



# **G-058-114: Maximizing Production From Residual Oil Zones in Western North Dakota**

**OGRP Update  
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# Pre-project Recap

- Cobra purchases assets through bankruptcy in late 2018, begins to return wells to production & commences a strict fluid level & dynamometer program.
- In 2019, Cobra started increasing artificial lift capabilities to draw down back side fluid levels. As back side fluid levels decrease, total oil & water production increase, keeping consistent cuts.
- Cobra uses core data to recomplete multiple wells further down into the section to increase reservoir deliverability. In return further increasing artificial lift and making more total fluid at constant cuts.
- Due to consistent oil & water cuts, with some improved oil cuts, Cobra hypothesized these efforts to be manipulation of a ROZ.





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 DRLG. FLUID: SALT GEL NO OIL  
 LOCATION :  
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CONVENTIONAL CORE ANALYSIS

| SAMP. NO. | DEPTH   | PERM. TO HORZ. | AIR (MD) VERTICAL | POR. FLO. | FLUID SATS. OIL | WATER | GR. DNS. | DESCRIPTION                   |
|-----------|---------|----------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|----------|-------------------------------|
| 1         | 4572-73 | 0.92           |                   | 13.5      | 12.9            | 30.0  |          | LM FN XLN VUGGY CALC INF.     |
| 2         | 4573-74 | 64             |                   | 18.5      | 15.2            | 23.2  |          | LM FN XLN VUGGY CALC INF.     |
| 3         | 4574-75 | 7.2            |                   | 12.0      | 17.6            | 35.2  | CVF      | LM FN XLN VUGGY CALC INF.     |
| 4         | 4575-76 | 104            |                   | 18.5      | 16.6            | 35.2  | CVF      | LM FN XLN SCAT VUGS CALC INF. |
| 5         | 4576-77 | 0.15           |                   | 6.5       | 3.2             | 60.9  |          | LM FN XLN SCAT VUGS CHKY      |
| 6         | 4577-78 | 42             |                   | 12.8      | 10.9            | 34.2  |          | LM FN XLN VUGS CALC XTAL      |
| 7         | 4578-79 | 1.1            |                   | 7.4       | 7.1             | 31.0  |          | LM FN XLN VUGS CALC XTAL      |
| 8         | 4579-80 | 0.39           |                   | 20.7      | 23.7            | 23.7  |          | LM OOL SCAT VUGS CALC INF.    |
| 9         | 4580-81 | 13             |                   | 10.1      | 11.9            | 31.8  |          | LM FN XLN VUGS CALC INF.      |
| 10        | 4581-82 | 3.8            |                   | 10.2      | 8.8             | 29.2  |          | LM FN XLN VUGS CALC INF.      |
| 11        | 4582-83 | 19             |                   | 11.3      | 18.5            | 36.9  | CVF      | LM FN XLN VUGS CALC INF.      |
| 12        | 4583-84 | 33             |                   | 11.9      | 14.8            | 28.0  | CVF      | LM FN XLN VUGS CALC INF.      |
| 13        | 4584-85 | 7.6            |                   | 10.0      | 14.0            | 32.0  | CVF      | LM FN XLN SCAT VUGS CALC INF. |
| 14        | 4585-86 | 36             |                   | 11.1      | 14.3            | 28.6  | CVF      | LM FN XLN CALC INF.           |
| 15        | 4586-87 | 14             |                   | 11.9      | 9.9             | 38.0  |          | LM FN XLN VUGS CALC INF.      |
| 16        | 4587-88 | 13             |                   | 23.4      | 14.8            | 33.6  |          | LM FN XLN VUGS CALC INF.      |
| 17        | 4588-89 | 51             |                   | 12.6      | 26.3            | 21.7  |          | LM FN XLN VUGS CALC INF.      |
| 18        | 4589-90 | 7.8            |                   | 18.1      | 23.4            | 23.4  |          | LM FN XLN VUGS CALC INF.      |
| 19        | 4590-91 | 178            |                   | 12.5      | 14.1            | 39.1  |          | LM FN XLN VUGS CALC INF.      |
| 20        | 4591-92 | 13             |                   | 14.4      | 18.5            | 27.8  | CVF      | LM FN XLN VUGS CALC INF.      |
| 21        | 4592-93 | 0.12           |                   | 9.0       | 17.7            | 28.8  | CVF      | LM FN XLN VUGS CALC INF.      |
| 22        | 4593-94 | 0.16           |                   | 7.7       | 12.1            | 40.3  | CVF      | LM FN XLN VUGS CALC INF.      |
| 23        | 4594-95 | 0.66           |                   | 8.8       | 8.0             | 48.2  |          | LM FN XLN VUGS CALC INF.      |
| 24        | 4595-96 | 66             |                   | 3.0       | 3.6             | 50.3  |          | LM FN XLN VUGS                |
| 25        | 4596-97 | 3.5            |                   | 10.5      | 13.3            | 39.8  |          | LM FN XLN CALC INF.           |

