

# IADC DEC Tech Forum

## Bit and BHA dull classification revamp

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# The Leadership Team

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# Participants and Sub Teams

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# The History

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## Background

- The current Fixed Cutter IADC dull grading codes were created in 1987 and revised in 1992 along with the roller cone codes. SPE papers have also made proposals for hole enlargement tools, though this is not widely known. The IADC codes are a compact, text based way to describe the bit condition, containing **limited** categorization and quantification information.
- The IADC drill bit dull grading system has held up quite well. However, with the introduction of large automated systems, machine learning, evolving drill bit and BHA products, and the requirement for more complete and detailed data, there is an obvious need to improve the system.



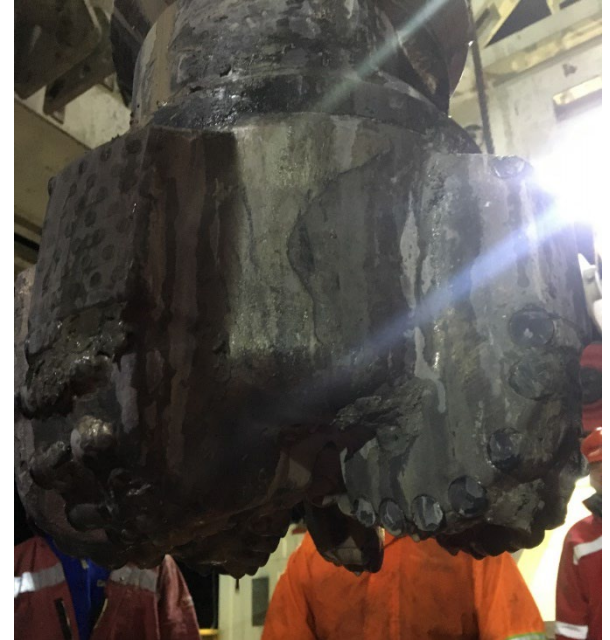
# The Challenge

# The Limits With the Current Code

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## IADC codes have some known limitations:

- The code set is focused on justification for pulling the bit, and describes basic wear, but does not capture details needed for forensic root cause analysis.
- Current codes require human expertise and are very subjective, photo verification is a must.
- They do not include common BHA element codes that are known to help with drilling diagnostics.
- There is no framework or best practice to include other data such as digital pictures, etc.
- The system has limited support for fully automated drilling system processes on the near horizon.



