

# **<sup>1</sup>Linear Flow Systems**

**For**

**The RPI Users Group**

**BJ Services  
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## **Types of Systems:**

### **1. Bar Sand Environments**

- **Lake Uintah south shore**

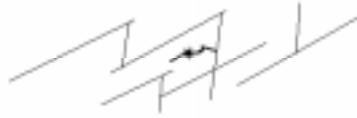
### **2. Channel Sand Environments**

- **Morrow/Springer Channels**
- **Red Fork**
- **D Sand**

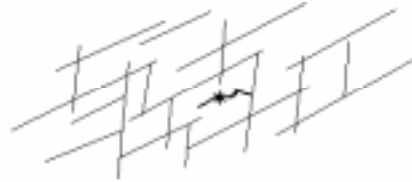
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## Naturally Fractured Reservoirs<sup>3</sup>

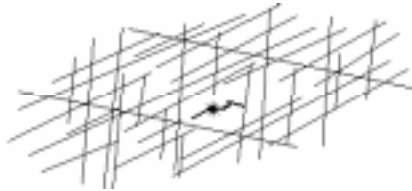
- **Sparsely Fractured**



- **Moderately Fractured (Compartmentalized)**



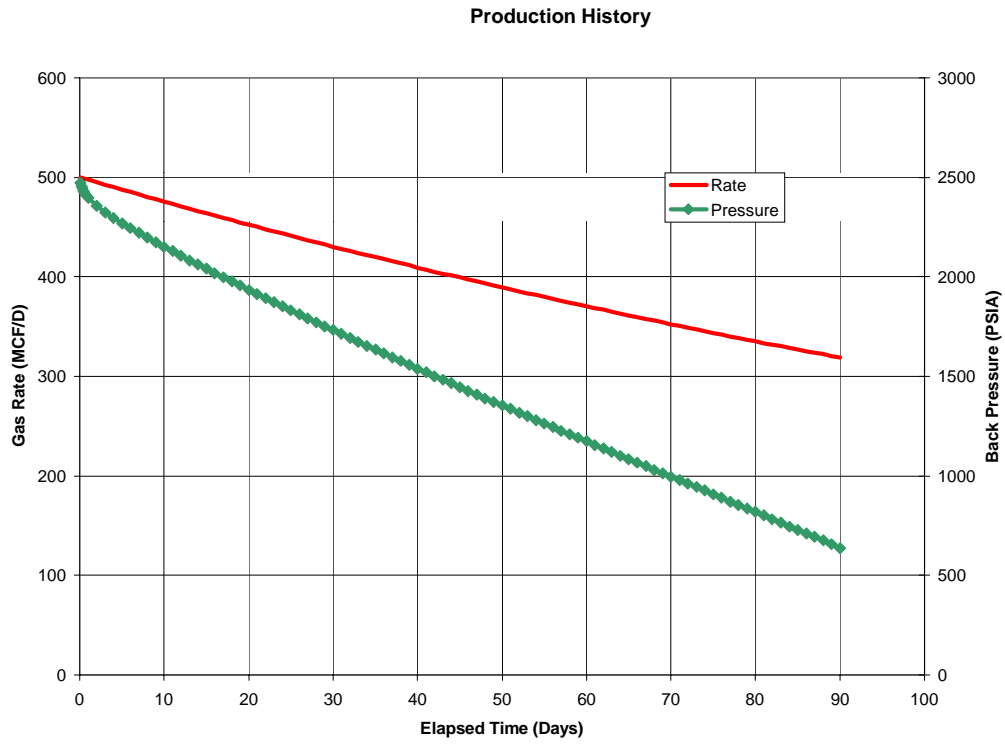
- **Intensely Fractured (approaching Radial Flow)**



**Theory:**  
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$$\frac{\Psi_i - \Psi_w(t)}{q_s} = \frac{\rho_s}{x_f h \sqrt{k}} \sqrt{\frac{t}{\pi \Phi \mu c}}$$

