

Completion Brine Challenges for HTHP Applications

Presentation Overview

- 1. Brine Fluids & Properties**
- 2. Displacement of Drilling Fluid**
- 3. Brine Compatibility**
- 4. Fluid Loss Control**
- 5. Packer Fluids**
- 6. Safety**



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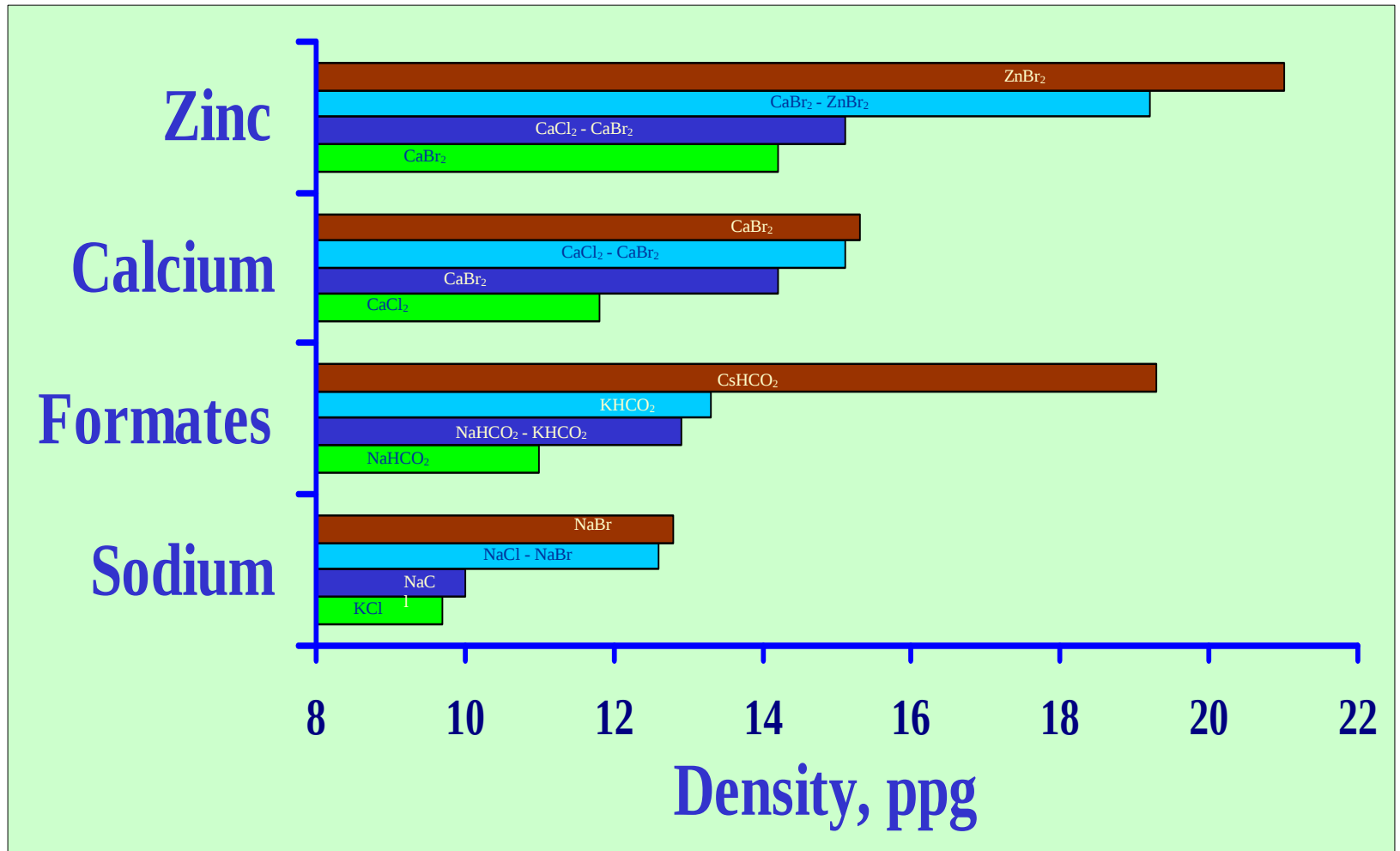
6. Safety

Very important topic

Detailed considerations required

Subject for another discussion

Completion and Workover Brine



Are Crystallization Temperatures Important ?



Completion & Workover Fluids

Density (ppg) *	CaCl ₂ (wt %)	CaBr ₂ (wt %)	TCT (°F/°C)	
*1.50 g/cc				
12.5	34.40	10.80	60	15.6
12.5	32.20	13.13	44	6.7
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PCT Testing Apparatus

