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# Examples of Forces NOT Accounted for by the Wave Equation

TOTAL ASSET MONITOR (TAM)

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#### Introduction

- Use field measured dynamometer data to show examples of different types of forces NOT accounted for by the wave equation.
- Forces are:
  - **1. Mechanical Friction**
  - 2. Piston Force on polished rod due to tubing back pressure
  - 3. True Vertical Rod Weight.
- Mechanical friction due to
  - 1. Over-tight Stuffing Box
  - 2. Down hole sticking due to Severe Dog Leg in wellbore profile
  - 3. Friction from Paraffin along a section of the rod string.
- Not Planning to Discuss Mechanical Friction Resulting from Drag between moving rods/couplings and tubing due to deviation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}(x,t) = a^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}(x,t) - c \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x,t).$$

Condensed Version of Vertical Wave Equation Victoria Pons, Ph.D.

# **Downhole Mechanical Friction**

- Downhole Mechanical Friction impacts the rod loading measured at the surface.
- Mechanical Friction acting on the rods is not modeled by the wave equation, resulting in the excess frictional loads and horsepower being displayed in any plot of the rod loads versus position below the surface.
- If the plunger velocity unexpectedly becomes zero during the up or down stroke, sticking down hole may be the reason.
- Coefficient of Rod Stretch, Kr, and the measured surface dynamometer card can be used to identify the depth to severe mechanical friction that is causing the downhole sticking.

# **Normal Rod Stretch**

- Coefficient of Rod Stretch, Kr, is defined as the required load in pounds applied to a constant area, A, rod of length L to stretch the entire rod string length equal to 1 inch.
- Kr (Lbs/Inch) is the slope of the surface dynamometer card load versus position, when the entire rod string stretches to pickup or release the fluid load, Fo, applied to the rods.
- Polished rod moves up, X, inches at the surface to exert the spring force, F = Kr × X.



## During Pumping Rod Strings Elastically Stretch and Unstretch

When a Force, F, is applied to a Sucker Rod String, then the Rod String elastically <u>stretch</u>,  $\Delta$ L, based on the length, L, area, A, and Modulus of Elasticity, E, of the rods





#### $\Delta L = FL/(AE)$

# Wave Equation Models Entire Rod String from Surface to Pump

- For a constant diameter rod string the Spring constant Kr is defined as Kr = AE/L
- For a tapered sucker rod string Kr = 1 / (L1/A1/E1 + L2/A2/E2 + L3/A3/E3 + ...)
- If Mechanical Downhole sticking at a point occurs (like at a dog leg), then the rod string from the downhole sticking point to the surface stretches. A stiffer shorter section of the sucker rod string is stretching, the rod string Kr increases.
- If sticking occurs at the red X a shorter L3 length would need to be used to determine Kr



#### What does this Pump Card Show?



#### Are changes to drilling plans needed?

- Easier to drill vertical wells:
  - Keep dog legs down
  - Prevent escapes
  - Hit target
- Now most wells are or will be horizontals and many drilled from pads to reduce costs and environmental impact
- But should there be changes even if vertical wells drilled





# **Damping – WPRT or PRT**

Verify pump card loads on the up stroke and down stroke are flat and match fairly close to Fo from the Fluid Level and Zero Load Lines. If not, *then surface loads may be in error*. If the pump card bows outward on the up and down stroke then the damping factors may be too low.



#### **Damping Coefficients for Viscous Crude**



## "Effective" Treatment Improves Rod Loading & Increases Downhole Stroke



Mechanical Friction Sources:

- 1. Paraffin
- 2. Scale
- 3. Over Tight Stuffing Box
- 4. Misalignment
- 5. Dog-Leg Severity
- 6. Deviated Well
- 7. Pump Friction
- 8. Crimped Tubing
- 9. Other

Mechanical Friction Results:

- Decreased Loads on Down Stroke
- Increased Loads on Upstroke
- Reduced Downhole Stroke
- Raised Fluid Level
- Increased HP + Reduced Efficiency







