

The Lowest OPEX Producer Wins the Production Game

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Agenda

1. Horizontal Well Production Phase Challenges
2. OPEX Reduction Opportunity
3. Importance of Life of Well Slug Flow Mitigation
4. Case Studies
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Horizontal Well Production Phase Challenges



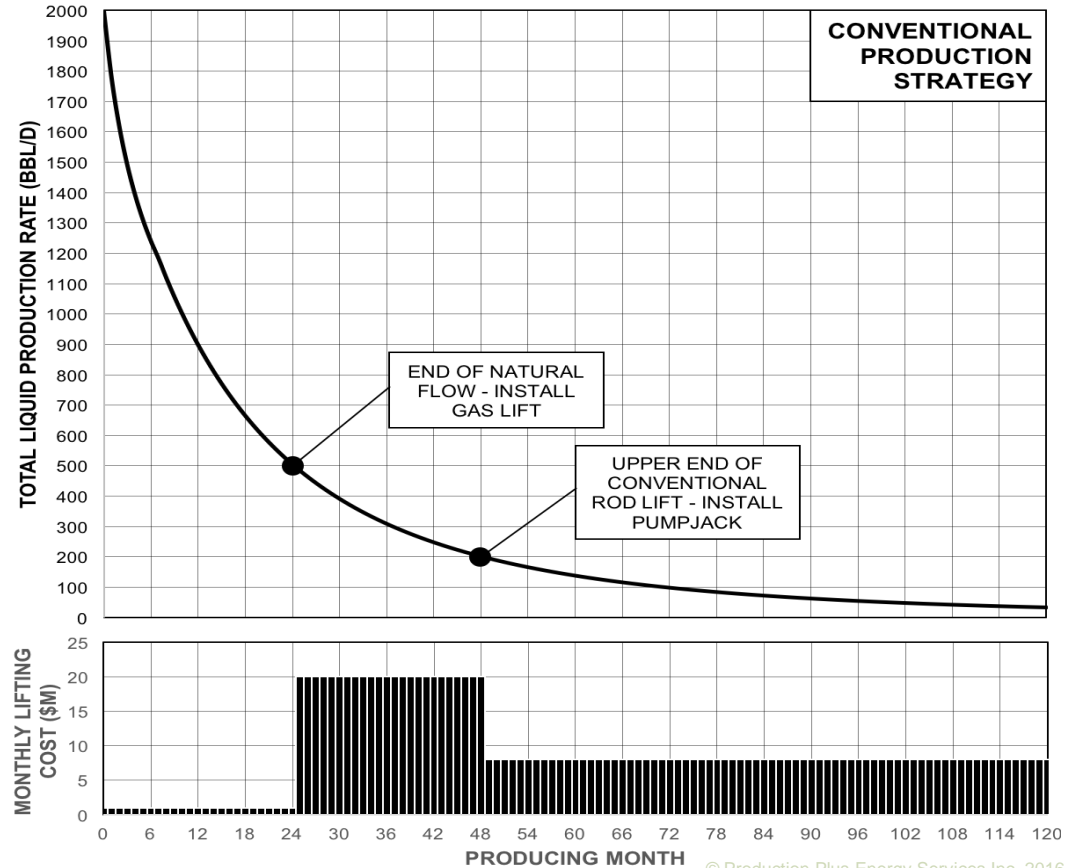
OPEX Definition

$$\text{OPEX} = \frac{\text{Lifting Cost}}{\text{BBL}}$$



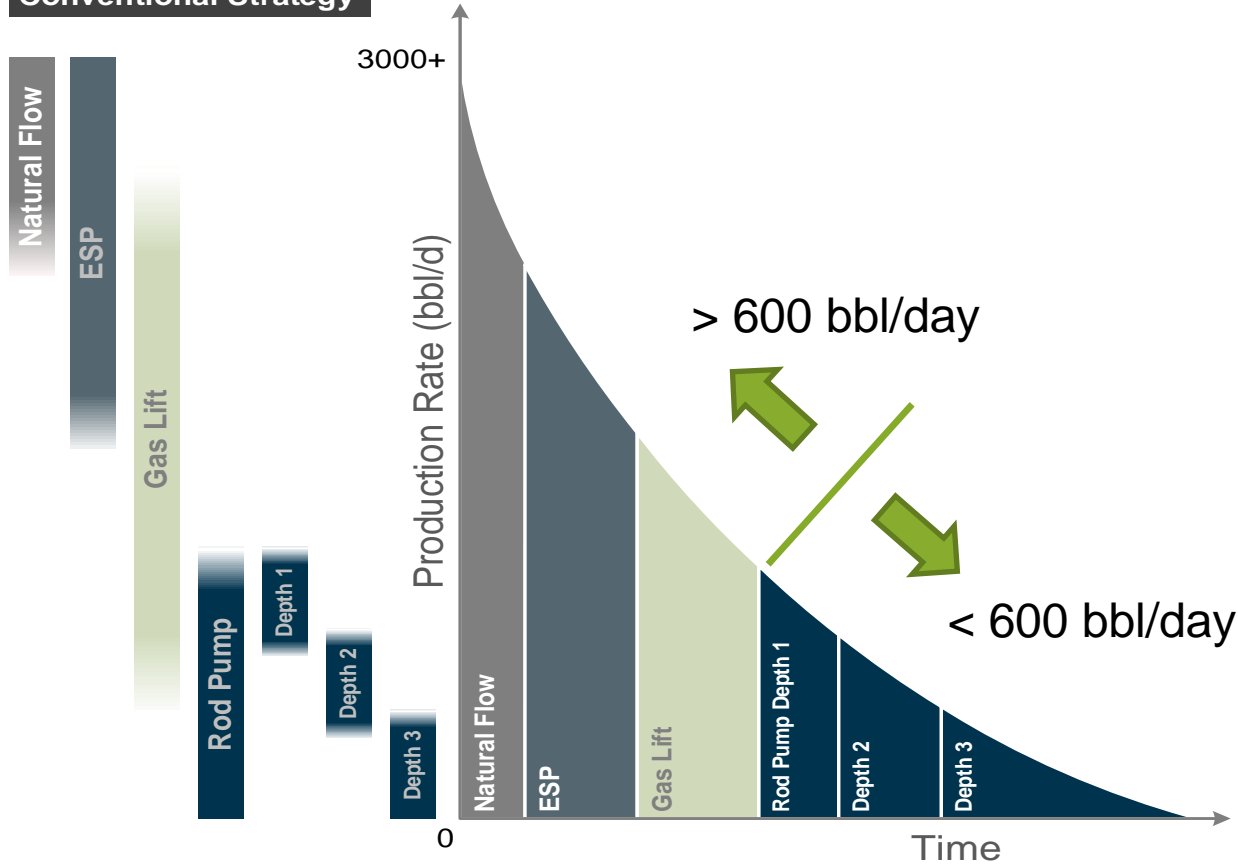

Production Engineer's Predicaments

1. No single lift solution for life of well
2. Production rate at the end of natural flow is greater than the top end of rod pumping
3. More drawdown means less reliability of lift system



Common Approach to Production and Lift

Conventional Strategy



Natural Flow Phase Challenges

Challenge	Consequence
Excessive solids	Higher OPEX
Frac proppant flowback events	Higher OPEX
Killing of well transitioning to lifting phase	Higher OPEX
Maximization of flow period	Higher OPEX



> 600 bbl/day Lift Phase Challenges

Challenge	Consequence
Pump gas interference	Higher OPEX
Pump solids damage	Higher OPEX
Rate maximization	Higher OPEX
Restrictive casing size	Higher OPEX
Lift system selection	Higher OPEX



< 600 bbl/day Lift Phase Challenges

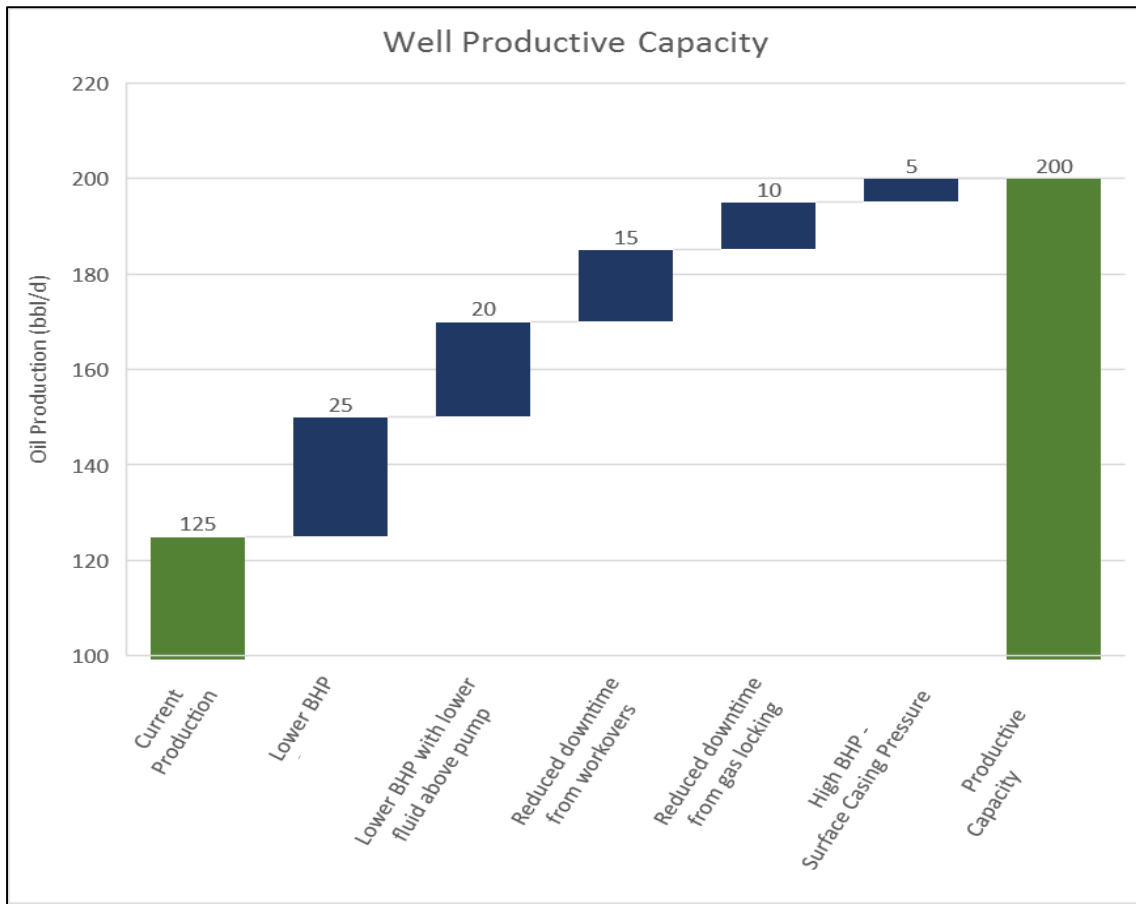
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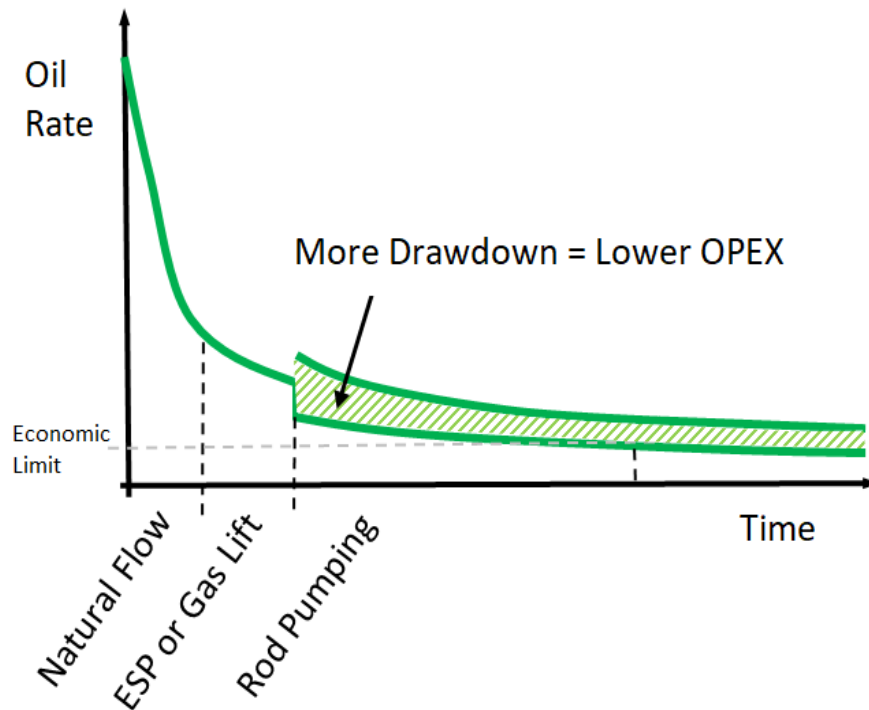
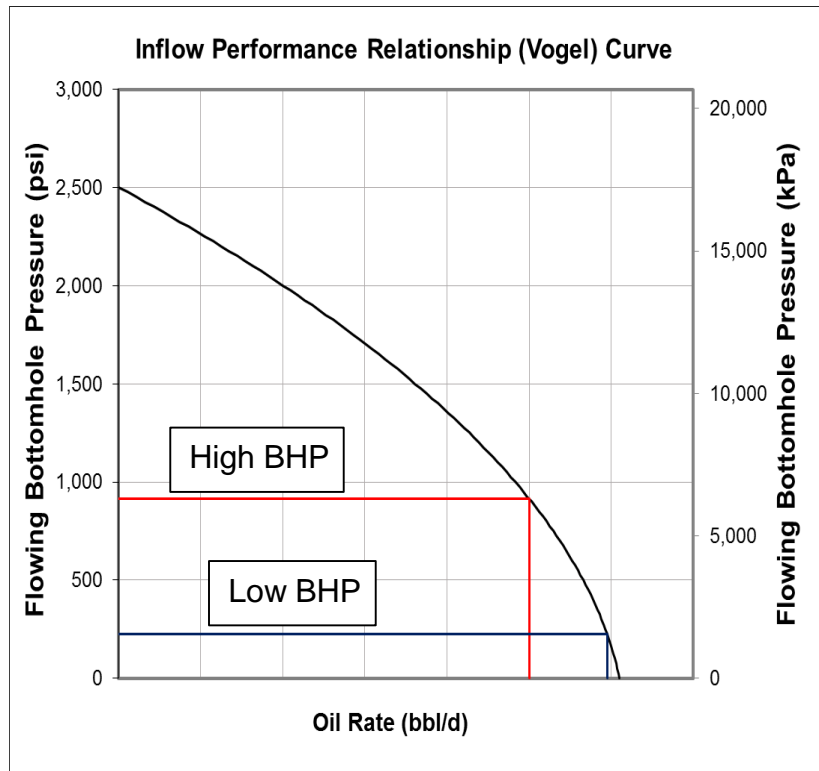
OPEX Reduction Opportunity



