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## A new method for characterizing dynamic reservoir quality: Implications for quality maps in reservoir simulation and rock type classification



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ARTICLE INFO ABSTRACT Keywords: Determining reservoir quality is vital in order to efficiently produce hydrocarbon and/or inject fluids for sec-Reservoir rock quality ondary/tertiary recovery and carbon sequestration. In this study, we introduce a new approach and present DROI dynamic reservoir quality index (DRQI). A high-quality reservoir would have high displacement (recovery) rate **TEM-Function** and displaceable (recoverable) saturation of oil. A modified true effective mobility (TEM) function is developed Relative permeability representing displacement rate of oil by an injected fluid (e.g., water or CO2). DRQI is defined as the area under Rock typing modified TEM curve of oil and includes the well-known reservoir quality index (RQI) as its special case. A large Quality map dataset composed of 220 water displacing oil relative permeability experiments, conducted on limestone and dolomite rocks from three Iranian carbonate reservoirs, was used to investigate the potential relationships between DRQI and other reservoir characteristics (e.g., irreducible water saturation, bulk irreducible water, maximum movable oil saturation, and bulk maximum movable oil) as well as quality indicators of RQI, flow zone indicator (FZI), and Winland r35. Results showed that irreducible water saturation and maximum movable oil saturation as well as their bulk variants may not be appropriate for characterizing multiphase quality of reservoirs. Furthermore, the frequently-used single-phase rock quality indicators RQI, FZI, and Winland r35 were not found to be very accurate in characterization of dynamic reservoir quality. DRQI can be used in reservoir simulation studies as a criterion for defining quality maps, and in petrophysical tasks for rock typing and comparing between dynamic qualities (in terms of displacement rate and displaceable saturation of oil) of rock

## 1. Introduction

Reservoir quality is a general term whose definition depends on the goals of a study. Here, we focus on quality in the context of multiphase flow, such as CO<sub>2</sub> injection into geological formations, aquifer rise, gascap expansion, and secondary and tertiary recovery processes. Understanding the distribution of rock quality is economically important for successful production and injection strategies (Nakajima and Schiozer, 2003; da Cruz et al., 2004).

samples.

Several approaches exist for assessing reservoir quality, such as petrographic studies (Nabawy, 2013; Tavakoli, 2018, 2021), analysis of well logging and seismic attributes (Ozkan et al., 2011; Nabawy and El Sharawy, 2018; Abdulaziz et al., 2019), use of routine core analysis data (Amaefule et al., 1993; Mirzaei-Paiaman et al., 2015, 2018), and analysis of special core analysis measurements like capillary pressure and relative permeability data (Skalinski et al., 2014; Chandra et al., 2015;

Mirzaei-Paiaman et al., 2019b; Mirzaei-Paiaman and Ghanbarian, 2021a). Petrographic studies based on thin section images may provide some general qualitative and case-specific relations between pore-level quality and porosity or permeability (Nazari et al., 2019). However, the interrelation between pore-scale features and displacement rate and sweep efficiency is not yet fully known. In addition to that, thin sections only provide 2D images of a rock sample and do not capture heterogeneity in the third dimension.

The ratio of permeability (*k*) to porosity ( $\varphi$ ) has been used as a quality indicator in scaling capillary pressure data through the well-known *J*-function (Leverett, 1941) and to characterize layer-scale quality (called process or delivery speed) (Chopra, 1988; Chopra et al., 1989). Amaefule et al. (1993) called this ratio reservoir quality index (RQI).

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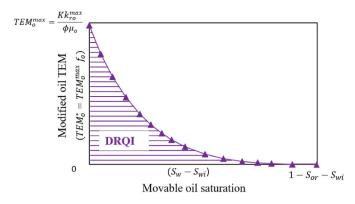


Fig. 1. Modified oil TEM, Eq. (7), against movable oil saturation. The area below the curve represents the DRQI, Eq. (8) or (9).

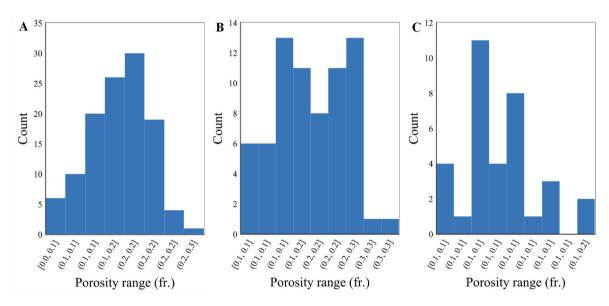
$$RQI = 0.0314 \sqrt{\frac{k}{\varphi}} \tag{1}$$

in which permeability, porosity, and RQI are respectively in millidarcies, fraction, and micrometers. Since RQI is determined from singlephase flow characteristics (e.g., porosity and permeability), it should not be used to characterize the dynamic behavior of rocks under multiphase flow conditions.

To identify hydraulic flow units (HFUs), Amaefule et al. (1993) modified Kozeny-Carman equation and introduced flow zone indicator (FZI) as follows

$$FZI = 0.0314 \frac{1-\varphi}{\varphi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{\varphi}}$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

where FZI is in micrometers. Similar to RQI, FZI does not consider multiphase characteristics. In addition to that, Mirzaei-Paiaman et al. (2015, 2018) argued that FZI is not a reliable HFU indicator and



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Fig. 2. Porosity histogram for samples from (A) Reservoir A, (B) Reservoir B, and (C) Reservoir C.

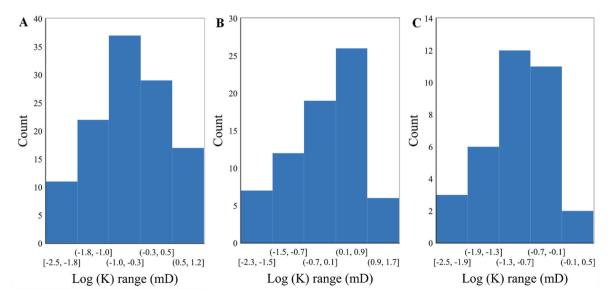


Fig. 3. Log(K) histogram for samples from (A) Reservoir A, (B) Reservoir B, and (C) Reservoir C.

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#### Table 1

Lower RQI boundaries for different rock types and corresponding colors.

| GHE* Number | RQI (micrometer), lower limits | Color |
|-------------|--------------------------------|-------|
| 10          | 87.405                         |       |
| 9           | 29.135                         |       |
| 8           | 9.712                          |       |
| 7           | 3.237                          |       |
| 6           | 1.079                          |       |
| 5           | 0.360                          |       |
| 4           | 0.120                          |       |
| 3           | 0.040                          |       |
| 2           | 0.013                          |       |
| 1           | 0.004                          |       |

introduced a modified FZI (called FZI\* or FZI-star that is identical to RQI).

Primary drainage capillary pressure measurements were also used to study the initial fluid saturation and core quality (Purcell, 1949; Brown, 1951; Skalinski et al., 2014). However, small-scale properties that affect viscous displacements (i.e., dynamic behavior) may not play a key role in capillary-dominated measurements. Moreover, as primary drainage capillary pressure curves are measured on water-wet rocks (i.e., no crude aging), the influence of wettability, which affects both the rate of fluid displacement and residual saturations, is not taken into account (Hamon and Bennes, 2004; Masalmeh and Jing, 2004; Ghedan, 2007; Gomes et al., 2008; Mirzaei-Paiaman et al., 2018, 2019a, 2019b; Faramarzi-Palangar and Mirzaei-Paiaman, 2021).

Some studies have considered certain characteristics of primary drainage capillary pressure curve to determine rock quality, e.g., threshold pressure, irreducible wetting phase saturation, curvature, and inflection point (Thomeer, 1960; Kolodzie, 1980; Swanson, 1981; Ghanbarian et al., 2019; Liu et al., 2020; Abuamarah and Nabawy, 2021). Mirzaei-Paiaman et al. (2018) introduced an index (called PSRTI) by merging Kozeny-Carman equation and Young-Laplace capillary pressure relationship. PSRTI needs porosity, permeability, hydraulic tortuosity, and shape factor as input parameters. Several studies established empirical relationships among a characteristic pore throat size, porosity, and permeability (Kolodzie, 1980; Pittman, 1992; Aguilera, 2002; Jaya et al., 2005; Ngo et al., 2015; Tran et al., 2020; Liu et al., 2020). Among such correlations, the most widely used one is Winland r35 given by Kolodzie (1980).

$$Log(r_{35}) = -0.996 + 0.588 \operatorname{Log}(k) - 0.864 \operatorname{Log}(\varphi)$$
(3)

where  $r_{35}$  is the pore size corresponding to 35% mercury saturation on mercury intrusion porosimetry curve.

