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Challenges for Digital oil field applications in Hassi-Messaoud Field (HMD), Sonatrach, Algeria

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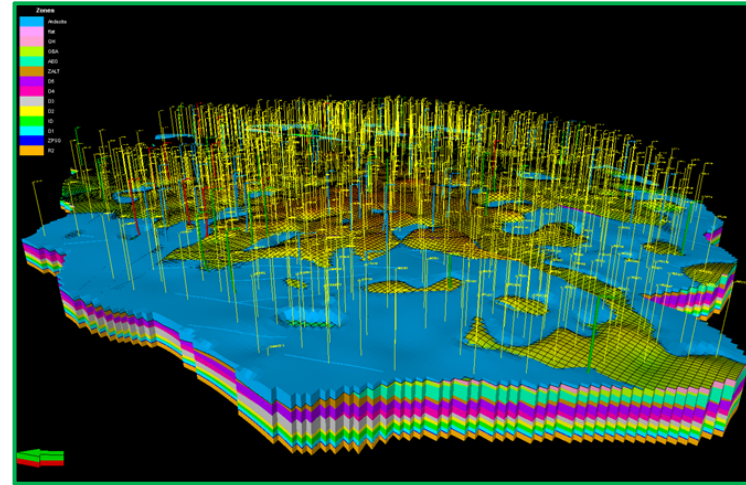
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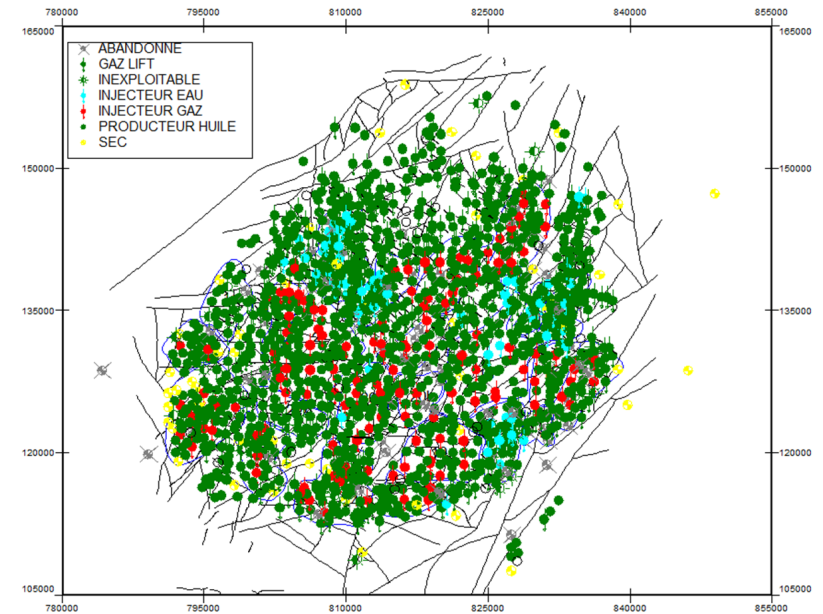
Hassi Messaoud (HMD) field overview



Hassi Messaoud (HMD) field location - Google earth map



HMD Geological model



HMD wells status

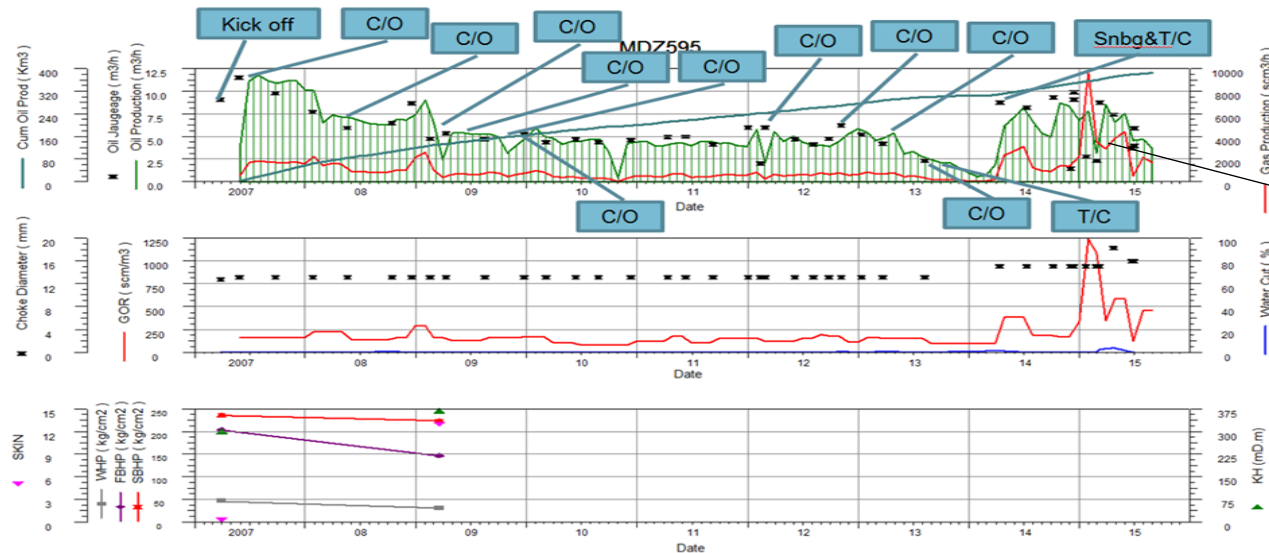
The giant Hassi Messaoud field (HMD), operated by Sonatrach is one of the largest mature fields in the world. It was discovered in 1956 and put on production in 1958. It covers an area of 3 300 km² with a total of 1800 wells. The field is under miscible flooding as well as waterflooding. About 40 % of the oil producer wells are artificially assisted with Gas lift.

