



Gas Condensate Wells Simulation to Optimize Well Flow Performance Using Tubing Equations Coupled with Inflow-Performance-Relation (IPR) Curve

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Abstract

Wells performance is evaluated by IPR curves that show the relationship between bottomhole pressure and inflow rate. This curve and its outcome equation can be applied for production schedule and maintenance management of well and reservoir. But, the measuring of bottomhole pressure to approach these curves needs much time and high expenses and also running special tools in wells. In these operations, the probability of catastrophic failure such as well damage or well complete lost may exist. However, these difficulties in offshore wells like production platform in the South Pars gas field that are installed tens kilometers far from lands are harder than any places. Therefore, nowadays by considering these difficulties, there is a high tendency for using wellhead test data that are very inexpensive as well as these data are less accurate than in well data. Moreover, pressure drop due to the existence of gas condensate in well fluid causes the flow regime to be more complicated. Wide researches have been applied to two-phase flow pressure drop in the wellbore and a lot of equations are considered. Anyhow, these equations and their accuracy should be studied in each special case. In this study that is on the south Pars gas condensate field wells, widespread of equations are utilized for calculation of pressure drop in the tubing and they are applied for tubing performance curve as well. In the south pars field wells, the well data of bottomhole pressure are not being measured during production. In this paper, we try to calculate bottomhole pressure by using PIPESIM software and simulating re-

servoier fluid and wellbore. For calculating this pressure, with the combination of effective conditions, the best equation of flow regime in that well will be selected. Eventually, by simulation of the reservoir fluid, different parameters like in well performance and proper tubing size is calculated.

Subject Areas

Chemical Engineering & Technology, Mechanical Engineering, Mineral Engineering, Software Engineering

Keywords

Bottomhole Pressure, Inflow Rate, IPR Curve, Wellhead Data, Gas Condensate Well

1. Introduction

Well performance equations are written based on the well bottomhole pressure and flow rate, but measured bottomhole pressure required time, cost and great equipment. This graph is applied to estimate the well production and production planning for the wells and reservoir management. The main challenge to obtain this graph or inflow performance relation (IPR) is well bottomhole pressure measurement which deals with some main problems.

Pressure drop due to the gas condensate in wells causes complexity of the gas condensate wells flow.

Extensive research on two-phase flow pressure drop in the well column is done and some equations are proposed in this case. However, these equations and their accuracy must be checked for any special case. The study is done on the wells of South Pars gas condensate field. A wide variety of these equations that applied in calculating the pressure drop in the tubing is applied to obtain tubing performance curve.

One of the important parameters in the design of multiphase flow pipeline is determining the number of phases in the system while the process of transmission and distribution, respectively. To investigate and describe multiphase fluid phase behavior, we need to accurately understand and recognize hydrocarbon's phase diagrams (multi-component systems). So that the incorrect results of predicting multiphase fluid phase behavior cause the unacceptable design of the transfer system, separation system, and other multiphase flow operation.

Normally, when a mixture of oil and gas in a flow pipeline, due to lower density and viscosity of the gas phase than the liquid phase, the gas phase will navigate more quickly. In two-phase flow due to retardation or slow-moving liquid phase to the gas phase is called slippage [1]. Research carried out by Orkiszewski [2] showed that the following factors are effective on the large slippage between the phases of two-phase flows inside the pipelines: 1) resistance or irreversible energy loss from friction against the flow direction of the gas phase to

the liquid phase is much lower, and this makes higher gas phase transfer to the liquid phase in the two-phase flow, even in the absence of strong buoyancy forces, 2) the difference between the density of gas and liquid phases causes the gas phase expands and move at higher speeds and slips on liquid phase. This condition occurs when the pressure of the fluid reduces in the flow direction, 3) slip between liquid and gas phases by the difference in buoyancy forces acting on the phases is promoted in a way that in a resident intermediate liquid, the lighter phase tends to rise at a speed proportional to the phase density difference. Research carried out by Lage and Time [3] showed that most of the theories and relations in two-phase flow were based on the slippage consideration, but some of these relations were based on and taking into account the hypothesis of no slip between phases (homogeneous flow model) have been developed.

Some quantities at the two-phase flow due to the difference in speed between the two phases may have retardation which is a point function. In general, retardation of liquid is called hold up which defined as the ratio of the volume occupied by the fluid (including the volume of liquid and gas) to the total tube volume.

Consultants for expression of physical properties of a fluid based on pure components, the compositional fluid model is applied. So the separation of fluid phase equilibria and homogeneous properties by blending properties of its components, are determined. The accuracy of this model depends on the accuracy in determining the properties of pure components constituting the fluid.

The most important characteristic of two-phase flows is the interface between the gas and liquid phases with the common different shapes. There is the possibility of the existence of an infinite range of different interfaces between two phases. But generally, the effect of surface tension between two phases leads to the creation of curved interfaces that ultimately all of them are into spherical shapes (such as drops and bubbles). There are several flow regime or flow pattern in vertical, horizontal or inclined flow such as bubble or slug flow.

Many relations were applied to predict two-phase flow pressure drop in flow lines in the last decades. The only correct way to predict empirical evaluation of the two-phase pressure drop is compared the predicted pressure drop with measurement or practical pressure drop (in fields). Evaluation of empirical equations of pressure drop was conducted by several researchers. All of these comparative studies are generally preferred method proposed by researchers.

