



On the Development of the Blowout Preventer PRA Model

Jan Swider^{ac}, Charley Gallo^{bc}, Gregg Walz^c, and Jim Raney^c

^a Cogoto, Inc., ^b The Frontline Group, ^c Anadarko Petroleum Corporation

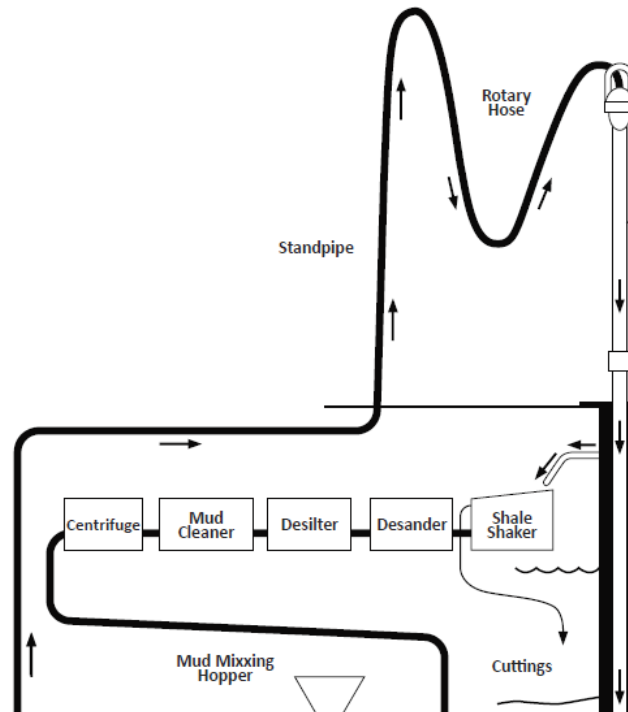
Agenda

- ▶ **Background – Offshore Well Control**
- ▶ **BOP System Description**
- ▶ **BOP PRA Model Development Process**
- ▶ **Results from the BOP PRA**
- ▶ **Summary**

Offshore Well Control

Well control – a means of preventing uncontrolled influx of formation fluids, a kick, into the wellbore during drilling.

- ▶ **Primary well control -** maintaining the fluid column hydrostatic pressure above the formation pressure
- ▶ **Secondary well control -** Blowout Preventer (BOP) system / barrier integrity



Why BOP PRA at Anadarko

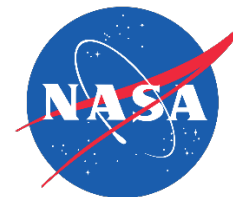
- ▶ **Development of the 20,000 psi rated BOP equipment**
 - Anadarko 20K BOP equipment internal approval
 - Design selection of BOP control system
 - BSEE 20K BOP equipment approval

- ▶ **Gulf of Mexico Daily Rig Operations**
 - Anadarko internal approval for unplanned situations
 - BSEE “alternate compliance” approvals
 - BSEE 21 day BOP testing approval request
 - Reducing Human Factors risk
 - Identifying and justifying equipment upgrades



The Anadarko PRA Development

- ▶ **Space Act Agreement with NASA**
- ▶ **Small Anadarko internal team to coordinate the process**
 - Cogoto, Inc. and The Frontline Group
 - Supported by both process and equipment SMEs
- ▶ **Phased approach for the generic PRA Studies**
 - Blowout Preventer (BOP)
 - Dynamic Positioning System (DPS)
 - Integrated PRA Model (expanded BOP and DPS)



Drilling System: MODU and Subsea BOP

Mobile Offshore
Drilling Unit (MODU)

