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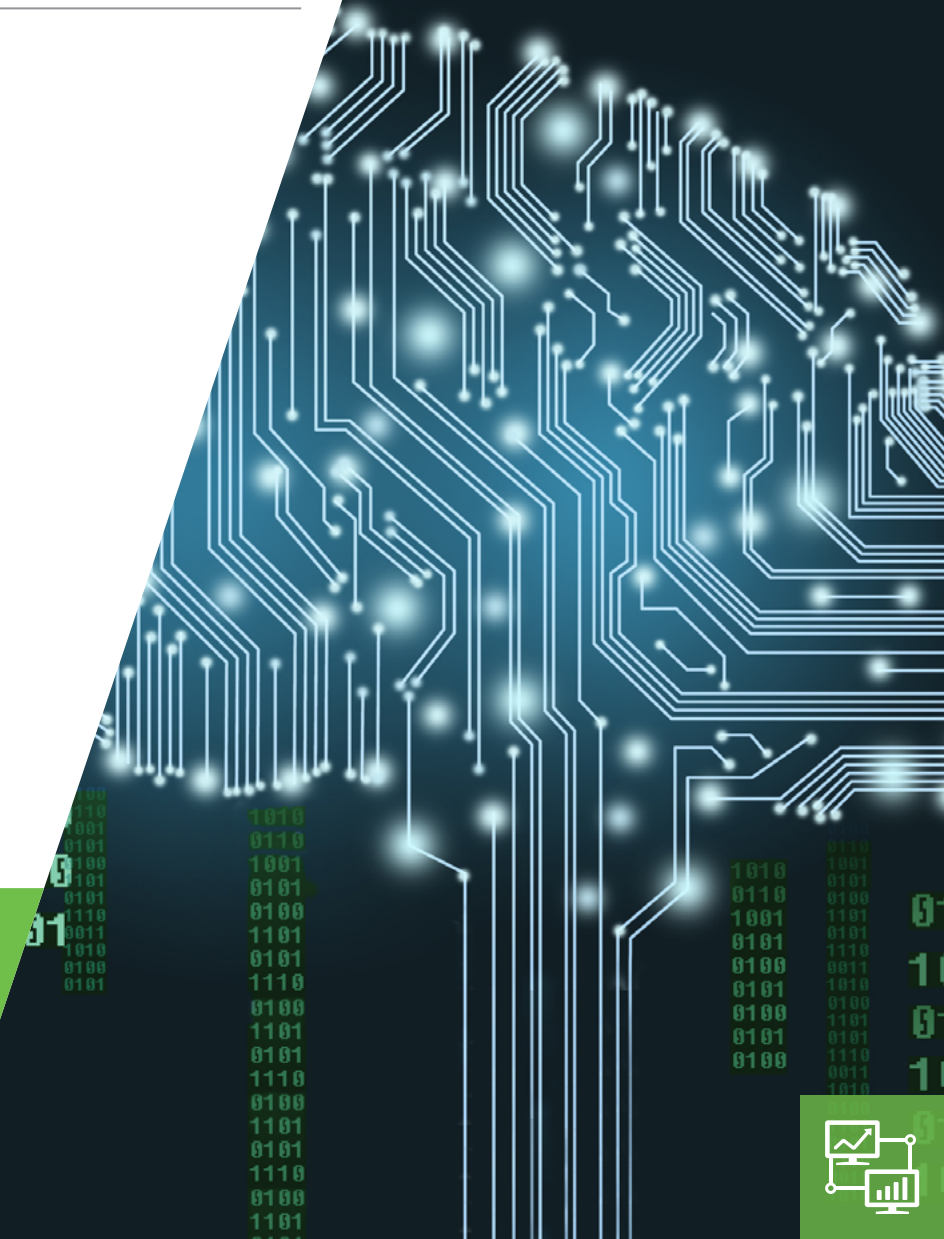
# SPE Symposium: Leveraging Artificial Intelligence to Shape the Future of the Energy Industry

17-18 January 2023

Kempinski Al Othman Hotel, Al-Khobar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

