dh2loop 1.0: an open-source Python library for automated processing and classification of geological logs

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Abstract. A huge amount of legacy drilling data is available in geological survey but cannot be used directly as it is compiled and recorded in an unstructured textual form and using different formats depending on the database structure, company, logging geologist, investigation method, investigated materials and/or drilling campaign. It is subjective and plagued with uncertainty as it is likely to have been conducted by tens to hundreds of geologists, all of whom would have their own personal biases. *dh2loop* (https://github.com/Loop3D/dh2loop) is an open-source python library for extracting and standardizing geologic drill hole data and export it into readily importable interval tables (collar, survey, lithology). In this contribution, we extract, process and classify lithological logs from the Geological Survey of Western Australia Mineral Exploration Reports Database in the Yalgoo-Singleton Greenstone Belt (YSGB) region. It also addresses the subjective nature and variability of nomenclature of lithological descriptions within and across different drilling campaigns by using thesauri and fuzzy string matching. For this study case, 86% of the extracted lithology data is successfully matched to lithologies in the thesauri. Since this process can be tedious, we attempted to test the string matching with the comments, which resulted to a matching rate of 16% (7,870 successfully matched records out of 47,823 records). The standardised lithological data is then classified into multi-level groupings that can be used to systematically upscale and downscale drill hole data inputs for multiscale 3D geological modelling. *dh2loop* formats legacy data bridging the gap between utilization and maximization of legacy drill hole data and drill hole analysis functionalities available in existing python libraries (*lasio*, *welly*, *striplog*).

1 Introduction

Drilling is a process of penetrating through the ground that is capable of extracting information about rocks from various depths below the surface. This is useful for establishing the geology beneath the surface. Drill core or cuttings can be collected thus providing samples for description, interpretation and analysis. The location of where drilling starts is referred to as the collar. As the drilling progresses, survey orientation measurements are taken to be able to convert the specific depths to exact coordinate locations of the drill core being retrieved. In a hard rock setting, geological drill core logging is the process whereby the recovered drill core sample is systematically studied to determine the lithology, mineralisation, structures, and alteration zones of a potential mineral deposit. It is usually performed by geologists who classify a rock unit into a code, based on one or multiple properties such as rock type, alteration intensity and mineralisation content. Exploration and mining companies rely on the diverse geoscientific information obtained by drill core logging techniques to target and to build models for prospectivity mapping or mine planning. This work focuses on lithological logs which is the component of a geological log that refers to the geological information on the dominant rock type in a specific downhole interval. Inevitably, lithological drill core logging is subjective and plagued with uncertainty as all logging geologists have their own personal biases (Lark et al., 2014). The information and level of detail contained in logs is highly dependent on the purpose of the study, this already makes geological logging subjective. This subjectivity is also influenced by the lack of a standards between projects and/or companies combined with the personal biases of the logging geologist. Furthermore, it can be difficult to recognise lithology with confidence and to establish subtle variations or boundaries in apparently homogeneous sequences.

With the advent of the digital age, semi-automated drill core logging techniques such as X-Ray Diffraction (XRD), X-Ray Fluorescence spectrometry (XRF) and Hyperspectral (HS) imaging have provided higher detail of data collection and other properties such as conductivity, volumetric magnetic susceptibility, density using gamma-ray attenuation, and chemical elements during logging (Zhou et al., 2003; Rothwell and Rack, 2006; Ross et al., 2013). This has prompted a shift towards using numerical data rather than depending on traditional geological drill core logging procedures (Culshaw, 2005). Multiple methods have been recently applied to geological drill core logging such as wavelet transform analysis or data mosaic (Arabjamaloei et al., 2011; Hill et al., 2020; Le Vaillant et al., 2017; Hill et al., 2015), artificial neural network model (Lindsay, 2019; Zhou et al., 2019; Emelyanova et al., 2017) and inversion (Zhu et al., 2019). Relying solely on these semi-automatic methods comes with drawbacks as it excludes some of the subjective interpretations that cannot be replaced. The semi-automatic methods also are poor at describing textural characteristics (foliation, banding, grain size variation). Furthermore, a rich amount of legacy data is collected in the traditional drill core logging method and disregarding this information limits the dataset.

Legacy data are information collected, compiled and/or stored in the past into many different old or obsolete formats or systems, such as handwritten records, aperture cards, floppy disks, microfiche, transparencies, magnetic tapes and/or newspaper clippings making it difficult to access and/or process (Smith et al., 2015). Legacy digital data also suffer from lack of standardisation and inconsistency. In geoscience, these are currently scattered amongst unpublished company reports, departmental reports, publications, petrographic reports, printed plans and maps, aerial photographs, field notebooks, sample ticket books, drill core samples, tenement information and geospatial data providing a major impediment to their efficient use. This includes geological drill core logs that are the outcome of most expensive part of most mineral exploration campaigns: drilling. This is valuable information source and key assets that can be used to add value to geoscientific data for research and exploration; design mapping programs and research questions of interest; more efficiently target remapping and sustainable new discoveries; and provide customers with all existing information at the start of the remapping program. It should not be abandoned for it may have lower intrinsic quality than observations made with more modern equipment, its recovery and translation to a digital format is too tedious. Griffin (2015) argues that there is no distinction in principle between legacy data and 'new' data, as all of it is data. The intention of recovering legacy data is to a) upcycle information with integration into modern datasets, b) use salvaged data for new scientific applications and c) allow reuse of that information into utility downstream applications (Vearncombe et al., 2017). Furthermore, extracting information from legacy datasets is valuable and relatively low-risk as geoscientific insight is added to a project for little or no cost compared to those of drilling (Vearncombe et al., 2016).

The primary challenge in dealing with geological legacy datasets is that a large amount of important data, information and knowledge are recorded in an unstructured textural form, such as host rock, alteration types, geological setting, ore-controlled factors, geochemical and geophysical anomaly patterns, and location (Wang and Ma, 2019). To acknowledge the ambiguity in the context of "unstructured textual form", we define it in this paper as, "descriptive text that lacks a pre-defined format and/or metadata thus cannot be readily indexed and mapped into standard database fields". The geological drill core logging forms and formats also vary depending on the company, logging geologist, investigation method, investigated materials and/or drilling campaign. Natural language processing (NLP) also known as computational linguistics has been used for information extraction, text classification and automatic text summarization (Otter et al., 2020). NLP applications on legacy data have been demonstrated in the fields of taxonomy (Rivera-Quiroz and Miller, 2019), biomedicine (Liu et al., 2011) and legal services (Jallan et al., 2019). Qiu et al. (2020) proposed an ontology-based methodology to support automated classification of geological reports using word embeddings, geoscience dictionary matching and bidirectional long short-term memory model (Dic-Att-BiLSTM) that assists in identifying the difference in relevance from a report. Padarian and Fuentes (2019) also introduced the use of domain-specific word embeddings (GeoVec) which is used to automate and reduce subjectivity of geological mapping of drill hole descriptions (Fuentes et al., 2020).

Similarity matching has many applications in natural language processing as it is one of the best techniques for improving retrieval effectiveness (Park et al., 2005). The use of text similarity is beneficial for text categorization (Liu and Guo, 2005) and text summarization (Erkan and Radev, 2004; Lin and Hovy, 2003). It has been used to extract lithostratigraphic markers from drill lithology logs (Schetselaar and Lemieux, 2012). Fuzzy string matching, also known as approximate string matching, is the process of finding strings that approximately match a given pattern (Cohen, 2011; Gonzalez et al., 2017). It has been used in language syntax checker, spell-checking, DNA analysis and detection, spam detection, sport and concert event ticket search (Higgins and Mehta, 2018), text re-use detection (Recasens et al., 2013) and clinical trials (Kumari et al., 2020).

Most of the available python libraries available have been built to process extracted and standardised drill hole data. The most common of these are: *lasio* (https://lasio.readthedocs.io/en/latest/) which deals with reading and writing Log ASCII Standard (LAS) files, a drill hole format commonly used in the oil and gas industry, *welly* (https://github.com/agile-geoscience/welly) which deals with loading, processing, and analysis of drill holes and *striplog* (https://github.com/agile-geoscience/striplog) which digitises, visualises and archives stratigraphic and lithological data. *Striplog* (Hall and Keppie, 2016) also parses natural language 'descriptions', converting them into structured data via an arbitrary lexicon which allows further querying and analysis on drill hole data. The main limitation of these existing libraries, with respect to legacy data in the mining sector is that they assume that the data is already standardised and pre-processed.

dh2loop provides the functionality to extract and standardise geologic drill hole data and export it into readily importable interval tables (collar, survey, lithology). It addresses the subjective nature and variability of nomenclature of lithological descriptions within and across different drilling campaigns by integrating published dictionaries, glossaries and/or thesauri that are built to improve resolution of poorly defined or highly subjective use of terminology and idiosyncratic logging methods. It is however important to highlight that verifying the accuracy and/or correctness of the geological logs being standardised is outside the scope of this tool, thus we assume logging has been conducted to the best of the geologist's ability.

Furthermore, it classifies lithological data into multi-level groupings that can be used to systematically upscale and downscale drill hole data inputs in multiscale 3D geological model. It also provides drill hole desurveying (computes the geometry of a drillhole in three-dimensional space) and log correlation functions so that the results can be plotted in 3D and analysed against each other. It also links the gap between utilization and maximization of legacy drill hole data and the drill hole analysis functionalities available in existing python libraries.

2 *dh2loop* Drillhole Data Extraction

2.1 Conventions and Terminologies

This paper involves multiple python libraries, database tables and fields. For clarity, the following conventions are used for this paper (Appendix A1):

1. Python libraries are written in italics: *dh2loop*
2. Python functions are written in italics followed by an open and close parenthesis: *token_set_ratio()*
3. Database tables are written in Lucida Console Italics: *dhgeology*
4. Database table fields are written in Lucida Console: CollarID
5. Workflows are written in Century Gothic Bold: **Lithology Code workflow**

2.2 Data Source

The Geological Survey of Western Australia Mineral Exploration Reports Database contains open-file reports submitted as a compliance to the Sunset Clause, Regulation 96(4) of the Western Australia legislation Mining Regulations 1981. These reports contain valuable exploration information in hardcopy (1957-2000), hardcopy and digital format (2000-2007) and digital format (2000-present) (Riganti et al., 2015). The minimum contents of a drilling report comprise a collar file which describe the geographic coordinates of the collar location. Additional files may be included, such as a survey file describing the depth, azimuth and inclination measurements for the drilling path; assays; downhole geology and property surveys (e.g. downhole geochemistry, petrophysics) may also be available depending on the company's submission (Riganti et al., 2015). The data in the drilling reports are extracted with spatial attribution and imported to a custom-designed relational database (also called the Mineral Drillhole Database) curated by the GSWA that allows easy retrieval and spatial querying. For simplicity, we will refer to this database as the WAMEX database in this text.

The WAMEX database contains more than 50 years' worth of mineral exploration drill hole data with more than 2.05 million drill holes, imported from over 1,514 companies. Each drill hole is identified by its surface coordinates and its unique ID (CollarID) in the *collar* table. The drill hole 3D geometry is described in the survey tables (*dhsurvey, dhsurveyattr)*. The lithology along the drill hole is described as a function of depth in the lithology tables (*dhgeology* and *dhgeologyattr*). However, it is important to emphasise that the drill hole data is of variable quality and reliability and that no validation has been done. The necessary amendments and reformatting enabling to extract and utilise data from the WAMEX database are part of the functionalities provided by *dh2loop*.

2.3 Thesauri

Since most exploration companies have their own nomenclature and systems, which could also change between drilling campaigns, it is necessary to build thesauri: dictionaries that list equivalent and related nomenclature (or synonyms) for different attribute names and values. Synonyms include terminologies that share a similar intent, for example, RL (relative level) terms, whether elevation or relative level, as long as the words are recording a vertical height. These thesauri are stored as additional tables in the database. For example, if we are interested in the major lithology in a specific interval, this information can be tabulated as “Major Rock Type”, “Lithology_A” or “Main_Geology_Unit” depending on the drill core logging system used. The resulting thesauri considers change in cases, abbreviations, addition of characters, typographical errors and a combination of these. Although listing out these terms is manual and tedious, it only needs to be done once and can be re-used and forms the basis for future text matching and as a training set to automate finding similar terms. This is preferred over selection based on regular expressions as when parsing these terms, there are complex patterns in the terms used and the inconsistencies in the way they are written that can be understood by a person with a geological background but not by a simple regular expression. The complexity of the regular expression required to catch all the terms of interest means an optimal expression is difficult, if not impossible, to define, and also tends to be computationally burdensome. *dh2loop* provides several thesauri that can easily be updated (if needed) for the following attributes (Appendix A. A1). In order to extract the other attributes, we envisage developing other thesauri, following the same workflow.

1. Drill Hole Collar Elevation Thesaurus: 360 synonyms such as “elevation” and “relative level”
2. Drill Hole Maximum Depth Thesaurus:160 synonyms such as “end of hole”, “final depth” and “total depth”
3. Drill Hole Survey Azimuth Thesaurus: 142 synonyms
4. Drill Hole Survey Inclination Thesaurus: 8 synonyms such as “dip”
5. Drill Hole Lithology Thesaurus: 688 synonyms such as “geology”, “Lithology_A”, “Major_Geology_Unit” and “Major_Rock_Type”
6. Drill Hole Comments Thesaurus: 434 synonyms such as “description”

The thesauri created specifically for further processing lithology and comments information are:

7. Drill Hole Lithology Codes Thesaurus

   It compiles the equivalent lithology for a given lithological code based on the reports submitted to GSWA. This thesaurus is identified by a company id and report number.

8. Clean-up Dictionary

   It is a list of words and non-alphabetic characters that are used as descriptions in the geological logging syntax. This dictionary is used to remove these terms from the `Company_Litho` and/or `Comments` free text descriptions prior to the fuzzy string matching. The dictionary is composed of terms that describe age, location, structural forms, textures, amount/distribution, minerals, colours, symbols and common phrases, compiled from abbreviations in field and mine geological mapping (Chace, 1956) and the CGI-IUGS geoscience vocabularies accessible at http://geosciml.org/resource/def/voc/ (Simons et al., 2006; Richard et al., 2007; Raymond et al., 2012).

9. Lithology Hierarchical Thesaurus

   It is a list of 757 rock names (`Detailed_Lithology`), their synonyms and a two-level upscale grouping (`Lithology_Subgroup` and `Lithology_Group`) (Fig 1). Each row in `Detailed_Lithology` refers to a rock name. Each rock name row lists the standardised terminology first, followed by its synonyms. The two corresponding columns for this row indicated the two-level upscale grouping. Many of the `Lithology_Subgroups` listed have parent-child relationships e.g. 'mafic_fine_grained_crystalline' is a child of 'mafic'. Parents in parent-child relationships are included in their children as catch-all groups to capture free text descriptions that do not include details that would be captured by only using the child terms alone. 169 of these rock names are compiled from the CGI-IUGS Simple Lithology vocabulary available at:

http://resource.geosciml.org/classifier/cgi/lithology (Simons et al., 2006; Richard et al., 2007; Raymond et al., 2012). The synonyms are obtained from mindat.org (Ralph and Chau, 2014; Ralph, 2004). The hierarchical classification is inherited from both mindat.org (Ralph and Chau, 2014; Ralph, 2004) and the British Geological Survey (BGS) Classification Scheme (Gillespie and Styles, 1999; Robertson, 1999; Hallsworth and Knox, 1999; McMillan and Powell, 1999; Rosenbaum et al., 2003). It is important to use multiple libraries to be able to build an exhaustive thesauri as some libraries are limited by the nomenclature, level of interest and presence of the lithology or rock group in a geographic area. For example, the BGS classification did not have a comprehensive regolith dictionary. Thus, regolith has been classified using the regolith glossary (Eggleton, 2001).

