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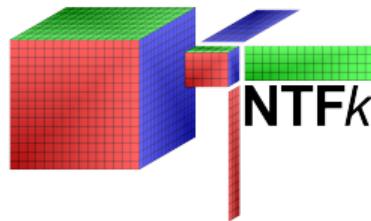
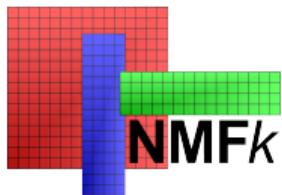
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# Machine learning analyses for characterization of oil, gas and water production from unconventional tight-rock reservoirs

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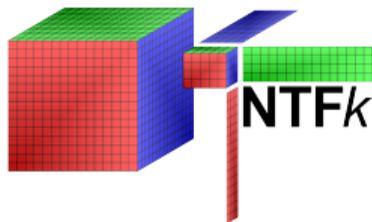
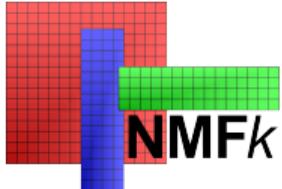
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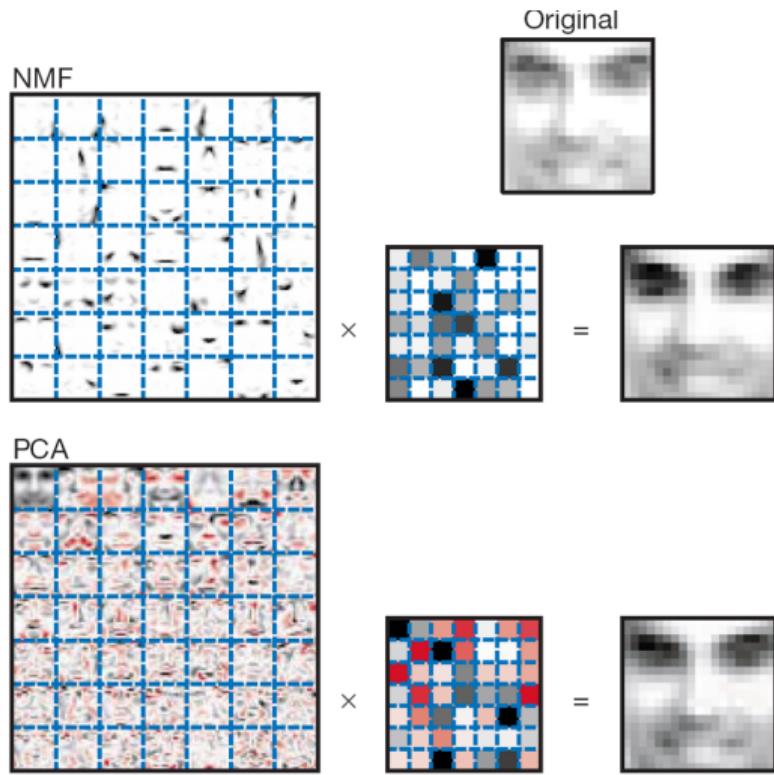
- ▶ Feature extraction (**FE**)
- ▶ Blind source separation (**BSS**)
- ▶ Detection of disruptions / anomalies
- ▶ Image recognition
- ▶ Separate physics processes
- ▶ Discover unknown dependencies and phenomena
- ▶ Develop reduced-order/surrogate models
- ▶ Identify dependencies between model inputs and outputs
- ▶ Guide development of physics models representing the data
- ▶ Make predictions
- ▶ Optimize data acquisition
- ▶ “Label” datasets for supervised ML analyses

- ▶ Novel LANL-patented, open-source, unsupervised Machine Learning (ML) methods and computational techniques
- ▶ Based in matrix/tensor factorization coupled with custom  $k$ -means clustering and nonnegativity/sparsity constraints:
  - NMF $k$ : Nonnegative **Matrix** Factorization
  - NTF $k$ : Nonnegative **Tensor** Factorization
  - <https://github.com/TensorDecompositions>
- ▶ Capable to efficiently process large datasets (TB's) utilizing GPU's, TPU's & FPGA's  
⇒ **julia**, Flux.jl, Knet.jl, AutoOffLoad.jl, Zygote.jl, TensorFlow, PyTorch, MXNet



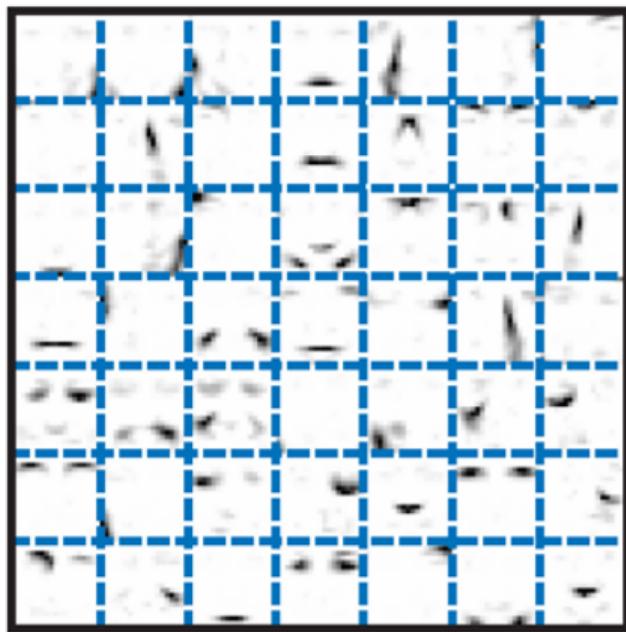
## Why nonnegativity?

- ▶ NMF vs PCA (Lee & Seung, 1999)
- ▶ NMF: Nonnegative Matrix Factorization
- ▶ PCA: Principal Component Analysis

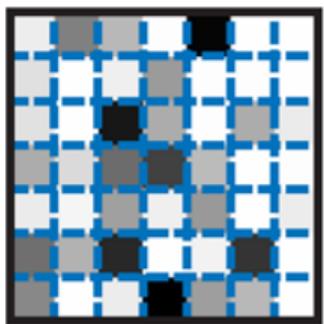


Nonnegativity constraints provide meaningful and interpretable results (+sparsity)

# NMF: Nonnegative Matrix Factorization



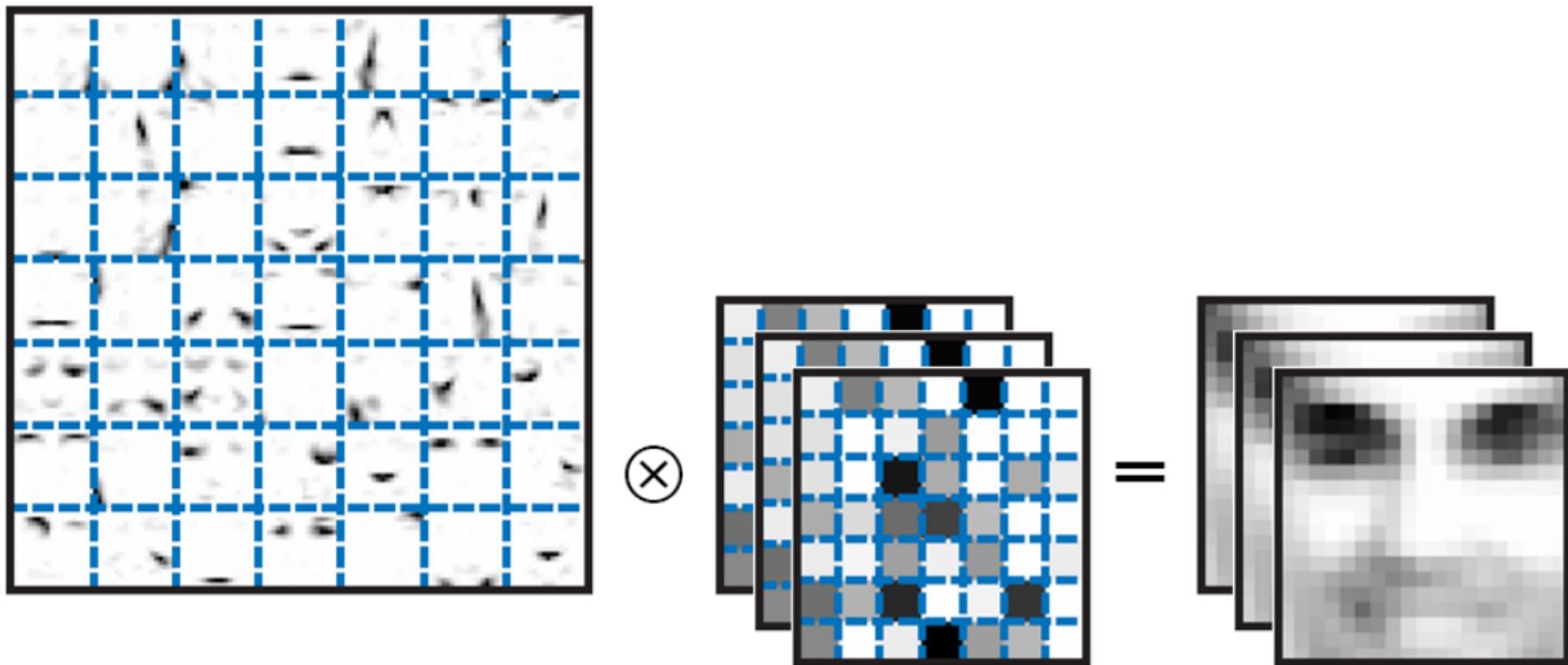
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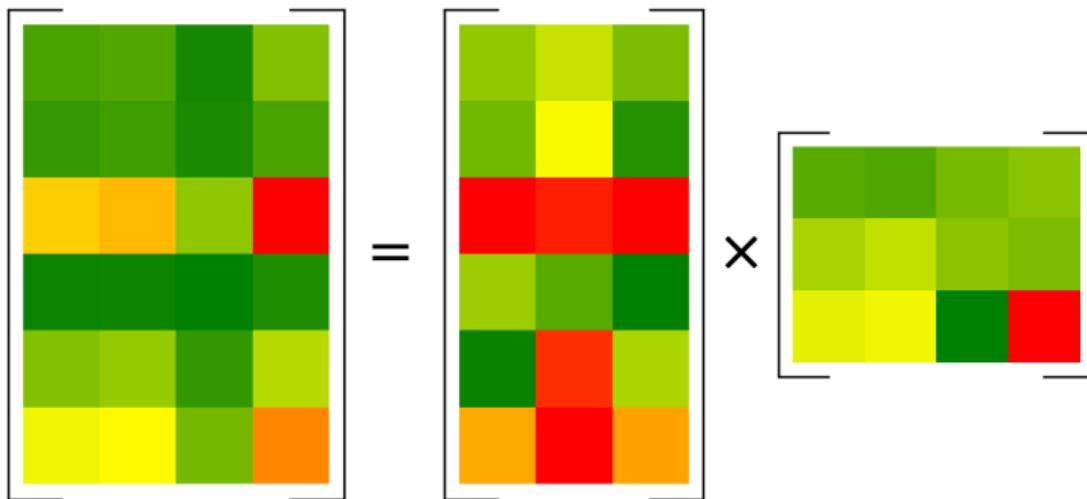
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# NTF: Nonnegative Tensor Factorization



