

BRU21 conference

Digital Tools for Offshore Energy Systems

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BRU21: Research and Innovation Program in Digital and Automation Solutions for Offshore Energy Industry

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BRU21 vision, mission and goal

BRU21 vision

Enable higher efficiency, safety and reduced environmental footprint of oil and gas production through digital and automation technologies

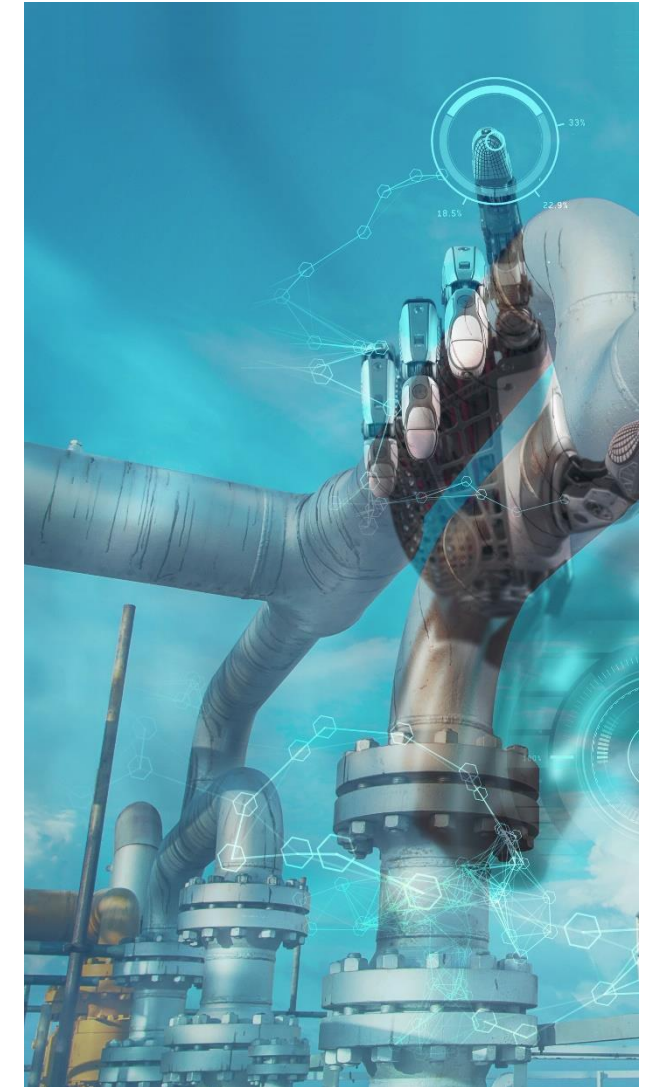
+ support the industry transition to sustainable energy future