Rock quality is one of the main factors affecting capillary-driven displacement (Handy, 1960; Cai et al., 2014; Hamidpour et al., 2015, 2018; Abbasi et al., 2017; Harimi et al., 2019). Analyzing spontaneous imbibition experiments may provide information about rock quality (Akin et al., 2000; Roychaudhuri et al., 2013; Hu and Ewing, 2014; Liu et al., 2015; Mirzaei-Paiaman and Saboorian-Jooybari, 2016; Liu, 2017). Imbibition and secondary drainage capillary pressure curves were recently used to study the quality of rocks. If capillary pressure is plotted versus movable hydrocarbon saturation, the relative position of the curve can reveal rock quality (Mirzaei-Paiaman and Ghanbarian, 2021a).

Rock typing may also be performed using relative permeability measurements (Mirzaei-Paiaman et al., 2019b; Yokeley et al., 2021; Mirzaei-Paiaman and Ghanbarian, 2021b). Mirzaei-Paiaman et al. (2019b) introduced true effective mobility (TEM) function through which relative permeability measurements are converted into new curves called TEM.

$$TEM_{\alpha} = \frac{Kk_{r\alpha}}{\varphi\mu_{\alpha}}$$
(4)

TEM is a function of saturation and can be calculated for each fluid phase ( $\alpha$ ) from relative permeability ( $k_r$ ), permeability, porosity and viscosity ( $\mu$ ). Rocks with similar TEM curves are expected to have identical qualities. Although one can compare fluids displacement rates by analyzing TEM data, in this approach the role of movable fluid saturation has not been taken into account. Furthermore, since TEM is

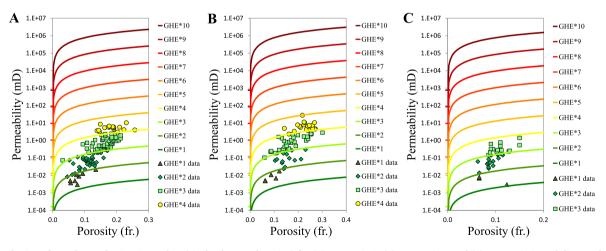


Fig. 4. Distribution of samples on the GHE\* template (single-phase rock typing) for (A) Reservoir A, (B) Reservoir B, and (C) Reservoir C. Each line on the template shows the lower boundary of a rock type.

| Table 2  |  |
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| Types and properties of the fluids used in the flooding tests. |  |

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| Reservoir | Brine salinity (gr/L)  | Brine density (gr/cc) | Brine viscosity (cp)                           | Oil type  | Oil density (gr/cc) | Oil viscosity (cp)                   |
|-----------|------------------------|-----------------------|--|---|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| A<br>B    | 200, 210 or 230<br>260 | 1.15 or 1.17<br>1.20  | 1.26, 1.40, 1.46, 1.56 or 1.60<br>1.64 to 1.88 | Synthetic, kerosene, or dead crude<br>Synthetic | 0.8 or 0.9<br>0.8   | 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 or 2.5<br>1.40 or 2.05 |
| C         | 200                    | 1.15                  | 0.54 or 1.40                                   | Dead crude or kerosene                          | 0.80 or 0.85        | 1.30 or 3.82                         |

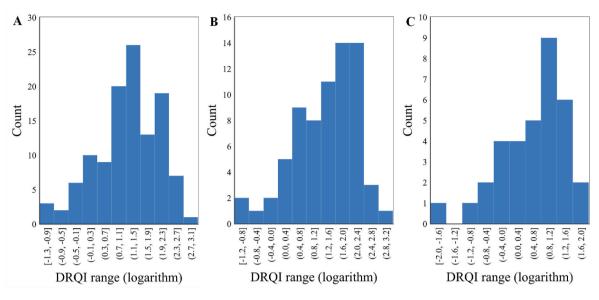


Fig. 5. Histogram of log (DRQI) for the samples from (A) Reservoir A, (B) Reservoir B, and (C) Reservoir C.

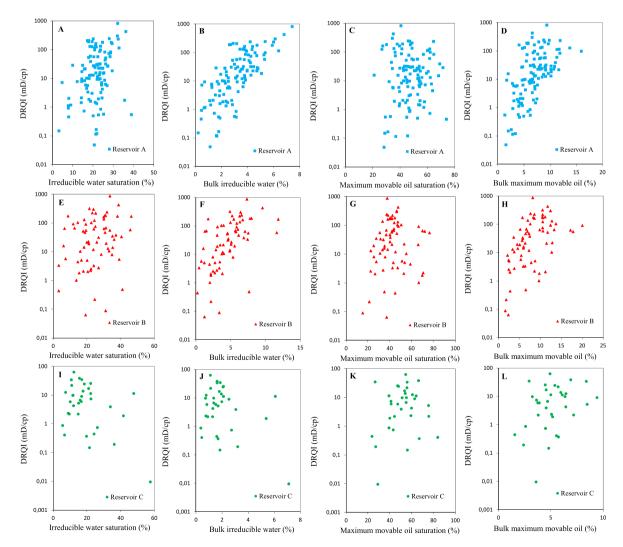


Fig. 6. DRQI versus irreducible water saturation (A, E and I), bulk irreducible water (B, F and J), maximum movable oil saturation (C, G and K), and bulk maximum movable oil (D, H and L) for each of the studied reservoirs.

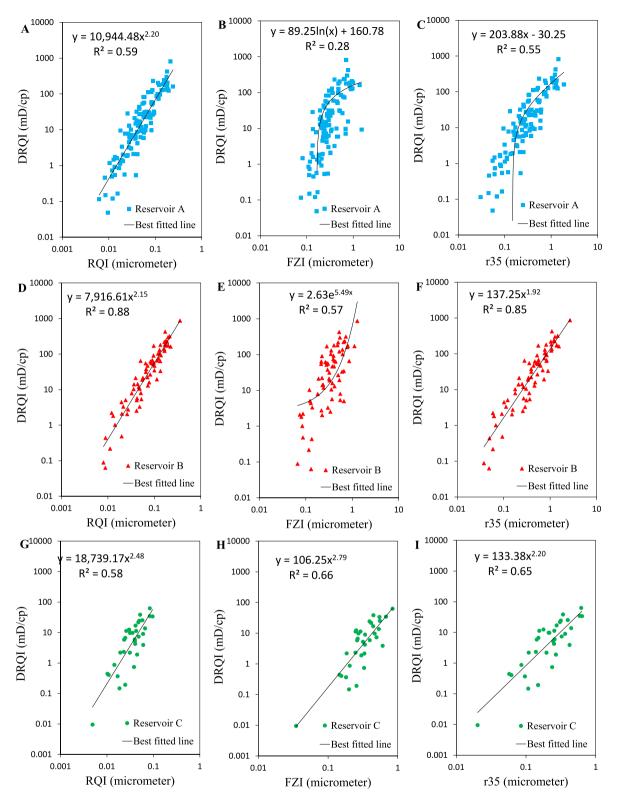


Fig. 7. DRQI versus RQI (A, D and G), FZI (B, E and H), and Winland r35 (C, F and I) for each of the studied reservoirs.

calculated for each fluid phase separately (e.g.,  $CO_2$  TEM and water TEM in a  $CO_2$ -water displacement), a two-phase system should be practically represented by a pair of curves. Comparing displacement rates of different systems would, therefore, require comparing their corresponding pairs of curves qualitatively. In heterogeneous systems such a comparison may not be conclusive since a rock may have a higher TEM curve for one fluid (e.g.,  $CO_2$ ), while it may show an inferior TEM curve for another one (e.g., water).