A group of researchers including Brill-Lawson and Vohra *et al.*, examined nine empirical relations using field data from 726 wells follows as below: 1—Poettmann, Carpenter [4], 2—Baxendell, Thomas [6], 3—Duns, Ros [7], 4—Fancher, Brown [11], 5—Hagedorn, Brown [8], 6—Orkiszewski [2], 7—Beggs, Brill [12], 8—Aziz *et al.* [13], 9—Chierici *et al.* (1974).

It should be noted that all these researchers have applied the same empirical relations to predict and calculate phase properties in all these methods. For comparison the results of this study, the parameters of the mean deviation (*APD*) and standard deviation (*SD*) are applied as follows:

$$APD = \sum_{i=1}^n e_i / n \quad (1)$$

$$SD = \left[\sum_{i=1}^n (e_i - APD)^2 / (n-1) \right]^{0.5} \quad (2)$$

In the above relations, “ n ” is the total number of data related to pressure drop and deviation, “ e_i ” can be determined by the following equation:

$$e = 100 \left(\frac{\Delta P_1 - \Delta P_2}{\Delta P_1} \right) \quad (2)$$

Table 1 demonstrates the result of the deviation of the methods.

According to **Table 1**, it is observed that all these methods with the exception of Aziz *et al.* [13], led to the prediction of excessive amounts of pressure, and the only Hagedorn-Brow method [8], gives more acceptable results than other methods.

For gas condensate reservoirs usually, the Duns and Ros [7], Gray, Ansari, and Govier Aziz Fogorasi relations are applied. The relations Govier Aziz Fogorasi is the first relation to study the pressure drop in gas condensate production wells which has been developed. The Gary relation (Shell Company) for vertical flow of gas and condensate with the higher gas volume than condensate system is developed to. Gray relation is limited to less than 3.5 inch diameter pipe and condensate ratio less than 50 bbl/mmscf. Also in the modified Gray relation, Reynolds number and the roughness of the pipe was corrected. Hasan and Kabir by using the West Africa field data and field data collected by Govier Fogorasi investigated the Aziz *et al.*, Gray, and Ansari relations and non-slippage flow and finally calculated bottomhole pressure with the help of wellhead pressure. Hasan and Kabir proposed that Gray relation and analytical Ansari model during foggy conditions tend to homogeneous model and bottomhole pressure can be obtained from both models with the lower error.

One of the applications of well performance modeling is related to well’s cement performance as Carey *et al.* [23] work that Analysis and performance of oil

Table 1. Deviations results of predicted correlations for pressure drop calculations (Lawson Brill 1974).

Method	Mean deviation percent	Standard deviation
Poettmann, Carpenter	-107.3	195.7
Baxendell, Thomas	-108.3	195.1
Fancher, Brown	-5.5	36.1
Duns, Ros	-15.4	50.2
Hagedorn, Brown	-1.3	26.1
Orkiszewski	-8.6	35.7
Beggs, Brill	-17.8	27.6
Aziz <i>et al.</i>	+8.2	34.7
Chierici <i>et al.</i>	+42.8	43.9

well cement with 30 years of CO₂ exposure from the SACROC Unit, West Texas, USA was obtained. Related to hydraulic fractured wells, Fan and Thompson [24] after integration of all available data, they built the stimulated well's simulation models with multistage hydraulic fracture treatments. This model investigates parameters relating to well performance including 1) pore pressure, 2) matrix rock quality, 3) natural fractures, 4) hydraulic fractures, and 5) complex fracture networks. By history-matching of observed production, the primary factors for creating good early well performance were identified. Also, Miller, Jenkins, and Rai [25] modeled a new production technique to obtain fracture characterization, reservoir properties, and well performance in shale gas reservoirs. Recently, Ghahri *et al.* [26] have developed a new and simple model to simulate the horizontal wells productivity. They have considered the phase change around the horizontal wells which causes the relative permeabilities of the both condensate and gas phases. Therefore, they can simulate the fluid flow as well as the productivity around the horizontal wells, and they have developed an in-house simulator to numerically simulate the productivity of the horizontal wells, as well. Also, Hekmatzadeh and Gerami [27] have presented a new and fast analytical approach to predict the production profile in the gas condensate wells. They have applied the material balance and pseudo-pressure integral equations to develop the desired approach. Their analytical approach is able to exactly predict the plateau time as well as the high-velocity flow near the wellbore phenomena in the gas condensate wells. Totally, flow equations through the wellbore as well as the tubing construct the inflow and tubing models of the gas condensate wells productivity. However, many researchers have studied on the surface models of the gas condensate reservoirs such as chock model or separator model. Ejraei Bakyani *et al.* [28] have proposed a simple simulator to thermodynamically design a separator model in the gas condensate reservoirs.

In this paper, the best tubing equation compatible with the empirical data has been chosen as the Tubing-Performance-Relation (TPR). Also, the Rawlins and Schellhardt inflow equation compatible with the empirical data has been chosen as the IPR. By applying the sensitivity analysis on the most effective parameters, the best coupled IPR-TPR model has been proposed as a semi-empirical model to optimize the flow equation through the gas condensate wells.

2. Methodology

This simulation steps are carried out as follows. **Figure 1** shows the flowchart.

