

# Next Generation Fluid Sampling on the Norwegian Continental Shelf

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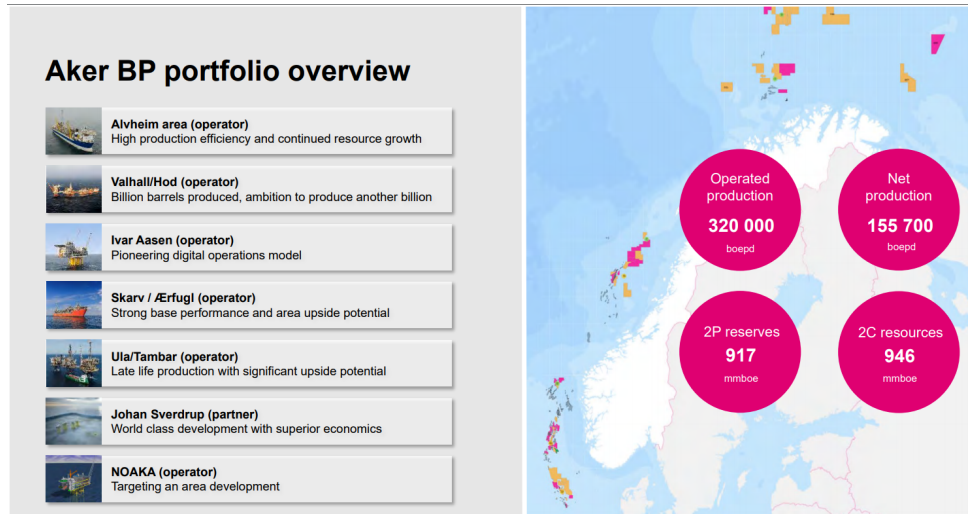
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# Aker BP – Field tests of new technology



## Sampling challenges faced in atypical reservoirs

- Low permeability reservoirs (<1 mD)
- Flow rate control
- Complex NET
- Limited hydrocarbon inflow tolerance in very shallow reservoirs
- Limitation on flow rate when Mini-DST

## Case studies

1. Very low perm sampling
2. Ora for Additional well in the RFG study on Ivar Aasen oil field
3. Conceptual test of the inflow management test system for Ora

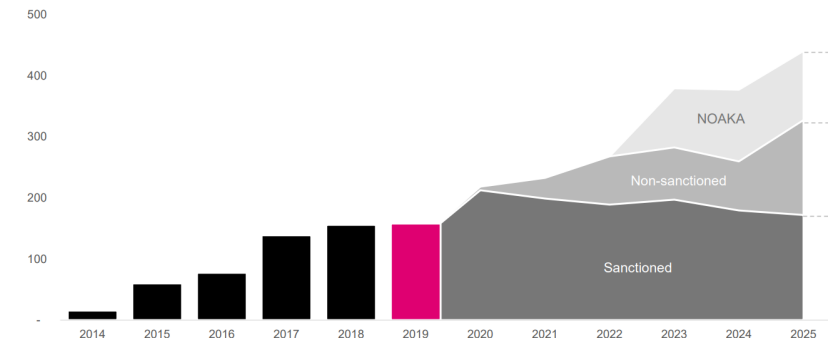
## 2019 Aker BP exploration program

License	Prospect	Operator	Aker BP share	Est. spud	Pre-drill mmbbl	Status
PL869	Froskelår Main	Aker BP	60 %	Q1	45 - 153	Discovery 60-130 mmbbl
PL857	Gjøkåsen	Equinor	20 %	Q1	26 - 1427	Dry
PL033	Hod Deep West	Aker BP	90 %	Q1	2 - 22	Dry
PL869	Froskelår NE	Aker BP	60 %	Q2	7 - 23	Discovery 2-10 mmbbl
PL916	JK	Aker BP	40 %	Q2	100 - 420	Dry
PL814	Freke-Garm	Aker BP	40 %	Q2	16 - 81	Dry
PL777	Hornet	Aker BP	40 %	Q2	14 - 137	Dry
PL502	Klaiff	Equinor	22 %	Q2	50 - 372	Ongoing
PL869	Rumpefjell	Aker BP	60 %	Q2	45 - 148	Ongoing
PL442	Liatårnet	Aker BP	90 %	Q2	39 - 331	Discovery 80-200 mmbbl
PL942	Ørn	Equinor	30 %	Q3	8 - 40	
PL762	Vågar	Aker BP	20 %	Q3	63 - 130	
PL782S	Busta	Conoco	20 %	Q3	54 - 199	
PL019C	Kark	Aker BP	60 %	Q3	15 - 48	
PL986	Nipa	Aker BP	30 %	Q3	35 - 115	NEW: Added in Q2
PL838	Shrek	PGNIG	30 %	Q4	10 - 22	
PL1008	Nidhogg	Aker BP	60 %	Q4	26 - 70	NEW: Added in Q2

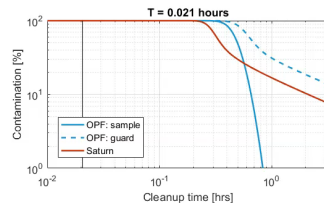
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## Profitable growth from existing portfolio

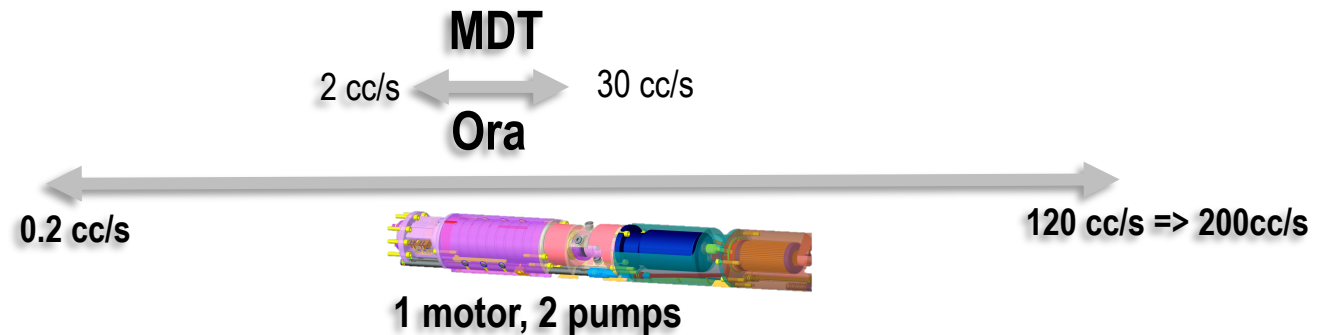
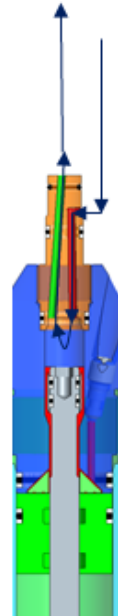
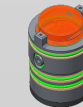
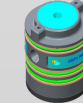
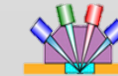
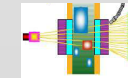
Production ambition (mboepd)



