

A Comprehensive Statistically-Based Method to Interpret Real-Time Flowing Measurements

Annual Report

Period Start August 2003

Period End August 2004

By

Pinan Dawkrajai, Analis A. Romero, Keita Yoshioka,
Dr. Ding Zhu, Dr. A. D. Hill and Dr. Larry W. Lake

Oct 2004

DOE Award Number; DE-FC26-03NT15402

The University of Texas at Austin
Texas A&M University at College Station

Disclaimer

This report was prepared as an account of work sponsored by an agency of the United States Government. Neither the United States Government nor any agency thereof, nor any of their employees makes any warranty, express or implied, or assumes any legal liability or responsibility for the accuracy, that its use would not infringe privately owned rights. Reference herein to any specific commercial product, process, or service by trade name, trademark, manufacturer, or otherwise does not necessarily agency thereof. The views and opinions of authors expressed herein do not necessarily state or reflect those of United States Government or any agency thereof.

Abstract

In this project, we are developing new methods for interpreting measurements in complex wells (horizontal, multilateral and multi-branching wells) to determine the profiles of oil, gas, and water entry. These methods are needed to take full advantage of “smart” well instrumentation, a technology that is rapidly evolving to provide the ability to continuously and permanently monitor downhole temperature, pressure, volumetric flow rate, and perhaps other fluid flow properties at many locations along a wellbore; and hence, to control and optimize well performance.

In this first year, we have made considerable progress in the development of the forward model of temperature and pressure behavior in complex wells. In this period, we have progressed on three major parts of the forward problem of predicting the temperature and pressure behavior in complex wells. These three parts are the temperature and pressure behaviors in the reservoir near the wellbore, in the wellbore or laterals in the producing intervals, and in the build sections connecting the laterals, respectively.

Many models exist to predict pressure behavior in reservoirs and wells, but these are almost always isothermal models. To predict temperature behavior we derived general mass, momentum, and energy balance equations for these parts of the complex well system. Analytical solutions for the reservoir and wellbore parts for certain special conditions show the magnitude of thermal effects that could occur. Our preliminary sensitivity analyses show that thermal effects caused by near-wellbore reservoir flow can cause temperature changes that are measurable with smart well technology. This is encouraging for the further development of the inverse model.

Table of Contents

Title Page	---i
Disclaimer	---ii
Abstract	---iii
Table of Contents	---iv
Lists of Graphical Materials	---vi
1. Introduction	---1
2. Executive Summary	---2
3. Reservoir Model	---4
3.1 Background Information	---4
3.2 Derivation of Governing Equations for Reservoir Flow	---7
3.2.1 Mass Balance	---7
3.2.2 Energy Balance	---7
3.3 Temperature Model for Slightly Compressible Flow	---10
4. Well Model	---13
4.1 Physical Problem Description of Producing Wellbore	---13
4.2 Derivation of Governing Equations	---13
4.2.1 Mass Balance	---14
4.2.2 Momentum Balance	---15
4.2.3 Energy Balance	---17
4.2.4 Steady State Equations	---20
4.3 Model Development	---23
4.3.1 Iterative Numerical Method	---24

4.3.2 Validation of Prediction Model	---26
4.4 Results and Discussion	---33
4.4.1 Example Calculation	---33
4.4.2 Comparisons of Several Cases	---36
4.5 Conclusion of Well Model	---44
5. Model Development of Build Section	---46
5.1 Temperature Profile for Single Phase Flow	---46
5.2 Temperature at Junctions	---52
5.3 Results and Discussion	---53
5.3.1 Temperature Profile along the Build Section	---53
5.3.2 Temperature Profile along the Build Section and Mixed Zone	---53
5.4 Conclusion of Wellbore Model	---57
6. Conclusion	---58
7. Nomenclature	---59
8. References	---61
Appendix A	
Temperature Model for Slightly Compressible Fluid	---64
Appendix B	
Temperature Model for Slightly Compressible Fluid in Radial Coordinate	---66
Appendix C	
Another Derivation of Governing Equation for Producing Wellbore	---69

Lists of Graphical Materials

Table

4.1	Sample values of properties	---31
4.2	Properties in example calculation	---34
5.1	Properties used in calculation of temperature profiles	---53
5.2	Properties used in calculation of temperature profiles for two laterals with same heat capacities and flow rates mixed at junction	---55
5.3	Properties used in calculation of temperature profiles along build section and junction with different heat capacities and flow rates	---56

Figure

3.1	Horizontal well flow geometry in a rectangular reservoir	---5
3.2	Isenthalpic flow diagram	---8
3.3	Flow region in rectangular reservoir	---10
3.4	Temperature of fluid flowing into a horizontal wellbore	---12
4.1	Physical system – Wellbore model	---13
4.2	Averaged velocities for laminar flow and turbulent flow	---17
4.3	Boundary pressure	---21
4.4	Cell image	---24
4.5	Program flow chart	---27
4.6	Flow rate profile with uniform inflow	---29
4.7	Generated friction factor value with given flow rate profile	---32
4.8	Velocity profile comparison with prediction model	---32
4.9	Pressure profile comparison with prediction model	---32
4.10	Temperature profile comparison with prediction model	---33
4.11	Predicted flow rate profile	---34
4.12	Predicted pressure profile	---35
4.13	Predicted temperature profile	---35
4.14	Inflow rate profile comparison	---36
4.15	Flow rate profile comparison	---37
4.16	Pressure profile comparison	---37
4.17	Temperature profile comparison	---38
4.18	Image of outside temperature distribution with damage zone	---39
4.19	Inflow profile with damage zone	---39
4.20	Flow rate profile with damage zone	---40
4.21	Pressure profile with damage zone	---40
4.22	Temperature profile with hot region	---41
4.23	Production scheme	---42
4.24	Inflow profile with production intervals	---42
4.25	Flow rate profile with production intervals	---43
4.26	Pressure profile with production intervals	---43
4.27	Temperature profile with production intervals	---44
5.1	Control volume	---47

5.2	Different boundary conditions	---49
5.3	Variable angle calculation	---51
5.4	Comparison of predicted temperature profile with constant angles and variable angle along build section	---54
5.5	Temperature profiles for two laterals with same heat capacities and flow rates mixed at junction	---55
5.6	Predicted temperature profiles for two laterals with different heat capacities and flow rates mixed at junction	---57

1 Introduction

Intelligent well completions are being increasingly used in complex wells (horizontal, multilateral and multibranching). Intelligent completions supply real time temperature and pressure profile measurements which can be used to determine flow rate profile, phases, reservoir productivity and fluid properties.

The temperature prediction models for vertical well or inclined well have been studied extensively, however there is little work on horizontal wells. Temperature prediction models of vertical wells focus on the conductive heat transfer between the formation and the wellbore. Since in the vertical production system, temperature near surface is significantly different from the temperature at the deep producing zone, dominant heat transfer will be conduction and it is less difficult to describe temperature profile along the vertical well.

Horizontal or nearly horizontal wells are usually surrounded by almost the same formation temperature. In development of a temperature model for this case, overlooking any effect might lead to misunderstanding of the temperature distribution. It is also true for the pressure profile. In horizontal wells, because there is little gravity pressure drop, any other term such as friction or momentum difference will be the dominant terms. In this problem, there exist two flow directions. One direction is the main flow which runs through the wellbore and the other stream is the inflow from the formation that flows in the radial direction. Therefore, the main difference between vertical and horizontal wells is that the equations must explain the effect of inflow.

In this period, we have progressed on three major parts of the forward problem of predicting the temperature and pressure behavior in complex wells. These three parts are the temperature and pressure behaviors in the reservoir near the wellbore, in the wellbore or laterals in the producing intervals, and in the build sections connecting the laterals, respectively. Detailed results for each of these regions are given in the following sections.

2 Executive Summary

In this project, we are developing new methods for interpreting measurements in complex wells (horizontal, multilateral and multi-branching wells) to determine the profiles of oil, gas, and water entry. These methods are needed to take full advantage of “smart” well instrumentation, a technology that is rapidly evolving to provide the ability to continuously and permanently monitor downhole temperature, pressure, volumetric flow rate, and perhaps other fluid flow properties at many locations along a wellbore; and hence, to control and optimize well performance. This spatial and temporal measurement density is unprecedented in the oil industry, and offers the promise of revolutionary changes in the way complex wells are operated. However, the key to realizing the value of smart wells is the efficient and accurate interpretation of the raw data being acquired. Converting this raw information about wellbore conditions into the useful knowledge of the phase flow profiles is the primary goal of this project.

The specific objectives of the project are:

1. Develop a model to predict temperature, pressure, and flow profiles in complex wells, including nominally horizontal laterals, variably-inclined build sections, wellbore junctions, each of which may have commingled fluids with different properties.
2. Develop inverse methods to infer phase flow profiles (the distribution of oil, water, and gas inflow along a complex well) from continuously monitored data.

In this first year, we have made considerable progress in the development of the forward model of temperature and pressure behavior in complex wells. In this period, we have progressed on three major parts of the forward problem of predicting the temperature and pressure behavior in complex wells. These three parts are the temperature and pressure behaviors in the reservoir near the wellbore, in the wellbore or laterals in the producing intervals, and in the build sections connecting the laterals, respectively.

To develop the forward model of reservoir behavior, we began by deriving very general mass and energy balance equations for this system. The unique feature of this model compared with most models of reservoir flow is that it does not assume isothermal conditions. Instead, subtle energy effects that affect temperature including frictional dissipation and Joule-Thomson expansion are included. We obtained analytical solutions to the governing equations for non-isothermal reservoir flow that have been very informative. In particular, they show that larger enough thermal effects caused by flow in the near-well vicinity occur to be detectable with current downhole temperature measurements.

A similar approach was taken to develop a model of temperature and pressure behavior in the producing laterals. General mass, momentum, and energy balance equations were derived to solve for the temperature, pressure, and flow profiles along the wellbore. A numerical solution to these equations was obtained which can be applied to a wide range of well flow conditions. We tested the numerical model against an analytical solution that we obtained for the special condition of constant inflow along the well, and found excellent agreement, validating the numerical model. The wellbore model shows that thermal effects generated by the wellbore flow itself are small, but changes that occur when inflow conditions vary may be detectable.

To model the temperature in the build sections connecting individual laterals, we adapted the Ramey equation to the condition of a changing wellbore inclination. We then developed energy balance equation applied at the junctions. The combination of these allows us to predict the temperature profile along all build sections, and above the junction locations. This temperature model is now being coupled with a two-phase pressure drop algorithm to obtain both the pressure and temperature profiles in build sections.

3 Reservoir Model

3.1 Background Information

Horizontal Inflow Models. Hydrocarbon production by means of horizontal wells has become popular during the past few decades. Generally, horizontal wells are rarely perfectly horizontal; rather, they have many bends and curves with local inclinations over 80 degrees from the vertical. The horizontal length could be several thousands of feet long. Horizontal wells provide larger contact area with the reservoir by increasing the surface area of the wellbore. That means a higher production rate and larger drainage area compared to a vertical well. In addition, more than one horizontal section could be drilled from the same vertical section to recover hydrocarbon from the same or different reservoirs. These benefits draw attention to modeling the flow behavior of fluid into horizontal wells.

There are many isothermal steady-state inflow models for horizontal wells. They are much more complex than vertical well inflow models because the flow is constrained by the horizontal reservoir boundaries and more affected by permeability anisotropy. Certain assumptions must be made to derive an analytical model. Butler (1994) derived a model for a fully-penetrating horizontal well by using conformal mapping. Butler's model for an isotropic reservoir is

$$p_y - p_w = \frac{q\mu}{2kLh} \left\{ |y| + \frac{h}{\pi} \ln\left(\frac{h}{2\pi r_w}\right) \right\} \quad \text{for large } |y| \quad (3.1)$$

Gringarten *et al.* (1973) and Ouyang *et al.*, (1998) used Green's functions (instantaneous source function) to solve the diffusivity equation. The plane, line, and point sources are used with Newman's product method to generate solution for reservoir flow. The solution applies to steady-state flow by using long time approximation ($t \rightarrow \infty$). For a fully-penetrating horizontal well in rectangular reservoir, the pressure drop can be written as below

$$S_y = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi\eta_y\tau}} \exp\left[-\frac{(y-y_w)^2}{4\eta_y\tau}\right]$$

$$S_z = \frac{1}{h} \left[1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{n^2\pi^2\eta_z\tau}{h^2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi z_w}{h}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi z}{h}\right) \right] \quad (3.2)$$

$$\eta_i = \frac{k_i}{\phi c_t \mu}$$

and

$$\Delta p(y, z, y_w, z_w, t) = \frac{q}{\phi c_t L} \int_0^t S_y S_z d\tau \quad (3.3)$$

Symbols are defined in the Nomenclature. The solution is not easy to couple with an energy equation to predict temperature. It is presented here just for a comparison.

A recent inflow model presented by Furui *et al.* (2003) is based on finite element simulations for a fully penetrating horizontal well. The model is more simple, concise, and easy to couple with an energy balance. The pressure drops in two flow regions (linear and radial flow) are

$$\Delta p_{linear} = \frac{(q/2)\mu}{khL} \left(\frac{Y}{2} - y_t \right) \quad (3.4)$$

and

$$\Delta p_{radial} = \frac{q\mu}{2\pi kL} \ln\left(\frac{r_t}{r_w}\right) \quad (3.5)$$

where $r_t = \frac{h}{2}\sqrt{2}$ and $y_t = \frac{h}{2}$, the position of r_t and y_t are shown on the figure below

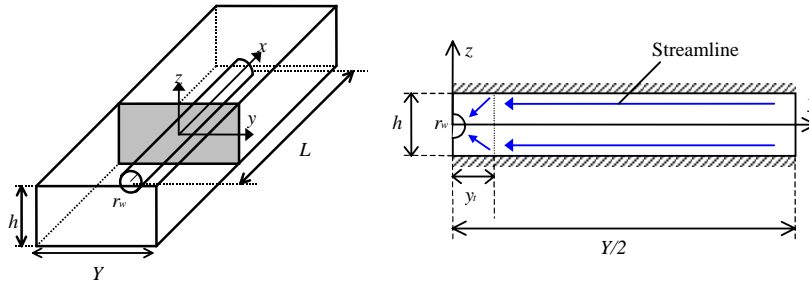


Fig. 3.1 Horizontal well flow geometry in a rectangular reservoir (Furui *et. al.*, 2002)

Temperature Logging. Non-isothermal flow models are usually found in the temperature log interpretation literature (Hill, 1990). It has been recognized that gas entering a wellbore often creates a cooling due to Joule-Thomson expansion and water entry causes the heat increase. The temperature change of fluids can be roughly determined from the Joule-Thomson coefficient K_{JT} which is

$$K_{JT} = \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial p} \right)_{\hat{H}} = \frac{1}{C_p} \left[T \left(\frac{\partial \hat{V}}{\partial T} \right)_p - \hat{V} \right] = \frac{\beta T - 1}{\rho C_p} \quad (3.6)$$

Thus, the relationship between the change of temperature and pressure is

$$\Delta T = \left(\frac{\beta T - 1}{\rho C_p} \right) \Delta p \quad (3.7)$$

for constant K_{JT} , where β is the thermal expansion coefficient defined as $\frac{1}{\hat{V}} \left(\frac{\partial \hat{V}}{\partial T} \right)_p$, T is temperature, \hat{V} is specific volume, C_p is specific heat capacity and ρ is the density of the fluid. For an ideal gas, $\beta = \frac{1}{T}$, $K_{JT} = 0$. For real gases at low pressure, $\beta T > 1$, resulting in $K_{JT} > 0$. Thus, a pressure drop ($\Delta p < 0$) causes cooling. On the other hand, for liquid flow $\beta T < 1$, $K_{JT} < 0$. Therefore, a pressure drop causes heating.

Most studies have focused on developing wellbore models for thermal changes caused by conduction and convection. They also have assumed that the produced fluid enters the wellbore at the geothermal temperature. Steffensen and Smith (1973) recognized the importance of the heating or cooling of the produced fluid before it enters the wellbore and developed models incorporating the Joule-Thomson coefficient. However; flow in permeable media does not fulfill isenthalpic conditions because there is also heat generated by friction between rock matrix and flowing fluids. The amount of frictional heating is greatest near the wellbore where the pressure gradient is the largest (Hill, 1990).

Maubeuge *et al.* (1994) presented an interesting approach to production logging interpretation. They acknowledged the decompression of the fluid and the frictional heating that occurs in the formation and developed a finite element numerical well model named MOTHER, a 2D radial symmetric single well model. Only a single phase is flowing and its properties are considered constant for the liquids and are calculated by correlation for gases. A standard analytical solution from well testing is used for the pressure distribution in reservoir. The model was tested by matching its results with measurements from dynamic gauges (production logs). The good fits in both pressure and downhole flow rate are obtained. Nevertheless, MOTHER has not yet quantitatively fitted a temperature profile because it underestimates heating in case of an oil producing well. Maubeuge *et al.* suggested the possibilities of further development by taking into account formation damage in the neighborhood of the well. The energy equation used in MOTHER is

$$\rho C_p \bar{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \bar{\nabla} T + \bar{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \bar{\nabla} p - \beta T \bar{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \bar{\nabla} p - \bar{\nabla} \cdot K_{Tt} \bar{\nabla} T = -(\rho c_p)_{total} \frac{dT}{dt} + \beta T \phi \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} \quad (3.8)$$

Equation 3.8 will later be compared with the energy equation presented in Section 3.2.2 of this research.

Distributed Temperature Measurement. Distributed temperature monitoring of downhole conditions in horizontal wells is an advanced measurement technology that can be used to obtain reservoir temperature information. Fiber sensors now provide reliable temperature measurements with resolution less than 0.1°C . They can provide information at distance of up to 10 km, with a spatial resolution of 1 m, and with a measurement time of typically a few minutes (Sensonet Ltd, 2004).

Fiber sensors have proven useful in many applications. For example, in an Oman oilfield fiber sensors were installed in several long horizontal open-hole completion intervals of production and injection wells. The results show that it is cost effective and less risky than conventional production logging in horizontal wells. Analysis of the data has helped the understanding of flow in a horizontal producer and injector (Brown *et al.*, 2003). Another application of this technology is to install sensors together with downhole mechanical instrumentation such as valves and inflow control devices. Distributed temperature devices at meter long intervals in the wellbore provide real-time data that help identify water flowing into a particular section. Then, an action to shut in the zone is possible with remotely operated hydraulic interval control valves (Tolan *et al.*, 2001).

3.2 Derivation of Governing Equations for Reservoir Flow

The fundamental equations describing fluid flow in a reservoir are mass balance, Darcy's law, and energy balance. These equations are very general. They are discussed and formulated to fit the scope of this study.

3.2.1 Mass Balance

A starting point for studying fluid flow is the mass balance. It is the conservation of mass per unit area (perpendicular to the velocity vector) per unit time. By understanding the mechanisms of mass flow, we can infer velocity and pressure distribution of fluid in space. The velocity and pressure distribution will then be used in the energy equation.

Lake (1989) formulated a mass balance that can apply directly to fluid flow in permeable media. It is simplified here for steady state flow condition.

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\rho \vec{u}) = 0 \quad (3.9)$$

where the auxiliary relation $\vec{u} = -\frac{\vec{k}}{\mu} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} p + \rho \vec{g})$ is derived from Darcy's law.

3.2.2 Energy Balance

The law of conservation of energy is an extension of the first law of thermodynamics, which involves the difference in internal energy of two equilibrium states of a closed system because of the heat added to the system and the work done on the system.

$$\Delta U = Q + W \quad (3.10)$$

where ΔU is the differential of the internal energy, U , and Q and W are the heat absorbed by the system, and the work done on the system. ΔU is the differential of the state variable U . Q and W are not functions of state.

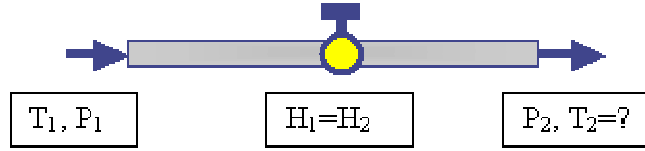


Fig. 3.2 Isenthalpic flow diagram

The Joule-Thomson experiment can be explained by this law. Assume that the throttle valve above is insulated so that no heat is transferred during the process. And imagine this as a closed system with the same amount of gas entering and leaving the valve but both systems have different volumes (just like free expansion). The gas initially has a pressure P_1 , temperature T_1 and volume V_1 . After it passes through the valve, its pressure is P_2 and the volume is V_2 . If the kinetic and potential energy change of the gas can be neglected, then the first law of this system can be written as $U_2 - U_1 = Q + W$. By neglecting any shaft work, and the system is insulated ($Q=0$). $W = P_1 V_1 - P_2 V_2$ so that the above equation becomes $U_2 + P_2 V_2 = U_1 + P_1 V_1$ or $H_2 = H_1$. Thus, the Joule-Thomson experiment is an isenthalpic process. The expression for Joule-Thomson coefficient is shown in Eq. 3.6.

The general form of the conservation of energies is derived rigorously in Bird *et al.* (2002) and presented here as

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho |\vec{v}|^2 + \rho \hat{U} \right) = -(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 + \rho \hat{U} \right) \vec{v}) - \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{q} - \vec{\nabla} \cdot p \vec{v} - \vec{\nabla} \cdot [\vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{v}] + \rho (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{g}) \quad (3.11)$$

The terms from left to right are (1)rate of increase of energy (2)rate of energy by convection transport (3)energy by heat conduction (4) work done on fluid by pressure forces (5) work done on fluid by viscous forces (6) work done on fluid by gravity forces. To express the energy equation in terms of measurable quantities (P, T , etc.), we can re-derive the equation for permeable media starting from the fact that the change in combined energy flux vector is equal to zero for steady-state flow.

