Implementation of Machine Learning Systems to Enhance the Value of the CDA North Sea Data Set*

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Abstract

The CDA maintains a collection of well and seismic data submitted by the UKCS operators since the early days of the North Sea Exploration and Production in the 1960's. The collection of CDA well data has been made available to operators and authorities as a database of 11,500 well headers and as a set of 450,000 documents under various formats such as .pdf, .xls, .doc, .tiff, .jpg, .las, .dlis.

This collection of data is similar in its organization and content with legacy datasets that can be found in any industry: around 20% of the information is available in a structured form such as a relational database, and 80% in a semi-structured or unstructured form, typically grouped in folders containing various documents formatted as described above. Since most of the software and data management tools used in E&P can only access the structured information and in some cases some half-structured formats, it transpires that E&P decisions are based on a small part of the available stored information.

The low benchmark of 20% of available data is due to several factors, primarily the cost of indexing (classifying the documents per topic) and cataloguing the documents (extracting metadata from the document) which is currently a work-intensive process. But the cost is not the only limitation. The fixed nature of most of the subsurface data-models makes it almost impossible to catalog information which was not planned to be extracted in the initial stage of the data model design.

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In 2016, the CDA launched a challenge to find new ways to extract value from its unstructured data assets. This article explores the application of newly developed Machine Learning Systems (MLS) to automate part of the indexing and cataloguing. MLS demonstrated a reduced time (and therefore cost) of access to information but also enriched the extracted information by qualifying its extraction confidence and source, and identifying replicates. They make it possible to perform data analysis of larger datasets in term of volume and variety.

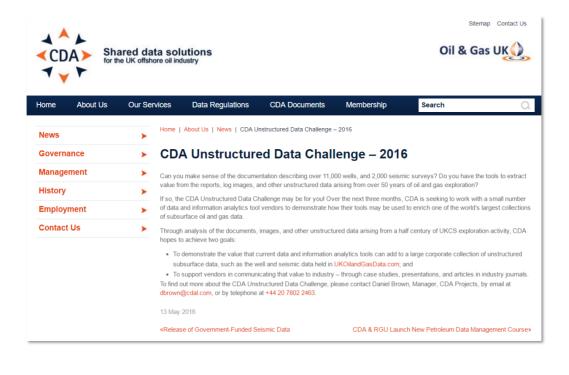
The performance of Machine Learning Systems when applied to subsurface data management will be discussed, the limitation criteria listed, and some future possibilities to overcome the current limitations will be overviewed.



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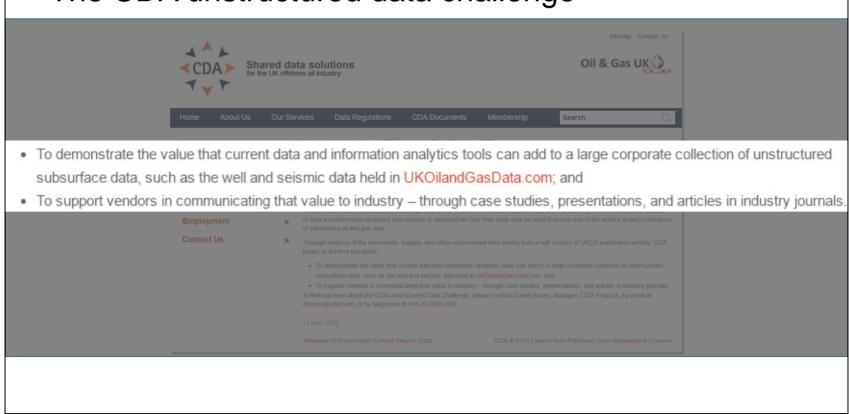
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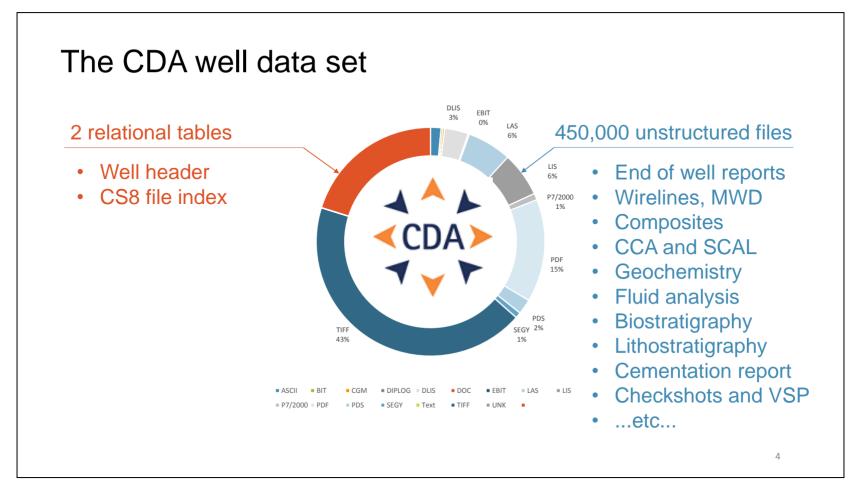
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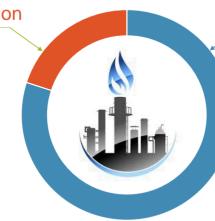
The CDA has collected information about 11,500+ offshore wells drilled over the last 60 years

