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General Information



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- 1/2-day course
- Session 1: 8 am – 12 pm Central Time
- Interactive class
- Ask questions – drive the course emphasis
 - In chat
 - ... or unmute to ask question (mute when not talking😊)
- Will send out all digital material after class (class recording, presentations etc.)
- Some content in this slide deck is meant for presentation purposes, while some parts are meant for reference.

Disclaimer

The course is tailored for practitioners, i.e., folks that need PVT properties, or to understand fundamental PVT, in their day-to-day work for different reasons (*reservoir, production, processing, facility, exploitation, completion, geologists, petrophysics, managers, sales, marketing*).

The course will be of a more pragmatic character, i.e., we will focus on items that you can go out and apply immediately with readily available data and industry standard tools.

It is not tailored for "PVT experts" → we have a 5-day course for that (even though they are more than welcome as well 😊).

Hence, “advanced topics” that

- require a lot of detail (PVT lab QC, PVT lab reports, EOS development)
- or lack industry consensus (e.g. “nano pore” PVT)

will not be prioritized

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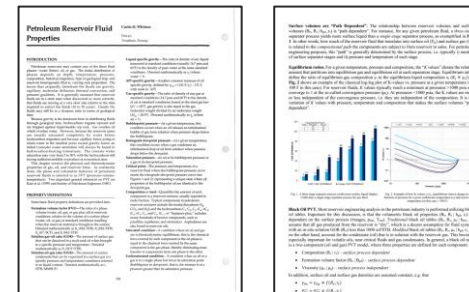
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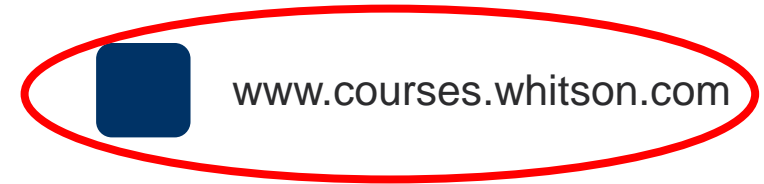
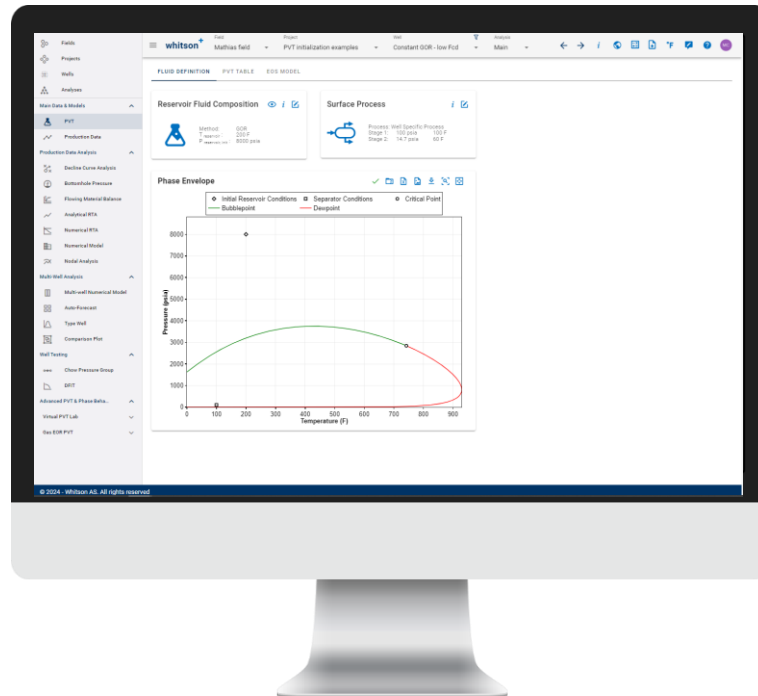
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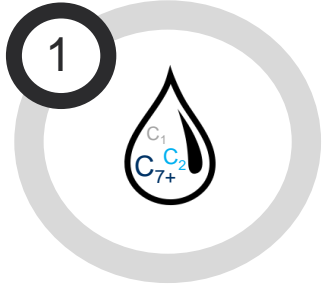
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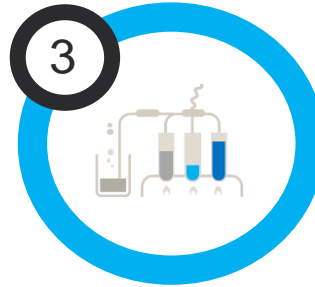
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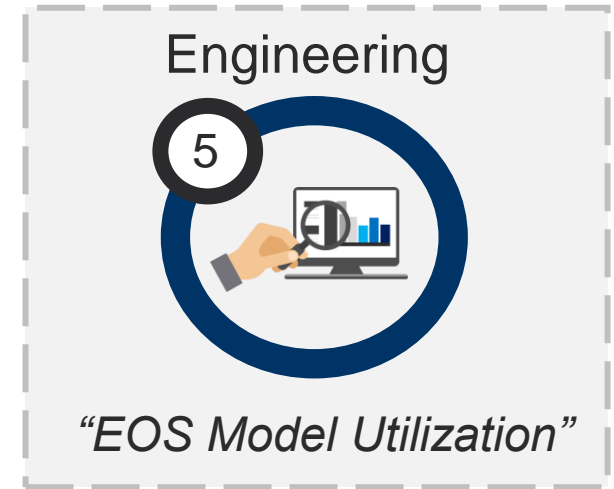
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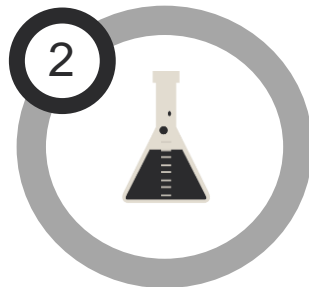
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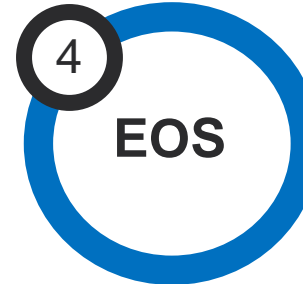
Engineering



Fluid Sampling



PVT Model



“EOS Model Development”

Course Goals

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- Classify reservoirs into **black oils**, **volatile oils**, **near-critical fluids**, **gas condensates**, **wet gases & dry gases**
- Understand the difference between “in-situ” and “reservoir” representative samples
- Conceptionally understand what an **EOS model** is and what the inputs are
- Predict PVT data (**composition**) from readily available data and EOS model
- Perform **fluid initialization** on a “shale well” using readily available data
- Estimate PVT properties at initial reservoir conditions from EOS model
- Calculate OOIP | OGIP for **OIL**, **GAS** and **TWO-PHASE** systems
- Generate PVT tables (B_o , R_s , μ_o , p_{bub} | B_{gd} , r_s , μ_g , p_{dew}) from EOS model
- Understand the most important parts of a PVT report

**PVT for the first
time?**

Exposed to PVT First Time?

Petroleum Reservoir Fluid Properties

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INTRODUCTION

Petroleum reservoirs may contain any of the three fluid phases—water (brine), oil, or gas. The initial distribution of phases depends on depth, temperature, pressure, composition, historical migration, type of geological trap, and reservoir heterogeneity (that is, varying rock properties). The forces that originally distribute the fluids are gravity, capillary, molecular diffusion, thermal convection, and pressure gradients. It is generally assumed that reservoir fluids are in a static state when discovered or, more correctly, that fluids are moving at a very slow rate relative to the time required to extract the fluids (10 to 50 years). Clearly the fluids may still be in a dynamic state in terms of geological time.

Because gravity is the dominant force in distributing fluids through geological time, hydrocarbons migrate upward and are trapped against impermeable cap rock. Gas overlies oil which overlies water. However, because the reservoir pores are usually saturated completely by water before hydrocarbon migration and because capillary forces acting to retain water in the smallest pores exceed gravity forces, an initial (connate) water saturation will always be found in hydrocarbon-bearing formations. The connate water saturation may vary from 5 to 50% with the hydrocarbons still having sufficient mobility to produce at economical rates.

This chapter reviews the physical and thermodynamic properties of gas, oil, and reservoir brine. As commonly done, the phase and volumetric behavior of petroleum reservoir fluids is referred to as PVT (pressure-volume-temperature). Two important general references on PVT are Katz et al. (1959) and Society of Petroleum Engineers (1981).

PROPERTY DEFINITIONS

Some basic fluid property definitions are provided here:

Formation volume factor (FVF)—The ratio of a phase volume (water, oil, gas, or gas plus oil) at reservoir conditions, relative to the volume of a surface phase (water, oil, or gas) at standard conditions resulting when the reservoir material is brought to the surface. Denoted mathematically as B_o (bbl/STB), B_g (bbl/STB), B_w (ft³/SCF), and B_{og} (bbl/STB).

Solution gas-oil ratio (GOR)—The amount of surface gas that can be dissolved in a stock tank oil when brought to a specific pressure and temperature. Denoted mathematically as R_s (SCF/STB).

Solution oil-gas ratio (OGR)—The amount of surface condensate that can be vaporized in a surface gas at a specific pressure and temperature; sometimes referred to as liquid content. Denoted mathematically as r_g (STB/MMSCF).

Liquid specific gravity—The ratio of density of any liquid measured at standard conditions (usually 14.7 psia and 60°F) to the density of pure water at the same standard conditions. Denoted mathematically as γ_L (where water = 1).

API specific gravity—Another common measure of oil specific gravity, defined by $\gamma_{API} = (141.5/\gamma_L) - 131.5$, with units in °API.

Gas specific gravity—The ratio of density of any gas at standard conditions (14.7 psia and 60°F) to the density of air at standard conditions; based on the ideal gas law ($pV = nRT$), gas gravity is also equal to the gas molecular weight divided by air molecular weight ($M_{air} = 28.97$). Denoted mathematically as γ_g (where air = 1).

Bubblepoint pressure—At a given temperature, this condition occurs when an oil releases an infinitesimal bubble of gas from solution when pressure drops below the bubblepoint.

Retrograde dewpoint pressure—At a given temperature, this condition occurs when a gas condenses an infinitesimal drop of oil from solution when pressure drops below the dewpoint.

Saturation pressure—An oil at its bubblepoint pressure or a gas at its dewpoint pressure.

Critical point—The pressure and temperature of a reservoir fluid where the bubblepoint pressure curve meets the retrograde dewpoint pressure curve (see Figures 1 and 2), representing a unique state where all properties of the bubblepoint oil are identical to the dewpoint gas.

Composition or feed—Quantifies the amount of each component in a reservoir mixture, usually reported in mole fraction. Typical components in petroleum reservoir mixtures include the nonhydrocarbons N_2 , CO_2 , and H_2S and the hydrocarbons C_1 , C_2 , C_3 , iC_4 , nC_4 , iC_5 , nC_5 , C_6 , and C_{7+} (C_{7+} , or “heptanes-plus,” includes many hundreds of heavier compounds, such as paraffins, naphthenes, and aromatics). Asphaltenes are also found in reservoir oils.

Saturated condition—A condition where an oil and gas are in thermodynamic equilibrium, that is, the chemical force exerted by each component in the oil phase is equal to the chemical force exerted by the same component in the gas phase, thereby eliminating mass transfer of components from one phase to the other.

Undersaturated condition—A condition when an oil or a gas is in a single phase but not at its saturation point (bubblepoint or dewpoint), that is, the mixture is at a pressure greater than its saturation pressure.

Recommendation Read *Petroleum Reservoir Fluid Properties* in digital handouts

PVT – What is This?

- In this course, we'll review the physical and thermodynamic properties of **gas** and **oil**
- As commonly done, the phase and volumetric behavior of petroleum reservoir fluids is referred to as **PVT** (pressure-volume-temperature)
- What about **water**?

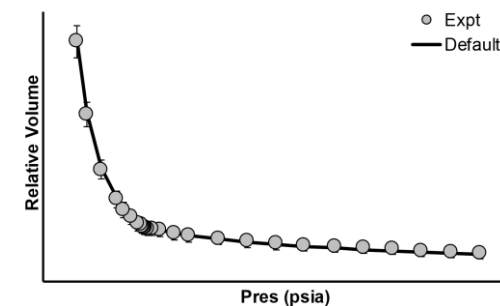
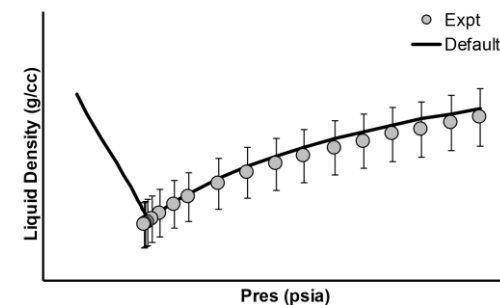
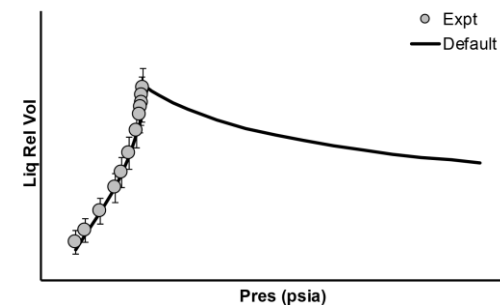
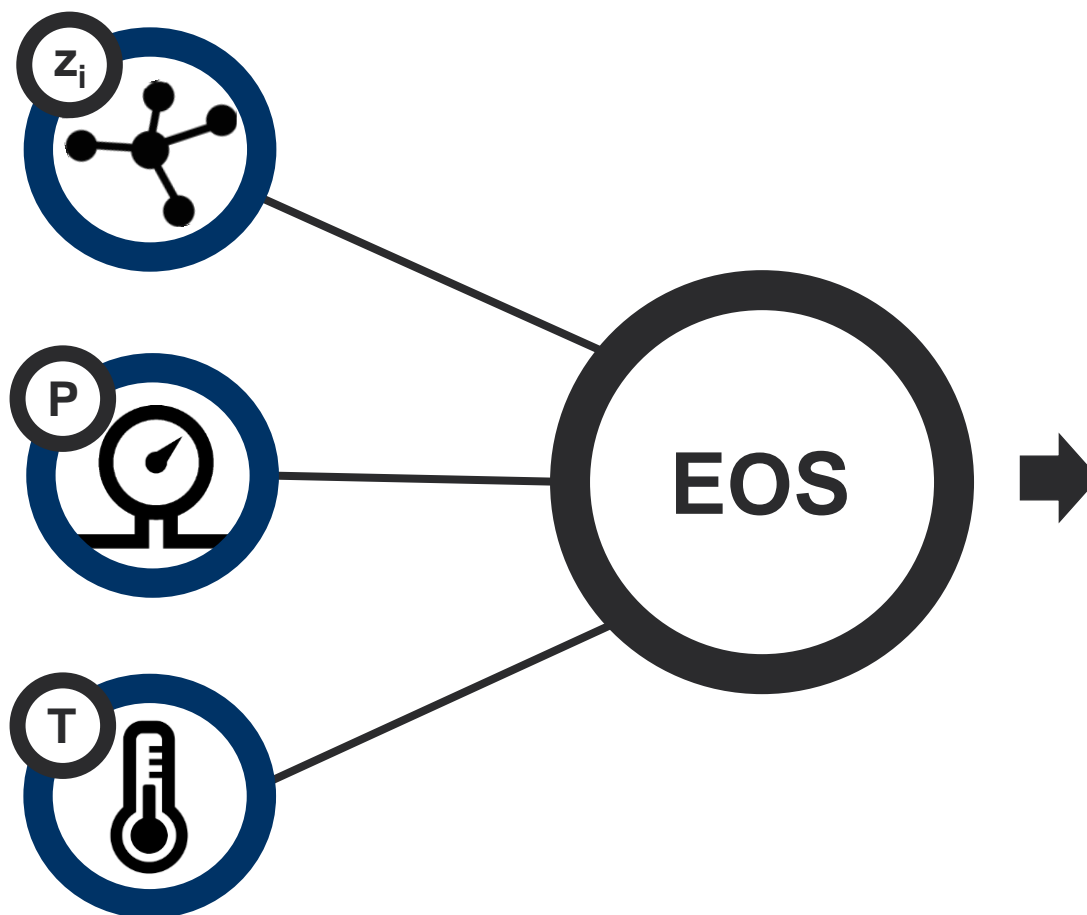
$$pV = nRT$$

Vocabulary

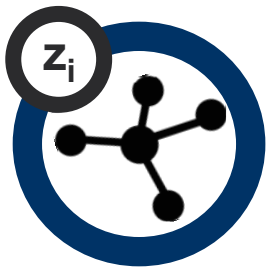
Vocabulary

- 1 EOS Model
- 2 Compositions
- 3 Flash
- 4 K-Values
- 5 “Representative” Samples
- 6 Solution CGR (r_s) aka Vaporized Oil Ratio (R_v)

What is an EOS Model?



What is a Composition?



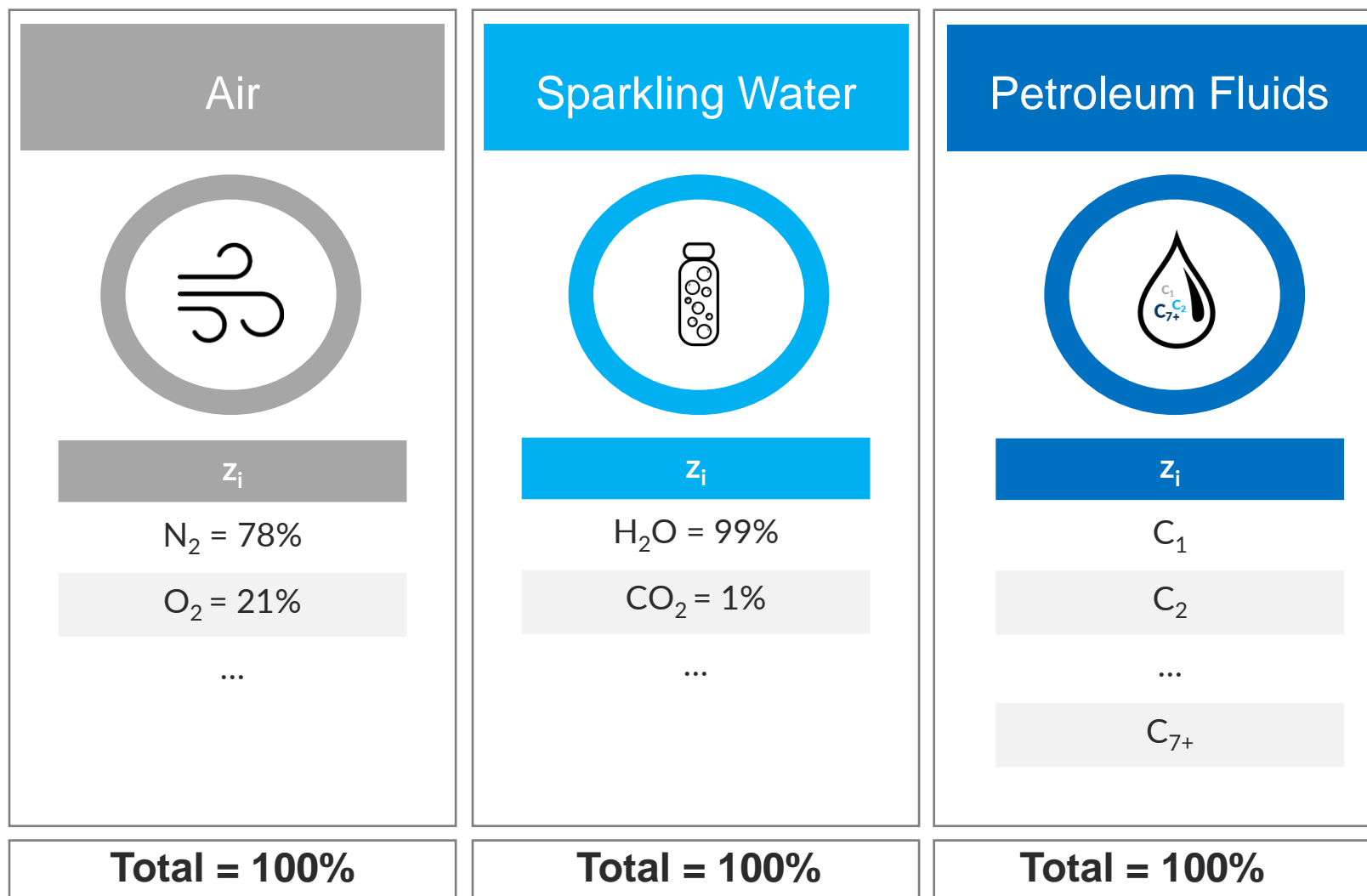
“The amount of different components”

usually expressed in mol%.

$$z_i = n_i / \sum_j n_j \quad | \quad y_i = n_{vi} / \sum_j n_{vj} \quad | \quad x_i = n_{Li} / \sum_j n_{Lj}$$

Total
Vapor
Liquid

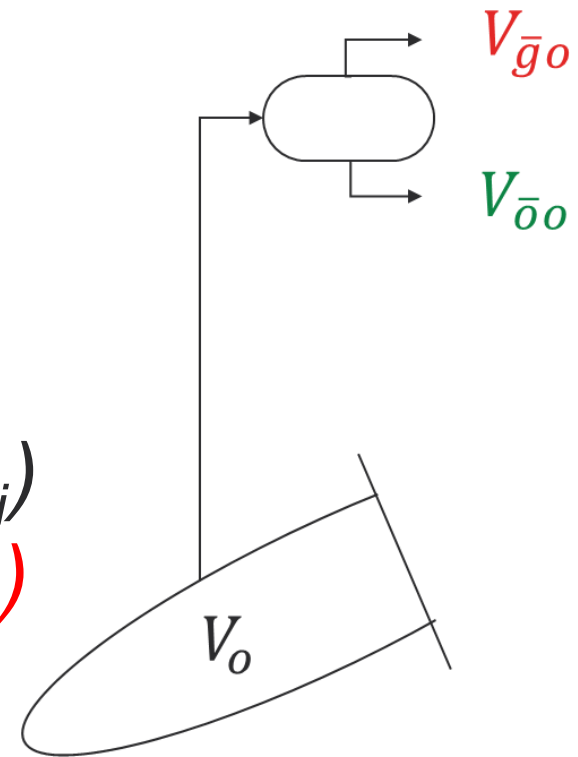
What is a Composition?





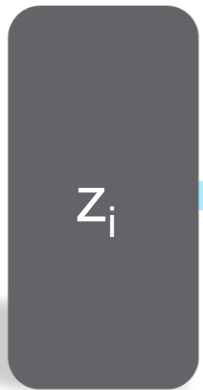
Two-phase isothermal flash calculations are used for processes with vapor/liquid-equilibrium (VLE).

A flash takes a feed stream (z_i) that separates into a Vapor (y_i) and Liquid (x_i) phases – or remains a single phase.



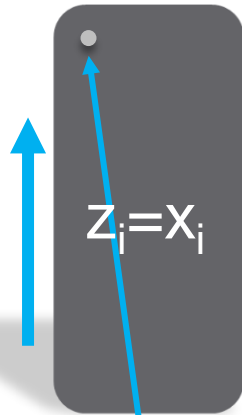
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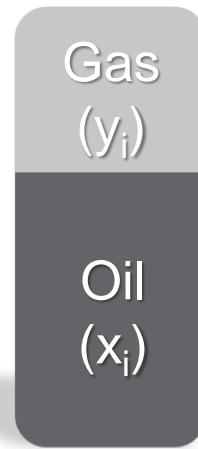


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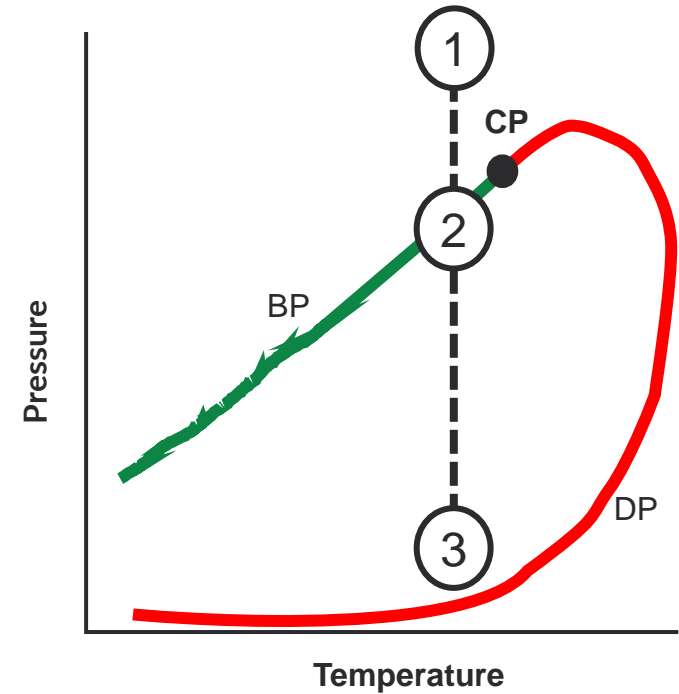
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$$F_g = \frac{n_g}{n_{\text{tot}}}$$

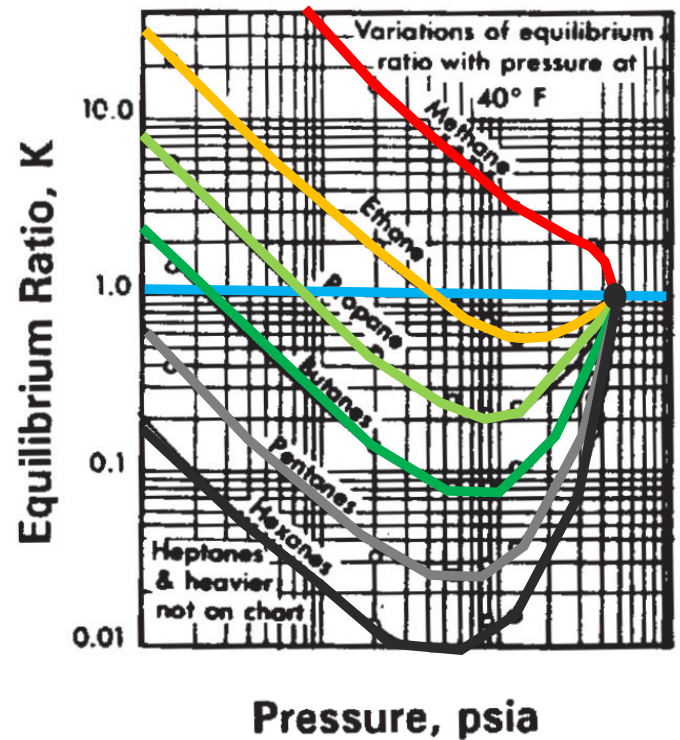


$$K_i \equiv y_i / x_i$$

K_i represents the relative preference of a component i to “be” in the gas phase or oil phase:

- $K_i > 1$ – Relative preference is to be in gas phase
- $K_i < 1$ – Relative preference is to be in the oil phase

For a given temperature (T) and composition (z_i)



“Reservoir Representative”

Any uncontaminated fluid sample produced from a reservoir is automatically representative of that reservoir

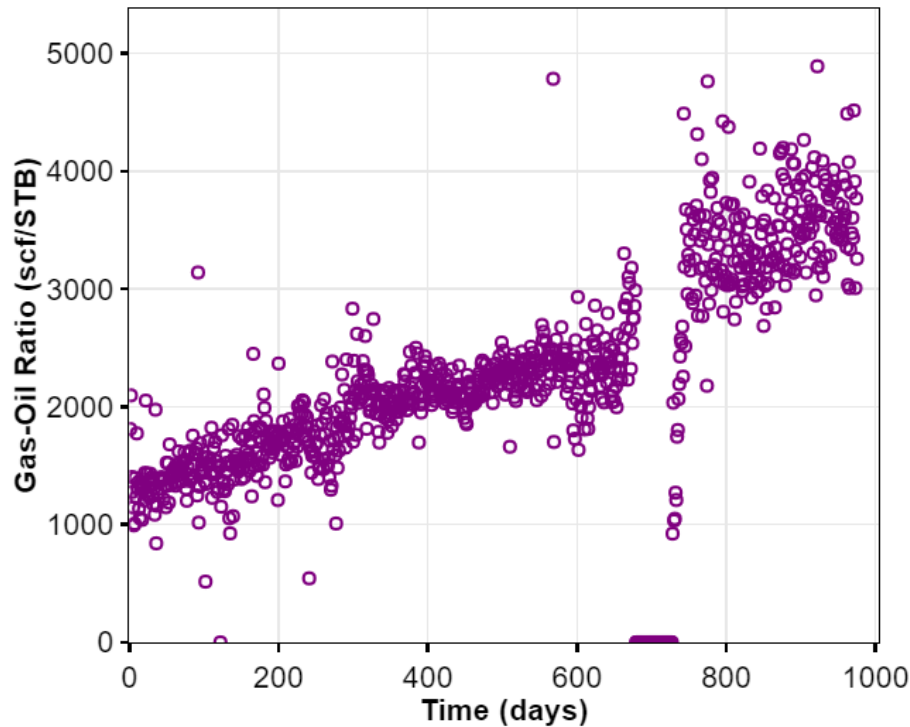
“In-situ Representative”

A sample representative of the original fluid(s) in place

Accuracy of PVT Data \neq “In-situ Representivity” of Sample

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Samples to use in PVT model development?



- In PVT / EOS model development one would like to use all “**reservoir representative**” samples.
- **Why?** You want a PVT model that works well for all times, not only time = 0.
- “In-situ” representative samples should be used **together** with a proper EOS model to initialize your reservoir model (called “Fluid Initialization”).

Example

Classification	Sample while $p_{wf} > p_{sat}$ (not mud contaminated)	Sample while $p_{wf} < p_{sat}$ (not mud contaminated)	Mud Contaminated Sample
“In-situ Representative”	✓	✗	✗
“Reservoir Representative”	✓	✓	✗

Quantifies: condensate in **solution** with reservoir gas phase

Hence, relevant for:

- wet gas
- gas condensates
- oil reservoirs below bubblepoint (gas out of solution)

Units: STB/MMscf (most common)

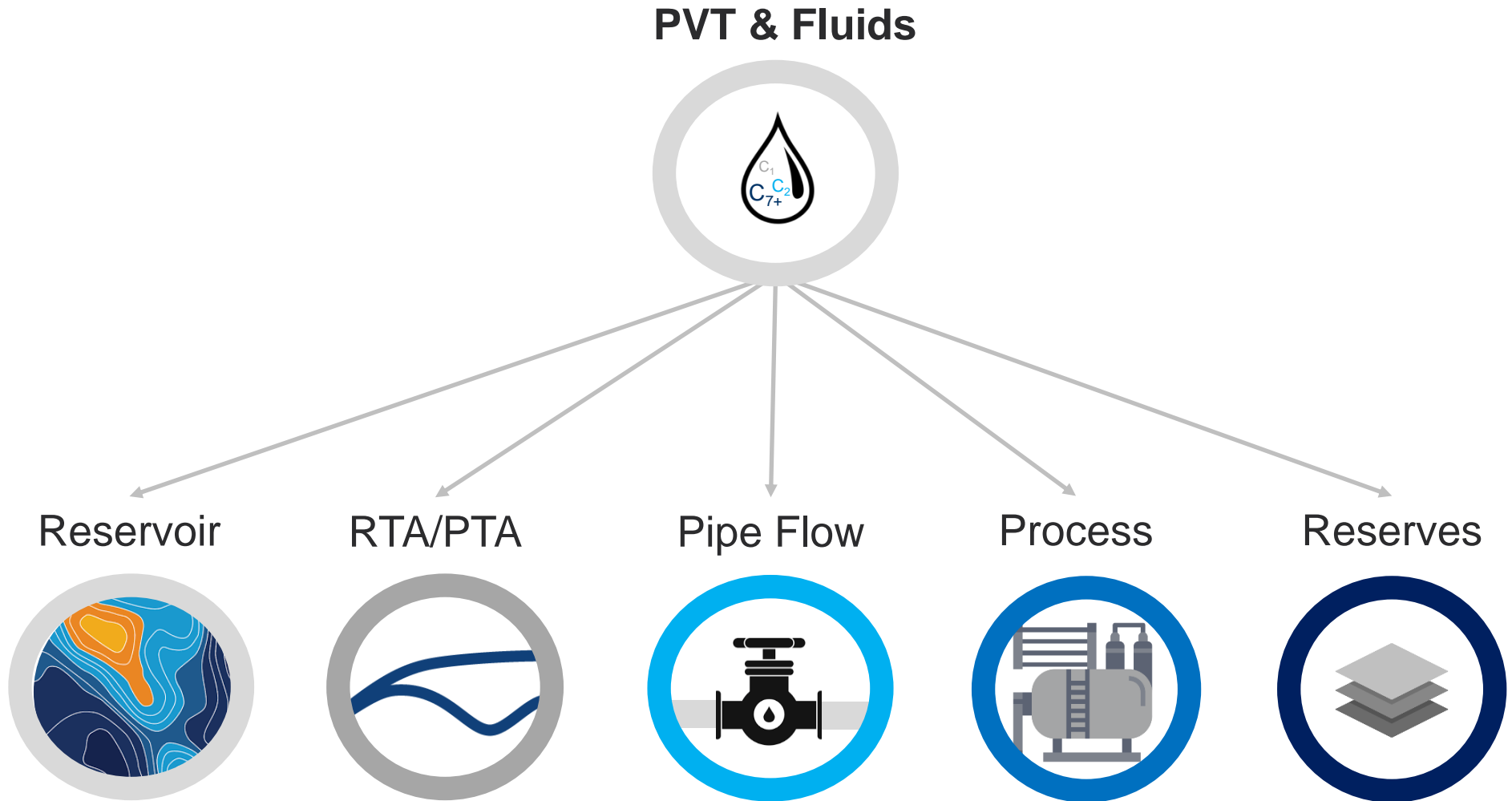
Symbol:

- SPE - r_s (“little rs” or solution CGR / OGR)
- Industry - R_v (“RV” or vaporized oil ratio)

r_s and R_v is used interchangeably throughout the course

PVT Fundamentals

PVT has an Impact on Every Discipline in the Petroleum Domain!



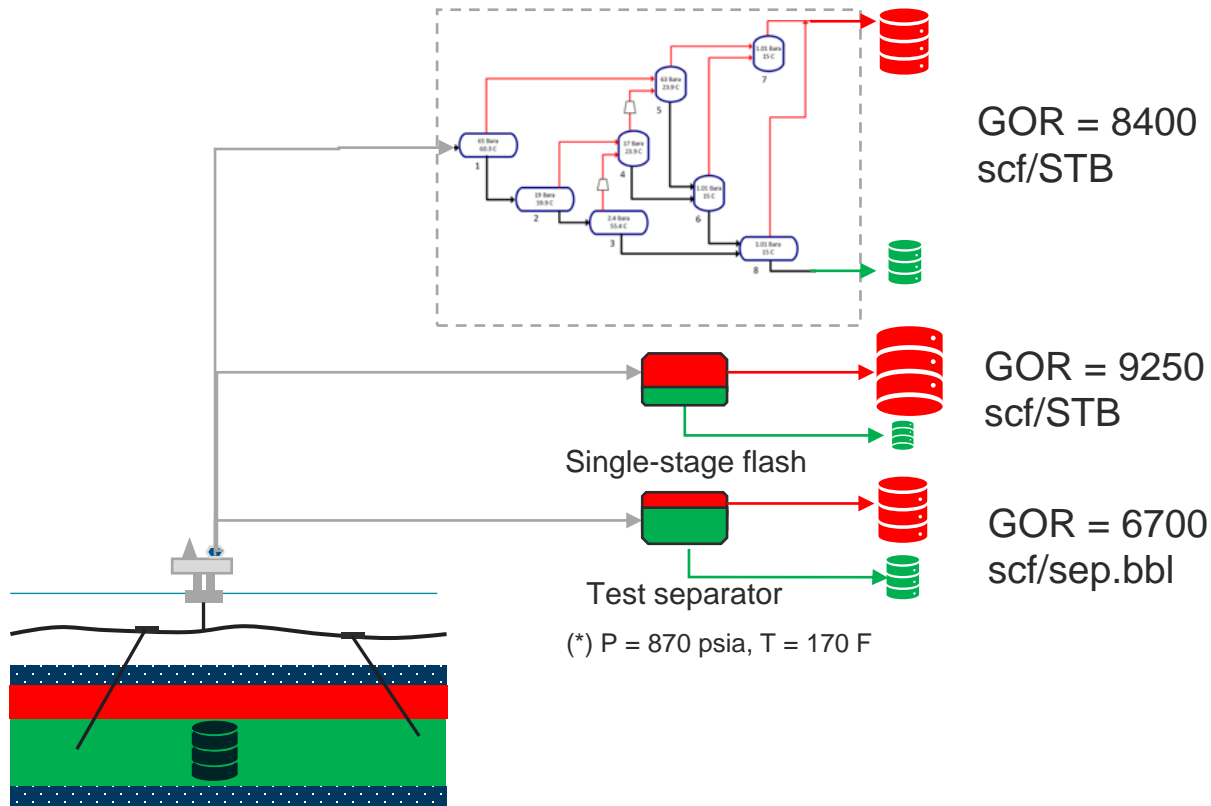
Key Concept

1 m³ is not always 1 m³

1 reservoir m³ ≠ 1 separator m³ ≠ 1 stock tank m³

What we mean by “not same”: the volume is the same, 1 m³.
The amount of mass, density, composition, and monetary value are different.

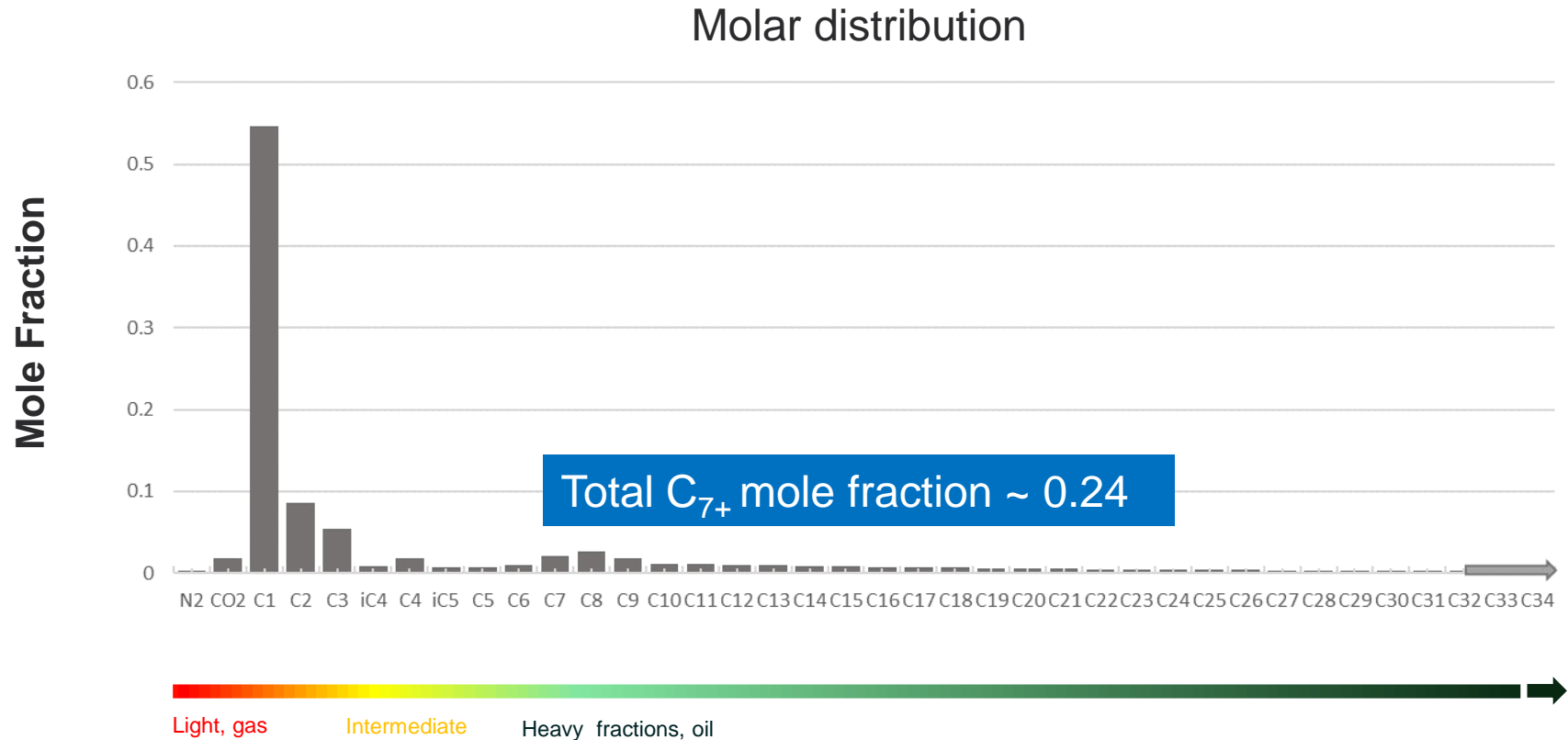
Process dependencies



- Final product volumes depends on pressure & temperature conditions, and the path to get there...
- GOR and FVF are process dependent.

Courtesy: Knut Uleberg, Equinor

A little quiz | Reservoir Oil or Gas?



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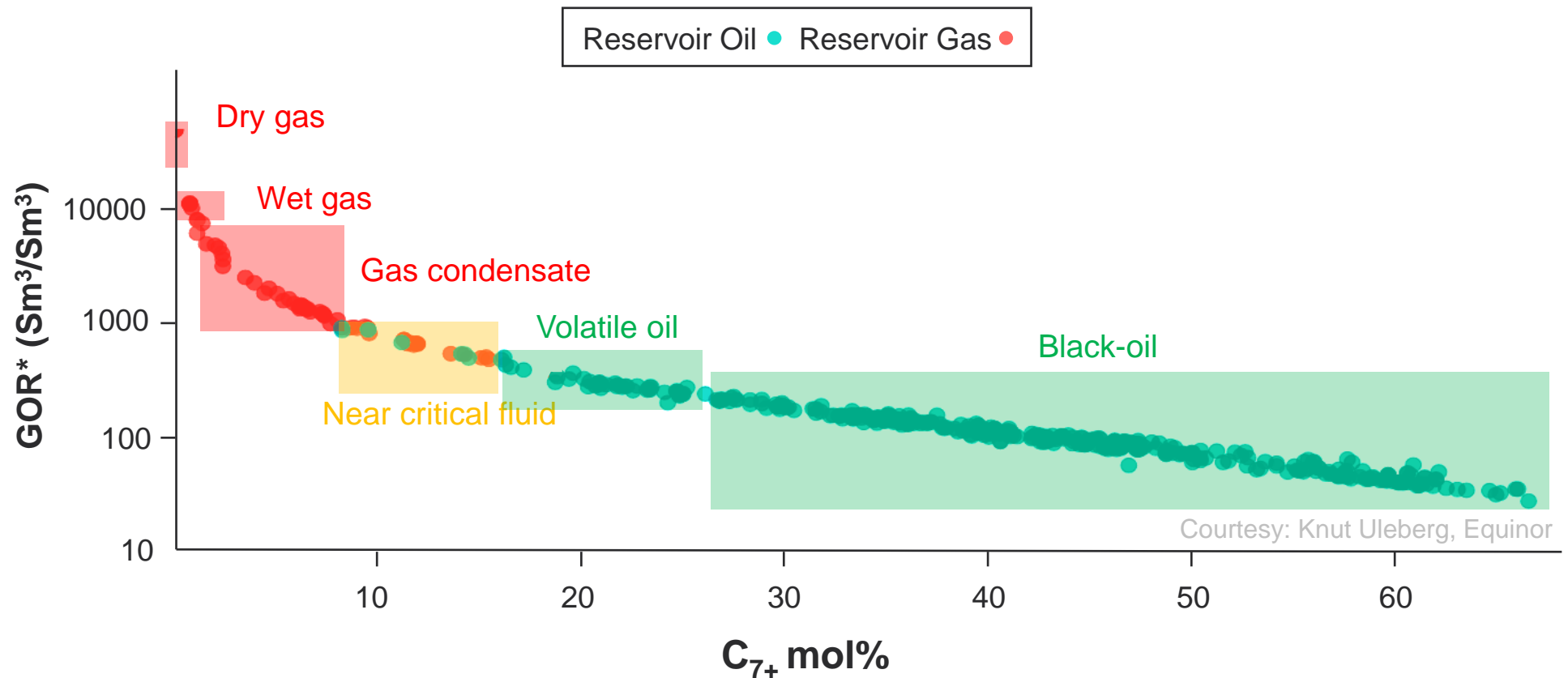
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Key to Understand PVT

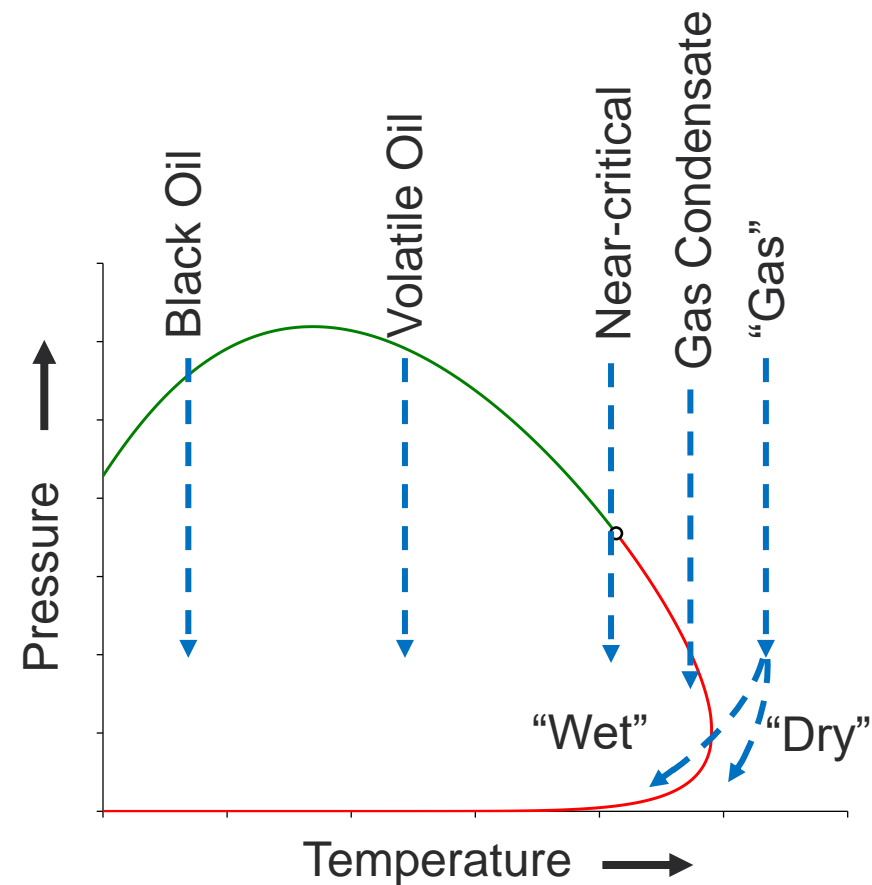
Heptanes Plus (C_{7+})

Classification of fluids | Simulated process GOR vs C7+ content



GOR*: Simulated process GOR, Sm³/Sm³

Reservoir Fluid Classification

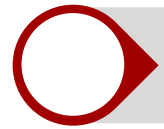


Fluid type	C ₇₊	GOR
Unit	(mol%)	(scf/STB)
Black Oil	>25	<1,000
Volatile Oil	14-25	1,000-3,000
Near Critical (BP or DP)	11-14	3,000-4,000
Gas Condensate	1-11	4,000-100,000
«Wet» Gas	<1	>100,000
«Dry» Gas	0	∞

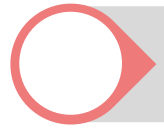
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Reservoir Fluid Classification

Classification of Reservoir Fluid Systems



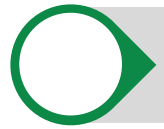
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Wet Gas



Gas Condensate



Volatile Oil



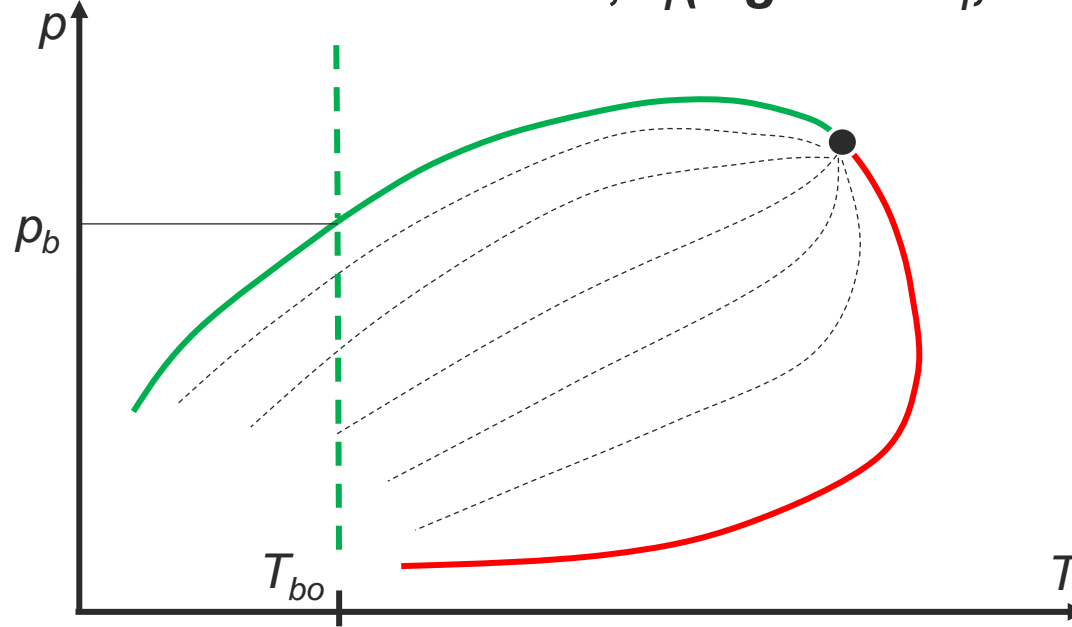
Black Oil

The classification of reservoir fluid systems is determined by:

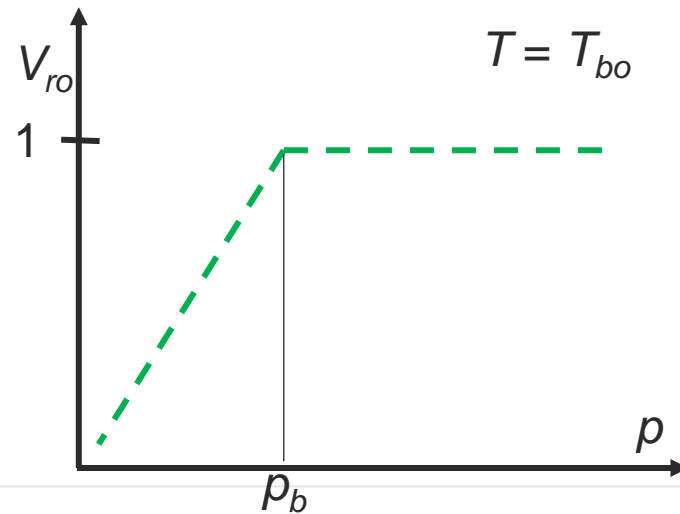
- The location of the reservoir temperature with respect to the critical temperature and cricondentherm.
- Location of the first-stage separator pressure and temperature with respect to the phase diagram of the reservoir fluid.

Black Oil

For A Given Mixture, z_i (e.g. 40% C_1 , 60% $n-C_{10}$)



Black Oil

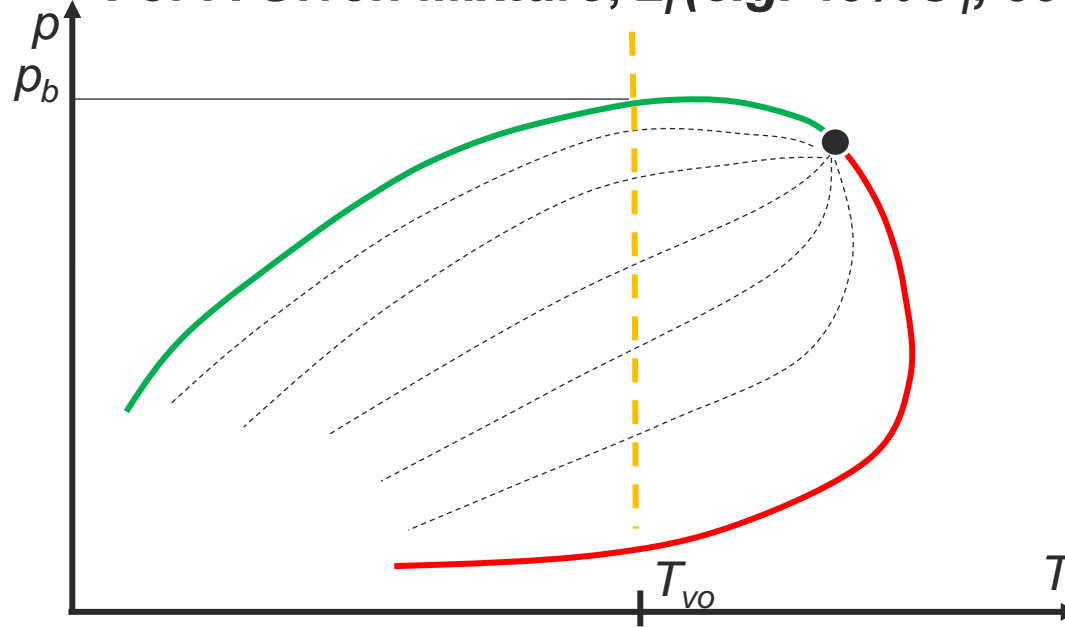


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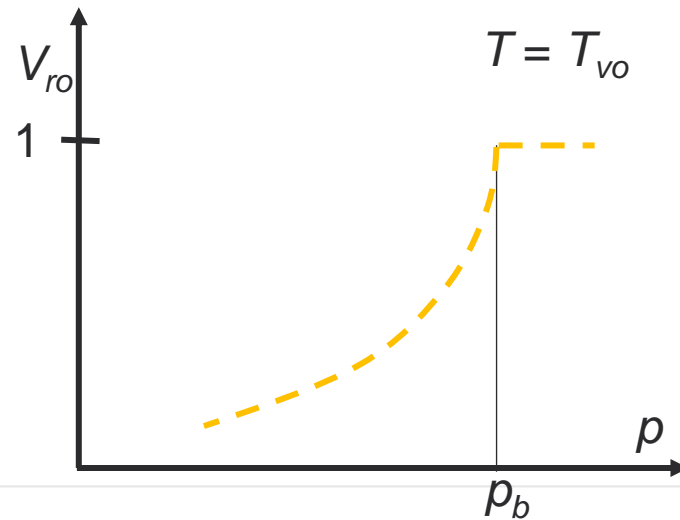
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Volatile Oil

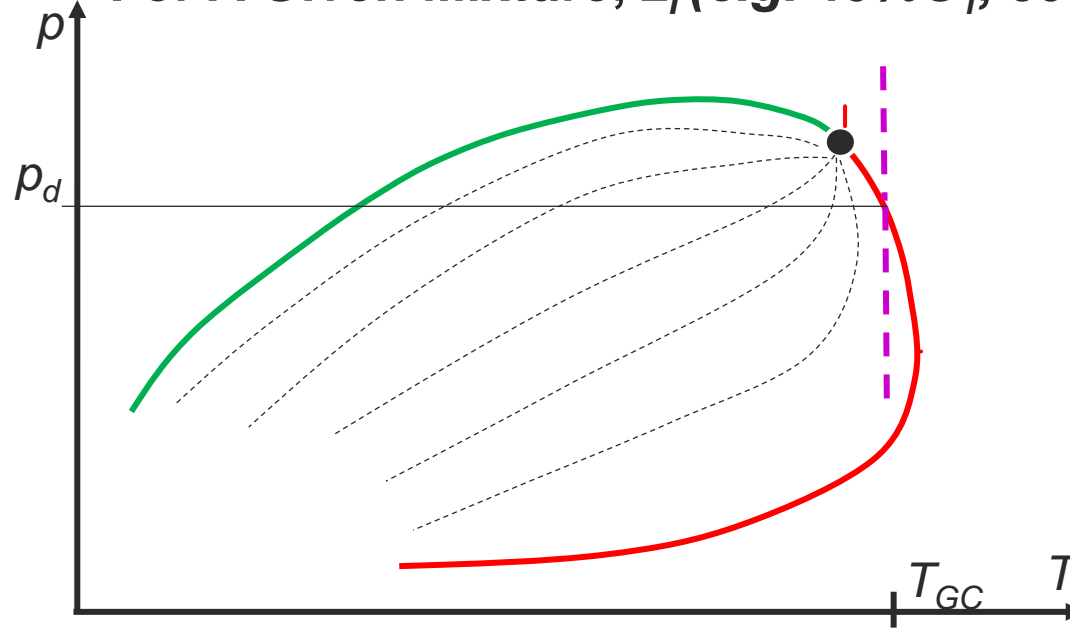


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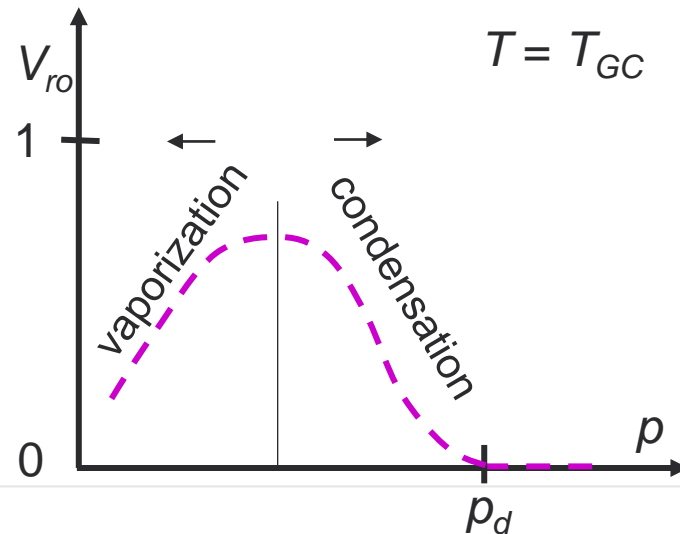
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Retrograde Gas Condensate

For A Given Mixture, z_i (e.g. 40% C_1 , 60%n- C_{10})



Gas Condensate

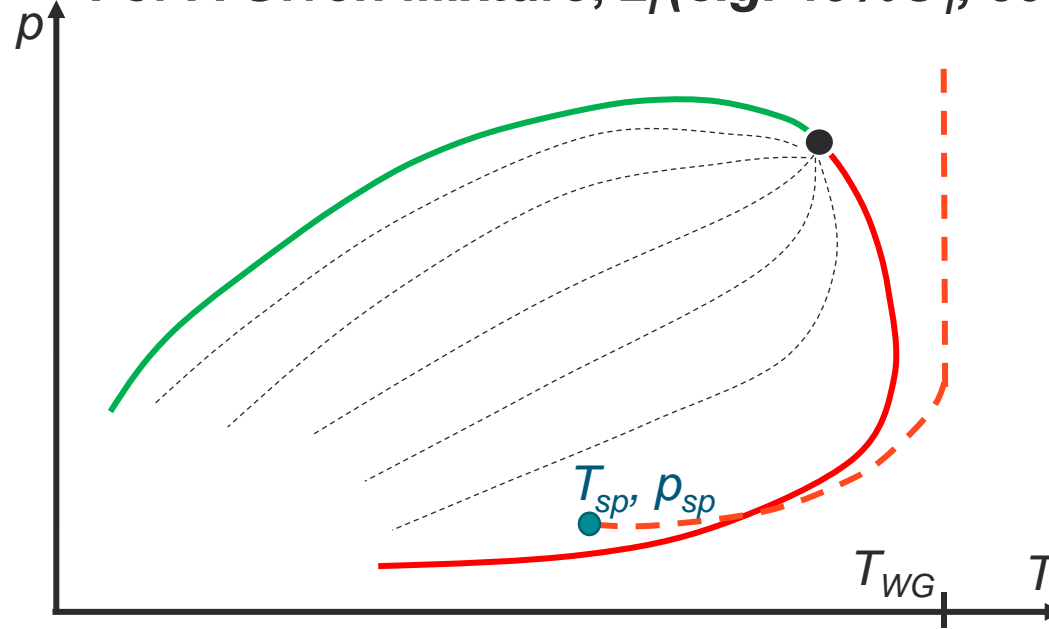


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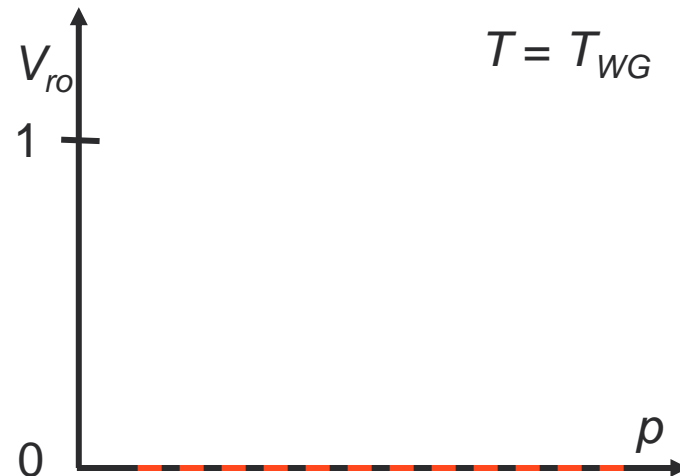
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Wet Gas

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Wet Gas

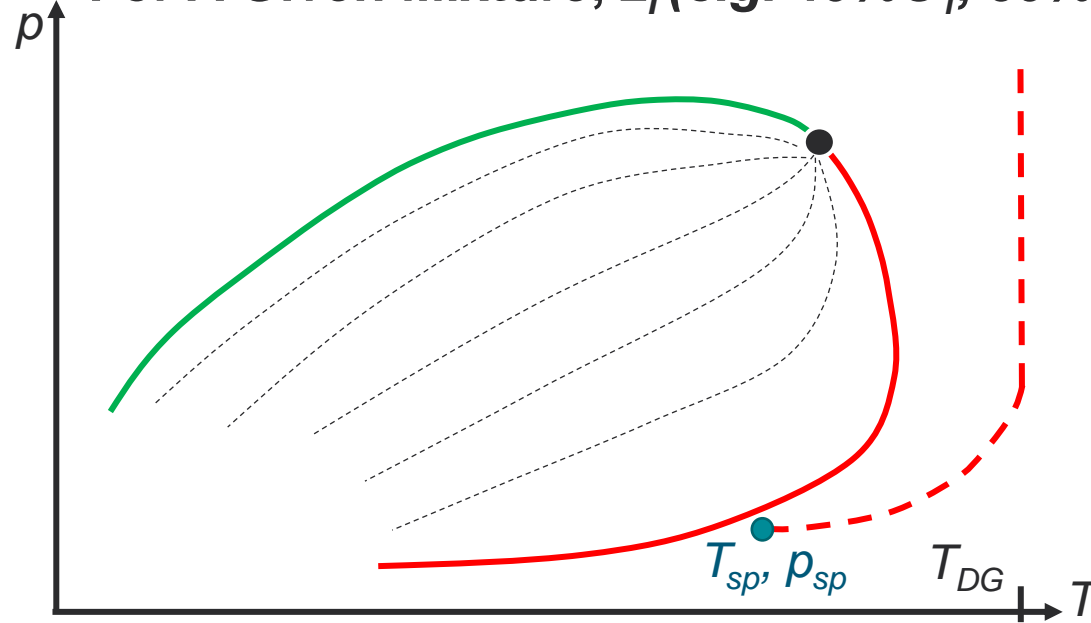


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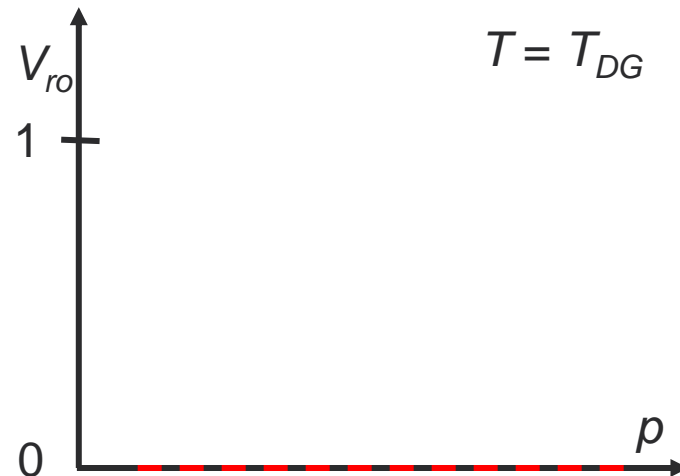
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Dry Gas

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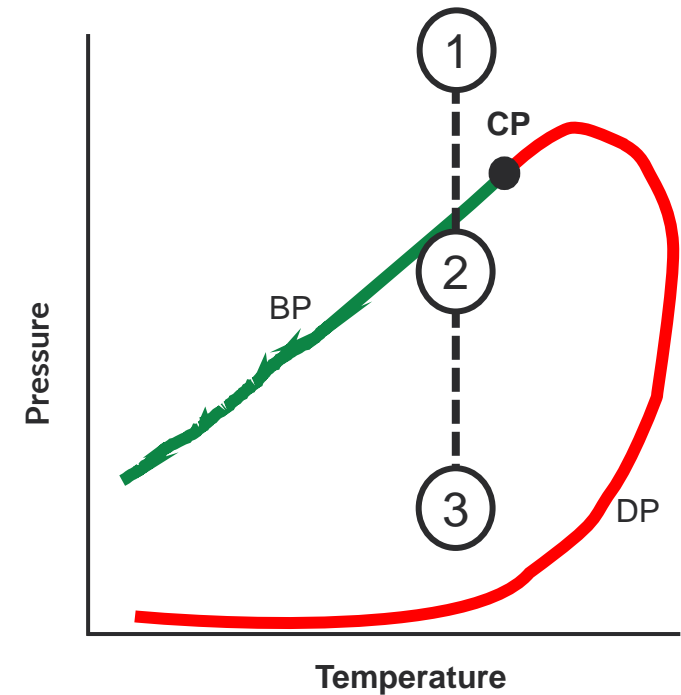
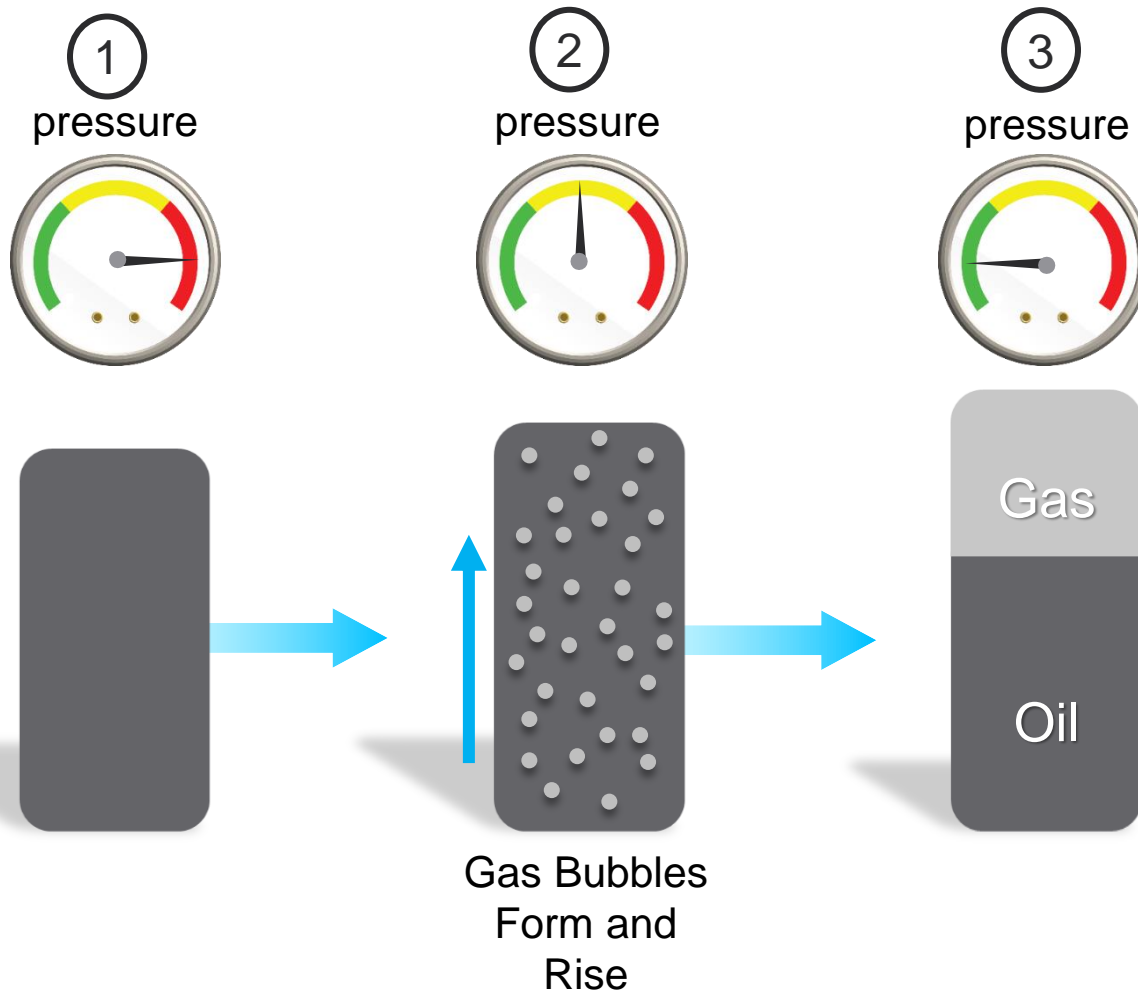
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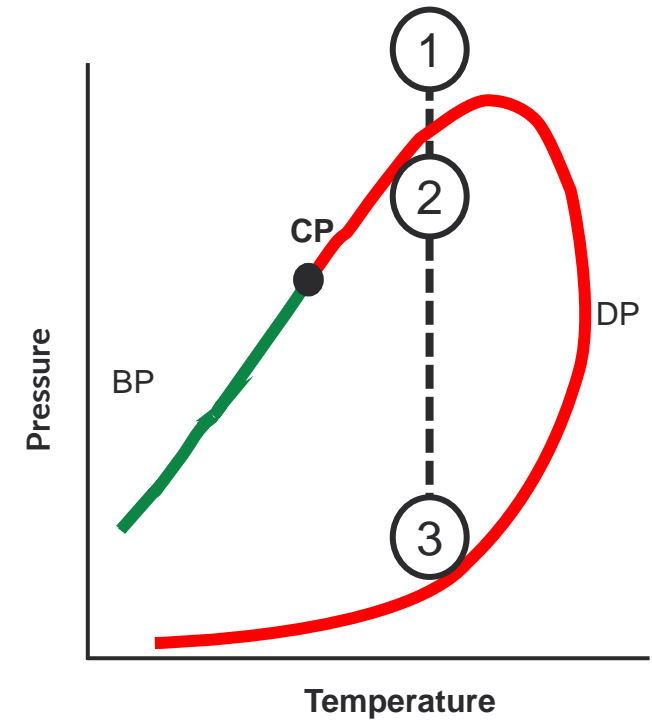
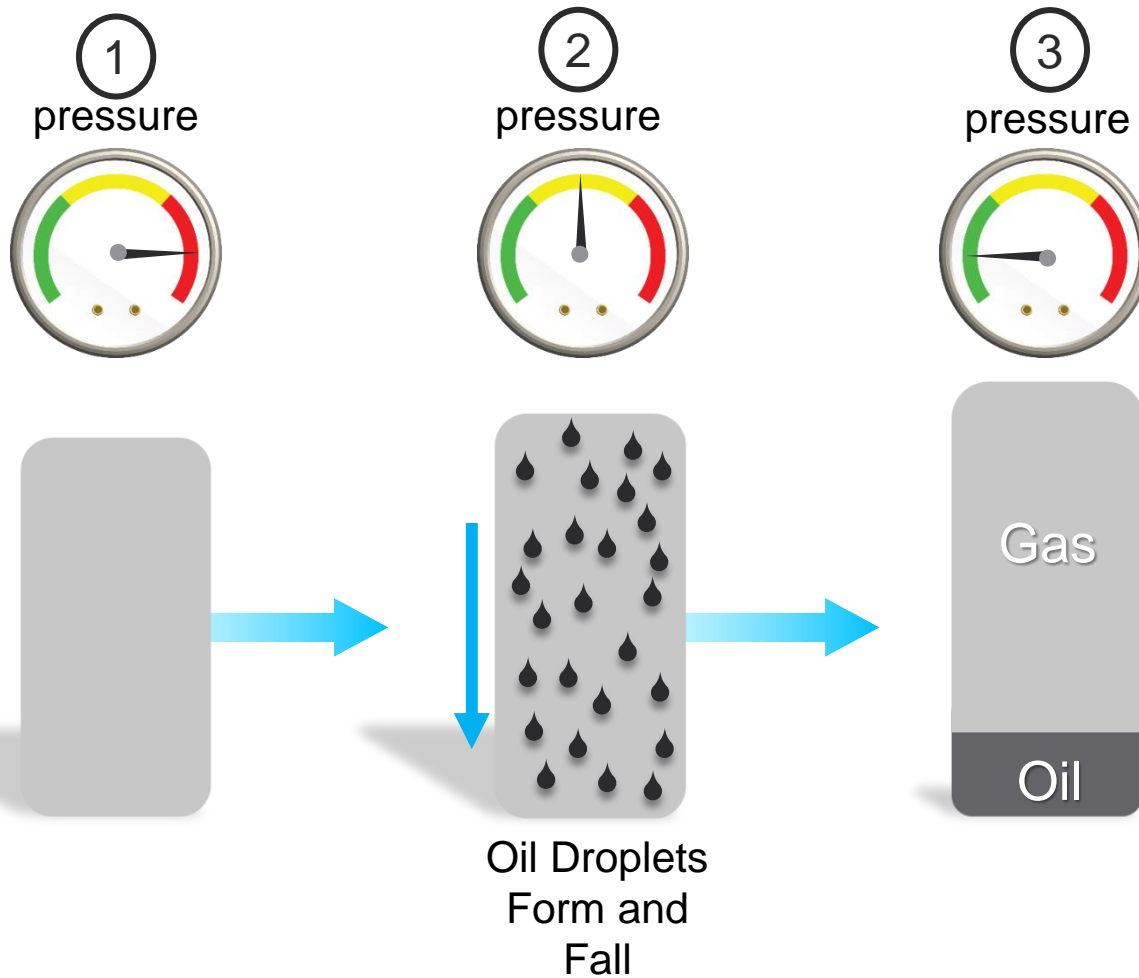
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Volatile Oil Reservoir Fluid Example



Gas Condensate Reservoir Fluid Example



Petroleum Fluids – Example Compositions

Component	Dry Gas	Wet Gas	Gas	Near-Critical		Black Oil
			Condensate	Oil	Volatile Oil	
CO ₂	0.10	1.41	2.37	1.30	0.93	0.02
N ₂	2.07	0.25	0.31	0.56	0.21	0.34
C ₁	86.12	92.46	73.19	69.44	58.77	34.62
C ₂	5.91	3.18	7.80	7.88	7.57	4.11
C ₃	3.58	1.01	3.55	4.26	4.09	1.01
<i>i</i> -C ₄	1.72	0.28	0.71	0.89	0.91	0.76
<i>n</i> -C ₄		0.24	1.45	2.14	2.09	0.49
<i>i</i> -C ₅	0.50	0.13	0.64	0.90	0.77	0.43
<i>n</i> -C ₅		0.08	0.68	1.13	1.15	0.21
C _{6(s)}		0.14	1.09	1.46	1.75	1.61
C ₇₊		0.82	8.21	10.04	21.76	56.40
Properties						
$M_{C_{7+}}$		130	184	219	228	274
$\gamma_{C_{7+}}$		0.763	0.816	0.839	0.858	0.920
K_{wC_7}		12.00	11.95	11.98	11.83	11.47
GOR, scf/STB	∞	105,000	5,450	3,650	1,490	300
OGR, STB/MMscf	0	10	180	275		
γ_{API}		57	49	45	38	24
γ_g		0.61	0.70	0.71	0.70	0.63
p_{sat} , psia		3,430	6,560	7,015	5,420	2,810

Question: What's Wrong with this Table?

