

# International Association of Drilling Contractors



**IADC ART Data, Controls and Sensors (DCS) Subcommittee  
09.00-11.00 Wednesday, 20 April 2022**

**Hybrid meeting**

**IADC Headquarters, Crown 1 Conference Room  
3657 Briarpark, Ste 200  
Houston, TX 77042**

In Attendance:

Alyssa Franklin, IPT Global  
Andrew McKenzie, NOV  
Andy Westlake, Seadrill  
Ashley Fernandes, Precision Drilling  
Assaad Mohanna, NOV  
Brandt Lanzet, NOV  
Calvin Holt, Drilldocs  
Cody MacDonald, IPT Global  
Duncan Blue  
Dustin Daechsel, Shell  
Dustin Torkay, Seadrill  
Ernie Prochaska, NOV  
Fred Florence, RigOps  
Hans Schmidt, Expro  
Gene Stahl, Precision Drilling  
James Forester, NOV  
John Sutler, BP  
Kamalpreet Kaur, NOV  
Karma Slusarchuk, Parker Wellbore  
Konstantin Puskarskij, Maersk Drilling  
Kristopher Pearce, IPT Global

Lars Raunholt, Canrig  
Majid Moosavinia, Pruitt  
Marco Perez, Weatherford  
Mark Anderson, Ensign  
Maxine Aitkenhead, Data Gumbo  
Mike Party, Hess  
Nathan Morales, BP  
Pradeep Annaiyappa, Nabors  
Read Minshall, NOV  
Richard Cully, IPT Global  
Robert Prince-Wright, Berkeley & Imperial LP  
Robert van Kuilenburg, Noble Corporation  
Robert Wylie, xnDrilling  
Serafima Schaefer, Exeбенus  
Shashi Talya, Halliburton  
Tom Yost, NOV  
Tony Eschete, Caterpillar  
Victor Yung, Volant Products  
Linda Hsieh, IADC  
Stephanie Carling, IADC

Nathan Morales, BP, and Andy Westlake, Seadrill, made welcoming remarks. Stephanie Carling gave a safety briefing, and Linda Hsieh briefed the group on IADC's anti-trust policy.

The subcommittee then heard presentations from 5 guest speakers:

- Dan Allford, Offshore Robotics, CEO (see slides)
- Ashley Fernandes, Precision Drilling, VP of Drilling Technology
- Brandt Lanzet, NOV, Drilling Specialist, Automation Programs (see slides)
- "Field experience with robotics on drilling rigs," Lars Raunholt, Canrig Robotic Technologies, CEO (see slides)
- "Illuminating Black Box Decisions in Automated Systems," Rick Cully, IPT Global, Sr. Product Owner (see slides)

Moving on to DCS Subcommittee business:

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- Andy Westlake noted that the IADC Rig Sensor Stewardship Guidelines would go live soon. It was suggested that early adopters of the guidelines could be invited to a future DCS meeting to share their learnings.
- Nathan Moralez noted that the Drilling Rig Control Systems Minimum Safety Features Guidelines have still not been completed. If anyone in the industry is interested in volunteering to take that project up and carry it through the finish line, please contact Linda Hsieh at [linda.hsieh@iadc.org](mailto:linda.hsieh@iadc.org).
- Nathan Moralez and Andy Westlake suggested the group consider forming a workgroup to explore ways to advance human interactions with automation systems. The goal is to prevent issues like automation complacency in order to reduce the risk for catastrophic failures related to automated systems. A potential deliverable from the group could be a set of industry guidelines or recommended practices around training people to better understand their interactions with automation systems. Suggestions for this potential workgroup include:
  - Collaborate with the SPE Human Factors Technical Section to incorporate different perspectives.
  - Start by looking at roles on the rig and removing loading the driller with extraneous demands/information/interfaces/alarms.
  - Consider why we need automation and define why it's really necessary, look at statistics to see where benefits are.
  - Workgroup should begin by visiting drilling contractors' training simulators to understand the automation systems already in use on today's rigs. Precision and Nabors are possible ones to visit.

