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# **ANALYSIS OF INITIAL FLOW DATA FROM** MG-T/DOE AMOCO FEE NO. 1 WELL

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#### I. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Since **1975,** the **U. S.** Department of Energy **(DOE)** has undertaken an extensive deep drilling and well testing program to help evaluate the geopressured resources underlying the Gulf Coast region of the United States. **As** part of this program, DOE executed a contract with Magma Gulf-Technadril **(MG-T)** of Houston, Texas to conduct the drilling, completion and testing of one geopressured geothermal well (i.e., MG-T/DOE AMOCO Fee No. 1 Well) in Cameron Parish, Louisiana. The subject well is located on a five acre test site approximately **15** miles south of Lake Charles, Louisiana. **<sup>A</sup>** description of the geology **of** the prospect area, well completion, test data on cores obtained from the well, and the test plan **is**  given in **a** report **by** Durrett and Durham **C19811.** 

In petroleum engineering and groundwater hydrology. flow testing is conducted routinely to diagnose the well's condition and to estimate formation properties. Flow testing **of MG-T/DOE AMOCO**  Fee **No. 1** Well is planned in three separate and distinct phases: **(A)** Phase I - Initial Flow Test - Reservoir Confirmation, **(8)** Phase 11 - Reservoir Limit Determination Test **(2-3** weeks), and **(C)** Phase 111 - Long Term Demonstration Flow Testing at Commercial Design Rates (- 6 months). Initial flow testing of the MG-T/DOE *AMOCO*  Fee **No. 1** Well was conducted from June 19, **1981** to June **30, 1981**  with flow rates upto **4200** Bbl/D in an effort to evaluate formatton parameters for the geopressured sand perforated at **15,387** ft to **15,414** ft depth. The relevant data for the Initial Flow Test were supplied to Systems, Science and Software by Mr. Larry Durrett of Magma Gulf-Technadril. The present report is concerned with the analysis of the pressure/flow data obtained during the Initial Flow **Test.** 

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liner perforated over the interval 15,387 ft - 15,414 ft (mean depth The MG-T/DOE AMOCO Fee **No. 1** Well has **5-1/2** inch production **15,400.5** ft) in Miogyp sand. Bottom-hole pressure was measured using the Hewlett Packard quartz crystal gauge. Bottom-hole temperature (~ 299°F) was recorded prior to the start of the flow test. Independent surface pressure recording capability was a1 **so**  available. A Halliburton turbine pulse meter was used to record brine flow rates; the turbine flow meter, however, was about **250 B/D**  off zero, and could not be zeroed (see Appendix for details). The gas production. rate was measured **by** flowing the gas through an orifice plate.

The pressure tool was set at' a depth of **15,337** ft. The initial pressure at **15,337** ft datum was measured at **12,053** psi. Assuming a static pressure gradient of **0.46** psi/ft, the initial reservoir pressure (Le., at **15,400.5** datum) becomes **12,082** psi. The brine produced from this well has **a** total dissolved solids content of 165.000 ppm (i.e., 0.1487 by mass). With p = 12,082 psi, T = **299"F,** and **S** = **0.1487,** the **S** methane/brine equation-of-state **3**  yields a methane content **of 23.7** SCF/STB at saturation. The brine produced from the **15,387** - **15,414** ft Miogyp sand is, however, substantially less than saturated with respect to natural gas (i.e., **9-15 SGF/STB** rather than **23.7** SCF/STB). In the following, it will be assumed that the methane content **of** the reservoir fluids is **14.7 SCFISTB** 

The main purpose of this report is to analyze pressure drawdown and buildup data to evaluate formation parameters. For purposes of analysis, it is convenient to reduce the brine flow data **to** standard conditions; the procedures utilized to convert the flow data are discussed in the Appendix. We note here that the indicated changes in flow rate do not correspond to any noticeable changes in the pressure drawdown data. For this reason, we believe that the pressure drawdown data are of limited utility; we will accordingly

