



# Variable Speed Drives Beam Pumping

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## Acronyms

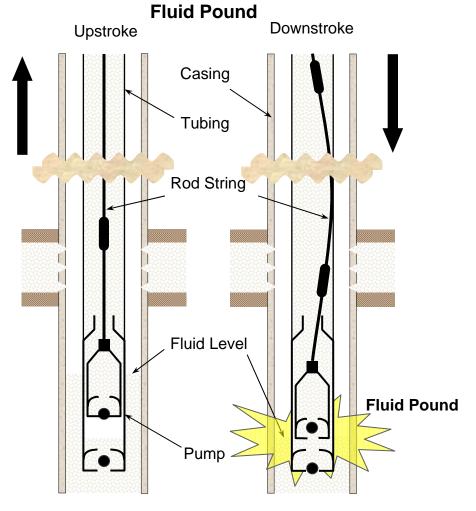


- VSD Variable Speed Drive
- VFD Variable Frequency Drive
- ASD Adjustable Speed Drive

#### Fluid Pound-Match Reservoir



#### **Downhole Pump**



Fluid Pound - as experienced in a pumping oil well, is caused by the pump not completely filling with fluid on the upstroke. As the downstroke begins, the entire fluid and rod string load moves down through a void until the plunger hits the fluid level in the pump barrel. The traveling valve opens, suddenly transferring the load to the tubing, causing a sharp decrease in load, which transmits a shock wave through the pumping system. It is this shock wave that damages the parts of the pumping system.

## Applications – Why Use a VSD



- Match pumping displacement to reservoir
- Reduce rod loads
- Reduce rod stress
- Reduce rod float
- Increase production
- Decrease maintenance costs
- Decrease electrical costs





NOTE: Verify Pumping Unit has correct wipers

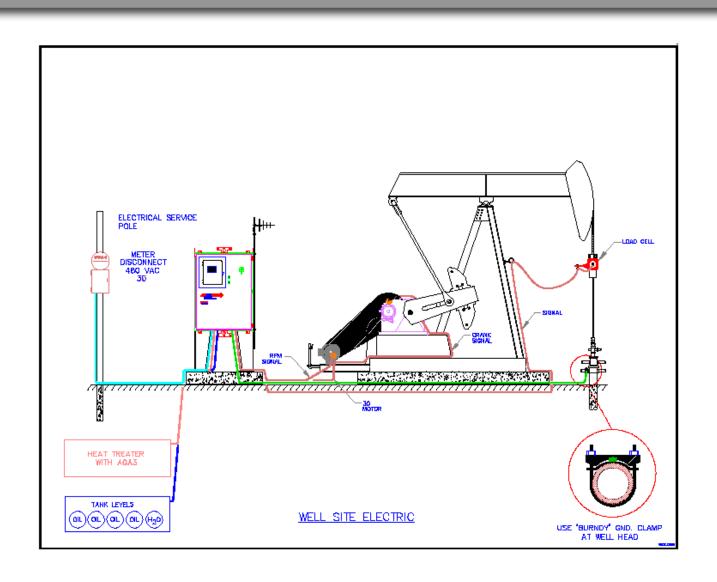
### What Wells to use a VSD on



- Heavy crude & rod fall problems
- Steam flood with erratic inflow
- Large volume producers where if shut down takes days to return to oil production
- Low BHP where shutting down will cause back pressure on inflow
- Sanding/pump sticking problems
- Reduce costs for sheave changes

