

"RESERVOIR"

① Geologic & Petrophysical

* Barriers

- To Vertical Flow

- k_v low $\Rightarrow 0$ "shaly" (& other types)

- To Areal Flow

- Faults ($T_F = 0 \rightarrow 0 > 0$)

- Stratigraphic (pinchouts)

Defines

RFUs

- Depl.

- EOR

* Spatial Variation of Rock (& Fluid) Properties

Anisotropy in all direction

Mapping
Well
core logs
Petrel
Geostatisticians

- k_x, k_y, k_z
 $f(x, y, z)$

- $\phi(x, y, z)$

- $S_w(x, y, z)$

Geostatisticians

$S_{wc}(x, y, z) = 1 - S_{wc}$

Core
 $k_h(\phi)$
 $k_v(\phi)$
 k_{∞}
 $(\log)$
100
10
1
0.1
0
3.14 ϕ

connate ("initial")

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② FLUID "SYSTEMS" & "PROPERTIES"

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Fluid Systems

- Reservoir "Gas" (RG)
(Dry & Wet)

$$R_{Eg} \propto (p_{\text{Ratomburnt}})$$

- Reservoir "Oil" (RO) $p_{Ri} \geq p_b$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} p_b(x_{Ri}(z, x_{vi}, T_R) \end{array} \right.$

- Aquifer (AQ)

• Transition Zone ($z < z_{FWL}$)

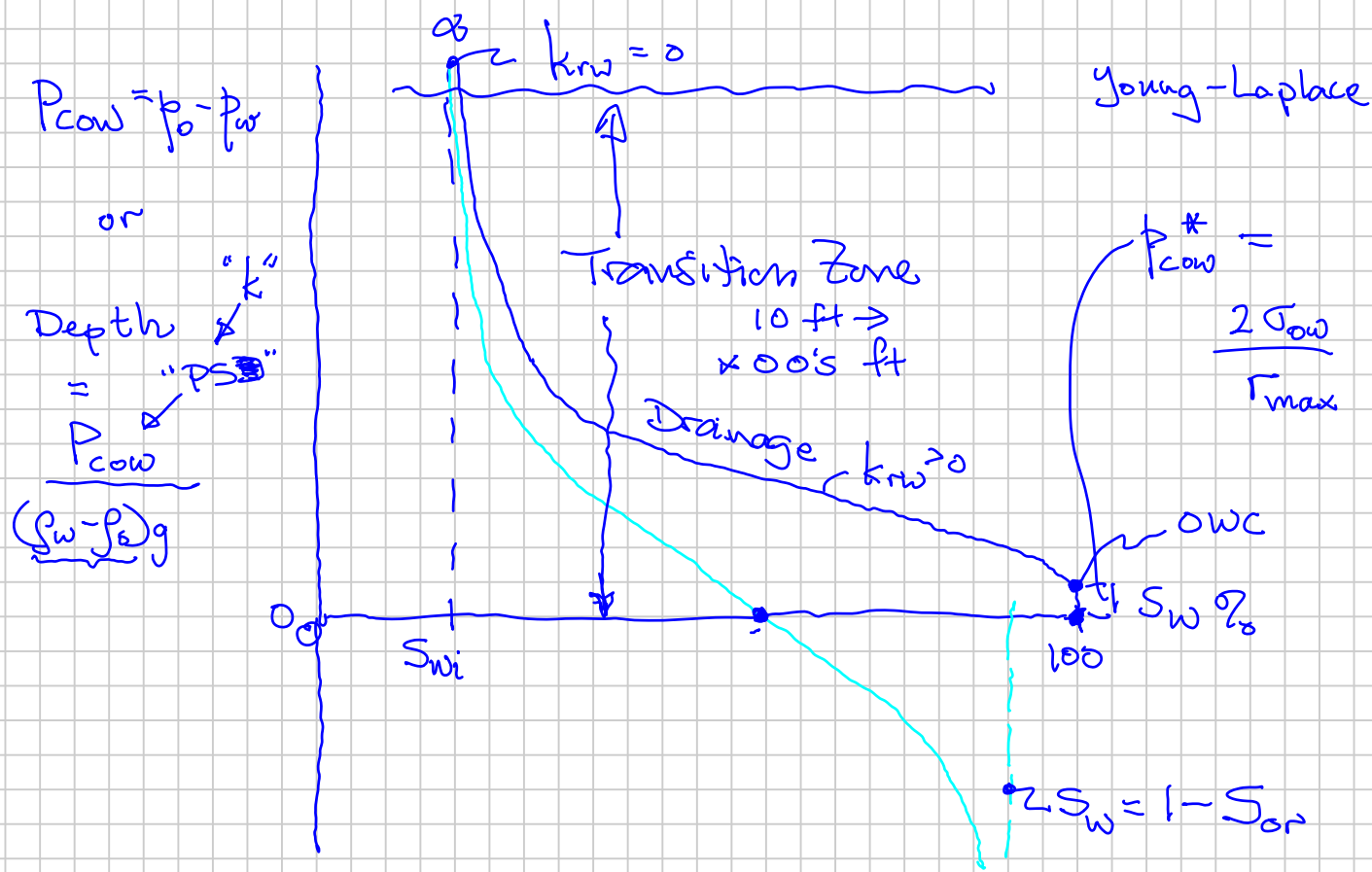
S_w from 100% to
 $k_{rw} \sim 0$

$p_w = p_o$
Free Water Level "OWC"
"GWC"