BRU21 mission

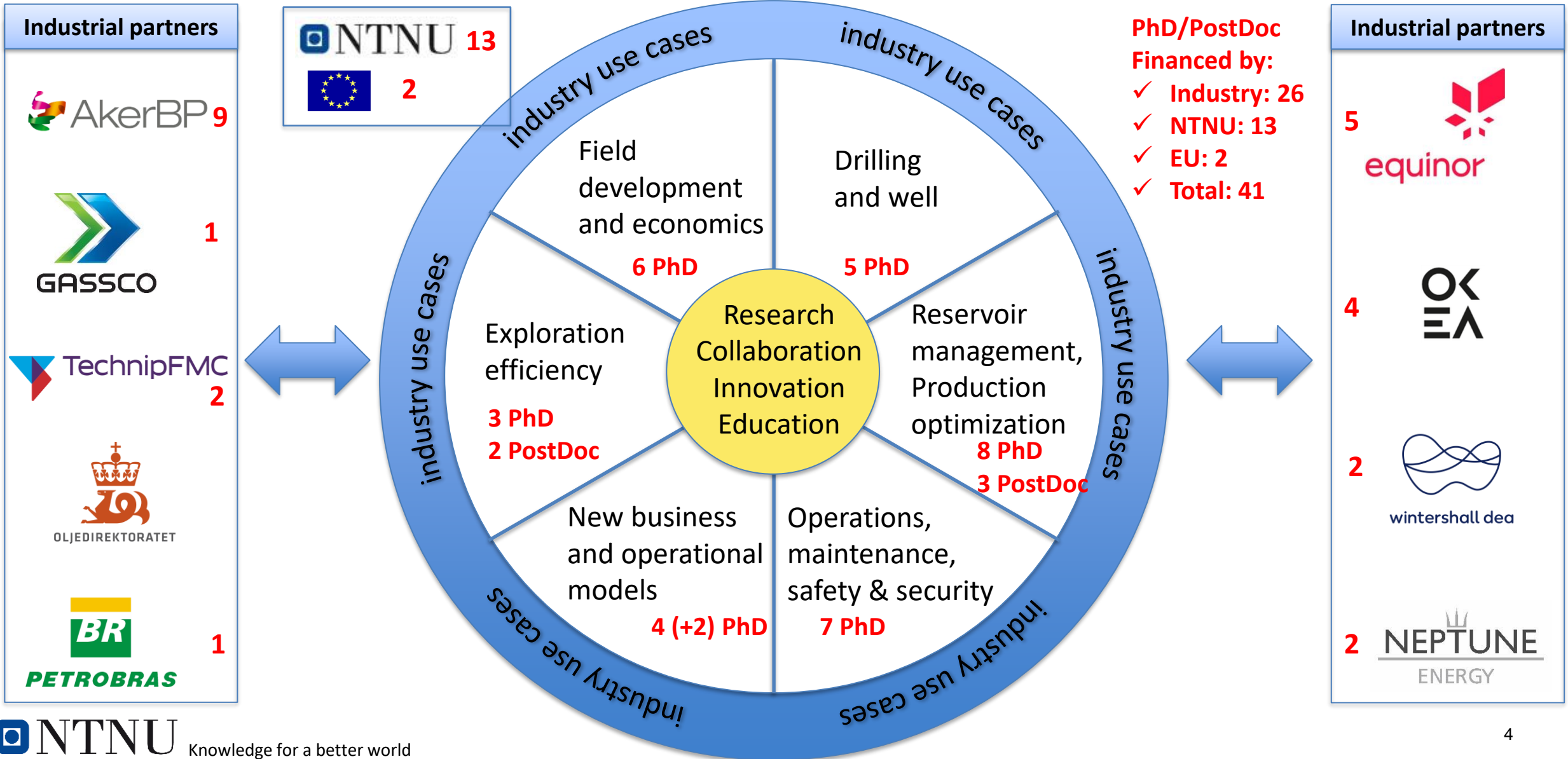
Mobilize multidisciplinary expertise across NTNU and, in cooperation with industrial partners, produce research results for novel technological and organizational solutions

BRU21 goal

Deliver new knowledge, technologies, innovations and multidisciplinary specialists for the digital transformation of the Offshore Energy industry and for the Norwegian society



BRU21: Industry – NTNU collaboration





BRU21 Research: 41 PhD/PostDoc projects

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**New measurement solutions:
How to get new/more/faster
measurements?
(e.g. from existing or new sensors)**



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**Automated data preparation:
Automated data preprocessing for advanced analytics tools (ML, AI)**



Automated extraction of information from data

Events, trends, anomalies, properties

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Reservoir Production

- A hybrid data model for the oil and gas reservoir
- Production optimization of offshore production water production
- Improved technology for production optimization, with focus on gas lift allocation
- Assisted history matching for petroleum reservoirs
- Assisted history matching, reservoir model update and optimization
- Optimization of production, reservoir and field development
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- Predictive Maintenance and Remaining Useful Lifetime
- Risk-based maintenance
- Industry 4.0 and smart predictive maintenance
- Safety and security in design and operation of ICS systems
- Detection and localization of subsea leakages

- From idea to discovery: information sharing and cooperation in the exploration value chain
- Remote operations and future operating models
- Offshore energy hubs: investment, operation and maintenance
- AI for safety-critical remote operations

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Exploration efficiency

- Does well data quality affect machine learning performance?
- Automated Seismic Reconstruction of Missing Section
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Field development and economics

- Improved planning methods for more energy efficient and environmentally friendly fields in the Barents Sea
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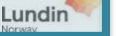




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Fast and accurate fit-for purpose models

- Physics-based, data-driven, hybrid
- Automated model updates
- Digital twins



































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Optimization in planning and operation

- offline and real-time
- small- & large scale
- model-based, data-driven, hybrid

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Digital tools for efficient decision-making

- uncertainty
- flexibility
- avoid information loss
- multiple objectives



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Reservoir management and Production optimization

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Operations, Maintenance, Safety and Security

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New business and operational models

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Organizational solutions for the digital transformation

- Collaboration
- Data sharing strategies
- New operational models

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NTNU

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Reduction of environmental footprint

More than half of all BRU21 projects contribute to reduced environmental footprint and increased safety

