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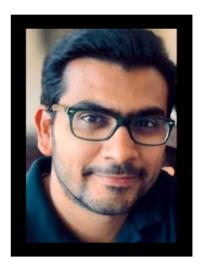
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Impact of Ambyint's Machine Learning Closed Loop Optimization System on Horizontal Bakken Wells: Failure Analysis Case Study

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#### Introductions



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- Sr. Petroleum Engineer, Flamingo Oil International
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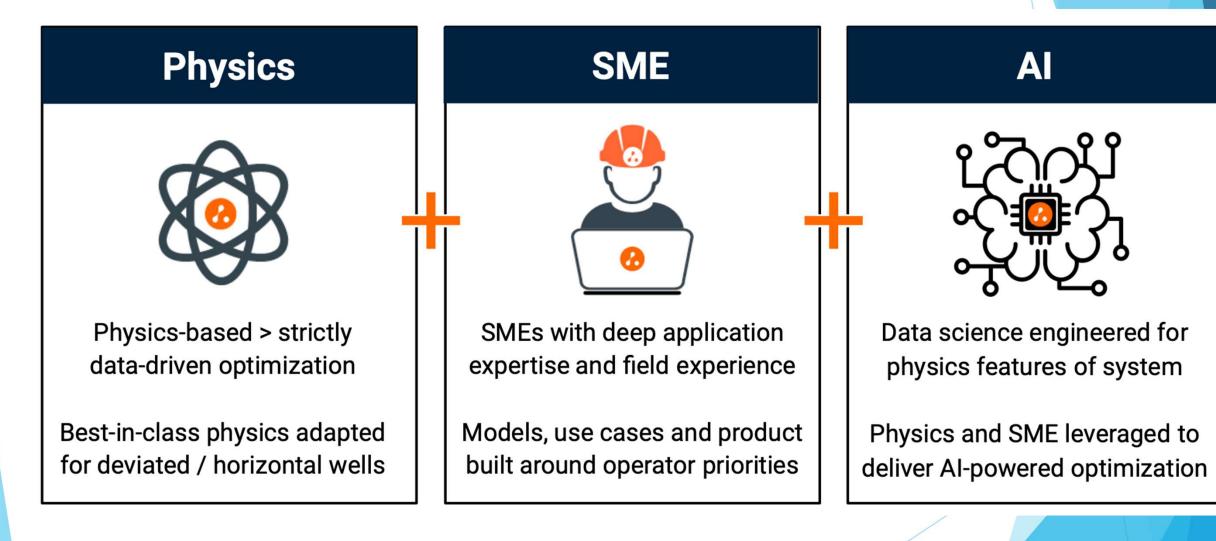
Senior Chief Scientist, Baker Hughes

• Steered the technical direction and customer focused product strategy for Well Manager, SROD, Production Link and deviated downhole tools

- Senior Chief Scientist, Weatherford
  - Pioneered new techniques for rod lift automation, artificial intelligence and data analytics as well as directed product strategy and direction as Artificial Lift SME for WellPilot and LOWIS
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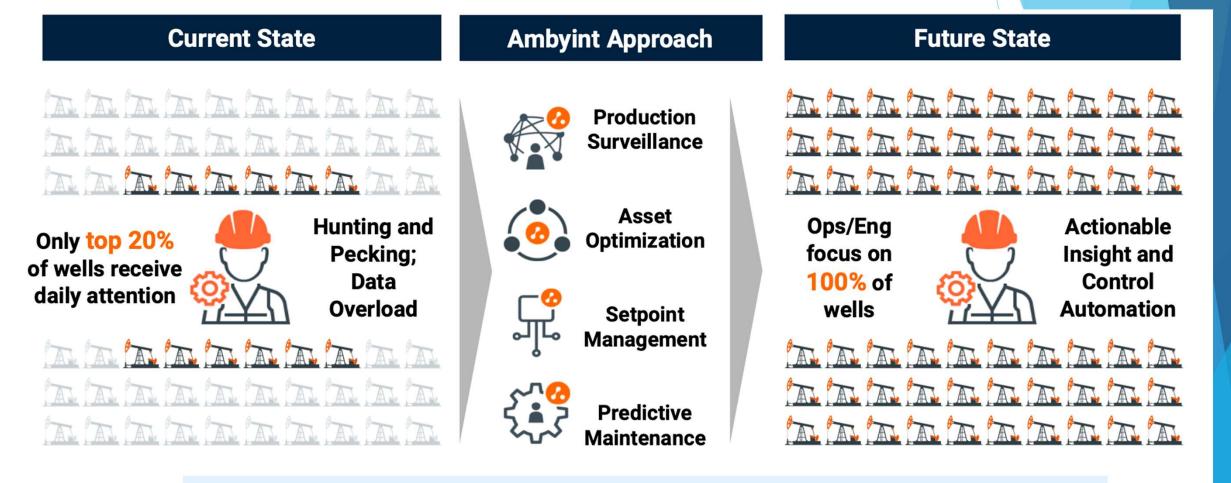
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# Ambyint: Physics based AI critical to Production Optimization



