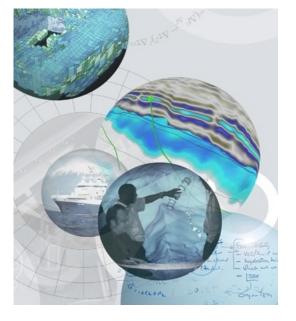
# Some Drilling Thoughts







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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

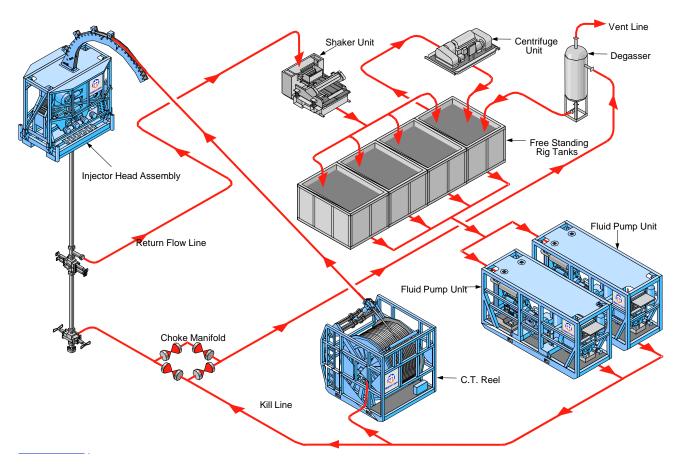
 The use of coiled tubing (continuous pipe), stored on a reel at surface, combined with downhole mud motors to turn the bit to deepen a wellbore.

 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.



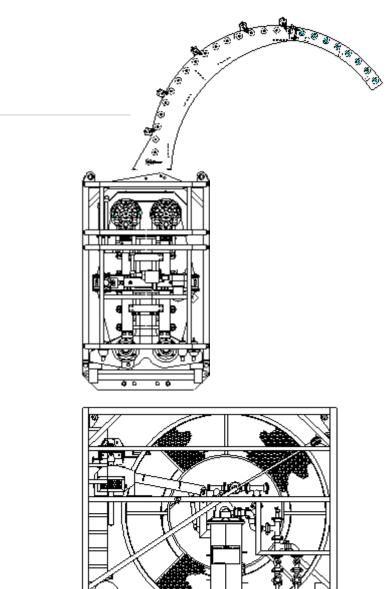
Flow Line Layout Example: Stand Alone Operation Rig TankSystem



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#### **Coiled Tubing Drilling Unit**

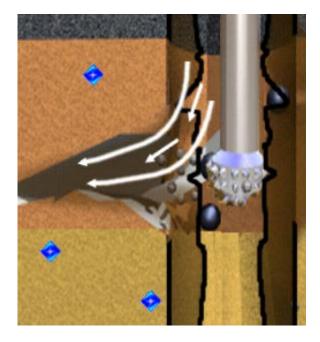
- CT Drilling equipment usually includes:
  - coiled tubing and coiled tubing reel
    - 10,000' of 3 1/2" OD CT
    - 18,500' of 2.375" OD CT
  - injector head
    - Electric powered, with up to 200K lbf pull
  - power pack
  - pressure control equipment (PCE)
    - 10,000 psi is the most commonly used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

<sup>†</sup> Dependent upon motor



# Laser Drilling



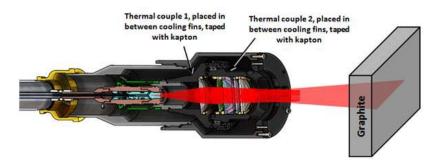






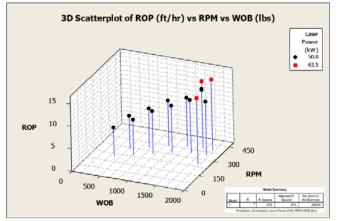
#### Foro Energy: Laser Drilling Update

- 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</li>



- 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

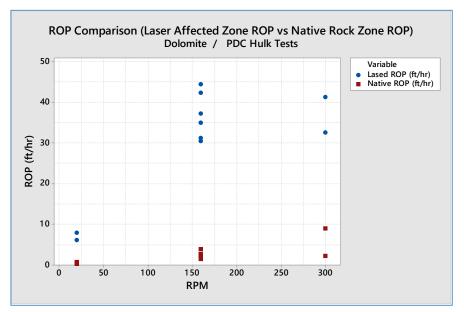
- Highly concentrated small spots instead of lines optimized for very high Watts/cm<sup>2</sup> to overcome water
  - effects



Dolomite



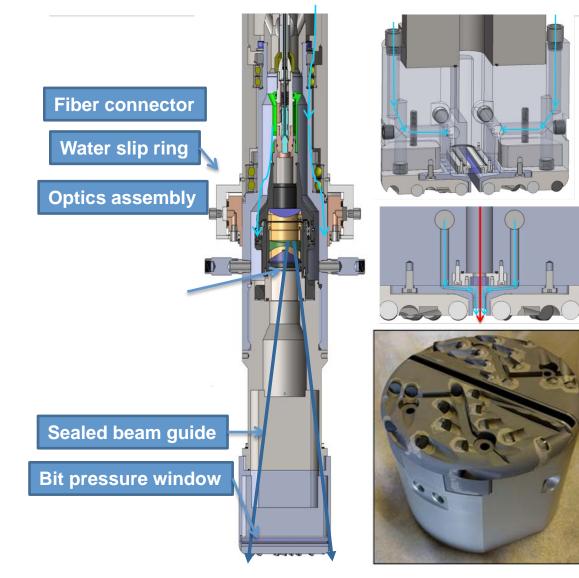
Quartzite







#### 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





