

Drilling Automation is Underway: Insights from the Industry Roadmap

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Relevant background



I co-founded the Industry DSA Roadmap Initiative in 2013



I led this initiative as Program Manager for over 6 years



We reached out to 50 experts globally through 15 steering committee members



It cost over \$800,000 – we raised \$215,000 through industry JIP (20 companies) to partially offset



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I am taking the 'helicopter view'

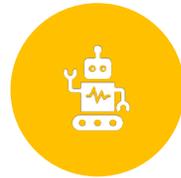
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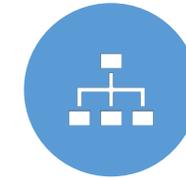
Data quality



Data flow



Levels of
Automation



Systems
Architecture



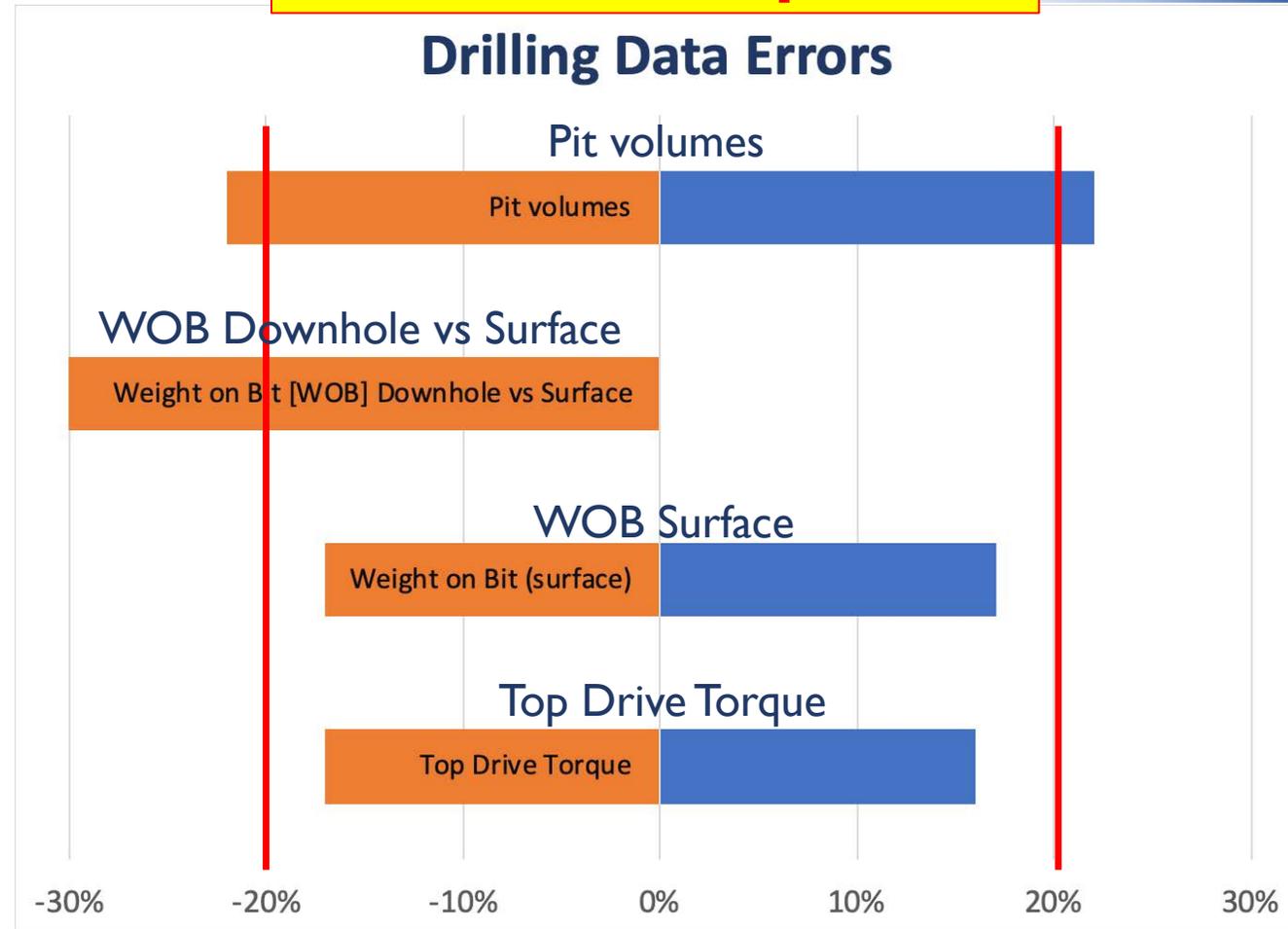
Where next?

