



REVITALISING MATURE SHUT-IN NORTH SEA WELLS

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AGENDA

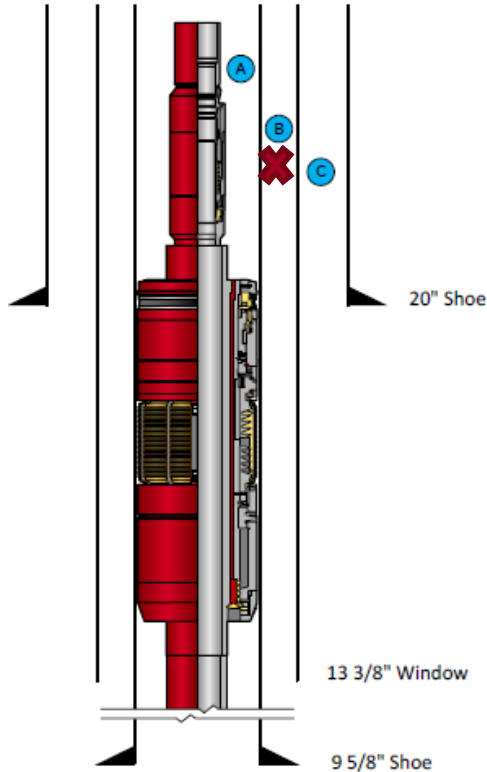
Challenge Accepted – How to do More With Less

Tangible Solutions and the Technical Drivers

AGLS Solution Case Study

Solutions For The Future.....

WELL INTEGRITY IN MATURE WELLS – THE CHALLENGE



- Well integrity presents one of the biggest industry challenges today and amounts for over 60% of the wells shut in today.
- In the case of this North Sea Operator, the particular field of interest requires gas lift which adds its own regulatory challenges when utilizing mature wells. ASV requirements etc.
- In this case, the 13 3/8" casing could no longer be used as a secondary barrier due to shallow window.
- Field production extension primary goal – economically of course

Slot
Recovery?

Any Other
Solutions



TO DRILL... OR NOT TO DRILL



Keeps
drilling
contractors
happy!