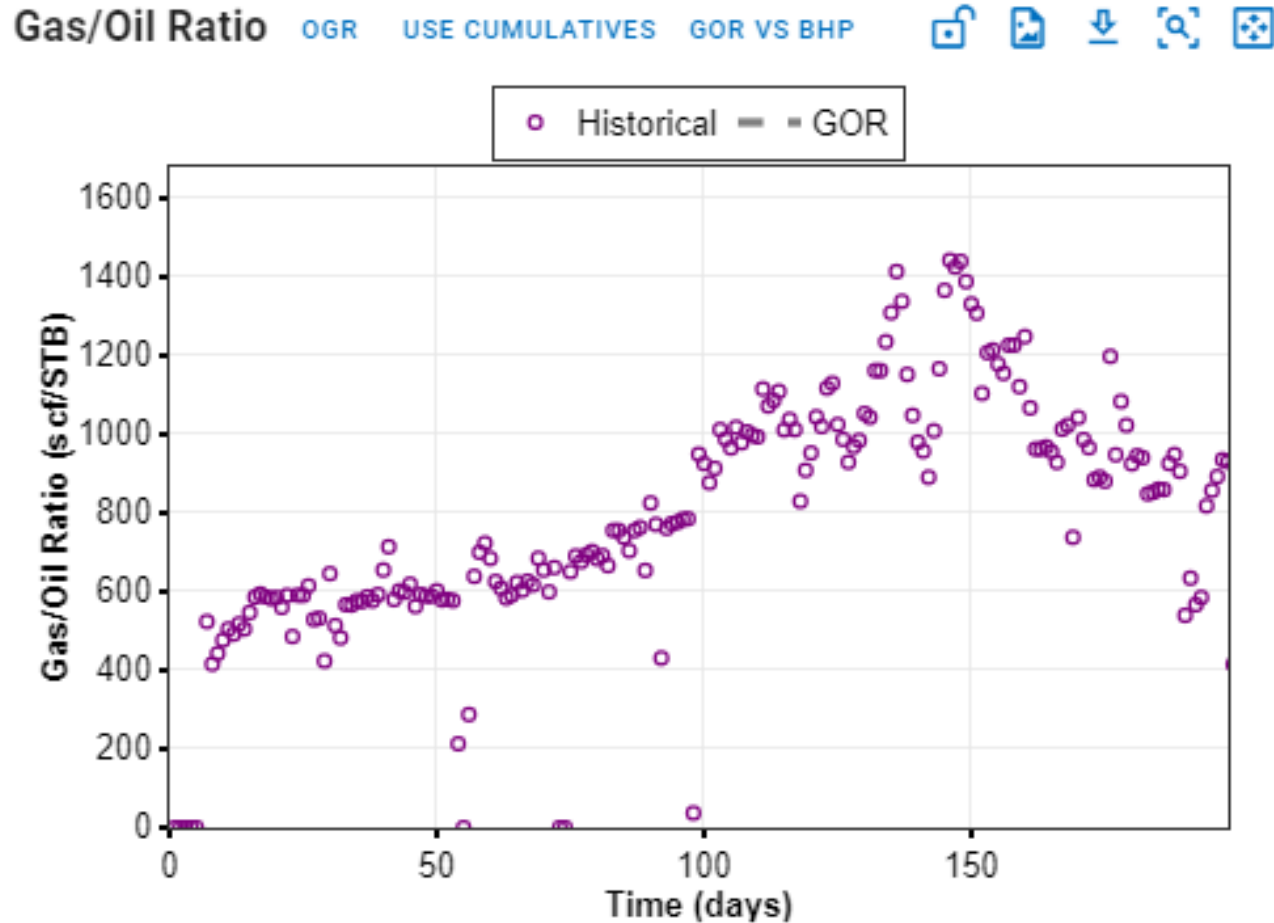
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<i>n</i> -C ₄		0.24	1.45	2.14	2.09	0.49
<i>i</i> -C ₅	0.50	0.13	0.64	0.90	0.77	0.43
<i>n</i> -C ₅		0.08	0.68	1.13	1.15	0.21
C _{6(s)}		0.14	1.09	1.46	1.75	1.61
C ₇₊		0.82	8.21	10.04	21.76	56.40
Properties						
p_{sat} , psia		3,430	6,560	7,015	5,420	2,810

Question: What's Wrong with this Table?

Fluid Initialization

Fluid Initialization 1.01

Goal: Be able to use readily available data, specially producing GOR (or CGR), to initialize a reservoir fluid for an unconventional well



We'll do the same as **Steph Curry** – Practice!

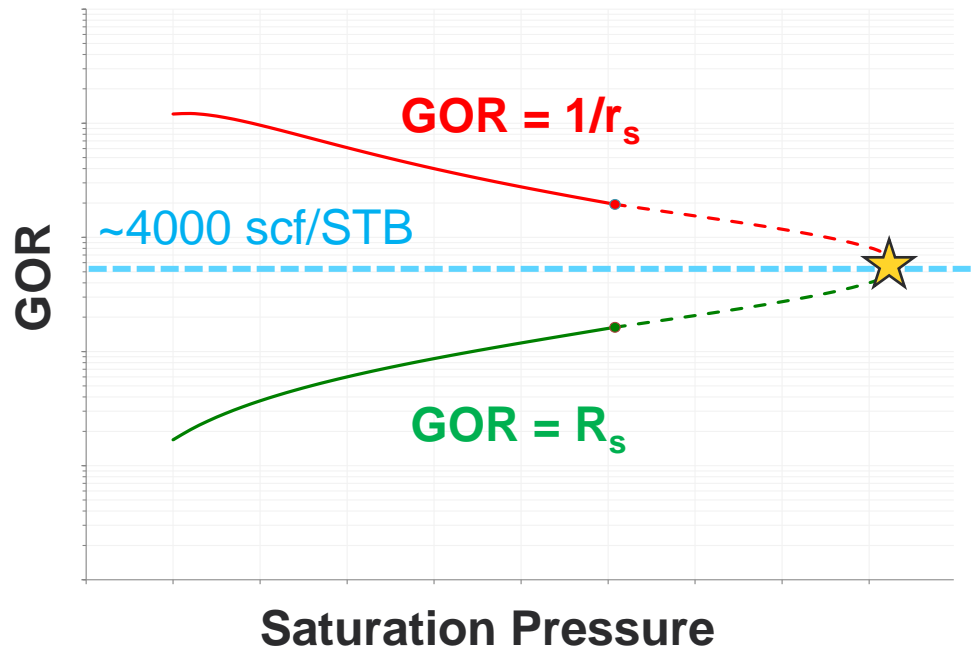


**Practices 500 3-pointers
per day!**

**Around 200,000
per year!**

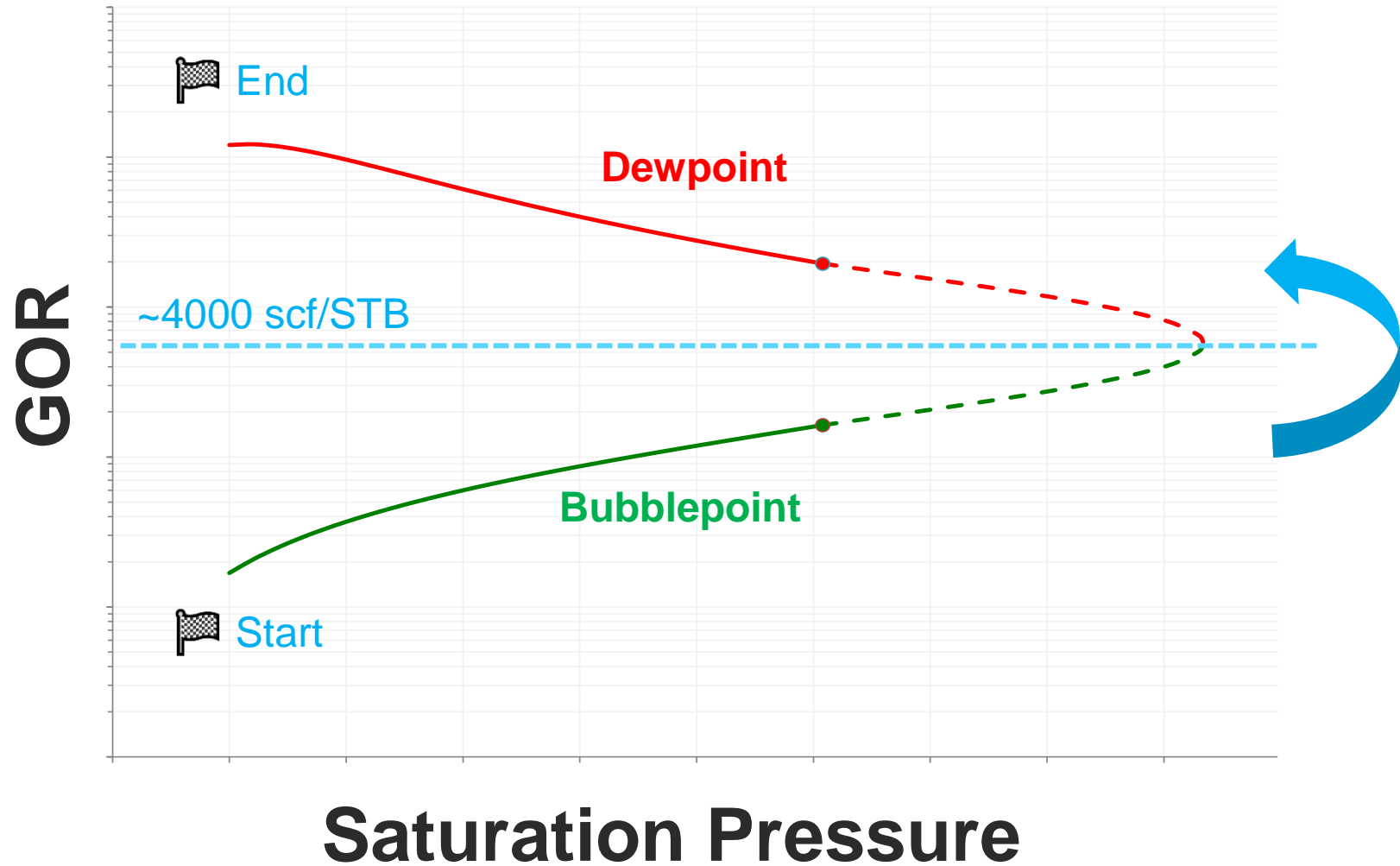
... repetition is key!

PVT: Practical Wisdom



- The producing GOR (CGR) will tell you a lot about the well.
- In general, below p_{sat} , producing GORs are expected to increase.
- Wet gases: CGR (GOR) is constant over time (no p_{sat}).
- Dry gas: doesn't produce hydrocarbon liquids.
- Rule of thumb:
Critical point $\sim 4000 \text{ scf/STB}$
(or $\sim 250 \text{ STB/MMscf}$).

PVT: Practical Wisdom



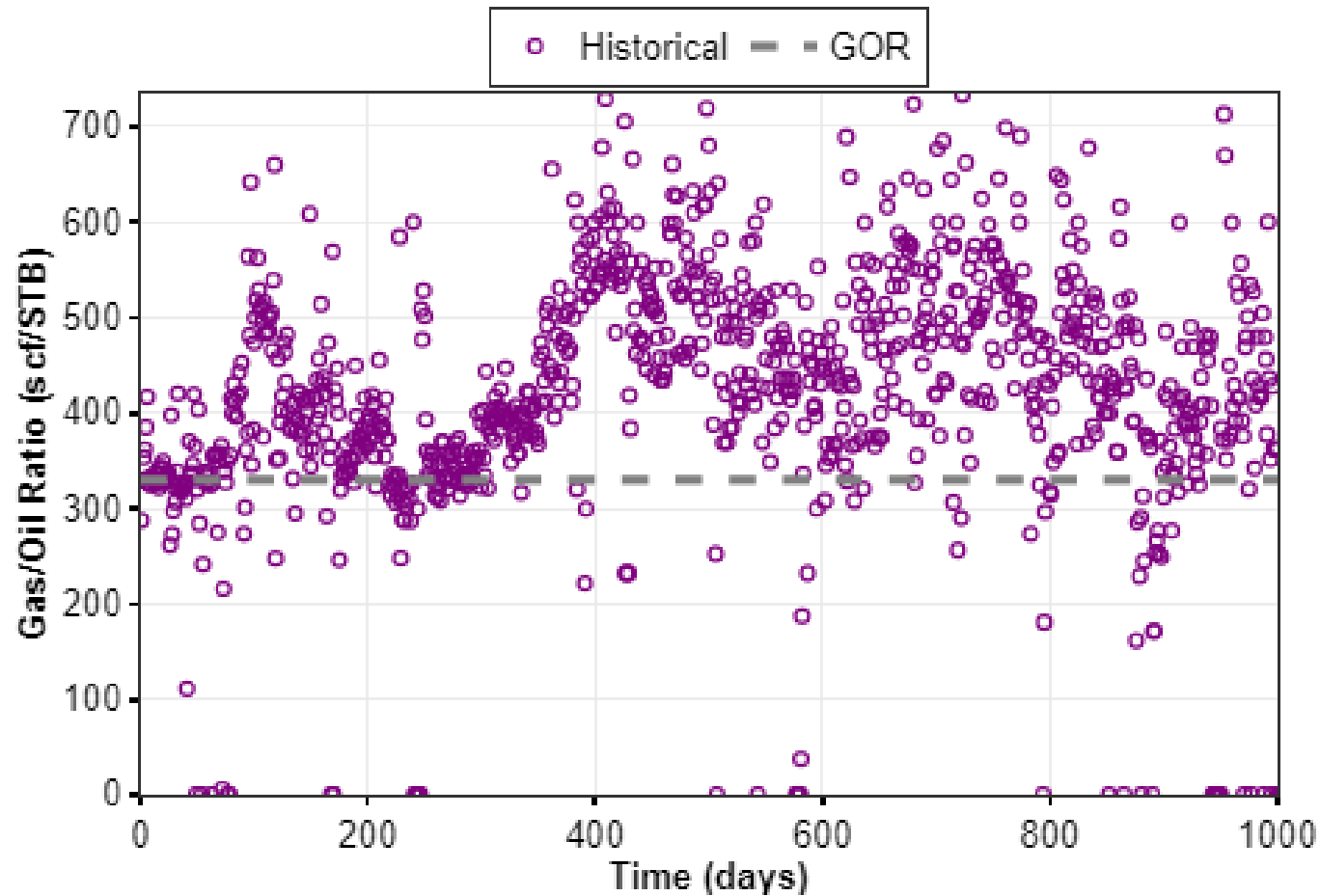
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Gas/Oil Ratio

OGR

USE CUMULATIVES

GOR VS BHP



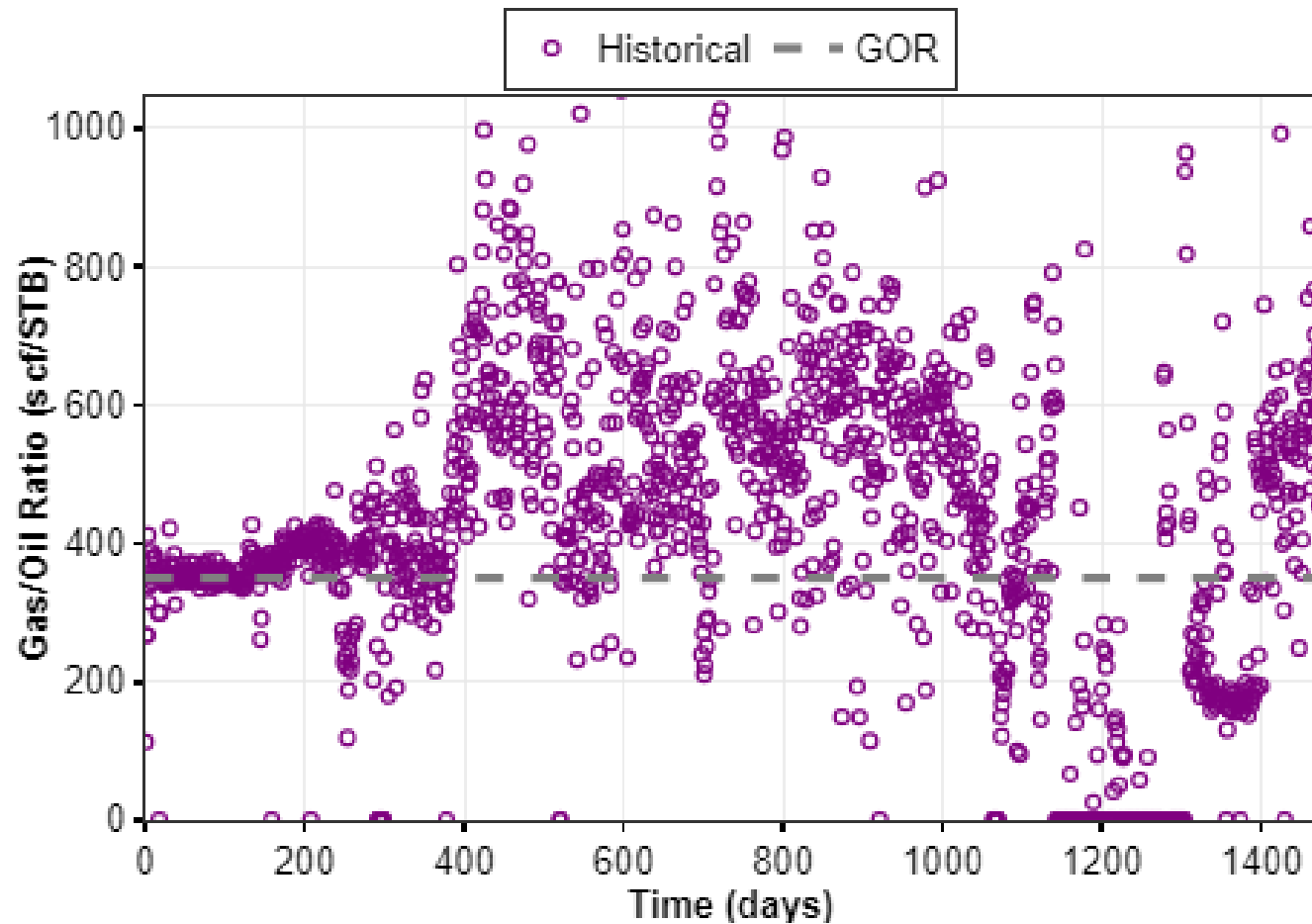
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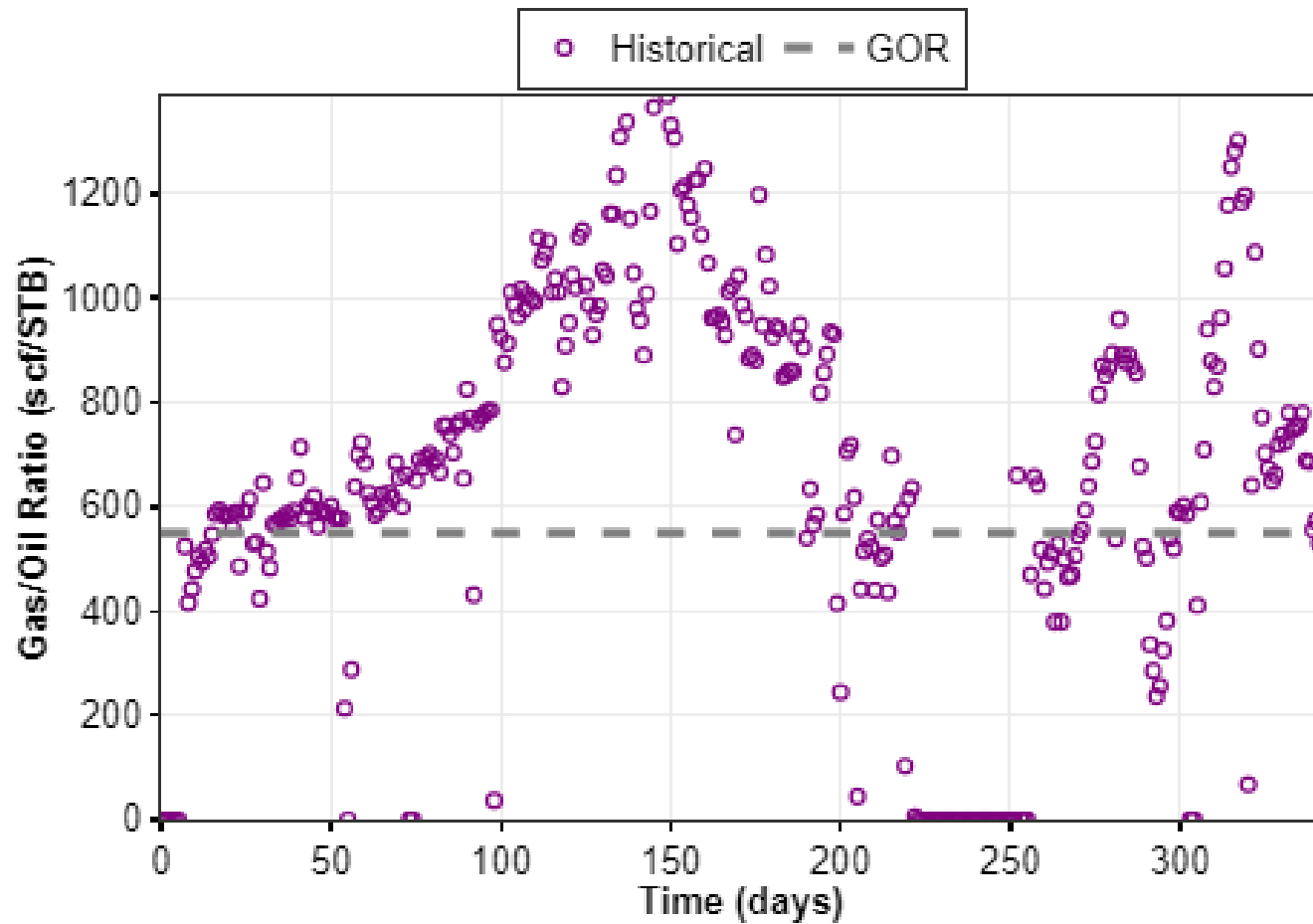
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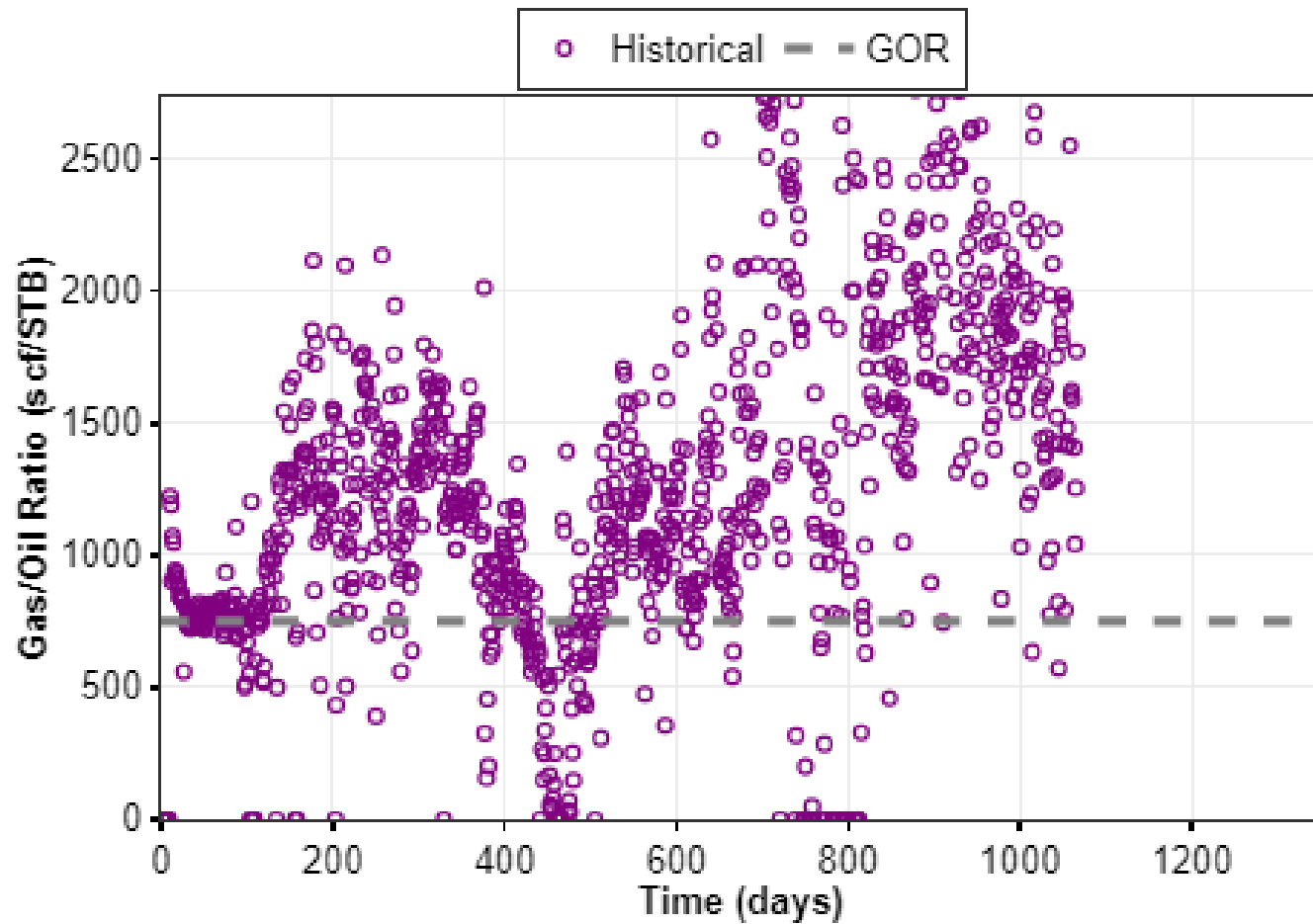
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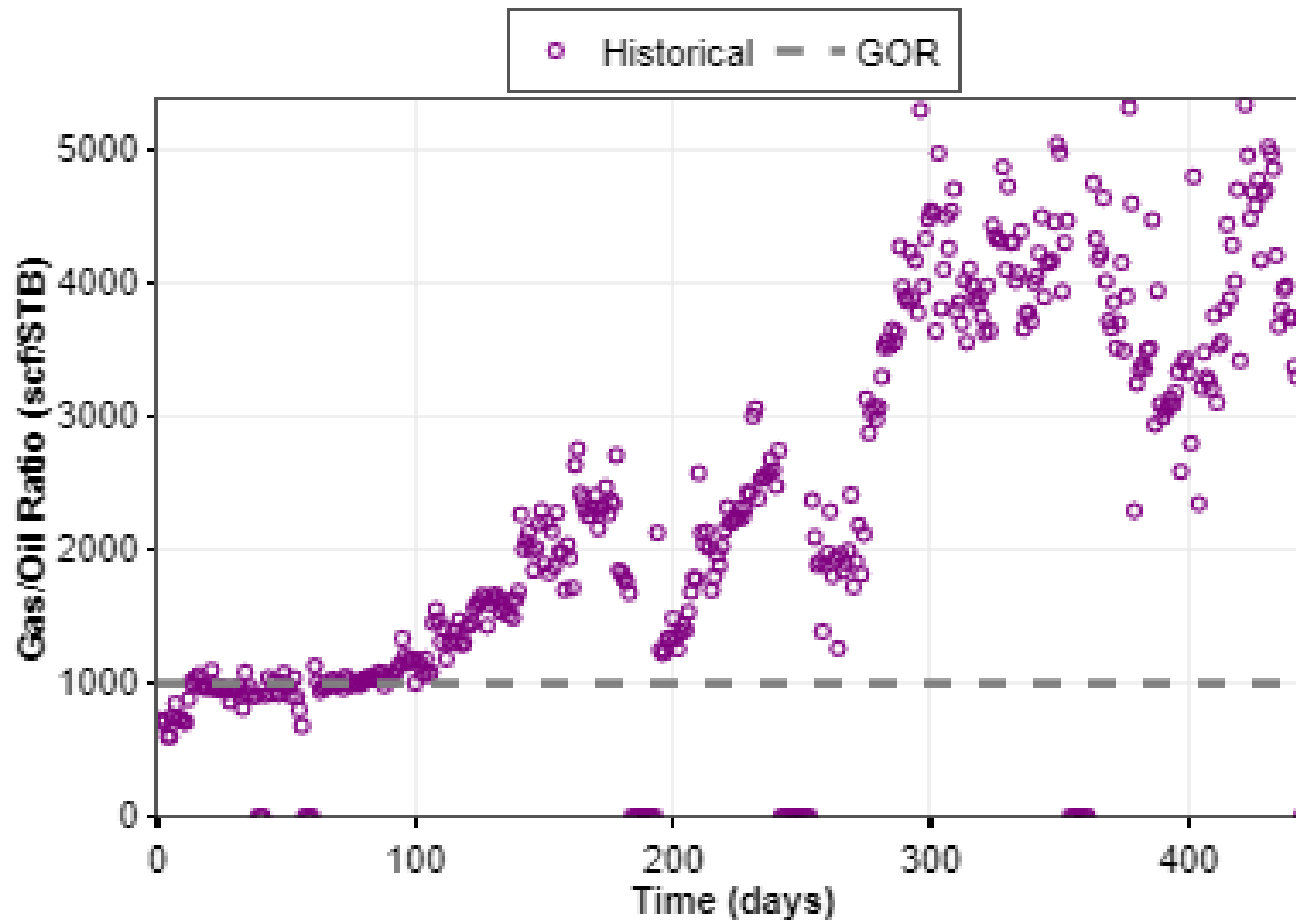
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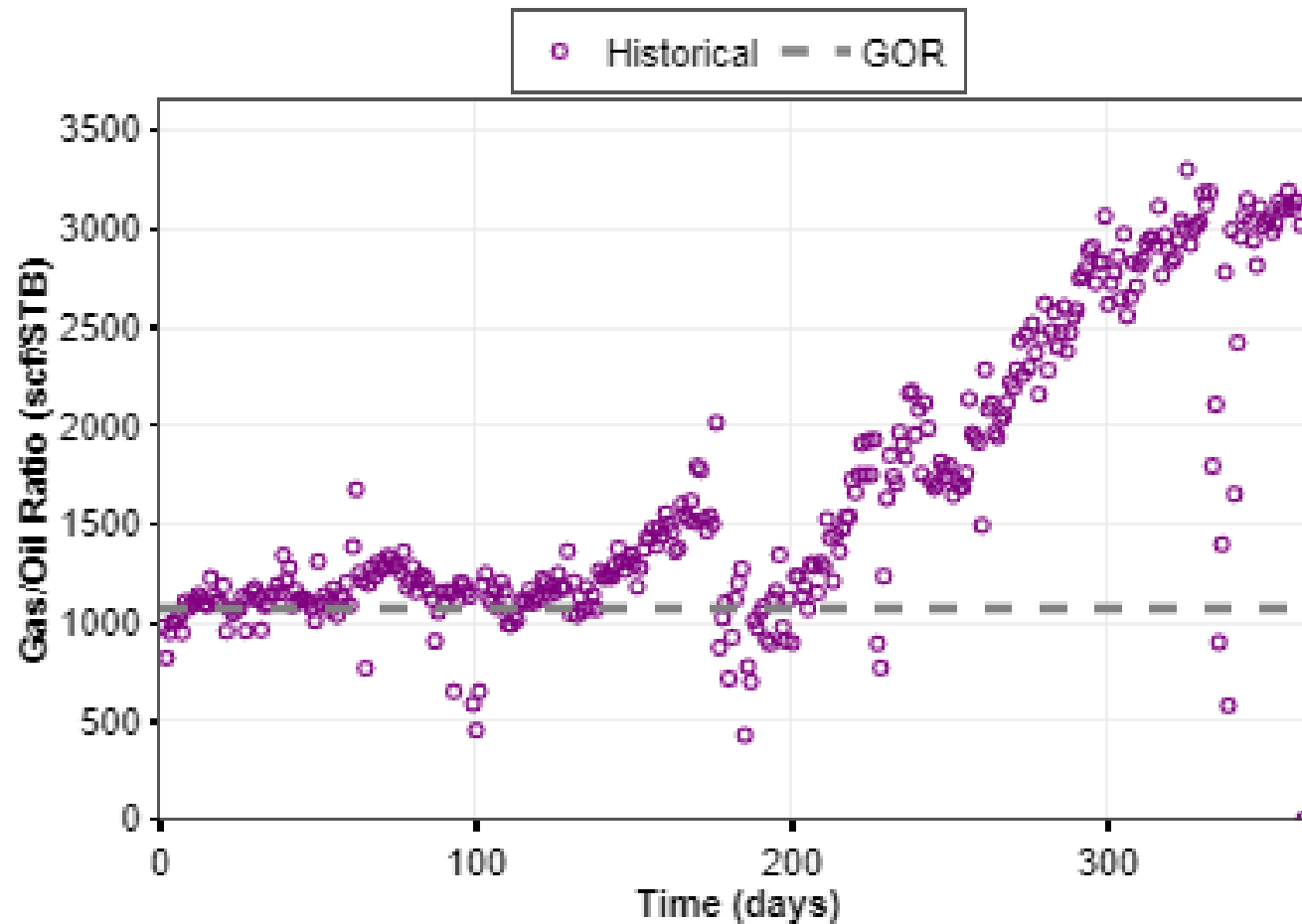
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Gas/Oil Ratio

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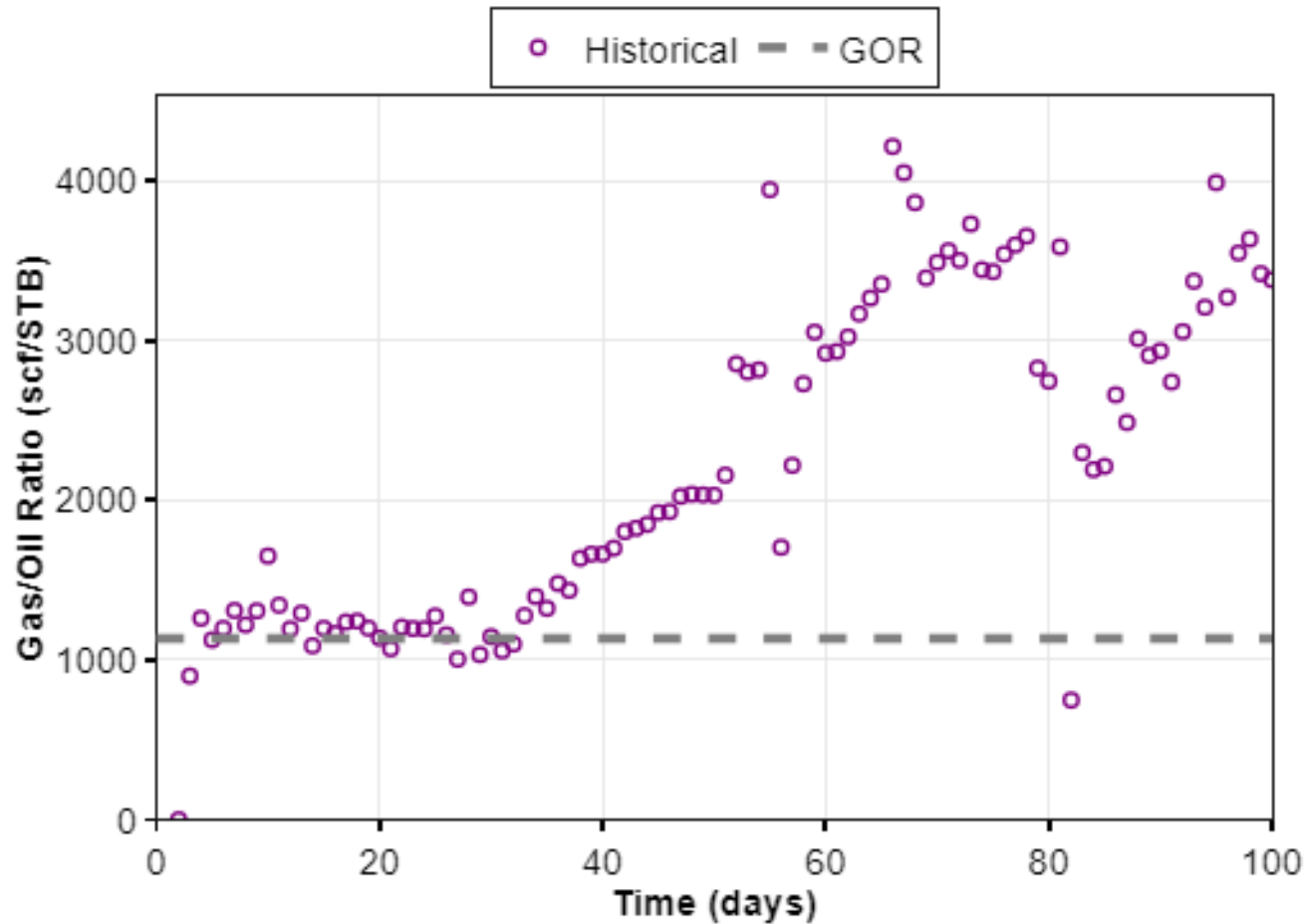
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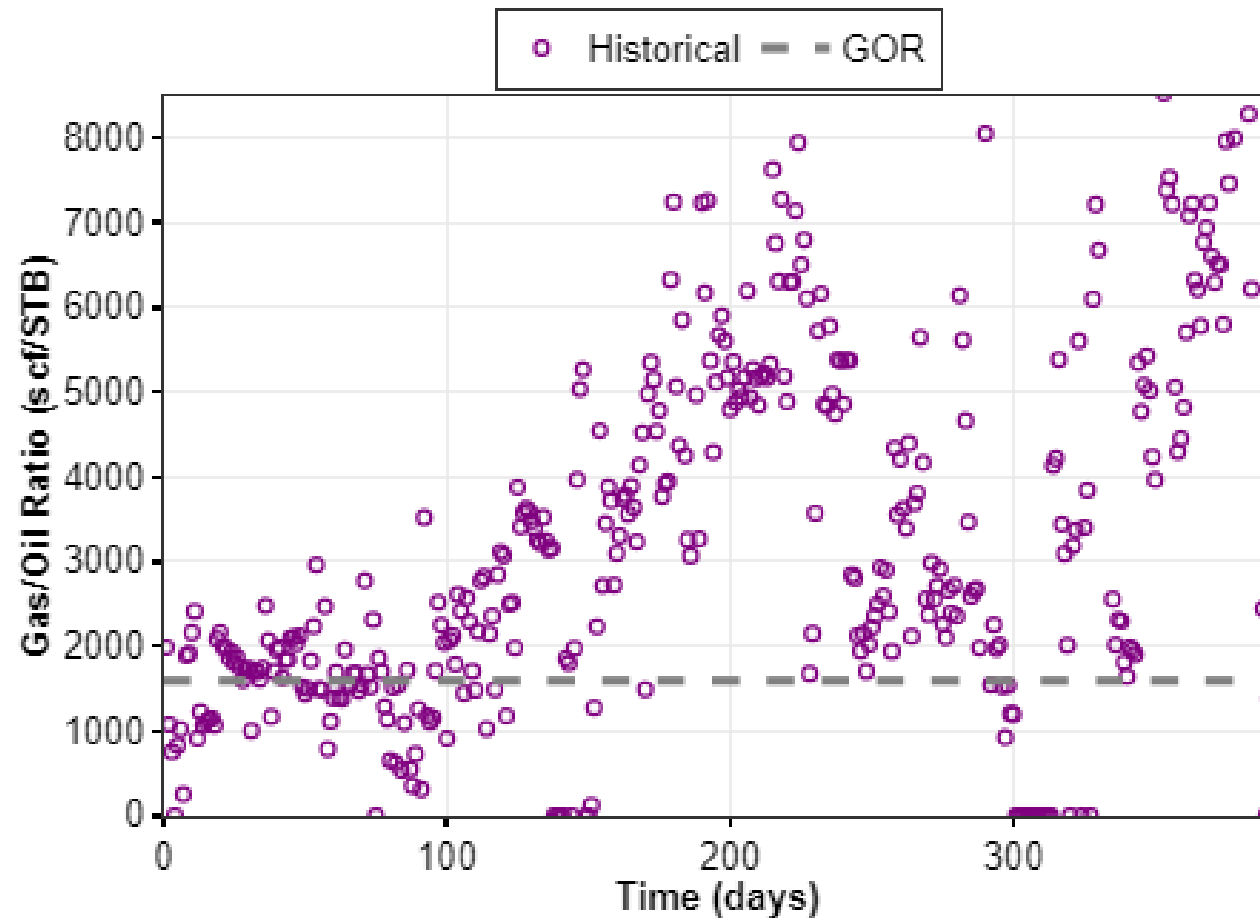
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Gas/Oil Ratio

OGR

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GOR VS BHP



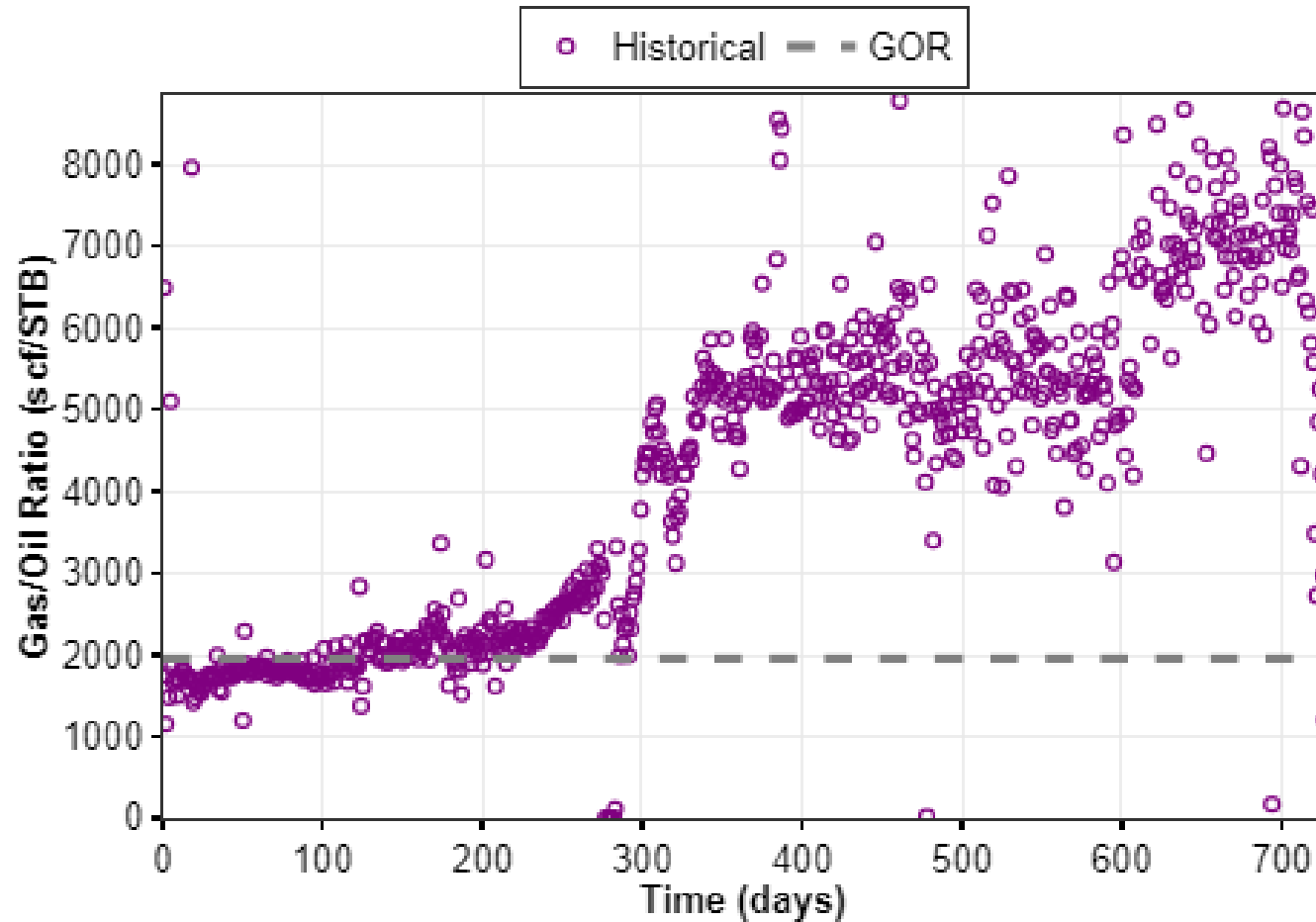
Case Study 9

Gas/Oil Ratio

GOR

USE CUMULATIVES

GOR VS BHP



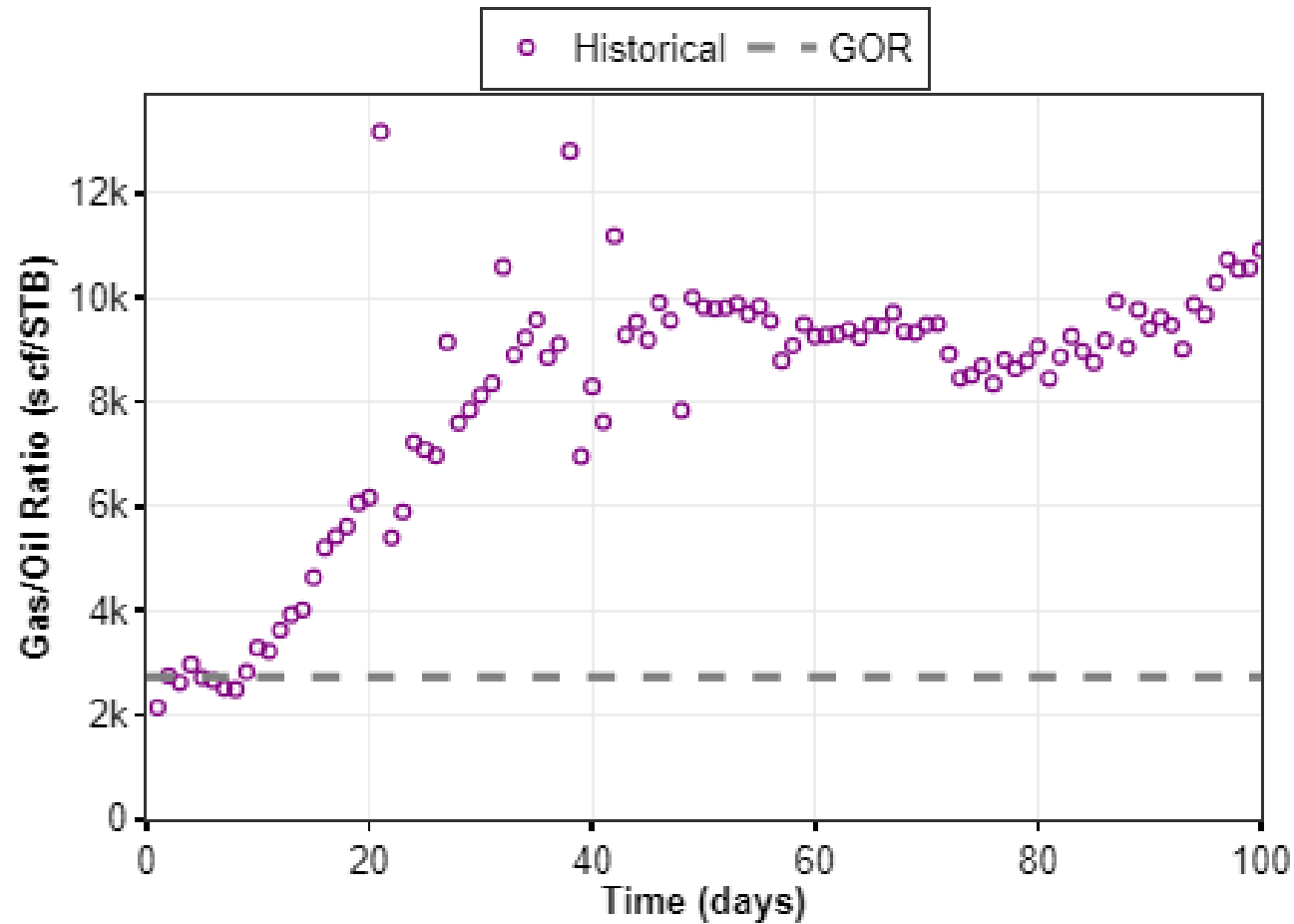
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Gas/Oil Ratio

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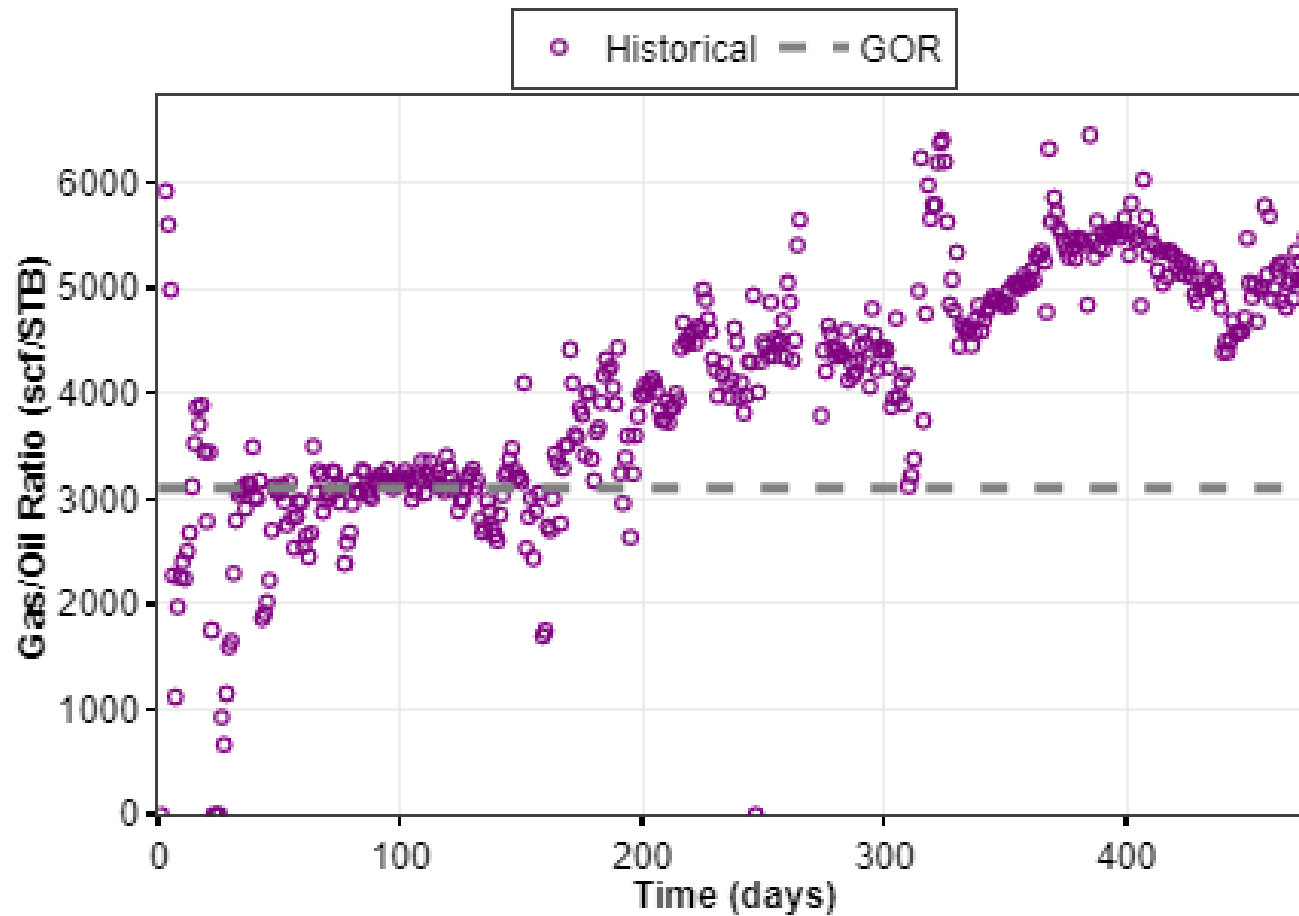
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Gas/Oil Ratio

GOR

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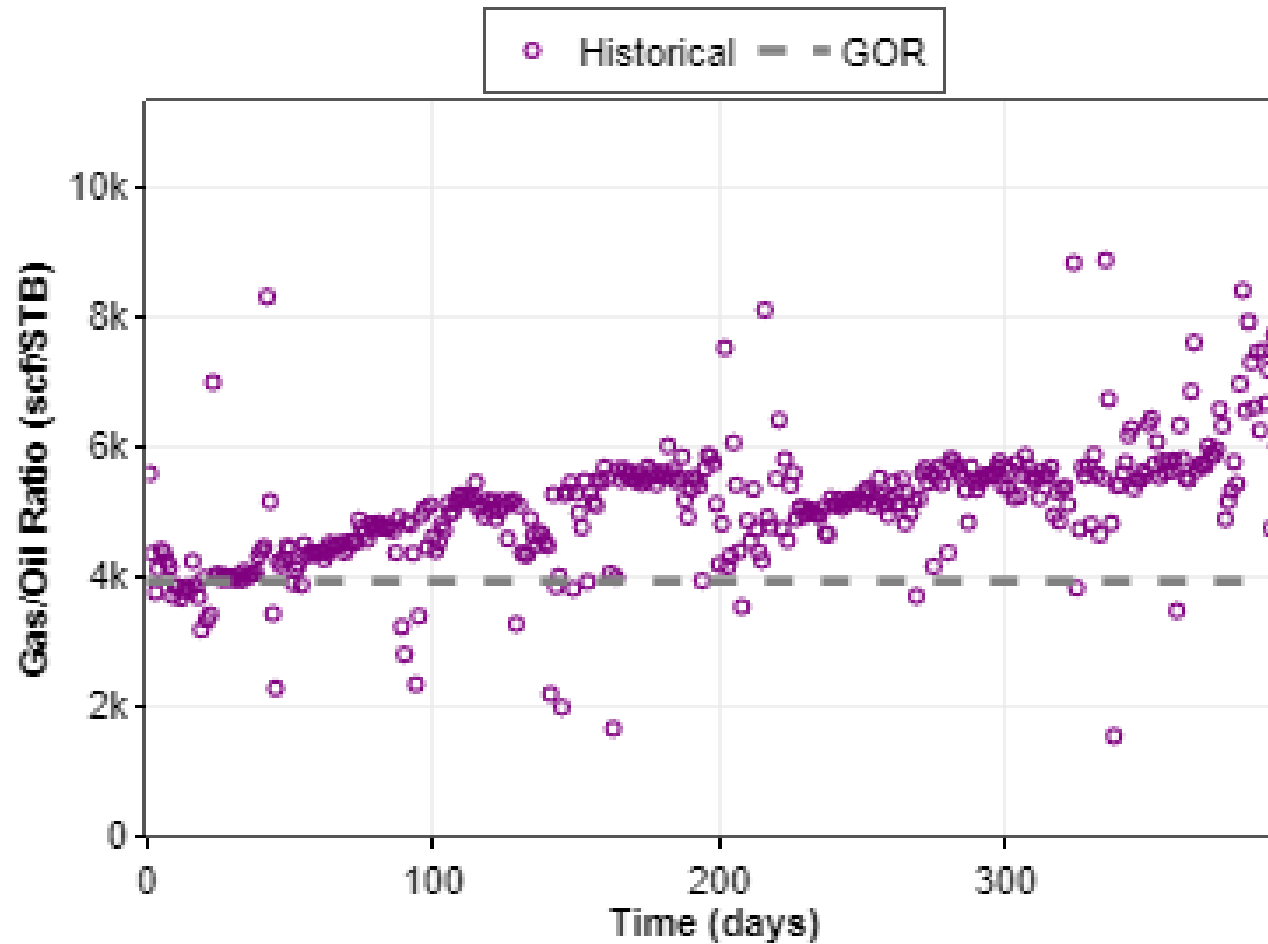
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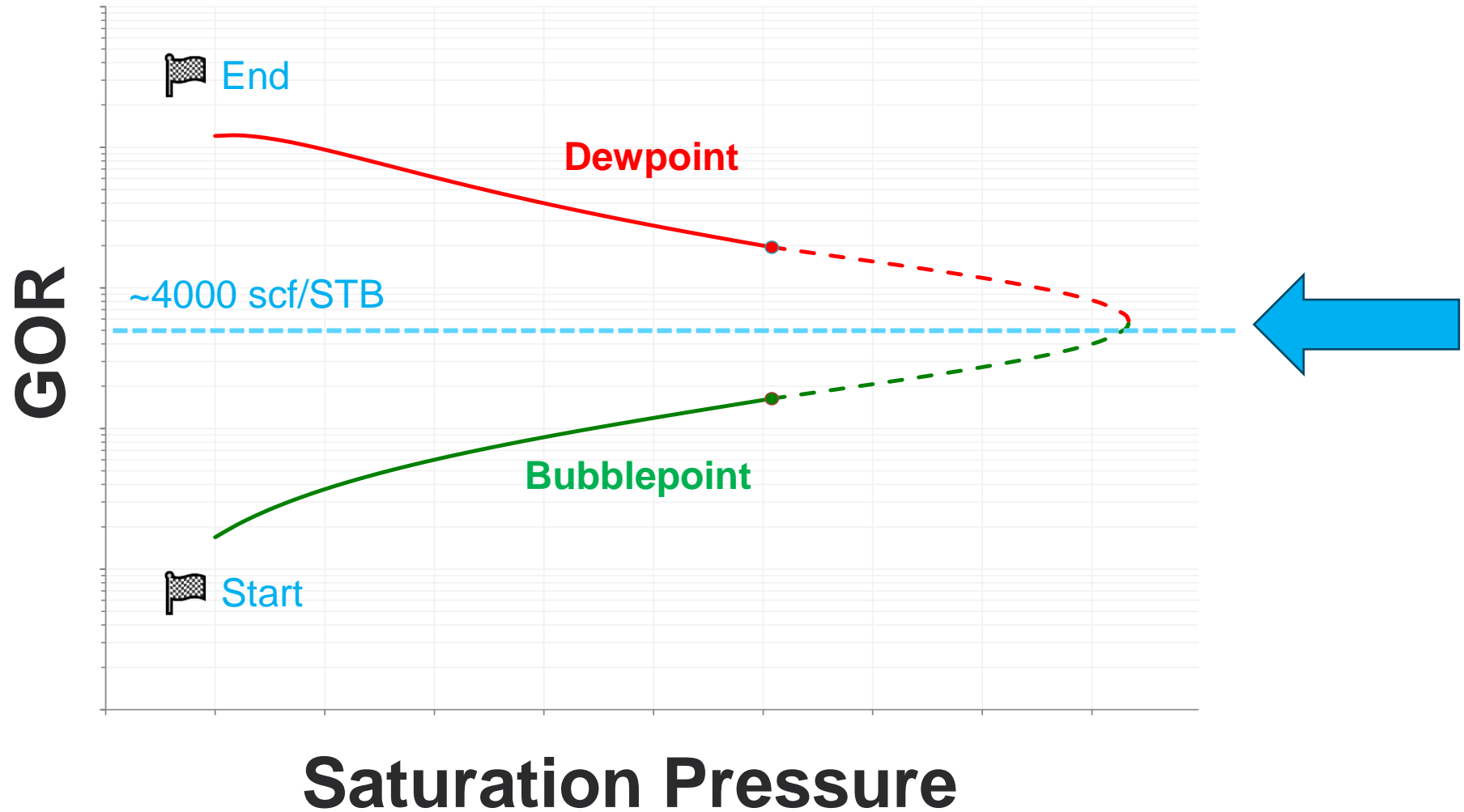
GOR

USE CUMULATIVES

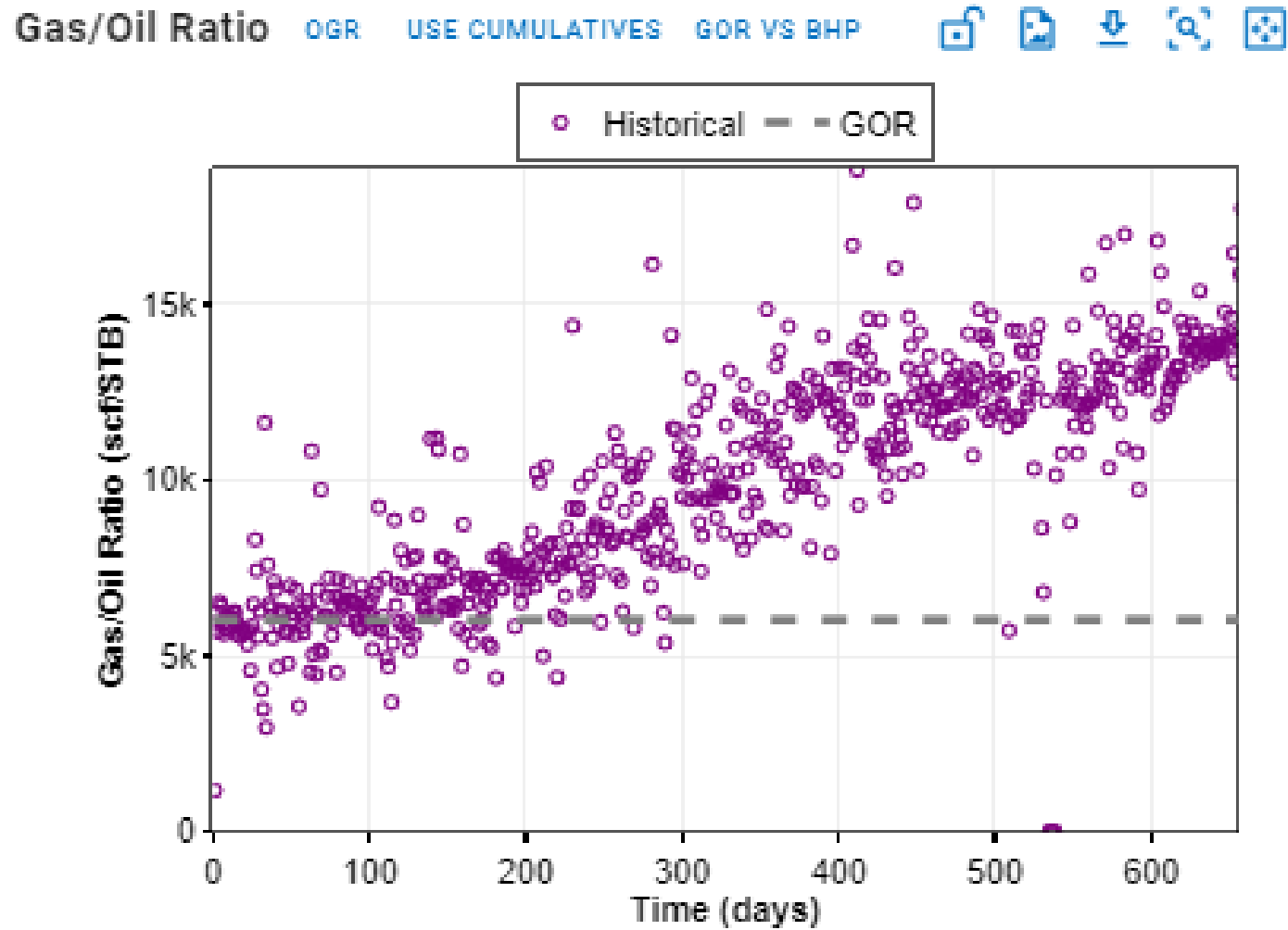
GOR VS BHP



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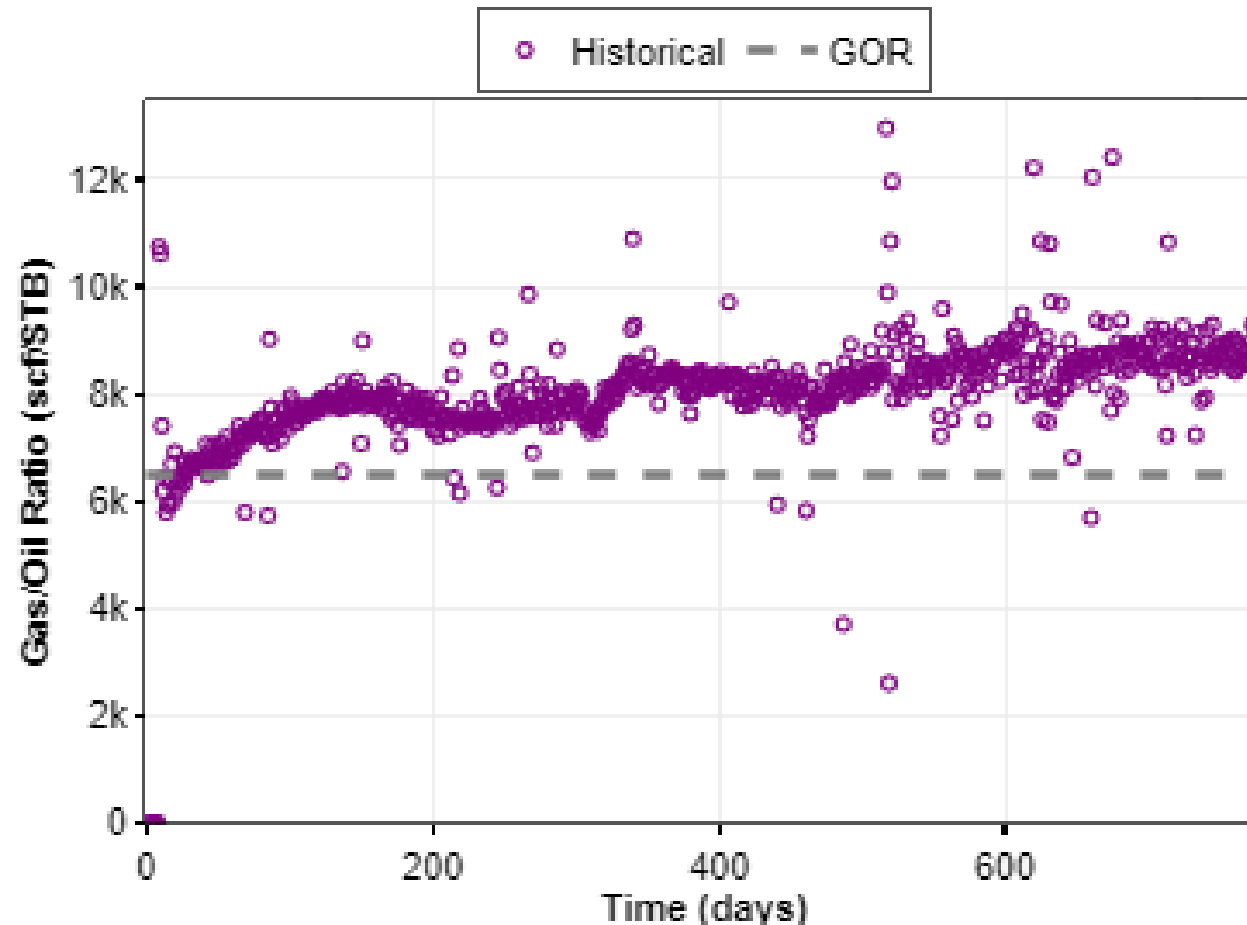
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Gas/Oil Ratio

