

# Operating in Difficult Times – What to use ? When to Use?

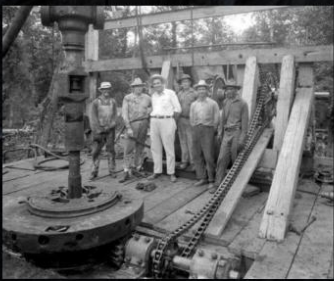
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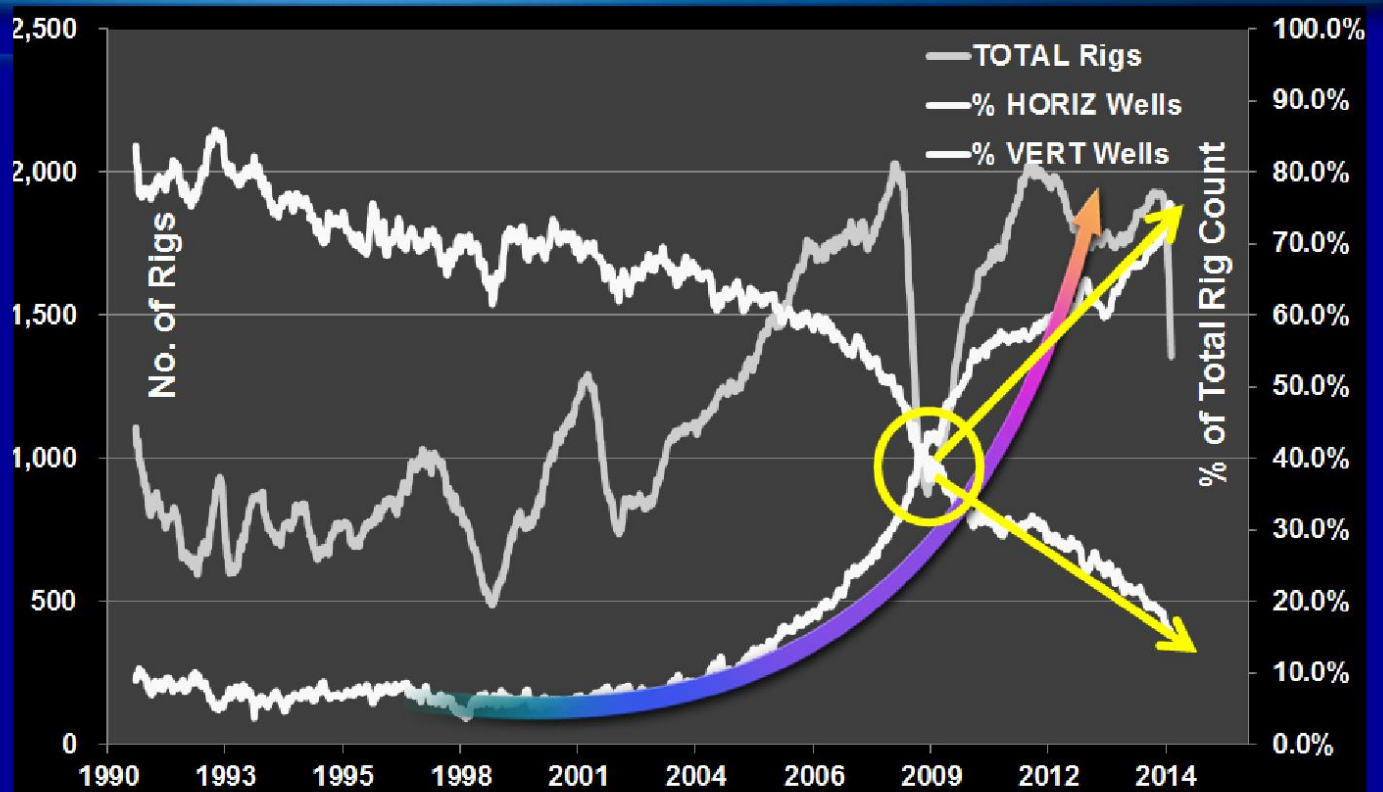


