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SUBJECT: PET 535: MODERN WELL DESIGN

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REMARKS: PLEASE STATE ASSUMPTIONS

✕ **Problem 1: Design of the Production Casing**

We will design the production casing of a well. The following data applies:

9-5/8 in. 47 lbs/ft P110  
Weight: 68.73 kg/m  
Burst strength: 651 bar — 15% SF?  
Collapse: 366 bar  
Tension: 6590 kN  
Mud weight: 1,60 s.g. ✕  
Inner diam. 220,5 mm  
Setting depth: 2909 mMD, 2350 mTVD ✕  
Depth next hole: 3341 mMD, 2655 mTVD ✕  
Cemented interval: 2131 – 2909 mMD, 1800 - 2350 mTVD ✕  
Produktion packer at 2414 mMD, 2000 mTVD ✕  
Pore press. Gradient: 1.55 sg ✕  
Pore fluid density: 0.76 sg ✕  
bar x cm<sup>2</sup> = daN

The well is vertical down to 1000 m, followed by a sharp build up. From 1000 m to the bottom assume a constant inclination of 45 degrees.

Assume that the well is drilled from a jack-up rig with 25 m airgap. Please write all assumptions. You may assume realistic data if desired.

- ✗ a) Prepare a figure of the well and define two criteria for burst of the production casing, and determine the safety factor.
- ✗ b) Decide a criterion for collapse and determine the factor of safety.
- ✗ c) Determine the total weight in air of the casing string, and the buoyed weight in the well. Determine the factor of safety. Bending may be neglected.
- ✗ d) Where is a weak point in the well if any?

$P_{burst\ max} = 0.76 \cdot 0.098 \cdot 2350$   
grad > frac. grad

**Problem 2: Temperature induced pressures**

One problem with subsea wellheads is the potential of trapped pressures. The pressure inside the B-annulus may increase due to thermal effects. In the following you are asked to investigate this as follows:

- a) Show the relationship between pressure increase and temperature increase. Explain the conditions for the equation.
- ✗ b) Assume that the coefficient of thermal expansion is  $3 \times 10^{-4}$  (1/°C), and the compressibility coefficient is  $-3 \times 10^{-5}$  (1/bar). Compute the pressure increase if bottomhole temperature remains constant but the surface temperature has increased 150 °C

**Problem 3: Geomechanics**

- ✗ a) Show an expression for the horizontal in-situ stress. How would you select the mudweight relative to this? What do we call this concept?
- ✗ b) Three LOT data sets are given in a well as follows:

Depth(m):	LOT(s.g.):	Pore(s.g.):	Overburden(s.g.):	Inclination(°):
890	1,51	1,03	1,62	0
1124	1,35	1,21	1,76	30
1540	1,27	1,30	1,80	39

Estimate the LOT values for vertical hole sections.

- ✗ c) Compute the horizontal stress levels from the data above. State all assumptions.

isotropic

✗ **Problem 4. Hydraulics**

Please define the most correct answer.

- |                                               | A                              | B                         | C               |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Reynolds number defines:                   | <u>Inertial/viscous forces</u> | Viscous/inertial forces   | None ✗          |
| 2. Bernoulli's equation is a conservation of: | Mass                           | Momentum                  | <u>Energy</u> ✗ |
| 3. Pipe friction factor applies for:          | Laminar flow                   | <u>Turbulent flow</u>     | Both ✗          |
| 4. Viscous effects applies for                | <u>Laminar flow</u>            | Turbulent flow            | Both ✗          |
| 5. Drillstring hydraulics is mostly:          | Laminar                        | <u>Turbulent</u>          | None ✗          |
| 6. Flow through bit nozzles is:               | Laminar                        | <u>Turbulent</u>          | Both ✗          |
| 7. Flow through the marine riser is:          | <u>Laminar</u>                 | Turbulent                 | Both ✗          |
| 8. Increased flow rate gives                  | Less nozzle press.             | <u>More nozzle press.</u> | I don't know ✗  |

