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# XACT Acoustic Telemetry Network

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A new acoustic telemetry system  
enables deepwater operators to  
manage pressures in real-time from  
drilling through completion installation

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# The need for downhole data



Uncertainty and lack of information about well conditions are some of the biggest risk associated with operations in complex wells.

Getting the right information at the right time, is essential for safe, successful, cost effective operations.

Real-time downhole data is currently limited to on bottom drilling time which on a deepwater rig can be less than 15% of total rig time.

# Acoustic telemetry network

Sends data almost anytime drill or workstrings are in the well

FEATURES	ACOUSTIC TELEMETRY	FORMATION INDEPENDENT	FULLY THROUGH-BORE
	DISTRIBUTED REAL-TIME MEASUREMENTS	HIGHER DATA RATES THAN MP/EM	OPTIMIZED FOR BI-DIRECTIONAL
	FLUID INDEPENDENT/ WORKS WITH NO FLUID	EASY/RAPID TO DEPLOY AND DE-MOB	
	FLOW/PUMPING INDEPENDENT	DATA RATE IS NOT DEPTH LIMITED	
	Exclusive enabling technology allows new approaches to well construction/completions		



# Acoustic telemetry network

Same telemetry network across multiple applications

APPLICATION	CEMENTING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TCP GUN OPERATIONS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INTERVAL ECD'S <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	FRAC AND GRAVEL PACK INSTALLATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DEPLETED AND FRACTURED RESERVOIRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MANAGED PRESSURE DRILLING/CEMENTING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	LINER AND CASING RUNNING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DOWNHOLE NEGATIVE TESTING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DOWNHOLE MUD RHEOLOGY
	DRILLING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DOWNHOLE FORMATION INTEGRITY TEST <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DATA BELOW CLOSED BOP'S <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	AIR DRILLING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO FLOW AND LOW FLOW OPERATIONS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DATA DURING WELL CONTROL OPERATIONS
	TRIPPING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LINER DRILLING	DOWNHOLE TOOL ACTIVATION
	WELL TESTING (DST) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

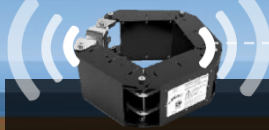
Denotes application where XACT has been utilized commercially.

# How it works

Making your drillstring smart with our easy to deploy network



EAR Wireless receiver  
at surface C1D1



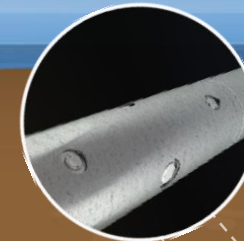
On site Laptop



Onward transmission  
via WITS

Typical node separation  
in vertical +/- 5,000 FT

Distributed measurement nodes  
Acoustic repeaters spaced along  
string



Acoustic Isolator below  
deepest tool

Typical node separation  
in lateral +/- 3,000 FT

## FAST AND SIMPLE IMPLEMENTATION

Place surface laptop in safe zone

Attach wireless receiver at surface

Pick-up deepest acoustic node with isolator  
as making-up BHA

Pick-up subsequent nodes as needed  
during trip in hole/while drilling

Network is bidirectional

# Downhole tools

## Mechanical design optimized for drilling/completion applications

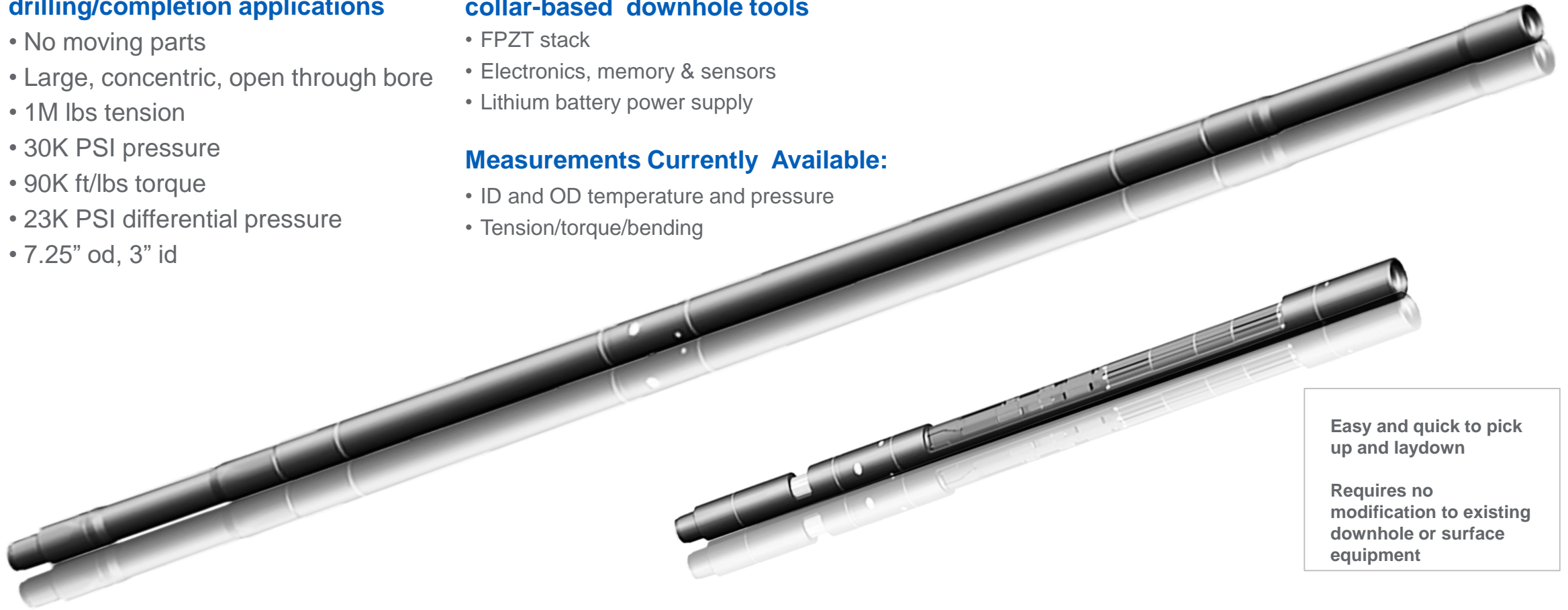
- No moving parts
- Large, concentric, open through bore
- 1M lbs tension
- 30K PSI pressure
- 90K ft/lbs torque
- 23K PSI differential pressure
- 7.25" od, 3" id

