

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA PERFORATING SYMPOSIUM

Innovative TCP-ESP Underbalanced Perforation

Creating a Perforation - Objectives



- Objective of perforation is to establish effective flow communication between the wellbore and the formation.
- Achieving good well productivity (or injectivity) involves:
 - Selecting appropriate perforating equipment and techniques
 - Establishing conditions in the well at the time of perforating conductive to good perforation clean up or flow response (e.g. fluid type and differential pressure)

Perforation Clean-up



- Objective Flowing the Well
 - Fluid drag forces act on the compacted zone and debris
 - Usually inadequate
- Injecting Fluid (Perforation Breakdown)
 - Brine, KCl Water, Acetic Acid, HCl acid, and HF acid
 - Compatibility with formation is important
- Perforating Underbalanced
 - Reverse differential pressure perforating

Perforation Modes for ESP Completions



Casing Guns

- One or more runs on E-line
- Over balanced perforation
- May cause damage around the well bore resulting in skin and thus lower productivity index

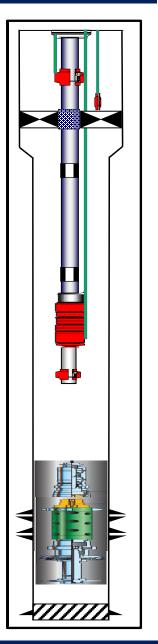
TCP (Tubing Conveyed Perforation)

- Includes two runs:
 - 1. TCP to perforate the interested zone under balance
 - 2. ESP Completion string
- Risk of formation damage during well killing to proceed with 2nd run.

The Advantages of TCP-ESP Under Balanced Perforation



- Save the rig time and cost
- Bypass the tunnel damage (skin) resulting from over balanced perforation or killing the well.
- Increase the productivity index (Pi) and thus the production.



The TCP-ESP Under Balanced Perforation Techniques



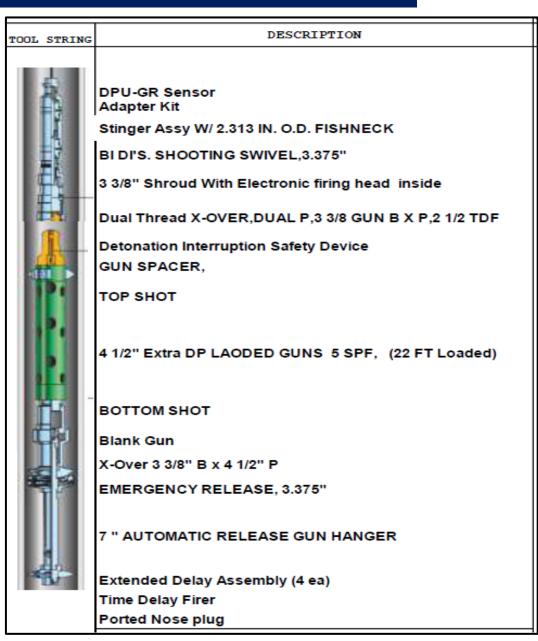
The types of the system:

- 1- Gun hanger with electronic firing head.
- 2- Gun hanger with special time delaying hydraulic firing head.
- 3- Conventional PKR (permanent or hydraulic) equipped with on-off tool with the special time delaying hydraulic firing head.

1- Gun Hanger With Electronic Firing Head.

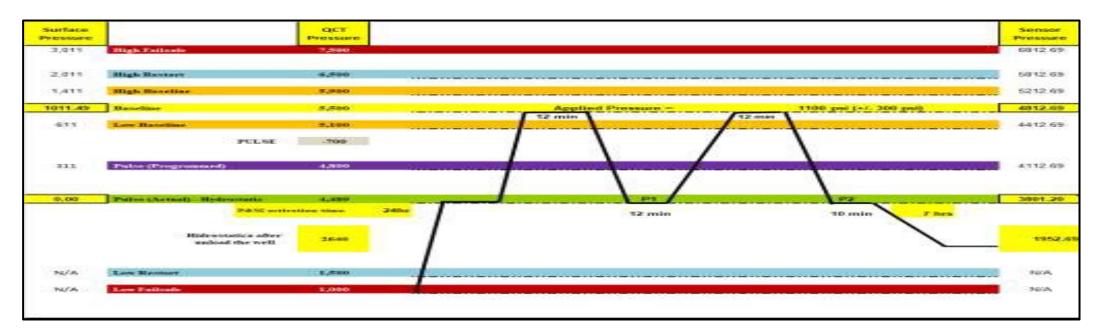


- The system components.
 - √ Hanging system (Gun Hanger)
 - ✓ Delaying system (electronic Firing Head)
- The system procedures.
- The advantages.
 - ✓ The possibility of restart
 - ✓ The back up firing head
 - ✓ The possibility of going with 2 runs (skirt and stinger)
- The disadvantages.
 - ✓ The high cost