# Unaccounted Friction: Reduced Downhole Stroke & Raised Fluid Level



**Echometer Online\_Mechanical Friction: Unaccounted Wellbore Friction** 

#### **Unaccounted Well Bore Friction: Friction Affects Valve Load Test**



# **Excess Well Bore Friction: Friction Affects Dyno Cards**



#### **Unaccounted Friction Indicators**

- 1) Fluid Level is higher than normal
- Surface card shows a vertical change in load at the top and bottom of the stroke (Extra friction opposite to the direction of movement is broken by changing the direction of motion of the rod string)
- 3) Pump card should set between the ZERO load line & Fo Max, pump loads outside this range indicate of unaccounted friction.
- 4) SV valve check is low and TV check is too high (Friction is resisting the lifting the rods on the upstroke and friction is holding rod load on the downstroke)
- 5) TV load immediately drops as brake released (When the direction of motion changes or the rods go from stopped to moving the friction force that was being applied opposite to the prior motion of the rods is broken).
- 6) Unaccounted friction impacts shape of pump card: increases load range when extra friction is not removed by wave equation calculating the pump card.
- 7) Low system efficiency

#### From A to B Rods Stretch 64" to Pickup SKr Kr: Rod String Spring Constant f(Rod Length & Area & Type)



Echometer Online\_Mechanical Friction: StuckPump\_Anchored

#### Mechanical Friction From Paraffin: 82% of Surface Stroke lost to Rod Stretch



#### **Excess Wellbore Mechanical Friction**



#### **Mechanical Friction – Tight Stuffing Box**



**Echometer Online\_Mechanical Friction: Stuffing Box** 

#### What Depth Uphole Does Mechanical Friction Cause Plunger to Stop at 100" on Upstroke



Echometer Online\_Mechanical Friction: Stick\_Release\_Upstroke

#### Polished Rod Moves up 20" to Apply 4280 Lbs Spring Force



#### When Kr of Rods from Surface to Depth Equals Slope of Surface Load vs Position



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#### Increasing Pump Load on Upstroke Indicates Plunger Stops Due to Downhole Sticking



Echometer Online\_Mechanical Friction: StickStickStick

#### Plunger Stops During Up and Down Stroke Due to Downhole Sticking



#### Plunger Position Flat When Stops During Up and Down Stroke Due to Downhole Sticking



# Static vs Kinetic Friction



- Coulomb's Law of Friction: Kinetic friction is independent of the sliding velocity. (Is deviated wellbore model ignoring static friction and only looking at Coulomb/Kinetic friction?)
- Static friction is friction between two or more solid objects that are not moving relative to each other. For example, static friction can prevent an object from sliding. The coefficient of static friction, typically denoted as µs, is usually higher than the coefficient of kinetic friction
- Read <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Friction</u>

#### What Depth is Excessive DH Mechanical Friction Being Applied to Rods



Echometer Online\_Mechanical Friction: StickFriction\_wRodPart

## Excessive DH Mechanical Friction <u>BUT</u> NO Production to the Surface



	Top Taper		Taper 2		Taper 3		Taper 4		Taper 5	
Rod Type	EL	•	EL	•	EL	•	SB	•	SB	•
Length	3162.00		4125.00		3025.00		32.50		300.00	
Diameter	1.000	•	0.875	•	0.750	•	1.000	•	1.500	•
Weight	9145.1		9124.4		4910.9		94.0		1958.9	

#### TV Stuck OPEN No Pump Load

# Point? Where DH Mechanical Friction Applied: <u>Rods Kr = Kr Measured</u>



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## 1.96 Dogleg Severity @ 1371 MD (ft)

