

# DrillWell

## *Drilling and Well Centre for Improved Recovery*

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- Drilling&Wells and IOR

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# Drilling and Well Centre for Improved Recovery

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## Vision

- ❖ Unlock petroleum resources through better drilling and well technology

## Objective

- ❖ Improve drilling and well technology providing improved safety for people and the environment and value creation through better resource development, improved efficiency in operations and reduced cost

### Main targets:

- ☐ Cost reduction
- ☐ Improved recovery
- ☐ Efficient field development

## RESEARCH PARTNERS



## INDUSTRIAL PARTNERS



# DrillWell R&D targets

- Drilling process optimization
- Well control
- Well integrity
- Permanent plugging and abandonment of wells (P&A)/Slot recovery

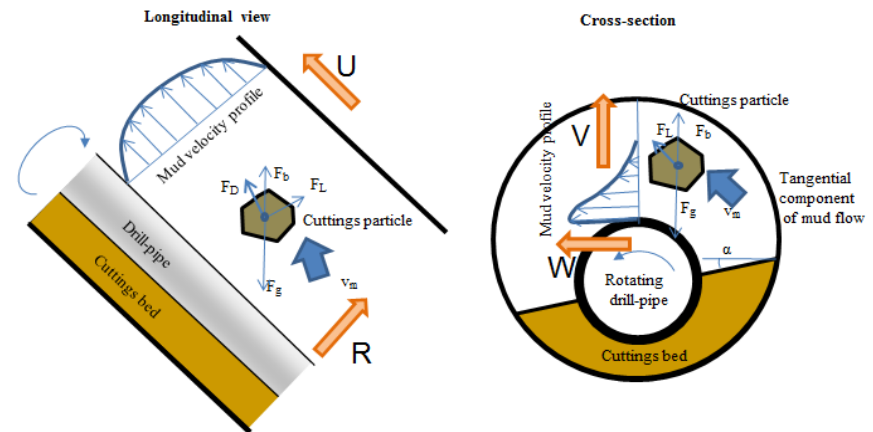
# Drilling process optimization

Modelling and evaluation of drilling and well processes (transient models)

- Cuttings transport
- Well hydraulics
- Drill-string torque and drag forces
- Drill-string vibration
- Risk based optimization of drilling parameters
- Evaluation of field cases

➤ Will imply

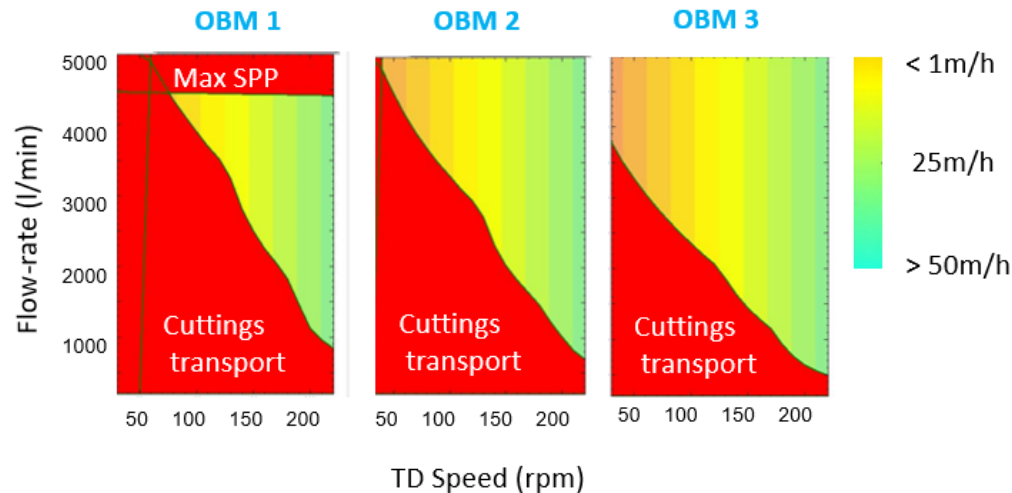
- increased drilling speed
- reduced risk of incidents
- longer productive well sections



