

Breaking Through



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Foamed Cement Solutions For Thermal Well Construction

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Agenda

“The difficult we do immediately, the impossible takes a little longer”

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- Pros and Cons of Foamed Thermal Cement
- Cyclic-Steam (California) Learnings
- Design and Development of Grosmont Cement Blend
- Field Installation
- Results / Bond Logs

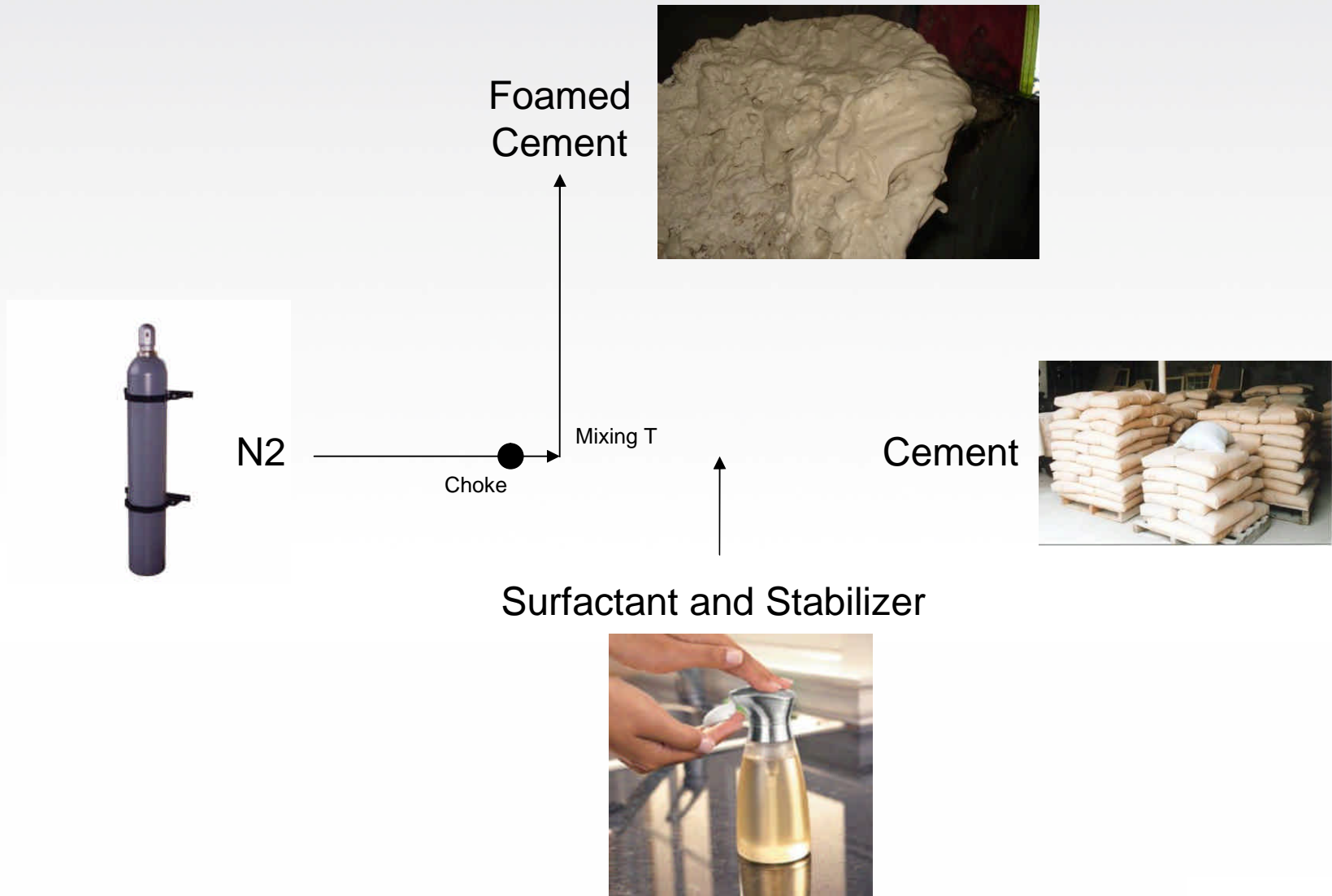
Foamed Cementing

- Issues while:
 - Healing losses
 - Cement returns to surface
 - Abandoning core holes
- Foamed cement addresses these issues