**As move**



**forward in deep earth exploration**

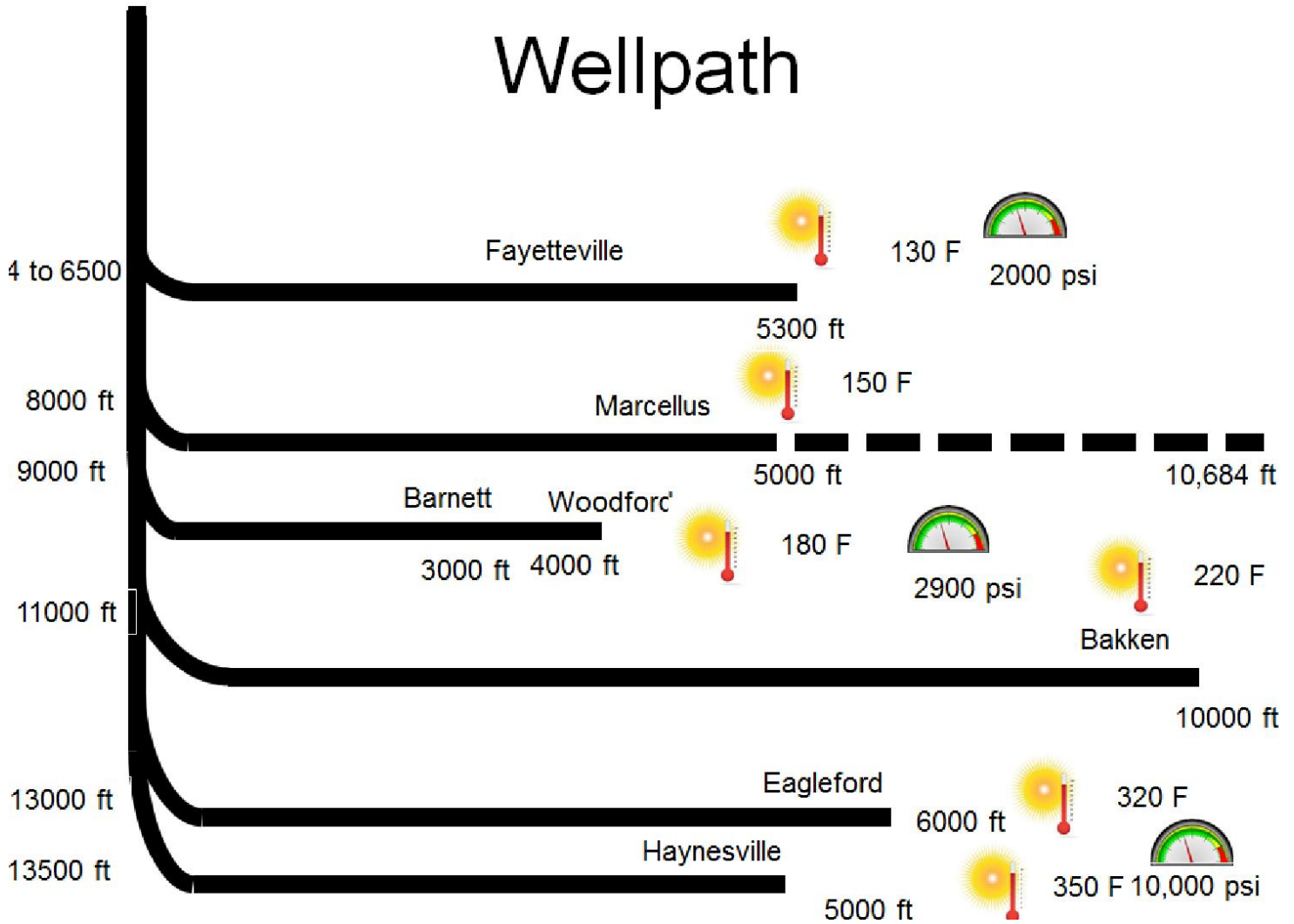
# Stretching the Space



Sharp uptick in horizontal drilling

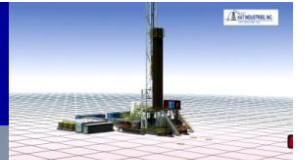
Source: BHI Rig Count

# Wellpath



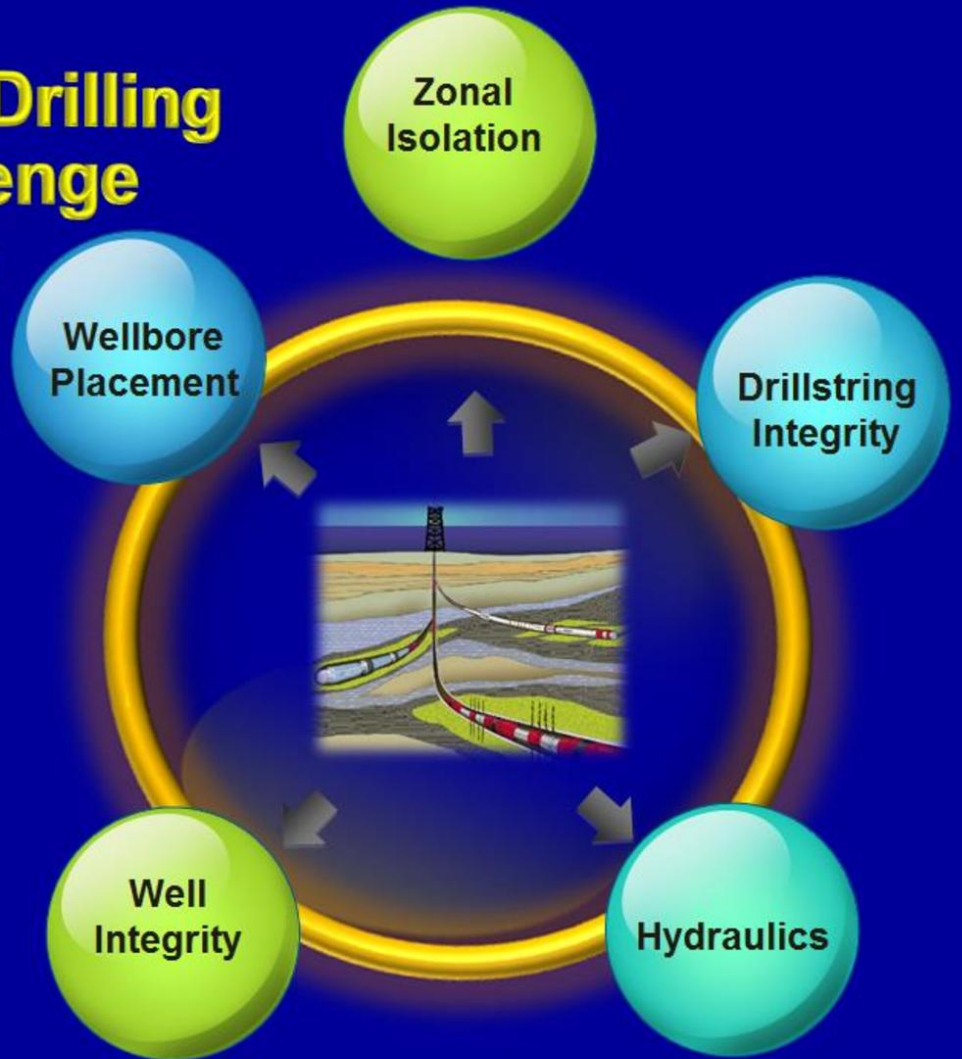


# Walking Rigs

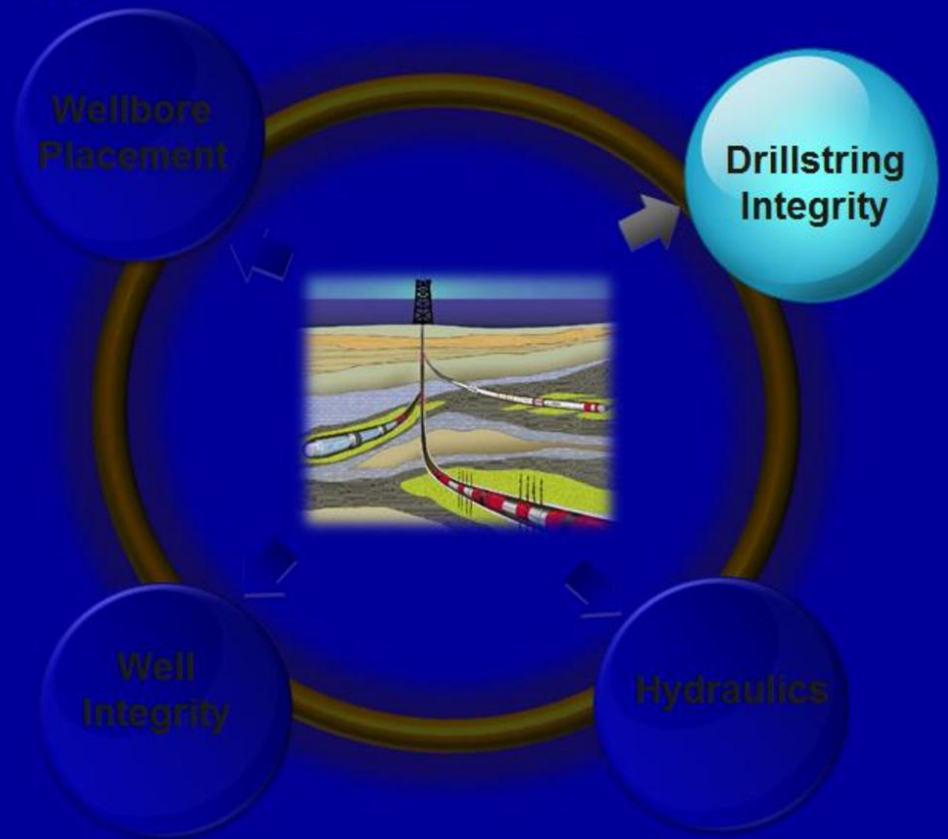


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## Main Drilling Challenge Areas