Option to
increase
reservoir
contact

Solve any
emerging
sand
control
issues

Fullbore
Reservoir
Access



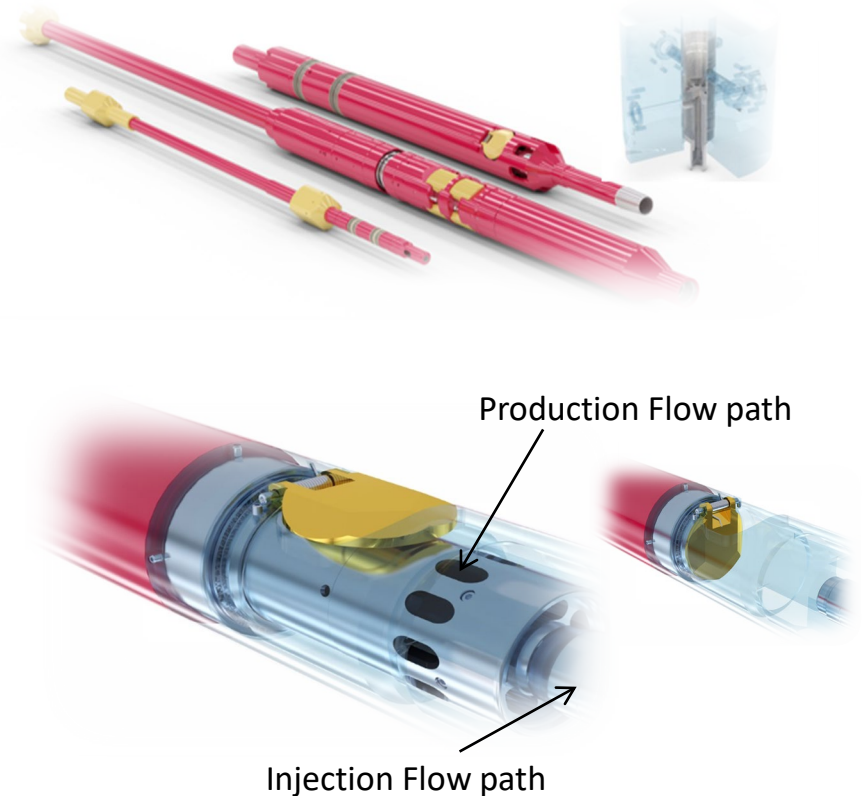
Cost



Carbon
Footprint

