

Marginal and Mature Field Development and Operation

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Managing Matured Field Production with an Accurate Production Allocation Determination

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Objective & Background



- Block A is of offshore Sarawak consists of Field X, Field Y and Field Z which is located 70 km offshore Sarawak at water depth of 90 m. First gas from Field Y is in **2003**.
- Field Y is highly compartmentalized **multi-stacked reservoirs with commingle production** poses a great challenge for subsurface data acquisition when it comes to determining production allocation, managing flow assurance issues, understanding reservoir connectivity, surveillance of individual well performance & generating total field production forecasting.
- Conventional production logging result conducted in 2020 was unsatisfactory to explain some of the wellbore & reservoir flow peculiarities.
- Since it was important to know which zonal contribution, diagnostic of wellbore/reservoir flows & validate well integrity issues, Spectral Acoustic Logging with Thermo-Hydrodynamic Modeling was conducted in 2022.



Through-barrier Diagnostics









Technology Specification



Parameter	Value
Temperature rating	0 to 150∘C (32 to 302°F)
Pressure rating	100 MPa (14 500 psi)
Pressure resolution	0.00005 MPa (0.072 psi)
Temperature resolution	0.001 °C (0.0018 °F)
OD	42mm (1 11/16")
Length	50.7cm (1.66ft)



Parameter	Value
Temperature rating	0 to 150°C (32 to 302°F)
Pressure rating	100 MPa (14 500 psi)
H ₂ S resistance	<30%
Frequency range	8-60 000 Hz
Dynamic range	90 dB
Recording time (mem. mode)	70h
Tool OD	38/42mm (1.5 / 1 11/16")
Length	80cm (2.6')
Weight	7 kg (15.4 pounds)



Technology Details - Acoustic



Chorus Passive Acoustic





Senses all flow



Physics of Measurement













Technology Details - Thermal







Temperature Modelling Input Parameters







Temperature Simulation Iteration









Key Benefits



Production logging (PL) is widely utilized in the industry as standard practice for production allocation measurement.



Wells in Malaysia tend to have multi reservoir production system, often completed with dual strings. This severely limits the PL capabilities (flow behind tubing).



Completion integrity adds uncertainty which may lead to wrong allocation determination



PL measurement method can't reveal the full picture, as the measurement is limited to borehole analyses.



Addition of Spectral Noise Sensor and High Precision Temperature will greatly enhance the PLT value, enabling through-barrier diagnostics



The Approach - Logging Program





- Development wells Well#1 & Well#2 was drilled & completed in 2009 and 2017 as comingle gas and oil producers with 7" x 4-1/2" cemented liner across the reservoirs.
- Main purpose of the logging program is quantification of fluid flow at each reservoirs to justify production allocation assumption, especially for minimally produced reservoirs.
- Fluid flow behavior will also be observed at different flowing conditions to validate the wellbore & reservoir flow peculiarities (e.g. crossflow).



Case Study Well #1



- Objective of the logging is to evaluate flow allocation and focusing on minimal contribution from Zone C
- From logging result, Zone C is not producing during low rate passes.
- No indication of reservoir noise across C reservoir, gave concrete justification for operator.





Case Study Well #2



- Objective of the logging is to evaluate flow allocation and focusing on justification from E Reservoir
- Previous conventional logging concludes no contribution from E Zone
- Based on Acoustic response and thermohydrodynamic evaluation, confirms approximate 3% of contribution from E Reservoir.





Shut In Well #2



- Additional information was observed during Shut In Pass
- Upward wellbore crossflow was identified under shut-in condition. According to multiphase data gas is bubbling through water column from outside logging interval below 4009 m.
- Additional behind tubing crossflow between X and Y Formation Units







For Well #1

- Due to minor channeling / liquid inflow observed from the highest drawdown from Chorus, operator advised the production team to control the well choke not to exceed 25% DD and the well is currently producing water-free for 2 years plus which is significantly improved compared to analogue well which has no drawdown control.
- With no production from Zone C, operator conduct re-evaluation on the connected volume between well 2 and analogue well (potential more compartmentalization etc.)
- Correct production allocation to reservoir for correct reserves reporting.

For Well #2

- E-Zone is contributing as per expectation which initially guessed as potential formation damage which may cause unnecessary remedies such as acid stimulation.
- Correct production allocation to reservoir for correct reserves reporting.





Summary

- Effective management of matured oil and gas fields involves integrating advanced diagnostic technologies with strategic planning and operational excellence.
- By addressing measurement limitations through innovative approaches like spectral noise logging and temperature diagnostics, operators can ensure accurate reservoir management.