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Drilling Optimization, Risk and Uncertainty Reduction, and Future Workforce Education Using Big Data Analysis

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Presentation Outline

- **RAPID Introduction**
- **How to Optimize?**
- **Data Analytics**
 - Does it pay off?
 - Data challenges
- **UT Student Data Analytics Project**
 - Analysis of a large field data-set
 - Development of data analysis techniques
 - Development of storyboards
- **Conclusions**



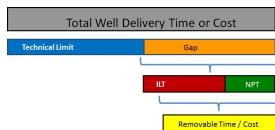
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What is RAPID? Goals & Objectives

RAPID is an interdisciplinary group of researchers and students from multiple engineering disciplines (petroleum, mechanical, and aerospace) with these objectives and goals:

- deliver automation solutions for any and every aspect of well construction (drilling, cementing, completion / stimulation, production?)
- reducing drilling/completion time and cost by > 50%
- reducing the number of individuals at the rig site by > 50%.



- Onshore: NPT <10%, ILT ~30%
- Offshore: NPT 20-40%, ILT ~30%

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RAPID Focus Areas

RAPID R&D Focus Areas

Undergraduate Programs

Automation control systems

Modeling, simulation, and empirical validation in downhole environments

(Real-Time) Monitoring, data analytics, and "Big Data" issues

Intelligent mechanization, automation, and equipment re-design

- First, maintain a "minimum effort" in all identified focus areas and viable undergraduate programs.
- Funds beyond baseline efforts (including baseline projects in all focus areas) will largely be guided by feedback from RAPID members
- Program Director will prioritize efforts to deliver a balance of short-term benefits and longer terms research efforts.

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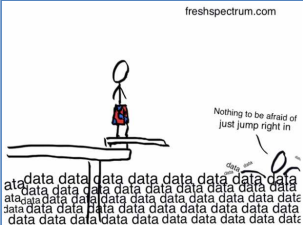
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How to Optimize?

1. Automation
 - See previous webinar "Drilling Automation Research at The University of Texas at Austin"
2. Workforce Education
3. Data Analytics

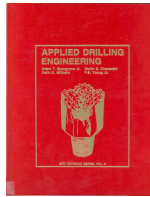


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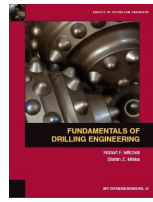
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Drilling Education – The Old Way



Applied Drilling Engineering –
Bourgoyne et al.
1986

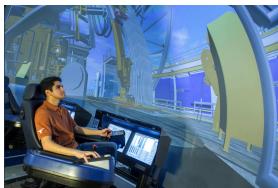


Fundamentals of Drilling
Engineering – Mitchell and Miska
2011

Traditionally Teaching drilling has been about
Drill bits, directional drilling, drilling fluids, solids control,
cementing, casing, well bore stability, well control,
measurement-while-drilling techniques, stuck pipe, lost
circulation, well bore hydraulics, etc.

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Drilling Education – The New Way



Advanced Simulators with Sophisticated Human Machine Interfaces

Traditional skills still needed, but this is the age of big data: post well analysis, real time data analysis provide great value & great opportunity for talent education



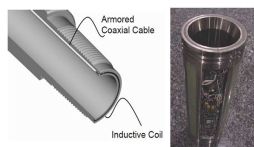
Data Analytics & Coding

- Machine Learning
- Statistical Learning
- Pattern Recognition
- Artificial Intelligence
- Crowd Sourcing
- Etc.

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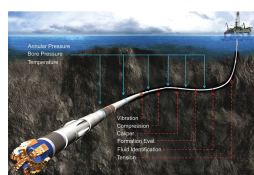
Data Analytics – Does it Pay Off?

- Data may be hard / expensive to collect
 - E.g. downhole HF data
- Data-standards are often lacking
- Data collection / curation may be very labor-intensive
- Dedicated company resources for analysis may not be available
- Turn-around time may be too long for meaningful optimization
- Specific data challenges may be significant (see later)



Source: Reeves et al. (2005)

