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Plug and abandonment practices and trends: A British Columbia perspective

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We present a review of Plug and Abandonment (P&A) practices in onshore wells, with a particular focus on British Columbia (BC). Regulatory and operational practices are reviewed as well as data on the wells of BC. This data set (of approximately 25,000 wells) has wider significance as it consists most recently of pad-drilled unconventional gas wells, with significant horizontal extent, multi-stage fractured. The oldest of these wells and other vertical/ deviated well stock are currently being abandoned. The data reveals a large wave of abandonments coming in the next decade and a significant increase in reported Surface Casing Vent Flow (SCVF) over the past decade, which will lead to rising P&A costs.

Speaker Biography

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Introduction to oilfield chemicals: Production chemicals used in Zakum field

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The introduction of oilfield chemicals and production chemicals used in Zakum field represents the topic and explanation of general problems with the oil production, problems caused by fouling, souring, problems caused by physical properties foaming, emulsion, viscous flow, problems caused by incompatibility of mixing fluids, problems that affect the structural integrity of the facilities, and safety of workforce, environmental issues, chemical injection solution, only trace amount of residual chemical will remain in the solution these chemicals can be injected as batch or continuous. The topic for the presentation also represents with the production chemicals used in typical package in the oil field and it also explains the production water impurity and how to track and it will also explain the produced water reinjection, productivity and cost of chemicals.

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Mineralogy of siliceous concretions, cretaceous of Ionian zone, western Greece: Implication for diagenesis and porosity

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XRPD analysis, in selected samples, in both nodules and siliceous beds, showed the presence of moganite and Opal-A minerals and introduce mostly an amorphous silica. The presence of maghemite may be evidence for the importance of redox-controlled pore-water boundaries in the initial precipitation of amorphous silica, as maghemite can form by dehydration and transformation of certain iron oxyhydroxide minerals.

Results showed different calcite content or the presence/ absence of halite and anhydrite, from different age and different areas, from both nodules and siliceous beds, suggesting great differences between areas, due to different sources, and introduce different tectonic activity between areas with more intense tectonic activity in NW Peloponnesus than in Kastos Island.

The content of calcite in cherts is likely a consequence of the amount of early amorphous silica precipitation. The siliceous beds in Gianiskari have a higher calcite content than nodules of Araxos, both in NW Peloponnesus, suggesting increased replacement mostly in nodules, whereas in both areas, there is no difference in calcite content between upper Cretaceous siliceous bed and nodules. The calcite content of upper Cretaceous chert is higher in Kastos Island than in NW Peloponnesus. The major source for Kastos Island was the Apulian platform whereas for NW Peloponnesus was the Gavrovo platform, so the physical properties of the two sediment successions might differ, thus affecting diagenesis. The clearest evidence for the role of later fluids is the presence of halite and anhydrite only in NW Peloponnesus, where there are fault pathways for basinal fluids from underlying Triassic evaporites that include halite and gypsum. The erosion of Triassic evaporites, only in the eastern part of the basin, could be related with intense tectonic activity in this part of the basin. This difference is because it was influenced by the

first stages of compression (late Eocene to early Oligocene), situated between Gavrovo and internal Ionian thrusts, that the western parts of the basin, which influenced by later stages (late Oligocene-early Miocene), situated between middle Ionian and Ionian thrusts.

The characteristic presence of dolomite in lower Cretaceous siliceous bed is in accordance with the presence of dolomitized limestones at the lower parts of early Cretaceous Vigla formation. Either the dolomite replaced calcite before final growth of the siliceous bed horizons, or chert was replaced by dolomite. The size and the abundance of nodules was related with mostly with primary porosity of the hosted deposits and in relation with the fact that Early Cretaceous nodules are smaller and in abundance that these of Late Cretaceous support the idea that the porosity of Late Cretaceous hosted limestones. The fact that now both present equivalent porosities support the idea that the development of nodules increased secondarily the porosity of Early Cretaceous limestones.

Speaker Biography

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A discussion on seismic reservoir characterization of tight reservoir: Scope to further research combining fiber optics

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n North Kuwait, Najmah Formation hosts fractured tight carbonates and organic-rich kerogen layer, with average thickness of about 50 feet at average depth of 14000 feet below surface, characterized by low porosity and ultra-low permeability. This unit is overlain by alternating Gotnia salts and anhydrite layers. Destructive interference of coherent noise in 3D seismic affects the consistency of seismic reservoir characterization within Najmah interval, requires attenuation to exploit seismic data. Application of model-based interbed multiple attenuation reduces coherent noise interference, improves imaging and characterization of the Najmah formation.

