



# OPERATIONAL WELLBORE SURVEY GROUP

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Sub-Committee Chair



# Agenda

- Mission & Anti-Trust
- Brand and Scope
- 2024 Meetings and Events
- Probability of Collision (Mohamed Elshabrawy & Jerry Codling)
- Projection Ahead Case Study (Marc Willerth)
- Unconventional Pad Surface and Intermediate Steering for Safe Separation
- Open Discussion



## Attendees on December 4<sup>th</sup>

1. Jonathan Lightfoot – Oxy
  2. Mohamed Elshabrawy – Shell
  3. Todd McKenzie - Shell
  4. Ayush Raj Srivastava - ExxonMobil
  5. Pete Clark – Chevron
  6. Kevin Sutherland - Chevron
  7. Dalis Deliu – ConocoPhillips
  8. Bill Allen – bp
  9. Marianne Houbiers – Equinor
  10. Nicholas Robertson – bp
  11. Hans Dreisig – Total
1. Adrian Ledroz - Gyrodata
  2. Michael Calkins – HilCorp
  3. Jerry Codling – Halliburton Landmark Graphics
  4. Marc Willerth – H&P Technologies
  5. Jamie Steward – Baker Hughes
  6. Darren Aklestad – slb
  7. Nasikul Islam – Al Driller
  8. Jon Bang – Gyrodata



## Our Mission

To promote practices that provide confidence that reported wellbore positions are within their stated uncertainty.



# Anti-Trust Statement

*We are meeting to help develop and promote good practices in wellbore surveying necessary to support wellbore construction which enhance safety and competition.*

*The meeting will be conducted in compliance with all laws including the antitrust laws, both state and federal. We will not discuss prices paid to suppliers or charged to customers nor will we endorse or disparage vendors or goods or services, divide markets, or discuss with whom we will or will not do business, nor other specific commercial terms, because these are matters for each company or individual to independently evaluate and determine.*



## 2024 Brand

# OWSG: **Operational** Wellbore Survey Group

Operators, OEMs, Service Partners & Interested Parties

Scope: Case Studies and Operational Practices - Implementation

Schedule: Meetings every other month

OWSG Chair – Jonathan Lightfoot (Position Open)

# 2024 Meetings

1. February 6th
2. March 26th
3. May 28th
4. July 23<sup>rd</sup>
5. September 24<sup>th</sup>
6. November 26<sup>th</sup>

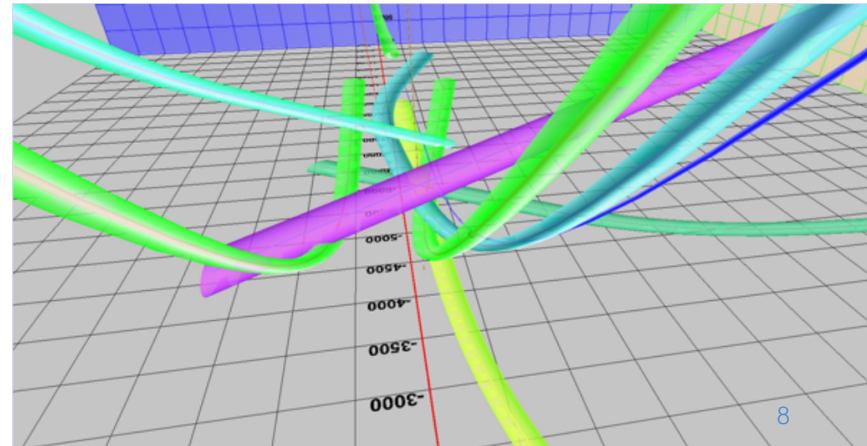


## Probability of Collision – Introduction

### Collision Avoidance – why?

- The consequences of an unplanned intersection with an existing well can range from financial loss, asset damage, to a catastrophic blowout and loss of life. Failure to manage collision risk has led to well control incidents in the industry.
- With congested platforms and high density of wells drilled in our assets, especially brown fields, collision risks are of a great significance.

