



# Well Risk Management and Automated Correction Platforms

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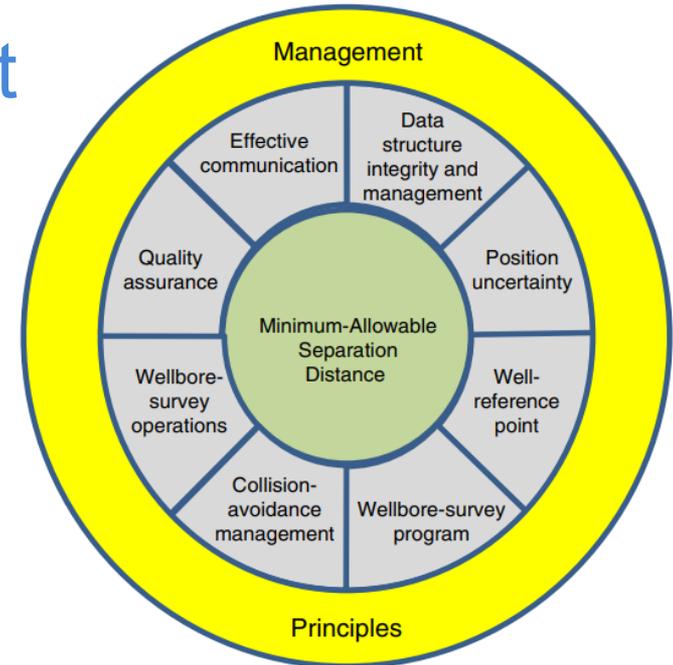


# Agenda

- Well Construction Risk Management Overview
- Automated Survey Correction Platforms
  - During Execution Phase
  - Benefits and Concerns for other Risk Management Elements
- Summary

# Well Construction Risk Management

- Risk Management Structure important to maintain safe well construction practices
- Automated Survey Correction Platforms help with adherence to these elements but still have limitations



## Well-Collision-Avoidance Management and Principles

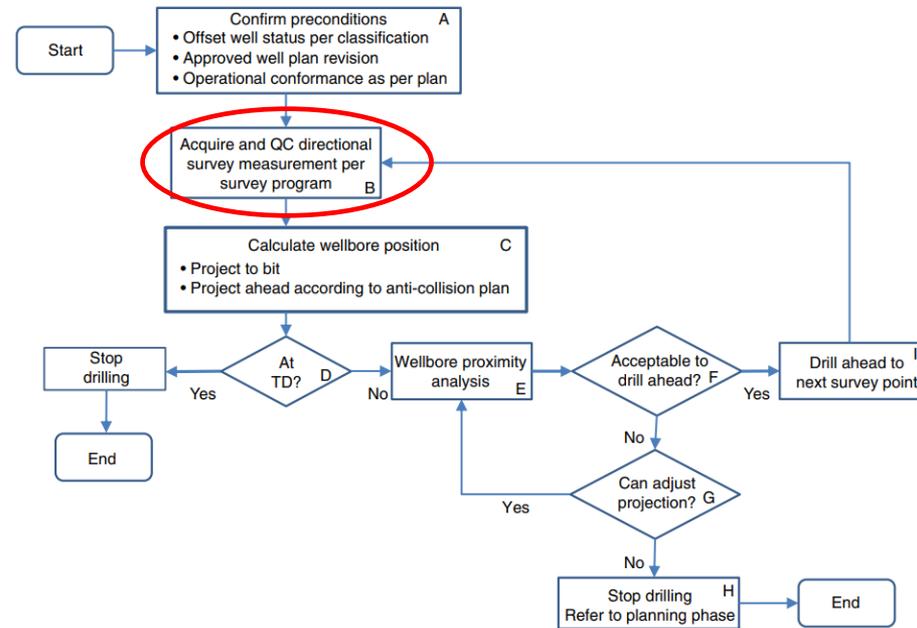
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# Well Construction Phases

