# **Advanced Reservoir Engineering**

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# Chapter 7 Field Development Plan-Development Well Pattern Design and Adjustment

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# Section 1 Reservoir/Field Development Planning

### **Petroleum Industry**



Geological survey





Exploration



**Development and Production** 



#### Refining



#### Marketing

# **Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Cycle**



# **Oil or Gas Field Life Cycle**

#### **Field Development Planning (FDP)**



Measuring System

Expected workovers

#### Task 1 Data Collection

Classification	Data	Acquisition Timing	Responsibility
Seismic	Structure, stratigraphy, faults, bed thickness, fluids, inter-well heterogeneity	Exploration	Seismologists, Geophysicist
Geological	Depositional environment, diagenesis, lithology, structure, faults, and fractures	Exploration, discovery & development	Exploration & development geologists
Logging	Depth, lithology, thickness, porosity, fluid saturation, gas/oil, water/oil and gas/water contacts, and well-to-well correlations	Drilling	Geologists, petrohysicists, and engineers
Coring		Drilling	Geologists, drilling and reservoir engineers, and laboratory analysts
Basic	Depth, lithology, thickness, porosity, permeability, and residual fluid saturation		
Special	Relative permeability, capillary pressure, pore compressibility, grain size, and pore size distribution		
Fluid	Formation volume factors, compressibilities, viscosities, chemical compositions, phase behavior, and specific gravities	Discovery, delineation, development, and production	Reservoir engineers and laboratory analysts
Well Test	Reservoir pressure, effective permeability-thickness, stratification, reservoir continuity, presence of fractures or faults, productivity and injectivity index, and residual oil saturation	Discovery, delineation, development, and production and injection	Reservoir and production engineers
Production & Injection	Oil, water, and gas production rates, and cumulative production, gas and water injection rates and cumulative injections, and injection and production profiles	Production & Injection	Production and reservoir engineers

#### From A. Satter & G. Thakur

#### Task 2 Reservoir Study for FDP

- Reservoir characterization for size, complexity, productivity and the type and quantity of fluid it contains
- Reservoir modelling is a standard tool for solving a variety of fluid flow problems involved in recovery of oil and gas from the porous media of reservoirs.
- Evaluation of Development Strategies
  - Evaluation Recovery schemes: natural depletion; natural depletion assisted by water (Water-flood), gas injections, alternate water and gas injection, etc.
  - Oil, Gas and Water Production Forecast





### **Expected Reservoir Study Outcomes**

- Original Hydrocarbon in place OHIP
- Recoverable Hydrocarbons (Reserves and Reserves classification: Proven, Probable, Possible)
- Oil, water and gas production profile (for field, well, flow units)
- Fluid Porosity map
- Permeability (vertical and horizontal) map
- Initial Static Pressure map
- Actual Static Pressure map (for brown fields)
- Fluids Saturation map
- Most probable reservoir drive mechanism and its strength

- Gas-Oil and the Oil-Water Contact depth
- Number of production wells to be drilled
- Duration of Natural Flow period for each well
- Identification of the most effective Secondary Hydrocarbon Recovery technique to be adopted
- Number of injection wells to be drilled (if required)
- Number of disposal wells to be drilled (if required)
- Surface and downhole coordinates of planned wells to be drilled
- Water or Gas Injection profile (if required)
- Workover plan to sustain the hydrocarbon production during the field life cycle

### **Example: Reserves Estimation-Volumetric Method**

Oil in place by the volumetric method is given by:

$$N(t) = \frac{V_b \phi(p(t)) \left(1 - S_w(t)\right)}{B_o(p(t))}$$

Where:

N(t)	= oil in place at time t, STB
Vb	= 7758 A h = bulk reservoir volume, bbl
7758	= bbl/acre-ft
A	= area, acres
h	= thickness, ft
φ <b>(p(t))</b>	= porosity at reservoir pressure p, fraction
Sw(t)	= water saturation at time t, fraction
$B_o(p(t)) = oil$	formation volume factor at reservoir pressure p, bbl/STB
p(t)	= reservoir pressure at time t, psia

#### **Areal Extent (productive limits of reservoir)**

- -Structure map -Seismic
- -Analogy

#### Net pay thickness -Well logs

#### **Porosity** –Well log and cores

#### Water saturation

-Well logs and/or cores

#### **Recovery efficiency**

- -Analogy
- -Drive mechanism
- -Reservoir characteristics

### **Development Planning**





- Type of well:
  - vertical, slanted, horizontal, multilateral
- Natural depletion or natural depletion augmented by fluid (water or gas) injections
- Well spacing number of wells, platforms, reserves, and economics

#### **Development Methods**

#### •Primary Recovery :

Using the natural energy of the reservoir as a drive to depressure reservoir •Secondary Recovery: Water flooding, sometimes gas injection for gas drive •Tertiary Recovery : Enhanced Oil Recovery, EOR, injection of gas, chemicals, microorganism •Infill Recovery

#### **Determined by drive mechanism**

- 1. Solution-gas drive (Liberation, expansion of solution gas)
- 2. Gas-cap drive
- 3. Water drive (Influx of aquifer water)
- 4. Closed expansion drive (Expansion of reservoir rock and compression of pore volume, Expansion of original reservoir fluids)
- 5. Combination drive
- 6. Gravity-drainage drive (Gravitational forces)

## **Development Strategy for Depletion or Solution Gas Drive Reservoirs**

#### Solution drive

Occurs on a reservoir which contain no initial gas cap or underlying active aquifer to support the pressure and therefore oil is produced by the driving force due to the expansion of oil and connate water, plus any compaction drive.