# Drilling process optimization

## *Applications*

- Optimize weight on bit and rotational speed (DrillOpPlan)
- Diagnostic of deterioration of drilling conditions (DrillScene\*) (improvement)
- Control of drilling machines for safe operations (DrillTronics\*) (improvement)
- Improvement of data exchange capabilities between service companies (DDHub)



\*: Sekal product

# DrillTronics on Songa Enabler

## ➤ Background

- DrillTronics is assisting the driller by actively controlling the drilling machines to stay within the drilling margins
- DrillTronics permanently installed on Statfjord C 2014-17
- Installation on the semi- submersible drilling rig Songa Enabler for exploration drilling in the Barents Sea 2017

## ➤ Objective

- Enable full DrillTronics functionality to work on floating rigs
- Enable DrillTronics to read and utilize automatic rheology data
- Install, test & verify on Songa Enabler

## ➤ New models from DrillWell

- Transient torque & drag for drill-string elasticity
- Casing running
- New hook-load correction for automatic friction test

## ➤ Results

- An automated data collection system was successfully used
- DrillTronics software ensured automated drilling process control
- The drillers were able to optimize and enhance the safety of the drilling operations
- Statoil estimated to have saved around NOK 100 million on two wells, using several drilling automation technologies

## ➤ Future

- This year DrillTronics on Songa Enabler will be used for more deviated wells



# Drilling Data Hub Demonstrations

## *DEMO 2000 project*

### ➤ Background

- Multiple vendors involved in drilling operations; need for interoperability
- Set-up for drilling operations often changes; need for adaptivity

### ➤ Objective

- Demonstrate multi-vendor integration between data providers and data consumers using full version of Drilling Data Hub using OpenLab Drilling

### ➤ Why

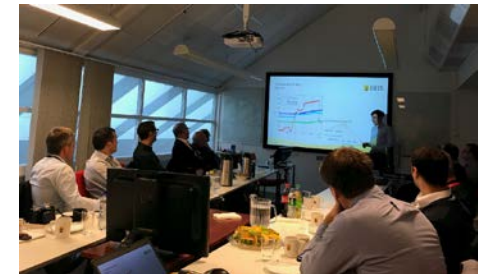
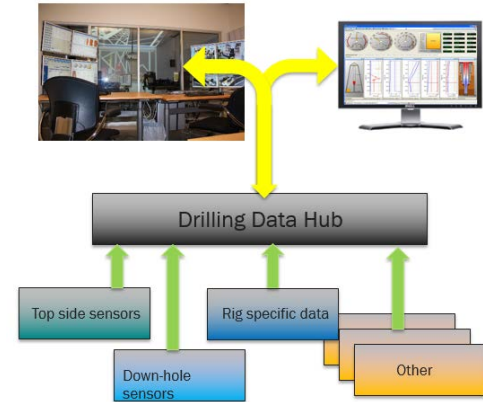
- Need for easy and reliable access to real-time data for processing by more or less complex applications