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{e} = 0 \quad (3.12)$$

Substituting the combined energy flux vector, \vec{e} , derived in Bird *et al.* (2002) which is

$$\vec{e} = \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho |\vec{v}|^2 + \rho \hat{H} \right) \vec{v} + \vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{v} - \vec{K} \vec{\nabla} T, \text{ the equation becomes}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} \rho |\vec{v}|^2 + \rho \hat{H} \right) \vec{v} + \vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{v} - \vec{K} \vec{\nabla} T \right] = 0 \quad (3.13)$$

Neglecting the kinetic energy term $\left(\frac{1}{2}\rho|\vec{v}|^2\right)$ and knowing from mass balance that $\rho\vec{v}$ is constant, the equation becomes $\rho\vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}\hat{H} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{v}) - \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{K}\vec{\nabla}T) = 0$. The enthalpy \hat{H} can be expanded using a thermodynamic relationship

$$\begin{aligned}
& \rho\vec{v} \cdot \left\{ \left[\left(\frac{\partial \hat{H}}{\partial p} \right)_T \vec{\nabla}p + \left(\frac{\partial \hat{H}}{\partial T} \right)_p \vec{\nabla}T \right] \right\} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{v}) - \vec{K}\vec{\nabla}T \\
&= \rho\vec{v} \cdot \left\{ \left[\hat{v} - T \left(\frac{\partial \hat{v}}{\partial T} \right)_p \right] \vec{\nabla}p + C_p \vec{\nabla}T \right\} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{v}) - \vec{K}\vec{\nabla}T \\
&= \rho\vec{v} \cdot \left\{ \left[\frac{1}{\rho} - \frac{\beta T}{\rho} \right] \vec{\nabla}p + C_p \vec{\nabla}T \right\} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{v}) - \vec{K}\vec{\nabla}T \\
&= \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}p - \beta T \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}p + \rho C_p \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}T + \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{v}) - \vec{K}\vec{\nabla}T = 0
\end{aligned} \tag{3.14}$$

The $\vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{v}$ is frictional energy that converted from mechanical work (sometimes called the viscous dissipation heating). Using the fact that $\tau_{xy} = \tau_{xz} = \tau_{yz} = 0$, the work done by the frictional forces is given by $\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{v}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\tau_x v_x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\tau_y v_y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\tau_z v_z)$. Introducing the constitutive equation ($\tau_x = \tau_y = \tau_z = p$), the equation is simplified to $\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{v}) = \vec{\nabla} \cdot (p\vec{v})$. The work done by the frictional forces is commonly represented by $\vec{\nabla} \cdot (p\vec{v})$, see Ingham *et al.* (1990) and Al-Hadhrami *et al.* (2002).

In permeable media, the velocity in x-direction, \vec{v} is replaced by superficial velocity, $\frac{\vec{u}}{\phi}$. And, the heat conduction term, $\vec{K}\vec{\nabla}T$, is converted to effective heat conduction which combines both fluid and matrix. Then, the equation becomes

$$\rho C_p \vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla}T + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla}p - \beta T \vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla}p + \vec{\nabla} \cdot (p\vec{u}) - \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{K}_T \vec{\nabla}T = 0 \tag{3.15}$$

The first three terms combined describes the Joule-Thomson effect which includes convection transport, work done on fluid by pressure forces (heating), and thermal expansion (cooling). The fourth term stands for the frictional heating. The last term is effective heat conduction which combines both fluid and matrix conduction.

If we were to use the energy equation (Eq. 3.13) to describe the Joule-Thomson experiment, which is a steady state isenthalpic process with no heat conduction and frictional heating terms, we would arrive at $\rho C_p \vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla}T + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla}p - \beta T \vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla}p = 0$

In one dimensional flow (x-direction), the equation become

$$\rho C_p u_x \frac{dT}{dx} + u_x \frac{dp}{dx} - \beta T u_x \frac{dp}{dx} = 0 \quad , \text{which can be rearranged as } \Delta T = \left(\frac{\beta T - 1}{\rho C_p} \right) \Delta p$$

The term $\frac{\beta T - 1}{\rho C_p}$ is the Joule-Thomson coefficient, K_{JT} . This is a well-known relationship that describes the change in temperature of a fluid upon expansion in a steady state flow with neither heat nor work done on the system. An example of this kind of process is a flow through an expansion valve.

3.3 A Temperature Model for Slightly Compressible Fluid

Consider a horizontal well fully penetrated through a rectangular homogeneous reservoir with no-flow boundaries at the top and bottom of the reservoir as shown in the figure below. Flow in the reservoir is in the y-direction and the z-direction, the x-direction is the horizontal wellbore direction.

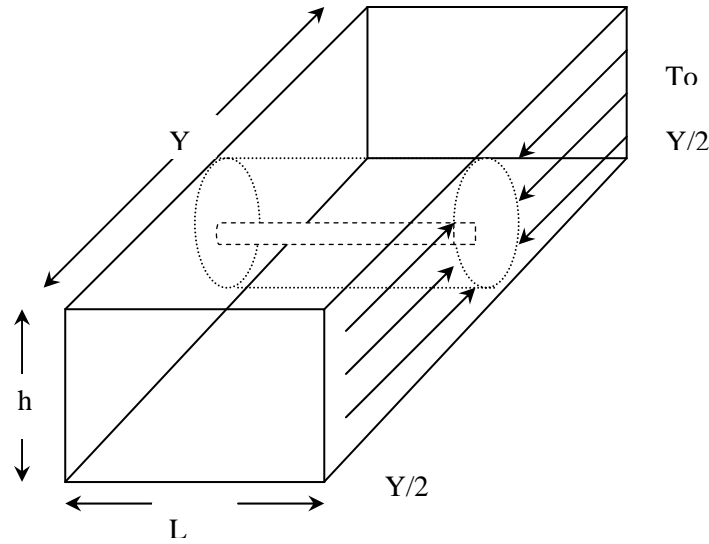


Fig. 3.3 Flow region in rectangular reservoir

For steady state-flow, there are two flow regions (radial and linear) if the transitional flow region between linear and radial flow is neglected. Proper boundary conditions for this model are

- 1) $T = T_o \quad \text{at } y = \frac{Y}{2}$
- 2) $T \text{ is finite as } r \text{ approaches zero}$

$$3) \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \right)_{r \rightarrow h/2} = \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right)_{y \rightarrow h/2}$$

$$4) T_{r \rightarrow h/2} = T_{y \rightarrow h/2}$$

With these boundary conditions, mass and energy balances discussed earlier can be solved analytically, and the temperature of the fluid entering the horizontal wellbore is obtained. (See Appendix A for a detailed derivation)

$$T_w = \frac{2}{\beta} + \left(T_{\text{linear at } \frac{h}{2}} - \frac{2}{\beta} \right) \left(\frac{r_w}{h/2} \right)^{\frac{q}{4\pi L} \left[\frac{\rho C_p}{K_{Ti}} - \sqrt{\left(\frac{\rho C_p}{K_{Ti}} \right)^2 + \frac{4\mu\beta}{kK_{Ti}}} \right]} \quad (3.16)$$

Where

$$T_{\text{linear at } \frac{h}{2}} = c_1 e^{m_1 h/2} + c_2 e^{m_2 h/2} + \frac{2}{\beta} \quad (3.17)$$

$$m_1 = \frac{q}{4hL} \left[\frac{\rho C_p}{K_{Ti}} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{\rho C_p}{K_{Ti}} \right)^2 + \frac{4\beta\mu}{kK_{Ti}}} \right] \quad (3.18)$$

$$m_2 = \frac{q}{4hL} \left[\frac{\rho C_p}{K_{Ti}} - \sqrt{\left(\frac{\rho C_p}{K_{Ti}} \right)^2 + \frac{4\beta\mu}{kK_{Ti}}} \right] \quad (3.19)$$

$$c_1 = \frac{(2/h)m_r(T_e - 2/\beta)e^{m_2 Y/2} - (T_o - 2/\beta)m_2 e^{m_2 h/2}}{m_1 e^{m_1 h/2 + m_2 Y/2} - m_2 e^{m_2 h/2 + m_1 Y/2}} \quad (3.20)$$

$$c_2 = \frac{(T_o - 2/\beta)m_1 e^{m_1 h/2} - (2/h)m_r(T_e - 2/\beta)e^{m_1 Y/2}}{m_1 e^{m_1 h/2 + m_2 Y/2} - m_2 e^{m_2 h/2 + m_1 Y/2}} \quad (3.21)$$

To visualize the result, we can insert some typical parameters and plot the temperature distribution in the reservoir as below.

q= 500 bbl/day, 1,000 bbl/day, 1,500 bbl/day, and 2,000 bbl/day
Y= 8,100 feet
r_w= 0.5 feet
h= 100 feet
L= 1,000 feet

$k = 200 \text{ md}$
 $C_p = 0.52802 \text{ BTU}/(\text{lbm}^\circ F)$
 $\text{Viscosity} = 1.7 \text{ cp}$
 $\text{Density} = 50 \text{ lb}_m/\text{ft}^3$
 $K_{Tl} = 2 \text{ BTU}/(\text{hr ft } ^\circ F)$
 $T_o = 180^\circ F$
 $\beta = 0.000576 \text{ } 1/^\circ F$

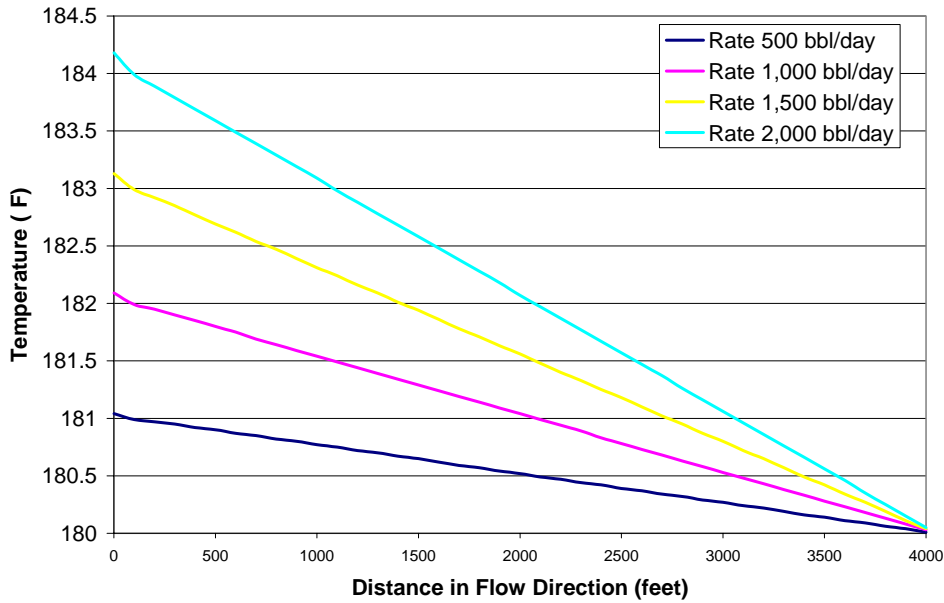


Fig. 3.4 Temperature of fluid flowing into a horizontal wellbore

As shown in the model (Fig. 3.4), the temperature of fluid entering a well (T_w) depends on flow rate, drawdown pressure, type of fluid, and reservoir properties. By varying these parameters, we would be able to match the measured temperature in a similar manner as history matching. That means this analytical model must be coupled with a wellbore model together with multisegment technique to obtain temperature distribution along a horizontal wellbore.

4 Well Model

4.1 Physical Problem Description of Producing Wellbore

In development of the forward model, our objective is that given inflow rate information such as productivity index and reservoir pressure or inflow rate itself, to predict the temperature and pressure profile. Of course pressure profile will be used to know flow rate and temperature distribution. Therefore, we need to estimate the three unknowns that are flow rate, pressure and temperature along the wellbore with or without inflow. The physical system is shown in Fig. 4.1.

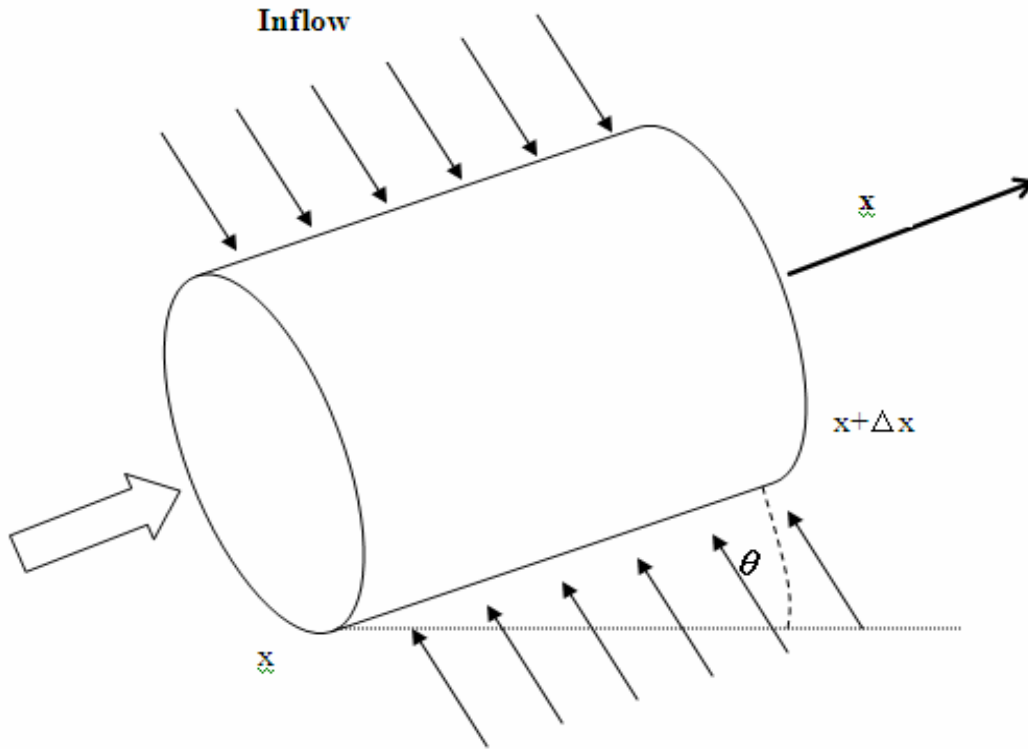


Fig. 4.1 Physical system – Wellbore model

4.2 Derivation of Governing Equations

Since we have three unknowns, three equations will be necessary which should be mass, momentum and energy balance equation. In this problem, there are two different velocities. The main stream is flowing through the wellbore and the other is the inflow from the environment (reservoir). Derivation of the governing equations has been done in one dimension following a macroscopic method.

- Properties are considered to be averaged in cross section.
- Averaged product can be product of averaged component e.g. $\overline{\rho v} = \overline{\rho} \overline{v}$.
- Area averaged velocity is defined in microscopic coordinate as

$$\bar{\mathbf{v}} = \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_r \\ v_\theta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} v \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & \text{otherwise} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v_I \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & \text{at } r = R \end{cases} \quad (4.1)$$

- Eddy flow is neglected and axial velocity is averaged in entire cross sectional area except wall boundary. At the wall boundary velocity is considered only in the radial direction.

4.2.1 Mass Balance

Total mass in at $r = R$ is

$$(\rho v_r)|_R 2\pi R \Delta x$$

Total mass in at $x = x$ is

$$(\rho v)_x \pi R^2$$

Total mass in at $x = x + \Delta x$ is

$$(\rho v)_{x+\Delta x} \pi R^2$$

Accumulated mass over Δt in CV can be expressed

$$(\rho|_{t=t} - \rho|_{t=t+\Delta t}) \pi R^2 \Delta x$$

Equating these terms

$$(\rho|_{t=t} - \rho|_{t=t+\Delta t}) \pi R^2 \Delta x = ((\rho v_r)|_R 2\pi R \Delta x + \rho v_x \pi R^2 - \rho v_{x+\Delta x} \pi R^2) \Delta t \quad (4.2)$$

or

$$\frac{(\rho|_{t=t} - \rho|_{t=t+\Delta t})}{\Delta t} = \frac{\rho v_x - \rho v_{x+\Delta x}}{\Delta x} + \frac{2}{R}(\rho v_r)|_R \quad (4.3)$$

Taking $\Delta x \rightarrow 0, \Delta t \rightarrow 0$ yields

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial(\rho v_x)}{\partial x} + \frac{2}{R}(\rho v_r)|_R \quad (4.4)$$

From the assumption of velocity (Eq. 4.1), it becomes

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial x} + \frac{2}{R}\rho v_I \quad (4.5)$$

4.2.2 Momentum Balance

We only need to consider momentum balance in the axial direction not in the radial direction.

Momentum on the surface at $r = R$ is

$$(\rho v_r \cdot v_x - \tau_{rx})_R 2\pi R \Delta x$$

Now we assume inflow is perpendicular to the axial direction (or from no slip $v_x|_R = 0$ assumption). Then, it becomes

$$(\rho v_r \cdot v_x - \tau_{rx})_R 2\pi R \Delta x = (0 - \tau_{rx})_R 2\pi R \Delta x = -(\tau_{rx})_R 2\pi R \Delta x \quad (4.6)$$

Momentum at $x = x$ is

$$(\rho v_x \cdot v_x + p - \tau_{xx})_x \pi R^2$$

Momentum on $x = x + \Delta x$ is

$$(\rho v_x \cdot v_x + p - \tau_{xx})_{x+\Delta x} \pi R^2$$

Gravity force is given by

$$\rho g \sin \theta \pi R^2 \Delta x$$

Accumulated momentum over Δt in CV

$$((\rho v_x)_{t=t} - (\rho v_x)_{t=t+\Delta t}) \pi R^2 \Delta x$$

Applying macroscopic condition to stress tensors derived by Navier and Stokes,

The stress tensor in the $x - x$ direction is

$$\tau_{xx} = 2\mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} - \frac{2}{3}\mu \left[\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial(rv_r)}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} \right] = 2\mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} - \frac{2}{3}\mu \left[0 + \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} \right] = \frac{4}{3}\mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} \quad (4.7)$$

Stress tensor in $x - r$ direction is defined as

$$(\tau_{rx})_R = \tau_w = \frac{\rho f v_x^2}{2} \quad (4.8)$$

Stress tensor in $r - r$ direction is intuitively

$$\tau_{rr} = 0$$

Equating momentum yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \left((\rho v_x)_{t=t} - (\rho v_x)_{t=t+\Delta t} \right) \pi R^2 \Delta x \\ &= \left(-(\tau_{rx})_R 2\pi R \Delta x + \{ (\rho v_x \cdot v_x + p - \tau_{xx})_x - (\rho v_x \cdot v_x + p - \tau_{xx})_{x+\Delta x} - \rho g \sin \theta \} \pi R^2 \right) \Delta t \end{aligned} \quad (4.9)$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{((\rho v_x)_{t=t} - (\rho v_x)_{t=t+\Delta t})}{\Delta t} = \\ & -\tau_w \frac{2}{R} + \frac{(\rho v_x \cdot v_x + p - \tau_{xx})_x - (\rho v_x \cdot v_x + p - \tau_{xx})_{x+\Delta x}}{\Delta x} - \rho g \sin \theta \end{aligned} \quad (4.10)$$

Taking $\Delta x \rightarrow 0, \Delta t \rightarrow 0$, we have

$$\frac{\partial(\rho v_x)}{\partial t} = -\tau_w \frac{2}{R} - \frac{\partial(\rho v_x \cdot v_x + p - \tau_{xx})}{\partial x} - \rho g \sin \theta \quad (4.11)$$

We have averaged the velocity in cross sectional area, the image of the averaged velocities are shown in Fig. 4.2. The momentum correction factor α for One-D area averaged velocity is suggested by White that is

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{\pi R^2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^R \left(\frac{v_x}{v} \right) dr d\theta \quad \begin{array}{ll} \text{For laminar flow} & \alpha = 1.3333 \\ \text{For laminar flow} & \alpha = 1.013 \sim 1.037 \end{array} \quad (4.12)$$

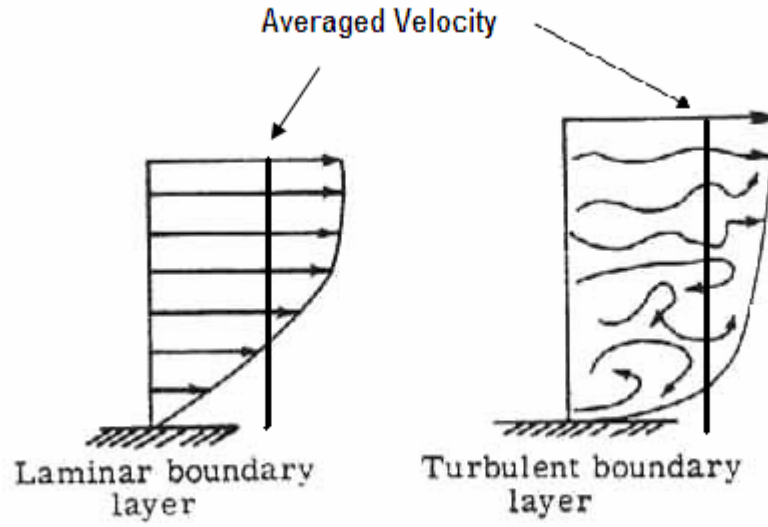


Fig. 4.2 Averaged velocities for laminar flow and turbulent flow

Taking into account this correction factor and averaged velocity, the momentum balance equation becomes

$$\frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial t} = -\frac{\rho v^2 f}{R} - \frac{\partial(\alpha \rho v^2 + p)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{4}{3} \mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) - \rho g \sin \theta \quad (4.13)$$

4.2.3 Energy Balance

The combined energy flux vector defined by Bird *et al.* is

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mathbf{e}} &= \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 + \rho \hat{U} \right) \bar{\mathbf{v}} + [\bar{\boldsymbol{\pi}} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{v}}] + \bar{\mathbf{q}} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 + \rho \hat{H} \right) \bar{\mathbf{v}} + [\bar{\boldsymbol{\tau}} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{v}}] + \bar{\mathbf{q}} \end{aligned} \quad (4.14)$$

Where

$$\bar{\boldsymbol{\pi}} = p\boldsymbol{\delta} + \bar{\boldsymbol{\tau}}$$

Total energy in at $r = R$

$$e_r \Big|_R 2\pi R \Delta x$$

Total energy in at $x = x$

$$e_x|_x \pi R^2$$

Total energy out at $x = x + \Delta x$

$$e_x|_{x+\Delta x} \pi R^2$$

Work done by gravity

$$\rho v g \sin \theta \pi R^2$$

Let total accumulative energy be

$$\left(\frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 + \hat{U} \right) = E_t$$

Total energy in the control volume (CV) is

$$\left(\frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 + \hat{U} \right) \pi R^2 \Delta x = E_t \pi R^2 \Delta x$$

Then accumulated energy over Δt in CV becomes

$$(E_t|_t - E_t|_{t+\Delta t}) \pi R^2 \Delta x$$

The energy balance equation becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & (E_t|_t - E_t|_{t+\Delta t}) \pi R^2 \Delta x \\ &= (e_r|_R 2\pi R \Delta x + e_x|_x \pi R^2 - e_x|_{x+\Delta x} \pi R^2 + \rho v g \sin \theta \pi R^2 \Delta x) \Delta t \end{aligned} \quad (4.15)$$

or

$$\frac{(E_t|_t - E_t|_{t+\Delta t})}{\Delta t} = e_r|_R \frac{2}{R} + \frac{e_x|_x - e_x|_{x+\Delta x}}{\Delta x} + \rho v g \sin \theta \quad (4.16)$$

Taking $\Delta x \rightarrow 0, \Delta t \rightarrow 0$

$$\frac{\partial E_t}{\partial t} = e_r|_R \frac{2}{R} - \frac{\partial e_x}{\partial x} + \rho v g \sin \theta \quad (4.17)$$

Now, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
e_r|_R &= \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 + \rho \hat{H} \right) v_r \right]_R + q_r|_R - (\tau_{rx} \cdot v_x)|_R - (\tau_{rr} \cdot v_r)|_R \\
&= [(E_t + p)v_r]_R - q_r|_R - (\tau_{rx} \cdot v_x)|_R - 0
\end{aligned} \tag{4.18}$$

From the assumption,

$$(\tau_{rx} v_x)|_R = \tau_w \cdot v_I = 0$$

Noting that $A|_R = A_I$

$$e_r|_R = ((E_t)_I + p_I)v_I + q_I \tag{4.19}$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned}
e_x &= \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 + \hat{H} \right) v_x - \tau_{xx} \cdot v_x - \tau_{xr} \cdot v_r + q_x \\
&= (E_t + p)v_x - \frac{4}{3} \mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} v_x - \tau_{xr} \cdot v_r + q_x
\end{aligned} \tag{4.20}$$

τ_{xr} is only defined at the wall ($r = R$) though, v_r is zero other than the wall. Also at the wall, radial velocity $(v_r)_R = v_I$ is perpendicular to τ_w direction. Therefore $\tau_{xr} \cdot v_r = 0$. Applying averaged velocity, we have

$$e_x = (E_t + p)v - \frac{4}{3} \mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} v + q_x \tag{4.21}$$

Substituting Eqs. 4.19 and 4.21 into Eq. 4.17 gives

$$\frac{\partial E_t}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\left(E_t + p - \frac{4}{3} \mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) v + q_x \right) + \frac{2}{R} [((E_t)_I + p_I)v_I + q_I] + \rho v g \sin \theta \tag{4.22}$$

To estimate E_t

$$\begin{aligned}
E_t &= \rho \left(\frac{1}{2} v^2 + \hat{U} \right) = \rho \left(\frac{1}{2} v^2 + \hat{U} + \frac{p}{\rho} \right) - p = \rho \left(\frac{1}{2} v^2 + \hat{H} \right) - p \\
&= \rho \left(\frac{1}{2} v^2 + H^0 + \int_{T^0}^T C_p dT + \int_{p^0}^p \left[\frac{1}{\rho} - \frac{\beta T}{\rho} \right] dp \right) - p
\end{aligned} \tag{4.23}$$

Considering small change from H^0

$$E_t = \rho \left(\frac{1}{2} v^2 + H^0 \right) + \rho C_p (T - T^0) + (1 - \beta T) (p - p^0) - p \quad (4.24a)$$

or

$$E_t + p = \rho \left(\frac{1}{2} v^2 + H^0 \right) + \rho C_p (T - T^0) + (1 - \beta T) (p - p^0) \quad (4.24b)$$

Where $(E_t)_I$ will be

$$(E_t)_I = \rho \left(\frac{1}{2} v_I^2 + H^0 \right) + \rho C_p (T_I - T^0) + (1 - \beta T) (p_I - p^0) - p_I \quad (4.25a)$$

or

$$(E_t)_I + p_I = \rho \left(\frac{1}{2} v_I^2 + H^0 \right) + \rho C_p (T_I - T^0) + (1 - \beta T) (p_I - p^0) \quad (4.25b)$$

We can also obtain same results by integrating Two-D cylindrical equations for pipe flow. It is shown in Appendix C.

