



# Appalachian Basin Gas Well Deliquification Seminar

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## Plunger Lift Optimize and Troubleshoot

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## PRIMARY PURPOSE

Remove liquid from the tubing so gas can flow freely to the surface



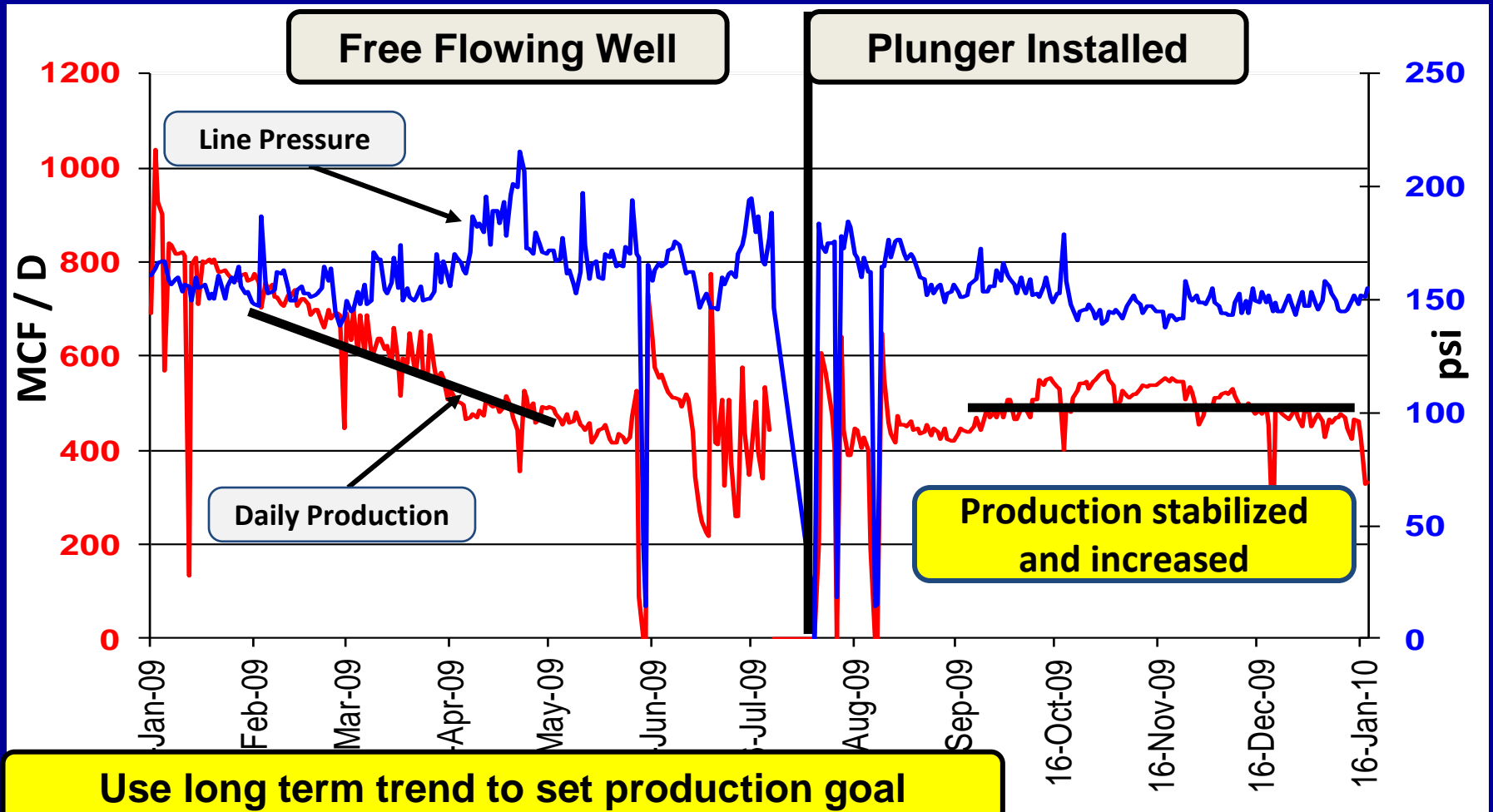
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## OPTIMIZED

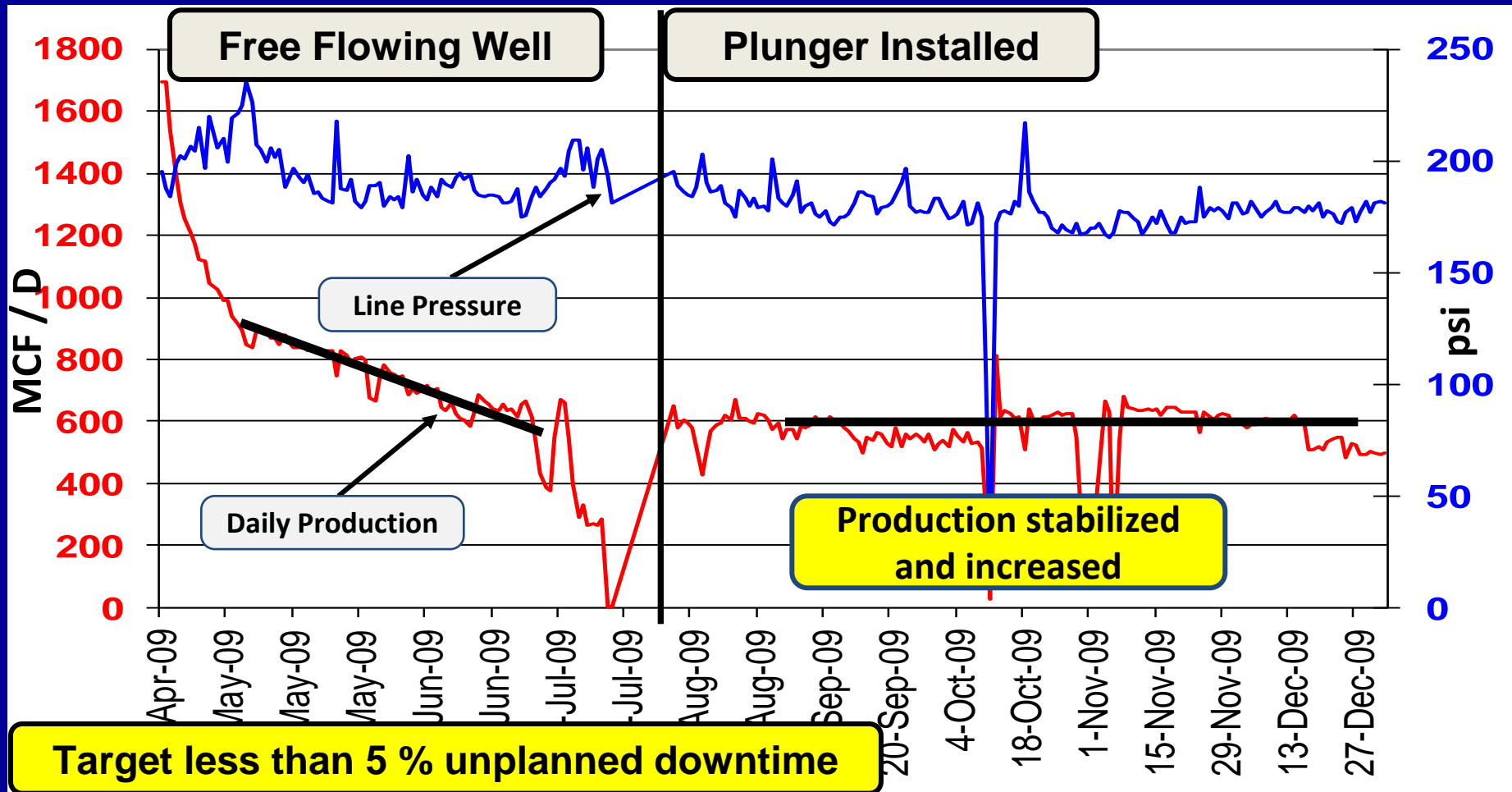
- ✓ 70 % or more of AOF
- ✓ On original decline curve



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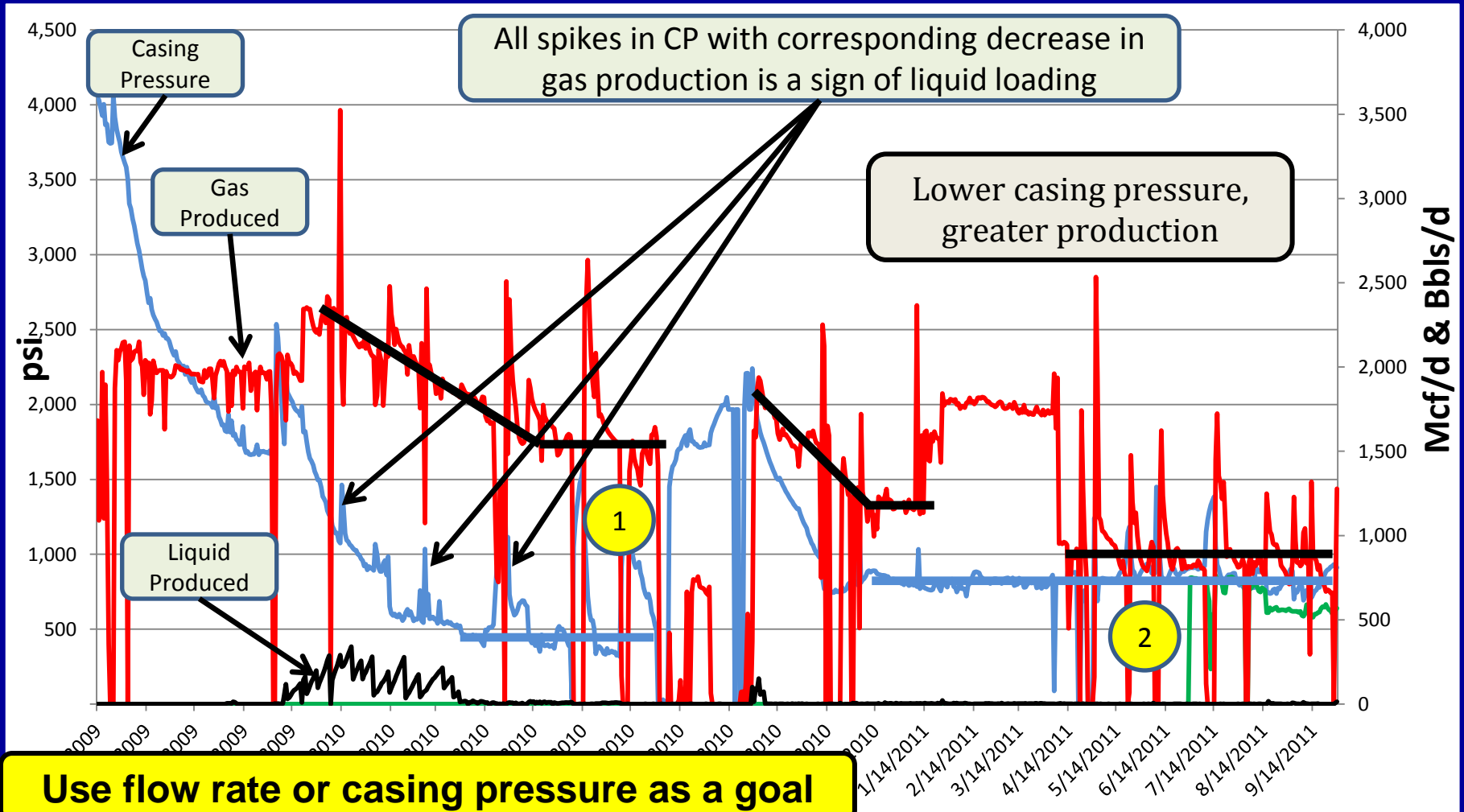


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Target less than 5% unplanned downtime

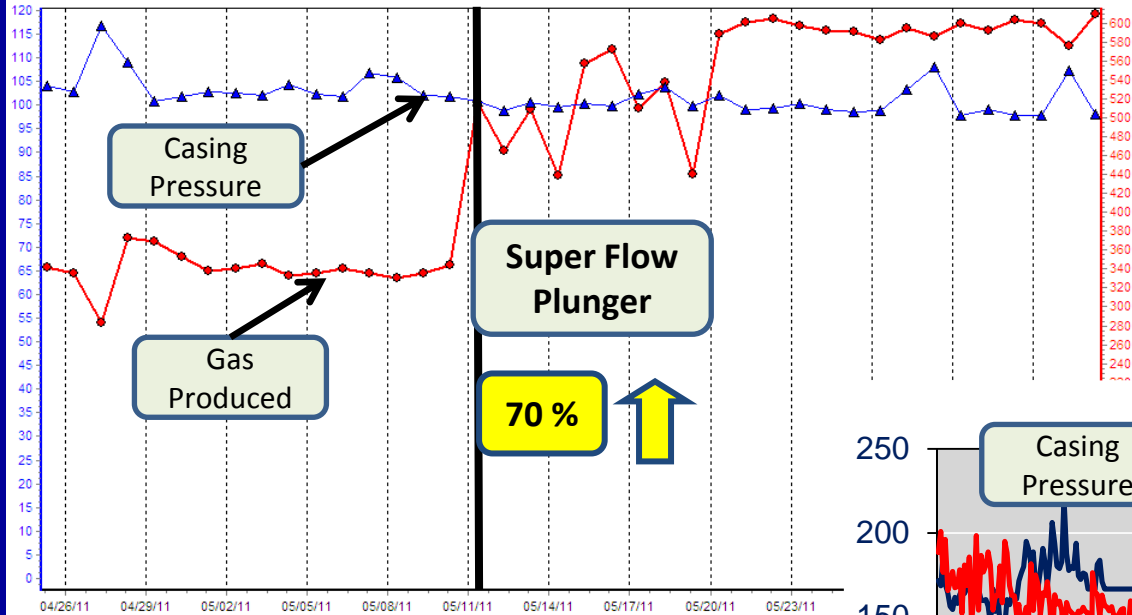
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Use flow rate or casing pressure as a goal