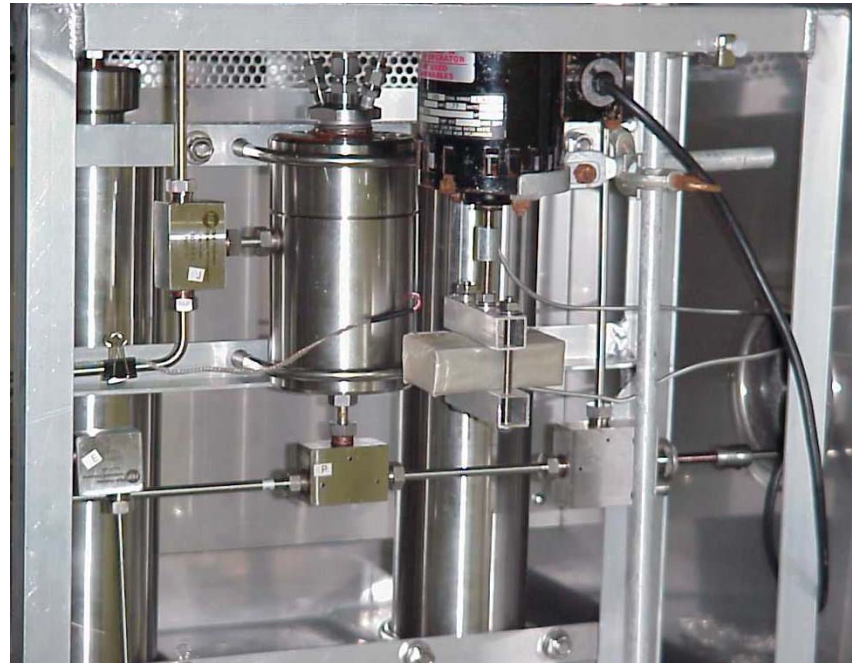


Environmental Chamber
Temperature to - 40°F

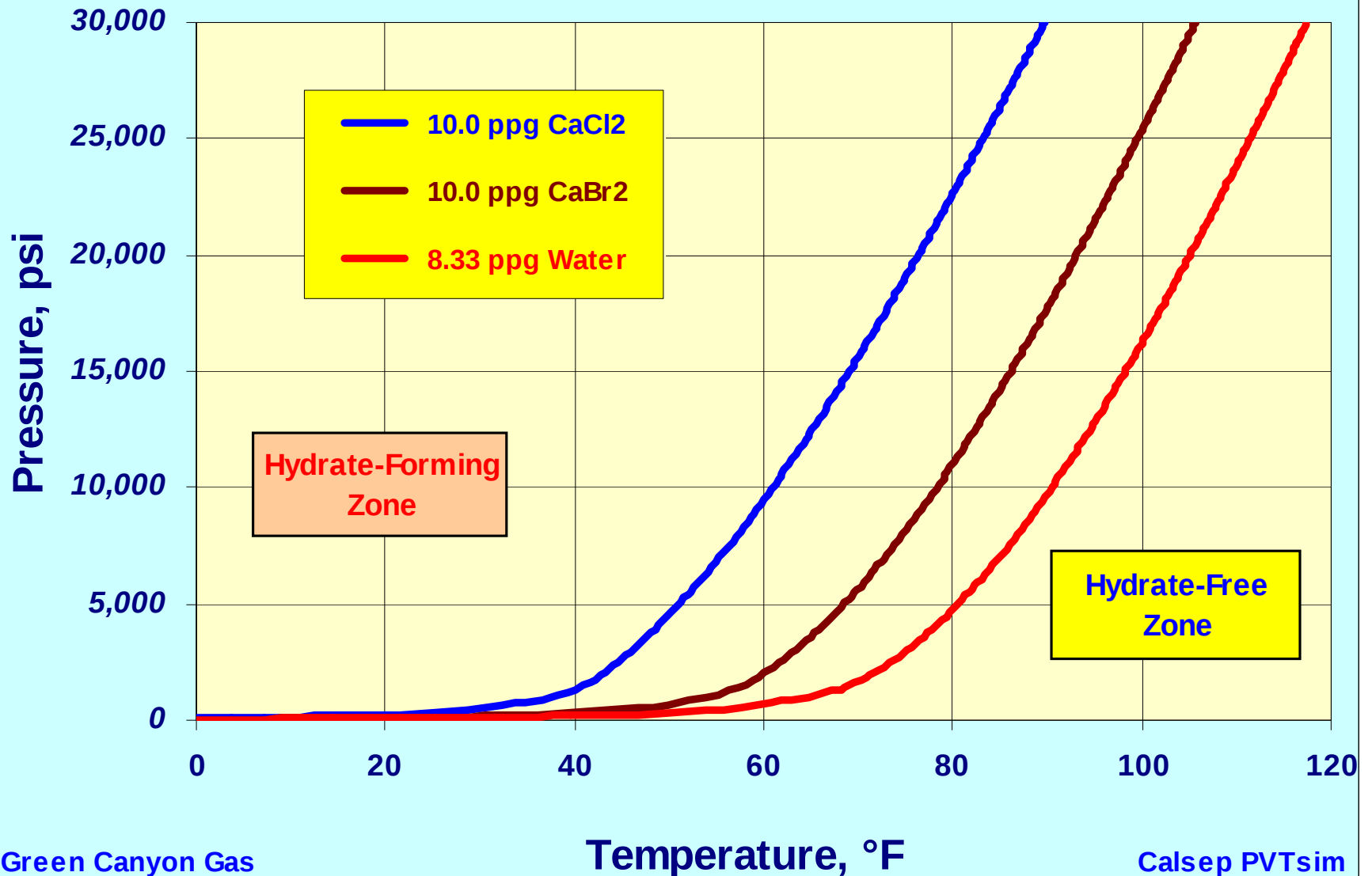
Optical View Cell
Rated to 20,000 psi



- Dual Piston Pumps
- Rated 20,000+ psi



HPHT Hydrate Curves



PCT versus Hydrate Potential

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 PCT

 Hydrate Protection

Density Correction Calculation

$$D_{(C)} = D_{(M)} * [1 + V_e (T_{(M)} - T_{(C)})]$$

$$D_{(M)} = 16.4 \text{ ppg @ } 85^{\circ}\text{F} \quad D_{(C)} = ? @ 60^{\circ}\text{F} \quad V_{(e)} = 2.52 * 10^{-4}$$

$$D_{(60)} = 16.4 * [1 + 2.52 * 10^{-4} (85 - 60)]$$

$$D_{(60)} = 16.4 * [1.0063] = 16.5 \text{ ppg}$$

$V_e (* 10^4)$	Density (ppg)	Brine
2.80	12.0	NaBr
2.39	11.5	CaCl ₂
2.50	15.0	CaBr ₂ /CaCl ₂
2.54	17.5	ZnBr ₂ /CaBr ₂ /CaCl ₂
2.71	18.5	ZnBr ₂ /CaBr ₂ /CaCl ₂
2.78	19.0	ZnBr ₂ /CaBr ₂ /CaCl ₂

Wellbore Pressure Profile

Well Parameters

18,000 TVD, feet

370 BHT, °F

16,000 BHP, psi

300 Overbalance, psi

70 Surface Temperature, °F

Surface Density Required, ppg = ?

Average Brine Density, ppg = ?

Bottom Hole Density, ppg = ?

Wellbore Pressure Profile

Depth - ft	Temp - °F	Density - ppg	Δp - psi	Total - psi
0	70.0	17.52	0.0	0
720	82.0	17.48	654.0	654
1,440	94.0	17.45	652.8	1,307
2,160	106.0	17.42	651.6	1,958
2,880	118.0	17.39	650.4	2,609
3,600	130.0	17.36	649.2	3,258
4,320	142.0	17.32	648.0	3,906
5,040	154.0	17.29	646.8	4,553
5,760	166.0	17.26	645.6	5,198
6,480	178.0	17.23	644.4	5,843
7,200	190.0	17.20	643.3	6,486
7,920	202.0	17.17	642.1	7,128
8,640	214.0	17.13	640.9	7,769
9,360	226.0	17.10	639.7	8,409
10,080	238.0	17.07	638.5	9,047
10,800	250.0	17.04	637.3	9,684
11,520	262.0	17.01	636.1	10,320
12,240	274.0	16.97	634.9	10,955
12,960	286.0	16.94	633.7	11,589
13,680	298.0	16.91	632.5	12,221
14,400	310.0	16.88	631.2	12,853
15,120	322.0	16.84	630.0	13,483
15,840	334.0	16.81	628.8	14,112
16,560	346.0	16.78	627.6	14,739
17,280	358.0	16.75	626.4	15,366
18,000	370.0	16.71	625.2	15,991

**Hydrostatic Pressure at
18,000 feet
15,991 psi**

**Average Fluid Density in
Wellbore
17.10 ppg**

**Surface Density at
70°F
17.52 ppg (17.5)**

**Density at 60°F
17.56 ppg (17.6)**

Wellbore Pressure Profile

Zero vs 300 psi Overbalance

Hydrostatic Pressure at 18,000 feet 15,991 psi	Hydrostatic Pressure at 18,000 feet 16,291 psi
Average Fluid Density in Wellbore 17.10 ppg	Average Fluid Density in Wellbore 17.42 ppg
Surface Density at 70°F 17.52 ppg (17.5)	Surface Density at 70°F 17.84 ppg (17.8)
Density at 60°F 17.56 ppg (17.6)	Density at 60°F 17.89 ppg (17.9)

Temperature - Pressure Factors

12,000 psi from 76°F to 345°F 827 bars from 24°C to 174°C ¹
 198°F from 2,000 psi to 12,000 psi 92°C from 138 bars to 827 bars ¹

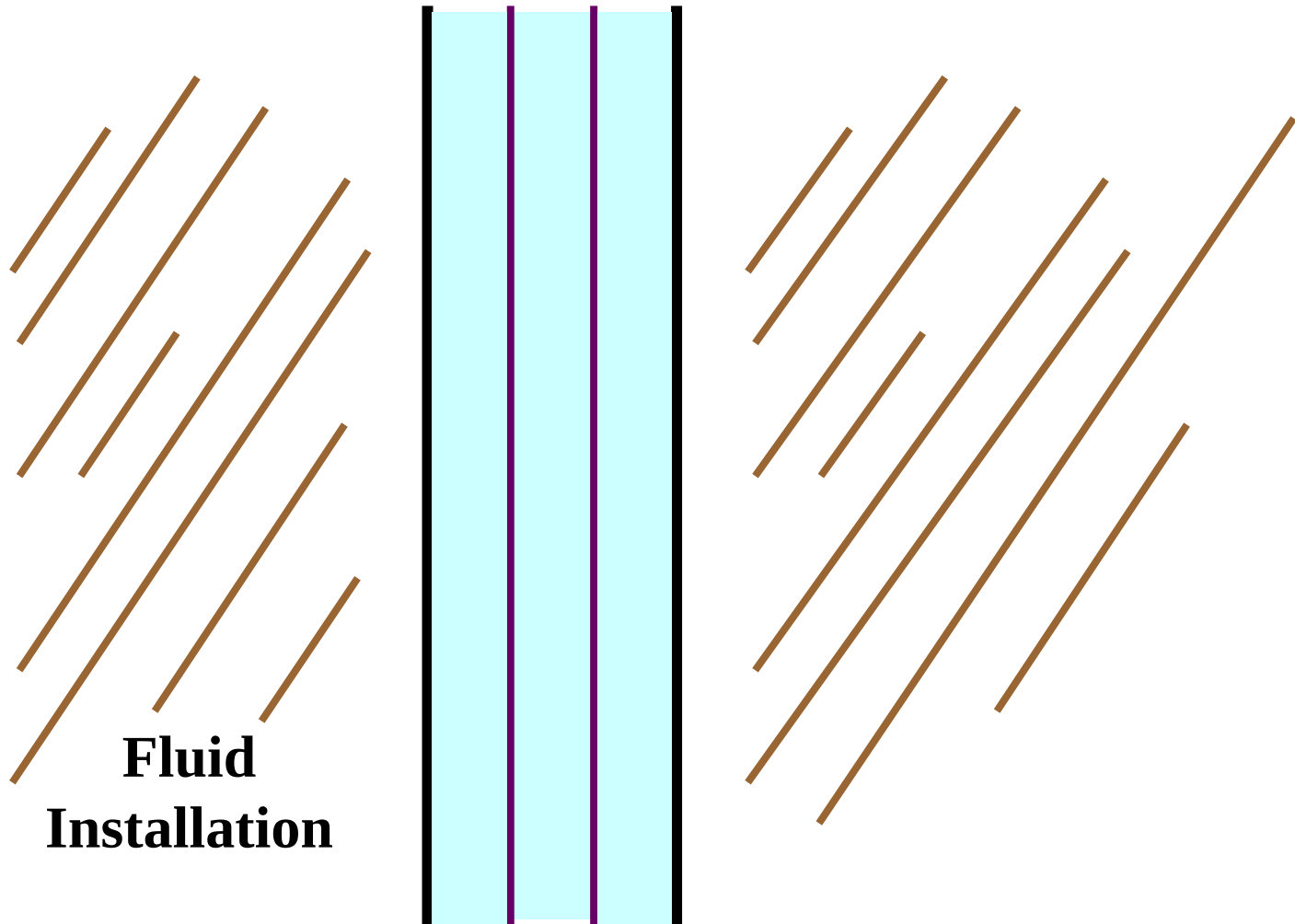
Brine	Density (lb/gal)	Expansion Factors		Compressibility Factors	
		a * 10 ⁴ vol/vol/°F	A lb/gal/100°F	b * 10 ⁶ vol/vol/psi	B lb/gal/1000 psi
NaCl	9.42	2.54	0.24	1.98	0.019
CaCl ₂	11.45	2.39	0.27	1.50	0.017
NaBr	12.48	2.67	0.33	1.67	0.021
CaBr ₂	14.30	2.33	0.33	1.53	0.022
Three Salt ²	16.01	2.27	0.36	1.39	0.022
Two Salt ³	19.27	2.54	0.48	1.64	0.031