	Survey De	Inclination	Azimuth	True Verb	Vertical S	Coordinates			Closure		DLS	<b>Build Rate</b>	Walk Rate
No,	MD (ft.)	Incl (*)	Azm (*)	TVD (ft.)	VS(ft.)	N-5 (ft.)	E-W (ft.)		Dist. (ft.)	Ang. (*)	*/100'	*/1007	*/100*
Tie In (0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
	140	0.7	218.2	139.9965	-0.66929	-0.67207 5	-0.52886	W	0.855201	218.2	0.5	0.5	155.8571
2	233	0.6	231.3	232,9905	-1.55175	-1.42296 5	-1.2602	W	1.900764	221.5287	0.191927	-0.10753	14.08602
3	326	0.3	127.8	325.9886	-1.84073	-1.87664 5	-1.44784	W	2.370239	217.6503	0.785783	-0.32258	-111.29
4	419	0.3	68.2	418.9875	-1.44704	-1.93545 5	-1.0294	W	2.192175	208.0069	0.320627	0	-64.085
5	513	0.3	46.1	512.9862	-0.99183	-1.67342 5	-0.62358	W	1.785834	200.4374	0.122339	0	-23.5106
6	608	0.4	53.1	607.9844	-0.47388	-1.30186 5	-0.17919	W	1.314137	187.8372	0.114291	0.105263	7.368421
7	703	0.1	99.5	702.5835	-0.09358	-1.11644 5	0.167756	E	1.128973	171.4547	0.355701	-0.31579	48.84211
8	798	0.4	21	797.9826	0.169717	-0.82054 S	0.368361	Ε	0.899428	155.8234	0.41315	0.315789	-82.6315
9	894	0.4	201.4	893.9818	0.167789	-0.81969 \$	0.36618	E	0.897765	155.9283	0.833328	0	187.9167
10	990	0.6	165.2	989.9783	-0.00982	-1.61766 5	0.372308	E	1.659952	167.0389	0.379397	0.208333	-37.7083
13	1086	0.4	132.5	1085.975	0.191693	-2.33002.5	0.74777	E	2.447073	162.2071	0.354891	-0.20833	-34.0525
12	1180	0.3	128	1179.973	0.529989	-2.70321 5	1.183607	E	2.950974	156.3536	0.110248	-0.10638	-4.78723
13	1277	0.5	99.7	1276.971	1.078359	-2.93086 5	1.800905	E	3.439942	148.4308	0.283938	0.206186	-29.1753
14	1371	2.3	79.2	1370.939	3.340495	-2.6465 5	4.058167	E	4.844864	123.1101	1.957458	1.914894	-21.8085
15	1400	2,1	80.2	1465.869	6.98227	-1.99304 5	7.64584	E	7.901334	104.6102	0.214301	-0.21053	1.052632
16	1561	1.8	79.9	1560.814	10.20929	-1.43513 S	10.82991	E	10.92459	97.5486	0.315971	-0.31579	-0.31579
17	1656	1.7	83.6	1655.769	13.09792	-1.01641 S	13.69917	E	13.73682	94.24327	0.158778	-0.10526	3.894737
18	1710	1.6	77.9	1709,747	14.64682	-0.76909 5	15.2323	E	15.2517	92.89046	0.355682	-0.18519	-10.5556
19	1803	1.8	85.7	1802.706	17.38752	-0.38742 5	17.95831	E	17.96249	91.23586	0.328401	0.215054	8.387097
20	1899	1.8	83.3	1898.659	20.3744	-0.09846 5	20.9592	E	20.95943	90.26917	0.078521	0	-2.5
21	1995	1.1	82.1	1994.628	22.78954	0.204097 N	23.36938	E	23.37027	89.49962	0.729812	-0.72917	-1.25
22	2091	0.1	289.3	2090.622	23.63638	0.358444 N	24.20307	E	24.20573	89.15152	1.239396	-1.04167	215.8333

# 1.96 Dogleg Severity @ 1371 MD (ft)



When the pump card slopes "backwards" (red lines) then that slope is the indication of the a mechanical friction force acting on the sucker rods, but not at the pump. The "backwards" slope is result of the wave equation calculating what the up hole mechanical friction force should look like if it were applied at the pump.

If the sucker rod used in the wave equation to calculate the pump card are removed from the bottom of the rod string, then the "backwards" slope of the pump card will become a vertical load at the length of rods where the mechanical friction force is applied.

As the rod string length is shortened, the Kr line will become steeper and match the slope of the surface dynamometer card when the length of rods equals the depth to the point where the sticking force is applied.