# An Example:<sup>5</sup>

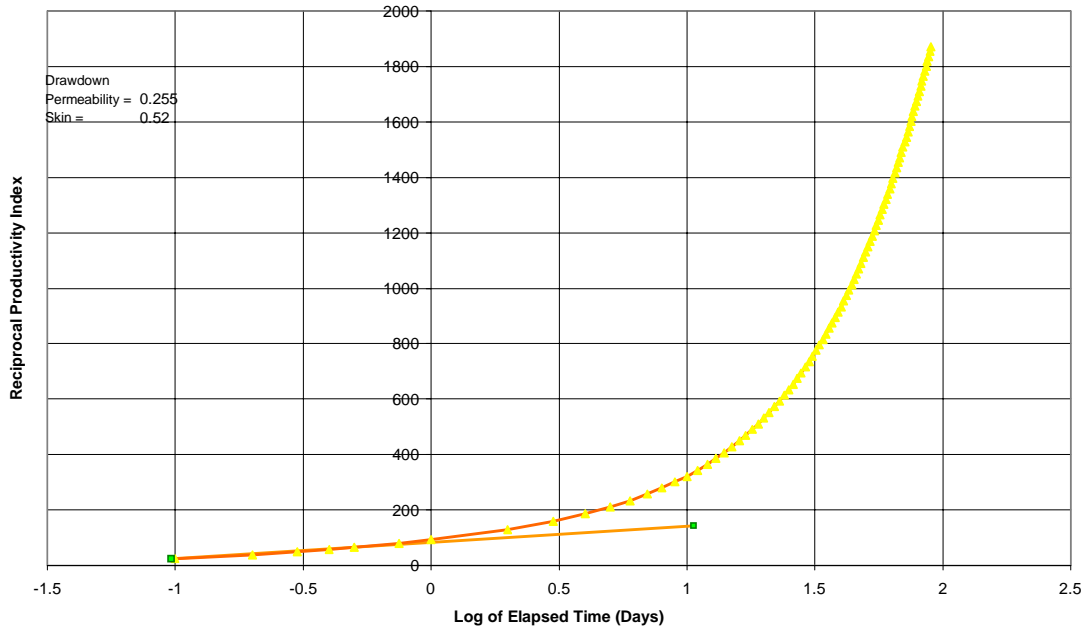


$K = .25$  mDs.  $X_e = 200$  ft.  $X_f = 50$  ft.  $Ad = .9183$  Ac.

