

“End-To-End Automation For Orebody Knowledge. The application of machine learning and automation to unlock the value of geoscientific data and inform critical decisions in exploration and mining.”



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# Automation of OBK

From Data Collection to Analytics

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# The Role of Geology in Decision Making

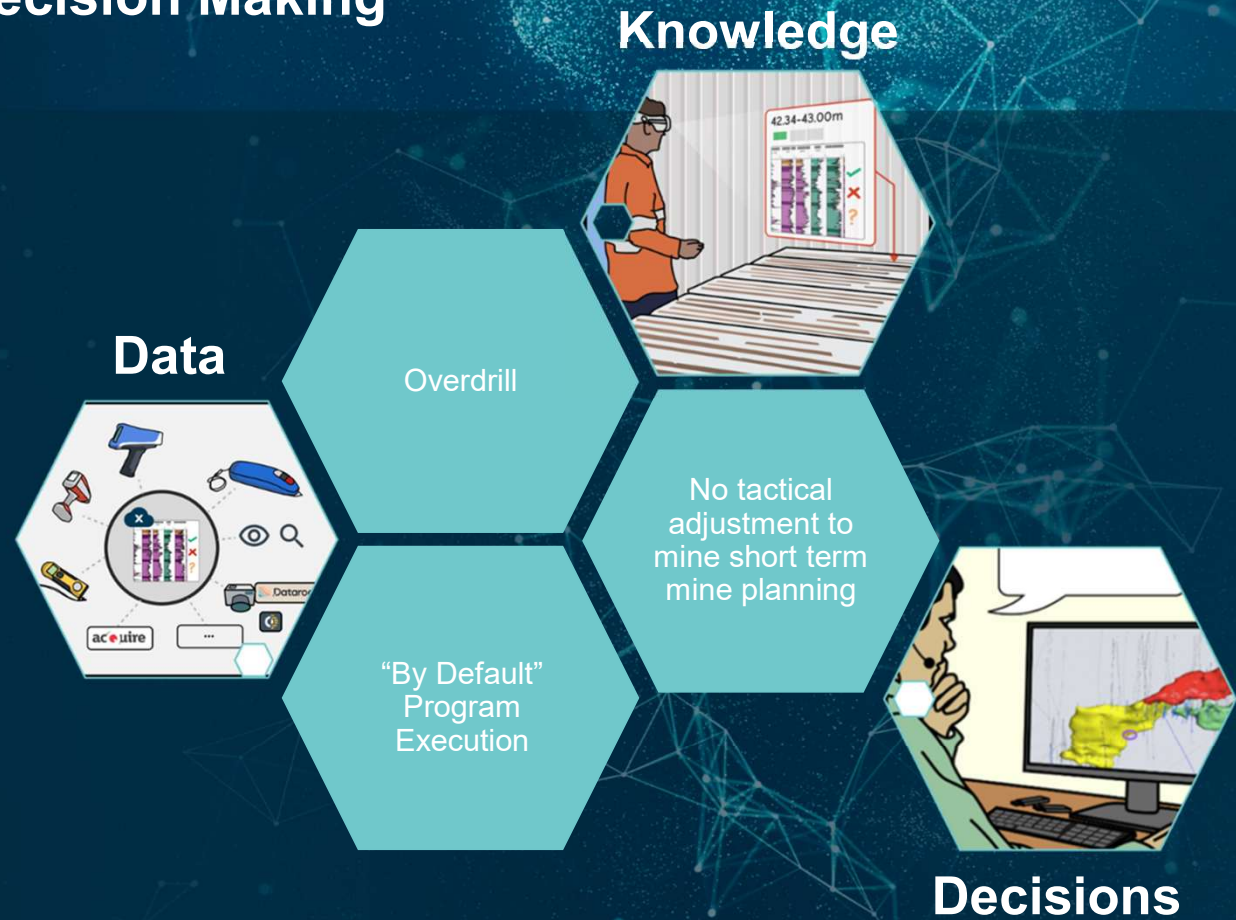
## Reducing Unquantifiable Errors

When is visual observation not enough?

