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RIG AUTOMATION
Performance Improvement in Drilling

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*From Data to Actions -
Improving the Value of Drilling Data in
Operations, Engineering, and Research*

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Agenda

- ▶ Introduction
- ▶ Data Interpretation
- ▶ Data Requirements
- ▶ Data Application Examples
- ▶ Data Structures and Metadata

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Data Projects @ UT Austin

Real time operating center

- ▶ Data (real time or memory) from different operators and service providers
- ▶ Software from 10+ providers
- ▶ MATLAB, R, Spotfire, Excel

Data projects

- ▶ Downhole data
- ▶ Wellbore positioning/tortuosity
- ▶ Directional drilling automation
- ▶ Performance evaluation
- ▶ Data structures and standards

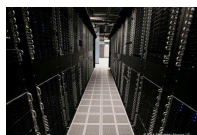


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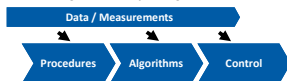
- Eric van Oort, Pradeep Ashok (supervisors)
- 4 PhD students, 10+ undergrad students per semester
- Support from industry

More information: drilling.utexas.edu, SPE Webinar: Drilling Optimization, Risk and Uncertainty Reduction, and Future Workforce Education Using Big Data Analysis by E. van Oort, Feb 2017
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From Automation to Optimization



"Taking the Art out of Drilling"



Long Term Goal

Drilling Automation

- Autonomous Rig
- Optimized Drilling through DH Controls
- Drilling Advisory System

Leads to

Short Term Success

Drilling Optimization

- Gains in Information / Knowledge
- Standardization of Processes
- Reduction of Operational Variability and Risks

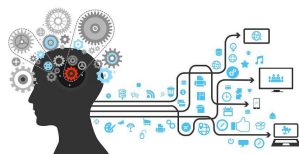
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The Promise of Artificial Intelligence

- ▶ Artificial intelligence, big data, machine learning, data mining, etc. as a universal problem solver
- ▶ Sentiment: "Data problems will be overcome automatically"
- ▶ AI holds incredible opportunities
- ▶ 90% of big data analysis is data curation
- ▶ *There will be no magic!*
- ▶ Hard work and effort to prepare our data for such applications



"It's gonna be great!"
– D. J. Trump

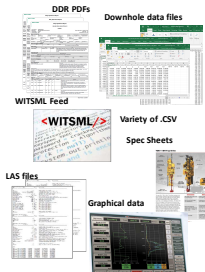
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We have a Messy Data Problem

- ▶ "We don't have a big data problem, we have a messy data problem"
- ▶ Contextual information essential but not digitized - DDR:
 - 'problmes /w toppdrive' ← **typos**
 - Wait on weather
- ▶ Can be digitized – to showcase successful applications
- ▶ "Big data" applications – data needs to be
 - comprehensive
 - complete
 - comparable
 - categorized



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A Basic Example of Data Mining

Indirect diagnosis of Diabetes from patient data:

10,000s of patients → > 100 Features

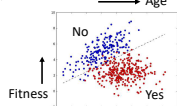
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Patient 2	16.6	96.7	59.1	0	4.1	1	No
Patient 3	29.4	127.5	NaN	0	2.9	1	No
Patient 4	20.6	136.4	80.4	3	2.4	0	No
Patient 5	27.5	134.1	83.2	4	3.9	1	Yes
Patient 6	18.3	128.2	83.1	0	3.1	0	No
Patient 7	30.2	110.2	NaN	NaN	0	0	No
		109.2	63.9				

Use unique identifier
Continuous Variables
Classes
Binary Variables
Prediction Goal

Every feature is standardized and classified! E.g. BMI

Source: Kaggle AI challenge, www.kaggle.com

- Classification using supervised learning
- Split in test and train set
- Use algorithms
 - Logistic regression, Neural network, Bayes classifier, ...
- Use test data to evaluate results
- Model applied to new data
- 2D Case: → Age



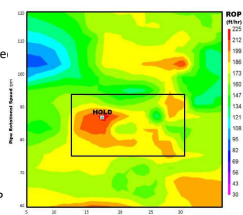
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Barriers to Applications in Drilling

- Time series data**
 - Lots of volume, but single data point not telling
- Impact factors** are not categorized and standardized
 - What impact has the placement of the stabilizer, how to categorize position?
- Not all impact factors are captured into **features**
 - Human impact
 - No sensors available
- Scarcity of data**
 - Heat Map: Enough data means rich data set for all combinations of RPM vs WOB and ROP per
 - Formation, BHA design, Bit, Rig, etc.
 - Physics models or other smart algorithms may help to reduce data requirements
- Lack of comparability** between wells



Heatmap of RPM vs. WOB, finding the ROP sweet spot. Is our data big enough?

