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Application of RESMAN's intelligent inflow tracers in long horizontal sand screen wells across Maersk Oil UK assets



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Outline

- Monitoring requirements for Maersk Oil subsea assets
 - Data requirements, challenges, alternatives, solution
- RESMAN inflow tracer technology – how does it work
 - Project cycle and Technology fundamentals
 - Maersk UK applications: Tracer system design and Installation
- Maersk – RESMAN case studies
 - Confirmation of oil contribution
 - Determining shut in cross flow
 - Detection of gas and water producing zones
 - Onsite clean-up verification
 - Quantitative inflow distribution
- Application of acquired tracer data in asset management



Monitoring Requirements

Challenges

- Subsea – wet tree
- Long horizontal wells
- Cost constraints
- Commingled wells
- Flowline tieback

Monitoring Requirements

- Interventionless
- Cost effective
- No added risk
- Long monitoring life
- Capabilities:
 - Detecting oil and water production
 - Verification of clean-up
 - Inflow distribution along the wells

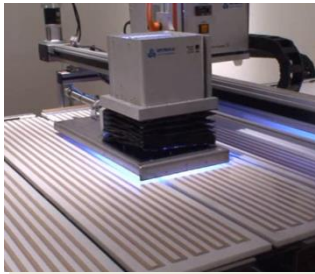


RESMAN Technology

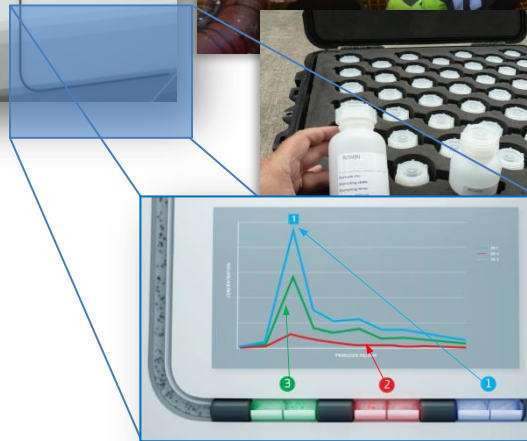
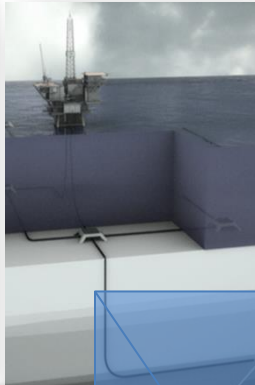
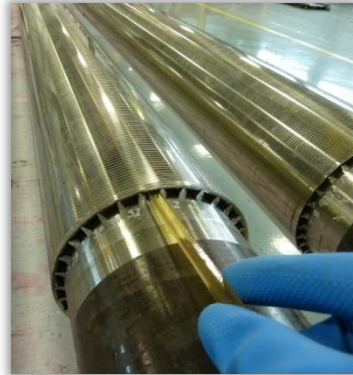
HOW IT WORKS



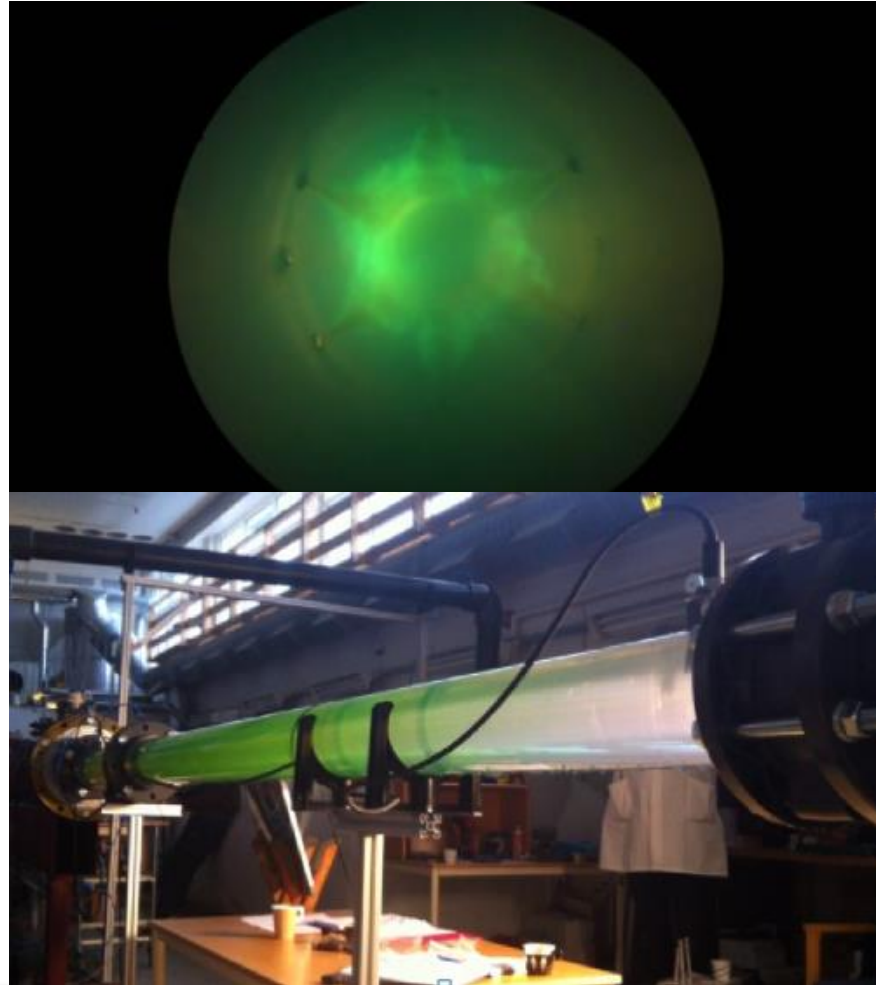
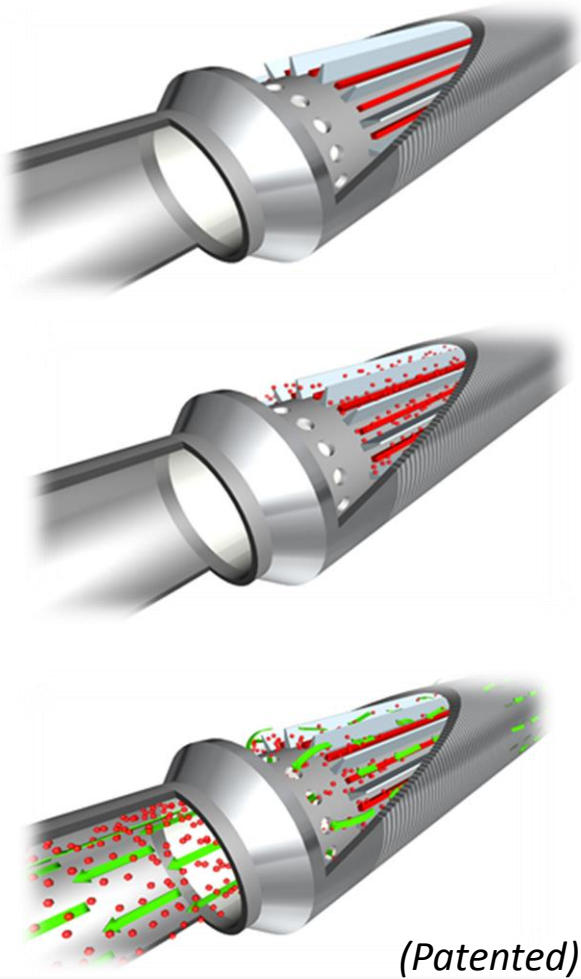
How it works – Project cycle



