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## Abbreviations

CME: Central Mine Equipment

CPT: Cone Penetration Test

DD: Dry Density

HSA: Hollow Stem Auger

MDT: Montana Department of Transportation

MWD: Measurement While Drilling

N1, N2, N3. N: SPT blow counts

NN: Neural Network

PMT: Pressure Meter Test

REC: Sample Recovery

RQD: Rock Quality Designation

SPT: Standard Penetration Test

Su: Undrained Shear Strength-Total

Su\_r: Undrained Shear Strength-Residual

UCS: Unconfined Compressive Strength

UW: Unit Weight

VST: Vane Shear Test

## 1. Summary

The scope of the MDT funded research project highlighted collection and organization of data onto a portal, data review and quality control and analysis of relationships between MWD drilling parameters and rock properties. Our initial approach was investigation of traditional linear correlations between individual MWD drilling parameters and rock properties such as SPT blow count for hollow stem auger data and UCS or unit weight for rock core data. In addition to individual MWD data types (depth, rotation rate, rotation torque, down pressure and advance rate) we also included the calculated compound parameter specific energy.

We experimented with smoothing of MWD drilling data prior to analysis. Correlation results using smoothed or unsmoothed data were similar so we chose to use unsmoothed MWD data for analysis results presented here.

Based on weak, single parameter, linear correlation results using MWD data from multiple boreholes, we extended our correlation analysis to exponential fitting with no improvement in correlations. To further investigate correlations, we implemented a multiple linear regression (MLR) approach using all possible combinations of the six inputs. Correlation results improved for a number of combinations of inputs but still resulted in weak predictive models. Finally, because of poor linear correlation model predictive results, we turned to a nonlinear approach by implementing a feedforward neural network. The neural network (NN) approach investigated all combinations of MWD drilling parameters as inputs, used one hidden layer with varying numbers of neurons, and a single neuron output layer for predicting either SPT blow count, UCS or unit weight. Using a nonlinear approach greatly improved the predictive power of the MWD inputs for rock properties.

Based on our data investigation and analysis results, we suggest that a viable MWD program adhere to a set of guidelines developed from experience and other researchers input that insure a consistent, repeatable drilling methodology with close attention to real-time data quality control.

## 2. Background

The design and construction of any foundation, especially deep foundations in transportation infrastructure projects, requires reliable information about subsurface conditions. This usually includes not only information about the different soil/rock layers and their strength properties but also their variability across a project site. For example, Rodgers et al. (2018) reported that the stratigraphy and strength characteristics of the subsurface underneath two separate bridge piers at a project site varied significantly. Their study indicated that the mean unconfined compressive strengths (UCS) of the bearing material from two individual borings spaced only 5 meters (16.4 ft) apart at a drilled shaft site in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, were about 50 percent different. This example illustrates that it is critical to obtain accurate strength properties to reduce uncertainty in the design stage. Having a means of estimating the strength of subsurface geomaterials at every location and at every depth of interest in a project would be of high value. This is where estimating (correlating) the strength data from parameters that

can be continuously measured during the drilling operation at a site would become extremely valuable.

## 2.1. Literature Review

Fortunately, Measurement While Drilling (MWD) technology has shown potential to improve the characterization of the variability of soil/rock layers and their strength characteristics. MWD has a half-century history of successful use for improving subsurface characterization in the natural resource industries (Somerton 1959; Teale 1965; Warren 1984; Segui and Higgins 2002; Smith 2002; Rai et al. 2016; Rickert 2017; Yang et al. 2020). Since the 1980s, MWD has been instrumental in developing directional drilling within the petroleum industry (Barr 1984; McKenney and Knoll 1989; Pittard et al. 1989). In the geotechnical engineering realm, however, MWD technology is still in early research stages (Bishara and McReynolds 1990; Schunnesson 1996; Gui et al. 2002; Sadkowski et al. 2010; Reiffsteck 2011; Laudanski et al. 2013; Lonstein et al. 2015; Zetterlund et al. 2017; Reiffsteck et al. 2018; Rodgers 2019; van Eldert et al. 2020; McVay and Rodgers 2020; Roye 2020). This is partly due to the different types of drilling and drill bit configurations used in energy resources industries compared to those used in the geotechnical industry. With few exceptions, the correlations developed between MWD parameters and rock strengths in the energy resources industry usually contain coefficients for specific bit configurations and drilling operations (Teale 1965; Warren 1984; Wolcott and Bordelon 1993; Karasawa et al. 2002b, 2002a; Detournay et al. 2008; Li and Itakura 2012) that are not applicable to geotechnical drilling practices, such as the use of auger bits, that are usually used in drilled shafts projects (Rodgers et al. 2018a). To further complicate the matter, according to Bingham (1964), there are about 26 parameters that could influence drilling and in turn, affect any correlation between MWD parameters and rock strength.

According to Karasawa et al. (2002a, 2002b), correlation developed between MWD parameters and rock strength could be different in soft, medium, and hard rocks, unless a universal correlation can be developed. This is true for geotechnical correlations as well and the correlations mentioned above are only derived based on soft (less than 800 psi) sedimentary rocks. Reiffsteck et al. (2018), also explain that the capability of each method to evaluate the geotechnical characteristics of subsurface layers depends on the geomaterial type and mechanical properties being evaluated. They further elaborate that the soil texture, including particle size, clay content, compactness, and moisture content could affect MWD data and therefore any derived correlations. They also emphasize that the type of drilling tool (bit) plays an important role in developing correlations between MWD parameters and geomaterial properties. They further added that a relationship normalized based on the energies used by different tools is not available yet, meaning that different correlations are still needed for each type of tool used.

One of the main goals of this study was to investigate data collected through the MWD program of MDT, develop correlations between measured data and strength of the soil/rock layers commonly encountered in the state of Montana and finally evaluate the influence of different measured parameters on the correlations. The primary focus of this effort was within sedimentary intermediate geomaterials (IGM's), such as sandstone, claystone, siltstone, and

mudstone, which are prevalent throughout Montana, and which exhibit strength properties for both a stiff soil and a soft rock, making strength interpretation, subsurface modeling and design a challenge.

### 3. MWD Data Collection and Organization

Utilizing a \$50,000 contract funded in early 2020 through FHWA's Every Day Counts (EDC) 5 Initiative, MDT installed a Jean-Lutz MWD system on their Central Mine Equipment (CME) 1050 ATM drill rig. Since then, MDT has been collecting MWD data on projects throughout the state but mainly focused in eastern Montana. The standard set of data collected includes drilling depth, drilling rate, rotation speed, down pressure, hold-back pressure, mast vibration, flow rate, and fluid pressure. A mechanical torque sensor was not included with the standard Jean Lutz MWD system and was added to the drill rig by MDT personnel. MDT continues to collect MWD data in an attempt to improve collection of accurate mechanical torque data with their aftermarket torque sensor. It is worth mentioning that auxiliary data including standard penetration test (SPT), vane shear test (VST), cone penetration test (CPT), pressure meter test (PMT) as well as geophysical survey data, can also be collected and can be included in MDT's comprehensive database. Data were collected at MDT project sites to investigate proposed cuts, embankment fills, culverts, and bridge foundations. The challenges with MWD technology include a combination of organizing large amounts of collected data of various types and correlating these data to the desired subsurface soil and rock strength parameters. As with most 'real world' data, quality control of the raw data is imperative before attempting any statistical/correlation techniques.

The MDT began collecting MWD data in the summer of 2020 and additional data collection is ongoing. For this project, we used MWD data collected at a number of sites along an approximate 20-mile stretch of Highway 200 in the Glendive district of eastern Montana. Figure 1 is a map segment from the data portal showing the site locations used for analysis. The near-surface geology in the project vicinity consisted of IGMs typical of eastern Montana.





Figure 1. Map segment from data portal showing location of MWD sites along Highway 200 used for analysis.

#### 4. GIS Data Portal

The focus of Task 1 was the organization and preprocessing of collected MWD data. For this task, collected MWD data, as well as field VST, PMT, SPT, and laboratory UCS data, were organized and loaded into a GIS-based interactive map database. *Drill Data Maps* was hired as an outside consultant to create the interactive GIS map. In addition, *Drill Data Maps* also created Excel spreadsheet templates for entering raw numeric field data and rock core lab data. MDT was responsible for incorporating the raw field data into the template. The interactive GIS database website provides access to all available raw data files. Development of the GIS data portal was coordinated with MDT's data management office to ensure compatibility with MDT systems and processes. The GIS website (<https://expressway.app/portal/>) will be maintained and available to the research team for the duration of the research project and the data collected will be available for future reference in a similar GIS database.

In addition to the creation of the GIS portal, a software package called *SiteTools* was developed by *Drill Data Maps* to allow users to analyze data files in assorted formats, merge data files of different types, build relationships between data types, export data to common formats (i.e., csv, xlsx), and develop correlations between the various MWD data components. As work progressed with the research team, it became clear that the (in progress) *SiteTools* package was not functioning as planned. Updates and patches were not effective. To maintain the project schedule as well as possible, the research team developed their own analysis tools using a *Matlab*®/spreadsheet based approach. These team developed tools were used for the remainder of the project.

To investigate correlations, the collected (raw) data require preprocessing. This preprocessing step becomes complicated due to the large amount of collected data, the noisy nature of the collected MWD data and the various formats used to collect data from different sources, i.e., MWD data and subsurface property data rarely have compatible formats (Taleb et al. 2015;

García et al. 2016; Klyuchnikov et al. 2019). In addition to MWD data, Montana Tech’s research team also included additional subsurface data such as natural moisture, soil/rock type, geologic formation identification, and unit weight to assist in developing correlations with the soil and rock strength data. These data were preprocessed for quality control and incorporated into spreadsheet files used by the research team.

The following figures (Figures 2 to 6) are sample screen shots from the data portal from user login to accessing the various data therein contained.

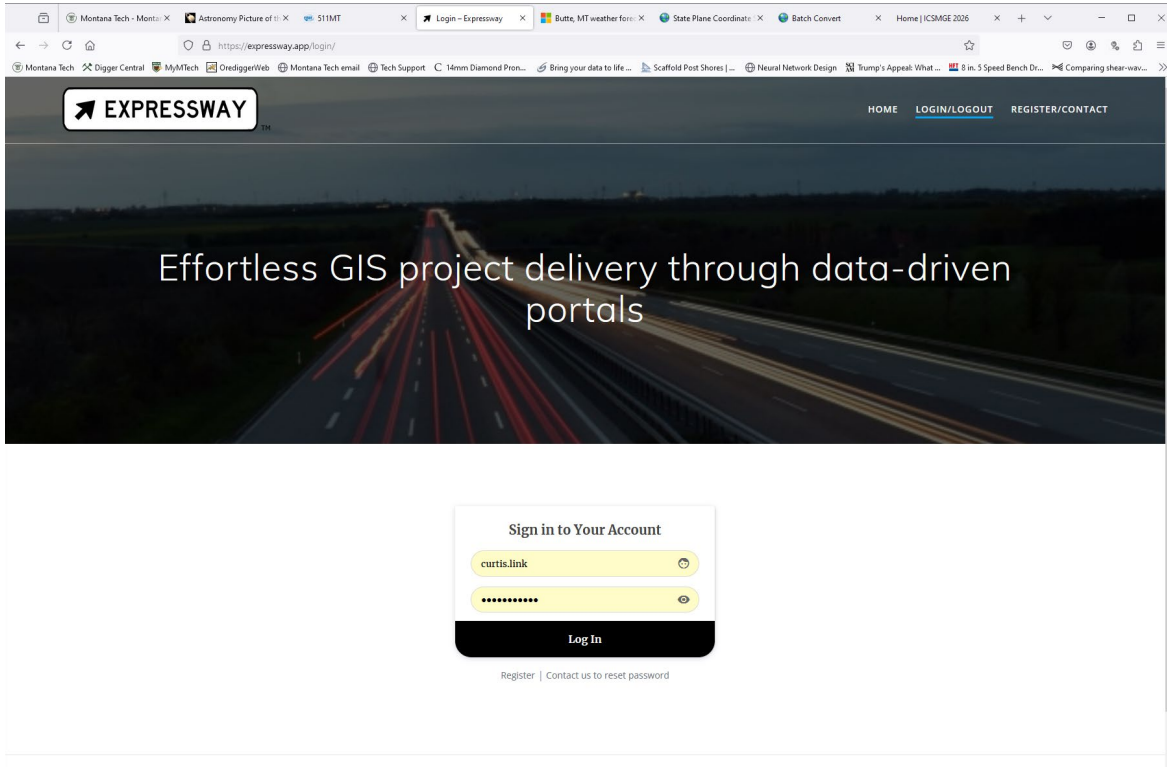


Figure 2. Login screen from Expressway Data Portal.

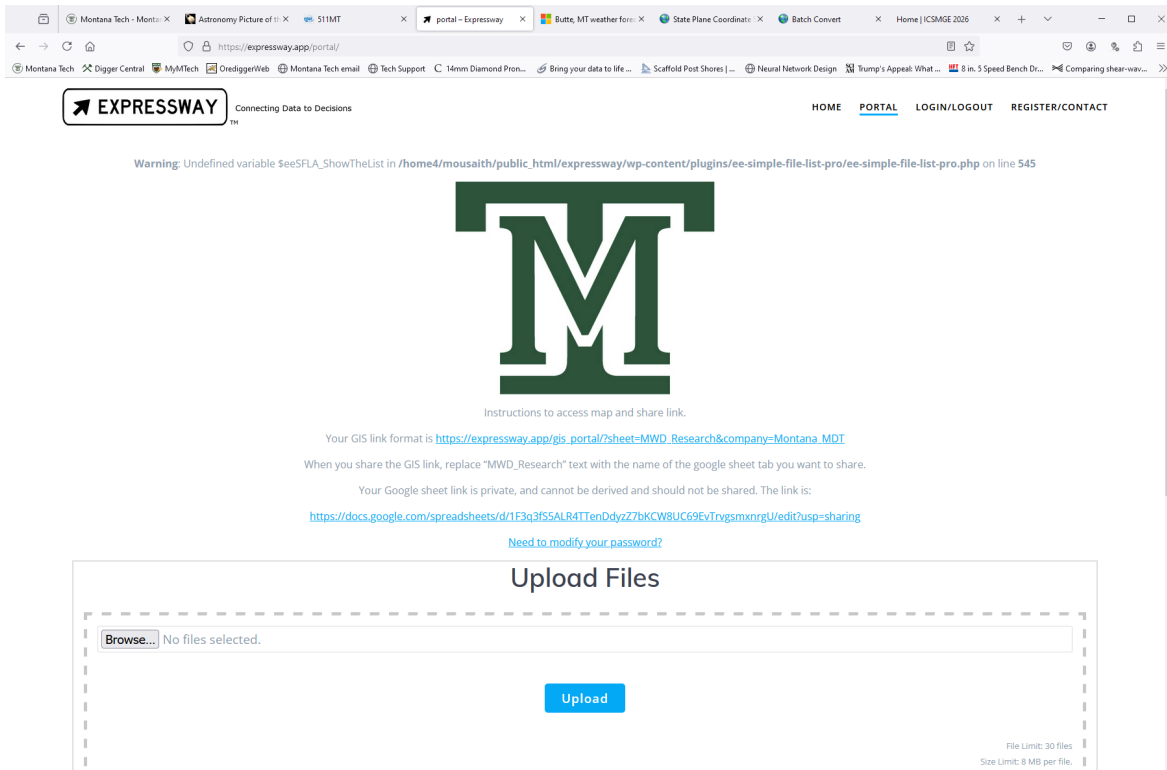


Figure 3. Access screen displaying active link (top link) for entering project site.

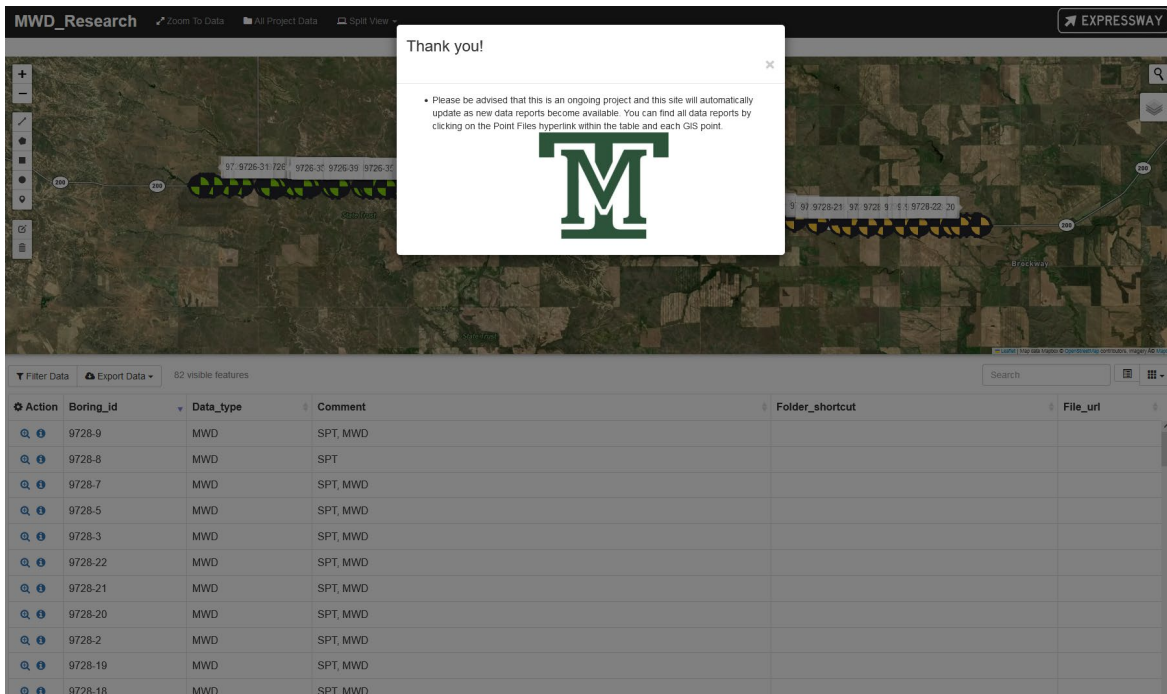


Figure 4. Splash screen indicating research project is ongoing and will be continually updated.

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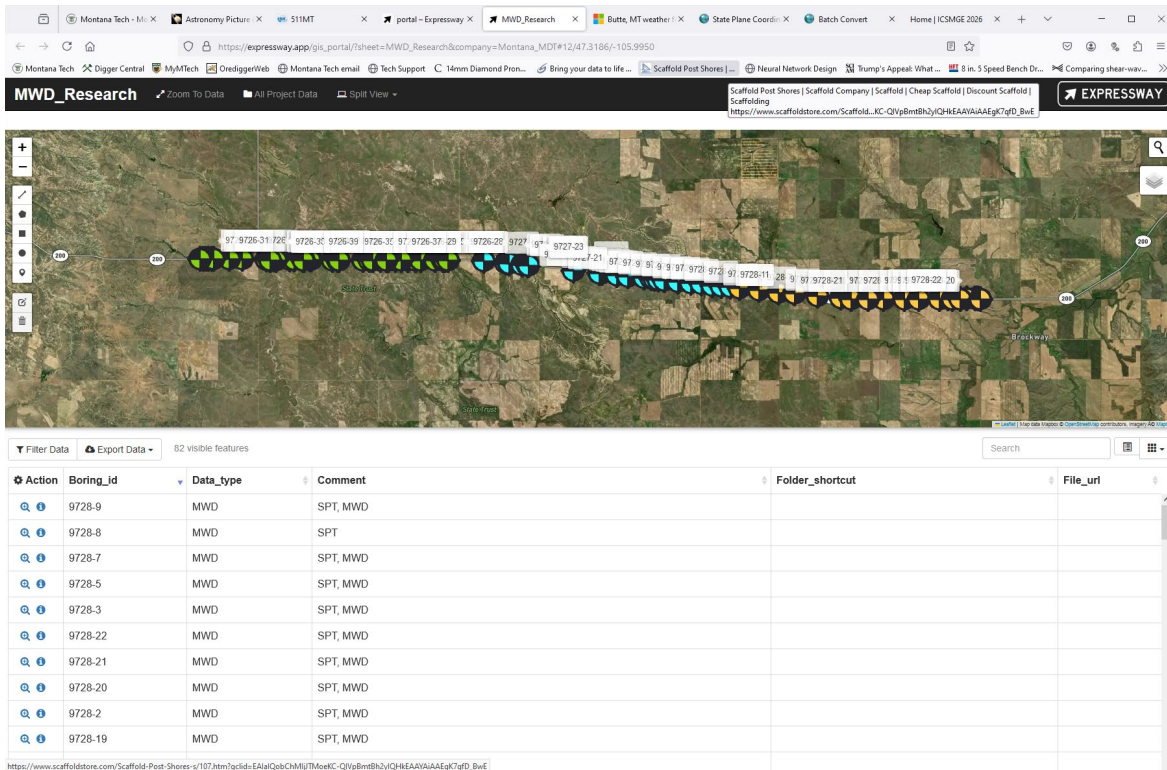


Figure 5. View of interactive map showing borehole numbering and list of data available for each borehole (scrollable).

Thumb	Name	Size	Date
	<a href="#">9727-05_MWD_Point_RQD.mat</a> Download Copy Link Send Edit Delete Move Copy	280.52 KB	March 6, 2023
	<a href="#">9727-05_MWD_POINT_STRAT.mat</a> Download Copy Link Send Edit Delete Move Copy	273.32 KB	March 6, 2023
	<a href="#">9727-05_TE-LAB.pdf</a> Open Download Copy Link Send Edit Delete Move Copy	182.71 KB	March 6, 2023
	<a href="#">9727-05_TE-N-3UCS.pdf</a> Open Download Copy Link Send Edit Delete Move Copy	176.46 KB	March 6, 2023
	<a href="#">9727-05_TE-UCS-RQD.pdf</a> Open Download Copy Link Send Edit Delete Move Copy	183.51 KB	March 6, 2023
	<a href="#">9727-05_TE-UCS-XY1.pdf</a> Open Download Copy Link Send Edit Delete Move Copy	182.91 KB	March 6, 2023
	<a href="#">9727-5_Draft_Boring_Log.pdf</a> Open Download Copy Link Send Edit Delete Move Copy	709.28 KB	August 22, 2022
	<a href="#">9727-5_Jean_Lutz_Output_with_API_Torque.csv</a> Download Copy Link Send Edit Delete Move Copy	374.24 KB	September 3, 2021
	<a href="#">Drilling_Data_9727-5.csv</a> Download Copy Link Send Edit Delete Move Copy	8.31 KB	October 14, 2022
	<a href="#">MWD_9727-05_MWD.mat</a> Download Copy Link Send Edit Delete Move Copy	427.7 KB	March 6, 2023

Figure 6. Example screen shot showing data types available for borehole 9727-05 with file size and upload date.



Table 1 shows all MWD and laboratory data available on the portal to date. Data are listed in Boring ID order. Boring ID numbers contain the MDT project control number (9728-, 9727-, 9726-) followed by the boring number for that control number (-28, -27, -26). The Comment column indicates the data types available. Finally, there is a column for MDT folder shortcuts and a File URL column indicating if Point Files (e.g., data entered into the spreadsheet templates, borehole logs, VST, PMT, etc.) are available for download.

*Table 1. Comprehensive list showing all borehole information available on the portal. Data entries are identified by borehole ID (which can be located on the interactive map by zooming in). Data used for analysis are indicated by 'Point Files' in last column which contain the raw data files.*

<u>Boring_id</u>	<u>Data_type</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Folder_shortcut</u>	<u>File_url</u>
9728-9	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9728-8	MWD	SPT		
9728-7	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9728-5	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9728-3	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9728-22	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9728-21	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9728-20	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9728-2	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9728-19	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9728-18	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9728-17	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9728-16	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9728-15	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9728-14	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9728-13	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9728-12	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9728-11	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9728-10	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9728-1	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9727-9	MWD	SPT, MWD		



9727-8	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9727-7	MWD	SPT, MWD, UCS	MWD_Research/9727000/9727-7	Point Files
9727-6	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9727-5	MWD	SPT, MWD, VST, UCS	MWD_Research/9727000/9727-5	Point Files
9727-4	MWD	SPT, MWD, VST	MWD_Research/9727000/9727-4	Point Files
9727-3	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9727-23	MWD	CSPT (1.875" DIA SPOON), MWD, VST, PMT, BST, UCS	MWD_Research/9727000/9727-23	Point Files
9727-22	MWD	CSPT (1.875" DIA SPOON), MWD, VST, PMT, BST, UCS	MWD_Research/9727000/9727-22	Point Files
9727-21	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9727-20	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9727-2	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9727-19	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9727-18	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9727-17	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9727-16	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9727-15	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9727-14	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9727-13	MWD	SPT, MWD, VST	MWD_Research/9727000/9727-13	Point Files
9727-12	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9727-11	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9727-10	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9727-1	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9726-9	MWD	SPT, MWD, UCS	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-9	Point Files
9726-8	MWD	SPT, MWD, VST, UCS	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-8	Point Files
9726-7	MWD	SPT	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-7	Point Files

9726-6	MWD	SPT		
9726-5	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9726-4	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9726-39	MWD	SPT, MWD, UCS	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-39	Point Files
9726-38	MWD	SPT, MWD, UCS	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-38	Point Files
9726-37	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9726-36	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9726-35	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9726-34	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9726-33	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9726-32	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9726-31	MWD	SPT, MWD, VST		
9726-30	MWD	SPT		
9726-3	MWD	SPT, MWD	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-3	Point Files
9726-29	MWD	SPT		
9726-28	MWD	SPT, MWD, VST	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-28	Point Files
9726-27	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9726-26	MWD	SPT		
9726-25	MWD	SPT, MWD, VST	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-25	Point Files
9726-24	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9726-23	MWD	SPT, MWD, VST	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-23	Point Files
9726-22	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9726-21	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9726-20	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9726-2	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9726-19	MWD	SPT, MWD, VST	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-19	Point Files

9726-18	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9726-17	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9726-16	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9726-15	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9726-14	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9726-13	MWD	SPT, MWD, UCS	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-13	Point Files
9726-12	MWD	SPT, MWD, UCS	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-12	Point Files
9726-11	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9726-10	MWD	SPT, MWD		
9726-1	MWD	SPT, MWD	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-1	Point Files

The preprocessing and analysis parts of the research used two main files: the Jean-Lutz MWD data file and a drilling data file. For example, for borehole 9727-5, the Jean-Lutz data are contained in a file named *9727-5\_Jean\_Lutz\_Output\_with\_API\_Torque.csv* which is then converted to an *xlsx* file for easier manipulation. Table 2 shows a portion of this file, which contains over 4,300 rows. Drilling stopped at 72 feet depth for this borehole. The file contains basic information about the borehole such as location and drilling parameters. Each sample (row) of the data file contains a time stamp, drilling depth, moving speed, down pressure, rotation speed, rotation torque (measured at the drive shaft), tool acceleration, flow rate, injection pressure, torque 2 (measured at the drill spindle), and two columns calculating the difference between the two measured torque values.

The drilling data for borehole 9727-5 are contained in the file *Drilling\_Data\_9727-5.csv*, which has also been converted to an *xlsx* file. Table 3 shows a large portion of this file. The file contains about 75 rows of data comprising drilling depth, sample thickness, offset, layer and sample IDs, stratigraphy and lithology IDs, top and bottom depths of samples, top and bottom elevations of samples, SPT blow count values, sample dry density, UCS, recovery, and RQD. In-situ shear strength ( $S_u$  and  $S_{u_r}$ ) from vane shear testing were also included in the data for 9727-5, though these columns are not shown in the table to save room.

Both files were assembled using the templates created by *Drill Data Maps* and populated with the relevant information by MDT.

Table 2. Portion of Jean-Lutz data file 9727-5\_Jean\_Lutz\_Output\_with\_API\_Torque.xlsx used for analysis. Full data file contains over 4,300 rows.

		Measure Time	Depth (ft)	Moving Speed (ft/h)	Down Pressure (psi)	Rotation Speed (rev/min)	Rotation Torque (lbfft)	Rotation Torque (lbfft)_Converted_with_Gear_Factor_4.75	Tool Acceleration (g)	Flow (gal/min)	Injection Pressure (psi)	Torque 2 (psi)	Diff (%)	Difference (lb-ft)
Jobsite	WEST OF BROCKWAY WEST	0:00:00	0	0	46.45	0	136.58	648.7379275	-0.01	0	-1.24	-123	294%	771.7379
Contract	9727	0:00:00	0	0	45.98	0	136.85	650.0203938	0	0	-1.27	-122.6	293%	772.6204
Machine	1050	0:00:00	0	0	45.98	0	136.85	650.0203938	0	0	-1.27	-122.6	293%	772.6204
Survey Name	5	0:00:00	0	0	45.98	0	136.85	650.0203938	0	0	-1.27	-122.6	293%	772.6204
Start date	8/17/2021 8:28	0:00:00	0	0	45.98	0	136.85	650.0203938	0	0	-1.27	-122.6	293%	772.6204
Stop Date	8/17/2021 14:14	0:00:00	0	0.02	32.07	0	117.4	557.635325	-0.01	0	-1.17	-62.6	251%	620.2353
Length (m)	21.34	0:00:00	0	0.02	35.99	0	3.19	15.15210125	-0.02	0	-1.2	-1.1	231%	16.2521
		0:00:00	0	0.02	35.87	0	-2.67	-12.68216625	-0.02	0	-1.15	-1.1	168%	-11.5822
		0:00:00	0	0.02	35.66	0	-2.67	-12.68216625	-0.01	0	-1.18	-1.2	165%	-11.4822
		0:00:00	0	0.02	35.83	0	3.3	15.6745875	-0.01	0	-1.19	-1.1	230%	16.77459
		0:00:00	0	0.02	36.64	0	3.27	15.53209125	0	0	-1.19	-1.1	230%	16.63209
		0:00:00	0	0.02	36.51	0	3.26	15.4845925	0	0	-1.15	1.1	173%	14.38459
		0:00:00	0	0.02	36.22	0	3.06	14.5346175	0	0	-1.12	-1.3	239%	15.83462
		0:00:00	0	0.02	36.96	0	3.17	15.05710375	0.01	0	-1.16	1.2	170%	13.8571
		0:00:00	0	0.02	36.91	0	3.18	15.1046025	0.01	0	-1.11	1.1	173%	14.0046
		0:00:00	0	0.02	36.63	0	3.18	15.1046025	0.01	0	-1.12	1.1	173%	14.0046
		0:00:00	0	0.02	37.47	0	3.25	15.43709375	0.01	0	-1.18	1	176%	14.43709
		0:00:01	0	0.02	37.94	0	3.19	15.15210125	0.02	0	-1.24	0.9	178%	14.2521
		0:00:02	0	12.2	45.56	0	3.27	15.53209125	0.01	0	-1.27	0.9	178%	14.63209
		0:00:03	0.03	81.24	81.01	0	3.37	16.00707875	0	0	-1.22	0.8	181%	15.20708
		0:00:04	0.06	99.25	99.47	0	3.3	15.6745875	-0.01	0	-1.16	0.9	178%	14.77459
		0:00:05	0.1	158.21	166.51	0	3.4	16.149575	-0.01	0	-1.19	0.8	181%	15.34958
		0:00:06	0.14	156.06	165.07	0	3.58	17.0045525	-0.01	0	-1.21	0.7	184%	16.30455
		0:00:07	0.18	157	167.24	0	2.89	13.72713875	0	0	-1.14	1	173%	12.72714
		0:00:07	0.22	157.14	167.12	0	3.23	15.34209625	0	0	-1.16	0.8	180%	14.5421
		0:00:08	0.27	155.86	169.38	0	3.1	14.7246125	0	0	-1.21	0.9	177%	13.82461
		0:00:09	0.31	151.6	184.71	0	3.19	15.15210125	0	0	-1.28	1	175%	14.1521
		0:00:10	0.35	149.5	219.72	0	3.27	15.53209125	0.01	0	-1.32	0.9	178%	14.63209
		0:00:12	0.39	143.69	258.04	0	3.67	17.43204125	0.01	0	-1.22	1	178%	16.43204
		0:00:13	0.43	146.96	325.86	0	3.32	15.769585	0	0	-1.24	1	176%	14.76959
		0:00:14	0.48	147.51	397.77	0	3.05	14.48711875	0	0	-1.28	1	174%	13.48712
		0:00:15	0.52	146.16	462.25	0	3.47	16.48206625	0	0	-1.19	1	177%	15.48207
		0:00:15	0.56	174.17	410	0	103.27	490.5195913	0.28	0	-1.15	0.9	199%	489.6196
		0:00:16	0.6	167.49	302.43	0	119	565.235125	0.83	0	-1.19	0.8	199%	564.4351
		0:00:17	0.65	151.96	282.65	2.58	103.81	493.0845238	0.62	0	-1.16	0.8	199%	492.2845
		0:00:18	0.69	160.73	291.05	20.66	115.01	546.2831238	0.4	0	-1.18	1	199%	545.2831
		0:00:19	0.73	151.38	303.66	20.96	138.68	658.712665	0.27	0	-1.16	0.8	200%	657.9127
		0:00:20	0.78	153.21	307.87	21.46	144.86	688.0668925	0.17	0	-1.16	0.9	199%	687.1669
		0:00:21	0.82	160.9	312.96	21.26	151.32	718.751085	0.11	0	-1.22	0.9	199%	717.8511
		0:00:22	0.86	147.97	342.61	21.3	160.43	762.0224463	0.07	0	-1.2	1	199%	761.0224
		0:00:23	0.9	160.65	353.61	23.29	157.58	748.4853025	0.04	0	-1.19	1	199%	747.4853
		0:00:24	0.95	159.08	374.88	30.85	155.62	739.1755475	0.02	0	-1.23	1	199%	738.1755
		0:00:25	0.99	168.96	369.4	33.73	154.15	732.1932313	0.01	0	-1.24	0.8	200%	731.3932
		0:00:26	1.03	160	378.41	34.39	156.7	744.3054125	0	0	-1.17	0.9	200%	743.4054
		0:00:27	1.08	165.59	374.65	34.59	154.92	735.850635	0	0	-1.17	0.9	200%	734.9506
		0:00:28	1.12	160.53	381.52	34.69	157.59	748.5328013	-0.01	0	-1.14	1	199%	747.5328
		0:00:29	1.16	160.13	374.93	34.71	159.8	759.030025	-0.01	0	-1.14	0.9	200%	758.13
		0:00:30	1.2	159.01	377.01	34.71	164.39	780.8319513	-0.01	0	-1.18	0.9	200%	779.932
		0:00:31	1.25	155.9	384.51	34.73	167.12	793.79911	0	0	-1.22	0.9	200%	792.8991
		0:00:32	1.29	164.2	382.66	34.65	168.93	802.3963838	0.01	0	-1.19	0.9	200%	801.4964
		0:00:33	1.33	156.72	393.55	34.66	172.18	817.8334775	0.02	0	-1.16	0.7	200%	817.1335
		0:00:34	1.37	166.45	397.85	34.65	169.19	803.6313513	0.02	0	-1.14	0.8	200%	802.8314
		0:00:35	1.42	158.89	407.27	34.66	177.63	843.7202963	0.02	0	-1.08	0.9	200%	842.8203
		0:00:36	1.46	166.66	400.84	34.61	176.14	836.6429825	0.01	0	-1.13	0.7	200%	835.943
		0:00:37	1.5	159.35	415.5	34.56	180.24	856.11747	0	0	-1.06	0.9	200%	855.2175
		0:00:38	1.54	162.82	413.76	34.56	181.51	862.1498113	0	0	-1.16	0.8	200%	861.3498
		0:00:39	1.59	162.74	424.43	34.55	187.57	890.9340538	0	0	-1.19	0.7	200%	890.2341
		0:00:39	1.63	157.47	423.52	34.49	191.38	909.0310775	0	0	-1.17	0.7	200%	908.3311
		0:00:40	1.68	165.59	431.23	34.45	193.95	921.2382563	0	0	-1.18	0.8	200%	920.4383
		0:00:41	1.72	156.46	431.1	34.43	199.59	948.0275513	0	0	-1.13	0.8	200%	947.2276
		0:00:42	1.76	167.4	435.17	34.33	197.8	939.525275	-0.01	0	-1.1	0.7	200%	938.8253
		0:00:43	1.8	155.85	441.2	34.37	205.74	977.2392825	-0.01	0	-1.19	0.8	200%	976.4393
		0:00:44	1.84	164.54	442.8	34.31	207.14	983.8891075	-0.01	0	-1.11	0.8	200%	983.0891
		0:00:45	1.89	160.31	448.55	34.22	218.4	1037.3727	-0.01	0	-1.12	1	200%	1036.373
		0:00:46	1.93	166.2	434.64	34.14	211.28	1003.55359	-0.01	0	-1.11	0.8	200%	1002.754
		0:00:47	1.97	129.46	407.5	34	214.23	1017.565721	0	0	-1.17	0.8	200%	1016.766
		0:00:48	2	131.9	395.03	34.11	202.93	963.8921338	0.01	0	-1.17	0.8	200%	963.0921

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Table 3. Portion of drilling data file Drilling\_Data\_9727-5.xlsx used for analysis. Full data file contains about 75 rows.