- 1) Getting the required data for the simulator run.
- 2) Plot pressure gradient through the well based on the different pressure gradient relations.
- 3) Plot pressure gradient through the well based on the measured pressure gradient data obtained from the PSP.
- 4) Compare the pressure gradient curves obtained from steps 2 and 3.
- 5) Select a best or accurate relation has the best fit on PSP data as the optimum

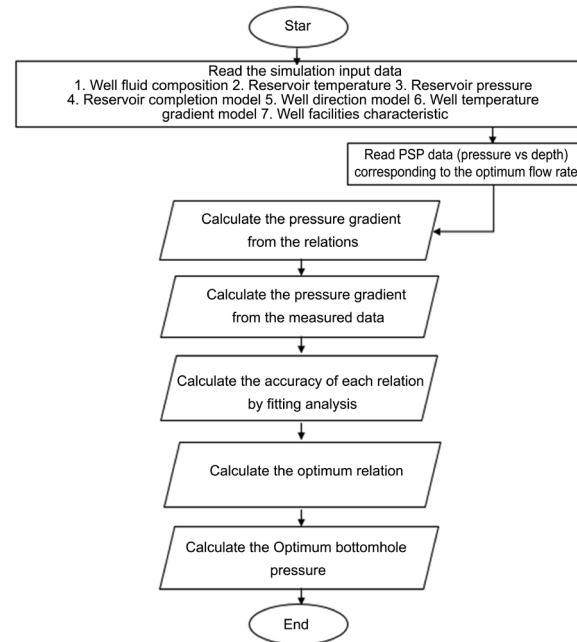


Figure 1. Simulation flowchart.

pressure gradient relation.

6) Calculate the bottomhole pressure from the selective optimum pressure gradient relation.

7) Calculate the well head pressure from the corresponding calculated bottomhole pressure.

8) Plot the IPR and Tubing-Performance-Relation (TPR) curves and obtain the required parameters including optimum production rate.

9) Change some parameters in order to see their impact on bottomhole pressure.

Table 2 demonstrates the pressure gradient relations used in the simulation.

Simulation of reservoir fluids properties is usually the most accurate method for analysis of reservoir fluids characteristic, especially in the wet gas systems, condensate, and volatile oil. So, in any case to accurate whether information about reservoir fluids is low available for production engineers, equation of state is the best choice. The ideal gas law is accurate for gas systems in low pressure and or high temperature. But for some gas systems, such as gas condensate reservoirs with high pressure and temperature, it is so inaccurate. As a result, more accurate equations of state of gases and condensate have been developed. The equations that are applied in the simulation study are Viscosity equation of state, multi flash, and sis flash. Sis flash test includes two and three parameter Peng-Robinson (PR) equation of state. Multi flash test also includes PR, BWRS, SRK, standard PR, and standard SRK. In this paper we utilize the multi flash equations of state, PR equation of state, which are more flexible than other groups. Also, in viscosity calculation by two LBC and Pedersen method, Pedersen method is used because of lower sensitivity to used equation of state than LBC

Table 2. Pressure gradient relations applied in the simulation.

Group equations				Relation groups
Beggs & Brill revised	Beggs & Brill original	Ansari		
Gray (modified)	Govier Aziz & Fogarasi	Duns & Ros		
Hagedorn & Brown, Duns & Ros map	Hagedorn & Brown	Gray(original)	Bja	
Orkiszewski	No Slip Assumption	Mukherjee & Brill Tulsa University Fluid Flow Projects (TUFFP)		
Govier, Aziz	Duns & Ros	Beggs & Brill		
Mukherjee & Brill	Hagedorn & Brown (original)	Hagedorn & Brown (Revised)	Tulsa	
		Orkiszewski		
SRTCA three-phase (with WO dispersion-experts only)	SRTCA three-phase (standard)	SRTCA two-phase	Shell Flow Correlation	
SRTCA two-phase slugging & slug DP	SRTCA two-phase slugging	SRTCA two-phase	Shell SRTCA & Artificial slug correlations (version 1.1 1999)	
	SRTCA three-phase & water-oil dispersion	SRTCA three-phase		
GZM-GASPKG gas/condensate systems	GZM-CO ₂ PKG CO ₂ rich systems	GZM-NEWPRS oil systems	Shell SIEP correlations August 2000	
	SHELLFLO-Harmonized WTC/SRTCA	MMSM-Moreland Mobil Shell Method		

method. In 55% - 70% water production is called the cutoff point. The emulsion viscosity is calculated by volume ratio method.

Based on flow data analysis for a large number of gas wells have been obtained from Rawlins and Schellhardt (1936), a relationship between gas flow rate (Q_{SC}) and squared pressure drop, reservoir pressure (P_R) and well flow pressure (P_{wf}), that can be expressed as follows: [29]

$$Q_{SC} = C(P_R^2 - P_{wf}^2)^n \quad (4)$$

The variable “ n ” represents the excessive fluid pressure drop due to high gas velocity or turbulence effect and may range from 1 to laminar flow and to 0.5 for turbulent flow and variable “ C ” in the above equation related to reservoir rock properties, reservoir fluid properties, and reservoir geometry.