# Formation Testing Next Generation – Ora

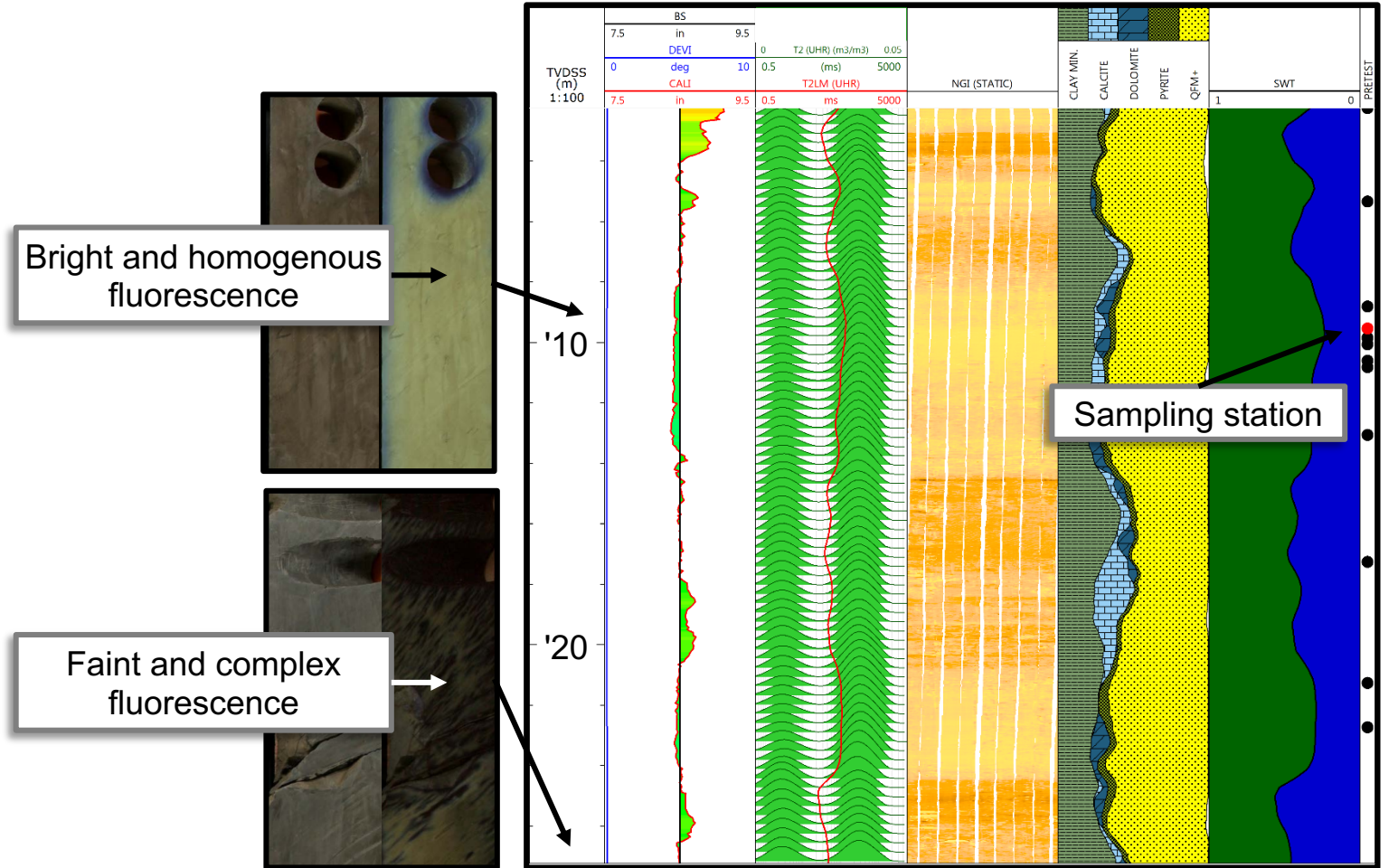


- 24 Channel Spectrometer
- Fluorescence/Critical Fluids
- Density / Viscosity
- Broad Range Viscosity Sensor
- Induction Resistivity Sensor
- Annular & Flowing Pressure Gauges



# Tight mudstone play fluid sampling

$$1 \mu\text{D} < k_{h,w} < 3 \text{ mD}$$





# Successful oil sampling in tight, unconventional reservoir

## Field tested new fluid sampling tool (Ora)

- Aker BP first user outside Middle East and US
- Two wells in two weeks (Wells 2 & 3)