The main challenges faced with direct influence on the well candidate selection for production optimization in the field are: Reservoir heterogeneity, Flow assurance issues (salt, asphaltene, scale ...), Gas and Water Breakthroughs, Completion, Operation executions and Network facilities. Combination of these challenges makes HMD unique for production optimization and digitalization.

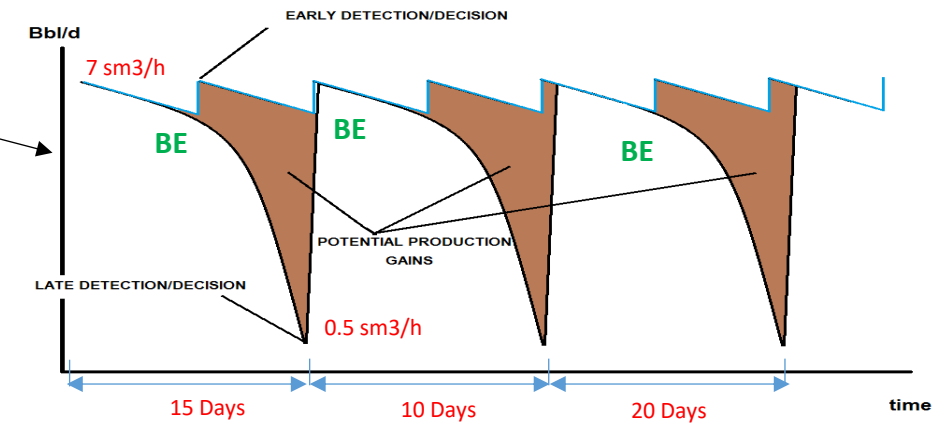
Detection of the Gas Lift well Performance Challenge

In 2016 Sonatrach DP asked to find a solution on the early detection of the production drop in GL wells and asked all service companies working in the field: **How to identify when a Gas Lift well is going to underperform before its production drops?**

The case of the GL well MDZ595 affected also by the salt precipitation became the test for all.



Production performance of the Well MDZ595

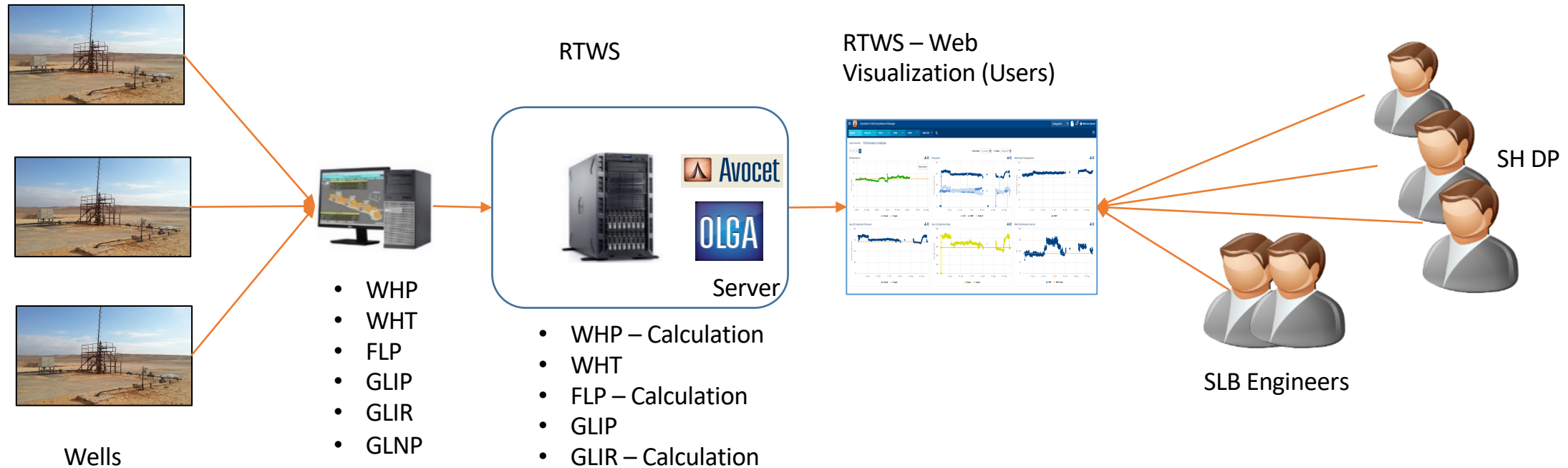


Schematic production behavior of a well in HMD field

Deployment of a Real Time Well Surveillance (RTWS) with Production Increase Objective

The join team TAO (Schlumberger and Sonatrach DP) realized a detailed transient Gas lift study taking account all wellhead parameters (WHP, WHT, FLP, GLIP, GLIR, GLNP) followed by the deployment of a Real Time Well Surveillance (RTWS) application using **OLGA algorithms** have been put successfully in place in HMD field to answer the Sonatrach DP concerns.

It was followed by many other applications with direct influence on the main objective: **production increase**. Below will be presented the update on this on going project and our **objectives towards the HMD digital oilfield**.