BRU21 Innovation

Equinor & Techstars
Energy Accelerator


ComputerWell – NTNU spin-off 2020

Computational surveillance of drilling operations

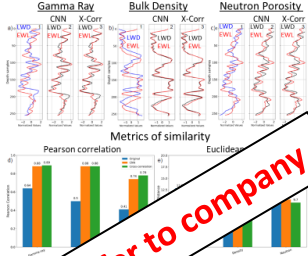
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Innovation examples


Well log depth matching 

Well log depth matching using analytical and deep learning

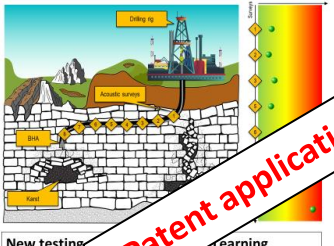


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Transfer to company



MAC: Look-ahead method for predicting formation changes and karsts 

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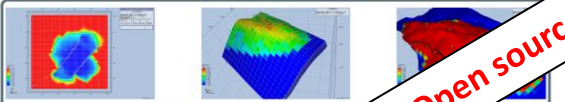
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Well controls, Well configuration, Completion design, ICV settings, Joint problems | Algorithms / hybridization | Problem types / extensions | Simulation model interfaces | [SLB] ECLIPSE/IX, [Stanford] ADGPRS, [OPM] Flow

Distributed computing, Multiple realizations | Parallelization / ensembles | Reservoir simulation cases

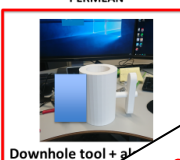


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Open source

PERMEAN: Rapid downhole testing of permeability anisotropy 



PERMEAN provides rapid and accurate downhole measurement of permeability anisotropy within minutes




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Patent application

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HOW

ProDecs – Investment valuation under uncertainty  

Better informed investment decisions



ProDecs offers an ultimate solution for investment valuation and decision making under uncertainty and project flexibility

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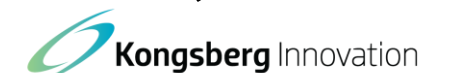
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Several sources of uncertainty

1. Options valuation modules
2. Training
3. Software
4. Service
5. Decision optimization

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Further development

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Metrics of similarity: Pearson correlation, Euclidean

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Downhole tool + software

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Drillbotics – Autonomous Directional Drilling

BRU21 Digital and Automation Solutions for The Oil and Gas Industry

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NTNU Drillbotics team
The winners of 2022 SPE International Student Competition

For the 3rd time since 2017, students from NTNU won the prestigious Drillbotics competition (www.drillbotics.com). For the competition held this summer, the students built and programmed a robotic drilling rig for fully autonomous directional drilling.

The NTNU Drilling Robot
From mechanical rig design to the automatic control system, from drilling bit optimization to safety and human factors. Watch the description of the robotic drilling rig from the student team.

The evolution of the robot
The robot design evolved over the last six years. Although not everything has been documented on video, you can watch the status of the robot in 2020. Despite an interruption caused by covid, that previous student team also won the Drillbotics competition in 2021.

Steady success
Since 2017, our teams won the Drillbotics competition in 2022, 2021, 2018, and took the 2nd place in 2017. The success was documented and recognized through various national and international publications and awards. NTNU is the only participating university that won the competition more than once.

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Say hi to [David S.](#) ! This week we present PhD projects from the NTNU BRU21 program at the International Drilling Conference and Exhibition in Stavanger starting Tuesday.

David Semwogerere's objective is to develop a system of systems for well integrity and lifecycle management on the Norwegian and Brazilian continental shelves. The system will be used for well integrity monitoring and control, failure detection and prediction of critical faults as well as degradation mechanisms in the well lifecycle.

In addition, by understanding degradation mechanisms, we can extend the life of existing wells, reducing costs of drilling new wells, while maintaining well integrity. We aim to achieve this by applying data analytics and available artificial intelligence models on big data collected during the entire lifecycle of the well from concept design, construction, operation up to plug and abandonment. This data ranging from well logs, sensor data and post well operations data.

