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Oil and Gas Well Cementing

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Protecting Water is Essential For Everyone

Cementing



- **Cementing is one of the most critical steps in the drilling and completion of oil or gas wells**
- **Well cementing technology is the application of many scientific and engineering disciplines**

Primary Cementing

- Process of placing cement in the annulus between the casing and the wellbore
- Objectives:
 - *Provide Hydraulic Seal*
 - *Create Zonal Isolation*
 - *Protect Useable Water*
 - *Provide Structural Support for Casing*
 - *Protect Casing from Corrosion*
 - *Isolate Casing Seat for Subsequent Drilling*



Primary Cementing Starts with a Plan

- The plan should take well from drilling through plugging
- The well plan includes:
 - *Wellbore Environment*
 - *Well Type*
 - *Casing and Cement Program*
 - *Mud System*
 - *Type of Completion*



Effective Primary Cementing

- **Good drilling practices and mud properties**
- **Casing movement while cementing**
- **Centralization of the casing**
- **Optimal borehole pipe clearance**
- **Use of spacers and mud flushes**



Fundamentals of Cement Placement

- **Casing Hardware**

- *Float Equipment*
- *Centralizers*
- *Wiper Plugs*
- *Multi-stage tools*

- **Hole conditioning and mud properties**

- *Mud Rheology*
- *Gel Strength*
- *Fluid Loss*
- *Circulation Rate*
- *Filter cake removal*

- **Casing movement while cementing**

- *Rotation*
- *Reciprocation*

- **Use of spacers and mud flushes**

Variables Affecting Zonal Isolation

GEOMECHANICS:

In-situ stresses, change in stresses along borehole, change in stresses in cement and pipe

CHEMISTRY:

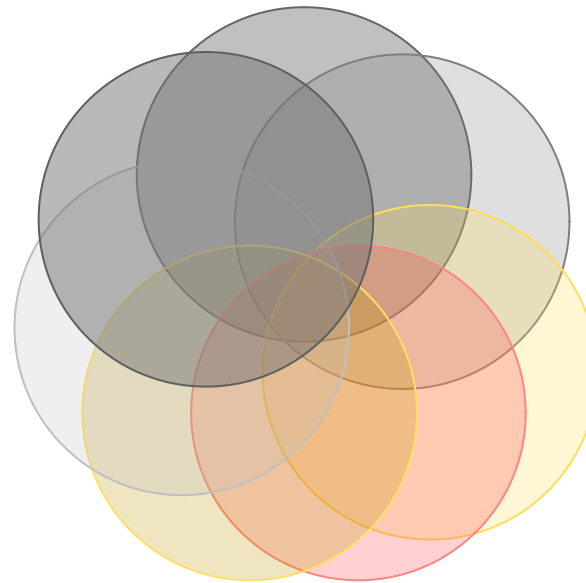
Corrosion and chemical resistance of casing and cement

GEOLOGY/GEOCHEMISTRY:

Formation type, structure, formation fluid chemistry

BOREHOLE:

Size, shape, uniformity



BOREHOLE STABILITY:

Lost circulation, flows, structural integrity and characteristics of formations

CEMENTING PROCESS:

Displacement design, job execution, cement volumes, cement material properties

MATERIAL PROPERTIES:

Cement, relationships between pipe-cement-formation

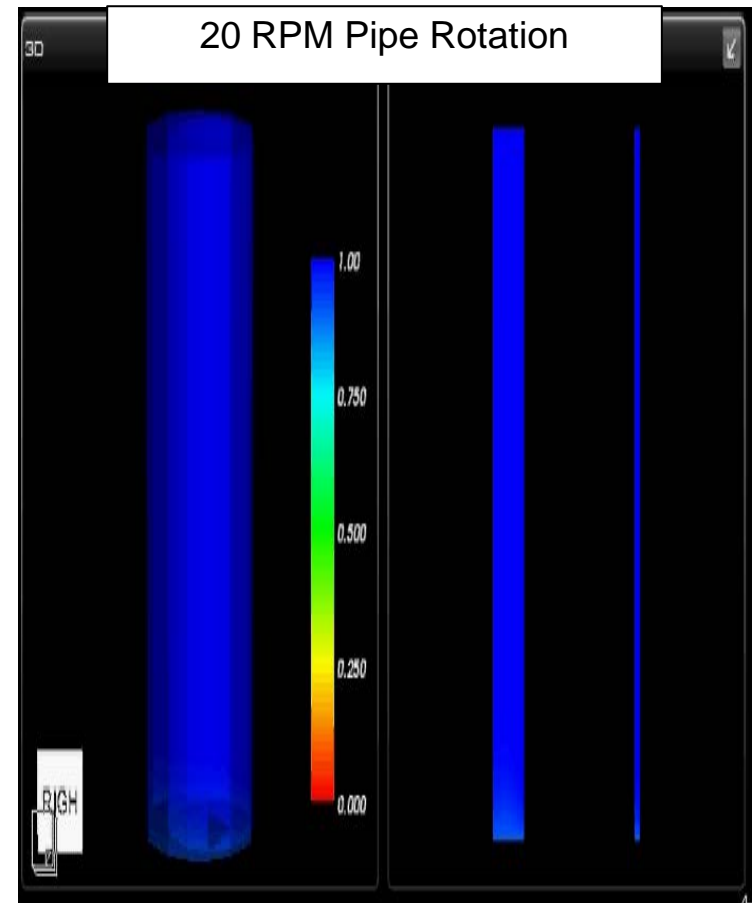
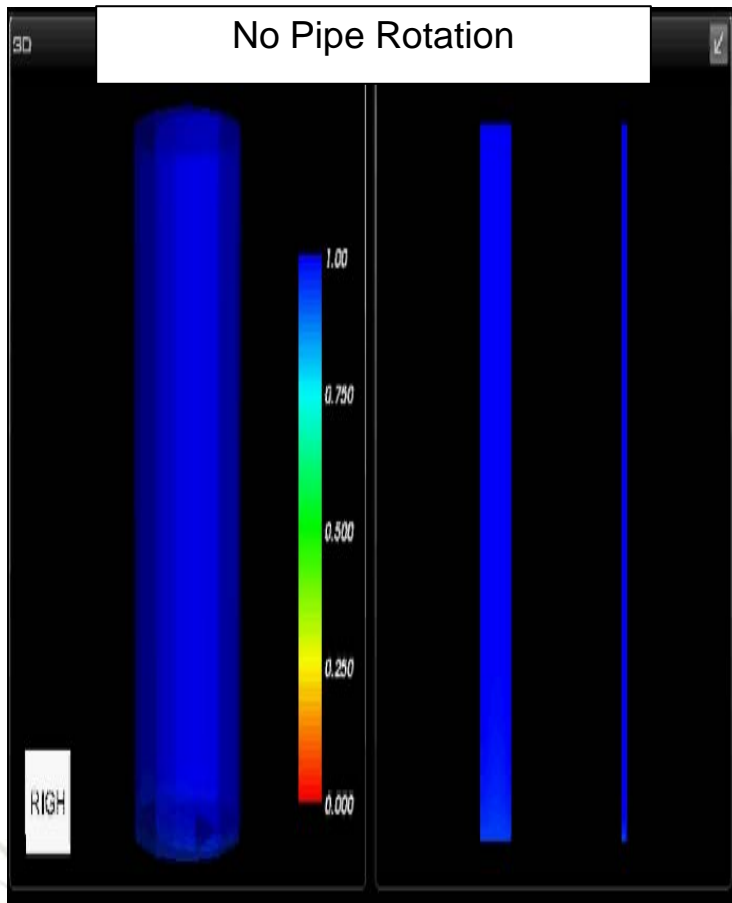
PRESSURE AND TEMPERATURE CHANGES/CYCLING

Over the life of the well

Benefits of Pipe Rotation During Cementing

3-D Computer Modeling of Displacement of Mud by Spacer and Cement

Courtesy of **AXPC** anga



Current Well Design – Deep Intermediate Casing

FORM. / CSG	TVD	MD	CASING PROFILE	HOLE SIZE	CSG SPECS	MUD INFO	NOTES
	50'	50'		20"			
Shallow Shales				17 1/2'	100% Excess Cmt to Surf.		Vertical < 2°
13 3/8" Shoe	1,500'	1,500'			13 3/8", J-55 54.5#		
Base/Heebner Shale (GDS)	6,861'			12 1/4"	CIT 300 PSI / 30 min 11.0 PPG FIT		
9 5/8" TOC	7,500'	7,500'			TOC ~1,000' above Deese		Vertical
Deese (GDS)	8,789'						
5 1/2" TOC	10,800'	10,800'					
Primrose (Morrow)	11,459'						
Springer Shale	11,838'						
9 5/8" Shoe	11,900'	11,900'			9 5/8", L-80 40#		
Black Marker	13,174'				CIT 1500 PSI / 30 min 12.5 PPG FIT Swell packer @ 7,000' TOC 1,000 into 9 5/8" Csg		Build: 14-16°/100
Springer 2 (false caney)	13,743'			8 3/4"			
Springer 3 (false caney)	14,059'				23#, P-110, Blue		
KOP	14,400'	14,400'					
Caney	14,414'						
Woodford	14,731'						
EOB	14,901'	15,310'					
				LOL:	4,950	TD:	20,260
						TD TVD:	14,721

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Drilling

- *Mud circulated until it has the required properties*
- *Casing is Centralized*
- *Casing is reciprocated rotated during cementing*
- *On the production casing a swell packer is run and set inside intermediate casing string*
- *Using TergoVis! Efficiency Fluid*



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Completions

- *Test annulus between the production casing and intermediate casing for pressure*
- *Annular pressure monitored during hydraulic fracture treatment*
- *Production casing pressure tested to 80% of yield before pumping hydraulic fracture treatment*
- *Production casing attached to automatic shut downs and relief lines while pumping job*



Summary

- **Zonal isolation for each well must be designed and constructed with regard to its unique geological environment.**
- **There is no single fit-for-purpose design, well construction, or barrier verification process that is right for all wells.**
- **The barrier system that protects usable water includes surface casing and cement.**
- **Verification of the barriers is typically accomplished by both pressure testing (direct measurements of casing and shoe cement) and by an operational evaluation (cement placement behind pipe).**
- **There is no direct measurement available to verify a cement barrier behind casing at this time.**

Conclusions

- **Casing has been cemented in wells for more than 100 years**
- **Cementing best practices have been known for more than 60 years.**
- **Best practices have to be used by everyone to**
 - *Protect the environment and community*
 - *Obtain maximum value from your wells*



Questions!?!?!

THERE IS NO LIFE WITHOUT WATER.



**BECAUSE WATER IS NEEDED
TO MAKE COFFEE.**