#### Energy supply

When the pressure in the vicinity of the wellbore drops below the bubble point pressure, gas will escape from the oil inside the reservoir and begin to expand.

The gas expansion will displace an increasing quantity of oil from the pore space in the rock.

When the pressure of the whole reservoir falls below saturation pressure, it is possible to form a "secondary gas cap".

#### **Development Strategy for Solution Gas Drive Reservoirs**

In a steeply dipping field, wells would be located down-dip. However, in a field with low dip, the wells must be perforated as low as possible.

### **Question:**

Why wells are in down-dip and perforated at lower interval?

 There are three distinct production phases, defined by looking at the oil production rate.



#### **Optimized Strategy for Solution Gas Drive Reservoirs**

- Recovery factor is low (5-30%)
- Technical considerations would be the external supply of gas, and the feasibility of injecting the fluids into the reservoir.
- Multiple reservoir <u>simulation runs</u>, combined with an adequate economic analysis, are require to define the problem



#### F. Jahn , M. Cook & M. Grahm 2008

#### **Development Strategy for Gas Cap Drive Reservoir**

The initial condition for gas cap drive is an initial gas cap. The high compressibility of gas provide drive energy for production, and the larger the gas cap, the more energy is available



#### **Energy supply**

The gas cap expands to fill the pore space formerly occupied by the oil, and thus displaces oil downwards towards the producing well.

**During Depletion** 

#### **Development Strategy for Gas Cap Drive Reservoir**

- Prolonged and slower decline due to highly compressible gas cap
- RF-20-60%
- Abandonment conditions are caused by very high producing GORs, or lack of reservoir pressure to maintain production
- The gas injection well would be located in the crest of the structure, injecting produced gas into the existing gas cap.



#### **Development Strategy for Water Drive Reservoir**

- According to the location of the aquifer relative to the reservoir, they are classified as :
  - **Peripheral water drive** the aquifer areally encircles the reservoir, either partially or wholly
- Edgewater drive the aquifer exclusively feeds one side or flank of the reservoir
- Bottomwater drive the aquifer underlays the reservoir and feeds it from beneath



#### **Development Strategy for Water Drive Reservoir**

- Injecting into the water column to avoid by-passing down-dip oil.
- If the permeability in the water leg is significantly reduced due to compaction or diagenesis, it may be necessary to inject into the oil column.
- Initially produce the reservoir using natural depletion, and to install water injection facilities in the event of little aquifer support
- Large increase in water cut over the life of the field, which is usually the main reason for abandonment.









#### **Gravity Drainage in Oil Reservoirs**



## **Combination Drive in Oil Reservoirs**

- At least two main drive mechanisms
- This compromise must take into account the strength of each drive present, the size of the gas cap, and the size/permeability of the aquifer.



#### **Development details of the Oil Recovery Scheme**





#### **Recovery factors for different drive types mechanism**

Drive mechanism	<b>Percent ultimate recovery [%]</b>		
	Gas	Oil	
Strong water	30–40	45–60	
Partial water	40–50	30–45	
Gas expansion	50–70	20–30	
Solution gas	N/A	15–25	
Rock	60–80	10–60	
Gravity drainage	N/A	50-70	



#### **Secondary- Waterflooding**

Waterfooding is the injection of water into a wellbore for pressure maintenance as well as pushing, or "driving" oil to another well where it can be produced. The principal reason for waterflooding an oil reservoir is to increase the oilproduction rate and, ultimately, the oil recovery.

 This is accomplished by "voidage replacement"—injection of water *to increase the reservoir pressure* to its initial level and maintain it near that pressure.

•The water displaces oil from the pore spaces, but the efficiency of such displacement depends on many factors (e.g., oil viscosity and rock characteristics).

•Waterflooding is one of the most widely used post-primary recovery method. Reservoir engineers are responsible for waterfood design, performance prediction, and reserves estimation. They share responsibilities with production engineers for the implementation, operation.



William M. Cobb & Associates, Inc.



#### Wettability, Absolute Permeability, Relative Permeability and Critical Saturation

- Wettability is a fundamental property, being that it influences the fluid saturations and relative permeability.
- The relative permeability to a fluid is defined as the ratio between the effective permeability to that fluid and the absolute permeability of the rock. Absolute permeability is an intrinsic property of reservoir rock, and defines the ease with which a fluid can flow through the interconnected pore spaces when the rock is saturated in a single fluid, whereas effective permeability defines a fluid's ability to do the same in the presence of other fluids (water, gas, oil).

