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INTRODUCTION

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Numerous analytical models have been presented in recent years to describe the pressure behavior of composite reservoir systems. Composite reservoirs are encountered in a wide variety of reservoir situations. In a composite reservoir there is a circular inner region with fluid and rock properties different from those in the outer region. Reservoirs damaged because of fluid invasion during drilling or completion; stimulated reservoirs; reservoirs being waterflooded or undergoing insitu combustion are examples of the reservoir types that can be described by a composite reservoir model. The inner zone represents the invaded or altered zone while the outer zone

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represents the uninvaded zone. The two zones are separated by a sharp radial discontinuity. This idealized interface may be a permeability, mobility, saturation or thermal discontinuity.

During the 1960's there was great interest in the composite reservoir flow problem. Hurst discussed in detail the "sand in series" problem and presented formulas to describe unsteady state pressure behavior of fluid movement through two sands in series in a radial configuration. Loucks and Guerrero presented a theoretical study of the pressure distribution in an infinite composite reservoir. They found that under certain conditions the permeability in both zones as well as the size of the inner zone can be determined from presșure transient test data. Wattenbarger and Ramey presented a finite difference solution for the infinite composite reservoir. Other early investigators include Merrill et al., ⁴ Clossmann and Ratliff, and Bixel and Van Poollen.

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Fig. 4—Comparison with simulator solution for fractured gas well, pressure drawdown test, $k_1 = 0.029$, $k_2 = 0.0029$, $r_1/r_w = 100$.







Fig. S—Pressure flow regimes in a finite composite reservoir, $\eta_1/\eta_2 = 1,000$, $r_1/r_w = 100$, $C_0 = 0$, s = 5, $C_{e0} = 0$.

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CONCLUSIONS

- 1. We have demonstrated in this paper the danger of misinterpretation that may result from applying an incomplete model to buildup test data where pressure distortion caused by phase redistribution is not large enough to show the classical hump. The analysis of such buildup data with techniques that do not account for phase redistribution can lead to incorrect reservoir property estimates and incorrect predictions of production.
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NOMENCLATURE

Symbol	Meaning
B	Formation volume factor, Rb/Mscf for gas and RB/STB for oil
c _{aD}	$\frac{1}{C_D} + \frac{C_{\phi D}}{\alpha_D}$, dimensionless apparent wellbore storage coefficient
° _t	Total compressibility, psia ⁻¹

$$\frac{0.894 C_s}{c_s h r_s^2}$$
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- C Wellbore storage coefficient, bbl/psi
- C_{φ} Phase redistribution pressure parameter, psi

$$\begin{array}{c} kh C_{\phi} \\ C_{\phi D} \\ \hline 141.2 \ q \ \mu B \\ \hline redistribution parameter \end{array}$$

- h Net pay thickness, ft
- I Modified Bessel function of the first kind, zero order
- k Permeability, md
- K Modified Bessel's function of the second kind, zero order
- L_f Fracture half length, ft
- p Pressure, psia

$$P_{a} \xrightarrow{\mu} \int \frac{\rho}{\mu} d\rho, adjusted pressure, psia$$

$$P_D$$
, $P_{Dw} = \frac{k_2 h (p_i - p_{wf})}{141.2 q \mu B}$, dimensionless pressure

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- pgef Flowing pressure at point of gas entry, psi
- Pwhf Flowing wellhead pressure, psi
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- q Flow rate, Mscf/D for gas, and b/d for
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- r_D Dimensionless radius, r/r_w
- r Drainage radius, ft
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- s Laplace transform parameter (in the Appendices); in text, skin factor, dimensionless
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 - Time, hr
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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we present a model of the complete characteristic transient response from a composite reservoir including the effects of skin, wellbore, storage and phase redistribution at the well. We present six flow regimes and the combined effects of wellbore storage and phase redistribution on pressure behavior in composite reservoirs.

Using an automatic history matching approach, we analyzed three buildup tests and a pressure falloff test. This method eliminated the serious uniqueness problem associated with type curve analysis. We demonstrate that incorrect reservoir parameter estimates and incorrect production performance predictions would result from the use of any model that lacks the capabilities of the model we present in this paper. We also demonstrate possible misinterpretations of pressure data that may result from not recognizing the presence of phase redistribution in the buildup test data or not recognizing the composite reservoir behavior.

INTRODUCTION

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Numerous analytical models have been presented in recent years to describe the pressure behavior of composite reservoir systems. Composite reservoirs are encountered in a wide variety of reservoir situations. In a composite reservoir there is a circular inner region with fluid and rock properties different from those in the outer region. Reservoirs damaged because of fluid invasion during drilling or completion; stimulated reservoirs; reservoirs being waterflooded or undergoing insitu combustion are examples of the reservoir types that can be described by a composite reservoir model. The inner zone represents the invaded or altered zone while the outer zone

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represents the uninvaded zone. The two zones are separated by a sharp radial discontinuity. This idealized interface may be a permeability, mobility, saturation or thermal discontinuity.

