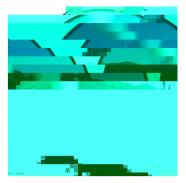
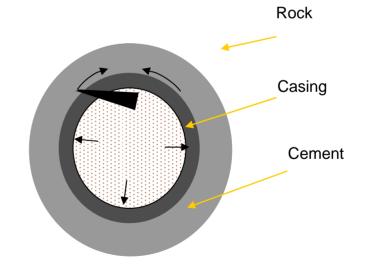
#### **GEOTHERMAL ENERGY UTILIZATION**





#### Well Considerations and Investigations for Future Developments

- Ø Future developments in utilizing current wells for Geothermal Energy should include
  - ø the evaluation and appraisal of the prospects currently available
- Idea qualifying and investigative requirements of a prospect well would be
  - ø its current production status
  - ø its completion history
  - ø its workover history
  - ø and any diagnostics performed on the integrity of the well's zonal isolation
- Ø With numerous wells now having depleted resources in hydrocarbon and drilled into wet formation temperatures of 225 °F or greater, they will become possible candidates for Geothermal Resources.

## What's Available

- Ø Collective Well Files
  - Ø Histories of completions
  - Ø Workovers
  - ø injection and production data
  - ø cost sheets
  - ø regulatory requirements and compliances met
  - ø problems addressed and solutions used
- Ø Scrutiny can give indications of economical levels
  - Ø Needed repairs or well deterioration conditions
- Ø Often files are digitized giving a much faster and beneficial way to research wells

## What's Available - Cont'

- Ø Types of Data and Well History Available
  - Ø Structured data collections
    - Some with reservoir conceptual modeled performance and evaluations/characterizations
  - Ø Utilization of commercial software in capturing the performance and descriptions in graphical analysis, schematics, charts, data bases, etc.
  - Internal and External Networking Systems with data archives and communications linkages
- Ø Other Resources
  - Ø State Governments if they have produced the data
  - Ø DOE if still assisting the Energy Sector
  - Ø Commercial Resources data at a cost

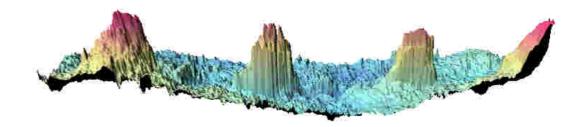
## **Data Collection**

- Ø Existing Data
  - ø Geological Description and Reservoir Understanding
  - Ø Production and Injection History
  - Ø Completion History and Well Construction
  - Ø Production Equipment and Facilities
- Ø Additional Data for Better Understanding
  - Ø Production Tests
  - Ø Tracers
  - Ø Cased Hole Logging
  - Ø Injection Analysis
  - Ø Down Hole Video
  - ø Research and Developments



## Data - Geological Description

- Ø Depositional Environment
- ø Reservoir Geometry
- ø Fluid Saturation Distributions & Contacts
- ø Faults and Barriers
- Ø Stratigraphic Boundaries
- ø Sedimentary (Laminates, Cross Bedding)
- Microscopic (Clays, Texture, Pore Geometry)
- ø Temperature Resources Data



## **Current Casing Parameters**

- Ø Was the casing string cemented to surface?
- Ø Is there cement behind the casing?
- Ø Where are water influx intervals?
- Ø Where are fragile intervals with possible associated fractures ?
- Ø What is the extent and length of casing with erosion, pitting, and leaks ?
- Ø What is needed to give an extended well-life with production considerations or sources of new economic benefits

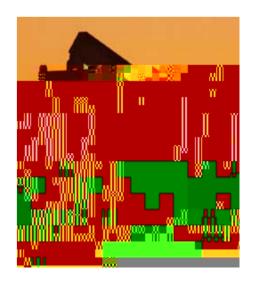
## Addressing Completion Methods Past & Present

## Repairing Wells for Long Term Zonal Isolation and Integrity OBTAINING A GOOD ANNULAR SEAL

- Ø Complete planning with the aid of accurate job models
- Ø Proper well cleanout and drilling fluid preparation
- Ø Proper centralization of the pipe
- Ø Proper volumes and design of spacer
- ø Effectively designed slurries
- Ø Pipe movement
- Ø Continuous pumping
- ø Maximum flow rates
- Ø Zero closed-in pressure during WOC time