## Acoustic technology is packaged in collar-based downhole tools

- FPZT stack
- Electronics, memory & sensors
- Lithium battery power supply

## Measurements Currently Available:

- ID and OD temperature and pressure
- Tension/torque/bending



Easy and quick to pick up and laydown

Requires no modification to existing downhole or surface equipment

# Deepwater TCP Operation

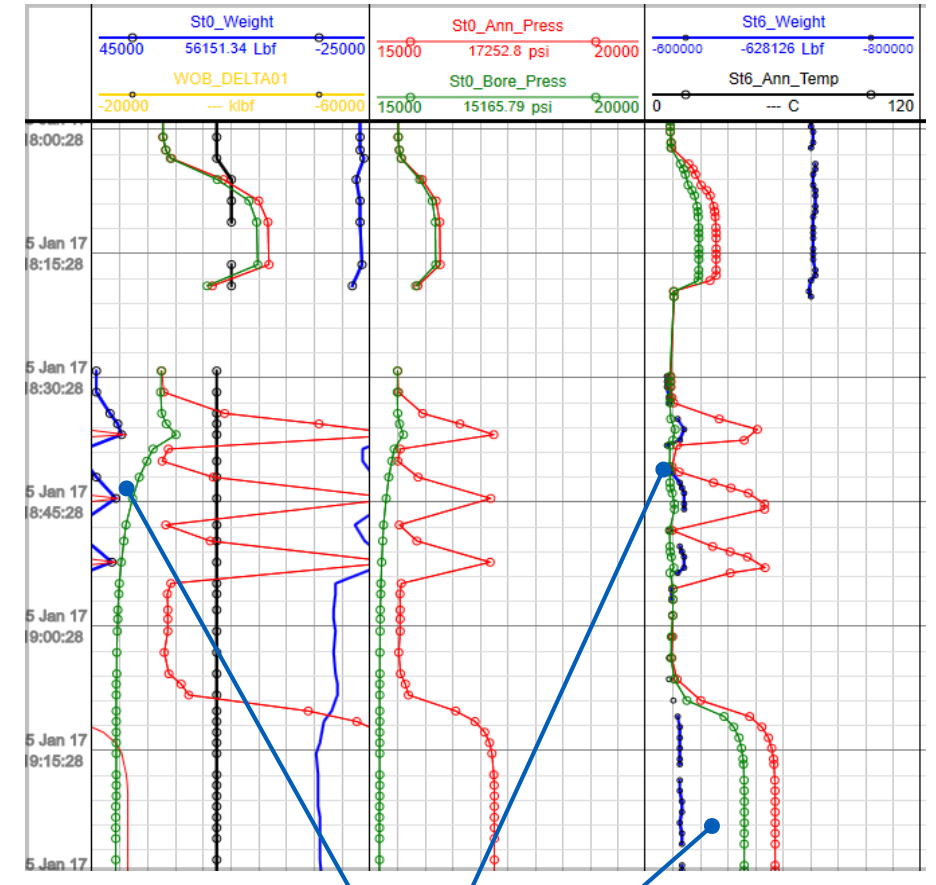
## Objectives

- Gun firing verification
- Verification of IRDV positioning, in case of need to drop detonation bar
- Injectivity analysis

## Benefits to Customer

- 6 hrs. from troubleshooting TCP valve position in next TCP run w/o XACT
- If troubleshooting is not successful in determining the position of the TCP valve then...
- Contingency of dropping detonating bar is not available
- ~54 hrs. of rig time:
- POOH, installing down/up of TCP manifold and iron, RIH again

With upcoming Surface Tool ability to fire guns remotely eliminates surface rig up and rig down of high pressure lines for safety and efficiency gains



Valve cycling through positions – Bore pressure drops when in blank position reading reservoir pressure (with hydrostatic offset)

Station 6 shows response above valve confirming circulate position  
Downhole tensions show set down weight

# Deepwater – MINIFRAC Analysis

Improve productivity

## Objectives

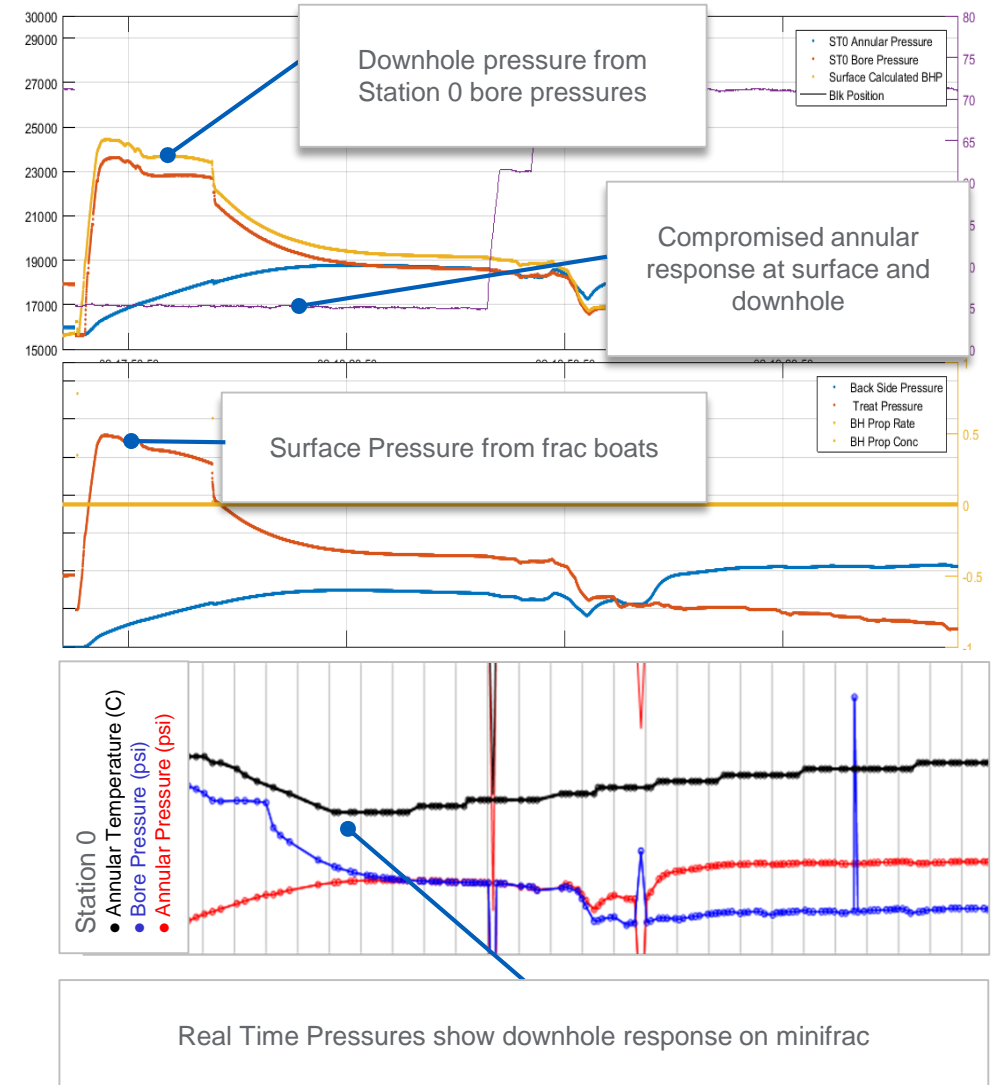
- Confirmation of frac model for optimum reservoir coverage
- Minimize skin, increase productivity index
- Increase time to intervention

## Benefits to Customer

- Minimize Frac interference in massive reservoirs
- 10-20% increase in PI
- Increase in production 100-200 bpd (1000 psi drawdown assumption, low KH reservoir <20000md-ft. 1 yr cumulative production: \$1.5-2.5M
- Reduced skin increased over time – increase time to intervention

## Burst Telemetry

- Currently testing 1-3 second RT data resolution for
- Critical analysis such as Minifrac in downhole conditions