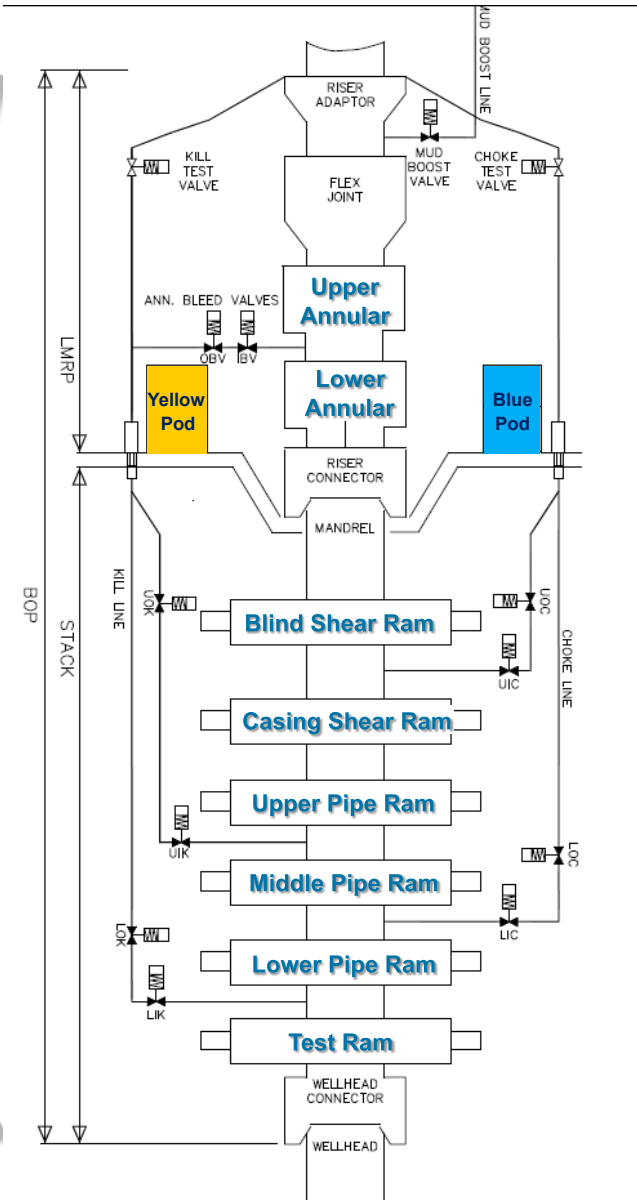


Riser

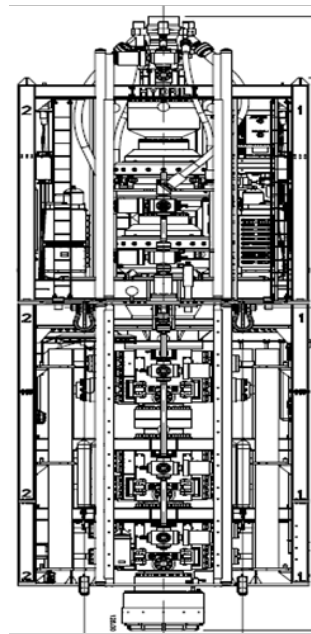
Lower Marine
Riser Package (LMRP)

