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ouston is not the Oil Capital of the World because we have the most oil; we are the Oil Capital of the World because we have the oil know-how — a critical mass of it! If we want to continue to be such, we need to develop more "home-grown" engineers. That means we must invest our time and our money in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) initiatives.

Here are some sobering statistics that were shared at the Engineering, Science and Technology Council of Houston Leadership Retreat by former NASA astronaut Bonnie Dunbar, who heads up the University of Houston STEM Center:

- 70% of the PhD candidates in US universities are from other countries and will go back home after earning their degrees.
- China has 10 times the number of US engineering graduates, and India has four times as many.
- The US ranks #27 of developed countries in proportion of college students earning science or engineering degrees.
- A 2012 report to the US President titled "Engage to Excel" stated we need I million more college graduates with STEM degrees.
- One-third of Houston's jobs require graduates with STEM degrees. We are the #5 city in the US in terms of demand for such grads, but #72 in terms of supply.
- Of Houston's current STEM-related workers, 24% were born in other countries, 38% were born in other states, and 38% were born in Texas.

Our Section's Community Services Committee supports a variety of STEM programs to help develop future SPE members. Here are some events that need volunteers and judges:

- Science Engineering Fair of Houston needs 600 judges, Sat., Feb. 22 at the University of
 Houston Alumni Center. Register at www.sefhouston.org. SPE Gulf Coast Section needs
 several judges of our own to award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes for science fair projects dealing
 with oil or geoscience, as we do each year. We also donate \$2,500 as an annual sponsor of this event.
- GEMS Girls Exploring Math and Science, Sat., Feb. 21, 9 am to 1 pm, Houston Museum of Natural Science. Email kfriedemann@hmns.org.
- Serve as a high school student tour guide at OTC, Thurs., May 7, NRG Center. Email energyed@otcnet.org or call 713-457-6873.
- All-Earth Ecobot Challenge, Sat., May 16, NRG Park. Email Doug Kleiner at dkleiner@hcde-texas.org, or call 713-696-8290.

I encourage you to invest your time, talent, and treasure in STEM activities that will inspire school children to think that being an engineer is really pretty cool!



Accepting the President's Award for Section Excellence from 2014 SPE President Jeff Spath at the President's Luncheon at the SPE Annual Technical Conference & Exhibition in Amsterdam.



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19TH / 7:30 AM TO 10:30 AM

Location SPE HOUSTON OFFICE

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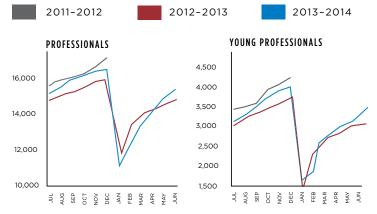
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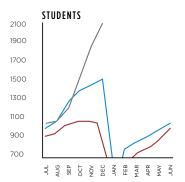
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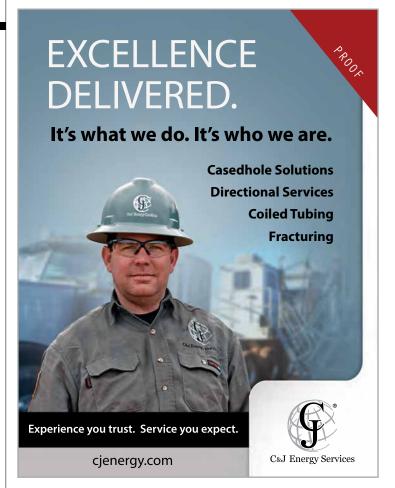
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SPE-GCS MEMBERS	TOTAL	ΥP	TOTAL	YP	
New Members	128	67	196	112	
Transfered to Section	2	1	3	1	
Unpaid	2,678 1,047		2,799	1,094	
STUDENT MEMBERS	PAID	UNPAID	PAID	UNPAID	
Texas A&M	1,363	149	1,326	150	
Rice	82	22	82	21	
НСС	69	20	62	20	
UH	520	155	496	157	
Total	2,086	349	1,966	348	
Total Paid/Unpaid	18,873	3,027	18,501	3,147	
% Paid	8	6 2%	85 5%		











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FEBRUARY

1945

Russian Army advances in recent weeks have swept over all the oil fields and refineries in Poland and Hungary, leaving Germany only the oil fields and refineries near Vienna, Hamburg, and a few insignificant fields in other parts of Germany, Austria, and Czechoslovakia. Virtually all that Germany is left with are their underground storage and synthetic fuel plants.

Due to war-time restrictions and extremely low temperatures in the eastern U.S., gasoline, automobile tires, and fuel oil supplies will reportedly remain tight through at least the balance of 1945.

Two well-known names to Houstonians of the day are in the news, as Wallace Pratt resigns as vice president of Humble Oil's parent company, Standard Oil of New Jersey, and is replaced by former AIME president and Lucas Medal winner John Suman, previously vice president of Humble Oil.

A new method of electrical prospecting for petroleum involving the measurement of subsurface electrical potentials, developed by the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory, is approved for a patent.

East Texas crude oil - \$1.25/bbl

FFBRUARY

1975

Texas Senator and soon-to-be contender for the 1976 Democratic nomination for President, Lloyd Benson, goes to bat for the independent oil producer by sponsoring a bill that would do away with much of the foreign tax benefits and domestic percentage depletion while keeping the depletion allowance for the first 3,000 bbl/day of production by the independents.

Meanwhile next door in the House, Texas Republican Representative Bill Archer is battling in the House Ways and Means Committee to retain the domestic percentage depletion for all operators.