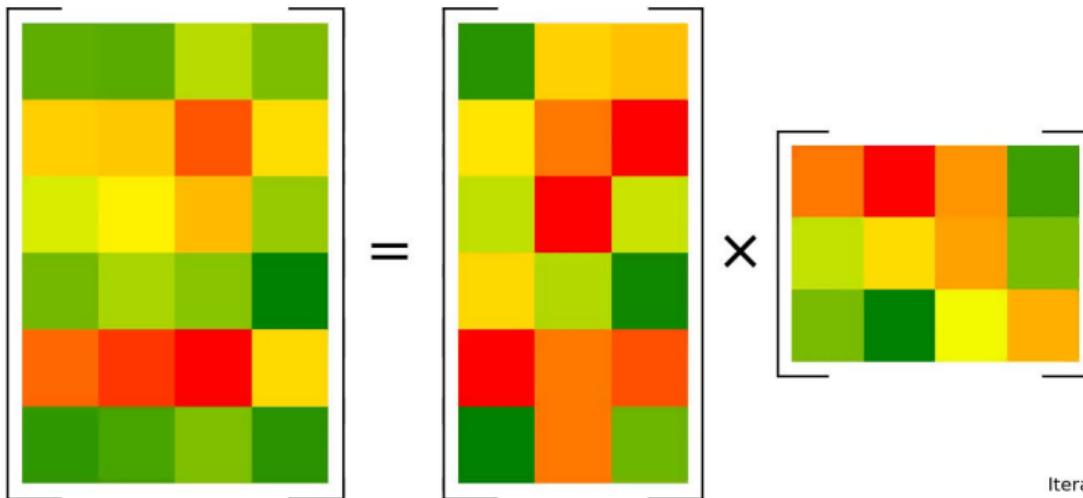
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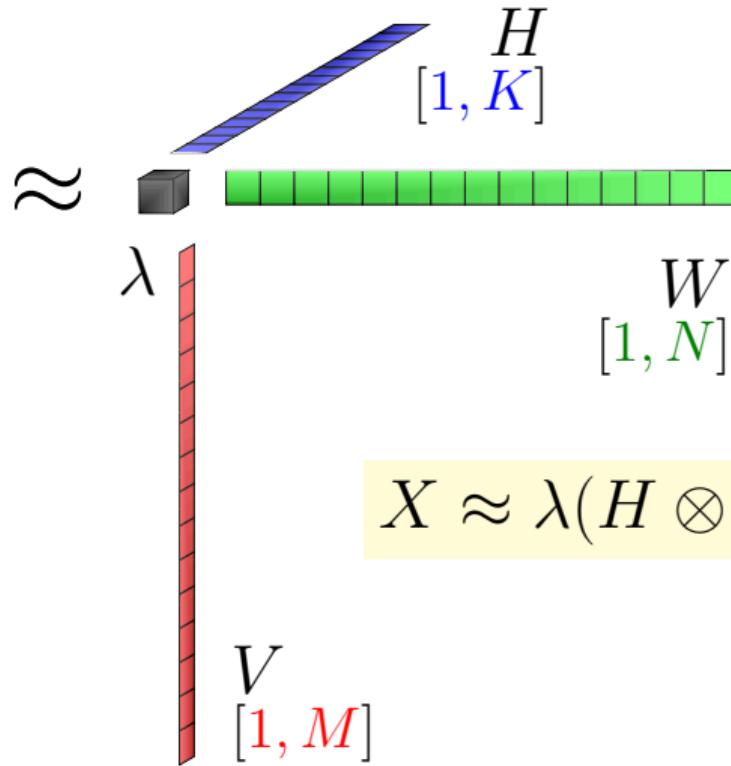
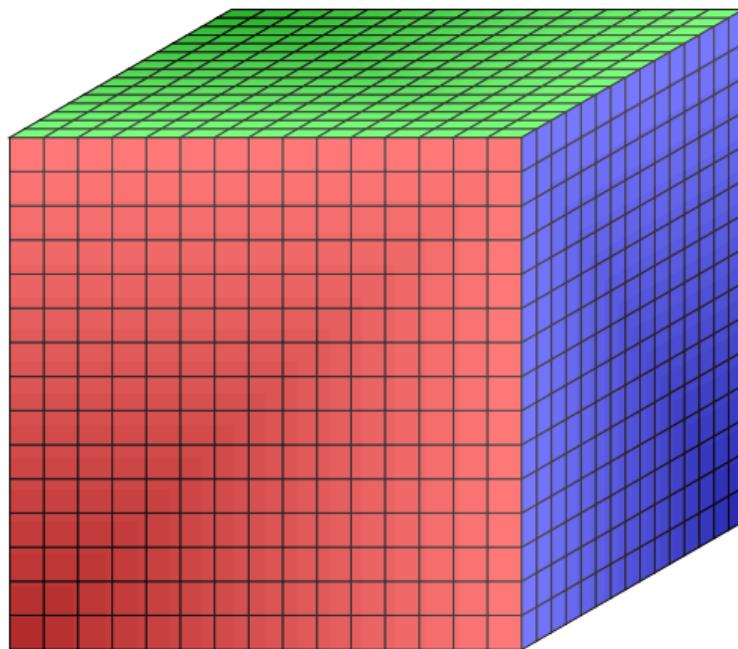
24 knowns  $(6 \times 4) \rightarrow$  30 unknowns  $(6 \times 3) + (3 \times 4)$   
number of features  $k$  is also unknown (here,  $k = 3$ )