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concentrate on the analysis of the buildup data. It is appropriate to briefly discuss here the contents of the rest of this report. In Section II, we utilize conventional petroleum engineering/hydrology techniques to analyse buildup data to estimate permeability, skin factor and any indications of faults/mobility changes in the perforated zone. Analysis of buildup data indicates that the MG-TDOE *AMOCO* Fee **No. 1** Well penetrates a zone of relatively high pemeability (- **150 md);** this hfgh permeability zone, however, extends to a radius of only about 200 ft from the well. The far field permeability (Le., for r > **200** ft) appears to be rather low (- **11** md). **No** other reservoir boundaries/mobility changes can be identified from the initial test data. The estimated parameters from the buildup analysis are employed in the  $s^3$  geopressured geothermal reservoir simul ator **(MUSHRM)** to perform calculations to history match the observed drawdown/buildup pressures and flow rates (Section **111)** . A1 though the computed final flowing pressure displays excellent agreement with the observed final flowing pressure, the computed drawdown pressures show **a** generally poor agreement with the observations. This discrepancy between the computed and the observed drawdown pressures can be ascribed to uncertainties in the flow data. The calculated buildup pressures, on the other hand, are in excellent agreement with the observations.

#### **11. A!iALYSIS** *OF* **BUILDUP DATA**

<span id="page-8-0"></span>The **MG-T/DOE AMOCO** Fee **No.** 1 Well was flowed at varying rates from 18:18 hours on June 19, 1981 to 20:03 hours on June 22, 1981 for a total of 73.75 hours. For purposes of analysis, it is convenient to average the flow rate data over the following two peri ods ( **see** Appendix) :

- A. 0 min  $\leq$  t  $\leq$  3942 min q<sub>C</sub> - 3420 STB/D
- **8.** 3942 min  $\leq$  t  $\leq$  4425 min  $q_c$  - 2610 STB/D

Bottom-hole pressures were monitored continuously during the entire flow period. Subsequent to well shutin, pressure buildup was recorded for approximately 184 hours (i.e., from **20:03** hours on June 22, 1981 to 12:13 hours on June 30, 1981). Since the reservoir fluid is undersaturated with respect to natural gas, it is unlikely that the flow stream, at bottom hole conditions, would contain any free gas. Consequently, it **Is** felt that classical single-phase analysis methods should be sufficient for analyzing the pressure buildup data.

Analysis methods for bulldup tests with widely varying flow rates before shutin are described by Earlougher [1977]. For infinite - acting systems, a plot of shutin pressure  $p_{ws}$  versus a reduced time

$$
\sum_{j=1}^{N} (q_j / q_N) \log \frac{t_N - t_{j-1} + \Delta t}{t_N - t_j + \Delta t}
$$

should yield a straight line with slope  $m$ . Here  $q_1$  is the flow rate during the time interval  $t_{j-1} < t < t_j$ ,  $t_0$  is 0,  $q_N$  is the final flow rate prior to shutin at  $t = t_N$ , and At is the

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buildup time. Permeability k and skin factor **s** are given by:

$$
\frac{kh}{\mu} = \frac{162.6 \, q_N B}{m}
$$
\n
$$
s = 1.151 \left[ \frac{p_{1 \, hr} - p_{wf}}{m} - \log \frac{k}{\phi \, \mu \, C_T \, r_W^2} + 3.23 \right]
$$

where

**B=**  formation volume factor

**h=**  formation thickness, ft

**P=**  fluid viscosity, cp

pwf = final pressure before shutin, psi

 $P_1$   $\frac{1}{n}$  = shutin pressure at  $\Delta t$  - 1 hour extrapolated from the straight line, psi

 $\phi$  = formation porosity

**-r:**  well radius, ft

 $c_T^W$  = total formation compressibility (=  $((1-\phi)/\phi)$   $c_m^H$  +  $C_f$ ), psi<sup>-1</sup>

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 $c_{\bf f}$  = thiaxial formation compression<br> $c_{\bf f}$  = fluid compressibility, psi $^{-1}$ .

In the absence of measurements, we will assume that the  $psi^{-1}$ . With  $C_f$  - 3  $\times$   $10^{-6}$   $psi^{-1}$  and  $p' = 0.22$ , we obtain uniaxial formation compressibility is **of** the order *of* **1** x for  $C_T$ :

 $C_T = \frac{1 - 0.22}{0.22} 10^{-6} + 3 \times 10^{-6} - 6.5 \times 10^{-6}$  psi.