Polymer Matrix
70 oil
&
70 water
unique signatures



How it works – Technology basics



Tracer system design and Installation

MAERSK UK – RESMAN TRACER DESIGN AND INSTALLATION



Tracer system design

Long life tracer systems:

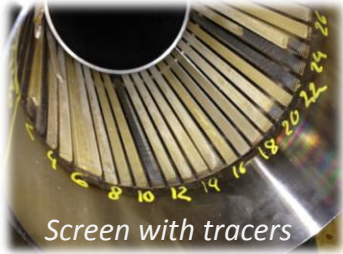
- Several oil and water tracers ordered
 - Flexibility to adjust deployment to needs
- Reservoir temperature of 65 – 85°C
- 36 months oil marking life
- 12 months water marking life after WBT
- Commingled sampling at up to 15,000bopd and 15,000bwpd

Rig-site tracer systems:

- Designed for same temperature and rates
- Shorter life (clean-up); detectable at rig-site by mobile lab

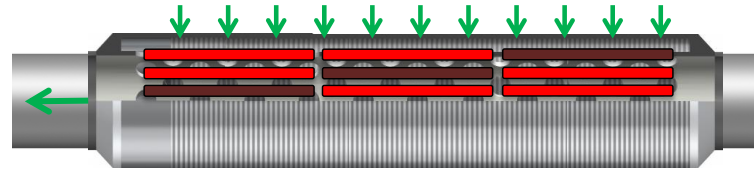


Tracer Carrier Screens



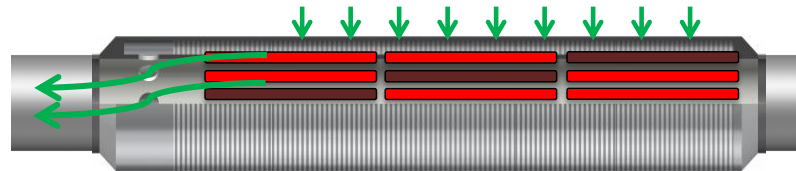
← Oil and Water activated tracer rods installed into drainage layer of sand screens

Baker Excluder (SAS)
Perforated base pipe



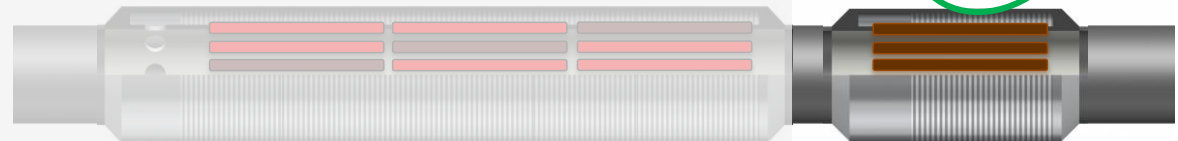
Tubing flow contacts tracer systems

Baker Equalizer (ICD)
Blank base pipe, ICD nozzles



RESMAN Oil (**ROS**) and Water (**RWS**) Systems

Baker Blank Screen (Rig-site)
Blank base pipe, annular flow



RESMAN Oil (**ROS**) and Water (**RWS**) Systems

Rig-site system



Completion Configurations

Well #	Completion schematic
1: ICD / SAS	
2: All ICD	
3: SAS*	
4 SAS*	

Intelligent Tracer Applications

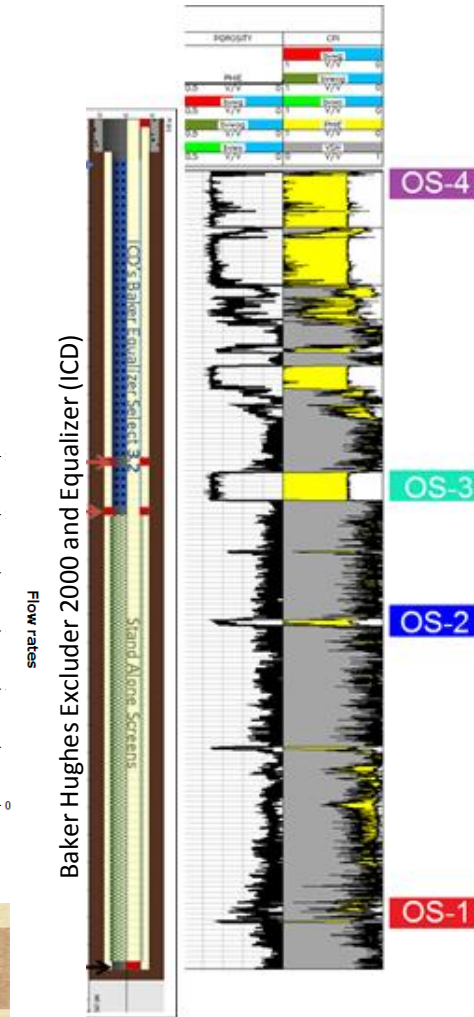
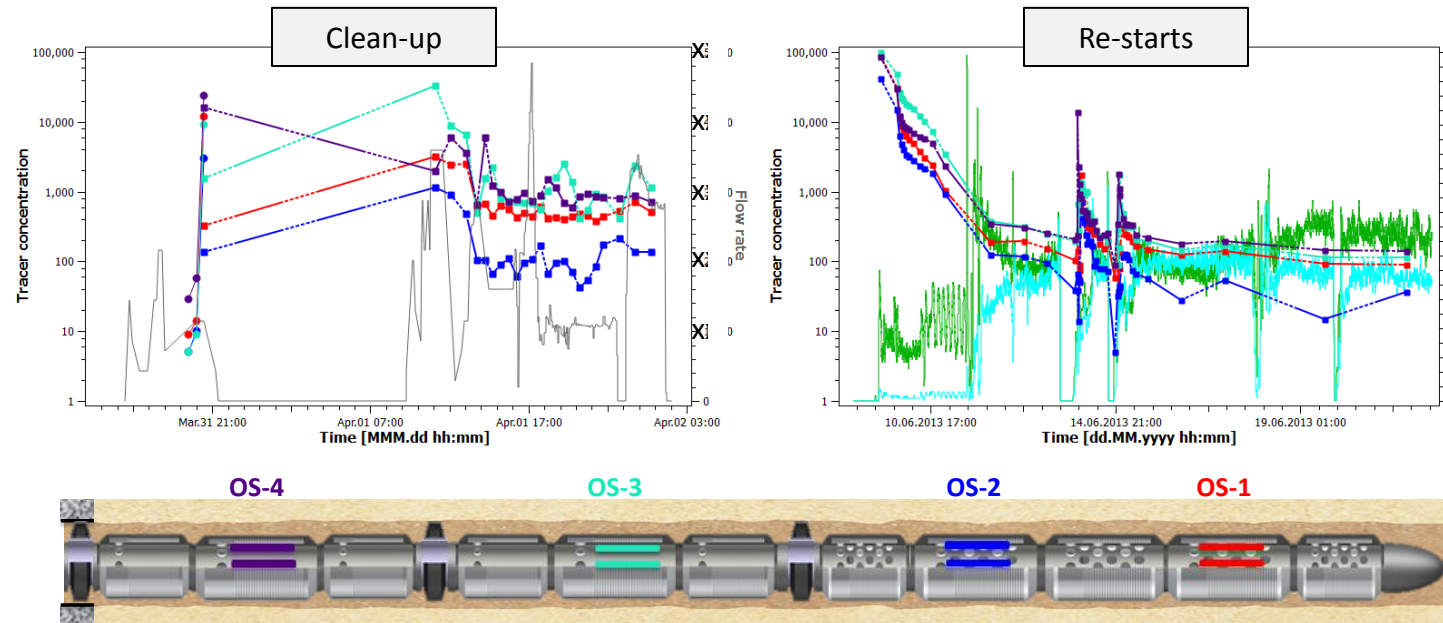
MAERSK OIL UK – RESMAN MONITORING CASE STUDIES