This information is under the form of 450,000 unstructured files

The 80/20 ratio

20% structured information

- Easy to access
- Easy to query
- · Easy to QC
- Easy to model and analyze



80% unstructured information

- · Costly to index
- Costly to extract metadata
- Difficult to access and query
- Cannot feed analytical tools

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Presenter's notes: The CDA data set is not so different from many others we can find in our industry and in some other industries. According to various sources (Merryl Lynch, EMC, Oracle ...) 80 % of the information is available in an unstructured format (PDF, TIFF ...)

This type of information is difficult to use, it cannot be used directly by the modeling of BI tools. Extracting metadata to create indexes and populate DBs is extremely costly and need SMEs that today are increasingly scarce in our industry. This translates into the fact that only 20% of the information is available within structured database.

The big problem is that since this small part is easy to access and query, it trends to be the unique source of information to base decision

Your decision is at risk

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Presenter's notes: And that makes your decision a very risky one.

What if we reverse the ratio?



Make your decision more reliable based on more structured data

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Presenter's notes: Our ambition is to reverse the ratio. Using an automated process based on a machine learning system, we extract more information from your documents at a fraction of the cost and time, and this makes your decisions more reliable.

The advantages of automated cataloging



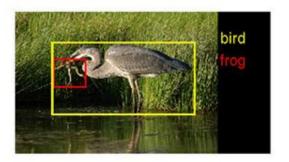
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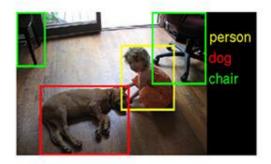
GO FASTER
From data to decision

DE-RISK

Using more verified information

Why use a machine learning system?









Presenter's notes: Supervised Machine Learning excels at recognizing a pattern in an unstructured context

ML exceeds manual and full text indexing

Manual indexing

Cannot process a lot of documents in a short period of time

OCR + Full text indexing

Cannot automatically extract metadata not previously known in lists, dictionaries, taxonomies ...

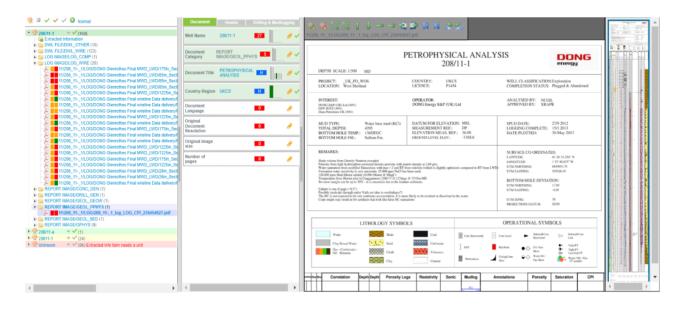
OCR + Full text indexing + Machine learning

Because the ML searches for context around the metadata, any text and numerical variable can be detected