Integration of rock physics modeling, full-azimuth P-wave seismic analysis and pre-stack simultaneous seismic inversion reveals that pore geometry can affect seismic anisotropy. In fractured tight carbonates, low Vp/Vs ratio correlates with relatively porous intervals, low pore aspect ratio and high brittleness index / higher fracture density. Higher organic richness of Najmah kerogen correlates with lower acoustic impedance. Azimuthal seismic analysis highlights existence of multi-azimuth fracture sets within Najmah interval and fast interval velocity coincides with direction of maximum horizontal stress. Combination of brittleness index and fast velocity azimuth can help identifying "sweet spots" within

Najmah formation.

Distributed Acoustic Sensing (DAS) fiber optics cable can acquire 1D and 3D borehole seismic. S/N ratio of raw DAS data is lower than geophone data and DAS is sensitive only to the axial deformation of fiber optic cable. This has downgraded DAS to a 1C geophone. DAS data can be acquired continuously throughout length and life of well, in contrast to geophones. Smart downhole deployment of helically wound DAS can enhance permanent monitoring and reservoir characterization by cross-well tomographic imaging and recording of microseismic events in tight reservoirs like Najmah Formation. Pragmatic use of fiber optics has potential to illuminate fracture systems, identifying the coherent noises of subsurface in evaluation unconventional reservoirs around the world.

Speaker Biography

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Optimization of multistage Hydraulic fracturing technologies in reservoirs with close oilgas and water-oil contacts and the presence of weak barriers with low stress contrast

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For effective stimulation of wells by hydraulic fracturing requires deep engineering and technological research work. The paper shows various ways of optimization multistage fracturing operations in reservoirs with weak barriers with low stress contrast. One of the solutions of the tasks is to optimize the existing guar fluid systems to control the fracture height. To achieve the maximum effect was carried out gradual decrease the polymer concentration, used low-viscosity liquids and combined "pad" stages. Additionally, had been performing works to optimize the pumping schedule and increase its aggressiveness. To achieve the maximum effect for cleaning of the created fracture, the concentration of enzyme destructor was gradual increasing. As an alternative approach to stimulation, was chosen hydraulic fracturing on a non-polymer fluid system (surface active agent). To minimize

the risks associated with STOP regime, has been implemented multi-stage completion system with reusable sleeves, which controlled by special key with involvement of coil tubing and bottom-hole pressure monitoring. As in addition methods of control had been using microseismic monitoring and different geophysical studies. Analysis of actual oil production rate showed the success of the applied approaches to achieve maximum efficiency of the stimulated wells.

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The influence of the quality of deep samples on the results of studies of the phase behavior of paraffins and formation oil asphaltenes

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he paper illustrates the influence of the quality of downhole samples on the results of studies of the phase behavior of paraffins and asphaltenes in reservoir oil. The results of studies of a conditionally representative sample of reservoir oil and deep samples taken under multiphase flow conditions (with different volumes of free gas, formation water and solid phase of asphaltenes, resins and paraffins in the sampler) were compared. For each sample, a set of PVT studies was carried out according to all required standards - PVT test, flash separation, determination of viscosity and density. Phase behavior of paraffins and asphaltenes was studied by methods of acoustic resonance (registration of the moment of phase transition), high pressure microscopy (determination of the number and geometric dimensions of solid phase particles), gravimetric and filtration methods (determination of the group composition of the solid phase). To prepare samples of oil with free gas in the chambers, a procedure was carried out to release free gas to the current bubble-point pressure. The results of the analysis revealed that the procedure of free gas release has little effect on the PVT-characteristics of reservoir fluid samples. However, it is not possible to study the phase behavior of paraffins and asphaltenes, since the deviation of different

parameters reaches 70% (the content of asphaltenes, resins and paraffins; paraffin saturation temperature; asphaltene saturation pressure, etc.) As a result, the sample of fluids with multiphase flow conditions, if it is impossible to use other methods, may be acceptable for a standard PVT-analysis. But it is not possible to study the phase behavior of paraffins and asphaltenes for such samples, since these studies are highly dependent on the quality of sampling.

Speaker Biography

Stanislav Fedorovskiy is the team leader of reservoir fluids studies of the GAZPROM NEFT Science and Technology Center. By academic professional education, he is a refinery engineer, but his career is all about studying reservoir fluids. He worked as an engineer in a PVT-laboratory of one of the research centers of PJSC Gazprom, where he mastered all the fundamental knowledge and skills in the culture of working with downhole and separator samples. Next, he became the head of the laboratory of physical and chemical analysis of degassed (wellhead) samples in the research center of JSC SibNIINP, having gained experience of research and management of the team, he went to work directly at the GAZPROM NEFT Science and Technology Center, where for 4 years he has made the way from leading specialist to team leader. The specificity of their work lies in the absolute diversity of properties and phase states of the fluid – from heavy oil to supercritical fluids.