## Successfully sampled light crude oil from very tight formation

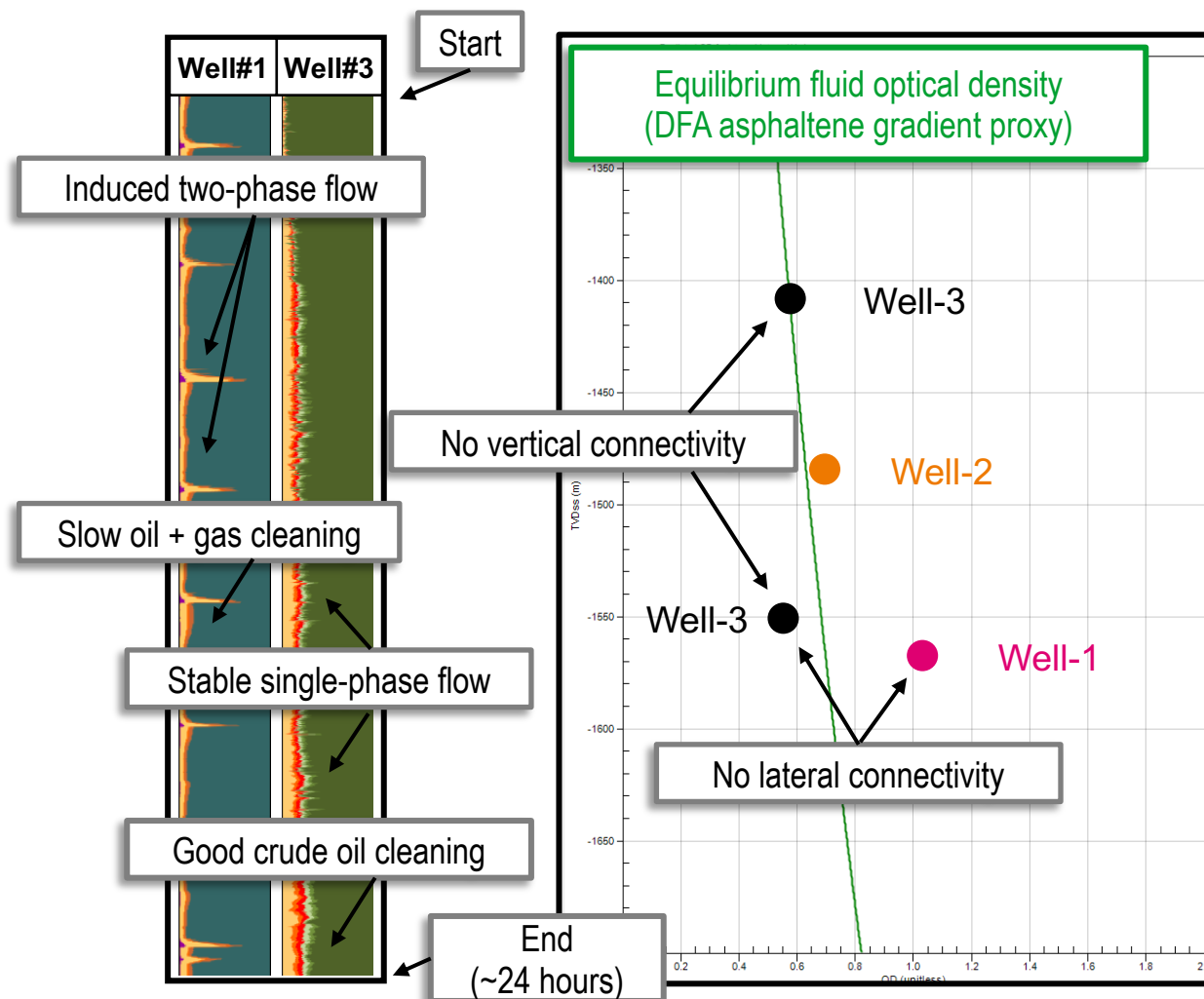
- 10 bottles from 2 stations
- 0.2 mD/cP and 0.4 mD/cP (< 0.5 mD)
- Among tightest ever successful oil sampling in OBM on NCS
- Large radial probe with focused flow proved valuable with thin beds
- High performance – alternative method would have taken almost twice as long, likely with lower sample quality

## Low and controllable pressure drawdown ensured single-phase flow and maintained sample integrity

- Allows conclusive analysis and use of oil in core flooding studies
- Enables good RFG to inform distribution of fluid quality in reservoir
- Reduced risk of spending time sampling non-representative fluids

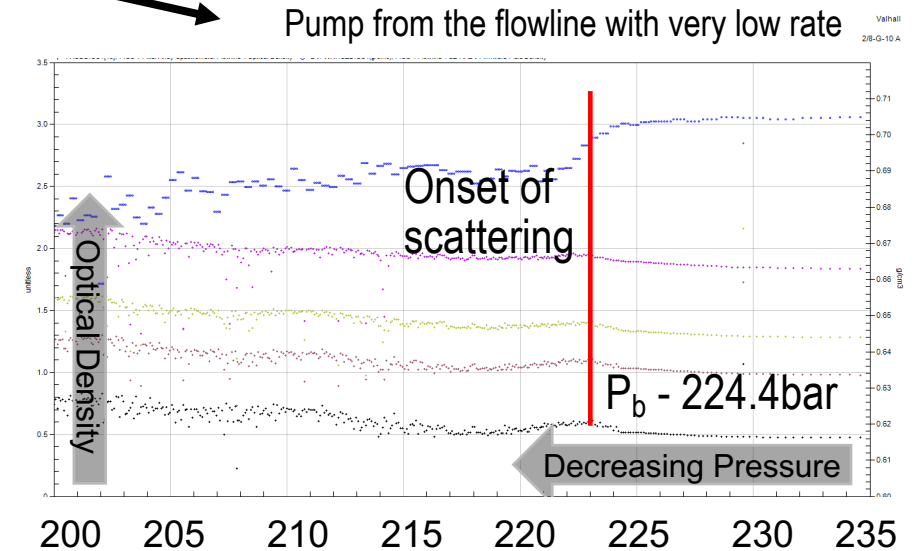
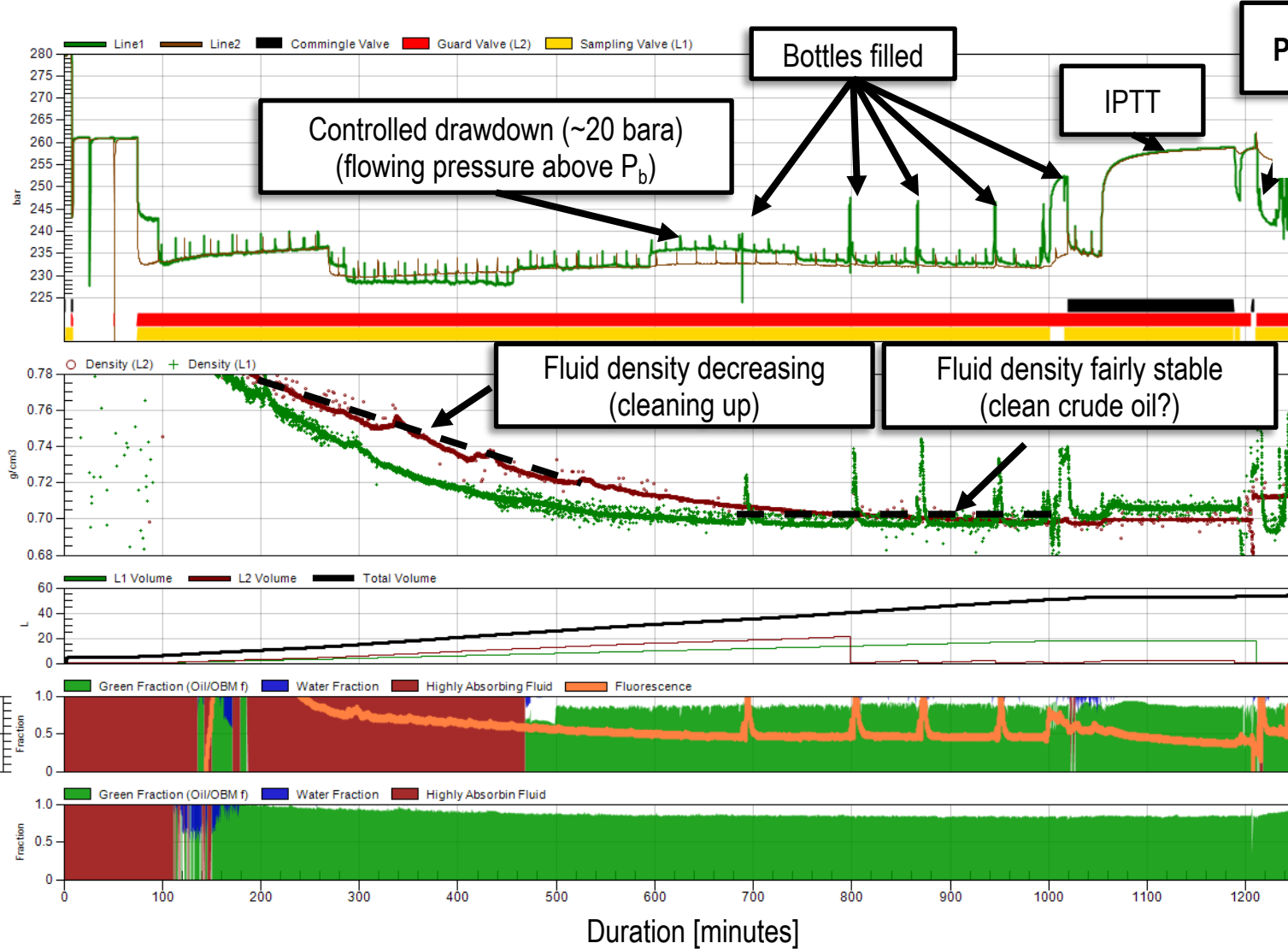
## New capability that enables conclusive evaluation of complex tight oil plays, where reservoir fluid properties matter the most