4.2.4 Steady State Equations

The profile in the wellbore is determined by the environmental (reservoir) condition. We have derived unsteady state equations as a general form though it takes only a few seconds to minutes to get a steady state condition in the wellbore. Considering the time scale in reservoir, we can say the wellbore flow is always in steady state.

For steady state, the mass balance equation becomes

$$\frac{d(\rho v)}{dx} = \frac{2}{R} (\rho_I v_I) \quad (4.26)$$

The momentum balance equation is

$$\frac{dp}{dx} = -\frac{\rho v^2 f}{R} - \alpha \frac{d(\rho v^2)}{dx} - \rho g \sin \theta \quad (4.27)$$

After substitution of mass balance, we obtain

$$\frac{dp}{dx} = -\frac{\rho v^2 f}{R} - \alpha \left(\frac{2}{R} \rho_I v_I v + \rho v \frac{dv}{dx} \right) - \rho g \sin \theta \quad (4.28)$$

The energy balance becomes

$$0 = -\frac{d}{dx} \left(\left(E_t + p - \frac{4}{3} \mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) v + q_x \right) + \frac{2}{R} [((E_t)_I + p_I) v_I + q_I] + \rho v g \sin \theta \quad (4.29)$$

Substituting Eqs. 4.24 and 4.25 yields

$$0 = -\frac{d}{dx} \left(\left(\frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 + \rho \hat{H} - \frac{4}{3} \mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) v + q_x \right) + \frac{2}{R} \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} \rho_I v_I^2 + \rho_I \hat{H}_I \right) v_I + q_I \right] - \rho v g \sin \theta \quad (4.30)$$

Where

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho v^3 \right) = \frac{1}{2} v^2 \frac{d(\rho v)}{dx} + \rho v \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{2} v^2 \right) \quad (4.31)$$

From mass balance (Eq. 4.26)

$$\frac{1}{2} v^2 \frac{d(\rho v)}{dx} + \rho v \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{2} v^2 \right) = \frac{1}{2} v^2 \frac{2}{R} \rho_I v_I + \rho v^2 \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1}{R} \rho_I v_I v^2 + \rho v^2 \frac{dv}{dx} \quad (4.32)$$

Similarly,

$$\frac{d(\rho \hat{H} v)}{dx} = \rho v \frac{d\hat{H}}{dx} + \hat{H} \frac{d(\rho v)}{dx} = \rho v \frac{d\hat{H}}{dx} + \hat{H} \frac{2}{R} \rho_I v_I \quad (4.33)$$

Substitution gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\rho_I v_I}{R} (v_I^2 - v^2) - \rho v^2 \frac{dv}{dx} - \rho v \frac{d\hat{H}}{dx} + \frac{2}{R} \rho_I v_I (\hat{H}_I - \hat{H}) \\ & + \frac{4}{3} \mu v \frac{dv}{dx} - \frac{dq_x}{dx} + \frac{2}{R} q_I - \rho v g \sin \theta = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (4.34)$$

Let's think about the boundary pressure, p_I , shown on the figure below.

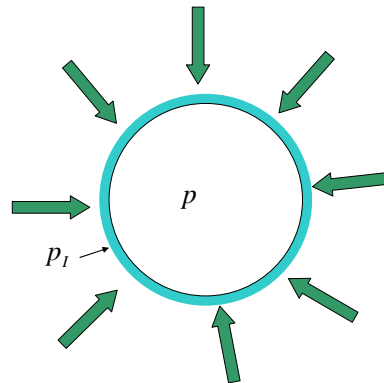


Fig. 4.3 Boundary pressure

The boundary conditions are given at just outside of the wellbore, inflow is driven by the difference between wellbore pressure and reservoir pressure. So the pressure at the pipe surface can be assumed to be the same as the wellbore pressure. Then, we have

$$\rho_I = \rho \quad (4.35)$$

The enthalpy difference is

$$\hat{H}_I - \hat{H} = C_p(T_I - T) + \frac{1}{\rho}(1 - \beta T_I)(p_I - p) = C_p(T_I - T) \quad (4.36)$$

Also, a small enthalpy difference is given as

$$d\hat{H} = C_p dT + \frac{1}{\rho}(1 - \beta T_I) dp \quad (4.37)$$

Finally, the energy balance equation is

$$\begin{aligned} -\rho v C_p \frac{dT}{dx} - v(1 - \beta T) \frac{dp}{dx} - \rho v^2 \frac{dv}{dx} + \frac{4}{3} \mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{dq_x}{dx} + \frac{\rho v_I}{R} (v_I^2 - v^2) \\ + \frac{2}{R} \rho v_I C_p (T_I - T) + \frac{2}{R} q_I - \rho v g \sin \theta = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (4.38)$$

Viscous shear stress between fluids and heat flux between fluids are too small to take into account. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} -\rho v C_p \frac{dT}{dx} - v(1 - \beta T) \frac{dp}{dx} - \rho v^2 \frac{dv}{dx} + \frac{\rho v_I}{R} (v_I^2 - v^2) \\ + \frac{2}{R} \rho v_I C_p (T_I - T) + \frac{2}{R} q_I - \rho v g \sin \theta = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (4.39)$$

Solving for temperature gradient,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dT}{dx} = -\frac{(1 - \beta T)}{\rho C_p} \frac{dp}{dx} - \frac{v}{C_p} \frac{dv}{dx} + \frac{1}{R C_p} \frac{v_I}{v} (v_I^2 - v^2) \\ + \frac{2}{R} \frac{v_I}{v} (T_I - T) + \frac{2}{R \rho v C_p} q_I - \frac{1}{C_p} g \sin \theta \end{aligned} \quad (4.40)$$

Joule-Thomson coefficient is defined as

$$\frac{\beta T - 1}{\rho C_p} = K_{JT} \quad (4.41)$$

Conductive heat flux from the surroundings can be estimated using the heat transfer coefficient, U , of the completion,

$$q_I = U(T_I - T) \quad (4.42)$$

And $\frac{1}{2U/R\rho v C_p}$ is called relaxation distance ($= A$).

Substituting into Eq. 4.40 yields

$$\frac{dT}{dx} = \frac{1}{C_p} \left(K_{JT} C_p \frac{dp}{dx} - v \frac{dv}{dx} + \frac{1}{R} \frac{v_I}{v} (v_I^2 - v^2) - g \sin \theta \right) + \left(\frac{2}{R} \frac{v_I}{v} + \frac{1}{A} \right) (T_I - T) \quad (4.43)$$

Now we can infer what causes temperature increase or decrease. The first term on the right-hand side of Eq. 4.43 is the Joule-Thomson effect. The second and third terms are the temperature decrease due to kinetic energy changes. The fourth term represents the work done by gravity force. The convective heat transfer is expressed by the fifth term and the conductive by sixth.

If there's no inflow to the system, the equation would be

$$\frac{dT}{dx} = \frac{1}{C_p} \left(K_{JT} C_p \frac{dp}{dx} - v \frac{dv}{dx} - g \sin \theta \right) + \frac{1}{A} (T_I - T) \quad (4.44)$$

This equation is same equation as the one derived by Shoham for non-producing wellbore temperature prediction.

4.3 Model Development

In the last section, we derived three equations to be solved for three unknowns. The 3 unknowns are v, p, T ; and the 3 equations are

$$\frac{d(\rho v)}{dx} = \frac{2}{R} (\rho v_I) \quad (4.26)$$

$$\frac{dp}{dx} = -\frac{\rho v^2 f}{R} - \alpha \left(\frac{2}{R} \rho v_I v + \rho v \frac{dv}{dx} \right) - \rho g \sin \theta \quad (4.28)$$

$$\frac{dT}{dx} = \frac{1}{C_p} \left(K_{JT} C_p \frac{dp}{dx} - v \frac{dv}{dx} + \frac{1}{R} \frac{v_I}{v} (v_I^2 - v^2) - g \sin \theta \right) + \left(\frac{2}{R} \frac{v_I}{v} + \frac{1}{A} \right) (T_I - T) \quad (4.43)$$

For a real fluid, thermodynamic properties are dependent on pressure and temperature such as

$$\rho = \rho(p, T) \quad (4.45)$$

$$\mu = \mu(p, T) \quad (4.46)$$

$$C_p = C_p(p, T) \quad (4.47)$$

$$\beta = \beta(p, T) \quad (4.48)$$

And we have a rate dependent property which is friction factor

$$f = f(N_{Re}, N_{Re,w}, \varepsilon) \quad (4.49)$$

To solve this problem, we consider the following numerical method. Then to validate numerical model we develop an analytical solution with some simplifications.

4.3.1 Iterative Numerical Method

Numerically, we divide the wellbore into cells and consider v, p, T as average values in the cells as shown in below figure.

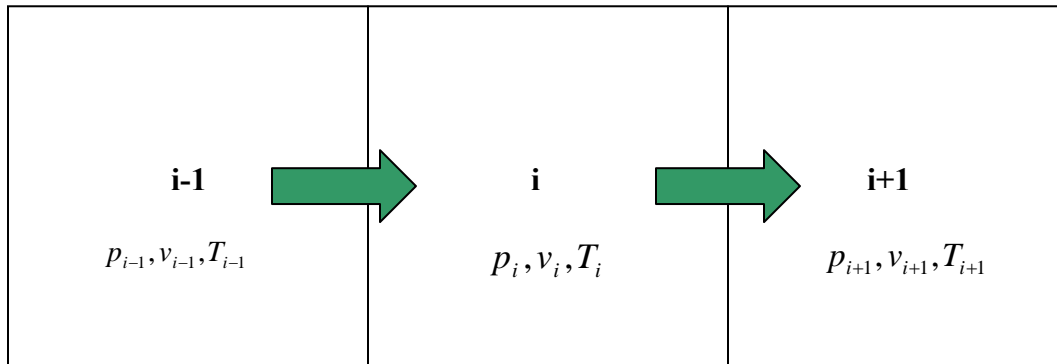


Fig. 4.4 Cell image

The procedure is as follows:

1. Start with 3 known variables p_i, v_i, T_i
2. Assume T_{i+1}
3. Assume p_{i+1} , calculate all properties with assumed temperature and pressure.

4. Calculate v_{i+1} from Mass balance using forward finite difference:

$$v_{i+1} = \frac{2\Delta x}{R} \frac{\rho_i}{\rho_{i+1}} (v_I)_i + \frac{\rho_i}{\rho_{i+1}} (v)_i \quad (4.50)$$

For estimation of v_I , we suppose J (productivity index) and p_R (reservoir pressure) to be known, then inflow velocity is calculated as

$$(v_I)_i = \frac{J_i(p_R - p_i)}{2\pi R \Delta x} \quad (4.51)$$

Then, the velocity is estimated by

$$v_{i+1} = \frac{2J_i(p_R - p_i)}{\pi R^2} \frac{\rho_i}{\rho_{i+1}} + v_{i-1} \frac{\rho_{i-1}}{\rho_{i+1}} \quad (4.52)$$

5. Calculate p_{i+1} from momentum balance

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p_{i+1} - p_i}{\Delta x} &= -\frac{\rho_i v_i^2 f_i}{R} - \alpha \left(\frac{2}{R} \rho_i (v_I)_i v_i + \rho_i v_i \frac{v_{i+1} - v_i}{\Delta x} \right) - \rho_i g \sin \theta_i \\ p_{i+1} &= \Delta x \left[-\frac{\rho_i v_i^2 f_i}{R} - \alpha \left(\frac{2}{R} \rho_i (v_I)_i v_i + \rho_i v_i \frac{v_{i+1} - v_i}{\Delta x} \right) - \rho_i g \sin \theta_i \right] + p_i \end{aligned} \quad (4.53)$$

Friction factor and momentum correction factor are rate dependent. Therefore, if

$$(N_{Re})_i = \frac{2Rv_i\rho_i}{\mu_i} < 2100 \text{ (Laminar flow), then}$$

$$\alpha = 1.3333$$

Friction factor with inflow is calculated by Ouyang's correlation which is

$$f_i = (f_o)_i \left(1 + 0.0430 (N_{Re,w})_i^{0.6142} \right) \quad (4.54)$$

where f_o is the friction factor without inflow, and $N_{Re,w}$ is the wall Reynolds number. They can be computed as

$$(N_{Re,w})_i = \frac{2Rv_I\rho_i}{\mu_i} \quad (4.55)$$

$$(f_0)_i = \frac{16}{(N_{Re})_i} \quad (4.56)$$

In case if $(N_{Re})_i = \frac{2Rv_i\rho_i}{\mu_i} > 2100$ (turbulent flow), then,

$$\alpha = 1.013$$

$$f_i = (f_o)_i \left(1 - 0.0153(N_{Re,w})_i^{0.3978}\right) \quad (4.57)$$

For turbulent flow, friction factor is calculated by Chen's Equation

$$(f_0)_i = \left[-4 \log \left\{ \frac{\varepsilon}{3.7065} - \frac{5.0452}{(N_{Re})_i} \log \left[\frac{\varepsilon^{1.1098}}{2.8257} + \left(\frac{7.149}{(N_{Re})_i} \right)^{0.8981} \right] \right\} \right]^{-2} \quad (4.58)$$

Then, compare the calculated pressure and guessed pressure. Until they match, procedure 3, 4 and 5 are repeated.

6. Calculate T_{i+1} from energy balance

$$T_{i+1} = T_i + \Delta x \left[\frac{1}{(C_p)_i} \left((K_{JT} C_p)_i \frac{p_{i+1} - p_i}{\Delta x} - v_i \frac{v_{i+1} - v_i}{\Delta x} + \frac{1}{R} \frac{(v_I)_i}{v_i} \{ (v_I)_i^2 - v_i^2 \} - g \sin \theta_i \right) + \left(\frac{2}{R} \frac{(v_I)_i}{v_i} + \frac{1}{A_i} \right) \{ (T_I)_i - T_i \} \right] \quad (4.59)$$

Again, if temperature is not the same as the assumed one, we need to go back to the process 2 until convergence is achieved.

The whole procedure is shown in the following flow chart (Fig. 4.5).

4.3.2 Validation of Prediction Model

Even if we wrote numerical code and the method looked perfect mathematically, that result can never be assured unless compared with an analytical solution. Here we solve the equations for a simplified case with some assumptions in order to have a means to check the numerical model results.

To simplify the problem, we consider incompressible flow, no pipe inclination (horizontal) and inflow is uniform along the wellbore. Also, we assume thermal properties such as viscosity are constant, which is appropriate for most liquids.

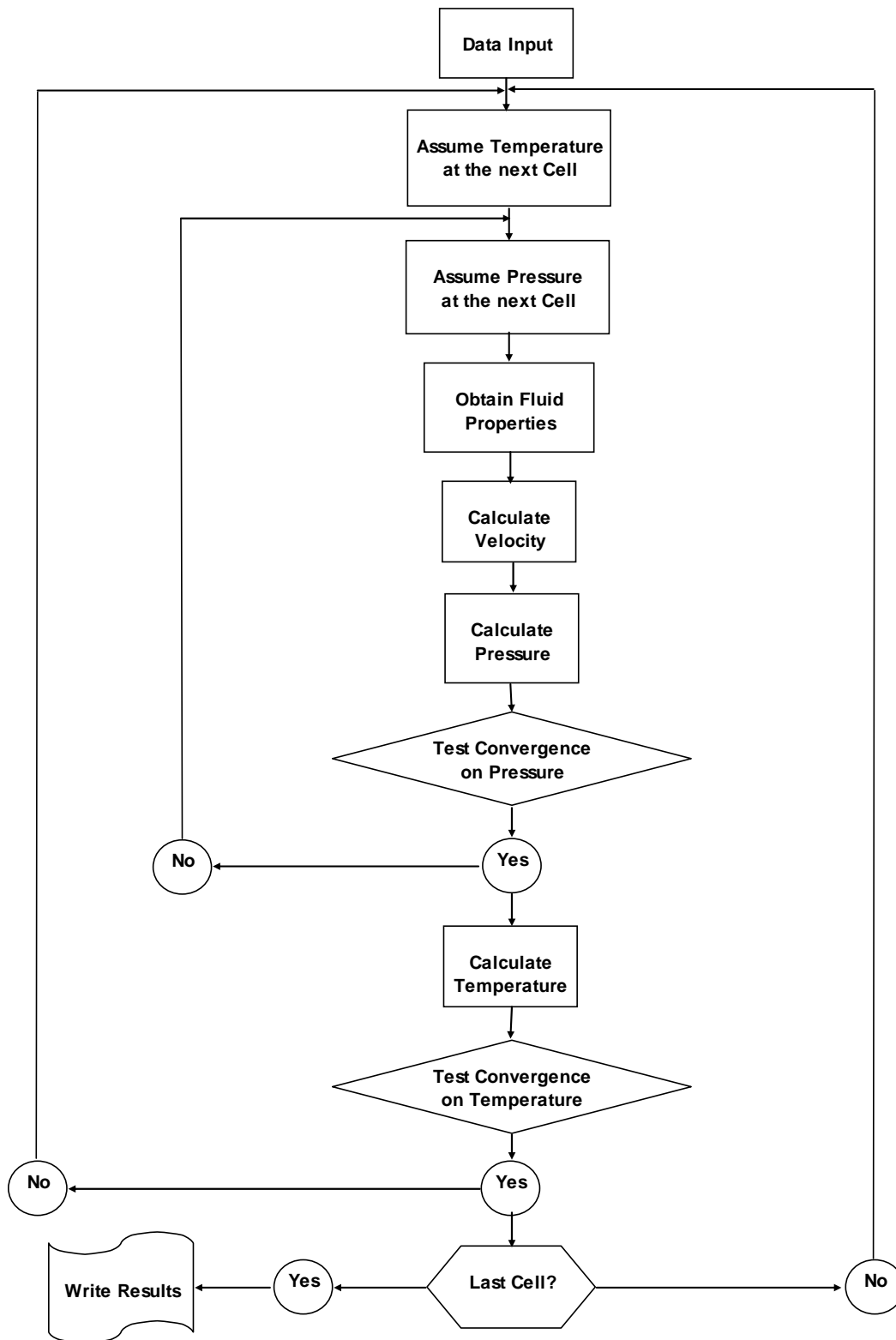


Fig. 4.5 Program flow chart

Velocity Profile

Mass balance is given as

$$\frac{d(\rho v)}{dx} = \frac{2}{R}(\rho v_l) \quad (4.60)$$

Since fluid is incompressible,

$$\frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{2}{R}v_l \quad (4.61)$$

Integrating yields

$$\int dv = \int \frac{2}{R}v_l dx$$

Applying the boundary condition, at $x = 0$, $v = 0$, the solution of velocity can be obtained.

$$v = \frac{2}{R}v_l x \quad (4.62)$$

Pressure Profile

Substituting Eqs. 4.61 and 4.62 into the momentum balance equation (Eq. 4.29), we have

$$\frac{dp}{dx} = -\rho \left(\frac{2}{R}v_l \right)^2 \left(\frac{f}{R}x^2 + 2\alpha x \right) \quad (4.63)$$

For an inflow rate of 50 [bbl/d/ft] along the producing well, the flow rate profile will be as shown in Fig. 4.6. Friction factor values corresponding to this flow profile (viscosity 1.7 [cp], density 50 [lb/ft³]) are shown in Fig. 4.7. For most of the well, friction factor is constant, so we assume it constant for the entire well. Also another rate dependent property that is momentum correction α is almost 1 for both laminar and turbulent case. Therefore, letting $\alpha = 1$ and integrating Eq. 4.63, gives

$$\int dp = -\rho \left(\frac{2}{R}v_l \right)^2 \int \left(\frac{f}{R}x^2 + 2x \right) dx \quad (4.64)$$