During the 1960's there was great interest in the composite reservoir flow problem. Hurst discussed in detail the "sand in series" problem and presented formulas to describe unsteady state pressure behavior of fluid movement through two sands in series in a radial configuration. Loucks and Guerrero' presented a theoretical study of the pressure distribution in an infinite composite They found that under certain reservoir. conditions the permeability in both zones as well as the size of the inner zone can be determined from pressure transient test data. Wattenbarger and Ramey' presented a finite difference solution for the infinite composite reservoir. Other early investigators include Merrill et al., 6 Clossmann and Ratliff, and Bixel and Van Poollen.

Recently Satman⁷ presented an analytical study of interference in a composite reservoir which accounts for wellhore storage and skin at the active well. Brown[°] presented a graphical approach for calculating mobility of the altered and unaltered zones₀ and the radius of the altered zone. DaPrat <u>et al</u>. presented an application of a composite reservoir model to interpret falloff tests in an insitu combustion project.

The major contribution of this paper is the presentation of the combined effects of skin, wellbore storage and phase segregation on pressure transient tests in composite reservoir systems. We also present the six flow regimes possible in a finite composite reservoir and show how the characteristic influence of wellbore storage and phase segregation may case a misinterpretation of pressure transient tests. The rate solution in a composite model with an inner steady state skin is also presented. This solution is useful for



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CONCLUSIONS

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- 1. We have demonstrated in this paper the danger of misinterpretation that may result from applying an incomplete model to buildup test data where pressure distortion caused by phase redistribution is not large enough to show the classical hump. The analysis of such buildup data with techniques that do not account for phase redistribution can lead to incorrect reservoir property estimates and incorrect predictions of production.
- 2. We have applied an automatic history matching technique and our new composite model to analysis of buildup and falloff tests. This technique is superior to available type curve and semilog analysis methods because of the reduction of the uniqueness problem, ability to estimate many important reservoir parameters and a correct representation of the skin zone.
- 3. When the diffusivity of the inner zone of a composite system is less than that of the outer zone, as in a damaged system, the pressure humps caused by phase redistribution are both larger and last longer than when the diffusivity of the inner zone is greater. The presence of wellbore storage and phase redistribution will usually mask the first semilog straight line, thereby, in such damaged systems, rendering conventional semilog analysis useless in evaluating the properties of the inner zone. Such test data can be analyzed with the model presented in this paper.
- When the distortion caused by phase redis-4. tribution is not severe enough to cause a hump, the characteristic shape of the pressure behavior could be misinterpreted as that from a dual porosity reservoir. The composite reservoir behavior could also be misinter-preted as an effect caused by the reservoir drainage boundary. When such a characteristic shape is displayed in a transient test, more information should be sought about the reservoir geology, reservoir fluid phase behavior and fluid properties before a model is chosen.
- The transition flow regime of a composite 5. model lasts about 2-1/2 log cycles if the diffusivity of the inner zone is greater than that of the outer zone. When the diffusivity of the inner zone is smaller, the transition flow regime lasts approximately 1 log cycle.

NOMENCLATURE

Symbol [Meaning
В	Formation volume factor, Rb/Mscf for gas and RB/STB for oil
c _{aD}	$\frac{1}{C_D} + \frac{C_{\phi D}}{\alpha_D}$, dimensionless apparent by wellbore storage coefficient
°t	Total compressibility, psia ⁻¹

$$\frac{2.894 C_s}{c_t h r_w^2}$$
, dimensionless wellbore coefficient

- C Wellbore storage coefficient, bbl/psi
- Phase redistribution pressure parameter, с^ф psi

$$C_{\phi D} = \frac{kh C_{\phi}}{141.2 q \mu B}$$
, dimensionless phase redistribution paramete

- h Net pay thickness, ft
- Modified Bessel function of the first I, kind, zero order
- Permeability, md k

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- к Modified Bessel's function of the second kind, zero order
- Fracture half length, ft L_f
 - Pressure, psia

$$P_{a} \xrightarrow{\frac{\nu}{\nu}} \int \frac{\rho}{\rho} dp, adjusted pressure, psia$$

$$P_D$$
, $P_{Dw} = \frac{k_2 h (p_i - p_{wf})}{141.2 q \mu B}$, dimensionless pressure

Initial reservoir pressure, psia Pi

Phase redistribution pressure, psi pφ

$$\begin{array}{c} k \ h \ p_{\phi} \\ p_{\phi D} & \hline 141.2 \ q \ \mu \ B \\ \hline redistribution \ pressure \end{array}$$

- Flowing pressure at point of gas entry, Pgef psi
- Flowing wellhead pressure, psi P_{whf}
- Flowing wellbore pressure, psia Pwf
- Flow rate, Mscf/D for gas, and b/d for P oil
- Dimensionless radius, r/r rD
- Drainage radius, ft re
- Wellbore radius, ft rw
 - Laplace transform parameter (in the Appendices); in text, skin factor, dimensionless
 - Skin factor, dimensionless (in the Appendices)
 - Time, hr

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REBUTTAL TESTIMONY DUAL POROSITY RESERVOIR HYPOTHESIS CONCLUSIONS

• Available core data indicates the matrix permeability is extremely low.

• Reservoir simulation using available core data indicates that the matrix will not contribute significantly to pool reserves.

• Actual field performance indicates no support from the matrix in declining wells.

• The buildup curve shape on the Mobil Lindreth B-37 well does not prove dual porosity behavior. Phase redistribution in the wellbore is a more likely explanation.