The DCS can begin a workgroup anytime it chooses once 1-2 workgroup leaders are identified; these leaders would serve as "project champions" who can arrange/run workgroup meetings and report results back to the DCS. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact Linda Hsieh at [linda.hsieh@iadc.org](mailto:linda.hsieh@iadc.org). If the workgroup decides it would like to produce any kind of tangible deliverable, such as guidelines, reports, RPs, then approval would need to be obtained through IADC's committee project approval process before the project can begin.

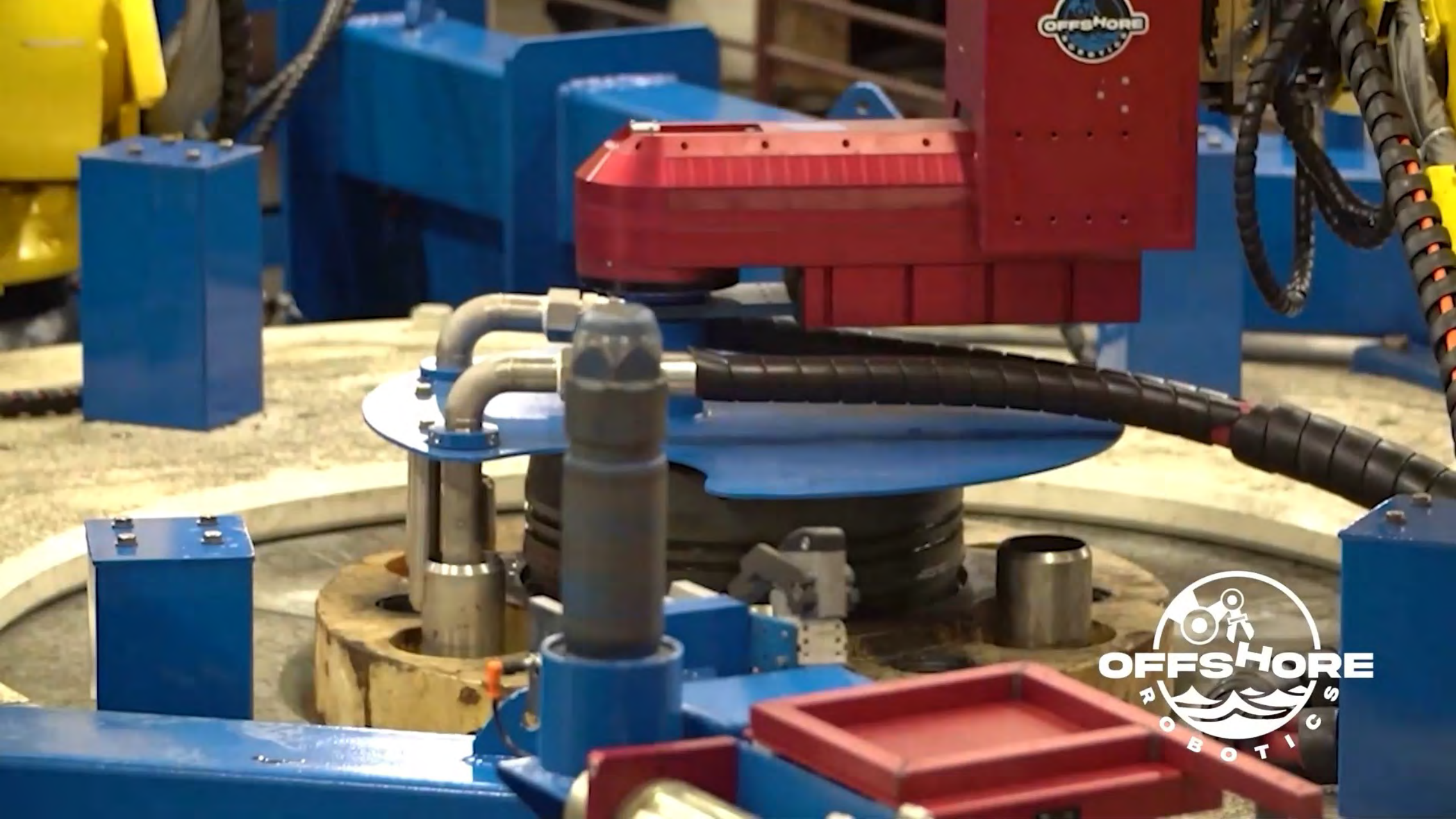
Nathan Moralez then announced that he intends to step down from the DCS Chair role this year and suggests that individuals interested in stepping up to a leadership position with the DCS reach out to Linda Hsieh at [linda.hsieh@iadc.org](mailto:linda.hsieh@iadc.org). He then adjourned the meeting.