Jobsite	West of Brockway-West																	
Contra	9727000																	
HoleID	9727-5																	
Northin	1139540.507																	
Easting	2828864.6																	
Elevati	2535.83																	
Latitud	47.32348968																	
Longitu	-106.0278662																	
Start D	8/17/2021 8:28																	
Date	8/17/2021																	
RigID	1050																	
Depth (ft)	Thickness (ft)	Offset (ft)	LayerID	SampleID	Stratigraphy ID	Lithology ID	Top_Depth (ft)	Bottom_Depth (ft)	Top_EI	Bottom_EI	N1	N2	N3	N	DD (pcf)	UCS (psi)	REC	RQD
2.75	0.5	0	9727-05-SPT-1	9727-05-SPT-1-N1			2.5	3	2533.33	2532.83	2							
3.25	0.5	0	9727-05-SPT-1	9727-05-SPT-1-N2			3	3.5	2532.83	2532.33		3						
3.5	1	0	9727-05-SPT-1	9727-05-SPT-1-N			3	4	2532.83	2531.83				6				
3.75	0.5	0	9727-05-SPT-1	9727-05-SPT-1-N3			3.5	4	2532.33	2531.83			3					
5.25	0.5	0	9727-05-SPT-2	9727-05-SPT-2-N1			5	5.5	2530.83	2530.33	2							
5.75	0.5	0	9727-05-SPT-2	9727-05-SPT-2-N2			5.5	6	2530.33	2529.83		2						
6	1	0	9727-05-SPT-2	9727-05-SPT-2-N			5.5	6.5	2530.33	2529.33				5				
6.25	0.5	0	9727-05-SPT-2	9727-05-SPT-2-N3			6	6.5	2529.83	2529.33			3					
7.75	0.5	0	9727-05-SPT-3	9727-05-SPT-3-N1			7.5	8	2528.33	2527.83	0							
8.25	0.5	0	9727-05-SPT-3	9727-05-SPT-3-N2			8	8.5	2527.83	2527.33		2						
8.5	1	0	9727-05-SPT-3	9727-05-SPT-3-N			8	9	2527.83	2526.83				4				
8.75	0.5	0	9727-05-SPT-3	9727-05-SPT-3-N3			8.5	9	2527.33	2526.83			2					
10.25	0.5	0	9727-05-SPT-4	9727-05-SPT-4-N1			10	10.5	2525.83	2525.33	2							
10.4	0.7	0	9727-05-VST-1															
10.75	0.5	0	9727-05-SPT-4	9727-05-SPT-4-N2			10.5	11	2525.33	2524.83		3						
11	1	0	9727-05-SPT-4	9727-05-SPT-4-N			10.5	11.5	2525.33	2524.33				5				
11.25	0.5	0	9727-05-SPT-4	9727-05-SPT-4-N3			11	11.5	2524.83	2524.33			2					
12.75	0.5	0	9727-05-SPT-5	9727-05-SPT-5-N1			12.5	13	2523.33	2522.83	3							
13.25	0.5	0	9727-05-SPT-5	9727-05-SPT-5-N2			13	13.5	2522.83	2522.33		5						
13.5	1	0	9727-05-SPT-5	9727-05-SPT-5-N			13	14	2522.83	2521.83				13				
13.75	0.5	0	9727-05-SPT-5	9727-05-SPT-5-N3			13.5	14	2522.33	2521.83			8					
15.25	0.5	0	9727-05-SPT-6	9727-05-SPT-6-N1			15	15.5	2520.83	2520.33	1							
15.75	0.5	0	9727-05-SPT-6	9727-05-SPT-6-N2			15.5	16	2520.33	2519.83		5						
16	1	0	9727-05-SPT-6	9727-05-SPT-6-N			15.5	16.5	2520.33	2519.33				11				
16.25	0.5	0	9727-05-SPT-6	9727-05-SPT-6-N3			16	16.5	2519.83	2519.33			6					
20.25	0.5	0	9727-05-SPT-7	9727-05-SPT-7-N1			20	20.5	2515.83	2515.33	11							
20.75	0.5	0	9727-05-SPT-7	9727-05-SPT-7-N2			20.5	21	2515.33	2514.83		14						
21	1	0	9727-05-SPT-7	9727-05-SPT-7-N			20.5	21.5	2515.33	2514.33				40				
21.25	0.5	0	9727-05-SPT-7	9727-05-SPT-7-N3			21	21.5	2514.83	2514.33			26					
25.25	0.5	0	9727-05-SPT-8	9727-05-SPT-8-N1			25	25.5	2510.83	2510.33	14							
25.75	0.5	0	9727-05-SPT-8	9727-05-SPT-8-N2			25.5	26	2510.33	2509.83		25						
26	1	0	9727-05-SPT-8	9727-05-SPT-8-N			25.5	26.5	2510.33	2509.33				64				
26.25	0.5	0	9727-05-SPT-8	9727-05-SPT-8-N3			26	26.5	2509.83	2509.33			39					
27.5	0.6	0	9727-05-C-1	9727-05-UCS-01			27.2	27.8	2508.63	2508.03					102	21		
27.5	5	0	9727-05-C-1				25	30	2510.83	2505.83							66	12
31.05	0.7	0	9727-05-C-2	9727-05-UCS-02			30.7	31.4	2505.13	2504.43					111.8	59		
31.5	0.6	0	9727-05-C-3	9727-05-UCS-03			31.2	31.8	2504.63	2504.03					108.4	136		
32.3	0.6	0	9727-05-C-4	9727-05-UCS-04			32	32.6	2503.83	2503.23					109.4	48		
32.5	5	0	9727-05-C-2				30	35	2505.83	2500.83							100	86
32.9	0.6	0	9727-05-C-5	9727-05-UCS-05			32.6	33.2	2503.23	2502.63					109	133		
34.8	0.6	0	9727-05-C-6	9727-05-UCS-06			34.5	35.1	2501.33	2500.73					105.9	61		
35.6	0.6	0	9727-05-C-7	9727-05-UCS-07			35.3	35.9	2500.53	2499.93					98.79	12		
37.5	5	0	9727-05-C-3				35	40	2500.83	2495.83							80	30
40.65	0.3	0	9727-05-C-8	9727-05-UCS-08			40.5	40.8	2495.33	2495.03					90.5	30		
41.25	0.3	0	9727-05-C-9	9727-05-UCS-09			41.1	41.4	2494.73	2494.43					72.4	225		
41.55	0.3	0	9727-05-C-10	9727-05-UCS-10			41.4	41.7	2494.43	2494.13					71.9	320		
41.7	0.2	0	9727-05-C-11	9727-05-UCS-11			41.6	41.8	2494.23	2494.03					83.4	80		
42.1	0.6	0	9727-05-C-12	9727-05-UCS-12			41.8	42.4	2494.03	2493.43					89.9	288		
42.5	5	0	9727-05-C-4				40	45	2495.83	2490.83							100	34
42.95	0.3	0	9727-05-C-13	9727-05-UCS-13			42.8	43.1	2493.03	2492.73					87.3	87		
46.7	0.6	0	9727-05-C-14	9727-05-UCS-14			46.4	47	2489.43	2488.83					105.2	14		
47.5	5	0	9727-05-C-5				45	50	2490.83	2485.83							100	52
47.7	0.6	0	9727-05-C-15	9727-05-UCS-15			47.4	48	2488.43	2487.83					112.3	71		
48.5	0.6	0	9727-05-C-16	9727-05-UCS-16			48.2	48.8	2487.63	2487.03					108.5	96		
51.1	0.6	0	9727-05-C-17	9727-05-UCS-17			50.8	51.4	2485.03	2484.43					109.8	51		
51.8	0.6	0	9727-05-C-18	9727-05-UCS-18			51.5	52.1	2484.33	2483.73					114.4	255		
52.4	0.6	0	9727-05-C-19	9727-05-UCS-19			52.1	52.7	2483.73	2483.13					113.2	111		
52.5	5	0	9727-05-C-6				50	55	2485.83	2480.83							96	68



## 5. Preprocessing and Quality Control

MWD data types used for this project consisted of hollow stem auger (HSA) data and HQ rock coring data below HSA refusal, extending to the borehole bottom. Quality control and data parsing were performed for both types of data.

### 5.1. HSA Data

Figure 7 is an example of MWD data from borehole 9727-7 showing HSA drilling from 0 to 35 feet and rock coring data from 35 feet to approximately 72 feet depth. This figure shows continuous MWD data recording with depth; however, red arrows indicate where sharp drops and subsequent gaps in down pressure (green trace) and torque (red trace) measurements are observed. This phenomenon is also observed in the moving speed and rotation speed traces, though it is not as pronounced as with down pressure and torque. These gaps appear to occur at approximate 5-foot depth intervals, where drilling was stopped to perform a SPT measurement and split spoon sampling and to add another 5-foot auger section. Initial observation suggested that the observed sudden drops and gaps in data might be a result of drilling through the hole in the subsurface as a result of the split spoon sampling. Another explanation might be that this might be more influenced by the drill string re-engaging prior to making contact with the subsurface after the addition of each new auger section. Because of this effect, any analysis using especially down pressure or torque cannot simply use the recorded data as is from the data file at those depths. Our first preprocessing/quality control step was to manually extract the last recorded down pressure and torque measurement prior to the sudden drop occurring when adding additional HSA auger sections.

For HSA analysis, rather than using the continuous down pressure and torque data traces, we determined that we could only use the individual down pressure and torque values just prior to the sudden drop, as indicated by arrows on the plot in Figure 7. This greatly reduces the amount of data that can be used for analysis. In addition, the amount of effort necessary to extract data for analysis is greatly increased because this is done by visual inspection. As the MWD data are in spreadsheet format (i.e., all measured quantities at a specific time/depth), only the data from depths identified with the red arrows would be kept for analysis.

Future work should focus on how MWD data are collected to mitigate this problem and/or developing an automated approach to extract the relevant down pressure data points (and associated measurements in the same row) to streamline the analysis data flow. One possible solution suggested by experienced geotechnical engineers is to drill a second borehole adjacent to the first borehole to eliminate gaps in data due to the SPT and split spoon sampling. Split spoon sampling and rock coring would be accomplished in borehole 1. In borehole 2, MWD data collection would take place continuously within the limits of lengths of drill sections. Drillers would also be trained for optimum starting/stopping MWD recording to reduce gaps in data due to the addition of new auger sections.

### 5.2. Rock Coring Data

Rock coring data were also entered into the Drilling Data template by MDT. The template has columns for entry of depth and thickness of sample, IDs for the sample, elevations of the top and bottom of the sample, SPT blow counts and lab measurements such as dry density, UCS, Rec, RQD and Su. Table 3 shows a portion of the rock coring data for borehole 9727-5. The rock coring data were reviewed by an experienced research team member for quality control prior to analysis.

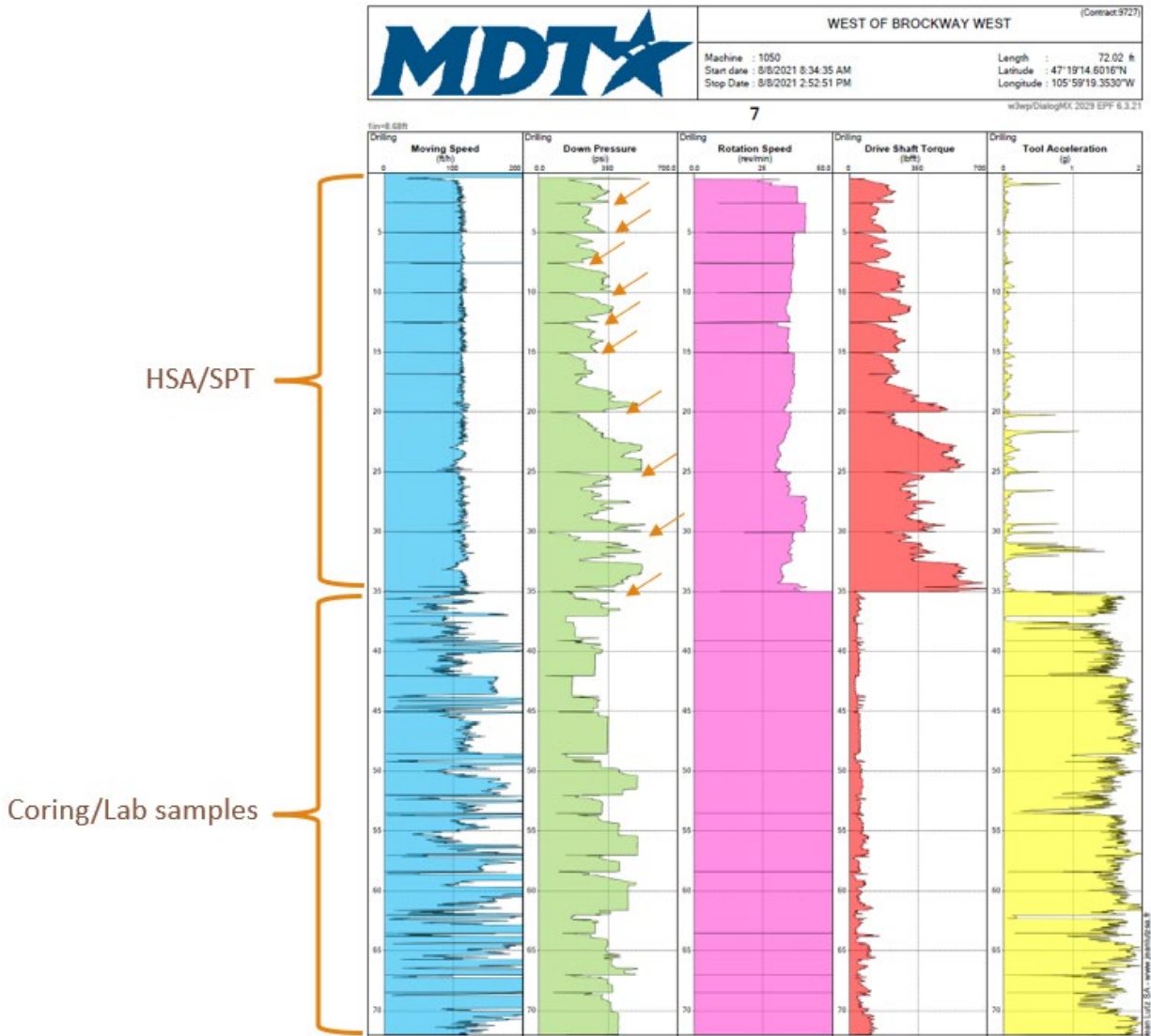


Figure 7. MWD data from borehole 9727-7 showing HSA depth section and rock coring section. Note arrows on Down Pressure plot (green) showing sharp drop in down pressure when drilling stopped.

## 6. Data Used for Analysis

### 6.1. GIS Portal Data

The full set of MWD data available on the GIS portal website is shown in Table 1. The data used for analysis are a subset from that list which contains Point Files. Point files contain the actual data files that can be used for analysis. This subset is shown as Table 4 below.

As can be seen in the Table 1 Comment column, not all MWD data Point Files contain the same types of data. Most of the borehole data sets contained SPT blow count data with MWD data from 0 to auger refusal depth (i.e., HSA data). Typical auger refusal depth in these eastern Montana IGM's was in the range of approximately 30 feet depth. A smaller set of boreholes contained lab measurements (i.e., UCS or unit weight) from HQ rock coring results below HSA refusal depth.

Our analysis approach took two forms: correlating SPT blow counts from HSA drilling with the various MWD measurements recorded and correlating UCS and unit weight from lab measurements with MWD measurements.

Table 5 lists the boreholes available for SPT blow count correlations and Table 6 lists the boreholes available for UCS and unit weight correlations.

Table 4. Subset of MWD data containing Point Files which can be used for analysis. List is organized by project number e.g., 9727-xx, 9726-xx.

<b>Boring id</b>	<b>Data type</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Folder shortcut</b>	<b>File url</b>
9727-7	MWD	SPT, MWD, UCS	MWD_Research/9727000/9727-7	Point Files
9727-5	MWD	SPT, MWD, VST, UCS	MWD_Research/9727000/9727-5	Point Files
9727-4	MWD	SPT, MWD, VST	MWD_Research/9727000/9727-4	Point Files
9727-23	MWD	CSPT (1.875" DIA SPOON), MWD, VST, PMT, BST, UCS	MWD_Research/9727000/9727-23	Point Files
9727-22	MWD	CSPT (1.875" DIA SPOON), MWD, VST, PMT, BST, UCS	MWD_Research/9727000/9727-22	Point Files
9727-13	MWD	SPT, MWD, VST	MWD_Research/9727000/9727-13	Point Files
9726-9	MWD	SPT, MWD, UCS	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-9	Point Files
9726-8	MWD	SPT, MWD, VST, UCS	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-8	Point Files
9726-7	MWD	SPT	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-7	Point

				Files
9726-39	MWD	SPT, MWD, UCS	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-39	Point Files
9726-38	MWD	SPT, MWD, UCS	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-38	Point Files
9726-3	MWD	SPT, MWD	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-3	Point Files
9726-28	MWD	SPT, MWD, VST	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-28	Point Files
9726-25	MWD	SPT, MWD, VST	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-25	Point Files
9726-23	MWD	SPT, MWD, VST	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-23	Point Files
9726-19	MWD	SPT, MWD, VST	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-19	Point Files
9726-13	MWD	SPT, MWD, UCS	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-13	Point Files
9726-12	MWD	SPT, MWD, UCS	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-12	Point Files
9726-1	MWD	SPT, MWD	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-1	Point Files

Table 5. List of boreholes containing SPT blow count data and MWD data.

<b>Boring id</b>	<b>Data type</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Folder shortcut</b>	<b>File url</b>
9727-7	MWD	SPT, MWD, UCS	MWD_Research/9727000/9727-7	Point Files
9727-5	MWD	SPT, MWD, VST, UCS	MWD_Research/9727000/9727-5	Point Files
9727-4	MWD	SPT, MWD, VST	MWD_Research/9727000/9727-4	Point Files
9727-13	MWD	SPT, MWD, VST	MWD_Research/9727000/9727-13	Point Files
9726-9	MWD	SPT, MWD, UCS	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-9	Point Files
9726-8	MWD	SPT, MWD, VST, UCS	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-8	Point Files
9726-7	MWD	SPT	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-7	Point

				Files
9726-39	MWD	SPT, MWD, UCS	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-39	Point Files
9726-38	MWD	SPT, MWD, UCS	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-38	Point Files
9726-3	MWD	SPT, MWD	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-3	Point Files
9726-28	MWD	SPT, MWD, VST	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-28	Point Files
9726-25	MWD	SPT, MWD, VST	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-25	Point Files
9726-23	MWD	SPT, MWD, VST	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-23	Point Files
9726-19	MWD	SPT, MWD, VST	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-19	Point Files
9726-13	MWD	SPT, MWD, UCS	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-13	Point Files
9726-12	MWD	SPT, MWD, UCS	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-12	Point Files
9726-1	MWD	SPT, MWD	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-1	Point Files

Table 6. List of boreholes containing UCS lab data and MWD data.

<b><u>Boring_id</u></b>	<b><u>Data_type</u></b>	<b><u>Comment</u></b>	<b><u>Folder_shortcut</u></b>	<b><u>File_url</u></b>
9727-7	MWD	SPT, MWD, UCS	MWD_Research/9727000/9727-7	Point Files
9727-5	MWD	SPT, MWD, VST, UCS	MWD_Research/9727000/9727-5	Point Files
9727-23	MWD	CSPT (1.875" DIA SPOON), MWD, VST, PMT, BST, UCS	MWD_Research/9727000/9727-23	Point Files
9727-22	MWD	CSPT (1.875" DIA SPOON), MWD, VST, PMT, BST, UCS	MWD_Research/9727000/9727-22	Point Files
9726-9	MWD	SPT, MWD, UCS	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-9	Point Files
9726-8	MWD	SPT, MWD, VST, UCS	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-8	Point Files
9726-39	MWD	SPT, MWD, UCS	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-	Point

			39	Files
9726-38	MWD	SPT, MWD, UCS	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-38	Point Files
9726-13	MWD	SPT, MWD, UCS	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-13	Point Files
9726-12	MWD	SPT, MWD, UCS	MWD_Research/9726000/9726-12	Point Files

### 6.2. Hollow Stem Auger Data

Our goal for analysing hollow stem auger (HSA) data was to correlate relevant MWD parameters and/or compound parameters with borehole SPT blow count values. As detailed in the Task 1 report and also shown in Figure 7, plots of drilling data pulldown pressure exhibit a sharp decrease in pulldown pressure at intervals of 2.5 feet for depths 0 to 15 feet and at intervals of 5 feet for depths 15 to 35 feet. These sharp decreases represent drilling stops for auger section additions. Also, when drilling restarts, there is a delay before pulldown pressures reach full operating values again. These sharp decreases and ramping up of pressure prevent using the raw pulldown pressure values as recorded for analysis. Instead, we manually picked the peak pressure values prior to each auger change to correlate with SPT blow counts. Possible future work will consider an automated approach to identify these drilling discontinuities. After pre-processing, our analysis used data from 12 boreholes for a total of 64 data samples. Table 7 shows the final values used for correlation analysis of SPT blow count data with MWD data and the boreholes used.

### 6.3. HQ Rock Core Data

Our approach for analyzing MWD and rock coring lab data was exploring correlation of MWD parameters with UCS values as well as unit weight. After pre-processing, our data set for MWD and UCS consisted of data from six boreholes for a total of 117 data samples. The MWD parameters used were depth, pulldown pressure, rotation torque, rotation speed and rate of advance along with compound parameter specific energy. These parameters were extracted at the recorded depth and not averaged over an interval. Some rotation torque values from two boreholes were problematic and eliminated. All data were reviewed prior to correlation analysis. Table 8 shows the final values used for correlation analysis of UCS and unit weight with MWD data and their corresponding boreholes.

Table 7. Final spreadsheet containing SPT blow count data and MWD drilling data: Depth (feet), Peak Down Pressure (psi), Rotation Torque (lb-ft), Rotation Speed (rev/min), Moving Speed (ft/h), Specific Energy (ft-lb/ft<sup>3</sup>).

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Depth (feet)	Peak Down Pressure (psi)	Rotation Torque (lb-ft)	Rotation Speed (rev/min)	Moving Speed (ft/h)	Specific Energy (ftlb/ft <sup>3</sup> )	Blows per foot
<b>Borehole 9726-23</b>						
7.5	467.49	247.05	37.43	137.7	67774.25926	4
10	450.74	324.94	36.67	126.06	65547.98104	3
12.5	440.63	370.5	37.42	131.06	64168.56046	4
15	419.98	520.62	36.83	138.64	61415.63133	3
20	415.87	400.05	45.43	127.84	60849.98759	4
25	513.23	632.83	37.96	127.4	75184.64617	9
30	804.32	594.79	49.65	134.24	117314.8978	60
35	794.73	526.88	46.77	121.55	115816.8401	91
40	570.77	640.23	46.98	136.89	83681.89695	75
<b>Borehole 9727-7</b>						
7.5	220.43	202.72	36.04	111.93	32184.85557	6
10	376.07	266.43	35.17	107.2	54747.23321	6
12.5	298.41	244.03	34.29	108.65	43493.66108	5
15	280.25	258.98	34.21	111.52	40895.10369	3
20	497.2	492.46	32.89	120.86	72506.20661	8
25	517.61	581.68	30.92	99.08	75767.64801	28
30	515.5	437.44	39.69	112.05	75283.46153	83
<b>Borehole 9726-28</b>						
7.5	259.84	151.28	40.92	110.46	37797.25311	5
12.5	533.74	640.08	29.08	126.77	77854.92391	28
15	476	647.53	37.72	83.5	70528.95132	38
20	705.45	648.86	44.75	100.65	103542.4518	41
<b>Borehole 9726-13</b>						
5	350.75	139.8	40.97	128.06	50811.50628	0.1
7.5	276.87	141.28	35.44	142.12	40108.3512	0.1
10	298.13	140.5	38.37	144.32	43184.20352	3
12.5	510.63	140.21	33.97	146.78	73750.9213	50
15	634	140.08	43.29	135.29	91600.16512	72
<b>9726-38</b>						
8	561.4	359.53	39.13	104.15	81758.22523	29
13	440.51	447.42	42.02	112.6	64566.462	29
18	470.77	220.77	43.16	109.2	68382.99438	38
23	465.7	536.39	43.83	95.21	68736.4159	39
28	515.35	307.87	42.04	135.12	74860.40573	43
<b>9726-39</b>						
5	194.48	61.5	45.51	105.32	28185.45452	2
10	328.7	125.24	50.14	103.47	47744.63163	3
15	793.36	447.95	47.89	112.87	115533.5794	48
20	540.21	403.28	48.01	113.02	78952.72847	51
<b>9726-1</b>						
7.5	526.88	106.45	62.66	72.56	76494.52049	5
10	580.02	185.79	63.42	66.83	84719.29748	3
12.5	617.27	274.52	52.08	71.99	90234.53378	4
15	566.93	104.47	73.27	76.23	82319.3147	5
20	661.37	59.96	61.87	80.7	95549.22621	18
25	679.6	222.2	40.37	43.64	99257.2378	21
<b>9726-3</b>						
7	560.24	125.27	23.69	160.17	80800.29346	16
9.5	626.96	518.06	29.18	127.28	91088.197	12
12	648.98	375.81	37.1	168.25	94015.45513	43
14.5	693.52	220.58	78.95	38.2	102960.4476	29
<b>9726-19</b>						
6.5	404.43	264.15	40.36	105.22	58925.47823	6
9	588.57	329.05	39.47	158.32	85310.754	26
11.5	863.35	327.16	36.84	152.53	124858.6092	38
<b>9727-4</b>						
5	358.81	244.58	36.05	60.07	52664.67309	4
10	504.75	385.17	36.09	146.29	73328.80947	9
12.5	493.54	455.63	31.77	63.06	72627.44843	16
15	511.83	436.66	32.03	102.16	74632.54059	14
20	378.93	372.13	33.1	63.85	55875.00158	30
<b>9727-5</b>						
5	381.1	150.84	35.38	106.36	55218.88967	5
7.5	262.81	146.09	36.66	114.4	38162.32287	4
10	249.28	119.97	36.36	123.15	36136.68418	5
12.5	203.45	114.52	36.47	124.83	29523.8415	13
15	217.78	180.73	36.86	122.83	31728.35333	11
20	537.37	587.29	39.18	114.2	78748.55616	40
<b>9727-11</b>						
* No Point Files						
5	237.41	132.18	34.99	94.66	34518.59048	4
7.5	260.05	149.79	36.48	123.65	37747.0821	2
10	200.78	114.91	36.86	126.96	29138.70796	0.1
12.5	268.16	271.26	33.54	122.27	39119.97411	21
15	508.96	438.04	33.07	92.59	74351.90989	36
20	516.51	569.86	36.65	119.97	75558.78014	54

Table 8. Final spreadsheet containing UCS and unit weight data and MWD drilling data: Depth (feet), Peak Down Pressure (psi), Rotation Torque (lb-ft), Rotation Speed (rev/min), Moving Speed (ft/h), Specific Energy (ft-lb/ft<sup>3</sup>).

Depth (feet)	Peak Down Pressure (psi)	Rotation Torque (lb-ft)	Rotation Speed (rev/min)	Moving Speed (ft/h)	Specific Energy (ftlb/ft <sup>3</sup> )	UCS (psi)	Unit Weight (pcf)
<b>Borehole 9727-7</b>							
36.75	350.81	41.22	331.86	113.24	54,224	202.3	114.9
39.45	307.77	58.23	333.33	105.69	49,954	62.12	106.4
41.05	281.31	47.08	334.18	118.73	44,575	122.8	111.7
44.55	295.8	67.52	312.19	33.85	61,704	189.4	110.6
46.15	346.5	48.6	313.91	134.07	53,388	196.1	109.9
50.95	494.44	66.37	339.15	164.45	75,400	23.21	106.3
54.25	351.9	66.03	329.4	110.27	56,726	11.03	104
<b>Borehole 9726-12</b>							
31.05	412.4	3	335.57	51.92	59,981	58.84	111.8
31.5	404.39	2.99	337.8	48.78	58,868	136.4	108.4
32.3	495.83	3.12	338.32	6.11	76,701	48.18	109.4
32.9	489.42	2.81	340.15	51.88	71,042	133	109
35.6	223.37	3.04	321.67	146.39	32,370	12.17	98.79
40.65	581.2	3.09	329.09	44.38	84,396	30	90.5
41.25	579.62	3.2	334.17	357.31	83,557	224.9	72.4
41.55	577.5	3.24	332.53	150.53	83,380	320.4	71.9
41.7	282.74	3.17	333.03	19.38	42,386	80.2	83.4
42.1	333.04	3.32	332.5	51.5	48,616	288.2	89.9
42.95	331.48	2.99	332.8	53.1	48,308	86.6	87.3
46.7	399.11	3.22	331.18	55.03	58,067	14.38	105.2
47.7	395.38	3.09	331.64	58.12	57,476	70.81	112.3
51.1	397.69	3.19	316.25	134.72	57,497	51.07	109.8
51.8	426.96	2.98	316.07	146.75	61,679	255	114.4
52.4	426.51	3.28	311.03	50.02	62,043	111.1	113.2
53.05	424.68	2.95	313.91	54.25	61,678	72.62	107.9
53.8	428.17	3.26	314.42	127.01	61,904	70.29	112.2
56	412.15	3.04	333.12	143.54	59,566	28.03	102.1
56.6	349.43	3.04	334.5	76.23	50,727	216	115
60.5	452.71	2.85	320.27	58.56	65,669	218.3	118.7
61.2	450.82	3.12	320.59	60.03	65,429	156.7	119.9
61.9	499.05	3.07	320.48	95.89	72,178	74.58	115.4
62.6	497.16	3.17	320.44	119.88	71,851	115.5	114.1
64.1	480.3	3.16	320.32	234.52	69,296	9.54	104.7
66.15	444.53	3.2	326.14	183.55	64,187	122	112.6
67	506.31	3.25	324.05	171.31	73,097	75.68	109.8
67.7	506.01	2.95	323.41	161.25	73,047	289.8	118.5
69	409.04	3.26	324.41	86.52	59,277	18.33	106
<b>Borehole 9726-13</b>							
30.15	264.22	40.69	331.84	24.85	54,722	49	105
31.8	418.93	40.66	332.26	215.15	62,253	27	107
32.7	521.15	40.56	307.74	59.55	81,478	58	112
38.6	421.69	40.62	331.05	78.41	65,986	233	112
40.6	419.84	40.91	340.43	70.59	66,511	219	117
41.4	414.97	40.64	340.62	46.82	68,828	141	114
42.1	412.4	40.68	340.89	77.53	64,874	101	114
42.7	409.52	40.55	340.55	53.05	66,959	145	117
43.4	565.96	40.64	339.41	87.47	86,337	200	119
44.05	604.44	40.53	339.93	86.49	91,928	102	118
44.8	412.55	40.61	341.42	59.78	66,524	400	119
50.4	404.37	40.47	340.1	76.48	63,752	25	106
51.9	407.56	40.75	340.9	180.42	61,051	26	116
52.8	412.18	40.8	340.96	88.08	64,200	105	115
53.55	184.56	40.64	344.82	15.87	53,673	70	113
<b>9726-38</b>							
33.75	422.96	67.13	252.84	58.7	69,779	83	116.3
34.4	414.67	63.34	253.51	35.83	73,465	445.4	97.1
34.7	410.71	59.36	253.62	24.91	77,688	259	71.8
35.1	407.56	65.27	253.31	34.9	73,226	437.1	75.9
35.3	406.24	63.9	253.17	8.7	115,560	547.1	70.3
35.45	403.23	57.35	254.18	28.3	73,872	351.1	87.3
36.75	392.66	52	255.98	10.82	94,294	119.6	124.5



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37.75	330.02	58.74	256.03	30.16	62,825	54.01	122.2
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44.75	282.83	57.53	247.9	29.37	55,628	64.25	114.5
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46.25	314.54	58.92	247.79	42.76	55,771	78.84	114.8
46.75	313.06	58.28	247.65	43.69	55,218	104.2	112.6
47.25	295.02	56.86	248.37	41.51	52,923	42.26	116.7
48.25	302.84	84.34	263.2	41.01	60,219	41.95	117.8
48.75	305.03	75.37	263.69	49.58	56,225	62.72	119.8
49.75	304.45	70.53	263.71	55.34	54,154	67.43	118.8
50.25	299.34	66.55	264.33	58.99	52,256	161.9	125.4
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24.6	343.74	98.94	259.96	50.88	65,011	582	74.3
24.85	343.65	98.68	259.81	52.56	64,454	608.9	71
25.1	328.93	120.32	211.87	70.42	58,474	535.4	77
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25.65	324.01	105.7	274.73	37.69	70,300	383.7	73.7
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36.75	287.41	92.08	233.03	53.85	53,615	298.7	116.6
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32.3	497.46	43.73	318.9	108.74	75,570	48.18	109.4
32.9	496.55	47.45	319.17	86.83	76,855	133	109
34.8	416.58	27.37	321.1	88.55	63,033	61.03	105.9
35.6	376.6	17.98	311.46	343.41	54,731	12.17	98.79
40.65	407.35	19.53	331.05	76.56	61,250	30	90.5
41.25	550.38	47.52	329.22	49.37	88,979	224.9	72.4
41.55	549.05	49.69	328.51	64.98	86,772	320.4	71.9
41.7	548.73	49.09	329.22	64.61	86,693	80.2	83.4
42.1	593.61	39.34	328.69	65.55	91,533	288.2	89.9
42.95	593.65	51.83	328.44	63.29	93,739	86.6	87.3
46.7	273.51	33.11	339.74	82.42	43,574	14.38	105.2
47.7	308.07	39.68	338.67	82.78	49,344	70.81	112.3
48.5	323.19	35.73	337.89	140.34	49,179	95.77	108.5
51.1	309.73	43.84	342.17	90.17	49,706	51.01	109.8
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52.4	304.12	25.44	343.77	81.47	47,087	111.1	113.2
53.05	171.96	31.79	344.09	114.22	27,701	72.62	107.9
53.8	309.11	34.15	342.67	108.05	47,835	70.29	112.2
56	307.45	52.14	266.73	169.6	46,789	28.03	120.1
56.6	285.88	35.24	267.9	54.24	46,508	216	115
57.4	399.29	53.27	339.43	83.6	64,135	165.4	110.5
60.5	318.01	35.21	318.5	55.79	51,962	218.3	118.7
61.2	481.6	56.24	316.23	69.08	77,251	156.7	119.9
61.9	496.43	57.89	316.48	85.58	78,055	74.58	115.4
62.6	497.85	51.31	318.46	47.43	82,262	155.5	114.1
64.1	419.97	72.15	315.82	83.63	68,837	9.54	104.7
66.15	275.99	25.77	336.15	62.08	44,025	122	112.6
67	397.53	51.49	333.58	75.21	64,252	75.68	109.8
67.7	352.6	35.51	334.8	53.36	57,611	289.8	118.5
69	273.08	25.61	344.21	74.34	42,962	18.33	106

## 7. Data Formatting for Analysis

Data analysis took two forms: 1) correlation of MWD data with SPT blow counts for the HSA drilled section, and 2) correlation of MWD data with UCS and unit weight for the cored section. In addition to the raw MWD data, we calculated what are referred to as compound parameters. Compound parameters are a combination or function of individual drilling parameters that allow comparison of soil and site conditions while limiting the influence of changing drilling conditions and drilling operator choices (Baser et al. 2023/4).

