

# Keeping ISolation Simple Keeping ISolation Simple

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Ceramic cements are utilized to aid operators in meeting Environmental and Regulatory goals with step-change methodology, keeping up with the "moving target"

# **Today's Discussion**

- Why ceramics
- Progression of technology
  - Reduce risk
- Case Histories
  - Remedial
  - Open Hole
- Going forward

# Definition

#### • Structure

- Portland cement molecular bonds
  - Van der Waals forces
- Ceramic cement molecular bonds
  - Ionic or covalent bonds
  - Much stronger and permanent

#### Traditional Definition

- Portland cements
  - Room temperature setting
- Ceramics
  - High temperature setting





**Portland Cement** 







# Why use Ceramics





# **Why Ceramics**

## • Temp range

- -Portland cement <110 C
- -Ceramics >400 C

## Porosity

- -Portland cement 5%
- -Ceramics < 0.5 %



# **Why Ceramics**

## Permeability

- -Portland 0.1 md
- -Ceramic <1/10 th

## Tensile Strength

-Equivalent or higher then Portland



# **Why Ceramics**

### Environmental

- Portland high Ph
- Ceramic neutral Ph

## Bonding

- Portland bond is mechanical
- Ceramic bond is direct chemical and mechanical
- Typical bond is 3-5 times Portland





# Uses



## **Other Industry Applications**

#### Dental Fillings

- Permanent acid resistance and bonding

#### Runway repair

- Ultra high early strength, bonding and thermal

#### Nuclear waste encapsulation

- Leaching, permanence and bonding

#### Construction

- Temperature and endurance
- Waste Management
  - Same as Nuclear





## Oilfield use of Ceramics

- Permafrost
  - Low temperature setting properties
- Thermal
  - High temperature properties
- Lost Circulation
  - Quick setting properties





## Oilfield use of Ceramics

#### • Environmental

- Permanent, impermeable, low porosity and neutral Ph
- Conformance

### CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestering

- Acid resistance
- Low CO2 conversion

### Remedial

– All of the above





# Properties





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- Most of the strength is obtained in first few hours
- Slightly expanding
- High bond strength











# Thickening time example



32 Bc to 100 Bc in 2 minutes Bearden units of consistency



## **Bond Testing**

#### Bond tests at surface temperature and 315 C Typically 3-5 times higher then Portland.





#### **315 C pipe in pipe tests to test wellbore integrity**





# Risk Analysis



# **Risk Mitigation**

- Start with low risk application
  - Water conformance
  - Gas Migration

## • Medium risk

- Lost circulation
- Zonal abandonment
  - Straddle tools

## Highest risk

– Primary cementing



# **Case Histories**



## Pin Point Zonal Isolation (a case history)



# How do I ...?

- Permanently shut the water production off
- Mitigate damage to the numerous other zones in the well
- Do this in a cost effective way



## Answer #1

 Conventional cement squeeze technology requires rigs, retainers and subsequent drill outs





## Answer #1

- Probably 3 days
- Dimage to Upper Zones
- No guarantee of squeeze





## **Answer #2**

 Place a barrier within the porosity that permanently shuts off the water production and requires no drilling and/or damage to producing formations



## How do we do this?

- Place a retrievable bridge plug on Wire Line
- Run in the well with a retrievable CT service packer
- Pump a Microceramic Activator
- Pump a Microceramic binder



## How do we do this?

- Obtain a porosity squeeze
- Place N<sub>2</sub> pressure on the annulus
- Unset CT service packer
- Reverse out excess Microceramic binder

## How do we do this?

- Pull out CT service packer
- Pull out bridge plug
- Leaving behind impermeable permanent barrier





# Lost Circulation (a case history)



## Medium risk model





## **Lost Circulation Squeeze**

- Lost Circulation at 100 m
- Had attempted Large Thixo, Silicate squeeze
- Mix activator and Binder at surface







## **Lost Circulation Squeeze**

- Time based on fluid level
- At 0.5 m<sup>3</sup> in zone gained pressure
- Drilled out next day and had minor leak



# **Going forward**

### Thermal Production casing

- Tail in slurry
  - Utilizes Ceramics best properties across zone
  - Compatible with Portland
  - Pump times and strength in place
  - Bond tests performed

### Thermal injection casing

- Tail in slurry
- CO<sub>2</sub> injection wells
  - Tail in slurry



# KISS Principle Slurry set is largely independent of

- temperature
- Particle size
- pressure
- organic contamination
- Can adjust properties based on what is required not on product restrictions





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# Do "YOU" have a question?