## Threats and Opportunities

The rise of sensors and AI

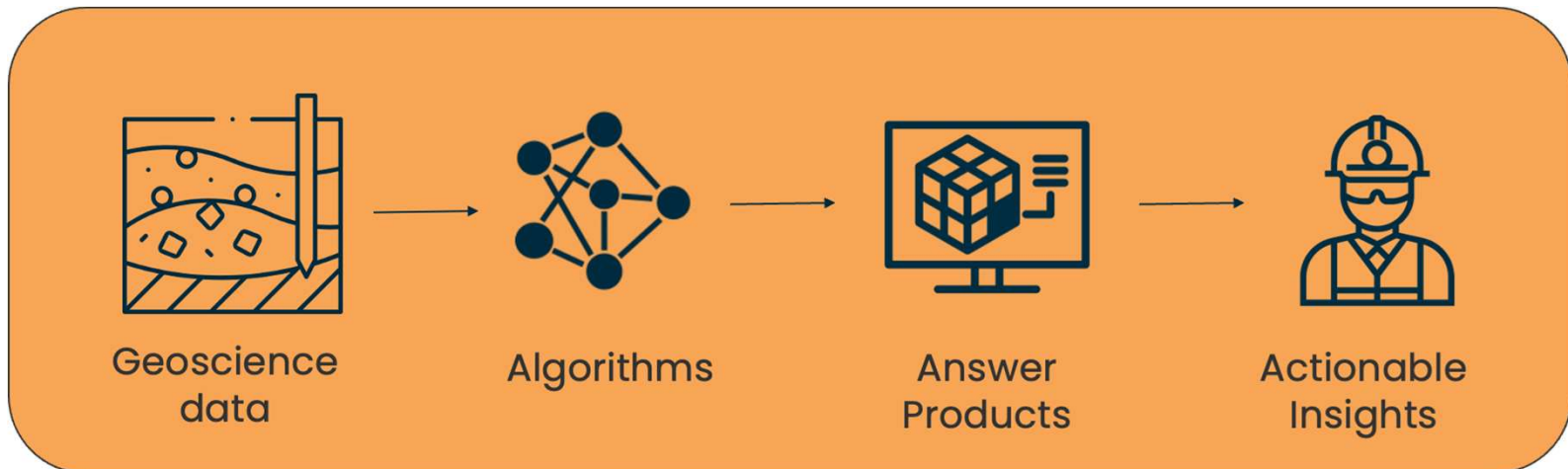
Gescience capability gaps



# AUTOMATION OF OBK

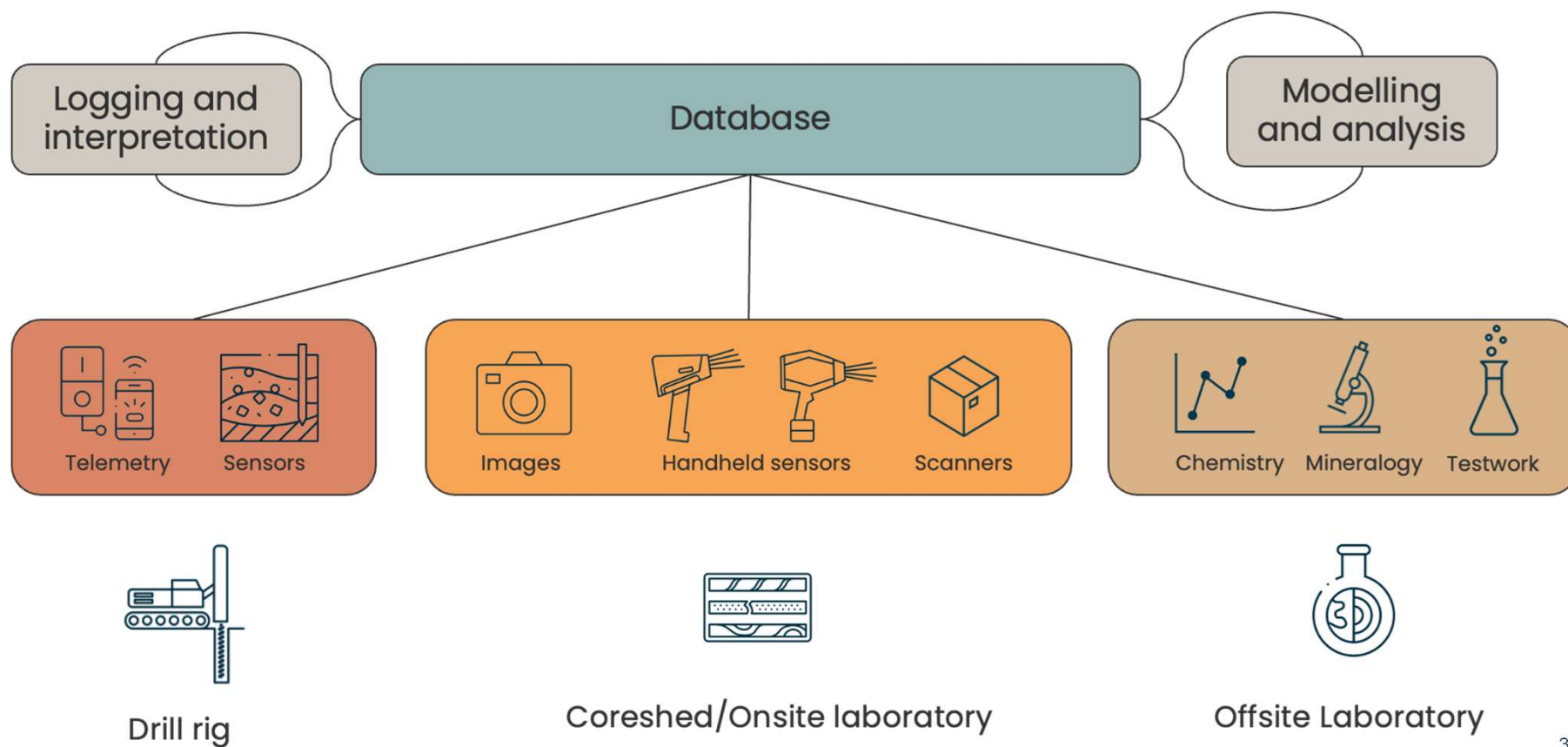
## Presentation Outline

- Current and future state of data collection and OBK
- Automated OBK examples from Datarock and IMDEX



