



**Petroleum Technology Transfer Council**

**EPA Gas Star**

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# **Petroleum Technology Transfer Council**

- **Tech Transfer Program**
- **Field Examples**
- **Environmental Drivers**

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# Where does Technology Come From?

- **Research Centers: Service, Major**
- **JIP's and Consortia**
- **National Laboratories**
- **Demonstration Projects**
- **Universities**
- **Other Industry Applications**

# How is Technology Transferred?

- **Workshops**
- **Written Case Studies**
- **Newsletters, Technical Articles**
- **Web Network**
- **Regional Resource Centers**

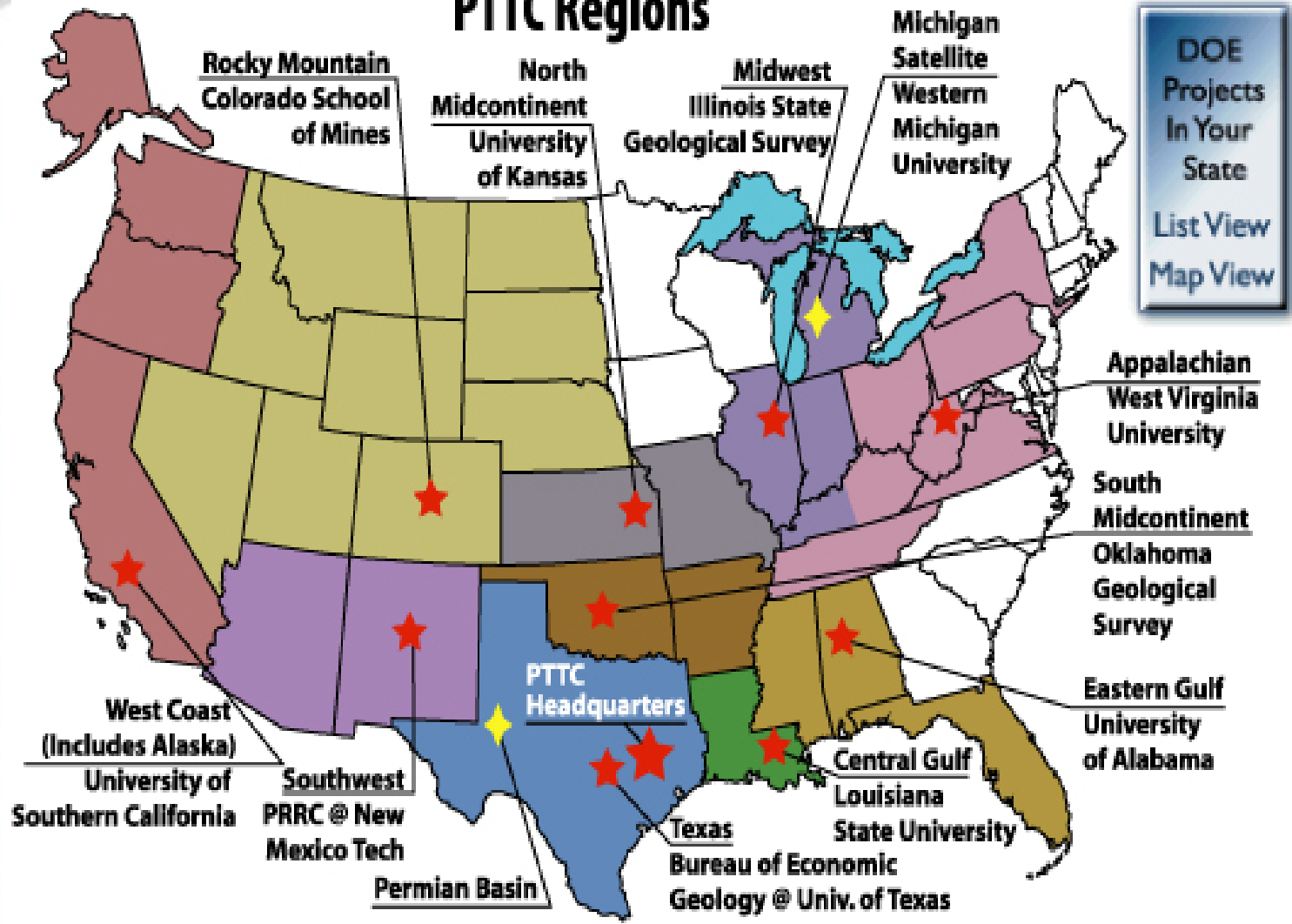


# Who Makes Up the Organization?

- **National Board of Directors**
- **Regional Lead Organizations (RLO)**
- **Producer Advisory Groups (PAG)**
- **National Headquarters Staff**



