

THE MEASUREMENT OF  
PRESSURE GRADIENTS HORIZONTALLY  
ACROSS THE RESERVOIR

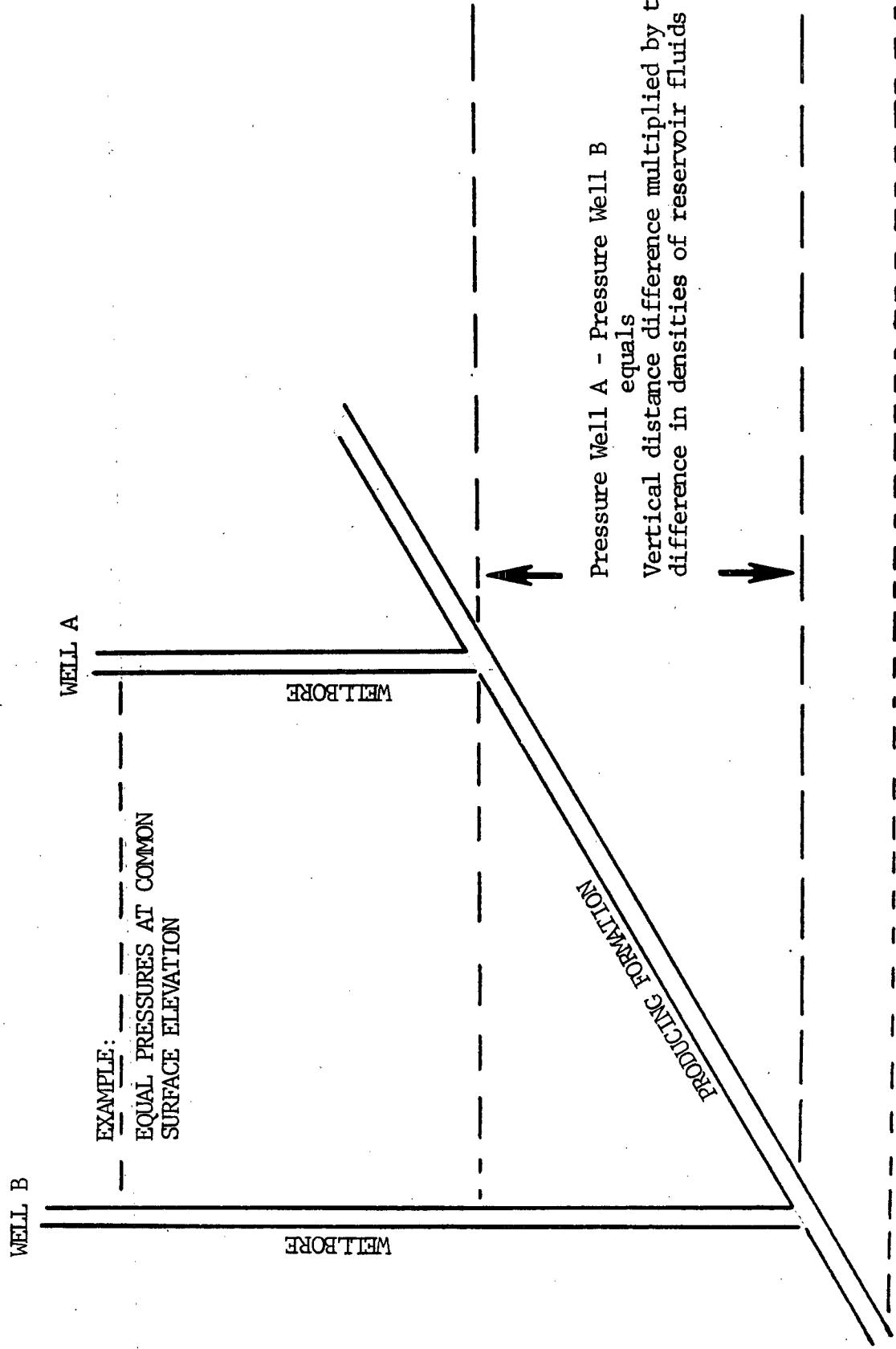
The infirmities of bottom hole pressure surveys, as described earlier, prevent them from being useful for determining small pressure differences horizontally across the reservoir.