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Presenter's notes: The capacity to detect the pattern around a target metadata item allows us to make a more efficient cataloging compared to a full text indexing. ML detects a numerical variable such as a coordinate, a depth, a temperature using the context of the value which is not possible even with the best Full text indexing

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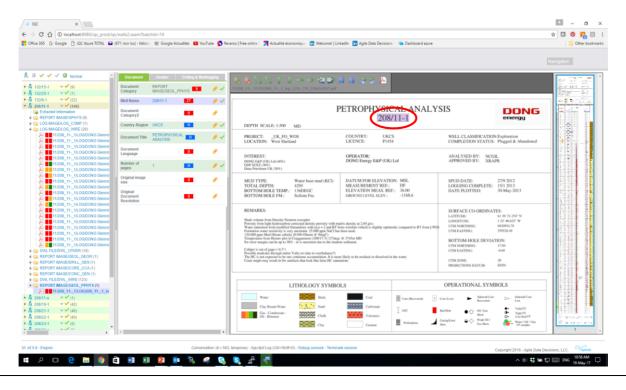
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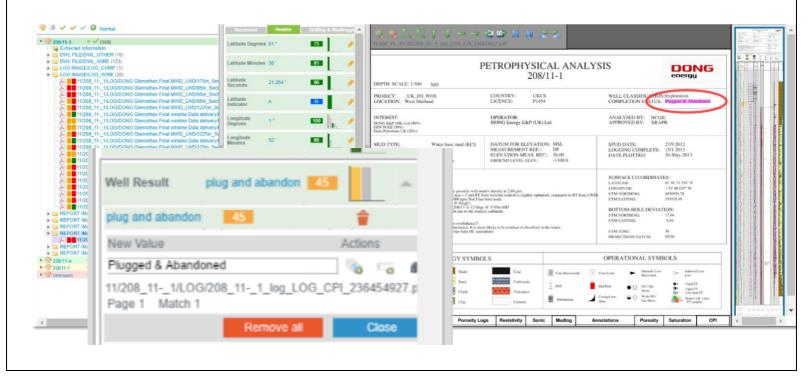
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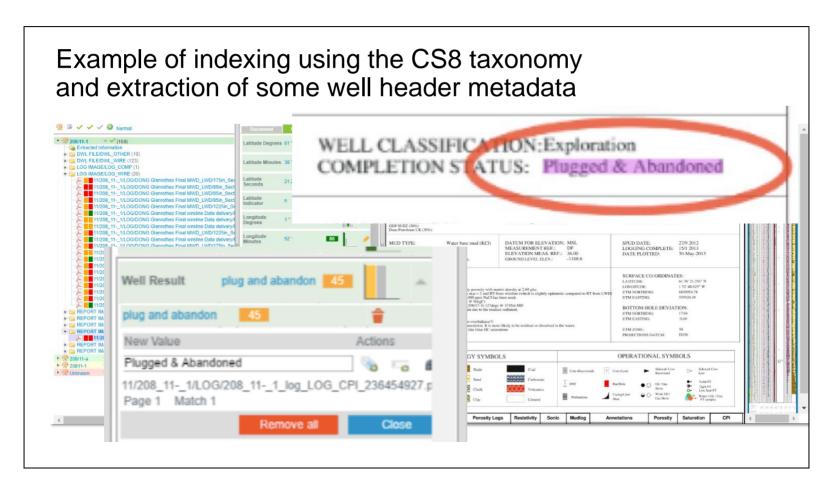
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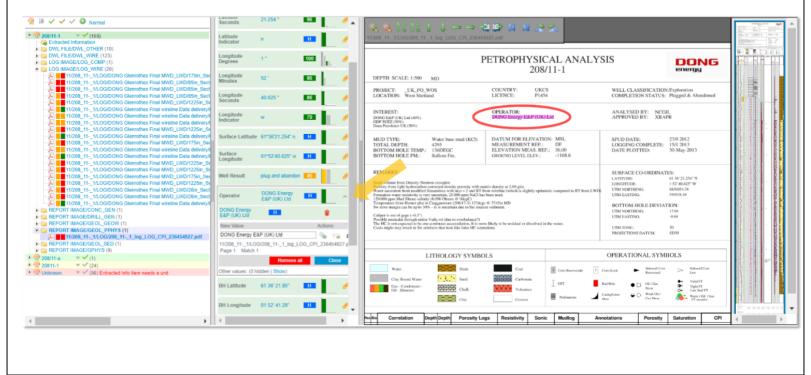
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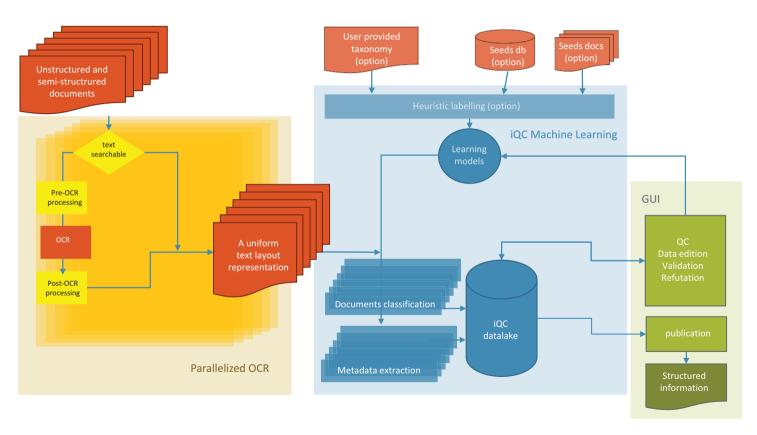
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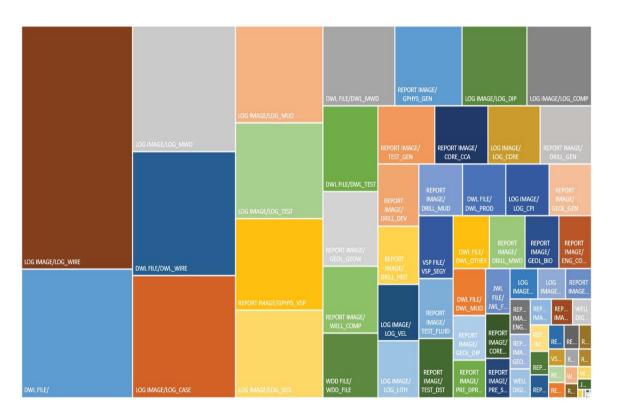
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How does it work?