The concept of rock quality has been incorporated in reservoir simulation models for well placement optimization by generating socalled quality maps to evaluate productivity/injectivity potentials of grid cells (Babu and Odeh, 1989; Martini et al., 2005; Min et al., 2011; Ding et al., 2014; Pouladi et al., 2020; Oliveira et al., 2021; ). Generally, three approaches of numerical simulation, analytical models, and

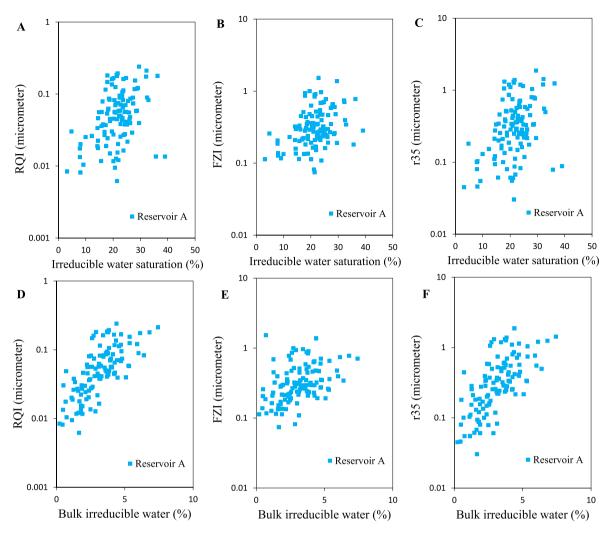


Fig. 8. (A) RQI versus irreducible water saturation, (B) FZI versus irreducible water saturation, (C) Winland r35 versus irreducible water saturation, (D) RQI versus bulk irreducible water, (E) FZI versus bulk irreducible water, and (F) Winland r35 versus bulk irreducible water for Reservoir A.

parametric groups have been used to obtain quality maps. In numerical simulation technique, a reservoir is simulated and quality of different regions is assessed by evaluating simulation outputs (Nakajima and Schiozer, 2003; da Cruz et al., 2004; Ravalec, 2012). The main limitation of defining quality map using the simulation outputs is the associated computational cost. Furthermore, in such an approach usually only cumulative produced/injected volumes are considered as quality criteria. Quality maps derived from analytical models are mainly focused on flow rates in pressure depletion scenarios (Nakajima and Schiozer, 2003). Some studies have combined basic properties, such as permeability, porosity, initial fluids saturation, thickness, and pressure, to form parametric groups for describing reservoir quality (Cullick et al., 2005; Liu and Jalali, 2006; Narayanasamy et al., 2006; Maschio et al., 2008). These groups are not unique, so numerous forms of them can be defined arbitrarily, and that the parameters focus on initial saturation and deliverability in single-phase flows.

Quality of a reservoir is typically defined by its hydrocarbon storage capacity and deliverability (Gluyas and Swarbrick, 2004; Blackbourn, 2012; Worden et al., 2018). However, hydrocarbon storage capacity does not necessarily represent the recoverable hydrocarbon capacity. To the best of the authors' knowledge, there exists no index that takes into account the effect of both (i) displacement rate and (ii) displaceable fluid saturation in multiphase applications. Therefore, in this paper, reservoir quality is defined by hydrocarbon recoverable (or displaceable/movable) capacity and deliverability (or displacement rate).

Consequently, a high-quality reservoir rock is expected to be associated with a high rate of hydrocarbon recovery and high recoverable hydrocarbon saturation. By accounting for these two factors, a new approach called dynamic reservoir quality index (DRQI) is proposed with applications to multiphase flow.

#### 2. Model development

Let us consider a horizontal system where oil is immiscibly displaced by another fluid (e.g., water). Oil fractional flow,  $f_o$ , can be expressed as oil flow rate ( $q_o$ ) normalized by total water and oil flow rates ( $q_o + q_w$ ) (Dullien, 1992; Blunt, 2017) as follows.

$$f_{o} = \frac{q_{o}}{q_{o} + q_{w}} = \frac{l}{l + \frac{k_{w}}{k_{o}} \frac{\mu_{o}}{\mu_{w}}}$$
(5)

where the subscripts w and o refer to water and oil, respectively. For the displacement of oil by gas, one may simply substitute the subscript w by g.

Following Eq. (4), the maximum true effective mobility of oil  $(TEM_o^{max})$  occurs at the irreducible water saturation  $S_{wir}$  (where water is immobile) and can be written as

$$TEM_o^{max} = \frac{Kk_{ro}^{max}}{\varphi\mu_o}$$
(6)

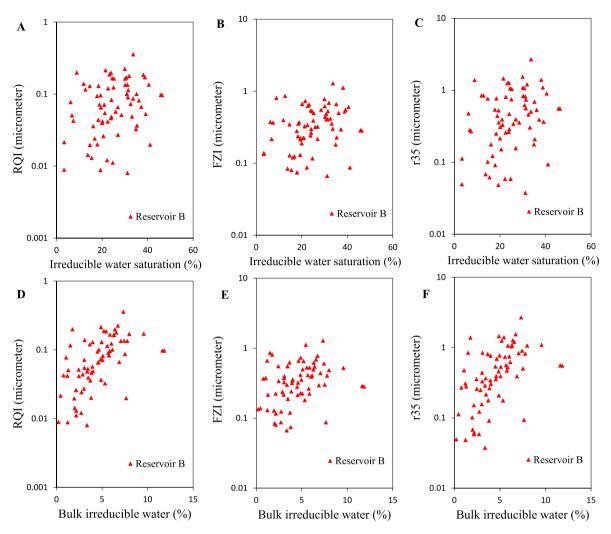


Fig. 9. (A) RQI versus irreducible water saturation, (B) FZI versus irreducible water saturation, (C) Winland r35 versus irreducible water saturation, (D) RQI versus bulk irreducible water, (E) FZI versus bulk irreducible water, and (F) Winland r35 versus bulk irreducible water for Reservoir B.

 $k_{ro}^{max}$  is the maximum oil relative permeability (i.e.,  $k_{ro}$  at  $S_{wir}$ ). In our analysis, relative permeability is defined as the effective permeability divided by the absolute permeability.

As  $f_o$  is dimensionless, multiplying it by  $TEM_o^{max}$  leads to a reasonable basis for comparing oil-by-water displacement rates of different systems. Thus, aiming at developing a robust function to estimate the rate at which oil is displaced by another fluid, the modified oil TEM ( $TEM_o^*$ ) can then be written as:

$$TEM_{o}^{*} = TEM_{o}^{max} f_{o} = \frac{Kk_{o}^{max}}{\varphi\mu_{o}} \left(\frac{l}{1 + \frac{k_{w}}{k_{ro}} \frac{\mu_{o}}{\mu_{w}}}\right)$$
(7)

The important feature of the modified oil TEM is that it combines both water and oil relative permeability curves into a single curve, in contrast to the usual TEM which is individually determined for each phase. Comparing modified oil TEMs of different rocks provides the basis to assess their dynamic behaviors. At two endpoints irreducible water saturation and residual oil saturation,  $TEM_o^*$  reduces to  $TEM_o^{max}$ and zero, respectively.

To appropriately account for both oil displacement rate and movable oil saturation, the dynamic reservoir quality index (DRQI) is proposed by integrating the curve of  $TEM_o^*$  from the initial water saturation ( $S_{wi}$ ) to the final water saturation ( $1 - S_{or}$ ) to have

$$DRQI = \int_{S_{wi}}^{I-S_{or}} TEM_o^* dS_w = \frac{Kk_{ro}^{max}}{\varphi\mu_o} \int_{S_{wi}}^{I-S_{or}} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{k_{rw}}{k_{ro}} \frac{\mu_o}{\mu_w}} dS_w$$
(8)

In Eq. (8), DRQI is expressed in mD/cp, and  $S_{or}$  is the residual oil saturation. We note that  $S_{wir}$  is a special case of  $S_{wi}$  (i.e.,  $S_{wir} \leq S_{wi}$ ). Fig. 1 shows DRQI defined as the area under the modified oil TEM curve. For a system or grid cell in an oil zone with no previous experience of saturation change due to waterflooding, one would have  $S_{wi} = S_{wir}$ . For such a system with previous experience of saturation change or a system within a water-oil transition zone one would have  $S_{wi} > S_{wir}$ .

For a given rock (or grid cell in simulation model), DRQI could be time-dependent because  $S_{wi}$  may vary with time. As DRQI increases, the dynamic rock quality increases as well. It is noteworthy to mention that in this study the modified TEM of oil is considered as the indicator of dynamic reservoir quality. This is because displacement rate and recoverable saturation of oil is of interest in water-oil displacement processes. However, the proposed approach can be extended to three phases and other applications, e.g., CO<sub>2</sub> injection into aquifers or waterflooding of gas reservoirs, by determining the modified TEM for a desired fluid.