¹ SPE 12490 Krook & Boyce

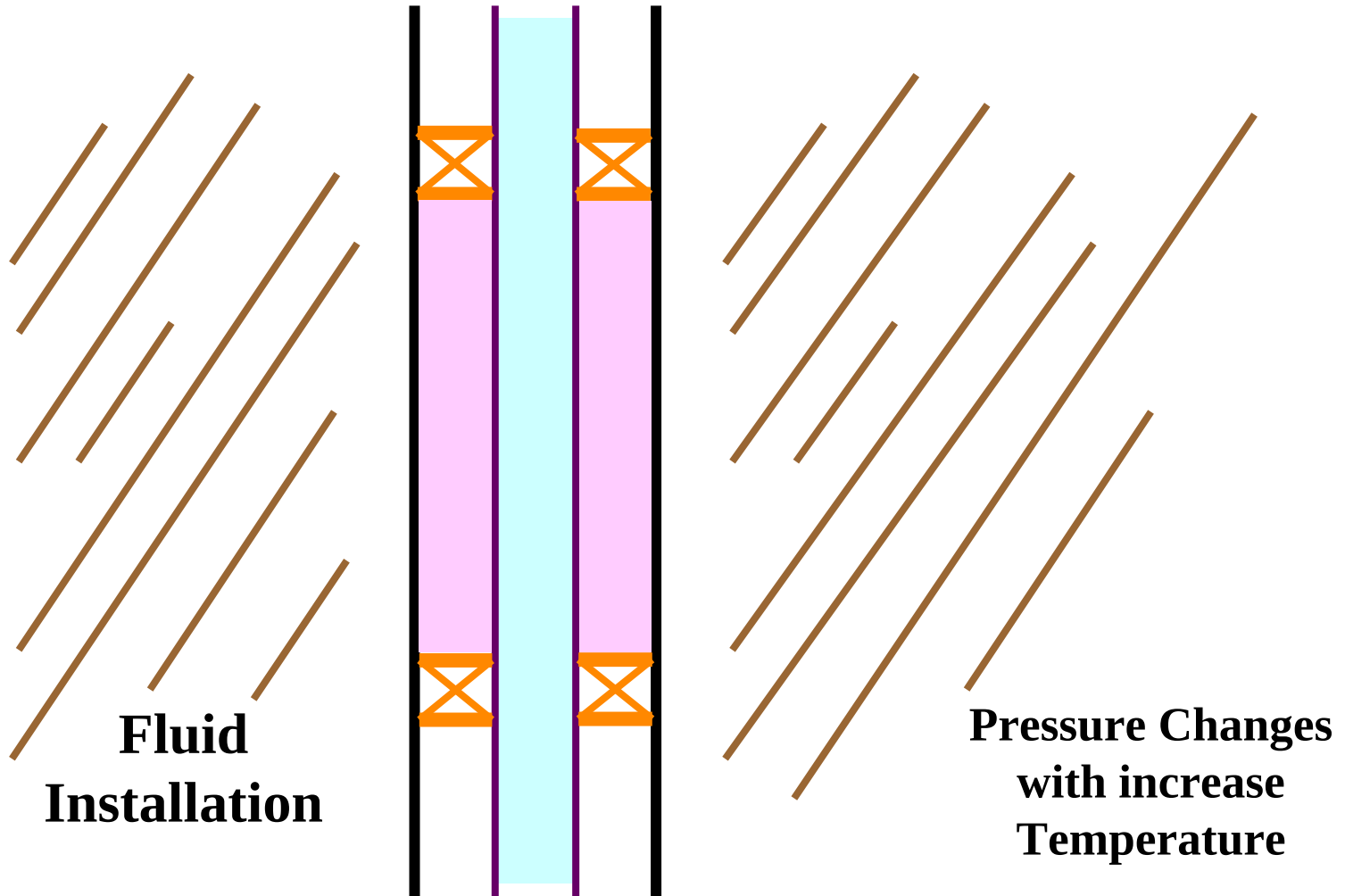
² Three Salt = ZnBr₂/CaBr₂/CaCl₂

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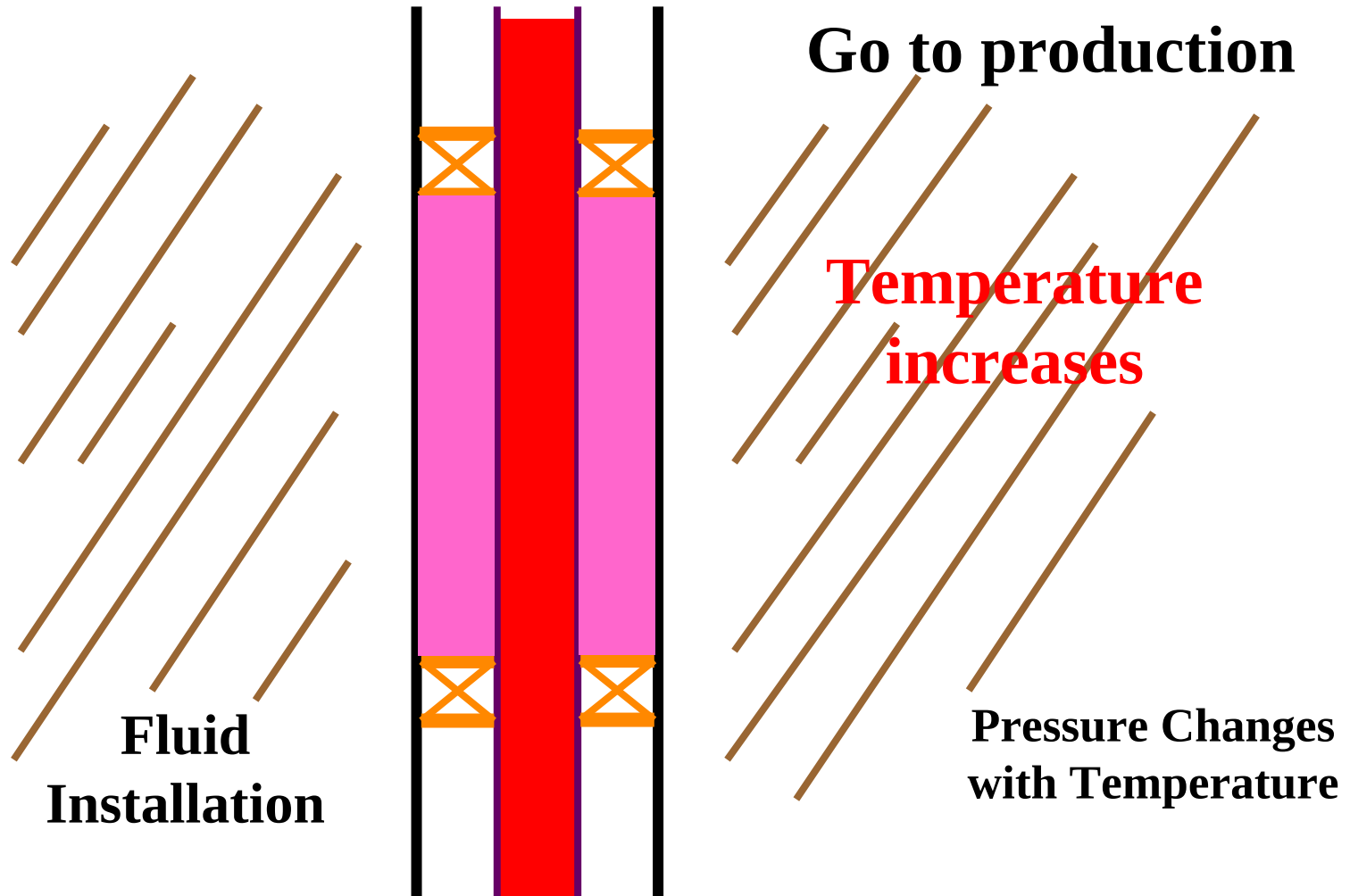
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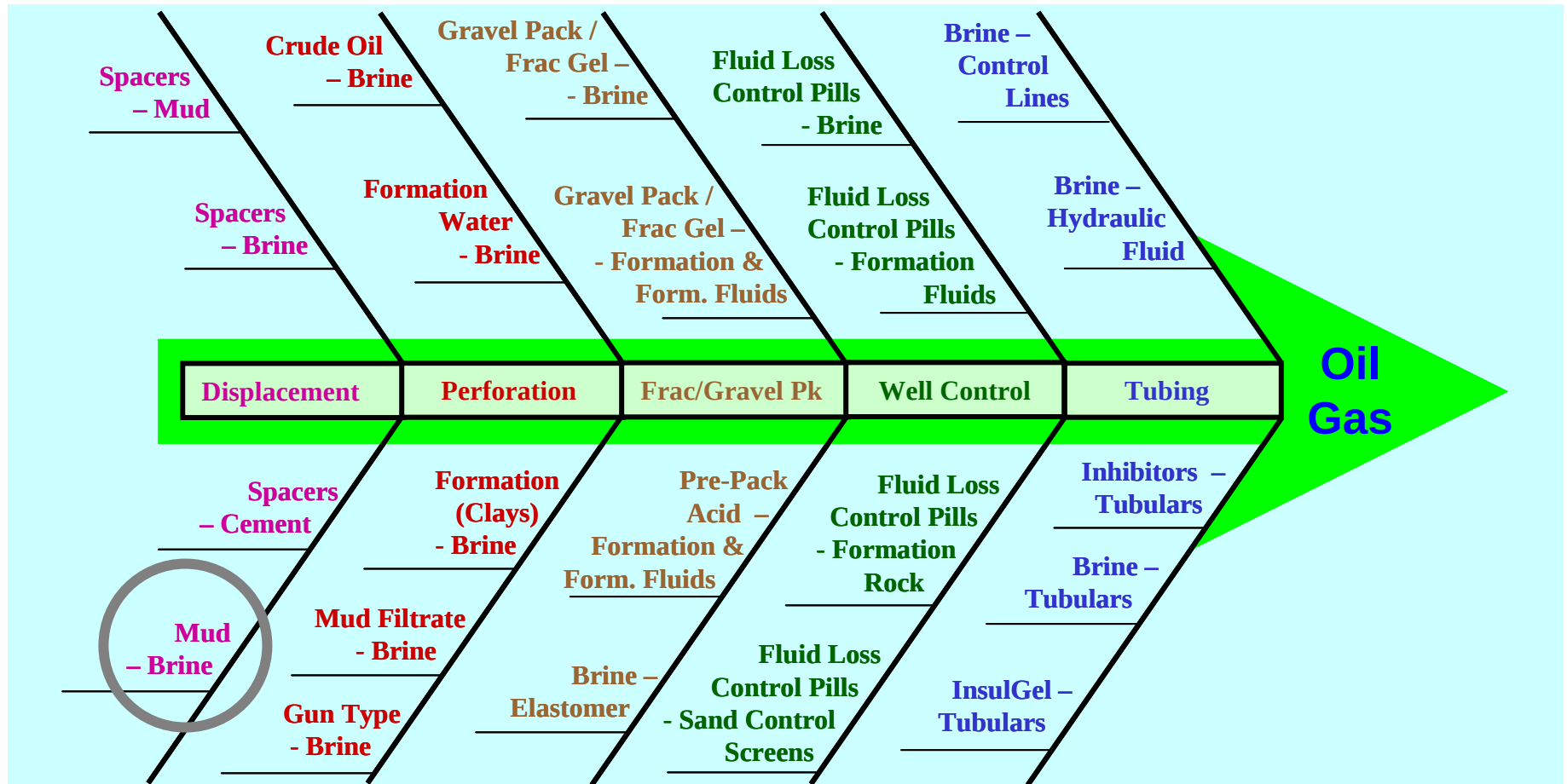
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Fishbone Diagram