# NMFk: Factorization process

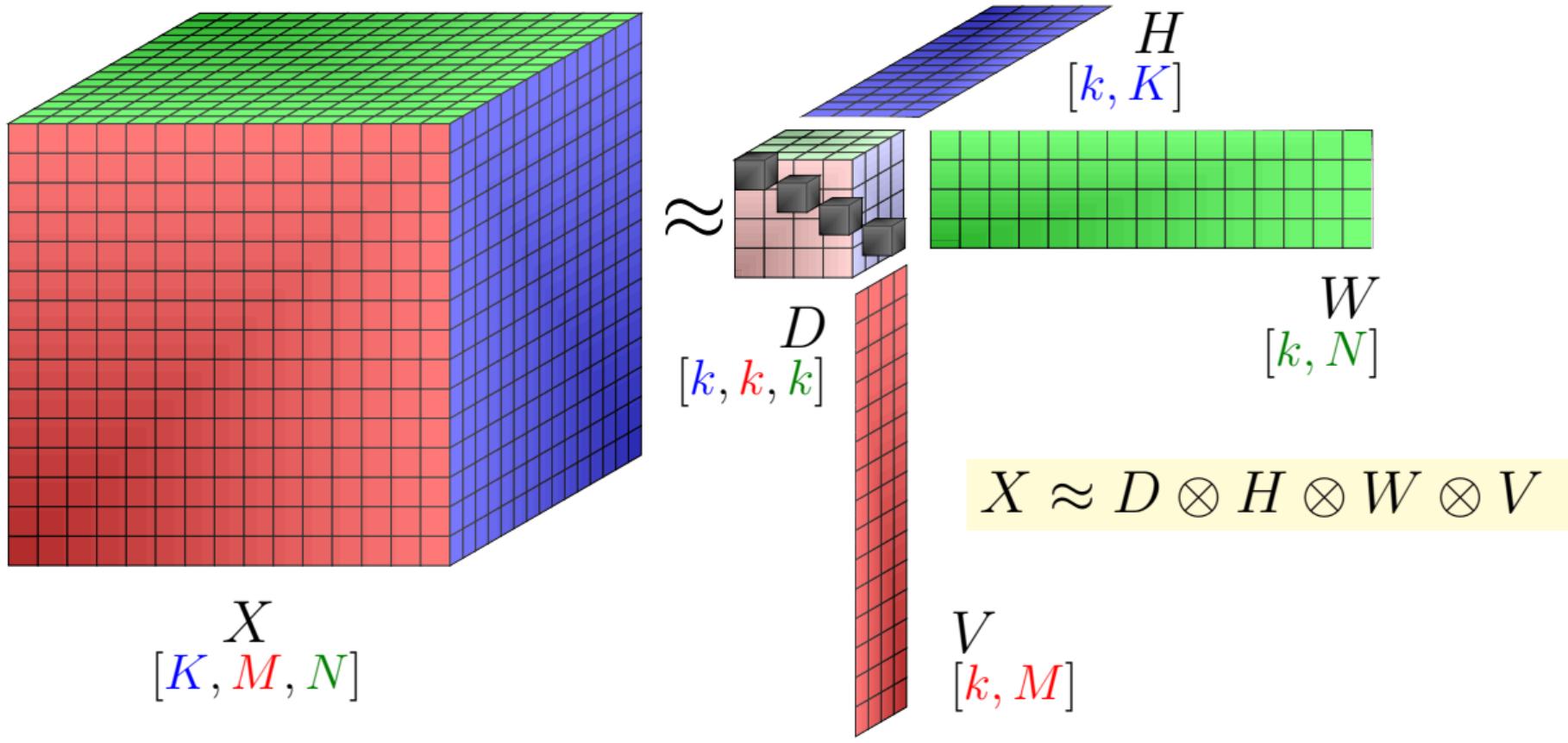
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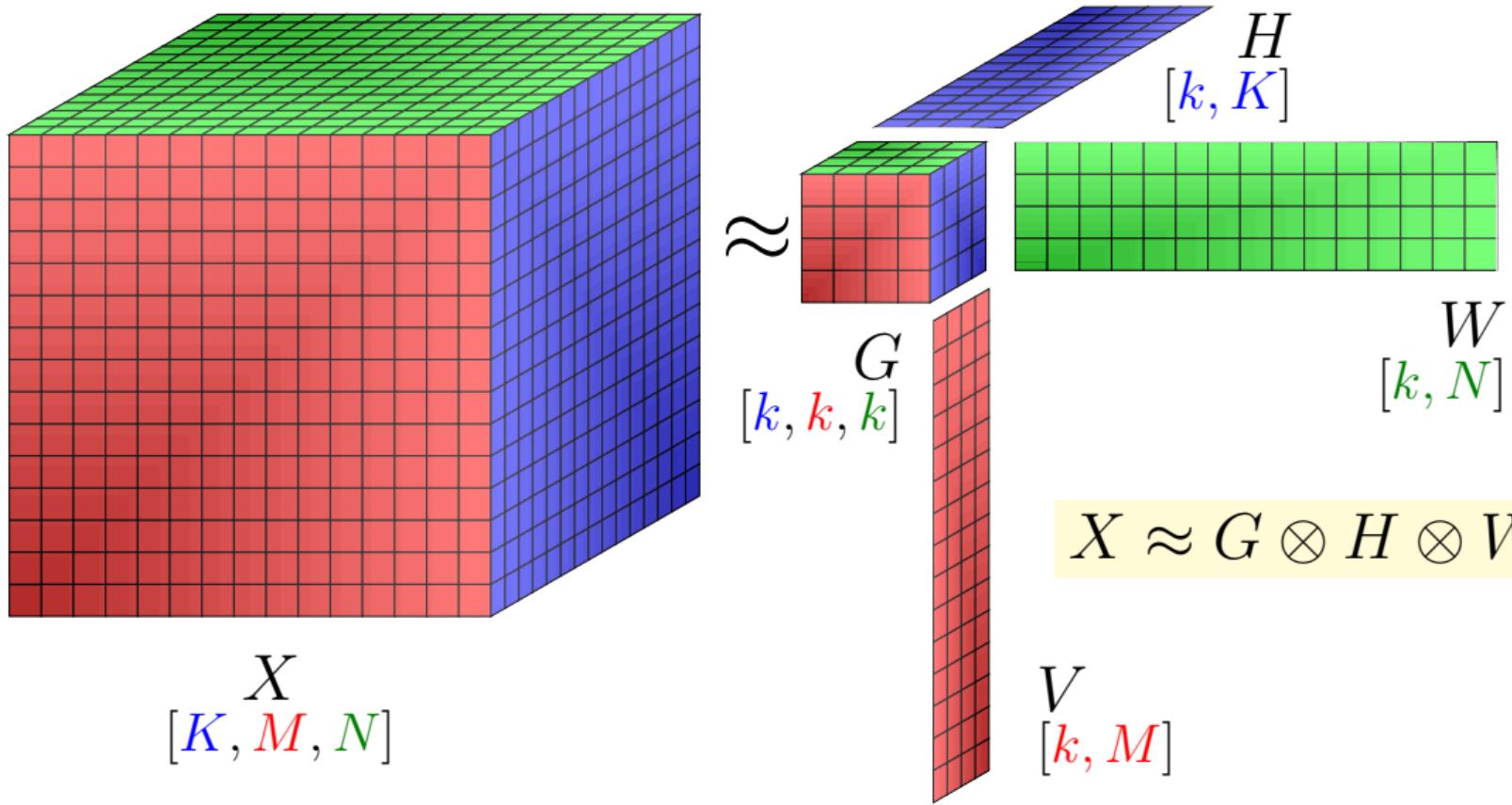
# Tensor Decomposition (3D case): Rank-1 tensor



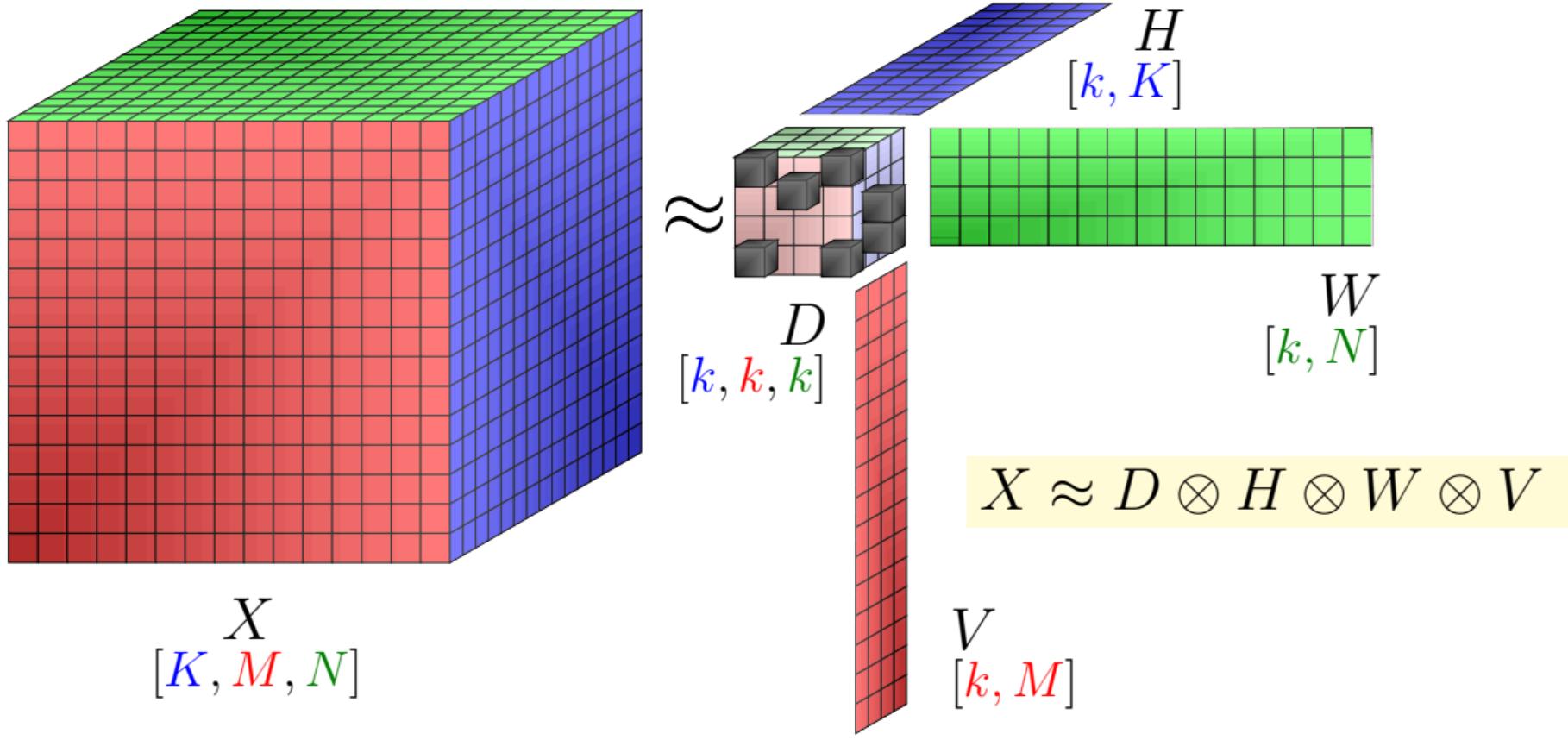
# Tensor Decomposition (3D case): Rank-4 tensor