By replacing  $K/\varphi$  from Eq. (1) in Eq. (8), it will be

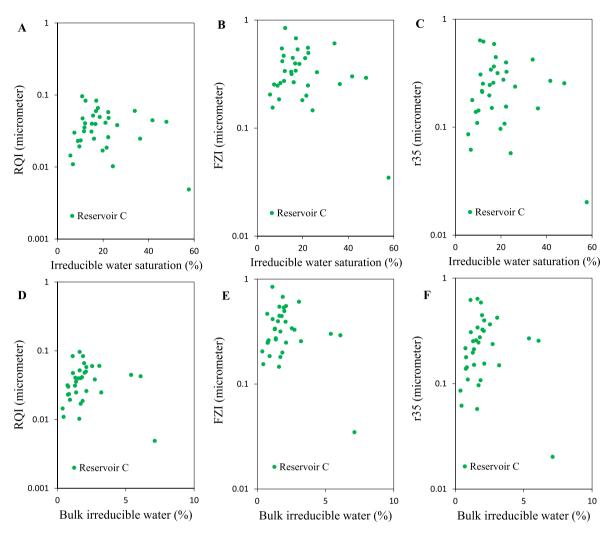


Fig. 10. (A) RQI versus irreducible water saturation, (B) FZI versus irreducible water saturation, (C) Winland r35 versus irreducible water saturation, (D) RQI versus bulk irreducible water, (E) FZI versus bulk irreducible water, and (F) Winland r35 versus bulk irreducible water for Reservoir C.

$$DRQI = 1014 RQI^{2} \frac{k_{ro}^{max}}{\mu_{o}} \int_{S_{wi}}^{I-S_{or}} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{k_{rw}}{k_{ro}} \frac{\mu_{o}}{\mu_{w}}} dS_{w}$$
(9)

Eq. (9) indicates that RQI is a special case of DRQI. Eq. (9) clearly shows that in addition to RQI, there is the necessity of bringing twophase characteristics of system (i.e., relative permeabilities, fluids viscosities, and initial and final saturations) into the quality analysis.

#### 3. Materials and experiments

220 limestone and dolomite plug samples (1.5 in diameter and 2 in length) from three Iranian reservoirs, named A, B and C, were used. The number of samples in reservoirs A, B, and C are respectively 116, 70, and 34. The samples were first cleaned and dried according to API recommended practice RP40 Standard (API, 1998) followed by measuring helium porosity and permeability. The salient properties of the samples are summarized in Tables A-1, A-2, and A-3 for reservoirs A, B, and C, respectively (see Appendix 1). Porosity and permeability ranged from 3 to 26% and 0.003 to 10.458 mD for Reservoir A, 6 to 30% and 0.01 to 28.14 mD for Reservoir B, and 6 to 15% and 0.003 to 1.410 mD for reservoir C. The measured data confirm a wide spectrum of petrophysical properties for the three studied reservoirs. The histograms of porosity and permeability for the three reservoirs are shown in Figs. 2 and 3, respectively.

The porosity and permeability data were used to identify single-

phase rock types using the GHE\* method. The global hydraulic element (GHE) technique proposed by Corbett and Potter (2004) is based on dividing a wide range of FZI values into 10 clusters or GHE classes. In such a graphical template, GHE1 and GHE10 are placed at the base and top of the porosity-permeability plot, respectively. Core plugs and petrophysical data can be plotted in clusters between the pre-determined GHE lines. GHE mapping approach allows rock typing and a comparison between reservoirs, wells, fields, and core and simulation data on the basis of FZI values. Mirzaei-Paiaman et al. (2020) proposed the GHE\* technique based on RQI or FZI\* values. In their approach, a wide range of RQI values are classified into 10 reference single-phase rock types or GHE\*s. The difference between the GHE and GHE\* techniques is that the former is based on FZI whereas the later on the basis of RQI values. Table 1 summarizes the lower RQI limits and color of each pre-defined GHE\* class. To set these boundaries, the broadest possible range of RQI was considered. GHE\*10 is open-ended and does not have an upper limit. If RQI values smaller than 0.004 are encountered, the lower limit of the first GHE\* can be disregarded, too.

The rock type or GHE\* class number corresponding to each sample is included in Tables A-1 to A-3. The distribution of samples on the GHE\* template is shown in Fig. 4 for the three reservoirs. Each line on the template represents the lower boundary of a pre-built reference rock type, see Table 1. As can be seen, the samples are distributed in rock types 1, 2, 3 and 4 for Reservoirs A and B, and rock types 1, 2 and 3 for Reservoir C.

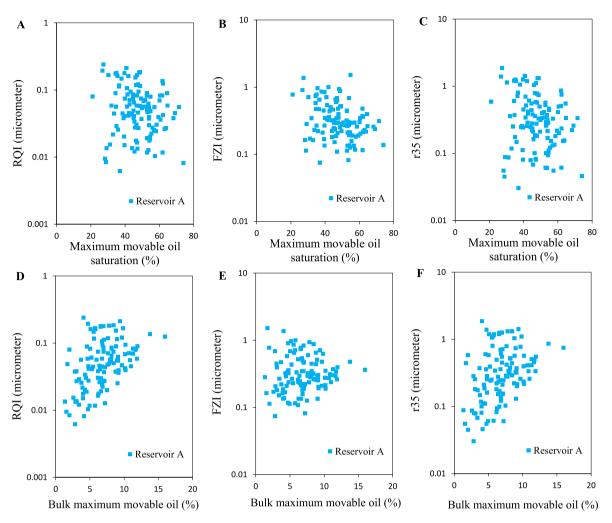


Fig. 11. (A) RQI versus maximum movable oil saturation, (B) FZI versus maximum movable oil saturation, (C) Winland r35 versus maximum movable oil saturation, (D) RQI versus bulk maximum movable oil, (E) FZI versus bulk maximum movable oil, and (F) Winland r35 versus bulk maximum movable oil for Reservoir A.

The cleaned and dried samples were saturated with synthetic brine (NaCl solution) and soaked for at least 10 days to achieve ionic equilibrium between the solution and minerals. Consequently, using a centrifuge set-up, stock tank crude displaced the brine until reaching irreducible water saturation. Aiming at restoring the native reservoir wetting state, some samples were submerged in crude oil in aging cells at the reservoir temperature of 70  $^\circ$ C for 15 days. In order to establish a uniform wetting condition, crude was flushed through the plugs twice during the aging test. Then, the crude was replaced by an oleic fluid. For some of the samples no aging was performed to keep samples water-wet. As a result, our database contains both water-wet and non-water-wet samples. Afterwards, the unsteady-state primary imbibition water-oil relative permeability experiments were performed using brine and oleic fluid at 25 °C. The experiments were continued until reaching residual oil saturation. Produced fluids, time and pressure data were recorded and used to calculate relative permeability data using Jones and Roszella (1978) method. Details about unsteady-state relative permeability tests can be found elsewhere (e.g., McPhee et al., 2015). Types and properties of the fluids (i.e., salinity, density and viscosity) that were used in the flooding tests are summarized in Table 2. Further details regarding the aging condition, irreducible water saturation and residual oil saturation for the conducted relative permeability tests are summarized in Tables A-1, A-2 and A-3.

#### 4. Results and discussion

#### 4.1. The DRQI histograms

For each sample,  $TEM_o^*$  was determined from water and oil relative permeability curves as well as other rock and fluid properties via Eq. (7). Next, DRQI for each sample was determined from the area under  $TEM_o^*$ curve using Eq. (8). The studied rock samples were from oil zones with no previous saturation change due to the absence of water-flooding or aquifer rise. Accordingly,  $S_{wi} = S_{wir}$  was assumed to calculate DRQI. Tables A-1, A-2 and A-3 list DRQI values as well as other indices i.e., RQI, FZI, and Winland r35 for the samples. The samples represent a wide range of dynamic qualities from 0.05 to 816.59 mD/cp for Reservoir A, 0.06 to 867.90 mD/cp for Reservoir B, and 0.01 to 62.68 mD/cp for Reservoir C. Fig. 5 displays the histogram for the log (DRQI).

#### 4.2. Comparing DRQI with other reservoir quality indices

In this section, DRQI is compared with other commonly-used reservoir quality indicators i.e., irreducible water saturation ( $S_{wir}$ ), maximum movable oil saturation ( $1 - S_{wir} - S_{or}$ ), RQI, FZI, and Winland r35. Recall that the bulk irreducible water is  $S_{wir}\varphi$ , and the bulk maximum movable oil is ( $1 - S_{wir} - S_{or}$ ) $\varphi$ . A routine practice in industry (Jadhunandan and Morrow, 1995; Skauge and Ottesen, 2002; Zhao et al., 2010; Armstrong et al., 2021) is comparing petrophysical properties (e.g., wettability index) with residual oil saturation  $S_{or}$  and recovery factor (( $1 - S_{wir} - S_{or}$ ))

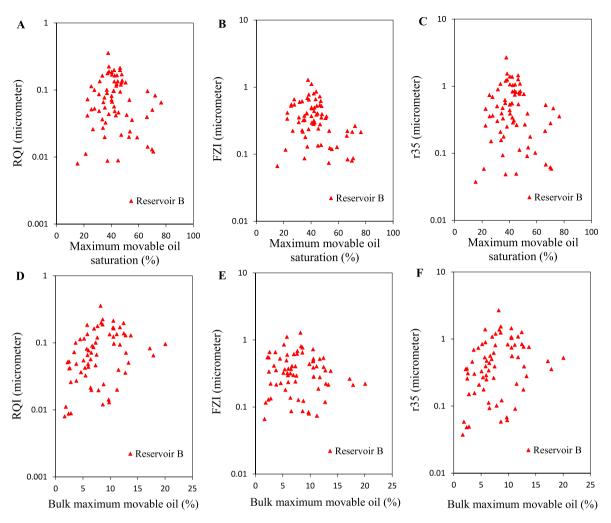


Fig. 12. (A) RQI versus maximum movable oil saturation, (B) FZI versus maximum movable oil saturation, (C) Winland r35 versus maximum movable oil saturation, (D) RQI versus bulk maximum movable oil, (E) FZI versus bulk maximum movable oil, and (F) Winland r35 versus bulk maximum movable oil for Reservoir B.