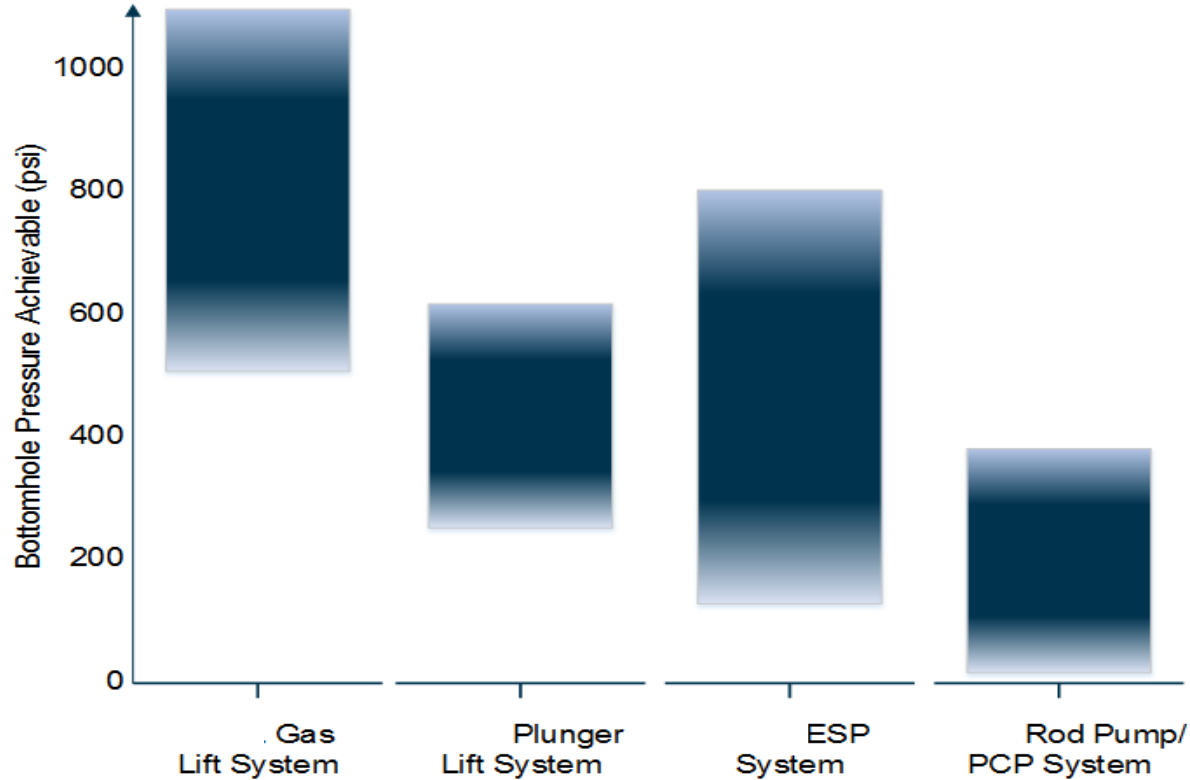
Where is the hidden upside in production rate?



The Importance of Drawdown



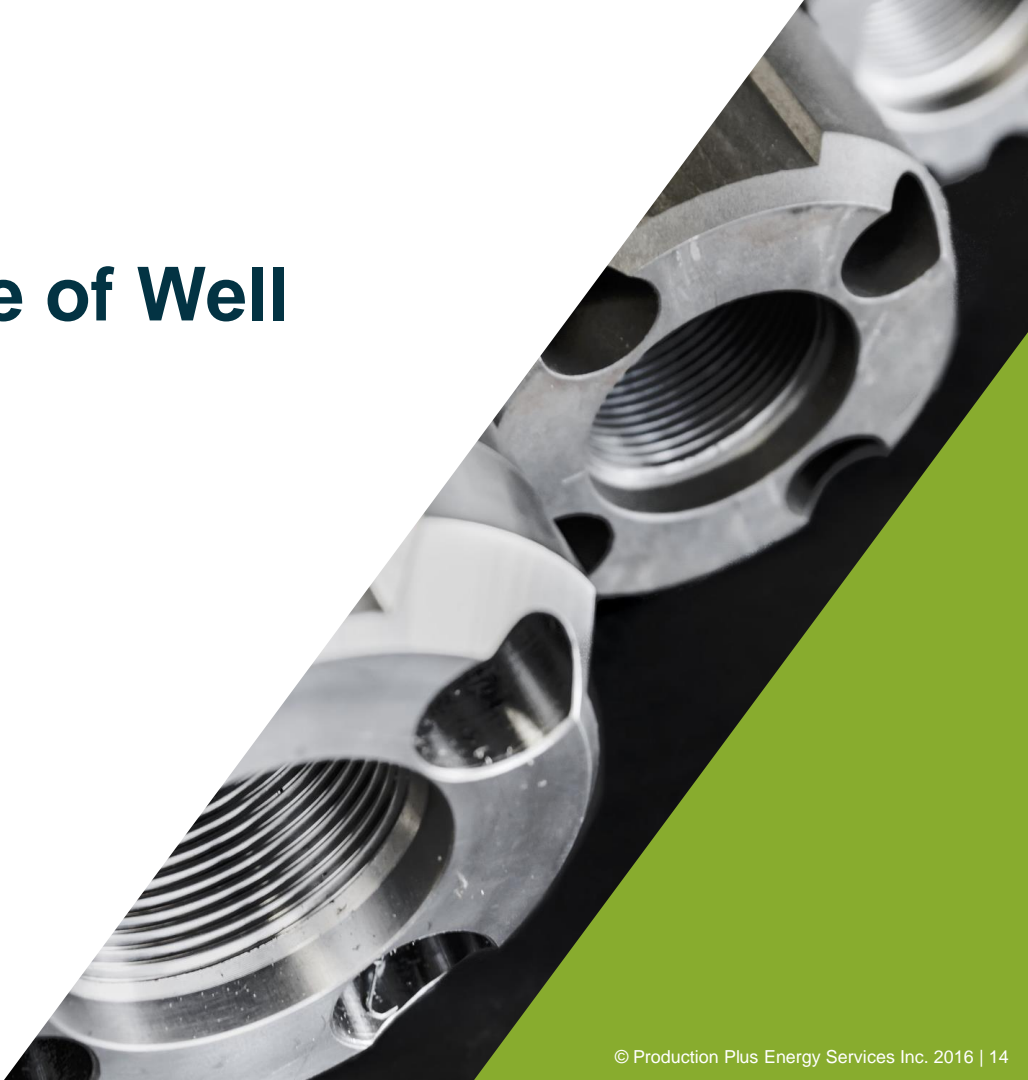
Producing Bottomhole Pressure (BHP) Comparison



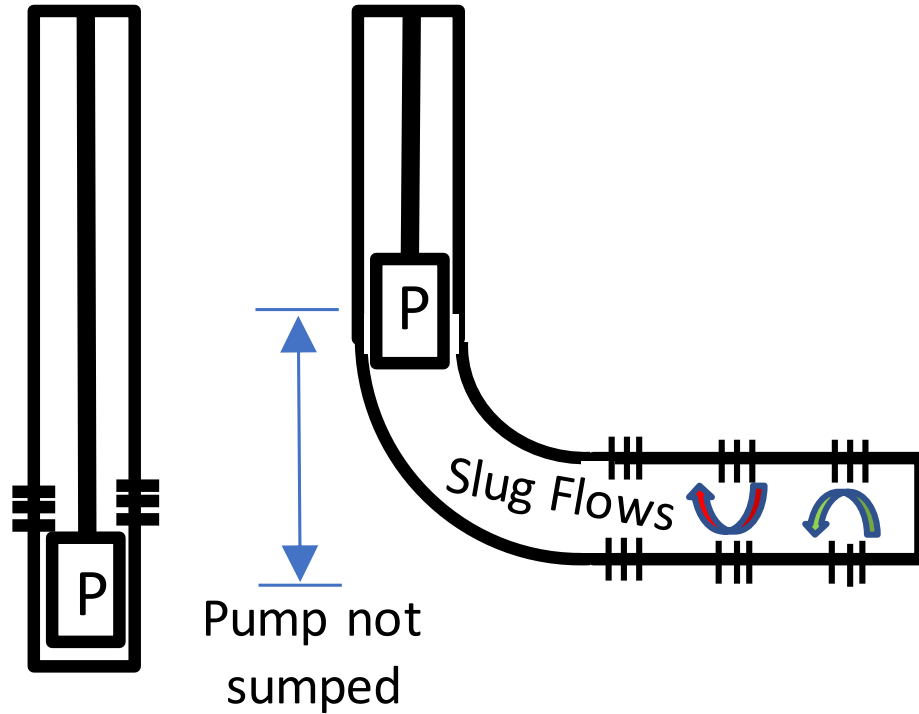
Ideally want lowest OPEX artificial lift method at the appropriate phase of the decline curve



The Importance of Life of Well Slug Flow Mitigation

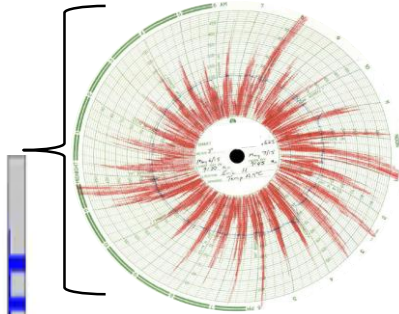


Slug Flow is the Root Cause of Higher OPEX



Why do Horizontal Wells have Slug Flow?