- Also beneficial in unconsolidated/weak formations to avoid sanding



- Well 1: MDT, DD Mobility – 2.4mD/cP, Drawdown 165bar, Sampling Below Pb
- Well 3: Ora, DD Mobility <0.2 mD/CP, Drawdown 25 bar, Single Phase Sample

# Well-3 flowline data & Pb test

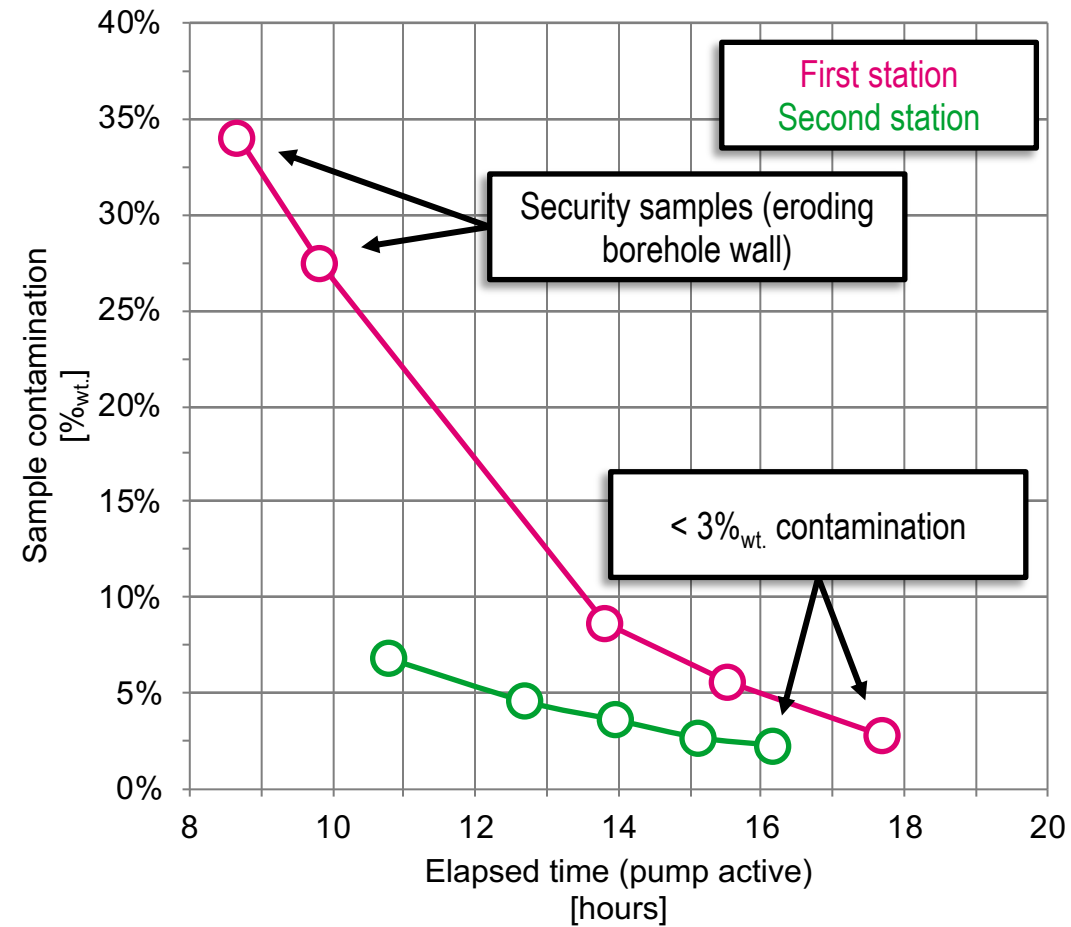


ODs start to shake as gas bubbles appear and migrate up in the flow line from 224.4bar.