# First Robotic Riser Run

APRIL 2022









Photos from First Robotic Riser Run:  
**TRANSOCEAN DRILL SHIP: APRIL 2022**





# THANK YOU



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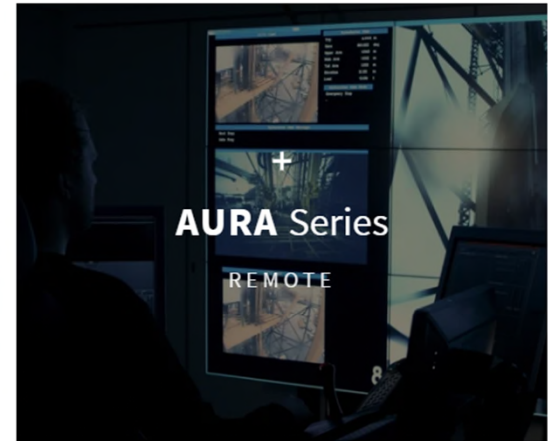






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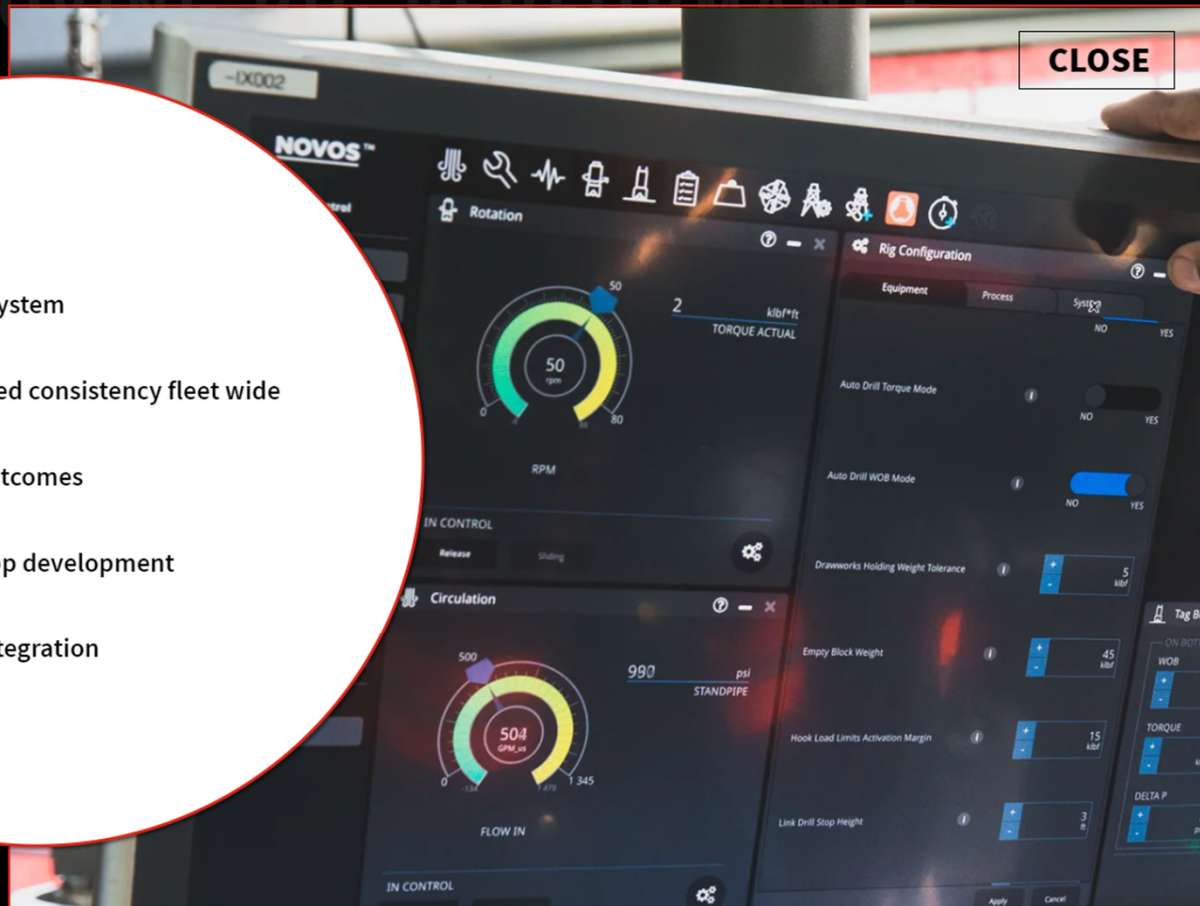
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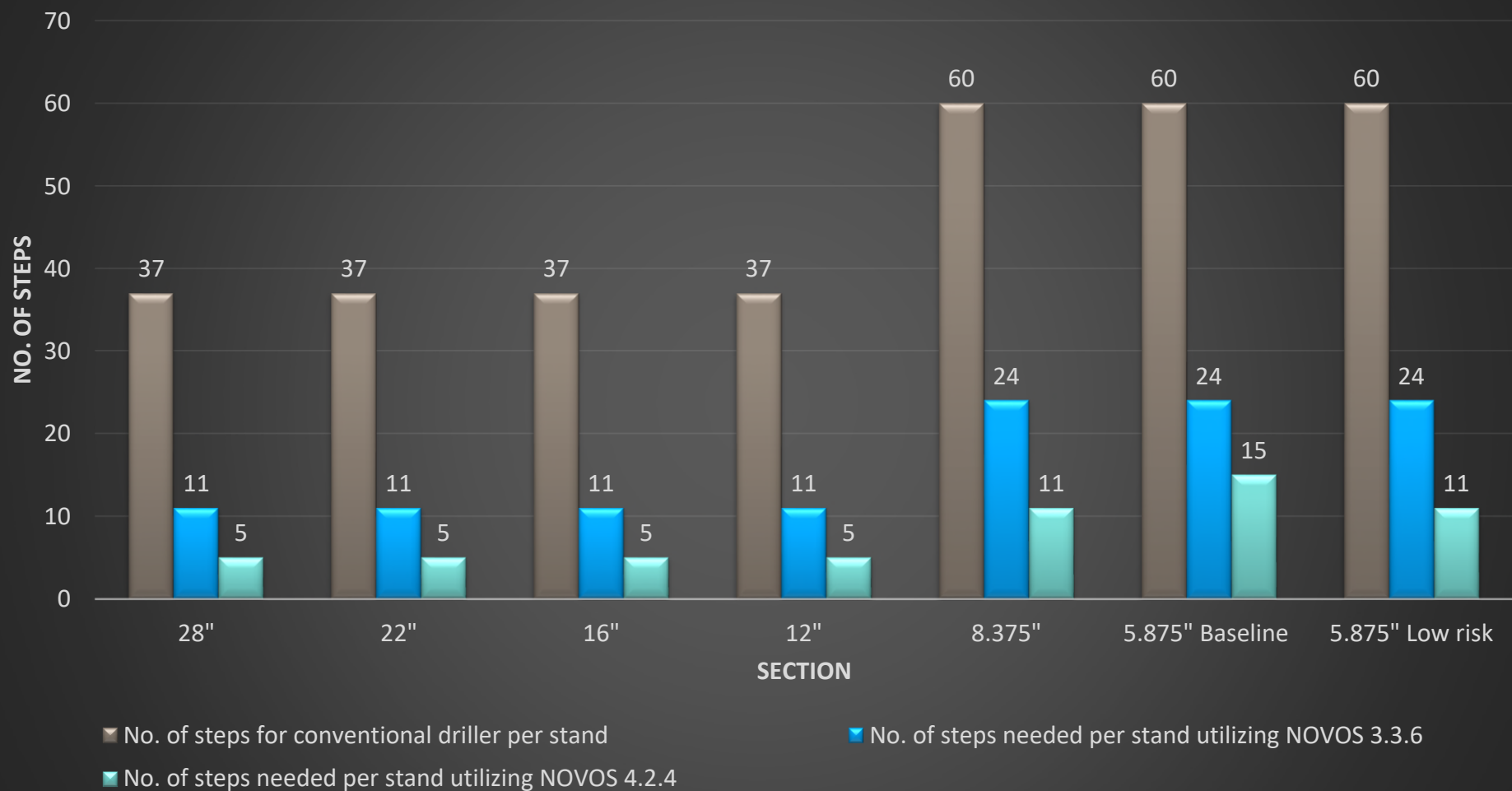
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## MMC

