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This study is performed to evaluate the feasibility of gas recycling in gas condensate reservoirs having different compositions.

In this study, a simple reservoir model was constructed and 10 sets of compositions from actual field data were selected as input for compositional reservoir simulator; ECLIPSE 300 to study the effect of fluid composition on the feasibility of gas cycling application. Economics analyses were performed in order to evaluate each simulated scenario.

From the simulation results, it can be concluded that the higher the mole percentage of C_{5+} and C_{7+} and molecular weight of the compositions, the higher recovery of hydrocarbon liquid can be recovered. The gas cumulative production recovery by natural depletion and gas cycling methods are more or less the same. In term of economics, fluid compositions with greater mole percentage of C_{5+} and C_{7+} and molecular weights generally result in higher NPV and IRR and shorter payback period.

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List of Abbreviations

AIM Adaptive IMplicit

API degree (American Petroleum Institute)

bbl barrel (bbl/d : barrel per day)

BTU British thermal unit

 C_1 methane C_2 ethane C_3 propane $i\text{-}C_4$ or $I\text{-}C_4$ isobutane $i\text{-}C_5$ or $I\text{-}C_5$ isopentane

n-C₄ or N-C₄ normal butane

n-C₅ or N-C₅ normal pentane

C₆ hexane

C₇₊ alkane hydrocarbon account from heptanes forward

CO₂ carbon dioxide

CGR condensate gas ratio

D darcy

EOS equation of state

FGPT field gas production total
FOPT field oil production total

IMPES IMplicit Pressure, Explicit Saturations

IRR internal rate of return K kilo- (10 3 or 1,000)

M thousand (1,000 of petroleum unit), ² million (dollar)

MSCF/D thousand standard cubic feet per day

NEI non-equilibrium initialisation

NPV net present value

PVT pressure-volume-temperature

PSIA or psia pounds per square inch absolute

SCAL special core analysis

SGAS gas saturation

SGFN gas saturation function

SOFN oil saturation function

STB or stb stock-tank barrel

STB/D stock-tank barrels per day

SWAT water saturation

SWFN water saturation function

TVD true vertical depth or total vertical depth

VLE vapor/liquid equilibrium

BHP bottom hole pressure

GIR gas injection rate

GPT gas production total

GPR gas production rate

OPR oil production rate

OPT oil production total

Nomenclature

а	attraction parameter
a_T	temperature-dependent coefficient in Peng-Robinson equations of state
A	cross-section area
b	repulsion parameter
c_g	gas compressibility
E	areal sweep efficiency at breakthrough
k	permeability, ² discount rate (cost of capital)
k_{rg}	gas relative permeability
k_{rw}	water relative permeability
k_{rog}	oil relative permeability for a system with oil, gas and connate water
k_{row}	oil relative permeability for a system with oil and water only
k_{rowg}	oil relative permeability for a system with oil and water at $S_g = 0$
K	equilibrium constant
M	molecular weight
M_g	apparent molecular weight of gas
m	mass per unit volume
• m	mass flux (mass per unit area per unit time)
n	¹ last period of project, ² number of mole
O_t	cash outflow in period t
p	pressure
p_c	capillary pressure
$\stackrel{\sim}{q}$	volumetric flow rate
Q	mass injection or production
r	internal rate of return (IRR)
R_t	cash inflow in period t
R	universal gas constant
S	saturation
t	time period (e.g.,year)
u_x	flow velocity

- V_b bulk fluid volume
- x liquid phase
- y mole fraction of component in gas, ² vapor phase
- z compressibility factor

GREEK LETTER

- ϕ porosity, ² coefficient of fugacity
- f fugacity
- ρ fluid density (mass/volume)
- μ ¹ fluid viscosity, ² chemical potential
- Δ difference operator
- α ¹constant in temperature-dependent coefficient for Peng-Robinson equation of state, ² fractional mole of gas
- Ω constant in equation of state
- ω acentric factor of the component
- δ binary interaction coefficients

SUPERSCRIPTS

- n current time level
- n+1 new time level

SUBSCRIPTS

- A areal
- c critical property
- d displacement
- g gas
- *i* grid block location, ² component *i*, ³ invasion
- *j* component *j*
- k component k
- o oil
- r reduced
- w water