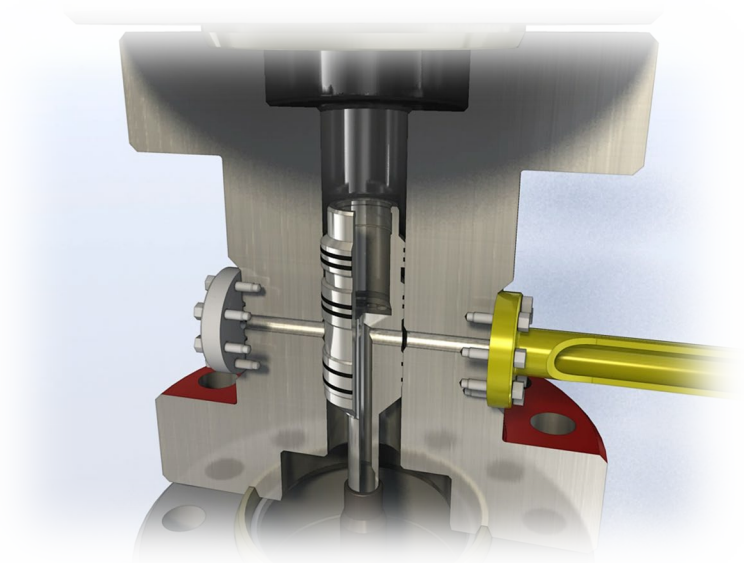
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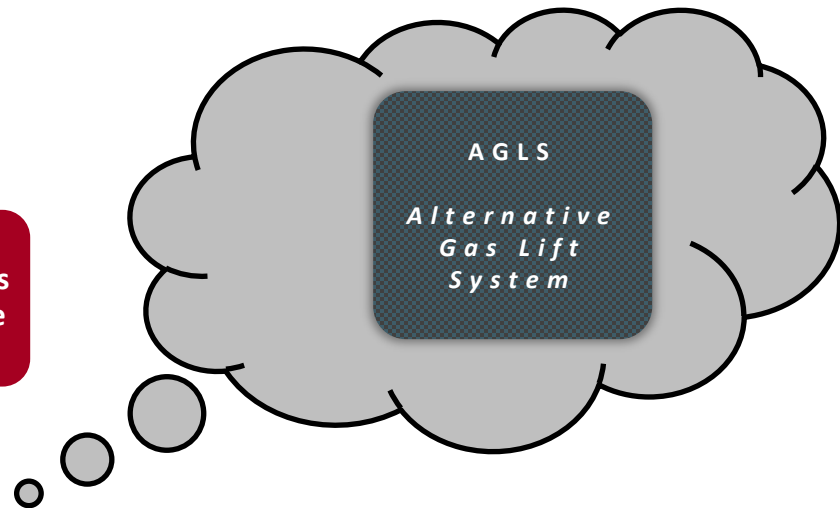
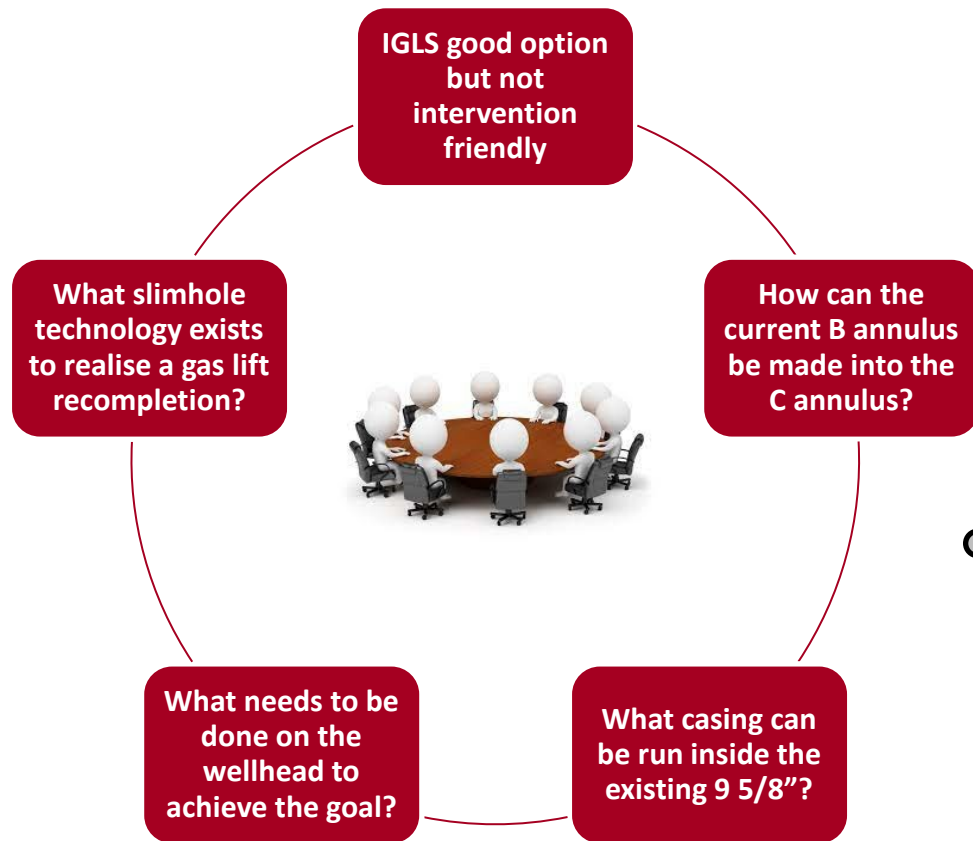


