



Lift Smart Surface Controlled Gas Lift System Adam Anderson ALRDC Gas Lift Workshop June 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> 2021



# LiftSmart System Objective

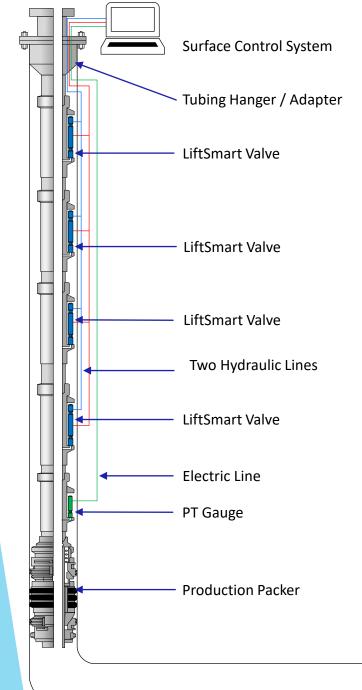
Innovex has created a simple / low-cost system in which gas lift valves can be opened or closed from surface to optimize well production

# LiftSmart System Objective

#### Value Proposition:

- Gas injection pressure and rate are completely independent of valve operation
- Early in the life of the well, the system enables deeper gas injection, lowering bottom hole pressure and increasing production
- Potential for a single system to enable lift throughout the life of the well
- Ability for single system to utilize High Pressure Gas Lift, Annular Flow, Tubular Flow, and GAPL without swapping tools
- Valves operate independent of both wellbore and flowing tubing temperature mitigating opening and closing due to incorrect design / setup
- Large stem travel in valve eliminates de-rating of square edge orifice
- Valves operate independent of orifice size improving flexibility of orifice selection
- Easier to trouble shoot system and identify which valve is open





#### LiftSmart System

#### System Operation

- Gas lift valves opened/closed from surface via 2 hydraulic control lines
- Valves operate independently of gas injection pressure
- Enables deeper injection as well is depleting
- Enables higher pressure injection once at deepest valve

#### System Components

- Surface Control System
- Feedthrough Tubing Hanger and Adapter System
- Two hydraulic lines from surface run through each gas lift valve
- Electric Line from Surface Control System to monitor Downhole
  Gauges
- Hydraulically Operated Smart Gas Lift Valves
- Conventional Tubing Retrievable Mandrels
- Downhole Pressure Temperature Gauge(s)
- Conventional AS1-X Style Production Packer with On/Off Tool

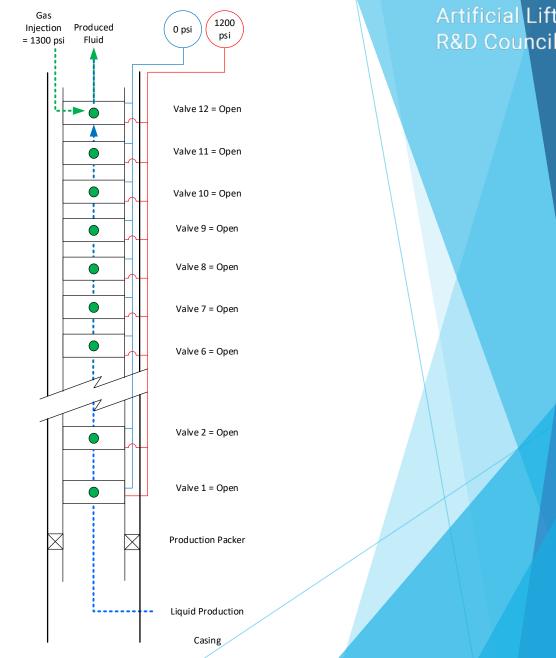


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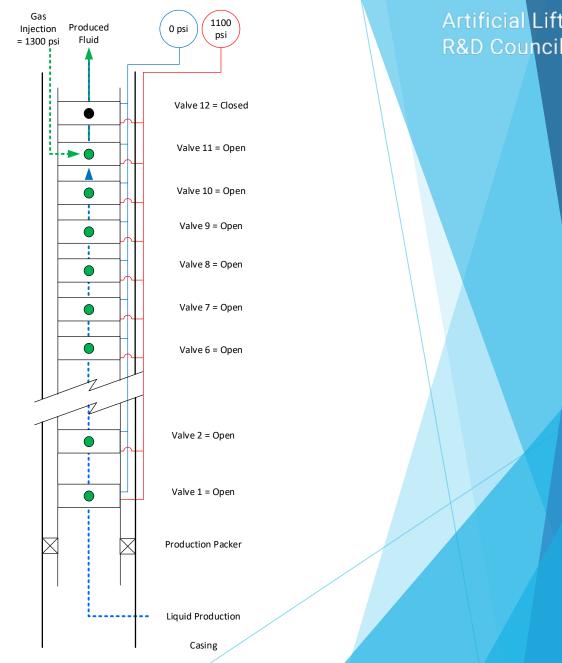
### **Initial Position**