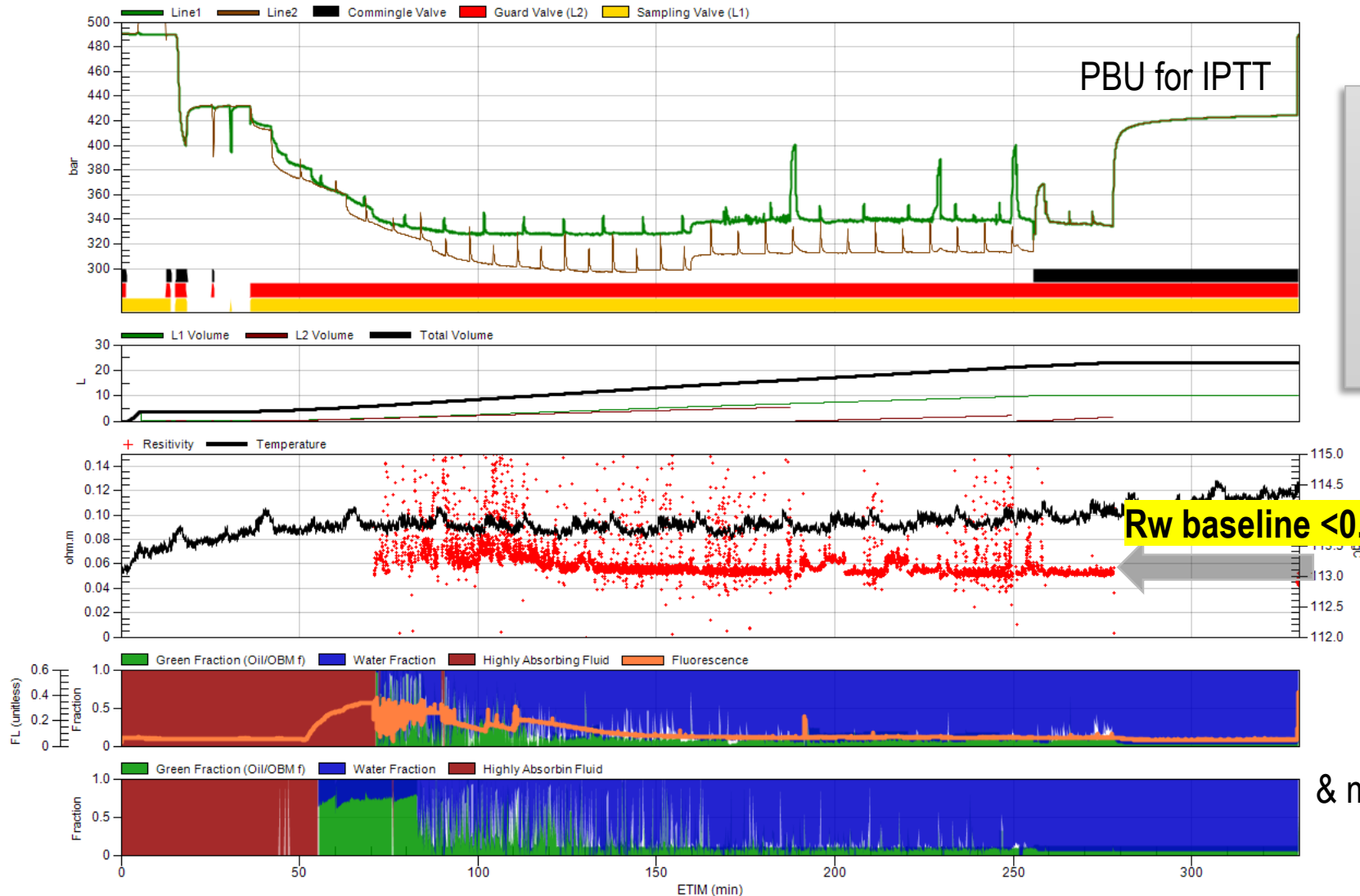
Bubble point pressure validated with the standard lab Volume/Pressure experiment as 224bar

## Sample quality and results

Well - 3



# Focused Sampling of Formation Water @ 0.1mD/cP, 95 bar Drawdown



Lab: 0.089 ohm.m (89ppk) @ 22 degC  
0.03 ohm\*m @ 115degC (chart)

FIRS: ~0.06 ohm\*m (35-40 ppk) @ 114degC

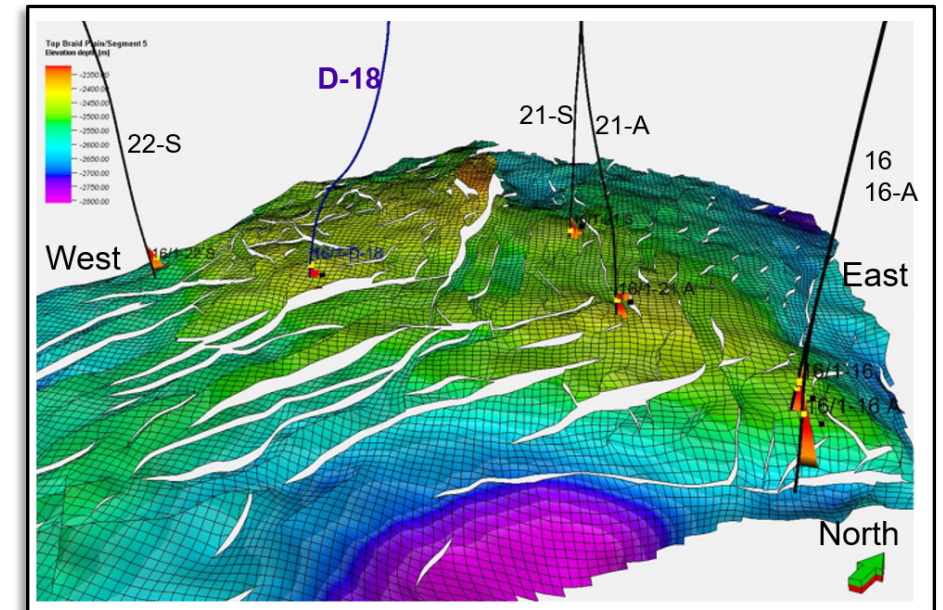
Affected by remaining filtrate or residual oil?