### 7.1. Compound Parameters

We calculated and investigated three compound parameters as functions of four drilling parameters. The four MWD drilling parameters used for calculating compound parameters were:

- Peak down pressure (psi)
- Rotation torque (lb-ft)
- Rotation speed (rev/min)
- Moving speed (ft/h)

The compound parameters we investigated are:

- Specific drilling energy (Teale 1956),
- Somerton index (Somerton 1959) and
- Drilling energy (Pfister 1985).

Equations 1 to 3 show the formulas used to calculate each of the investigated compound parameters:

$$\text{Specific drilling energy} = \frac{F}{A} + \frac{2\pi NT}{AV} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Somerton index} = \frac{P}{\sqrt{V}} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Drilling energy} = \frac{TN}{V} \quad (3)$$

where

$$\frac{F}{A} = P = \text{down pressure}$$

$N$  = rotation rate

$T$  = torque

$A$  = area

$V$  = penetration rate.

Drilling parameters are typically recorded in a variety of convenient drilling units. For compound parameter calculations, we converted each drilling parameter to SI units and then converted the final compound parameter SI value to units more amenable to interpretation. Ultimately our compound parameter of choice was *specific drilling energy* which was used as an additional input in our correlation analyses.

## 7.2. Final Data Assembly

The last step of data pre-processing was assembling the spreadsheets to be used for Task 2 analysis. After data organization and quality control, the final data to be used for analysis were brought together into a single ‘master’ spreadsheet. Simple correlations could be calculated within the spreadsheet or data from the spreadsheet could be imported into the Matlab® based scripts developed by the research team.

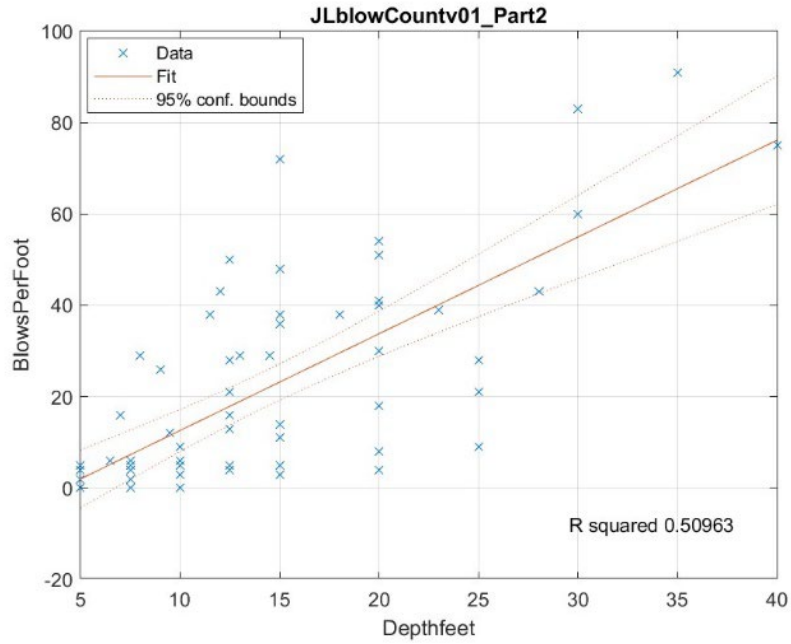
## 8. Analysis Results

### 8.1. Phase 1: Single Parameter Linear and Exponential Regression Modeling

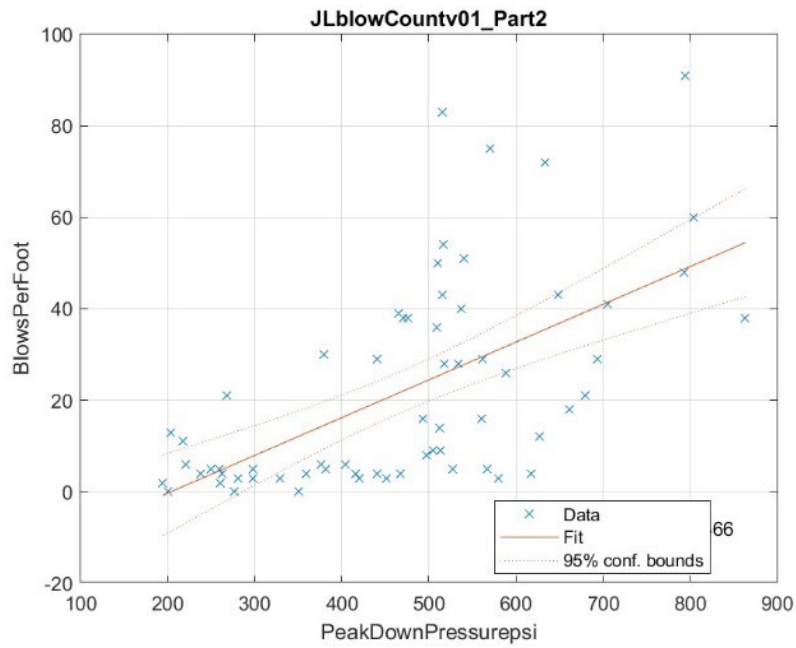
Initial analyses consisted of plotting target parameters (SPT blow count, UCS, and unit weight) against six individual MWD parameters: depth, down pressure, rotation torque, rotation speed, moving speed and the compound parameter specific energy. A best fit linear regression line was calculated and the Pearson correlation coefficient ( $R^2$ ) recorded for each MWD parameter. We also explored correlation results using a best fit exponential curve and tabulated those  $R^2$  values as well.

#### 8.1.1. SPT Blow Count Correlations

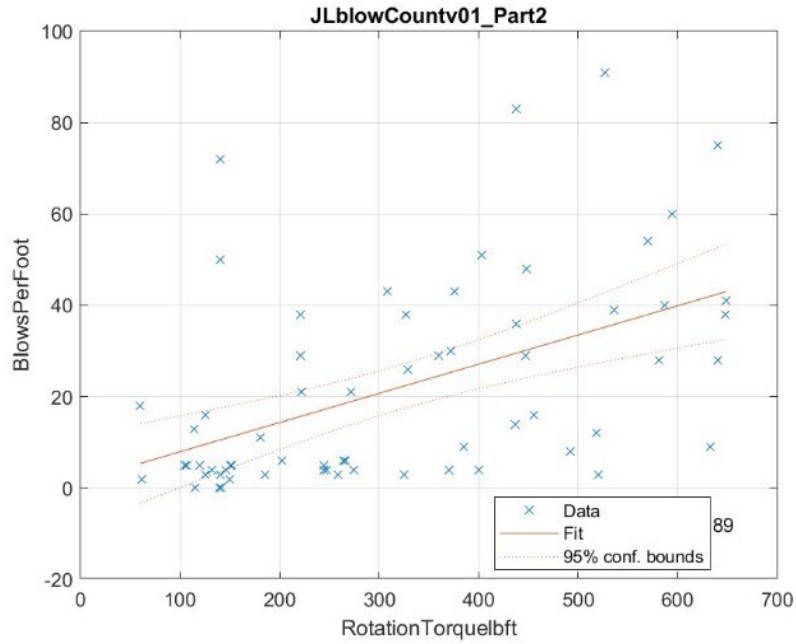
Figure 8 shows results for single parameter *linear* regression correlation for SPT blow counts. Figure 9 shows results for single parameter *exponential* fitting for SPT blow counts.  $R^2$  values are tabulated and listed in Table 9.



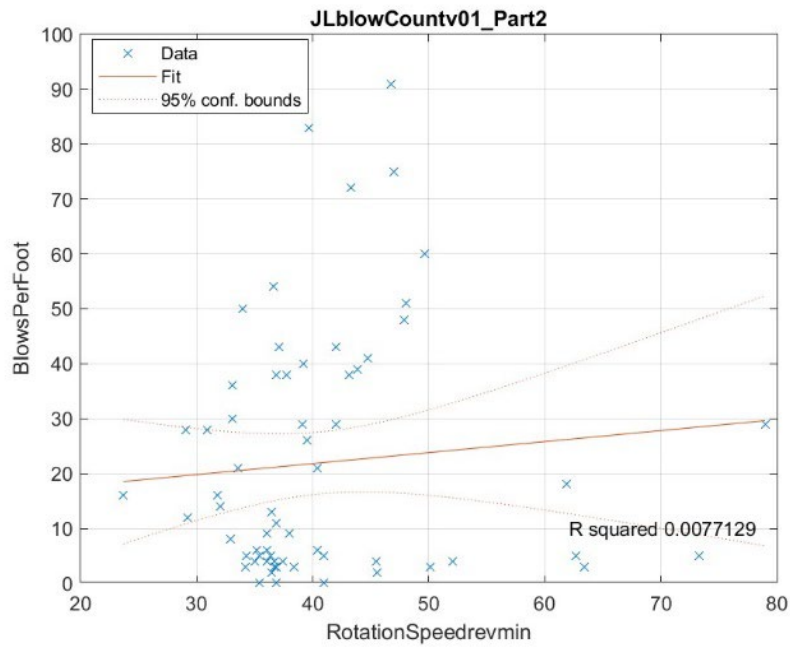
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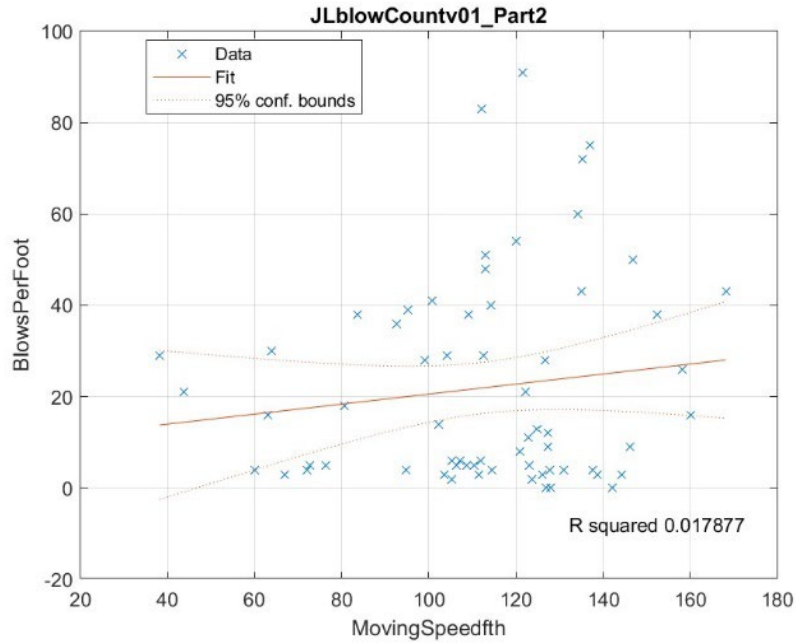
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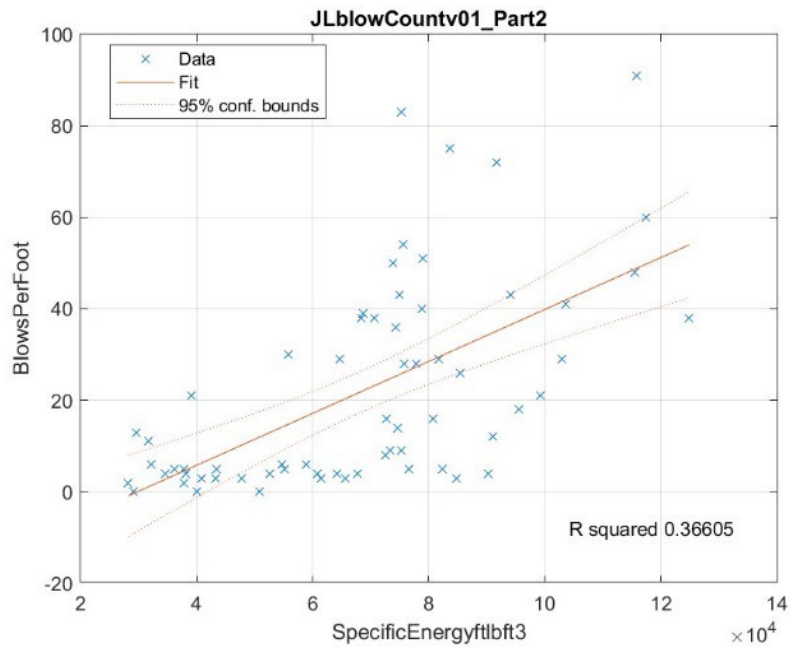
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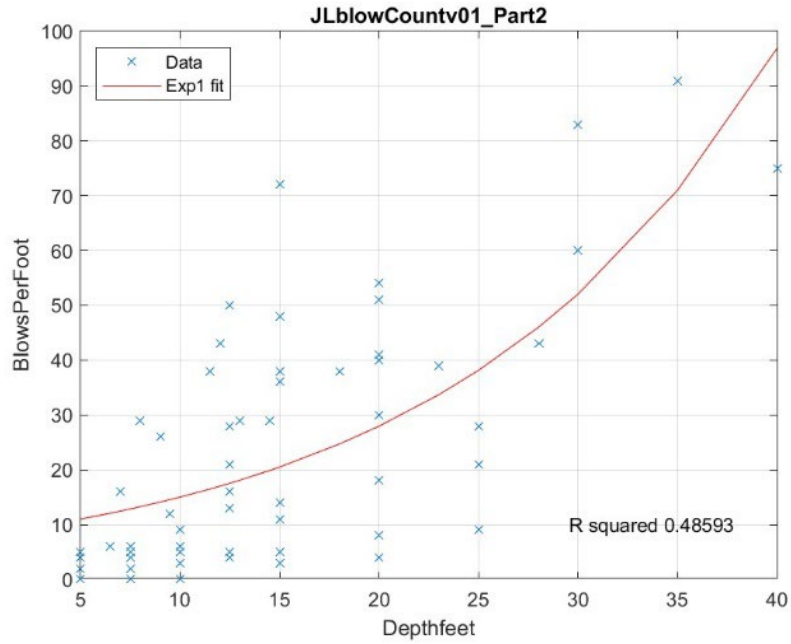


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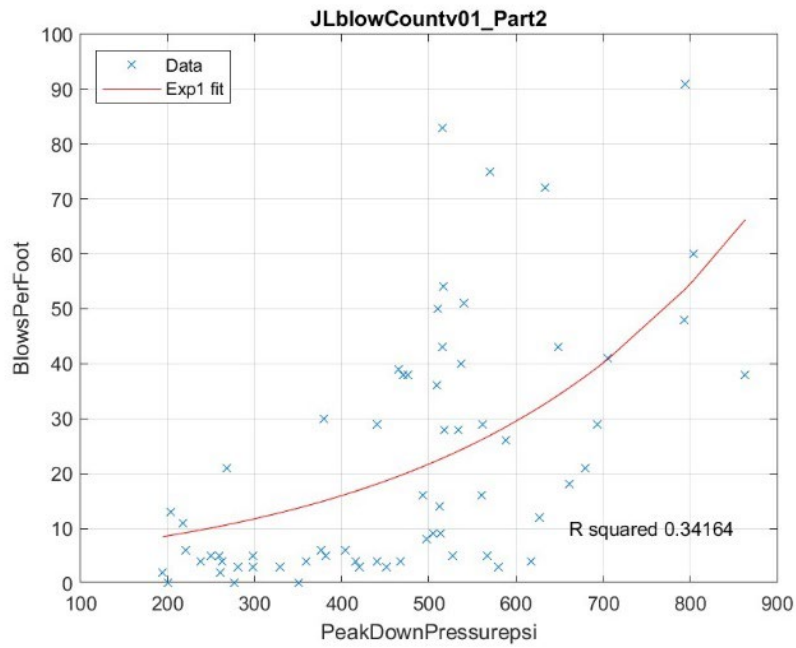


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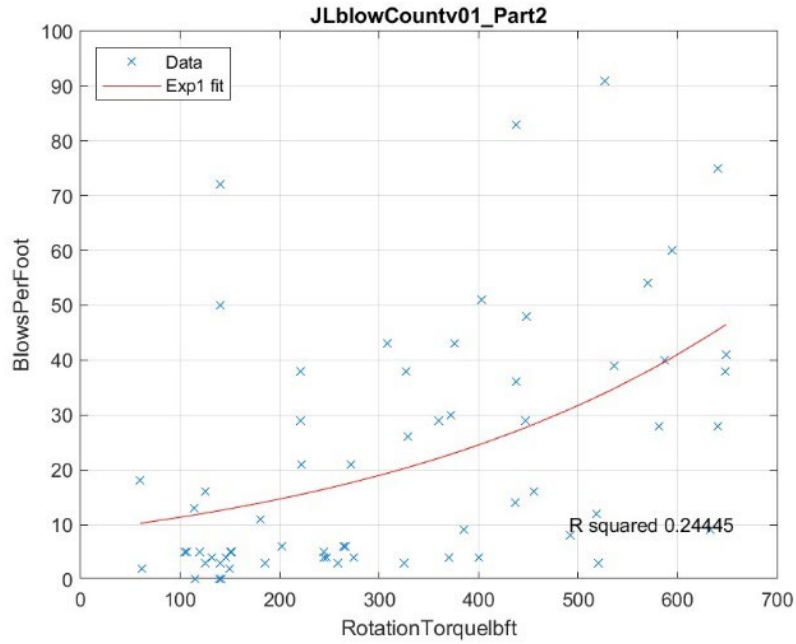
Figure 8. Single parameter linear regression correlation results for SPT blow counts versus (a) depth, (b) down pressure, (c) torque, (d) rotation speed (e) moving speed and (f) specific energy.  $R^2$  values are tabulated in Table 9.



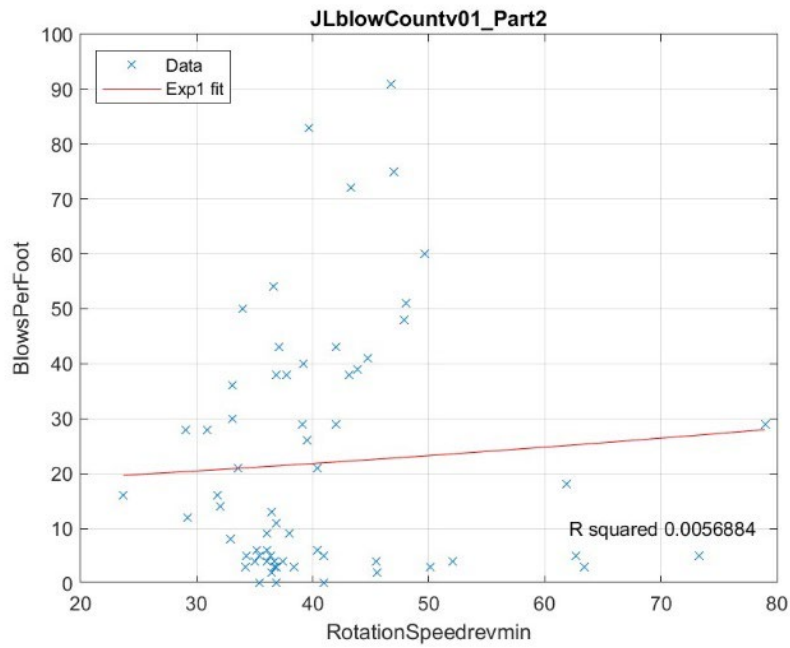
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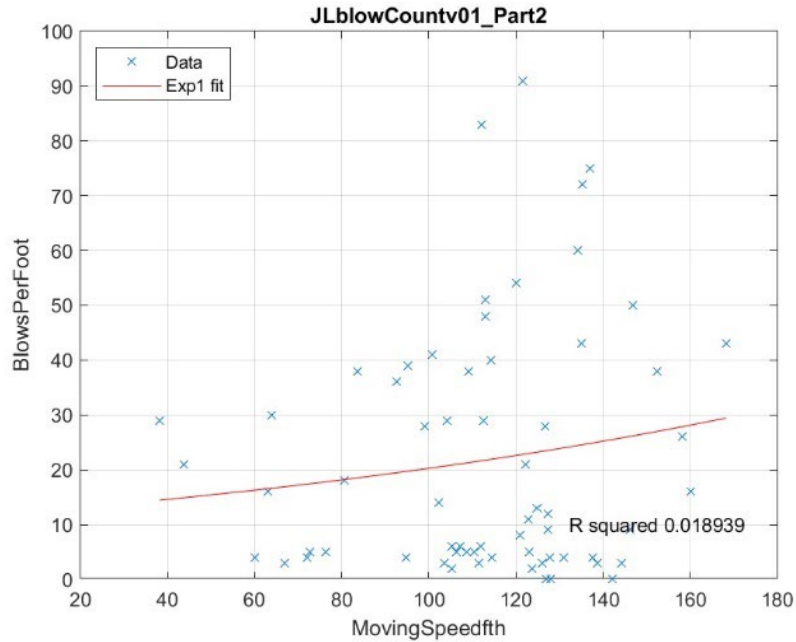


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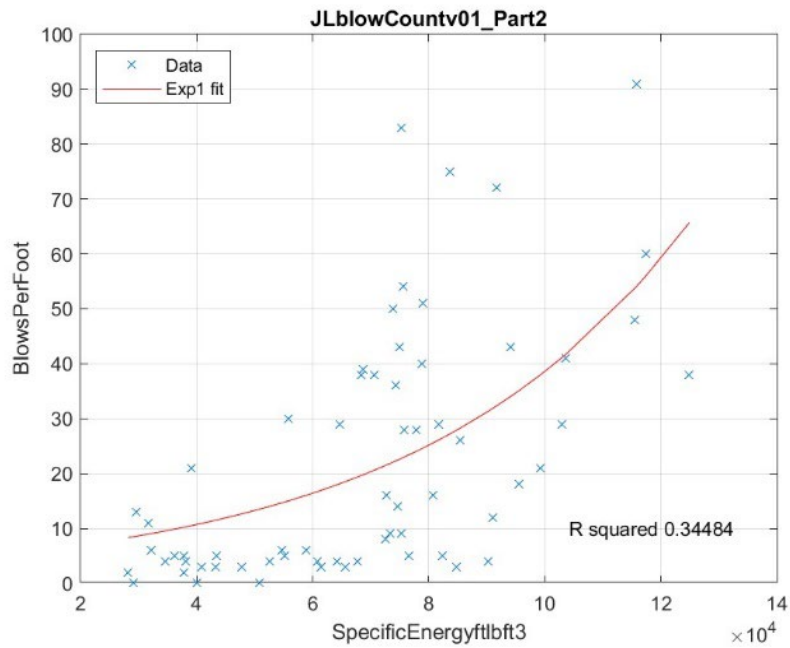


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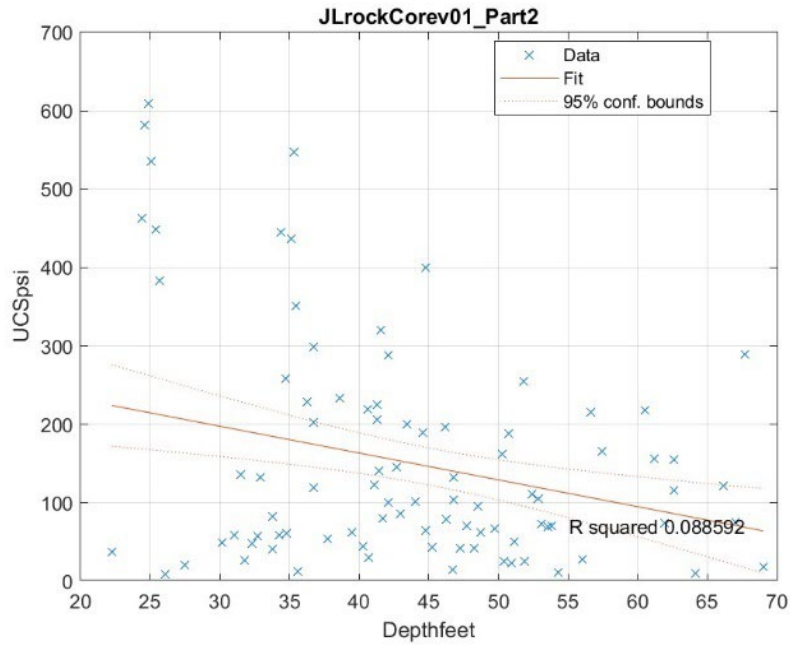
Figure 9. Single parameter exponential regression correlation results for SPT blow counts versus (a) depth, (b) down pressure, (c) torque, (d) rotation speed (e) moving speed and (f) specific energy.  $R^2$  values are tabulated in Table 9.

Table 9. Tabulated  $R^2$  values for single parameter linear and exponential fitting for SPT blow counts.

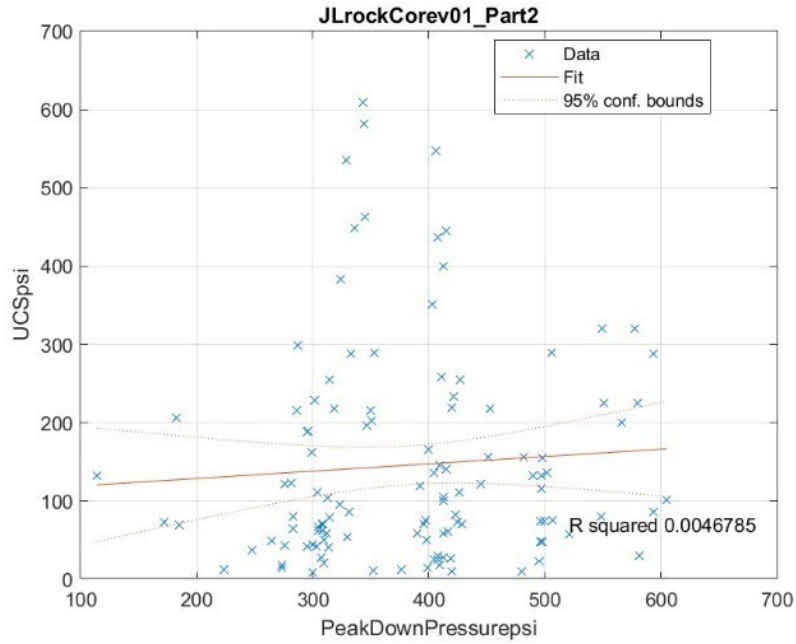
MWD parameter	Linear $R^2$	Exponential $R^2$
Depth	0.51	0.49
Down pressure	0.36	0.34
Rotation torque	0.25	0.24
Rotation speed	0.01	0.01
Moving speed	0.02	0.02
Specific energy	0.37	0.34

8.1.2. UCS Correlations

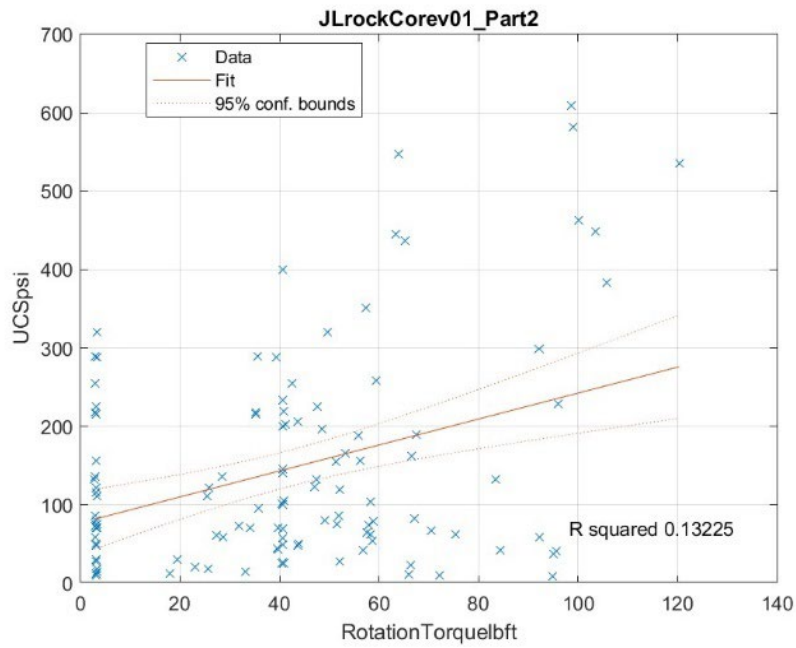
Figure 10 shows results for single parameter *linear* regression correlation for UCS. Figure 11 shows results for single parameter *exponential* fitting for UCS.  $R^2$  values are tabulated and listed in Table 10.



