



## **Operations and Requirements**

# **A Practical Approach to Managing DP Operations**

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*An Operator's Perspective*



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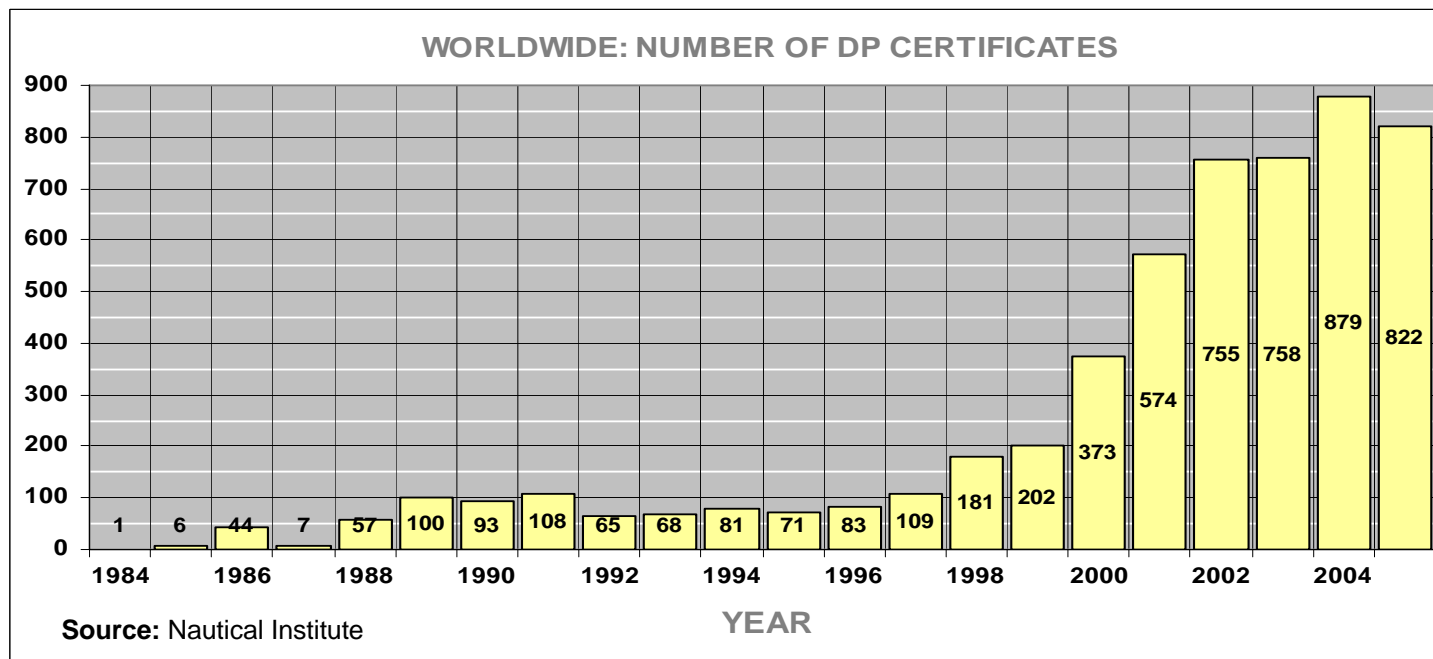
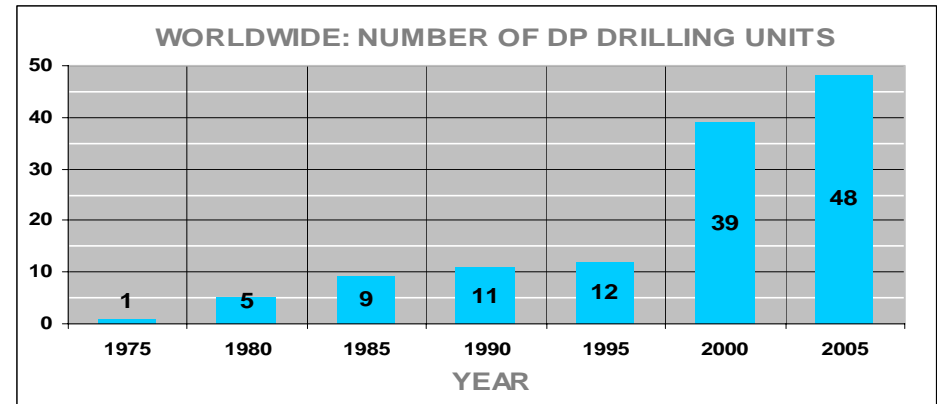
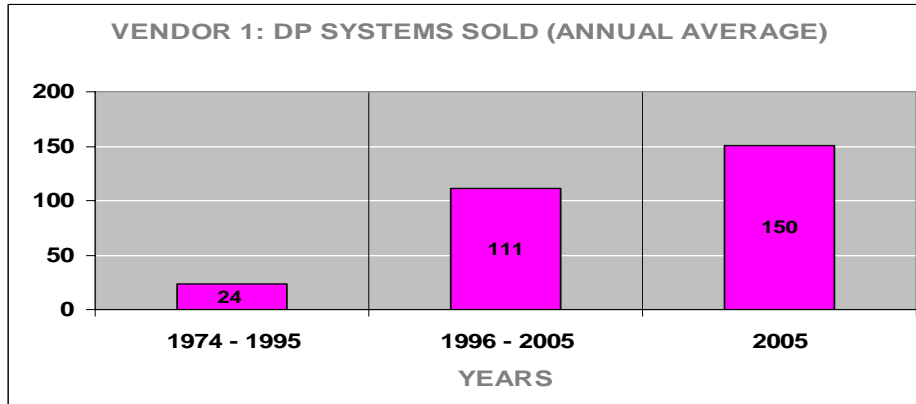