Water  
& minimal OBM filtrate

# Ivar Aasen D-18

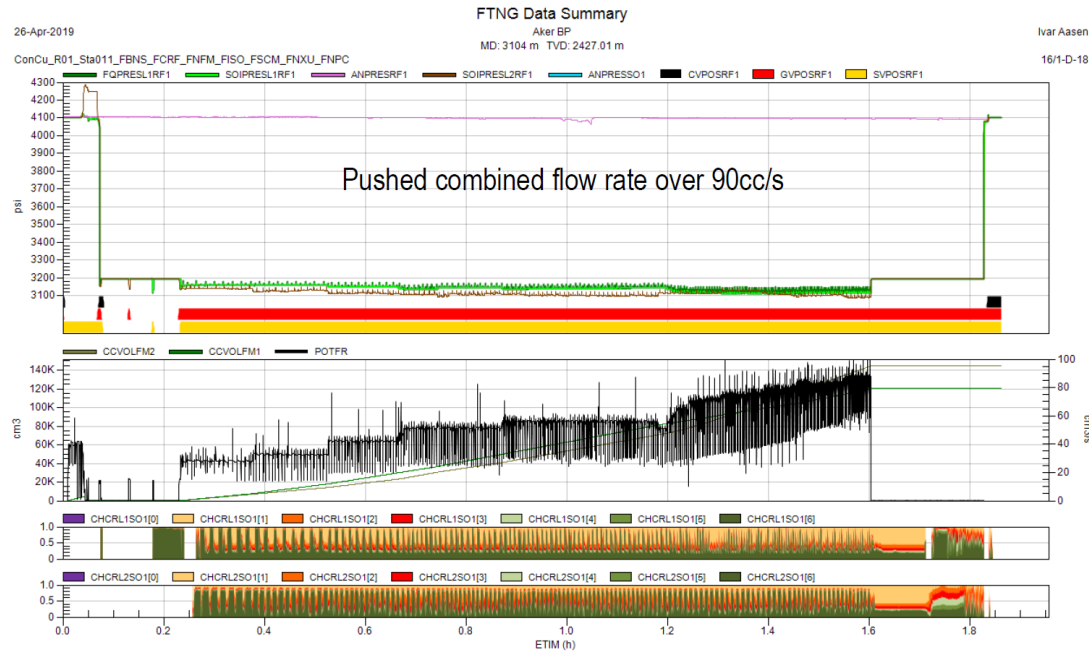
## Summary

- Oil & Gas Sampling, DFA data to evaluate connected HC volume to assess vertical and lateral connectivity, delineate the Gas Oil Contact (GOC). Reservoir not at virgin conditions (depleted due to production)
- Three sampling stations at 3177.3m, 3162.2m, 3117.4m all oil close to  $P_{sat}$
- Three DFA stations at 3113.5m (oil), 3107.8m (oil) and 3104m (gas+ oil)
- Tested maximum combined flow rate to about 92cc/s



# Field test results

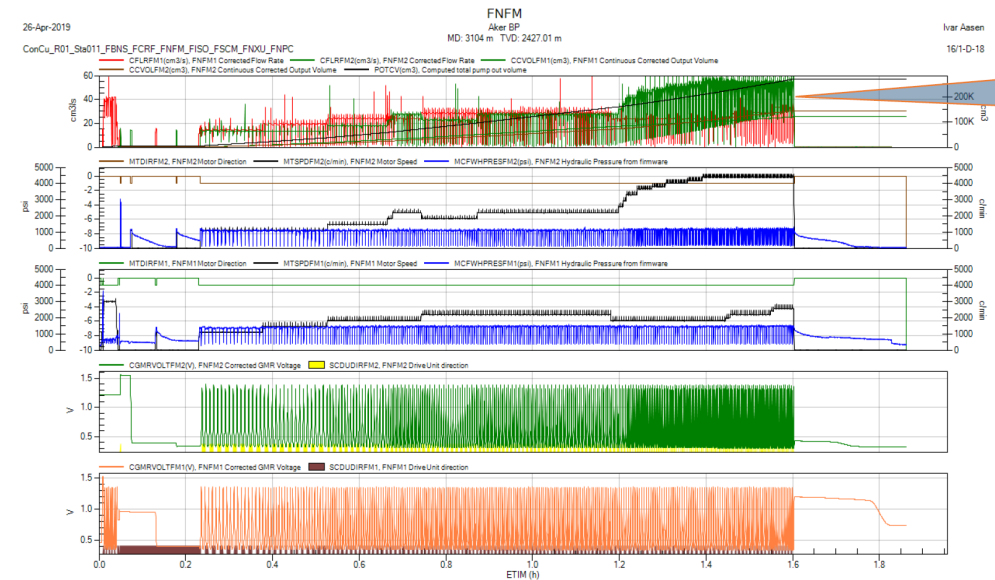
## Testing of the high pumping rates



Important part of this job was to test the maximum achievable flow rate, within the available power limits of the 18AWG cable

## Losses below Single Packer

- Ora OPF has higher capacity to handle drilling fluid losses through the bypass lines.
- Handling losses has previously been an issue in Ivar Aasen and prevented from straddled packer tools in some cases.
- No bypass plugging observed, despite reports of mud losses before the job up to 300l/h.