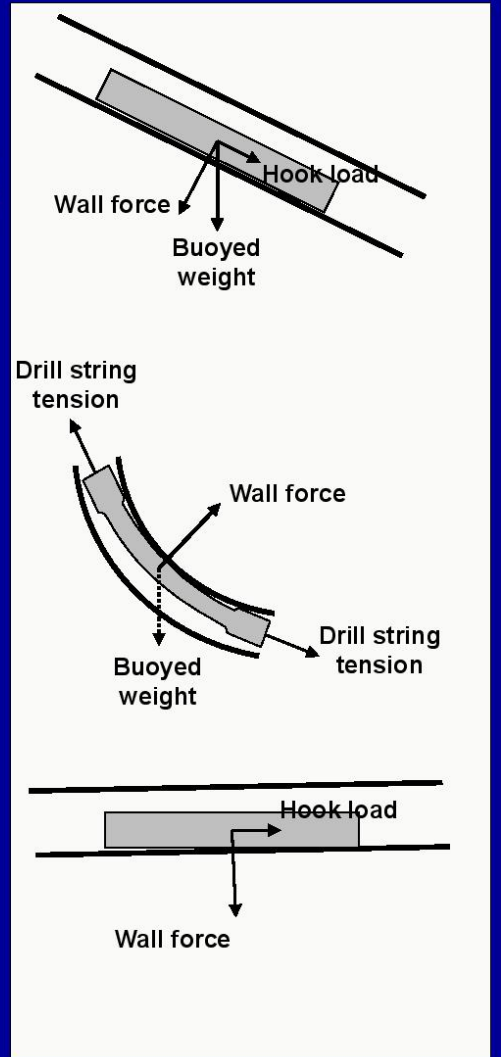


# 1<sup>st</sup> Main Drilling Challenge Area



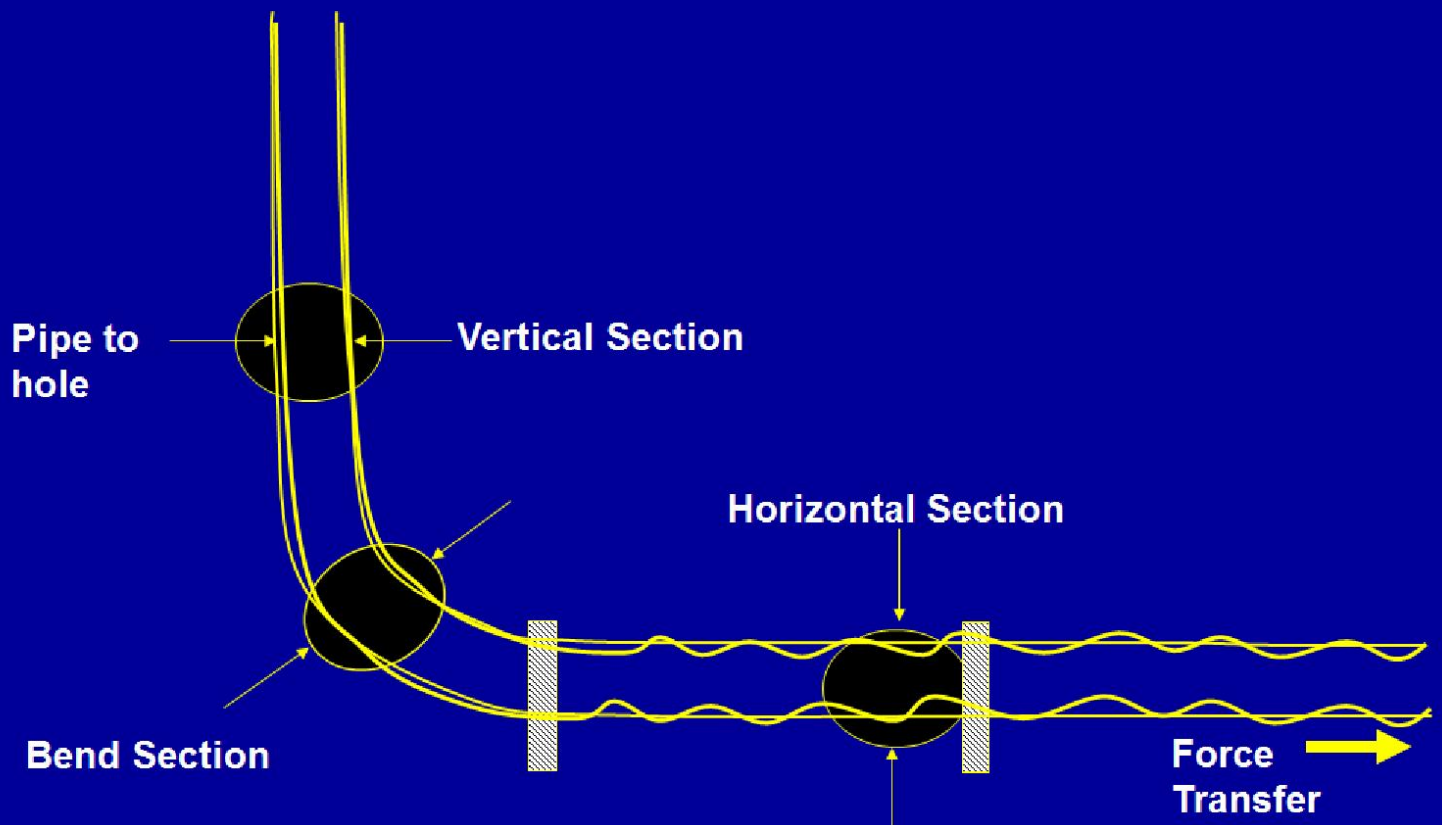
# Drillstring Integrity- Basics

- Gravity
- Hole curvature or dog legs
- Buckling
- Centrifugal forces



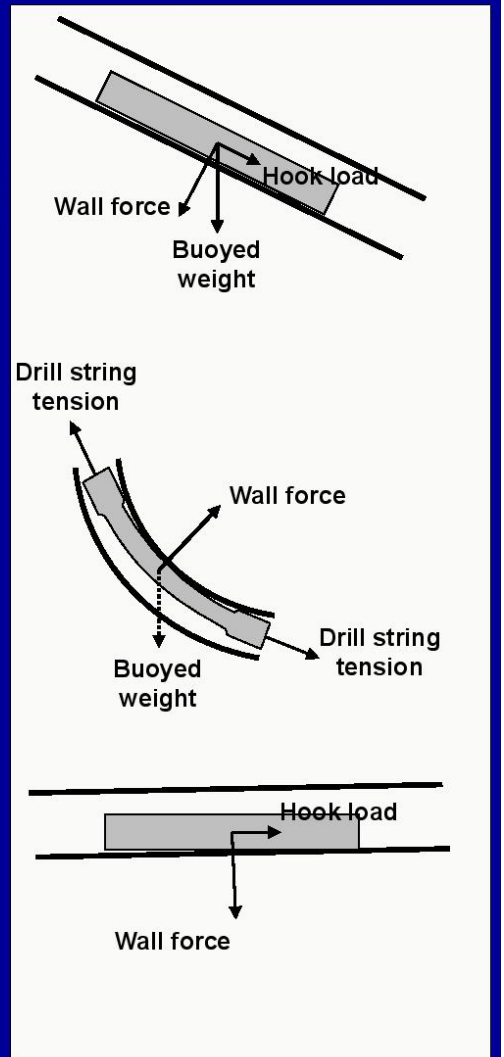


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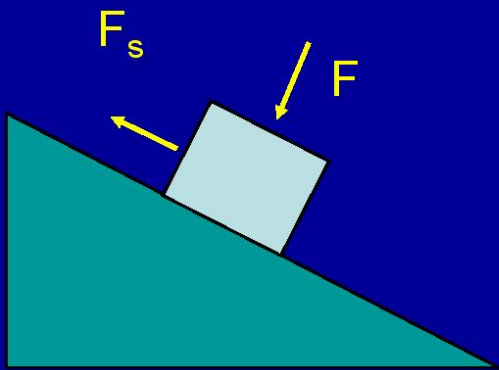
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- Friction along the wellbore
- Gravity
- Hole curvature or dog legs
- Buckling
- Centrifugal forces



