Unconventional P&A (Phase 1) by bullheading a combination of gasified and foamed fluids in a deepwater gas well

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INTRODUCTION

The Well





4 phases / 5 ¹/₂" tubing, 2 packers, SC WD ~1500 m / HT subsea well (125°C) with depleted reservoir (~5,6ppg) Minimum required pressure on A annulus of ~1000 psi

Static Level after bullheading 7,2 ppg diesel:

 $SL = 0,17 \times 5,6 \times 4500 = 3500 \text{ m}$ (2000 m below mudline) 0,17 x 7,2

in case of tubing x A annulus communication...

No problem to kill the well, but the well can't reach the static level

Plan: well intervention to change XT

- 1 deepset barrier
- 1 "shalow" barrier





INTRODUCTION The Well The Problem



Strategy selected -> Multiphase Bullheading and Foamed Strategy for P&A Phase 1

Partial collapse of casing and tubing identified during intervention

20 in casing last barrier to mud line leakage path

No wireline or coiled tubing tool able to be pass through restriction

N₂ bullhead would fracture 20 in casing shoe

Heavy cement/fluid with high risk of 20 in collapse during P&A

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WELL STATUS BEFORE P&A

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New boundary conditions to design

- Confirmed Tubing x A Annulus communication;
- Minimum allowable pressure on well: 1000 psi;
- Uncertain Well Barrier after collapse;
- Maximum allowable pressure @ wellhead depth: 3000 psi (current pressure ~3200 psi);
- Tubing: collapse confirmed @ aprox. 1669m with a stuck LIB fish;
- Production & Intermediate casing: also expected to be collapased;
- Uncertain flow area along collapsed interval.

No viable operation provided by service companies

PLUGGING DESIGN

Pumping parameters evaluated through multiphase flow modeling

Diesel + Nitrogen (multiphase bullheading)

Spacer



Several Liquid and Gas Pump Rates were evaluated to design best pumping parameters

Pmax – Cement flow through restriction

Foamed Cement

Foamed displacement fluid

Pmin – Free-fall flow of cement on tubing

PLUGGING DESIGN

Critical cement slurry and displacement desgin

- Low density cement slurry

- Gas migration control base cement slurry

- 10% resin content
- High fluid loss control
- Gas migration control
 - Expansive





http://www.iadc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/IADC-Q2-Technology-Forum-Oilfield-Resins-for-Plug-and-Abandonment-distribution-version.pdf

Foam cement and Foamed Displacement Stability (lab tested)





RIG LAYOUT



Layout assembled in light well intervention unit





POS-JOB ANALISYS

Pressure data comparison (field vs post-job simulation) of plugging operation



Remarks:

- correlation Good between simulated and field data behavior and close timing;
- injectivity True reservoir than estimated and lower pressure was above field expected;
- Foamed cement flow through restriction successful controlled pump rate.







PLUG VERIFICATION

Remote verification due to restriction in tubing



Remarks:

- TOC estimation based on
 pumping parameters as modeled
 and records
- Differential pressure (+1000psi)
 applied held for 2+ hours positive and negative

Static reservoir pressure = 4300 psi





- and displacement;
- parameters;
- parameters;
- Well in safe conditions for phase 2 P&A;
- operations.

Successful and useful modeling for bullheading with multiphase fluids and foamed cement

Successful isolation achieved verified by both negative and pressure tests and pumping

Extremely valuable information provided by both XT sensors for the control of pumping

There is opportunity to develop / improve simulation capabilities for challenging P&A









THANK YOU

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