# Increasing use of DP Vessels in Shell's Marine Construction Activities

SHELL PROJECT	YEAR	WATER DEPTH (ft)	FOUND/MOOR PRE-INSTALL	HOST INSTALLATION	TOPSIDE LIFT	EXPORT LINES	RISERS FLOWLINES	UMBILICALS	SUBSEA
Auger	1994	2,860	NO	YES	N/A	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mars	1996	2,940	NO	NO	N/A	YES	YES	YES	NO
Ram Powell	1997	3,300	NO	NO	N/A	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ursa	1999	3,900	NO	NO	NO	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A
Brutus	2001	2,985	NO	NO	N/A	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A
Na Kika	2003	6,300	YES	YES	N/A	YES	YES	YES	YES
Holstein	2004	4,400	YES	YES	YES	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bonga	2005	3,380	YES	YES	N/A	YES	YES	YES	YES

# Increasing use of DP Vessels

# Experience Base ??



# Managing DP Operations

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- Background
- **Why manage?**
- Experience at Shell & industry
- Shell's philosophy
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# The Potential Consequences of a Loss of Position

## An Operator's Perspective

- Harm to personnel: >1,040 people
- Harm to environment: Irrevocable
- Damage to assets: \$50 Million - \$1 Billion
- Loss of revenue: \$ 15 Million/day
- Delays in revenue: Day(s) - year(s)
- Loss of reputation: Intangible

