



# Evaluation of reservoir performance by waterflooding: case based on Lanea oilfield, Chad

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## Abstract

The research of the current study is primarily focused on evaluating the reservoir performance by utilizing waterflood technique, based on a case study at Lanea oil field located in Chad; various mechanisms along with approaches were used in considering the best suitable pattern for waterflooding. All the simulation work was compared against a base case, where there was no involvement of water injection. Moreover, for the base case, a significant amount of oil left behind and cannot be swept, because of lower reservoir pressure at the downhill. The recovery factor obtained was in the range of 14.5–15% since 2010, and in order to enhance the oil production, an injection well was applied to boost the reservoir pressure; oil recovery is improved. In addition, sensitivity analysis study was performed to reach the optimum production behavior achieved by possible EOR method. Parameters, such as grid test, injection position, proper selection production location, permeability, and voidage substitution, were defined in the simulation study.

**Keywords** Evaluation of reservoir performance · Waterflooding · Primary energy · Lanea oilfield · Fluid flow simulation

## Abbreviations

FOE	Field oil efficiency (%)
WAG	Water alternative gas (–)
SWAG	Simultaneous water and gas (–)
EOR	Enhanced oil recovery (% of increased recovery)
GOC	Gas–oil contact (m reference to surface)
WOC	Water–oil contact (m reference to surface)
FOPT	Field oil production total (SM <sup>3</sup> /day)
FLPR	Field liquid production rate (SM <sup>3</sup> /day)

BARSA	Bars absolute (N/m <sup>2</sup> )
FOPR	Field oil production rate (SM <sup>3</sup> /day)
FWCT	Field water cut/total L (%)
FVIR	Field voidage injection rate (SM <sup>3</sup> /day)
FVPR	Field voidage production rate (SM <sup>3</sup> /day)
FPR	Field production rate (BARSA)
FGPT	Field gas production total (SM <sup>3</sup> )

## Introduction

Enhanced oil recovery (EOR) has received more attention from the leading Research & Development organizations. High oil price, global demand, and maturation of oilfield worldwide demand a thorough investigation of this issue (Ogiriki et al. 2018). Oil production can be classified into three stages: primary, secondary and tertiary (or enhanced oil recovery). Primary recovery relies on naturally occurring pressure within the oil reservoir to drive oil to the surface (Ishak et al. 2018). Primary recovery from oil reservoir is influenced by reservoir rock properties, fluid properties, and geological heterogeneity. In general, the primary oil recovery ranges from 20 to 40% (Sandrea and Sandrea 2007), with an average around 34%. The remainder of hydrocarbon is left behind the reservoir. In the secondary oil recovery,

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external energy is applied to the oil reservoir when the naturally occurring pressure is no longer sufficient to bring oil to the surface. This is performed by fluid injection (heated or cold), in order to maintain or increase the reservoir pressure (Palsson et al. 2003; Thomas et al. 1987). Generally, secondary recovery comprehends the immiscible process or waterflooding (Abbas et al. 2015) and gas injection or gas–water combination floods, known as water alternative gas (WAG) injection, where slugs of water and gas are injected sequentially. Simultaneous injection of water and gas (SWAG) is practiced because of its availability, low cost, and high specific gravity (Zhou 2015; Morel et al. 2012; Craig et al. 1955)

Crude oil is expected to supply 26% of the world's energy until 2040 (Kontorovich et al. 2014). Given that the average recovery factor is just about 20–40% (Allan and Sun 2003) and the majority of the oil reservoir is matured, improving the recovery from the existing field is a priority.

The primary reasons why waterflooding is the most successful and most widely used oil recovery process are that its low cost, ease of injection and high displacement efficiency compared to other methods (Johns et al. 2002).

Luo et al. (2017) and Mohammadi et al. (2009) studied viscous fingering of waterflooding project that has a great impact on all works in the reservoir and concluded that for viscous fingering scenario, water injection is challenging. But heavy oil adds one more complication in terms of EOR (Weijermars and van Harmelen 2017; Brice and Renouf 2008; Alvarado and Manrique 2010; Seright 2010). High movement of water, high water production, viscosity ratio and the water mobility are major issues for heavy oil.

Fractures have a great impact on the prediction performance of the reservoir. Rahman et al. (2017) studied the impact of edge water drive on the reservoir performance and tight zones that are not affected by water which is the lower zone in the field while. The upper zones have high permeability that can be influenced by the support from the aquifer. Khan and Mandal (2019) made a simulation model for the patterns of waterflooding and presented the performance of five-spot waterflooding in an oil reservoir having non-uniform properties in all locations (Saboorian-Jooybari et al. 2016; Brouwer and Jansen 2002; Gharbi et al. 1997).

Hadia et al. (2007) and Asadollahi and Naevdal (2009) showed that the pressure declined very rapidly in the horizontal wells that mean the efficiency of waterflooding is very bad, and therefore, the study proved that the impact of waterflooding is better for the vertical wells than horizontal wells.

Saper et al. (2018) built a simulation model for the effect of the reservoir and fluid parameters on the water coning time for the time of breakthrough and the critical oil rate.

Brice and Renouf (2008) found that the maximum recovery from the reservoir can be achieved by increasing waterflooding rapidly and then decreasing it slowly to get

high production of oil and consequently will impact the efficiency of the reservoir. Dai et al. (2016) discovered that recovery increases with production at a high rate until reaching 80 % of total production. The prediction of a simulation study for the waterflooding is not preferable for this case due to that already existing before the application of waterflooding.

Klemm et al. (2018) showed the learning lessons from the application of waterflooding project on the oil reservoir that undergoes for the waterflooding project for 50 years. Sheng et al. (2015) discussed the importance of residual oil saturation on the application of waterflooding project.

Low salinity water is much better than results of waterflooding itself and ensures that on the performance of reservoir the oil recovery can get it from the oil reservoir. Low salinity water is considered a special type of enhanced oil recovery “EOR” such as chemical flooding to get much more oil and better reservoir performance. Yu et al. (2014) applied a waterflooding model for homogeneous properties, but the success of waterflooding relied on the amount of data available for the reservoir and the degree of heterogeneity (Al-Kandari et al. 2012; Qi and Hesketh 2005) of the reservoir which reflects on the extension of the sand channel in the reservoir.

Turta et al. (2000) proved several factors that will influence on the performance of waterflooding and reservoir such as oil saturation, water saturation, production volume, injected water volume with the sweep efficiency that depend on the shape and heterogeneity of reservoir.

For the secondary production from reservoirs using waterflooding, the reservoir geometry, fluid properties, reservoir depth, lithology and rock properties, fluid saturation, reservoir uniformity, primary reservoir driving mechanisms, mobility ratio and other critical parameters must be thoroughly analyzed. Mobility ratio is defined as the mobility of displacing fluid (gas) divided by the mobility of displaced fluid (crude oil) (Levitt et al. 2013). For the porous (Saeid et al. 2018) medium, the mobility issue must be understood. The API gravity of crude oil in the Lanea oilfield varies from 25 to 34, theoretically, waterflooding should be effective.