At the toe, $x = 0$, pressure is $p = p_0$, then we obtain the solution to the pressure profile as

$$p = p_0 - \rho \left(\frac{2}{R}v_l \right)^2 \left(\frac{f}{3R}x^3 + x^2 \right) \quad (4.65)$$

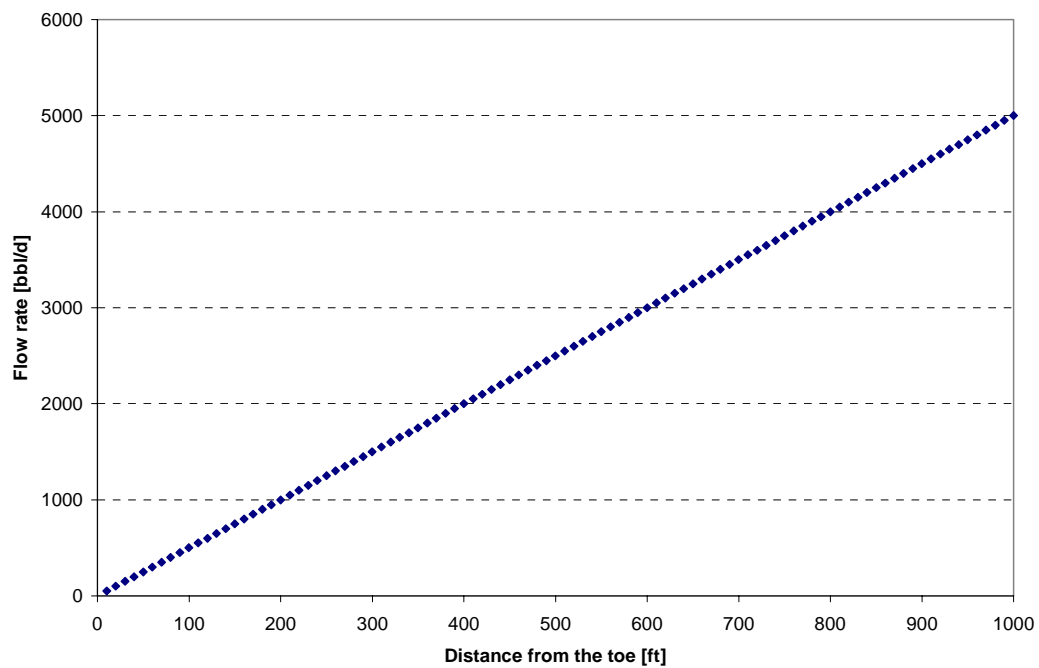


Fig. 4.6 Flow rate profile with uniform inflow

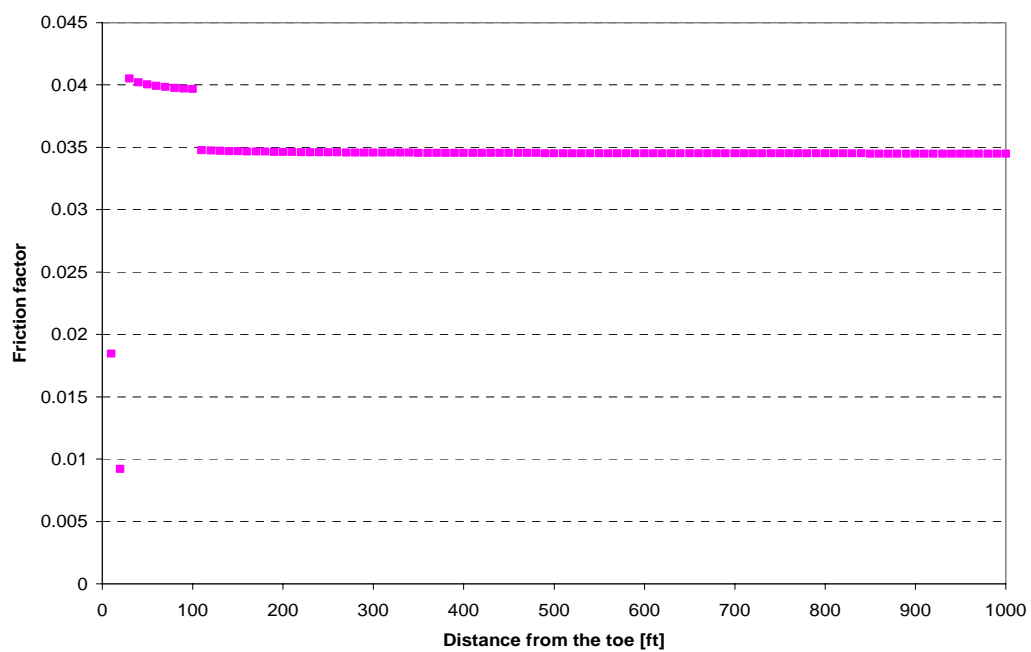


Fig. 4.7 Generated friction factor value with given flow rate profile

Temperature Profile

With the above simplifications, the energy balance equation becomes

$$\frac{dT}{dx} = K_{JT} \frac{dp}{dx} - \frac{v}{C_p} \frac{dv}{dx} + \frac{1}{RC_p} \frac{v_I}{v} (v_I^2 - v^2) + \left(\frac{2}{R} \frac{v_I}{v} + \frac{2U}{R\rho v C_p} \right) (T_I - T) \quad (4.66)$$

We have assumed thermal properties are constant including the Joule-Thomson coefficient η . After substitution of Eqs. 4.61, 4.62 and 4.63, we obtain a 1st order linear differential equation of the form

$$\frac{dT}{dx} + p(x)T = q(x) \quad (4.67)$$

Where

$$p(x) = m_1 \frac{1}{x} \quad (4.68)$$

$$q(x) = m_2 x^2 + m_3 x + m_4 \frac{1}{x} \quad (4.69)$$

$$m_1 = 1 + \frac{U}{\rho C_p v_I} \quad (4.70)$$

$$m_2 = -\frac{4K_{JT} f \rho v_I^2}{R^3} \quad (4.71)$$

$$m_3 = -\frac{8K_{JT} \rho v_I^2}{R^2} - \frac{6v_I^2}{R^2 C_p} \quad (4.72)$$

$$m_4 = \frac{v_I^2}{2C_p} + \left(1 + \frac{U}{\rho C_p v_I} \right) T_I \quad (4.73)$$

The solution is

$$T = e^{-\int p dx} \left[\int e^{\int p dx} q dx + C \right] \quad (4.74)$$

Integrations in the equations are

$$e^{-\int p(x) dx} = e^{-\int \left(m_1 \frac{1}{x} \right) dx} = C' x^{-m_1} \quad (4.75)$$

$$\int e^{\int p(x)dx} q(x)dx = C' \left(\frac{m_2}{m_1 + 3} x^{m_1+3} + \frac{m_3}{m_1 + 2} x^{m_1+2} + \frac{m_4}{m_1} \right) + C \quad (4.76)$$

Putting those into the equation yields

$$T = e^{-\int p dx} \left[\int e^{\int p dx} q dx \right] = C' \left(\frac{m_2}{m_1 + 3} x^3 + \frac{m_3}{m_1 + 2} x^2 + \frac{m_4}{m_1} \right) + C x^{-m_1} \quad (4.77)$$

At $x = 0$, T has a finite value, therefore $C = 0$. Let $T(0) = T_I$, then, we have

$$C' = \frac{m_1}{m_4} T_I \quad (4.78)$$

Finally, the solution is

$$T = T_I \left(\frac{m_1 m_2}{m_4 (m_1 + 3)} x^3 + \frac{m_1 m_3}{m_4 (m_1 + 2)} x^2 + 1 \right) \quad (4.79)$$

Comparisons with Numerical Solutions

As mentioned earlier, the validity of the prediction model has to be tested. The physical values used are shown in Table 4.1. The validation of velocity, pressure and temperature is shown by Figs. 4.8 – 4.10, which compared the numerical and analytical results for the conditions of Table 4.1. The comparison is very good and within the expected error of the numerical solution.

Pipe Diameter [in]	2.295
Pipe Length [ft]	1000
Pressure at the toe [psi]	5800
Pipe Inclination [°]	0
Reservoir Pressure [psi]	6000
Reservoir Temperature [psi]	180
Heat Capacity [btu/lb/F]	0.52802
Viscosity [cp]	1.7
Density [lb/ft^3]	50
Thermal Conductivity [btu/hr/ft/F]	2
Isothermal Expansion [1/F]	0.000576
Joule-Thompson Coefficient [F*ft^3/btu]	0.065803

Table 4.1 Sample values of properties

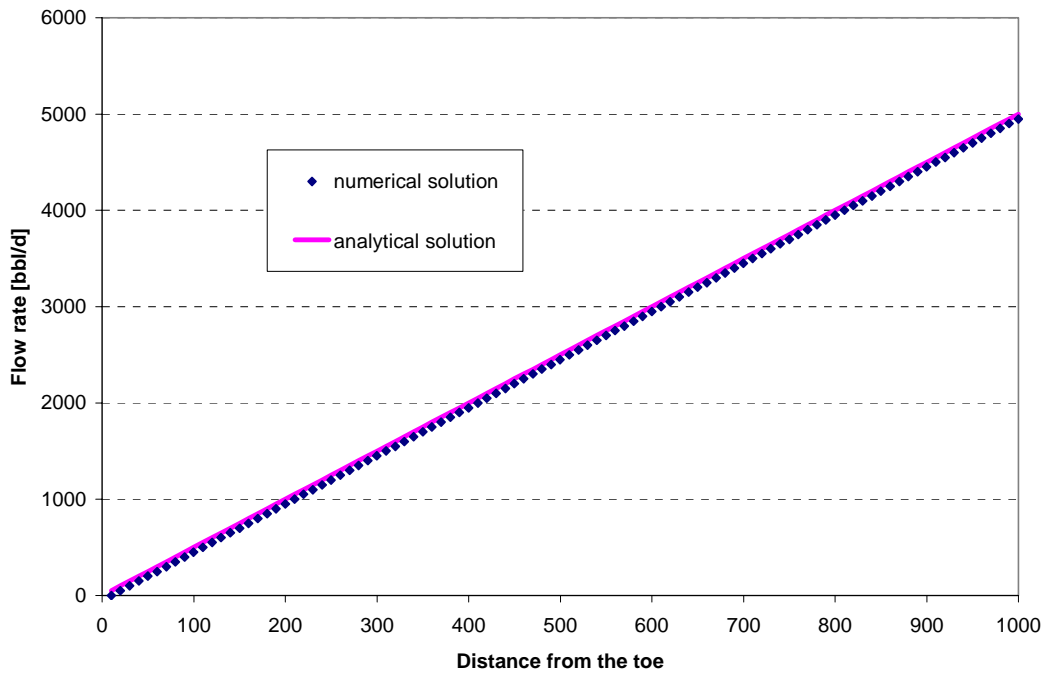


Fig. 4.8 Velocity profile comparison with prediction model

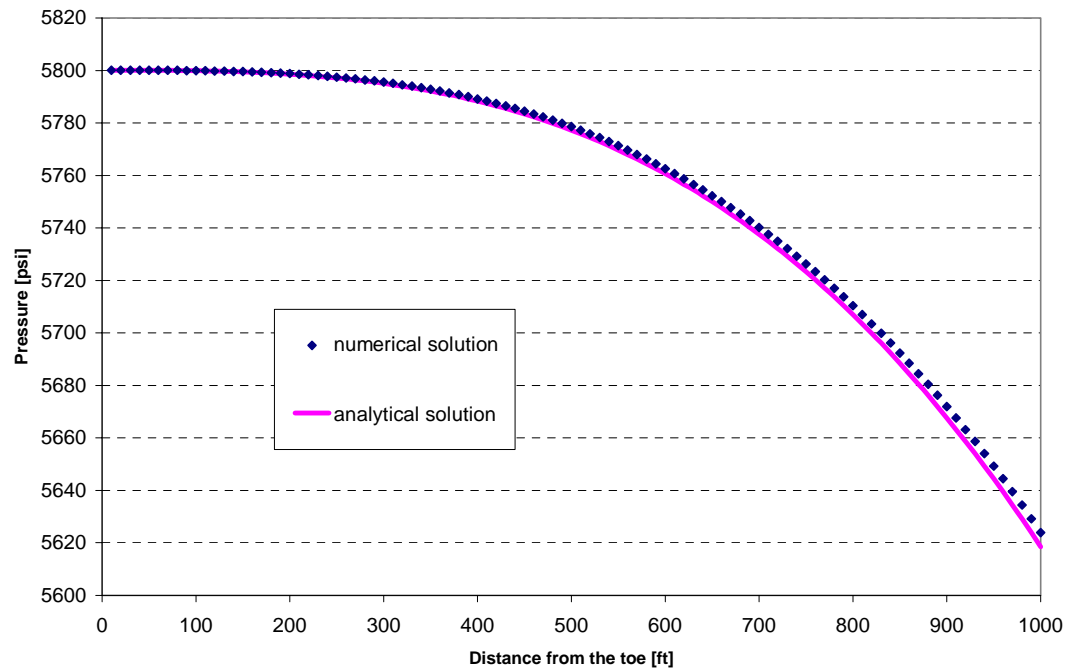


Fig. 4.9 Pressure profile comparison with prediction model

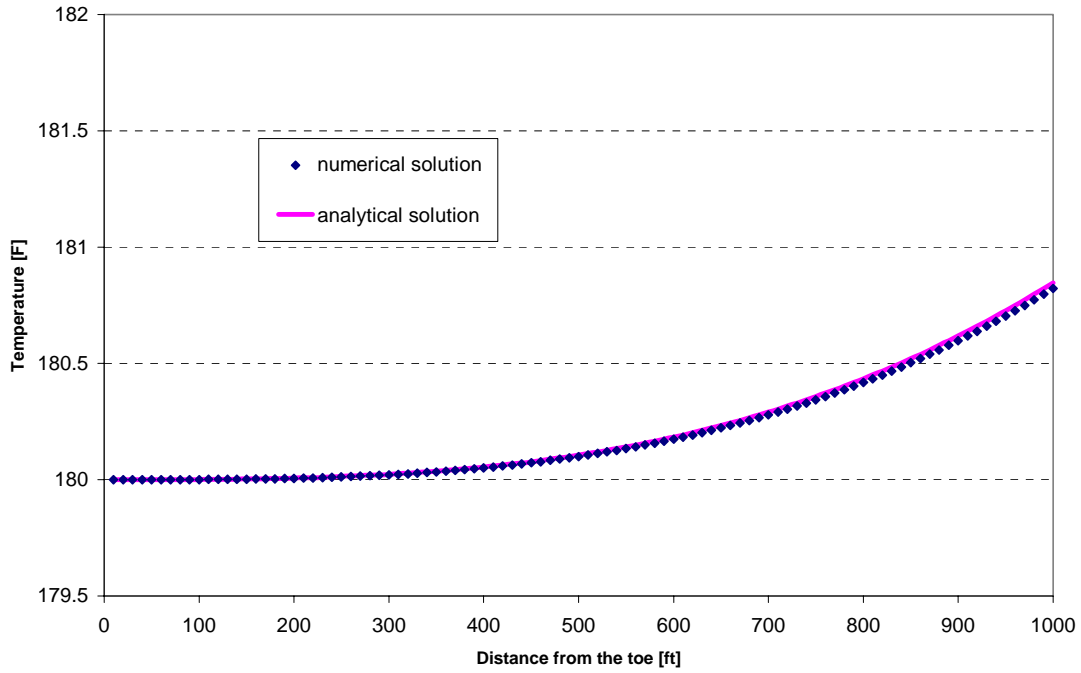


Fig. 4.10 Temperature profile comparison with prediction model

In analytical calculation, friction factors were generated after obtaining velocity profile. Then mean value was used for the solution. That averaged friction factor was adapted to numerical calculation.

Basically, in finite-difference method, the accuracy of the model will be the order of the grid size Δx . In addition, this model uses an iterative method in each step. However, from above observations, we can conclude the developed prediction model yields accurate profiles of temperature and pressure.

4.4 Results and Discussion

4.4.1 Example Calculation

We have developed the prediction model and the accuracy of the model is confirmed by an analytical solution for a simplified case. Now we can predict the profiles with realistic, more complicated cases such as compressible fluid, variable fluid properties, inflow as a function of wellbore pressure etc.

We show an example case of a compressible fluid. Inflow will be determined by productivity index and pressure difference between wellbore and reservoir. The example properties are shown in Table 4.2. The results are shown in the following figures.

Pipe Diameter [in]	2.295
Pipe Length [ft]	1000
Pipe Inclination [°]	0
Productivity Index [bbl/d/psi]	20
Pressure at the toe [psi]	5800
Reservoir Pressure [psi]	6000
Reservoir Temperature [psi]	180
Heat Capacity [btu/lb/F]	0.52802
Viscosity [cp]	1.7
Density [lb/ft ³]	50
Thermal Conductivity [btu/hr/ft/F]	2
Isothermal Expansion [1/F]	0.000576
Isothermal Compressibility [lb/ft ³ /psi]	0.00000965

Table 4.2 Properties in example calculation

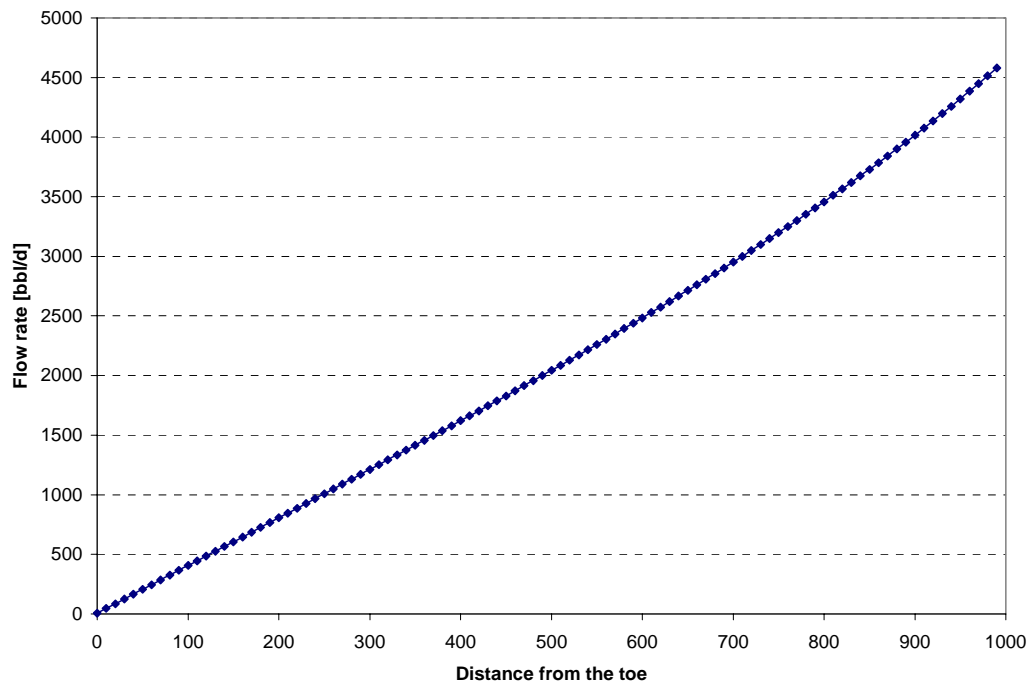


Fig. 4.11 Predicted flow rate profile

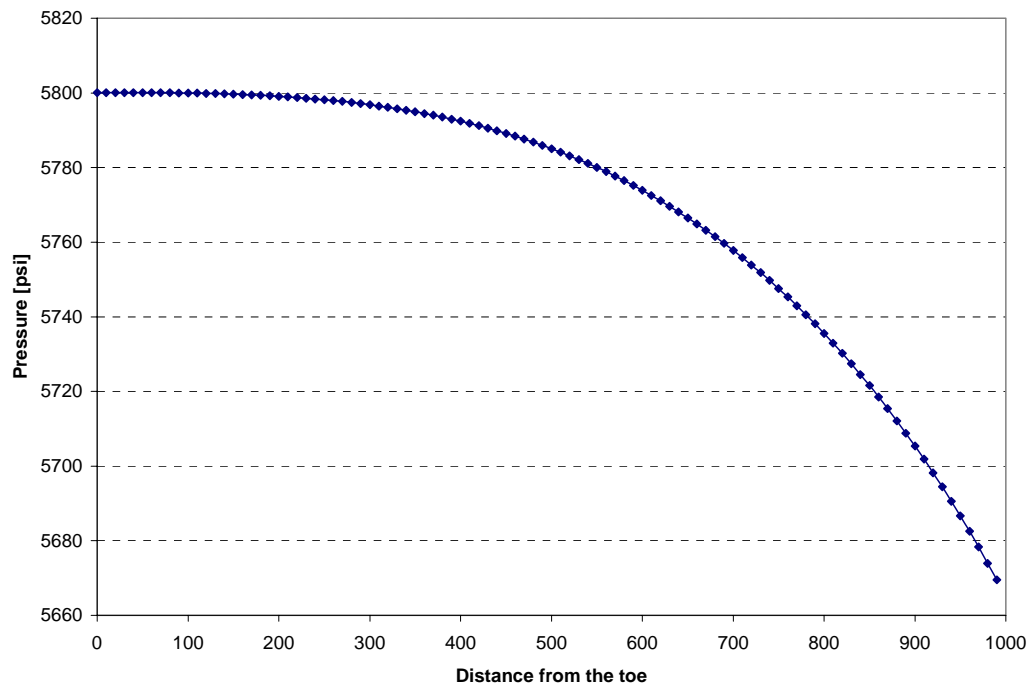


Fig. 4.12 Predicted pressure profile

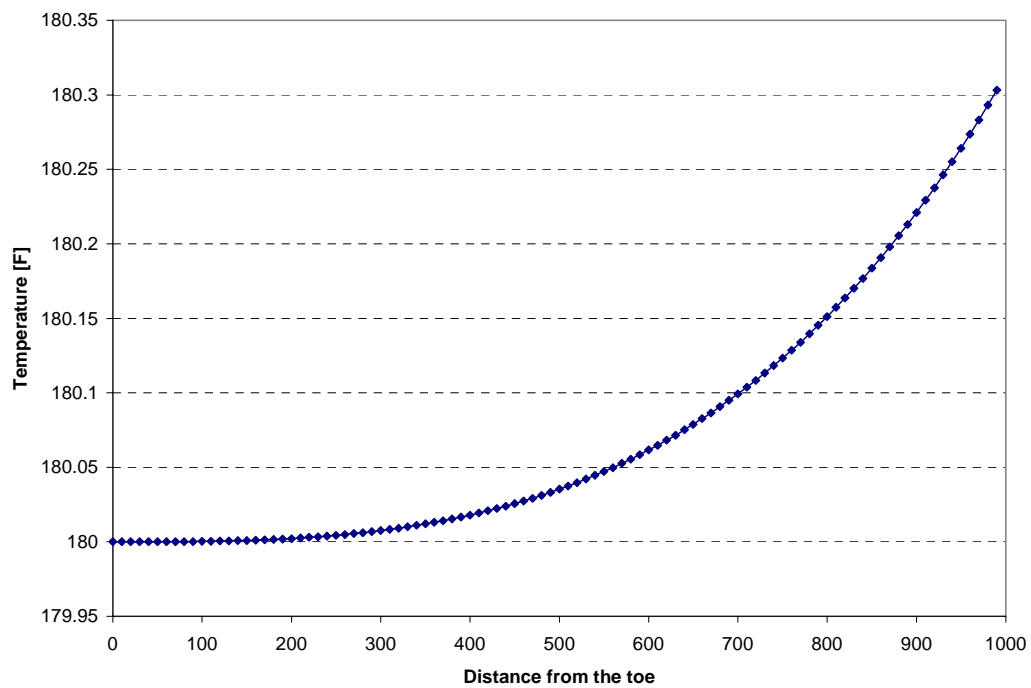


Fig. 4.13 Predicted temperature profile

The temperature increase in this case is smaller than the incompressible case. This is caused by the smaller pressure drop. With smaller pressure drop, Joule-Thomson effect is smaller. As expected, in both cases, the temperature increases as flow rate increases.