## Automatic Pipehandling System

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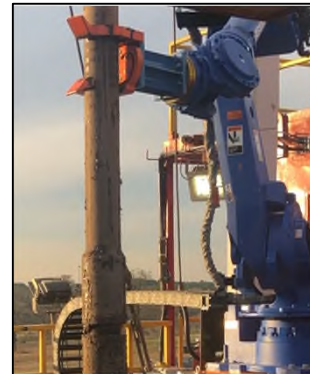


# Robotics

## ATOM-RTX

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- Upper and Lower Robotics Arm installed and Operational at STC Test Rig
- Tripping Tubulars to and from Fingerboard
- Tailing Tubulars to and from PipeCat
- Doping, Stabbing and Mud Containment
- Integrated to Amphion, MMC, and NOVOS



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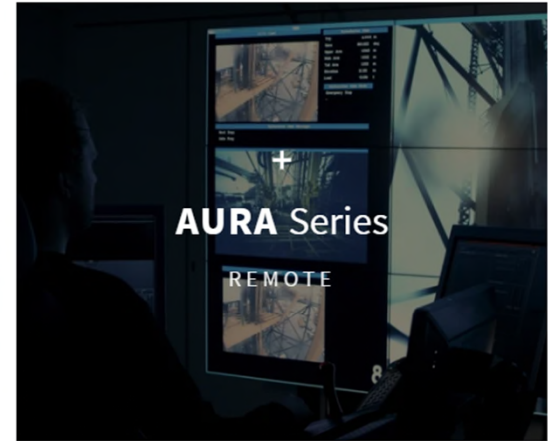
- Next generation technology for visualization and collaboration
- Remote operation





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## Field experience with Robotics Human factors

April 20, 2022

Lars Raunholt, CEO  
Canrig Robotic Technologies AS

# Summary

Over the last 8 years a significant amount of testing has been performed

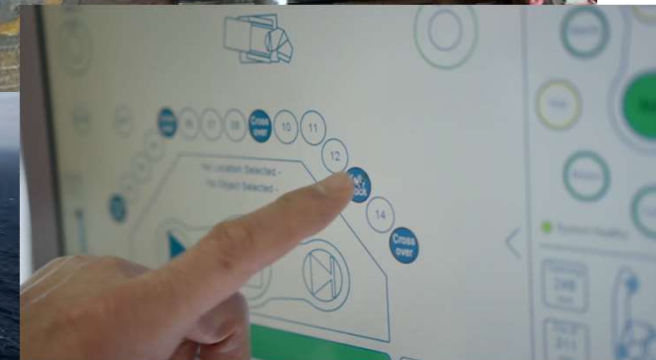
- Workshop tests of stand-alone robots
- Pilot test of drill floor robot on semi-sub offshore Norway
- Pilot test of robotic pipe handler on land rig in US
- Full scale tests of robot system in purpose-built test site
- Various levels of integration with 3rd parties





# 2019 Drill floor robot: Five months offshore test

- 952 operations carried out in Main and Aux well center. 22 subs handled
- Possible for an all-electric robot to operate in hostile offshore environment
- **Crews trained in advance. 50 % of crews excited, 50 % very negative**
- **Involvement of people is key**



# 2021-22 Pipe handling in land drilling operation

- Two years test on land rig as part of new rig design
- Eight months drilling in Permian:
  - 2 million feet drilled, tripped and cased
  - Fully-integrated part of drilling operation
- **Operated by “normal” drillers**
- **Very successful integration**





# 2020-22 Full robotic system

- Automated tripping from pipe deck or set-back
  - No driller cabin
  - High level commands
  - Less crew
- **No field experience yet**
- **Game changer requires new mind-set**



