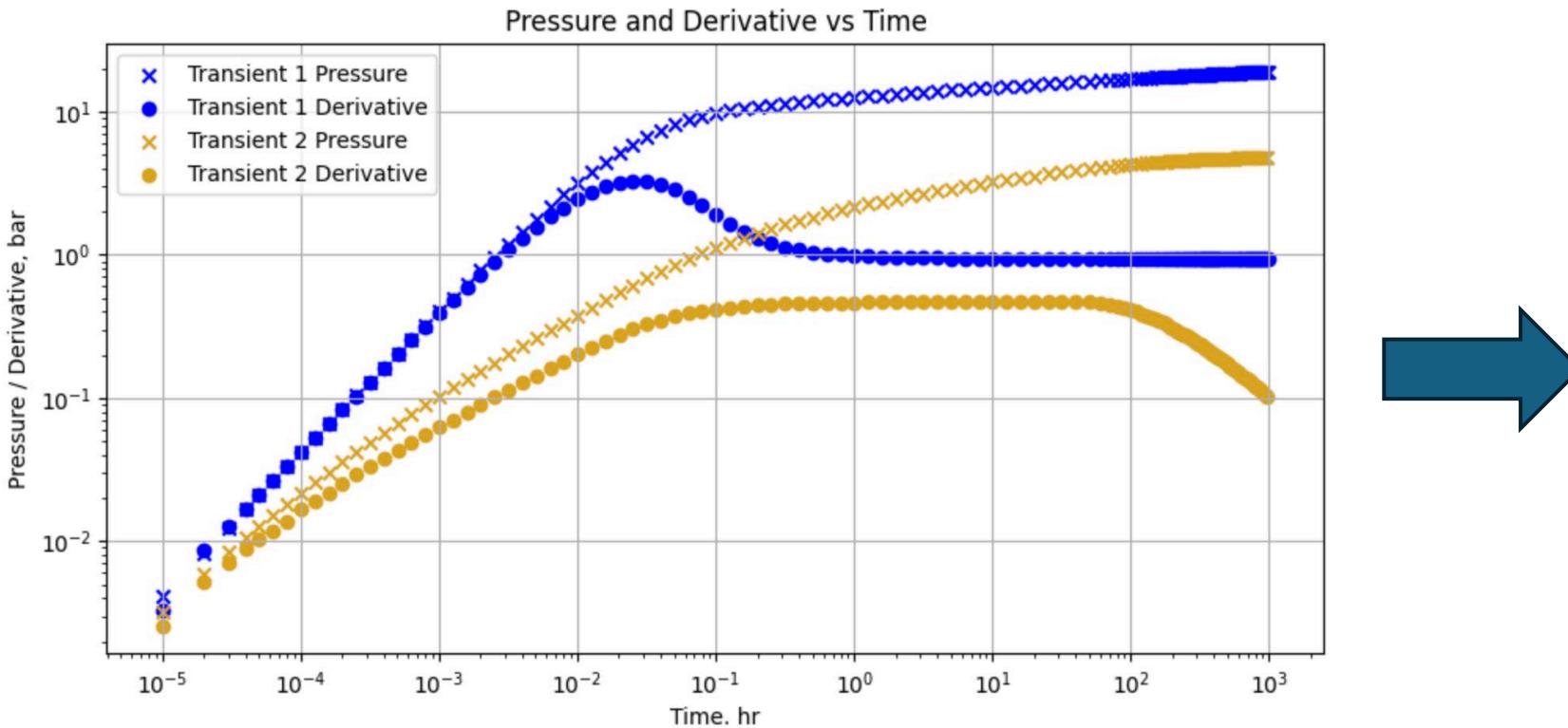
Exercise 4.2

Given well history, use extract pressure transient responses.



Exercise 4.2

1. Extract Flow regime features
2. Identify radial flow regime
3. Calculate permeability





Try on your own data

Thank you for attending

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