# Drillstring Integrity- Basics

- Friction



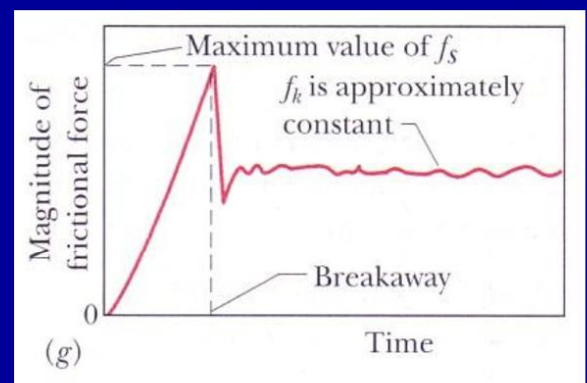
- Friction Factor

$$F_s = \mu_s F$$

$\mu_s$  = coefficient of static friction

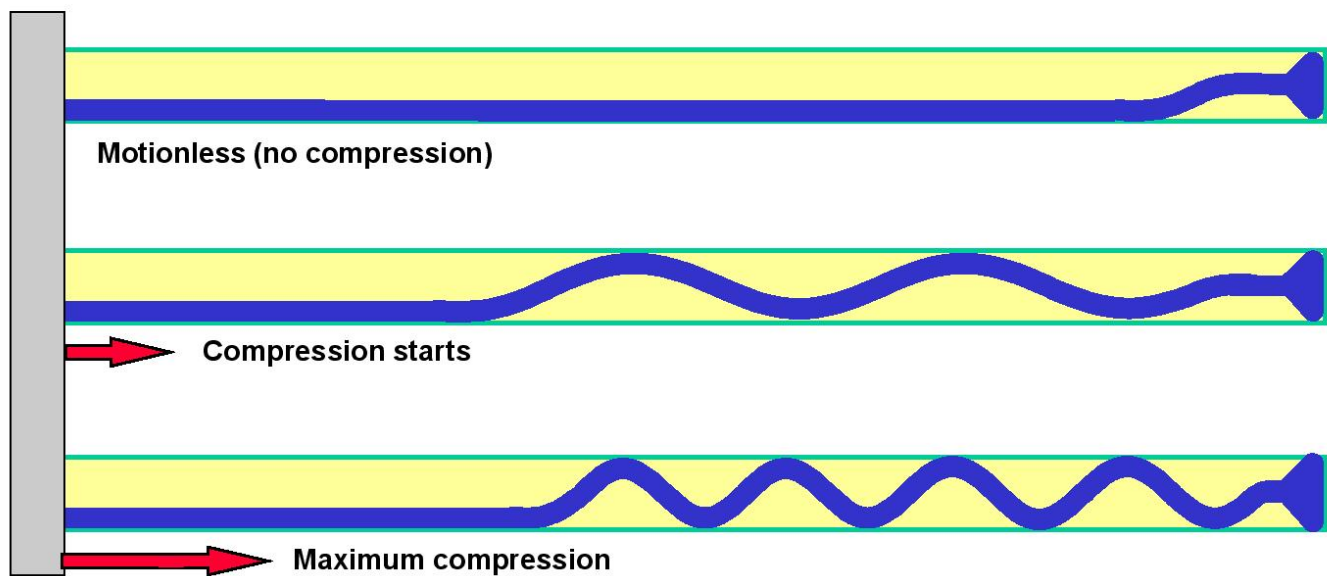
$$F_k = \mu_k F$$

$\mu_k$  = coefficient of kinetic friction



# Buckling – Critical buckling

## Development of Buckling



# Drillstring Integrity- Challenges

- Weight transfer & Buckling
- Increased Torque and Drag
- Vibration
  - Lateral Vibration – Bit/Drillpipe Whirl
  - Torsional Vibration – Stick/Slip
  - Axial Vibration – Bit Bounce
- Excessive tubular Wear
- Wellbore heating