Source: NOV Drillshare: <http://www.epm.com/highway-downhole-data-delivers-optimized-drilling-1461126>, Feb 2017

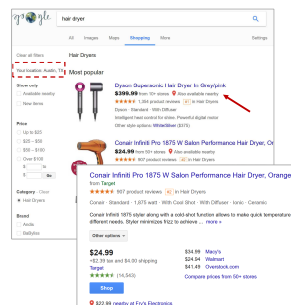
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Example from AI leaders: Google Shopping

- Google shopping:
 - Search for stores and prices in current location
- Real time updates require stringent specifications and categorization
- Google's algorithms don't work perfectly either
- Manual input required:
 - Data centers with thousands of employees in India that also manually sort through data
- Effort required for results



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It's all about baby steps

- Continuous improvement process
 - Show potential of data with stand alone applications
 - Define data structures to solve specific problem
 - Specify data requirements
 - Implement structures
 - Open options for new applications
 - Define additional structures
 - Etc.
- Solving current problems
 - Data interpretation
 - Data sample rate requirements (for detecting dysfunctions)
 - Data format framework
 - Simple but robust data correction algorithms



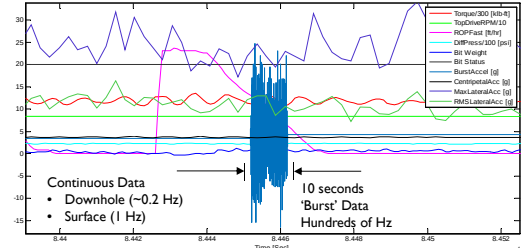
Polling Question

- Who should own drilling data (valuable for the drilling process)?

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Data Aggregation – Downhole Data

Downhole Data



Continuous Data

- Downhole (~0.2 Hz)
- Surface (1 Hz)

10 seconds 'Burst' Data
Hundreds of Hz

Wealth of information is lost when only statistics are stored throughout the entire run

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Data, Information, Knowledge

Decrease of Volume of Data & Increase of Structure and Logic

Knowledge

Information
342,4 = ROP value of Well A, at depth of 7869 ft

Data
342,3

► Data aggregation

► On the way up, the density of information/data volume goes down, structure, logic, and costs go up

► Current approach is rudimentary (e.g. min/max/avg), which may or may not be sufficient

► Correct data aggregation method depends on the requirements for each application

► Currently, essential information is lost when applying standard aggregation methods.

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Value of Information

► Well construction process is not perfect due to a variety of drilling performance limiters.

- E.g. Wellbore misplacement, reduced ROP, unnecessary loads on tools, etc.

The value of information from a sensor is as large as its impact on performance improvement

Well Construction Process

Performance Limiters

Sensors

What sensors are required to capture and mitigate these?

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Data Aggregation

► Easy in theory, difficult in practice

► Aggregation

- Data reduction of time series data
- Elimination of redundant data
- Merging of different data types (static, time based, depth based, contextual, etc.)

Keep data that impacts decisions, discard redundant measurements

Delete noise, keep information

What is noise, what is information?

Data interpretation

► Data aggregation depends on the application

► Sensor design plays a key role in aggregation research

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Automation Requires Downhole Data

"In other industries, you either know the physics or you have enough experimental data. We have neither."

Quote from 'From Sensors To Solutions' Workshop

- ▶ Downhole data enables
 - Accurate **information** on complex downhole environment
 - Post well analysis driving **learnings** for new wells
 - Better **prediction** of downhole parameters based on surface data
 - Essential for **automated drilling operations**, but need to establish trust in the data
- ▶ Downhole data
 - Difficult to access (downhole to surface transfer)
 - Difficult to interpret (no 'outside' observer)

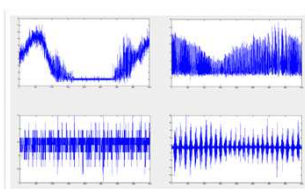
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Data Interpretation