CVF CLOSED VERTICAL FRACTURE

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| 26        | 4597-98   | 20             |                   | 14.3      | 8.0             | 29.5  |          | LM FN XLN CALC INF.           |
| 27        | 4598-99   | 38             |                   | 14.6      | 9.3             | 42.6  |          | LM FN XLN CALC INF.           |
| 28        | 4599 -0   | 2.6            |                   | 13.3      | 11.6            | 26.0  | CVF      | LM FN XLN VUGS CALC INF.      |
| 29        | 4600 -1   | 200            |                   | 15.2      | 11.2            | 31.0  | CVF      | LM FN XLN SCAT VUGS CALC INF. |
| 30        | 4601 -2   | 11             |                   | 11.5      | 15.2            | 28.8  | CVF      | LM FN XLN SCAT VUGS CALC INF. |
| 31        | 4602 -3   | 157            |                   | 21.7      | 14.0            | 29.7  | CVF      | LM FN XLN OOL CALC INF.       |
| 32        | 4603 -4   | 250            |                   | 18.3      | 17.2            | 27.4  | CVF      | LM FN XLN VUGS CALC INF.      |
| 33        | 4604 -5   | 31             |                   | 17.9      | 12.8            | 28.8  | CVF      | LM FN XLN OOL CALC INF.       |
| 34        | 4605 -6   | 314            |                   | 15.8      | 14.9            | 27.5  | CVF      | LM FN XLN OOL CALC INF.       |
| 35        | 4606 -7   | 61             |                   | 18.1      | 15.5            | 35.2  | CVF      | LM FN XLN CALC INF.           |
| 36        | 4607 -8   | 93             |                   | 15.2      | 17.4            | 32.4  |          | LM FN XLN CALC INF.           |
|           | 4608-4612 |                |                   |           |                 |       |          | NO ANALYSIS LS                |
| 37        | 4612-13   | 24             |                   | 10.6      | 13.1            | 26.1  | CVF      | LM FN XLN CALC INF.           |
| 38        | 4613-14   | 6.5            |                   | 7.0       | 3.0             | 62.7  | CVF      | LM V/FN XLN CALC INF.         |
| 39        | 4614-15   | 113            |                   | 9.1       | 2.3             | 51.9  | CVF      | LM V/FN XLN CALC INF.         |
| 40        | 4615-16   | 41             |                   | 8.9       | 1.1             | 43.2  | CVF      | LM V/FN XLN CALC INF.         |
|           | 4616-4623 |                |                   |           |                 |       |          | NO ANALYSIS LS                |
| 41        | 4623-24   | 0.03           |                   | 6.7       | 7.7             | 33.8  | CVF      | LM V/FN XLN CALC INF.         |
| 42        | 4624-25   | 2.8            |                   | 10.9      | 16.3            | 29.0  | CVF      | LM V/FN XLN SUC CALC INF.     |

