

GEOHERMAL RESERVOIR AND PRODUCTION ENGINEERING KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

This course was developed within WP 1.04 of the GEOCAP program



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About the course

This 2-week course targets at reservoir and production engineering using lectures, exercises, assignments and background reading material.

Main components of the course are:

- Basics of geothermal systems and reservoir engineering and reservoir geo-mechanics
- Flow measurements and production testing
- Well testing procedures for reservoir characterization
- Numerical geothermal reservoir modelling



Learning objectives

Objective of the course is to provide the participants with an understanding of the dynamic behavior of geothermal reservoir and with the application skills to assess those reservoirs.

This includes knowledge about reservoir engineering and working skills with tools to evaluate and model the reservoir, like well testing and numerical reservoir modelling.

The course aims at a multidisciplinary approach using concepts from geology, physics, and engineering.



Target group

- Target group of the course are Master Students, PhD students and Industrial professionals.
- Participants should have basic knowledge about reservoir geology, flow mechanics, and mathematical modeling. Examples of sufficient prior educational background include students with a BSc degree in Petroleum Engineering, Geophysics, Mining, Geology, Chemical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Physics.

Training Program

Day- 1

a. Main component of Hydrothermal System

- i. Types of hydrothermal system
- ii. Rock properties
- iii. Conceptual model
- iv. Key questions about reservoir
- v. Exercise: look at reservoir rocks

b. Fundamentals of Dynamic Reservoir Engineering

- i. Reservoir dynamics (mass & heat flow)
- ii. Two-phase flow
- iii. Exercise



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Day - 2

a. Reservoir Geomechanics

- i. Fundamentals (stress, strain, elasticity, failure, equilibrium eqs)
- ii. Coupling with flow
- iii. Notes on applications (compaction, HF, subsidence, fault stability, seismicity)
- iv. Exercises

b. Identification of reservoir characteristics and key parameters from logging, downhole measurements and well completion

- i. Well logging (lithology, porosity, acoustics)
- ii. Downhole measurements (PTS, LOT/minifrac)

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Day - 3

- a. Identification of reservoir characteristics and key parameters from logging, downhole measurements and well completion (cont'd)**
 - i. Well completion tests
 - ii. Exercise
- b. Production engineering**
 - i. Fundamentals of production engineering
 - ii. Wellbore modeling for steam well
 - iii. Wellbore modelling for two-phase flow
 - iv. Exercise

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Day - 4

a. Production engineering cont'd

- i. Stimulation (lifting; well discharge; acidizing)
- ii. Exercise

b. Flow measurements and production tests

- i. Steam wells
 - Vertical discharge using Lip pressure method
 - Measurement of steam using orifice plates
- ii. Two-phase wells
 - Horizontal discharge using Lip pressure method
 - Separator method
- i. Exercise



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Day 5, 6 and 7 Well testing

- a. Transient testing
- b. Fundamentals
 - i. Injection & Falloff test
 - ii. Transient temperature
 - iii. Pressure Drawdown & Buildup test
 - iv. Interference test
 - v. Naturally fractured reservoir (Dual-porosity /Dual permeability)
 - vi. Testing hydraulically fractured wells
 - vii. Tracer test
- c. Exercise using Sapphire with academic licenses
 - i. Falloff test
 - ii. Buildup test
 - iii. Interference test
 - iv. Temperature test



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Day 8, 9, 10 Geothermal Reservoir Modelling

a. Lectures

- i. Principle and methodologies
- ii. Lumped model – distributed parameter model
- iii. Conceptual development model
- iv. Development of computer model
- v. Data preparation for modelling
- vi. Modelling process
- vii. Natural state modelling
- viii. Chemical modelling (show PHREEQC or TOUGHREACT)
- ix. History matching
- x. Performance forecasting

b. Case study with TOUGH2

Course Assessment

For university students, a Certificate with a grade will be provided, based on an assessment of

- Results of exercises 25%
- Result of assignment well testing 25%
- Result of assignment on reservoir modelling 25%
- Examination 25%

For industry participants the assessment will be documented with a Certificate of attendance, or with a certificate with grade, if requested



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