

Method for Rapid Location of Optical Cable Wells



Article Overview

Rapid positioning of optical cables in wells is achieved using advanced fiber-locating sensors and distributed optical fiber sensing technologies, enabling immediate orientation and accurate monitoring without additional mapping runs.

Downhole Fiber-Optic Cable Positioning

Traditional fiber deployment in wells often requires wireline mapping runs after casing installation to determine cable orientation, which is time-consuming, costly, and introduces operational risks. Modern solutions, such as Halliburton's FIBERSIGHT® map fiber-locating sensors, allow the cable orientation to be identified immediately after casing deployment without a separate mapping run, reducing costs and improving precision. These sensors are deployed along the wellbore during the casing run and communicate the fiber's orientation back to the surface, providing a fixed position immediately after the casing string lands and eliminating the need for wellbore modifications or larger hole sizes .

Permanent Fiber-Optic Cable Design

For long-term monitoring, permanent downhole fiber-optic cables are designed to withstand harsh conditions, including high pressure, elevated temperatures, mechanical shock, and corrosive fluids. SLB's tube-in-tube design features optical fibers in a hermetically sealed metal tube (FIMT) with protective gels and polymer layers to ensure strain-free deployment and long-term reliability. This robust design...

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Common well integrity problems where fiber optics can be effectively deployed include identifying sources of sustained annulus

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Loose tube constructions allow the optical fibers within the cable subunits (tubes) to float freely, ensuring that the fibers have virtually

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Research on fiber-optic cable location method

In this paper, a new fiber optic cable location method was proposed, which is based on Sagnac effect and fiber-optic

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FOWell, a distributed fiber optic sensing well monitoring solution, enables for real-time detection of leaks or deformations in the

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Placing cables underground has the added benefits of reducing transmission losses, aiding planning consent and reduced risk of

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A novel method for detecting the two-phase medium interface in water-soluble salt cavity wells has been proposed to

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Optical cable, optical cable monitoring system, and well monitoring

A well monitoring method for monitoring leakage of oil from a well, using the optical cable monitoring system according to claim 4, in

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There are determined conditions and demonstrated possibilities of applying these algorithms for optical cable location

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FIBERSIGHT® map fiber locating sensors

FIBERSIGHT map sensors are deployed along the wellbore during the casing run to determine and communicate the orientation of a

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in power communication system, optical cable is the carrier of communication network. Once the optical cable is interrupted for a

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Current kick detection methods primarily utilize surface measurements and do not always reliably detect a gas influx.

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Distributed sensing cable in industrial environments Sensing can take one of several technological forms, and can be used in many

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Permanent fiber-optic cable

The fiber-optic line can be interrogated on a continuous or intermittent basis to provide rapid wellsite diagnostics without interfering

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Distributed Fiber Optic Sensing is increasingly recognized as a viable alternative to geophone arrays for the acquisition

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Well Integrity Monitoring

Silixa's ArrayLog™ service provides well integrity monitoring using legacy fibres. The distributed nature of measurements means that

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Distributed Fiber Optic Vibration Signal Logging Well Production Fluid ...

Traditional logging methods need a lot of data support such as suction profile information, reservoir geological

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System and method for deploying fiber optic lines in a wellbore

The method of claim 9, further comprising propelling the device in at least one of an angled well and a horizontal well by a tractor

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