## Lack of Integrity and its Causes Production Operations

- Ø Influxes continuing following primary cementing
- Ø Annular pressure differences causing cross-flows
- Ø Casing pressure cycling during the well's productive life
- Ø Perforating and initial acid breakdowns
  - Ø Cracking cement sheaths
  - Ø Removal of formation barriers
- Ø Stimulation treatments going out of zone
- ø Injectants dissolving and eroding rocks

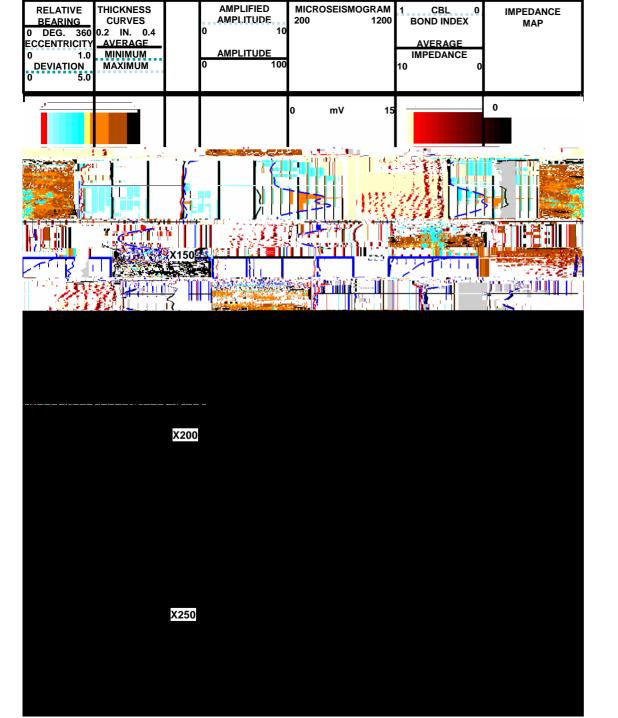




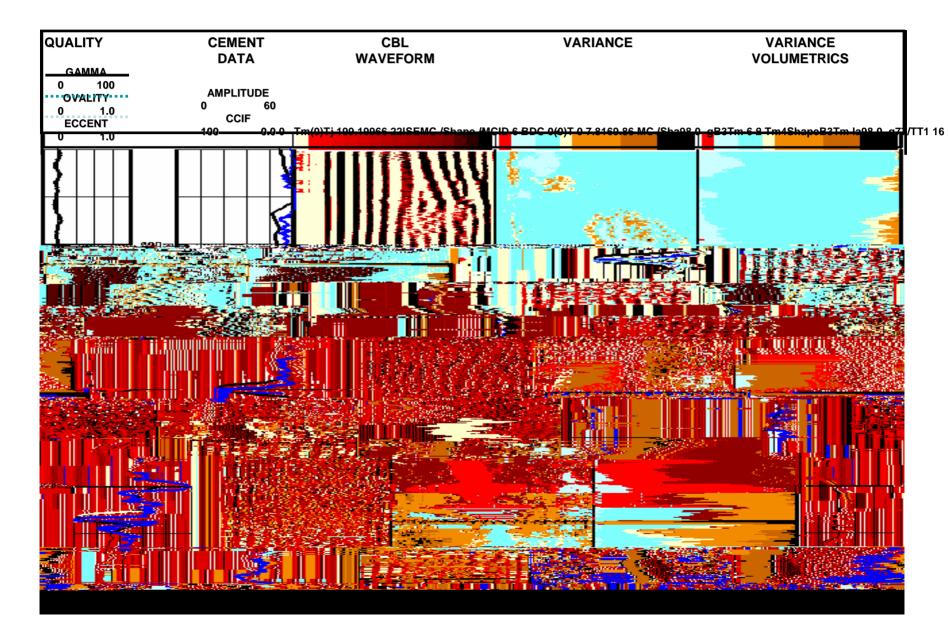
Cracked Cement Sheath

## How does one use this information?

- Ø Time Lots of data and limited resources to evaluate
- Define what is needed to accomplish the desired long well-life for Geothermal Recovery
  - Initial Completion details and data give basis to estimate the well-life potential
  - Compare the completion details and data to what is referred to as the Best Practices
  - Query the completion information to determine if any problems were existent during the primary drilling and cementing operations
  - Investigate Well Bond-Logs and if needed run latest technology to gain a 360° view of the casing annulus
  - Study the well histories such as pin-hole-leaks or metal corrosion problems



