



# Drilling Uncertainty Prediction Technical Section (DUPTS)

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# Bay Driller 1983: Slanted Rig ( also Morecambe Flame)



- 20,000' MD
- 4,000 TVD

45th General Meeting  
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Wellbore Positioning Technical Section



The Industry Steering Committee on Wellbore  
Survey Accuracy (ISCWSA)

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# Drilling Ahead of the Bit

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# DUPTS Timeline

- Saudi Aramco internal initiative called ‘Drilling Ahead of the Bit’
- Aramco wished to establish this as an SPE initiative
- The ‘Drilling Ahead’ name was rejected by the SPE Board
- Initial name proposed by the SPE:
  - Drilling Performance Simulation and Prediction Technical Section (DPSP)
  - This was approved by the SPE on 24 June 2014.
  - DPSP was changed to the Drilling Uncertainty Prediction Technical Section on 3 April 2015,

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# DUPTS 2017 Update

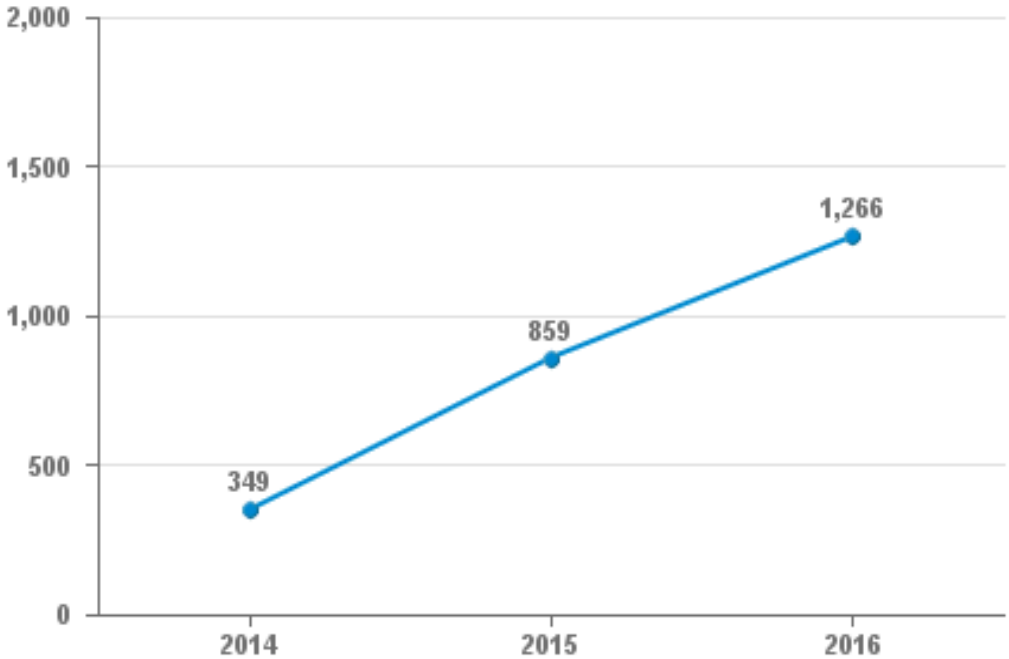
- List of events with a DUPTS Presentation :
  - SPE Young Professionals , Villarhermosa, Mexico, 25 Nov 2016
  - SPE Mumbai Section, Mumbai, India, 28 July 2016
  - SPE Mexico, CMP in Monterrey, Mexico, 9 June 2016
- Special Events for DUPTS
  - DUPTS Special Session at ATCE, Dubai, 26 Sept 2016
  - Drilling Ahead of the Bit Workshop, Saudi Arabia, 20 April 2015
- Other Events where the DUPTS was promoted :
  - SPE - Drilling Best Practices, Dubai , 18-19 April 2016
  - SPE EAGE Geosteering and Well Placement Workshop, Dubai, 8-10 Feb 2016
  - SPE Oil & Gas India Conference and Exhibition , Mumbai, 24–26 November 2015
  - SPE - Intelligent Oil & Gas Abu Dhabi 15-16 September 2015
  - SPE – Drilling Window Prediction and Real-Time Management – Getting it right the first time, Kuala Lumpur, 17-20 May 2015
  - SPE - Mumbai Technical Meeting, Mumbai, 22 Aug 2014
- Future Events:
  - Joint Special Session with DSATS Scheduled at ATCE San Antonio. Saudi Aramco is sponsoring a 1-day DUPTS workshop ahead of ATS&E 2017
  - Summer workshop in Houston 2017



- Drilling Real-time Prediction Environment In Saudi Aramco, by Salem Gharbi, on 26 July 2016
- Assessing and Improving Data Quality for more Effective Data Analytics, by David Johnson, on 14 Sept 2016
- Automation: Kick Detection Solutions Example, by Dr. Abdullah Yami, on 30 Nov 2016
- Drilling Optimization, Risk and Uncertainty Reduction, and Future Workforce Education Using Big Data Analysis, by Dr. Eric van Oort, on 22 Feb 2017
  
- Your Data...Streamlined. Faster. Easier. Trusted... And With Less Turbulence, by Ross Philo and Jay Hollingsworth, Energistics, 11 April 2017
- May: Robello Samuel, title and date to be confirmed
- June: Rolv Rommervelt, title and date to be confirmed

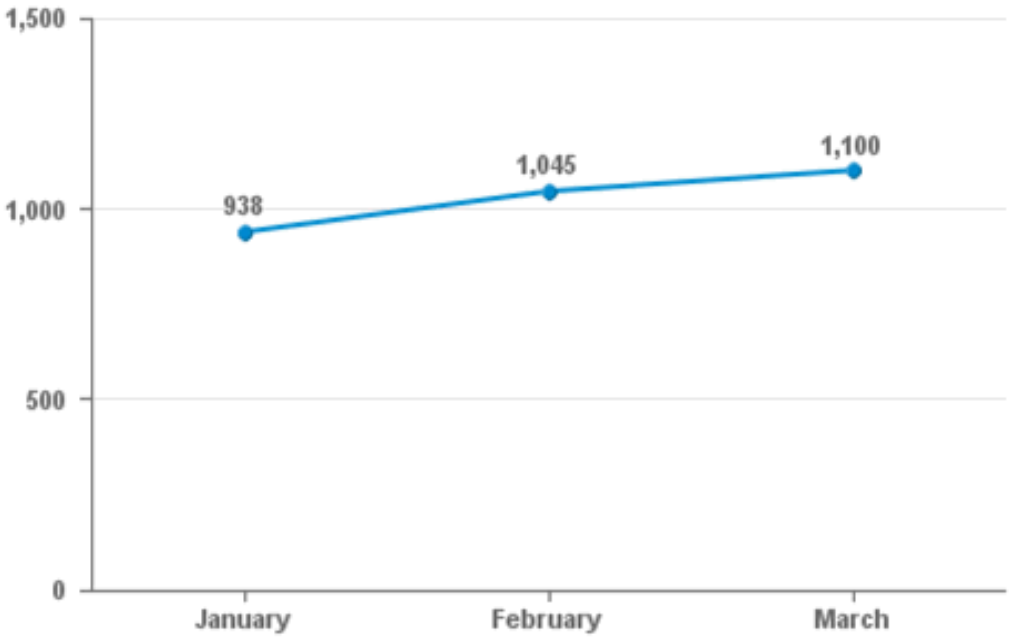
# DUPTS Membership to end 2016

### Professional Members by Year



# DUPTS Membership 2017

### Professional Members by Month



The Drilling Uncertainty Prediction Technical Section will address major challenges affecting the cost and efficiency of drilling operations.

By integrating resources and experience from both the Drilling and Subsurface worlds, the primary aim will be to ensure accurate and safe well placement while addressing the needs of the Industry to reduce Invisible Lost Time and mitigate or in some cases even eliminate Non-Productive Time through accurate predictions of geo-hazards.

# 'Road Map'



- Best type of Drill Bit
- Best Speed to Drill a certain type of wood
- Best Weight to put on the Drill Bit
- Best Lubrication to use
- How often to apply the lubrication
  
- Where EXACTLY are the different layers ??
- Here you can see those layers from the side

# Commercial Pressures...

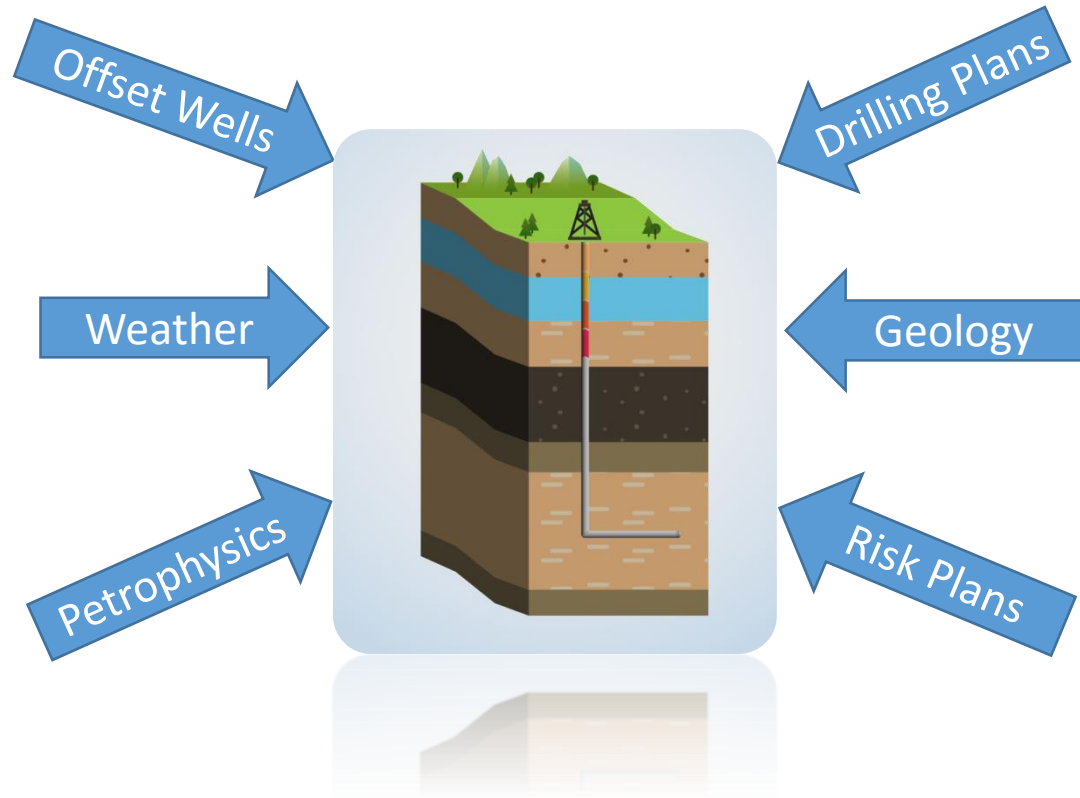
- Drill Faster, even 'Blind'
- Drill Cheaper, even 'Blind'