## Post-Event Report

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## About the Symposium

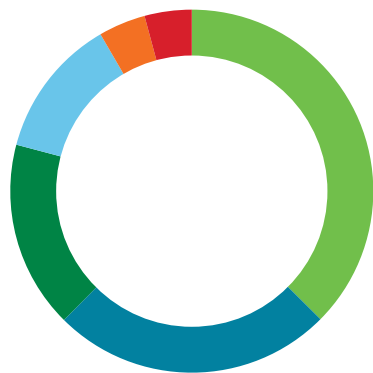
As the world is rapidly transitioning to a digital future, the oil and gas industry must maximise the capabilities of Artificial Intelligence (AI) by leveraging IR4.0 technologies. A key challenge the industry faces today is making these technologies available to decision-makers across disciplines in a way that allows everyone to benefit with the insights that they can trust.

This symposium provided a platform for industry leaders, experts, and professionals to share cross-functional expertise, knowledge and science in the AI domain. It showcased the groundbreaking innovations and key enablers for successful digital transformation. It also facilitated networking and skill building through first-hand interactions with fellow industry colleagues, peers, and executives.



## Attendee Statistics

These statistics provide a snapshot of the professional classifications, and geographical breakdown of the attendees that participated in this symposium. The event attracted 607 professionals from the industry representing 72 organisations and 22 countries.



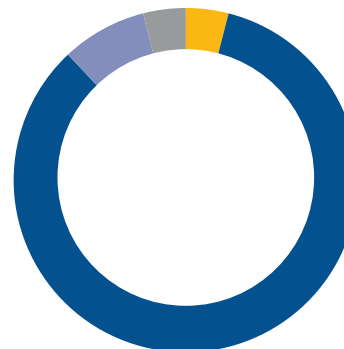
### Technical Interests

Data Science & Engineering Analytics	37%
Drilling	25%
Health, Safety, Environment, and Sustainability	17%
Reservoir	13%
Management	4%
Production and Operations	4%



### Job Classifications

Student	40%
Engineer	16%
Manager	8%
Research and Development	8%
Other	8%
Consultant	4%
Educator	4%
Executive	4%
Geologist or Geophysicist	4%
Business Operations	4%



### Geographic Region

Middle East	84%
Russia/Caspian	8%
Canada	4%
Asia/Asia Pacific	4%

All the above information is based on the attendee survey report.





## What did attendees say?

“  
I found this to be  
a fantastic event.”

“  
An important platform  
to discuss about non-metallic  
solutions.”

“  
Coming to the SPE event has been  
instrumental in allowing us to  
actually engage with many of the  
key operators in this region.”



“  
We had a great opportunity to meet our  
end users, meet people like us who are  
promoting the technologies, and to learn  
from each other. It's a great networking  
opportunity for us.”



*\*Feedback based on 2023 survey results.*

## Committee

### Committee Chairperson

Anas Al-Shuaibi  
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### Committee Members

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## Opening Session

### Speakers



Anas Al-Shuaibi  
Symposium  
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Waleed Al Mulhim  
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## Executive Plenary Session: Leveraging Artificial Intelligence to Shape the Future of the Energy Industry

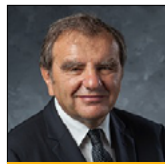
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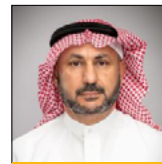
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Manager, Petroleum Engineering  
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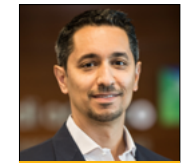
Stephane Moynet  
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**Arabian Drilling**

