Intelligent Gas Lift Automation

EuALF Gas Lift Masterclass

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ARTIFICIAL LIFT INTELLIGENCE



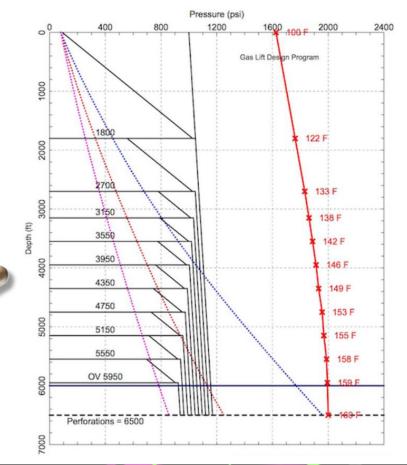
The majority of the world's gas lifted wells are operated in a non-optimal state

- Is my well completely unloaded?
- Is the well multi-point injecting?
- What is my lift depth?
- Am I optimized on gas lift?
- Can I lift deeper?
- Is my wellbore hydraulic model a good match to actual well performance?
- How much will I have to intervene?
- Do I have enough gas?
- What should be my lifting life-cycle?

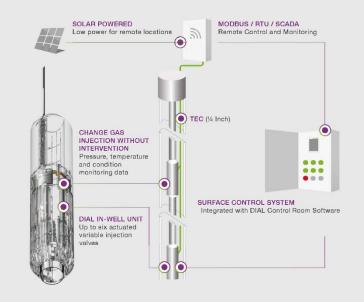


Legacy Technology Challenges

- Narrow Operating Window.
- Design safety margins.
- Injection depth limited.
- Difficult to assess lift effectiveness.
- Intervention to optimize.
- Sensitive to well dynamics.
- Multi-point injection.
- Valve Chatter



Intelligent surface operated gas lift enables continuous production optimization



Digital Intelligent Artificial Lift

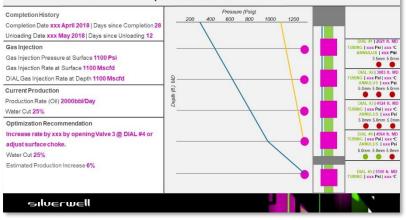
Technical	Business
Variable orifice size at any depth	
 Deeper injection – through use of full casing pressure to bottom 	Eliminate intervention
No deviation limitation – works in horizontal sections	Reduce OPEX
No well intervention required for gas injection	Mitigate instabilities
rate changes	Enhance recoveries
 Pressure and temperature data returned to surface 	Optimise production
Remote monitoring and control	Reduce HSE risk
 Intelligent field-wide management 	

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Data-driven decision making enables optimized production



Gas Lift Production Dashboard | 24th March 2018



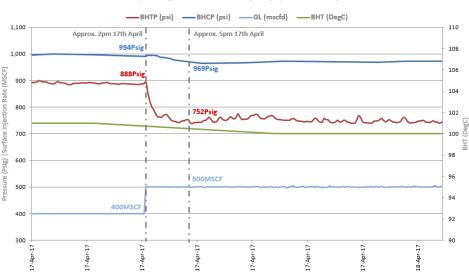
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Case History 1 Well Optimization

Through downhole gauge measurement, the operator recognised the opportunity to **increase gas injection rate from 400 to 500MCFD**.

Silverwell DIAL valves were opened, decreasing casing pressure.

Net Oil Production increased **10%** from 217 to 239BOPD.



