

## **Turbulent Flux**

An introduction

## Embracing technology in the digital age

- Cloud-native software
- Utilizes data from existing sensors
- Hybrid model (physics and analytics)
- Integrates with proprietary operational systems through API-layer
- Provides real-time actionable insights to daily operations



## **FLUX Applications – A paradigm shift in production monitoring**





### **Supporting Aker BP since 2018**

Turbulent Flux & Cognite Delivered Virtual Flowmeter to Address Aker BP's Chalk Influx Challenges in Valhall Wells

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EXPECTED ANNUAL SAVINGS: 5-10 MNOK

#### IMPACT

Increased insights into the fluid flow help the petroleum engineers and field operators to plan and make correct decisions. The impact is higher production and fewer mistakes. Real-time information about fluid flow enables better and faster decisionmaking.

The Turbulent Flux transient VFM solution is running on Aker BP's Valhall field on the Norwegian Continental Shelf.

"Well G9 Virtual Flow Meter will aid diagnosing well performance, including start-ups and events caused by water breakthrough and/or chalk influx."

-- Dmitry Shchekotov, Senior Petroleum Engineer, AkerBP







## **FLUX VFM Basis for Production Optimization**

#### **Virtual Flow Metering:**

- 24/7 insights into flow rates, pressures, temperatures, etc. anywhere in a well
- Self-calibration always accurate flow rate predictions (on par with well-calibrated MPFM)
- Software solution using existing sensor infrastructure
- Very cost effective, subscription-based (OPEX)
- Fast to deploy real-time insights available within weeks





## **Physical vs. Virtual Flow Meters**

#### **Multiphase Flow Meter**

- Hardware & Software
  - CAPEX and OPEX intensive
- Uses pre-determined sensor measurements
- Requires PVT modeling
- Flow computer for given device geometry



#### **Virtual Flow Meter**

- Software only
  - OPEX
- Subscribes to available sensor measurements
- Requires PVT modeling
- Flexible flow computer



## **Virtual Flow Meter Sensor data requirements**

- Number of independent quantities determines number phase flow rates which can be estimated
  - Example (extreme simplification):  $\Delta P_{well} \rightarrow gas/liquid split$   $\Delta T_{well} \rightarrow oil/water split$  $\Delta P_{choke} \rightarrow flow rate$
- Too few quantities or too small differences (e.g., fully open choke)
  - a) Use FLUX Analytics
  - b) Reduce number of phase flow rates (e.g., from gas/oil/water to gas/liquid)
  - c) Introduce additional assumptions



Example VFM configuration.

VFM configuration determined on case-by-case basis based on sensor availability.



## **Scenario Simulations Well Start-up Adviser**



#### Background

 Wrong start-up procedures may result in prolonged NPT, deferred production, and need for costly interventions

#### **Objective**

Optimize well start-up

#### Value

- Optimal production faster
- Optimal use of resources, e.g. lift gas
- Reduce instabilities and ensure integrity



# Technology



## **FLUX Foundation**

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## **User Value from Sensor Data Leveraging a Data Platform**





## **Real-time time insights and beyond Operating modes**

#### **Real-time**

 Up-to-date flow information based on live sensor data



#### Scenario

- Look-ahead
  - Predict the future if operations remain unchanged
- What-if
  - Investigate the impact of different operational procedures (forward-looking as well as retrospective)





## **FLUX Applications Key takeaways**

#### Open

- Rich API facilitates 3<sup>rd</sup>-party integration
- Connects to any data platform

#### Scalable

- Fast to deploy in high volumes
- Easy to adapt solution to ever changing needs

#### Cost effective

- Subscription model
- Accurate flow insights always
  - Automated self-calibration