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USE CUMULATIVES

GOR VS BHP



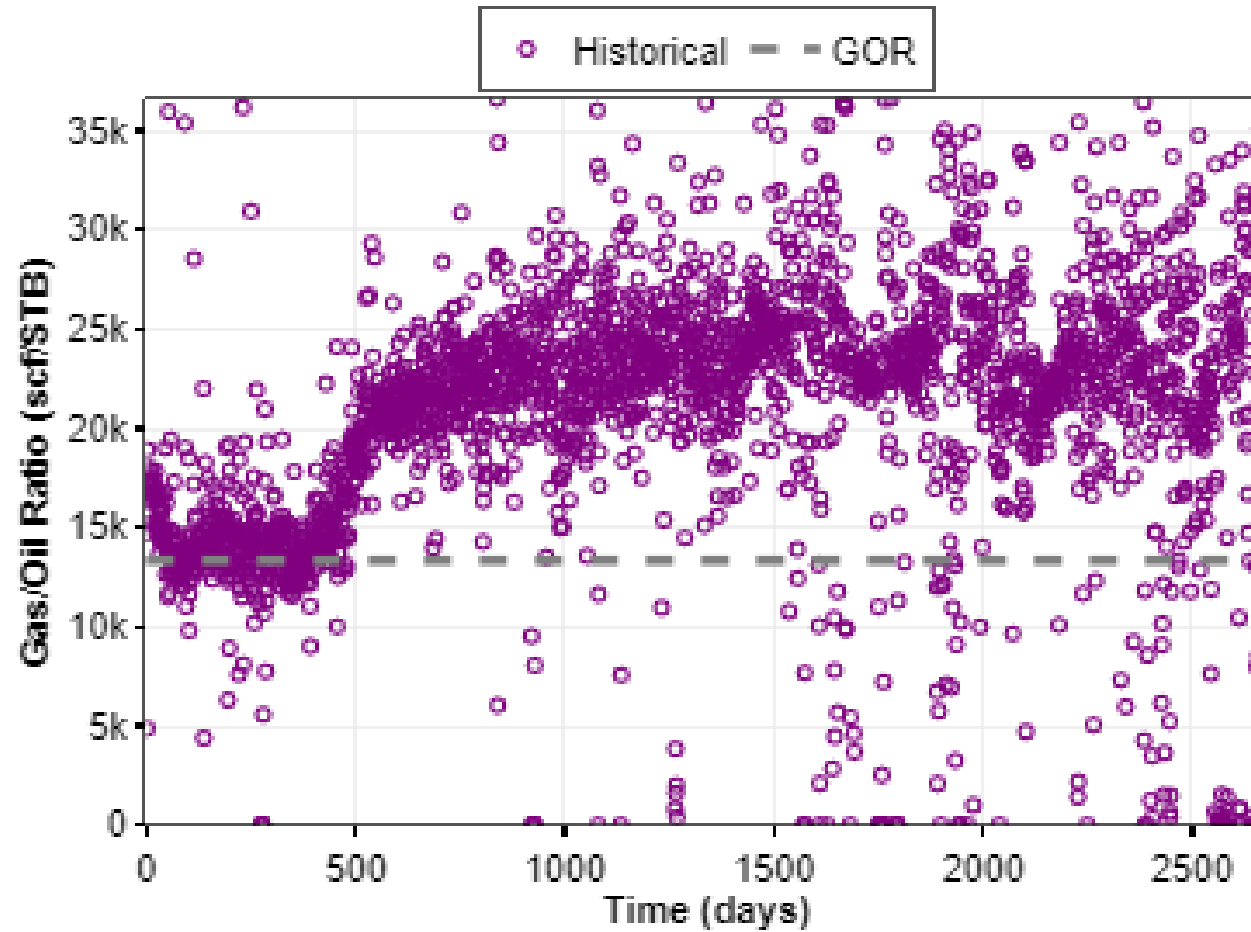
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Gas/Oil Ratio

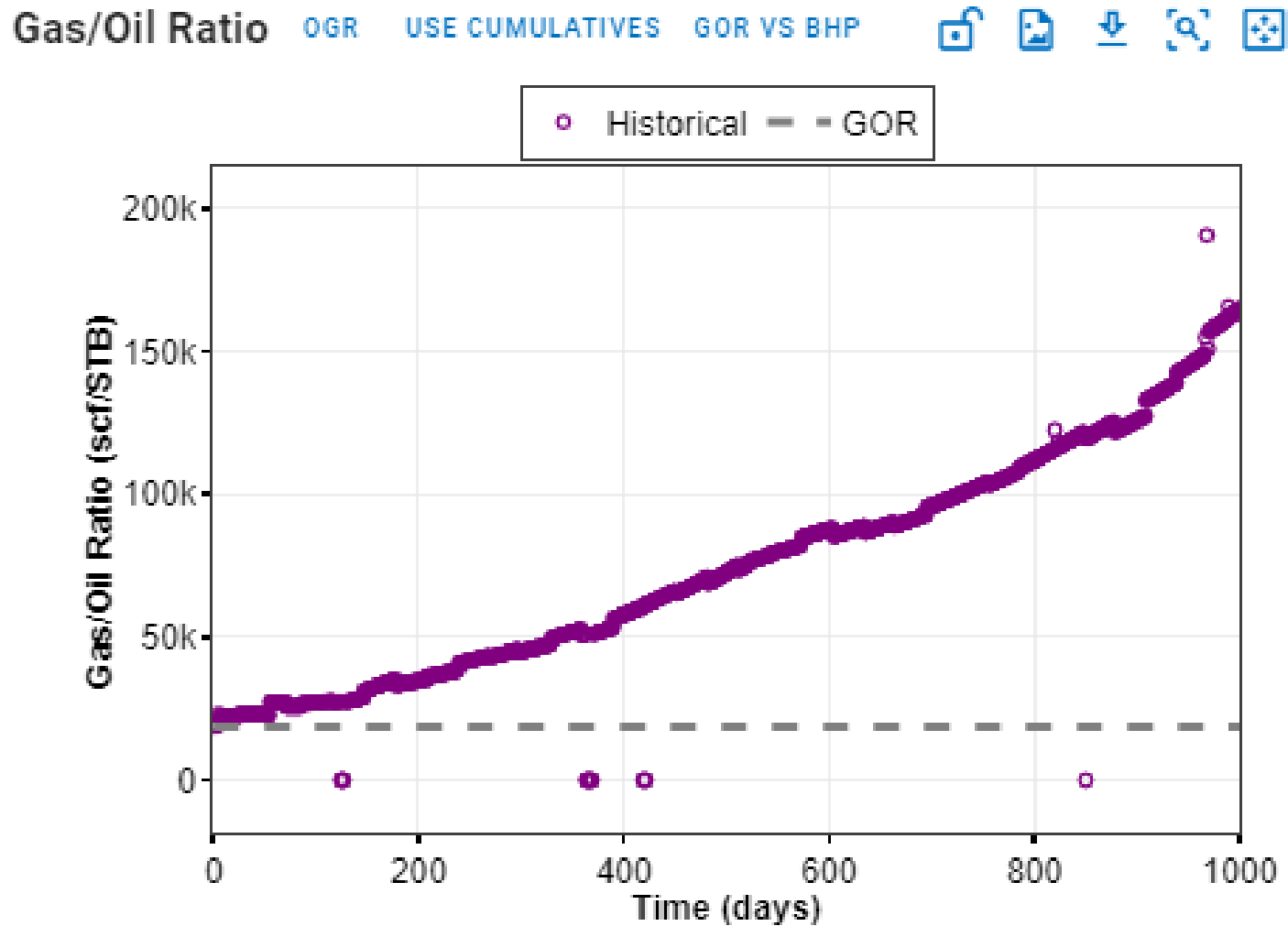
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USE CUMULATIVES

GOR VS BHP



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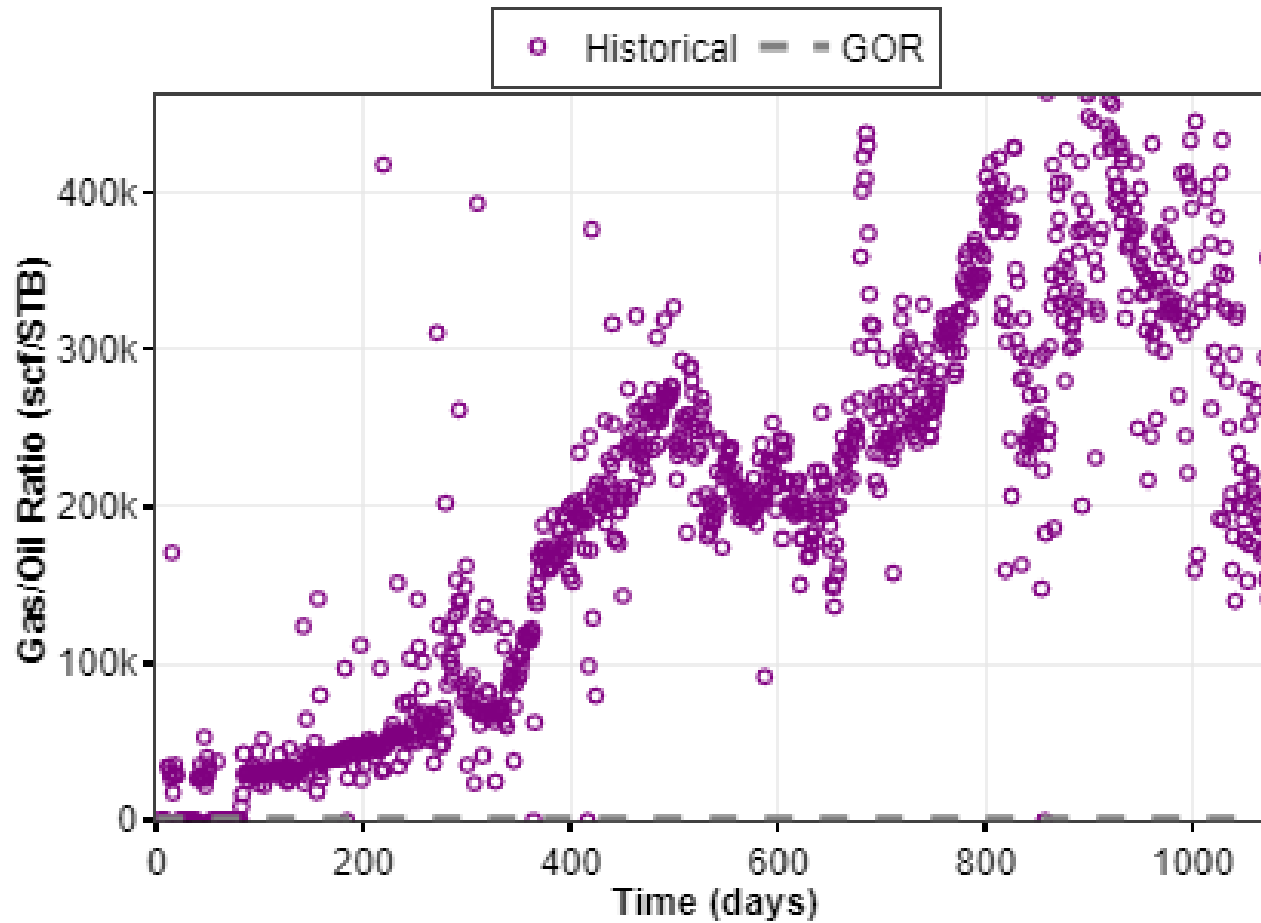
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Gas/Oil Ratio

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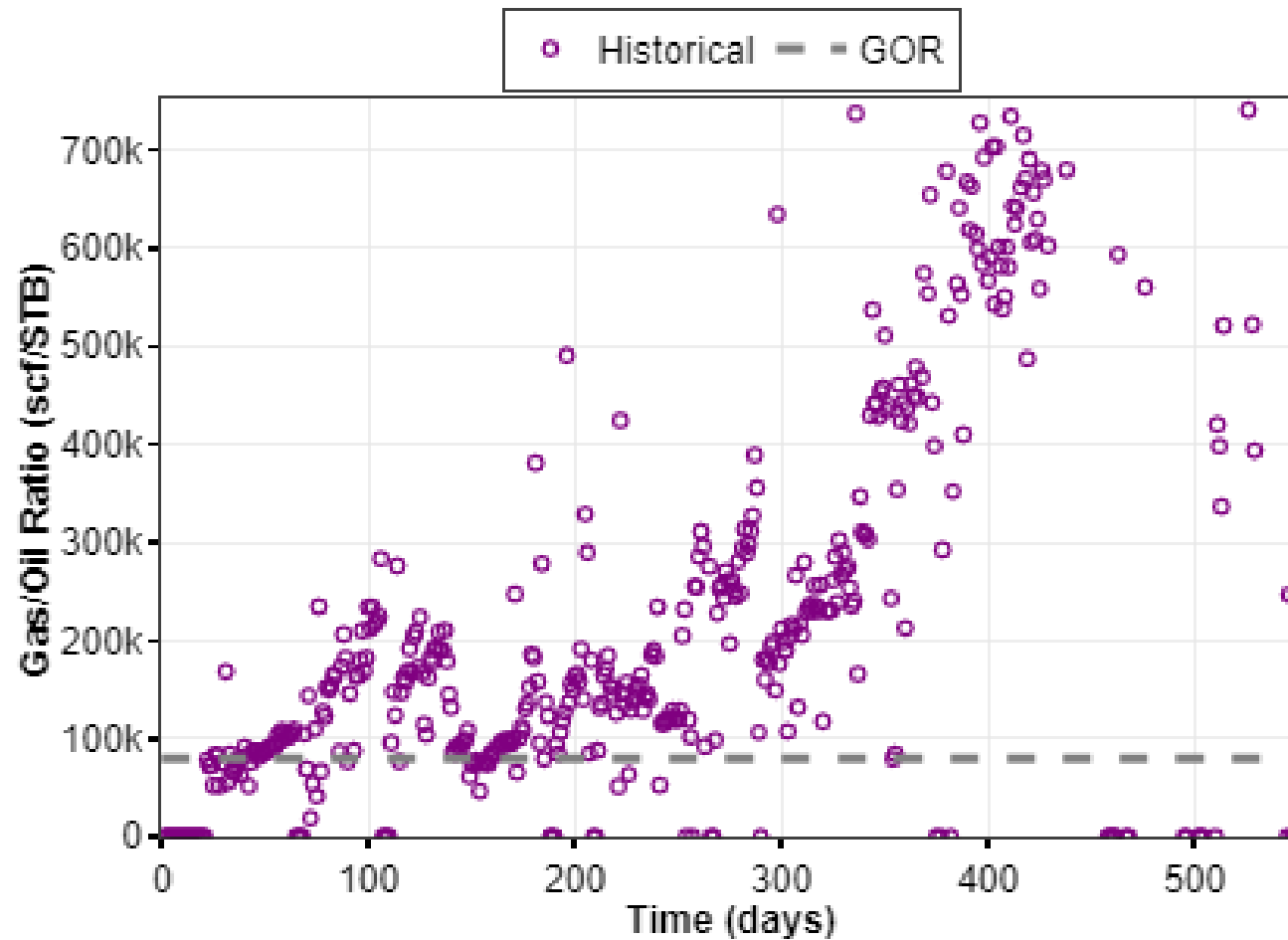
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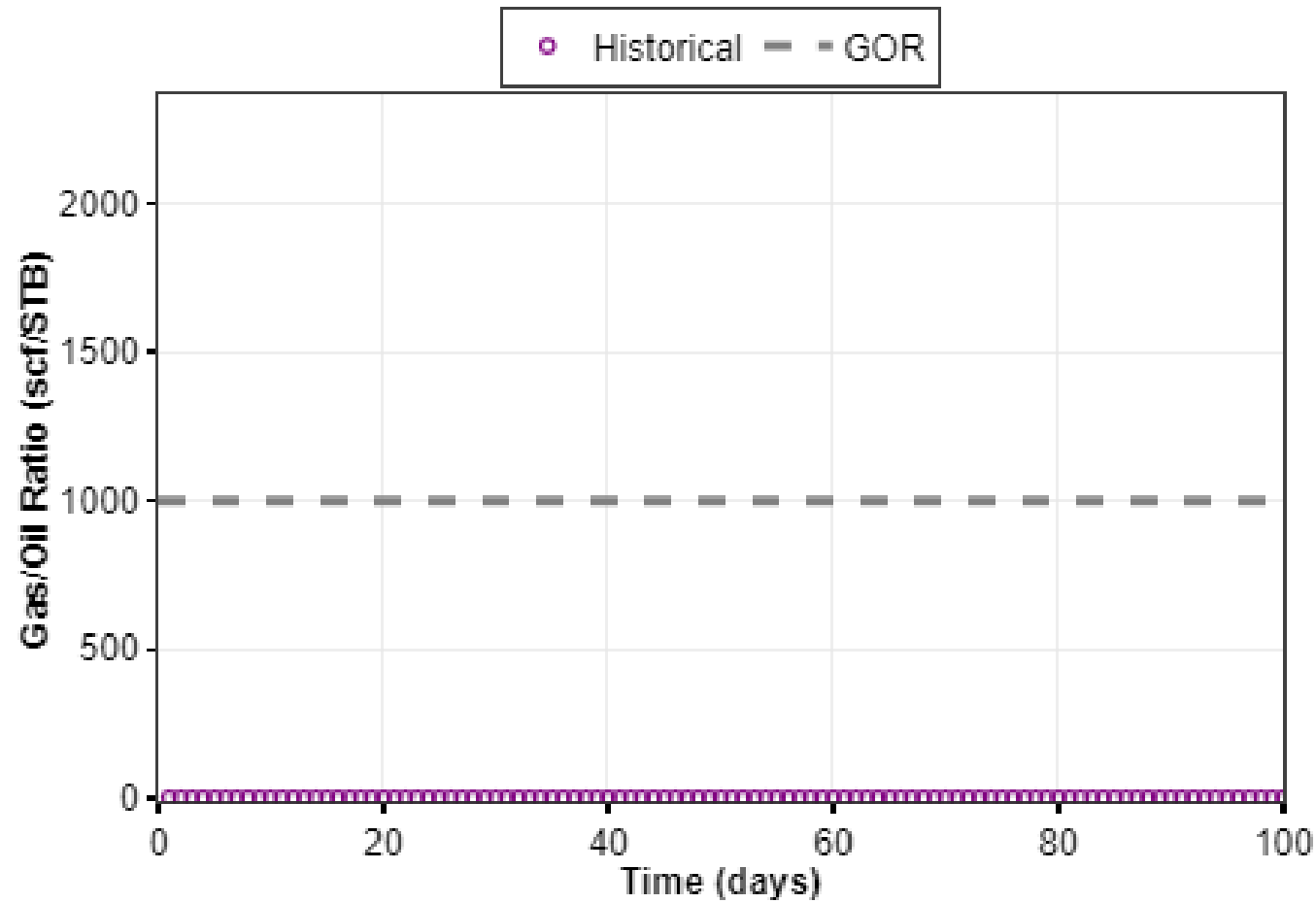
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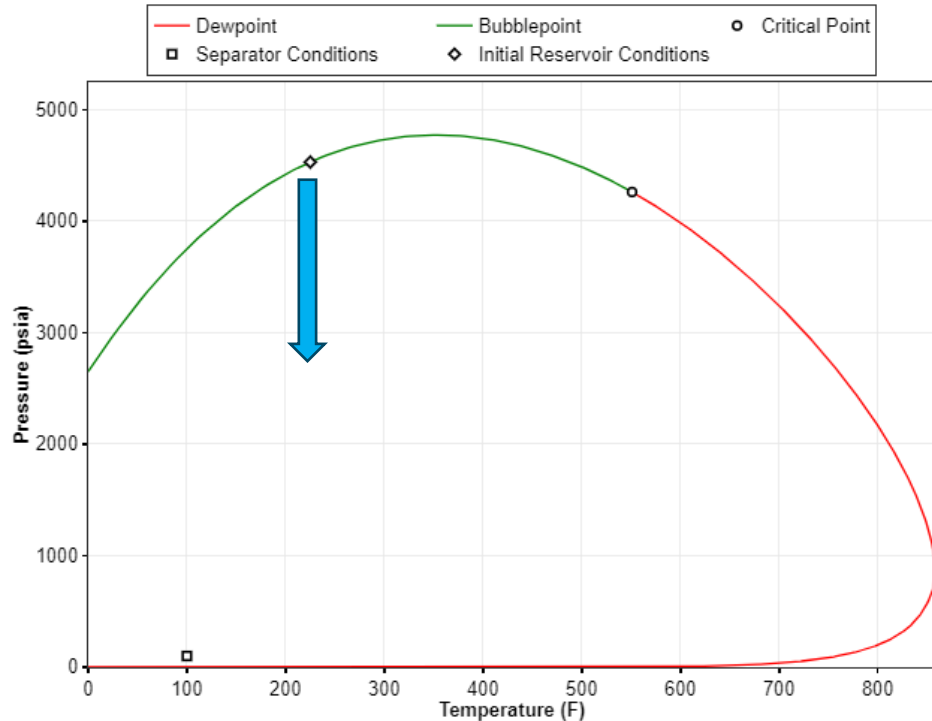
USE CUMULATIVES

GOR VS BHP



Special Case 1: Saturated Reservoirs

Phase Envelope



- Initial Conditions: $p_i \leq p_{\text{sat}}$
- In the “two-phase party” from day 1
- GOR rising from day 1!
- Initial producing GOR is a function of relative mobilities

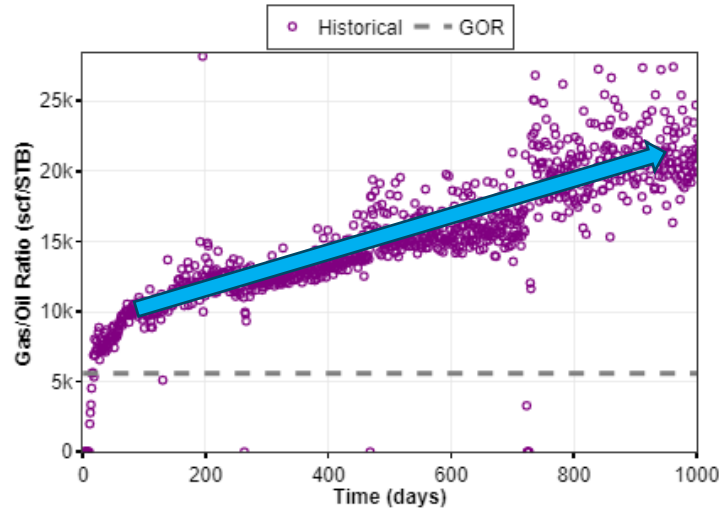
$$R_p = [1 + \alpha r_s]^{-1} [R_s + \alpha]$$

$$\alpha = \frac{k_{rg} B_o \mu_o}{k_{ro} B_{gd} \mu_g}$$

- ... so isn't as easy as R_{si} (or $1/R_{vi}$) = initial producing GOR

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Gas/Oil Ratio OGR USE CUMULATIVES GOR VS BHP

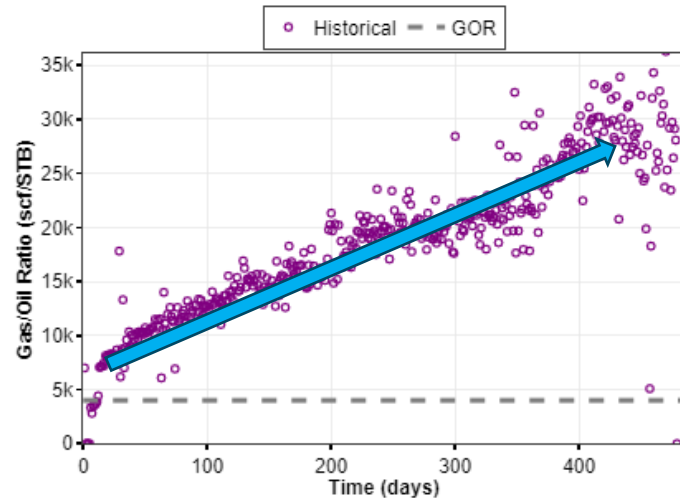


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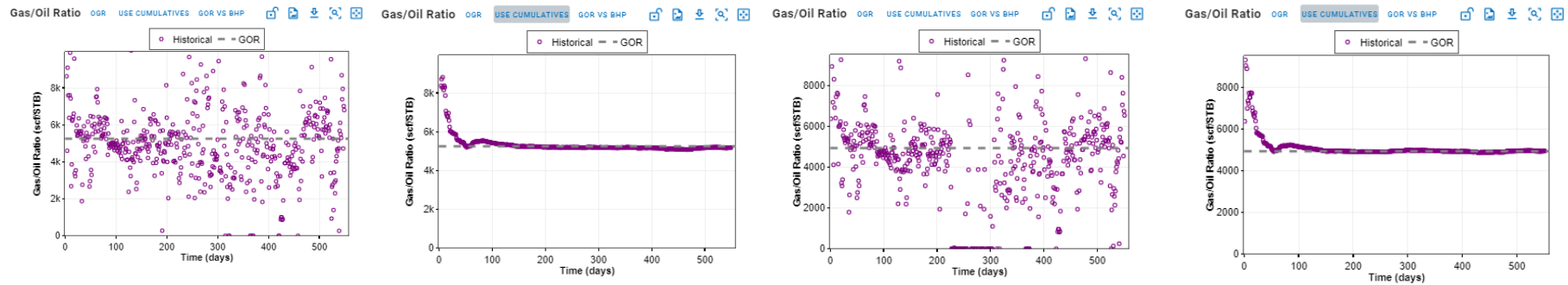
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Special Case 2: Constant GOR as $p_{wf} < p_{sat}$

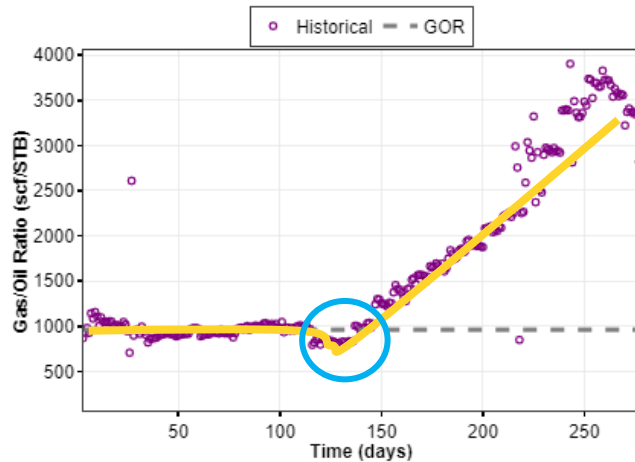


Either ...

1. Wrong p_{sat} (i.e. it should be lower), p_{wf} is still above p_{sat}
2. Large pressure loss from matrix to wellbore (e.g. low F_{cd})
3. Dual PVT system (e.g. one oil layer and one gas layer)

Special Case 3: GOR goes down, before up!

Gas/Oil Ratio OGR USE CUMULATIVES GOR VS BHP



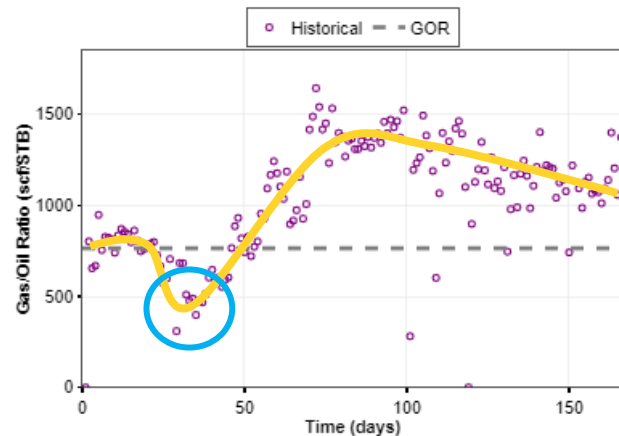
Solution gas drive reservoirs

Pure solution gas drive reservoirs are subject to different stages of idealized production.

In chronological order, the stages are typically ..

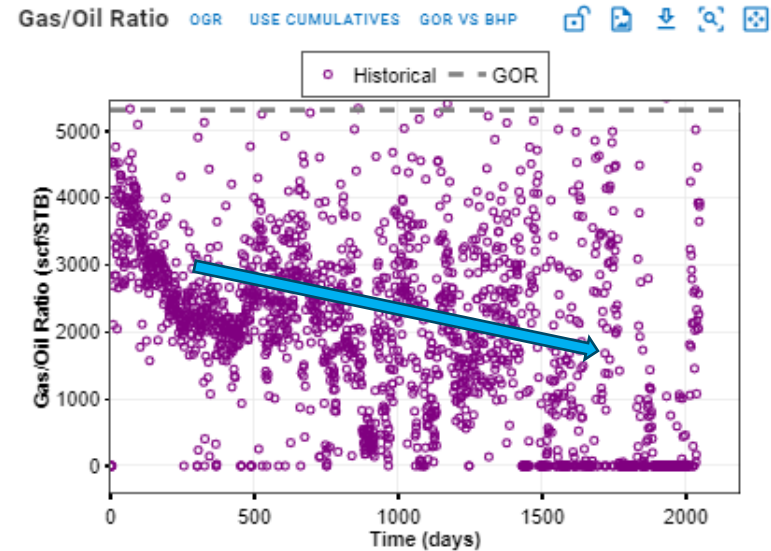
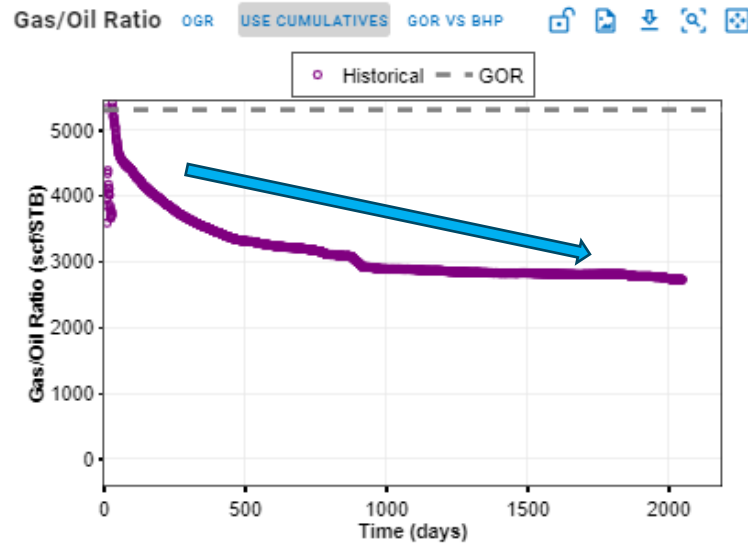
1. Production while undersaturated ($p_{wf} > p_{sat}$)
2. Production while saturated but the free gas is immobile (producing gas-oil ratio goes down)
3. Production while saturated and the free gas is mobile (the producing gas-oil ratio is increasing)

Gas/Oil Ratio OGR USE CUMULATIVES GOR VS BHP



More: https://petrowiki.spe.org/Solution_gas_drive_reservoirs

Special Case 4: Decreasing GOR ...



Can be explained with a dual PVT system.

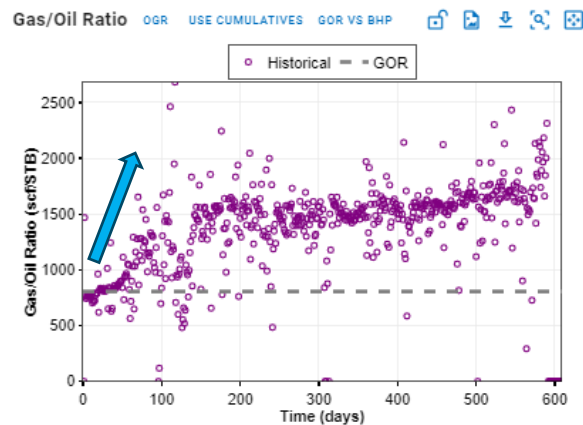
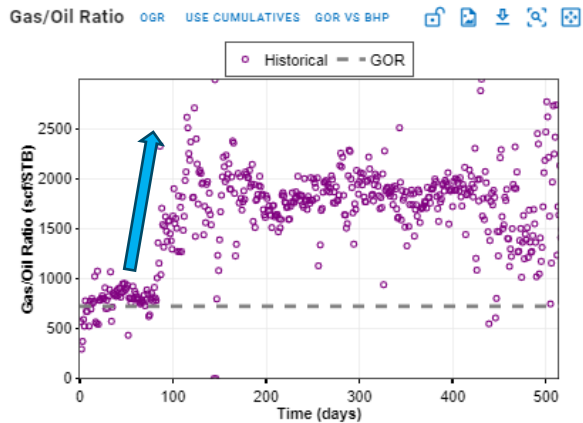
High GOR (or gas) layer depletes first (**lower viscosity**).

Low GOR layer depletes later (**higher viscosity**).

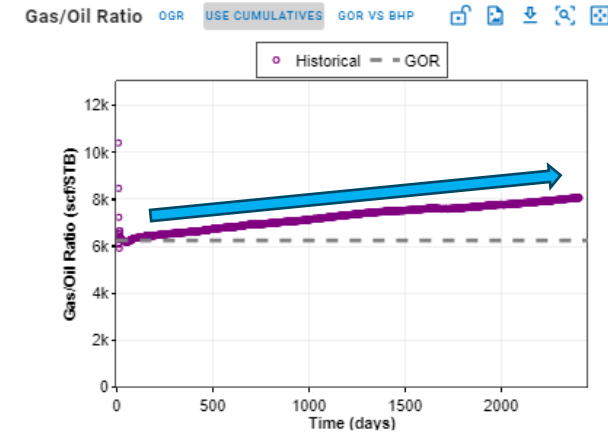
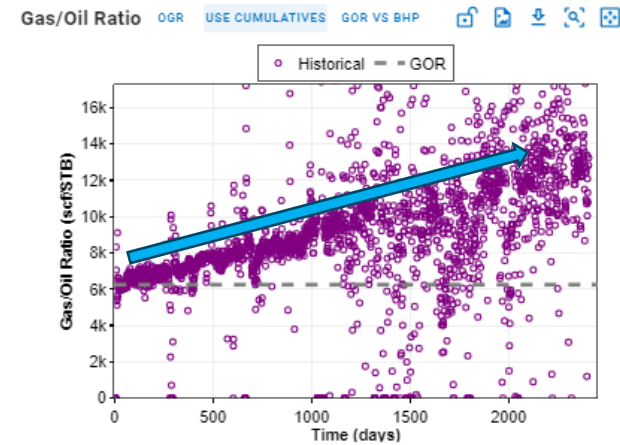
Sources: SPE-200014, URTeC-2882502, SPE-190797

Note: GOR Trends as $p_{wf} < p_{sat}$

Infinite conductive fractures
(GOR shoots up as $p_{wf} < p_{sat}$)



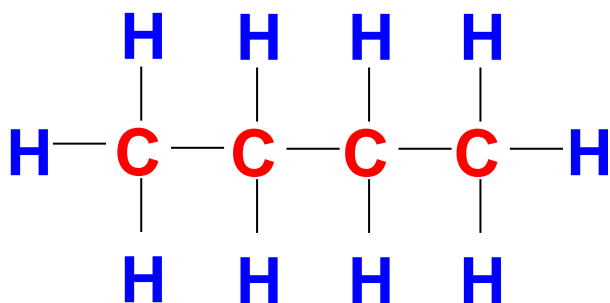
Low Fracture Conductivity
(Linearly increasing GORs)



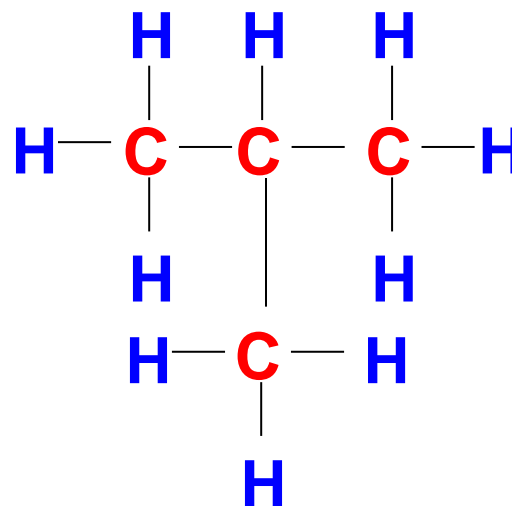
Petroleum Fluids

Alkanes (Paraffins)

Structure Formula



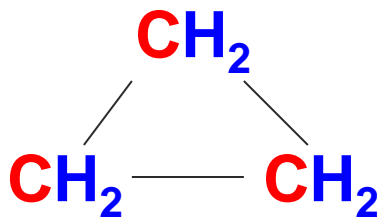
n-C₄H₁₀ : normal-butane



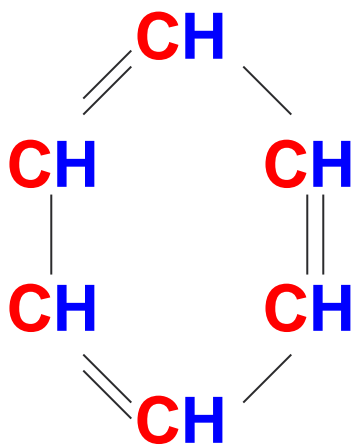
i-C₄H₁₀ : iso-butane

Cyclo-alkanes (Naphthenes)

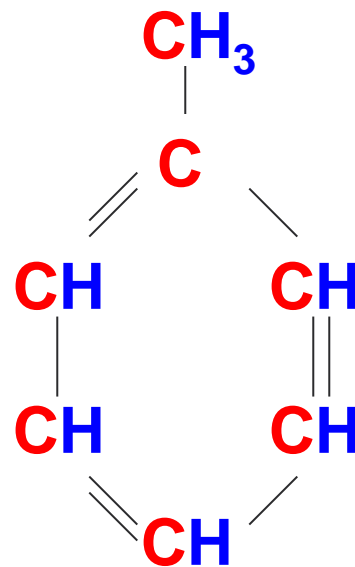
Structure Formula



Aromatics



Benzene



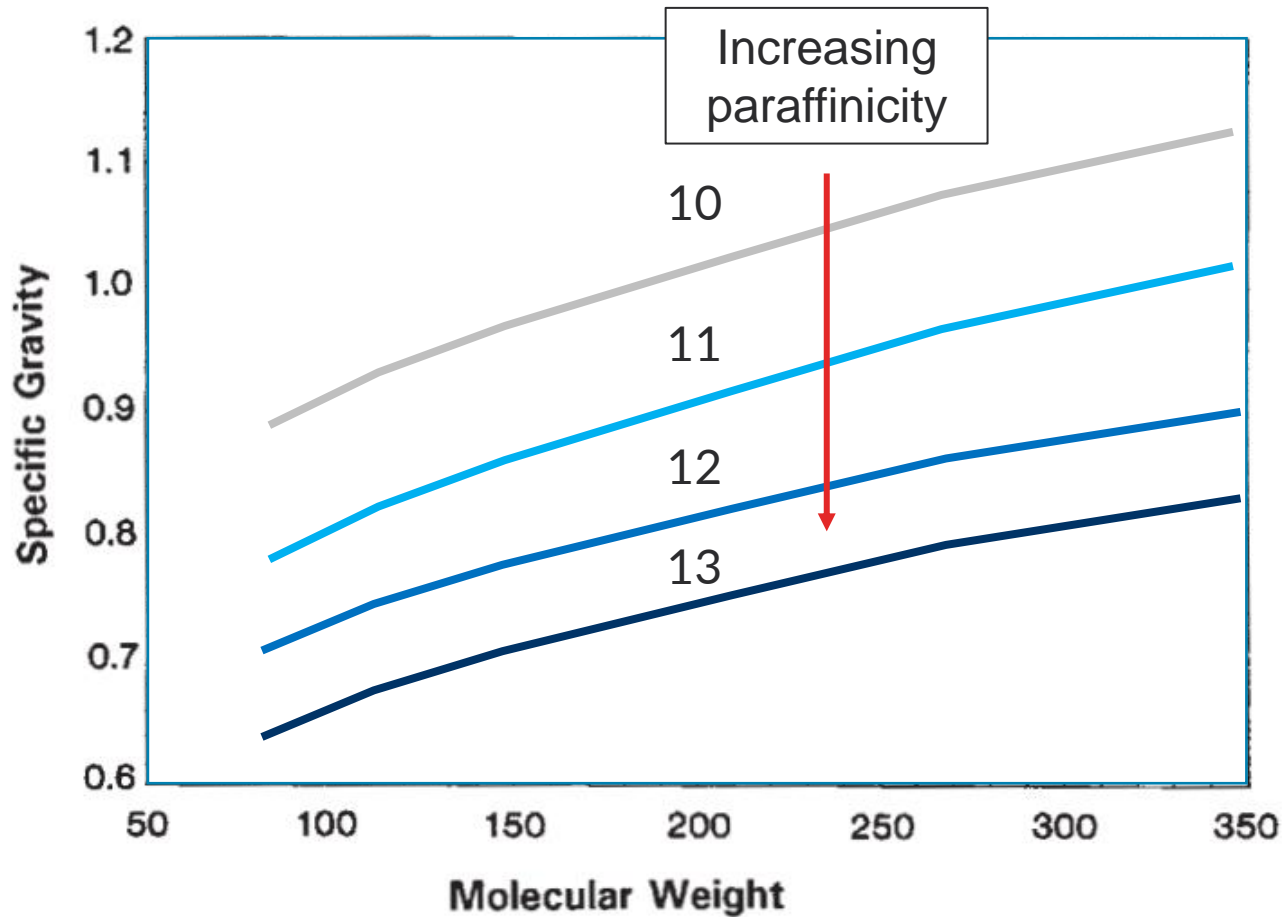
Toluene

Watson's Characterization Factor

$$K_w \approx 4.5579 M^{0.15178} \gamma^{-0.84573} \quad (5.35)$$

K_w varies roughly from 8.5 to 13.5. For paraffinic compounds, $K_w = 12.5$ to 13.5; for naphthenic compounds, $K_w = 11.0$ to 12.5; and for aromatic compounds, $K_w = 8.5$ to 11.0. Some overlap in K_w exists among these three families of hydrocarbons, and a combination of paraffins and aromatics will obviously “appear” naphthenic.

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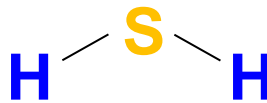
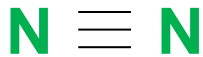
Paraffinic: $K_w \sim 12.5-13.5$

Naphthenic: $K_w \sim 11-12.5$

Aromatic: $K_w \sim 8.5-11$

Non-Hydrocarbons

- *Typically found in reservoir fluids.*
- *CO₂ and H₂S are unwanted & costly to deal with.*
 - *N₂ reduces heating value.*



N₂ : Nitrogen

H₂S : Hydrogen Sulfide

CO₂ : Carbon Dioxide

NGL, LPG and LNG – what's the difference?

Might be confusing ...

- LNG – liquefied natural gas ~ C_1
- LPG – liquified petroleum gas ~ C_3 and C_4
- NGL – natural gas liquids ~ C_2 , C_3 , C_4 , C_5
- Crude oil – C_{5+}/C_{6+}

Enough compositions already ... Back to everyday life!

C_1 – methane – used for heating

C_2 – ethane → ethylene → plastic

C_3 – propane → mainly heating (also plastic)

C_4 – butane → heating, cooking

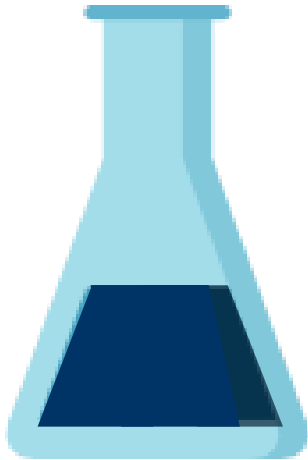
C_3/C_4 – “Autogas”, fuel in Europe, Turkey, Australia

C_{5+} - Natural gasoline / various kinds of fuel

Source: <https://www.eia.gov/todayinenergy/detail.php?id=5930>

Fluid Sampling

Why Sample?



Compositions

- Separator gas
- Separator oil
- Wellstream
- In-situ Reservoir

PVT Data

- Direct use
- Developing a PVT Model
- Validating an existing PVT model
- Fluid initialization

General Recommendation ...

Collect samples early in a well's lifetime at low drawdowns and stabilized rates (GOR)

Strongly Recommend that the following data reported

1. Separator GOR in scf/sep.bbl
2. Separator conditions at sampling
3. Field shrinkage factor used (=SF)
4. Flowing bottomhole pressure (FBHP) at sampling (or wellhead pressures)
5. Initial reservoir pressure
6. Time and date of sampling
7. Production rates during sampling
8. Dimensions of sample container
9. Total number and types of samples collected
10. Target formation

“Representative” Samples

“Reservoir Representative”

Any uncontaminated fluid sample produced from a reservoir is automatically representative of that reservoir

“In-situ Representative”

A sample representative of the original fluid(s) in place

Accuracy of PVT Data \neq “In-situ Representivity” of Sample

“Representative” Fluid Samples

Insitu-representative Samples:

- Represents the original fluid(s) in the volume drained by the well during sampling.
- May vary as a function of depth, from one fault block to another, and between non-communicating layers.
- May be difficult to measure directly, due to near-wellbore multiphase behavior in saturated, slightly undersaturated, and low-permeability reservoirs
- Accurate insitu-representative samples are used to determine the initial hydrocarbons (oil and gas) in place.

Reservoir-representative Samples:

- Represents any fluid produced from the reservoir.
- Are easily obtained.
- May be used to create estimates of the insitu-representative fluids!
- All reservoir-representative samples (having reliable PVT data and compositions) should be used in developing an EOS fluid characterization.

Production Test Sampling

Separator gas composition – y_{spi}

- Biggest uncertainty is C_{6+} amount
- Important for GP (LPG & NGL) design
- Useful in “Simplified EOS Approach”

Stock-tank oil API – Y_{API}

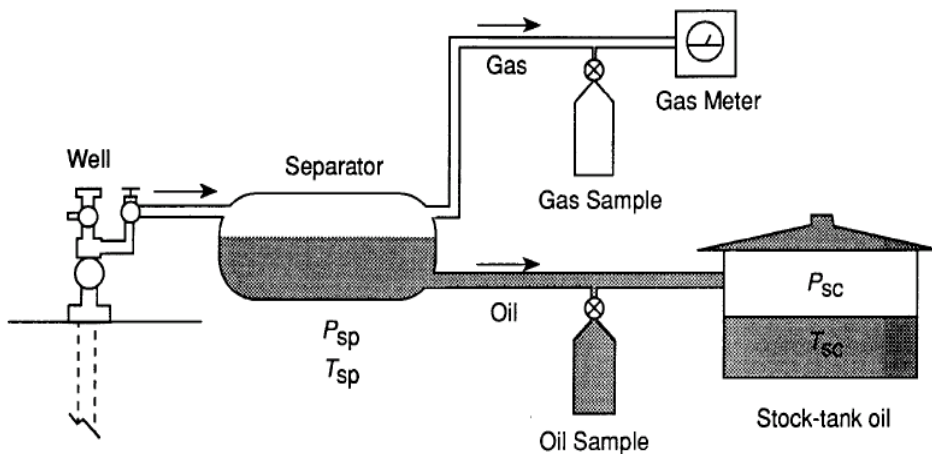
- Key data for EOS modeling
- Field measurement $\pm 1\text{-}2$ °API

Separator oil composition – x_{spi}

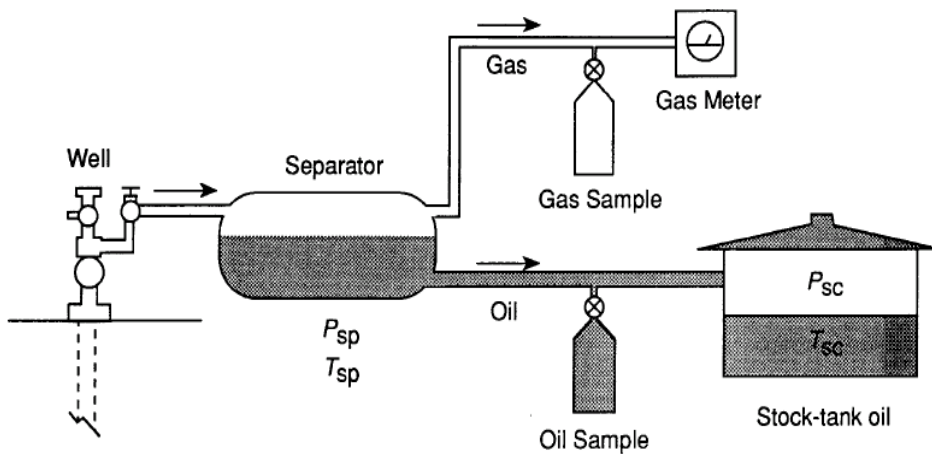
- Not always measured
- Reported density should not be used, as it is not measured

Reservoir temperature – T_R

- Reservoir representative
- In-situ representative



Separator Sampling



Separator gas composition – y_{spi}

- 20-liter container; duplicate containers
- Opening pressure QC

Separator oil composition – x_{spi}

- Flash-GC compositional measurement
- C_{7+} extended GC distribution
- C_{7+} MW and SG important data

Recombination GOR – R_{sp} (r_{sp})

- Unit: scf/separator-bbl !
- Includes only 1st-stage separator gas

Separator Sampling Conditions (T_{sp}, p_{sp})

- QC: Hoffman plot | $p_b(T_{sp}) = p_{sp}$

Bottomhole Sampling

When is bottomhole sampling recommended?

- Undersaturated oils
- Flowing BHP higher than saturation pressure

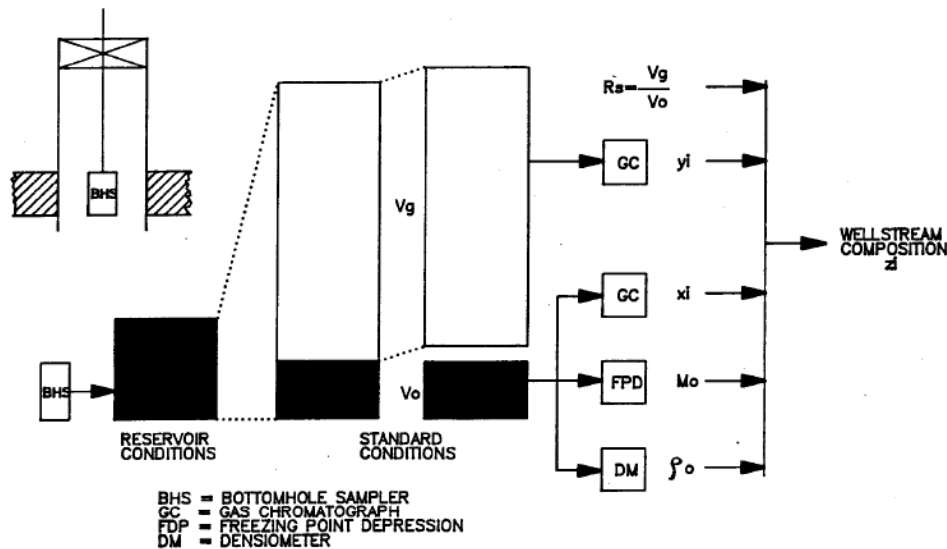
When is bottomhole sampling not recommended?

- Gas Condensates
- Foaming oils
- Highly viscous oils

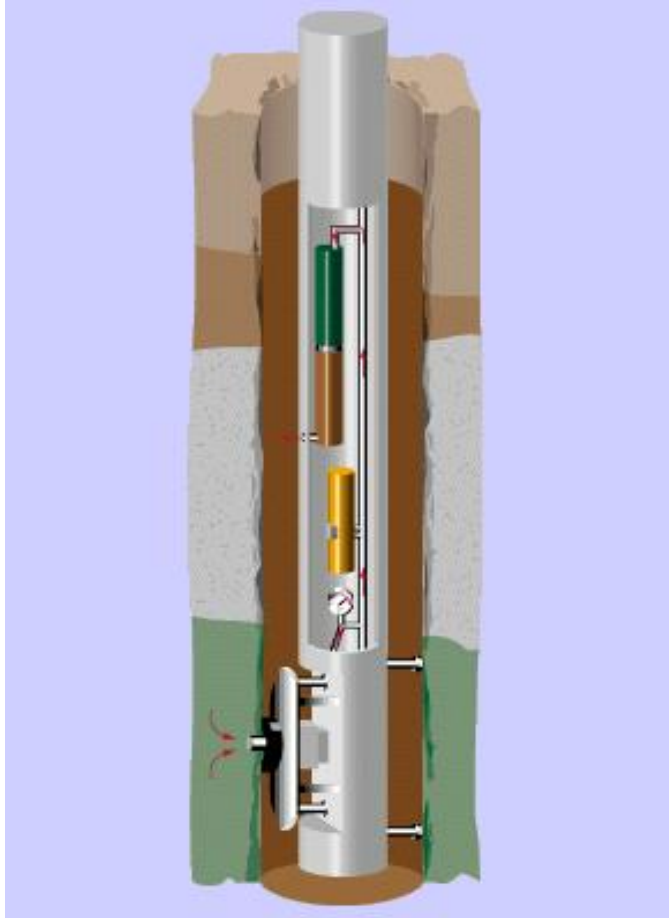
Quality check:

- BH pressure during sampling
- Production conditions prior to sampling
- Perforation interval
- Characterization Factor (Multiple samples)

BOTTOMHOLE WELLSTREAM COMPOSITION



Openhole Formation Testing (OFT) Samples



When is OFT sampling recommended?

- Oil reservoirs
- Gas and gas condensate reservoirs
- Layered reservoirs with different fluid
- Compositional grading reservoirs

When is OFT not recommended?

- Highly viscous crude
- Low permeability reservoirs
- Carefully when oil-based drilling mud (OBM) has been used

Quality checks:

- Saturation pressure and
- Sampling transfer
- Volume of sample

Sampling Summary

Advantages of Subsurface sampling

- Collect desired sample directly
- Can maintain full pressure of sample
- Avoids use of surface separators (surface metering uncertainties)
- Avoids recombination errors
- Less sampling information transmitted to PVT laboratory

Advantages of OFT samples

- Collects the fluid sample directly the formation
- Fluid sample from a very narrow depth interval
- Not affected by fluid segregation in the well

Advantages of separator samples

- Large fluid volumes can be taken
- Easy, convenient and less expensive when surface separators are already on location
- No tools in the borehole
- Does not require single phase fluid in the well bore

PVT Report 1.01

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- 1 How does a PVT report look like?
- 2 Lab experiments and what they measure
- 3 Most data in a PVT report is not measured
- 4 Compositions - the most uncertain lab experiment
- 5 API gravity are defined at stock tank conditions
- 6 We don't put the PVT reports into a simulator

PVT Report Example



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Reservoir Fluid Study

Field: Kaybob

Formation: Duvernay

Well: ECA Hz Wahigan

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Reservoir Fluid Study

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WELL ECA HZ WAHIGAN 04-12-064-23W5 - RECOMBINED SAMPLE
RESERVOIR FLUID STUDY
COMPOSITIONAL ANALYSIS OF RESERVOIR FLUID

Boiling Point (C)		Mole Fraction	Mass Fraction	Calculated Properties
-195.8	Nitrogen	N2	0.0095	0.0046
-78.5	Carbon Dioxide	CO2	0.0043	0.0033
-60.3	Hydrogen Sulphide	H2S	0.0000	0.0000
-161.7	Methane	C1	0.4825	0.1355
-88.9	Ethane	C2	0.1254	0.0659
-42.2	Propane	C3	0.0822	0.0634
-11.7	i-Butane	i-C4	0.0140	0.0141
-0.6	n-Butane	n-C4	0.0156	0.0362
27.8	i-Pentane	i-C5	0.0129	0.0163
36.1	n-Pentane	n-C5	0.0156	0.0197
36.1 - 68.9	Hexanes	C6	0.0244	0.0368
68.9 - 98.3	Heptanes	C7	0.0223	0.0391
98.3 - 125.6	Octanes	C8	0.0245	0.0490
125.6 - 150.6	Nonanes	C9	0.0179	0.0402
150.6 - 173.9	Decanes	C10	0.0136	0.0339
173.9 - 196.1	Undecanes	C11	0.0122	0.0313
196.1 - 215	Dodecanes	C12	0.0097	0.0272
215 - 235	Tridecanes	C13	0.0095	0.0292
235 - 252.2	Tetradecanes	C14	0.0079	0.0262
252.2 - 270.6	Pentadecanes	C15	0.0058	0.0208
270.6 - 287.8	Hexadecanes	C16	0.0047	0.0181
287.8 - 291.7	Heptadecanes	C17	0.0040	0.0167
291.7 - 317.2	Octadecanes	C18	0.0039	0.0170
317.2 - 330	Nonadecanes	C19	0.0034	0.0159
330 - 344.4	Eicosanes	C20	0.0028	0.0133
344.4 - 357.2	Heneicosanes	C21	0.0024	0.0122
357.2 - 369.4	Docosanes	C22	0.0021	0.0114
369.4 - 380	Tricosanes	C23	0.0019	0.0106
380 - 391.1	Tetracosanes	C24	0.0017	0.0097
391.1 - 401.7	Pentacosanes	C25	0.0015	0.0092
401.7 - 412.2	Hexacosanes	C26	0.0013	0.0084
412.3 - 422.2	Heptacosanes	C27	0.0012	0.0076
422.3 - 431.7	Octacosanes	C28	0.0011	0.0072
431.7 - 441.1	Nonacosanes	C29	0.0009	0.0066
Above 441.1	Tricosenes Plus	C30+	0.0097	0.0961
48.9	Cyclopentane	C5H10	0.0009	0.0011
72.2	Methylcyclopentane	C6H12	0.0039	0.0058
81.1	Cyclohexane	C6H12	0.0033	0.0048
101.1	Methylcyclohexane	C7H14	0.0088	0.0151
80.0	Benzene	C6H6	0.0005	0.0007
110.6	Toluene	C7H8	0.0022	0.0035
136.1 - 138.9	Ethylbenzene & p,m-Xylene	C8H10	0.0025	0.0046
144.4	o-Xylene	C8H10	0.0020	0.0037
168.9	1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	C9H12	0.0037	0.0078
Total			1.0000	1.0000

Formation: Duvernay Field: Kaybob
Location: ECA HZ WAHIGAN 04-12-064-23W5

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Types of PVT Lab Tests

Compositional Measurements

Gas Chromatography (GC)

w_i

TBP Distillation

w_i, M_i, Y_i

Standard PVT Experiments

CCE

p_{sat}

Depletion Tests (DLE/CVD)

$V_{L,rel}$

Multistage Separator Test

B_o

Viscosity Experiment

μ_o

Gas EOR Experiments

Slimtube Experiment

MMP_{MC}

Swelling Test

MMP_{FC}

Multi-Contact Vaporization

E_v

- ***Saturation pressure:***

- Generally within +/- 5 bar.
- Gas condensate might have larger uncertainties.

- ***Gas Z-factors:***

- Generally between 1-3%.

- ***Stock tank oil densities:***

- Within 1-2%

- ***STO (and C_{7+}) Molecular Weight:***

- Generally within 5%
- Not uncommon to see variation between different labs of 5+%.

- ***Reservoir oil densities:***

- Pycnometer densities generally within 1-2%.
- DLE densities within 2-4% (except last stage!).

- ***Separator Bo:***

- Generally 1-2%.

- ***Separator GOR:***

- Within 5-10%
- Could be higher for lean gas condensates

DLE GOR (Released gas):

- Last stage (bleeding process) should not be weighted!
- Generally within 3 %
- Gas composition C_{6+} content not accurate!

CVD gas compositions:

- High quality laboratories should get C_{7+} within +/- 0.2 mole-%.
- Challenge in lean gas condensates
- Material balance check is ALWAYS needed – a lot of bad data exists.

CVD cumulative gas produced:

- Generally within 2-3 recovery-%

CCE and CVD oil relative volumes:

- Generally within 5% for volatile oil and rich gases depending on type of the cell
- Large errors can be expected for very lean and near-critical fluids.

Minimum Miscibility Pressure:

- High quality measurements should give oil recoveries above MMP higher than 95%
- With a well-designed experiment (pressure selection) MMP should be within +/- 5 bar.

Viscosities:

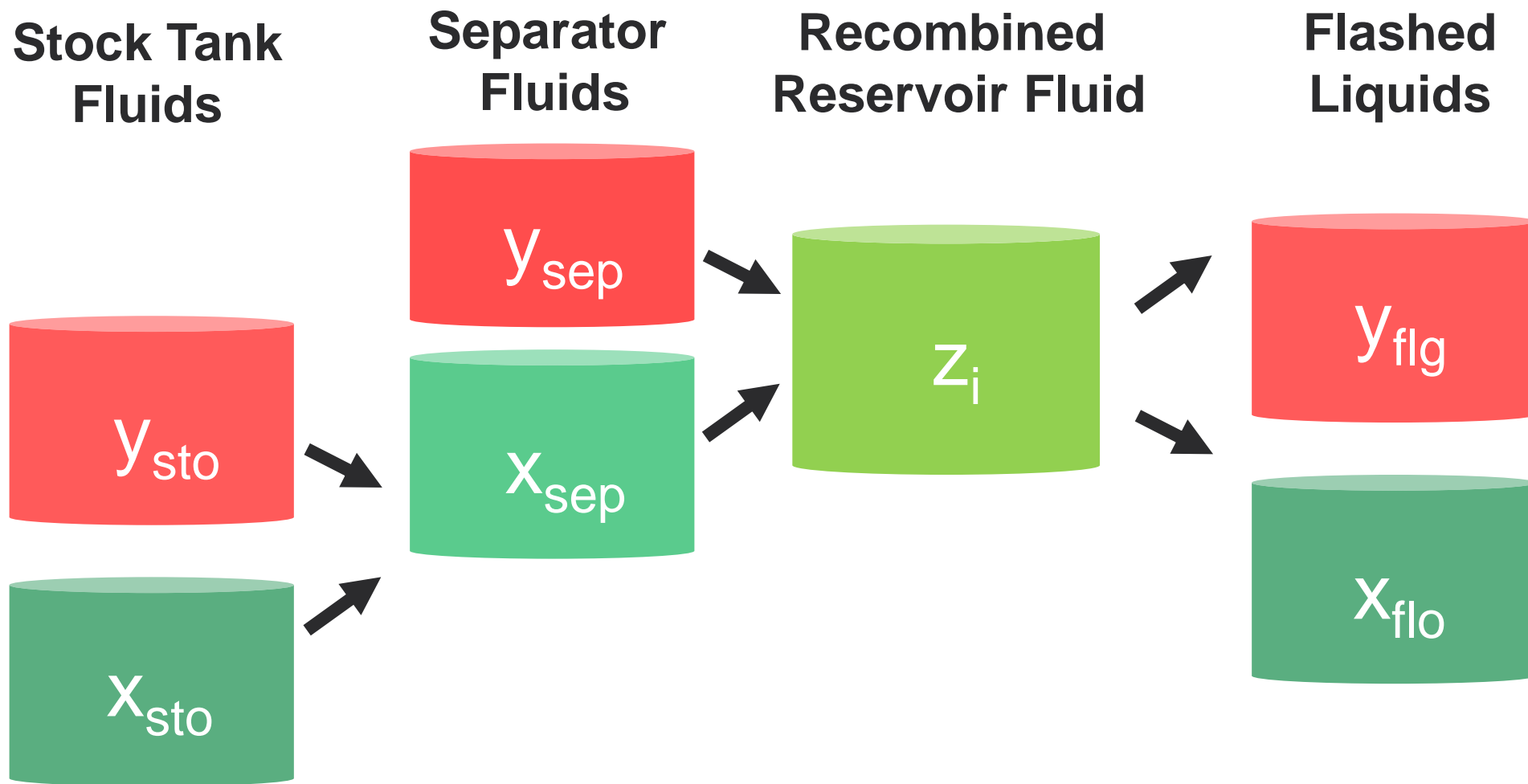
- Oil: Large uncertainties, generally 10-20%
- Gas: Usually not measured

What is Measured vs Calculated?