# Tensor Decomposition (3D case): Multirank-(4,4,4) tensor



# Tucker Tensor Decomposition (3D case): Tucker-3 Multirank-(3,2,4)



► **Field Data:**

- Contamination
- Climate
- Geothermal
- Seismic
- Oil/gas production

► **Lab Data:**

- X-ray Spectroscopy
- UV Fluorescence Spectroscopy
- Microbial population analyses
- Isotope fractionation

► **Operational Data:**

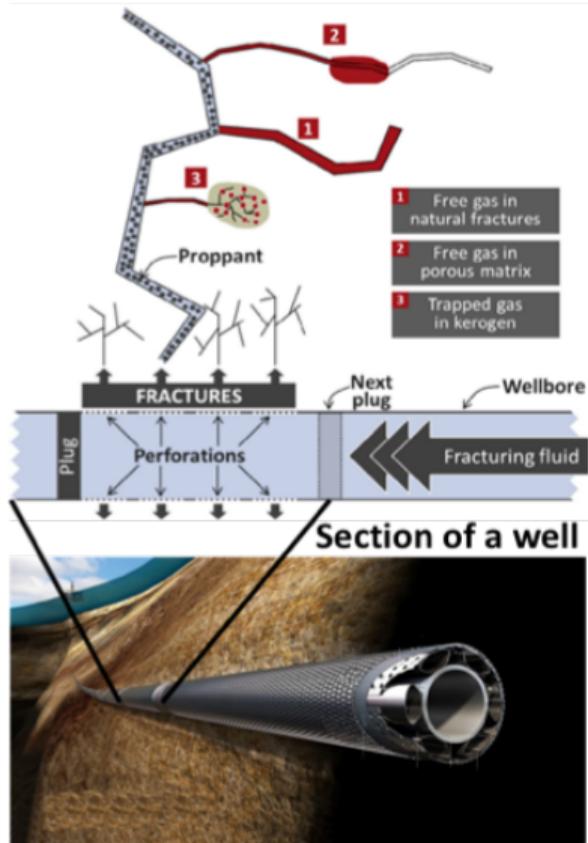
- LANSCE: Los Alamos Neutron Accelerator
- Oil/gas production

► **Model Outputs:**

- Reactive mixing  $A + B \rightarrow C$
- Phase separation of co-polymers
- Molecular Dynamics of proteins
- Climate modeling

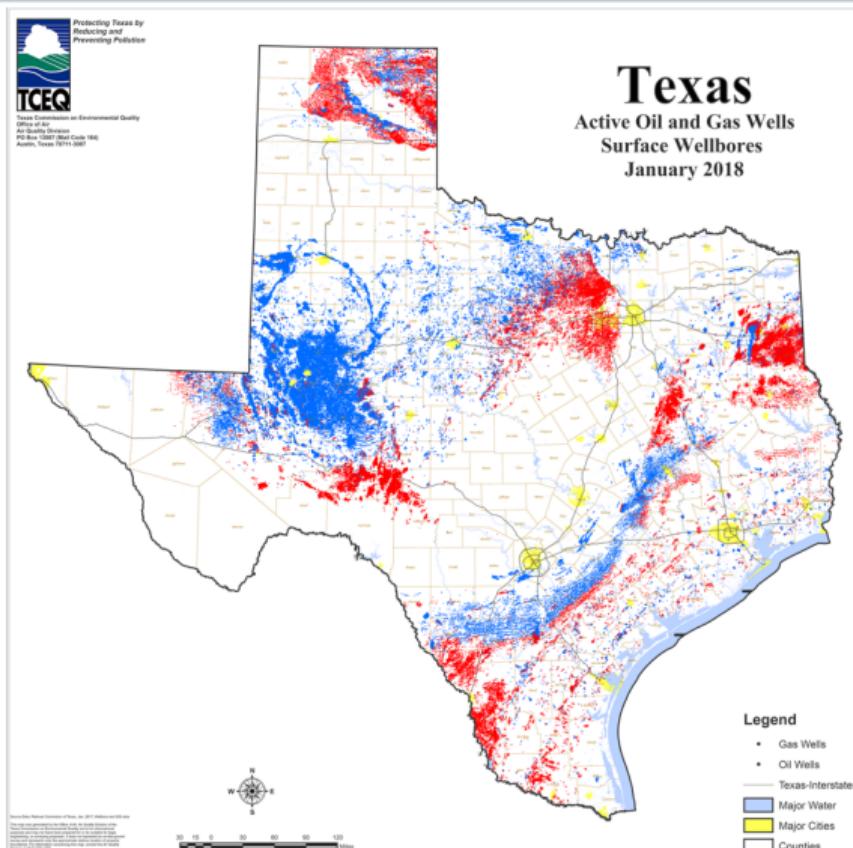
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- ▶ Oil/Gas production from unconventional reservoirs extracts a small portion of the available resources (<10%)
- ▶ Oil/Gas production is challenging to predict and optimize
- ▶ Physics processes during well development (including hydrofracking) and extraction are poorly understood and challenging to simulate
- ▶ Alternative is to learn to predict system behavior based on the observed oil/gas production at existing wells

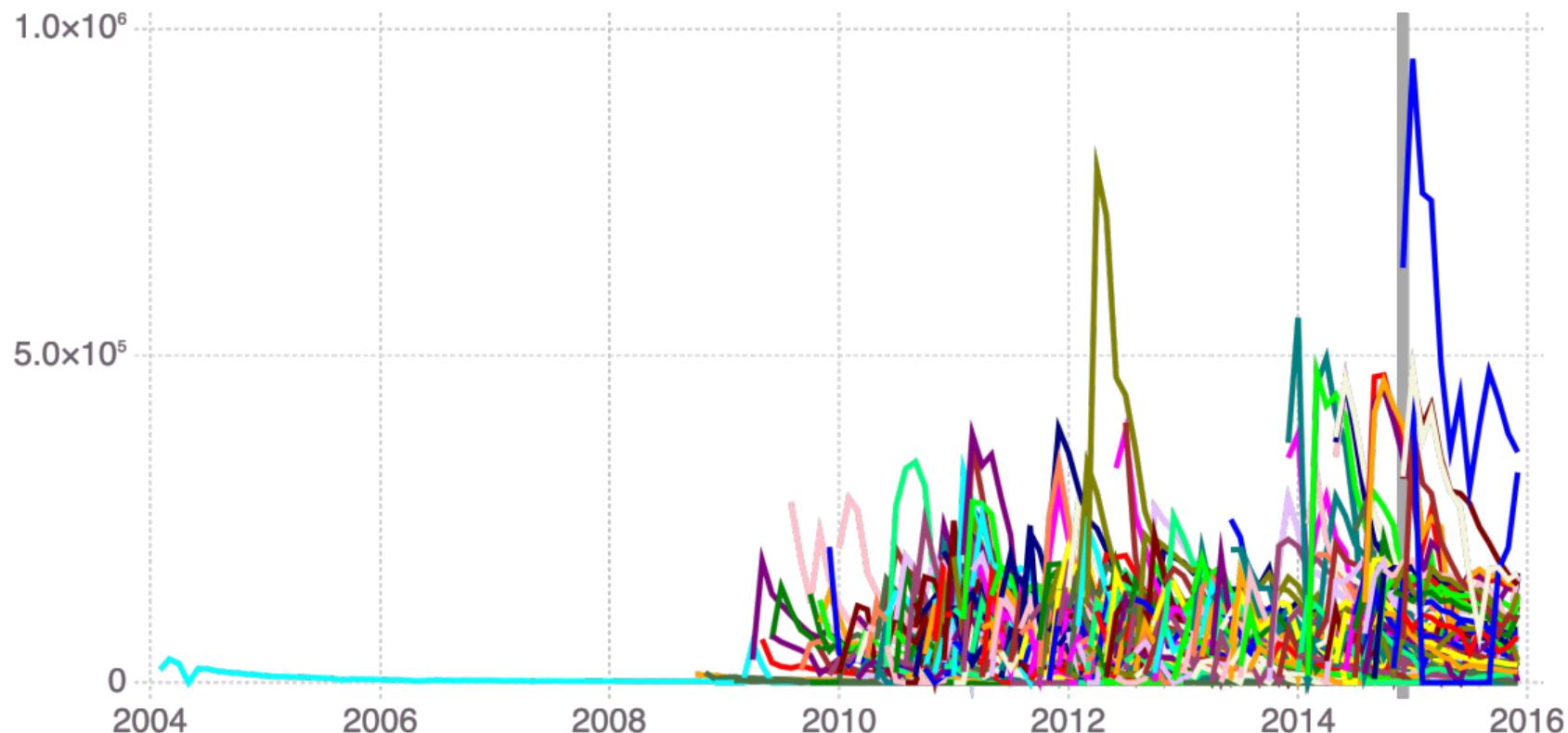


## Oil/Gas Production Data

- ▶ Large public datasets are available representing unconventional oil and gas production (U.S. and world wide)
- ▶ Data represent monthly production rates (oil, gas, water) + many other well attributes
- ▶ ~ 2,000,000 wells in U.S.
- ▶ > 300,000 wells in Texas
- ▶ > 20,000 wells in Eagle Ford Shale Play
- ▶ 327 gas wells in Eagle Ford Shale Play selected for preliminary analyses