# Current State

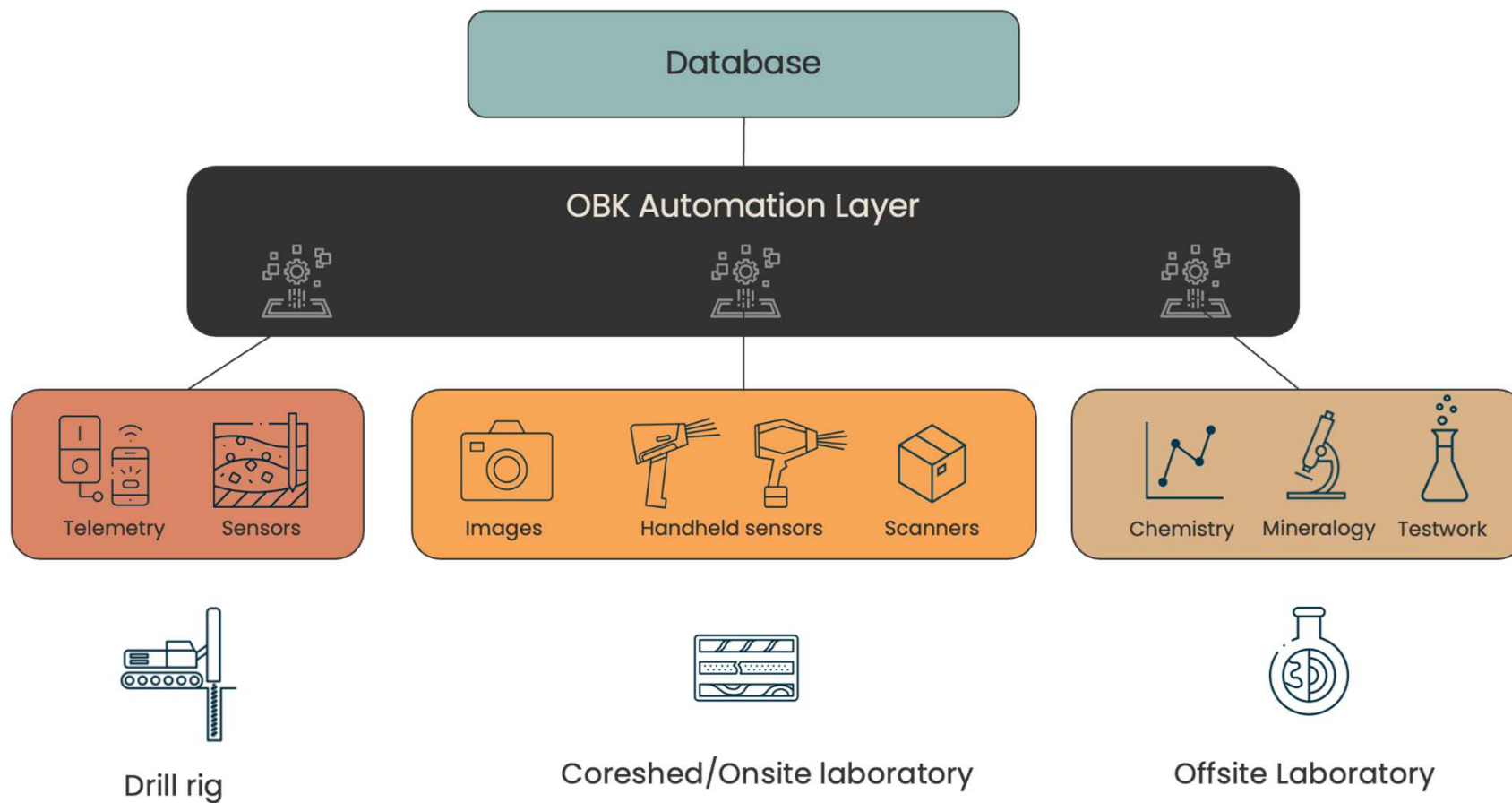
## Human-centric workflows





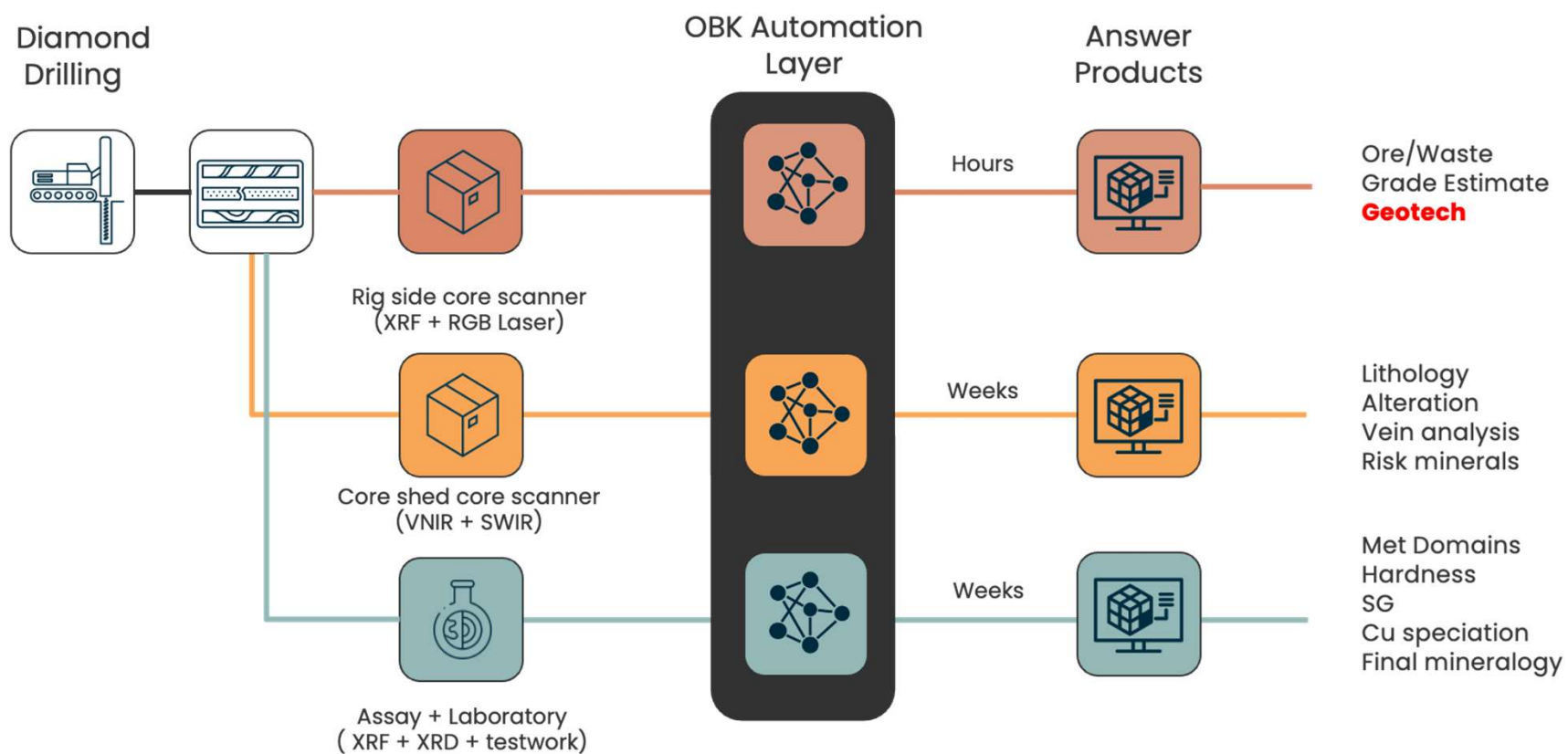
# Future State

Greater emphasis on data and algorithms



# Example 1

## Cu-Au Porphyry

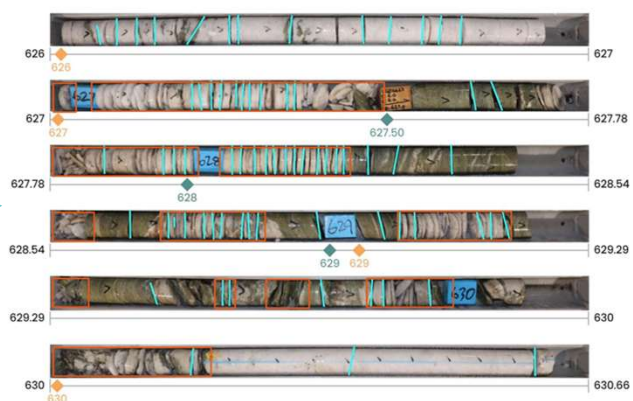