Shallowest z where $S_w = 100\%$
"OWC, GWC"

• Below FWC "Paleo" Zone

$k_{ro} \sim \text{low} \rightarrow 0$



Transition Zone : $[k_{ro} > 0 \text{ \& \; } k_{rw} > 0]$!! $k_{ro} = 0$
 $k_{ro} \approx 0$ to $k_{rw} \approx 0$

— RG ("Gas Cap") $\neq$ RO ("Oil Rim")

- Saturated Fluid System

Gas-Oil Contact transition

Most "common" situation assumption

$$p_{R, \text{GOC}} = p_{d, \text{GOC}} = p_{b, \text{GOC}}$$

RG in Gas Cap Uniform $\rho_{Ri} \sim \text{constant} (X, Y, Z)$

RO in Oil Zone Uniform $\rho_{Ri} \sim \text{--- " ---"}$

— May have a smaller gas-oil transition zone

$$\text{Depth} = \frac{p_{cgo}}{(\rho_o - \rho_g)g}$$

because
usually

$$(\rho_o - \rho_g) > (\rho_w - \rho_o)$$

$$p_{cgo}(S_i) < p_{cow}(S_o)$$

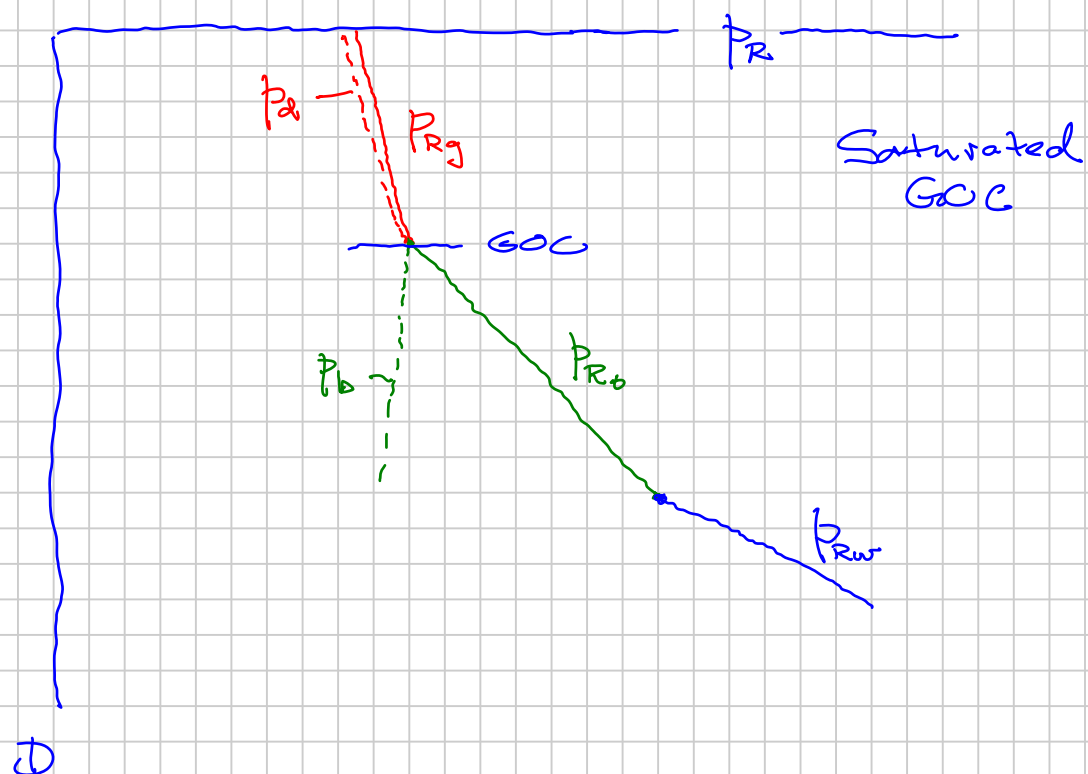
$$\text{Lab } p_{c \text{ air-w}} \Rightarrow (p_{cgo})_R = p_{c \text{ air-w}} \cdot \frac{(\sigma_{go})_R}{(\sigma_{aw})_R}$$

$$(\sigma_{ow})_R \sim 40 - 20 \text{ mN/m}$$

$$(\sigma_{go})_R \sim 40 \rightarrow < 1$$

$$(p_{cow})_R = p_{c \text{ air-w}} \cdot \frac{(\sigma_{ow})_R}{(\sigma_{aw})_L}$$

$$\rightarrow 70 \text{ mN/m}$$



Undersaturated Gas-Oil Contact



Strong Compositional Variation
with Depth $Z_i(Z)$ substantial

Final Eq. is reached by molecules
moving around to minimize total energy.
no force field