After Syed Ali, Chevron

- General
- Operation
- Survey
- Pore/Frac
- Wellbore
- Pipe
- Native fluids
- Pumping fluids
- Open hole OP
- Deep water I
- Deep water II

Operation:

☐ Conventional

Flow direction:

☒ Forward
 ☐ Reverse

☐ Back pressure:

☒ No back pressure
 ☐ Manual input
 ☐ Automatically calculated (no free-fall)
 ☐ Well control, maintain BH p.

Depth	0	(ft)
Desired mini. press.	0	(psi)

	Job Time (min)	Back Pressure (psi)
1	0.0	0
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		

Insert

Delete

Clear all

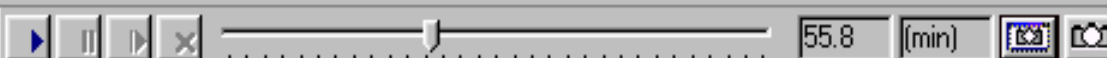
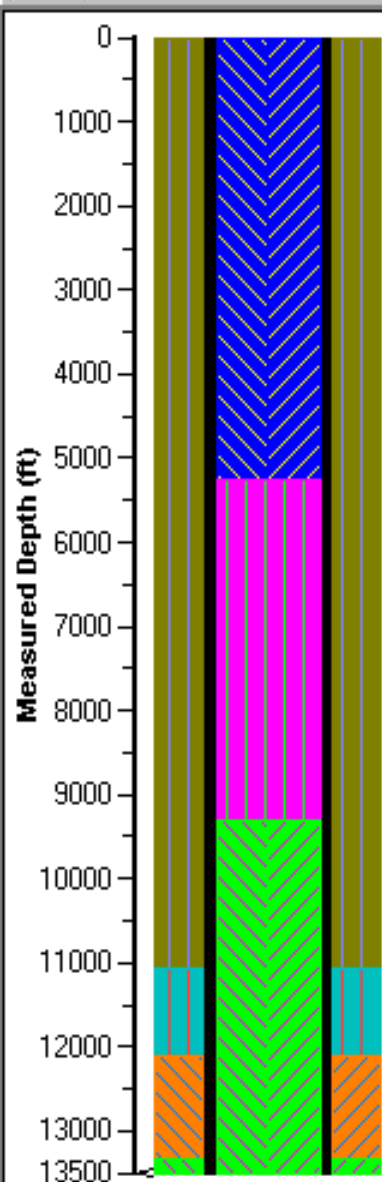
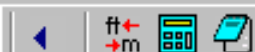
☒ Open hole completion

☐ Deep water operations - operation 1

For deep water applications:

Riser MD	2000	(ft)
Choke line ID	2.000	(in)
Kill line ID	2.000	(in)
Boost line ID	5.000	(in)

☐ Deep water operations - operation 2



Summary | Press profiles | Rates | Pump P | ECD @ TD | ECD @ Zone

Simulation speed:

☒ Slow ☐ Medium ☐ Fast

Key output:

Parameters	Value	Unit
Elapsed time	55.8	(min)
Fluid Vol.	159.0	(bbl)
Pump stroke #	795	
Rate in	4.00	(bpm)
Rate out	4.00	(bpm)
Pump Press	6266	(psi)
Choke Press	0	(psi)
Pump HP	614.	(HP)
Hydrostatic p. @ 13500.(ft)	11193	(psi)
Total p. @ 13500.(ft)	11779	(psi)
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Free fall	0.	(ft)
Trace Fluid	-11065.	(ft)

Flow pattern display:

☒ Show flow pattern

Plug flow

Laminar flow

Turbulent flow



	Fluid	Density (ppg)	Vol. in (bbl)	Edge (ft)
1	16.8 WBM	16.80	N/A	- 0
2	17.0 Barite Spo	17.00	25.0	-11065.
3	Spacer I (Caus	8.40	30.0	-12100.
4	Spacer II W/W	8.40	35.0	-13340.
5	Spacer III Vis	8.50	30.0	9304.
6	10.0 Packer Fl	10.00	39.0	5262.
7	Free fall	N/A	N/A	N/A



Displacement Considerations

Displacement Spacers

Size and weight of each spacer

Depth of well & circulation time

Spacer effective at BHT ?

Effective when contaminated with mud ?

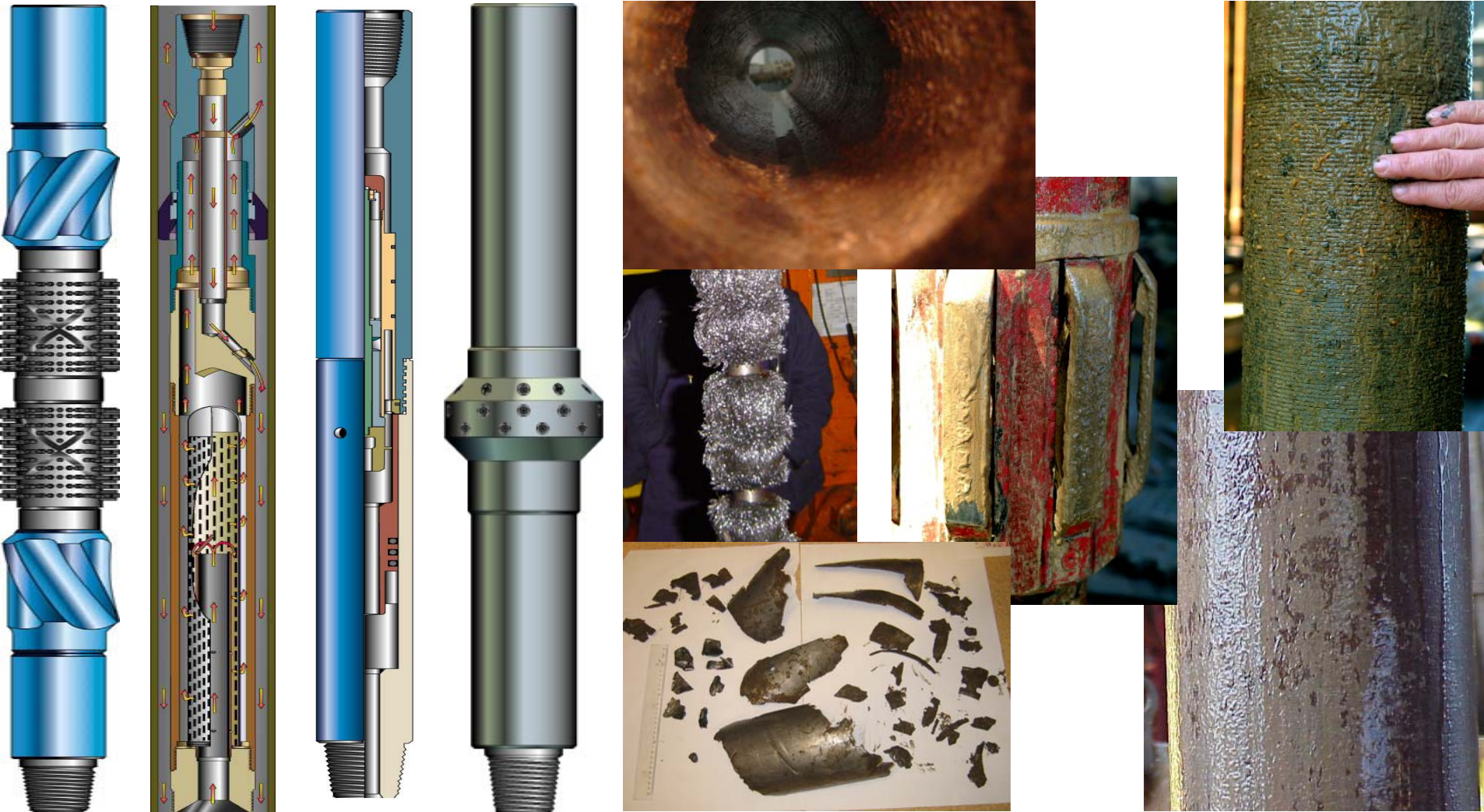
How much mud contamination can be tolerated ?

