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Real-time Survey Data QC

A novel Shell technique using real-time operation digital monitoring system

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Introduction

- Shell has developed and implemented a real-time survey quality control digital monitoring system in its well-site operations.
- Numerically computed tolerance curves for the quality control parameters (relative gravity field strength, magnetic field strength and dip angle) specific to the planned well survey program and wellbore trajectory are uploaded to the well site real-time monitoring system.
- These curves are used while drilling by the well site operations teams to accept or reject surveys streamed live from actual measured data.
- This quality control mechanism is a primary check besides the pre- and post-calibration data on the performance of the tool to ensure that the expected uncertainties in inclination and azimuth are met.



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Opportunity Drivers

- Control on Well Position Uncertainty.
- Avoiding Well Collision and geological Anti-targets.
- Eliminating waste of rig staff man-hours.

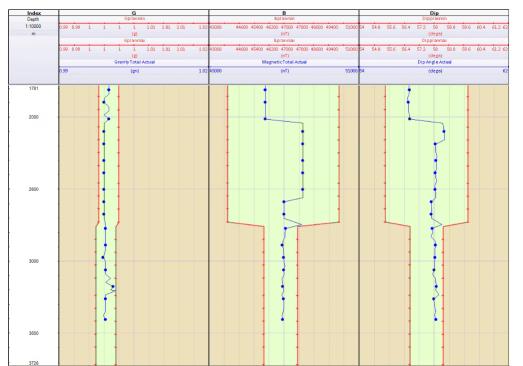


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What is Real-time Survey data QC?

An example from a well recently drilled by Shell in Europe, using WellVantage survey data QC.



Quality Control limit curves account for the following uncertainties:

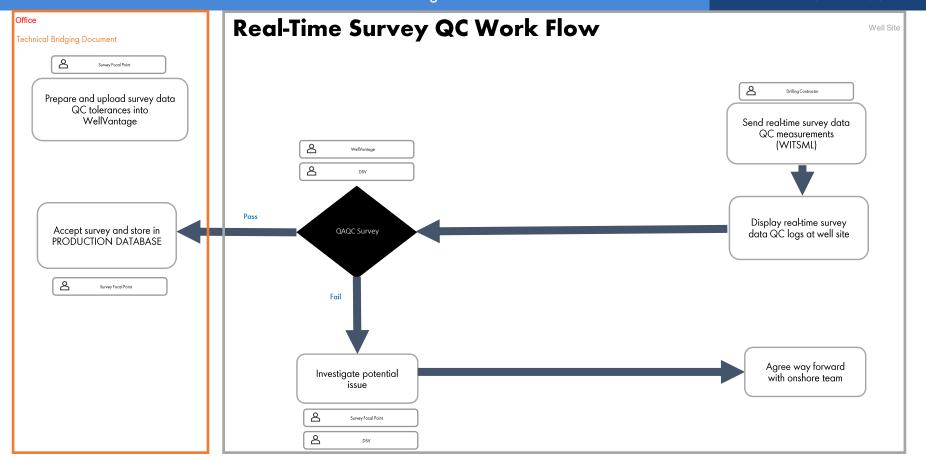
- MWD sensors uncertainty (scale factor, bias).
- Earth Geomagnetic field uncertainty.
- BHA magnetic interference uncertainty.



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