# PTTC Regions



DOE  
Projects  
In Your  
State

List View  
Map View



# How is the Program Funded?

- **Federal**
- **State**
- **Industry**



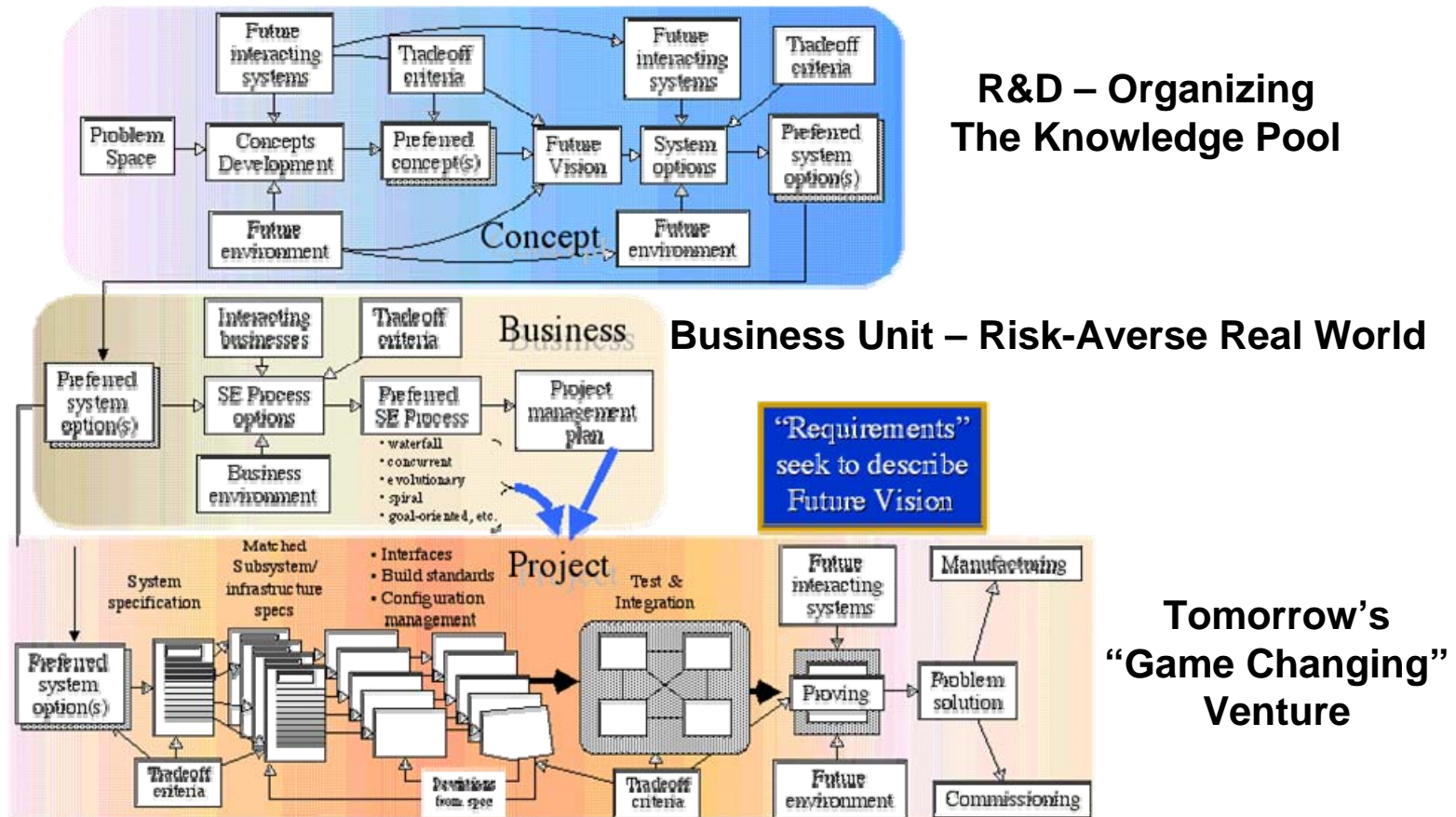
# **MICROHOLE TECHNOLOGIES**



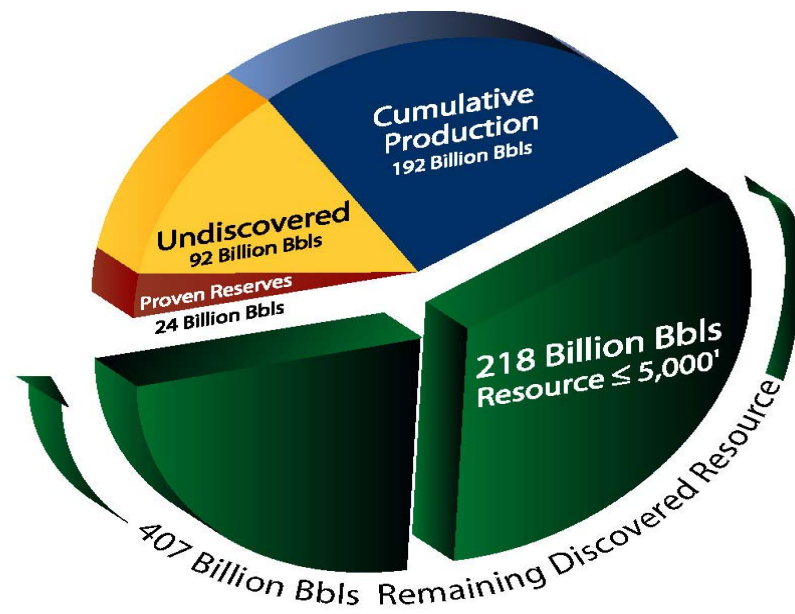


# Systems Engineering: The MHT Program Approach

“~ the art and science of creating optimal system solutions to complex issues and problems” - Prof. Derek Hitchens



# MHT Program “Singular Goal”: Greater Mature Domestic Oil Resource Recovery



- **407 Billion Barrels not economically recoverable with current technology**
- **218 Billion Barrels from shallow development alone**
  - **Conservative recovery estimate = 10 years of OPEC imports offset**

# MHT Program Focus Areas

**Technologies to Support Business Models for:**

Development of Shallow ( $\leq 5000'$ ), Lower  
Volume Oil and Gas Resources

Hole Size: Drill out of 4 1/2 Tubulars

Longer term: Reduced Risk Exploration with  
Low Environmental Impact for Greater  
Access

# MHT Awards

(See: [www.microtech.thepttc.org](http://www.microtech.thepttc.org))

Applicant	Technology
Stolar Research Corp.	Radar Guidance System
Gas Producton Specialties	Artificial Lift System
Baker Hughes Inteq	Smart Steering System (LWD)