The buildup pressure data versus reduced time are 'plotted in Figures 1 and **2.** It can be seen from Figures 1 and 2 that two straight lines can be drawn through the buildup data; these straight lines have slopes of 32.1 psi/cycle and 430.5 psi/cycle respectively. The first straight line segment (slope  $z = 32.1$ psi/cycle) yields for near wellbore permeability:



Figure 1. Buildup Data for MG-T/DOE Amoco Fee No. 1 Well (Initial Flow Test).

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Figure 2. Early-Time Buildup Data for MG-T/DOE Amoco Fee No. 1 Well<br>(Initial Flow Test).

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$$
\frac{kh}{\mu} = \frac{162.6 \text{ q}_N B}{m} = \frac{162.6 \times 2610 \times 1.041}{32.1} \approx 13,760 \frac{\text{md ft}}{\text{cp}}
$$
  

$$
k = \frac{13760 \times \mu}{h} = \frac{13760 \times 0.296}{27} \approx 150.9 \text{ md}
$$

With  $p_1$  <sub>hr</sub> = 11,310 psi and  $p_{wf}$  = 11,141 psi, we obtain for skin factor **s:** 

$$
s = 1.151 \left[ \frac{P_{1hr} - P_{wf}}{m} - 10g \frac{k}{\phi \mu C_{T} r_{w}^{2}} + 3.23 \right] = -1.54
$$

The pressure buildup data start deviating from the first straight line segment at approximately At *z* **0.15** hours. The radius investigated by the buildup test at this point in time is approximately given by ( see Earl ougher **C19771)** :

$$
r_{1nv} = \left(\frac{0.00105 \text{ k at}}{\cancel{6} \text{ }\mu \text{ }C_{\text{T}}}\right)^{1/2} = \left(\frac{0.00105 \text{ x } 150.9 \text{ x } 0.15}{0.22 \text{ x } 0.296 \text{ x } 6.5 \text{ x } 10^{-6}}\right)^{1/2} = 240 \text{ ft}
$$

This implies that the permeability obtained from the first straight line segment applies within a circular region centered at the well of radius (r<sub>trans</sub>) approximately equal to 240 ft. In the fa1 **1** owing , we **wi** 11 present an a1 ternati ve procedure for estimating  $r_{\text{trans}}$ .

The second straight line segment has a slope of **430.5**  psi/cycle. This yields for "far-field" permeability:

$$
\frac{kh}{\mu} = \frac{162.6 \times 1.041 \times 2610}{430.5} = 1026 \frac{md - ft}{cp}
$$
  

$$
k = \frac{1026 \times 0.296}{27} = 11.25 \text{ md}
$$

We will now assert that the effect of the high permeability zone near the wellbore can be represented by an equivalent skin s<sub>eq</sub>.

With  $p_1$   $_{hr}$  = 11,153 psi (extrapolated from the second straight line segment) and p<sub>wf</sub> = 11,141 psi, we obtain for s<sub>eq</sub>

$$
s_{eq} = 1.151 \left[ \frac{11,153 - 11,141}{430.5} - 10g \frac{11.25}{0.22 \times 0.296 \times 6.5 \times 10^{-6} (5.5/24)^{2}} + 3.23 \right] = -6.27
$$

The equivalent skin factor is related to "near wellbore" permeability **k<sub>1</sub>**, "far-field" permeability **k<sub>2</sub>**, transition radius  $r_{\text{trans}}$  and wellbore radius  $r_w$  as follows:

$$
\frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{s_{eq}}{\ln\left(\frac{r_{trans}}{r_w}\right)} + 1
$$

With  $k_1$  = 150.9 md,  $k_2$  = 11.25 md,  $s_{eq}$  = - 6.27 and r<sub>1</sub>, =  $(5.5/24 \text{ ft})$ , we obtain for  $r_{\text{trans}}$ : eq

$$
r_{\text{trans}} = \exp\left[\frac{s_{eq}}{(k_2/k_1 - 1)} + \ln r_w\right] = 200 \text{ ft}.
$$

The above value for r<sub>trans</sub> (200 ft) is of the same order as that calculated on the basis **of** the observed pressure deviations from the first straight line segment.