The overall temperature increase is out about 0.3 °F. This amount is very small and would make it difficult to determine the flow rate only from the temperature increase. However we can get more information from the shape of the temperature curve and pressure profile. When we move on to the inverse problem, we should know more about sensitivity. We will through more examples, changing various data.

4.4.2 Comparisons of Several Cases

From the previous example, it's seen that a large pressure drop causes temperature increase due to Joule-Thomson effect. For the next case, we assume that the toe pressure is 200 psi lower than before. As a comparison, the previous data are also shown in the figures.

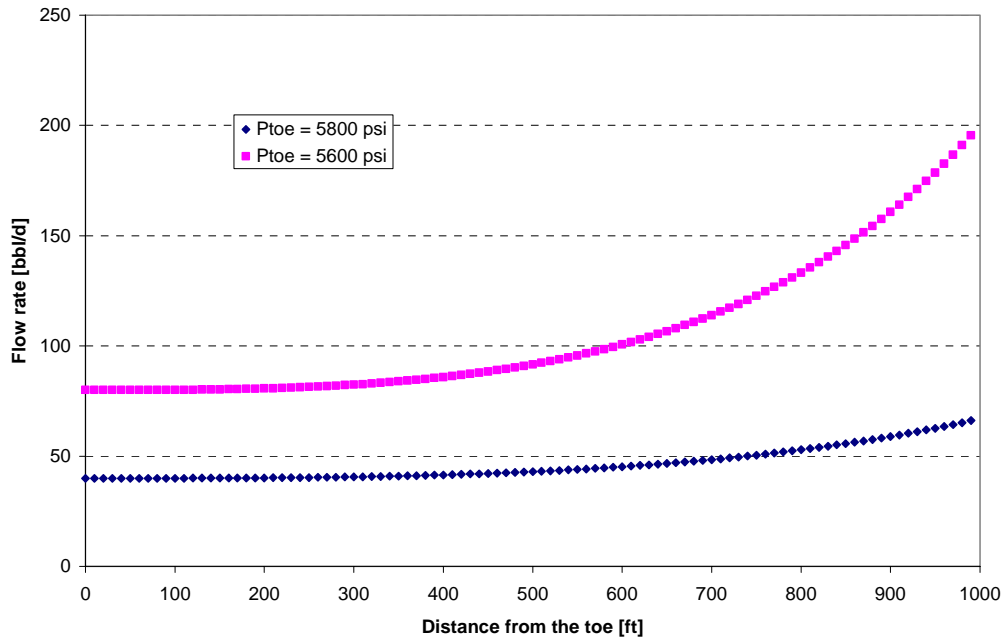


Fig. 4.14 Inflow rate profile comparison

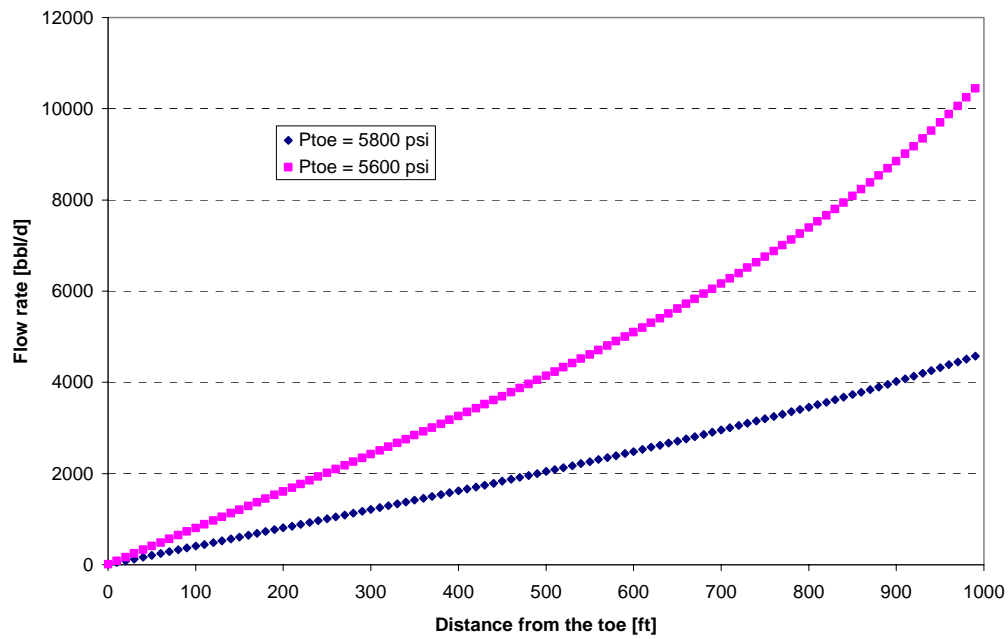


Fig. 4.15 Flow rate profile comparison

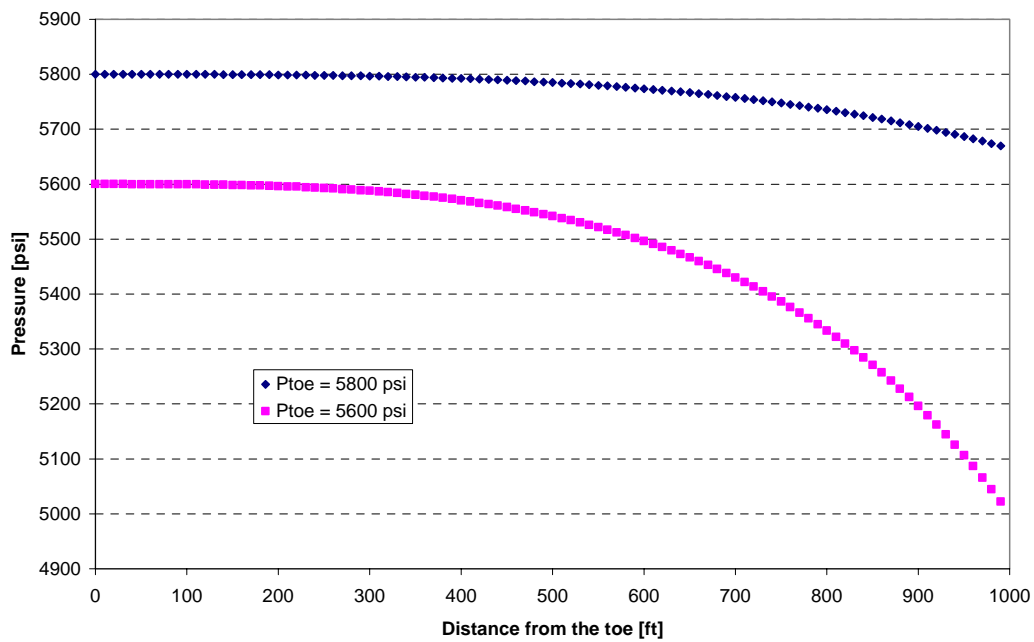


Fig. 4.16 Pressure profile comparison

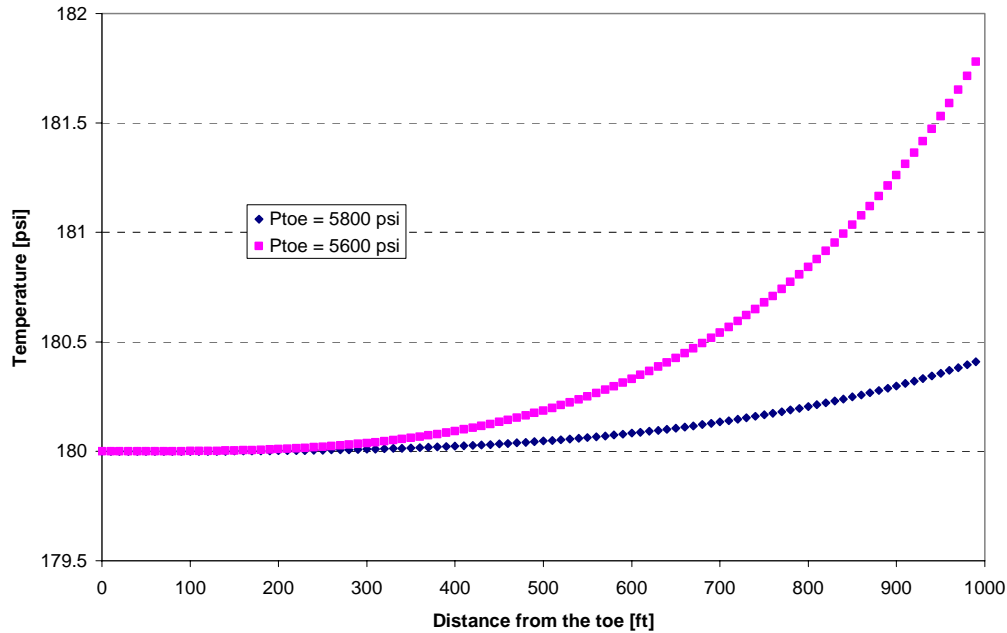


Fig. 4.17 Temperature profile comparison

This comparison shows the heel pressure difference between the two cases is 647 [psi]. And as can be seen, the temperature profile is significantly different. The temperature difference between the toe and the heel is 1.37 [F].

Those experiments are performed in uniform reservoir temperature because geothermal temperature is not considered to be different at the same depth. However, it is possible that if there is higher formation damage or lower permeability in specific regions, outside temperature distribution will be different even for the same depth. Hence, inflow from lower permeability zone is likely to have higher temperature than the other region because of frictional heating in the porous media. We next consider the situation shown in Fig. 4.18.

In this situation, formation temperature is distributed non-uniformly. In the middle there is hotter region due to the lower permeability with a 200 ft length. We assume the productivity of lower permeability region is 50% of the other zone. Inflow, flow rate, pressure and temperature profiles are shown in followings.

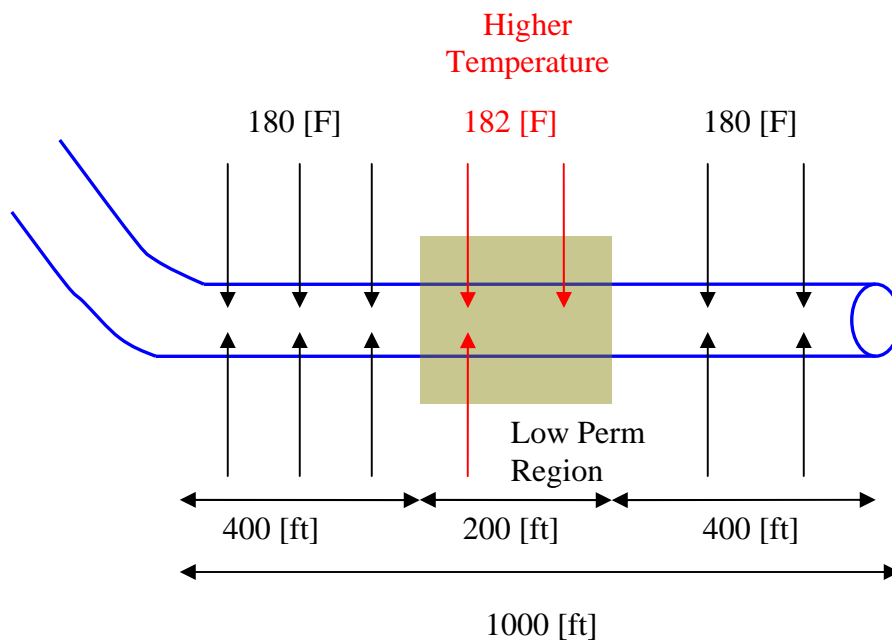


Fig. 4.18 Image of outside temperature distribution with damage zone

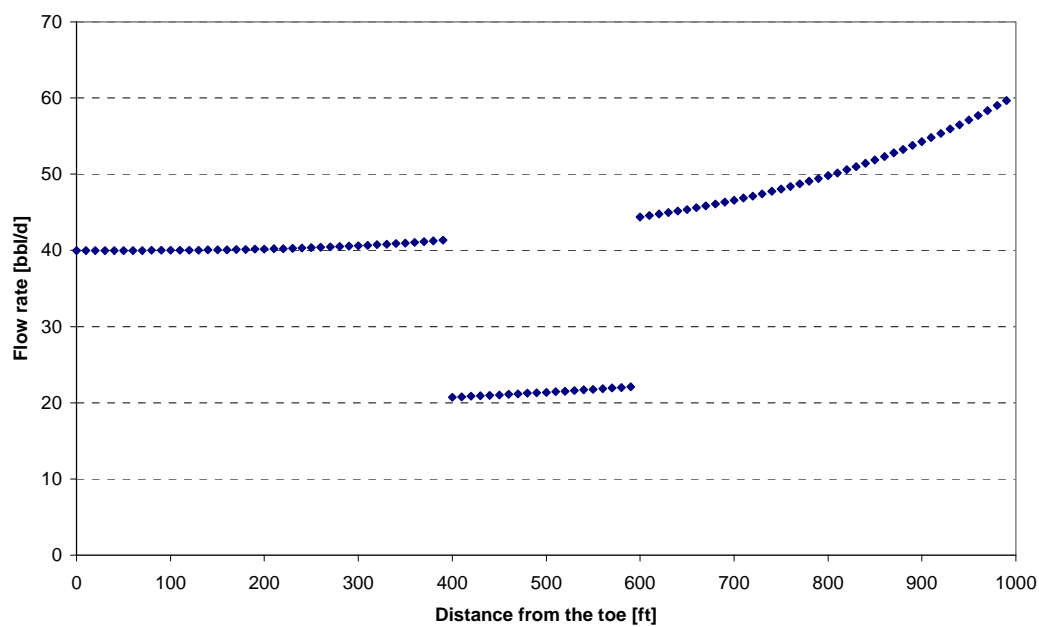


Fig. 4.19 Inflow profile with damage zone

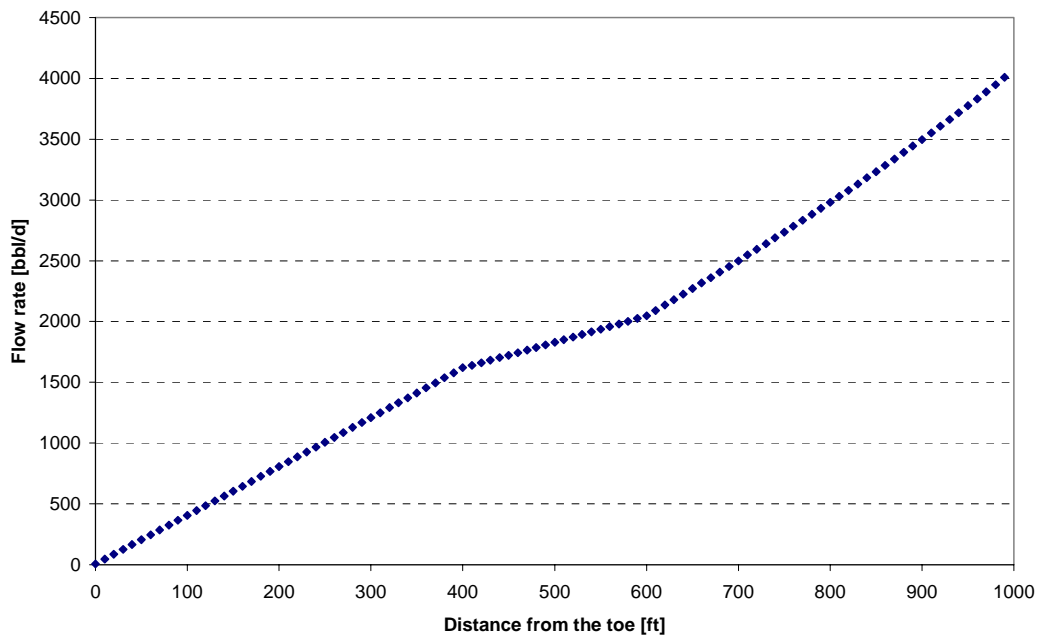


Fig. 4.20 Flow rate profile with damage zone

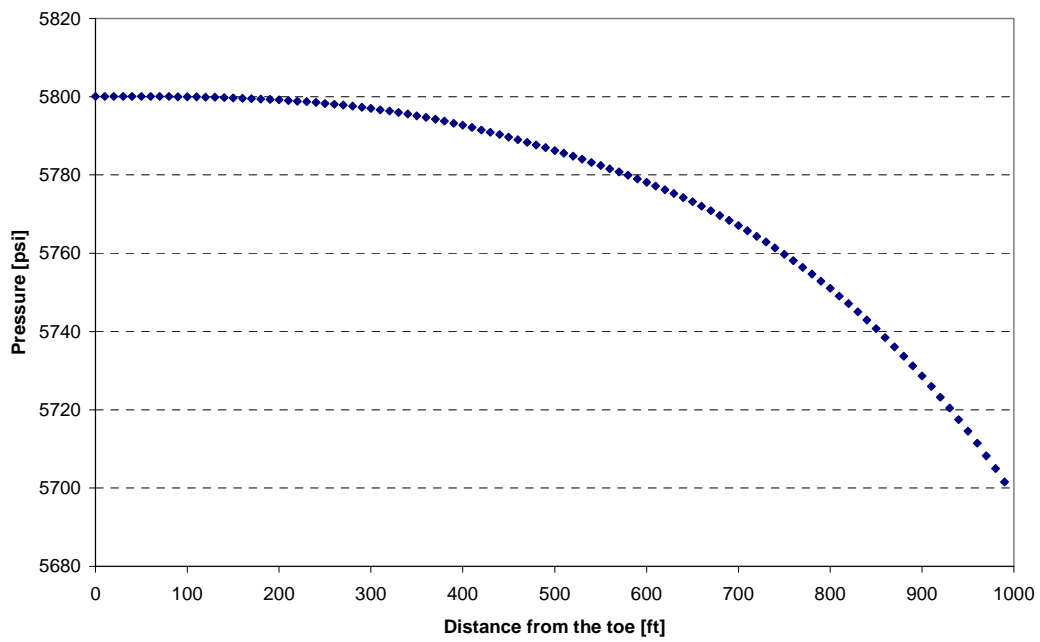


Fig. 4.21 Pressure profile with damage zone

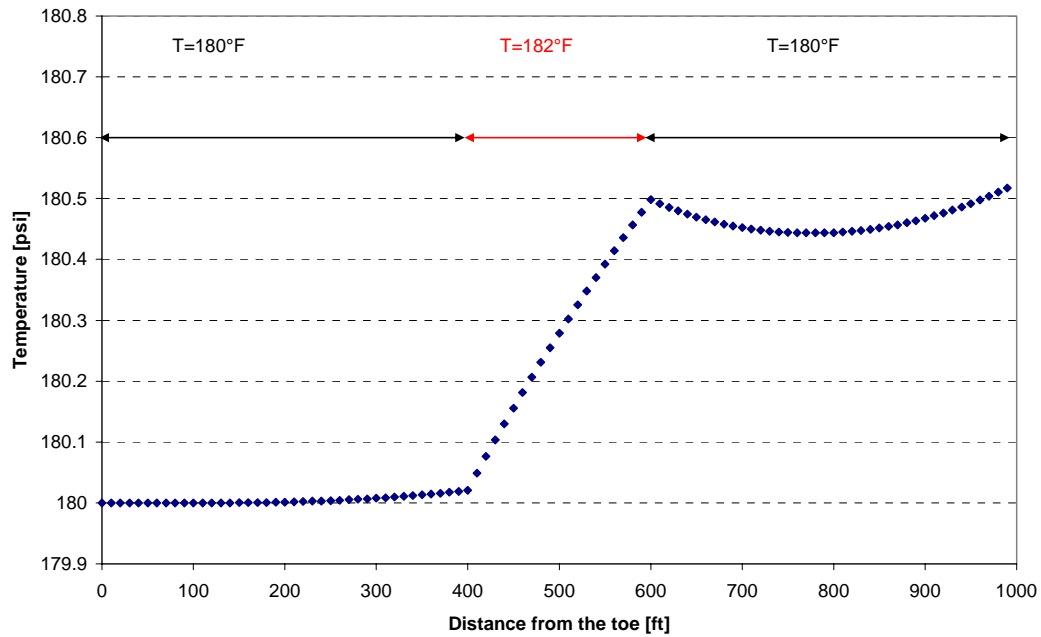


Fig 4.22 Temperature profile with hot region

In pressure profile, we barely find the discontinuity which is caused by the damage zone. This tells that 200 [ft] length low productivity zone little affects pressure drop. On the other hand, temperature is increasing with flow rate. Before hitting the hotter zone, a slight temperature increase can be observed. At the hotter region, the temperature profile becomes discontinuous and higher. An interesting thing is that the wellbore fluid requires some distance to reach the same temperature as the environment. Before obtaining same temperature, the wellbore fluid encounters normal temperature zone and gets cooler and starts heating again.

As a final example, we will see the case with production intervals, using same productivity index but there assuming two distinct production intervals. We set productivity as twice as the base case to have close amount of production. The production scheme is shown in Fig. 4.23.