# Eagle Ford Shale Play: Monthly production volumes [MCF] of 327 gas wells



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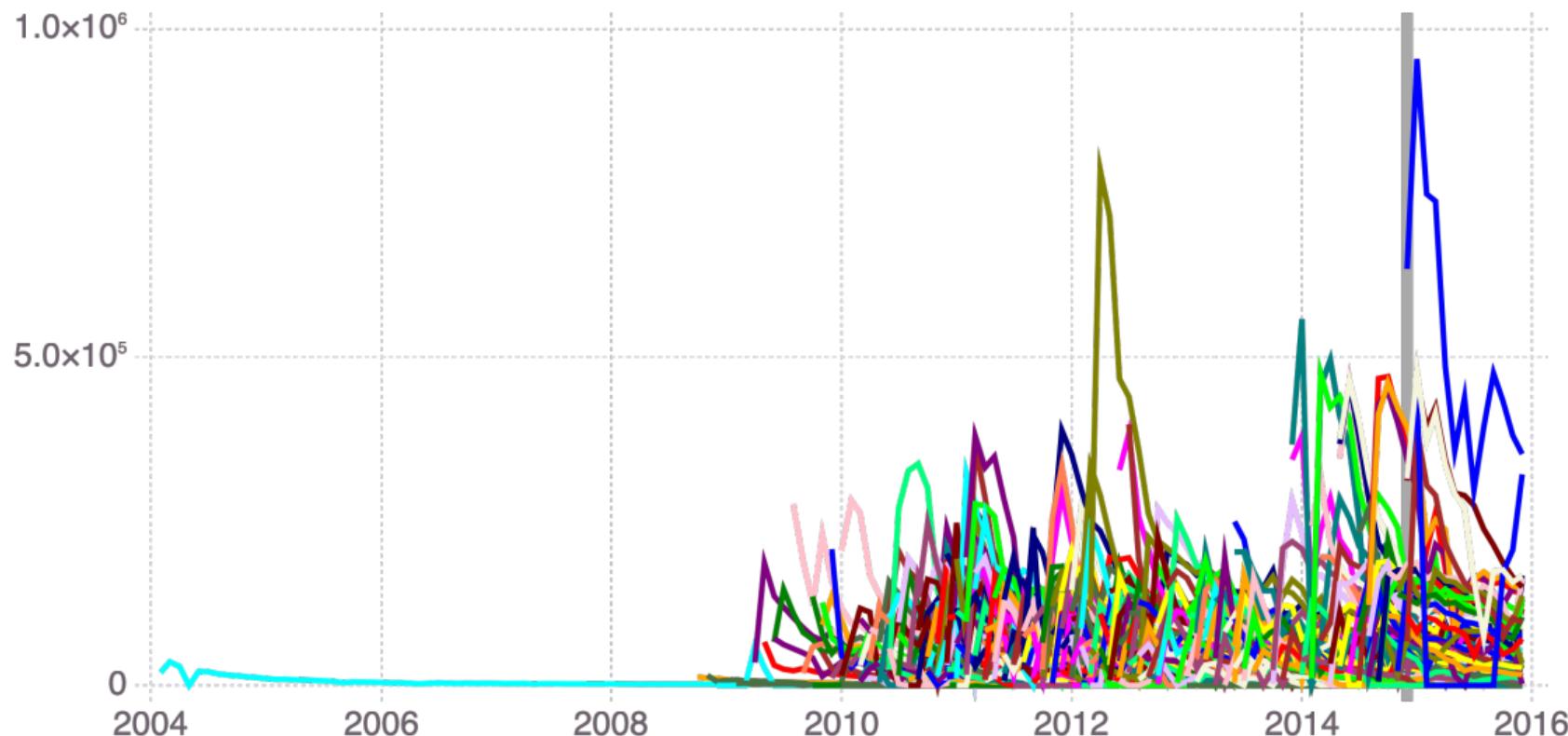
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- ▶ Use all the data up to a given cutoff date (e.g. 2015)
- ▶ Apply ML to learn behavior of the “known” well transients
  - Identify and group wells which behave similarly (having similar production transients)
  - Discover the optimal number of **master decline curves** required to represent the observed transients
  - **master decline curves** = production **features** or **signatures**
- ▶ Apply ML to predict **blindly** the unknown production transients beyond the cutoff
- ▶ Prediction is obtained by discovering to which type (group) the wells producing beyond the cutoff belong
- ▶ i.e., discovering what combinations of the **master decline curves** can represent the wells producing beyond the cutoff
- ▶ ML analyses performed using **NMFk/NTFk**