TABLE 1
ENCANA CORPORATION
WELL ECA HZ WAHIGAN 04-12-064-23W5 – RECOMBINED SAMPLE
RESERVOIR FLUID STUDY
COMPOSITIONAL ANALYSIS OF RESERVOIR FLUID

Boiling Point (C)			Mole Fraction	Mass Fraction	Calculated Properties
-195.8	Nitrogen	N2	0.0095	0.0046	Total Sample
-78.5	Carbon Dioxide	CO2	0.0043	0.0033	
-60.3	Hydrogen Sulphide	H2S	0.0000	0.0000	Molecular Weight 57.16
-161.7	Methane	C1	0.4825	0.1355	
-88.9	Ethane	C2	0.1254	0.0659	
-42.2	Propane	C3	0.0822	0.0634	C6+ Fraction
-11.7	i-Butane	i-C4	0.0140	0.0143	
-0.6	n-Butane	n-C4	0.0356	0.0362	Molecular Weight 167.92
27.8	i-Pentane	i-C5	0.0129	0.0163	Mole Fraction 0.2181
36.1	n-Pentane	n-C5	0.0156	0.0197	Density (g/cc) 0.8200
36.1 - 68.9	Hexanes	C6	0.0244	0.0368	
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196.1 - 215	Dodecanes	C12	0.0097	0.0272	Density (g/cc) 0.8302
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235 - 252.2	Tetradecanes	C14	0.0079	0.0262	
252.2 - 270.6	Pentadecanes	C15	0.0058	0.0208	C12+ Fraction
270.6 - 287.8	Hexadecanes	C16	0.0047	0.0181	
287.8 - 291.7	Heptadecanes	C17	0.0040	0.0167	Molecular Weight 275.39
291.7 - 317.2	Octadecanes	C18	0.0039	0.0170	Mole Fraction 0.0754
317.2 - 330	Nonadecanes	C19	0.0034	0.0159	Density (g/cc) 0.8780
330 - 344.4	Eicosanes	C20	0.0028	0.0133	
344.4 - 357.2	Heneicosanes	C21	0.0024	0.0122	
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A “Recombined” Composition



$$z_i = x_i(1 - F_g) + y_i F_g$$

$$F_g = \left(1 + \frac{2130\rho_o}{M_o GOR}\right)^{-1}$$

- Non-hydrocarbons (CO₂, H₂S, N₂)
- Pure compounds with known molecular weight
 - Hydrocarbons (C₁, C₂, C₃, iC₄, ... , C₆)
 - Isomers (e.g. Benzene, Toluene)
- Single-Carbon Number (SCN) components
 - e.g. C₁₀, C₁₁, C₁₂

(Oil based mud compounds ~C₁₂ – C₂₀)

Component	MW ¹
	g/mol
CO ₂	44.01
H ₂ S	34.08
N ₂	28.01
C ₁	16.04
C ₂	30.07
C ₃	44.10
i-C ₄	58.12
n-C ₄	58.12
i-C ₅	72.15
n-C ₅	72.15
C ₆	84.00
Mcylo-C ₅	84.16
Benzene	78.11
Cyclo-C ₆	84.16
C ₇	100.21
Mcylo-C ₆	98.19
Toluene	92.14
C ₈	114.23
C ₂ -Benzene	106.17
m&p-Xylene	106.17
o-Xylene	106.17
C ₉	128.26
C ₁₀	134.00
C ₁₁	147.00
C ₁₂	161.00
⋮	⋮
⋮	⋮
⋮	⋮

Non-HC

Pure compounds

Mix of isomers & SCN components

SCN components

Compositional Measurement

- **Mass** of the individual components is measured using a gas chromatograph (GC)
- **Weight fractions, w_i** , of each component is **converted to moles** by using the **total sample molecular weight, M** , and the **individual component molecular weight, M_i**

From GC,
might be
uncertain

Measurement
accuracy $\pm 5-10\%$

$$Z_i = w_i \frac{M}{M_i}$$

- Pure compounds: Known
- SCN: estimated
- C_{n+} : unknown

No	Component	Katz	Whitson
		g/mol	g/mol
1	CO2	44.01	44.01
2	H2S	34.08	34.08
3	N2	28.01	28.01
4	C1	16.04	16.04
5	C2	30.07	30.07
6	C3	44.10	44.10
7	i-C4	58.12	58.12
8	n-C4	58.12	58.12
9	i-C5	72.15	72.15
10	n-C5	72.15	72.15
11	C6	84.00	84.00
12	Mcydo-C5	84.00	84.16
13	Benzene	78.11	78.11
14	Cydo-C6	84.16	84.16
15	C7	96.00	96.00
16	Mcydo-C6	98.19	98.19
17	Toluene	92.14	92.14
18	C8	107.00	107.00
19	C2-Benzene	106.17	106.17
20	m&p-Xylene	106.17	106.17
21	o-Xylene	106.17	106.17
22	C9	121.00	121.00
23	C10	134.00	134.00
24	C11	147.00	147.00
25	C12	161.00	161.00
26	C13	175.00	175.00
27	C14	190.00	190.00
28	C15	206.00	206.00
29	C16	222.00	222.00
30	C17	237.00	237.00
31	C18	251.00	251.00
32	C19	265.00	265.00
33	C20	279.00	279.00
34	C21	291.00	291.00
35	C22	305.00	300.00
36	C23	318.00	312.00
37	C24	331.00	324.00
38	C25	345.00	337.00
39	C26	359.00	349.00
40	C27	374.00	360.00
41	C28	388.00	372.00
42	C29	402.00	382.00

Known

Estimated

Warning! Sep. Oil Liquid Analysis Density

Core Lab
HYDROCARBON LIQUID ANALYSIS

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CONTAINER IDENTITY METER ID WELL LICENSE NUMBER LABORATORY FILE NUMBER

ARC Resources Ltd. OPERATOR 2

100/14-12-084-24W/00 ARCRES HZ Inga G13-14-84-24 668.95 663.05

LOCATION (NM) WELL NAME KS ELEV (m) GR ELEV (m)

Inga Montney TARA Energy Services

FIELD OR AREA POOL OR ZONE SAMPLER

TEST TYPE AND NO. TEST RECEIVED

Condensate Dump

POINT OF SAMPLE SAMPLE POINT ID

2208.9 - 4755.1 PUMPING FLOWING GASLIFT SWAB

WATER 28.70 m% OIL 74.50 m% GAS 192370 m%

TEST INTERVAL or PERFS (m) 17

2388 SEPARATOR RESERVOIR OTHER CONTAINER WHEN SAMPLED CONTAINER WHEN RECEIVED SEPARATOR OTHER

at 01:00 hrs Pressures, kPa (gauge) Temperatures, °C

2018 09 29 2018 10 04 2018 10 11 CG ANALYST AMT. AND TYPE CUSHION MUD RESISTIVITY

COMPONENT	MOLE FRACTION	MASS FRACTION	LIQUID VOLUME FRACTION	HLH*
N ₂	Trace	Trace	Trace	Trace
CO ₂	0.0001	Trace	Trace	0.2
H ₂ S	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0
C ₁	0.0687	0.0117	0.0267	155.4
C ₂	0.0625	0.0200	0.0362	222.1
C ₃	0.0910	0.0427	0.0575	334.4
iC ₄	0.0382	0.0236	0.0287	166.8
C ₄	0.0854	0.0528	0.0618	359.3
iC ₅	0.0527	0.0404	0.0443	257.3
C ₅	0.0562	0.0431	0.0458	271.9

CALCULATED PROPERTIES OF C₇₊ RESIDUE (15/15°C)

765.7 kg/m³ 0.7664 53.3

DENSITY RELATIVE DENSITY API @ 15.5 °C

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RELATIVE MOLECULAR MASS

CALCULATED PROPERTIES OF TOTAL SAMPLE (15/15°C)

684.7 kg/m³ 0.6853 75.2

DENSITY RELATIVE DENSITY API @ 15.5 °C

94.07

RELATIVE MOLECULAR MASS

GAS EQUIVALENT

0.1721 (1 g/m³ Gas/m³ Liquid (20/20°C))

REMARKS: Saturation pressure @ 22°C (kPa gauge) = 2069

CALCULATED PROPERTIES OF TOTAL SAMPLE (15/15°C)

684.7 kg/m³ 0.6853 75.2

DENSITY RELATIVE DENSITY API @ 15.5 °C

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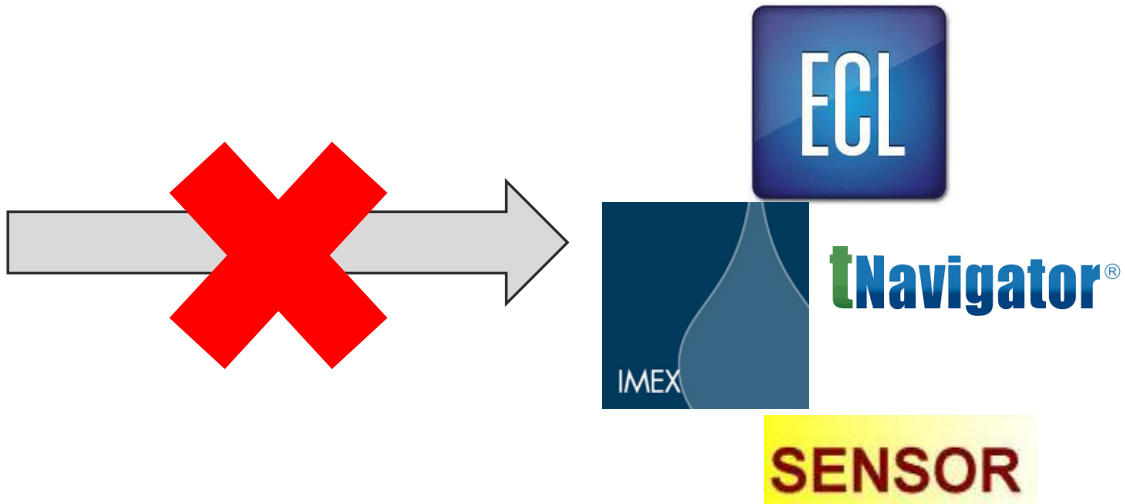
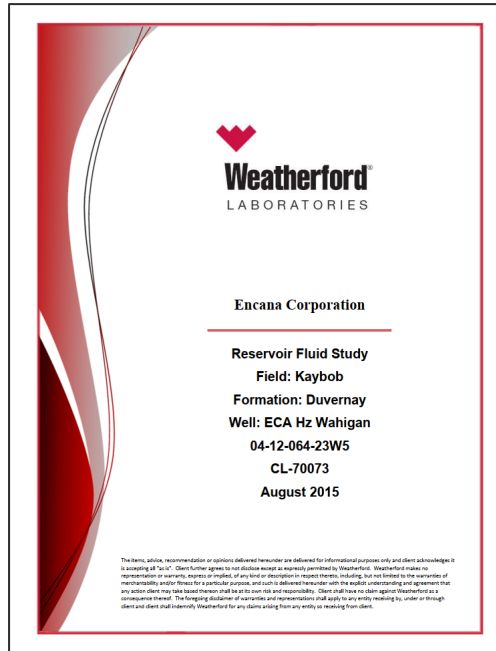
RELATIVE MOLECULAR MASS

The lab reported density should **not** be used as it is not at separator conditions.

API gravity and specific gravity is by definition at stock tank conditions.

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We don't put the PVT reports into a Simulator



“We need to build a model that replicate the data (i.e. EOS or BOT)!”

PVT Models

PVT Models

Models used to establish p-V-T relationship for different fluids produced from a basin/field/reservoir

All engineering calculations require the following for a given pressure, temperature and composition:

- Amount of each phase
- Density of phase
- Viscosity of each phase

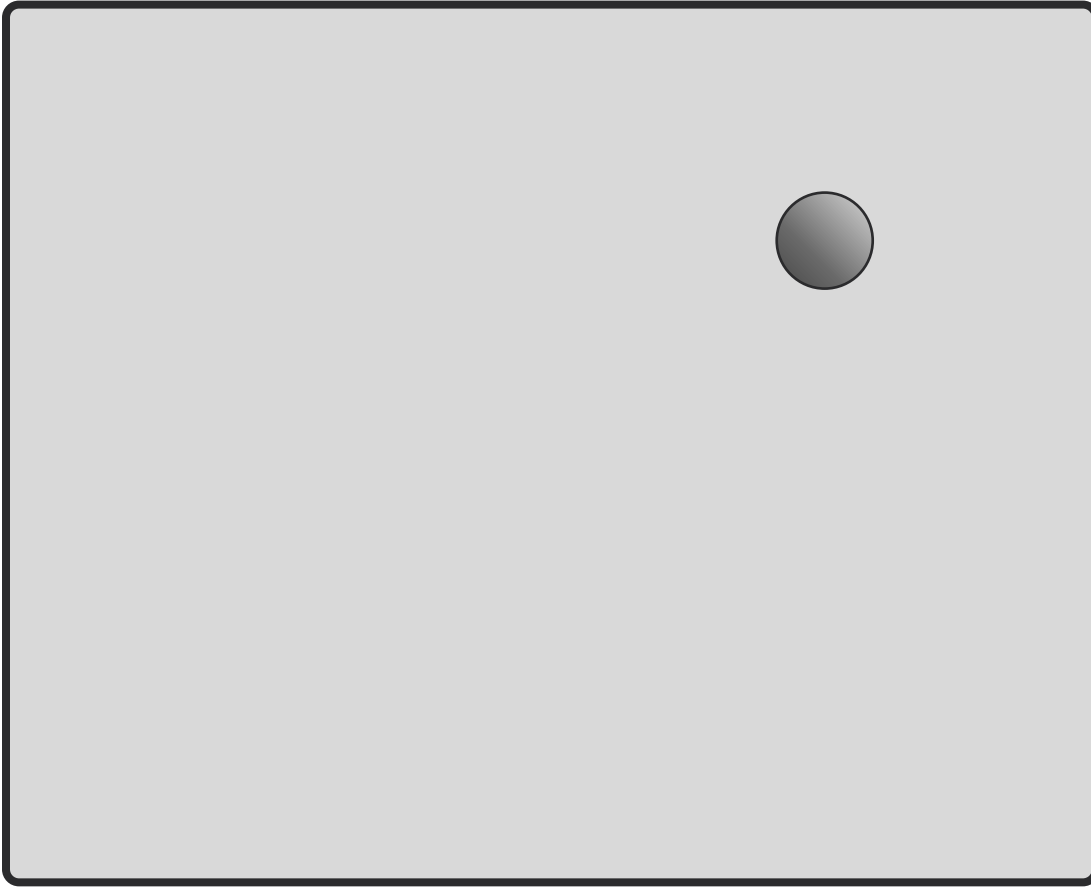
Two types of PVT models are generally used:

- Compositional (EOS) model
- Black oil PVT (BOPVT) model (derived from EOS models)

EOS Models Overview

Main Variables of EOS Model

- Tank model (base case):

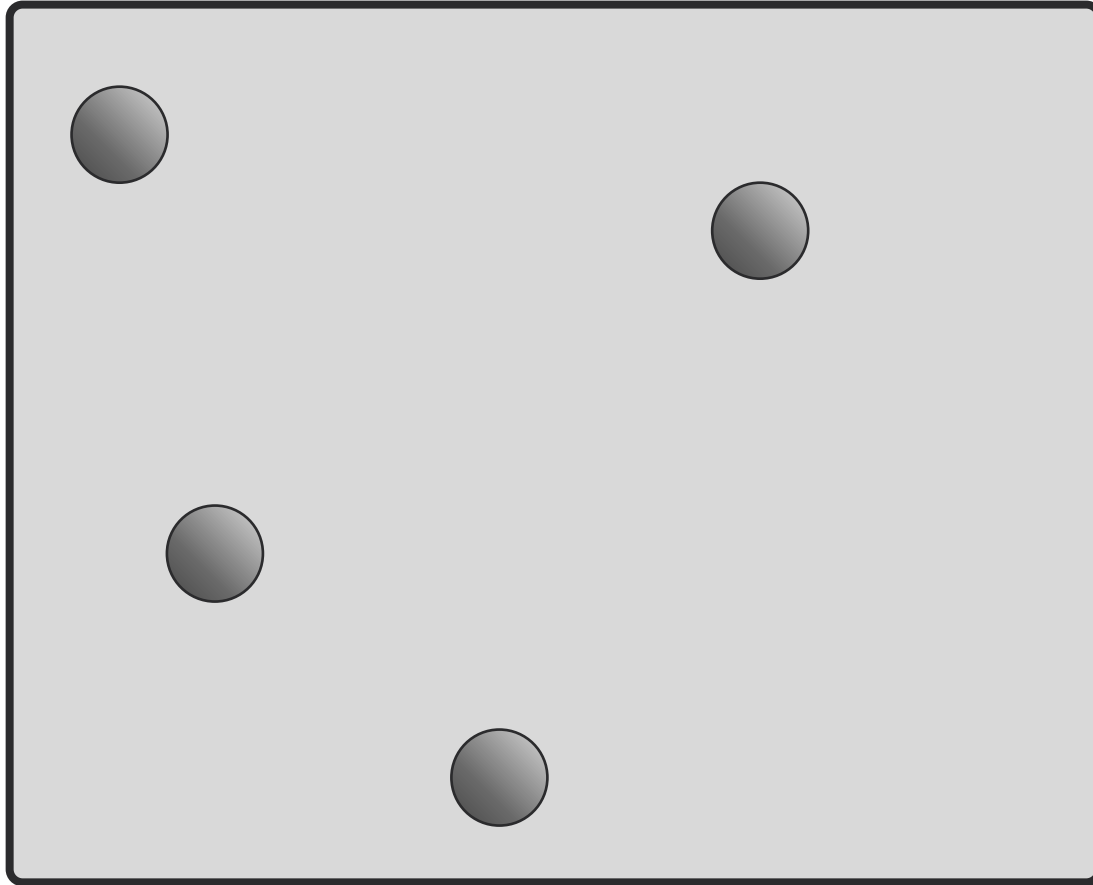


Pressure is defined by the average force on the tank wall or $p=F/A$

Courtesy: Markus Hays Nielsen

Main Variables of EOS Model

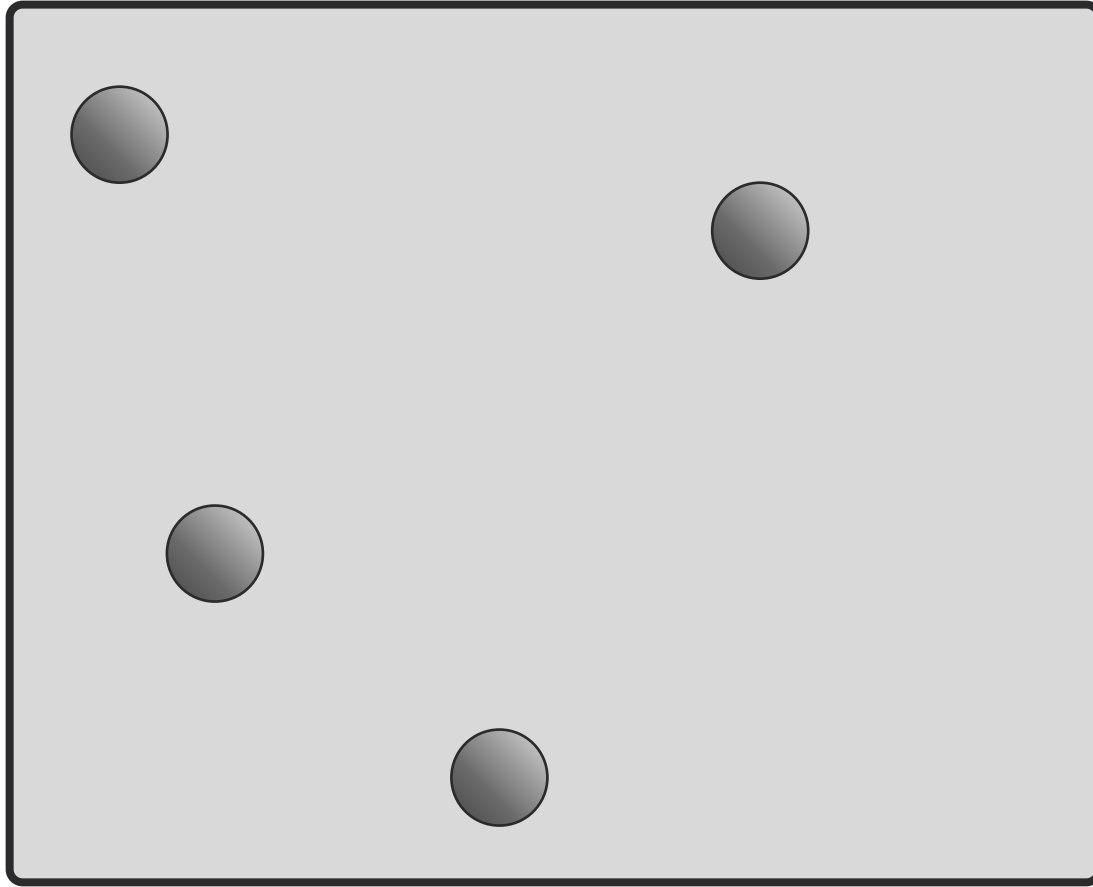
- Tank model (base case):



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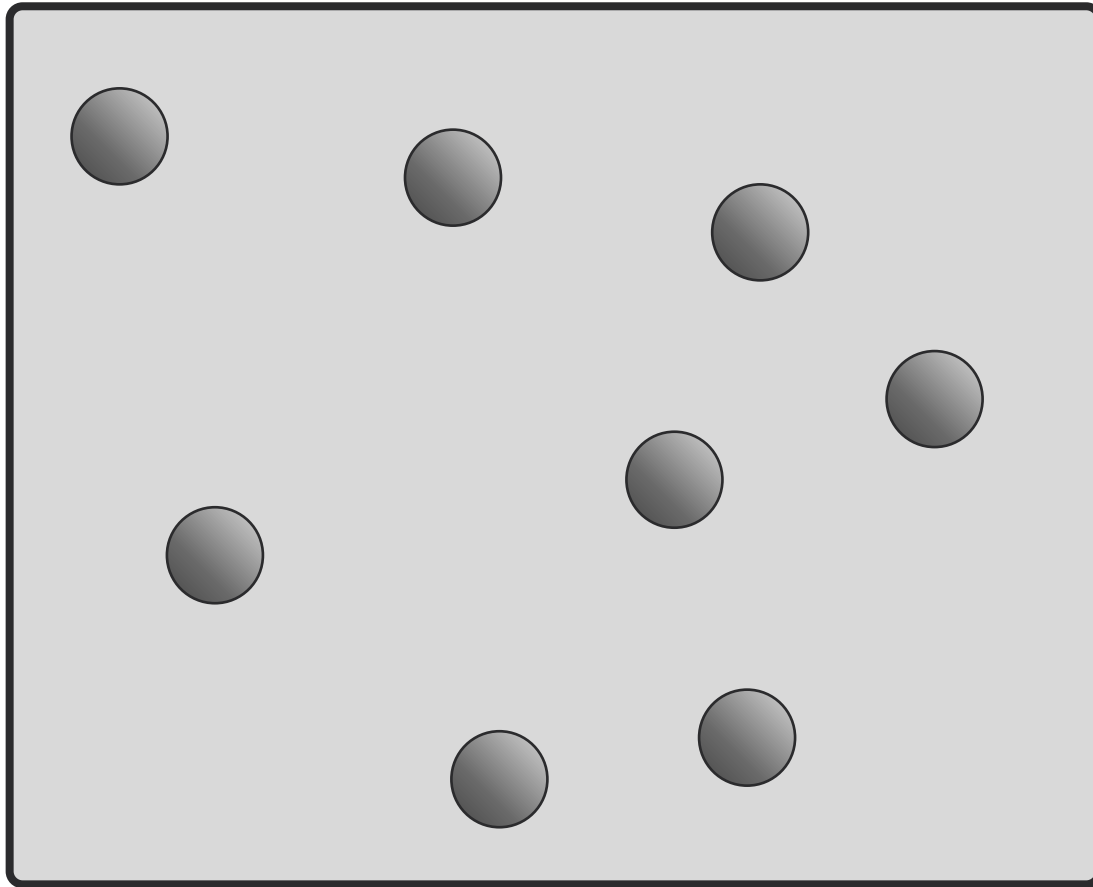
- Tank model (double speed): **Increasing temperature**



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Main Variables of EOS Model

- Tank model (double number of particles):

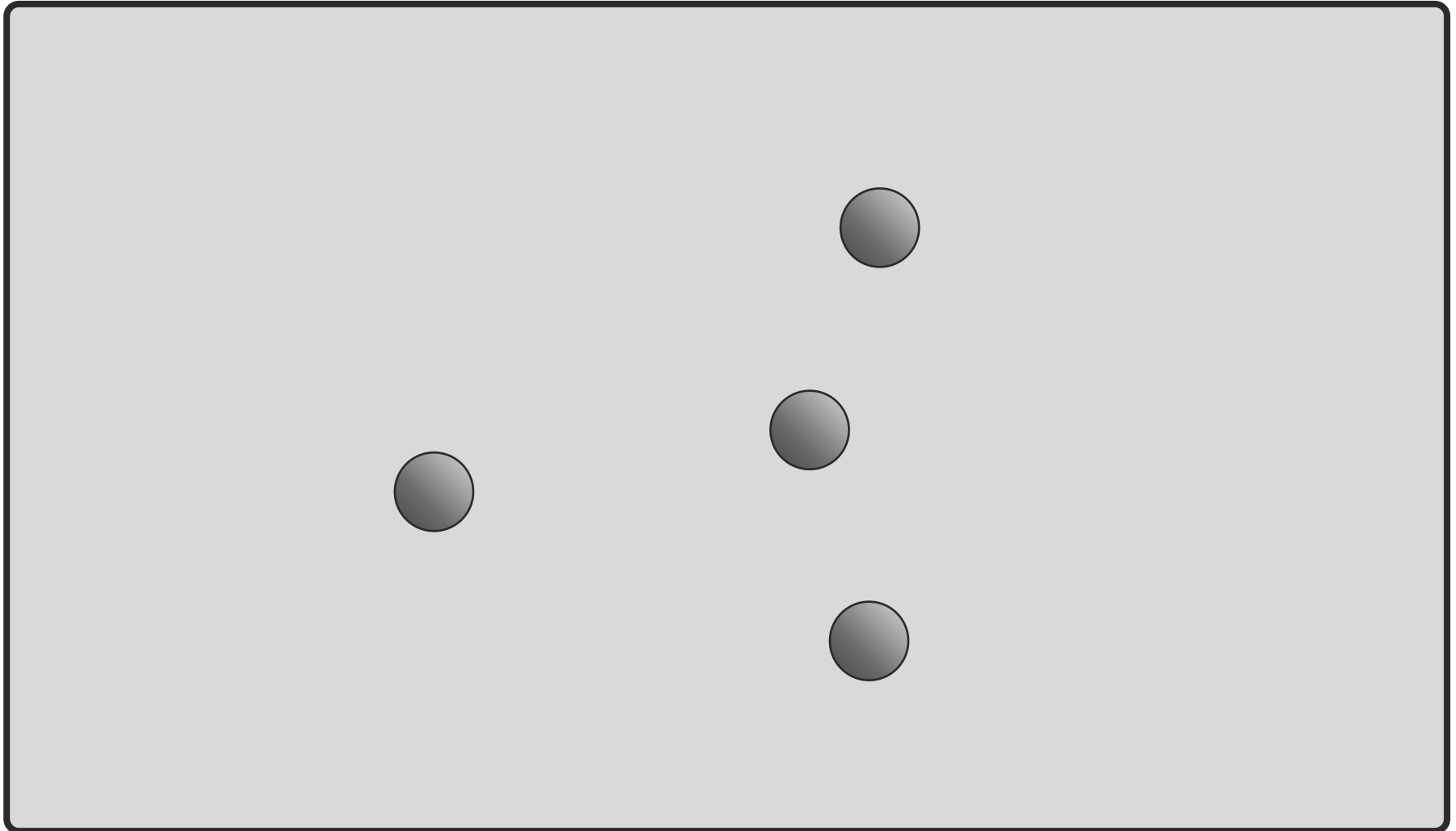


**Increasing
molar amount**

Courtesy: Markus Hays Nielsen

Main Variables of EOS Model

- Tank model (increase volume): **Increasing volume**



Main Variables of EOS Model

- Tank model must follow the following:
 - $p \propto T$
 - $p \propto n$
 - $p \propto 1/V$
- Result: Ideal Gas Law $p = \frac{nRT}{V}$

Courtesy: Markus Hays Nielsen

The evolution towards the modern EOS

An equation of state:

Thermodynamic equation relating pressure, volume, temperature and internal energy of fluids.

$$p = \frac{RT}{v}$$

The ideal gas law (1834)



$$p = \frac{RT}{v-b} - \frac{a}{v^2}$$

Van der Waals (1873)



$$p = \frac{RT}{(v-b)} - \frac{a}{(v-b+\alpha b)(v-b+\beta b)}$$

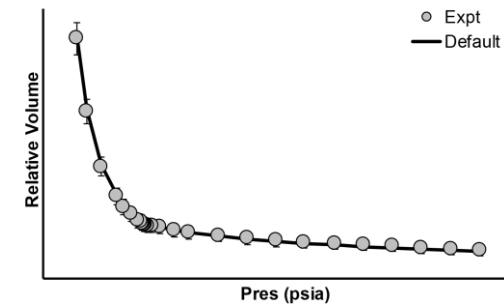
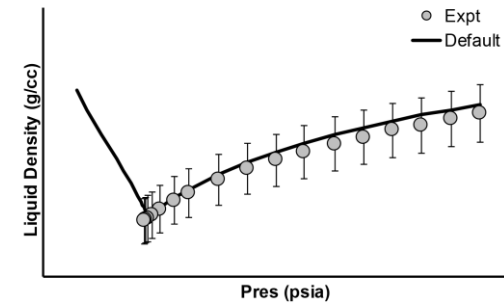
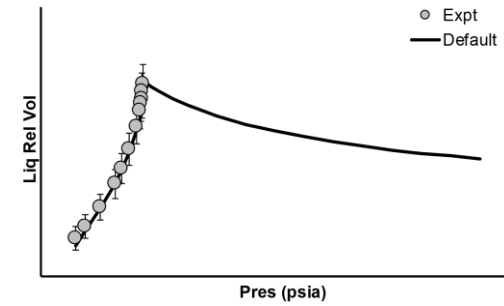
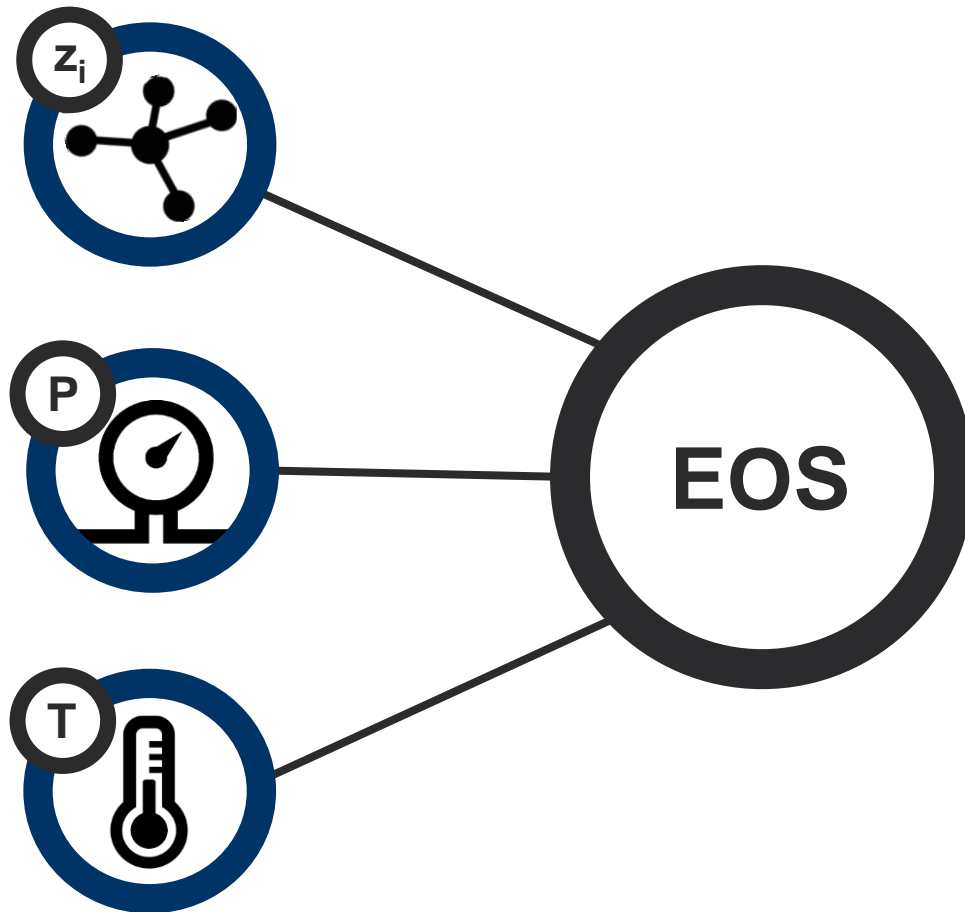
SRK (1972) – $\alpha = 1$ and $\beta = 2$

PR (1976, 1978) – $\alpha = 0$ and $\beta = 2$



Courtesy: Knut Uleberg, Equinor

What is an EOS Model?



What is an EOS Model?

Equation

Peng Robinson
(PR)

Soave-Redlich-
Kwong (SRK)

Component Properties

Table 3. PERA EOS model parameters.

	MW	P _c , psia	T _c , R	Acentric factor	Volume shift	Z _c	Parachor
N2	28.014	227.16	492.84	0.03700	-0.16758	0.29178	41.0
CO2	44.010	547.42	1069.51	0.22500	0.00191	0.27433	78.0
C1	16.043	343.01	667.03	0.01100	-0.14996	0.28620	77.3
C2	30.070	549.58	706.62	0.09900	-0.06280	0.27924	108.9
C3	44.097	685.69	616.12	0.15200	-0.06381	0.27630	151.9
i-C4	58.123	734.13	527.94	0.18600	-0.06197	0.28199	181.5
n-C4	58.123	765.22	550.56	0.20000	-0.05393	0.27385	191.7
i-C5	72.150	828.70	490.37	0.22900	-0.05646	0.27231	225.0
n-C5	72.150	845.46	498.78	0.25200	-0.02927	0.26937	239.9
C6	83.282	922.39	480.00	0.24969	-0.00554	0.26895	271.0
C7	98.471	995.73	440.38	0.28313	0.06868	0.30797	289.7
C8	109.871	1043.29	414.35	0.31047	0.07534	0.30367	316.4
C9	123.384	1095.51	384.77	0.34698	0.08893	0.29870	348.0
C10	136.625	1141.53	359.49	0.38361	0.10107	0.29424	379.0
C11	149.763	1183.17	337.50	0.42051	0.11208	0.29011	409.7
C12	162.811	1221.14	318.26	0.45752	0.12203	0.28621	440.3
C13	175.746	1255.68	301.95	0.49116	0.13086	0.28249	470.6

Component Name

Molecular Weight

Critical Pressure

Critical Temperature

Acentric Factor

Volume Shift

Critical Z-factor

C33	419.433	1091.07	107.01	1.19134	0.17296	0.22933	1020.7
C34	424.304	1653.08	164.45	1.12718	0.17072	0.22427	1052.2
C35	435.085	1664.20	162.05	1.15193	0.16892	0.22227	1077.4
C36+	579.660	1827.35	152.94	1.22050	0.06623	0.19914	1415.7

Binary Interaction Parameters (BIPS)

Table 6. PERA EOS Binary Interaction Parameters for C₇, with C₇ to C₂₁.

c7	c7	c8	c9	c10	c11	c12	c13	c14	c15	c16	c17	c18	c19	c20	c21
c8	0.00044														
c9	0.00059	0.00018													
c10	0.00138	0.00065	0.00015												
c11	0.00230	0.00133	0.00063	0.00015											
c12	0.00338	0.00214	0.00109	0.00044	0.00010										
c13	0.00453	0.00310	0.00179	0.00093	0.00027	0.00009									
c14	0.00573	0.00411	0.00257	0.00156	0.00077	0.00031	0.00009								
c15	0.00697	0.00517	0.00342	0.00214	0.00126	0.00065	0.00024	0.00009							
c16	0.00821	0.00625	0.00431	0.00286	0.00163	0.00087	0.00044	0.00015	0.00004						
c17	0.00945	0.00734	0.00523	0.00364	0.00244	0.00135	0.00081	0.00031	0.00014	0.00004					
c18	0.01069	0.00843	0.00616	0.00445	0.00309	0.00189	0.00120	0.00065	0.00037	0.00015	0.00004				
c19	0.01188	0.00950	0.00708	0.00521	0.00376	0.00243	0.00177	0.00117	0.00065	0.00034	0.00015	0.00004			
c20	0.01285	0.01024	0.00800	0.00605	0.00443	0.00309	0.00227	0.00157	0.00097	0.00057	0.00030	0.00015	0.00004		
c21	0.01419	0.01159	0.00940	0.00746	0.00572	0.00427	0.00314	0.00227	0.00157	0.00097	0.00057	0.00030	0.00015	0.00004	
c22	0.01530	0.01259	0.00979	0.00753	0.00580	0.00438	0.00325	0.00230	0.00157	0.00097	0.00057	0.00030	0.00015	0.00004	0.00004
c23	0.01637	0.01357	0.01057	0.00834	0.00647	0.00495	0.00376	0.00275	0.00197	0.00120	0.00077	0.00045	0.00024	0.00015	0.00004
c24	0.01740	0.01451	0.01149	0.00909	0.00713	0.00555	0.00427	0.00325	0.00230	0.00157	0.00097	0.00057	0.00030	0.00015	0.00004
c25	0.01839	0.01542	0.01231	0.00982	0.00770	0.00609	0.00477	0.00369	0.00269	0.00189	0.00120	0.00077	0.00045	0.00024	0.00015
c26	0.01934	0.01630	0.01310	0.01052	0.00842	0.00679	0.00547	0.00431	0.00325	0.00230	0.00157	0.00097	0.00057	0.00030	0.00015
c27	0.02026	0.01715	0.01386	0.01121	0.00903	0.00734	0.00597	0.00477	0.00376	0.00275	0.00197	0.00120	0.00077	0.00045	0.00024
c28	0.02114	0.01794	0.01460	0.01186	0.00963	0.00795	0.00659	0.00547	0.00431	0.00325	0.00230	0.00157	0.00097	0.00057	0.00030
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c30	0.02291	0.01950	0.01600	0.01315	0.01079	0.00902	0.00765	0.00659	0.00547	0.00431	0.00325	0.00230	0.00157	0.00097	0.00057
c31	0.02359	0.02023	0.01664	0.01375	0.01133	0.00956	0.00819	0.00704	0.00604	0.00507	0.00410	0.00320	0.00236	0.00161	0.00106
c32	0.02424	0.02092	0.01730	0.01432	0.01186	0.00990	0.00853	0.00738	0.00633	0.00536	0.00443	0.00353	0.00269	0.00194	0.00124
c33	0.02504	0.02169	0.01791	0.01489	0.01237	0.01027	0.00890	0.00775	0.00670	0.00573	0.00477	0.00387	0.00303	0.00228	0.00153
c34	0.02575	0.02244	0.01850	0.01543	0.01287	0.01075	0.00938	0.00823	0.00718	0.00621	0.00526	0.00436	0.00352	0.00277	0.00202
c35	0.02640	0.02297	0.01907	0.01594	0.01335	0.01124	0.00987	0.00872	0.00767	0.00671	0.00576	0.00486	0.00402	0.00327	0.00252
c36+	0.03209	0.02960	0.02530	0.02171	0.01807	0.01468	0.01387	0.01197	0.01035	0.00895	0.00774	0.00670	0.00580	0.00502	0.00435

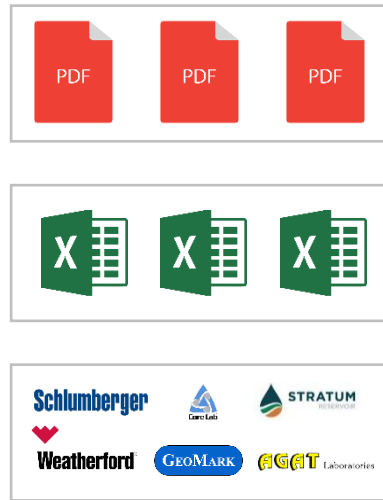
C₇₊ properties
need to be
approximated

Underlying Technology: Basin-Wide EOS Models

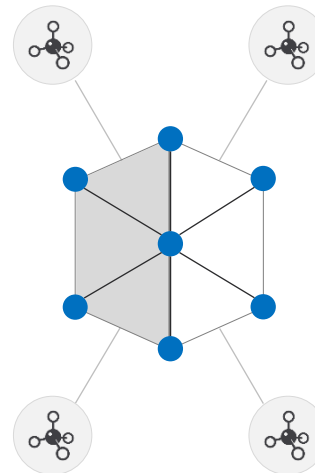
Wells with
PVT Data



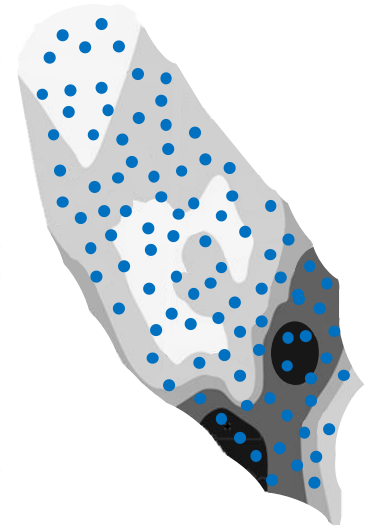
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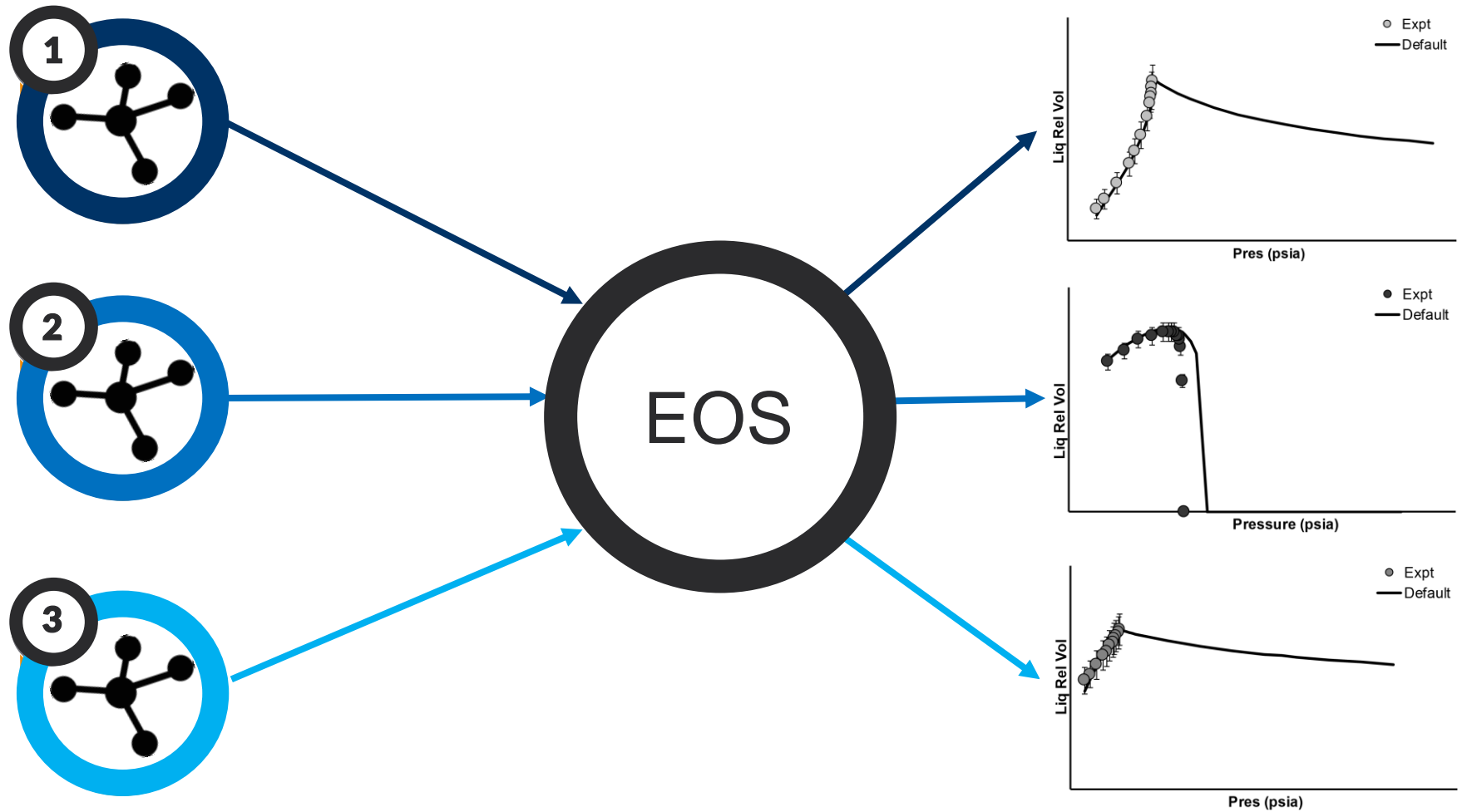
EOS Model



All wells

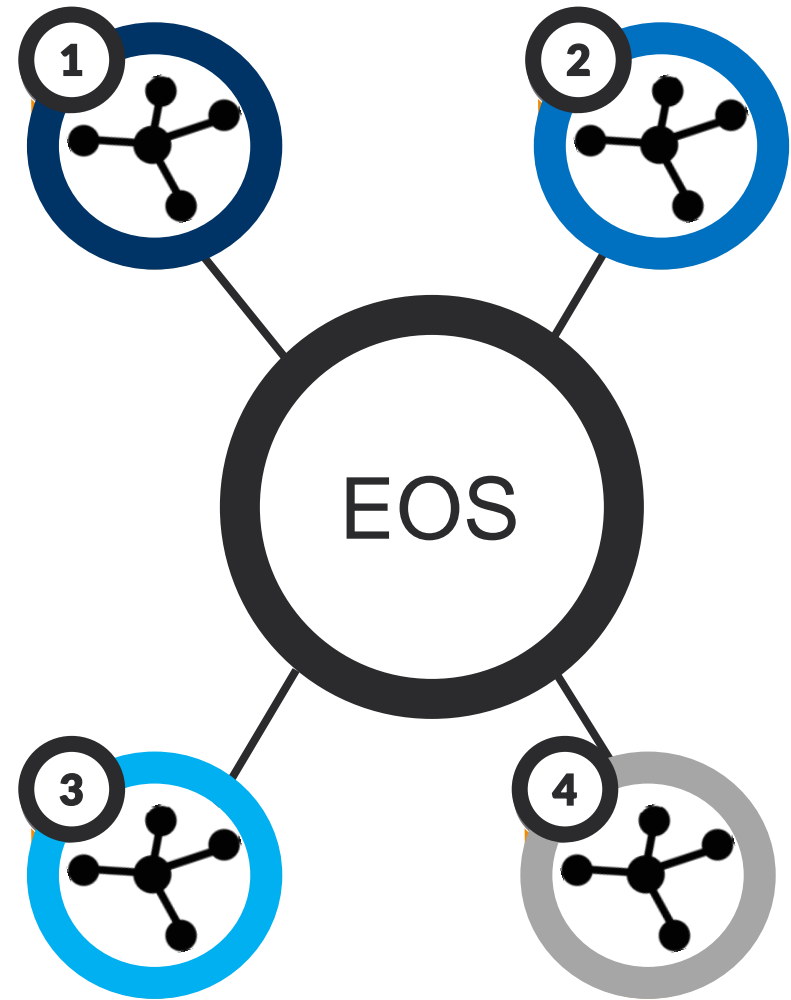


Multi-Sample (Common) EOS Model



Multi-Sample (Common) EOS Model

Each sample is described by the same EOS model, where each sample's unique composition is all that is required to accurately predict PVT data for that specific fluid



Multi-Sample EOS Models

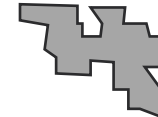
Basin A



Basin B



Basin C



$$(\bar{C}_{11})_A \neq (\bar{C}_{11})_B \neq (\bar{C}_{11})_C$$

$$(\bar{C}_{12})_A \neq (\bar{C}_{12})_B \neq (\bar{C}_{12})_C$$

⋮

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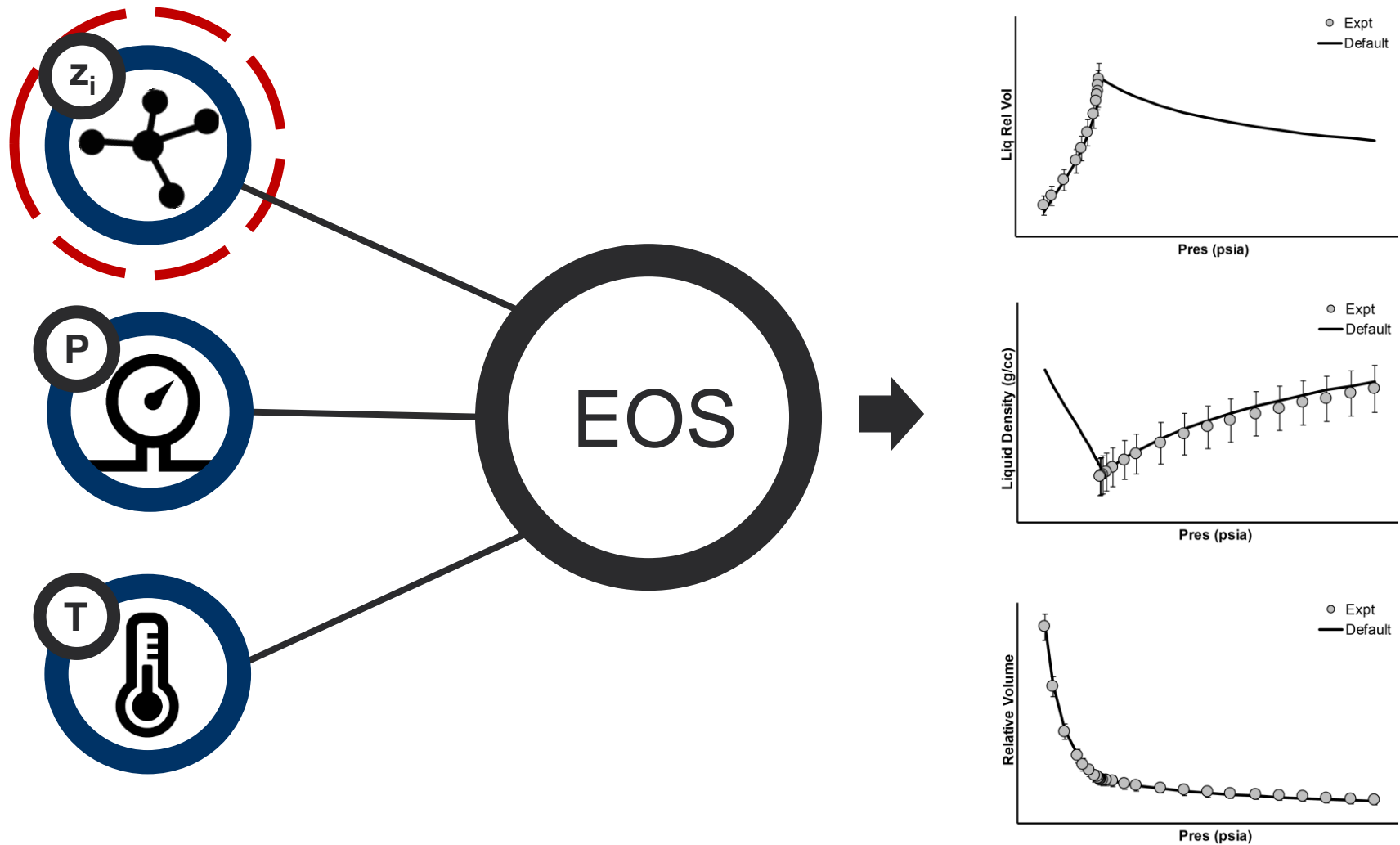
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$$\boxed{(\bar{C}_{30p})_A \neq (\bar{C}_{30p})_B \neq (\bar{C}_{30p})_C}$$

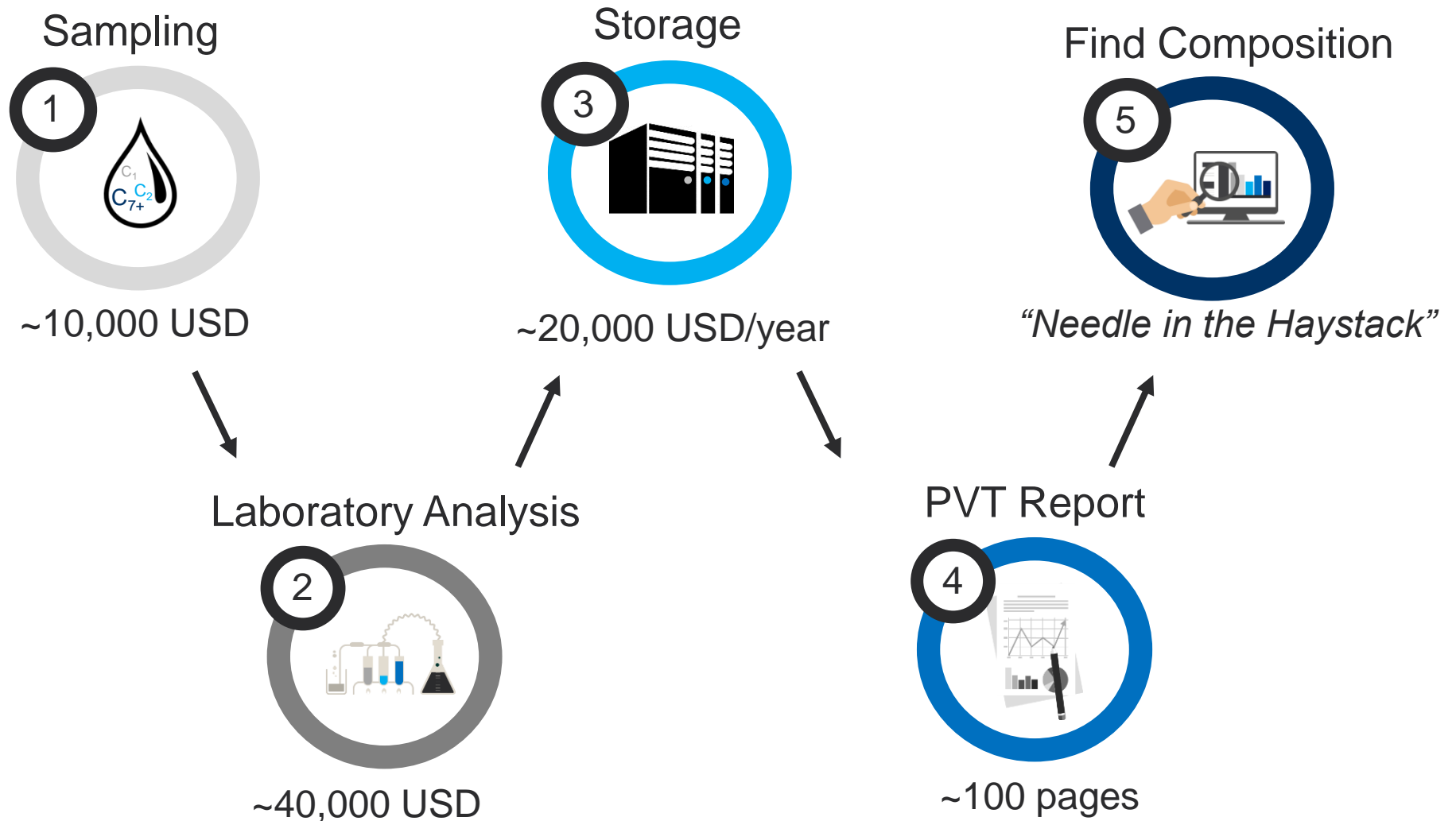
Can be
radically
different

Predict Compositions

Compositions are Needed for EOS Calculations!



... But how do you get them?



PVT Report Example



Encana Corporation

Reservoir Fluid Study

Field: Kaybob

Formation: Duvernay

Well: ECA Hz Wahigan

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Encana Corporation
Reservoir Fluid Study

TABLE 1
ENCANA CORPORATION
WELL ECA HZ WAHIGAN 04-12-064-23W5 - RECOMBINED SAMPLE
RESERVOIR FLUID STUDY
COMPOSITIONAL ANALYSIS OF RESERVOIR FLUID

Boiling Point (C)		Mole Fraction	Mass Fraction	Calculated Properties
-195.8	Nitrogen	N2	0.0095	0.0046
-78.5	Carbon Dioxide	CO2	0.0043	0.0033
-60.3	Hydrogen Sulphide	H2S	0.0000	0.0000
-161.7	Methane	C1	0.4825	0.1355
-88.9	Ethane	C2	0.1254	0.0659
-42.2	Propane	C3	0.0822	0.0634
-11.7	i-Butane	i-C4	0.0140	0.0141
-0.6	n-Butane	n-C4	0.0156	0.0362
27.8	i-Pentane	i-C5	0.0129	0.0163
36.1	n-Pentane	n-C5	0.0156	0.0197
36.1 - 68.9	Hexanes	C6	0.0244	0.0368
68.9 - 98.3	Heptanes	C7	0.0223	0.0391
98.3 - 125.6	Octanes	C8	0.0245	0.0490
125.6 - 150.6	Nonanes	C9	0.0179	0.0402
150.6 - 173.9	Decanes	C10	0.0136	0.0339
173.9 - 196.1	Undecanes	C11	0.0122	0.0313
196.1 - 215	Dodecenes	C12	0.0097	0.0272
215 - 235	Tridecenes	C13	0.0095	0.0292
235 - 252.2	Tetradecanes	C14	0.0079	0.0262
252.2 - 270.6	Pentadecanes	C15	0.0058	0.0208
270.6 - 287.8	Hexadecanes	C16	0.0047	0.0181
287.8 - 291.7	Heptadecanes	C17	0.0040	0.0167
291.7 - 317.2	Octadecanes	C18	0.0039	0.0170
317.2 - 330	Nonadecanes	C19	0.0034	0.0159
330 - 344.4	Eicosanes	C20	0.0028	0.0133
344.4 - 357.2	Heneicosanes	C21	0.0024	0.0122
357.2 - 369.4	Docosanes	C22	0.0021	0.0114
369.4 - 380	Tricosanes	C23	0.0019	0.0106
380 - 391.1	Tetracosanes	C24	0.0017	0.0097
391.1 - 401.7	Pentacosanes	C25	0.0015	0.0092
401.7 - 412.2	Hexacosanes	C26	0.0013	0.0084
412.3 - 422.2	Heptacosanes	C27	0.0012	0.0076
422.3 - 431.7	Octacosanes	C28	0.0011	0.0072
431.7 - 441.1	Nonacosanes	C29	0.0009	0.0066
Above 441.1	Tricosenes Plus	C30+	0.0097	0.0961
48.9	Cyclopentane	C5H10	0.0009	0.0011
72.2	Methylcyclopentane	C6H12	0.0039	0.0058
81.1	Cyclohexane	C6H12	0.0033	0.0048
101.1	Methylcyclohexane	C7H14	0.0088	0.0151
80.0	Benzene	C6H6	0.0005	0.0007
110.6	Toluene	C7H8	0.0022	0.0035
136.1 - 138.9	Ethylbenzene & p,m-Xylene	C8H10	0.0025	0.0046
144.4	o-Xylene	C8H10	0.0020	0.0037
168.9	1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	C9H12	0.0037	0.0078
Total			1.0000	1.0000

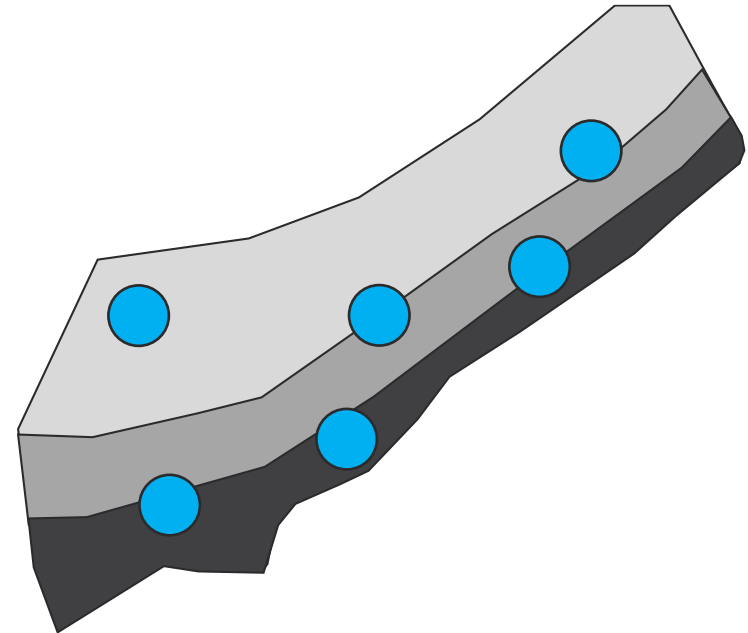
Formation: Duvernay Field: Kaybob
Location: ECA HZ WAHIGAN 04-12-064-23W5

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Setting the Stage

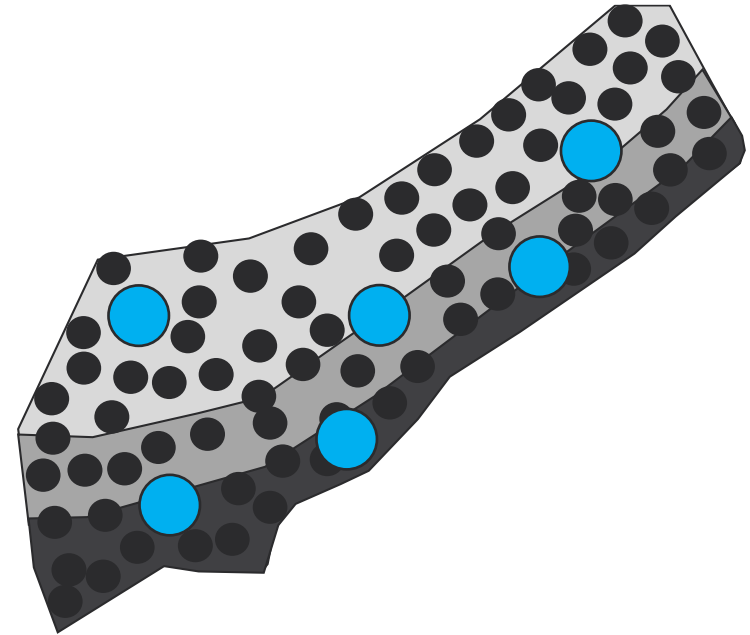
- PVT Studies:
~25 – 50 USDk/well
- Sample Storage:
~20 USDk/well/year
- Gets expensive fast!
- Typically:
~ performed on <1%
of Wells in a Basin



● Wells with PVT studies

Setting the Stage

What to do
with the >99%
other wells?



- Wells with PVT studies
- Wells without PVT studies

Use the Available Data

Available Data	whitson+
Initial producing GOR	10000 scf/STB
Initial producing GOR & API gravity	600 scf/STB & 38 API
Initial producing GOR & saturation pressure	1250 scf/sep.bbl & 3000 psia
Dry/wet gas composition	80% C ₁ , 15% C ₂ , 5% C ₃
Separator compositions	See Example Later

Source: <https://manual.whitson.com/modules/fluid-definition/>

Black Oil PVT

PVT Properties are a function of

$$PVT = f(p, T, z_i)$$

- Pressure
- Temperature
- Composition

"PVT" means the collection of intensive properties (independent on amount), e.g. psat, density

PVT Properties

$$PVT = f(p, T, z_i)$$

- 2+(n-1) dimensions
- n: is the number of components
- $n = 2 \rightarrow$ “Black oil model”

Important

**The Black Oil Model
can be used for ALL
Reservoir Fluid Systems**

... and NOT only for black oil!!!

So.. why is it Called “Black Oil” Model?

