PRESSURE DERIVATIVE ANALYSIS

NEAR WELLBORE EFFECTS - Wellbore Storage

- High Conductivity Fracture
- Low Conductivity Fracture
- Limited Entry
- Horizontal Well

RESERVOIR BEHAVIOUR

BOUNDARY EFFECTS

- Homogeneous Behaviour
- Double porosity Behaviour
- Double permeability Behaviour
- Composite Behaviour
- Layered reservoirs (w/wo crossflow)
- Single Fault
- Leaky Fault
- Channel
- Wedge
- Open or Closed Rectangle
- Constant Pressure

THE USE OF PRESSURE DERIVATIVES IN WELL TEST ANALYSIS

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DERIVATIVE FOR RADIAL FLOW (Middle Times)

Radial flow following wellbore storage (dimensionless)

$$p_{D} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\ln \frac{t_{D}}{C_{D}} + 0.80907 + \ln C_{D} e^{2S} \right) \qquad p_{D} = \frac{kh}{141.2 \,\Delta q \, B \,\mu} \,\Delta p$$

- Function of time
- **D** Function of $C_D e^{2S}$

Derivative with respect to In(time)



Dimensionless time, t_D / C_D

 $p_{D}' = \frac{dp_{D}}{d \ln\left(\frac{t_{D}}{C_{D}}\right)} = 0.5$

$$p_D = \frac{1}{2} \left(\ln t_{De} + 0.80907 \right)$$

$$t_{De} = \frac{0.000264 \, k}{\phi \mu c_t r_{we}^2} \Delta t \qquad r_{we} = r_w e^{-S}$$

- Independent of time
- Independent of S
- □ Independent of near-wellbore effects

$$p_D' = \frac{dp_D}{d\ln(t_{De})} = 0.5$$

DERIVATIVE FOR WELLBORE STORAGE (Early Times)

Wellbore storage (dimensionless)

$$p_D = \frac{t_D}{C_D} \qquad \qquad p_D = \frac{kh}{141.2\,\Delta q\,B\,\mu}\,\Delta p$$



Derivative with respect to In(time)

$$p_D' = \frac{dp_D}{d \ln\left(\frac{t_D}{C_D}\right)} = \frac{t_D}{C_D} \frac{dp_D}{d \frac{t_D}{C_D}}$$

 $p_D' = \frac{t_D}{C_D} = p_D$

- □ Unit slope log-log straight line
- □ Same as pressure

DERIVATIVE FOR SKIN (Early Times)

Derivative



Damaged well Maximum

Wellbore storage and skin, homogeneous behaviour, infinite extent





Stimulated well No maximum



Bourdet (and Whittle, Douglas and Pirard) Type Curve

World Oil 196 (6) May 1983



Build-up derivatives calculated with respect to elapsed time and with respect to Horner time



Practice of derivative type curve matching



Final log-log plot for Example 1







Wellbore storage (dimensionless):

$$p'_D = \frac{t_D}{C_L}$$

$$(p'_D)_{\text{stabilisation}} = 0.5 \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad (t_D/C_D)_{\text{stabilisation}} = 0.5$$

$$\Gamma M = \left(\frac{t_D / C_D}{\Delta t}\right)_{\text{match}} = \left(t_D / C_D\right)_{\text{stabilisation}} / (\Delta t)_{\text{stabilisation}} = 0.5 / (\Delta t)_{\text{stabilisation}} = 0.000295 \frac{k h}{\mu} \frac{1}{C} \implies C$$

Log-log diagnostic plot for Example 1 (Flow period #2, build-up)



DERIVATIVE FOR HIGH CONDUCTIVITY FRACTURE (Early Times)



$$p_D = \left(\pi t_{Df}\right)^{1/2}$$

$$p_D = \frac{kh}{141.2\Delta q B \mu} \Delta p$$

$$t_{Df} = \frac{0.000264 k}{\phi \mu c_t x_f^2} \Delta t$$

$$\frac{dp_{D}}{d\ln(t_{Df})} = 0.5 \left(\pi t_{Df}\right)^{1/2} = (0.5)p_{D}$$

- □ Half-unit slope log-log straight line
- **Derivative is one half the pressure**