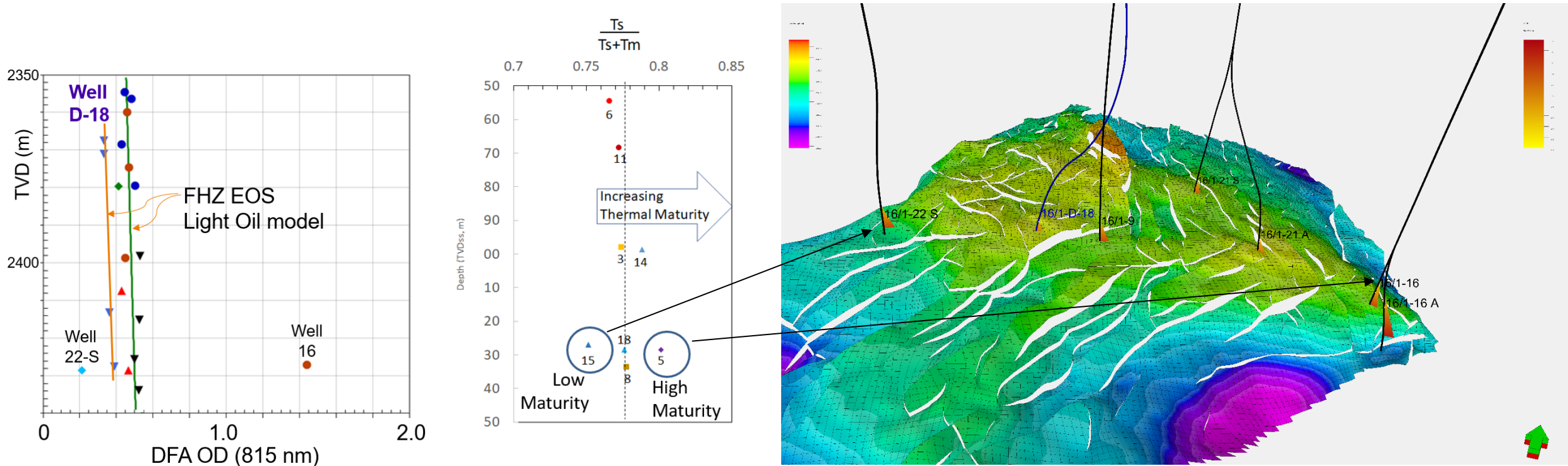


Maximum Flow rate:  
57cc/s L1 and  
35cc/s L2

Pumped 269 liters  
in 1.4h



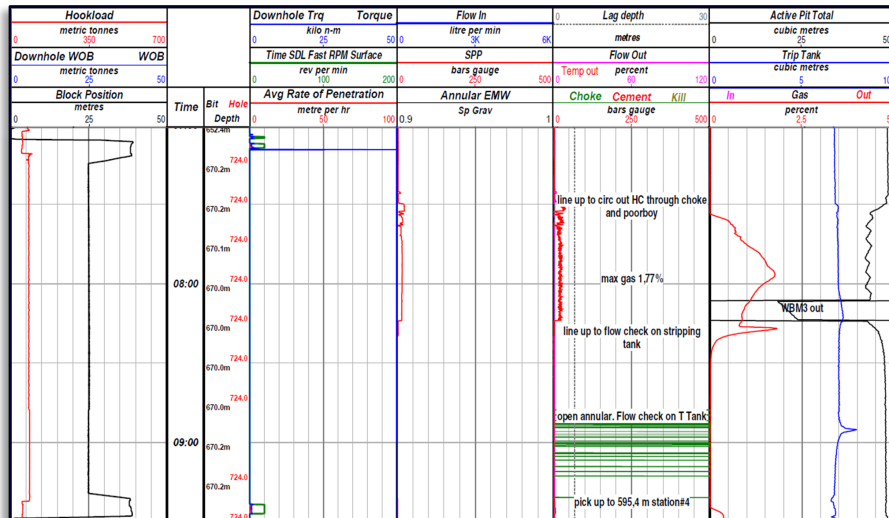
## Ora - RFG results



- The Ora evaluation in Well D-18 shows that the asphaltenes are equilibrated vertically over the 80 meter oil column.
- The Ora evaluation shows that well D-18 fluids are vertically equilibrated and slightly offset to lower asphaltene (in lower color) than the oils in the East. This is exactly expected given the charge model of increasing maturity fluids charging from the West as time progresses. This color offset in the West is consistent with the higher saturation pressure for the oils in the West as obtained from the deeper GOC in the West.
- Results are consistent with all pressure and production data from this field.

# Continuous circulation of gas while sample clean up

- Formation depth 570m MD, water depth 345m MD → overburden 225 m
- Simulation allowed for only 65 l gas in wellbore, insufficient for cleanout
- FTWT system allowed for continuous circulation of pumped out hydrocarbons
- Cement pumps used to circulate, with returns to well test facilities
- Very little gas observed during job. Max reading = 1.77%



	Mud	Gas	
<b>Molar mass</b>	0.018	0.016	Kg/mol
	55.6	62.5	mol/Kg
<b>Pumping rate</b>	1000	6	l/min
<b>Vol Ratio</b>		<b>0.006</b>	
<b>Density (water)</b>	1	0.1	Kg/l
<b>Pumping rate in Kg</b>	1000	0.6	Kg/min
<b>Pumping rate in mole</b>	55556	38	mol/min
<b>Molar ratio</b>		<b>0.0007</b>	

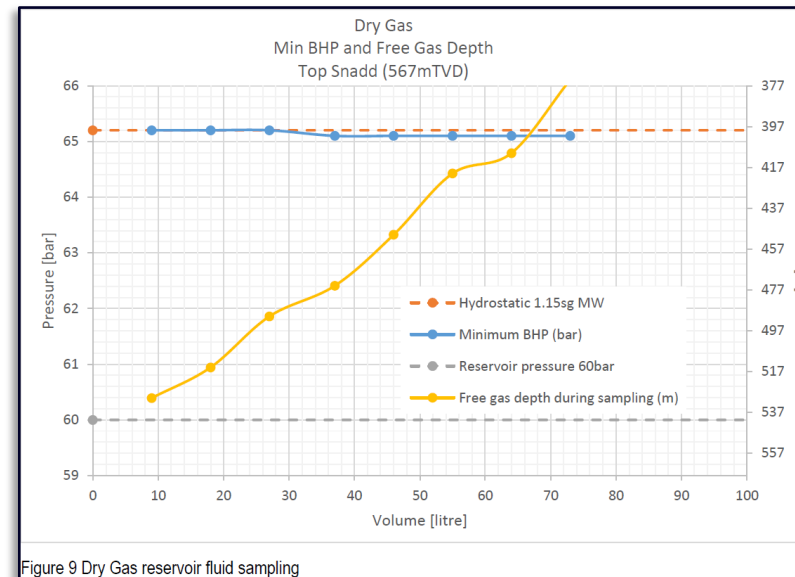
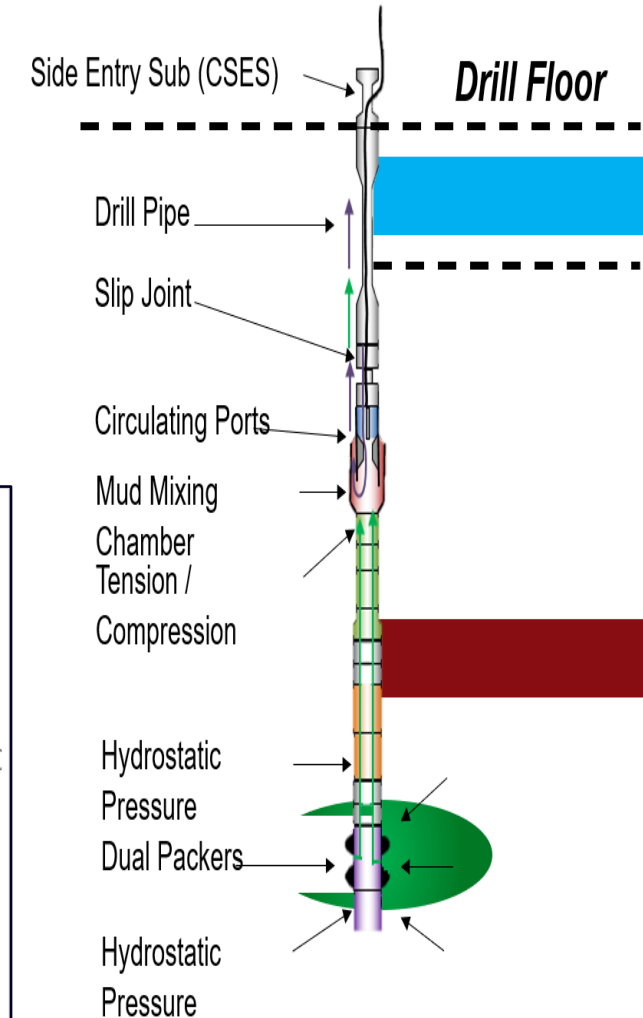
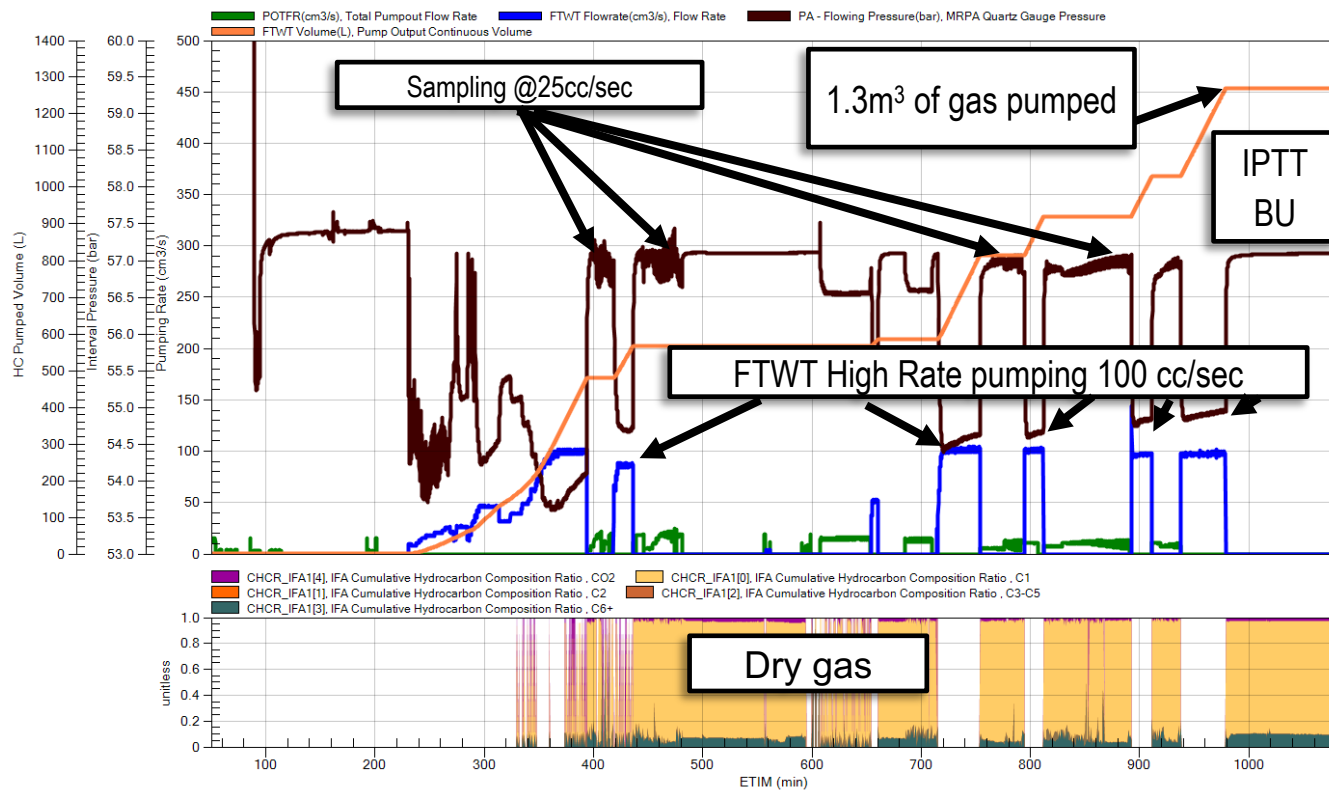


