



Petroleum Fluids Phase Behavior and Basic Properties.

- Introduction.
- Petroleum reservoir fluids.
- Fluid phase behavior.
- Classification of reservoir fluids.
- Basic reservoir gas properties
- Basic reservoir oil properties.

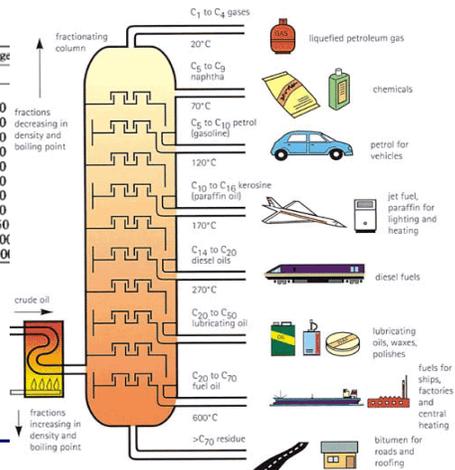
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مخلوط آنها دارای رفتاری چند فازي بر حسب دما و فشار

نام تجاری سیالات و مشخصات آنها

| Petroleum fraction | Approximate hydrocarbon range | Approximate boiling range | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| | | °C | °F |
| Light gases | C ₂ -C ₄ | -90 to 1 | -130-30 |
| Gasoline (light and heavy) | C ₄ -C ₁₀ | -1-200 | 30-390 |
| Naphthas (light and heavy) | C ₄ -C ₁₁ | -1-205 | 30-400 |
| Jet fuel | C ₉ -C ₁₄ | 150-255 | 300-490 |
| Kerosene | C ₁₁ -C ₁₄ | 205-255 | 400-490 |
| Diesel fuel | C ₁₁ -C ₁₆ | 205-290 | 400-550 |
| Light gas oil | C ₁₄ -C ₁₈ | 255-315 | 490-600 |
| Heavy gas oil | C ₁₈ -C ₂₈ | 315-425 | 600-800 |
| Wax | C ₁₈ -C ₃₆ | 315-500 | 600-930 |
| Lubricating oil | >C ₂₅ | >400 | >750 |
| Vacuum gas oil | C ₂₈ -C ₃₅ | 425-600 | 800-1100 |
| Residuum | >C ₃₅ | >600 | >1100 |



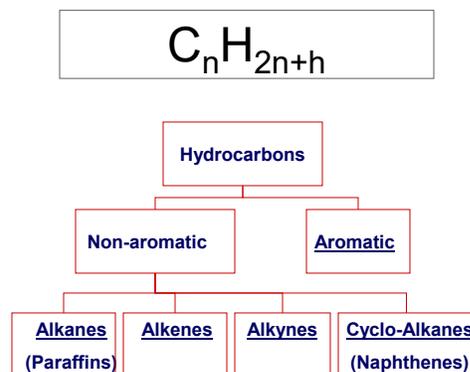
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Petroleum Fluids

- Reservoir fluids typically contains hundreds or thousands of hydrocarbon compounds and a few non-organic compounds.
- The physical properties of a reservoir fluid depends on composition, temperature and pressure.
- Natural gas is composed of mainly low-molecular weight alkanes (paraffins), CO₂, H₂S and N₂.
- Most crude oils are composed of higher-molecular weight hydrocarbon compounds (Aromatic and Naphthenes).

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Hydrocarbons



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Petroleum Fluids – Example Compositions

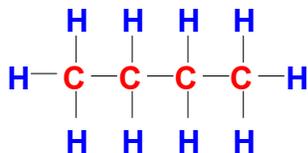
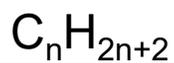
| Component | Gas | | | | | |
|---|---------|---------|------------|-------|--------------|-----------|
| | Dry Gas | Wet Gas | Condensate | Oil | Volatile Oil | Black Oil |
| CO ₂ | 0.10 | 1.41 | 2.37 | 1.30 | 0.93 | 0.02 |
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| C ₁ | 86.12 | 92.46 | 73.19 | 69.44 | 58.77 | 34.62 |
| C ₂ | 5.91 | 3.18 | 7.80 | 7.88 | 7.57 | 4.11 |
| C ₃ | 3.58 | 1.01 | 3.55 | 4.26 | 4.09 | 1.01 |
| <i>i</i> -C ₄ | 1.72 | 0.28 | 0.71 | 0.89 | 0.91 | 0.76 |
| <i>n</i> -C ₄ | | 0.24 | 1.45 | 2.14 | 2.09 | 0.49 |
| <i>i</i> -C ₅ | 0.50 | 0.13 | 0.64 | 0.90 | 0.77 | 0.43 |
| <i>n</i> -C ₅ | | 0.08 | 0.68 | 1.13 | 1.15 | 0.21 |
| C _{6(s)} | | 0.14 | 1.09 | 1.46 | 1.75 | 1.61 |
| C ₇₊ | | 0.82 | 8.21 | 10.04 | 21.76 | 56.40 |
| Properties | | | | | | |
| <i>M</i> _{C₇₊} | | 130 | 184 | 219 | 228 | 274 |
| <i>γ</i> _{C₇₊} | | 0.763 | 0.816 | 0.839 | 0.858 | 0.920 |
| <i>K</i> _{wC₇} | | 12.00 | 11.95 | 11.98 | 11.83 | 11.47 |
| GOR, scf/STB | ∞ | 105,000 | 5,450 | 3,650 | 1,490 | 300 |
| OGR, STB/MMscf | 0 | 10 | 180 | 275 | | |
| <i>γ</i> _{API} | | 57 | 49 | 45 | 38 | 24 |
| <i>γ</i> _g | | 0.61 | 0.70 | 0.71 | 0.70 | 0.63 |
| <i>p</i> _{sat} , psia | | 3,430 | 6,560 | 7,015 | 5,420 | 2,810 |
| <i>B</i> _{sat} , ft ³ /scf or bbl/STB | | 0.0051 | 0.0039 | 2.78 | 1.73 | 1.16 |
| <i>ρ</i> _{sat} , lbm/ft ³ | | 9.61 | 26.7 | 30.7 | 38.2 | 51.4 |

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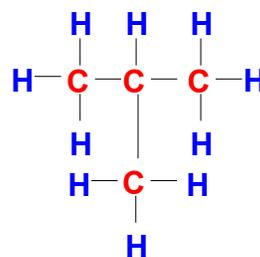
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Alkanes (Paraffins)

Structure Formula



n-C₄H₁₀ : normal-butane

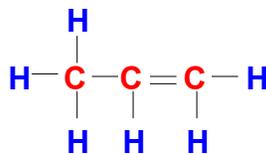


i-C₄H₁₀ : iso-butane



Alkenes (Olefins)

Structure Formula



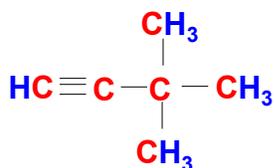
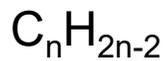
C₃H₆ : propene

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Alkynes

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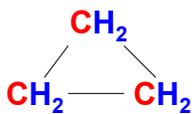


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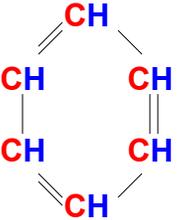


Cyclo-alkanes (Naphthenes)

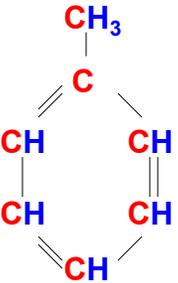
Structure Formula



Aromatics



Benzene



Tuolene

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Fluid Phase Behavior

All substances can occur in three states (phases):

1. Vapor
2. Liquid
3. Solid

“Thermodynamic Equilibrium”:

- No net mass transfer between the phases.
- Temperature and pressure of the co-existing phases are the same.
- The chemical potential of each component in each phase are equal.
- The system attains it minimum energy level.

Gibbs Phase Rule

$$F = n - P + 2$$

- Single-Component Systems.
- Two-Component Systems.
- Multi-Component Systems.
- Retrograde Condensation.

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Gibbs Phase Rule

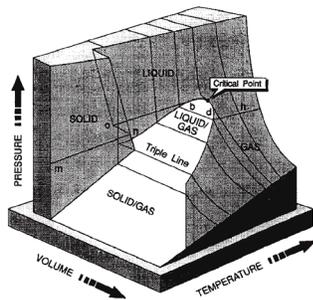
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- **F = Degrees of freedom (number of independent variables).**
 - **n = Number of components.**
 - **P = Number of phases.**
- *Intensive thermodynamic variables* such as temperature, pressure, composition, and density, do not depend upon the extent of the system.
 - *Extensive variables* such as flow rate, total mass, or liquid volume depends upon the extent of the system.



Single-Component Phase Behavior

$$F = 1 - P + 2$$

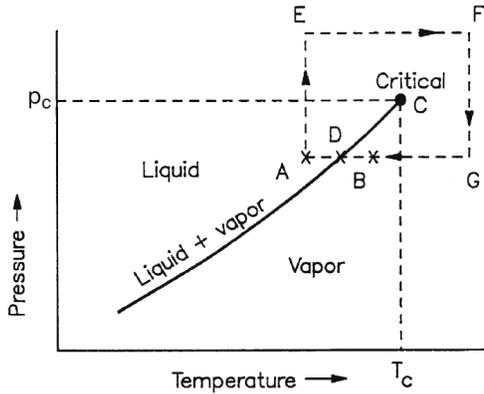


- Vapor curve (p-T diagram).
- Phase transition (p-V diagram).

- For a **single-phase**, single-component system **F = 2**, and the phase behavior is completely determined by pressure **and** temperature (or pressure and volume, at a given temperature).
- For a **two-phase**, single-component system **F = 1**, and pressure **or** temperature needs to be specified to determine the system.
- Vapor-Liquid Equilibrium (VLE) occurs only at the Vapor Pressure, which is a unique function of temperature that culminates at the **Critical Point**.



Single-Component Vapor-Pressure Curve



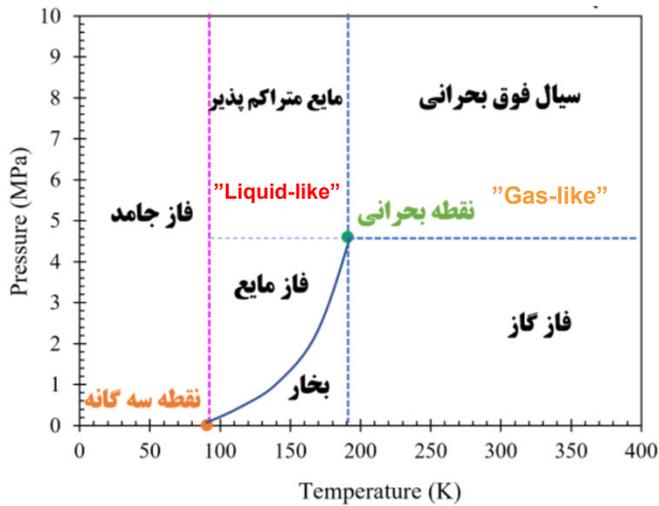
- Along the vapor-pressure curve, the two-phases are in **thermodynamic equilibrium**.
- The vapor-pressure curve ends at the **critical point**.
- At the **critical point** the two phases are **indistinguishable**.
- Liquid and vapor cannot coexist at temperatures above the **critical temperature**, or for pressures above the **critical pressure**.