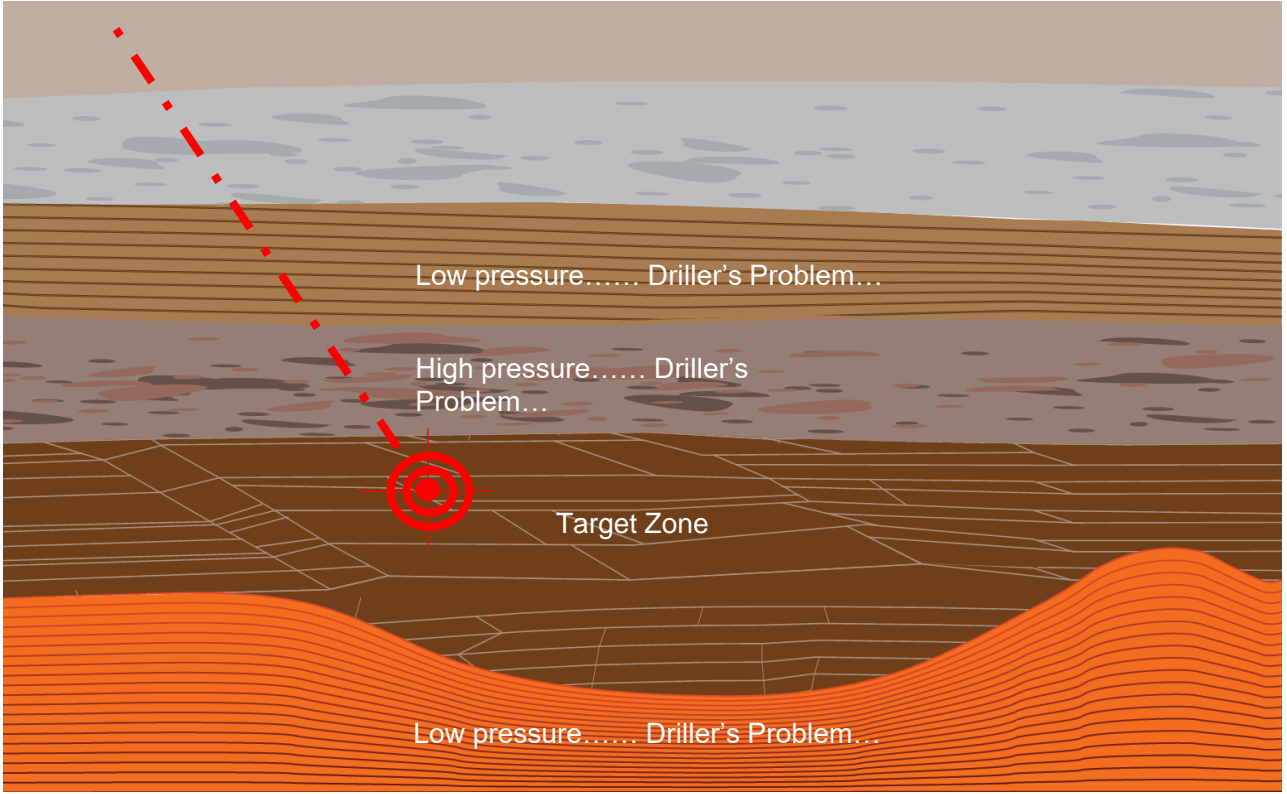
- Accurate Well Placement
- Maximum Reservoir Contact