- Planning Phase
  - Creation of a Survey Program
    - Rigorously designed selection of survey instruments and running requirements to meet well objectives
- Execution Phase
  - QC directional survey measurement per survey program
  - Automated Survey Correction Platforms designed for this process



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# Survey QC

DD and DD Software  
System



MWD Hand Surface  
System

Drilling Engineer and  
DE Software



- **Confirm Surface Location and Reference Values**



- **Quality check based on target Instrument**

## Manual Data Transfers High Risk of Gross Errors Multiple “Definitive” Data Sets

Looking for drillstring  
uncertainties

Corrections if available

Identify BHA tendencies

with survey stations

- **Provide back final QC'd stations**
- **Done in Batches – Takes 5-45 minutes**

- **Surface Location and Global Reference Values from Well Plan**
- **Compare downhole station with Field Acceptance Criteria set by service provider**
- **Escalate if questions**



# Survey QC - Automation

- Automatic QC software initiated: surface location, well plan, BHA and survey program entered
- Surveys streamed to software, for each station:

DD and DD Software System



MWD Hand Surface System



Drilling Engineer and DE Software



Machine to Machine Data Transfer  
Eliminate Gross Errors  
Consistent Results  
One Definitive Data Set

Instrument

drilling string  
ties

if available

dependencies with

actual trajectory

- Make final QC'd station available
- Each station done in ten seconds



# Survey QC Benefits and Concerns

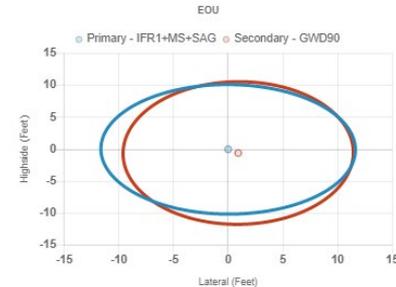
- Automated Platforms allow internal and external QC methods
  - Internal Checks, as described in SPE 103734 by Ekseth et al...
  - External Checks
    - Run RIP and Chi<sup>2</sup> tests when data available
    - Compare multiple sensor packages
    - Independent reference verification
- Does not replace the need to acquire overlapping surveys or proper surveying procedure

RIP Test Results

Inclination Difference	Pass
Azimuth Difference	Pass

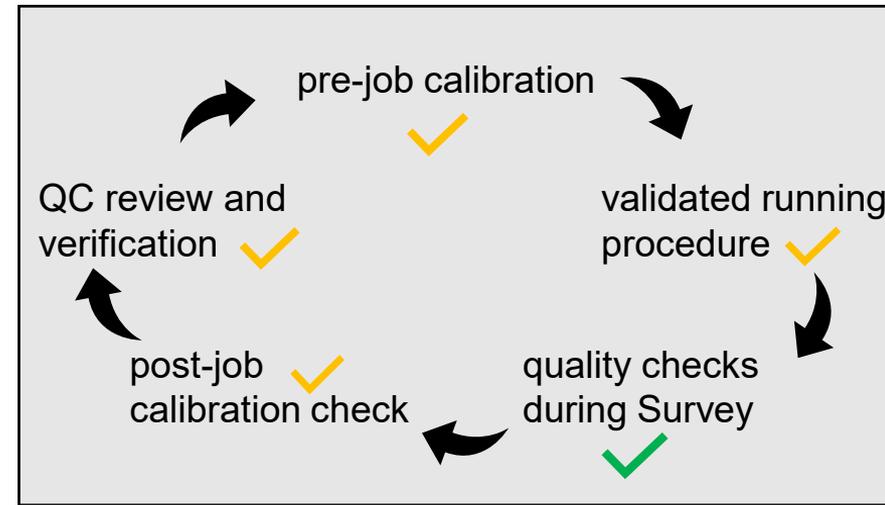
Chi<sup>2</sup> Test Results

Inclination Difference	Pass
Azimuth Difference	Pass
NEV Difference	Pass
HLA Difference	Pass