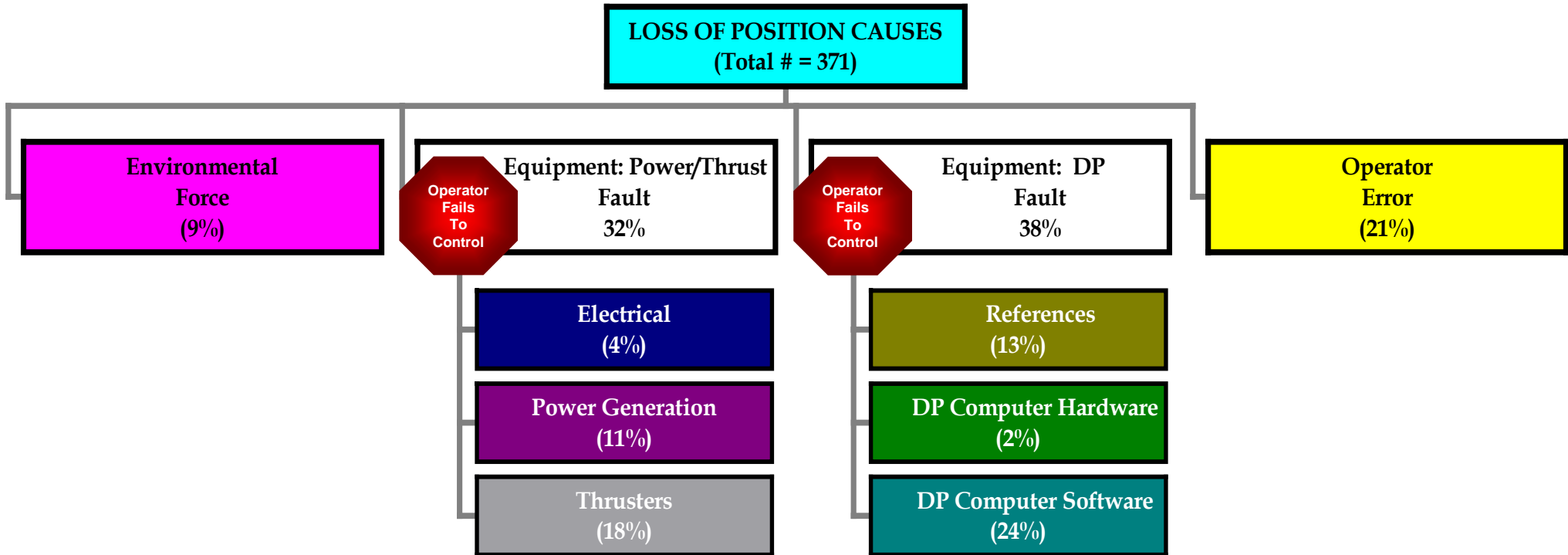


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# Nearly 98% of the Incidents may have been Mitigated by Attention to Human Factors



- **Human factors:** Poor procedures, poor design, insufficient testing/commissioning/QA, and/or operator error
- **DP systems:** Complex and require personnel and equipment to work together seamlessly for safe operations
- **Reported incidents from 1994 to 2003:** Total # = 371 (LOP1 = 43%, LOP2 = 57%)
  - ◆ Loss of position 1 (LOP1): Major loss of position
  - ◆ Loss of position 2 (LOP2): Minor loss of position
  - ◆ Lost time incident (LTI): Downtime through loss of redundancy
- **Attention to human factors:** LOP1 → LOP2 → LTI



# The Bonga Experience - Lessons Learnt

VESSEL	INCIDENT	CAUSE	POTENTIAL			AUDIT FINDINGS
			H	M	L	
1	Blackout	Operating outside of design intent	Red			
2	Loss of Position	Operator error		Yellow		
3	Loss of Position	Non-adherence to procedures		Yellow		
4	Loss of Position	Lack of Management of Change	Red			
5	Loss of Position	Lack of familiarity with vessel systems	Red			
6	Loss of Position	Vessel inadequately equipped	Red			
7						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gaps in FMEA</li> <li>Safe configuration not specified (complex vessel)</li> </ul>
8						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gaps in FMEA</li> <li>Significant single point failure exceeding design intent</li> </ul>
9						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gaps in FMEA</li> <li>Lack of Management of Change</li> <li>Safe configuration not specified</li> </ul>