# Planning Data Related to Drilling Activities

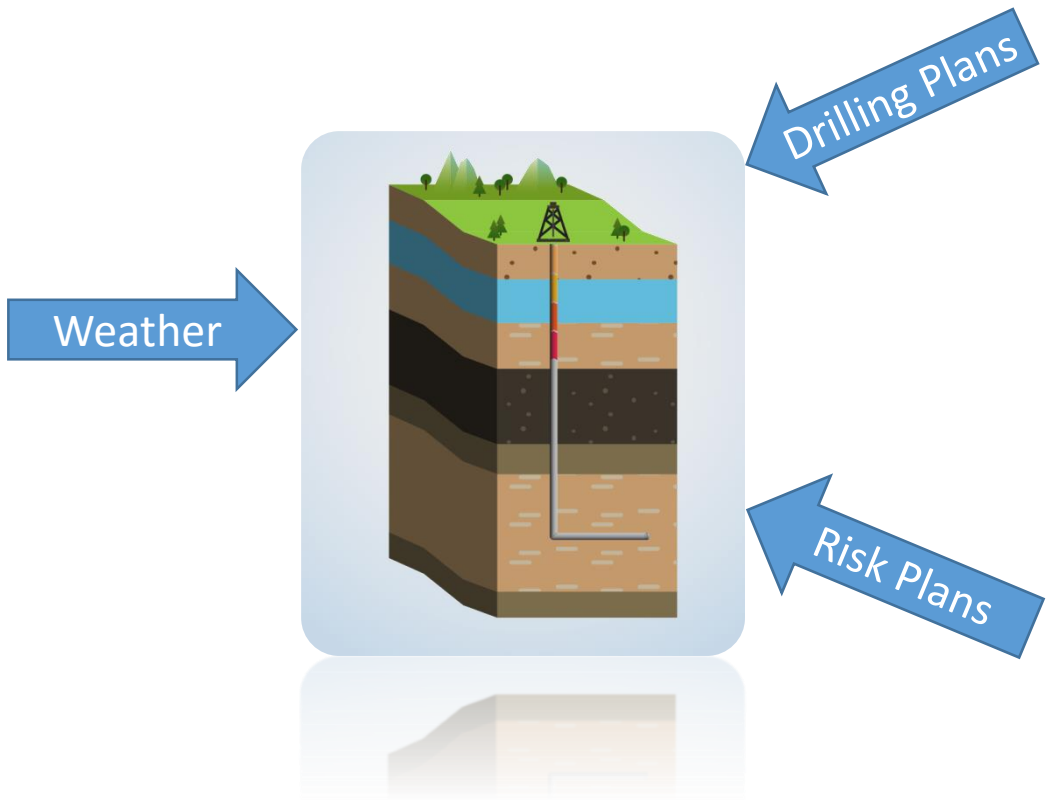


# Geologist's View of the Well



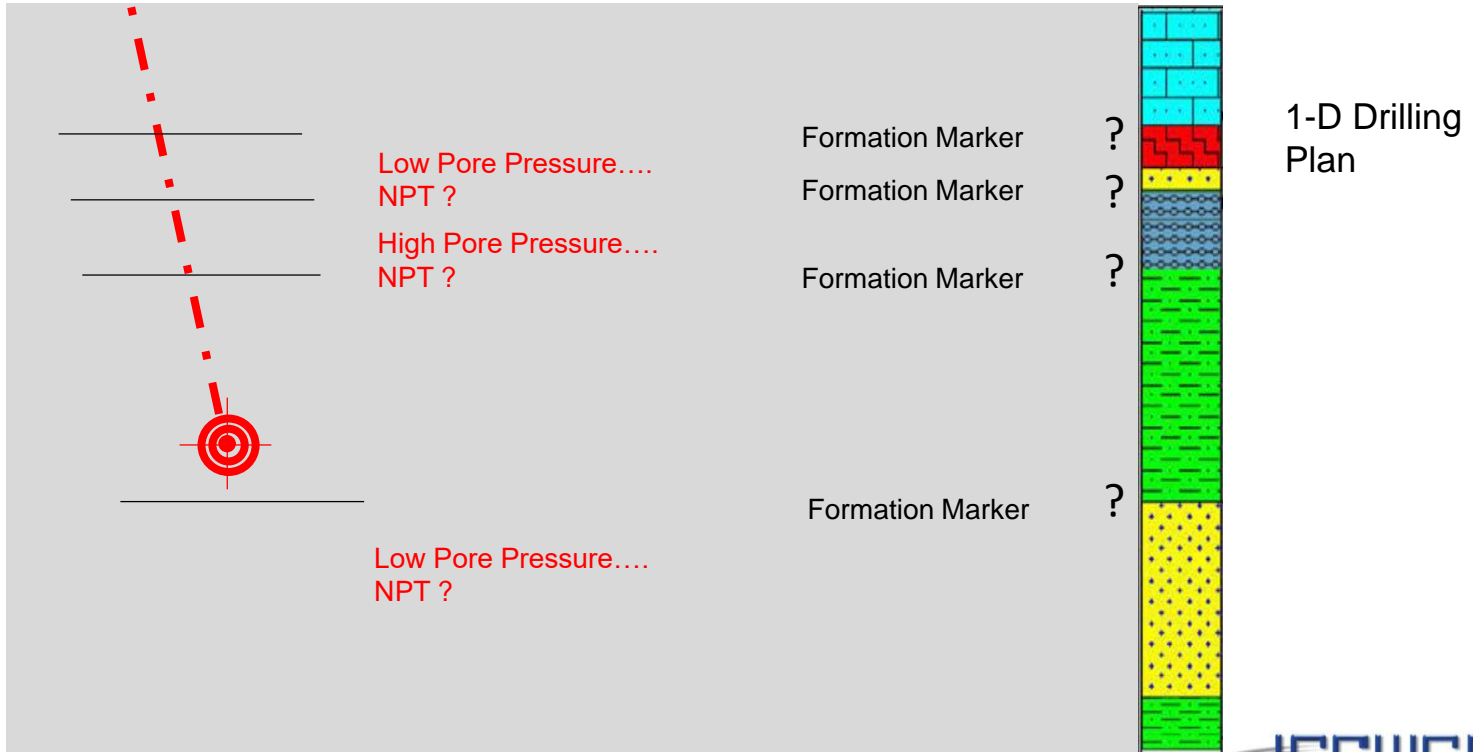


# Data usually available on the Wellsite

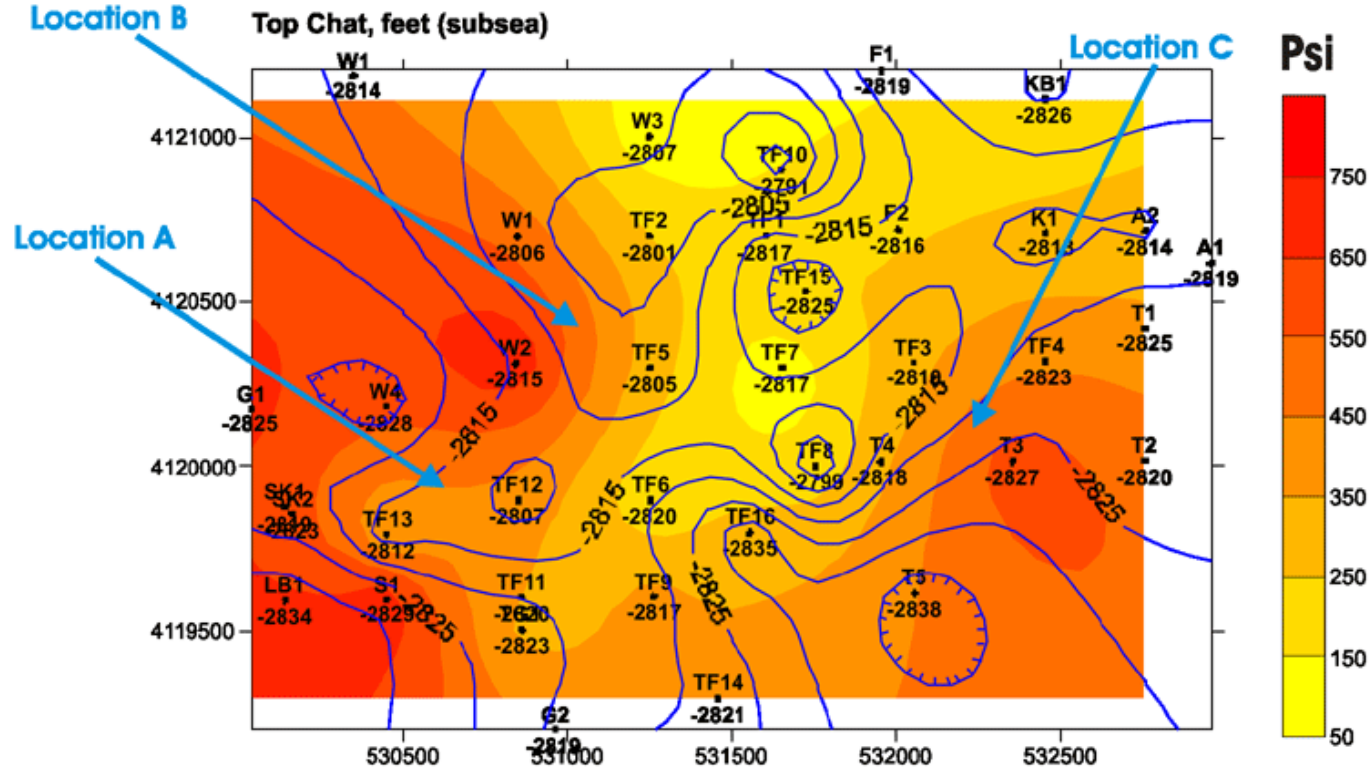


# Drillers' View of the Well

“...I wish I knew exactly where I was.....can I reach the Geologist at this time of the morning ....?”



# Variable Pore Pressures: Mud Weight Window



# The Driller cannot see the Road Ahead...



Would you put on the Cruise Control in Fog?.....DSATS.....

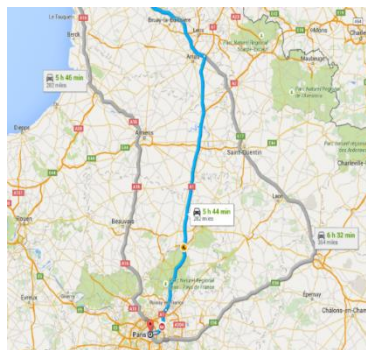
# Lack of Prediction



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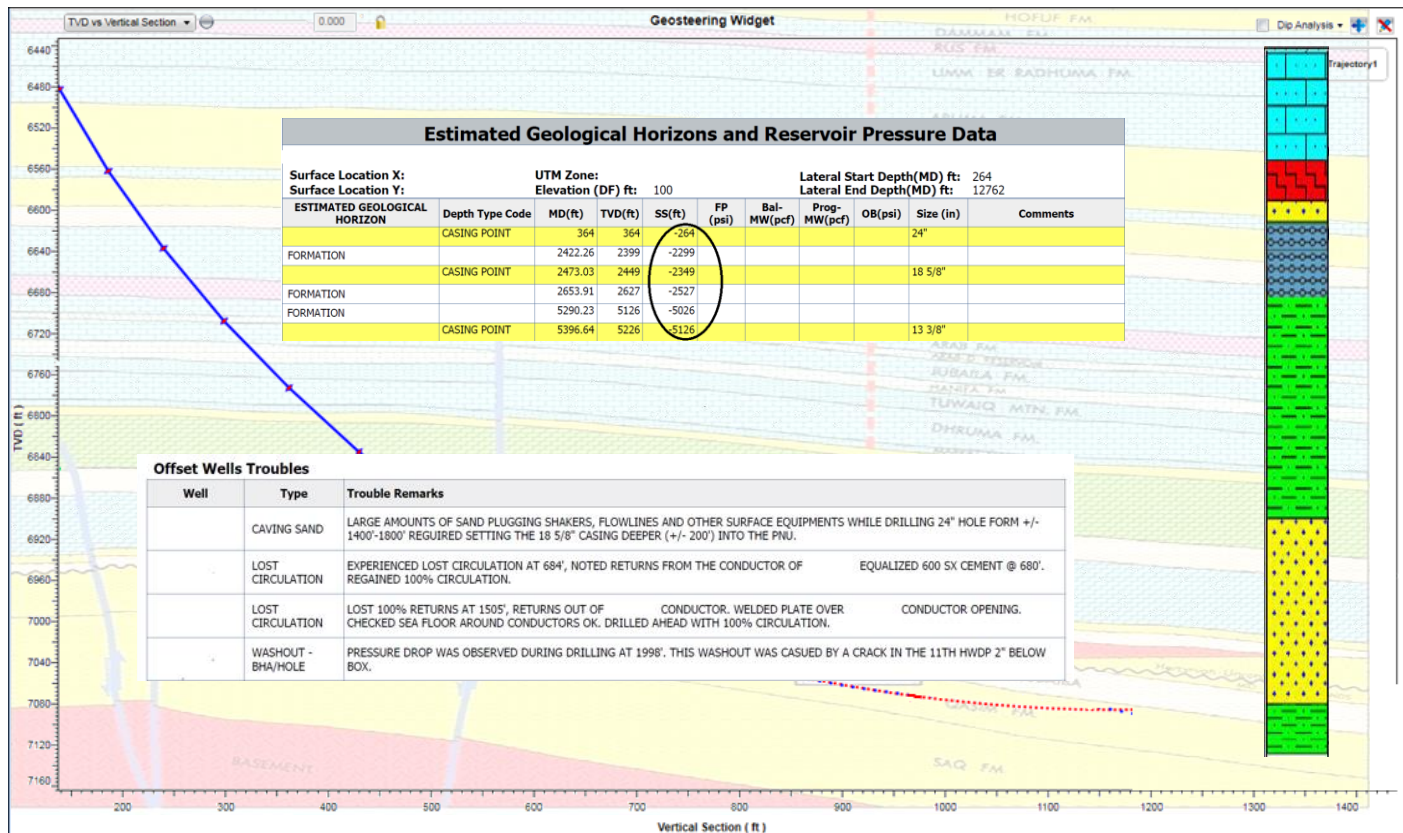
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# Integration of Sensors and Road Maps