- Therefore, relative permeability is a property that is dependent on the fractions or saturation degree of the different fluids present in the porous medium, and <u>by definition can vary</u> <u>between zero and one</u>. The greater the percentage of fluid present in the porous medium, the higher its relative permeability will be.
- On the other hand, every fluid has a saturation point, referred to as critical saturation; below this point, the fluid is no longer mobile, though still present within the porous medium; <u>at that point the relative permeability becomes zero</u>.

#### **Relative Permeability Curve**

- During the viscous displacement flood, the water saturation increases from its irreducible value ( $S_{wc}$ ), at which it is immobile, to the maximum or flood-out saturation ( $S_w = 1 S_{orw}$ ) at which the oil ceases to flow.
- S<sub>orw</sub>, is the residual oil saturation representing the unconnected oil droplets trapped in each pore space by surface tension forces at the end of the waterflood.

Consequently the maximum amount of oil than can be displaced (recovered) during a waterflood is:

$$MOV = PV (1 - S_{orw} - S_{wc})$$


### **Factors governing the waterflooding process**

- Three are the factors governing the oil recovery efficiency achievable by the waterflooding process. They are:
  - Mobility ratio
  - Heterogeneity
  - Gravity

### - Mobility ratio M

M ≤ 1 means that the injected water cannot travel faster than the oil and therefor displaces the oil in perfect piston-like manner.
M ≤ 1 Stable displacement (piston-like displacement)
M > 1 Unstable displacement (water fingering, poor oil recovery)

# Mobility ratio [M] impact on Sweep Efficiency



# Waterflooding -Proven Method to Increase Oil Recovery



# **Tertiary recovery (EOR)**

• The objective of EOR is to economically increase displacement efficiency. The key factor is the mobility ratio, M:

$$M = \lambda_w / \lambda_o = [k_{rw}(S_w) / \mu_w] / [k_{ro}(S_o) / \mu_o]$$

Mobility ratio is a function of viscosity and relative permeability, which in turn depends on saturation.

- EOR involves mobility control of various kinds that can:
- change oil and water viscosities
- change interfacial tensions
- change oil and water saturations

## **History of Secondary and EOR Development Methods**



## **Detailed EOR Technologies**



# **Thermal recovery**

- Cyclic steam injection (huff and puff or steam soak)-high rate injection of slugs of steam and soak for 5-10 days, then production for 100-200 days
- Steamflood (steam drive, same pattern of injectors and producers as waterflood)
- Fireflood (in-situ combustion for high permeability, heat for reducing viscosity+steam drive+gas drive)
- microwave heating (EM wave to heat)

# Miscible EOR (only proven economically method)

- Principle: some fluids are miscible with crude oil (methane, ethane, CO<sub>2</sub> etc) and can be used to displace oil with no capillary resistance.
- The effect of adding a miscible fluid to the reservoir is to "swell" the oil and increase So and hence k<sub>ro</sub>.
- An additional benefit of miscible hydrocarbon gases and CO<sub>2</sub> is that they dissolve in oil to lower its viscosity.

## **Infill Recovery**

• Is carried out when recovery from the previous three phases have been completed. It involves drilling cheap production holes between existing boreholes to ensure that the whole reservoir has been fully depleted of its oil.

### **Expected Sequence of Oil Recovery Methods**



#### TABLE 20.1—SCREENING CRITERIA FOR SELECTING IMPROVED RECOVERY PROCESSES

Process	Rock Type	Average <i>k</i> md	Depth ft	Oil Viscosity cp	<i>T</i> <sub>R</sub> ⁰F
Waterflood Immiscible	Either	>5*	NR**	<100	NR**
Hydrocarbon	Either	>1000	NR**	<20	NR**
$\dot{O}_2, N_2$	Either	>1000	NR**	<20	NR**
Miscible					
High-pressure hydrocarbon	Either	All	>5,000	<5	NR**
Enriched hydrocarbon	Either	All	>3,000	<5	<b>NR**</b>
CO <sub>2</sub>	Either	All	>3,000	<10	<b>NR**</b>
$N_2$	Either	All	>6,000	<5	NR**
Thermal					
Steam	Either	+	200 to 5,000	>20	NR**
Combustion	Sandstone	†	>1,000	NR**	NR**
Chemical					
Polymer	Either	>100	NR**	<40	<200
Alkaline	Sandstone	>100	NR**	<40 <sup>‡</sup>	<200

\*Can be <1 md for carbonates; \*\*NR = no restriction;  ${}^{\dagger}kh/\mu$  >100;  ${}^{\ddagger}acid$  number>0.2.

### **Well Architecture**

- Vertical
- Slanted
- S-shape
- Horizontal
- Multilateral



### Well Type by Shape

 This gives us the flexibility to select the most appropriate, according to the production target and the subsurface formation characteristics.

## **Well Drilling and Completion Planning**

- The drilling of a well involves **a major investment** ranging from a few million US\$ for onshore well to 100 million US\$ for a deepwater exploration well.
- Well engineering is aimed at maximizing the value of this investment by employing the most appropriate technology and business process, to drill a "fit for purpose" well, at the minimum cost, without compromising safety or environmental standards
- To optimize the design of a well it is desirable to have as accurate a picture as possible of the subsurface: identification of boundaries, heterogeneities, and anisotropies.