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Foaming Cement



California Case Study - SPE 46215 – Miller and Frank - Foam Cementing Cyclic-Steam,⁶ Producing Wells: Cymric Field Case Study

- Advantages
 - Tuned density
 - Low water to solids ratio (compared to water extended slurries)
 - Greater resistance to stress cracking cause by cycling
 - Better strengths than slurried lightweights
 - Foam matrix provides space for crystalline growth associated with retrogression
 - Better mud-displacement properties
- Disadvantages
 - More costly than slurry
(can be less costly than flexible/rubberized cements)
 - Control of N2 Rate
 - Washout affects placement on variable rate jobs
 - Higher viscosities mean higher ECDs
 - Dealing with foamed returns

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- Learnings
 - Class C Base Slurry
 - Lower base slurry density

 - Use of Calliper Data
 - Cement placement for constant density job

 - Inert and Reactive Spacers
 - Foamed water spacer for mud removal
 - Time to get all equipment up and on-line

 - Automated N2 Delivery
 - Foamed cement consistency and constant density

General SAGD Well Integrity

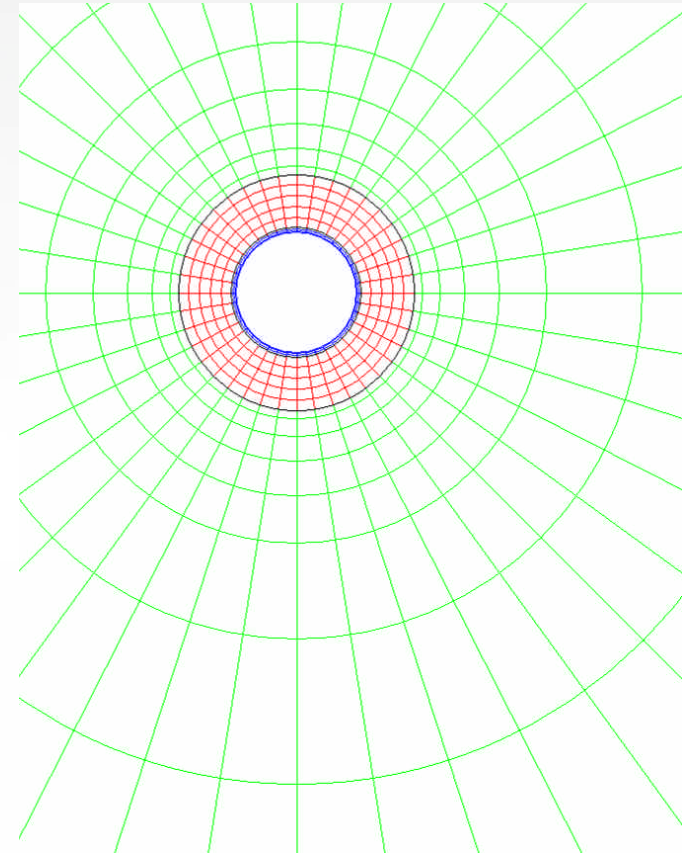
- Influenced largely by the thermo-mechanical properties of the formation and well operations
- Understand and model the relationship between the casing, cement, and rock
- Optimize cement (including foam cement) and casing designs for the Grosmont
- Use proven methods for High Temperature (HT) cement and casing design