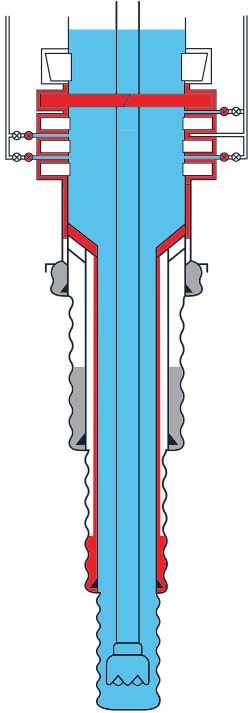
# Illuminating Black Box Decisions in Automated Systems

## Rig Automation and Human Factors

Gain human understanding and trust in automated systems enabling users to respond appropriately and benefit from automation.



# Well Integrity Management



## ABOVE THE WELLHEAD Well Control Equipment Management

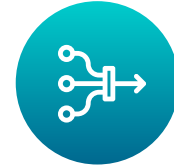
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# Example – The Airline Industry\*

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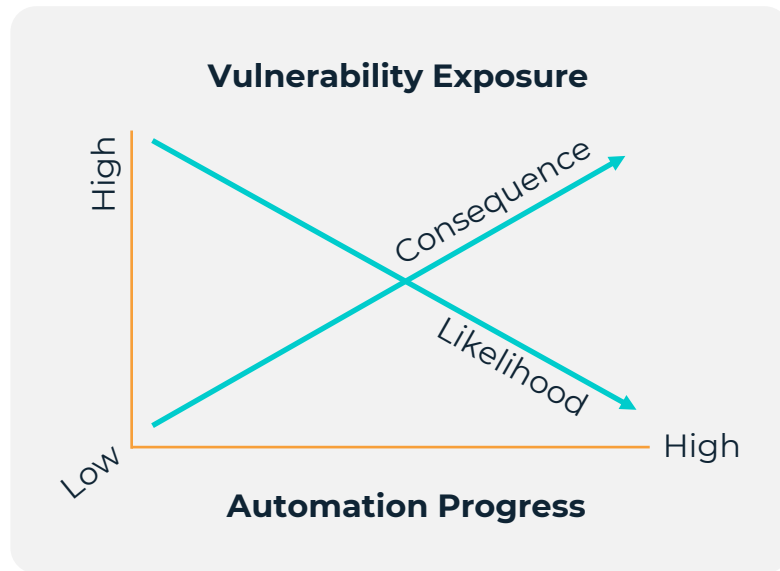
- Air France 447 (AF447) Crash in 2009 precipitated the aviation industry's concern about “loss of control” incidents, and their link to automation.
- Loss of control incidents **are the most prevalent** cause of fatalities in commercial aviation.
  - 43% of fatalities in 37 separate incidents.
- Research examines how **automation can limit pilots' abilities to respond** to such incidents, as becoming more dependent on **technology can erode basic cognitive skills**.
- The case reveals how automation may have unanticipated, catastrophic consequences that can emerge in extreme conditions:
  - Unexpected, unusual events (icing air speed indicators caused auto-pilot deactivation and alarms)
  - Startled and suddenly required to perform less practiced operations (fly manually at high altitude)
  - Incomplete messages (stall alarms disabled at low speed to eliminate “false alarms”)
  - Unanticipated possibilities (pilots will always know if they are stalled)

\*The Tragic Crash of Flight AF447 Shows the Unlikely but Catastrophic Consequences of Automation - Nick Oliver, Thomas Calvard, and Kristina Potočník, HBR, September 15, 2017

# The AI & Automation Black Box Problem



- People **struggle to trust** the decisions and answers that AI-powered tools provide
- Problematic AI/Automation **doesn't explicitly share how and why it reaches its conclusions**
- Programmers can **remove these layers of obfuscation**, until then there will be an air of discomfort around trusting the technology



# What We Can Do

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**Investigate bad scenarios**



**Expose decision rationale**



**Examine voting systems**



**DO NOT assume  
users understand**



**Provide only necessary  
information clearly**



**Pilot automation and  
gather feedback**



# IPT's Experience Illuminating Black Boxes



## History of automating integrity tests

- Well barriers & well control equipment



## Early feedback on “Pass/Fail” assignments

- “How does it work?”
- “Why did this pass(fail)?”



