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Trenchless Technology – Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) Brad Eifert – Michels Corporation January 24, 2018

Topics

- Open cut vs. trenchless (definition of terms)
- Pros/Cons, limitations and applications of different trenchless methods, advances in technology, industry capabilities.
- HDD basics and equipment (above ground, below ground)

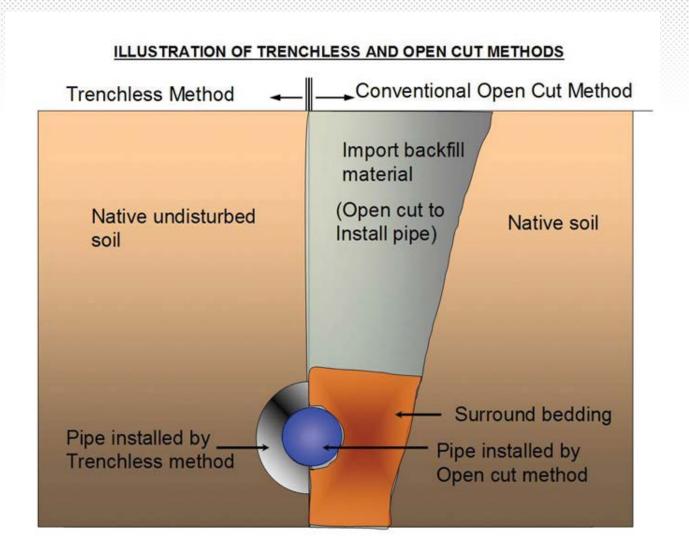


Topics

- HDD steering, tracking
- Drilling mud
- HDD case study example
- Questions (as time allows)



Open Cut vs Trenchless





Open Cut vs Trenchless Methods

Typical Underground Utility Installation Methods

- 1. Direct Installation
 - a) Trenched or Open-cut
 - b) Cable Plow
- 2. Trenchless
 - a) Jack & Bore/Auger Bore
 - b) HDD (Horizontal Directional Drilling)
 - c) Microtunneling
 - d) Direct Pipe
 - e) Pipe Bursting, CIPP, etc. (less common)



Direct Installation

Trenched/Open-Cut

Plow







Direct Installation

Trenched/Open-Cut

- Typically cheapest cost per foot overall
- Can install any pipe size or material versatile
- Large number of contractors able to perform work
- Potential for environmental concerns
- High surface impact, high public impact in urban areas



Direct Installation

Plow

- Highly efficient
- Only can install small diameter conduit, pipes or cable
- Large number of contractors can perform work
- Less environmental concerns than trenching
- High surface impact, high public impact in urban areas



Trenchless – Jack & Bore Auger Bore



- Typically larger diameter installations
- Short distance capabilities (~250' max)
- Not often used for waterbody crossings (water table requires dewatering)
- High per foot cost
- Not all contractors can perform
- Low surface impact



Trenchless – HDD



- Pipe up to 60" in diameter.
- Installations up to 13,000' +
- Need specialized and competent contractor
- Poor soils can present risks and environmental concerns
- Higher per foot cost
- Very low surface impact
- Inadvertent Return risk