Cement Design Criteria

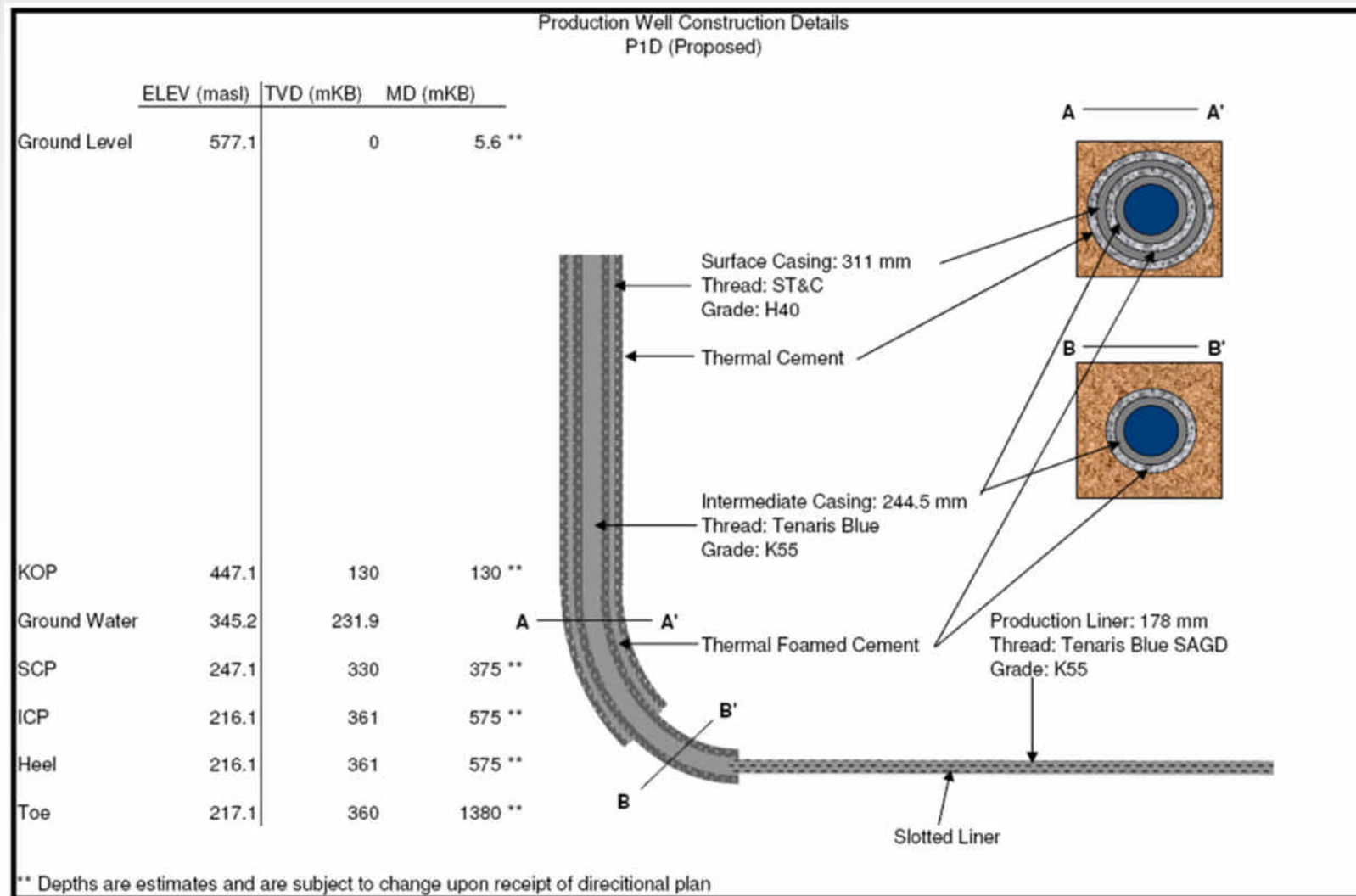
- Goals
 - No strength retrogression concerns
 - meet Young's Modulus and tensile strength requirements
 - 3.5MPa in 48 hours
 - Target constant density foam at 750 – 1050kg/m³ (losses)
 - No cement failure
- Challenges
 - Complex formation-cement-casing interaction
 - Soft formations
 - Low temperature cure, high temperature operating
 - Low slurry density to alleviate stability concerns with safety factor