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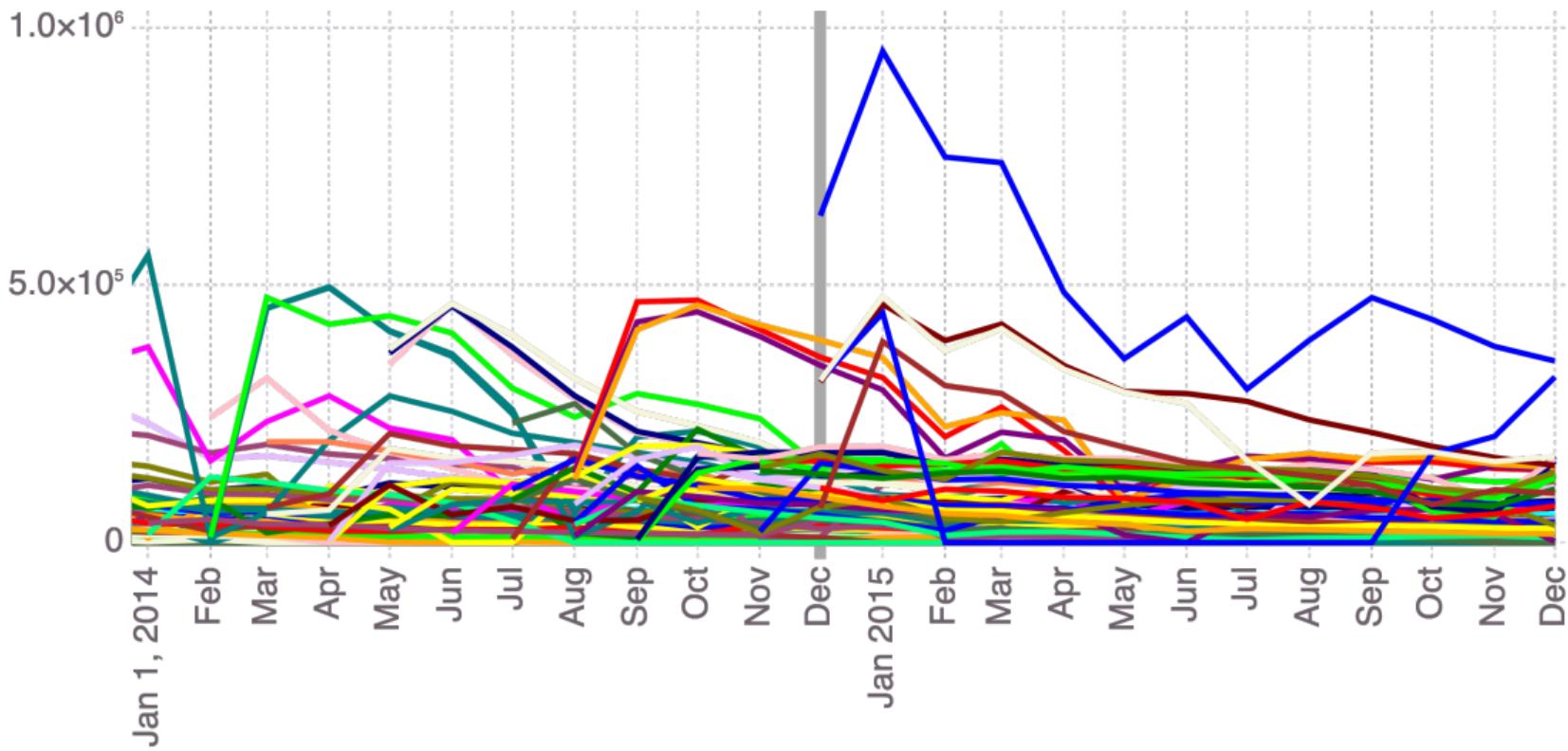
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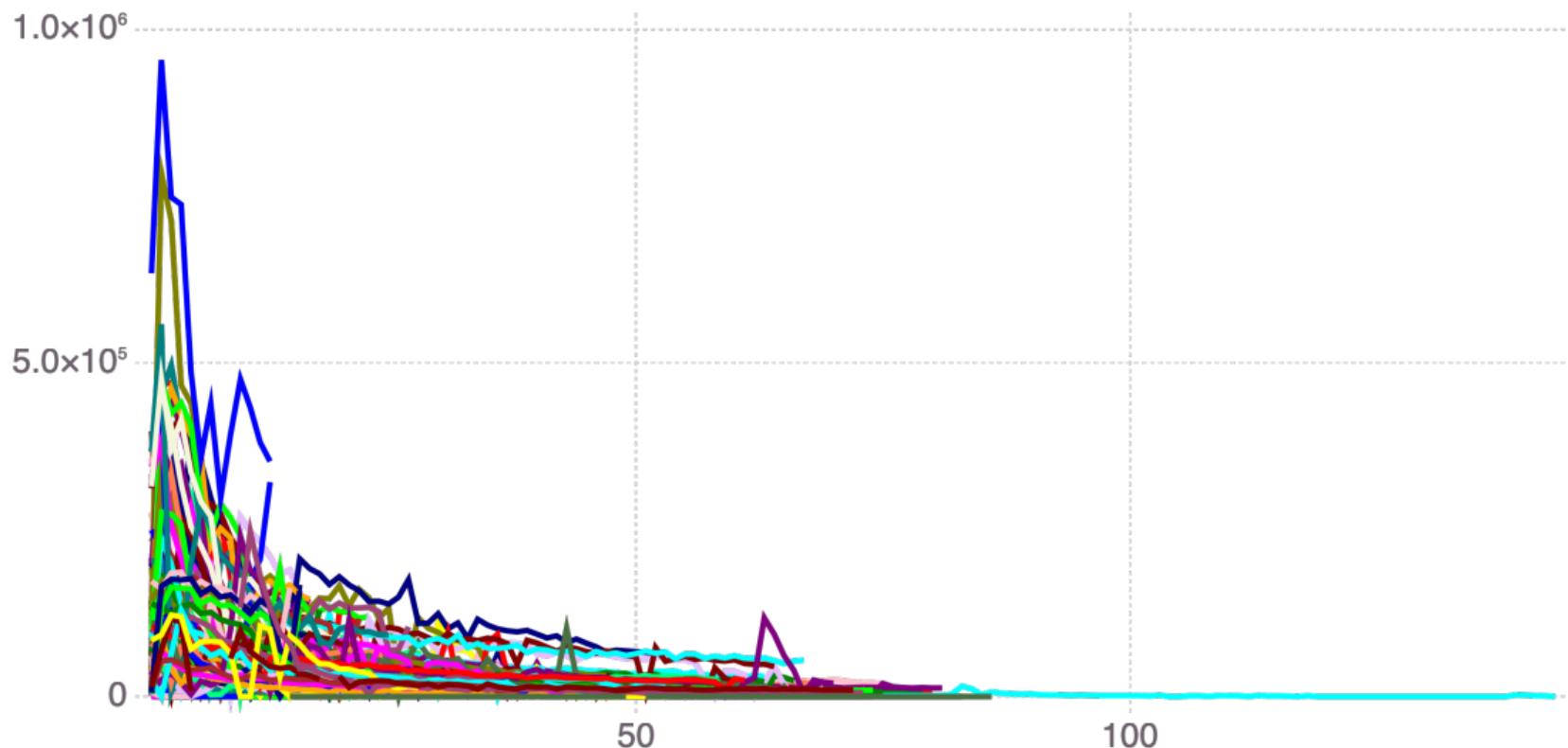
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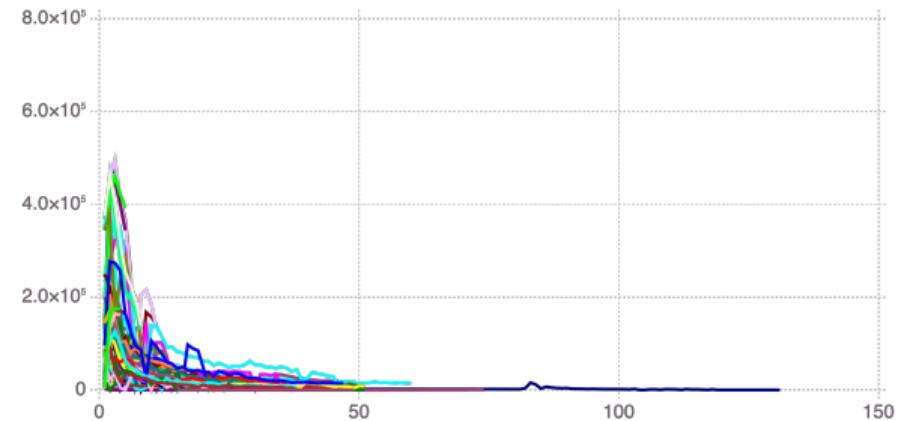
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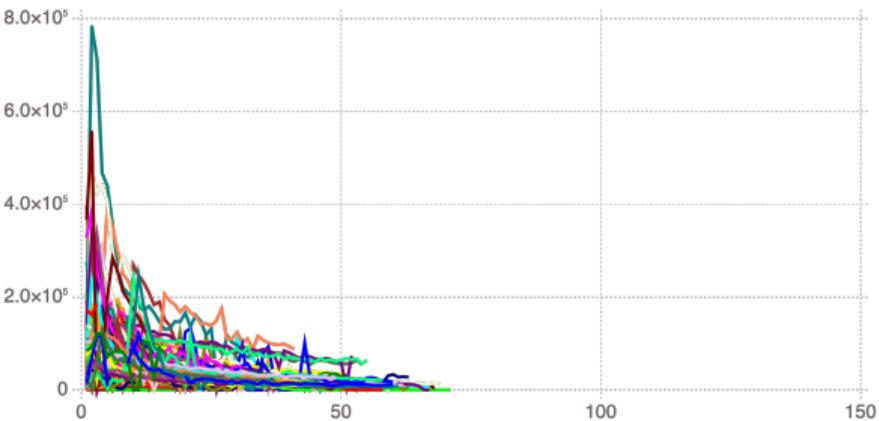
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# Eagle Ford Shale Play: Wells split into 2 groups

‘Fast’ declining (135)



‘Slow’ declining (192)



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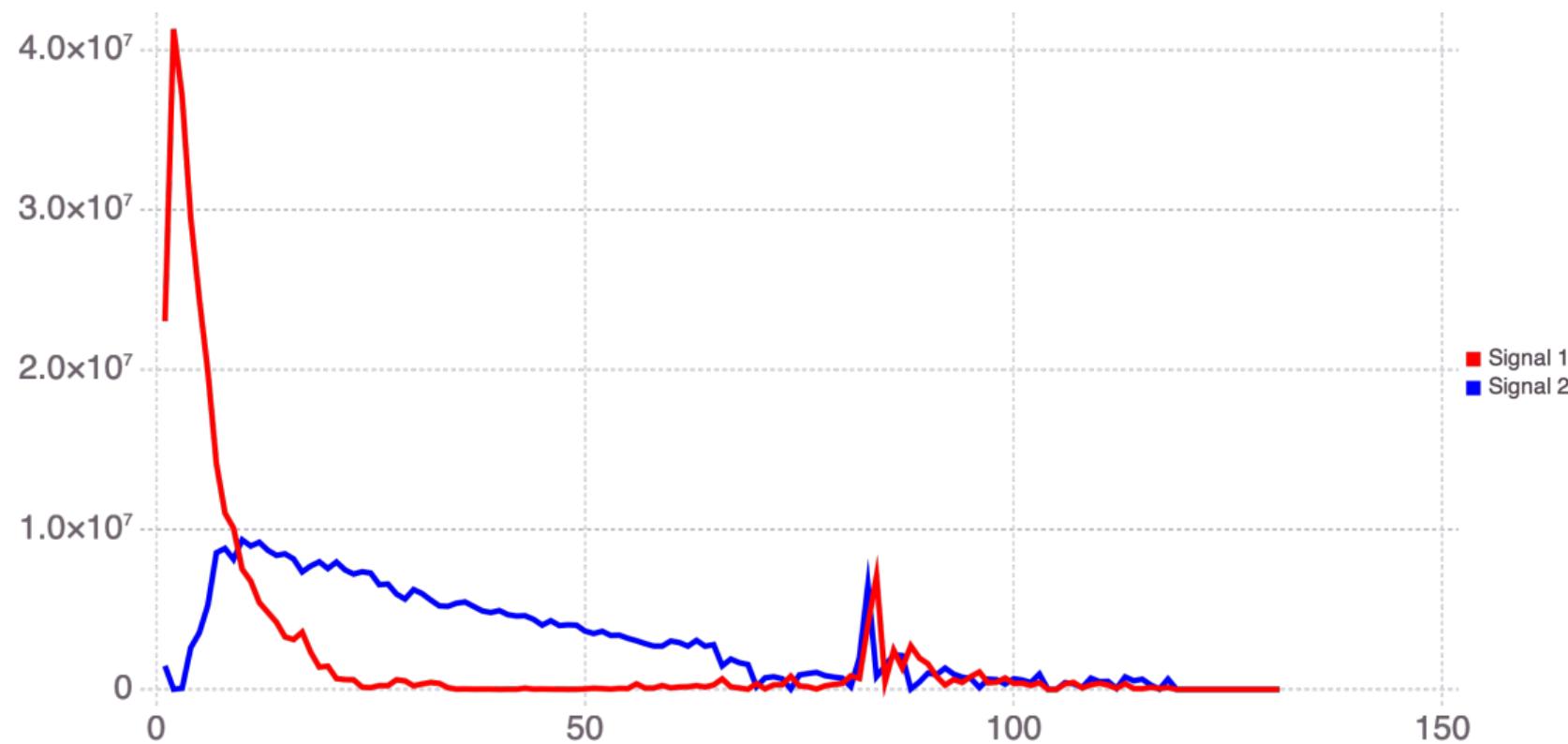
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# Eagle Ford Shale Play: Master Decline Curves [MCF over months]



