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1 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

This report outlines the progress of the second quarter of the sixth fiscal year of the project (Budget Period 4, Year 1). Highlights from this period include:

- Phase 3 Scientific/Technical Report: The Phase 3 Scientific/Technical report, summarizing activities conducted from January 16, 2018 to September 30, 2019, was submitted in April, 2020. <u>https://netl.doe.gov/sites/default/files/2020-04/FE0023919-phase3-apr-2020.pdf</u>
- AAPG Volume 1 Publication in final phases: A dedicated volume will be published in 2020 that captures the initial results from the UT-GOM2-1 expedition with 6 papers. This is the start of a multi-volume commitment by AAPG to this project. It is an exciting demonstration of the project's achievements. All Volume 1 papers have been accepted. The 'ahead of press' papers can be found at the below locations:
 - o http://archives.datapages.com/data/bulletns/aop/2020-01-27/aapgbltn19165aop.html
 - o http://archives.datapages.com/data/bulletns/aop/2020-06-22/aapgbltn19052aop.html
 - o http://archives.datapages.com/data/bulletns/aop/2020-06-22/aapgbltn19027aop.html
 - o http://archives.datapages.com/data/bulletns/aop/2020-01-27/aapgbltn18280aop.html
 - o http://archives.datapages.com/data/bulletns/aop/2018-12-21/aapgbltn18125aop.html
 - o <u>http://archives.datapages.com/data/bulletns/aop/2019-08-01/aapgbltn</u>18177aop.html
 - o http://archives.datapages.com/data/bulletns/aop/2020-03-02/aapgbltn19036aop.html
- PCTB Land Test Results Analysis and Continued Testing: The report for the PCTB Land Test II, conducted at the Schlumberger Cameron Test and Training Facility (CTTF) in March, 2020, is complete. The report is included as an appendix to this report. Continued testing and development is ongoing at Geotek's High Pressure Testing Facility in Salt Lake City, Utah.

1.1 Major Project Goals

The primary objective of this project is to gain insight into the nature, formation, occurrence and physical properties of methane hydrate-bearing sediments for the purpose of methane hydrate resource appraisal. This will be accomplished through the planning and execution of a state-of-the-art drilling, coring, logging, testing and analytical program that assess the geologic occurrence, regional context, and characteristics of marine methane hydrate deposits in the Gulf of Mexico Continental Shelf. Project Milestones are listed in Table 1-1, Table 1-2, and Table 1-3.

Budget Period	Milestone	Milestone Description	Estimated Completion	Actual Completion	Verification Method
	M1A	Project Management Plan	Mar-15	Mar-15	Project Management Plan
	M1B	Project Kick-off Meeting	Jan-15	Dec-14	Presentation
1	M1C	Site Location and Ranking Report	Sep-15	Sep-15	Phase 1 Report
1	M1D	Preliminary Field Program Operational Plan Report	Sep-15	Sep-15	Phase 1 Report
	M1E	Updated CPP Proposal Submitted	May-15	Oct-15	Phase 1 Report
	M1F	Demonstration of a Viable Pressure Coring Tool: Lab Test	Sep-15	Sep-15	Phase 1 Report
2	M2A	Document Results of BP1/Phase 1 Activities	Dec-15	Jan-16	Phase 1 Report
	M2B	Complete Updated CPP Proposal Submitted	Nov-15	Nov-15	QRPPR
	M2C	Scheduling of Hydrate Drilling Leg by IODP	May-16	May-17	Report directly to DOE PM
	M2D	Demonstration of a Viable Pressure Coring Tool: Land Test	Dec-15	Dec-15	PCTB Land Test Report, in QRPPR
	M2E	Demonstration of a Viable Pressure Coring Tool: Marine Test	Jan-17	May-17	QRPPR
	M2F	Update UT-GOM2-2 Operational Plan	Feb-18	Apr-18	Phase 2 Report
2	M3A	Document results of BP2 Activities	Apr-18	Apr-18	Phase 2 Report
3	M3B	Update UT-GOM2-2 Operational Plan	Sep-19	Jan-19	Phase 3 Report

Table 1-1: Previous Milestones

Table 1-2: Current Milestones

Budget Period	Milestone	Milestone Description	Estimated Completion	Actual Completion	Verification Method
	M4A	Document results of BP3 Activities	Jan-20	Apr-20	Phase 3 Report
4	M4B	Demonstration of a Viable Pressure Coring Tool: Lab Test	Feb-20	Jan-20	PCTB Lab Test Report, in QRPPR
	M4C	M4C Demonstration of a Viable Pressure Coring Tool: Land Test		Mar-20	PCTB Land Test Report, in QRPPR

Table 1-3: Future Milestones

Budget Period	Milestone	Milestone Description	Estimated Completion	Actual Completion	Verification Method
	M5A	Document Results of BP4 Activities	Dec-20	-	Phase 4 Report
	M5B	Complete Contracting of UT-GOM2-2 with Drilling Vessel	May-21	-	QRPPR
-	M5C	Complete Project Sample and Data Distribution Plan	Jul-22	-	Report directly to DOE PM
5	M5D	Complete Pre-Expedition Permitting Requirements for UT-GOM2-2	Dec-21	-	QRPPR
	M5E	Complete UT-GOM2-2 Operational Plan Report	May-21	-	QRPPR
	M5F	Complete UT-GOM2-2 Field Operations	Jul-22	-	QRPPR
6	M6A	Document Results of BP5 Activities	Dec-22	-	Phase 5 Report
	M6B	Complete Preliminary Expedition Summary	Dec-22	_	Report directly to DOE PM
	M6C	Initiate comprehensive Scientific Results Volume	Jun-23	-	Report directly to DOE PM
	M6D	Submit set of manuscripts for comprehensive Scientific Results Volume	Sep-24	-	Report directly to DOE PM

1.2 What Was Accomplishments Under These Goals

1.2.1 Previous Project Periods

Tasks accomplished in previous project periods (Phase 1, 2, and 3) are summarized in Table 1-4, Table 1-5, and Table 1-6.

PHASE 1/BUDGET PERIOD 1								
Task 1.0	Project Management and Planning							
Task 2.0	Site Analysis and Selection							
Subtask 2.1	Site Analysis							
Subtask 2.2	Site Ranking / Recommendation							
Task 3.0	Develop Operational Plan for UT-GOM2-2 Scientific Drilling Program							
Task 4.0	Complete IODP Complimentary Project Proposal							
Task 5.0	Pressure Coring and Core Analysis System Modifications and Testing							
Subtask 5.1	PCTB Scientific Planning Workshop							
Subtask 5.2	PCTB Lab Test							
Subtask 5.3	PCTB Land Test Prep							

Table 1-4: Tasks Accomplished in Phase 1

Table 1-5: Tasks Accomplished in Phase 2

PHASE 2/BUDGET PERIOD 2								
Task 1.0	Project Management and Planning							
Task 6.0	Technical and Operational Support of Complimentary Project Proposal							
Task 7.0	Continued Pressure Coring and Core Analysis System Modifications and Testing							
Subtask 7.1	Review and Complete NEPA Requirements for PCTB Land Test							
Subtask 7.2	PCTB Land Test							
Subtask 7.3	PCTB Land Test Report							
Subtask 7.4	PCTB Modification							
Task 8.0	UT-GOM2-1 Marine Field Test							
Subtask 8.1	Review and Complete NEPA Requirements for UT-GOM2-1							
Subtask 8.2	UT-GOM2-1 Operational Plan							
Subtask 8.3	UT-GOM2-1 Documentation and Permitting							
Subtask 8.4	UT-GOM2-1 Marine Field Test of Pressure Coring System							
Subtask 8.5	UT-GOM2-1 Marine Field Test Report							
Task 9.0	Develop Pressure Core Transport, Storage, and Manipulation Capability							
Subtask 9.1	Review and Complete NEPA Requirements for Core Storage and Manipulation							
Subtask 9.2	Hydrate Core Transport							
Subtask 9.3	Storage of Hydrate Pressure Cores							
Subtask 9.4	Refrigerated Container for Storage of Hydrate Pressure Cores							

Subtask 9.5	Hydrate Core Manipulator and Cutter Tool				
Subtask 9.6	Hydrate Core Effective Stress Chamber				
Subtask 9.7 Hydrate Core Depressurization Chamber					
Task 10.0	Core Analysis				
Subtask 10.1	Routine Core Analysis (UT-GOM2-1)				
Subtask 10.2	Pressure Core Analysis (UT-GOM2-1)				
Subtask 10.3	Hydrate Core-Log-Seismic Synthesis (UT-GOM2-1)				
Task 11.0	Update Operational Plan for UT-GOM2-2 Scientific Drilling Program				
Task 12.0	UT-GOM2-2 Scientific Drilling Program Vessel Access				

Table 1-6: Tasks Accomplished in Phase 3

PHASE 3/BUDGET PERIOD 3								
Task 1.0	Project Management and Planning							
Task 6.0	Technical and Operational Support of CPP Proposal							
Task 9.0	Develop Pressure Core Transport, Storage, and Manipulation Capability							
Subtask 9.8	X-ray Computed Tomography							
Subtask 9.9	Pre-Consolidation System							
Task 10.0	Core Analysis							
Subtask 10.4	Continued Pressure Core Analysis (UT-GOM2-1)							
Subtask 10.5	Continued Hydrate Core-Log-Seismic Synthesis (UT-GOM2-1)							
Subtask 10.6	Additional Core Analysis Capabilities							
Task 11.0	Update Operational Plan for UT-GOM2-2 Scientific Drilling Program							
Task 12.0	UT-GOM2-2 Scientific Drilling Program Vessel Access							
Task 13.0	Maintenance and Refinement of Pressure Core Transport, Storage, and Manipulation Capability							
Subtask 13.1	Hydrate Core Manipulator and Cutter Tool							
Subtask 13.2	Hydrate Core Effective Stress Chamber							
Subtask 13.3	Hydrate Core Depressurization Chamber							
Subtask 13.4	Develop Hydrate Core Transport Capability for UT-GOM2-2 Scientific Drilling Program							
Subtask 13.5	Expansion of Pressure Core Storage Capability for UT-GOM2-2 Scientific Drilling Program							
Subtask 13.6	Continued Storage of Hydrate Cores from UT-GOM2-1							
Task 14.0	Performance Assessment, Modifications, and Testing of PCTB							
Subtask 14.1	PCTB Lab Test							
Subtask 14.2 PCTB Modifications/Upgrades								
Task 15.0	UT-GOM2-2 Scientific Drilling Program Preparations							
Subtask 15.1	Assemble and Contract Pressure Coring Team Leads for UT-GOM2-2 Scientific Drilling Program							
Subtask 15.2	Contract Project Scientists and Establish Project Science Team for UT-GOM2-2 Scientific Drilling Program							

1.2.2 Current Project Period

Current project period tasks are shown in Table 1-7.

Table 1-7: Current Project Tasks

PHASE 4/BUDGET PERIOD 4							
Task 1.0	Project Management and Planning						
Task 10.0	Core Analysis						
Subtask 10.4	Continued Pressure Core Analysis (GOM2-1)						
Subtask 10.5	Continued Hydrate Core-Log-Seismic Synthesis (UT-GOM2-1)						
Subtask 10.6	Additional Core Analysis Capabilities						
Subtask 10.7	Hydrate Modeling						
Task 11.0	Update Operational Plan for UT-GOM2-2 Scientific Drilling Program						
Task 12.0	UT-GOM2-2 Scientific Drilling Program Vessel Access						
Task 13.0	Maintenance and Refinement of Pressure Core Transport, Storage, and Manipulation Capability						
Subtask 13.1	Hydrate Core Manipulator and Cutter Tool						
Subtask 13.2	Hydrate Core Effective Stress Chamber						
Subtask 13.3	Hydrate Core Depressurization Chamber						
Subtask 13.4	Subtask 13.4 Develop Hydrate Core Transport Capability for UT-GOM2-2 Scientific Drilling Program						
Subtask 13.5	btask 13.5 Expansion of Pressure Core Storage Capability for UT-GOM2-2 Scientific Drilling Program						
Subtask 13.6	Continued Storage of Hydrate Cores from UT-GOM2-1						
Subtask 13.7	X-ray Computed Tomography						
Subtask 13.8	Pre-Consolidation System						
Task 14.0	Performance Assessment, Modifications, and Testing of PCTB						
Subtask 14.1	PCTB Lab Test						
Subtask 14.2	PCTB Modifications/Upgrades						
Subtask 14.3	PCTB Land Test						
Task 15.0	UT-GOM2-2 Scientific Drilling Program Preparations						
Subtask 15.3	Permitting for UT-GOM2-2 Scientific Drilling Program						

1.2.2.1 Task 1.0 – Project Management & Planning

Status: Ongoing

1. Coordinate the overall scientific progress, administration and finances of the project:

- Monitored and controlled project scope, costs, and schedule.
- Rapidly transitioned the UT Austin GOM2 Research Team to working remotely in response to SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) global pandemic. Acquired a special exemption from the UT Vice President for Research to continue operation and maintenance of the UT Pressure Core Center, and experimentation on pressure cores.
- Developed and submitted a proposal for \$35MM in stimulus funds to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Science, Space, and Technology (SST) to augment committed DOE funds. The additional \$35MM would allow us to accomplish the originally proposed science from when the UT-GOM2-2 Scientific Drilling Program was to be conducted with the JOIDES Resolution.
- Prepared Budget Period 4 (BP4) to Budget Period 5 (BP5) continuation application:
 - Held web-conference with NETL and DOE headquarters on June 17, 2020 to propose the BP4-BP5 continuation. Presented BP4 objectives and accomplishments, milestones and success criteria that were met, budget analysis, and proposed tasks to be conducted in BP5.
 - Submitted formal BP4-BP5 continuation request to DOE on June 30, 2020. Continuation request included a letter requesting approval of the BP4-BP5 transition, an updated Statement of Project Objectives (SOPO), and updated financial tables.

2. Communicated with project team and sponsors:

- Organized and coordinated project team and stakeholder meetings.
- Organized task-specific team working meetings to plan and execute project tasks (e.g. PCTB development, PCTB Bench Test, PCTB Land Test, UT-GOM2-2 Operations Plan, UT-GOM2-2 Science Plan, and UT-GOM2-2 permitting).
- o Organized sponsor meetings.
- Managed SharePoint sites, email lists, and archive/website.

3. Coordinated and supervised subcontractors and service agreements:

- Actively managed subcontractors.
- Monitored schedules and ensured that contractual obligations were met.

1.2.2.2 Task 10.0 – Core Analysis

Status: Ongoing

1.2.2.2.1 Subtask 10.4 – Continued Pressure Core Analysis

A. Pressurized Core Analysis

• One sample from H005-7FB-3, adjacent to the permeability sample, was cut in PCATS and quantitatively degassed. An additional interval from H005-7FB-3 was transferred to a storage chamber for quantitative degassing near the end of Q2 and will be quantitatively degassed in Q3.

A2. Permeability measurement of pressure core

- UT continued permeability measurement of UT-GOM2-1 pressure cores. During this quarter, we cut one pressure core sections from UT-GOM2-1-H005-7FB-3. We completed the measurements of effective permeability of 7FB-3 core (7FB-3-04) with brine.
- We found that the effective permeability (about 23 mD) of 7FB-3-04 is much higher than the values of other 7FB-3 samples (Figure 1-1). However, this high effective permeability may not be accurate because the sample is highly fractured and also embedded with a small piece of core liner (Figure 1-2).



Figure 1-1: Permeability of UT-GOM2-1 Sandy silt sediment from three pressure core sections as a function of vertical effective stress before (effective permeability).



Figure 1-2: Photo and CT image of core 7FB3-04 after hydrate dissociation. (a) Core sample in the core membrane after disassemble the core holder. (b) The bottom cap side of the sample with a fracture trace. (c) The CT-image cross-section view of (c-c') in (a). (d) The CT-image cross-section view of (d-d') in (b).

B. Depressurized Pressure Core Analysis

• No update this period. Ohio State, Oregon State, UNH, and Texas A&M Corpus Christi labs have not reopened.

1.2.2.2.2 Subtask 10.5 – Continued Hydrate Core-Log-Seismic Synthesis

• No update this period.

1.2.2.2.3 Subtask 10.6 – Additional Analysis Capabilities

• No update this period.

1.2.2.2.4 Subtask 10.7 – Hydrate Modeling

• No update this period.

1.2.2.2.5 Other – Publications

- UT continued preparing UT-GOM2-1 Data Reports. Data Report archive experimental or observational data that is not captured in publications. The reports highlight methods and results but do not include any interpretation of the results. When finalized, Data Reports will reside on the UT-GOM2-1 Expedition Report Electronic Volume (<u>https://ig.utexas.edu/energy/genesis-of-methane-hydrate-in-coarse-grained-systems/expedition-ut-gom2-1/reports/</u>) and in the UT-GOM2-1 Data Directory (<u>http://www-udc.ig.utexas.edu/gom2/</u>).
- UT continued working on contributions to Vol. 1 of the AAPG Bulletin special issue dedicated to UT-GOM2-1. Papers include:
 - Fang, Y., Flemings, P. B., Daigle, H., Phillips, S. C., Meazell, P. K., and You, K., in press, Petrophysical properties of the Green Canyon block 955 hydrate reservoir inferred from reconstituted sediments: Implications for hydrate formation and production: American Association of Petroleum Geologist Bulletin. DOI: 10.1306/01062019165
 - Flemings, P. B., Phillips, S. C., Boswell, R., Collett, T. S., Cook, A. E., Dong, T., Frye, M., Guerin, G., Goldberg, D. S., Holland, M. E., Jang, J., Meazell, K., Morrison, J., O'Connell, J., Pettigrew, T., Petrou, E., Polito, P. J., Portnov, A., Santra, M., Schultheiss, P. J., Seol, Y., Shedd, W., Solomon, E. A., Thomas, C., Waite, W. F., and You, K., In press, Pressure coring a Gulf of Mexico Deepwater Turbidite Gas Hydrate Reservoir: Initial results from the UT-GOM2-1 hydrate pressure coring expedition: American Association of Petroleum Geologist Bulletin. DOI: 10.1306/05212019052
 - Meazell, K., Flemings, P., Santra, M., and Johnson, J. E., in press, Sedimentology and stratigraphy of a deepwater gas hydrate reservoir in the northern Gulf of Mexico: American Association of Petroleum Geologist Bulletin. DOI: 10.1306/05212019027
 - Phillips, S. C., Flemings, P. B., Holland, M. E., Schultheiss, P. J., Waite, W. F., Jang, J., Petrou, E. G., and H., H., 2020, High concentration methane hydrate in a silt reservoir from the deep-water Gulf of Mexico: American Association of Petroleum Geologist Bulletin. DOI: 10.1306/01062018280
 - Portnov, A., Cook, A. E., Heidari, M., Sawyer, D. E., Santra, M., and Nikolinakou, M., in press, Salt-driven evolution of a gas hydrate reservoir in Green Canyon, Gulf of Mexico: American Association of Petroleum Geologist Bulletin. DOI: 10.1306/10151818125
 - Santra, M., Flemings, P., Meazell, K., and Scott, E., in press, Evolution of Gas Hydrate-bearing Deepwater Channel-Levee System in Abyssal Gulf of Mexico – Levee Growth and Deformation: American Association of Petroleum Geologist Bulletin. DOI: 10.1306/04251918177
 - Thomas, C., Phillips, S. C., Flemings, P. B., Santra, M., Hammon, H., Collett, T. S., Cook, A., Pettigrew, T., Mimitz, M., Holland, M., and Schultheiss, P., in press, Pressure-coring operations during the University of Texas Hydrate Pressure Coring Expedition, UT-GOM2-1, in Green Canyon Block 955, northern Gulf of Mexico: American Association of Petroleum Geologist Bulletin. DOI: 10.1306/02262019036

- Ohio State submitted two papers. One was submitted to AAPG Vol 2 titled "Microbial source of methane in hydrates from Green Canyon Block 955 in the Gulf of Mexico". The other, a paper on gas sampling methods, was submitted to Applied Geochemistry. The Ohio State paper on XCT analysis was accepted for AAPG Vol. 2.
- AAPG Editors continued working on the AAPG Volumes 1-3. An image was selected for the Vol 1 cover.