In gas condensate reservoirs, the annular-mist flow regime is more common. In this paper the Turner drops model is applied for the simulation of condensate drops flow around and within the well. Within the well, gas velocity causes a drag force acting on the drops. If drag force resulted by gas velocity is equal to gravity force of drop, gas velocity is called critical gas velocity. In velocity lower

than critical velocity, drops fall and we can see liquid loading phenomenon in the wellbore, and in velocity higher than critical velocity, drops rise. **Figure 2** shows the Turner drop model of the simulation [30] [31].

3. Results and Discussion

The information needed to build a simulation model in the software environment should be investigated.

The measured depths of facilities in the simulated well N1 are considered as 309.67, 2061, and 2725 for SSSV, tubing, and liner, respectively.

Table 3 demonstrates PSP data obtained practically related to the simulated well N1.

For simulation, PVT properties of the reservoir fluids which are showed in **Table 4** are tuned by PVTi software. Gravity of the reservoir fluid is 40.36 API.

Finally, relations in the software is used to calculate pressure drop with the help of main required input data for the well pressure drop simulation as **Table 4**.

3.1. Select the Optimum Relation

At first **Figure 3** shows the plots of the different pressure gradient relations as well as the measured data pressure gradient in three flow rates which are reported in PSP data and the corresponding wellhead pressures.

According to the above figures, it is obvious that Hagedorn & Brown (original) relation has the best fit or the lower error (**Table 5**).

3.2. Optimum Relation Sensitivity Analysis

Varying the friction factor and the holdup factor parameters are to reduce the error of the Hagedorn & Brown (original) pressure gradient relation that this relation is not sensitive to these two parameters. **Table 6** demonstrates the the results of the sensitivity analysis.

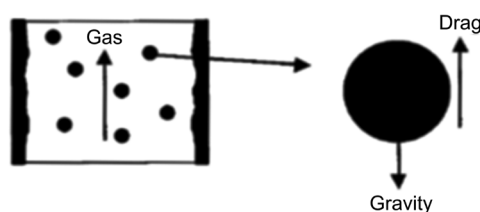


Figure 2. Turner drop model scheme.

Table 3. PSP data related to the simulated well N1.

Depth (m)	Q (MMSCFD)	Pwh (Psia)	Twh (F)	Pwf (Psia)
2725	82	3440	181.04	4378
2725	57	3525	179.96	4424
2725	33	3624	139.46	4488

Table 4. Required input data for the well pressure drop simulation.

Well Fluid Composition	Comp.	Mole %	Molecular Weight	Specific Weight
	H ₂ S	0.2	34.076	
	CO ₂	2.2	44.01	
	N ₂	3.0	28.013	
	C ₁	78.9	16.043	
	C ₂	7.2	30.07	
	C ₃	3.4	44.097	
	IC ₄	0.1	58.124	
	NC ₄	0.4	58.124	
	IC ₅	0.318	72.151	
	NC ₅	0.8882	72.151	
	C ₆	0.5975	84	0.685
	FR ₁	1.3471	107.34	0.73937
	FR ₂	0.8904	146.11	0.78182
	FR ₃	0.5588	222.47	0.8431
Reservoir Pressure-P _r (Psia)			4555.39	
Reservoir Temperature-T _r (F)			215	
Well Performance Model or Reservoir Model			Fetkovich	
Well Completion Model			Cased-hole	
Well Direction Model (m)			Actual Depth = 2725 Measured Depth = 2725 No Inclination Vertical Well	
Temperature Gradient Model			Hagedorn & Brown (original)	
Bottomhole Facilities Model			Packer, Production Casing, Tubing, ...	
Pressure Drop Calculation Optimum Model			Plot Pressure vs. Depth	

Table 5. Errors of Hagedorn & Brown (original) pressure gradient relation based on the measured data pressure gradient.

Well Number	WHP from PSP (Psia)	WHP from Correlation (Psia)	Gas Rate (MMSCFD)	Math Correlation	Er %
#1	3440	3443.6	82	Hagedorn & Brown (original)	0.1
#1	3525	3570.8	57	Hagedorn & Brown (original)	1.3
#1	3624	3663.7	33	Hagedorn & Brown (original)	1.1

Table 6. Results of the sensitivity analysis of the friction factor and the holdup factor on the optimum relation.

Math Correlation	Q (MMSCFD)	Friction Factor	Hold up Factor	WHP from Pipesim (Psia)
Hagedorn & Brown (original)	82	1.5	1	3443.6
Hagedorn & Brown (original)	82	1	1.5	3443.6
Hagedorn & Brown (original)	82	1.5	1.5	3443.6