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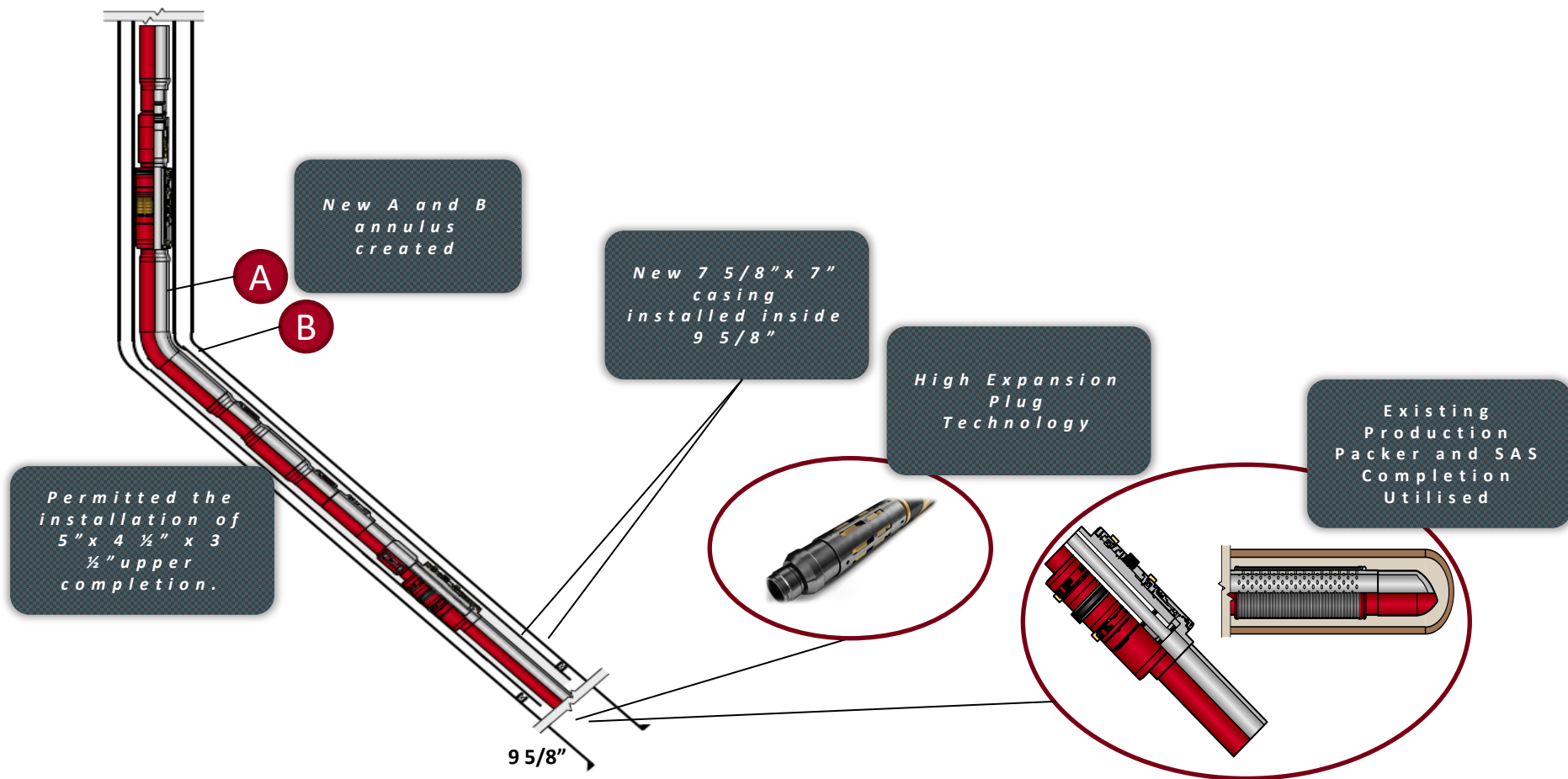
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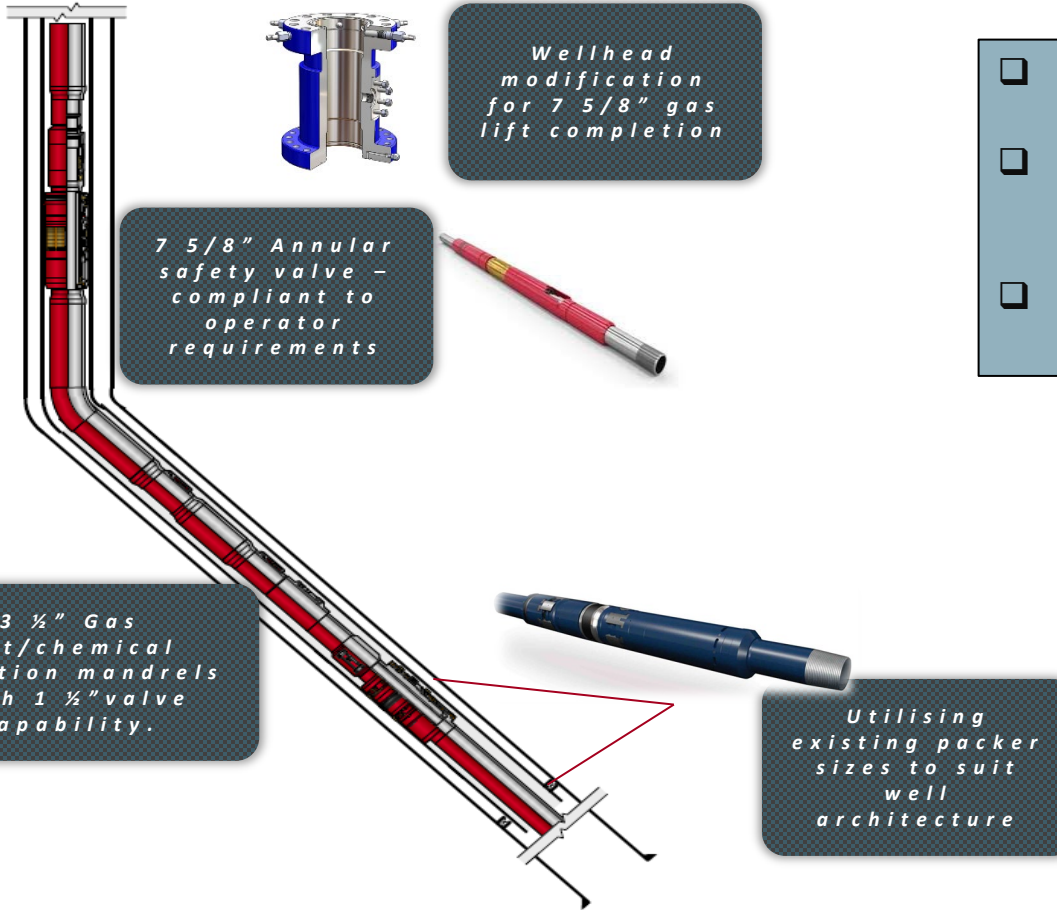
WHAT MORE CAN WE DO..... WITH LESS?