### ➤ What

- Real-time data acquisition and aggregation based on semantical descriptions

### ➤ How

- Real-time data acquisition and aggregation based on semantical descriptions





# Geo-steering for IOR

## *Petromaks2 project*

### ➤ Background

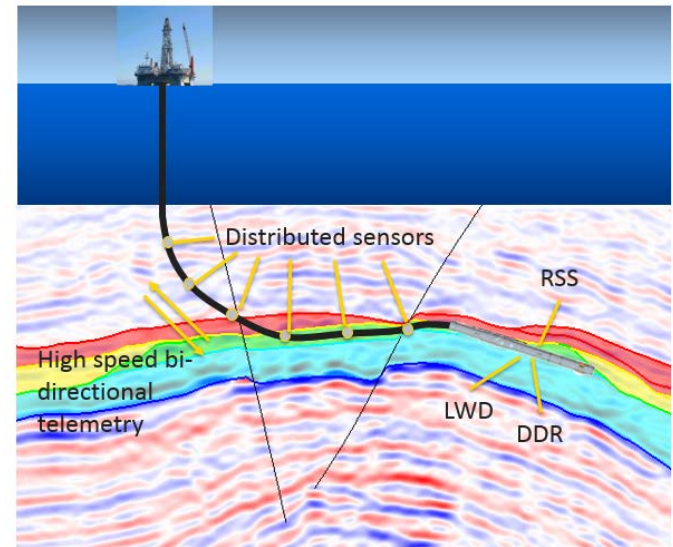
- Geo-steering decisions need to balance production potential vs drilling and completion risks
- Uncertainties should be taken into account in a consistent manner
- Improvements in downhole logging capabilities (Deep EM, high speed telemetry) and processing capabilities

### ➤ Objective

- The primary objective of this project is to develop improved methodology for geo-steering by continuously updating the earth model based on LWD measurements including Deep EM

### ➤ Benefits

- Better methodology for using Deep EM with other measurements for geo-steering that treats uncertainty consistently
- The long-term result will be improved geo-steering in complex fields, which will result in improved oil recovery

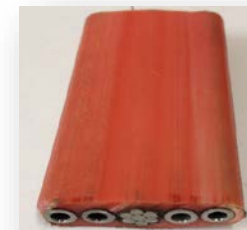


# Well Integrity and P&A

# Tubing left in hole experiments

## How did we do it?

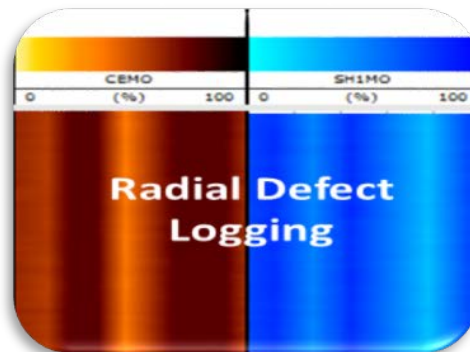
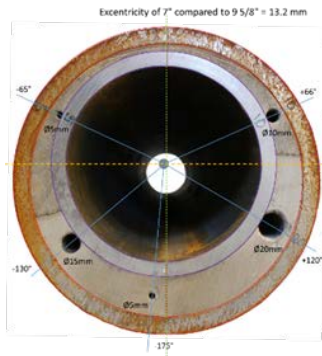
1. Used two assemblies, one with and one without control lines and cable clamps (inclined to 85°)
2. Used a slow pump rate  $\approx 2$  bbl/min and s.g. 1.92 cement to displace s.g. 1.20 brine
3. Performed pressure and leakage tests by pumping high pressure water to 110 bar
4. After leakage tests: Assemblies cut through at selected positions to inspect how well the cement had displaced the brine in tubing and annulus



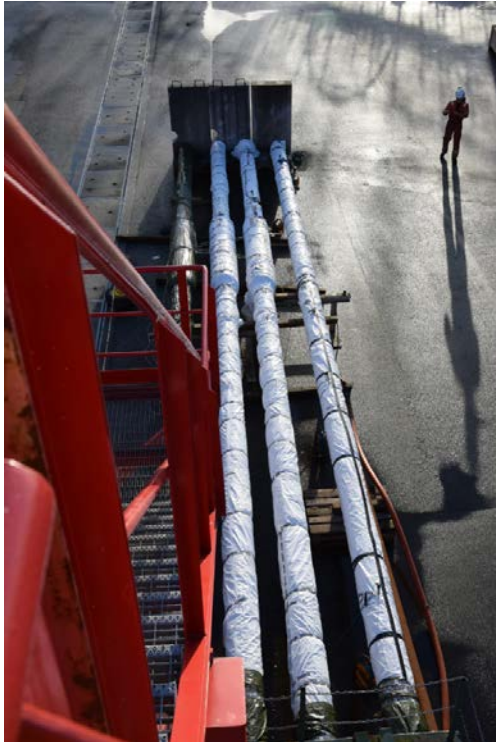
# Well barrier evaluation

## *PILOT logging experiment – Baker Hughes*

- Prepared test cells with known channels
- Pilot test with Baker Hughes
- Offer full scale test program