Date	Time	Chk	FTHP	CHP_A	Gross	Net Oil	Gas	GL	FLP	Sep_P	Remark
					Prod	Prod	(mscfd)	(mscfd)	(psi)	(psi)	
					(bpd)	(bpd)					
18/04/2017	11:25:00	128	254	-	265.43	239.15	610	500	150	165	GL 500 MSCFD
18/04/2017	07:45:00	128	251	-	252.7	227.68	596	500	150	165	GL 500 Mscfd.
17/04/2017	08:00:00	128	234	-	247.79	217.87	521	400	140	152	-

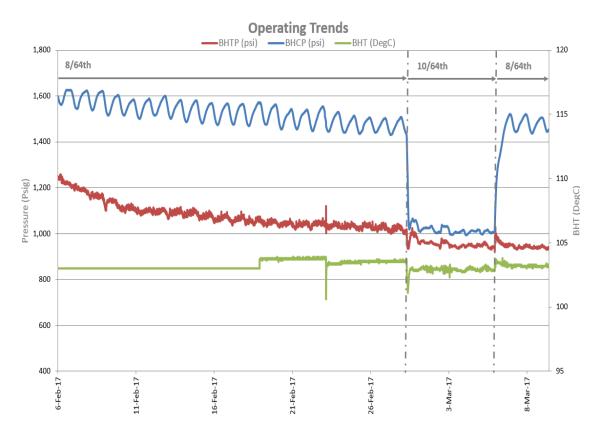
Case History 2 Mitigating Instability

8/64th orifice size causing **multipoint injection** and well instability.

Upper IPO valve continuously **opening and closing**.

Operator **increased the port size** to 10/64 by opening an additional valve. **Well stability achieved**.

Valve closed to replicate issue and confirm the DIAL action.

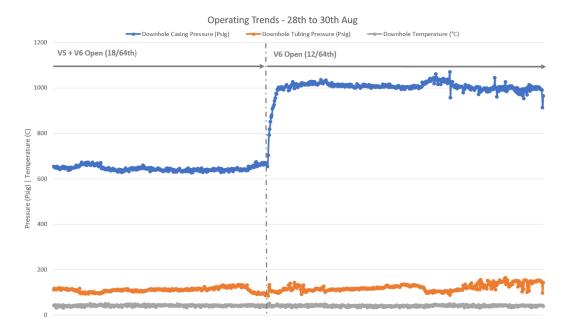


Case History 3 Gas Management

Through downhole gauge measurement, the operator recognised the opportunity to **reduce the gas injection rate**.

The valve combination was changed from 18/64 to 12/64ths.

The operator increased casing pressure and increased Net Oil **Production by 18%.**



^Date	SPT Code	Total Fluid(bbl/d)	Oil	Water	Total Gas(MCF/D)	Gas Lift Gas(MCF/D)	Reservoir Gas(MCF/D)	GOR	Total GOR	Water Cut(%)	Tubing Pressure(PSIG)	Duration (Hrs)	Casing Pressure	Flow-Line Pressure(PSIG)	Test Separator Pressure
		stb/d	stb/d	stb/d	mscf/d	mscf/d	mscf/d	scf/stb		%	psig		psig	psig	psig
06/09/2017	0	81.36	81.36	0.00	472.12	356.54	115.59	1420.73	5803.12	0.00	999.00	10.00	755.71	45.82	39.93
01/09/2017	0	68.19	68.19	0.00	493.73	354.53	139.20	2041.23	7240.12	0.00	999.00	10.00	775.80	46.14	40.11
23/08/2017	0	69.38	66.30	3.08	591.11	480.89	110.22	1662.45	8916.00	4.44	999.00	10.00	449.03	46.78	39.84

Cross-functional business-case development accelerates technology adoption

More production

- Accelerating return-on-investment
- increased well production from enhanced lift efficiency

Less intervention

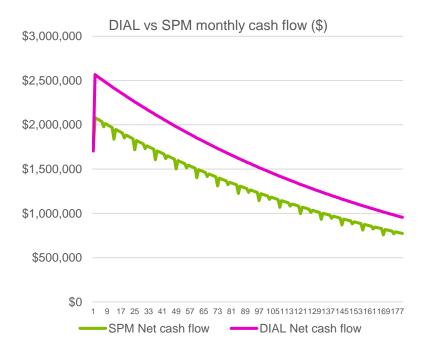
- Reducing opex & risk
- reduced well down-time from intervention-free operation

More data

- Informing production optimization
- increased insight from multiple in-well sensors

Less uncertainty

- Enabling decisions
- reduced misunderstanding from integrated gas lift





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Thank you! Questions?