1.2.2.3 Task 11.0 – Update Operations Plan for UT-GOM2-2 Scientific Drilling Program

Status: Ongoing

- The UT-GOM2-2 Operations Plan is currently being updated based on incremental changes made to the BOEM Exploration Plan and the UT-GOM2-2 Science and Sample Distribution Plan:
 - Locations of the coring holes were adjusted resulting in new projected water depths and lithology tops.
 - Coring depths were discussed and adjusted based on new tops, adjusted sand thicknesses, and to better meet the science objectives. We were particularly interested in capturing chemical gradients within the confining sediments above and below the hydrate-bearing reservoirs. Chemical gradients can provide both an indication of recent flow into or out of the permeable reservoirs and can be used to estimate the composition of the fluid in the reservoir. UW ran several simulations using propane (the diffusion coefficient for propane is similar to other solutes of interest) over a time period of 0.1 to 500 kyr. Simulations predicted concentration profiles in the confining sediment as diffused from a continuously refreshed 25 ppmv concentration of propane within a 16 m thick reservoir. Simulations were also run using a 25 ppmv pulse through the reservoir. As a result of the simulations, we set spot coring depths at 5, 15 and 45 meters (as possible) above and below key target hydrate-bearing sands to capture these possible chemical gradients.
 - Additional cores and T2P measurements that might be taken should rig time/cost allow (allowance cores, measurements) were identified
 - All sections related to hole locations, tops, depths, and coring were updated in the Operations and Science Plans.
 - Specific details for the handling of pore water samples and equipment were worked out and updated in the Science and Sample Distribution Plan. The University of Washington will provide all pore water equipment and supplies. UT will provide a container for the Pore Water lab.
 - Specific details for primary and secondary split core analysis and the dock were identified and updated in the Science and Sample Distribution Plan.

1.2.2.4 Task 12.0 – UT-GOM2-2 Scientific Drilling Program Vessel Access Status: Ongoing

- No update this period.
- 1.2.2.5 Task 13.0 Maintenance & Refinement of Pressure Core Transport, Storage, & Manipulation Capability

Status: Ongoing

- During this quarter, UT scanned and conducted multiple samplings of core H005-7FB-3. In March, 2020, UT identified several K0 operational deficiencies which involved scratches on sealing surfaces, bottom cap seal failures, and reduced axial loading capability. Geotek provided a series of procedures to remedy these deficiencies.
- In Q2, 2020, UT conducted three, dummy sample tests using these procedures which have helped generate better alignment of components during sample extrusion, allowed bottom cap sealing (using various seal types), and axial loading via hydraulic pressure (up to 9-10 MPa). This has reduced motor torque, eased extrusion, and appears to have eliminated scratching on sealing surfaces. However, during axial loading via the bottom cap/hydraulic pressure combination, it was discovered that the KO load cell had reached the maximum of its measurement range.
- UT is working with Geotek to identify the best path forward to get a load cell with a higher range (recalibration, rewiring of current load cell, purchasing new load cell). On June 4, 2020, another meeting was conducted with Geotek to update them on the status of the remedies testing. Geotek was made aware of the current status of various remedies being tested.
- In Q2, 2020, after the three dummy sample tests, the remedies were applied to the K0 testing of H005-7FB-3-5 (real pressure core test). The sample was extruded with low motor torque. However, we were unable to seal the sample sleeve and the bottom cap. The failure to seal the bottom cap prevented axial loading of the sample via hydraulic pressure behind the bottom cap. In addition, the bottom cap was carrying plastic, x-rings seals instead of O-ring seals. After the 7FB-3-5 K0 test was conducted, the x-ring seals were found to have significant distortion. This follows with the observed sealing failure of the bottom cap.
- Further testing will work to identify the proper type of seals necessary to allow sealing of the bottom cap. Once bottom cap sealing has been achieved, axial loading of a pressure core sample will be tested using hydraulic pressure.

1.2.2.5.1 Subtask 13.1 – Hydrate Core Manipulator and Cutter Tool

- One core was scanned and subsampled with the aid of the new CT scanner system:
 - o Core H005-7FB-3
 - One K0 sample
 - Two degas samples (one bulk gas, one rapid)
- System was cleaned and cutter blades were replaced after each sampling.
- System underwent partial maintenance teardown for seal replacement.

1.2.2.5.2 Subtask 13.2 – Hydrate Core Effective Stress Chamber

- One pressure core sample underwent K0 testing:
 - H005-7FB-3-5 Viton sleeve failed to seal, sample tested with Geotek remedies. Sample was degassed in K0.
- System underwent cleaning between tests. All seals were replaced.

1.2.2.5.3 Subtask 13.3 – Hydrate Core Depressurization Chamber

- UT prepared one core sample for a degassing test during this period:
 - H005-7FB-3-6 Degassed in April, 2020.
 - H005-7FB-3-7 Underwent slow, bulk gas sample degassing
 - H005-7FB-3-8 Final remnant of 7FB-3, due to undergo rapid degassing in July, 2020.
- The system underwent maintenance and cleaning.

1.2.2.5.4 Subtask 13.4 – Develop Hydrate Core Transport Capability for UT-GOM2-2

• No update this period.

1.2.2.5.5 Subtask 13.5 – Expansion of Pressure Core Storage Capability for UT-GOM2-2

- New core chamber orientation supports are undergoing design refinement. UT is obtaining quotes to manufacture.
- Expansion of pressure maintenance system is required to increase storage capability sufficient to receive UT-GOM2-2 cores. UT is obtaining quotes for additional pressure lines.
- Expansion of pressure safety venting system will also be required. UT is obtaining quotes for additional venting lines.

1.2.2.5.6 Subtask 13.6 – Continued Storage of Hydrate Cores from UT-GOM2-1

• Core storage expansion in the PCC is anticipated to accommodate any remaining pressure cores acquired from UT-GOM2-1, even when additional cores are collected during UT-GOM2-2 and transferred to the PCC.

1.2.2.5.7 Subtask 13.7 – X-ray Computed Tomography

• The X-Ray CT continues to operate as designed. No updates this period.

1.2.2.5.8 Subtask 13.8 – Pre-Consolidation System

• One of the Pre-Consolidation System hydraulic accumulators has developed a leak at the gas charging port. New O-ring seals are being sourced.

1.2.2.6 Task 14.0 – Performance Assessment, Modifications, And Testing Of PCTB **Status:** Ongoing

1.2.2.6.1 Subtask 14.1 – PCTB Lab Test

Task Complete

1.2.2.6.2 Subtask 14.2 – PCTB Modifications/Upgrades

• Task Complete

1.2.2.6.3 Subtask 14.3 – PCTB Land Test

- The report for the PCTB Land Test II, conducted at the Schlumberger Cameron Test and Training Facility (CTTF) in March, 2020, is included in this document as **Appendix A**.
- Geotek returned the PCTB to the high-pressure testing facility in Salt Lake City, Utah to investigate the PCTB ball-valve failure modes observed during the PCTB Land Test II at CTTF.
- Geotek built a visual system to observe ball valve behavior by firing the system in fluid at atmospheric pressure. Geotek conducted tests with water and mud loaded with varying amounts of medium and fine sand, as well as with the same concentration of 'grit' measured in the drilling mud at CTTF. Geotek has been able to reproduce the failure mode encountered during the Land Test II over 60% of the time. Geotek has conveyed that the primary cause of failure is the jamming of the ball follower and possibly the seal carrier due to grit suspended in drilling fluids.
- UT, Geotek, and Pettigrew Engineering held a web conference on May 2, 2020 to discuss the status of testing and thinking on the ball-valve failure model.
- Geotek developed provisional design solutions to this problem, and manufactured parts for tests.
 Geotek then designed a procedure to test each modification individually. At the time of this report, the PCTB with the new parts has been tested in water. Preliminary data indicate that alignment of the seal carrier and ball follower have improved considerably. No metal-on-metal sliding of parts has been detected. A minor issue was encountered with partial hydraulic lock; however, this was anticipated and Geotek is working to eliminate the issue by modifying wiper rings. It appears that the new ball-valve configuration is functioning as designed and that the potential for ball-valve failure due to jamming has

been significantly reduced. Additional testing with mud and grit will be conducted in the next reporting period.

1.2.2.7 Task 15.0 – UT-GOM2-2 Scientific Drilling Program Preparations

Status: In Progress

1.2.2.7.1 Subtask 15.3 – Permitting for UT-GOM2-2 Scientific Drilling Program

- The UT-GOM2-2 Permit Team (consisting of UT and Ohio State) continued work on the Geology and Geophysical (G&G) chapter of the BOEM Exploration Plan. UT and Ohio State held weekly web conferences to work on the G&G for the H002 and G002 that will be drilled as part of the UT-GOM2-2 Scientific Drilling Program. UT and Ohio State also continued work on the G&G for the F001 and F002 wells that will also be permitted, but may only be drilled if additional funding is available.
- The Permitting Team collaborated with the Science and Core Analysis Team on technical issues, including:
 - The committed plan for coring points
 - Maximum number of cores per well based on processing and storage limitations
 - o Contingency coring plans to respond to different geological scenarios at possible updip location
 - o Time, mud, and resources estimates for each well
- The Permitting Team developed the blowout scenario (conditions required to encounter free gas leg(s) due to trajectory deviation
- The Permitting Team and G&G Team incorporated Exploration Plan G&G changes into the UT-GOM2-2 Operations Plan.
- The former BOEM-Authorized Official for UT Austin, Dr. Daniel Jaffe, VPR, has moved into a new role within the University and no longer has the delegation of authority to act as BOEM-authorized official for The University of Texas at Austin. The Permitting Team worked with the UT Office of Legal Affairs, UT Office of Business Contracts, UT Office of the Vice President for Research, and BOEM to grant Dr. Alison Preston, Interim Vice President for Research, the new delegation to act as Authorized Official for UT Austin.

1.3 What Will Be Done In The Next Reporting Period To Accomplish These Goals

1.3.1 Task 1.0 – Project Management & Planning

UT will continue to execute the project in accordance with the approved PMP. UT will continue to manage and control project activities in accordance with their established processes and procedures to ensure subtasks and tasks are completed within schedule and budget constraints defined by the PMP.

1.3.2 Task 10.0 – Core Analysis

- Work will continue on measuring the petrophysical and geomechanical properties of pressure cores using the UT KO Permeameter (core 2FB-1-1). We will run a long-term injection test (over one month) to dissolve hydrate at in-situ pressure to examine whether the hydrate is bearing the stress.
- Quantitative degassing will continue as needed in support of the permeability measurements and to acquire additional gas samples for carbon, hydrogen, and noble gas isotopic analysis at Ohio State.
- Work will continue on finalizing and posting Data Reports
- UT, Ohio State, University of New Hampshire, and Oregon State continue working on contributions to the AAPG Special Bulletin Volumes (1, 2, and 3).
- UNH plans to finish remeasurement of sediment TOC once their lab reopens.
- Oregon State with Texas A&M Corpus Christi will continue assessing the microbial communities in GC 955 sediment as possible depending on how long labs are shut down.

1.3.3 Task 11.0 – Update Operations Plan for UT-GOM2-2 Scientific Drilling Program

- UT and Ohio State will continue to update the operations plan, as required, based on changes to the Exploration Plan and Science and Sample Distribution Plan.
- UT will continue to develop the UT-GOM2-2 Science and Sample Distribution Plan, which will be reviewed with subcontractors, the Core Analysis Team, and the Technical Advisory Group.
- The UT-GOM2-2 Science and Sample Distribution Plan is scheduled to be distributed to the Technical Advisory Group in August, 2020.

1.3.4 Task 12.0 – UT-GOM2-2 Scientific Drilling Program Vessel Access

• The UT Vessel Procurement Team will determine strategy and develop plan for UT-GOM2-2 vessel procurement.

1.3.5 Task 13.0 – Maintenance And Refinement Of Pressure Core Transport, Storage, & Manipulation Capability

• The Mini-PCATS, PMRS, analytical equipment, and all storage chambers will undergo continued observation and maintenance at regularly scheduled intervals and on an as-needed basis.

• After successful proof of concept and dummy sample testing, UT will continue to conduct testing of the Geotek remedies to ensure their viability with real world pressure core analysis.

1.3.6 Task 14.0 – Performance Assessment, Modifications, And Testing Of PCTB

- UT will continue to coordinate with Geotek in their independent evaluation and post-Land Test testing of the PCTB. Geotek will continue testing and development of modified components. Based on the outcome of testing to be conducted in the next reporting period, Geotek will make recommendations for permanent modifications to the PCTB.
- UT will monitor the results of Geotek's ongoing evaluation, and report updates immediately to the PCTB Development Team.
- UT will engage the PCTB Development Team (including members of DOE and USGS) to determine what additional testing of the PCTB will be required prior to deployment during UT-GOM2-1.

1.3.7 Task 15.0 – UT-GOM2-2 Scientific Drilling Program Preparations

- The UT-GOM2-2 Permitting Team will continue to hold weekly web-conferences to work through permit-related issues.
- We will send the Exploration Plan (EP), Right-of-Use-and-Easement (RUE), and Geological and Geophysical (G&G) permit documents to BOEM for informal review. BOEM and UT will identify potential issues with the permit documents. We will then determine the optimal timing of formal permit submission.
- The target date for submission of the Exploration Plan, BOEM 0327, and the RUE request to BOEM for preliminary review is late August, 2020.

2 PRODUCTS

Project publications webpage: https://ig.utexas.edu/energy/gom2-methane-hydrates-at-the-university-of-texas/gom2-publications/

2.1 UT-GOM2-1 Scientific Report

UT and the GOM2 Science Party have created, finalized, and published the UT-GOM2-1 expedition scientific volume. The volume contains preliminary pages, expedition summary, methods, well reports, a digital database of the initial technical findings, and all supporting materials. The volume was modeled after similar IODP volumes. Table 2-1 presents the volume structure with links.

Expedition Volume Cover / Home	https://ig.utexas.edu/energy/genesis-of-methane-hydrate-
	in-coarse-grained-systems/expedition-ut-gom2-1/
Expedition Scientists	https://ig.utexas.edu/energy/genesis-of-methane-hydrate-
	in-coarse-grained-systems/expedition-ut-gom2-
	<u>1/expedition-scientists/</u>
Preliminary Pages	https://ig.utexas.edu/energy/genesis-of-methane-hydrate-
Volume Authorship, Publisher's Notes, Chapter links, Data	in-coarse-grained-systems/expedition-ut-gom2-1/reports/
Report links, Expedition Bibliography	
UT-GOM2-1 Hydrate Pressure Coring Expedition Chapter 1.	https://ig.utexas.edu/files/2018/02/1.0-UT-GOM2-1-
Expedition Summary	Expedition-Summary.pdf
1.1 Background and Objectives	
1.2 Pre-Drill Operational Plan	
1.3 Operational Overview	
1.4 Scientific Results	
1.5 Reporting	
138 pages, 26 figures, 10 tables, 3 appendices	
UT-GOM2-1 Hydrate Pressure Coring Expedition Chapter 2.	http://www-udc.ig.utexas.edu/gom2/Chapter%202%20-
Expedition Methods	<u>%20Methods.pdf</u>
1.1 Introduction	
1.2 Rig Instrumentations	
1.3 Pressure Coring	
1.4 Physical Properties and Core Transfer	
1.5 Quantitative Degassing	
1.6 Lithostratigraphy	
1.7 Geochemistry and Microbiology	
1.8 Wireline Logging	
41 pages, 12 figures, 6 tables	

Table 2-1: UT-GOM2-1 Scientific Volume

UT-GOM2-1 Hydrate Pressure Coring Expedition Chapter 3.	http://www-udc.ig.utexas.edu/gom2/Chapter%203%20-
Hole GC 955 H002	<u>%20H002.pdf</u>
1.1 Background and Objectives	
1.2 Operations	
1.3 Pressure Coring	
1.4 Physical Properties and Core Transfer	
1.5 Quantitative Degassing	
1.6 Lithostratigraphy	
1.7 Geochemistry and Microbiology	
1.8 Wireline Logging	
85 pages, 55 figures, 24 tables	
UT-GOM2-1 Hydrate Pressure Coring Expedition Chapter 4.	http://www-udc.ig.utexas.edu/gom2/Chapter%204%20-
Hole GC 955 H005	<u>%20H005.pdf</u>
1.1 Background and Objectives	
1.2 Operations	
1.3 Pressure Coring	
1.4 Physical Properties and Core Transfer	
1.5 Quantitative Degassing	
1.6 Lithostratigraphy	
1.7 Geochemistry and Microbiology	
1.8 Wireline Logging	
164 pages,128 figures, 30 tables	
Data Directory	http://www-udc.ig.utexas.edu/gom2/

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2.6 Inventions, Patent Applications, and/or Licenses

Nothing to report.