# What Worked

# What did not Work



# Engagement by Operator Facilitated Incident Free Execution

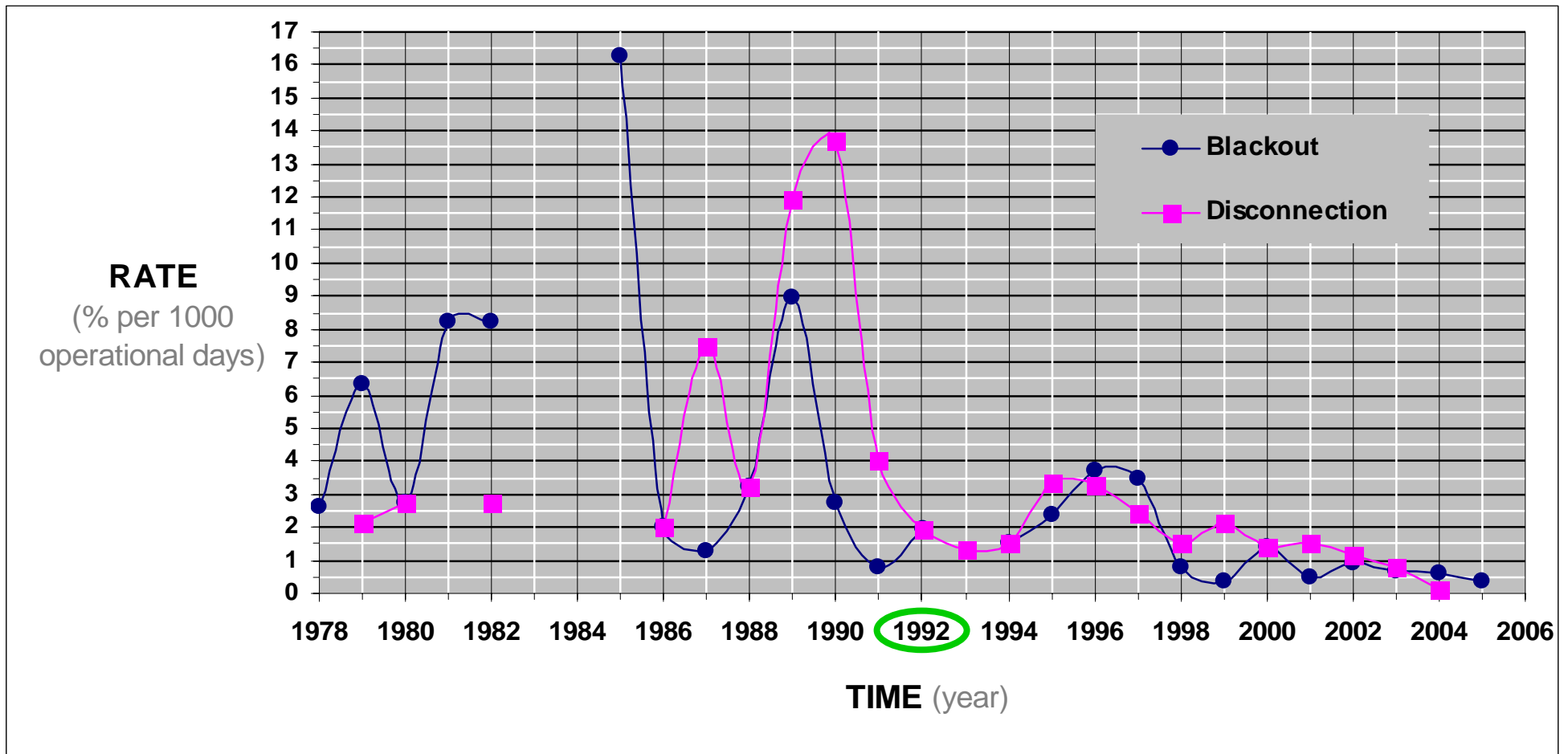
## NA KIKA HOLSTEIN

- **Operator:** Engaged early on
  - ◆ Indepth technical review of vessels
  - ◆ Vessel's capabilities established by trials
  - ◆ Operational parameters established
- **Audits:** Preceded by technical reviews
  - ◆ Not a *"tick in the box"* exercise
  - ◆ Opportunity taken to educate project team
- **Engagement:** With Contractors project and operational teams
- **Work Activities:** Undertaken within the vessel's capabilities