- Just tradition
- Two component PVT model

Oil in the tank – “the oil in the tank was always black”

Surface gas



“Should have been called the two-component PVT model”

- **Keith Coats** (1934-2016), Pioneer in Reservoir Simulation

Black Oil PVT Model

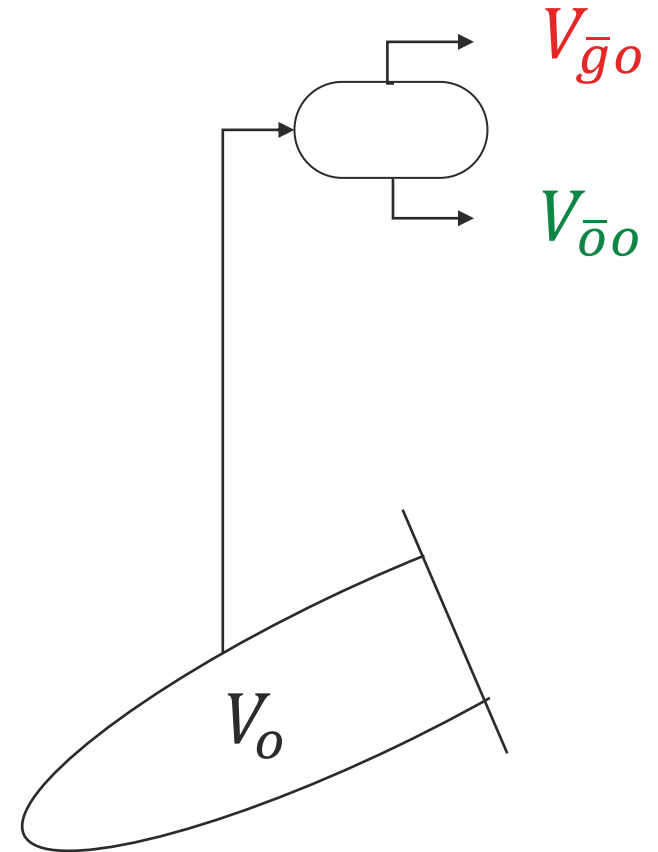
- Two components: Surface oil and surface gas
- Model Parameters: $B_o, R_s, \mu_o \mid B_{gd}, r_s, \mu_g$
- Compositions of reservoir oil and gas phase: $R_s \mid r_s$
- Model is dependent on surface processing

Oil Reservoir

V_o : “Reservoir Oil”

$V_{\bar{o}o}$: “Surface Oil
Originating from
Reservoir Oil”

$V_{\bar{g}o}$: “Surface Gas
Originating from
Reservoir Oil”

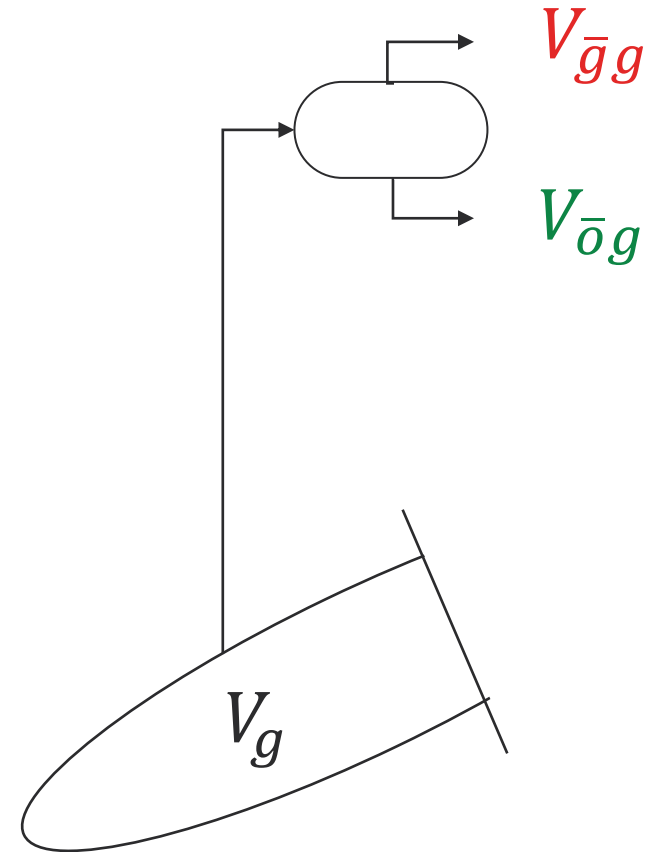


Gas Reservoir

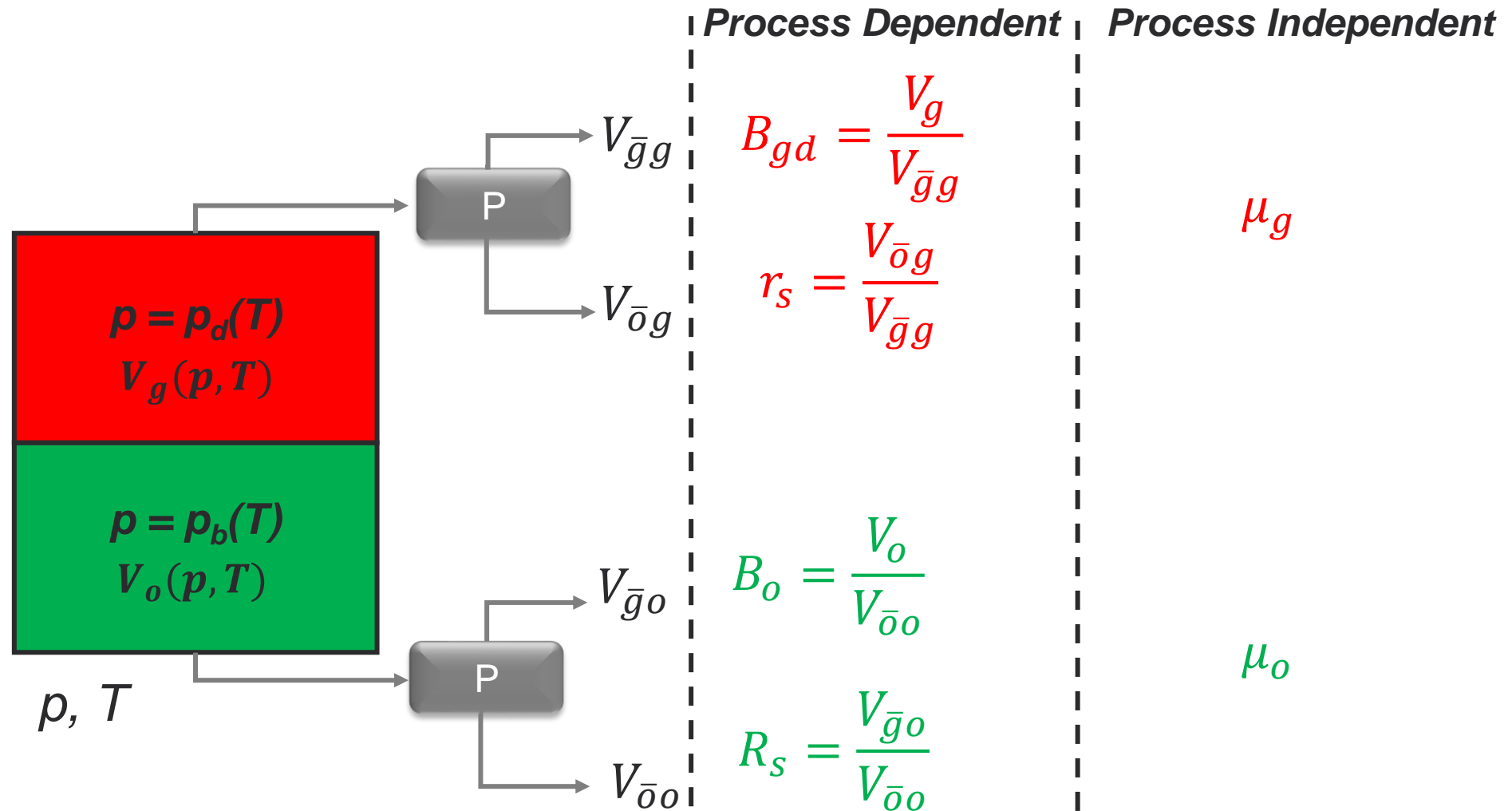
V_g : “Reservoir Gas”

$V_{\bar{o}g}$: “Surface Oil
Originating from
Reservoir Gas”

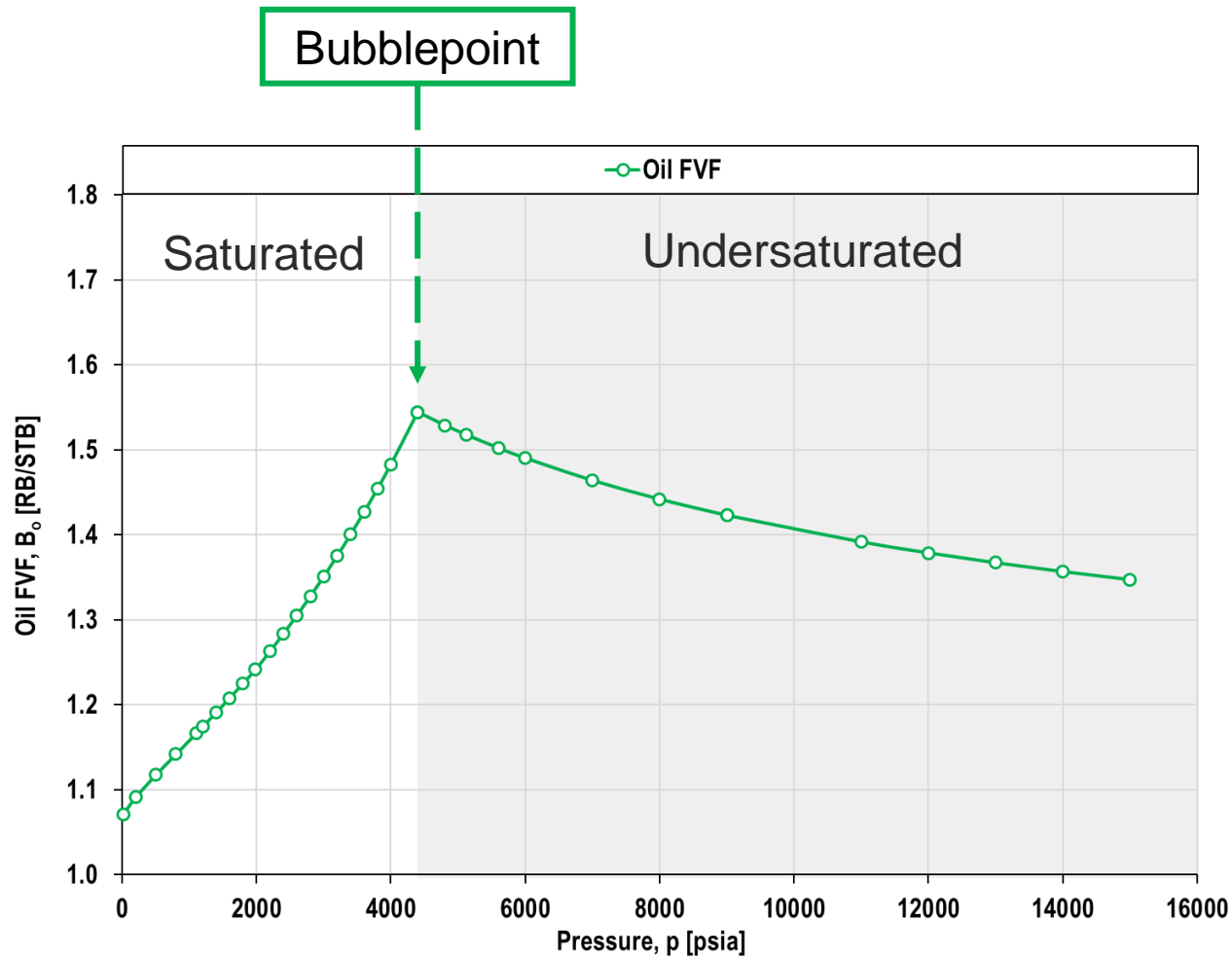
$V_{\bar{g}g}$: “Surface Gas
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Black Oil PVT Properties

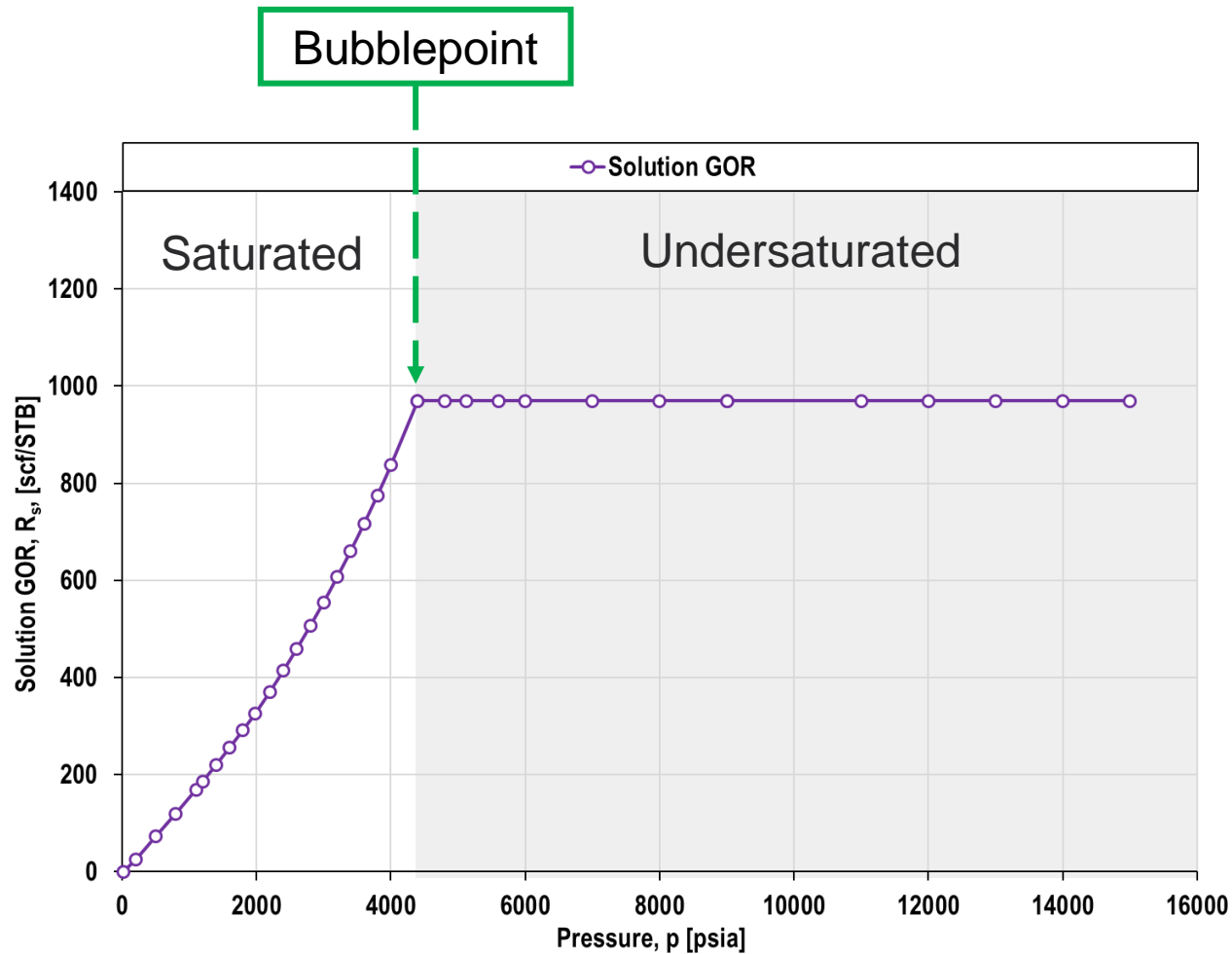


Oil Formation Volume Factor, B_o



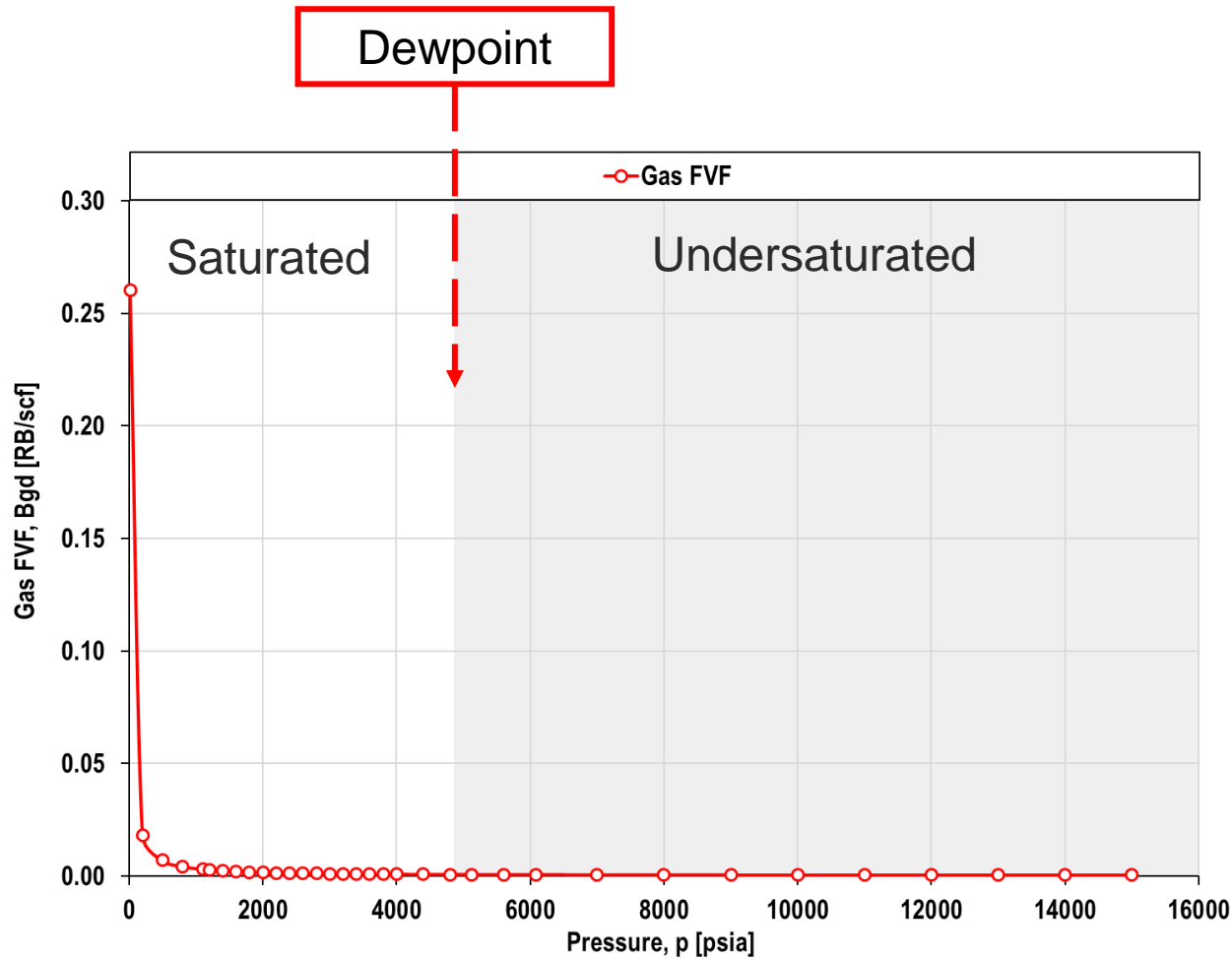
$$B_o = \frac{V_o}{V_{\bar{o}o}}$$

Solution GOR, R_s



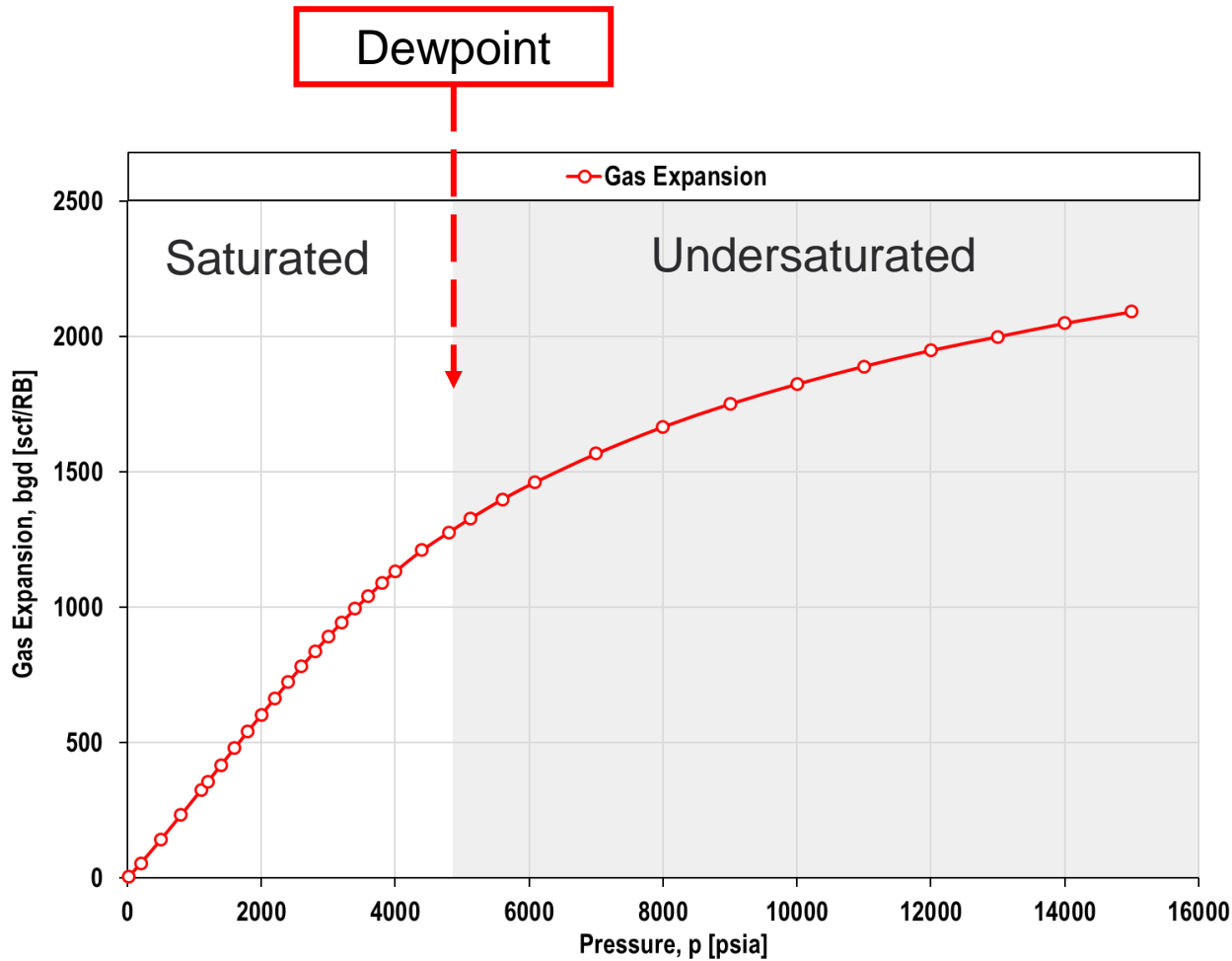
$$R_s = \frac{V_{\bar{g}o}}{V_{\bar{o}o}}$$

Gas Formation Volume Factor, B_{gd}



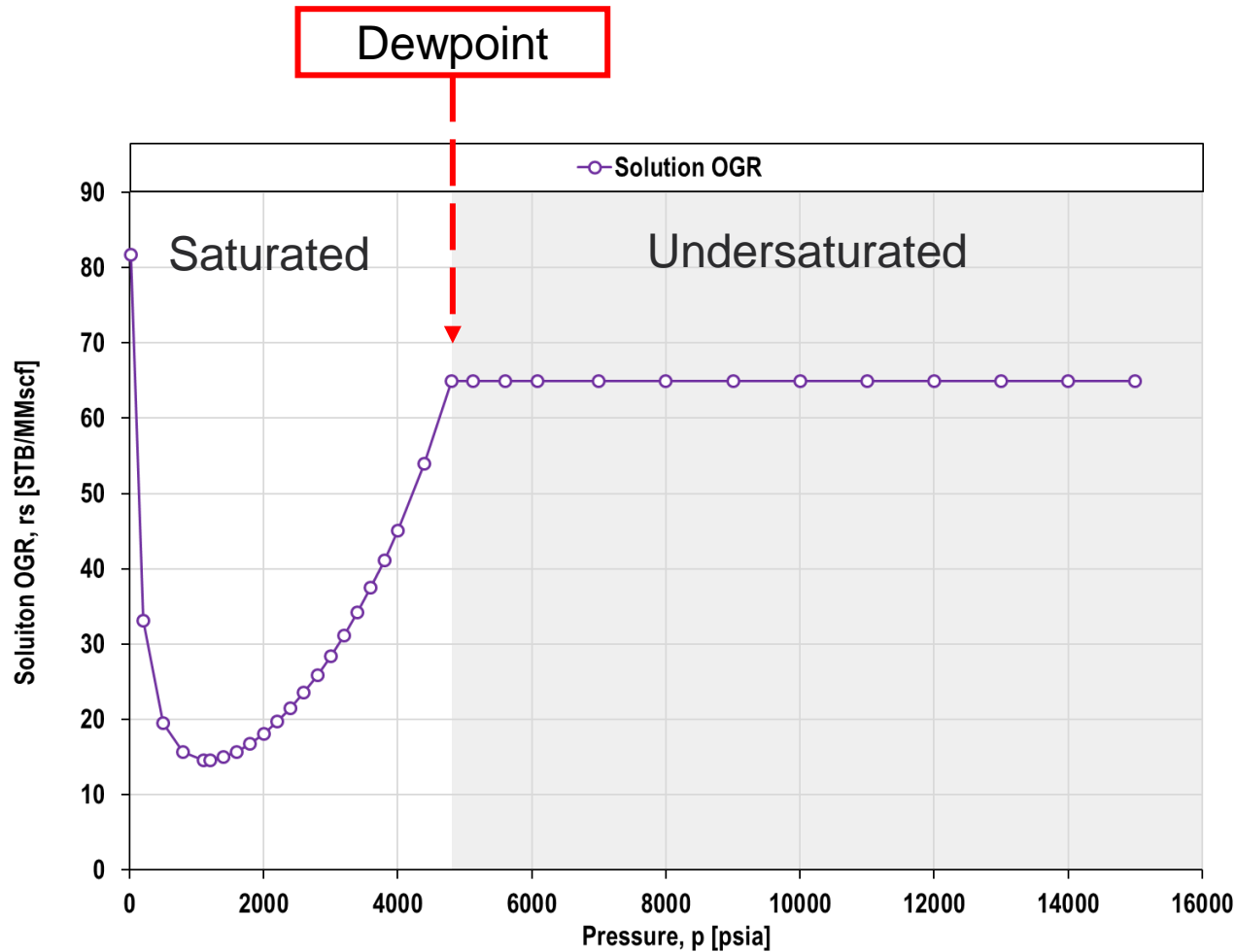
$$B_{gd} = \frac{V_g}{V_{\bar{g}g}}$$

Gas Expansion Factor, b_{gd}



$$b_{gd} = \frac{V_{\bar{g}g}}{V_g}$$

Solution OGR, $r_s (=R_v)$



$$r_s = \frac{V_{\bar{o}g}}{V_{\bar{g}g}}$$

Equilibrium Ratios (K-values)

K-Values

$$K_i \equiv y_i / x_i$$

K_i represents the relative preference of component i to “be” in the gas phase or oil phase:

- 1. Relative preference is to be in gas phase: $K_i > 1$*
- 2. Relative preference is to be in the oil phase: $K_i < 1$*

K-values

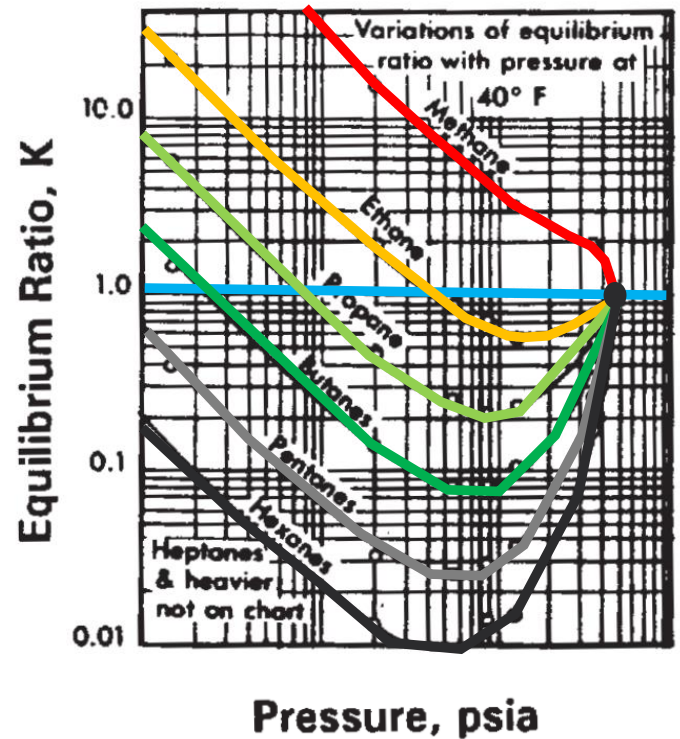
$$K_i = \frac{y_i}{x_i}$$

Preference of a component to be in the vapor phase compared to liquid phase

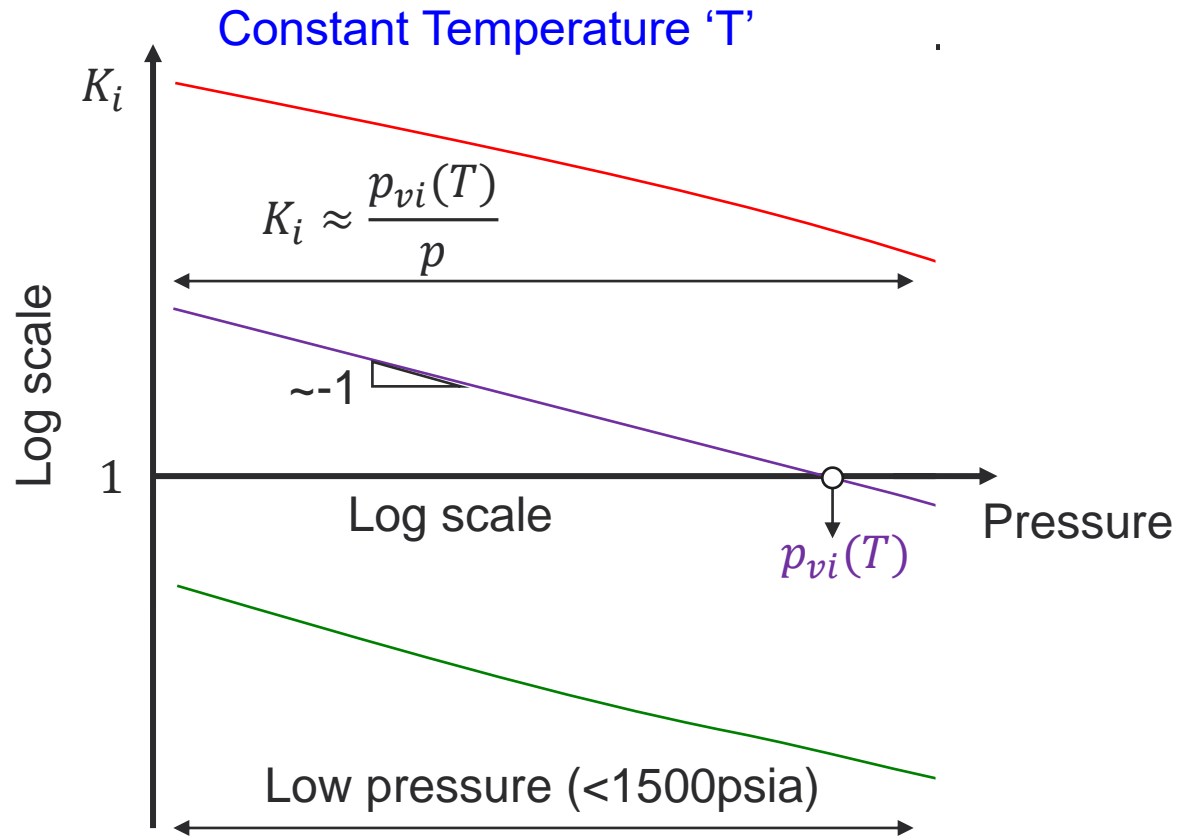
E.g. $K_{C1} > K_{C10}$

Physically relevant when a fluid system exists in two phases at given p and T

For a given
temperature (T) and
composition (zi)

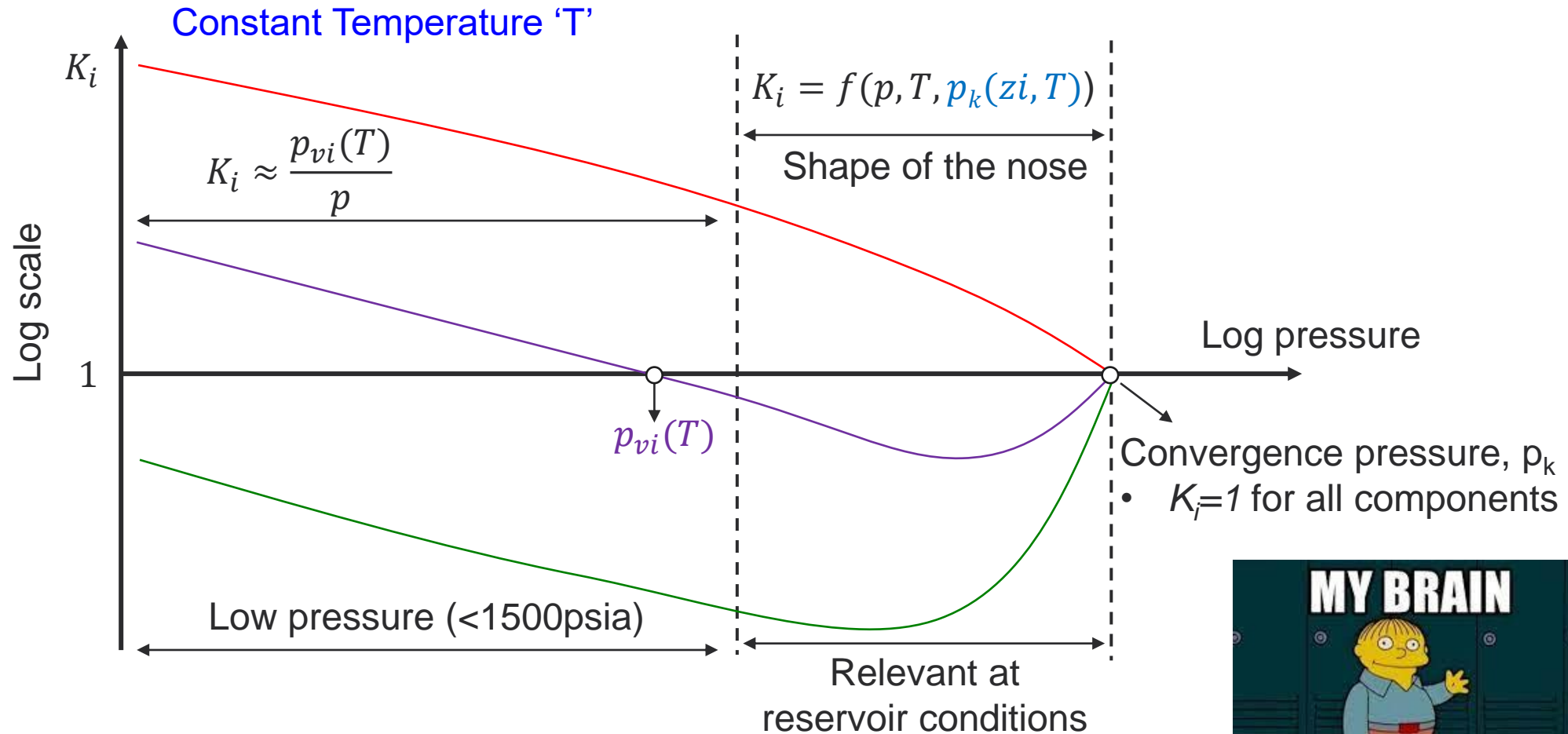


K-values (low pressure range)

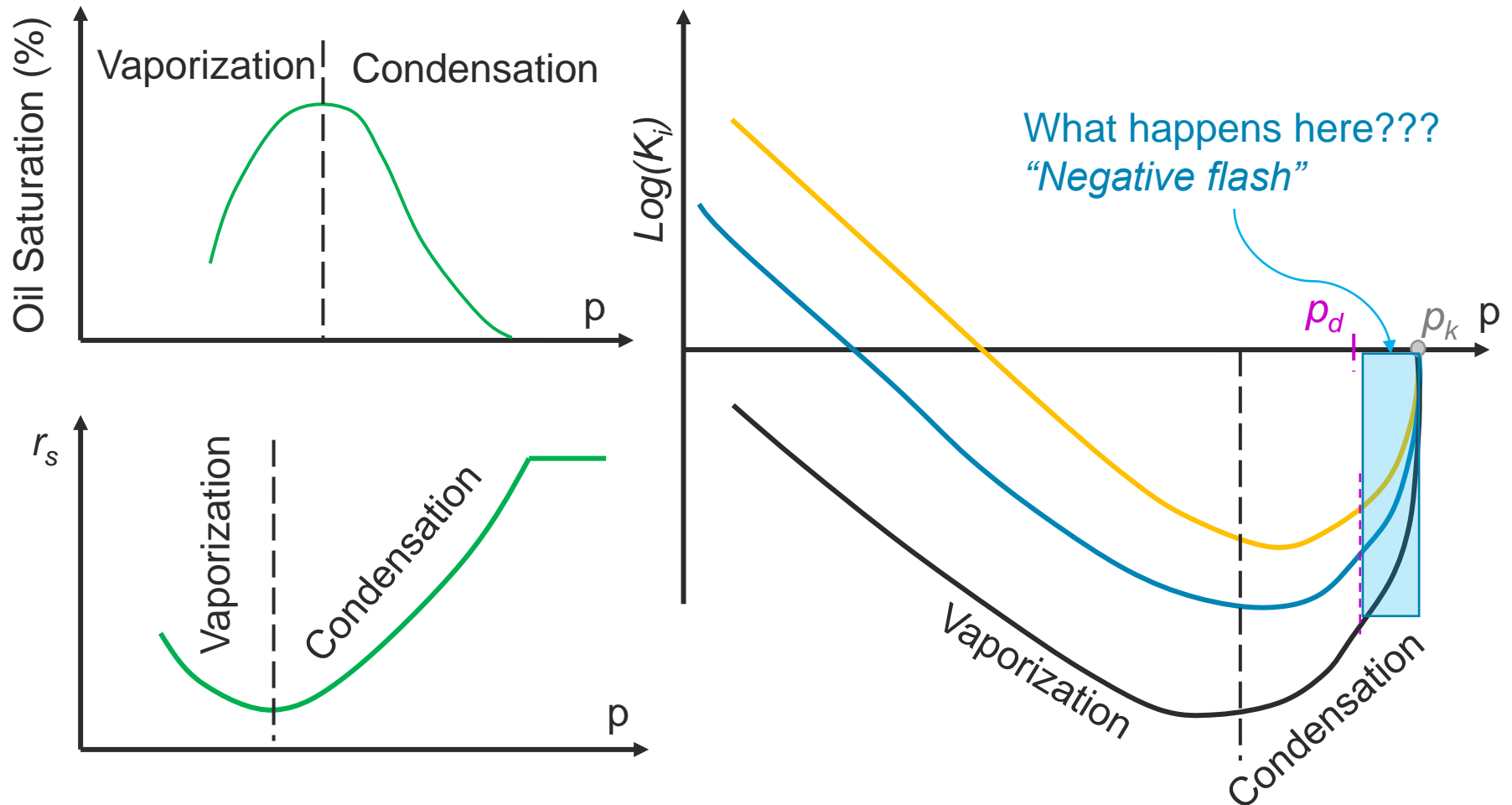


Relevant mainly for surface processing where "T" is also lower

K-values (high pressures range)



Retrograde Condensation



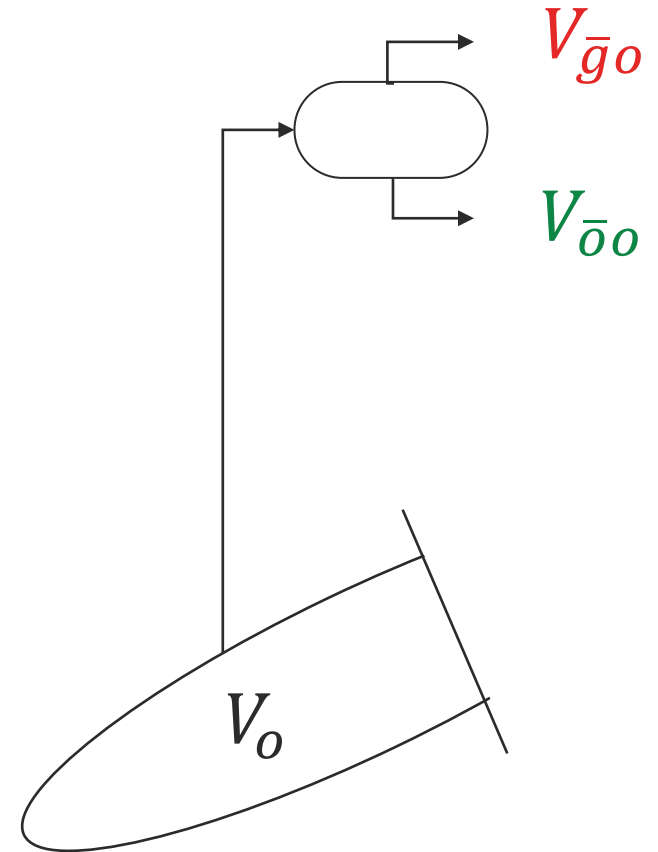
- Heavier the component – longer the condensation region

Initial Fluids in Place

Oil Reservoir – In-place Numbers

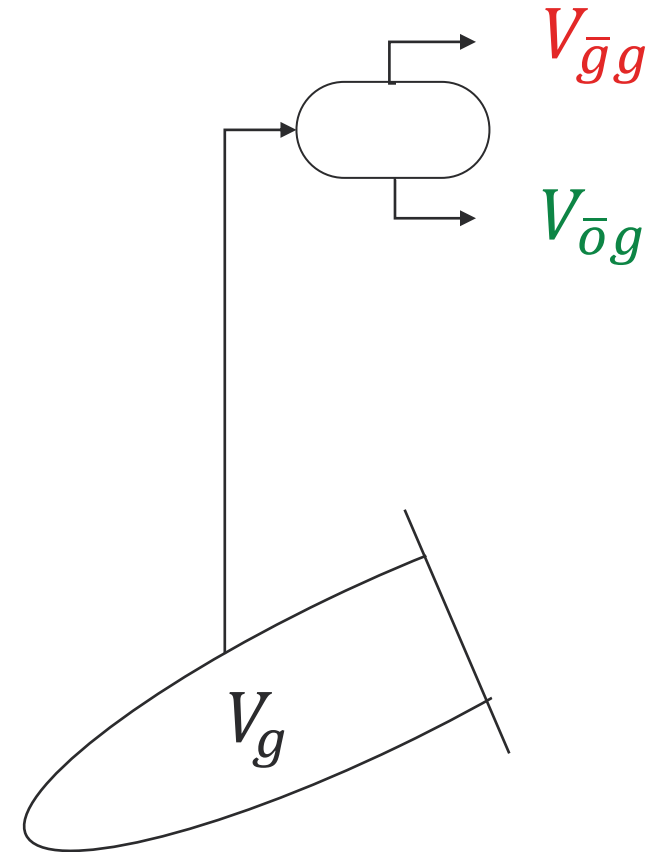
$$N_o = OOIP_o = \frac{V_o}{B_{oi}}$$
$$= \frac{7758 A h \varphi (1 - S_{wi})}{B_{oi}} \text{ [STB]}$$

$$G_o = OGIP_g = N_o R_{si} \text{ [scf]}$$



Gas Reservoir – In-place Numbers

$$G_g = OGIP_g = \frac{V_g}{B_{gdi}}$$
$$= \frac{7758 A h \varphi (1 - S_{wi})}{B_{gdi}} \text{ [scf]}$$
$$N_g = OOIP_g = G_g r_{si} \text{ [STB]}$$



In-place volumes: **All Reservoir Fluids, Two Equations**

$$N = \frac{HCPV}{FVF_{tot}}$$

original oil in place

$$G = N * GOR_{tot}$$

original gas in place

Source: <https://manual.whitson.com/modules/bot/>

Total Formation Volume Factor (FVF_{tot})

$$FVF_{\text{tot}} = \frac{100}{\frac{S_o}{B_o} + \frac{S_g}{B_{\text{gd}}/r_s}}$$

which for a single-phase oil reservoir type ($S_o = 100\%$) will simplify to $FVF_{\text{tot}} = B_o$ and for a single-phase gas reservoir type ($S_g = 100\%$) will simplify to $FVF_{\text{tot}} = \frac{B_{\text{gd}}}{r_s}$. For a two-phase saturated case, the total FVF will represent a saturation weighted oil FVF.

Total Gas-Oil Ratio (GOR_{tot})

$$GOR_{tot} = \frac{\frac{S_g}{B_{gd}} + R_s \frac{S_o}{B_o}}{r_s \frac{S_g}{B_{gd}} + \frac{S_o}{B_o}}$$

which for a single-phase oil reservoir type ($S_o = 100\%$) will simplify to $GOR_{tot} = R_s$ and for a single-phase gas reservoir type ($S_g = 100\%$) will simplify to $GOR_{tot} = \frac{1}{r_s}$. For a two-phase saturated case, the total GOR will represent a saturation weighted GOR.

Exercise: What is OGIP and OOIP?

$$\text{HCPV} = 5000 \text{ MRB}$$

	Oil	Gas	Two-Phase
Total FVF	1.93 RB/STB	5.91 RB/STB	2.46 RB/STB
Total GOR	2000 scf/STB	10000 scf/STB	2000 scf/STB
OOIP			
OGIP			



Advanced Topic

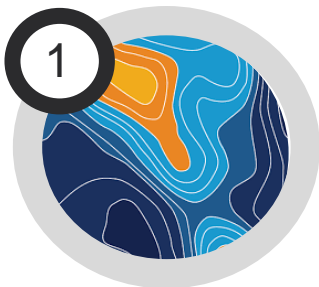
Black Oil Table Generation

Black Oil Table (BOT)

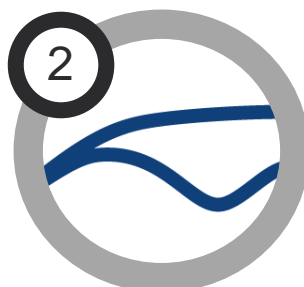
@ T = constant

Pressure	Oil			Gas		
p	R _s	B _o	μ _o	r _s	B _{gd}	μ _g

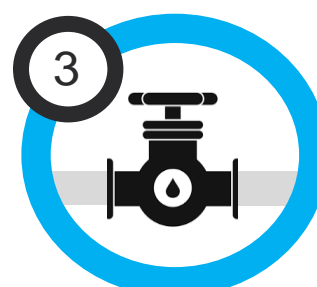
Res. Simulation



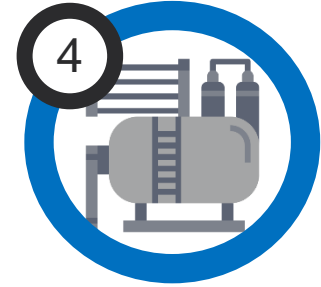
RTA/PTA



Pipe Flow



Process



What is a BOT a function of? **Or what's required to create it?**

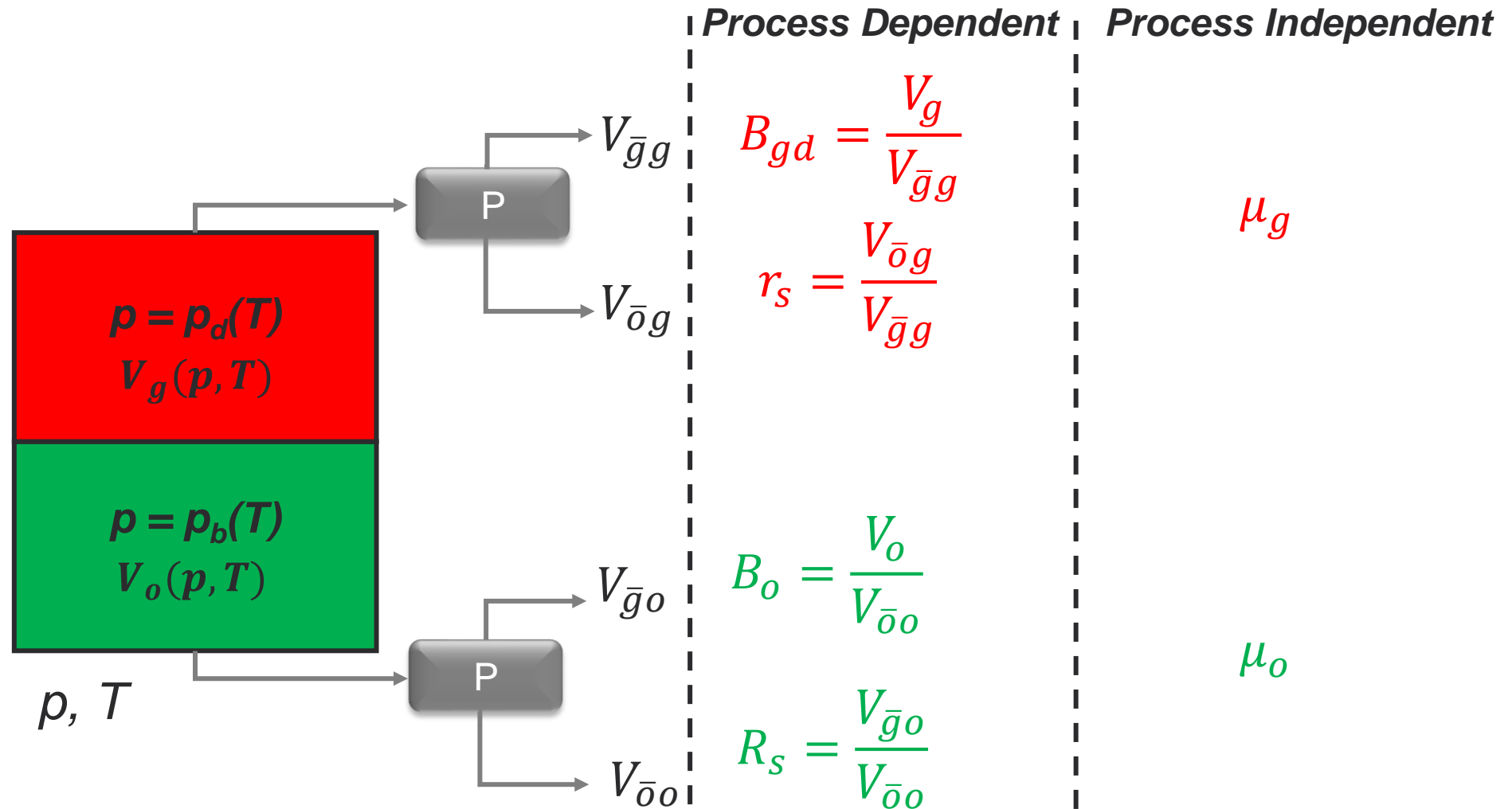
... That's what we'll learn today!

EOS | Temperature | Composition | Surface Process

Black Oil PVT - Recap

- Two component PVT model: Oil and Gas
- Three properties are defined for each component:
 - Composition (R_s | r_s)
 - Formation volume factor (B_o | B_{gd})
 - Viscosity (μ_o | μ_g)
- Surface oil and gas densities are assumed constant:
 - $\gamma_{\bar{o}o} = \gamma_{\bar{o}g} \neq f(R_s, r_s)$
 - $\overline{\gamma_{\bar{g}o}} = \overline{\gamma_{\bar{g}g}} \neq f(R_s, r_s)$
- PVT properties are process dependent (assumed constant)
- Reservoir temperature is assumed constant

Black Oil PVT - Recap



Repeat: Course Summary

1 m³ is not always 1 m³

Repeat

Black Oil PVT Properties are a Function of Surface Process

... Not viscosity!

BOT from EOS – Requirements

1. Equation of State (EOS) Model

2. Temperature

3. Composition (z_{Boi})

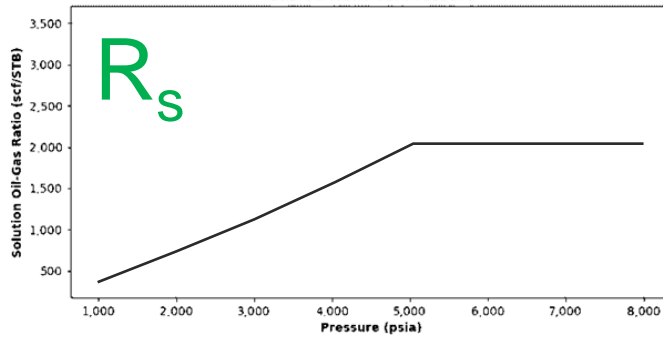
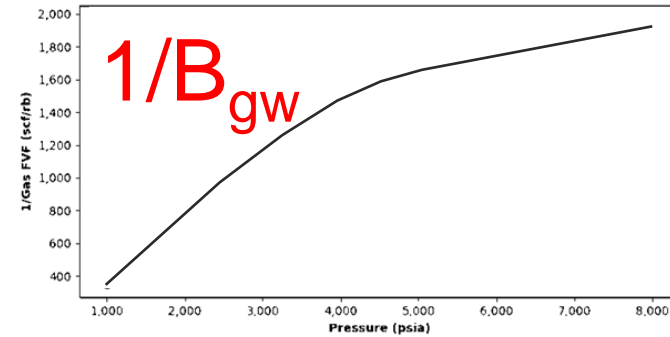
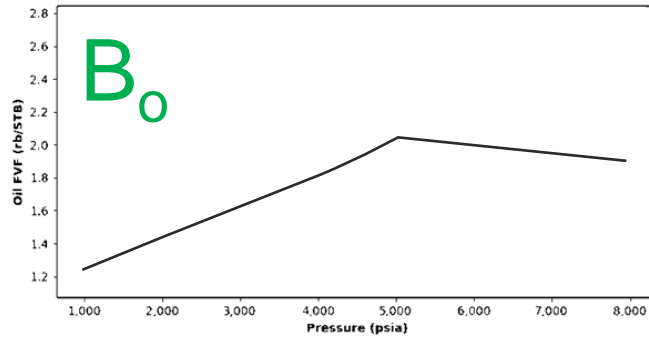
4. Surface process

e.g. Multi-stage separator ($p_{sp1}, T_{sp1}, \dots, p_{sc}, T_{sc}$)

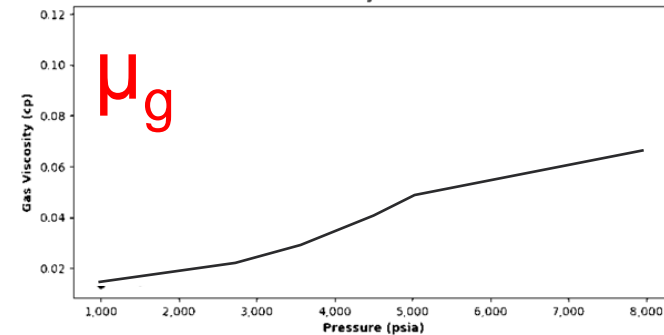
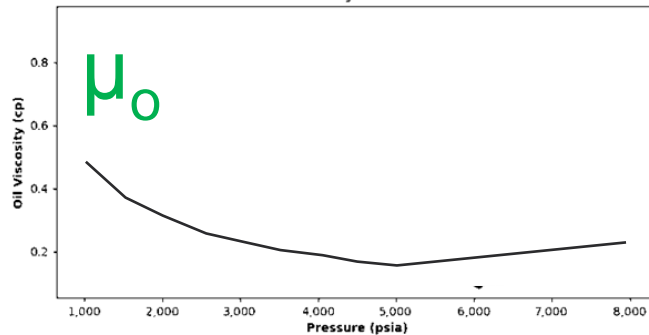
5. Reservoir depletion process

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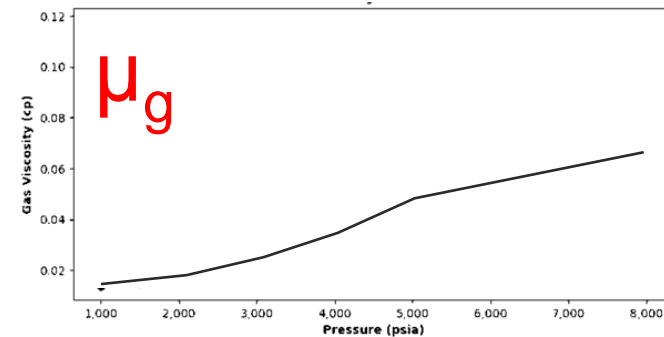
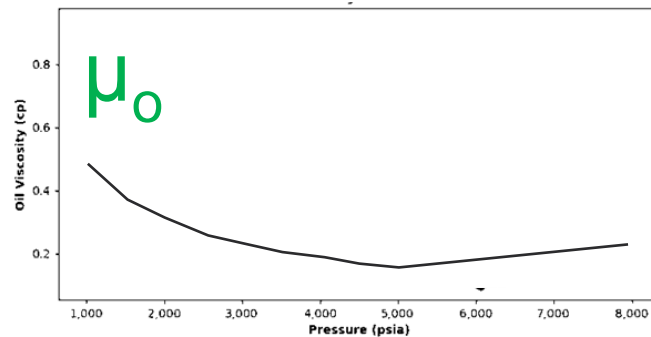
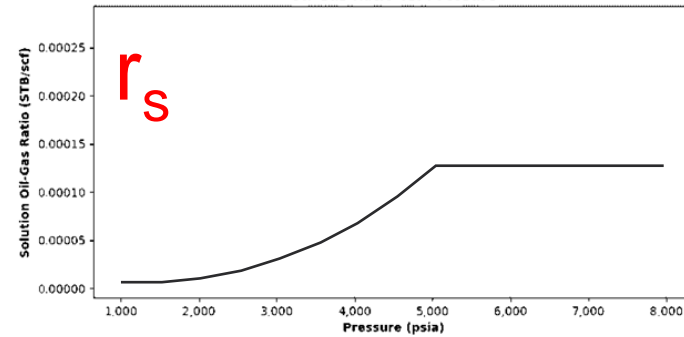
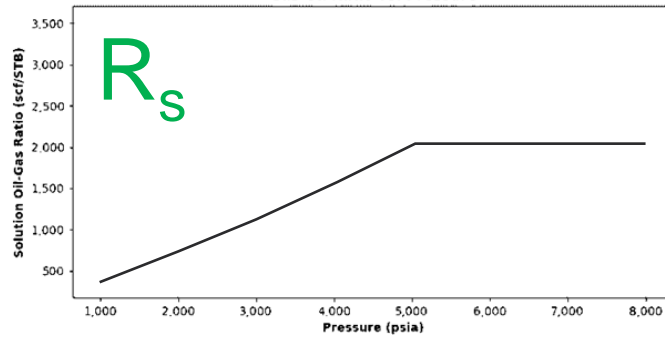
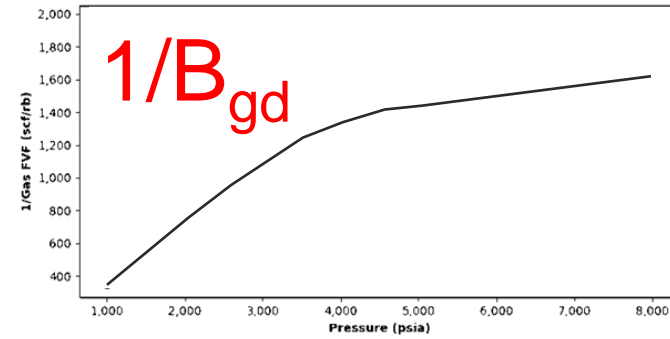
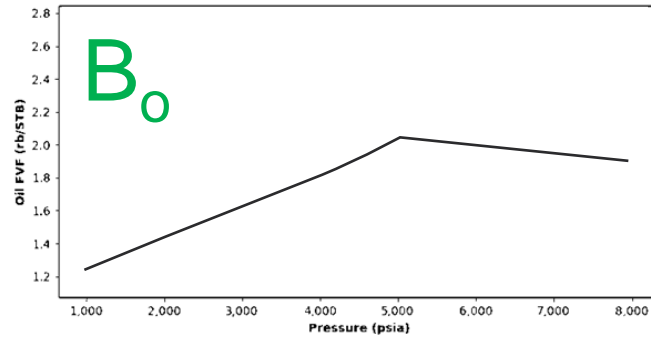
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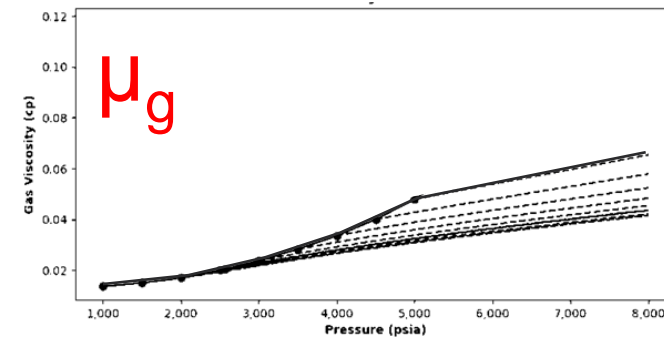
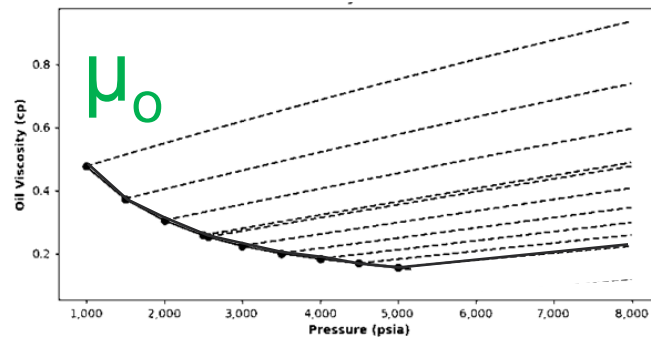
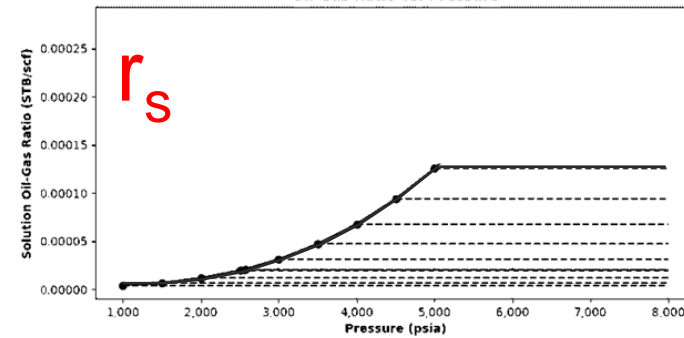
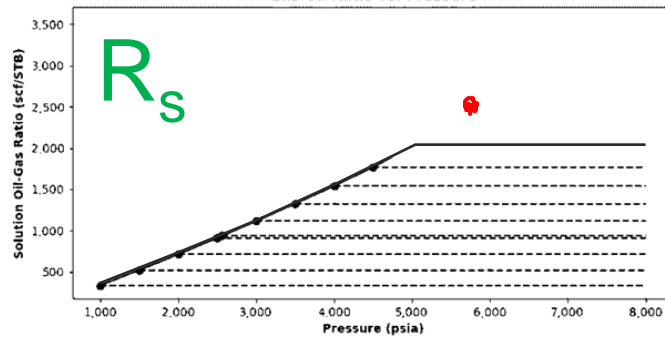
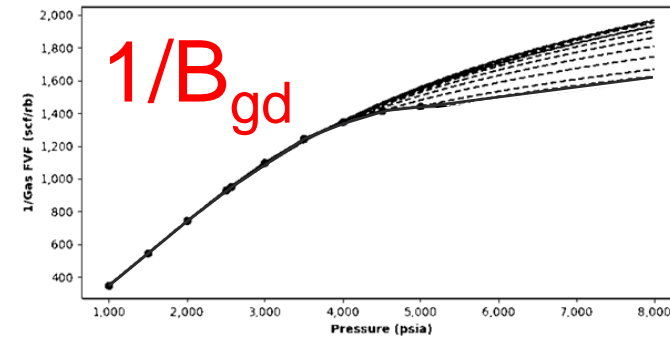
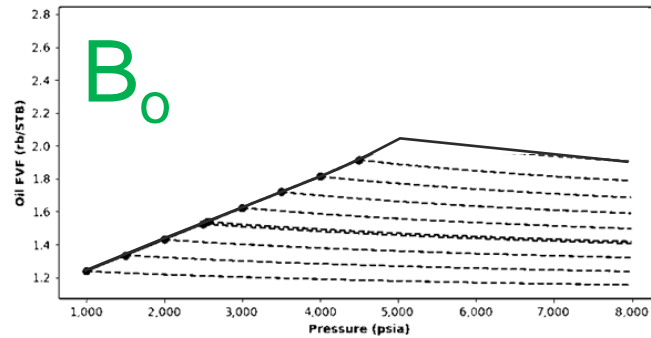
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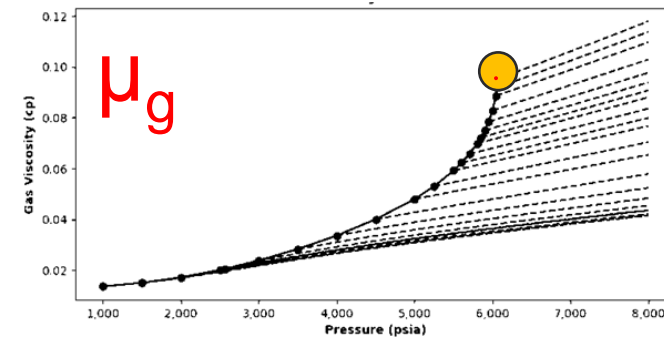
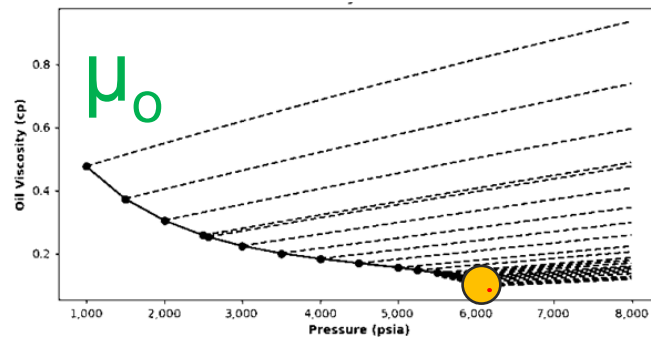
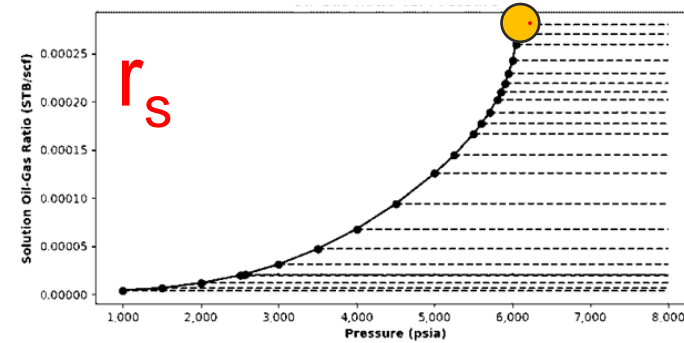
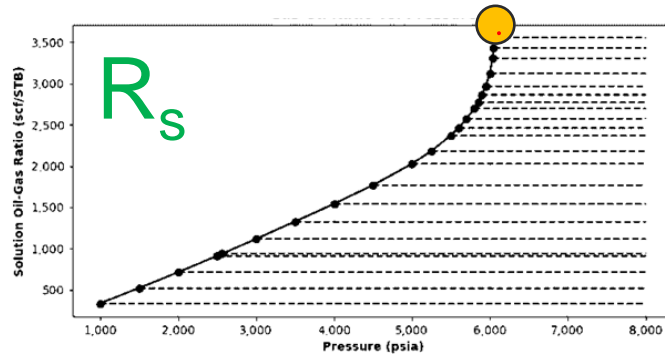
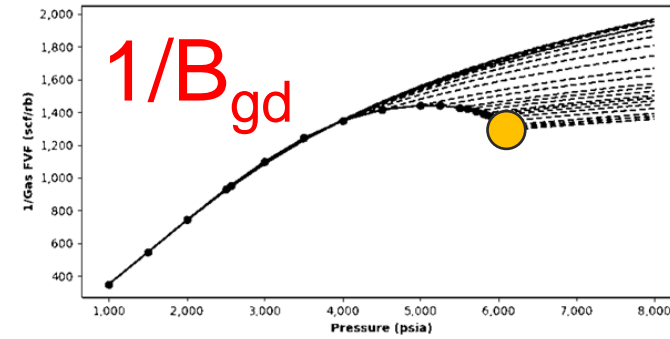
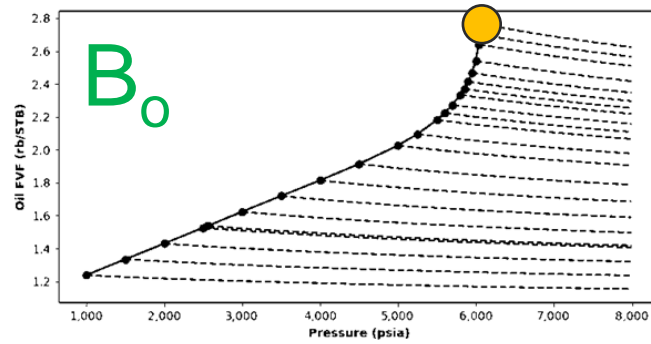
Modified Black Oil Tables (~1980)



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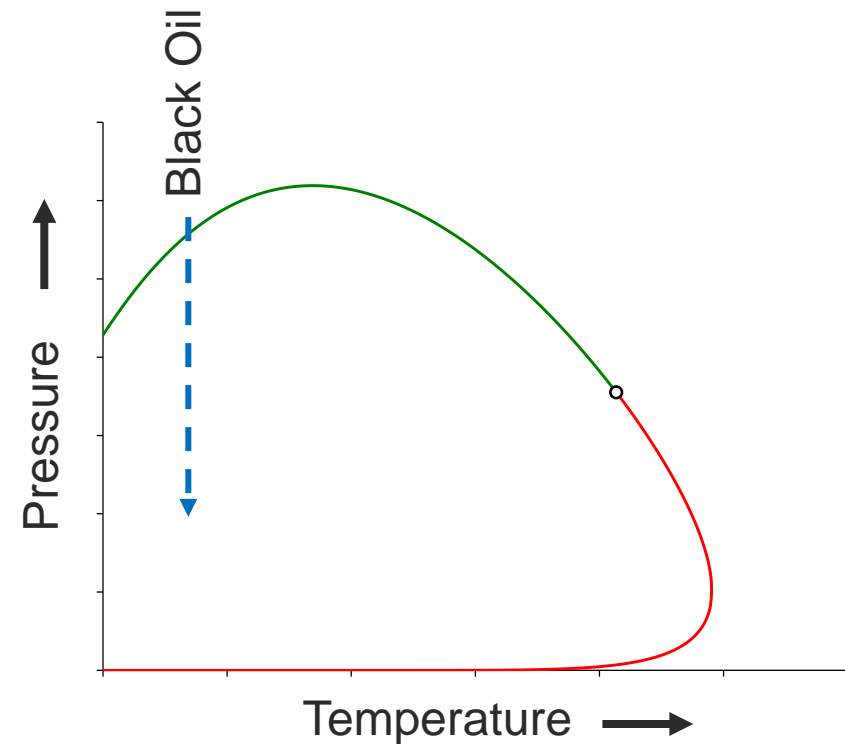


Extrapolated Black Oil Table (~2000)



● Critical Point

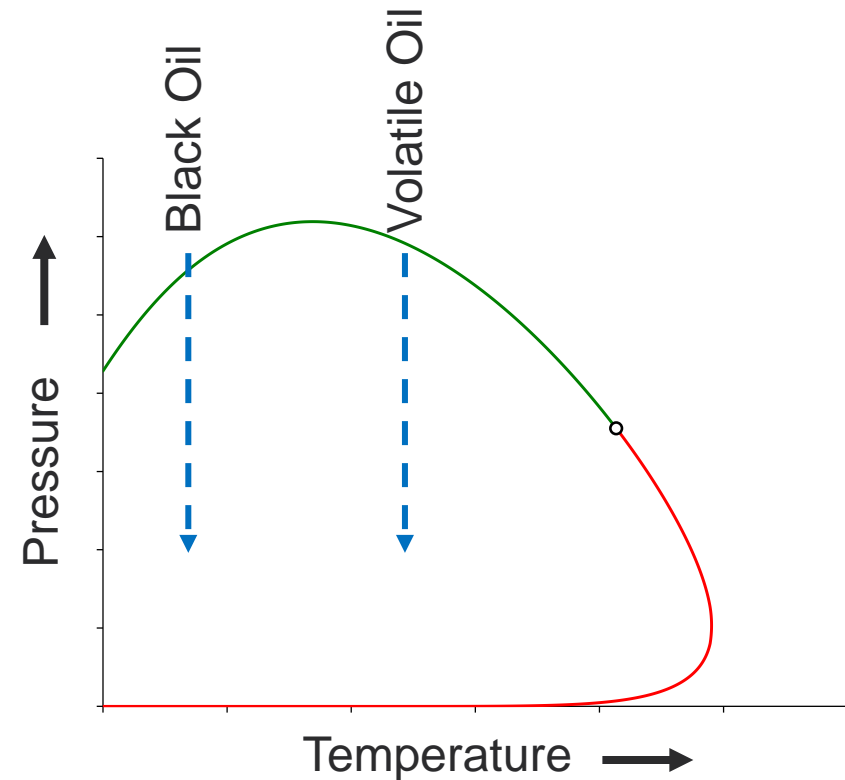
Reservoir Fluid Classification



Fluid type	B_o B_{gd}/R_v	R_s $1/R_v$
Unit	(RB/STB)	(scf/STB)
Black Oil	<1.5	<1,000

* These numbers are rules of thumb and should not be interpreted at absolutes.