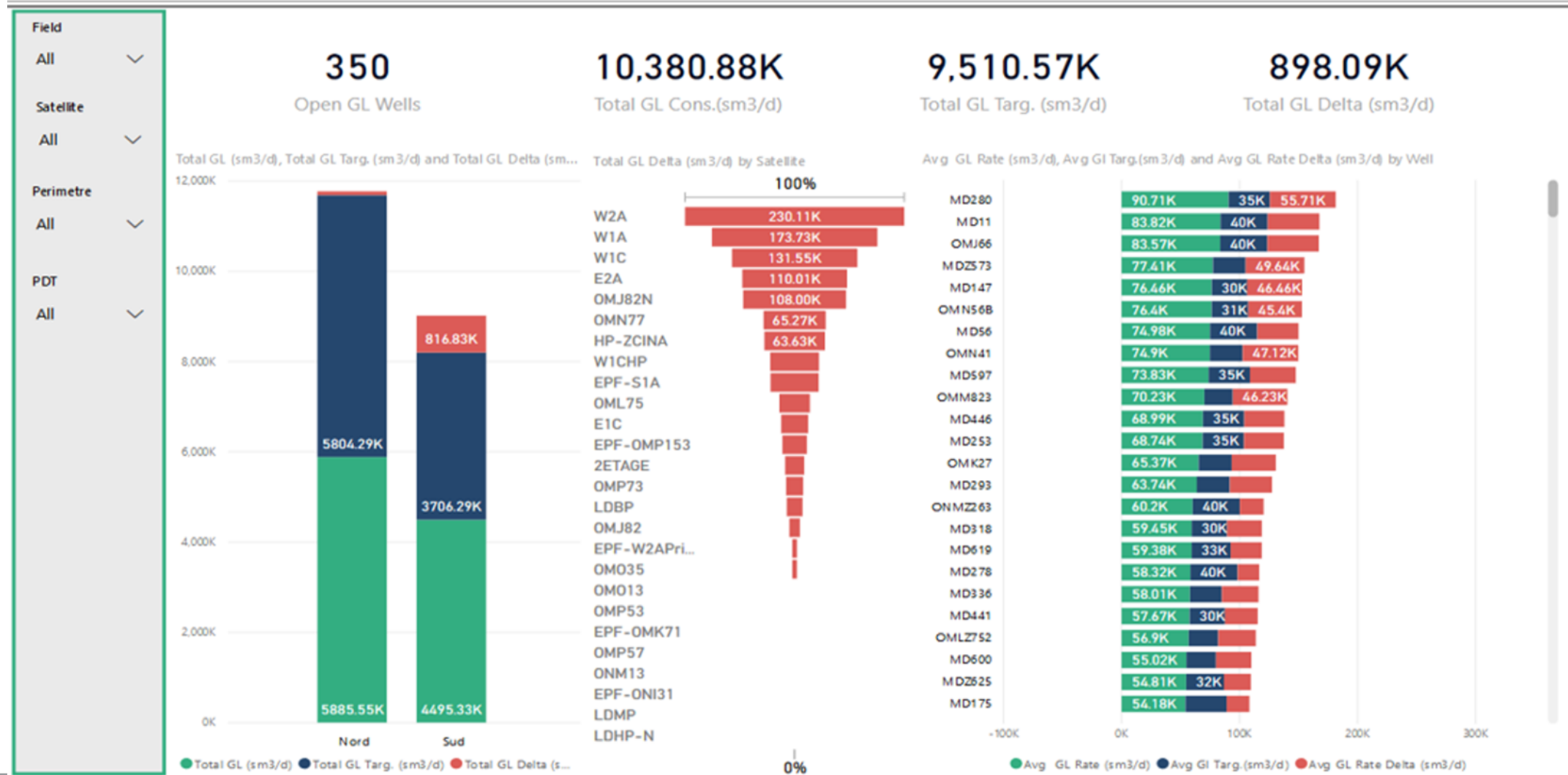


Early Production Drop Detection & Wells Ranking

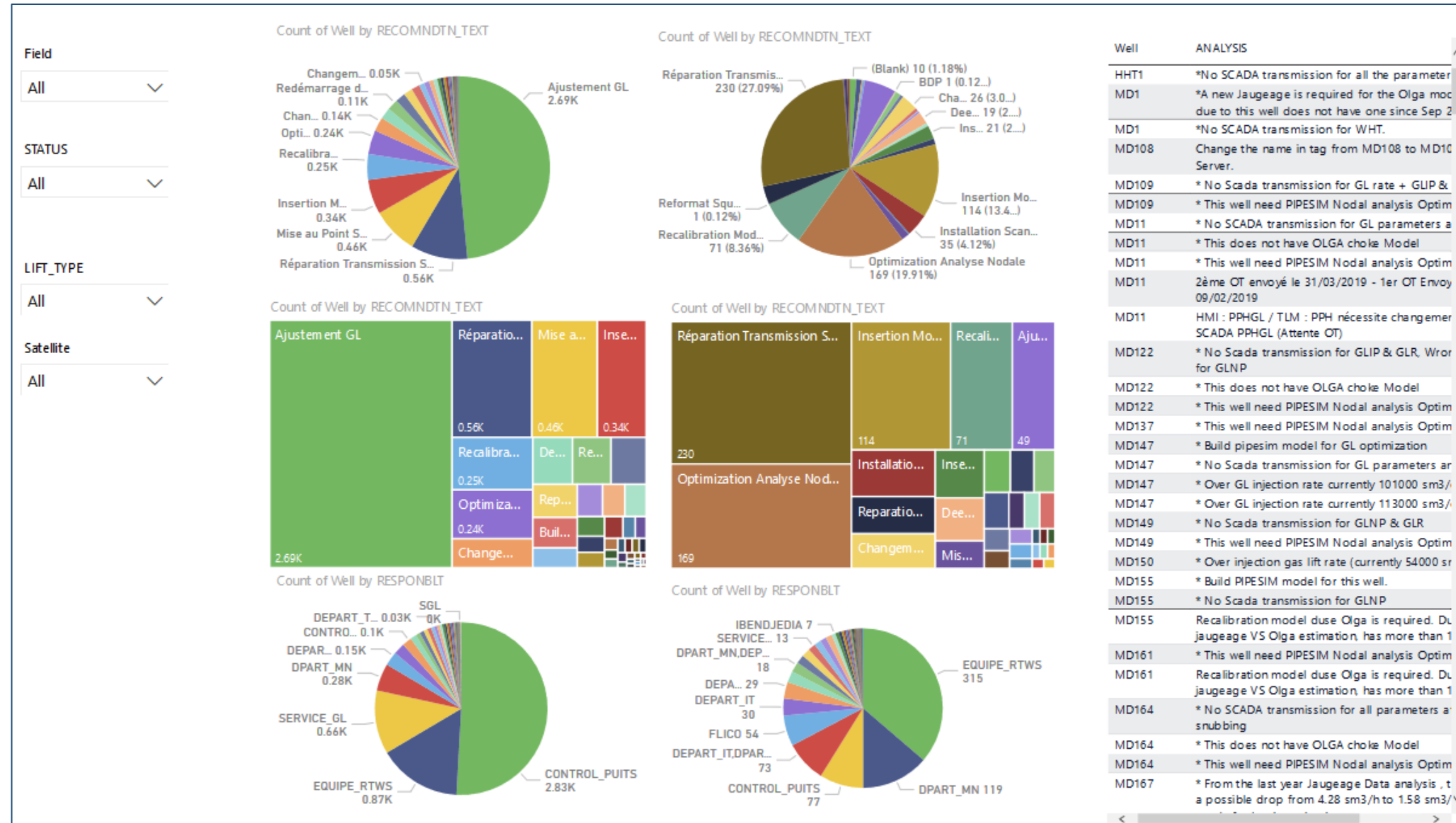