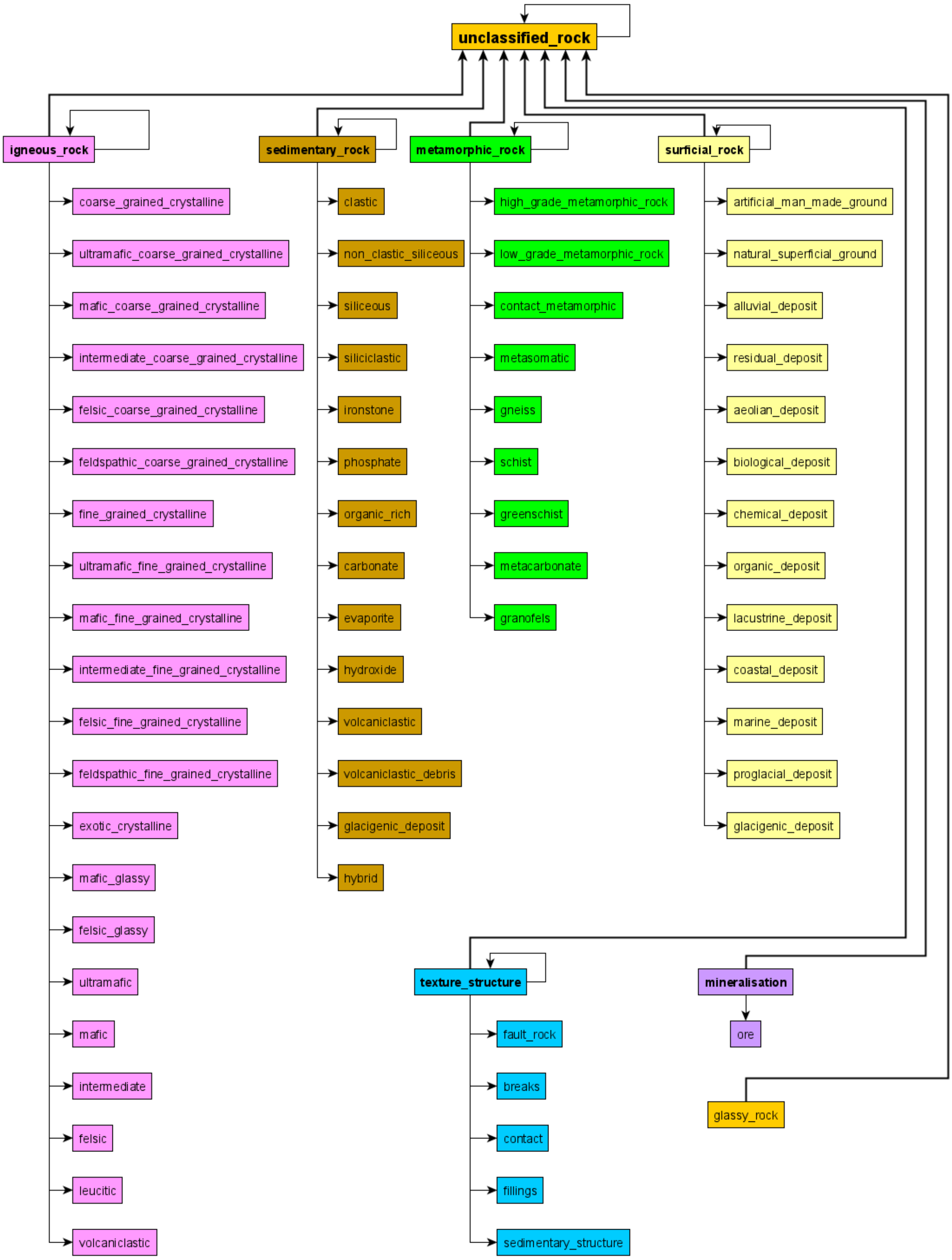


Figure 1. Lithology Hierarchical Thesaurus showing the 7 major Lithology_Groups: Igneous rocks (pink), Sedimentary rocks (light brown), Metamorphic rocks (green), Surficial Rocks (light yellow), Texture and Structure (blue), Mineralisation (purple) and Unclassified Rocks (dark yellow) and their corresponding Lithology_Subgrouups.

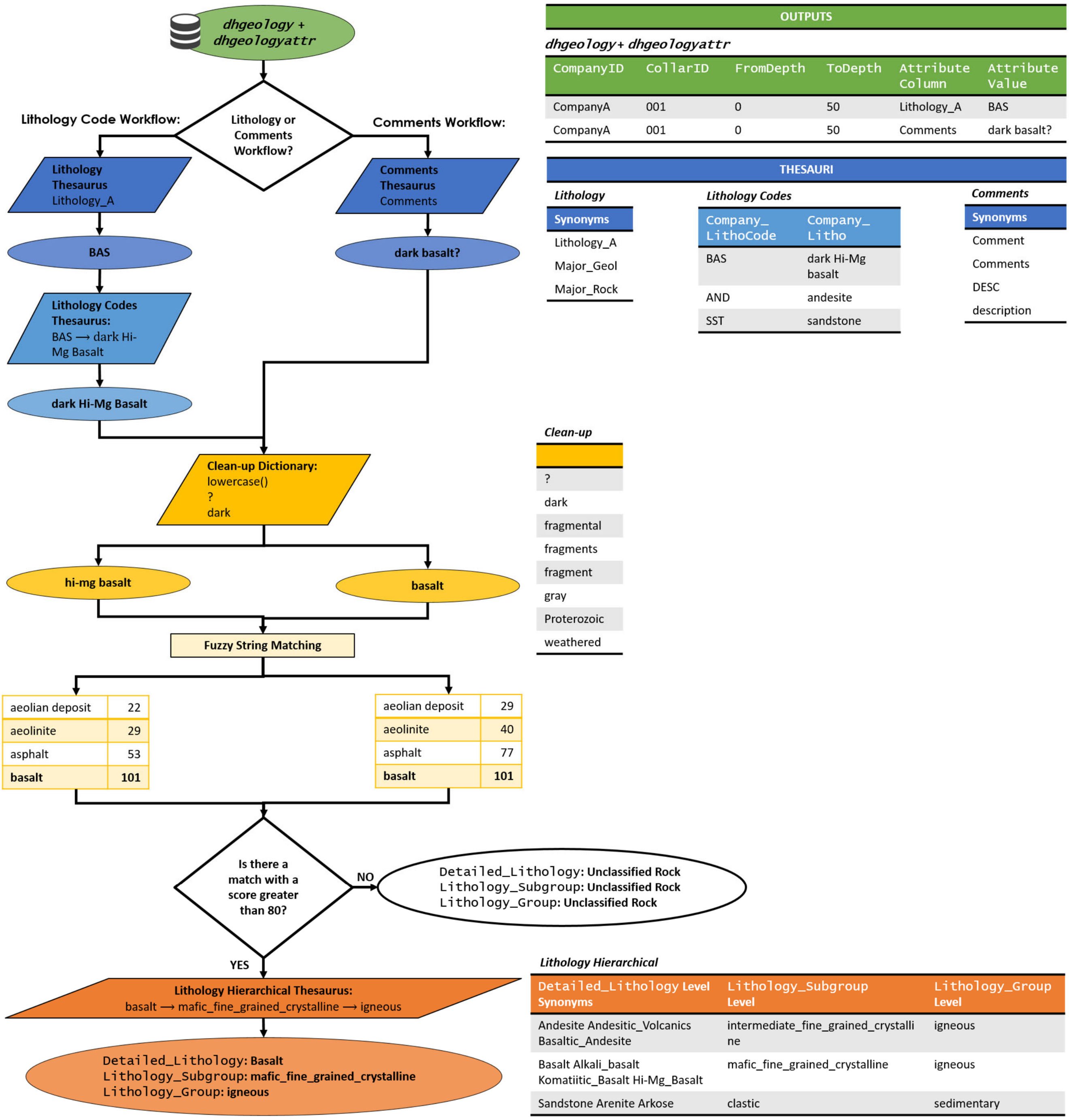
2.4 Data Extraction

Currently, the *dh2loop* library extracts collar, survey and lithology information. The paper focus on the lithological extraction. Database structure and extraction results for collar and survey are available in Appendix B3 & B4 . The extraction uses a configuration file that allows the user to define the inputs, which are:

1. Region of interest (in WGS 1984 lat/long); and/or
2. List of drill hole ID codes codes, if known.
3. If reprojection is desired, the EPSG code of the projected coordinate system (e.g. EPSG:28350 for MGA Zone 50; http://epsg.io)
4. The connection credentials to the local copy of the WAMEX database
5. Input and output file directories/location

The lithology extraction is divided into two workflows: **Lithology Code Workflow** and **Comments Workflow**. Both workflows output a lithology CSV file containing the following information (Fig. 2):

1. `CompanyID`: The primary key to link the lithology code to the Drill Hole Lithology Codes Thesaurus and decode the lithologies.
2. `CollarID`: The primary key to link the lithology information to the collar file.
3. `FromDepth` and `ToDepth`: If the `ToDepth` is null, we assume `ToDepth` to be equal to `FromDepth` + 0.01. If the `FromDepth` is larger than `ToDepth`, the `FromDepth` and `ToDepth` values are switched.
4. `Detailed_Lithology`: This value is the lithology matched through fuzzy string matching. The string that serves as input to the fuzzy string matching may either be the `Company_Litho` (decoded lithology from `Company_LithoCode`) or from the `Comments` (free text descriptions).
   - 4.1. Decoding Lithological Codes
     - 4.1.1. `Company_LithoCode`: This fetches the lithology codes that are typically three-letter codes using the Drill Hole Lithology Thesaurus.
     - 4.1.2. `Company_Litho`: The `Company_Litho` is fetched by matching the `CompanyID` and `Company_LithoCode` to the Drill Hole Lithology Codes Thesaurus.
   - 4.2. `Comments`: This fetches the free text descriptions using the Drill Hole Comments Thesaurus.
5. `Lithology_Subgroup` and `Lithology_Group`: Upscales the lithological information to more generic rock groups. For example, `Detailed_Lithology`: “basalt” is upscaled to `Lithology_Subgroup`:“mafic_fine-grained crystalline” and further upscaled to `Lithology_Group`:“igneous rock”.
6. Calculated `X`, `Y`, `Z` for the start, mid and endpoint also using the minimum curvature algorithm. The desurveying code is heavily based on the *pyGSLIB* drill hole module.


dhgeology + dhgeologyattr
Lithology Code Workflow:
Lithology or Comments Workflow?
Comments Workflow:
Lithology Thesaurus Lithology_A
BAS
Lithology Codes Thesaurus: BAS ⟶ dark Hi-Mg Basalt
dark Hi-Mg Basalt
Comments Thesaurus Comments
dark basalt?
Clean-up Dictionary: lowercase() ? dark
hi-mg basalt
basalt
Fuzzy String Matching
Is there a match with a score greater than 80?
NO
Detailed_Lithology: Unclassified Rock
Lithology_Subgroup: Unclassified Rock
Lithology_Group: Unclassified Rock
YES
Lithology Hierarchical Thesaurus: basalt ⟶ mafic_fine_grained_crystalline ⟶ igneous
Detailed_Lithology: Basalt
Lithology_Subgroup: mafic_fine_grained_crystalline
Lithology_Group: igneous

aeolian deposit	22
aeolinite	29
asphalt	53
basalt	**101**

aeolian deposit	29
aeolinite	40
asphalt	77
basalt	**101**

OUTPUTS

dhgeology+ dhgeologyattr

CompanyID	CollarID	FromDepth	ToDepth	Attribute Column	Attribute Value
CompanyA	001	0	50	Lithology_A	BAS
CompanyA	001	0	50	Comments	dark basalt?

THESAURI

Lithology

Synonyms
Lithology_A
Major_Geol
Major_Rock

Lithology Codes

Company_ LithoCode	Company_ Litho
BAS	dark Hi-Mg basalt
AND	andesite
SST	sandstone

Comments

Synonyms
Comment
Comments
DESC
description

Clean-up

?
dark
fragmental
fragments
fragment
gray
Proterozoic
weathered

Lithology Hierarchical

Detailed_Lithology Level Synonyms	Lithology_Subgroup Level	Lithology_Group Level
Andesite Andesitic_Volcanics Basaltic_Andesite	intermediate_fine_grained_crystalline	igneous
Basalt Alkali_basalt Komatiitic_Basalt Hi-Mg_Basalt	mafic_fine_grained_crystalline	igneous
Sandstone Arenite Arkose	clastic	sedimentary

Figure 2. Lithology extraction is done through the Lithology Code workflow and Comments workflow. The values are fetched from the *dhgeology* and *dhgeologyattr* table (green) using either the Drill Hole Lithology Thesaurus (blue) and Drill Hole Lithology Codes Thesaurus (light blue) or the Drill Hole Comments Thesaurus (blue). The string fetched is then cleaned prior to the fuzzy string matching using the Clean-up Dictionary (dark yellow). The result is then matched against the Detailed_Lithology level of the Lithological Hierarchical Thesaurus. If there is a match with a score greater or equal to 80, the match is taken and matched with the rest of the columns in the Lithology Hierarchical thesaurus. If not, it is labelled as unclassified rock.

Once the `Company_Litho` (decoded lithology from `Company_LithoCode` or from the `Comments` (free text descriptions) have been extracted from the database, the lithology strings are pre-processed such that:

a) The strings are converted to lowercase form.

b) The string inside parenthesis, brackets and braces are removed, as these are found to reduce the accuracy of the matching.

c) The string preceded by key phrases such as "with", "possibly", "similar to" are removed.

d) If any of the words listed in the Clean-up Dictionary are present in the string, these words are removed.

e) Lemmatization, the removal of the inflections at the end of the words in order the "lemma" or root of the words, is applied to all nouns (Müller et al., 2015).

f) All words with non-alphabetic characters and tokens with less than three characters are removed. This include two-letter words such as "to", "in", "at".

g) Stopwords, a set of words frequently used in language which are irrelevant for text mining purposes (Wilbur and Sirotkin, 1992), are removed. Examples on stopwords are: as the, is, at, which, and on.

This is followed by fuzzy string matching, a technique that finds the string that matches a pattern approximately. Fuzzy string matching is typically divided into two sub-problems: 1) finding approximate substring matches inside a given string, and 2) finding dictionary strings that match the pattern approximately. Fuzzy string matching uses the Levenshtein Distance to calculate the differences between sequences and patterns (Okuda et al., 1976; Cohen, 2011). The Levenshtein distance measures the minimum number of single-character edits (insertion, deletion, substitution) necessary to convert a given string into an exact match with the dictionary string (Levenshtein, 1965).

We utilise *fuzzywuzzy* (https://github.com/seatgeek/fuzzywuzzy) for this. *fuzzywuzzy* provides two methods to calculate a similarity score between two strings: *ratio()* or *partial_ratio()*. It also provides two functions to pre-process the strings: *token_sort()* and *token_set()*. In this work, we used the *token_set_ratio()* scorer to do fuzzy string matching to classify the `Company_Litho` or `Comments` entries into one of the Lithology Hierarchical Thesaurus entries (Table 1). *token_set()* pre-processes the strings by: 1) splitting the string on white-spaces (tokenization), 2) turning to lowercase and 3) removing punctuations, non-alpha non-numeric characters and unicode symbols. It tokenises both strings (given string and dictionary string), splits the tokens into: intersection and remainder, then sort and compare the strings. The sorted intersection component refers to the similar tokens between the two strings. Since the sorted intersection component (similar tokens between two strings) of token*_set()*, will result in an exact match, the score will tend to increase when: 1) the sorted intersection makes up a larger percentage of the full string, and 2) the remainder component are more similar. The *ratio()* method then computes the standard Levenshtein distance between two strings. *token_set_ratio()* is found to be effective in addressing harmless misspelling and duplicated words but sensitive enough to calculate lower scores for longer strings (3-10 word labels), inconsistent word order and missing or extra words. *partial_ratio()* which takes the "best partial" of two strings or the best matching on the shorter substring is not preferred as it does not address the difference and order in substring construction. *token_sort()* is not preferred as it alphabetically sorts the tokens that ignores word order and does not weight intersection tokens which does not address the behavior of the strings in the logs.

Table 1. Examples of fuzzy string matching output using different combinations of the *fuzzywuzzy* functions. The ticks and crosses indicated beside the score indicates the preferred (ticks) result between the methods clustered together.