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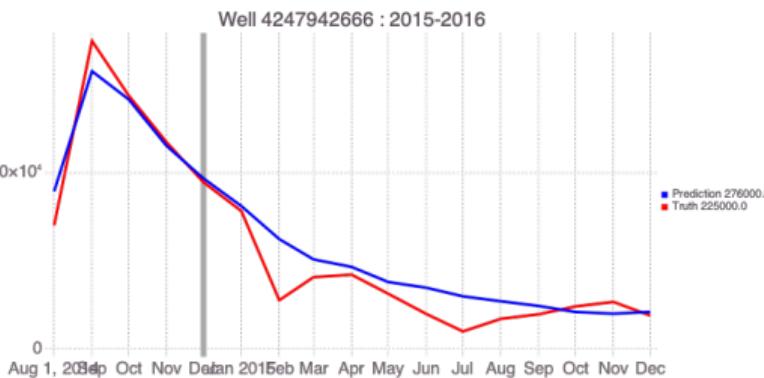
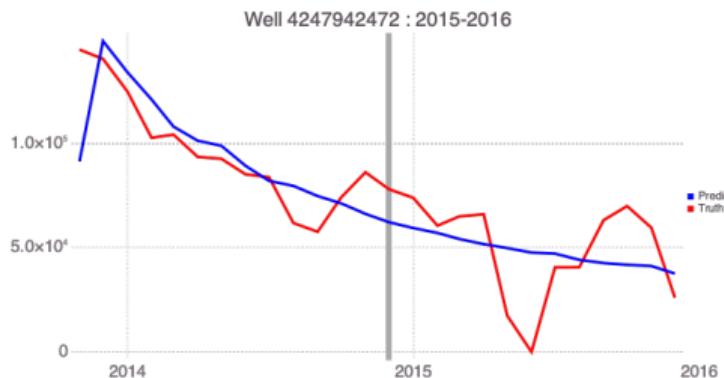
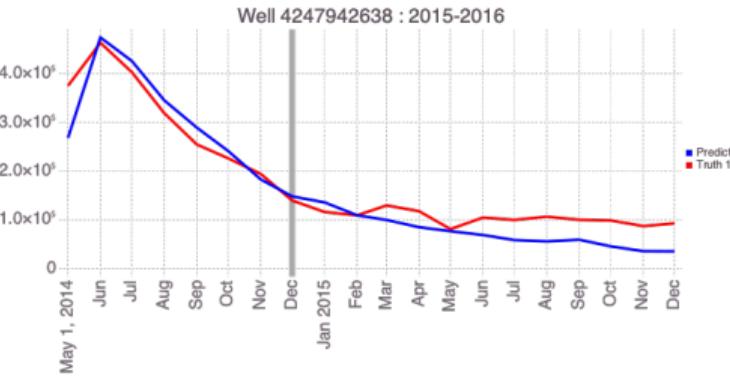
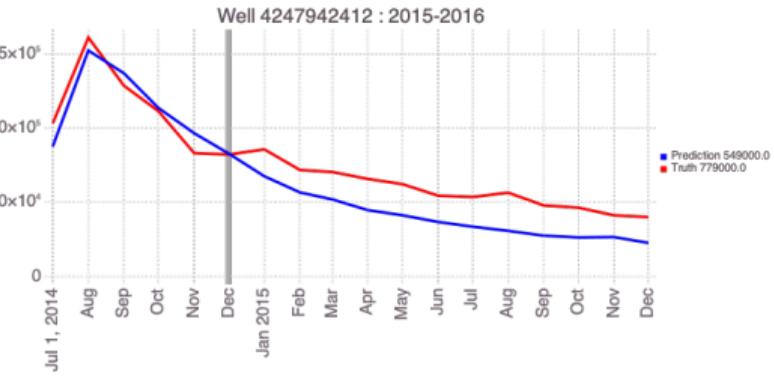
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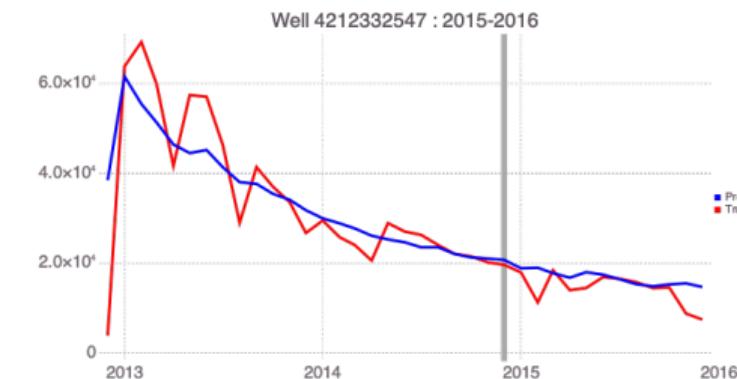
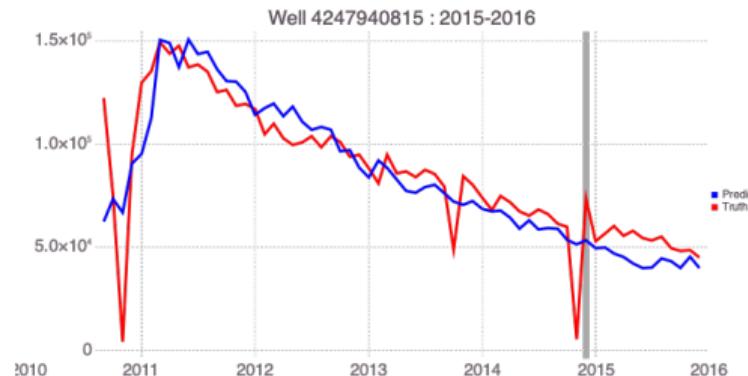
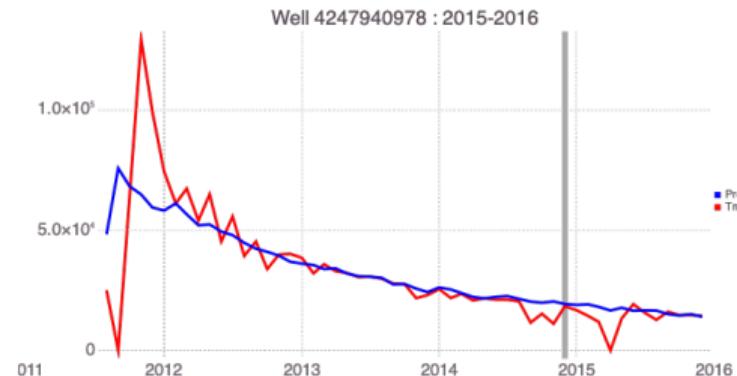
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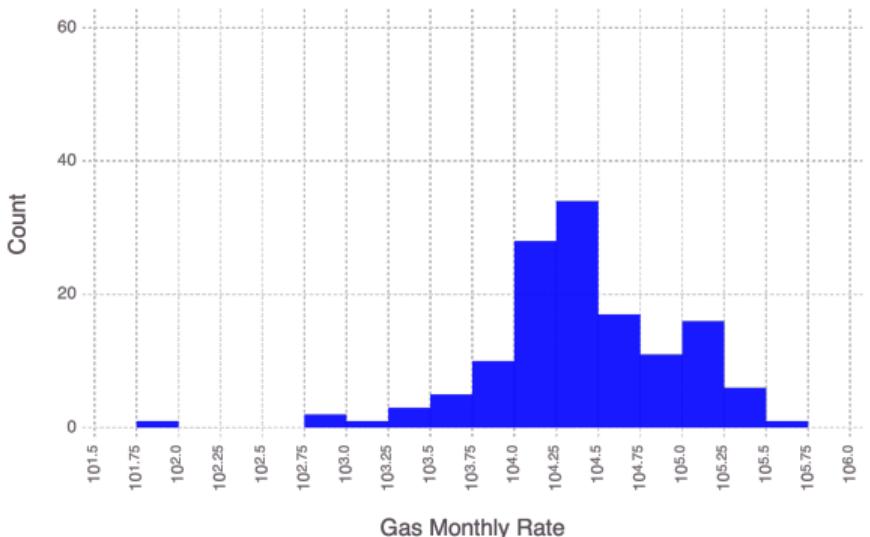
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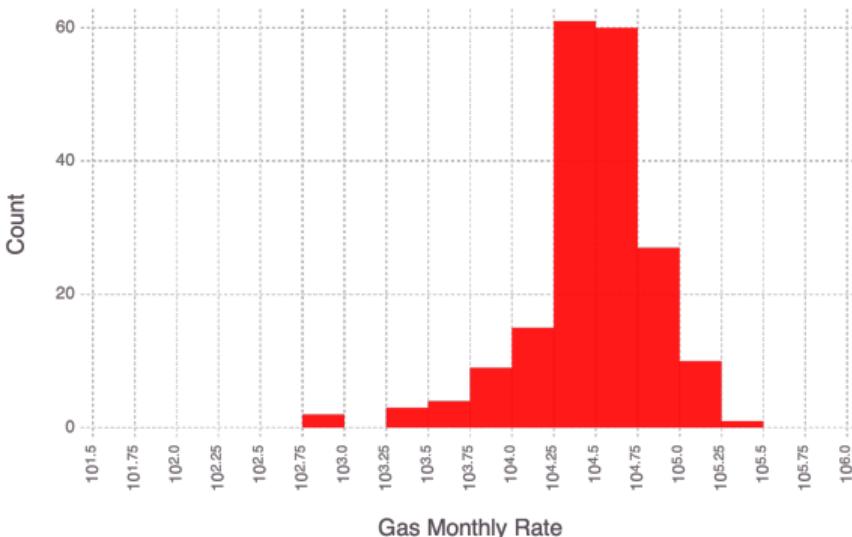
# Eagle Ford Shale Play: Wells split into 2 groups