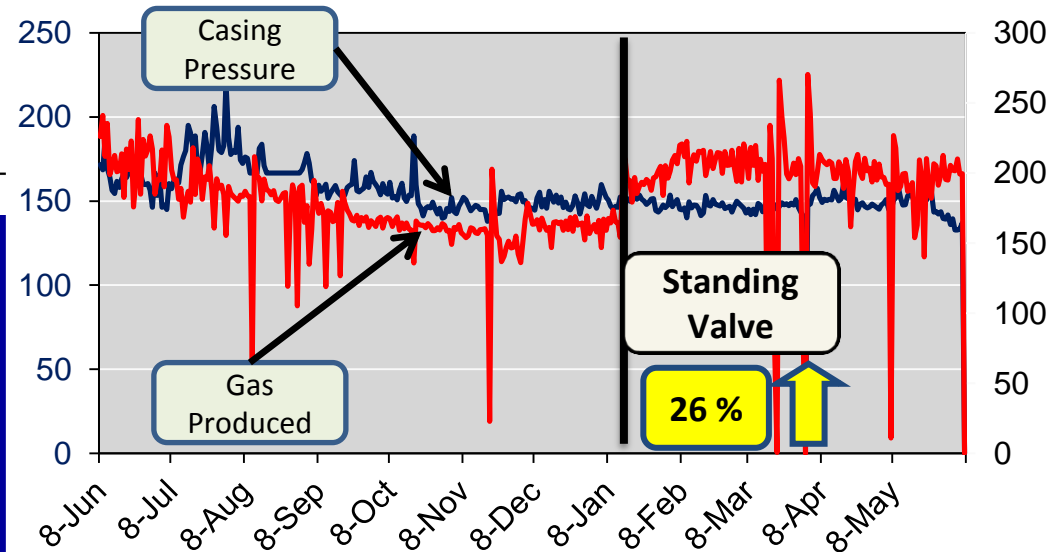
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Daily Well Production

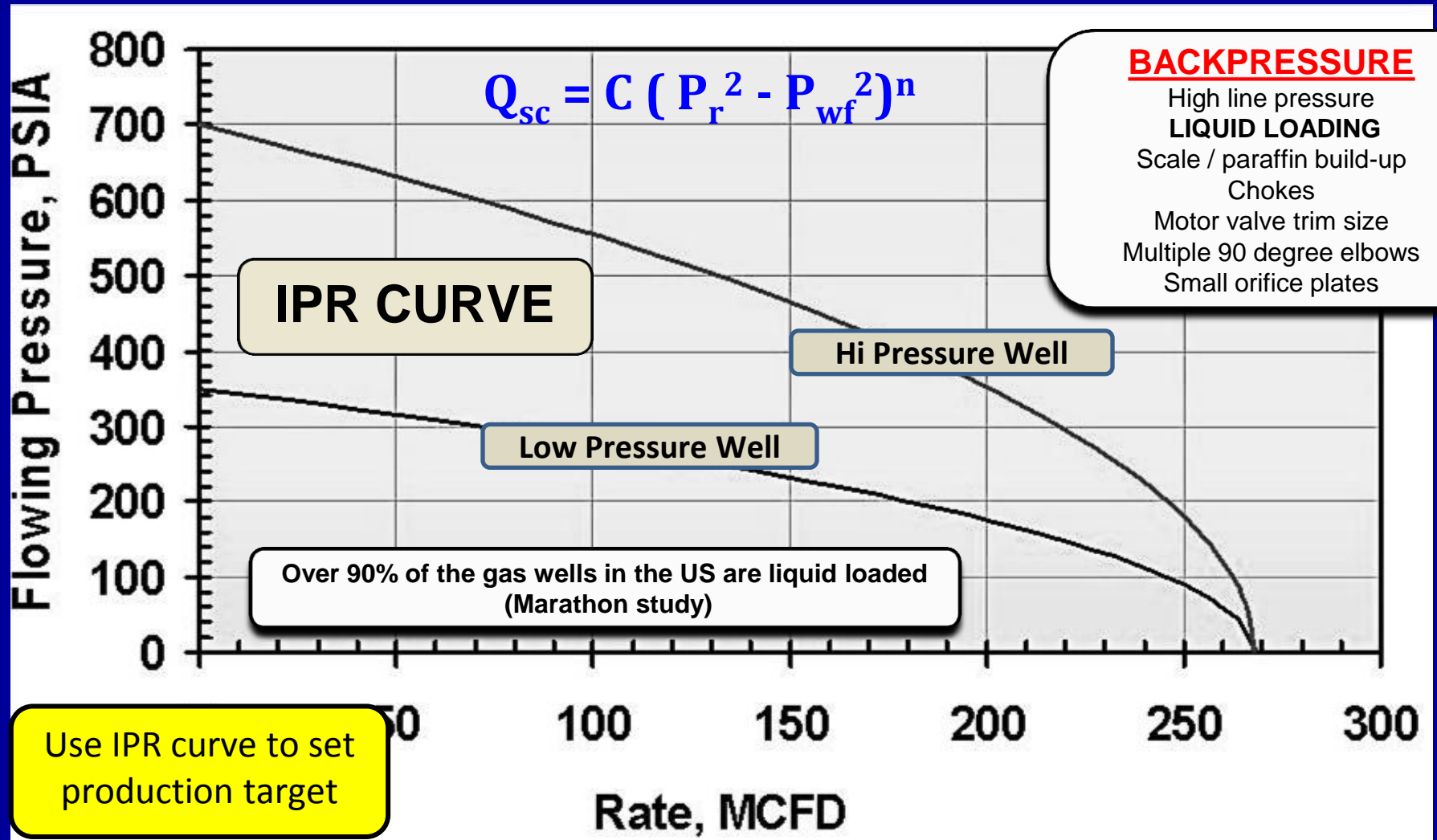


Production goals or trial and error?

Set a production target for each well!

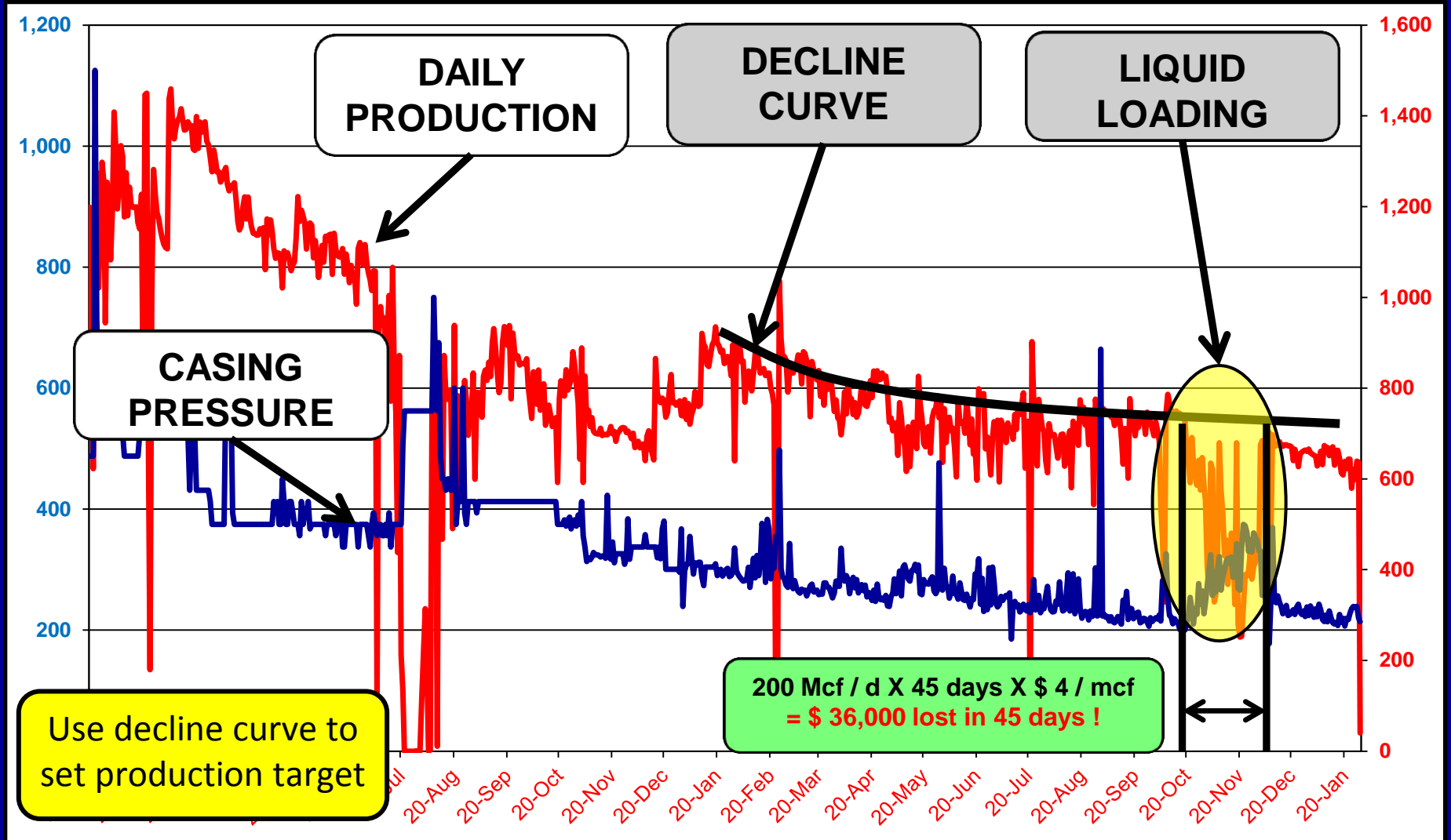


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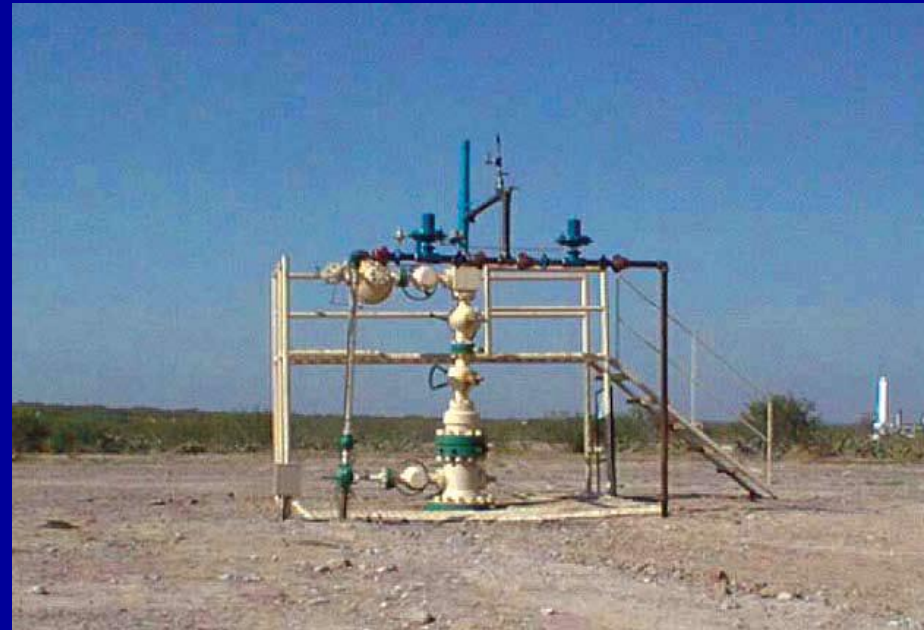




# GOAL



# Optimize a well



# Optimize a well

- **Know production target (Flow rate or casing pressure)**
- **Mechanical considerations**
  - **Minimize restrictions - chokes, motor valve trim, orifice plate, etc**
  - **No holes in tubing**
  - **Same ID spring to spring**
  - **No packer**
  - **Bottom hole spring location**
  - **End of tubing relative to perforations**
- **Select the appropriate plunger**

# Optimize a well

- **Use checklists!**
  - **Pre-Installation**
  - **Installation**
  - **Troubleshooting**
  - **Etc**
- **Select the appropriate algorithm**
  - **Time assumes limited well variations**
  - **Self adjusting algorithms can be less labor intensive**
  - **Minimize variation! Same lift pressure and liquid load**
  - **Optimize production – use plunger velocity as indicator**

# Optimize a well

## Pre-Installation checklist

Item	Description	How determined?	Yes	No
1	Approaching liquid loading	<input type="radio"/> Currently adding foaming agent <input type="radio"/> Flow rate is less than critical <input type="radio"/> Production peaks and valleys	✓	
2	Prior 90 day production chart available?		✓	
	Well bore diagram available		✓	
	Well bore survey available		✓	
3	Current choke setting	Evaluate at full open choke	✓	
	Packer in well (2000 scf / bbl / 1000 ft of lift)			✓
	Gas lift mandrel in well			✓
	Sufficient gas volume (400 scf / bbl / 1000 ft of lift)	<input type="radio"/> Actual = _____ <input type="radio"/> Required = _____	✓	
	Sufficient gas pressure (Lift pressure $\geq$ 2 X Liquid load)	<input type="radio"/> Lift pressure (after X time shut-in) = _____ <input type="radio"/> Liquid load = _____	✓	

# Optimize a well

## Pre-Installation checklist

Item	Description	How determined?	Yes	No
4	Estimate production increase	Review prior 90 day downtime Review production chart Review IPR curve A pressure reduction of $X = Y \text{ Mcf} = Z \text{ \$'s}$	✓	
5	Known plumbing configuration		✓	
6	Reviewed data sheet with supplier		✓	
7	Orifice plate ID known	ID = _____	✓	
	Motor valve trim size known	Trim size / type = _____	✓	
	Check for other restrictions		✓	
8	Determine bottom hole spring reqm'ts	Location, seating nipple type / ID, standing valve with pressure relief spring	✓	
9	Determine telemetry plan. Contact IT and gas measurement group if needed		✓	
10	Suppliers contacted, parts available. Installation schedule confirmed.		✓	

# Optimize a well

## Pre-Installation checklist

### Well loaded symptoms

- Well is down frequently
- Adding foaming agent to well
- Intermittent well
- Frequently swabbing or venting
- Production fall off decline curve
- Significant peaks and valleys in production chart
- Flow rate nearing critical

### Plumbing configuration

- Ensure dry, clean gas supply to solenoid
- By Pass loop for motor valve needed?
- ID ball valve locations.
- Sufficient ports for transducers, gauges, etc
- Ensure no liquid traps
- Minimize number of 90 degree bends.
- Platform needed to access lubricator?
- Emergency shut-down device required?