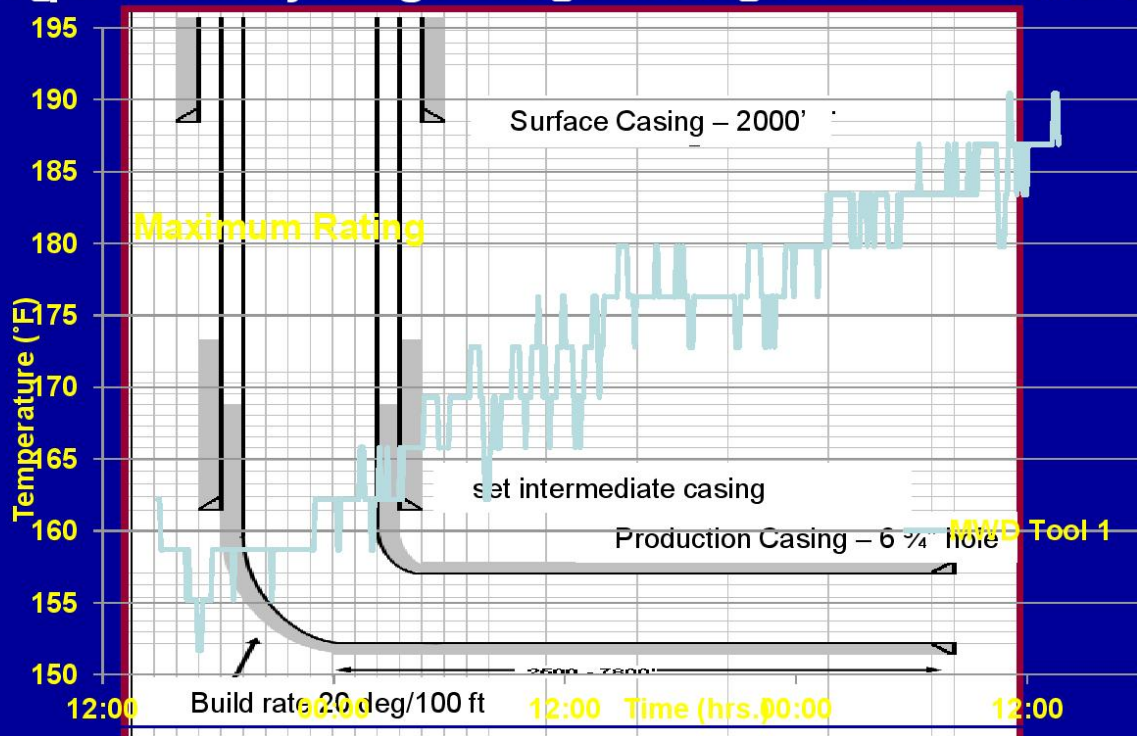


Courtesy: BP Alaska Well



# Drillstring Integrity- Challenges

- Temperature rise by contact High heat generation due to friction

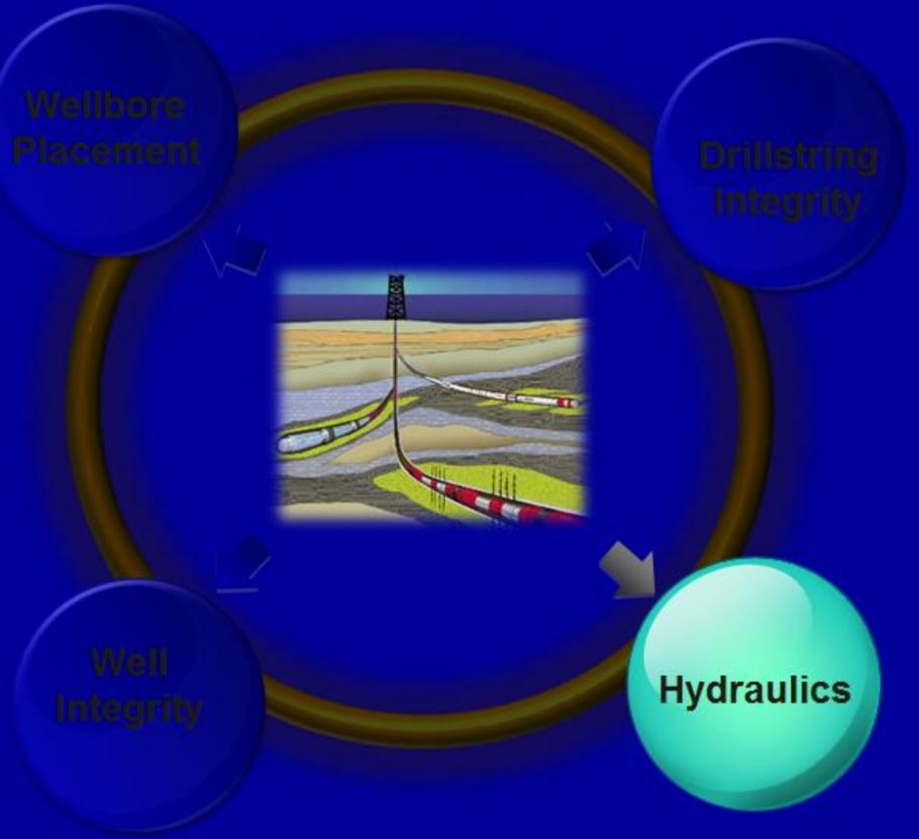


Source: SPE 134512 - Shell

# Drillstring Integrity- Advancements

- Improved torque and drag modeling
- Provide additional torque to Rotary steerable with mud motors
- Vibration measurements through multiple tools
- Tools to convert sliding to rolling friction such as agitator tools, tractors
- Mechanical lubricants – glass, polymer

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Main Drilling Challenge Area



# Particle Transport- Basics

Vertical ( $0^{\circ}$  - $20^{\circ}$ )

Deviated ( $20^{\circ}$  - $70^{\circ}$ )

Horizontal ( $70^{\circ}$  - $90^{\circ}$ )



▪ Settling

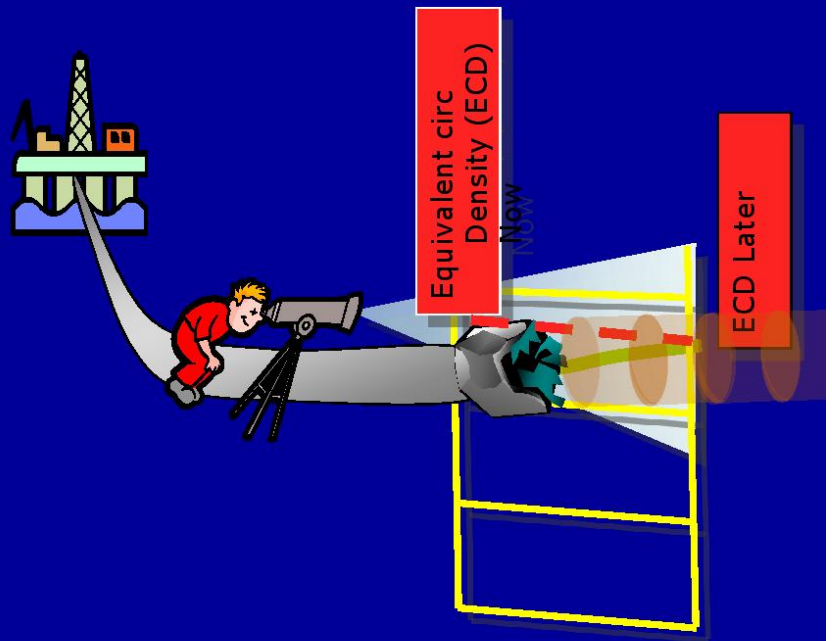
▪ Sliding

▪ Rolling



# Hydraulics Challenges

- Cuttings bed and barite Sag
- Annular Pressure Management and Loss Circulation



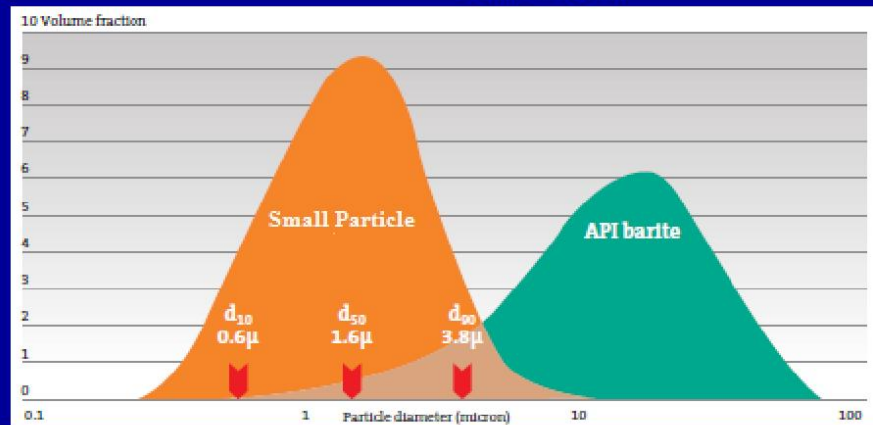


# Hydraulics- Advancements

- Mechanical Hole Cleaning Devices
- Small micronized weighting agent
- Improved understanding and modeling

