### Overcoming GWD Inclination Limits Steve Mullin, Gyrodata Inc. SPE WPTS. Florence Italy

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# Gyro While Drilling (GWD)

- North Seeking gyro sensors located
- Utilizes mud pulse or E.M. telemetry to transmit survey information to
- Primarily run to replace wireline gyro orientation and steering services
- Originally limited to about 20° inc.



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## Why GWD? In the Past

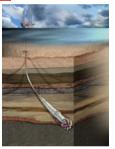
- · Replaces wireline conveyed orientation and steering
- · Used in areas of magnetic interference
- · Offers significant rig time savings and increased safety by removing wireline from the drilling operation



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## Client Driven Development

- Continued calls for GWD capable of working at higher inclinations
- More robust system Increased system accuracy
- A survey system that improves the reliability of error models and would detect gross errors in real-time



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#### Advantages High inclination re-entry and sidetracks and new wells Improved reliability of error models Real-time gross error detection In Hole Referencing of magnetic sensors, overcoming need for magnetic field monitoring and referencing Multi-shot survey on trip out at section Combination of gyro and magnetic surveys provide overall accuracy improvement gyrodata

# Why a GWD Inclination Limit Increasing inclination moves the

sensitive gyro axis away from horizontal component of Earth rate

Gravity sensitive error terms effect on azimuth measurement becomes more significant over 20°



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