# AUSTRALIA MINIERALS REALISE THE OPPORTUNITY

HiSeis: see your Earth more clearly: Mr Damien Kenworthy, HiSeis Pty Ltd

Explore SA: The Gawler Challenge: The Hon. Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP, Minister for Energy and Mining, South Australia

Ensuring your downhole data is future-proofed for incorporation in machine learning algorithms: Dr Shawn Collins, Wireline Services Group

MinEx CRC: improving exploration methods through research collaboration: Dr David Giles, MinEx CRC

Using A.I. to classify lithology: navigating through the propaganda to indentify opportunities in your image data: Ms Sam Scher, Corescan

The world's best pre-competitive data: Dr Richard Blewett, Geoscience Australia

Resource stewardship for a high-tech future: Mr Michael Wright, NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

# HiSeis

# SEE YOUR EARTH MORE CLEARLY

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Novel robust portable sources; small crews; low environmental impact

Unique algorithms; hardrock seismic processing intellectual property from over \$30m in R&D

- HiSeis is a geology "problem solver" not a seismic data acquisition contractor.
- Provide full turnkey solution.
- Integrated service offering & methodology that focuses on optimising all key areas of seismic surveying.
- HiSeis Seismic De-risking Process reduces technical & commercial risk associated with the application of modern seismic to mining problems.











HiSeis has completed over 80 x 2D and 3D minerals seismic surveys globally... for the precious metals, industrial metals, bulk commodity & battery metal industries.



# **Vhy Seismic** Can investigate to large depths

- High resolution & maintains resolution at depth
- Faster screening around initial discovery
- Better conceptual understanding of geology and mineralisation:
  - Drill target generation
  - Optimise infrastructure capacity and placement
  - More cost effective brownfields exploration
  - Basement & regional architecture for greenfields
- Improved mapping of structures for mine planning and safety
- Continuous mapping of rock moduli to assist blasting and processing
- Sensitivity, resolution, depth of penetration >> gravity, magnetics, EM, IP



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Northern Star announced the Zodiac discovery of a HiSeis 3D Seismic Survey in August 2017.

> NSR ASX announcement 5 August 2017

Northern Star drilled one of the deepest holes in Australian gold history; this hole targeted two additional seismic reflectors below Zodiac, which has already returned grades up to 765gpt. Final drill hole length was +3,200m.

NSR ASX announcement 20 February 2018



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- Resolution orders magnitude better than conventional geophysical techniques
- Potential to map structures and geologic complexity to depths > 2km
- Potential to compress timeframe and cost of discovery
- Seismic is a viable exploration tool, imaging the space between drill holes

Drill deeper with confidence, fast track discovery and grow resources!



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**\*\*\*\* The information seismic surveying give us is unparalleled** technically in my view, let alone providing, in a bang-for-buck cost basis, a very, very good data set st for the money that you spend" With the first drill hole into the 3D seismic data set we made a new discovery - the very first hole - and we've now drilled eight holes into it and we haven't missed it i

now drilled eight holes into it and we haven't missed it in a single hole"

#### Miningnews.net 24 Aug 17, Bill Beament (Exec Chairman - Northern Star).



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Ensuring your downhole data is future-proofed for incorporation into machine learning algorithms Shawn Collins, Ph.D., P.Geo. – General Manager Canada

Phil Hawke, Ph.D. – Chief Geophysicist

March 2020



- Introduction
- What is AI



- Data for machine learning "the training set"
- Borehole data examples
- Conclusion



# Our Core Values and Behaviour guide our direction and everyday actions.

#### **Behaviours**

- ✓ Respect
- ✓ Clarity
- ✓ Accountability
- ✓ Collaboration
- ✓ Courage
- ✓ Passion
- ✓ Innovation
- ✓ Fun



#### What is Artificial Intelligence?



"A broad area of computer science that makes machines seem like they have human intelligence" Narrow AI (NAI) – Programmed to perform a single task

Artificial General Intelligence (AGI) – Machines that exhibit human intelligence

Artificial Superintelligence (ASI) – Machines are more capable than humans

How do we accomplish the goal of NAI?

Depends on when you asked the question!

- Neural Networks
- Machine Learning
- Deep Learning



### NAI – Accomplished with the use of Machine Learning

Things to consider for NAI –ML to be successful:1) Is there a clear pattern in the data?2) Is there data available to characterize this pattern?3) Can the behaviour be described by a mathematical expression?

If those criterial are met we can apply ML in more geological terms:

Supervised Learning,

**Unsupervised learning**,

**Semisupervised learning** 



#### The Hunt for Your Algorithm



Start the process by asking a question. Usually this involves prior knowledge of a system that has the desired outcome. This data is known as the **Training Data**.