The U.S.G.S. and the Department of Interior press the oil industry to expedite subsea completion technology development for use in certain offshore leases

A noted Canadian oil executive states that the price of Canadian crude oil must reach a minimum of \$13/bbl if Canada is to maintain its petroleum self-sufficiency.

U.S. active rig count - 1,603

FEBRUARY

2005

As a result of strong oil and gas prices and the sizable amounts of cash being generated, E&P executives forecast strong merger and acquisition activity in 2005.

Despite opposition by New Mexico Governor and former Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, the BLM opens limited leasing on environmentally sensitive public lands in the Chihuahuan Desert in Otero and Sierra Counties, New Mexico.

BP begins construction of a 9MW wind farm at its oil and oil products importexport terminal at the port of Amsterdam. (No, the workers there will not be wearing wooden shoes).

Light sweet crude oil - \$46.08/bbl; Natural gas - \$6.11/MMbtu;

U.S. active rig count - 1,280

THE REST OF THE YARN

This month we continue our look back at the life and times of industrialist and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie.

ne of Andrew's skills was harnessing brainpower—he was one of the first U.S. industrialists to pay close attention to laboratory research. Another skill was developing a management team. His management team was strong. One of his key foremen was the legendary William "Captain Bill" Jones, who had a fierce love for the smoke, stench, clamor, and drama of the steel mill, and he infused his men with his excitement. As one historian wrote about Jones, he savored every moment of his working life, even when he was "seared by the heat of the blast furnaces, deafened by the noise of metal rolling over metal, and

nearly blinded by the white, incandescent heat of molten iron."

Carnegie's steel became the structural basis of American greatness, the foundation of the nation's railroads, factories, skyscrapers, and refineries. And in the process, Andrew Carnegie became a multimillionaire.

Carnegie felt divided in his attitude toward the rugged men who made his steel. On the one hand, his idealistic side led him to support an enlightened labor policy, such as the creation of the industry's first eight-hour workday in 1877. On the other hand, he was forever plagued by the need to cut costs to stay competitive. He was also a bit of a martinet—

he never quite developed empathy for Americans who struggled with low wages, perhaps because his own success had come so quickly. In 1892, in the days before unions were protected by law, Carnegie approved a strategy of breaking up a steelworker's union at his Homestead mill. A terrible strike ensued, and 10 people died in the resulting violence, including strikers and Pinkerton detectives. The union was eventually crushed.

It was without a doubt the worst moment of Carnegie's career. He hadn't expected armed conflict and was horrified by it. He was visiting Scotland at the time, but despite his absence, he was deemed to be the responsible party and took withering criticism from many quarters. He hated that. He wanted to be loved. He dealt with the pain of the Homestead strike by blurring its details in his memory in a way that reduced his culpability. Perhaps he could not have lived with his idealistic side if he had not done so.

Next month, Andrew begins to enjoy the fruits of his labors.



Which of the following groups of U.S. oil companies failed to earn a combined \$1 million in net profit in calendar year 1974: a) Kerr McGee, Occidental, and Phillips b) Tenneco, Atlantic Richfield, and Getty c) Standard Oil of Indiana, American Petrofina, and Murphy; or d) Sun, Continental, and Tenneco.

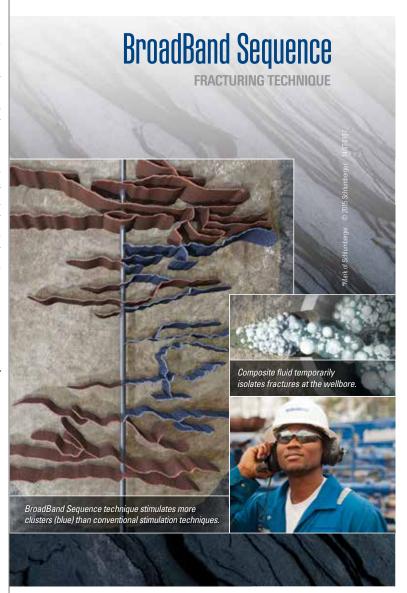
ANSWER TO JANUARY'S QUIZ

In 1904 Standard Oil entered Romania with a producing and refining subsidiary, its first oil venture outside North America except for marketing.

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Claire Harnsberger with Oil Plus

If you would like to participate in this month's quiz, e-mail your answer to contest@spe.org by noon, February 15. The winner, who will be chosen randomly from all correct answers, will receive a \$50 gift card to a nice restaurant.



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RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

Finding and Working with Small Technology Companies

The February R&D lunch will focus on how to find, evaluate, contract and work with small technology companies that have unique technologies that could advance your company's new product and/or technology development efforts. Christina Karapataki from Schlumberger will provide insights on how she approaches small technology companies to help further Schlumberger's new product and technology agenda. In addition, we will have a couple of small technology companies discuss their technologies and their perspectives on finding and working with large company partners.

CHRISTINA KARAPATAKI

Christina Karapataki is a Venture Principal in the Early Stage Technology Investments group at Schlumberger Technology Corporation. In this role she works closely with Schlumberger Business Units and Engineering Centers to assess joint development opportunities and lead investment evaluations. She specializes in early stage investments in energy, advanced materials and sustainability technologies. Prior to her current role, Christina worked for ExxonMobil Gas & Power Marketing in both the European and North America offices, and gained venture experience evaluating oil and gas technology investments with Venrock Management LLC in 2011. She was also a Business Development Associate for Oscomp Systems, a start-up company developing natural gas compression systems. Christina's background is in Chemical Engineering with B.A. and M.Eng. degrees from the University of Cambridge. She is a graduate of MIT, with an S.M. degree in Energy Technology and Policy, where her research at the MIT Energy Initiative focused on evaluating water management technologies for shale gas production operations.



