
AI to improve data quality for automating drilling reports

Surface logging data automated QC

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Brief bio



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In the last 9 years working on complex Software and Data Science problems

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Why Data Quality?

Why Data Quality?

Our use case

Our use case: **id3 Software**

id3 provides **advanced analytics for drilling operations**,
integrating HF and LF data for performance analysis and optimization



150+

Active drilling sites



35+

Countries



400+

KPIs



3000+

Processed wells



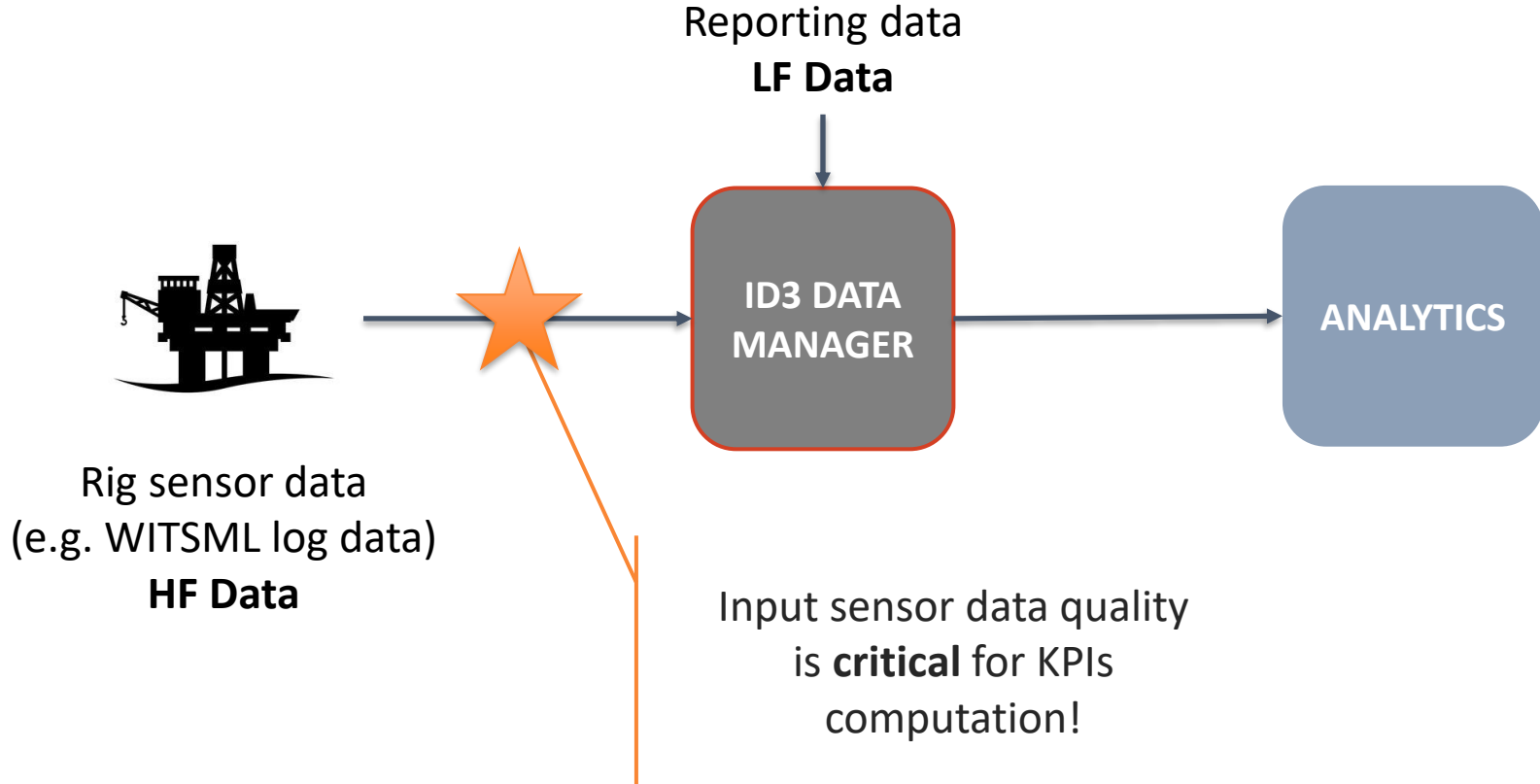
3B+

Records



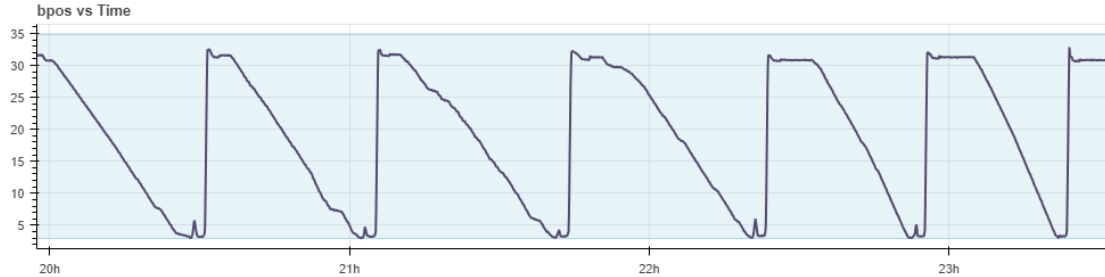
Why Data Quality?

Input sensor data quality

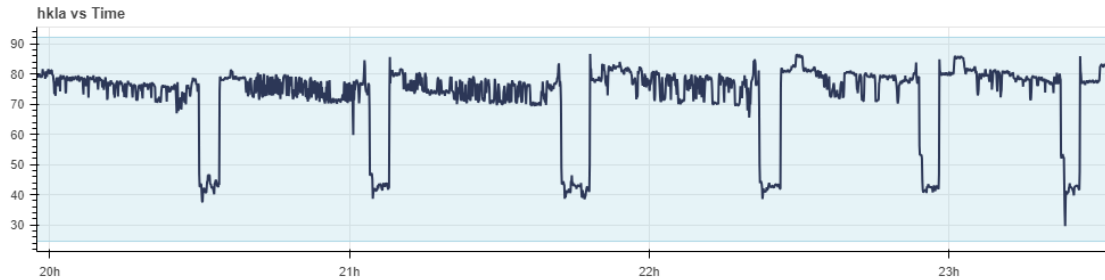


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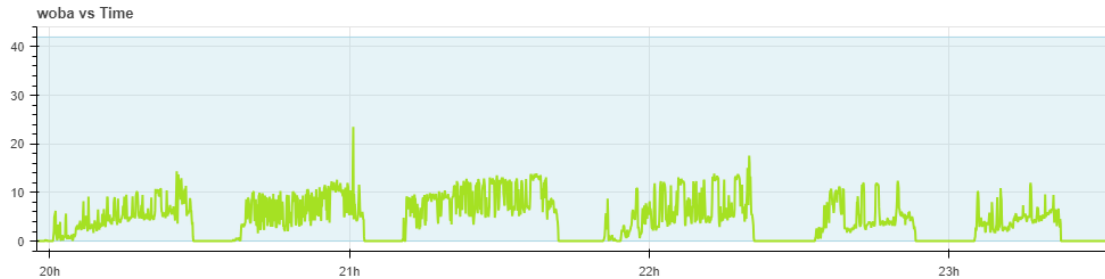
Sensor data example



