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# Quench and tempered technology in challenging CT shale operations

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# **Improved Reliability in Shale Plays**

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- 2. What failure modes continue to shorten life?
- 3. What are the improvements?
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## **Q&T** Shipments



# **Q&T** Commercial Release

#### SHALE PLAY DISTRIBUTION

# 90% of US orders converted to a Quench and Tempered Product



### **Q&T North America Field Performance**

Avg. 54% RF increase NAM



2.625" CT

### Quench and Temper-North America Field Performance



#### Conventional 100 | 110 vs DC 110

Service Life - Running Footage

# **Q&T Fatigue Model Development vs. Competition**



### **Q&T North America Field Performance**

Average Fatigue Spike at Retirement



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# **Failure Modes**

# **Q&T** Retirement Mechanisms

#### **CONVENTIONAL GRADE**

#### Q&T 110



### **Conventional Tube** Retirement Mechanisms



#### **CONVENTIONAL 100 | 110 - Running Feet Performance vs. Reason for Retirement**

### **Q&T** Retirement Mechanisms



#### Q&T 110 - Running Feet Performance vs. Reason for Retirement

# **Mechanical Damage**

# **Q&T** Retirement Mechanisms-Mechanical Damage







## **Q&T** Retirement Mechanisms-Abrasion

Abrasion:

- An increase in hardness will yield better abrasion resistance, but the agitators currently being used are extremely aggressive, causing localized abrasion at multiple locations in the horizontal sections.
- Relaxing the helix with a short trip and the use of pipe on pipe friction reducers can help minimize damage
- Appropriate string design can also optimize reach while minimizing contact forces in the horizontal section





# **Q&T** Retirement Mechanisms

Mechanical Damage: Abrasion in the horizontal and possible High Cycle Fatigue Damage to the coil?

Credit: Scott McCracken with TTS via Linkedin



# **Q&T** Retirement Mechanisms-Abrasion

#### Mechanical Damage: Abrasion in the horizontal near the BHA



# **Q&T** Retirement Mechanisms-Abrasion

Mechanical Damage: Abrasion in the horizontal at BHA and 500M UH







## **Q&T** Retirement Mechanisms-HCF?

#### Mechanical Damage: Ductile type failures near whip end-could this be attributed to agitators?





# Can We Prevent Mechanical Damage?

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- Pipe on Pipe FR
- Resetting the Helix with short trips
- String Design

## **Q&T** Retirement Mechanisms-Abrasion

Whip End Geometry?



# **Refresher: Theory Of Buckling**

Helical buckling load at a point along the tubing inside the wellbore.

$$F_{\text{helical buckling load}} = -\sqrt{1 + \mu} \sqrt[4]{\left(\frac{8\text{EI}}{r_{c}}\right)^{2} \left[\left(\text{Fd}\theta + dW_{b}\sin\theta\right)^{2} + \left(\text{Fd}\gamma\sin\theta\right)^{2}\right]}$$

Force friction due to helical buckling.

$$F_{buckling friction} = \frac{\mu r_c F_c^2}{4EI} dL$$

Wall contact force over the section of the tubing inside the wellbore.

WCF = 
$$\sqrt{(d\gamma^2 \sin^2 \theta + d\theta^2)F^2 - 2W_b \sin \theta d\theta F + (W_b \sin \theta)^2}$$

- $dW_h$  Derivative of buoyant weight
- $d\gamma$  Derivative of azimuth
- D heta Derivative of inclination
- E Young's Modulus of the CT material (30 x10<sup>-6</sup>psi)
- *F* Effective axial force in the CT at a position of interest in the wellbore
- *I* Area moment of inertia of CT cross-section
- L Length of the section
- *Ic* Radial clearance of the CT in the Annulus
- WCF Wall contact force
- heta Inclination at a point in the well
- μ Friction coefficient

Sinusoidal

Helical

# CT Engineered Design Example 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" CT





**Engineered CT Solution** 

# **Hourglass CT Configuration**

#### **Extended Reach**

Heavy wall is strategically placed to maximize reach and durability

#### **Proper Section Length of Minimum Wall Thickness**

The thinnest wall thickness would never be at surface while working in the lateral of the wells



# Corrosion

# **Q&T** Retirement Mechanisms-Corrosion

- A comparison of the full circumference often shows preferential to one side or the other
- This would suggest the corrosion may be happening between jobs



# **Q&T** Retirement Mechanisms

### Corrosion:

 An improvement in microstructure still requires us to manage fluids



# **Q&T** Retirement Mechanisms-Corrosion





MIC related corrosion still prominent

# **Can we prevent corrosion?**

# Can we prevent corrosion?

- Biocides- During job or after completion?
- Pigging/flushing programs- Circulate ball to flush fluids
- Inhibitors- After job
- Careful attention to H<sub>2</sub>S mitigation- Q&T is not the silver bullet and all CT needs careful inhibition and mitigation in sour environments

### Technical Development – Q&T

#### **Q&T 110 Sour immersion testing results compared to CT-90**



Test Solution	Test Gas	Temp (°F)	Duration (Hours)
NACE MR0175/ISO 15156-2 Table B.1 5% mass fraction NaCl + 0.4% mass fraction CH3COONa with a starting pH of 3.7	1.4% H2S CO2	77°±5°	> 168
Modified NACE MR0175/ISO 15156-2 Table B.1 23.4% mass fraction NaCl + 3% mass fraction CH₃COON₂ with a starting pH of 3.7	7% H2S CO2		

- Fatigued testing using 60" Radius at 5,200 psi.

- Combination of base and bias welds

# Improvements!

#### **Q&T<sup>™</sup>** Diametral Growth: Prediction vs. Reality

### Performance of Q&T with 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" [60.33mm] CT

Field Actual OD Bias Welds × 0 Field Actual OD Base Model Predicted Diameter ---- Nominal OD 2.525 CT Diameter (in) 2.500 2.475 2.450 2.425-2.425 2.400 2.350 22,000 ft Depth - Whip-end 0 ft

#### **CT String Post Retirement Diametral Growth Analysis**

—Working Pressures: 6,500 psi – 8,500 psi

[45 Mpa – 59 Mpa]

#### **Q&T** Results

Challenges

-Substantial reduction in ballooning compared to predicted model

## **Q&T** Improvements in Reach

Length Distribution for Conventional vs. Q&T



### **Q&T** Increases in Diameter and Length



# **Conventional Coiled Tubing Manufacturing Process**



### Bias welds in conventional coiled tubing:

- Inherently contain discontinuities in the microstructure
- Are susceptible to heat affected zone deformation during cycling
- Can fracture quickly through coarse grained microstructure

# **Q&T** Microstructural Improvement



\*Tube samples tested to same conditions to same fatigue machine cycles

**2.375" CT x 0.204" Metallography** After the same number of fatigue machine cycles:

- Microstructure of Q&T bias weld is superior to traditional CT manufacturing methods
- Fine grained structures improve fatigue and corrosion resistance

# **Q&T Microstructural Improvement**

# Conventional vs. Q&T



 Conventional CT microstructure has fine banding longitudinally and a cast bias weld microstructure

 Quench and Tempered CT microstructure is martensitic which improves mechanical properties and creates a more uniform microstructure

## **Q&T Modeling Improvements**

#### **3D** view of our fatigue tests that span the ranges of stresses and strains seen during CT operations



### Quench and Temper-North America Field Performance



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## **Q&T** Modeling Improvements

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#### Mechanical Damage

#### Abrasion

#### Corrosion

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# Thank You. Any Questions?

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