Quiz:

How to go from a liquid to a vapor at nearly the same conditions, without any abrupt phase change?



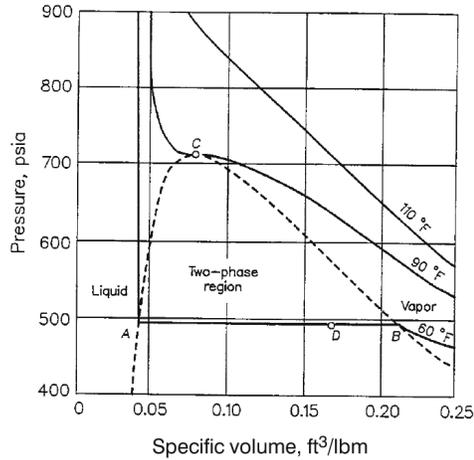
Single-Component Phase Transfer



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Single-Component Pressure-Volume Curve



- In a single-component system, the transition from vapor to liquid takes place at a constant pressure.

Quiz:

| |
|--------|
| Vapor |
| Liquid |

$$\begin{aligned} V &= V1 \\ T &= T1 \\ P &= P1 \\ \rho_o &= \rho1 \end{aligned}$$

| |
|--------|
| Vapor |
| Liquid |

$$\begin{aligned} V &< V1 \\ T &= T1 \\ P &= ? \\ \rho_o &= ? \end{aligned}$$

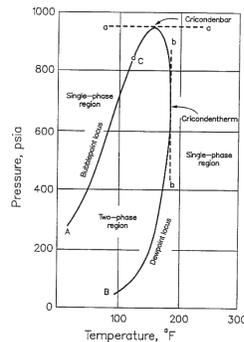


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Two-Component Phase Behavior

$$F = 2 - P + 2$$



- [p-T diagram](#)
- [p-V diagram](#)
- [p-x diagram](#)

Equilibrium K-Values

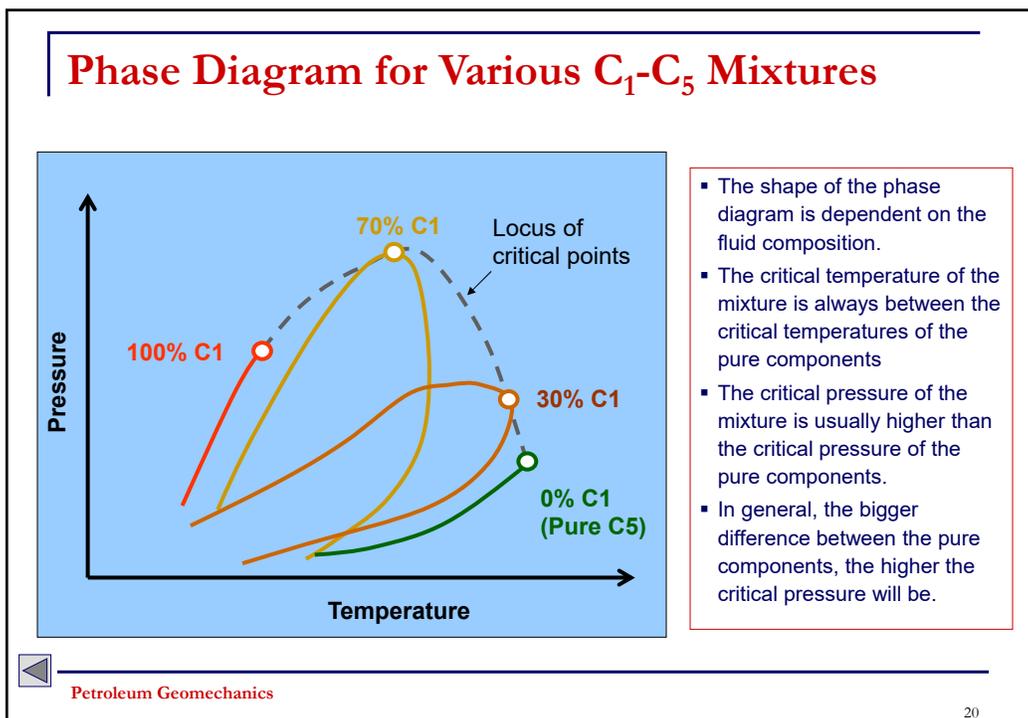
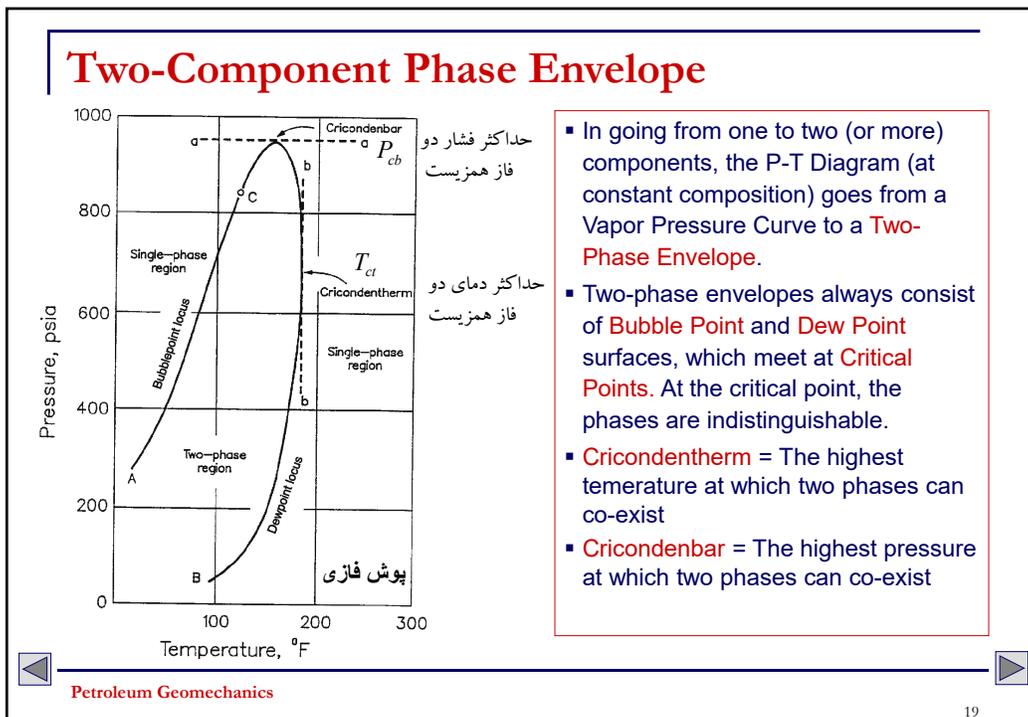
$$K_i \equiv y_i / x_i$$

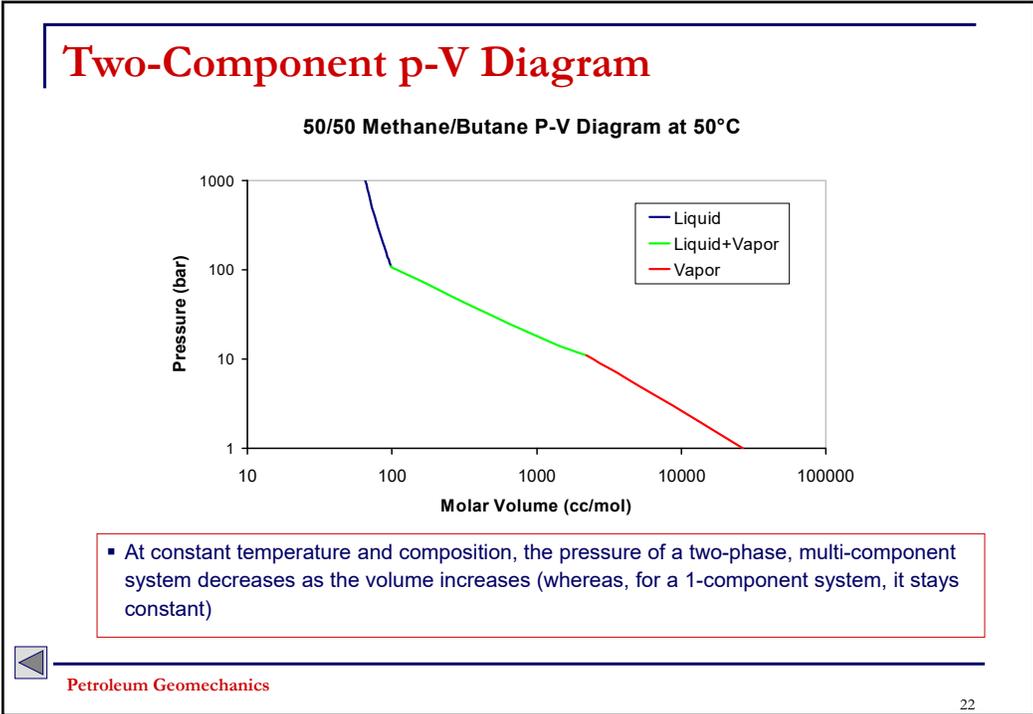
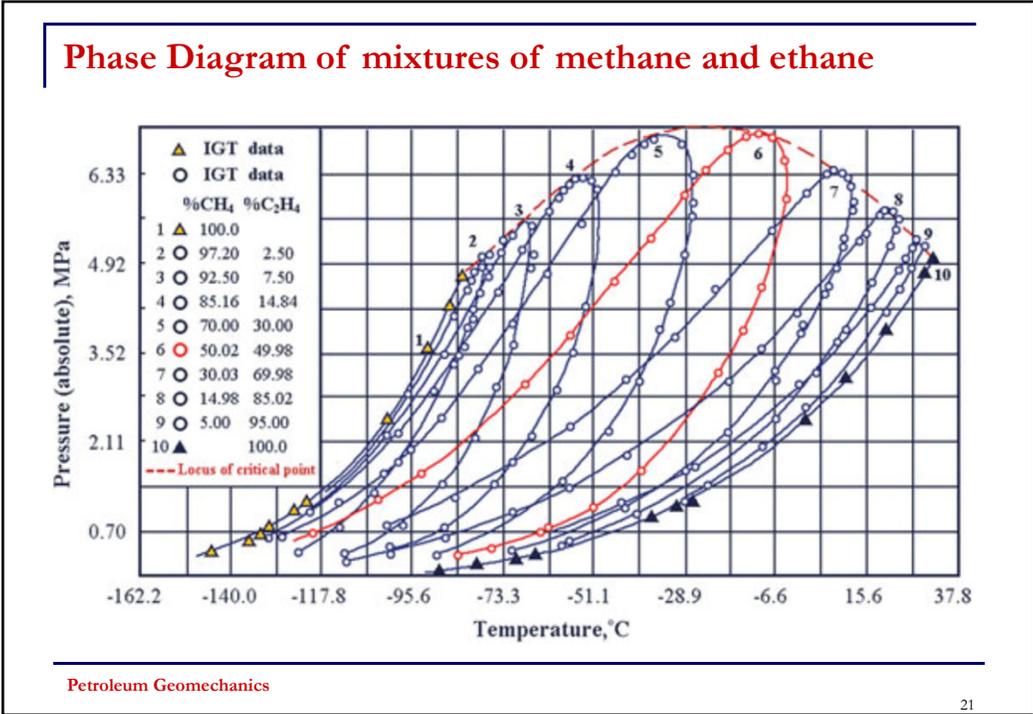
- For a **single-phase**, two-component system, $F = 3$, and the phase behavior is completely determined by pressure, temperature and composition.
- For a **two-phase**, two-component system, $F = 2$ and in addition to composition, either pressure **or** temperature must to be specified to determine the system.
- In going from a single- to a two-component system, the saturated p-T projection is now represented by a **phase envelope**, rather than a single vapor-pressure curve.