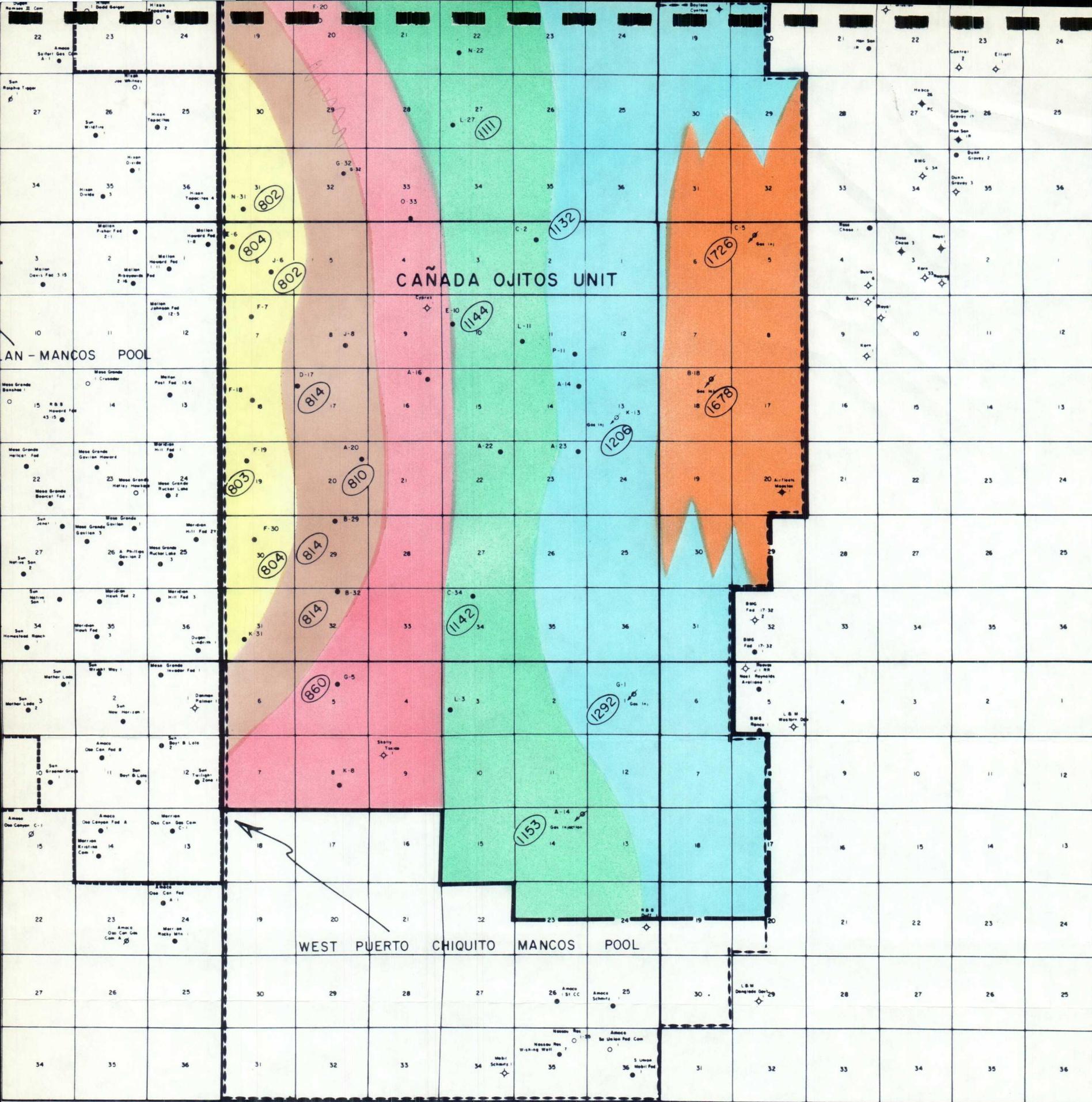
These infirmities are eliminated through use of surface pressures - where applicable - as in the November pressure survey conducted by Benson-Montin-Greer on unit wells. The wells involved had gas columns from the surface to the pay zone; and since the structurally higher wells were in the higher pressure areas, the horizontal pressure gradient as shown by the surface pressures, adjusted to a common elevation, show the minimum pressure gradient east to west across the reservoir.

The plat on the facing page shows why this is the case.

DATUM PRESSURE EQUALS WELLBORE FORMATION PRESSURE  
ADJUSTED TO DATUM BY VERTICAL DISTANCE TO DATUM LEVEL  
USING RESERVOIR DENSITY

FOR WELLS WITH GAS COLUMNS TO PAY ZONE  
THE WELLS STRUCTURALLY HIGHER WILL HAVE GREATER DATUM PRESSURES  
BY AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE VERTICAL DIFFERENCE IN STRUCTURAL  
POSITION MULTIPLIED BY THE DIFFERENCE IN DENSITY  
OF THE RESERVOIR FLUIDS AND GAS





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CAÑADA OJITOS UNIT  
NOVEMBER 1987 SURFACE PRESSURE SURVEY

PRESURES ADJUSTED TO COMMON  
ELEVATION OF 7500'

(From Case 9111, March, 1988  
Benson - Montin - Greer Exhibit 1, Section G)

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The plat on the facing page shows the same information as that in Case 911, B-M-G Exhibit 1, Section G.

Evident here is north-south permeability trends; and the fact that reservoir flow is east to west across the entire unit - even for the yellow and brown areas of small east-west pressure differential.