

## Analysis of extended test on Well V





## **BAFFLES (Drawdown)**

#### 10<sup>5</sup> Pressure $(kh/\mu)_{1/2}$ $(\phi c_t h)_{1/2}$ r<sub>1</sub>, ft r<sub>2</sub>, ft $(kh/\mu)_{1/3}$ $(\phi c_t h)_{1/3}$ # 10 10 100 110 1 1 1 3 104 2 100 100 100 110 1 1 Change 0.001 100 100 100 110 0.001 4 5 10 10 100 110 0.01 0.01 3 10 and Derivative 2 10 2 4 Unit Sloper 1 10 (psi) 5 10<sup>0</sup> $10^{-3}$ 10<sup>1</sup> 10<sup>3</sup> - 1 10 Elapsed time (hrs)

## **BAFFLES (Drawdown)**



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## **BAFFLES (Build-up)**

### **Cross section Well V**

#### Well V



### **Cross section Well H**



## **Extended test on Well V**



### Analysis of extended test on Well V





## **Test on Well H**







## Analysis of test on Well H







## **Shortening of reservoir limit tests**



Flow period duration, hours

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SPE 93988

## **Complex sandstone bodies**







Transverse Cross-sections





### **LEVELS OF RESERVOIR HETEROGENEITY**



(Example in Deltaic Reservoir)

## **Genetic-type Objects**



#### **TWO-POROSITY CHANNEL**







## **MEANDERING CHANNEL**



## **p**<sub>D</sub>: solution to the diffusivity equation

### DIFFUSIVITY EQUATION •linear for oil (single phase) •non-linear for gas or multiphase

LINEARISATION OF THE DIFFUSIVITY EQUATION

• gas pseudo-pressure (real gas potential)

$$m(p) = 2\int_{p_0}^p \frac{p}{\mu(p)z(p)} dp \qquad p_0 = 1 atm$$

$$m(p) = 2 \int_{p_0}^p \frac{p}{\mu(p) z(p)} dp \qquad psi^2/cp$$



#### **Normalised Pseudo-Pressure**

$$m_n(p) = \left(\frac{\mu Z}{2p}\right)_{p_i} \int_{p_0}^p \frac{2p}{\mu(p)z(p)} dp \quad \mathbf{psi} \longrightarrow \qquad p = 4000 \text{ psi}$$
$$m_n(p) = 2000 \text{ psi}$$
$$m(p) = 10^9 \text{ psi}^2/\text{cp}$$

### **Well Test Analysis**

$$p_{D} = \frac{1}{50300} \frac{kh}{Tq_{sc}} \frac{T_{sc}}{p_{sc}} \{m[p(\Delta t)] - m[p(\Delta t = 0)]\}$$
$$p_{D} = \frac{kh}{141.2[q_{sc}B]\mu} \{m_{n}[p(\Delta t)] - m_{n}[p(\Delta t = 0)]\}$$

 $[q_{sc}B]$  in Bbl/D with  $q_{sc}$  in MScf/D and B in RBbl/MScf

### **Pseudo-Time**

$$t_{ps}(p) = \int_{t_0}^t \frac{dt(p)}{\mu(t) c_t(t)}$$
$$= \int_{p_0}^p \frac{dt / dp}{\mu(p) c_t(p)} dp$$

#### **Normalised Pseudo-Time**

$$t_{ps}(p) = (\mu c_t)_{\bar{p}} \int_{p_0}^{p} \frac{dt / dp}{\mu(p) c_t(p)} dp$$



Time from the start of the test



$$S' = S + Dq_{sc}$$

### MATERIAL BALANCE CORRECTION (SPE 36820)

During a reservoir limit test, the average pressure can be estimated with the usual material balance relationship:

$$\frac{\overline{p}}{\overline{z}} = \frac{p_i}{z_i} \left( 1 - \frac{G_p}{G_i} \right) \longrightarrow m(\overline{p})$$

where Gi is initial gas volume and Gp the cumulative gas production.

The pseudo-steady state equation:

$$p_D = 2\pi \frac{r_{we}^2}{A} t_{DA} + 1.151 \left[ \log \frac{A}{r_{we}^2} - \log C_A + 0.786 \right]$$

yields a different average pressure:

$$m(p_{pp}) = m(p_i) - 2.349 \frac{Tq_{sc}}{\phi \mu_i c_{ti} hA} \Delta t = m(p_i) - 2.349 \frac{T}{\phi \mu_i c_{ti} hA} G_p$$

Must correct the analytical model by  $m(\overline{p}) - m(\overline{p}_{pp})$ 

### **MULTIPHASE FLOW ANALYSIS**

Perrine, R.L.: "Analysis of Pressure · Build-Up Curves," <u>Drill. and Prod. Prac.</u>, API (1956) 482. Martin, John C.: "Theoretical Foundation of Multiphase Pressure Buildup Analysis," J. Pet. Tech. (Oct. 1959) 321-323.