# Objectives

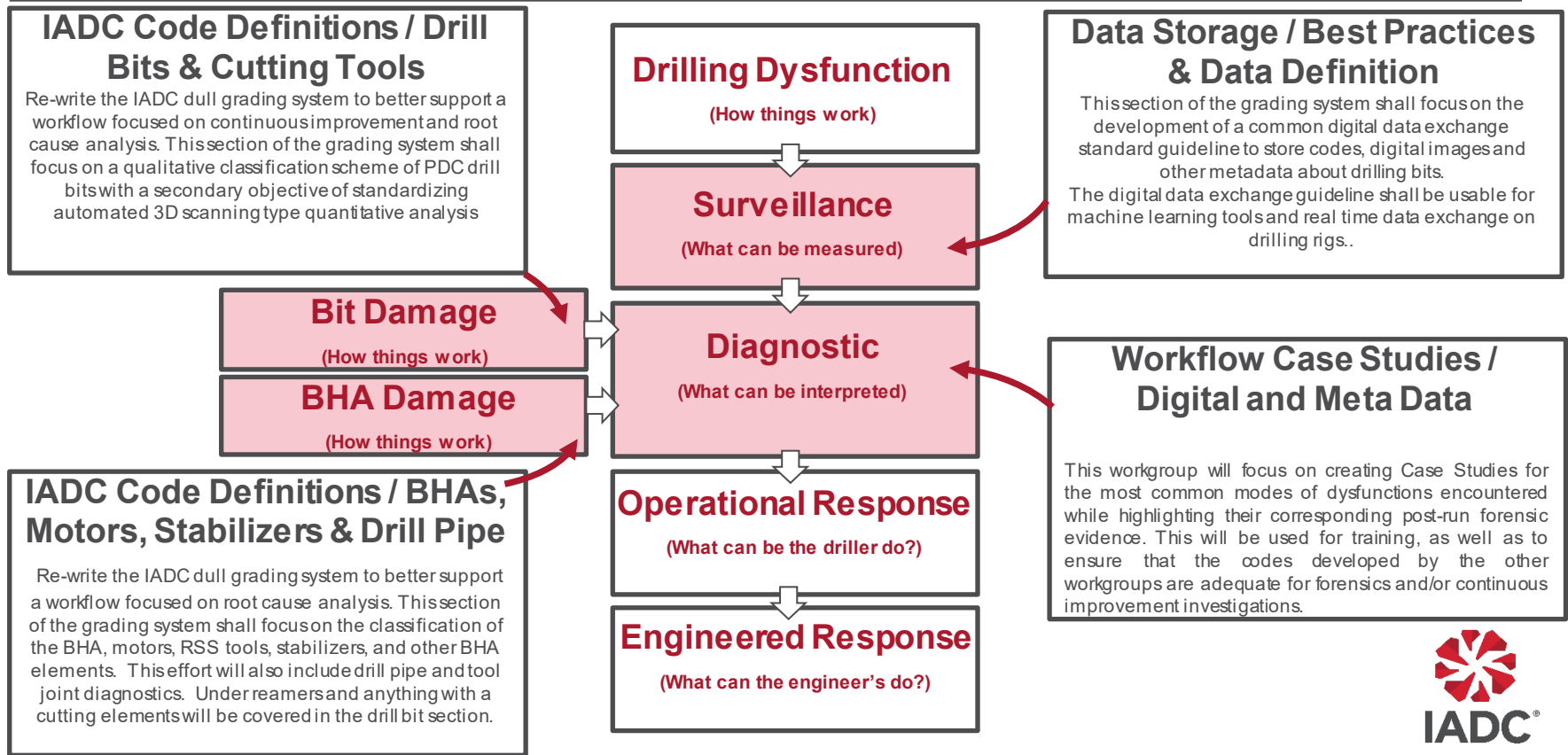
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- Reduce subjectivity (clearer definitions and training)
- Support both human and automated grading systems
- Best practice for a digital storage & retrieval
- Framework to support realtime, rig and office based selection for the next bit/BHA and parameters
- Forensics for tool and system redesign

# The IADC Code Upgrade Scope



# Subgroup interaction workflow



# Forensics Working Groups BHA Update

# Structure

## Motors

PDM  
Turbine

Emmanuel  
Omojuwa  
14 Members  
Roland

## Rotary Steerables

Push  
Point

Hani Ibrahim  
11 Members  
Paul / Tony

## Data Acquisition

MWD  
LWD  
Dynamic Subs

Suki Gill  
12 Members  
Jim / Paul

## Performance Enhancing

Friction reduction  
Vibration  
Mitigation  
Reamers  
Jars

9 Members  
Jim / Paul

## Iron

Stabs  
Collars  
Subs

11 Members  
Tony / Roland

# Proposed Hierarchy of analysis

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- **3 Level Structure**
- Level 1 – High level overview of complete BHA
  - Flags if there is an issue with a component
- Level 2 – Detailed grading/classification of each component
- Level 3 for shop (Secondary)
  - Root cause analysis and reporting structure
    - Standardize reporting and classification for investigations

# Proposed Consolidated Dull Grading Table

| BHA       |     |     |     |     |     |           |          |               |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|----------|---------------|
| Drill Bit | MWD | PDM | RSS | FE* | STB | Enhance** | DC/ HWDP | Reason Pulled |
| N         | OK  | RI  | OK  | N/A | OK  | N/A       | OK       | DP            |

Main RP Only

## Categories

- **N** - Not Used
- **OK** – No problem found
- **RI** – Requires Investigation
- *For bit – Rerunnable*
  - **Y**
  - **N**

\* Formation Evaluation

\*\*Performance Enhancement Components



# Forensics Working Groups Data Standards

# Data Best Practices

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- Structured vs Unstructured
  - Text (IADC grading etc) lends itself well to being structured and will continue to be so and will reflect the new classification schemes
  - Images (photos) will need to be both structured and unstructured depending on usage
  - Metadata and security sections currently being worked by team

# Forensics Working Groups

## Fixed Cutter Dull Codes



# Fixed cutter update

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Major updates to :

- Wear / Damage classification types
- Location descriptions (C/N/S/G)
- Shop grade format
- Severity determination still undecided (0-10) or (0-8)



# Damage Categories

## Rig Grade Format

The rig grade provides a simplified format to drive better real time decisions on the rig floor.