Drilling data exhibits some key quality data issues

Is +/- 20% acceptable?

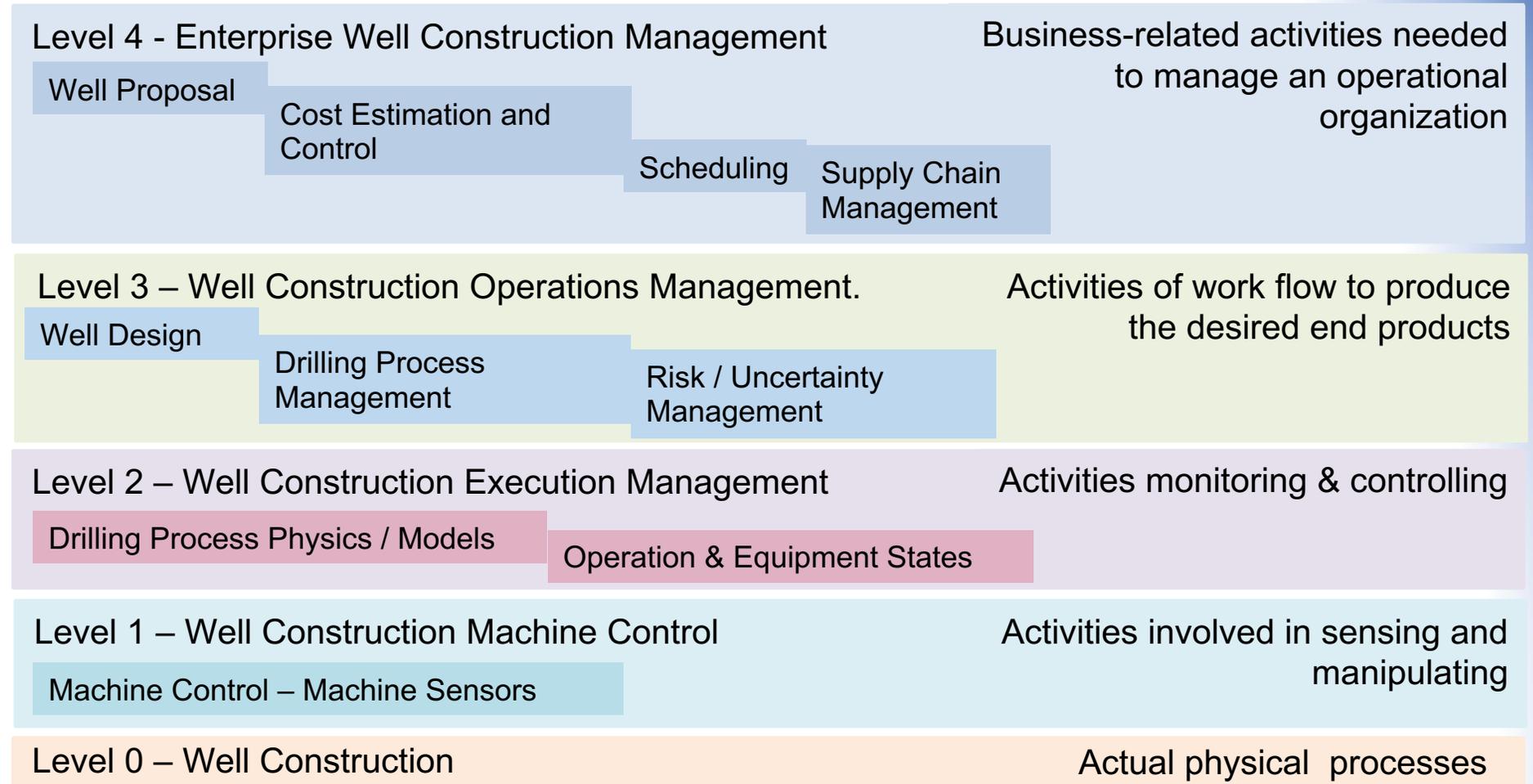
- Errors stack up - sensor to data user
 - Sensor / installation / compensation / signal conversion / calculation / transmission
- Significant lack of meta data (data giving information about data)
 - Measurements have unknown quality
- **Who here knows the true accuracy of their drilling data?**

SPE 184741; SPE 189626; SPE 189636; SPE 139848



Drilling Systems Automation Decision and Control Framework – construct for data flow