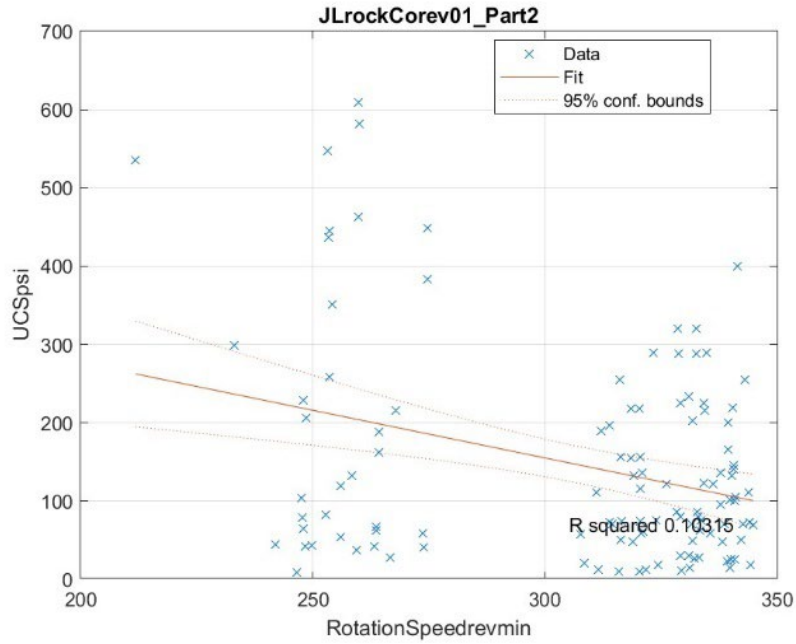
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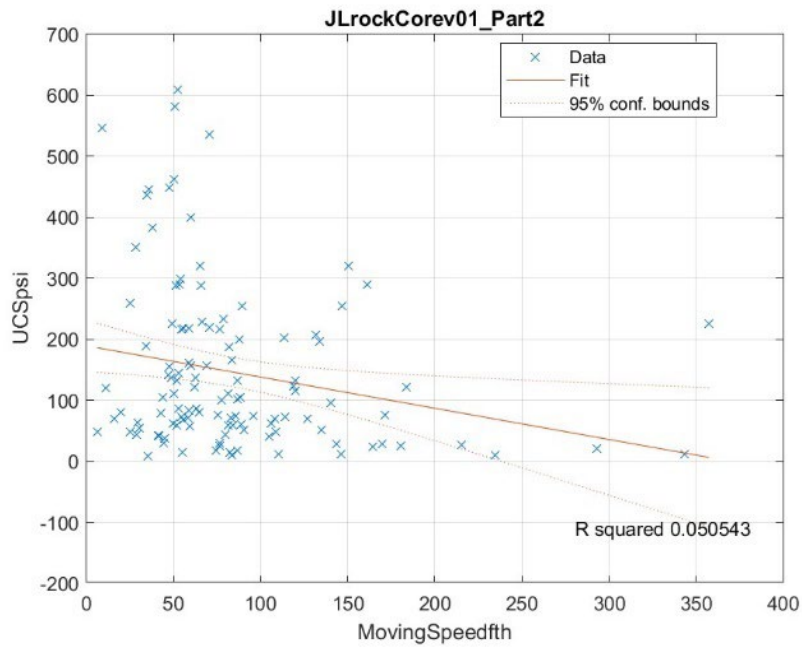
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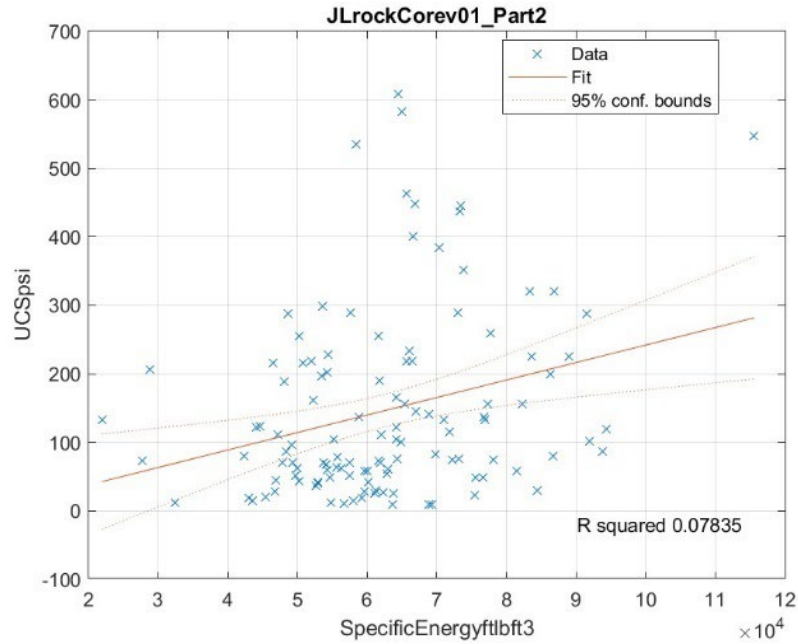
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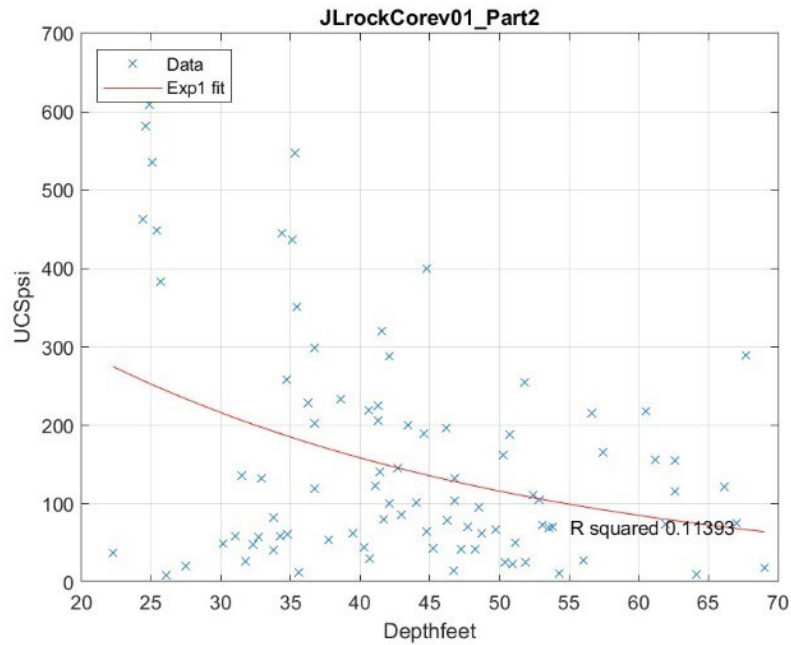


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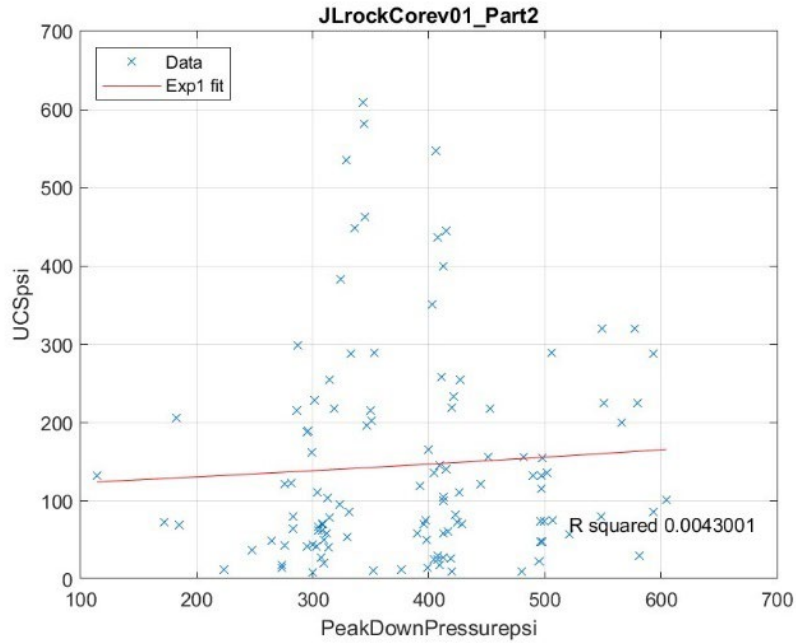


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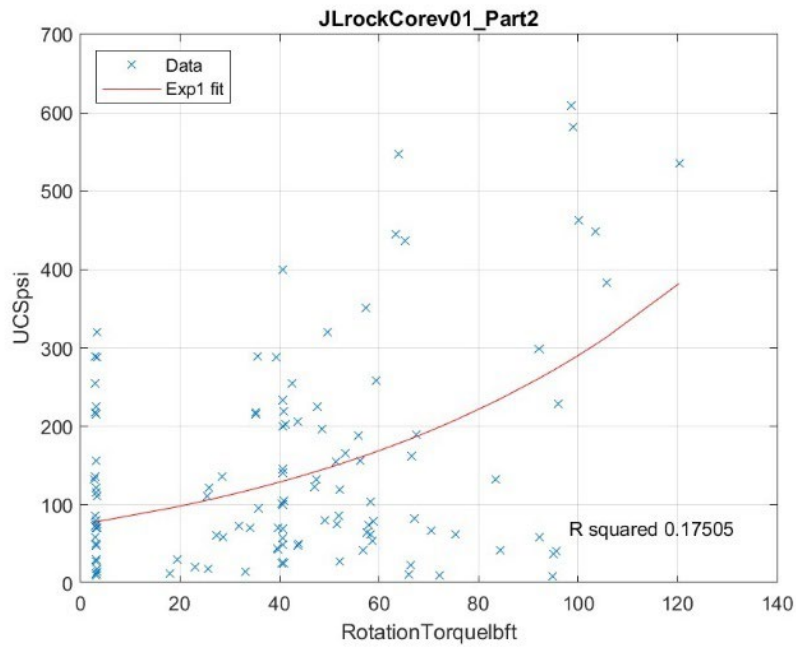
Figure 10. Single parameter linear regression correlation results for UCS versus (a) depth, (b) down pressure, (c) torque, (d) rotation speed (e) moving speed and(f) specific energy.  $R^2$  values are tabulated in Table 10.



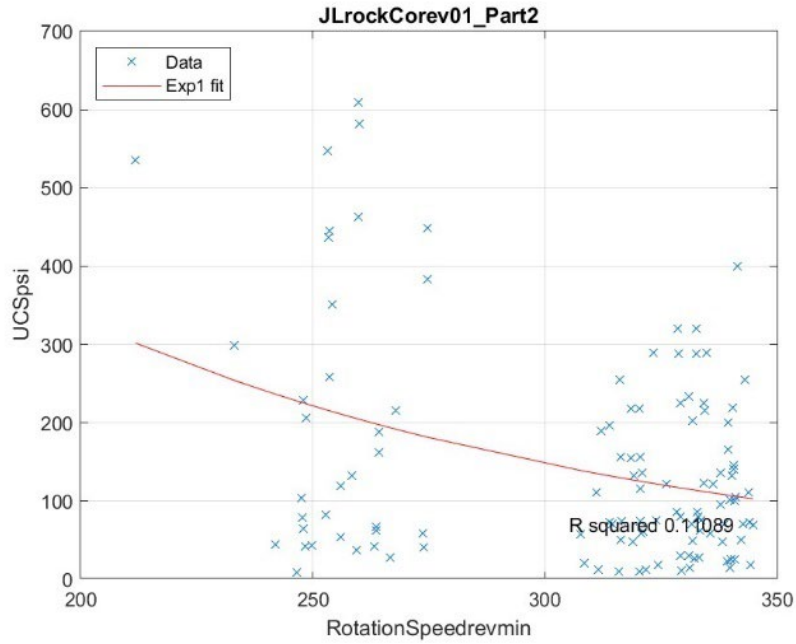
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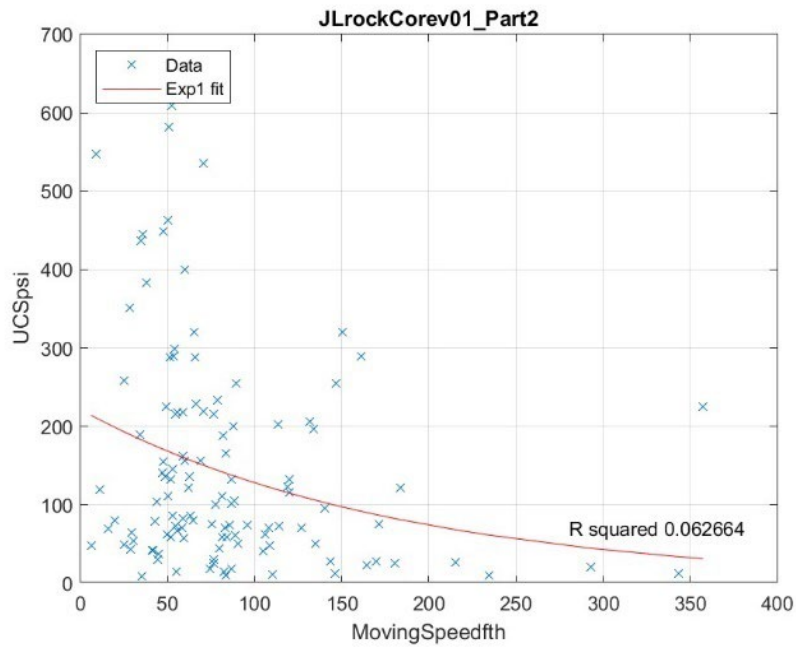
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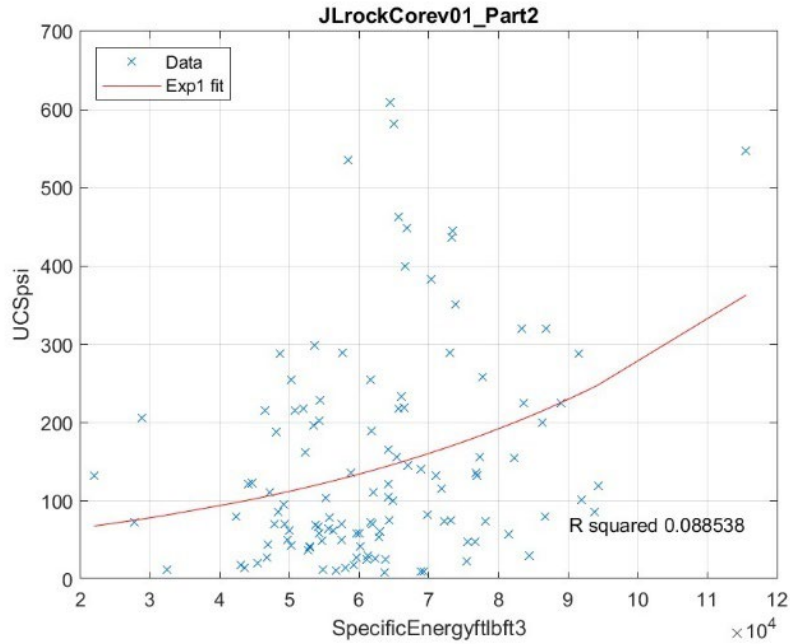
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Figure 11. Single parameter exponential regression correlation results for UCS versus (a) depth, (b) down pressure, (c) torque, (d) rotation speed (e) moving speed and(f) specific energy.  $R^2$  values are tabulated in Table 10.

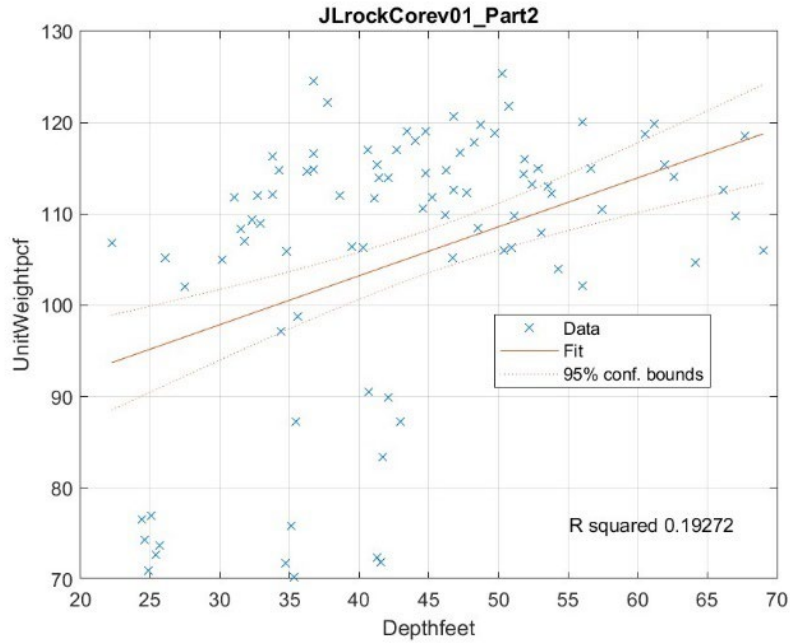
Table 10. Tabulated  $R^2$  values for single parameter linear and exponential fitting for UCS.

MWD parameter	Linear $R^2$	Exponential $R^2$
Depth	0.009	0.11
Down pressure	0.005	0.004
Rotation torque	0.13	0.18
Rotation speed	0.10	0.11
Moving speed	0.05	0.06
Specific energy	0.08	0.09

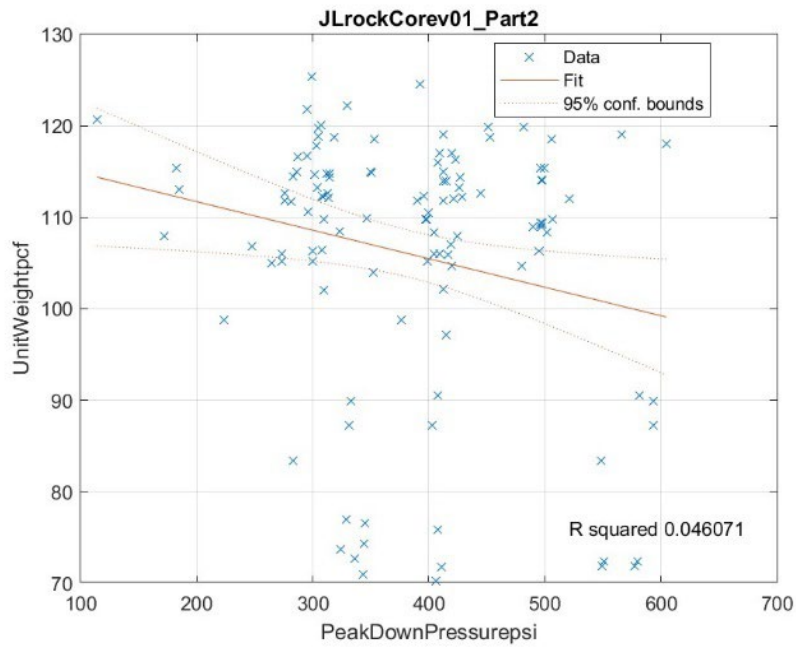
### 8.1.3. Unit Weight Correlations

Figure 12 shows results for single parameter *linear* regression correlation for unit weight. Figure 13 shows results for single parameter *exponential* fitting for unit weight.  $R^2$  values are tabulated and listed in Table 11

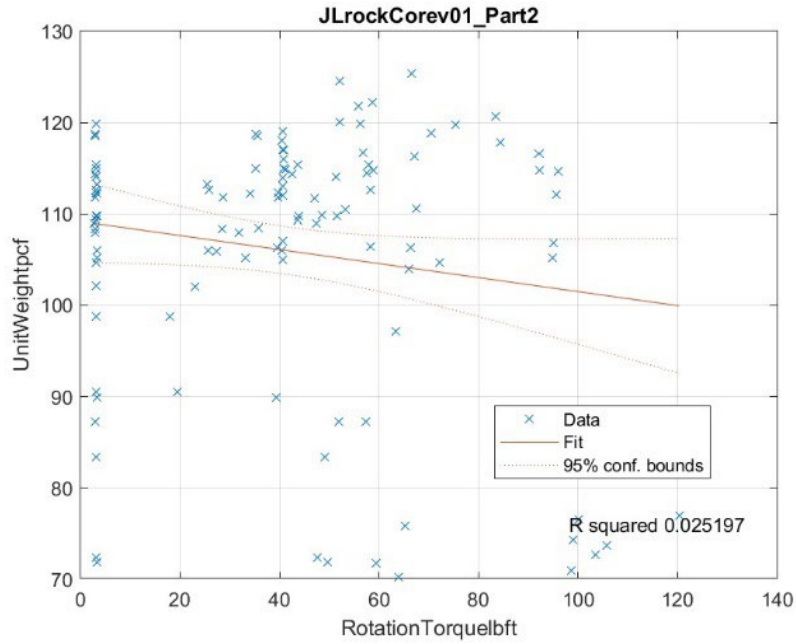




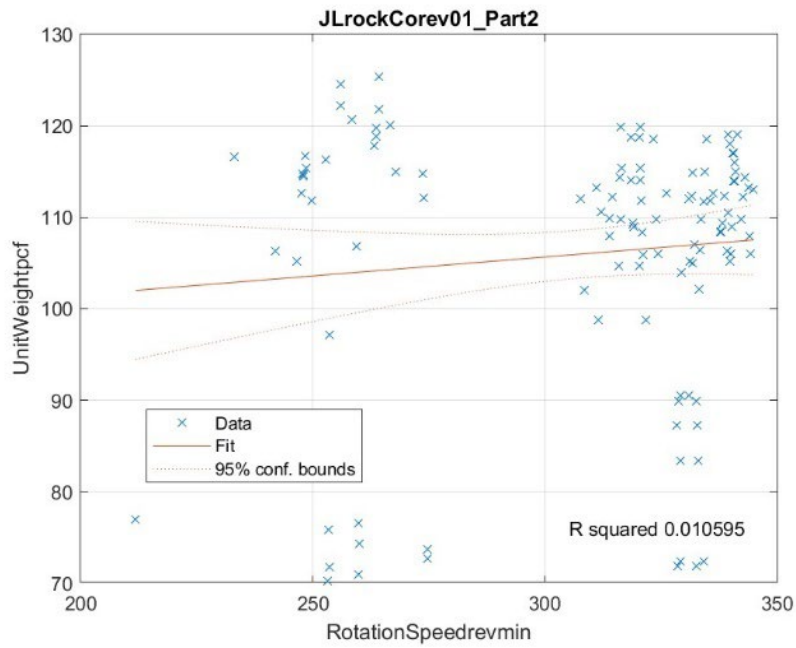
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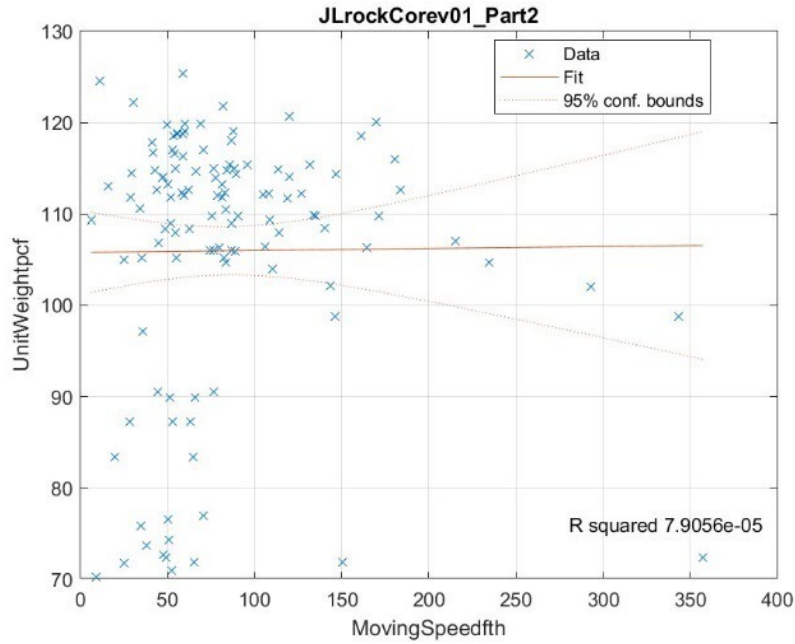
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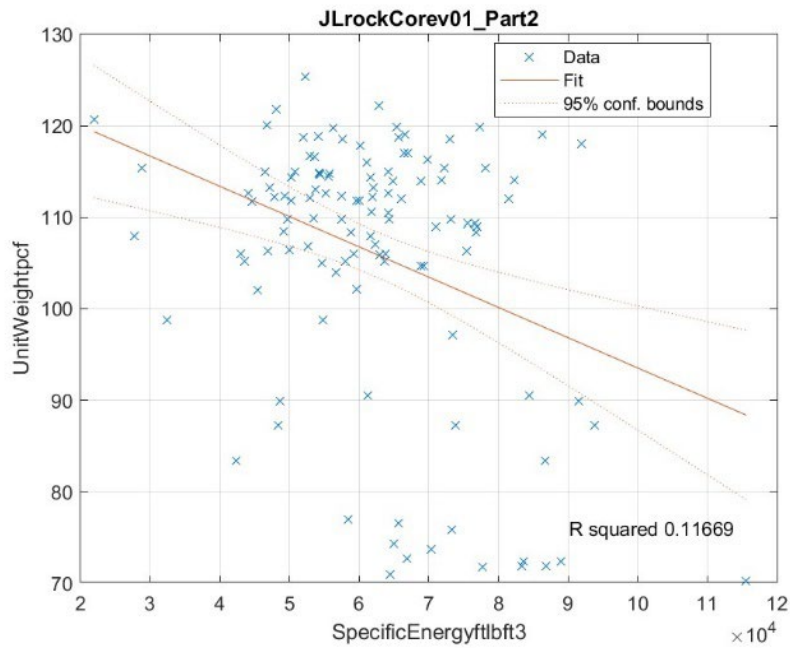
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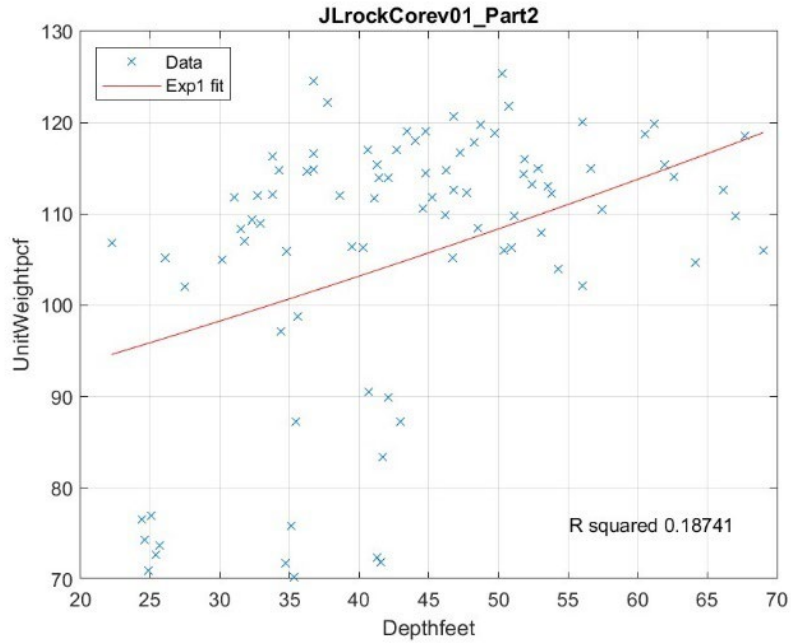


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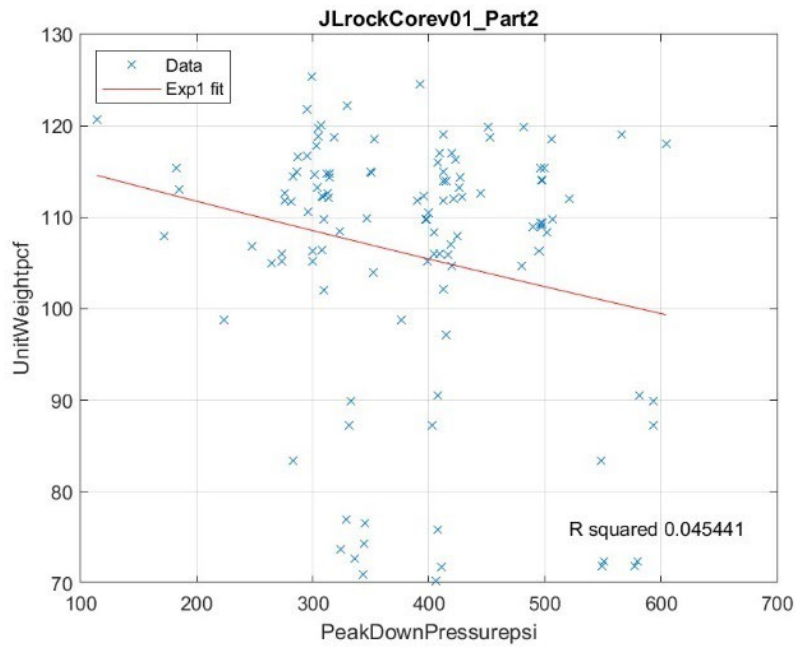


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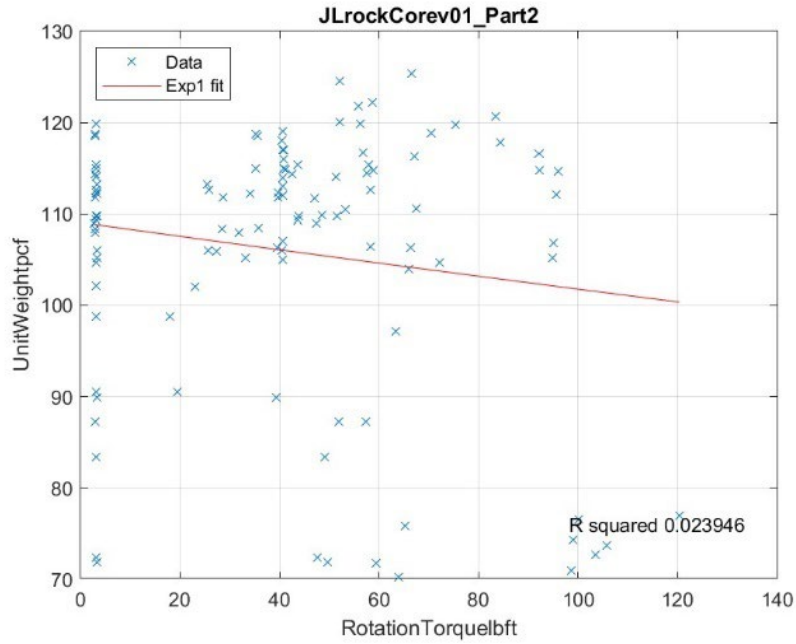
Figure 12. Single parameter linear regression correlation results for unit weight versus (a) depth, (b) down pressure, (c) torque, (d) rotation speed (e) moving speed and (f) specific energy.  $R^2$  values are tabulated in Table 11.



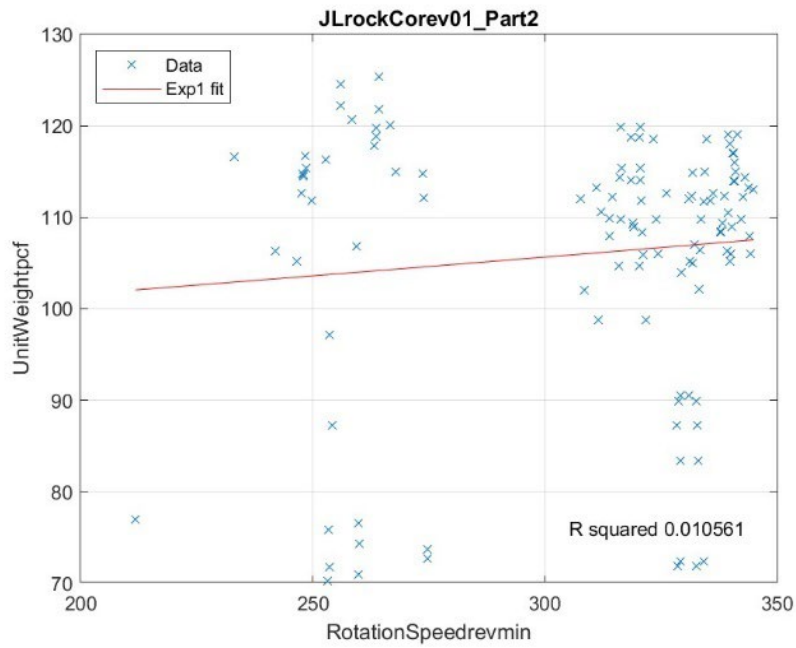
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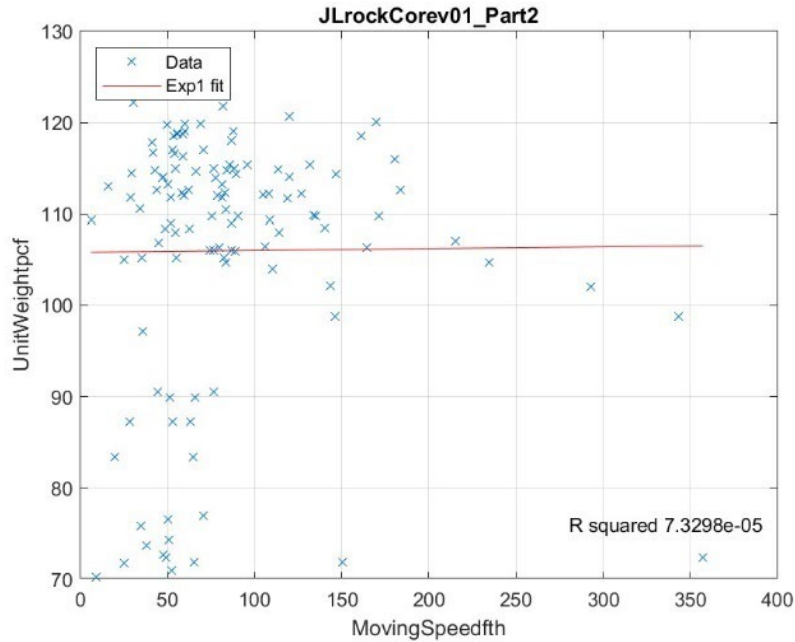
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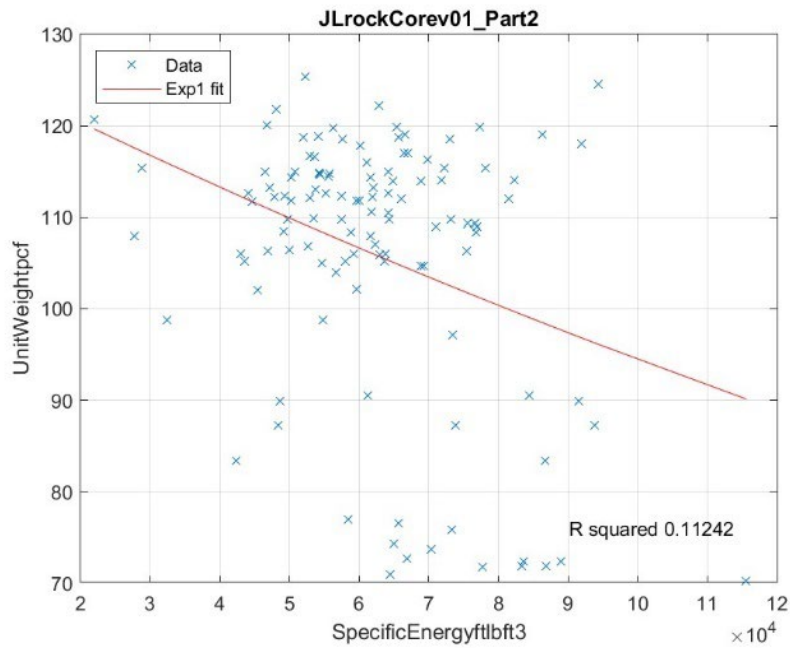
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Figure 13. Single parameter exponential regression correlation results for unit weight versus (a) depth, (b) down pressure, (c) torque, (d) rotation speed (e) moving speed and (f) specific energy.. MWD parameter used is shown on horizontal axis.  $R^2$  values are tabulated in Table 11.

Table 11. Tabulated  $R^2$  values for single parameter linear and exponential fitting for unit weight.

MWD parameter	Linear $R^2$	Exponential $R^2$
Depth	0.19	0.19
Down pressure	0.05	0.05
Rotation torque	0.02	0.02
Rotation speed	0.01	0.01
Moving speed	0.00	0.00
Specific energy	0.17	0.11

## 8.2. Phase 2: Multiple Parameter Linear Regression Modeling

Analysis of correlations using single parameter MWD parameters against SPT blow count, UCS and unit weight yielded correlations with poor predictive power as can be seen by the low Pearson correlation coefficient ( $R^2$ ) values. Trying to understand the poor results, we speculated that working in IGM's categorized as extremely weak rock (35 to 150 psi) and very weak rock (150 to 725 psi) could be a major contributing factor. Another possibility was the fact that MWD data were collected in the same borehole that sampling was done which could have a possible impact on modifying the materials in situ.