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# Ambyint: Methodical Approach Delivers Simplicity and Scalability



Ambyint provides scalable, operational benefits for production teams

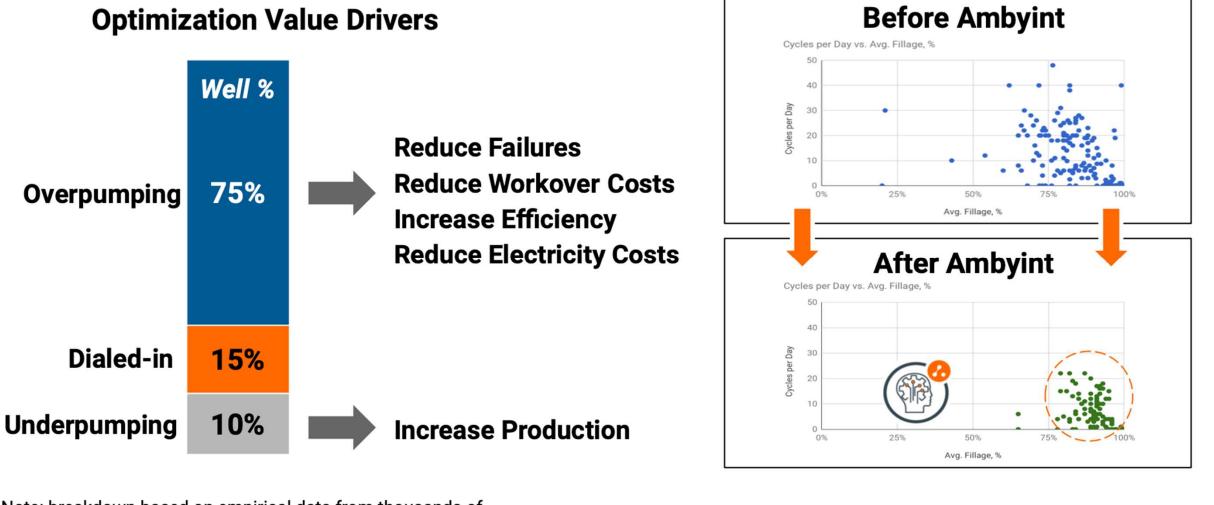
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#### Ambyint: Using AI to Achieve Closed Loop Well Optimization at Scale



Note: breakdown based on empirical data from thousands of

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### Bakken Operator Case Study

Operator deployed Ambyint on 350 rod pump wells from 2017 – 2020 to autonomously optimize wells to:

- Increase production
- Reduce strokes
- Reduce failures
- Identify downhole conditions
- Increase pump fillage

Failure analysis was conducted on the Bakken case study where Ambyint adapted two models:

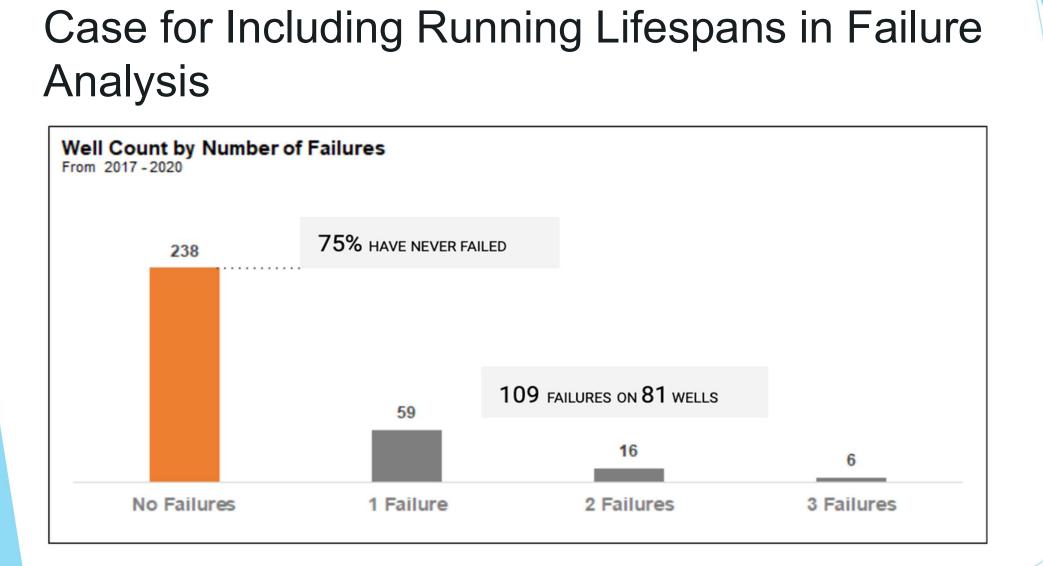
- Mean Time Between Failure MTBF
- Failure Frequency FF