Bandera Petroleum	Zero Discharge Mud System
Schlumberger	Hybrid Coiled Tubing Drlg. Rig
Western Well Tool	Microhole Drilling Tractor
Geoprober	Deepwater Demo
GTI	Onshore Demo
GTI	Zero Torque Drill Motor
Tempress	Waterjet Drilling System
CTES	CT Vibrator
Technology Int.	Turbodrill
Ultima Labs	MWD/LWD Comm. Sub
Baker Hughes Inteq	Comm. Sub
Confluent Filtration	Monobore
Confluent Filtration	Expanding Screen

# Microhole vs Slimhole: A Technical Comparison

## Microhole

## Slimhole

### Hole Size

- Exit 4-1/2” casing
  - 4-1/8” or 3-3/4”
  - 2-3/4” Sidetrack

### Rig: Hybrid CT

- Instrumentation CT

### Weaknesses

- CTD Rig cost
- Shallow (5-7,000’)  
use to date
- Limited small motor

### Strengths

- Small Hole = LCost
- Lower Cost = LRisk
- Smaller Footprint

### Hole Size

- 90% of hole < 7”
  - Any ~6” Prod. Int. Typically

### Rig: Rotary

- Special Rotary: SHADS

### Weaknesses

- Kick tolerance
- Variable economics over  
conventional
- Industry Paradigms

### Strengths

- Small Hole = Lower Cost
- Lower Cost = Lower Risk
- Smaller Footprint



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# **FIELD EXAMPLES**

# CTD In Alaska

## Metrics:

- \$1.5MM per well average
- ~2 weeks/well, 400'/day
- \$3-4/Bbl currently
- 30% lower cost than equivalent rotary sidetrack