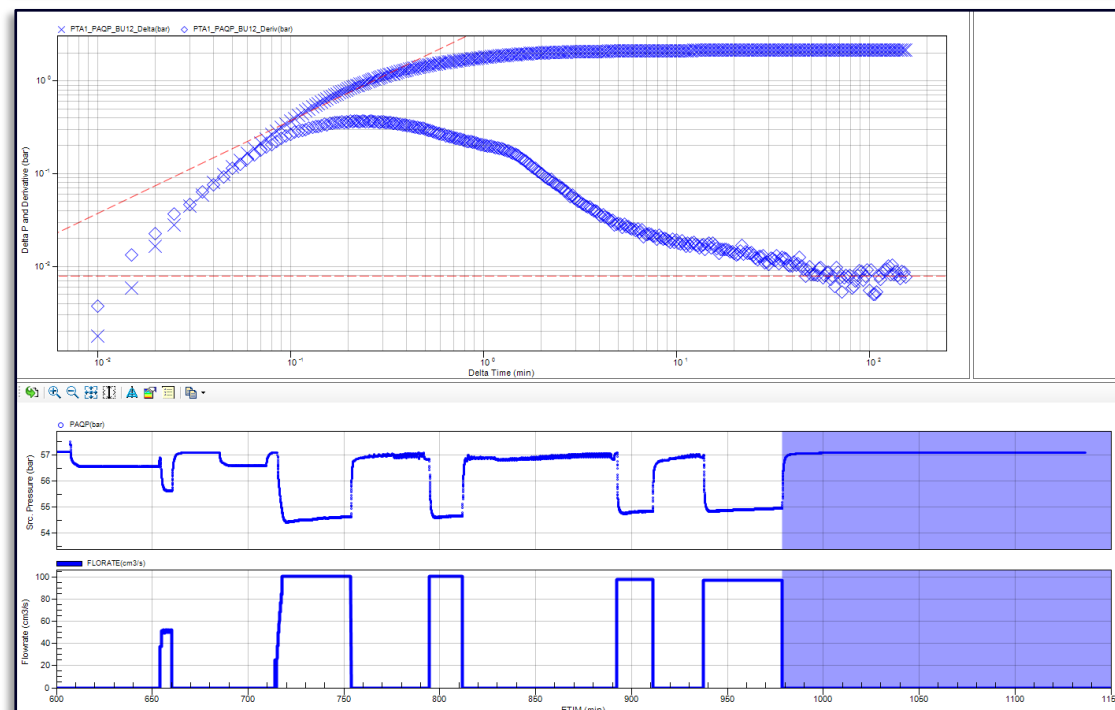
Figure 9 Dry Gas reservoir fluid sampling



# First Worldwide FTWT/IPTT in Shallow Gas well



Up to 3 bar Flowing Pressure Drawdown in Dry Gas of 200 mD/cP allowed to estimate permeability flow the pressure transient data although significant amount of data smoothing



# Achievements

- ✓ Representative sample in very low permeability reservoirs (<1 mD)
- ✓ Flow rate control
- ✓ Limited hydrocarbon inflow tolerance in very shallow reservoirs
- ✓ Limitation on flow rate when Mini-DST
- ✓ Complex NET
- ✓ Continuous hydrocarbons circulation & higher downhole pumping rates allow to acquire large volume samples of light oil and gas in shallow wells and estimate producibility.



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