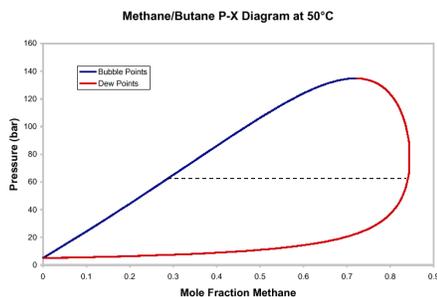
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Two-component p-x diagram



Quiz:

- What is the equilibrium gas and liquid composition for a 50-50 mixture of C1-C4 mixture at 50 C and 60 bar?

- For a 2-component system at constant temperature, the P-x Diagram uniquely defines the two-phase envelope of pressures and compositions.
- Equilibrium Compositions are given by the **Tie Lines** that connect bubble points to dew points at constant pressure.



Equilibrium K-Values

$$K_i \equiv y_i / x_i$$

- y_i = mole fraction of component i in the vapor phase
- x_i = mole fraction of component i in the liquid phase

- Equilibrium K-values are a function of pressure, temperature and overall composition.
- K-values can be estimated by correlations, or by satisfying the equal-fugacity constraint with an Equation of State (EoS) model.

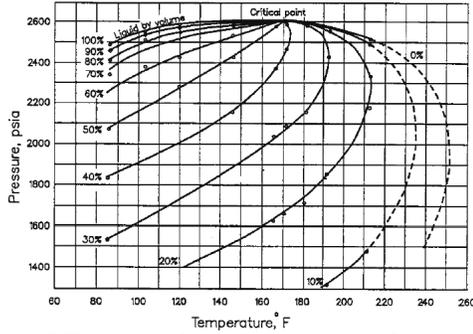
Binary Mixture Example

Figure



Multi-Component Phase Behavior

$$F = n_c - P + 2$$



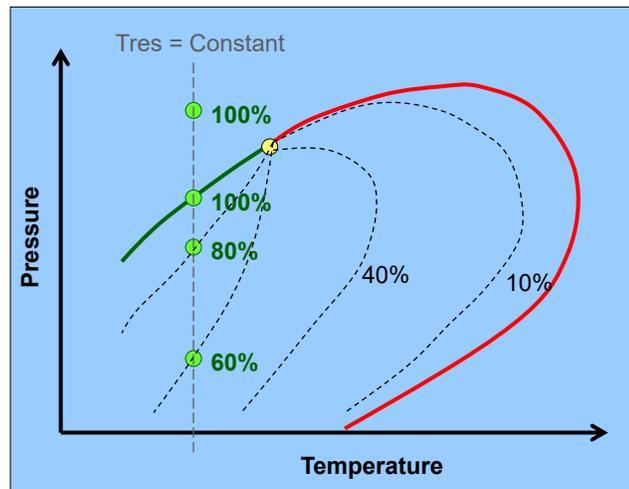
PT-diagram for gas condensate fluid (after Katz et. al) showing lines of constant liquid percentage (quality lines).

- Multi-component constant-composition P-T and P-V Diagrams remain qualitatively similar to those of 2-component systems.
- Constant-temperature P-x Diagrams also remain similar, but are no longer unique and no longer define equilibrium tie lines. Also, the critical point no-longer coincides with the cricondenbar.

Illustration: Pressure Depletion

Multi-Component Phase Behavior

Illustration of Pressure Depletion ($T_{Res} < T_c$)



For a given composition:

- The volume amount of each phase inside the two-phase region is given by the pressure and temperature.
- Lines of constant liquid ratio are called iso-volume or quality lines.
- Liquid can be formed by an isothermal decrease in pressure – this is called **retrograde condensation**.

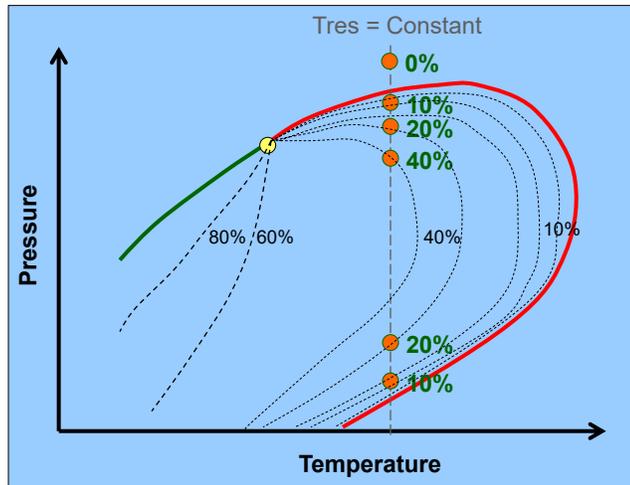
خطوط کیفیت :



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Multi-Component Phase Behavior

Retrograde Condensation

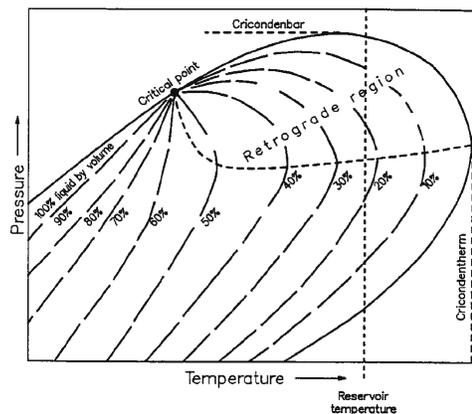


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Retrograde Condensation

"Constant Composition" Analysis

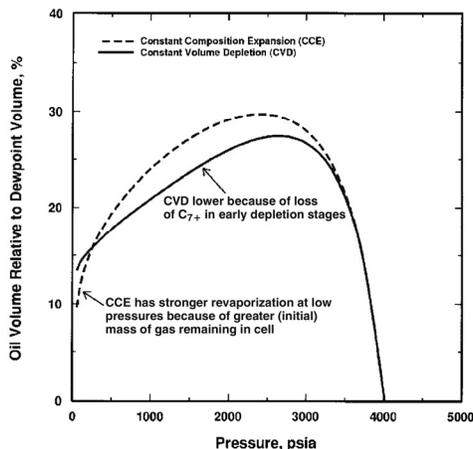


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Retrograde Liquid Dropout

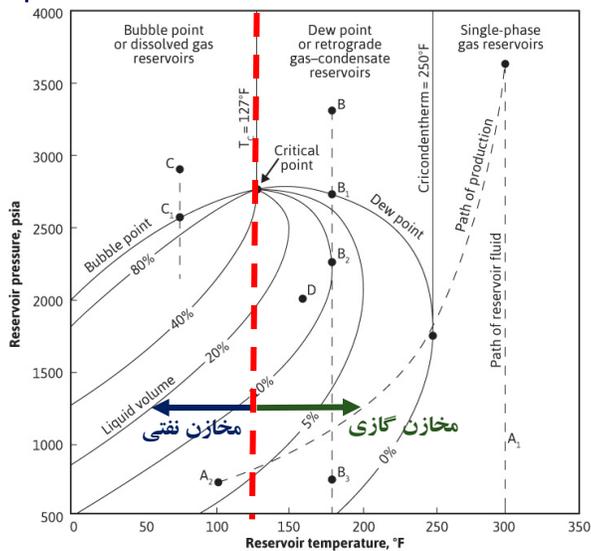
Constant Composition vs. Constant Volume



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Classification of Reservoir Fluid Systems



نوع مخزن

مخازن نفتی:
اگر دمای مخزن کمتر از دمای بحرانی سیال مخزن TC باشد.

مخازن گازی:
اگر دمای مخزن بیشتر از دمای بحرانی سیال هیدروکربنی مخزن باشد.

دما و فشار در قسمتهای مختلف تولید

Well Head Conditions: P_{well} and T_{well}

Produced Natural Gas, Crude Oil, and Water

Reservoir Conditions: P_r, T_r

Key
■ Oil
■ Gas

W | s l f d c # W k u h h 0 v d j h / ٢ d v R l c # h s d u d w l r q # v u d l q

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| Volume Units: | | |
|----------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 4# P VWE | @# / 333 # P VWE # r u # h VWE | @# / 333 / 333 # WVE |
| 4# P eeo | @# / 333 # P eeo r u # h eeo | @# / 333 / 333 # eeo |
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| 4# P VWE 2gd | @# / 333 # P VWE 2gd # w ³ r u # h VWE 2gd # | @# / 333 / 333 # WVE 2gd |
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bbl: Barrel **1 bbl = 42 gal (U.S.)= 159 litres**
 SCF: Standard Cubic Feet
 STB: Stock Tank Barrel

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Classifications:

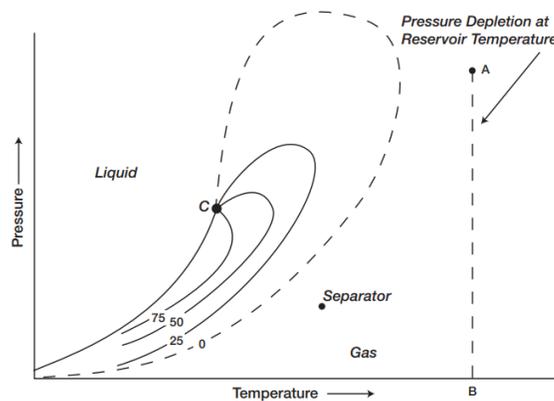
1. Dry Gas.
2. Wet Gas.
3. Gas Condensate.
4. Volatile Oil.
5. Black Oil.

Example compositions

The classification of fluid reservoir systems is determined by:

- The location of the reservoir temperature with respect to the critical temperature and cricondentherm.
- Location of the first-stage separator pressure and temperature with respect to the phase diagram of the reservoir fluid.