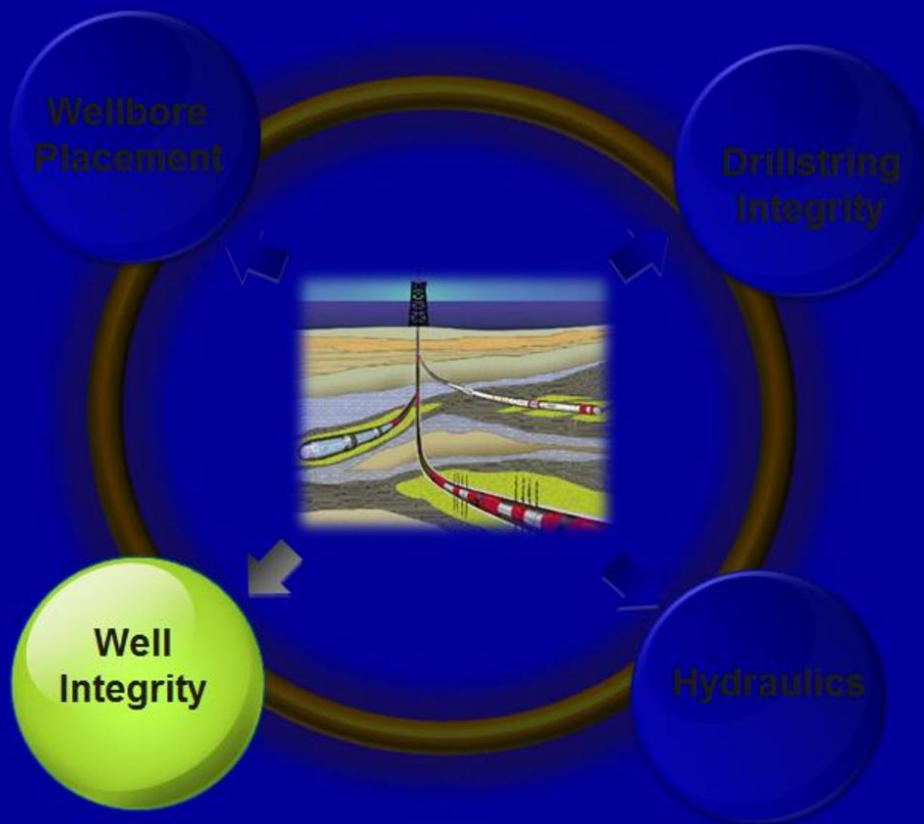


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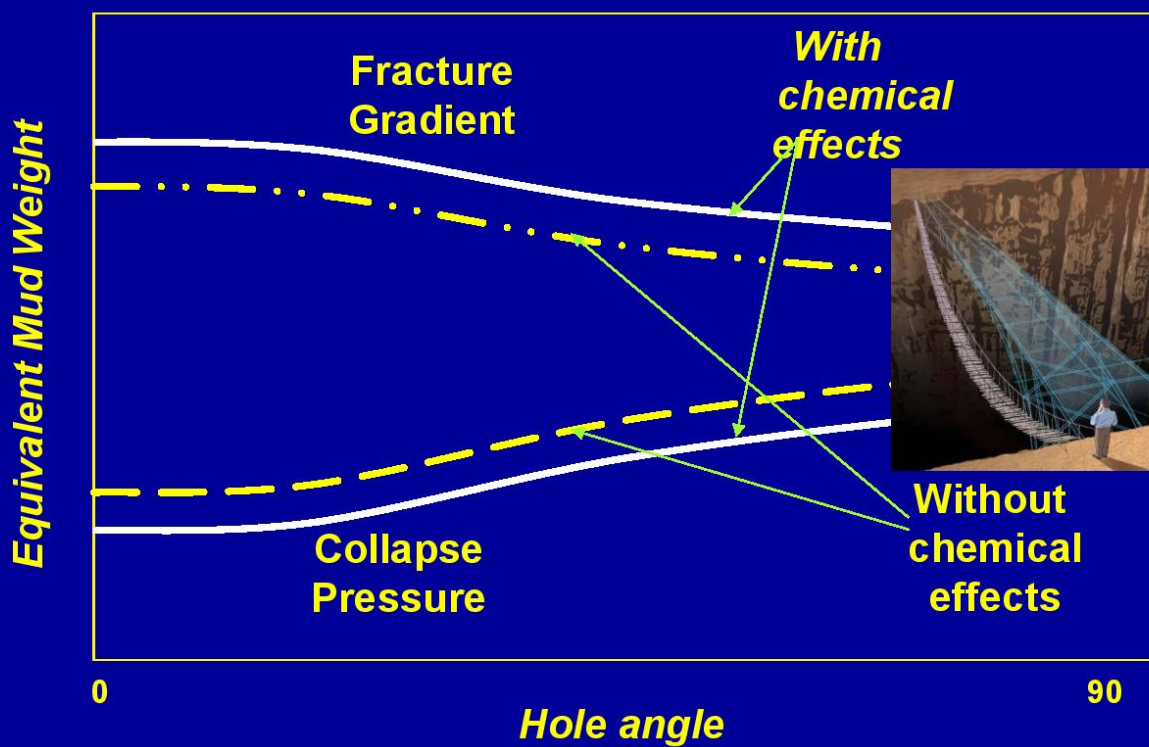
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# 3<sup>rd</sup> Main Drilling Challenge Area



# Wellbore Integrity - Basics

- Bridging the collapse Pressure/Frac Gradient Gap



# Wellbore Integrity - Challenges

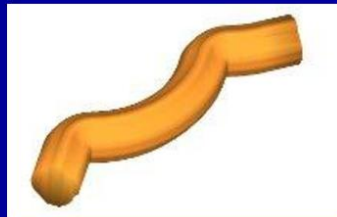
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- **Wellbore Stability**  
Collapsing shale/carbonates
- **Borehole erosion**

# One Other Issue: Hole Quality

Vibration-induced ledges

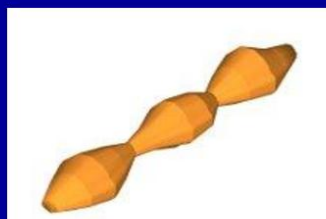
- Rippling
  - Slide mode



- Spiraling
  - Rotate mode



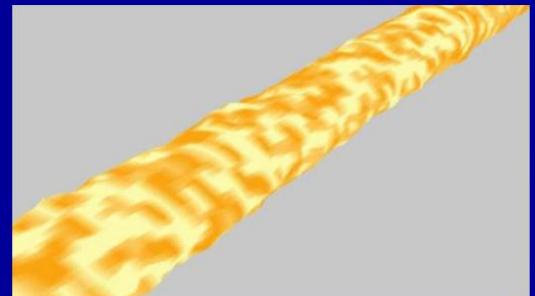
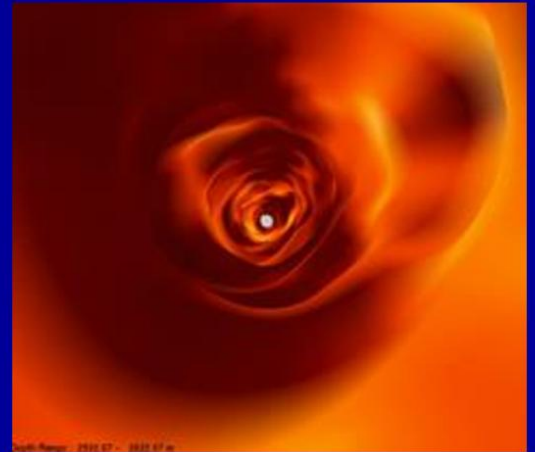
- Hourglassing
  - Caused by lateral vibration
  - Slide and rotate modes





# Wellbore Integrity - Advancements

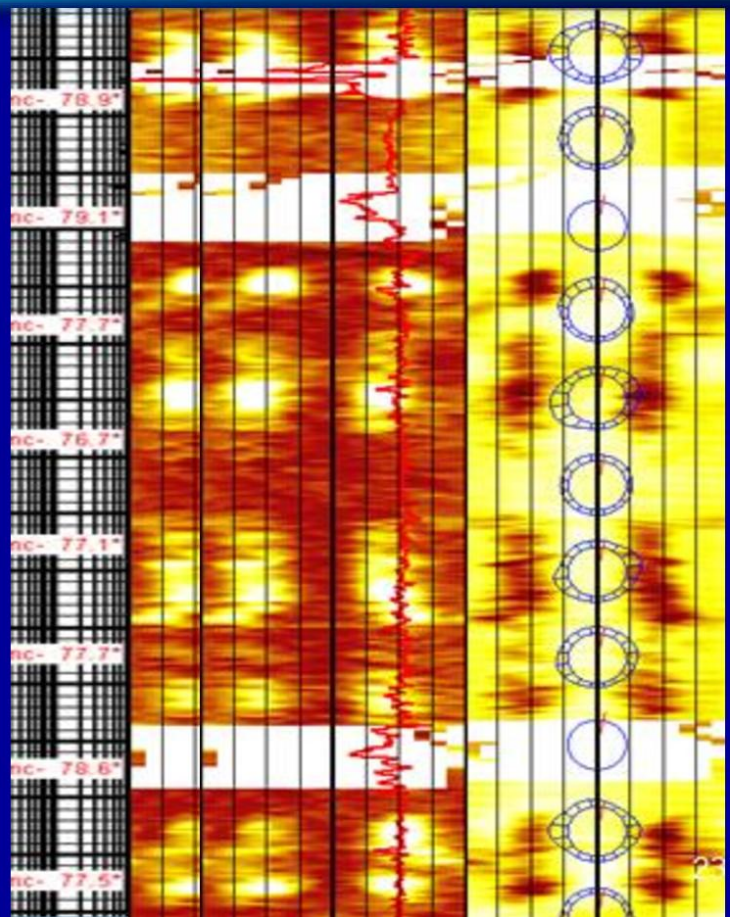
- Smooth wellpath with improved bit design and downhole tools
- Advanced measurement tools for borehole imaging
- Improved salinity control to inhibit shale activity levels