Document category



 In 2 days, iQC has been trained to use the CS8 taxonomy, using 2000 "seed" examples

Document category

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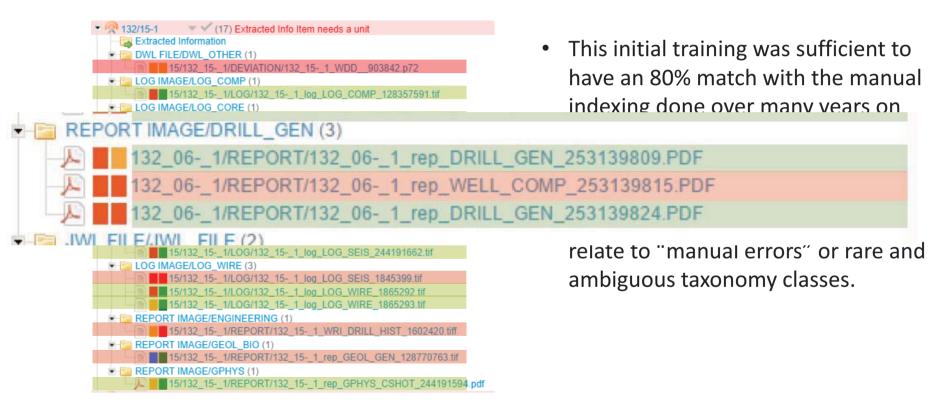
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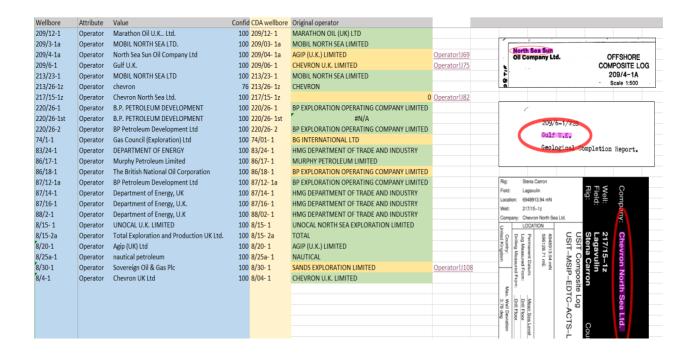
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- This initial training was sufficient to have an 80% match with the manual indexing done over many years on the 450,000 documents.
- The ratio moved up to 90% with a seed of 5,000 documents
- The 10% of remaining discrepancies relate to "manual errors" or rare and ambiguous taxonomy classes.