# Automated Geotech

Discing analysis from core imagery

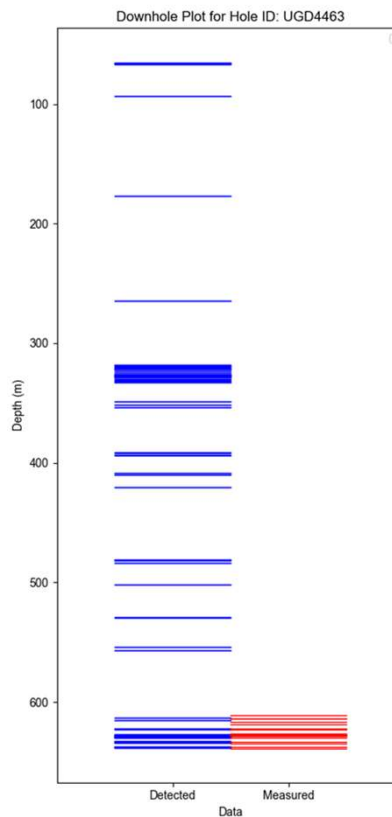
RGB CORE  
IMAGERY

AUTOMATED COMPUTER  
VISION ANALYSIS



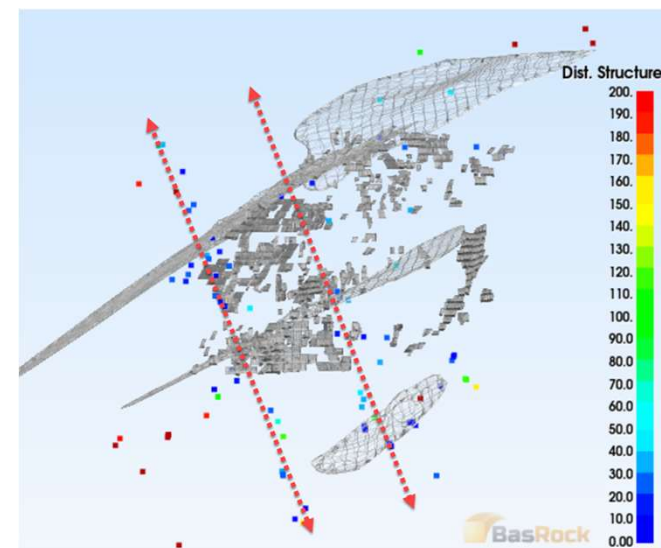
100km of core logged in a few hours  
using machine learning