# Survey Quality Control Loop – Automation Limitations

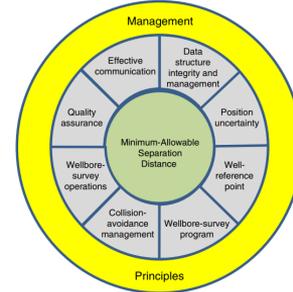
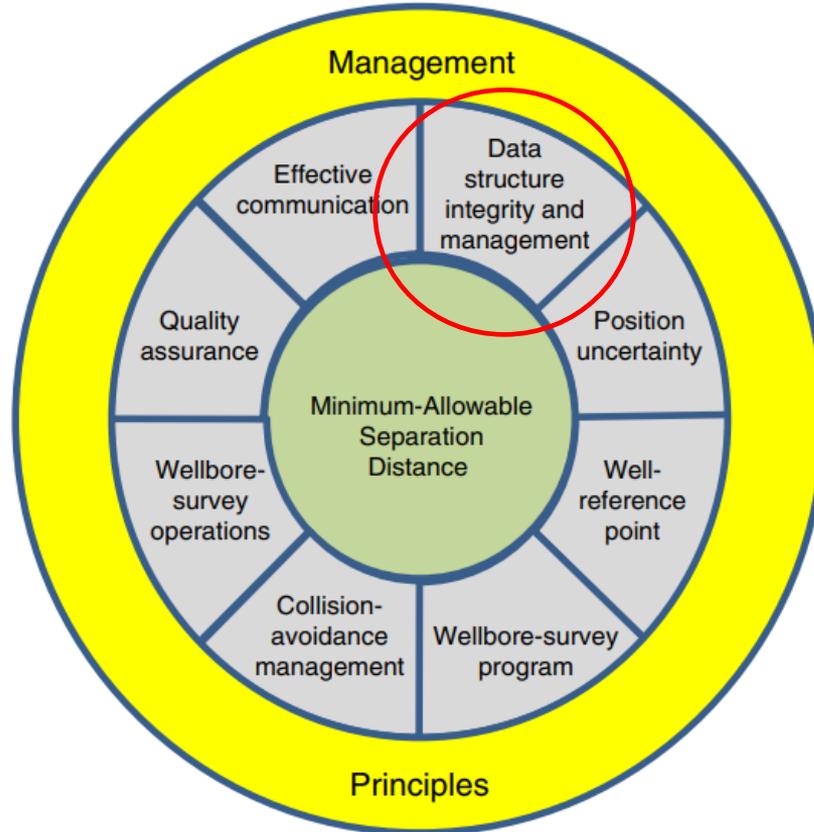
- Calibrations and checks still required
  - Automated platform can help in tracking tool performance over multiple wells
- Running procedures still require validation
  - Automated algorithms can indicate potential issues, but cannot fully verify
- Verification still required
  - Automated Platform helps in standardizing and simplifying Reports
  - Allow machine-to-machine transfers



- ✓ Covered by Automation
- ✓ Partially covered by Automation

# Data Structure

- Automated Platform
  - via API or WITS
- Can adhere to Minimum-allowable separation distance
  - Pre-sanitized data
- QA/QC reports and protocols
  - “6-axis data” for wellbore survey
  - Critical importance of data structure
  - Allows later success