# The MDH Plot:

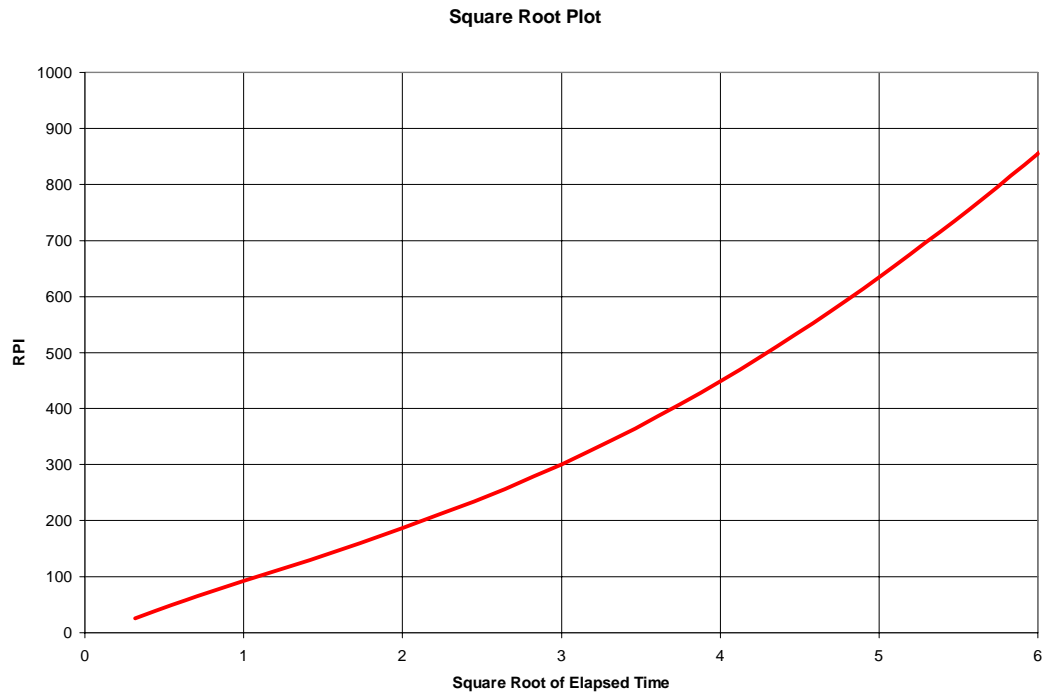
RPI - MDH  
BaseCase - Linear Flow

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# The Root Plot

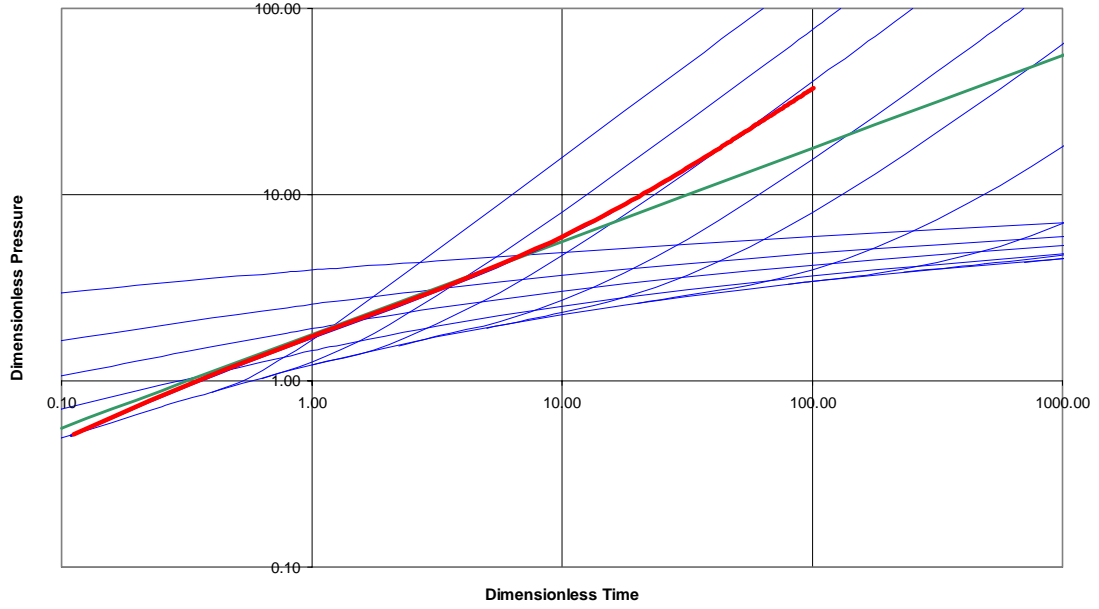
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# The Agarwal – Gringarten Type Curve

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Agarwal - Gringarten Type Curve  
BaseCase - Linear Flow