M. J. Economides -A. D. Hill – C. Ehlig-Economides – D. Zhu Copyright © 2013 Pearson Education, Inc. The subsurface team will define optimum location and well architecture for the planned wells to penetrate the trajectory through the objective sequence.

Completion engineering, as part of is that part FDP integrated team, is responsible of well completion design aimed to maximize production (or injection) in a cost-effective manner.



- Vertical well is the ideal solution to produce from a single flow unit having a large net pay or multiple flow units can be produced commingled.
- Easy to be drilled.
- Very good bottom hole accessibility.
- Less expensive.



# **J-shape**

J-shape wells are made up of a vertical section, a deep kick off and a build up to target. They are also called Deep Kick off wells or J Profile wells (as they are J - shaped). The well is deflected at the kickoff point, and inclination is continually built through the target interval (Build). The inclinations are usually high and the horizontal departure low.

This type of well is generally used for multiple sand zones, fault drilling, salt dome drilling, and stratigraphic tests.



# **Horizontal Well**

- Horizontal wells have been employed in a variety of reservoir applications:
  - Thin zones
  - Naturally fractured reservoirs,
  - Reservoirs with water and gas coning problems
  - Low permeability reservoirs
  - Gas reservoirs
  - Heavy oil reservoirs
  - Waterflooding
  - EOR applications.

### **Disadvantages of horizontal wells are:**

High cost as compared to a vertical well.

Generally only one zone at a time can be produced using a horizontal well.

If the reservoir has multiple pay-zones, especially with large differences in vertical depth, or large differences in permeability, it is not easy to drain all the layers using a single horizontal well.



# **Multilateral well**

A multilateral is a well with more than one branch (lateral).

### **Multilaterals find wide applications:**

- *—Compartmentalized reservoirs*
- *Stacked intervals*
- Increased reservoir drainage
- *Reducing drawdown*
- Slot constrained platforms or pads.



# Well Planning Adjustment

### Middle Wolfcamp Targeting Uplift Example



Optimized "as drilled" targeting results demonstrate 25% improvement in 90-day cumulative oil from type curve

**Original Plan Optimized** "As Drilled" Projected 90-day Cumulative: 34,487 BO Actual (7,317' Lateral) Percent of 90-day Cumulative Oil (BO) 90-day Production<sup>1</sup> **Type Curve** Actual: 38,430 BO 125% shgrade EUR & **NPV targets** Original: 31,453 BO 103% Plan new weile & Acquire & entre operation Type Curve: 30,655 BO 100% EARTH MODEL DEVELOPMENT CYCLE erform lookback Multivariat ysis & cor natistics Create

30 production attribute

Middle Wolfcamp Targeting Example

# **Well Completion Strategy**



Figure 1.5 Economic influence of completions.

# **Completion Planning**

- Wells to be completed can be **producers or injectors**.
  - A **producer** can be an oil or gas producer well.
  - An injector can be an water, gas (hydrocarbon gas or waste products such as carbon dioxide, Sulphur, hydrogen sulphide, etc.), steam well injector or disposal well.
- Completion planning of a producer, involves:
  - Defining the well architecture
  - Defining the mode of formation fluid production: Natural flow or assisted flow by Artificial Lift system.
  - Choosing the **equipment** to be used
  - Selecting materials
  - Defining operational guidelines

 The completion planning for the injector is the same of the producer but considering that the is in of "hydraulic injection flow condition" only.

 The completion design mast take into account the evolution of the production/injection characteristics (BHFP, WC, GOR) of the well along the field life time, according to the production/injection forecast.

# **Single Completion**

•Single zone completion is one of the types of upper completion which allows producing only one zone. Production tubing is a flow path for fluid from a reservoir to flow to the surface so it protects the casing from corrosion and maximizes the efficiency of the flow.

•In a single tubing string completion, typically a packer is set on top of a reservoir so the reservoir fluid can flow up into the production tubing. Types of packers are based on several factors as temperature, pressure, reservoir fluid, etc. Additionally, complexity of tubing and packer installation is driven by objectives.



# **Multiple zone completion**

Multiple zone completion is one type of completion which allows operators to selectively produce or comingle reservoir fluid from different zones into one well.

It is also possible to workover the upper part of completion string without removing the next interval completion.

Additionally, through tubing perforation is can performed at the bottom zone.

A multiple zone completion can be divided into two parts, which are **single string completion** and **multiple string completion**.



# **Single Multiple Zone Completion**

- A multiple-string configuration consists of two or more completion strings in one well.
- This is more expensive and complicated to install than a single-string configuration. However, it has some advantages such as the ability to simultaneous produce or inject into different zones in commingled.



# **Dual Multi zone Completion**

- A multiple-string configuration consists of two or more completion strings in one well.
- This is more expensive and complicated to install than a single-string configuration. However, it has some advantages such as the ability to simultaneous produce and inject into different zones and has a more accurate production allocation than a single string type.