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### Data for Model

- Summary of Data Used for the Models
  - ► 319 wells
  - ▶ 1,675 lifespans from 2011 to 2020
  - Each failure was recorded with detailed event description: components failed, failure depth and failure mechanism in the operator failure log
- Scrubbed Failure Logs to Correct Errors
  - Incorrect install / failure dates that did not match up with each well's failure history (~300+ records had to be corrected)
  - Wells that had intermittent shut-ins (facilities repair, shut-in for drilling, frac jobs) had install dates that did not reflect install date as the last workover end date leading to lower (incorrect) runtimes for certain failures
  - ► Gaps in failure history for which no event was recorded
  - Runtimes were found to be inaccurate in several cases where SPM data was then used to validate if well was running or not (only for the time period well was on Ambyint)
  - ► Failure logs did not have all the Ambyint wells; 23 were found missing

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- Only 25% of wells deployed on Ambyint failed, 75% were still running
- ► Need to have a criteria to include or exclude running lifespans

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### Purpose of Case Study



**Objective:** Quantify and measure the impact of Ambyint in terms of increased runtime, decreased MTBF and decreased FF

Hypothesis: In the case of over-pumping, logically Ambyint should have a positive effect on wear and corrosion related failures due to lower pumping speeds, which imply smaller fluid velocities and reduced wear in the system

**Approach:** Comparing runtimes, MTBF and failure rate before and after Ambyint install

Areas of Impacts: Ambyint will have the most positive effect on wear, corrosion and corrosion enhanced wear and can delay end of life failures

#### What can affect failure frequencies for Ambyint:

- Ambyint well configuration set up must be complete and recommendations must be accepted
- Properly record & identify failure reason and failure component
- Corrective measures taken on repeated preventable failures
- Learn from past failures Don't repeat the same mistakes

How do we know if Ambyint had an impact on well:

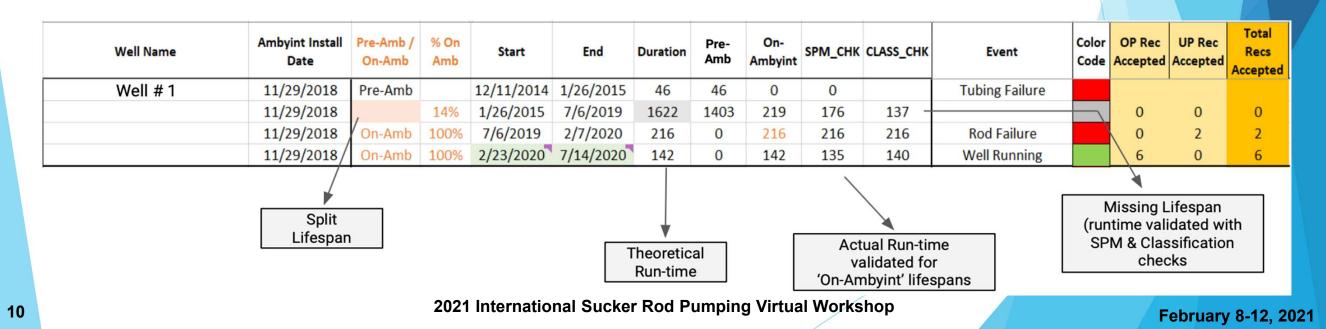
- SPM data is positive
- # accepted recommendations > threshold
- Autonomous Set Point Management (ASPM) is active

