

DRMTS CBM Remote Intersection Technology

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DRMTS : "Magical Threading Needle" Causes Coal Beds to Have Unlimited Potential!





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DRMTS CBM Remote Intersection Technology is one of representatives for major innovations of CNPC.

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INTRODUCTION

Coalbed methane (CBM) is associated with coal and commonly known as "gas". CBM belongs to unconventional natural gas and its main component is methane. As a high-efficiency clean energy source, CBM contains enormous economic benefits, but coal reservoirs have low pressure, low permeability and low water content in general, thus seriously restricting high-efficiency development of CBM. The remote intersection technology in horizontal well development modes represents the most effective key core technology for low permeability CBM development.

DRMTS CBM remote intersection technology integrates near-bit adjacent well position measurement, transmission, magnetic steering decision and control while drilling and has functions including "measurement, transmission and steering".

CBM horizontal wells are led to directly connect vertical drainage production wells through the measurement of the relative angle and distance between the bit and the target bottom hole, two-way downhole and surface information transmission and surface control decision, thereby building drainage production channels for horizontal wells.

DRMTS CBM remote intersection tool is CNPC's drilling equipment with independent intellectual property rights and has 4 invention patents and 2 utility model patents, and with the tool, 1 enterprise standard has been formulated. The effective measurement distance of the tool reaches 80m and its magnetic signal resolution is 0.1nT. The tool can realize near-distance measurement of around 1m and perform 3D steering connection. The tool has "point-to-point" precise steering capacity and can complete the operation of directly connecting vertical well fiberglass casing.

DRMTS CBM remote intersection tool has been used to complete field intersection technical services of nearly 30 wells-times in blocks including Zhengzhuang and Shizhuang in Shanxi, Binxian and Liulin in Shaanxi, etc., with the success ratio of 100%. In addition, with the tool, "point-to-point" precise connection operation has been successfully performed.



DRMTS CBM remote intersection technology technology frame work



DRMTS CBM remote intersection tool consists of magnetic source transmitting device, dynamic magnetic field acquisition system, surface information processing and steering decision software system and surface industrial control and wireless transmission system.



Layout of CBM horizontal well drilling site



2.1 Magnetic source transmitting device

The magnetic source transmitting device is

installed behind the bit to transmit rotary magnetic field signals and has three OD series such as $6^{1}/_{2}$ in, $4^{3}/_{4}$ in and $3^{1}/_{2}$ in.



Magnetic source transmitting device

2.2 Dynamic magnetic field acquisition system

can measure the parameters including probe attitude, magnetic signal, etc. in real time by lowering cable to the bottom hole of a vertical cavity well. The magnetic field measurement resolution of the system is 0.1nT.

The dynamic magnetic field acquisition system



Dynamic magnetic field acquisition system

2.3 Surface information processing and steering decision software system

The system includes rotary magnetic field model, distance and angle measurement model, weak

magnetic field filtering method, compensated angle interference correction method, etc. The system has the capacity of rotary magnetic field positioning calculation and acquisition data analysis and can realize real time 3D display of well trajectory.



Remote intersection drilling engineering software interface

2.4 Surface industrial control and wireless transmission system

The surface industrial control and wireless transmission system includes surface IPC, cable winch and inter-well wireless data transmission system.

The surface IPC and cable winch are used to

control and lower the acquisition system and measure lowering depth, and the largest lowering depth is 1500m.

The inter-well wireless data transmission system consists of data transmitting device and data receiving device and is used in transmission between signal acquisition system and signal processing system, and the effective transmission distance is larger than 3km.



Surface IPC and cable winch



Inter-well wireless data transmission system

2.5 Tool specifications

- Magnetic field measurement resolution: 0.1nT;
- Applicable temperature: -25~+85°C;
- Effective measurement distance: 0.7~1m;
- Distance measurement error less than 5%;
- Can realize near-distance (1~5m) measurement

function; signal are not saturated and distorted;

• Tool series: $6^{1}/_{2}$ in, $4^{3}/_{4}$ in, $3^{1}/_{2}$ in.

3 CHARACTERISTIC

As a high-efficiency development mode, horizontal well is widely applied in the development of low permeability CBM. The remote intersection technology is a key technology in horizontal well construction.

With the remote intersection technology, CBM horizontal wells are led to directly connect vertical drainage production wells through the measurement of the relative angle and distance between the bit and the target bottom hole, two-way downhole and surface information transmission and surface control decision, thereby building drainage production channels for horizontal wells. The remote intersection technology includes high precision relative positioning method based on rotary magnetic field, weak magnetic field (0.1nT) acquisition and filtering technology, ultra-near distance measurement and steering technology and 3D positioning and steering technology.