Confirmation of Oil Contribution

Well 1: Assess oil productivity

- Good sands choked back by ICD
- Tracers OS-1 and 2 in SAS to assess productivity from uncertain, lower sands and shale
- Clean-up to rig and re-starts to FPSO analysed

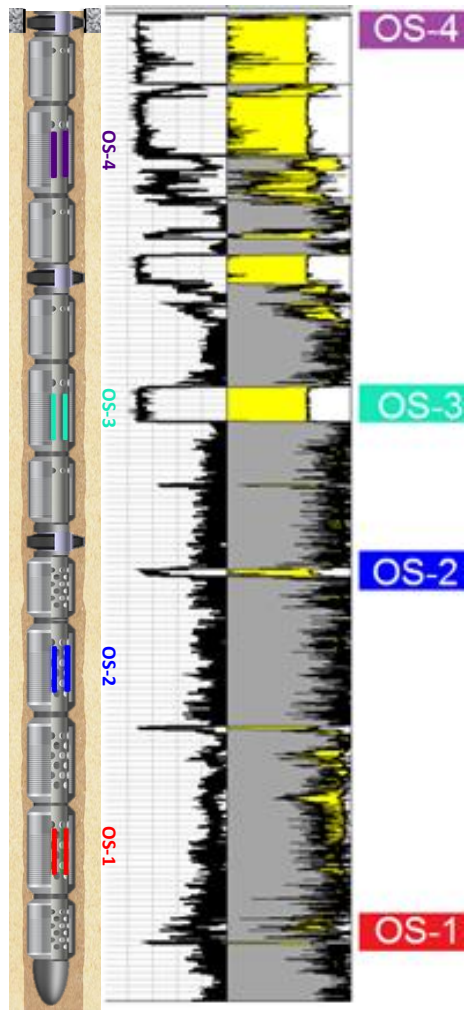


Confirmation of Oil Contribution

Clean-up

>80% of total production

<20% of total production



Re-starts

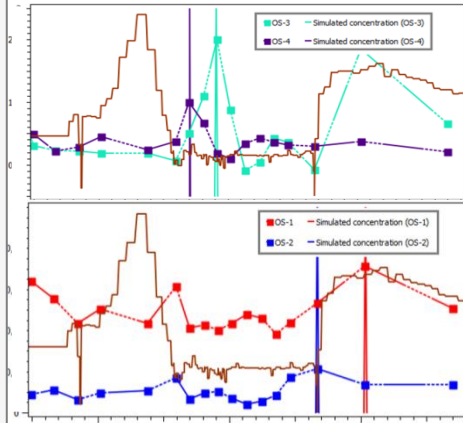
80-90% of oil production

5-10% of oil production. Potential gas and cross flow

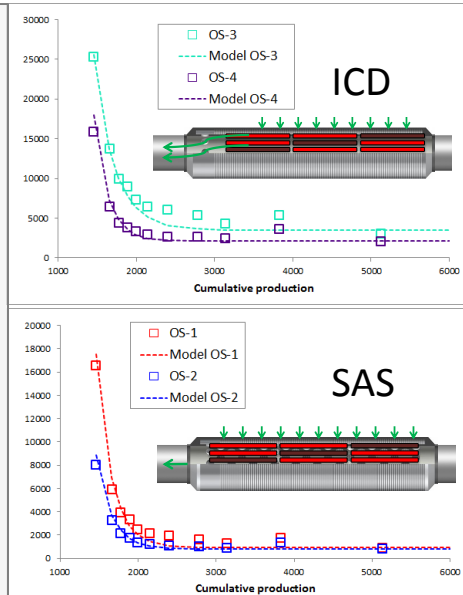
Little or no contribution to oil production

5-10% of oil production.