#### **TOTAL EQUIVALENT RATE:**

$$\begin{pmatrix} q \ B_t \end{pmatrix} = q_o B_o + q_w B_w + q_g B_g & (B_t) = B \text{ of dominant phase, vol/vol} \\ = q_o B_o + q_w B_w + \begin{pmatrix} q_{sg} - q_o R_{so} & -q_w R_{sw} \end{pmatrix} B_g \\ \text{RB/D} & \text{RB/D} & \text{RB/D} & \text{scf/D} & \text{scf/STB} & \text{RB/scf} \\ \textbf{YIELDS TOTAL MOBILITY: } (k / \mu)_t = k_o / \mu_o + k_w / \mu_w + k_g / \mu_g$$

$$(k/\mu)_i = (k/\mu)_t \frac{(qB)_i}{(qB)_t}, i = o \text{ or } w$$

$$(k/\mu)_g = (k/\mu)_t \frac{(q_{sg} - q_o R_{so} - q_w R_{sw})B_g}{(qB)_t}$$

$$\text{if no gas in reservoir : } (q_{sg} - q_o R_{so} - q_w R_{sw}) = 0$$

#### **ASSUMPTIONS:**

- Phases uniformly distributed in the reservoir
- Saturations constant and independent of pressure
- Capillary pressures neglected (pressure is the same in the different phases)

### Well tests in volatile oil and gas condensate reservoirs

Well tests in volatile oil and gas condensate reservoirs below the saturation pressure are usually difficult to interpret because of the gas or condensate bank formation at the wellbore (Gringarten et al., 2006)



### Capillary number effect on condensate bank



### **3- Region composite behavior**


# **Example of 3-Region composite behaviors**



### Wellbore storage increases due to phase redistribution in the well:

# gas condensate well



### METHODOLOGY

#### • Numerical compositional simulation

To generate synthetic multi-rate well test data including capillary number and non-Darcy flow effects

#### • Well test analysis

- Single-phase pseudo-pressure formulation
  - To assess the impact of capillary number and inertia effects on the skin factor
  - To estimate skin due to presence of second phase
- Two-phase pseudo-pressure formulation
  - To eliminate two-phase flow effect on the skin

### **Gas-Condensate Well Test Analysis**

$$m_{(1-\varphi)} = 2\int_{p_0}^p \frac{p}{\mu(p)Z(p)}dp$$

**Two-phase steady-state pseudo-pressure (real gas potential)** 

accounts for the variation of fluid properties and relative permeability with pressure (single fluid equivalent)

$$m_{(2-\varphi)} = 2 \int_{p_0}^{p} \left(\frac{R_s k_{ro}}{\mu_o B_o} + \frac{k_{rg}}{\mu_g B_g}\right) dp$$

### **Gas-Condensate Well Test Analysis**



Gringarten et al.: "Well Test Analysis in Lean Gas Condensate Reservoirs: Theory and Practice", SPE 100993 (2006)

Lean gas condensate, North Sea



# Rich gas condensate, Algeria



### Experimental study- Forchheimer Diagram (lean and rich gases)







### **Rich Gas** $p_{dew}$ = 4835 psia (1 $\phi$ and 2 $\phi$ PP)



# **Volatile Oil** p<sub>bubble</sub>= 4474 psia (Pressure and 2φPP)



### **Uncertainties in interpretation results**

#### **Evaluation of confidence intervals in well test interpretation results**

- **1.** errors in pressure and rate measurements
- 2. uncertainties in basic well and reservoir parameters
- **3.** quality of the match with the interpretation model
- 4. non-uniqueness of the interpretation model



# **Errors in input data**

Stati	nd	Percentage of error			
dæt	$\int f$	Corrected for errors with logs	Not corrected for errors with logs		
a Ø	Norma	15 % standard	5 % standard		
h	Triangular	deviation 50 %	deviation 15%		
r	Triangular	ftr%	error I0%		
w		error	error		

		Above bubble point Below bubble point		
В	Uniform	10 % error	5 % error	
μ	Uniform	5 % error	5 % error	
C <sub>o</sub>	Uniform	Accuracy good near bubble point	10 % above 500 psi	
		50 % low at high pressure	20 % below 500 psi	
q	Normal	10 % standard deviation		