Advisors & Dashboards

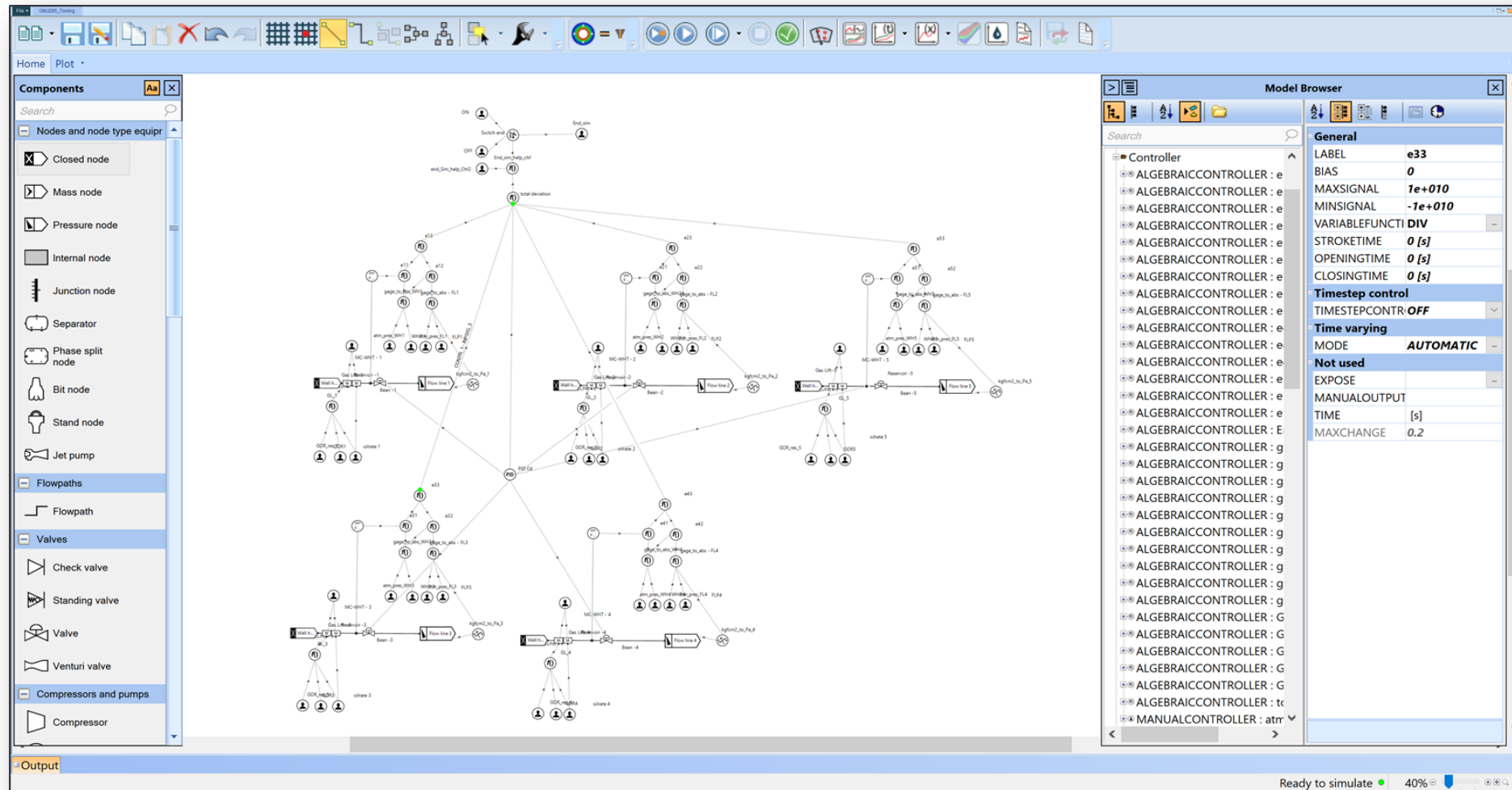
RTWS : Real Time / BG Total GL consumption