- Time to Target
- Traffic Warnings
- Alternative Road Map
- Weather Events

# Curved '1-D' Drilling Program

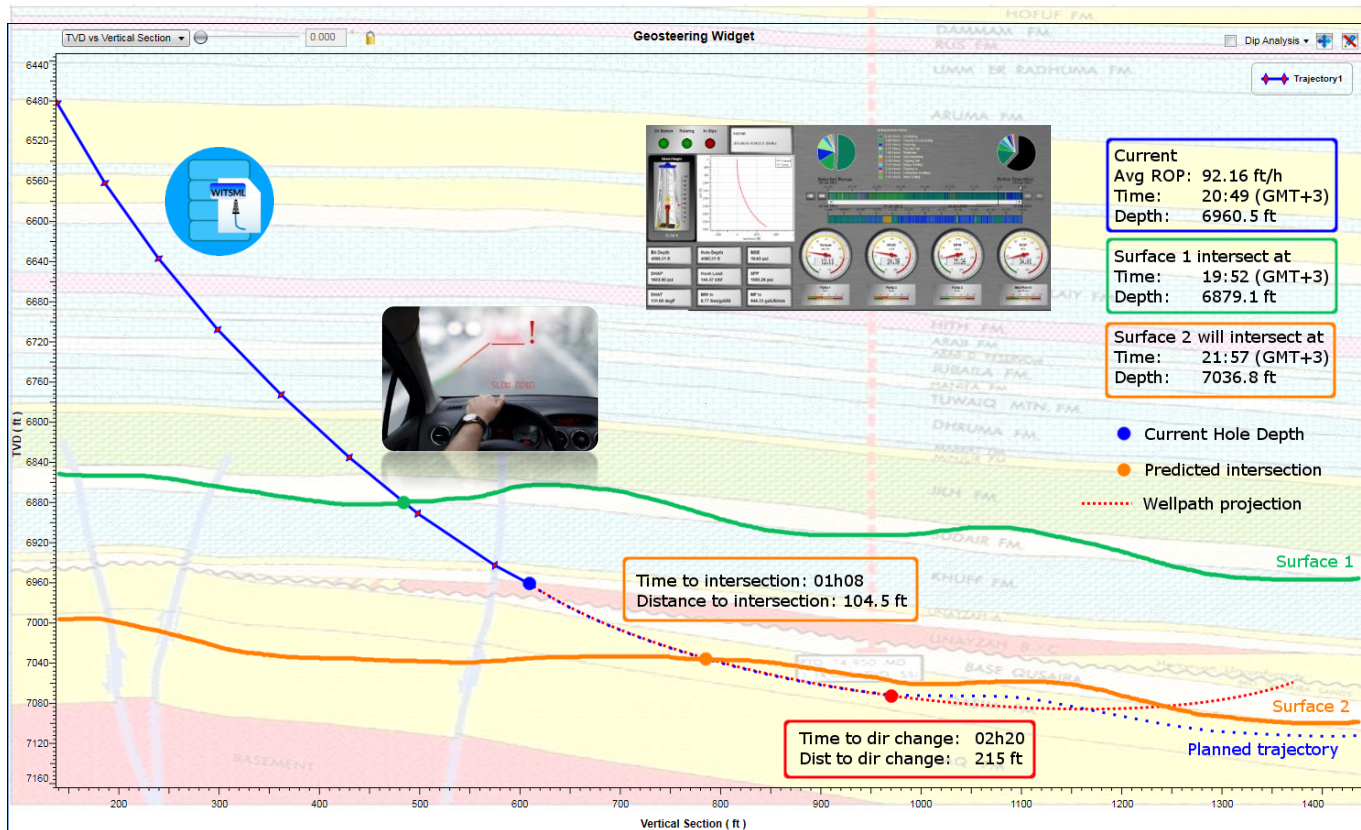


# 2-D Drilling Plan with Surfaces from an Earth Model

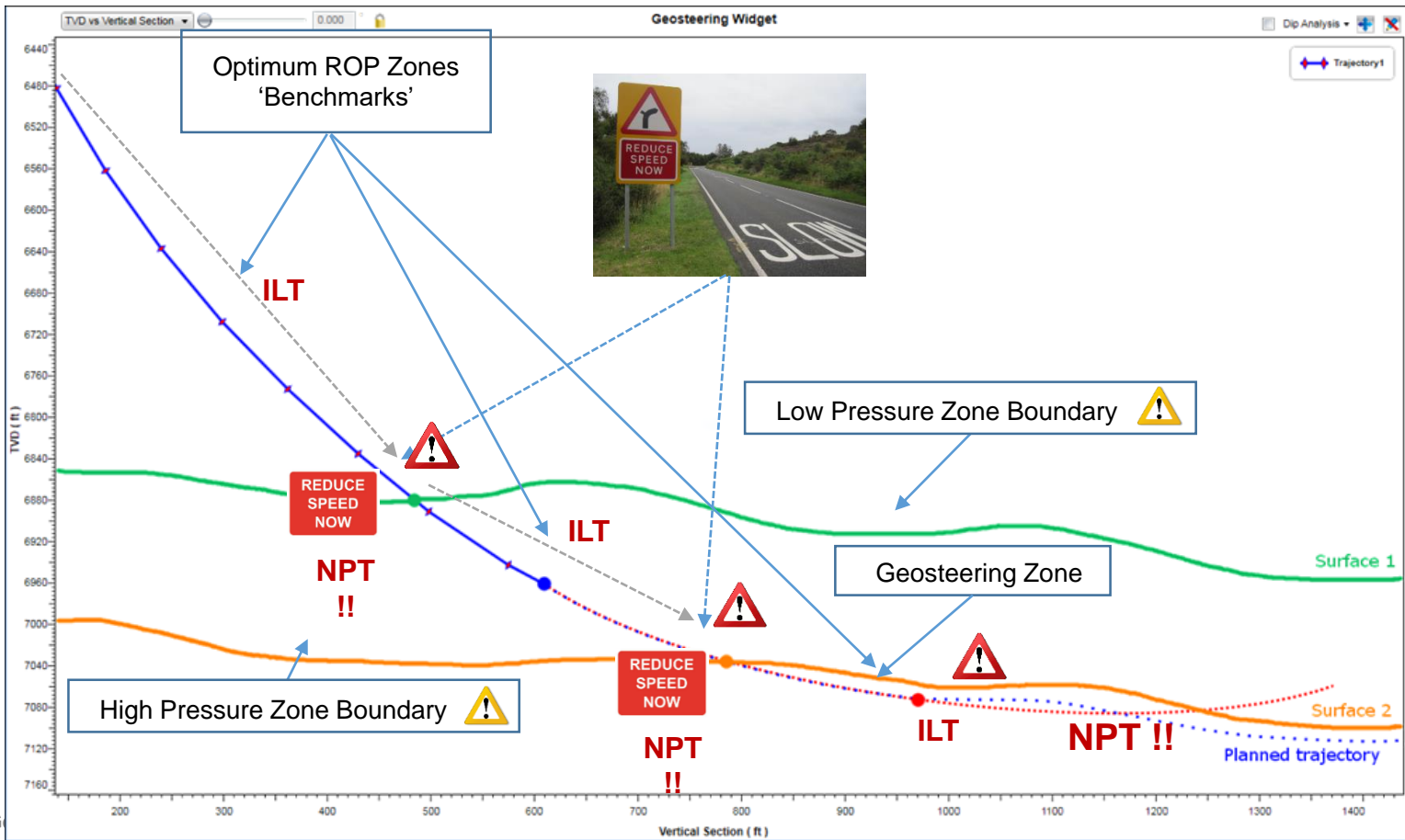




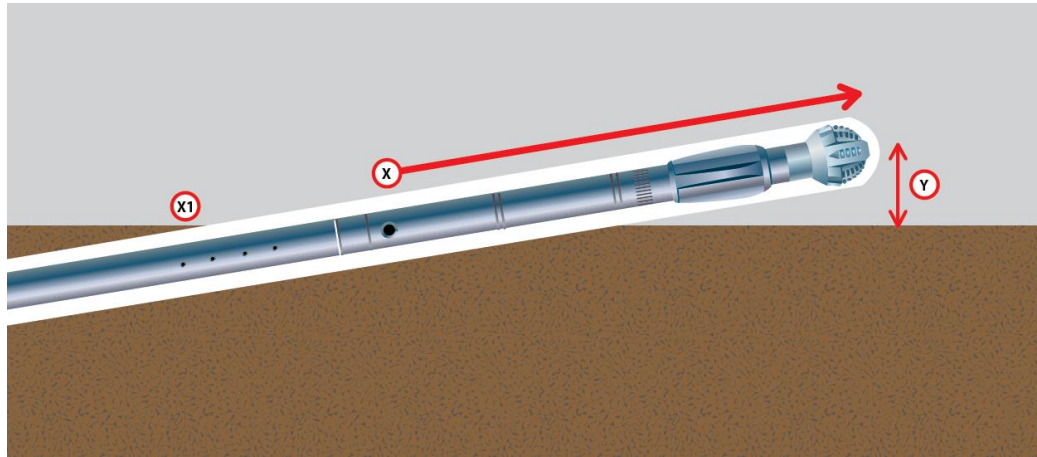
# Interactive Arrival Time at Boundaries