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3.1 Changes In Approach And Reasons For Change

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3.2 Actual Or Anticipated Problems Or Delays And Actions Or Plans To Resolve Them Nothing to report

3.3 Changes That Have A Significant Impact On Expenditures Nothing to report.

3.4 Change Of Primary Performance Site Location From That Originally Proposed Nothing to report.

4 SPECIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Current Project Period

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4.2 Future Project Periods

Task 1.0 – Revised Project Management Plan Subtask 15.5 – Final UT-GOM2-2 Scientific Drilling Program Operation Plan Subtask 17.1 – Project Sample and Data Distribution Plan Subtask 17.3 – UT-GOM2-2 Scientific Drilling Program Scientific Results Volume

5 BUDGETARY INFORMATION

The Budget Period 4 cost summary is provided in Table 5-1.

		Budget Period 4												
		Y1Q1			Y1Q2			Y1Q3				Y1Q4		
Baseline Reporting Quarter		10/01/19-12/31/19			01/01/20-03/31/20			04/01/20-06/30/20				07/01/20-09/30/20		
		Y1Q1		Cumulative Total		Y1Q2		Cumulative Total		Y1Q3	Cumulative Total	e	Y1Q4	Cumulative Total
Baseline Cost Plan														
Federal Share	\$	1,087,357	\$	27,293,955	\$	961,357	Ş	\$28,255,312	\$	2,169,274	\$ 30,424,58	37	\$ 961,357	\$ 31,385,944
Non-Federal Share	\$	307,598	\$	22,798,170	\$	307,598	\$	\$23,105,767	\$	307,598	\$ 23,413,36	55	\$ 307,598	\$23,720,962
Total Planned	\$	1,394,955	\$	50,092,125	\$	1,268,955	Ş	\$51,361,079	\$	2,476,872	\$ 53,837,95	51	\$ 1,268,955	\$55,106,906
Actual Incurred Cost														
Federal Share	\$	266,282	\$	26,336,093	\$	1,031,076	\$	\$27,367,169	\$	1,220,967	\$ 28,588,13	35		
Non-Federal Share	\$	61,210	\$	22,577,153	\$	306,656	Ş	\$22,883,809	\$	319,211	\$ 23,203,01	19		
Total Incurred Cost	\$	327,492	\$	48,913,245	\$	1,337,732	\$	\$ 50,250,977	\$	1,540,178	\$ 51,791,15	55		
Variance														
Federal Share	\$	(821,075)	\$	(821,075)	\$	69,718	\$	\$ (751,357)	\$	(948,307)	\$ (1,699,66	54)		
Non-Federal Share		(246,388)	\$	(246,388)	\$	(942)	\$	\$ (247,329)	\$	11,613	\$ (235,71	16)		
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Table 5-1: Phase 4 / Budget Period 4 Cost Profile

6 ACRONYMS

Table 6-1: List of Acronyms

ACRONYM	DEFINITION				
AAPG	American Association of Petroleum Geologists				
BOEM	Bureau of Ocean Energy Management				
СРР	Complimentary Project Proposal				
СТ	Computed Tomography				
CTTF	Cameron Test Testing Facility				
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy				
EP	Exploration Plan				
G&G	Geologic and Geophysical				
GC	Green Canyon				
IODP	International Ocean Discovery Program				
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act				
NETL	National Energy Technology Laboratory				
PCATS	Pressure Core Analysis and Transfer System				
PCC	Pressure Core Center				
РСТВ	Pressure Core Tool with Ball Valve				
PCTB-CS	TB-CS Pressure Core Tool with Ball Valve - Cutting Shoe				
PCTB-FB Pressure Core Tool with Ball Valve - Face Bit					
PDT	Probe Deployment Tool				
PM	Project Manager				
РМР	Project Management Plan				
PMRS	Pressure Maintenance and Relief System				
QRPPR	Quarterly Research Performance and Progress Report				
RPPR	Research Performance and Progress Report				
RUE	Right-of-Use-and-Easement				
SOPO	Statement of Project Objectives				
SST	Science, Space, & Technology				
T2P	Temperature to Pressure Probe				
TAMU-CC	Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi				
ТОС	Total Organic Carbon				
UNH	University of New Hampshire				
UT	University of Texas at Austin				
UW	University of Washington				
ХСТ	X-ray Computed Tomography				

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APPENDIX A

GOM2 Pressure Coring Tool with Ball Valve (PCTB) Land Test II Report



GOM2 PRESSURE CORING TOOL WITH BALL VALVE (PCTB) LAND TEST II REPORT

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Executive Summary

The UT DOE Hydrates program (DE-FE0023919) performed a field test of the PCTB (Pressure Core Tool with Ball), the Probe Deployment Tool (PDT), and the Temperature-2-Pressure (T2P) probe in March, 2020 at Schlumberger's Cameron Test and Training Facility (CTTF) (PCTB Land Test II). Seven tests of the Pressure Coring Tool with Ball (PCTB) were performed. Two coring tests were performed with the face bit version (PCTB-FB). Five tests were performed with the cutting shoe version (PCTB-CS). At the end of the testing program, the Probe Deployment Tool (PDT) was deployed.

Core recovery and core quality was excellent with both the PCTB-CS and the PCTB-FB. Core recovery was generally 80% or higher. The diameter of the core was consistent in all cores for both the CS and FB configurations, even across transitions between limestone and shale. In 6 out of 7 cases, the ball only partially closed and no increase in pressure was recorded. We interpret that drilling fluid and entrained cuttings are wedging between the outer housing and the seal carrier and jamming the seal carrier which drives the ball.

The Probe Deployment Tool (PDT) is a device designed to deploy a penetrometer through the bottom hole assembly to measure temperature and pressure. It is conveyed by wireline and lands in the Bottom Hole Assembly (BHA). During lowering of the PDT by wireline, the tool was lost and fell to the bottom of the drill string to rest in the BHA. The tool was quickly recovered with the GS pulling tool and no further testing was performed. The detents, or catches, that hold the PDT to the wireline tool are interpreted to have failed. These will be manufactured with stronger material in the future.

1 Introduction

The UT DOE Hydrates program (DE-FE0023919) performed a field test of the PCTB (Pressure Core Tool with Ball) from Monday, 3/9/2020 to Friday 3/20/2020 (PCTB Land Test II). Representatives from Geotek Coring Inc., Pettigrew Engineering, and The University of Texas at Austin participated in the testing. The test was performed at Schlumberger's Cameron Test and Training Facility (CTTF), near Cameron, TX.

The purpose of the test was the following: First, we wished to confirm that after modifications made to the PCTB tools, the tool still functioned as well as it had prior to the modifications. Second, we wished to know whether the modifications improved the tool performance. Third, we wished to test the Probe Deployment Tool (PDT) to determine if it would work in a field environment.

Prior to the PCTB Land Test II, the PCTB was modified based on the results of the Bench Test II, conducted Jan 27-31, 2020 (Geotek, 2020). Twelve pressure actuation tests were performed in which the PCTB was actuated at field-like pressures at the Geotek high pressure test facility in Salt Lake City, Utah. During the PCTB Bench Test II, the PCTB performed with a 100% success rate when properly deployed. The following modifications were permanently incorporated into the PCTB as a result of the Bench Test II:

- 1. Single Trigger Mechanism: The single trigger mechanism replaced the complex vent port mechanism, making it impossible for the boost to fire prior to closing the vent port while eliminating the O-ring face seal and spring.
- 2. IT Plug Mandrel Shear Pin: With the introduction of the single trigger mechanism, the IT plug mandrel locking dogs were replaced by a shear pin, with force high enough to ensure the autoclave upper seals are properly engaged while low enough to allow the overtravel spring to function without prematurely unlatching the PCTB from the bottom hole assembly (BHA).
- 3. Low Friction Coating: All sliding parts and the latch mechanism had a low friction coating applied, to reduce the wireline overpull required to release the PCTB latch from the BHA.
- 4. Flow Diverter Seals: Introduction of the single trigger mechanism required the flow diverter to be modified, which included replacing the original lip seals with point seals.
- 5. Regulator Sub: The regulator sub was modified so the diverter seal cannot cause hydraulic lock.
- 6. Pressure Section Increase: The pressure section length was increased by 24 inches, more than doubling its volume. This helps to ensure adequate high pressure gas is available to activate the autoclave boost in high hydrostatic pressure environments.

On Monday, March 9th, Schlumberger started a new sidetrack for the experiment called Slot #6 Well #8 ST19 (Appendix C). This was completed on Thursday, March 12. Drill pipe arrived on Thursday, March 12. The Geotek containers arrived on Friday, March 13. On Monday March 16, Geotek mobilized and we picked up drill pipe into the derrick, connected utilities to the service vans. On Tuesday, March 17, we began a 3-day testing program. We completed testing on Thursday, March 19, and demobilized on Friday, March 20.

As we describe in detail below, the PCTB tools cut core rapidly and cleanly. This confirmed that the changes made to the tool (state changes) were successful. However, in all but one case we did not seal pressure in the core because the ball valve did not seal. We interpret that grit in the drilling mud

prevented the ball valve sealing and we are now developing techniques to overcome this limitation. The Probe Deployment Tool did not successfully deploy.

2 Hole Description

In preparation for the test, a sidetrack was performed. Slot #6 Well #8 ST19 was drilled to 1815 MD from the rig floor and 1811 TVD (Appendix C). All coring occurred within the Austin Chalk Formation, which is of Late Cretaceous age; it is composed of chalk and marl with occasional beds of shale. Figure 2-1 and Figure 2-2 show geologic formations, lithology, well logs, and core section depths for the hole.



Figure 2-1. Testing was done within the lower part of the Austin Chalk Fm. Log provided by CTTF. A. Depth in MD from rig floor. B, C, D. Wireline logs. E. Geologic unit names. F. Cored intervals. G. Lithology



Figure 2-2. Details of the cored intervals. A. Depth in MD from rig floor. B, C, D. Wireline logs. E. Geologic unit names. F. Cored intervals. G. Lithology

3 Test Description

Seven tests of the Pressure Coring Tool with Ball (PCTB) were performed. Two coring tests were performed with the face bit version (PCTB-FB): CTTF-01FB, CTTF-02FB. These were followed by 4 tests with the cutting shoe version (PCTB-CS): CTTF-03CS, CTTF-04CS, CTTF-05CS, CTTF-06CS. One 'water core' of the PCTB-CS was performed wherein the PCTB was deployed within the casing without coring (CTTF-07CS). Finally, the Probe Deployment Tool (PDT) was deployed.

3.1 Face-bit (PCTB-FB)

The purpose of the Face-bit test was to test the operation of PCTB in the face-bit configuration (PCTB-FB). These coring tests were operated as full-function tests in which a rock formation was drilled and cored. Two coring tests (cores CTTF-01FB and CTTF-02FB) were taken.

3.2 Cutting-shoe (PCTB-CS)

The PCTB was next run in the cutting shoe configuration (PCTB-CS). Four full function, or coring, tests were run. One 'water core' was performed where the PCTB-CS was deployed within casing without coring.

3.3 PDT/T2P Test

The Probe Deployment Tool (PDT) was tested during the PCTB Land Test II at CTTF in Cameron, Texas, on March 19, 2020. The PDT was developed to deploy instrumented probes, such as the pore pressure penetrometer (T2P) and SET(P), from the IODP Drill Ship *JOIDES Resolution*, and replaces the previous MDHD deployment tool. The PDT had not previously been tested in a borehole environment.

The PDT was designed to allow a probe to be hydraulically driven into the formation and then isolated from any drill string/bottom hole assembly (BHA) residual heave movement while collecting data. Upon deployment, the PDT is designed to land in the bottom hole assembly (BHA). Upon landing, it unlatches the inner rod subassembly allowing the probe to be driven by either the weight of the rod, or pump pressure, into the formation. At that point, the probe is independent of the drill string, which compensates for any residual heave.

Prior to the PCTB Land Test II, the PDT locking dogs, lower and upper latching dogs, and all pivot pins were replaced with dogs and pins fabricated from stronger materials, as a result of bench testing conducted at Geotek Coring Inc.'s test facility in Salt Lake City, Utah in January, 2020. Minor brinelling (indenting) of the detents (release mechanism) was observed during the bench testing, but these detents were not replaced with detents fabricated from stronger material.

The mechanical design of the T2P has not changed substantially since 2016. However, the data acquisition system has been redesigned. A new circuit board, battery, firmware, and mounting system has been built. This test was an opportunity to see if the new CDAQ is rugged enough for the borehole environment, to acquire real data using the new system, and to find ways the CDAQ could be improved.

4 Test Results

7 PCTB tests were performed and 1 PDT/T2P test was performed (Table 4-1, Table 4-2). The recovered cores were cut into sections (Table 4-3).

Table 4-1	Summary	of daily Events
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Date	Activity
Monday, March 9, 2020	Schlumberger began sidetrack drilling
Tuesday, March 10, 2020	Continued sidetrack drilling
Wednesday, March 11, 2020	Continued sidetrack drilling
Thursday, March 12, 2020	Sidetrack drilling completed; drill pipe arrived
Friday, March 13, 2020	Geotek containers arrived
Monday, March 16, 2020	Rig up
Tuesday, March 17, 2020	CTTF-01FB, CTTF-02FB
Wednesday, March 18, 2020	BHA change, CTTF-03CS, CTTF-04CS
Thursday, March 19, 2020	CTTF-05CS, CTTF-06CS, CTTF-07CS, PDT Test
Friday, March 20, 2020	Data compilation, Reporting; Demobilization (UT, Geotek, Containers, Cranes)
Saturday, March 21, 2020	No activity
Sunday, March 22, 2020	No activity
Monday, March 23, 2020	Drill pipe offsite

Table 4-2. Coring summary, whether a pressure boost was recorded and maintained (correct ball closure), and other pertinent information. Depths in MD from rig floor.

Coring Test	Configuration	Core Name	Correct ball valve closure?	Pressure at surface (psi)	Coring begin depth (ft)	Coring stop depth (ft)	Penetration (ft)	Core recovered (ft)	Recovery (%)	Formation	Flow Rate (gal/min)	Date	Start time	End time
1	Face bit	CTTF-01FB	Y	2100	1815.1	1821.7	6.6	5.5	83	Austin Chalk	400	3/17/2020	11:13	11:49
2	Face bit	CTTF-02FB	N	0	1821.7	1831.5	9.8	8.9	91	Austin Chalk	600	3/17/2020	15:09	15:38
3	Cutting shoe	CTTF-03CS	N	0	1831.5	1841	9.5	7.5	79	Austin Chalk	600	3/18/2020	13:46	14:24
4	Cutting shoe	CTTF-04CS	N	0	1841	1843.5	2.5	2	80	Austin Chalk	400	3/18/2020	16:08	16:37
5	Cutting shoe	CTTF-05CS	N	0	1843.5	1843.8	0.3	0.59	197	Austin Chalk	29	3/19/2020	10:15	11:00
6	Cutting shoe	CTTF-06CS	N	0	1843.8	1844.2	0.4	0	0	Austin Chalk	100	3/19/2020	13:05	13:35
7	Cutting shoe	CTTF-07CS	N	0	water core	1235	-	-	-	-	0	3/19/2020	16:00	16:45

Table 4-3. Summary of core section, length, and local location in the core liner.

Section Name	Length (cm)	Top Location (cm)	Bottom Location (cm)
CTTF-01FB-1	95	0	95
CTTF-01FB-2	75	95	170
CTTF-02FB-1	90	0	90
CTTF-02FB-2	100	90	190
CTTF-02FB-3	80	190	270
CTTF-03CS-1	100	0	100
CTTF-03CS-2	100	100	200
CTTF-03CS-3	30	200	230
CTTF-04CS-1	62	0	62
CTTF-05CS-1	18	0	18
CTTF-06CS-1		no core recov	vered

4.1 PCTB-FB Results

Two face-bit pressure cores were taken (Table 4-2). The first core (CTTF-1FB) was 5.5 ft long and had 85% recovery. The core was recovered at pressure (2100 psi) and both the ball valve and nitrogen boost worked correctly. The second core (CTTF-2FB) was 8.9 ft long and had 92% recovery. On the second

core, the ball valve did not seal. CTTF-1FB was run at a flow rate of 400 gpm and Test 2 was run at 600 gpm (Table 4-2). Both cores recovered had high recovery and were of very good quality.

Detailed summaries of the cores are presented in the daily reports in Appendices D and E.

4.2 PCTB-CS Results

Four cutting shoe pressure cores were taken (Table 4-2). The first core (CTTF-03CS) was 7.5 ft long and had 80% recovery (Table 4-2). We took a shorter core for CTTF-04CS and once again had 80% recovery. Both coring runs were run at a relatively high pump rate (Table 4-2). CTTF-05CS and CTTF-06CS were both short cores, but they also had high recovery: 2 and 0.5 ft of core were recovered respectively (Table 4-2).

In all 4 cases of PCTB-CS coring, the ball valve did not seal.

The final deployment of the PCTB was to test the PCTB-CS within casing, without actually coring rock (a 'water core'). The ball valve did not seal (e.g. Figure 5-6).

For a detailed description of individual core runs, see daily reports in Appendices D & E.

4.3 PDT and T2P Results

4.3.1 Test results

In preparation for deployment of the PDT, the Running/Pulling Tool (RPT) was assembled and a lifting clamp was installed on the top connection. The RPT was then laid out on the catwalk. The PDT was then assembled, a T2P attached, the T2P protection boot installed, and a lifting clamp was installed on the PDT top connection. The PDT/T2P assembly was then laid out on the catwalk.

The PDT/T2P assembly was pulled up the Vee door to the rig floor using a tugger. The PDT/T2P assembly was then lowered down the drill string until the lifting clamp landed on the drill pipe tool joint. The tugger was then disconnected and laid out. The wireline was connected to the RPT and the RPT was then pulled up the Vee Door to the rig floor. The RPT was stabbed into the PDT/T2P assembly and the entire assembly was then picked up to remove the lifting clamp from the PDT top connection.