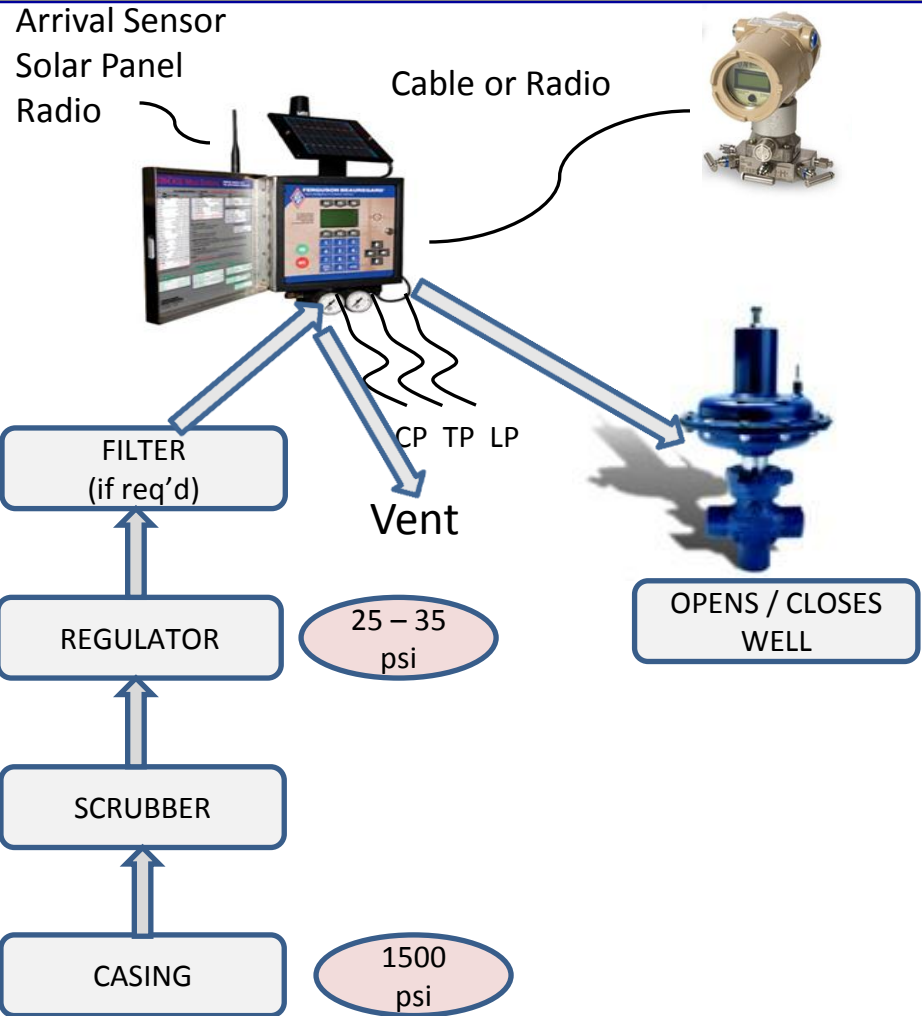
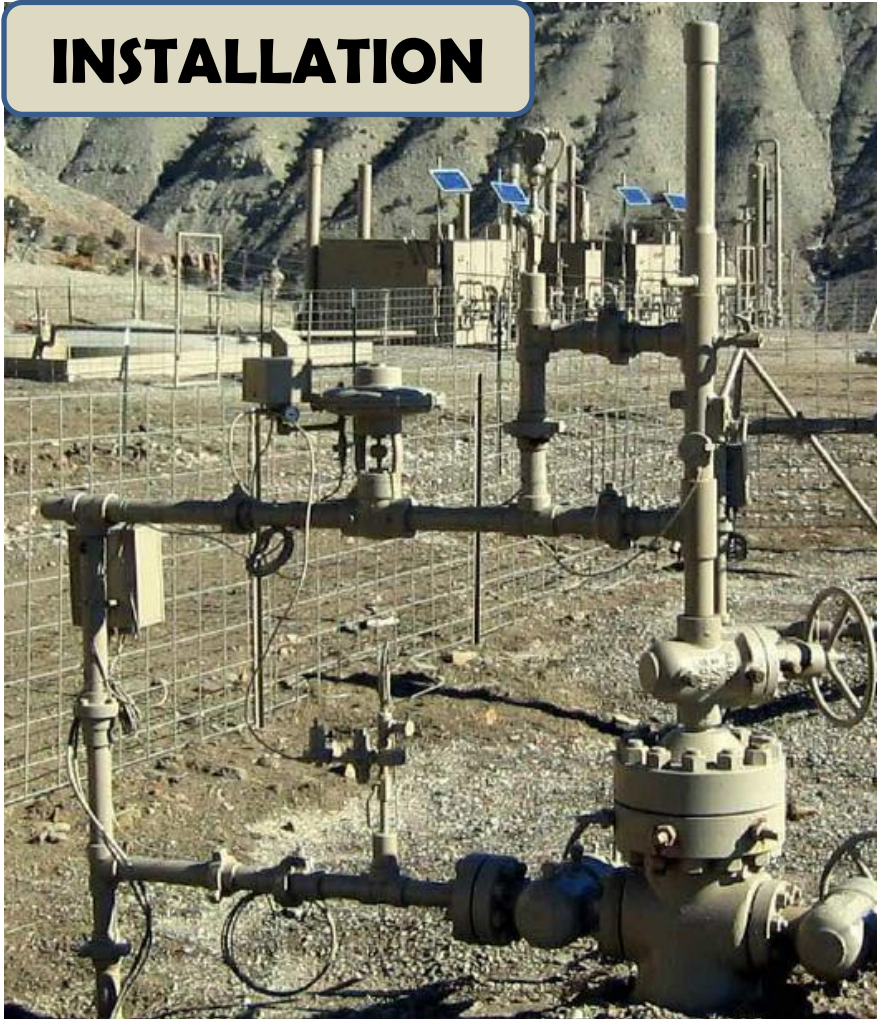
### Bottom hole sprig location

- Know seating nipple ID
- Horizontal wells - Less than 50 degree deviation.
- Vertical wells – as low as possible and still surface plunger
- Prefer standing valve with pressure relief spring

# Optimize a well

## Installation Process

### INSTALLATION

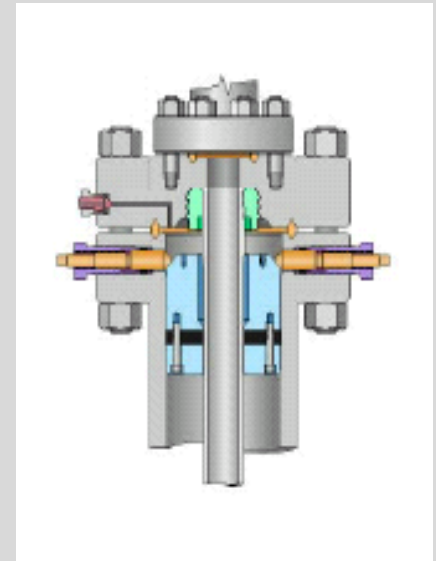
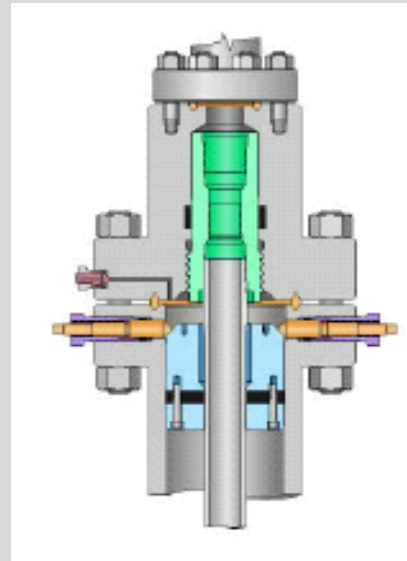




# Optimize a well

## Installation & Start-up Process

1. Set tubing plug and pressure test tubing. If tubing integrity is good, continue.
2. Check tubing diameter using a ring gauge. If necessary, broach the tubing to ensure no tight spots between the seating nipple and lubricator connection point.
3. Ensure well head diameter is the same as the tubing ID. If larger, sleeve the wellhead.
4. Prepare the flow line and install the flanged control valve for plunger lift control.
5. Install the lubricator (dual outlet preferred) on the wellhead and plumb in the flow line.



# Optimize a well

## Installation & Start-up Process

6. Set the bottom hole spring assembly at the prescribed location.
7. Install the plunger lift controller, ensuring required supply line pressure to the solenoid latch valve is **reliable and free of debris and liquid**. Do not over pressurize the solenoid valve or motor valve!
8. With the well closed, observe casing and tubing pressure. If the well is liquid loaded, swab the well until the available Lift Pressure (Casing – Line) is at least 2 times the Liquid Load in the tubing (Casing – Tubing).
9. Engage the catcher to hold the plunger. Place the selected plunger in the lubricator. **Ensure the plunger selection matches the well conditions.**
10. Observe the casing pressure. If casing pressure is high, resulting in a potential rapid plunger run, open the well to bleed off some casing pressure until it is in an acceptable range. Be careful not to liquid load the well during this process.
11. If casing pressure is in an adequate range, drop the selected plunger.

# Optimize a well

## Installation & Start-up Process

11. Using plunger fall time calculations, allow adequate time for the plunger to reach the bottom hole spring assembly.
12. Document the lift pressure prior to opening the well. Allow the plunger to surface, documenting plunger arrival velocity. Generally, plunger arrival velocities between 500 and 1000 feet per minute are desirable.
13. Allow the well to flow until the flow rate approaches the critical flow rate. Then, shut the well in, documenting the liquid load soon after the well is closed. Compare the liquid load, lift pressure and plunger arrival velocity.
14. If necessary, adjust controller settings in preparation for the next cycle to achieve optimal production at desirable plunger velocities.

- Optimal Production is achieved at the lowest flowing bottom hole pressure
- Practical application strives toward operating at low casing pressures, thus lifting small amounts of fluid on each cycle, cycling many times a day.

# Optimize a well

## Algorithm

### Open Conditions

(After fall time elapses)

- Time = set point
- Tubing pressure = set point
- Casing pressure = set point
- Tubing/Casing = set point
- Tubing – Line = set point
- Lift pressure = set point
- Lift pressure = Foss and Gaul
- Load Factor = Set point

**Load Factor =**  
Liquid Load /  
Lift Pressure

### Close Conditions

(After plunger surfaces)

- Time = set point
- Tubing pressure = set point
- Casing pressure = set point
- Flow Rate = set point  
= Critical flow  
= % of critical

#### Objective:

Open at minimum pressure required to surface plunger at desired plunger velocity

#### Objective:

Maximize production while allowing the designed quantity of liquid to enter tubing on every cycle

## CONVENTIONAL PLUNGER EXAMPLE (8000 foot deep well)

### TRADITIONAL

- Fall time (Use EchoMeter to optimize)
  - Gas – 7750 ft @ 180 fpm
  - Liquid – 250 ft @ 40 fpm (1 bbl)
  - Total = 43 min + 6 min
  - Total = 49 min + 10%
  - Total = 54 min
- CP Build
  - 30 min to reach req'd pressure
  - Higher pressure req'd to lift 1 bbl
- Rise Time
  - 600 fpm = 13 min
- Production mode (afterflow)
  - 60 min
- Total cycle = 2.6 hours or 9 trips / day
- **Total Production time = 9 hours**  
**(Partially in liquid loaded tubing)**

### FREQUENT TRIPS

- Fall time (Use EchoMeter to optimize)
  - Gas – 7937 ft @ 800 fpm
  - Liquid – 63 ft @ 40 fpm ( ¼ bbl)
  - Total = 10 min + 1.5 min
  - Total = 11.5 min + 10%
  - Total = 12.5 min
- CP Build
  - Open when plunger reaches bottom
  - Less pressure req'd to lift ¼ bbl
- Rise Time
  - 600 fpm = 13 min
- Production mode (afterflow)
  - 15 min
- Total cycle = 40.5 min or 35.5 trips / day
- **Total Production time = 8.75 hours**  
**(Clear tubing, lower flowing pressure)**