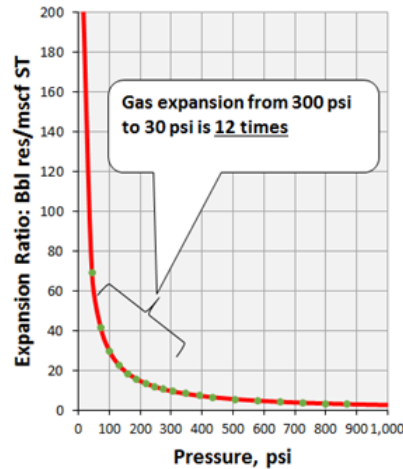
Slug Flow Mechanisms



Production
annulus gas rate

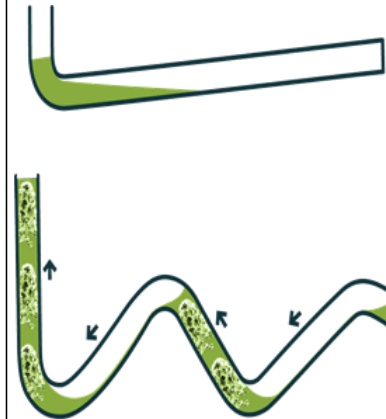
Typical
Pump
Location

Hydrodynamic flow regime (GLR, pressure)



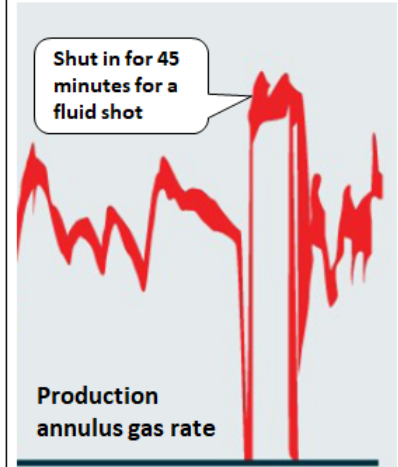
Terrain

well geometry (undulations and toe-up trajectory)



Operational

Interruptions, stops / starts



Slug Flow is the Root Cause of Higher OPEX

Slug Flows Cause	OPEX Consequences
Fluctuating gas and liquid rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Solids transport in horizontal• High fluid levels and high BHP's• High pump failure rates• Poor pump efficiency and downhole separation• Reduced run times• Acceptance of gas lifting for life of well
Fluctuating BHP's	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Frac proppant flow back



Slug Flow Transports Solids Along Horizontal



Solids dunes / beds
in horizontal
created by slug flow



Solids are transported in dunes or beds along horizontal due to wave mechanics (saltation) associated with slug flow

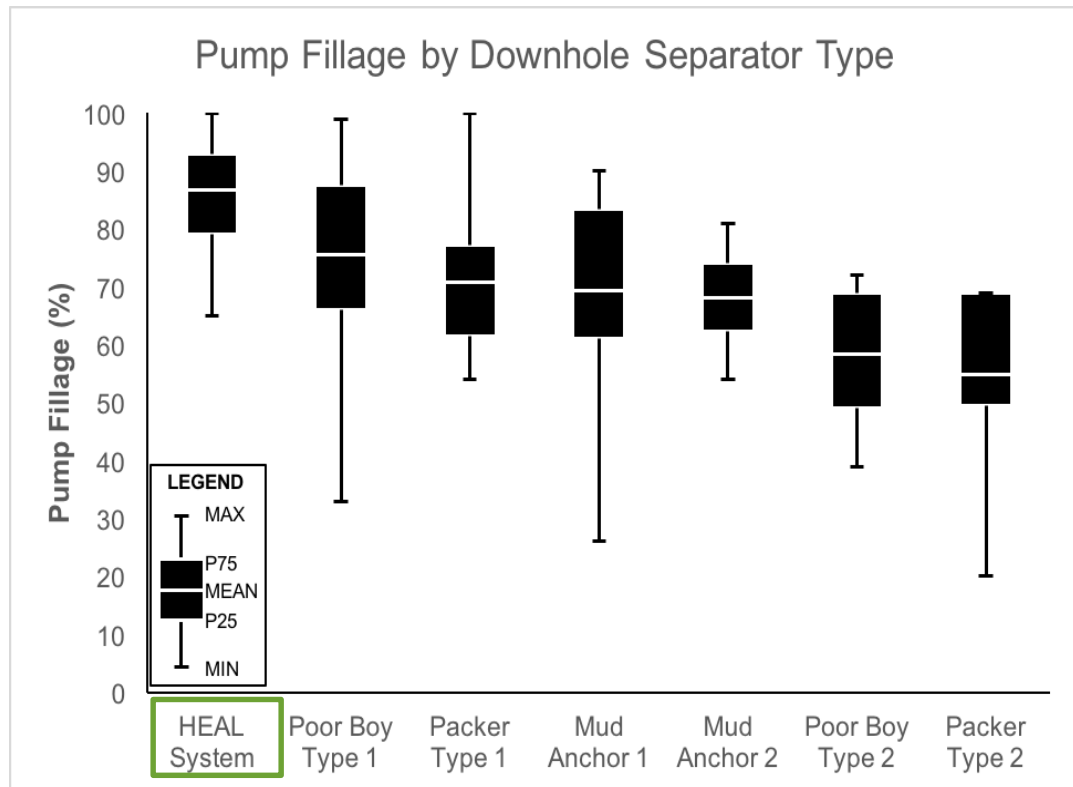
Transported solids accumulate at the heel of the horizontal well, where pumps are commonly positioned – high risk of solids damage to pumps

Source: www.evcam.com



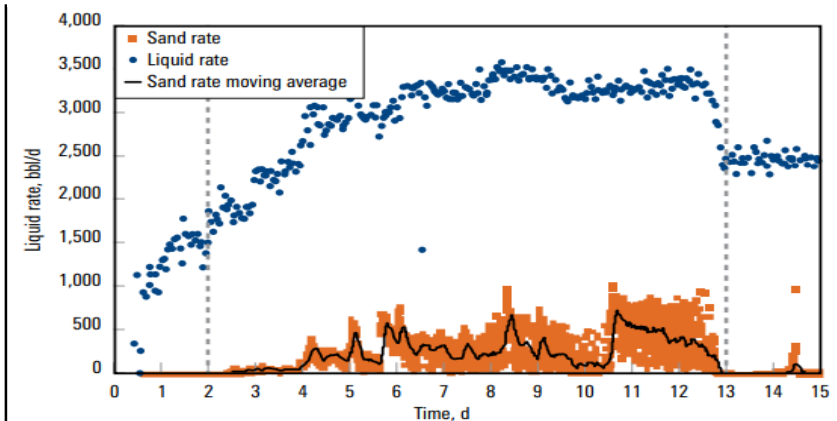
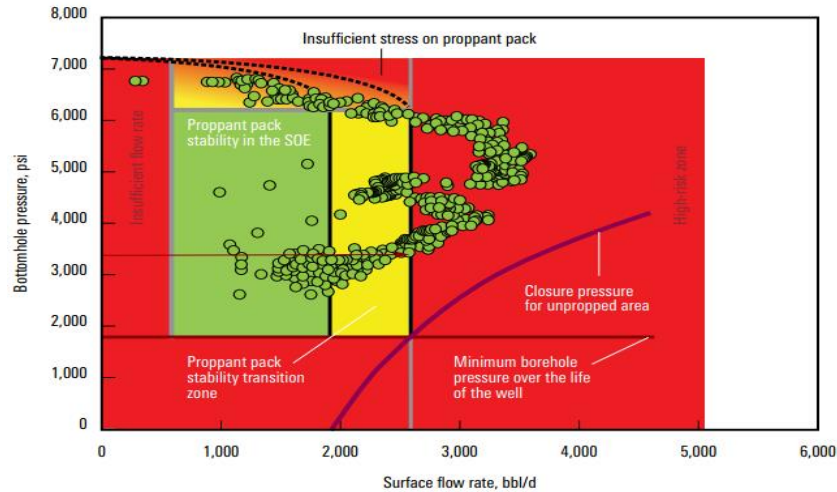
Case Study: Slug Flow Mitigation Improves Separation

Wolfcamp, Permian



- 23 neighboring wells and 140 readings over seven months
- Slug flow mitigation improves downhole separation, allowing optimal pump fillage
- Additional benefit of lowered BHP
- Less stress on rods by avoiding erratic pump fillage
- Stable fluid level allows for effective pump jack balancing

Slugs Flows Reduce Frac Conductivity

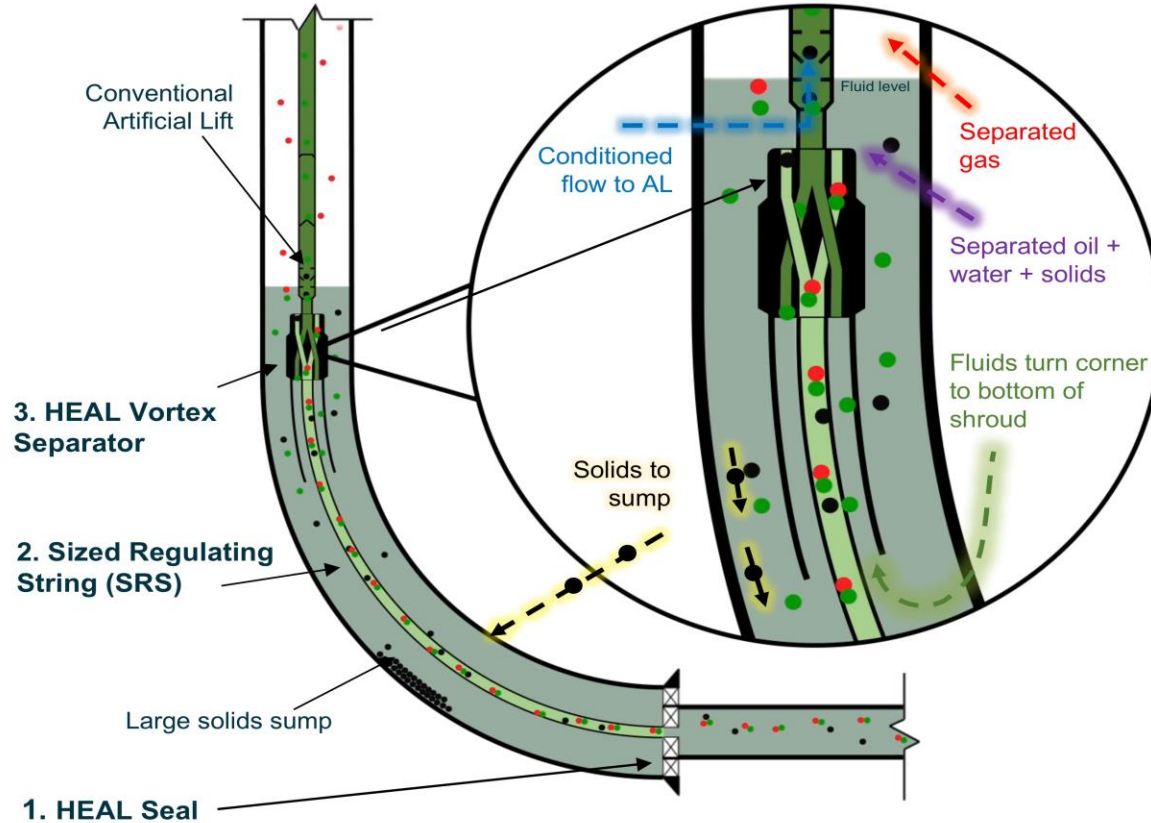


- Maximum pressure to maintain stability of proppant pack
- Maximum flow rate (velocity for sand transport)
- In example, rates were above the level of proppant pack stability
- Evidence that periodic high rates from interruptions and slug flows can reduce proppant conductivity