BOP Stack

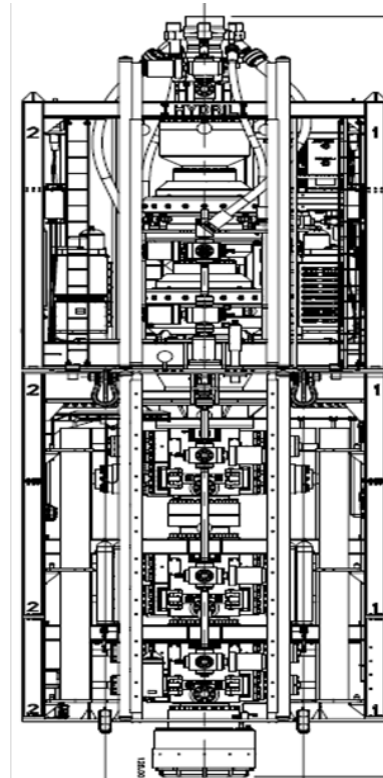
Subsea Wellhead



BOP System's Size

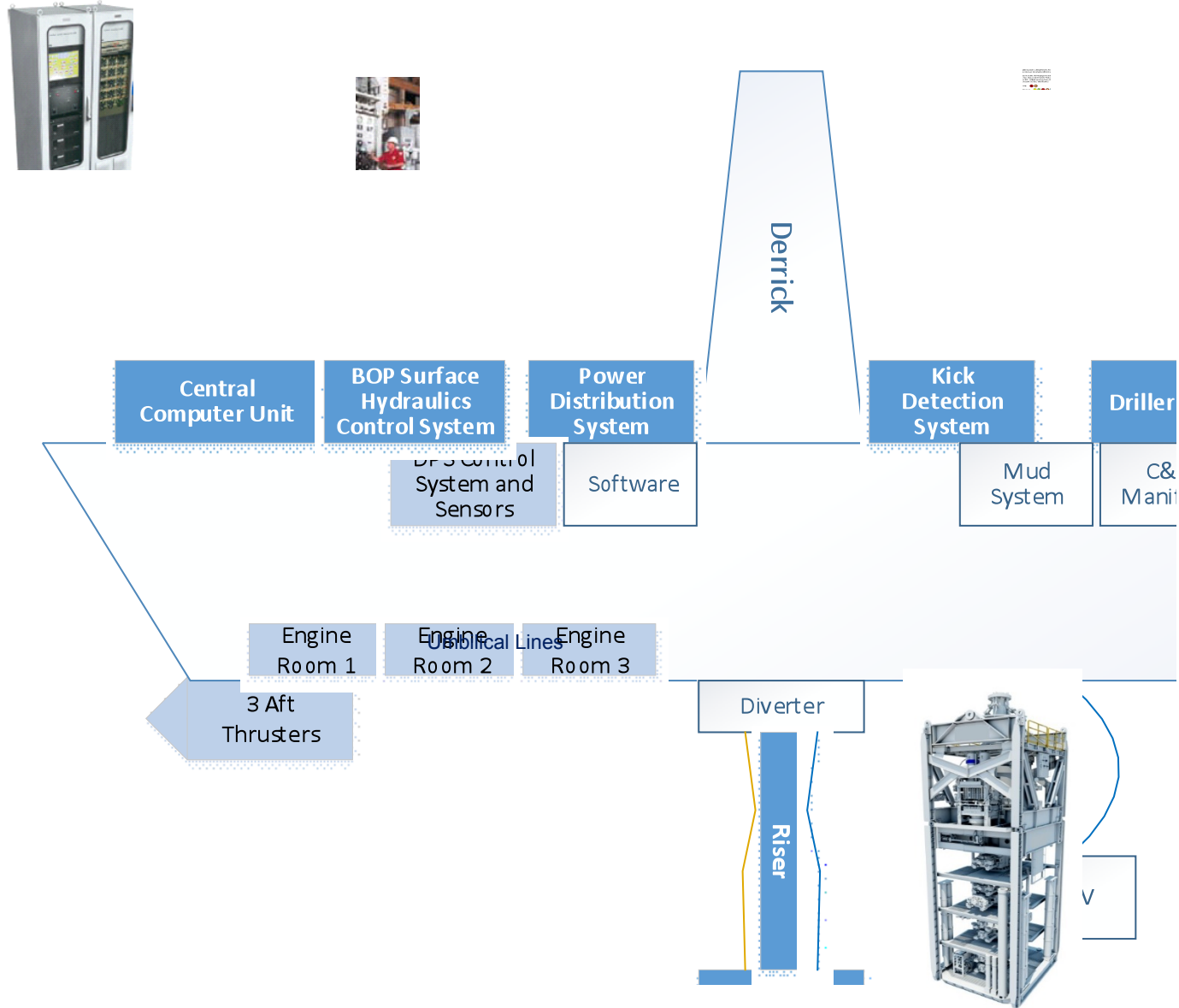