- ▶ Petrophysics
 - Understand the physics of the tool, measurement and the operational circumstances
 - Understand data processing
- ▶ Dynamics data for drilling automation and performance improvement - awareness is not (yet) present
- ▶ Closing the gap between sensors and data interpretation to differentiate noise from information
- ▶ Inverse problem: How did the sensor move to create these patterns



High Frequency Burst Data - Accelerations 10 Sec

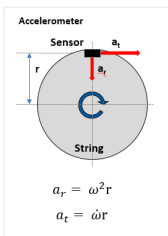
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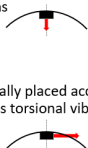
Interpretation of Tangential Accelerations

Inverse Problem: How did accelerometer move to produce the observations in the measurements?



In Theory

- Radially placed accelerometer (centripetal) measures lateral vibrations
- Tangentially placed accelerometer measures torsional vibrations



Source: Macpherson et al. 2015

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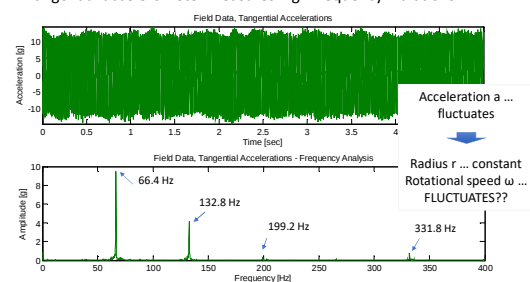
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High Frequency Torsional Oscillations?

► Tangential accelerometer measures high frequency vibrations:

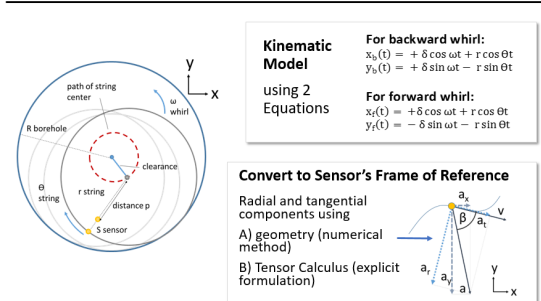


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What if the string rotates off center?



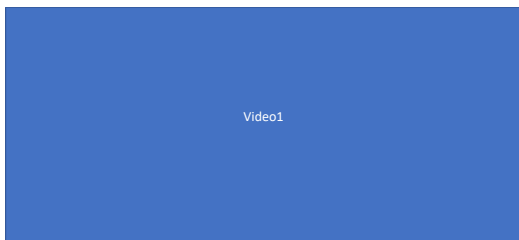
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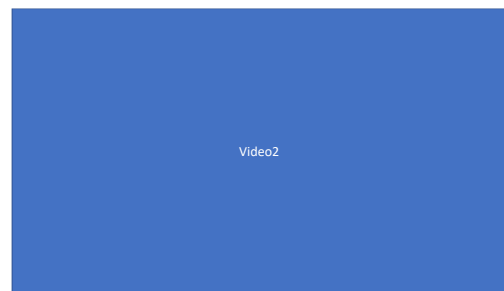


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Radial and Tangential Acceleration Components

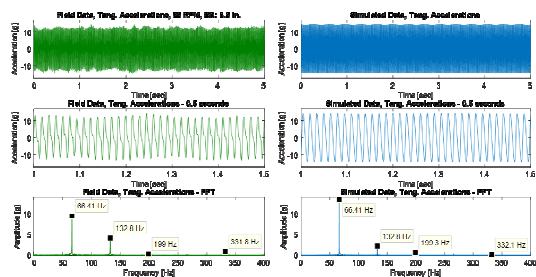


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Tangential Accelerations: Field and Simulation

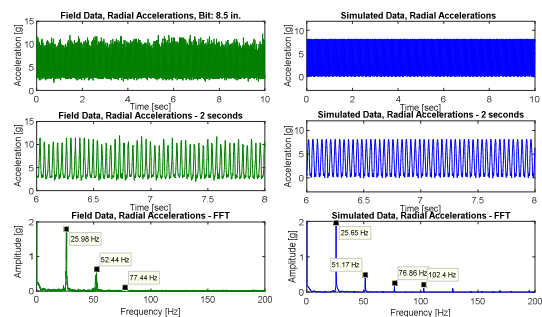


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Radial Accelerations: Field and Simulation