Clean-up: Arrival time model

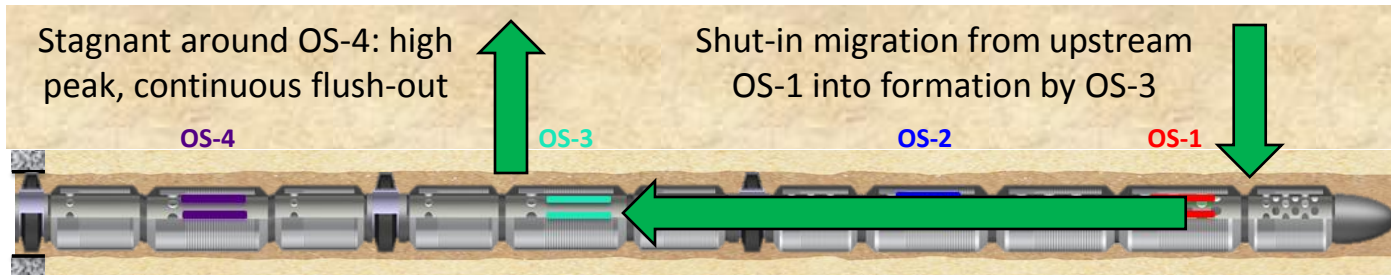
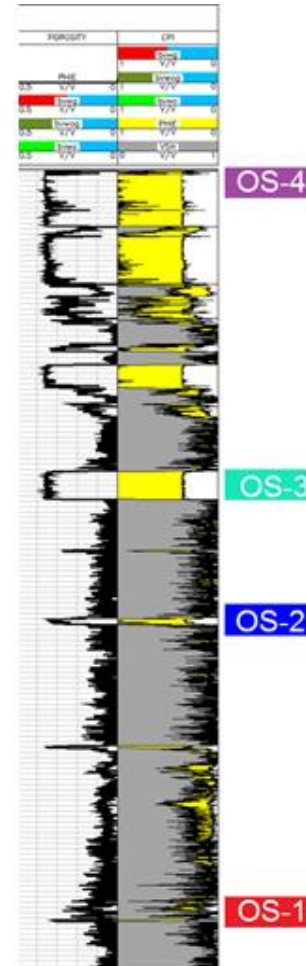
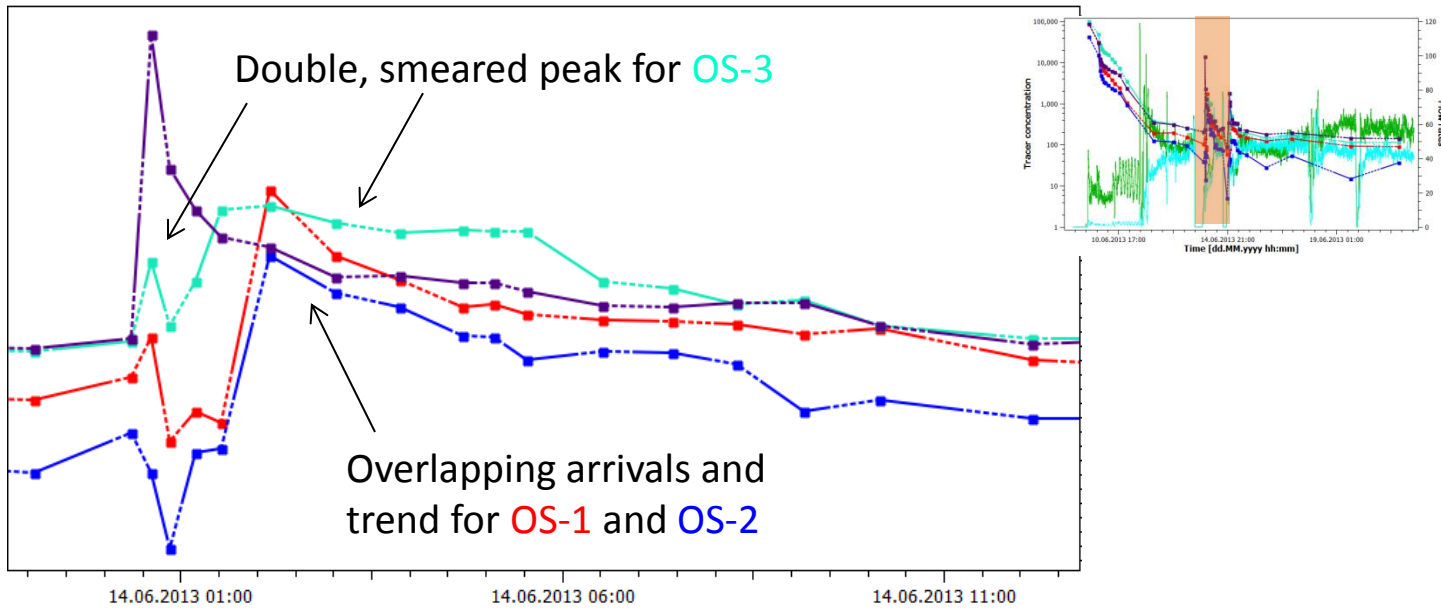


Re-starts: Flush-out model



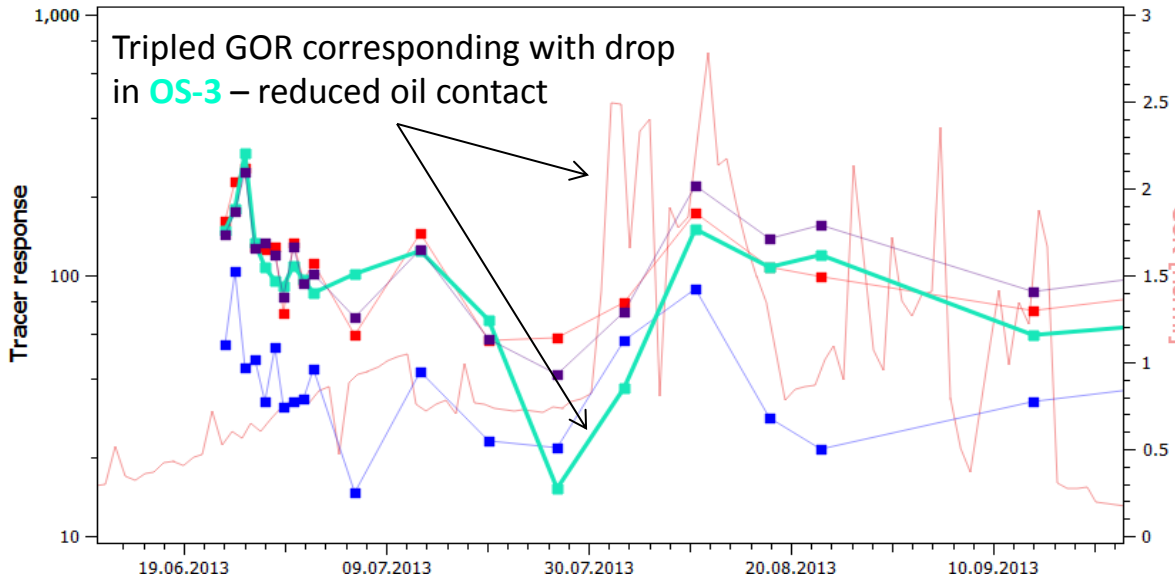
Determining Shut-in Cross Flow

Well 1: Tracers show dynamic shut-in conditions

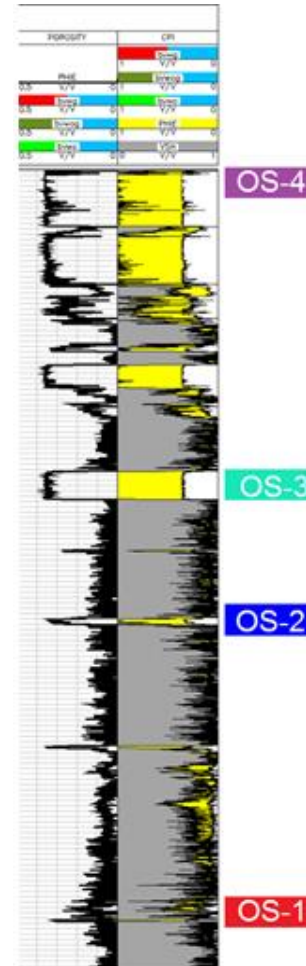


Gas Breakthrough Detection

Well 1: Increased gas production



OS-3 response reduction recovered to some degree, but remains low compared to OS-4 (reference)