# Full-scale cementing experiments



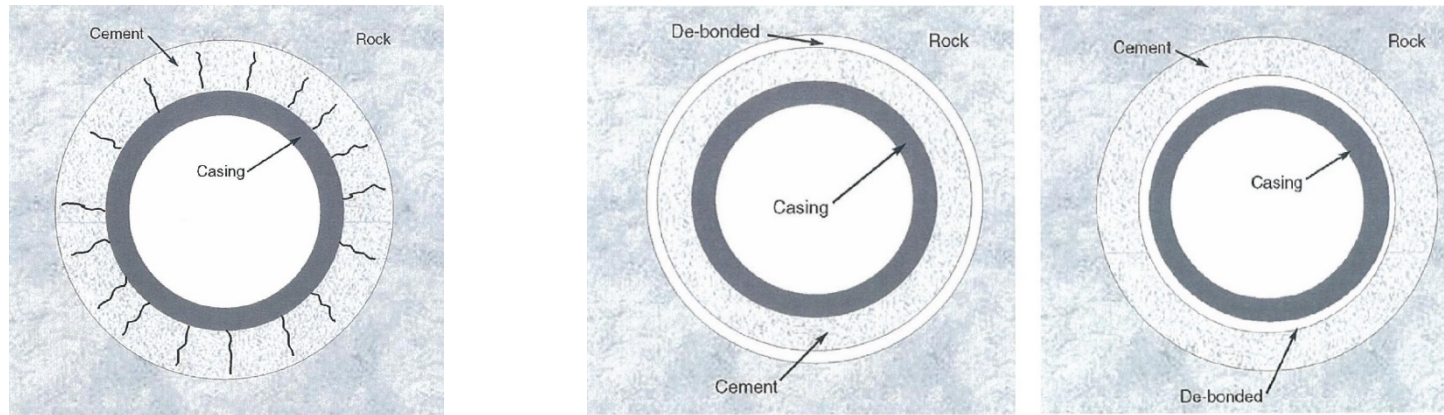
- Cementing experiments investigating effect of inner-string eccentricity and hole enlargement on cement placement
- Four instrumented assemblies, each 24 m long:
  - 7" tubing in 9 5/8" casing
  - 16" casing as washout
- Assemblies filled with viscous spacer that was displaced by cement slurry pumped using the Ullrigg P&A Laboratory batch mixer and Ullrigg mud pump





# Temperature and pressure cycling of cement sheaths

## - Simulations and modeling



Figures from Ravi et al. (2002) SPE-75700

- Radial cracks due to temperature and pressure increase
- Debonding due to temperature and pressure decrease