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Conclusions: data interpretation

- ▶ **Fictitious forces** due to coupled rotation:
 - These forces can be considered noise
 - Off-center rotation probably not harmful to the drillstring, stress amplitudes are low
- ▶ Off-center rotation:
 - Sensor does not represent the entire drillstring
 - Equations for uniform rotation do not apply anymore
- ▶ Data aggregation:
 - Capturing amplitude and frequency is enough

Disney's Mad Hatter Tea Party



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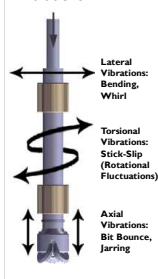
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Data Requirements and Sampling Rates

Defining Sampling Rate Requirements

- ▶ Large data sets with high frequency downhole dynamics data
 - Accelerometers
 - Gyros, magnetometers
 - Strain gauges
 - Pressure, temperature
- ▶ Study of known dysfunctions
 - Vibrations
 - Hydraulic dysfunctions
 - Weight transfer
 - Etc.
- ▶ Define sampling rate requirements for detection of dysfunctions
- ▶ Separate signal from noise

Vibrations



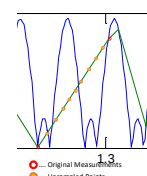
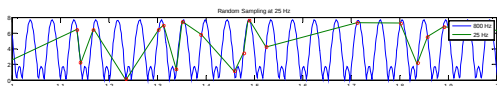
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Theory: Nyquist Sampling Rate



- ▶ Nyquist theorem states that the sample frequency needs to be at least twice as high as the highest frequency of interest.
- ▶ E.g. Whirl at 150 Hz needs 300 Hz or more
- ▶ Upsampling
 - = adding additional points in between two measurements
 - Higher frequency phenomena cannot be reconstructed
 - Interpolation between points

Nyquist Frequency Theorem

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Recommended Sampling Rates I

Type	Sub-Category	Comments	Observed Typical Frequency/Periods	Data Sampling and Processing Rate
Lateral Vibrations				
	Backward Whirl	Additional dynamic component, high amplitudes, negative radial accelerations	Up to 120 Hz +	250 Hz +
	Forward Synchronous Whirl	Identified from bit wear, whirl speed equals rotational speed, low frequencies	< 3 Hz	10 Hz
	Off Center Rotation	Only movement of the sensor without dynamical forces, very high frequency spectra of overtones (500 Hz+)	First mode up to 70 Hz + overtones	250 Hz +
	Chaotic Whirl	Described in literature, not (yet) identified in data		
Torsional Vibrations				
	Harmonic Stick Slip	Period depends on length of drill string, negative rotation can occur	< 0.1 – 2 Hz	5 Hz
	Torsional Fluctuations	Frequencies related to RPM, Different sources, e.g. stabilizers, doglegs, buckling.	0.5 Hz – 10 Hz	20 Hz
	Lithology changes	Correlation with tangential acceleration, depth based	< 1 Hz	< 2 Hz
Axial Vibrations				
	Bit Bounce	Harmonic axial fluctuation of high amplitude	5-20 of Hz	50 Hz
	Vibrational Dynamics	Effects of lateral and torsional vibrations on axial vibration measurements	Up to 120 Hz	250 Hz +
	RPM Fluctuations	Stress and strain changes for each rotation, especially in curve section	0.5 Hz – 10 Hz	30 Hz

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Recommended Sampling Rates II

Downhole Weight on Bit			
Weight transfer	Low frequencies	< 1 Hz	< 2 Hz
Dynamics (Vibrations)	Whirl and stick slip frequencies	Up to 120 Hz	250 Hz +
Bit Bounce	Harmonic fluctuation, medium frequency	5-20 of Hz	50 Hz
Downhole Torque			
Torque Transfer	Due to friction, buckling	0.5 Hz – 10 Hz	20 Hz
Torque Fluctuations	RPM related	0.5 Hz – 10 Hz	20 Hz
Dynamics (Vibrations)	Whirl and stick slip frequencies	Up to 120 Hz	250 Hz +
Pressure			
Kick detection	Pressure increase due to influx	< 1 Hz*	< 2 Hz
ECD monitoring	Cuttings transport, surge and swap	< 1 Hz*	< 2 Hz
Changes in DH pressure regime	Depending on DH pressures, ECD, pump rates, etc.	< 1 Hz*	< 2 Hz
Dynamics (Vibrations)	Pressure fluctuations based on pipe movements	Up to 120 Hz	250 Hz +
Temperature			
Temperatures	Low frequencies	< 1 Hz	< 2 Hz