EVENT INFO

Thursday

2.05.15

11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM

SPEAKER

Christina Karapataki Venture Principal, Early Stage Technology Investments Group Schlumberger

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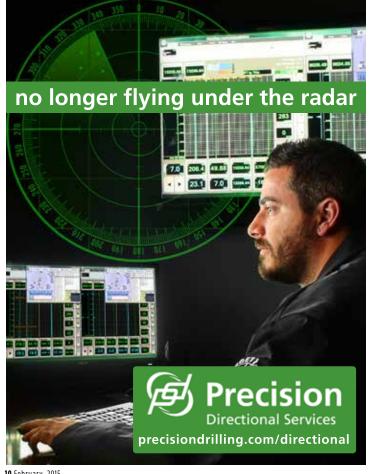


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NORTHSIDE

MPD Techniques Optimize HPHT Well Control

An HPHT well in East Texas with a reservoir BHT of 334°F and approximately 13,900 psi reservoir pressure proved extremely challenging. Managed Pressure Drilling (MPD) was originally selected to avoid a classic "Kick-Loss-Kick" scenario while drilling deep into the Austin Chalk formation. One primary goal of MPD, ascertaining the downhole pressure environment limits, was accomplished, but the greatest benefit was achieved by handling several well control incidents that occurred in the HPHT reservoir section.

As HPHT drilling technology matures, the line between flow control and well control begins to blur. Rather than transitioning back and forth, drilling and well control activities tend to become parts of a single process. This process must take into account the effect of variations in the drilling fluid properties, use of the entire active pit system while circulating out kicks, and handling uncertainties in the downhole pressure regime. Knowledge of the pressure and temperature limits and the effects of HPHT on composition of pressure-sealing elements in all surface and downhole tools proved critical. Optimization of alternative casing design for well control while circulating a kick (influx) and using unconventional drilling techniques will also be described.

ROBERT J. ELMORE



Robert J. "Bobby" Elmore is a senior drilling engineer and completions specialist with Signa Engineering Corp. He received a B.S. degree in petroleum engineering from Texas A&M University in 1972. Mr. Elmore specializes in Managed Pressure Drilling (MPD), UnderBalanced Operations (UBO), MudCap Drilling (MCD), casing drilling, coiled tubing intervention and other critical well control operations. He has

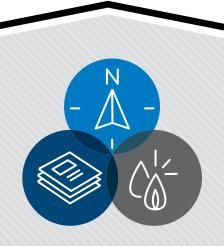
worked around the globe, including China, Russia (Sakhalin Island), Venezuela, Alaska, Mexico and the North Sea, as well as domestically.

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Tuesday

2.10.15

12:00 PM TO 1:30 PM

SPEAKER

Robert J. "Bobby" Elmore Senior Drilling Engineer Signa Engineering Corp

LOCATION

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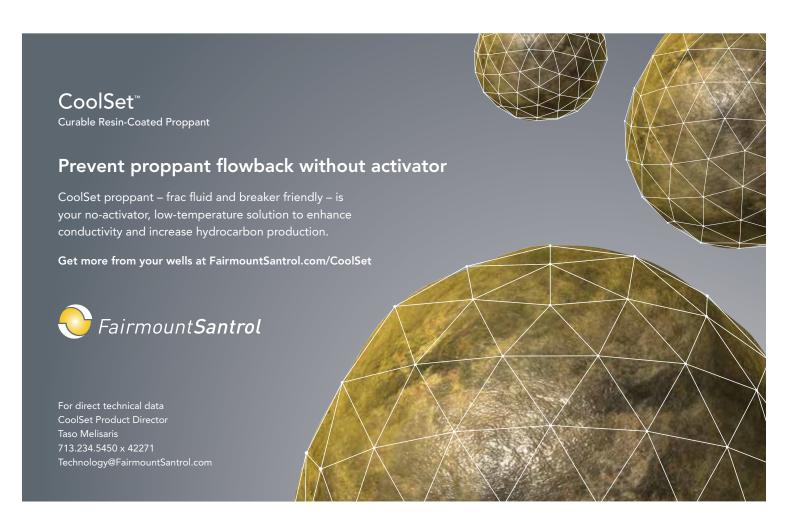
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DRILLING

Lost Circulation Risk Mitigation - Efficient Operational Strategies

Lost Circulation when handled appropriately could be a simple or difficult problem, but often it is mis-handled and is made to look complex. So, this presentation is aimed at discussing operational strategies to un-complex lost circulation employing a preventive or remedial approach. Just like in dealing with any other problem, having a proactive plan always saves money and time. In this presentation, a preventive strategy to deal with lost circulation that includes getting on-board right from well design stage, best drilling practices and best possible LCM application techniques will be discussed.

Just having a plan does not mean that it works all the time. Every well is different and one plan might not work on another well. So, this presentation will also discuss the contingency plan or remedial strategy to battle any un-expected losses. The benefits of having a loss contingency plan and the importance of knowledge capture on LCM solutions (both success and failures) will also be discussed. With the above preventive and remedial operational strategies, it is expected that lost circulation can be dealt with in a much simpler way.