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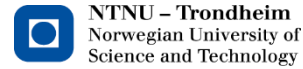
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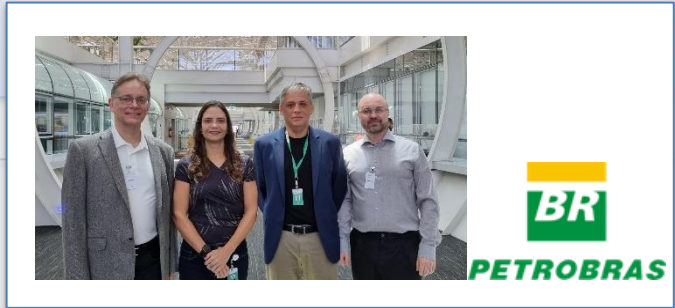


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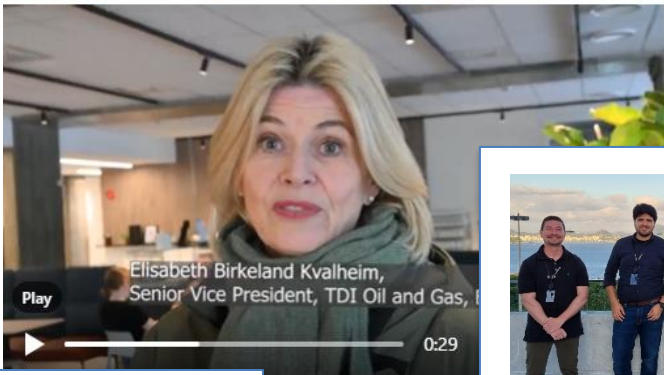
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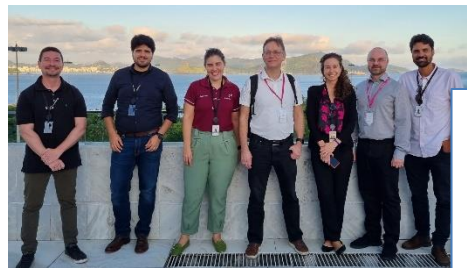
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**Launching
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Remote operations
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Kristoffersen



Kurdistan Chawshin



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Torres Caceres



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Mathilde Hotvedt



Guowen Lei



Tom Ivar Pedersen



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Andersen



Cuthbert Shang Wui Ng

Completed PostDoc projects



Luc Alberts



Thiago Lima Silva



Mammad Mirzayev



BRU21 Education: Drillbotics



Winners of SPE Drillbotics competition 2018!

The NTNU team members and what they are doing since graduating: (from left) Alexander Handeland, software developer at Sopra Steria; Per Øystein Turøy, field engineer at Altus Intervention; Sebastian Knoop, field engineer at Altus Intervention; Mikkel Leite Arne, working on a PhD in drilling automation at NTNU; and Andreas Thuve, completion engineer at Equinor. Source: DSATS/Fred Florence.



NTNU Drillbotics Team 2021
Winners of International SPE Drillbotics Competition

Preparing future industry specialists with both digital and petroleum expertise is one of the BRU21 goals.

NTNU team of drilling engineering and cybernetics students - Benedicte Gjersdal, Gaute Hånsnar, Mikal Viga Skretting and Magnus Steinste - developed a miniature robotic drilling rig for autonomous directional drilling and won the 2021 SPE Drillbotics competition in drilling automation. Coached and sponsored by BRU21, NTNU teams won the competition also in 2018 and took 2nd place in 2017.

Winners of SPE Drillbotics competition 2021!

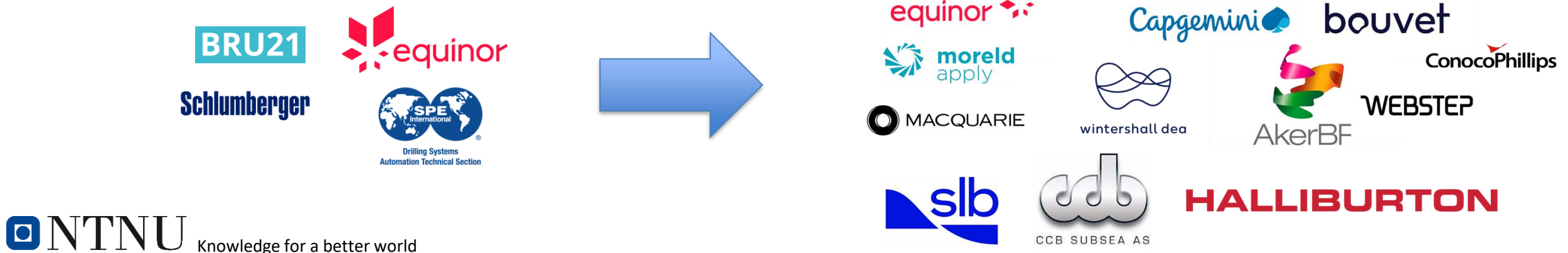


NTNU Drillbotics Team 2022
International SPE Drillbotics Competition

BRU21 prepares future experts in drilling automation

NTNU drilling engineering and cybernetics students - Luis Carlos Alvarez Solis, Mikaela Solberg, Henrik Helgeland and Jarle Ness - develop and program a miniature robotic drilling rig for fully autonomous directional drilling. The team is coached by BRU21, and sponsored by NTNU, Equinor and Lyng Drilling. After being ranked as #1 in the pre-finals, the team intends to repeat the NTNU successes of previous years: 1st place in 2018, 2021 and 2nd place in 2017.