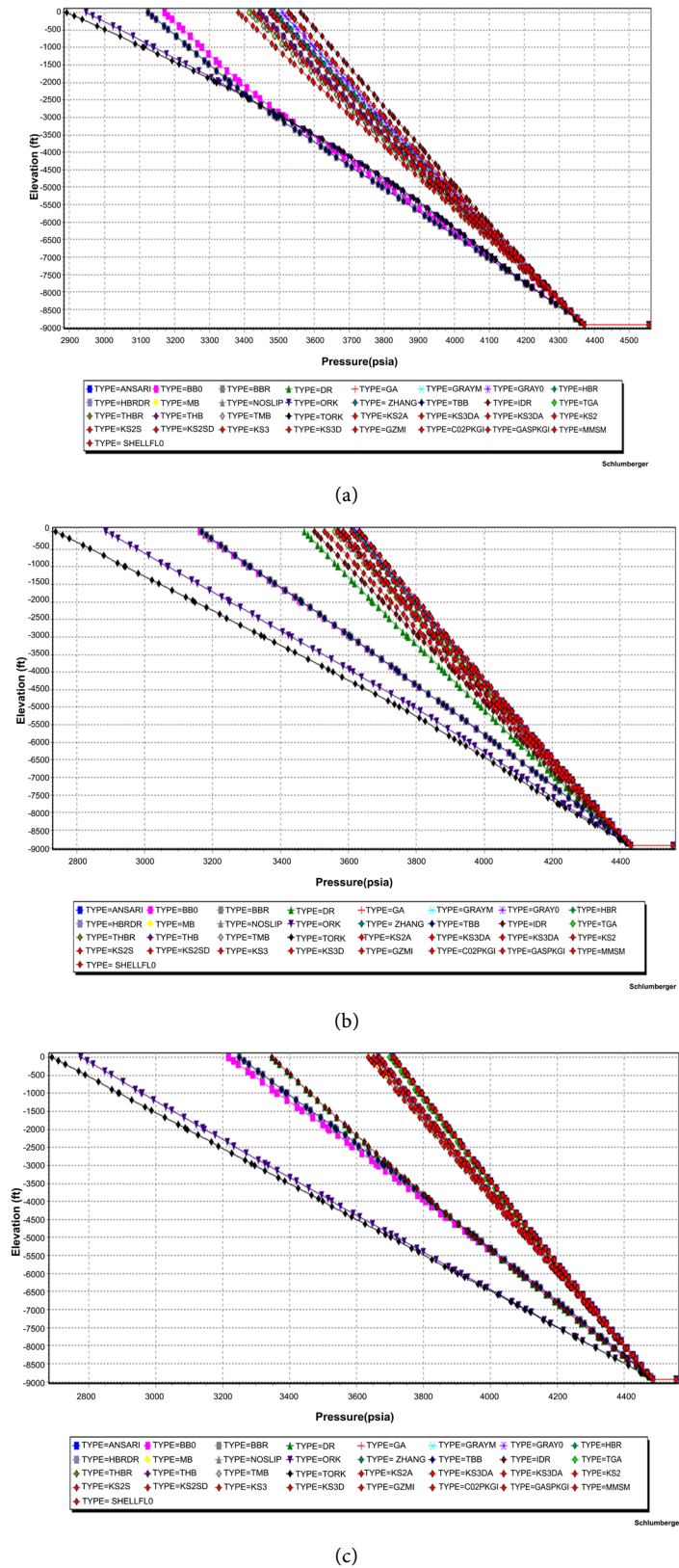


Figure 3. Different pressure gradient relations vs. measured data pressure gradient at (a) 82 MMSCFD rate and 3440 Psia wellhead pressure; (b) 57 MMSCFD rate and 3525 Psia wellhead pressure; and (c) 33 MMSCFD rate and 3624 Psia wellhead pressure.

3.3. Optimum Relation Temperature Gradient

Figure 4 shows the plots of Hagedorn & Brown (original) temperature profile in three flow rates. **Table 7** demonstrates the errors of Hagedorn & Brown (original) temperature profile based on the calculated wellhead temperature.

3.4. Possibility of Two-Phase Flow Formation in the Well Column by the Optimum Relation

Figure 5 shows PVT phase diagram of the model applied in this simulation. **Figure 6** shows the magnified area identified in **Figure 5** to study the formation of two-phase flow. Three flow rates 33, 57, and 82 MMSCFD are selected as well. Accordingly, the reservoir static pressure is above the dew point curve, but the flowing bottomhole pressure for flow rates 57 and 82 MMSCFD is under the dew point curve, showing the formation of two-phase flow in the well column. Also, two-phase flow is formed for flow rate 33 MMSCFD at a depth of 2682 meters.

3.5. Calculate the Optimum Bottomhole Pressure

After the choice of the optimum relation, the optimum bottomhole pressure is calculated with the help of Hagedorn & Brown (Original) and Gray (modified) pressure gradient relations. At first, **Figure 7** shows the credible data chosen by investigating the available wellhead pressure and flow rate.

Now bottomhole pressure can be calculated by Hagedorn & Brown (Original) pressure gradient relation at the various wellhead pressures and flow rates.

Finally, with the help of the calculated bottomhole pressure and according to the log-log plot " $(P_{ws}^2 - P_{wf}^2)$ vs. Q ", the parameters n (-), and c (MMSCFD/Psi²) can be predicted as 0.73395466 and 0.0025888781, respectively. Also, the flow turbulency can be investigated.