The operation process: the magnetic transmitting

device is run in a horizontal well, and the measuring probe is run in a vertical cavity well; the relative position relation (relative distance R and deflection angle θ) between the bit and the cavity is measured using the intersection tool in real time; then an accurate target spot is provided for directional drilling; finally the bit is led to connect the vertical drainage production well at bottom hole.

The remote intersection technology has two major outstanding advantages: (1) it has static distance measurement capacity and "point-to-point" precise steering capacity and can complete the operation of directly connecting vertical well fiberglass casing; (2) it has the capacity of inclination deviation measurement and can perform 3D steering connection, thus greatly improving operation maneuverability and success ratio.



4 TYPICAL CASES

CNPC launched DRMTS remote intersection tool in Dec. 2011. Successful development of the tool was successively reported by three-dimensional media such as CCTV, QQlive, etc. and printed media such as the Xinhua News Agency, the People's Daily, Guang Ming Daily, Economic Daily, etc., thereby generating great social influence.

In 2010-2014, DRMTS has been used to complete

field intersection technical services of nearly 30 wellstimes and has experienced crucial tests under various complex conditions in blocks including Zhengzhuang and Shizhuang in Shanxi, Binxian and Liulin in Shaanxi, etc., with the connection success ratio of 100%. In addition, with the tool, "point-to-point" precise connection operation has been successfully performed.





4.1 Accurate realization of "pointto-point" connection and successful hitting of fiberglass casing

DRMTS remote intersection tool was used to complete "point-to-point" precise connection of well ZSP6H with well ZSP6V, and magnetic positioning operation was performed in the interval 51.76~1.5m from the cavity. After RIH, magnetic field signals were acquired and steering was started; at this time the measured azimuth deviation was 9.2°. In case of being 1.5m from the vertical well, the azimuth deviation was adjusted to be -1.7°, the distance to the target center was 4.5cm, and the preset 7in fiberglass casing at 1.4m from the coal bed top was successfully hit. This has created the precedent of "point-topoint" accurate connection of two wells without cavity building in advance.



4.2 Creating the composite connection mode "pre-connection in the second spudding + connection in the third spudding"

Well ZP4-10 is located in Zhengzhuang block, Qinshui basin, Shanxi Province. During drilling operations, coal beds were drilled at 70° inclination and the well trajectory would penetrate through the fine coal in the bottom of 3# coal bed; therefore, it was decided that the composite connection mode "pre-connection in the second spudding + connection in the third spudding" was used to carry out steering drilling. DRMTS intersection tool began precise positioning and steering of 81/2in hole at 80m from the cavity and led it to 22m from the cavity, with the azimuth deviation of 0.6°. 43/4in magnetic source transmitting device was used in the third spudding to carry out magnetic steering, and the steering operation was ended at 1.5m from the cavity, with the azimuth deviation of 2.1°. After continuing drilling by 1.4m, the two wells were connected.



Construction hole connection trajectory



Rely on the National Engineering Laboratory for oil and gas drilling technology and CNPC Key Laboratory

of Drilling Engineering and have matching advanced equipment.



Key Laboratory of Drilling Engineering, CNPC



SEM-SERNO fatigue testing machine



DR-7-002 microcomputer-controlled electrohydraulic servo pressure tester



DR-7-006 + reaction kettle

6 QUALIFICATION STANDARDS

Qualification

DRMTS intersection tool has multiple qualifications, has passed ISO9001 quality system certification and

API Q1 certificate and is qualified in oil and natural gas drilling engineering research, product provision and technical services.



Standards

DRMTS carries out API drilling standards, and 1 enterprise standard has been formulated and issued.



Patents

DRMTS has proprietary intellectual property rights and 6 patents, including 4 invention patents and 2 utility model patents.

No.	Patent name	Patent No./ application No.	Patent type
1	A positioning method for determining the relative position between downhole bit and target spot in a CBM horizontal well	201010585308.9	Invention patent
2	Surface test method and test device for remote intersection tool	201110446707.1	Invention patent
3	A fluxgate sensor signal processing circuit	201210165746.9	Invention patent
4	A filtering method and device in horizontal well rotary magnetic field positioning	201210159636.1	Invention patent
5	A rotary magnetic source sub for CBM horizontal well intersection	201020672954.4	Utility model patent
6	Surface test carriage for remote intersection tool	201120557141.5	Utility model patent



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