SHARATH SAVARI

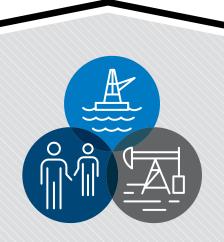


Sharath Savari is the Global Technical Advisor for Lost Circulation Prevention & LCM Applications at Halliburton Baroid in Houston, TX. He is the subject matter expert (SME) for Halliburton on Lost Circulation Prevention, LCM Solutions and LCM field applications. He has 7 years of experience in the oil and gas service industry, all with Halliburton. Prior to this role, he was involved in Research &

Development at Halliburton Technology Centers in India & Houston and was mainly focused in the area of Lost Circulation Control and Mitigation methods, Wellbore Strengthening and Wellbore Stability. He has M.S. Degree in Chemical Engineering from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur, India.

He has presented multiple papers in various SPE/AADE conferences on the subject of lost circulation control. He has been on the Steering Committee for 2014 SPE ATW on Lost Circulation held in Dubai, 2014 AADE Fluids conference, held in Houston and 2012 SPE ATW on Wellbore Integrity held in Abu Dhabi. He is currently on the Steering Committee for SPE/IADC Drilling Conference and Exhibition, London 2015 and SPE ATW on Lost Circulation, Dubai 2015.





EVENT INFO

Wednesday

2.11.15

11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM

SPEAKER

Sharath Savari Global Technical Advisor Halliburton

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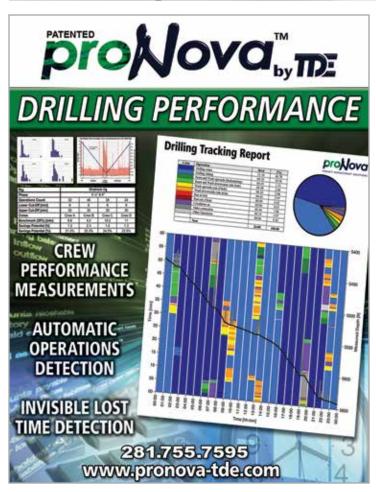


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Crude and Refined Product Metering: Meter Selection for Loading/Unloading Applications and Meter Proving

Petroleum and its products bought and sold on the worldwide market may be transported over thousands of miles and change ownership many times from the well head to the end user. Each time the product changes ownership, a "custody transfer" is completed and both buyer and seller expect their asset exchange to be accurately measured. The dynamic measurement provided by most modern measurement systems is a convenient and accurate means to measure valuable petroleum products. Selecting the right meter for the application and ensuring the proper design of the meter system is imperative to guarantee accurate measurement with a high level of confidence at the lowest cost of ownership.

The basic operating principles of four metering technologies: Positive Displacement (PD) Meters, Coriolis Mass Meters, Turbine Meters, and Ultrasonics will be discussed and the application range of each one of these technologies in terms of viscosity and flow rate will be covered.

Also, key to custody transfer is the verification or "proving" of the meters under actual operating conditions. Proving assures both parties in the custody transfer transaction that the meters are accurate and repeatable. Proving fundamentals and the most common types of prover types will be covered as well.

TONY PETITTO

Tony Petitto has more than 30 years of experience with flow measurement and liquid custody transfer applications. Tony started in Field Service working with tank gauging systems, automatic sampling systems, and bunker blending systems. Since moving from the practical side where he witnessed and suffered from the effects of poor meter selection, he has been a champion of proper metering system selection. By providing training in meter systems design, specification, operation and proving (calibration), Tony is ensuring fit-for-purpose metering systems are being selected for the various metering applications found in the oilfield from North to South America and beyond. Tony has a BS in Electrical Engineering and has spent 14 years with FMC Technologies in Technical Sales and Training.

REMINDER: SPRING SERIES SESSION I

Liquid Metering Selection

WEDNESDAY

2.4.15

4:30 PM TO 6:00 PM WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ATTAINING AND MAINTAINING ACCURATE FISCAL AND ALLOCATION METERING SYSTEMS

SPEAKER

Del Major Liquid Measurement Advisor Shell E&P LOCATION, COST, & CONTACT

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SPRING SERIES SESSION II

Wednesday

2.11.15

4:30 PM TO 6:00 PM

SPEAKER

Tony Petitto
Technical Sales Manager
FMC Technologies

LOCATION

Wood Group Mustang Clydesdale Building Events Room 17320 Katy Freeway Houston, TX 77094

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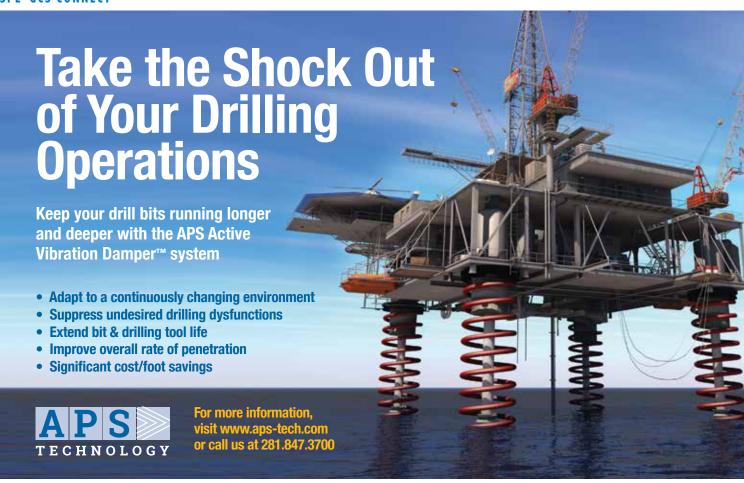
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GENERAL MEETING

Early Production Systems - When Do They Make Good Sense for Your Project?