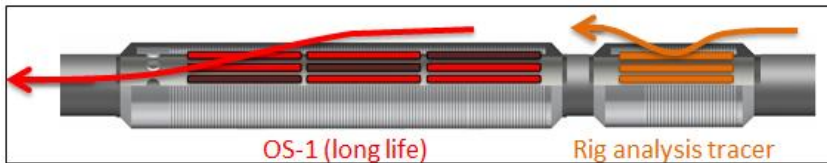
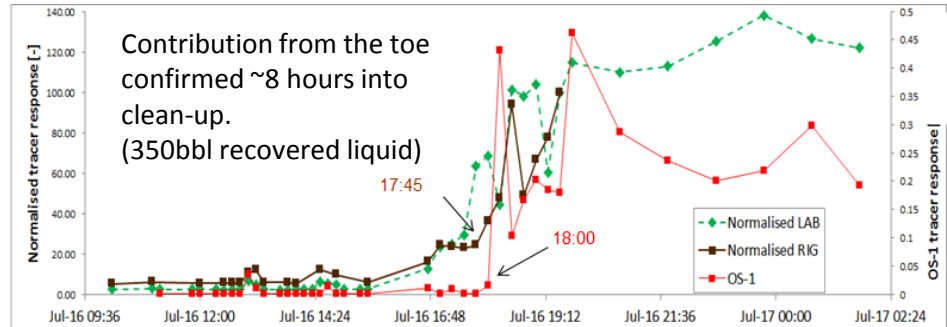
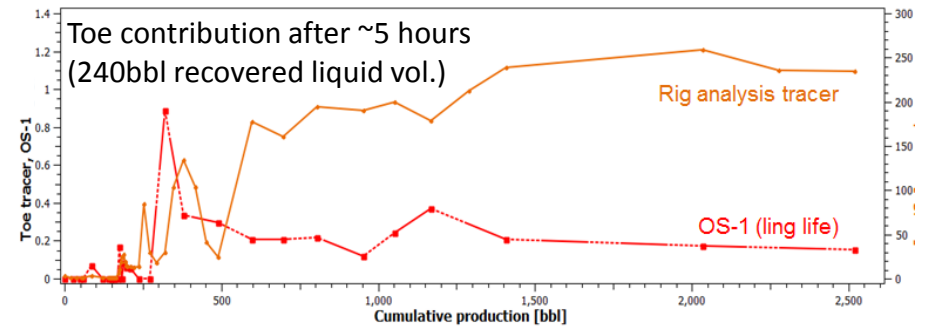
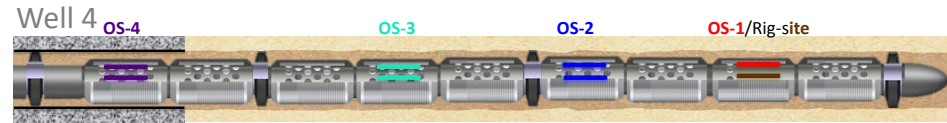
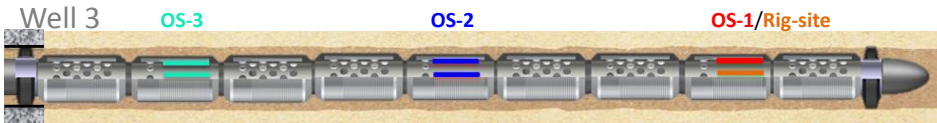
- Gas production indicated by tracers.
- Supported by 4D seismic.



Rig-site Clean-up Verification

Wells 3 & 4: Verifying toe contribution with analysis on the rig

- Analysed on the rig with 2-4 hours turn-around time for results
- Similar timing for long life (OS-1) and rig-site tracer (offshore and onshore lab for Well 4)
 - Slow displacement of rig-site tracer pointing towards collapsed annulus



← Long life and rig-site systems installed on the same joint. Similar timing but different response trends due to tracer system design and flow displacement mechanism (ICD flush-out vs. annular flow driven)

Rig-site Clean-up Verification

Wells 3 & 4: Verifying toe contribution with analysis on the rig

- Pilot version (2014): Bespoke tracer systems, analysis equipment set up in mud lab
 - Limited number of unique tracers (typically focus on toe)
 - Proof of concept and logistics
- Commercial version (2015): Use long life systems, analysis container on rig or beach
 - Multiple tracers available for full coverage of the well clean-up
 - Container lab available for North Sea assets

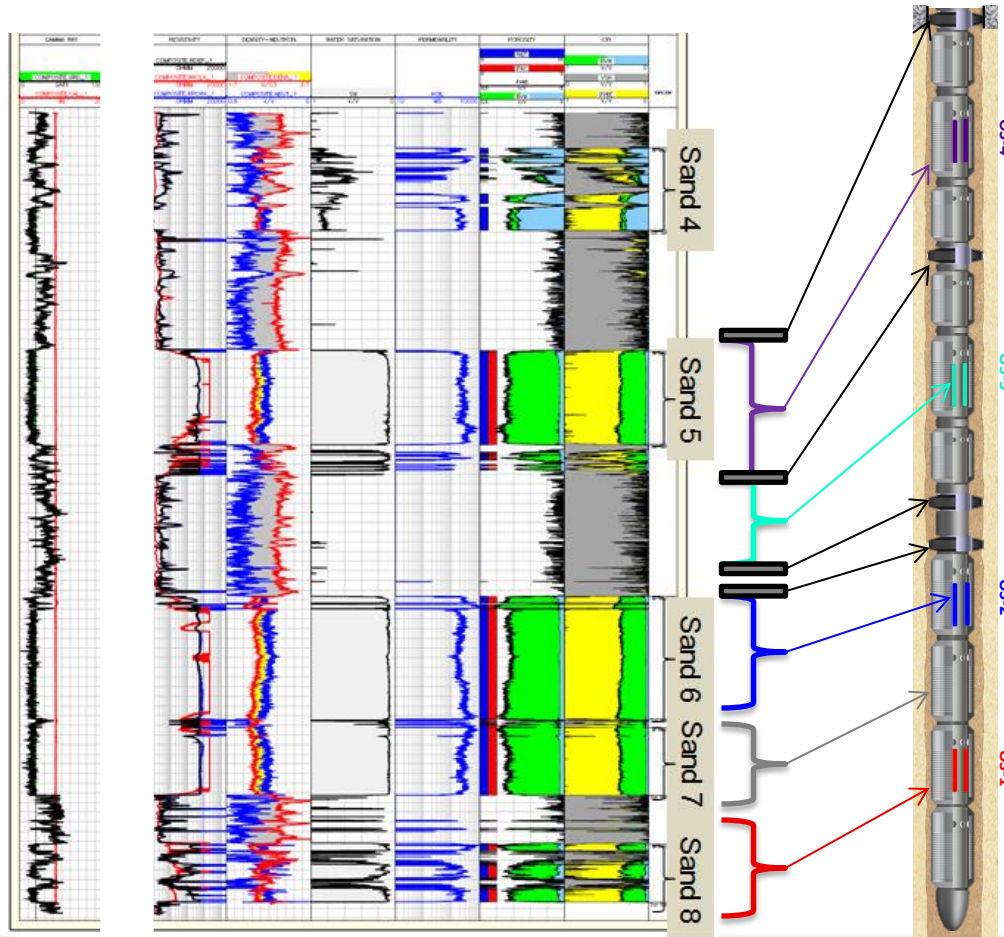


RESMAN offshore lab technical for Well 3 clean-up



Quantitative Inflow Distribution

Well 2: Inflow distribution across multiple sands in an ICD well



- **OS-4** monitoring Sand 5
- **OS-3** monitoring Shale between Sands 5 and 6
- Blanked off above Sand 6
- **OS-2** monitoring Sand 6
- No tracer in Sand 7
- Interpolating OS-1 and 2
- **OS-1** monitoring Sand 8