# **Modeling Definitions**



#### "Lifespan"

- Runtime record of a well with a specific install date / start date and end date. Can be either a 'Failure' or a 'Well Running' record
- Status Classification: "Pre-Ambyint", "On-Ambyint", "Split Lifespan", "Missing Lifespan"
  - "Pre-Ambyint" Runtime records / lifespans on a well before Ambyint install
  - "On-Ambyint" Runtime records / lifespans on a well after Ambyint install
  - "Split Lifespan" Unique record (only 1 per well) where the runtime record is divided between 'On-Ambyint' AND 'Pre-Ambyint' based on ambyint install date; split lifespan can be classified a 'Failure' or as a 'Well Running'
  - "Missing Lifespan" runtime records for which there is no event recorded; such lifespans occuring 'On-Ambyint' have been corrected using SPM data (if SPM data shows running its runtime is included and if SPM shows not running its considered as downtime)



# Modeling Definitions (continued)

- Optimization Classification: 'Non-Amb' & 'Amb'
  - 'Non-Amb' Any lifespan that has no accepted recommendations; by default all 'Pre-Amb' lifespans qualify as 'Non-Amb', however a 'On-Amb' lifespan that has no recs accepted will also be classified as 'Non-Amb'
  - 'Amb' Any lifespan that has accepted recommendations generated by the Ambyint's ASPM algorithm; by default these can never be 'Pre-Amb'

Well Name	Ambyint Install Date	Pre-Amb / On-Amb	% On Amb	Start	End	Duration	Pre-Amb	On-Amb	SPM_CHK	CLASS_CHK	Non-Amb	Amb	Event	OP Rec Accepted	UP Rec Accepted	
Well # 2	7/31/2019	Pre-Amb		9/9/2015	6/23/2016	288	288	0			288		Rod & Tubing Failure			
	7/31/2019	Pre-Amb		6/23/2016	6/24/2016	1	1	0					Waiting on Rig			
	7/31/2019	Pre-Amb		6/24/2016	6/27/2016	3	3	0					Workover / Shut-in			
	7/31/2019		4%	6/27/2016	9/17/2019	1177	1129	48	49	48	1177			0	0	
	7/31/2019	On-Amb	100%	9/17/2019	9/21/2019	4	0	4	0	4			Workover / Shut-in	0	0	
	7/31/2019	On-Amb	100%	9/21/2019	10/21/2019	30	0	30	0	3				0	0	
	7/31/2019	On-Amb	100%	10/21/2019	10/22/2019	1	0	1	0				Workover / Shut-in	0	0	
	7/31/2019	On-Amb	100%	10/22/2019	11/16/2019	25	0	25	0					0	0	
	7/31/2019	On-Amb	100%	11/16/2019	11/20/2019	4	0	4	1				Workover / Shut-in	0	0	
	7/31/2019	On-Amb	100%	11/20/2019	2/4/2020	76	0	76	75	76	76		Rod Failure	0	0	
	7/31/2019	On-Amb	100%	2/4/2020	8/31/2020	209	0	209	56	66			Well Running	0	1	

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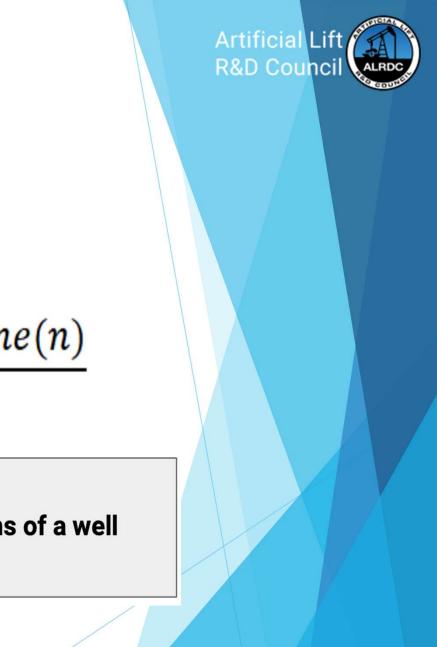
# Modeling Definitions (continued)

- Early Failure Lifespans
  - Early failures are classified as wells with a runtime of less than 60 days.
  - Reason for early failure is most likely makeup and Handling failures
  - These failures skew the results of the analysis since these occurrences are outliers to the rest
    of the results
- Both 'Amb' and 'Non-Amb' lifespans of a well are treated equally
  - Early failures from either Pre-Amb or On-Amb data are discarded from the analysis since we are not considering Make-Up and Handling failures in this study