PREDICTED  
GEOTECHNICAL DATA



Analysis revealed under  
logging of discing intervals

3D MODELLING

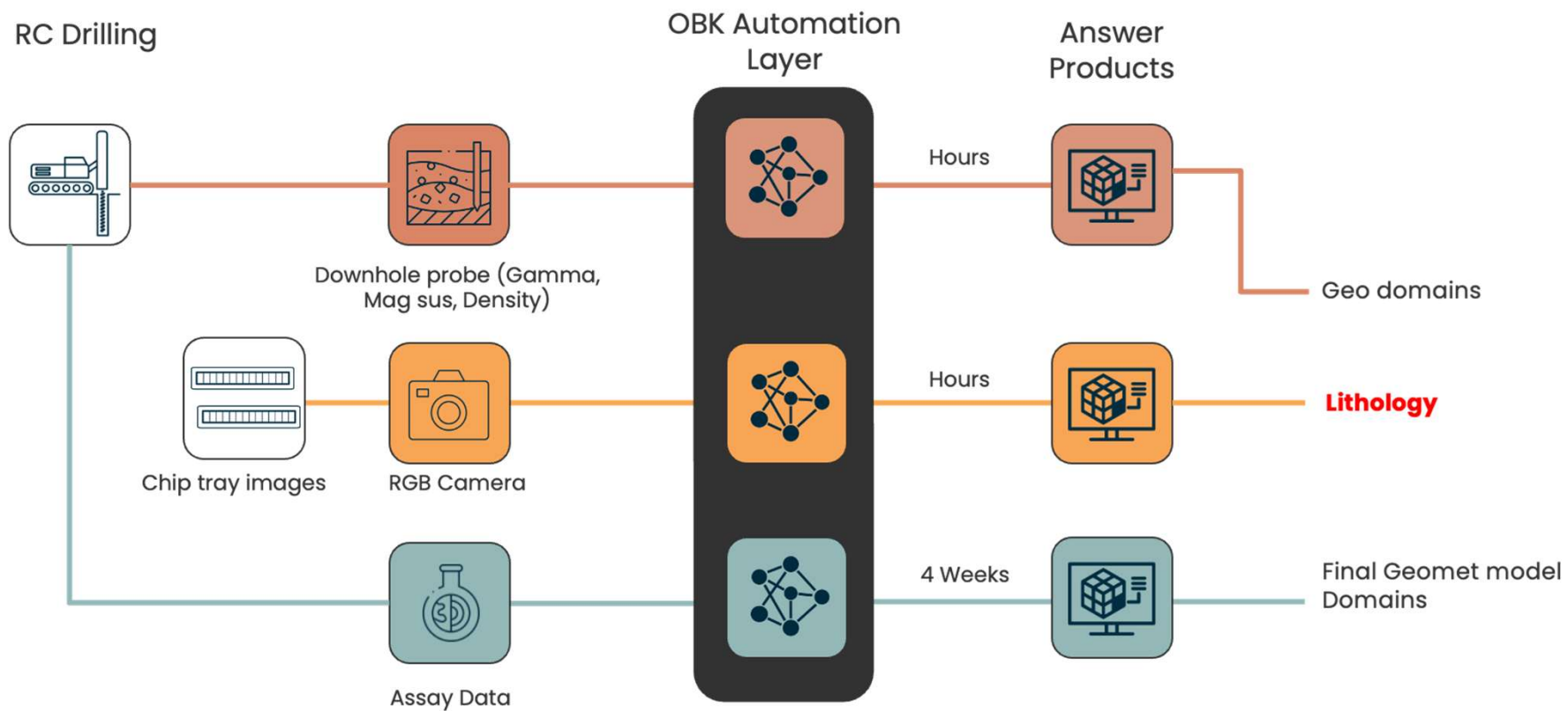


3D visualisation of automated discing  
results reveal new high strain zones



## Example 2

### Iron Ore



# Lithological domaining from chip images

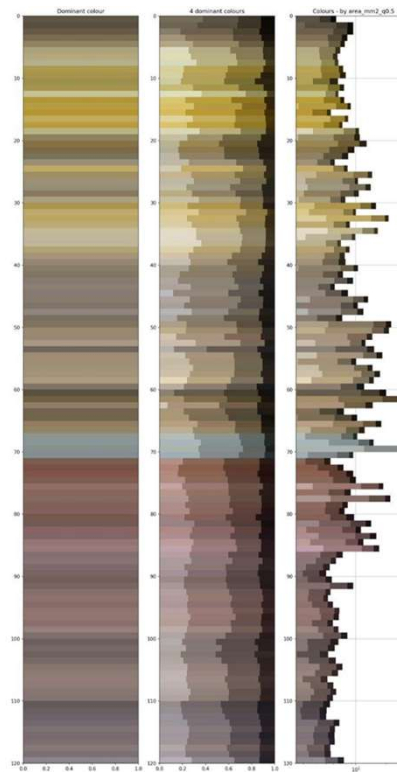
Iron Ore

## RGB RC CHIP IMAGERY



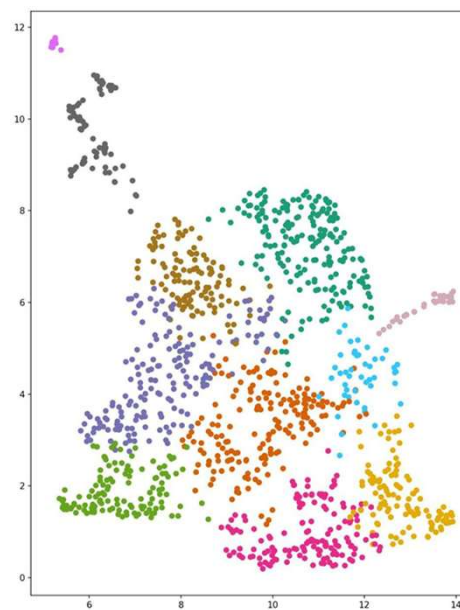
Massive amounts of chip imagery are collected for each 1m of RC drilling

## AUTOMATED IMAGE ANALYSIS



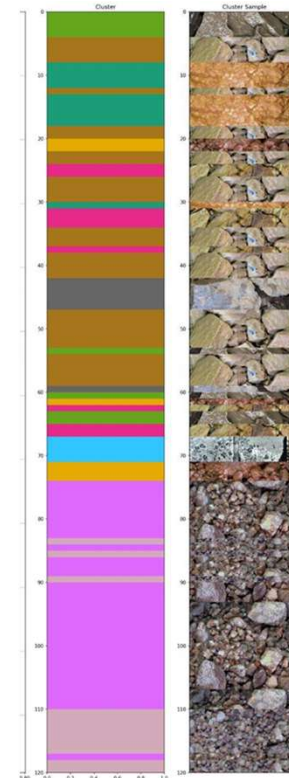
Imagery is analysed for colour, grainsize and texture, avoiding the need for manual visual logging

