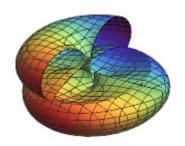
# 25 Year's of Progress What's Next?

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## Speaker Bio



- Introduction
  - Consultant
  - ISCWSA Collision Avoidance Subcommittee Chair
  - 40+ years Major Oil Co / Consultant
  - MA & PhD degrees Cambridge University
  - Aberdeen based
  - Specialized in
    - Drilling Engineering Systems
    - Directional Planning & Surveying

## ISCWSA 50<sup>th</sup> Meeting / 25 Years



## A Good Reason to Celebrate!



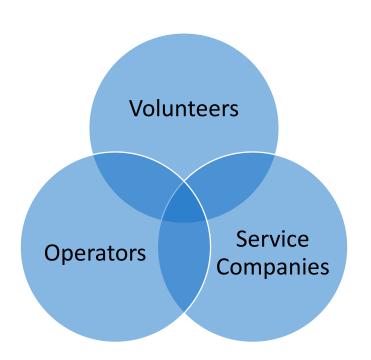


#### Mission

The primary aim of this group is to produce and maintain standards for the industry relating to wellbore survey accuracy; to set standards for terminology and accuracy specifications; to establish a standard framework for modelling and validation of tool performance; and to raise awareness and understanding of wellbore survey accuracy issues across the industry.



#### Foundation



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- Initiated at SPWLA MWD Forum, Kerrville 1995
- First Formal Meeting, December 1995 chaired by Hugh Williamson
- Industry Steering Committee on Wellbore Survey Accuracy (ISCWSA)
- MWD error model (SLB, HAL & BHI Data)
- Affiliated with SPE as WPTS October 2003



## Technology Timeline





#### **Key Technologies**

- Acid bottle
- Totco (Inclinometer)
- Magnetics
- Gyros
- MWD and Inertial Gyro (1978)
- ERD
- Horizontal Drilling
- GWD (~2000)
- etc.



#### **Sub-Committees**

- Error Model (1995)
- Collision Avoidance (2003)
- Education (2011)
- Well Intercept (2011)
- Operator Wellbore Survey Group (2012)
- Survey QA/QC (2019)





#### Website

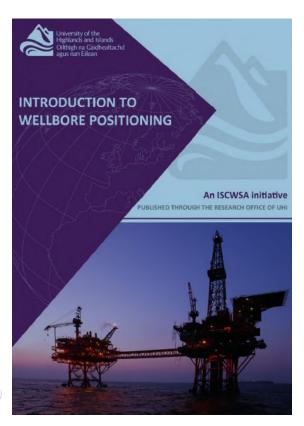
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#### Communications Mechanism

- Announcements
- Meeting Registration
- Meeting minutes
- Reference documents
- Recommendations / good practice
- Membership
- Measurement of topical interest



#### e-Books



- Introduction to Wellbore Positioning (2009)
  - √ >20,000 Downloads
- Well Intercept (2017)
  - √ >9,500 Downloads

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#### Influence / Training

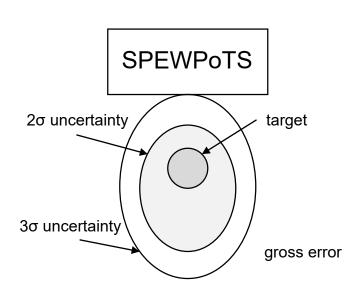
Journal	Impact Factor
SPE Journal	3.095
SPE Reservoir Evaluation & Engineering	1.807
SPE Production and Operations	1.595
SPE Drilling and Completion	1.327

SPE 29th August 2019

- "Hits and Misses" Applied Technical Workshop (ATW)
- Topical luncheons
- SPE Technical Papers
- Networking Events



## Highlights



- General co-operation
- Humour
  - Airline Interview
  - o Pub quizzes
  - o Liquidity
  - o Acronym
  - o Angus
- Networking Events
- Poetry reading



#### What's Next?



- Drivers
- Influences
- Adaptations



#### The Future

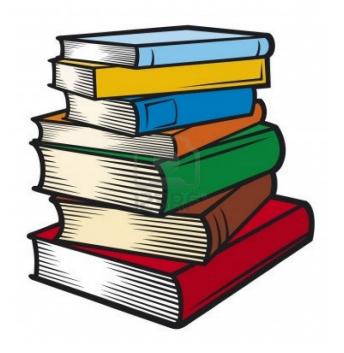


#### **Drivers**

- Cost reduction
- Increased efficiency
- Environmental impact
- Reliability
- Resilience
- Diversification



#### Characteristics of Our Work



- Highly technical
- Well defined activities
- Limited scope
- Well documented
- Specialist practitioners available



## Geology / Petrophysical Link



#### Trajectory

- Geological risks
- Targets
- Formations
- Formation properties
- Down hole processing
- Algorithmic efficiency
- Power management



#### Office-Based Directional Engineers / Automation



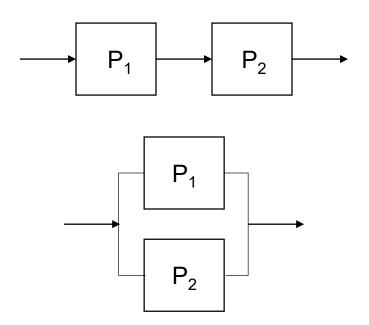
- Computers Disrupt Directional Drilling (JPT August 2017, 24-27)
- Safety improvements
- Green credentials
- Quality control tools
- Conformance tools
- Audit tools
- Automation

QA/QC Sub-committee





#### Reliability / Resiliance



- Reliability MTTF / MTTR
- Analysis of combined surveys
- 4 axis magnetic sensor
- Twin gyro systems
- Mems systems
- Combined gyro / magnetics



## Diversification / Inclusivity



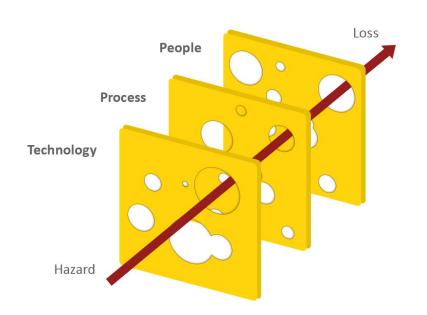
#### Traditionally inclusive (AIME)

- Water wells
- Geothermal wells
- Hydro-electric power
- Extra-terrestrial drilling
- Pipeline construction



Energy

#### Gaps / Challenges



- Direct real-time measurement of spatial separation between wells
- Standardisation of wellbore trajectory description suited to tools and quality metrics
- Wellbore position and uncertainty as a function of time
- Omission of surveying from SPE "Advanced Drilling and Well Technology"
- Plethora of new instrument systems
- Standards expected for validation of third-party error models
- Human factors



## Summary

#### We should be proud of our achievements

- Have fulfilled our mission
- Have adapted as needed
- Have kept pace with the industry
- Have had fun whilst achieving these!

#### Need to

- Continue to adapt
- Refresh our talent / knowledge base
- Encourage volunteerism
- Make vocabulary / mission consistent