FEA Analysis

- Finite element analysis (FEA) model
 - 3D Stress, 2D Strain
 - Known geometry, casing, and formation properties
 - Qualify a candidate blend
- 2 slices
 - Cap rock – Clearwater/Wabiskaw
 - Reservoir rock - Grosmont formation
- Failure mechanisms considered
 - Radial cracking (tensile failure)
 - Shear deformation (compressive failure)
 - De-bonding at the casing,
 - De-bonding at formation
- Operations
 - Curing,
 - Pressure testing,
 - Completions,
 - Steam injection



Well Design



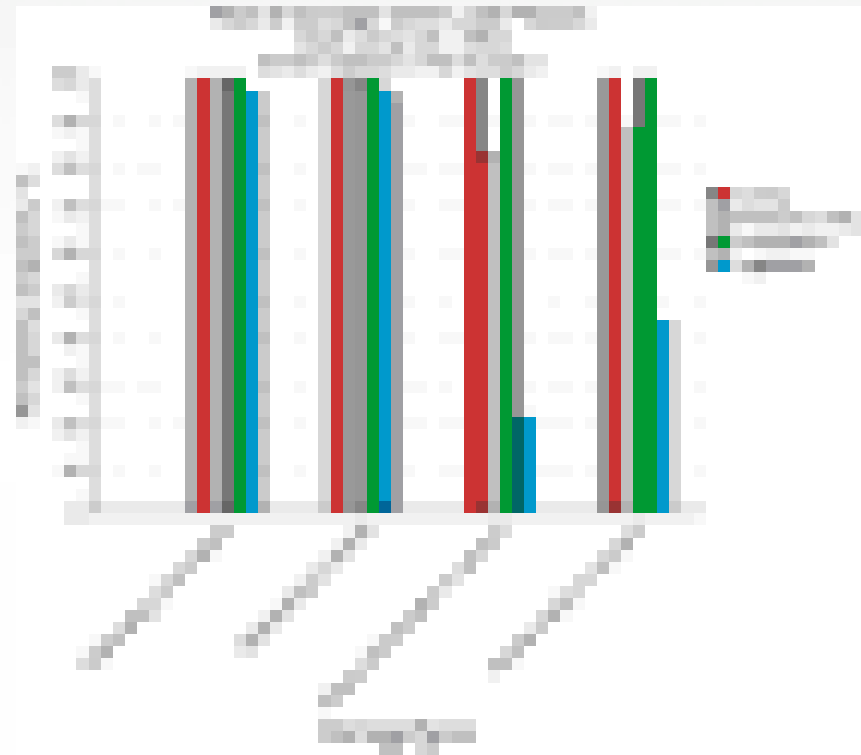
Property Testing



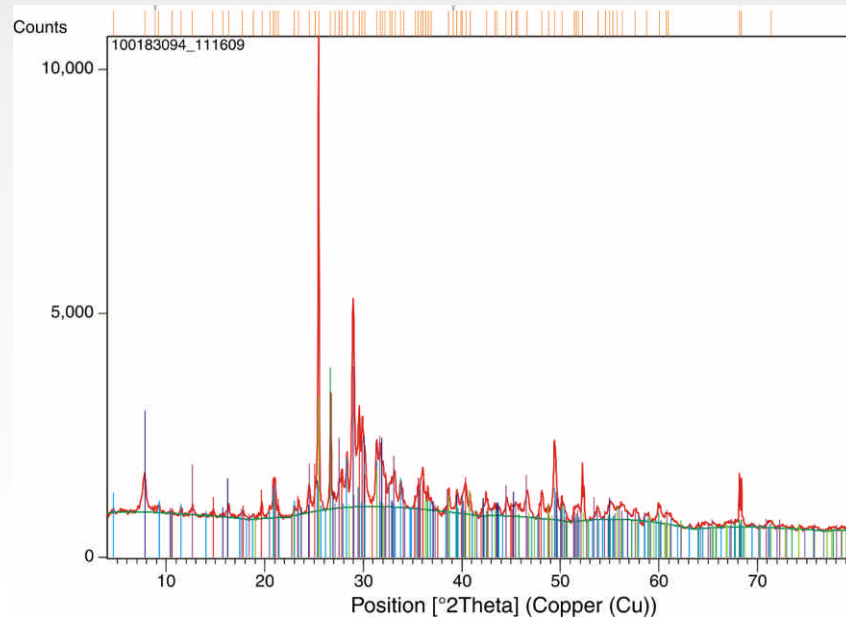
- Formation mechanical properties from logs and reservoir models
- Several candidate blends
- Simulate long cure at low temp (60C for 48h)
- Exposed to high temp (260C for 1 week)
- ASTM testing methodologies to collect
 - Young's Modulus
 - Poisson's ratio
 - Tensile strength (splitting/brazilian)
 - Cohesion and friction angle

FEA Results

- Remaining capacity (RC) – similar to safety factor
 - 100% RC = cement sheath experienced little change in loading condition
