

Subsea Fiber-Optic Sensing Applications: How To Make It Happen

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Enhancing Production Profiling with Fiber Optic Technology

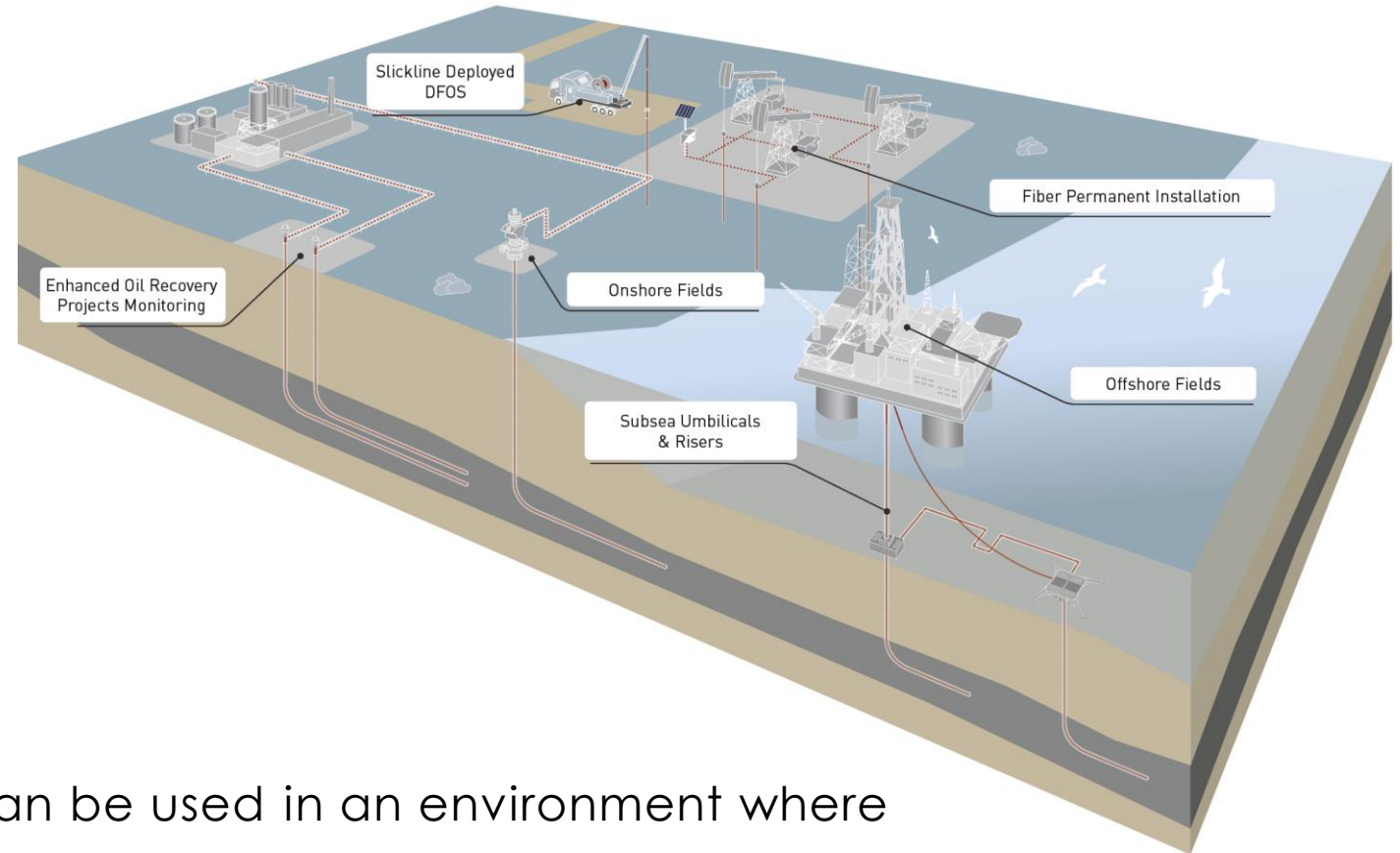


Agenda

- Introduction
- Production monitoring when conventional PLT tools can't be used
 - Case study 1: Onshore gas well
 - Case study 2: Offshore HT/HP gas well
- Conclusions

Introduction

- Various applications:
 - Well integrity monitoring
 - Hydraulic fracturing
 - Borehole seismic
 - Production profiling
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Objective

- To show that DFOS data can be used in an environment where conventional production logging is not possible.

Case Study 1. Production monitoring in a gas well (SPE-216618)