# Deepwater Multi-Zone Frac Pack Operations

Prevention of npt by full knowledge of downhole conditions

## Objectives

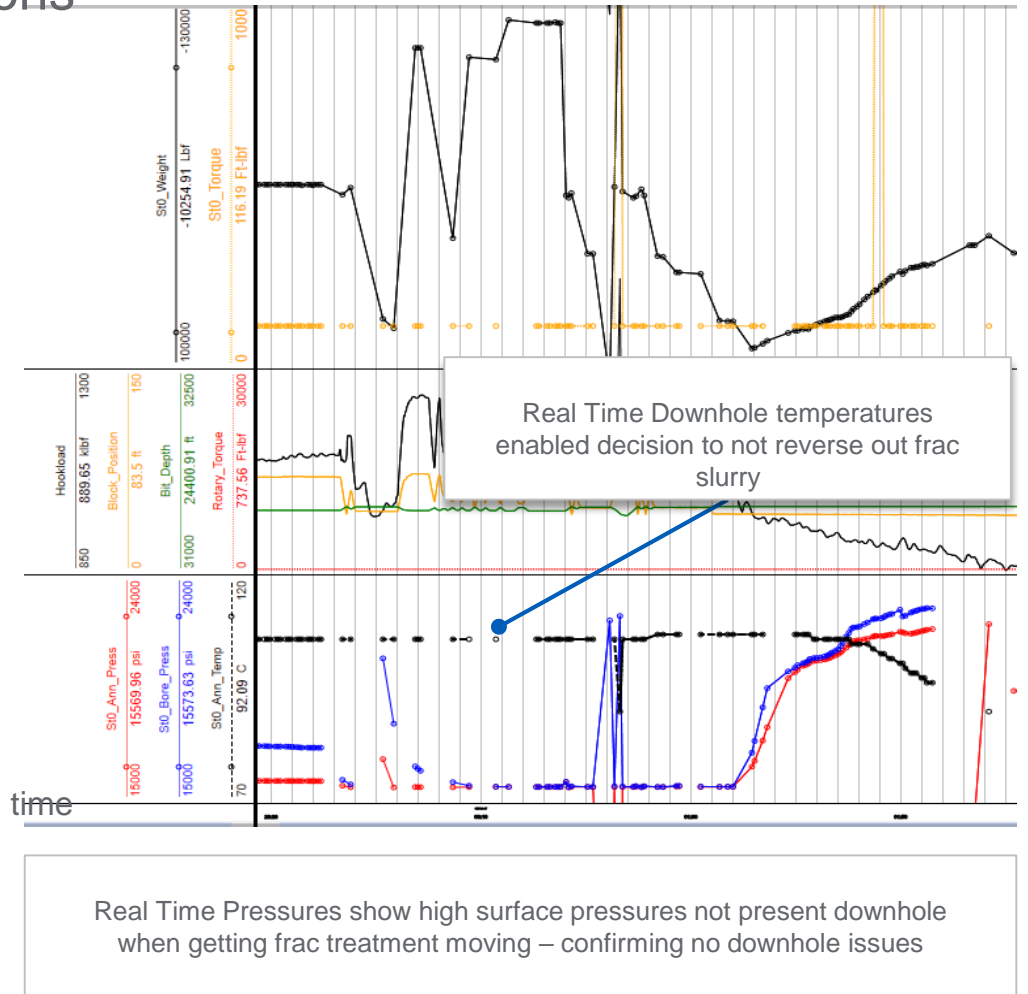
- Avoid wash pipe buckling
- Verify service tool positions
- Optimize frac operation

## Service tool got stuck after spotting frac

- Got free after max pull-utilizing downhole data
- Pulled safely to maximum downhole without compromising assembly integrity
- Temp. measurements verified frac fluid condition avoiding reversing out/disposing fluid
- BH Pressures allowed frac to continue after high surface pressures were observed

## Savings to Customer: 10-14 days of NPT

- Rig spread rate
- Coiled tubing unit for 4 days
- Reversing disposing of frac fluid + proppant and new batch of frac slurry + boat and rig time
- Total cost savings > \$10M in 6 hours, three
- Separate incidents, 3 separate decisions

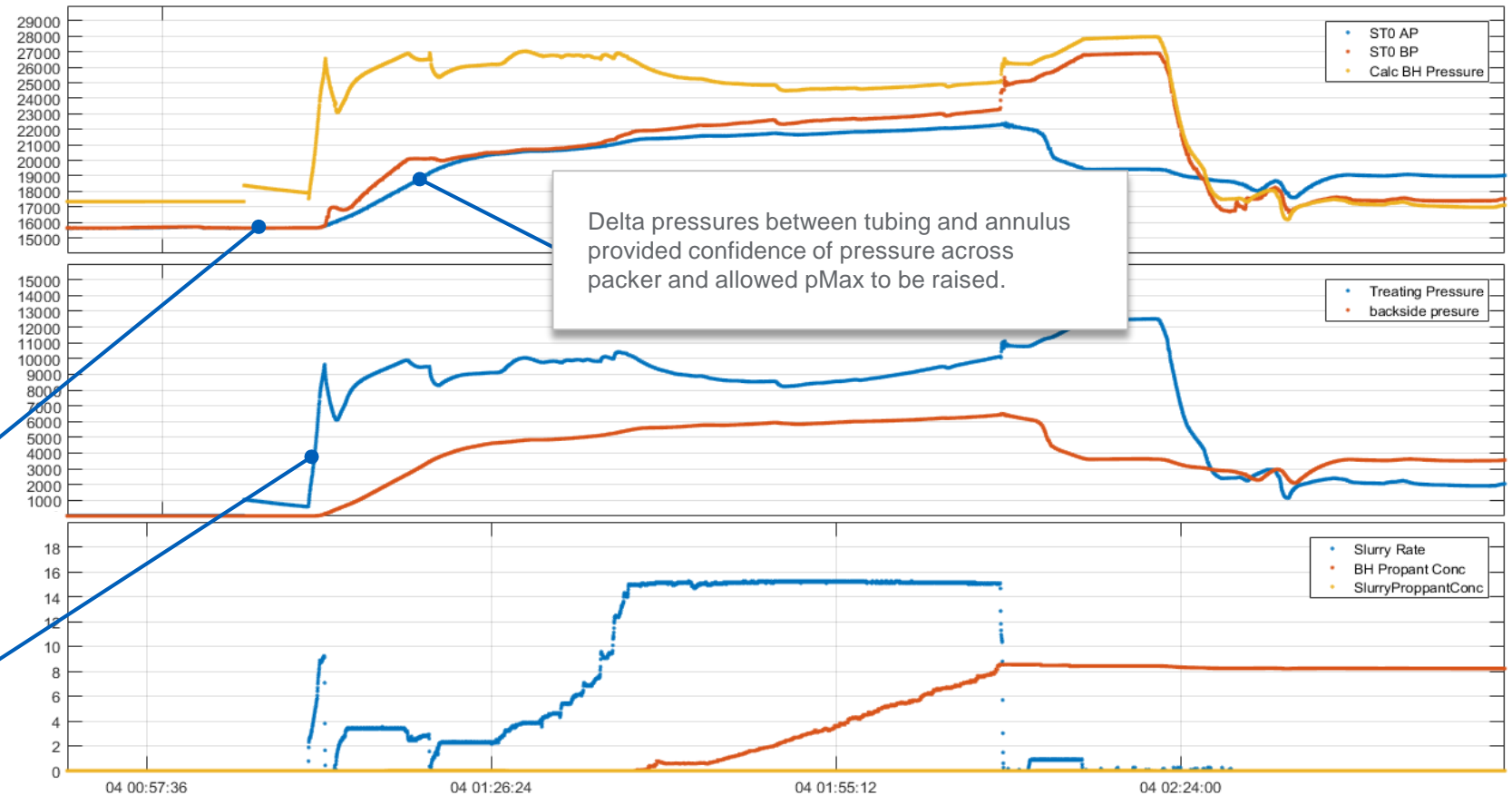


# Surface and Downhole Pressures varied Materially

Comparison of downhole pressures to surface treating and annular pressures at the start of the lower frac. Downhole pressures enabled rapid evaluation of the cause of the high surface treating pressures and allowed the frac to proceed with minimal trouble shooting time and avoid reversing the slurry out.