To further investigate *linear* correlation of MWD data and rock strength data, we implemented a multiple linear regression (MLR) approach. We used the same set of six MWD parameters as inputs and investigated correlations of these inputs to SPT blow count, UCS and unit weight – an approach similar to single parameter linear regression analysis. However, we explored all of the possible combinations of inputs in the analysis. That is, all possible combinations of six inputs using one input, all possible combinations of six inputs using two inputs, etc., up to the combination using all six inputs which resulted in 63 different combinations to test: 6 combinations using 1 input, 15 combinations using 2 inputs, 20 combinations using 3 inputs, 15 combinations using 4 inputs, 6 combinations using 5 inputs and 1 combination using all 6 inputs).

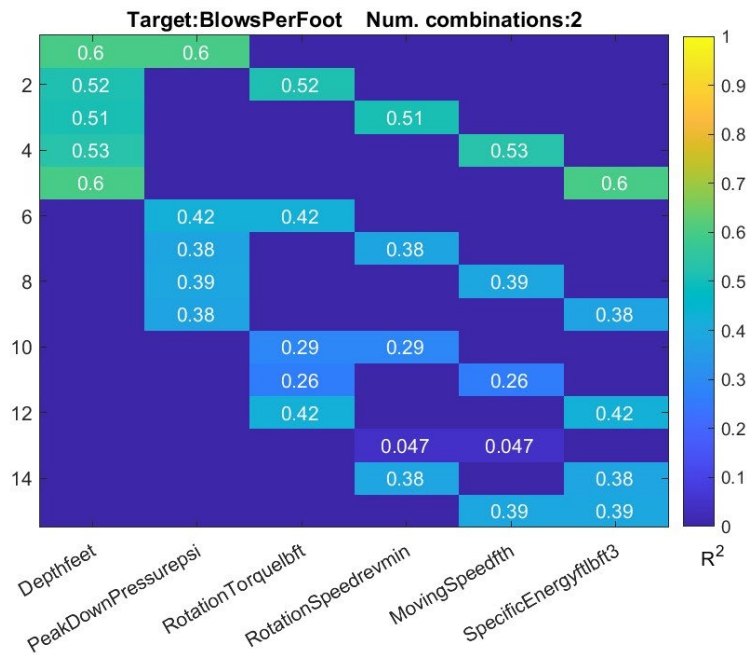
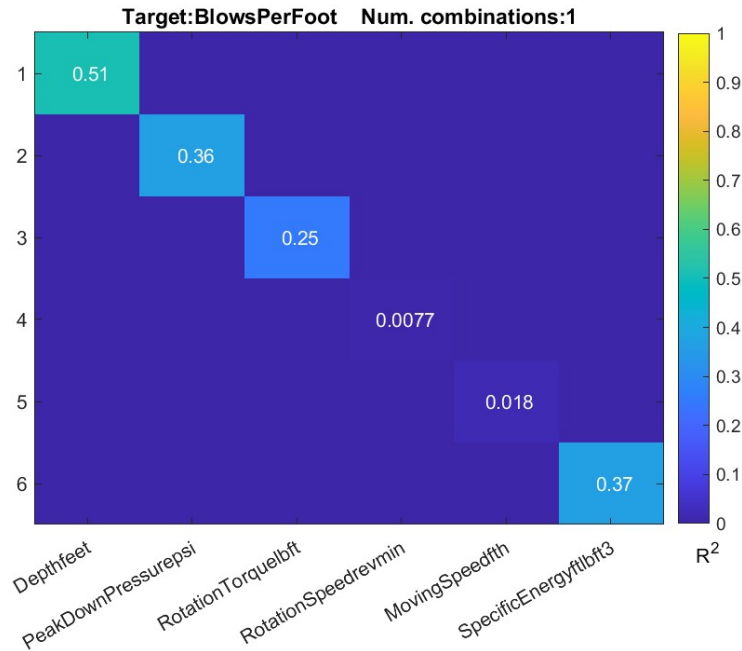
To display our results, we developed a graphical matrix approach. The matrix columns represent each of the possible six MWD inputs. The rows represent the number of possible combinations. The  $R^2$  correlation coefficient for each correlation is displayed in each cell of the horizontal row for a particular combination. In addition to displaying the numerical  $R^2$  value, the cells are color-coded on a scale of 0 to 1 with blue representing low  $R^2$  values and yellow representing high  $R^2$  values. Color-coding makes quick comparisons of various combinations easy for either a specific number of combinations or across various numbers of correlations.

### 8.2.1. SPT Blow Count MLR Correlations

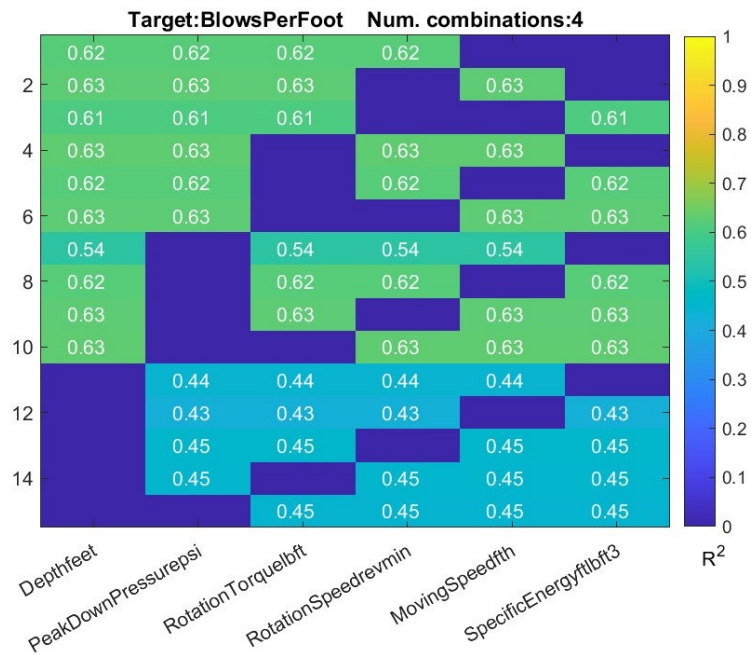
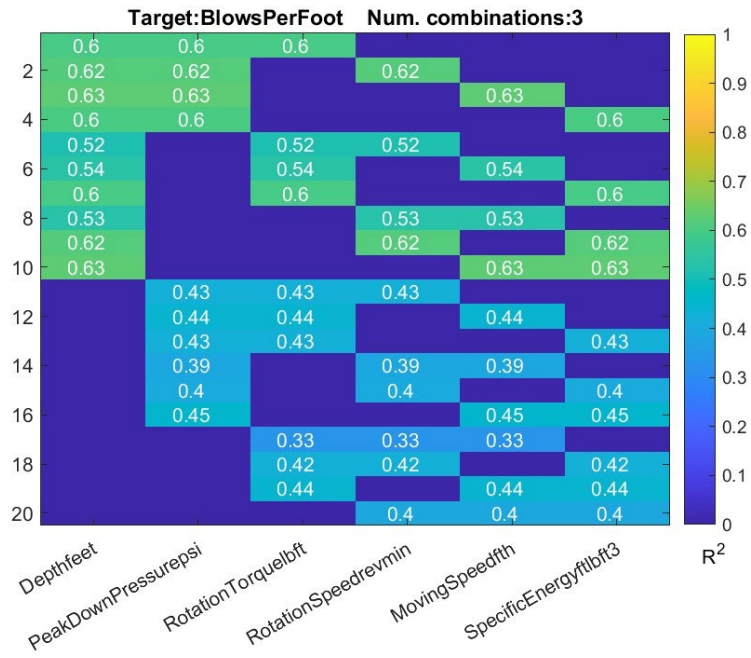
Figure 14 shows six matrix plots representing MLR correlation results for SPT blow counts. The first plot shows  $R^2$  values for one combination of MWD inputs, the second plot shows  $R^2$  results

for all possible combinations of two inputs, and so on to the sixth plot which shows only one possible combination of the six MWD inputs.

A text summary of MLR results for SPT blow count prediction is also shown in Appendix A.







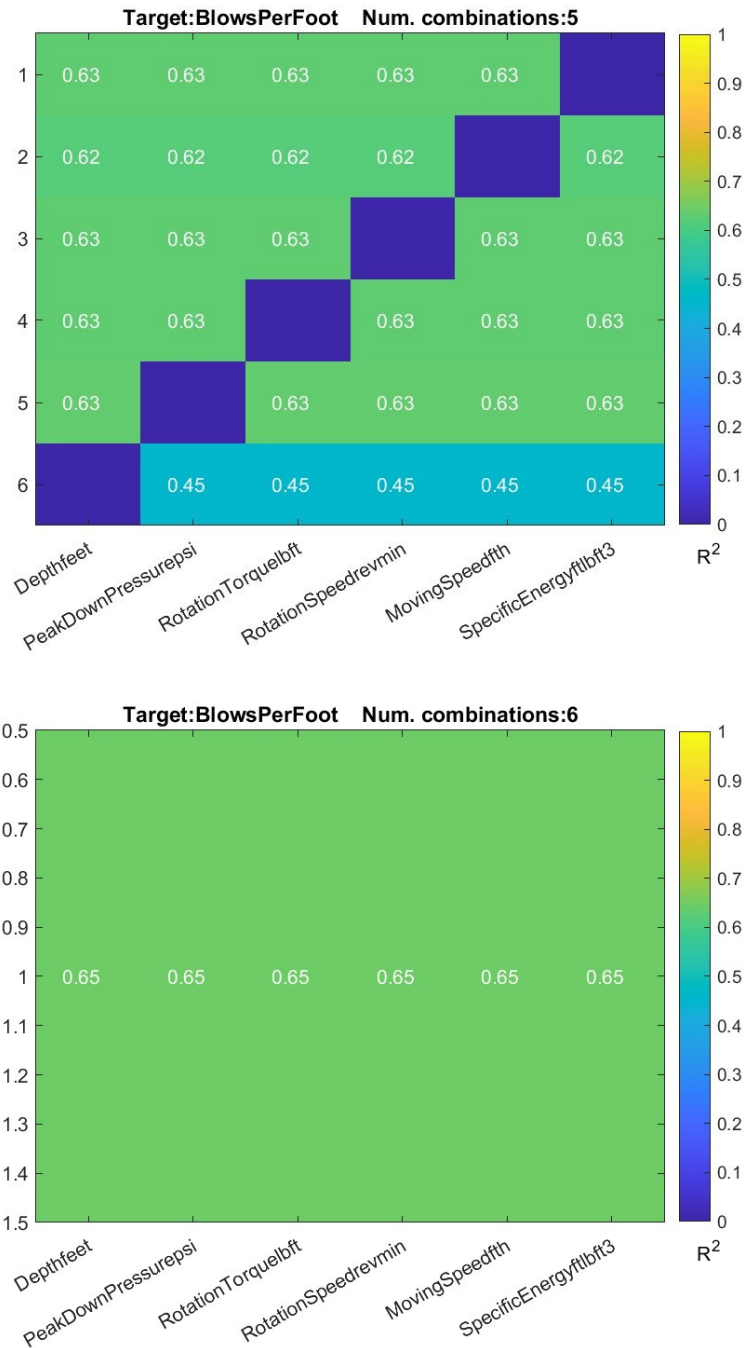
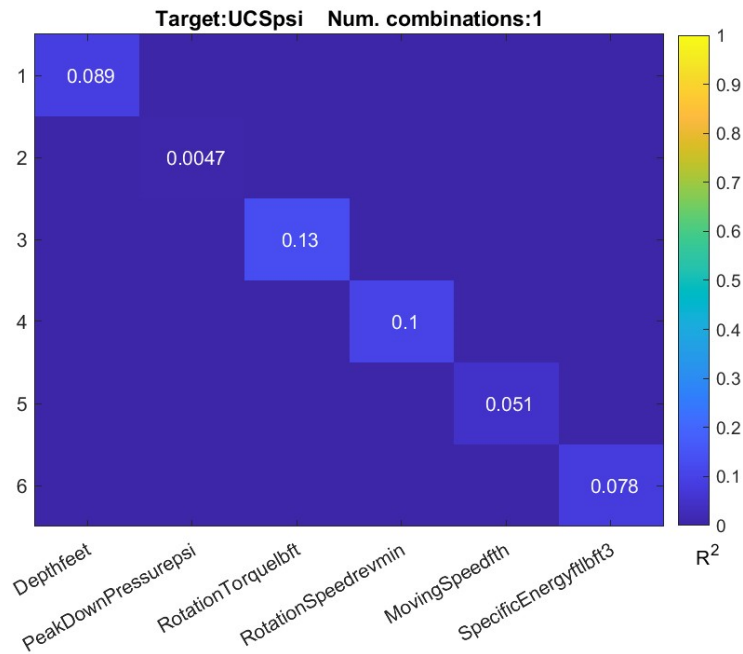


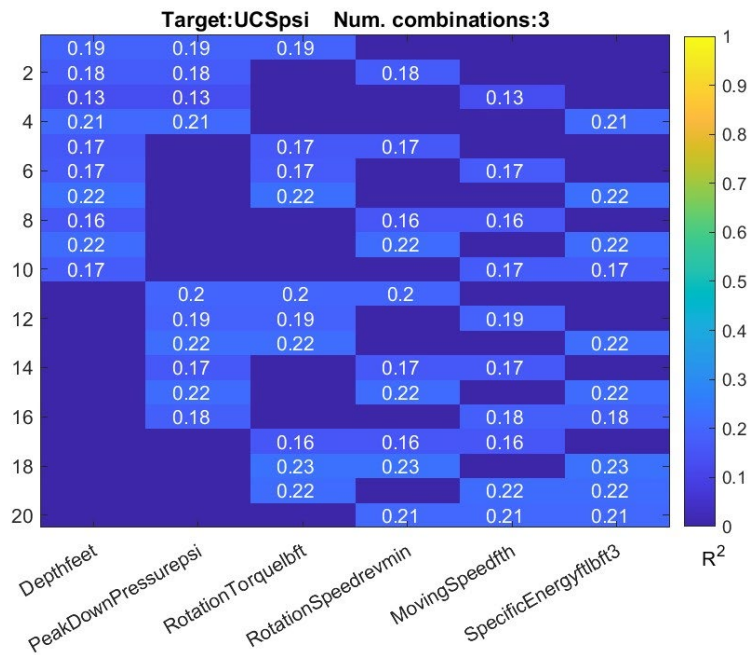
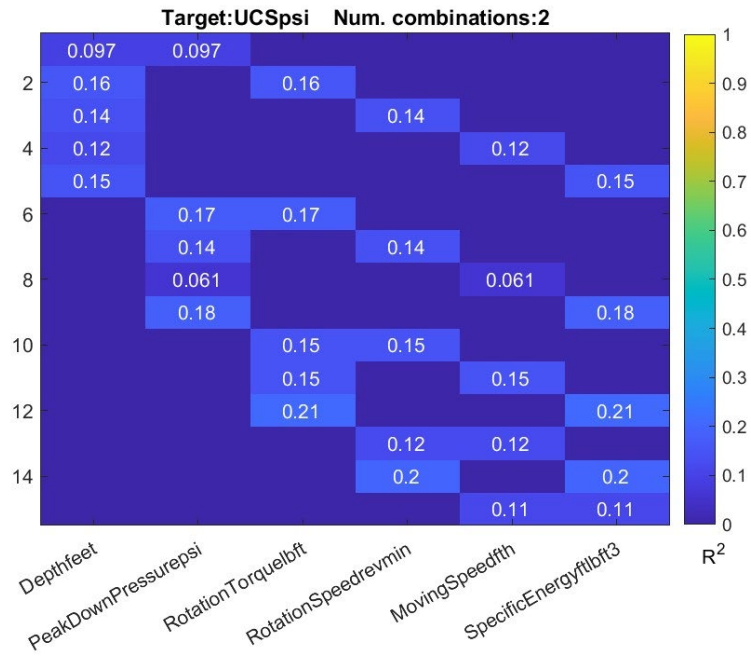
Figure 14. Six matrix plots showing MLR results for the target SPT blow counts. Matrix columns represent the six MWD inputs. Rows show MLR  $R^2$  values in cells representing which of the six MWD inputs were used for the correlation.  $R^2$  values are color-coded from blue to yellow for easy comparison in a single plot or across plots.

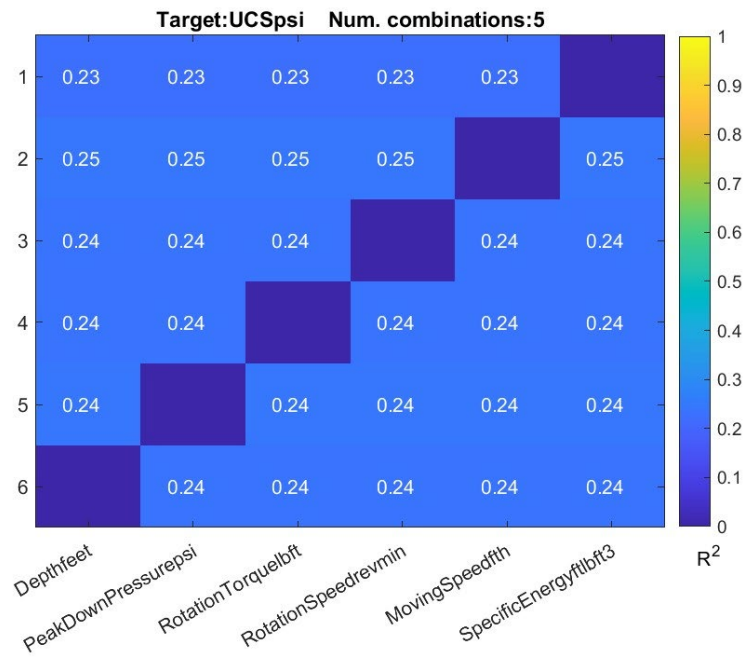
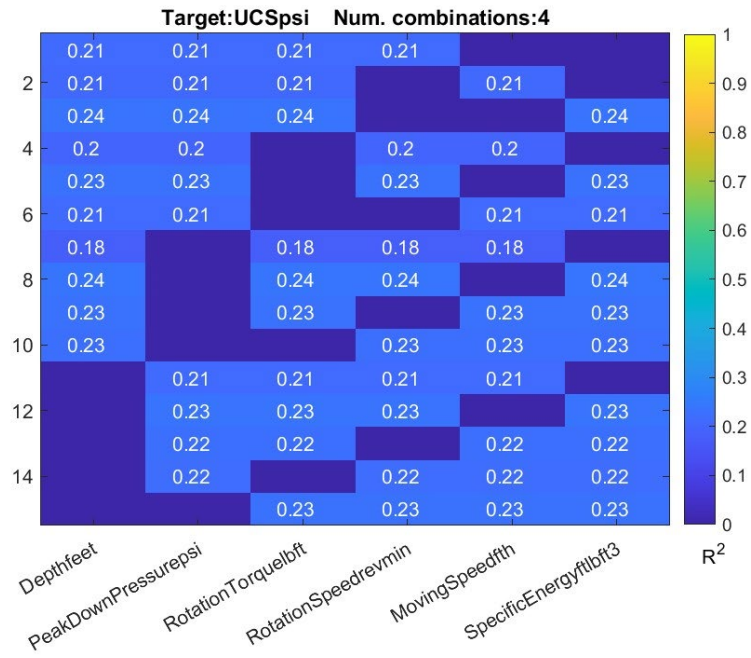
### 8.2.2. UCS MLR Correlations

Figure 15 shows the six matrix plots representing MLR correlation results for predicting UCS. Similar to SPT blow count results, the first plot shows  $R^2$  values for one combination of MWD inputs, the second plot shows  $R^2$  results for all possible combinations of two inputs, and so on to the sixth plot which shows only one possible combination of the six MWD inputs.

A text summary of MLR results for UCS prediction is shown in Appendix B.







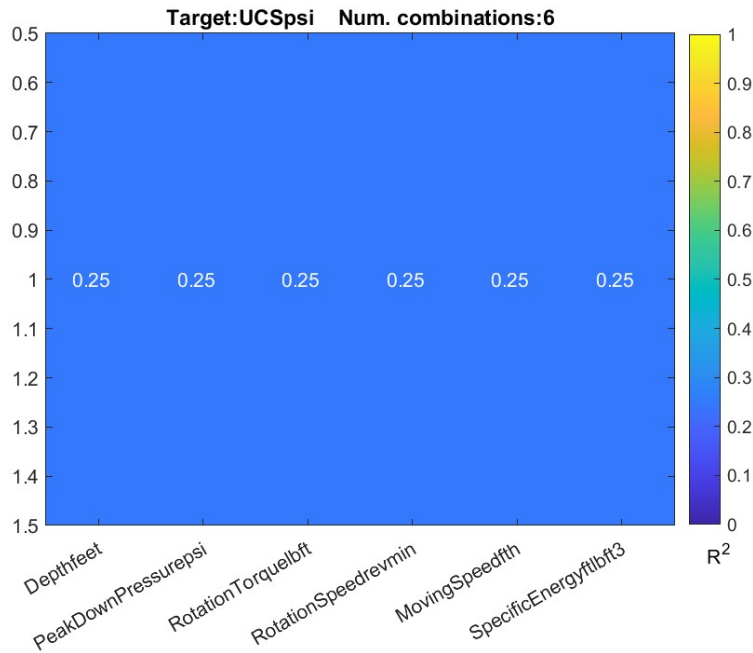
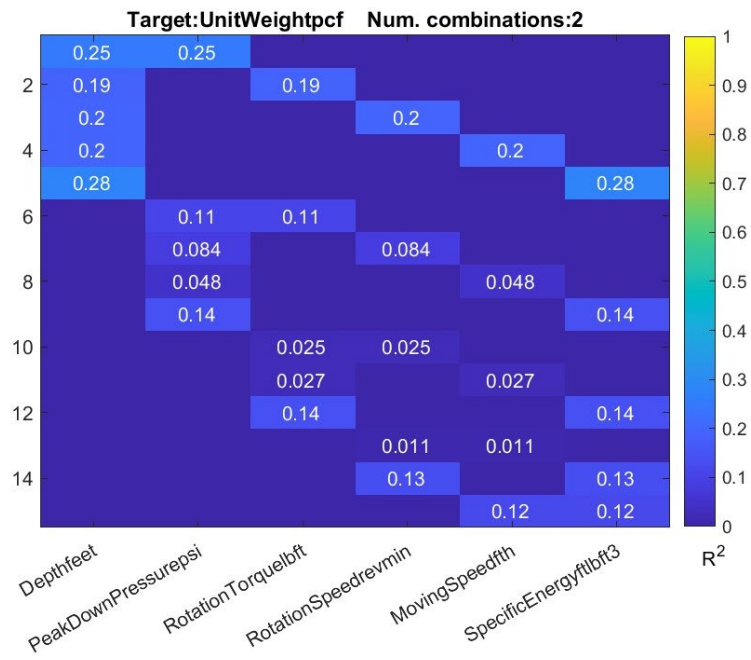
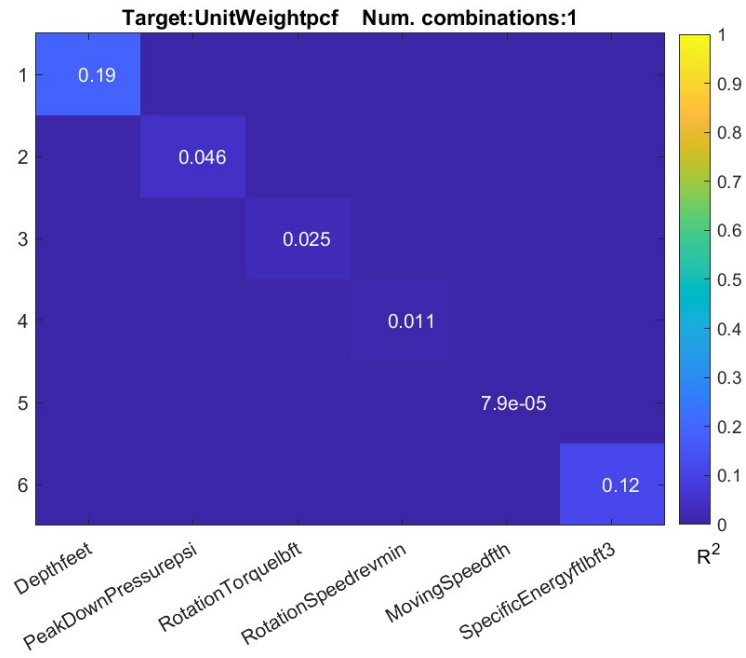


Figure 15. Six matrix plots showing MLR results for the target UCS. Matrix columns represent the six MWD inputs. Rows show MLR  $R^2$  values in cells representing which of the six MWD inputs were used for the correlation.  $R^2$  values are color-coded from blue to yellow for easy comparison in a single plot or across plots.

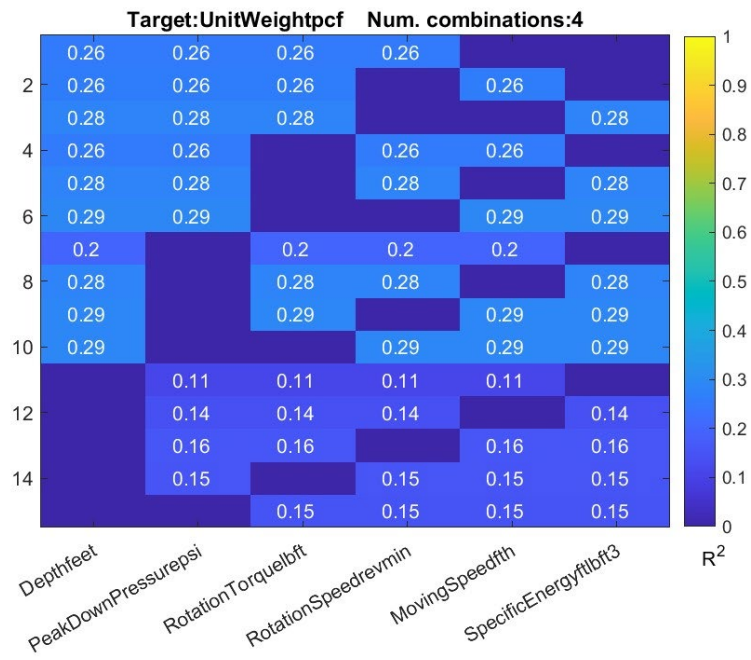
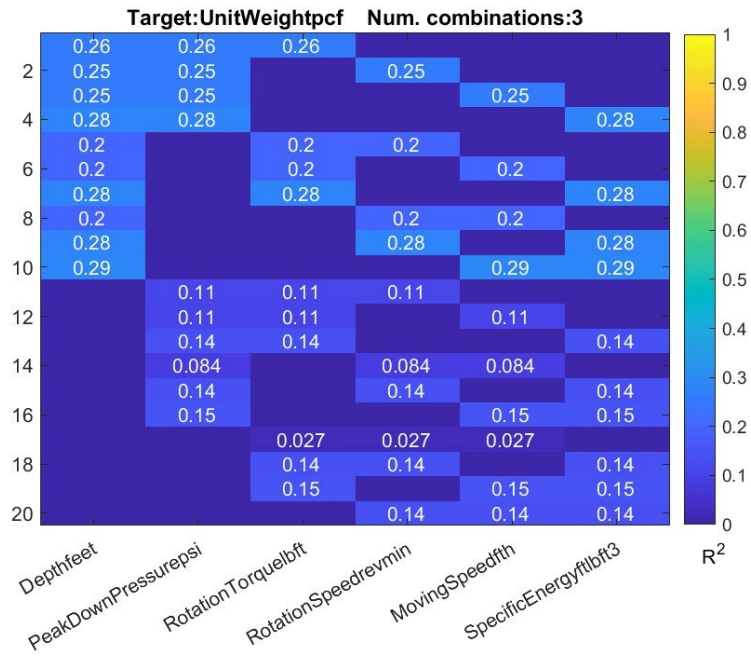
### 8.2.3. Unit Weight MLR Correlations

Figure 16 shows the six matrix plots representing MLR correlation results for predicting unit weight. The first plot shows  $R^2$  values for one combination of MWD inputs, the second plot shows  $R^2$  results for all possible combinations of two inputs, and so on to the sixth plot which shows only one possible combination of the six MWD inputs.

A text summary of MLR results for unit weight prediction is shown in Appendix C.









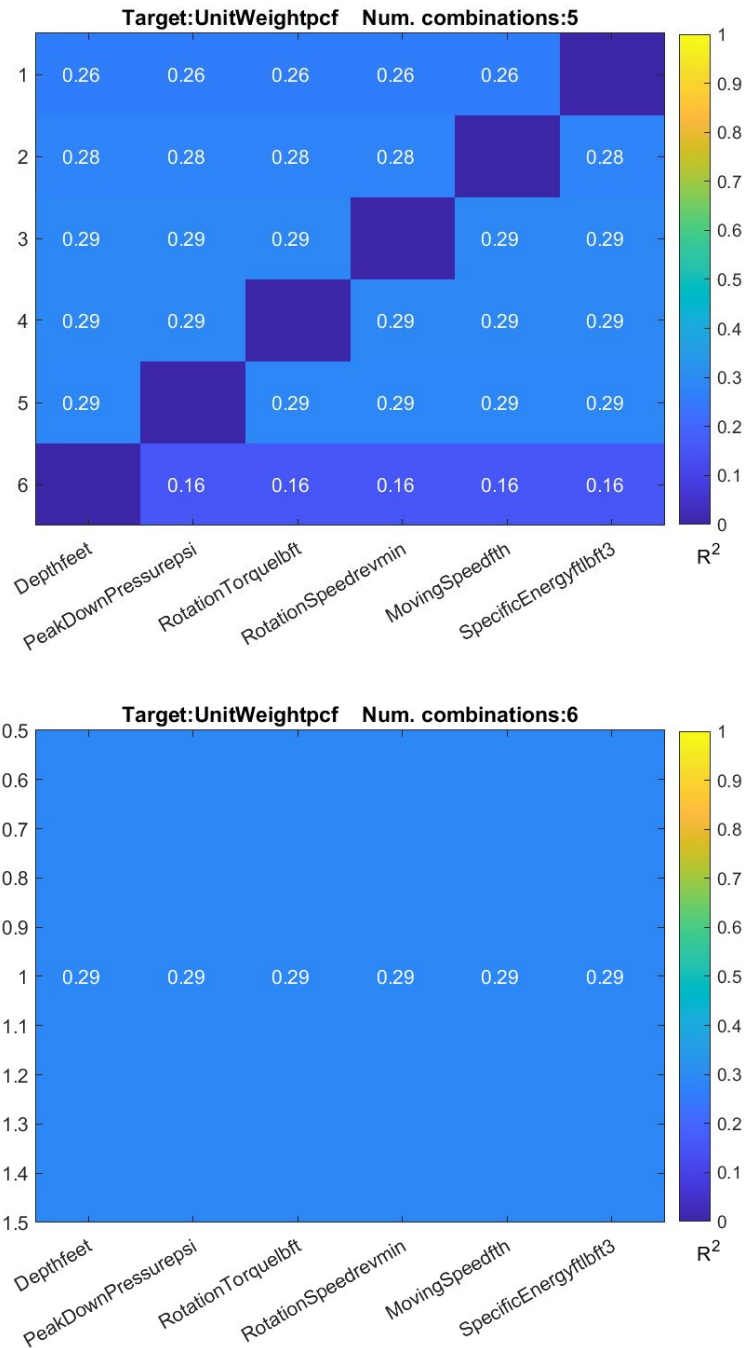


Figure 16. Six matrix plots showing MLR results for the target unit weight. Matrix columns represent the six MWD inputs. Rows show MLR  $R^2$  values in cells representing which of the six MWD inputs were used for the correlation.  $R^2$  values are color-coded from blue to yellow for easy comparison in a single plot or across plots.

### 8.3. Phase 3: Multiple Parameter Non-Linear Regression Modeling

Considering the overall weak predictive power of linear regression modeling as evidenced in the preceding sections, we next implemented a non-linear, neural network (NN) modeling approach. Literature is rich with many references for details of NN modeling. An especially useful reference is Hagan et al. (2014). Neural network modeling was implemented using Matlab<sup>®</sup> software and toolboxes (<https://www.mathworks.com/>). The Matlab<sup>®</sup> scripting environment allowed easy implementation of loops over the number of neurons used in the hidden layer and the number of trials to use for each hidden layer architecture. For our work, we modeled the hidden layer with [2 3 5 7 9 10 11 15 20 25 30] neurons and 100 trials for each hidden layer neuron number. In addition to varying the number of neurons in the hidden layer we used the same set of 63 possible combinations of inputs for each hidden layer setting. This resulted in 693 different NN model architectures to test with 100 iterations for each architecture.

Neural network modeling is a stochastic method. Each individual model is initiated with random initial weights and biases comprising the network (these are adjusted in training to decrease error in an iterative process). In addition, the input data set is divided into training (70%), validation (15%) and testing subsets (15%) which are randomly chosen for each trial. The network is trained using data from the training subset. The validation subset is used to dynamically monitor if error increases instead of decreasing and the independent testing subset is applied after training to test the generalization capability of the trained network. Figure 17 is a schematic illustrating the fitting network architecture we used showing inputs, hidden layer and output layer. Our modeling varied the number of inputs and the number of hidden layer neurons.

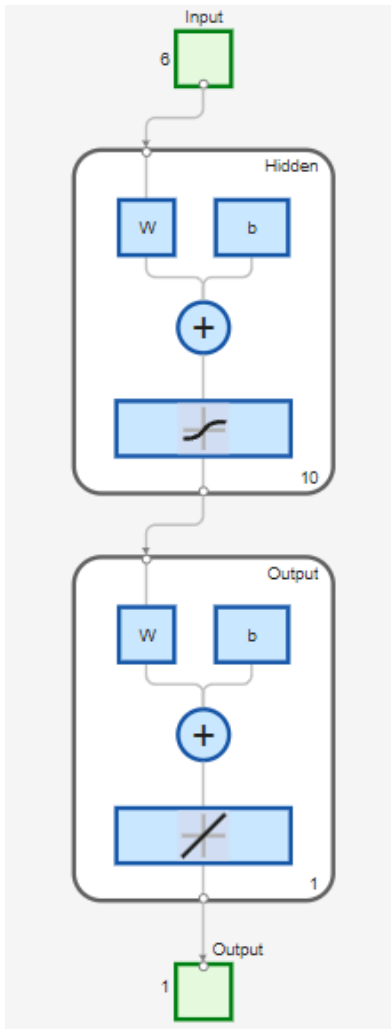


Figure 17. Feedforward fitting neural network schematic used for our analysis. Schematic shows 6 inputs (our inputs vary from 1 to 6), one hidden layer using a *tansig* transfer function with 10 neurons (our number of neurons varies from 2 to 30) with weights  $w$  and biases  $b$  and 1 output neuron with a *purelin* transfer function and one weight and bias. The output neuron produces a value for either SPT blow count, UCS or unit weight depending on which target set was used.