# **Horizontal well**

# **Typical Completion**



# **Multilateral Completion**

### Multilateral technology can be used in a variety of scenarios including:

- The development of in fill field programs with limited slots.
- The extension of field life by accessing new reserves.
- The development of **deepwater** plays.

### Generally, multilaterals can be divided i

- Re-entry Where an existing well is re-entry the existing well bore.
- New development -Where a new well is branches and various completion types a

### Design concepts

In a multilateral completion, a unique system horizontal laterals to a parent well bore, allow be selectively produced or commingled.



#### **FIRST MULTILATERAL WELL IN MIDDLE EAST**
# **Offshore Development**



- For the dry tree system, trees are located on or close to the platform, whereas wet trees can be anywhere in a field in terms of cluster, template, or tie-back methods.
- Globally, more than 70% of the wells in deepwater developments that are either in service or committed are wet tree systems.

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# **Reservoir Heterogeneity**





(b)

(**d**)

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Small-scaled wave ripples superimposed on a hummocky cross stratified Sandstone

# **3D** heterogeneity from regional scale to nano-scale

# **3D Heterogeneity**



## **Reservoir Heterogeneity for Development**

- All oil reservoirs are heterogeneous rock formations. The primary geological consideration for development is <u>to determine nature and</u> <u>degree of heterogeneities in a particular oil field.</u>
- Matrix permeability variation in the vertical direction causes displacing fluid to advance faster in zones of higher permeability and results in earlier breakthrough in such layers.
- To achieve a good recovery factor, the displacement fluid, whether of natural origin or induced by injection, must efficiently sweep the hydrocarbons in the pore spaces and must also come into contact with the greatest possible volume of the reservoir.
- The macroscopic displacement efficiency, in turn, is the product of two elements: **areal sweep efficiency and vertical invasion efficiency.**

# **Pay zone identification**



# **Pay zone identification**



# **Major Pay Zone Identification**



# Net Pay

What is the different between net pay and gross thickness? Net Pay Gas **Net Pay** Oil Reservoir **Net Pay** Thickness Net Pay Water

**Net pay (net productive) thickness:** It is the thickness of those intervals in which porosity and permeability are known or supposed to be high enough for the interval to be able to produce oil or gas, water and gas is not included to the net pay thickness.

**Gross thickness:** (also referred to reservoir thickness) It is the thickness of the stratigraphically defined interval in which the reservoir beds occur, including such non-productive intervals as may be interbedded between the productive intervals. In other words, it's the thickness of the whole reservoir.



**Heterogeneous reservoir** 

# High quality to Low Quality Net Pay

#### Illinois Basin



Only ~20% of net reservoir is over 7%  $\phi$ ("conventional pay"). That means that ~80% of the porous rock is below 7%  $\phi$  (potentially, "tight pay").





12.0% φ, 47.3 mD, Swi 20.6%, Krg, Krg 0.993

# **Reservoir to Net Pay**



# **Reservoir Heterogeneity**

- Areal sweep efficiency. Areal sweep efficiency, is defined as the ratio between the area of the reservoir with which the displacement fluid comes into contact and the reservoir's total area
- Vertical sweep efficiency. Vertical sweep efficiency is a parameter that expresses the degree of displacement of the oil by the displacement fluid along a vertical section of the reservoir at a specific moment in its productive life.



## Well Injection and Production allocation factors



Porosity and well positions for a model consisting of subset of the Tarbert formation in Model 2 from the 10th SPE Comparative Solution Project





K.A.Liu, 2015

# Impact of Permeability distribution across a continuous reservoir section on Displacement Efficiency



The majority of the injected water enters at the base, this leads to premature breakthrough.

The Practice of Reservoir Engineering – L. P. Dake - 2001

## **Heterogeneous K-Well Production allocation**





**Figure 6.** Comparison of recovery percentage in the reservoir ranging from 0 to 5 PV (**a**) separated and commingling production; (**b**) each different permeability layer (solid line, commingling production; dotted line, separated production).

A.P. Byrnes, et al

Cross-plot showing the dependence of cumulative gas on the vertical permeability ( $k_v$ ) for a reservoir with 0.01 md and a 1-ft thick bed of 100 md,  $P_{initial}$ =450, BHP=50 psi.

F. Shen, et al., 2018, Energies

## **Zonation for Development**

- Different injection patterns and well pattern for reservoirs with different properties
- The different layers in one development zone should have similar reservoir and fluid properties, e.g. similar permeability and pressure
- Each development zone should have good barriers above and below to prevent interference between different zones
- Injection and production allocation for different layers with different properties



# Commingled or Separated Production

N/O sand structure map (Weiland, 2008) and cross-section (Reynolds, 2000)



#### **One Well – Three Reservoirs and Different Leases**



3 tubing strings producing from 3 different reservoirs:

•The Texas RRC requires operators to file production separately for each reservoir. The allocation is performed separately for each oil reservoir. There can be different wells associated with the lease-level production for each reservoir

# **Commingled Production**



## **Map view of Allocated vs Unallocated Production**

#### Allocated Production





The 9 Wells producing on the Cusack Ranch Lease have a green circle with black dot at the bottom hole location of each well. The allocated cumulative volume for each well is shown by the size of the circle. The total of the Allocated Volumes is 1,536,395 BO matching the total volume of the unallocated production.