This presentation will discuss the design aspects that drive value of an Early Production System (EPS) and introduces a stepwise approach for teams to follow to frame and evaluate dynamic tests and EPS design options using a generic deepwater case example. Alternatives ranging from a drill stem test (DST) to an EPS to a tie-back are compared and sensitized to understand under which conditions each option might be worthwhile, ultimately providing information for an informed decision

Many teams believe an EPS will be valuable for their offshore projects, but struggle when asked to make the business case for an EPS. Typically, if there is value in an EPS, it is derived either from (1) early resource sales and/or (2) providing information on key dynamic uncertainties in order to decide whether and/or how to optimize development. The latter often is the driver of value.

As the industry moves to deeper and deeper waters, getting quality information on dynamic uncertainties gets more expensive and for some situations, becomes cost prohibitive. As a result, companies either need to be willing to sanction expensive developments with sizable risk (potentially bearing a higher risk tolerance) or find ways to make extended tests or an EPS financially and technically compelling.

The key dynamic uncertainties teams often want to reduce before sanctioning development are (1) reservoir compartmentalization, (2) natural or enhanced drive mechanism and/or (3) initial production rate. Each is linked to different decisions which can be optimized if uncertainty in the situation is reduced. Compartmentalization directly affects the number of development wells, drive mechanism affects the need for injection, and associated well count and initial rate directly affect facility size.

Ultimately, the key to deriving value from an EPS resides in its design, which includes the type of EPS vessel, the associated fiscal terms and the quality of the information gathered from the early production system prior to finalizing development. This includes the tests and data to be collected, as well as the duration of the production period prior to making the important development decisions.

ELLEN COOPERSMITH



Ellen Coopersmith is the founder of Decision Frameworks, L.P., which is headquartered in Houston and has offices in Calgary, Canada and Frankfurt, Germany. She is based in Houston and specializes in Decision Analysis consultation, facilitation, training and implementation.

Prior to founding Decision Frameworks in 1999, Ellen spent 16 years at Conoco, where she led their implementation of Decision Analysis in Upstream for five years. She is an accomplished technical and managerial facilitator, as well as a published and invited speaker on both the implementation and the technical elements of Decision Analysis.

Ellen's passion for and focus on Decision and Risk Analysis is on skill development and on making framing, uncertainty analysis, and valuing information easy, day-to-day asset management tools in our client industries. She is a Petroleum Engineer with a degree from the Colorado School of Mines.



EVENT INFO

Thursday

2.12.15

11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM

SPEAKER

Ellen Coppersmith
Founder
Decision Frameworks, L.P.

LOCATION

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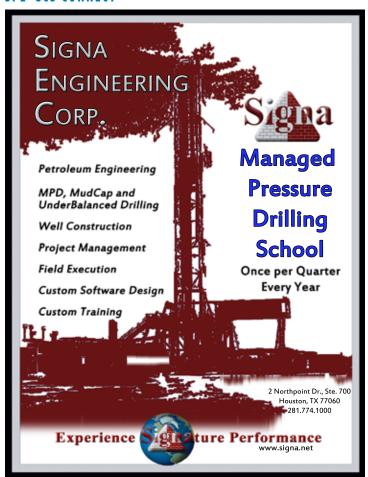
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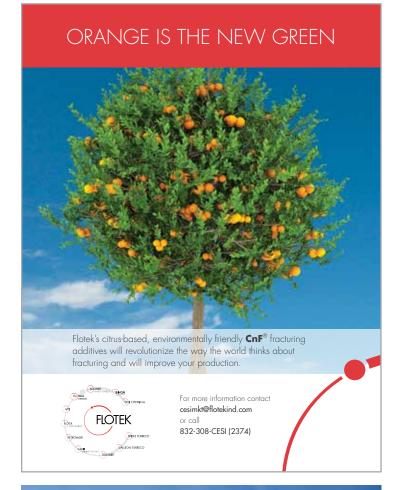
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COMPLETIONS & PRODUCTION

Optimizing Hydraulic Fracture Performance in the Eagle Ford Oil Window – More Proppant is Better

This presentation will provide a case study on how one operator with acreage in the Frio County oil window of the Eagle Ford was able to significantly improve production results by testing different drilling targets, completion types (sliding sleeves and plug-and-perf), and fracture treatment designs. Early results were mixed, with initial plug-and-perf completions underperforming earlier sliding sleeve wells. It was determined through data analysis and production normalization techniques that the plug-and-perf treatments were under-stimulated with inadequate proppant being placed in individual fractures.

Once proppant amount per cluster was identified as a high-impact parameter, subsequent stimulations were performed with larger proppant volumes. These later wells experienced significant improvements in production performance, with each step-wise increase in stimulation design consistently resulting in better production performance. Scatter plots, cumulative production charts, and fracture modeling runs comparing different design scenarios will be presented to show how these factors were discovered.

WADHAH AL-TAILJI

Wadhah Al-Tailji is a Basin Technical Manager at StrataGen, focusing on the Eagle Ford Shale, where he assists clients with fracture stimulation design, evaluation, optimization, and field supervision. He has been involved with Eagle Ford stimulation optimization for over three years, and has authored two SPE papers highlighting some of his successes. He joined StrataGen in 2010 as a field consultant, supervising hydraulic fracturing treatment in various plays, such as the Haynesville Shale, Permian Basin, Uinta Basin, Williston Basin, and Eagle Ford Shale.

Prior to joining StrataGen, Wadhah worked for BJ Services Company for over 4 years in East Texas and was involved in fracturing, acidizing, and cementing services. He holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in Petroleum Engineering from New Mexico Tech.