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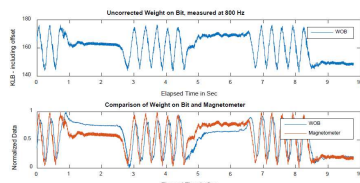
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Downhole sensors capture all dynamics

- Regardless of the 'direction' of the measurements, downhole sensors capture all dynamics:

- Lateral accelerometers measure axial dynamics
- Axial accelerometers measure lateral dynamics
- Strain gauges measure all movements



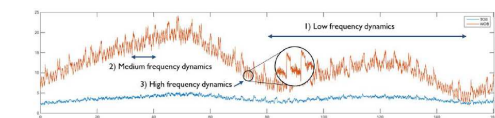
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Differentiation by Frequencies

- Low frequency dynamics**
 - Trends and graduate changes
 - Examples: Surface parameter adjustments, changes with low or no periodicity
- Medium frequency dynamics**
 - Periods of several seconds
 - Examples: Rotational movements, stick slip vibrations
- High frequency dynamics**
 - Frequency > 1 Hz
 - Whirl currently known highest high frequency downhole phenomenon



- Sensors capture all dynamics regardless of the sensor's purpose

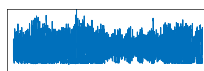
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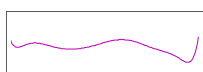
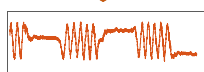
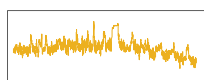
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Selective Filtering to Remove Noise



- ▶ Signal captures combination of multiple frequencies
- ▶ Frequencies keep changing
- ▶ Simplification of visual display and automated analysis
- ▶ **Instant filtering** based on combination of multiple measurements



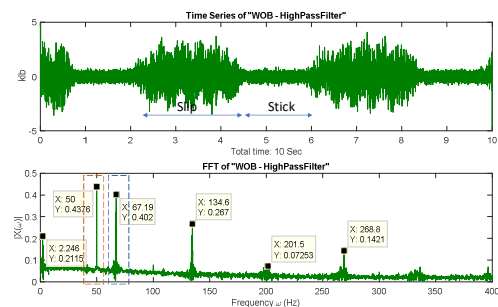
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Weight on Bit Under Stick Slip Vibrations

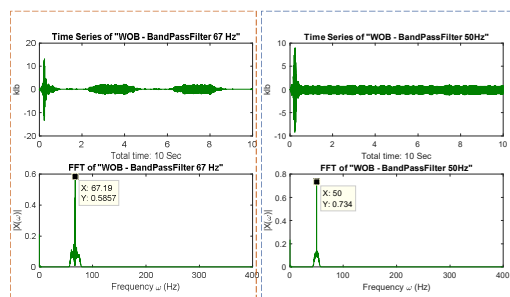


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Selective Removal of Noise



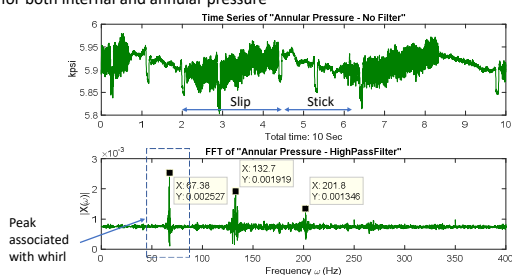
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Pressure Response During Whirl Vibrations

- High frequency pressure fluctuations observed during whirl vibrations, for both internal and annular pressure



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Conclusions

- Inadequate information on downhole dysfunctions is a real drilling performance limiter
- Data transfer, storage, and processing capacities currently are limited
- Finding the right balance between
 - Inadequate sampling rate, just enough to capture phenomena
 - Data overflow, not more than necessary
- Downhole measurements are interlinked
- Differentiation of root cause of measurements by frequency
- Combination of measurements and selective filtering of 'noise' frequency ranges
- Publishing application specific data requirements
 - Hopefully more examples will follow

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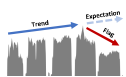
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Data Applications
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Downhole Data To Improve Surface Processes