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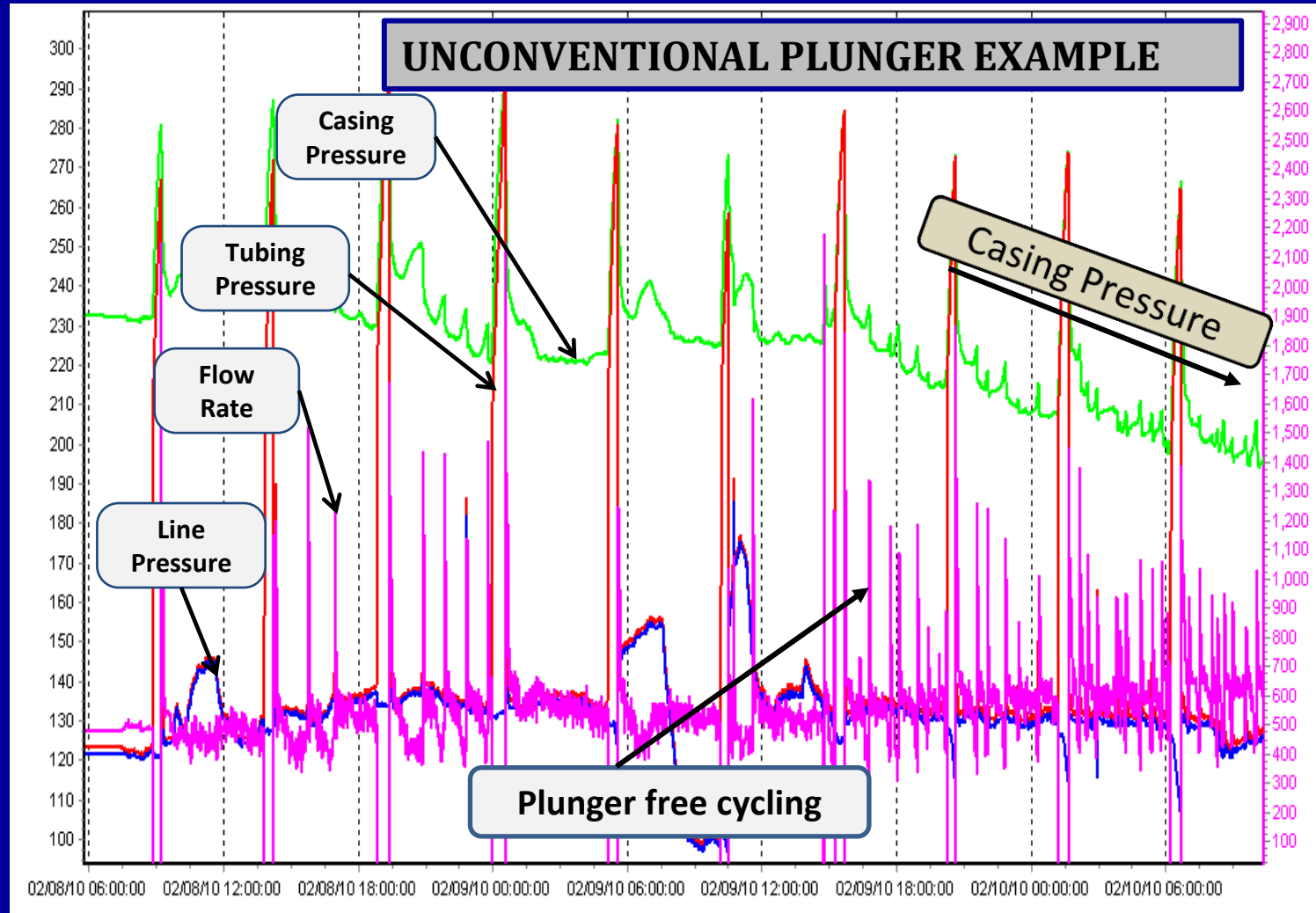
## Design Lift Cycle

Plunger falls  
when well is  
open

Only round trip  
times recorded

Less shut-in

Excessive  
plunger  
velocities  
possible



# Optimize many wells



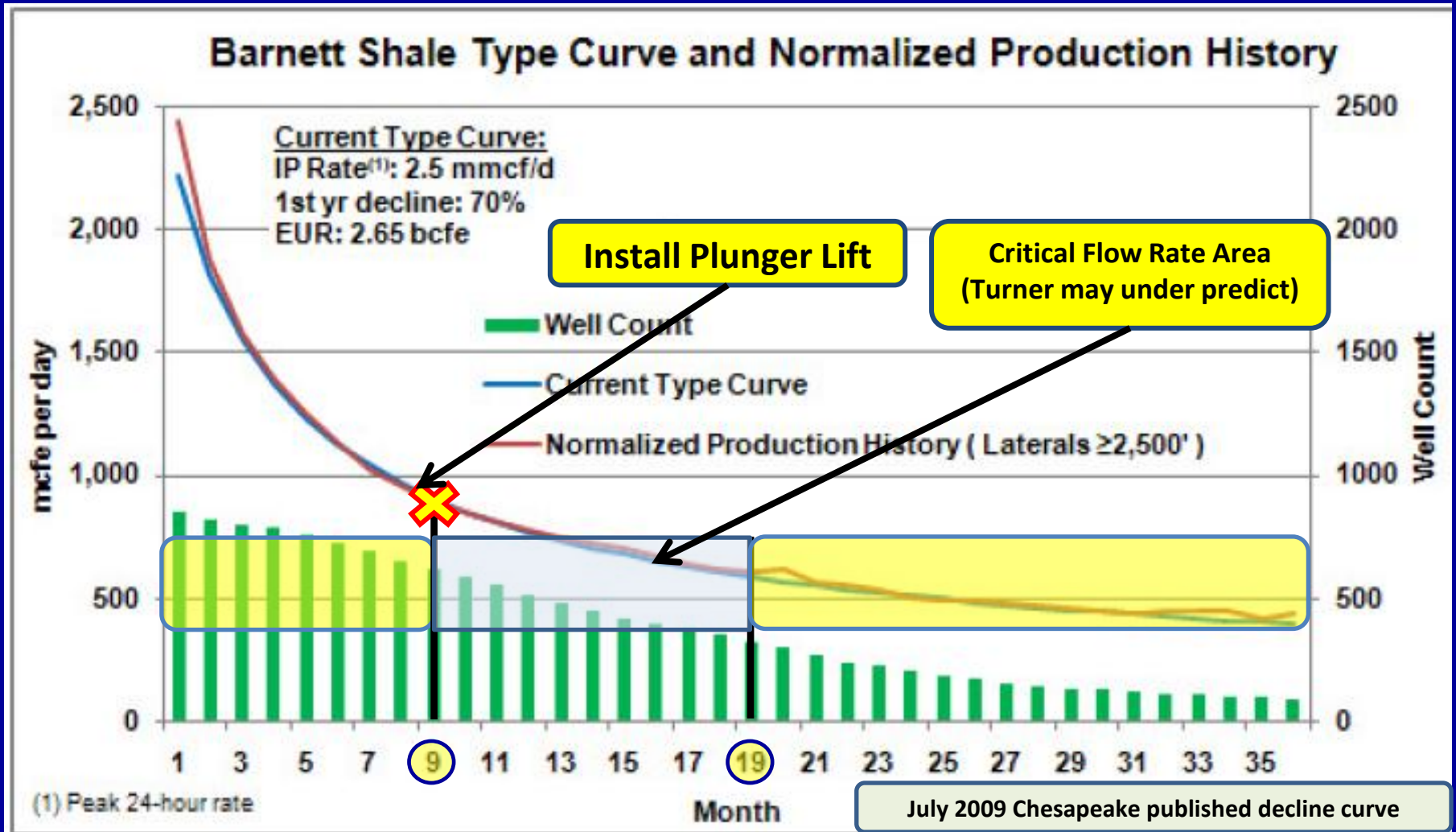
# Optimize many wells

1. **Install artificial lift before production declines**
2. **Determine best artificial lift type for well conditions**
3. **Know target (production or casing pressure)**
4. **Aggressively prevent unplanned downtime**
5. **Troubleshoot – detect rapidly, solve root cause!**
6. **Prioritize wells daily – before driving route**
7. ***Produce at the lowest flowing bottom hole pressure***
8. **Train wide and deep!**



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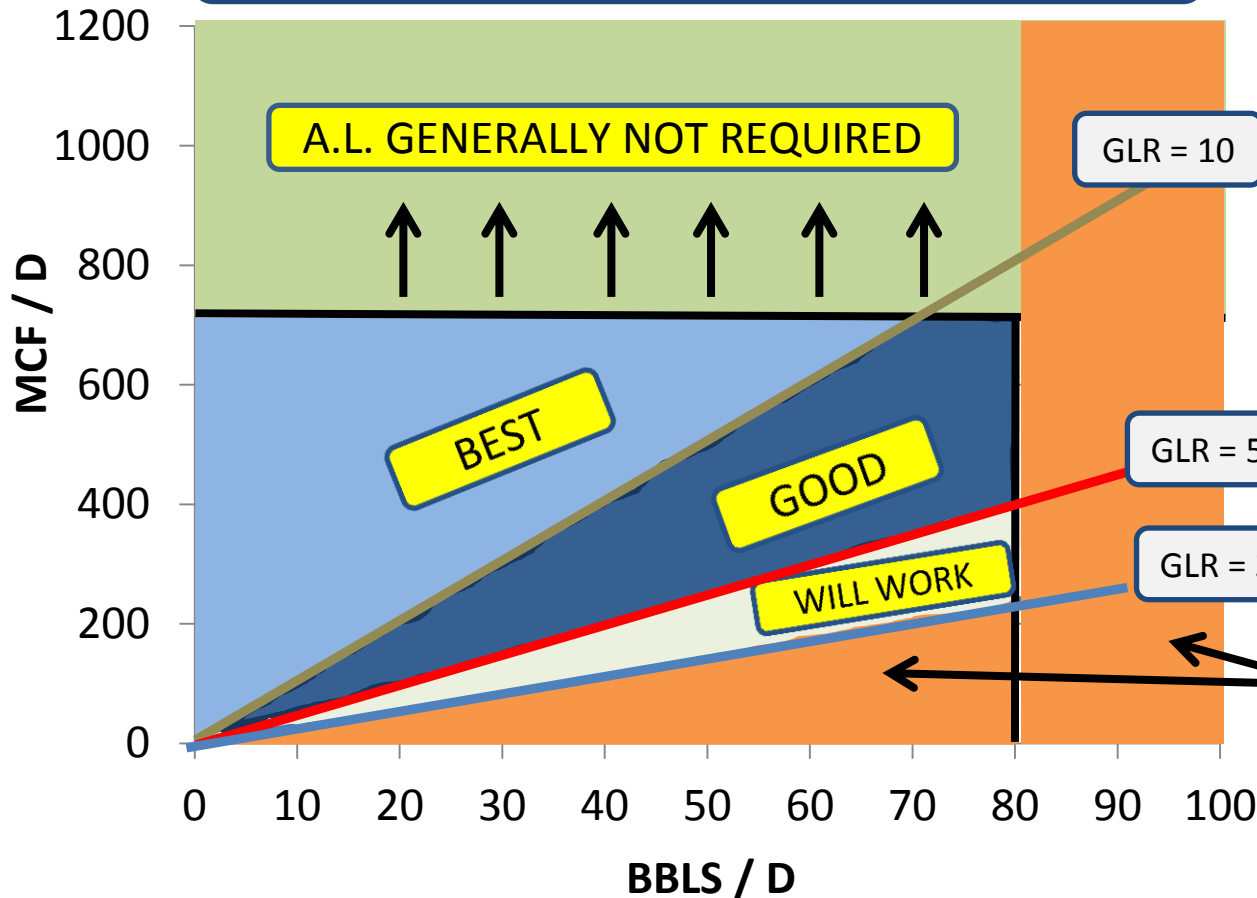
## 1. Install A.L. before liquid loading



# Optimize many wells

## 2. Know which A.L. type to use

### GLR for Plunger Lift (Barnett Shale)



#### Minimum Gas Volume Required

(7500 ft TVD)

- 400 scf / Bbl / 1000 ft of Lift
- 3 Mcf per BBL or GLR = 3

#### Note:

Higher GLR wells are easier to keep running, resulting in less non productive time

#### CONSIDER:

2 Stage Plunger Lift,  
Gas Assisted Plunger Lift,  
Plunger Assisted Gas Lift

# Optimize many wells

## 2. Know which A.L. type to use

### TWO STAGE PLUNGER LIFT

- Low GLR, marginal wells
- 200 scf / bbl / 1000 ft
- Two or more plungers in the same well
- Ideal for slim hole or wells with packers
- Can be used with injection gas

### GAS ASSISTED PLUNGER LIFT

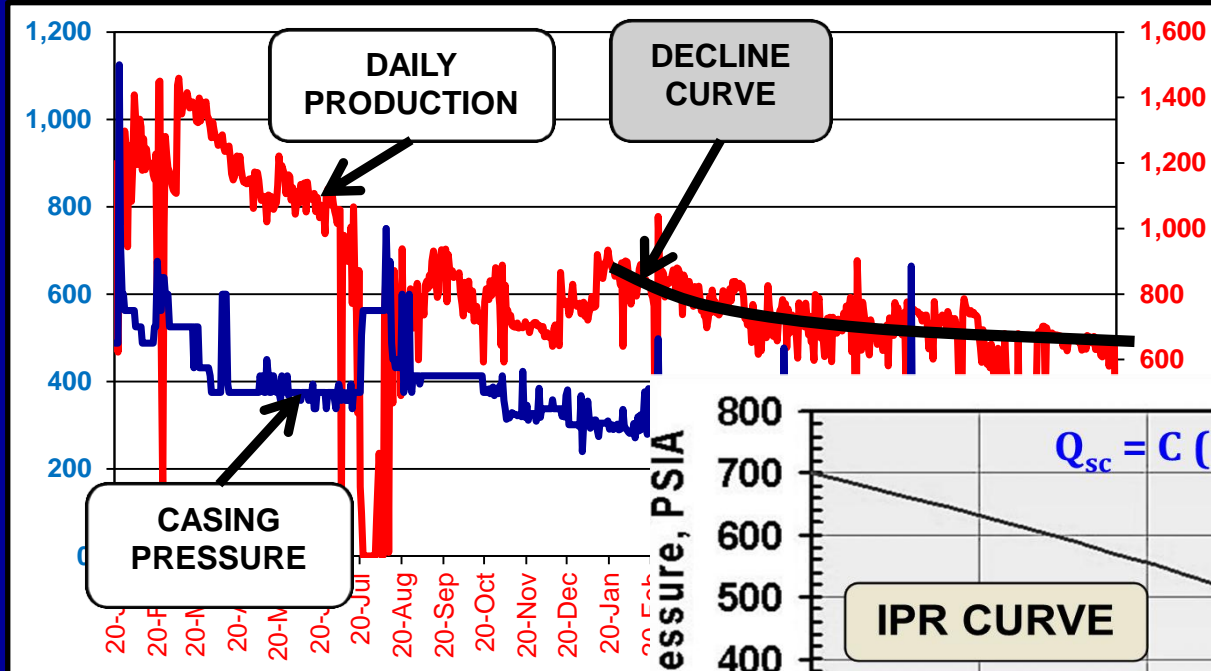
- Low GLR wells
- Gas injected to annulus  
400 scf / bbl / 1000 ft
- Short shut-in times
- + / - 250 Bbls / day possible
- Plunger seal is important