This work has evaluated the reservoir performance on long term (30 years) of waterflooding, fixed on a cumulative goal range of the total field injection. The purpose of this study is planning on evaluating and optimizing waterflood (Ogbeiwu et al. 2018) plan for this study. This study assumed there is no wax or hydrate or sand involved.

The purpose of this research is stated as follows:

- Evaluating the recovery by waterflooding by contrasting recovery efficiency, and deciding on the optimum recovery.
- Investigating the parameters affecting the reservoir performance.

## Methodology

Schlumberger Eclipse 100 is used to solve mass conservation model for evaluating the reservoir performance of waterflooding based on the Base\_Case (Table 3) of Lanea oilfield.

The methodology involves building a geological model, defining model properties, defining physical properties, waterflood performance and finally conducting sensitivity analysis as shown in Fig. 1. Zene et al. (2019b) and Dou et al. (2018) provide more details about the geological modeling of Bongor Basin.

A 3D five-spot pattern (Li et al. 2014; Ogbeiwi et al. 2018) reservoir model is built as an initiation for the simulation (Abdullah et al. 2020; Sern et al. 2012) realization. The constructed model is based on a currently producing reservoir (Zene et al. 2019a, b; Ogbeiwi et al. 2018; Xin et al. 2018). The deposits (Bongor Basin) are mainly mudstones and high-potency kerogen shales interspersed with medium–large sandstone (with large granularity) (Mohyaldin et al. 2019). To accurately estimate the efficiency of a waterflooding process, an assessment of the impact of sand discontinuities or connectivity in these reservoirs is required for realistic performance predictions of the schemes and estimation of associated confidence limits. The presence of flow barriers caused by these shales and variations in directional permeability across the reservoir strongly affects the drainage patterns and the sweep efficiency of water injection processes. In Lanea oilfield with the primary recovery

less oil is recovered and much left behind; then, introducing a secondary recovery will improve the recovery efficiency. Table 2 shows the base case property and physical properties on which these methods were applied. In the base case test scenarios the permeability replaced by it is average value: 179 mD. It could be changed to 179 mD.

The economic evaluation highlights the risk analysis which leads to net present value (NPV) of the project. Figures 2 and 3 present further details about the evaluation (Table 1).

Table 2 shows an approximate calculation of internal rate of return. As this is not the main core objective, the details will not be explained here.

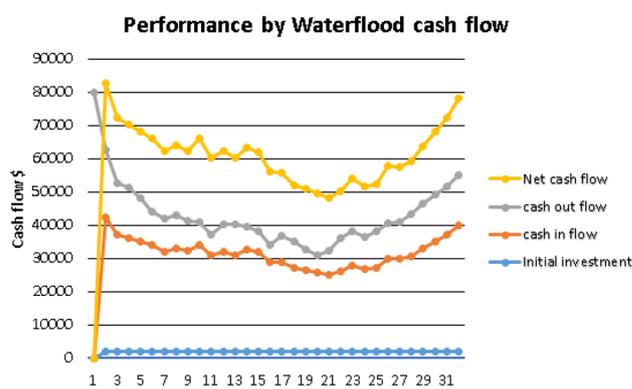
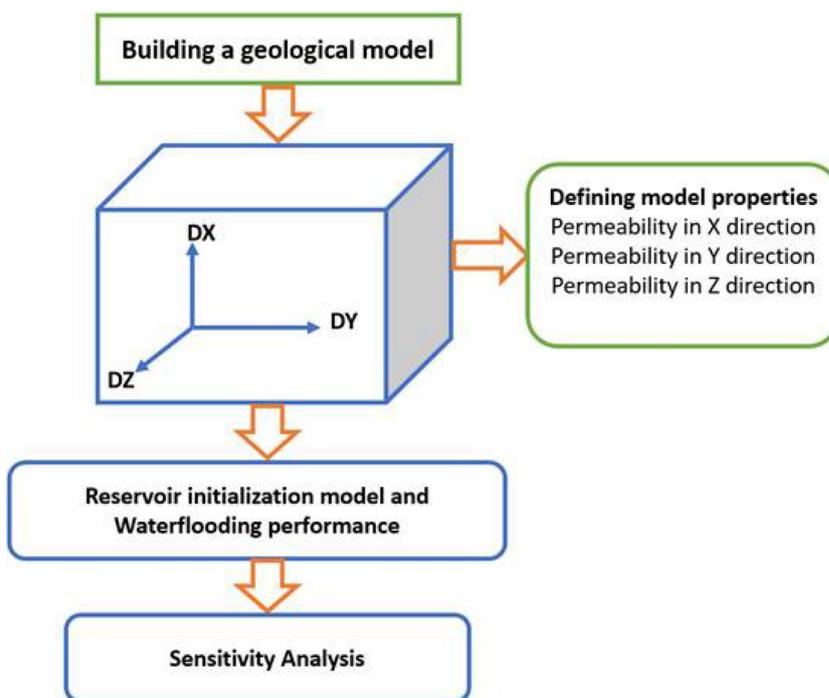
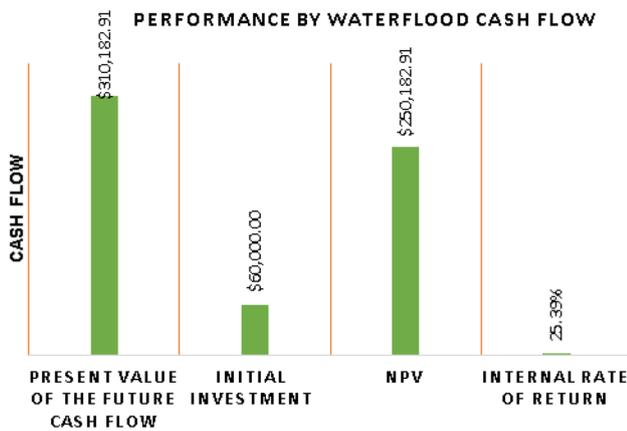


Fig. 2 The comparison of calculated NPV based on the initial investment (based on years), cash inflow, cash outflow, and net cash flow

Fig. 1 Workflow and methodology of the usage of the data





**Fig. 3** Comparison based on the present value of the future cash flow, initial investment, NPV and the internal rate return

**Table 1** Rate of return calculation

Present value of the future cash flow	\$303,379.76
Initial investment	\$ 60,000.00
NPV	\$243,379.76
Internal rate of return	25.43%

A bar chart (Fig. 3) shows a clear indication of value of rate of return.

## List of test cases and justification

The following test cases (Table 3) are simulated and analyzed: effect of grid layer (Case1), the effect of the location of production well (Case2), effect of permeability (Case3) and effect of voidage substitution (Case4). In Case0, the

injection takes place on the same Base\_Case (no injection). Injected rate, number of the producer wells as well the injector wells, design condition, volume of injection and production duration have to be understood.

Lanea blocks are of medium porosity and high permeability, with a porosity of 13.2–24.3% (22.0% on average) and a permeability of 179.