## Panel Session: Impact of Artificial Intelligence in the Global Energy Ecosystem

### Speakers



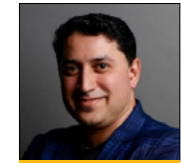
Mohamed Kanfar  
Head, Long Range Reservoir  
Studies Division  
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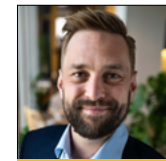
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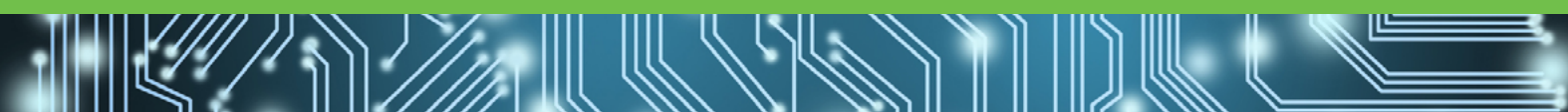
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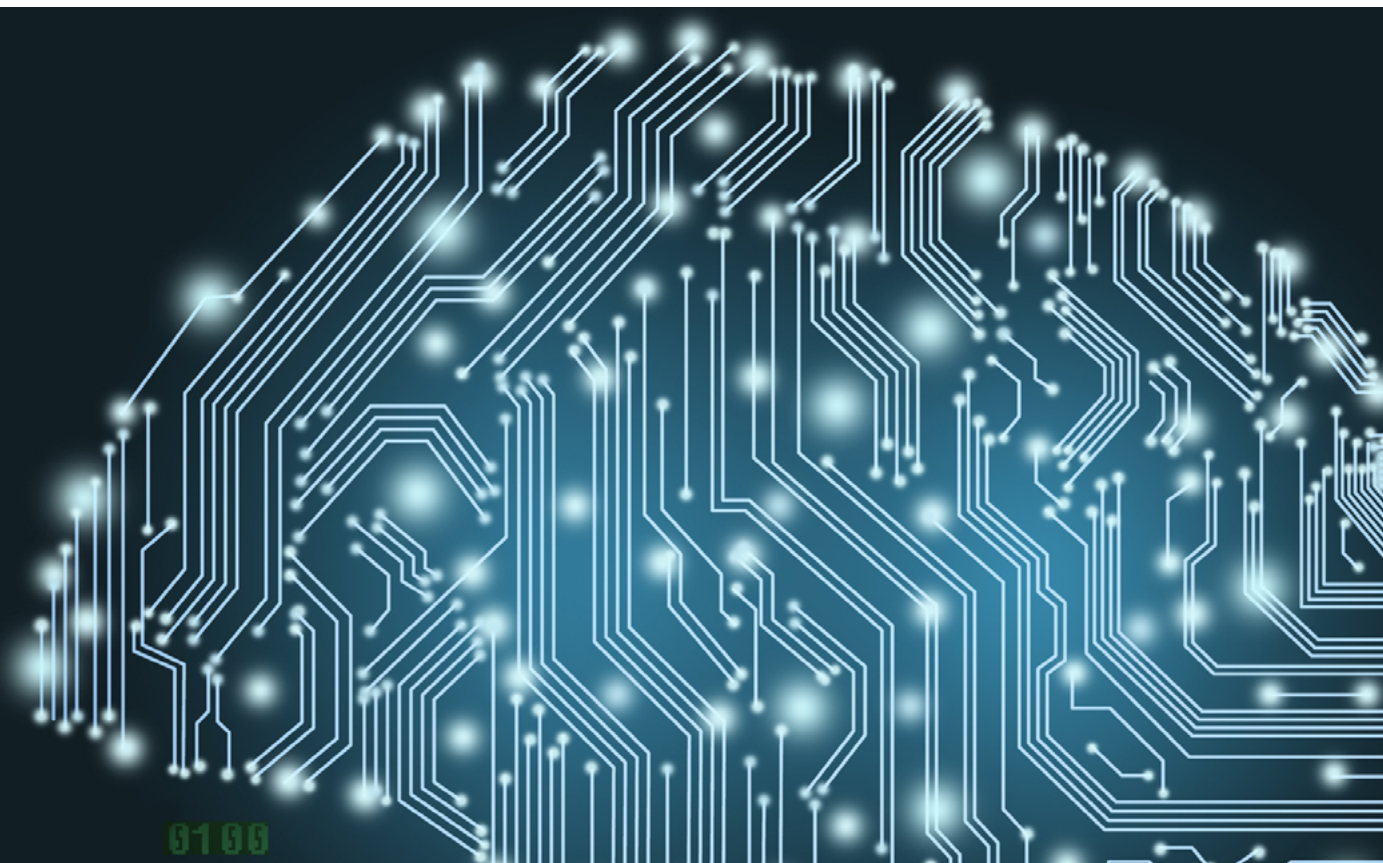
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