All 1,536,395 BO reported for the Cusack Lease is reported to a single API number. Bubble mapping will assign all volume to the single "Primary API number" associated with the lease.

# **Development Zonation Adjustment**

#### One development system in 1973

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1980:
Oil production dropped 2t/d,
fw=95%, Pf:200 a t
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#### Adjustment:

separation and producing Oil production increased to 97.8t/d, fw=2.2%



#### **Question:**

Which layer has the increased production?

## **Development Adjustment for Multilayer payzones**



#### Lu and Xu, 2017, SPE-186431

- a. Inverted nine-spot pattern;
- b. commingled water injection resulting in
- Nonuniform injection between upper and lower Intervals;
- c. zonal water injection resulting in enhanced injection in the upper interval and reduced injection in the lower interval



Figure 10—Diagram showing: a. permeability contrast among sub-units of SII9-10 reservoir; b. well pattern of SII9 after injection-production unit subdivision; and c. well pattern of SII10 after injection-production unit subdivision (Modified from Wang, 2011).

# **Well Spacing Rules**



# Well Spacing for Horizontal Well

#### Vertical spacing of horizontal wells needs to be >400'



# **Normal Well Spacing and Target Areas**





~ 698 - 820 m

~ 928 m

One gas well per pool per

4 units (NTS) or,

1 section (DLS)

#### OIL WELL SPACING AREA





One oil well per pool per 1 unit (NTS) or, 1/4 section (DLS)

# **Well Spacing is Pool Specific**



# **Spacing Patterns**



# **Parameters of Typical Spacing**



## **Injector/Producer Well Patterns for Waterflooding**



In waterflooding, water is injected into one or more injection wells while the oil is produced from surrounding producing wells spaced according to the desired patterns



## **Example-peripheral injection pattern**



## Even water drive, low water cut No more than 3 line producers effected

## **Direct line drive**

## Well distance =a

$$m = 1:1$$
$$F = 2a^{2}$$
$$S = a^{2}$$

## parameters:

- a: well distance
- d: distance between lines of
  - injectors and producers
- m: producer injector ratio
- F: area controlled per injector
- S: well density( area per well)



## **Inverted nine spot**

m = 3:1 $F = 4a^2$  $S = a^2$ 

Applied in early period

Less injectors

Flexible to adjustment



## Nine spot:





Applied in later period

For reinforced liquid production



For five spot well pattern, normal and inverted well arrangements are the same.

For reinforced injection and production

### Inverted square seven spot (skewed four spot )



$$m = 2:1$$
$$F = 3a^{2}$$
$$S = a^{2}$$
### Square seven spot (inverted skewed four spot)



$$m = 1:2$$
$$F = 1.5a^{2}$$
$$S = a^{2}$$

### Triangular well pattern



- I —Inverted seven spot
- II —Seven spot
- III —Staggered line drive
- IV, V, VI—Honeycomb well pattern

#### Question:

#### **Alternative patterns for I and II?**



### Inverted seven spot (four spot)



## Seven spot( inverted four spot)



$$m = 1:2$$
  

$$F = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4}a^{2} = 1.299a^{2}$$
  

$$S = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a^{2} = 0.866a^{2}$$

#### Staggered line drive well pattern



$$m = 1:1$$
  

$$F = \sqrt{3}a^2 = 1.732a^2$$
  

$$S = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a^2 = 0.866a^2$$

## **Question-**Well Pattern?



Black dot-production well; Blue dot-injection well

#### Waterflood Design





### **Factors Affecting Selection of Waterflood Pattern**

- 1. Know the geology, reservoir properties and drive mechanism first.
- 2. Provide desired oil production capacity.
- **3.** Provide sufficient water injection rate to yield desired oil productivity.
- 4. Maximize oil recovery with a minimum of water production.
- 5. Take advantage of known reservoir nonuniformities i.e., directional permeability, regional permeability differences, formation fractures, dip, etc.
- 6. Be compatible with the existing well pattern and require a minimum of new wells.
- 7. Be compatible with flooding operations of other operators on adjacent leases.
- **8.** Consider the future adjustment at the beginning of design.

### **Pattern Orientation**





the orientation of the rows of producers and injectors must take into account any permeability anisotropy and naturalfracture orientation



## **Example of Well Sites on a Field**

- A large carbonate field in Abu Dhabi.
- Wide variation in petrophysical properties from the south to the north of the structure.

• South:

h = 90m, k = 400mD -> peripheral flood

• North:

 $h = 30m, k = 50mD \rightarrow five-spot pattern$ 



(Basics of Reservoir Engineering, R. Cosse)

### Well Pattern Adjustment and Conversion

With the further development and recognition of reservoir heterogeneity, well pattern adjustment and reduced well space will be taken, with the recombining of oil layers.