Training data is used to determine the algorithm used to answer the question posed in step 1.

This process is only as good as the data you use to make your training set.

Many datasets available but I am only going to illustrate my point with borehole geophysics.



### Physical Properties Logging – Ore Body Knowledge

Records physical measurements of the lithology.

Characterize rock properties in increase ore body knowledge through:

- Radiometric gross and spectral
- Resistivity and Conductivity
- Magnetic Susceptibility
- Acoustic Velocity
- Density



### But which log is the correct one?



- 1. Calibrations
- 2. Measurement Units
- 3. Tool specifications
- 4. Processing steps
- 5. Do you have enough data to answer the relevant questions
  - Data sparsity
  - Data corruption

6. Era of data collection



#### Orientation & Identification of Structure





• Measures veins, bedding and fractures.

• Assist in geotechnical and structural analysis.

- In diamond, sonic or percussion drill holes.
- Optical and Acoustic Televiewer.

#### Holistic Plan for Data from Collection - AI



Our Data Processing Centre (DPC) provide:

- Quality control, processing, interpretation and integration of data.
- Monitoring of all tool calibration and performance.
- Answer products:
  - Rock property characterization
  - In-situ Dry Density equivalent
  - Moisture mapping







- Wireline Services Group Has and continues to be a world class provider of wireline logging data for incorporation into AI – machine learning algorithms.
- 2. As dataset gets larger and more expensive a holistic approach to data is necessary to "future-proof" your data and lower the time and expense of cleaning the data.
- 3. Given a properly trained dataset, the machine learning environment can be used to highlight subtle features or unknown zones and provide another avenue for target generation.
- 4. This entire process adds value to costly drill programs.





#### Thank you!



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### **Programs and Projects**

Program 1 Drilling Technologies	Program 2 Data from Drilling	Program 3 National Drilling Initiative							
Project 1 Drilling Optimisation and Automation	Project 3 <b>Real-time downhole assay</b>	GA  GSSA  GSNSW  GSWA    Project 7  Maximising the value of data and drilling							
Project 2 Coiled tubing drilling	Project 4 Petrophysical logging while drilling	through cover							
for definition of mineral deposits	Project 5 Seismic in the drilling workflow	Project 8 Geological architecture and evolution Project 9 Targeting Mineral Systems in covered terranes							
Project 20 Hydraulic processing system for CT drilling	Project 6 Automated 3D modelling								




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## Using A.I. to Classify Lithology: Navigating through the Propaganda to Identify Opportunities in your Image Data

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### THE IMPORTANCE OF TERMINOLOGY



Thanks to machine-learning algorithms, the robot apocalypse was short-lived.

- Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) denotes machines that can think for themselves.
- Machine Learning is a subset of A.I. that is focused on systems that learn from their environment, e.g. data.
  - It is a method of data analysis that automates analytical model building by using algorithms that iteratively learn from data to find hidden insights and structure without being explicitly programmed where and how to look.

### IDENTIFYING MINERALS WITH THE VISIBLE COLOR SPECTRUM



### THE PHYSICS OF LIGHT: THE ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM



# Diagnostic absorption features of minerals in the Visible-near (VNIR) to shortwave infrared (SWIR) range





### ADVANTAGES OF INTEGRATING HYPERSPECTRAL CORE IMAGING IN LOGGING



- Geologists bring knowledge, context and hard-earned wisdom
- `Domain experts' are indispensable
- The synthesis of humans and consistent, precise analytical data is best-practice

Infrared spectrum								
	Near infrared	Short wave	Medium wave	Long wave Thermal	Far infrared			
0.7	μm 1.3	5μm 2.5	μm 8.0μ	um 15	μm 100	)0µm		

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700nm



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### **Computer vision: Convolutional Neural Networks**





### MAPPING LITHOLOGIES WITH RGB

- Limitations with ML using RGB photography
   Masking, problems with photography (sun/angle)

  - RGB photography can only see ~380-760nm; information is limited to what a human eye can see!
  - The machine has all the same difficulties of differentiating complex mineralogy and lithologies as humans.
- Importantly, **consistency** is improved by using ML.



A machine is only as smart as what you put into it, those who program it...and how the results are applied







### IMAGE CLASSIFICATION AND CORESCAN DATA

- Most machine learning workflows require large amount of high resolution and consistent data.
- Corescan collects approximately 200,000 pixels of data per meter. The HCI-4 will produce 800,000 pixels per meter.
- Significantly, Corescan data provides spatial relationships between the pixels in the form of an image; therefore we know which minerals exist as a given and the position of every other mineral.





A simple neural network

Project geologists in conjunction with a Corescan spectral geologist can advise the data scientist the optimal bands to use as inputs for each project. output layer



This will create neural networks that look at more than the individual Corescan bands of data... they can also look at the interactions between these bands, becoming similar to ratios and gradients that are used to classify spectra!

