Some Drilling Thoughts







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Two Pieces of Relevant Background Information

Coiled Tubing Drilling – Current State of the Art

Laser Drilling – With & Without Drilling Fluids











Coiled Tubing Drilling

 The use of coiled tubing (continuous pipe), stored on a reel at surface, combined with downhole mud motors to turn the bit to deepen a wellbore.

 MWD / LWD mud pulse and wired telemetry are available to directionally steer the wellbore to the zone of interest.



- Continuous pumping vs stopping at each connection
- Weight : CT can be pushed into the horizontal section (and in shallow wells) with the aid of the Injector Head
- Superior directional control due to steering at BHA (reduced reactive torque effects)
- Capable of higher Dogleg (up to 45deg/100ft)

Typical Surface System – CTD Land Job.



Flow Line Layout Example: Stand Alone Operation Rig TankSystem



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Coiled Tubing Drilling Unit

- CT Drilling equipment usually includes:
 - coiled tubing and coiled tubing reel
 - 10,000' of 3 1/2" OD CT
 - 18,500' of 2.375" OD CT
 - injector head
 - Electric powered, with up to 200K lbf pull
 - power pack
 - pressure control equipment (PCE)
 - 10,000 psi is the most commonly used
 - 5,000 15,000 psi can be secured
 - control cabin





Underbalanced vs Overbalanced Drilling

- Overbalanced drilling : drilling fluid pressure > bottomhole pressure (pore pressure). Reservoir fluids are not allowed to enter the wellbore.
- Underbalanced drilling : BHP < pore pressure of the rock: Reservoir fluids are allowed to enter the wellbore -> separated at surface
- The underbalanced technique is used to:
 - prevent formation damage
 - minimize many drilling-related challenges, such as loss of circulation and differential sticking,
 - increase rates of penetration,
 - minimize completion costs,
 - increase hole-cleaning efficiency,





Latest CT System





Specifications	
BOP's	10,000 psi
Deployment Length	100'
Working Load	250,000 lbs.
CT Injector	200,000lbs Pull
CT Injector	60,000lbs Snub
Pipe Size	2"-3.5"
Spool Weight	65MT Max
Fluid Storage	280 bbl. Water and Mud
Fluid Pump	2X425HHP
Fluid Pump	10,000 psi
Generator	3X500Kw
	(600V
Operating Temp	-20 to50 Deg C
All Equipment	
Accumulator	6 Station self-contained skid X 2 PCE capacity
Fluid Pump	2X425HHP
Generator	3X500Kw
BOP Handling	10T Capacity



Latest CT Drilling System Specifications

CTDirect System Specifications Nominal OD 3.12 in [79.25 mm] Hole size 3.625-4.75 in [92.08-120.65 mm] Max. allowable operational overpull 30,000 lbf [40,675 N.m] Max. WOB 11,500 lbf [51,155 N] Max. dogleg severity 35°/100 ft [35°/30 m] Max. orienter torque Forward 500 ft.lbf [678 N.m] Reverse 1,900 ft.lbf [2,576 N.m] Nominal length, including motor[†] 60 ft [18.3 m] Max. internal pressure 15,000 psi [103.4 MPa] Max. annular pressure 10,000 psi [68.9 MPa] 14 to 302 degF [-10 to 150 degC] Operating temperature range Max. flow rate 130 galUS/min [492 L/min] Produced fluids Gas, water Hydrogen sulfide Up to 20% Operational Heptacable inside coil Cable requirement 2.375 in [60.33 mm] Coiled tubing size Pressure barriers Multiple

Measurement	
Inclination	Industry standard
Azimuth	Industry standard
Toolface	Gravity and magnetic
Natural gamma ray range	0 to 250 gAPI
Shock and vibration sensor peak range	500 <i>g</i>
Annular and internal pressure sensor range	0 to 10,000 psi [0 to 68.9 MPa]
Fluid Compatibility	
Nitrogen	Up to 99% nitrogen, 1% water
Lubricant	Radiagreen®, up to 3%
Methanol or ethylene glycol	40% methanol or 100% ethylene glycol
Caustics	Sodium hydroxide
Corrosion inhibitor	ASTM International SA193 (amine based)
Potassium chloride	Up to 2%

[†] Dependent upon motor



Laser Drilling









Foro Energy: Laser Drilling Update

- Currently Using 60kW laser (100kW laser recently demoed)
- Laser-induced thermal spallation
- Roller cone vs Foro Bit (45 ksi Basalt).
 For same ROP roller cone needed 13 klbs, laser <1klbs



- Drilling process optimization is underway at 60 kW:
 - •• Sample Rock: 35 ksi Dolomite, 8.5••
 - · Parameters: Laser Power, Weight on Bit (WOB), Rotations Per Minute (RPM), and Torque (ft-lbs)
 - · Initial results to be optimized: >15 ft/hr, <2000lbs, <250 ft-lbs, >20kW







Laser Drilling 20kW in Air





Beam Pattern & Rock Removal

- Highly concentrated small spots instead of lines optimized for very high Watts/cm² to overcome water
 - effects



Dolomite



Quartzite







Laser Drilling – Prototype Water BHA







Final Thoughts.... Challenges



- Challenges for 200m-1km depth
- Weight = cost → has to fit on launch/landing vehicle
- Reduced Gravity (1/3)
 - \rightarrow thrust and cuttings retrieval
- Extreme Temperatures & Radiation
- Liquidless cuttings transport?
- Embedded hard rock (meteorites)
- Steering & Instrumentation: LWD?
- Retrieving Uncontaminated samples/cores



PLANETARY DEEP DRILL BORES THROUGH GYPSUM ROCK DURING ITS FIRST FIELD TESTS



Backup Slides



CTD Experience

Schlumberger has completed more than 1,300 wells and drilled over 3,500,000 ft with Coiled Tubing

Alaska

- 2 CTD hybrid rigs, ~40 wells/year, 700+ wells
- 2" & 2 3/8" CT, 3"-4 1/8" OH avg 1,500ft, avg BUR 40/100ft
- TT whipstock, toe drill out, dual exits, cement Kick off
- Completion: cemented & slotted liner

Venezuela

- 1 CTD barge, ~50 wells/year, 400+ wells
- 2 3/8" CT, 12 ¼" OH, recently 14 ¾" OH
- Vertical wells, ~800ft 1,600ft
- Time per well evolution: 20 days (1995), 7 days (1996), 5 days (1997)

UAE

- 1 UB CTD rig, ~12 wells/year, total 52 wells, project completed
- 2 3/8" CT, 3 ¾" OH multilateral avg total footage 8,700 ft/well
- Avg BUR 45/100ft, Whipstock, 2 phase fluid, barefoot completions

Saudi Arabia

- Currently 3 CTD rigs, ~30 wells/year, 300+ wells
 - 1 All SLB Rig + 2 XTD Rigs under BHI P. Mgmt
- HPHT 5% H2S ~ 0.75 well/month, 2 3/8" CT, 3 5/8" OH, multilateral, avg total footage 6,500+ ft/well