Weighted Displacement System *Field Example*

Spacer	Volume, bbl	Comments
Base Oil	75	Separate mud from cleaning fluids
17.5 ppg Barite	50	Barrier spacer, offset density of base oil
12.0 ppg Barite	300	Improve hydraulics (563 bbl WS, 5-7/8"x4-1/2"), cost for SOBM or WBM
12.0 ppg HD-WCF Type 1	125	Based on CaBr₂ Brine
12.0 ppg HD-WCF Type 2	125	Based on CaBr₂ Brine
12.0 ppg Viscous Pill	100	Separate spacer train from the 10.5 ppg CaBr₂ completion brine
Brine		10.5 ppg CaBr₂ completion brine

Wellbore Cleaning Tools

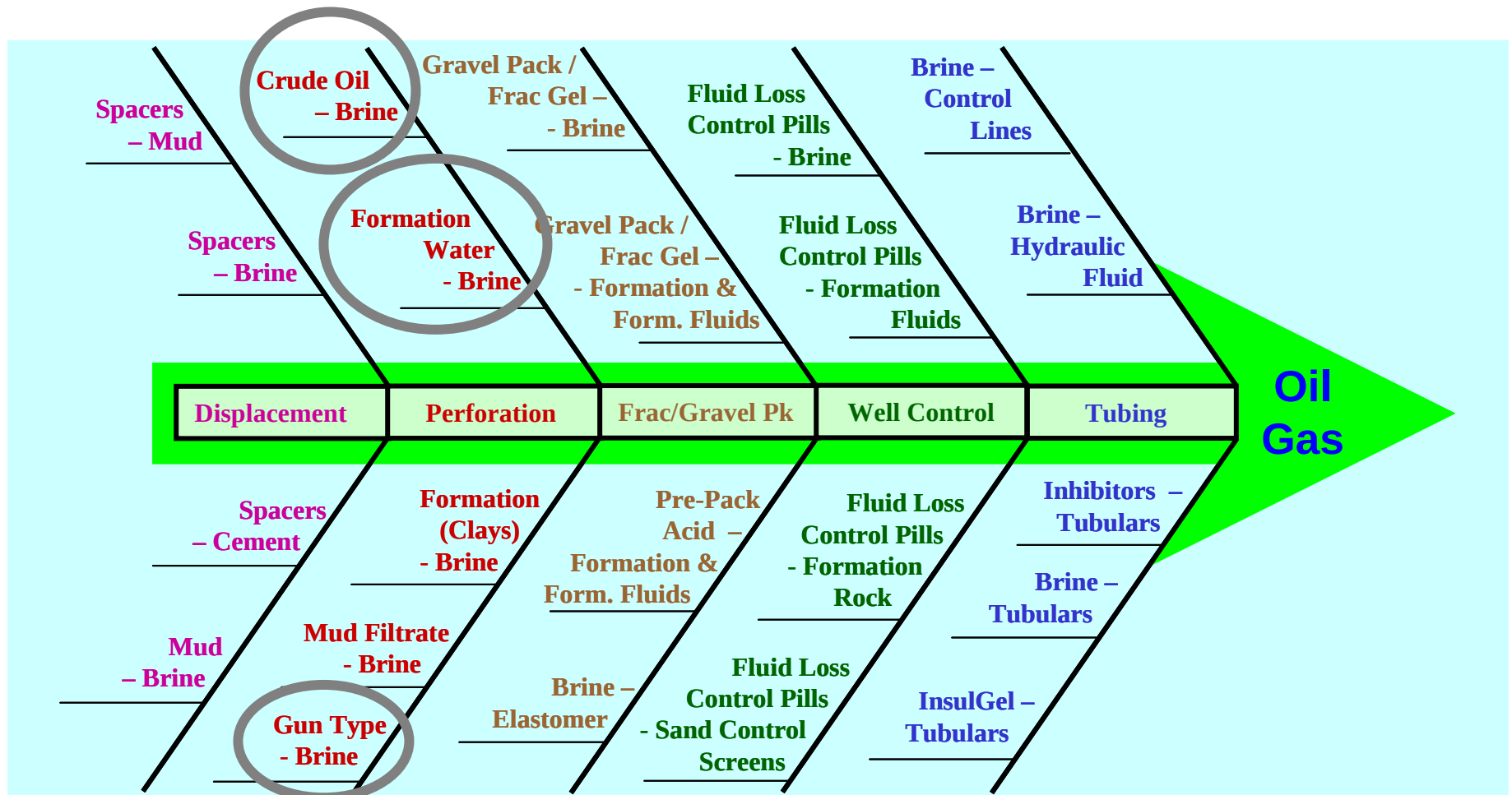
Enhancements to clean wellbores



Surface Filtration Equipment



Fishbone Matrix



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Formation Oil Compatibility

Surfactants in High Density Brine



Blank	Surf 1	Surf 2	Surf 3	Surf 4	Surf 5	Surf 6	HyPerm NoMul
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Non-Emulsifying Surfactant Technology

Mini Oil-Compatibility Test Method

**Crude Oils (6-15% wax & 4-14% asphaltene) / 15.4ppg Brine
(inhibited + non-emulsifier) @ 180°F**

**Before
mixing**

**After
mixing**

10 min.

20 min.

30 min.

1 hour

3 hrs.

5 hrs.

7 hrs.

24 hrs.



Formation Water Compatibility

15.4 ppg Cesium Formate Optimized Formulation #2 Formation Water @ 70°F	Significant amount of settled solids	Significant amount of settled solids	Clear
15.4 ppg Cesium Formate Optimized Formulation #2 Formation Water @ 180°F	Significant amount of settled solids	Significant amount of settled solids	Clear
15.6 ppg Zinc-Based Brine Formation Water @ 70°F	Clear	Clear	Clear
15.6 ppg Zinc-Based Brine Formation Water @ 180°F	Clear	Clear	Clear

Principle Characteristics	Concentration, mg/L
Chloride	147,000
Bi-Carbonate	470
Sulfate	200
Sodium	90,600
Potassium	500
Calcium	8,930
Magnesium	1,500
Barium	208
Strontium	215
pH	7.33

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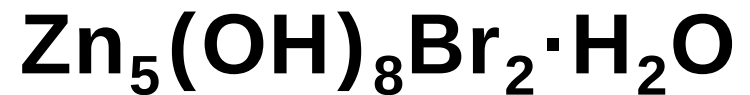
Downhole Debris