6th Gen BOP



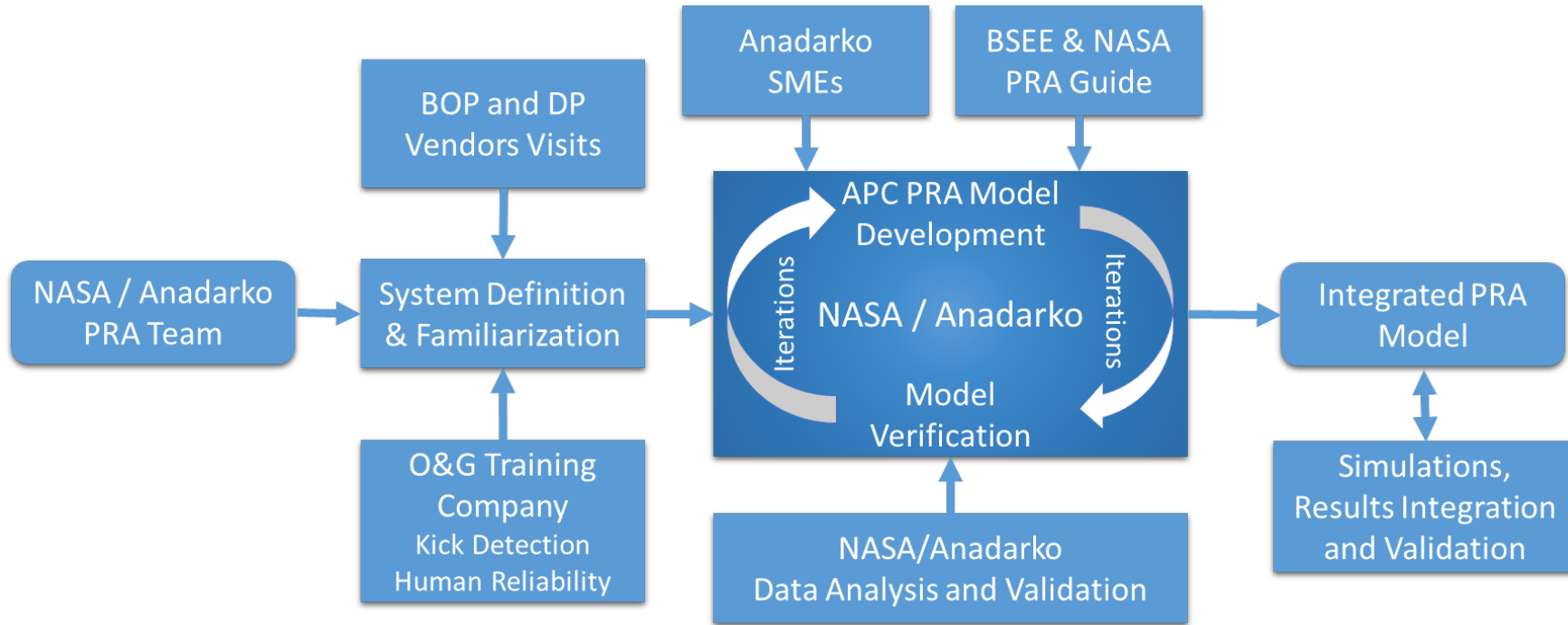
20K BOP

BOP Subsystems



Hydraulic Power Unit (HPU)