 $S_{or}$  /( $1 - S_{wir}$ )). However, in this study neither DRQI nor other rock quality indicators, i.e., ROI, FZI and Winland r35, are compared to these variants of saturation. This is because such a comparison could be misleading, particularly under circumstances where samples have nonidentical  $S_{wir}$  values. In fact,  $S_{or}$  is the final state of saturation, and comparing final states of rocks, regardless of their initial states (i.e.,  $S_{wir}$ ), is not supported. Moreover, recovery factor by definition is the amount of the produced oil normalized by the initial oil in place. As systems with nonidentical values of Swir have dissimilar amounts of initial oil in place, comparing their recovery factors is difficult and should be avoided. Mirzaei-Paiaman and Ghanbarian (2021a) showed that in primary drainage process (where oil displaces water from an initially fully water-saturated rock), the appropriate parameter to explore possible correlations with other factors would be  $S_{wir}$ . Similarly, in subsequent imbibition process (where water displaces oil from the system which is initially at irreducible water saturation) the proper parameter is  $1 - S_{wir} - S_{or}$ .

In Fig. 6, DRQI is plotted against irreducible water saturation and bulk irreducible water, as well as maximum movable hydrocarbon saturation and bulk maximum movable hydrocarbon for each of the three reservoirs, separately. As can be observed, the data are highly scattered and no clear trends can be observed between DRQI and these parameters. This confirms that irreducible water saturation and maximum movable hydrocarbon saturation, and also their bulk forms, might lead to inaccurate characterizations of dynamic reservoir quality and, therefore, should not be used.

To investigate the relationship between DRQI and single-phase rock quality indicators, cross-plots showing DROI versus ROI, FZI, and Winland r35 for each reservoir are presented in Fig. 7. In each plot, the best fitted line to the data and the corresponding coefficient of determination (R<sup>2</sup>) are also displayed. Generally speaking, as RQI, FZI and r35 values increase, DRQI increases as well. In the case of Reservoir A, DRQI showed better correlations with RQI ( $R^2 = 0.59$ ) and r35 ( $R^2 = 0.55$ ) than FZI ( $R^2 = 0.28$ ). Likewise, for Reservoir B, DRQI showed better correlations with RQI ( $R^2 = 0.88$ ) and r35 ( $R^2 = 0.85$ ) than FZI ( $R^2 =$ 0.57). Regarding Reservoir C, DRQI showed almost similar correlations with RQI ( $R^2 = 0.58$ ), FZI ( $R^2 = 0.66$ ) and r35 ( $R^2 = 0.65$ ). It was noted that at a given value of RQI, FZI or r35, DRQI varies by more than one order of magnitude. One may also notice that while most values of DRQI span four orders of magnitude in variation, RQI, FZI, and r35 span only around two orders of magnitude. The results confirm that generally single-phase indicators might sometimes lead to inaccurate characterizations of dynamic reservoir quality. Thus, if relative permeabilities are not available to determine TEM<sub>0</sub><sup>\*</sup> and consequently DRQI, one should use RQI, r35, or FZI with caution.

# 4.3. Comparing routine reservoir quality indices with irreducible/residual content

The large number of samples and the variety of data allow us to investigate the relationships between each routine rock typing index and  $S_{wir}$ ,  $S_{wir}\varphi$ ,  $l - S_{wir} - S_{or}$ , and  $(l - S_{wir} - S_{or})\varphi$ . Plots of RQI, FZI and

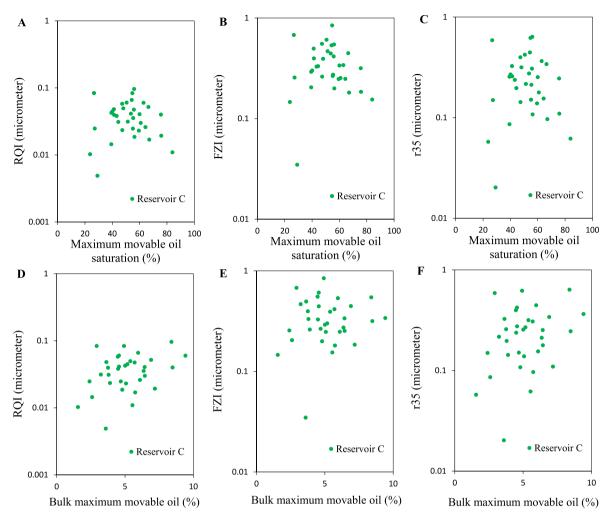


Fig. 13. (A) RQI versus maximum movable oil saturation, (B) FZI versus maximum movable oil saturation, (C) Winland r35 versus maximum movable oil saturation, (D) RQI versus bulk maximum movable oil, (E) FZI versus bulk maximum movable oil, and (F) Winland r35 versus bulk maximum movable oil for Reservoir C.

Winland r35 versus irreducible water saturation and its bulk variant are shown in Figs. 8–10 for Reservoirs A, B and C, respectively. Furthermore, plots of RQI, FZI and Winland r35 versus maximum recoverable oil saturation and its bulk variant are shown in Figs. 11–13 for Reservoirs A, B and C, respectively. Since the data are highly scattered, no apparent correlations exist between the routine rock quality indices and saturation and bulk parameters.

#### 5. Conclusion

In this study, the problem of dynamic reservoir quality was addressed. A high dynamic quality reservoir rock was defined as a system associated with a high rate of oil recovery and high recoverable oil saturation. The modified oil TEM was proposed that estimates the rate at which oil is displaced by another fluid. To appropriately account for both oil displacement rate and movable oil saturation, the area under modified oil TEM curve was used to define a new index named DRQI.

A large dataset including water-oil relative permeability experiments on 220 limestone and dolomite samples from three reservoirs was used to investigate the potential relationships between DRQI and other reservoir quality parameters, such as irreducible water saturation, bulk irreducible water, maximum movable oil saturation, bulk movable oil saturation, RQI, FZI, and Winland r35. Results showed that irreducible water saturation and maximum movable oil saturation as well as their bulk variants may not be appropriate to characterize multiphase reservoir quality. Similarly, it was found that the frequently-used singlephase rock quality indicators i.e., RQI, FZI and Winland r35 were not very accurate in the characterization of dynamic reservoir quality. RQI, FZI and Winland r35 were plotted versus irreducible water saturation, bulk irreducible water, maximum movable oil saturation, bulk movable oil saturation and no apparent correlations were found.

DRQI tries to capture the dynamic quality of reservoir rocks with applications to multiphase flow where oil is displaced by another fluid (e.g., aquifer encroachment, gas-cap expansion, and secondary and tertiary recovery processes). Comparing DRQI values from different rocks provides the basis for assessing their dynamic qualities. This has applications to the preparation of quality maps in the context of reservoir simulation as well as rock typing studies.