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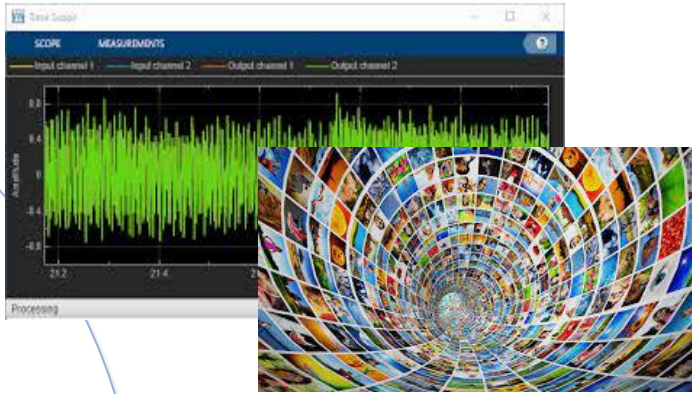


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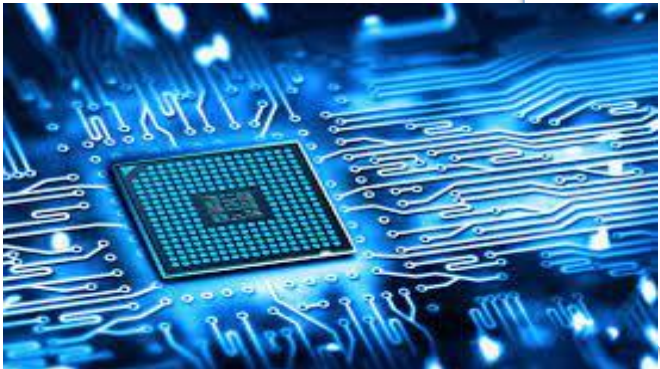


