



Combining Static and Continuous surveys

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- Background/History
- Why combine continuous and static surveys?
- A case study
- Proving the concept
- Value
- Conclusion



- Continuous surveys have been available for a long time
- Lesso et al., 2001, IADC/SPE 67752 paper on tendency analysis
- Stockhausen and Lesso 2003, IADC/SPE 67752 paper on TVD Errors associated with survey frequency
- Waiting on a Solution collecting additional data examples beta testing software solutions



- Assumption of minimum curvature
- Identified sources of TVD/positional errors associated with long survey intervals
 - Pattern Slide/Rotate drilling practices in build/drop/turn sections
 - Short slides during tangent sections
 - Changing modes between survey stations with Rotary Steerable Systems
 - Bha reaction to tight streaks, boulders, or nodules
 - Geologist interventions
 - Steering decisions
 - Control ROP to acquire logging data
 - BHA auto control with some RSS





Measure Depths



TVD versus VS for Different Survey Methods



Why combine continuous and static surveys?



- Combining static and continuous surveys
 - This data is available
 - 3m spacing
 - Issues with North/South azimuth
 - Not possible in a near vertical well

The Results



Trajectory Measurements



- MWD increase Incl before Slide point
 - Static and continuous survey agree
 - All 3 SP trajectories 15mm TVD alignment
 - Static and continuous within 20mm of baseline
 - ISCWSA error model 130mm

The Test Implications



- TVD control
 - Implications on1000m reservoir section
 - MWD TVD EOU 5m
 - TVD errors cancel out?



Value of Increase Surveys Frequency



- Reserve Recovery from Horizontal Wells
 - Strong Bottom Water Drive Oil Reservoirs
 - 10,000 to 100,000 Barrels of recoverable oil per foot TVD
 - ~\$ 900,000 to \$9,000,000/ft TVD
 - Placing wells relative to Gas/Oil, Gas/Water, and Oil/Water
 - Accidental? placing in/near gas cap loose the well
 - Accidental? Placement near or in the water loose recovery
 - Incorrect Dip interpretation
 - Poor steering decisions
 - Lost footage in the reservoirs

Improve Reservoir Models and Forecasting/History Matching



- Improved Torque and Drag Analysis
- Avoid completion problems Understand production logs
 - Stuck casing , liners, screens
 - Electrical submersible Pump Failures
- Lower Collision risk Higher probability of well intercept
- Improved positional accuracy?
- Improved directional drilling performance monitoring
 - When combined with additional data -- GTF, ROP, Steering Force and Geology





- Continuous surveys are repeatable and accurate
- Combining continuous with static surveys = ISCWSA error model
- Survey intervals matter 3m
- Continuous surveys are essential for TVD accuracy
- There is value in continuous surveys

Can Directional Uncertainty Affect Oil Drainage?



TVD Uncertainty Can Affect Oil Drainage