*Reference: SPE-184730-Well-Collision-Avoidance Management and Principles*





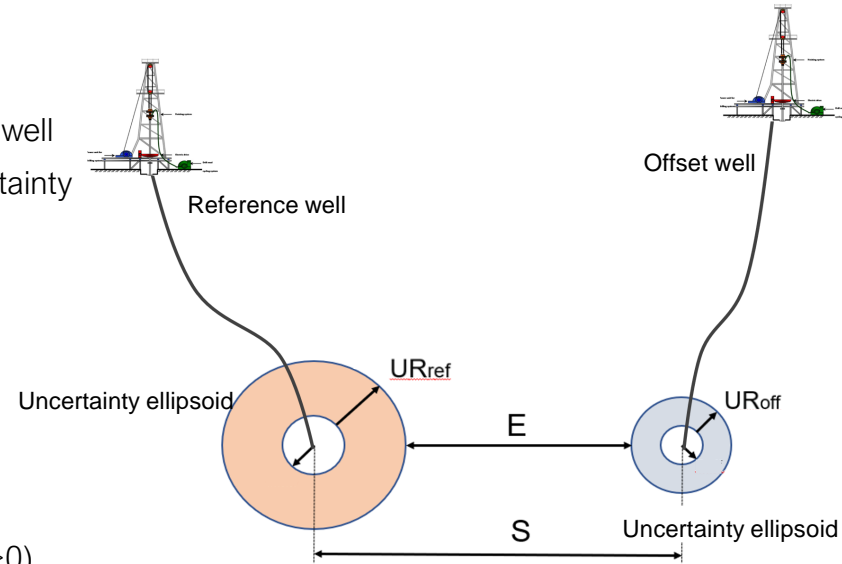
## Separation Factor in simple terms

1. Determine the distance “S” from the reference well to the offset well
2. Determine the minimum distance “E” between the survey uncertainty ellipsoids
3. And determine the separation factor or clearance factor

$$SF = S/(S-E)$$

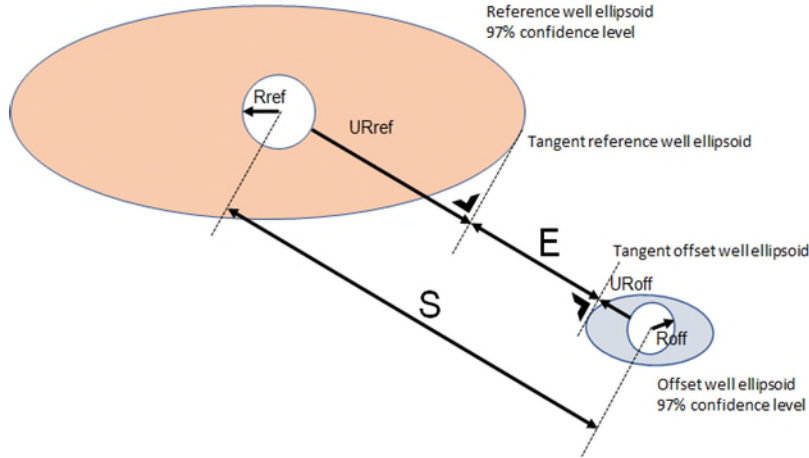
Key facts to know about SF:

- > 1.0 when they have a positive inter-boundary separation ( $E > 0$ )
- = 1.0 when the ellipses of uncertainty touch ( $E = 0$ )
- < 1.0 in case of a potential collision, where the ellipses of uncertainty overlap ( $E < 0$ )



## Wellbore Positioning Technical Section

### Separation Factor details



For a more conservative SF:

1. 3D scan for min C-C centre in 3D space
2. IB separation using Pedal Curve method, tangent to edge of ellipses
3. Account for TBR
4. Apply 3-sigma confidence level (97%)

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#### 5.7.2.3 Separation Factor (SF)