Recommendations & Actions Summary



OLGA Wells Modelling for Rates Estimation

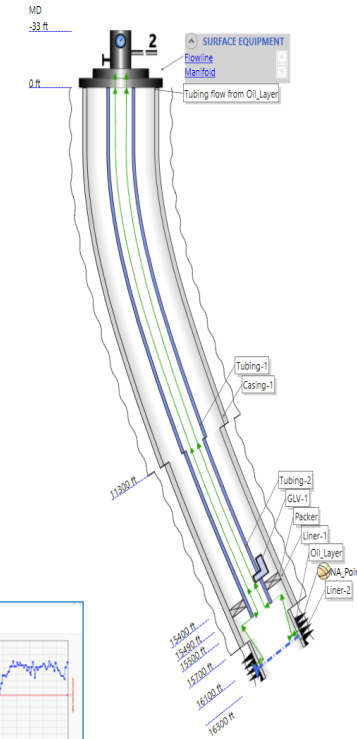
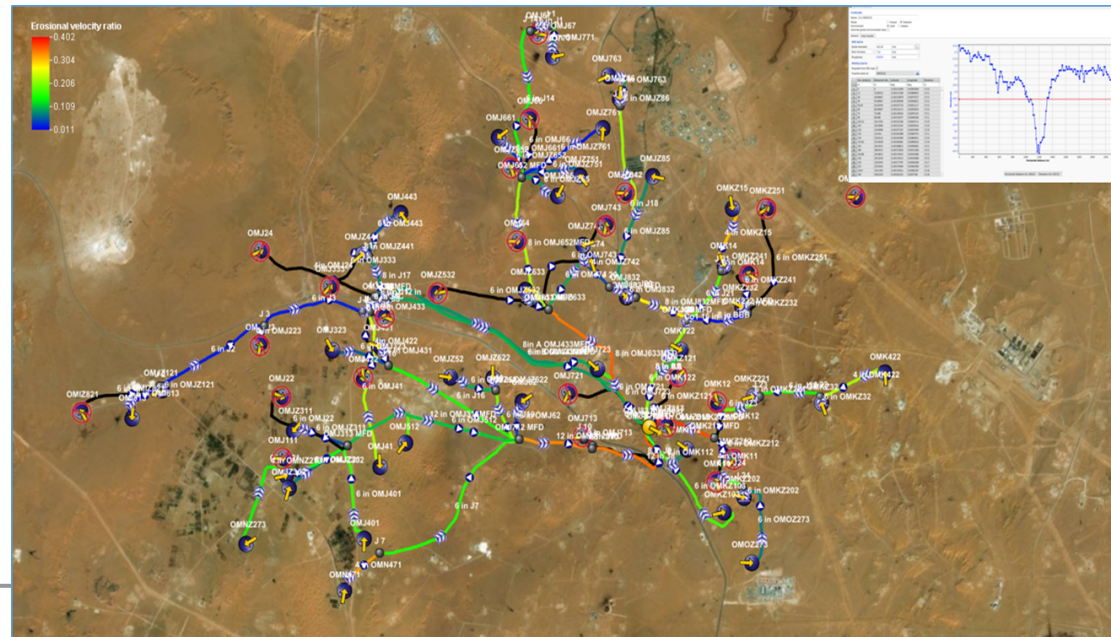
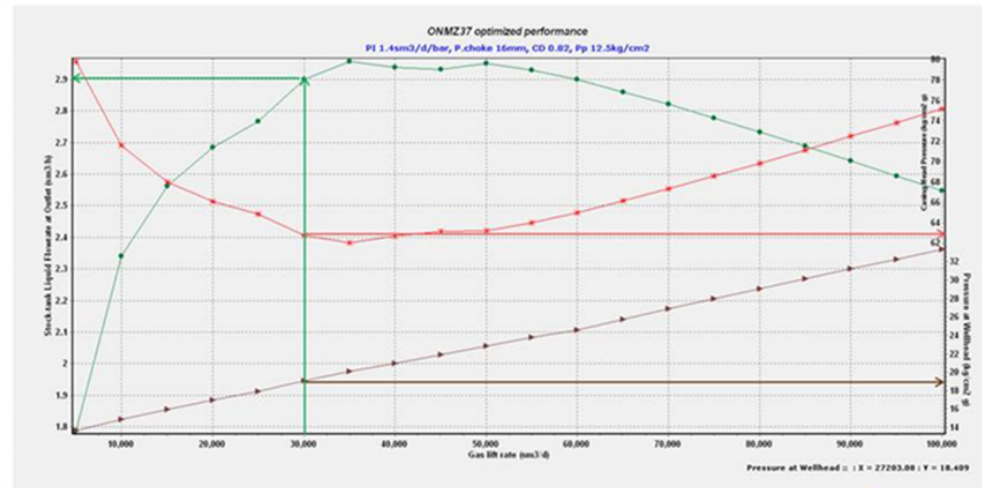