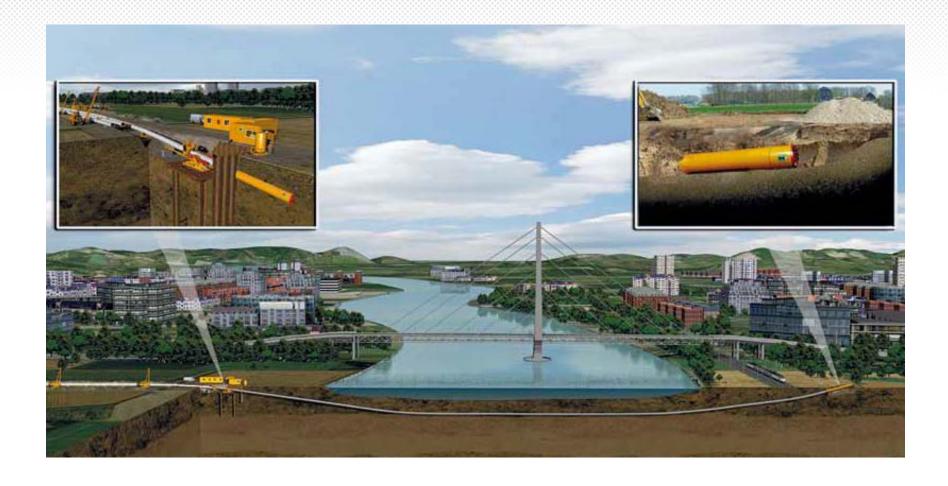
Trenchless – Microtunneling



- Large diameter pipes (typically 36" and above)
- As pipe size increases so does potential max length.
- Maximum installation length shorter than HDD
- Can handle poor soils without risk or environmental concerns
- Very high per foot cost
- Very low surface impact
- Very specialized contractor
- Virtually no risk of inadvertent return



Direct Pipe Installation





Trenchless – Direct Pipe



- New Technology
- Typically only 36"-48" pipe sizes
- As pipe size increases so does potential max length.
- Maximum installation length shorter than HDD
- Can handle poor soils without risk or environmental concerns
- Very high per foot cost
- Very low surface impact
- Very specialized contractor
- Virtually no risk of inadvertent return

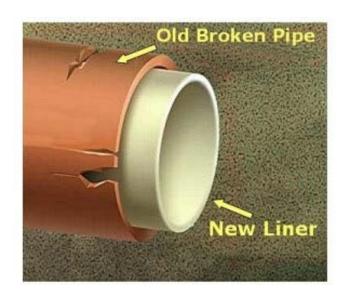


Compare Direct Pipe to HDD

DIRECT PIPE	HORIZONTAL DIRECTIONAL DRILLING		
One-pass pipe installation	Multiple Passes – Pilot, Ream, Swab, Pull		
Smaller borehole diameter – 3" larger than product pipe	Borehole Diameter - 1.5 times or 12 inches larger than product pipe		
Permanent borehole support.	Hole support from drilling fluid.		
Entry Side Workspace and Exit Side shaft only	Working room on entry and exit required		
Surface Launch or only shallow shafts at entry and exit	Surface to Surface		
Lower mud pressure and mud volume.	Geology needs to be able to support annular pressure and high fluid volumes		
Less overburden needed typically 2-3 times product OD	Deeper cover to support annular pressure		
Minimal disposal of cuttings	Disposal cuttings typically 1.75 to 2 times hole volume.		



Trenchless – Cured in Place Pipe (CIPP)



- Rehabilitates old pipes
- Water and sewer only
- No surface impact
- Option to only line damaged area if desired
- Typically lower overall replacement cost
- Easy to obtain permits



Trenchless – Pipe Bursting



- Rehabilitates old pipes
- Can increase finished pipe size diameter
- No surface impact
- Typically lower overall replacement cost
- Easy to obtain permits



HDD – In depth





SUPPORT EQUIPMENT



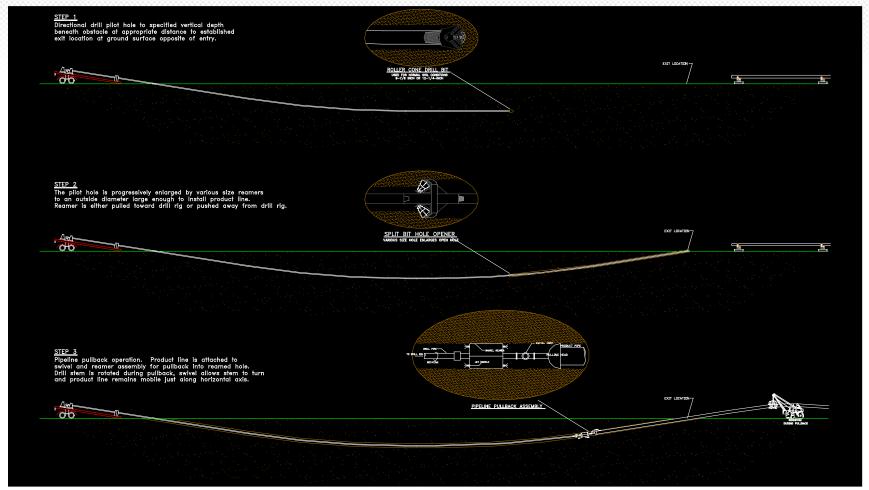


HDD Rig Size Classification

- Mini (Typical less than 50,000 pounds of thrust/pullback capacity)
- Mid Size (Typical 50,000 pounds to 150,000 pounds of thrust/pullback capacity)
- Large (Typical 150,000 to 550,000 pounds of thrust/pullback capacity)
- Maxi (Typically greater than 550,000 pounds)