- 1,200 psi on Active Line (Red Line)
- 0 psi on Dead Line (Blue Line)
- All Gas Lift Valves Open
- 1,300 psi Gas Injection Pressure on Annulus
- Gas Injection begins unloading well through Valve #12



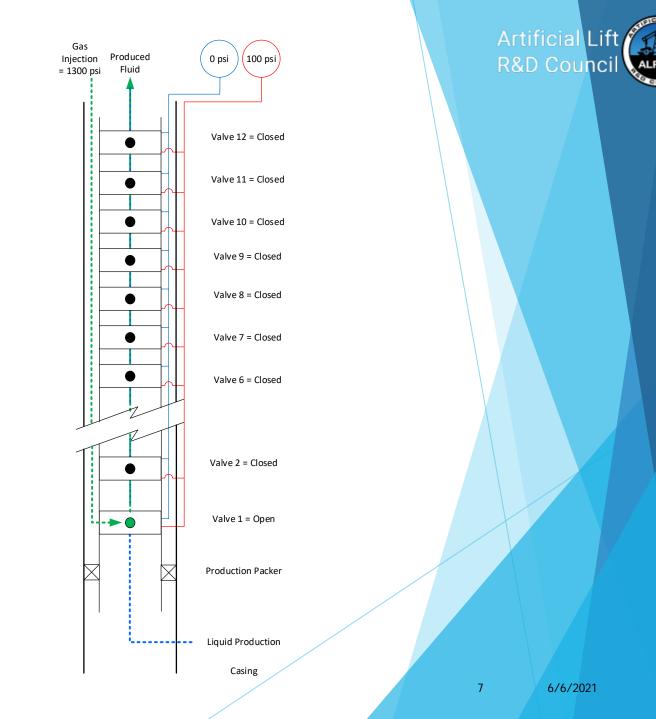
## 2<sup>nd</sup> Position

- 1,100 psi on Active Line (Red Line)
- Valve # 12 (Shallowest) Closed; all other valves open
- 1,300 psi Gas Injection Pressure on Annulus
- Gas Injection begins unloading well at Valve #11

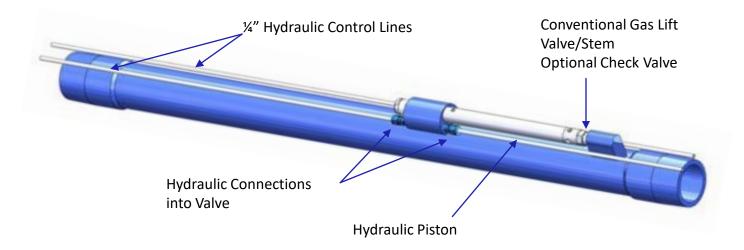


## 11<sup>th</sup> Position Fully Unloaded

- 100 psi on Active Line (Red Line)
- Valves #12 #2 are closed.
  Injecting only through Valve #1
- 1,300 psi Gas Injection Pressure on Annulus
- Full Injection Pressure Available to Inject Through Deepest Valve Independent of Previous Valve Settings



## LiftSmart Valve Assembly with Mandrel



#### Sizes

- 2-7/8" Tubing x 5 ½" Casing
- 4-1/2" Tubing x 7" Casing
- 5,000 psi Tubing to Annulus rating
- 7,500 psi hydraulic system rating
- Conventional / Off the Shelf Gas Lift Seat and Stem

- Valve has a Conventional Gas Lift Orifice that can be configured prior to installation
- Valve has two positions Open or Close
- Optional Check Valve if required / needed for well operations



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### Autonomous Surface Control System

- Fully automated and autonomous Surface Control
  System
- Solar Powered with battery backup nothing needed from operator facilities / infrastructure
- Contains all necessary equipment to operate downhole valves
- Logic controller monitors surface tubing and annulus pressures and determines optimum injection depth
- System can be connected to customer SCADA system for remote monitoring and control





## **Simplified Example Parameters**



- Permian Basin Well Parameters
  - 5,000 psi reservoir pressure
  - PI = 1 bpd / psi
  - 45° API
  - 300 GOR
  - 500 mscfd lift gas rate
  - 60% water cut
  - 1,150 psi gas injection pressure
  - 300 psi Flowing Tubing Pressure
  - Perforations 8,900' TVD

Conventional Gas Injection System

- 12 Valves
- 575' bracket spacing
- 20 psi step down at each valve
- Smart Gas Lift System
  - 11 Valves
  - 625' bracket spacing
  - 0 psi step down at each valve