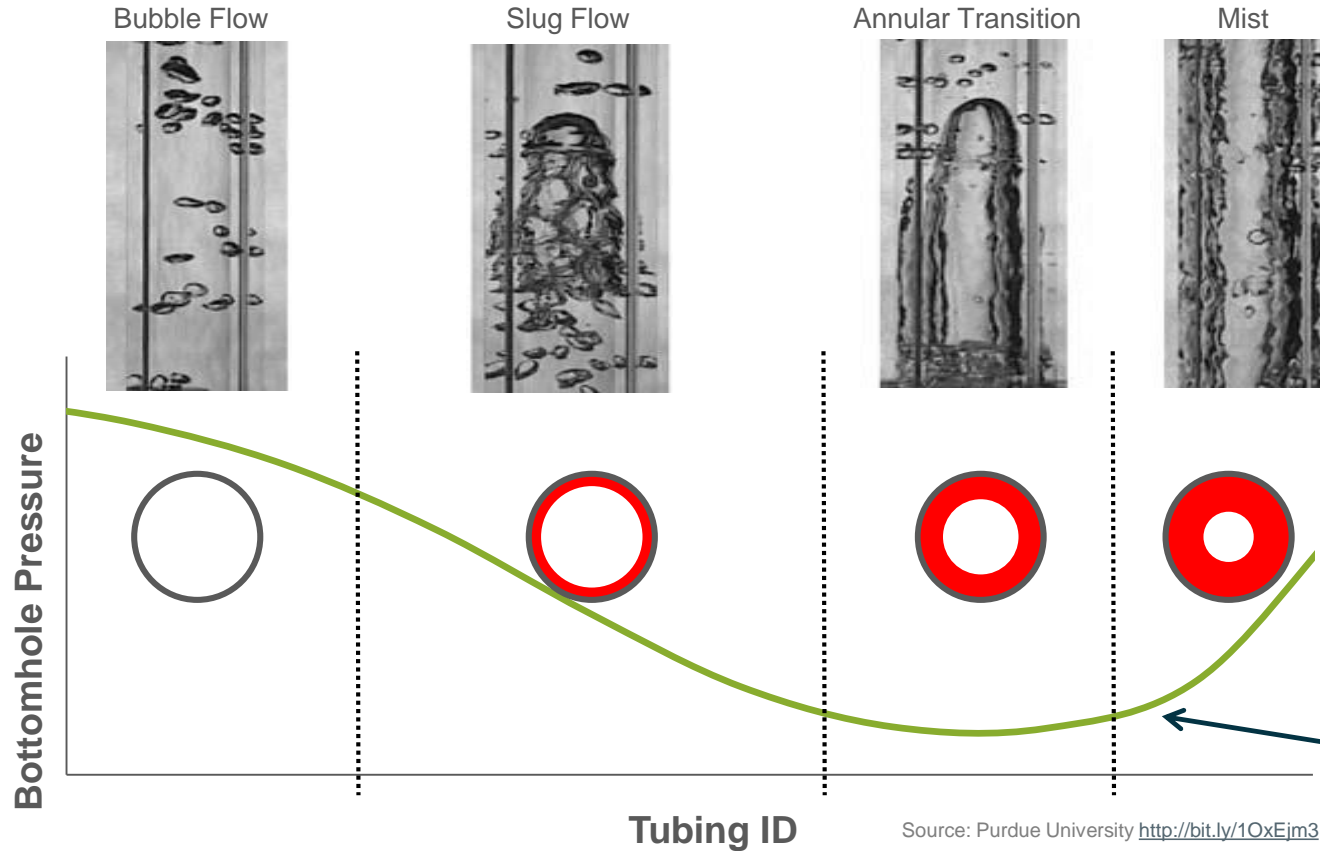
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Slug Flow Mitigation with HEAL System™

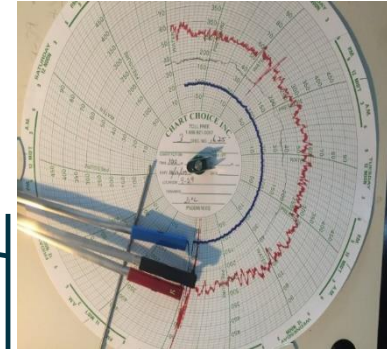


Regulating Flow for Slug Flow Mitigation



SRS is sized for:

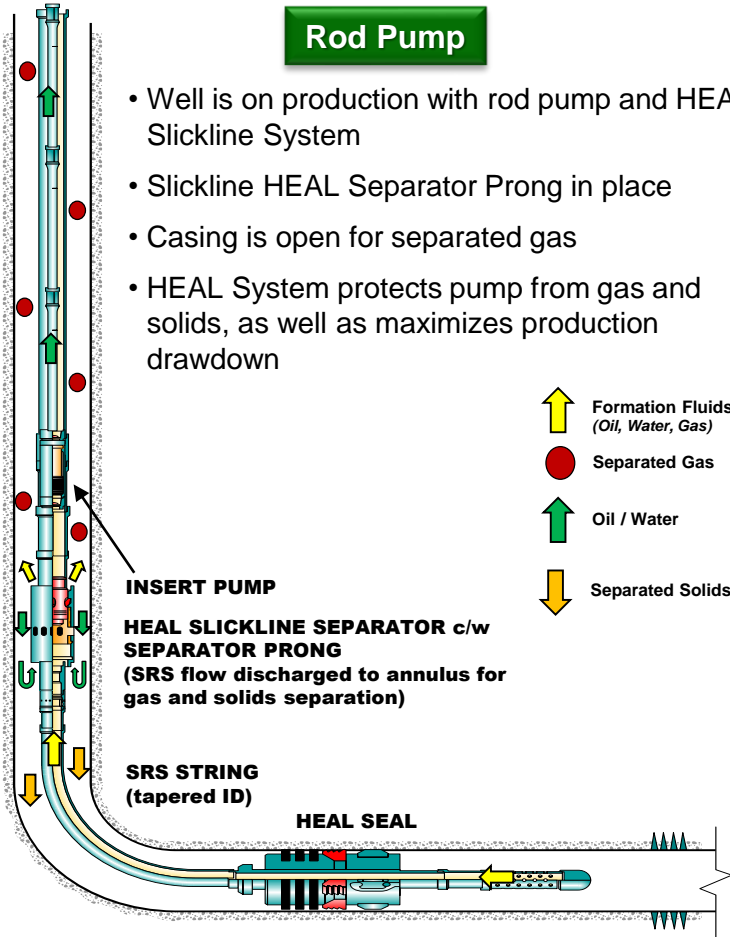
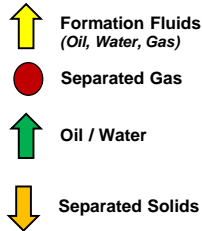
1. Slug flow mitigation
2. Longevity and should not require re-sizing or maintenance



HEAL Slickline System: Offset Well Frac Hit Protection

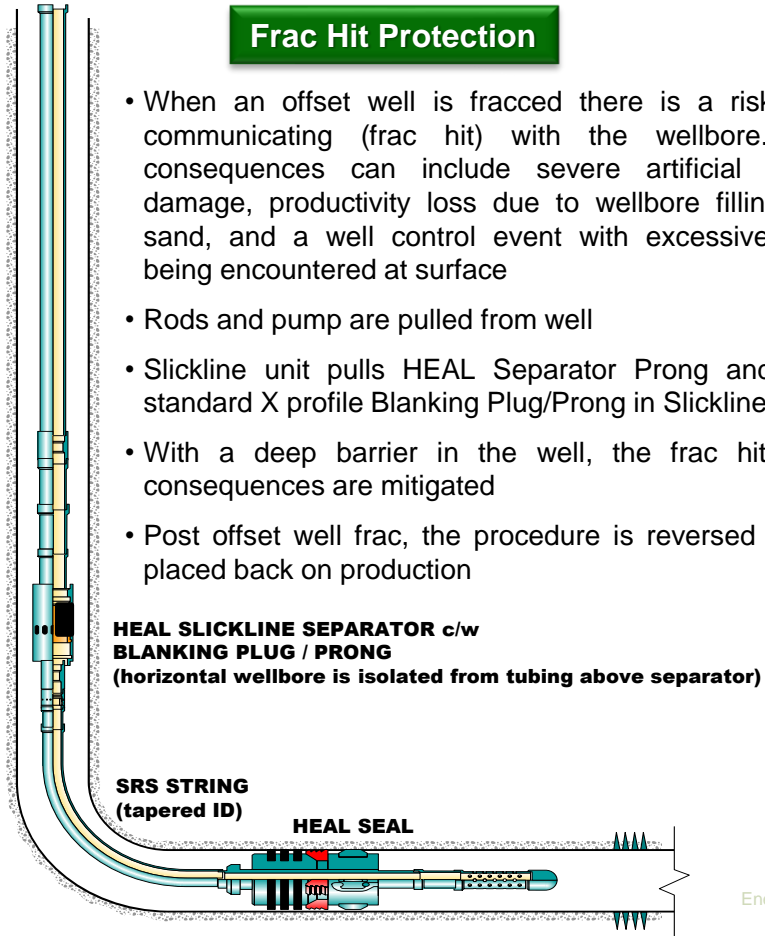
Rod Pump

- Well is on production with rod pump and HEAL Slickline System
- Slickline HEAL Separator Prong in place
- Casing is open for separated gas
- HEAL System protects pump from gas and solids, as well as maximizes production drawdown

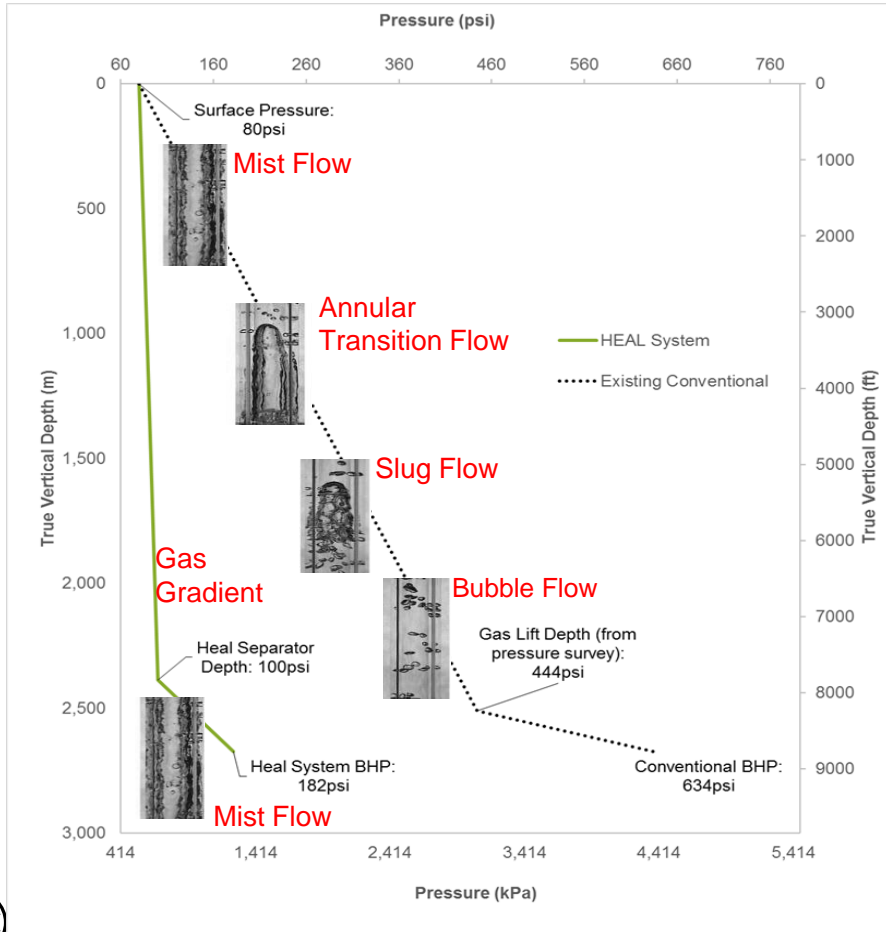


Frac Hit Protection

- When an offset well is fraced there is a risk of a frac communicating (frac hit) with the wellbore. Frac hit consequences can include severe artificial lift system damage, productivity loss due to wellbore filling with frac sand, and a well control event with excessive pressures being encountered at surface
- Rods and pump are pulled from well
- Slickline unit pulls HEAL Separator Prong and installs a standard X profile Blanking Plug/Prong in Slickline Separator
- With a deep barrier in the well, the frac hit risks and consequences are mitigated
- Post offset well frac, the procedure is reversed and well is placed back on production



Gas Lifting Drawdown Limitation



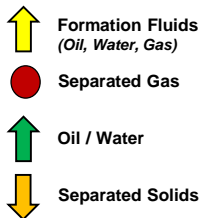
Gas Lifting Limitations:

1. Multiple flow regimes compounding throughout gas lifting interval means drawdown BHP's limited to 600-800 psi
2. Higher OPEX

HEAL Slickline System: Gas Lift and Transition to RP

Natural Flow

- HEAL Slickline System is installed below gas lift system
- HEAL Slickline Separator Flow Through Prong installed (HEAL Slickline Separator is bypassed and isolated from annulus)
- Extends natural flow period as SRS lifts fluids around bend and delays the onset of liquid loading



HEAL SLICKLINE SEPARATOR c/w FLOW THROUGH PRONG

OPTIONAL: CHOKE

SRS STRING

HEAL SEAL

Gas Lift

- Transition to gas lifting without pulling tubing
- Gas lift same as conventional; injecting gas down production annulus
- HEAL System SRS increases production drawdown over conventional gas lifting as fluids are efficiently lifted around bend section and slug flow is mitigated

HEAL SLICKLINE SEPARATOR c/w FLOW THROUGH PRONG

OPTIONAL: STANDING VALVE

SRS STRING

HEAL SEAL

Rod Pump

- Can low cost transition to rod pump without pulling tubing
- With slickline retrieve Flow Through Prong; install HEAL Separator Prong
- RIH and land insert pump/rods into upper nipple profile
- Production casing is open for separated gas
- HEAL System protects pump from gas and solids, as well as maximizes production drawdown
- Solids are separated and settled in HEAL Sump

INSERT PUMP

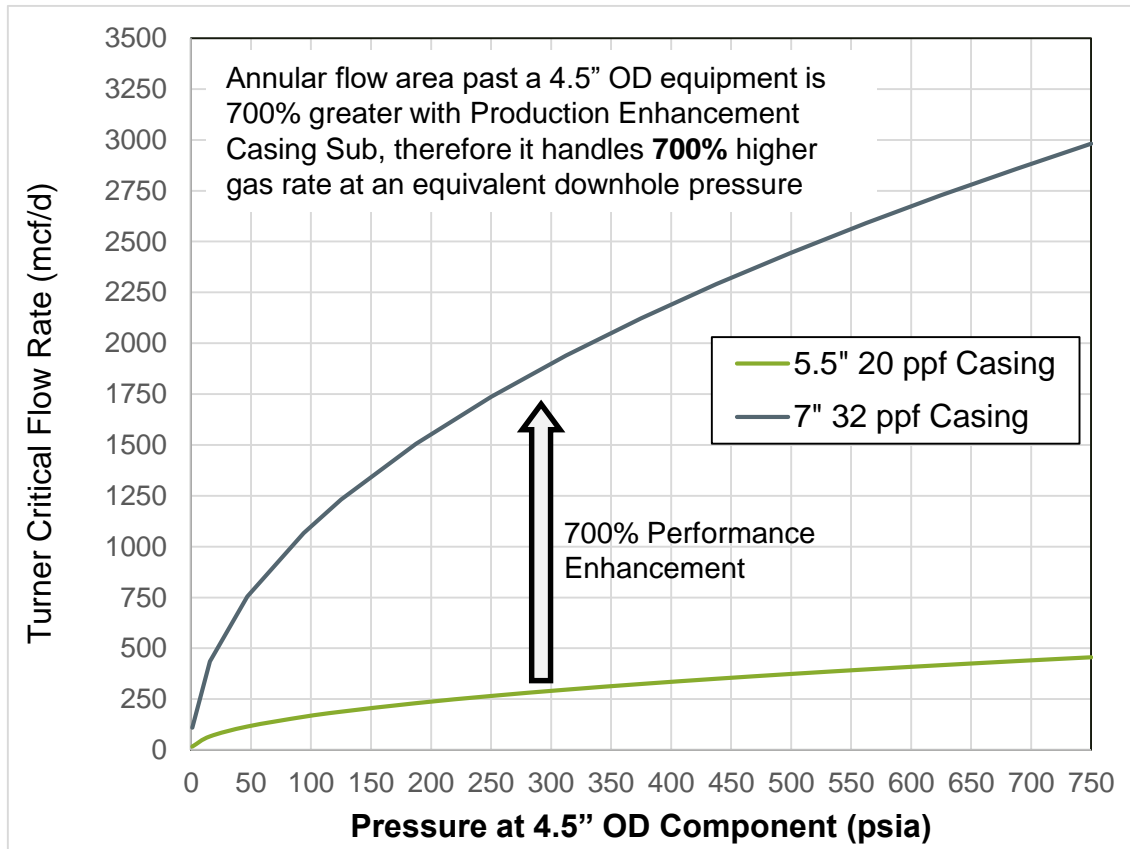
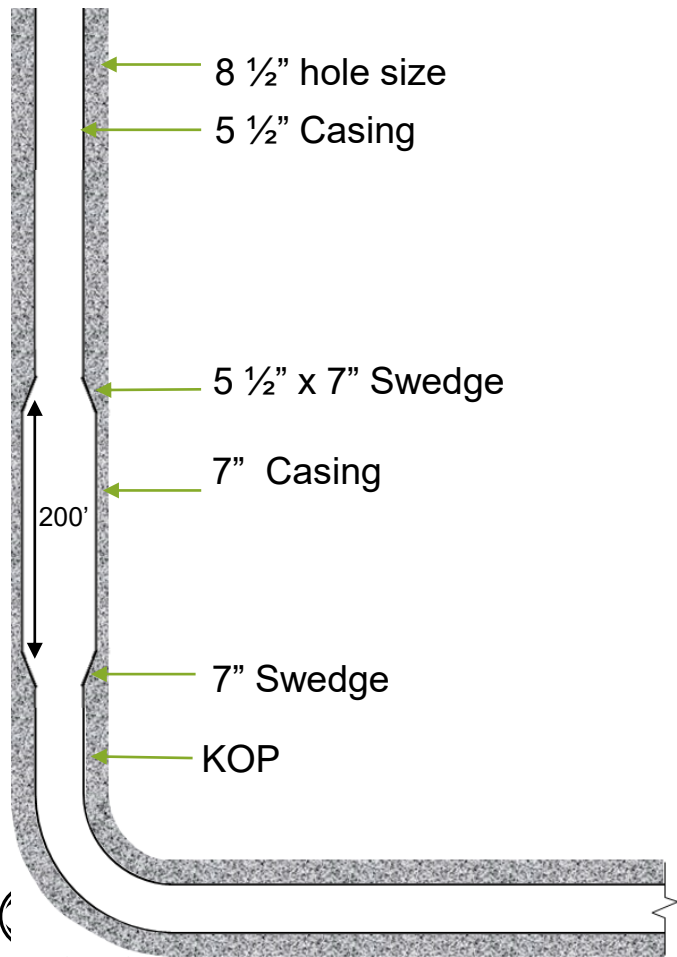
HEAL SLICKLINE SEPARATOR c/w SEPARATOR PRONG

OPTIONAL: FRAC HIT PROTECTION

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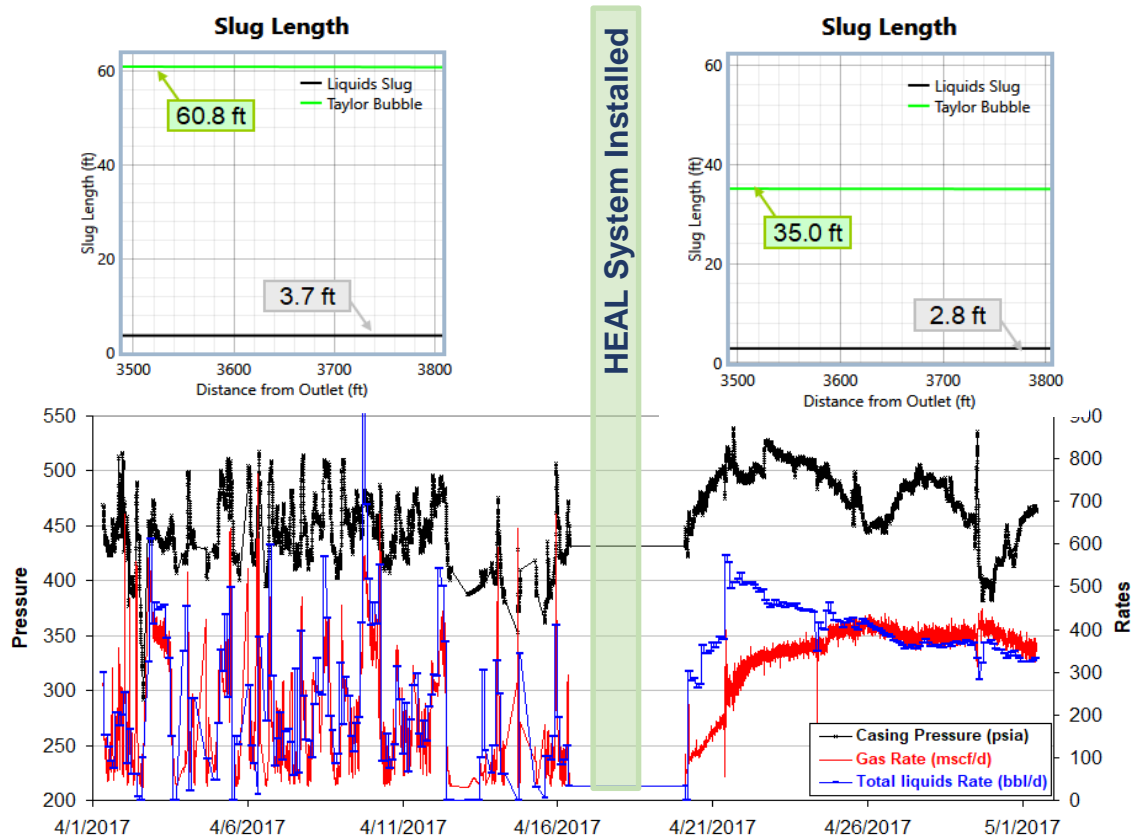
Casing Design with an Enlarged Interval



Case Studies



Case Study: Improve Production Performance



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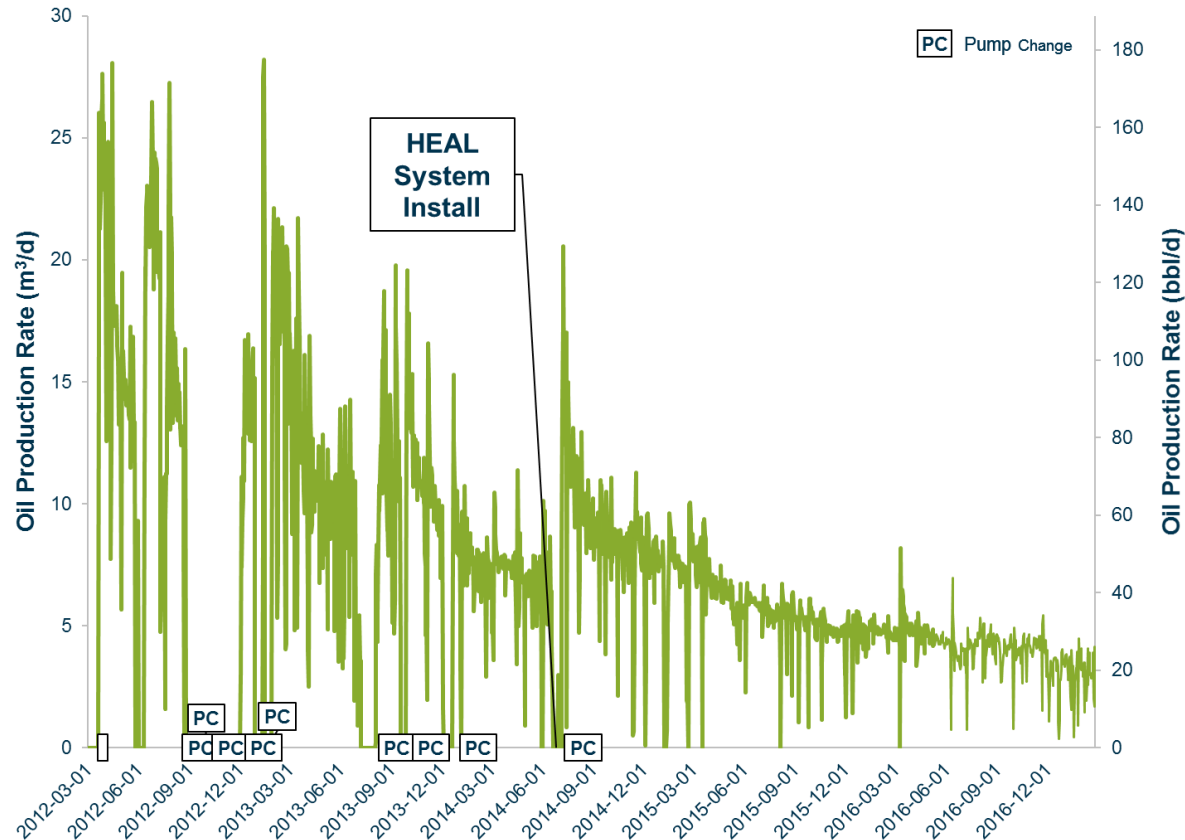
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Case Study: Reduce Operating Expense (Reliability)