After removing the lifting clamp from the PDT, the RPT/PDT/T2P assembly was lowered down the drill string on the wireline. At 348 feet below the rig floor the wireline operator reported losing approximately 800 lbs. of weight. This was an indication that the PDT/T2P had prematurely released from the RPT. If this was the case, the PDT/T2P was now landed in the BHA approximately 850 feet below the RPT. Since it appeared that the RPT did not remain latched to the PDT/T2P it was theorized that fishing the dropped PDT/T2P assembly with the RPT would be futile. The decision was made to pull the RPT out of the drill string and lay it out, then fish the PDT/T2P using a GS Pulling Tool.

When the RPT reached the rig floor, visual inspection did not reveal any damage to the tool or the cause of the premature release.



Figure 4-1. PDS Running/Pulling Tool Collet.

The RPT was laid out on the catwalk and a GS Pulling Tool was attached to the wireline. The GS Pulling Tool was then lowered down the drill string until it landed on the PDT/T2P assembly. When the wireline was picked up, an additional 800 pounds of weight was noted, indicating that the PDT/T2P was attached.

The PDT/T2P assembly was then pulled to the rig floor via the wireline where a lifting clamp was installed on the PDT top connection. After landing the PDT on the drill pipe, the GS pulling tool was unlatched from the PDT and laid out. A tugger was attached to the lifting clamp installed on the PDT and the PDT/T2P assembly was pulled out of the drill string. It became evident that the PDT inner rod subassembly had scoped out, probably on impact with the BHA landing shoulder. The PDT was picked up further until the T2P could be accessed. The PDT/T2P quick release was uncoupled allowing for removal of the T2P which was then laid out. The PDT was then laid out on the catwalk with the inner rod subassembly scoped out.

4.3.2 Post Test Inspection

Prior to disassembly of the PDT one of the locking dogs was observed to be missing (Figure 4-2). It appeared that the locking dog had sheared the pivot pin.



Figure 4-2. Missing locking dog.

It was also observed that the latch detent body was still in the locked (down) position (Figure 4-3).



Figure 4-3. Detent body in locked (down) position.

This is an indication that the detents had failed allowing the RPT to release from the PDT. Upon disassembly of the PDT latch the following was observed:

- 1. All of the dog pivot pins had been either deformed or sheared (Figure 4-4).
- 2. Most of the dog retaining pins had been deformed (Figure 4-4).
- 3. The upper latch dog heels were brinelled on the lower inner corners (Figure 4-5, Figure 4-6).
- 4. All four detents were missing.
- 5. The detent retaining spring was missing.
- 6. The detent body, and all other latch parts, appeared undamaged.



Figure 4-4. Deformed pivot and retaining pins.



Figure 4-5. Upper latch dogs with brinelled heels



Figure 4-6. Close up of upper latch dog brinelled heel.

T2P Observations

Upon tool recovery and disassembly, the connector from the CDAQ to the data/power dump cable was observed to be loose and moderately damaged. This does not impact the function of the CDAQ, but it would prevent recharging or offloading of data without disassembling the tool. The connector from the CDAQ to the sensors was loose and likely the connection was broken during the test, although the connector was undamaged. Sensor disconnection would immediately stop data logging, and may also cause the CDAQ to shut down. The data from the test was not recorded on the CDAQ's chip. It is possible that sensor disconnection is the cause of this data loss. Initial observations and bench tests indicate that, except for the damaged connector, the CDAQ system is undamaged and functions correctly after the test.

5 Discussion

5.1 PCTB Testing

5.1.1 Core Quantity & Quality

The core recovery was very good in both the face bit and cutting shoe configurations of the PCTB. In the two runs of the PCTB-FB, the recovery was 83 and 91% respectively for core throws of 6.6 and 9.8 ft (Table 4-1). In two long core throws of the PCTB-CS (9.5 and 3.5 ft) the recovery was 79 and 80%. For two short core throws of the PCTB-CS the recovery was more variable (0-197%). There appears to be no difference in recovery between configurations of the PCTB.

Core quality was very good in both PCTB configurations. The diameter of the core was consistent in all cores of both configurations, even across transitions between limestone and shale. Grooves on the exterior of the core were minimal. Core 'biscuiting' was common with core biscuits ranging from cm to tens of cm in length. Cores recovered with the PCTB-CS may contain more biscuits, but more detailed analysis will be required to determine differences between configurations.



Figure 5-1. Core CTTF-02FB contained 8.9 ft of limestone and shale after recovery.



Figure 5-2. A closer view of Core CTTF-02FB. The core is consistent in diameter between limestone (light-colored intervals) and shale (dark-colored intervals). Most biscuits are tens of cm in length and very minor spiral grooves are visible.



Figure 5-3. Core CTTF-04CS is a high-quality core from the cutting-shoe tool. The pressure was not maintained in the sample, but that core had high recovery (80%) and had good quality.

We interpret that the addition of the diverter system, which allowed for higher pump rates, resulted in increased penetration rate, increased core recovery, and improved core quality with both the CS and FB PCTB systems.

5.1.2 Discussion of DST and Rig parameter plots

For the PCTB Land Test II, the PCTB was deployed with one DST (compact temperature/pressure logger) in the pressure section of the tool. The DST pressure data clearly shows if the pressure boost or tool sealing occurs. We plot DST pressure alongside several relevant rig parameters to describe a successful deployment of the PCTB (core CTTF-01FB, Figure 5-4) and an unsuccessful deployment (core CTTF-05CS, Figure 5-5).

Successful test (CTTF-01FB, 3/17/2020):

Figure 5-4 and Table 5-1 show our interpretation of significant events that occurred during coring run CTTF-01FB which occurred on 3/17/2020. (1) At 10:26 the PCTB was lowered into the hole, shown by the increase in hydrostatic pressure being recorded by the DST. (2) At 11:06 the pumps were turned on. (3) At 11:11 there was weight on bit and coring begins. Bit depth began to increase, and slight pressure perturbations can be seen in the DST pressure. (4) At 11:48 penetration halted. We interpret this to be the bit becoming balled-up. (5) At 11:51 flow rate was increased to try (unsuccessfully) to resume

penetration. (6, 7, 8) At 11:55 flow rate was reduced and the bit was raised, ending the coring. (9) At 12:38 the pulling tool actuated the PCTB, closing the ball valve and triggering the pressure boost. The pressure boost was recorded as an increase in DST pressure of ~1300psi. (10) The PCTB was pulled out of the hole from 12:38 to 13:17. DST pressure indicates that tool pressure was held near constant, indicating a good seal. The slight decrease in pressure as the tool was pulled out of the hole has been observed in every previous successful test, and is attributed to compressibility and changing pressure outside of the tool, and does not indicate a poor seal.



Figure 5-4. DST and rig instrumentation plots for core CTTF-01FB. The PCTB tool boosted and sealed correctly, and pressurized core was recovered. See also Table 5-1. DST data timestamps were shifted +5.5 minutes to match to rig instrumentation timestamps.

CTTF-01FB		
Event #	Time	Event Description
1	10:26 - 10:36	PCTB is lowered into hole
2	11:06	Pump turns on
3	11:11	Coring begins
4	11:48	Coring continues, but no penetration
5	11:51	Flow rate increased in effort to restart penetration
6	11:55	Coring ends
7	11:55	Flow rate reduced
8	11:55	Bit pulled up
9	12:38	PCTB is actuated, applying pressure boost and sealing the pressure section
10	12:38 - 13:17	PCTB is pulled out of hole

Table 5-1. Significant events for core CTTF-01FB.

Unsuccessful test (CTTF-02FB - CTTF-07CS, 3/17/2020 - 3/19/2020):

The PCTB did not properly seal in any subsequent tests. Figure 5-5 and Table 5-2 show our interpretation of the major events during coring run CTTF-05CS which occurred on 3/19/2020. (1) At 09:42 the PCTB was lowered into the hole, shown by the increase in hydrostatic pressure being recorded by the DST. (2) At 10:17 the pumps were turned on. (3) At 10:20 there was weight on bit and coring begins. Bit depth began to increase, and slight pressure perturbations can be seen in the DST pressure. (4) At 10:28 penetration halted. We interpreted this to be the bit balling up. (5,6,7) At 10:50 after no further penetration, the flow rate was reduced, and the bit was raised. This ended the coring. (8) At 11:15 the pulling tool actuated the PCTB which attempted to close the ball valve and trigger the pressure boost. The sealing and pressure boost were unsuccessful. A slight pressure jump in the pressure from the DST data at (8) may record the boost attempt. (9) The PCTB was pulled out of the hole from 11:15-11:30. DST pressure indicates that the pressure decreased as the tool was pulled out of the hole, thus following the wellbore pressure as the tool was raised. At the surface there was no pressure maintained in the PCTB.



Figure 5-5. DST and rig instrumentation plots for core CTTF-05CS. The PCTB tool did not seal correctly, and the core was recovered with no pressure. The pressure boost can be seen in the DST data but quickly dissipated since the core was not sealed. Our interpretation of significant events during coring is shown. See also Table 5-2. DST data timestamps were shifted +5.5 minutes to match to rig instrumentation timestamps.

CTTF-05CS		
Event #	Time	Event Description
1	9:42-9:52	PCTB is lowered into hole
2	10:17	Pump turned on
3	10:20	Coring begins
4	10:28	Coring continues; no penetration
5	10:50	Coring ends
6	10:50	Flow rate reduced
7	10:50	Bit pulled up
8	11:15	PCTB is actuated; pressure boost is applied but lost
9	11:15-11:30	PCTB is pulled out of hole; pressure section unsealed

Table 5-2. Significant events for core CTTF-05CS

5.1.3 PCTB Ball Valve Sealing

We had one successful coring test: PCTB-1FB (Table 4-1). In this case, a clear pressure increase was recorded when the tool sealed (Figure 5-4).

In 6 out of 7 cases, the ball only partially closed and no increase in pressure was recorded (e.g. Figure 5-5). In some cases, when the tool was recovered to the surface, the ball valve was partially closed (Figure 5-6). However, in other cases the ball valve appeared closed at the surface (Figure 5-7). We interpret that in cases where the ball valve appeared sealed at the surface, the ball sealed only after the boost was fired, perhaps while being recovered.



Figure 5-6. Illustration of a partially closed ball valve after recovery from the hole. The red object is the seal carrier. When the PCTB is actuated, a spring to the left of the seal carrier drives the seal carrier downward, which in turn drives ball downward (to the right). When the ball is forced downwards, it rotates around a pin into the closed orientation, sealing the bottom of the autoclave.



Figure 5-7. Illustration of an apparently closed ball valve upon recovery from the hole. Although it is apparently sealed, no pressure was held. It is interpreted that either it was a leaky seal or that the ball valve closed after the pressure was boosted. Note the mud and silt between the ball and the seal carrier (red).

We interpret that drilling fluid and entrained cuttings are wedging between the outer housing and the seal carrier. The seal carrier drives and rotates the ball into the closed and sealed position. If cuttings are jammed between the seal carrier and the outer housing it could jam. It is possible that the first run was a fluke success, or that, early in the program, the mud had less detritus than later in the testing program. During the testing, we thought the reason the ball wasn't sealing was potentially due to the high flow rates. For that reason, we significantly reduced the flow rate (Table 4-2, CTTF-05CS, CTTF-06CS). There was no improvement in sealing behavior at lower flow rates. Another possible explanation for the failed runs is that the ball itself is jamming. However, we do not favor this interpretation as it would likely be obvious during inspection and testing.

In previous field expeditions and in the previous land test (Flemings, 2015), there have been repeated cases where the PCTB has not sealed at the time the tool is raised. During UT-GOM2-1, there was only one core that recorded a boost pressure and this was in lithified marl and mudrock and not in a coarse-grained hydrate bearing interval. In drilling the coarse-grained interval, in all cases, the ball valve sealed as the tool was being raised to the surface and a pressure boost was not recorded (Thomas et al., in press).

The PCTB-CS and PCTB-FB sealed perfectly during downhole testing in Salt Lake City (Geotek Coring Inc., 2020). However, this mud did not have detritus or silt within it. The only change in the ball closure mechanism between the Salt Lake City Bench test and the Cameron test was that was to put a low friction coating on it. This was fully vetted in the bench test in Salt Lake City with no issues.

It is our view that incremental improvements in the tool have improved the reliability of the upper pressure seal. However, this field test has now clearly delineated that there continues to be a problem with sealing of the ball valve itself.

To resolve this issue, it will be necessary to be able to systematically recreate the failure mode where sediments jam the seal carrier. Geotek will explore this immediately at Salt Lake by adding sediment to mud to simulate the conditions at Cameron. At the same time, Geotek and Pettigrew Engineering will explore possible design changes to improve sealing in the presence of mud with cuttings.

5.2 PDT

Once the running/pulling tool is stabbed into the PDT, the detents lock the running/pulling tool to the detent body. The detent body in turn is locked to the latch body by the upper latch dogs. It appears the detents sheared, allowing the running/pulling tool to come out of the PDT without the detent body moving into the release position. This situation is exacerbated by the tendency of the detents to roll under load due to limited shouldering within the detent body. Shearing of the detents is indicated by the brinelling of the upper latch dog heels, the fact that the detent body remained in the locked position, and the running/pulling tool released from the PDT. Unfortunately, all of the detents were lost downhole and they cannot be analyzed.

During the bench testing of the PDT, a shortened configuration had to be employed due to lifting height restrictions. The shortened configuration placed a lower load on the detents and upper latching dogs than the full assembly does. The slight brinelling of the detents during the bench testing was an apparent overlooked indication of a potential overloading situation which manifested itself during the

land test. Although the detents were designed to hold more than eight times the static load of the PDT, impact loading during handling and deployment were apparently enough to initiate the shear failure.

The loss of the locking dog is believed to be a result of the free falling-PDT slamming into the BHA landing shoulder. It is theorized that upon landing in the BHA, the missing locking dog did not have enough time to clear the landing sleeve as the landing sleeve instantaneously moved upward relative to the latch body. This action caused the locking dog pivot pin to shear, allowing the locking dog to fall out of the latch.

The deformed pivot and retaining pins are a result of the latch dogs being forced outward by the wedging action during shearing the detents. The brinelled corners of the latch dog heels is an indication of the wedging action.

The following upgrades are being considered.

- Upgrade the detents to stronger material. The upgrade of the locking dogs to stronger material between the bench testing and the land test improved their performance. No bending of the locking dogs was observed after the land test. This same approach should be taken with the detents.
- 2. Square off the latch dogs load heels to provide a better load bearing surface.
- 3. Square off the detent latch dog groove load side to provide a better load bearing surface.

5.3 Penetrometer (T2P)

The new mounting system for the new CDAQ performed well and protected the ciruit boards and battery from damage during the test. Better strain relief needs to be implemented on both sensor-side and charging-side connectors. The cause of data loss will be investigated; at minimum, a failsafe function needs to be implemented in the firmware that would salvage data in case of sensor disconnection or CDAQ failure during logging.

6 Summary

The PCTB Land Test II provided additional operational experience with the PCTB, PDT, and T2P downhole tools in a wellbore environment. Every test we make strengthens our understanding of these tools and strengthens their performance. We interpret that the addition of the diverter system, which allowed for higher pump rates, resulted in increased penetration rate, increased core recovery, and improved core quality with both the CS and FB PCTB systems. We also interpret that the implementation of a single trigger mechanism has made the upper seal more reliable. Our testing has now illuminated that cuttings are jamming the seal carrier. The seal carrier drives and rotates the ball into the closed and sealed position. When it jams, the ball valve cannot seal. If we can repeatedly demonstrate this mode of failure in the test facility at Geotek Salt Lake, then we are optimistic that we will be able to design a solution. The PDT and T2P could not be fully exercised because the tool was dropped when it was running in. Minor changes will strengthen the latching mechanism for lowering the tool.

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APPENDIX A: DST Plots

Appendix A: DST plots



Figure A1. DST pressure and temperature record for CTTF-01FB. Boost pressure clearly recorded.



Figure A2. DST pressure and temperature record for CTTF-02FB. No boost pressure recorded.



Figure A3. DST pressure and temperature record for CTTF-03CS. No boost pressure recorded.



Figure A4. DST pressure and temperature record for CTTF-04CS. No boost pressure recorded.



Figure A5. DST pressure and temperature record for CTTF-05CS. No boost pressure recorded.



Figure A6. DST pressure and temperature record for CTTF-06CS. No boost pressure recorded.



Figure A7. DST pressure and temperature record for CTTF-07CS. No boost pressure recorded.

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APPENDIX B: Rig Instrumentation Plots

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Figure B1. Bit position and bit weight record for coring CTTF-01FB.



Figure B2. Bit position and top drive torque record for coring CTTF-01FB.



Figure B3. Rig pump pressure and flow rate record for coring CTTF-01FB.



Figure B4. Bit position and bit weight record for coring CTTF-02FB.


Figure B5. Bit position and top drive torque record for coring CTTF-02FB.



Figure B6. Rig pump pressure and flow rate record for coring CTTF-02FB.



Figure B7. Bit position and bit weight record for coring CTTF-03CS.



Figure B8. Bit position and top drive torque record for coring CTTF-03CS.



Figure B9. Rig pump pressure and flow rate record for coring CTTF-03CS.



Figure B10. Bit position and bit weight record for coring CTTF-04CS.



Figure B11. Bit position and top drive torque record for coring CTTF-04CS.



Figure B12. Rig pump pressure and flow rate record for coring CTTF-04CS.



Figure B13. Bit position and bit weight record for coring CTTF-05CS.



Figure B14. Bit position and top drive torque record for coring CTTF-05CS.



Figure B15. Rig pump pressure and flow rate record for coring CTTF-05CS.



Figure B16. Bit position and bit weight record for coring CTTF-06CS.



Figure B17. Bit position and top drive torque record for coring CTTF-06CS.



Figure B15. Rig pump pressure and flow rate record for coring CTTF-06CS.

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APPENDIX C: Hole Location Information



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APPENDIX D: Core Photos

Appendix D: Core Photos



Figure 0-1 CTTF-01FB from core run 1 (face-bit).





Figure 0-2 CTTF-02FB from core run 2 (face-bit).



Figure 0-3 CTTF-03CS from core run 3 (cutting-shoe).



Figure 0-4 CTTF-04CS from core run 4 (cutting-shoe).



Figure 5 CTTF-04CS from core run 4 (cutting-shoe).