DERIVATIVE FOR LOW CONDUCTIVITY FRACTURE (Early Times)



$$p_{D} = 2.45 \left(k_{fD} w_{D}\right)^{-1/2} \left(t_{Df}\right)^{1/4}$$

$$p_{D} = \frac{kh}{141.2 \Delta q B \mu} \Delta p$$

$$t_{Df} = \frac{0.000264 k}{\phi \mu c_{t} x_{f}^{2}} \Delta t$$

$$k_{fD} w_{D} = \frac{k_{f} w_{f}}{k x_{f}}$$

$$\frac{dp_{D}}{d\ln(t_{Df})} = (0.25)2.45(k_{fD}w_{D})^{-1/2}(t_{Df})^{1/4} = (0.25)p_{D}$$

- **Quarter-unit slope log-log straight line**
- **Derivative is one fourth the pressure**



DERIVATIVE FOR SPHERICAL FLOW (Middle Times)



$$p_{\text{SPH }D} = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 - \left(\pi t_{\text{SPH }D} \right)^{-1/2} \right]$$
$$p_{\text{SPH }D} = \frac{k_{\text{SPH }} r_{\text{SPH }D}}{141.2 \,\Delta q B \mu} \Delta p$$
$$t_{\text{SPH }D} = \frac{0.000264 \, k_{\text{SPH }D}}{\phi \mu c_t r_{\text{SPH }D}^2} \Delta t$$

$$\frac{dp_D}{d\ln(t_{\text{SPH }D})} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\pi t_{\text{SPH }D} \right)^{-1/2} \right]$$

Negative Half-unit slope log-log straight line



DERIVATIVE FOR HOMOGENEOUS BEHAVIOUR (Radial flow at Middle Times)



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DERIVATIVE FOR HETEROGENEOUS BEHAVIOUR (Middle Times)

Mobility change

$$\left(\frac{kh}{\mu}\right)_{1} \rightarrow \left(\frac{kh}{\mu}\right)_{2}$$

Storativity change

$$(\phi c_{\iota} h)_{\iota} \rightarrow (\phi c_{\iota} h)_{\iota}$$







DERIVATIVE FOR BOUNDARY EFFECTS (Late Times)

Closed Reservoir (Drawdown)



Constant Pressure or Closed Reservoir (Build-up)



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Summary: LOG-LOG DERIVATIVE ANALYSIS



Log of Elapsed time, Δt (hours)

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Identification process with pressure derivatives



Log of Elapsed time

Pressure derivative for a well with wellbore storage and skin in an infinite reservoir with homogeneous behaviour



Log of Elapsed time

Well with wellbore storage and skin and limited entry in an infinite reservoir with homogeneous behaviour



LIMITED ENTRY



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Horizontal well with wellbore storage and skin in an infinite reservoir with homogeneous behaviour



Log of Elapsed time

Well with wellbore storage and skin in an infinite reservoir with double-porosity behaviour



Log of Pressure Derivative

DOUBLE POROSITY



Well with wellbore storage and skin in an infinite reservoir with composite behaviour



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COMPOSITE BEHAVIOUR



COMPOSITE BEHAVIOUR DUE TO FLUIDS



Elapsed time, Δt (hours)

Well with wellbore storage and skin in an closed reservoir of irregular shape with homogeneous behaviour



Build-up derivatives calculated with respect to elapsed time and with respect to Horner time



Comparison between drawdown and build-up derivatives



Analysis of extended test on Well V



Build-up derivative showing depletion when pseudo-steady flow has been reached during drawdown



Comparison between drawdown and multirate derivatives



Elapsed time, ∆t (hours)
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Time function



Time function

(b) Moving window

EXAMPLE OF DERIVATIVE SMOOTHING FOR MECHANICAL GAUGE DATA (RE06EX2)



EXAMPLE OF DERIVATIVE SMOOTHING FOR MECHANICAL GAUGE DATA (Maureen Well X5 DST 4)



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IMPACT OF POINT DENSITY



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EXAMPLE OF DERIVATIVE END EFFECTS



EXAMPLE OF DERIVATIVE END EFFECTS



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EXAMPLE OF PRESSURE TREND EFFECTS



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INFLUENCE OF RATE HISTORY SIMPLIFICATION ON HORNER AND SUPERPOSITION PLOT SHAPE



INFLUENCE OF RATE HISTORY SIMPLIFICATION ON PRESSURE DERIVATIVE PLOT SHAPE

Maureen A2 Test 2 (Production)

RATE CORRECTION

Field example: New rate history approximation

Field example: Log-Log Plot

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Field example: Horner Plot

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WELLBORE STORAGE WITH ERROR ON TIME AT START OF FLOW PERIOD: t(∆t =0) TOO EARLY

WELLBORE STORAGE WITH ERROR ON TIME AT START OF FLOW PERIOD: t(∆t =0) TOO LATE

DRAWDOWN:

Wellbore storage increases due to change from single phase flow to multiphase flow in the wellbore

Wellbore storage *decreases* due to change from **BUILD-UP**: multiphase flow in the wellbore to single phase flow

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BUILD-UP: Wellbore storage decreases due to <u>a decrease in fluid</u> <u>compressibility in the wellbore</u>

Multiphase flow vs. phase redistribution in the wellbore

Wellbore storage *increases* due to phase redistribution in the wellbore

- gas lifted oil well
- gas condensate well with liquid drop out
- oil or gas well producing water

Wellbore storage *increases* due to

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Wellbore storage increases due to phase redistribution in the wellbore (1) gas well with water; (2) volatile oil))

Wellbore storage increases due to phase redistribution in the wellbore: gas condensate well

Wellbore storage increases due to phase redistribution in the wellbore (Build-up's in gas-lifted wells)

AGARWAL EFFECTIVE TIME

SPE 9289, 1980

 $\operatorname{PM} \Delta p(\Delta t) = \operatorname{PM} \left[p(\Delta t) - p(\Delta t = 0) \right] \equiv p_D(\operatorname{TM}\Delta t) + p_D(\operatorname{TM}t_p) - p_D[\operatorname{TM}(t_p + \Delta t)]$

If $p_D(TM\Delta t)$ AND $p_D(TMt_p)$ can be approximated by a log (Radial flow):

 $\Delta p = 162.6 \frac{\Delta q B \mu}{kh} \left[\log \frac{t_p \Delta t}{t_p + \Delta t} + \log \frac{k}{\phi \mu c_t r_{wa}^2} - 3.23 \right] \qquad \Delta t_{\text{eff R}} = \frac{t_p \Delta t}{t_p + \Delta t} = \text{effective time}$

Objective: convert build-up data into equivalent drawdown data

$$\Delta t_{\rm eff\,L} = \left(t_p\right)^{1/2} + \left(\Delta t\right)^{1/2} - \left(t_p + \Delta t\right)^{1/2} \qquad \Delta t_{\rm eff\,SPH} = \left(t_p\right)^{-1/2} + \left(\Delta t\right)^{-1/2} - \left(t_p + \Delta t\right)^{-1/2}$$

AGARWAL EFFECTIVE TIME

Objective: convert build-up data into equivalent drawdown data that can be analysed with drawdown type curves

John Lee, Well Testing, SPE Textbook Series Vol. 1, 1982, page 63

4.2 Fundamentals of Type Curves

Many type curves commonly are used to determine formation permeability and to characterize damage and stimulation of the tested well. Further, some are used to determine the beginning of the MTR for a Horner analysis. Most of these curves were generated by simulating constant-rate pressure drawdown (or injection) tests; however, most also can be applied to buildup (or falloff) tests if <u>an equivalent shut-in</u> time⁸ is used as the time variable on the graph.

PROBLEM:

Over-corrects if t_p is small compared to Build-up duration
Reduces a long build-up into a short equivalent drawdown
Modifies the shape of boundaries

PANSYSTEM defaults to equivalent time,
AGARWAL EFFECTIVE TIME

 \Box Over-corrects if t_p is small compared to Build-up duration **Reduces a long build-up into a short equivalent drawdown**





 $\log \Delta t$ and $\log \Delta t_{eff}$

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INFLUENCE OF AGARWAL EFFECTIVE TIME ON DERIVATIVE SHAPES

□Modifies the shape of boundaries





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PANSYSTEM defaults to equivalent time, and the author now concurs with Gringarten that default to elapsed time would be preferable.

In summary: When you need it (t_p is small), it does not work When it works, you don't need it

Comparison between ∆p'=d∆p/dIn∆t and d∆p/d∆t derivatives



Comparison between $\Delta p'=d\Delta p/dln\Delta t$ and the Derivative of the Pressure Integral



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Comparison between $\Delta p' = d\Delta p/dln\Delta t$ and $\Delta p/2\Delta p'$

Onur and Reynolds SPE 16473 1988



Comparison between $\Delta p' = d\Delta p/dln\Delta t$ and $pi'/\Delta p'$



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Comparison between various derivatives and derivative ratios for Example 1

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Summary: PRESSURE DERIVATIVE ANALYSIS

ADVANTAGES:

- Powerful identification

LIMITATIONS:

- It is calculated (except when obtained by deconvolution)
 - Affected by data quality and derivation algorithm
 - Affected by production history