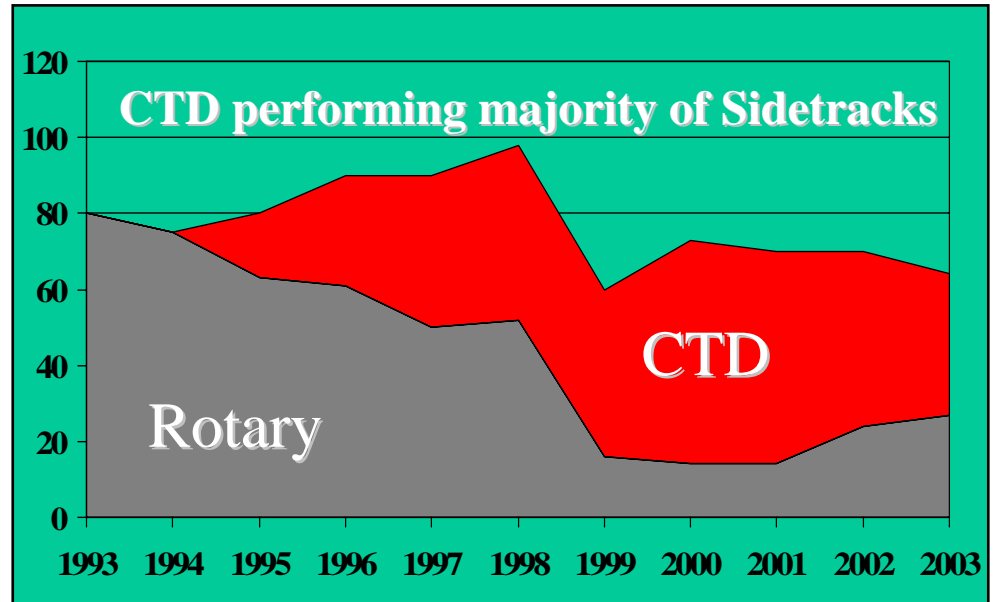
## AK Milestones / Achievements:

- Technology initiated in 1992
- Over 500 wells drilled to date
  - ~270MM bbls Ad Rec
  - ~50% unrecoverable by Rotary
  - ~\$2/Bbl historical cost

400 sidetracks through/below 4 ½" tubing (3.75" bit)

100 sidetracks through/below 3 ½" tubing (2.75" bit)

- Alaska record horizontal lengths: 3124' (3.75"), 2687' md (2.75")
- World record CTD depth at Niakuk field in 2004 (17515' md)
- 25k BOPD incremental/year
- Share technology worldwide (resurgence due to recent successes)



# The Basic CTD Sidetrack

**Parent - 4 1/2" production tubing, 7" liner**

## Pre rig

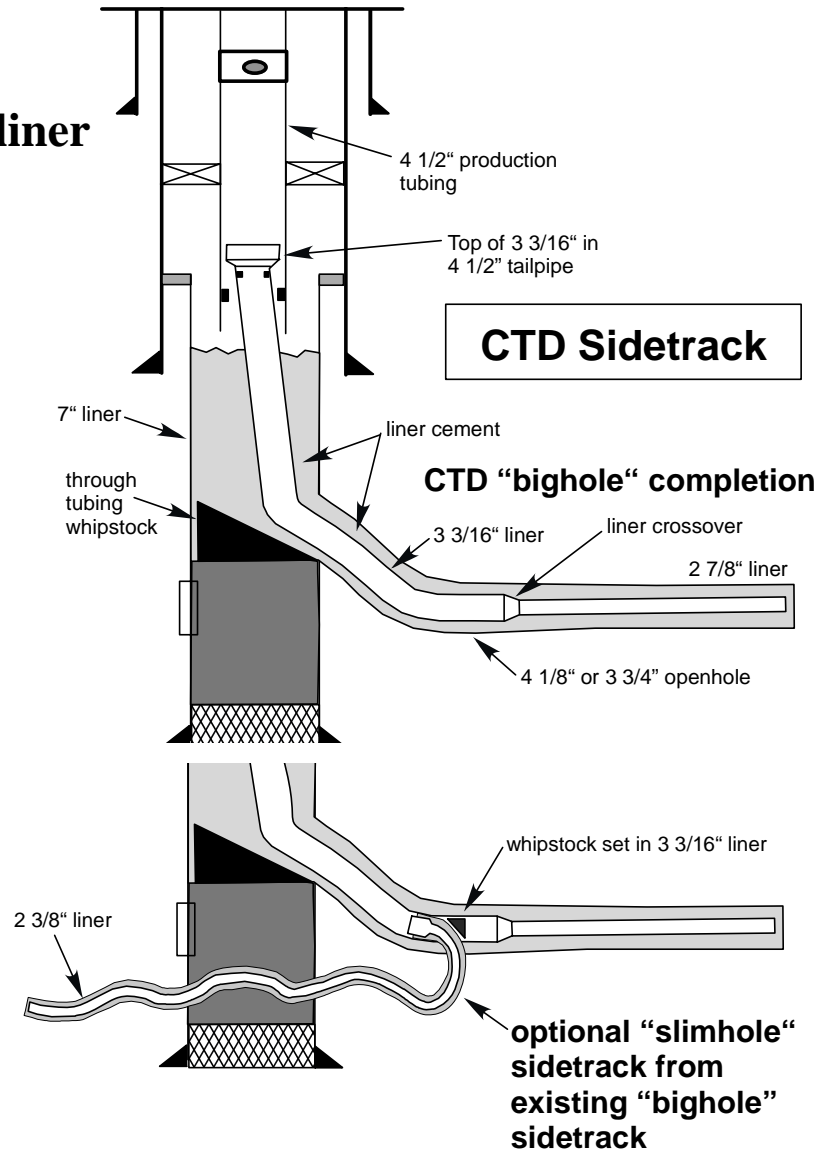
- Set 4 1/2" x 7" whipstock
- Squeeze cement to abandon perfs