Background

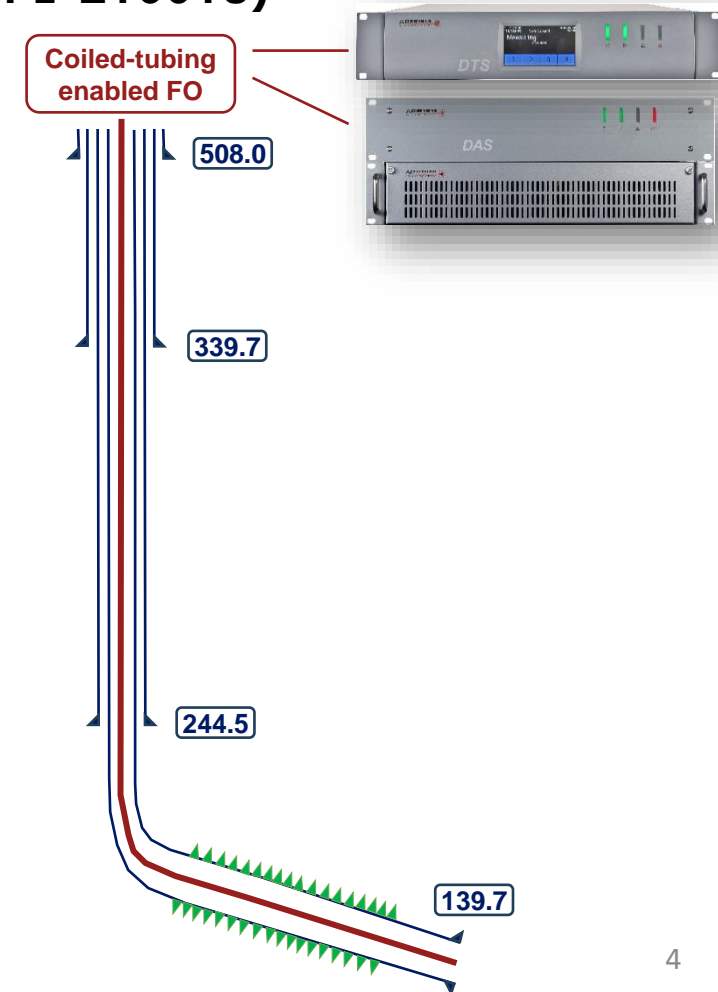
- China, onshore gas field
- Horizontal well, inclination ~90-92 deg
- Well TD ~ 5 km
- Horizontal section ~1.2 km

Challenge

- The Operator rejected use of conventional PLT tools

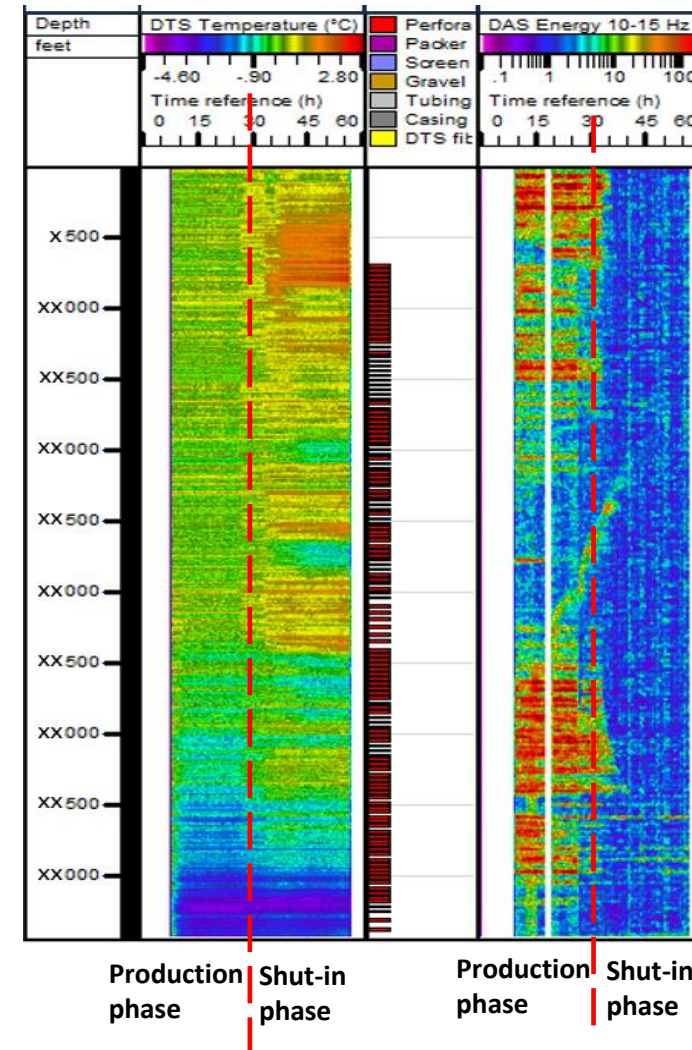
Solution

- Coiled tubing-enabled optical fibers
- ~50 hours of data acquired during different regimes