## Monthly rate histograms

‘Fast’ declining (135)

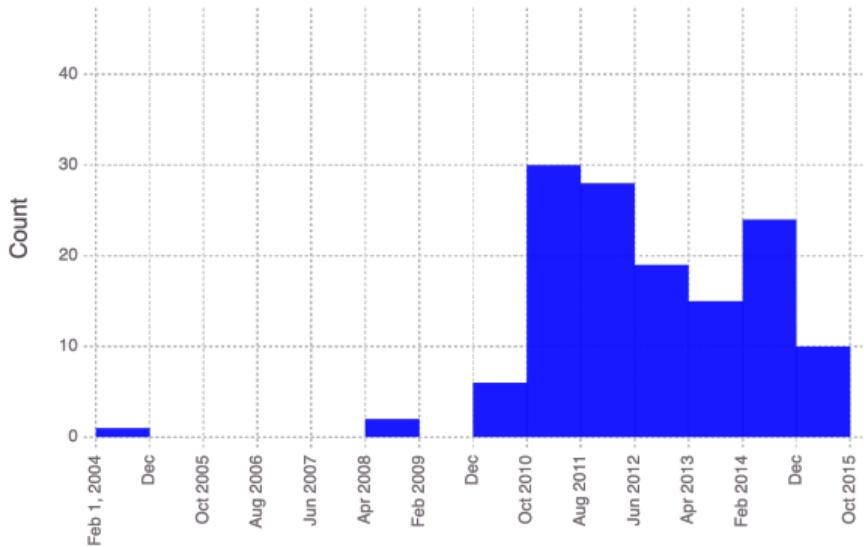


‘Slow’ declining (192)

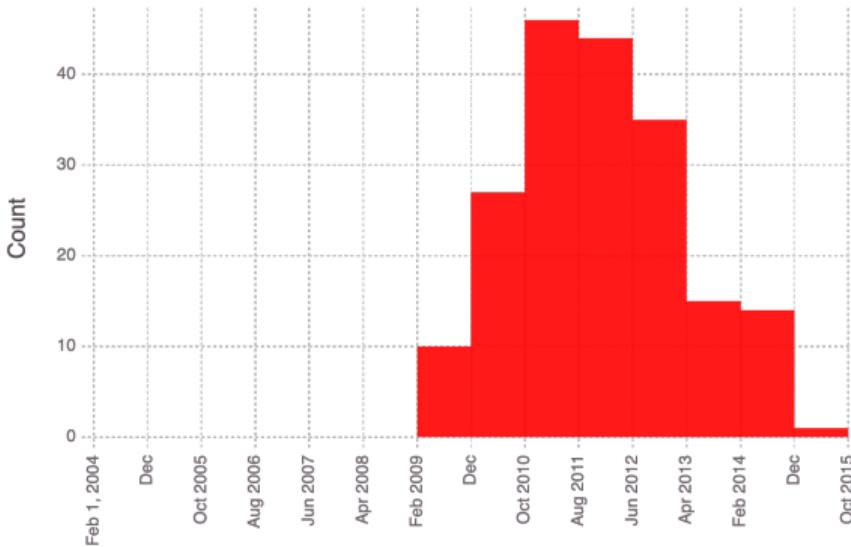


## Drilling date histograms

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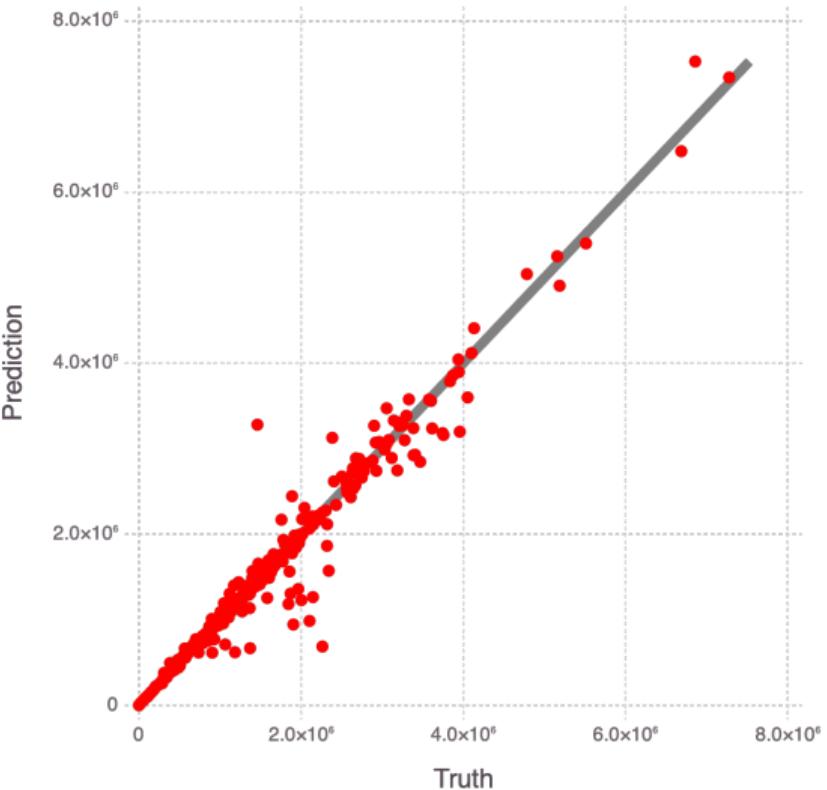
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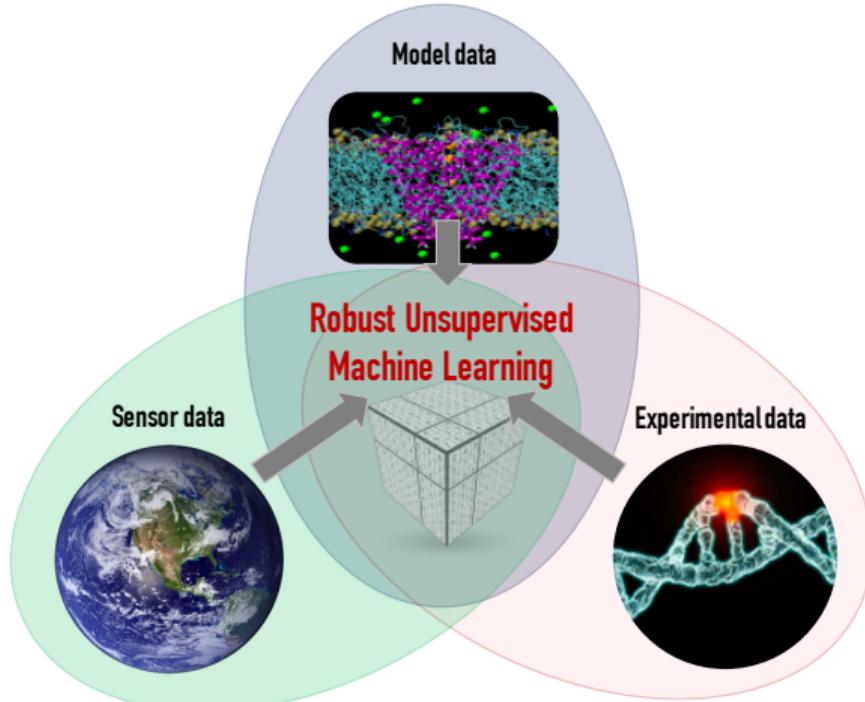
- ▶ Other well attributes also differ between the 2 groups
- ▶ For example:
  - Operators
  - Proppant mass
  - Injected fluid volumes
  - ... work in progress

# Eagle Ford Shale Play: Blind predictions beyond 2015

- ▶ 300 wells continue producing beyond 2015
- ▶  $r^2 = 0.96$

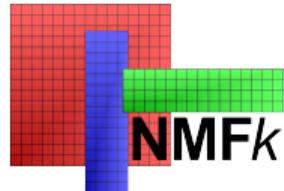


- ▶ Developed **novel** unsupervised and physics-informed ML methods and computational tools
- ▶ Our ML methods have been used to solve various real-world problems (brought breakthrough discoveries related to human cancer research)
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► Codes:

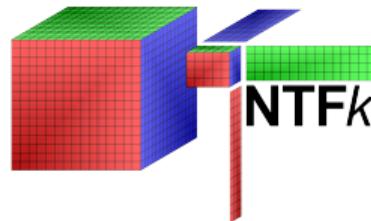
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NTF $k$



► Examples:

[http://madsjulia.github.io/Mads.jl/Examples/blind\\_source\\_separation](http://madsjulia.github.io/Mads.jl/Examples/blind_source_separation)

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