**Problem 5: Governmental regulations**

HSE, reduce injury, accidents on  
↑ people and material/equipment

- X A. Why are the authorities, i.e the Petroleum Safety Authority (PSA) making laws & regulations for the oil & gas industry and which governmental ministry is the PSA underneath and relating to? *Petroleum directorate, used to be one, but then they split*
- X B. The PSA's laws & regulations are risk based and mostly system oriented; describe with your words what is meant by that and use an example if you can? *Based on experience, history, tradition. Help perform operations*
- X C. Why are risk assessments mandatory prior to all well activities and in the daily work what tools are normally used for this purpose, two important principles are used in risk work, the ALARP and BAT principles, please explain what is meant by these?
- X D. Describe the context between probability & consequence in a risk assessment exercise and how will you describe a risk factor? *probability give different situations that can happen consequence shows which consequences they can have*
- X E. Mention some differences in the well barrier situations going from drilling to well completion mode

*Drilling: mud column, cement, casing, mud column BOP*

*Completion: DSW, xmas tree, packer fluid packers, annular safety valve*

*→ liner protection*

**Some Formulas**

$$P(\text{bar}) = 0.098 \times d(\text{s.g.}) \times D(\text{m})$$

$$P_3 = Cq^m$$

$$P_2 = \rho q^2 / 2A^2 \cdot 0.95^2$$

Index:	Equation:	Criterion:	Fraction parasitic pressure loss:	Flow rate:
1	$qP_2$	Max. HP	$1/(m+1)$	$P_1/C(m+1)$
2	$q\sqrt{P_2}$	Max. jet impact	$2/(m+2)$	$2P_1/C(m+2)$
3	$q^{3/2}\sqrt{P_2}$	New A	$3/(m+3)$	$3P_1/C(m+3)$
4	$q^2\sqrt{P_2}$	New B	$4/(m+4)$	$4P_1/C(m+4)$
5	$q^{5/2}\sqrt{P_2}$	New C	$5/(m+5)$	$5P_1/C(m+5)$

$$A = q\{\rho/2P_2\}^{1/2}/0.95$$

Using the units of: density(kg/l), flowrate (l/min) and pressure (bar), the nozzle area in in<sup>2</sup> can be obtained by dividing the equation above with 122.4.

$$d_{RKB1} = d_{RKB2}D/(D-\delta h)$$

$$\times \text{LOT} = 2\sigma_a - P_o$$

$$\times P_{wf}(\gamma) = P_{wf}(0) + 1/3 (P_o - P_o^*) \sin^2 \gamma$$

$$P_{wf}(0) = \{P_{wf}(\gamma) + (\sigma_o - 1/2 P_o) \sin^2 \gamma\} / \{1 + 1/2 \sin^2 \gamma\}$$

$$\Delta \sigma_a = \Delta P_o (1 - 2\nu) / (1 - \nu)$$

$$\Delta P_{wf} = \Delta P_o (1 - 3\nu) / (1 - \nu)$$

$$P_{burst} = 2\sigma_{tensile} t / D_o$$

$$P_{collapse} = \{2CE / (1 - \nu^2)\} \{1 / (D_o/t - 1)^2 D_o / t\}$$

$$(\sigma_t / \sigma_{yield}) = 1/2 (\sigma_a / \sigma_{yield}) + /- \{1 - 3/4 (\sigma_a / \sigma_{yield})^2\}^{1/2}$$

$$\rho = (d_p D - 1.03 h_w) / (D - h_f - h_w)$$

$$d_{wf2} = d_{wf1} \frac{D_1}{D_2} + d_{sw} \frac{D_{w2} - D_{w1}}{D_2}$$

$$D_2 = D_1 + (D_{w2} - D_{w1}) + (D_{f2} - D_{f1})$$

$$D_2 = D_1 + (D_{w2} - D_{w1}) + (D_{f2} - D_{f1}) + \left( \frac{d_{ob1}}{d_{ob2}} - 1 \right) (D_1 - D_{w1} - D_{f1})$$

$$\times \frac{\Delta V}{V} = \frac{1}{2} \alpha \Delta T$$

$$\times \Delta P = \left( \frac{-1}{c} \right) \frac{\Delta V}{V}$$

### Units

$$1 \text{ bar} = 14.5 \text{ psi} = 10^5 \text{ Pa}$$

$$1 \text{ ft} = 0.3048 \text{ m} = 12 \text{ in}$$

$$1 \text{ lbf} = 0.454 \text{ kp} = 4.45 \text{ N}$$

$$\text{bar} \times \text{cm}^2 = \text{daN}$$

$$P_{wf} = 2\sigma_n - P_o$$