#### Deviation survey shows Doglegs greater than 3 degrees at 2600-2750 ft

	Tool	Survey	Incl	Azi	CL	TVD	DLS	Bld Rate	WIk Rate	BRN
No.	Туре	Depth	(°)	(°)	(ft)	(ft)	(°/100')	(°/100')	(°/100')	(°/100')
18	MWD	1700	5.63	125.11	100	1698.78	0.82	0.69	4.8	0.33
19	MWD	1800	6.46	128.89	100	1798.22	0.92	0.83	3.8	0.36
20	MWD	1900	7.5	130.67	100	1897.48	1.06	1.04	1.8	0.39
21	MWD	2000	8.62	134.61	100	1996.49	1.25	1.12	3.9	0.43
22	MWD	2100	9.72	138.89	100	2095.21	1.29	1.10	4.3	0.46
23	MWD	2200	11.13	142.25	100	2193.56	1.53	1.41	3.4	0.50
24	MWD	2300	12.43	145.18	100	2291.45	1.43	1.30	2.9	0.54
25	MWD	2400	14.37	149.15	100	2388.73	2.15	1.94	4.0	0.60
26	MWD	2420	14.75	149.05	20	2408.09	1.90	1.90	-0.5	0.61
27	MWD	2572	14.95	149.18	152	2555.01	0.13	0.13	0.1	0.58
28	MWD	2605	13.72	149.53	33	2586.98	3.74	-3.73	1.1	0.53
29	MWD	2699	11.61	149.7	94	2678.69	2.25	-2.24	0.2	0.43
30	MWD	2731	11.61	149.44	32	2710.03	0.16	0.00	-0.8	0.43
31	MWD	2762	11.78	149.88	31	2740.39	0.62	0.55	1.4	0.43
32	MWD	2856	8.79	146.89	94	2832.87	3.23	-3.18	-3.2	0.31
33	MWD	2951	5.99	143.68	95	2927.07	2.98	-2.95	-3.4	0.20
34	MWD	3045	4.31	137.14	94	3020.69	1.89	-1.79	-7.0	0.14
35	MWD	3139	4.66	146.72	94	3114.40	0.88	0.37	10.2	0.15
36	MWD	3234	3.69	154.19	95	3209.15	1.17	-1.02	7.9	0.11
37	MWD	3328	1.85	150.49	94	3303.04	1.97	-1.96	-3.9	0.06
38	MWD	3422	0.53	236.72	94	3397.02	2.01	-1.40	91.7	0.02
39	MWD	3517	1.14	278.64	95	3492.01	0.87	0.64	44.1	0.03
40	MWD	3611	1.58	273.98	94	3585.98	0.48	0.47	-5.0	0.04

Kr line has become steeper and matches the slope of the surface dynamometer card when the 2750 ft length of rods equals the depth to the point where the sticking force is applied.

Sticking mechanical force appears to be approximately equal to 7000 lbs. The 1"rod string stretches 7000/744= 9 inches to over come the 7000 lbs force applied at 2750 ft.

Depth to the location where the mechanical sticking force is applied is 2600-2750 ft. This mechanical sticking force causes the surface loads to be approximately 7000 lbs higher.

Pump stroke is shorter. The pump card to the right at 2750 ft has a max stroke of 150 inches and the surface stroke is 168.



# 3.74 Dogleg Severity @ 2605 MD (ft)



Well Head Tubing Inspection Report "Depth Graph" shows greater than 50% wall loss at a depths of 2700 ft.



# Need to remove all but top 2750 ft of 1" Rods.



#### **Observations – Mechanical Friction**

- Rods stretch to pickup Fluid Load
- Rods <u>also stretch</u> to overcome downhole mechanical friction
- When rod, Kr, spring force exceeds the down hole mechanical friction force, then rods and plunger can move
- "Effective" Treatment of paraffin friction "should" show change in rod Loading, pump stroke, and/or horsepower
- Dogleg severity and stuffing box friction are mechanical friction forces that are applied at a point in the well
- Wave Equation will calculate EXTREMELY unusual pump card shapes, when mechanical friction forces not applied at the pump occur somewhere else along the rod string
- Dogleg severity <u>limits</u> should be enforced when the well is drilled
- Severe Doglegs in the upper section of the well should be avoided, because of resulting extreme mechanical friction forces being applied to the rod string