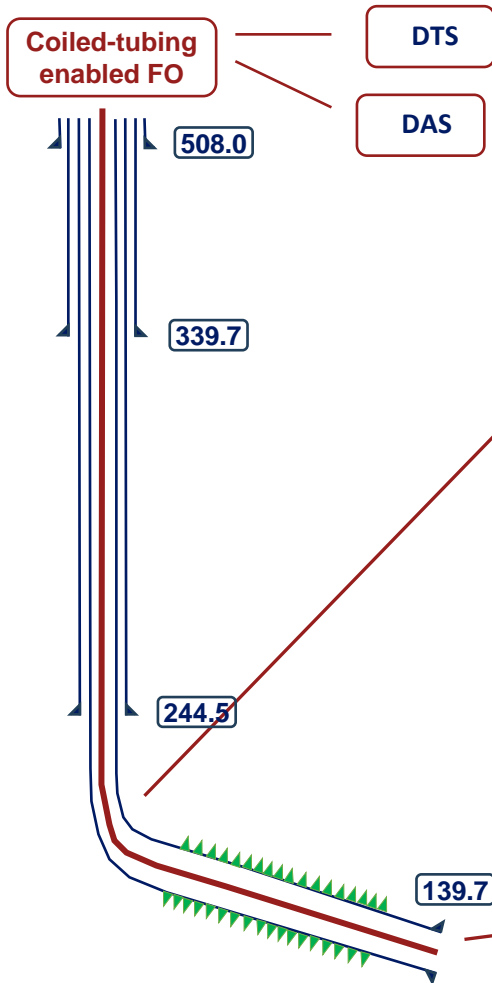


Job Execution

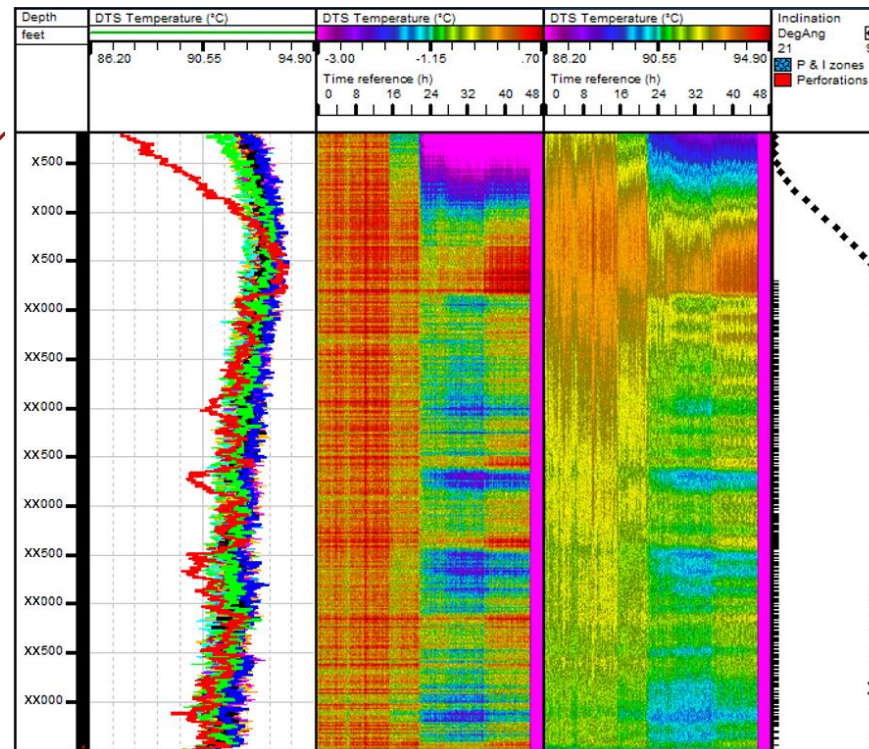
- FO-enabled coiled tubing, DTS and DAS data were acquired simultaneously
- ~50 hours of DTS and DAS survey during different regimes:
 - xx MMSCF/day flow rate 9 hrs
 - x MMSCF/day flow rate 7 hrs
 - x MMSCF/day flow rate 7 hrs
 - Shut-in



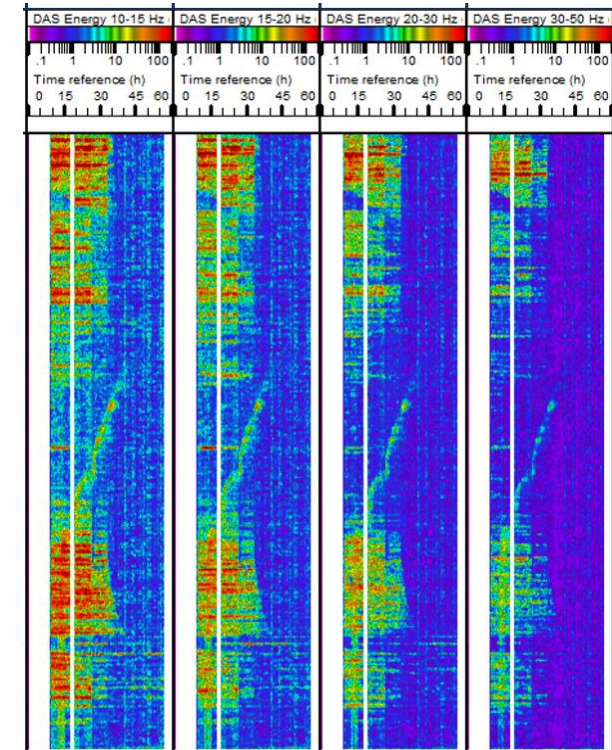
DFOS data in reservoir section (~50 hours)