The principal results of the preceding analysis can be sumnari zed **as** fol **1 ows** :

(i) The near wellbore permeability is about **150** md, and applies within a radius of approximately **200** ft from the wellbore. The far-field permeability (radius > **200**  ft) is, however, only about **11** md.

- <span id="page-14-0"></span>**(ii) The well is slightly stjmulated (skin factor s** = - **1.54). The negative skin factor may represent the presence of a very high permeability zone in the imediate vicinity of the wellbore.**
- **(iii) No reservoir boundaries can be inferred from the initial test.**

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#### 111. HISTORY - MATCH CALCULATIONS

In this section, we will employ the formation properties derived from the buildup data (Section 11) in the reservoir simulator **MUSHRM** to match the observed drawdown/buil dup pressures and flow rates. For simulation purposes, the reservoir is regarded to be **a** right circular cylinder with height h = 27 ft and radius **R** = 3,000 ft. The radius **R** is chosen sufficiently large that no signal reaches the outer boundary **of** the reservoir for the drawdown/buildup times of interest. [The radius investigated r<sub>inv</sub> during buildup is approximately given by:

$$
r_{inv} = \left(\frac{0.00105 \text{ k at}}{\cancel{6} \text{ }\mu \text{ }C_{\overline{1}}} \right)^{1/2} = \left(\frac{0.00105 \times 11.25 \times 184}{0.22 \times 0.296 \times 6.5 \times 10^{-6}} \right)^{1/2}
$$
  
- 2270 ft.]

The reservoir is represented by a 50 zone  $\Delta r_1 = \Delta r_2 = \ldots =$  $\Delta r_{42}$  = ... =  $\Delta r_{50}$  = 70 ft) radial grid. The outer boundary is assumed to be impermeable and insulated; this boundary condition does not affect the result. The production well is located at the geometric center of the first grid block.  $\Delta r_{10}$  = 50 ft;  $\Delta r_{11}$  =  $\Delta r_{12}$  = ... =  $\Delta r_{40}$  = 60 ft;  $\Delta r_{41}$ 

The reservoir rock is taken to be a sandstone with the following properties:

Rock grain density,  $\rho_r = 165.4$  1bm/ft<sup>3</sup> (= 2.65  $\times$  10<sup>3</sup>  $kg/m<sup>3</sup>$ ) Initial porosity,  $\phi_0 = 0.22$ Rock grain specific heat, Cvr = 0.23 Btu/lbm°F (= **0.963**   $kJ/kg<sup>o</sup>C$ Initial permeability,  $k_0 =$ 

(i) 150.9 md (<sup>=</sup> 148.93 x 10<sup>-15</sup> m<sup>2</sup>) for  $0 \le r \le 200$  ft

(ii) 11.25 md ( $\frac{200 \text{ ft}}{x} < r \leq 3000 \text{ ft}$ .<br>
200 ft < r  $\leq 3000 \text{ ft}$ .

<span id="page-16-0"></span>Uniaxial formation compressibility, C<sub>m</sub> = 10<sup>-6</sup> psi<sup>-1</sup><br>(~ 0.145 x 10<sup>-9</sup> Pa<sup>-1</sup>)

Skin factor, **s** = - **1.54** 

A drop in pore pressure causes **a** reduction in porosity **6** and the permeability **k.** The instantaneous porosity *B* and permeability **<sup>k</sup>**

are given by the following relations:  
\n
$$
\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = (1-\phi) C_m \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t}
$$
\n
$$
k = k_0 \left(\frac{\phi}{\phi_0}\right)^3 \left(\frac{1-\phi_0}{1-\phi}\right)^2
$$

where

 $p =$  fluid pressure,  $t = t$ ime.

Although in the present case no gas is expected to evolve out of solution, we give in Table 1 relative permeabilities for water/ gas to illustrate the effects of the presence of any free gas in the pores. These relative permeabilities are based on measurements reported by Roberts **C19801** on several cores obtained from the Pleasant Bayou (Brazoria County, Texas) wells. Table **1** shows that the gas phase remains essentially immobile for  $S_{\alpha} \leq 0.235$ (1: residual gas saturation), and the liquid-phase relative permeability declines dramatically with small amounts of free gas in the pores.