### USING IMAGE ANALYSIS TO AID IN LOGGING CORE

Warning: – High degree of geological knowledge required! Will require an extreme amount of effort on the part of the staff geologists! **Observational Logging** Augmented Logging Current practice Automated Logging Large amount of Taking the observations of underutilized data the geologist and Driven by quantitative integrating them with data that measures the quantitative data Will need to train models to physical properties of the First step is to identify recognize all classes that are of rock major classes for importance: Trained by geologists to automation (e.g. lithology, Lithology and alteration are the tip recognize everything that alteration) of the iceberg! is deemed important Veins, breccias, faults... whatever you log and is important to model will need training! Re-evaluation of what is important may be required!

The speaker would like to acknowledge Solve Geosolutions and the Corescan team for their input in this talk.



Thank you all for attending.

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# Australia United: making the world's best pre-competitive data even better

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# Lowering the entry for multiple 'personas'







**Exploration Geologist** *Where should we drill?* 



Landholder What are the resources on my land?



Indigenous What does this mean for my community?







Ministerial Advisor How can we achieve the Minister's goals?



Making useful data more usable and more used





Geoscience Australia acknowledges the traditional custodians of the country where we meet and where this work was undertaken.

We also acknowledge the support provided by individuals and communities to access the country, especially in remote and rural Australia.



# **National Mineral Exploration Strategy**

- Encourage investment
- Harness capability
- Protect the environment
- Support people and communities



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# Impact of pre-competitive on discovery

- > 1990s collected airborne magnetic data, produced geological interpretations
- 2001 collected reflection seismic data, undertook interpretation (below) which predicted this belt is prospective for new world-class gold deposits
- 2014 Gold Road Resources discovered the Gruyere gold deposit in the Yamarna Belt, utilising GA's interpretations datasets which is a 6+ Million oz greenfields discovery.



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# **Geoscience data to de-risk Exploration**







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### A full lithosphere approach to discovery





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# **Exploration Workflow using GA's portal**

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- 1. Project Generation Phase
  - Mineral Potential Mapper
  - Economic Fairways

### 2. Exploration Phase

- Data Discovery and Download
- Analytical Tools
- Planning a Drilling Program

3. Feasibility Phase

- Route planning
- Exposure risk and social analysis
- 3. Mining, Production, Mine Rehabilitation Phase
  - Environmental monitoring

From pre-competitive data to pre-competitive decision-support



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# 1) Project Generation: Mineral Potential Mapper Tool



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#### Roads









#### **Mineral Tenements**



National Parks

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# 1) Project Generation: Economic Fairways Mapper

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# 1) Project Generation: Economic Fairways Mapper





## 2) Exploration: Data discovery & download



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## 2) Exploration: Planning drill program (virtual bore hole)



## 3) Feasibility: Route and infrastructure planning



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## 3) Feasibility: Route and infrastructure planning



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## 3) Feasibility: Exposure risk & social report

#### Geoscience Australia - Exposure Report

Event name: New Mine

Event type: No Event/Incident

Report Date: 14-02-2020 14:17:54 (AEST)

LGAs within the event footprint: MacDonnell (R) (0.1%) Localities within the event footprint: No localities found

Footprint data source: New Mine



Building Exposure, V10 January 2019		Dwelling estimates where residents:		
Residential	Event	Demographic <sup>*</sup>	Event	NT(Av)
Population count	-	Are all aged 65 or over	0%	8.6%
Dwelling count <sup>*</sup>	-	Includes persons aged 14 years and under	%	31.7%
Building count	-	Includes an Indigenous person	0%	22.2%
Pre 1980 construction count	-	Are a single parent family	0%	9.8%
Pre 1990 probable asbestos containing products**	-	Are in need of assistance for self-care activities	0%	8.9%
Reconstruction value	\$-	Include persons not proficient in English	0%	1.2%
Contents value	\$-	Do not have access to a motor vehicle	0%	13.3%
Commercial		No one has completed Year 12 or higher	0%	15.4%
Building count	-	Moved to the region in the last 1 year	0%	17.5%
Reconstruction value	\$-	Moved to the region in the last 5 years	0%	39.8%
Industrial		Top 5 employing industry*:		