Monitoring *changes* in surface to downhole transfer functions

- Surface Data: Primary Source
- Downhole Data: Shown if differs from expectations



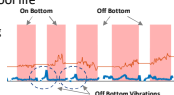
Understanding effects of *surface actions* on downhole forces

- Negative or positive effects of surface processes, e.g. during connections



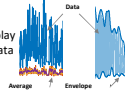
Recognizing the importance of *off-bottom events* on tool life

- Focusing on time based data



Investigating multiple *data aggregation* methods

- Not enough resolution to display high frequency data
- Averaging covers important events
- Envelopes

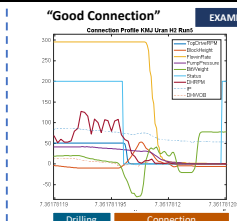
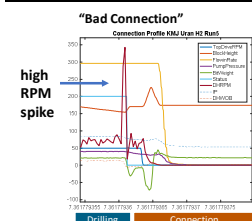


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Connection Practices: Impact Downhole



- Downhole data reveals bad practices of operations
- Using downhole data to understand implications of actions on surface
- E.g. time of pump shut in and picking off bottom
- Implementation of good practices

Measurement tool was placed above the motor – essential information for analysis

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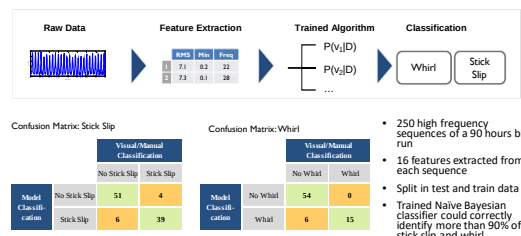
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Automated Vibration Classification

Example for machine learning application – naïve Bayes classifier

Patterns to identify stick slip and whirl:



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Barrier: Downhole Data Sensor Errors

- ▶ Sources
 - Temperature
 - Pressure
 - Shocks
- ▶ Prevention
 - Sensors rated for given environment (more expensive, larger)
 - Cushioning of sensors
 - Pressure resistant housing
- ▶ Mitigation
 - Auto-correction
- ▶ Semi-Manual correction
 - E.g. taring procedure at every connection

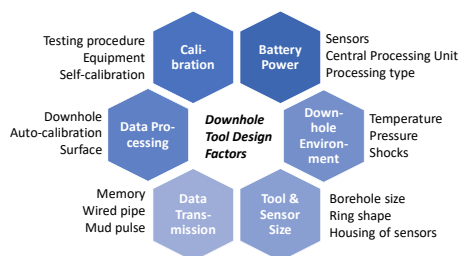
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Downhole Measurement Tool Design Factors



- Tradeoffs between design factors
- More precise requirements would help to design better sensors

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Baby Steps: Algorithms For Auto-Correction

- ▶ Current research focus
- ▶ Developed correction algorithms
 - Accelerometers
 - Adequate WOB/TOB correction
 - Often reason for bad WOB readings
 - Possibly eliminate taring procedures
 - More accurate
 - Auto-align downhole and surface data
- ▶ Correction algorithms
 - are fairly simple,
 - use known procedures and physics
 - corrections are not purely data based
- ▶ Automated vibration classification

Hidden Information

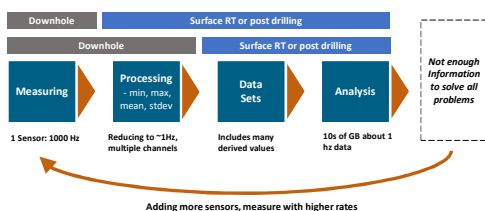
- Found indirect surface measurement for downhole pressure losses, in 'standard' data, no additional sensors required.
- Under development
- Data is underused!
- Explore hidden information

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Smarter Data Processing Required

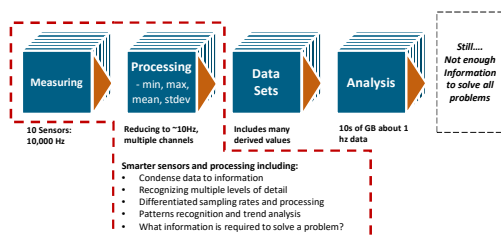


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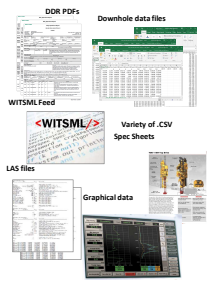
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Data Structures, Metadata and Transfer