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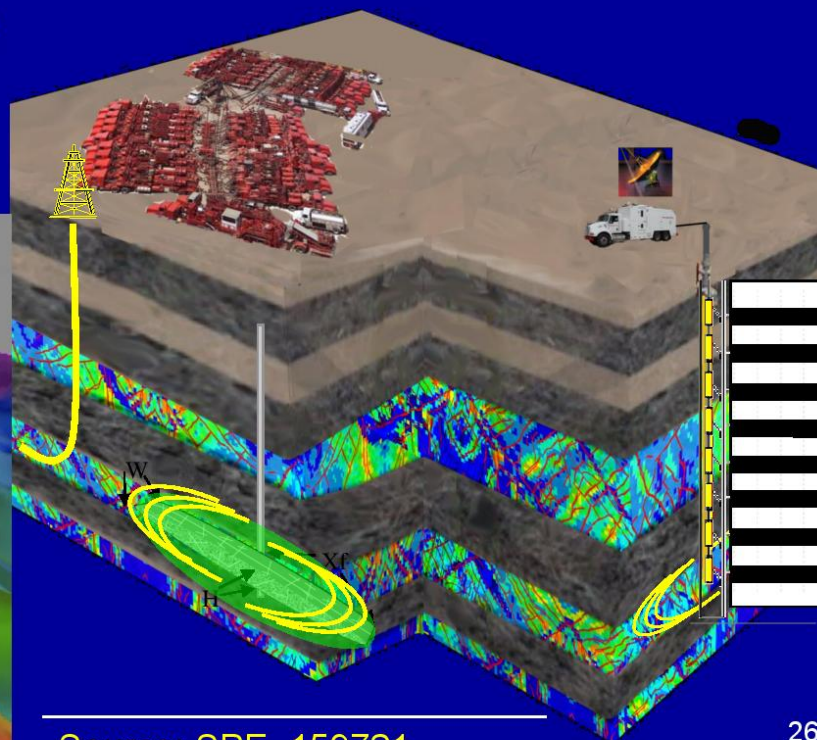
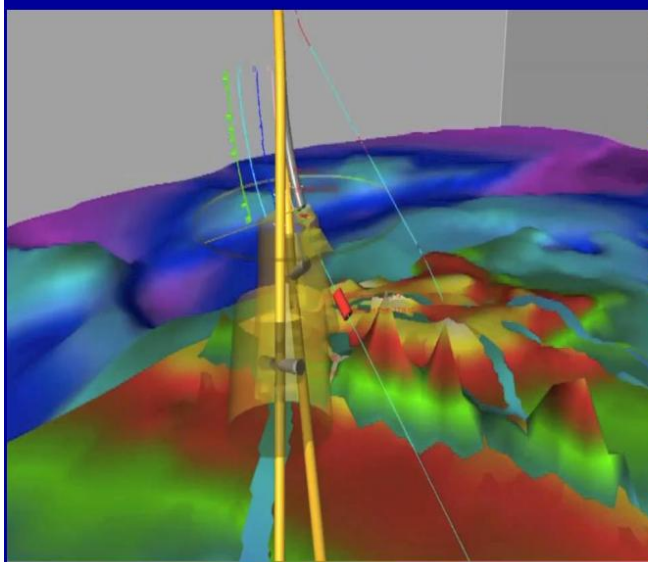
Azimuthal density imaging and acoustic standoff imaging tools used to map the borehole breakout

**Irregular hole shapes -  
Eyeliding**



# Fracture Uncertainty – Real Time Analysis

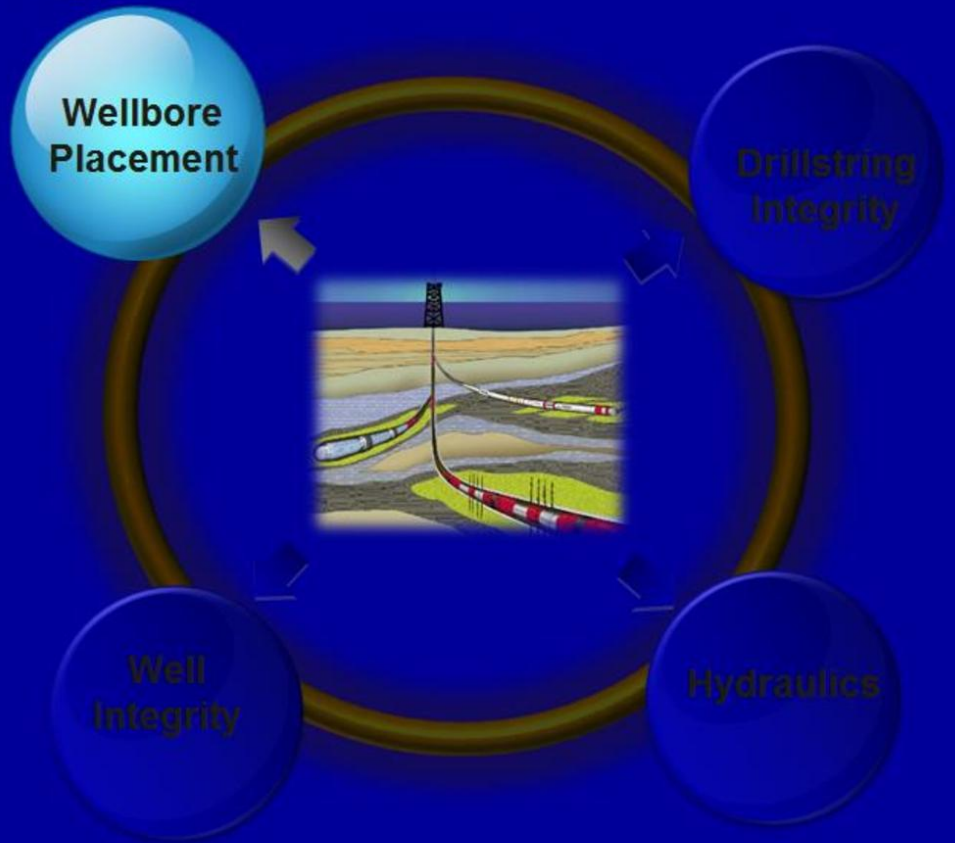
3D Visualization to prevent fracture interference while drilling