## CTD

- Mill window
- Drill - 3 3/4" or 4 1/8" bicenter
  - 45° DLS common
  - Xanthan drilling fluid
- Run 3 3/16" x 2 7/8" liner & cmt
- Log CNL & Perforate

**2 3/4" slimhole option** →  
**increases candidates**

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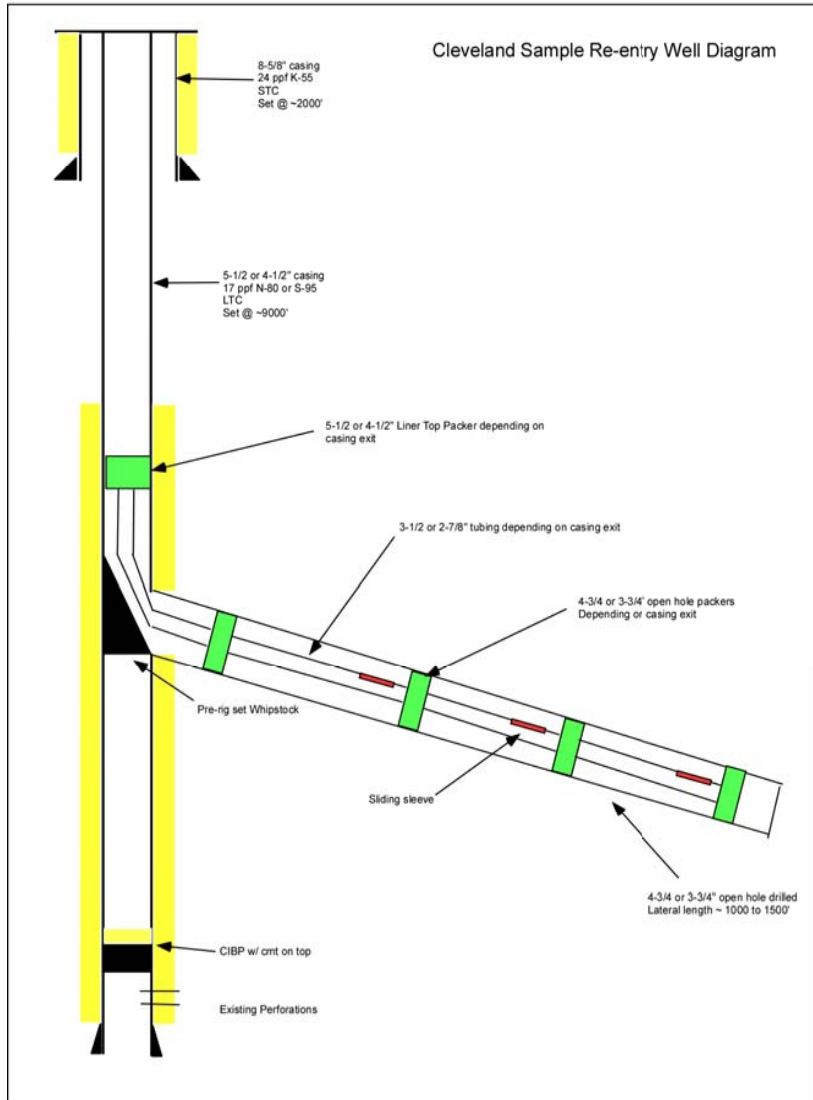


# Key Factors for CTD Success

- 1) Cost savings potential and/or need UBD
- 2) Relatively stable formation
- 3) Use proven tools
- 4) Multi-well campaign
- 5) Management commitment



# Cleveland Re-Entry CTD Project



## Scope of Project:

The Coil Tubing Drilling (CTD) Pilot strategic intent is to provide a low cost option for re-developing mature gas fields by utilizing existing wellbores for horizontal sidetracks. We will use wells slated to be P & A or marginal producers and drill 1500+' horizontals in the Cleveland formation.

The pilot program is 10 horizontal sidetracks at projected cost of \$0.89 to \$1.08m with an average of \$.98m. Dry hole ~\$.56m

The initial production expectations are 1.5+ mcf/d and reserves of 1.50+ bcf

## Completions:

The wells will be hydraulically fractured using methods currently being employed with the ongoing horizontal well re-development program in the Cleveland that enables pin point fracs.