# Drilling Efficiency : ILT and NPT avoidance

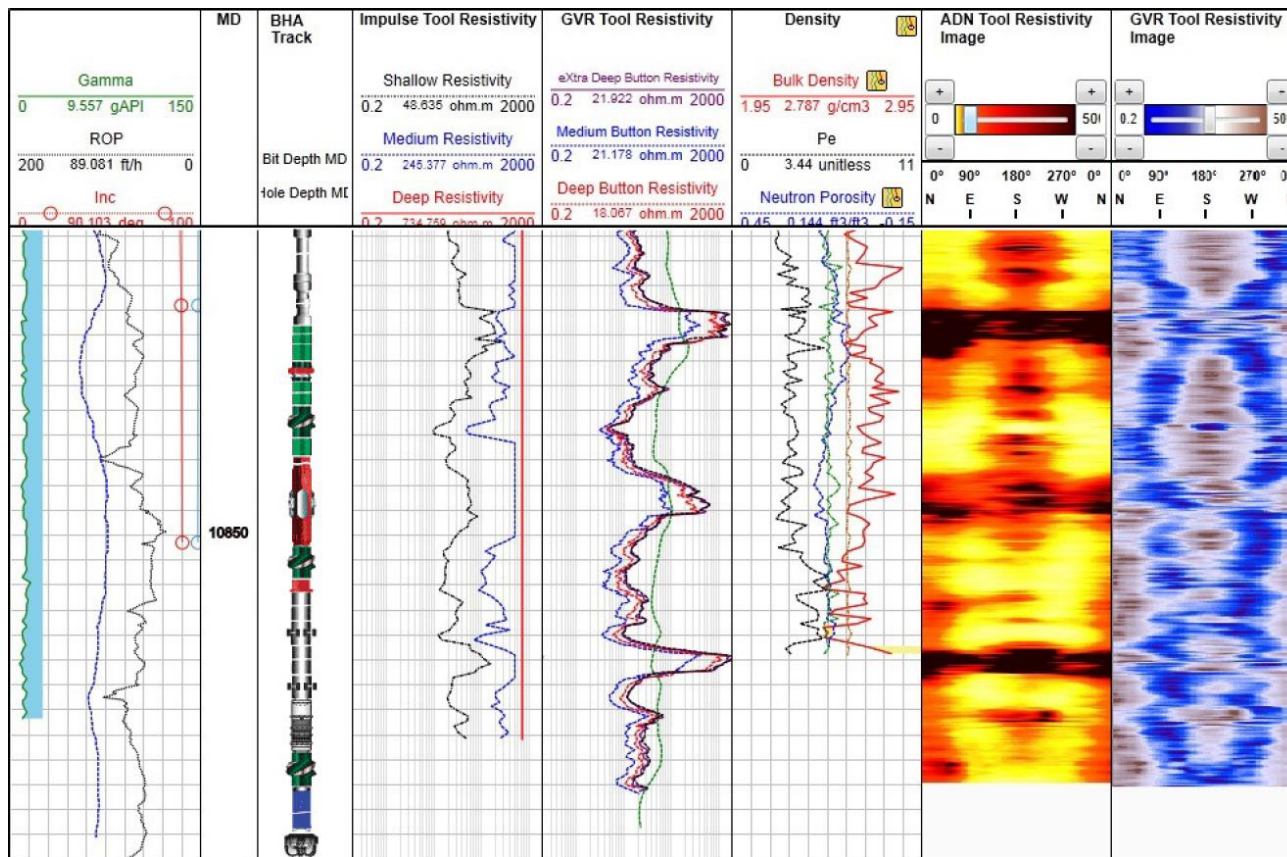


# Sensors Behind the Bit

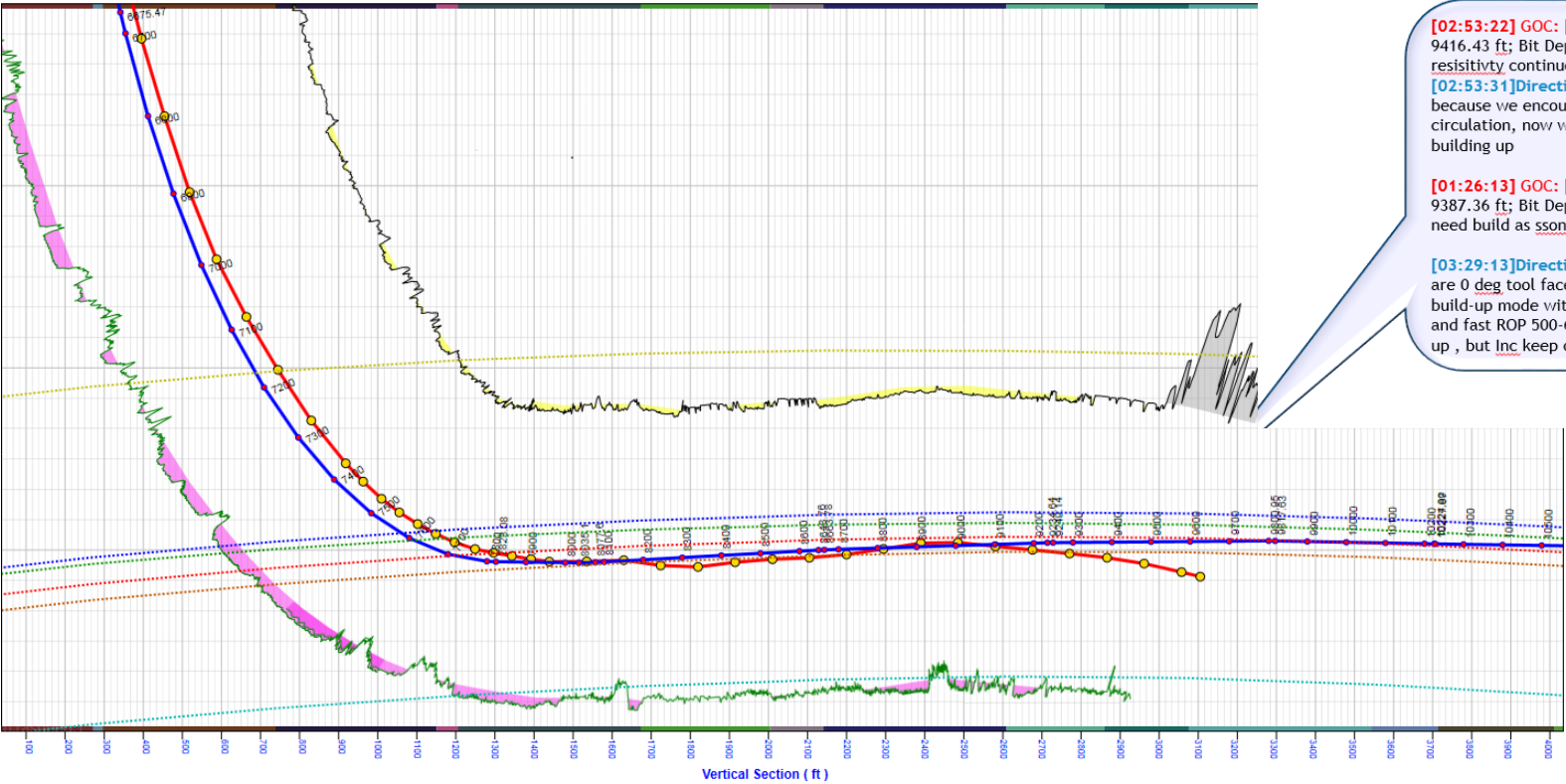


Sensor Offset		
Normal Gamma Ray	Near Bit Gamma Ray	Resistivity
13 ft	No Sensors	21 ft
59 ft	6 ft	35 ft
46 ft	Not Enabled	64 ft
12 ft	No Sensors	106 ft
35.94 ft	Not Enabled	30 ft
No Sensors	10.93 ft	67 ft
18.64 ft	6.3 ft	25 ft

# Sensors Behind the Bit



# Well Abandoned – 100% NPT



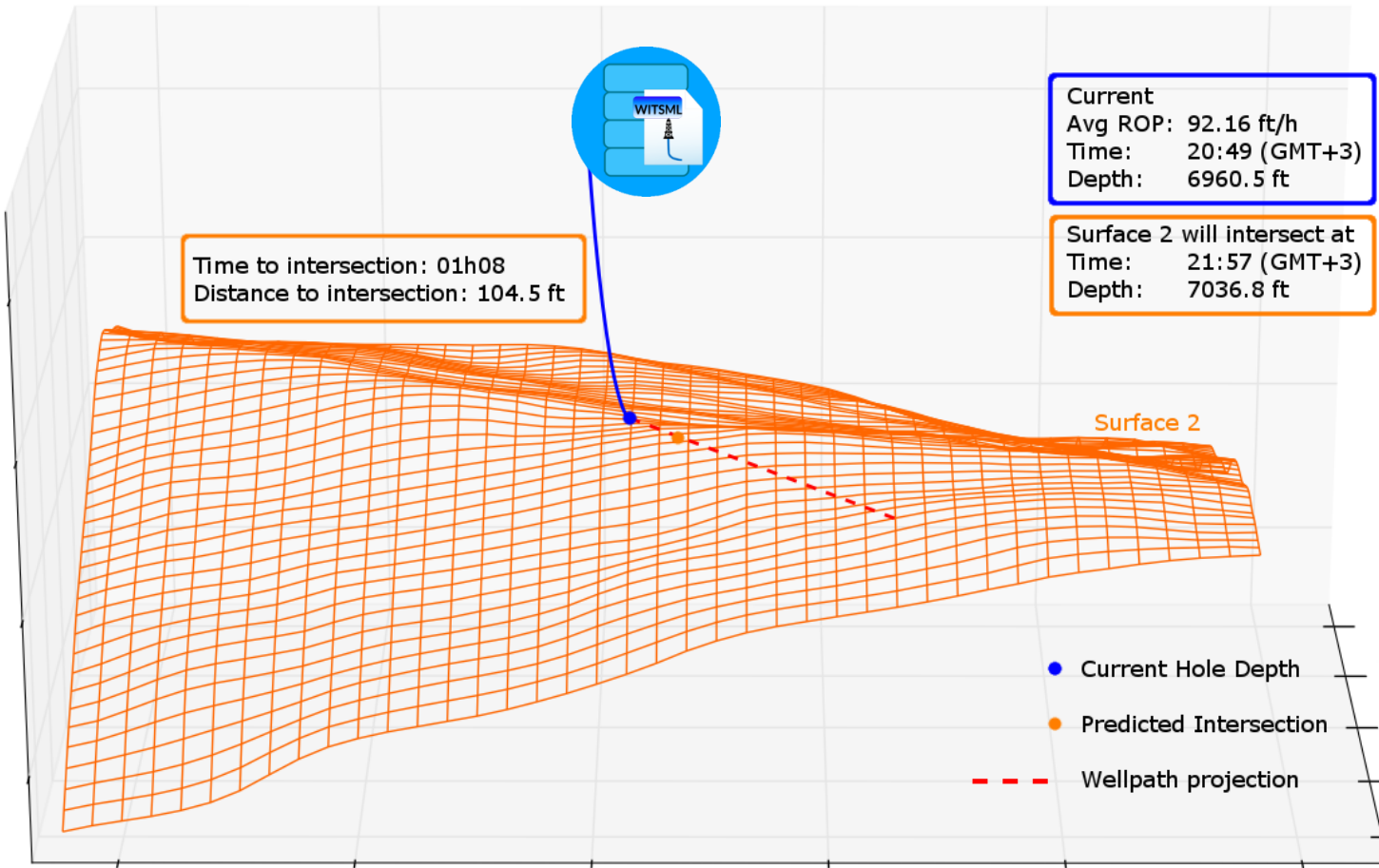
**[02:53:22] GOC:** [ Hole Depth= 9416.43 ft; Bit Depth= 9416.43 ft] the resistivity continue decreasing

**[02:53:31] Directional Driller** yes, because we encountered total loss circulation, now we are 100% to building up

**[01:26:13] GOC:** [ Hole Depth= 9387.36 ft; Bit Depth= 9384.35 ft] we need build as sson as possible to 90.5

**[03:29:13] Directional Driller** GOC, we are 0 deg tool face / 100% deflection build-up mode with 10-20 vright on bit and fast ROP 500-600ft/hr try to build up , but Inc keep on drop from 88-86,

# 3-D 'Drilling Ahead of the Bit'



# Open Standards : Energistics.org

**energistics** The Energy Standards Resource Centre

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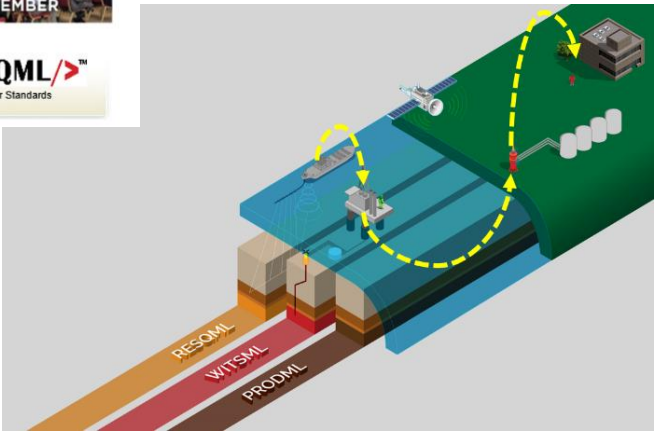
**SLC** STANDARDS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Energistics is a global consortium that facilitates the development, management and adoption of data exchange standards for the upstream oil and gas industry.