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APPENDIX E: Daily Reports

Monday, 16 March 2020

PCTB Land Test Daily Report Monday, 16 March 2020

- 1) The day began at 0700 with a safety briefing for all newly arrived personnel.
- 2) Mobilization of the coring service conex and coring tools was resumed and completed.
- 3) Picking up the drill pipe (singles) was initiated when it was discovered that the 5" elevator rented for the test was too small for the drill pipe. Although 5" drill pipe is being used it is configured for a 5-1/2" elevator so as not to have to change out elevators when running a tapered 5" and 5-1/2" drill string.
- 4) A rental 5-1/2" elevator was located and delivered to the rig.
- 5) While waiting for the delivery of the 5-1/2" elevator, the PCTB outer core barrel subassembly was assembled and the coring tools were spaced out.
- 6) A representative from the wireline company visited the site as a precursor to setting up wireline operations in the morning. All cross over subs required for the wireline packoff unit were located and test fitted.
- 7) Once the 5-1/2" elevator arrived, the drill collars were picked up and the BHA was assembled and hung off at the rig floor.
- 8) Picking up the 5" drill pipe (singles) resumed while tripping in the hole with the BHA.

Night Shift Operations Plan

- 1) The night shift will continue to pick up drill pipe (singles) while tripping in the hole, stopping when the bit reaches the casing shoe at ~1300 ft.
- 2) 7 stands of drill pipe (triples) will then be made up and racked back in the derrick ready to trip to TD and start coring at 0700 in the morning.
- 3) No additional drill should have to be picked up to complete the testing.

Tuesday, 17 March 2020

OPERATIONAL RESULTS

0700: Daily briefing, safety for all newly arrived personnel and planned operations for the day.

0730: RIH w/pipe from casing shoe at ~1300 ft to TD and circulate.

0800: Rig up wireline.

1030: RIH with core barrel.

1100: Begin cutting core FB-1 @ ~1815.1 ft.

400 gpm

70 rpm

4200 WOB

775 pump pressure

1215: Stop coring @ 1821.7 ft.

RIH to recover core FB-1.

1300: Core FB-1 in service conex.

Pressure = ~2100 psi

Core length = ~ 5.5 ft

Cored interval = ~ 6.6 ft.

Note that the core catcher (wedge/spring) stuck to the top of the core and rode up inside the liner with the core.

1415: Pick up core barrel for core FB-2.

1500: Cutting core FB-2

5500 WOB

72 RPM

600 gpm

1590 pump pressure

1545: Stop coring @ 1831.5 ft

RIH w/WL to recover core FB-2

1645: Core FB-2 in service conex.

Ball closed

No retained pressure in autoclave. The autoclave held pressure when pressurized in the service conex prior to opening. The DST recorded a change in hydrostatic pressure as the tool was recovered indicating that the leak was present over the entire trip from TD to the rig floor.

Final reservoir pressure = 1615 psi

Reservoir fill pressure = 8000 psi

Night Shift Operations Plan

- 1) Pull out of hole to rig floor.
- 2) Prepare for switching to cutting shoe BHA in morning.

CORE RESULTS:

<u>Coring Test 1 (core CTTF-1FB)</u>: 6.6 ft of formation were penetrated over 48 minutes. At 11:45, the rate of penetration slowed, it was interpreted that the bit was balling, and we ceased coring 11:52. The ball valve closed, and pressure recorded in the autoclave was 2100 psi.

70"(178 cm) of core was recovered in CTTF-1FB. Core recovery was 91%. The core was largely cylindrical with no marked variations in diameter. The core was predominantly composed of light gray indurated carbonate rich rock. Occasional layers of dark gray to charcoal fissile shale was found One ~15 cm section of almost pure shale was encountered. The core was cut into two sections: CTTF-1FB-1 and CTTF-1FB-2. The sections were photographed, labelled, put back in the core liner and preserved.



Figure 1: Core CTTF-1FB: 1.78 m of core were recovered composed of light grey resistant carbonate and more fissile charcoal colored shale.

<u>Coring Test 2 (core CTTF-2FB)</u>: Coring advanced the bit from 1821.7-1831.4' MD from 15:00 to 15:34 with 600 gal/min circulation.

2.7 m of core (8.9 ft) of core were recovered resulting in a core recovery of 92%. The core was largely cylindrical with no marked variations in diameter. The core was predominantly composed of light gray indurated carbonate rich rock. Occasional layers of dark gray to charcoal fissile shale was found The core was cut into 3 sections: 1) CTTF-2FB-1: 0-0.90, 2) CTTF-2FB-2: 0.90-1.90 m, and 3)CTTF-2FB-3: 1.90-2.70 m.



Figure 2: Core CTTF-2FB: 2.7 m of core were recovered composed of light grey resistant carbonate and more fissile charcoal colored shale.

PRESSURE AND TEMPERATURE (DST) RESULTS:



Figure 3: DST pressure and temperature record for **CTTF-1FB**. Boost pressure clearly recorded.



Figure 4: DST pressure and temperature record for CTTF-2FB. No boost pressure recorded.

Wednesday, 18 March 2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Two cutting shoe pressure cores were taken. There was ~80% core recovery in both cases. However, in both cases, the ball valve jammed and did not seal. The working interpretation is that high flow rates (400 & 600 gpm) may have driven detritus between the seal carrier and housing, creating enough friction to prevent the ball valve from closing completely. In the next tests, we will reduce the flow rates and determine whether this improves the sealing.

OPERATIONAL RESULTS

0700: Daily briefing, safety for all newly arrived personnel and planned operations for the day.

0730: Make up PCTB-CS BHA. Waiting on assembled PCTB-CS for spacing out in BHA.

0930: Begin spacing out PCTB-CS.

1130: Spacing out complete, RIH w/bit.

1330: Begin cutting core 03CS at 1831.5 ft.

5500 - 7500 klb WOB

600 gpm

70 rpm

1600 psi

1430: Stop coring core 03CS at 1841 ft, circulate hole, rig up wireline to recover 03CS.

1515: Core 03CS in service conex. Ball jammed partially open.

No pressure.

~7.5 ft of core.

1545: RIH w/04CS to cut 1/2 core.

1615: Begin cutting core 04CS.

4500 klb WOB

400 gpm

70 rpm

800 psi

1645: Stop cutting core 04CS at 1843.5 ft.

1730: Core 04CS at service conex. Ball valve jammed partially open.

No pressure.

~2 ft of core.

1800: Review test results to date.

Discussion: The ball valve jamming appears to be a result of detritus laden drilling mud migrating upward between the seal carrier and housing, creating enough friction to prevent the ball valve from closing completely. The problem may have been exasperated by the high flow rates used during the testing. The decision was made to employ lower flow rates in additional tests to see if that alleviates the problem.

Night Shift Operations Plan

- 1) Pull back to shoe.
- 2) Trip back to TD and circulate for 1 hour just prior to morning shift change.

CORE RESULTS:

Coring Test 3 (core CTTF-03CS): Coring advanced the bit from 1831.5 to 1841.0 ft. 9.5 ft of formation were penetrated over 50 minutes. The ball valve did not close, and pressure was not maintained in the autoclave.

114" (290 cm) of core was recovered in CTTF-03CS. Core recovery was 79%. The core was largely cylindrical with no marked variations in diameter. The core was predominantly composed of light gray indurated carbonate rich rock. Occasional layers of dark gray to charcoal fissile shale was found One ~15 cm section of almost pure shale was encountered. The core was cut into three sections: CTTF-03CS-1, CTTF-03CS-2, and CTTF-03CS-3. The sections were photographed, labelled, put back in the core liner and preserved. The core quality was perhaps more broken up than the previous face-bit cores.



Figure 1: Core CTTF-03CS-2: 2.30 m of core were recovered composed of light grey resistant carbonate and more fissile charcoal colored shale.

Coring Test 4 (core CTTF-04CS): Coring advanced the bit from 1841.0-1843.5' MD from 16:00 to 16:34 with 600 gal/min circulation. This core was cut shorter to test the concept that the core length was affecting the ability of ball valve to seal.

0.62 m of core (2.0 ft) of core were recovered resulting in a core recovery of 80%. The core was very good quality and was largely cylindrical with no marked variations in diameter. The core was

predominantly composed of light gray indurated carbonate-rich rock. At the top of the core, few layers of dark gray to charcoal shale were found which transitioned to pure limestone. The core was left in one section: 1) CTTF-04CS-1 (0-0.62 m).



Figure 2: Core CTTF-04CS: 0.62 m of core were recovered composed of light grey resistant carbonate and charcoal colored shale.

PRESSURE AND TEMPERATURE (DST) RESULTS:



Figure 3: DST pressure and temperature record for CTTF-03CS.



Figure 4: DST pressure and temperature record for **CTTF-04CS**.

Thursday, 19 March 2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Two short cutting shoe pressure cores (e.g. 1 ft') were taken with high recovery. However, the ball valve was partially closed and thus did not seal in either run. The final deployment of the PCTB was to exercise it in the casing without coring (a 'water core'). The ball valve did not fully close. The Probe Deployment Tool (PDT) was then made up and run in the hole. When the tool was lowered on wireline, it unlatched at a depth of 348 ft. The PDT landed in the BHA and was then retrieved without incident. The PDT deployment was unsuccessful.

OPERATIONAL RESULTS

0700: Daily briefing, safety and planned operations for the day.

0730: RIH from shoe to TD and circulate in preparation for CS-3 [renamed CCTF-05CS].

Note, rig shut down due to lightning in the area preventing night crew from tripping to TD and circulating.

0800: Circulating hole.

- 0900: Pick up core CS-3 [CCTF-05CS].
- 1020: Begin cutting core CS-3 [CCTF-05CS] at 1843.5 ft.

1.0 WOB

30 gpm

70 rpm

50 psi

1100: Stop coring at 1843.8 ft.

- 1140: Core CS-3 [CCTF-05CS] at service conex. No pressure. It appears the ball was held partially open by either detritus or a short core stub. ~1 ft of core recovered. DST record shows an attempt to boost the autoclave pressure.
- 1245: RIH with core CS-4 [CCTF-06CS] at 1843.8 ft.
- 1315: Start cutting core CS-4 [CCTF-06CS] at 1843.8 ft.

1.0 WOB

100 gpm

70 rpm

100 psi

1335: Stop cutting CS-4 [CCTF-06CS] at 1844.2 ft.

1415: Core CS-4 [CCTF-06CS] at service conex. Ball did not fully close. No pressure.

1600: RIH with CS-5 [CCTF-07CS] Water Core bit at 1235 ft inside casing.

1645: CS-5 [CCTF-07CS] water core at service conex. Ball did not fully close. No pressure.

1815: RIH with Probe Deployment Tool (PDT) to 348 ft when weight was lost.

POOH with RPT only.

RIH with GS pulling tool.

Latch into PDT and recover. PDT stoked out when recovered.

2000: All tools laid out on cat walk. Shut down for the night.

Night Shift Operations Plan

1) POOH, lay out drill pipe.



Figure 1: Image of a partially closed ball valve.



Figure 2: The Probe Deployment Tool (PDT) after it is made up prior to running in the hole.

CORE RESULTS:

<u>Coring Test 5</u> (core CTTF-05CS): Coring advanced the bit from 1843.5 to 1843.8 ft. 0.3 ft of formation were penetrated over 45 minutes. The ball valve did not close, and pressure was not maintained in the autoclave.

7" (18 cm) of core was recovered in CTTF-05CS. The core was largely cylindrical with no marked variations in diameter. The core was predominantly composed of light gray indurated carbonate rich rock. One 4 cm layer of dark gray to charcoal fissile shale was found. The core was photographed, labelled, put back in the core liner and preserved. The core quality is very good.



Figure 3: Core CTTF-05CS-1: 0.18 m of core were recovered composed of light grey resistant carbonate and more fissile charcoal colored shale.

<u>Coring Test 6</u> (core CTTF-06CS): Coring advanced the bit from 1843.8 to 1844.2 ft. 9.5 ft over 20 minutes. No core was recovered.

Coring Test 7: No core was taken in this coring test. A 'Water Core' was taken at 1235 ft inside casing.

PDT & T2P RESULTS:

The Probe Deployment Tool (PDT) is a device designed to land into the BHA. Upon landing it unlatches the inner rod subassembly allowing the probe to be driven by either the weight of the rod, or pump pressure, into the formation. At that point, the probe is independent of the drill string, which compensates for any residual heave. We deployed the PDT with the BHA at 1235 ft inside casing. We began to build the tool at 17:00. We started to run the tool at 18:00. The tool was lost at 348 ft as recorded by a dramatic reduction in weight on the slickline. A large banging noise was heard which was interpreted to record the impact of the PDT when it rested in the BHA. The tool was quickly recovered with the GS pulling tool. When recovered, the tool was extended: the inner rod subassembly was run out from the outer barrel. Upon recovery, the very tip of the probe was snapped off (1cm), but there was no other apparent damage. No data were recorded by the probe tool.



PRESSURE AND TEMPERATURE (DST) RESULTS:

Figure 4: DST pressure and temperature record for CTTF-05CS.



Figure 6: DST pressure and temperature record for CTTF-07CS. (not yet available)
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Friday, 20 March 2020

0000: Lay out drill pipe in singles to pipe racks (night shift).

0700: Daily briefing, safety and planned operations for the day.

0730: Break down BHA and lay out to catwalk.

Disassemble PDT and RPT and place in shipping crate.

Disassemble PCTB coring tools and place in service conex.

1300: Load all drill collars and BHA subs into heavy tools conex.

Load PCTB outer core barrel subassembly in service conex.

1500: Load heavy tools conex on flatbed truck for shipment to GCI in Salt Lake City.

Load service conex on flatbed truck for shipment to GCI in Salt Lake City.

Load PDT/RPT crate on trailer for shipment to Pettigrew Engineering.

1600: All trucks depart CTTF.

Note: The drill pipe was loaded out and shipped from CTTF to Texflo on Monday, 23 March and from Texflo back to Tuboscope on Thursday, 26 March.

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APPENDIX F: IADC Report

Activity Log									
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Operator	Schlur	Schlumberger / CTTF			Well watts Slot 3				
Contractor	Falcor	n Wirel	ine		Rig # Explorer				
Date	From	То	Elapsed Time	Code No.	Details of Operation in Sequence and Remarks				
2020-03-16	07:00	07:15	0.25	21	Safety meeting slot 6 GeoTek				
2020-03-16	07:15	08:00	0.75	22	Start up rig, inspect equipment				
2020-03-16	08:00	09:45	1.75	22	Swap out saver sub to6 5/8 reg connection, orientate temp hands to				
					location.				
2020-03-16	09:45	10:30	0.75	20	MOve pipe over and strap.				
2020-03-16	10:30	11:00	0.50	22	Pick up 5" pipe for test group				
2020-03-16	11:00	11:15	0.25	22	Elevators not fitting properly upset on the pipe is larger. Make call				
					to get elevators out				
2020-03-16	11:15	16:30	5.25	22	Wait on larger elevators, organize rig floor tool box and rig floor				
					area,complete the stand in the rotary and rack back, double check				
					makeup and breaking equipment. Make up BHA				
2020-03-16	16:30	17:00	0.50	22	Offload elevators and continue working on BHA				
2020-03-16	17:00	19:00	2.00	22	Pick up collars and drill pipe				
2020-03-17	19:00	19:15	0.25	21	meeting slot 6 Geotek				
2020-03-17	19:15	20:00	0.75	22	tally pipe, go over tally				
2020-03-17	20:00	20:30	0.50	6	rack back 7 stds				
2020-03-17	20:30	23:00	2.50	6	pick up pipe off the catwalk				
2020-03-17	23:00	07:00	8.00	23	scrub and wash rig floor, oranize rig floor, Rig up 2" hose on Stand				
					Pipe, pick up boards laying in the gravel area, pick up tools laying				
0000 00 47	07.00	07.45	0.05		in the gravel area, gerenal house keeping				
2020-03-17	07:00	07:15	0.25	21	Safety meeting Geo lek slot 6				
2020-03-17	07:15	08:00	0.75	20	Build tools for coring				
2020-03-17	00:80	08:30	0.50	6	THE to 1815'				
2020-03-17	00:45	09:15	0.75	ວ ₄	Dreak circulation and circulate bottoms up				
2020-03-17	10:20	10:30	1.25	1	Rig up wir line and running tools				
2020-03-17	10.30	10.40	0.25	1	Set core toor in string, now with regptn to set tool				
2020-03-17	10.40	10.00	1.00	1	Rig down wite lifte				
2020-03-17	11:00	12:00	1.00	4	Start core test with 400 gpm, 70 rpm, 6-8K wob, core F/1815; 1/1821;				

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2020-03-17	12:00	13:00	1.00	22	Rack back stand and retrieve coring tool				
2020-03-17	13:00	14:00	1.00	5	Pump sweep while test group readies next tool				
2020-03-17	14:00	14:30	0.50	1	Rig up set tool				
2020-03-17	14:30	15:00	0.50	22	Set tool in with wire line				
2020-03-17	15:00	15:15	0.25	6	Rig down wire line and TIH to start core				
2020-03-17	15:15	15:45	0.50	4	Start coring @ 1821' with 600 gpm, 70 rpm, stopped @ 1831'				
2020-03-17	15:45	16:30	0.75	22	Rack back 1 stand amd retrieve coring tool				
2020-03-17	16:30	18:00	1.50	5	Circulate and rebuild core tool				
2020-03-17	18:00	19:00	1.00	6	POOH				
2020-03-18	19:00	19:15	0.25	21	meeting slot 6 Geotek				
2020-03-18	19:15	07:00	11.75	22	equipment inspection, lockout tagout mixing pump one, remove mixing				
					centrifugal pump one, centrifugal is different size impeller, install				
					two eight inch new butterfly valves to mixing line due to wash out,				
					pressure up lines for leaks, wash mud house floor due to mud from				
					removing centrifugal pump one, swap out 2" inch air line hose on rig				
					floor that feed to derrick board, clean hand rails on stair towers,				
					take out trash, gerenal house keeping				
2020-03-18	07:00	07:15	0.25	21	Safety meeting GeoTek Slot 6				
2020-03-18	07:15	10:45	3.50	20	Swap out bit , inter core assembly and adjust assembly				
2020-03-18	10:45	11:30	0.75	6	TIH				
2020-03-18	11:30	12:45	1.25	5	CONDITION MUD & CIRCULATE				
2020-03-18	12:45	13:00	0.25	20	Rig up coring tool and wire line				
2020-03-18	13:00	13:30	0.50	22	Run core tool in with wireline and set in bit.				
2020-03-18	13:30	13:45	0.25	6	Latch core stand and begin to core				
2020-03-18	13:45	14:30	0.75	4	Start coring @1831' core T/ 1841'				
2020-03-18	14:30	15:15	0.75	6	Rack back stand and retrieve coring tool				
2020-03-18	15:15	16:00	0.75	20	Swap coring tools and set new coring tool down hole				
2020-03-18	16:00	16:45	0.75	4	Start coring @ 1841' @ 400gpm, 68 rpm, 6k on bit. Stop coring @				