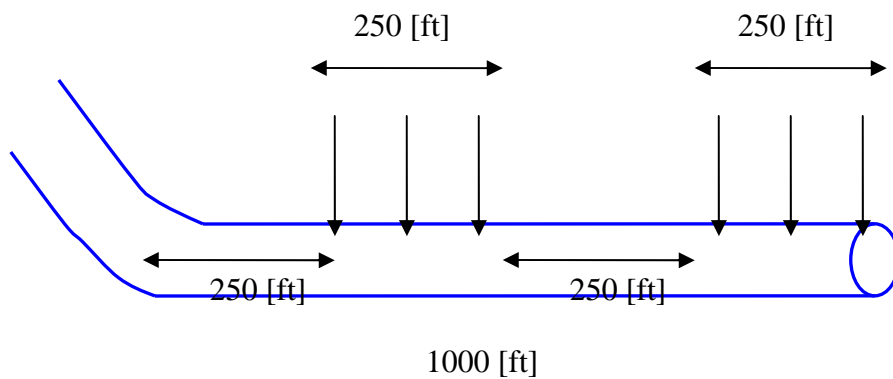


Fig. 4.23 Production scheme

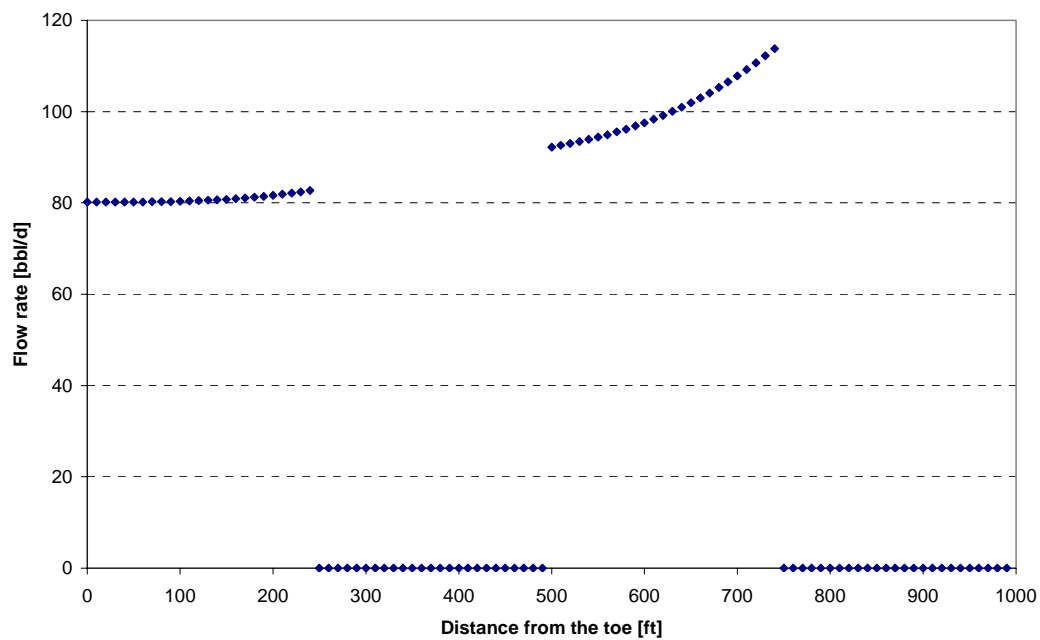


Fig. 4.24 Inflow profile with production intervals

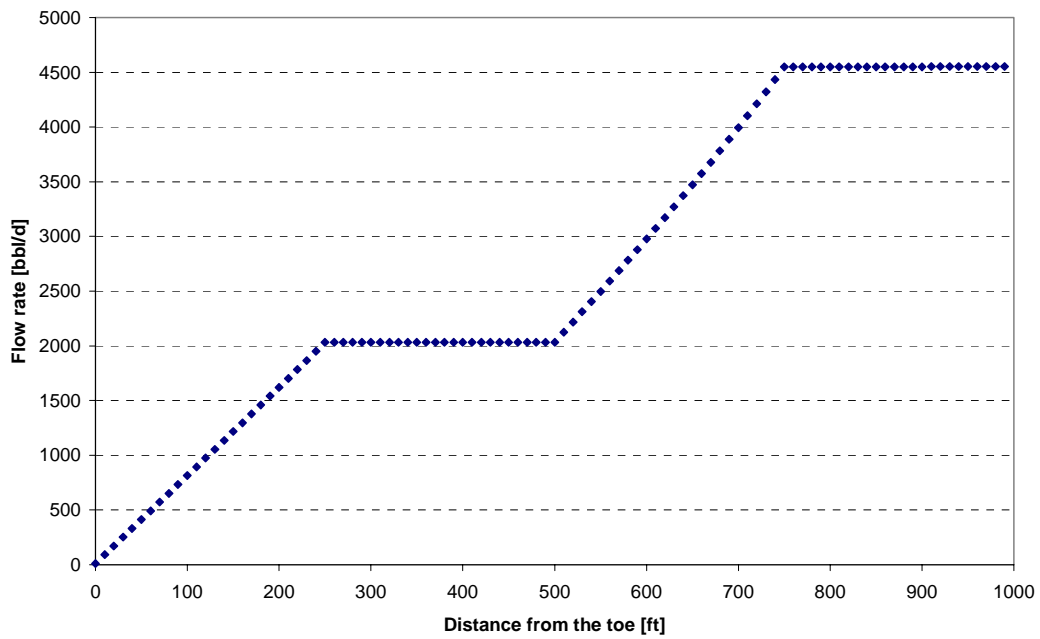


Fig. 4.25 Flow rate profile with production intervals

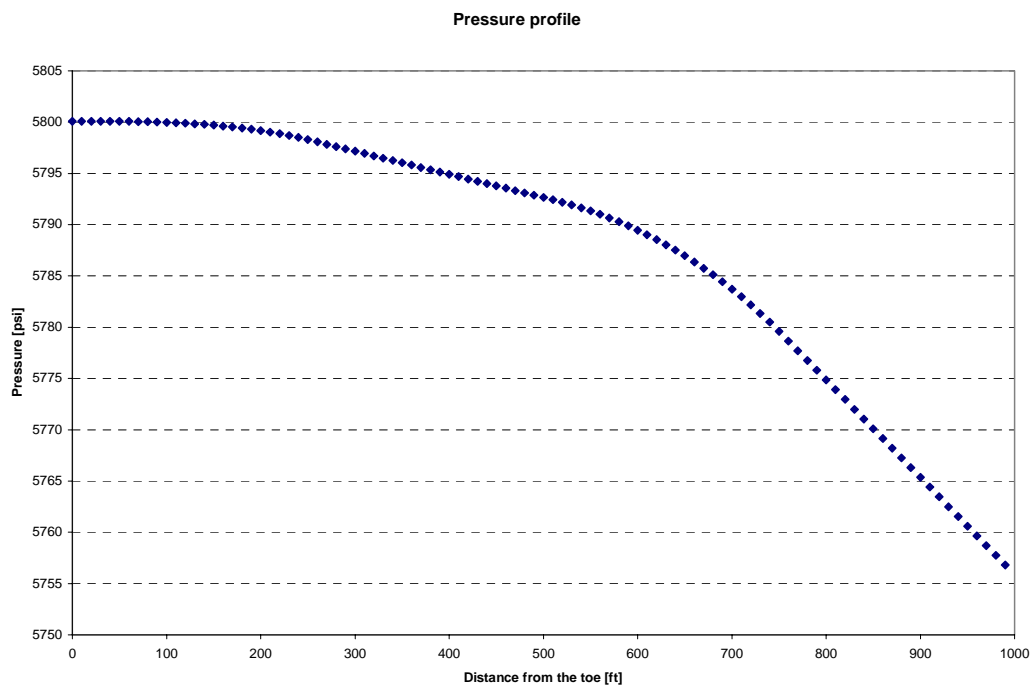


Fig. 4.26 Pressure profile with production intervals

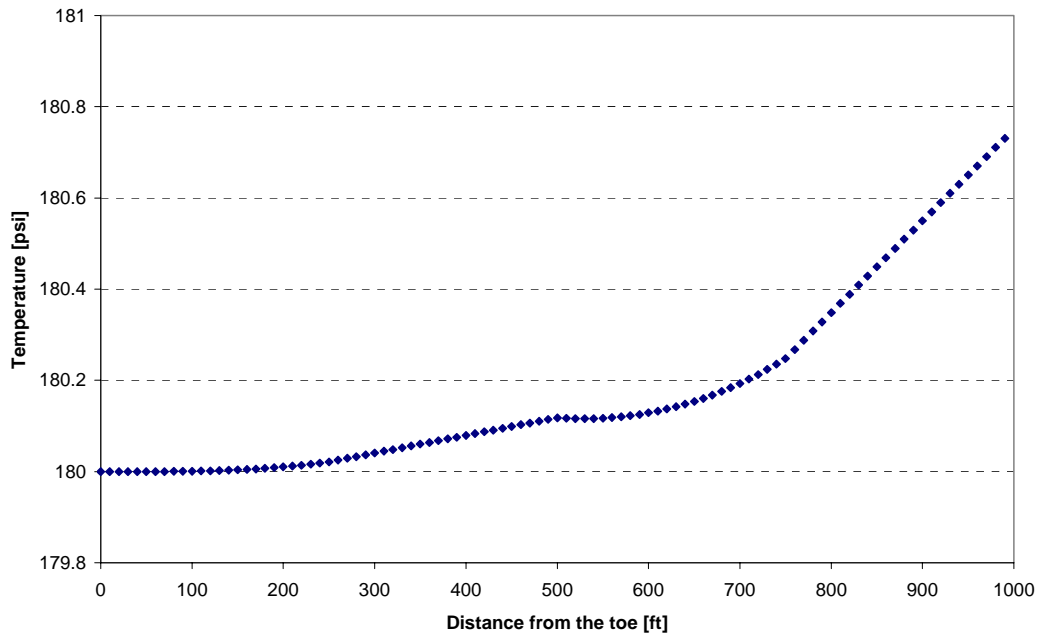


Fig. 4.27 Temperature profile with production intervals

As expected, temperature change is still small although. The important finding is that between production intervals, the profiles have discontinuities. Different intervals have different temperature curve. In the pressure profile, that discontinuity is also observed.

4. 5 Conclusion of Well Model

The prediction model has been developed. That model yields flow rate, pressure and temperature profile along the producing wellbore with given productivity index of reservoir and boundary pressure of the wellbore. The governing equations have been derived for compressible fluid, so it can work for gas reservoir also. However, for gas, all the fluid properties will highly depend on pressure and temperature such as viscosity. The model should retain those functions in next stage. As a conclusion, the prediction model presented in this report works very well. That has been certified by comparison with analytical solution. Analytical solution is derived by simplifying the situation though, the numerical model can work more complicated situation. On the other hand, if we can regard the problem as simple one, the analytical solution may be used for it. Using analytical solution to express temperature profile will make inverse problem much easier.

As can be seen, temperature change in the wellbore is usually very small due to small geothermal change. From those results, inverse problem looks difficult only by quantity analysis. Even though, we have observed the discontinuities of temperature profile and those observations provide us valuable information other than flow rate. Also we can see discontinuities in pressure profile. It is necessary to collect sensitivity of any condition for more understanding. The relationship between fluid properties, reservoir

condition and temperature and pressure profile have to be studied in future. Only by quantity of temperature change, inverse must be tough problem. But systematizing those parameters will make the interpretation of flow profile possible.

5. Model Development for Build Section

The build section problem has two parts. First, we seek a method to calculate the temperature and pressure profile of a build section with any arbitrary well trajectory. The methods developed must be applicable to the multiphase flow conditions expected in most build sections. Second, we analyze the temperature and pressure behavior at wellbore junctions where the production streams from individual laterals are commingled.

5.1 Temperature Profile for Single Phase Flow

Ramey²³ made an energy balance for the fluid by assuming single-phase flow and constant angle through the fluid trajectory wellbore.

Energy Balance for Wellbore Fluid

Temperature difference between the wellbore fluid and the surrounding formation results in energy exchange. The model is derived from the total energy-balance equation over a control volume of length dz at a distance z from the wellhead shown in Fig. 5.1., where the distance coordinate, z , is positive in the downward direction, inclined at an angle, θ , to the horizontal. Assuming steady-state conditions and no work done by or to the flowing fluid. The amount of heat enters the element at $(z + dz)$ by convection, while conduction from the formation adds Q to the element. In the same way, heat leaves the element z by convection, adding potential and kinetic energies to the heat energy of the fluid. Thus,

$$\frac{dH}{dz} + \frac{g \sin \theta}{g_c J} + \frac{v}{g_c J} \frac{dv}{dz} = \pm \frac{Q}{w} \quad (5.1)$$

where the enthalpy term in Eq. 5.1 is a function of pressure and temperature and is defined as

$$dH = C_p dT_f - K_{JT} C_p dp \quad (5.2)$$

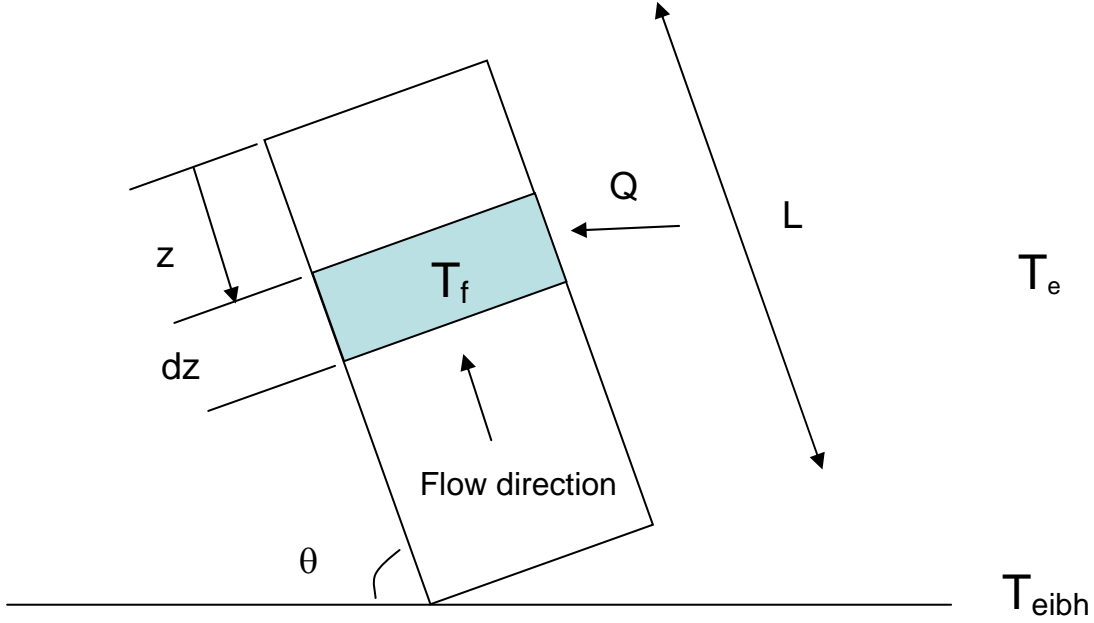


Fig. 5.1 Control volume

Substituting Eq. 5.2 into Eq. 5.1, it becomes

$$\frac{dT_f}{dz} = K_{JT} \frac{dp}{dz} + \frac{1}{C_p} \left[\pm \frac{Q}{w} - \frac{g \sin \theta}{Jg_c} - \frac{v}{Jg_c} \frac{dv}{dz} \right] \quad (5.3)$$

The rate of heat flow at steady state condition from the wellbore fluid to the cement/earth interface is defined as,

$$Q = -2\pi r_{to} U_{to} (T_f - T_{wb}) \quad (5.4)$$

assuming resistances offered by the tubing wall, tubing insulation, tubing casing-annulus, casing wall, and cement are in series, and, except for the annulus, the only energy transport mechanism is conductive heat transfer.

And the radial heat transfer from the cement/earth interface to the surrounding earth is

$$Q \equiv -\frac{2\pi k_e}{f(t)} (T_{wb} - T_{ei}) \quad (5.5)$$

Combining Eqs. 5.4 and 5.5 yields

$$Q \equiv -\frac{wC_p}{A}(T_f - T_{ei}) \quad (5.6)$$

Substituting Eq. 5.6 into Eq. 5.3, we have

$$\frac{dT_f}{dz} = \pm \frac{(T_f - T_{ei})}{A} - \frac{g \sin \theta}{C_p J g_c} - \frac{v}{C_p J g_c} \frac{dv}{dz} + K_{JT} \frac{dp}{dz} \quad (5.7)$$

Assumptions made in this derivation are compressible fluid, kinetic energy change in wellbore is negligible, flowing friction is negligible, the radiation and convection coefficients are negligible and can be ignored for calculation of overall heat transfer, and because steel has a high thermal conductivity, the thermal resistance of the pipe and casing are negligible compared with the thermal resistance of the fluid in the casing-tubing annulus. Also, for a single phase liquid flow, the static head loss equals the total pressure gradient, since liquid density variation with pressure is usually very small, thus

$$\frac{dp}{dz} = \rho \left(\frac{g}{g_c} \right) \sin \theta \quad (5.8)$$

$$K_{JT} \equiv \frac{1}{C_p} \left[\frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \right]_T = \frac{V}{C_p} = \frac{1}{\rho C_p} \quad (5.9)$$

Combining Eqs. 5.7 and 5.9, the final energy balance equation is

$$\frac{dT_f}{dz} = \pm \frac{(T_f - T_{ei})}{A} \quad (5.10)$$

where we assume that the undisturbed formation temperature, T_{ei} , varies linearly with depth and can be expressed as

$$T_{ei} = T_{eibh} - (L - z)g_G \sin \theta \quad (5.11)$$

Substituting Eq. 5.11 into Eq. 5.10, the energy balance equation becomes

$$\frac{dT_f}{dz} = \frac{1}{A} \{ T_f - [T_{eibh} - (L - z)g_G \sin \theta] \} \quad (5.12)$$

Eq. 5.12 is a first-order linear differential equation and can be integrated. The resulting solution is

$$T_f = T_{ei} + A g_G \sin \theta + C \exp \frac{(z - L)}{A} \quad (5.13)$$

Or, with Eq. 5.11,

$$T_f = T_{eibh} - (L - z)g_G \sin \theta + Ag_G \sin \theta + C \exp \frac{(z - L)}{A} \quad (5.14)$$

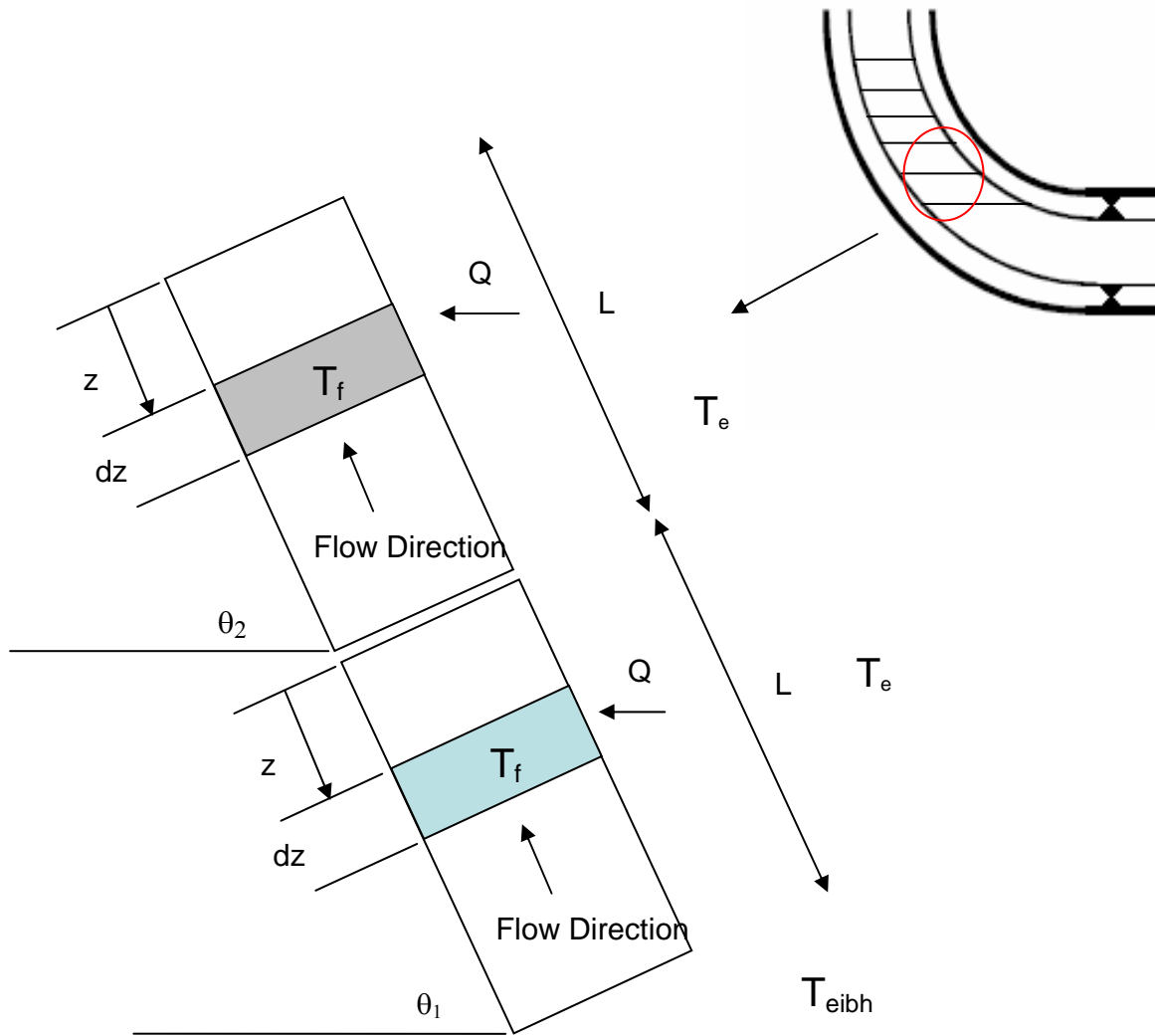


Fig. 5.2 Different boundary conditions

Boundary Conditions

Fluid entry coming from the formation, shown in Fig. 5.2, has the properties such as at the bottom hole ($z = L$) fluid temperature and geothermal temperature are the same at fluid entry from formation ($T_f = T_{eibh}$) has the following integral factor,

$$C = -Ag_G \sin \theta \quad (5.15)$$

Substitute Eq. 5.15 to 5.14, we have

$$T_f = T_{eih} - g_G \sin \theta \left[(L - z) - \left(1 - \exp \left(\frac{(z - L)}{A} \right) \right) A \right] \quad (5.16)$$