### PLUNGER ASSISTED GAS LIFT

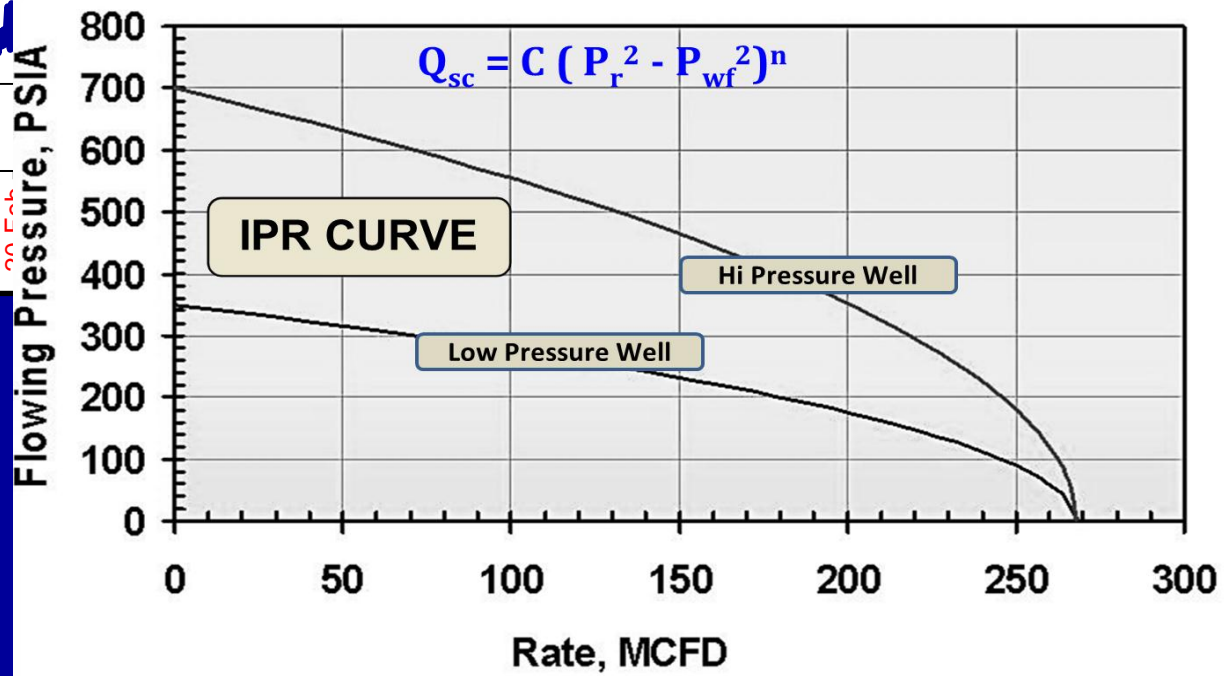
- Low GLR wells
- Add plunger to intermittent gas lift wells
- Reduces injected gas requirements (30 % range)
- Eliminates fall back
- Increases production

# Optimize many wells

## 3. Set production target – flow rate or casing pressure



Set a production or casing pressure goal for each well



# Optimize many wells

## 4. Aggressively prevent unplanned downtime

<b>PRODUCTION</b> (\$ 4.50 / Mcf)	<b>\$'s</b> <b>per day</b>	<b>\$'s</b> <b>per week</b>	<b>\$'s</b> <b>per month</b>
25 Mcf / day	\$ 113	\$ 788	\$ 3,150
50 Mcf / day	\$ 225	\$ 1,575	\$ 6,300
100 Mcf / day	\$ 450	\$ 3,150	\$ 12,600
250 Mcf / day	\$ 1,125	\$ 7,875	\$ 31,500
500 Mcf / day	\$ 2,250	<b>\$ 15,750</b>	\$ 63,000
750 Mcf / day	\$ 3,375	\$ 23,625	\$ 94,500
1,000 Mcf / day	\$ 4,500	\$ 31,500	\$ 126,000

How long to re-start a well? How long to detect after problem occurs, allocate well tender time, get parts, schedule wire line, schedule swab rig, etc ?

# Optimize many wells

## 4. Aggressively prevent unplanned downtime

### PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

Inspection Point	Criteria	Technique	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Other
Motor Valve	Fully opens and closes	Visually observe	✓			
	Supply line at 25 - 35 psi	Check supply line regulator	✓			
	Vent line clear	Motor valve closes	✓			
	Leaks	Review pressure chart		✓		Or upon reduced production
	Replace trim	Replace prior to failure				Set replacement schedule
Lubricator	Leaks	Visual Inspection	✓			
		Check O-ring			✓	
		Grease threads			✓	
	Micro fractures, damaged threads	Visually inspect after all fast arrivals. Consider flanged lubricator.				Inspect after all fast arrivals. Consider annual NDT.
No sand / ice in top section	Visually inspect			✓	More frequently if needed	
Lubricator Spring	Compression set	Measure edge of lubricator to spring			✓	Replace at appr. ½" reduction
	Fractured	Observe loose pieces	✓			
Catcher	Operational	Catch plunger			✓	
	Lubricator ID clear	ID clear with catcher disengaged			✓	
Arrival Sensor	Senses surfaced plunger	Observe plunger arrival(s)	✓			
	Wire to controller	Secure and does not obstruct valves	✓			
Bottom Hole Spring	Intake clogged	Check TP build time	✓			Watch charts (pressure, flow)
	Compression set spring	Pull and inspect spring				6 month intervals until proven otherwise
	Fishing neck integrity	Fishing neck not bent or mushroomed				
	Seating cups	Replace when spring is pulled				
	Fractured spring	Damaged plungers				

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## 4. Aggressively prevent unplanned downtime

### PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

Inspection Point	Criteria	Technique	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Other
Plungers	Fractured	Observe plunger cycle performance	✓			Check if missing arrivals
	Correct for well conditions	Well conditions stable?			✓	
		Production target achieved?			✓	
	Functional moving parts	Moving parts free, but not loose		✓		
	Loose parts	No obvious loose parts		✓		
	Fishing neck integrity	Fishing neck not bent or mushroomed			✓	
	Worn	Measure plunger OD			✓	Replace per schedule
Downstream Valves	Leaks	Review Pressure Chart		✓		Or upon reduced production
Battery	Voltage less than 10.5 V (12 V system)	Review Voltage	✓			
Tubing	Loss of integrity	Review pressure charts		✓		Or upon reduced production
Master valves and wing valves	Leaks	Ensure no leaks when fully closed		✓		
	Grease	Grease valves. Excessive grease may foul plunger and hang it in tubing			✓	Schedule per manufacturer recommendations

NOTE: Above is an example of a Preventative Maintenance program for plunger lift equipment. Based on actual field and specific well site experience, adjustments are anticipated.

# Optimize many wells

## 5. Troubleshoot -

### 1. DETECT RAPIDLY

Station Name : **Well # 2 H**  
Alarm Text : **Low Sales Press**  
Time Logged : **Feb 4, 2011, 7:06 AM**  
Value : **32.9**  
Set point : **45.0** **ALARM!**

### 2. DIAGNOSE WITH DATA

- Then prescribe

### 3. WORK THE RIGHT PROBLEM

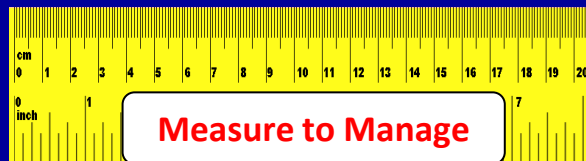
- Pareto Analysis
- Training? Process ?