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					1843 50'				
2020-03-18	16:45	17:30	0.75	22	Retrieve coring tool and rig down wire line				
2020-03-18	17:30	17:45	0.25	6	POOH to shoe				
2020-03-18	17:45	19:00	1.25	22	Organize rig floor, housekeeping				
2020-03-19	19:00	19:15	0.25	21	meeting				
2020-03-19	19:15	03:45	8.50	22	equipment inspection, clean and organize tool box on rig floor, swap				
					damage pressure washer hose, clean and organize and pressure wash rig				
					floor, pressure wash stair tower, put togehter centrifugal pump back				
					together to casing, place centrifugal in place for welder to get				
					measurements, put damage centrifugal on pallet ready for ship out for				
					repairs, swap pressure sensor on stand pipe, scrub and clean restroom				
					due to bad odor, gerenal house keeping				
2020-03-19	03:45	04:15	0.50	22	Adverse Weather (Lightning 3.7 Miles)				
2020-03-19	04:15	05:45	1.50	22	General House Keeping				
2020-03-19	05:45	06:15	0.50	22	Adverse Weather (Lightning 4.4 Miles)				
2020-03-19	07:00	07:15	0.25	21	Safety meeting GeoTek slot 6				
2020-03-19	07:15	07:45	0.50	22	Start up rig , inspect equipment				
2020-03-19	07:45	08:00	0.25	6	TRIPSTIH				
2020-03-19	00:80	09:30	1.50	5	CONDITION MUD & CIRCULATE				
2020-03-19	09:30	09:45	0.25	20	Rig up coring tools and wire line				
2020-03-19	09:45	10:15	0.50	22	Set coring tools down hole				
2020-03-19	10:15	10:45	0.50	4	CORINGStart coring @ 1845' with 30gpm, 2k on bit, 70 rpm, cored less				
0000 00 40	10.15	44.45	4.00	~	than 1/2 a foot				
2020-03-19	10:45	11:45	1.00	6	Rack back a stand and retrieve coring tool				
2020-03-19	11:45	12:30	0.75	5	CONDITION MUD & CIRCULATE, pump sweep				
2020-03-19	12:30	13:30	1.00	4	Start test @ 1843 with 68rpm, 3K on bit, 100gpm				
2020-03-19	13:30	14:30	1.00	6	Rack back stand and fig up wire line and retrieve tool				
2020-03-19	14:30	15:00	0.50	5	CONDITION MUD & CIRCULATE				

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2020-03-19	15:00	15:15	0.25	6	POOH to shoe			
2020-03-19	15:15	16:15	1.00	20	Run core tool down hole with wire line to set			
2020-03-19	16:15	16:30	0.25	20	Retrieve tool			
2020-03-19	16:30	16:45	0.25	1	Rig down core tool and P/U new test tool			
2020-03-19	16:45	18:00	1.25	22	Preping for next run			
2020-03-19	18:00	18:15	0.25	22	Pick up last tool for testing			
2020-03-19	18:15	18:30	0.25	22	Insert running tool in pipe, running tool came unlatch at 348'			
2020-03-19	18:30	18:45	0.25	22	Pick up over shot for fishing tool out of pipe, run tool in and latch tool			
2020-03-19	18:45	19:00	0.25	22	Overshot is at surface fishing attemp was successful, lay down tools			

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APPENDIX G: Geotek report



PRESSURE CORING TOOL WITH BALL VALVE (PCTB) 2020 FIELD TEST

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1 2020 PCTB 4 FIELD TESTING

1.1 PREVIOUS TESTING SUMMARY

1.1.1 2020 PRE-GOM3 PRESSURE ACTUATION TESTING SUMMARY

In January 2020, the Geotek Test Facility at SLC was used to test several modifications to the PCTB4, including:

- low-friction coatings for moving latch parts
- an updated single trigger mechanism
- a lower-force IT plug shear pin
- new lip seals for the flow diverter
- a higher-volume pressure section.

The purpose of this testing is to vet the modifications, as noted above, made to the final PCTB4 specification. Additionally, the parts were assembled in random sets to ensure compatibility and interchangeability amongst the assemblies, as well as be interchangeable with both *Upper Assemblies*. It had been previously postulated that drilling mud might cause problems with the correct operation of the tool. Consequently half of the tests were conducted with clean water as in previous tests with the other half using viscous drilling mud.

2 2020 FIELD TEST GOALS & PURPOSE

Testing at the Cameron Test & Training Facility was carried out with the intent of proving the functionality of the modified PCTB4 in a drilling environment.

Testing would be performed with the following variables not available during the previous testing at SLC:

- travel up and down the drill pipe
- coring in a rock formation (and producing the associated cuttings)
- using filtered and recirculated drilling fluid.



3 TEST RESULTS

3.1 TESTING RUN DATA

TEST	SET (PSI)	FILL (PSI)	BOTTOM HOLE DEPTH (FT)	BOTTOM HOLE PRESSURE (PSI)	PCTB SEAL PRESSURE (PSI)	CORE RECOVERY (FT)	CORE RECOVERY (%)
1FB	1856	8060	1822	980	2128	5.5	82
2FB	1821	8034	1832	985	0	9.0	90
3CS	1807	7920	1841	990	0	7.5	75
4CS	1802	7955	1843	991	0	2.0	80
5CS	1863	8163	1844	991	0	0.8	100
6CS	1786	7995	1844	991	0	0.3	83
7CS	1895	7914	1180	639	0	N/A	N/A

Table 1. CTTF Testing Summary

3.1.1 1FB

The tool was run into the hole and latched into the BHA without incident. Drilling proceeded from a depth of 1815.0 ft. to 1821.7 ft., using 6000 lbs. weight on bit and circulating drilling fluid at 400 gpm. This produced a rate of penetration of approximately 9 ft. per hour. The tool was pulled from the hole at 2100 lbs. and unlatched smoothly.

The tool appeared normal in all regards and was taken to the service van for pressure check. The pressure transducer read 2128 psi, showing full pressure capture plus boost to within 15% of set pressure.

The sample was removed from the tool and was found to be a rock core 5.5 ft. in length.

Result: Successful test

Failure mode: None

Corrective action: None



Figure 1. Core recovered during coring run 1FB.

3.1.2 2FB

The tool was run into the hole and latched into the BHA without incident. Drilling proceeded from a depth of 1822.0 ft. to 1832.2 ft., using 6000 lbs. weight on bit and



circulating drilling fluid at 600 gpm. Rate of penetration increased to approximately 21 ft. per hour. The tool was pulled from the hole at 2050 lbs. and unlatched smoothly.

At the surface the autoclave did not appear to be pressurized, which was confirmed by a pressure transducer reading equal to atmosphere. A complete post-run analysis was performed on the tool to determine the mode of failure. The autoclave and pressure section were pressure tested to 3000 psi in their in-situ state. No leaks were observed at any point in this process. Next the tool was disassembled and checked for damage and incorrectly assembled parts. All was found to be in order. The ball valve was isolated and its articulation checked. The ball was found to be extremely stiff to open, suggesting increased friction between the seal carrier and the ball valve housing.

Recovered core was 9.0 ft. in length.

Result: Unsuccessful test

Failure mode: Inconclusive

Corrective action: None



Figure 2. Core recovered during coring run 2FB.



Figure 3. DST record from 2FB blown up around the period of core retrieval. Note that there is no indication of boost.



3.1.3 *3CS*

Prior to core 3CS the BHA was pulled to the surface, reconfigured, and spaced out for the cutting shoe assembly at the request of the client.

The tool was run into the hole and latched into the BHA without incident. Drilling proceeded from a depth of 1831.0 ft. to 1841.0 ft., using 8000 lbs. weight on bit and circulating drilling fluid at 600 gpm. Using this combination, rate of penetration decreased to approximately 15 ft. per hour. The tool was pulled from the hole at 2050 lbs. and unlatched smoothly.

When pulled to the surface, the tool was not pressurized and the ball valve was in a halfclosed position. Detailed post-run analysis showed no failure mode apart from a stiff ball valve.

Recovered core was 7.5 ft. in length.

Result: Unsuccessful test

Failure mode: Incomplete ball closure

Corrective action: Triple-check ball valve assembly procedures



Figure 4. Core recovered during coring run 3CS.



Figure 5. DST record from 3CS blown up around the period of core retrieval. Note that there is no indication of boost.





Figure 6. Seal carrier (red part), ball valve and ball follower (below the ball valve) after coring run 3CS.

3.1.4 **4CS**

The tool was run into the hole and latched into the BHA without incident. Drilling proceeded from a depth of 1841.0 ft. to 1843.5 ft., using 6000 lbs. weight on bit and circulating drilling fluid at 400 gpm. Rate of penetration decreased to approximately 6 ft. per hour. The tool was pulled from the hole at 2050 lbs. and unlatched smoothly.

At the surface the ball was again observed to be only partially closed. In post-run analysis the seal carrier was found to be stiff and difficult to move, with significant amounts of fine grit present in the annulus between seal carrier and ball valve housing.

Recovered core was 2.0 ft. in length.

Result: Unsuccessful test

Failure mode: Incomplete ball closure

Corrective action: Use lower drilling fluid flow rate to lessen forcing of fine particles into ball valve assembly





Figure 7. Core recovered during coring run 4CS.



Figure 8. Seal carrier (red part), ball valve and ball follower after coring run 4CS. On recovery to the coring van (L) and after hammering to move the ball and sleeve (R). Note the material above the 'tide' mark on the seal carrier and the streaks close to the edge of the ball housing.





Figure 9. DST record from 4CS blown up around the period of core retrieval. Note that there is no indication of boost.

3.1.5 *5CS*

The tool was run into the hole and latched into the BHA without incident. Drilling proceeded from a depth of 1843.5 ft. to 1843.8 ft., using 3000 lbs. weight on bit and circulating drilling fluid at 30 gpm. This combination of weight on bit and flow rate is a close comparison to drilling parameters used offshore when drilling in hydrate-bearing sediments. As expected, these parameters yielded a decreased rate of penetration of approximately 1 ft. per hour. The tool was pulled from the hole at 2150 lbs. and unlatched smoothly.

The tool arrived at the surface without pressure. The ball valve appeared closed but closer observation showed that it was slightly cocked, leaving an obvious leak path. Post-run analysis found the same stiffness in the ball valve observed in prior tests. Fine grit was again observed on the surface of the seal carrier.

Recovered core was 0.8 ft. in length. A compact plug of consolidated cuttings was found in the core catcher.

Result: Unsuccessful test

Failure mode: Incomplete ball closure

Corrective action: Increase drilling fluid flow rate





Figure 10. Core recovered during coring run 5CS.



Figure 11. Seal carrier (red part), ball valve and ball follower after coring run 5CS. The ball is in the closed position and was most likely jostled into this position during handling at or from the rig floor.





Figure 12. DST record from 5CS blown up around the period of core retrieval. Note the unusual pressure record around the start of core retrieval.

3.1.6 *6CS*

The tool was run into the hole and latched into the BHA without incident. Drilling proceeded from a depth of 1843.80 ft. to 1844.16 ft., using 3000 lbs. weight on bit and circulating drilling fluid at 100 gpm. Rate of penetration stayed steady at approximately 1 ft. per hour. The tool was pulled from the hole at 2210 lbs. and unlatched smoothly.

At the surface, the ball was again observed to be partially open. In post-run analysis the ball valve mechanism was again found to be stiff with grit present.

Recovered core was 0.3 ft. in length.

Result: Unsuccessful test

Failure mode: Incomplete ball closure

Corrective action: Test actuation without drilling or circulating fluid





Figure 13. Ball valve, seal carrier (red part) and ball follower after Core Run 6CS. Note that the ball was moveable by hand suggesting that the seal carrier or spring was jammed above it. Note the coarse-grained looking material after the seal carrier has been moved down.



Figure 14. DST record from 6CS blown up around the period of core retrieval. Note the unusual pressure record around the start of core retrieval.

3.1.7 7CS (WATER CORE)

Prior to 7CS the BHA was pulled up to the bottom of the cased portion of the hole (1200 ft. depth). The tool was run into the hole and latched into the BHA without incident. The wireline running tool was switched for the wireline pulling tool and the coring tool was retrieved. The tool was pulled from the BHA at 2050 lbs. and unlatched smoothly.



At the surface the tool was observed to be unpressurized, although the ball did appear to be fully closed. The tool was taken to the service van and pressure tested in in-situ condition. The autoclave and pressure section were tested to 1800 psi (boost pressure) without leaks. Pressurizing the tool took many times longer than normal, indicating that the tool was empty when the ball closed. This suggests that the ball was open while the tool was pulled up hole, draining the contents before the ball closed at some point before reaching the surface.

Result: Unsuccessful test

Failure mode: Presumed incomplete ball closure

Corrective action: None; end of field test



Figure 15. DST record from 7CS blown up around the period of core retrieval. Note the unusual pressure record around the start of core retrieval.

4 FAILURE MODE FINDINGS

4.1 OBSERVED FINDINGS

The failure of so many tests at CTTF has highlighted the fragility of the ball valve sealing mechanism in real-world usage of the PCTB as in many cases the tool was recovered to the rig floor with the ball closed. Because the ball valve can be 'rattled' closed during the wireline trip to the surface it is postulated that all failures at CTTF were the result of a not fully closed ball valve. Analyses of the ball valve assemblies were made during disassembly in the coring van and the results are reported below.

A sample of mud was taken from the CTTF mud tanks for analysis and the results are also reported below.



4.1.1 BALL VALVE STICTION

Prior to every coring run, ball valve assemblies were fully cleaned and rebuilt with new seals and lubricant. Additionally, each assembly was test fired a minimum of three times before each run to ensure that they were correctly built and fully functional.

After every run, ball valve assemblies were carefully removed from the autoclave assembly and assessed for function. In every case, technicians observed a severe stickiness which hampered the smooth opening and closing of the ball valve. In several cases, the seal carrier would not move to its downward (closed) position even without counterpressure from the ball. In one case, the seal carrier remained resistant to upward movement even with the ball valve spring removed.

This amount of stiction most closely resembles that seen in previous offshore operations when sandy formations have been encountered downhole, introducing large amounts of fine particulates into the very small annulus between seal carrier and ball valve housing.

4.1.2 MUD PROPERTIES

The mud used at CTTF during the coring operation was mixed to a nominal weight of 10.2 lb/g and a measured funnel viscosity of 48 sec/quart. The mud mix (total volume of 700 bbls) included:

- Barite 320 bags
- Tannathin 10 bags
- New Phalt 10 bags
- New Gel 4 bags
- Caustic Soda 2 bags

A sample of mud was taken from the top of one of the mud tanks at CTTF for analysis. The results show that the mud had a density of 1.205 g/cc (10.06 lb/g) and contained 0.24 % by weight of solids in the 63-125 μ m size fraction.

As this sample was taken from the top of one of the tanks the amount of fine sand sized material measured may not be representative as a result of settling in the tank.

4.1.3 MUD USAGE

The mud was used for the drilling of the hole below the casing set point (1,308 ft) to the first coring point at 1,822 ft, an advance of circa 500 ft, using the CTTF roller cone bit (typically producing cuttings 1/4" to 3/8" in size). During the drill to depth and the coring process the drilling mud was recirculated via shakers and filters to remove particles greater than 110 μ m in size.





Figure 16. Mud sample from CTTF (L) and the coarse-grained material sieved from the mud (R).

4.2 RECORDED FINDINGS

4.2.1 DATA STORAGE TAG ANALYSIS

DST data (see Appendix 2) bolsters the conclusion that in every failed run, pressure was lost in a catastrophic manner rather than a slow leak.

5 CTTF TESTING DISCUSSION

The testing at CTTF highlighted problems with sealing of the tool at the bottom end – the ball valve. In particular the failure of the ball to close fully once actuated by the single trigger mechanism that controls the sealing of the PCTB and the firing of the pressure section to provide a pressure boost.

The analysis of the failures together with examination of the parts in the ball valve assembly highlights the likelihood that jamming of the mechanism is occurring. This jamming could be occurring with the upper seal carrier or the lower ball follower and their associated springs.

Using this hypothesis and the analysis of the mud used at CTTF a series of tests were designed to assess the susceptibility of the ball valve assembly to 'grit' (sand sized particles specifically) jamming the mechanism. These tests and the results from them are described below in Section 6.



6 SALT LAKE CITY BALL VALVE ASSEMBLY TESTING

A range of tests were conducted with different arrangements, firstly to set a baseline for ball valve closure timings, then to produce a positive failure and finally to more closely mimic to conditions at CTTF to produce failure again and allow more analysis.

The tests were all conducted so that the closure of the ball valve could be visually monitored. To assist with the post test analysis a high-speed camera for slow motion capture was used to record the ball valve actuation inside a water filled fixture.

The testing comprised the following groups of tests:

- Tests in air (dry fire testing)
- Tests in water
- Tests in polymer drilling fluid
- Coarse sand testing
- Blast media (Aluminum Oxide, 53-125 μm) tests
- Blast media in water tests

6.1 BALL VALVE DRY FIRE TESTING

The first set of testing is a dry fire of the isolated ball valve assembly using the collet release sleeve. By dry firing in air, the least viscous medium in this testing set, we are able to achieve baseline data for the quickest ball valve actuation. Figure 17 shows the dry fire setup of the isolated ball valve assembly.



Figure 17. Isolated ball valve assembly for dry firing.



The results of the dry fire data were recorded by filming the ball valve in slow motion at 240 fps. The frames from the entire actuation are then counted using a video editing software. The results are shown in the Table 2 below.

TEST #	TOTAL FRAMES TO FIRE	FRAMERATE	TIME TO FIRE (s)
1	6	240	0.025
2	7	240	0.029
3	7	240	0.029
4	7	240	0.029
Average	7	240	0.028

Table 2. The four tests yield consistent results showing an average of 6.75 frames, or 0.028 seconds, to fully actuate the ball.