Figure 4 shows the initial 3D model before waterflooding (Base\_Case of Table 2). Reservoir initial pressure is 9572.49 psi (Table 2), while the depth of the top faces is 4000 ft. All total 13 wells (Lanea 1, Lanea 2, Lanea 3, Lanea 4, Lanea 5, Lanea 6, Lanea 7, Lanea 8, Lanea 9, Lanea 10, Lanea 11, Lanea 12, and Lanea 13) considered in this model are production well for the base model (Base\_Case of Table 2) (Fig. 5).

During the implementation of the waterflooding performance evaluation the well of Lanea 13 converted to water injection well (INJ). The base model (Base\_Case and Case0) built by cells of grid blocks in total 8000 is active. X and Y dimensions of grids blocks size are 40 ft. It is separated into five layers from top to bottom. That means the average thickness of a 1 layer is 5ft. Water–oil contact (WOC) is 4100 m, and the gas–oil contact (GOC) is 3900 m.

## Results and discussion

Figure 6 (top left) shows different field result graphs for Case0, FOPT versus time, the starting field oil production total of 5995 SM<sup>3</sup> in day 1 continuously increasing till on it is highest to  $7 \times 10^6$  SM<sup>3</sup> in 11175 days.

Figure 6 (top right) states the different field result graphs of Case0 which is FPR versus time, FPR versus time, with a rate of 661 bar in day 1 decreased to 81.59 BARSA in 6937

**Table 2** Details of the Base\_Case of the test scenarios

Cell in X direction (DX)	X grid block sizes, ft.	40
Cell in Y direction (DY)	Y grid block sizes, ft.	40
Cell in Z direction (DZ)	Z grid block sizes, ft.	5
Total cell number	Total cell of the block, ft.	8000
Porosity	Grid block porosity values, %	0.22
Permeability in X direction	Permeability in X direction, mD	1500
Permeability in Y direction	Permeability in Y direction, mD	1500
Permeability in Z direction	Permeability in Z direction, mD	100
Gas density	Gas density, lb <sub>m</sub> /ft <sup>3</sup>	0.062428
Oil density	Oil density, lb <sub>m</sub> /ft <sup>3</sup>	53.0638
Water density	Water density, lb <sub>m</sub> /ft <sup>3</sup>	62.428
Reference pressure	Reference pressure, Psia	9572.49
Water formation volume factor at preference	Water FVF at pref	1
Water compressibility	Water compressibility, Psia	0.000725189

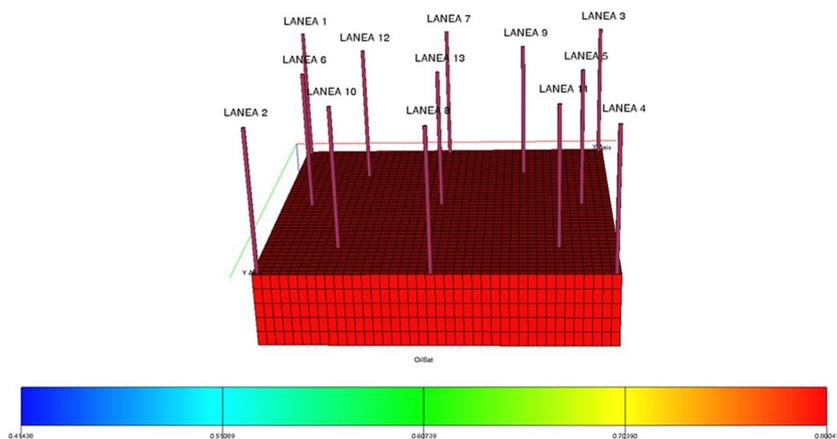
**Table 3** List of test cases and justification for the proposed study

Case no.	Special feature	Permeability (mD)	Comments
Base_Case	40*40*5 Mesh size	100	Starting base case
Case0	40*40*5 Mesh size	100	Injection
Case1	45*45*5 Mesh size	100	Testing the effect of grid
Case2	45*45*5 Mesh size	100	Relocated production well
Case3	45*45*5 Mesh size	500	Effect of permeability
Case4	45*45*5 Mesh size	500	Effect of voidage substitution

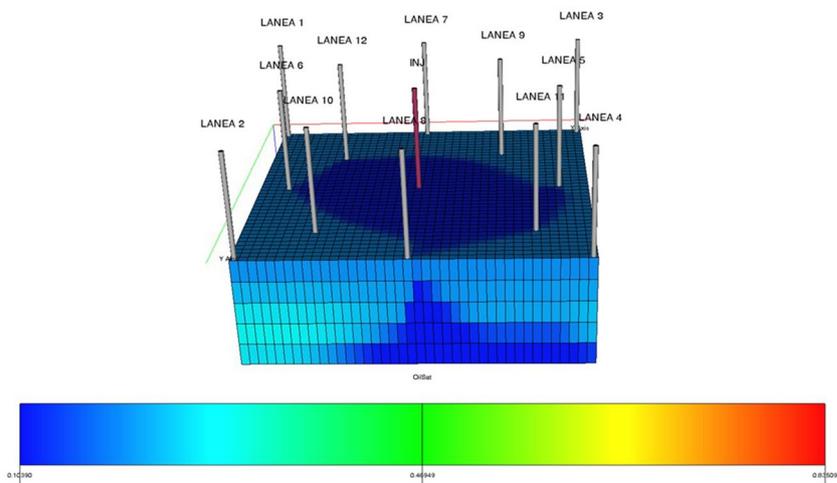
days on it is the lowest then increased to it is highest 2502.43 BARSa in 11175 days.

Figure 6 (bottom left): Different field result graphs of Base\_Case, FWCT versus time, FWCT versus time case from the day 1, the injection rate increasing but on 1800 days it has experienced a slight decrease, again started increasing,