Document category



QC of the CDA tables according to the source documents

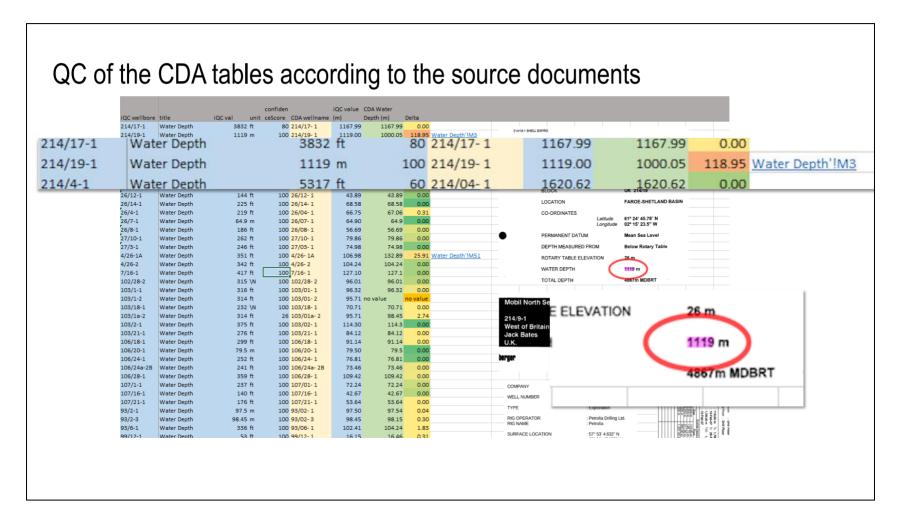


Presenter's notes: The automatic well header metadata extraction authorize to QC the CDA DB according to the source documents. This example shows the discrepancies on a text metadata (the well operator)

QC of the CDA tables according to the source documents

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Lessons learnt from the CDA challenge

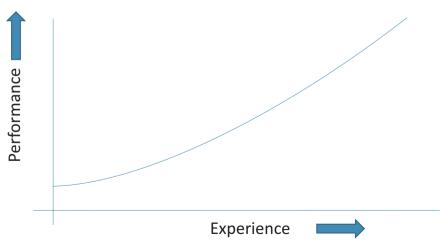
- Machine learning detects metadata in unstructured documents that other methods cannot detect
- It supports the QC of a structured database using unstructured sources
- It makes it possible to easily extend the contents of the database "on demand"
- For us, the CDA challenge was also an opportunity to enrich our learning model and make it more stable

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Overview [edit]

Tom M. Mitchell provided a widely quoted, more formal definition: "A computer program is said to learn from experience *E* with respect to some class of tasks *T* and performance measure *P* if its performance at tasks in *T*, as measured by *P*, improves with experience *E*. [9] This definition is notable for its defining machine learning in fundamentally operational rather than cognitive terms, thus following Alan Turing's proposal in his paper "Computing Machinery and Intelligence" that the question "Can machines think?" be replaced with the question "Can machines do what we (as thinking entities) can do?" [10]



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Looking ahead

- We are looking for documents to crunch
- We are engaging with early adopters
 - To perform pilot projects and feasibility studies system relative to their needs and objectives
 - To evaluate the performance of our machine learning
- We work in the cloud (Microsoft Azure®)
 - Our Learning models improve continuously
 - New users benefit from all accrued learning
 - An alternative configuration is to install our system locally