1- Gun Hanger With Electronic Firing Head.





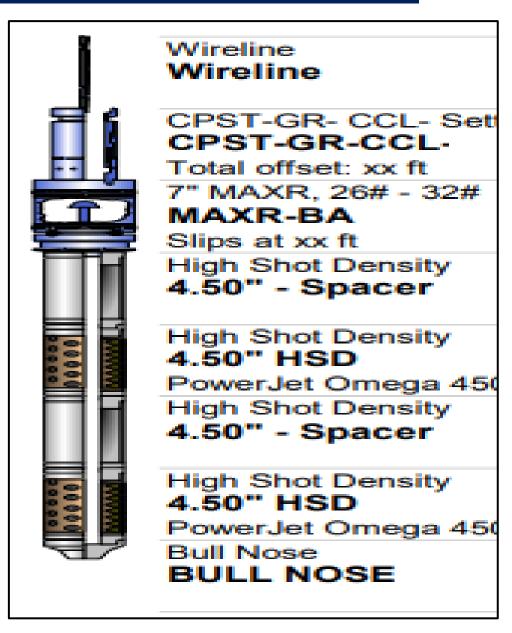
The procedures:

- 1- M/U and P/U the guns stack and RIH.
- 2- Set the gun hanger.
- 3- RIH W/ the ESP string.
- 4- Activate the firing head with time delaying by pressure plus as shown in the figure.
- 5- Make the under balance using the ESP.
- 6- Fire and drop the gun hanger

2- Gun Hanger With Special Time Delaying Hydraulic Firing Head.



- The system components.
 - ✓ Hanging system (MAXR)
 - Delaying system (Special Time Delaying hydraulic Firing Head)
- The system procedures.
- The advantages.
 - ✓ The simplicity
 - ✓ Low cost
- The disadvantages.
 - ✓ No restart option
 - ✓ No back up firing head



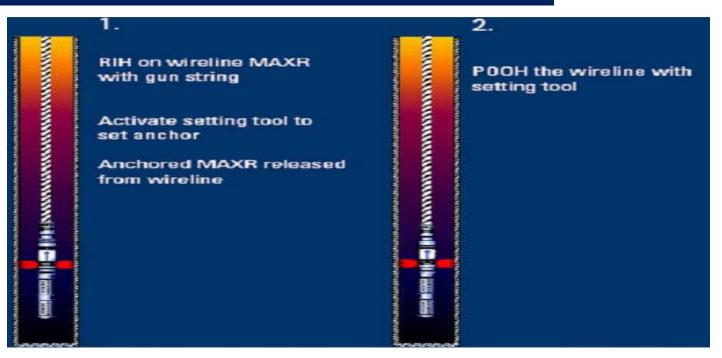
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The procedures:

- 1- M/U and P/U the guns stack and RIH.
- 2- Set the gun hanger and POOH.

- 3- RIH W/ the ESP string.
- 4- Activate the firing head, make the under balance using the ESP