|                              | PDC Cutter Damage |      |          |       | Drill Bit Characteristics |        | Additional Information |                    |                 |
|------------------------------|-------------------|------|----------|-------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
|                              | Cone              | Nose | Shoulder | Gauge | Bit Char.                 | Gauge  | Reason Pulled          | Other Observations | Dull Grade Type |
| Cutter Damage Severity (rig) | 0                 | 2    | 8        | 4     | RO, ER, BU                | "1/16" | PR                     | SS, VIB, SP        | RG              |
| Primary Cutter Damage Char.  | ND                | WC   | SC       | BC    |                           |        |                        |                    |                 |

- PDC Cutter Damage
  - **Cutter Damage Severity (rig)**
    - Visual estimation for each zone of the cutting structure
    - 0 to 8 severity scale
      - Most intuitive method to visually estimate
      - Precision = whole numbers
  - **Primary Cutter Damage Char.**
    - The rig side grader will assess each zone of the bit and provide a subjective evaluation of the primary damage mechanism
- Drill Bit Characteristics
  - **Bit Characteristics**
    - Captures system level damage like Erosion, ring out, core out, etc.
  - **Gauge**
    - Captures under gauge dimensions in 1/16" increments
- Additional Information
  - **Reason Pulled**
    - Contextual information for why the bit was pulled. (PR, BHA, etc)
  - **Other Observations**
    - Additional contextual information about the run that may not be captured in the reason pulled classification. (Stick Slip, Vibration, Stuck Pipe, etc)

## PDC Cutter Damage Categories:

ND – No Damage

CD – Chamfer Damage

CC – Chipped Cutter

WC – Worn Cutter

SC – Spalled Cutter

BM – Beach marks

IS – Island Spall

BC – Broken Cutter

AB – Axial Break

TB – Tangential Break

DC – Delaminated Cutter

FC – Face Crack

ID – Indeterminate Damage

LC – Lost Cutter

Red Text indicates shop grade only categories



# ID – Indeterminate Damage (example)



# Shop or Advanced (scanning grade)

|                               | PDC Cutter Damage |      |          |       | Drill Bit Characteristics |       | Additional Information |                    |                 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|------|----------|-------|---------------------------|-------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
|                               | Inner CS          |      | Outer CS |       | Bit Char.                 | Gauge | Reason Pulled          | Other Observations | Dull Grade Type |
|                               | 1.3               |      | 5.7      |       |                           |       |                        |                    |                 |
|                               | Cone              | Nose | Shoulder | Gauge |                           |       |                        |                    |                 |
| Cutter Damage Severity (shop) | 0.3               | 2.2  | 7.5      | 3.8   | CR, JD                    | I     | PR                     | SS, VIB, SP        | HF              |
| % Diamond Loss                | 5%                | 20%  | 27%      | 44%   |                           |       |                        |                    |                 |
| Primary Cutter Damage Char.   | ND                | WC   | SC       | BC    |                           |       |                        |                    |                 |
| Secondary Cutter Damage Char. | ND                | SC   | BM       | TB    |                           |       |                        |                    |                 |
| Substrate Damage Char.        | NDS               | NDS  | ERS      | ERS   |                           |       |                        |                    |                 |

- **PDC Cutter Damage**
  - **Cutter Damage Severity (shop)**
    - Precise values captured for every cutter
      - Zones to be calculated as the average severity of all cutters in that zone
    - 0 to 8 severity scale
      - Provides consistency with rig grade
      - Precision = 0.1
  - **% Diamond Loss**
    - Additional measurement captured only in shop grade
    - % of PDC face lost relative to full cylinder dimensions
    - Precision = 1%
  - **Primary Cutter Damage Char.**
    - SME and/or ML algorithms to classify the primary damage mechanism for every cutter
      - Zone value determined by majority
      - Consistent categories for both Primary and Secondary fields
  - **Secondary Cutter Damage Char.**
    - SME and/or ML algorithms to classify the secondary damage mechanism for every cutter
      - Zone value determined by majority
      - Consistent categories for both Primary and Secondary fields
  - **Substrate Damage Char.**