Dry Gas

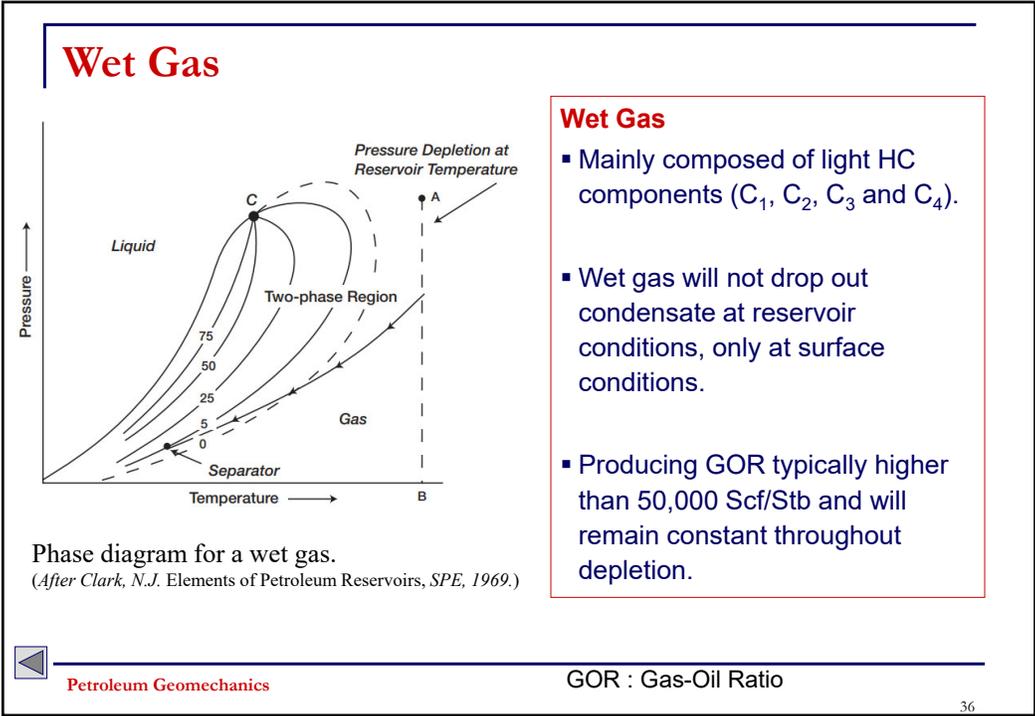
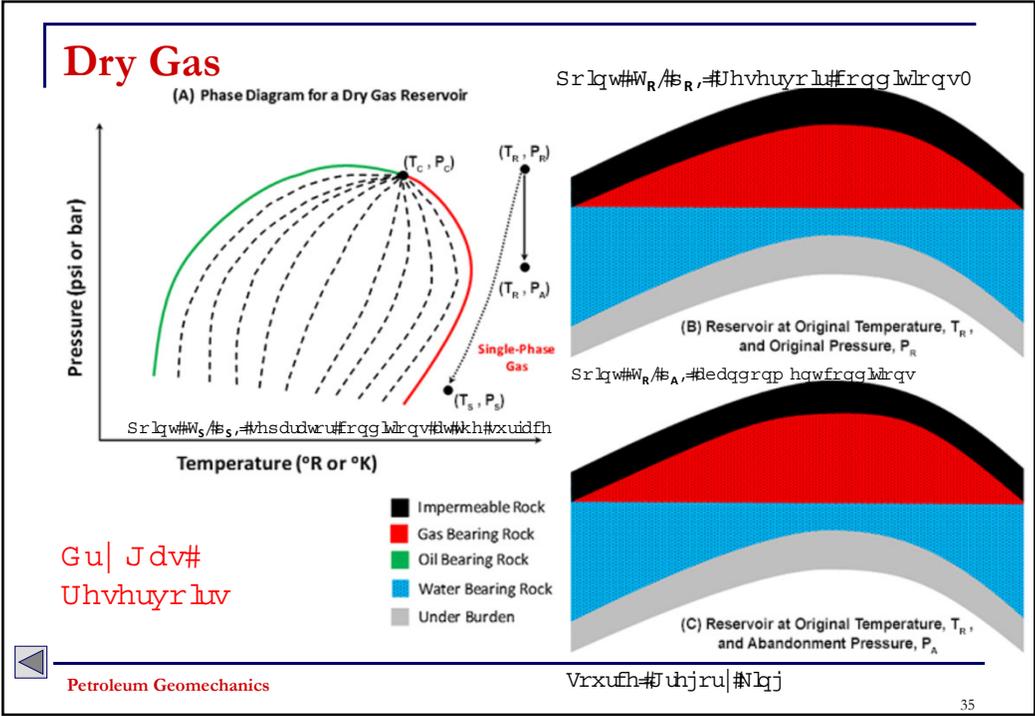


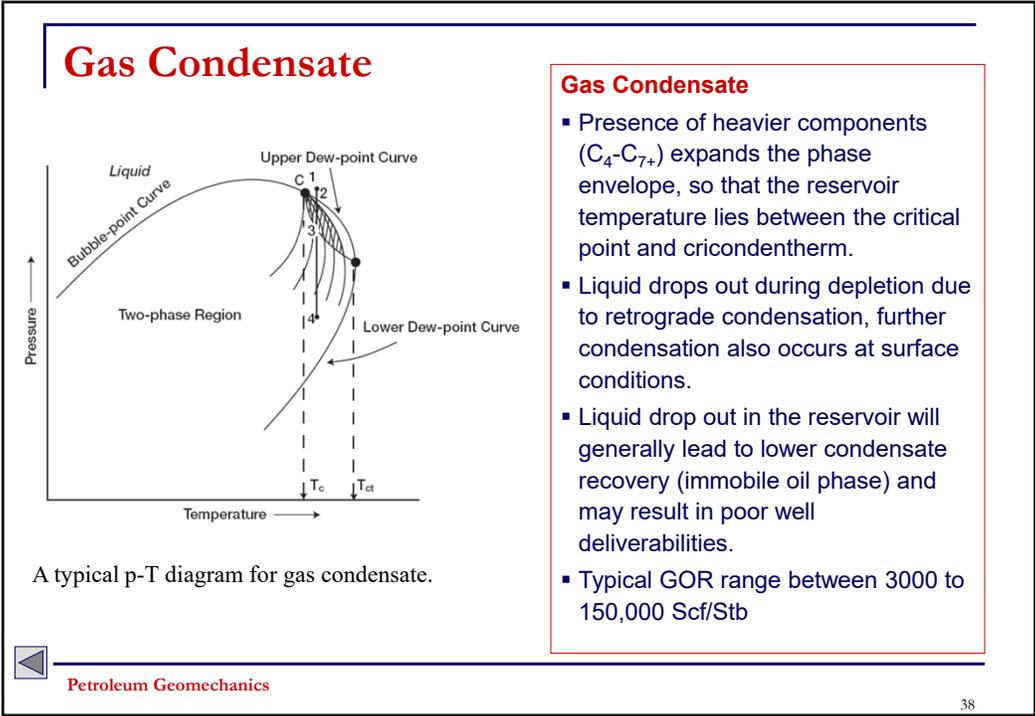
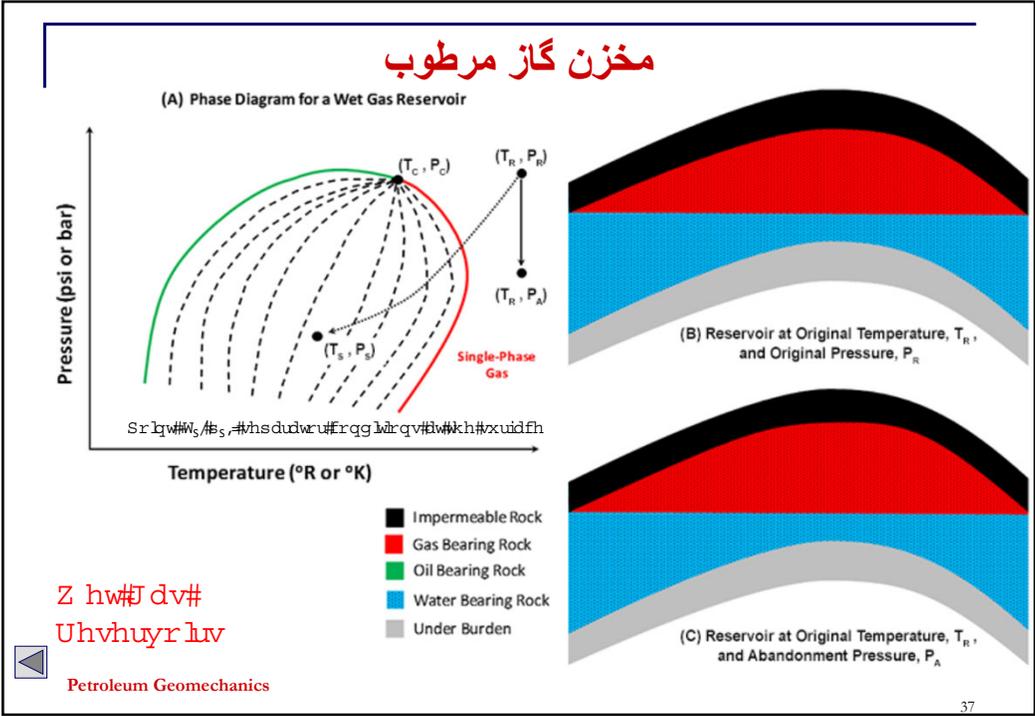
Phase diagram for a dry gas.
(After Clark, N.J. Elements of Petroleum Reservoirs, SPE, 1969.)