Spivey and Pursell (1998)



Quality of the match with the interpretation model

Assumption: (hD2/CD)match

Normal distribution with parameters: 1,699.20 Mean Standard Dev. 676.30

Selected range is from - Infinity to + Infinity Mean value in simulation was 1,696.27

Assumption: (zwD)match

Normal distribution with parameters:	
Mean	0.51
Standard Dev.	0.15

Selected range is from - Infinity to + Infinity Mean value in simulation was 0.51

Assumption: (hwD)match

Normal distribution with parameters: 0.52 Mean Standard Dev. 0.06

Selected range is from-Infinity to +Infinity Mean value in simulation was 0.52

Assumption: (d1)D

Normal distribution with parameters:	
Mean	4,394.00
Standard Dev.	1,262.00

Selected range is from - Infinity to + Infinity Mean value in simulation was 4,403.74



#### Assumption: CDe2s

Normal distribution with parameters: 62.23 Mean Standard Dev. 1.56

Selected range is from - Infinity to + Infinity Mean value in simulation was 62.23

#### Assumption: Pressure Match, PM

Normal distribution with parameters: 5.26E-02 Mean Standard Deiv. 3.47E-03

Selected range is from - Infinity to + Infinity Mean value in simulation was 5.26 E-2

Assumption: Time Match, TM

Normal distribution with parameters:	
Mean	120.70
Standard Deiv.	9.60

Selected range is from - Infinity to + Infinity Mean value in simulation was 120.71



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	S	±0.5

Equivalence between manual and software match uncertainty, for an oil well						
Manual well test results uncertainty		Dimensionless match results uncertainty				
kh ±10%	is equivalent to	PM ±13%				
C ±10%		TM ±17 %				
S ±0.5		C <sub>D</sub> e <sup>2S</sup> ±10%				
d <sub>i</sub> ±30%		(d <sub>1</sub> ) <sub>D</sub> ±13%				













75% probability	Min	Mean	Max	
kh (mD.ft)	1870	2190	2550	
C (bbl/psi)	6.13E-02	7.28E-02	8.77E-02	
S	-2.43	-2.25	-2.1	
d (ft)	693	87	1093	
		6		
75% probability	-	Mean	+	
kh (mD.ft)	32	2190	36	
C (bbl/psi)	0.0011	0.0728	0. <b>0</b> 149	
S	50.18	-2.25	0.15	
d (ft)	18	87	21	
	2	6	- 7	
75% probability	-	+	<i>'</i>	
kh (mD.ft)	15%	16		
C (bbl/psi)	16%	20		
S	-8%	<b>%</b> ø%		
d (ft)	21%	25		
		%	-	
kh 2000	±20%			

kh	2000	±20%
С	0.07	±20%
S	-2.3	±0.5
d	900	±30%
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# **Uncertainties in deconvolution**



# **TEST DESIGN**

### **TEST OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the test is to determine the characteristics of the well and formation:

- productivity, behaviour
- permeability, skin, initial pressure
- distance to boundaries

while minimizing the duration of the test.

### **TEST INTENDED SCHEDULE**

Sequence	Duration	Rate	Results
First flow	2 min.	500 BOPD	Initial reservoir pressure
First Build up	1 hour	0	
Second flow	6 hours	1000 BOPD	Behaviour before acid
Second Build up	9 hours	0	
Acidification	5 hours	0	
Third flow	16 hours	2000 BOPD	Behaviour after acid
Third Build up	37 hours	0	

# **TEST DESIGN**

The well will be partially penetrating a chalk oil reservoir. A double porosity behavior is expected, combined with wellbore storage and skin, and partial penetration.

The objective of the design is to predict the likely response of the well and to refine the test schedule within practical limits in order to increase the probability that the test can be interpreted and the desired parameters calculated.