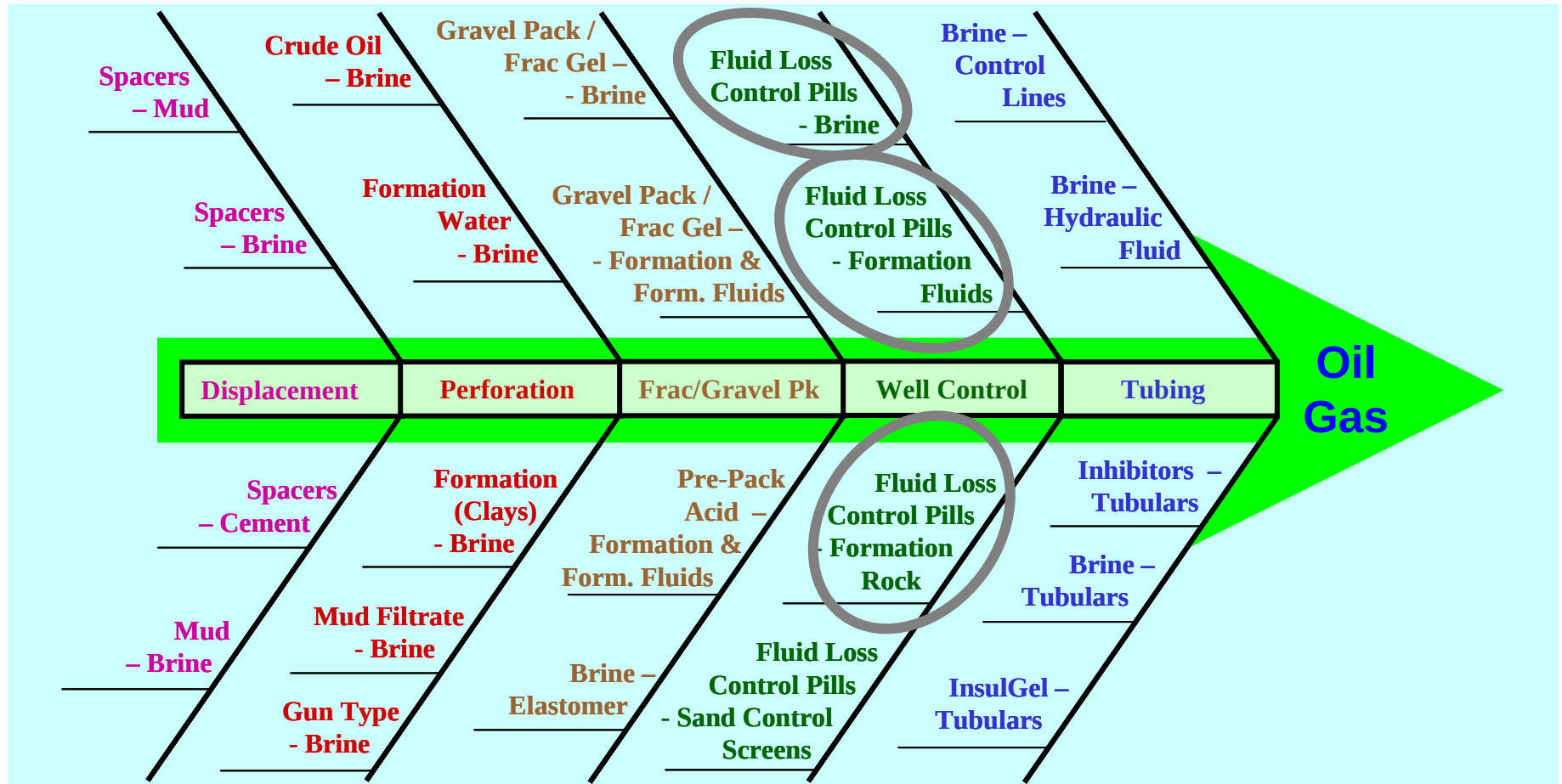
Case History #4

Packer Plug Retrieval Tool

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Darcy's Law: Linear Flow

$$Q = [K A (p_e - p_{wf})] / [\mu L]$$

Where:

Q = Production rate in liters/sec

K = Permeability, mD

P_e = Reservoir pressure, atm

P_{wf} = Flowing wellbore pressure, atm

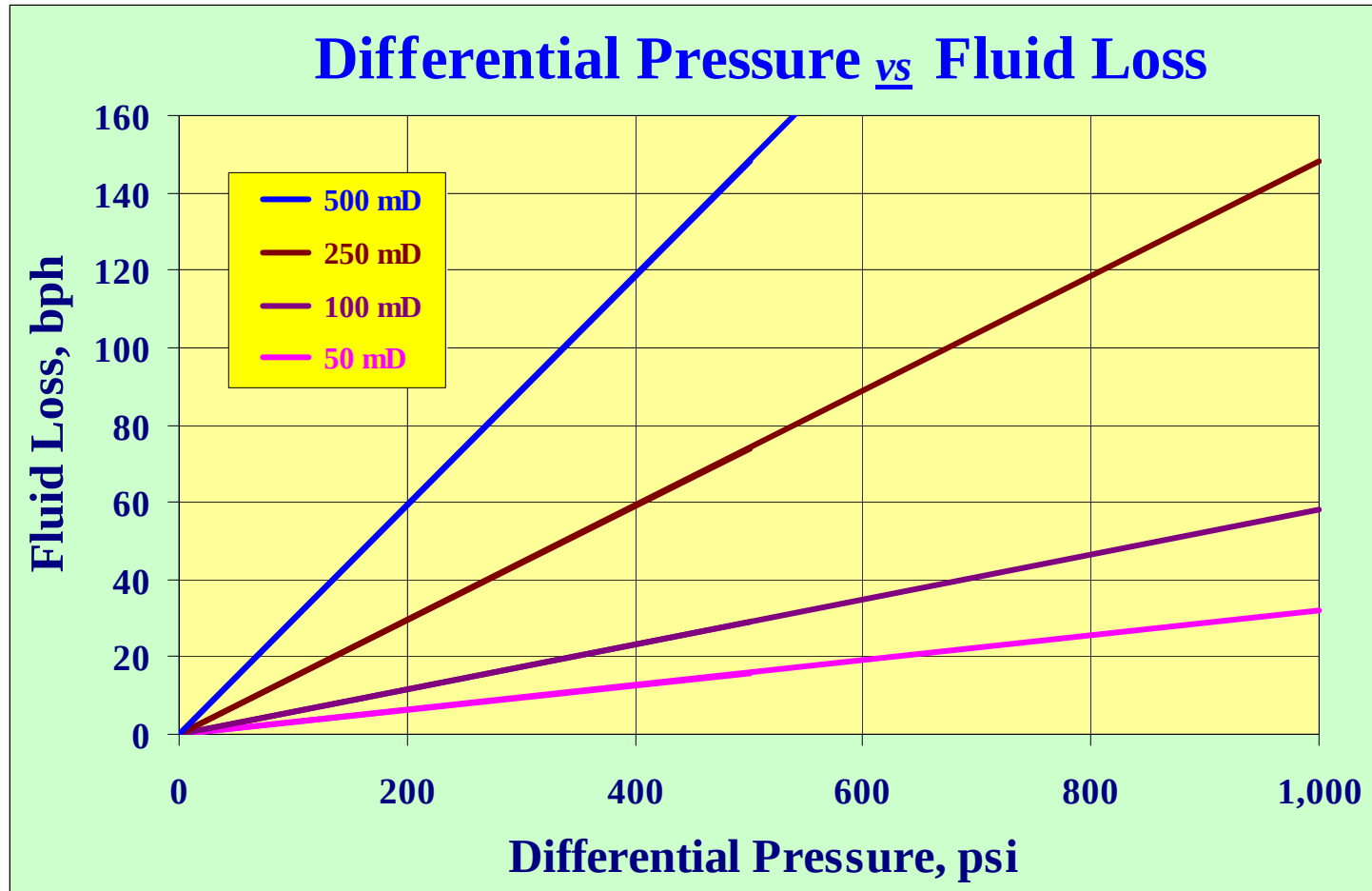
μ = Viscosity in cP

A = Surface area in cm²

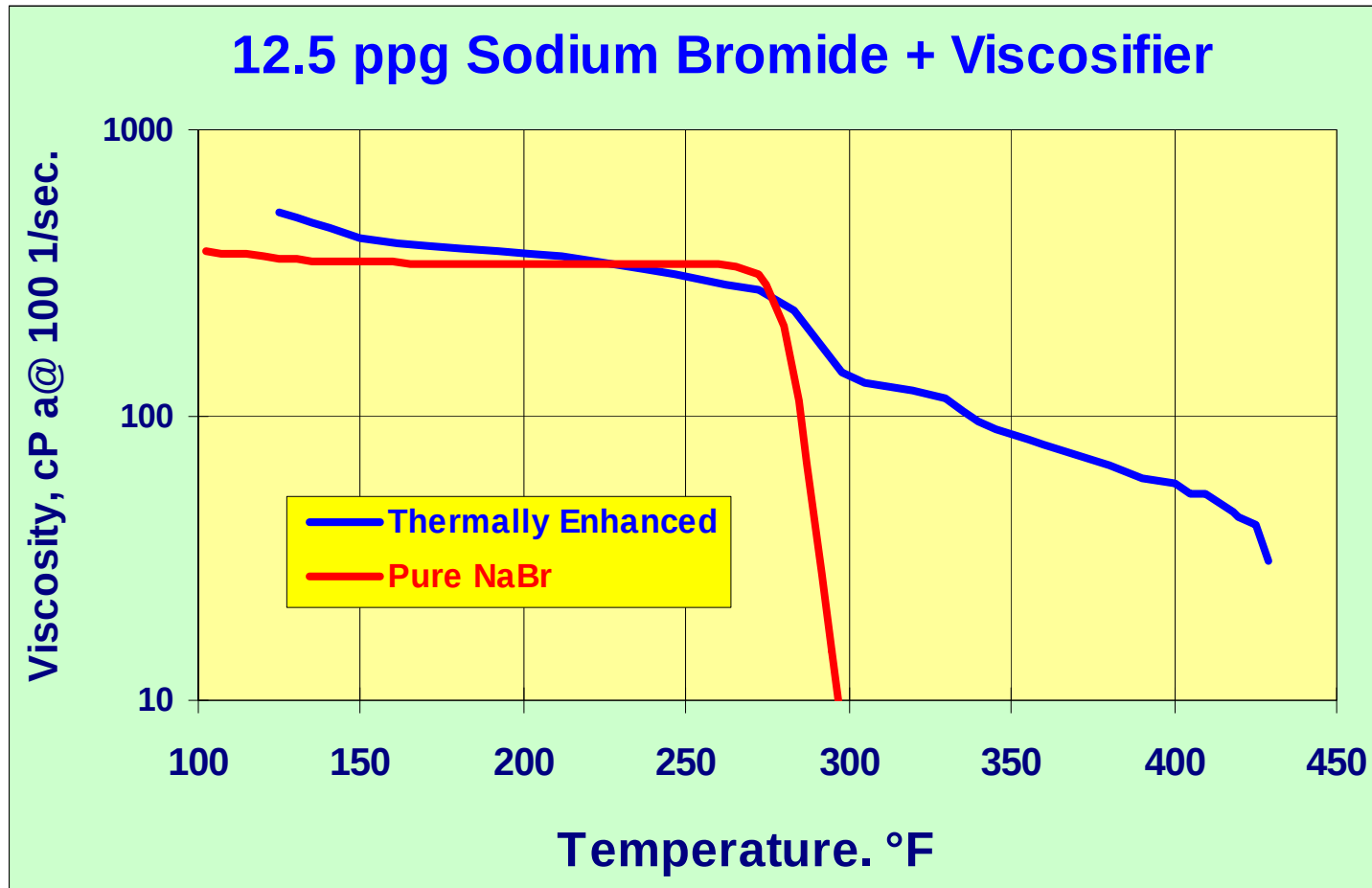
L = Length in cm

Radial Flow: $Q = 7.082 K H (P_e - P_{wf}) / [\beta \mu (\ln (r_e/r_w)) + S]$

Effect of Differential Pressure



Non-Cross-Linked Solids-Free Fluid Loss Control Pills



Sized Solid FLC Materials

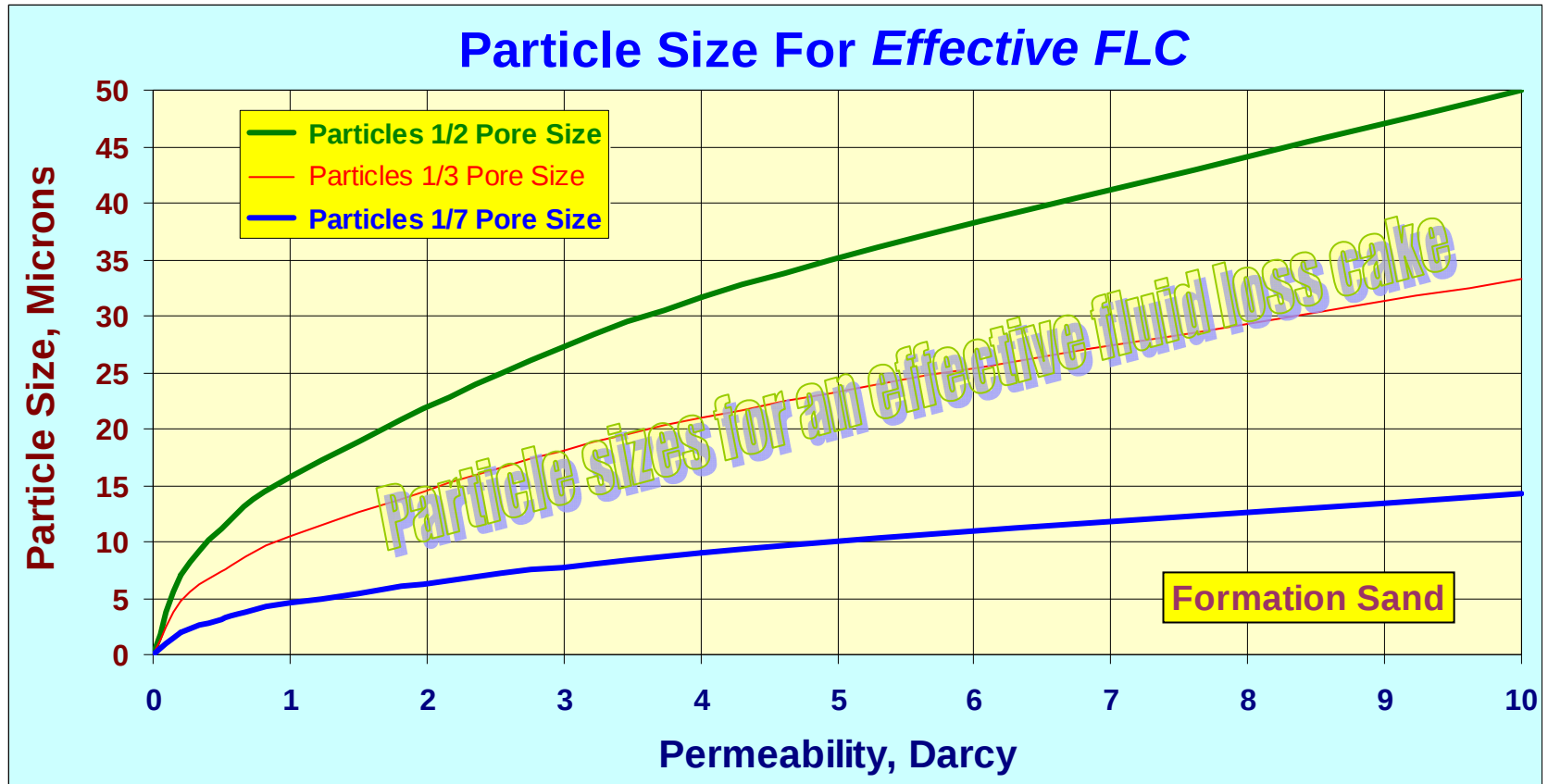
Calcium Carbonate, CaCO_3

Salt, NaCl

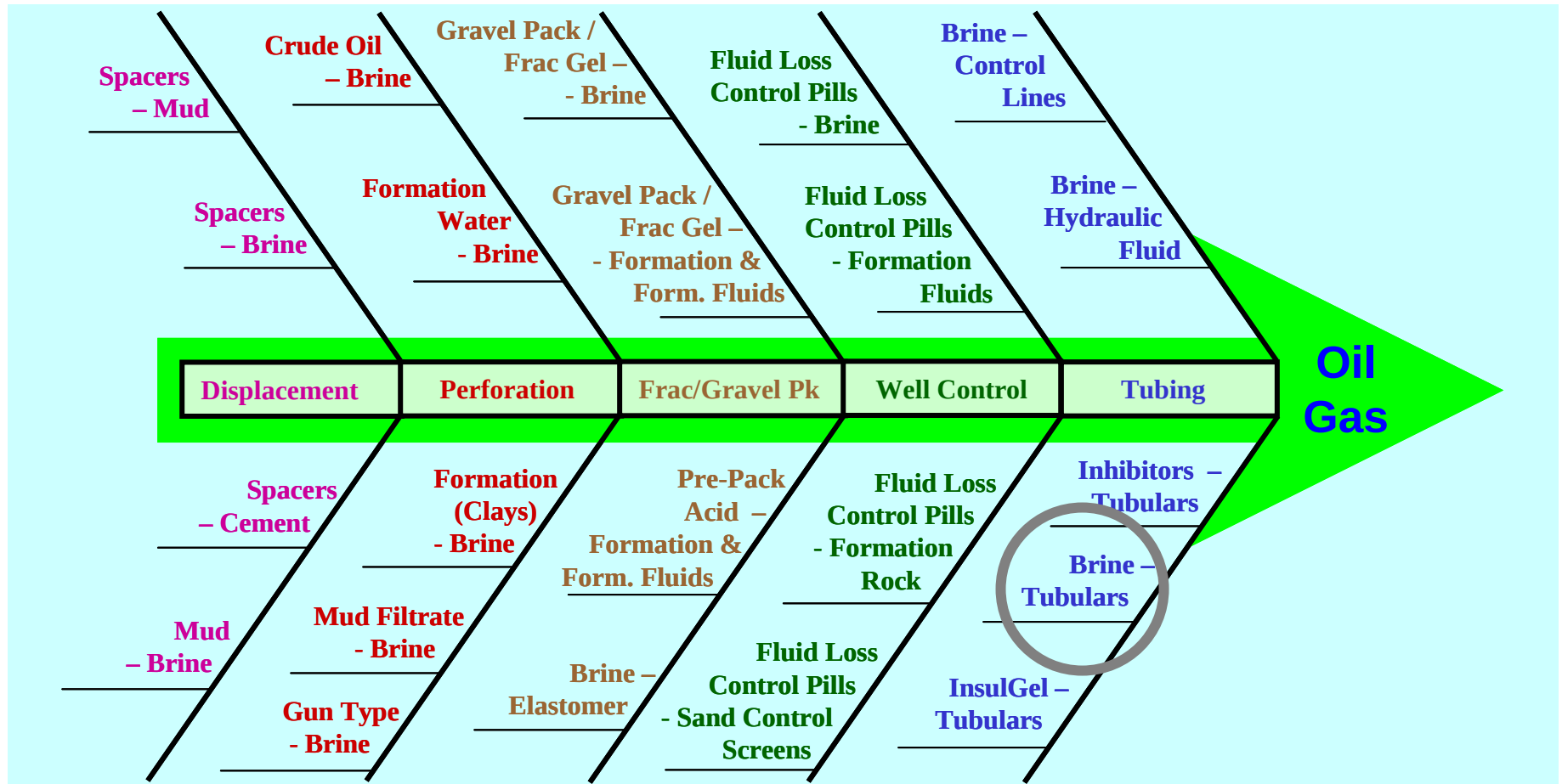
Oil Soluble Resins

Solid Bridging Materials

Against Formations



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Brine Corrosion Rates

N-80 Steel, 30 Days, MPY, No Inhibitor

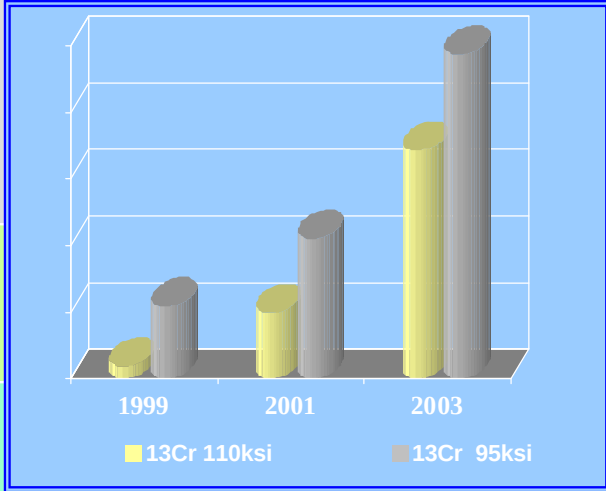
Brine Type	Density (ppg)	70°F	150°F	250°F	300°F	350°F
NaCl	10.0	0.5	1.5	0.2	0.1	0.1
NaCl/NaBr	11.2	0.4	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.1
NaBr	12.4	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
CaCl ₂	11.6	0.1	0.2	0.7	0.9	1.9
CaCl ₂ /CaBr ₂	13.6	0.3	0.9	1.6	1.6	3.0
CaCl ₂ /CaBr ₂	15.1	0.1	0.5	2.4	2.9	6.6