Distributed Temperature Sensing

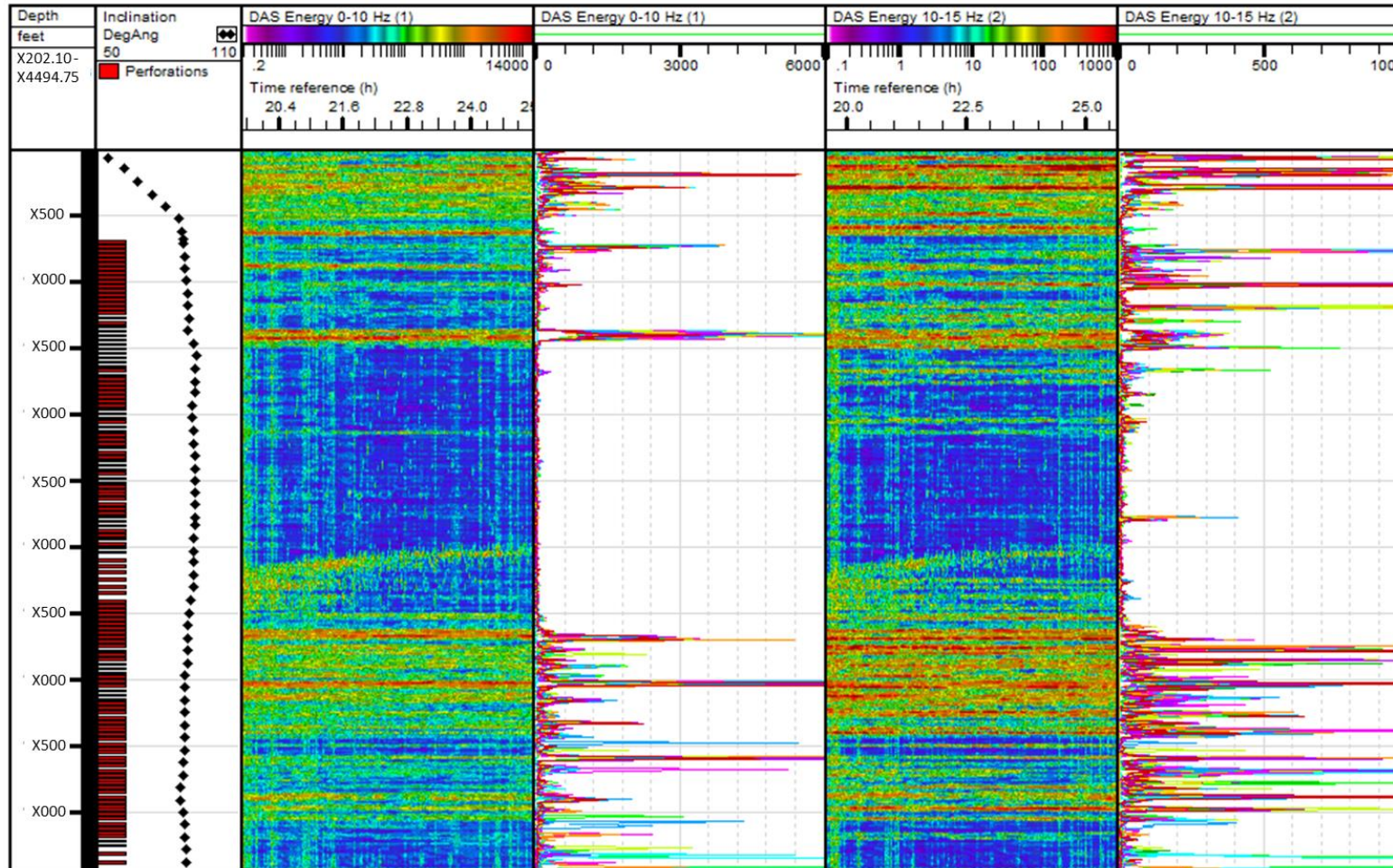


Distributed Acoustic Sensing



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- DAS data in reservoir section
- DAS data allows qualitative identification of producing zones

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Stage	Perforation point (ft)	DAS Response
1	x499	
	x370	
	x301	
2	x242	
	x209	v
	x177	v
	x145	
	x113	
3	x080	
	x042	v
	x009	
	x976	v
	x945	
4	x912	
	x880	v
	x842	
	x809	v
	x776	
5	x745	v
	x712	
	x679	v
	x642	v
	x609	
6	x576	v
	x542	
	x509	
	x476	
	x438	
7	x406	v
	x373	v
	x342	
	x309	v
	x276	v
8	x238	v
	x205	
	x173	v
	x141	v
	x109	
9	x076	
	x038	v
	x005	v
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10	x908	
	x876	v
	x838	v
	x805	v
	x772	v
x738		