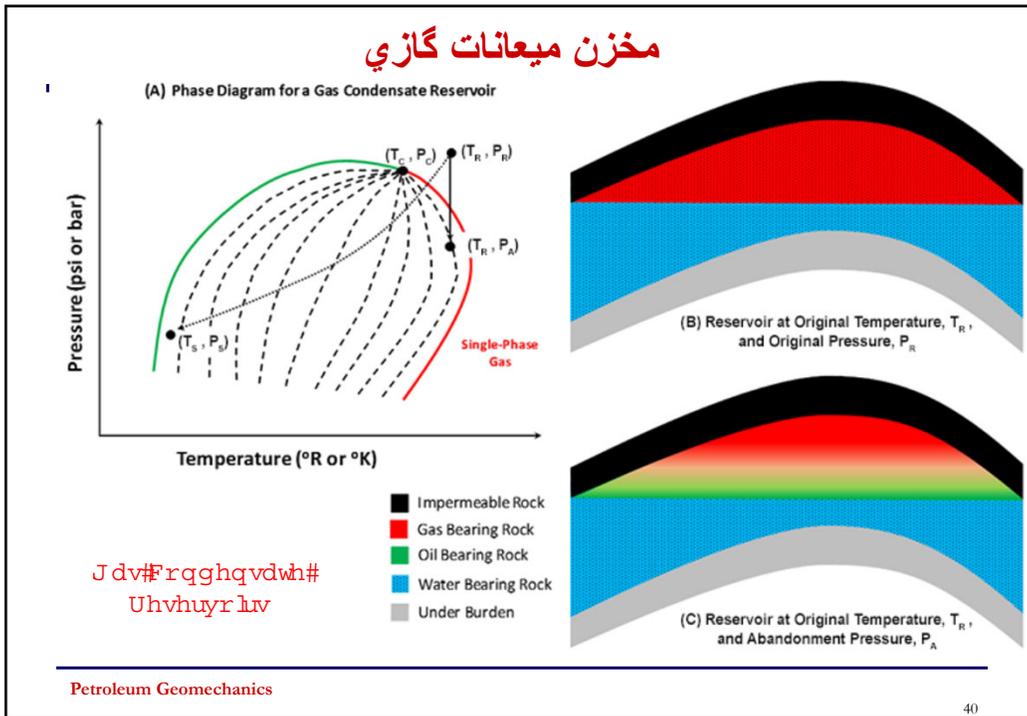
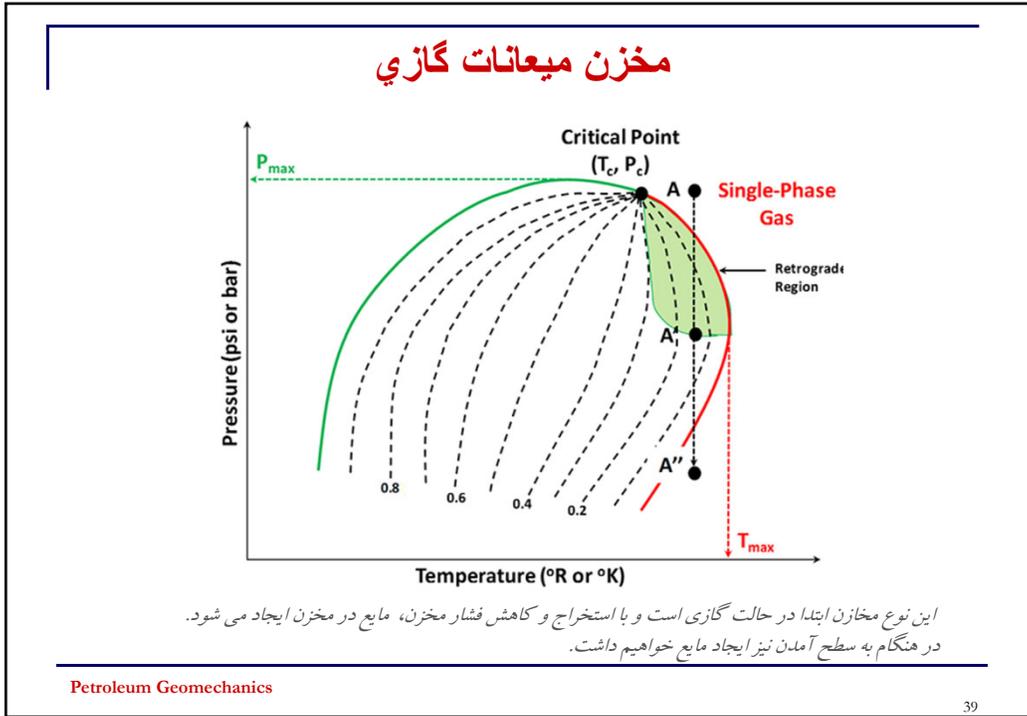
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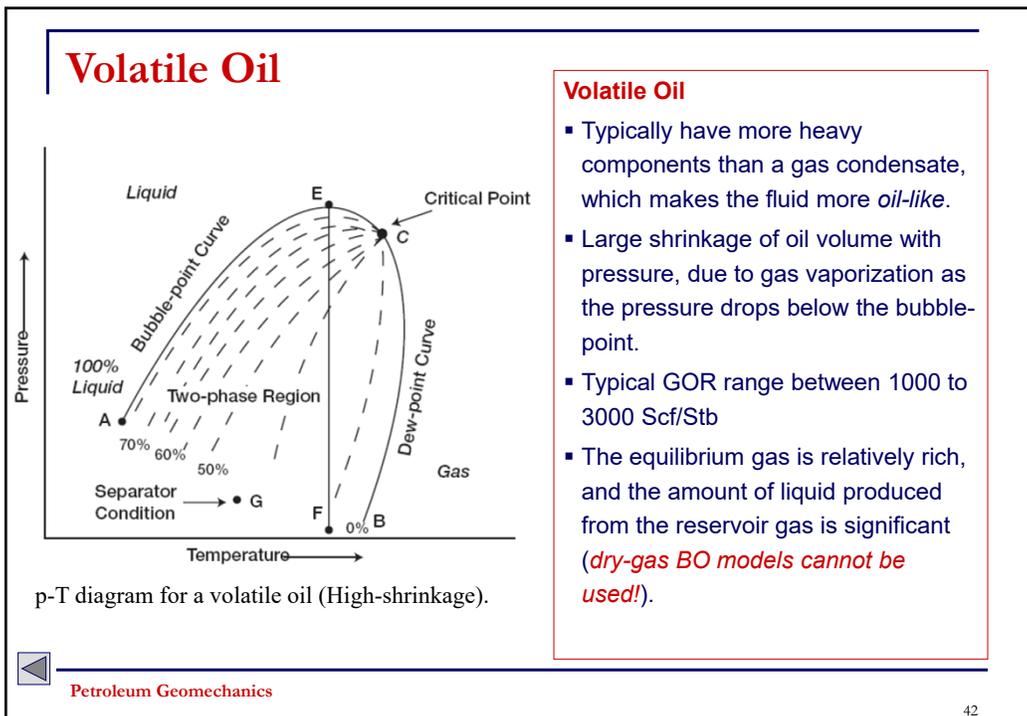
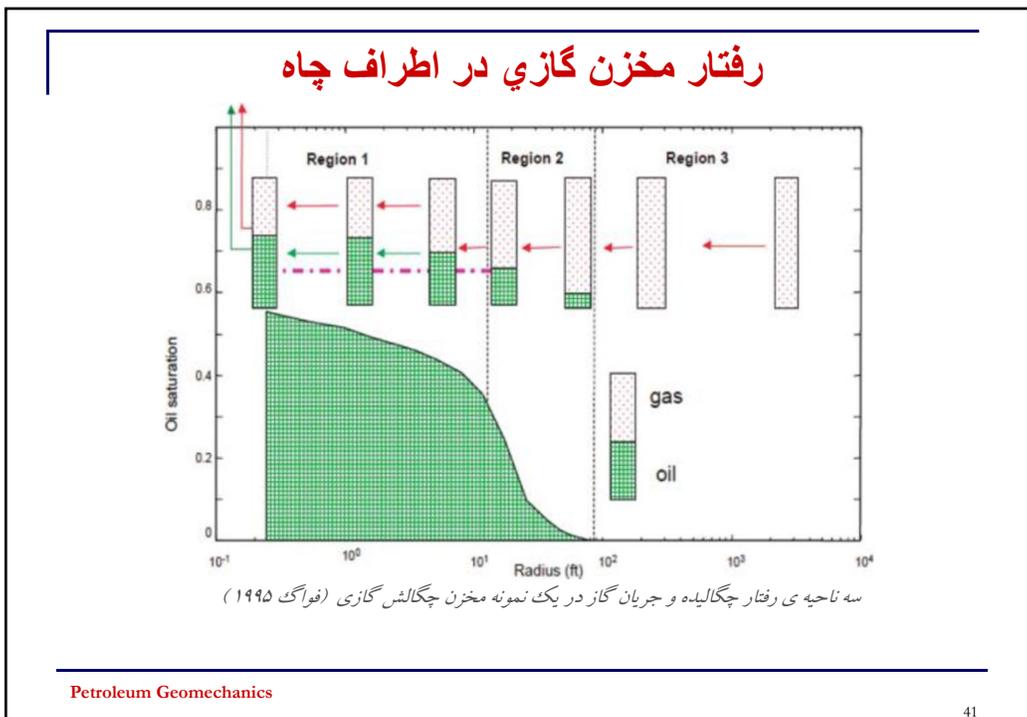
- Mainly composed of C_1 in addition to non-HC components such as N_2 , CO_2 and water
- The gas remains single-phase from the reservoir to surface conditions (no condensate dropout).
- system having a gas-oil ratio greater than 100,000 scf/STB is considered to be a dry gas

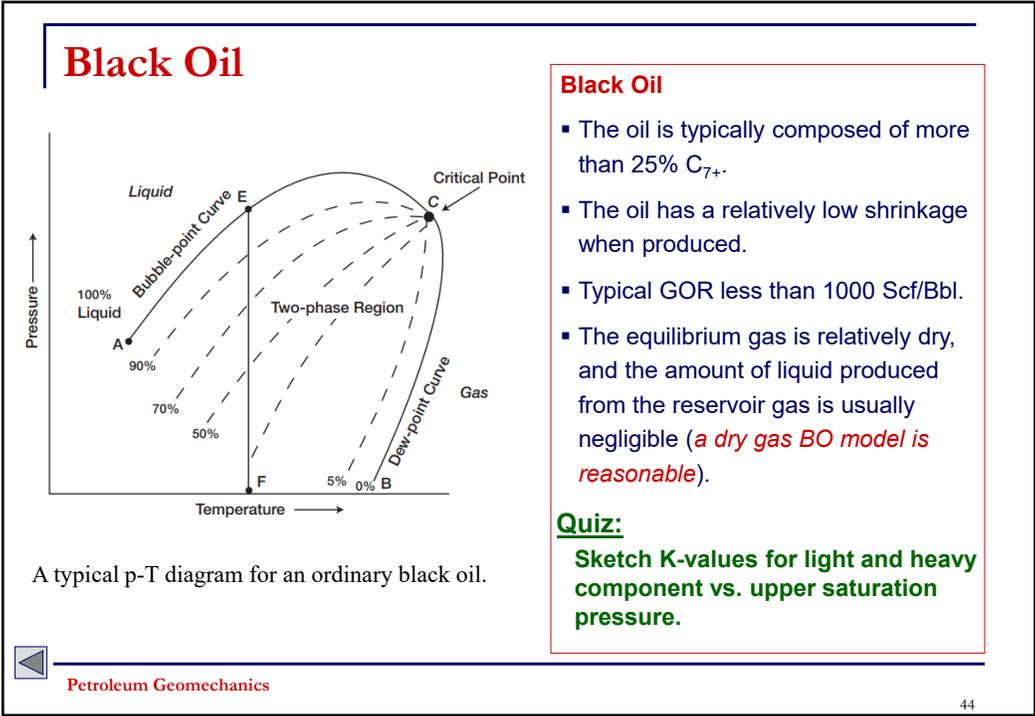
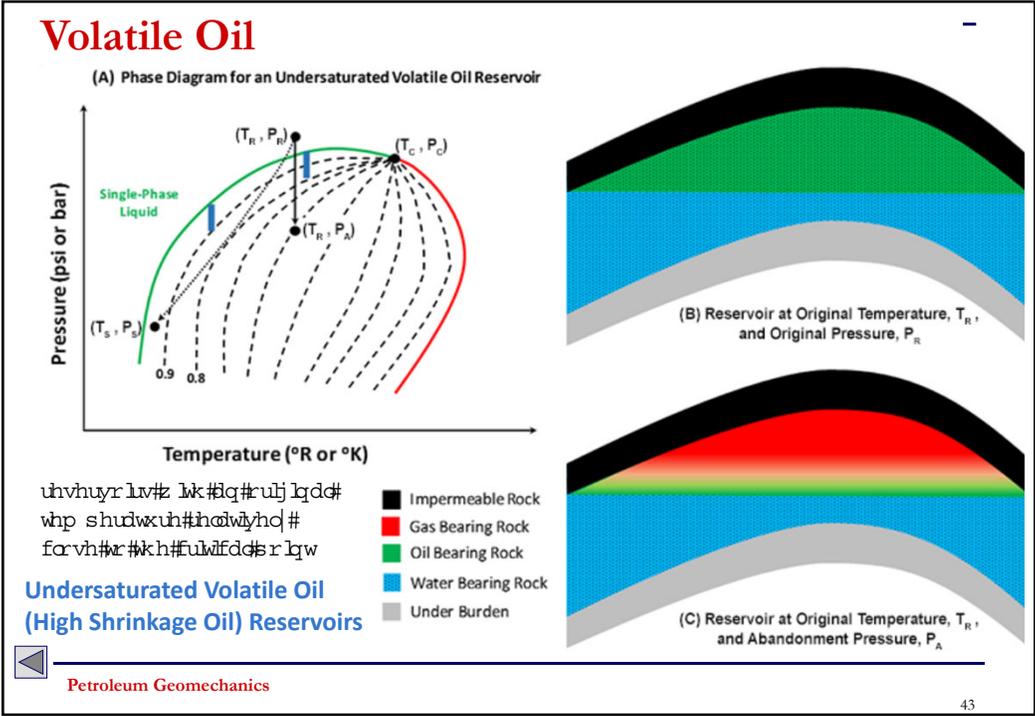