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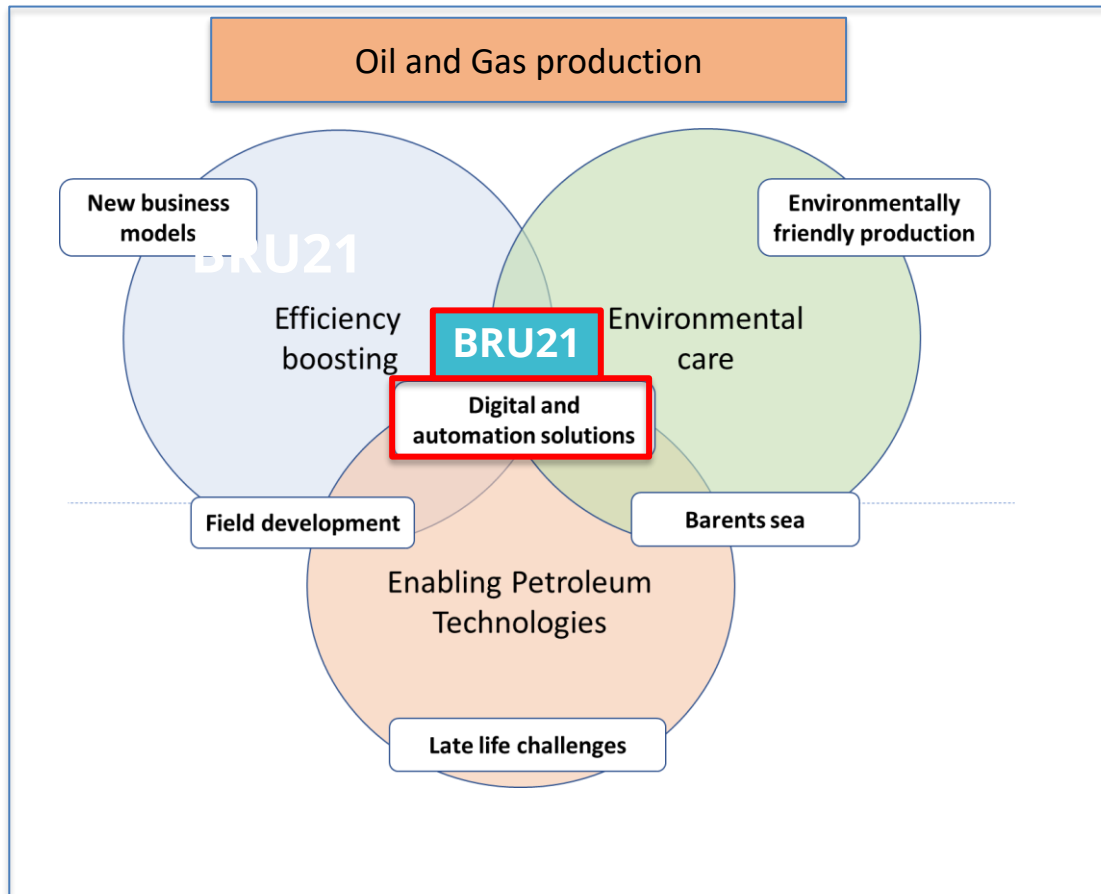
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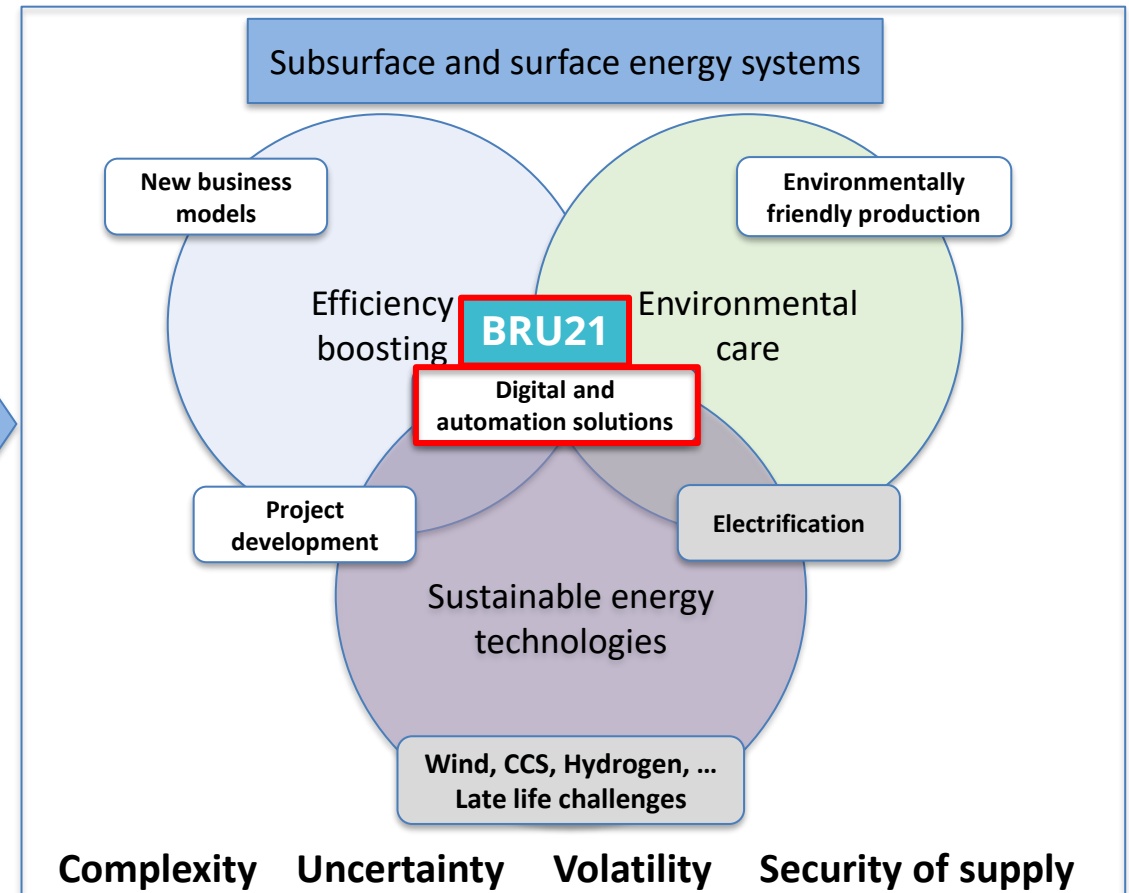
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BRU21: outlook into the future

Industry perspective in 2017



... and in 2023



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