Phases of HDD Construction





- Primary
 - Walkover (no secondary)
 - MGS –Magnetic Guidance System
- Secondary
 - Tru-Tracker requires surface coil
 - Para-Tracker surface coil or solenoid
- Gyroscopic
 - o Both primary and secondary in one
 - No surface coil required
 - Not affected by interference
 - Hard rock limitations



Walkover

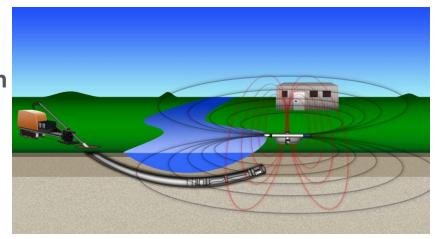
- Typically for small drill rigs
- Limited precision
- Limited depth
- Can only track where there is foot access





Wireline

- Tru-tracker, Para-track or Tensteer
- Virtually unlimited depth and length capabilities
- Requires surface cable





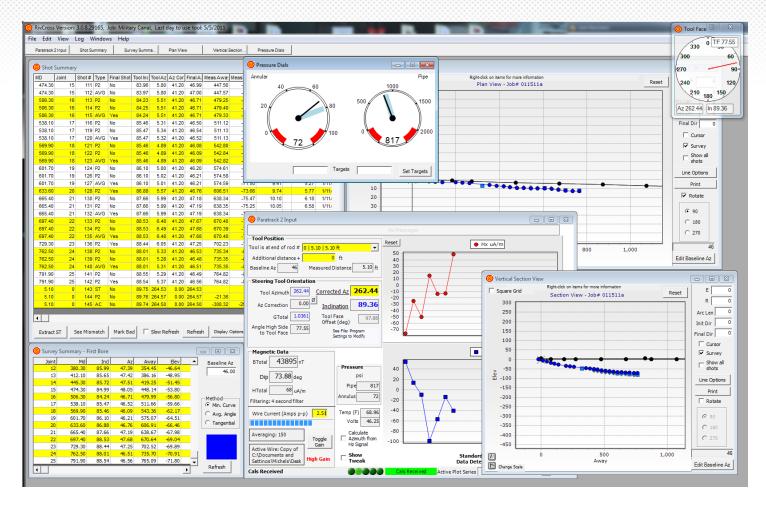
Gyroscope

- Latest Technology
- More expensive
- Can have availability concerns
- No surface cable required
- Requires exacting preliminary design and coordinates to be determined as a target.



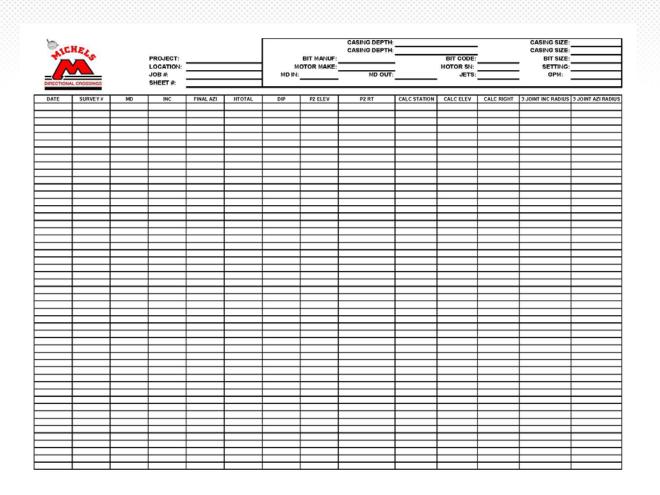


Computer Wireline Tracking



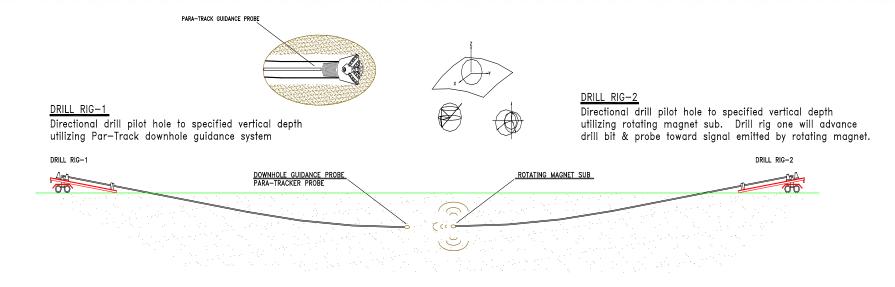


Tracking Form and Calculations





Pilot Hole Intersect





Pilot Hole Intersect Advantages

- Reduced downhole pressures
- Less time to complete the crossing
- Increased pipe side tolerance
- Surface casing on both sides of the crossing
- Increases potential length limits of HDD