BLOCK POSITION



HOOK LOAD

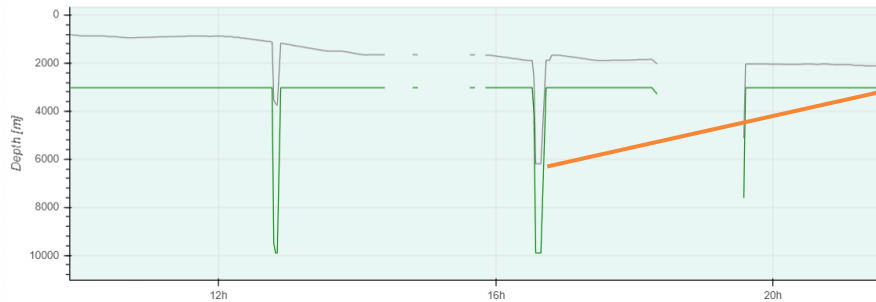
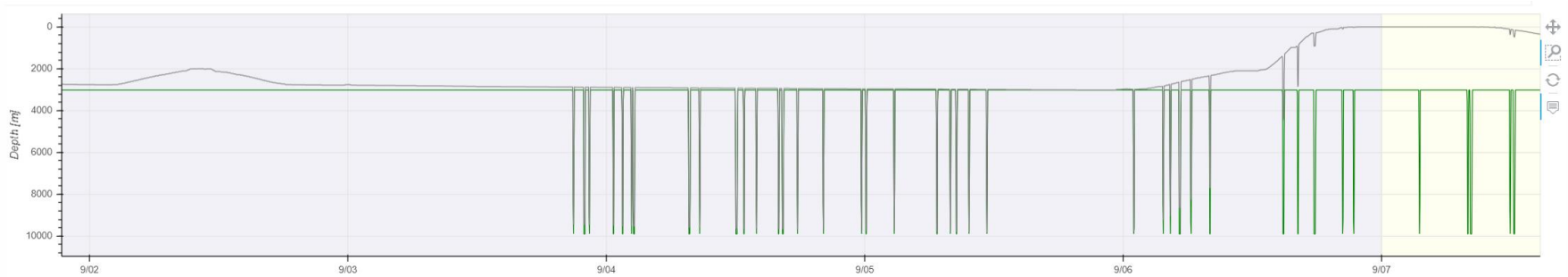


WEIGHT ON BIT

Why Data Quality?

Bad data quality

Examples of **bad** data quality

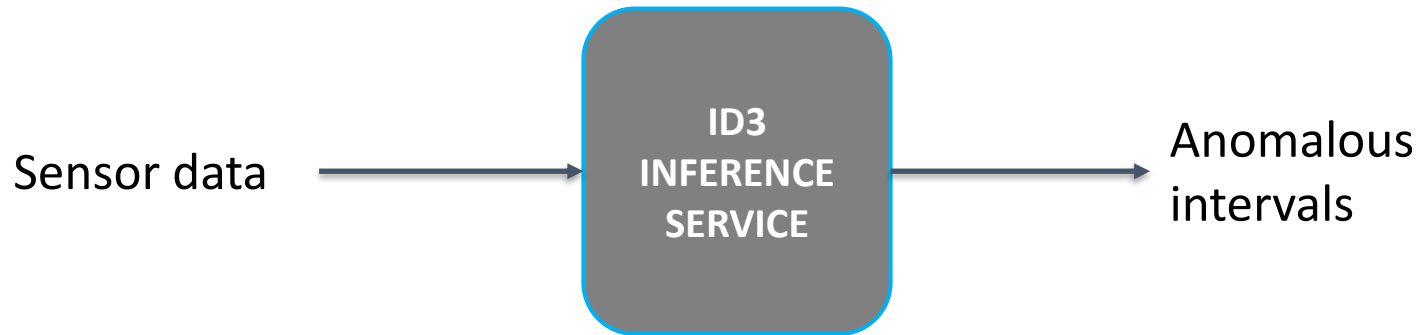


Spikes and gaps in depth data
(Bit position and Hole depth)

Our solution

id3 Inference Service

Our solution has been to **build a new id3 service** integrating traditional anomaly detection techniques and AI models



Our solution

2 Steps

Step 1

Univariate Anomaly Detection

Detecting anomalies using prior **expert knowledge**,
for example:

- Value range, or value change range
- Intervals with constant value measurements
- Association rules between variables

