**Society of Petroleum Engineers**

19–22 June 2012 | The Leela Palace Bangalore | Bengaluru, India

**SPE Applied Technology Workshop**

**Intelligent Fields: Making Them Happen**

**Workshop Description**

Intelligent fields are a reality. The technologies are available today; unit costs have fallen relative to overall development costs; reliability and durability have improved enabling capture of more of the benefits, so why haven’t intelligent fields taken off and become the norm? The reasons have less to do with the technology per se, and more to do with the complexity of the organisational footprint and stakeholder relationships required to implement, operate, and continuously improve the performance of intelligent fields.

The technologies, particularly the well technologies, used for most of the early implementations were suitable only for new wells, limiting their application to green fields or relatively limited “new” extensions of existing brown field developments. More recently, technologies that can be retrofitted to existing wells are widening the scope, but application later in the life of a field, particularly once it is declining, offers reduced benefits. Hence the opportunities for intelligent field developments remain somewhat limited.

New skill sets are required to deliver the necessary integration. Whilst some of the larger operators have many of these skills already in-house, and some of the E&P service providers are moving into this space, there is a new breed of systems integrators growing out of the IT service companies into the E&P domain. In the downstream sector, “intelligent” refineries are the norm, and there is much to be learnt from their success, not least in terms of their organisation and staffing models. New players, new ways of working, and new contracting models all play a role in slowing uptake.

This workshop will bring together operators, technology (service) providers, and systems integrators to share their experiences and distill the key learnings and critical success factors needed to make intelligent fields happen.
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Tuesday, 19 June 2012

1600–1700 hours Final Steering Committee Meeting
1700–1800 hours Speaker/Session Chairman Meeting
1800–1900 hours Registration
1900–2100 hours Welcome Cocktail Reception

Wednesday, 20 June 2012

0900–1030 hours Session 1: Where Are We Today—The Operators’ Experience

This session will draw on the experiences of various operators to illustrate the different types of business decisions faced by a major national oil company, a major international oil company and a smaller independent oil company in seeking to successfully implement and operate an intelligent field. Differences in organisation and in-house capability lead to different choices of contracting and partnering strategies. These in turn affect the choice of specific technologies and the resulting cost benefits that accrue. In addition, a company’s appetite for different risk/reward profiles will influence their choice of opportunity.

As day-to-day control becomes more remote from the operation, safety and (data) security issues grow. Data and control flow across multiple interfaces, in extreme cases across national boundaries, requiring suitable protocols and regulatory agreements. As more and more fields become intelligent, their requirements will drive changes to organisations and ways of working. We can learn what these changes may bring from current experience.

1030–1100 hours Lunch

1100–1230 hours Session 2: Where Are We Today? The Service Providers’ Experiences—Panel Session

In today’s era of modernising and making oilfields intelligent, nimble, and cost effective, it takes more than two-to-tango. While we are still successfully operating onshore mature fields, we are constantly pushing the boundaries of offshore E&P everyday to harness the essential commodities of oil and gas. In parallel, we are exploring and exploiting opportunities in unconventional accumulations of CBM, shale gas, gas hydrates, etc. So effectively there are more and a higher density of oil and gas wells, more E&P operators, and even more service providers than ever before.

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1230–1300 hours Luncheon

1330–1500 hours Session 3A: Existing and Emerging Technologies

The E&P industry is on the threshold of a “New Energy Future” with growing energy demand expected to double by mid-century. This change will pose challenges and at the same time provides great opportunities to the energy industry, with a greater pace of technology development than ever before. Integrated technology, engineering, and IT solutions will dominate in future oil and gas projects. Since many E&P processes are data intensive and multi-disciplinary, there is an opportunity for E&P companies to critically examine efficiency in their data analysis, interpretation, and decision making to unlock hidden value.

Current and emerging technologies are critical enablers in responding to the new energy challenges. This session will focus on key current and emerging technologies in intelligent fields today and in the future:

- Sensing and control from fiber technologies to advanced surface and downhole controls
- Digital well and reservoir management to unlock more oil/gas potential
- Intelligent optimisation and advanced monitoring to capture higher production with lower cost
- Collaboration, data, and knowledge management to close the value gap
- Big data, cloud, nanotechnology, etc. to leverage on the new IT frontiers

1500–1530 hours Coffee Break/Posters/Tabletops

1530–1700 hours Session 3B: Existing and Emerging Technologies—Continued

1800–2100 hours Gala Dinner

Thursday, 21 June 2012

0900–1030 hours Session 4: Case Histories

Intelligent field technologies have evolved significantly since the first implementations and offer a wide array of possible applications. This session will highlight a number of examples that were implemented successfully and generated considerable value. The case studies will cover the real world application of intelligent field concepts in the areas of production enhancement, improved recovery, and reservoir management. The case histories will bring out how increased value was generated by implementation of one or more of the following technologies:

- Remote control of downhole equipment
- Improved integration of data and work practices
- Real-time well monitoring and production optimisation
- Data acquisition and security
- Process and pipeline systems monitoring

1030–1100 hours Coffee Break/Posters/Tabletops

1100–1230 hours Session 5: Vision 2020 and Beyond—Panel Session

High-end visualisation and quick response mechanisms have brought immense changes in the way the intelligent field concept is thought of. Development of intelligent fields has surely played an important role in field optimisation by gathering and better managing information, and utilising smart software with astuteness to alert operators of developing complications. However, there has been very limited large scale implementation of smart systems in intelligent fields because of high cost. Distributed geographies and high volumes of streaming data pose pronounced challenges in monitoring assets and force us to look beyond the normal. The challenge is to rationalise and make sense of the information in real-time from different geographical, analyse various scenarios, and maximise the profits for today and the future. This panel session will guide you through our vision for 2020 and beyond in making intelligent fields happen.