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### Appendix 1

#### Table A-1

Properties of the rocks and flow displacement experiments (Reservoir A).

| Test ID  | $\varphi$ (fr.) | <i>K</i> (mD) | Crude aging | S <sub>wi</sub> (%) | S <sub>or</sub> (%) | DRQI (mD/cp) | RQI (µm) | FZI (μm) | r35 (μm) | GHE* no |
|----------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| 1        | 0.08            | 0.003         | Yes         | 21.43               | 41.67               | 0.115        | 0.006    | 0.074    | 0.030    | 1       |
| 2        | 0.06            | 0.004         | Yes         | 8.00                | 17.99               | 0.457        | 0.008    | 0.138    | 0.046    | 1       |
| 3        | 0.07            | 0.005         | Yes         | 3.18                | 67.98               | 0.149        | 0.008    | 0.113    | 0.045    | 1       |
| 1        | 0.05            | 0.005         | Yes         | 20.69               | 50.99               | 0.048        | 0.009    | 0.164    | 0.055    | 1       |
| 5        | 0.08            | 0.009         | Yes         | 9.09                | 33.47               | 1.179        | 0.010    | 0.117    | 0.055    | 1       |
| 5        | 0.09            | 0.013         | No          | 20.11               | 27.06               | 0.496        | 0.012    | 0.113    | 0.061    | 1       |
| 7        | 0.09            | 0.013         | Yes         | 15.63               | 22.41               | 0.730        | 0.012    | 0.114    | 0.061    | 1       |
| 3        | 0.07            | 0.011         | Yes         | 21.92               | 32.52               | 0.120        | 0.012    | 0.151    | 0.068    | 1       |
| 9        | 0.13            | 0.022         | No          | 21.13               | 25.27               | 1.466        | 0.013    | 0.082    | 0.061    | 1       |
| 10       | 0.06            | 0.011         | Yes         | 7.84                | 44.96               | 0.922        | 0.013    | 0.206    | 0.080    | 2       |
| 11       | 0.05            | 0.009         | No          | 39.02               | 31.74               | 0.545        | 0.014    | 0.283    | 0.088    | 2       |
| 12       | 0.07            | 0.013         | No          | 35.66               | 20.19               | 1.728        | 0.014    | 0.181    | 0.079    | 2       |
| 13       | 0.10            | 0.023         | No          | 18.85               | 41.49               | 1.598        | 0.015    | 0.135    | 0.080    | 2       |
| 14       | 0.08            | 0.020         | Yes         | 21.62               | 47.24               | 0.166        | 0.015    | 0.170    | 0.087    | 2       |
| 15       | 0.13            | 0.036         | Yes         | 23.81               | 29.13               | 0.846        | 0.016    | 0.109    | 0.083    | 2       |
| 16       | 0.09            | 0.027         | Yes         | 7.80                | 45.74               | 1.117        | 0.018    | 0.186    | 0.100    | 2       |
| 17       | 0.12            | 0.037         | No          | 14.47               | 31.32               | 9.510        | 0.018    | 0.136    | 0.094    | 2       |
| 18       | 0.08            | 0.030         | No          | 14.22               | 31.20               | 1.431        | 0.019    | 0.209    | 0.111    | 2       |
| 19       | 0.12            | 0.046         | Yes         | 17.50               | 29.51               | 3.338        | 0.019    | 0.134    | 0.100    | 2       |
| 20       | 0.14            | 0.056         | No          | 8.06                | 37.27               | 2.016        | 0.020    | 0.127    | 0.103    | 2       |
| 21       | 0.11            | 0.045         | No          | 21.85               | 38.69               | 1.325        | 0.020    | 0.168    | 0.112    | 2       |
| 22       | 0.12            | 0.057         | No          | 25.24               | 41.77               | 0.566        | 0.022    | 0.162    | 0.118    | 2       |
| 23       | 0.12            | 0.063         | No          | 14.45               | 30.15               | 7.786        | 0.022    | 0.159    | 0.121    | 2       |
| 24       | 0.12            | 0.070         | Yes         | 18.02               | 24.02               | 1.847        | 0.024    | 0.182    | 0.135    | 2       |
| 25       | 0.16            | 0.103         | No          | 9.98                | 33.12               | 28.647       | 0.025    | 0.134    | 0.130    | 2       |
| 26       | 0.10            | 0.069         | No          | 22.71               | 41.40               | 1.930        | 0.026    | 0.220    | 0.148    | 2       |
| 27       | 0.10            | 0.071         | No          | 12.21               | 24.74               | 7.741        | 0.026    | 0.231    | 0.153    | 2       |
| 28       | 0.06            | 0.048         | Yes         | 23.91               | 28.37               | 3.219        | 0.027    | 0.395    | 0.181    | 2       |
| 29       | 0.11            | 0.083         | No          | 16.87               | 19.29               | 4.497        | 0.027    | 0.217    | 0.156    | 2       |
| 30       | 0.13            | 0.096         | No          | 20.13               | 23.85               | 12.964       | 0.027    | 0.191    | 0.153    | 2       |
| 31       | 0.10            | 0.081         | No          | 24.35               | 29.91               | 6.232        | 0.028    | 0.235    | 0.162    | 2       |
| 32       | 0.10            | 0.084         | No          | 27.00               | 38.02               | 5.602        | 0.029    | 0.268    | 0.175    | 2       |
| 33       | 0.12            | 0.111         | No          | 16.88               | 29.07               | 10.135       | 0.030    | 0.213    | 0.170    | 2       |
| 34       | 0.09            | 0.088         | No          | 19.54               | 33.85               | 3.026        | 0.030    | 0.291    | 0.186    | 2       |
| 35       | 0.11            | 0.098         | Yes         | 4.76                | 36.74               | 7.170        | 0.030    | 0.258    | 0.180    | 2       |
| 36       | 0.09            | 0.110         | Yes         | 14.29               | 40.27               | 2.100        | 0.034    | 0.322    | 0.211    | 2       |
| 37       | 0.15            | 0.199         | No          | 15.78               | 23.52               | 20.988       | 0.036    | 0.203    | 0.200    | 2       |
| 38       | 0.14            | 0.199         | Yes         | 17.31               | 33.13               | 5.610        | 0.037    | 0.223    | 0.210    | 2       |
| 39       | 0.05            | 0.075         | No          | 24.31               | 21.70               | 7.087        | 0.038    | 0.690    | 0.284    | 2       |
| 40       | 0.13            | 0.185         | No          | 25.11               | 6.63                | 14.858       | 0.038    | 0.257    | 0.221    | 2       |
| 41       | 0.08            | 0.113         | No          | 16.37               | 44.46               | 5.866        | 0.038    | 0.450    | 0.255    | 2       |
| 42       | 0.14            | 0.205         | No          | 22.73               | 32.31               | 0.535        | 0.038    | 0.239    | 0.220    | 2       |
| 43       | 0.17            | 0.269         | No          | 26.26               | 19.65               | 31.726       | 0.039    | 0.193    | 0.215    | 2       |
| 44<br>45 | 0.17            | 0.274         | No          | 29.54               | 11.02               | 18.249       | 0.040    | 0.191    | 0.216    | 2       |
| 45       | 0.14            | 0.243         | No          | 25.78               | 29.13               | 8.645        | 0.041    | 0.244    | 0.235    | 3       |
| 46       | 0.13            | 0.229         | Yes         | 24.66               | 35.67               | 4.193        | 0.041    | 0.268    | 0.242    | 3       |
| 47       | 0.11            | 0.198         | Yes         | 24.50               | 33.40               | 2.072        | 0.041    | 0.323    | 0.255    | 3       |
| 48       | 0.16            | 0.294         | Yes         | 18.89               | 18.93               | 12.960       | 0.042    | 0.216    | 0.235    | 3       |
| 49<br>50 | 0.16            | 0.316         | No          | 23.21               | 32.80               | 13.318       | 0.044    | 0.223    | 0.245    | 3       |
| 50       | 0.16            | 0.327         | No          | 26.03               | 40.29               | 43.713       | 0.045    | 0.231    | 0.252    | 3       |
| 51       | 0.18            | 0.358         | No          | 21.45               | 40.00               | 15.496       | 0.045    | 0.210    | 0.248    | 3       |
| 52       | 0.16            | 0.330         | No          | 18.85               | 12.04               | 38.520       | 0.045    | 0.239    | 0.257    | 3       |
| 53       | 0.11            | 0.234         | No          | 20.20               | 37.44               | 27.434       | 0.045    | 0.358    | 0.284    | 3       |
| 54       | 0.13            | 0.290         | No          | 14.52               | 38.03               | 17.141       | 0.046    | 0.297    | 0.276    | 3       |
| 55       | 0.18            | 0.400         | Yes         | 23.49               | 23.36               | 15.940       | 0.047    | 0.210    | 0.257    | 3       |
| 56       | 0.14            | 0.324         | No          | 26.24               | 19.41               | 6.224        | 0.048    | 0.296    | 0.286    | 3       |
| 57       | 0.03            | 0.075         | No          | 22.81               | 22.39               | 9.253        | 0.049    | 1.527    | 0.443    | 3       |
| 58       | 0.17            | 0.429         | Yes         | 22.22               | 32.82               | 10.715       | 0.049    | 0.236    | 0.279    | 3       |
| 59       | 0.16            | 0.410         | Yes         | 22.41               | 24.62               | 11.931       | 0.050    | 0.264    | 0.291    | 3       |
| 60       | 0.16            | 0.466         | No          | 17.85               | 32.32               | 53.285       | 0.054    | 0.281    | 0.314    | 3       |
| 61       | 0.17            | 0.519         | No          | 20.92               | 25.15               | 25.328       | 0.055    | 0.272    | 0.320    | 3       |
| 62       | 0.16            | 0.490         | No          | 25.85               | 17.05               | 82.413       | 0.055    | 0.297    | 0.328    | 3       |