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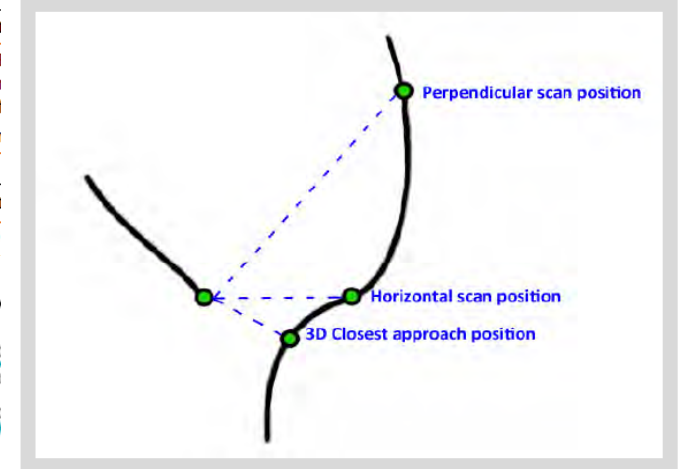


Figure 96: Separation Factor

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# Introducing probability of collision

## 20.6.1 Difference between Separation Factor and Probability Based Rules

A separation factor based rule is purely geometric whereas a probability based rule relates to actual risk. For example, take two different uncertainty situations which both calculate a separation factor of 1.0. In the first case two 12-1/4" wellbores have uncertainty envelopes which are hundreds of feet across. In the second case the uncertainty envelopes only have a radius of one foot from each well centre. Clearly the second case has a much higher probability of being an actual collision than the former.

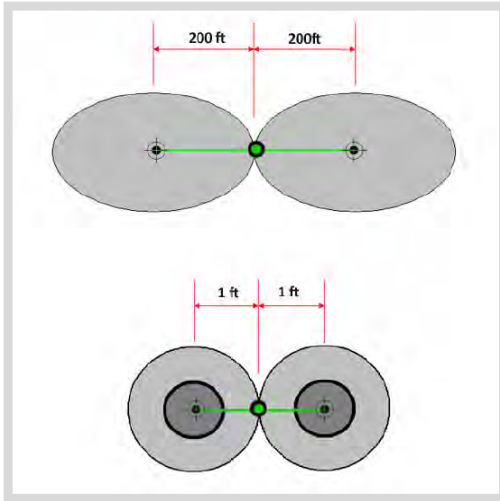


Figure 102: The uncertainty envelopes for two calculation methods

Rules merely using reported separation factor numbers will not distinguish between these two cases.

Reference: [ISCWSA-UHI Introduction to Wellbore Positioning](#)

Offset Design													Offset Site Error: 0.00 m
Survey Program:													Offset Well Error: 0.00 m
Reference	Offset				Semi Major Axis		Distance						
Measured Depth (m)	Vertical Depth (m)	Measured Depth (m)	Vertical Depth (m)	Reference (m)	Offset (m)	Between Centres (m)	Wall-Wall Distance (m)	Between Ellipses (m)	Minimum Separation (m)	Separation Factor	Risked Separation Factor	Probability of Collision	Warning
475.00	474.94	477.47	477.38	0.88	1.04	3.67	3.00	0.33	3.45	1.063	0	1 in 401	SURVEY PROJECTION REQUIRED
500.00	499.93	497.45	497.40	0.90	1.11	3.82	3.24	0.25	3.57	1.069	0	1 in 416	SURVEY PROJECTION REQUIRED
525.00	524.92	522.44	522.39	0.90	1.17	4.24	3.66	0.56	3.68	1.153	0	1 in 687	SURVEY PROJECTION REQUIRED
550.00	549.86	547.39	547.34	0.91	1.23	5.18	4.60	1.39	3.79	1.367	0	1 in 1,533	SURVEY PROJECTION REQUIRED
575.00	574.73	572.31	572.25	0.92	1.29	6.86	6.28	2.97	3.89	1.764	0	1 in 7,686	SURVEY PROJECTION REQUIRED
600.00	599.61	597.11	597.05	0.93	1.34	8.64	8.06	4.65	3.99	2.164	0	1 in 35,428	