***fuzzywuzzy* Function**	**Given String**	**Dictionary String**	**Score**		**Remarks**
ratio ()	diorite	granodiorite rock	58	✓	*partial_ratio ()* ignores substring construction
partial_ratio ()	diorite	granodiorite rock	100	✗	
ratio ()	granodoirit rcok	granodiorite rock	85	✓	*ratio ()* mitigates misspelling
partial_ratio ()	granodoirit rcok	granodiorite rock	81	✗	
ratio ()	rock felsic granodiorite	granodiorite rock	59	✓	*partial_ratio ()* ignores substring order
partial_ratio ()	rock felsic granodiorite	granodiorite rock	83	✗	
token_set_ratio ()	rock felsic granodiorite	granodiorite rock	83	✓	*token_sort_ratio ()* ignores substring order
token_sort_ratio ()	rock felsic granodiorite	granodiorite rock	100	✗	
token_set_ratio ()	intermediate granodiorite rock	granodiorite rock	100	✓	*token_set_ratio ()* weights intersection tokens
token_sort_ratio ()	intermediate granodiorite rock	granodiorite rock	72	✗	
token_set_ratio ()	gray granodiorite granodiorite	granodiorite rock	83	✓	*token_set_ratio ()* ignores extra and duplicate words
token_sort_ratio ()	gray granodiorite granodiorite	granodiorite rock	64	✗	
token_set_ratio ()	**gray granodiorite granodiorite rckso**	**granodiorite rock**	**83**	✓	***token_set_ratio ()* weights intersection tokens, addresses substring construction and word order, ignores misspelling, extra and duplicate words**
partial_token_set_ratio ()	gray granodiorite granodiorite rckso	granodiorite rock	100	✗	

dh2loop calculates the to*ken_set_ratio()* between the `Company_Litho` or `Comments` (given string) and the entries in the Lithology Hierarchical Thesaurus (dictionary string). The tendency is to enumerate the descriptors before the rock name. For example, if the lithology in the logged interval is "basalt", the free text description could be something like "Dark gray to dark reddish brown, with olivine phenocrysts, largely altered andesitic basalt". After processing the string, it will be left with "andesitic basalt". To avoid, misclassifying the rock to "andesite", a bonus score is also added to add weight to the last word (in this case, "basalt"). Furthermore, the reader may worry that "basaltic andesite" will be simplified and classified into "andesite". Since "basaltic andesite" is an established volcanic rock name, it will remain as "basaltic andesite". For the pair between `Company_Litho` or `Comments` and the entries in the Lithology Hierarchical Thesaurus with the highest score, the first synonym is stored as `Detailed_Lithology`. If the score is less than 80, it is classified as "unclassified rock". The cut-off value is user-defined and can be chosen based on the performance of the matching on the subset of the desired region. If the performance is significantly lower, this indicates that the thesauri used in *dh2loop* may not be suitable to your area. The user may opt to update these thesauri to suit their needs. Once matched on `Detailed_Lithology`, the corresponding `Lithology_Subgroup` and `Lithology_Group` classifications are also fetched.

2.5 Fuzzy String Matching Assessment

The objective is to compare the `Detailed_Lithology` classification results obtained from two independent workflows: 1) **Lithology Code** Workflow and 2) **Comments Workflow**. Using the `Company_LithoCode`, `Company_Litho`, **Lithology Code Workflow:** `Detailed_Lithology` and **Comments Workflow:** `Detailed_Lithology` from the dataset for the fuzzy string matching assessment, we can assess if matches using the **Comments workflow** alone can sufficiently decode lithology.

To be able to assess the matching we take a look at the type of matches between **Lithology Code Workflow:** `Detailed_Lithology` and **Comments Workflow:** `Detailed_Lithology`. First, we define a **match** as retrieving an answer from the fuzzy string matching with a score greater than 80. It is important to note here that it only suggests that it succeeded to find an answer above the score threshold but not necessarily mean that it is the correct answer. To further describe the quality of a match, we modified for this purpose the following terminologies from the Simple Knowledge Organization System (Miles and Bechhofer, 2009):

a) **Exact Match** suggests that both **Lithology Code workflow** and **Comments workflow** resulted in the same classification at all 3 levels. The match at the `Detailed_Lithology` level has an exact match, thus resulting to an exact match on the other two levels.

b) **Close Match** suggests that the results at the `Detailed_Lithology` level are related rocks and belong to the same `Lithology_Subgroup`. This is usually caused by differing use of lithological nomenclature.

c) **Related Match** suggests that the results at the `Detailed_Lithology` level are related rocks and belong to the same `Lithology_Group`.

d) **Broad Match** refers to the `Detailed_Lithology` from **Lithology Code workflow** matches to a `Lithology_Subgroup` in the **Comments workflow**.

e) **Narrow Match** is the logical equivalent of a Broad Match. In this case, the **Comments workflow** resulted in a `Detailed_Lithology` level while the **Lithology Code workflow** resulted in a `Lithology_Subgroup` level.

f) **Broader Match** is similar to a broad match except that the `Detailed_Lithology` from **Lithology Code workflow** matches to a `Lithology_Group` instead of a `Lithology_Subgroup` in the **Comments workflow**.

g) **Narrower Match** is the logical equivalent of Broader Match. The **Comments workflow** results to a `Detailed_Lithology` while the **Lithology Code workflow** results to a `Lithology_Group` level.

h) **Failed Match** suggests all levels of both workflows do not match. This is usually attributed to contrasting information from both fields or the algorithm fails. This category is an addition to the SKOS reference.

For better understanding of these relationships, examples are shown in Table 2 and Fig 3.

Table 2. Fuzzy string matching terminology used to describe the quality of matches based on the Simple Knowledge Organization System (SKOS) (Miles and Bechhofer, 2009). The values being compared are the Detailed_Lithology level for both Lithology Code workflow and Comments workflow. The level at which the records are considered to match are in bold.

Lithology Code Workflow: Detailed_Lithology	Comments Workflow: Detailed_Lithology	Lithology Code Workflow: Lithology_Subgroup	Comments Workflow: Lithology_Subgroup	Lithology Code Workflow: Lithology_Group	Comments Workflow: Lithology_Group	Type of Match
basalt	**basalt**					Exact Match
basalt	basaltoid	**mafic fine grained crystalline**	**mafic fine grained crystalline**			Close Match
basalt	gabbro	mafic fine grained crystalline	mafic coarse grained crystalline	**igneous**	**igneous**	Related Match
basalt	mafic fine grained crystalline	**mafic fine grained crystalline**	**mafic fine grained crystalline**			Broad Match
mafic fine grained crystalline	basalt	**mafic fine grained crystalline**	**mafic fine grained crystalline**			Narrow Match
basalt	mafic	mafic fine grained crystalline	mafic	**igneous**	**igneous**	Broader Match
mafic	basalt	mafic	mafic fine grained crystalline	**igneous**	**igneous**	Narrower Match
basalt	sandstone	mafic fine grained crystalline	clastic	igneous	sedimentary	Failed Match

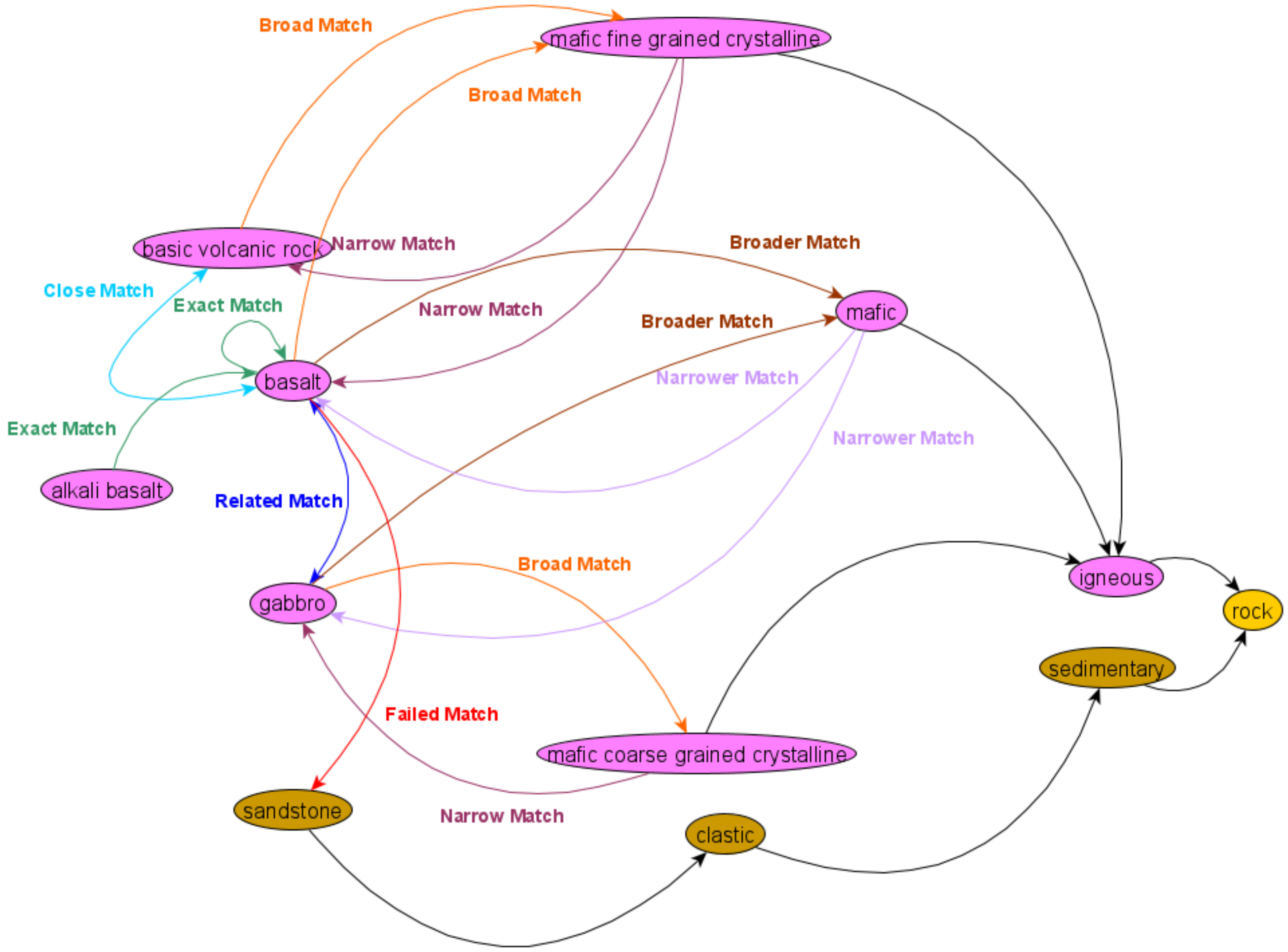


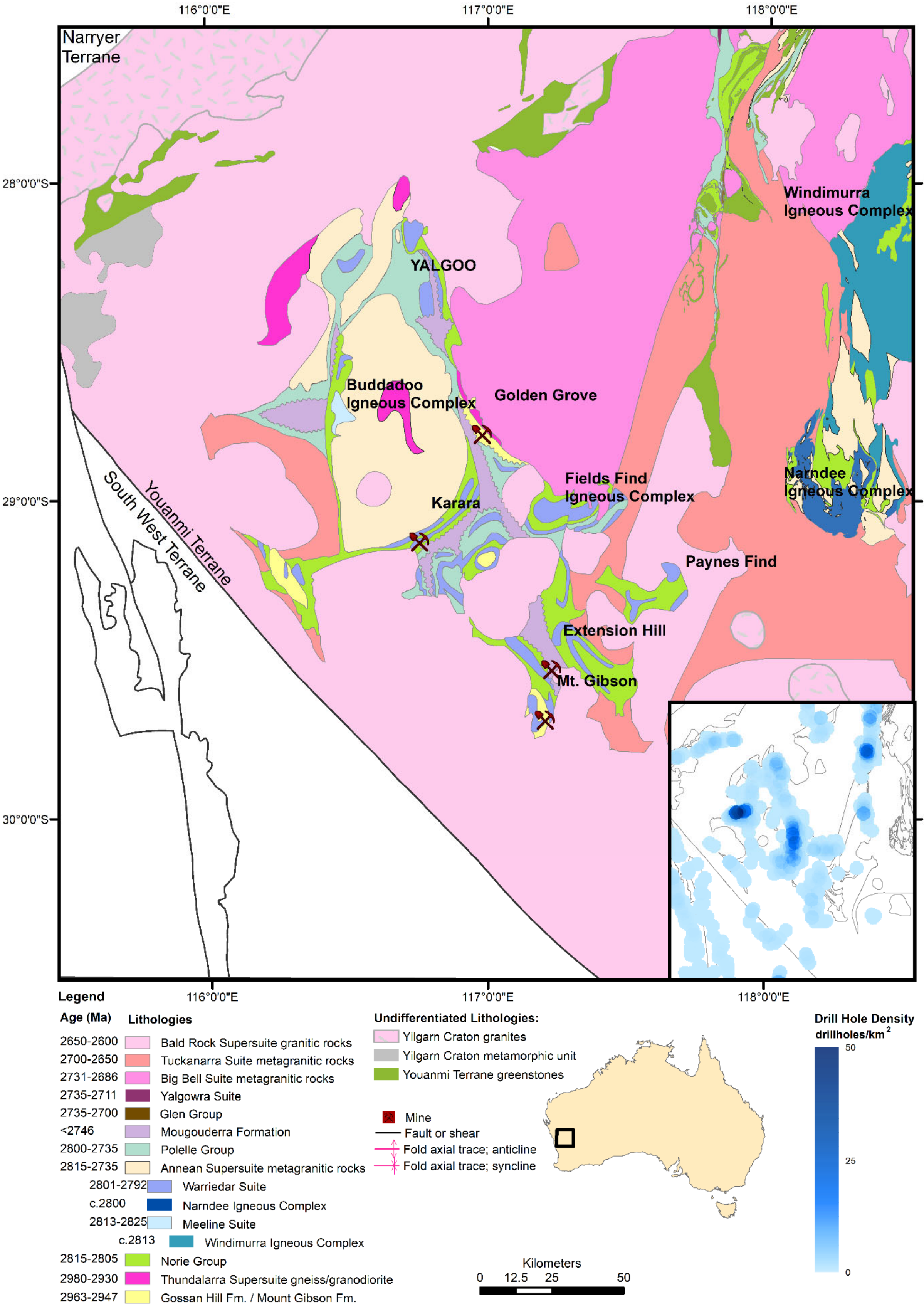
Figure 3. SKOS graph showing the semantic, associative and hierarchical relationship in the Lithology Hierarchical Thesaurus. In this example, terms "basalt" and "alkali basalt" are judged to be sufficiently the same to assert an Exact Match relationship (in green). "basic volcanic rock" however is considered a Close Match (in cyan) and "gabbro" a Related Match (in blue). "mafic fine grained crystalline" and "mafic coarse grained crystalline" are broader concepts, thus considered a Broad Match (in orange) to "basalt" and "gabbro" respectively. Broader Match (in brown) are similar to Broad Matches but are used to refer a wider semantic difference between the two concepts. Narrow Matches (in light purple) and Narrower Matches (in dark purple) are the logical equivalent of Broad Match and Broader Match. Failed Matches is used to describe unrelated matches.

The matching results can be visualised as confusion matrices, which are typically used in machine learning to compare the performance of an algorithm versus a known result. In this case, we are comparing the performance of the string matching using the **Comments workflow** against the results from the **Lithology Code workflow**. Each row of the matrix represents the matched lithology from the **Comments workflow** while each column represents the matched lithology from the **Lithology Code workflow**. The diagonal elements represent the count for which the **Comments workflow** class is equal to the **Lithology Code workflow**. The off-diagonal elements are those that are misclassified by the **Comments workflow**. The higher the diagonal values of the confusion matrix the better, indicating many correct matches. The confusion matrices show normalisation by class support size. This kind of normalisation addresses the class imbalance and allows better visual interpretation of which class is being misclassified. The colour of the cell represents the normalised count of the records to address the uneven distribution of records across different classes. Relying on one metric to assess the matching can be misleading, therefore, we would like to use four metrics: accuracy, precision, recall and F1 score. It is worth mentioning that a small support influences the precision and/or recall. However, this is the nature of using real-world geological logs as more detail is given to particular lithologies or areas depending on the interest of the study.