Well	Ambyint Install	Pre-Amb / On-Amb		Start	End 🗸	Duration .T	Pre-Amb	On-Amb	SPM_CHK	CLASS_CHK	Non-Amb	Amb	Event ,T	OP Rec Accepted	UP Rec Accepted	Recs
Well # 1	8/16/2017	Pre-Amb		9/22/2016	10/7/2016	15	15	0	0				Rod & Tubing Failure			0
Well # 2	11/21/2018	Pre-Amb		9/25/2015	10/9/2015	14	14	0					Rod Failure (Part)			
Well # 3	12/13/2018	On-Amb	100%	3/1/2019	3/13/2019	12	0	12	12	12			Rod & Tubing Failure	0	0	0
Well # 4	12/14/2018	Pre-Amb		1/29/2015	2/7/2015	9	9	0	0				Rod Failure (Part)			
Well # 5	1/17/2018	On-Amb	100%	8/31/2018	9/1/2018	1	0	1	1	1			Rod Failure	0	0	0



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### Mean Time Between Failures - Model

Total Runtime Total # of Runtimes

#### Runtime (1) + Runtime (2)...+ Runtime(n)

#### n

#### **Objective**

- Compare true MTBF of 'Non-Amb' lifespans of a well vs. 'Amb' lifespans of a well
- Determine success of Ambyint based on longer average runtimes

MTBF

### MTBF Model – Positive Result

Well 'Running' lifespans can be included and counted as a failure only if it exceeds the average RT of previous failures

Case I: 'Amb' 'Well Running' Lifespan Included

Well Name	Ambyint Install Date	Pre-Amb / On-Amb		Start	End	Duration	Pre-Amb	On-Amb	SPM_CHK	CLASS_CHK	Non-Amb	Amb	Event	Color Code	OP Rec Accepted	UP Rec Accepted	Recs
Well # 3	1/17/2018	Pre-Amb		11/23/2015	2/4/2017	439	439	0			439		Rod Failure				
	1/17/2018	Pre-Amb		2/4/2017	2/5/2017	1	1	0					Waiting on Rig				
	1/17/2018	Pre-Amb		2/5/2017	2/6/2017	1	1	0					Workover / Shut-in				
	1/17/2018		30%	2/6/2017	6/12/2018	491	345	146	147	85	345	146	Rod & Tubing Failure		0	2	2
	1/17/2018	On-Amb	100%	6/12/2018	6/16/2018	4	0	4	1	4			Waiting on Rig		0	0	0
	1/17/2018	On-Amb	100%	6/16/2018	6/19/2018	3	0	3	1	3			Workover / Shut-in		0	0	0
	1/17/2018	On-Amb	100%	6/19/2018	8/31/2020	804	0	804	647	590		647	Well Running		3	2	5

'Non-Amb' MTBF = <u>439 + 345</u> = **392 days** 2

'Well Running' RT > Avg. RT of 'Amb' failures; **included** (Note: split lifespan failures are counted as failures on 'Amb' & 'Non-Amb')

Result: Positive ('Amb' MTBF > 'Non-Amb' MTBF)

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#### MTBF Model – Negative Result

#### Case II: 'Amb' 'Well Running' Lifespan Excluded

Well Name	Ambyint Install Date	Pre-Amb / On-Amb	% On Amb	Start	End	Duration	Pre-Amb	On-Amb	SPM_CHK	CLASS_CHK	Non-Amb	Amb	Event	Color Code	OP Rec Accepted		Total Recs Accepted
Well # 4	12/10/2018	Pre-Amb		11/20/2013	7/20/2015	607	607	0			607		Tubing Failure				
	12/10/2018	Pre-Amb		7/20/2015	10/4/2016	442	442	0									
	12/10/2018		31%	10/4/2016	12/4/2019	1156	797	359	360	300	797	359	Rod & Tubing Failure		6	4	10
	12/10/2018	On-Amb	100%	12/4/2019	12/27/2019	23	0	23	12	19			Waiting on Rig		0	0	0
	12/10/2018	On-Amb	100%	12/27/2019	12/31/2019	4	0	4	0				Workover / Shut-in		0	0	0
	12/10/2018	On-Amb	100%	12/31/2019	8/31/2020	244	0	244	239	232			Well Running		9	8	17

'Non-Amb' MTBF = <u>607 + 797</u> = **702 days** 2

<u>359</u> = **359 days** 

'Amb' MTBF =

'Well Running' RT < Avg. RT of 'Amb' failures; **excluded** 

Result: Negative ('Amb' MTBF < 'Non-Amb' MTBF)