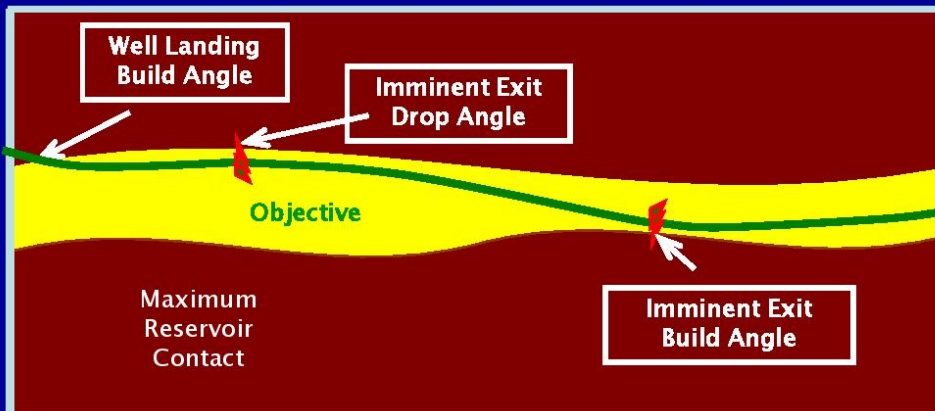
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# 4<sup>th</sup> Main Drilling Challenge Area



# Wellbore Placement - Basics

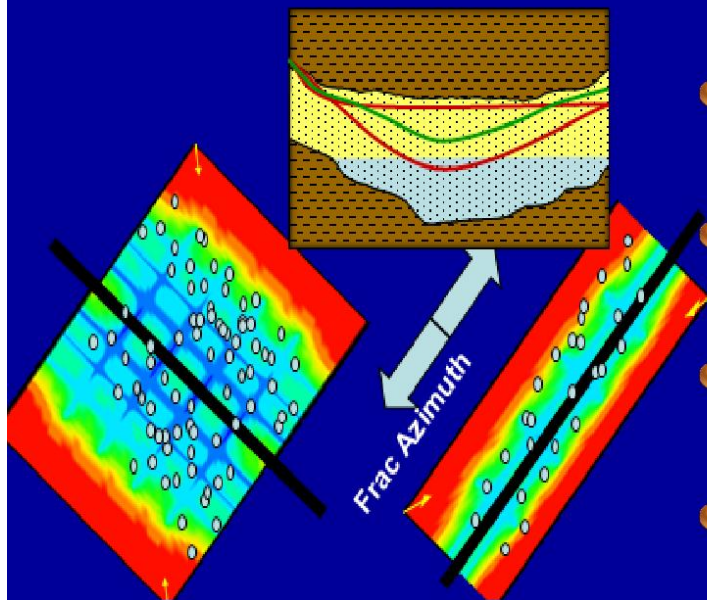


## Toolface Control

Problems are solved. Issues need to be resolved.... 28

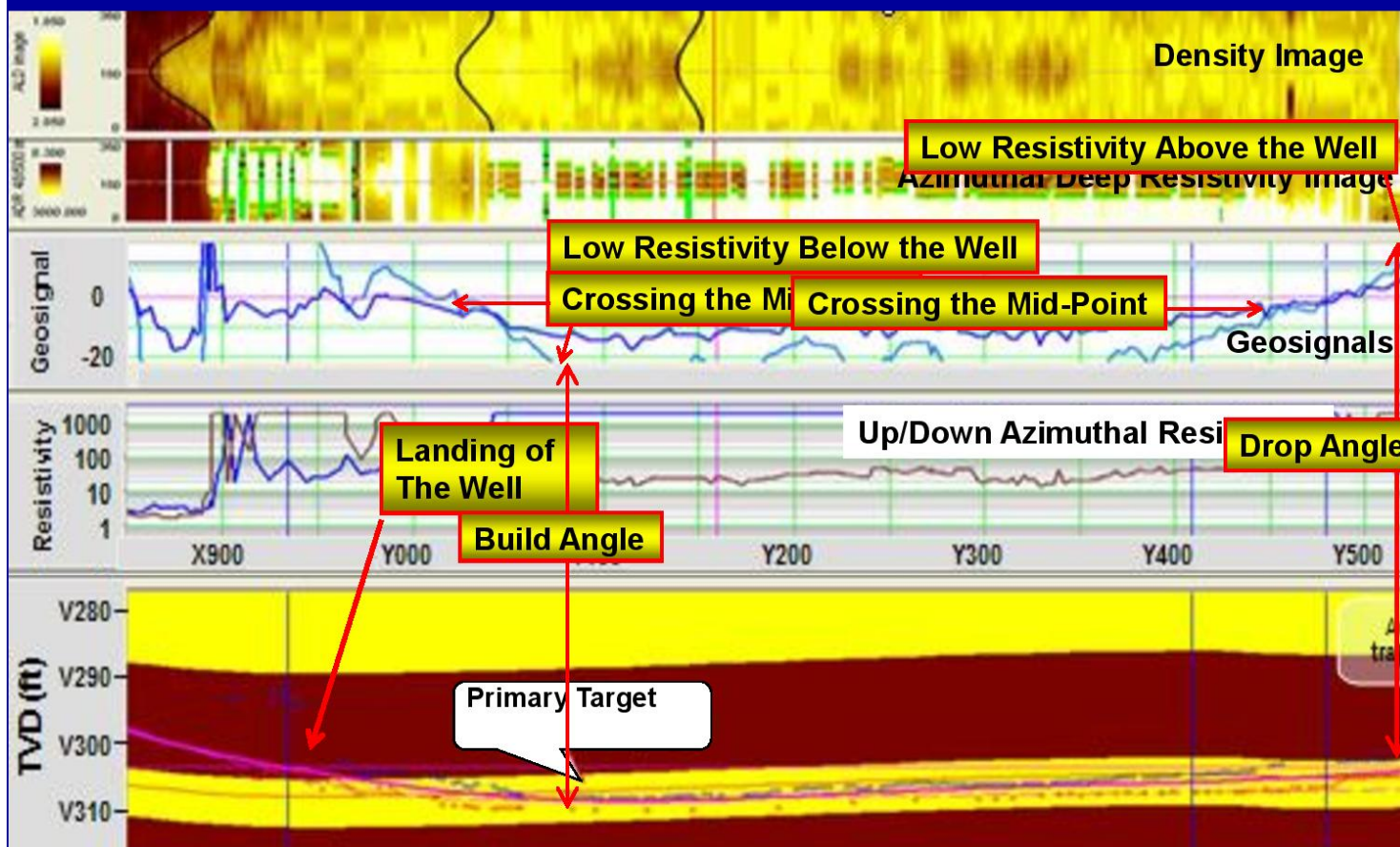


# Well Placement - Challenges



- True Vertical Depth Control
- Collision Avoidance
- Fracture avoidance
- Wellbore interference
- Proximity placement

# Geosteering - Advancements



# Challenges, advancements progress.

## Challenges remain...

- Axial force transfer
- Hole cleaning
- Wellbore stability
- TVD control and real-time data
- Reliability of tools



## Key Points...

- Improved technologies have provided capabilities to drill further to some extent
- Industry is responding to the needs but more advancements needed through continuous research
- Better use of real-time data and automation to meet the challenges instantaneously
- Some of the problems cannot be fixed but can be mitigated



# Q&A

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**"Plan for the Quadrant not for the coordinate"**