

TPG 4145 overview

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Phase diagrams

- p-T and p-v diagrams for pure (single) component
 - Types of phases
 - Where do different phases lie on p-T and p-v diagram
 - Definitions of critical point, normal boiling point and acentric factor
 - Problem 1
- P-T and p-v diagrams for binary and multi component mixtures
 - Difference between pure component and multi component phase diagrams
 - Critical point, cricondentherm, cricondenbar, bubble point and dew point definitions
 - Change in shape of phase envelope with change in composition of binary mixture

Reservoir fluid types and compositions

- Reservoir fluid classification
 - Classification using field data (initial producing GOR, API, etc)
 - Classification based on Phase diagrams
 - How phase diagrams of different types differ
 - Saturated and undersaturated reservoir fluids
- Compositions
 - Types of components (paraffins, aromatics, etc.
 - Types of sampling
 - Lab procedures for measuring compositions and mathematical recombinations
 - Reported compositions in mass, moles and volumes
 - Conversions between mass and moles
 - Compositions in terms of black oil PVT properties (R_s and r_s)
 - Difference between R_p , r_s and R_s
 - How to convert compositional data in R_s or r_s (assuming $z_{n+} \sim \text{GOR}$)
 - Ideal volume mixing for standard conditions

Phase Equilibria Calculations

- K-values
 - Importance of K-values
 - Behavior of K-values with respect to pressure and temperature
 - Low pressure K-values
 - High pressure K-values
 - Convergence pressure
 - Correlations for K-value estimation
 - Wilson correlation
 - Standing low pressure K-values
- Two phase equilibrium calculation
 - Rachford Rice solution
 - Effect of surface processing on oil/condensate recovery
 - Simple practical examples to illustrate the use of Rachford Rice equations
 - Known measured y_i (x_i not known as company does not have oil chromatograph) and oil density. Asked to calculate z_i , x_i and producing GOR
 - Known measured stock tank producing GOR and oil properties, asked to find x_i , y_i and z_i . Compare measured GOR with GOR calculated from z_i (assuming $z_{n+} \sim \text{GOR}$)
 - Saturation pressure calculation using known z_i and p_k . How to find p_k for (z_i, T) ?

Phase Equilibria Calculations – Phase Properties

- Types of PVT properties (density, viscosity, FVF, solution OGR/GOR)
- Why do we need them?
- Behavior of different properties with pressure and temperature for oil and gas
- Difference between wet and dry gas FVF
- Methods to calculate phase properties
 - Correlations (chapter 03)
 - Direct lab measurements (types of PVT tests)
 - EOS
- Types of PVT experiments and which one is used on what type of reservoir fluid
- For each PVT experiment
 - Procedure for conducting the experiment
 - Raw data measured in the lab and how it is interpreted (e.g. for CCE how V_{ro} , density, Z_g , etc are calculated from V_o , V_t , m , z_i , etc.)
 - Types of reported data

Black oil PVT properties

- How are they calculated from PVT lab experiments (correction with separator test data)
- How to find the optimum separator conditions
- BO properties from known compositional data (how EOS calculates these)
 - Known z_i of reservoir oil and gas,
 - Known x_i and y_i from flash of each phase (from an EOS flash to standard conditions or assume $x_i = z_{n+}$ and $y_i = z_{n-}$)
 - Calculate all six BO properties and densities (reservoir oil density is not easy to calculate)
- BO tables for reservoir simulation

Fluid Flow

- Darcy law and its limitation
- Flow equation for steady state condition
- Steady state and pseudo steady state reservoir rate equation for gas wells
- Skin effect and classification of skin (total skin = $S^* + Dq$)
- Forchimer equation and its components (A and B)
- What factors make A and B change over time
- How to determine A and B from different types of well tests
- Tubing rate equation
- How to merge reservoir rate and tubing rate equations for total pressure drop
- Applications of rate equations
 - Tubing size selection
 - Number of wells to sustain a certain plateau
 - Etc.

Extra information

- Be careful in unit conversions
- Should have good idea of the text book (which chapters discuss what topics, relevant formulae, etc.)
- Sometimes you need to assume values for certain parameters that are used as input in calculations. Do not get confused!