## DATA CLUSTERING



Imagery data is domainned into lithology groups using ML algorithms

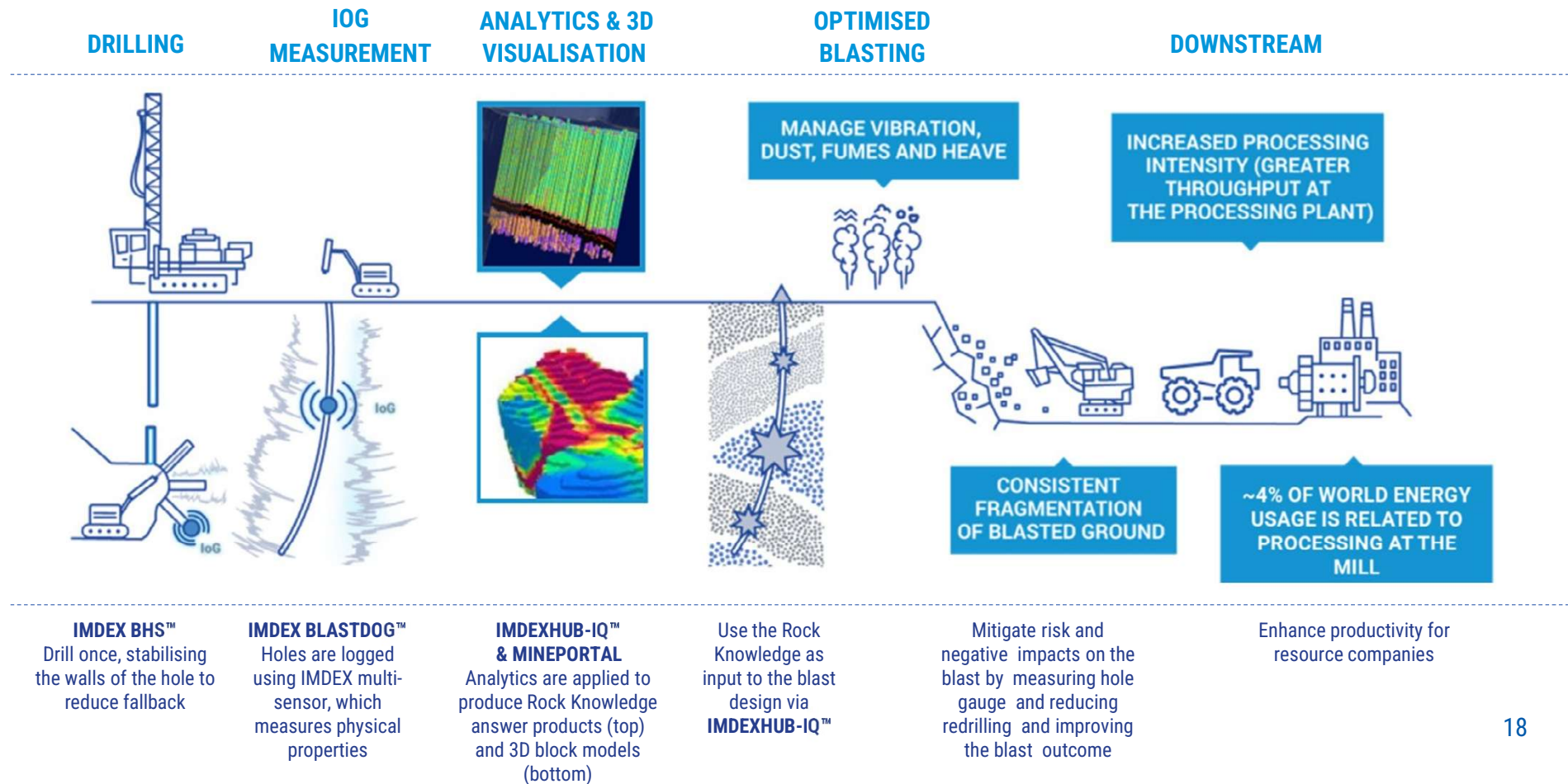
## LITHOLOGY DOMAINS



Data-driven