For each pipe segment, as shown in Fig. 5.2., which has a constant angle which is different from the segment below it, the fluid temperature at the entrance to the segment is equal to the fluid temperature at the exit of the last segment. For this condition, the integral factor, C , can be defined as

$$C = T_f(\text{known}) - T_{ei} - A g_G \sin \theta \quad (5.17)$$

Then,

$$T_f = T_{ei} + A g_G \sin \theta + [T_f(\text{known}) - T_{ei} - A g_G \sin \theta] \exp \frac{(z - L)}{A} \quad (5.18)$$

Overall Heat Transfer Coefficient for Casing Flow

It is assumed that the radiation and convection coefficients are negligible and can be ignored for calculation of overall heat transfer. Because in general steels have higher thermal conductivities compared with cement, the thermal resistance of the casing is negligible compared with the thermal resistance of the cement. The overall heat transfer coefficient, U , for the flow in the casing is

$$U = \frac{12}{r_{ci}} \left[\frac{\ln(r_{wb} / r_{co})}{k_{cem}} \right]^{-1} \quad (5.19)$$

and the relaxation distance parameter, A , is

$$A = \left(\left(\frac{2\pi}{wC_p} \right) \left[\frac{r_{ci} U k_e}{k_e + r_{ci} U f(t) / 12} \right] \frac{1}{86400 \times 12} \right)^{-1} \quad (5.20)$$

If $f(t) r_{ci} U$ is large compared to the thermal conductivity, k_e , then A simplifies to

$$A = \frac{wC_p f(t)}{2\pi k_e} \quad (5.21)$$

For long times, $f(t)$ can be approximated

$$f(t) = -0.272(r_{wb}) + 3.53 \quad (5.22)$$

Angle Changes along Build Section

To derive the temperature equation for the curved build section, we considered the trajectory follows the path of a curve (a quarter of a circle), and divided the true vertical depth of build section in equal segments. Knowing the distance from vertical and horizontal section, which would be the radius of a circle as shown in Fig. 5.3. The angles for different segments were calculated as follows:

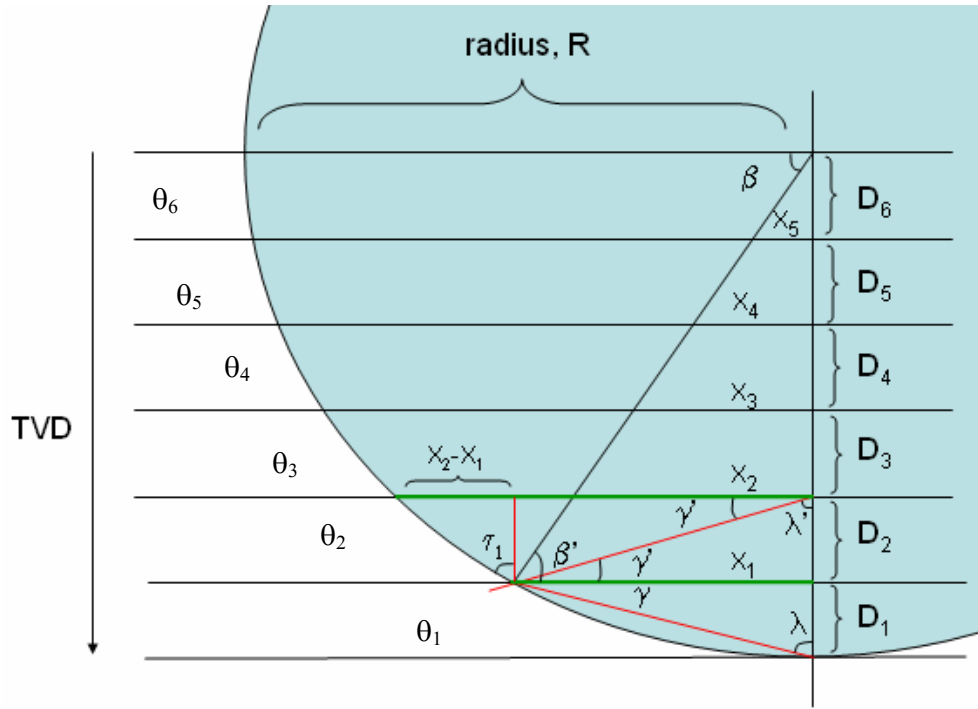


Fig. 5.3 Variable angle calculation

$$\theta_1 \neq \theta_2 \neq \theta_3 \neq \theta_4 \neq \theta_5 \neq \theta_6 \quad (5.23)$$

$$D_1 = D_2 = D_3 = D_4 = D_5 = D_6 \quad (5.24)$$

$$\beta = \arcsin\left(\frac{D_5 + D_4 + D_3 + D_2 + D_1}{R}\right) \quad (5.25)$$

and

$$X_1 = \cos(\beta) \times R \quad (5.26)$$

For the first segment,

$$\theta_1 = \arctan\left(\frac{D_1}{X_1}\right) \quad (5.27)$$

For other segments,

$$\theta_n = 180 - \tau_n \quad (5.28)$$

$$\tau_n = \arctan\left(\frac{X_n - X_{n-1}}{D_n}\right) \quad (5.29)$$

5.2 Temperature at Junctions

The McKinley's mixing method¹⁵ can be applied to a junction with two streams mixed at the junction resulting in an enthalpy balance given by

$$w_1 C_{p1}(T_m - T_1) + w_2 C_{p2}(T_m - T_2) = 0 \quad (5.30)$$

where temperature of mixture can be expressed as

$$T_m = \frac{w_1 C_{p1} T_1 + w_2 C_{p2} T_2}{w_1 C_{p1} + w_2 C_{p2}} \quad (5.31)$$

The heat capacity of a mixture, C_{pm} , is defined as

$$C_{pm} = \left(\frac{w_1}{w_1 + w_2}\right) C_{p1} + \left(\frac{w_2}{w_1 + w_2}\right) C_{p2} \quad (5.32)$$

5.3 Results and Discussion

5.3.1 Temperature Profile along the build section

Temperature profiles considering constant angle (90° , 45° , 25° , 10.5°) and variable angle along the build section were calculated using the data given in Table 5.1. From the results shown in Fig. 5.4, it can be seen that taking a constant angle of 45° through the build section would result in underestimating the temperature while taking a constant angle of 90° could result in overestimating the temperature at the end of the build section compared with the temperature profile using variable angles.

5.3.2 Temperature Profile along the Build Section and Mixed Zone

In the next cases, temperature profiles from two laterals that are joined at a junction were calculated using the enthalpy balance applied at the junction, then the temperature profile of the main wellbore above the junction was calculated.

Geothermal Gradient $^\circ\text{F}/\text{ft}$	0.027
C_{po} , $\text{Btu}/\text{lbm}^\circ\text{F}$	0.49
Wellbore diameter, in	7.5
Outside Casing diameter, in	5.5
Inside Casing diameter, in	5.05
Thermal Conductivity of cement, $\text{Btu}/\text{D ft } ^\circ\text{F}$	96.5
Thermal Conductivity of earth, $\text{Btu}/\text{D ft } ^\circ\text{F}$	33.6
Flow rate of oil, STB/D	200
$^\circ\text{API}$	35
Oil Gravity	0.85
Oil Density, lbm/ft^3	53.03
Temperature at $Z=0$, $^\circ\text{F}$	237.2
Radius from lateral to vertical, ft	1500
The dimensionless time function	2.51
Oil Flow Rate, lbm/sec	0.69
Overall Heat Transfer Coefficient, $\text{Btu}/\text{lbm } ^\circ\text{F ft}^2$	1479.54
Coefficient A, ft	343.55

Table 5.1 Properties used in calculation of temperature profiles

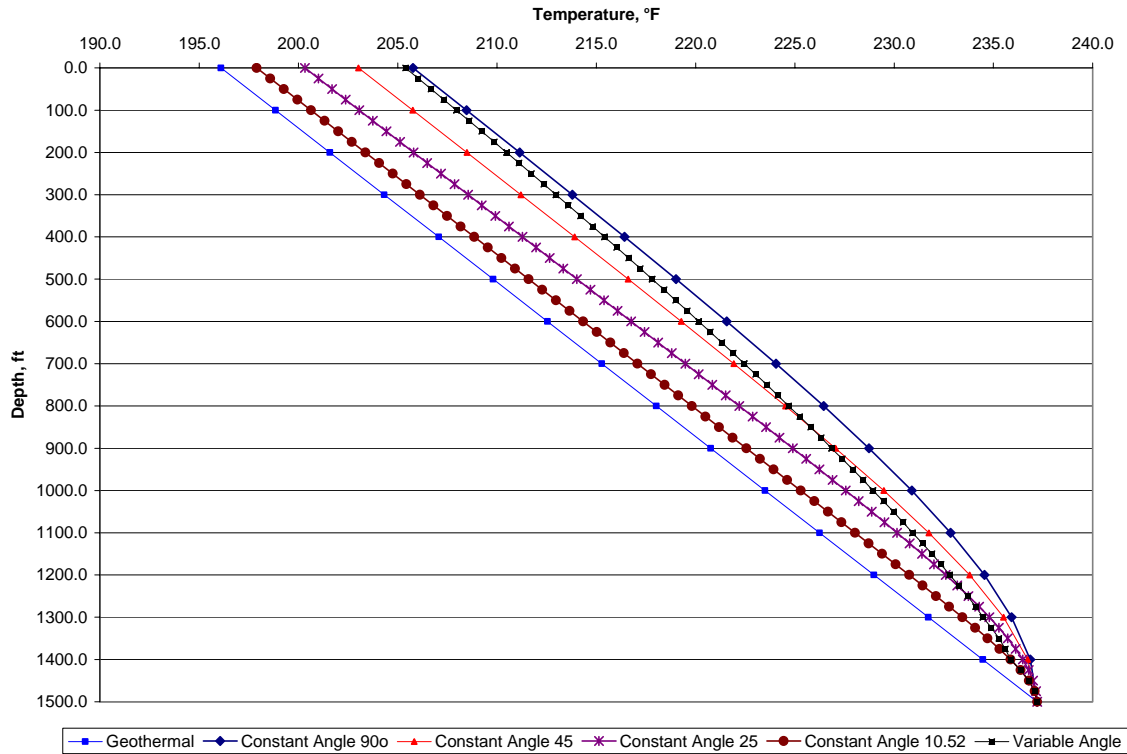


Fig. 5.4 Comparison of predicted temperature profile with constant angles and variable angle along build section

Same Heat Capacities and Flow Rates for Both Streams

Temperature profiles with same heat capacities and flow rates for each lateral (condition1: constant angle, condition 2: variable angle) were calculated using the data given in Table 5.2. The results for this case are shown in Fig. 5.5, where it can be seen that both laterals reach the same value of fluid temperature before mixing because of similar conditions and after mixing the difference between geothermal and fluid temperature increases because of the increase in flow rate after mixing both streams.

	Condition 1	Condition 2	Junction (Condition 3)
Geothermal Gradient °F/ft	0.03	0.03	0.03
C_{p1} , Btu/lbm°F	0.49	0.49	0.49
Wellbore diameter, in	7.5	7.5	7.5
Outside Casing diameter, in	5.5	5.5	5.5
Inside Casing diameter, in	5.05	5.05	5.05
Thermal Conductivity of cement, Btu/D ft °F	96.5	96.5	96.5
Thermal Conductivity of earth, Btu/D ft °F	33.6	33.6	33.6
Flow rate of oil, STB/D	100	100	200
°API	35	35	35
Oil Gravity	0.85	0.85	0.85
Oil Density, lbm/ft ³	53.03	53.03	53.03
Temperature at Z=0, °F	237.2	237.2	237.2
Radius from lateral to vertical, ft	1500	1500	1500
The dimensionless time function	2.51	2.51	2.51
Oil Flow Rate, lbm/sec	0.34	0.34	0.69
Overall Heat Transfer Coefficient, Btu/lbm °F ft ²	1479.54	1479.54	1479.54
Coefficient A for Casing Flow, ft	179.17	179.17	358.33
Temperature at the junction, °F			200.87

Table 5.2 Properties used in calculation of temperature profiles for two laterals with same heat capacities and flow rates mixed at junction

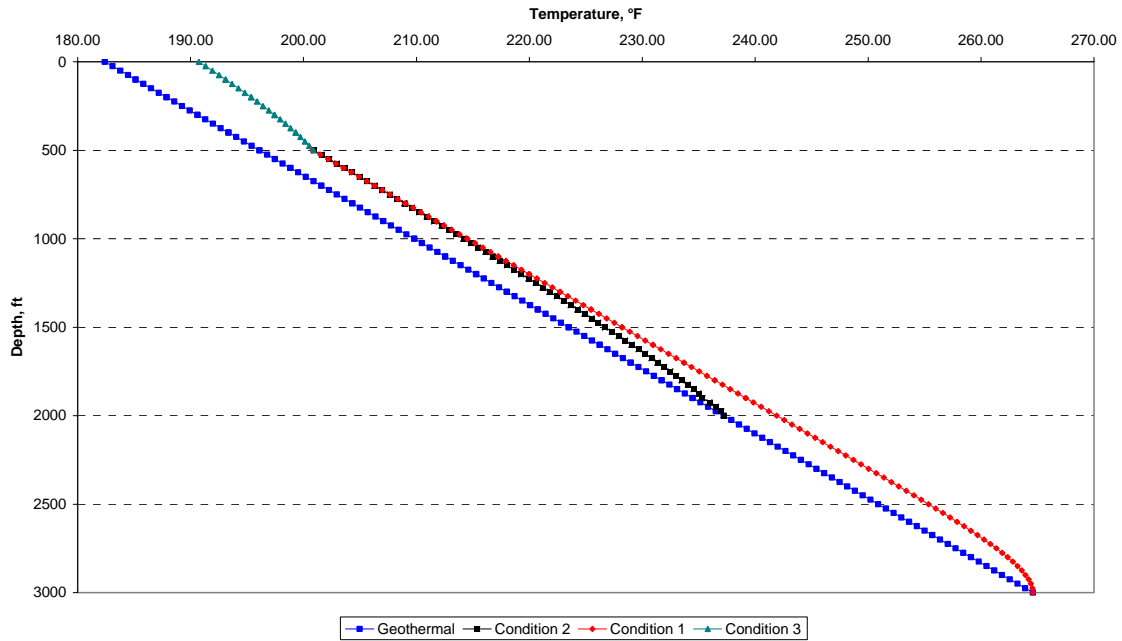


Fig. 5.5 Temperature profiles for two laterals with same heat capacities and flow rates mixed at junction

Different Heat Capacities and Flow Rates for Both Streams

Temperature profiles with different heat capacities and flow rates for each lateral (condition1: constant angle, condition 2: variable angle) were calculated using the data given in Table 5.3. The results for this case are shown in Fig. 5.6, where it can be seen that both laterals reach different values of fluid temperature at the moment of mixing because of differences in heat capacities and flow rates for each one. In this case the mixed stream temperature is between each temperature stream and then, the mixed stream presents a bigger difference between geothermal and fluid temperature.

	Condition 1	Condition 2	Junction (Condition 3)
Geothermal Gradient °F/ft	0.03	0.03	0.03
C_{p1} , Btu/lbm°F	0.6	0.49	0.55
Wellbore diameter, in	7.5	7.5	7.5
Outside Casing diameter, in	5.5	5.5	5.5
Inside Casing diameter, in	5.05	5.05	5.05
Thermal Conductivity of cement, Btu/D ft °F	96.5	96.5	96.5
Thermal Conductivity of earth, Btu/D ft °F	33.6	33.6	33.6
Flow rate of oil, STB/D	300	200	500
°API	35	35	35
Oil Gravity	0.85	0.85	0.85
Oil Density, lbm/ft ³	53.03	53.03	53.03
Temperature at Z=0, °F	237.2	237.2	237.2
Radius from lateral to vertical, ft	1500	1500	1500
The dimensionless time function	2.51	2.51	2.51
Oil Flow Rate, lbm/sec	1.03	0.69	1.72
Overall Heat Transfer Coefficient Btu/lbm °F ft ²	1479.54	1479.54	1479.54
Coefficient A for Casing Flow, ft	664.95	358.33	1023.28
Temperature at the junction, °F			210.48

Table 5.3 Properties used in calculation of temperature profiles along build section and junction with different heat capacities and flow rates

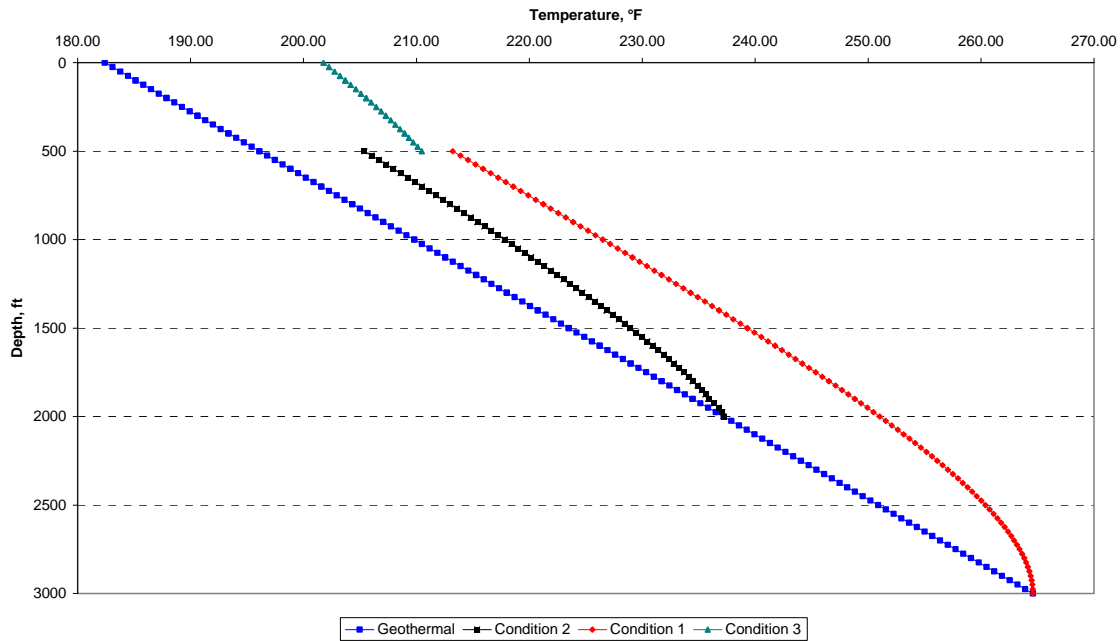


Fig. 5.6 Predicted temperature profiles for two laterals with different heat capacities and flow rates mixed at junction

5.4 Conclusions of Build Section Model

Calculating the temperature profile with variable angle along the build section considering that the trajectory follows the path of a curve (a quarter of a circle) gives realistic results that can improve the development of a forward model of wellbore fluids temperature and pressure. For single phase flow at every junction in a multilateral well, commingling of fluid streams with different temperatures can be modeled using the mixing method applying an enthalpy balance at the junction.

6 Conclusions

The work to date on the forward model of temperature and pressure behavior in complex wells has been divided into the three physical parts of the system: the reservoir, the producing laterals, and the build sections connecting laterals and the main wellbore. Conclusions regarding each part of this system are:

Reservoir: Both Joule-Thomson expansion and frictional heating in the near wellbore region can create temperature changes of several degrees, though often in opposite directions (Joule-Thomson cooling and frictional heating). This level of temperature change is easily detectable with current smart well hardware.

Lateral flow: Thermal effects in the wellbore itself are small and may not be detectable in many cases. However, when a change in inflow conditions along the lateral occurs, noticeable and measurable inflections occur in the wellbore temperature profile. Coupling of the lateral model with the reservoir model will allow us to explore this in detail.

Build section: The temperature in the build section can be predicted by adapting the Ramey Equation to the complex, variable-inclination geometry of a typical build section. Mixing effects at junctions are sometimes very pronounced, suggesting that flow rate from individual laterals may be obtainable from the temperature in the vicinity of the junction. This effect depends strongly on the trajectories of the laterals.

7 Nomenclature

A	relaxation distance
C_p	specific heat capacity
$\bar{\mathbf{e}}$	combined energy flux vector
E_t	total energy
f	friction factor
$f(t)$	time function
g	gravity acceleration
g_c	conversion factor, 32.17 lbm-ft/lbf-s ²
g_G	geothermal gradient
h	reservoir thickness
H	enthalpy
J	productivity index
J	mechanical equivalent of heat
k	Permeability
k_{cem}	thermal conductivity of cement
k_e	thermal conductivity of earth or formation
K_{Ti}	Total thermal conduction coefficient
L	total measure well depth
N_{Re}	Reynolds number
$N_{Re,w}$	wall Reynolds number
p	pressure
q	flow rate
\bar{q}	heat flux
Q	heat transfer rate per unit length of wellbore
R	radius
R	distance from lateral and main wellbore
t	time
T	temperature
T_w	temperature of fluid entering a wellbore
T_{ei}	formation temperature at initial condition
T_{eibh}	static formation temperature at the bottom hole
$\bar{\mathbf{u}}$	Darcy velocity
U	internal energy
U	heat transfer coefficient
v	velocity
\hat{V}	specific volume
w	wellbore mass flow rate
W	Work
Y	Length of reservoir

z	variable well depth from surface
α	momentum correction factor
β	thermal expansion coefficient
δ_{ij}	Kronecker delta
ε	relative roughness of pipe
μ	viscosity
$\vec{\pi}$	molecular momentum flux vector
ρ	density
ϕ	Porosity
θ	angle from horizontal
τ	dummy variable of integration
$\vec{\tau}$	stress shear tensor

Subscripts

ci	casing inside
co	casing outside
cem	cement
e	earth, formation
I	inflow
i	cell number
m	mixed stream
o	oil
r	r-coordinate
R	reservoir
ti	tubing inside
to	tubing outside
x	x-coordinate
w	well location
wb	wellbore
θ	θ -coordinate
1	stream 1
2	stream 2

Superscripts

o	original
-----	----------

Overlines

\bar{X}	average
\hat{X}	per unit mass
\vec{X}	vector
$\overset{\equiv}{X}$	tensor

8 References

1. Al-Hadhrami, A.K., Elliott, L., and Ingham, D.B.: “*A New Model for Viscous Dissipation in Porous Media Across a Range of Permeability Values*,” *Transport in Porous Media* 53, Netherlands, 2003.
2. Alves, I.N., Alhanatl, F.J.S. and Shoham, O.; “*A Unified Model for Predicting Flowing Temperature Distribution in Wellbores and Pipelines*”, SPE 20632, 1992
3. Barua, S.: “*Computation of Heat Transfer in Wellbores With Single and Dual Completions*,” paper SPE 22868 presented at the 66th Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition of the Society of Petroleum Engineers held in Dallas, TX, October 6-9 1991.
4. Bird, R. B., Stewart, W.E., and Lightfoot, E.N.; “*Transport Phenomena*”, John Wiley and Sons, New York, NY, 2002.
5. Bowman, W.J., and Hitchcock, J.; “*Transient, Compressible Heat-pipe Vapor Dynamics*”, Proc. 25th ASME Natn. Heat Transfer Conf., Houston, Texas, pp. 329-337, 1988.
6. Brill, J.P., Mukherjee, H. : “*Multiphase Flow in Wells*,” Monograph volume 17, SPE Henry L. Doherty series, Society of Petroleum Engineers, Richardson, TX, 1999.
7. Brown, G., Storer, D., McAllister, K., Al-Asimi, M., and Raghavan, K. : “*Monitoring Horizontal Producers and Injectors During Cleanup and Production Using Fiber-Optic-Distributed Temperature Measurements*” paper SPE 84379 presented at the SPE Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition, Denver, CO, 5-8 October, 2003.
8. Butler, R.M. : “*Horizontal Wells for the Recovery of Oil, Gas, and Bitumen*”, The Petroleum Society of the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum, Calgary, Canada, 1994.
9. Chen, W., Zhu, D., Hill, A.D.: “*A Comprehensive Model of Multilateral Well Deliverability*,” paper SPE 64751 presented at the SPE International Oil and Gas Conference and Exhibition in China held in Beijing, China, 7-10 November 2000.
10. Economides, M.J., Hill, A.D., and Ehlig- Economides, C.; “*Petroleum Production Systems*”, Prentice Hall Inc., New Jersey, 1994
11. Furui, K., Zhu, D., and Hill, A.D. : “*A Rigorous Formation Damage Skin Factor and Reservoir Inflow Model for a Horizontal Well*” paper SPE 74698 presented at the SPE International Symposium and Exhibition on Formation Damage Control, Lafayette, LA, 20-21 February, 2002.