ALTERNATIVE GAS LIFT COMPLETION DESIGN – SLIMHOLE CONCEPT

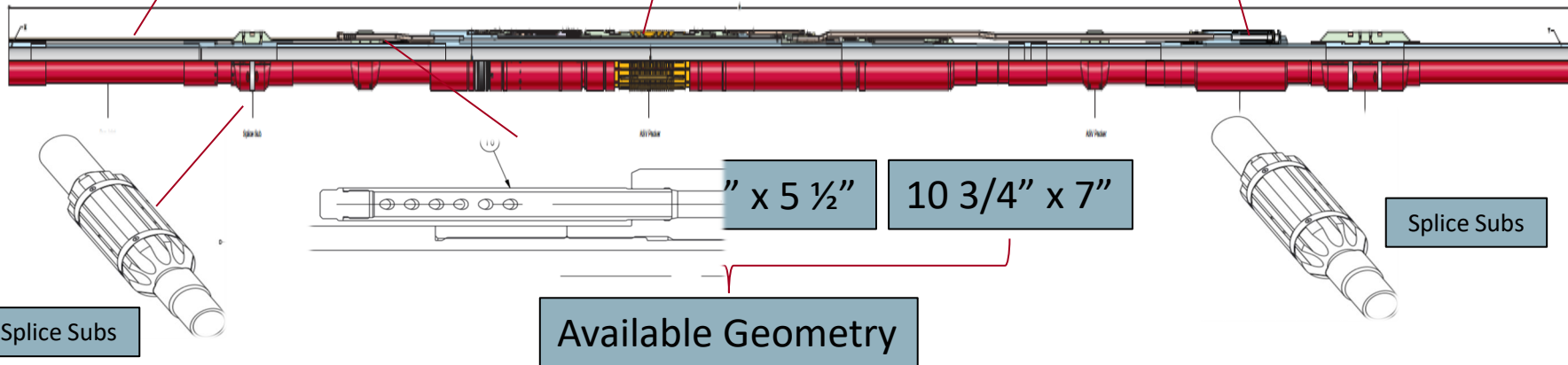
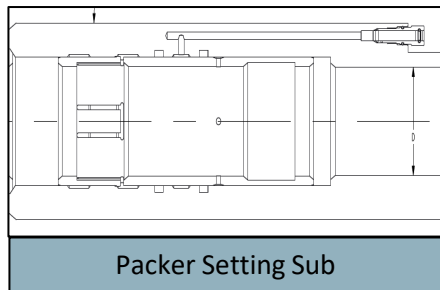


CHALLENGES TO REALISE THE SOLUTION



- ☐ Much reduced tubing size - 5" x 3 1/2"
- ☐ Smaller bore = increased friction..... More water?
- ☐ Would the wells produce to the levels required?

ANNULAR SAFETY VALVE – WHAT WAS AVAILABLE?



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Multiple Options Considered

- 7 5/8" x 4 1/2"
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- 7 5/8" 29.7# x 3 1/2 9.2#" (Preferred design)

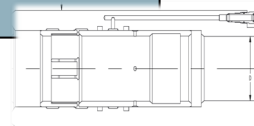
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Two Options Considered

- Direct hydraulic set from surface
- Mechanical setting sub



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Utilise current platform and keep existing safety valve design.