lithology domains are produced automatically from imagery

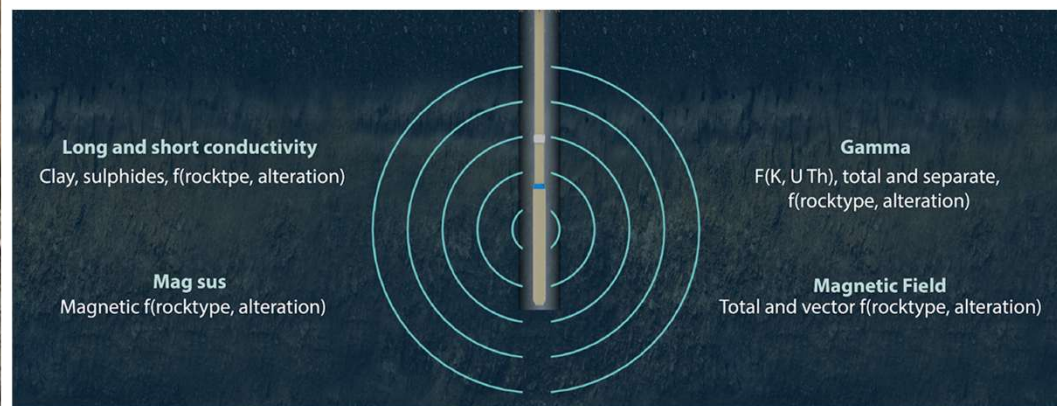
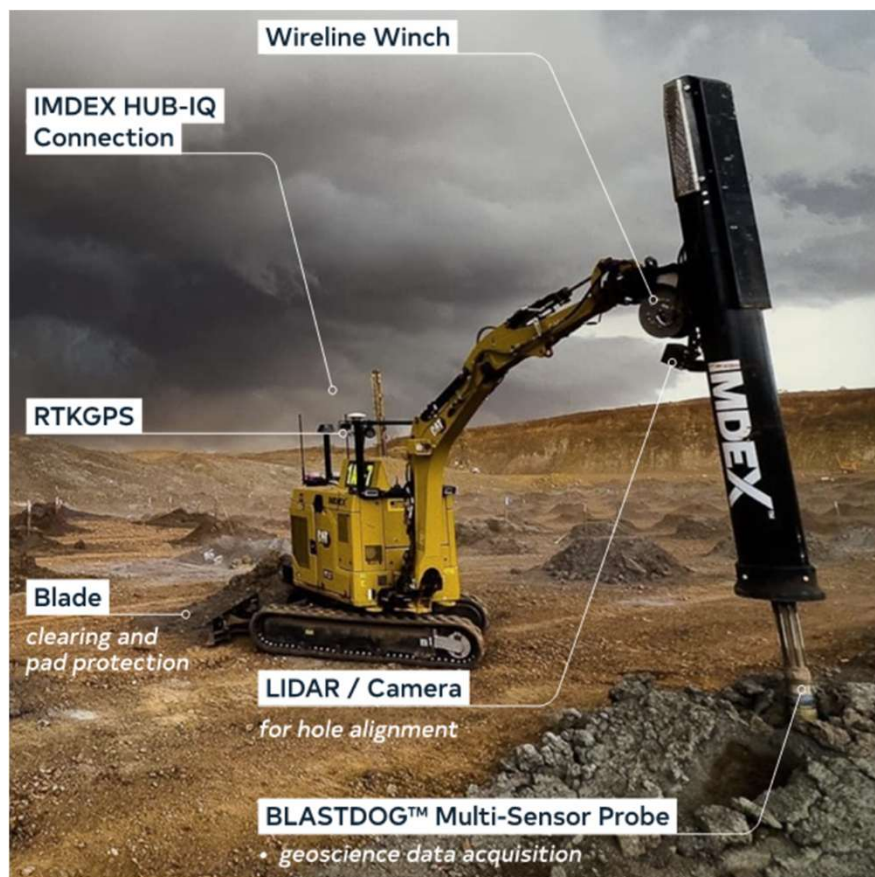
# Example 3 - BLASTDOG