## Goals:

Reduction of cost compared to grassroots wells by 40+%

With a successful program help expand CTD application throughout the NAG SPU (thousands of potential opportunities).

Target Start Date: August 2005 **IN PROGRESS**



# **Advanced Drilling Technology Inc. Rig**

- **5000 Foot Depth Capacity**
- **1 Inch thru 3 ½ Inch CT**
- **Zero Mud Discharge**
- **Over 140 Wells in  
Colorado and Kansas**

# **Blast Energy Services Rig**

- **Abrasive Jet Milling & Drilling**
- **8500 Feet Capacity with 1 Inch**
- **Long Reach Perforations**
- **Looking for Field Trials**



# **Environmental Drivers for Microhole Technologies**



# Rocky Mountain E&P Technology Currently Used



**State-of-Art Rigs - - - 50+ Year Old Environmental Footprint**

# The Resources

Extended Reach Drilling (ERD) - Drilling 15 to 20 mile lateral wells (current 7 mile technical limit)

**Lightweight drillpipe, floating drillpipe, and rotary-steerable tools that reduce hole friction and greatly increase drilling distances.**

**More efficient rigs**

**Lightweight, gasified and hollow sphere drilling fluids that improve hole cleaning and reduce lost circulation problems.**

**Expandable casing that will greatly reduce the casing size and casing weight.**

**Systems that allow drilling with casing.**

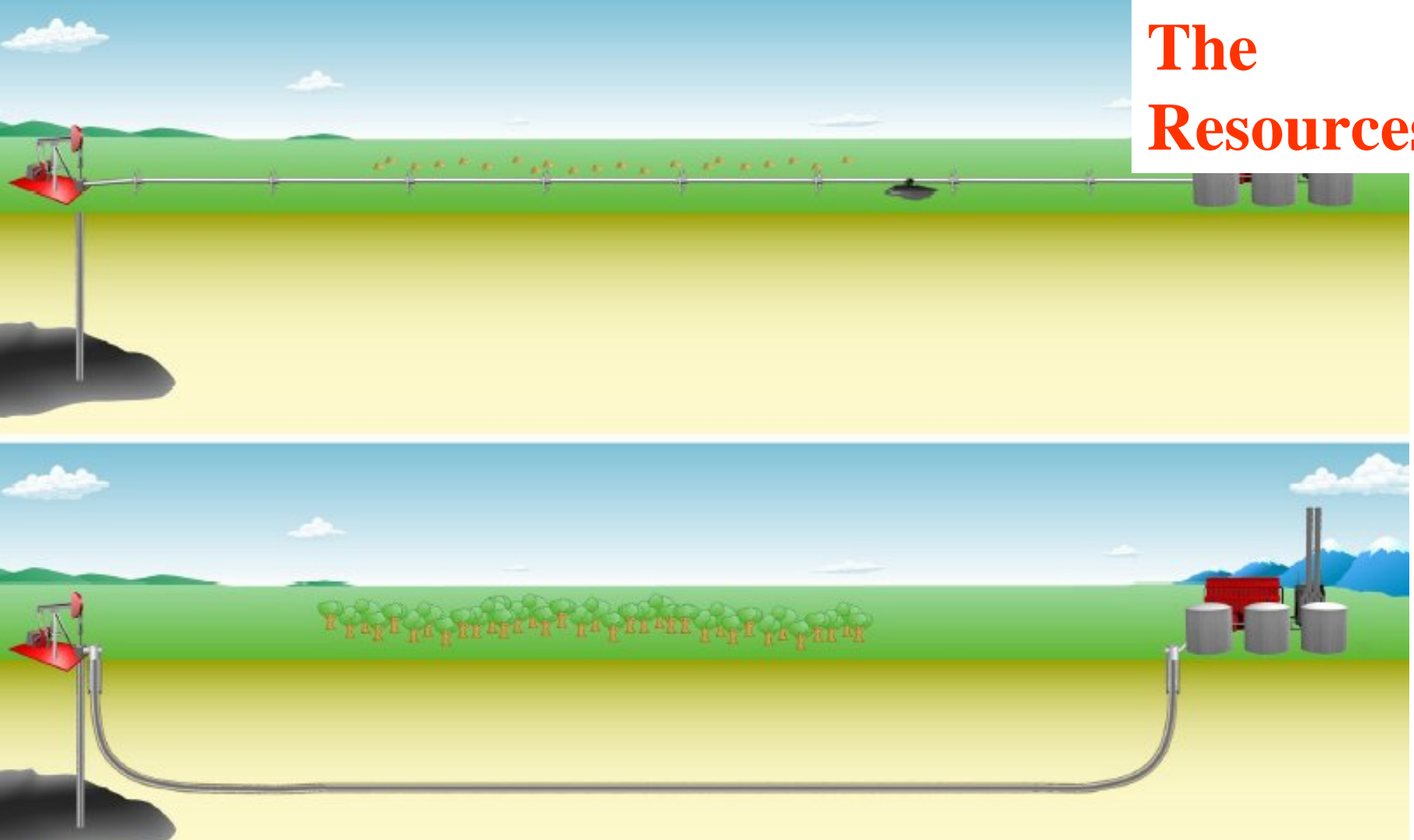
**Retractable bits and motors that eliminate trips.**