### [Table](#page-16-0) **1**  RELATIVE PERMEAB ILITI **ES**



The reservofr fluid is a partially methane saturated brine with dissolved solids by mass **of S** = **0.1487.** (This corresponds to a **TDS** of approximately **165,000** ppm at the standard conditions. **See**  Appendix for details.) The initfal pore pressure, temperature and methane mass fraction at a depth **of 15,400.5** ft are p = **12,082** psi  $(4.833.02 \text{ bars})$ ,  $T = 299^{\circ}F$   $(2.148.33^{\circ}C)$ , and  $C = 0.0016$   $(2.14.7 \text{ yrs})$ SCF/STB). The reservoir is produced by a single 5.5 in well; the production history imposed in the simulation is given in [Table A-2](#page-26-0)  of the Appendix. In the following, all pressures are referred to the **15,337** ft datum; the initial pressure at this datum is **12,053**  psi(z **831.03** bars).

[Figure 3](#page-18-0) compares the calculated bottom-hole pressures with observed drawdown pressures. The agreement between the calculated and' observed pressures, with the exception **of** the very early and very late drawdown times, is rather poor. This disagreement between the calculated and the measured drawdown pressures is really not surprising In view of the uncertainties in the flow rate data.

The observed and calculated buildup pressures are compared in [Figure](#page-19-0) **4.** In general, there is good agreement between the measured and simulated buildup pressures. The latter observation together

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Comparison of Calculated Flowing Pressures with Measured Flowing<br>Pressures for Initial Flow Test of MG-T/DOE Amoco Fee No. 1 Well.<br>Abcissa Denotes Time from the Start of the Flow Test. Figure 3.

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Comparison of Calculated Buildup Pressures with Measured<br>Buildup Pressures for Initial Flow Test of MG-T/DOE Amoco<br>Fee No. 1 Well. Abcissa Denotes Time from the Start of Figure 4. Shutin.

with the good agreement between the calculated and measured pressure data at late drawdown times supports our view that the flow rate data are suspect.

The total calculated brine and methane production during the Initial flow test are  $1.805 \times 10^6$  kg (= 10,239 STB) and 2.893  $\times$ **lo3** kg **(2 1.504 x lo5 SCF)** respectively. The calculated br4ne production is identical with the estimated actual production. The cal culated methane content of the produced brine is approximately 14.7 SCF/STB (<sup>2</sup> assumed methane content of the reservoir fluids).

#### IV. CONCLUDING **REMARKS**

Analysis of buildup data from the Initial flow test indicates that the MG-T/DOE *AMOCO* Fee No. 1 Well penetrates a zone of relatively high permeability  $(-150 \text{ md})$ ; this high permeability tone, however, extends to a radius of only about **200** ft from the wellbore. The far-field permeability (i.e., for  $r > 200$  ft) appears to be rather low (- **11** md). **No** reservoir boundaries can be identified from the Phase I - Initial **Flow** Test; furthermore, the methane content of the reservoir fluid is somewhat uncertain **(9** - **<sup>15</sup> SCF/STB)** . The reservoi r simulator **MUSHRM** together **wi** th the formation parameters inferred from the buildup data were employed to history match the observed drawdown/buildup pressure and flow data. The calculated buildup pressures closely agree with the measured values; the rather poor agreement between the measured and calculated drawdown pressures is ascribed to the uncertainties in the flgw rate data. Recently, Phase I1 testing of the subject well has been completed; the data from this test phase should be helpful in identifying atleast some of the reservoir boundaries, and further refining the estimates for formation parameters.