EVENT INFO

Wednesday **2.18.15**

11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM

SPEAKER

Wadhah Al-Taliji Basin Technical Manager Eagle Ford Shale StrataGen

LOCATION

Greenspoint Club 16925 Northchase Drive Houston, TX 77060

EVENT CONTACT

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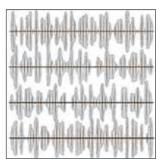
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LARS FARESTVEDT

Lars Farestvedt is the General Manager of FMC Technologies' MPM Houston office, and is responsible for MPM's business in the Western Hemisphere. Prior to joining MPM in 2008, Lars spent 9 years in various management positions in FMC Measurement Solutions and FMC Subsea Systems. Lars has an Electrical Engineering Degree from West Virginia University, and has directly or indirectly been involved with multiphase metering for 25 years.





SPRING SERIES SESSION III

Wednesday

2.18.15

4:30 PM TO 6:00 PM

SPEAKER

Lars Farestvedt General Manager FMC Technologies

LOCATION

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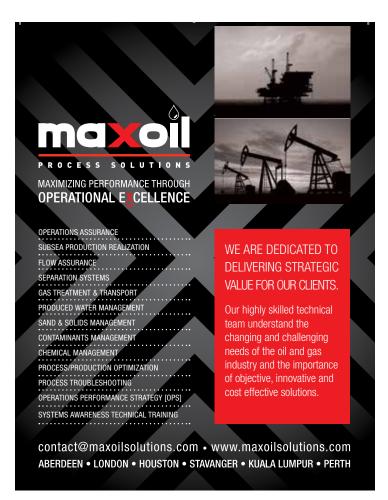
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CHAD SENTERS

Chad Senters is the Region Engineering Advisor for the ProTechnics division of Core Laboratories in Oklahoma City, specializing in completion diagnostics. Chad has over 8 years of experience in the oil and gas industry during which he has focused on stimulation, coiled tubing and downhole tools. Chad graduated from the University of Missouri Rolla with a BS degree in chemical engineering. This presentation was coauthored by Linn Energy and was first presented in Amsterdam at the 2014 SPE ATCE.

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THURSDAY

2.19.15

5:30 PM TO 8:30 PM

LOCATION

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Wednesday

2.18.15

11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM

SPEAKER

Chad Senters
Region Engineering Advisor
ProTechnics division
of Core Laboratories

LOCATION

Norris Conference Center Westchase 9990 Richmond Avenue Suite 102 Houston TX 77042

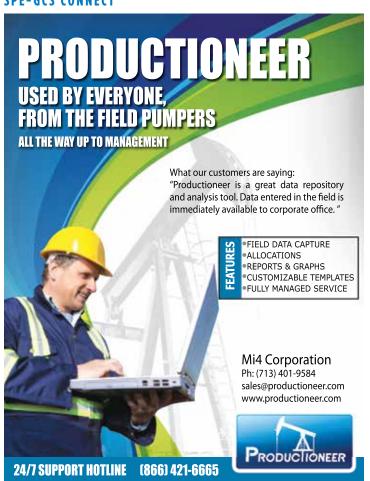
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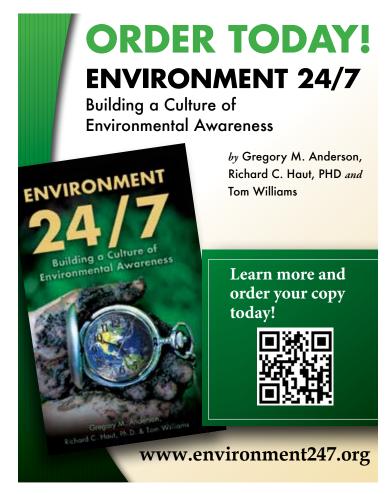
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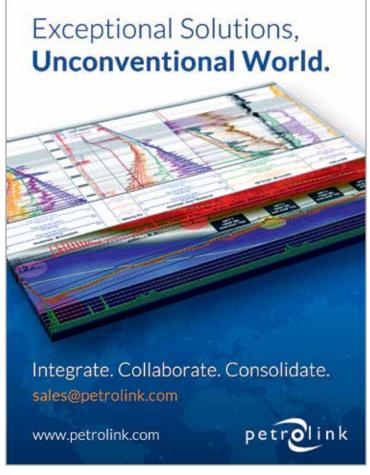
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DR. DAVID SCHECHTER



Dr. David Schechter is an associate professor at the Petroleum Engineer Department at Texas A&M University. His has a Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from Bristol University, England, 1988 and a BS, Chemical Engineering from The University of Texas at Austin, 1984. His current research includes:

- Spraberry Trend Area
- Geological and Petrophysical Analysis
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- Numerical Modeling
- Reservoir Simulation
- CO₂ Flooding and Gas Injection





EVENT INFO

Thursday

2.19.15

11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM

SPEAKER

Dr. David Schechter Associate Professor Texas A&M University

LOCATION

Sullivan's Steakhouse 4608 Westheimer Rd Houston, TX 77027

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BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

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- -Increased M&A&D activity in gas-weighted assets due to less volatility in natural gas prices, depressed oil prices, and the lack of quality oil-weighted assets on the market
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- -Rebalancing of asset portfolios given the current commodity price environment What are public and private companies doing in the face of the new commodity price environment? Who are the big winners and losers in the new commodity price environment? What should we expect in terms of natural gas weighted M&A&D transaction activity?

We welcome you to join us for this informative hosted and moderated panel discussion.

