Looking Forward While Looking Back

10 years of Automated Clearance Scans Ahead-of the Bit while Drilling

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- ISCWSA 33 Copenhagen
- ISCWSA 34 Denver
- Education Subcommittee Formed:
 Plans Hits and Misses ATW
- ISCWSA MWD model rev. 3
- Human Factors highlighted in official reports following 3 oil-field incidents in 8 months (2009-2010)

Human Factors in while-drilling clearances

The ISCWSA, "Current Common Practice in Collision Avoidance Calculations" document states:

"[An MASD] rule, no matter how conservative, does not ensure acceptably low probability of collision. Many other factors contribute, including the level of compliance by office and rig personnel with collision avoidance procedures..."

https://www.iscwsa.net/articles/collision-avoidance-calculations-current-common-practice/

• "Spot focus on offshore safety: the human factor", Offshore Technology. Elisabeth Fischer, 25 Mar 2012:

"The recognition of human factors in the oil and gas industry is not widespread.... Studies have shown that up to 90% of accidents are attributable to some degree to human failures. ... The prevention of major accidents depends to a large degree upon human reliability at all sites, no matter how automated. ... The topics range from broad, high-level issues such as staff competence, to those covering specific subjects like fatigue risks and alarm handling."

Pathway to Automated Clearance Calculations

- Digitisation of Directional Surveying and Collision Avoidance started over 40 years ago
- Improvements made to calculation methods, models and management practices
- While-drilling collision avoidance calculations typically remained mirrors of planning process
- Difficult to validate adherence to procedures without reams of paperwork



Design philosophy for auto-clearances

Goal: To aid the DD while drilling

- Be invisible until necessary
- Alert with time to react
- Ensure (and encourage) policy AND procedures are followed
- Assures scans are done at and ahead of the bit
- Eliminate busywork through automated compliance
- Clear, concise, unambiguous results



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 - Primary and Secondary ACR rules
 - Actuals only
 - "Look Ahead" options: Ptb-method or trend

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- Copy results
- > Plans optionally included

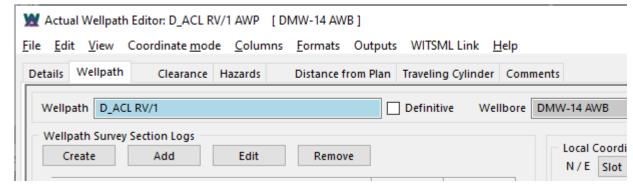
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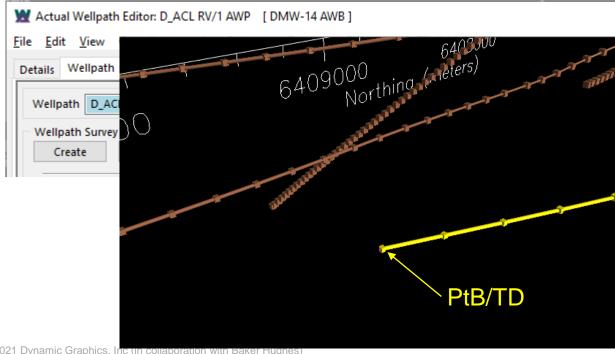
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- ✓ Automated logging & Reporting
- ✓ Warning limits added
- ✓ Simultaneous drilling
- ✓ Ability to silence alert
- ✓ Look Ahead "distance from plan" & 3D collision shapes

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- Alert with sufficient time
- Silent until necessary

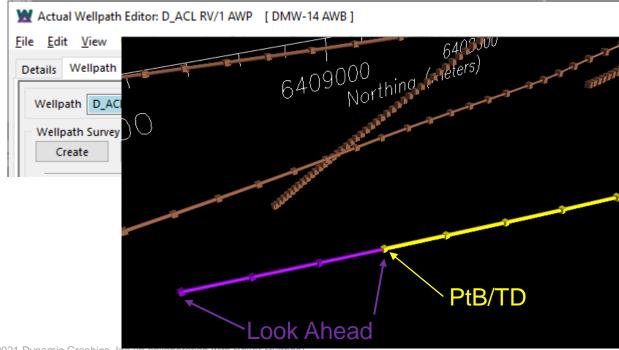




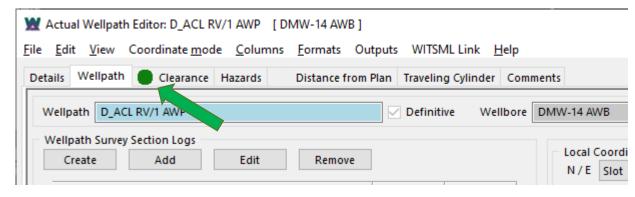
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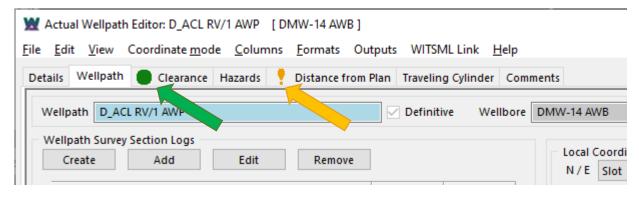