6.2 BALL VALVE WATER TESTING

A fixture was constructed out of a clear acrylic tube to house the ball valve assembly during actuation. The acrylic has a 4.75" ID, to closely simulate the bore size of the BHA. The fixture is shown in Figure 18 with a ball valve assembly inside and full of water.



Figure 18. Acrylic test fixture



The ball valve was tested five times in tap water to compare baseline data in liquid. The results are documented in the Table 3 below showing a firing time of 1.64 more than in air.

TEST #	TOTAL FRAMES TO FIRE	FRAMERATE	TIME TO FIRE (s)
1	12	240	0.05
2	11	240	0.046
3	11	240	0.046
4	11	240	0.046
5	10	240	0.042
Average	11	240	0.046

Table 3. Firing the ball in water slowed the actuation down by an average of 4.25 frames, or 0.018 seconds. All of the actuations were smooth and consistent.

6.3 DRILLING FLUID POLYMER TESTING

In order to increase the viscosity of the fluid, Insta-Vis[™] Drilling Fluid Polymer was mixed with water to create three different test fluids. Each fluid viscosity was measured with a timed ball drop test and calculated knowing the size, density of the ball, and density of the fluid. Three different viscosity fluids were mixed and the ball valve assembly was fired once in all three of the fluids. The three test results are listed in the Table 4 below showing only small increases in firing time compared with water (x1.2).

TEST #	TOTAL FRAMES TO FIRE	FRAMERATE	TIME TO FIRE (s)	FLUID VISCOSITY (Pa.s)
1	13	240	0.054	2.14
2	14	240	0.058	4.78
3	13	240	0.054	10.94

Table 4. The increased viscosity of the fluid proved to not slow the ball valve down in any meaningful way.

6.4 INTRODUCED GRIT TESTING

6.4.2 *#149 μm SIZE SAND*

The first test with introduced grit included about 2 lbs of #100 mesh sand (149 μ m particle size) mixed into a drill mud solution. The same sand was also applied to the ball valve assembly seal carrier, ball, and ball follower; with fluid film (a lanolin based grease) as a



sticking agent, before deploying into the test fixture. Figure 19 below shows the ball valve before deployment.



Figure 19. Ball valve covered with #100 mesh sand

The ball valve actuated fully and the #100 sand created no discernable issues during the test.

6.4.3 53-125 μm ALUMINUM OXIDE BLAST MEDIA

The next grit testing uses 53-125 μ m Aluminum Oxide to investigate whether this small grain size would create a failure during actuation. This material was picked based on the CTTF mud particle sizes extracted from a sample. Introducing Aluminum Oxide to the ball valve assembly began producing failures. Six various tests were performed with the Aluminum Oxide blast media and all of the data was captured with slow motion videos.

Each header below includes the name of the recorded video followed by the test parameters, results, and observations. Videos are available on request.

• Al2_O3_1



The seal carrier, ball, ball follower, and housing extension flow ports are coated with fluid film and Aluminum Oxide is applied to the surface. The assembly pre-deployment is shown below in Figure 20.



Figure 20. Ball valve assembly with applied Aluminum Oxide

The ball valve was actuated in the test fixture filled with water and failed. The ball valve closes halfway before jamming.

• Al2_O3_2

The ball follower is coated with fluid film and Aluminum Oxide is applied to the surface. The tool was actuated in water and failed. The ball valve is jammed and closes approximately 5% of the stroke.

• Al2_O3_3

4 grams of Aluminum Oxide were measured and poured into the flow ports of the ball valve housing extension. The ball was actuated in water and failed. The ball valve closes approximately 25% of the stroke.



• Al2_O3_4

4 grams of Aluminum Oxide were measured and applied to the carrier and ball follower. The ball was actuated in water and failed. The ball valve closes approximately 10% of the stroke.

• Al2_O3_5

The assembly was lightly pressure washed and no more grit was added to the tool. The ball valve was actuated in water and failed. The ball valve closes approximately 10% of the stroke.

• Al2_O3_6

The ball valve assembly was fully disassembled, pressure washed, and rebuilt. No grit was applied to the assembly. A clear drilling fluid mixture was made to closely simulate CTTF mud specifications with the following parameters (see section 4.1.2):

- Viscosity of 48 s/quart (determined from CTTF mud report)
- 0.24% Aluminum Oxide by weight added to drilling fluid

The tool was then actuated and failed. The ball valve closed at approximately 90% of the stroke.

6.4.4 ALUMINUM OXIDE AND WATER TESTING

In order to further validate the test failures, three ball valve assemblies were tested 26 times in the same conditions.

PCTB Assemblies #1 and #2 were assembled with upgraded xylan coated parts; including the seal carrier, ball valve spring, and spring collet. Assembly #3 was assembled as the older revision ball valve, with no xylan coated parts.

In order to achieve consistent data, a test procedure was developed and performed systematically for all 26 tests. The procedure included the following steps:

- Fully disassemble all ball valve assembly components
- Pressure wash each individual component until grit free
- Reassemble ball valve assembly with all seals and lubrication as used in the field
- Dry fire ball valve in vice with release sleeve, reset ball valve and reset sleeve
- Place ball valve assembly into the acrylic test fixture
- Mix 2.5 gallons of water with 0.05 lbs of Aluminum Oxide powder (0.25% by weight)
- · Pour solution into the test fixture to fill in and around the assembly
- Let solution settle for 15 seconds
- Fire ball valve by removing release sleeve
- · Remove tool and wash out fixture in preparation for next test



Each test was filmed in slow motion at 240 fps. The results of this set of testing is shown in the Tables below.

All videos are available on request.

The naming convention for the videos denotes A#, for assembly number, G# for grit test number, Pass for sealed after actuation (>95% closed), and Fail for leaking.

ASSEMBLY #	VIDEO NAME	APPROX. % BALL CLOSURE	SEALED (Y/N)	FRAME COUNT	ACTUATION TIME (S)
1	A1_G1_Fail	75	Ν	14	0.058
1	A1_G2_Pass	95	Y	12	0.050
1	A1_G3_Fail	80	Ν	19	0.079
1	A1_G4_Fail	90	Ν	14	0.058
1	A1_G5_Fail	25	Ν	16	0.067
1	A1_G6_Fail	80	Ν	17	0.071
1	A1_G7_Fail	80	Ν	14	0.058
1	A1_G8_Fail	80	Ν	23	0.096
1	A1_G9_Fail	80	Ν	24	0.100

Table 5. Assembly #1 water and grit test results

Assembly #1 failed to fully fire and seal 8/9 times. After each failure, the ball valve was removed from the test fixture and evaluated by putting downward pressure on the ball follower. On 6/8 failures, pushing on the ball follower would reduce the jamming and help the ball finish the stroke. The seal carrier would remain in contact with the ball and continue its downward motion. During these tests, a noticeable amount of grit was built up around the ball follower causing the resistance of downward motion.

On 2/8 of the failures, when the ball follower was pushed down the seal carrier remained jammed. The carrier would then finish it's stroke and seal after a small delay.



ASSEMBLY #	VIDEO NAME	APPROX. % BALL CLOSURE	SEALED (Y/N)	FRAME COUNT	ACTUATION TIME (S)
2	A2_G1_Pass	100	Y	11	0.046
2	A2_G2_Pass	100	Y	21	0.088
2	A2_G3_Fail	25	Ν	16	0.067
2	A2_G4_Pass	100	Y	14	0.058
2	A2_G5_Pass	100	Y	16	0.067
2	A2_G6_Pass	95	Y	17	0.071
2	A2_G7_Pass	100	Y	15	0.063
2	A2_G8_Pass	100	Y	15	0.063
2	A2_G9_Fail	85	N	28	0.117
2	A2_G10_Pass	100	Y	14	0.058

Table 6. Assembly #2 water and grit test results

Assembly #2 failed to fully fire and seal on 2/10 tests. Pressure was applied to the ball follower on both failures and the seal carrier would remain unjammed throughout the length of the remaining stroke.

Although assembly #2 fired and sealed on 8/10 tests, the timing of the successful tests was slower than the baseline average. The successful assembly #2 tests took an average 15.375 frames, or 0.064 seconds to close. This is 28% slower than the baseline water fire data average of 11 frames, or 0.046 seconds.

ASSEMBLY #	VIDEO NAME	APPROX. % BALL CLOSURE	SEALED (Y/N)	FRAME COUNT	ACTUATION TIME (S)
3	A3_G1_Pass	100	Y	15	0.063
3	A3_G2_Fail	5	N	N/A	N/A
3	A3_G3_Fail	80	N	16	0.067
3	A3_G4_Fail	5	N	N/A	N/A
3	A3_G5_Fail	25	N	15	0.063
3	A3_G6_Fail	5	N	N/A	N/A
3	A3_G7_Fail	50	N	17	0.071

Table 7. Assembly #3 water and grit test results



Assembly #3 failed at the highest rate of 6/7 tests. This assembly included no xylan coated parts and consistently jammed at an earlier state in the ball valve stroke than both assembly #1 and assembly #2. On three of the assembly #3 tests, the ball valve jams immediately and no useful timing data could be collected. On all of the failures the seal carrier was not jammed when the ball follower was pressed down and the stroke would complete.

6.5 SLC TESTING DISCUSSION

Overall, each of the three ball valve assemblies tested in water and a 53-125 μ m grit solution failed to a lesser or greater degree. The fine grit particles successfully jammed the sliding surfaces inside the ball valve assemblies and created partial actuations. Frame by frame timing data on the successful firing tests shows that grit in the system slows down the actuation when compared to the baseline water-only testing performed.

It is clear from the SLC set of tests that there is significant potential for both the seal carrier and the ball follower to become jammed with fine grained sand sized particles in the 53-125 μ m size range.

7 CONCLUSION

The PCTB tool cored much more effectively with both the face bit and cutting shoe configuration than in the testing conducted at CTTF in 2015 as demonstrated by the recovery percentages (see Section 3.13.1) and the observed rates of penetration for the cores collected. This improvement in coring efficiency is a result of changes in the flow path through and around the tool that was implemented in 2016 with the flow diverter modification. The flow diverter allows the use of higher flow rates without the risk of the core liner collapsing. Flow rates used during this round of testing were up to 600 gpm whereas previously no more than 200 gpm could be used without collapsing the core liner.

The changes made more recently to a single trigger mechanism, for the sealing and pressure boosting of the tool, worked successfully and removed any doubts about the timings of the engagement of the upper seals, the actuation of the ball valve closure and the firing of the pressure boost. With the resultant confidence in the timing of the tool operation and the failed tests at CTTF the focus for the reliability of the pressure seal has clearly moved to the ball valve closure and the subsequent testing in Salt Lake City.

The effect of the increase in volume of the pressure section were not observed as the circumstances under which the effect might have been seem did not occur. When the boost was seen in run 1FB (see Section 3.1.1) the pressure section functioned correctly.

The follow up testing in Salt Lake City has clearly demonstrated the susceptibility to jamming of the ball valve mechanism by fine grained sand sized particles (in the range 53-125 μ m diameter). This size of particles is commonly found in dry mud (and maybe cuttings) and hence robust mitigation mechanisms (design/procedures) are required. The tolerancing of the parts in this sub-assembly needs to be closely assessed and appropriate measures designed into the sub-assembly to robustly defend against the ingress of grit which can clearly jam either or both the seal carrier and the ball follower.



8 NEXT STEPS

To mitigate the problems of the grit particles jamming the ball valve mechanism the following work should be conducted:

- a tolerance study of the existing parts to assess the differences between the success rates of the different assemblies tested
- a design review of the seal carrier with particularly attention on the access of grit to the sliding surfaces and the requirement for the displacement of fluid during actuation
- a design review of the ball follower to remove the possibility of grit getting to the sliding surfaces
- Further detailed testing of new components



APPENDICES

- 1 **APPENDIX 1: RUN SHEETS**
- 1FB 1.1



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CORING RUN REPORT

CAMERON TEST FACILITY 2020

DATE:	2020-03-17	CORE:	1F
TOOL ASSEMBLY TEAM:		Burrows, Mimitz, Mir	narich, Selman
BOTTOM CORE DEPTH (BELOW	V RIG FLOOR): 1,825.00 ft	BOTTOM HOLE PR	ESSURE: 809 p
DST SERIAL NUMBERS:	LINER LENGTH ADJUSTER:	C9476 RA	ABBIT: N/
NOTES:			

		TOOL A	SSEMBLY			
BUILD CHECKLIST			AUTOCLAVE PRESSURE TEST To test, pressurze assembled autoclave to 3000 psr (+/- 100 psr), Record this //////// pressure below. Wait five minutes to allow for acclimitization. During this time inspect for gross leakage of water or significant pressure drop. If leaks or pressure loss are observed, rectify and retest. At five minutes, record START pressure. Wait 10 minutes, then observe and record			
LINER/IT PLUG LENGTH (156.75") YES SET PRESSURE (CONFIRM WITH 3 TESTS): 1,856 psi RESERVOR PRESSURE: 8,060 psi						
SUPPLY VALVE OPEN YES			END pressure. If pres should be repeated.	ssure loss >60 psi is obse	erved, the test is con	sidered a failure and
FILL VALVE CLOSED/PORT PLU	JGGED	YES		TES	ST 1	
SET VALVE CLOSED/PORT PLUGGED		YES	DATE:	2020-03-17	INITIAL:	2,768 psi
DRAIN VALVE CLOSED/PORT P	LUGGED	YES	START TIME:	08:21	START:	2,747 psi
SHUTOFF VALVE OPEN		YES	END: 2,740			2,740 psi
SAMPLE PORT CLOSED/PORT I	PLUGGED	YES	TEST 2 (IF REQUIRED)			
IT PLUG SHEAR PIN INSTALLED)	YES	DATE: INITIAL:			
			START TIME:		START:	
					END:	
	DATE:	2020-03-17	TOOL SENT TO RIG FLOOR		DATE:	2020-03-17
TOOL READ TT OR RIG FLOOR	TIME:	07:54			TIME:	09:50
NOTES:						

			CORIN	IG RUN			
DATE:	-	·	2020-03-17	TOOL DEPLO	YMENT TIME:		09:20
START DEPTH:	1,815.00 ft	END DEPTH:	1,821.69 ft	:	ANTICIP/	ATED RECOVERY:	6.69 ft
CORING START	TIME:		11:05	CORING END	TIME:		11:52
- 0	RUNNING IN:	15 gpm	D	RILL PARAMET	ERS	WIRELINE P	ULLOUT
Š Ű	CORING:	400 gpm	W.O.B.:	R.P.M.:	R.O.P.:	WEIGHT (MAX):	2,100.0 lbs
Å.FL	PULLING:	0 gpm	6,000 lbs	70 rpm	9 ft/hr	SPEED:	100 ft/min
	P.O.O.H.:	0 gpm	COLD SHUCK:	TIME IN:	N/A	TIME OUT:	N/A
				TIME ON DEC	K:		13:00
TOTAL TIME IN H	HOLE:		3:40	TOTAL TIME C	CORING:		0:47
NOTES:							

CORE TRANSFER & RECOVERY								
RECEIVED FROM RIG FLOOR	DATE:	2020-03-17	TRANSDUCER PRESSURE:	2,128 psi				
	TIME:	13:05						
			TOTAL CORE RECOVERY:	5.50 ft				
			RECOVERY PERCENTAGE:	82%				
NOTES:								

POST-CORING TOOL ANALYSIS & REBUILD

NOTES: Competent rock core



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DATE:		2020-03-1	7 CORE:		2FB
TOOL ASSEMBLY TEAM:			Burrows, M	<i>l</i> inarich, Selman	
BOTTOM CORE DEPTH (BELOW RIG FLOOR):	1,822.00 f	it BOTTOM HOL	E PRESSURE:	808 psi
DST SERIAL NUMBERS:	LINER LENGTH	ADJUSTER:	9481	RABBIT:	N/A
NOTES					

		TOOL A	SSEMBLY				
BUILD CHECKLIST		AUTOCLAVE PRESSURE TEST			EST		
LINER/IT PLUG LENGTH (156.75") YES			To test, pressurize asse	empled autoclave to 300	JU psi (+/- 100 psi). Record this INTITAL	
SET PRESSURE (CONFIRM WIT	H 3 TESTS):	1,821 psi	leakage of water or sign	ificant pressure drop. If	fleaks or pressure	e loss are observed, rectify	
RESERVOIR PRESSURE:		8,034 psi	and retest. At five minutes, record START pressure. Wait 10 minutes, then observe and record				
SUPPLY VALVE OPEN		YES	 END pressure. If press should be repeated 	ure loss >60 psi is obse	erved, the test is c	onsidered a failure and	
FILL VALVE CLOSED/PORT PLU	JGGED	YES	TEST 1				
SET VALVE CLOSED/PORT PLU	YES	DATE:	2020-03-17	INITIAL:	2,997 psi		
DRAIN VALVE CLOSED/PORT P	LUGGED	YES	START TIME:	11:11	START:	2,246 psi	
SHUTOFF VALVE OPEN		YES			END:	2,923 psi	
SAMPLE PORT CLOSED/PORT	PLUGGED	YES	TEST 2 (IF REQUIRED)				
IT PLUG SHEAR PIN INSTALLED	,	YES	DATE: INITIAL:				
			START TIME:		START:		
					END:		
	DATE:	2020-03-17	TOOL SENT TO RIG FLOOR		DATE:	2020-03-17	
TOOL READ I FOR RIG FLOOR	TIME:	12:45			TIME:	14:05	
NOTES:							

			CORIN	IG RUN				
DATE: 2020-03-17 TOOL DEPLOYMENT TIME:								
START DEPTH:	1,822.20 ft	END DEPTH:	1,832.20 ft		ANTICIP	ATED RECOVERY:	10.00 ft	
CORING START	TIME:		15:05	CORING END	TIME:		15:33	
- 0	RUNNING IN:	15 gpm	D	RILL PARAMET	ERS	WIRELINE P	ULLOUT	
N N N	CORING:	600 gpm	W.O.B.:	R.P.M.:	R.O.P.:	WEIGHT (MAX):	2,050.0 lbs	
∛ F	PULLING:	0 gpm	6,000 lbs	70 rpm	21 ft/hr	SPEED:	100 ft/min	
	P.O.O.H.:	0 gpm	COLD SHUCK:	TIME IN:	N/A	TIME OUT:	N/A	
	TIME ON DECK: 16:10							
TOTAL TIME IN HOLE: 1:58 TOTAL TIME CORING: 0:28						0:28		
NOTES:								

CORE TRANSFER & RECOVERY								
	DATE:	2020-03-17	TRANSDUCER PRESSURE:	0 psi				
RECEIVED FROM RIG FLOOR	TIME:	16:40						
			TOTAL CORE RECOVERY:	9.00 ft				
			RECOVERY PERCENTAGE:	90%				
NOTES:	IOTES:							

POST-CORING TOOL ANALYSIS & REBUILD

NOTES:

Unknown mode of failure. Pressure tested autoclave and pressure section, no findings. Ball was extremely stiff on disassembly and some gouges were noted, which did not seem to impact the seal.