transfer

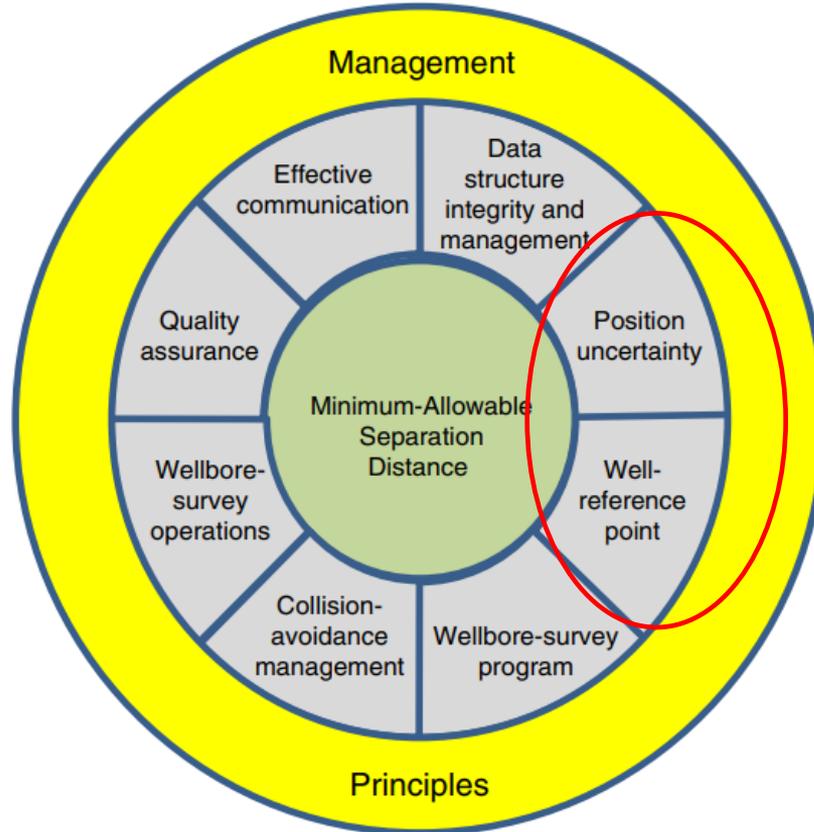
protocols and formats

variations  
 in MSD



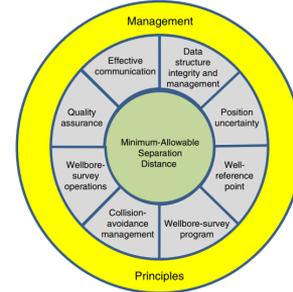
# Position Uncertainty

- Confirm internal and external programs targeted
- Well Reference Point
  - Setting up well reference point
    - If API is used
      - Ideally, use official survey data
    - If manually set, use known well reference point
    - Automated
      - Confirm well reference point
      - Confirm wellbore survey program



# Point

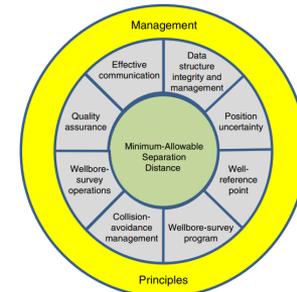
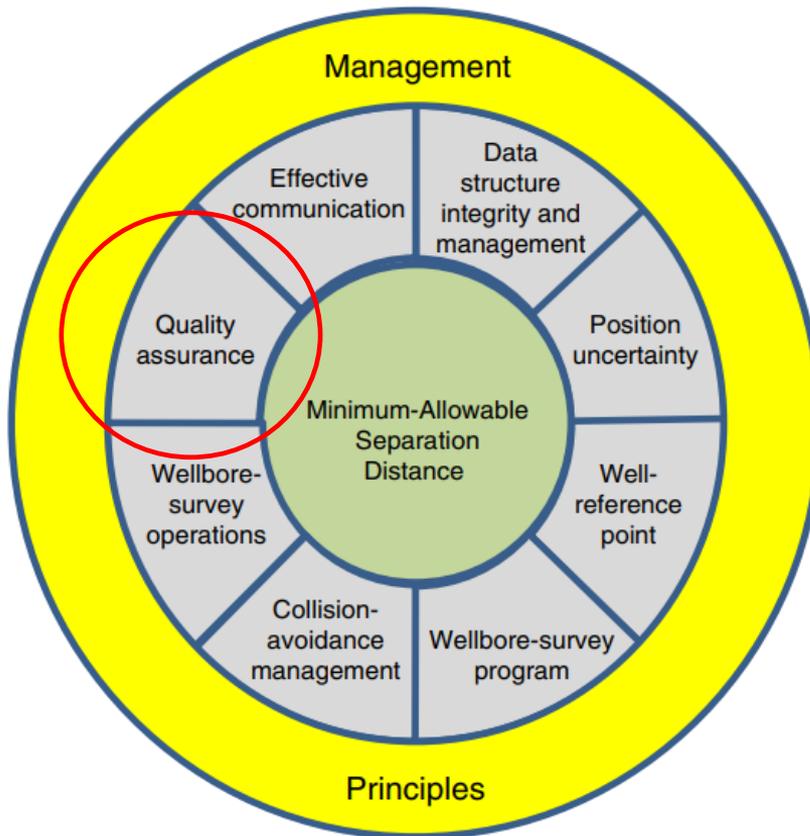
Survey



