#### SAGD高级井筒模拟和优化 Modelling & Optimization of Advanced SAGD Wellbore Completions



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#### Agenda

- Introduction to FlexWell
- Demo Setting up a FlexWell Model
- Demo Optimizing Circulation using CMOST
- Case Studies



### Well Models

#### Source-Sink Model

- Simplistic; quick run times
- Focus reservoir deliverability
- Full field applications History Matching, Forecasting

#### Capabilities

- Gravity, friction, and heat loss
- Complex well trajectories
- Multi-lateral Wells



# Wellbore Modelling – Why does it matter?

#### **Understand Wellbore Interaction**

- Undulating Wells
- Reservoir affects on Production-Injection Integration
- Completion affects model tubing strings & annulus

#### **Optimize Well Performance**

- Circulation Start-up
- Operating Parameters (Steam-Split)
- Completion Optimization
- History Match Temperature & Pressure Fall-off tests



#### Integrated Subsurface Modelling











- Discretized mechanistic wellbore model
- Models fluid and heat flow in the wellbore and between the wellbore and the reservoir
- Capable of modelling difficult flow dynamics





#### **Complex Well Completions**

- Multiple flow strings (communicate via annulus)
- Well undulation through different layers to follow trajectories

#### Gas Blanket • Transient & Segregated Flow





Each specified FlexWell is solved independently and is coupled with the reservoir





At every time-step:

- 1. Wellbore is solved first, keeping reservoir constant
- 2. Reservoir is solved second, keeping wellbore constant Thus Reservoir lags behind the wellbore by 1 iteration



- Flow regime is evaluated from gas and liquid velocities
- STARS supports following flow regimes
  - Dispersed Bubble
  - Stratified
  - Annular Mist
  - Froth I, II
  - Liquid
  - Gas
  - Intermittent





- Tubing/Annulus String Diameter may be constant or variable (E.g. tapered tubing)
- Flow Control Devices (FCDs)

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- Solid deposition via reaction (E.g. THAI process)
  - Solid deposition reduces hydraulic diameter
- Packers Stop axial fluid flow across perforations



### **FlexWell Configurations**

FlexWell may consist of:

- An annulus
- Up to 3 tubing strings, one of which may be concentric
- One instrumentation tubing



Instrumentation String



### **FlexWell Configurations**

Lot of Flexibility built-in



### **Modelling Wellbore to Surface**





### **Semi-Analytical Model (SAM)**

- SAM calculates pressure drop and heat loss from the wellhead to the first perforation
- Steady-State Assumption
- Momentum & Energy Balance Equations are solved for each segment



### **Modelling Lift Mechanism**

#### **Modeling Pumps**

• SAM can be used

#### OR

- Use FlexWell to surface: withdrawal Point and Reference Layer can be specified to simulate a downhole pump
  - Allows fluid withdrawal from any defined point along a tubing



### Modelling Lift Mechanism

#### **Modelling Gas Lift**

- SAM model can be used in combination with FlexWell
- Definition of gas-lift port locations (SAM)

#### OR

• Extend the FlexWell to surface and model the gas injection string as one of the tubulars in FlexWell





#### **Workflow Demo**



### **Demo Example – SAGD Model**

- Convert Source-Sink Model to FlexWell Model
- Modelling Circulation Period & SAGD
- Dual Parallel Tubing Configuration



### **Demo Example**

#### **Circulation Period Setup**

- Annulus Shut-in
- Inject in Long Tubing
- Produce returns from Short Tubing
- Circulation Period 90 days



### **Demo Example**

#### **SAGD Period – Injector Constraints**

- Annulus Shut-in
- Inject in Injector Long Tubing & Short Tubing
  - Maximum BHP 2000kPa
  - Maximum Injection Rate 250m<sup>3</sup>/day
  - Steam Temperature 212°C
  - Steam Quality 90%



### **Demo Example**

#### **SAGD Period – Producer Constraints**

- Annulus Shut-in
- Producer from Long Tubing & Short Tubing
  - Minimum BHP 1500kPa
  - Maximum Liquid Rate 800m<sup>3</sup>/day
  - Maximum Steam Rate 5m<sup>3</sup>/day



### **Demo Example: Well Set-up**

		Injector FlexWell	Producer FlexWell
	Annulus	Injector_Annulus (SHUTIN)	Producer_Annulus (SHUTIN)
Circulation	Long Tubing	Injector_LgTb_SAGD()	Producer_LgTbyCIRC()
	Short Tubing	Injector_ShTb_CIRC (•)	Producer_ShTb_SAGD (•)
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SAGD	Long Tubing	Injector_LgTb_SAGD()	Producer_LgTb_SAGD (•)
	Short Tubing	Injector_ShTb_SAGD()	Producer_ShTb_SAGD (•)







### **Circulation Optimization**

## STARS

#### **Optimization Parameters**

- Duration
- Back Pressure
- Injection Pressure

#### **Performance Criteria**

- Average Sector Temperature
  (between wells)
- Cumulative Oil at 1 year of SAGD production





### What is CMOST?







- Better understanding
- Identify important parameters
- Calibrate simulation model with field data
- Obtain multiple history-matched models



- Improve NPV, recovery, etc.
- Reduce cost



- Quantify uncertainty
- Understand and reduce risk



### How is it Done?



CMOST uses Master Datasets to specify parameters to be altered

Datasets with CMOST keyword strings

Files can be created:

- Manually (Text Editor)
- Through CMOST (CMOST CMM Editor)
- Through Builder







### **Circulation Optimization**

- Optimize Circulation to ensure good start-up
- Reduce Circulation period by 2 weeks resulting in similar start-up temperature and Cumulative Oil produced



	Base Case	Optimized Case	
Injection Pressure	2000	2500	
Delta Pressure	200	75	
Duration	90 days	75 days	



#### **Modelling Flow Control Devices**



#### **Flow Control Devices**

- Multiple steam injection points along the well can result in a more uniform or controlled steam chamber growth
- Capability to optimize steam injection relative to geology
- CMG has utilized strong cooperation with industry to implement FCD's into FlexWell
- Weatherford GDA, Baker Equalizer tools are among some FCD's that can be simulated in STARS using FlexWell



### **Modelling Flow Control Devices**

#### Generalized models for various types:

- Orifice
- Friction
- Venturi





### **Modelling Flow Control Devices**

#### **FCDTABLE Format**

- Simple format that works with all FCD types
- Delta Pressure versus Flow-rate Table
- Pressure or volumetric flow-rate (mass rate\* & molar rate\*) can be defined as dependent variable
- Optional dependencies include
  - Gas-phase mass fraction (Steam)
  - Inlet temperature
  - Inlet pressure
  - Water-cut \*

#### \*upcoming STARS Release



#### **Case Studies**

**SPE 170076** – SAGD Wellbore Completion Optimization Using Scab Liner & Steam Splitter

**SPE 171131** – Investigation of Orifice Type Flow-Control Device Properties on the SAGD Process Using Coupled Wellbore Reservoir Modeling



SPE 170076 – L. Zhao & K. Ghesmat, CNRL

#### SAGD Wellbore Completion Optimization Using Scab Liner & Steam Splitter



### **Geological Background**

- Low ceiling around the heel Section 1
- Good quality sand in the middle Section 2
- Relative good but thick pay near the toe Section 3





### **Conventional Completions**





- Conventional completion design would inject more steam into the heel
- Steam breakthrough was a major concern because of the low-ceiling near the heel



### **Completion Optimization**

- A 4.5" long string is run instead of conventional dual string design
- Different numbers of steam splitter could be inserted in 4.5" long string
- Depending on the size and numbers of ports, various percentages of steam may exit from each splitter
- Steam splitter may change the pressure profile inside the injector



### **Steam Splitter Optimization**

#### **Standard Configuration**

#### **Steam Splitters**





### **Steam Splitter Optimization**

Two steam splitters are installed at 500m and 750m with open toe

Steam Percentages:

- Toe: 50%
- Splitter 1: 25%
- Splitter 2: 25%





#### **Scab Liner Completion**



#### **Completion Optimization**





### **Optimization Conclusion**

- Integrated Reservoir Wellbore Modelling
- Completion design customized to address geological heterogeneity





SPE 171131 – M. Noroozi, M. Melo, R.P. Singbeil & B. Neil, Weatherford

Investigation of Orifice Type Flow-Control Device Properties on the SAGD Process using Coupled Wellbore Reservoir Modelling



### **FCD Optimization**

#### Phase I – Sensitivity Analysis

- Number of FCDs
- Location of FCDs
- Properties of FCDs

#### **Phase II - Optimization**

- Injector Well
- Producer Well



#### **Conventional Completions**



Injector Well – Single Long Tubing



Producer Well – Scab Liner

Promoted steam chamber growth near the toe of the well-pair



#### Phase I – Sensitivity Analysis



#### Injector – Total Number of FCDs

- Insufficient heating of Reservoir near heel in Base Case
- FCDs installed on Injector long string
- 4 FCDs case showed significant improved steam conformance



### Phase I – Sensitivity Analysis

#### **Producer FCDs**

- Mitigation of steam break through with Production FCDs
- Location had minimal impact on Steam-Oil-Ratio and Oil Rate







#### **Injection FCD Optimization**

- 1. Optimized number of FCDs and Location
- 2. Optimized number of Ports
  - FCD 1 32; FCD 2 15



Case	Location of Injector	
	FCDs	
1	а	
2	С	
3	a+c	
4	a+b	
5	b+d	
6	a+d+c	
7	a + b + d	
8	a+b+c	
9	a+b+c+d	



#### **Injection FCD Optimization**





#### **Production FCD Optimization**

- 1. Optimized number of FCDs and Location
- 2. Optimized number of Ports
  - FCD 1 5; FCD 2 10
  - FCD 3 5; FCD 4 10

Case	Number of Producer	Location of Production
	FCDs	FCDs
1	1	b
2	1	d
3	1	f
4	2	b+d
5	2	b+f
6	2	d+f
7	3	b + d + f
8	4	a+c+d+f
9	5	a+c+d+e+f





#### **Final Result**





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#### **Optimization results**

Injection FCDs : NPV 126 % ▲ Production FCDs: NPV 146 % ▲

NPV based workflow Coupled wellbore reservoir model (FlexWell) Automatic optimization



#### **Additional Resources**

- Steam Splitter and ICD Optimization at McKay (Southern Pacific: SPE 165487, SPE 171109)
- SAGD Startup: Circulation vs Bullheading at Firebag (Suncor: SPE 157918)
- SAGD Startup with undulating wells at Carmon Creek (Shell: SPE 148819)
- Model Prediction Control to Automate SAGD wells at Leismer (Statoil: SPE 165535)



#### Conclusions

- FlexWell provides the capability to model complex wellbore completions coupled with the reservoir simulation model
- Better understand how the wellbore hydraulics affect the recovery
- Optimize well completions and improve the value of the asset