**Upstream Standards.  
Bottom Line Results.**

WHO IS ENERGISTICS | WHY ADOPT STANDARDS | WHY BECOME A MEMBER

**WITSML**™ Drilling Standards | **PRODML**™ Production Standards | **RESQML**™ Reservoir Standards



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# Reduction of Drilling Uncertainty: Correlation at the Bit

## Drill Time Algorithm

- ROP is the original 'formation log', but drilling breaks are sensitive to mechanical variables: WOB / RPM / SPP
- DT is the Time taken to Drill every 5 ft re-indexed by Depth, using Time / Depth / ROP / RPM
- Reduces sensitivity to mechanical variables
- Produces Formation 'Signatures' that correlate from Well to Well
- Allow remote picking of Casing Points

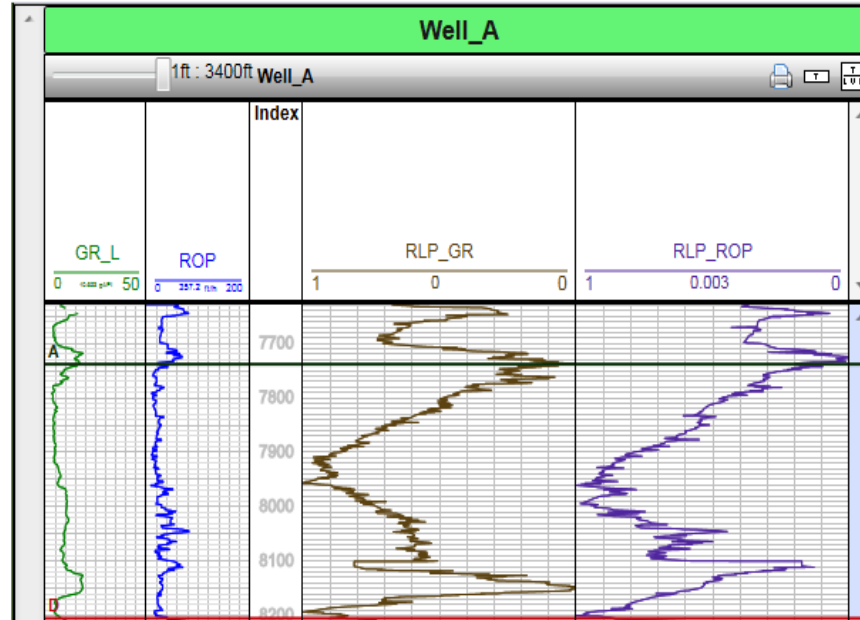
## The Formation Curve

- Advanced Mathematical Algorithms predict the next value and compares with the actual value to create the 'Prediction Error'
- The integration of these Prediction Errors generates trends that may be correlated to sedimentary sequences
- Cross-correlation of the responses allows immediate identification of formation changes at the bit
- Immediate identification should permit Auto-Correlation

Source : SPE 167402 Impact of WITSML Drilling Surveillance on Shallow Casing Shoes

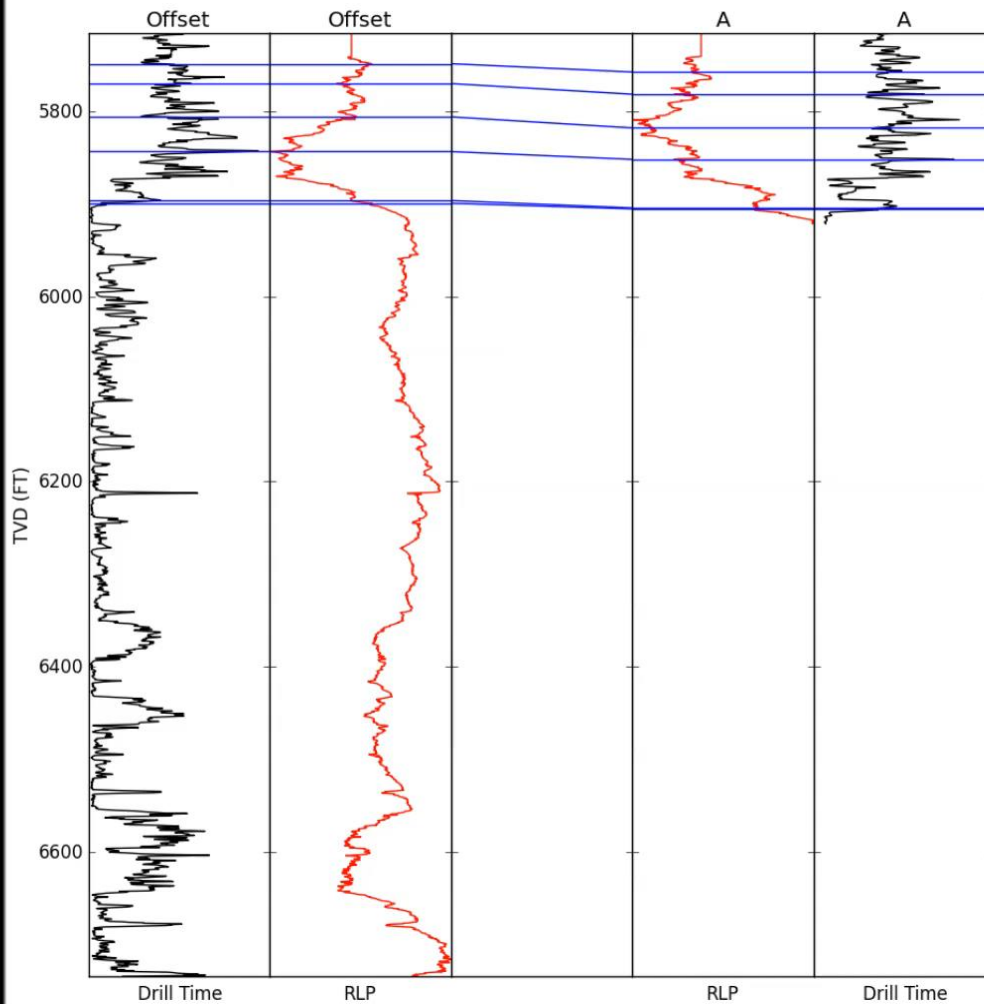


# The Bit as a Sensor

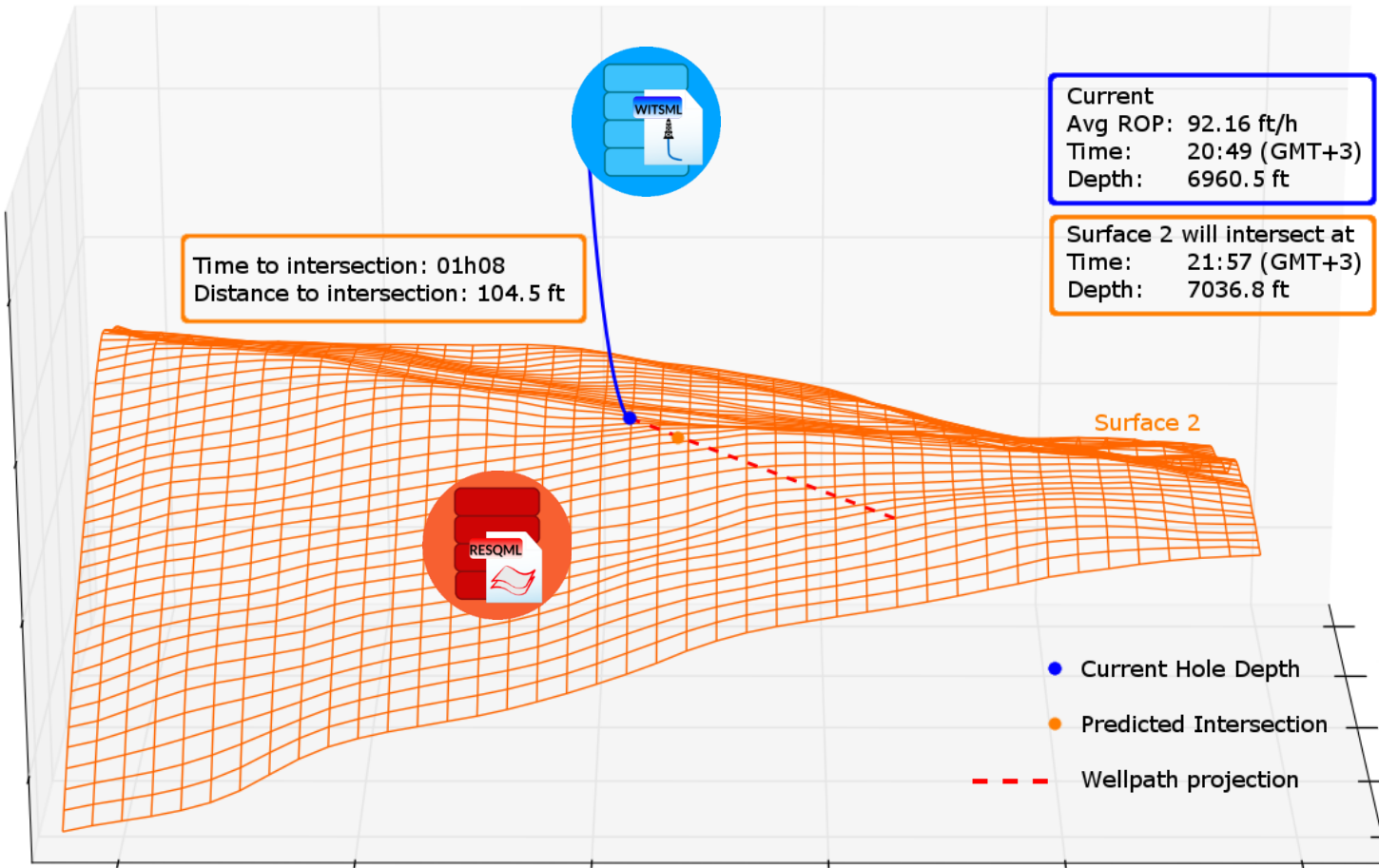


- ▶ The trends match between logging data and surface sensors
- ▶ Correlations picked on the Drilling Sensor Integrated Prediction Errors are later validated by the Subsurface Logging tool trends
- ▶ The trends are predictable : 'Drilling Ahead of the Bit'