**Fig. 4** Base\_Case: reservoir initialization 3D model before Case0



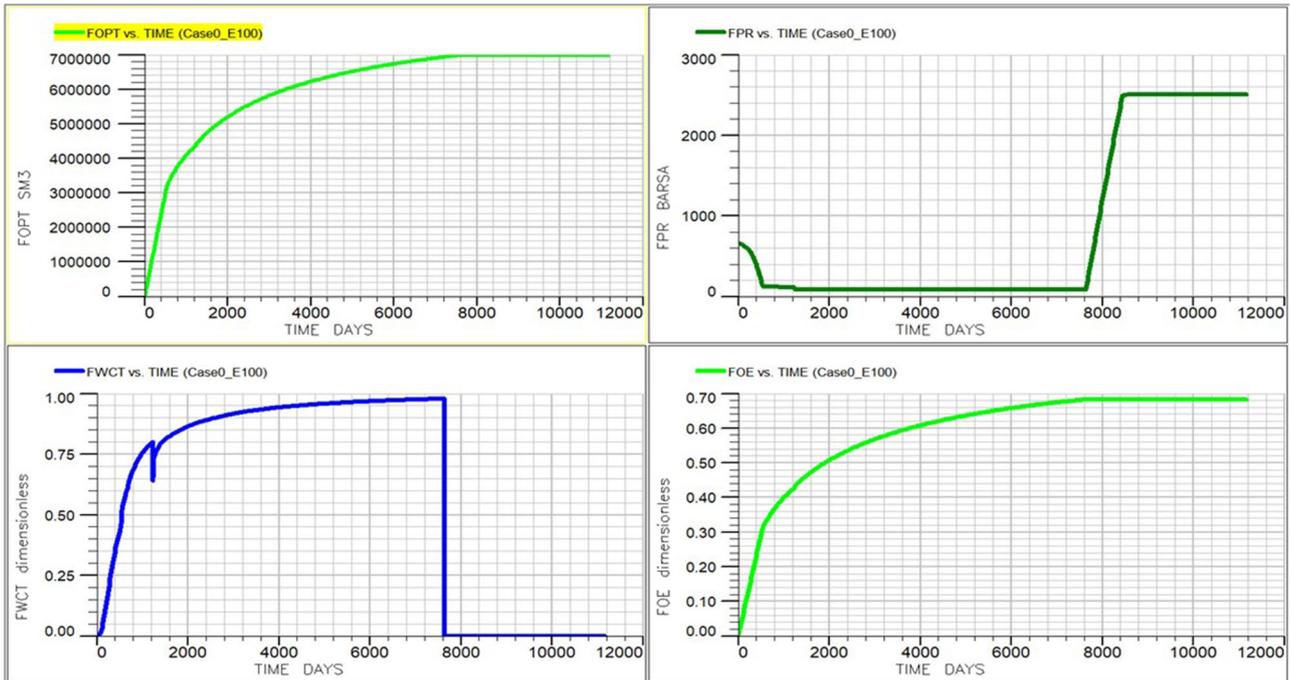
**Fig. 5** Base\_Case: initial model or starting base model (40\*40\*5)



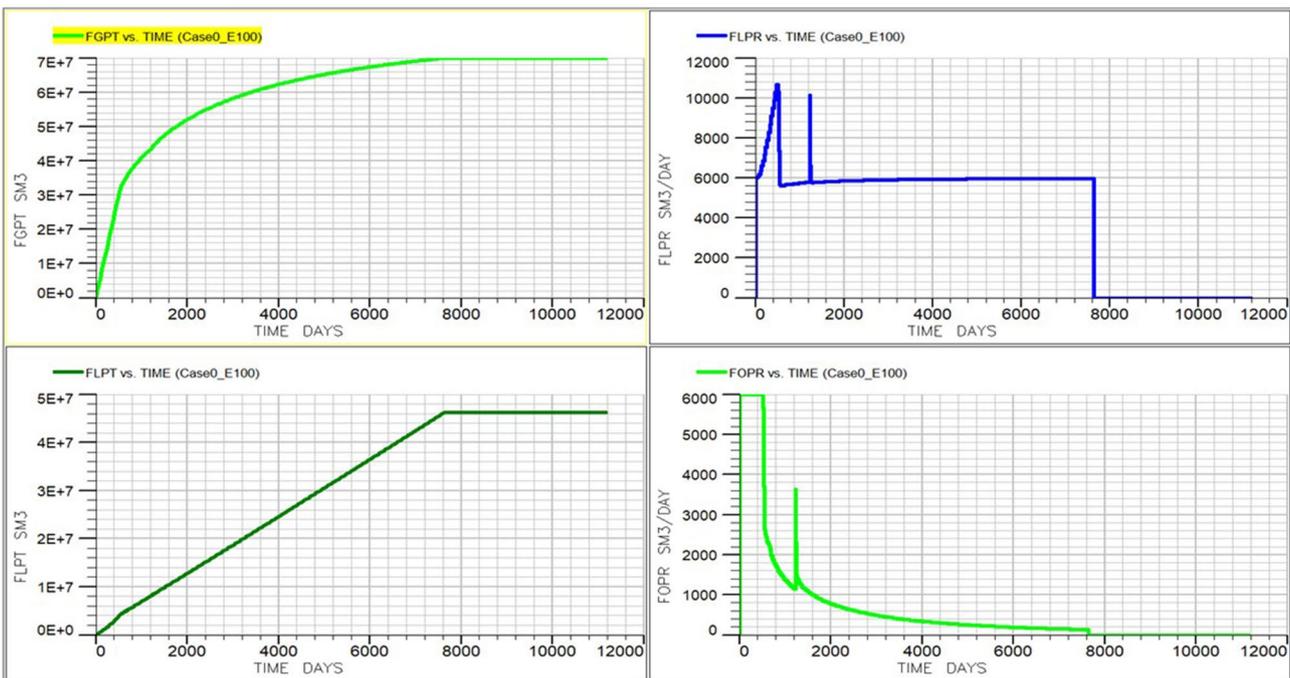
with a high water cut of 97% for the period of 7965 days, from that day on it has decreased significantly to 0.

Figure 6 (bottom right): Different data taken from the Base\_Case field, the FOE started increasing from day 1 to 11175 days reached 68% on it is highest.

Figure 7 shows the FGPT (top left) versus time, FLPT (bottom left) versus time, FLPR (top right) versus time, FOPR (bottom right) versus time for the Case0. FGPT gradually increases and stays constant after 8000 days ( $7 \times 10^7$ ); FLPR increases linearly till  $\sim 8000$  days and then stays constant at  $4.6 \times 10^7$ . Figure 7 (top left) shows field gas production total (FGPT) versus time start from day 0 it (meaning starting from the beginning) has sharply increased till it has reached to  $7 \times 10^7$  SM<sup>3</sup> the curve projection is stable for 1175 days and producing with the same production rate of  $7 \times 10^7$  SM<sup>3</sup>. Figure 7 (top right) shows the different field result graphs of Case0, FLPR versus time with a starting rate of 6000 SM<sup>3</sup>/day increased in 686 days to the highest rate of 11164 SM<sup>3</sup>/day then in 798 days the rate decreased to 5689 SM<sup>3</sup>/day, finally reached 1224 days increased to 8869 SM<sup>3</sup>/day. The field liquid



**Fig. 6** Case0 waterflood injection case (this case is before the sensitivity analysis cases, Case1) [FOPT, FPR, FWCT and FOE are top left, top right, bottom left, bottom right, respectively]



**Fig. 7** Case0 injection or waterflood case (this case is before the sensitivity analysis cases) [FGPT (top left) vs time, FLPT (bottom left) vs time, FLPR (top right) vs time, FOPR (bottom right) vs time]

production rate from 1301 days is 5799.61 SM<sup>3</sup>/day to 5939.45 SM<sup>3</sup>/day in 7641 days then the rate has decreased to 0 SM<sup>3</sup>/day till 11175 days.

Figure 7 (bottom left) states the different field result graphs of waterflood model, FLPT versus time the liquid production total with a starting day 6000.79 SM<sup>3</sup> has increased significantly to 46761380 SM<sup>3</sup> in 7641 days. This rate of 46761380 SM<sup>3</sup> is stable for 11175 days.