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Thursday

2.25.15

5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

SPEAKER

TBD

LOCATION

Four Seasons Hotel 1300 Lamar Houston, TX 77010

EVENT CONTACT

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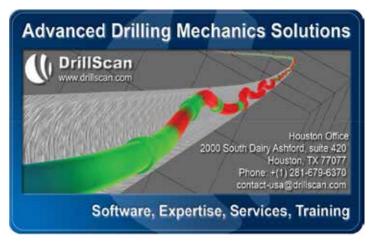
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An In-Depth Comparison of Four Gas Measurement Technologies: Orifice, Turbine, Ultrasonic and Coriolis

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This value chain can be subdivided into four major categories within which metering is carried out: Gas Production, Gas Transmission, Gas Storage and Gas Distribution. Within these categories there is a huge array of different gas metering applications and a similar number of potential solutions. This can lead to confusion when selecting the optimum solution for the application.

Two of the traditional approaches have been to use orifice plates or turbine meters; however, newer technologies, in particular ultrasonic and coriolis meters, are being utilized more frequently. The aim of this presentation is to address meter selection and provide pointers to assist engineers within the four major categories listed above.

This session is scheduled as a one (i) hour presentation followed by a thirty (30) minute Q&A session. We expect a large turnout, so please book early and we hope you attempt to attend all four sessions. The PF&C study group appreciates the support of our SPE-GCS members and we look forward to seeing you there.

DAN HACKETT

Dan is Business Development Director of Ultrasonics for the Daniel Measurement & Control Division of Emerson Process Management based in Houston, Texas. Dan develops key business opportunities for Daniel's gas and liquid ultrasonic meter business and provides technical sales training to the Daniel sales channel as well as conducting measurement seminars throughout the world. He has extensive experience in custody transfer measurement of oil and gas.

Dan has authored numerous papers presented at various API, AGA, ISA and NEL conferences. He has participated on several committees and working groups of the API Committee on Petroleum Measurement, most recently Chapter 5.8 Measurement of Liquid Hydrocarbons by Ultrasonic Flow Meters. Dan is a member of the AGA Transmission Measurement Committee, which is responsible for AGA 9 Measurement of Gas by Multipath Ultrasonic Meters.

Dan is a 1980 graduate of Texas A&M University.



SPRING LECTURE SERIES IV

Wednesday

2.25.15

11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM

SPEAKER

Dan Hackett
Business Development Director
for UltasonicsDaniel
Measurement and Control Inc.
Emerson Process Management

LOCATION

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EVENT CONTACT

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TUESDAY

2.17.15

5:00 PM - 8:30 PM

LOCATION

Studio Movie Grill - City Centre 805 Town & Country Lane Houston, TX 77024

COST

\$10 Members / \$20 Non-Members \$30 Walk-ins

EVENT CONTACTS

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Committee: Board of Directors

New Board Members

Please welcome the new Board members for the 2015-2016 program year which starts in August 2015. In accordance with by-laws, the Succession Planning and Nominating committees identify the best candidates with the skills and leadership talent to manage the section and provide service to all the members. These positions are elected by the Board and presented to the membership each year in the February newsletter.

In addition to the elected members to the right, one appointed member was also named at the December Board meeting. Simeon Eburi, Chevron, will become the Education Chair in August 2015. Simeon is the past YP chair, the 2015 Engineer Week coordinator, 2014 Young Engineer of the Year, and involved in numerous YP activities.

Congratulations to all new Board members.

VICE CHAIR | DEEPAK GALA, SHELL

Deepak is currently the At Large Director and is active in SPEI and GCS.

VICE TREASURER | DAVID FLORES, CONSULTANT

David is a former SPE-GCS Director as Career Management and Secretary. He continues to support many GCS activities.

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Gabrielle is a current Board member for the Education Committee and active in GCS and Young Professional functions.

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Alvin has more than 15 years with SPE and in the industry. He was previously with ExxonMobil. Alvin is involved in Star Scholarship, ATCEs, Fracking Conference, Artificial Lift Conference and others.

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Mark has more than 25 years in the industry and SPE working primarily in reservoir engineering functions. He has recently moved into investment banking.

AT LARGE DIRECTOR | JOHN JACKSON, UNIMIN ENERGY

Over the past 3 years, John Jackson has served multiple positions on the Young Professionals board while serving as Editor of the Gulf Coast Section Newsletter.

1ST ANNUAL SPE

OilSim Competition Fundraiser

The 1st Annual Society of Petroleum Engineers Gulf Coast Section OilSim Competition Fundraiser will be held on Friday, April 10, 2015 at the offices of The Frontline Group of Texas, LLC located at 15021 Katy Freeway, Suite 575, in Houston, Texas. Proceeds from the fundraiser benefit the SPE-GCS Scholarship Fund. In combination with other section functions, there have been 33 new scholarships for incoming college freshman studying petroleum engineering, math and sciences, and 70 renewed scholarships which include sophomores, juniors and seniors for their continued education in petroleum engineering. The OilSim Competition Fundraiser would like to add to these numbers in 2015.

What happens at the OilSim Competition Fundraiser, you might ask? Participants are grouped in teams and each team acts as a virtual petroleum company in the business simulation OilSim. The team challenge is to explore and discover oil and gas, then create and implement a plan for developing the field, and finally operating it until it is abandoned. An experienced OilSim instructor guides the participants through the process.

Sponsors are a welcome and an essential part of making this event a success. All sponsors will be recognized in the competition program and on the sponsorship billboard that is exhibited throughout the competition. Please see the Sponsor Form for sponsorship levels. In-kind donations for ditty bags and door prizes are also accepted.

On behalf of the entire 2014-2015 SPE-GCS OilSim Competition Fundraiser Committee, we look forward to seeing everyone for a fun-filled day of competition!