## BONGA

- **Relied on audits:** Focused on the availability of documentation and not on content
- **Audits:** Lacked emphasis for DP vessels
- **Marine Warranty Surveyor (MWS) personnel:** Lacked skill sets to oversee DP related activities
- **EPIC contract:** *"Leave it to contractor"* approach

# Proactive Operator Engagement Reduces DP Incident Rates



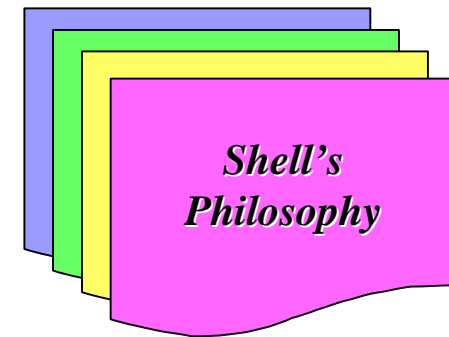
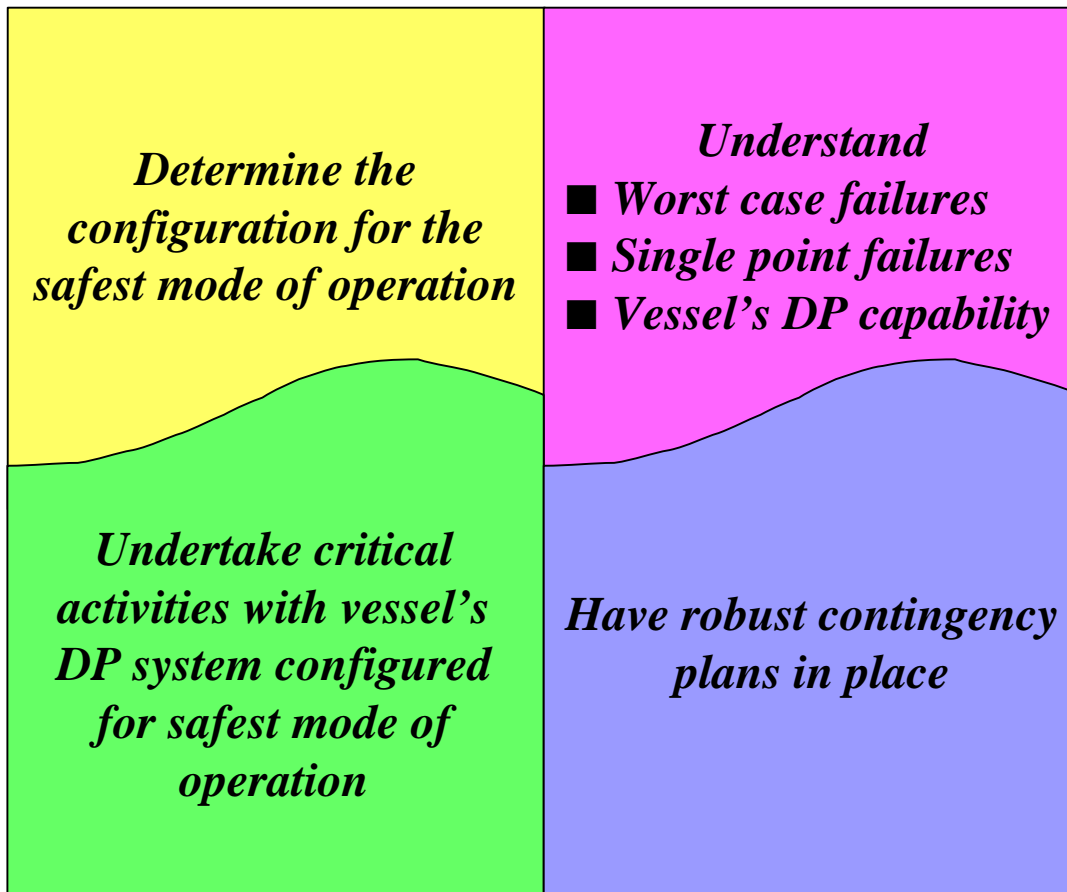
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# Shell's Philosophy for Managing DP Operations