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1230–1330 hours Luncheon

1330–1500 hours Session 6: Challenges: Business Environment

In the past decade, the oil industry has realised business value for their assets by using automated, real-time control systems, optimised design and operation, minimising human intervention, and by facilitating faster decision making processes. Many more challenges exist, as a result of which the oil and gas industry lags behind when compared with other industries such as space or communications. These challenges are road blocks hampering the industry adopting intelligent field technologies. This session will build on the experience of other industries to highlight the challenges the oil and gas industry has been facing and must overcome in order to catch up and widely implement intelligent fields. These challenges include:

- How to define most realistic business objectives
- Creating alignment with governmental policies
- Developing more flexible industry strategies
- Unsettled regional politics adding cost
- Regional politics impacting in-well and in-field infrastructure development and management
- Degree of maturity to handle and implement organisational policies
- Effect of stringent HSE regulation (post Macondo) on quick and appropriate decision making
- Thin lined collaboration due to restrictions on knowledge and profit sharing
- Balancing an untrained work force versus usage of high end technologies
- Transferring knowledge from a very limited trained work force to a new and different generation of professionals
- Managing knowledge over the product life cycle as a key to success

Insights into how to deal with these challenges will be presented with practical suggestions of how to accelerate the speed of growth of the industry.

1500–1530 hours Coffee Break

1530–1700 hours Session 7: Challenges: Technology

Intelligent oilfield concepts currently require huge investments such that the cost-benefit analysis is unattractive even for large oil companies. Worldwide, researchers are working on new models trying to simplify the intelligent oilfield concepts to extend their reach. Many large ambitious intelligent oilfield programmes are delayed due to technology, process, and adaptability challenges. Some of the key technology factors affecting adaptability are:

- Inherent complexity of diverse information
- Lack of solutions to increase the interoperability of information across all stakeholders
- Monolithic blocks of solutions restricted within asset boundaries, constrained by change management challenges
- Lack of standardisation and effective integration of available data leading to poor extraction of relevant information from the available data
- Need for fool proof data security standards allaying concerns to share relevant knowledge and information

The technology challenges session will focus on solution approaches for challenges around data interoperability, data and application securities, and process safety and asset integrity.

Friday, 22 June 2012

0900–1030 hours Session 8: Key Learnings–Breakout Session

The technical sessions in this workshop are designed to highlight various challenges, applicability, and the experiences showcased by the operators and services companies to facilitate implementing intelligent field technologies. The sessions reiterate the importance of operators, oil field services companies, and the new IT services companies to work together to address some of the most complex industry issues. This breakout session is designed to deliberate the key technical and business challenges discussed in the various sessions during the first two days. The participants will be divided into groups to deliberate further on the challenges and discuss the key take always from the various sessions. The deliberations by the groups will provide key inputs to the final session which will pull together the key messages and solution approaches from the workshop to facilitate economically feasible options for oil companies to implement intelligent fields.

1030–1100 hours Coffee Break/Posters/Tabletops

1100–1230 hours Session 9: How Do We Make It Happen–Panel Session

Technology adoption typically occurs in an S curve, as modelled in ‘diffusion of innovations’ theory, pioneered by Everett Rogers. Intelligent field technologies have been with us for a number of years now, and there is a growing feeling we are moving beyond the ‘bleeding edge’ stage, where innovators and early adopters have shown the technology has high potential but haven’t demonstrated its value or settled down into any kind of consensus, into the ‘leading edge’ stage, where the technology has proven itself in the marketplace but is still new enough that it is difficult to find knowledgeable personnel to implement support. How can we drive our business, customers, and service providers forward into the next ‘state-of-the-art’ stage where everyone agrees that a particular technology is the right solution? Our expert panelists will share their experiences in implementing intelligent field technologies, describing what has worked for them, the lessons learnt, critical success factors, and how best to make the business case for an intelligent field opportunity.

1230–1330 hours Workshop Conclusion

1330–1430 hours Luncheon

General Information

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The Leela Palace Bangalore
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Workshop Guidelines

Format
Two and a half (2.5) days of informal discussions prompted by selected keynote presentations and discussions. Workshops maximise the exchange of ideas among attendees and presenters through brief technical presentations followed by extended Q&A periods. Focused topics attract an informed audience eager to discuss issues critical to advancing both technology and best practices. The majority of the presentations are in the form of case studies, highlighting engineering achievements, and lessons learnt. In order to stimulate frank discussion, no proceedings are published and the press is not invited to attend.

Breakout Sessions
Attendees will be assigned to discussion groups on a random basis for the breakout sessions to maximise the opportunity to interact with other participants.

Documentation

- Proceedings will not be published; therefore, formal papers, and handouts are not expected from speakers.
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- Professionally-prepared visual aids are not required; however, PowerPoint presentations are most commonly used.
- Note-taking by participants is encouraged.

Poster Session
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Attendance
Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. The Steering Committee encourages attendance from those who can contribute to the workshop most effectively either in discussions or with posters. A mix of attendees in terms of geographic origin, companies, and disciplines will be encouraged.

Workshop Deliverables

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