### 4. SOLVE ROOT CAUSE

- Plan, Do, Check, Act
- 5 Why's
- A3's



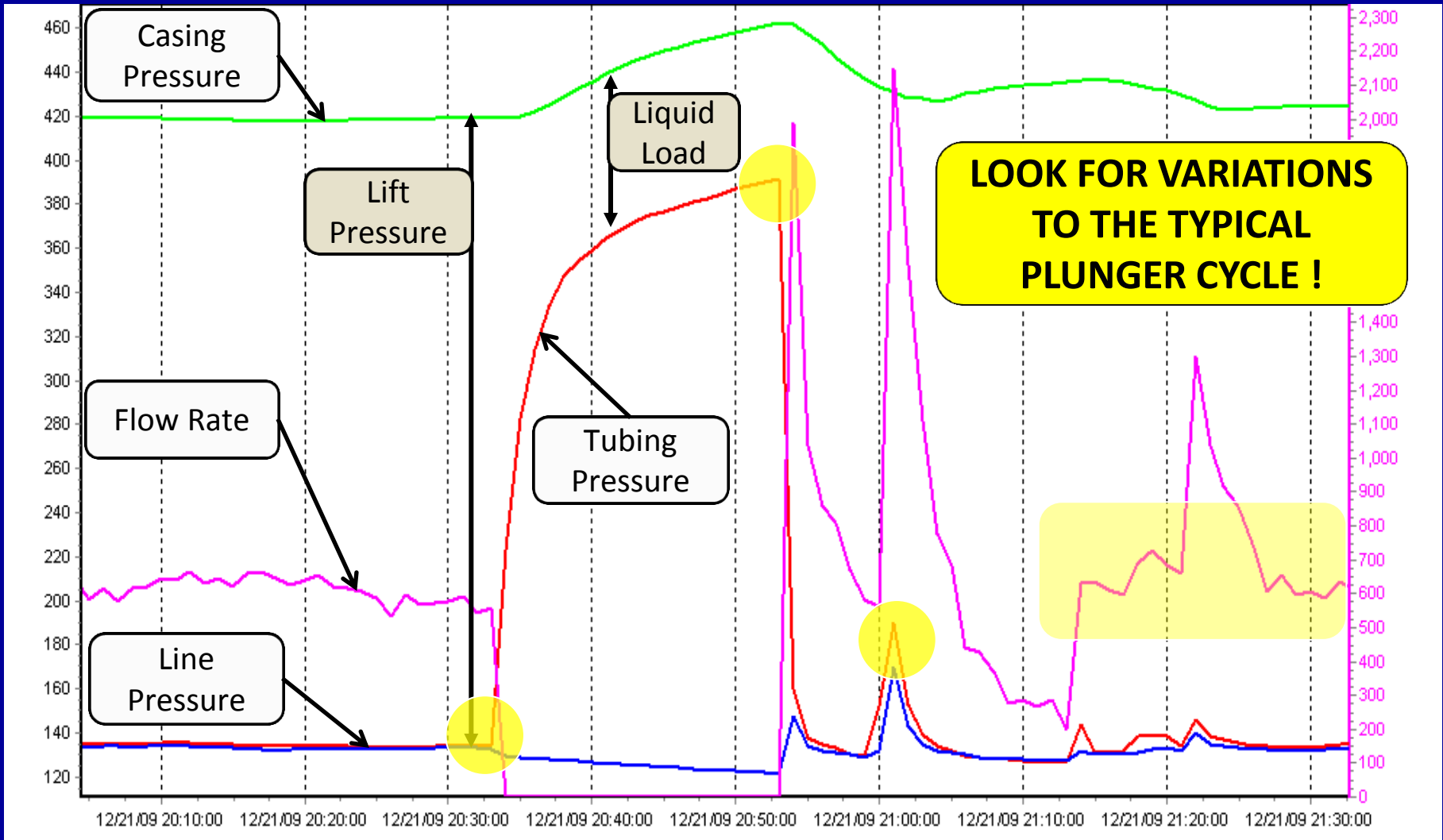
**USE TELEMETRY !**





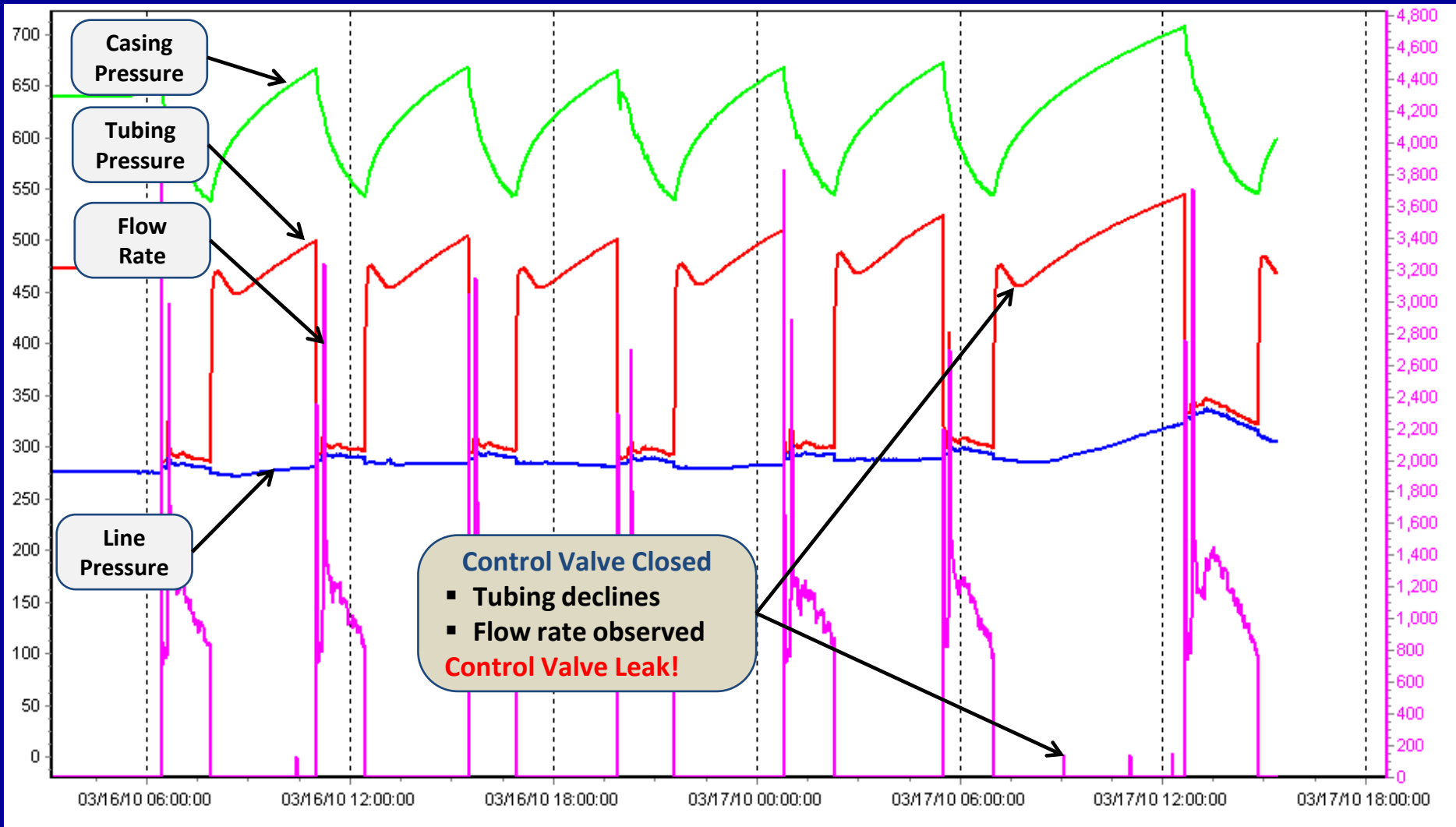
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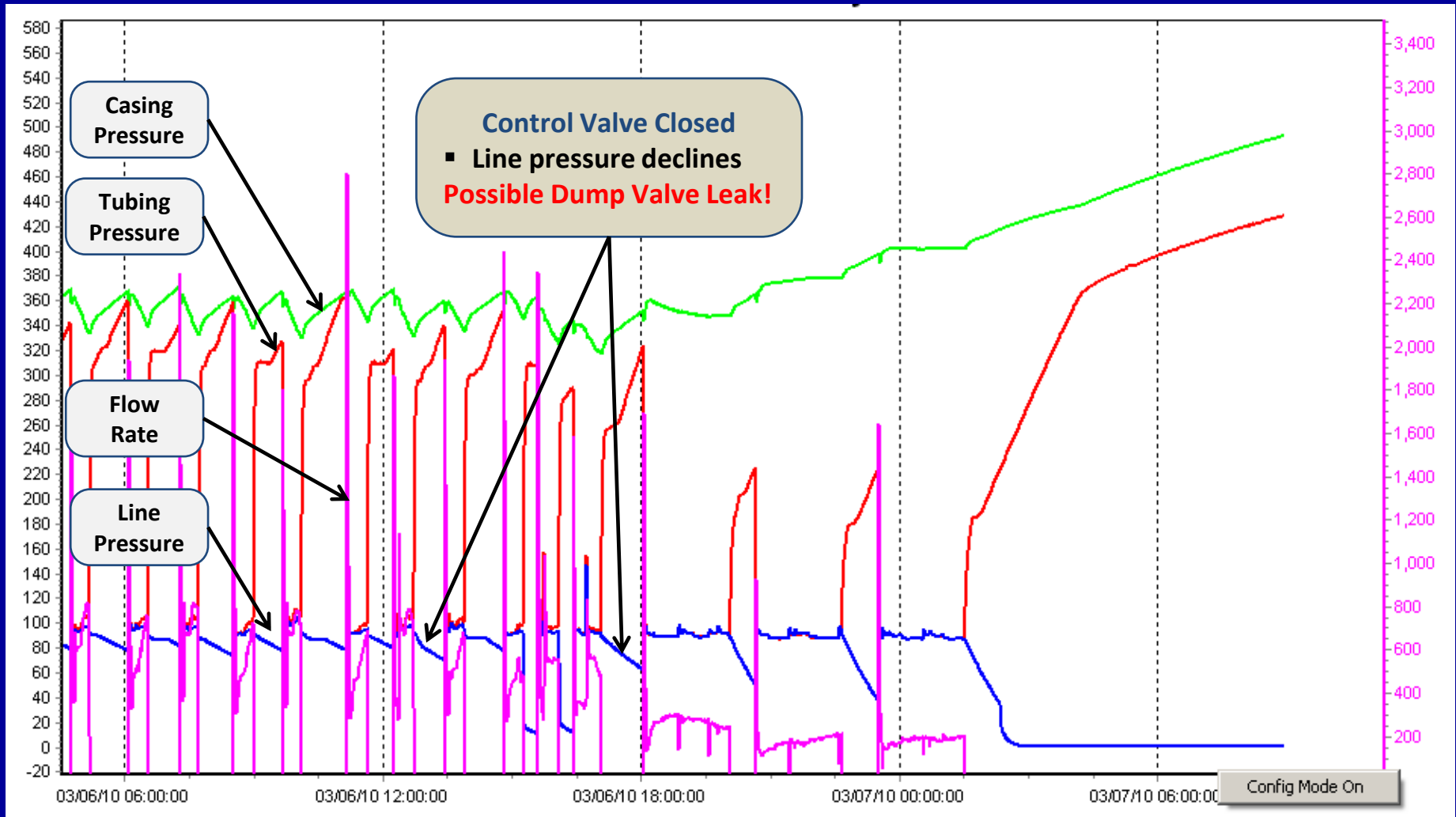
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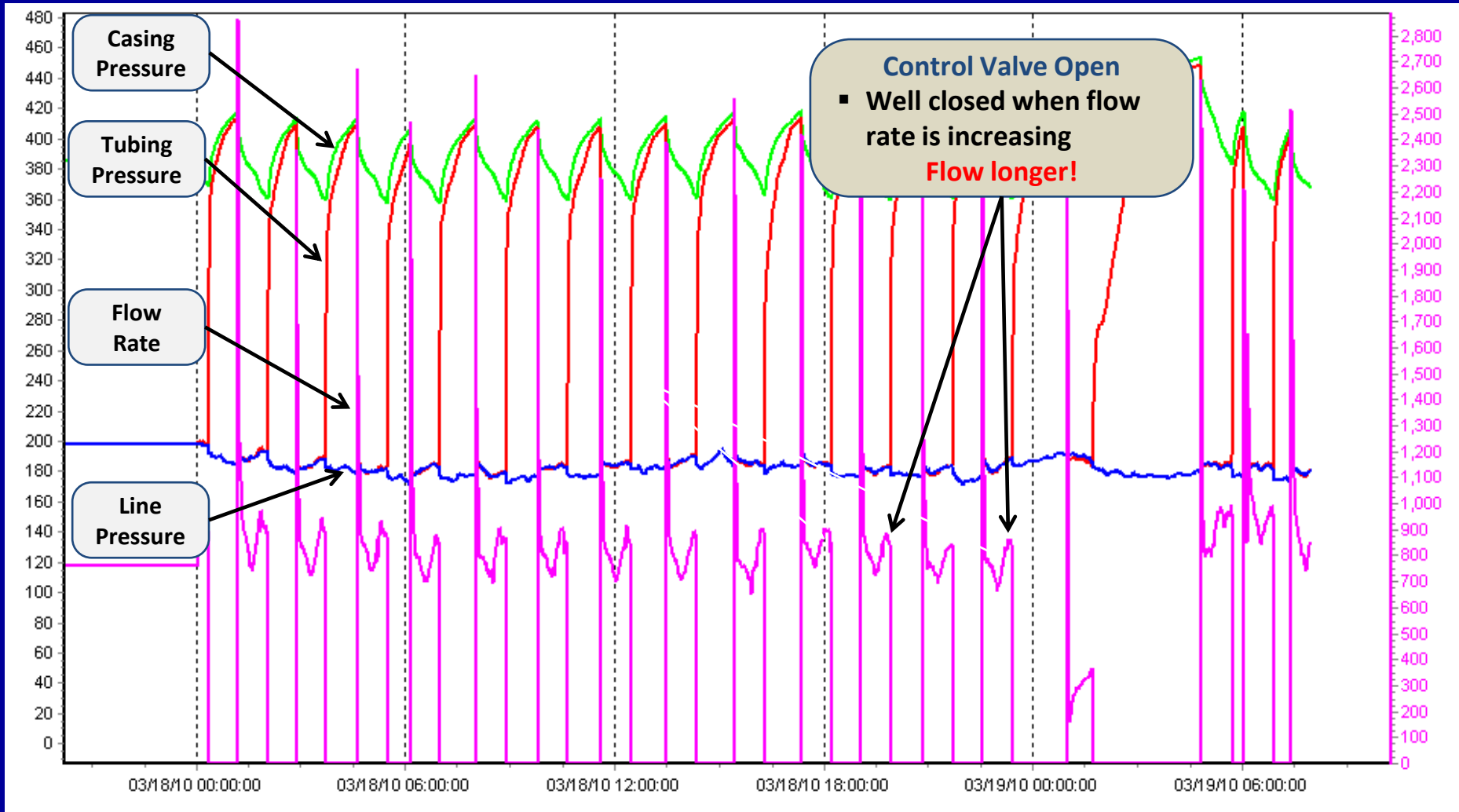
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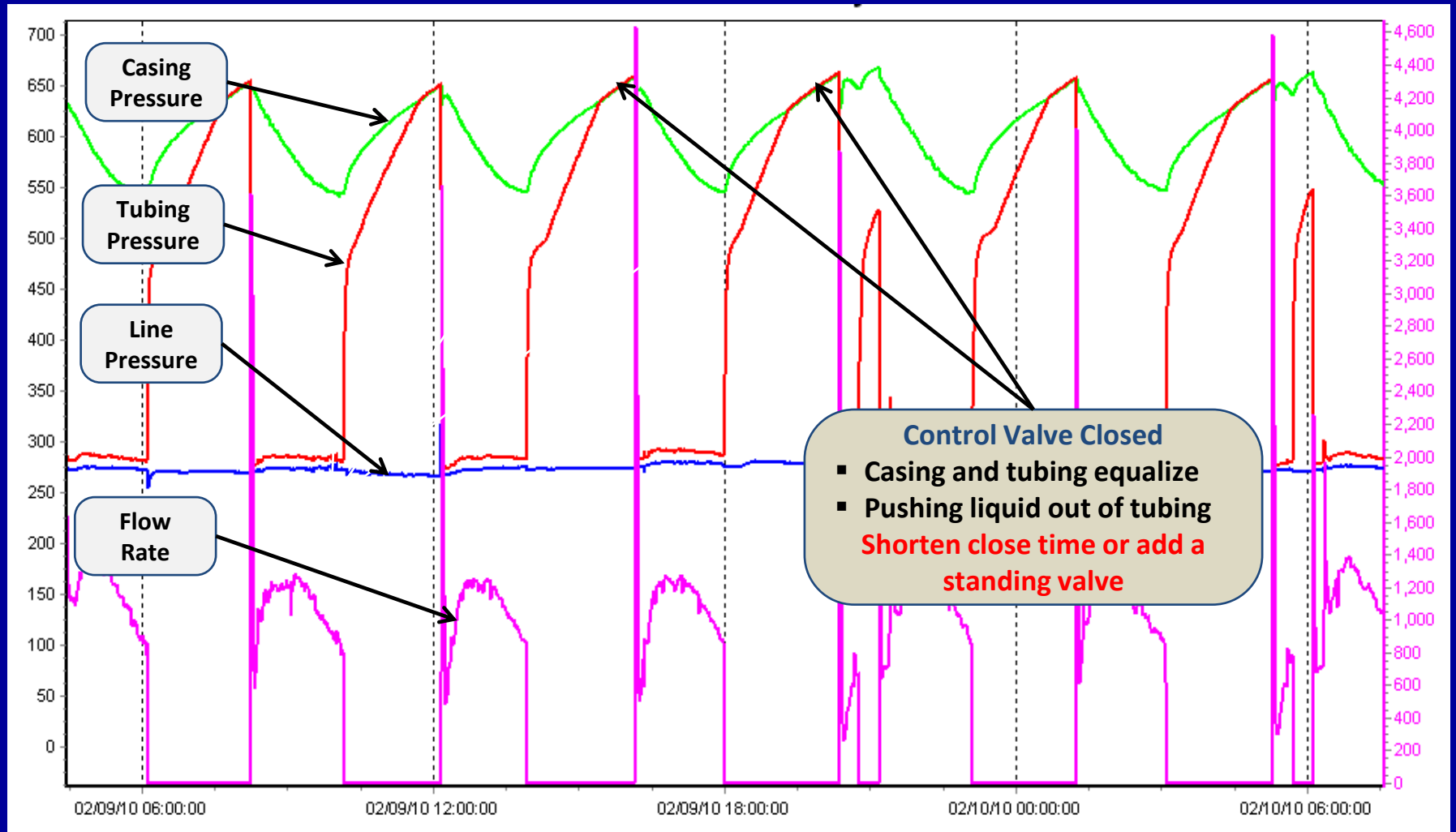
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Run #	Time	AT CLOSE					Fluid in Tbg	Time	AT OPEN					RUN DATA				PRODUCTION DATA																																
		CP	TP	SLP	CP-TP	Pressures (psi)			CP	TP	SLP	Act. Lift	Req'd Lift	Time (min)	Velocity (ft/min)	Good	Miss	Open Duration	Close Duration	Gas (Mscf)	Liquid (Bbls)																													
5341	02/01/11 05:59AM	438	392	151	45	0.41	02/01/11 07:54AM	510	427	150	380	183	7.28	1050	1		00:10	01:54	10.2	0.0																														
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Liquid Load  
Lift Pressure  
Plunger Velocity  
Close time  
Production

### Self Adjusting Controllers

Fast Window

Greater than 1000 fpm

Fast Window

- Increase Afterflow Time
- Decrease Off Time

Good Window

500 to 1000 fpm

Good Window

- No changes are Performed

Slow Window

Less than 500 fpm

Slow Window

- Decrease Afterflow Time<sup>1</sup>
- Increase Off Time

# Optimize many wells

## 5. Troubleshoot -

### COMMON PROBLEMS

SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSES
No arrivals	Plunger stuck in lubricator. Worn plunger. Lift pressure insufficient. Too much liquid. Disconnected arrival sensor. Arrival sensor malfunction. Excessive grease in tubing from wellhead valves. Plunger stuck in tubing – try retrieval plunger. Rapid fall plunger flow valve hung open.
Slow arrivals	Worn plunger. Lift pressure insufficient. Too much liquid. Tubing restriction (scale, paraffin). Wrong plunger style.
Fast arrivals	Fall time too short. Plunger hung in well head – check catcher and well head valves. Tight spot in tubing. Too much lift pressure. Not enough liquid load.
Motor valve will not open	No gas supply pressure – check regulator. Clogged filter. Liquid in gas supply line. Debris in solenoid valve. Solenoid valve malfunction. Hole in motor valve diaphragm.
Motor valve will not close	Liquid in gas supply line. Debris in solenoid valve. Solenoid valve malfunction. Solenoid vent line plugged.
Motor valve leaks	Hydrate or other obstacle in trim. Inspect / replace trim. Consider ceramic trim.
Lubricator top seeps / leaks	Dry threads. Inspect “o” ring. Grease “o” ring.