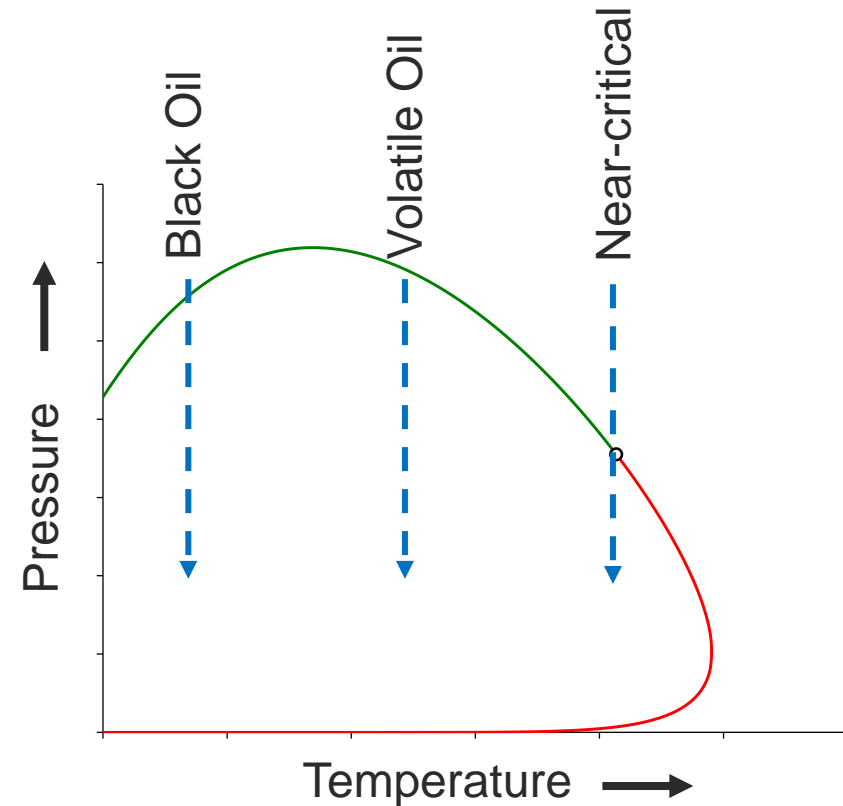
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Volatile Oil	1.5-2.5	1,000-3,000

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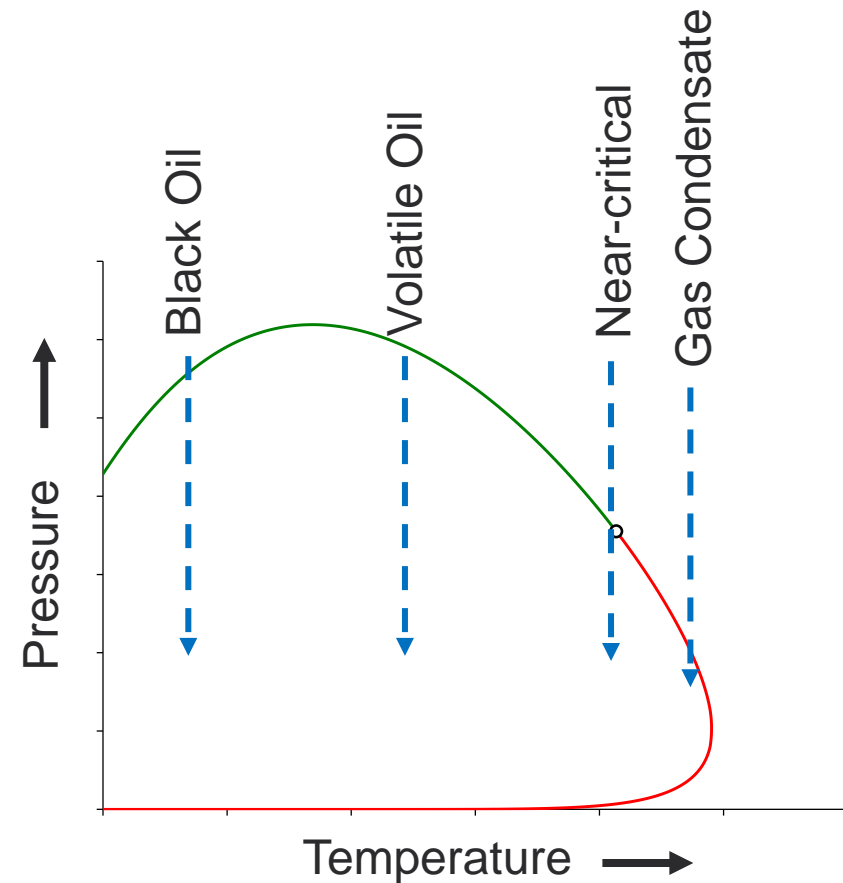
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Volatile Oil	1.5-2.5	1,000-3,000
Near-critical	2.5-4	3,000-4,000

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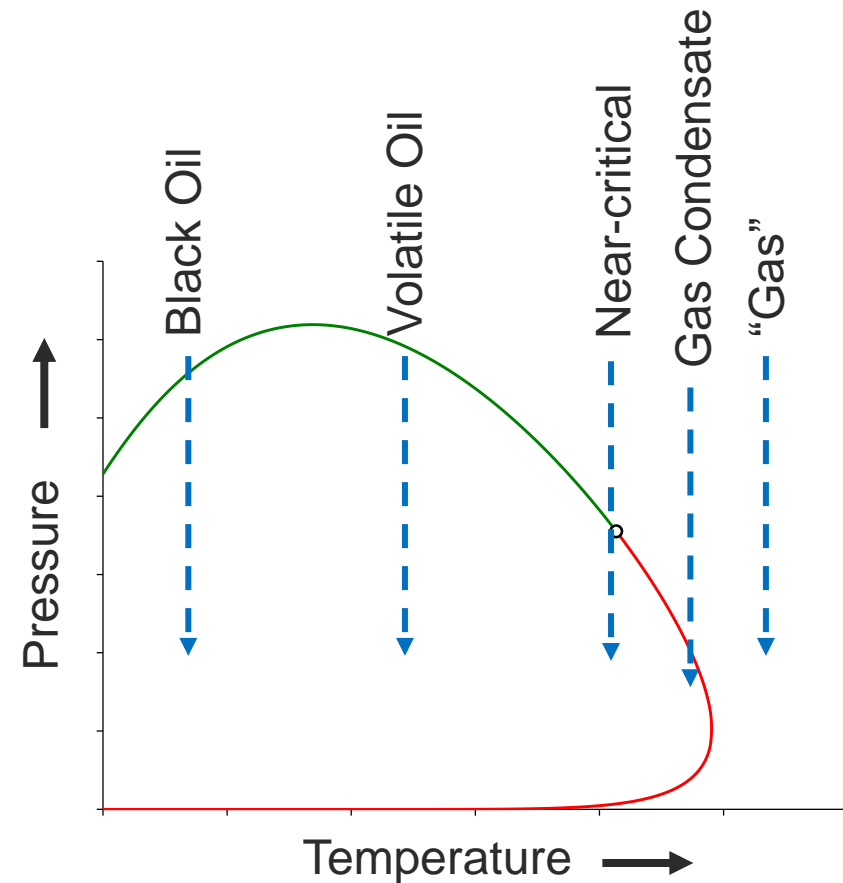
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Gas Condensate	4-50	4,000-100,000

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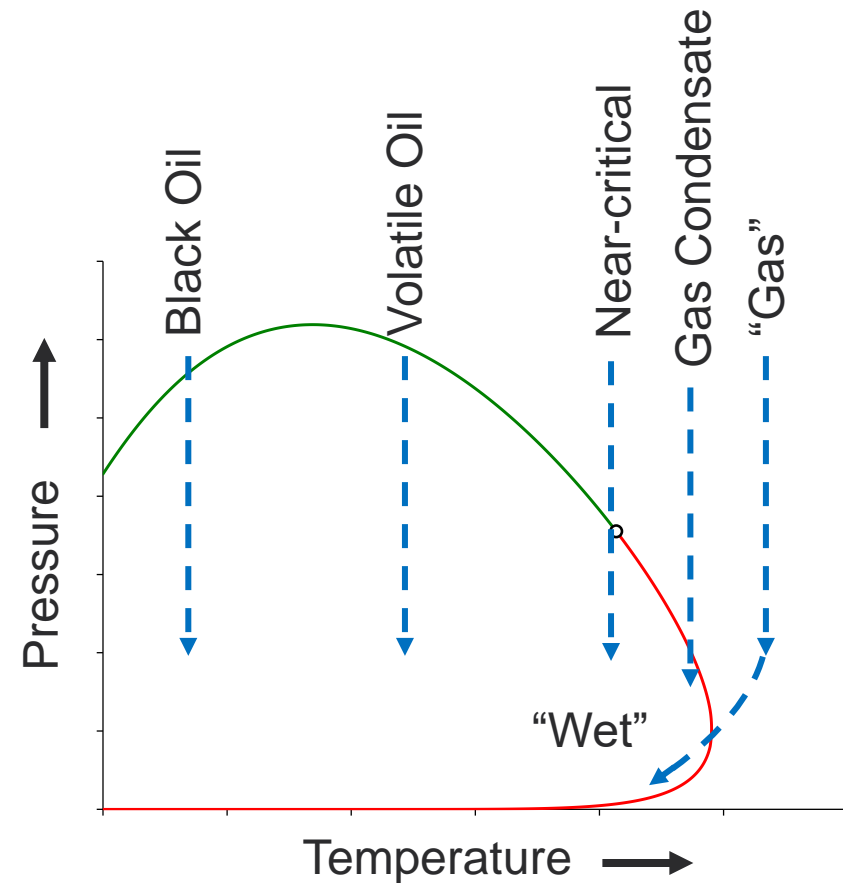
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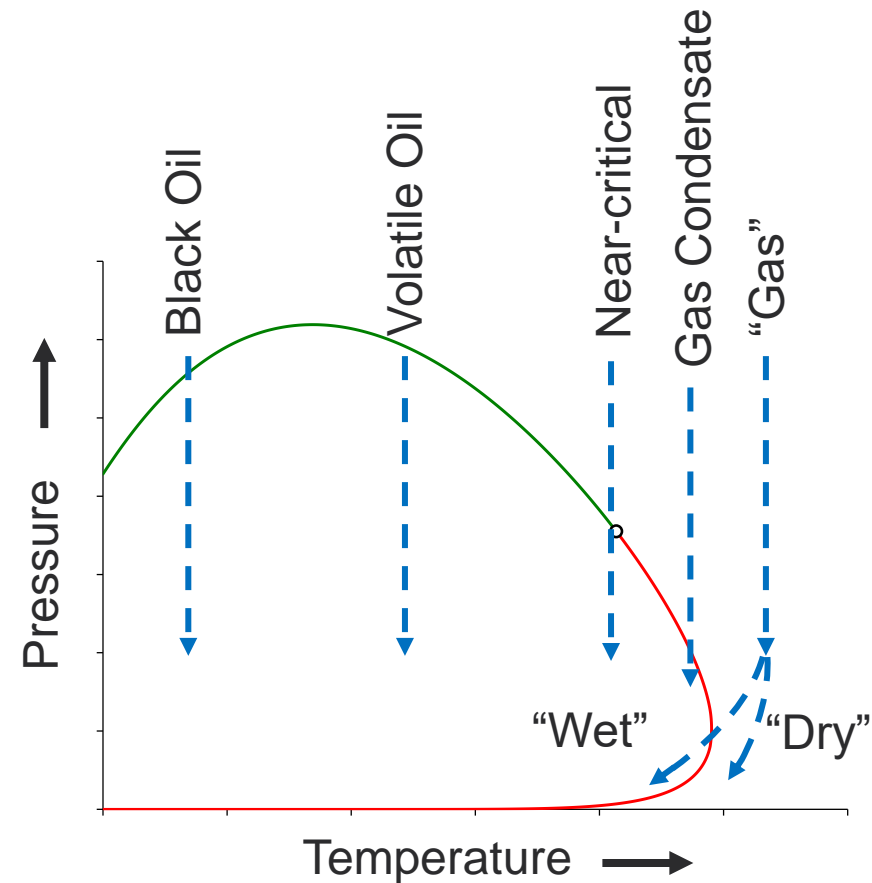
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Volatile Oil	1.5-2.5	1,000-3,000
Near-critical	2.5-4	3,000-4,000
Gas Condensate	4-50	4,000-100,000
«Wet» Gas	>50	>100,000

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Reservoir Fluid Classification



Fluid type	B_o B_{gd}/R_v	R_g $1/R_v$
Unit	(RB/STB)	(scf/STB)
Black Oil	<1.5	<1,000
Volatile Oil	1.5-2.5	1,000-3,000
Near-critical	2.5-4	3,000-4,000
Gas Condensate	4-50	4,000-100,000
«Wet» Gas	>50	>100,000
«Dry» Gas	0	∞

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Repeat:

**Black Oil Tables
can be used for ALL
Reservoir Fluid Systems**

... and NOT only for black oil systems !!!

Reservoir Water

Reservoir Water

Fluid Initialization

Initial GOR, R_{ti}
1000

Initial Solution
1000

Initial Solution
32.37

Water PVT & Viscosity

Water Salinity
0 ppm

SAVE

Fluid Initialization

Initial GOR, R_{ti} 1000 scf/STB	Initial Water Saturation, S_{wi} 30 %	Initial Reservoir Pressure, p_i 8000 psia
Initial Solution GOR, R_s 1000 scf/STB	Oil Saturation, S_o 70.0 %	Saturation Pressure, p_{sat} 3270.57 psia
Initial Solution CGR, r_s/R_v 32.37 STB/MMscf	Gas Saturation, S_g 0.0 %	Reservoir Temperature, T_{res} 200 F

SAVE

- Water viscosity (μ_w) ranges 0.3 cp (>250 F) to about 1 cp at ambient temperatures.
- Water compressibility (c_w) ranges 2.5 to 5 x 10⁻⁶ 1/psi.
- Finally, reservoir brines exhibit only slight shrinkage (<5%) when produced to the surface.
- The brine that is sharing pore space with hydrocarbons always contains limited amount of gas in solution (mainly methane), ranging 10-35 scf/STB.

Software

whitson+: Set Zoom to 70-80%

The screenshot displays the whitson+ web application interface. The browser address bar shows the URL: <https://internal.whitson.com/fields/2/projects/49/wells/241/pvt/fluid-definition>. The application interface includes a sidebar with navigation options like Fields, Projects, Wells, Main Data & Models, PVT, Production Data, and Production Data Analysis. The main content area is titled "FLUID DEFINITION" and contains sections for "Reservoir Fluid Composition" and "Surface Process". A "Phase Envelope" plot is visible, showing Pressure (psia) vs. Temperature (F) with a bubblepoint curve and a dewpoint curve. A blue callout box points to the Zoom button in the browser's toolbar, with the text: "Click here (Alternatively, CTRL + “-” on keyboard)". The browser's context menu is open, showing the Zoom option highlighted.

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whitson+: Maximize Screen by “F11”

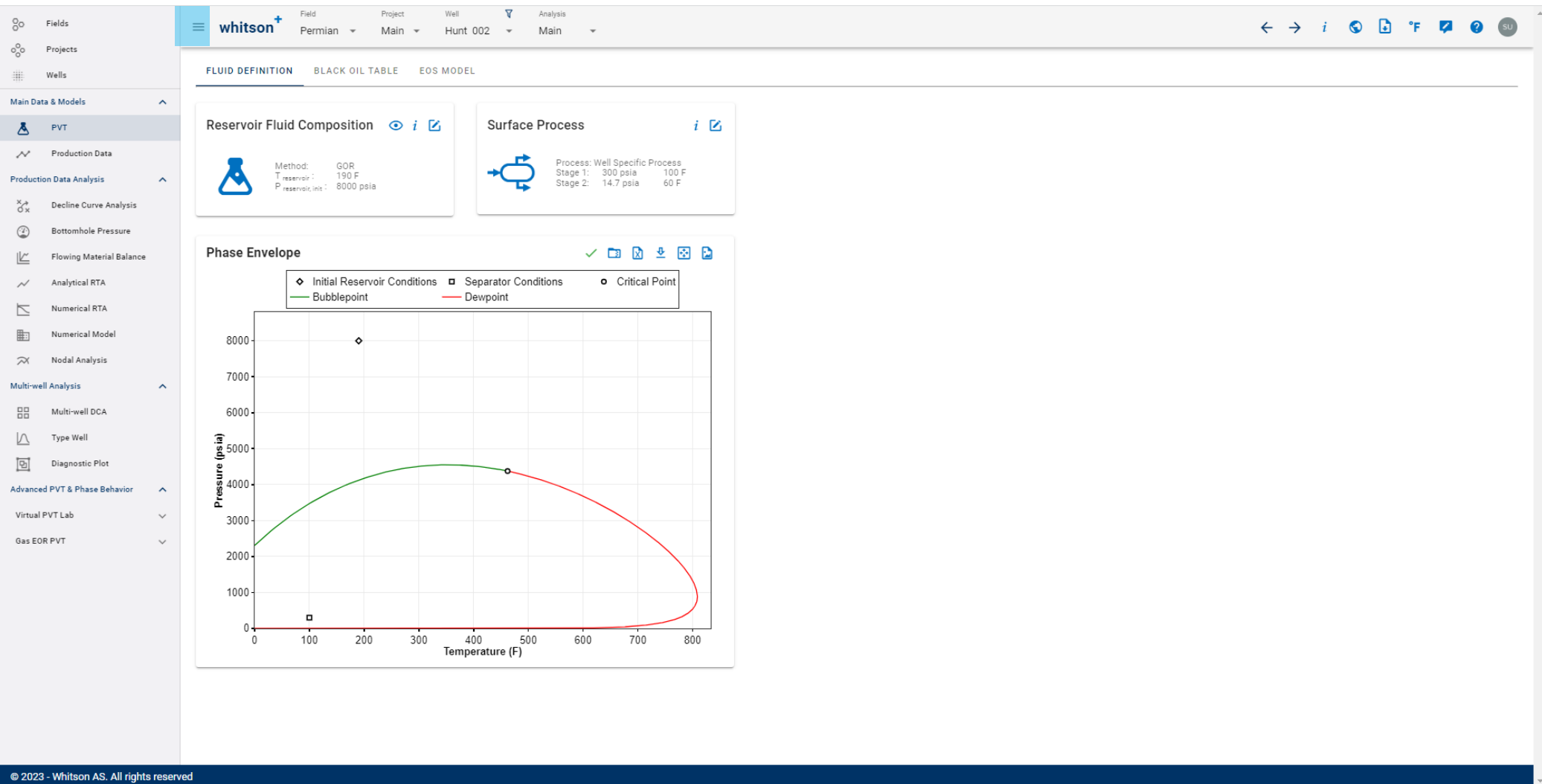
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A blue callout box with the text "Click F11" points to the F11 key on a keyboard. The keyboard image is overlaid on the right side of the screen. The main content area shows a graph of Pressure (psia) versus Temperature (F). The graph displays a green curve labeled "Bubblepoint" and a red line labeled "Initial Reservoir". The y-axis ranges from 0 to 8000 psia, and the x-axis ranges from 0 to 700 F. A data point is visible on the bubblepoint curve at approximately 380 F and 4000 psia.

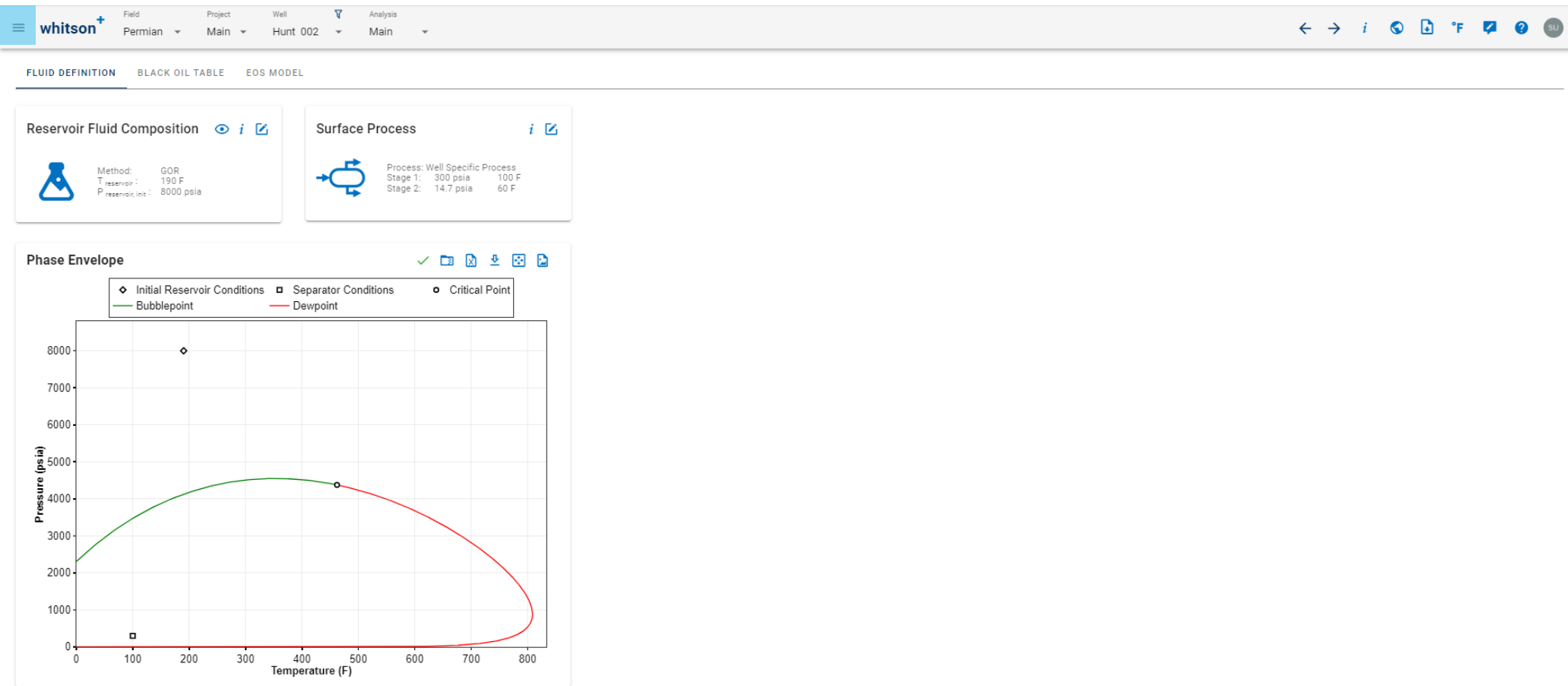
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Windows taskbar: Type here to search, Task View, File Explorer, Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, Visual Studio Code, Teams, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, and system tray icons for network, volume, and date/time (ENG NO, 5:37 PM, 3/1/2023).

whitson+: More Screen Real Estate

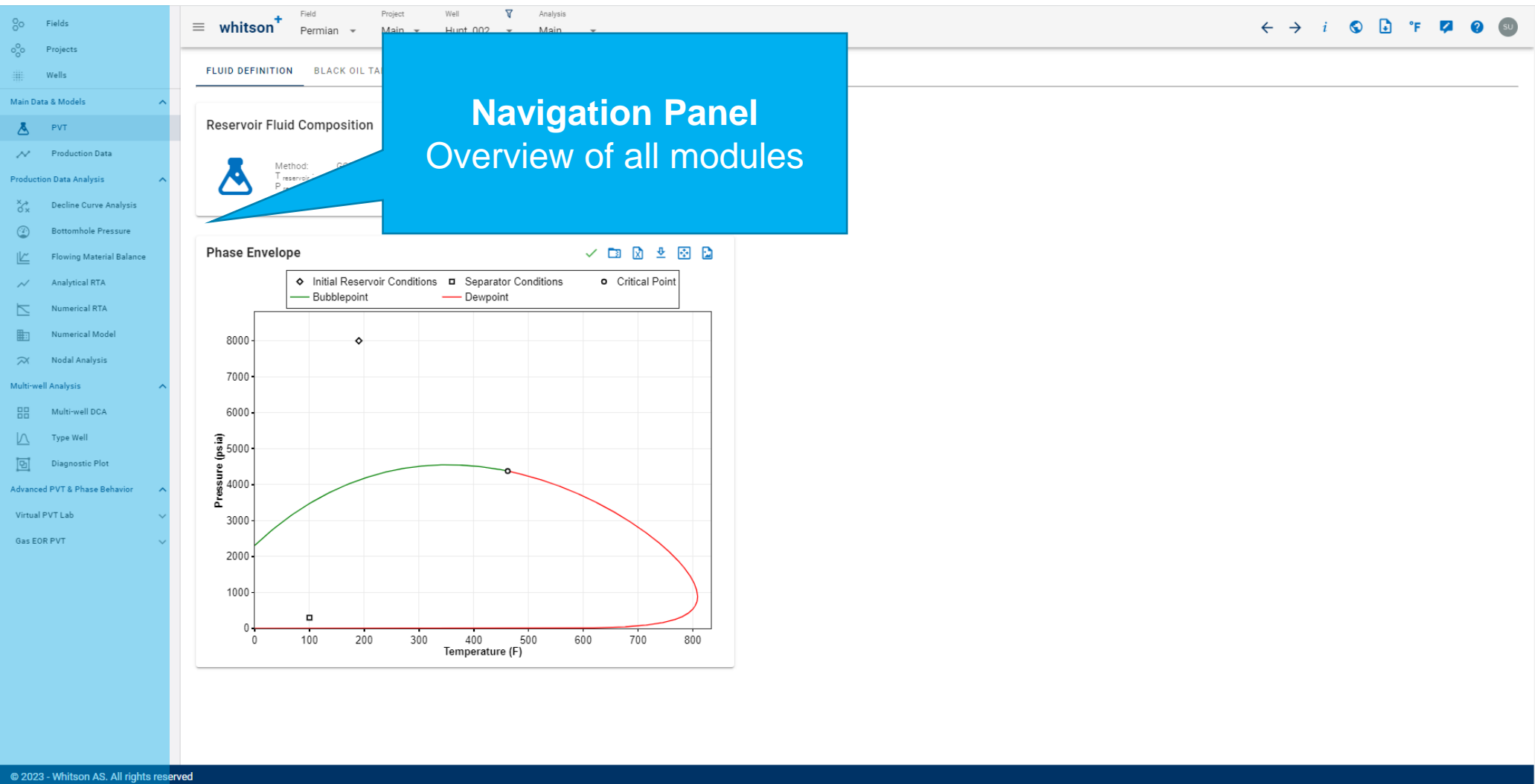


whitson+: More Screen Real Estate



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whitson+: Navigation Panel



whitson+: Software Hierarchy

The screenshot displays the whitson+ software interface. The top navigation bar includes tabs for Field, Project, Well, and Analysis. The left sidebar lists various analysis tools under categories like Main Data & Models, Production Data Analysis, Multi-well Analysis, and Advanced PVT & Phase Behavior. The main content area shows a 'Phase Envelope' plot with Pressure (psia) on the y-axis (0 to 8000) and Temperature (F) on the x-axis (0 to 800). The plot includes a green bubblepoint curve and a red dewpoint curve. A blue callout box points to the 'Fields' tab in the sidebar, stating: 'Software Hierarchy Fields → Projects → Wells'. Another blue callout box points to the navigation icons in the top right, stating: 'Next / Previous Well in a project'. The bottom of the interface shows a copyright notice: '© 2023 - Whitson AS. All rights reserved'.

Software Hierarchy
Fields → Projects → Wells

Next / Previous Well
in a project

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whitson+: Create Multiple Analyses for a Well

The screenshot displays the whitson+ software interface. The top navigation bar includes tabs for 'Fields', 'Projects', and 'Wells'. The 'Analysis' menu is open, showing options: 'Add new analysis', 'View all analyses', and 'Main'. A blue callout box points to the 'Add new analysis' option with the text: 'Save an analysis (or interpretation) for a given well'.

The main workspace shows two panels: 'Reservoir Fluid Composition' and 'Surface'. The 'Reservoir Fluid Composition' panel displays: Method: GOR, T_{reservoir}: 190 F, P_{reservoir, init}: 8000 psia. The 'Surface' panel displays: Process: Well Specific Process, Stage 1: 300 psia, 100 F, Stage 2: 14.7 psia, 60 F.

The 'Phase Envelope' plot shows Pressure (psia) on the y-axis (0 to 8000) and Temperature (F) on the x-axis (0 to 800). The plot includes a green bubblepoint curve, a red dewpoint curve, and a critical point. The initial reservoir conditions are marked with a diamond at approximately (190 F, 8000 psia). The separator conditions are marked with a square at approximately (100 F, 200 psia).

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whitson+: Create Multiple Analyses for a Well

The screenshot displays the whitson+ software interface. On the left, a sidebar lists various analysis tools under categories like 'Main Data & Models', 'Production Data Analysis', 'Multi-well Analysis', 'Advanced PVT & Phase Behavior', and 'Gas EOR PVT'. The main workspace shows a 'FLUID DEFINITION' tab with 'Reservoir Fluid Composition' and 'Surface' sections. A 'Phase Envelope' plot is visible, showing Pressure (psia) vs. Temperature (F) with curves for Bubblepoint and Dewpoint. A blue callout box points to the 'View all analyses' option in the 'Analysis' menu, stating: 'Click here and it will bring you to the well overview page'. Below this, a smaller inset shows the 'Well Overview' page, which displays a summary of well information, reservoir properties, completion metrics, and well data.

Well Overview page

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whitson+: Change Units

Fields

Projects

Wells

Main Data & Models

PVT

Production Data

Production Data Analysis

Decline Curve Analysis

Bottomhole Pressure

Flowing Material Balance

Analytical RTA

Numerical RTA

Numerical Model

Nodal Analysis

Multi-well Analysis

Multi-well DCA

Type Well

Diagnostic Plot

Advanced PVT & Phase Behavior

Virtual PVT Lab

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FieldPermian

ProjectMain

WellHunt 002

AnalysisMain

FLUID DEFINITION

BLACK OIL TABLE

EOS MODEL

Reservoir Fluid Composition

Method: GOR

T_{reservoir}: 190 F

P_{reservoir, init}: 8000 psia

Surface Process

Process: Well Specific Process

Stage 1: 300 psia 100 F

Stage 2: 14.7 psia 60 F

Phase Envelope

Initial Reservoir Conditions

Separator Conditions

Critical Point

Bubblepoint

Dewpoint

Point Type	Temperature (F)	Pressure (psia)
Initial Reservoir Conditions	190	8000
Separator Conditions	100	300
Critical Point	470	4400

Change Unit System

Field

SI/Metric

SI/Metric

Change Units

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whitson+: Input Card

The screenshot displays the whitson+ software interface. The left sidebar shows a navigation menu with options: Fields, Projects, Wells, Main Data & Models, PVT, Production Data, Production Data Analysis, Decline Curve Analysis, and Bottomhole Pressure. The main window has a top bar with 'whitson+' and dropdown menus for Field (Permian), Project (Main), Well (Hunt 002), and Analysis (Main). Below this, there are tabs for 'FLUID DEFINITION', 'BLACK OIL TABLE', and 'EOS MODEL'. The 'FLUID DEFINITION' tab is active, showing two cards: 'Reservoir Fluid Composition' and 'Surface Process'. The 'Reservoir Fluid Composition' card contains a flask icon and the following text: Method: GOR, T_{reservoir}: 190 F, P_{reservoir, int}: 8000 psia. The 'Surface Process' card contains a separator icon. A blue callout box points to the 'Reservoir Fluid Composition' card with the text: 'Open by clicking here'. Another blue callout box points to the 'Reservoir Fluid Composition' card with the text: 'These “Cards” is what we call an “Input Card” and they contain input information for the different features-'. In the background, a graph is visible with 'Temperature (F)' on the x-axis (0 to 800) and 'Pressure (psia)' on the y-axis (0 to 2000). The graph shows a red curve representing the dewpoint and a green curve representing the bubblepoint. A small black square is plotted at approximately (100, 500).

These “Cards” is what we call an “Input Card” and they contain input information for the different features-

Open by clicking here

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whitson+: Support Ticket

The screenshot displays the whitson+ software interface. The top navigation bar includes tabs for Fields, Projects, and Wells, with a dropdown menu for Analysis. The main workspace is divided into sections: Reservoir Fluid Composition, Surface Process, and Phase Envelope. The Phase Envelope plot shows Pressure (psia) on the y-axis (0 to 8000) and Temperature (F) on the x-axis (0 to 800). It includes a legend for Initial Reservoir Conditions (diamond), Separator Conditions (square), Bubblepoint (green line), and Dewpoint (red line). A Feedback / Question modal is open, allowing users to submit feedback or questions. The modal includes fields for Title, Type, Field (optional), Well (optional), Project (optional), Module (optional), Fluid Definition, Calculation ID, Description, and Attachment (optional). Buttons for HIDE, DISCARD, and SAVE are at the bottom.

Feedback / Question

Title

Type

Field (optional)

Well (optional)

Project (optional)

Module (optional)

Fluid Definition

Calculation ID: cc3a482e-a74d-42ce-8740-93d3ac5f7116

Description

Attachment (optional)

HIDE DISCARD SAVE

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whitson+: Manual

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FLUID DEFINITION

BLACK OIL TABLE

EOS MODEL

Reservoir Fluid Composition

Method: GOR

T_{reservoir}: 190 F

P_{reservoir, init}: 8000 psia

Surface Process

Process: Well Specific Process

Stage 1: 300 psia 100 F

Stage 2: 14.7 psia 60 F

Phase Envelope

Initial Reservoir Conditions

Separator Conditions

Critical Point

Bubblepoint

Dewpoint

Point Type	Temperature (F)	Pressure (psia)
Initial Reservoir Conditions	190	8000
Separator Conditions	100	300
Critical Point	470	4400

User Manual

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User manual

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Important Shortcut: Refresh

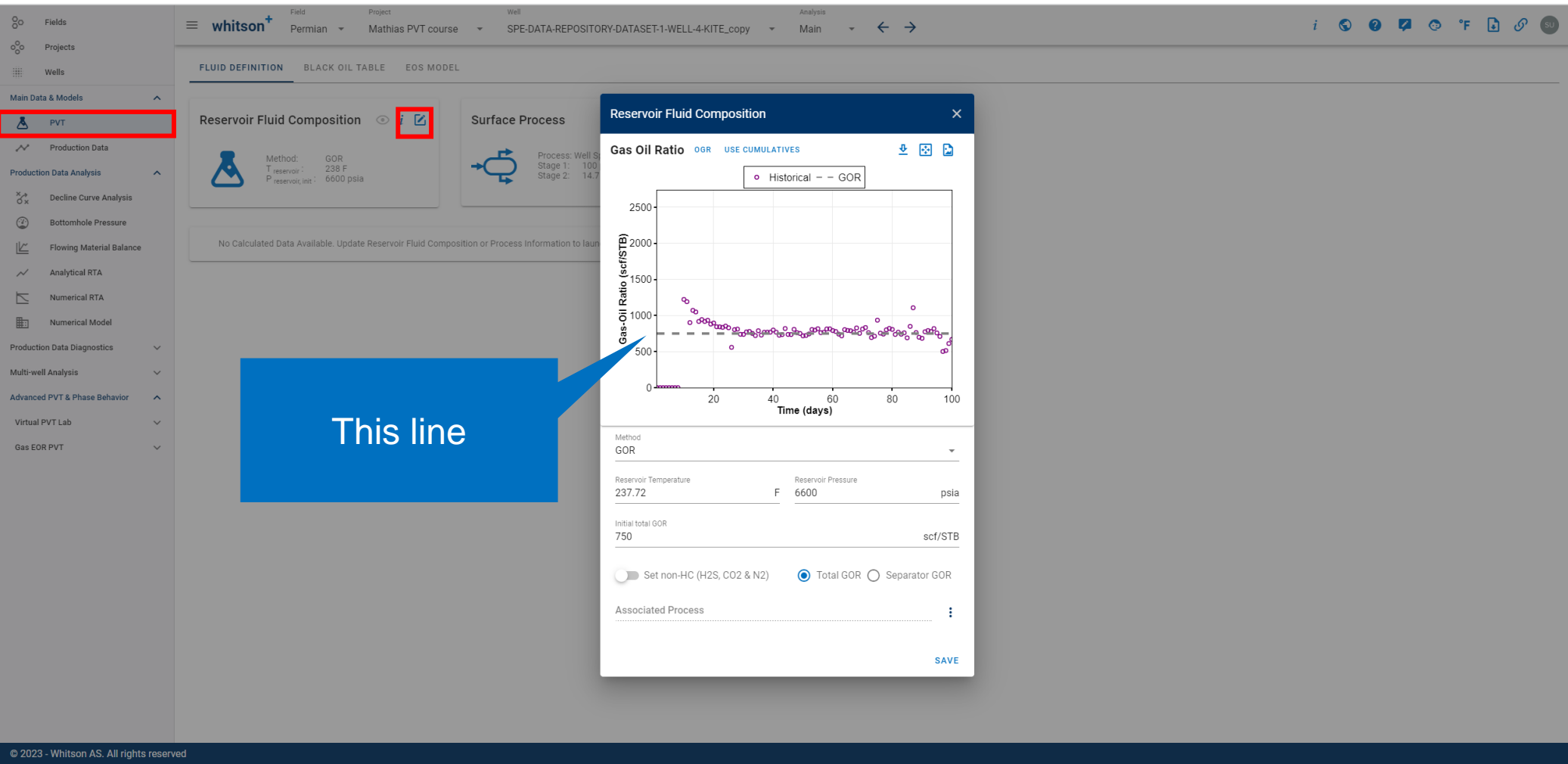
- Refresh shortcut: “CTRL + R”
- Use if you experience
 - Bad connection
 - The browser is “stuck”



Exercise

1. Drag and drop GOR to match initial data



What is the insitu representative GOR?



2. Copy your composition into excel

whitson+ Field: Permian Project: Mathias PVT course Well: SPE-DATA-REPOSITORY-DATASET-1-WELL-4-KITE_copy Analysis: Main

FLUID DEFINITION BLACK OIL TABLE EOS MODEL

Reservoir Fluid Composition  Surface Process 

Method: GOR
T_{reservoir}: 238 F
P_{reservoir, int}: 6600 psia


Process: Well Specific Process
Stage 1: 100 psia 100 F
Stage 2: 14.7 psia 60 F

Phase Envelope

Initial Reservoir Conditions Separator Conditions Critical Point
Bubblepoint Dewpoint

Pressure (psia)

Temperature (F)

Reservoir Fluid Composition 

C ₁	%	C ₇₊	%
37.53		32.10	

Component Name	Reservoir Fluid z _i (mol%)
N ₂	0
CO ₂	0
H ₂ S	0
C ₁	37.53
C ₂	10.03
C ₃	7.66
i-C ₄	1.04
n-C ₄	4.43
i-C ₅	1.73
n-C ₅	2.20


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3. Specify the non-hydrocarbons

$N_2 = 0.5\%$, $CO_2 = 0.7\%$, $H_2S = 0\%$

whitson+ Field: Permian Project: Mathias PVT course Well: SPE-DATA-REPOSITORY-DATASET-1-WELL-4-KITE_copy Analysis: Main

FLUID DEFINITION BLACK OIL TABLE EOS MODEL

Reservoir Fluid Composition  Surface Process

Method: GOR
T reservoir: 238 F
P reservoir int: 6600 psia

Process: Well 5
Stage 1: 100
Stage 2: 14.7

Phase Envelope

Initial Reservoir Conditions Separator Conditions
Bubblepoint Dewpoint

Pressure (psia) vs Temperature (F)

Gas-Oil Ratio (scf/STB) vs Time (days)

Historical GOR

Method: GOR

Reservoir Temperature: 237.72 F Reservoir Pressure: 6600 psia

Initial total GOR: 750 scf/STB

☒ Set non-HC (H2S, CO2 & N2) ☒ Total GOR ☐ Separator GOR

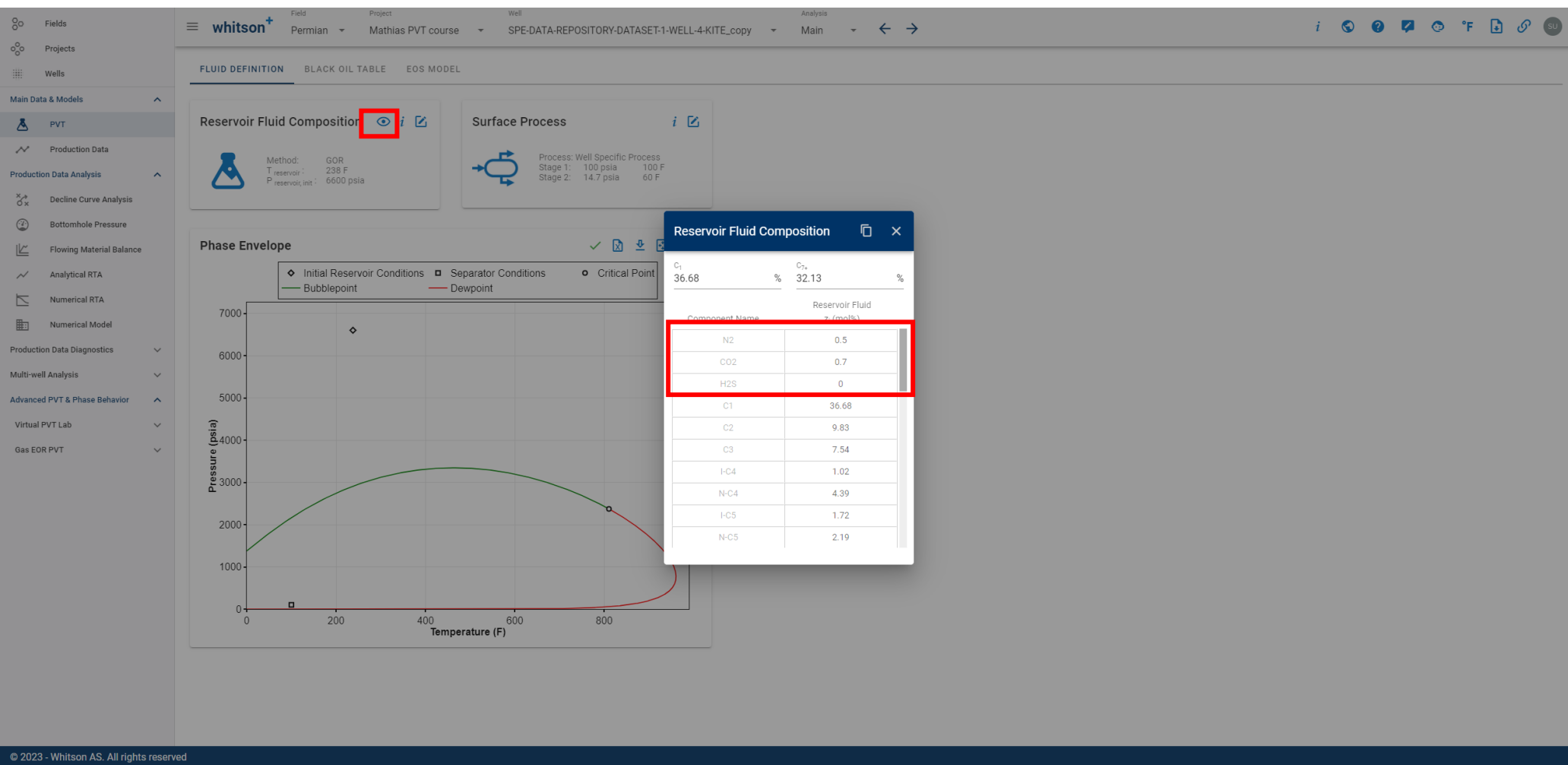
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Associated Process

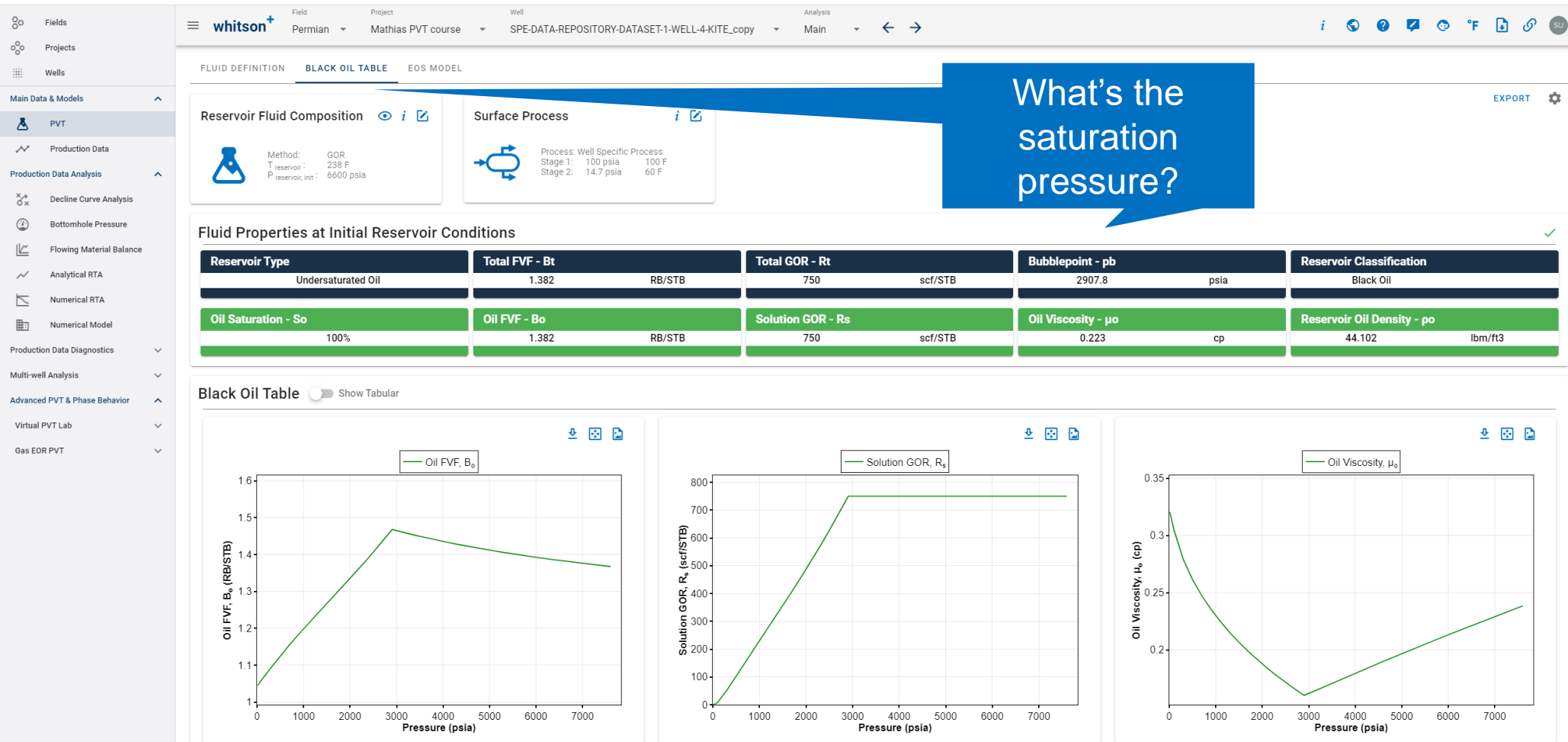
SAVE

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4. Check your compositions



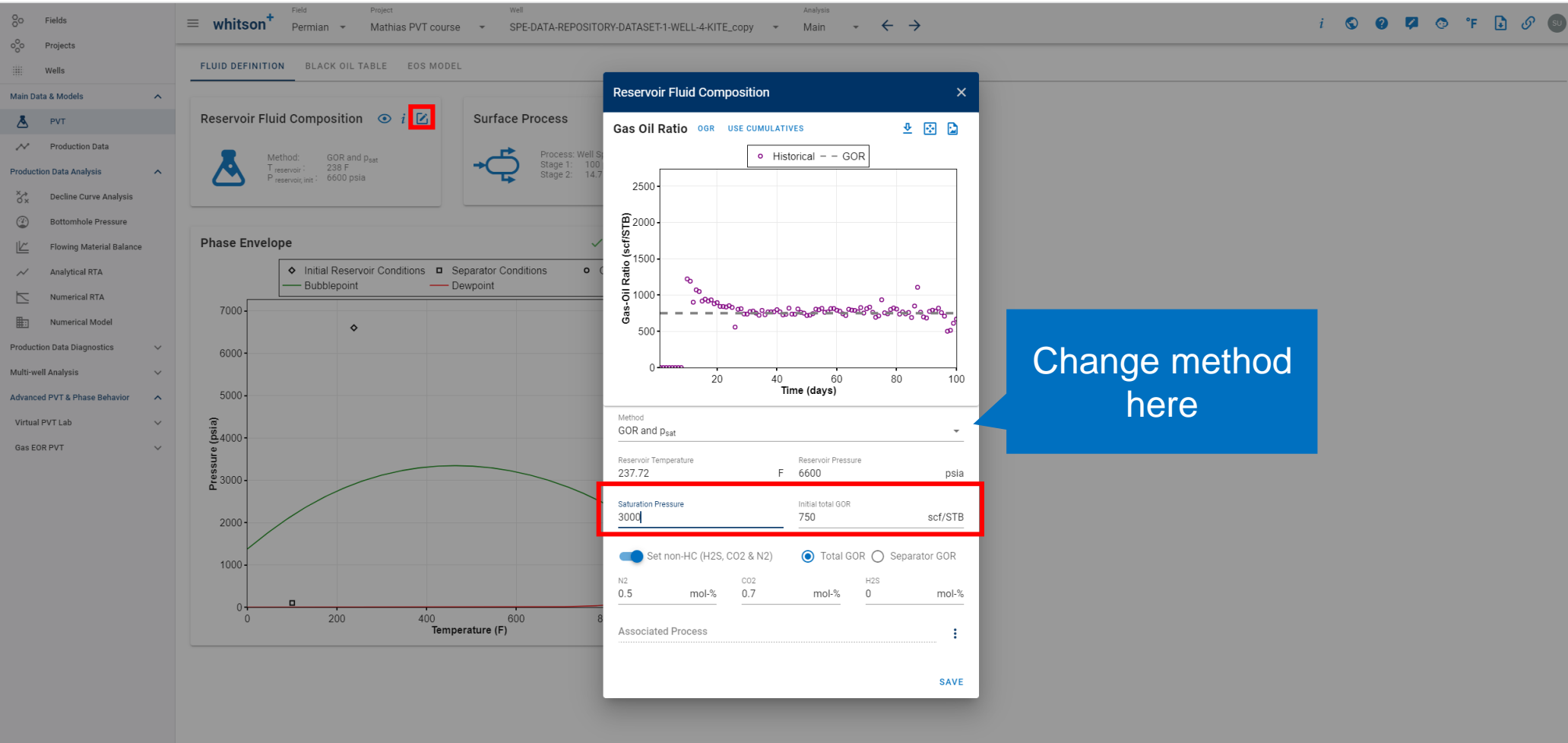
5. What's the saturation pressure?



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6. Change to GOR + psat method

GOR = 750 scf/STB, Saturation pressure = 3000 psia
(somewhat computationally expensive method)



Change method here

7. Create a synthetic PVT Report

The screenshot displays the Whitson software interface for creating a synthetic PVT report. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with categories: Fields, Projects, Wells, Main Data & Models, Production Data Analysis, Production Data Diagnostics, Multi-well Analysis, Advanced PVT & Phase Behavior, Virtual PVT Lab, and Gas EOR PVT. The 'Simulated PVT Study' option under 'Virtual PVT Lab' is highlighted with a red box. The main workspace shows a 'GENERATE NEW PVT STUDY' button and an 'EXPORT' button (also highlighted with a red box). Below these are two summary cards: 'Reservoir Fluid Composition' and 'Surface Process'. The 'Summary' tab is active, displaying three property sections: 'Properties at Reservoir Conditions', 'Properties at Saturation Conditions', and 'Properties of Stock Tank Oil'.

Field: Permian
Project: Mathias PVT course
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Analysis: Main

GENERATE NEW PVT STUDY **EXPORT**

Reservoir Fluid Composition

Method: GOR
T_{reservoir}: 238 F
P_{reservoir, int}: 6600 psia

Surface Process

Process: Well Specific Process
Stage 1: 100 psia 100 F
Stage 2: 14.7 psia 60 F

Summary SSF CCE DLE CVD MST VISC

Properties at Reservoir Conditions

Density: 44.1 lbm/ft³
Viscosity: 0.223 cp

Properties at Saturation Conditions

Saturation Type: Bubblepoint
Saturation Pressure: 2907.8 psia
Multistage Solution GOR: 750 scf/STB
Density: 41.53 lbm/ft³
Viscosity: 0.16 cp

Properties of Stock Tank Oil

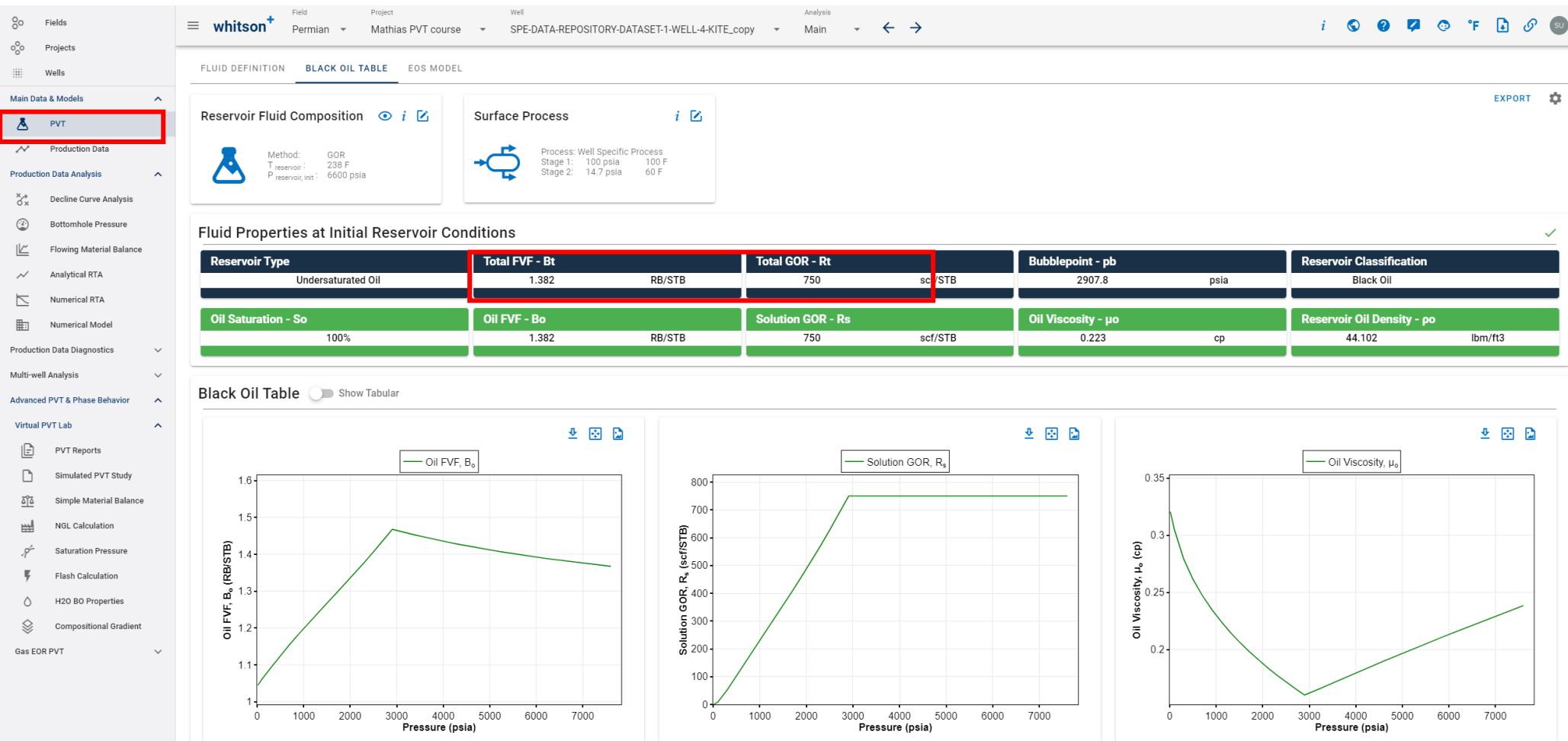
Density: 52.13 lbm/ft³
API Gravity: 37.8

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What type of reservoir fluid is this?

8. What is the OOIP and OGIP?

$$\text{HCPV} = 10\,000 \text{ RB}$$



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8. Export the Black Oil Table to Excel

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FLUID DEFINITION

BLACK OIL TABLE

EOS MODEL

EXPORT

Reservoir Fluid Composition

Surface Process

Fluid Properties at Initial Reservoir Conditions

Reservoir Type	Total FVF - Bt	Total GOR - Rt	Bubblepoint - pb	Reservoir Classification
Undersaturated Oil	1.382RB/STB	750scf/STB	2907.8psia	Black Oil
Oil Saturation - So	Oil FVF - Bo	Solution GOR - Rs	Oil Viscosity - μ_o	Reservoir Oil Density - ρ_o
100%	1.382RB/STB	750scf/STB	0.223cp	44.102lbm/ft3

Black Oil Table

Show Tabular

Oil FVF, B_o

Solution GOR, R_s

Oil Viscosity, μ_o

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9. Calculate Recovery Factors

pa = 1000 psia | Cum GOR = 5000 scf/STB

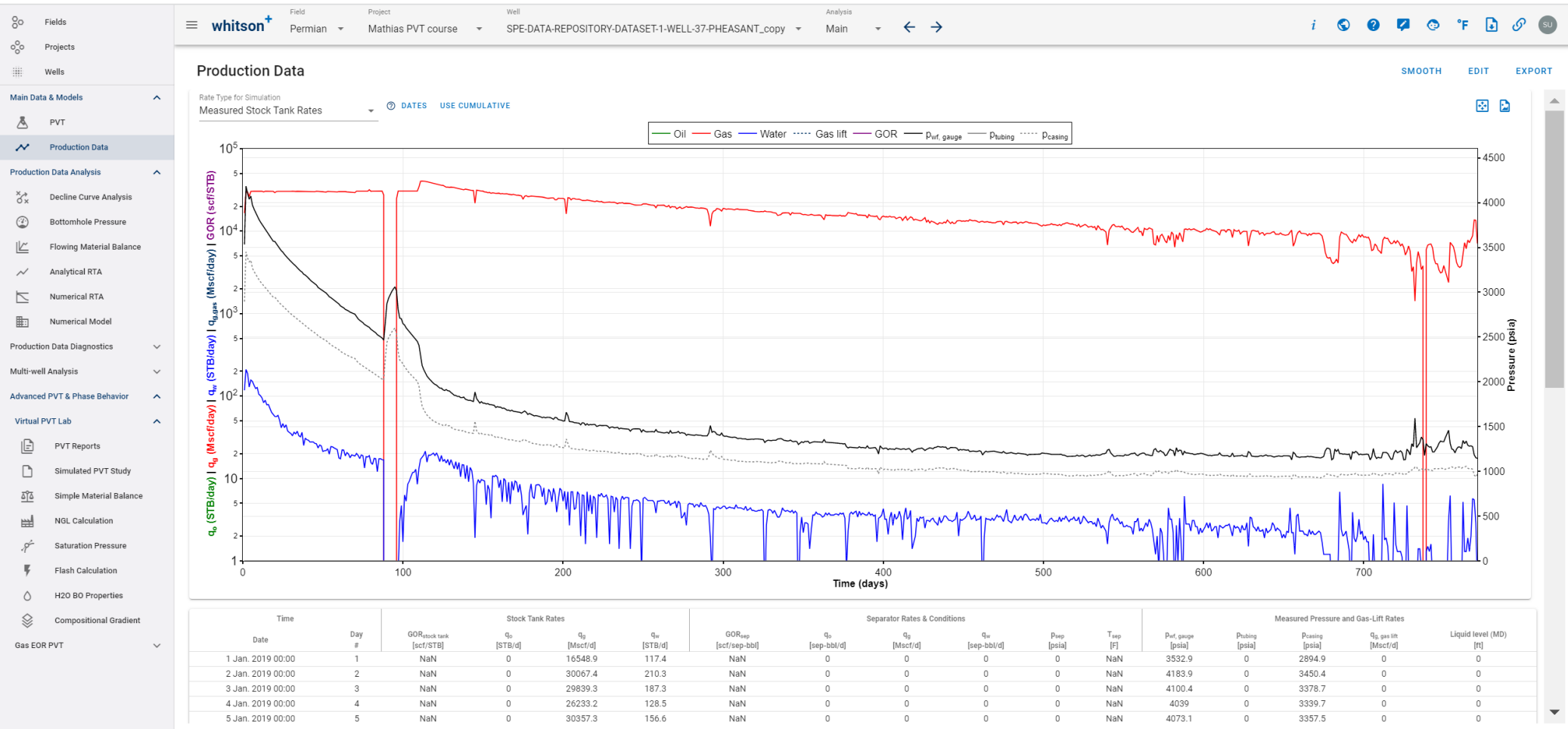
The screenshot displays the Whitson software interface. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with categories: Main Data & Models, Production Data Analysis, Production Data Diagnostics, Multi-well Analysis, Advanced PVT & Phase Behavior, Virtual PVT Lab, and Gas EOR PVT. The 'Simple Material Balance' option under the Virtual PVT Lab section is highlighted with a red rectangle. The main workspace shows three panels: Reservoir Fluid Composition, Surface Process, and Material Balance Input. The Material Balance Input panel is active, displaying a dialog box with the following data:

Material Balance Input	
Abandonment Pressure	Cumulative Producing GOR
1000 psia	5000 scf/STB

A 'SAVE' button is located at the bottom right of the dialog box. Below the panels, a message states: 'No Material Balance Input has been provided.'

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10. Dry gas data



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10. Use a specific gravity of 0.6

The screenshot displays the Whitson software interface. The top navigation bar includes tabs for Field, Project, Well, and Analysis. The main workspace is divided into two panels: 'Reservoir Fluid Composition' and 'Surface Process'. The 'Reservoir Fluid Composition' panel shows a method of 'Dry/Wet Gas' with reservoir temperature of 130 F and pressure of 4450 psia. The 'Surface Process' panel shows a 'Well Specific Process' with Stage 1 at 100 psia and 100 F, and Stage 2 at 14.7 psia and 60 F. A message at the bottom of the main workspace states: 'No Calculated Data Available. Update Reservoir Fluid Composition or Process Information to launch a new calculation.'

A 'Reservoir Fluid Composition' dialog box is open, showing the following settings:

- Method: Dry/Wet Gas
- ☒ Simplified Input (SG) ☐ Dry Gas Composition
- Reservoir Temperature: 130.16 F
- Reservoir Pressure: 4450 psia
- Gas SG: 0.6
- N2: 0 mol-%
- CO2: 0 mol-%
- H2S: 0 mol-%

A 'SAVE' button is located at the bottom right of the dialog box.

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11. Specify the non-hydrocarbons

$N_2 = 0.5\%$, $CO_2 = 0.7\%$, $H_2S = 0\%$

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whitson+ Field: Permian Project: Mathias PVT course Well: SPE-DATA-REPOSITORY-DATASET-1-WELL-37-PHEASANT_copy Analysis: Main

FLUID DEFINITION BLACK OIL TABLE EOS MODEL

Reservoir Fluid Composition

Method: Dry/Wet Gas
T_{reservoir}: 130 F
P_{reservoir, int}: 4450 psia

Surface Process

Process: Well Specific Process
Stage 1: 100 psia 100 F
Stage 2: 14.7 psia 60 F

No Calculated Data Available. Update Reservoir Fluid Composition or Process Information to launch a new calculation.

Reservoir Fluid Composition

Method: Dry/Wet Gas

☒ Simplified Input (SG) ☐ Dry Gas Composition

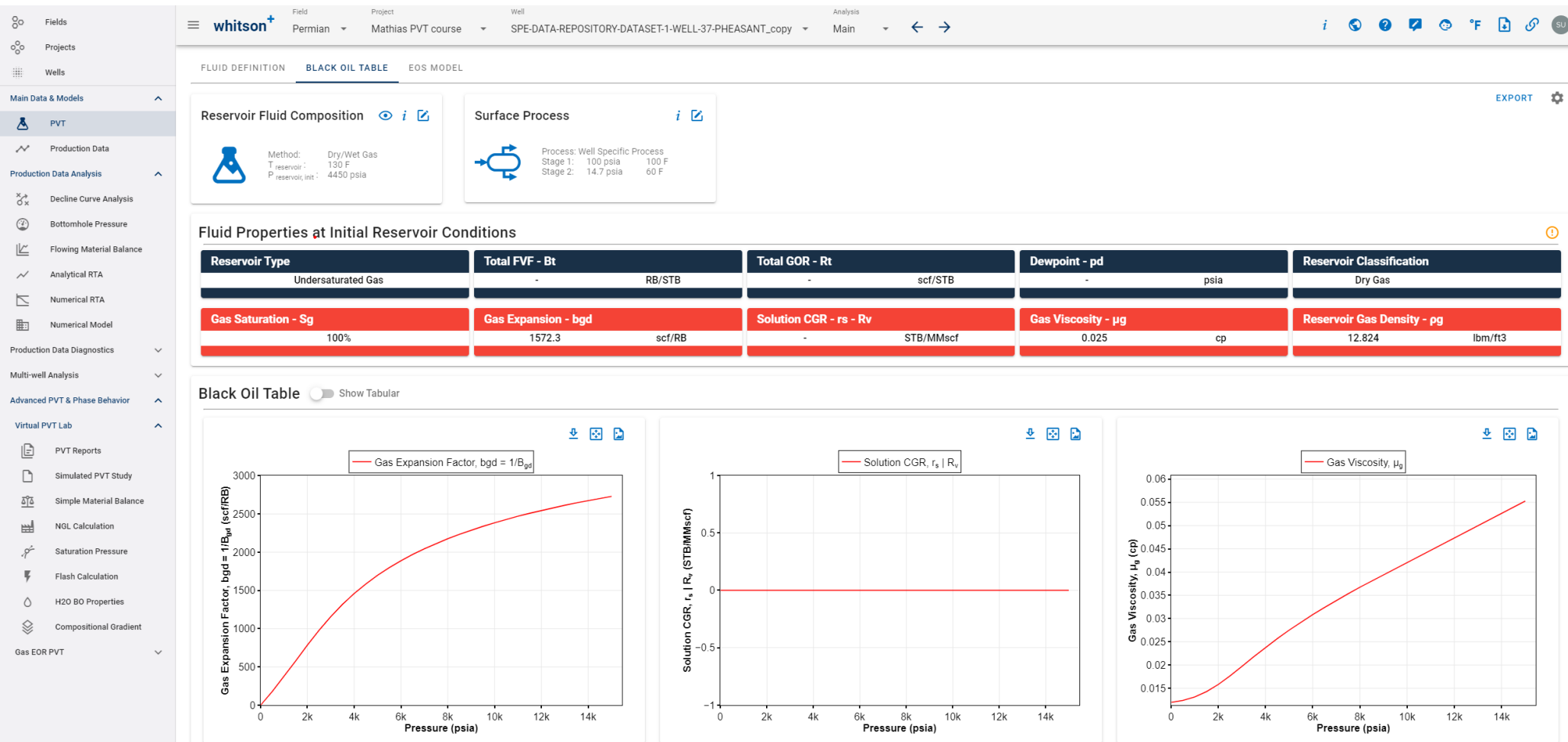
Reservoir Temperature: 130.16 F Reservoir Pressure: 4450 psia Gas SG: 0.6

N₂: 0 mol-% CO₂: 0 mol-% H₂S: 0 mol-%

SAVE

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12. Take a look at the PVT table



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Advanced Topic

Quantifying Separator Shrinkage

Practical Observations

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 - overestimate the profitability
- If separator shrinkage is accounted for, common to apply one **constant** shrinkage factor for well and/or field
 - shrinkage factors change with time

Topics to Investigate ...

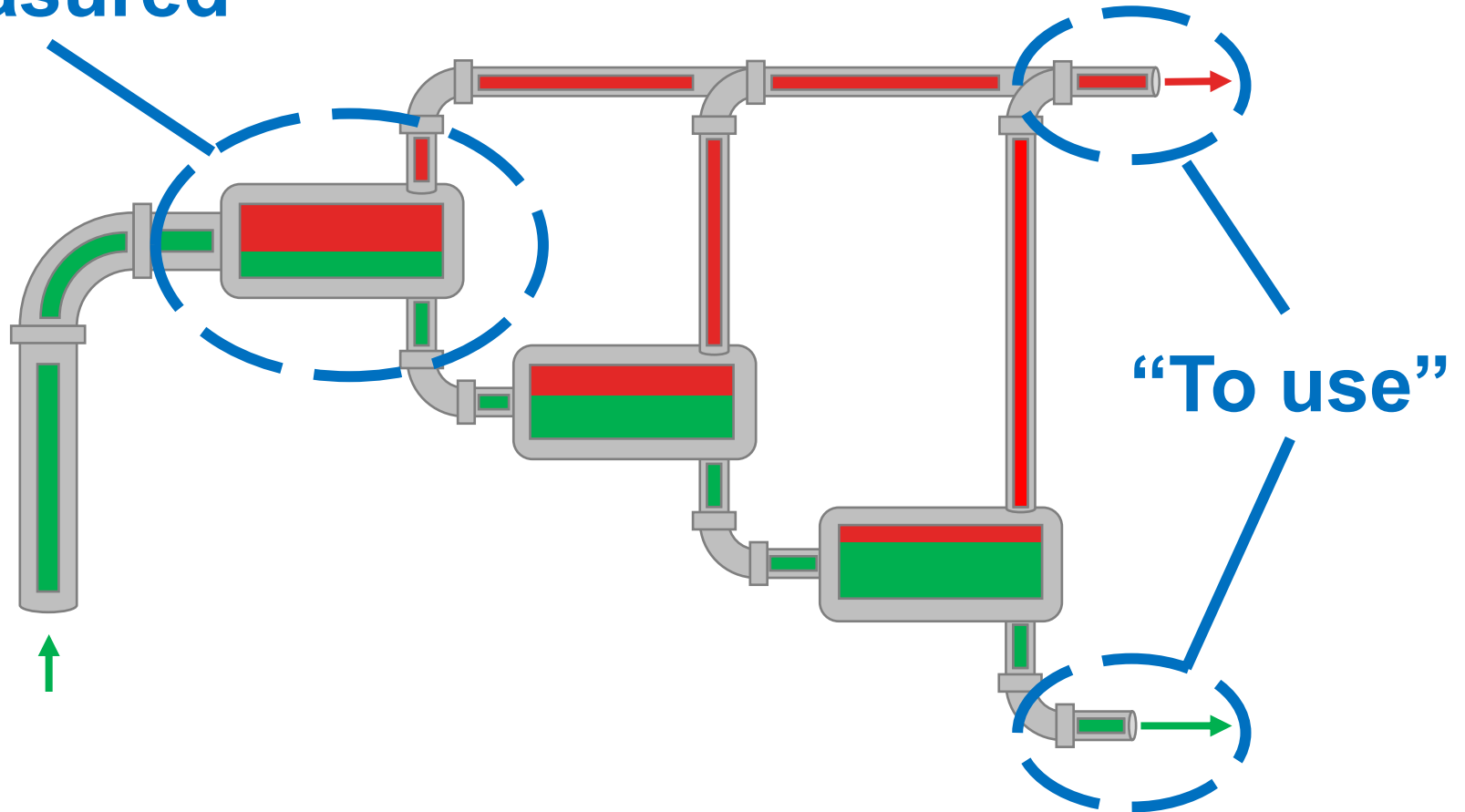
- Under what **circumstances** is ...
 - ... separator oil shrinkage **important**?
 - ... expected to change considerably with **time**?
- How use an EOS model to estimate **daily**
 - ... separator oil **shrinkage factors** (STB/sep.bbl)
 - ... separator oil **flash factors** (scf/STB)

Separator Oil Shrinkage

A Recap

Separator Rates vs. Stock Tank Rates

“Measured”



Separator Rates vs. Stock Tank Rates

“Measured”

$$GOR_{tot} = \frac{GOR_{sep}}{SF} + FF$$

“Must be Calculated”

The diagram illustrates the components of the total gas-oil ratio (GOR_{tot}). The equation is $GOR_{tot} = \frac{GOR_{sep}}{SF} + FF$. The term GOR_{sep} is highlighted with a red dashed oval and a red line pointing to the word "Measured". The terms SF and FF are each enclosed in blue dashed ovals, which are connected by a blue line pointing to the phrase "Must be Calculated".