Corrosion Data, Zinc Based Brines

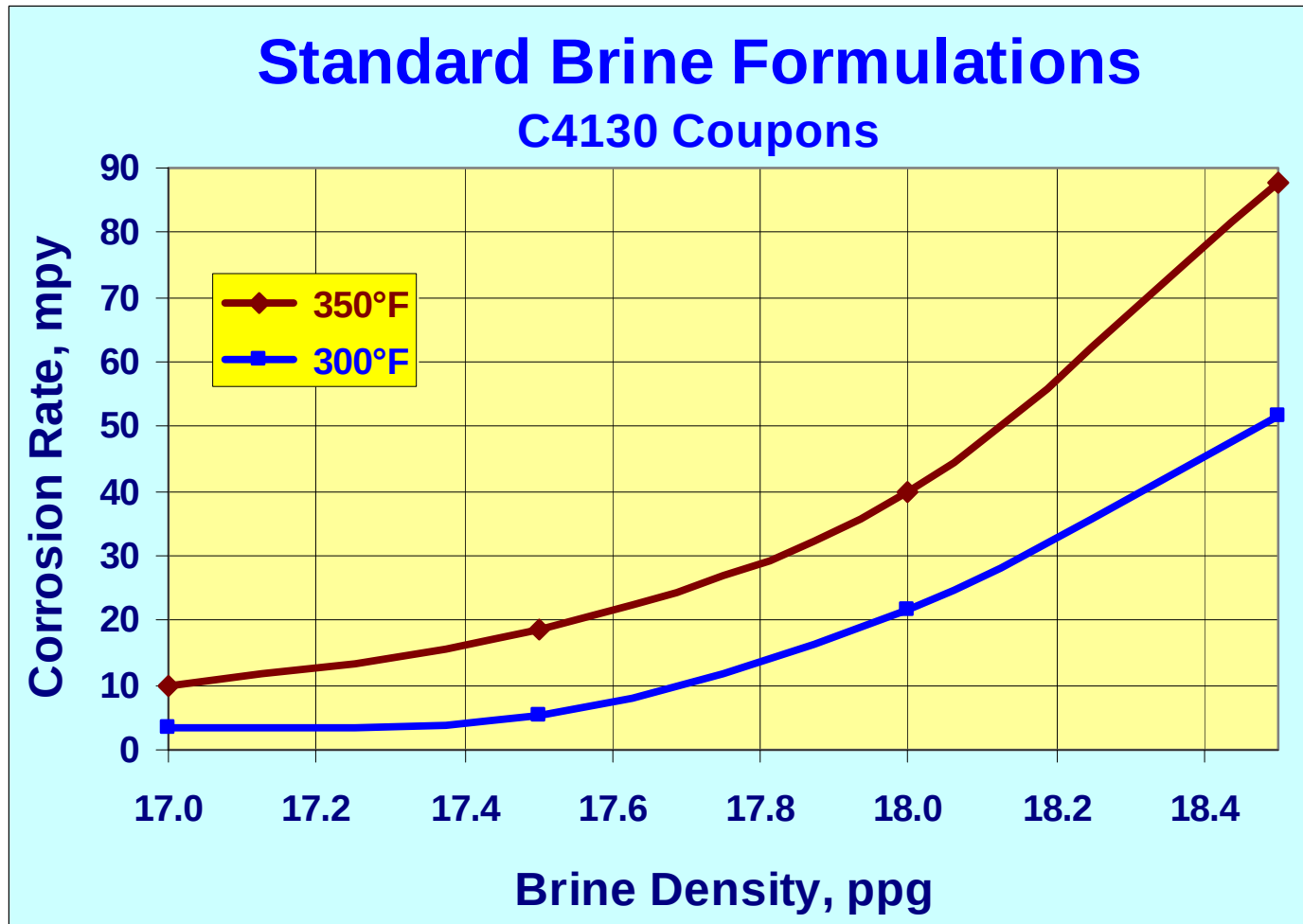
N-80 Steel, MPY, Inhibited with NaSCN

HyCal III Density (ppg)	250°F 30 Days	350°F 30 Days	400°F 180 Days
15.5	1.9	7.1	1.6
16.5	1.2	7.6	3.1
17.5	5.3	7.9	5.7
18.5	2.4	9.9	6.2

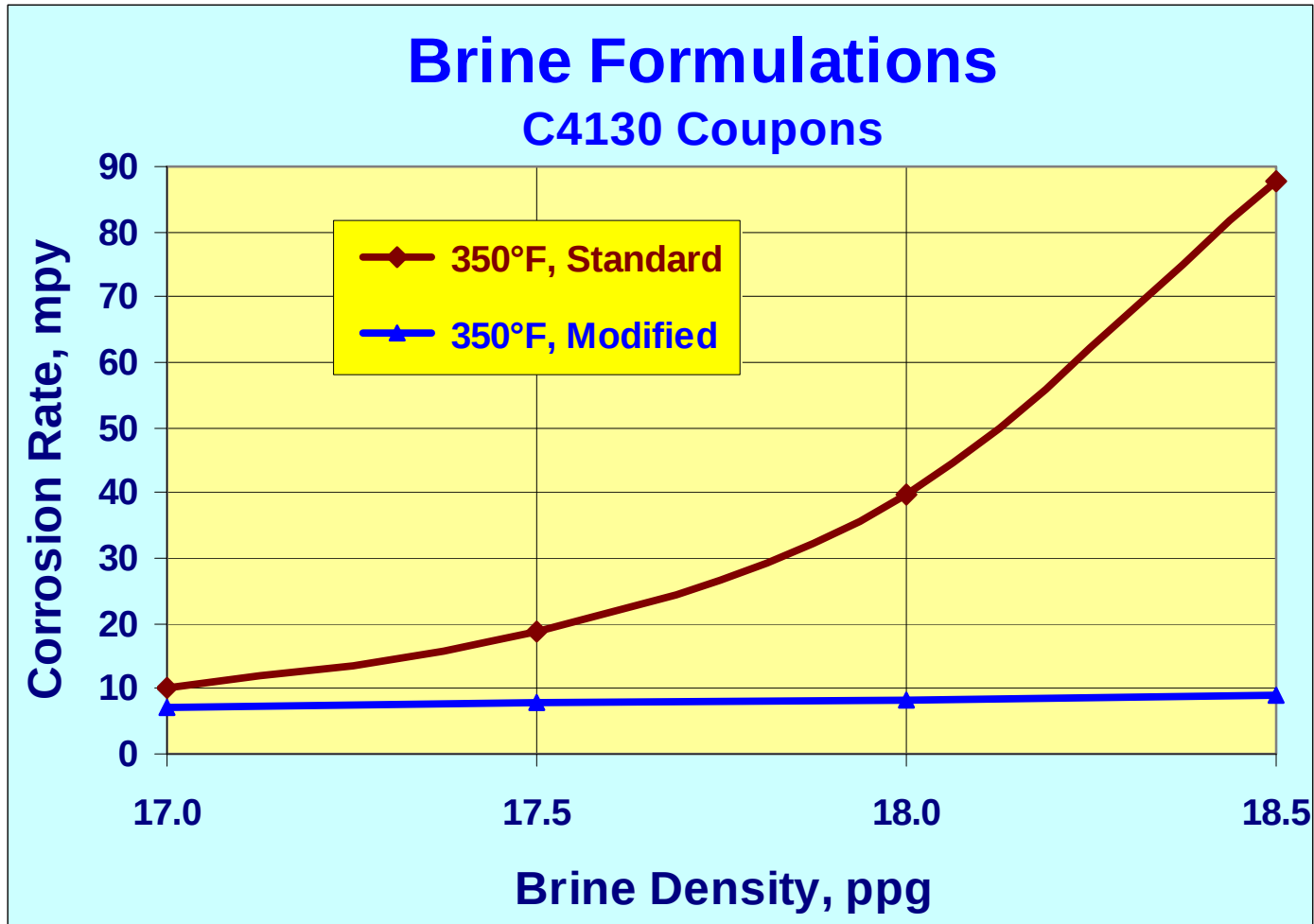
Casing & Tubular Applications

Mild Environment	J-55 N-80 P-110		
SSC concerns (medium PSI & temp.)	L-80 C-90		
SSC concerns (high PSI & temp.)	C-100 C-110		
Wet CO ₂	13% Chrome & 0-5% Ni & 0-2% Mo		
Wet CO ₂ & little H ₂ S	22-25% Chrome & 5-7% Ni & ~3% Mo		
More Corrosive Environments	16-25% Chrome & 35-60% Ni & 3-16% Mo		

Standard Uninhibited Zinc-Based Brines



Advancement for Zinc-Based Brines



Iron Pillar

On the outskirts of Delhi, this 7.3 meter high pillar was forged from a great number of hammered billets over 1,600 years ago.

It is 6.5 tons of 99.72% pure iron.
48 cm diameter tapers to 29 cm at the top.

It shows no sign of corrosion.

Iron Pillar



“Misawite”, a compound of iron, oxygen and hydrogen, forms the protective shield.

Protective film has grown just one-twentieth of a millimeter thick.



Questions