3 Case Study: Yalgoo-Singleton Greenstone Belt

3.1 Study Area

In this paper, we demonstrate the application of *dh2loop* to data from the Yalgoo-Singleton greenstone belt (YSGB) (Fig. 4), a geologically complex, largely heterogeneous and highly mineralised arcuate granite-greenstone terrane, in the western Youanmi Terrane, Yilgarn Craton in Western Australia (Anand and Butt, 2010). The YSGB has good range of different lithologies in the area. Igneous rocks occur as extensive granitoid intrusions emplaced between 2700 and 2630 Ma (Myers, 1993), as well as ultramafic to mafic volcanic rocks formed as extensive submarine lavas and local eruptive centres of felsic and mafic volcanic rocks. Some layered gabbroic sills intruding the greenstone are also observed. Sedimentary rocks formed in broad basins during tectonic and volcanic quiescence consist of mostly banded iron formation (BIF) and felsic volcaniclastic rocks. The greenstone belt is metamorphosed to greenschist facies (Barley et al., 2008). The area is also covered by deeply weathered regolith which conceals mineral deposits hosted by the underlying bedrock. Regolith contains signatures of mineralisation that are distal signatures of possible economically significant deposits (Cockbain, 2002). Furthermore, the YSGB is a major target for exploration as it has considerable resources of gold, nickel, bauxite, as well as lesser amounts of a wide range of other commodities (Cockbain, 2002). It hosts multiple mineral deposits ranging from volcanogenic massive sulphide (Golden Grove, Gossan Hill), orogenic gold (Mt. Magnet), banded iron formations (Mount Gibson, Karara, Extension Hill). The geological and structural complexity, including its relevance to mineral exploration makes the YSGB a reasonable and sensible area to test the *dh2loop* thesauri, matching and upscaling.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Golden Grove
Fields Find Igneous Complex
Narndee Igneous Complex
Karara
Youanmi Terrane
South West Terrane
Paynes Find
Extension Hill
Mt. Gibson
Legend
Age (Ma)
Lithologies
2650-2600 Bald Rock Supersuite granitic rocks
2700-2650 Tuckanarra Suite metagranitic rocks
2731-2686 Big Bell Suite metagranitic rocks
2735-2711 Yalgowra Suite
2735-2700 Glen Group
<2746 Mougouderra Formation
2800-2735 Polelle Group
2815-2735 Annean Supersuite metagranitic rocks
2801-2792 Warriedar Suite
c.2800 Narndee Igneous Complex
2813-2825 Meeline Suite
c.2813 Windimurra Igneous Complex
2815-2805 Norie Group
2980-2930 Thundalarra Supersuite gneiss/granodiorite
2963-2947 Gossan Hill Fm. / Mount Gibson Fm.
Undifferentiated Lithologies:
Yilgarn Craton granites
Yilgarn Craton metamorphic unit
Youanmi Terrane greenstones
Mine
Fault or shear
Fold axial trace; anticline
Fold axial trace; syncline
Kilometers
0 12.5 25 50
Drill Hole Density drillholes/km^2
50
25
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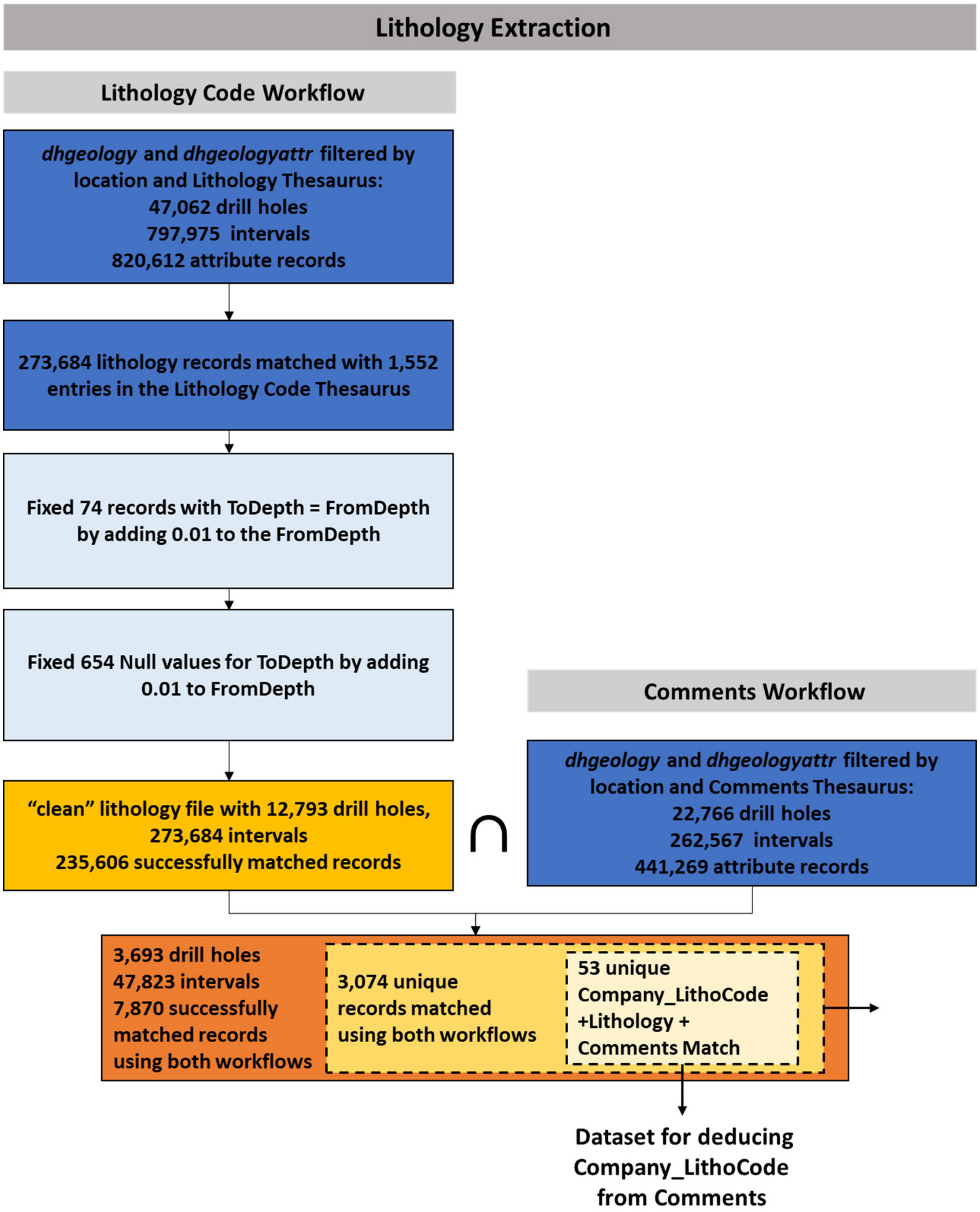
Figure 4. The map shows the Yalgoo-Singleton greenstone belt highlighting the different mines and prospects in the area. The inset map shows the heterogeneous distribution and drill hole density from the legacy data available from the WAMEX database.


Lithology Extraction
Lithology Code Workflow
dhgeology and dhgeologyattr filtered by location and Lithology Thesaurus: 47,062 drill holes 797,975 intervals 820,612 attribute records
273,684 lithology records matched with 1,552 entries in the Lithology Code Thesaurus
Fixed 74 records with ToDepth = FromDepth by adding 0.01 to the FromDepth
Fixed 654 Null values for ToDepth by adding 0.01 to FromDepth
"clean" lithology file with 12,793 drill holes, 273,684 intervals 235,606 successfully matched records
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Comments Workflow
dhgeology and dhgeologyattr filtered by location and Comments Thesaurus: 22,766 drill holes 262,567 intervals 441,269 attribute records
3,693 drill holes 47,823 intervals 7,870 successfully matched records using both workflows
3,074 unique records matched using both workflows
53 unique Company_LithoCode +Lithology + Comments Match
Dataset for deducing Company_LithoCode from Comments

Figure 5. Extraction of lithology data for the YSGB. For the Lithology Code workflow, the extraction starts with filtering the *dhgeology* and *dhgeologyattr* table by the location extents and the Drill Hole Lithology Thesaurus. These records are matched with the entries from the Lithology Code thesaurus. The Lithology Code workflow resulted to 235,606 records successfully matched in the fuzzy string matching. The Comments workflow extracts the records from the *dhgeology* and *dhgeologyattr* table as well, but this time using the Drill Hole Comments Thesaurus. 47,823 records are present in both workflows, 7,870 records of which are successfully matched. The 3,074 unique entries from this is used as the dataset for the fuzzy string matching assessment.

3.2 Lithology Extraction: Lithology Code Workflow and Comments Workflow

Lithology extraction is divided into two workflows. For the **Lithology Code workflow**, the extraction starts with filtering the *dhgeology* and *dhgeologyattr* table by the location extents and the Drill Hole Lithology Thesaurus. The *dhgeology* table contained 47,062 drill holes across 115 companies with 797,975 lithology depth intervals with corresponding 820,612 entries of lithology information in *dhgeologyattr*. These records are matched with the entries from the Drill Hole Lithology Codes Thesaurus resulting to 273,684 matched records. The `FromDepth` and `ToDepth` for these records are then validated. 74 records had equal `FromDepth` and `ToDepth` values. 654 had values for `FromDepth` but null values for ToDepth. For both cases, ToDepth is calculated as FromDepth+0.01. The cut-off value of 80 is used for the string matching based on the performance of the matching on a subset of 1,548 unique lithology codes from the Golden Grove area (Fig. 6). The **Lithology Code workflow** resulted to 273,684 intervals across 12,793 drill holes wherein 235,606 records are successfully matched in the fuzzy string matching. The remaining 546, 819 entries did not obtain a match with a score greater than 80. An example of unmatched entries is provided in Table 2.

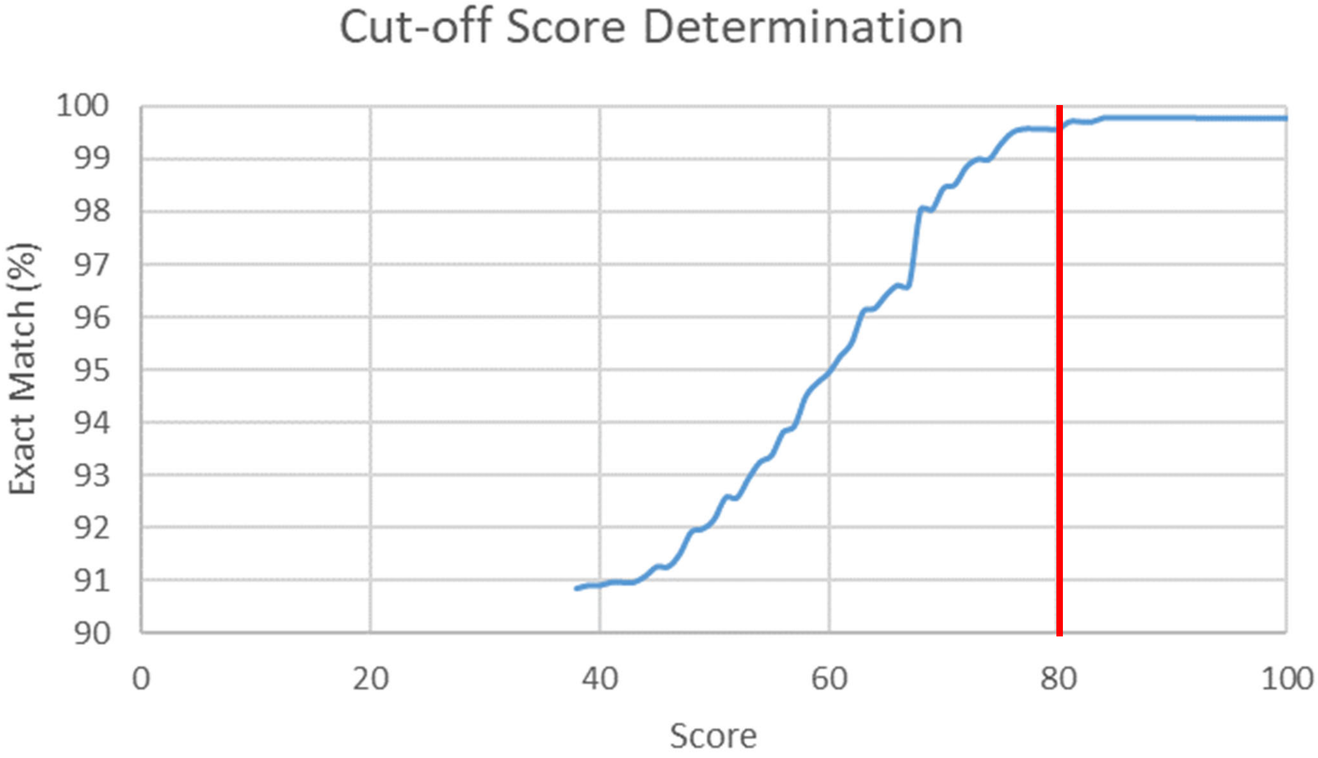


Figure 6. The user-defined cut-off score of 80 is chosen based on the results of the testing different cut-offs on a smaller dataset within the YSGB area. As seen in this figure, the number of exact matches plateau at a score of 80.

The **Comments workflow** extracts the records from the *dhgeology* and *dhgeologyattr* table as well, but this time using the Drill Hole Comments Thesaurus. For YSGB, the database has 262,567 records across 22,766 drill holes with free text descriptions. 47,823 records are present in both workflow. Since the free text descriptions are extracted here to compare their results from fuzzy string matching, only 7,870 records that also matched (both have a score greater than 80) in the **Lithology Code workflow** are retained.

3.3 Fuzzy String Matching Results

We present results from the data extraction using both workflows: **Lithology Code** and **Comments**. The dataset for the fuzzy string matching assessment consists only of the unique records matched on both **Lithology Code workflow** and **Comments workflow** (3,074 records). It is visually checked from the records that the **Lithology Code workflow:** Detailed_Lithology results are sound classifications of the Company_Litho. This is done to make sure that these results could be considered as the "true value" in the fuzzy string matching assessment. The overlaps between these two workflows suggest that the user may need to make choices to identify which is better suited for matching in their area of interest. To better understand the difference between these results, we looked at the matching overlaps between the two workflows (3,074 entries). These matching overlaps are used to compare and describe the fuzzy string matching using the decoding the `Company_LithoCode` and using `Comments`.

We also take a look at the unique combinations of `Company_LithoCode`, `Company_Litho`, **Lithology Code workflow:** `Detailed_Lithology` and **Comments workflow:** `Detailed_Lithology` (53 unique records from the 3,074 records). 34 out of the 53 unique entries (64%) result to matches between the **Lithology Code Workflow:** `Detailed_Lithology` and **Comments Workflow**: `Detailed_Lithology`. 26 of which are Exact Matches, 19 unique entries are Close Matches and 26% percent are Failed Matches. The Failed Matches are due to unrelated descriptions in the Comments field which is used to obtain the results in **Comments Workflow**: `Detailed_Lithology`. An example of this is the interval is logged as "ironstone" (`Company_Litho`) but Comments contains "mafic schist". Another less common reason is the `Company_LithoCode` is repeated in the `Comments`. An example of this is would be an interval logged as "colluvium" and the Comments as "COL". The **Comments workflow** will result to "coal" instead.

Exact Matches: Of the total matched entries, 944 are Exact Matches (31%) (Table 2). The Exact Matches are ideal outcomes as both workflows resulted in exactly the same answers.

Close Matches: The Close Matches are common for coarse-grained igneous rocks, clastic sedimentary rocks, surficial residual rocks and filling structures. The coarse-grained igneous rocks such as gabbro, gabbroid and dolerites are used interchangeably in both fields. `Comments` can contain terminologies such as "gabbroic", "granophyric gabbro to dolerite", "intrusive granitoid to gabbro" resulting to close matches. Similar cases are observed between granodiorite and granite and between peridotite and coarse-grained ultramafic rocks. For clastic sedimentary rocks, the Close Matches are a result of gradation of grain size in the `Comments`. For example, an interval logged as mudstone (`Company_Litho`) is then described in `Comments` as "mudstone to sandstone" or "intercalated with siltstone". `Comments` entries like this will result in "sandstone" and "siltstone", respectively. Both clastic sedimentary rocks but not an Exact Match to mudstone. Metasediments and quartz veins occur together and what is described last dictates the `Detailed_Lithology` classification. Surficial rocks such as soil, duricrust, colluvium, laterite, calcrete, ferricrete and cover are used loosely or occur together resulting to multiple combination of these Close Matches.

Related Matches: 60 entries (3%) resulted in related matches. For igneous rocks, this result is observed when `Comments` use rock type descriptors such as "komatitic", "basaltic" and "doleritic". An example would be an interval logged as dolerite and is then described in `Comments` as "dolertic basalt". This would result in dolerite in the **Lithology Code workflow** and "basalt" in the **Comments workflow**. Both lithologies are igneous, however have different composition and textural implications. For sedimentary rocks, **Lithology Code workflow** results to sedimentary rocks classified based on grain size as they have been logged ("gravel", "mud"). The `comments` contains compositional descriptions such as "with silcrete" or "minor chert". In this case, the **Comments workflow** will result in "silcrete" and "chert". Both workflows will result in sedimentary rocks, but the **Lithology Code workflow** will result in "clastic" rocks while the **Comments workflow** will classify these to "siliceous" at the `Lithology_Subgroup` level. The related matches for structures occur across coincident lithologies such as "mylonite", "vein", "fault" and "breccia" which could either be "fillings" or "fault_rock" at the `Lithology_Sugbroup`.

Broad and Narrow Matches: No broad matches are noted and only one narrow match is obtained (Table 3). The interval is logged as "ironstone" with "BIF" in `comments`, "ironstone" being a more general description for "banded iron formation".

Broader and Narrower Matches: More common cases are Broader and Narrower Matches indicate that there is a bigger relationship gap between the data in `Company_Litho` and `Comments`. Broad matches are a result of low detail free text descriptions in `Comments`. For example, an interval logged as "gabbro" is described as "medium-grained mafic", "massive mafic", "rich mafic". The inverse is noted for narrower matches, the interval is logged as "sediment" but in `Comments` the interval is described as "siliceous sediments".