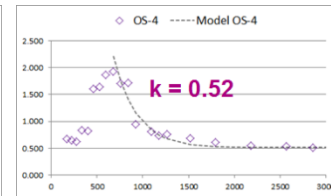
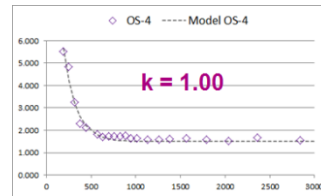
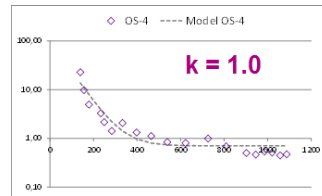
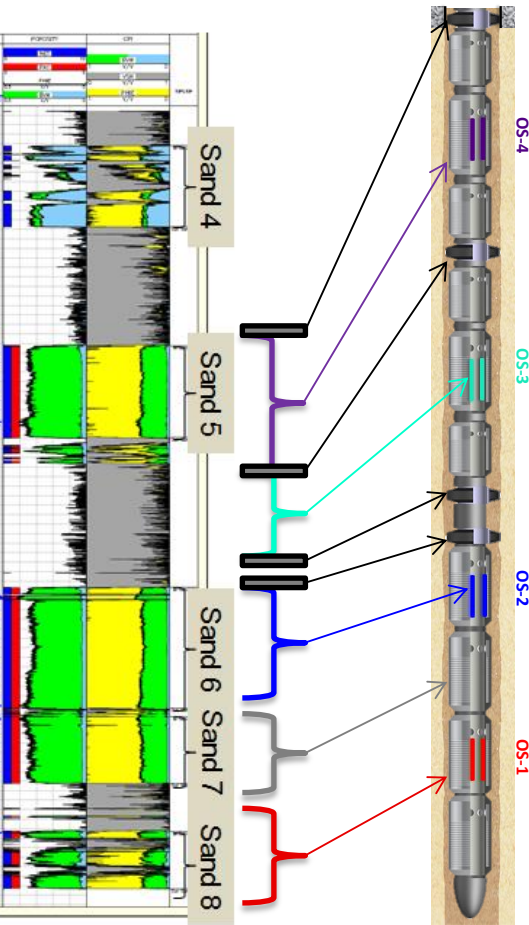
Quantitative Inflow Distribution

k = relative ICD performance factor

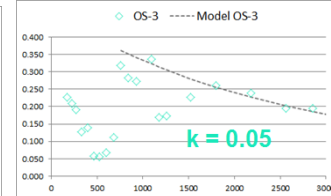
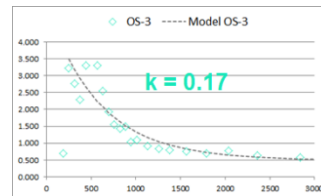
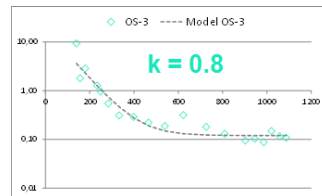
Clean-up (rig)

Re-start 1 (FPSO)

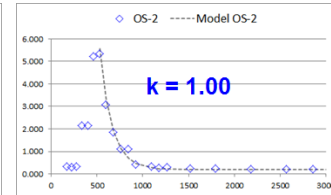
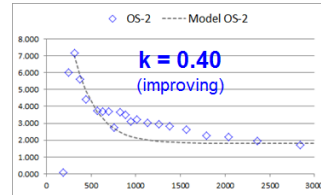
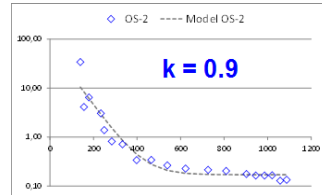
Re-start 2 (FPSO)



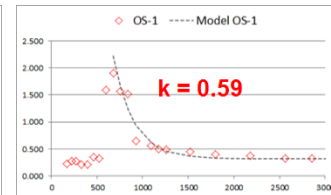
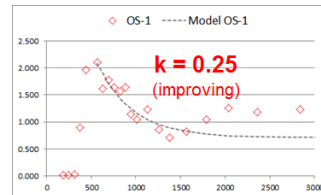
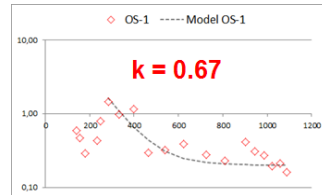
Initially strongest. Reduced relative performance in Re-start 2



Initially strong. Depleting rapidly.



Seeing prolonged clean-up effects, ending up as strongest zone.