Figure 7 (bottom right) Different field result graphs of Waterflood model case, FOPR versus time with a production rate of 5995 SM<sup>3</sup>/day showing stable for 741 days then immediately decreased to 1872.905 M<sup>3</sup>/day in 1177 days. The production rate increased for a short period to 1796.51 SM<sup>3</sup>/day in 1224 days, the production started decreasing in it is lowest to 0 SM<sup>3</sup>/day in 11175 days.

Figure 8 shows the FVIR (field voidage injection rate) and FVPR (field voidage production rate) for the Case0. At the initial stage of injection, there are 2 sudden increase in FVPR, nearly double the FVIR at around 400 and 1200 days in injection. From 1200 days to 7600 days the FVIR

and FVPR are at same (6000 RM<sup>3</sup>/day), injection needed to stop ~ 8400 days as the FVPR drops to zero.

### Effect of mesh size

Oil recovered in the Case0 model (40\*40\*5) is higher than the increased model size Case1 (45\*45\*5) as shown in Fig. 9.

Figure 9 shows an increased model mesh (Zhalehrajabi et al. 2014); after Case0, the quantity of non-recoverable oil has increased compared to non-increased model layers (Case1 and Base\_Case of Table 3). It can clearly be seen the location of well in Fig. 9.

Figure 10 (left) states the field oil production total, FOPT versus time (Case1 of Table 3) starting with a production total of 700 SM<sup>3</sup> in day 1 continuously increasing without decrease till the curve reached  $10 \times 10^6$  SM<sup>3</sup>. Comparing to the Base\_Case ( $7 \times 10^6$  SM<sup>3</sup>) the field oil production total has increased more for the increased model (Case1 of Table 3). Based on the model layers, more oil is recovered in Lanea 8 from layer 1 to 5 then followed Lanea 2 layer 1, 2 but less in 3 to layer 5, while in Lanea 4, Lanea 1, Lanea 5, Lanea 9 and Lanea 3 is far less.

Figure 10 (right) shows a field liquid production rate, FLPR versus time (right), starting from 6000 FLPT to reach 1100 in 800 days, drops again to 5600 immediately goes up to 8400 at 1200 days and drop back to 5600 and continues to ~ maintain 6000 till 7600 days and drop to zero.



Fig. 8 Case0 waterflood or injection case (FVPR and FVIR)

**Fig. 9** Increased model size after waterflooding (Case1 of Table 3)

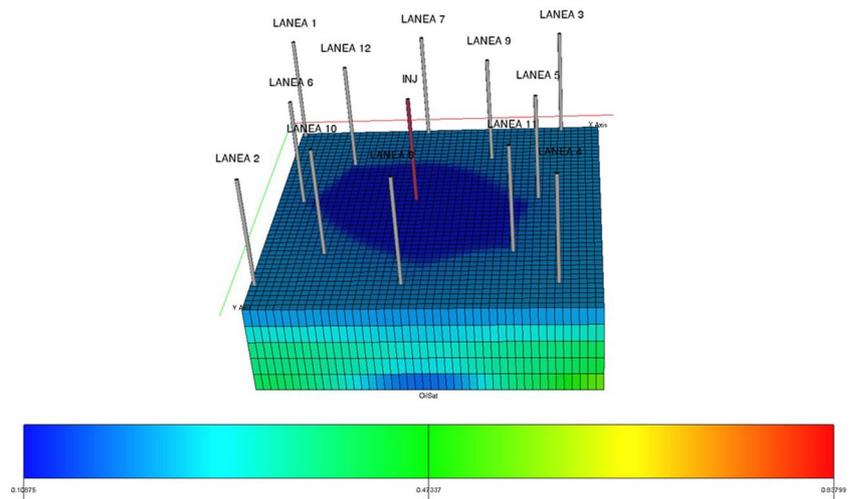
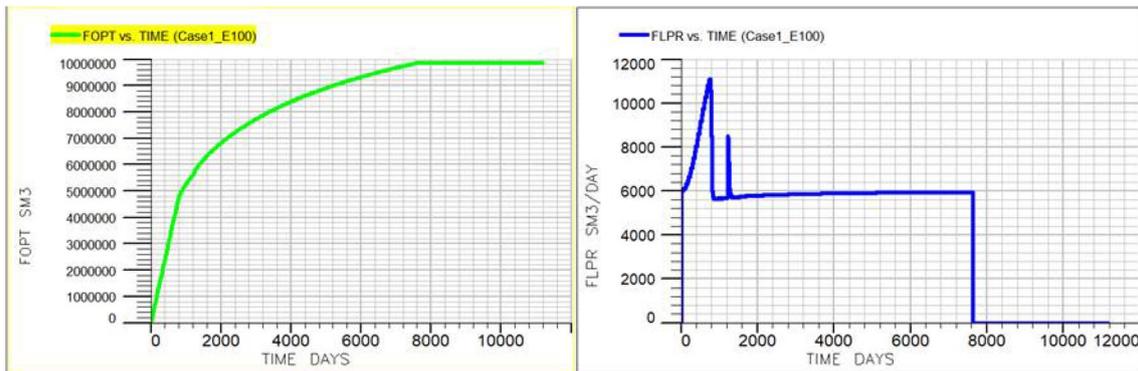


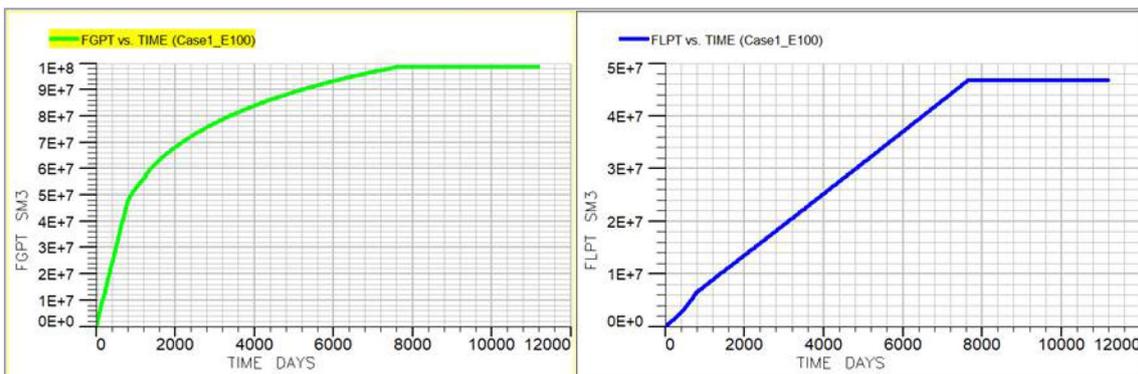
Figure 11 (left) shows the FGPT at day 1 is 5990 SM<sup>3</sup> on the first day, till has reached on it is highest  $10 \times 10^8$  SM<sup>3</sup> in 8000 days.