Line drive changed to staggered line drive pattern



#### Well Pattern Adjustment and Conversion

#### **Inverted nine spot changed to direct line drive**



#### **Inverted nine spot changed to five spot**



#### Well Pattern Adjustment and Conversion

#### **Inverted nine spot changed to normal nine spot**



Well Pattern Adjustment and Conversion

#### Square well pattern



Producer
 Injector
 infill producer

#### **Cumulative Waterflood Recovery**

Np 
$$\propto N * E_A * E_V * E_D$$

 $N_P$  = Cumulative Waterflood Recovery, BBL. N = Oil in Place at Start of Injection, BBL.  $E_A$  = Areal Sweep Efficiency, Fraction  $E_V$  = Vertical Sweep Efficiency, Fraction  $E_D$  = Displacement Efficiency, Fraction

### **Waterflood Recovery Factor**

$$\frac{N_{p}}{N} = RF \qquad \begin{array}{c} RF \propto \underbrace{E_{A} * E_{V}}_{E_{VOL}} * E_{D} \end{array}$$

- **E**<sub>A</sub> = f (MR, Pattern, Directional Permeability, Pressure Distribution, Cumulative Injection & Operations)
- **Ev** = f (Rock Property variation between different flow units, Cross-flow, MR)
- **Evol** = Volumetric Sweep of the Reservoir by Injected Water
- **E**<sub>D</sub> = f (Primary Depletion, So,  $\overline{S}$ o, K<sub>rw</sub> & K<sub>ro</sub>,  $\mu_o$  &  $\mu_w$ )

## Waterflood Progress-Areal



## Waterflood Progress-Vertical



## **Areal Sweep Efficiency** [E<sub>A</sub>]



Fraction of the horizontal plane of the reservoir that is

- behind the flood front at a point in time.
- **Factors affecting E<sub>A</sub>:** 
  - Mobility ratio
  - Well spacing
  - Pattern geometry
  - Areal heterogeneity

## **Mobility Ratio**

• Mobility =

permeabili ty of rock to fluid fluid viscosity

• Mobility ratio:

$$M = \frac{\text{Mobility of water}}{\text{Mobility of oil}}$$
$$= \frac{\frac{k k_{rw}}{\mu_w}}{\frac{k k_{ro}}{k_{ro}}} = \frac{k_{rw} \mu_o}{k_{ro} \mu_w}$$

## **Mobility Ratio Effects**

$\mathbf{M} = 1$	Neutral	Water and oil move equally well
M < 1	Favorable	Oil will move easier than water
M > 1	Unfavorable	Water will move easier than oil

For five-spot patterns, areal sweep efficiency (ASE) at breakthrough is over 95% for mobility ratios less than 0.2. At M = 1.0, ASE = 67% and at M =10, ASE = 50%.



## **Areal Sweep Efficiency** [E<sub>A</sub>]



(The Reservoir Engineering Aspect of Waterflooding, Forrest F. Craig)

## **Vertical Sweep Efficiency**



#### **Factors affecting E<sub>I</sub>:**

- Gravity
- Barriers to vertical flow
- Lateral pay discontinuities
- Completion interval inconsistencies

## **Effects of Gravity**



### **Lateral Pay Discontinuities**



### **Completion Interval Inconsistencies**



### Willhite's Correlation for Five Spot Volumetric Sweep Efficiency with WOR = 50.



## Chapter 7 Field Development Plan-Development Well Pattern Design and Adjustment

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## **Oil Recovery Efficiency**

#### **Oil recovery efficiency** = $E_D \times E_A \times E_V$



## **Residual Oil or Bypassed Oil**



## **Attic Oil**



## **Bypassed Play from Inappropriate Design**

Fig. 1.6: WATER MISTAKE: When important oilfield decisions are made with incomplete or incorrect geological information, production can be severely reduced and large volumes of bypassed oil left behind. Here, a channel which had not been identified prior to waterflooding takes injection water away from the production wells.

#### **Geological Control on Residual Pays**



an ICF report (I.C.F., 1996).

The recently developed 3-D seismic technology can provide the necessary information to properly map the reservoir.
## **ROZ from Waterflood-Permian Basin Example**





Spotty oil stain in tighter portion of burrowed open marine wackestone,



## **Seminole San Andres Unit** - The Gold Standard for Brownfield ROZ's



SSAU MPZ & ROZ Crossection and Zonal Attributes

# **Development of Residual Oil**







## Infill Drilling to EOR Also, development adjustment

#### Figure 1.4 – GLSAU Production History: Jan 94 – Jun 15







## Pre-CO<sub>2</sub> Flood 2009 Post-C

#### Green > 15% Reservoir –corrected Sor



#### Post-CO<sub>2</sub> Flood 2013

# **Development Adjustment**



^ Single-stage treatment diversion: radioactive tracers and production logs. With limited-entry techniques, some zones are not stimulated effectively and others may remain untreated. In this example, six pay zones over a 300-ft [90-m] gross interval were fractured through 24 perforations. A radioactivetracer survey shows that the three upper zones received most of the treatment fluids and proppant, while the three lower zones were not adequately stimulated (*left*). If an interval did not take fluid at the beginning of a treatment, perforation erosion in other sands eliminated the backpressure necessary for diversion. The lowest zone contributes no production; the other two contribute very little flow on the production log spinner survey (*right*).

