

# Well Testing = WT

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Part of Well & Reservoir Surveillance and one of the Subsurface E&P Disciplines, related to measuring well volumetric flow rate and wellbore pressure in one or few selected wells and analysing pressure-rate correlation.

Unlike production analysis which normally covers a time period from few months to many years, well tests are rather short and normally take from few hours to few weeks.

The quantitative interpretation is based on:

- pressure diffusion model with a purpose of dynamic reservoir properties analysis
- well completion model with a purpose of Leak Detection

There are different ways to classify the well tests.

One way is to split well tests into two major categories:

Pressure Tests	Flowrate Tests
DST – Drill Stem Test	SBT – Separator Bulk Test
WFT – Wireline Formation Test	Surface Multiphase Flowmeter
SGS – Static Gradient Survey	Downhole Multiphase Flowmeter
PTA – Pressure Transient Analysis	

The other way is to split well tests by the location where the measurements are taken and the well completion status:

Surface Well Tests	Subsurface Well Tests	
	Open-Hole Well Tests	Cased-Hole Well Tests
Surface Flowmeter	DST – Drill Stem Test	Downhole Flowmeter
SBT – Separator Bulk Test	WFT – Wireline Formation Test	SGS – Static Gradient Survey
		PTA – Pressure Transient Analysis

Third way is to split well tests by number of wells involved:

Single-Well Tests	Multi-Well Tests
Flowrate Testing	PIST – Pressure Interference Step Test (as version of PTA)
SGS – Static Gradient Survey	PICT – Pressure Interference Pulse Test (as version of PTA)
DST – Drill Stem Test	

<a href="#">WFT – Wireline Formation Test</a>	
<a href="#">Drawdown Test (DD) (as version of PTA)</a>	
<a href="#">Injection Test (INS) (as version of PTA)</a>	
<a href="#">Build-up Test (BUS) (as version of PTA)</a>	
<a href="#">Fall off Test (FOS) (as version of PTA)</a>	
<a href="#">MRST – Multirate Step Test (as version of PTA)</a>	
<a href="#">SPT – Self-Pulse Test (as version of PTA)</a>	

## See Also

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## Reference

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