Chemical Energy μ_i

Molecular Diffusion $q_i = D_i \left(\frac{d\mu_i}{dz} \right)$

Eq. reached $q_i \Rightarrow 0$

In force field $a = \text{const.}$

$$\phi_i = \mu_i + M_i a \Delta z$$

$$q_i = D_i \left(\frac{d\phi_i}{dz} \right) \Rightarrow q_i = 0$$

Muskat 1930s : $\mu_i \approx$ simplified liquid model

Sage Lacey 1937 : $\mu_i \approx$ more rigorous model

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1980 : Tom Schutte (Shell)

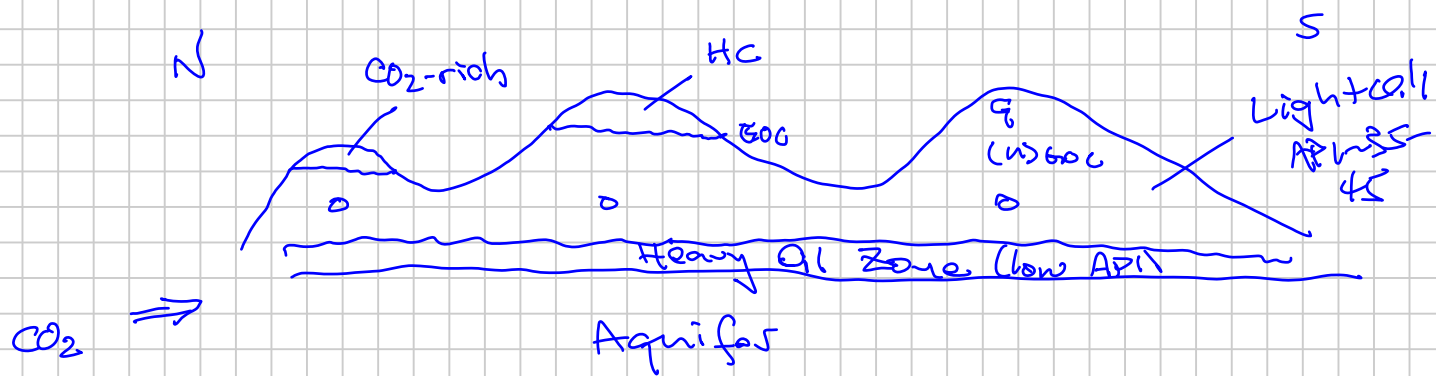
$Z_{Ri}(Z : \mu_i^{\text{Cubic EOS}})$

- Brent Field

- Birba Omar

- Non-Equilibrium Fluid Systems

Italy Val d'Agrì



CONVENTIONAL vs UNCONVENTIONAL RESERVOIRS

CONVENTIONAL

RESERVOIR TYPE (Name)

1. GAS (Dry | Wet | "Retrograde" Gas Condensate)

2. OIL

3. GAS + OIL

Rock

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (1) \ k > 0.1 - 1 \text{ md} \\ \text{"C"} \\ (2) \ 1 - \phi \end{array} \right\}$$

Fluid

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mu < 100 \text{ cp} \end{array} \right\}$$