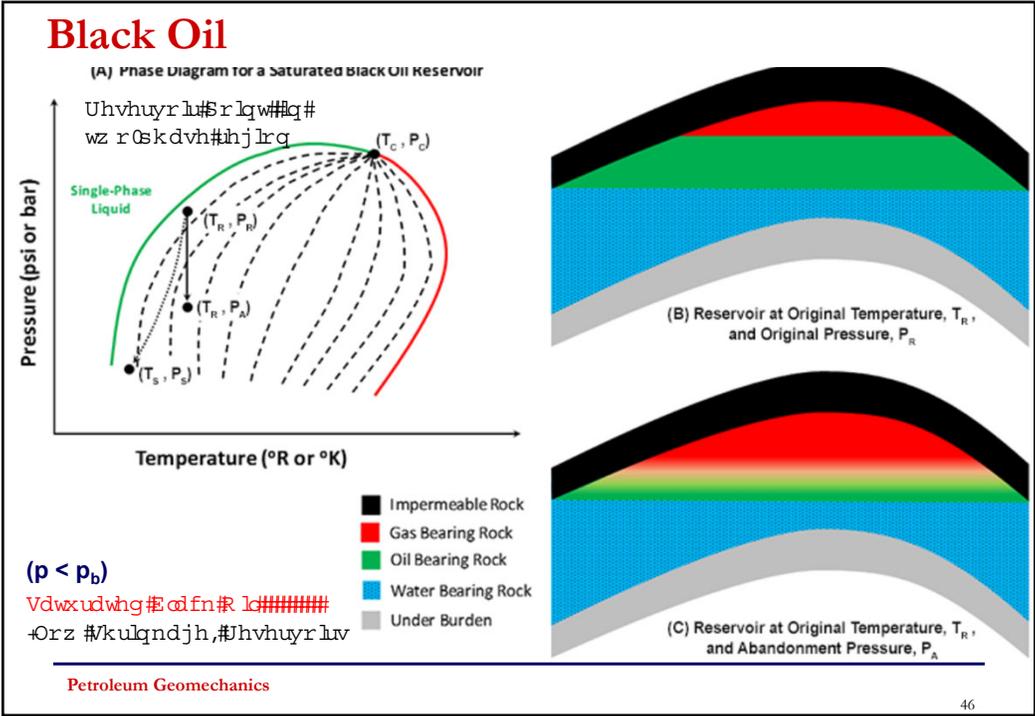
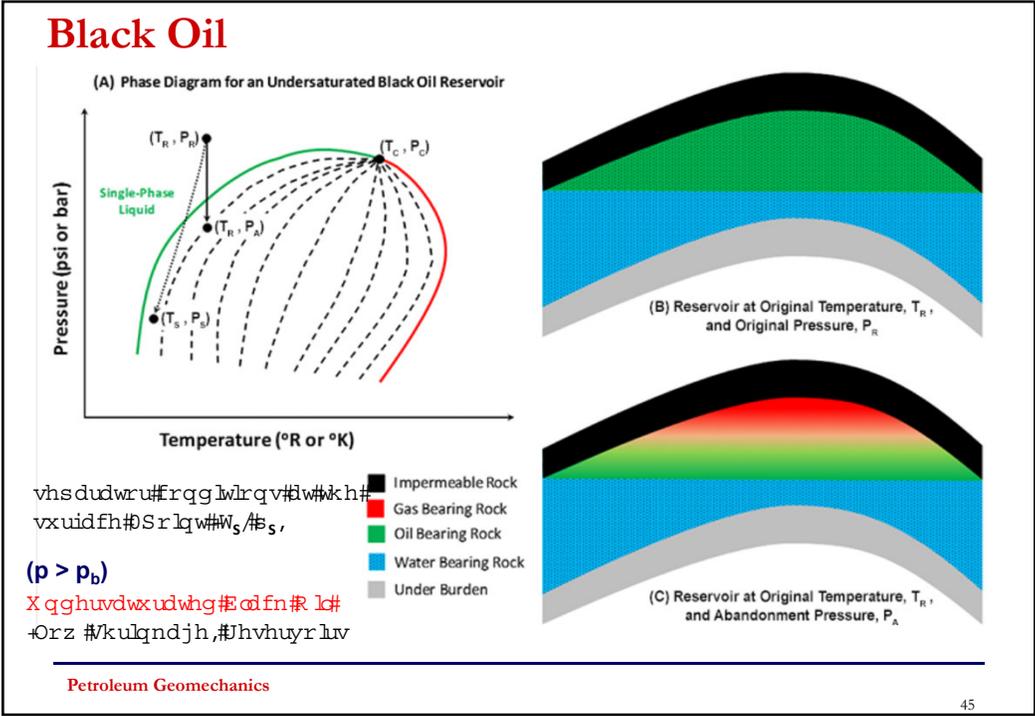












Composition of Several Reservoir Fluids

Table 1. Composition (in mol %) of Several Reservoir Fluids

| Component or Property | Gas | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|------------|--------------|-----------|
| | Dry Gas | Wet Gas | Condensate | Volatile Oil | Black Oil |
| CO ₂ | 0.10 | 1.41 | 2.37 | 1.82 | 0.02 |
| N ₂ | 2.07 | 0.25 | 0.31 | 0.24 | 0.34 |
| C ₁ | 86.12 | 92.46 | 73.19 | 57.60 | 34.62 |
| C ₂ | 5.91 | 3.18 | 7.80 | 7.35 | 4.11 |
| C ₃ | 3.58 | 1.01 | 3.55 | 4.21 | 1.01 |
| iC ₄ | 1.72 | 0.28 | 0.71 | 0.74 | 0.76 |
| nC ₄ | — | 0.24 | 1.45 | 2.07 | 0.49 |
| iC ₅ | 0.50 | 0.13 | 0.64 | 0.53 | 0.43 |
| nC ₅ | — | 0.08 | 0.68 | 0.95 | 0.21 |
| C _{6s} | — | 0.14 | 1.09 | 1.92 | 1.16 |
| C ₇₊ | — | 0.82 | 8.21 | 22.57 | 56.40 |
| GOR (SCF/STB) | ∞ | 69,000 | 5965 | 1465 | 320 |
| OGR (STB/MMSCF) | 0 | 15 | 165 | 680 | 3125 |
| γ _{API} | — | 65.0 | 48.5 | 36.7 | 23.6 |
| M ₇₊ | — | 132 | 184 | 240 | 274 |
| γ ₇₊ | — | 0.750 | 0.816 | 0.864 | 0.920 |

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MMSCF: million standard cubic feet

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Gas PVT Properties

Gas Properties:

- Compressibility factor, Z.
- Density, ρ_g.
- Specific gravity, γ_g.
- Gas volume factor, B_g.
- Solution oil-gas ratio, r_v.
- Viscosity, μ_g.

The Ideal Gas Law

$$pV = nRT$$

Ideal gases:

- *No interacting forces between the molecules.*
- *The volume of the molecules are negligible compared to the total gas volume.*

The deviation from ideal behavior is expressed by the Z-factor.

The Real Gas Law

$$pV = ZnRT$$

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The Ideal Gas Law

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p = Absolute Pressure

V = Total Fluid Volume

n = Number of Fluid Moles

T = Temperature

R = Universal Gas Constant

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Most gases show ideal behavior at low pressure and temperatures



The "Real" Gas Law

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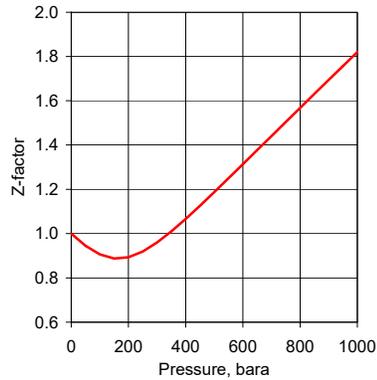
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The Z-factor corrects for the deviation from ideal behavior.



Compressibility Factor (Z-Factor)

$$Z = \frac{\text{Actual } V_g}{\text{Ideal } V_g}$$



- The Z-factor gives accurate gas volumetric properties (B_g , ρ_g , c_g)
- The Z-factor is particularly important for estimating initial gas in place (IGIP = $HCPV/B_g$) and gas depletion recovery factors.
- Z-factor is a function of pressure p , temperature T , and gas composition y .
- Accuracy of Z-factors from the **Standing-Katz chart (YH Correlation)** should usually be 1-3%.