Failed Matches: 1,694 entries resulted in Failed Matches (55%). Failed Matches occur when `Company_Litho` and `Comments` contain different information. This could be because the `Company_Litho` contains the main lithology while `Comments` contains all other lithologies intercalated in the interval. Another reason is the `Company_Litho` is relogged based on adjacent intervals without amending `Comments`. "Mudstone" had failed matches with a wide range of lithologies, such as: "amphibolite", "dolerite", "saprolite", "duricrust", "laterite", "banded iron formation", "chert", "phyllite", "schist", "vein". The same is observed for igneous rocks such as: "coarse-grained-ultramafic-rock". For "chert", the failed matches are within a range of sedimentary rocks: "alluvium" and "mud", "amphibolite" and "massive sulphide", "carbonate", "vein", "pegmatite".

Table 3. Distribution of matches across the Fuzzy String Matching Dataset. A total of 45% of the unique records are matched reasonably, 31% of which are Exact Matches, 6% Close Matches, 3% Related Matches, 3% Broader Matches and 3% Narrower Matches.

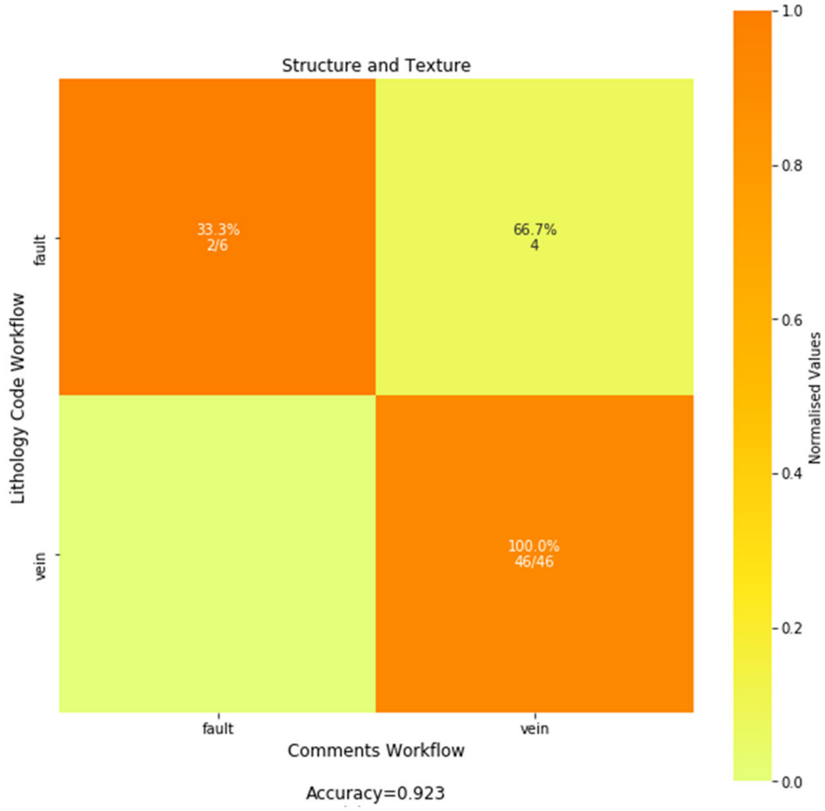
Type of Match	Number of Entries	Percent
Exact Match	944	31%
Close Match	197	6%
Related Match	60	3%
Broad Match	0	0%
Narrow Match	1	0%
Broader Match	84	3%
Narrower Match	95	3%
Failed Match	1694	55%
TOTAL	**3,074**	**100%**

The matching results are visualised as confusion matrices, comparing the performance of the string matching using the **Comments workflow** against the results from the **Lithology Code workflow**. From the 3,074 unique records, we use a total of 1,200 samples for the confusion matrices. The reason for this difference is the limitation of building a confusion matrix wherein both workflows look at the same classes, and ensuring that both workflows produce a match.

3.3.1 Structure and Texture

While geological structures are not lithologies, they are sometimes described in lithological logs (Fig 7). Structures common in the YSGB area are faults and veins. Figure 7 shows the confusion matrix for the structures and textures. The vertical axis represents the matches from the **Lithology Code workflow** while the horizontal axis for the results from the **Comments workflow**. We consider a dataset of 52 unique records where we are trying to assess if the **Comments workflow** results to the same classification as the **Lithology Code workflow**. Figure 7 shows that there are 6 records classified as "fault" and 46 records as "vein". When looking at the classification of "faults" we can say that there are 2 records that are true positives. 46 records are true negative pairs, as in this 2x2 matrix, if it is not a "fault", it is a "vein". True negatives together with true positives are the Exact Matches and suggests that the **Comments workflow** identified it correctly. To have a better look at the parts that are not classified correctly we look at the false positives and false negatives. False positives represent the number of records classified as "fault" but based on the **Lithology Code workflow** are not. In this case, there are no false positive values. False negatives represent number of records classified as "vein" but are actually "faults" based on the **Lithology Code workflow**.

A total of 48 Exact Matches are noted, 46 records of which are "veins" and 2 records are "faults". This can be surmised by looking into the diagonal cells. The rest of the "veins" (4 records) are Related Matches as "faults". They are considered Related Matches as faults and veins tend to coexist in nature. In addition, faults often occur as fault zones, with infill clay or silica vein sulphides which are described in `Comments` that then obscures the classification. These structure-related lithological descriptions can be used as proxies in further geological studies.



	precision	recall	f1-score	support
fault	1.00	0.33	0.50	6
vein	0.92	1.00	0.96	46
macro avg	**0.96**	**0.67**	**0.73**	**52**
weighted avg	**0.93**	**0.92**	**0.91**	**52**

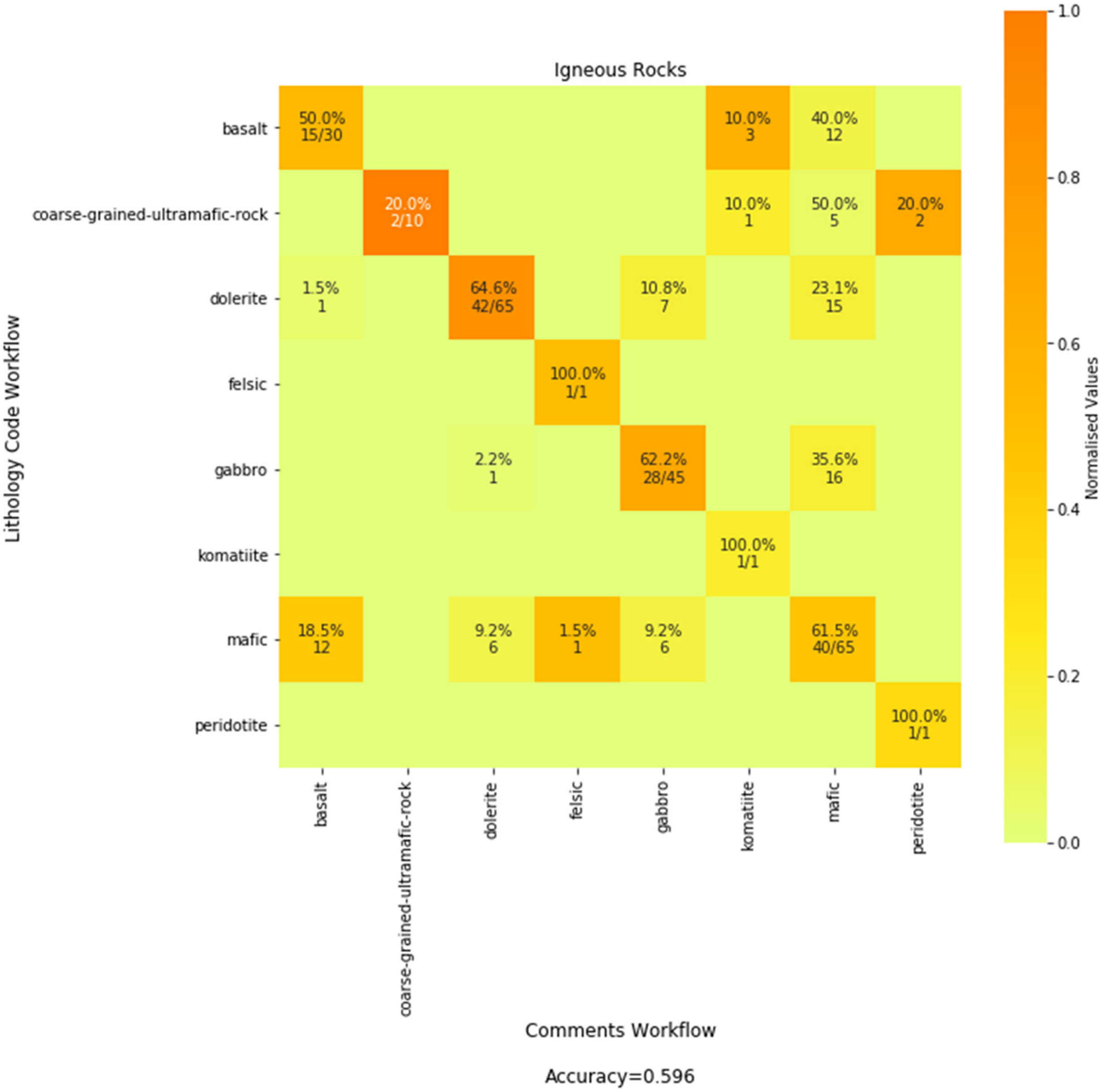
Figure 7. Confusion matrix for structure and texture comparing the fuzzy string matching results from the Lithology Code workflow (vertical axis) and Comments workflow (horizontal axis). The heatmap shows the values normalised to the support size to address the imbalance between classes. The values shown in the cells indicate the number of samples classified for the class. Empty cells indicate zero samples. The Structures and Texture `Lithology_Group` had an accuracy of 92.3% across 52 samples, 46 for veins and 6 for faults.

3.3.2 Igneous Rocks

The confusion matrix for igneous rocks considers a dataset of 218 unique records (Fig 8). Dealing with a larger matrix is not as straight-forward as the previous matrix. When looking at the classification of a single lithology, the true positives are where both axes refer to the same class. For example, for "basalt" there are 15 records of true positives which correspond to the Exact Matches. The false positives are the sum of all the other entries along the corresponding vertical axis and the false negatives are the sum of all the entries along the corresponding horizontal axis. The sum of all the other cells represent the true negatives. For "basalt", there are 15 true positives, 13, false positives, 15 false negatives and 175 true negatives. This results to 54% classification precision for "basalt".

This statistic is helpful in quantifying the performance of the classification. However, what it does not capture is the semantic and hierarchical relationship of the false negative pairs. As shown in Figure 8, 3 records are classified as "komatiite" and 12 records are classified as "mafic". The "komatiite" matches are a result of when `Comments` describe the basalts as "komatiitic basalts". This can be considered as a Related Match. The 12 records which are classified as "mafic: are considered "Broader Match". For the false positive values, the "mafic" records are Narrower Matches while the "dolerite" is a Related Match. These quantitative assessment of the matches show us that although the matching is not perfect, the context of the misclassification is not severe.

"Dolerite" is the most common igneous rock matched. This could be attributed to the sampling bias towards dolerite as it is often targeted by drilling as they are used as targeting criteria for gold mineralisation (Groves et al., 2000). Given that dolerites can be described by their mafic component or be confused as gabbro when weathered, the descriptions contain strings "mafic" and "gabbro" which explain Close and Broader Matches. Gabbros are also common in the YSGB. Some of the "gabbros" are classified as "mafic" in the `Comments Detailed_Lithology`. This is another example of a Broader Match. However, it is important to note that although it is not an Exact Match, a Broader Match can be useful in geological studies relating to rock composition as gabbros are members of mafic rocks. 40% of the igneous rock that are mismatched at the `Detailed_Lithology` level are Broader Matches (matches correctly at `Lithology_Group`).

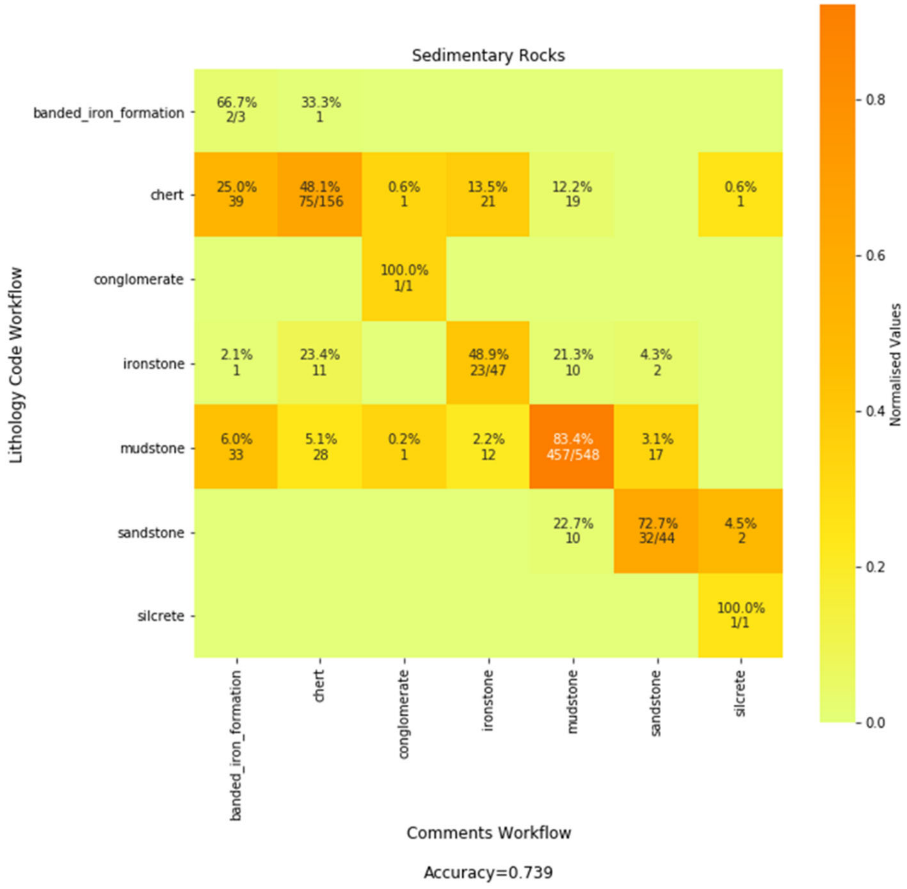


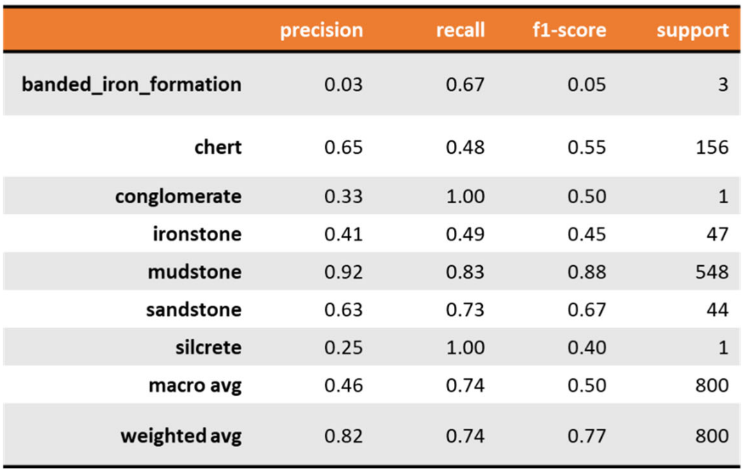
	precision	recall	f1-score	support
basalt	0.54	0.50	0.52	30
coarse-grained-ultramafic-rock	1.00	0.20	0.33	10
dolerite	0.86	0.65	0.74	65
felsic	0.50	1.00	0.67	1
gabbro	0.68	0.62	0.65	45
komatiite	0.20	1.00	0.33	1
mafic	0.45	0.62	0.52	65
peridotite	0.33	1.00	0.50	1
macro avg	0.57	0.70	0.53	218
weighted avg	0.66	0.60	0.60	218

Figure 8. Confusion matrix for igneous rocks comparing the fuzzy string matching results from the Lithology_Code workflow (vertical axis) and Comments workflow (horizontal axis). The heatmap shows the values normalised to the support size to address the imbalance between classes. The values shown in the cells indicate the number of samples classified for the class. Empty cells indicate zero samples.

3.3.3 Sedimentary Rocks

The largest `Lithology_Group` of the lithological entries relates to sedimentary rocks (800 entries) (Fig 9). 457 of the 800 entries are true positive classification of mudstones. Mudstones are common as shale beds. Mudstones resulted in Related Matches with “chert” and “ironstone”. The misclassification occurs when the logs describe intervals wherein the mudstone occurs together and is intercalated with these lithologies. A few mudstones (17) are matched as sandstone due to textural and grain-size descriptors (Close Match). 48% of the cherts are resulted in Exact Matches. 39 records of cherts resulted in Failed Matches as their `Detailed_Lithogy` level matched with “banded iron formation”, it occurs when intercalated together such as “cherts with BIF” or as include string descriptors such as “BIF-fy”.



