

Pressure pulse-code decomposition (PCD) @ model

Specific implementation of [pressure spatial decomposition](#) based on recognising the time pattern of flowrate variation pulse sequence in pressure response.

It constitutes the key interpretation procedure for [PCT](#).

The [decomposition](#) algorithm is based on the minimisation of correlation functional X between generating well pressure variation $\delta p_G(t)$ and pressure trend $p_{R,tr}(t)$ at receiving well after deducting the simulated pressure pulse-code response:

$$(1) \quad X[p_{uGG}] = \langle |p_{G,tr}(t)|, |\delta p_G(t)| \rangle \rightarrow \min$$

$$(2) \quad X[p_{uGR}] = \langle |p_{R,tr}(t)|, |\delta p_R(t)| \rangle \rightarrow \min$$

where

$$(3) \quad p_G(t) = p_{G,tr}(t) - \delta p_G(t), \quad \delta p_G(t) = \int_0^t p_{uGG}(t - \tau) dq_G(\tau)$$

$$(4) \quad p_R(t) = p_{R,tr}(t) - \delta p_R(t), \quad \delta p_R(t) = \int_0^t p_{uGR}(t - \tau) dq_G(\tau)$$

The generator's flowrate history $q_G(t)$, generator's wellbore pressure history $p_G(t)$ and receiver's wellbore pressure history $p_R(t)$ are assumed to be known for the whole period of the test.

The result of [decomposition](#) is the set of the unit-rate transient responses, [DTRs](#) $p_{uGG}(\tau)$ and [CTRs](#) $p_{uGR}(\tau)$, which characterise reservoir properties round generator and between generator and receiver.

The pressure trends at generator $p_{G,tr}(t)$ and receiver $p_{R,tr}(t)$ may have unknown origin but in order for [decomposition](#) to work they should have minimum correlation with generating well flowrate variation $q_G(t)$. In terms of spectral analysis this means that pressure trend spectrum contains minimum overlap with spectrum of flowrate variation $q_G(t)$ at generator.

This particularly means that pressure trends at generating and receiving wells may contain:

- low frequencies (created by monotonous activities of distant wells), which are lower than frequency range of the generating well flow variation $q_G(t)$

or

- high frequencies (created by lift instability at generating/receiving well), which are higher than frequency range of the generating well flow variation $q_G(t)$

If pressure trends contain components correlated with $q_G(t)$ (for example receiving well or distant wells have been synchronously varying the rates with generating well) then [decomposition](#) is not unique and should not be considered.

See Also

Petroleum Industry / Upstream / Subsurface E&P Disciplines / Well testing / Pressure Pulse Test / Pressure Pulse-Code Test (PCT)