# Dog Leg Severity (DLS) had been used as recommendations to drill oil and gas wells

- Dog Leg Severity (DLS) Recommended Limits:
  - Provide "trouble free" operating conditions
  - Historically based on vertical, shallow (<5000 ft.) deep wells
  - With the current drilling and operating practices of deviated and/or horizontal wells, these recommendations may no longer be applicable
  - Deviation measurement interval (degrees/100 ft.) may no longer be representative of downhole problems using existing rod string design software
  - Paper provides <u>new recommendations for drilling wells</u> for better, longer term, less problematic operation of operating Sucker Rod Lifted (SRL) vertical, deviated and horizontal wells

"DOG LEG SERVERITY (DLS) AND SIDE LOAD (SL) RECOMMENDATIONS TO DRILLING", Hein & Rowlan, SWPSC 2019

# Dogleg severity friction is mechanical friction forces that are applied at a point in the well

- For vertical wells previous Rule of Thumb if Dog Leg Severity (DLS):
  - Deviation 0 to 3 degrees/100 ft. <u>no problem</u> !@#\$%^&
  - Deviation 3 to 5 degrees/100 ft. increased wear & friction
  - Deviation >5 degrees/100 ft. will have problems (doesn't mean can't pump, just extra precautions may be required or may have increased operating costs, failures, decreased run time/life, etc.)
- Now, with improved deviation measuring equipment
  - Degrees per 100 ft. are not be sufficient to provide accurate impact of a dogleg
  - Best to run tubing gyro surveys at 1 foot intervals then process to the rod string design program interval limit

# Recommended Dogleg Severity Limits to Control Drilling a Wellbore

Dogleg	Wellbore Location				
Severity (Deg)	Above Kickoff				
< 0.50	0 to 1,500 feet				
< 1.00	1,500 feet to 25% of distance to Kickoff				
< 1.25	25 to 50% of distance to Kickoff				
< 1.50	50 to 75% of distance to Kickoff				
< 2.50	75% to 50 feet above top of pump				
< 1.00	50 feet above top pump to Kickoff				

Use predictive rod design software to limit the degree of Dogleg Severity to calculated side loading acting on a 25 foot rod to be less than 200 lbs.

#### Use TVD Rod Weight in Fluid Because 621 Lbs of Wrf Resting on Tubing Side



#### Pump Card NOT Positioned Correctly Without Correction for TVD Wrf and Piston Force



# High Dog-Leg or Kick Off Bad for the Environment? Pad Drilling ~ Bad?





# Polycore







Applications

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Maximum Temperature 260°C

# **TVD Rod Weight Observations**

- 1. TVD Rod Weight Adjustment Positions the pump on zero load line reasonably well in horizontal wells
- 2. Mechanical Rod on Tubing Friction in horizontal wells low because rod load is typically low below kickoff
- 3. Setting the pump below the kickoff point increases downhole failures
- Pump set in the curved section results is 3x more failures, set pump in horizontal section results in 2x more failures; than setting pump above kickoff

# Conclusion

- Pump card is the "Trash Can" for Mechanical Loads NOT applied at the Pump.
- Forces discussed:
  - **1. Mechanical Friction**
  - 2. Tubing Back-pressure Piston Force on polished rod
  - 3. True Vertical Rod Weight.
- Mechanical friction due to
  - 1. Over-tight Stuffing Box
  - 2. Down hole sticking due to Severe Dog Leg in wellbore profile
  - 3. Friction from Paraffin along a section of the rod strong.
- These external forces impact measured surface loads, down hole stroke length, horsepower and plunger velocity, plus calculated rod loading at the pump or other locations in the rod string.

#### Horizontal Well Downhole Dynamometer Project Update

- Directly measured load and position data is required to validate and improve the accuracy of the existing software for deviated wells
- A new generation of down-hole sensors are required to gather true measured forces and stresses
- This data will be used to improve design software for rod systems
- Participants in the project will have first access to data, results, and developed tools



#### Horizontal Well Downhole Dynamometer Project

#### Tools

- Placed along the rod string for collecting and storing data on-board
- Location of tools to be determined by deviation survey

Sensors:

- 3 axis accelerometer position & relative gravity vector
- Multiple load cells linear loading, plus bending and compression
- Pressure, temperature, vibration, etc.
- Synchronized clocks for correlating data across multiple tools