NN modeling used the same sets of input and target data used for linear correlation analysis: SPT blow count data ( $n = 64$ ) and UCS and unit weight data ( $n = 117$ ). To show NN modeling results, we generated plots of model predictions vs. targets and calculated the coefficient of determination  $R^2$  to quantify goodness of fit.  $R^2$  values are calculated for the training, validation and testing subsets as well as for the entire data set (all). Two sets of plots were produced: plots showing the *mean*  $R^2$  values for 100 trials for each hidden layer number of neurons and a plot showing the *best*  $R^2$  value out of the 100 trials for each hidden layer number of neurons.

The NN modelling results are presented in Appendices D, E and F. Each appendix contains two

sets of results (D-1, D-2, E-1, E-2, F-1, F-2). The first appendix subset (e.g. D-1) shows plots for the approximately six best models displaying mean  $R^2$  values and best  $R^2$  values for the 100 trials for each NN architecture (i.e. number of neurons in the hidden layer). The particular inputs that resulted in the best models are shown on the plots by number: 1 – Depthfeet, 2 – PeakDownPressurepsi, 3 - RotationTorquelbft, 4 – RotationSpeedrevmin, 5 – MovingSpeedfth, 6 - SpecificEnergyftlbft3.

The best model results shown came from 63 scenarios. The number of scenarios results from the total possible number of input combinations: 6 combinations using 1 input, 15 combinations using 2 inputs, 20 combinations using 3 inputs, 15 combinations using 4 inputs, 6 combinations using 5 inputs and 1 combination using all 6 inputs. On each plot, the horizontal axis shows the number of neurons used in the hidden layer for each scenario. Mean  $R^2$  and best  $R^2$  are displayed using four colors: blue for training, green for validation, red for testing and black for all. These plots are useful for quick comparisons of performance of the various NN scenarios.

In addition to the plots, a second appendix subset (e.g. D-2) contains a text listing of mean  $R^2$  and best  $R^2$  values for each of the best models plotted in the first appendix subset.

The complete text list for all models along with plots has been archived. Furthermore, each of the NN model architectures for best  $R^2$  results is also saved to the same folder. This allows the user, after NN training, to review the performance results and choose the saved NN that has the best  $R^2$  performance for a specified number of neurons in the hidden layer from the best combination of the six inputs. This represents the application phase of NN modelling. At this point, the user chooses the desired trained NN model and presents new MWD data resulting in a prediction of either SPT blow counts, UCS or unit weight. The application phase is analogous to having a regression equation and providing a new independent variable to produce the new dependent variable (i.e., present a new ‘x’ to the regression equation to get a new ‘y’).

#### 8.3.1. NN SPT Blow Count Prediction

Prior to beginning NN modelling, we used an F-test to compare the importance of the contribution of each of the six input variables to predicting the desired target. We implemented the F-test using the built-in F-test function in Matlab®.

Figure 18 is a bar plot showing the relative importance of each of the six inputs to predicting SPT blow counts. The F-test calculations are based on comparison of variances of two parameters.

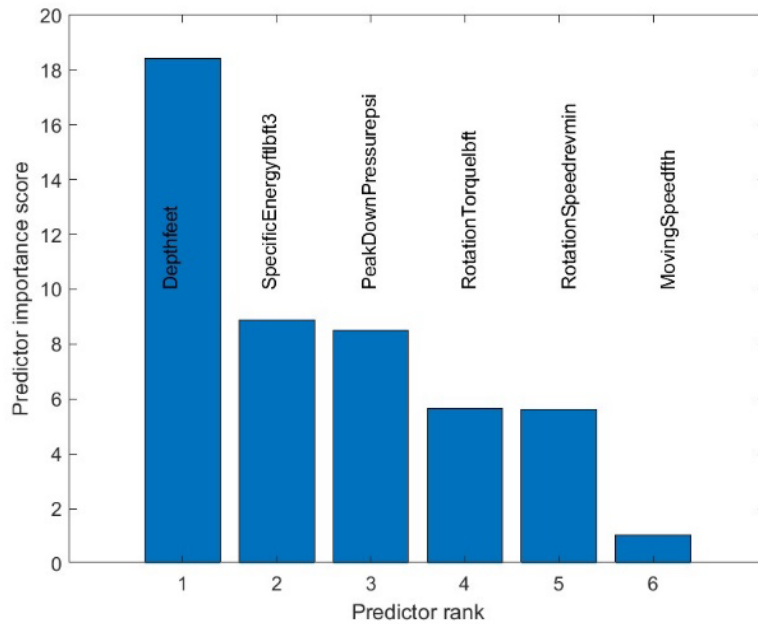


Figure 18. Bar plot showing the relative importance of the six input parameters in predicting unit weight. Each column is labeled with the name of the corresponding input parameter. For unit weight modelling, depth has the greatest relative importance in predicting unit weight; moving speed the least.

Results for NN modelling of SPT blow counts are presented in Appendices D-1 and D-2 as described in section 8.3. Appendix D-1 contains two sets of 6 network model plots (mean  $R^2$  and best  $R^2$  for 100 trials). Appendix D-2 contains the text list of the 6 best NN models.

### 8.3.2. NN UCS Prediction

Prior to NN modelling for UCS, we used the F-test to compare the importance of the contribution of each of the six input variables to predicting UCS. The F-test was implemented using the built-in F-test function in Matlab®.

Figure 19 is a bar plot showing the relative importance of each of the six inputs to predicting UCS. The F-test calculations are based on comparison of variances of two parameters.

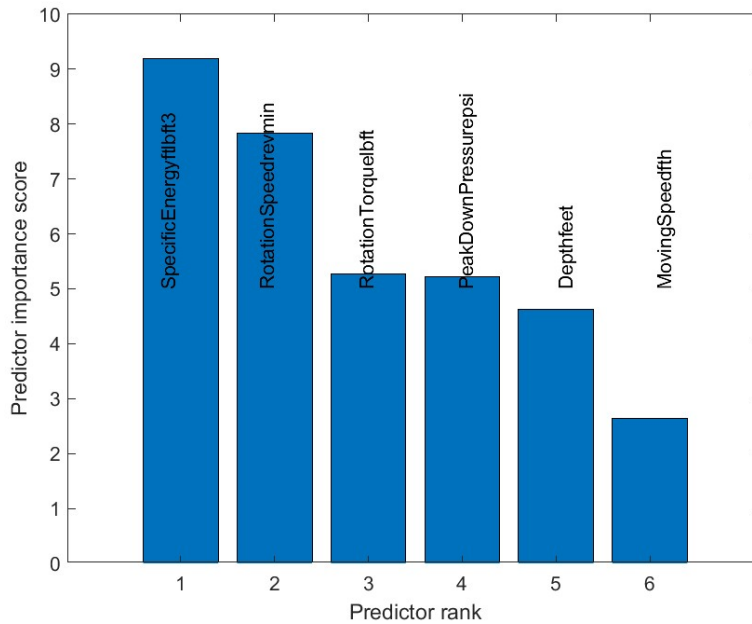


Figure 19. Bar plot showing the relative importance of the six input parameters in predicting UCS. Each column is labeled with the name of the corresponding input parameter. For UCS modelling, specific energy has the greatest relative importance in predicting UCS; moving speed the least.

Results for NN modelling of UCS are presented in Appendices E-1 and E-2 as described in section 8.3. Appendix E-1 contains the two sets of 63 network scenario plots (mean  $R^2$  and best  $R^2$  for 100 trials). Appendix E-2 contains a subset of the full text list of the 693 NN scenarios.

### 8.3.3. NN Unit Weight Prediction

Prior to NN modelling for unit weight, we used the F-test to compare the importance of the contribution of each of the six input variables to predicting unit weight. The F-test was implemented using the built-in F-test function in Matlab®.

Figure 20 is a bar plot showing the relative importance of each of the six inputs to predicting unit weight.

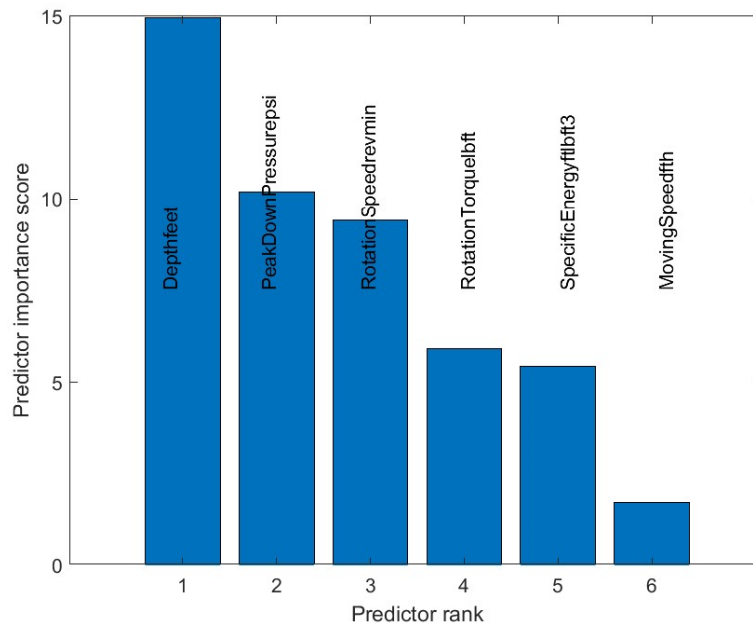


Figure 20. Bar plot showing the relative importance of the six input parameters in predicting unit weight. Each column is labeled with the name of the corresponding input parameter. For unit weight modelling, depth has the greatest relative importance in predicting unit weight; moving speed the least.

## 9. Discussion

### 9.1. Data Subsets

As stated in the proposal and contract, the focus of Task 2 was investigation of correlations between MWD measurements and geotechnical parameters of interest. After assembling and organizing MWD data and geotechnical data, initial investigation explored linear correlations. It quickly became apparent that the streams of recorded MWD data required significant user input for data quality control. Specifically, for developing correlations of MWD and SPT blow count data, it was necessary to extract a small subset of values from the recorded data stream. As detailed in section 5, the down pressure data stream recorded sharp drops in measured pressure when auger changes happened. Our approach was to identify the pressure values before the sharp drops and use those pressures and corresponding MWD measurements for SPT blow count correlations.

Similarly, for UCS and unit weight correlations, we identified the MWD values associated with the UCS and unit weight lab values at those depths and used that data subset for correlation analysis. In addition, we evaluated the lab measurement values for unrealistic values.

After inspection of MWD data, we ended up with a data set for SPT blow count correlations of 64 examples. For UCS and unit weight correlations, we used 117 data examples. These data sets

are described in sections 6.2 and 6.3 of this report.

For correlation analysis we used six inputs from MWD measurements: depth, down pressure, rotation torque, rotation speed, moving speed and the compound parameter specific energy.

## 9.2. Single Parameter Linear Correlations – Phase 1

Correlation results for single parameter linear correlation are detailed in section 8.1 in this report. We used the coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ ) to quantify goodness of fit. The single best  $R^2$  value was 0.49 for depth and SPT blow counts. Tables in section 8.1 summarize the results. Figures in section 8.1 show plots with the linear regression fit lines overlain on the data used. Correlation results for UCS and unit weight were very low. Obviously, this approach was not going to be of use for any prediction analysis.

## 9.3. Evaluating The Relative Importance of Inputs

An F-test was used to evaluate the relative importance of the six individual inputs to predict each of the three targets: SPT blow counts, UCS and unit weight. The results of the F-tests are presented at the beginning of sections 8.3.1, 8.3.2 and 8.3.3. Interestingly, depth is an important predictive variable for both SPT blow count and unit weight predictions.

Although the F-test provides a useful tool for evaluating the relative importance of inputs in modelling, a more comprehensive insight is obtained by reviewing results from both MLR (multiple linear regression) and NN modelling. For MLR, results are shown as matrix values in graphical form and as text listings in Appendices A, B and C. Each row in the plots or text listing represents a single combination of inputs. The highlighted cells on the plots are populated with the MLR correlation coefficient for those particular inputs. These values can be viewed as giving the importance of that combination of inputs.

For NN modelling, we can look at either the plots of modelling results, or the text listings. These are shown in Appendices D, E and F. The text listing shows the four correlation coefficients (training, validation, testing and all) for each of the 63 combinations as well as varying that over the number of neurons in the hidden layer resulting in 693 separate sets of results.

## 9.4. Multiple Parameter Linear Correlations – Phase 2

Considering the poor correlation results for single parameter linear correlation, we implemented a multiple parameter linear approach. Details are discussed in section 8.2 of this report.

Continuing with the six MWD inputs, we calculated all of the possible combinations of those inputs resulting in 63 possible sets of inputs. We calculated the multiple linear regressions (MLR) for those input sets for the same geotechnical parameters: SPT blow counts, UCS and unit weight. MLR results are detailed in section 8.2 and shown in Appendices A, B and C.

The appendices show the results in text form; figures in section 8.2 show the result in graphic form. As the number of inputs increased, MLR  $R^2$  values also increased. The highest  $R^2$  value of



0.65 occurred for correlating SPT blow counts with all six possible inputs. Best correlation values for UCS and unit weight also occurred with all six inputs but were still low at 0.25 for UCS and 0.29 for unit weight.

MLR results showed a significant improvement over single parameter linear results, likely indicating that we are dealing with a multiparameter process; not surprising considering complicated geologic conditions.

### 9.5. Multiple Parameter Nonlinear Correlations – Phase 3

In light of the correlation improvements with MLR, we next implemented a nonlinear, multiple parameter approach in the context of machine learning (ML). There are a variety of ML techniques to explore including classification and clustering. Methods can be broadly grouped as supervised or unsupervised. Unsupervised approaches explore data sets to identify groupings without user intervention. Supervised approaches require known *targets* to train to. Both techniques are iterative methods and begin with a starting model guess or estimation or randomized model parameters.

We chose to use a supervised neural network (NN) approach because we are correlating inputs with known geotechnical parameters (targets). Also, in the framework of exploring models, we can implement multiple models in a programming environment that does not require user intervention for individual models. We used Matlab®'s Statistics and Machine Learning Toolbox to implement the modelling.

We used the same sets of 63 possible combinations of inputs we used for MLR in NN modelling. Additional variables in NN modelling are the number of hidden layers and the number of neurons in each hidden layer. We used a single hidden layer with number of neurons varying from 2 3 5 7 9 10 11 15 20 25 30 (11 possibilities). This results in 693 modeling scenarios. For each of these scenarios, we used 100 trials. For each trial, we recorded the best trial based on regression results as well as the mean regression results. Section 8.3 details results for predictions of SPT blow counts, UCS and unit weight. Results are presented in Appendices D, E and F as plots and in Appendices G, H and I in text format.

Results for nonlinear NN modeling showed large improvements in predictive ability. Compared to best case  $R^2$  values of 0.65, 0.25 and 0.29 for MLR, we see a best  $R^2$  of 0.91 for SPT blow counts, a best  $R^2$  of 0.75 for UCS and a best  $R^2$  of 0.86 for unit weight.

### 9.6. Final Models

#### 9.6.1. Phase 1 Final Models – Single Parameter Linear/Exponential Regression

The best result for traditional, linear correlation for SPT blow counts is 0.51  $R^2$  resulting from using the input of measured depth.

The best result for traditional correlation for UCS is 0.18  $R^2$  using an exponential fit and input of rotational torque.

The best result for traditional correlation for unit weight is 0.19  $R^2$  using either a linear or

exponential fit and the input of measured depth.

### 9.6.2. Phase 2 Final Models – Multiple Parameter Linear Regression

The best result for multiple linear regression for SPT blow counts is 0.65  $R^2$  using all six MWD inputs.

The best result for multiple linear regression for UCS is 0.25  $R^2$  using all six MWD inputs or the combination of depth, down pressure, rotation torque, rotation speed and specific energy.

The best result for multiple linear regression for unit weight is 0.29  $R^2$  using all six MWD inputs, or depth, moving speed, specific energy, or depth, down pressure, moving speed, specific energy, or depth, rotation torque, moving speed, specific energy, or depth, rotation speed, moving speed, specific energy, or almost any of the combinations of five inputs which use depth.

### 9.6.3. Phase 3 Final Models – Nonlinear Fitting Using Neural Networks

#### *SPT Results*

The best result for neural network fitting for SPT blow counts was a model using five inputs: depth, peak down pressure, rotation torque, rotation speed and moving speed. The sum of  $R^2$  values for training, validation, testing and all was 3.64/4.0 using 15 neurons in the hidden layer. Table 12 shows results for additional models with high sum  $R^2$  values.

Table 12. List of models with high sum  $R^2$  values for SPT NN modelling.

Depth	Down pressure	Rotation torque	Rotation speed	Moving speed	Specific energy	HL no.	Sum $R^2$
✓	✓		✓	✓		9	3.54
✓			✓	✓	✓	15	3.61
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		10	3.51
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		15	3.64
✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	9	3.53
✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	11	3.52

#### *UCS Results*

The best result for neural network fitting for UCS was a model using four inputs: down pressure, rotation torque, moving speed and specific energy. The sum of  $R^2$  values for training, validation, testing and all was 2.99/4.0 using 30 neurons in the hidden layer. Table 13 shows results for additional models with high sum  $R^2$  values.

Table 13. List of models with high sum  $R^2$  values for UCS NN modelling.

Depth	Down pressure	Rotation torque	Rotation speed	Moving speed	Specific energy	HL no.	Sum $R^2$
✓				✓		10	2.77
			✓		✓	20	2.86
	✓	✓		✓	✓	30	2.99
	✓		✓	✓	✓	25	2.83

#### Unit Weight Results

The best result for neural network fitting for unit weight was a model using three inputs: depth, down pressure and rotation torque. The sum of  $R^2$  values for training, validation, testing and all was 3.43/4.0 using 25 neurons in the hidden layer. Table 14 shows results for additional models with high sum  $R^2$  values.

Table 14. List of models with high sum  $R^2$  values for UW NN modelling.

Depth	Down pressure	Rotation torque	Rotation speed	Moving speed	Specific energy	HL no.	Sum $R^2$
✓	✓	✓				25	3.43
✓		✓			✓	25	3.32
✓	✓	✓		✓		5	3.35
✓	✓	✓		✓		7	3.31
✓		✓	✓		✓	20	3.35
	✓	✓	✓		✓	9	3.35
✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	9	3.32

### 9.7. Looking Ahead

MWD is a relatively new approach for answering relevant questions about subsurface parameters. MWD technology and standards are evolving as we speak. Developing robust recording technology on the drill rig is not a trivial challenge. Revisiting drilling methodology and training MWD drillers will be critical to achieving high data quality. As the technology is applied in new geologic settings, new analysis techniques will need to be evaluated.

The takeaways from the current MDT project highlight drilling methodology for consistent, usable data and analysis techniques to explore nonlinear relationships among MWD parameters and geotechnical parameters.

Suggestions for future MWD projects are to consider a separate borehole for the sole purpose of collecting MWD data adjacent to a borehole used for HSA sampling and rock coring along with

focused training for MWD drillers with input from other MWD practitioners. Such training would include how drilling methodology affects final MWD data quality and how these data are used for analysis. We think it is important to involve the driller in reviewing MWD and geotechnical data to inform best drilling practices for optimum data quality.

## 10. Conclusions and Recommendations

- Successful correlation of MWD data to geotechnical parameters requires careful preprocessing of MWD data and quality control/editing of drilling data such as UCS or SPT N. In addition, any correlations developed will be site specific and closely correlated with the local geology.
- The geology at MWD sites for the Montana project consisted of intermediate geomaterials (IGMs) categorized as extremely weak rock (35 to 150 psi) and very weak rock (150 to 725 psi). These weak materials present a challenge to the MWD drilling process and ultimately data analysis and correlation development.
- Future MWD work should focus on controlling the drilling environment to achieve optimized drilling parameters for highest drilling efficiency and optimal core recovery to achieve high quality MWD data. This approach may require dedicated MWD drillers adhering to standards developed by organizations involved. In addition, drilling a second adjacent borehole specifically for MWD data collections should be explored.
- Our work with MWD data from IGMs indicates that the relationship between MWD drilling parameters and correlations with geotechnical parameters is likely nonlinear.

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## Appendices

## Appendix A – MLR SPT Blows Per Foot

----- MLR -----

---> Target = BlowsPerFoot

---- Number of combinations = 1

Depthfeet R squared = 0.50963

PeakDownPressurepsi R squared = 0.36366

RotationTorquelbft R squared = 0.25189

RotationSpeedrevmin R squared = 0.0077129

MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.017877

SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.36605

---- Number of combinations = 2

Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi R squared = 0.60025

Depthfeet RotationTorquelbft R squared = 0.51796

Depthfeet RotationSpeedrevmin R squared = 0.51058

Depthfeet MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.53243

Depthfeet SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.59937

PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft R squared = 0.42455

PeakDownPressurepsi RotationSpeedrevmin R squared = 0.37985

PeakDownPressurepsi MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.38953

PeakDownPressurepsi SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.37529

RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin R squared = 0.28888

RotationTorquelbft MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.26066

RotationTorquelbft SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.42397

RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.046513

RotationSpeedrevmin SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.38316

MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.39421

---- Number of combinations = 3

Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft R squared = 0.60039

Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi RotationSpeedrevmin R squared = 0.6169

Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.62666

Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.60485

Depthfeet RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin R squared = 0.51798

Depthfeet RotationTorquelbft MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.53789

Depthfeet RotationTorquelbft SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.59945

Depthfeet RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.53443

Depthfeet RotationSpeedrevmin SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.61634

Depthfeet MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.62705

PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin R squared = 0.42501

PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.44232  
PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.42569  
PeakDownPressurepsi RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.39281  
PeakDownPressurepsi RotationSpeedrevmin SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.39965  
PeakDownPressurepsi MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.45037  
RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.33081  
RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.42464  
RotationTorquelbft MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.4434  
RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.39758

---- Number of combinations = 4

Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin R squared = 0.62068  
Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.62676  
Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.60725  
Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.63007  
Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi RotationSpeedrevmin SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.61831  
Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.62837  
Depthfeet RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.54391  
Depthfeet RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.62073  
Depthfeet RotationTorquelbft MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.62724  
Depthfeet RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.63044  
PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.44467  
PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.42569  
PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.45449  
PeakDownPressurepsi RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.45203  
RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.44547

---- Number of combinations = 5

Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.63216  
Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.62074  
Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.63139  
Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.63144  
Depthfeet RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.63298  
PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.45449

---- Number of combinations = 6

Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth

SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.64512

## Appendix B – MLR UCS

----- MLR -----

---> Target = UCSpsi

---- Number of combinations = 1

Depthfeet R squared = 0.088592  
PeakDownPressurepsi R squared = 0.0046785  
RotationTorquelbft R squared = 0.13225  
RotationSpeedrevmin R squared = 0.10315  
MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.050543  
SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.07835

---- Number of combinations = 2

Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi R squared = 0.096613  
Depthfeet RotationTorquelbft R squared = 0.15775  
Depthfeet RotationSpeedrevmin R squared = 0.14069  
Depthfeet MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.12097  
Depthfeet SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.14908  
PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft R squared = 0.17245  
PeakDownPressurepsi RotationSpeedrevmin R squared = 0.14307  
PeakDownPressurepsi MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.060659  
PeakDownPressurepsi SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.1816  
RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin R squared = 0.14531  
RotationTorquelbft MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.14708  
RotationTorquelbft SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.20815  
RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.12432  
RotationSpeedrevmin SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.19532  
MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.1146

---- Number of combinations = 3

Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft R squared = 0.19317  
Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi RotationSpeedrevmin R squared = 0.17533  
Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.13392  
Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.21037  
Depthfeet RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin R squared = 0.16644  
Depthfeet RotationTorquelbft MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.17115  
Depthfeet RotationTorquelbft SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.22397  
Depthfeet RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.1582  
Depthfeet RotationSpeedrevmin SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.21717  
Depthfeet MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.17261  
PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin R squared = 0.19811

PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.18953  
PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.22136  
PeakDownPressurepsi RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.16713  
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RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.15767  
RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.22874  
RotationTorquelbft MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.21562  
RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.20536

---- Number of combinations = 4

Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin R squared = 0.21255  
Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.20875  
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RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.23374

---- Number of combinations = 5

Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.22542  
Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.24526  
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PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.23686

---- Number of combinations = 6

Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth

SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.24738



## Appendix C – MLR – Unit Weight

----- MLR -----

---> Target = UnitWeightpcf

---- Number of combinations = 1

Depthfeet R squared = 0.19272  
PeakDownPressurepsi R squared = 0.046071  
RotationTorquelbft R squared = 0.025197  
RotationSpeedrevmin R squared = 0.010595  
MovingSpeedfth R squared = 7.9056e-05  
SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.11669

---- Number of combinations = 2

Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi R squared = 0.2533  
Depthfeet RotationTorquelbft R squared = 0.19352  
Depthfeet RotationSpeedrevmin R squared = 0.19652  
Depthfeet MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.1965  
Depthfeet SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.27739  
PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft R squared = 0.10551  
PeakDownPressurepsi RotationSpeedrevmin R squared = 0.084097  
PeakDownPressurepsi MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.047597  
PeakDownPressurepsi SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.13725  
RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin R squared = 0.025198  
RotationTorquelbft MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.026826  
RotationTorquelbft SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.14058  
RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.01095  
RotationSpeedrevmin SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.13298  
MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.11794

---- Number of combinations = 3

Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft R squared = 0.25658  
Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi RotationSpeedrevmin R squared = 0.25424  
Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.25419  
Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.27754  
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Depthfeet RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.19891  
Depthfeet RotationSpeedrevmin SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.27805  
Depthfeet MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.28634  
PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin R squared = 0.10942

PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.10629  
PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.14379  
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RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.026853  
RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.14192  
RotationTorquelbft MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.14791  
RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.13835

---- Number of combinations = 4

Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin R squared = 0.25658  
Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.25853  
Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.27837  
Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.25556  
Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi RotationSpeedrevmin SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.27893  
Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.2902  
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Depthfeet RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.28635  
PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.11055  
PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.14425  
PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.15734  
PeakDownPressurepsi RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.154  
RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.15007

---- Number of combinations = 5

Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth R squared = 0.25855  
Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.27917  
Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi RotationTorquelbft MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.29108  
Depthfeet PeakDownPressurepsi RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.29157  
Depthfeet RotationTorquelbft RotationSpeedrevmin MovingSpeedfth SpecificEnergyftlbft3 R squared = 0.28653  
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---- Number of combinations = 6

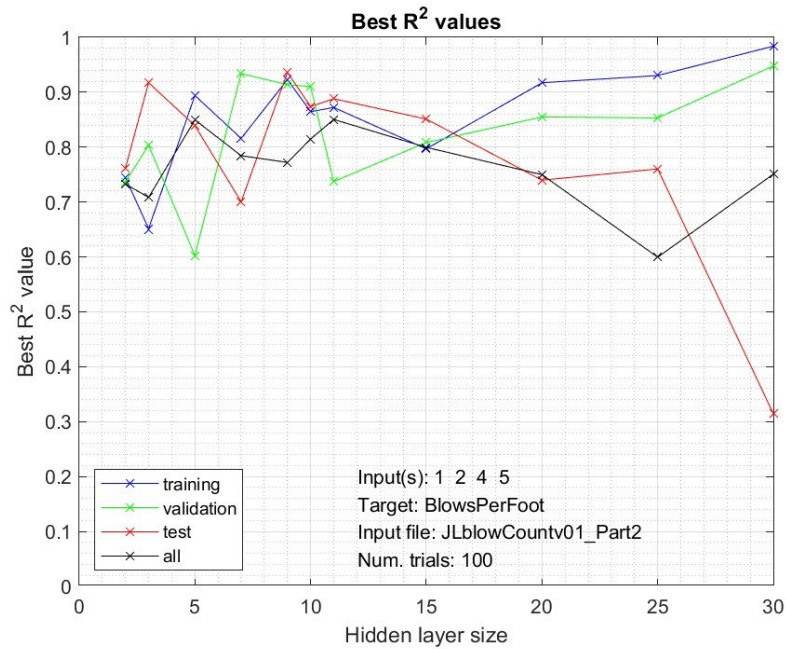
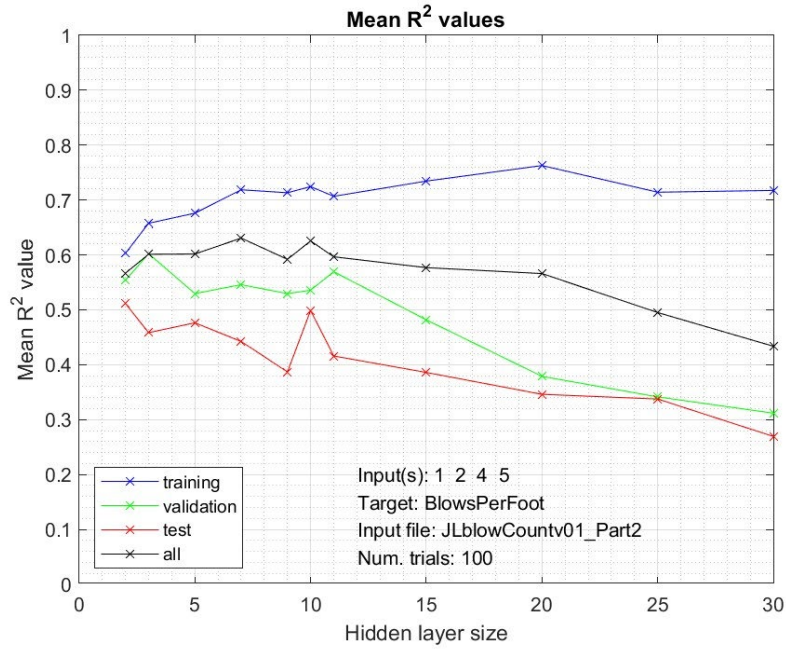
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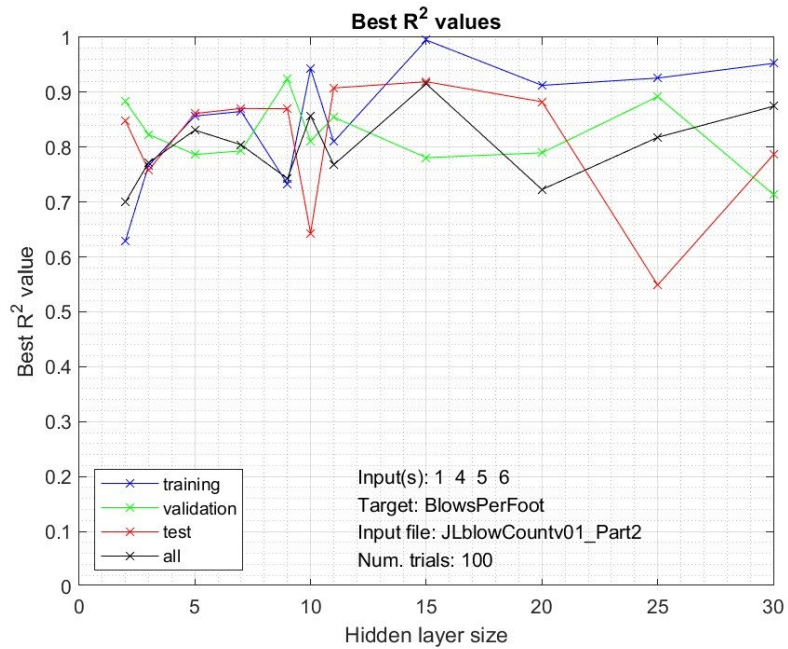
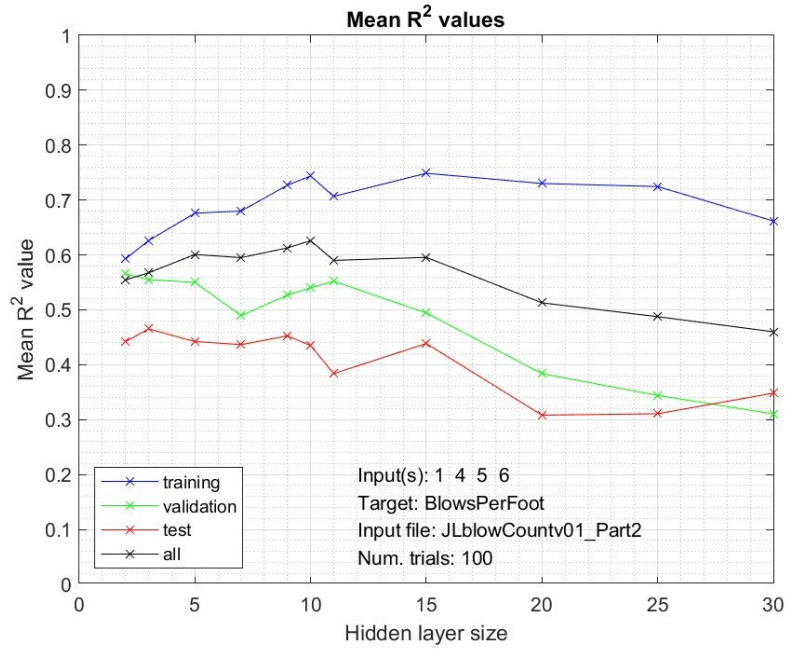
## Appendix D – NN Modeling for SPT Blow Count: Mean $R^2$ and Best $R^2$ from 100 Iterations for Six Best Models