# Location Descriptions

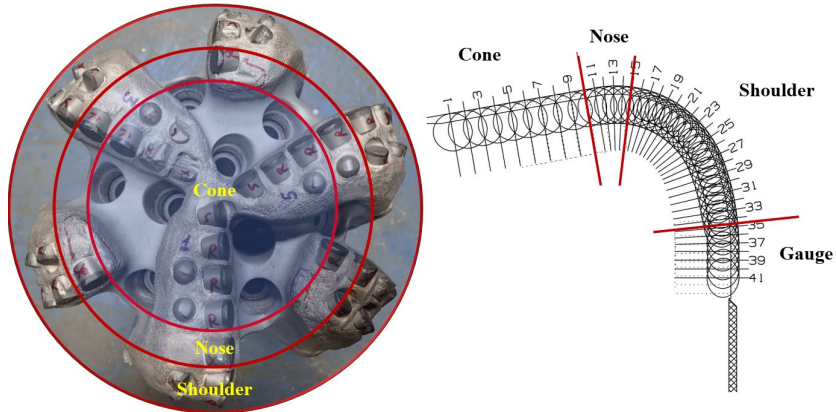


Fig. 1 – Face view showing cone, nose, shoulder regions (left) and cutter profile view showing regions (right)

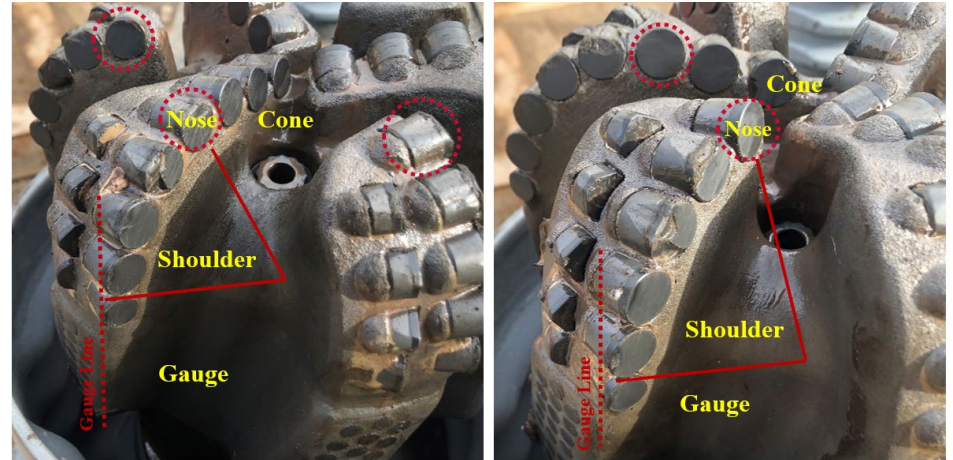


Fig. 2 – Blade view showing cone, nose, shoulder and gauge regions, as well as “gauge line”

# Forensics Working Groups

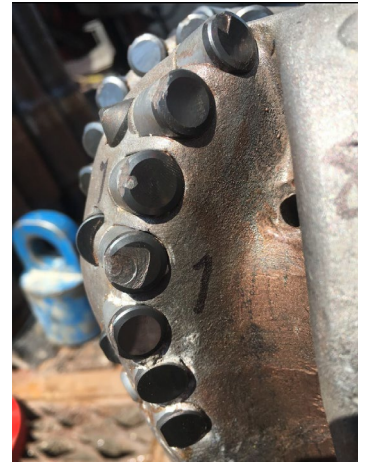
## Case Studies Forensic Workflow

# Case study update (starting from scratch)

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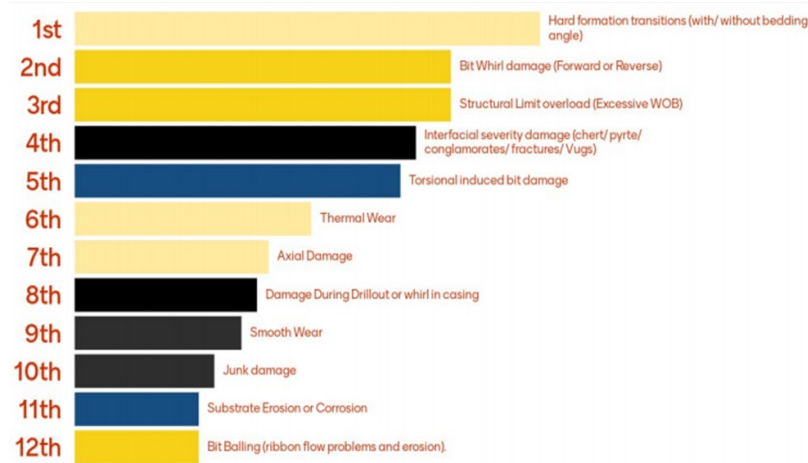
Case studies are meant to compliment the PDC and BHA dull classification scheme, identify the most common failure modes.