TVD: 5921 ft, model DTS = 856.0, correction: -18.9

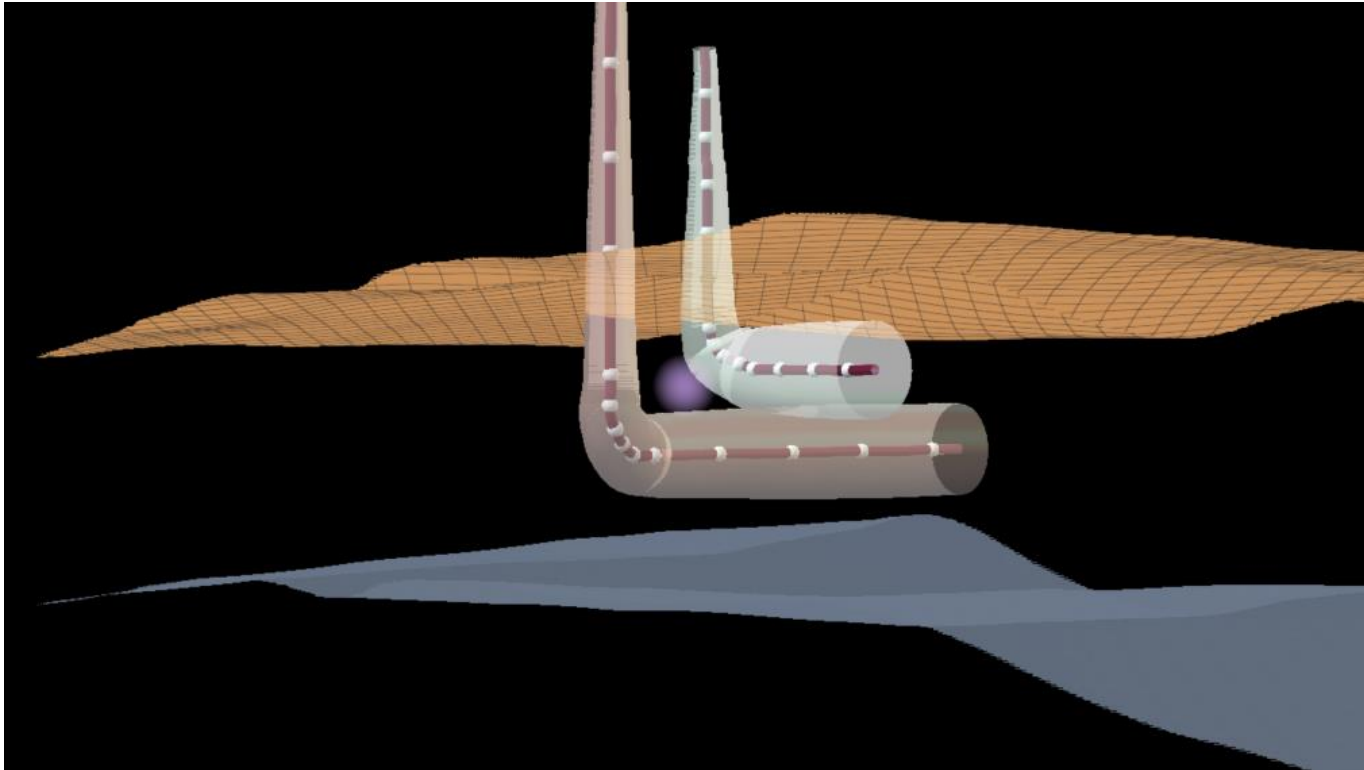


# RESQML – ‘Shared Earth Model’



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# Cone of Uncertainty



# Service Company and Operator Data Sources

Linking these Data Silos ?



Well  
Planning

Real Time

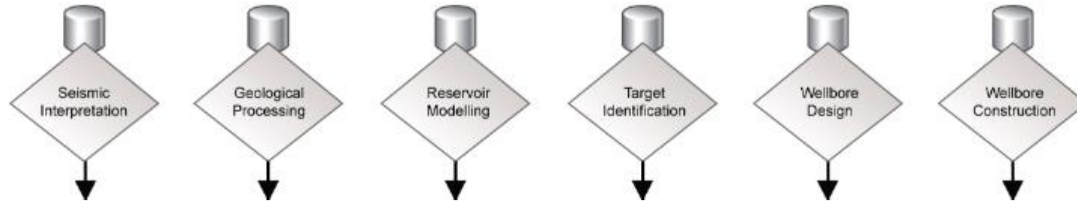
Earth  
Model

Service  
Company A

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Company B

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Company C

# General Oil and Gas 'Big Data' Challenge

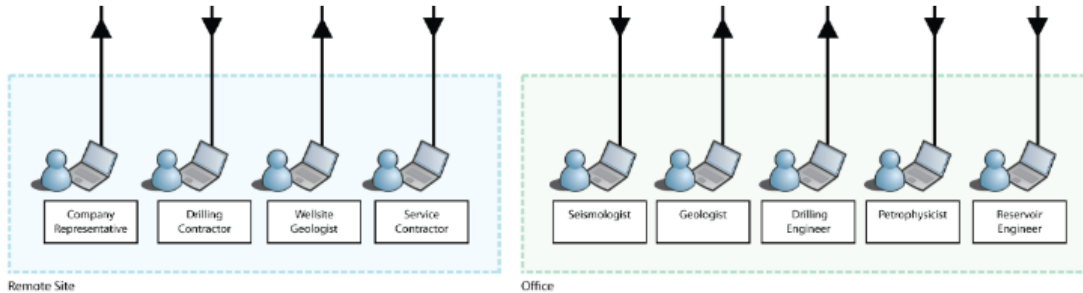


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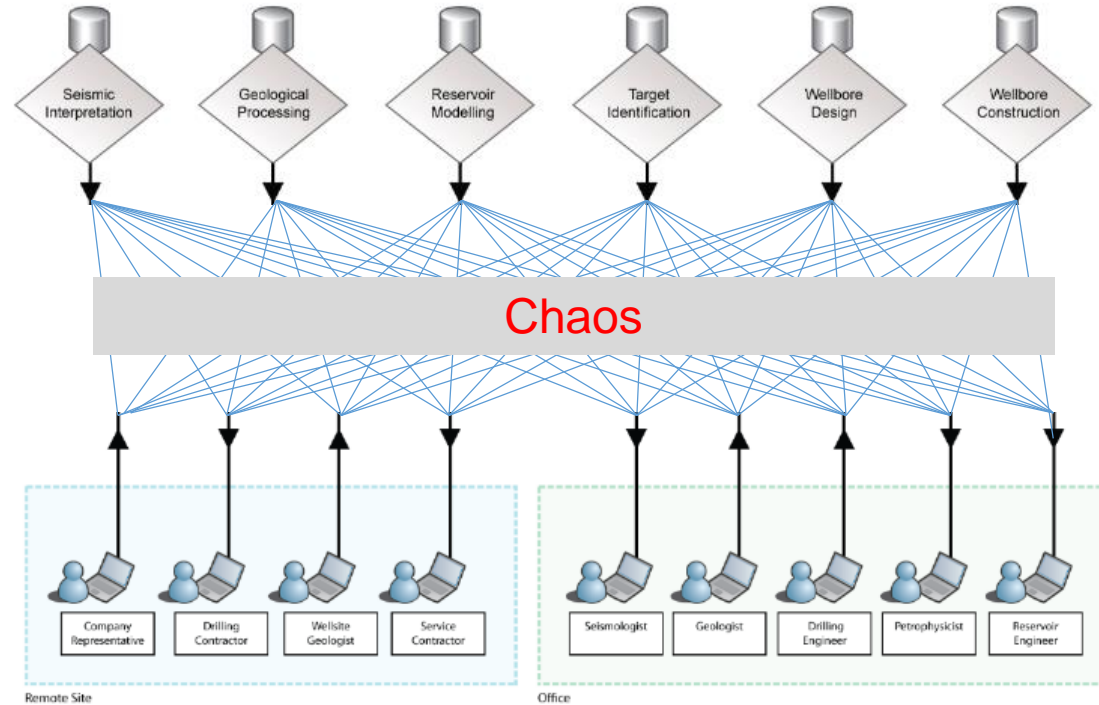


- Multiple services producing aspects of the well-construction

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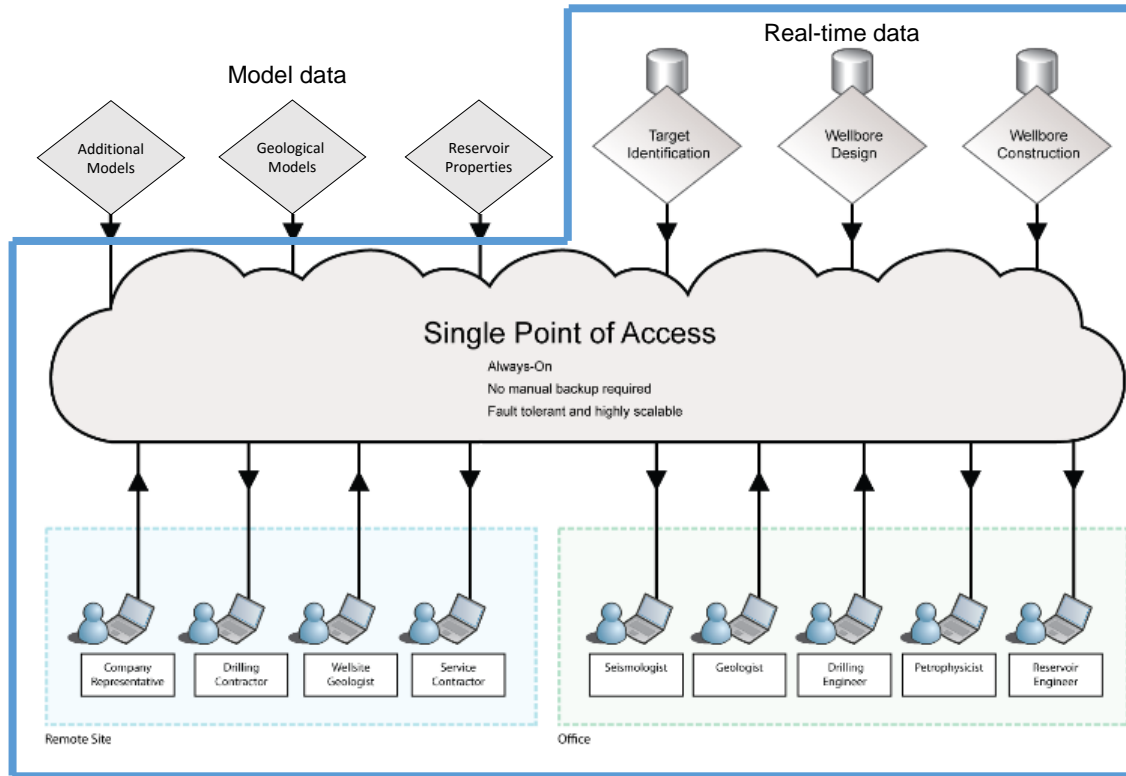
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# Big Data Earth Model – Cloud