## PRIMARY TOOLS FOR ASSESSMENT

- ✓ Failure Mode Effects Analysis
- ✓ Proving trials documents
- ✓ Capability plots
- ✓ Contractor's operational philosophy

*If FMEAs considered only  
already known & reported incidents  
then 97.6% of likely DP incident  
causes may be identified*

# FMEA Failings

## VESSEL PROJECT TEAM

- Seen as a deliverable to obtain Class
- Improperly specified
- Proving trials are insufficient

## VESSEL OPERATIONS TEAM

- Sits on a shelf
- Seldom used or understood

## FMEA

Lack of Ownership

## FMEA PRACTITIONER

- Experience based (not analytical)
- Lack of multidisciplinary team
- Lack of resources

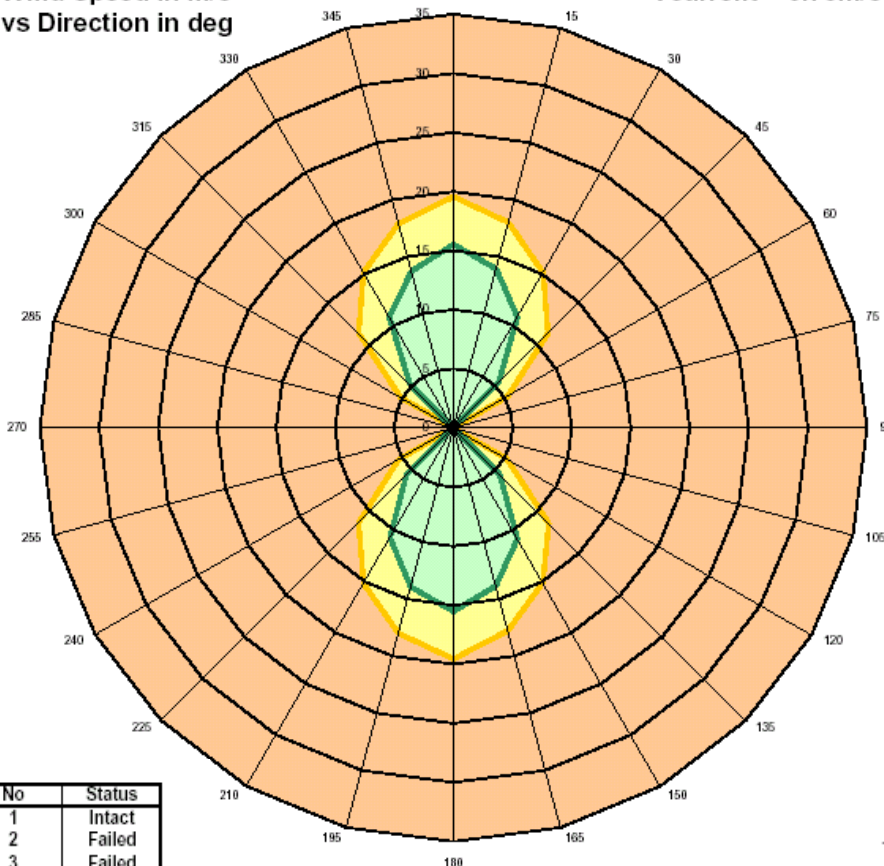
## REGULATORY

- Approval given without adequate review
- Operational issues not understood



# Validation of Capability Case of Actual vs. Theoretical

Wind Speed in m/s vs Direction in deg  
Vcurrent = 0.75m/s

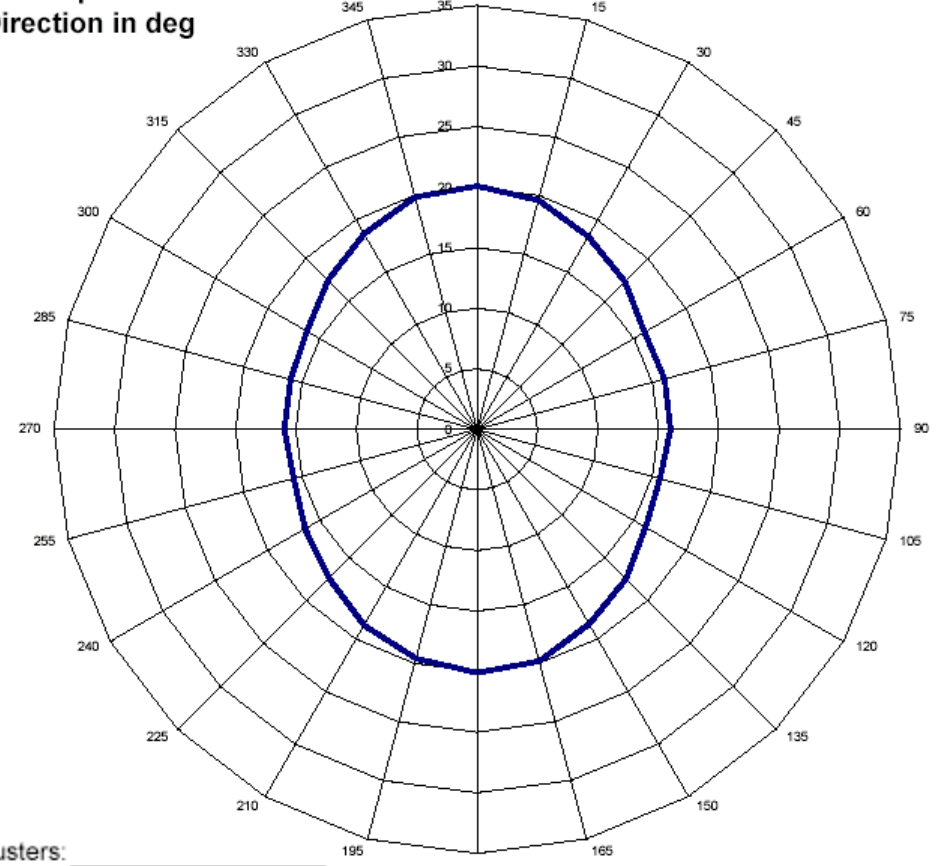


Thrusters:

No	Status
1	Intact
2	Failed
3	Failed
4	Intact

- Definite Capability
- Possible Capability
- No Capability Proven in Trials

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# Development of Field/Well Specific Operational Guidelines



- Results of FMEA review
- Results of Proving/Field Trials
- Vessel's capability
- Consequences of loss of position
- Contractor's operational philosophy
- SIMOPS
- Work activity
- Contingency planning