## **Example of Cement Evaluation Logs**

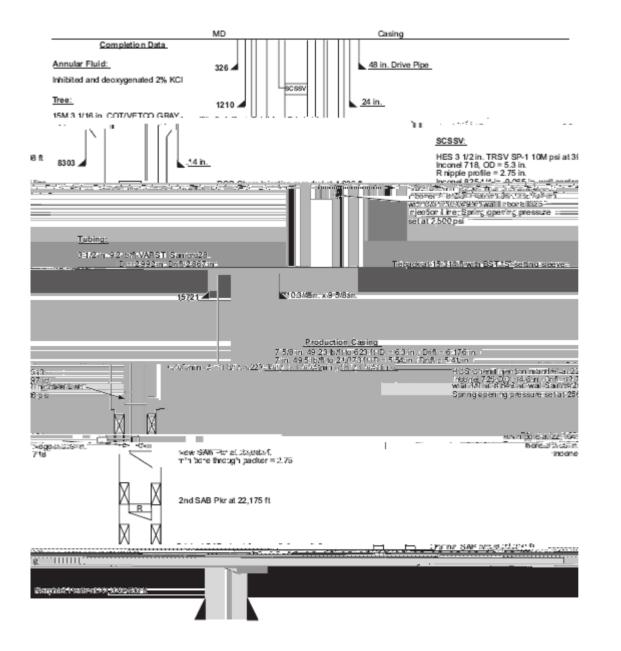


#### **Foamed Cement Analysis in Bonded Pipe**



### Understanding the Complexities of the Well Completion

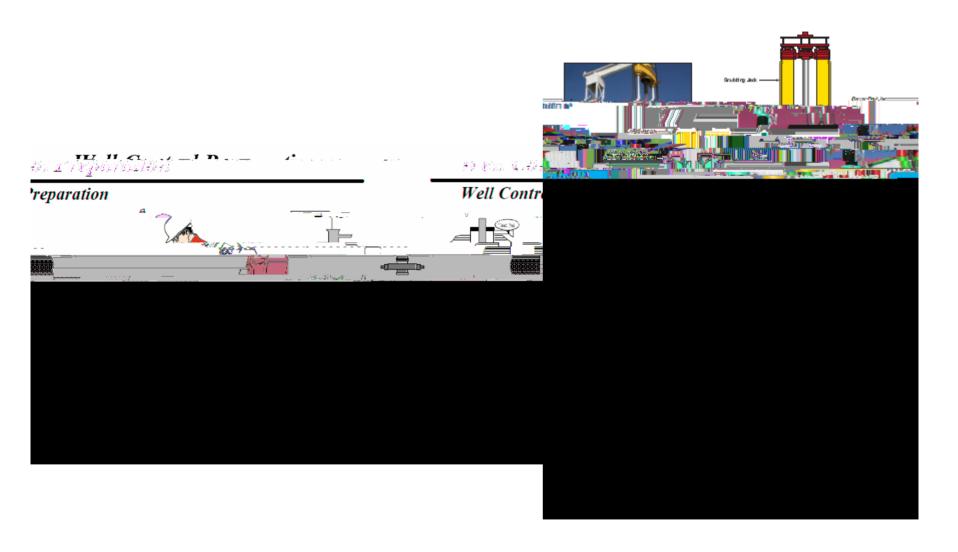
#### Example of a schematic showing a well's completion and casing depths



Example well has: Conductor Casing Surface Casing Intermediate Casing Drilling Intermediate Production Liner Various Completion Tools