 - 0% RC = cement sheath loaded to its failure point
 - $>0\%$ RC = cement sheath has not experienced failure
- No failure in any modelled operation
- Lowest RC $>20\%$, SF > 1.25
- Microfine cement with glass microspheres and low temperature accelerators



Strength Retrogression



XRD COMPOUND RESULTS

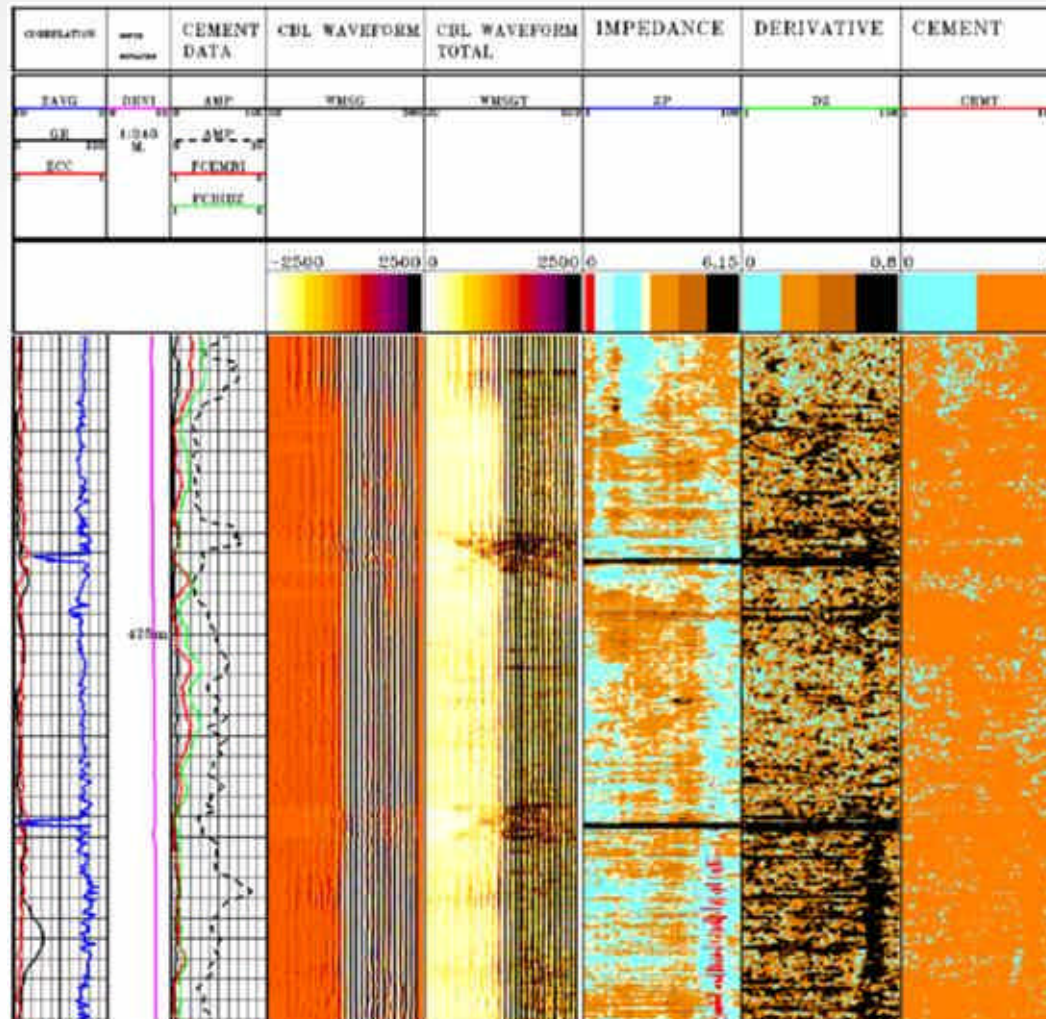
<u>Visible</u>	<u>Compound Name</u>	<u>Chemical Formula</u>
*Red	Scawtite	$\text{Ca}_7 \text{Si}_6 (\text{CO}_3) \text{O}18 \cdot 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$
*Blue	Tobermorite-11A	$\text{Ca}_5 \text{Si}_6 (\text{O},\text{O H},\text{F})18 \cdot 5 \text{H}_2\text{O}$
*Green	Quartz	Si O_2
*Purple	Xonotlite	$\text{Ca}_6 \text{Si}_6 \text{O}17 (\text{OH})2$
*Aqua	Reyerite *	$(\text{Na},\text{K}) \text{Ca}_7 \text{Si}_{11} \text{AlO}_{29} (\text{O H})4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$
*D. Green	Anhydrite	$\text{Ca}(\text{SO}_4)$
Violet	Calcium aluminum Silicate hydroxide	$\text{Ca}_3 \text{Al}_2(\text{SiO}_4) (\text{O H})8$