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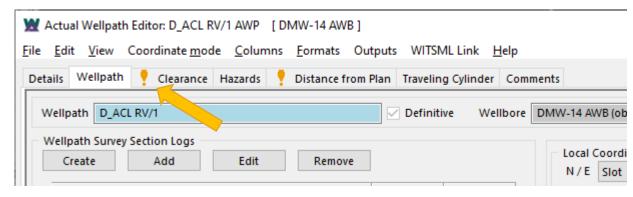
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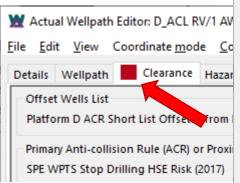
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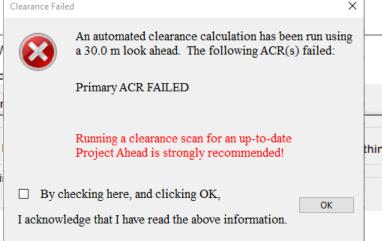
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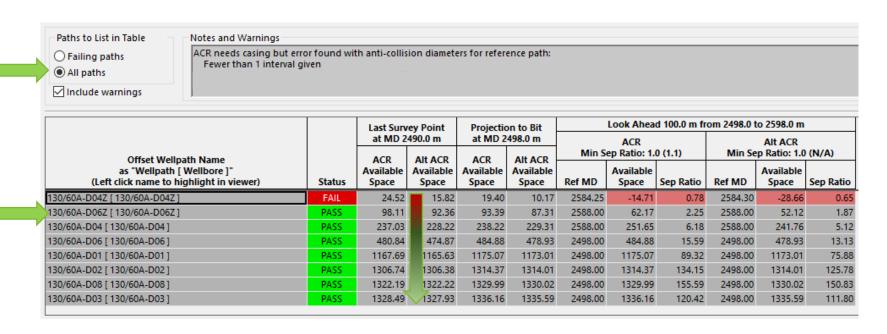
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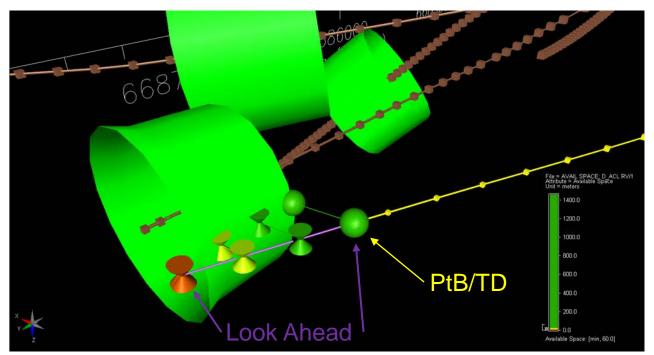


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Visualizing Look-Ahead Collision Avoidance



Silencing Alerts

- Drilling in tight quarters
- Alerting on expected failures could cause missed unexpected failures

		Last Survey Point at MD 2730.0 m			on to Bit		Look Ahead	d 100.0 m fr	om 2750.0 to	2850.0 m	
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Auto-clearance log status summary report

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Facility	North Sea Facility	Wellbore	Test-WMLFeed
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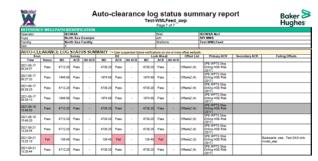
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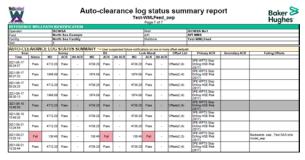
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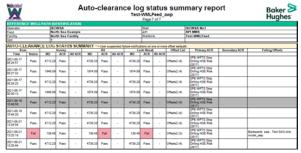
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Invaluable in service failure investigations to understand what the DD was thinking and trying to do at the time

- Enables evaluation of minor incidents before you get to major incidents
- Helps identify degradation factors in bow-tie analysis of processes
- Allows improvement of software and/or procedures to prevent reoccurrence



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And for our next version

- Re-design look ahead to allow DD to model next 3 moves (stands)
- More flexible in tightly packed zones
- Can also follow current curve where design is simpler
- Links with Automation

- Automated drilling systems have a forward modelled well path
- Uses WITSML to populate look ahead from forward model
- Defined safeguards to ensure that modelled path relates to current survey depth

And after that? Are we done?

- We don't know
- Sharing of clearance data isn't defined by industry standards
 - The auto-clearance log could be transmitted and used in remote operations displays/monitoring systems, automation platforms and proof of clearances
- Can't make changes too quickly, because you don't know what's working
 - Feedback from operations takes time
 - The better it works the less chance there is for feedback.
- But keep re-evaluating and keep up with changing needs

Thanks for listening

Questions?