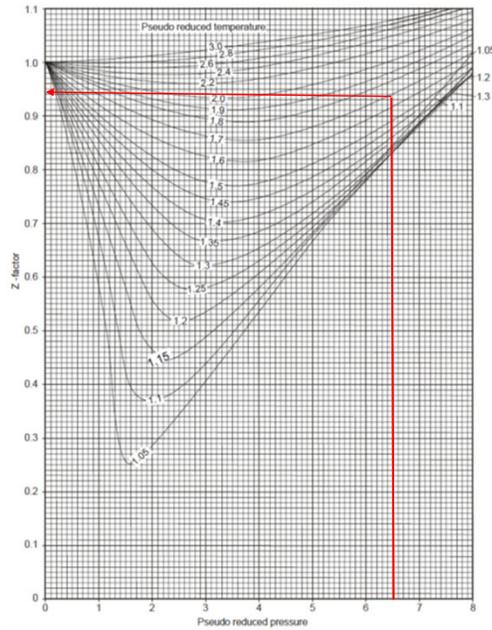
Z-factor Correlation (Standing & Katz Z-factor Chart)

- Z-factor is usually expressed as function of pseudo-reduced pressure and temperature, $Z(p_{pr}, T_{pr})$

$$p_{pr} = \frac{p}{p_{pc}} \quad p_{pc} = \sum_{i=1} y_i p_{ci}$$

$$T_{pr} = \frac{T}{T_{pc}} \quad T_{pc} = \sum_{i=1} y_i T_{ci}$$

- Pseudo-critical properties p_{pc} and T_{pc} are functions of gas composition y . Molar averages of the component critical properties, p_c and T_c , are normally used. (**Mixing Rules**)



Physical properties of gases

Physical properties of hydrocarbon gases

| Gases | Molecular formula | Molecular weight | Boiling point (0.1 MPa) (°C) | Critical pressure, p_{c1} (MPa) | Critical temperature, T_{c1} (K) | Acentric factor |
|---------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Methane | CH ₄ | 16.043 | -161.50 | 4.6408 | 190.67 | 0.0115 |
| Ethane | C ₂ H ₆ | 30.070 | -88.61 | 4.8835 | 303.50 | 0.098 |
| Propane | C ₃ H ₈ | 44.097 | -42.06 | 4.2568 | 370.00 | 0.1454 |
| Isobutane | iC ₄ H ₁₀ | 58.124 | -11.72 | 3.6480 | 408.11 | 0.1756 |
| Normalbutane | nC ₄ H ₁₀ | 58.124 | -0.50 | 3.7928 | 425.39 | 0.1928 |
| Isobutane | iC ₄ H ₁₂ | 72.151 | 27.83 | 3.3336 | 460.89 | 0.2273 |
| Normalpentane | nC ₅ H ₁₂ | 72.151 | 36.06 | 3.3770 | 470.11 | 0.2510 |

Physical properties of nonhydrocarbon gases

| Gases | Molecular formula | Molecular weight | Boiling point (0.1 MPa) (°C) | Critical pressure, p_{c1} (MPa) | Critical temperature, T_{c1} (K) | Acentric factor, ω |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Carbon dioxide | CO ₂ | 44.010 | -78.51 | 7.3787 | 304.17 | 0.2250 |
| Helium | He | 4.003 | -268.93 | 0.2289 | 5.278 | |
| Hydrogen | H ₂ | 2.016 | -252.87 | 1.3031 | 33.22 | -0.2234 |
| Hydrogensulfide | H ₂ S | 34.076 | -60.31 | 9.0080 | 373.56 | 0.0949 |
| Nitrogen | N ₂ | 28.013 | -195.80 | 3.3936 | 126.11 | 0.0355 |
| Oxygen | O ₂ | 31.999 | -182.96 | 5.0807 | 154.78 | 0.0196 |
| Aqueous vapor | H ₂ O | 18.015 | 100 | 22.1286 | 647.33 | 0.3210 |

Z-factor Correlation

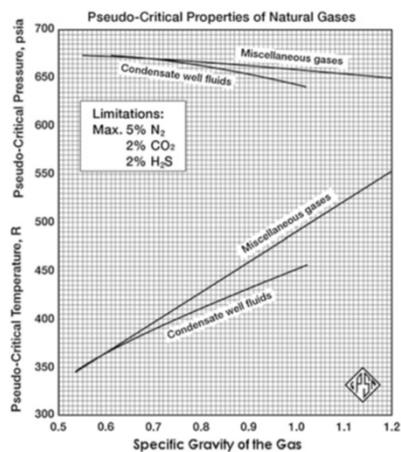
In cases where the composition of a natural gas is not available, the pseudocritical properties, i.e., p_{pc} and T_{pc} , can be estimated from the specific gravity of the gas.

According to van der Waals, (theorem of corresponding states) all fluids, when compared at the same reduced temperature and reduced pressure, have approximately the same compressibility factor.

$$^{\circ}\text{R} = ^{\circ}\text{F} + 459.67$$

(°F) Fahrenheit scale

(°R) Rankine scale



$$0 \text{ K } (-273.15 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}; -459.67 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{F})$$

$$1 \text{ K} = 9/5 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{R}$$

Calculation of Average Mixture Properties

Having defined amounts and properties for each individual component, we can calculate average mixture properties by a simple mixing rule:

$$\bar{\theta} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_c} \phi_i \theta_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{N_c} \phi_i}$$

Where the weight factors ϕ_i may be a combination of mole fraction (z_i), mass fraction (m_i) or volume fraction (v_i)

$$(1) \quad p_c = \sum_{i=1}^{N_c} z_i p_{ci}$$

Same mixing rule also applies to T_c and M_w .

$$(2) \quad \rho = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_c} m_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{N_c} v_i} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_c} m_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{N_c} \frac{m_i}{\rho_i}}$$

Same mixing rule applies to γ

Example: p_c, T_c

Relative Gas Density

$$\gamma_g = \frac{(\rho_g)_{sc}}{(\rho_{air})_{sc}}$$

$$\gamma_g = \frac{M_g}{M_{air}} = \frac{M_g}{28.97}$$

- Specific gravity is the ratio of the gas density to the density of air, both at **standard conditions**.
- Specific gravity is dimensionless number that reflects the molecular weight of the gas.
- The specific gravity of a gas is a function of the molar composition, and is normally calculated by a **linear mixing** (averaging) of the individual component molecular weights.
- The specific gravity can be used in Z-factor correlations.

Gas Density

Typical units:
lbm/ft³, kg/m³, g/cc

$$\rho_g = \frac{m}{V}$$

Real Gas Law:

$$m = \frac{PVM}{ZRT}$$

$$\rho_g = \frac{pM}{ZRT}$$

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Gas (Formation) Volume Factor

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$$B_g = \left(\frac{V_{g,res}}{V_{g,SC}} \right)$$

Dry gases:

$$B_g = \left(\frac{p_{sc}}{T_{sc}} \right) \frac{ZT}{p} \quad \text{or} \quad B_g = \frac{Z(273+t)}{2930p}$$

p: MPa

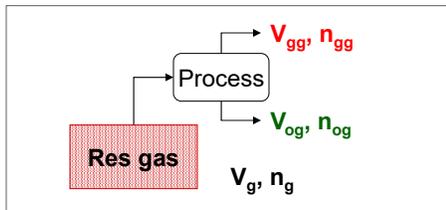
Wet gases & Gas condensates:

$$B_{gd} = \left(\frac{p_{sc}}{T_{sc}} \right) \frac{ZT}{p} \left(\frac{n_g}{n_{gg}} \right)$$

- Gas volume factor is defined as the ratio between gas volume at p and T to the *ideal* gas volume at standard conditions.
- The classical definition of B_g assumes that all the reservoir gas is produced as gas at the surface. However, for wet gases and gas condensates this is not the case, since liquid will be produced after separation.
- If the reservoir gas yields condensate, the “dry gas volume factor” B_{gd} is often used.

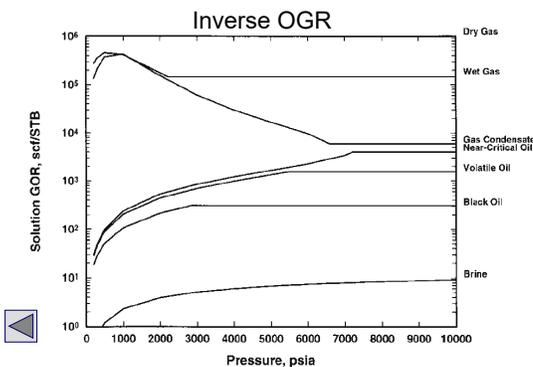
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Solution Oil Gas Ratio (OGR)



Solution oil-gas ratio:

$$r_v = \left(\frac{V_{og}}{V_{gg}} \right)$$



- The solution oil gas ratio is defined as the volume of gas at standard conditions to the stock tank oil volume. Common units are Stb/Mscf, or Sm³/Sm³.
- For a wet gas reservoir, the solution OGR is more or less constant (well stream composition does not change).
- For gas condensates the solution OGR changes, due to liquid drop-out in the reservoir.

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Gas Viscosity

Lee-Gonzalez gas viscosity correlation

$$\mu_g = A_1 \times 10^{-4} \exp(A_2 \rho_g^{A_3})$$

$$\text{where } A_1 = \frac{(9.379 + 0.01607M_g)T^{1.5}}{209.2 + 19.26M_g + T}$$

$$A_2 = 3.448 + (986.4/T) + 0.01009M_g,$$

$$\text{and } A_3 = 2.447 - 0.2224A_2, \dots\dots\dots$$

μ_g in cP, ρ_g in g/cm³, and T in °R

- Dynamic viscosity is a measure for the fluids "internal resistance to flow".
- Dynamic viscosity is measured in centipoise (cP) or pascal-seconds (Pa·s)
- Gas viscosities are a function of composition, pressure and temperature.
- Gas viscosity increase with pressure. At high pressure, the gas viscosity approaches that of an liquid.
- Gas viscosities typically range between 0.01 cP for dry gases up to 0.1 cP for near critical gas condensates.
- Gas viscosities are seldom measured, but usually estimated based on correlations.



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Oil PVT Properties

Oil Properties:

- Volume factor, B_o
- Solution gas-oil ratio, R_s
- Density, ρ_o
- Viscosity, μ_o

- The description of volumetric properties oil properties are divided into two categories:

- **Saturated oil.**

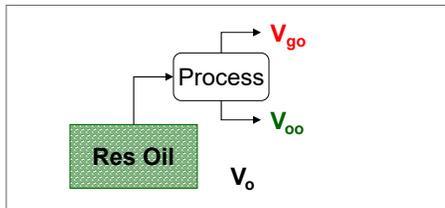


- **Under-saturated oil.**



- The volumetric behavior at the bubble-point is highly dependent upon the amount of solution gas.

Oil Volume Factor



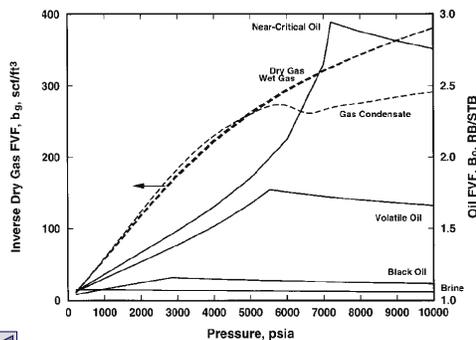
Oil Volume Factor

$$B_o = \left(\frac{V_o}{V_{oo}} \right)$$

- For an **under-saturated** oil ($p > p_b$), B_o decreases with pressure due to expansion of the oil. The oil expansion is given by the compressibility factor, C_o :

$$B_o = B_{ob} (1 - C_o (p - p_b))$$

- For a **saturated** oil ($p = p_b$), B_o increases with pressure due to oil shrinkage as gas comes out of solution.



Solution Gas-Oil Ratio

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$$R_s = \left(\frac{V_{go}}{V_{oo}} \right)$$

- R_s is constant for **under-saturated oil** ($p > p_b$).
- For a **saturated oil** ($p = p_b$), R_s decreases with pressure as gas comes out of solution.