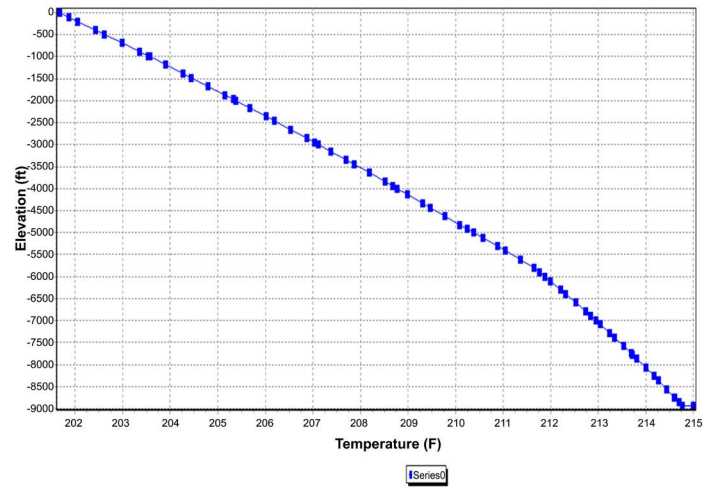
3.6. Sensitivity Analysis

The wellhead pressure as well as the flow rate is applied as input data. **Table 8** demonstrates the sensitivity analysis on the flow rate by 5% variation. Therefore, the sensitivity analysis is done and **Figure 8(a)** shows that the flow rate variation has a low effect on the bottomhole pressure.

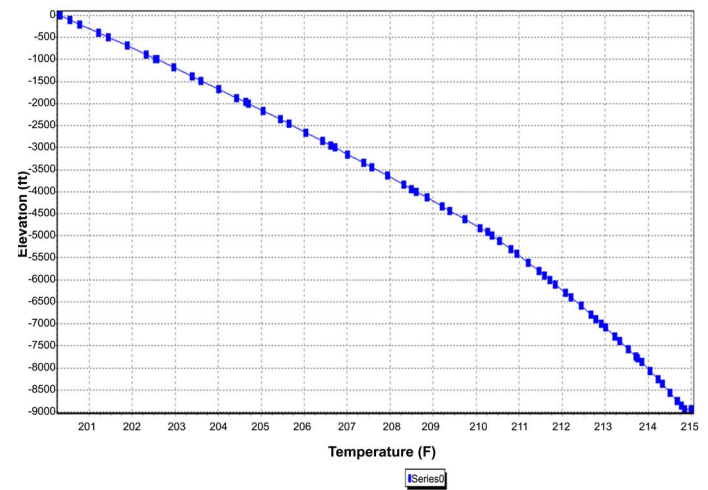
Also, **Table 8** demonstrates the sensitivity analysis applied on the wellhead pressure by 5 % variation. Therefore, the sensitivity analysis is done and **Figure 8(b)** shows that the wellhead pressure variation has a considerable

Table 7. Errors of Hagedorn & Brown (original) temperature profile based on the calculated wellhead temperature.

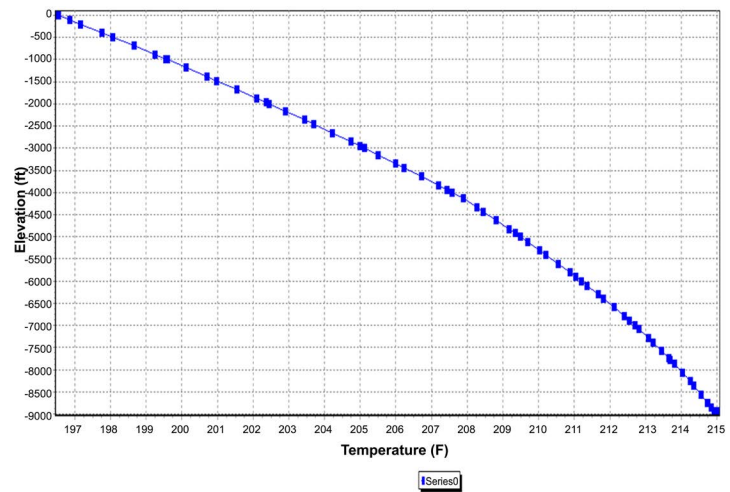
Math Correlation	Gas Rate (MMSCFD)	WHT (F)	WHT from Pipesim (F)	Er %
Hagedorn & Brown (original)	82	181	201.7	11.44
Hagedorn & Brown (original)	57	180	200.3	11.27
Hagedorn & Brown (original)	33	176	196.5	11.64



(a)



(b)



(c)

Figure 4. Hagedorn& Brown (original)temperature profile at (a) 82 MSCFD; (b) 57 MSCFD; and (c) 33 MSCFD.

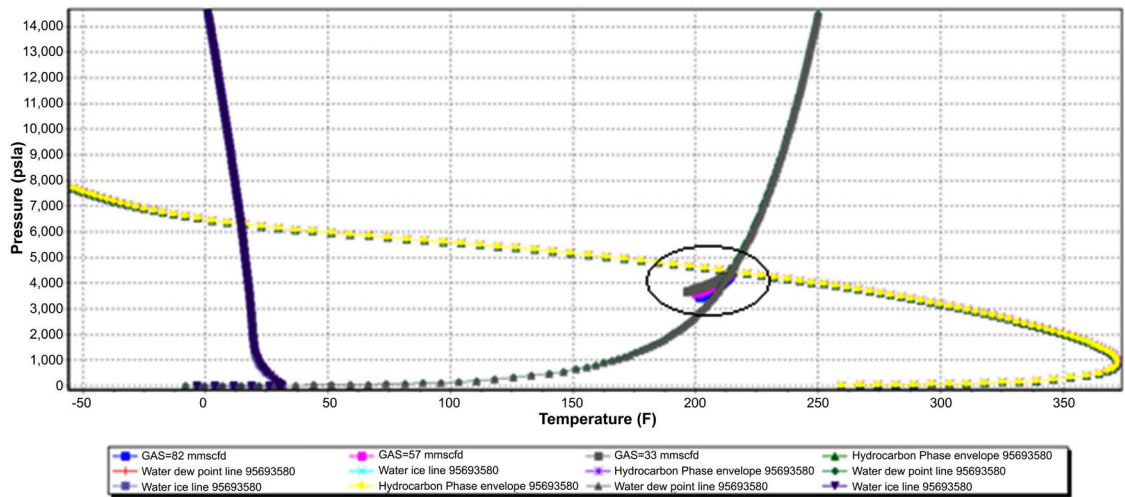


Figure 5. PVT phase diagram of the model applied in the simulation.