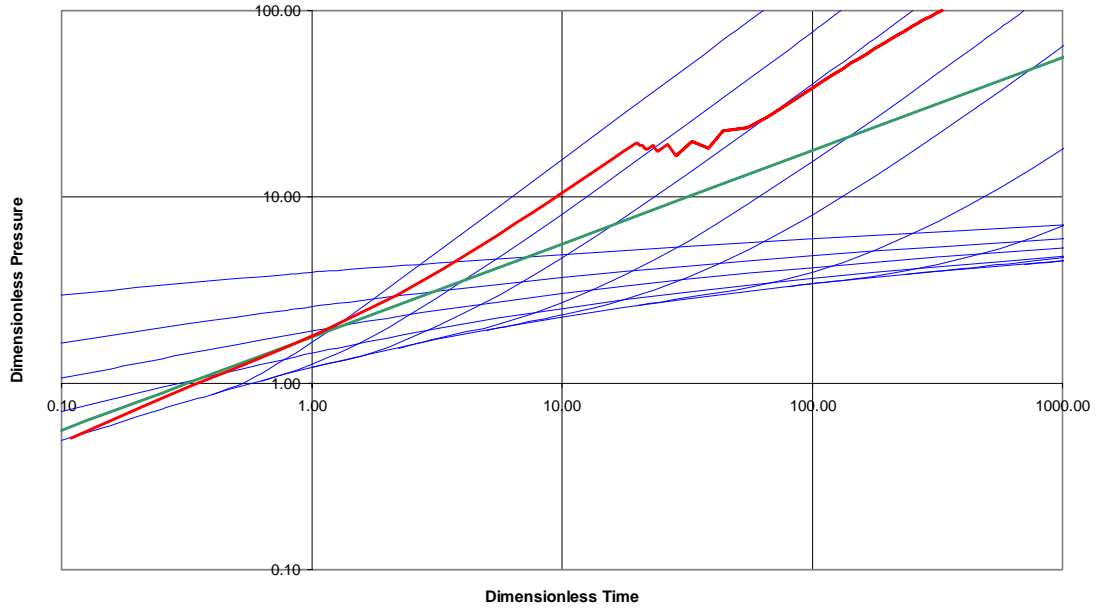




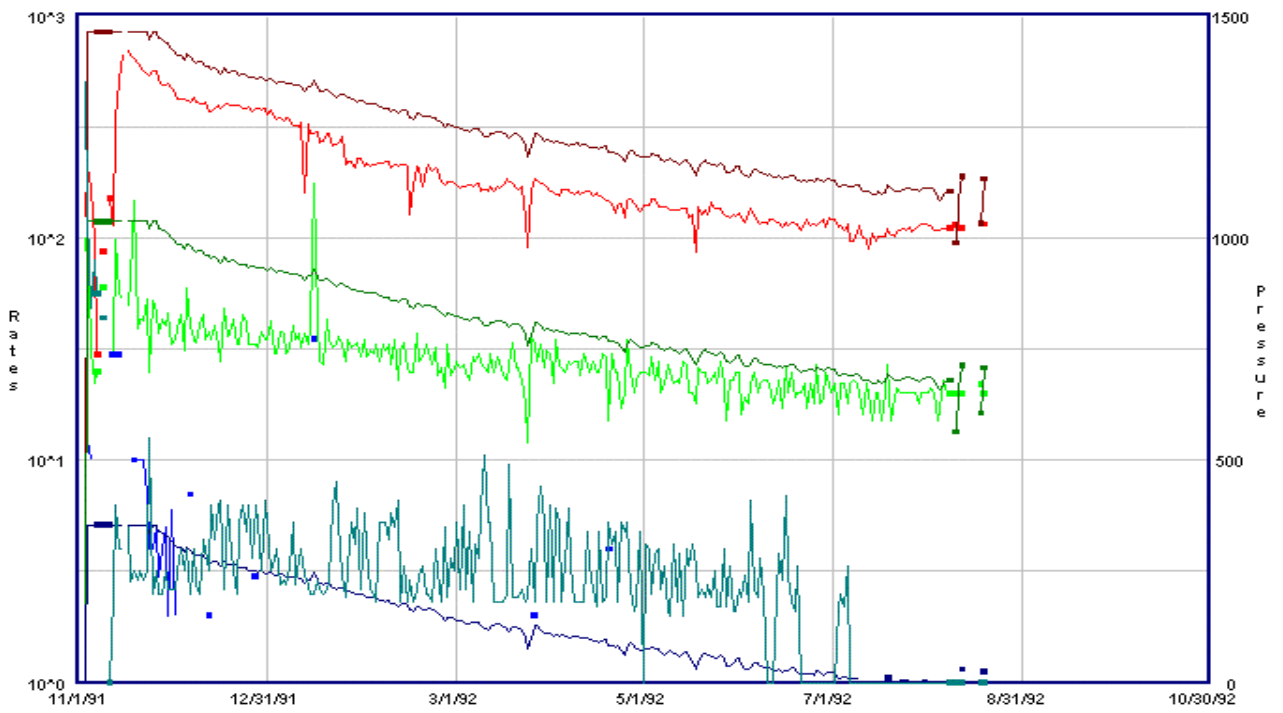
# A Compartment Response:

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Agarwal - Gringarten Type Curve  
BaseCase - Linear Flow



$K=.25$  mDs.  $x_e=200$  ft.  $x_f=50$  ft. Blk Bdry=75 ft. Threshold Pressure = 200 psi.



<sup>10</sup> Fig. 3 Production Decline Curve for Expl. #3 – Boundary

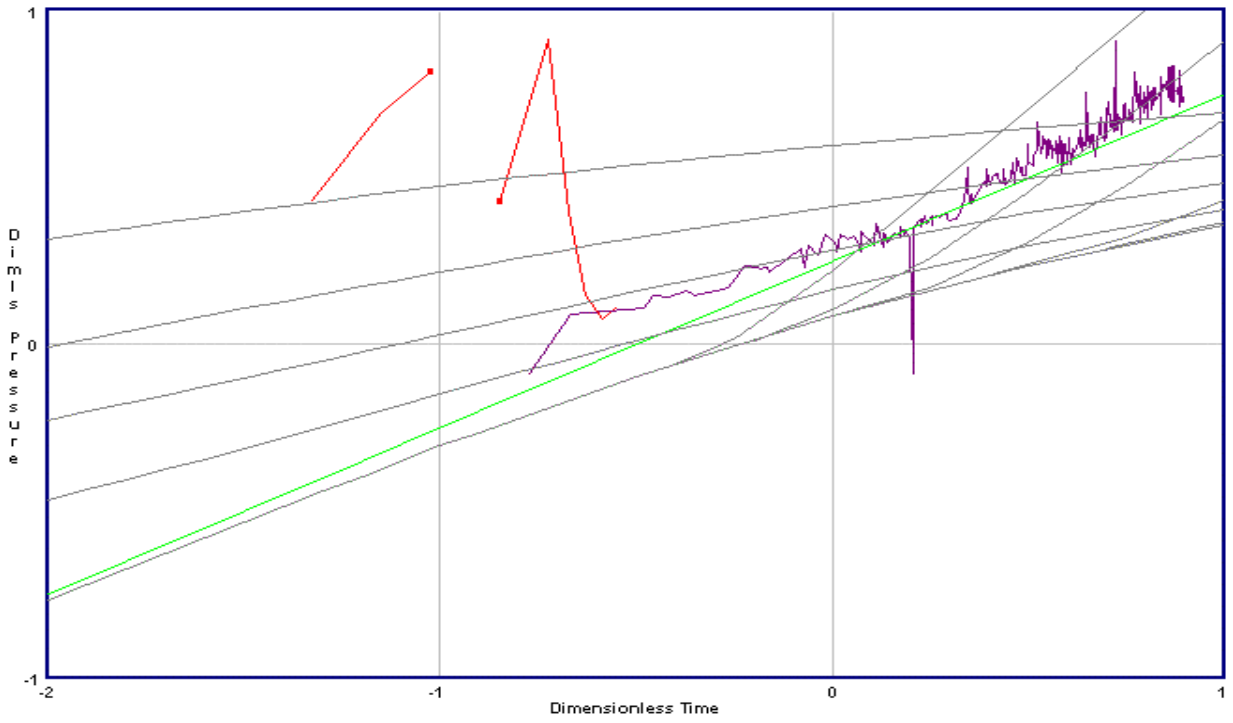
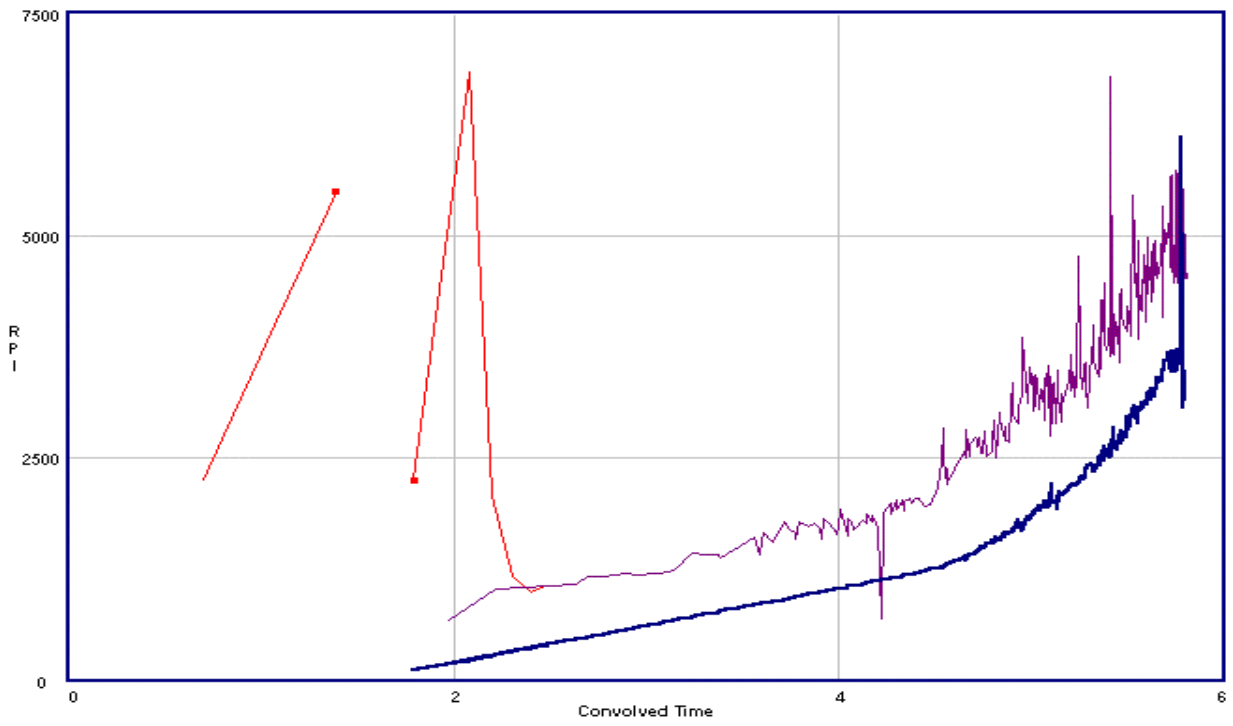


Fig. 1 Agarwal-Gringarten Type Curve for Expl. #3 – Boundary

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<sup>12</sup> Fig. 2 RPI-MDH Plot for Expl. #3 – Boundary

## **Conclusions:**

- **Geologically controlled linear flow regimes can be evaluated**
- **Use the MDH plot at “early” time to estimate permeability**
- **Use Root Plot and AGTC to evaluate “length” of fracture face**
- **Expectations created by “assumed” radial flow cause frequent “disappointing completions”**

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