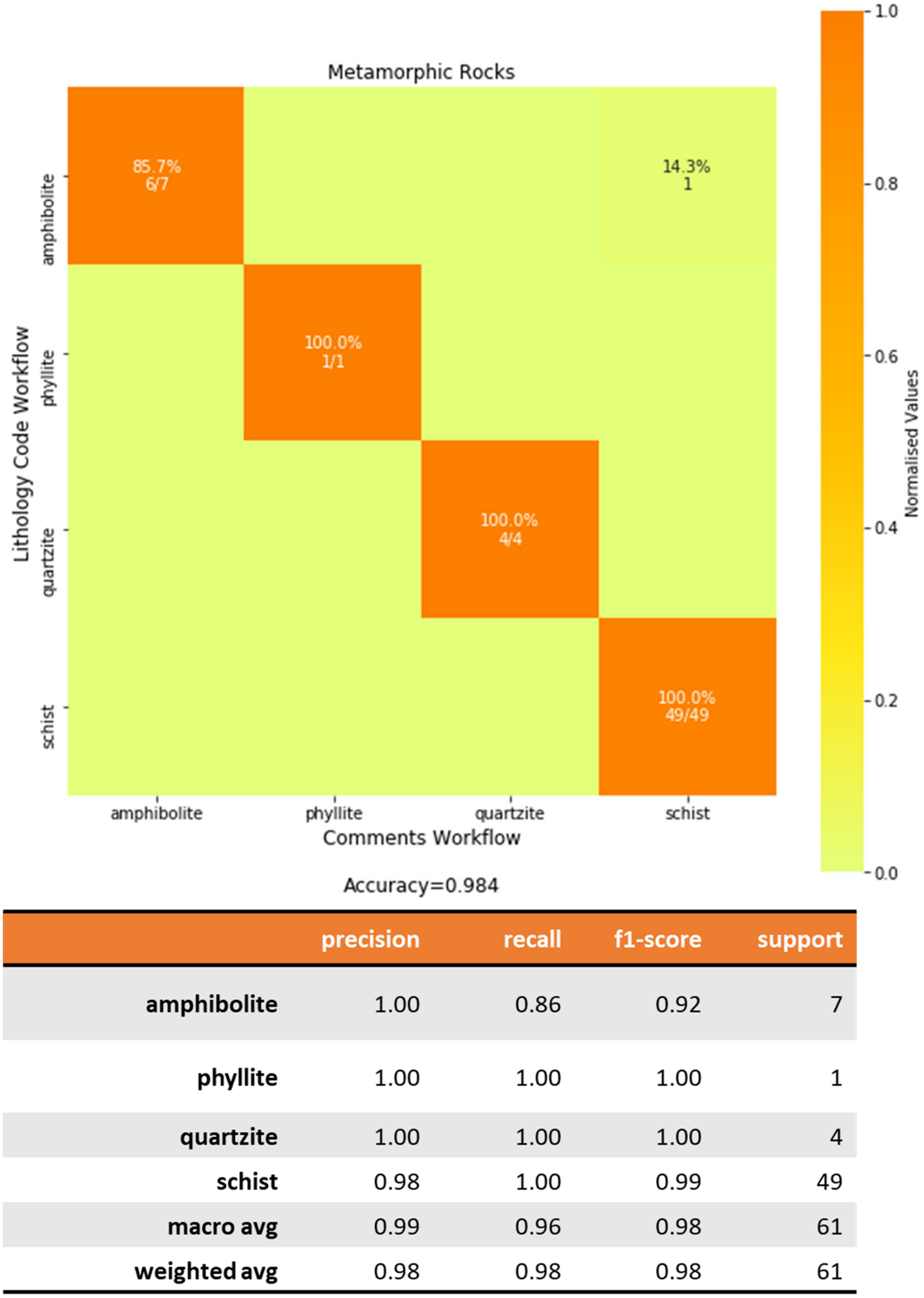


	precision	recall	f1-score	support
banded_iron_formation	0.03	0.67	0.05	3
chert	0.65	0.48	0.55	156
conglomerate	0.33	1.00	0.50	1
ironstone	0.41	0.49	0.45	47
mudstone	0.92	0.83	0.88	548
sandstone	0.63	0.73	0.67	44
silcrete	0.25	1.00	0.40	1
macro avg	0.46	0.74	0.50	800
weighted avg	0.82	0.74	0.77	800

Figure 9. Confusion matrix for sedimentary rocks comparing the fuzzy string matching results from the Lithology Code workflow (vertical axis) and Comments workflow (horizontal axis). The heatmap shows the values normalised to the support size to address the imbalance between classes. The values shown in the cells indicate the number of samples classified for the class. Empty cells indicate zero samples.

3.3.4 Metamorphic Rocks

Out of a total of 61 metamorphic rock entries, 60 are matched correctly (Fig 10). Most of these are “schists” as the YSGB area is rich in talc-carbonate schists. The `Company_Litho` entry “amphibolite mica schist” which is matched as “amphibolite” matches as “schist” in the **Comments workflow**. This is considered a Related Match.

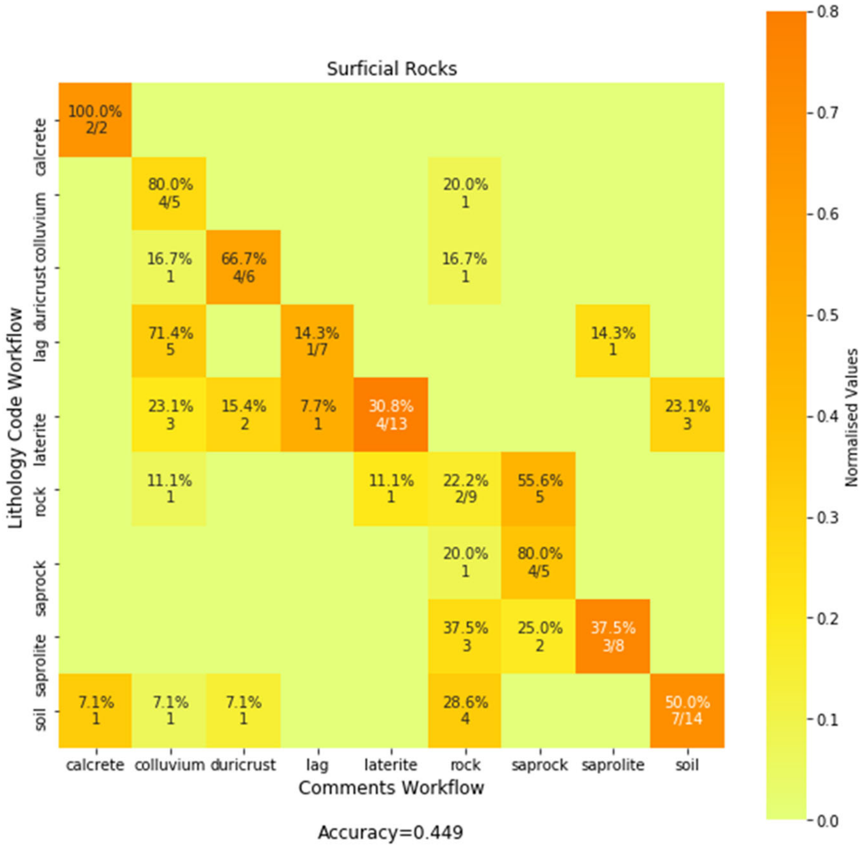


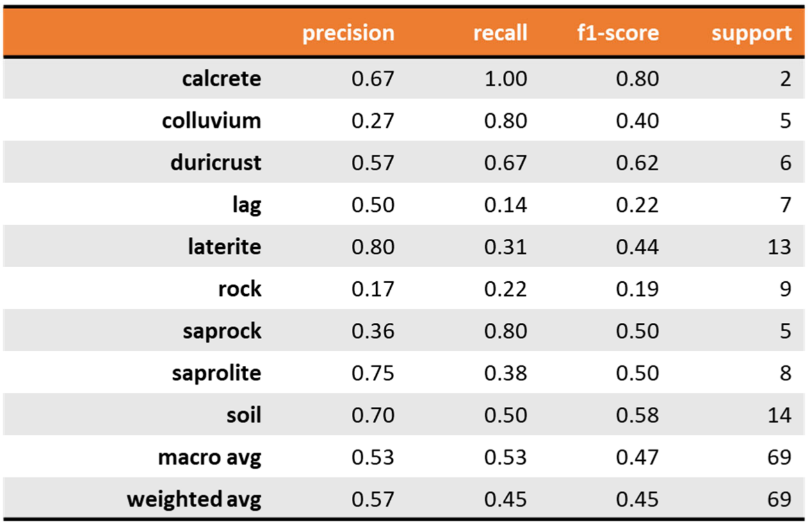
	precision	recall	f1-score	support
amphibolite	1.00	0.86	0.92	7
phyllite	1.00	1.00	1.00	1
quartzite	1.00	1.00	1.00	4
schist	0.98	1.00	0.99	49
macro avg	0.99	0.96	0.98	61
weighted avg	0.98	0.98	0.98	61

Figure 10. Confusion matrix for metamorphic rocks comparing the fuzzy string matching results from the Lithology Code workflow (vertical axis) and Comments workflow (horizontal axis). The heatmap shows the values normalised to the support size to address the imbalance between classes. The values shown in the cells indicate the number of samples classified for the class. Empty cells indicate zero samples.

3.3.5 Surficial Rocks

Fuzzy string matching accuracy of surficial rocks scored a 45% on a total of 69 entries (Fig 11). Saprolites are matched as saprolite (Exact Match), rock (Failed Match) and saprock (Close Match). In instances where saprock is inputted as “sap rock”, it results to a failed match as “rock”. “Soil” is commonly used in logs to refer to the first intercept of highly weathered, clay-rich and unidentifiable intercept. “Soil” is classified with the highest variability of terms: “soil” (Exact Match), “rock” (Failed Match), “duricrust” (Close Match), “colluvium” (Related Match) and “calcrete” (Close Match). “Laterite” is matched to “colluvium” (Related Match), “duricrust” (Close Match) and “lag” (Close Match). “Lag” generally matches with “colluvium: (Related Match). However, when described in `Comments`, it can be associated with its protolith which results into a Failed Match as “rock”.





	precision	recall	f1-score	support
calcrete	0.67	1.00	0.80	2
colluvium	0.27	0.80	0.40	5
duricrust	0.57	0.67	0.62	6
lag	0.50	0.14	0.22	7
laterite	0.80	0.31	0.44	13
rock	0.17	0.22	0.19	9
saprock	0.36	0.80	0.50	5
saprolite	0.75	0.38	0.50	8
soil	0.70	0.50	0.58	14
macro avg	0.53	0.53	0.47	69
weighted avg	0.57	0.45	0.45	69

Figure 11. Confusion matrix for surficial comparing the fuzzy string matching results from the Lithology Code workflow (vertical axis) and Comments workflow (horizontal axis). The heatmap shows the values normalised to the support size to address the imbalance between classes. The values shown in the cells indicate the number of samples classified for the class. Empty cells indicate zero samples

4 Discussion

4.1 *dh2loop* Functions and Notebooks

The *dh2loop* library supports a workflow that extracts, processes and classifies lithological logs (Appendix A4). This library is built to extract drill hole logs from the WAMEX database. The assumptions made in the entire workflow attempts to replicate the thought process of a geologist performing the data extraction, data quality checks and lithological log classification manually. However, it can be adapted for other geological relational databases or from other table formats. An example using comma separated values tables (CSVs) is shown in the notebook: Exporting and Text Parsing of drill hole Data Demo.

In addition to the data extraction, downhole desurveying and lithological matching functions discussed, *dh2loop* also provides functionalities and a notebook demonstrating harmonization of drill hole data. This is useful for combining and correlating drill hole exports of different properties such as lithology, assays and alteration. It is also possible to export this information in Visualization Toolkit format (.VTK). It also provides a notebook that demonstrates the application of *lasio* and *striplog* on *dh2loop* interval table exports. WAMEX reports can also be interactively downloaded through a notebook provided in the package.

4.2 Thesauri

dh2loop provides the user with 9 thesauri that deal with the extraction of collar, survey and lithology interval tables. For extraction of other properties, such as downhole alteration, geochemistry, mineralogy and structures, at least one thesaurus is needed for each attribute we would like to export. These thesauri are built manually by inspecting all the terminologies available in the database. Although, creating them can be tedious, updating an existing thesaurus is as simple as adding and/or removing a word to the list. There are many other properties available in the database that could be exploited using the existing methodology, thus there is an incentive in finding a way to improve the methodology of building these thesauri. Analysis on the syntax of the existing thesauri may help in automating creation of other thesauri.

The Hierarchical Lithology thesaurus puts equal weight on each of the entries in the thesaurus. Knowing the geology in a user's area, the matching can be improved by adding more weight to prevalent lithologies through adding a bonus score.

4.3 Data Extraction

dh2loop supports data extraction of collar, survey and lithology interval tables. The main consideration in the data extraction is that the data retrieved is complete, relevant and useful. We would rather throw erroneous or questionable data out and have the rest with a high level of confidence, than the other way around. The lithology extraction using the **Lithology Code workflow** shows that the bottle neck to its extraction rate is the extensiveness of the Drill Hole Lithology Codes Thesaurus. Since the thesaurus did not have the information for all companies in the area, only 34% of the available information is retrieved. The extraction results for the **Comments workflow** cannot be compared with the **Lithology Code workflow** as only the intersection of both workflows is considered in this study.

4.4 Assessment of String Matching Results

The number of successful matches are dependent on the selected cut-off score. The selection of a cut-off score is a balance between the number of matched records and the exact match percentage. In this case study, we selected a cut-off score of 80 since this is where the number of exact matches plateaus (Fig. 6). A lower cut-off score could be used, depending on the familiarity to the data and/or purpose of drillhole processing. For our case, we wanted to be as conservative as possible without being too stringent (cut-off score 100).

The string matching results highlights that geological drill core logging is prone to human error and bias, and result to incorrect logs. Sometimes even if the data is available and correct, it is not in format that can be directly extracted. For example, `Comments` are filled with a string description such as "same as above" and "-do-". Currently, for this case, *dh2loop* returns without a match, as replacing "same as above" requires building a dictionary for all possible permutations to refer to this. This is not included in the scope of this work. In the future, we could be able to search through the previous entries to retrieve the correct lithology. Furthermore, the code does not handle and check for inconsistencies in the logs. It only addresses the inconsistencies in nomenclature and not the logging itself. The string matching misclassification results illustrate that importance in the consistency and level of detail being put into logging and identifies differences in convention or uncoordinated logging among geologists. *dh2loop* provides a notebook that demonstrates using *striplog* to improve the consistency of the logs through data pruning and annealing. In the future, the geochemical compositions can be used to counter check and lithology assigned to the interval.

Comparing the string matching between the **Lithology Code workflow** and **Comments workflow**, the **Lithology code workflow** results to a higher matching rate, 86% of the extracted data is successfully matched. Comparing this subset to the **Comments workflow**, the matching rate is much lower at 16%. This shows that the **Lithology Code workflow**, while potentially tedious, results into a higher percentage of successful matches. However, if we are considering a regional study involving multiple companies and drilling campaigns, building thesauri can be time-consuming depending on the size of the region being studied, number of attributes of interest, number of companies and drilling campaigns. This could range from a couple of hours to months. It can also be tedious as it involves inputting errors and inconsistencies as well as exhausting all permutations for decision-tree based logging systems. The thesauri provided by *dh2loop* could serve as a starting point to automate this process using recent advances in NLP and machine learning.

String matching using `Comments` provides a quicker way to standardise and classify rocks. The comprehensive Clean-up Dictionary allows assists in improving the matching accuracy. Given the context that we are dealing with legacy data, an extraction rate of 16% Although it is a low extraction rate, there is value in being able to obtain 7,870 records more than what is previously deemed "unusable". With minimal effort, we obtain additional geological data wherein, although of a smaller percentage (31% of Exact Matches) but with reasonably high confidence in its quality. It is important to note that most of the time Failed Matches are not a result of the limitations of the algorithm but of the legacy geological logs itself. Inconsistent logs (`Company_Litho` data is different from `Comments)` usually occur when:

1. The logs are post-processed and correlated with the rest of the hole or neighbouring drill holes and changes are made to the `Company_Litho` but none on the `Comments` field.
2. The `Comments` would have more level of detail than the `Company_Litho`. In this case, we may get a lithology at `Lithology_Subgroup` from the **Lithology Code workflow** and a `Detailed_Lithology` from the **Comments workflow**.
3. The `Company_Litho` would have more level of detail than the `Comments`
4. `Comments` contains the description of the whole intercept, which could include a contact of two lithologies or intercalating lithologies.