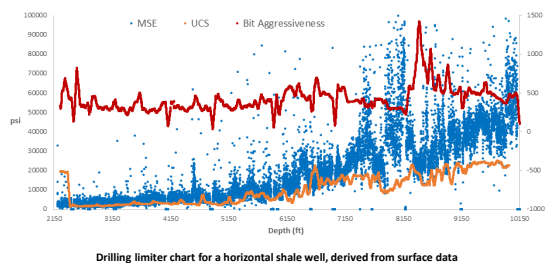
Amplification Joint



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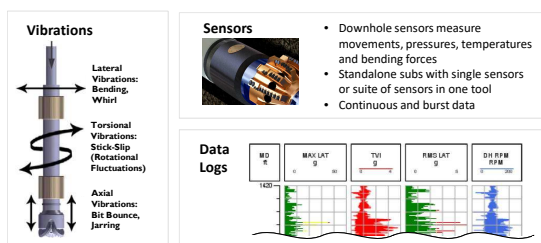
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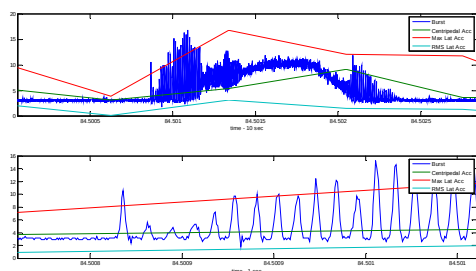
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Is There Value in the Data? - 3

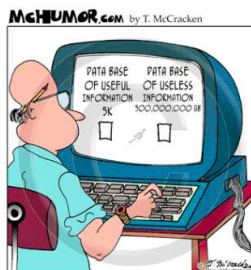


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Data Challenges

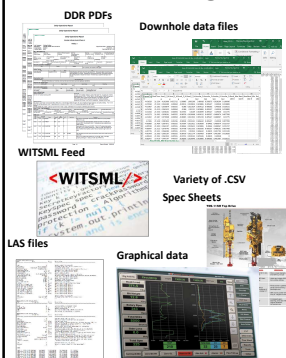
- Big Data – or Messy Data?
- Data Quality & Uncertainty
- Data Frequency & Sampling Rate
- Data Standards
- Data Mnemonics & Metadata
- Data Collection & Curation
- Data Interpretation
- Data Security (Cyber Security)
- Data Transmission
- Data Storage
- Etc.



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Big or Messy Data?



- Drilling and completion data presents more of a “messy” than a “big” data-problem, due to the range of structured and unstructured data, static vs. dynamic information, etc.
- Since optimization, risk and uncertainty reduction often require information from various sources, this can be a daunting task!

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Sensor Data Quality

- Sensor technology used out in field operations is often decades old, i.e. most sensors on modern drilling rigs date back to the 1950's and 60's.
- Generally, data are of poor quality, as indicated by a recent comprehensive study by Chesapeake
- Data collected by oil and gas companies are seldom used, with a prime reason being lack of qualified manpower to prepare the data and carry out its analysis and awkward storage / data security requirements.
- Transmitting and storing useless but massive data is a high tax on the industry already strapped for cash and prevent efficient use of information nuggets hidden in noise.
- Data-analysis and machine-learning algorithms are not being used to their full potential or are immature for oil and gas applications.
- Even when data and analysis are available, the data are hardly ever used effectively for safety, performance improvement and unit cost reduction purposes etc.
- Expensive superfluous or missing data are in fact a burden and cost rather than a benefit to the industry and lower its operational efficiency in time of hardship and belt-tightening

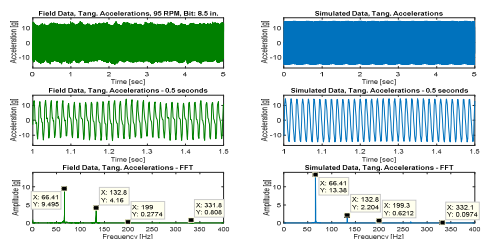
Sensor	Rig A	Rig B	Rig C	Rig D	Rig E	Rig F
Rotary Torque	17%	17%	22%	24%	21%	18%
Makeup Torque	23%	11%	12%	17%	60%	13%
Rotary RPM	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Pump Rate	1%	32%	1%	1%	40%	1%
Block Position	6"	<0.5"	<0.5"	6 ft	<0.5"	<0.5"
Hook Load	11%	N/A	18%	N/A	12%	N/A
Pit Volumes	15%	12%	18%	16%	15%	22%
Pump Pressure	5%	4%	4%	4%	3%	5%

Average error rates for rig sensors on land rigs operated in the continental US by Chesapeake (after Zenero et al., 2016). Error rates in red font are considered unacceptably high, particularly when considering the crucial role that many of these sensors play in avoiding catastrophic well incidents, e.g. associated with uncontrolled formation influxes / kicks.