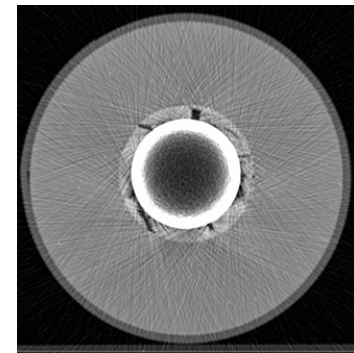


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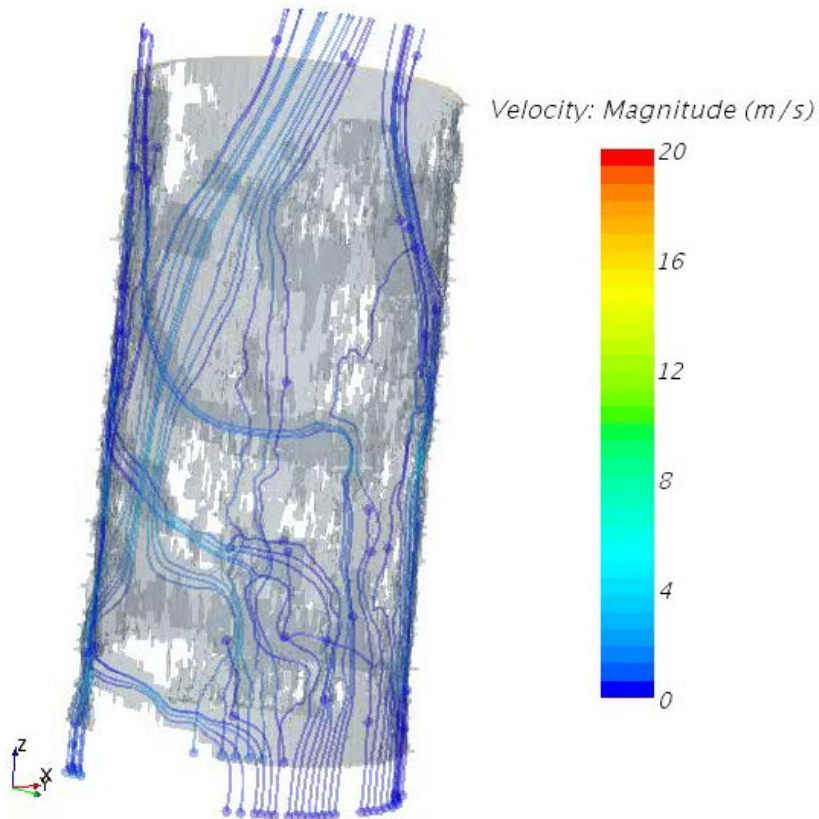
# Visualization by X-ray Computed Tomography (CT)

A tomographic method that provides specific information on size and location of potential leak paths

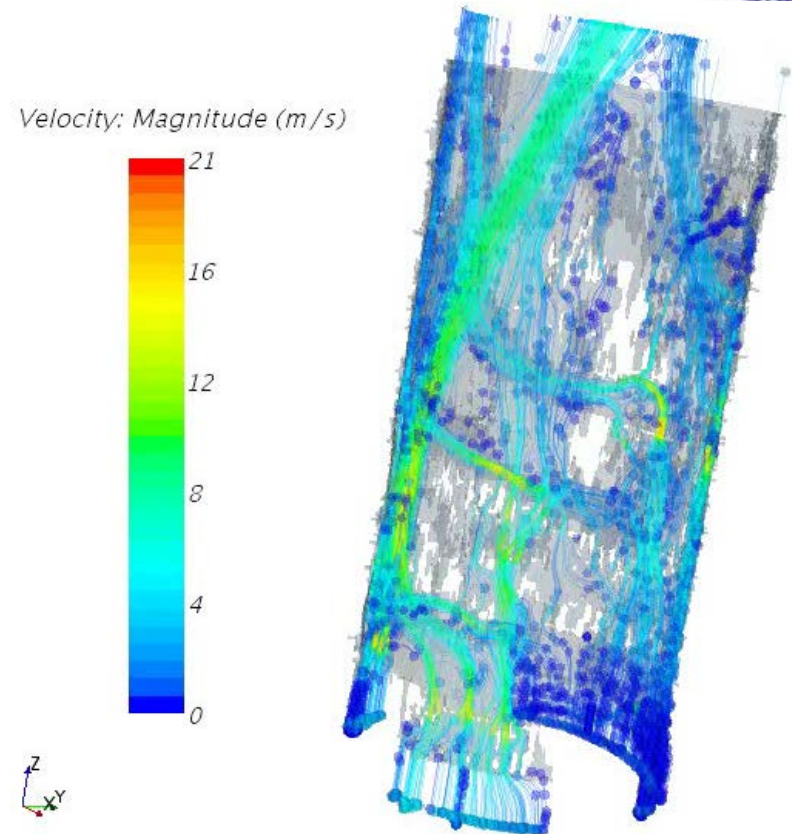
- In-plane resolution  $\approx 100\text{-}200\ \mu\text{m}$  (w. 140 kV)
- Approximately 200 images per sample