### How to Establish Well Integrity if Re-Entering a Well

## Entering a Wellbore



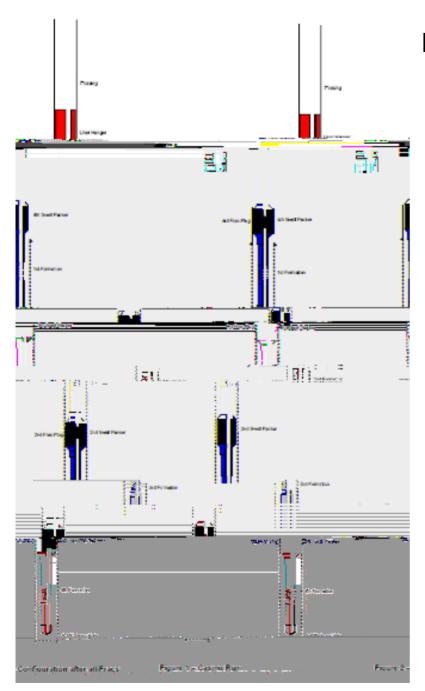
### **Emerging Technologies in Wellbore Stabilization**

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- Ø Easywell Swellable Casing Packer Technology
  - ø Utilizes a swellable packer run on casing or liner
  - ø Ability to swell when left static in either Oil or in Water
  - Capable of gaining a high pressure seal in annulus at designed points where the Easywell Packer elements were placed



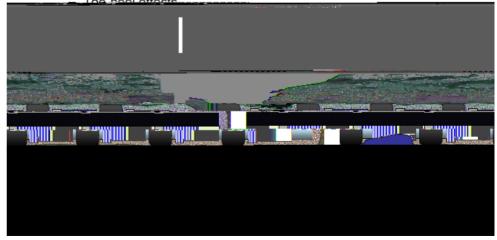




#### Emerging Technologies in Wellbore Stabilization

Easywell Packer System can be run in either a vertical or horizontal completion

- · Homogenous, low drawdown reservoir
  - Frictional flow
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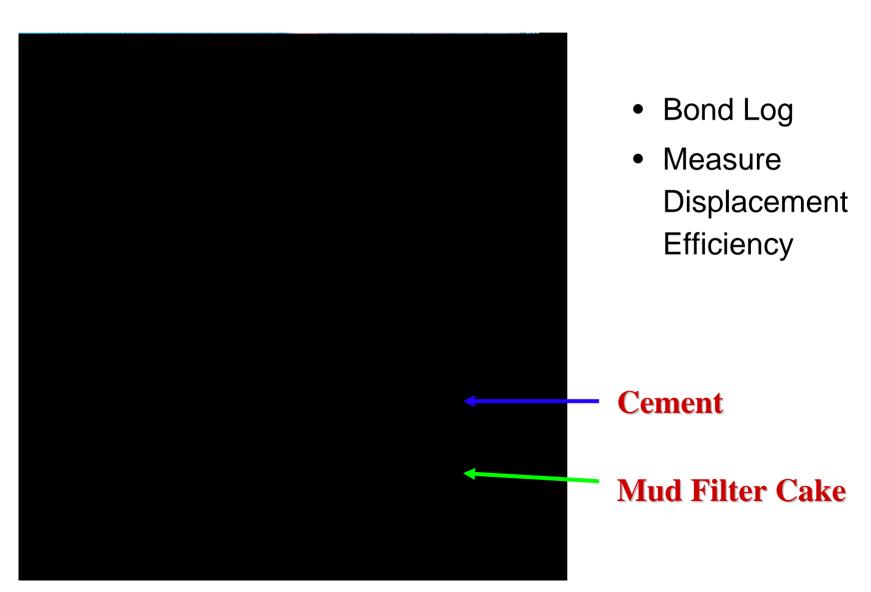