# Optimize many wells

## 5. Troubleshoot -

### COMMON PROBLEMS

SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSES
Short battery life	Inspect battery. Inspect solar panel wires. Inspect solar panel – clean? 45 degree? Facing south? Check radio – constant on?
Plunger fishing neck mushroomed	Lubricator spring worn or too stiff. Fast plunger runs.
Catcher will not trap plunger	Inspect / replace spring (ball and spring type).
Motor valve closed, flow rate not zero	Motor valve leak or calibrate flow meter
Flow rate increasing at end of afterflow	Flow longer
Motor valve closed, TP & CP slowly equalize, fast and dry plunger runs, possible liquid produced after plunger arrives	Pressure is pushing liquid out of tubing. Shorten close time or add a standing valve.
Fall time elapsed, casing pressure not increasing, shut-in time remains	Reduce shut-in time or open at lower lift pressure
Consistent plunger runs; consistent fluid loads followed by instant liquid loading and no plunger runs	Tubing set too high. Liquid column slowly builds below tubing. When column reaches tubing, well loads
Fast, dry plunger runs. Liquid in tubing on each cycle	Fall time too short



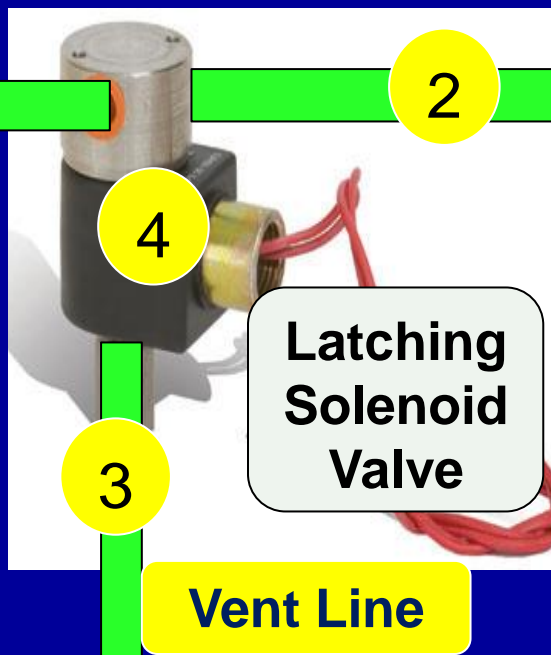
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## 5. Troubleshoot -

25 psi

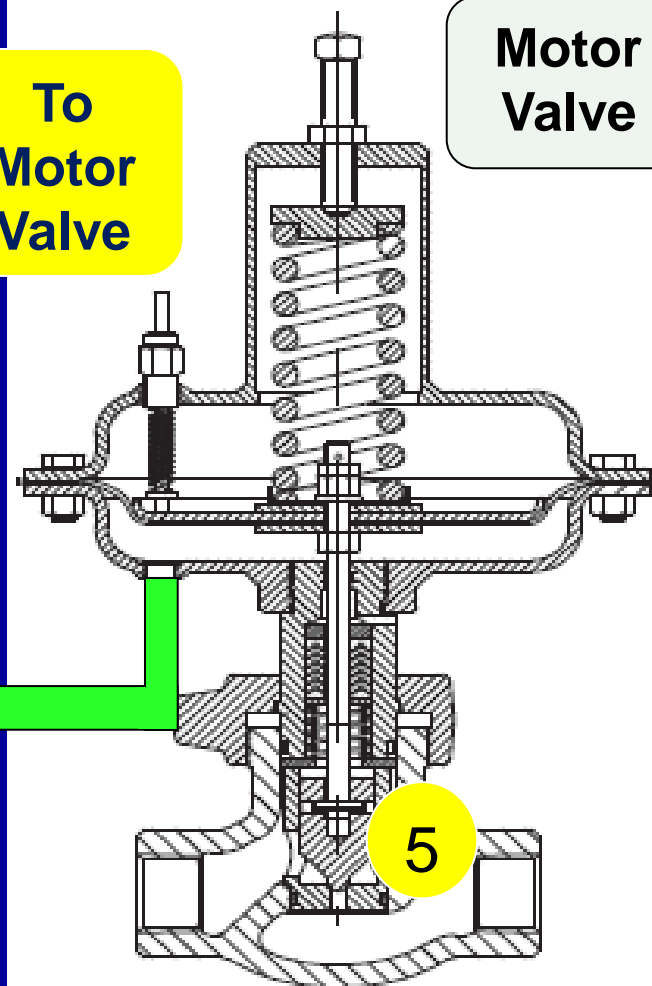


Supply Line



Vent Line

To Motor Valve



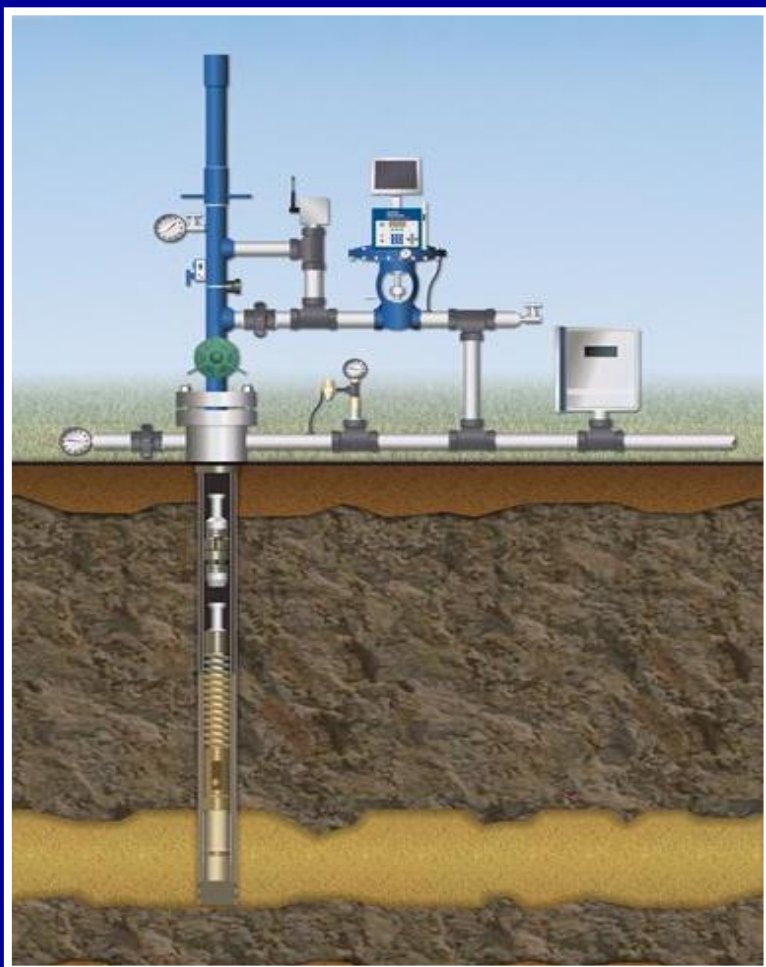
Motor Valve

- 1) Check supply line pressure (clean gas)
- 2) Check pressure to motor valve
- 3) Ensure vent line is not obstructed
- 4) Ensure solenoid valve is functioning
  - Clean if obstructed
- 5) Check trim/seat for wear, leaks

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## 5. Troubleshoot -

### COMMON PROBLEMS



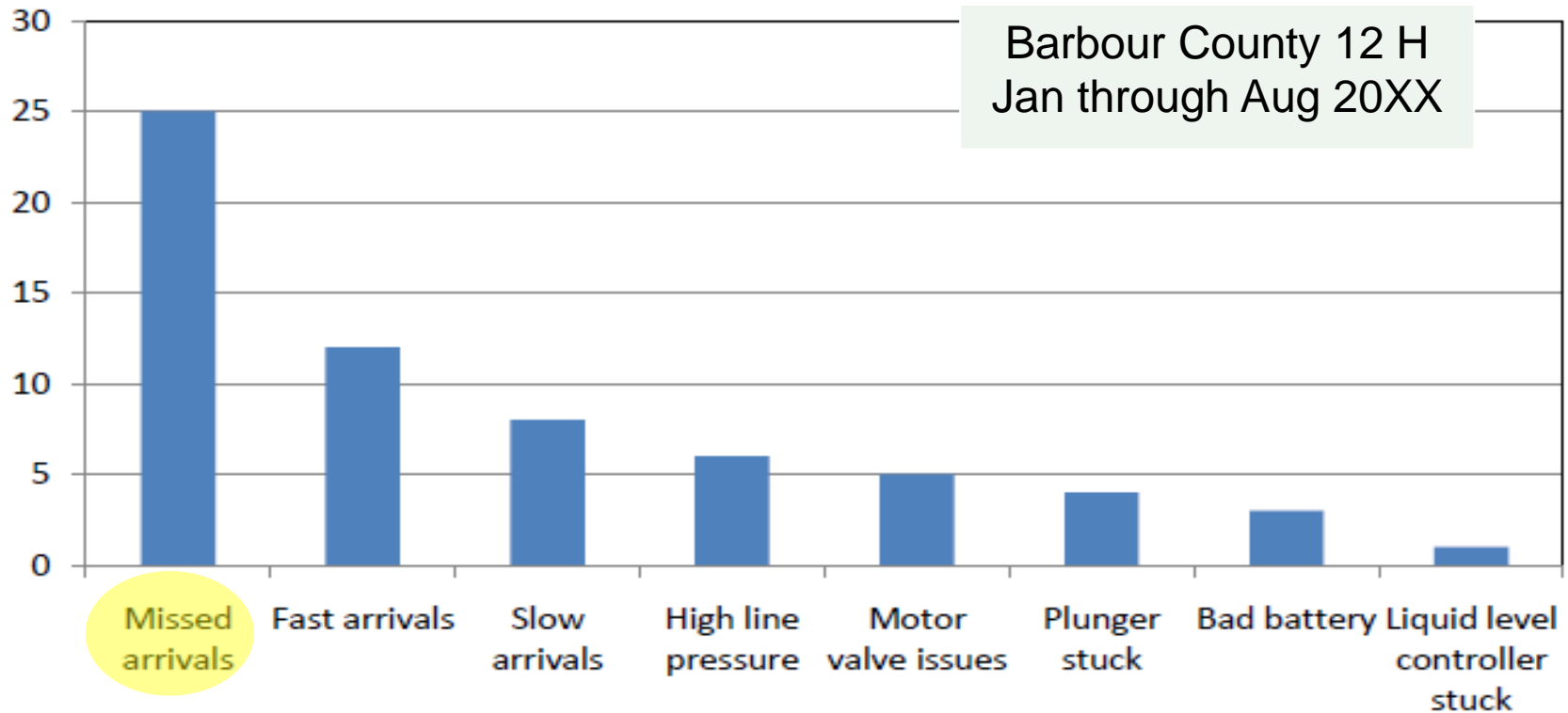
- If vent to tanks to raise plunger, how long should you vent after plunger surfaces?
- If swab, how do you know when it's OK to restart the plunger?

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## 5. Troubleshoot -

WORK ON THE RIGHT PROBLEM

### Downtime Pareto



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## 5. Troubleshoot -

SOLVE ROOT CAUSE

Well Conditions

Appropriate for plunger lift

Operator

Knowledge

Data Access

Time

Controller

Self adjusting

Real time access

Real time alarms

Actionable data

What prevents missed arrivals?

Notify prior to maintenance

Compatible with algorithm

Line Pressure Variations

Worn

Correct type

Plunger

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## 5. Troubleshoot -

### SOLVE ROOT CAUSE

#### 1. **WHY** is plunger missing arrivals?

- Upward force is insufficient to push plunger to the surface

#### 2. **WHY** is upward force insufficient?

- No missed arrivals for prior 3 months. Lift pressure and liquid load have not changed. Plunger is worn.

#### 3. **WHY** is plunger worn?

- Plungers are only replaced when frequent missed arrivals occur, after production declines.