# Case - Flow through partial microannulus



20 Pa pressure drop



200 Pa pressure drop



# Improved oil recovery

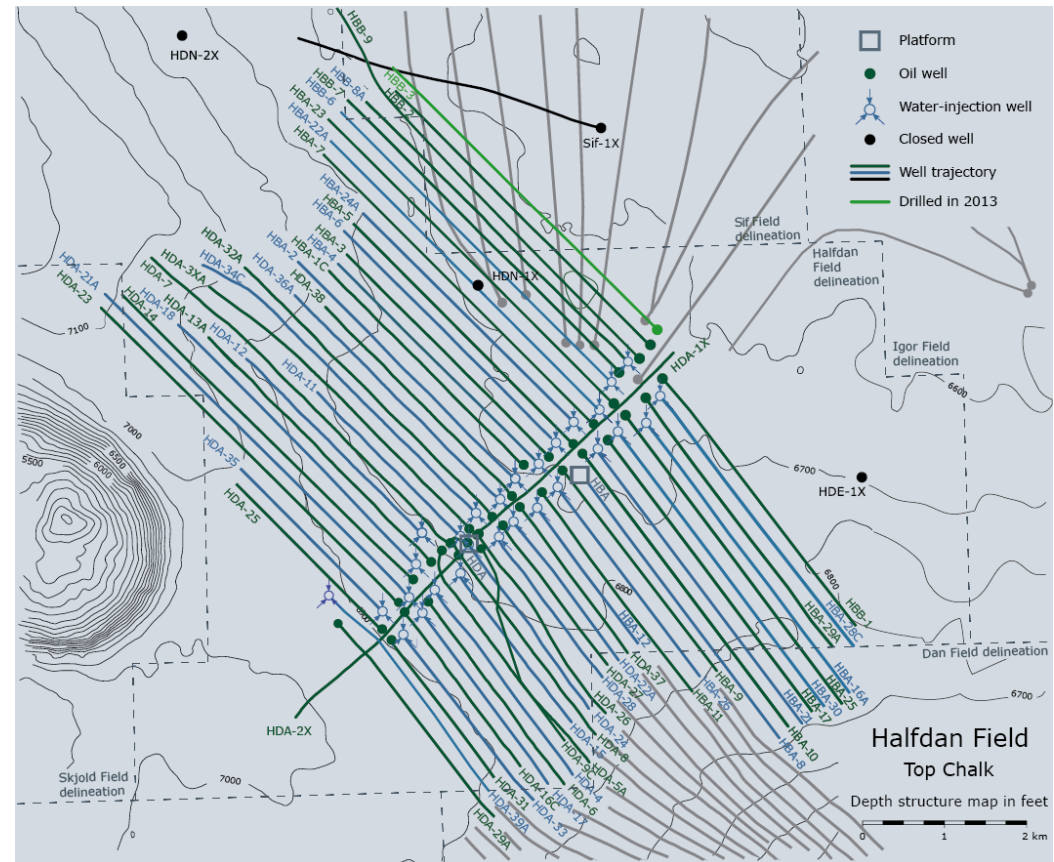
# Reduction of well construction & operational cost

- Less expensive wells will imply reduced field development cost
  - Marginal fields can be developed
- Less expensive well operations will imply reduced field operational cost
  - More oil can be reached through side-tracks
  - Well maintenance will increase well productivity
  - Field life time will be extended

➤ Implication: **Increased recovery of oil and gas**

## Cheaper wells may assist EOR

- Small well-to-well distance in multilaterals
- Horizontal injector-producer pairs



Halldan field, Denmark

Reference: Danish Energy Agency "Oil and Gas Production in Denmark" (2013)

# Improved well integrity and P&A

- Improved well integrity will imply increased well lifetime and reduced well maintenance cost
- Reducing cost for slot recovery and P&A will release budgets for well construction

➤ **Implication: Increased recovery of oil and gas**

# Conclusion

- Safe and cost efficient well construction contributes to IOR
- Attractive to combine low cost wells with EOR (low well to well distance)

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