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Data Uncertainty: Are We Sure of What We Are Measuring?



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Pure and Coupled Drill String Vibration Pattern Recognition in High Frequency Downhole Data

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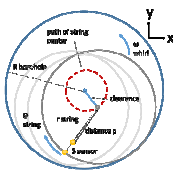
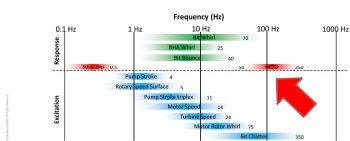
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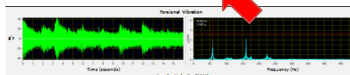
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Are HFTO's Real?

Environment and Measurements - Excitation and Vibration Response



Placing advanced vibration sensors downhole is critical in preventing bit wear and tool damage. By incorporating technologies such as the [redacted] operators have identified high-frequency torsional oscillation (HFTO) in the bottomhole assembly (BHA) as the culprit for vibration and bit wear (Figure 2).



High-Frequency Torsional Oscillations (HFTO) can be satisfactorily explained as a sensor artifact due to off-center rotation of accelerometers during whirl

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Data Measurement Frequency

Type	Sub-Category	Comments	Observed Typical Frequency/Thresholds	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, wheel speed equals rotational speed, low frequencies	< 5 Hz	10 Hz
	Off Center Rotation	Only movement of the sensor without dynamical forces, very high frequency spectra of overtones (1000 Hz)	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 rotational rate	<0.1 - 2 Hz	5 Hz
	Torsional Fluctuations	Frequencies related to RPM, different sources, e.g. rotations, drilling, tooling	0.5 Hz - 10 Hz	20 Hz
	Utilization changes	Correlation with tangential acceleration, depth hazard	< 5 Hz	< 2 Hz
Axial Vibrations	Bit Bounce	Harmonic axial fluctuation of high amplitude	5 - 20 Hz	50 Hz
	Vibrational Dynamics	Effects of lateral and torsional vibrations on axial vibration measurements	Up to 120 Hz	250 Hz +
	RPM Fluctuations	Stops and starts changes for each rotation, especially in curve section	0.5 Hz - 10 Hz	30 Hz
	Downhole Weight on Bit			
Downhole Torque	Weight transfer	Low frequencies	< 5 Hz	< 2 Hz
	Dynamics (Vibrations)	Whirl and stick slip frequencies	Up to 120 Hz	250 Hz +
	Bit Impact	Harmonic fluctuation, medium frequency	5 - 20 Hz	50 Hz
	Torque Transfer	Due to friction, buckling	0.5 Hz - 10 Hz	20 Hz
Pressure	Torque Fluctuations	RPM related	0.5 Hz - 10 Hz	20 Hz
	Dynamics (Vibrations)	Whirl and stick slip frequencies	Up to 120 Hz	250 Hz +
Temperature	Axis Selection	Pressure fluctuations due to friction	< 5 Hz	< 2 Hz
	ECG monitoring	Cuttings transport, surge and sweep	< 5 Hz	< 2 Hz
Dynamics (Vibrations)	Changes in DR pressure regime	Depending on DR pressures, ECD, pump rates, etc.	< 5 Hz	< 2 Hz
	Dynamics (Vibrations)	Pressure fluctuations based on pipe movements	Up to 120 Hz	250 Hz +
Temperature	Temperature	Low frequencies	< 5 Hz	< 2 Hz
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Maximizing Drilling Sensor Value through Optimized Frequency Selection and Data Processing

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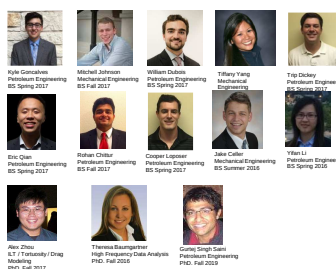
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Data Standards

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UT Student Data Analytics Project



PhD students share knowledge with undergraduates to solve state of the art data analytics problems

Developing future talent

Data Sources

16 wells drilled in the Bakken formation in summer 2015

- Downhole, surface and directional data
- Over 100 GB of sensor data
- Over 20 million rows of data
- 588 listed channels per well
- 6+ GB CSV files
- Daily Morning Reports (DMRs)
- Well plans
- Well surveys
- Formation tops



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The Work Environment

- Real-time collaboration center for teaching & R&D
- Ability to follow multiple concurrent drilling / completion operations
- Study complex data pattern analysis for NPT/ILT mitigation in real-time and on historical wells



