# 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**











































## The History

### **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.

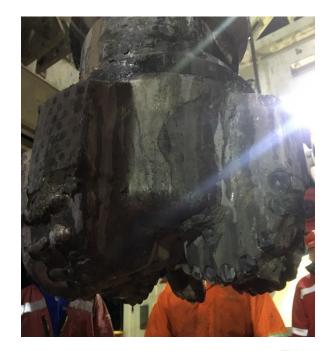


## The Challenge

### The Limits With the Current Code

### 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**

- 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

## IADC Code Definitions / Drill Bits & Cutting Tools

Re-write the IADC dull grading system to better support a workflow focused on continuous improvement and root cause analysis. This section of the grading system shall focus on a qualitative classification scheme of PDC drill bits with a secondary objective of standardizing automated 3D scanning type quantitative analysis

### **Bit Damage**

(How things work)

### **BHA Damage**

(How things work)

## IADC Code Definitions / BHAs, Motors, Stabilizers & Drill Pipe

Re-write the IADC dull grading system to better support a workflow focused on root cause analysis. This section of the grading system shall focus on the classification of the BHA, motors, RSS tools, stabilizers, and other BHA elements. This effort will also include drill pipe and tool joint diagnostics. Under reamers and anything with a cutting elements will be covered in the drill bit section.

### **Drilling Dysfunction**

(How things work)

### Surveillance

(What can be measured)

### **Diagnostic**

(What can be interpreted)

### Operational Response

(What can be the driller do?)

### **Engineered Response**

(What can the engineer's do?)

### Data Storage / Best Practices & Data Definition

This section of the grading system shall focus on the development of a common digital data exchange standard guideline to store codes, digital images and other metadata about drilling bits.

The digital data exchange guideline shall be usable for machine learning tools and real time data exchange on drilling rigs.

## Workflow Case Studies / Digital and Meta Data

This workgroup will focus on creating Case Studies for the most common modes of dysfunctions encountered while highlighting their corresponding post-run forensic evidence. This will be used for training, as well as to ensure that the codes developed by the other workgroups are adequate for forensics and/or continuous improvement investigations.



# 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**

- 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
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  - N



# Forensics Working Groups Data Standards

### **Data Best Practices**

- 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

### 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				<u>Drill Bit Characteristics</u>		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	NO, EK, BU	1/10	FK	33, VIB, 3P	nG

- 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 <u>Erosion</u>, ring out, core out, etc.
  - o Gauge
    - Captures under gauge dimensions in 1/16" increments
- Additional Information
  - o 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 Chracteristics		Additional Information		
		Inner CS		Outer CS		Bit Char.	Gauge	Reason Pulled	Other Observations	Dull Grade Type
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		Cone	<u>Nose</u>	Shoulder	<u>Gauge</u>					I
	Cutter Damage Severity (shop)	0.3	2.2	7.5	3.8					I
	% Diamond Loss	5%	20%	27%	44%	CR, JD	1	PR	SS, VIB, SP	HF
	Primary Cutter Damage Char.	ND	wc	SC	BC					I
[	Secondary Cuttuer Damage Char.	ND	SC	BM	TB					I
ĺ	Substrate Damage Char.	NDS	NDS	ERS	ERS					ĺ

#### • 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
- o Substrate Damage Char.



## **Location Descriptions**

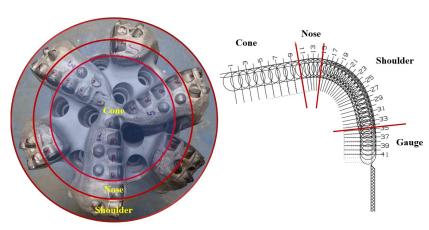


Fig. 1 - Face view showing cone, nose, shoulder regions (left) and cutter profile view showing regions (right)

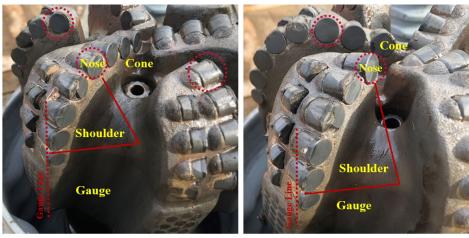


Fig. 2 - Blade view showing cone, nose, shoulder and gauge regions, as well as "gauge line"



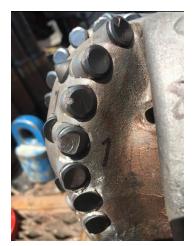
# Forensics Working Groups Case Studies Forensic Workflow

### Case study update (starting from scratch)

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** Hard formation transitions (with/without bedding 1st 2nd Bit Whirl damage (Forward or Reverse) 3rd Structural Limit overload (Excessive WOB) Interfacial severity damage (chert/pyrte/ conglamorates/fractures/Vugs) 5th Torsional induced bit damage 6th Thermal Wear 7th **Axial Damage** Damage During Drillout or whirl in casing Smooth Wear 10th Junk damage 11th Substrate Erosion or Corrosion 12th Bit Balling (ribbon flow problems and erosion).

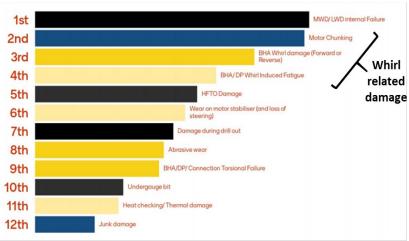
#### **Further Causes Identified**

high frequency torsional oscillations	damages on bit due to hole opener and viceversa	Damage to second bit run due to previous RO bit run		
improper bit break-in procedures - damage from previous bit	Motor stalling	Bit stalling		
Loss of tool face control	reaming in hole	Slide-Rotate Bend Stress		



## **BHA Damage Case Studies**

### **BHA Damage Causes**



### **Further Causes Identified**

Motorstalling	Inability to steer	BHA damage due to surface control system dysfunction (e.g. WOB oscillation from the surface system)
Stabilizer hanging	washouts	
Broken shaft in RSS	Torque limiter induced stick slip	Excessive shocks and vibrations off bottom while circulating bottoms up at TD and rotating BHA at high surface RPM
		high torque on surface



### **Additional SPE Paper Submittals**

### 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 Reed Hycalog; 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

(W. Watson, Shell; P.E. Pastusek, ExxonMobil Upstream Integrated Solutions Co; F. Dupriest, Texas A&M; Y. Witt-Doerring, University of Texas; D. Daechsel, Shell; J. Sugiura, Sanvean Technologies; R. Abbas, Chevron; D. Shackleton, Independent Data Services)