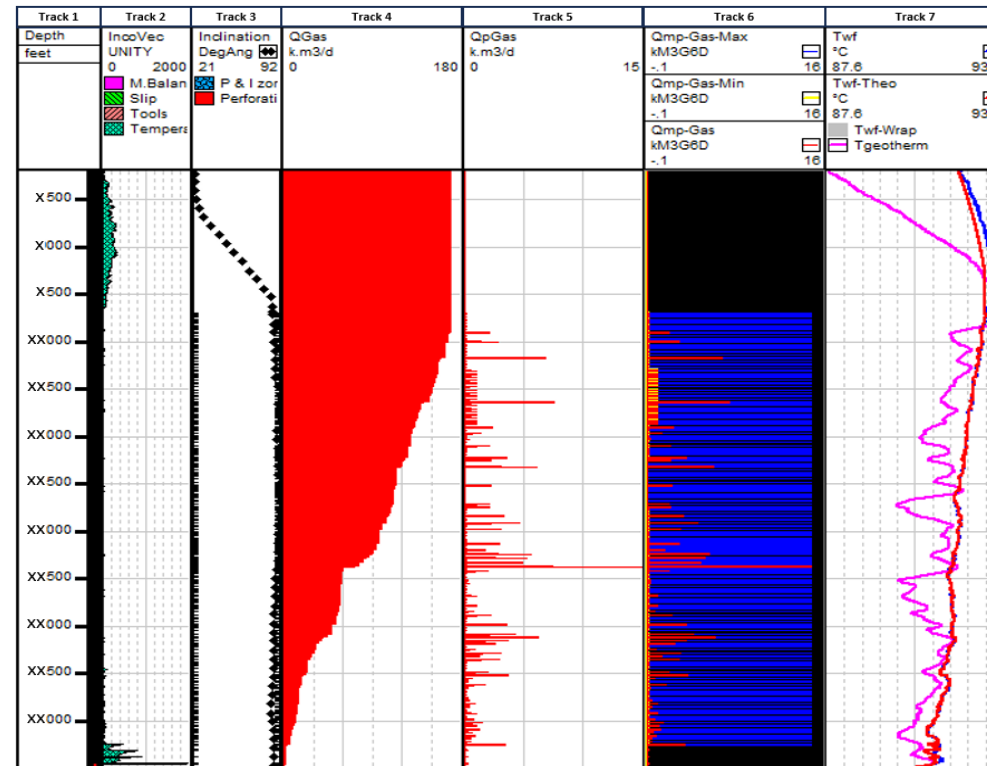
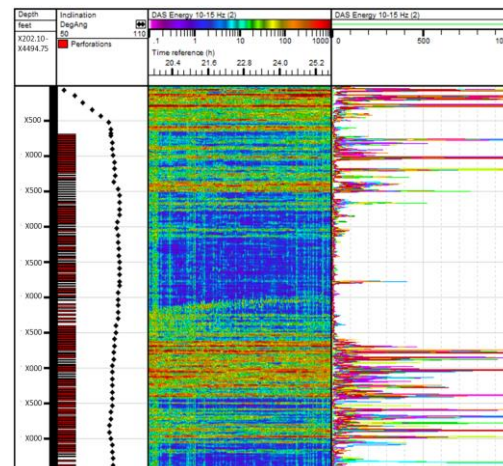
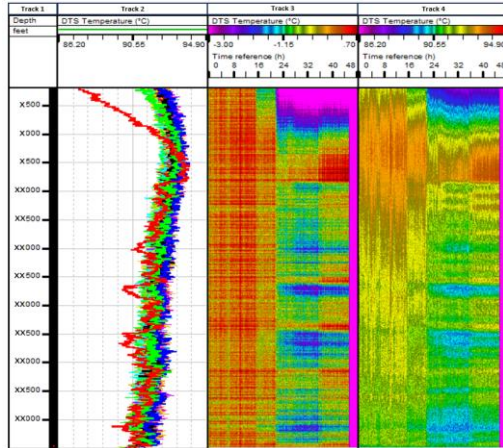
Stage	Perforation point (m)	DAS Response
10	x705	v
	x672	
	x635	v
	x602	
	x569	
11	x538	v
	x505	v
	x472	
	x434	
	x410	
12	x387	
	x364	v
	x341	
	x318	
	x295	
13	x272	
	x234	v
	x210	
	x187	
	x164	
14	x141	
	x118	
	x095	
	x072	
	x034	
15	x001	
	x969	
	x934	
	x901	
	x868	
16	x831	
	x798	
	x765	v
	x734	
	x701	
17	x668	
	x631	
	x599	
	x568	
	x537	v
18	x506	
	x475	
	x437	
	x406	
	x375	
19	x344	
	x312	
	x281	
	x243	
	x212	

Stage	Perforation point (m)	DAS Response
18	x212	v
	x181	v
	x150	
	x119	v
	x088	
19	x050	v
	x019	
	x988	
	x956	v
	x925	
20	x894	
	x856	v
	x825	
	x792	
	x761	v
21	x728	
	x697	
	x659	v
	x628	
	x595	v
22	x564	
	x531	
	x500	v
	x463	v
	x430	
23	x397	v
	x366	v
	x333	v
	x300	v
	x262	v
24	x230	
	x197	v
	x162	v
	x130	
	x097	
25	x059	v
	x026	v
	x93	
	x62	v
	x29	v
26	x97	v
	x59	v
	x26	
	x93	v
	x59	v
xx25		

- DAS data allows qualitative identification of producing zones
- For each perforation cluster the DAS response is verified