Downhole tubing pressure (red) shows much lower pressures, indicating the frictional pressure is along the drill pipe not at the downhole tools

Surface treating pressure high due to stationary slurry. The annular pressure response was slow, which had also been seen in the minifrac and did not give a good indication of downhole conditions



# Fluid loss control

## Fluid loss control after perforating and stimulation

### Objectives

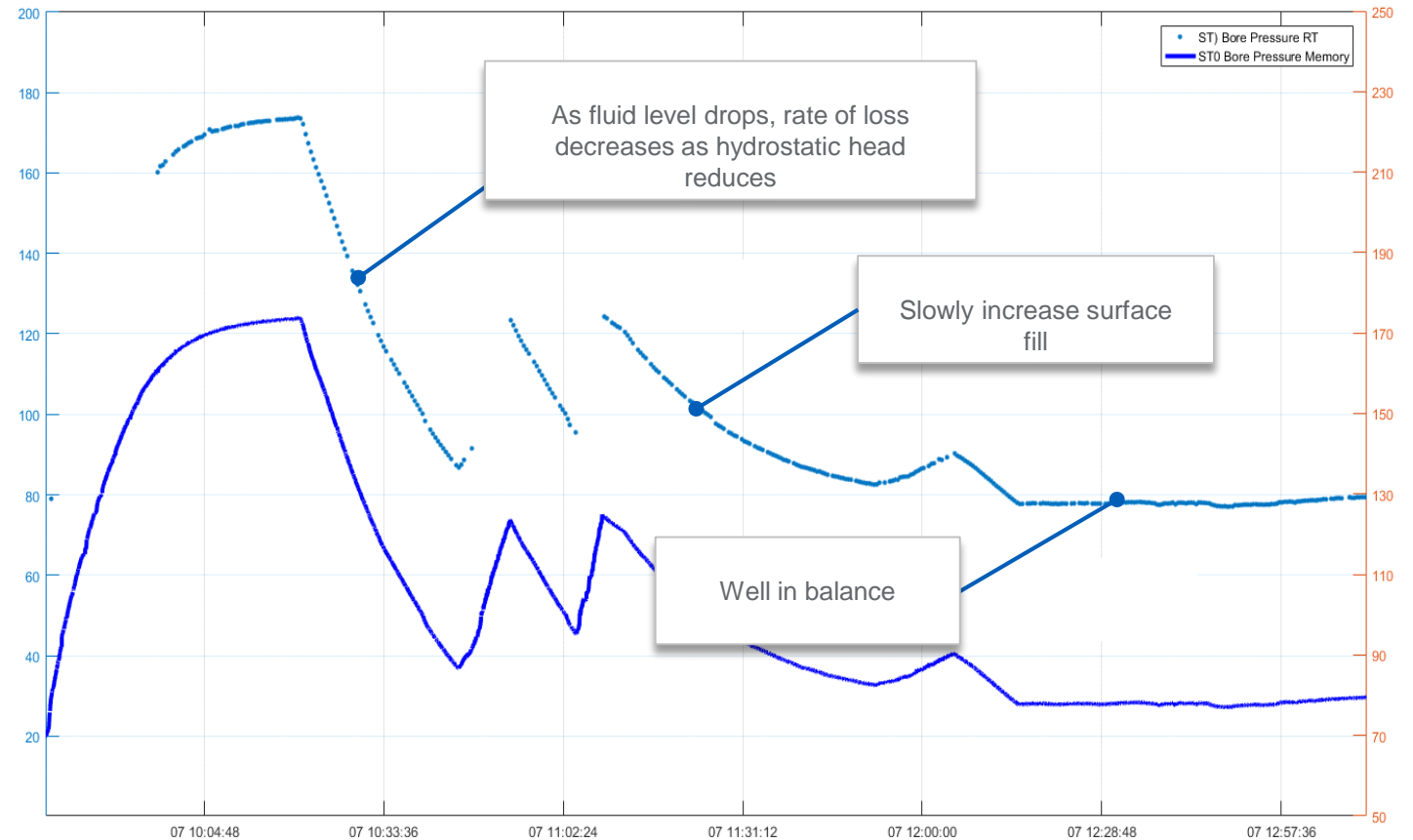
- Continuous validation of fluid barrier to avoid changing completion program
- Minimize fluid losses and avoid FLC pill
- Minimize formation damage

### Top of fluid monitored continuously

- Approved by BSEE
- Optimum overbalance
- In-situ injectivity test to compare skin evolution after frac/stimulation treatment