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Oil Density

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_o &= \left(\frac{m_o}{V_o} \right) = \left(\frac{m_{oo} + m_{go}}{V_o} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{V_{oo} \rho_{oo} + V_{go} \rho_{go}}{V_o} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{\rho_{oo} + R_s \rho_{go}}{B_o} \right) \end{aligned}$$

In common field units:

$$\rho_o = \frac{1}{B_o} \left(62.4 \gamma_o + \frac{0.074}{5.61} R_s \gamma_g \right)$$

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Oil Density in stock tank

The density of oil at standard condition (stock tank oil) is evaluated by API gravity.

$$API = \frac{141.5}{\gamma_o} - 131.5$$

by American Petroleum Institute

$$API = \frac{141.5}{1} - 131.5 = 10 \text{ For water } \gamma = 1$$

$$API = \frac{141.5}{0.9} - 131.5 = 25 \text{ For heavy oil } \gamma = 0.9$$

$$API = \frac{141.5}{0.8} - 131.5 = 45 \text{ For light oil } \gamma = 0.8$$

Because of gas content, density of oil is pressure dependent.

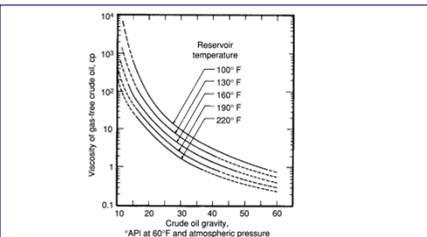
$$\gamma_o = \frac{\rho_{o,St}}{\rho_w}$$

$\rho_{o,St}$ = density of stock tank oil
 ρ_w = density of freshwater



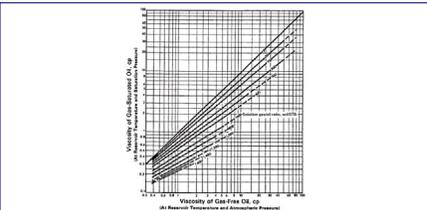
Oil Viscosity

- Typical oil viscosities range from 0.1 cp for near critical oils to > 100 cp for heavy crudes.
- Temperature, stock-tank oil density and dissolved gas amount are they key parameters determining the oil viscosity.
- Live oil viscosities are often estimated from correlations which account for the effect of dissolved gas and pressure on viscosity.
- Oil viscosity increase with increasing STO density, decreasing temperature, and decreasing solution gas amount.
- Oil viscosities are difficult to estimate – typical accuracy only about 10-20%



Dead oil viscosity chart

The viscosity of crude oil at atmospheric pressure (no gas in solution) and system temperature

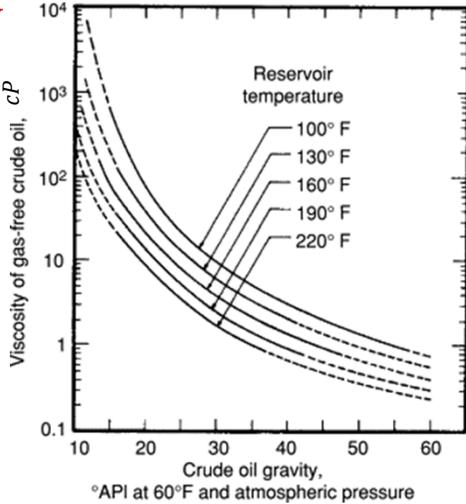


Live oil viscosity chart

the viscosity of the oil before removal of solution gas



Oil Viscosity

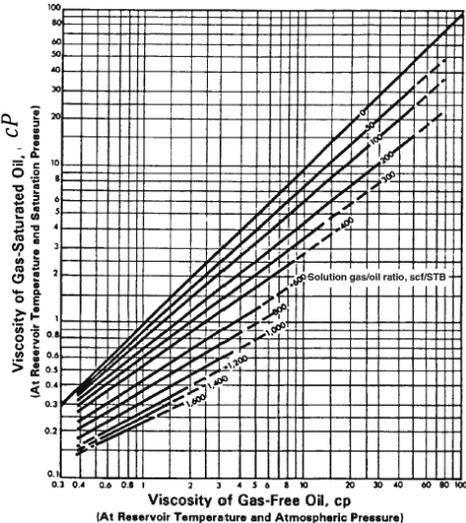


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Calculation of Hydrocarbon Properties

physical properties of Hydrocarbon:

$$\theta = a_1 + a_2 n + a_3 n^2 + a_4 n^3 + (a_5/n)$$

where

q = any physical property
 n = number of carbon atoms,
 i.e., 6, 7,, 45
 a1-a5 = coefficients of

| θ | a_1 | a_2 | a_3 | a_4 | a_5 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| M | -131.11375 | 24.96156 | -0.34079022 | 2.4941184×10^{-3} | 468.32575 |
| T_c , °R | 915.53747 | 41.421337 | -0.7586859 | 5.8675351×10^{-3} | -1.3028779×10^3 |
| P_c , psia | 275.56275 | -12.522269 | 0.29926384 | $-2.8452129 \times 10^{-3}$ | 1.7117226×10^{-3} |
| T_b , °R | 434.38878 | 50.125279 | -0.9097293 | 7.0280657×10^{-3} | -601.85651 |
| T | -0.50862704 | 8.700211×10^{-2} | $-1.8484814 \times 10^{-3}$ | 1.4663890×10^{-5} | 1.8518106 |
| γ | 0.86714949 | 3.4143408×10^{-3} | -2.839627×10^{-5} | 2.4943308×10^{-8} | -1.1627984 |
| V_c , ft ³ /lb | 5.223458×10^{-2} | $7.87091369 \times 10^{-4}$ | $-1.9324432 \times 10^{-5}$ | 1.7547264×10^{-7} | 4.4017952×10^{-2} |

Ahmed (1985)

Example: p_c, T_c



Calculation of Reservoir Hydrocarbon Properties

predicting the physical properties of pure compounds and undefined hydrocarbon mixtures:

$$\theta = a (M)^b \gamma^c \text{EXP} [d (M) + e \gamma + f (M) \gamma]$$

where θ = any physical property
 a-f = constants for each property as ;
 γ = specific gravity of the fraction
 M = molecular weight

T_c = critical temperature, °R
 P_c = critical pressure, psia (Table 1-4)
 T_b = boiling point temperature, °R
 V_c = critical volume, ft³/lb

| θ | a | b | c | d | e | f |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------|----------|--------------------------|----------|---------------------------|
| T_c , °R | 544.4 | 0.2998 | 1.0555 | -1.3478×10^{-4} | -0.61641 | 0.0 |
| P_c , psia | 4.5203×10^4 | -0.8063 | 1.6015 | -1.8078×10^{-3} | -0.3084 | 0.0 |
| V_c , ft ³ /lb | 1.206×10^{-2} | 0.20378 | -1.3036 | -2.657×10^{-3} | 0.5287 | 2.6012×10^{-3} |
| T_b , °R | 6.77857 | 0.401673 | -1.58262 | 3.77409×10^{-3} | 2.984036 | -4.25288×10^{-3} |

Riazi and Daubert (1987)

Example: p_c, T_c



Example

Calculate the gas compressibility factor (Z) under initial reservoir pressure and temperature are 3000 psia and 180°F

| Reservoir component | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Component | γ_i |
| CO ₂ | 0.02 |
| N ₂ | 0.01 |
| C ₁ | 0.85 |
| C ₂ | 0.04 |
| C ₃ | 0.03 |
| i - C ₄ | 0.03 |
| n - C ₄ | 0.02 |

Example

gas compressibility factor?

Solution

| Component | γ_i | $T_{ci}, ^\circ R$ | $\gamma_i T_{ci}$ | P_{ci} | $\gamma_i P_{ci}$ |
|--------------------|------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|
| CO ₂ | 0.02 | 547.91 | 10.96 | 1071 | 21.42 |
| N ₂ | 0.01 | 227.49 | 2.27 | 493.1 | 4.93 |
| C ₁ | 0.85 | 343.33 | 291.83 | 666.4 | 566.44 |
| C ₂ | 0.04 | 549.92 | 22.00 | 706.5 | 28.26 |
| C ₃ | 0.03 | 666.06 | 19.98 | 616.4 | 18.48 |
| i - C ₄ | 0.03 | 734.46 | 22.03 | 527.9 | 15.84 |
| n - C ₄ | 0.02 | 765.62 | 15.31 | 550.6 | 11.01 |

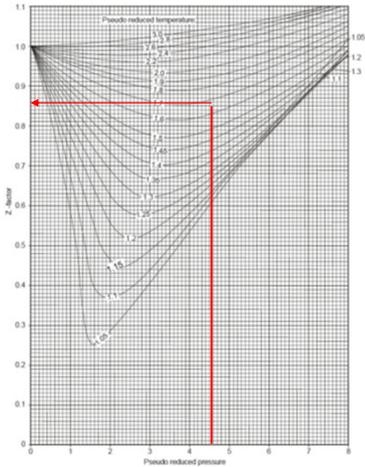
$$T_{pc} = 383.38 \qquad P_{pc} = 666.38$$

$$T_{pc} = \sum_{i=1} \gamma_i T_{ci} \qquad P_{pc} = \sum_{i=1} \gamma_i P_{ci}$$

$$P_{pr} = \frac{p}{P_{pc}} \qquad P_{pr} = \frac{3000}{666.38} = 4.50$$

$$T_{pr} = \frac{T}{T_{pc}} \qquad T_{pr} = \frac{640}{383.38} = 1.67$$

From graph $\rightarrow Z = 0.85$



Example

Calculate the formation volume factor of a dry gas (B_g) with a relative density of 0.70 at reservoir temperature of 100 °C and reservoir pressure of 30 MPa.

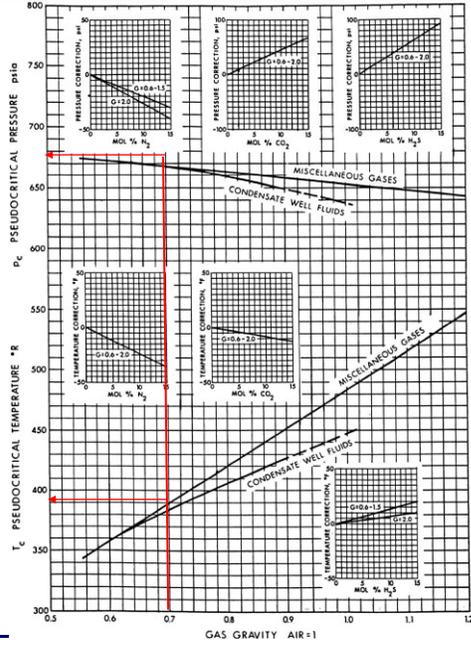
At $\gamma_g = 0.70$ we have
 $T_{pc} = 389 \text{ }^\circ\text{R} = 389/1.8 = 216 \text{ K}$ and
 $p_{pc} = 663 \text{ psia} = 663/14.22 = 45.1 \text{ kg/cm}^2 = 663/145 = 4.57 \text{ MPa}$

$$T_{pr} = \frac{T}{T_{pc}} = \frac{(273 + 100)}{216} = 1.73 \text{ and } p_{pr} = \frac{p}{p_{pc}} = \frac{30}{4.57} = 6.56$$

So, from Graph, we read $Z = 0.943$

Second, calculate B_g

$$B_g = \frac{Z(273 + t)}{293p} = \frac{0.943 \times (273 + 100)}{293 \times 30 \times 10} = 0.004$$



Example