UT has its own real-time center for drilling & completions data-gathering & processing, carrying out R&D and training students

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Motivation and Objectives

Maximize Value from Data

- Analyze large time-based drilling data
- Differentiate BHA and directional drilling performance
- Find cost saving opportunities
- Build automated data analysis and visualization tools

Educate Students

- Familiarize students with drilling processes and jargon
- Develop data analytics skillset
- Build workforce for tomorrow

Establish RAPID Data Analysis Toolkit

- Identify, streamline, and document work flows
- Standardize software tools
- Increase efficiency of future analysis

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The Big Picture

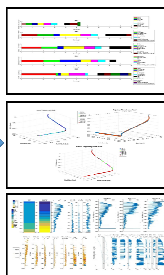
1. Data Curation

- Well Site Records
- BHA and Run Data
- Survey Data
- Geology Data
- Well Plan

2. Data Visualization

- SCRIPTS to import, process and visualize the data
- Easy to tweak, control and modify!

3. Storyboard

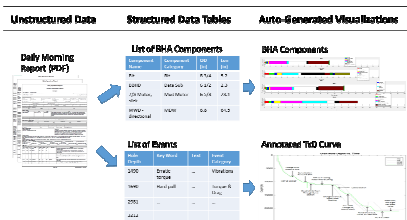


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Data Curation and Visualization

- Analyzed essential information from Daily Morning Reports (DMRs)
- Extracted information from well plan, well surveys, formation data, DMRs, well site sensor data
- Detailed behavior of the well analyzed in general
- Served as a major step in onboarding of students



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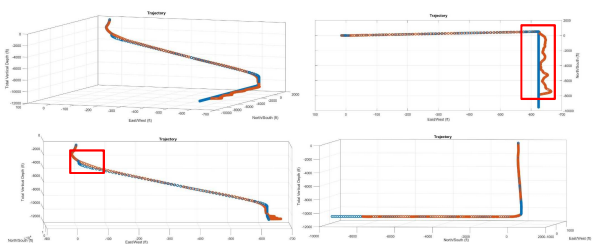
15 Different Visuals Generated

Plot Title	Description	
1 Sample BHA Visualization	Basic sketches of the BHA used during each run while the well	Overview of the BHA and Well Performance
2 Summary Drilling Performance for each well	Formation tops, BHA runs, vibrations (XY, SS, Z) and ROP	
3 Overview of the Directional Performance	Formation tops, BHA runs, slides versus the directional parameters	
4 Planned versus Actual Well Trajectory	3D trajectory of the well versus the planned path	Directional Performance of the well
5 Actual Well Trajectory versus DLS	3D trajectory of the well path colored for different values of DLS	
6 Actual Well Trajectory versus ROP	3D trajectory of the well path colored for different values of DLS	
7 Comparison of 2D Directional Channels	Comparison of planned with actual directional channels: Inclination, Azimuth, DLS, E/W, N/S, TVD	Drilling Dynamics and Performance
8 Parameters on Surface	Surface parameters : RPM, Torque, WOB with ROP, Differential Pressure, DSE and MSE	
9 Parameters at the Bit	Downhole "at the bit" parameters : RPM, Torque, WOB with ROP, Differential Pressure, DSE and MSE	
10 Comparison of ROP	Comparison of ROP of all the wells in a pad	
11 Comparison of Slides for Each Well	Comparison of slides of all the wells in a pad	
12,13,14 Comparison of Vibrations	Comparison of vibrations (XY, Z, SS) of all the wells in a pad	
15 Time Based Plots	Basic time based parameters : Hole depth, bit position, block height, SWOB, hook load, vibrations (XY, Z, SS), pump pressure	