Figure 11 (right) gives from the first day with a rate of 6000 SM<sup>3</sup> on the first day till it has reached on it is highest in 7600 days to  $4.67 \times 10^7$  SM<sup>3</sup>.

Figure 12 (left) shows field production rate versus time, the production rate is same as the Base\_Case did not change, 661 BARSA in day 1 decreased to 81.59 BARSA in 6937 days on it is the lowest then increased to it is highest 2502.43 BARSA in 1175 days.



**Fig. 10** Left: field oil production total, right: field liquid production rate (Case1 of Table 3)



**Fig. 11** Left: field gas production total, right: field liquid production total (Case1 of Table 3)

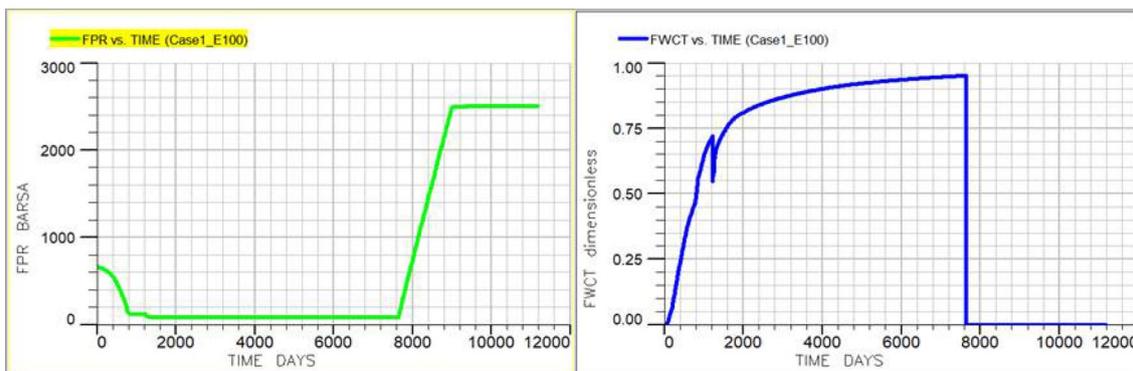


Fig. 12 Case1: left: field production rate, right: field water cut

Fig. 13 Field oil efficiency graph (Case1 of Table 3)

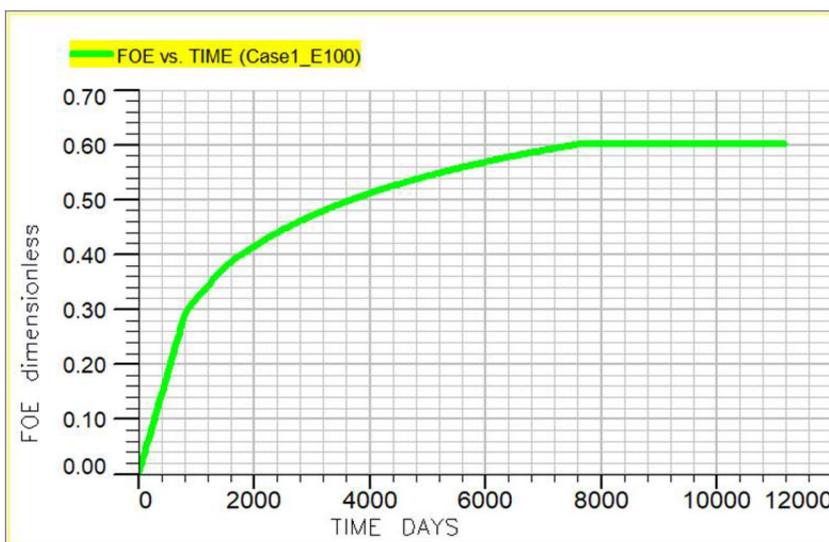


Fig. 14 Oil saturation after waterflood case (Case2 of Table 3)

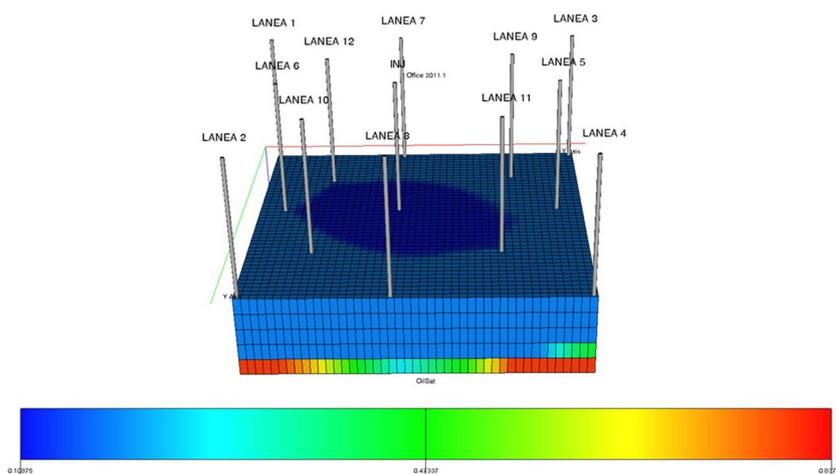
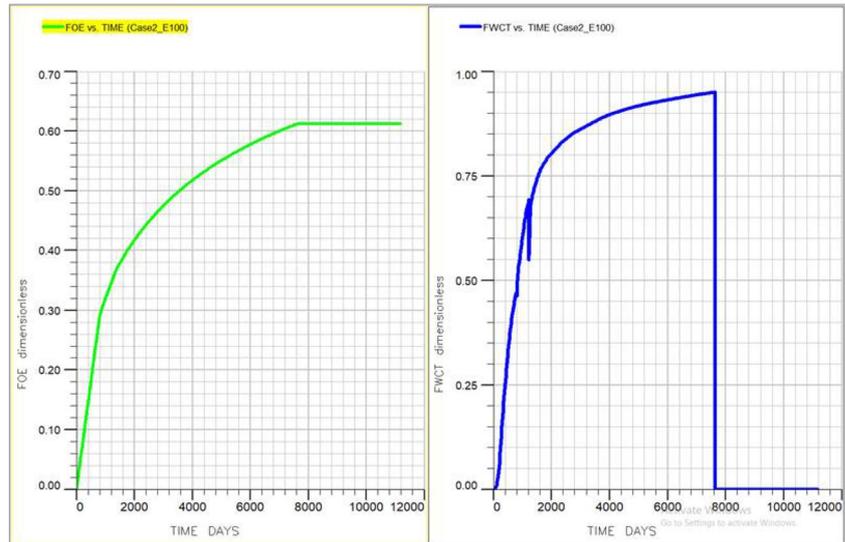


Figure 12 (right): Field water cut, FWCT versus time has increased from zero to 0.95% in 7596 days then dropped to 0%. There was a sudden spike drop around 1200 days.

With the increase model of (45\*45\*5) the field oil efficiency (FOE) has decreased to 60.1% (Fig. 13) compared to the non-decreased model (40\*40) FOE which is 68.2% (bottom right of Fig. 6).