- Consistent data – based on Open Standards (WITSML, RESQML)
- Single-Point of access – ensure all relevant data is accessible to all parties needing it
- Built-in redundancy  
Cloud-based technology brought to private systems
- Highly Performant  
Scalable architecture allows growth by users or wells
- Breaks reliance on Vertically Integrated Vendor Solutions
- ‘Operator’ Earth Model

- Real-time calculations and advanced analytics across all wells, in real-time with sub second response.
- Engineers able to create, test and run their own engineering calculations across the data, real-time and historic.
- Run tens of thousands of calculations simultaneously in a distributed environment
- Allow engineers to focus on engineering, not IT
- 100+ predefined drilling engineering calculations such as MSE, HMSE, Water saturation, Hydraulics ready to use.
- Future support for advanced neural networks and artificial intelligence for predictive drilling and data analysis
- Examples:
  - Calculate ILT, NPT, drilling and rig performance metrics across all wells in real-time.
  - Predict ahead of the bit for time to reach upcoming formations
  - Warn of drilling hazards before they become visible. ( Kick detection, fluid loss etc.)
  - Optimize drilling efficiency using ROP Roadmaps

# Drilling Ahead of the Bit

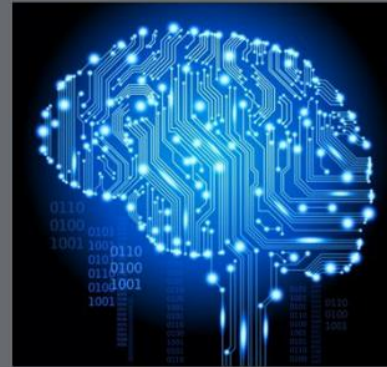
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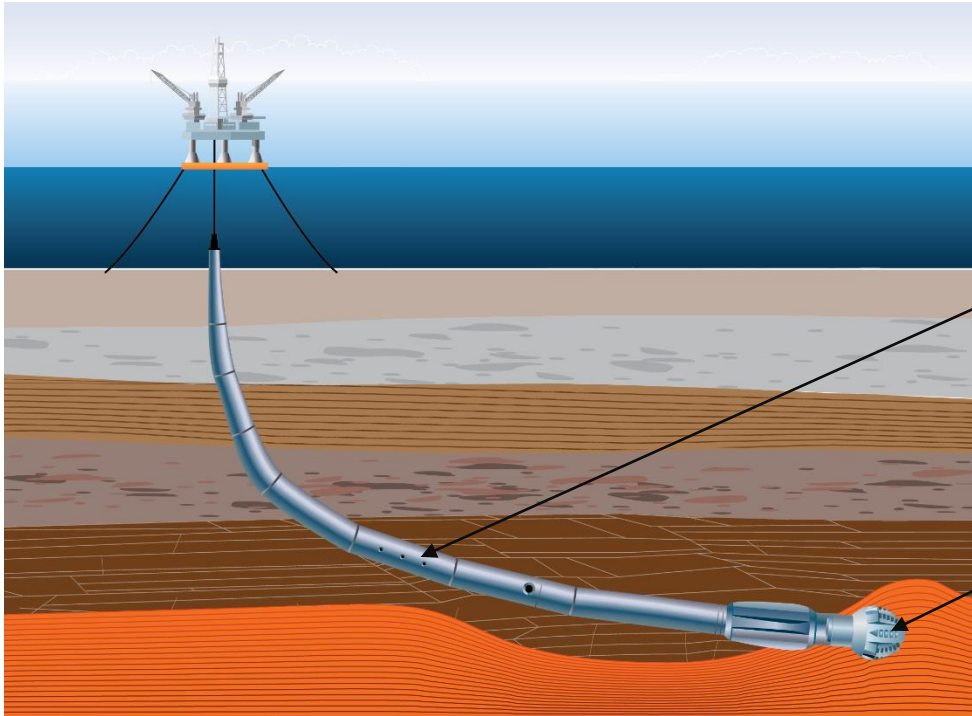
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# Determination of lithology at the bit by machine learning approach (PoC)



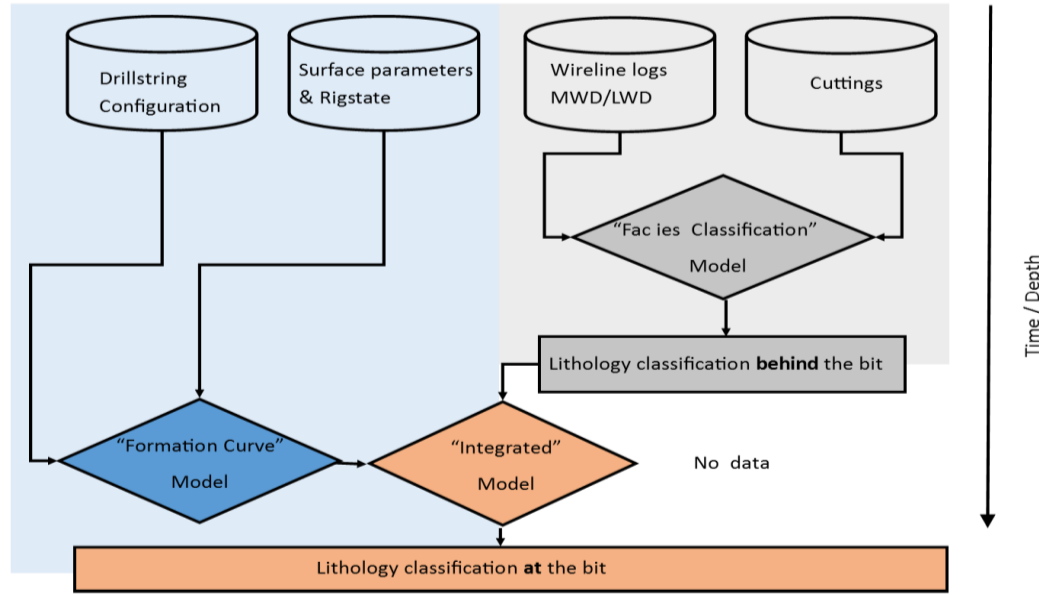
LWD  
Tools

Seek  
knowledge of  
formation  
here ?

- Knowledge of work flow by machine learning approach in facies classification project (SEG Contest)
- Availability of multiple wells in the same region (UK)
- Availability of good quality data from LWD, Surface, trajectory logs, static data (Bit information) in these wells
- Availability of empirical drilling models
- BHA consistency
- Drill bit information

# Two models running together

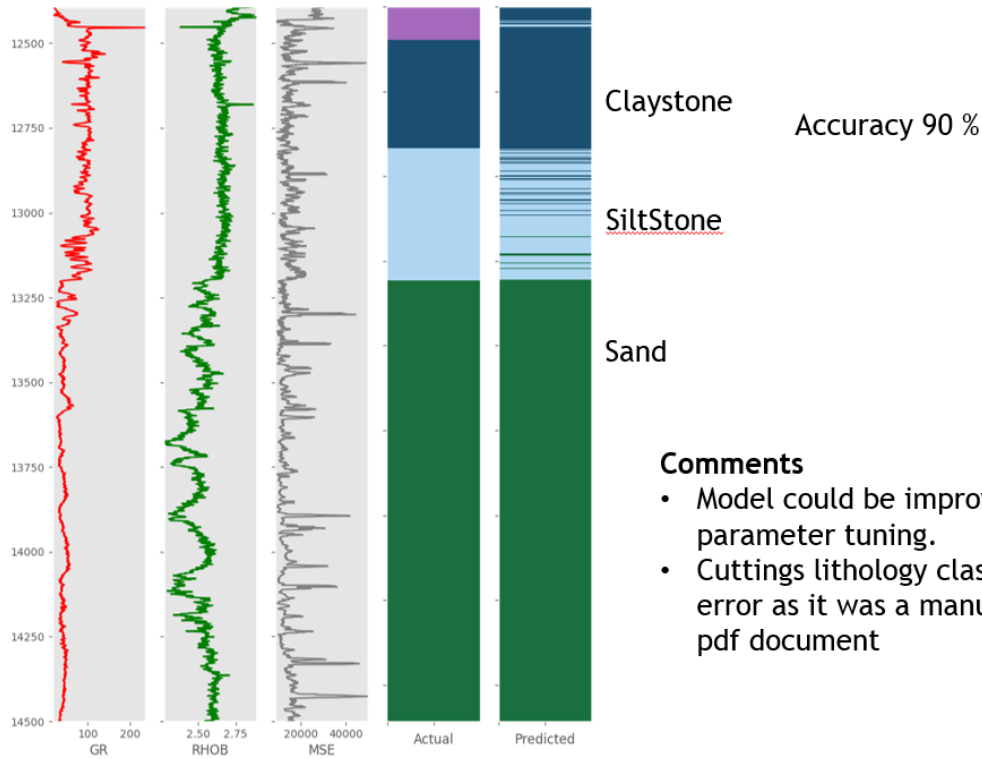
- One model predicts the type of lithology from the LWD logs behind the bit
- One model predicts the type of lithology from the surface parameters. The prediction from the LWD logs feeds with the model and enables the prediction at the bit.



# Feature Engineering Techniques Incorporated

- Outlier removal – Data quality technique
- Feature Augmentation
- Use of mean specific energy (MSE) also to represent surface parameters
- Bit design features incorporated. Bit Wear is assumed to be proportional to its depth
- K – drillability models
  - Parameters of drillability models established by least squares moving window method

# Prediction of Lithology Type



## Comments

- Model could be improved with hyper parameter tuning.
- Cuttings lithology classification is prone to error as it was a manual digitization of a pdf document



- <https://agilescientific.com/blog/2017/2/2/no-secret-codes>
- In this PoC, a machine learning approach was implemented to estimate the type of lithology at the bit.
- Classification models were employed with an integrated workflow obtained from facies classification project and formation curve project
- Feature engineering techniques improved prediction accuracy.
- Future
  - Validating with more data. More variety of lithology type. Currently, we investigated only 4 types.
  - Incorporate ROP models in feature engineering
  - Estimate the recommended ROP for a predicted formation type to ensure drilling accuracy

Thank You