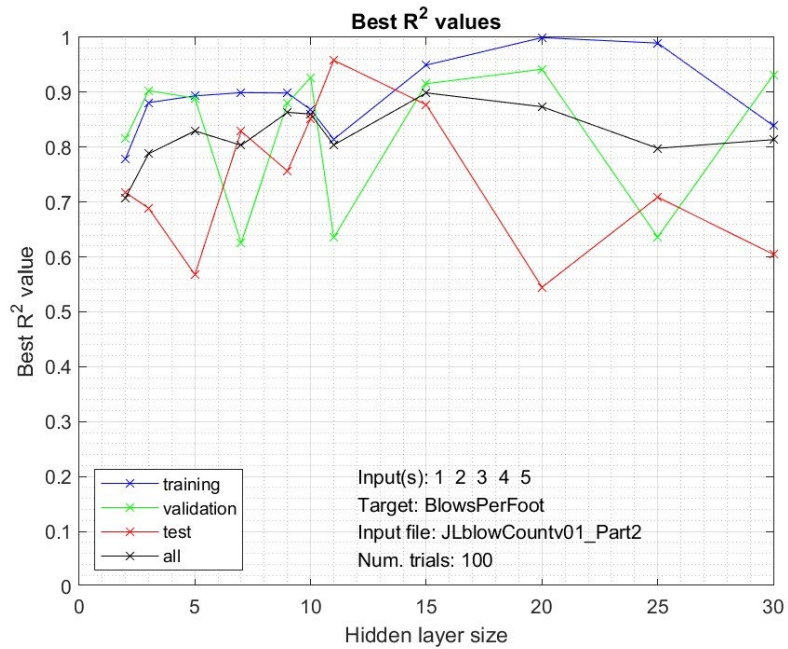
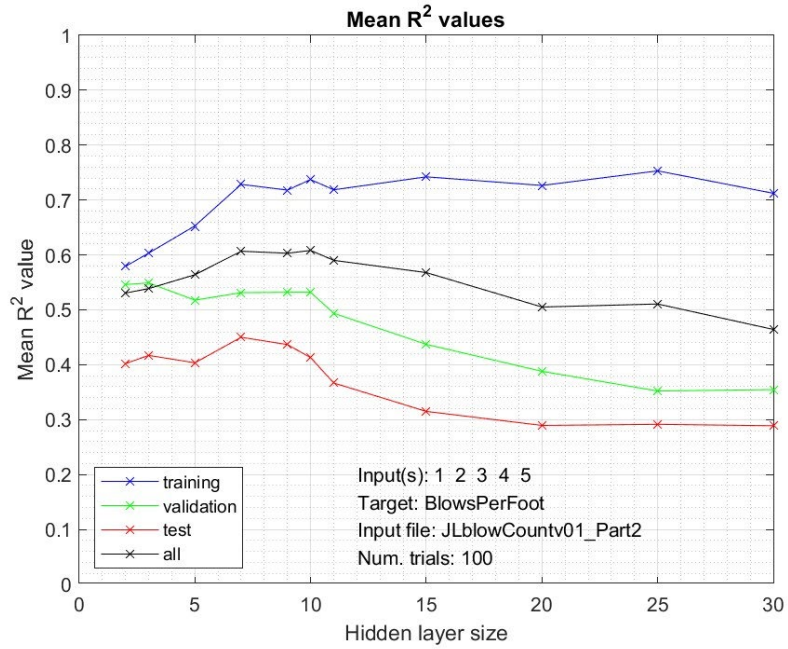
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Appendix D-1 – Plots of Mean and Best  $R^2$  Values for SPT Blow Counts

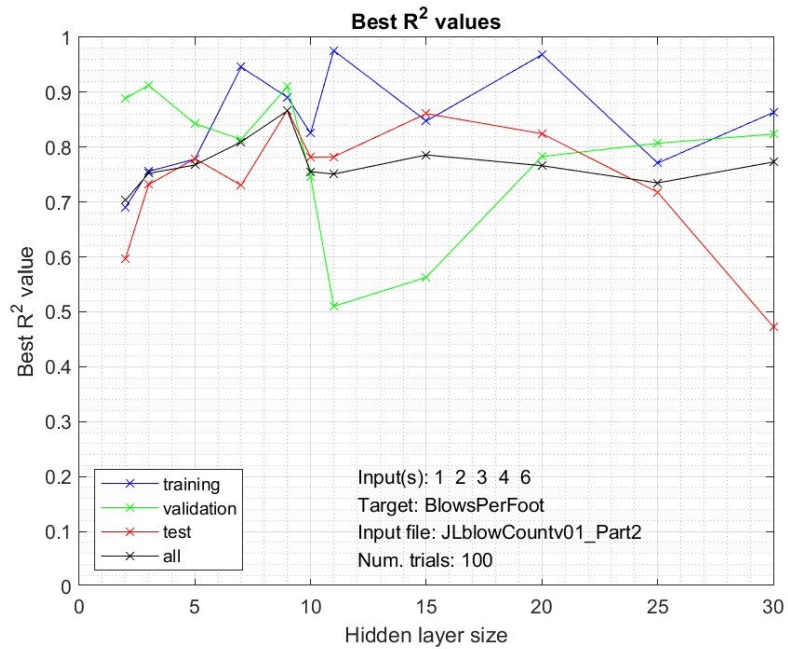
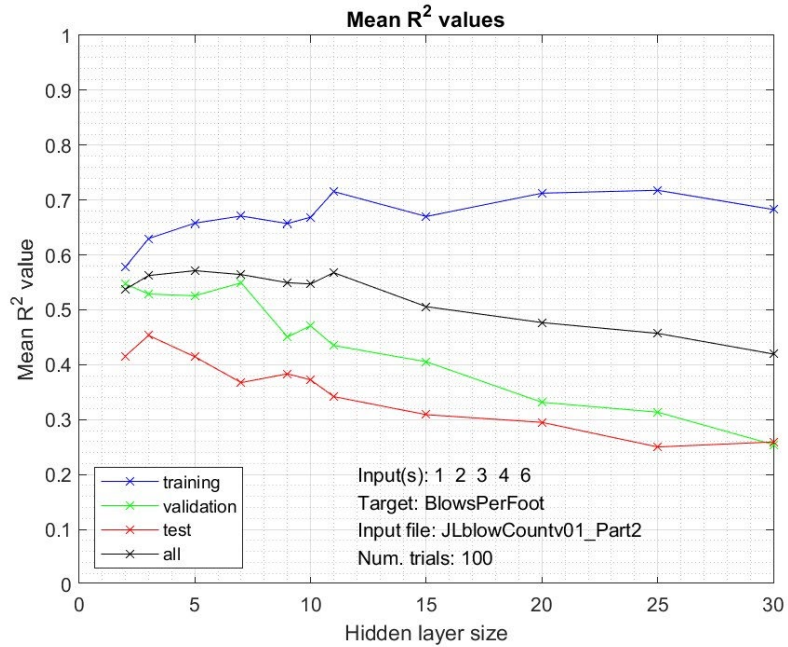
Results for NN modeling of SPT blow counts. Five pairs of plots are shown for the six best models listed in Table 12.



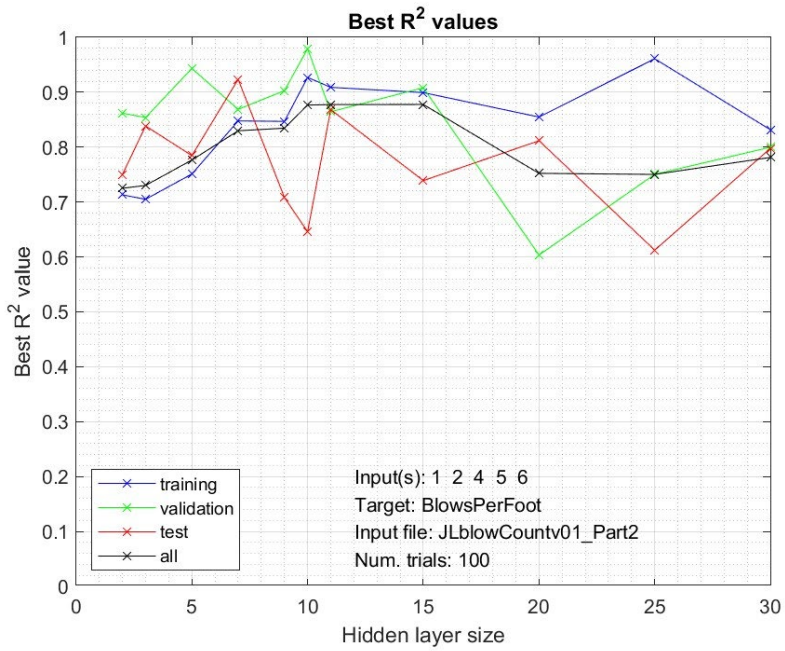
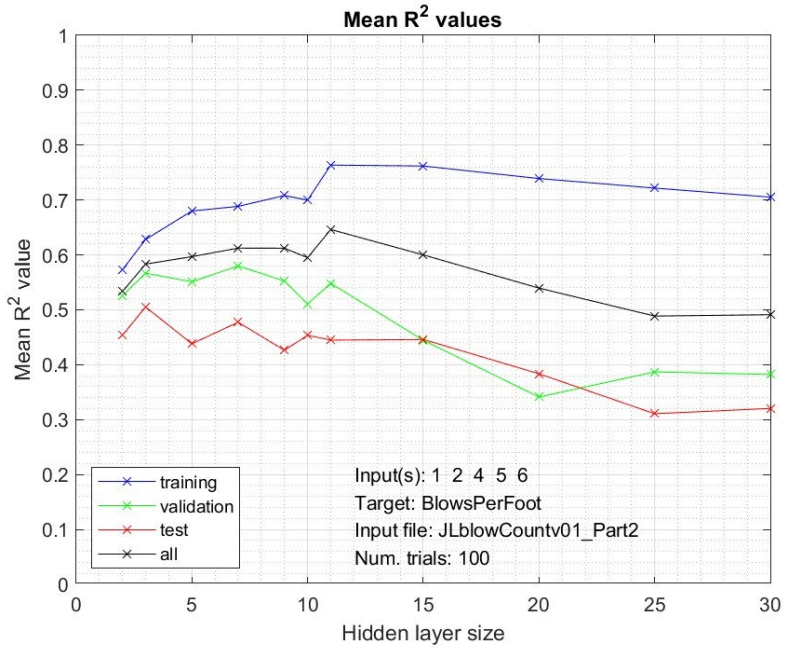












Appendix D-2 – Mean and Best R<sup>2</sup> Results in Text Form for SPT Blow Counts

Results for NN modelling of SPT blow counts showing results for the six best NN models.

inp	=	1	2	4	5		
--->	Input(s)	=	Depthfeet	PeakDownPr	RotationSpe	MovingSpeedfth	Sum
	HL	no.	all	essurepsi	edrevmin	test	
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Mean							
R	=						
		2	0.56688	0.6028	0.55371	0.51149	
		3	0.60124	0.65773	0.60232	0.45842	
		5	0.60169	0.67605	0.52959	0.47642	
		7	0.63067	0.71867	0.54594	0.44241	
		9	0.59203	0.71327	0.52948	0.38692	
		10	0.625494	0.724467	0.535856	0.498885	
		11	0.596638	0.70677	0.569383	0.41594	
		15	0.576854	0.734512	0.481786	0.385983	
		20	0.566077	0.762825	0.378829	0.346146	
		25	0.495042	0.714279	0.341465	0.337571	
		30	0.433693	0.717525	0.311769	0.269431	
BestR	=						
		2	0.73284	0.74441	0.73646	0.76193	2.9756
		3	0.70847	0.65152	0.8035	0.91738	3.0809
		5	0.8497	0.89405	0.60257	0.83923	3.1856
		7	0.78438	0.81594	0.93394	0.70031	3.2346
		9	0.77216	0.92302	0.91381	0.93609	3.5451
		10	0.814826	0.86456	0.910245	0.873964	3.46359
		11	0.850421	0.872267	0.737422	0.888129	3.34824
		15	0.799636	0.796908	0.80838	0.851063	3.25599
		20	0.749859	0.917255	0.85494	0.739854	3.26191
		25	0.599554	0.930434	0.853318	0.760191	3.1435
		30	0.750925	0.983939	0.947946	0.314096	2.99691
inp	=	1		4	5	6	
--->	Input(s)	=	Depthfeet	RotationSpe	MovingSpee	SpecificEnergyftlbft3	Sum
	HL	no.	all	edrevmin	dfth	test	
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Mean							
R	=						
		2	0.55444	0.59262	0.56579	0.44191	
		3	0.56748	0.62625	0.55499	0.46526	
		5	0.6008	0.67607	0.55012	0.4423	
		7	0.59515	0.67996	0.48948	0.43668	
		9	0.6128	0.7271	0.52685	0.45262	
		10	0.625948	0.743716	0.540184	0.435125	
		11	0.590069	0.706629	0.552058	0.383818	
		15	0.595574	0.748739	0.49437	0.438679	

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		20	0.512768	0.730131	0.383746	0.308186	
		25	0.487565	0.72458	0.344208	0.310793	
		30	0.460058	0.661762	0.310391	0.348316	
BestR	=						
		2	0.70009	0.62949	0.88298	0.84811	3.0607
		3	0.77175	0.76655	0.82311	0.75807	3.1195
		5	0.83098	0.85667	0.78645	0.86122	3.3353
		7	0.80418	0.86493	0.79326	0.87045	3.3328
		9	0.74272	0.73283	0.92433	0.86993	3.2698
		10	0.857169	0.942793	0.811351	0.643121	3.25443
		11	0.767863	0.809854	0.854536	0.907775	3.34003
		15	0.915271	0.99503	0.780809	0.919126	3.61023
		20	0.722696	0.912494	0.789688	0.882624	3.3075
		25	0.817902	0.925863	0.892106	0.548734	3.18461
		30	0.874452	0.952563	0.713892	0.786234	3.32714
inp	=		1	2	3	4	5
--->	Input(s)	=	Depthfeet	PeakDownPr	RotationTor	RotationSpe	MovingSpe
	HL	no.	all	essurepsi	quelbft	edrevmin	edfth
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Mean							
R	=						
		2	0.53058	0.57904	0.54612	0.40207	
		3	0.5387	0.60332	0.54909	0.41704	
		5	0.56391	0.65293	0.51768	0.40356	
		7	0.60678	0.72855	0.53131	0.45008	
		9	0.60308	0.71813	0.5319	0.43668	
		10	0.608221	0.737321	0.531951	0.412957	
		11	0.590177	0.718684	0.493714	0.366782	
		15	0.567861	0.742266	0.437148	0.315016	
		20	0.505144	0.726558	0.387981	0.289501	
		25	0.510665	0.753123	0.352138	0.291461	
		30	0.464307	0.71226	0.354742	0.288934	
BestR	=						
		2	0.70783	0.77882	0.81514	0.71746	3.0192
		3	0.78791	0.88105	0.90297	0.68878	3.2607
		5	0.8295	0.8934	0.88931	0.5678	3.18
		7	0.80336	0.89923	0.62528	0.82879	3.1567
		9	0.86332	0.89856	0.87976	0.75654	3.3982
		10	0.860339	0.868422	0.926853	0.852136	3.50775
		11	0.804035	0.814216	0.63521	0.958332	3.21179
		15	0.898764	0.949395	0.915523	0.8771	3.64078
		20	0.873582	0.999477	0.94193	0.544816	3.3598
		25	0.79794	0.989442	0.636168	0.708876	3.13243
		30	0.813625	0.83898	0.931768	0.604696	3.18907
inp	=		1	2	3	4	6
--->	Input(s)	=	Depthfeet	PeakDownPr	RotationTor	RotationSpe	SpecificEne
				essurepsi	quelbft	edrevmin	rgyftlbft3

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	HL	no.	all	train	val	test	Sum
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Mean R	=						
		2	0.53753	0.57832	0.54708	0.41594	
		3	0.56248	0.62983	0.52877	0.45344	
		5	0.57136	0.65796	0.52566	0.41447	
		7	0.56426	0.6709	0.54921	0.36746	
		9	0.54944	0.65717	0.45073	0.38349	
		10	0.547177	0.668745	0.470812	0.372511	
		11	0.567688	0.715419	0.435057	0.341982	
		15	0.505829	0.670055	0.405403	0.309037	
		20	0.476797	0.712486	0.33157	0.295064	
		25	0.457154	0.717743	0.3136	0.250269	
		30	0.419561	0.682634	0.254522	0.259345	
BestR	=						
		2	0.70325	0.6904	0.88875	0.59687	2.8793
		3	0.75222	0.75591	0.91261	0.73178	3.1525
		5	0.76743	0.77822	0.8427	0.77903	3.1674
		7	0.8097	0.94584	0.81421	0.73049	3.3002
		9	0.86618	0.89075	0.91019	0.86744	3.5346
		10	0.755302	0.825282	0.746032	0.781528	3.10814
		11	0.750913	0.975963	0.510014	0.782477	3.01937
		15	0.785796	0.847465	0.562956	0.861024	3.05724
		20	0.766173	0.968534	0.782872	0.824503	3.34208
		25	0.734848	0.770924	0.806976	0.71784	3.03059
		30	0.772921	0.86314	0.823844	0.472467	2.93237
inp	=		1	2	4	5	6
--->	Input(s)	=	Depthfeet	PeakDownPr	RotationSpe	MovingSpee	SpecificEne
	HL	no.	all	essurepsi	edrevmin	dftth	rgyftlbft3
	----	---	----	train	val	test	Sum
				---	----	-----	
Mean R	=						
		2	0.53348	0.573	0.52588	0.45373	
		3	0.58333	0.62821	0.56674	0.50524	
		5	0.59688	0.68008	0.55108	0.43818	
		7	0.61242	0.68851	0.58007	0.47741	
		9	0.61232	0.70822	0.55254	0.42641	
		10	0.594963	0.699755	0.510806	0.453596	
		11	0.646336	0.763646	0.548237	0.44483	
		15	0.60009	0.761969	0.444649	0.446075	
		20	0.539563	0.739141	0.341263	0.383575	
		25	0.488689	0.721812	0.387022	0.310765	
		30	0.491162	0.705274	0.382269	0.320449	
BestR	=						
		2	0.72508	0.71313	0.86181	0.75007	3.0501
		3	0.73029	0.70499	0.85387	0.83852	3.1277

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5	0.77658	0.75105	0.9434	0.78458	3.2556
7	0.82981	0.84773	0.8688	0.92349	3.4698
9	0.83455	0.84694	0.90292	0.70815	3.2926
10	0.876638	0.926911	0.979241	0.645889	3.42868
11	0.877473	0.908914	0.864492	0.868317	3.5192
15	0.877706	0.899344	0.908213	0.739036	3.4243
20	0.752313	0.854844	0.603535	0.81169	3.02238
25	0.750315	0.960966	0.750458	0.612398	3.07414
30	0.781279	0.831647	0.799869	0.797835	3.21063

Elapsed time is 102.6447 minutes.

Training INPUTS:

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Depth	PeakDownPressurepsi	RotationTorquelbft	RotationSpeedrevmin	MovingSpeedftth	SpecificEnergyftlbft3	

Training TARGETS:

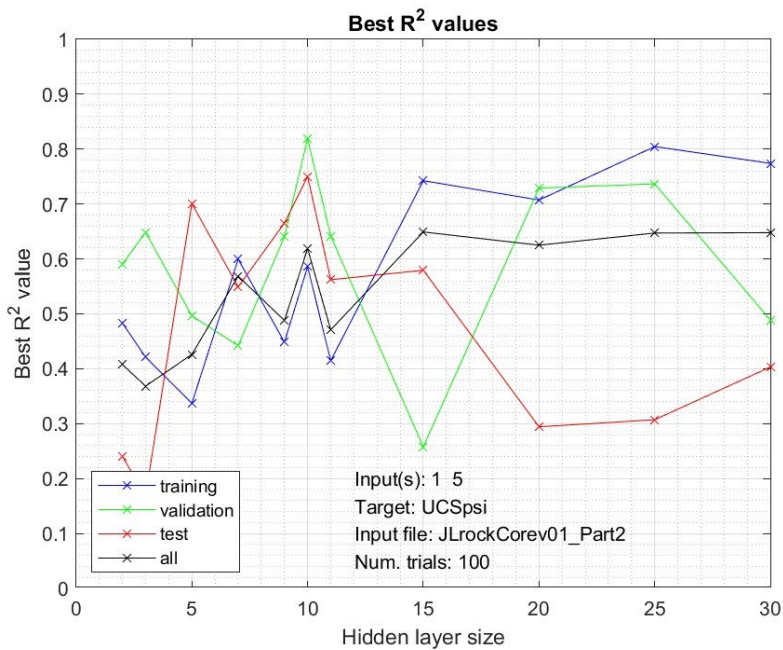
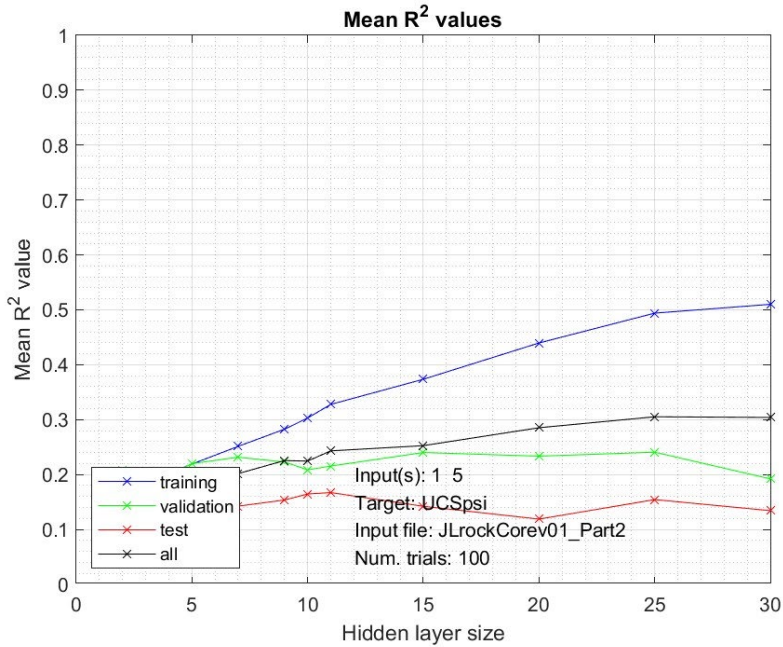
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BlowsPerFoot	

## Appendix E – NN Modeling for UCS: Mean $R^2$ and Best $R^2$ from 100 Iterations for Four Best Models

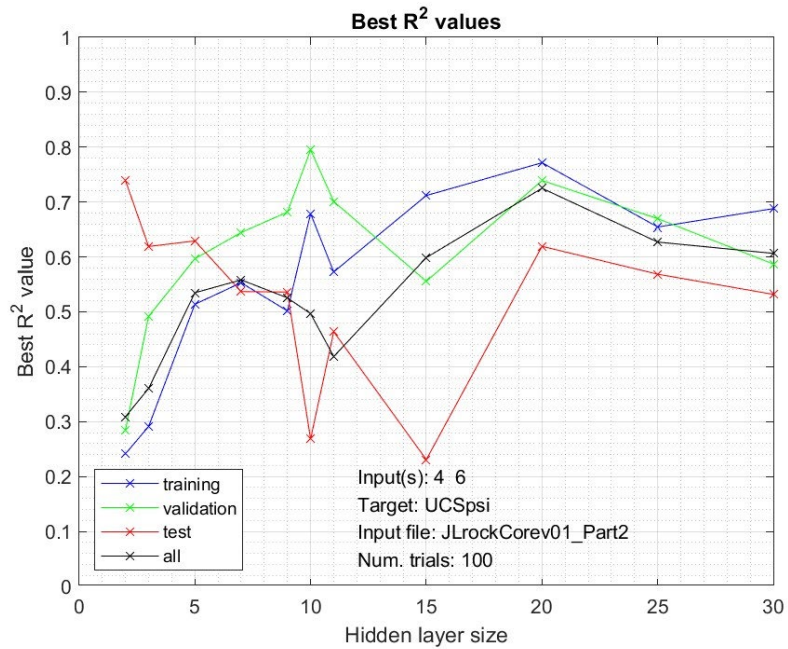
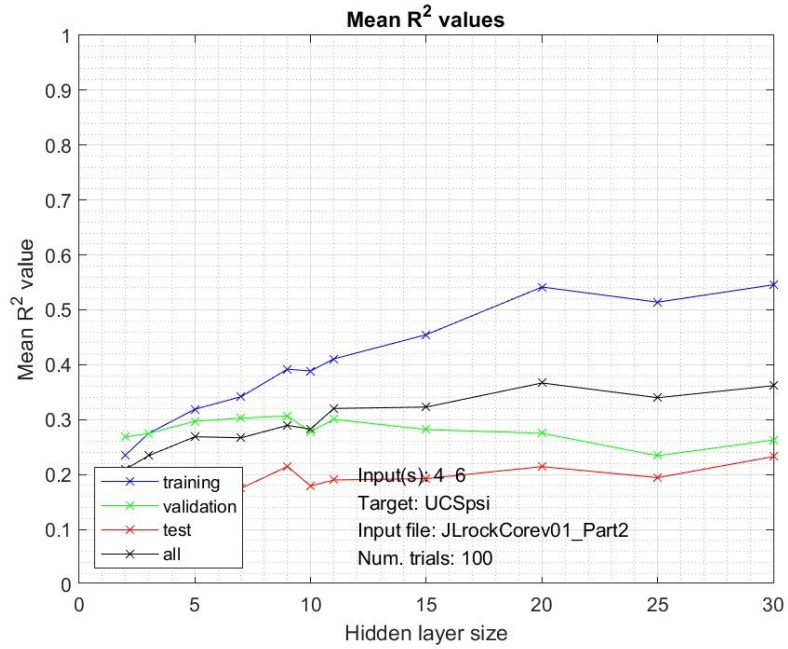
The inset text on each plot shows the training input number code, the training target, input file name (for reference) and the number of modeling iterations (trials). The legend on the plots is color coded for the data sets: blue for training, green for validation, red for testing and black for all.

Appendix E-1 – Plots of Mean and Best R<sup>2</sup> Values for UCS

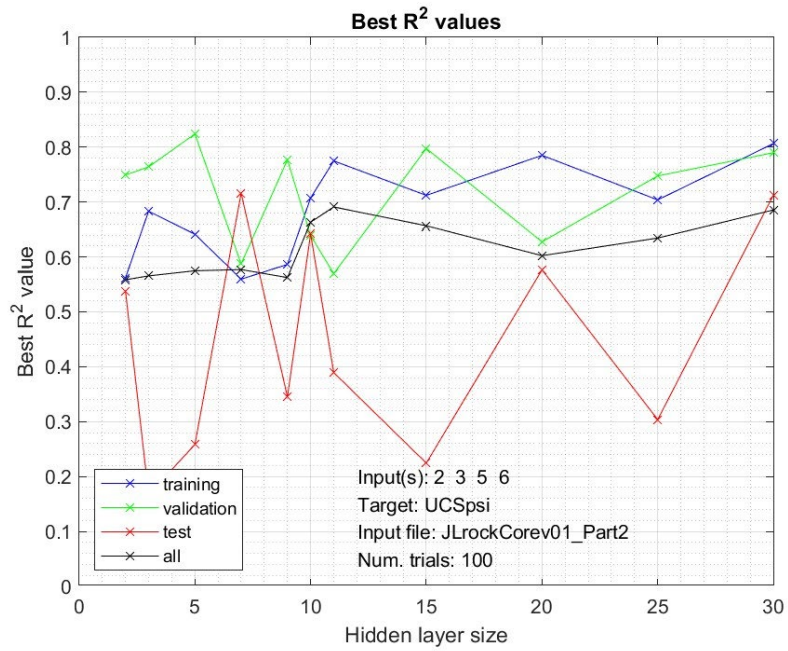
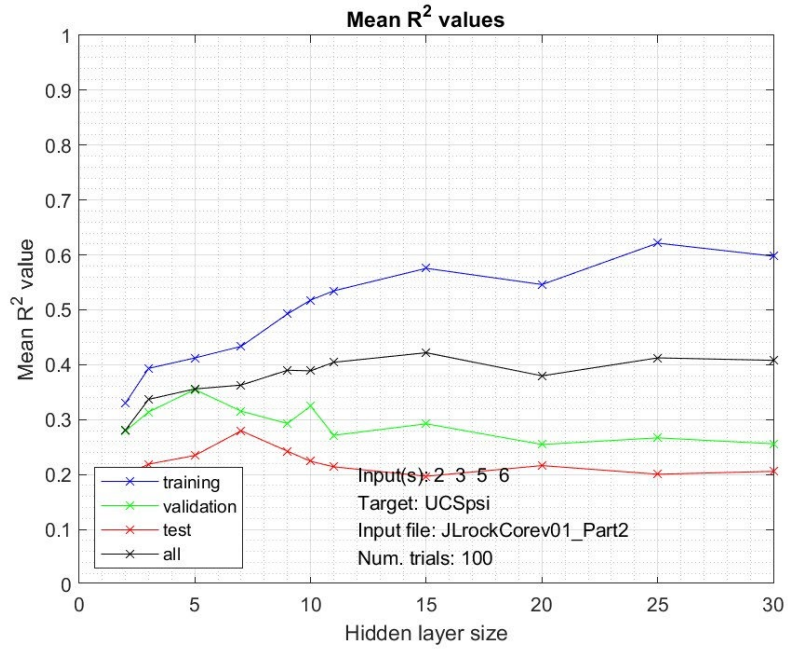
Results for NN modeling of UCS. Four pairs of plots are shown for the four best models listed in Table 13.

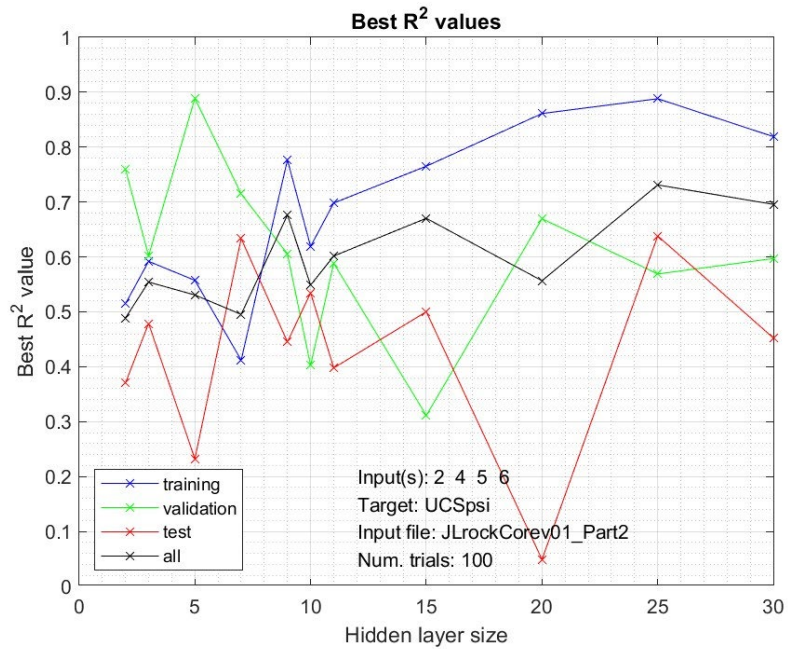
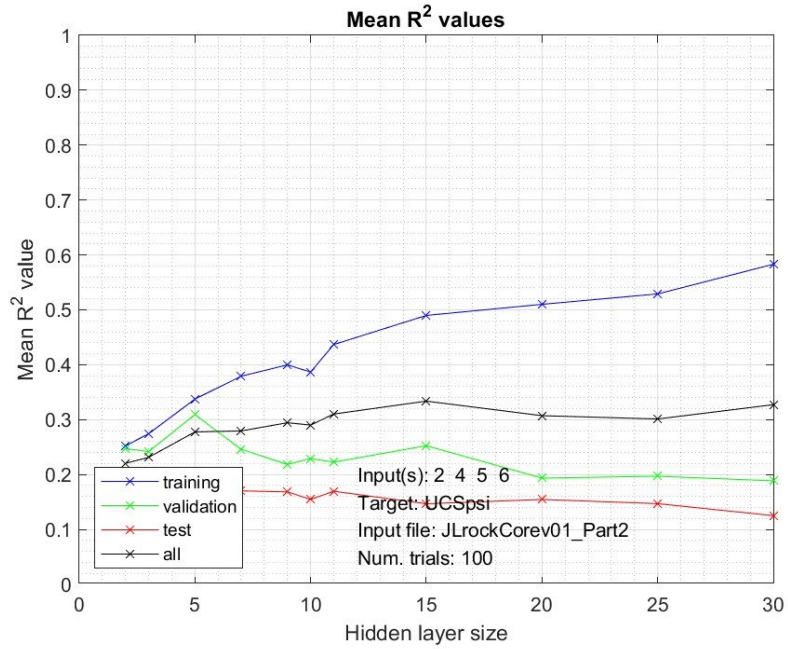












Appendix E-2 – Mean and Best R<sup>2</sup> Results in Text Form for UCS

Results for NN modelling of UCS showing results for the four best NN models.

inp	=	1	5					
--->	Input(s)	=	Depthfeet	MovingSpeedfth				Sum
	HL	no.	all	train	val	test		
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MeanR	=							
		2	0.14817	0.17307	0.20817	0.14654		
		3	0.16245	0.18711	0.17795	0.17365		
		5	0.17243	0.21907	0.21998	0.13844		
		7	0.20173	0.25135	0.23156	0.14247		
		9	0.22547	0.28256	0.22294	0.15362		
		10	0.224485	0.302954	0.208562	0.164564		
		11	0.243122	0.32777	0.215464	0.167174		
		15	0.252648	0.373564	0.240111	0.142218		
		20	0.285285	0.439664	0.233478	0.118884		
		25	0.305218	0.493999	0.240698	0.154372		
		30	0.304035	0.510082	0.192162	0.134253		
BestR	=							
		2	0.40752	0.48301	0.59048	0.24003	1.721	
		3	0.36836	0.42108	0.64846	0.16869	1.6066	
		5	0.42614	0.33694	0.49613	0.70073	1.9599	
		7	0.5686	0.59954	0.44214	0.54903	2.1593	
		9	0.48797	0.44826	0.64065	0.66533	2.2422	
		10	0.618917	0.585845	0.819264	0.750203	2.77423	
		11	0.470959	0.414563	0.641698	0.562136	2.08936	
		15	0.649151	0.742529	0.257618	0.579419	2.22872	
		20	0.62509	0.707287	0.729021	0.294269	2.35567	
		25	0.647176	0.804657	0.736639	0.307148	2.49562	
		30	0.647843	0.774119	0.488563	0.403188	2.31371	
inp	=	4	6					
--->	Input(s)	=	RotationSpeedr	SpecificEnergyftlbft3				Sum
	HL	no.	evmin	train	val	test		
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MeanR	=							
		2	0.2098	0.23543	0.26843	0.19276		
		3	0.23437	0.27492	0.27487	0.18204		
		5	0.26885	0.31906	0.29711	0.18902		
		7	0.26699	0.34188	0.3027	0.17503		
		9	0.28952	0.39195	0.30656	0.21479		
		10	0.28275	0.388613	0.277874	0.179107		
		11	0.320392	0.410616	0.30059	0.190196		
		15	0.32296	0.454814	0.281998	0.192638		
		20	0.366799	0.541515	0.275118	0.2144		
		25	0.339999	0.513995	0.234347	0.194418		
		30	0.361877	0.545663	0.262851	0.232729		

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BestR	=							
		2	0.30894	0.24148	0.2843	0.73908	1.5738	
		3	0.36048	0.29109	0.49184	0.61903	1.7624	
		5	0.5348	0.51377	0.5967	0.62919	2.2745	
		7	0.55826	0.55303	0.64449	0.53696	2.2927	
		9	0.52545	0.50167	0.68184	0.53604	2.245	
		10	0.496635	0.678916	0.794926	0.268258	2.23874	
		11	0.418593	0.572719	0.701098	0.46374	2.15615	
		15	0.598835	0.71187	0.555566	0.230823	2.09709	
		20	0.725063	0.77158	0.73916	0.619315	2.85512	
		25	0.627074	0.654556	0.669841	0.568576	2.52005	
		30	0.606464	0.688037	0.586968	0.531775	2.41324	
inp	=		2	3	5	6		
---	Input(s)	=	PeakDownPress	RotationTorqu	MovingSpe	SpecificEnergyf		
	HL	no.	urepsi	elbft	edfth	tlbft3	Sum	
	----	---	all	train	val	test		
MeanR	=							
		2	0.28107	0.33008	0.2791	0.19978		
		3	0.33701	0.39338	0.31402	0.219		
		5	0.35596	0.4124	0.35484	0.23478		
		7	0.36294	0.4335	0.31541	0.27967		
		9	0.39004	0.49251	0.29301	0.24258		
		10	0.388888	0.517771	0.324743	0.224151		
		11	0.404463	0.534624	0.271494	0.214121		
		15	0.42189	0.575639	0.292419	0.196941		
		20	0.379817	0.546087	0.254771	0.216337		
		25	0.412553	0.621526	0.266848	0.20059		
		30	0.408044	0.597742	0.256034	0.20581		
BestR	=							
		2	0.55839	0.56164	0.7492	0.53815	2.4074	
		3	0.5655	0.68331	0.76402	0.16705	2.1799	
		5	0.57484	0.64146	0.824	0.25827	2.2986	
		7	0.57702	0.55949	0.58746	0.71615	2.4401	
		9	0.56241	0.58639	0.777	0.34486	2.2707	
		10	0.663276	0.707382	0.639098	0.642145	2.6519	
		11	0.691045	0.77489	0.569525	0.389317	2.42478	
		15	0.656798	0.712167	0.797553	0.224438	2.39096	
		20	0.602329	0.785058	0.627518	0.576475	2.59138	
		25	0.634393	0.703913	0.747585	0.303678	2.38957	
		30	0.685594	0.806519	0.789885	0.712658	2.99466	
inp	=		2	4	5	6		
---	Input(s)	=	PeakDownPress	RotationSpeedr	MovingSpe	SpecificEnergyf		
	HL	no.	urepsi	evmin	edfth	tlbft3	Sum	
	----	---	all	train	val	test		
MeanR	=							
		2	0.22052	0.25224	0.24726	0.17195		

3	0.23127	0.27426	0.2418	0.17333
5	0.27763	0.33748	0.30912	0.1578
7	0.27947	0.37913	0.24611	0.17031
9	0.29441	0.39982	0.21828	0.16842
10	0.29013	0.386672	0.229181	0.154725
11	0.310219	0.43679	0.222555	0.169587
15	0.333731	0.489839	0.252539	0.146798
20	0.307227	0.510065	0.193574	0.154642
25	0.301239	0.529052	0.196975	0.147009
30	0.327275	0.583058	0.188517	0.125177

BestR =

2	0.48884	0.51462	0.75968	0.37029	2.1334
3	0.55422	0.59197	0.60211	0.47876	2.2271
5	0.53071	0.55737	0.8888	0.23207	2.2089
7	0.49537	0.41205	0.71483	0.63351	2.2558
9	0.67638	0.77675	0.60543	0.44511	2.5037
10	0.548596	0.619173	0.402624	0.534647	2.10504
11	0.601691	0.6982	0.588494	0.397873	2.28626
15	0.670379	0.765284	0.311241	0.500204	2.24711
20	0.556653	0.861222	0.669703	0.048837	2.13642
25	0.731169	0.888198	0.569004	0.638239	2.82661
30	0.695765	0.819142	0.597166	0.452253	2.56433

Elapsed time is 92.7683 minutes.