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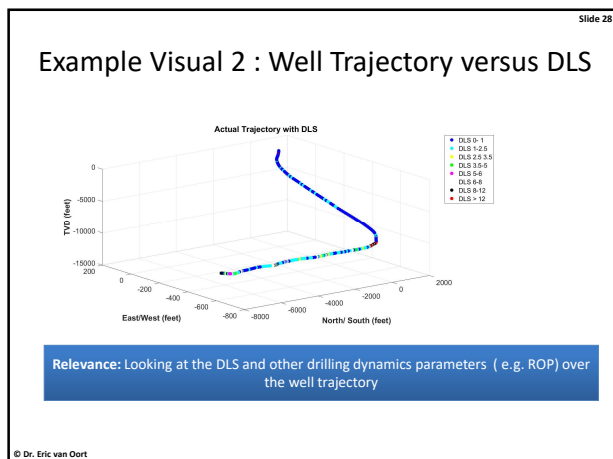
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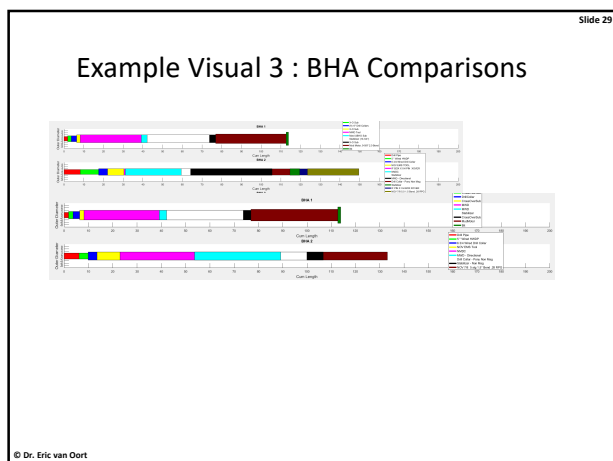
Example Visual 1 : Planned vs. Actual Well Trajectory

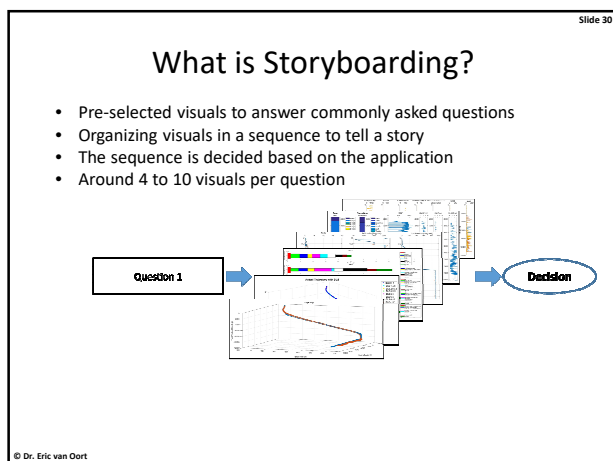


Relevance: Visual comparison of the actual versus the planned trajectory

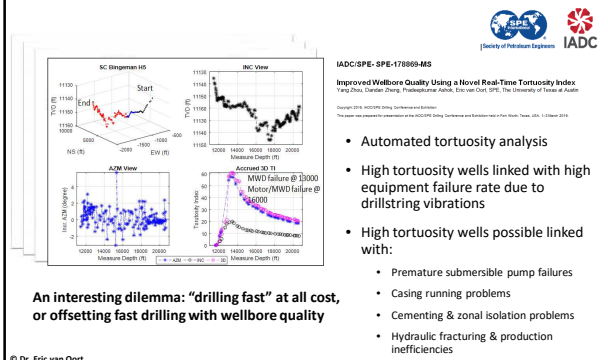
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Automated Tortuosity Analysis

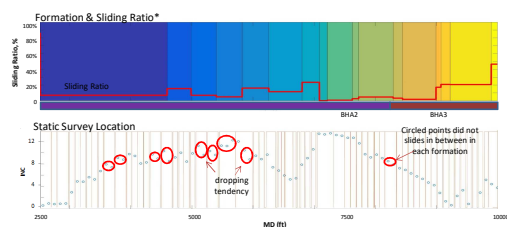


Summary on Tortuosity Analysis

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Occurrence of drilling dysfunctions have been linked with high detected tortuosity (Peak TI and End TI)

BHA Performance Visualization



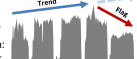
*Sliding ratio: sliding drilling depth over overall depth per formation

Downhole Data To Improve Surface Processes

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Monitoring *changes* in surface to downhole transfer functions

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



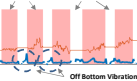
Understanding effects of *surface actions* on downhole forces

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



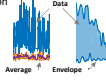
Recognizing the importance of *off-bottom events* on tool life

- Focusing on time based data



Investigating multiple *data aggregation* methods

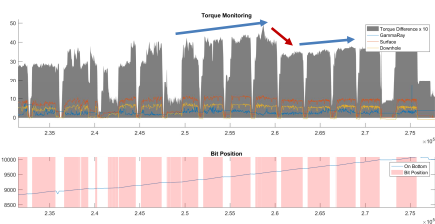
- Not enough resolution to display high frequency data
- Averaging covers important events
- Envelopes