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Table A-1 (continued)

| Test ID  | $\varphi$ (fr.) | <i>K</i> (mD)  | Crude aging | $S_{wi}$ (%)   | $S_{or}$ (%)   | DRQI (mD/cp) | RQI (µm) | FZI (µm) | r35 (µm)       | GHE* n |
|----------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------------|--------|
| 63       | 0.15            | 0.481          | Yes         | 14.93          | 13.59          | 28.384       | 0.056    | 0.313    | 0.335          | 3      |
| 64       | 0.11            | 0.343          | No          | 24.20          | 41.15          | 5.884        | 0.056    | 0.472    | 0.372          | 3      |
| 65       | 0.15            | 0.469          | No          | 15.85          | 43.02          | 8.326        | 0.056    | 0.332    | 0.343          | 3      |
| 66       | 0.16            | 0.518          | No          | 24.85          | 24.56          | 22.314       | 0.057    | 0.298    | 0.334          | 3      |
| 57       | 0.15            | 0.491          | No          | 20.50          | 26.92          | 27.336       | 0.057    | 0.319    | 0.341          | 3      |
| 68       | 0.19            | 0.636          | No          | 28.46          | 22.85          | 57.293       | 0.058    | 0.253    | 0.330          | 3      |
| 69       | 0.15            | 0.504          | No          | 22.05          | 45.92          | 9.280        | 0.058    | 0.343    | 0.357          | 3      |
| 70       | 0.14            | 0.505          | No          | 22.50          | 30.83          | 30.880       | 0.059    | 0.348    | 0.359          | 3      |
| 71       | 0.18            | 0.642          | No          | 28.72          | 6.52           | 82.587       | 0.059    | 0.262    | 0.337          | 3      |
| 72       | 0.12            | 0.463          | Yes         | 18.15          | 39.29          | 9.886        | 0.061    | 0.437    | 0.393          | 3      |
| 73       | 0.17            | 0.676          | Yes         | 18.28          | 28.15          | 12.563       | 0.063    | 0.304    | 0.370          | 3      |
| 74       | 0.18            | 0.771          | No          | 23.54          | 31.30          | 31.758       | 0.065    | 0.294    | 0.380          | 3      |
| 75       | 0.20            | 0.953          | Yes         | 23.67          | 25.54          | 22.502       | 0.069    | 0.275    | 0.395          | 3      |
| 76       | 0.19            | 0.938          | No          | 20.83          | 19.05          | 112.010      | 0.070    | 0.302    | 0.411          | 3      |
| 77       | 0.19            | 0.907          | No          | 24.57          | 32.81          | 22.620       | 0.070    | 0.322    | 0.420          | 3      |
| 77<br>78 | 0.18            | 1.062          | Yes         | 24.37          | 25.43          | 22.752       | 0.071    | 0.322    | 0.420          | 3      |
| 79       | 0.21            | 0.984          |             | 27.37          | 32.78          | 27.308       | 0.074    | 0.349    | 0.449          | 3      |
| 79<br>80 | 0.18            | 0.984<br>1.066 | No<br>No    | 27.37<br>21.03 | 32.78<br>34.37 | 23.968       | 0.074    | 0.349    | 0.449<br>0.442 | 3      |
|          |                 |                |             |                |                |              |          |          |                |        |
| 81       | 0.13            | 0.712          | No          | 21.88          | 28.78          | 30.324       | 0.075    | 0.520    | 0.496          | 3      |
| 82       | 0.21            | 1.353          | Yes         | 16.15          | 28.98          | 21.592       | 0.079    | 0.294    | 0.460          | 3      |
| 83       | 0.09            | 0.614          | No          | 25.43          | 53.53          | 15.627       | 0.080    | 0.775    | 0.585          | 3      |
| 84       | 0.16            | 1.063          | No          | 20.44          | 26.87          | 56.343       | 0.082    | 0.448    | 0.524          | 3      |
| 85       | 0.11            | 0.740          | Yes         | 23.55          | 29.48          | 9.681        | 0.082    | 0.687    | 0.582          | 3      |
| 86       | 0.19            | 1.348          | No          | 32.91          | 6.64           | 113.952      | 0.083    | 0.344    | 0.496          | 3      |
| 87       | 0.18            | 1.287          | Yes         | 18.75          | 19.52          | 59.277       | 0.083    | 0.372    | 0.508          | 3      |
| 88       | 0.16            | 1.173          | No          | 26.32          | 29.15          | 51.288       | 0.086    | 0.463    | 0.550          | 3      |
| 89       | 0.20            | 1.483          | No          | 18.49          | 40.12          | 128.504      | 0.086    | 0.349    | 0.516          | 3      |
| 90       | 0.13            | 1.070          | Yes         | 27.27          | 38.27          | 26.450       | 0.089    | 0.584    | 0.602          | 3      |
| 91       | 0.17            | 1.356          | No          | 22.41          | 24.88          | 56.502       | 0.089    | 0.444    | 0.565          | 3      |
| 92       | 0.18            | 1.503          | No          | 32.48          | 2.94           | 232.150      | 0.090    | 0.395    | 0.552          | 3      |
| 93       | 0.16            | 1.415          | Yes         | 23.33          | 33.41          | 31.948       | 0.094    | 0.501    | 0.610          | 3      |
| 94       | 0.21            | 1.935          | No          | 22.36          | 29.74          | 29.322       | 0.095    | 0.351    | 0.567          | 3      |
| 95       | 0.16            | 1.880          | Yes         | 23.37          | 35.56          | 86.267       | 0.106    | 0.540    | 0.696          | 3      |
| 96       | 0.19            | 2.485          | No          | 23.72          | 39.88          | 97.758       | 0.113    | 0.470    | 0.713          | 3      |
| 97       | 0.18            | 2.468          | No          | 17.26          | 33.91          | 204.656      | 0.115    | 0.511    | 0.742          | 3      |
| 98       | 0.15            | 2.127          | Yes         | 27.87          | 35.56          | 73.452       | 0.117    | 0.650    | 0.798          | 3      |
| 99       | 0.16            | 2.334          | No          | 28.72          | 24.81          | 77.192       | 0.118    | 0.603    | 0.792          | 3      |
| 100      | 0.20            | 3.040          | No          | 29.07          | 23.29          | 177.701      | 0.122    | 0.477    | 0.770          | 4      |
| 100      | 0.26            | 4.080          | Yes         | 20.85          | 17.00          | 97.583       | 0.125    | 0.362    | 0.747          | 4      |
| 101      | 0.20            | 4.000          | No          | 19.55          | 18.63          | 126.769      | 0.125    | 0.302    | 0.861          | 4      |
| 102      | 0.22            | 3.224          | No          | 19.55          | 44.24          | 187.922      | 0.137    | 0.859    | 1.057          | 4      |
|          |                 |                |             |                | 44.24<br>25.91 |              |          |          |                | •      |
| 104      | 0.19            | 4.607          | No          | 28.08          |                | 242.122      | 0.154    | 0.655    | 1.037          | 4      |
| 105      | 0.14            | 3.627          | No          | 19.59          | 38.52          | 189.474      | 0.161    | 1.000    | 1.188          | 4      |
| 106      | 0.14            | 3.840          | No          | 23.76          | 40.69          | 131.075      | 0.162    | 0.965    | 1.189          | 4      |
| 107      | 0.21            | 5.852          | No          | 20.12          | 32.79          | 236.744      | 0.166    | 0.628    | 1.103          | 4      |
| 108      | 0.19            | 5.427          | No          | 24.74          | 45.11          | 179.936      | 0.167    | 0.708    | 1.140          | 4      |
| 109      | 0.19            | 5.922          | No          | 32.10          | 33.48          | 299.505      | 0.175    | 0.743    | 1.202          | 4      |
| 110      | 0.19            | 6.130          | No          | 36.27          | 28.65          | 425.259      | 0.179    | 0.777    | 1.244          | 4      |
| 111      | 0.18            | 5.760          | Yes         | 21.43          | 38.96          | 162.497      | 0.179    | 0.839    | 1.266          | 4      |
| 112      | 0.16            | 5.415          | No          | 17.90          | 33.88          | 207.870      | 0.181    | 0.938    | 1.313          | 4      |
| 113      | 0.17            | 5.993          | No          | 21.30          | 29.88          | 134.942      | 0.185    | 0.879    | 1.314          | 4      |
| 114      | 0.18            | 6.717          | No          | 21.68          | 51.59          | 123.726      | 0.194    | 0.905    | 1.385          | 4      |
| 115      | 0.23            | 10.458         | No          | 32.24          | 27.06          | 816.588      | 0.212    | 0.707    | 1.427          | 4      |
| 116      | 0.15            | 8.700          | No          | 29.51          | 43.15          | 161.755      | 0.240    | 1.375    | 1.869          | 4      |