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DATE:	2020-03-1	B CORE:		3CS
TOOL ASSEMBLY TEAM:		Burrows, N	<i>l</i> linarich, Selman	
BOTTOM CORE DEPTH (BEL	LOW RIG FLOOR): 1,832.00	It BOTTOM HOL	LE PRESSURE:	812 psi
DST SERIAL NUMBERS:	LINER LENGTH ADJUSTER:	C9484	RABBIT:	N/A
NOTES				

		TOOL A	SSEMBLY			
BUILD CI	HECKLIST		AUTOCLAVE PRESSURE TEST			
LINER/IT PLUG LENGTH (156.75	")	YES	To test, pressurize as pressure below. Wai	sembled autoclave to 300 t five minutes to allow for a	cclimitization, During	ecord this INITIAL
SET PRESSURE (CONFIRM WIT	H 3 TESTS):	1,807 psi	leakage of water or s	ignificant pressure drop. If	leaks or pressure lo	ss are observed, rectify
RESERVOIR PRESSURE:		7,920 psi	and retest. At five min	utes, record START press	sure. Wait 10 minute	s, then observe and record
SUPPLY VALVE OPEN		YES	END pressure. If pre should be repeated.	ssure loss >60 psi is obse	erved, the test is con	sidered a failure and
FILL VALVE CLOSED/PORT PLU	GGED	YES		TES	ST 1	
SET VALVE CLOSED/PORT PLU	YES	DATE:	2020-03-18	INITIAL:	2,955 psi	
DRAIN VALVE CLOSED/PORT PI	LUGGED	YES	START TIME:	08:35	START:	2,935 psi
SHUTOFF VALVE OPEN		YES			END:	2,926 psi
SAMPLE PORT CLOSED/PORT F	PLUGGED	YES	TEST 2 (IF REQUIRED)			
IT PLUG SHEAR PIN INSTALLED)	YES	DATE:	2020-03-18	INITIAL:	3,012 psi
			START TIME:	10:55	START:	2,993 psi
					END:	2,967 psi
	DATE:	2020-03-18	TOOL SENT TO RIG FLOOR		DATE:	2020-03-18
TOOL READ FOR RIG FLOOR	TIME:	12:00			TIME:	12:45
NOTES: Used tool for spa	ce-out after first c	pressure test: re-a:	ssembled and tes	ted prior to coring r	un.	

			CORIN	IG RUN			
DATE:	2020-03-18 TOOL DEPLOYMENT TIME:						12:52
START DEPTH:	1,831.00 ft	END DEPTH:	1,841.00 ft	ANTICIPATED RECOVE		ATED RECOVERY:	10.00 ft
CORING START TIME:			13:39 CORING END TIME:				14:19
FLOW RATES	RUNNING IN:	15 gpm	DRILL PARAMETERS			WIRELINE PULLOUT	
	CORING:	600 gpm	W.O.B.:	R.P.M.:	R.O.P.:	WEIGHT (MAX):	2,050.0 lbs
	PULLING:	0 gpm	8,000 lbs	70	15 ft/hr	SPEED:	100 ft/min
	P.O.O.H.:	0 gpm	COLD SHUCK:	TIME IN:	N/A	TIME OUT:	N/A
				TIME ON DECK:			15:00
TOTAL TIME IN HOLE:			2:08	3 TOTAL TIME CORING:			0:40
NOTES							

CORE TRANSFER & RECOVERY								
	DATE:	2020-03-18	TRANSDUCER PRESSURE:	0 psi				
RECEIVED FROM RIG FLOOR	TIME:	15:15						
			TOTAL CORE RECOVERY:	7.50 ft				
			RECOVERY PERCENTAGE:	75%				
NOTES:								

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NOTES: Ball valve partly open.


1.4 4CS



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DATE:		2020-03-1	8 CORE:		4CS
TOOL ASSEMBLY TEAM:			Burrows	s, Minarich	
BOTTOM CORE DEPTH (BELOW RIG FLOOR):	1,841.00	ft BOTTOM HOLF	E PRESSURE:	816 psi
DST SERIAL NUMBERS:	LINER LENGTH AD	JUSTER:	9492	RABBIT:	N/A
NOTES					

TOOL ASSEMBLY **BUILD CHECKLIST** AUTOCLAVE PRESSURE TEST test pressurize ass LINER/IT PLUG LENGTH (156.75") YES pressure below. Wait five minutes to allow for acclimitization. During this time inspect for gross SET PRESSURE (CONFIRM WITH 3 TESTS): 1,802 psi eakage of water or significant pressure drop. If leaks or pressure loss are observed, rectify and retest. At five minutes, record START pressure. Wait 10 minutes, then observe and record **RESERVOIR PRESSURE:** 7,955 psi END pressure. If pressure loss >60 psi is observed, the test is considered a failure and SUPPLY VALVE OPEN YES should be repeated FILL VALVE CLOSED/PORT PLUGGED YES TEST 1 SET VALVE CLOSED/PORT PLUGGED YES DATE: 2020-03-18 INITIAL: 3,175 psi START TIME: DRAIN VALVE CLOSED/PORT PLUGGED YES 14:25 START: 3,157 psi YES SHUTOFF VALVE OPEN END: 3,148 psi SAMPLE PORT CLOSED/PORT PLUGGED YES **TEST 2 (IF REQUIRED)** IT PLUG SHEAR PIN INSTALLED YES DATE: INITIAL: START TIME: START: END: DATE: 2020-03-18 DATE: 2020-03-18 TOOL READY FOR RIG FLOOR TOOL SENT TO RIG FLOOR TIME: 14:55 TIME: 15:00 NOTES:

CORING RUN									
DATE: 2020-03-18 TOOL DEPLOYMENT TIME:									
START DEPTH: 1,841.00 ft END DEPTH: 1,843.50 ft ANTICIPATED RECOVERY:							2.50 ft		
CORING START TIME: 16:03 CORING END TIME:							16:30		
- 0	RUNNING IN:	15 gpm	D	DRILL PARAMETERS WIRELIN			RILL PARAMETERS WIRELINE PULLOUT		ULLOUT
Š Ŭ	CORING:	400 gpm	W.O.B.:	R.P.M.:	R.O.P.:	WEIGHT (MAX):	2,050.0 lbs		
Å.FLo	PULLING:	0 gpm	6,000 lbs	68	6 ft/hr	SPEED:	100 ft/min		
	P.O.O.H.:	0 gpm	COLD SHUCK:	TIME IN:	N/A	TIME OUT:	N/A		
TIME ON DECK:									
TOTAL TIME IN HOLE: 1:50 TOTAL TIME CORING:						0:27			
NOTES:									

CORE TRANSFER & RECOVERY							
	DATE:	2020-03-18	TRANSDUCER PRESSURE:	0 psi			
RECEIVED FROM RIG FLOOR	TIME:	17:35					
			TOTAL CORE RECOVERY:	2.00 ft			
			RECOVERY PERCENTAGE:	80%			
NOTES:			·				

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NOTES:



1.5 5CS



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DATE:	2020-0	3-19 CORE:		5CS
TOOL ASSEMBLY TEAM:		Burrows, Mir	narich, Selman	
BOTTOM CORE DEPTH (BELOW	V RIG FLOOR): 1,844.	00 ft BOTTOM HOLE	E PRESSURE:	818 psi
DST SERIAL NUMBERS:	LINER LENGTH ADJUSTER:	C9476	RABBIT:	N/A
NOTES:				

		TOOL A	SSEMBLY			
BUILD CHECKLIST			AUTOCLAVE PRESSURE TEST			
LINER/IT PLUG LENGTH (156.75	;")	YES	To test, pressurize assemb	oled autoclave to 3000	psi (+/- 100 psi). Reco	rd this INITIAL pressure
SET PRESSURE (CONFIRM WIT	H 3 TESTS):	1,863 psi	below. Wait five minutes to allow for acclimitization. During this time inspect for gross leakage o			
RESERVOIR PRESSURE: 8,163			minutes, record START pressure. Wait 10 minutes, then observe and record END pressure. If			ecord END pressure. If
SUPPLY VALVE OPEN	SUPPLY VALVE OPEN YES			pressure loss >60 psi is observed, the test is considered a failure and should be repeated.		
FILL VALVE CLOSED/PORT PLU	JGGED	YES	TEST 1			
SET VALVE CLOSED/PORT PLU	JGGED	GED YES DATE: 2020			INITIAL:	2,990 psi
DRAIN VALVE CLOSED/PORT P	YES	START TIME:	08:36	START:	2,973 psi	
SHUTOFF VALVE OPEN		YES			END:	2,954 psi
SAMPLE PORT CLOSED/PORT	PLUGGED	YES		TEST 2 (IF	REQUIRED)	
IT PLUG SHEAR PIN INSTALLE	כ	YES	DATE:		INITIAL:	
			START TIME:		START:	
					END:	
	DATE:	2020-03-19	2020-03-19 TOOL SENT TO PLC FLOOP		DATE:	2020-03-19
TOOL READT FOR RIG FLOOR	TIME:	09:05	TOOL SENT TO K	IG FLOOK	TIME:	09:10
NOTES:						

			CORIN	ig run			
DATE:			2020-03-19	TOOL DEPLO	OYMENT TIME:		09:20
START DEPTH:	START DEPTH: 1,843.50 ft END DEPTH: 1,843.80 ft ANTICIPATED RECOVERY:						0.30 ft
CORING START TIME: 10:18 CORING END TIME:						10:48	
- (0	RUNNING IN:	15 gpm	DF	DRILL PARAMETERS WIRELINE P			
Š Ű	CORING:	30 gpm	W.O.B.:	R.P.M.:	R.O.P.:	WEIGHT (MAX):	2,150.0 lbs
Å1 FLo	PULLING:	0 gpm	3,000 lbs	70	1 ft/hr	SPEED:	100 ft/min
	P.O.O.H.:	0 gpm	COLD SHUCK:	TIME IN:	N/A	TIME OUT:	N/A
	TIME ON DECK: 11:3						
TOTAL TIME IN	TOTAL TIME IN HOLE: 2:10 TOTAL TIME CORING:						0:30
NOTES:	Ball closed, cuttin	ngs visible in ball					

RECEIVED FROM RIG FLOOR DATE: 2020-03-19 TRANSDUCER PRESSURE: TIME: 12:00 TOTAL CORE RECOVERY:	0 psi
TIME: 12:00 TOTAL CORE RECOVERY:	
TOTAL CORE RECOVERY:	
	0.80 ft
RECOVERY PERCENTAGE:	267%

NOTES:

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1.6 6CS



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DATE:	2020-03-19	9 CORE:	6CS
TOOL ASSEMBLY TEAM:		Burrows, Minarich, Selman	
BOTTOM CORE DEPTH (BEL	-OW RIG FLOOR): 1,844.00 f	It BOTTOM HOLE PRESSURE:	818 psi
DST SERIAL NUMBERS:	LINER LENGTH ADJUSTER:	C9492 RABBIT:	N/A
NOTES			

		TOOL A	SSEMBLY			
BUILD CI	HECKLIST		AUTOCLAVE PRESSURE TEST			
LINER/IT PLUG LENGTH (156.75	,")	YES	To test, pressurize asse	mbled autoclave to 300	JU psi (+/- 100 psi).	Record this INITIAL
SET PRESSURE (CONFIRM WIT	H 3 TESTS):	1,786 psi	leakage of water or signi	ificant pressure drop. If	fleaks or pressure	loss are observed, rectify
RESERVOIR PRESSURE:	<u>.</u>	7,995 psi	and retest. At five minutes, record START pressure. Wait 10 minutes, then observe and record			
SUPPLY VALVE OPEN YE			END pressure. If pressure loss >60 psi is observed, the test is considered a failure and should be repeated			
FILL VALVE CLOSED/PORT PLU	IGGED	YES	TEST 1			
SET VALVE CLOSED/PORT PLU	YES	DATE:	2020-03-19	INITIAL:	3,162 psi	
DRAIN VALVE CLOSED/PORT P	LUGGED	YES	START TIME:	11:24	START:	3,159 psi
SHUTOFF VALVE OPEN		YES			END:	3,135 psi
SAMPLE PORT CLOSED/PORT F	PLUGGED	YES		TEST 2 (IF	REQUIRED)	
IT PLUG SHEAR PIN INSTALLED	,	YES	DATE:		INITIAL:	
			START TIME:		START:	
					END:	
	DATE:	2020-03-19			DATE:	2020-03-19
TOOL READ FOR RIG FLOOR	TIME:	12:05			TIME:	12:10
NOTES:	·					

	CORING RUN								
DATE:			2020-03-19	TOOL DEPLO	OYMENT TIME:		12:25		
START DEPTH:	1,843.80 ft	END DEPTH:	1,844.16 ft		ANTICIP	ATED RECOVERY:	0.36 ft		
CORING START TIME: 13:10 CORING END TIME:					D TIME:		13:28		
- 0	RUNNING IN:	15 gpm	D	RILL PARAME	TERS	WIRELINE P	ULLOUT		
S Ü	CORING:	100 gpm	W.O.B.:	R.P.M.:	R.O.P.:	WEIGHT (MAX):	2,210.0 lbs		
Å FL	PULLING:	0 gpm	3,000 lbs	68	1 ft/hr	SPEED:	100 ft/min		
— L	P.O.O.H.:	0 gpm	COLD SHUCK:	TIME IN:	N/A	TIME OUT:	N/A		
				TIME ON DE	CK:		14:05		
TOTAL TIME IN	HOLE:		1:40	TOTAL TIME	CORING:		0:18		
NOTES:	Ball cocked open								

CORE TRANSFER & RECOVERY							
	DATE:	: 2020-03-19 TRANSDUCER PRESSURE:		0 psi			
RECEIVED FROM RIG FLOOR	TIME:	14:30					
			TOTAL CORE RECOVERY:	0.30 ft			
			RECOVERY PERCENTAGE:	83%			
NOTES:			·				

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1.7 7CS (WATER CORE)



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DATE:	2020-03-1	9 CORE:		7CS
TOOL ASSEMBLY TEAM:		Burrows, Minari	ich, Selman	
BOTTOM CORE DEPTH (BEI	LOW RIG FLOOR): 1,200.00	ft BOTTOM HOLE PI	RESSURE:	532 psi
DST SERIAL NUMBERS:	LINER LENGTH ADJUSTER:	C9476 R	ABBIT:	N/A
NOTES:				

		TOOL A	SSEMBLY				
BUILD CHECKLIST			AUTOCLAVE PRESSURE TEST				
LINER/IT PLUG LENGTH (156.75")		YES	To test, pressurize assembled autoclave to 3000 psi (+/- 100 psi). Record this INITIAL pressure below. Wait five minutes to allow for acclimitization. During this time inspect for gr				
SET PRESSURE (CONFIRM WITH 3 TESTS):		1,895 psi	leakage of water or significant pressure drop. If leaks or pressure loss are observed, rectify				
RESERVOIR PRESSURE:		7,914 psi	and retest. At five minutes, record START pressure. Wait 10 minutes, then observe and record				
SUPPLY VALVE OPEN		YES	END pressure in pressure loss >00 psi is observed, the test is considered a failure and should be repeated.				
FILL VALVE CLOSED/PORT PLUGGED		YES	TEST 1				
SET VALVE CLOSED/PORT PLUGGED		YES	DATE:	2020-03-19	INITIAL:	3,018 psi	
DRAIN VALVE CLOSED/PORT PLUGGED		YES	START TIME:	15:58	START:	2,995 psi	
SHUTOFF VALVE OPEN		YES			END:	2,949 psi	
SAMPLE PORT CLOSED/PORT PLUGGED		YES	TEST 2 (IF REQUIRED)				
IT PLUG SHEAR PIN INSTALLED		YES	DATE:		INITIAL:		
			START TIME:		START:		
					END:		
TOOL READY FOR RIG FLOOR	DATE:	2020-03-19	TOOL SENT TO RIG FLOOR		DATE:	2020-03-19	
	TIME:	15:30			TIME:	15:31	
NOTES:							

			CORIN	IG RUN			
DATE:			2020-03-19	TOOL DEPL	OYMENT TIME:		16:20
START DEPTH:	1,204.00 ft	END DEPTH:	1,204.00 ft		ANTICIPA	TED RECOVERY:	0.00 ft
CORING START	TIME:		N/A	CORING EN	d TIME:	N/A	Ą
RUNNING I		0 gpm	DRILL PARAMETERS			WIRELINE PULLOUT	
S Ü	CORING:	0 gpm	W.O.B.:	R.P.M.:	R.O.P.:	WEIGHT (MAX):	N/A
Å.FL	PULLING:	0 gpm	0 lbs	0	0 ft/hr	SPEED:	N/A
	P.O.O.H.:	0 gpm	COLD SHUCK:	TIME IN:	N/A	TIME OUT:	N/A
				TIME ON DE	CK:		16:45
TOTAL TIME IN H	HOLE:		0:25	TOTAL TIME	CORING:	N/A	Ą
NOTES:	Water core to tes	t functionality of to	ol.				

CORE TRANSFER & RECOVERY						
RECEIVED FROM RIG FLOOR	DATE:	2020-03-19	TRANSDUCER PRESSURE:	0 psi		
	TIME:	17:08				
			TOTAL CORE RECOVERY:	N/A		
			RECOVERY PERCENTAGE:	N/A		
NOTES:						

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NOTES: Tool came to surface with ball fired, sleeve valve fired, no pressure and no contents. Pressure tested autoclave and pressure section post-run and found no leaks, but autoclave seemed to be full of air.



2 APPENDIX 2: DST DATA PLOTS

2.1 1FB



2.2 2FB





2.3 3CS









2.5 5CS









2.7 7CS