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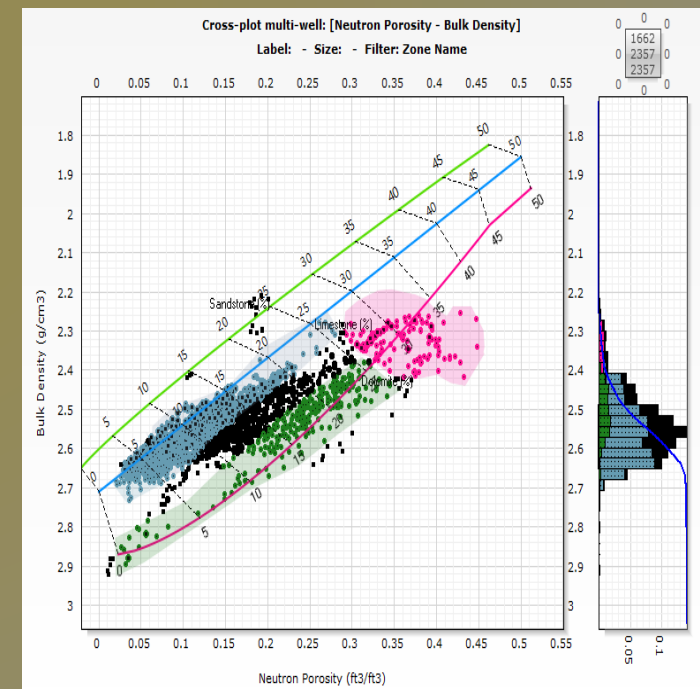
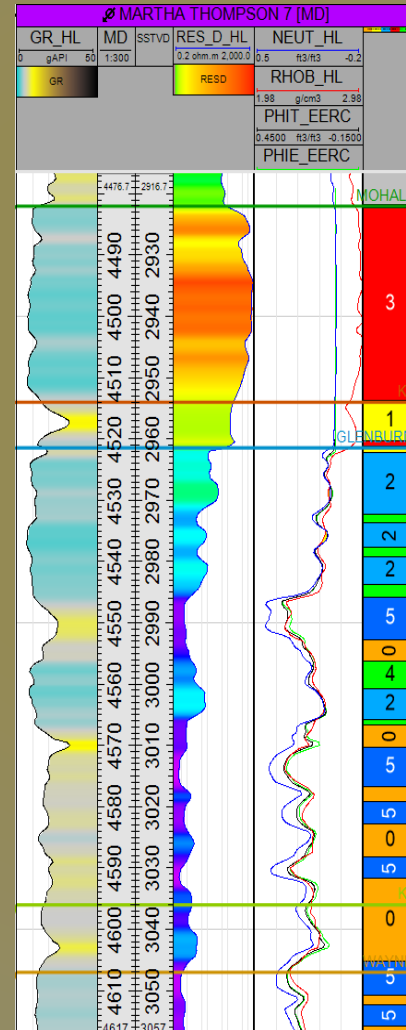
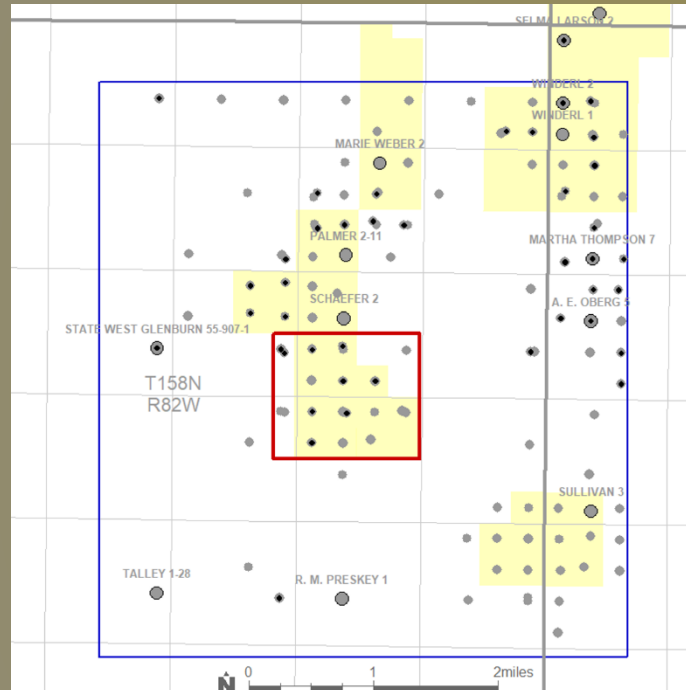
# Project Summary

- Project Intent: Investigate methods and strategies to maximize oil recovery within Madison oil fields in western North Dakota
- Hypothesis: Using new and existing reservoir characterization and laboratory analytical data coupled with state-of-the-art static and dynamic computer modeling to design and implement pilot-scale field injection tests, optimized production strategies for **residual oil zones (ROZs)** of the Madison Group's Mission Canyon Formation can be developed.
- Draft Findings:
  - ROZ is not present in Glenburn Field; production is from transition zone oil with some wells experiencing water coning stranding oil.
  - Oil production can be maximized through the management of water coning, increased cumulative fluid flow, and pressure maintenance.

