

Identifying a Drilling State Machine

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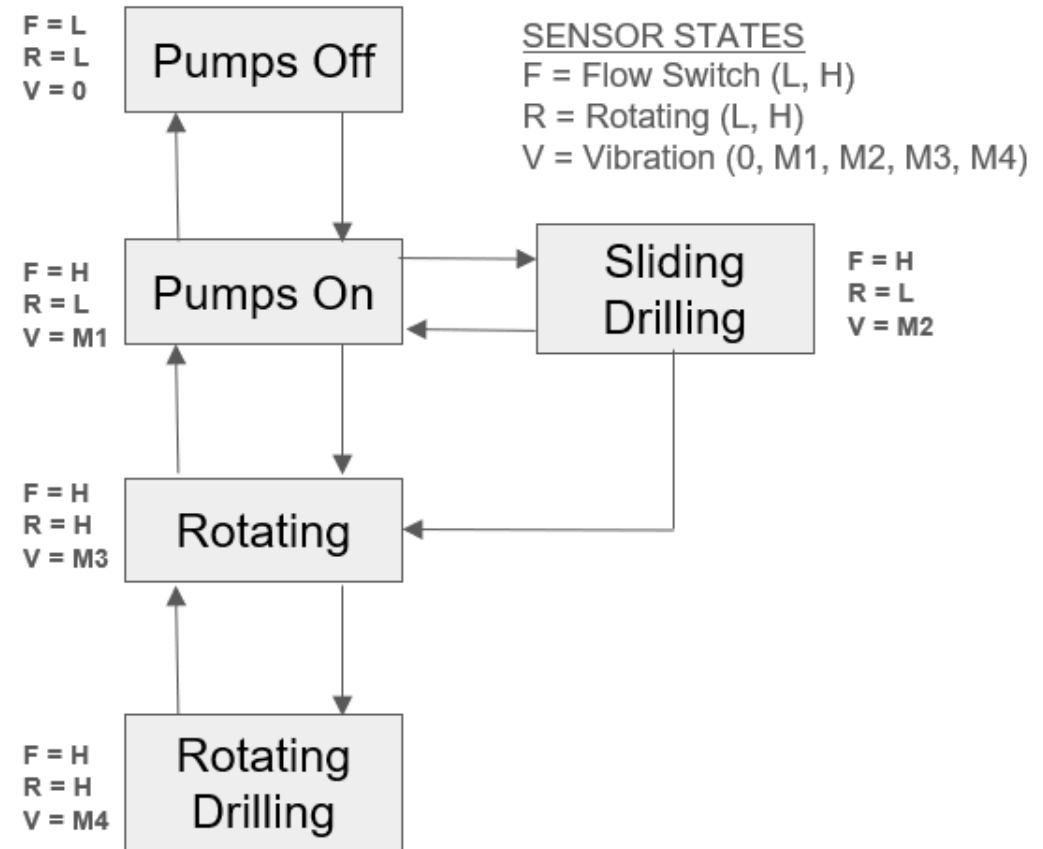
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The Problem

- Software on drilling tools can be optimized by knowing what state the tool is in
- Deere Development Company (DDC) has outlined the Drilling State Machine seen here to fulfill their software needs
- Indicating Drilling Parameters
 - Flow
 - Rotation
 - Vibration
 - Weight on Bit (WOB)

DRILLING STATE MACHINE



Well	Run	Date In	Date Out	MD In	MD Out
Flybar 1 WB	Run 7	12/2/2024	12/4/2024	10582	13222
	Run 8	12/4/2024	12/8/2024	13222	17880
Flybar 1 WC	Run 6	12/9/2024	12/10/2024	10175	10287
	Run 7	12/10/2024	12/11/2024	10287	10713
	Run 8	12/11/2024	12/12/2024	10713	12088
Flybar 2 WC	Run 5	11/23/2024	11/28/2024	10960	16782

The Data

- Provided by DDC from real runs on oil rigs
- Includes the following items:
 - Time
 - Depth
 - Gallons per Minute (GPM) (Flow)
 - RPM
 - Axial and Lateral Vibration (at Motor and Pulser)
 - Weight on Bit (WOB)

Related
Previous
Work:
Supervised

Method	Random Forest (RF)
Industries	• Oil & Gas
Applications	• Geological Formation Prediction
Data	• Sensor Data

Related
Previous
Work:
Unsupervised

Method	Hidden Markov Model (HMM)	Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM)	Hierarchical Density-Based Spatial Clustering for Applications with Noise (HDBSCAN)
Industries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Oil & Gas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Oil & GasStatistical Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ManufacturingNatural Language Processing
Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pump Jack Performance Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pump Jack Performance AnalysisOil Spill Image Classification	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Robotic Welding MonitoringRecord Classification
Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Large datasetTime-seriesSensor Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Large datasetTime-seriesSensor Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Real TimeSensor Data

Proposed Work

Hidden Markov Model Training and Testing



Gaussian Mixture Model Training



HDBSCAN Training



Clustering Methods Evaluation



Random Forest Training and Testing

Progress

Preprocessing

- Forward Filled
- Only included necessary parameters
- Segmented rigs into runs

Warehousing

- CSVs for each Rig and Run

Challenges/Lessons Learned

- Initially planning to use data labels
 - Found they were unreliable
- Pivoted to unsupervised methods for creating labels followed by supervised method for faster implementation
- Also decided to include HMM, not a traditional clustering algorithm for testing, due to direct application of method

Evaluation



**Train on Flybar 1WB
and 1WC**

5 Runs in Total



**Test on Flybar
2WC**

1 Run



Statistical Analysis

Domain Knowledge
Inter/Intra Cluster
Similarity Indices

Next Steps



Modeling

- HMM
- GMM
- HDBSCAN



Evaluation

- HMM testing
- Clustering evaluation
- RF implementation

Conclusion

- Project to be completed by end of June
- Methods of building and testing prioritized:
 - HMM
 - GMM
 - HDBSCAN
 - RF
- Evaluated for heuristic sense and inter/intra cluster similarity
- Completion will allow for better implementation of MWD software
 - Leading to more cost effective, safe, and time efficient drilling techniques