Viking, Canada

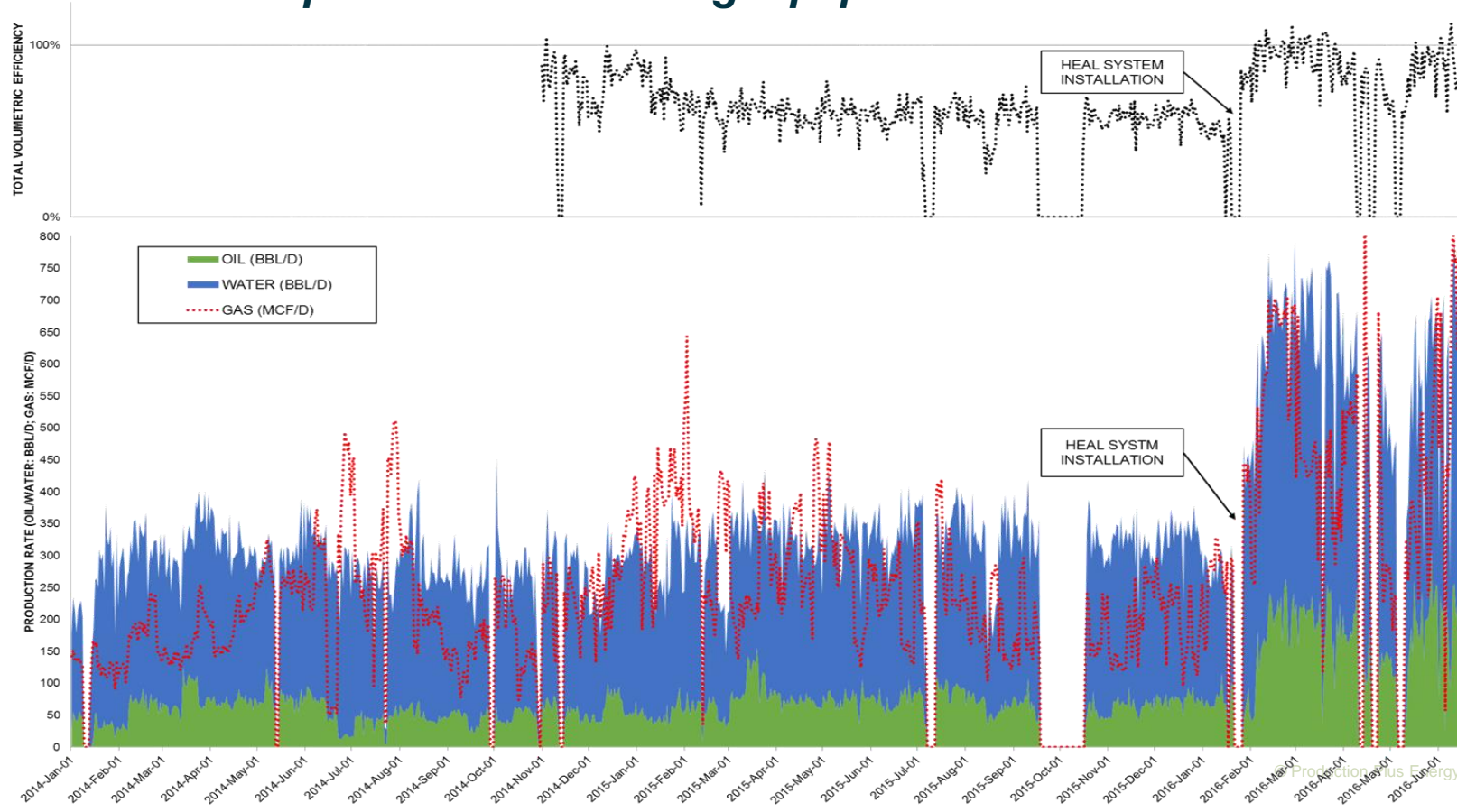


- Ran pumps deep to maximize drawdown
 - multiple pump failures
- Ran pumps shallow for reliability
 - poor drawdown, rod breaks from gas interference
- Pre-HEAL
 - 9 pump changes over 2 years costing \$600k
- **Post-HEAL**
 - Zero changes in 2.5+ years



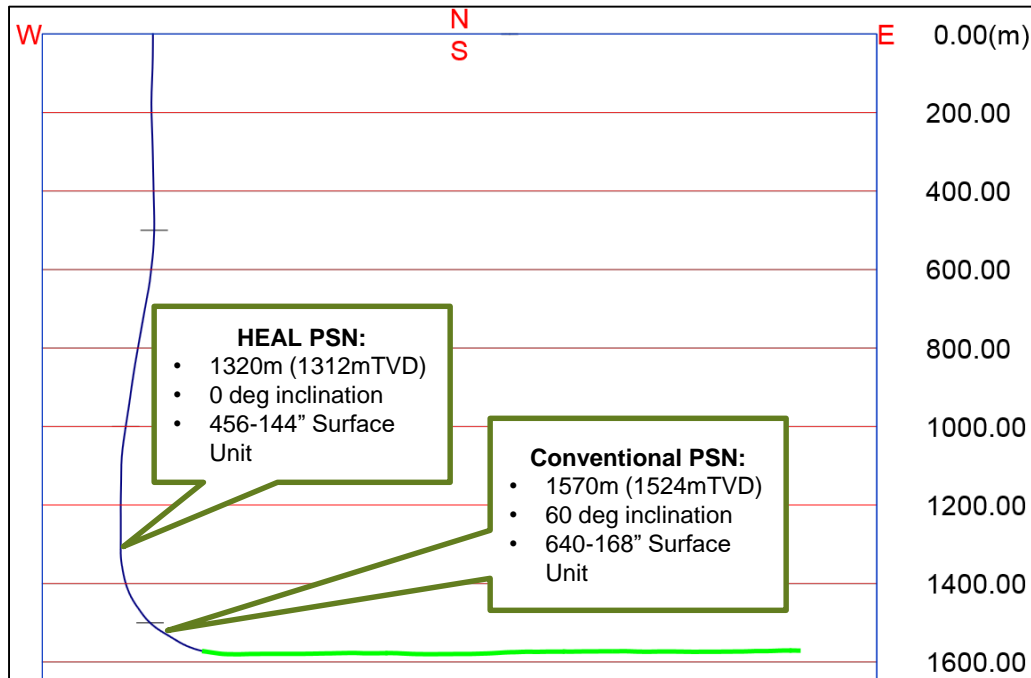
Reduce CAPEX:

Retain and improve ROI of existing equipment



Case Study: Reduce Capital Investment

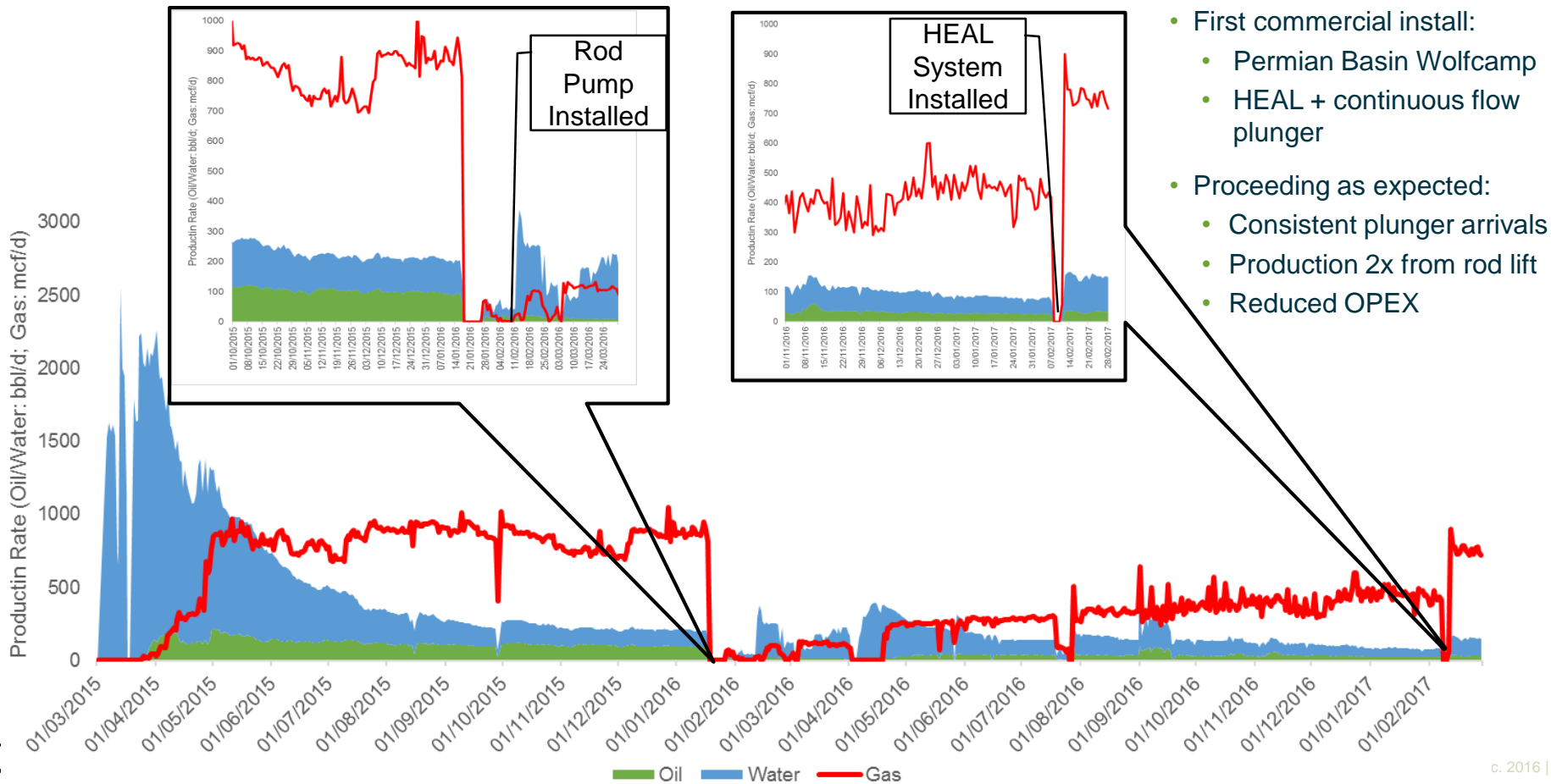
Cardium, Canada



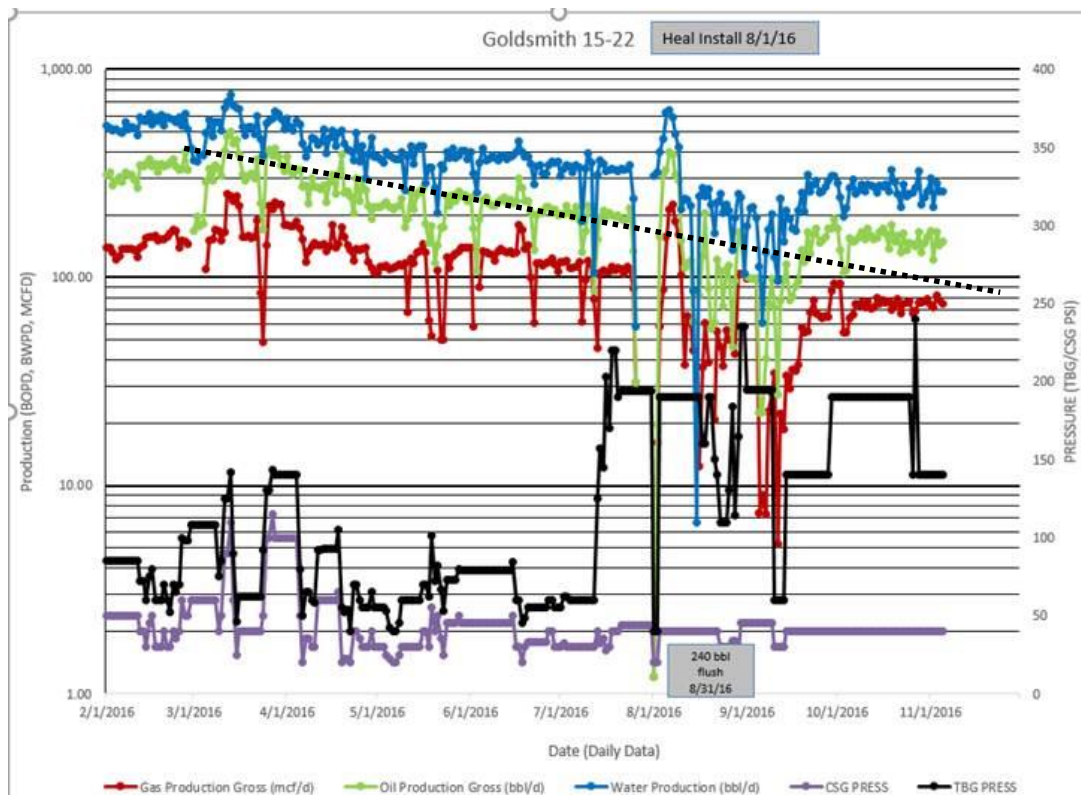
- HEAL System allowed PSN to be raised (212mTVD) from the 60 degree tangent to KOP
- Surface unit savings of **\$21k to 29k** (one or sizes smaller)
- 800' less production tubing and rods (**\$10k**)
- Same or better BHP and production as conventional pump depth
- Improved pump workover frequency and system wear
- No need to conventionally lower pump over time



Reduce OPEX: Enhance Plunger Lift with HEAL System

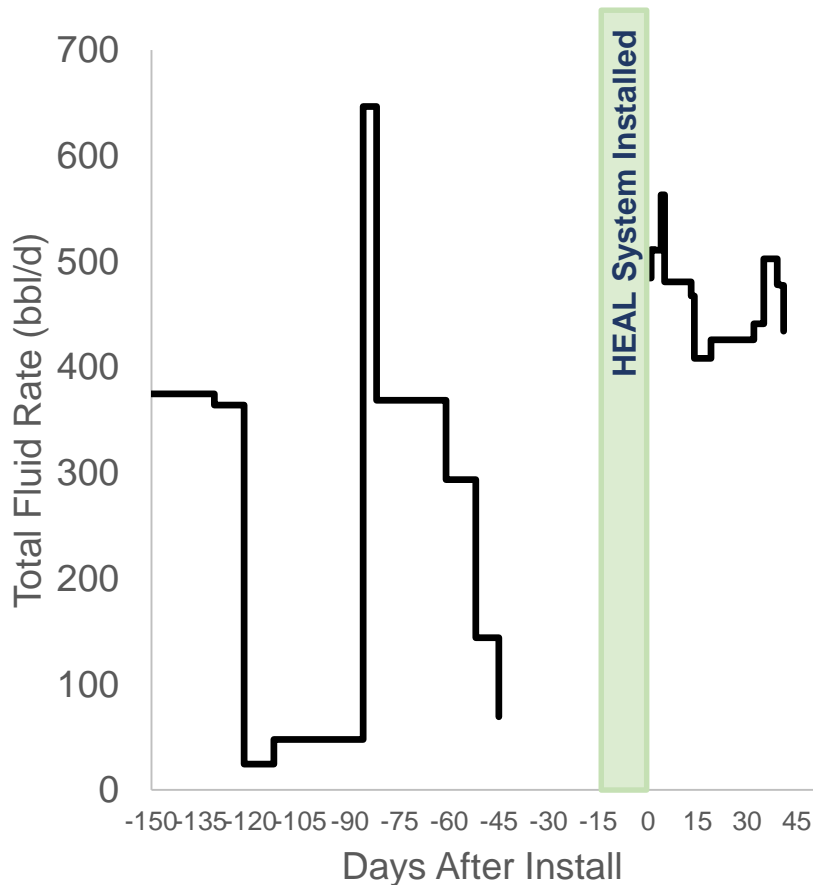


Case Study: Production Enhancement Bakken North Dakota



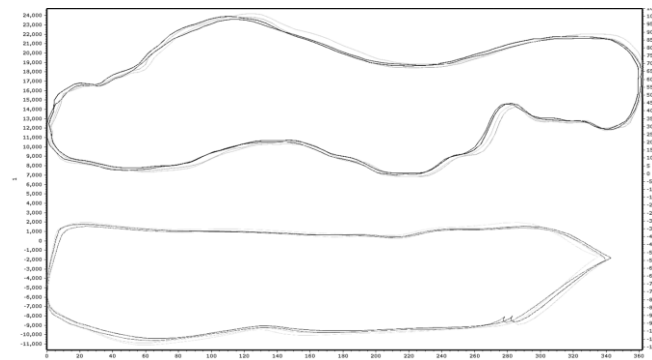
- Typical Bakken casing configuration results in high pump placement and high BHP's (drawdown limited)
- 30% to 40% increase in production and reserves opportunity
- HEAL System highly suited for such casing configurations for maximizing drawdown
- > 9,200 existing well candidates identified

Case Study 6: High-rate Deep Rod Pumping



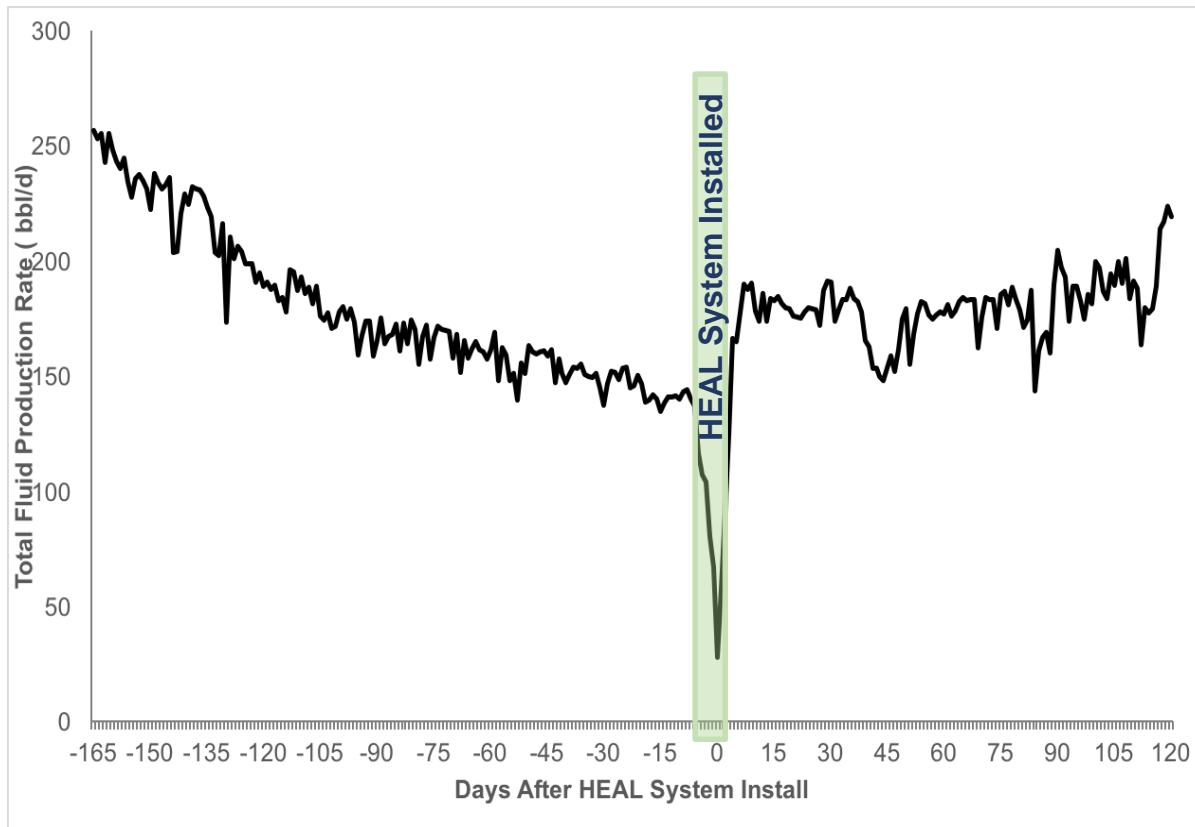
Gas Lift to long stroke pumpjack @ 8,200 ft:

- Inconsistent production with gas lift
- Consistent production after install
- 86% increase in total fluid rate
- > 85% consistent pump fillage
- Reduced operating costs



Case Study: Improve Production Performance

Wolfcamp, Permian Basin

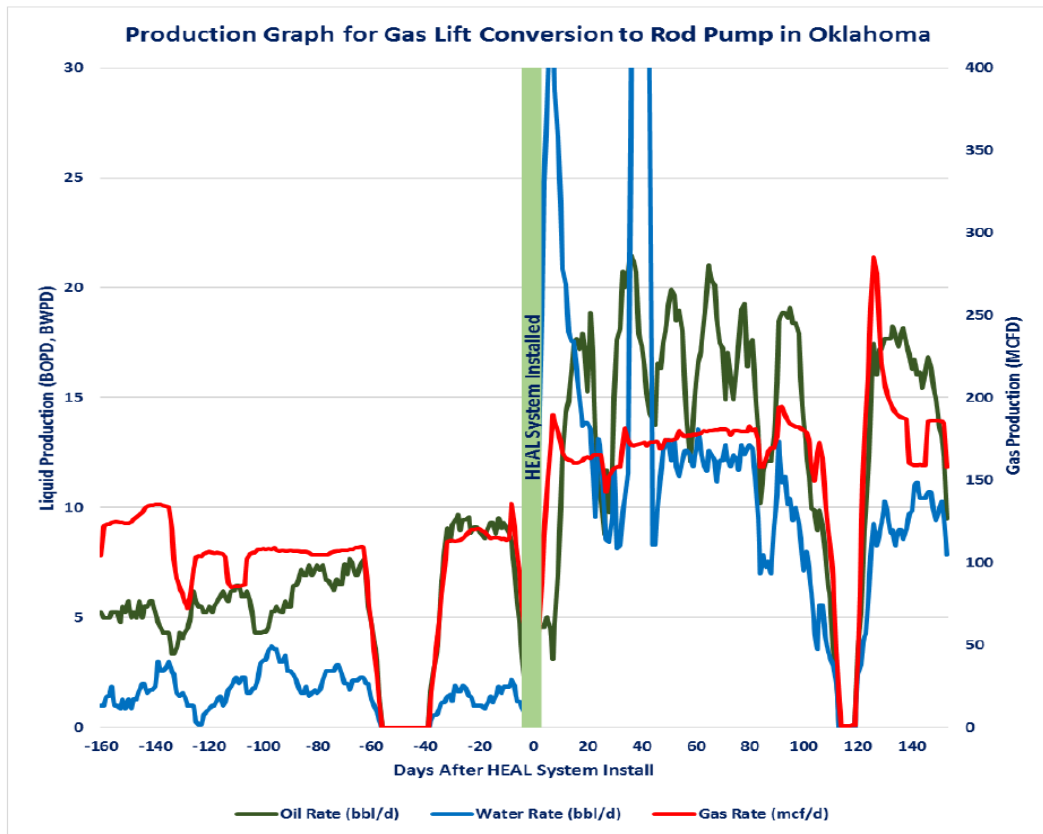


- Gas lift to Rod Pump transition, lower BHP.
- Wolfcamp Formation is challenged by depth, high total fluid rates, high watercuts and severe high GOR gas interference
- Installation in 12 Wolfcamp wells resulted in a sustained **+33% increase** in production
- Lower OPEX and total capital with rod pumping