## WSOG Operating Guidelines – xxxxx

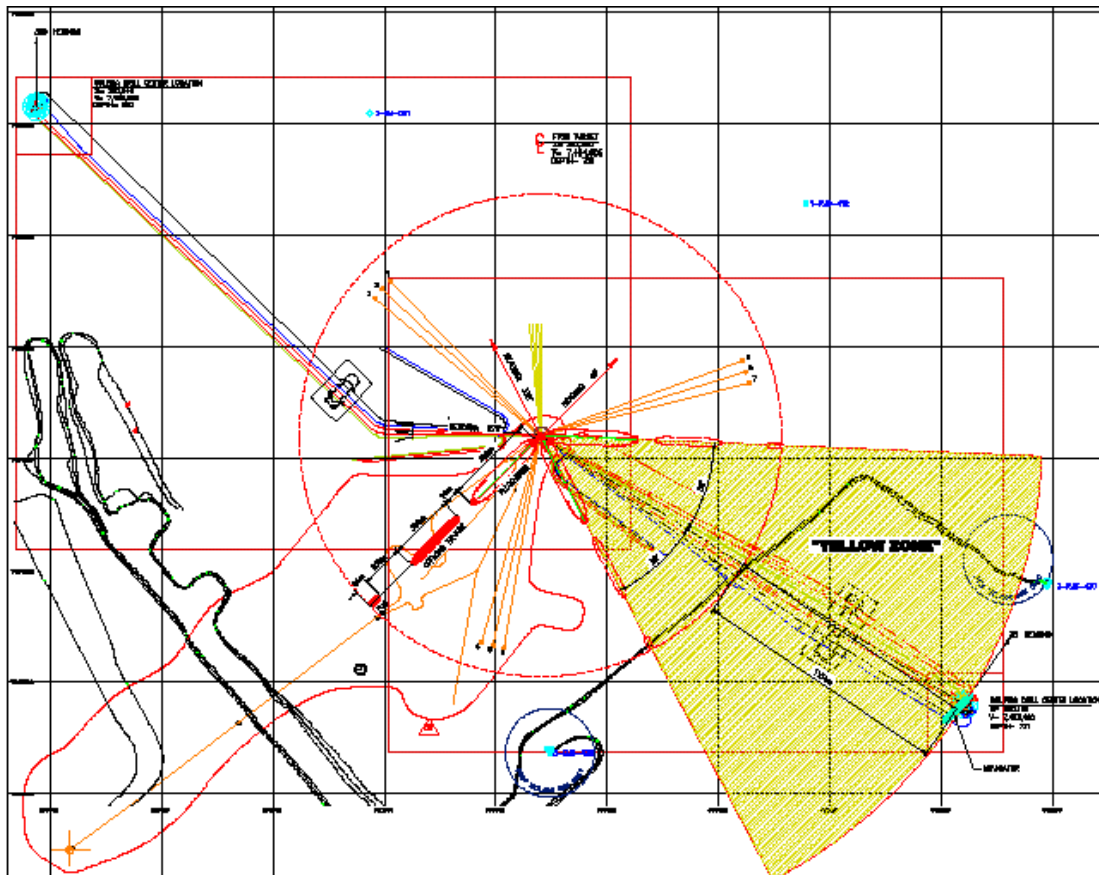
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Operator: XXX

CONDITION	GREEN	ADVISORY	YELLOW	RED
NOTIFY D/WV OIM DRILLER IMMEDIATELY OPERATOR/CLIENT IMMEDIATELY	NORMAL COMMUNICATIONS	YES	YES	YES
ACTION	CONTINUE NORMAL OPERATIONS	INFORMATIVE/CONSULTATIVE STATUS (RISK ASSESS)	SOUND YELLOW ALARM RIG FLOOR CEASE DRILLING OPERATIONS. HANG OFF. INITIATE EDS PREPARATION (DO NOT SHEAR)	SOUND EMERGENCY DISCONNECT ALARM. IMMEDIATELY CLEAR DRILL FLOOR AND MOONPOOL AREAS OF PERSONNEL, DISCONNECT AND MOVE AWAY FROM WELL.

DP INCIDENT				
BLACK-OUT OF ALL HV BUS			If recovery unlikely or riser threatened NOTE In absence of Capt or OIM's presence at DP desk, DPO empowered to advise Driller to initiate EDS	On reaching Red Alarm Circle
LOSS OF TOW VESSEL		Depending on operations and weather conditions / forecast may dictate drift away from Sub Sea assets and FPSO	Depending on operations and weather conditions / forecast may dictate drift towards Sub Sea assets and FPSO	
COMMUNICATIONS WITH TOW VESSEL	VHF and Single side band and Global star	If lose VHF have Single side band and Global star	IF lose VHF and Single side band have Global star	
OPERATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS WITH TOW VESSEL		When non shearable tubulars are passing through BOP's		
IMPENDING COLLISION		If minimum CPA is less than 500m	If Consequence of Collision is high, Yes	If the consequence of a collision is high and collision imminent then initiate disconnect
FIRE IN AN ENGINE ROOM		Any fire alarm in that area	Fire confirmed	Room #1 Uncontrollable loss of position imminent in Engine room #2
FIRE IN SWBD ROOM		Any fire alarm in that area	Fire confirmed	Uncontrollable loss of position imminent
SCR ROOM		Any fire alarm in that area	Fire confirmed	Uncontrollable loss of position imminent
BLACK OUT OF 1 SIDE HV BUS LOSS OF MORE THAN ONE RUNNING DIESEL GENERATOR FAILURE SUCH THAT THE SET UP OF GENERATORS ON EACH SIDE OF HV BUS IS NOT SYMMETRIC FOR LONGER THAN START TIME OF THE NEXT GENERATOR		Yes	If a fuel problem	Uncontrollable loss of position imminent
SWITCHBOARD 125V V CONTROL VOLTAGE FAILURE GROUP OF THRUSTERS FAILURE (SPU, PLC, SCR OR E STOP MAIN PROPS)		One charger failed	On batteries	If total failure of 125V DC System
		Two thrusters	Three thrusters	Uncontrollable loss of position imminent
DATA HIGHWAY PLUS FAILURE		Multiple Alarms	If double failure	Remarks DP system continues to work PMS affected Uncontrollable loss of position imminent.