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625.00	594.67	626.27	594.40	1.32	1.31	59.60	59.26	55.52	4.08	14.625	0	< 1 in 1E+9	
650.00	619.44	651.16	619.17	1.39	1.37	62.15	61.81	57.89	4.27	14.566	0	< 1 in 1E+9	
675.00	644.13	675.34	643.82	1.45	1.43	64.93	64.59	60.49	4.44	14.618	0	< 1 in 1E+9	
700.00	668.75	700.62	668.37	1.49	1.50	68.55	68.20	63.96	4.58	14.963	0	< 1 in 1E+9	
725.00	693.27	725.56	693.17	1.51	1.56	73.02	72.67	68.32	4.70	15.530	0	< 1 in 1E+9	
750.00	717.65	750.50	717.97	1.53	1.63	78.17	77.83	73.35	4.82	16.204	0	< 1 in 1E+9	
775.00	741.86	774.88	742.21	1.56	1.69	84.13	83.78	79.18	4.95	16.991	0	< 1 in 1E+9	
800.00	765.86	798.86	766.04	1.59	1.76	90.96	90.62	85.88	5.08	17.892	0	< 1 in 1E+9	
825.00	789.61	822.44	799.47	1.62	1.83	98.70	98.42	93.65	5.19	18.663	0	< 1 in 1E+9	
850.00	813.08	846.81	812.70	1.66	1.89	107.36	107.08	102.07	5.28	20.323	0	< 1 in 1E+9	
875.00	836.22	869.96	835.74	1.71	1.94	116.88	116.60	111.47	5.41	21.600	0	< 1 in 1E+9	
900.00	859.01	891.84	858.51	1.75	2.00	127.25	126.97	121.71	5.54	22.963	0	< 1 in 1E+9	
925.00	881.41	914.05	880.62	1.81	2.06	138.44	138.16	132.77	5.67	24.405	0	< 1 in 1E+9	
950.00	903.38	935.06	901.54	1.87	2.11	150.57	150.29	144.77	5.80	25.960	0	< 1 in 1E+9	
975.00	924.89	956.18	922.58	1.93	2.16	163.59	163.31	157.66	5.93	27.589	0	< 1 in 1E+9	
1,000.00	945.91	976.84	943.16	2.00	2.21	177.42	177.15	171.37	6.06	29.283	0	< 1 in 1E+9	
1,025.00	966.41	996.81	963.05	2.08	2.26	192.06	191.79	185.88	6.19	31.047	0	< 1 in 1E+9	
1,050.00	986.34	1,015.91	982.09	2.16	2.31	207.51	207.23	201.20	6.31	32.888	0	< 1 in 1E+9	
1,075.00	1,005.69	1,035.04	1,001.15	2.26	2.35	223.71	223.44	217.28	6.43	34.773	0	< 1 in 1E+9	
1,100.00	1,024.42	1,053.52	1,019.56	2.36	2.40	240.62	240.35	234.07	6.56	36.699	0	< 1 in 1E+9	
1,125.00	1,042.50	1,071.29	1,037.27	2.47	2.44	258.22	257.94	251.54	6.68	38.665	0	< 1 in 1E+9	
1,150.00	1,059.91	1,088.48	1,054.41	2.58	2.48	276.48	276.20	269.68	6.80	40.658	0	< 1 in 1E+9	
1,175.00	1,076.62	1,104.85	1,070.71	2.71	2.52	295.37	295.09	288.45	6.92	42.692	0	< 1 in 1E+9	
3,425.00	2,409.00	3,124.76	2,433.01	9.32	11.80	295.18	294.99	265.54	29.84	9.959	0	< 1 in 1E+9	
3,450.00	2,409.00	3,131.20	2,432.34	9.28	11.71	271.17	270.97	241.31	29.96	9.051	0	< 1 in 1E+9	
3,475.00	2,409.00	3,137.09	2,431.81	9.24	11.81	247.16	246.98	217.11	30.06	8.222	0	< 1 in 1E+9	
3,500.00	2,409.00	3,142.98	2,431.37	9.20	11.91	223.23	223.03	192.96	30.27	7.375	0	< 1 in 1E+9	
3,525.00	2,409.00	3,148.99	2,431.04	9.17	12.01	199.33	199.13	168.85	30.47	6.541	0	< 1 in 1E+9	
3,550.00	2,409.00	3,155.14	2,430.81	9.13	12.11	175.49	175.29	144.80	30.68	5.719	0	< 1 in 1E+9	
3,575.00	2,409.00	3,161.54	2,430.68	9.10	12.22	151.73	151.54	120.83	30.90	4.910	0	< 1 in 1E+9	
3,600.00	2,409.00	3,168.54	2,430.60	9.07	12.35	128.07	127.88	96.94	31.13	4.114	0	1 in 129,032,312	
3,625.00	2,409.00	3,175.58	2,430.55	9.05	12.47	104.55	104.35	73.22	31.33	3.337	0	1 in 1,056,917	
3,650.00	2,409.00	3,182.65	2,430.53	9.02	12.59	81.26	81.09	49.84	31.45	2.595	0	1 in 1,268,133	
3,675.00	2,409.00	3,189.77	2,430.55	9.00	12.71	58.56	58.37	27.38	31.29	1.872	0	1 in 120,152	SURVEY PROJECTION REQUIRED
3,700.00	2,409.00	3,197.04	2,430.56	8.98	12.84	37.36	37.19	7.54	30.85	1.262	0	1 in 12,581	SURVEY PROJECTION REQUIRED
3,725.00	2,409.00	3,204.42	2,430.56	8.97	12.97	22.56	22.36	0.56	22.00	1.026	0	1 in 3,815	SURVEY PROJECTION REQUIRED