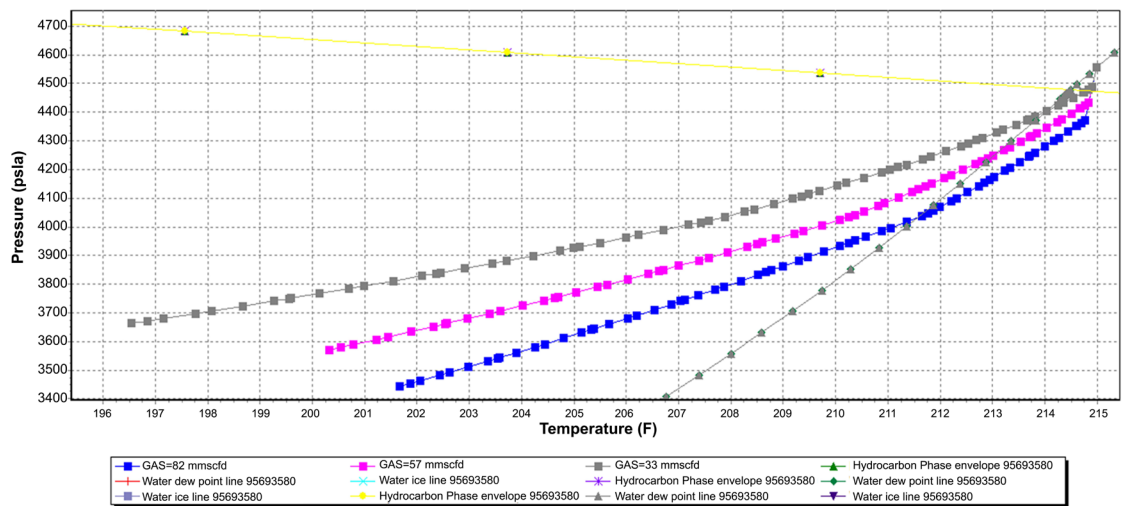


Figure 6. Investigation of two-phase flow formation in the well column at flow rate 33, 57, and 82 MMSCFD.

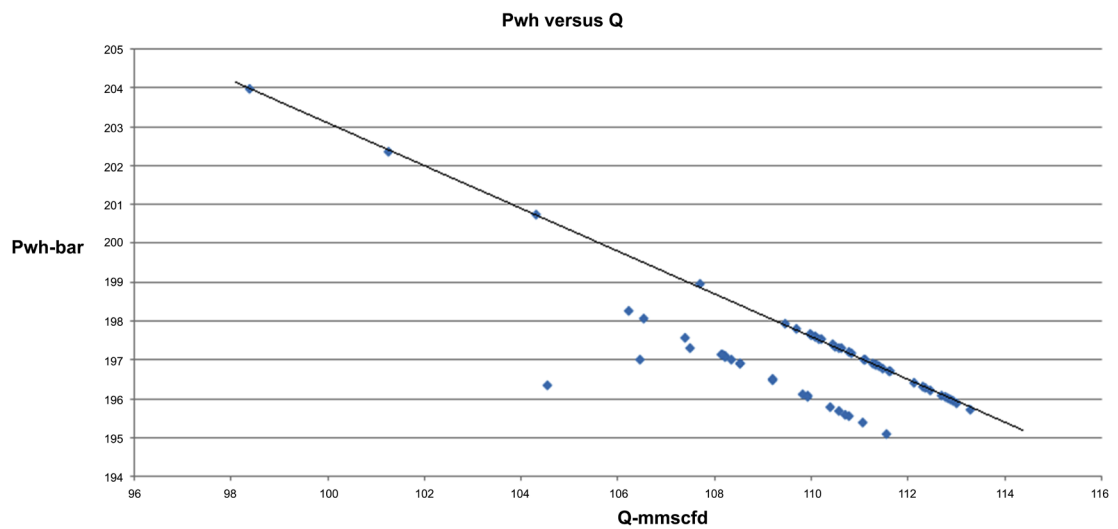


Figure 7. Investigation of the creditability of the wellhead pressure and the flow rate data.