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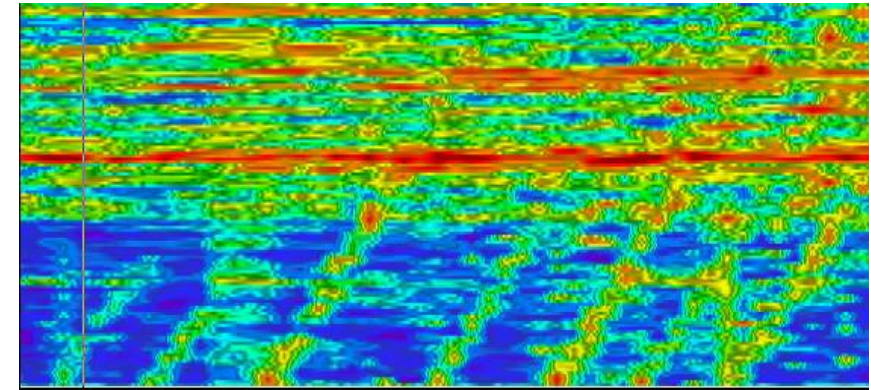
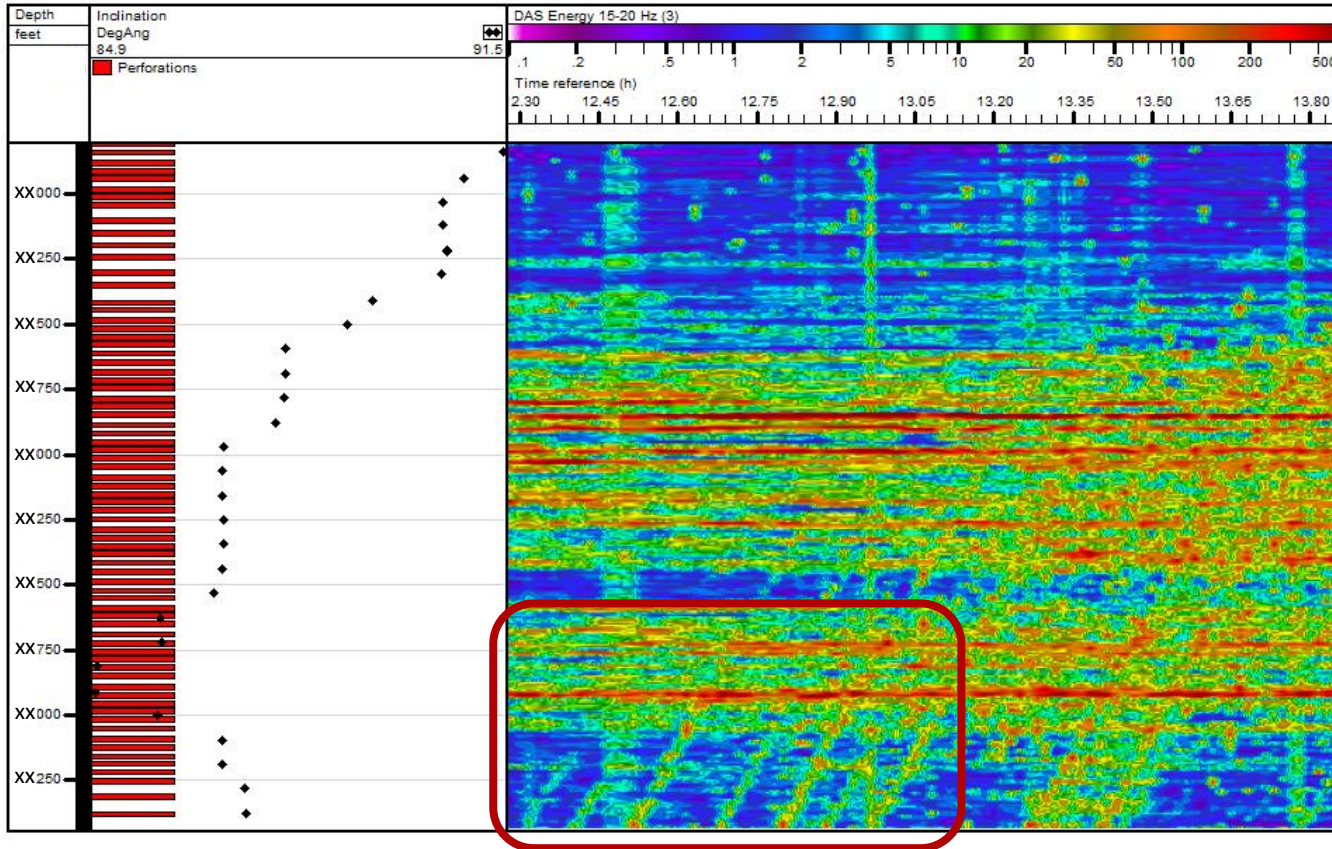


- DTS data preparation
- Identification of producing zones
- Flow rates computation
- Quantitative analysis of DTS data integrated with interpretation of DAS data.



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56h Trace 182 + 8s;

- A small amount of fluids is observed flowing up from below the logged interval
- It is possible to obtain the velocities of this fluid movement

Case Study 1. Production monitoring (SPE-216618)

Summary:

- Risks related with utilizing of conventional PLT tools were mitigated by using CT with fiber optics
- DTS is a well-established tool for quantitative production profiling.
- To overcome potential limitations in DTS data analysis, combining DTS and DAS is suggested through post-processing interpretation software

Case Study 2. Production monitoring in a HTHP gas well (SPE-215512)

Background

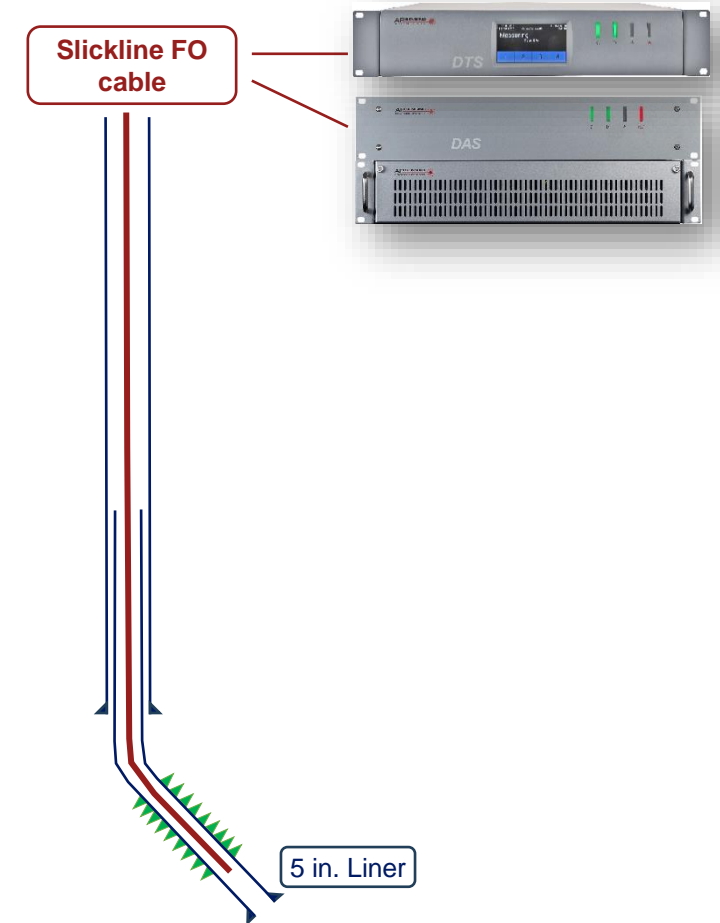
- North Sea, HP/HT gas field
- Deviated well, inclination ~40-45 deg
- Well TD ~ 5 km