"High" Mobility $= \frac{k h}{\lambda \mu}$

UNCONVENTIONALS

1. HEAVY OIL (SAGD)

p_{ri} low $1 - \phi$ $k > 1000 \text{ md}$

$\mu_o \approx 1000 \text{ cp}$
↓
10

2. Tight / Ultra-Tight (Shale)

p_{ri} high $k < 0.001$
→ 10^{-5} md

$\mu_o < 1 \text{ cp}$
Shale Gas -
Sorbed Gas
 $\mu \approx 10 \text{ cp}$

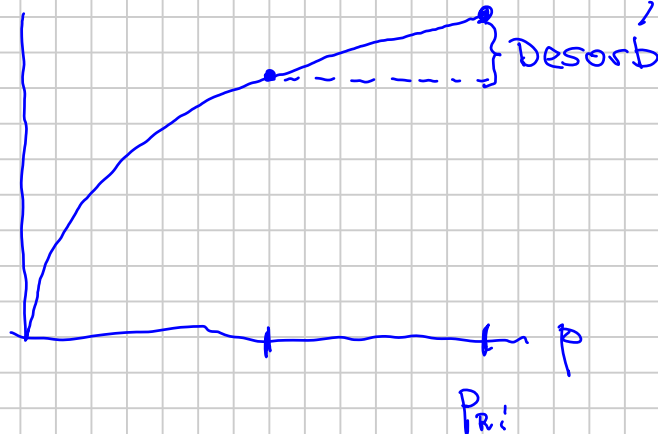
3. Naturally Fractured

2- ϕ "U"
 $k_{fr} \approx 0.01 - 10 \text{ md}$

$$\frac{\phi_m}{\phi_t} = 90 - 99\%$$

4. Coal Bed Methane (CBM)

$\frac{\text{Sm}^3}{10^3 \text{ kg coal}}$



Adsorbed
Methane
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RECOVERY FUNDAMENTALS

Depletion | EOR
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DEPLETION

- Initial Reservoir Pressure
- Initial Solution OGR (GOR)
- Initial "OIL FVF" $\left(\frac{B_{oi}}{R_O} \text{ or } \frac{r_{si}}{R_G} \frac{B_{gdi}}{B_{oi}} \right)$
- Total Water Volume (AQ, NGR, S_{wc})
- PVT: Oil c_o | Oil Shrinkage
Gas c_g (B_g)
- LNX (# RFUs) Contrast. in RFU "D" = $\left[\left(\frac{K_h}{B+S} \right)^V / hCPV \right]_{RFU}$
- Rock Compressibility ("high" p_{ri})
- Gas-Oil Relative Permeabilities (RO SGD)

$\frac{N}{HCPV}$ STB Sm³
RB m³

$\frac{N}{HCPV}$ r_{si} R_{si}
 $\frac{G}{HCPV}$ STB/RB
HCPV

$\frac{\Delta p}{B+S}$ V / hCPV
RFU

Solution
Gas Drive

EOR

① - Volumetric Sweep ("Conformance") "Macroscopic" Sweep

- Vertical (layering)

$k_h(z)$, gravity ($k_v(z)$)

Orders of magnitude variation $k_h(z)$

- Areal

- Well placement ("pattern")
- Well type
- (k_x k_y anisotropy)

② Microscopic Sweep "Pore-level" —

In the volumetrically swept volume

Residual Oil +

S_{or} where $k_{ro} \rightarrow 0$



Buckley-Leverett 80% 1942 $S_{oi} = 1 - S_{wc}$

at BT Inj

S_{oi}

Keep injecting
Many (∞) PVs

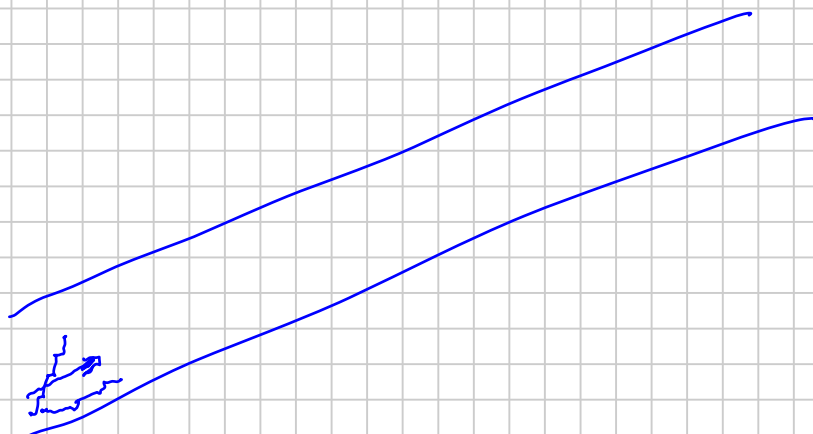
$S_{of} > S_{orw} = 25\%$

S_{orw}

- Oil-Water wettability
- Pore size distribution (k_{rw} & k_{ro})

- Gravity v_k strong

$$S_{oi} \rightarrow S_{or}$$



(a) BL: Immiscible, Equilibrium
O-W O-G

$$S_{oi} \rightarrow S_{of} \rightarrow S_{or}$$

(b) Non-Equilibrium Gas-Oil Displacement (Complex PVT)

- Pore-level $RF_o = 100\%$
- Develop "Miscibility" $S_{org} \rightarrow 0$ 100% RF ^{microscopic}
 - Vaporizing Gas Drive (VGD)
 - Gas inj in a Gas Condensate R
 - Gas inj in an Oil R, (10%)
 - High p_{inj} , light oils, lean C₁-rich inj gas
 - Condensing/Vaporizing Gas Drive (90%)
Aaron Zick 1986

- Immiscible (Swelling | Vaporizing)

$$S_{org} \text{ from } (S_{org})_{BL} \rightarrow 0\%$$

25% $\frac{1}{2}$ gas 20 10

BL

Many PVs of gas passing over the oil