## Isolate and Stimulate Individual Intervals

#### K.F.Degenhardt, et al., 2001, Oilfield Review



^ Conventional and selective stimulations. Fracturing several zones grouped in large intervals, or stages, is a widely used technique. However, fluid diversion and proppant placement are problematic in discontinuous and heterogeneous formations. Conventional treatments, like this four-stage example, maximize fracture height, often at the expense of fracture length and complete interval coverage (*left*). Some zones remain untreated or may not be stimulated adequately; others are bypassed intentionally to ensure effective treatment of more permeable zones. Selective isolation and stimulation with coiled tubing, in this case nine stages, overcome these limitations, allowing engineers to design optimal fractures for each pay zone of a productive interval (*right*).

#### K.F.Degenhardt, et al.,2001, Oilfield Review

Selective fracture stimulation to better develop previous pay zones and bypassed pay zones



^ Coiled tubing-conveyed fracturing with a single tension-set packer and sand plugs.



### **Coiled tubing-**Conveyed fracturing

^ Multistage coiled tubing-conveyed fracturing operation with early straddle-isolation tools.

#### K.F.Degenhardt, et al.,2001, Oilfield Review



^ Coiled tubing-conveyed fracturing with a single tension-set packer for casing and tubing protection.

#### K.F.Degenhardt, et al.,2001, Oilfield Review



^ Coiled tubing-conveyed fracturing with a single packer and mechanical bridge plugs. In south Texas, a well with casing damage near the surface and a bypassed zone between existing open perforations was stimulated successfully with coiled tubing. The operator set a bridge plug to isolate the lower zone before running a tensionset packer on coiled tubing to isolate the upper zone and protect the casing. This technique eliminated a costly workover and remedial cementsqueeze operations.



^ Well 3-3-27-5W5M, Wildcat Hills field. Previous attempts to stimulate the Viking formation as a continuous interval were not successful because of difficulty in intersecting multiple zones with conventional single-stage fracture treatments. Closely spaced perforated intervals prohibited isolation with a packer and sand or bridge plugs. Selective CoilFRAC treatment placement simulated four zones individually to increase recovery by isolating and fracturing pay that often is bypassed or left untreated. Secondary goals were to simplify several days of completion operations into a single day and reduce cost.



^ Pre- (*left*) and post-stimulation (*right*) evaluation. Production log spinner surveys in Viking Well 4-21-27-5W5M confirmed that CoilFRAC selective fracturing treatments in each Viking sand improved the production profile and total gas rate (*right*).

#### K.F.Degenhardt, et al.,2001, Oilfield Review

## **Development Adjustment-Gel**



Oil reservoir with conformance problems



Oil reservoir after conformanceimprovement treatment using hydrogel

### **Question:** what is the role of GEL?

## **Development Adjustment-Gas and water improving vertical sweep**



## **Development Adjustmentsurfactant floods are applied in the field**



1. Situation after some time of waterflooding; S<sub>or</sub> and bypassed oil



## **Development Adjustment-Tracer**

Reservoir Interval	Type of CO2 Injection Well Completion			
	ОН	Partial Perf Plus OH	Dual MPZ/ROZ	ROZ Only
	(% CO <sub>2</sub> )	(% CO <sub>2</sub> )	(% CO <sub>2</sub> )	(% CO <sub>2</sub> )
Gas Cap	7%	25%	6%	0%
MPZ	72%	48%	77%	1%
ROZ	19%	20%	17%	99%
Other	2%	7%	0%	0%

Table 4.16. Impact of Well Completion Design on CO<sub>2</sub> Profile

## **Question:**

Which well is ROZ only completion?

What is Well B's completion?





#### Well B





#### Waterflooding OPTIMIZATION-Injection Adjustment: Zonal water injection

Lu and Xu, 2017, SPE-186431





# **Commingled Production for Multilayer payzones**



Lu and Xu, 2017, SPE-186431

commingled water injection resulting in water cut increase from 35% to 60%

zonal water injection resulting in enhanced injection in the upper interval and reduced injection in the lower interval

# **Changing pattern and injection direction**



## Line cutting

to

## peripheral line injection



## Water Shut-off to improve areal sweep efficiency



## **Question:**

# Why the areal sweep efficiency is improved?

Lu and Xu, 2017, SPE-186431

# Subdividing the injection-production units



Figure 10—Diagram showing: a. permeability contrast among sub-units of SII9-10 reservoir; b. well pattern of SII9 after injection-production unit subdivision; and c. well pattern of SII10 after injection-production unit subdivision (Modified from Wang, 2011).

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Structure contour, m TVDSS

#### Lu and Xu, 2017, SPE-186431

Spacing in SII9 was reduced from 300/260 m to 250/200 m with infill drilling

Spacing in SII9 was increased from 300/260 m to 480/300 m



Time (Month)

Figure 11—SII10 Unit production performance.

# **Optimum development for MB1 layer of the Mishrif Formation of Halfaya**

Schematic diagram of the areal waterflooding well pattern with " low injection rate for single well with uniform and stronger areal flooding efficiency".



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