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Torque Monitoring - Example

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EXAMPLE

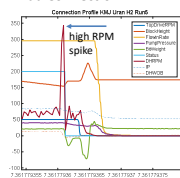
- Aggregation of data using envelopes
- Adding Gamma Ray, on off bottom indicators
- Investigation of trends and changes in delta TOB between downhole and surface

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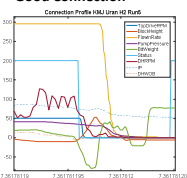
Connection Practices Impact Downhole Forces

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"Bad Connection"



"Good Connection"



EXAMPLE

- 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 based practices
- Required: Good time alignment and recognition of latencies to establish cause and effect relationships

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Project Conclusions

- Developed a workflow to process and utilize large volumes of data
- Workflow:
 - Step 1: Define KPIs and visualizations
 - Step 2: Automate processes to handle simultaneous analysis of multiple wells
 - Step 3: Build storyboards for quick optimization decision-making

Observations:

- Data curation takes up to 80% of the time spent on analyzing data
- Multiple well pads with similar drilling conditions offer unique opportunity to analyze and optimize BHA performance
- Close collaboration with and frequent feedback from operator leads to better results

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The Value for the Operator

- Improved value extracted from data collected for an in-depth data study.
 - Many files would otherwise never have been further analyzed.
- Gained insights into data quality will improve data standards and service agreements between the data service provider and the operator in the future.
- Realized quick cost savings from operational, BHA and well design changes identified by observations in the data.
- Improved standardization and use of drilling data for visualizations.
- Tested new visualization concepts, such as the storyboards, to increase the efficiency of dealing with large amounts of data and different types of measurements.
- Utilized an inexpensive yet well qualified research workforce at an educational institute.
- Educated and supported the training of future drilling engineers, i.e., future workforce.



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The Value for the University

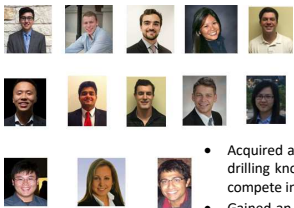
- Provided a competitive advantage for their students in landing a position in the industry.
- Showcased the beneficial applied use of research funding.
- Demonstrated its flexibility to adopt novel teaching strategies to a rapidly changing environment.
- Contributed in innovative ways to solve old & new industry problems.
- Differentiated itself by quickly adapting to new industry needs and trends.



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The Value for the Students



- Acquired a variety of important soft skills and real world drilling knowledge, improving their ability to successfully compete in the marketplace for future industry jobs.
- Gained an understanding of the benefits of data analysis and structured problem solving for moving towards more efficient drilling.
- Learned various tools and methods for analyzing large data sets containing information from multiple systems and representing complex engineering problems.
- Benefitted from the monetary compensation while at school.
- Made contacts with a possible future employer.

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Upcoming SPE Paper on Future Workforce Education

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Future Workforce Education through Big Data Analysis for Drilling Optimization

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Paper with focus on educational aspects:

- Data in drilling will become ever more important in the future:
 - Big data analysis and combination of data from multiple sources
 - Larger number of sensors and increased communication (Internet of Things)
- Coding skills will become valuable asset of young drilling engineers (analysts)

Teaches drilling in a different way:

- Start from operational (messy) perspective
- Learn theory together with practice

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Why Decommissioning & Abandonment R&D?

Canada is expected to abandon a record number of oil and gas wells in the coming years, with 93,000 wells currently abandoned temporarily. (Source: Globe and Mail, November 21, 2016).

5 structures in the Gulf of Mexico and their associated wells are expected to be decommissioned between 2019-2023 (source: Oil and Gas Journal, May 5, 2014)

Decommissioning activities on the UK Continental Shelf will ramp up over the next 5 years. (Source: Wood Mackenzie, Oil and Gas Journal June 6, 2016)

Decommissioning activities in the North Sea are estimated to require an \$80 billion investment between now and 2040. (Source: Wood Mackenzie, Oil and Gas Journal, May 2, 2016)

IHS: Decommissioning of aging offshore oil and gas facilities Increasing, annual spending rising to \$13B by 2040

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co·da
/ˈkɒdə/ (n)
noun (MUSIC)
the concluding passage of a piece or movement, typically forming an addition to the basic structure.
- the concluding section of a dance, especially of a pas de deux, or the finale of a ballet in which the dancers parade before the audience.
- a concluding event, remark, or section.
"His new novel is a kind of coda to his previous books"

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