- X-Ray Diffraction (XRD)
- Typical good (stable) compounds:
 - Quartz (crystalline silica)
 - Tobermorite
 - Xonotlite
- Typical bad compounds:
 - alpha dicalcium silicate hydrate
- No bad compounds formed
- Quartz indicates low risk of strength retrogression
- Low risk of cement failure

Operational Challenges

- Batch mixing on site
 - Separation in transport:
 - Water additions increase density
- Large volumes for batch mixing
 - Thickening time
 - Length of time to pre mix pre-flush
 - Length of time to batch mix
- Equipment
 - Layout
 - Crew and equipment availability
- Wait On Cement time
 - 48 hours to 3.5 MPa

Bond Logs



- Circumferential acoustic-scanning tool (CAST) –
 - cement-bond logs (CBL) and
 - ultrasonic scanning (US) logs
 - inspect casing and cement simultaneously
- Statistical variance processing (SVP) technique
- Good coverage, no channelling. Good Cement

Conclusion

- Foamed Cement
 - Has alleviated many cement placement challenges
- Design
 - An innovative blend created
 - Will not fail in this application
 - Tension, compression, or debond
 - During well operations
 - Can be foamed to 1000 kg/m³ as a stable foam
 - 3.5MPa in 48 hours
 - XRD indicates no strength retrogression
- Operational / Achievements
 - Properly mixed to desired density
 - Good bond logs



Foamed Cement Returns



More Foamed Cement Returns

Foamed Cement in Clastic SAGD

- Parting thoughts
 - Lure of
 - Improved mud displacement
 - Reasonable mechanical properties
 - Cost compared to some flexible blends
 - Fracture tip blunting
 - Low thermal conductivity

 - Potential challenges
 - Low thermal conductivity
 - Complicated placement
 - lack of callipers
 - N₂ control

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