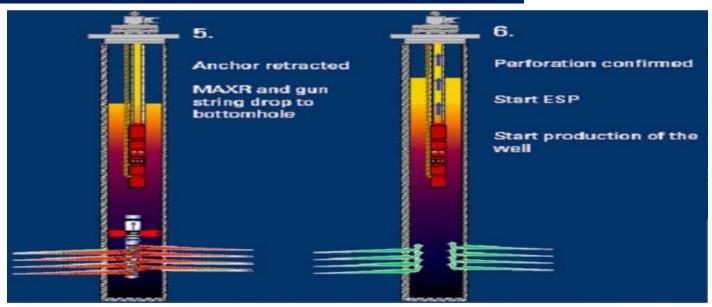


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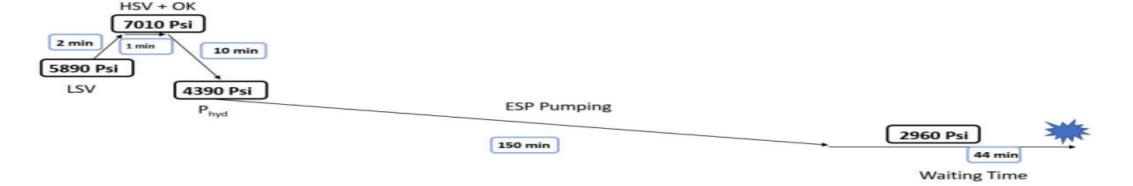


The procedures:

- 5- Fire and drop the gun hanger
- 6- Wait till debris settlement, start the ESP.



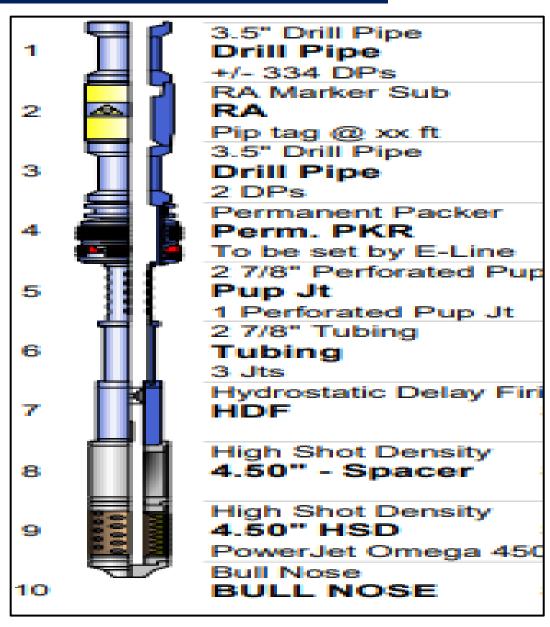
Delay Time Chart



3- Conventional PKR Equipped With On-off Tool With The Special Time Delaying Firing Head.

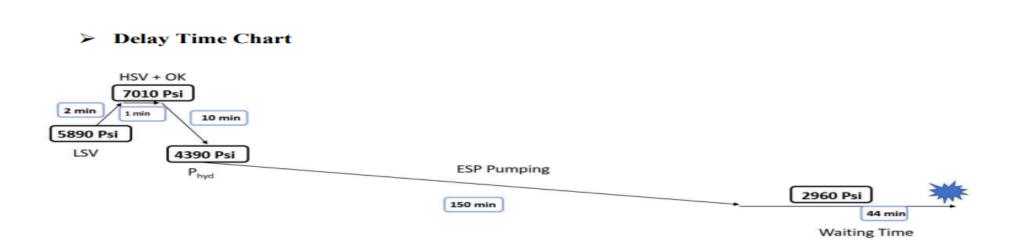


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- The advantages.
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- The disadvantages.
 - ✓ No restart option
 - ✓ No back up firing head
 - ✓ No drop of the hanging system



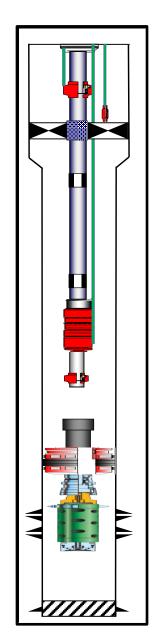
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The procedures:

- 1- M/U and P/U the guns stack and RIH.
- 2- Set the gun hanger.
- 3- RIH W/ the ESP string.
- 4- Activate the firing head with time delaying by exerting a certain pressure value at the surface.
- 5- Make the under balance using the ESP.
- 6- Fire and produce through the perforated pup joint.



Conclusion



- 1. Pre-job planning helped determine downhole configurations and helped create safe operating conditions during the perforating and production processes.
- 2. The perforating guns system was activated on the first attempt as designed.
- 3. The combination of technologies used in the well perforation helped demonstrate that formation damage can be minimized in production wells that use ESP completions.
- 4. The technologies used in this ESP completion helped reduce rig time and costs and helped enable well production earlier than expected at a 25% higher rate.



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Q&A