# **TEST DESIGN**



Elapsed time,  $\Delta t$  (hours)

	Case #	11	12	13	14	15	16
Fracture permeability, mD	k <sub>f</sub>	25	25	25	25	25	25
Matrix permeability, mD	k <sub>m</sub>	1	1	1	1	1	1
Well radius, in.	r <sub>w</sub>	4.250	4.250	4.250	4.250	4.250	4.250
Formation thickness, ft	h	410	410	410	410	410	410
Perforated interval, ft	h <sub>w</sub>	164	164	164	164	164	164
Porosity	φ	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27
Bubble point pressure, psi	Pb						
Total Compressibility, psi <sup>-1</sup>	Ct	2.00E-05	2.00E-05	2.00E-05	2.00E-05	2.00E-05	2.00E-05
Oil compressibility, psi <sup>-1</sup>	Co	1.74E-05	1.74E-05	1.74E-05	1.74E-05	1.74E-05	1.74E-05
Oil viscosity, cp	μο	2	2	2	2	2	2
Oll formation volume factor, Bbl/Bbl	B <sub>o</sub>	1.39	1.39	1.39	1.39	1.39	1.39
Water salinity, ppm	S	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Water compressibility, psi <sup>-1</sup>	Cw	3.30E-06	3.30E-06	3.30E-06	3.30E-06	3.30E-06	3.30E-06
Water viscosity, cp	μ <sub>w</sub>	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
MODEL							
Early times		WB,S,PP	WB,S,PP	WB,S,PP	WB,S,PP	WB,S,PP	WB,S,PP
Reservoir Behavior		2P	2P	2P	2P	2P	2P
Late times		Infinite	Infinite	Infinite	Infinite	Infinite	Infinite
Skin	S	0	-4	0	-4	0	-4
Tubing radius, in.	r <sub>t</sub>	2	2	2	2	2	2
Tubing length for downhole shut-in, ft	L	607	607	607	607	607	607
Wellbore storage coefficient, bbl/psi	$C=c_o 2\pi r_t L$	0.006	0.065	0.006	0.065	0.006	0.065
Average length of matrix block, ft	1	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	10.8	10.8
Dimension order of matrix block	n	3	3	3	3	3	3
Shape factor, ft <sup>-1</sup>	$\alpha = 4n(n+2)/l^2$	2.7548	2.7548	2.7548	2.7548	0.2559	0.2559
Interporosity coefficient	$\lambda = \alpha r_w^2 k_m / k_f$	1.38E-02	1.38E-02	1.38E-02	1.38E-02	1.28E-03	1.28E-03
Storativity ratio	$\omega = (\phi V c_t h)_f / (\phi V c_t h)_{f+m}$	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Equivalent reservoir thickness ( water>oil),	$h_e = h_w + (h-h_w) \operatorname{sqrt}(c_w \mu_w / c_o \mu_o)$	410	410	410	410	410	410
Mid perforation location, ft from bottom	Z <sub>w</sub>	328	328	328	328	328	328
Vertical permeability, mD	kz	2.5	2.5	20	20	2.5	2.5





# **EXPECTED TEST BEHAVIOUR**

- Double porosity BEHAVIOUR will be observed only with 10m and above matrix block dimensions
- Wellbore storage should be observed if early time measurements start at 4 second intervals
- Radial flow in front of the well opening corresponding to k<sub>r</sub>h<sub>w</sub> should be reached after about 10 hours
- Final radial flow corresponding to  $k_rh$  will not be observed during the test. Reaching that radial flow would take approximately 2000 hours if  $k_z = 2.5$  mD and 600 hours if  $k_z = 20$  mD. In other words, the lower reservoir boundary will not be seen during the test.
- At the end of the third drawdown, boundaries will be seen if they are within 80 m (265 ft) from the well
- To help the analysis, a spinner survey should be run to determine the well length open to flow.
- There is no significant additional knowledge to be learned by having the third drawdown last 37 hours as opposed to 16 hours. The duration of that third Build up can be adjusted during the test.
- The analysis will be made more difficult if the pressure around the well drops below the bubble point and if water coning occurs due to vertical fractures.

# **9 QUESTIONS BEFORE STARTING A WELL TEST ANALYSIS**

### **RESERVOIR QUESTIONS**

# 1) What type of rock?

Expect double porosity behaviour with:

- limestone
- carbonate
- granite
- basalt
- unconsolidated sand

Expect composite behaviour with acidised carbonate (r<sub>1</sub> about 3 ft)

No double porosity behaviour with consolidated sandstone

- 2) Is this a layered reservoir?
- 3) Any known boundary, producing or injecting well near nearby, gas cap, water contact?

# **9 QUESTIONS BEFORE STARTING A WELL TEST ANALYSIS**

# WELL QUESTIONS

4) Is the well vertical, slanted or horizontal?

5) How was the well completed?

- acidised
- fractured
- Iimited entry

Expect high skins in limited entry wells

on gas lift

In gas lift wells, expect increasing wellbore storage effects which may override any reservoir behaviour

6) How long has the well been in production?