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#### APPENDIX INITIAL **FLOW** TEST DATA NOTES

- I. Completed Interval: **15,387** - **15,414** ft Net Sand Thickness: **27** ft Mean Reservoir Depth: **15,400.5** ft Rock Porosity **d: 0.22**  Well Radius **r,** = **2.75** in **(0.06985** m)
- 11. Since all pressures are measured at **15,337** ft datum, this datum is employed in most of the calculations in this report. Pressures at a datum other than **15,337** ft are calculated by using a correction factor of **0.46** psi/ft.
- 111. Initial Pressure Data:

pi **(15,387** ft, measured) = **12,053** psi (= **831.03** bars) pi **(15,400.5** ft, calculated) = **12,082** psi **(f 833.02** bars)

IV. Initial Reservoir Conditions **(15,400.5** ft, datum):

*z* **12,082** psi (2 **833.02** bars) Ti (measured) = **299'F** (= **148.33'C) S** (salinity by mass) **f 0.1487**  C (methane content): see below. Pi

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V. At standard conditions **(p** = **14.7** psi, T = **60'F)** with **S** = **0.1487, the S<sup>3</sup> equation-of-state gives** 

 $P_{Brine} = 1.1088$  gm/cm<sup>3</sup> (= 176.287 kg/STB) Total Dissolved Solids =  $S_{PBrine} = 165,000$  ppm Specific Volume of Methane = **52.0** SCF/kg

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#### VI. Methane Content of Resevoir Fluids

Given  $p_i$ , T<sub>i</sub> and S (see IV above), the methane mass fraction at saturation  $\alpha_{\text{sat}}$  may be calculated by using the **<sup>S</sup>**equation-of-state data. This yields: **<sup>3</sup>**

 $\alpha_{\text{cat}}$  = 0.257465 x 10<sup>-2</sup>

Thus, at saturation we have:

SCF of Methane = 
$$
\frac{52.00 \times 0.257465 \times 10^{-2}}{5.6726 \times 10^{-3}(1. - 0.257465 \times 10^{-2})} = 23.7
$$

The brine produced during the initial flow test **was**  substantially less than saturated with respect to methane (tee., **9-15** SCF/STB rather than **23.7** SCF/STB at saturation under initial reservoir conditions). In view of this, we will assume that the methane mass fraction of reservoir fluids **C** is approximately equal to **0.16** x **loo2** (i .e., - **14.7** SCF/STB) .

VII. Reservoir Fluid Density, Pressure Gradient and Formation Volume Factor

With  $p_i = 12,082 \text{ psi}, T_i = 299^{\circ}\text{F}, S = 0.1487 \text{ and } C = 0.16$ **x loo2, S3** equation-of-state data yields:

Initial Fluid Density,  $\rho_1 = 1.0656$  gm/cm<sup>3</sup> (= 169.421 kg/bb1)

Pressure Gradient = **0.462** psi/ft

Formation Volume Factor  $B = 176.287/169.421 = 1.041$ 

## VIII. At reservoir conditions, the S<sup>3</sup> equation-of-state gives the following value for fluid viscosity:  $\mu = 0.296$  cp

#### Reduction of Flow Data to Standard Conditions

During the initial flow test, brine flow was recorded by a Halliburton turbine flow meter; the total brine production during the three-day test was **11,324** barrels. However, it should be noted that the flow meter was approximately **250 6/D** off zero, and could not be zeroed; the actual brine production is estimated to be **10,573**  barrels rather than **11,324** barrels. **In** the following, the indicated flow rates were accordingly adjusted to give a total brine production of **10,573** barrels. In order to convert the measured barrels  $Q_{meas}$  (actually the adjusted brine production) to stocktank barrels, the following procedure **was** employed:

- **1.** For a given time interval, select the average pressure **P** (psi) and temperature **T** (°F) at which the flow data was recorded. (According to information supplied to us, pressure P and temperature **T** averaged around 4000 psi and **214'F** respectively during the initial flow test.)
- **2.** Given **P** and **T,** use the **S3** equation-of-state to calculate the liquid density p(kg/bbl), and the mass fraction of the methane  $(a_{\epsilon})$  dissolved in the brine.
- 3. The mass of the brine M<sub>B</sub> (less dissolved methane) is given by  $Q_{meas}$   $(1-a_s)\rho$ . Given  $M_B$ , the brine volume at standard conditions is calculated by dividing M<sub>B</sub> by the brine density at standard conditions (- **176.287**   $kg/STB$ ).