Step 2

Multivariate Anomaly Detection

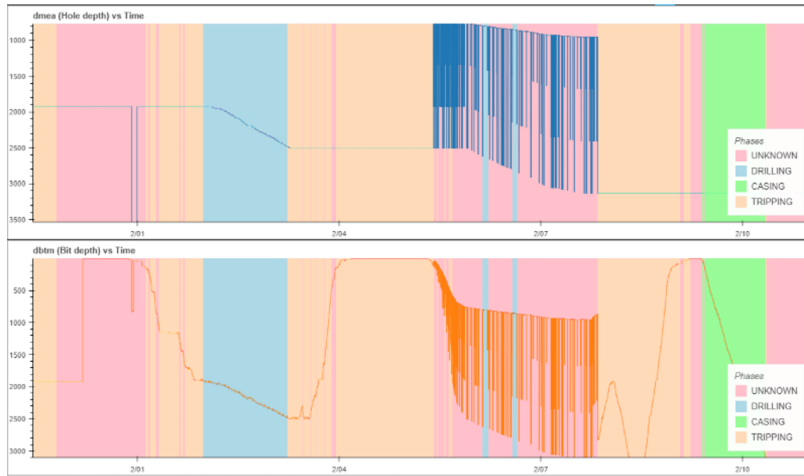
AI models considering several variables together.
We are currently using an **autoencoder** architecture.

Univariate AD

Value range change

Step 1

Example: **value range change**



Depth data exhibits incorrect oscillating behavior which is physically impossible



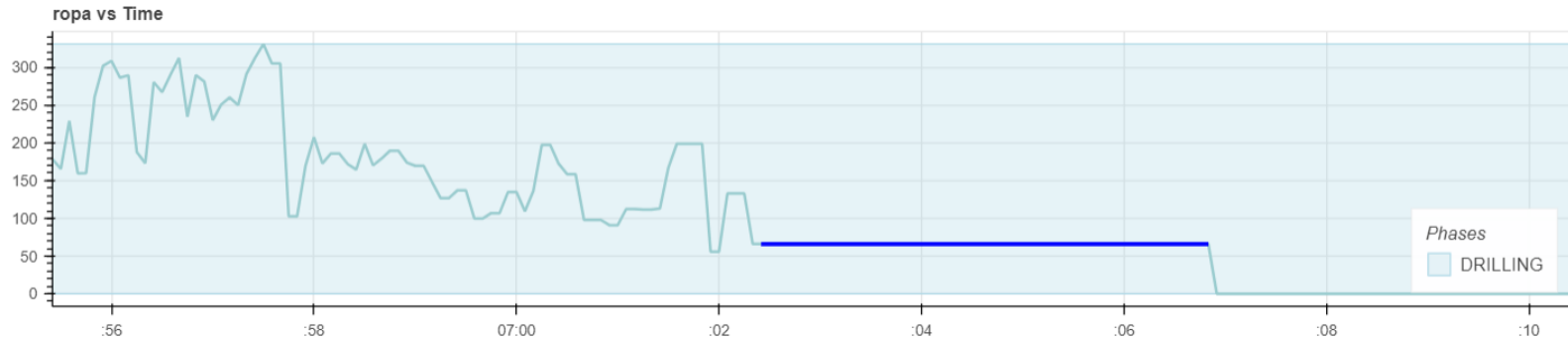
Differentiating the signal allows an easy detection of the anomalies

Univariate AD

Intervals with constant value measurements

Step 1

Example: Intervals with constant value measurements



In this case the Rate of Penetration (ROP) remains suspiciously **flat for several minutes**. For different measurements is almost impossible to have the same value over an extended period

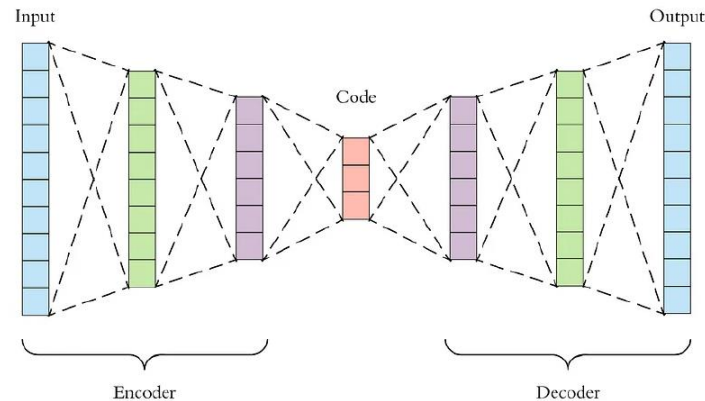
Multivariate AD

Autoencoder architecture

Step 2

Step 2 introduces AI methods to detect **more complex** anomalies, for example patterns not consistent with a normal drilling activity

We use the **autoencoder** neural network architecture, which is a type of artificial neural network designed for dimensionality reduction and feature learning