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Optimised Line Configuration

- 2 x 1/4" Feedthroughs (TEC)
- 1 x 1/4" Packer setting line
- 1 x 3/8" Chemical injection
- 1 x Gas injection line



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Options to put safety valve above or below the ASV packer.

- Above yielded ~50% pressure drop through system

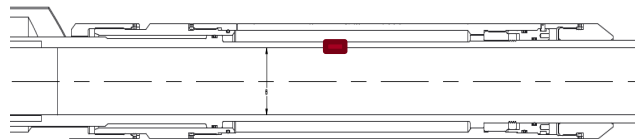
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Punch to release mandrel

- 3rd party collaboration for wireline deployed punch tool. Collet sub above.

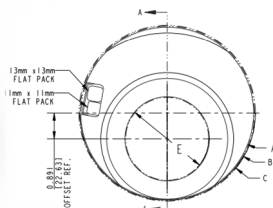


WELL PERFORMANCE – GAS LIFT AND CHEMICAL INJECTION

**3 ½" Mandrel with
1 ½" Barrier
qualified valve**

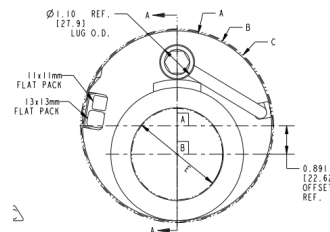
**High yield mandrel
development**

**Barrier qualified
check valves**



**5.961"
Max OD**

**3 ½" Side pocket
chemical injection
mandrel with 1 ½"
chemical injection valve
with Anti U-tube**



**5.961"
Max OD**

MEASURING SUCCESS



- ❑ 5 wells completed utilizing this alternative well architecture
- ❑ Production rates higher than originally anticipated, helped by the ability to deploy gas lift as deep as possible
- ❑ P&A friendly well design
- ❑ Well integrity re-established by creating a “new” annulus



60-75%
Reduction

Payback 5
months



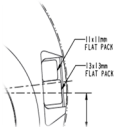
ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR ALL SITUATIONS

9 5/8" and 13 3/8" Integrity Intact – AGLS Hybrid

- Deep sidetrack now becomes a more economic prospect
 - No need to sidetrack shallow out 13 3/8" or 9 5/8"
- A and B annulus remain intact
- Ability to utilize standard inventory 9 5/8" x 5 1/2" Annular Safety Valves being utilized elsewhere
- No extended C-Section required
- 7 5/8" x 7" utilized to top of reservoir
- 3 1/2" GLM's + 1 1/2" GLV's still used however deeper than previously achievable

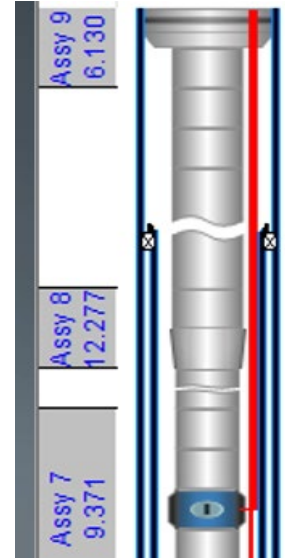
Ongoing Developments – Slimmer Line 3 1/2" GLM/CIM

- Currently awaiting to install 3 1/2" GLM and CIM with 1 1/2" valves to be installed inside 7" 29# casing
 - 5.730" Max Running OD, 6,500psi
 - 6 wells 2022
- Gas lift and flow assurance as DEEP as possible



7 5/8" Liner Hanger as Casing Hanger

- No need to utilize extended C-Section and makes it possible to install AGLS with standard hanger
- Deep sidetrack possible, 7" liner
- Annular pressure system being developed to avoid requirement to punch 9 5/8" casing to bleed off pressure
- RIH 7 5/8" x 7" tie back seal stem with anchor
- Drill 6" Hole and run screens
- Install AGLS completion



And the options keep growing.....

ITS NOT ONE SIZE FITS ALL - COLLABORATION