# Task Summary

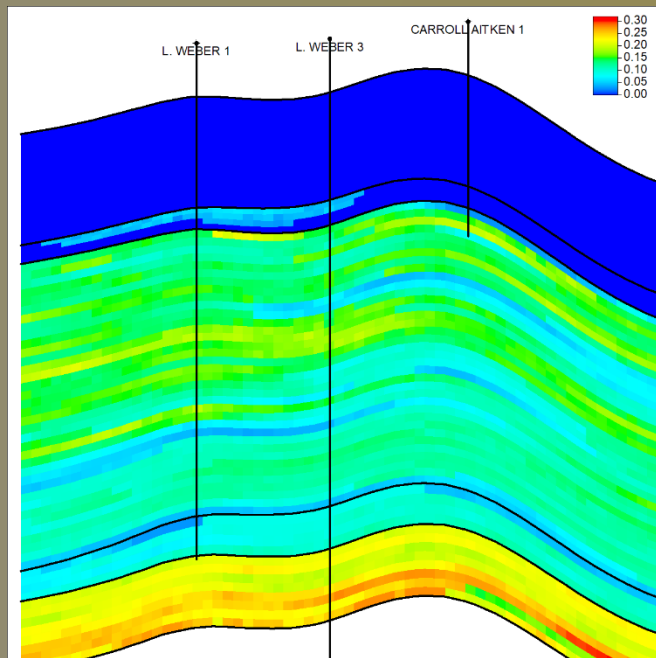
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| Task 1: Data Assembly                      | Data Audit                     | Complete    |
|  | Core Workshop                  |             |
| Task 2: Reservoir Characterization         | Stratigraphy                   | Complete    |
|  | Petrophysics                   |             |
|  | Geologic Model                 |             |
|  | Uncertainty Analysis           |             |
| Task 3: Numeric Simulation                 | History Matching               | Complete    |
|  | Optimization Scenarios         | In Progress |
|  | Sensitivity Analysis           | In Progress |
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# Preliminary Results