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#### MTBF Model – Inconclusive Result



Well Name	Ambyint Install Date	Pre-Amb / On-Amb		Start	End	Duration	Pre-Amb	On-Amb	<mark>SPM_</mark> CHK	CLASS_CHK	Non-Amb	Amb	Event	OP Rec Accepted	UP Rec Accepted	Total Recs Accepted
Well # 5	7/23/2019	Pre-Amb		9/7/2012	6/9/2015	1005	1005	0			1005		Rod Failure (Part)			
	7/23/2019	Pre-Amb		6/14/2015	12/18/2015	187	187	0			187		Tubing Failure			
	7/23/2019	Pre-Amb		12/18/2015	12/19/2015	1	1	0					Waiting on Rig			
	7/23/2019	Pre-Amb		12/19/2015	12/22/2015	3	3	0					Workover / Shut-in			
	7/23/2019	Pre-Amb		12/22/2015	1/5/2018	745	745	0			745		Rod & Tubing Failure			
	7/23/2019	Pre-Amb		1/5/2018	7/2/2018	178	178	0					Waiting on Rig			
	7/23/2019	Pre-Amb		7/2/2018	7/7/2018	5	5	0					Workover / Shut-in			
	7/23/2019		52%	7/7/2018	8/31/2020	786	381	405	402	388			Well Running	3	2	5