# Probability of Collision: Jerry Codling

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### Probability of Wellbore Intercept Made Easy

Jeremy Codling, Halliburton

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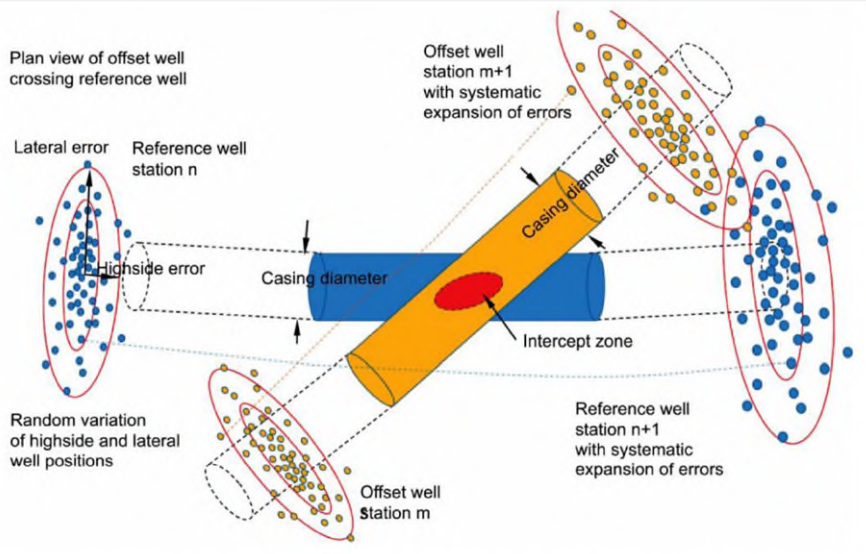
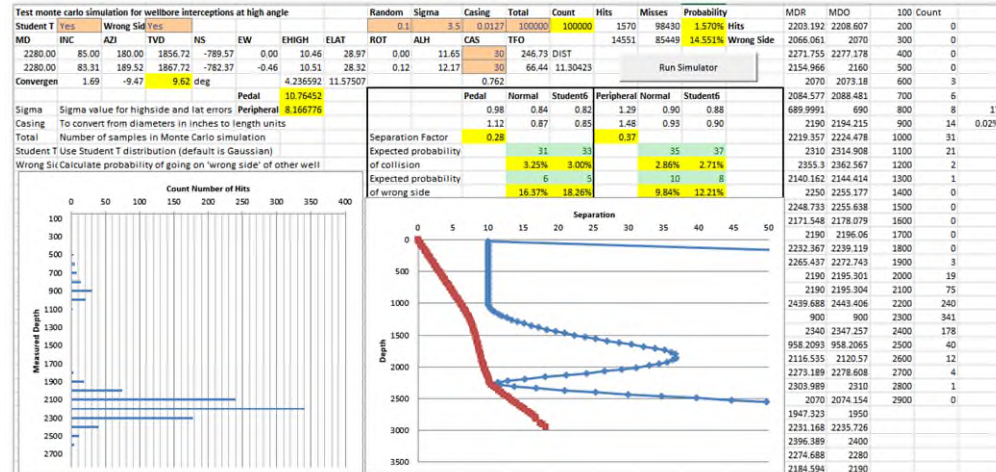