**Dual-gradient drilling systems that reduce bottomhole pressures.**

**Long life bits that drill long distances and eliminate trips.**



# The Resources

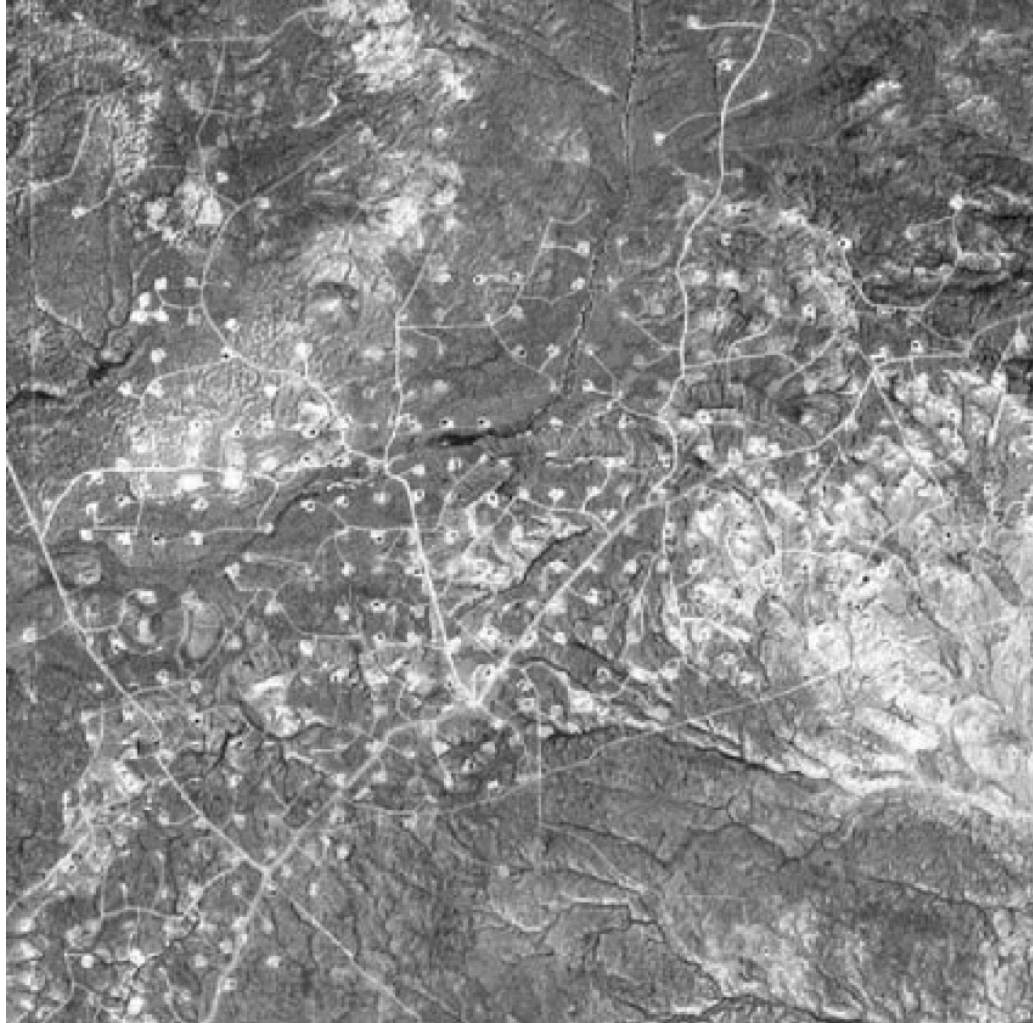


**Landmark Graphics and Sperry Sun in the paper titled “U Tube Wells; Connecting horizontal wells End to End Case Study: Installation and Construction of the World’s First U Tube Well”**