'Non-Amb' MTBF = <u>1005 + 187 + 745</u> = 646 days 3

'Non-Amb' 'Well Running' RT < Avg. RT of 'Non-Amb' failures; excluded

'Amb' MTBF = 0

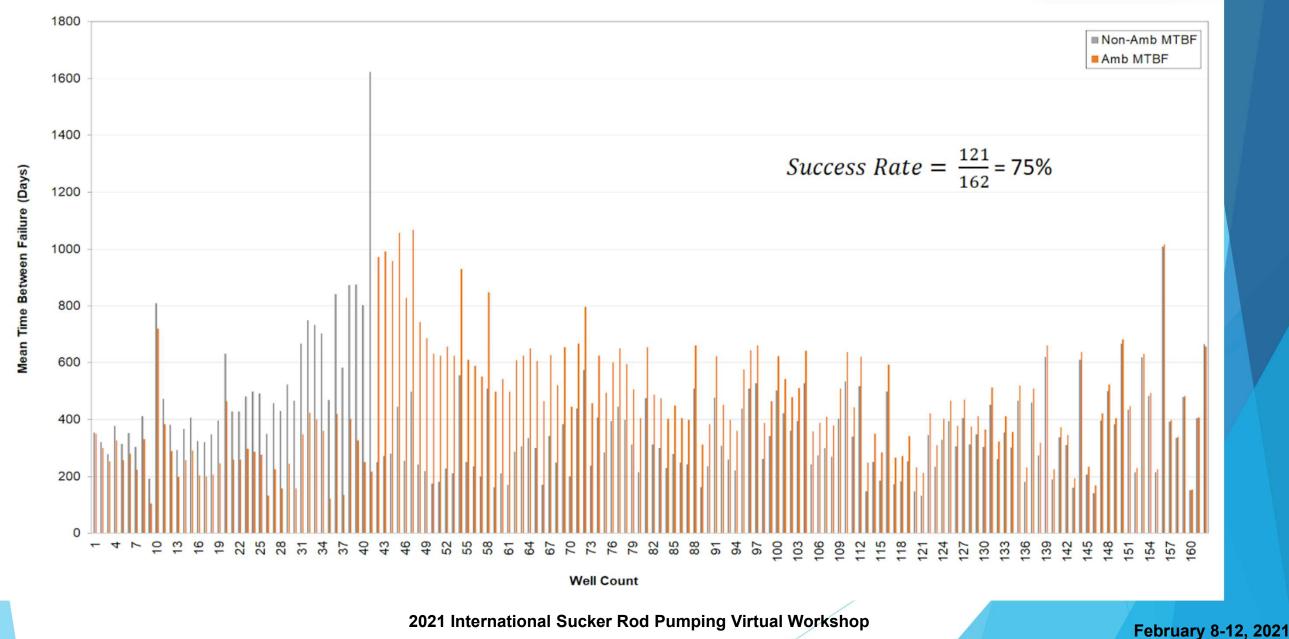
No 'Amb' failure

**Result:** Inconclusive (need more runtime / failure to determine Ambyint's impact as positive / negative)

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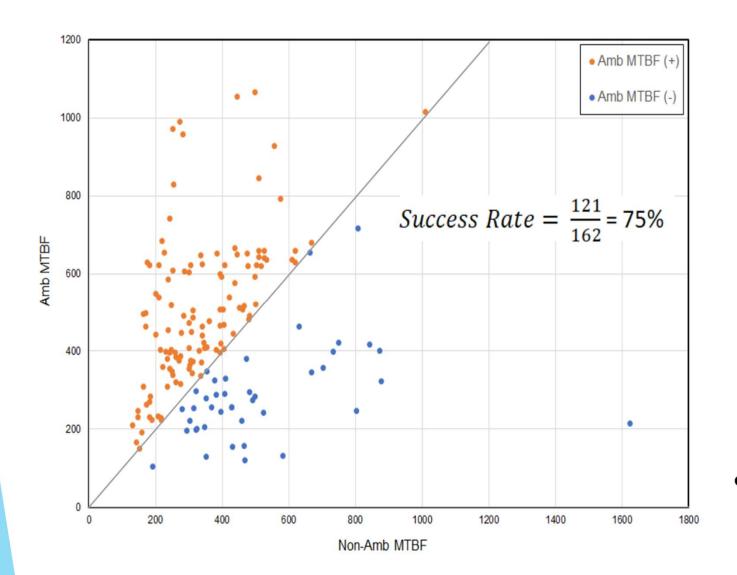
### Histogram for MTBF Model





#### **MTBF Model - Results**





MTBF Model Results	Well Count
Positive	121
Negative	41
Inconclusive	144
Null (No SPM data)	13
Total	319

	Non-Amb	Amb	% Diff.
Median MTBF	343	411	+20%
Average MTBF	382	451	+18%

 Inconclusive and null results are not included for this analysis

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### Failure Frequency Model

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Total # of Failures

Failure Frequency (FF) =

Total Runtime in Years

Failure (1) + Failure (2) ... + Failure (n)

[Runtime (1)+Runtime (2)...+Runtime(n)]/365

#### Objective

- Compare true FF of 'Non-Amb' lifespans of a well vs. 'Amb' lifespans of a well
- Determine success of Ambyint based on lower failure frequency

#### Failure Frequency (FF) Model – Positive Result



Well Running' lifespans are always included and never counted as failures

Well Name	Ambyint Install Date	Pre-Amb / On-Amb	% On Amb	Start	End	Duration	Pre-Amb	On-Amb	SPM_СНК	CLASS_CHK	Non-Amb	Amb	Event	* - POP 7 1 4 1	OP Rec Accepted	and the second sec	Total Recs Accepted
Well # 1	1/17/2018	Pre-Amb		11/23/2015	2/4/2017	439	439	0			439		Rod Failure				
	1/17/2018	Pre-Amb		2/4/2017	2/5/2017	1	1	0					Waiting on Rig		]		
	1/17/2018	Pre-Amb		2/5/2017	2/6/2017	1	1	0					Workover / Shut-in				
	1/17/2018		30%	2/6/2017	6/12/2018	491	345	146	147	85	345	146	Rod & Tubing Failure		0	2	2
	1/17/2018	On-Amb	100%	6/12/2018	6/16/2018	4	0	4	1	4			Waiting on Rig		0	0	0
	1/17/2018	On-Amb	100%	6/16/2018	6/19/2018	3	0	3	1	3			Workover / Shut-in		0	0	0
	1/17/2018	On-Amb	100%	6/19/2018	8/31/2020	804	0	804	647	590		647	Well Running		3	2	5

'Non-Amb' FF = 
$$2 = 0.9$$
  
[439 + 345] / 365

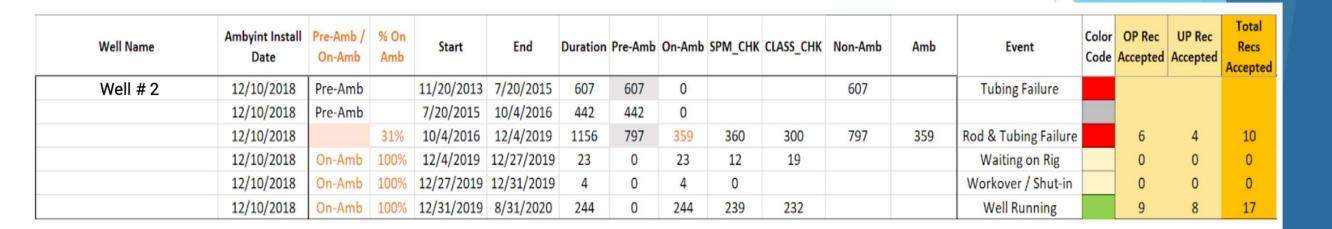
'Amb' FF =  $\frac{1}{[146 + 647] / 365}$  = **0.5** 