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<span id="page-26-0"></span>Table **A-1** gives the reduced flow data for the initial flow test.

The pressure drawdown and production rate data are plotted in Figure **A-1.** It is obvious from Figure **A-1** that something is wrong; the indicated changes in flow rate (with the exception *of* the last change on **6/22/1981** at about **12:OO** hours) are not reflected in the pressure response. It, therefore, appears that the flow rate data are **of** doubtful validity. Accordingly, we will average the flow data of Table A-1 over two time intervals (i.e., 1. From the start of flow test to **12:OO** hours on **6/22** and **2.** From **12:OO** hours **on 6/22**  to the end of the flow test). **Also,** we require mass withdrawal rate from the reservoir. Given Q<sub>c</sub> (STB) from Table A-1, mass withdrawal rate can be computed as follows:

- 1. Calculate brine flow rate q<sub>c</sub> at standard conditions by dividing  $Q_c$  by the time interval (days).
- **2.** Given q<sub>c</sub> (STB/D), calculate brine mass flow rate  $\dot{M}_B$  by

 $M_B = q_c \times 176.287/(24 \times 3600)$  kg/sec

3. To obtain the total flow rate M<sub>T</sub> (kg/sec) divide M<sub>B</sub> by  $(1-C)$ , where  $C(20.0016)$  denotes the mass fraction of methane at reservoir conditions.

Table **A-2** gives the averaged mass flow data.



Pressure Drawdown and Brine Production Rate Data for<br>Initial Flow Test of MG-T/DOE Amoco Fee No. 1 Well.<br>Abcissa Denotes Time from the Start of Flow Test at<br>18:18 Hours on 6/19/1981. Figure A-1.

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|               |       |               | FLOW DATA FOR INITIAL FLOW TEST |                 |                         |                    |                           |                |                       |
|---------------|-------|---------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Date/Hours    |       | t,<br>Minutes | Q <sub>meas</sub><br>bbl        | P(psi)<br>T("F) | $(1-a_s)\rho$<br>kg/Bb1 | $M_B$<br><u>kg</u> | $Q_{\rm c}$<br><b>STB</b> | $q_c$<br>STB/D | $\sum$ Q <sub>c</sub> |
|               |       |               |                                 |                 |                         |                    |                           |                |                       |
| 6/19          | 18:18 | $\mathbf 0$   | 293                             | 4000            | 170.717                 | 50,020             | 284                       | 2522           | 284                   |
| 6/19          | 21:00 | 162           |                                 | 214             |                         |                    |                           |                |                       |
| 6/19          | 21:00 | 162           | 144                             | 4000            | 170.717                 | 24,583             | 139                       | 3347           | 423                   |
| 6/19          | 22:00 | 222           |                                 | 214             |                         |                    |                           |                |                       |
| 6/19          | 22:00 | 222           | 1250                            | 4000            | 170.717                 | 213,396            | 1211                      | 4150           | 1634                  |
| $6/20$        | 05:00 | 642           |                                 | 214             |                         |                    |                           |                |                       |
| 6/20          | 05:00 | 642           | 1835                            | 4000            | 170.717                 | 313,266            | 1777                      | 3554           | 3411                  |
| 6/20          | 17:00 | 1362          |                                 | 214             |                         |                    |                           |                |                       |
| 6/20          | 17:00 | 1362          | 6147                            | 4000            |                         | 170.717 1,049,397  | 5953                      | 3322           | 9364                  |
| $6/22$        | 12:00 | 3942          |                                 | 214             |                         |                    |                           |                |                       |
| $6/22$        | 12:00 | 3942          | 904                             | 4000            | 170.717                 | 154,328            | 875                       | 2610           | 10,239                |
| 6/22          | 20:03 | 4425          |                                 | 214             |                         |                    |                           |                |                       |
| <b>Totals</b> |       | 73.75         | 10573                           |                 |                         | 1,804,990          | 10239                     |                | 10,239                |
|               |       | hours         |                                 |                 |                         |                    |                           |                |                       |

**[Table](#page-26-0) A-1 FLOW DATA FOR INITIAL FLOW TEST** i

Table A-2 AVERAGED FLOW DATA FOR INITIAL FLOW TEST