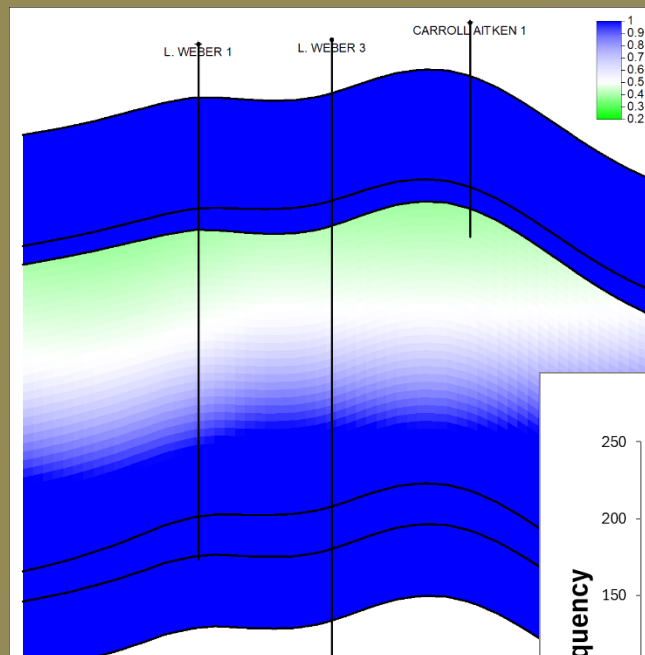




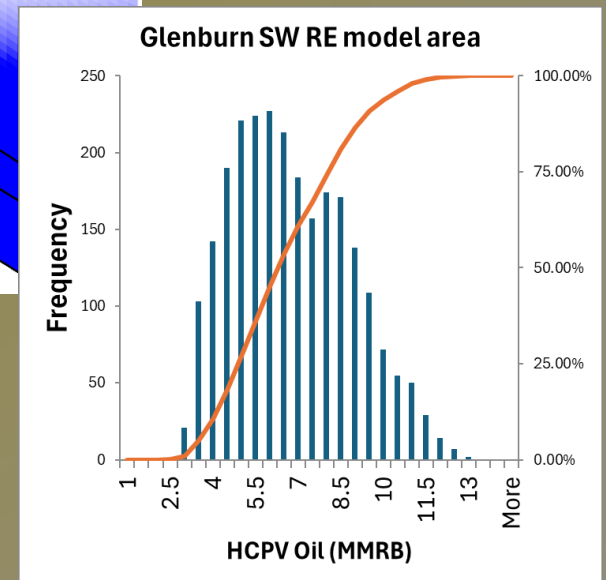
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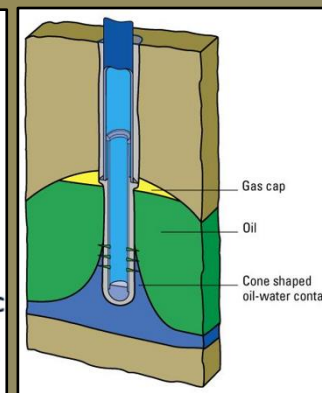
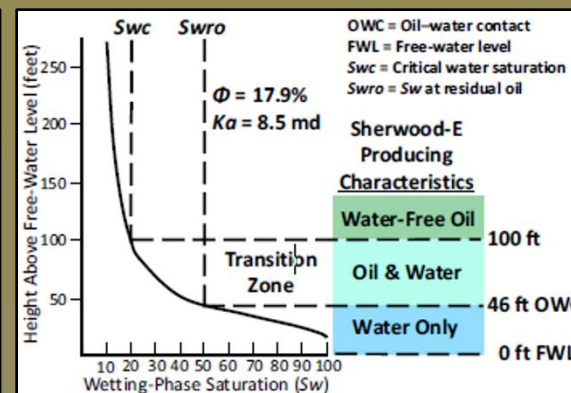
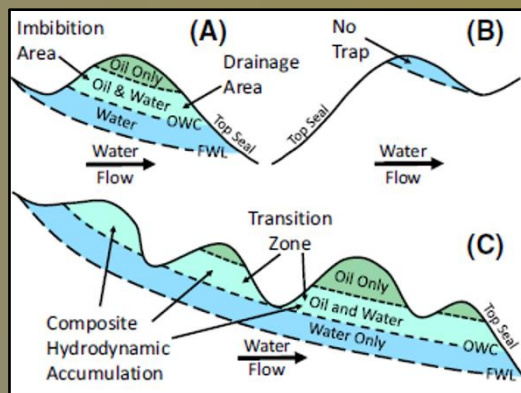
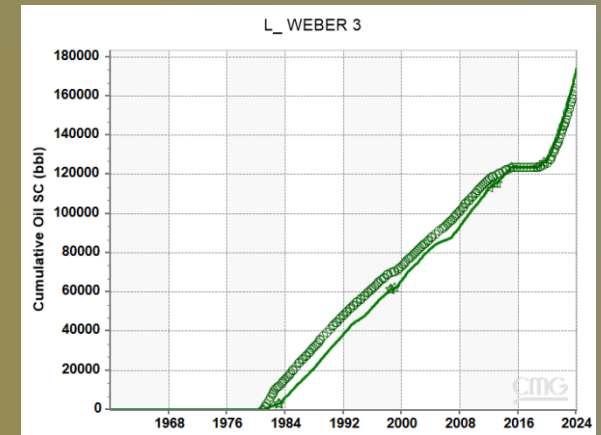
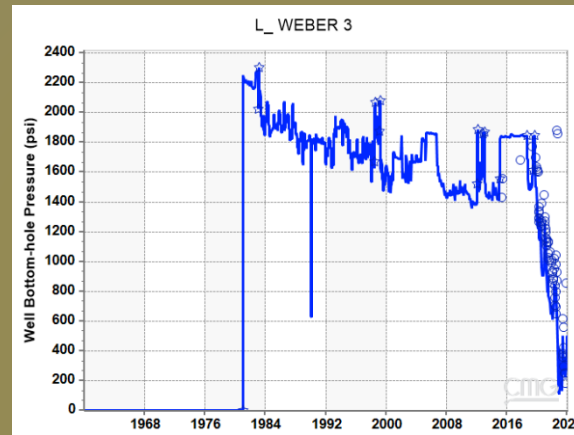
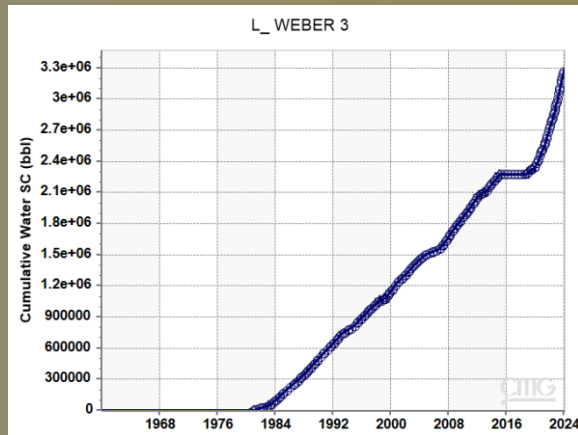
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Water Saturation



# Numeric Simulation



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