The cases will serve as guide as to what the potential causes of the observable damages could be, what digital information may increase the certainty of the forensics and what potential remedial actions

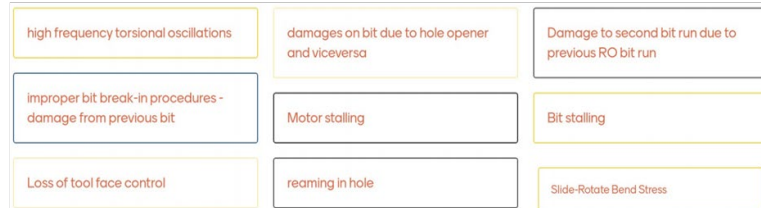


# Drill Bit Case Studies

## Bit Damage Causes



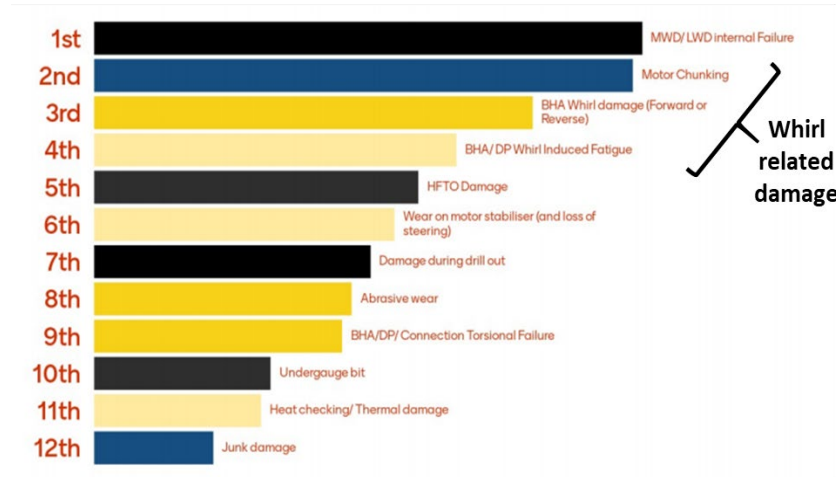
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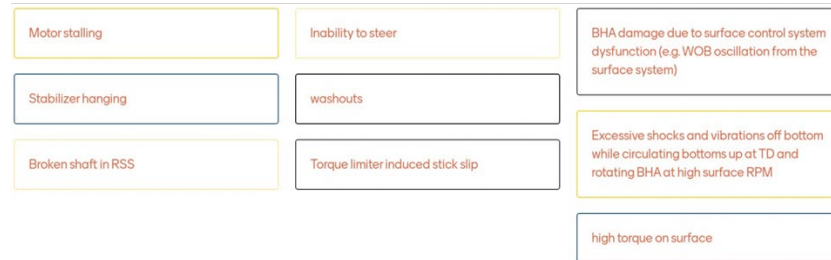


# BHA Damage Case Studies

## BHA Damage Causes



## Further Causes Identified



# Additional SPE Paper Submittals

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## 299: IADC Dull Code Upgrade: Objectives And Organization

(P.E. Pastusek, ExxonMobil Upstream Integrated Solutions Co; D. Daechsel, Shell; R.A. Macmillan, Robin Macmillan LLC; R. van Kuilenburg, Noble Services Company; C.R. Vempati, Baker Hughes; C. Propes, Halliburton; D. Shackleton, Independent Data Services PVE LTD; D. Lyles, Taurex Drill Bits; J. Oberkircher, IADD; J. Sharples, Peloton; P. Neil, National Oilwell Varco; R. Illerhaus, Operations Efficiency Consulting; T.S. Roberts, NOV ReedHycalog; W. Watson, Shell)

## 251: IADC Code Upgrade: Data Collection And Workflow Required To Conduct Bit Forensics And Create Effective Changes In Practices Or Design

(W. Watson, Shell; P.E. Pastusek, ExxonMobil; F. Dupriest, Texas A&M University; Y. Witt-Doerring, University of Texas; J. Sugiura, Sanvean Technologies; D. Daechsel, Shell; R. Abbas, Chevron; R. Procter, RP Group)

## 253: IADC Code Upgrade: Bit And BHA Forensics Using Rig-based Photographic Documentation Practices

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