From the results of the confusion matrix (Sect. 3.3), some rock groups are more sensitive to these inconsistencies than others. There is higher confidence in the classification of structures and textures and metamorphic rocks in the study area dataset, not necessarily in others. There could be metamorphic-dominated terranes where the subordinate igneous rocks will be classified with higher confidence. The user should be more careful when dealing with sedimentary and surficial rocks. They are more difficult to classify as the way they are described are highly variable between different geologists. For structure-related lithological descriptions the small number of misclassifications occur where faults, veins and fillings coexist. For metamorphic rocks, entries like “mica amphibolite schist” can cause Broader Matches with the confusion of whether to classify it as “amphibolite” or “schist”. “Schist” is a textural term of medium grade metamorphic rock with a medium to coarse-grained foliation defined by micas while “amphibolite” is a compositional term representing a granular metamorphic rock which mainly consists of hornblende and plagioclase. One should be wary about these possibilities as they may impact the interpretation of the geology in the area. For sedimentary rocks, descriptions of intercalated lithologies or presence of major and minor lithology can result to Failed Matches. The lack of a standard syntax as to how free text descriptions are recorded impacts the classification. This procedure provides a basis for creating a pre-standard. Not so much providing a guide of practice but highlighting what should not be done and what practices create ambiguity. Standardization will definitely reduce subjectivity and is for the geological surveys to decide and implement. It is also important to note that a “standard” would be tricky to achieve as the information and level of detail contained in logs is highly dependent on the purpose of the study. Igneous rocks perform fairly well, most of what is not captured as Exact Matches are captured at least as Broader Matches. These are usually related to either an inconsistent level of detail between the fields or rock types used as descriptors (“komatiitic”, “andesitic”, basaltic”).

Low matching accuracy in surficial rocks can be attributed to the lack of universally agreed terminology for: deeply weathered regolith; poorly-defined and misapplied surficial rock nomenclature; wide range and variation of materials within the regolith and; difficulty in bulk mineral identification from macroscopic samples. Furthermore, since the degree of weathering of minerals generally increases from the bottom to the top of in-situ weathering profiles, the intermixing of strongly weathered and less weathered grains may cause confusion (Cockbain, 2002). Ubiquitous, highly variable and less interesting lithologies also cause mismatches. An example of this is “soil”. Soils are technically are not rocks but is commonly used in logs to refer to the first intercept of the regolith or to describe highly weathered, clay-rich and unidentifiable intercept. Soils vary in character from thin, coarse-grained, poorly differentiated lithosols to thick, well-differentiated silt and clay-rich soils. Soils are classified with the highest variability of terms: “soil”, “rock”, “duricrust”, “colluvium” and “calcrete”. There are also certain lithologies with ambiguous nomenclature conventions, like “laterite”, “duricrust”, “lag”. Some geologists use laterite to refer to the whole lateritic profile (ferruginous zone, mottled zone, and saprolite) while others to refer to the ferruginous zone (Eggleton, 2001). Ironcrust, duricrust, lateritic gravels and lag are commonly used interchangeably. Duricrust and ironcrust are terms to describe ferruginous indurated accumulations at or just below the surface. The difference in usage of the term laterite and the interchangeability of duricrust and lag explains the misclassification of “laterite” to “colluvium”, “duricrust” and “lag”. Another example is “saprolite” and “saprock”. They are ambiguous terminologies as they both represent the lower horizons of lateritic weathering profiles, with saprolites having more than 20% of weatherable minerals altered and saprock having less than 20% of the weatherable minerals being altered (Eggleton, 2001). This arbitrary limit makes the terminology used in the logs easily interchangeable, thus affecting the `Detailed_Lithology` matching.

Ideally, a combination of the **Lithology Code workflow** and **Comments workflow** should result in a more robust classification. This will also allow the user to have a better look at the result of both workflows and decide what is appropriate for one’s purpose.

4.5 Value of the Lithological Information Extracted for Multiscale Analyses

The *dh2loop* lithology export provides a standardised lithological log across different drilling campaigns. This information can readily imported into 3D visualization and modelling software. This allows for drill hole data to be incorporated into 3D modelling, providing better subsurface constraints, especially at a regional scale. It also allows the user to decide on the lithological resolution necessary for their purpose. It provides a three-level hierarchical scheme: `Detailed_Lithology`, `Lithology_Subgroup` and `Lithology_Group` that can be used as an input to multiscale geological modelling. *dh2loop* can be improved by correlating the these lithologies to their corresponding stratigraphic formations. Having the spatial extents of the different geological formations and their lithological assemblages (GSWA Explanatory Notes System) as well stratigraphic drill holes, it may be possible to infer the corresponding stratigraphic formation.

5 Conclusions

The *dh2loop* library is an open-source library that extracts geological information from a legacy drill hole database. This workflow has the following advantages:

1. Maximises the amount of legacy geoscientific data available for analysis and modelling.
2. Provides better subsurface characterization and critical inputs to 3D geological modelling
3. Standardises geological logs across different drilling campaigns, a necessary but typically time-consuming and error-prone activity
4. Provides a set of complementary thesauri that are easily updated and are individually useful references
5. Implements a hierarchical classification scheme that can be used as an input to multiscale geological modelling
6. Classification results can also be used as a tool to improve future geological logging works by revealing common errors and sources of inconsistencies

Code and Data Availability

dh2loop is a free, open-source python library licensed under the MIT License. It is hosted on the GitHub repository https://github.com/Loop3D/dh2loop and can be cited as http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4043568.

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Appendix A: *dh2loop* package information

A1 Conventions and Terminologies

Convention	Usage in the paper	Description/Repository
Python libraries are written in italics	*dh2loop*	*dh2loop* stands for drill hole data extracted into a 3D modelling input format, compatible with/for the Loop platform (Ailleres et al., 2019). It is a drill hole processing tool that integrates published dictionaries, glossaries and/or thesauri to and improve standardise highly subjective use of terminology and idiosyncratic logging methods and classify lithological logs.
	fuzzywuzzy	Python package for fuzzy logic for string matching (Cohen, 2011)
	pandas	Python package for data analysis and manipulation (McKinney, 2011)
	psycopg2	Python package for PostgreSQL database adapter for python
	numpy	*numpy*
	nltk	Python package for Natural Language Toolkit
	pyproj	Python package for cartographic projections and coordinate transformations library
Python functions are written in italics followed by an open and close parenthesis	*ratio ()*	*fuzzywuzzy* functions
	partial_ratio ()	
	token_set_ratio ()	
	token_sort_ratio ()	
	partial_token_set_ratio ()	
Database tables are written in Lucida Console Italics	*collar*	It contains main collar information
	collarattr	It contains collar additional information
	dhsurvey	It contains main survey information
	dhsurveyattr	It contains survey additional information
	dhgeology	It contains geology information
	dhgeologyattr	It contains additional geology information
Database table fields are written in Lucida Console	CollarID	It is the primary key from the *collar* table. It is the Unique ID field that identifies drill hole It is used to associate data in different tables with a single drill hole.
	HoleID	This is the drill hole name as the company would internally identify the drill hole.
	Longitude	The geographical longitude coordinate locating the collar of the drill hole.
	Latitude	The geographical latitude coordinate locating the collar of the drill hole.
	CompanyID	Unique ID field that identifies the company used
	DHSurveyID	Unique ID field that identified unique drill hole and depth location
	Depth	It refers to the downhole depth where the survey measurement is taken (meters)
	DHGeologyID	Unique ID field that identified unique drill hole and depth interval
	FromDepth	The start/from and end/to downhole depth values (meters)
	ToDepth	The end/to downhole depth values (meters)
Output fields are written in Lucida Console	RL	Relative Level refers to the Z coordinate of the collar location (meters).
	MaxDepth	This refers to the maximum downhole length (meters) drilled for a drill hole, commonly referred as the end-of-hole.
	X	It is the calculated Northing (meters)
	Y	It is the calculated Easting (meters)
	Z	It is the calculated Z position (meters)
	Azimuth	It is the trend direction indicated by an angle between 0-360 degrees from the north going clockwise.

	Inclination	It is the plunge angle of the drill hole relative to horizontal indicated by an angle between -90 to 90. It is measured from the horizontal plane, thus a positive value indicates an upward-directed drill hole and a negative value indicates a drill hole directed downwards.
	Company_LithoCode	This fetches the lithology codes that are typically three-letter codes using the Drill Hole Lithology Thesaurus.
	Company_Litho	This value is fetched by matching the CompanyID and Company_LithoCode to the Drill Hole Lithology Codes Thesaurus.
	Comments	It is the free text descriptions from *dhgeologyattr*
	Detailed_Lithology	This value is the lowest level lithology matched through fuzzy string matching.
	Lithology_Subgroup	This value is the subgroup level lithology matched through fuzzy string matching.
	Lithology_Group	This value is the highest/group level lithology matched through fuzzy string matching.
Workflows are written in Century Gothic Bold	**Lithology Code workflow**	Workflow to decode Company_LithoCode
	Comments workflow	Workflow to decode Comments
Thesurus (https://github.com/Loop3D/dh2loop/blob/master/thesauri/)	Drill Hole Collar Elevation Thesaurus	https://github.com/Loop3D/dh2loop/blob/master/thesauri/thesaurus_collar_elevation.csv
	Drill Hole Maximum Depth Thesaurus	https://github.com/Loop3D/dh2loop/blob/master/thesauri/thesaurus_collar_maxdepth.csv
	Drill Hole Survey Azimuth Thesaurus	https://github.com/Loop3D/dh2loop/blob/master/thesauri/thesaurus_survey_azimuth.csv
	Drill Hole Survey Inclination Thesaurus	https://github.com/Loop3D/dh2loop/blob/master/thesauri/thesaurus_survey_inclination.csv
	Drill Hole Lithology Thesaurus	https://github.com/Loop3D/dh2loop/blob/master/thesauri/thesaurus_geology_lithology.csv
	Drill Hole Comments Thesaurus	https://github.com/Loop3D/dh2loop/blob/master/thesauri/thesaurus_geology_comment.csv
	Drill Hole lithology Codes Thesaurus	https://github.com/Loop3D/dh2loop/blob/master/Thesauri/thesaurus_geology_lithology_code.csv
	Clean-up Dictionary	https://github.com/Loop3D/dh2loop/blob/master/thesauri/thesaurus_cleanup.csv
	Lithology Hierarchical Thesaurus	https://github.com/Loop3D/dh2loop/blob/master/thesauri/thesaurus_geology_hierarchical.csv

A2 Installation and Dependencies

Installing *dh2loop* can be done by cloning the GitHub repository with $ git clone https://github.com/Loop3D/dh2loop.git and then manually installing it by running the python setup script in the repository: $ python setup.py install

It primarily depends on a number of external open-source libraries:

1. *fuzzywuzzy* (https://github.com/seatgeek/fuzzywuzzy) which uses fuzzy logic for string matching (Cohen, 2011)
2. *pandas* (https://pandas.pydata.org/) for data analysis and manipulation (McKinney, 2011)
3. *psycopg2* (https://pypi.org/project/psycopg2/), a PostgreSQL database adapter for python (Gregorio and Varrazzo, 2018)
4. *numpy* (https://github.com/numpy/numpy)
5. *nltk* (https://github.com/nltk/nltk), the Natural Language Toolkit is a suite of open source Python modules, data sets, and tutorials supporting research and development in Natural Language Processing (Loper and Bird, 2002).
6. *pyproj* (https://github.com/pyproj4/pyproj), python interface to PROJ (cartographic projections and coordinate transformations library)

Code describing basic drill hole operations, such as desurveying (process of translating collar (location) and survey data (azimuth, inclination, length) of drill holes into XYZ coordinates in order to define its 3D geometry of the non-vertical borehole), is heavily inspired from *pyGSLIB* drill hole module (Martínez-Vargas, 2016). The *pyGSLIB* drillhole module is re-written into python to make it more compact with less dependencies and tailor it to the data extraction output.

A3 Documentation

dh2loop's documentation provides a general overview over the library and multiple in-depth tutorials. The tutorials are provided as Jupyter Notebooks, which will provide the convenient combination of documentation and executable script blocks in one document. The notebooks are part of the repository and located in the notebooks folder. See http://jupyter.org/ for more information on installing and running Jupyter Notebooks.

A4 Jupyter notebooks

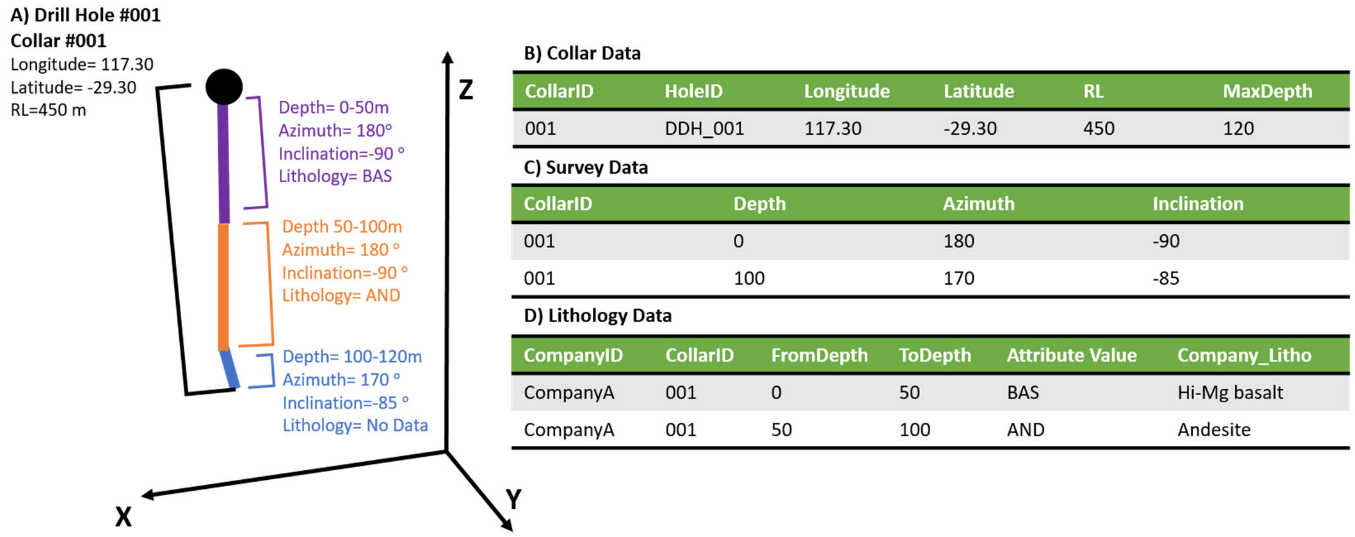
Jupyter notebooks are provided as part of the online documentation. These notebooks can be executed in a local python environment (if the required dependencies are correctly installed). In addition, static versions of the notebooks can currently be inspected directly on the *github* repository web page or through the use of *nbviewer*.

1. WAMEX Interactive report downloads (https://github.com/Loop3D/dh2loop/blob/master/notebooks/0_WAMEX_Downloads_Interactive.ipynb)
2. Exporting and text parsing of drill hole data from PostgreSQL database (https://github.com/Loop3D/dh2loop/blob/master/notebooks/1_Exporting_and_Text_Parsing_of_Drillhole_Data_From_PostgreSQL.ipynb)
3. Exporting and Text Parsing of drill hole Data Demo (https://github.com/Loop3D/dh2loop/blob/master/notebooks/2_Exporting_and_Text_Parsing_of_Drillhole_Data_Demo.ipynb)
4. Harmonizing drill hole data (https://github.com/Loop3D/dh2loop/blob/master/notebooks/3_Harmonizing_Drillhole_Data.ipynb)

Appendix B: Collar and Survey Data Extraction

B1 Simplified example of a drill data

Simplified example of a drill hole (1.A) and its corresponding interval tables collar (1.B), survey (1.C) and lithology (1.D). The black circle denotes the collar location of the drill hole which is obtained from a collar table (1.B). The purple line represents the first downhole interval taking its deviation data from the survey table (1.C) and the lithology information from the lithology table (1.D). The same applies for the second interval (orange line) and third interval (blue line). The orange line follows the same trajectory as the first interval as it uses the same entry in the survey table (1.C). The blue line has no lithology data as this information is not present in the lithology table (1.D). The `MaxDepth` denotes the total drill length (1.B).