Use software or manually.  
 source  
 planning software which has been  
 independently  
 longitude with a cross check  
 calculation

# Quality Assurance

- Automated Platform
  - Software locks
    - Surface Location
    - Crustal Motion
    - Printable reports
- Automated Platform
  - Important to have checked regularly
  - Can increase time to market
    - See SPE 70



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expectations that are

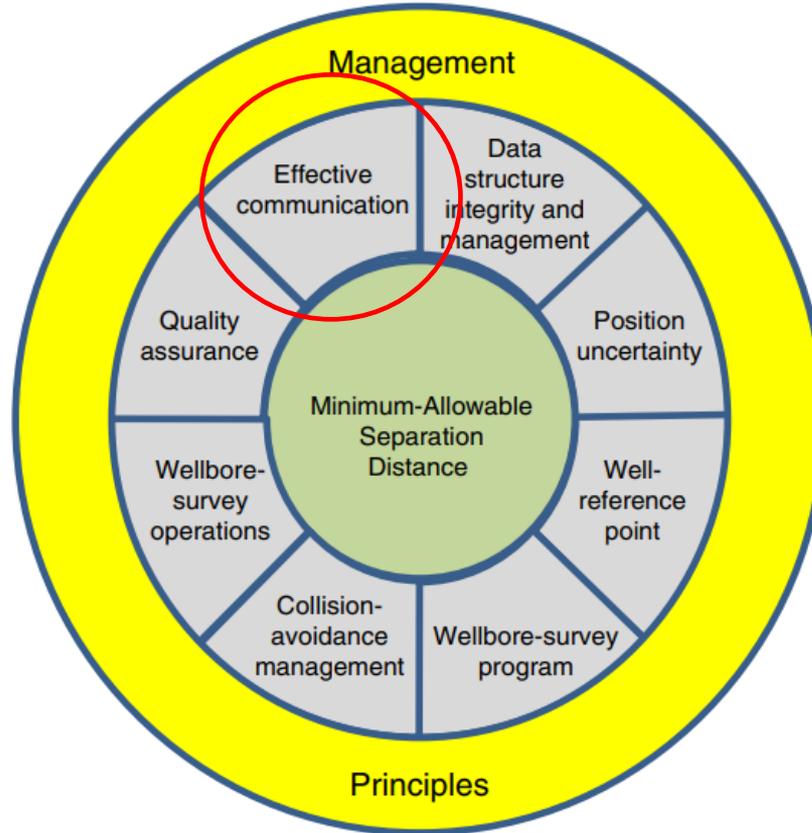
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 safety-critical Software

# Effective Com

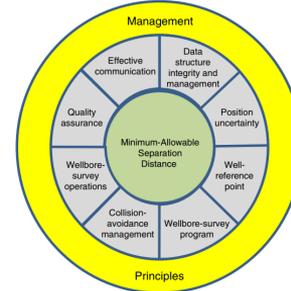
- Clear user interface

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- Enable easy escape
  - Automated Algorithms
  - Chat functions
  - Ease Manager



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Warning systems.  
 Communication channels.



# Automated Platform Summary

- Potential Benefits
  - Fast, reliable, and clear confirmation of adherence or failure to survey program
  - Easy access to survey expert analysis
  - Minimize manual data transfers, minimize potential data entry errors
  - Clear audit trail
- Potential Concerns
  - Fewer experienced people
  - Black box concern – no understanding of underlying process.
  - Complacency in execution
  - Increase audit requirements



# Questions?