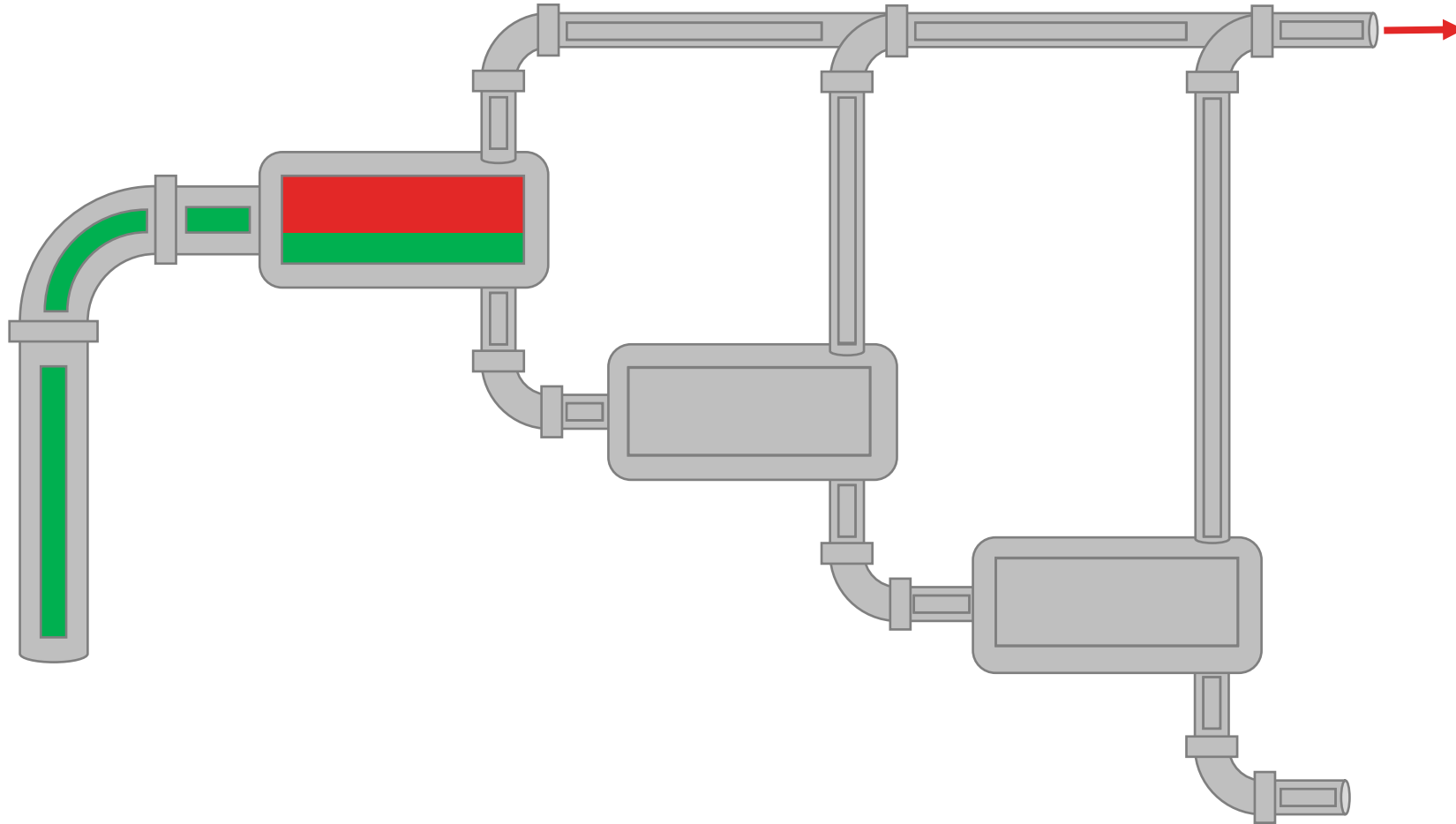
GOR_{tot} : total stock tank gas oil ratio

GOR_{sep} : separator gas oil ratio

SF: separator oil shrinkage factor

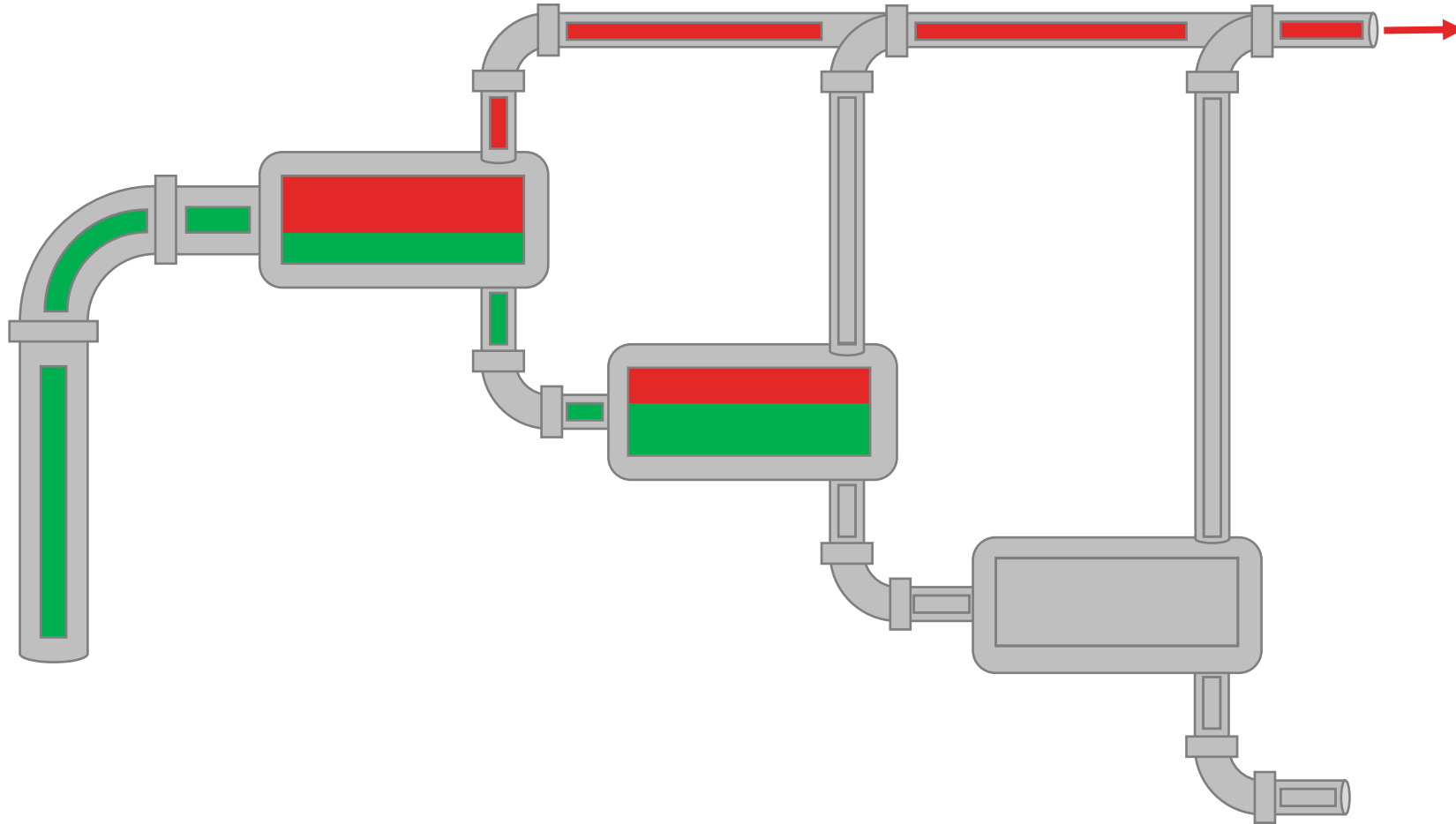
FF: separator oil flash factor

Separator Oil Shrinkage ... A Recap



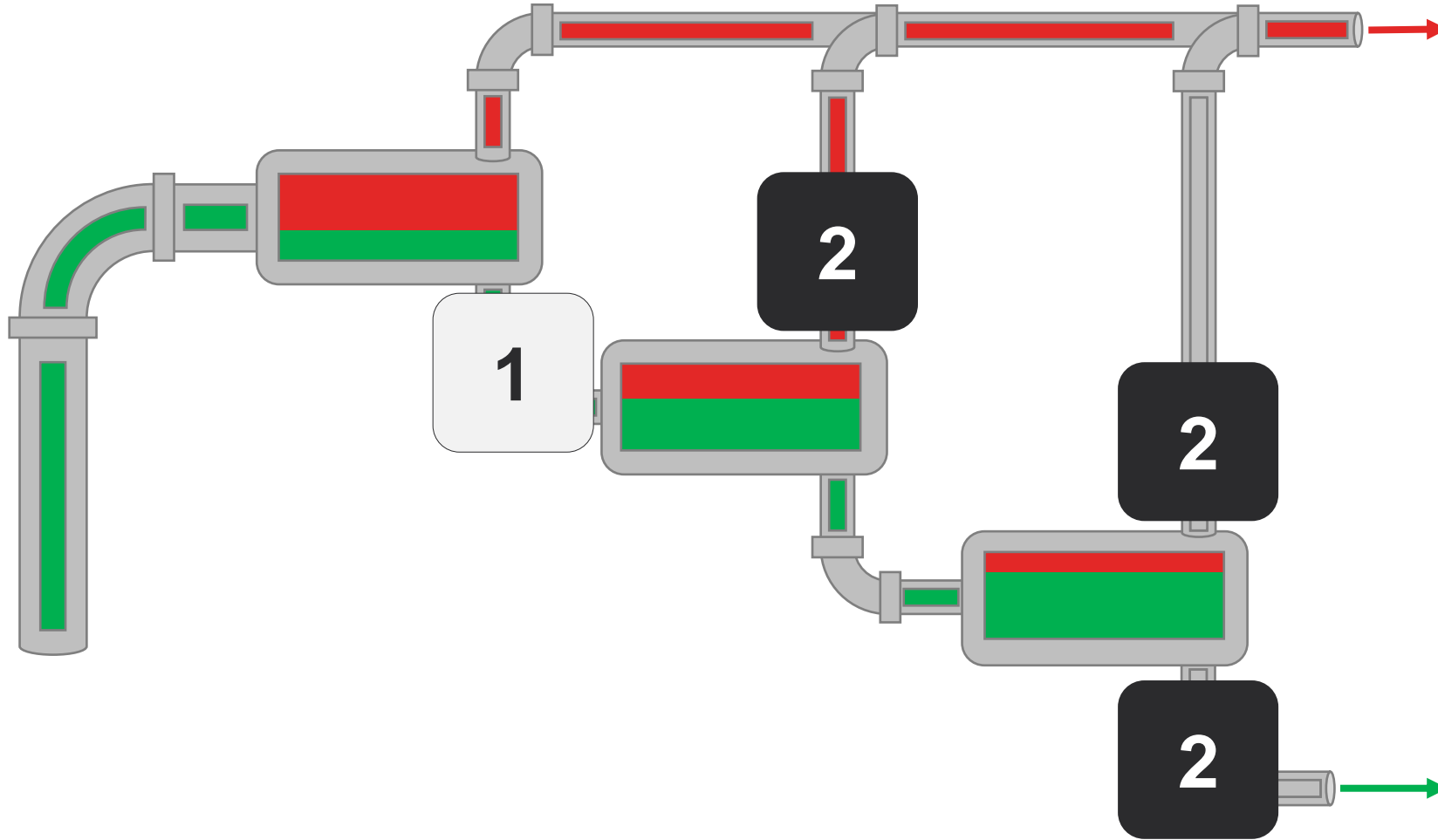
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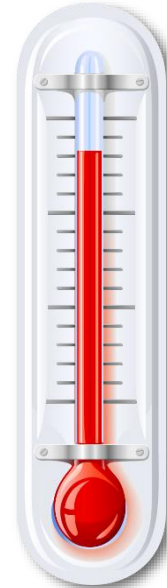


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Separator Oil

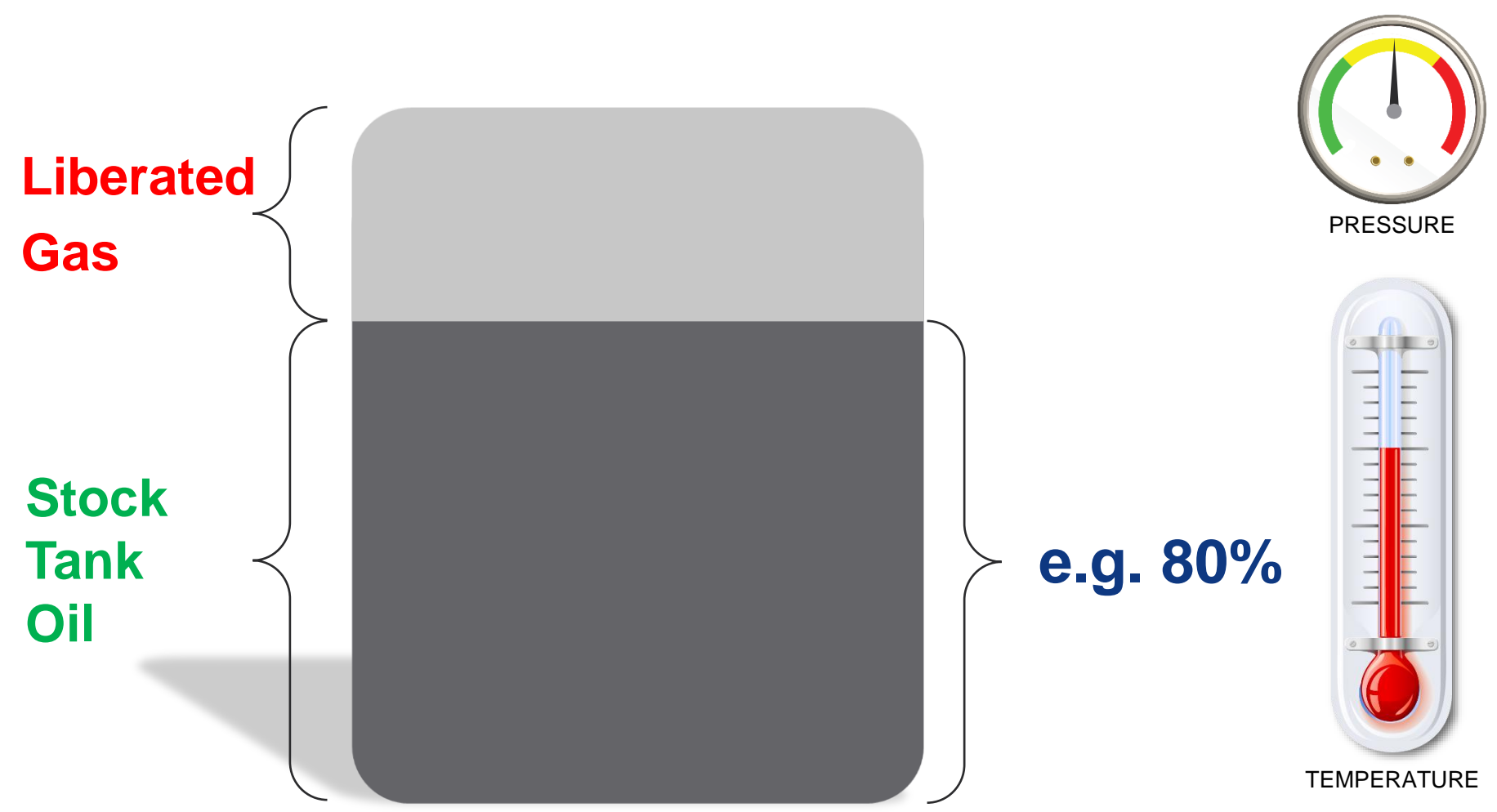


PRESSURE



TEMPERATURE

Shrinkage of Oil and Additional Gas “Flashed Off”



Separator Oil Shrinkage Factor (SF)

$$SF \left(\frac{STB}{sep. bbl} \right)$$

<0.6 - 1

Separator Oil Flash Factor (FF)

$$FF \left(\frac{scf}{STB} \right)$$

Essentially solution GOR of separator oil

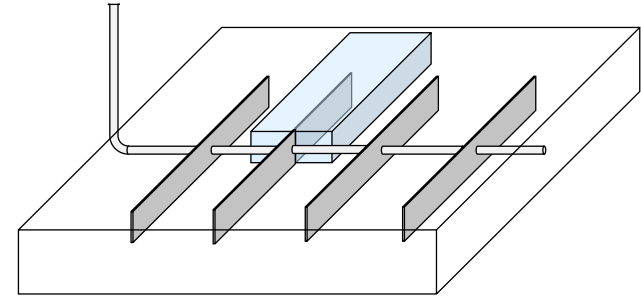
1. Under what circumstances is ...
...separator oil shrinkage important?
...expected to change with time?

To Understand When It is Important, we ...

... a wide range of in-situ fluids (**reservoir oils** | **reservoir gas**)

... with a **compositional** reservoir simulator

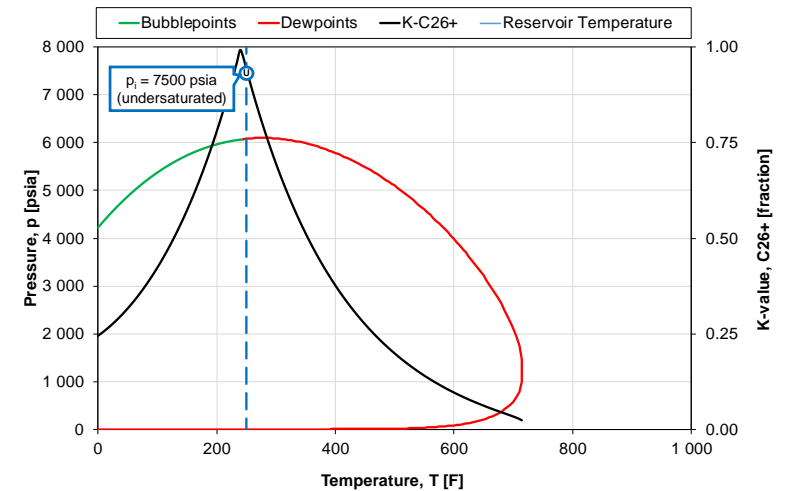
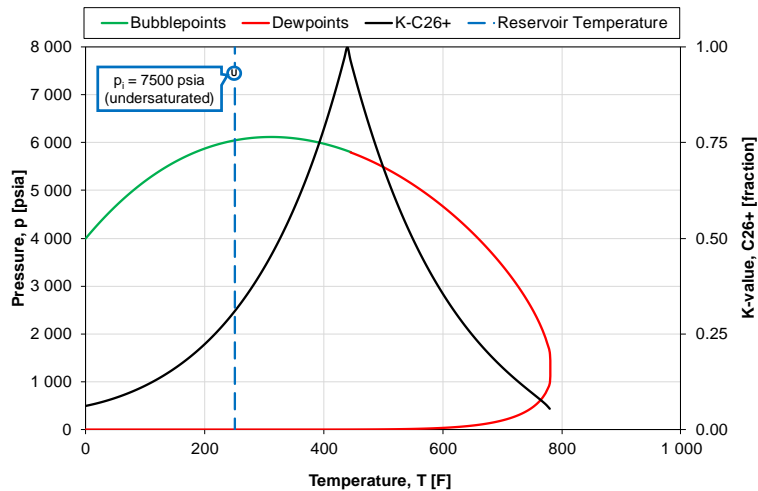
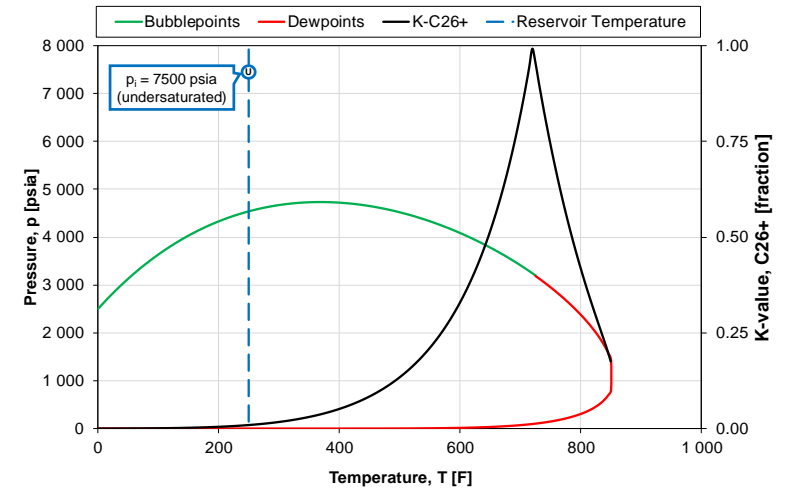
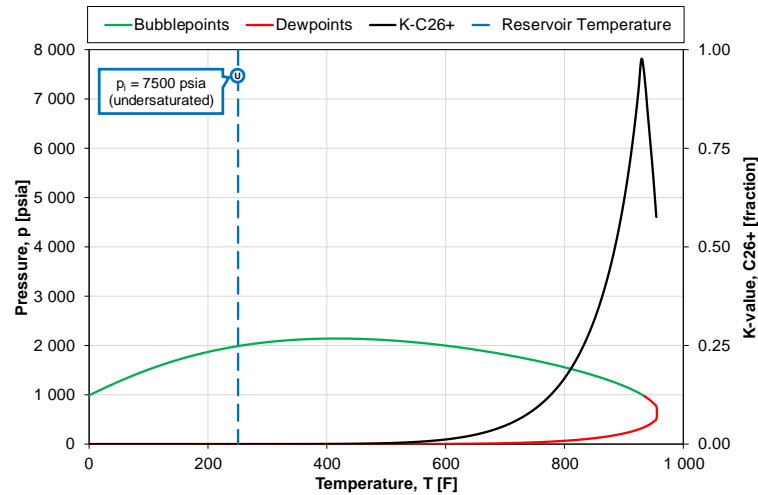
... controlled on a **constant BHP** profile



... i) fluids produced at **constant** separator conditions

... ii) fluids produced at **changing** separator conditions

A Wide Range of Fluid Systems Studied ($p_{Ri} = 7500$ psia)



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Black Oil

Volatile Oil

Near Critical
Volatile Oil

Near Critical
Gas Condensate

What is Separator Oil Shrinkage a Function of?

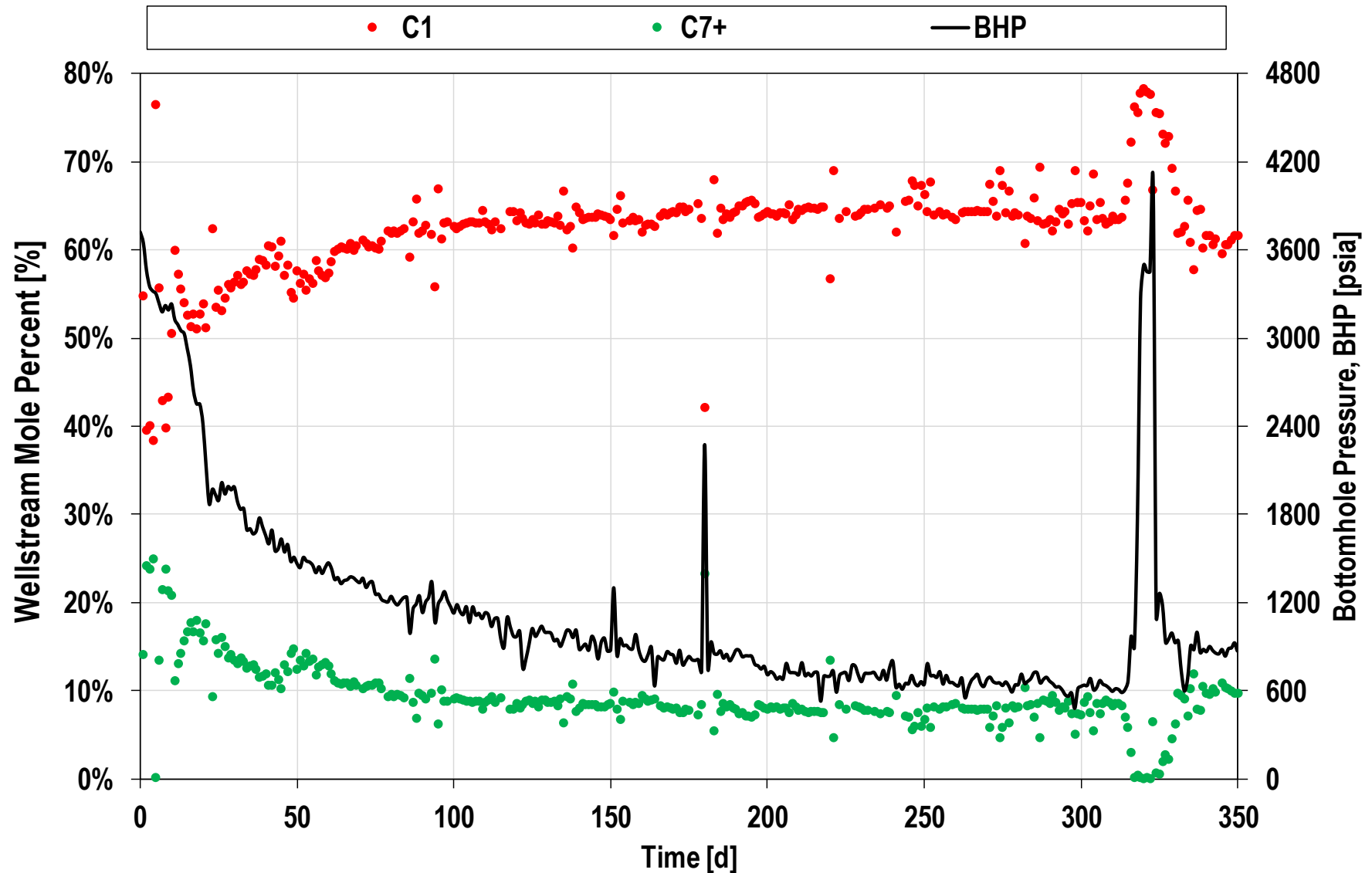
Surface Process

- Separator Stages - **fixed**
- Separator Pressure (p_{sep}) – **f(time)**
- Separator Temperature (T_{sep}) – **f(time)**

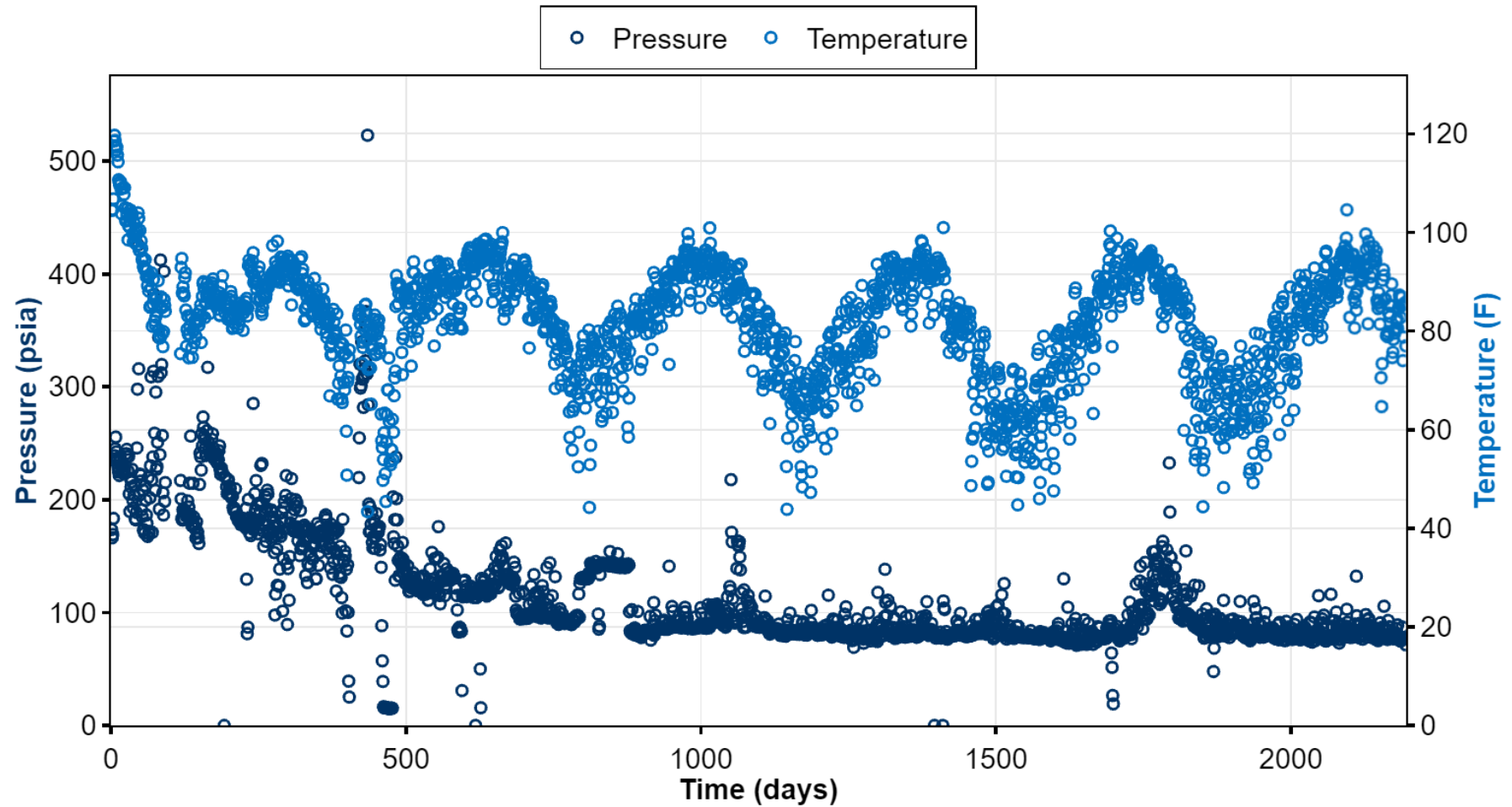
Wellstream composition (z_i) – **f(time)**

- Amount of different components (C_1 | C_{7+})

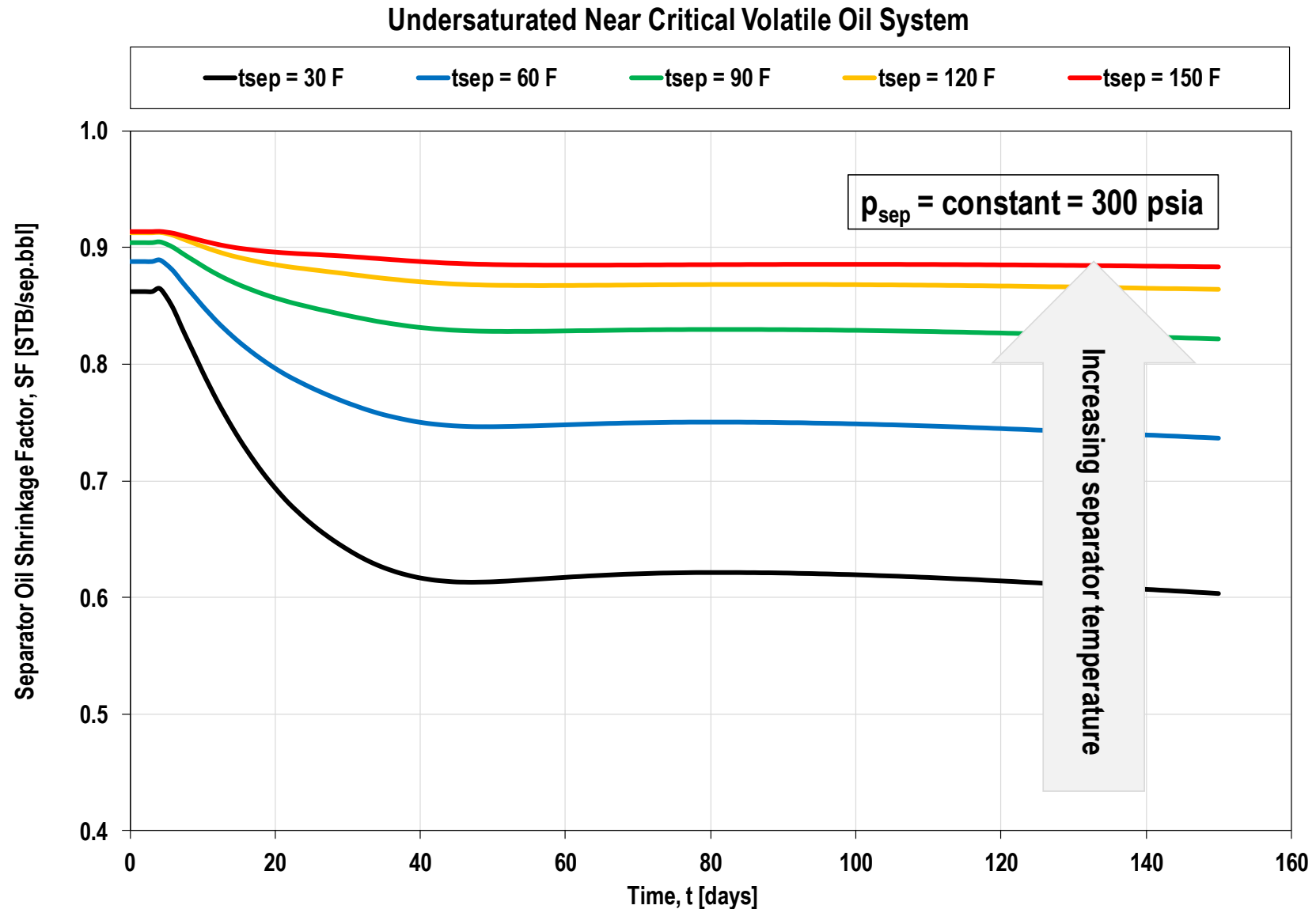
Wellstream Compositions Might Change Substantially with Time



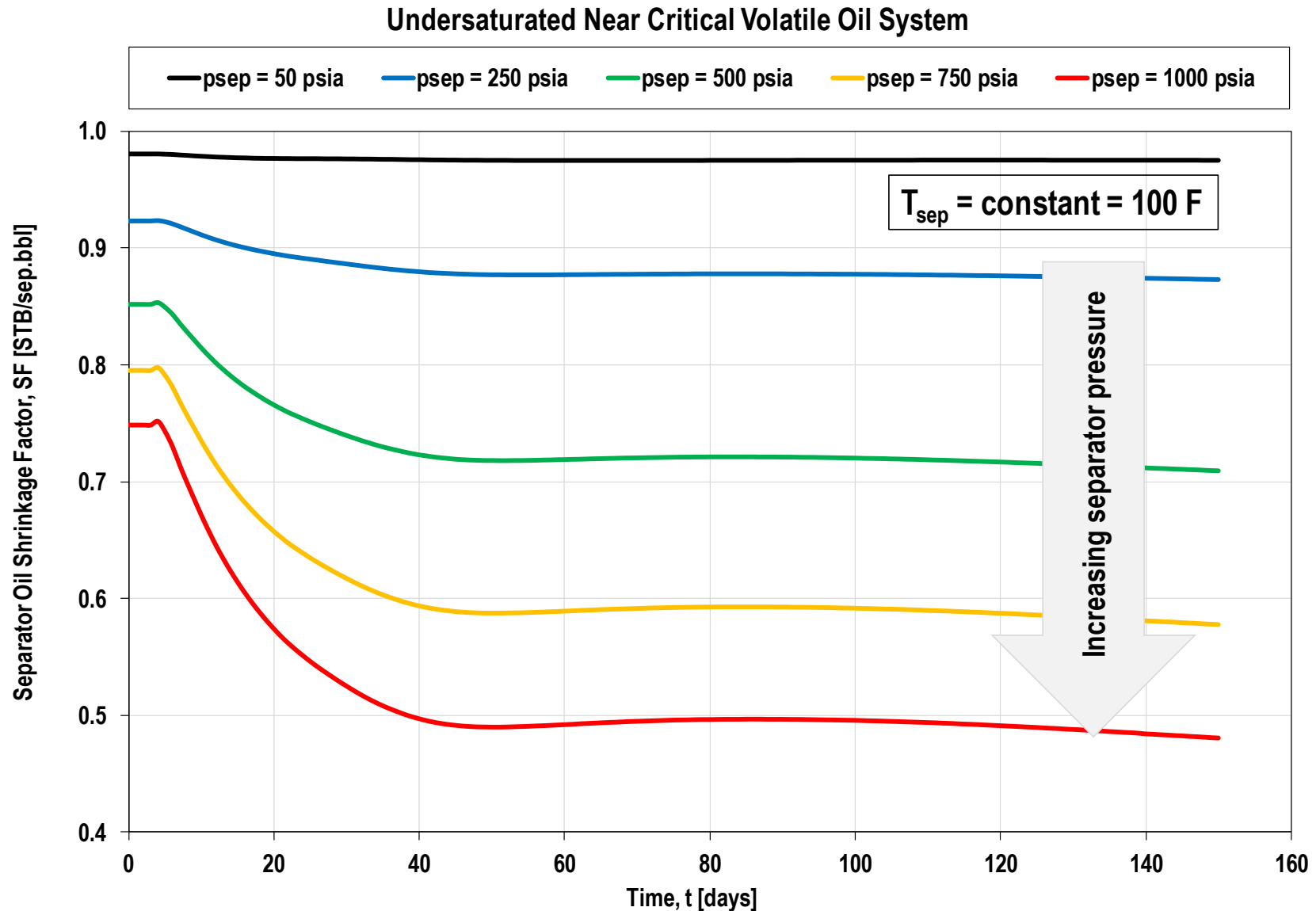
Separator Conditions Changes Substantially with Time



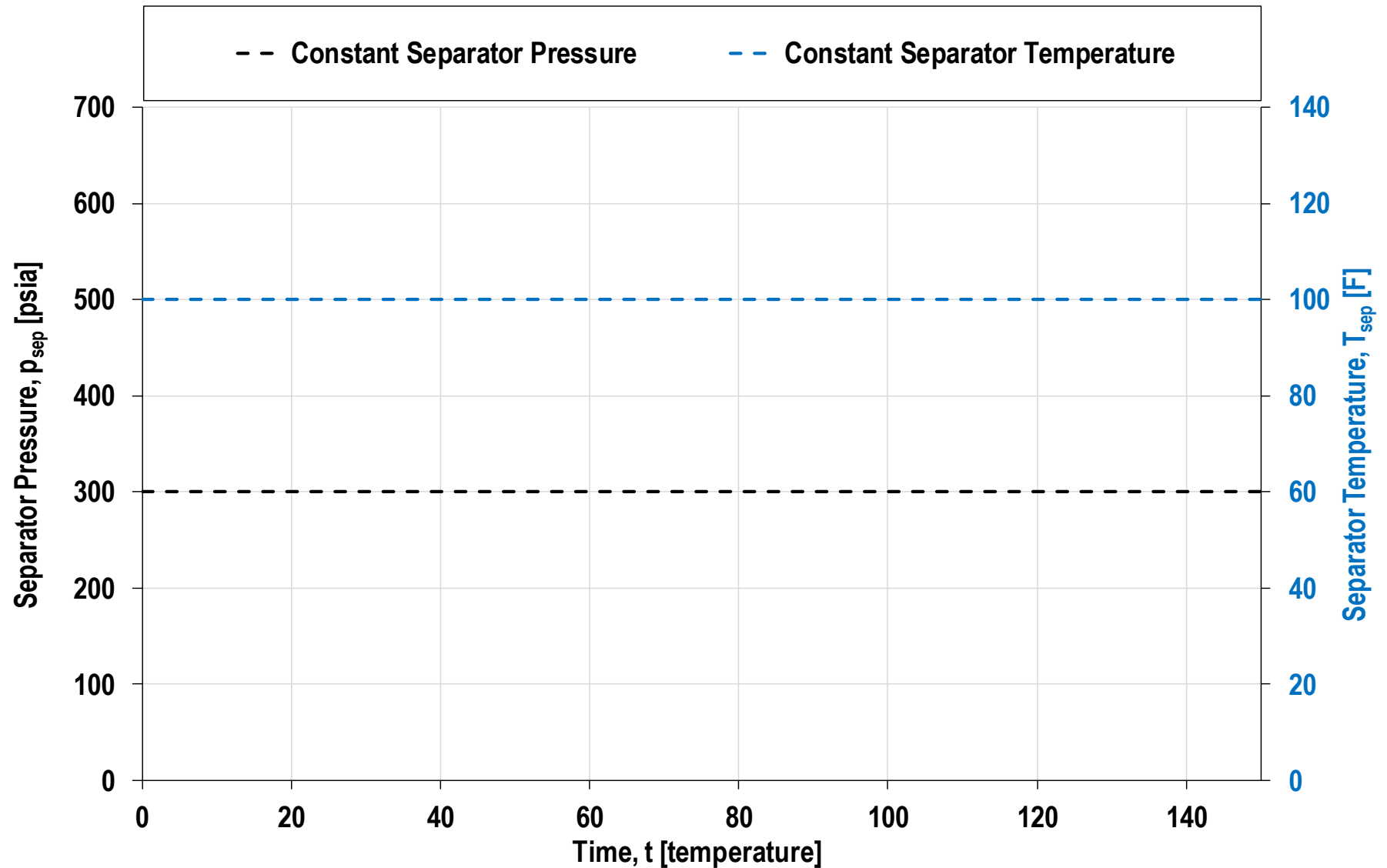
Lower Sep. Temperature, Lower Shrinkage Factor!



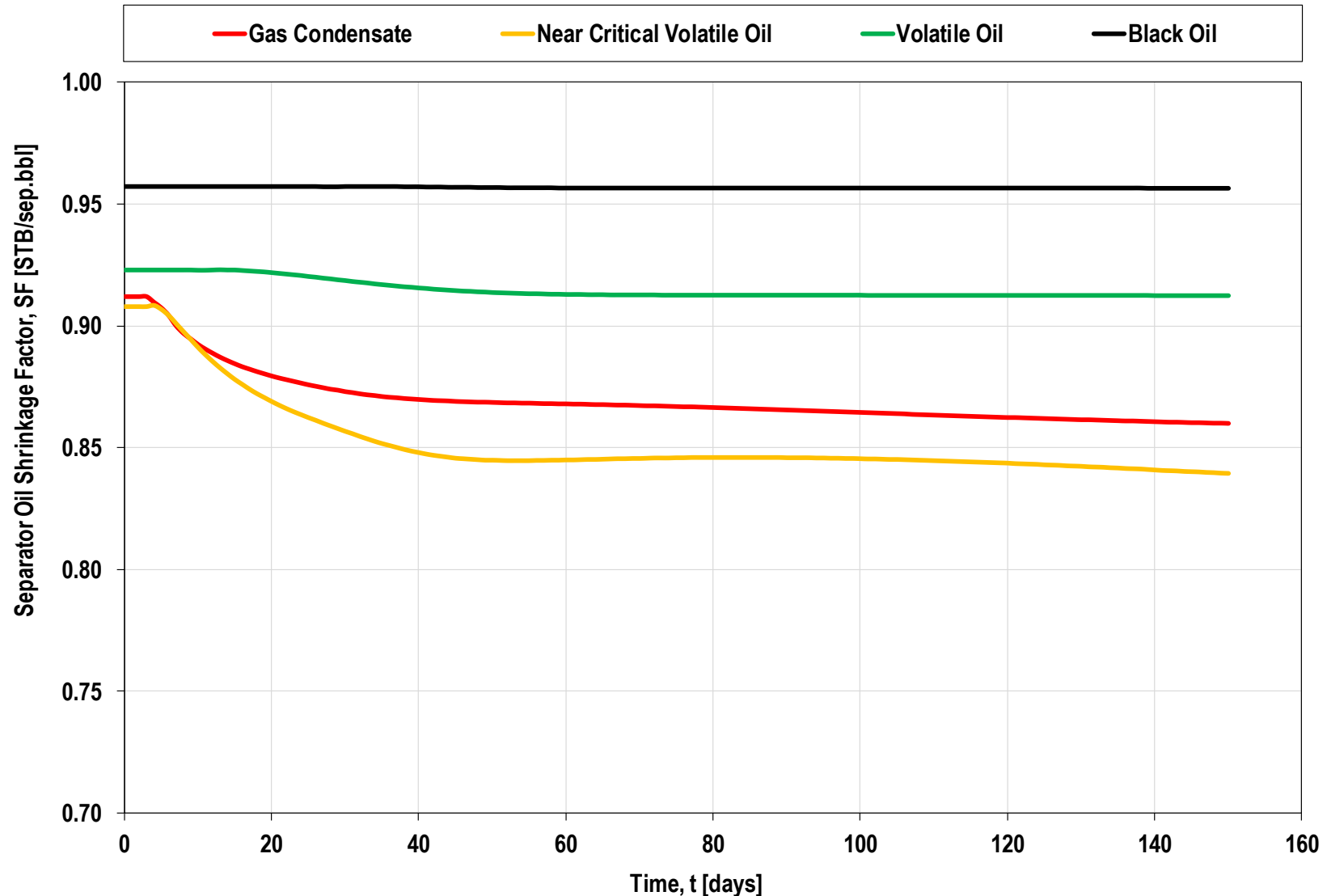
Higher Sep. Pressure, Lower Shrinkage Factor!



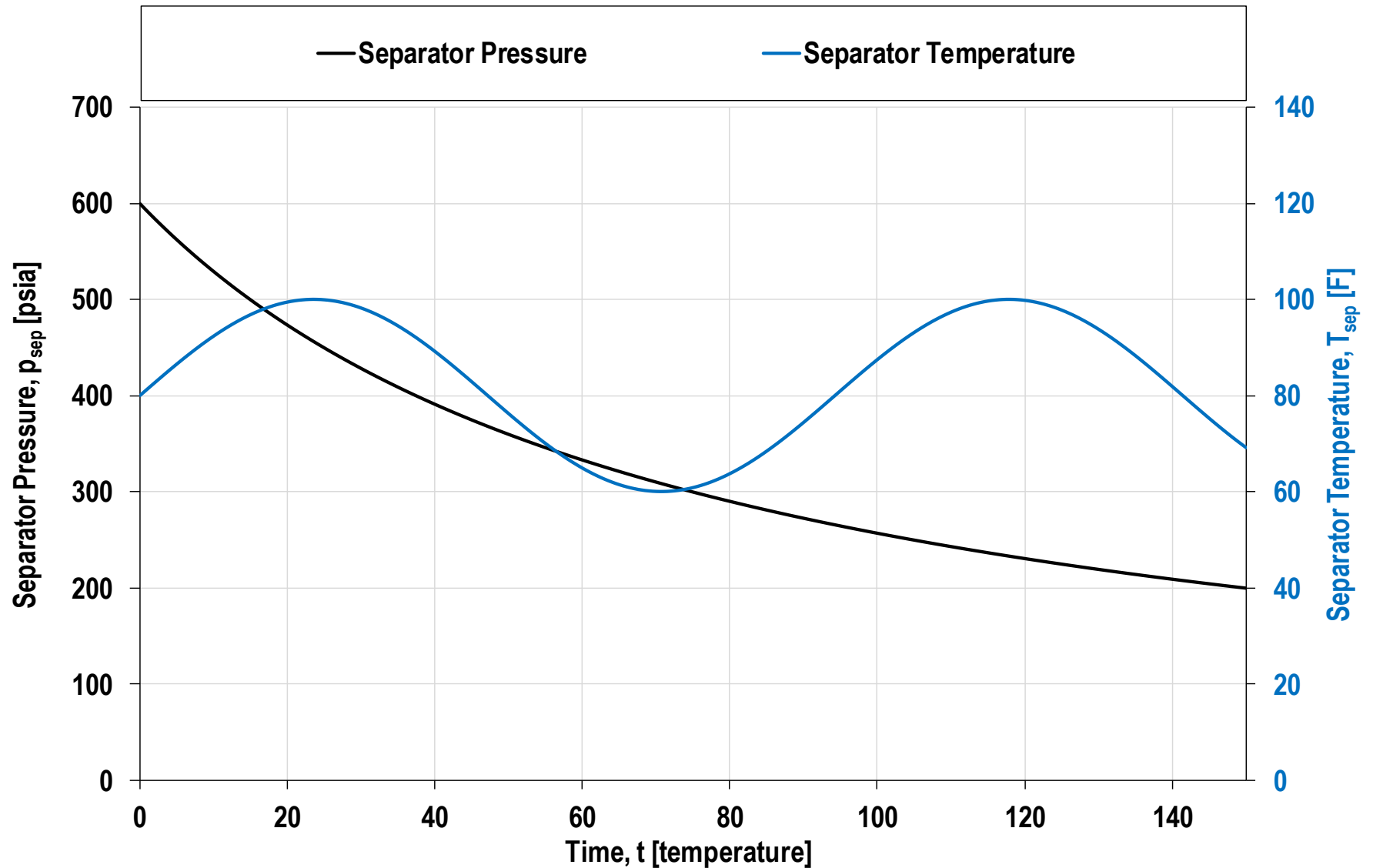
Constant Separator Conditions



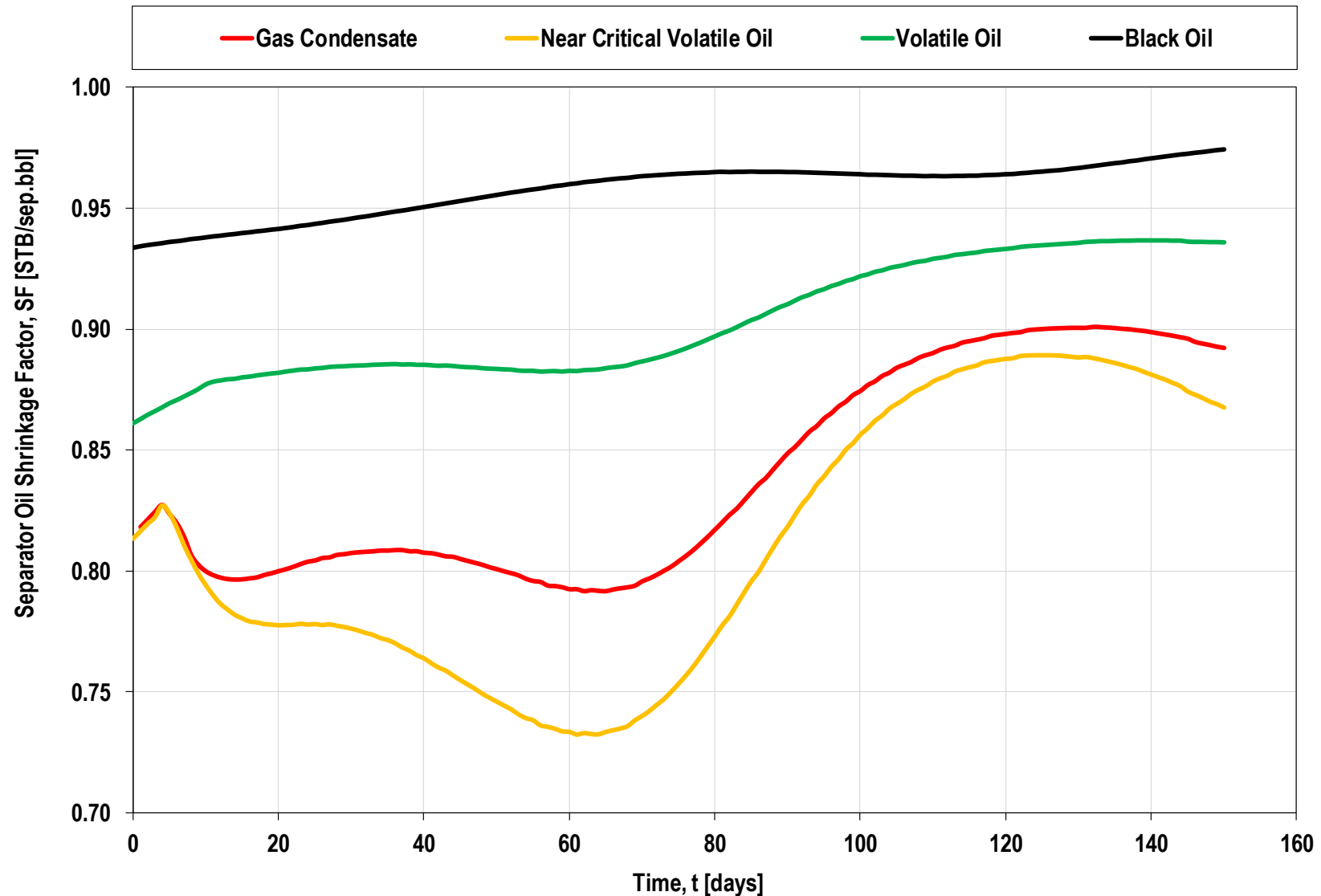
Lower Shrinkage Factors at Higher GORs



Changing Separator Conditions



Changing Separator Conditions has a Big Impact!



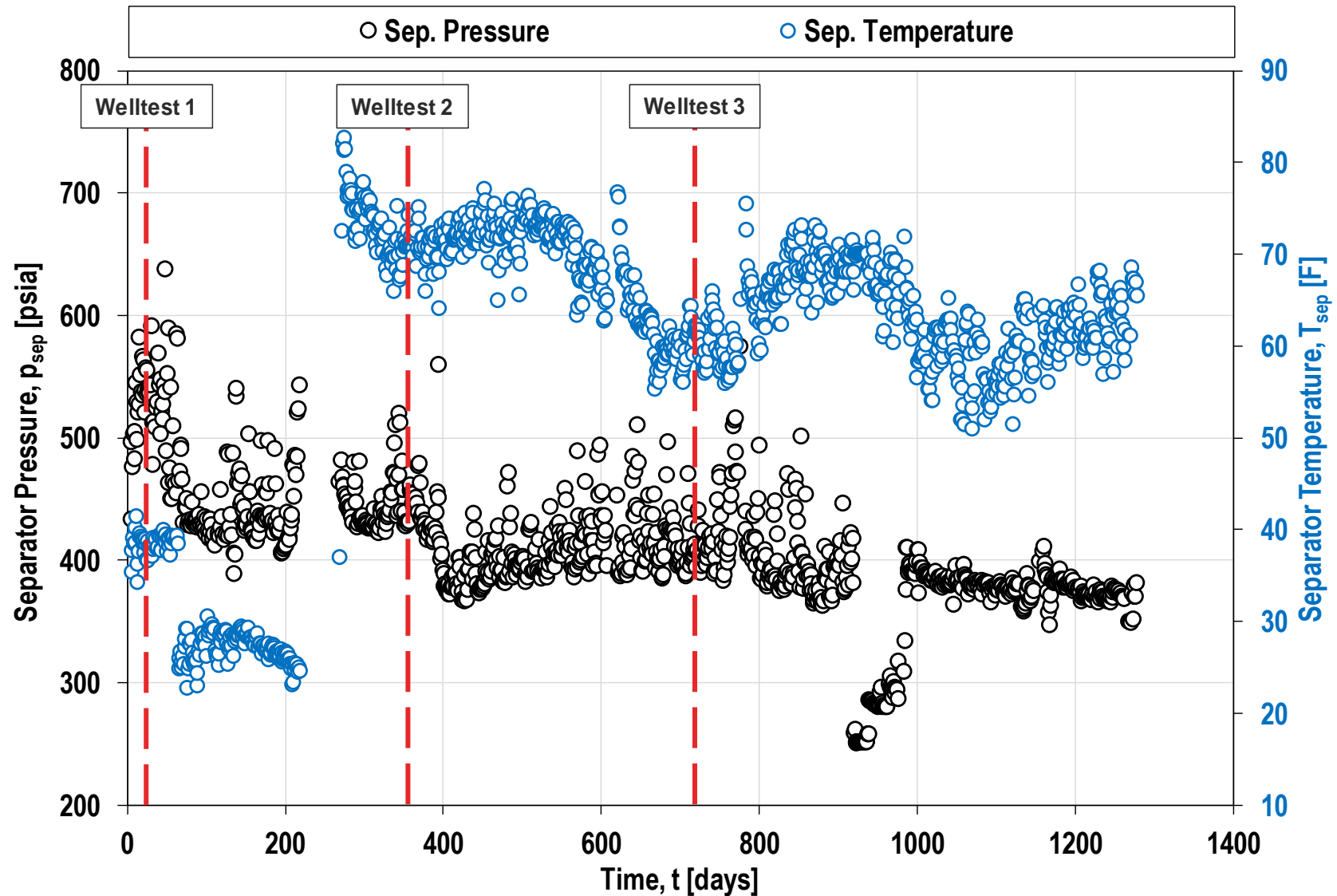
Summary

Shrinkage factors and **flash factors** should be updated daily if one or more of these criteria are met:

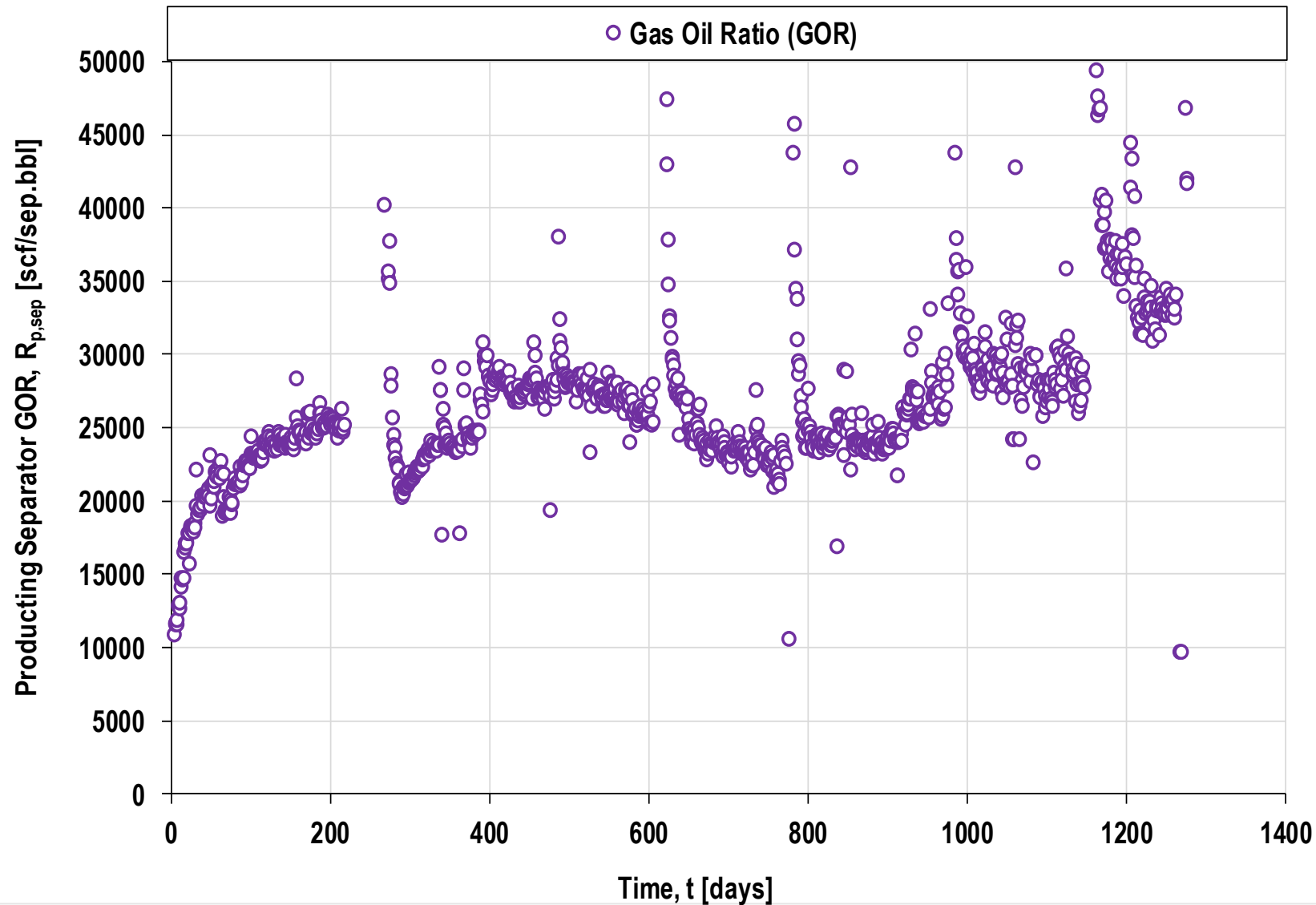
- In-situ solution GOR (R_s) > 1000 scf/STB
- Separator conditions changing with time
- Wellstream compositions changing with time
 - ... Large changes in producing GOR with time
 - ... Rapid decline in bottomhole pressure
 - ... Frequent shut-ins (“CGR kicks”)
 - ... Wells subject to gas EOR

2. EOS model to estimate daily
... separator oil shrinkage factors
... separator oil flash factors

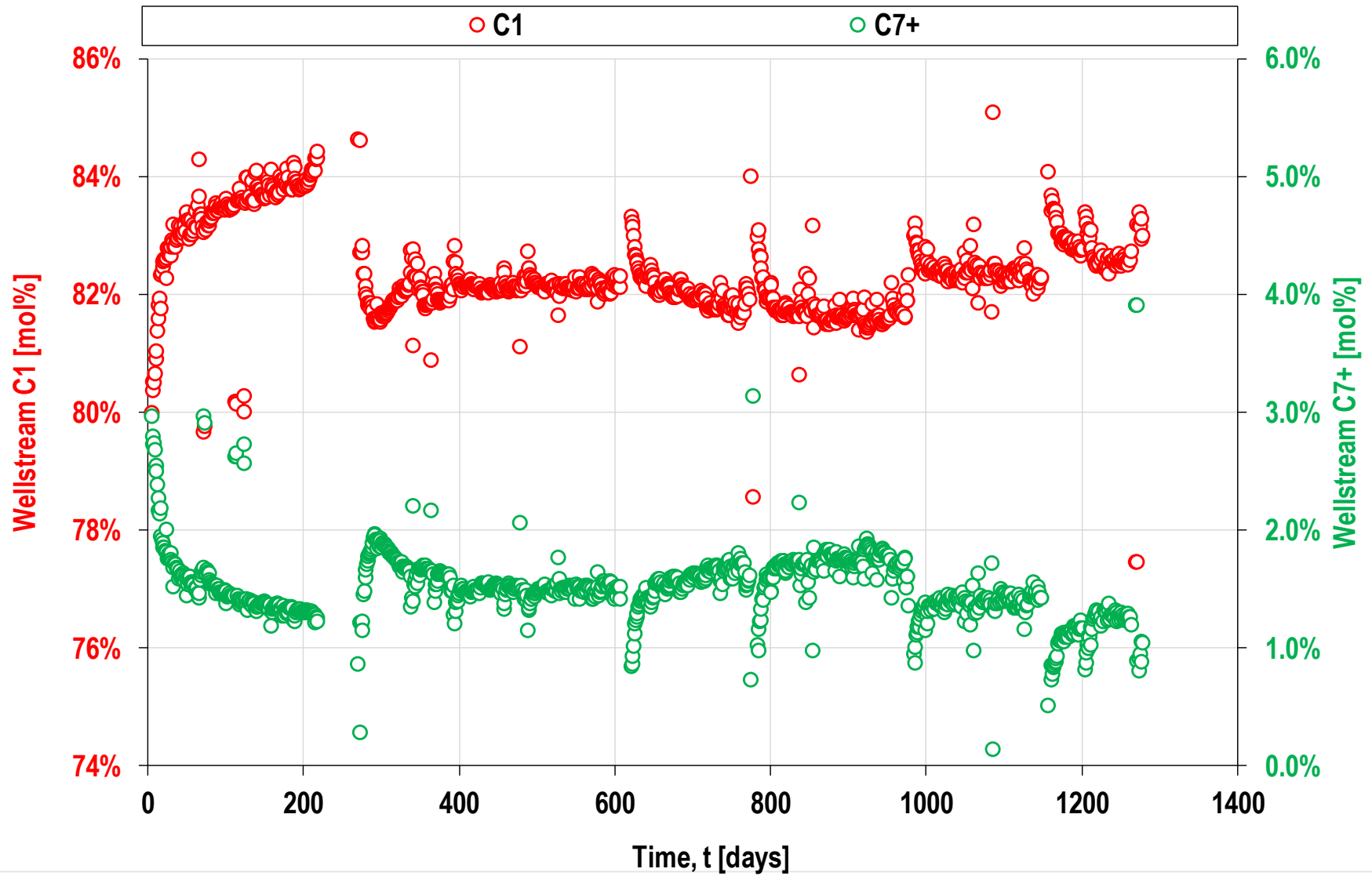
... Daily Separator Conditions



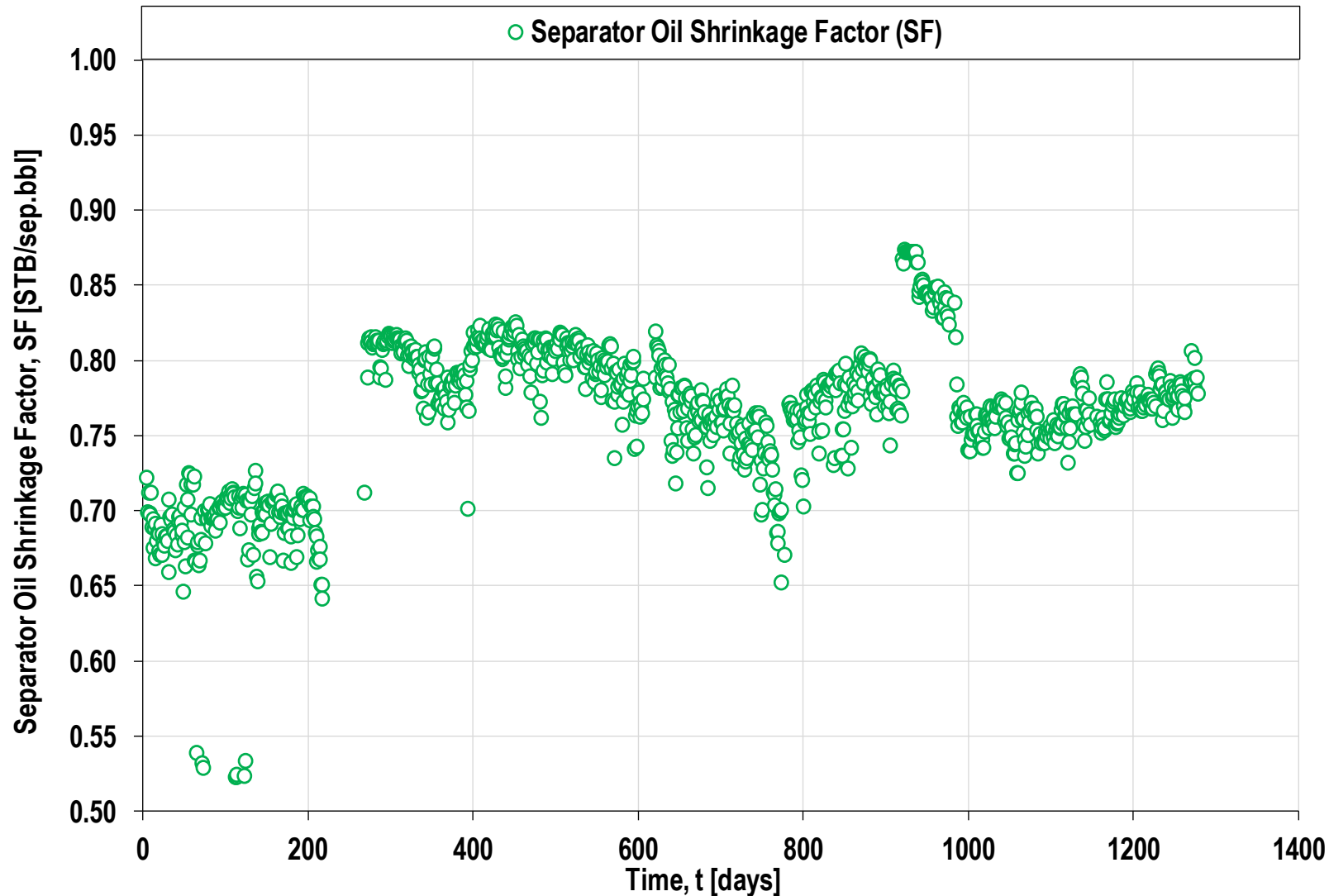
... plus Daily Separator Volumetric Rates ...