Structural and process with downhole data

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- **UT project:** Undergraduate students analyze operator's drilling data supervised by graduate students
 - > 80% of time spent on data processing
 - Data in various files and formats
 - 10 GB files too large to open
 - Wrong time stamps
 - Header name is only information on channel
 - Different companies / sensor measure different things – no comparison
 - → *Combining downhole data requires coding and data analysis skills*
 - Learning curve for a single project, but not transferable
 - Isolated one off solutions

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Structured Data: Prerequisite for Automation

- ▶ Interoperability, machine readability, comparability of data are essential for automation
 - How do we get there?
 - Tradeoff between standardization and 'progress', agreement on common structures seems unrealistic

Lack of...

- Standardization
 - One off projects
- Transparency
 - Proprietary tool setups
 - Derived data
- Metadata
 - Critical descriptive information
- Connections to other data



Prevents...

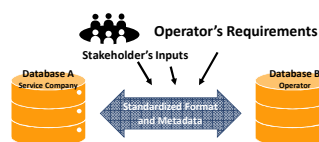
- Learning curve from data
 - Rapid deterioration of data value with time
- Knowledge transfer
 - Data acquisition and analysis are done by different groups with little overlap
- Sharing of data for effective data analytics solution
 - Within companies
 - With 3rd parties

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Standardized Format for Downhole and Metadata



UT defined transfer standard:

- Expanding idea of WITSML to downhole data
- Adding metadata to the files
- Interim solution until it can be taken over by energetics or another group

Automation of Analysis

- Managing data loads and integration
- Standardized formats
- **How** to deliver
- **Transparency**
 - Enables data analysis
 - Knowledge transfer
- **What** to deliver

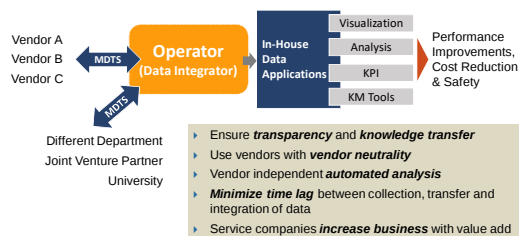
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Standard Data Transfer – Business Case for DH Data



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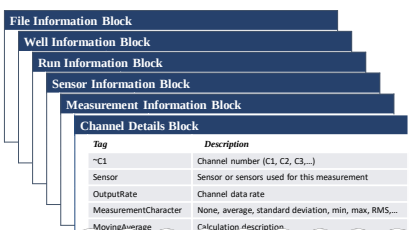
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Metadata - Header Section Structure

Above the actual data, the *metadata header* contains 6 basic blocks.

The block structure helps to capture information most efficiently and avoid repetition.



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Example of MDTs file format

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- ▶ Metadata has standardized structure and description, is helpful to data scientists without drilling knowledge

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Traditional	New Requirements
• Competition • Individual efforts • Single number answers • Simplifying assumptions • Universal Truths	• Collaboration • Team work (disciplines dissolve) • Dealing with uncertainty • Understanding complexities • Continuous improvement

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Conclusions

- ▶ Artificial Intelligence won't magically solve our data problems!
- ▶ Results can only be achieved by hard work
 - Definition of data requirements and data structures
 - Unified classifications
- ▶ Defining and publishing data requirements for every research project or study
- ▶ Big data: Make data comparable across many wells
 - Apply same aggregation methods: 1 minute data is not comparable to 1 second data
- ▶ Eliminate manual efforts on data
 - Short term solutions: Correction algorithms
 - Long term solutions:
 - Improve transparency and communication protocols
 - Communicate requirements and improve collaboration with sensor supply chain (tool & sensor manufacturers)
- ▶ Prepare workforce for a world of data
 - Years of experience vs. making sense of data

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Questions?

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Feature extraction for time based data

- Feature Data Set: Each row represents one burst window

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Stick Slip Classifier: 1 means that stick slip is present, 0 means that there is no stick slip present

Features

1. Minimum
2. Maximum
3. Delta Max Min
4. Standard Dev
5. Variance
6. Average Min (running avg)
7. Average Max (running avg)
8. Delta Average
9. Average
10. Frequency and Amplitude of FFT Peak 1 and 2 (4 features)
14. Peak distance of FFT

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