Well Control Seminar → Communication



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to avoid major accidents

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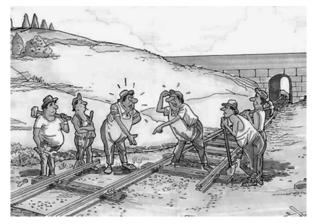




The goal of the learning package is to avoid major accidents by ensuring <u>common</u> situational <u>understanding</u> through:

- Early involvement of the right competence and experience
- Good <u>collaboration</u>, facility specific expertise and barrier understanding
- Thorough <u>assessment</u> of how <u>decisions</u> and framework conditions affect the risk of major accidents





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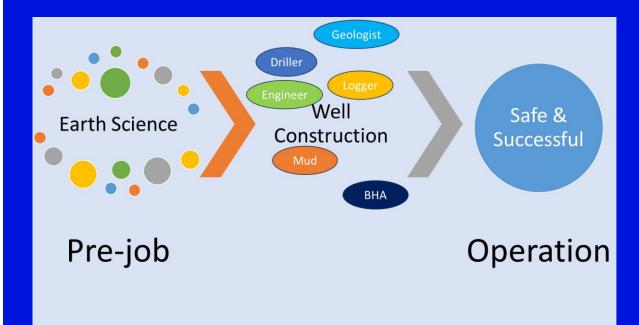
- → Well operations are a team effort
 - Multi Discipline, Multi Company
 - Diversity is not an option it is a requirement
 - ... Multiple Points of view
- → One Team → Best chance of success

- → What makes a good team work well?
- → Communication → Transmission* of Information
- *Transmission = Send + Receive + Understand

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- Many people
- → Widely varying areas of expertise
- → A Big Challenge



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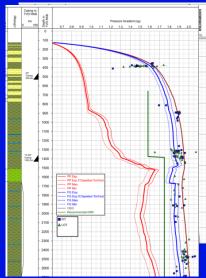
> Formation Pressure estimation is not easy

- Wildcat exploration wells will likely have limited data available
 Seismic, Offset wells (if any) geographically distant
- Production\PnA wells may have an overwhelming amount of data
 4D Seismic, Formation pressure, Multiple offsets close by
- ... but Production may complicate the pressure/stress regime and just the amount of data can be overwhelming)

→ In all cases Formation Pressure estimations contain

some degree of uncertainty

- → Pre-Ops Communication
 - <u>Team</u> Understanding of the
 prognosed risks (& objectives)
 - Can the objective be achieved at an acceptable level of risk?



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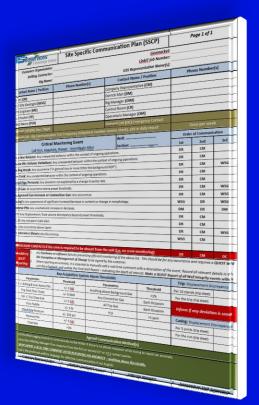
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– Are observations & data in line with the model?

- → Vast majority of operations
- → Reactive\Passive Monitoring
 - Surface rig data
 - RT M\LWD data
 - Lag data: Gas, Cuttings, Cavings
- Site Specific Communications Plan
 - Formalised reporting requirements
 - Levels of escalation
 - Data Analyst, Driller, DSV,
 Wellsite Geologist





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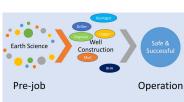
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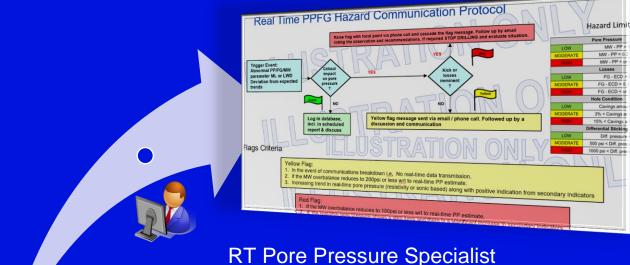
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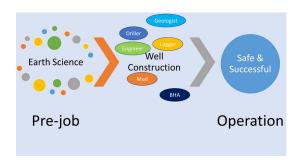
Proactive Forecasting based on Real-Time Updates



Observations & Data

- - Analysis & interpretation
 - 24/7 Model updates
 - Look-ahead Forecast
 - Drilling window desktop sharing
 - Formalised Communication Protocol
 - Defined together with client
 - Onshore & Offshore personnel

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- → Models can be built incorporating a significant amount of "geological" information enabling formation pressure estimation
- → Even in the best case, uncertainties still exist in the pre-drill earth model
- → Risks and Uncertainties can be mitigated if understood
- → Uncertainties can be constrained as new data is acquired
- The best available source of uncertainty reduction is often the data being acquired in the well

...but communications must be effective

"The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place." - George Bernard Shaw