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 Training INPUTS: 1 2 3 4 5 6  
 Depth PeakDownPress RotationTorq RotationSpeedr MovingSpeedft  
 feet urepsi uelbft evmin h SpecificEnergyftlbft3  
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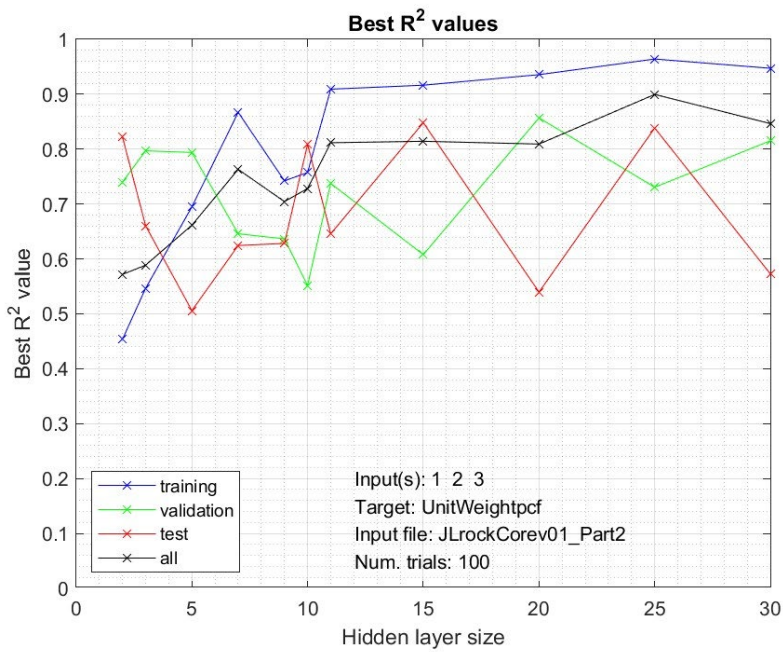
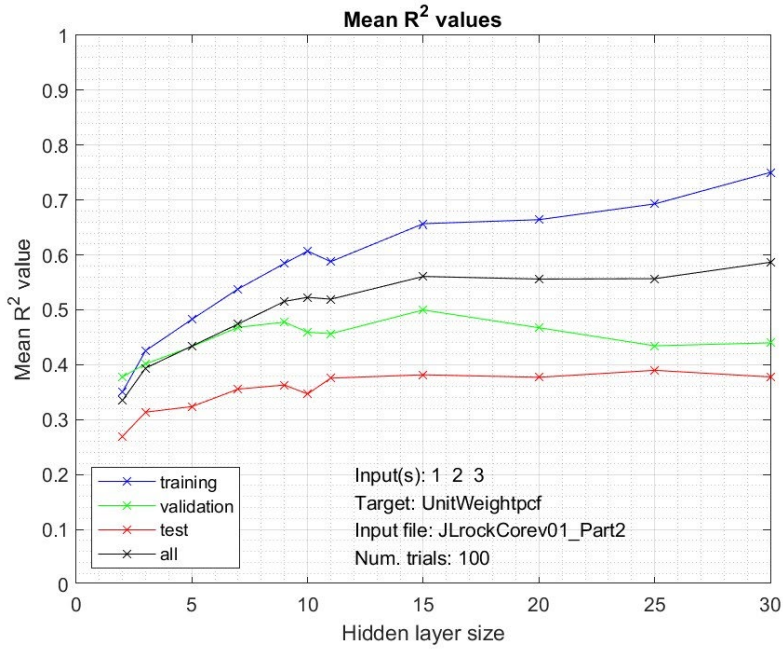
Training TARGETS: 8  
 UCSpsi  
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## Appendix F – NN Modeling for Unit Weight: Mean $R^2$ and Best $R^2$ from 100 Iterations for Seven Best Models

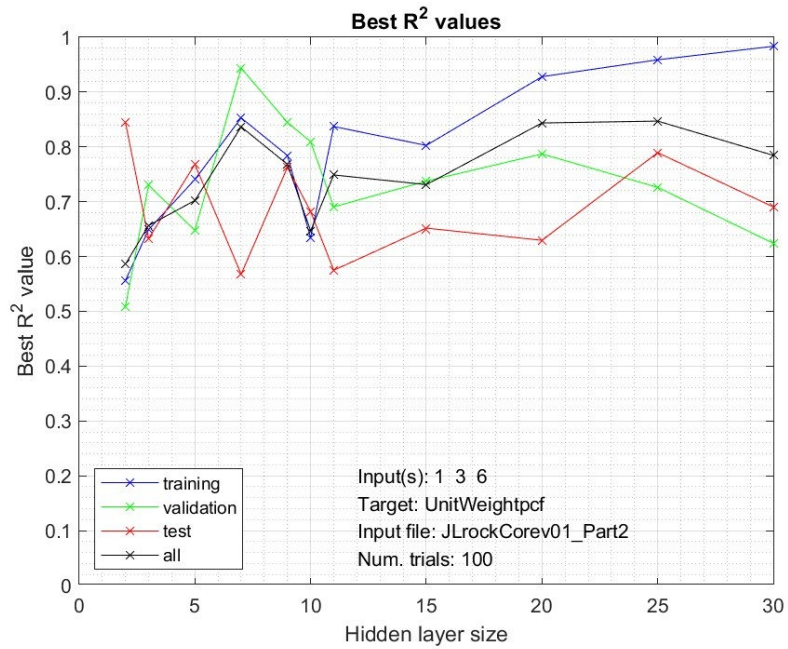
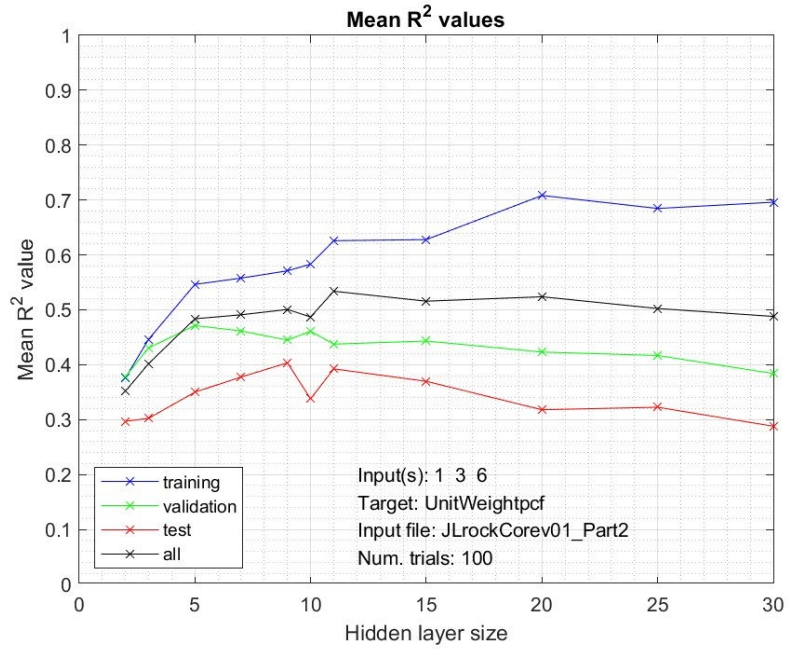
The inset text on each plot shows the training input number code, the training target, input file name (for reference) and the number of modeling iterations (trials). The legend on the plots is color coded for the data sets: blue for training, green for validation, red for testing and black for all.

Appendix F-1 – Plots of Mean and Best  $R^2$  Values for Unit Weight

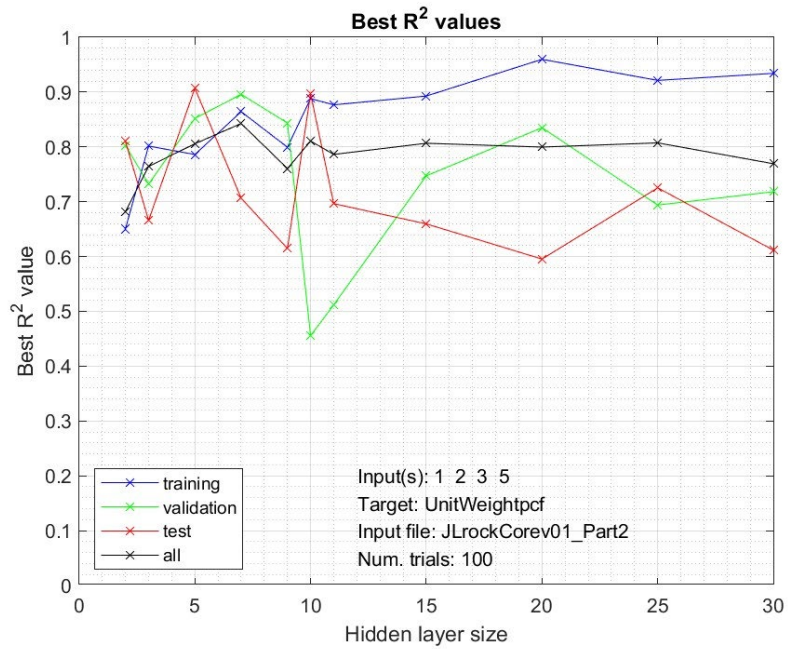
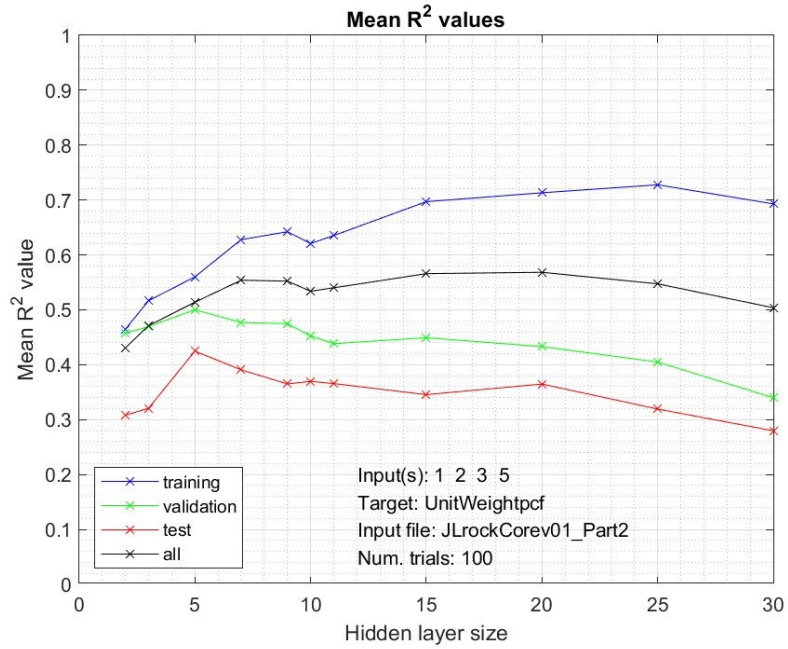
Results for NN modeling of Unit weight. Six pairs of plots are shown for the seven best models listed in Table 14.

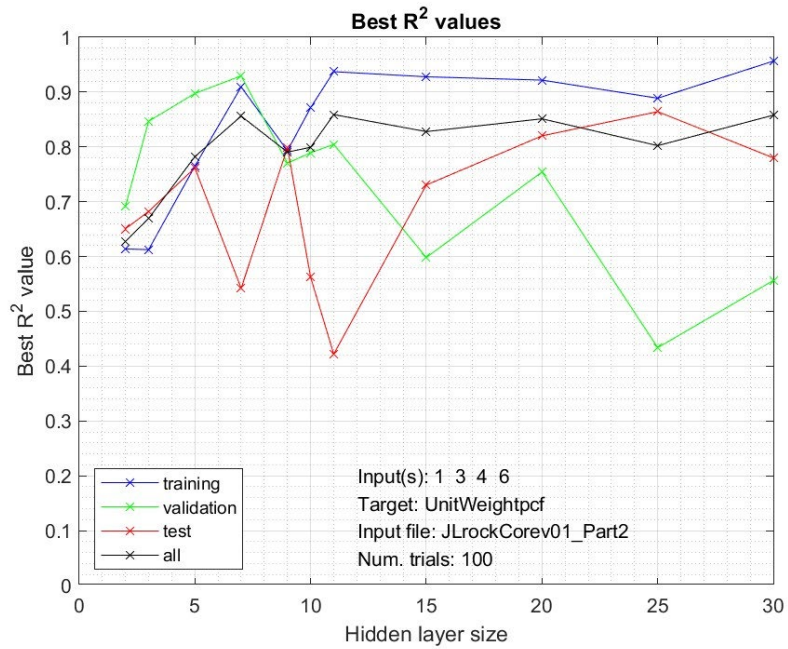
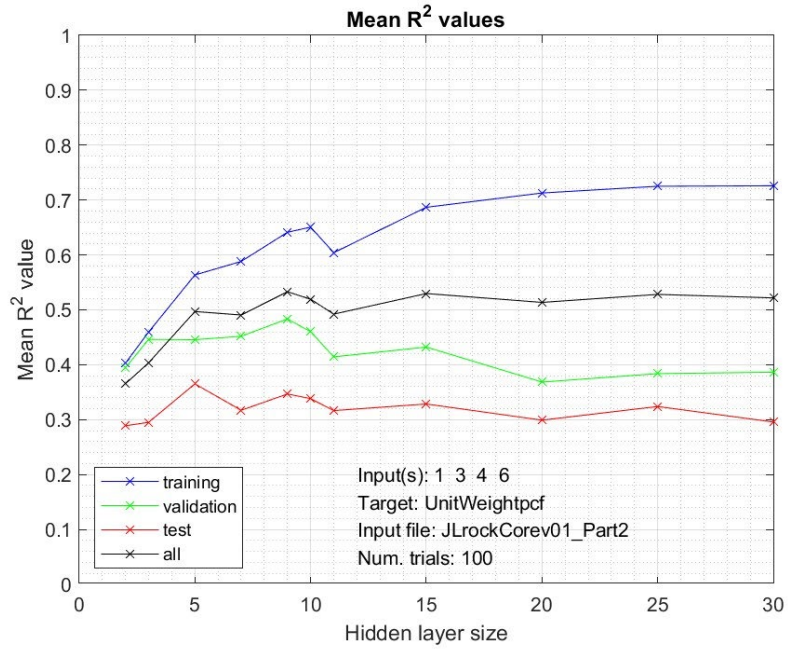


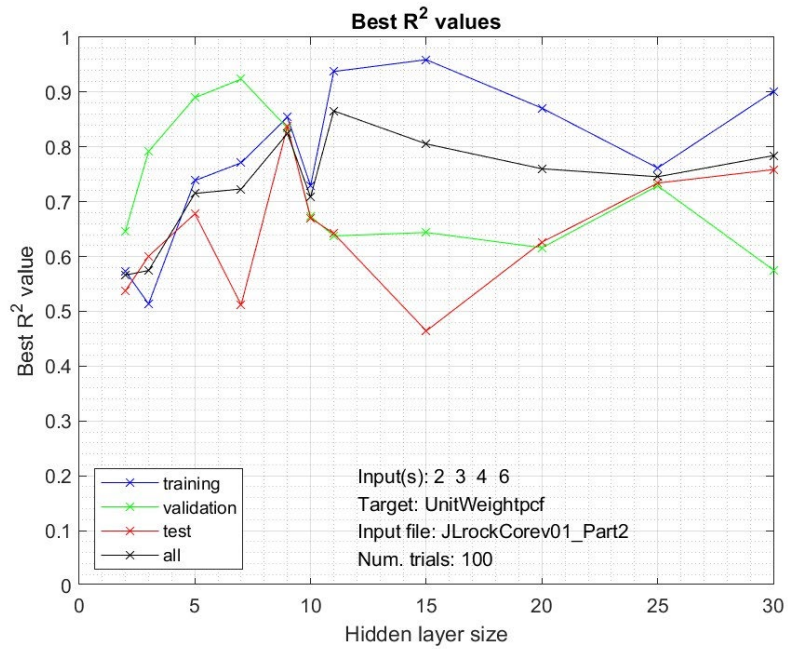
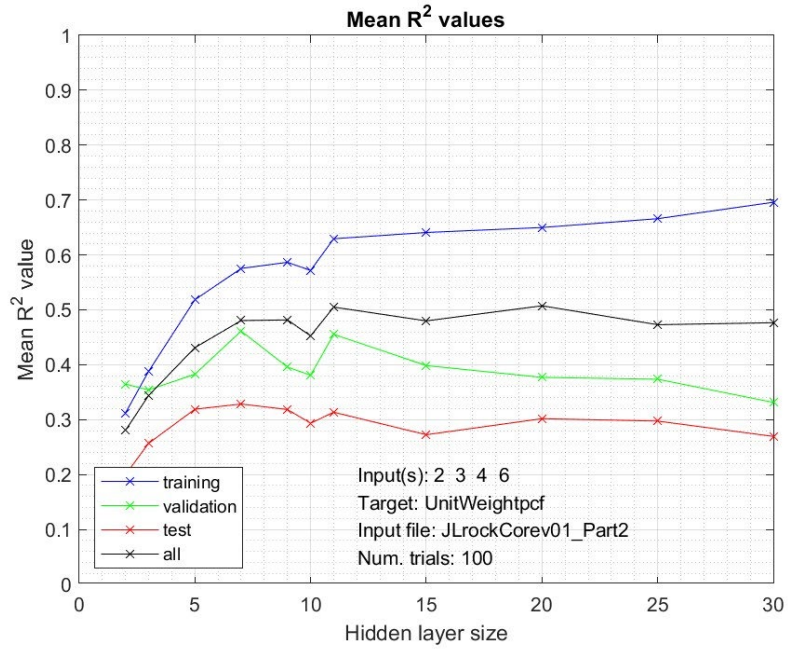


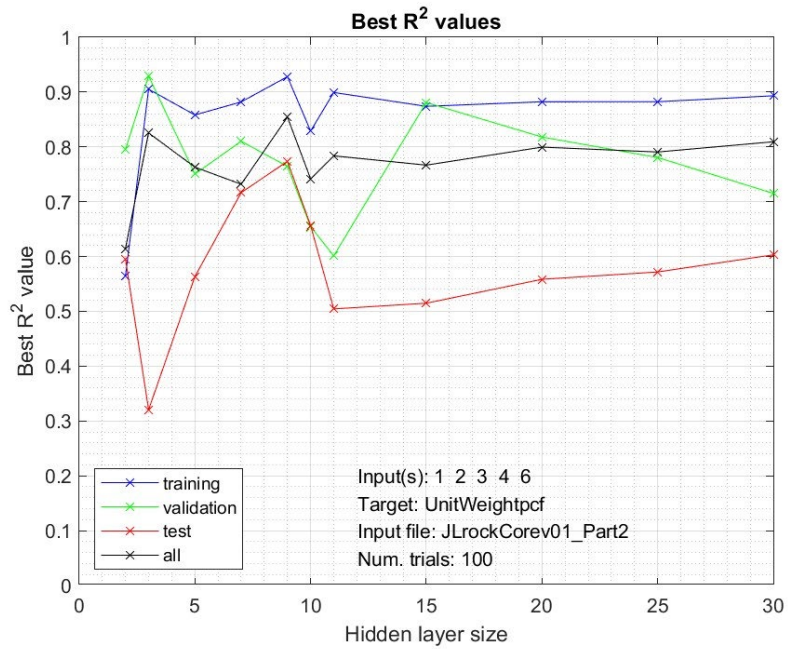
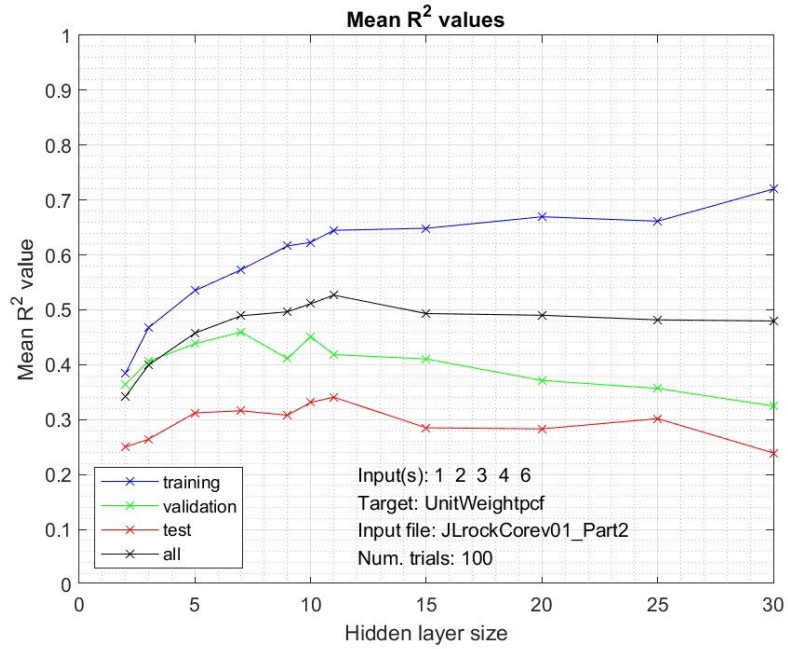












Appendix F-2 – Mean and Best R<sup>2</sup> Results in Text Form for Unit Weight

Results for NN modelling of Unit weight showing results for the seven best NN models.

inp	=	1	2	3			
--->	Input(s)	=	Depthfeet	PeakDownPr	RotationTorquelbft		Sum
	HL	no.	all	essurepsi	val	test	
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Mean							
R	=						
		2	0.33491	0.35044	0.37796	0.26945	
		3	0.39385	0.42556	0.40152	0.31366	
		5	0.43402	0.48265	0.43306	0.3238	
		7	0.4742	0.53812	0.46818	0.35568	
		9	0.51543	0.58451	0.47771	0.36312	
		10	0.522798	0.607014	0.459239	0.346755	
		11	0.519381	0.587805	0.456551	0.37558	
		15	0.56082	0.656951	0.499778	0.381714	
		20	0.556045	0.664231	0.467391	0.377174	
		25	0.556763	0.692946	0.434527	0.389848	
		30	0.586679	0.750393	0.439845	0.377812	
BestR	=						
		2	0.57172	0.45344	0.73999	0.82232	2.5875
		3	0.58869	0.54651	0.79697	0.66042	2.5926
		5	0.66148	0.69477	0.79398	0.50583	2.6561
		7	0.76311	0.86711	0.64587	0.62446	2.9006
		9	0.7045	0.74221	0.63656	0.62825	2.7115
		10	0.728293	0.757521	0.551672	0.808687	2.84617
		11	0.811664	0.909211	0.737489	0.64583	3.10419
		15	0.814322	0.916456	0.607903	0.848142	3.18682
		20	0.809247	0.935659	0.856899	0.539647	3.14145
		25	0.899728	0.96414	0.730662	0.838524	3.43305
		30	0.846484	0.947291	0.815294	0.572523	3.18159
inp	=	1		3	6		
--->	Input(s)	=	Depthfeet	RotationTor	SpecificEnergyftlbft3		Sum
	HL	no.	all	quelbft	val	test	
	----	---	----	---	----	-----	
Mean							
R	=						
		2	0.35194	0.37626	0.37843	0.29699	
		3	0.40205	0.4463	0.43053	0.30244	
		5	0.48371	0.54635	0.47146	0.35008	
		7	0.491	0.55782	0.46152	0.37768	
		9	0.5007	0.57104	0.44489	0.4035	
		10	0.487081	0.583324	0.461002	0.337877	
		11	0.533875	0.625933	0.437568	0.392465	
		15	0.515778	0.627953	0.443187	0.369831	



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		20	0.523846	0.708357	0.423123	0.318077	
		25	0.502425	0.684657	0.416861	0.322592	
		30	0.487976	0.696068	0.383965	0.287991	
BestR	=						
		2	0.58604	0.55625	0.50812	0.84507	2.4955
		3	0.65662	0.64912	0.73022	0.63263	2.6686
		5	0.70225	0.74059	0.64756	0.7682	2.8586
		7	0.83668	0.85293	0.94376	0.5677	3.2011
		9	0.76812	0.78433	0.8446	0.76273	3.1598
		10	0.646847	0.634175	0.809587	0.682459	2.77307
		11	0.748859	0.837168	0.690605	0.575045	2.85168
		15	0.731159	0.802731	0.737569	0.65182	2.92328
		20	0.84366	0.928059	0.787175	0.629643	3.18854
		25	0.84706	0.958907	0.726187	0.789453	3.32161
		30	0.784532	0.983571	0.624153	0.690435	3.08269
inp	=		1	2	3	5	
--->	Input(s)	=	Depthfeet	PeakDownPr	RotationTor	MovingSpeedfth	Sum
	HL	no.	all	essurepsi	quelbft	test	
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Mean	R	=					
		2	0.43079	0.4649	0.45754	0.30805	
		3	0.47135	0.51663	0.46949	0.32073	
		5	0.51394	0.56014	0.50023	0.42474	
		7	0.55399	0.62785	0.47692	0.39077	
		9	0.55226	0.64226	0.47483	0.36505	
		10	0.533887	0.620873	0.452474	0.369766	
		11	0.540181	0.635299	0.438378	0.36571	
		15	0.565939	0.697019	0.449206	0.345577	
		20	0.568397	0.713236	0.433048	0.364819	
		25	0.547363	0.72777	0.404874	0.319317	
		30	0.503788	0.692961	0.33993	0.279737	
BestR	=						
		2	0.6821	0.6507	0.80265	0.81006	2.9455
		3	0.7644	0.80156	0.73208	0.6659	2.9639
		5	0.80571	0.78606	0.85205	0.90697	3.3508
		7	0.84264	0.86427	0.89585	0.70633	3.3091
		9	0.76052	0.79939	0.84355	0.61461	3.0181
		10	0.810695	0.888103	0.455599	0.896888	3.05129
		11	0.786281	0.876718	0.511804	0.69647	2.87127
		15	0.806641	0.892763	0.747211	0.659577	3.10619
		20	0.799676	0.959785	0.835024	0.595404	3.18989
		25	0.807344	0.92132	0.693934	0.72529	3.14789
		30	0.769304	0.934165	0.718265	0.611597	3.03333
inp	=		1	3	4	6	
--->	Input(s)	=	Depthfeet	RotationTor	RotationSpe	SpecificEnergyftlbft3	
				quelbft	edrevmin		

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	HL	no.	all	train	val	test	Sum
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Mean R	=						
		2	0.36535	0.40286	0.39438	0.28887	
		3	0.40356	0.45957	0.44624	0.29515	
		5	0.49696	0.56353	0.4457	0.36515	
		7	0.49061	0.5882	0.45185	0.31707	
		9	0.533	0.6413	0.4834	0.34681	
		10	0.519377	0.650656	0.460206	0.338251	
		11	0.492207	0.604156	0.414357	0.316505	
		15	0.529702	0.686808	0.432179	0.328518	
		20	0.513556	0.712835	0.368452	0.299107	
		25	0.528135	0.7251	0.383821	0.323961	
		30	0.521765	0.725954	0.386419	0.295689	
BestR	=						
		2	0.62771	0.61386	0.69154	0.65059	2.5837
		3	0.66933	0.61256	0.84681	0.6822	2.8109
		5	0.78232	0.76488	0.8975	0.76172	3.2064
		7	0.85617	0.90936	0.92956	0.54199	3.2371
		9	0.79045	0.79291	0.77037	0.79894	3.1527
		10	0.799346	0.871498	0.789236	0.562487	3.02257
		11	0.858932	0.937218	0.804533	0.421986	3.02267
		15	0.827914	0.927894	0.598201	0.730467	3.08448
		20	0.851243	0.921801	0.754332	0.820176	3.34755
		25	0.802296	0.888845	0.433802	0.86426	2.9892
		30	0.857923	0.956515	0.556421	0.779902	3.15076
inp	=		2	3	4	6	
--->	Input(s)	=	PeakDownPr	RotationTor	RotationSpe	SpecificEnergyftlbft3	
	HL	no.	essurepsi	quelbft	edrevmin		Sum
	----	---	all	train	val	test	
Mean R	=						
		2	0.28043	0.312	0.36477	0.19984	
		3	0.34389	0.38797	0.35405	0.25686	
		5	0.43117	0.51841	0.38278	0.31907	
		7	0.48049	0.57539	0.46134	0.32847	
		9	0.48167	0.58662	0.39573	0.31848	
		10	0.452503	0.571806	0.380914	0.293566	
		11	0.50499	0.629527	0.45539	0.313526	
		15	0.479909	0.640908	0.398469	0.272552	
		20	0.507391	0.649963	0.376966	0.301776	
		25	0.472916	0.666065	0.373653	0.297397	
		30	0.476545	0.695948	0.331376	0.269457	
BestR	=						
		2	0.5663	0.57311	0.64682	0.53744	2.3237
		3	0.57453	0.51352	0.79182	0.60072	2.4806

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		5	0.71514	0.73861	0.8898	0.678	3.0215
		7	0.72324	0.771	0.92363	0.51192	2.9298
		9	0.82455	0.85414	0.83427	0.83728	3.3502
		10	0.708391	0.728953	0.67328	0.670004	2.78063
		11	0.865724	0.937498	0.637614	0.642025	3.08286
		15	0.805442	0.959059	0.643858	0.46429	2.87265
		20	0.760081	0.8707	0.61603	0.626351	2.87316
		25	0.745572	0.761514	0.72903	0.734042	2.97016
		30	0.784146	0.900885	0.575438	0.758615	3.01908
inp	=		1	2	3	4	6
--->	Input(s)	=	Depthfeet	PeakDownPr	RotationTor	RotationSpe	SpecificEne
	HL	no.	all	essurepsi	quelbft	edrevmin	rgyftlbft3
	----	---	----	---	----	-----	Sum
Mean							
R	=						
		2	0.34225	0.38435	0.36473	0.25032	
		3	0.39937	0.46748	0.40632	0.26438	
		5	0.45767	0.53493	0.43816	0.31238	
		7	0.48922	0.57317	0.45956	0.31617	
		9	0.49642	0.61633	0.41099	0.30803	
		10	0.511068	0.622906	0.45146	0.331262	
		11	0.526761	0.644825	0.418506	0.340923	
		15	0.49324	0.648547	0.410541	0.285133	
		20	0.490117	0.669505	0.371371	0.283178	
		25	0.481794	0.66149	0.356881	0.301818	
		30	0.479729	0.720106	0.324808	0.239271	
BestR	=						
		2	0.61457	0.56392	0.79472	0.59567	2.5689
		3	0.82552	0.90528	0.92921	0.3204	2.9804
		5	0.76301	0.85829	0.75048	0.56337	2.9352
		7	0.73193	0.88202	0.81023	0.71662	3.1408
		9	0.85439	0.92813	0.76439	0.77373	3.3206
		10	0.741647	0.828848	0.654696	0.656633	2.88182
		11	0.78369	0.899255	0.601222	0.504482	2.78865
		15	0.766748	0.873975	0.880941	0.514889	3.03655
		20	0.799591	0.882332	0.817939	0.558492	3.05835
		25	0.790707	0.882414	0.780617	0.571875	3.02561
		30	0.80939	0.893252	0.715077	0.603177	3.0209
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