'Well Running' RT included in total runtime

Result: Positive ('Amb' FF < 'Non-Amb' FF)

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## Failure Frequency (FF) – Negative Result



'Amb' FF = <u>1</u> = **0.6** [359 + 239] / 365

'Well Running' RT included in total runtime

Result: Negative ('Amb' FF > 'Non-Amb' FF)

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## Failure Frequency (FF) – Inconclusive Result

Well Name	Ambyint Install Date	Pre-Amb / On-Amb		Start	End	Duration	Pre-Amb	On-Amb	SPM_CHK	CLASS_CHK	Non-Amb	Amb	Event	OP Rec Accepted	and the second second second	Total Recs Accepted
Well # 3	7/23/2019	Pre-Amb		9/7/2012	6/9/2015	1005	1005	0			1005		Rod Failure (Part)			
	7/23/2019	Pre-Amb		6/14/2015	12/18/2015	187	187	0			187		Tubing Failure			
	7/23/2019	Pre-Amb		12/18/2015	12/19/2015	1	1	0					Waiting on Rig			
	7/23/2019	Pre-Amb		12/19/2015	12/22/2015	3	3	0					Workover / Shut-in			
	7/23/2019	Pre-Amb		12/22/2015	1/5/2018	745	745	0			745		Rod & Tubing Failure			
	7/23/2019	Pre-Amb		1/5/2018	7/2/2018	178	178	0					Waiting on Rig			
	7/23/2019	Pre-Amb		7/2/2018	7/7/2018	5	5	0					Workover / Shut-in			
	7/23/2019		52%	7/7/2018	8/31/2020	786	381	405	402	388			Well Running	3	2	5

Non-Amb' FF = 
$$3$$
 = **0.6**  
[1005 + 187 + 745] / 365

'Amb' FF = <u>0</u> = **0.0** [405] / 365

#### 'Well Running' RT included in total runtime

**Result: Inconclusive (No Failure on Ambyint)** 

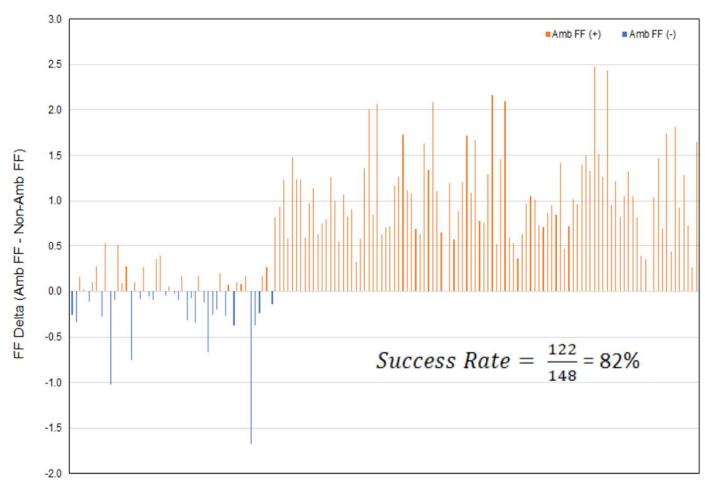
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## Failure Frequency (FF) Model - Results



#### FF Model Results



FF Model Results	Well Count
Positive	122
Negative	26
Inconclusive	158

	Non-Amb	Amb	% Diff.
Median Runtime	351	524	+49%
Average Runtime	395	531	+34%

Well Count

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#### **Conclusion**

- This case study focuses on evaluating impact of Ambyint's autonomous optimization of rod pump wells on failure reduction deployed in the Bakken from 2017-2020:
  - MTBF Model: 18% improvement in failures Avg. MTBF
  - ► Failure Frequency Model: 34% improvement in failures Avg. FF
- ► The adapted methodologies increase accuracy of failure analysis:
  - Well level as opposed to group / field level analysis of failures, better accuracy
  - Inclusion of 'running lifespans' and exclusion of early (anomalous) lifespans
  - Can be applied to <u>any</u> operational / design parameter to evaluate its impact on well runtime <u>regardless of lift type</u>, e.g. chemical treatments, downhole design changes, new workflows etc.

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