Drilling Fluid





QUIK-GEL®

QUIK-GEL is an easy-to-mix, finely ground (200-mesh), premium-grade, high-yielding Wyoming sodium bentonite. QUIK-GEL imparts viscosity, fluid loss control and gelling characteristics to freshwater-based drilling

Applications/Functions

- Mix with fresh water to form a low-solids drilling flixed for general drilling applications
- Viscosify water-based drilling fluids
- Reduce filtration by forming a thin filter cake with low permeability.
- Improve hole-cleaning capability of drilling fluids
- Mix with fearning agents to make "gelfeam" drilling fluids for airfeam drilling applications

Advantages

- ANSI/NSF Standard 60 certified
- Single-sack product and cost effective
- Provides lubricity for drilling fluids
- Mixes easily and quickly reaches maximum viscosity
- Yields more than twice as much mud of the same viscosity as an equal weight of API oilfield grades of bentonite.

Typical Properties

Appearance Grey to tan powder Bulk density, lb/ft³ 68 to 72 (compacted) pH (3% solution)

Recommended Mix slowly through a jet mixer or sit slowly into the vortex of a Treatment high-speed stirrer.

Approximate Amounts of QUIK-GEL Added to Freshwater			
Application/Desired Result	16/100 gal	lb/bbl	kg/m³
Normal Drilling Conditions	15-25	6-10	18-30
Unconsolidated Formations	35-50	15-21	42-60
Make-Up For Gel/Foam Systems	12-15	5-7	14-18

1 bbl = 42 U.S. gallons

Additional Information

 For optimum yield, pre-treat make-up water with 1-2 pounds of soda ash per 100 gallons of water (1.2-2.4 kg/m²).

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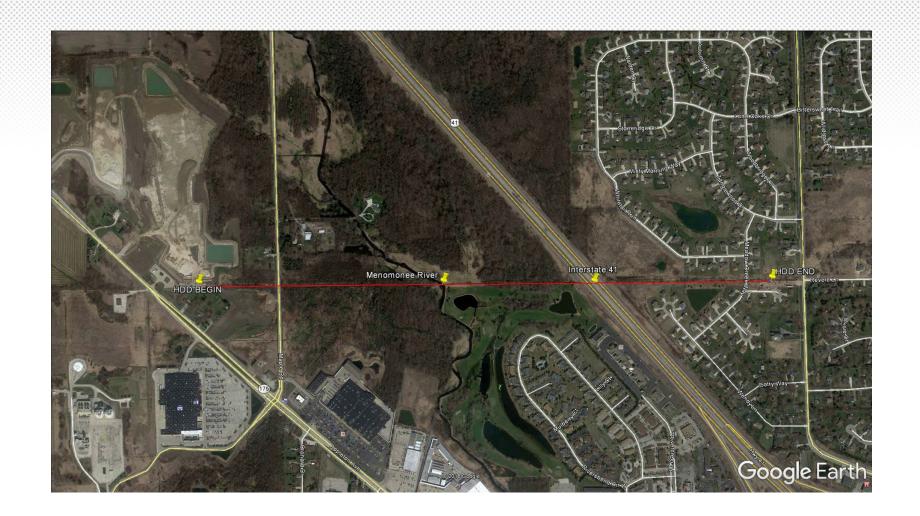
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HDD case study example

- WE Energies 24" diameter gas line installed in 2017
- 5,762' long under Interstate 41 near Germantown, WI
- Limestone rock at 50-70' deep
- Pipe Installed ~140' below Interstate
- Pilot Hole Intersect Method was used







Residential Setting





Residential Setting





Second rig over a mile away





Second Rig





Pipe laydown 5,700' of 24" steel pipe





Pipe staged in sections





Thank you and questions