Institution Exposure		Occurrent for the last	
Education	Event	Government Facilities	Ever
School - Pre/Primary	-	Federal Court	
School - Secondary	-	Medicare Office	
School - Tertiary	-	Centrelink Office	-
School - Other (Combined, Special)	-	Diplomatic Facility	
Health and Welfare		Consulate Facility	
Hospital - Public	-	Major Defence Facility	-
Hospital - Private	-	Correctional Facility	-
Nursing Home	-	Immigration Detention Facility	-
Retirement Home	-	Local Government Offices	-
Emergency Services			
Police Station	-		
Fire Station	-	4	
Ambulance Station	-	4	
SES Facility	-	4	
Emergency Management Facilities	-		
Infrastructure Exposure			
Utility/Energy	Event	Transport	Ever
Power Station - Major Renewable	-	Airport - Major Areas	-
Power Station - Major Fossil Fuel	-	Airport - Major Terminals	-
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Liquid Fuel - Terminals	-	Railway - Station	-
Liquid Fuel - Depots	-	Railway - Tracks (km)	-
Liquid Fuel - Petrol Stations	-	Maritime - Major Port	-
Gas Pipeline (km)	-	Maritime - Ferry Terminal	-
Oil Pipeline (km)	-		
Off-shore Extraction Platform	-		
Waste Management Site	-		
Waste Water Treatment Plant	-		
Major Dam Walls	-		
Telephone Exchange	-		
Broadcasting Studios (Radio and TV)	-		
Business Exposure, ABR 2018			
Number of businesses	-	Number of Registered Charity Organisations:	
Accommodation and Food Services	-		
Administrative and Support Services	-	Number of Primary Producers <sup>*</sup>	
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	-	Agriculture and Fishing Support Services	
Arts and Recreation Services	-	Aquaculture	-
Construction	-	Dairy Cattle Farming	-
Education and Training		Deer Farming	
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services		Fishing	
Financial and Insurance Services		Forestry and Logging	-

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## Take home messages

- Australia a highly favourable investment destination (Fraser Institute)
- We have the geology, the data and frameworks

- From data to decisions..... <u>www.portal.ga.gov.au</u>
- Economics + ESG + cultural bottom line capability
- World-first portal that makes the world's best precompetitive information even better



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### Thank you for your interest in Australia



Join us at the Booth (Trade Show South), or Australia Day (Tuesday morning 206B MTCC North Building), for demos or just a chat





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## New South Wales Resource stewardship for a high-tech future





Planning, Industry & Environment

## Acknowledgement

On behalf of the Division of Resources & Geoscience,

I acknowledge that we meet today on land that is the traditional territory of many nations including the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples, and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

I also acknowledge the many Aboriginal First Nations people in NSW on whose lands we live and work, and of whose lands I will be speaking today.

## Agenda

- A bit about New South Wales (NSW)
- The Future of Minerals in NSW
- NSW your next exploration destination
- Questions



## NSW overview

## Not only the country's most populated state, it's also Australia's best economic performer



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#### Population Economy • 2.9% growth • Sydney — 5.1 m AAA credit rating • Total NSW - 7.9 m 95.4% employment Australia — 24.7 m **Foreign investment** Infrastructure NSW accounted for A\$87.2 billion 44% of total greenfield government investment FDI projects into from 2017-2021 Australia from 2013-18

## Future of Minerals in NSW

- Our mineral resources supporting the modern world by:
  - responsible sourcing
  - increasing exploration potential
  - opening new frontiers for traditional and critical metals



## Renewable energy





## NSW's long history of mining



NSW's share of mineral exploration in Australia since 2010 has more than doubled from 5.3% to 11.7% in 2019



#### Tweed Heads QUEENSLAND Ballina Moree Thomson Tibooburra Orogen Inverell . Grafton Bourke . New England S Coffs Harbour Cobar Fifield OUTH Orøgen Nyngan belt Basin Tritton Endeavor 🐼 Tamworth Kempsey \*r Nyngan AUSTRALIA Wilcannia The Peak Malguarie Port Macquarie Rasp Arc Broken Hill Hera Scone 2 Pinnacles Province Maitlande Northparkes Newcastle Gingko Murray Basin Orand Cowal SOUTH PACIFIC Snapper West Wyalong OCEAN Sydney Wentworth Lachlan Wollongong Hay Orogen Goulburn VICTORIA Wagga Wagga Canberra Reference \* Batemans Bay \* Gold Albury \* Copper Copper-Gold ~ Bega Mineral sands Copper-Gold-Silver-Lead-Zinc 100 200 300 \* Silver-Lead-Zinc

## NSW mineral provinces

## Value in the ground





## Attracting explorers to NSW

### Seamless Geology Project

## **MinView**

**MINVIEW** - web mapping application providing free access to view, search and download a comprehensive range of geoscientific data for NSW.

## DiGS

### DIGS - public, online archive

Provides access to over 140,000 non-confidential reports and other documentary material held by the NSW government.

Confidential exploration reports submitted prior to June 2016 will be made public in June 2021.

## Demonstrated support for mining





### Vision:

# Our mineral and petroleum resources generating prosperity for the people of NSW

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