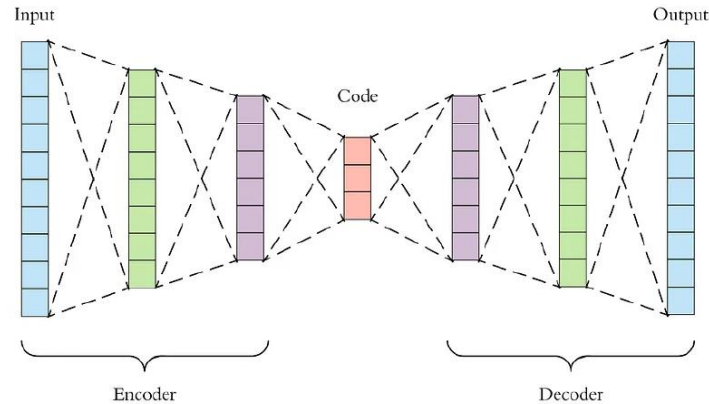


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Autoencoder architecture

Step 2

The **input** to the network is a sliding window of the sensor data, e.g., 10 minutes

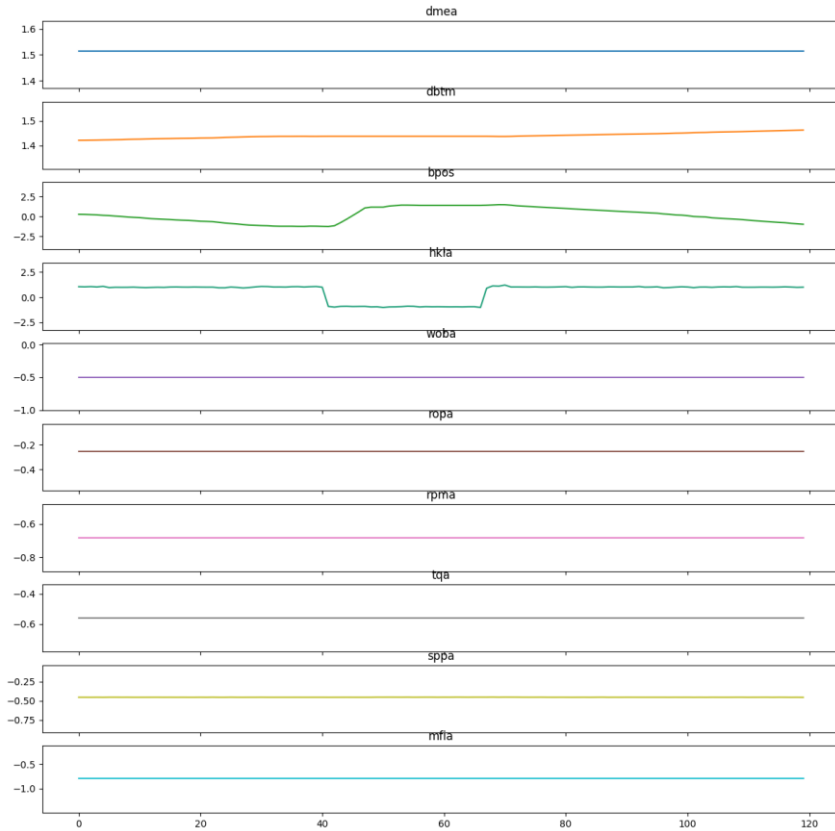


The **output** is again a window with the same size

The layer in the **middle** “compresses” the information and acts a feature extractor