**Fig. 15** Case2: left: field oil efficiency right: field water cut



**Effect of production location**

Case2 (Table 3) is presented here showing the effect if choosing the right injection at the right place. The biggest question is where to drill and locate the injector well to boost the production. The case is referred as Case2 in Table 3 where a producer well is converted into injector for the improvement of oil recovery in the same year, the middle well of (LANEA 13) of Base\_Case of Table 3. Figure 14 shows the oil saturation for Case2 (Table 3) and clearly shows that most of the oil has already been swept out, but there is more than 20% of non-recoverable in the reservoir mostly from first layer to the fourth layer.

Most of the oil is recovered in the rest of the layers near the location of Lanea 8; just only 23% is non-recovered oil in the first layer (Fig. 14). The sequence is Lanea 4, followed by Lanea 11, Lanea 5, Lanea 2, Lanea 4 and Lanea 3 (27%).

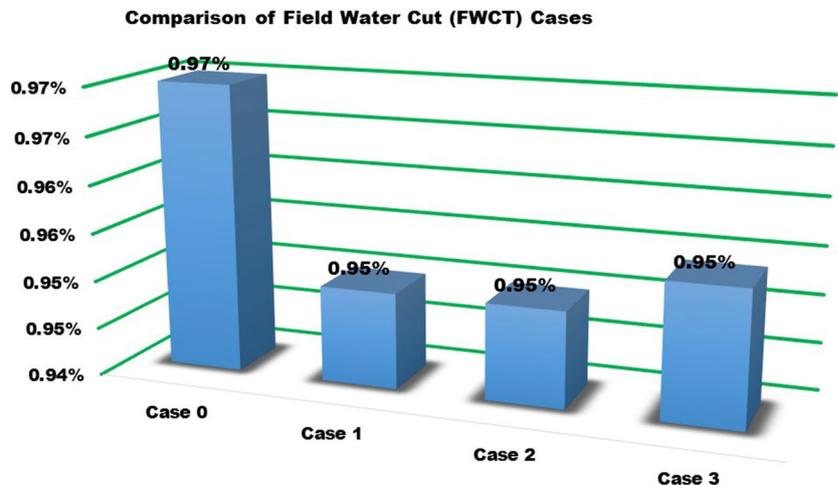
Figure 15 shows the FOE (left) and FWCT, on the right. The maximum value of FOE is 0.62 and FWCT is 0.95. From 8000 days, the FOE is nearly constant and FWCT drops to zero, same as for the rest of the case studies.

**Effect of permeability**

This section presents the effect of permeability (Case3 of Table 3). The PermZ is 500 mD (Table 3), and mesh is same as Case1 or Case2. Figure 16 (left): Field oil efficiency graph, with the production well relocation the FOE has increased 62.1% higher than the FOE of Case1 (Table 3 and Fig. 13) which is 60%.

Figure 16 (right) shows the field water cut (FWCT) graph with time, and if compared with the production well relocation field water cut rate (right of Fig. 15), it remains nearly the same as 0.955 or Case1 (right of Fig. 12, 0.95).

**Fig. 16** Case3: left: water cut graph, right: fig field oil efficiency



After changing the PermZ to 500 mD from the Case2 (with the production well relocation field water cut rate (right of Fig. 15) it is found from the left of Fig. 16, FOE is decreased to 0.60 compared to 0.612. As shown in Case\_Base (Table 2) with a PermZ (100 mD), FOE (0.6224) and FWCT (0.952%) are changed. And Fig. 16 (right): Field water cut (FWCT) graph (0.94%).

**Effect of voidage substitution**

This section presents the Case3 of Table 3, and this is a variation between FVIR and FVPR Case4 (Table 3). It can be observed from the graph that with the increase in model size the Field Voidage Injection Rate (FVIR) from 7628 to 9037 days it has increased to 565 more days compare to Base\_Case (40\*40\*5) 7628 to 8472 days. FVIR means field

voidage injection rate, and FVPR means field voidage production rate.

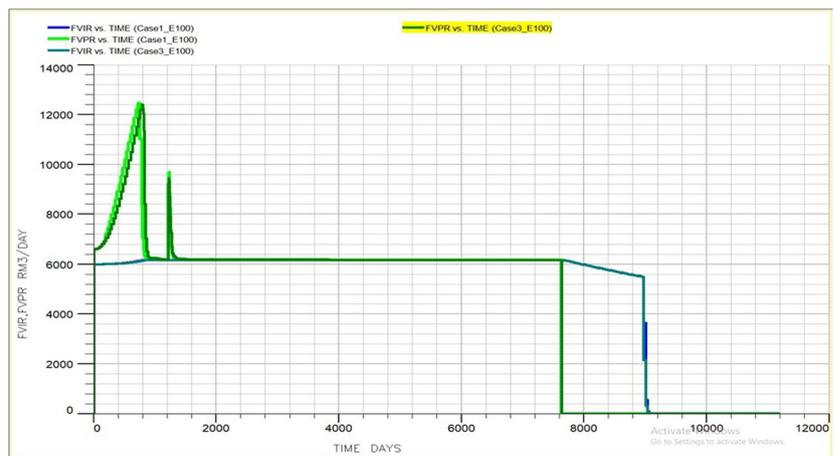
The only control of going through is an ultimate production rate with a rate of 12,377 SM<sup>3</sup>/Day. Based on our observation, when the production rate increases, the voidage substitution increases. This indicates that the pore spaces are strongly occupied as 90% or above could explain that there is a possibly that extra oil might be recuperated from this oilfield (Fig. 17).

**Conclusion**

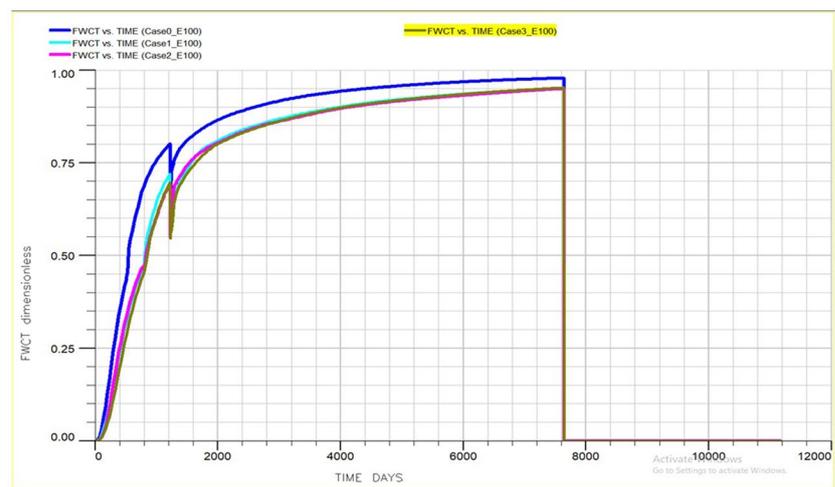
Globally, large amounts of hydrocarbon volumes are found in reservoir systems associated with high shale volumes. These shales create discontinuities within the reservoir units.