# Contingency Planning



- **Process:** Carry out & implement
  - ◆ HAZID HAZOP's
  - ◆ Mitigation measures
  
- **Contingency plans:** Robust & developed
  - ◆ Operators project team
  - ◆ Contractors project team and operational team
  
- **Contingency Plans:** Effective & executable
  - ◆ Pre task drills
  - ◆ Demonstrate skills (if required)





# Contingency Planning: Execution

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# Contingency Planning: Demonstration of Skills




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# The Development of Shell's DP Vessel Requirements

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 SHELL INTERNATIONAL E&P EP PROJECTS  <u>DYNAMICALLY POSITIONED                  VESSEL REQUIREMENTS</u>							
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DOCUMENT TITLE: DYNAMICALLY POSITIONED (DP) VESSEL REQUIREMENTS							
DOCUMENT NUMBER: EPP-PS-17							

- **Shell - EPP (Construction):** Learning prompted the development of “*Dynamically Positioned Vessel Requirements*” document
  - ◆ Specifies the minimum requirements for DP vessels engaged in construction activities
  - ◆ Becomes part of a RFQ/ITT package
  
- **Shell - EPP (Other communities)**
  - ◆ Adopted the document and made it into a Design Engineering Practice (DEP)
  - ◆ In use by Deepwater (regional)
  - ◆ In process of becoming a Global DEP
  
- **Requirements:** Are applicable to the following activities
  - ◆ Construction (*includes Subsea & Pipelines*)
  - ◆ Accommodation support
  - ◆ Drilling & Well Intervention (*additional requirements TBD*)



# DEP Requirements Specifies: Submission of Following Documents

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- FMEA\*
- Proving trials
- Annual trials
- Audits
- Modifications since last FMEA
- Power system discrimination, Selectivity, Calibration
- Bus tie philosophy
- DP
  - ◆ Incidents and service reports
  - ◆ Capability plots and proving trials
  - ◆ Operations manual
- DPO experience
- Examples of WSOG or FSOG

# DEP Requirements Specifies: FMEA Fundamentals

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## FMEA REQUIREMENTS

- FMEA must define
  - ◆ Safest mode of operation
  - ◆ Worse case failures
  - ◆ Significant single point failures
- FMEA must be
  - ◆ Updated after major modifications
  - ◆ Reviewed and updated in the last 5 years
- Annual trials must be adequate
- Action items from annual trials
  - ◆ Must be closed out
  - ◆ Or in the process of close out

## FMEA MUST COVER

- Governor and AVR failure modes
- Main switchboard control power failure modes
- DP control system I/O arrangement
- Position reference processing
- One line drawings of DGPS, HPR, and other PRS
- Networks
- Communications
- Consequence analysis

# DEP Requirements Specifies: Project Specific Training When Necessary

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- PST is used to provide
  - ◆ An overview of the project
  - ◆ Criticality of the specific operation(s)
  
- PST must cover
  - ◆ Worst case failure
  - ◆ Significant single point failures of the DP system
  - ◆ Configuration for the safest mode of operation
  - ◆ DP and Contingency Planning required
  - ◆ Development & practical use of WSOG or FSOG
  
- PST must be
  - ◆ Conducted at suitable training facility
  - ◆ On equipment similar to that on the vessel

## REQUIRED ATTENDEES

- ✓ Master(s)
- ✓ Chief Mate(s)
- ✓ DPO(s)
- ✓ Chief Engineer(s)
- ✓ Chief Electrician(s)

# Keys to Success

## ■ Operator engagement

- ◆ Understand DP vessel's capability
- ◆ Review operational management
- ◆ Provide appropriate tools to project teams

## ■ Stakeholder involvement

- ◆ Foster collaboration (*contractors, operators, professional associations, training centers, and vendors*)
- ◆ Train personnel (*operators, contractors, vessel management, etc.*)
- ◆ Share learning (*failures and successes*)

## ■ Training center effectiveness

- ◆ Identify training needs
- ◆ Consider project specific simulator training



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