# Typical Installation





# VSD Enclosure

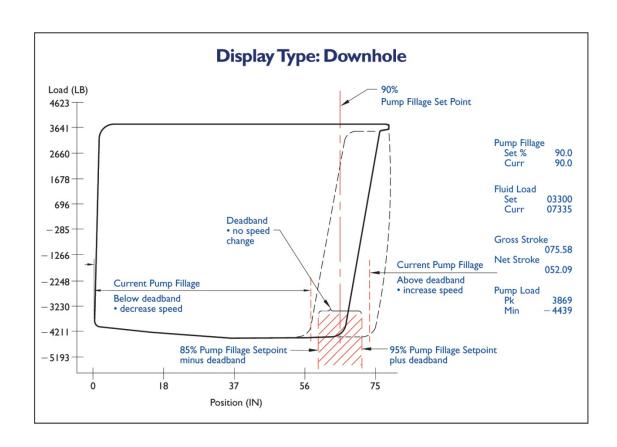






## Control Logic

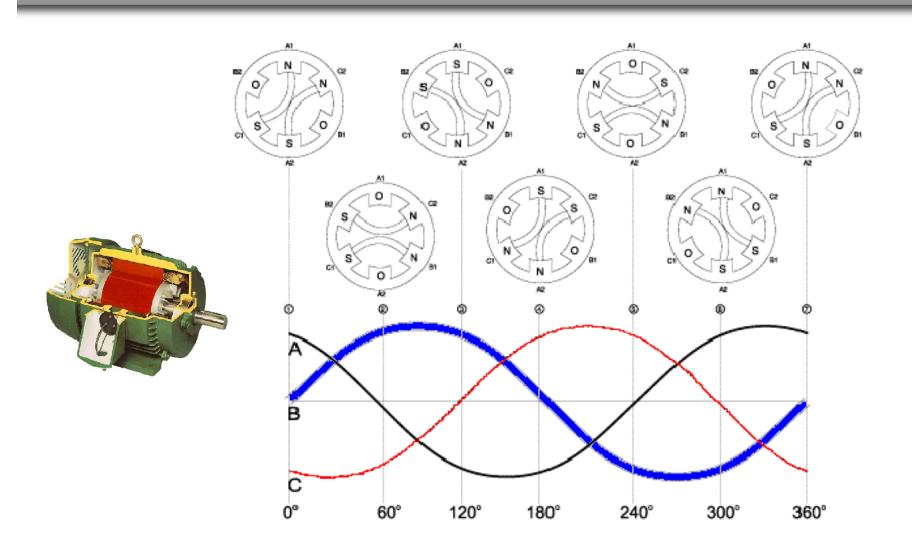




Change Speed-Pump Fillage

## Motor-VSD Controlled





### Field Results



#### Company A

- 20 high-failure wells
  - 52 failures in 12 months before install (2.60 FF)
  - \$1.2 mm repair cost (\$24 m/failure)
- In operation 10 months
  - 12 failures to date (annualized FF of 0.68, 74% redux)
  - 5% production increase 6 mos. After

## Field Results



#### Company B

- 15 high-failure/low BHP/fiber glass rod wells
  - 38 failures in 12 months before install (2.53 FF)
  - \$873 m failure cost (\$23 m/failure)
- In operation 8 months
  - 6 failures to date (annualized FF of 0.60, 76% redux )
  - 8% production increase 2 mos. after

## Long Stroke Unit RPC to VSD



## Summary

RPC

**VSD RPC** 

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Optimized

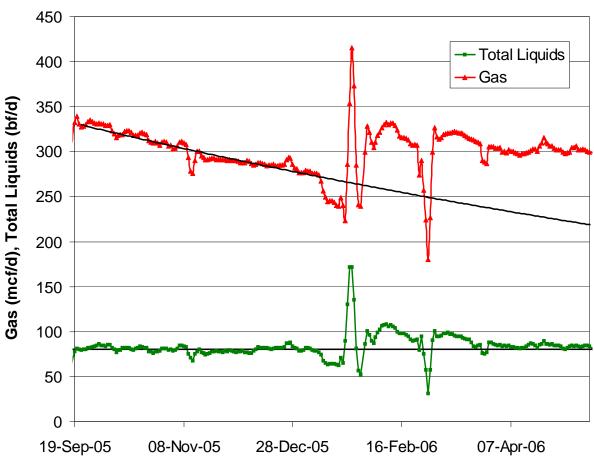
	Peak Load	Min Load	Net SPM	Pump Stroke	Rod Loading	Gearbox	Production
	16156	2870	3.89	285"	93%	53.4%	693 BPD
,	15698	2725	4	280.7"	90.2%	49.2%	670 BPD
;	14447	3378	4.01	285.1"	78.5%	43.4%	716 BPD

#### **RESULTS:**

**Lowered Loading Increased Production** 

## Gas Increase with VSD





RESULTS: Increased Revenue \$500/day Payout less than 30 days

## Actual 40HP AFE operation Line Side