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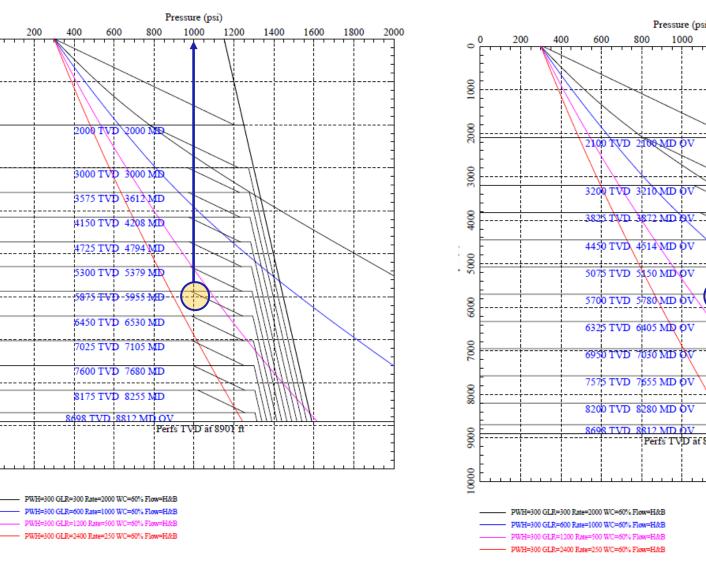
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**Conventional Gas Lift** 



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Pressure (psi)

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Perfs TVD at 8901 ft

1200

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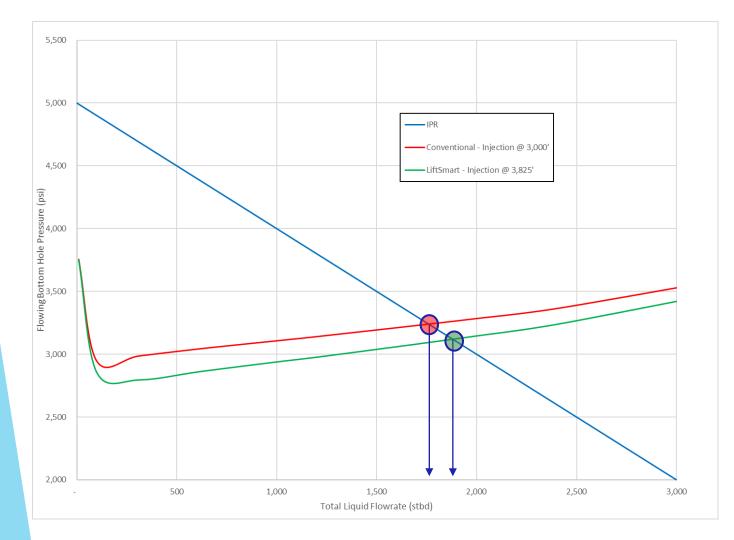
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### **Nodal Analysis**





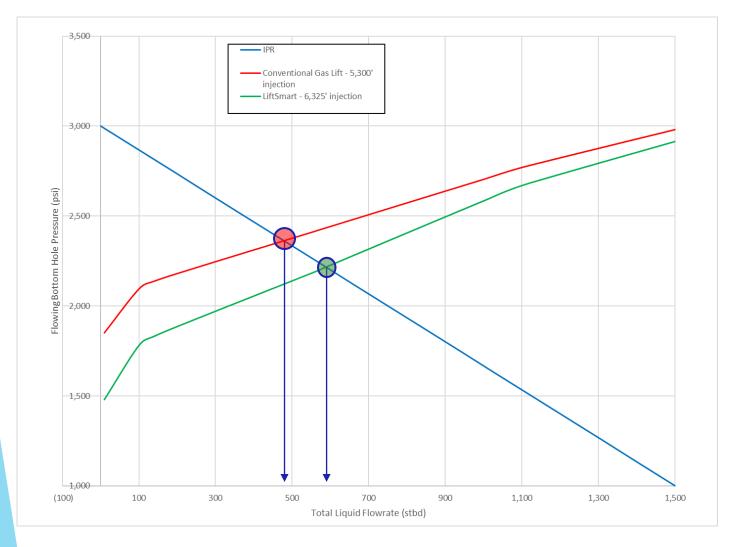
#### Conventional

- Lifting @ 3,000'
- FBHP = 3,241 psi
- Total Liquid Rate = 1,759 bpd
- Oil Rate = 703 bpd

#### LiftSmart

- Lifting @ 3,825'
- FBHP = 3,120 psi
- Total Liquid Rate = 1,880 bpd
- Oil Rate = 752 bpd
- 50 bpd uplift

# Later in Life of Well (3,000 psi BHP/.75 PI)



#### Conventional

- Lifting @ 5,300'
- FBHP = 2,363 psi
- Total Liquid Rate = 478 bpd
- Oil Rate = 191 bpd

#### LiftSmart

- Lifting @ 6,325'
- FBHP = 2,215 psi
- Total Liquid Rate = 589 bpd
- Oil Rate = 235 bpd
- 45 bpd uplift

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## LiftSmart System Objective

Thanks for your time

**Questions?** 

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- Early in the life of the well, the system enables deeper gas injection, lowering bottom hole pressure and increasing production
- Potential for a single system to enable lift throughout the life of the well High Pressure Gas Lift / Annular Flow / Tubular Flow / GAPL
- Single Point injection for more efficient lift performance
- Valves operate independent of both wellbore and flowing tubing pressures as well as temperatures; making for more reliable open/close at the valve
- Large stem travel in valve eliminates de-rating of square edge orifice
- Valves operate independent of orifice size improving flexibility of orifice selection
- Easier to trouble shoot system and identify which valve is open



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