So far 70 % of GL Wells have OLGA Choke Model for Real Time Rates Estimation

PIPESIM Modelling for Gas Lift Optimization

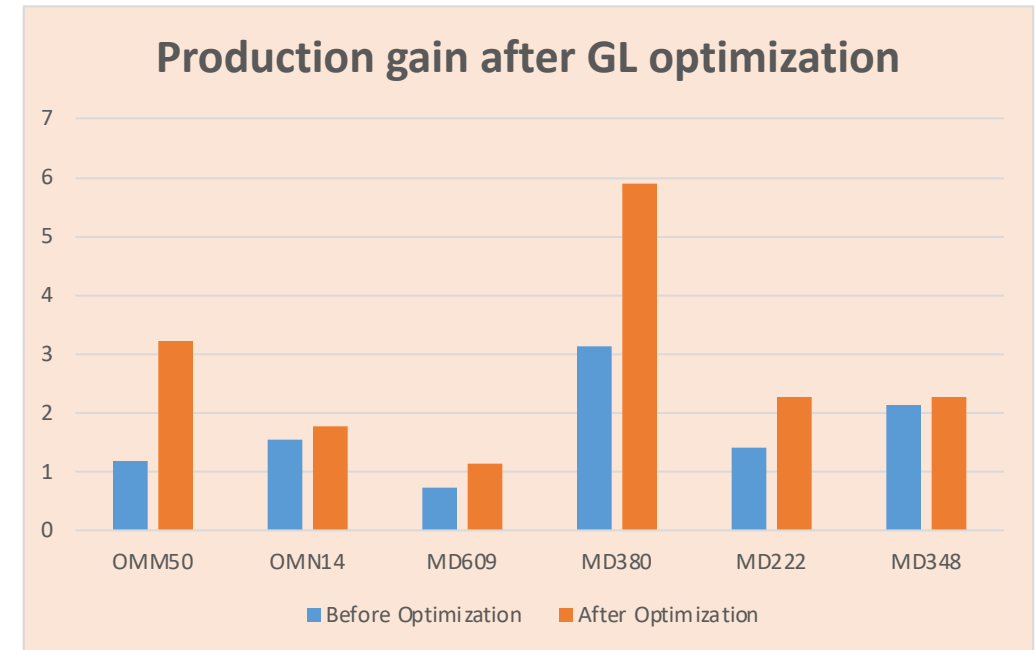
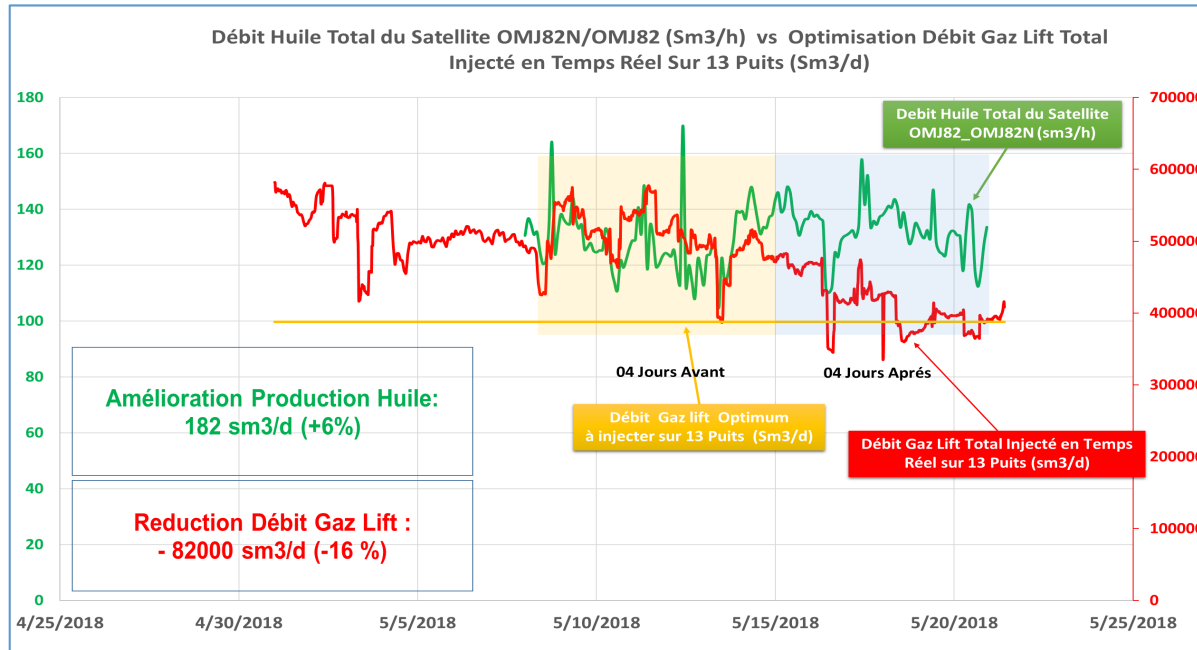
- **Wells modelling :**
Assisted Gas Lift
Optimization with
PIPESIM Nodal
Analysis
- **Network modeling :**
More than 06
Manifold
Accomplished and
Models are up to
date : W1C, OMJ82,
OMJ82N E1C,
OMP53, OMP73,
ONM13

ONMZ37 optimized performance PI 1.4 sm³/d/bar, Pp 12.5 kg/cm², W.C. 0%, P.choke 16 mm, CD 0.82, Qoil 2.9m³/h