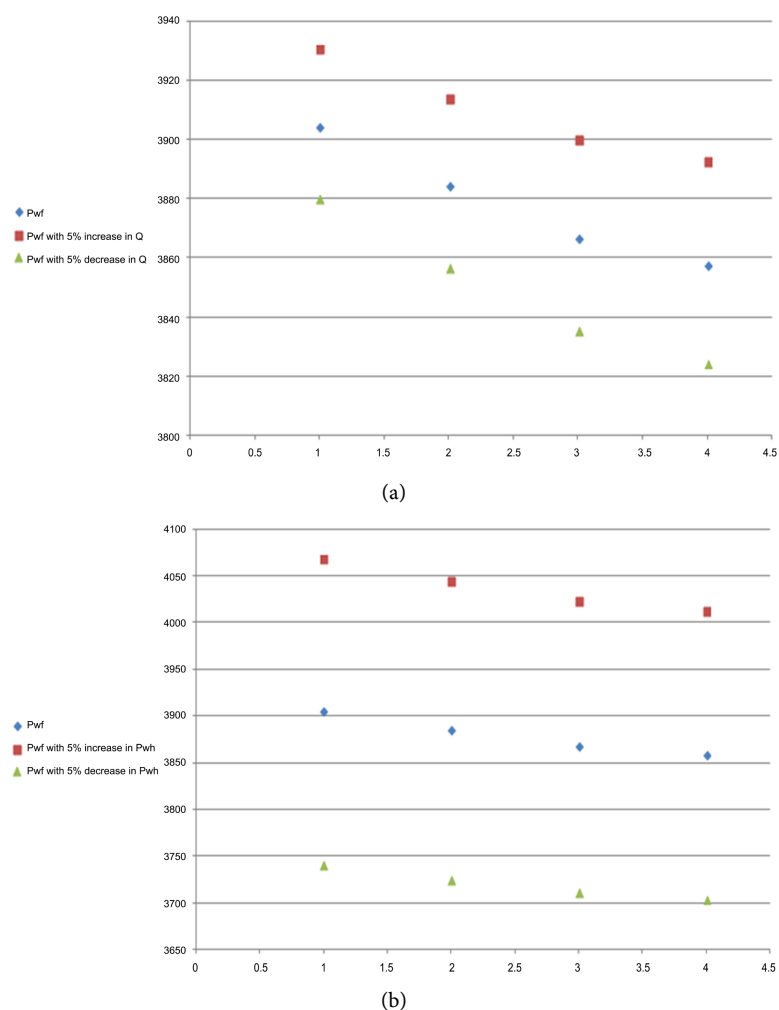


Figure 8. Bottomhole pressure variation by doing a sensitivity analysis on the (a) flow rate and (b) wellhead pressure.

Table 8. Sensitivity analysis by 5 % variation of the flow rate and the wellhead pressure.

Q (MMSCFD) with +5%	Pwh (Psia)	Pwf (Psia)
103.28	2958.5	3930.4
109.48	2912.1	3913.9
115.55	2866.2	3900
118.62	2841.6	3892.5
Q (MMSCFD) with -5%	Pwh (Psia)	Pwf (Psia)
93.44	2958.5	3879.7
99.06	2912.1	3856.5
104.55	2866.2	3835.5
107.32	2841.6	3824.2
Q (MMSCFD)	Pwh (Psia) with +5%	Pwf (Psia)
98.36	3106.425	4068.5
104.27	3057.705	4045.1
110.05	3009.51	4023.9
112.97	2983.68	4012.4

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Q (MMSCFD)	Pwh (Psia) with -5%	Pwf (Psia)
98.36	2810.575	3740.1
104.27	2766.495	3724.3
110.05	2722.89	3710.9
112.97	2699.52	3703.7

effect on the bottomhole pressure. Moreover, by increasing the wellhead pressure, the calculated bottomhole pressure increases.

4. Conclusions

The Hagedorn & Brown (original) pressure gradient relation has the best fit or the lower error in prediction of bottomhole pressure in this gas condensate well study. Therefore, this relation can be applied in other cases with close characteristic and can be replaced with the high time and cost operation. Also, this relation at the higher flow rate has an accurate results in the pressure gradient prediction.

Hagedorn & Brown (original) pressure gradient relation at every flow rate is not sensitive to the friction factor and the holdup factor parameters. Therefore, in any quantities of these parameters or any effects, causing an increase or decrease, doesn't effect on this relation ability to predict the bottomhole pressure.

Hagedorn & Brown (original) pressure gradient relation can be applied to predict the wellhead temperatur. However, at 57 MMSCFD flow rate, the predicted wellhead temperature is more accurate.

Two-phase flow in the gas condensate well can be formed in the well column at a higher flow rate. At a lower flow rate two-phase flow in the gas condensate well can be formed in the well column at a higher depth. In this case, two-phase flow can be formed for 33 MMSCFD flow rate at 2682 meters.

The bottomhole pressure can be easily and low-costly obtained by this relation with a high accuracy, because of the elimination data points which at these points the wellhead pressure and the flow rate data sets are not valuable.

The well performance curve can be plotted and “*n*” and “*c*” parameters are obtained. “*n*” quantity shows an intermediate laminar-turbulent well flow in this case. Also, the calculated “*n*” parameter that is between 0.5 and 1 is a reason for acceptable analysis by this method.

The sensitivity analysis is done and shows that the flow rate variation has a low effect on the bottomhole pressure with the at acceptable results at any flow rate.

The sensitivity analysis is done and shows that the wellhead pressure variation has a considerable effect on the bottomhole pressure. Additionally, by increasing the wellhead pressure, the calculated bottomhole pressure increases.

Finally, this relation shows so good results as mentioned previously. So, this is usable to construct TPR and IPR curves and obtain the optimum flow rate in this case.

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