# Jonah Field: 1986, Prior to Development



# Jonah Field: 2002, 40 Acre Spacing



Currently  
More than  
400 Wells

**Application for 20 Acre Spacing > 850 New Wells**

## Objectives of Proposed Program

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- (1) To incorporate current and emerging technologies into a clean drilling system with no or very limited environmental impact**
- (2) To demonstrate a viable drilling system used for the exploration and exploitation of oil & natural gas primarily in the lower 48 states (DOE proposal),**
- (3) To create a team of industry academic and government partners with the knowledge to apply the best drilling systems for use in ecologically sensitive areas, with an understanding of the benefit to the environment.**

# A New A&M Program: Integrated Systems for Environmentally Safe Drilling Practices

*New technology can be adapted to oil and Gas E&P operations. Emissions to air and water and the impact on land forms could be reduced by more than 90% with*

- the implementation of new methods of transporting goods and materials through natural terrain.*
- New drilling platforms & New drilling practices*
- New multiphase fluid transport practices*
- New remediation practices*

# The Resources

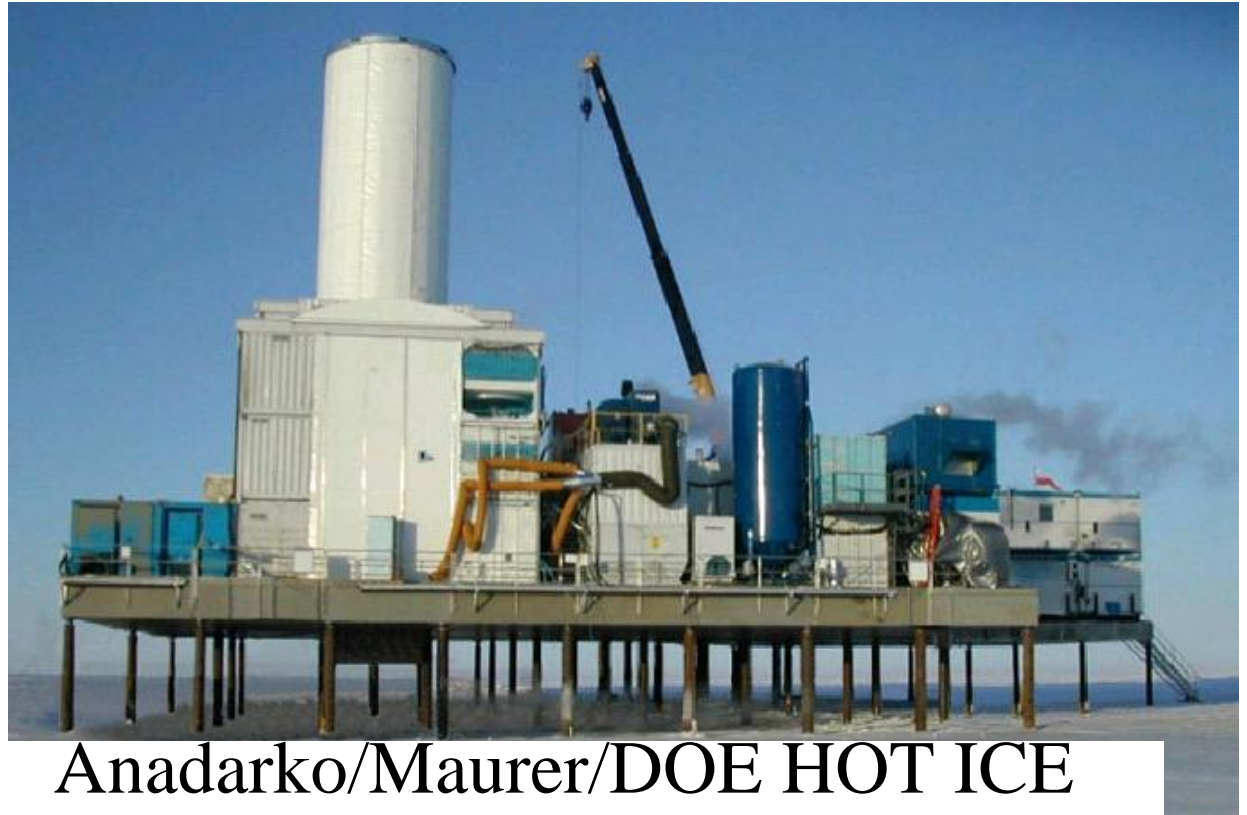


**Hybrid coiled-tubing drilling rig (courtesy of DOE and Tom Gipson – New Force Energy Services, Inc)**



# Platform Drilling

## The Resources



Anadarko/Maurer/DOE HOT ICE  
well utilizing the Platform on the  
North Slope in 2003



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