Figure 2—Illustration of Monte Carlo simulator for well intercept.



## Probability of Collision – Cont'd

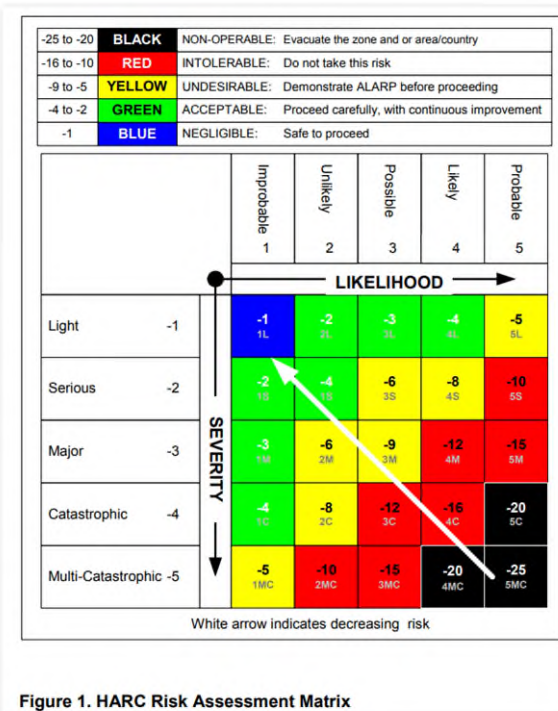


Figure 1. HARC Risk Assessment Matrix

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#### A Comprehensive Approach to Well-Collision Avoidance

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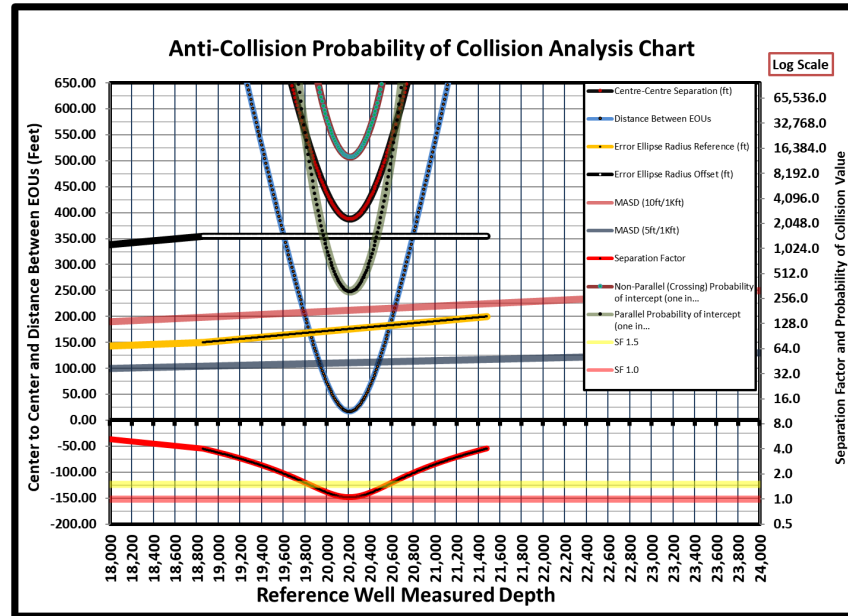