Main Results and Way Forward

Main Results: Production Increase / Test in Manifold OMJ82 - OMJ82N

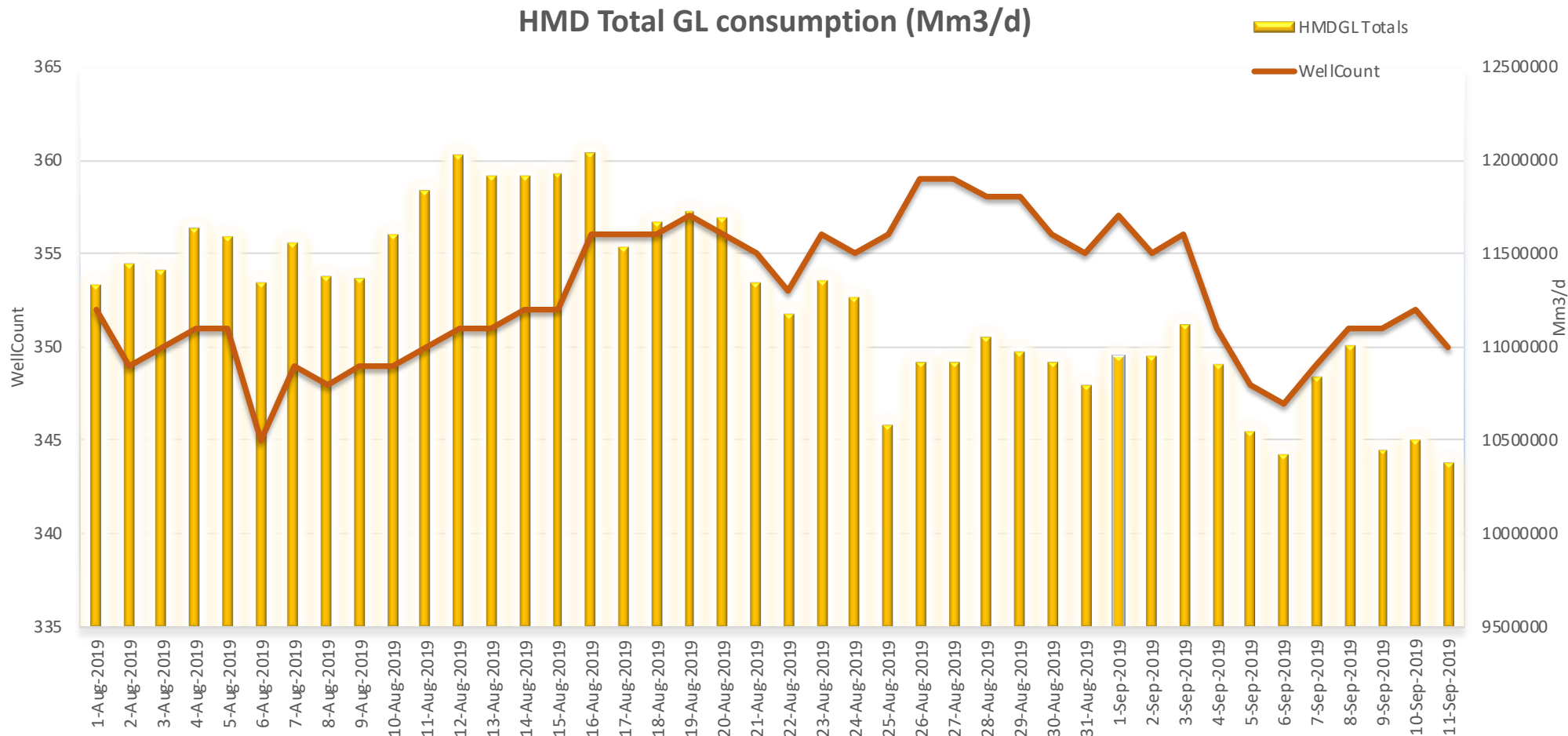


Test in Manifold OMJ82 - OMJ82N

Total Oil rate increase of 6 % (182 sm³/d) and Gas Lift Reduction of -16 % (82 k sm³/d) in the manifolds OMJ82 & OMJ82N during a test period.

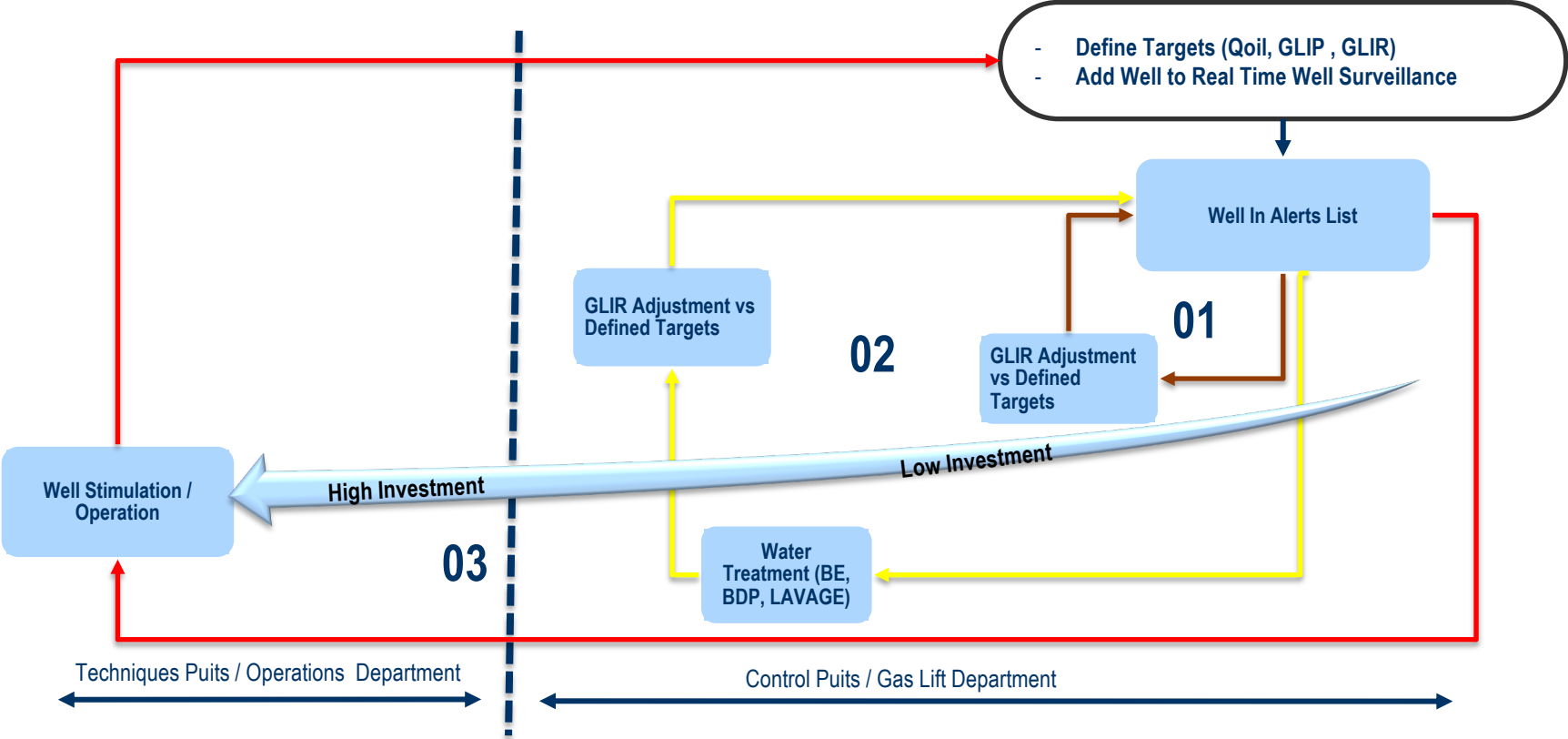
Oil rate increase in the selected wells, proven by production test before and after the implantation of the RTWS.