12. Gringarten, A. C., and Ramey, H. J. Jr.: "*The Use of Source and Green's Functions in Solving Unsteady-Flow Problem in Reservoirs*", paper SPE 3818, *Society of Petroleum Engineers Journal*, October, 1973.
13. Hasan, A.R. and Kabir, C.S.: "*Aspects of Wellbore Heat Transfer During Two-Phase Flow*," SPEPF 211, August 1994.
14. Hasan, A.R. and Kabir, C.S.: "*Fluid Flow and Heat Transfer in Wellbores*," Society of Petroleum Engineers, Richardson, TX, 2002.
15. Hill, A.D.; "*Production Logging-Theoretical and Interpretive Elements*", Society of Petroleum Engineers Inc., Richardson, TX, 1990
16. Ingham, D.B., Pop, I., and Cheng, P.: "*Combined Free and Forced Convection in a Porous Medium Between Two Vertical Walls with Viscous Dissipation*", *Transport in Porous Media* 5, Netherlands, 1990.
17. Lake, L. W.: "*Enhanced Oil Recovery*", Prentice Hall, Saddle River, NJ, 1989.
18. Li, H., Zhu, D., Lake, L.W., and Hill, A.D.; "*A New Method to Interpret Two-Phase Profiles from Temperature and Flowmeter Log*", SPE 56793, 1999
19. Maubeuge, F., Didek, M., Beardsell, M.B., Arquis, E., Bertrand, O., and Caltagirone, J.P.: "*MOTHER: A Model for Interpreting Thermometrics*", paper SPE 28588 presented at the Society of Petroleum Engineers 69th Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition, New Orleans, LA, 25-28 September, 1994.
20. Ouyang, L.B., Arbabi, S., and Aziz, K.; "*A Single-Phase Wellbore-Flow Model for Horizontal, Vertical, and Slanted Wells*", SPE Journal, June, 1998
21. Ouyang, L.B., and Aziz, K.: "*A Simplified Approach to Couple Wellbore Flow and Reservoir Inflow for Arbitrary Well Configurations*," paper SPE 48936 presented at the SPE Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition, New Orleans, LA, 27-30 September, 1998.
22. Petricola, M.F.J. and Watfa, M.: "*Multiwell Application of Downhole Temperature Profiles for Crossflow Analysis*," paper SPE 25630 presented at the SPE Middle East Oil Technical Conference and Exhibition held in Bahrain, 3-6 April 1993.
23. Ramey, H.J., Jr.: "*Wellbore Heat Transmission*," *Journal of Petroleum Technology*, Trans. AIME volume 225, pp. 427-435, April 1962.
24. Sagar, R.K., Dotty, D.R., and Schmidt, Z.: "*Predicting Temperature Profiles in a Flowing Well*," paper SPE 19702, November 1991.
25. Sensornet Limited, www.sensornet.co.uk, 2004.

26. Steffensen, R.J., and Smith, R.C. : “*The Importance of Joule-Thomson Heating (or Cooling) in Temperature Log Interpretation*,” paper SPE 4636 presented at the 48th Annual Fall Meeting of the Society of Petroleum Engineers of AIME, Las Vegas, NV, 30 September- 3 October, 1973.

27. Tolan, M., Boyle, M., and Williams, G. : “*The Use of Fiber-Optic Distributed Temperature Sensing and Remote Hydraulically Operated Interval Control Valves for the Management of Water Production in the Douglas Field*,” paper SPE 71676 presented at the 2001 SPE Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition, New Orleans, LA, 30 September-3 October, 2001.

28. White, F. M.; “*Fluid Mechanics*”. McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York, NY, 1986

Appendix A : Temperature Model for Slightly Compressible Fluid

As can be seen in Fig. 3.3, there are two flow regions, radial and linear. First consider linear flow region. The pressure relationship is described by Darcy's law as:

$$u_y = -\frac{k}{\mu} \frac{dp}{dy} \quad (\text{A.1})$$

And the above equation can be expressed for slightly compressible fluid as:

$$\frac{q}{2Lh} = -\frac{k}{\mu} \frac{dp}{dy} \quad (\text{A.2})$$

The energy balance is expressed in the following form:

$$\rho C_p \vec{u} \cdot \nabla T + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla p - \beta T \vec{u} \cdot \nabla p + \nabla \cdot p \vec{u} - \nabla \cdot \vec{K}_{Tt} \nabla T = 0 \quad (\text{A.3})$$

In one dimensional Cartesian coordinate (y-direction), the equation becomes

$$\rho C_p u_y \frac{dT}{dy} - \beta T u_y \frac{dp}{dy} + 2u_y \frac{dp}{dy} - K_{Tt} \frac{d^2 T}{dy^2} = 0 \quad (\text{A.4})$$

Substituting Eq. A.2 into Eq. (A.4) and rearranging gives

$$\frac{d^2 T}{dy^2} - \frac{\rho C_p}{K_{Tt}} \left(\frac{q}{2hL} \right) \frac{dT}{dy} - \frac{\beta \mu}{k K_{Tt}} \left(\frac{q}{2hL} \right)^2 T + \frac{2\mu}{k K_{Tt}} \left(\frac{q}{2hL} \right)^2 = 0 \quad (\text{A.5})$$

Solving the second order ordinary differential equation gives

$$T = c_1 e^{m_1 y} + c_2 e^{m_2 y} + \frac{2}{\beta} \quad (\text{A.6})$$

where

$$m_1 = \frac{q}{4hL} \left[\frac{\rho C_p}{K_{Tt}} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{\rho C_p}{K_{Tt}} \right)^2 + \frac{4\beta \mu}{k K_{Tt}}} \right] \quad (\text{A.7})$$

and

$$m_2 = \frac{q}{4hL} \left[\frac{\rho C_p}{K_{Tt}} - \sqrt{\left(\frac{\rho C_p}{K_{Tt}} \right)^2 + \frac{4\beta \mu}{k K_{Tt}}} \right] \quad (\text{A.8})$$

Applying boundary conditions, $T = T_0$ at $y = \frac{Y}{2}$ and the effective heat transfer of radial flow and linear flow are equal at $\frac{h}{2}$, i.e. $\left(\frac{dT}{dr}\right)_{radial} = \left(\frac{dT}{dy}\right)_{linear}$ at $y = \frac{h}{2}$, to evaluate the integration constants (c_1, c_2). T_0 is geothermal temperature at outer boundary. Then, c_1 and c_2 are determined as below

$$T_e = c_1 e^{m_1 h/2} + c_2 e^{m_2 h/2} + \frac{2}{\beta} \quad (A.9)$$

$$c_1 = \frac{(2/h)m_r(T_e - 2/\beta)e^{m_2 Y/2} - (T_0 - 2/\beta)m_2 e^{m_2 h/2}}{m_1 e^{m_1 h/2 + m_2 Y/2} - m_2 e^{m_2 h/2 + m_1 Y/2}} \quad (A.10)$$

$$c_2 = \frac{(T_0 - 2/\beta)m_1 e^{m_1 h/2} - (2/h)m_r(T_e - 2/\beta)e^{m_1 Y/2}}{m_1 e^{m_1 h/2 + m_2 Y/2} - m_2 e^{m_2 h/2 + m_1 Y/2}} \quad (A.11)$$

$$m_r = \frac{q}{4\pi L} \left[\frac{\rho C_p}{K_{Ti}} - \sqrt{\left(\frac{\rho C_p}{K_{Ti}}\right)^2 + \frac{4\mu\beta}{kK_{Ti}}} \right] \quad (A.12)$$

At $y = \frac{h}{2}$ is the boundary of radial flow region, the temperature is

$$T_{linear\ at\ \frac{h}{2}} = c_1 e^{m_1 h/2} + c_2 e^{m_2 h/2} + \frac{2}{\beta} \quad (A.13)$$

By substituting the linear temperature at $\frac{h}{2}$ into the radial solution derived in Appendix B.

The temperature profile in the radial flow region is

$$T = \frac{2}{\beta} + \left(T_{linear\ at\ \frac{h}{2}} - \frac{2}{\beta} \right) \left(\frac{r}{h/2} \right)^{\frac{q}{4\pi L} \left[\frac{\rho C_p}{K_{Ti}} - \sqrt{\left(\frac{\rho C_p}{K_{Ti}}\right)^2 + \frac{4\mu\beta}{kK_{Ti}}} \right]} \quad (A.14)$$

Appendix B : Temperature Model for Slightly Compressible Fluid in Radial Coordinate System

Consider a steady state radial flow in a homogeneous reservoir with thickness, h , as shown in figure below.

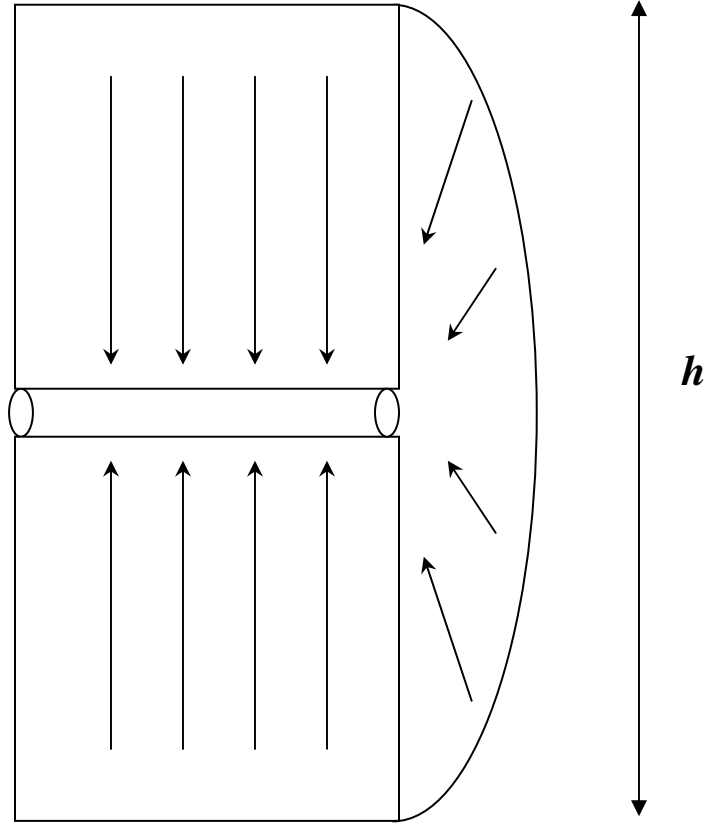


Fig. B.1 Radial flow direction

The pressure relationship is described by Darcy's law as

$$u_r = -\frac{k}{\mu} \frac{dp}{dr} \quad (\text{B.1})$$

And Eq. B.1 can be expressed for slightly compressible fluid as:

$$\frac{q}{2\pi rh} = -\frac{k}{\mu} \frac{dp}{dr} \quad (\text{B.2})$$

The energy balance which is derived earlier is expressed in the following form.

$$\rho C_p \vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla} T + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla} p - \beta T \vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla} p + \mu_d \vec{\nabla} \cdot p \vec{u} - \vec{\nabla} \cdot K_{Ti} \vec{\nabla} T = 0 \quad (B.3)$$

In radial coordinate system, the Eq. B.3 becomes

$$\rho C_p u_r \frac{dT}{dr} - \beta T u_r \frac{dp}{dr} + 2u_r \frac{dp}{dr} - K_{Ti} \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r \frac{dT}{dr} \right) = 0 \quad (B.4)$$

By substituting Eq. B.2 into Eq. B.4 gives

$$-\frac{2\pi h K_{Ti}}{q} r^2 \frac{d^2 T}{dr^2} + \left(\rho C_p - \frac{2\pi h K_{Ti}}{q} \right) r \frac{dT}{dr} + \frac{\mu q \beta T}{2\pi k h} - \frac{\mu q}{\pi k h} = 0 \quad (B.5)$$

Solution to this second order differential equation is

$$T = c_1 r^{m_1} + c_2 r^{m_2} + \frac{2}{\beta} \quad (B.6)$$

Where

$$m_1 = \frac{q}{4\pi h} \left[\frac{\rho C_p}{K_{Ti}} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{\rho C_p}{K_{Ti}} \right)^2 + \frac{4\mu\beta}{kK_{Ti}}} \right] = \text{negative value} \quad (B.7)$$

$$m_2 = \frac{q}{4\pi h} \left[\frac{\rho C_p}{K_{Ti}} - \sqrt{\left(\frac{\rho C_p}{K_{Ti}} \right)^2 + \frac{4\mu\beta}{kK_{Ti}}} \right] = \text{positive value} \quad (B.8)$$

Apply the first boundary condition which is that T is finite as r approaches zero. So, the constant of integration c_1 must be zero. The Eq. B.6 becomes

$$T = c_2 r^{m_2} + \frac{2}{\beta} \quad (B.9)$$

Applying the second boundary condition which is $T = T_0$ at $r = r_e$, then c_2 can be evaluate

$$c_2 = \left(T_0 - \frac{2}{\beta} \right) \left(\frac{1}{r_e} \right)^{m_2} \quad (B.10)$$

Finally, substituting Eq. B.10 into Eq. B.9 the solution of the differential equation yields

$$T = \frac{2}{\beta} + \left(T_0 - \frac{2}{\beta}\right) \left(\frac{r}{r_e}\right)^{\frac{q}{4\pi h} \left[\frac{\rho C_p}{K_{Tl}} - \sqrt{\left(\frac{\rho C_p}{K_{Tl}}\right)^2 + \frac{4\mu\beta}{kK_{Tl}}} \right]} \quad (\text{B.11})$$

Appendix C : Another Derivation of Governing Equation for Producing Wellbore

In 2-D cylindrical coordinate, flow equations are given by Tannehill

Mass balance equation

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho v_x)}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial(r \rho v_r)}{\partial r} = 0 \quad (\text{C.1})$$

Momentum balance equation

Axial direction

$$\frac{\partial(\rho v_x)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\rho v_x \cdot v_x + p - \tau_{xx}) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r(\rho v_x \cdot v_r - \tau_{rx}) - \rho g \sin \theta = 0 \quad (\text{C.2})$$

Radial direction

$$\frac{\partial(\rho v_r)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\rho v_x \cdot v_r - \tau_{xr}) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r(\rho v_r \cdot v_r + p - \tau_{rr}) = 0 \quad (\text{C.3})$$

Viscous stress tensors are defined by Navier-Stokes

$$\tau_{xx} = \frac{2}{3} \mu \left(2 \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} - \frac{v_r}{r} \right) \quad (\text{C.4})$$

$$\tau_{rr} = \frac{2}{3} \mu \left(2 \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} - \frac{v_r}{r} \right) \quad (\text{C.5})$$

$$\tau_{xr} = \mu \left(\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial x} \right) = \tau_{rx} \quad (\text{C.6})$$

Energy balance equation

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial E_t}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (u(E_t + p - \tau_{xx}) - v \tau_{xr} + q_x) \\ + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r[v(E_t + p - \tau_{rr}) - u \tau_{rx} + q_r]) - \rho u g \sin \theta = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.7})$$

Considering same velocity distribution assumption as

$$\bar{\mathbf{v}} = \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_r \\ v_\theta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} v \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & \text{otherwise} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v_I \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & \text{at } r = R \end{cases} \quad (\text{C.8})$$

Integrations of those equations are followings;

Mass balance equation is

$$r \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + r \frac{\partial(\rho v_x)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(r \rho v_r)}{\partial r} = 0 \quad (\text{C.9})$$

Taking area integral yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^R \left(r \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + r \frac{\partial(\rho v_x)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(r \rho v_r)}{\partial r} \right) dr d\theta \\ &= 2\pi \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial x} \right) \frac{R^2}{2} + \int_0^R \frac{\partial(r \rho v_r)}{\partial r} dr \right\} \\ &= 2\pi \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial x} \right) \frac{R^2}{2} + \int_0^R \partial(r \rho v_r) \right\} \\ &= 2\pi \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial x} \right) \frac{R^2}{2} - R \rho v_I \right\} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Then, we have

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial x} + \frac{2}{R}(\rho_I v_I) \quad (\text{C.10})$$

Momentum balances are

$$\frac{\partial(\rho v_x)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\rho v_x \cdot v_x + p - \tau_{xx}) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r(\rho v_x \cdot v_r - \tau_{rx}) - \rho g \sin \theta = 0 \quad (\text{C.11})$$

$$\frac{\partial(\rho v_r)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\rho v_x \cdot v_r - \tau_{xr}) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r(\rho v_r \cdot v_r + p - \tau_{rr}) = 0 \quad (\text{C.12})$$

We are not interested in momentum balance in r direction so only axial direction momentum balance equation will be considered. Taking area integral of x direction momentum balance gives

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^R \left\{ r \frac{\partial(\rho v_x)}{\partial t} + r \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\rho v_x \cdot v_x + p - \tau_{xx}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r(\rho v_x \cdot v_r - \tau_{rx}) - r \rho g \sin \theta \right\} dr d\theta = 0 \quad (\text{C.13})$$

Viscous stress shear stresses are from the assumption

$$\tau_{xx} = \frac{2}{3} \mu \left(2 \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} - \frac{v_r}{r} \right) = \frac{2}{3} \mu \left(2 \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} - 0 - 0 \right) = \frac{4}{3} \mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} \quad (\text{C.14})$$

$$\tau_{xr} = \mu \left(\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial x} \right) = \mu \left(0 + \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial x} \right) = \mu \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial x} \quad (\text{C.15})$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^R \left\{ r \frac{\partial(\rho v_x)}{\partial t} + r \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\rho v_x \cdot v_x + p - \tau_{xx}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r(\rho v_x \cdot v_r - \tau_{rx}) - r \rho g \sin \theta \right\} dr d\theta \\ &= \pi R^2 \left\{ \frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\rho \alpha v^2 + p - \frac{4}{3} \mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) \right\} + \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^R \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r(\rho v_x \cdot v_r - \tau_{rx}) \right\} dr d\theta + \pi R^2 \rho g \sin \theta \\ &= \pi R^2 \left\{ \frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\rho \alpha v^2 + p - \frac{4}{3} \mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) \right\} + 2\pi \left[\int_0^R \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r(\rho v_x \cdot v_r) \right\} dr - \int_0^R \left\{ \frac{\partial \tau_{rx}}{\partial r} \right\} dr \right] + \pi R^2 \rho g \sin \theta \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

From the assumption that inflow is perpendicular to the axis at the pipe wall

$$\begin{aligned} & \pi R^2 \left\{ \frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\rho \alpha v^2 + p - \frac{4}{3} \mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) \right\} + 2\pi \left[\int_{r=0}^{r=R} \{ r(\rho v_x \cdot v_r) \} - \int_{r=0}^{r=R} \partial \tau_{rx} \right] + \pi R^2 \rho g \sin \theta \\ &= \pi R^2 \left\{ \frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\rho \alpha v^2 + p - \frac{4}{3} \mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) \right\} + 2\pi \left[0 - r \tau_{rx} \Big|_{r=D/2} \right] + \pi R^2 \rho g \sin \theta \\ &= \pi R^2 \left\{ \frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\rho \alpha v^2 + p - \frac{4}{3} \mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) \right\} - 2\pi R \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \Big|_{r=R} + \pi R^2 \rho g \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

Wall friction τ_w is defined as

$$\tau_w = -\mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \Big|_{r=R} = \frac{\rho v^2 f}{2} \quad (\text{C.16})$$

Substituting and dividing πR^2 gives

$$\frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial t} + \frac{\rho v^2 f}{R} + \frac{\partial(\alpha \rho v^2 + p)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{4}{3} \mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) + \rho g \sin \theta = 0 \quad (\text{C.17})$$

Integration of energy balance gives

$$\begin{aligned} & 2\pi \int_0^R \left[r \left\{ \frac{\partial E_t}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (v_x (E_t + p - \tau_{xx}) - v_r \tau_{xr} + q_x) \right\} + \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r [v_r (E_t + p - \tau_{rr}) - v_x \tau_{rx} + q_r]) - r \rho v_x g \sin \theta \right] dr \\ &= \pi R^2 \left[\frac{\partial E_t}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left\{ v \left(E_t + p - \frac{4}{3} \mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) + q_x \right\} \right] + \int_0^R \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r [v_r (E_t + p - \tau_{rr}) - v_x \tau_{rx} + q_r]) dr - \pi R^2 \rho v g \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

Neglecting viscous shear of r, $\tau_{rr} = 0$, and $(v_x \tau_{rx})_{r=R} = 0$ yield

$$\begin{aligned} & \pi R^2 \left[\frac{\partial E_t}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left\{ v \left(E_t + p - \frac{4}{3} \mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) + q_x \right\} \right] \\ & - \pi R \{ v_l ((E_t)_l + p_l) + q_l \} - \pi R^2 \rho v g \sin \theta = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.18})$$

Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial E_t}{\partial t} \\ &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left\{ v \left(E_t + p - \frac{4}{3} \mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) + q_x \right\} + \frac{2}{R} \{ v_l ((E_t)_l + p_l) + q_l \} + \pi R^2 \rho v g \sin \theta \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.19})$$

Obtained Eqs. C.10, C.17 and C.19 are the same Eqs. derived by using macroscopic method.