## Continued work on analysis and results

- Greater assurance
- Better application



## Cross-industry collaboration

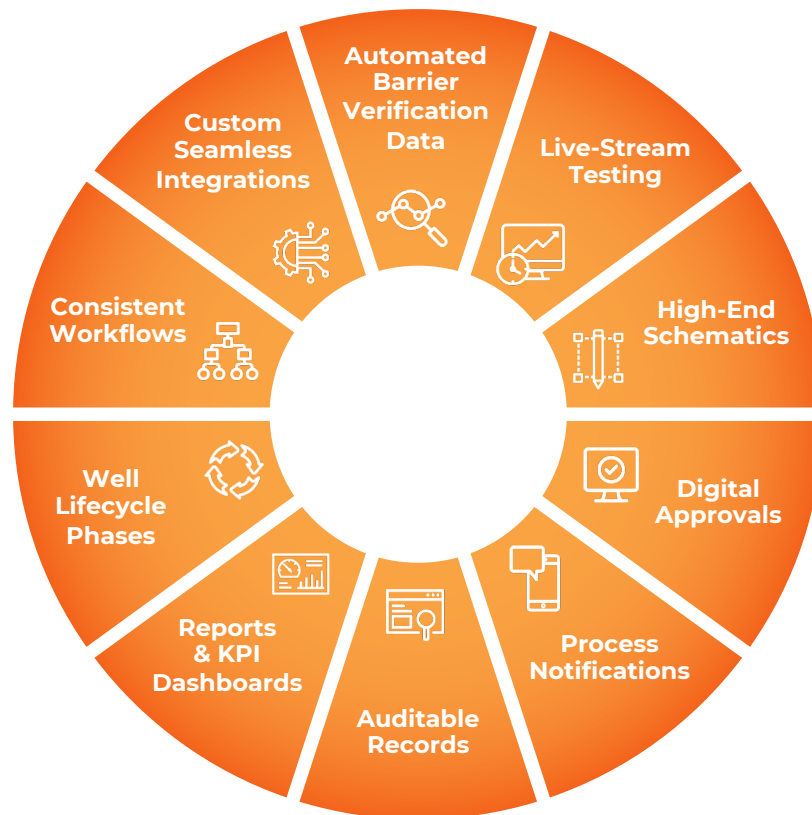
- Continuous evolution and improvement



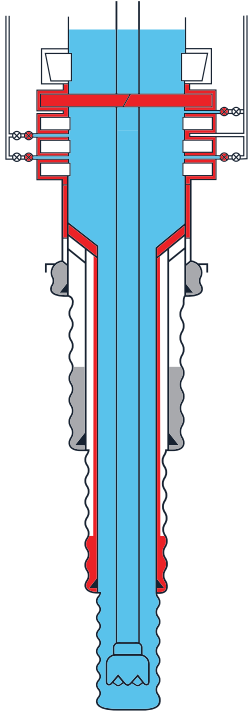
## Higher sophistication of algorithms



## More awareness of the need for human's understanding and trust



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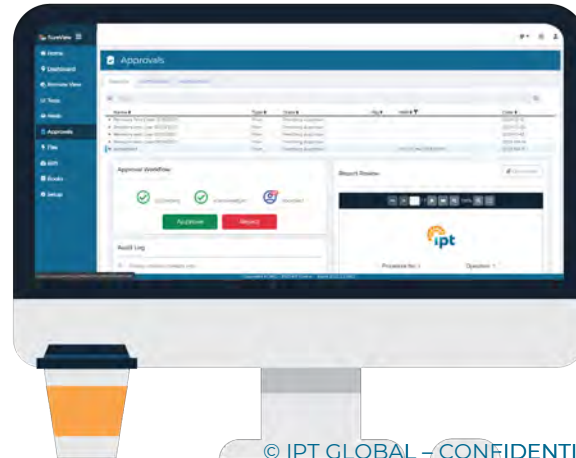


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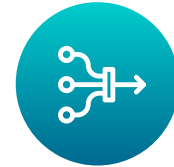
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