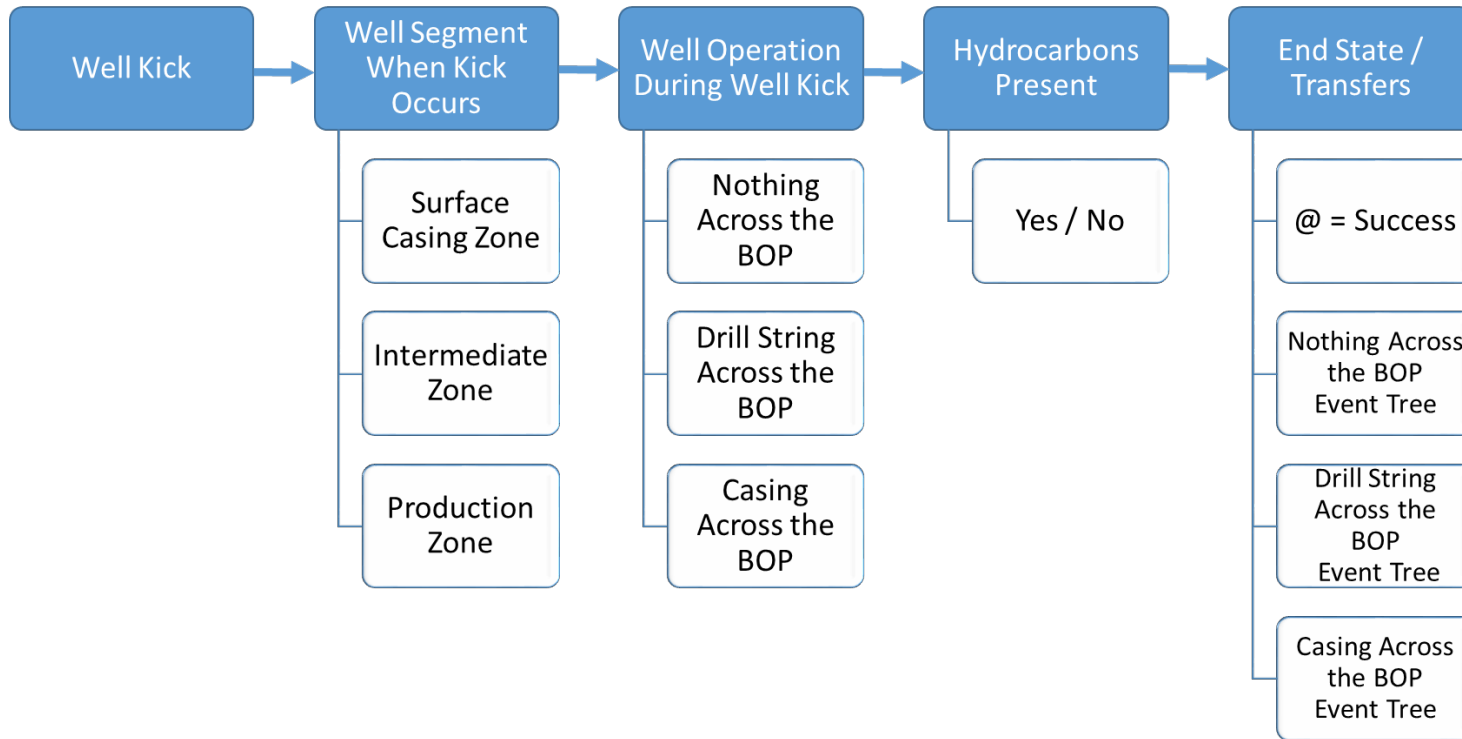
Integrated Model Development Framework



A collaborative and iterative process

APC – Anadarko Petroleum Company
 SME – Subject Matter Expert

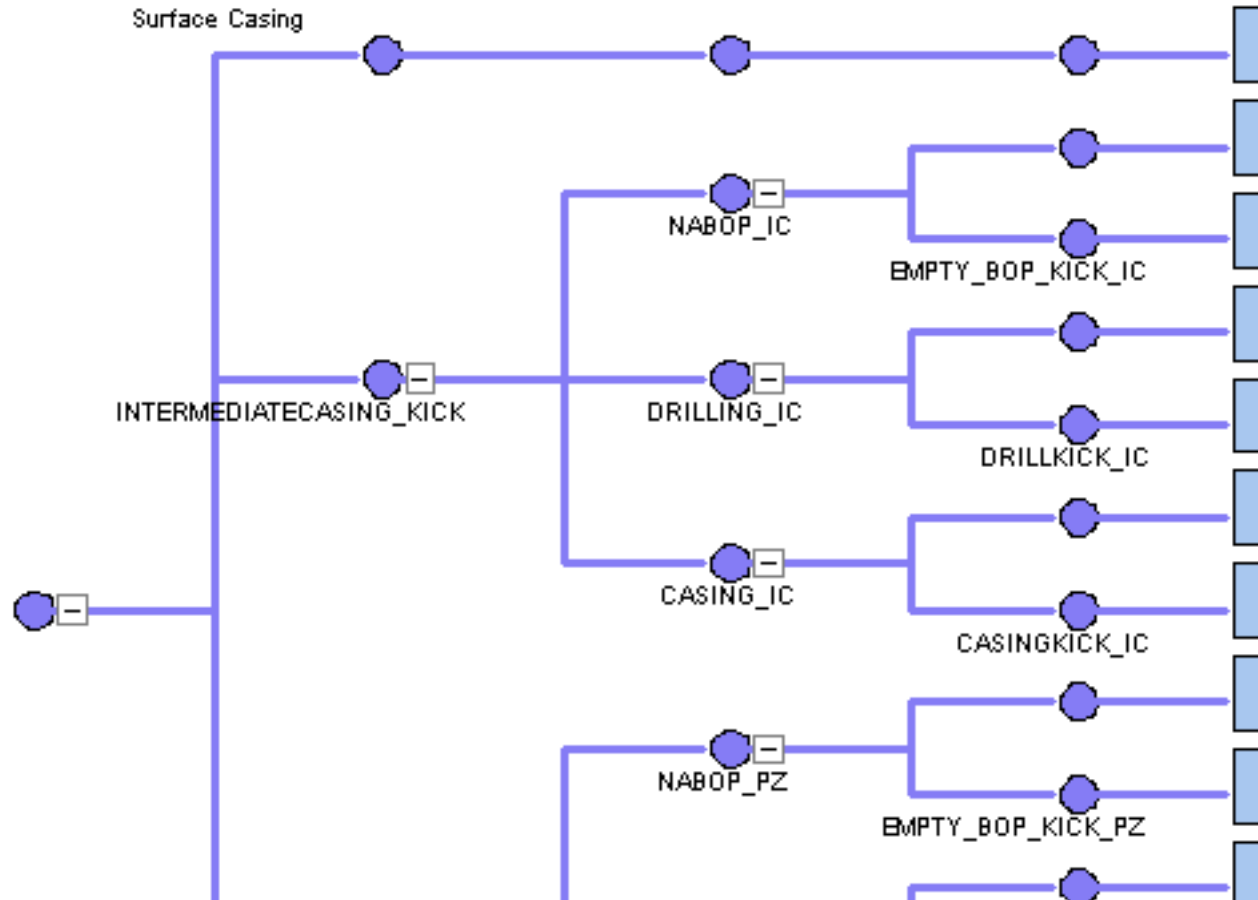