#### 4. **WHY** wait until profits are lost?

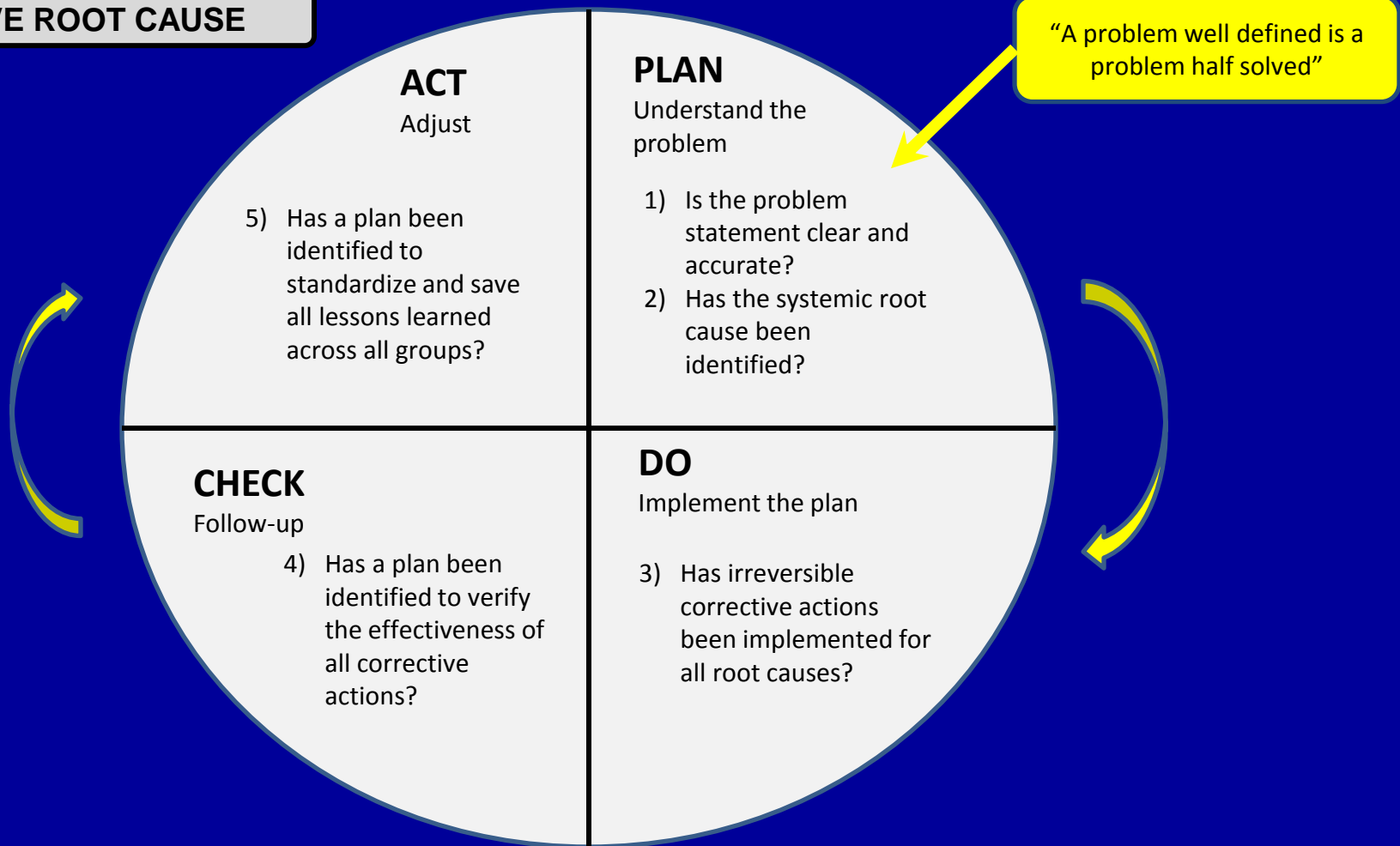
- We have not implemented a preventative maintenance plunger replacement program

#### 5. **WHY** don't we have a plunger preventative maintenance program? ? ?

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## 5. Troubleshoot -

### SOLVE ROOT CAUSE



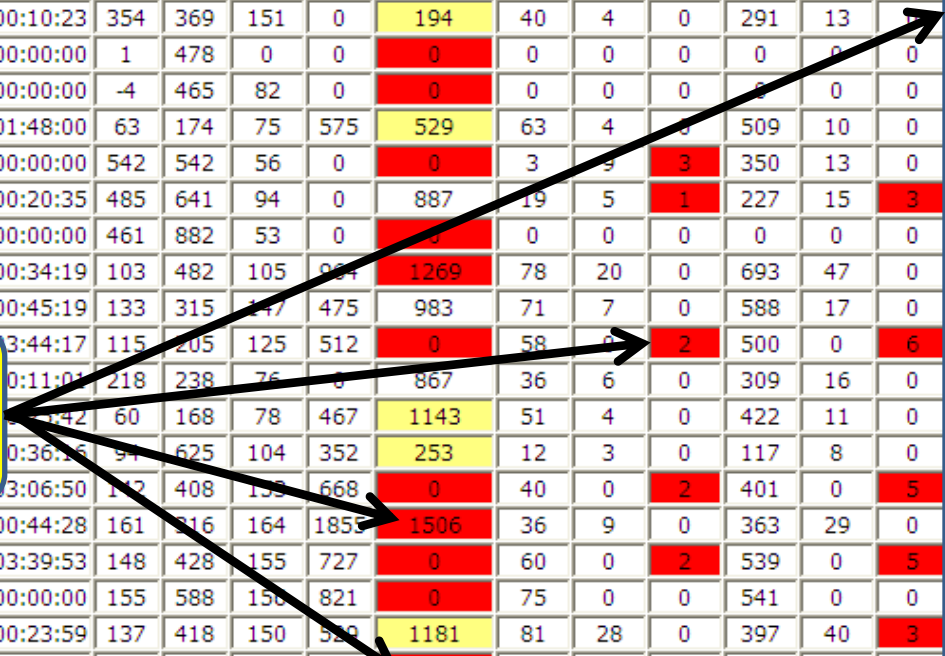
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## 6. Prioritize daily

Well Name	Last Polled		Batt. Volts	State	Time Remain.	Pressures (psi)			Flow Rate	Velocity (ft/min)	Today			Yesterday			Target	
	Date	Time				Tube	Case	Sales			Gas	Arr.	Fails	Gas	Arr.	Fails	Gas	%
	01/26/11	08:42:07	12.8	Plunger Falling	00:06:06	437	497	154	0	477	26	8	0	362	18	0	320	113.1
	01/26/11	08:41:26	11.9	Plunger Falling	00:10:23	354	369	151	0	194	40	4	0	291	13	0	450	64.6
	12/22/10	09:29:58	11.8	Manual Mode	00:00:00	1	478	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
	01/30/11	19:09:24	13.1	Manual Mode	00:00:00	-4	465	82	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	450	0.0
	01/31/11	08:52:38	12.9	Production Mode	01:48:00	63	174	75	575	529	63	4	0	509	10	0	700	72.7
	01/31/11	09:24:49	13.1	Manual Mode	00:00:00	542	542	56	0	0	3	9	3	350	13	0	0	0.0
	01/28/11	13:39:10	14.1	Plunger Falling	00:20:35	485	641	94	0	887	19	5	1	227	15	3	360	63.0
	01/26/11	08:42:50	13.6	Manual Mode	00:00:00	461	882	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	340	0.0
	01/31/11	08:51:14	12.8	Plunger Rising	00:34:19	103	482	105	984	1269	78	20	0	693	47	0	700	99.1
	01/26/11	08:41:12	14.5	Production Mode	00:45:19	133	315	147	475	983	71	7	0	588	17	0	775	75.9
	01/26/11	03:44:17	11.5	Manual Mode	00:00:00	115	205	125	512	0	58	0	2	500	0	6	700	71.4
	01/26/11	00:11:01	11.5	Manual Mode	00:00:00	218	238	76	0	867	36	6	0	309	16	0	550	56.3
	01/26/11	08:42:11	11.5	Manual Mode	00:00:00	60	168	78	467	1143	51	4	0	422	11	0	600	70.3
	01/26/11	00:36:56	11.5	Manual Mode	00:00:00	94	625	104	352	253	12	3	0	117	8	0	180	65.3
	01/26/11	03:06:50	11.2	Manual Mode	00:00:00	142	408	155	668	0	40	0	2	401	0	5	380	105.5
	01/26/11	08:42:22	12.7	Plunger Rising	00:44:28	161	316	164	185	1506	36	9	0	363	29	0	390	93.0
	01/26/11	08:42:24	13.6	Plunger Rising	03:39:53	148	428	155	727	0	60	0	2	539	0	5	650	82.9
	01/25/11	10:52:08	11.2	Manual Mode	00:00:00	155	588	150	821	0	75	0	0	541	0	0	650	83.2
	01/25/11	10:52:55	11.5	Plunger Rising	00:23:59	137	418	150	588	1181	81	28	0	397	40	3	500	79.5
	01/21/11	16:28:54	11.5	Manual Mode	00:00:00	1	2	142	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	0.0
	01/26/11	08:40:20	11.5	Manual Mode	00:00:00	3	-1	148	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	600	0.0
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Well Names

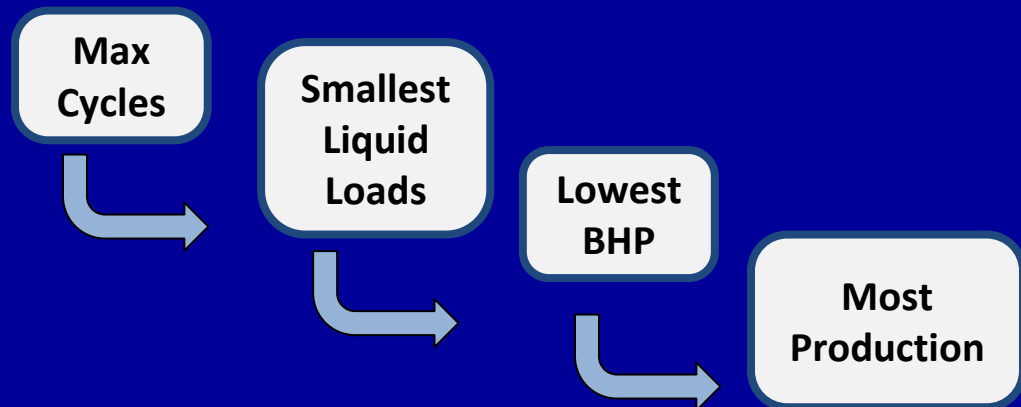
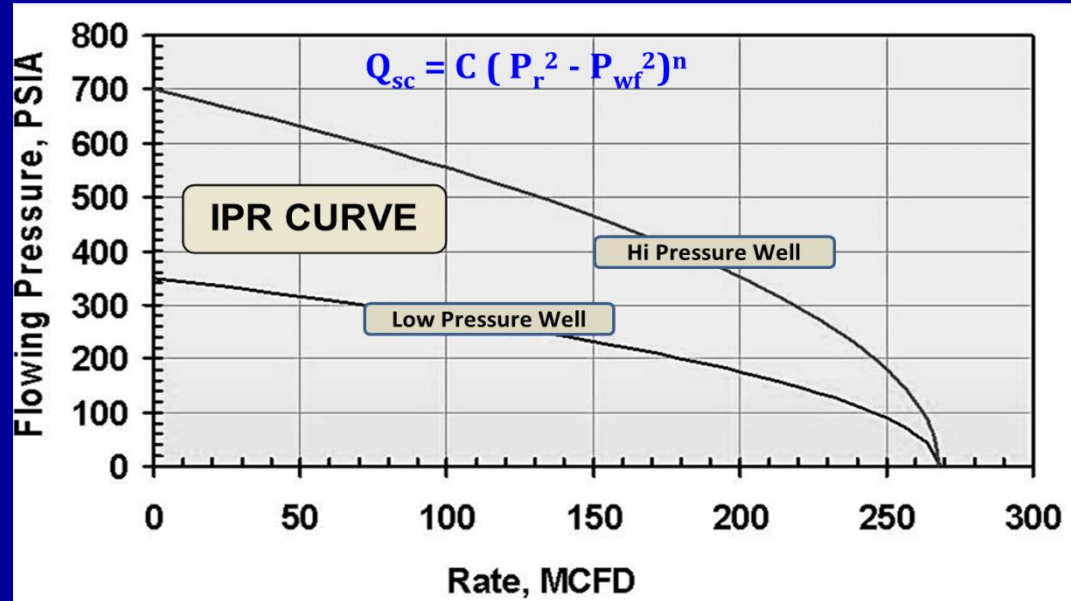
**Prioritize before going to well site!**



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## 7. Produce at lowest flowing bottom hole pressure

- ✓ Know production target
- ✓ Minimize restrictions
- ✓ Select correct plunger
- ✓ Use a standing valve
- ✓ Address well variations with algorithm
- ✓ Review on each cycle
  - Fluid in tubing
  - Lift pressure
  - Plunger velocity
  - Shut-in time
  - Gas produced





# Optimize

## Review

- Time frame after IP
- Critical rate for reservoir
- Decline Curve Analysis
- Erratic production
- Critical flow rate
- Intermittent, Swab, Foam

Clear liquid from tubing first (400 scf per bbl per 1000 ft lift)

Lift Pressure  $\geq$  2X Liquid load

- No Packer (or more gas)
- Same ID spring to spring
- Pressure check tubing

- Motor valve trim size
- Orifice plate
- Consistent line pressure
- Hold down assembly

Is liquid in the tubing?

Is gas volume sufficient?

Is gas pressure sufficient?

Good well integrity?

Significant sand, H<sub>2</sub>S or CO<sub>2</sub>?

Eliminate restrictions

Troubleshooting process known (NPT goal vs actual)?

Preventative maintenance program?

Trained operator?

Telemetry available?

Clean, dry supply gas?

Standard well head configuration defined?

Continuous improvement team established?

Production target set based on % of AOF?

### TELEMETRY BENEFITS

- Lower lifting cost
- Less downtime
- Less equipment repairs
- Faster optimization
- Faster troubleshooting
- Improved site safety
- Leverage expert optimizer
- Daily prioritize wells
- Remote manual close
- Alarm on exceptions
- Leak detection

### OPTIMIZE PRODUCTION

Max cycles

Smallest liquid loads

Lowest bottom hole pressure

Most Production

LIFT METHOD	LIFTING COST COMPARISON (\$ / Mcf)		
	MIN	MAX	AVG
Gas Lift	\$ 1.04	\$ 1.30	\$ 1.17
Plunger Lift – No Telemetry	\$ 0.25	\$ 5.80	\$ 2.27
Plunger Lift – With Telemetry	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.90	\$ 0.50

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