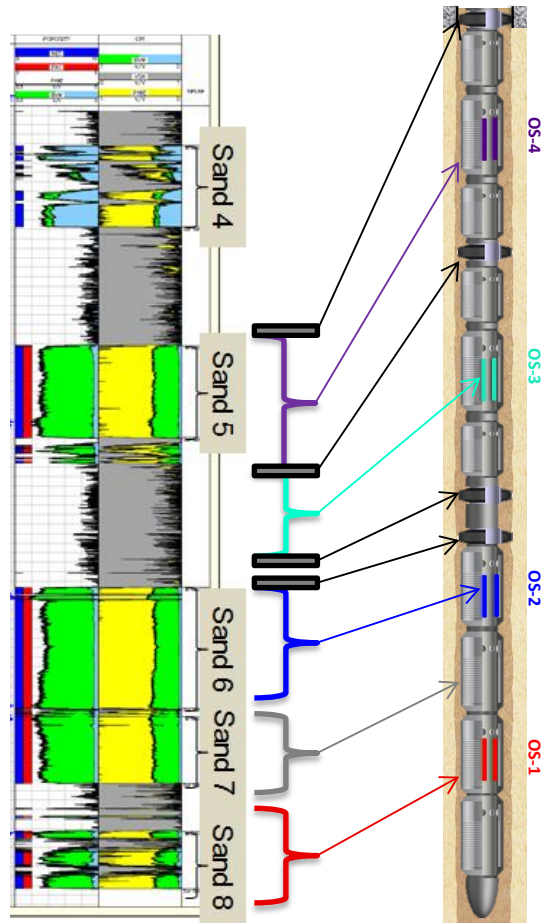
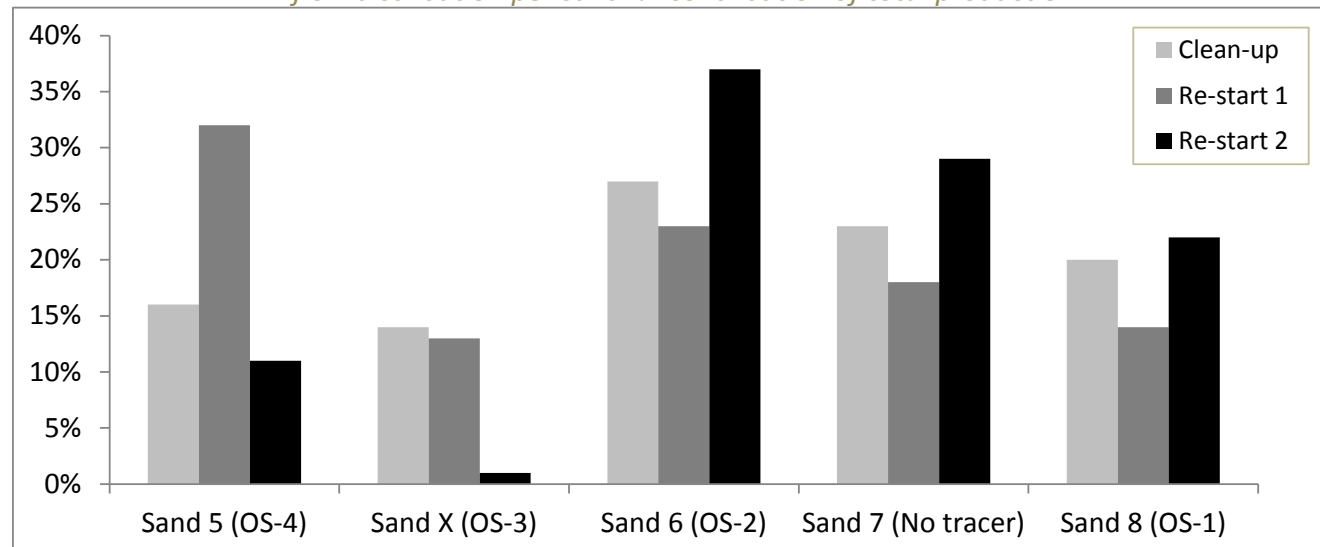
Seeing prolonged clean-up effects, ending up as 2nd strongest zone.



Quantitative Inflow Distribution

- **Background:** LCM pumped during completion.
- **Observation:** Prolonged clean-up.
 - Noise in tracer responses and dynamic inflow distribution
- **Conclusions:** Mainly invasion or damage to Sands 6 to 8
 - Longer time required to clean up.
 - Prolific sands once LCM is displaced.

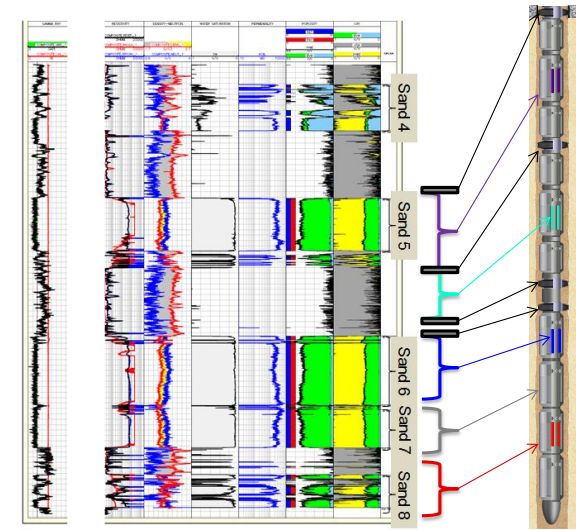
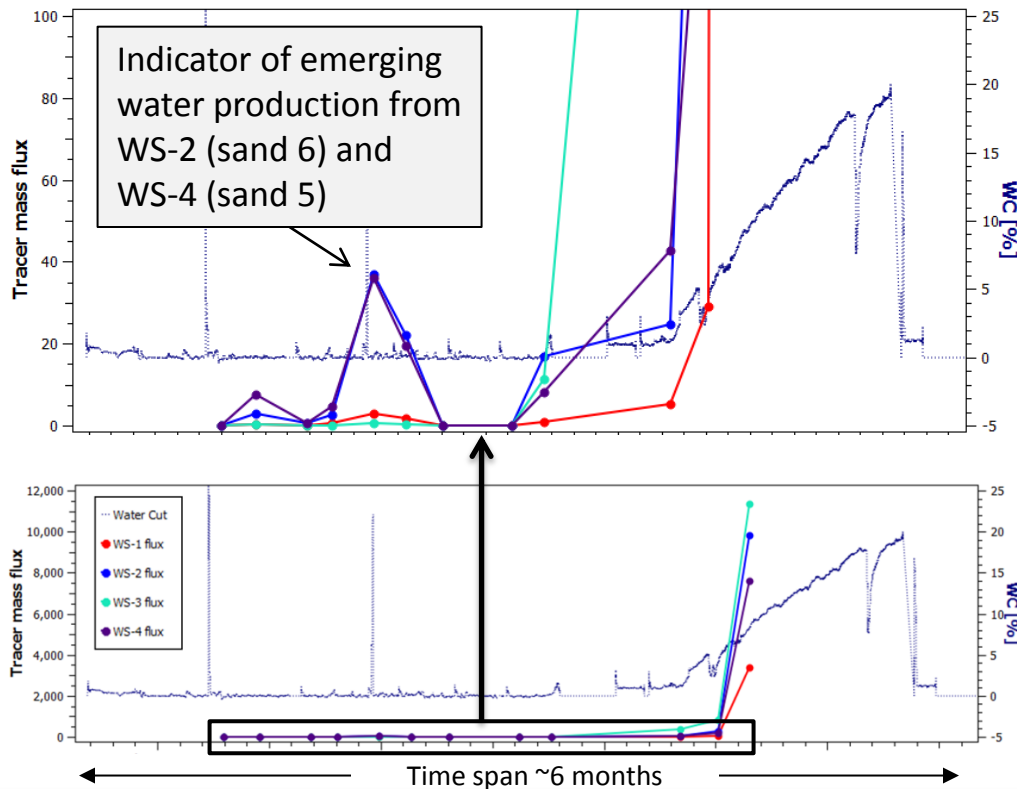
Inflow distribution per sand: % contribution of total production



Water Producing Zones

Well 2: Water inflow detection in an ICD well

- Steady state water samples analysed around WC increase
- Early responses seen prior to WC increase (MPFM)



Significant response from all water systems at WC increase – Balanced water ingress?