# **9 QUESTIONS BEFORE STARTING A WELL TEST ANALYSIS**

### **FLUID QUESTIONS**

# 7) What is the dominant phase?

- oil
- gas
- water

# 8) How many phases?

- in the wellbore
- in the reservoir

Expect phase redistribution and increasing wellbore storage if wellbore fluids have different densities

# 9) What is the bubble point pressure (oil) or dew point pressure (condensate gas)?

Expect composite behaviour if pressure falls below the bubble point pressure (oil) or dew point pressure (condensate gas)

# **10 CHECKS DURING ANALYSIS**

DATA VALIDATION

- 1) Check pressure gauges
- 2) Check start and end of flow periods
- 3) Check rate consistency

MODEL DIAGNOSTIC

- 4) Check time and pressure at start of flow period
- 5) Check derivative smoothing
- 6) Remember the answers to the 9 questions
- 7) use common sense

# MATCHING AND FINAL RESULTS

- 8) Check  $(P_{av})_i$  on the simulation
- If different from Horner Match, keep (P<sub>av</sub>)<sub>i</sub> from simulation and regress on the other parameters in Horner Match
- If much less than known value, consider adding boundaries to the model
- 9) Check result consistency between flow periods
- 10) Use common sense

# List of data required for well test analysis

Pressure and temperature data versus time since the well was first tested Flow rate data i.e. gas, oil and water production rate since the well was first tested Reservoir structure map for faults location i.e. from seismic data Composite logs Location and production or injection details of other wells near-by Test report

#### Basic reservoir data

Initial pressure Matrix porosity Reservoir thickness Wellbore radius Perforation length Well deviation angle Core data, i.e. porosity, permeability, vertical to horizontal permeability ratio Wireline logs data, i.e. porosity and permeability

### **Other data**

Gas oil contact Oil water contact Three phase relative permeability curves Reservoir depth Completion diagram

### Fluid properties

PVT report
Average reservoir pressure
Average reservoir temperature
Dew point / bubble point pressure
Gas composition or gas specific gravity with CO2 and H2S contents
Gas properties, i.e. compressibility, viscosity, formation volume factor, and z factor
Water properties, i.e. compressibility, viscosity, formation volume factor, and water salinity
Oil properties, i.e. compressibility, viscosity, and formation volume factor
CGR, GOR, and/or solution gas water ratio
Total compressibility

# **Understanding pressure data**



### **DATA EARLY TIME CORRECTION**



### **DATA LATE TIME CORRECTION**



### **RATE CORRECTION**



Derivative



# Well test analysis report



# SUMMARY OF CURRENT KNOWLEDGE

**RESULT FROM WELL TEST ANALYSIS:** 

**HOMOGENEOUS / HETEROGENEOUS:** 

**HETEROGENEOUS MEANS:** 

**ANALYSIS REQUIRES:** 

**SOLUTION NON-UNIQUE:** 

**BEHAVIOUR (Interpretation Model)** 

Applies to Behaviour, not to Description

Noticeable change in Mobility kh/ $\mu$  and Storativity  $\phi\mu c_t$ 

**Pressure AND rates** 

By definition: Checking procedure (matching) Compare (geology, logs, other tests) More rate and pressure data
# WELL TEST ANALYSIS: THE FUTURE

## **NEW SIGNALS:**

- Impulse Testing
- Multilayered Testing
- Harmonic Testing (Fluid acceleration / wave equation)

**NEW TOOLS:** 

## - Downhole multiphase flowmeter

#### **NEW TECHNIQUES:**

- Better Identification
- Better Verification
- Deconvolution
- Data mining

#### **NEW MODELS:**

- Multilayered
- Multiwell
- Better representation of the geology

**NEW REQUIREMENTS:** 

- Reservoir characterisation
- Protection of the Environment

- sp<sub>D</sub> in Laplace domain
- Second Derivative

# WELL TEST ANALYSIS: THE FUTURE

# **TYPE OF TESTS**

- Exploration: Wireline formation tests
- Production: Permanent gauges

# **COMPUTER AIDED ANALYSIS**

- No approximation necessary
  - Superposition instead of Horner
  - Multirate type curves instead of Effective time
- Deconvolution
- Expert system for Model diagnostic
- Direct model generation
- Non-linear regression
- Artificial Intelligence

## **BATCH TO INTERACTIVE TO BATCH**

- Powerful computers with expert system
- Uncertainty bounds
- Bayesian approach: probability ranked alternative solutions

#### **SOFTWARE = PRODUCTIVITY AND EASE-OF-USE**

## STILL NEED TO THINK