Well Kick Operational Conditions



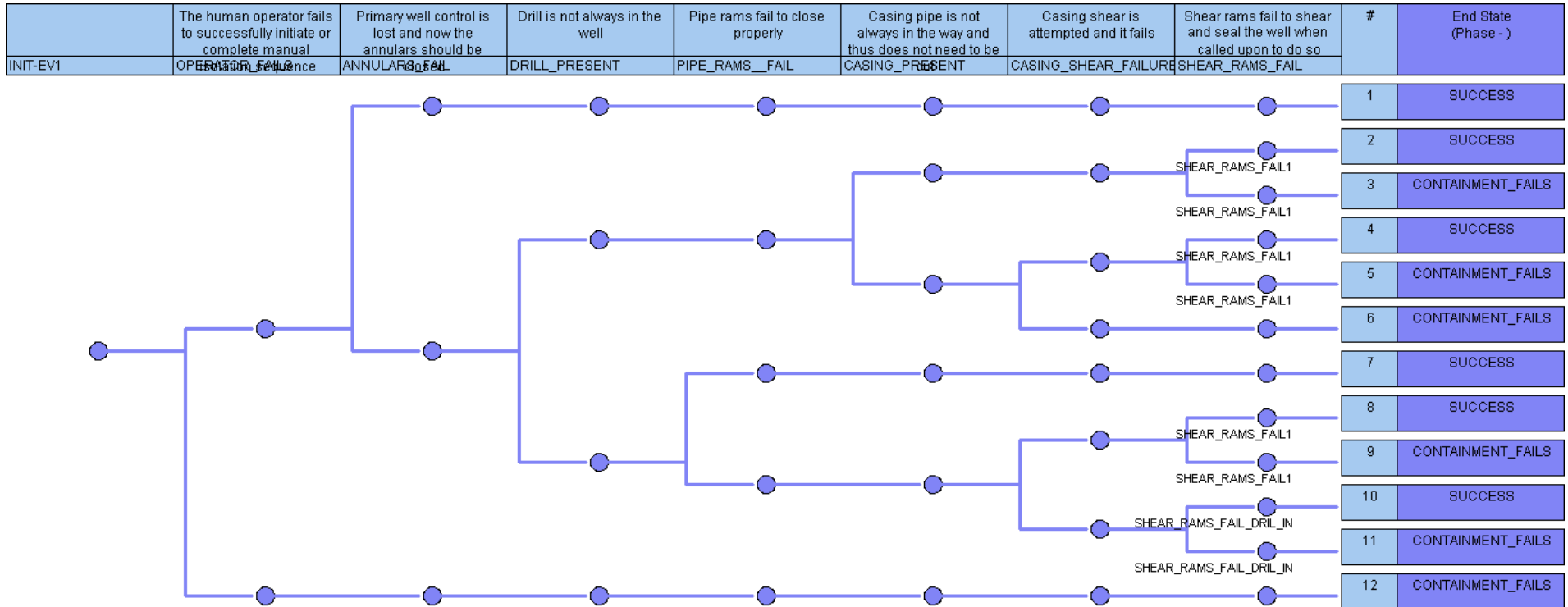
Well Kick Operational Conditions



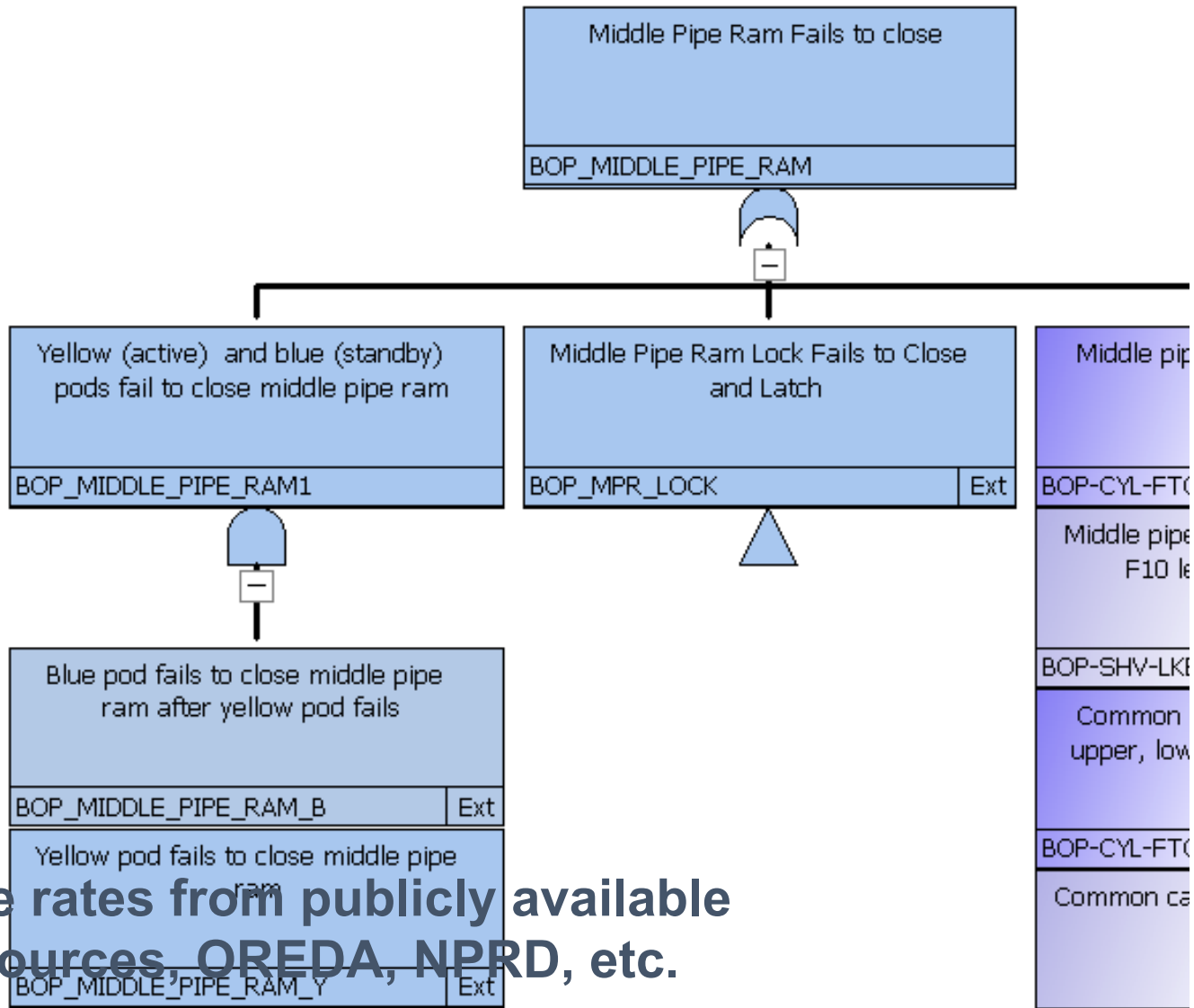
	Well Segment When Kick Occurs	Well Operation During Well Kick	Hydrocarbons Present
INIT-EV	LOCATION-KICK	WELLSTATUS-POS	HYDROCARBONS



Well Kick while Drilling Event Sequence



Example of a Top Fault Tree



Failure rates from publicly available data sources, OREDA, NPRD, etc.