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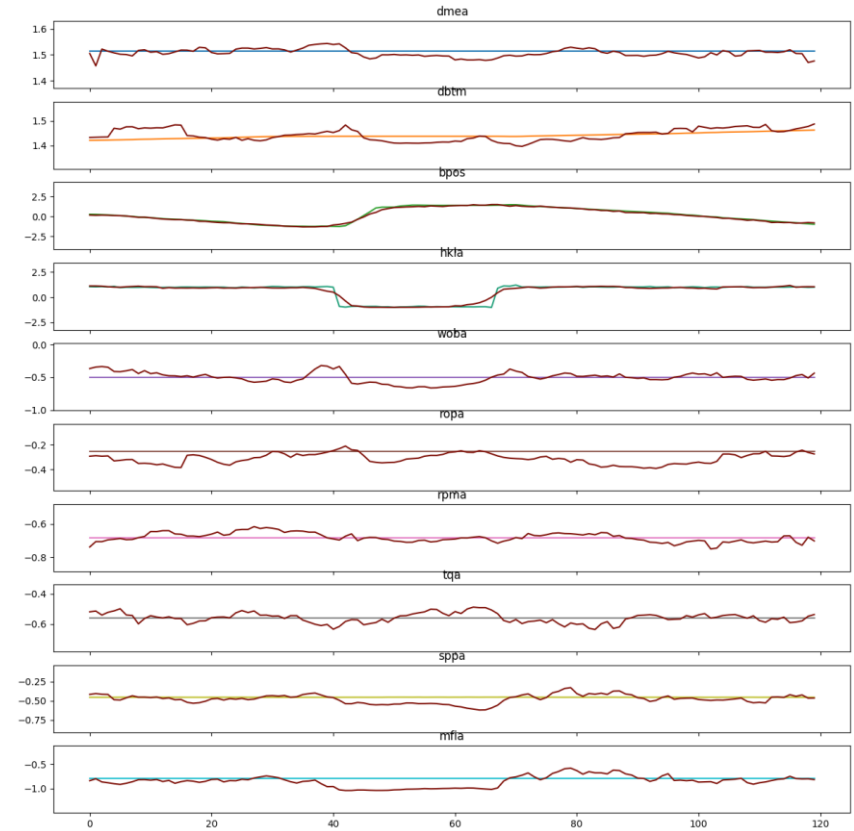
Example input



Example of input

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Step 2



Example of output

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Reconstruction error

Step 2

We define the **reconstruction error** for each data point as the squared difference of that data point and its reconstruction:

$$\text{Error}(x_{i,t}, \hat{x}_{i,t}) = (x_{i,t} - \hat{x}_{i,t})^2,$$

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Thresholding system

Step 2

The key idea is that normal signal is reconstructed with **low error**, whilst anomalous signal is reconstructed with **high error**

How can we say when error is **high**?

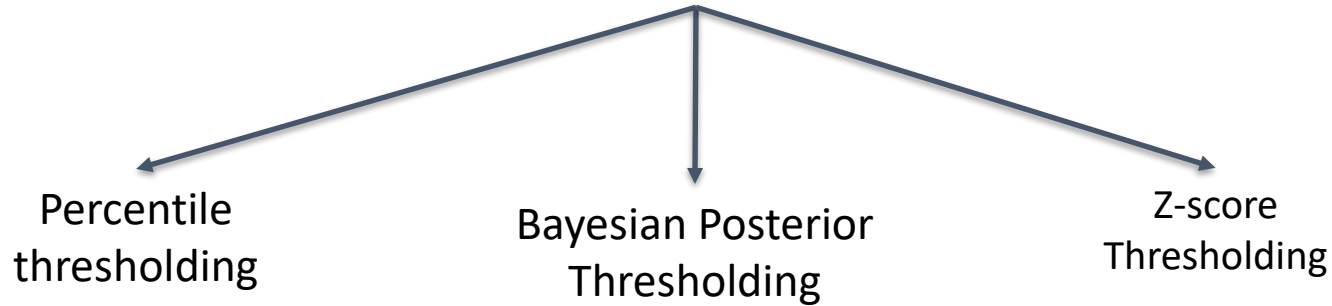
We need a **threshold**

Multivariate AD

Thresholding system

Step 2

Possible techniques for computing the **threshold**



We devised and are using a *novel* thresholding technique based on class distribution, which requires labeled data

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Example of a complex anomaly

Step 2

Example of
complex anomaly
detected

A drilling activity is ongoing,
but during stand connection
(when Hook Load drops) we
have a **positive and high**
Weight on Bit.

3 intervals are detected as
anomalous



Future Work

Several lines of improvement

What's next?

Currently training a **bigger, more powerful AI model**, with significantly more data

Transition to **density estimation** within the neural network architecture

Enhanced univariate anomaly detection procedures

Thank you