Challenge

- Conventional PLT tools' ineffectiveness due to tar-like deposits in the tubing clogging the sensors and slickline tension constraints

Solution

- Slickline fiber optic cable



Technology Selection

- Culzean field in the Central North Sea
 - Initial reservoir pressure 936 bar
 - Temperature 176 deg C
 - Thin-layered deposits
 - Tar-liked deposits
 - High production rates
- Traditional production logs aborted due to clogged spinners from organic residue
- Increased risk of tool lift
- Unsuccessful PLT since the start of production over 3 years ago



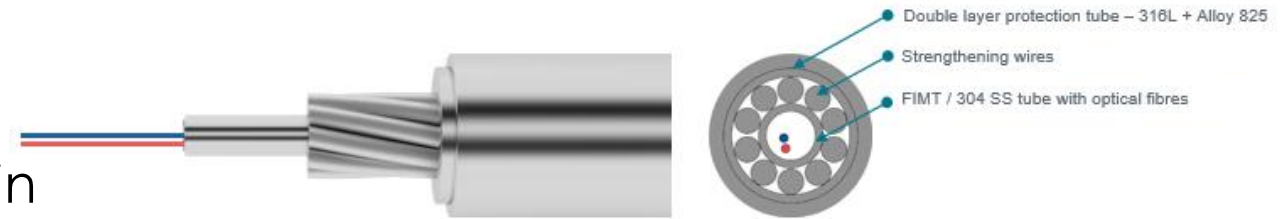
Previous deployment attempt

Conventional PLT tool or Fiber Optic Line?

Surveillance option	Risk of clogging	Risk of tool string ejection	Flow rates	Cable rating	Cost
Conventional PLT tool string	High	High	Limited to 45 MMSCF/day	0.160" SL cable	Lowest cost
PLT tool string on FO line	High	Tools below perforation for flowing period	60 MMSCF/day	0.160" SL cable Not suitable	Medium
P&T gauges only on FO line	Low	Tools below perforation for flowing period	60 MMSCF/day	0.160" SL cable Not suitable	Low

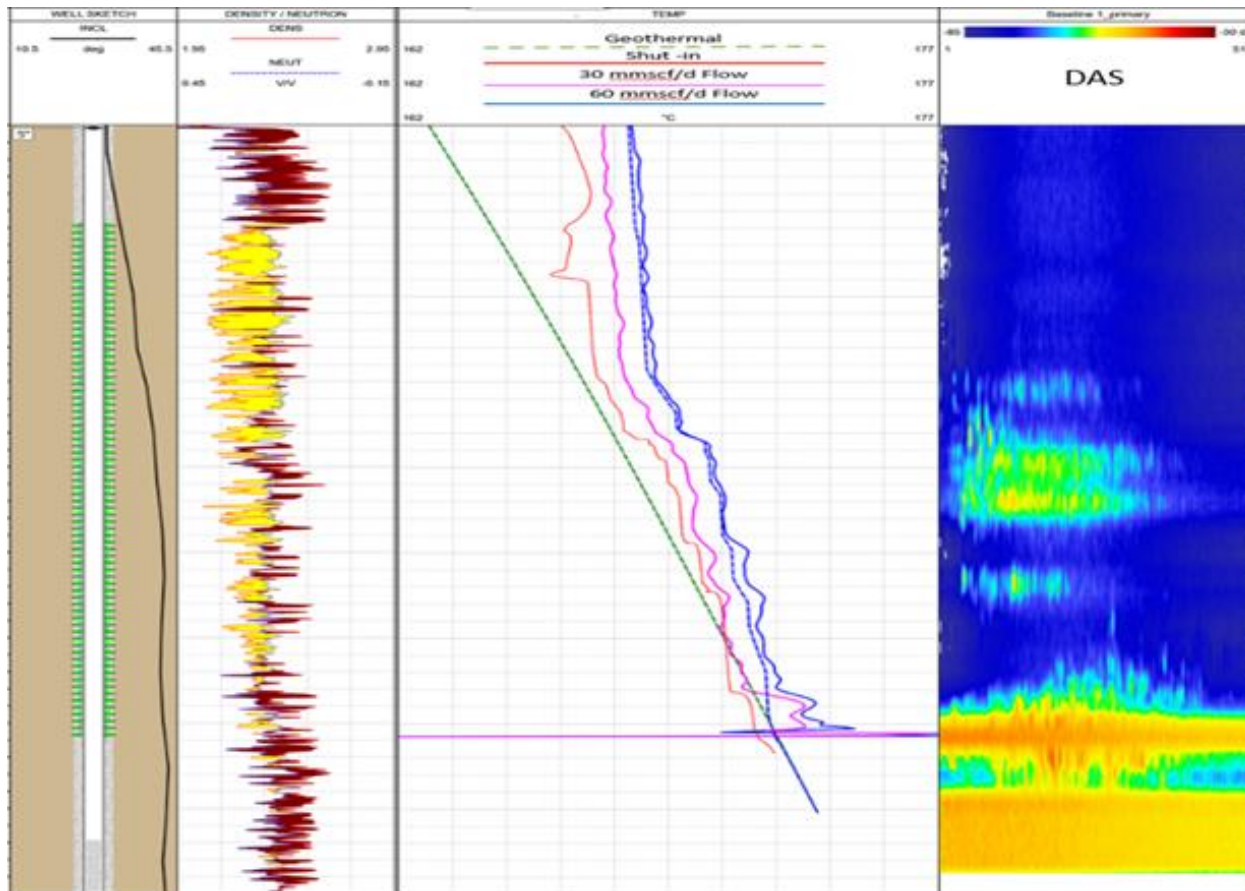
Job Execution

- FO Slickline cable
0.160 in cable was replaced by 0.181 in cable
- 20 hours of DTS and DAS survey during different regimes:
 - Shut-in Baseline 1.5 hrs
 - 30 MMSCF/day flow rate 9 hrs
 - 60 MMSCF/day flow rate 7.5 hrs
 - Post Flowing shut-in 2 hrs