- Purdue Reference Model for Computer Integrated Manufacturing (1989)
- International Society of Automation ISA 95 standard defined for industrial application
- Relevant for DSA
- Bottom up mapping overview (examples)



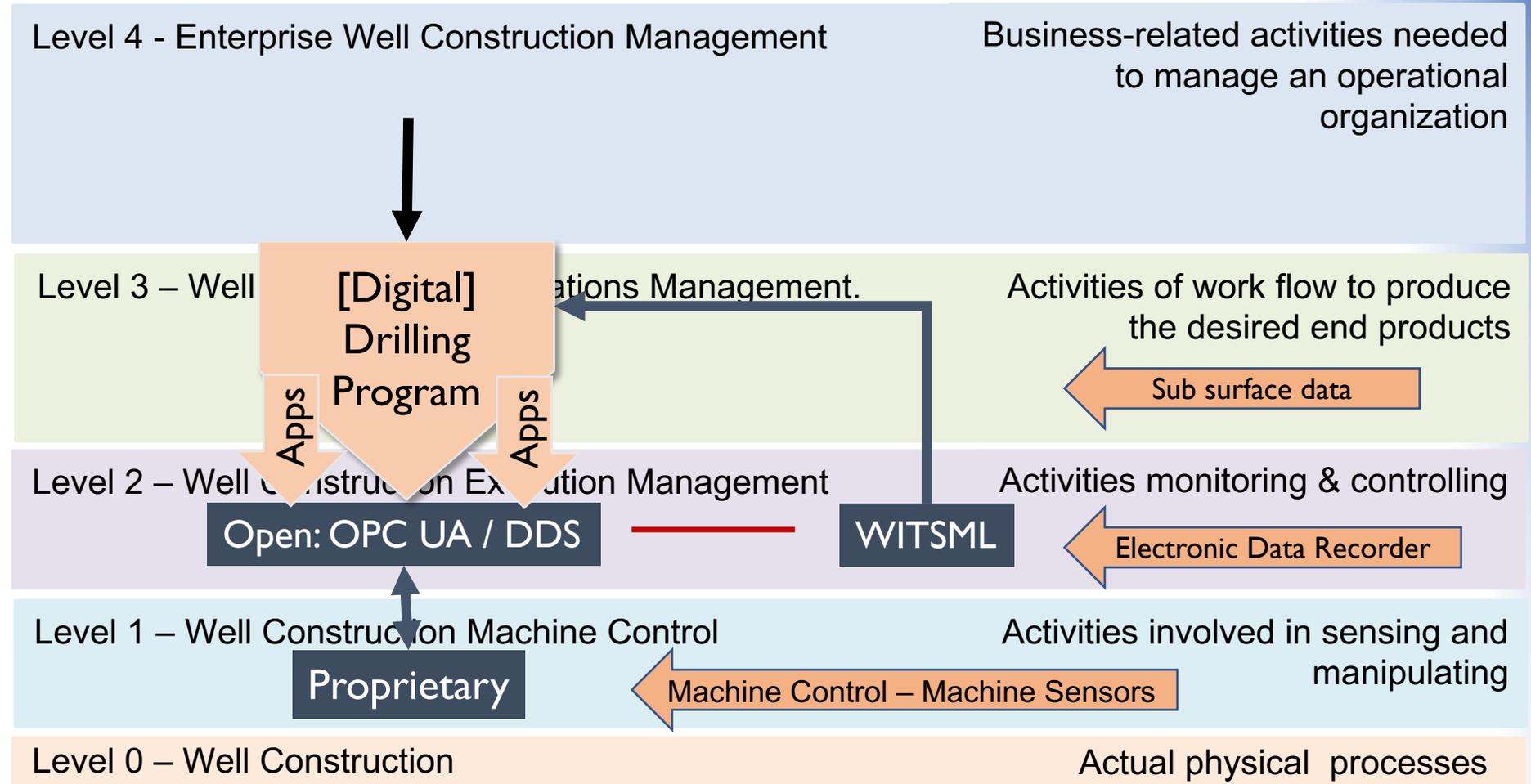
Data sourcing and communication is an challenge

WITSML - Well-Site Information Transfer Standard Markup Language employed for transmitting technical data between organizations in the petroleum industry

OPC UA - Open Platforms Communication Unified Architecture machine to machine communication protocol for industrial automation

DDS - Data Distribution Service application connectivity standard

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Automation is not all or nothing

Humans will remain in the loop to various degrees

Mapping transition from manual through augmented to automated built upon huge depth of expertise & experience:

1. Sheridan et al, 1978

- 10 levels of automation from manual to autonomous

2. Parasuramen et al, 2000

- 4 cognitive functions for humans and automation

3. Save et al, 2014

- Application matrix in European aviation automation industry initiative with pilots and air traffic control

4. DSA Roadmap adopted with permission

Levels of Automation Taxonomy [LOAT]

Supported Function	Information Acquisition	A	Information Analysis	B	Decision and Action Selection	C	Action Implementation	D
Done by Humans	Manually	A0	Memory analysis	B0	Human decision	C0	Manual control	D0
	Supported by artifact	A1	Supported by artifact	B1	Supported by artifact	C1	Supported by artifact	D1
Supported by Automation	Low level automation support	A2	Low level automation support	B2	Automated decision support	C2	Step-by-step action support	D2
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Key issues for transitioning to higher automation levels

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	Medium level support		Medium level support		Rigid automation decision support		Rigid automation decision support	Level support action	D3
	High level automation support		High level automation support		High level automation support		High level automation support	Level support action	D4
	Full automation support		Full automation support		Full automation support		Full automation support	Full automation support	
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Advisory directional drilling

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Automated directional drilling

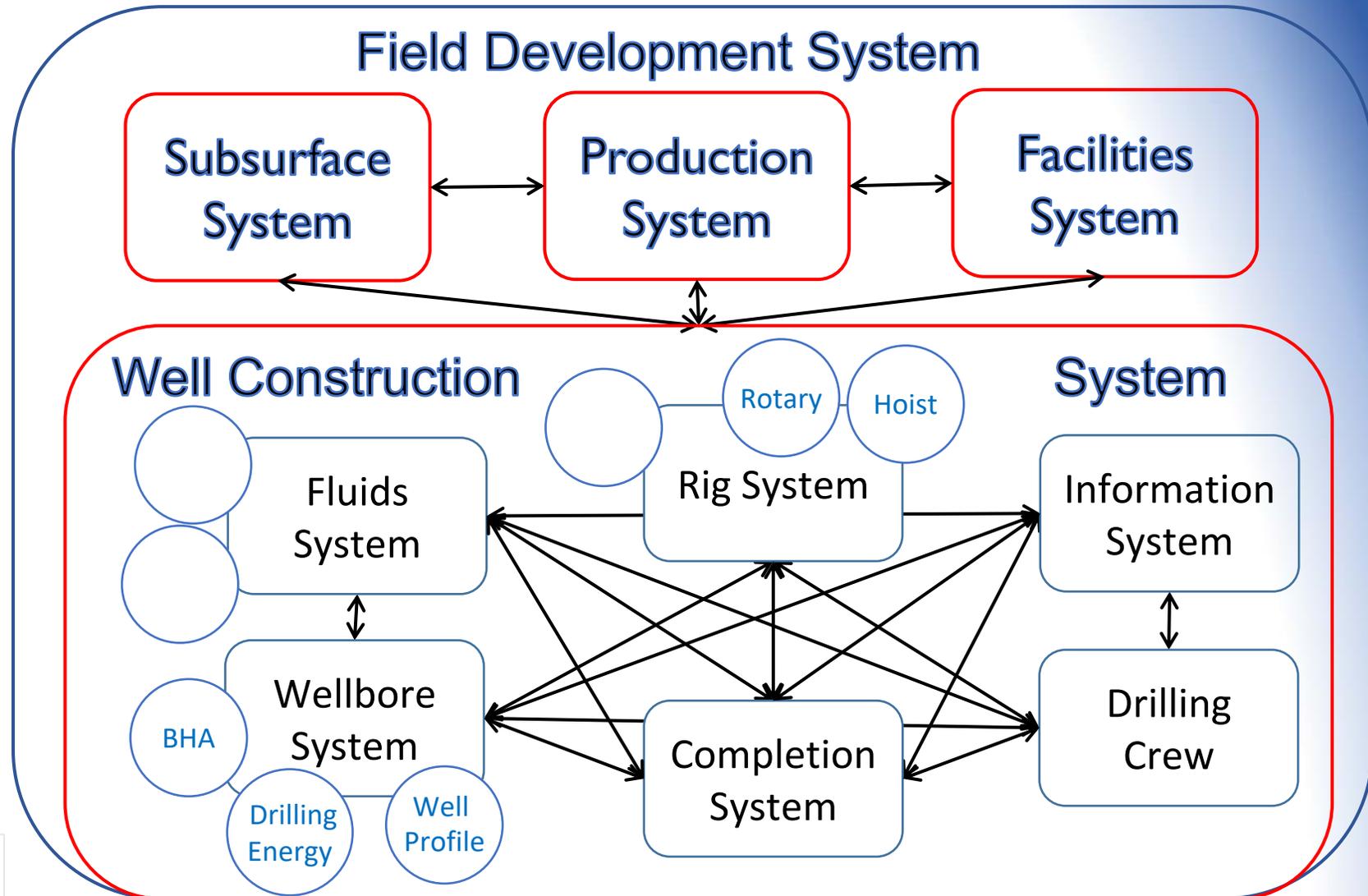
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Drilling is a complex, poorly organized collection of systems and sub systems

