Design & Testing of a High-Powered, Live-Well, Cable-Deployable ESP

SpeedDrive 350

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ESP Operations – The Need for Change



What issues are we facing?

Current operations often require rigs and large crews for ESP installation and replacement

Expensive operations due to high rig costs

Constraints in rig availability can lead to further delays

Lost and deferred production

Release rigs from working over failed ESPs

Reduced productivity due to kill fluid

We need a step-change in capability and value, that addresses these issues

A New ESP Architecture – Overview for 4.5-in tubing

Size:	3.5" OD typical, <60ft long
Max. Ambient Temp:	135'C / 275'F
Pump:	High Speed Centrifugal
Motor :	PMM: 10,000 RPM
	250/500hp (186/372kW)
Flow / Head:	8,000bfpd / 6,000ft
Integrated Monitoring:	Yes
Applications:	Conventional oil, Shales, Retrofit and Contingency Applications
Deployment:	1-in Cable (TEC) with small CT unit
Live Well Capable:	Yes
Sour Service:	NACE Compliant
Benefits:	Rigless deployment benefits. Brownfield redevelopment. Rapid response contingency ESP.

Design completed

Manufacturing completed

Functional testing completed

FAT integrated testing completed

SIT deployment in test well completed

A New ESP Architecture - Overview



A New ESP Architecture – On Surface

- VFD
 - High speed motor control
 - Integration with PLC and SCADA
 - Skid mounted
- Wellhead Penetrator
 - Horizontal and vertical electrical penetrators
 - Spool piece mounted in tree prior to job
 - Test porting to verify integrity during live-well deployments
- Cable (reusable)
 - 1-in TEC, SS 2205 / Nickel 825
 - Single cable for conveyance, power and telemetry from downhole sensors



Design Considerations & Development Testing

- BHA Considerations
 - Through tubing fundamentally constrains OD motor on top chosen
 - Power density critical, <60ft long desirable for ease of deployment
 Permanent Magnet Motor technology selected
 - High speed operation must control vibration and heat
- Cable Considerations
 - Desirable to be truly rigless, allowing for rapid retrofit replacement
 - TEC construction allowing for live well deployment
 - Wire gauge tradeoffs losses vs weight = efficiency vs max depth
- Other Considerations
 - Forced cooling utilised to manage temperature of high speed rotating contact elements – both working and clean fluid
 - Vibration shaft design critical, with interim bearings required
 - Thrust reacted independently in each module (motor, pump etc)

Design Considerations & Development Testing



Full Scale SIT in Test Well – Equipment Prep.

- Delivery to wellsite is on a std. flatbed for land wells
- Focus on ease of operations
- Safety further improved with lightweight tooling

(Below) – Lightweight tooling to ease manual handling

(Above) – Downhole system is pre-built in workshop and

only makeup is the two halves: Protector to Pump





Full Scale SIT in Test Well – Single Piece Lift

- 2nd crane allows BHA makeup to be performed horizontally
- Test well but full live-well procedures were used throughout SIT
- Basic scaffold able to be used



Full Scale SIT in Test Well – Completion

- Hanger at surface used with running tools for final landout into spool
- Hookup to VFD completed and commissioning commenced





Vertical penetrator held at surface prior



Conclusions

- The industry must continue to adapt to reduce the cost of production in the face of ongoing uncertainty
- A forward looking cable-deployed ESP has been developed and tested, demonstrating widely applicable capability including sour service and up to 8000bfpd
- A truly rigless live-well through-tubing deployment method has been verified with a full scale SIT in a test well
- The system delivers a solution improves safety and economics by reducing crew and suspended load operations, as well as time and cost to establish / restore production
- Field deployment of the technology is upcoming

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