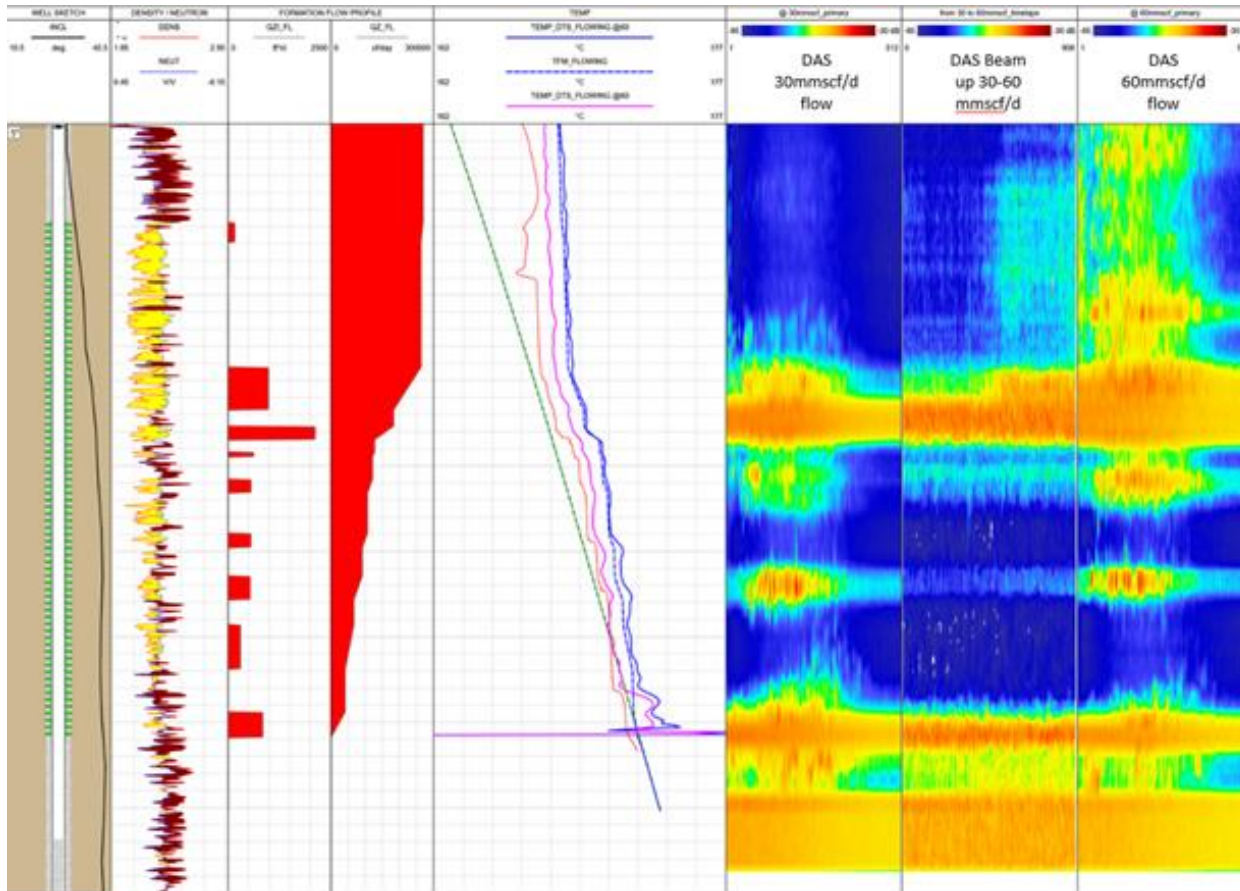
- **High-Tension and High-Temperature DFOS Slickline**

Job Execution



- DTS data for flow allocation for shut-in, 30 MMSCF/day and 60 MMSCF/day flow rates.
- DAS data during shut-in

Job Execution



- DTS thermal inversion performed to allocate relative flow volumes.
- DAS indicates changes in the flow contribution with flow rate

Case Study 2. Production monitoring in a HTHP gas well (**SPE-215512**)

Summary:

- By using slickline cable, risks associated with tool lift and wellbore debris were effectively mitigated, preventing the utilization of conventional PLT strings.
- Data from DAS and DTS were acquired in HT/HP well under multi-rate flowing conditions.
- First-ever Production Profile from this field under such conditions.

Conclusions

- FO emerges as a reliable alternative when conventional PLT tools are not feasible
- FO can be deployed using various methods (slickline, coiled-tubing...)
- Fiber Optic Sensing technology advantages include:
 - Mitigation of risks associated with conventional tools.
 - Monitoring the entire wellbore in various operational states.
 - Obtaining results immediately post-survey.
 - Contribution to more efficient reservoir management.

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