B) Collar Data

CollarID	HoleID	Longitude	Latitude	RL	MaxDepth
001	DDH_001	117.30	-29.30	450	120

C) Survey Data

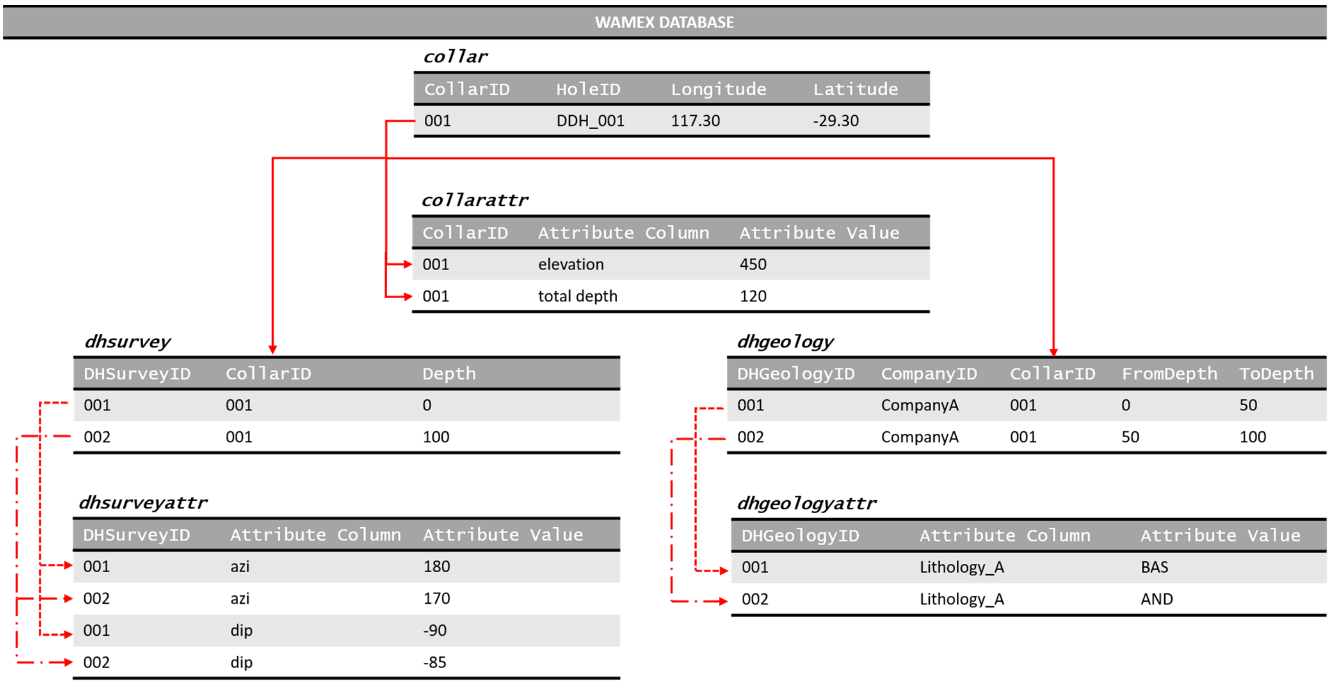
CollarID	Depth	Azimuth	Inclination
001	0	180	-90
001	100	170	-85

D) Lithology Data

CompanyID	CollarID	FromDepth	ToDepth	Attribute Value	Company_Litho
CompanyA	001	0	50	BAS	Hi-Mg basalt
CompanyA	001	50	100	AND	Andesite

B2 Simplified WAMEX database schema

Simplified WAMEX database schema showing the one-to-many relationship between the *collar* table and the *collarattr* table (red solid line). *collarattr* stores other attributes that describe each unique drill hole, such as maximum depth and elevation. The figure also shows the relationship between the *collar* table and the other interval tables such as *dhsurvey, dhsurveyattr, dhgeology, dhgeologyattr*. The deviation of the drill hole is stored in a table, *dhsurvey*, with a primary key (`DHSurveyID`) that refers to each unique depth of a drill hole. This primary key has a many-to-one relationship with collar, as there are multiple depth measurements for each drill hole. Furthermore, *dhsurvey* also has a one-to-many relationship with table *dhsurveyattr*, which stores additional attribute information regarding survey, such as azimuth and inclination readings. The example shows the relationship between tables for the first (red dashed line) and second interval (red dashed-dot line). Each drill hole in the WAMEX database is identified by its geographic coordinates and a unique ID (`CollarID`) in the collar table. The drill hole 3D geometry is described in the survey tables (*dhsurvey*, *dhsurveyattr*). This similar relationship is maintained with interval tables, except that the primary key (e.g.`DHGeologyID`) is used to refer a unique downhole interval rather than a depth measurement. For lithological information, we refer to tables: *dhgeology* and *dhgeologyattr*. *dhgeologyattr* which contain information such as rock names and free text descriptions while *dhgeology* provides information to which hole and interval depth that data refers to. This information can be joined and extracted through SQL (Structured Query Language) queries.



WAMEX DATABASE

collar

CollarID	HoleID	Longitude	Latitude
001	DDH_001	117.30	-29.30

collarattr

CollarID	Attribute Column	Attribute Value
001	elevation	450
001	total depth	120

dhsurvey

DHSurveyID	CollarID	Depth
001	001	0
002	001	100

dhsurveyattr

DHSurveyID	Attribute Column	Attribute Value
001	azi	180
002	azi	170
001	dip	-90
002	dip	-85

dhgeology

DHGeologyID	CompanyID	CollarID	FromDepth	ToDepth
001	CompanyA	001	0	50
002	CompanyA	001	50	100

dhgeologyattr

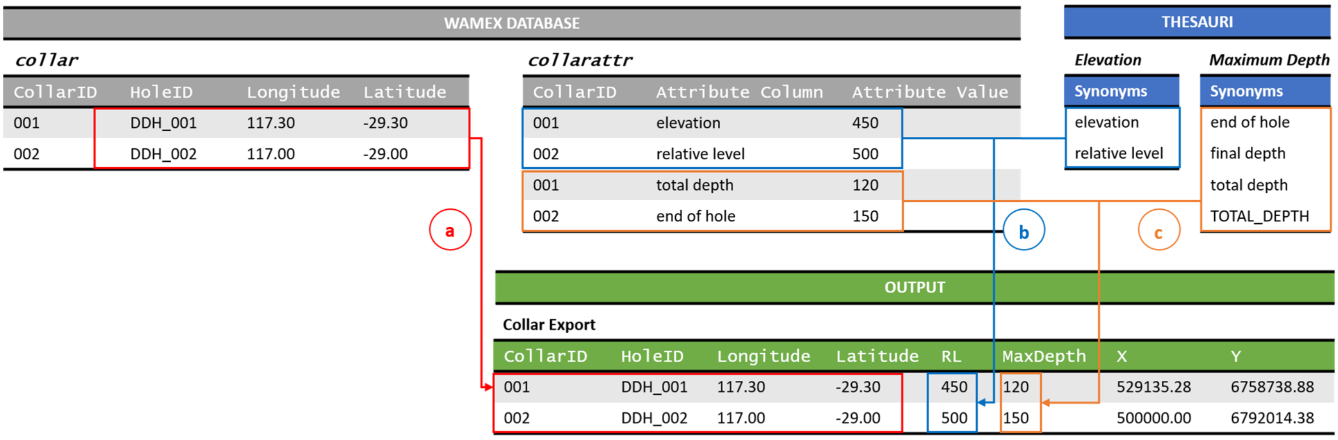
DHGeologyID	Attribute Column	Attribute Value
001	Lithology_A	BAS
002	Lithology_A	AND

B3 Collar Extraction

Collar extraction workflow fetches the `CollarID`, `HoleID`, `Longitude` and `Latitude` information from the *`collar`* table (a, red), while the corresponding `RL` and `MaxDepth` values are fetched from the *`collarattr`* table using the Drill Hole Collar Elevation Thesaurus (b, blue) and Drill Hole Maximum Depth Thesaurus (c, orange).With the minimum input of a region of interest, the *dh2loop* library exports a Comma-Separated Values file (CSV) listing the drill holes in the area with the following information:

1. `CollarID`: The `CollarID` for a drill hole is identical in all tables in order for data to be associated with that drill hole.
2. `HoleID`: This is the drill hole name, as the company would internally identify the drill hole.
3. `Longitude` and `Latitude`: Both values are expressed in WGS 1984 lat/long (EPSG:4326).
4. Relative level (`RL`): We use RL here to refer to elevations of survey points with reference to the mean sea level. This definition of RL is equivalent to the elevation values used in DEMs. This value is extracted by using the Drill Hole Collar Elevation Thesaurus to filter the values referring to relative level. More than one value can be fetched due to duplicate company submissions or multiple elevation measurements, in which case the code retains the value with most decimal places assuming higher precision corresponds to better accuracy. If no elevation values are fetched from the database the entire record is skipped. Non-numeric values are also ignored.
5. Maximum depth (`MaxDepth`): This value is extracted by using the Drill Hole Maximum Depth Thesaurus. Due to duplicate company submissions, there can be more than one value fetched. Since there is no submission date information, the code takes the value with largest value assuming it is the latest submission.

6. Calculated X, Y values of projected coordinates: These values are commonly calculated and used to be able to plot the drill hole in a metric system to be able to accurate display and measure distance within and between drill holes. The projection system used in the calculation is based on the input specified in the configuration file.



collar

CollarID	HoleID	Longitude	Latitude
001	DDH_001	117.30	-29.30
002	DDH_002	117.00	-29.00

collarattr

CollarID	Attribute Column	Attribute Value
001	elevation	450
002	relative level	500
001	total depth	120
002	end of hole	150

Elevation

Synonyms
elevation
relative level

Maximum Depth

Synonyms
end of hole
final depth
total depth
TOTAL_DEPTH

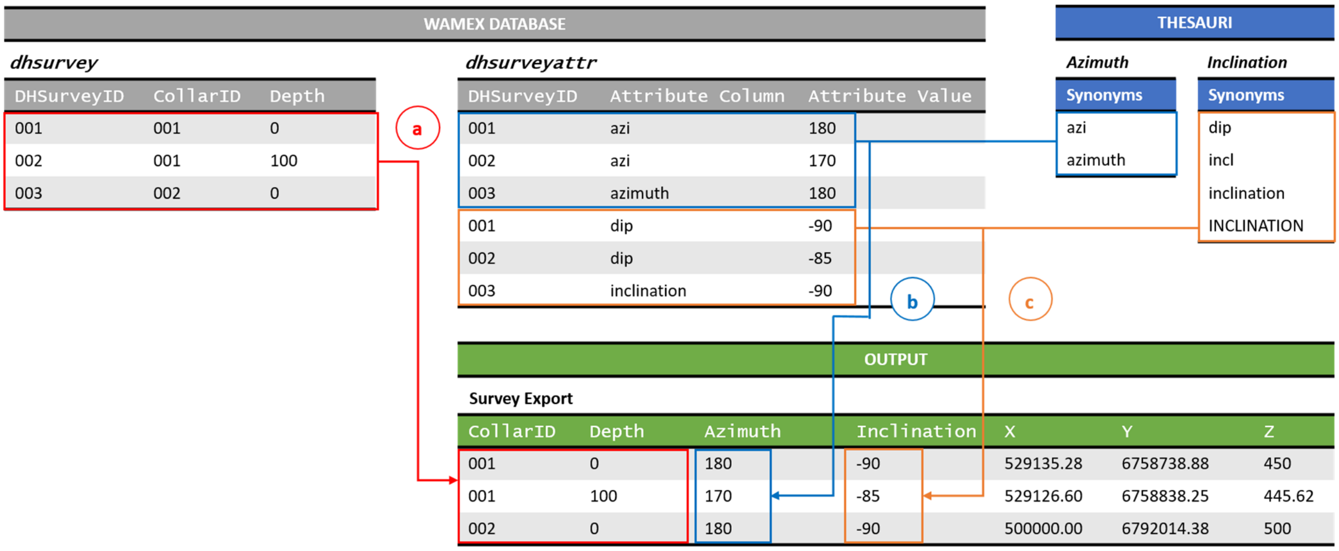
Collar Export

CollarID	HoleID	Longitude	Latitude	RL	MaxDepth	X	Y
001	DDH_001	117.30	-29.30	450	120	529135.28	6758738.88
002	DDH_002	117.00	-29.00	500	150	500000.00	6792014.38

Extraction of the collar data for YSGB resulted in a collar file with 68,729 drill holes. This information is extracted from the *collar* table with 73,881 drill holes with 769,981 rows of information from *collarattr*. It includes the location of the collar both in geographic and projected coordinated systems, relative level (RL) and maximum depth (MaxDepth). A total of 136,100 records for RL are retrieved from the database, 1,526 of which are disregarded: 846 records for having an RL value greater than 10,000 meters and 680 non-numeric records. These discarded values are retrieved from the attribute column "RL_Local". In spite of it being an isolated issue for "RL_Local", the attribute column is retained as it is retrieved sensible values for other companies. The discarded values are limited to data from two companies (4085, 4670) for RL attribute columns "TD" and "DEPTH". A total of 58,706 records for MaxDepth are retrieved from the database: 58,642 of which are extracted as is, while 64 entries are disregarded for having a value of -999. The discarded values come from 8 companies. Null values are disregarded and absent RL or MaxDepth values. The "clean" collar export file contains at least either a value for RL or MaxDepth. The reasoning behind keeping records with at least one of the two field is there are other ways to extract for RL or MaxDepth from the database. RL values can be extracted from digital terrain models and MaxDepth values can be taken for the largest ToDepth values from the other tables. 93% of the available collar data in the area is extracted successfully. This can be improved by implementing alternative ways for retrieving RL and MaxDepth values. For example, if no RL values are fetched from the database, it could be fetched from open-source digital terrain models (DTM) and/or SRTM (Shuttle Radar Topography Mission). As for missing MaxDepth values, the maximum ToDepth values in the survey and/or interval tables could be used.

B4 Survey Extraction

Survey extraction workflow fetches the DHSurveyID, CollarID and Depth information from the *dhsurvey* table (a, red), while the corresponding Azimuth and Inclination values are fetched from the *dhsurveyattr* table using the Drill Hole Survey Azimuth Thesaurus (b, blue) and Drill Hole Survey Inclination Thesaurus (c, orange).With the same inputs defined in the configuration file, the *dh2loop* library outputs a survey CSV file containing the following information: CollarID, Depth, Azimuth, Inclination and Calculated X, Y, Z values. The workflow accommodates for underground holes drilled upwards as long as the metadata and data appropriately describe them as such. For all properties, all non-numeric values are ignored. For Depth, negative values are replaced by their absolute value. This assumption is made as some drill holes have negative depth information and it is technically not possible to have a negative length. This is done by some companies to denote that the depth measure is going upwards (usually for underground probing drill holes) rather than downhole. For Azimuth, the code fetches values between 0-360 degrees, thus ignoring values greater than 360. Values between -360 to 0 are assumed to be counter-clockwise from the north. If there is no survey information for a drill hole present in collar, the azimuth value is set to 0. The X, Y, Z, values are calculated using the minimum curvature basing the code off the *pyGSLIB* drill hole module.



WAMEX DATABASE

dhsurvey

DHSurveyID	CollarID	Depth
001	001	0
002	001	100
003	002	0

dhsurveyattr

DHSurveyID	Attribute Column	Attribute Value
001	azi	180
002	azi	170
003	azimuth	180
001	dip	-90
002	dip	-85
003	inclination	-90

THESAURI

Azimuth

Synonyms
azi
azimuth

Inclination

Synonyms
dip
incl
inclination
INCLINATION

OUTPUT

Survey Export

CollarID	Depth	Azimuth	Inclination	X	Y	Z
001	0	180	-90	529135.28	6758738.88	450
001	100	170	-85	529126.60	6758838.25	445.62
002	0	180	-90	500000.00	6792014.38	500

For the survey extraction, the *dhsurvey* table contained 146,713 survey depth intervals (from 45,708 drill holes) with corresponding 850,507 entries of supplementary survey information in *dhsurveyattr*. Survey extraction in YSGB resulted in 126,669 survey depth information across 45,708 drill holes with azimuth (-52.5 to 359) and inclination measurements (0-90) for each depth interval. A total of 517,592 records for Azimuth are retrieved from the database. 77 Azimuth values greater than 360 are retrieved and thus disregarded. 152 values are non-numeric values and are also disregarded. These discarded values involved 228 holes across 10 companies. A value of 0 is assigned to missing Azimuth values. A total of 118,223 records for Inclination are fetched from the database, 118,138 of which are extracted as is, while 95 entries are disregarded for having a value greater than 90. A values of -90 is assigned as the default for Inclination. The discarded values correspond to 94 drill holes across 5 companies. The survey extraction rate of 86% is fairly good. *dh2loop* ensures that the Azimuth and Inclination values are sensible measurements before including them into the extracted output file. An improvement that could be implemented is to run an assessment on the deflection angles for each drill hole and flag intervals with unrealistic deflection angles.

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