### Benefits to Customer

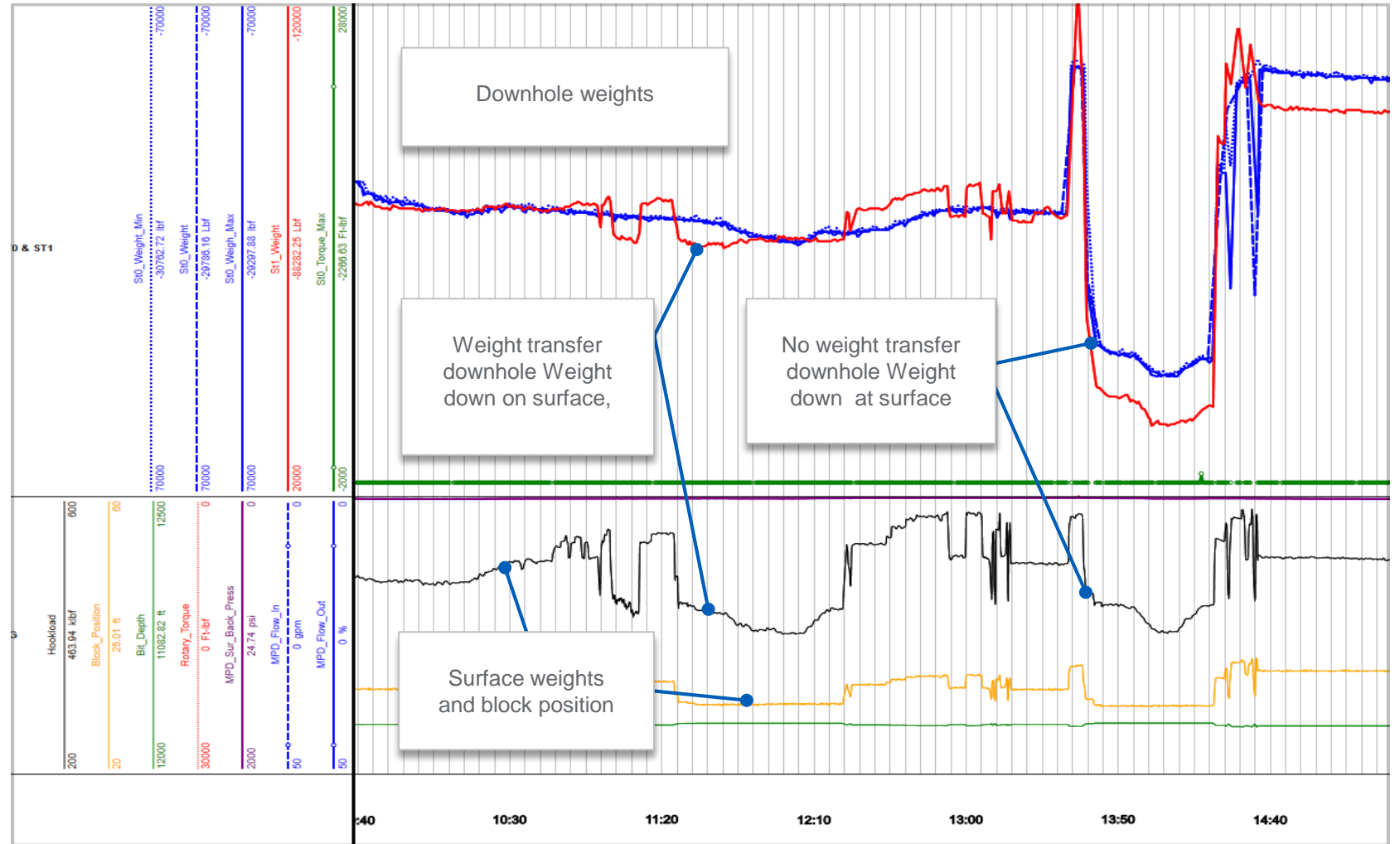
- Saved ~300 bbls of fluid lost in formation (average)
- Minimized formation damage
- Increase safety of operations by continuous pressure monitoring



## FULL PRESSURE MANAGEMENT FOR ALL WELL OPERATIONS

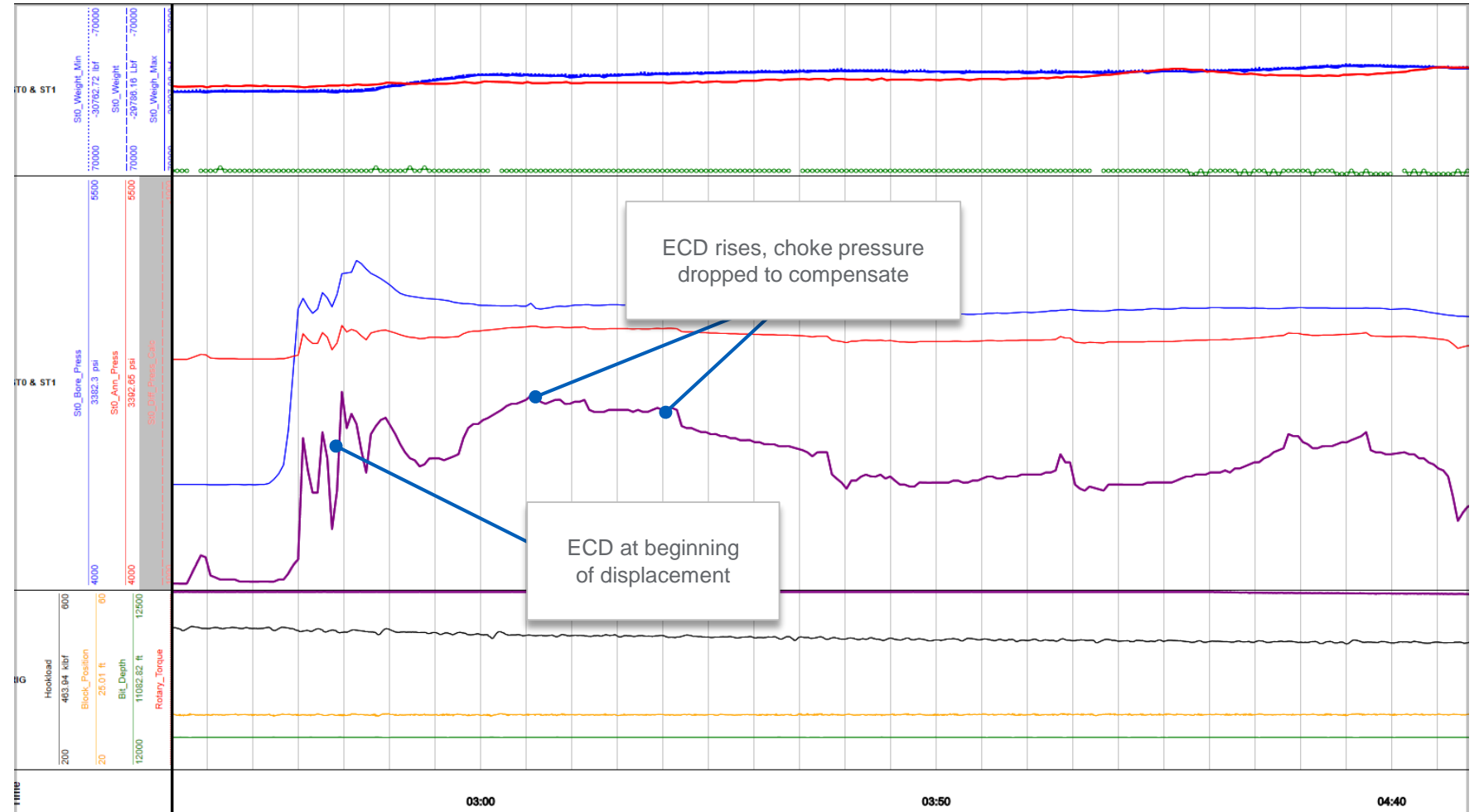
# Weight Transfer is not always what you think?

Understanding the weight transfer downhole allowed the operator to fully understand the problem and rapidly react and proceed with the operational plan



# Real-time Management of Displacement in Tight Margin Well

Understanding the Equivalent mud weight downhole allowed the operator to safely remain within the tight mud window whilst maximizing the displacement rate and improving the efficiency of the operation.