Human Reliability Analysis on Critical BOP Operations

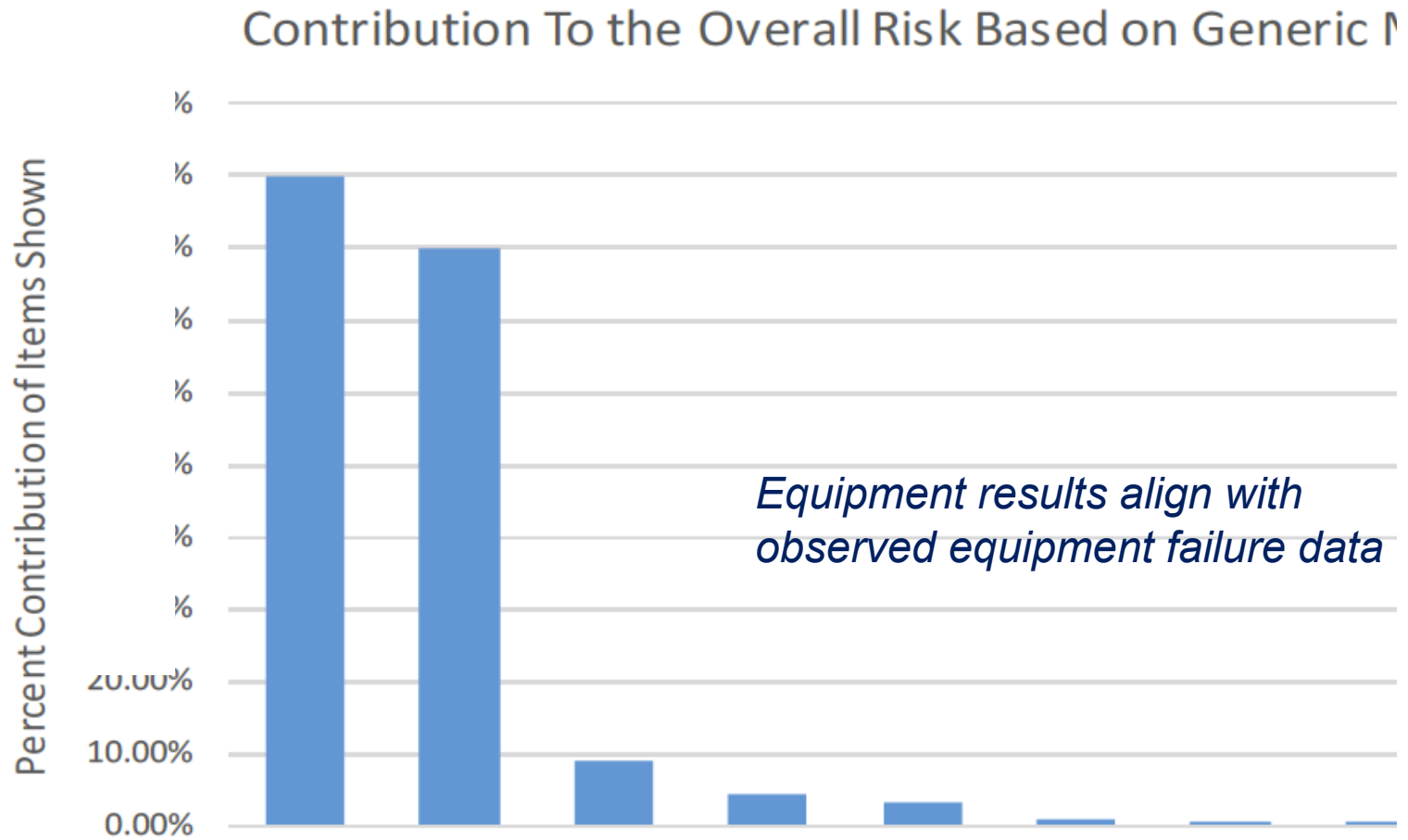
- ▶ Utilized CREAM for the HRAs
- ▶ HRA Scenarios:
 - Kick detection and BOP closure response
 - Switching between the Yellow and Blue Pods
 - Initiating an Emergency Disconnect
- ▶ Engaged Maersk Training for the kick detection and response HRA



BOP PRA Highlights

- ▶ **Initiating Events: Well Kick and Loss of Position**
- ▶ **End States: Loss of Containment of Formation Fluids and Closure of BOP as the successful state**
- ▶ **Multiple Event Trees were developed as part of this analysis**
- ▶ **170 Fault Trees**
- ▶ **Over 1100 Basic Events, e.g.**
 - Solenoid / Pilot Valves Failure to Open
 - Shuttle Valves Leaks Externally
- ▶ **Over 17,000 cut sets generated from the model**
 - Using a truncation limit of 1E-10

Generic Model's Overall Results



Summary of Results

- ▶ **For the current model, the human is the largest contributor to the overall risk, thus confirming the O&G experience**
 - What was not expected was the magnitude of the human's contribution to the overall risk
- ▶ **Equipment contribution was not as significant as was expecting**
 - Multiple redundancies reduce the impact of equipment failures
- ▶ **The generic model has proven to be great starting point for specific MODU and BOP PRAs**

Lessons Learned

- ▶ **Assure adequate upfront time for familiarization of both the system and the process**
- ▶ **Engage process experts from outside of the industry for a different perspective and internal experts with knowledge of both O&G and PRA methodology**
- ▶ **Establish a standardized and simplified naming convention**
- ▶ **Expect multiple updates and iterations to improve the PRA model**
 - **Using a collaborative process and phased approach to model development**

Thank you!