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Hydrodynamic studies of wells as a tool for adjusting geological data and assessing the influence of underlying water on the development of Reservoir PK1-3 of the East-Messoyakhskoye Field

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The paper presents the experience of well test results for geological and simulation models correction at the stages of experimental industrial exploitation and industrial exploitation of the heavy oilfield with a system with horizontal wells. The potential for each borehole can be influenced by the geological structure of the reservoir (boundaries, facies, water-oil contact, gas-oil contact, etc.) and the perfection of technological completion (contamination of the bottom zone, lack of inflows from the horizontal segment, etc). An instrument to clarify the structure of the reservoir and the perfecting of the autopsy is the conduct of the well test. As a result of the studies carried out, the PK1-3 reservoirs were characterized by characteristics contrary to the standard approaches of the well test in horizontal wells. The theoretical reasons for these features are discussed in the paper.

The most important issue for decision-making on the further development of the deposit is the introduction of a reservoirpressure system. The question of the need to introduce the injection wells or to work in elastic mode? In the case of pumping, drilling to the target well reservoir or to the water of the saturated power? At the initial stage of development, these issues are one of the main concerns in connection with the active drilling of the field and significant selection of the mining fund. Thus, the process of reducing pressure on the reservoir may lead to irreversible phase transitions associated with the allocation of gas. This article discusses a comprehensive assessment of the well test structure of the reservoir, an approach to estimating the aquifer. In the joint work of the wells, there is a parallel influence between the boreholes and the interference of the pressure through the well. In relation to the relationship and response value, the "total" capacity was calculated and the areas with the greatest influence of the aquifer were identified, and the geological relationship of the neighboring Wells was refined. Similarly, the rate of pressure drop in the work of the aguifers has been calculated and conclusions reached. A conceptual strategy has been developed for reservoirs of similar abundance in order to reduce prematurely the risks of reduced reservoir pressure. In addition, the latest achievements in the field of hydrodynamic studies of wells designed for the study of horizontal wells with multistage hydraulic fracturing in a low-permeability reservoir will be presented.

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Microbial origin biosurfactants in Enhanced Oil Recovery and their production strategies: A review

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icrobial enhanced oil recovery (MEOR) is an alternative to EOR methods having advantages like low toxicity, bioequivalence, biodegradability, and economic feasibility for field implementation. The in-situ and ex-situ production of microbial metabolites and their application in laboratory scale study as well as in actual oil field condition, have their own merits and demerits, which require a multidisciplinary effort comprising of tools from Geophysics, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Soil Science, Chemical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. Biosurfactants are amphipathic substances produced by a group of microbes like Bacillus sp., Pseudomonas sp., Alcaligenes sp., Achromobacrers sp., Burkholderia sp., Clostridium sp., Rhodococcus sp., etc., which play an imperative role in effecting efficient enhanced oil recovery through surface and interfacial tension (IFT) mitigation, wettability alteration, and viscosity reduction to increase permeability, etc. But, the main drawbacks to using biosurfactants of microbial origin in MEOR are their higher production cost and low production rates. Therefore, in this article, we primarily focused on different biotechnological approaches for incrementing biosurfactant production. Also,

we have summarized the success story of biosurfactant based MEOR technology in laboratory scale as well as in the field scale highlighting the economics crude oil recovery.

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A comprehensive study on causes of oil spills and remediation

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Objectives/Scope: This review describes the recent progress concerning oil spills caused due to carelessness of workers, crashing of systems, natural disasters or vandalism, etc. by incorporating remediation techniques based on applications of super hydrophobicity, superoleophobicity and surfactants.

Methods, Procedures, Process: A number of preventive measures are discussed in this study that includes- treatment of oil spillage using temporary floating barriers/booms, scattering of oil by dispersants or emulsifiers, development of nano fibrillated cellulose sponge that soaks up oil and omits water, natural disintegration of oil by bacterial species present in Spartina plant tissues, dispersion of lodestone particles that stick to the oil and isolate it from water through magnetism, development of MnO2 coated inverse wetting meshes or of Cu surfaces with laser induced micro holes and CuO nanowires, biosorption involving Nao materials that help in getting rid of spilled oil, etc.

Results, Observations, Conclusions: Oil spill causes heavy economic loss and has long term effects on ecological system along with habitation and vegetation at coastal regions. The oil slick blocks the pathway of oxygen and harms the aquatic life. The dispersed oil combines with marine snow and form oil-related marine snow which is larger than natural marine snow and is consumed by aquatic animals, this leads to oil sedimentation. Exposure to chemicals during the containment

process can cause cardiac arrest or arterial congestion in workers. Some other hazardous effects may include exposure to crude oil that causes heart electrophysiology dysfunction and nervous system breakdown in fish and collection of crude oil in intertidal region that intoxicate the intertidal species.

Novel/Additive Information: An oil tanker spilled 240-260 million gallons oil, near Kuwait as a result of deliberate act by Iraq. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the US handles law enforcement regarding oil spillage. Most laws established by it carry criminal charges. The International convention for prevention of pollution caused by ships set in 1973, modified by the protocol of 1978 which is MARPOL, governing marine pollution via discharge or spillage comes under an International regulation.

Speaker Biography

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