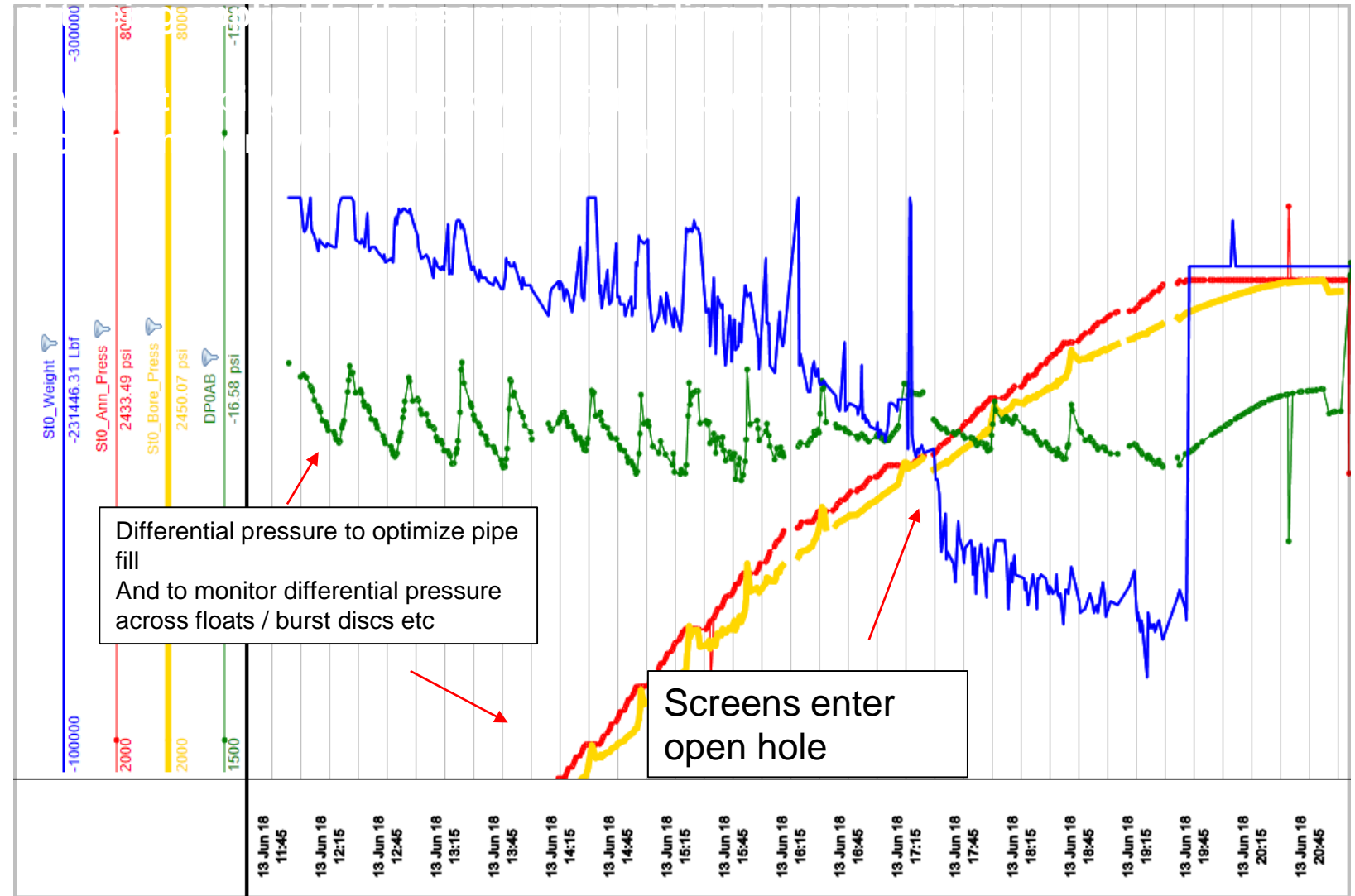
# Screen Running-Tripping In

Ability to monitor the weight being applied to the screens, avoiding damage during installation

Swab and Surge Pressures while tripping in to improve safety and efficiency

Differential pressures used to optimize pipe fill and to monitor across floats and burst disks

Maximizing trip in speed by improving safety and efficiency of tripping whilst avoiding costly NPT and productivity impairment due to damaged screen



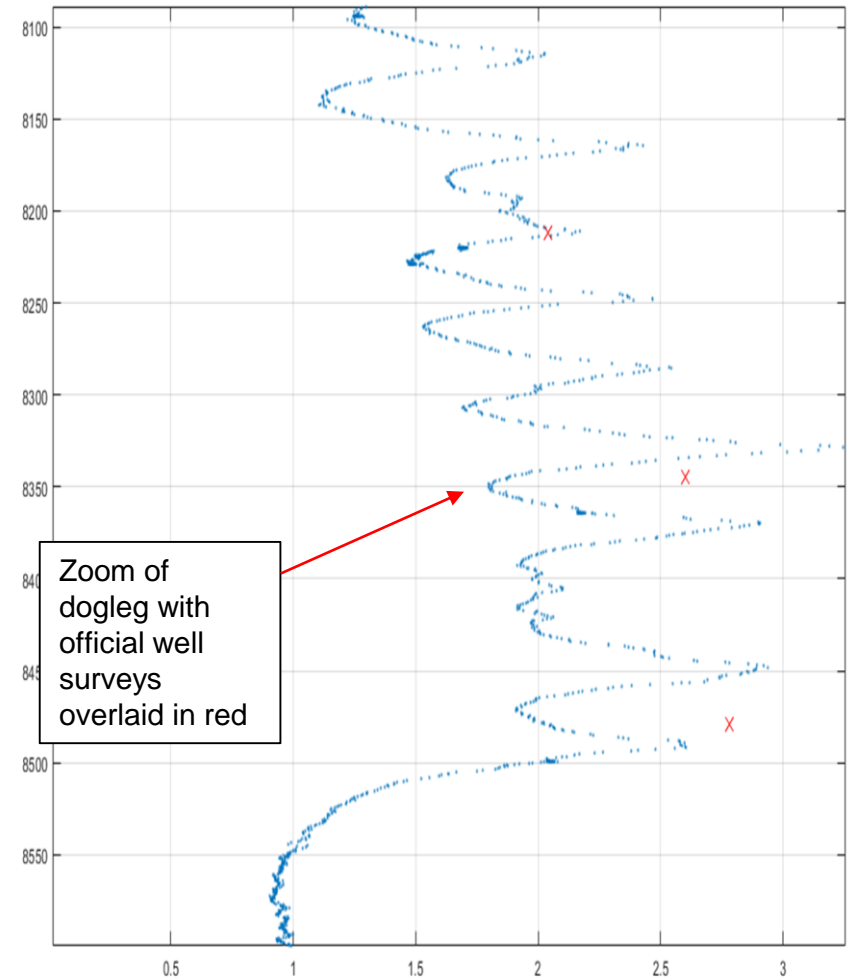
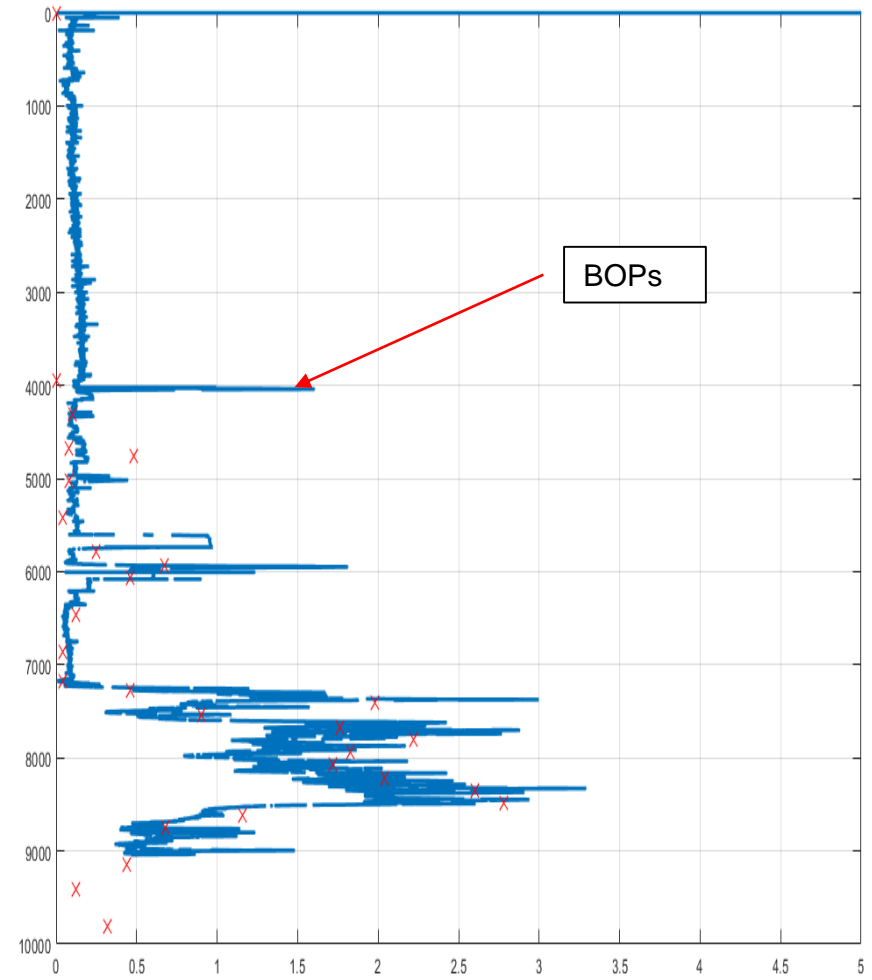
# Screen Running-Micro Dogleg Analysis