EVENT INFO

OilSim

FRIDAY

4.10.15

8:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

EVENT CONTACTS

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kobenhaus@frontline-group.com Lindsey Ferrell

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LOCATION

The Frontline Group of Texas, LLC 15021 Katy Freeway, Suite 575 Houston, TX 77094 281-453-6000

DEADLINE

March 15, 2015

Participation is limited. We plan to have 8 teams of four, entries accepted on a first-come, first served basis.

MORE INFO

spegcs.org/committees/oilsim/

Committee: Auxiliary

EVENT INFO

Downtown Abbey

FRIDAY

2.13.15

11:00 AM

LOCATION

Carmelo's Ristorante Italiano 14795 Memorial Drive Houston, Texas 77079

EVENT CONTACT

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COST

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DEADLINE

Tuesday, February 10

NOTE

The venue, cost and program are very tentative at this time. Please get in touch with one of the contacts below for more accurate details.

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Tournament registration will begin at 5:30 PM, followed by a Texas BBQ buffet dinner. Cash bar will be available. Tournament will begin at 6:00 PM. Eliminated players may stay and watch the rest of the tournament. Blackjack and craps tables will be available for guests and eliminated players. The award ceremony is planned for 9:30 PM.

Participation is open to members, nonmembers, guests, and friends of SPE and Hess Club, but poker professionals are not allowed. Entries are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Please register in advance as seats are limited. Guest Fee is for attendees who do not play in the poker tournament itself, but may play at the blackjack table and craps table.

Please support this new scholarship fundraiser and have some fun! Register online to reserve your seat today!

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LOCATION

HESS Club

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FEES

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PetroBowl XIII kicked off the very exciting week at the SPE Annual Technology Conference and Exhibition 2014 in Amsterdam. This year's competition featured 36 colleges from all over the world battling for scholarship money, a stunning trophy, and of course overall bragging rights. Congratulations goes to the University of Tulsa who emerged as the victors for Petrobowl XIII, with University of Oklahoma (OU) taking a close second, and Colorado School of Mines finishing third.













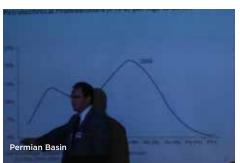








Thank you to Permian Basin, Community Service and Continuing Education groups for providing photos from their latest events. We'd like to feature more photos from our section events and luncheons in the Connect. If your committee or study group has photos, please send the original high-resolution file to the Connect editor at editor@spegcs.org















SPE GCS CONNECT

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RECAP

Each year the Young Professionals partner with elementary schools to encourage students in kindergarten through third grade to improve reading skills, behavior and attendance. Those students who committed to a special monitoring program and fulfilled all the necessary requirements were rewarded with a bike! SPE Young Professionals assisted with assembling some of 10,000 bikes that were delivered to these students the week before Christmas. Thanks for your commitment to our next generation!











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STUDENT CHAPTER PAGE

TAMU-SPE

Texas A&M SPE Visits Greens Prairie Elementary School

As we work towards increasing the positive publicity of the oil and gas industry, Texas A&M SPE had the privilege of visiting the second grade class of Greens Prairie Elementary school in Bryan, TX on the 14th of November, 2014 with tremendous success in increasing awareness of the oil and gas industry.

Three concepts were introduced, "What is oil and gas?", "How do we get it out?", and "What is the industry doing to keep the environment safe?" Not only were we able to teach the next generation about the oil & gas industry, we also attracted their teachers' attention and with the success of the event, the 4th grade class from Greens Prairie Elementary has asked us to return on the 27th of February, 2015 to provide a similar demonstration.

We look forward to establishing an annual relationship with Greens Prairie, and hopefully expand to more schools in the Bryan/College Station area as part of our efforts as an outreach committee to increase positive publicity and try to negate mythical/false assumptions.

Annual Texas A&M SPE Paintball Tournament

Texas A&M SPE has had tremendous success in all of our social and networking events this year. This was only possible because of the great support from our sponsors and everyone who participated in each one of our events.

We have a full calendar planned for next spring as well! On this occasion, we would like to invite everyone to our Annual Texas A&M SPE Paintball Tournament. This event will take place on February 20th from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at Zoomz Paintball, College Station. This is a great opportunity to improve relationships between students and industry representatives in a more relaxed environment.

If you are interested in sponsoring or being included in the sign up email, please email Ana Victoria Perez at ana.victoria92@tamu.edu.

We would love to see everyone there!

EVENT INFO

FRIDAY

2.20.15

LOCATION

Zoomz Paintball College Station

FOR MORE INFO

Ana Victoria Perez ana.victoria92@tamu.edu

TAMU SPE 25th Anniversary Party

EVENT INFO

THURSDAY

2.26.15

LOCATION Texas A&M University

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT

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Our student chapter is proud to be celebrating our 25th Anniversary this year! We will be having a party in the Memorial Student Center at 7 PM on February 26, 2015. There are three ways for you to get involved with this event.

The first is by attending! The party is conveniently scheduled for the evening of the Career Enhancement Event, so if you are planning to be on campus to recruit, you are encouraged to stay and celebrate with us. However, anyone is welcome to come to town for the party! Tickets for SPE members and guests will be available for purchase.

The second is by submitting a video of yourself talking about the Texas A&M Student Chapter. You may tell us about a particular memory you have from your time here in petroleum engineering, leadership positions you held, or anything you admire about our student chapter. These videos will be used in a montage, which will be shown at the party. Please aim for less than 1 minute long. You may email your video to jwisler@tamu.edu or text it to 281-733-8801.

The third is by sponsoring this event. We want to celebrate in style, and we can only do this with the support of our sponsors. If you or your company is interested in sponsoring the 25th Anniversary Celebration, please contact Ana Victoria Perez.

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