Case Study: Gas Lift to Rod Pump Transition

Oklahoma



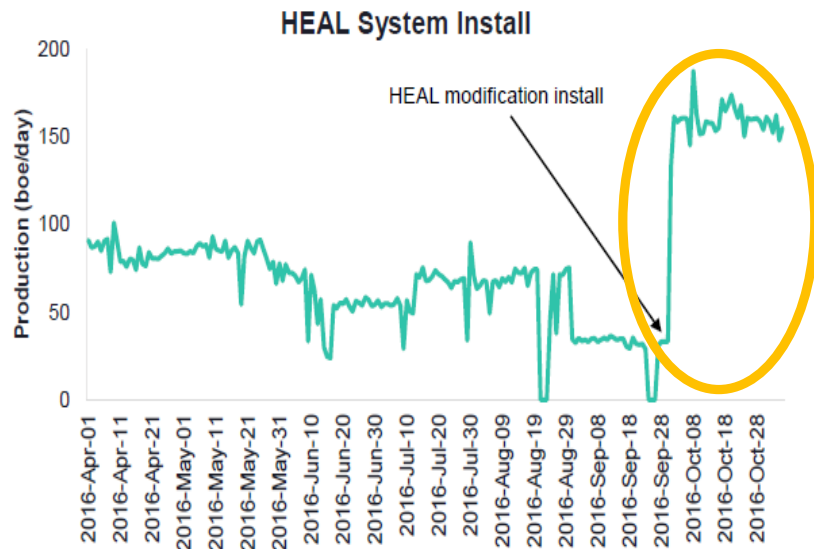
- Gas lifting baseline strategy. Major historic rod pumping challenges: deep, high GOR, some areas have very high initial rates and decline rates
- Increased drawdown objective. Transitioned to rod pumping with Downhole System; installed in 9 wells
- Long term (>12 months) average result is **+100% increase** in production over previous trend
- Implementing larger program to transition from gas lift to rod pumping with Downhole System



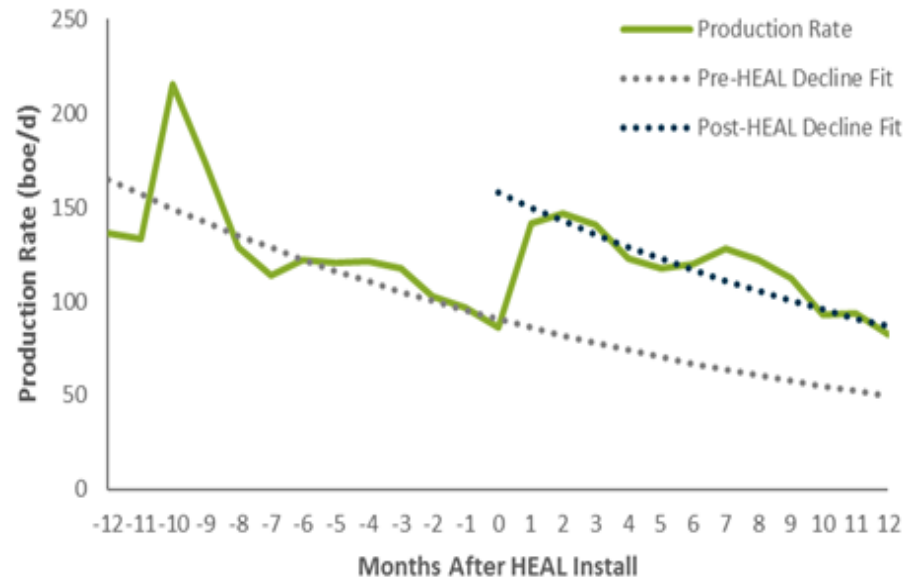
Ante Creek – Optimization Initiatives

Ante Creek Optimization Providing Highly Profitable Production Adds

- Optimization initiatives are resulting in excellent capital efficiencies



- 300% uplift in Production single well
- Capital Efficiency: ~\$1,300/boe/day
- Payout: 1.8 months



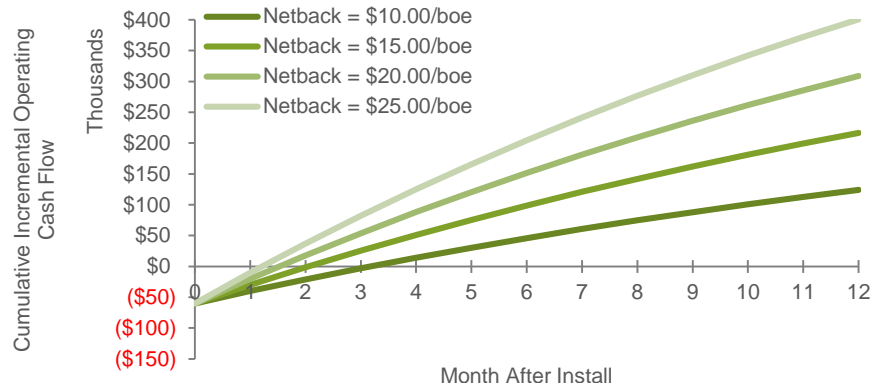
- 75% uplift in production averaged on 25 wells
- Capital Efficiency: ~\$1,900/boe/day
- Payout: 2.4 months
- Average 6month incremental Production 20,000 bbls
- OPEX Reduction (20%-40%)



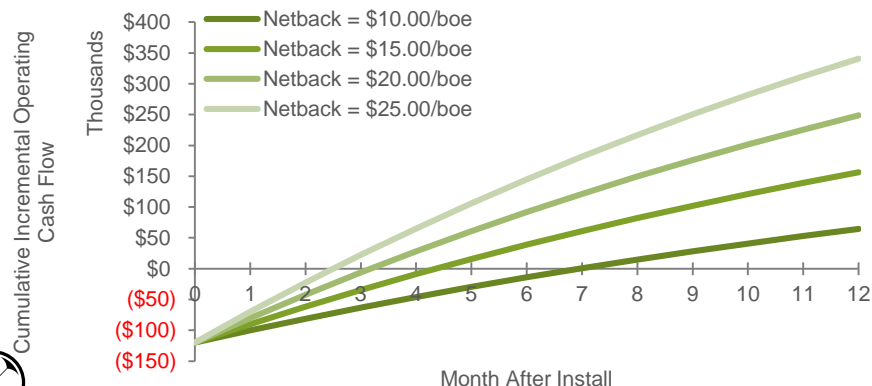
Case Study: Improve Economics

Montney, Canada

HEAL Installed at Transition or Failure



Workover Only for HEAL Install

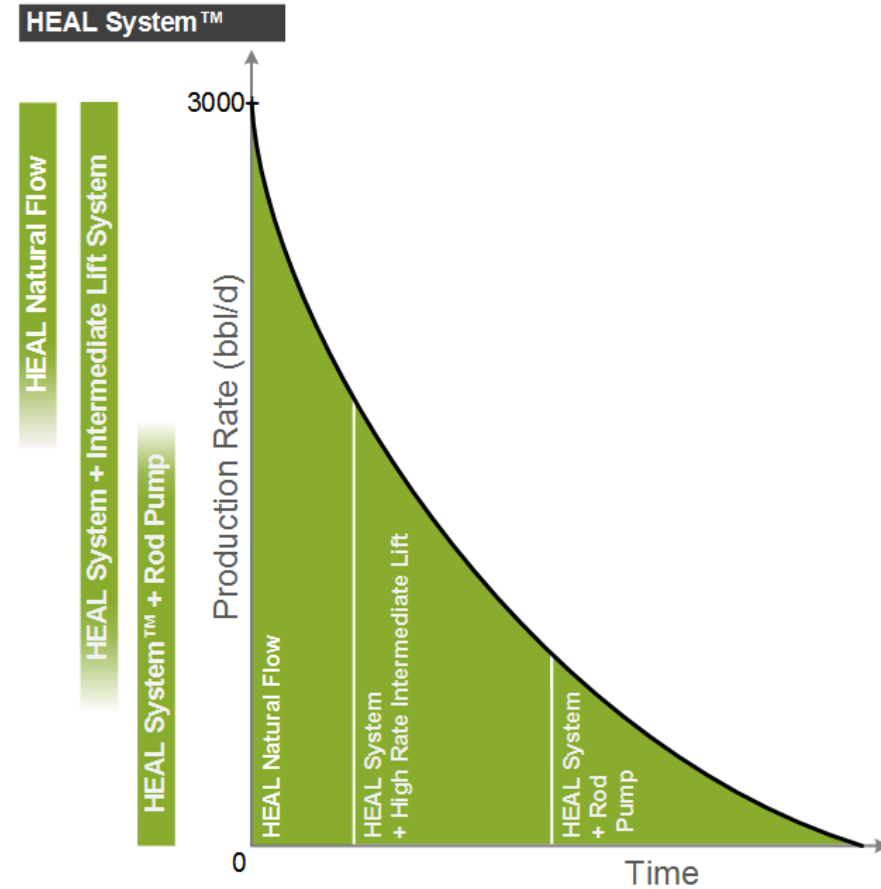
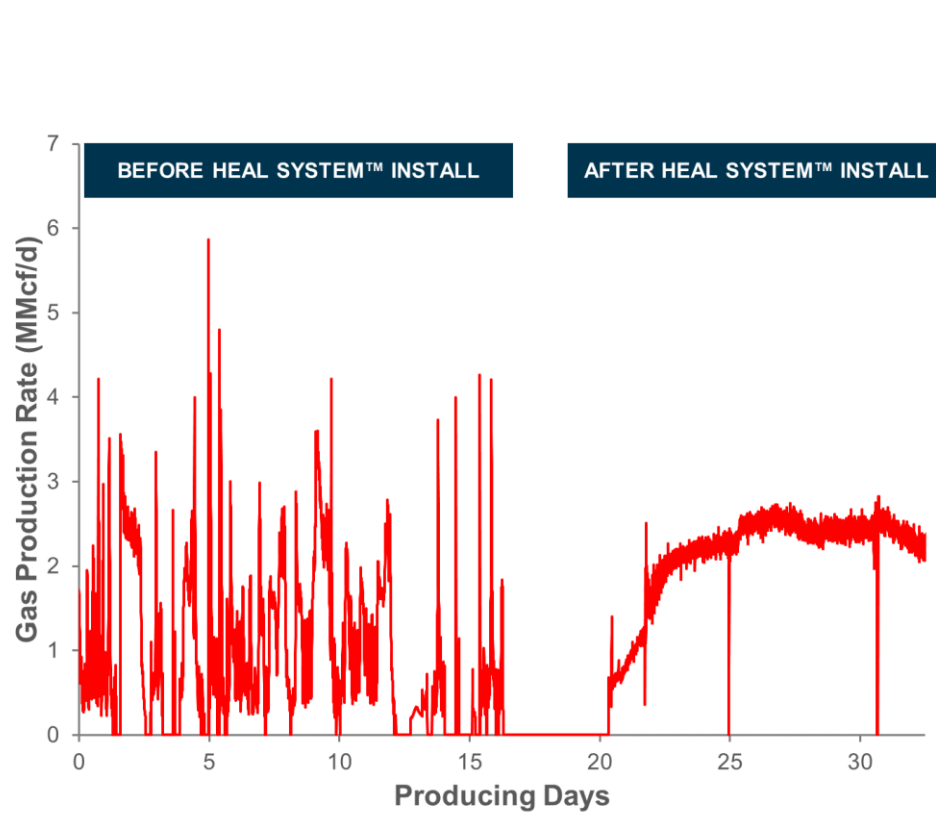


	Total Capex	Incremental Daily Production	Capital Efficiency \$/boe/d
HEAL System Cost Only	\$60,000	65	\$923
HEAL Total Workover Cost	\$120,000	65	\$1,846
New Drill	\$3,500,000 – \$4,500,000	300-1100	\$4000-15000

	Internal Rate of Return @ Various Netbacks			
	\$10/boe	\$15/boe	\$20/boe	\$25/boe
HEAL System Cost Only	328%	535%	737%	937%
HEAL Total Workover Cost	98%	218%	328%	433%
New Drill	20%-75%			

	Payout Period (Months) @ Various Netbacks			
	\$10.00/boe	\$15.00/boe	\$20.00/boe	\$25.00/boe
HEAL System Cost Only	3.25	2.25	1.5	1.25
HEAL Total Workover Cost	7	4.25	3	2.5
New Drill	24-48			

Production and Lift Strategy Defined by Slug Flow Mitigation



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