

Decline Curve Analysis = DCA

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Mathematical model predicting the fluid production from a reservoir based on the past [production/injection history](#).

It can be applied to any fluid production: [water](#), [oil](#) or [gas](#).

It does not involve the knowledge of [formation pressure](#) or [bottom-hole pressure](#) and is solely based on [production /injection history](#) data.

This comes as advantage in quick estimation of production perspectives and as disadvantage in accurate long-terms predictions.

There are many popular decline metrics, including the most popular:

Arps	conventional reservoirs
Duong	tight gas, shales
Power Law	tight gas, shales
Neural Network	wide-range

The first historically and the most popular [Decline Curve Analysis](#) methodology in conventional reservoirs is [Arps decline model](#):

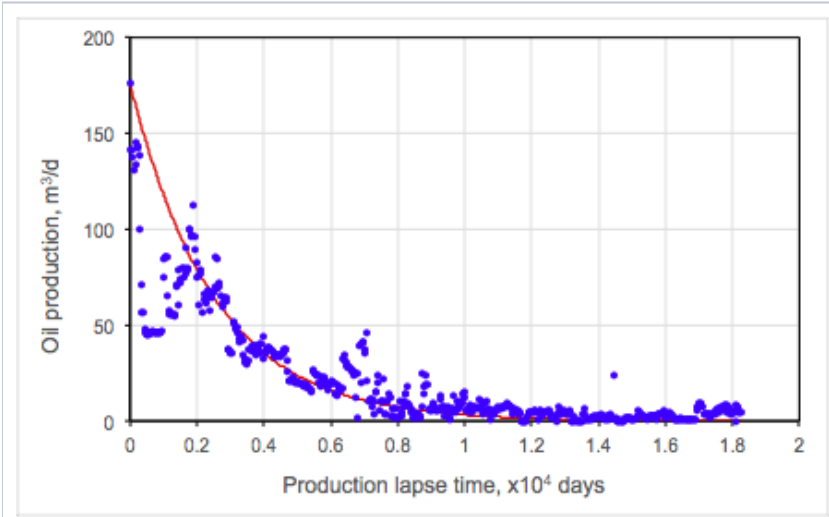


Fig. 1. [Exponential Production Decline](#)

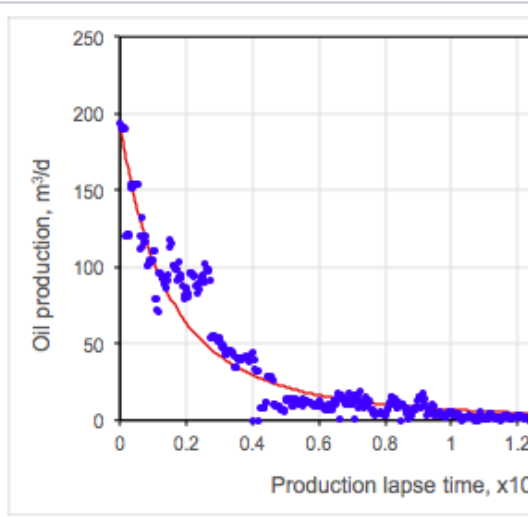


Fig. 2. [Hyperbolic Production Decline](#)

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