**Bending moment converted to a dog leg for a continuous measurement throughout the well**

**Zoom in shows cyclical nature of the dog leg probably due to the rotary steerable moving from active biasing to non active biasing**

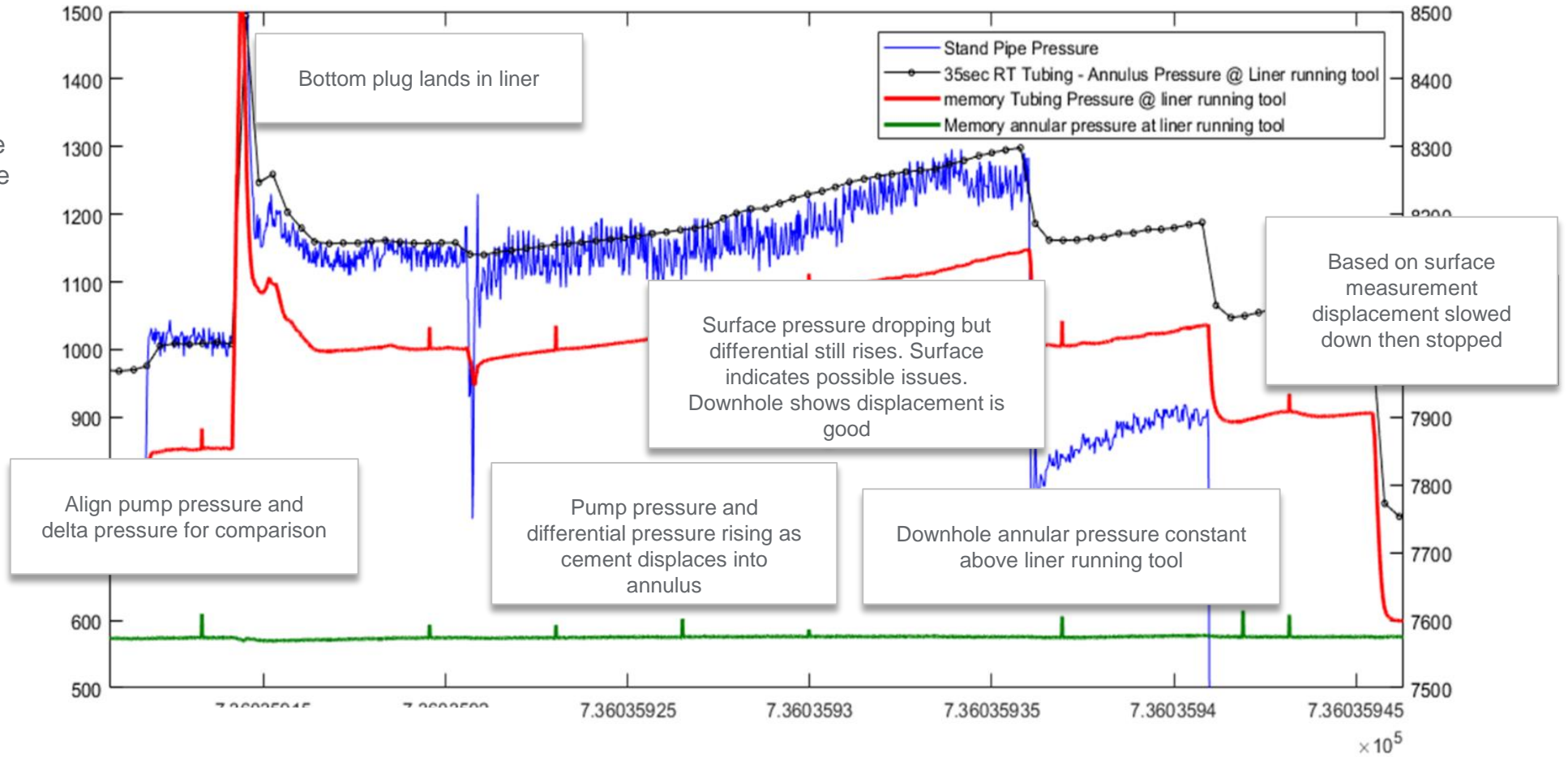
**Normal survey intervals smooth out the variations in dogleg**

**Torque and drag models are affected and can effect casing/liner and screen running operations in complex wells**



# Data while Cementing and Installing Liners

Data while cementing looking at rise pressures downhole. The ability to rotate liners downhole whilst cementing utilizing downhole weight and torque to improve cement coverage for well integrity and zonal isolation. The possibility to revitalize liner drilling in problematical zones, depleted reservoirs and total loss zones