Figure 18 shows a comparing among different case studies (Case0, Case1, Case3 and Case 2). FWCT versus time

**Fig. 17** Variation between FVIR and FVPR (permeability 500 mD)



**Fig. 18** Field water cut graph with time for Case0, Case1, Case2 and Case3



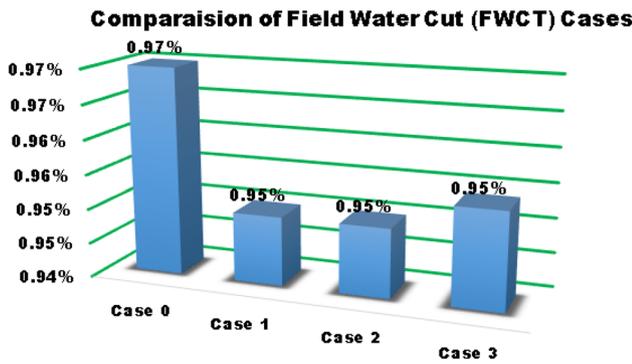


Fig. 19 Maximum field water cut graph for Case0, Case1, Case2 and Case3

from the day 1 of the injection rate increasing but on around ~ 1200 days all have experienced a sudden drop of FWCT for all cases, again started increasing, with the highest water cut for the period of 7965 days, from that day on it has decreased significantly to 0 for all the cases studies here. The water cut for Case1 of Table 3 has the highest among all the four cases, stating the fact that the outcome depends on the mesh quality. The maximum FWCT is 0.97 for Case0 and ~ 0.95 for Case1, Case2, Case3. More precise numbers are presented next.

From Fig. 18 for all along the injection, FWCT is higher for Case0. Around ~ 800 days, all cases experience a slight drop of FWCT (Case0 at around 660 days). Case1, Case2, and Case3 show almost same FWCT till the injection time. It is noteworthy that all cases have dropped the FWCT to same 0.55 and then recover to the increasing trend.

Figure 19 shows the water cut for three cases of Table 3, showing the effect of grid numbers, selection of injection well, and sensitivity of the permeability. Water cut is defined

as ratio of the water production to total liquid production. FWCT is same for Case1 and Case2 (0.95). For Case0 (0.97), the water cut is highest. For the Case3, the water cut is 0.955.

Figure 20 shows the FOE for the Case1, Case2 and Case3 over the time period of 11175 days (~ 30 years). The FOE has a range of 0 to 1 as per the definition. Case0 offers higher FOE compared to Case1, Case2 and Case3, so the quality of mesh is important as can be evidenced. The next in line of FOE is Case3, Case2 and Case1, so the choice of injection and production location is important. Until ~ 800 days, the slope of Case1, Case2 and Case3 is same (corresponding FOE is 0.29) and slope of Case0 is always higher from the start. Beyond 800 days, Case3 is slightly higher than Case1 and Case2, and after 5000 days, all the FOE are flat to the horizontal axis (Case0 = 68.2%, Case1 = 61.1%, Case2 = 62% Case3 = 62.1%) and do not change any further. So after near 21 years, the injection does not offer anything more of FOE. So in this case the permeability has less effect on the

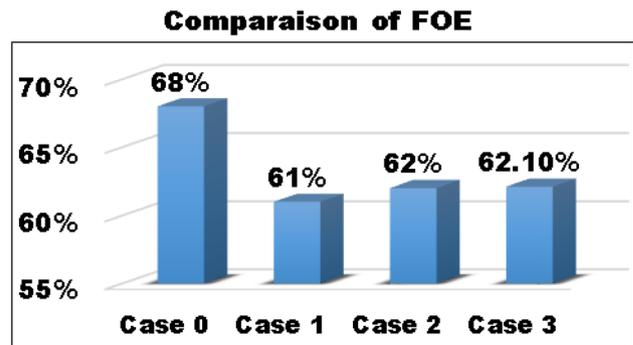
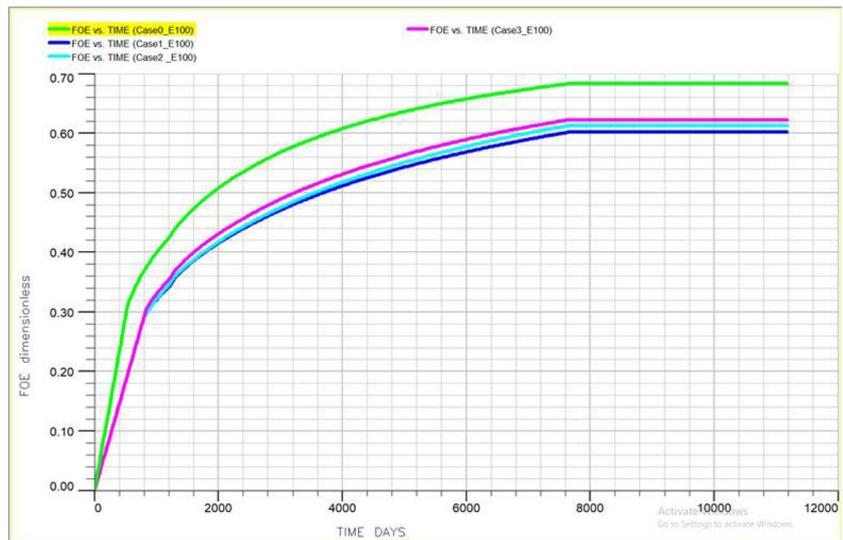


Fig. 21 Comparison of FOE among Case1, Case2 and Case3. Please refer to Table 3

Fig. 20 Field oil efficiency graph with time for Case0, Case1, Case2 and Case3. Please refer to Table 3



FOE (only 1 % increase in FOE even though the K has been multiplied by 5).

Figure 21 shows a comparison of the highest FOE among the Case0, Case1, Case2 and Case3 (Table 3) after 21 years of injection of water. The highest field of efficiency with the best oil recovery scenario is Case0, followed by Case3 (0.621), Case2 (0.62) and finally Case1 (0.611). These are significant FOEs by themselves, and this achievement can further be enhanced by choosing the right selection of the production and injection well (Case2). Comparing between Case1 and Case2, it can be concluded that the FOE is not permeability controlled for this study.

## Conclusions

This work has offered a demonstration of case study which has been approached by the waterflood plan mechanism on Lanea oilfield, Chad. A computational model is studied as the following: building a geological model, defining model properties, defining physical properties, and evaluating the oil recovery. Before preparing for a boosting waterflood performance plan, few sensitivity analysis (grid test, injection or production location selection, permeability, voidage substitution) was performed for the best possible EOR.

For the Case1 (grid test), the EOR is 61.1%, for the Case2 (injection/ production location selection test), the EOR can be as high as 62.0% and for the Case3 (permeability test), the EOR is 62.1%. On the other hand, the water cut is 0.95, 0.95 and 0.954, respectively. For Case0, these numbers are 68.2% and 0.97, respectively.

The present research indicates in Figs. 4 and 5 that a model has already been built and then different cases have been tested by comparing each other that could be observed in Table 2.

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