- Strongest for Sand 6 and above
 - In line with early indicator from WS-2 and WS-4
- Potential liquid loading creating response from WS-3 (well trajectory)

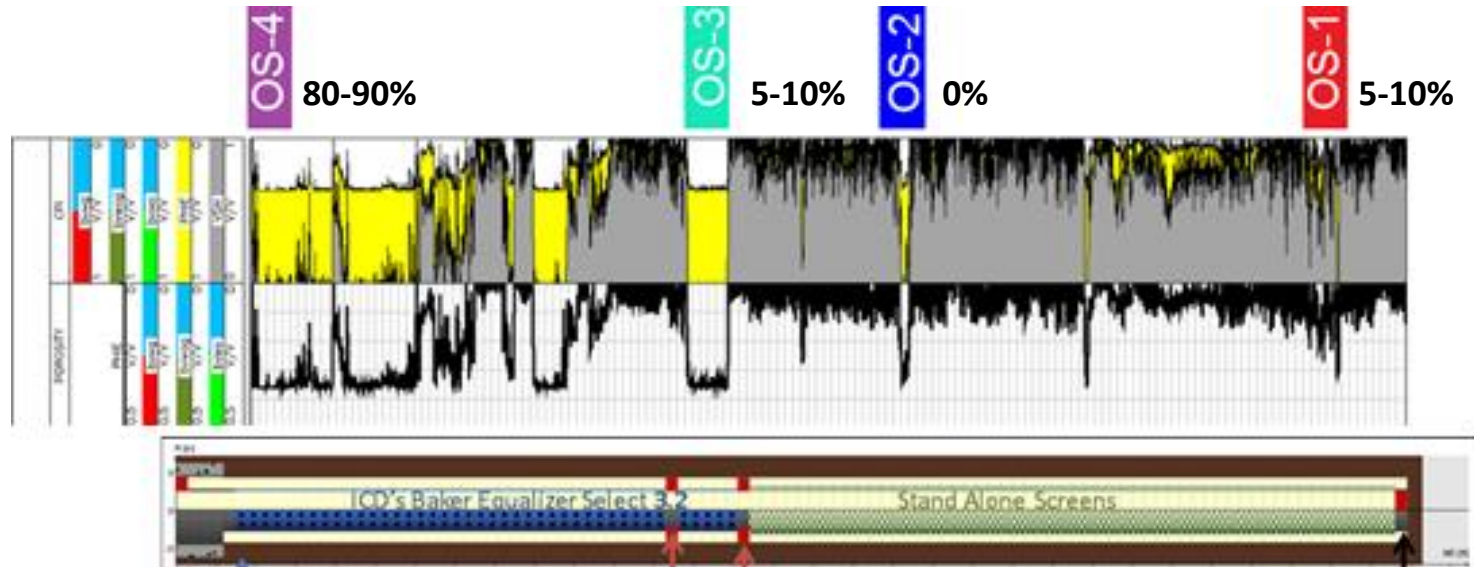
Continued sampling and analysis ongoing to further assess water production.

Application of RESMAN data

RESMAN RESULTS USED IN ASSET MANAGEMENT

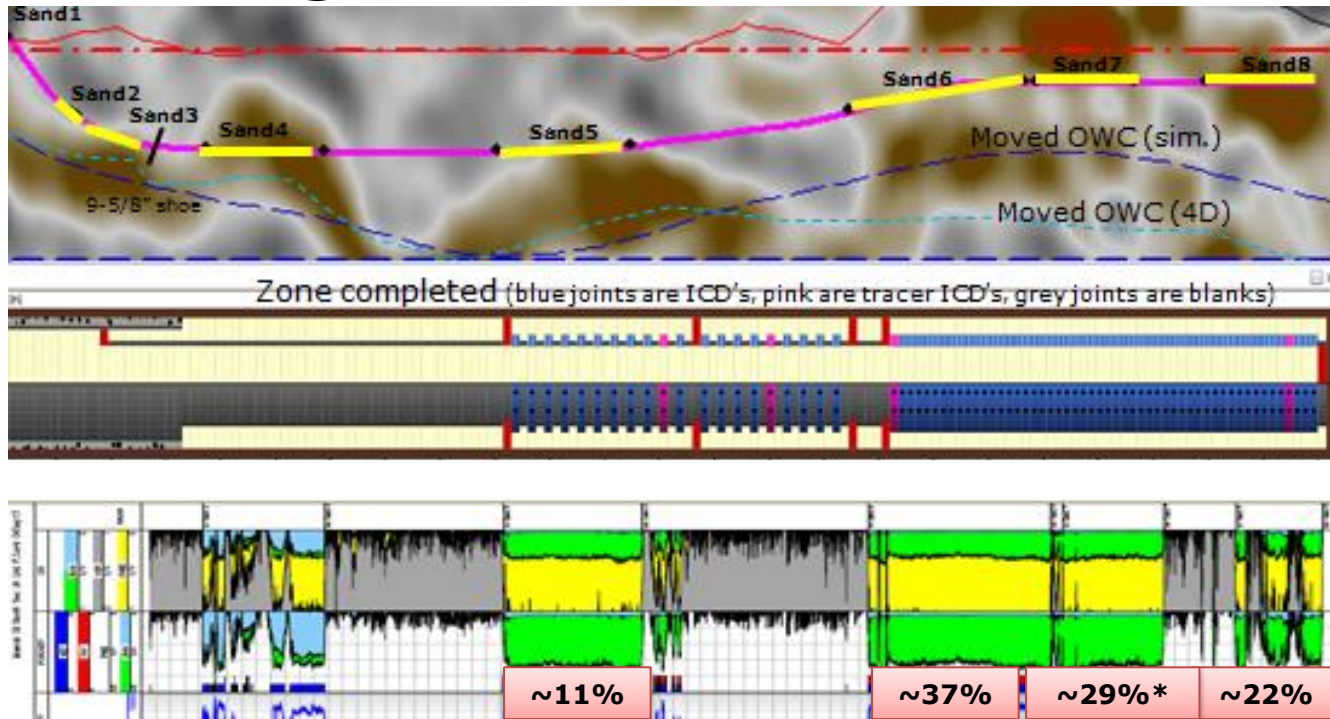


Asset Management – Well 1



- **Drilling Injectites.**
 - **Question:** Should we bother completing zone 1 (~10ft of sand) separated by ~1500ft of shale?
- With the tracers we were able to convince management that we will be able to confirm flow from the toe if we completed it.
- Toe tracer (WIT 1) confirmed to produce ~5-10% of production
 - Production from this zone has paid for entire lower completion!
- Tracer Data also enabled us to make quality decisions in planning intervention.

Asset Management – Well 2



- Tracer Data confirmed completion is operating as designed.
- Tracer in shale confirmed shale is collapsed and/or packers are holding.
- Well recently has had water breakthrough:
 - Initial analysis (2 samples) of steady state water samples show potential in Sand 6.
 - Water loading in sump causing response from downstream tracers? (Sand 5 and Shale?).
- 'Transient' sampling planned to determine water production zone

Conclusions

- Intelligent inflow tracers were successfully installed in the wells at relatively low cost, without adding risk or rig-time.
- Monitoring campaigns provided insight into:
 - Qualitative verification of contribution
 - Quantified inflow distribution (alignment of models and log data)
- Campaigns conducted provided information on:
 - Individual well performance development
 - Completions design
 - Reservoir performance
- Continued monitoring of wells where RESMAN tracers are installed.
- PLT on Demand!