# Remedial Technologies

Wellbore Integrity Solutions for extended Well-life



## Analysis of Results on Casing Integrity

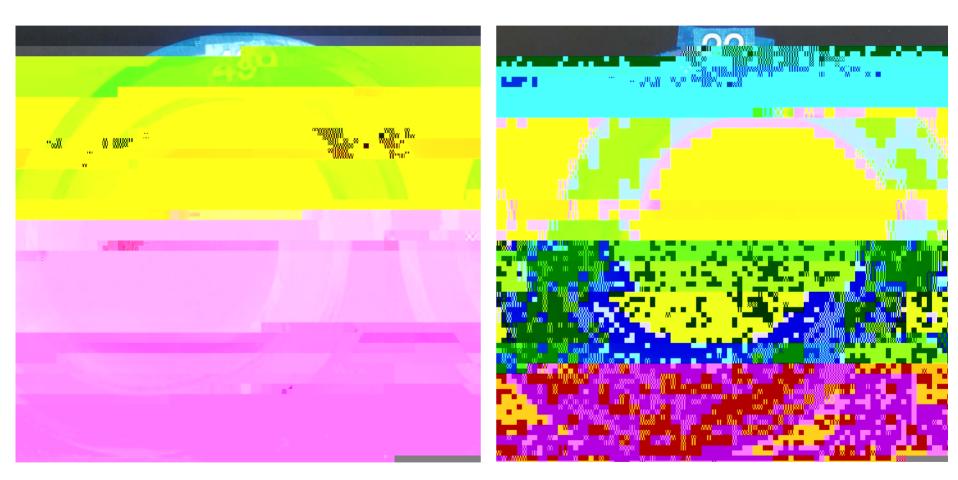


## Casing Cementing Parameters "Making a Decision"

- Is it easier to fix an invasion or loss circulation problem by changing directions annular placement is conducted ?
  - Where are gas influx intervals ?
  - Where are water influx intervals ?
  - Where are fragile intervals with possible associated fractures ?
- What is the extent and length of problem zones ?
- What is the easiest way to achieve zonal isolation ?
- What attributes are needed to achieve a successful remedy ?

Best Practices: Find and utilize the focal points in applications and placement methods

## ZoneSeal vs Conventional Cement



# **Cementing High Temperature and Pressure Wells**

- General Issues
  - Zonal Isolation
  - Support Casing
  - Temperature Cycling
  - Low Fracture Gradient Formations
  - Exposure to Steam
  - Variable Hole Sizes
  - Long Well Life

- Specific Issues
  - High Steam Pressure
    - > Fracture gradient
    - 550 to 600 deg. F.
  - Frequent Cycling
    - 10 to 15 cycles per year
  - Long Pay Interval
    - ~1/3 of total well depth
    - Maintain zonal isolation for 2 or 3 intervals
      - 5 to 10 years each

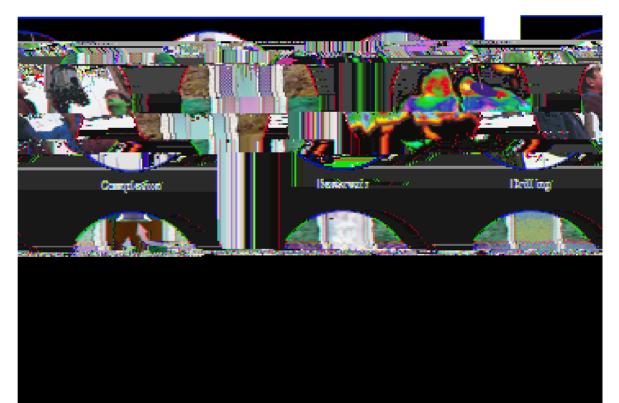
### **Reverse Circulating Cement Designs**

- Utilizing what the well gives you to make a better annular seal
- Utilization of energized slurries means it does not care which



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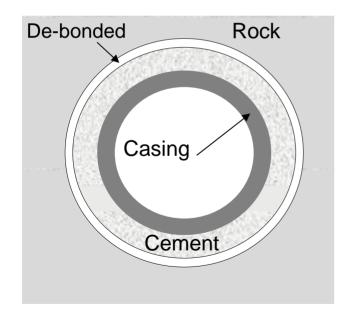
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## Modes of Cement Failure

• De-bonding

## @ rock-cement interface



## @ cement-casing interface