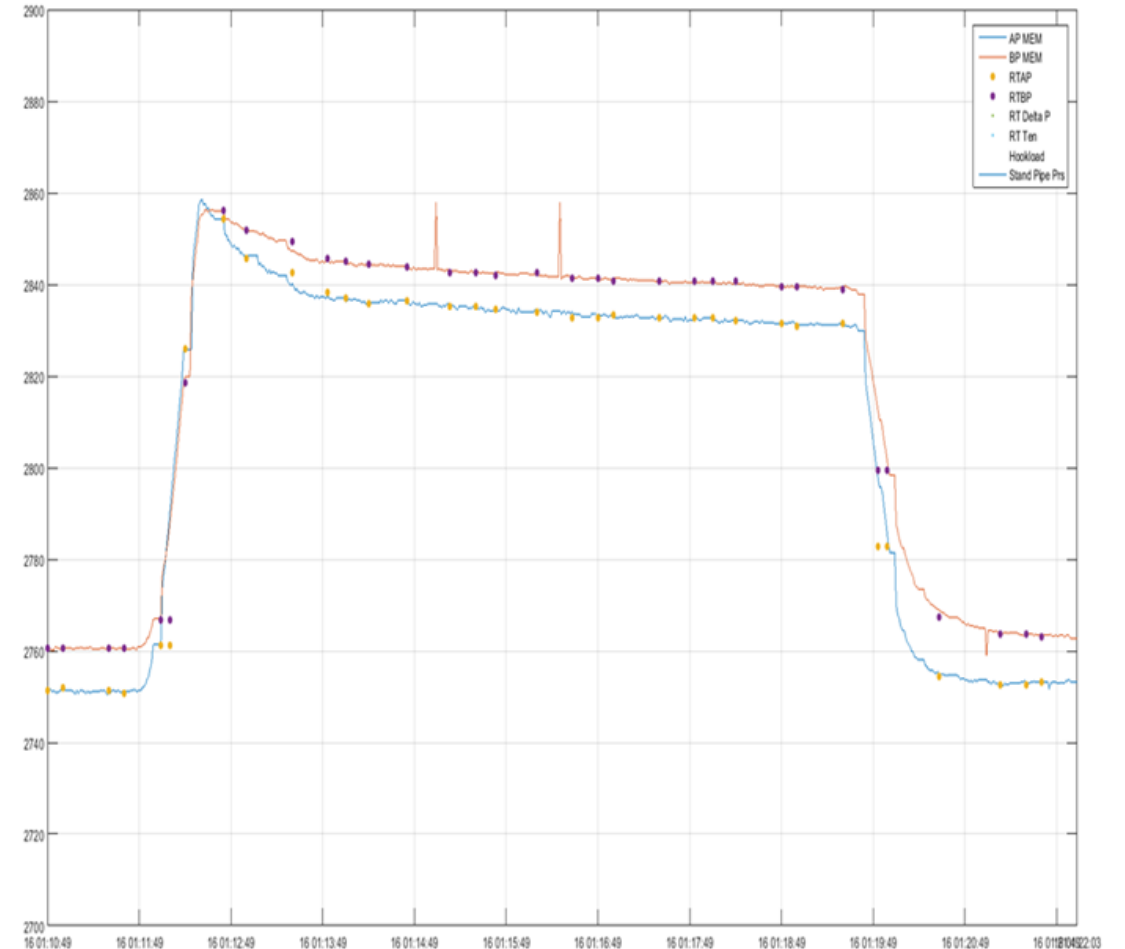
# Riserless Formation Integrity Test

## Objectives

- Real-time data supplied in riserless operation, either side of openhole packer.
- FIT pushed to the limit.
- Full through bore allowed activation of flow control valves using bars and balls
- Allowed wireline logging through the tools
- Allowed for the potential to cement in the same run as necessary
- BSEE Approved

## Value and Efficiency Gains

- Attaching drilling riser and deepwater BOP to do a conventional test was uneconomic
- Identified packer inflating prematurely, ability to troubleshoot downhole devices due to distributed measurements
- 4-6 weeks of efficiency gains by going riserless plus cost of procuring drilling riser and BOP
- Slot has been recovered

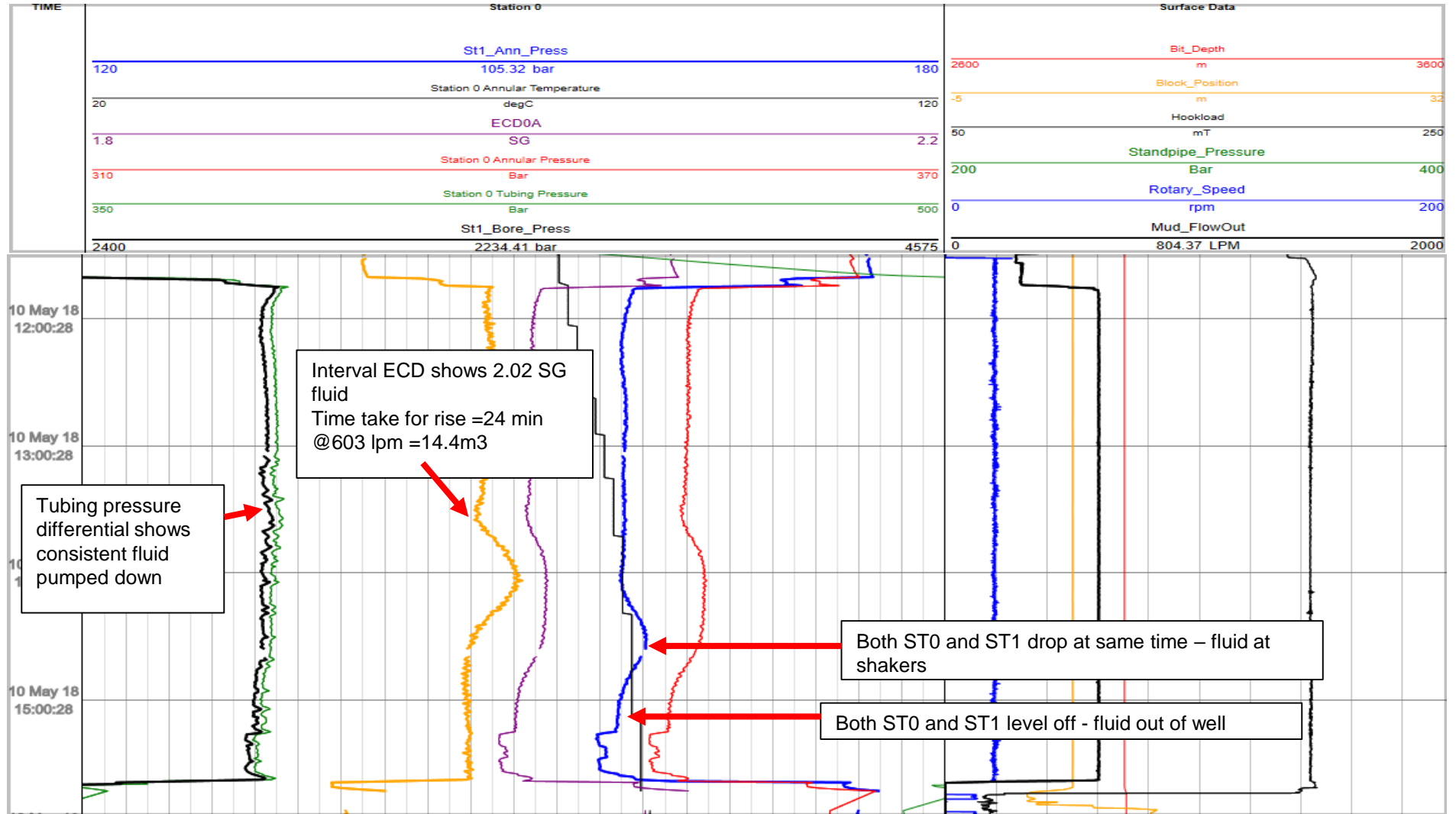


# Drilling Under MPD Conditions Different Mud Densities

Interval ECD shows conditions along the well bore

Calculate volume and density of slugs of fluid moving up the annulus

If the mud is not consistent a static FIT based on surface measurements may be skewed.



# Conclusions

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Real-time data now available during operations where downhole data was never available before

Downhole data conclusively shows that what you are reading on surface is very often materially different from what is actually happening downhole

This technology has been field proven in the deepwater and in complex wells

The technology has been proven right across well construction from Drilling through Completion Installation

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