## Integrated process



# BLASTDOG

How the Need for Automation Drove Design

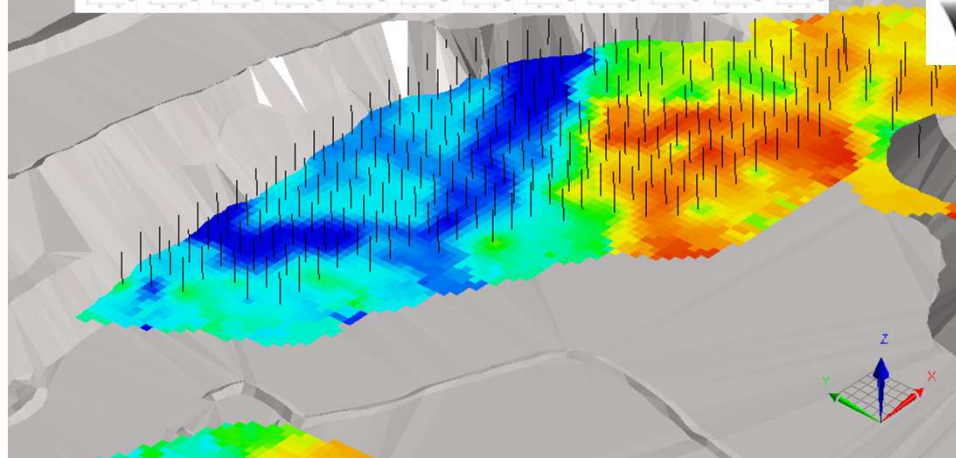
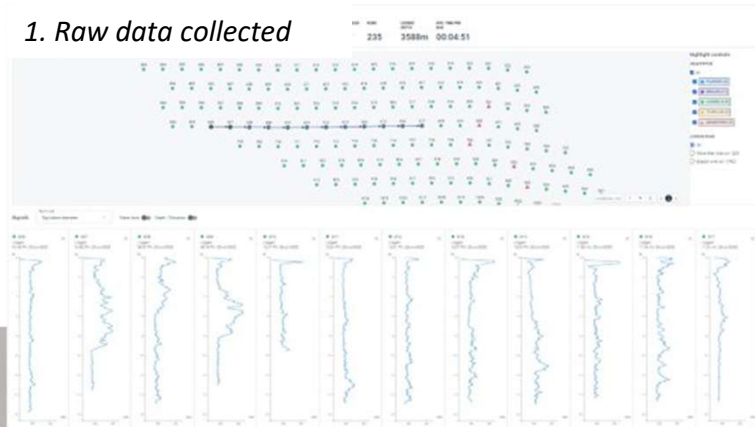




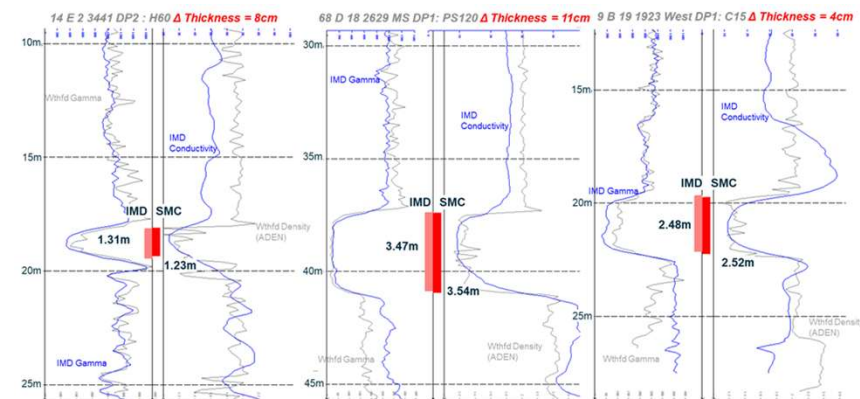
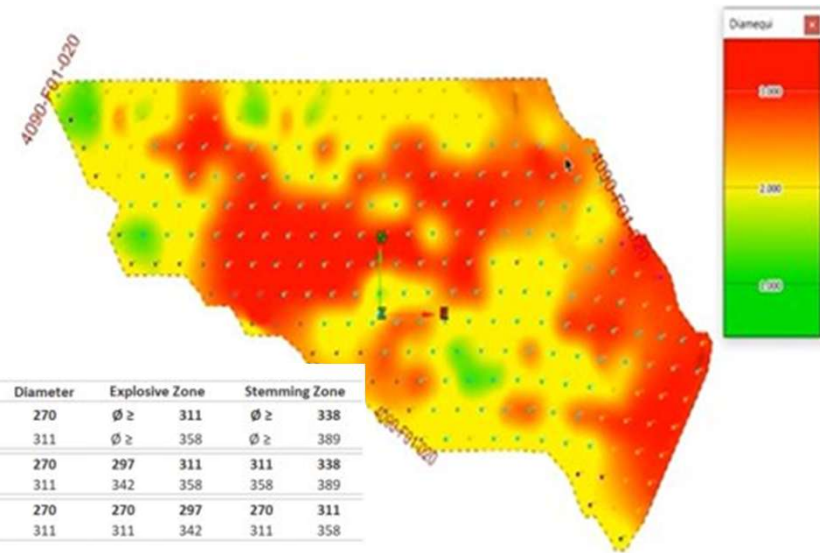
# BLASTDOG

## Data Use Cases

### 1. Raw data collected



Value	Diameter	Explosive Zone	Stemming Zone
3	270	$\phi \geq 311$	$\phi \geq 338$
	311	$\phi \geq 358$	$\phi \geq 389$
2	270	297	311
	311	342	358
1	270	270	297
	311	311	342



# Thank you.

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