## Group discussion

- How do different operators address Probability of Collision in Risk Assessment / MOC process?
- Is there an agreement in the industry on a specific model to calculate Probability of Collision?
- What is the “accepted” threshold for Probability of Collision in non-HSE risk well cases?
- For operators who use Compass, what is the calculation method used in Compass? Any recommended settings for Anti-collision scan?
- Further research / testing recommendations?

# Probability of Collision – Chart / Plot

- REPORTS AND CHARTS
- RISKED COST CALCULATIONS
- DISPENSATION FOR NON-HSE RISK OFFSETS
- MASD AND ADP
- INCIDENCE ANGLE OF APPROACH





# Projection Ahead Case Study (Marc Willerth)

$$SF = \frac{D - R_r - R_o - S_m}{k \sqrt{\sigma_s^2 + \sigma_{pa}^2}} \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

Parameter Description

$D$	The distance between a specified point on the centerline of the reference well and the nearest point on the centerline of the offset well. The point on the reference well is specified first. The point on the offset well is identified as the point of closest approach in 3D space or in the plane normal to the reference well when traveling-cylinder diagrams are being used for collision monitoring (ISCWSA 2013).
$R_r$	The openhole radius of the reference borehole.
$R_o$	The openhole radius of the offset borehole.
$S_m$	The surface margin term increases the effective radius of the offset well. It accommodates small, unidentified errors and helps overcome one of the geometric limitations of the separation rule, described in the Separation-Rule Limitations section. It also defines the minimum acceptable slot separation during facility design and ensures that the separation rule will prohibit the activity before nominal contact between the reference and offset wells, even if the position uncertainty is zero.
$k$	The dimensionless scaling factor that determines the probability of well crossing.
$\sigma_{pa}$	Quantifies the 1-SD uncertainty in the projection ahead of the current survey station. Its value is partially correlated with the projection distance, determined as the current survey depth to the bit plus the next survey interval. The magnitude of the actual uncertainty also depends on the planned curvature and on the actual BHA performance at the wellbore attitude in the formation being drilled. The project-ahead uncertainty is only an approximation, and although it is predominantly oriented normal to the reference well, it is mathematically convenient to define $\sigma_{pa}$ as being the radius of a sphere.
$\sigma_s$	The relative uncertainty at one SD between the two points of interest, derived from their respective positional uncertainties $\sigma_r$ and $\sigma_o$ in the direction of $D$ (see Appendix A).

Table 2—Description of the parameters used in the SF equation. SD = standard deviation.

$$SF = \frac{D - R_r - R_o - S_m}{k \sqrt{\sigma_s^2 + \sigma_{pa}^2}}$$





# Future Case Study and Discussion Topic

- Unconventional Pad Surface and Intermediate Steering for Safe Separation
  - Recommended Slot Spacing
  - Surface Nudges
  - S-Shaped with 2D Curve vs. Slant with 3D Curves
- DLS Limitations for Artificial Lift (Well Life Cycle)
- Tie-In Practices for Whipstock Sidetracks & Openhole Sidetracks
- Revision 5.x Naming Format for PUMs



# Thank you

Next Meeting will be on February 5, 2024.