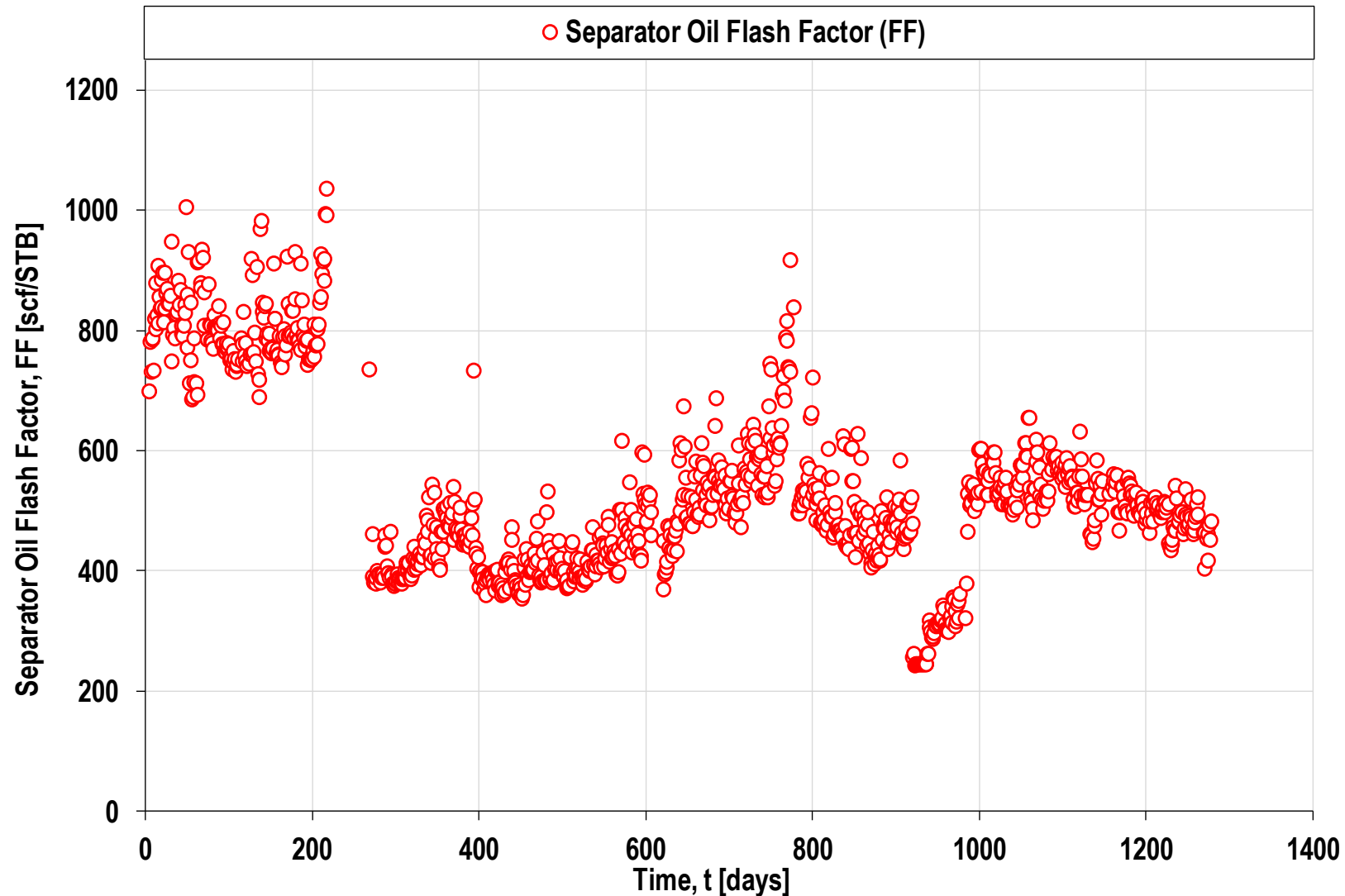
... used to Estimate Daily Wellstream Composition



... that's used to Calculate Daily Shrinkage Factors



... and the Associated Daily Flash Factor

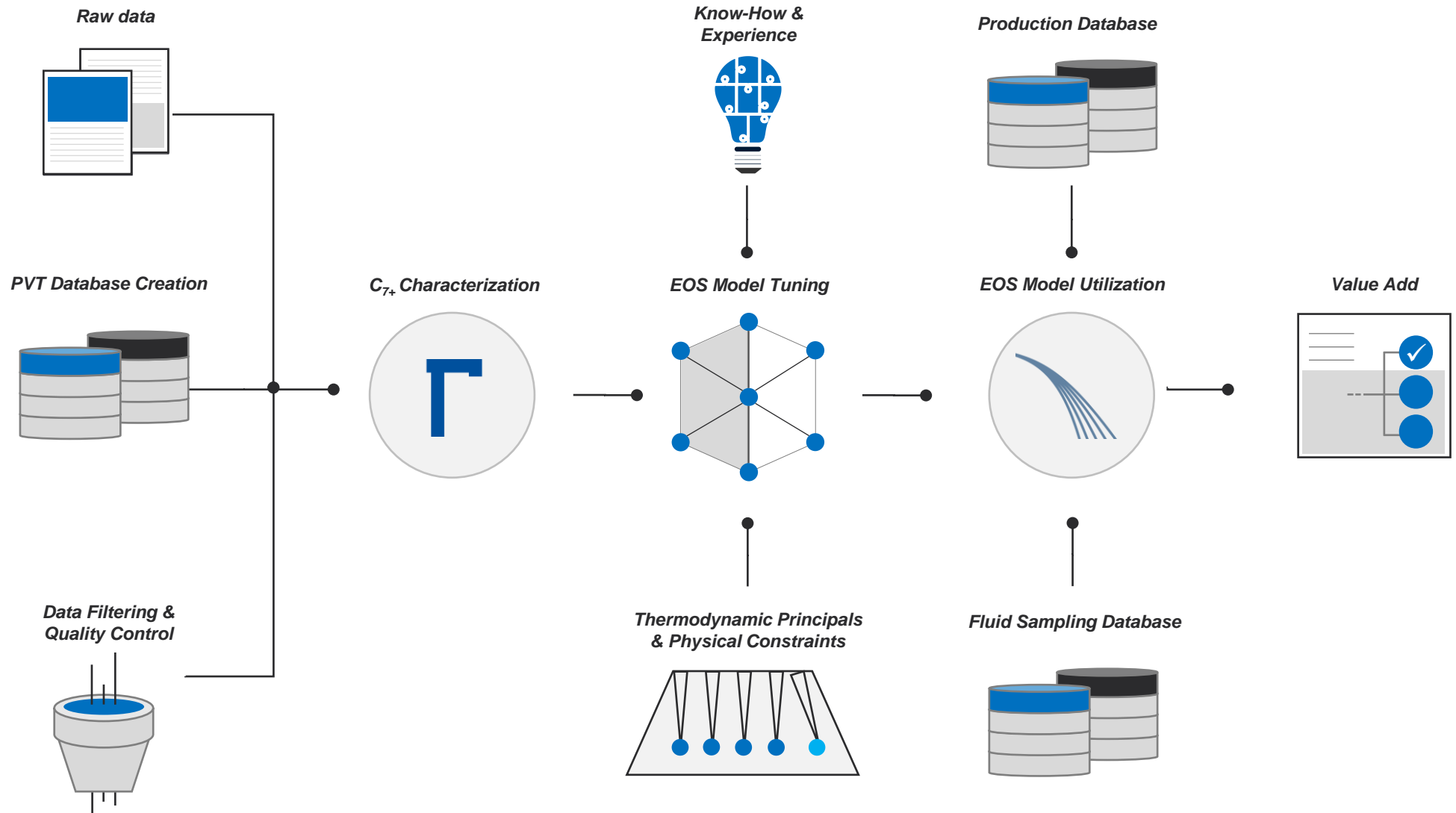




Advanced Topic

EOS Workflow

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Heptanes Plus (C₇₊) Characterization

Carbon Number	Formula	Number of Isomers
C ₁	CH ₄	1
C ₂	C ₂ H ₆	1
C ₃	C ₃ H ₈	1
C ₄	C ₄ H ₁₀	2
C ₅	C ₅ H ₁₂	3
C ₆	C ₆ H ₁₄	5
C ₇	C ₇ H ₁₆	9
C ₈	C ₈ H ₁₈	18
C ₉	C ₉ H ₂₀	35
C ₁₀	C ₁₀ H ₂₂	75
C ₁₁	C ₁₁ H ₂₄	159
C ₁₂	C ₁₂ H ₂₆	355
C ₁₃	C ₁₃ H ₂₈	802
C ₁₄	C ₁₄ H ₃₀	1858

More Complex & Unknown

It is impossible with chemical separation techniques to identify the C₇₊ components individually

Even if they were identified, it would not be possible to measure the critical properties and other EOS parameters for fluids heavier than C₂₀

This problem is solved practically by making approximate characterization of the heavier compounds with experimental and mathematical methods

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more Complex & Unknown

The approximate procedure can be split into three main tasks:

1

Dividing the C₇₊ into a number of fractions with known molar compositions

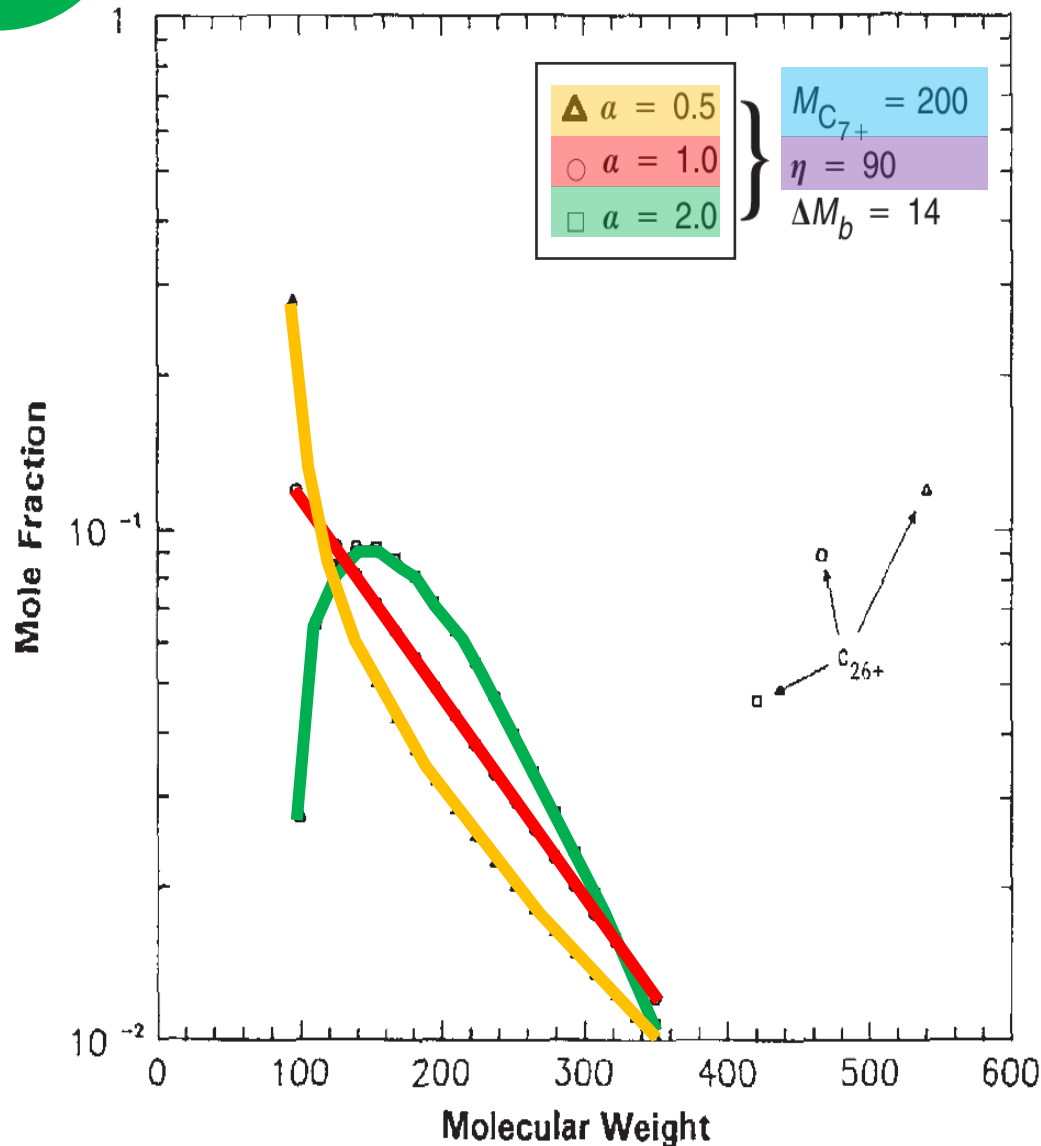
2

Defining the molecular weight, specific gravity, and boiling point of each fraction

3

Estimating the critical properties (T_c, P_c), acentric factor, volume shift, and the BIP's for each of the fractions

Modeling of C₇₊ - Gamma Model



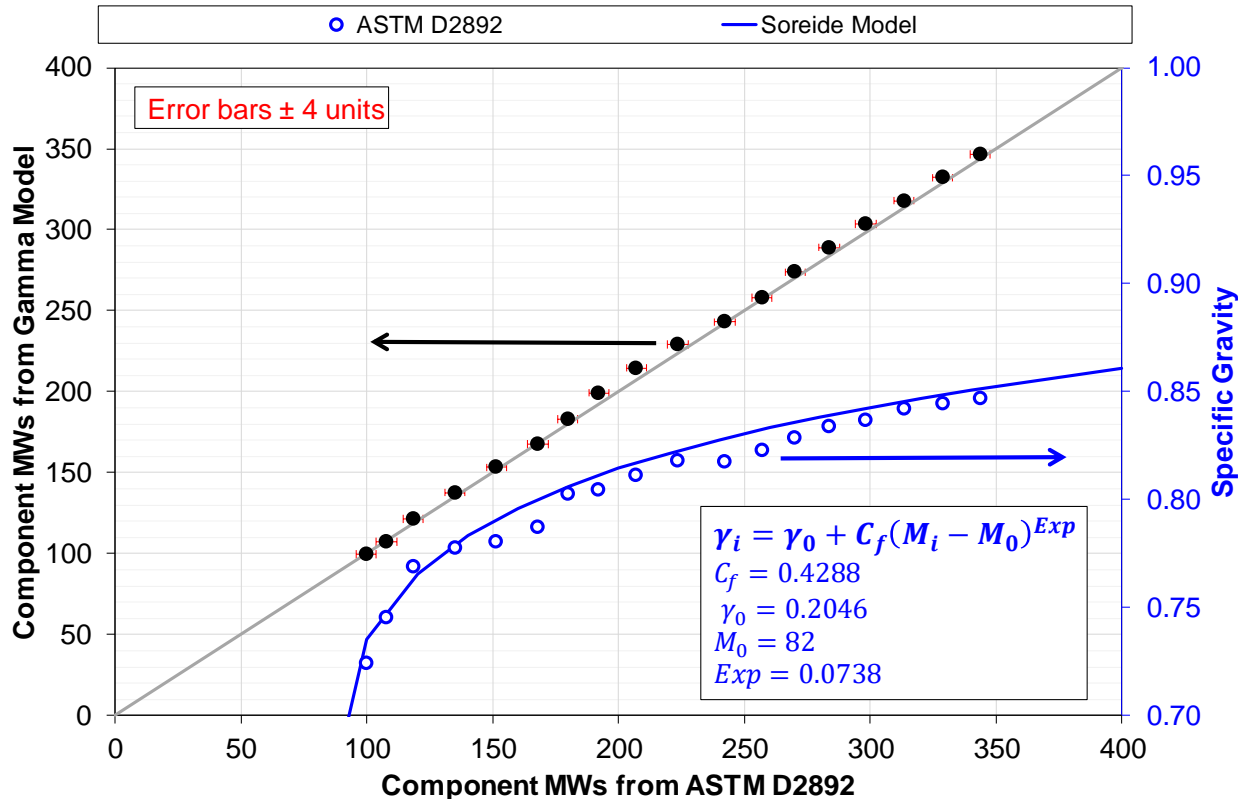
Need 3 parameters for gamma model:

Average Molecular Weight – MW-C₇₊

Bound – η

Shape – α

M- γ Relationship



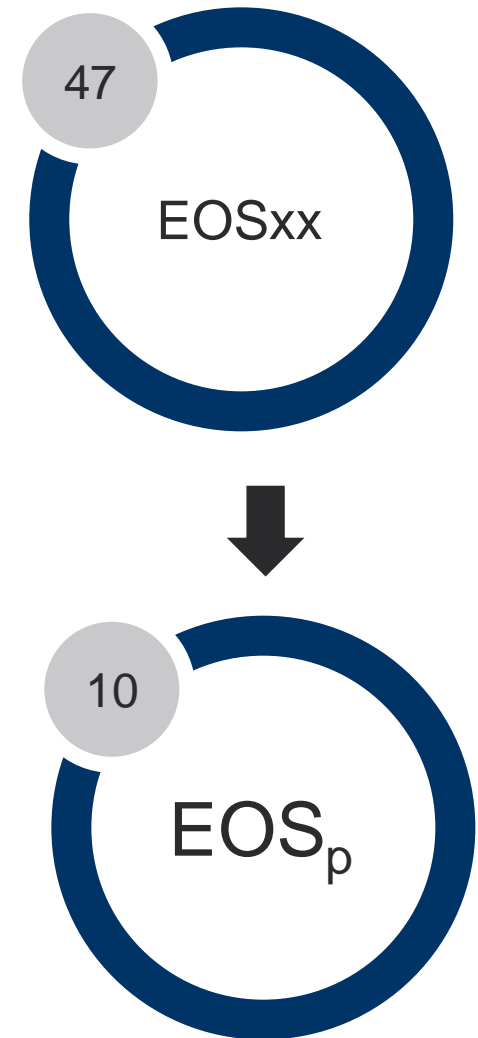
- Tuned gamma model should give M_i close to measured (ASTM) data
- Tuned M - γ relationship will then give γ_i close to measured (ASTM) data
- $s_i = f(\gamma_i)$ should give all surface oil densities within 1-2%

Average C_{n+} fractions properties can be estimated as follows:

- T_{ci}, p_{ci} are function of T_{bi} and γ_i – Twu correlation
- Volume shifts, $s_i = f(\gamma_i)$ – Calc. from EOS to match given SG
- $\omega_i = f(T_{ci}, p_{ci}, T_{bi})$ – Edmister correlation
- BIPS - k_{ij} estimated from Chueh correlation using v_{ci} and v_{cj}
 - $v_{ci} = f(T_{bi} \text{ and } \gamma_i)$ – Twu correlation

Pseudoization / Lumping

Lumping/pseudoization is the process of going from a detailed EOS to an EOS with less resolution that still accurately predict the PVT properties of relevant fluids

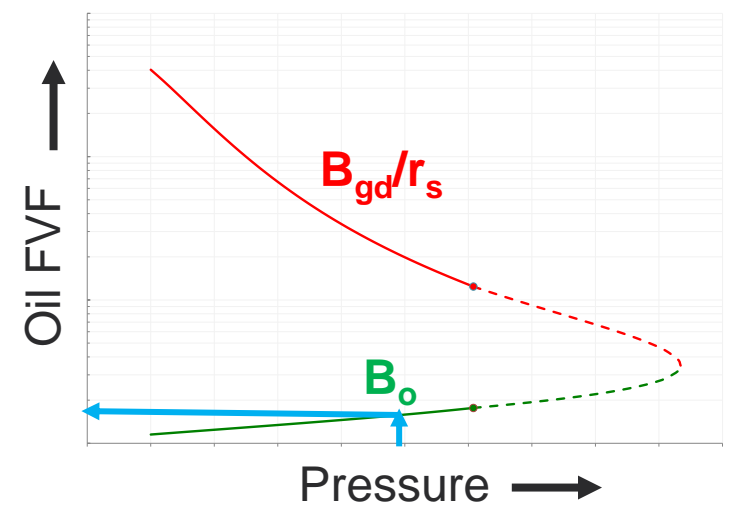
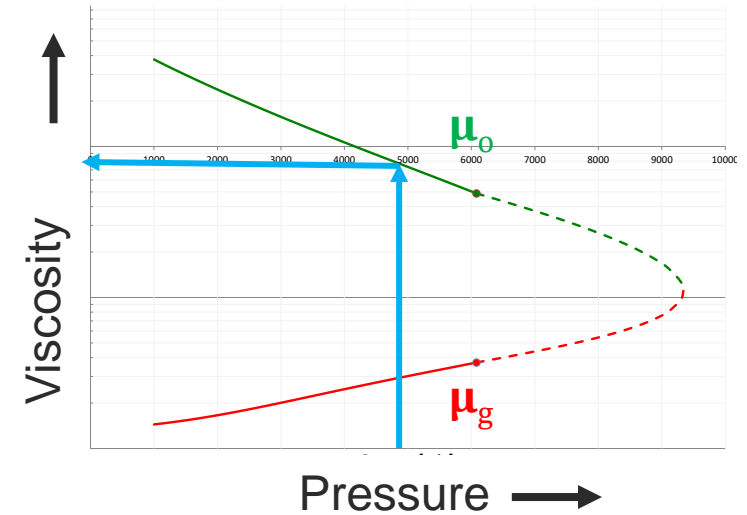
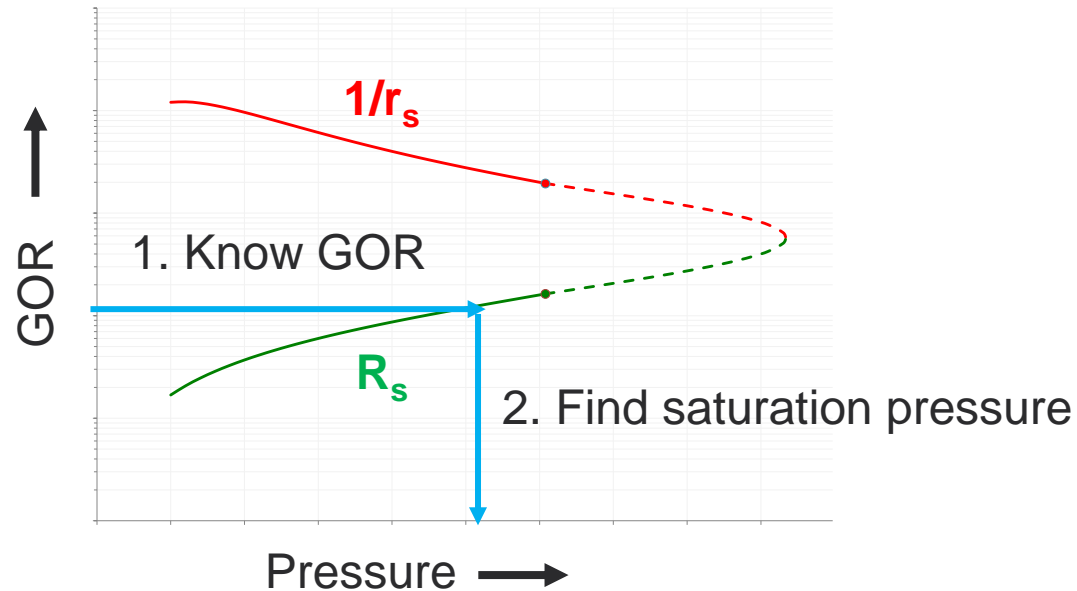




Advanced Topic

**Extrapolated
BOTs**

Why p-x | p-GOR($R_s|1/r_s$)?

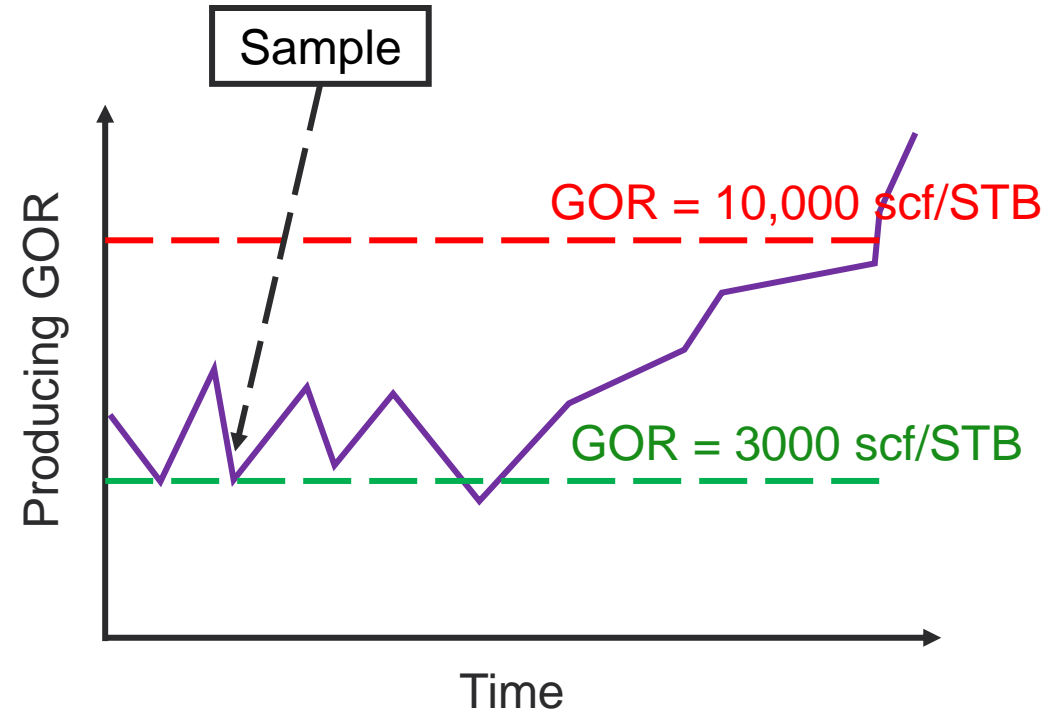
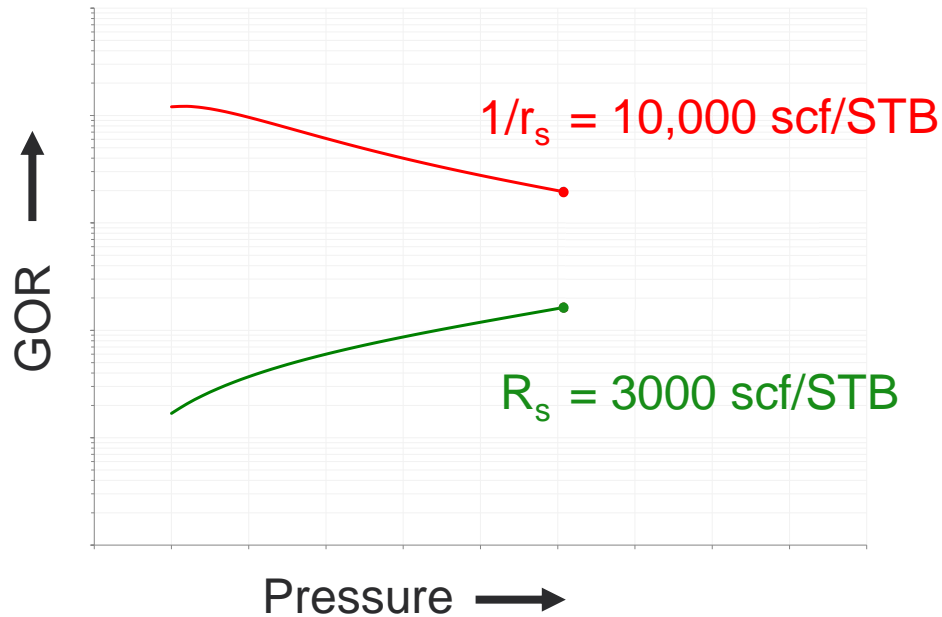


3. Use saturation pressure

Why Extrapolate the **Black Oil Table**?

Example 1: GOR as history matching parameter

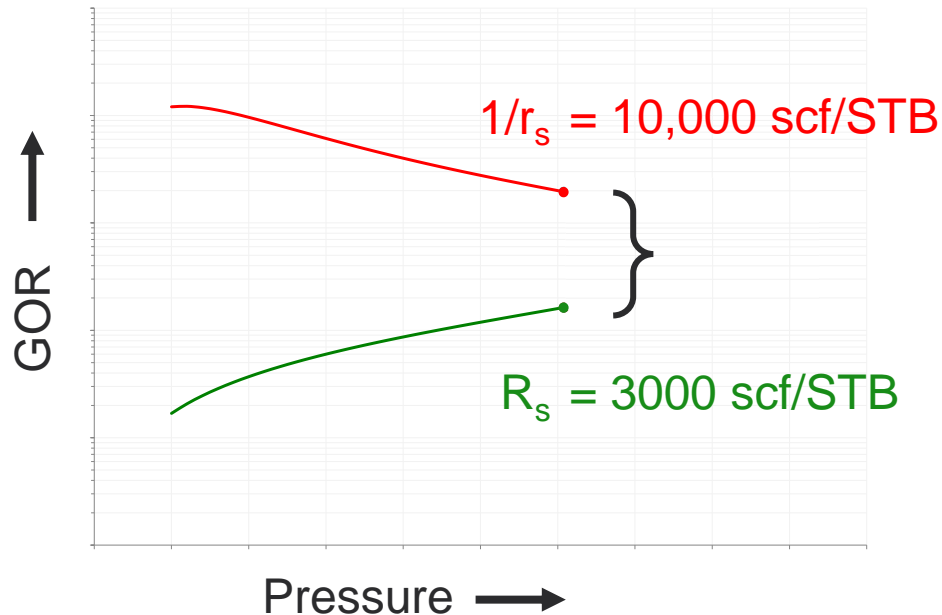
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Example 1: GOR as history matching parameter

Saturated Properties

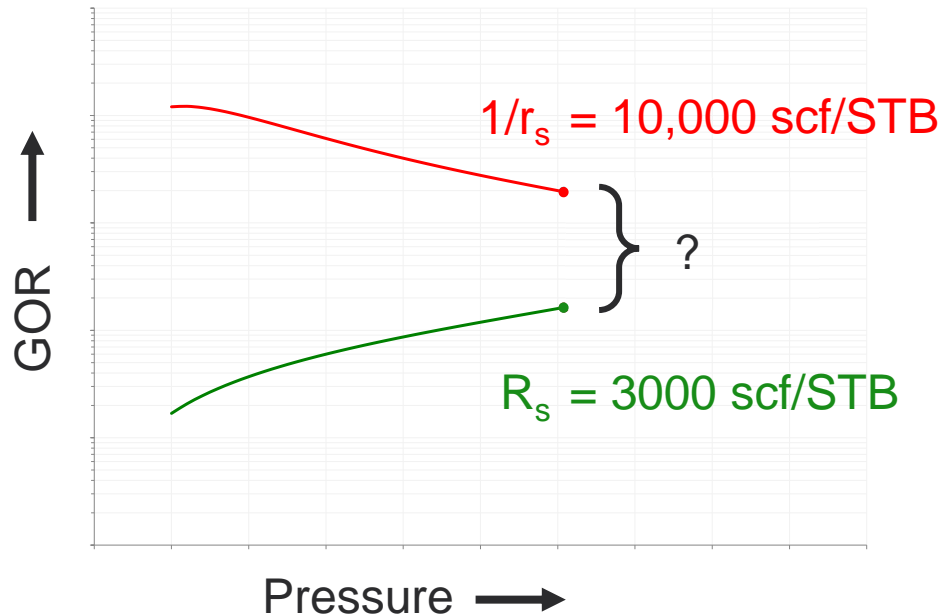


What if we want to initialize with a R_s of 4000 scf/STB? No data in this case ...

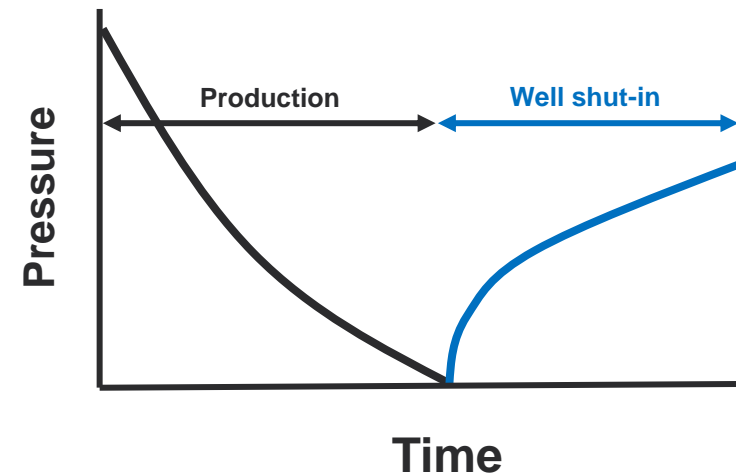
Why Extrapolate the **Black Oil Table**?

Example 2: Multi-phase RTA & Simulation will almost always require saturated properties for all GORs

Saturated Properties



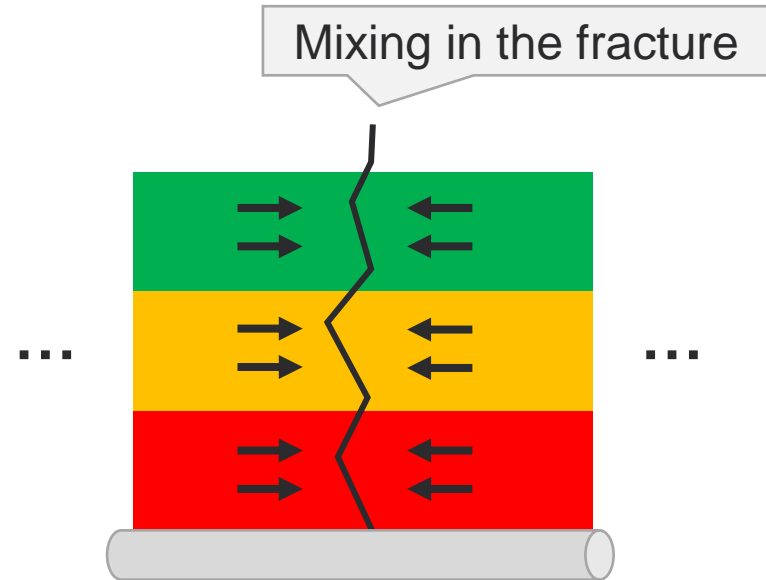
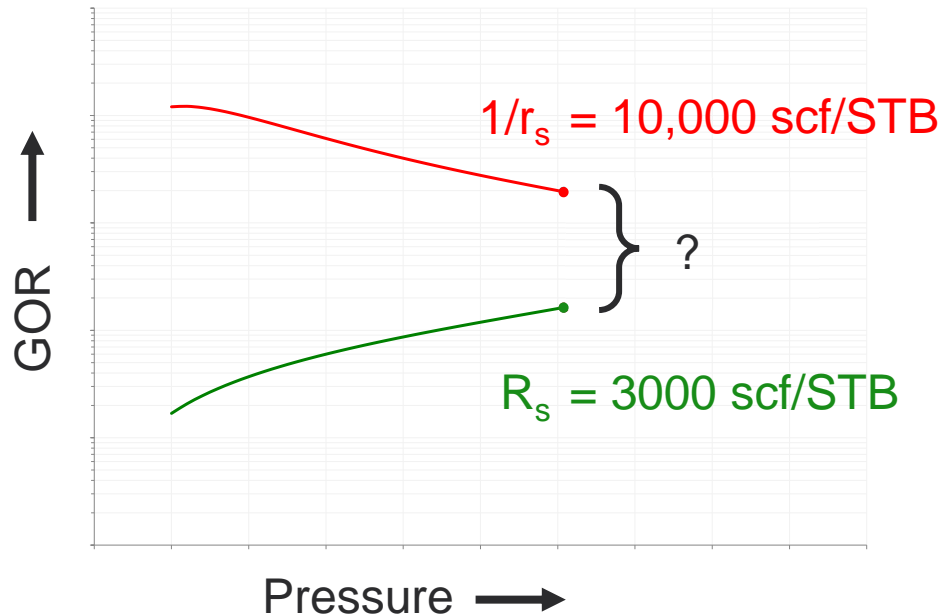
Example



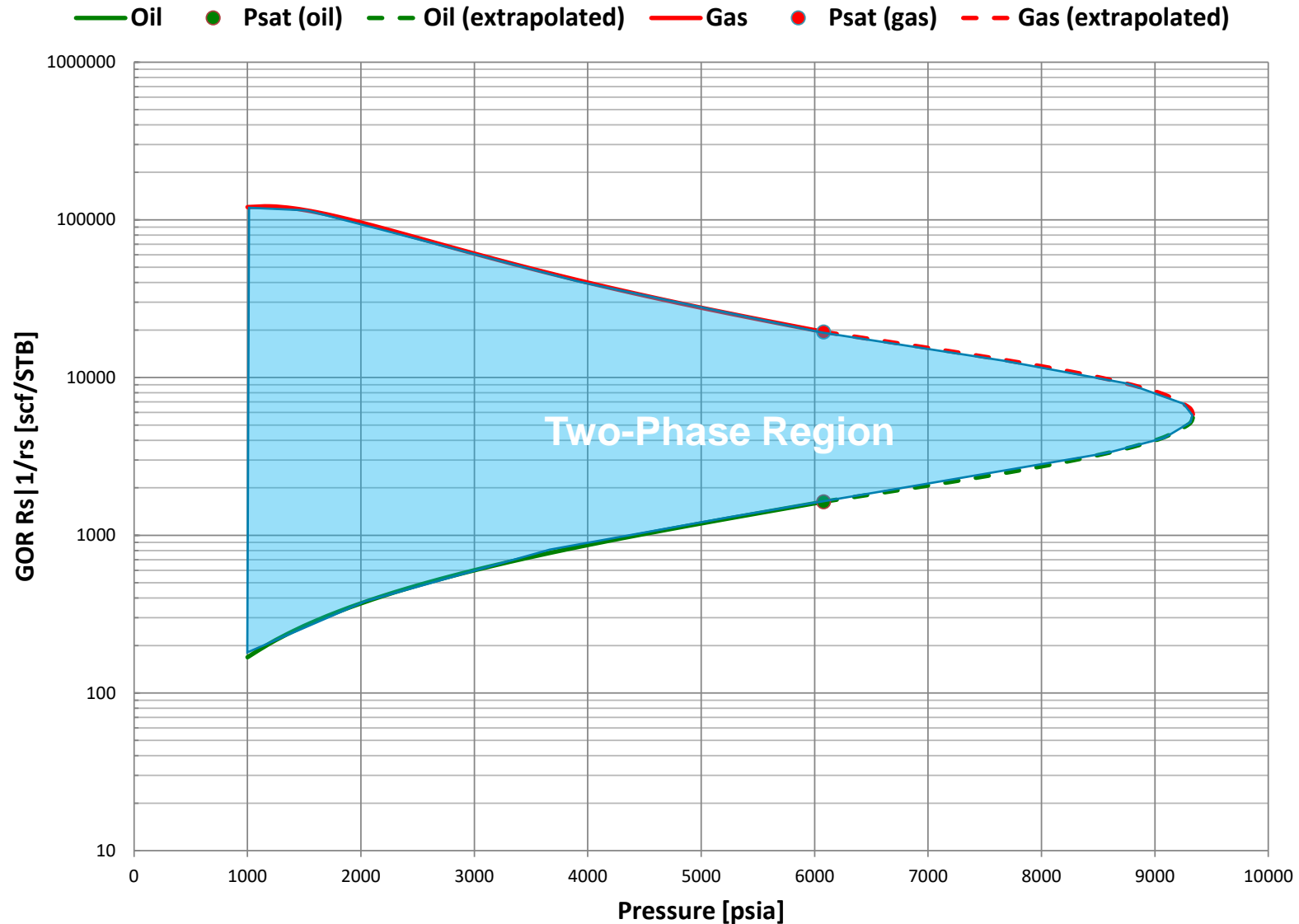
Why Extrapolate the **Black Oil Table**?

Example 3: Different Layers w/ Different Fluids

Saturated Properties



Example: Black Oil Table



Example: Black Oil Table

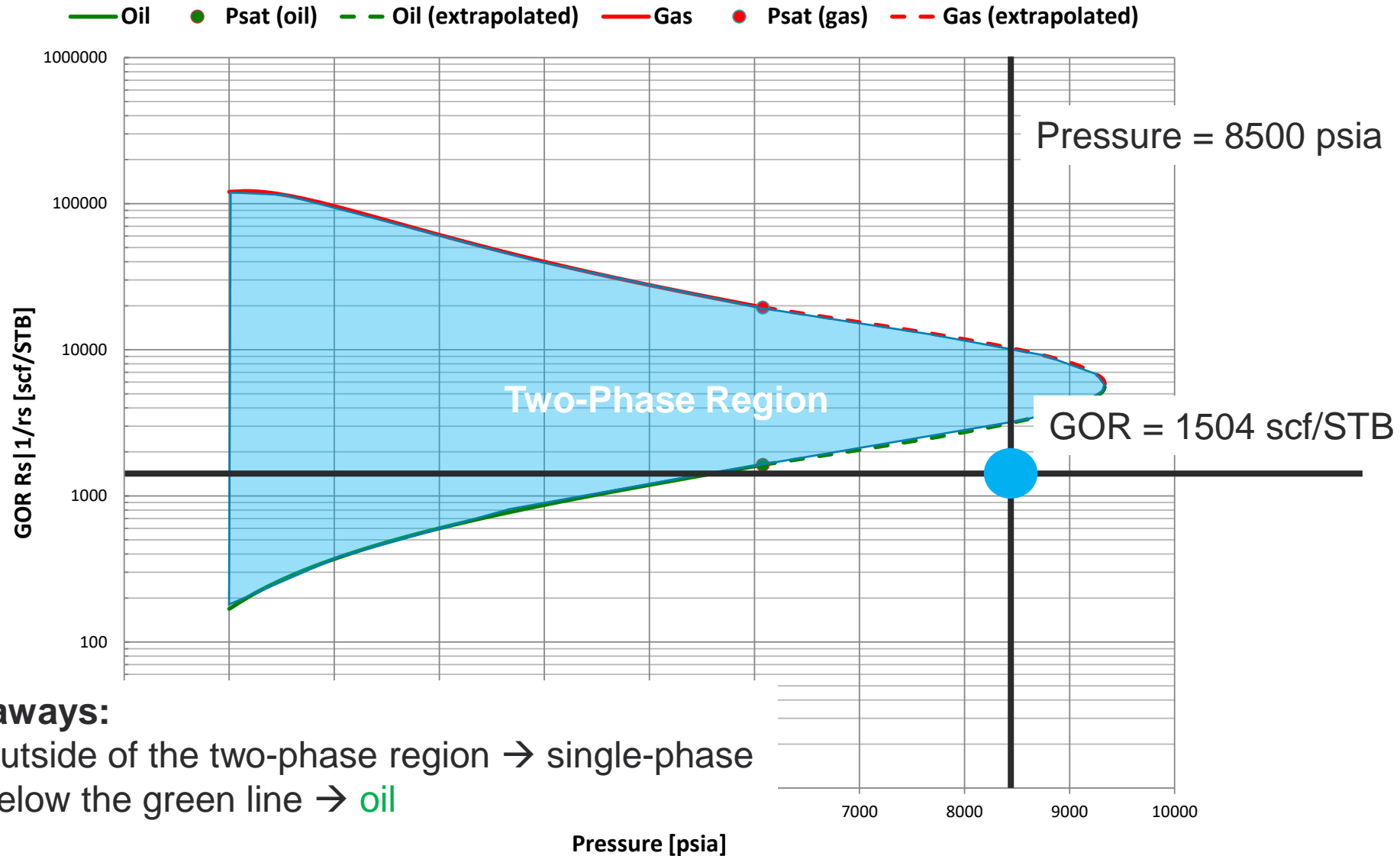
For the following cases

- i. GOR = 1,504 scf/STB and grid cell pressure = 8500 psia
- ii. GOR = 15,024 scf/STB and grid cell pressure = 8500 psia
- iii. GOR = 10,000 scf/STB and grid cell pressure = 5000 psia

Use the plot “*GOR vs. pres*” and determine what type of fluid associated with each of the cases above.

- Two-Phase Saturated | Single-Phase Oil | Single-Phase Gas

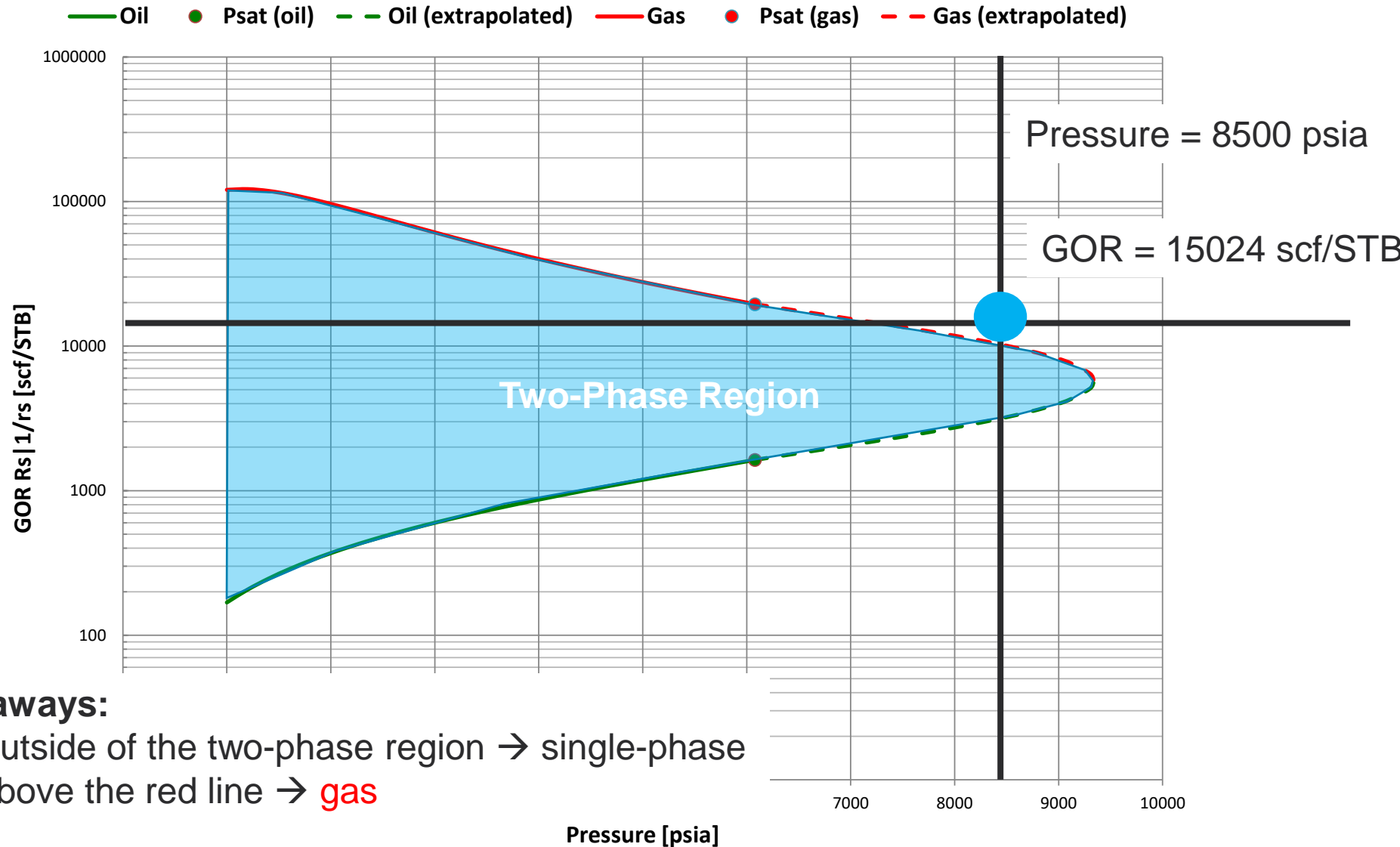
Fluid Type Case i



Takeaways:

- i) Outside of the two-phase region → single-phase
- ii) Below the green line → oil

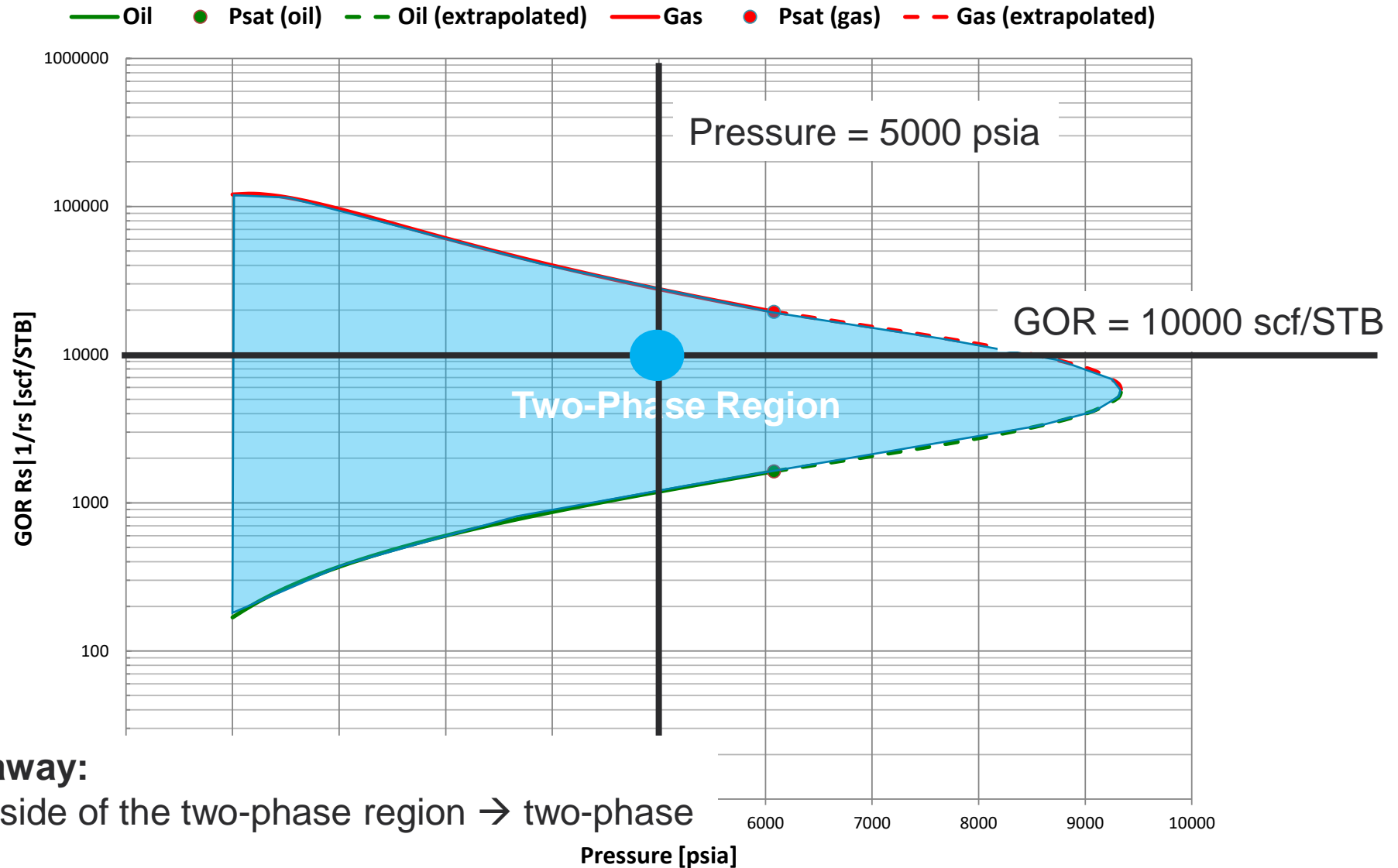
Fluid Type Case ii



Takeaways:

- i) Outside of the two-phase region → single-phase
- ii) Above the red line → **gas**

Fluid Type Case iii



Takeaway:

i) Inside of the two-phase region → two-phase

Pressure [psia]

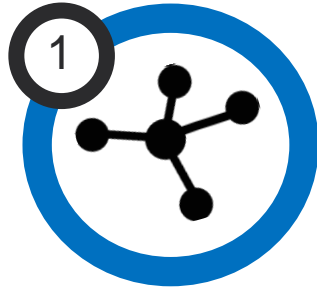


Advanced Topic

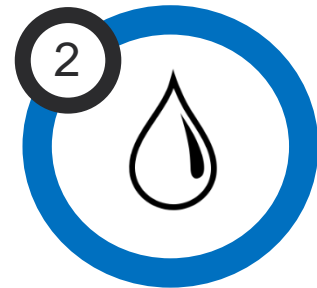
Compositional Tracking

Use Readily Available Data + EOS!

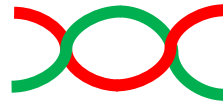
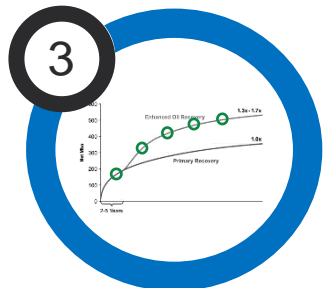
Seed Compositions



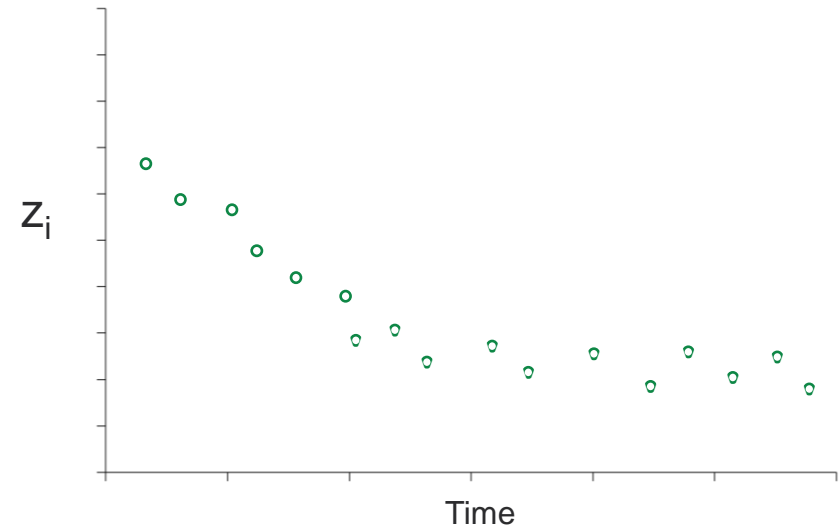
Welltest Database



Production Database



Daily Wellstream (z_i)
Compositions



*IPTC-19596 summarize methodologies

Estimate Wellstream Composition

Requirements:

- A properly tuned EOS Model
- Separator rates (GOR_{sep})
- Separator conditions (p_{sep}, T_{sep})
- “Seed feed” – estimate of z_i

Estimate Wellstream Composition

Method:

- Flash “seed feed” to $p_{\text{sep}} \mid T_{\text{sep}} \rightarrow y_i, x_i$
- Recombine $y_i \mid x_i$ at $\text{GOR}_{\text{sep}} \rightarrow z_i$

$$n_i = x_i \left(\frac{q_{om}}{v_o} \right) + y_i \left(\frac{q_{gm}}{v_g} \right)$$

v : molar volume – M/p (calculated from EOS model)

Estimate Wellstream Composition

Method:

Regress until $z_i + \text{EOS}$ matches

- Sep. gas. (y_i) \approx $N_2, CO_2, C_1, \dots, C_6$
- Sep. GOR \approx C_{7+} amounts
- Liquid API \approx C_{7+} component distribution

“Shale” PVT

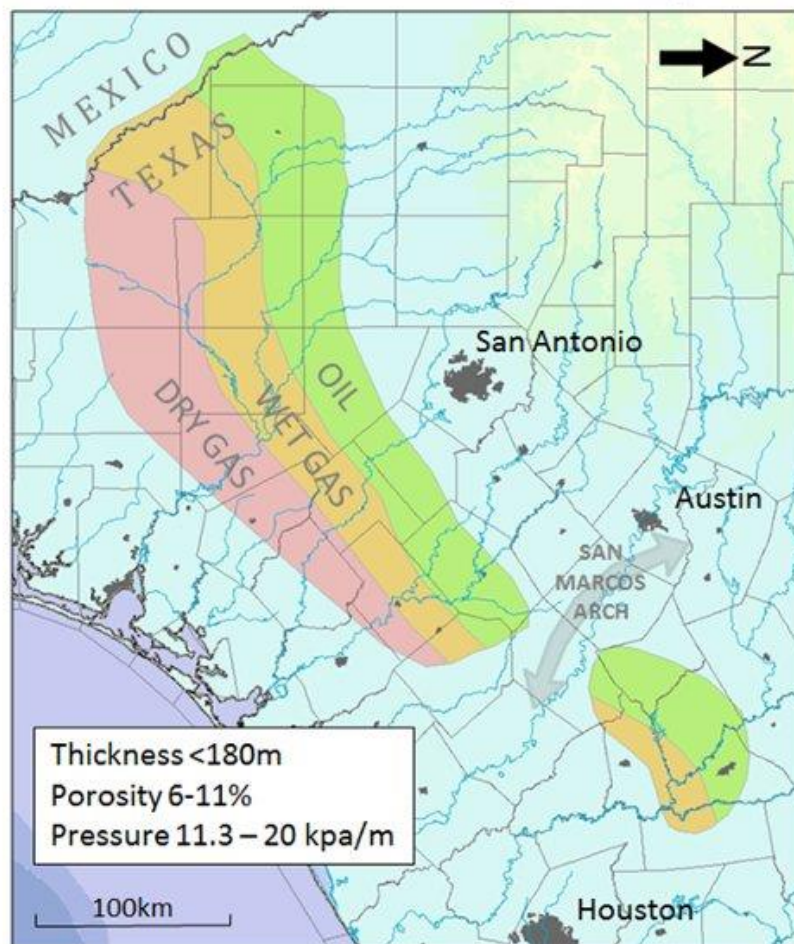
“Shale” Characteristics ... a PVT Perspective

- 1 Span a wide range of fluids (low to high GOR)
- 2 Initially slightly undersaturated / saturated*
- 3 Rapid decline in bottomhole pressure (p_{wf})
- 4 Producing GOR – $f(p_{wf})$

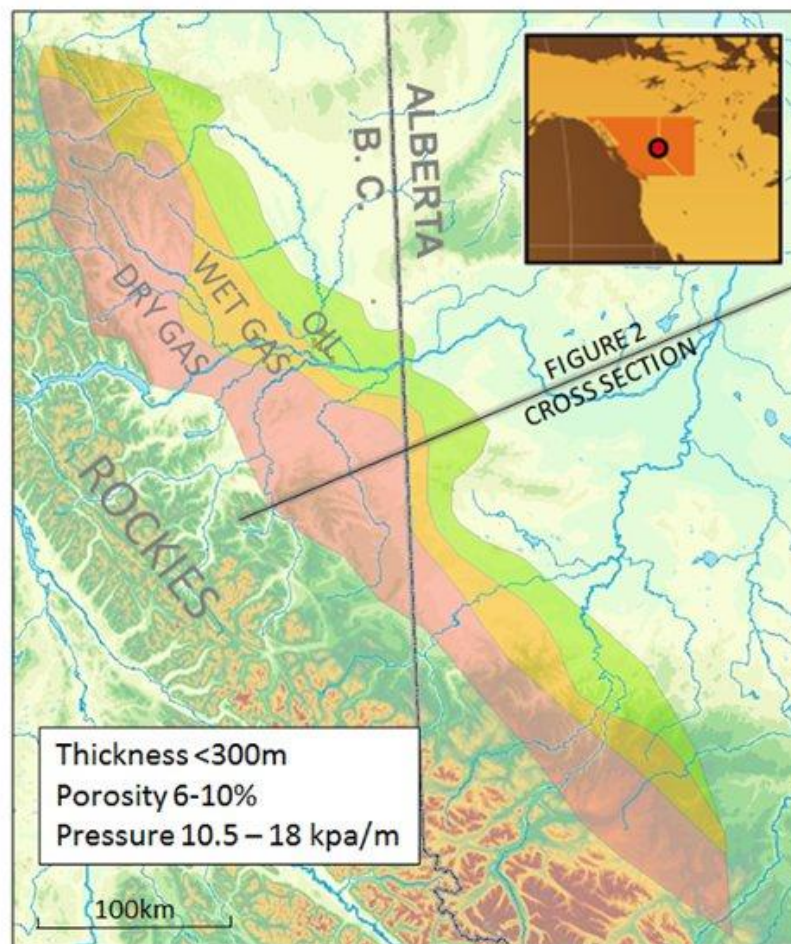
*with some exceptions (e.g. Bakken, Eagle Ford, Duvernay)

“Shale” Basins Span a Wide Range of Fluids






EAGLE FORD SHALE (rotated 90°)



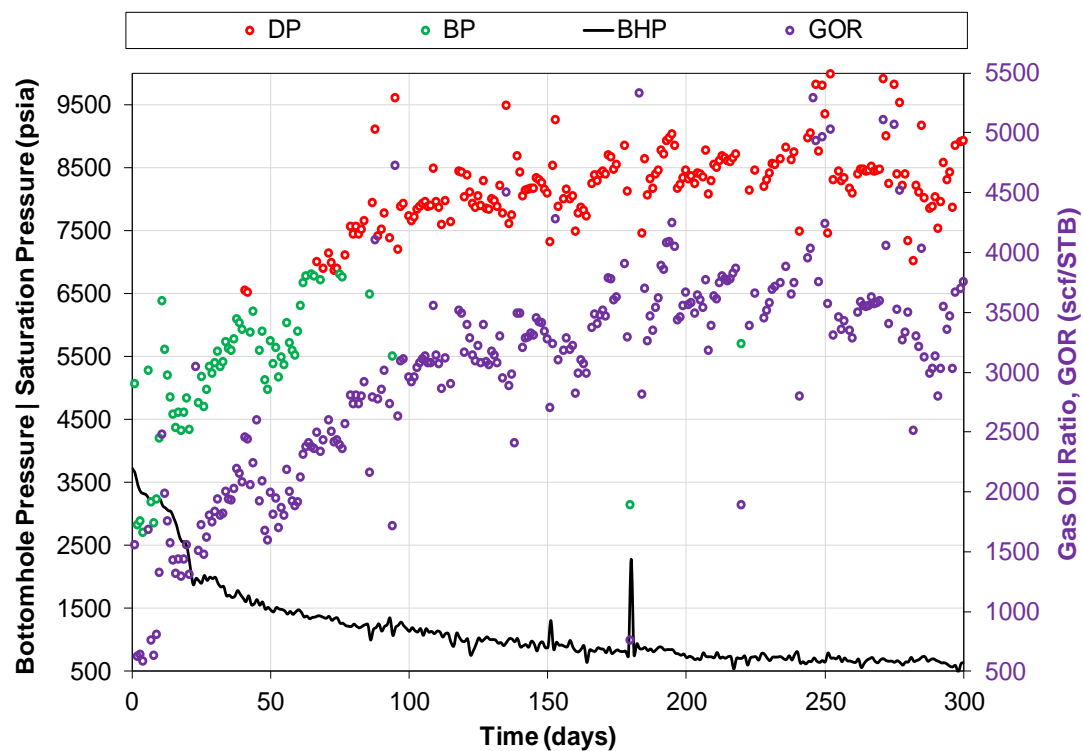
MONTNEY SILTSTONE



Slightly Undersaturated/Saturated

Basin	Initial Reservoir Pressure, p_{Ri} (psia)	Saturation Pressure Range, p_{sat} (psia)	
 Eagle Ford	4000 – 10000	2000 - 7000	✓
 Bakken	5000 – 9500	1500 – 3500	✗
 Montney	3000 – 7000	2000 - 7000	✓
 SCOOP/STACK	3500 - 9500	2000 - 7000	✓
 Permian	3000-10000	1000 – 7000	✓

Rapid decline in bottomhole pressure (p_{wf})



Source: Fluid Sampling in Tight Unconventionals (Carlsen et al. 2019)

- Producing GOR strong function of
 - Initial GOR (composition)
 - Flowing bottomhole pressure – p_{wf}
 - Degree of undersaturation ($p_{Ri} - p_{sat}$)
 - PVT model
 - Rel. perm
 - Infinite acting | boundary dominated periods
 - most unknown: GOR_i , rel. perm, IA/BD
- “Conventional” reservoirs – $GOR(p_{avg})$

Sources: Whitson and Sunjerga 2012; Jones 2017

What does this Imply?

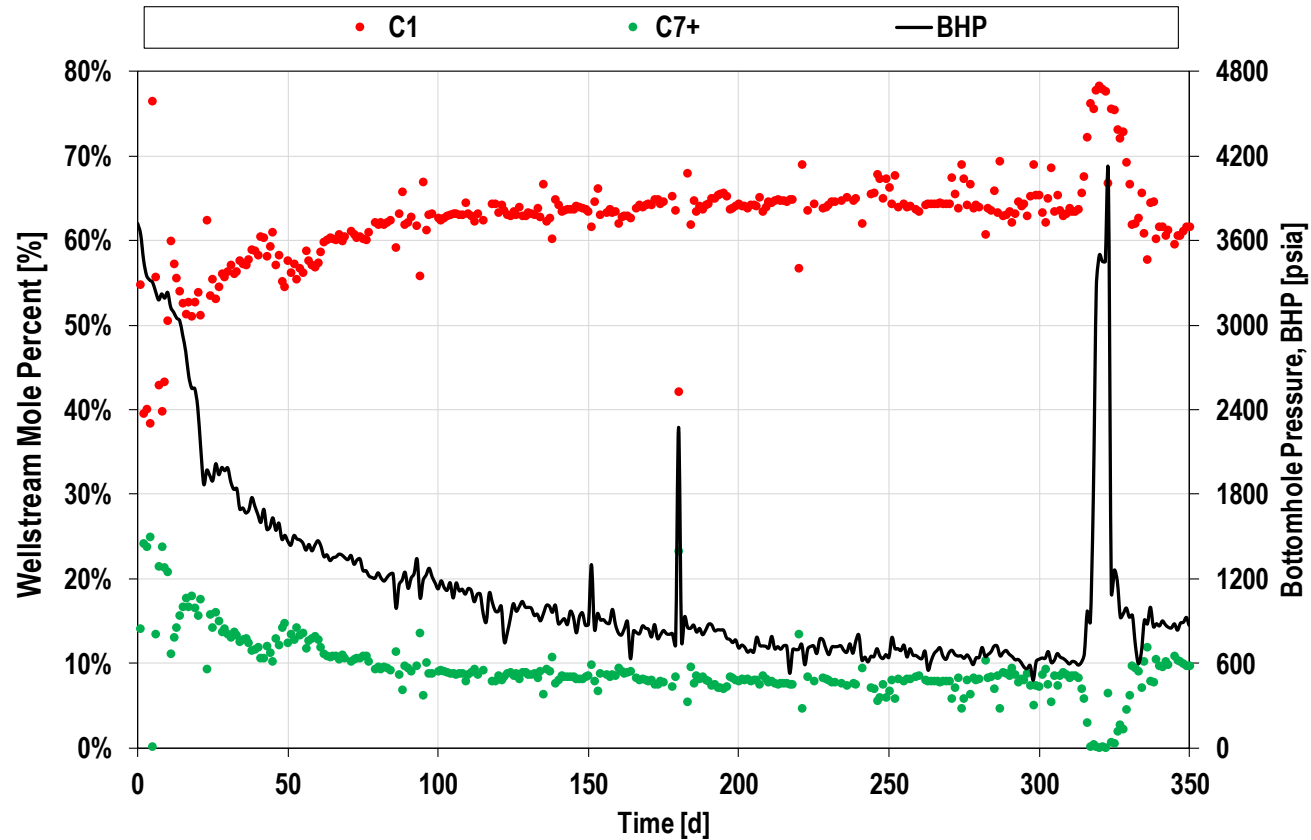
- Change in “produced fluid properties”

i.e. GOR | STO API



- Produced compositions are changing!

Produced Compositions are Changing Fast!



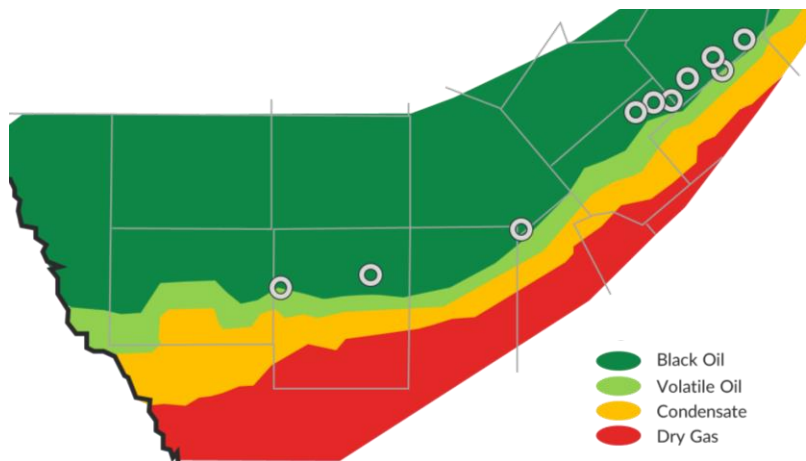
Unconventional Fluids Systems

Exhibit strong field-wide fluid consistency

i.e. molecular weight –
specific gravity
relationship

PVT properties are highly
“**correlatable**” across one
field/basin

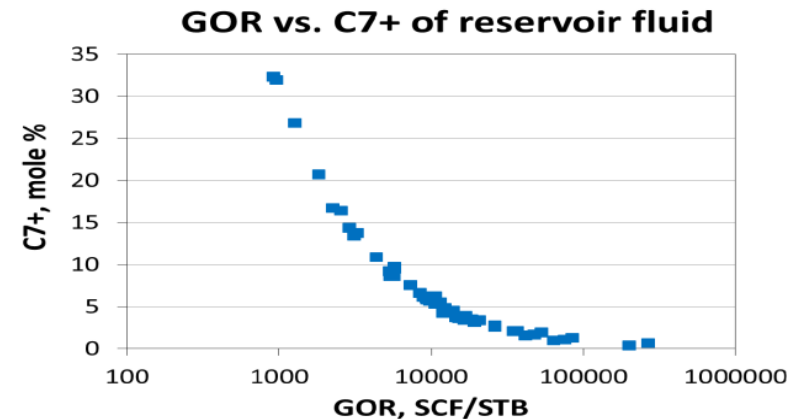
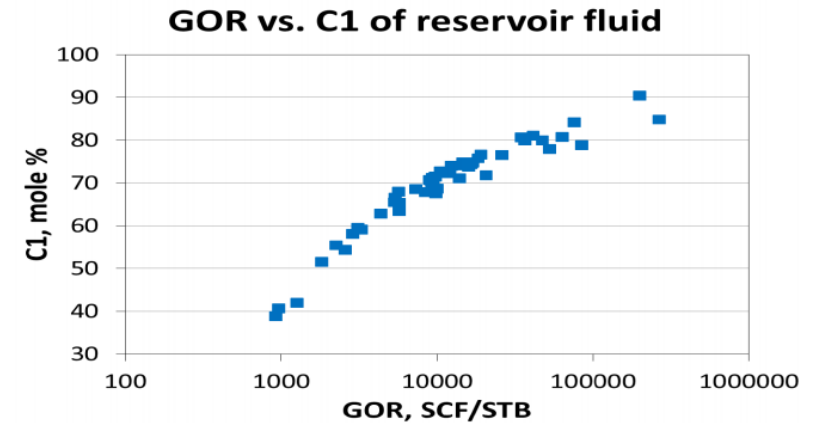
→ allows for the use of
one unified fluid model
(field-wide EOS)



Unconventional Fluids Systems

“PVT correlations demonstrate strong field-wide consistency although the reservoir fluid (i.e. composition) varies significantly.”

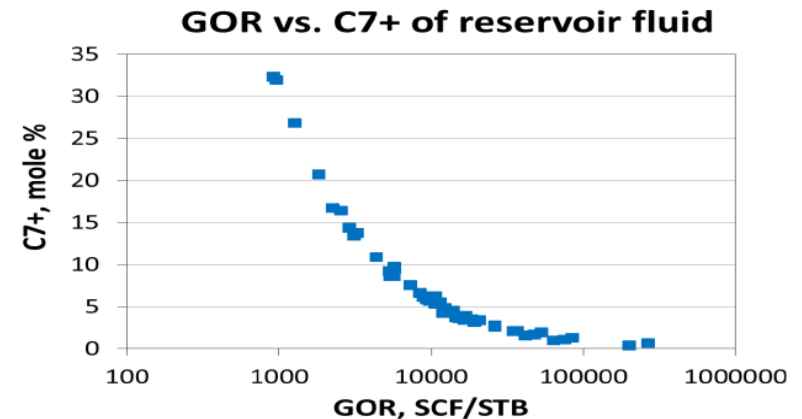
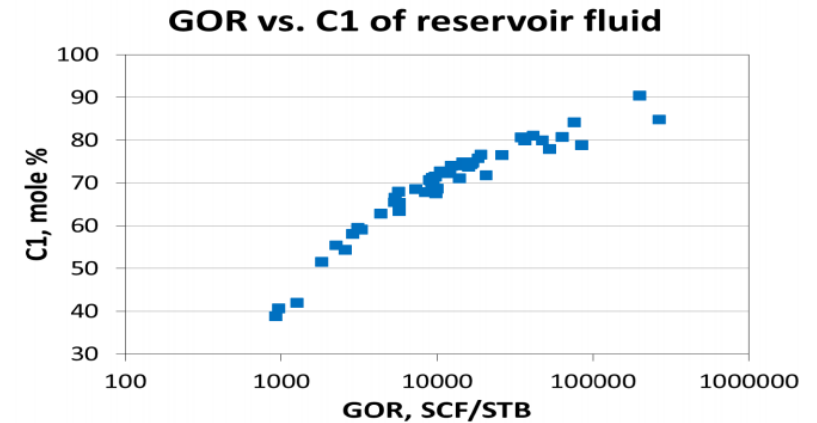
PVT properties can be estimated from one key parameter: GOR. This contrasts from reservoir fluid complexity in conventional reservoirs.”



Unconventional Fluids Systems

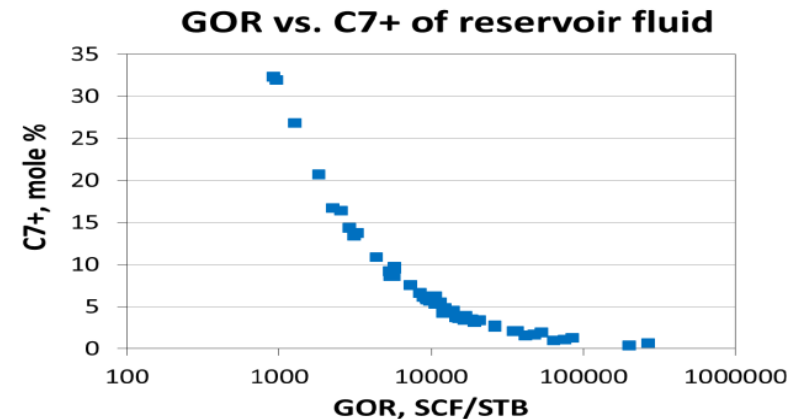
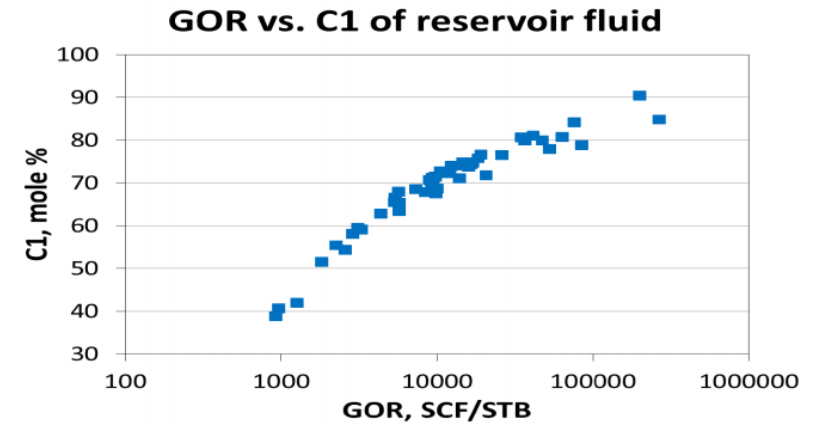
“In conventional rocks, due to relatively high permeability, fluids migrate within the reservoir with a complex charging and mixing history...

The fluid mobility in shale reservoirs is much lower, reflecting the dramatically lower permeability.”



Unconventional Fluids Systems

“Fluid communication and migration is limited. Reservoir fluid differences are dominantly determined by thermal maturity, which is the main reason behind the consistent PVT correlations over large areas.”



So ... what's different between the basins?

“C₇₊ Characterization”

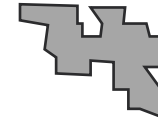
Basin A



Basin B



Basin C



$$(\bar{C}_{11})_A \neq (\bar{C}_{11})_B \neq (\bar{C}_{11})_C$$

$$(\bar{C}_{12})_A \neq (\bar{C}_{12})_B \neq (\bar{C}_{12})_C$$

⋮

⋮

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$$\left[(\bar{C}_{30p})_A \neq (\bar{C}_{30p})_B \neq (\bar{C}_{30p})_C \right]$$

Can be
radically
different