Main Results : Gas Lift Injection Reduction



Total GL Consumption reduction by more than 1 million Sm3/d

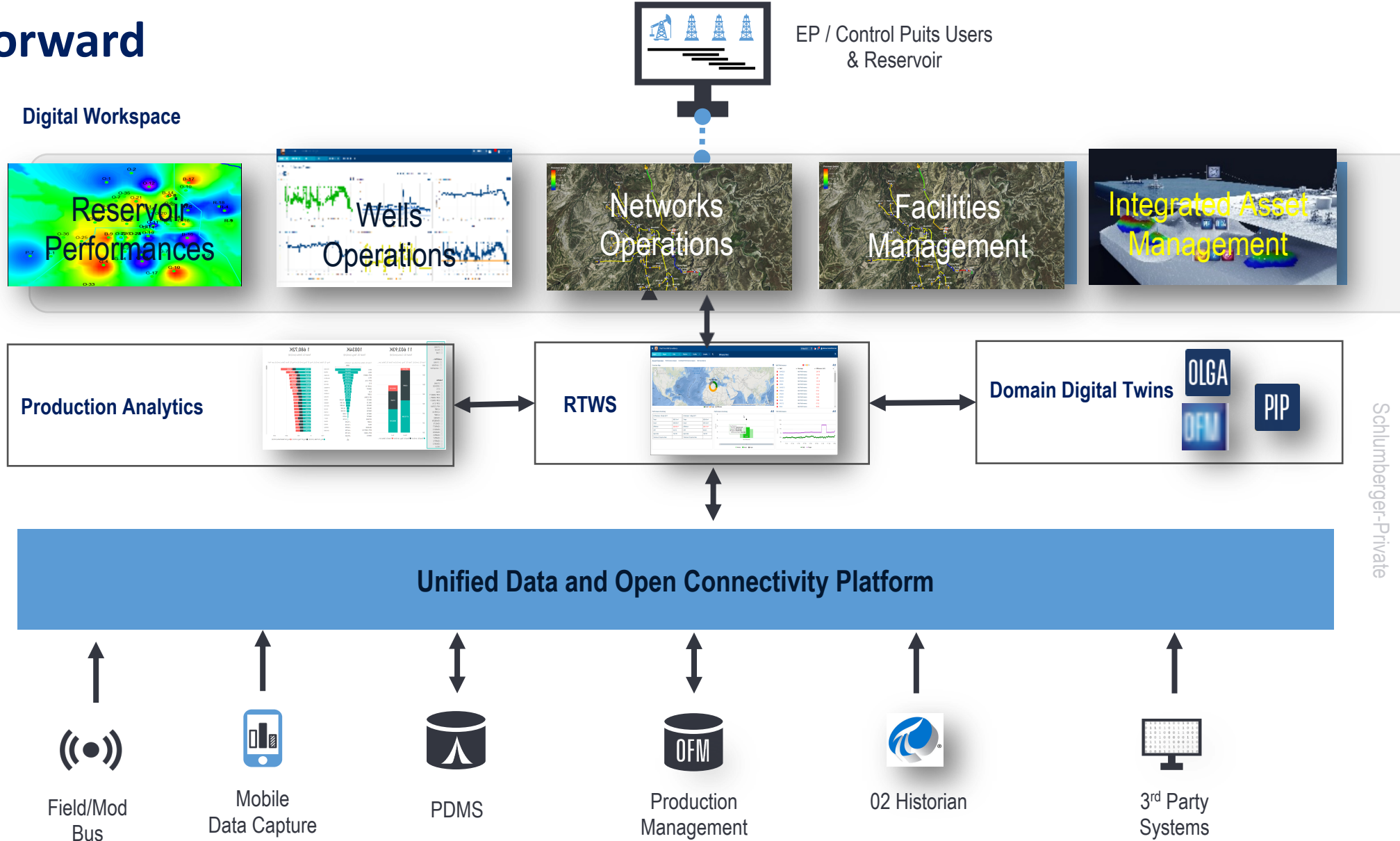
Main Results : Time / Cost Saving



Time and cost saving by selection of the optimum time for the well interventions (Clean out, ...).

RTWS Way Forward

- Today the RTWS covers 50 % of HMD wells the objective to include all the wells: Gas Lift and Natural flow.
- Combine the RTWS with programmable valve technologies.
- Enlarge the Closed Loop to Remotely Controlled Production, Injectors and Separators





Thank You