- **Minimizing complexity impact requires an industry architecture**
 - Currently a common architecture does not exist
- **Interoperability is not natural**
 - Proprietary is perceived as competitive advantage
- **Improved interoperability will support uptake**
 - Demonstrated in other industries (aerospace, automobiles, telecommunications, ..)
- **Bottom up implementation is underway with sub systems**
 - Miss opportunities unless fit into an industry architecture
- **Top down approach provides holistic value delivery**
 - Maximum value generation

Systems of Systems view

- Now automating Systems of Interest:
 - Rotary / hoist / BHA / drilling energy / Well profile
- Opportunity is to plan comprehensive top down automation



Derived from International Council on Systems Engineering
Published in DSA Roadmap

Drilling Systems Automation brings value initially to the operator

- Improving consistency over multiple cycles
 - tripping
- Reducing operational durations
 - drill a stand cycle time
 - improvement drilling rate of penetration
- Improving wellbore placement
 - automation higher frequency / lower latency than humans
 - connect to real time subsurface models for instantaneous geosteering
- Improving wellbore quality for lower production operating costs / downtime, increased production
 - lower tortuosity (e.g. Artificial Lift Systems)
 - reduced fluid drop out

Where next?

Pre-determines - stable or predictable outcomes

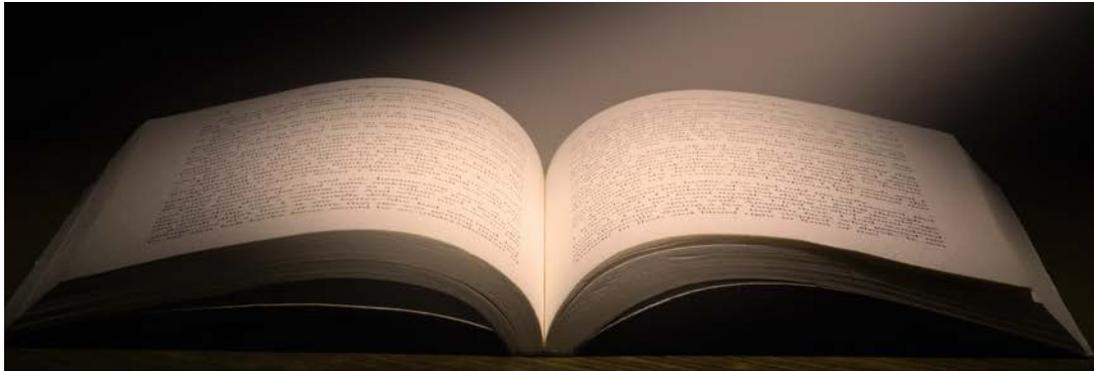
- Sensors and processed data in drilling systems continue to evolve slowly from some very basic technologies
 - Manually measuring mud parameters intermittently
 - Initiatives are underway
- Data acquisition and analytics is moving up the maturity curve (slowly)
 - Moore's law / lowering costs / advancing sensors
- Surface and downhole equipment are separate suppliers (typically)
 - Purchases of companies shifting but the dichotomy will remain
- Independent rig control systems
 - Rigs own their systems and their systems are not consistent across the fleet
 - Incentive to be the platform for automated systems

Uncertainties - unstable or unpredictable outcomes

- Downhole telemetry capability, cost and value
 - Low data rates / high latency versus high data rate / low latency?
 - Automate remotely downhole or automate through surface control loops
- Multiple sub systems of automation versus integrated system
 - Single entity / collaborators take lead?
 - Integration and interoperability – happen or not?
 - Risks from unintended consequences of independent sub systems?
- Asset obsolescence
 - Replace current assets with assets designed to incorporate automation?
 - Cost constrained business versus innovators with funding?
- Financial rewards
 - Going to the operators – will business models change?
 - Will the investors in the technology earn the returns (now is competitive advantage)?

Drilling systems automation is advancing rapidly

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