 Table A-2

 Properties of the rocks and flow displacement experiments (Reservoir B).

| Test ID | $\varphi$ (fr.) | <i>K</i> (mD) | Crude aging | $S_{wi}$ (%) | $S_{or}$ (%) | DRQI (mD/cp) | RQI (µm) | FZI (µm) | r35 (µm) | GHE* no. |
|---------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1       | 0.11            | 0.007         | No          | 31.16        | 53.56        | 0.089        | 0.008    | 0.066    | 0.037    | 1        |
| 2       | 0.06            | 0.005         | Yes         | 19.27        | 43.53        | 0.063        | 0.009    | 0.130    | 0.048    | 1        |
| 3       | 0.06            | 0.005         | No          | 3.31         | 51.71        | 0.437        | 0.009    | 0.134    | 0.049    | 1        |
| 4       | 0.09            | 0.011         | No          | 24.69        | 54.02        | 0.218        | 0.011    | 0.116    | 0.058    | 1        |
| 5       | 0.12            | 0.018         | Yes         | 22.22        | 7.06         | 2.215        | 0.012    | 0.087    | 0.059    | 1        |
| 6       | 0.14            | 0.024         | Yes         | 15.44        | 14.71        | 1.819        | 0.013    | 0.080    | 0.062    | 2        |
| 7       | 0.15            | 0.030         | Yes         | 13.75        | 19.61        | 1.013        | 0.014    | 0.084    | 0.068    | 2        |
| 8       | 0.13            | 0.052         | Yes         | 14.65        | 26.45        | 4.432        | 0.020    | 0.128    | 0.101    | 2        |
| 9       | 0.19            | 0.074         | Yes         | 41.11        | 23.73        | 0.484        | 0.020    | 0.087    | 0.093    | 2        |
| 10      | 0.21            | 0.086         | Yes         | 17.92        | 29.15        | 2.095        | 0.020    | 0.074    | 0.091    | 2        |
| 11      | 0.13            | 0.063         | No          | 3.35         | 49.35        | 3.327        | 0.021    | 0.138    | 0.112    | 2        |
| 12      | 0.16            | 0.096         | No          | 16.77        | 29.52        | 5.074        | 0.024    | 0.124    | 0.122    | 2        |
| 13      | 0.10            | 0.071         | No          | 20.58        | 52.83        | 2.038        | 0.026    | 0.224    | 0.151    | 2        |

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Table A-2 (continued)

| Test ID  | $\varphi$ (fr.) | <i>K</i> (mD)   | Crude aging | $S_{wi}$ (%) | S <sub>or</sub> (%) | DRQI (mD/cp)       | RQI (µm) | FZI (µm) | r35 (µm) | GHE* n |
|----------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|--------|
| 14       | 0.11            | 0.084           | No          | 26.95        | 39.11               | 2.750              | 0.027    | 0.217    | 0.156    | 2      |
| 5        | 0.15            | 0.164           | No          | 34.91        | 29.31               | 7.887              | 0.033    | 0.181    | 0.177    | 2      |
| 6        | 0.23            | 0.300           | Yes         | 16.08        | 28.74               | 10.290             | 0.036    | 0.119    | 0.176    | 2      |
| 7        | 0.14            | 0.187           | No          | 35.32        | 31.26               | 13.966             | 0.037    | 0.227    | 0.208    | 2      |
| 8        | 0.17            | 0.276           | Yes         | 20.00        | 13.91               | 21.198             | 0.040    | 0.188    | 0.215    | 2      |
| 9        | 0.11            | 0.191           | Yes         | 22.50        | 54.96               | 2.536              | 0.041    | 0.338    | 0.258    | 3      |
| 20       | 0.06            | 0.106           | No          | 20.17        | 36.52               | 5.011              | 0.042    | 0.661    | 0.308    | 3      |
| 1        | 0.10            | 0.191           | Yes         | 7.38         | 41.33               | 5.686              | 0.042    | 0.365    | 0.269    | 3      |
| 2        | 0.16            | 0.305           | Yes         | 18.34        | 43.47               | 14.352             | 0.044    | 0.236    | 0.249    | 3      |
| 23       | 0.16            | 0.350           | No          | 23.85        | 30.85               | 11.826             | 0.046    | 0.241    | 0.263    | 3      |
| .4       | 0.14            | 0.330           | Yes         | 24.12        | 33.31               | 3.278              | 0.048    | 0.298    | 0.289    | 3      |
| 5        | 0.12            | 0.290           | No          | 33.15        | 35.72               | 10.589             | 0.049    | 0.354    | 0.303    | 3      |
| 6        | 0.19            | 0.493           | No          | 6.78         | 23.15               | 64.144             | 0.051    | 0.215    | 0.279    | 3      |
| .7       | 0.09            | 0.228           | No          | 28.50        | 45.98               | 8.011              | 0.051    | 0.552    | 0.355    | 3      |
| 8        | 0.09            | 0.248           | No          | 39.19        | 33.06               | 5.387              | 0.053    | 0.549    | 0.364    | 3      |
| 9        | 0.14            | 0.436           | No          | 21.21        | 43.48               | 18.963             | 0.055    | 0.324    | 0.330    | 3      |
| 0        | 0.15            | 0.497           | No          | 25.93        | 31.99               | 21.379             | 0.057    | 0.317    | 0.341    | 3      |
| 1        | 0.23            | 1.001           | Yes         | 19.51        | 4.01                | 54.791             | 0.065    | 0.214    | 0.355    | 3      |
| 2        | 0.17            | 0.748           | No          | 26.96        | 38.81               | 31.334             | 0.066    | 0.320    | 0.393    | 3      |
| 3        | 0.18            | 0.831           | No          | 37.24        | 22.24               | 37.756             | 0.067    | 0.294    | 0.389    | 3      |
| 4        | 0.24            | 1.238           | Yes         | 20.94        | 25.82               | 22.255             | 0.071    | 0.223    | 0.390    | 3      |
| 5        | 0.16            | 0.837           | No          | 18.86        | 40.92               | 46.672             | 0.071    | 0.370    | 0.439    | 3      |
| 6        | 0.15            | 0.801           | No          | 32.52        | 44.84               | 12.948             | 0.073    | 0.415    | 0.458    | 3      |
| 7        | 0.17            | 1.039           | No          | 6.17         | 58.80               | 15.957             | 0.077    | 0.373    | 0.474    | 3      |
| 8        | 0.14            | 0.947           | No          | 36.18        | 23.54               | 26.633             | 0.081    | 0.497    | 0.532    | 3      |
| 9        | 0.24            | 1.658           | Yes         | 24.12        | 3.79                | 61.562             | 0.083    | 0.264    | 0.468    | 3      |
| 0        | 0.22            | 1.698           | No          | 33.63        | 35.40               | 55.535             | 0.087    | 0.300    | 0.502    | 3      |
| 1        | 0.18            | 1.496           | No          | 31.35        | 31.74               | 67.454             | 0.090    | 0.409    | 0.561    | 3      |
| 2        | 0.25            | 2.273           | Yes         | 17.81        | 35.63               | 51.775             | 0.094    | 0.279    | 0.537    | 3      |
| 3        | 0.30            | 2.822           | Yes         | 19.39        | 14.09               | 90.424             | 0.096    | 0.222    | 0.523    | 3      |
| 4        | 0.26            | 2.432           | No          | 46.34        | 12.01               | 169.910            | 0.097    | 0.283    | 0.554    | 3      |
| 5        | 0.25            | 2.428           | No          | 45.75        | 12.34               | 57.648             | 0.097    | 0.285    | 0.556    | 3      |
| 6        | 0.13            | 1.346           | No          | 35.16        | 37.20               | 34.738             | 0.100    | 0.658    | 0.690    | 3      |
| 7        | 0.20            | 2.046           | No          | 30.84        | 32.42               | 46.639             | 0.101    | 0.406    | 0.621    | 3      |
| 8        | 0.18            | 2.307           | No          | 31.47        | 43.18               | 19.407             | 0.113    | 0.528    | 0.737    | 3      |
| 9        | 0.12            | 1.614           | No          | 12.70        | 43.62               | 65.968             | 0.116    | 0.856    | 0.841    | 3      |
| 0        | 0.16            | 2.362           | No          | 22.63        | 30.33               | 102.505            | 0.120    | 0.622    | 0.808    | 4      |
| 51       | 0.24            | 3.706           | No          | 25.04        | 31.07               | 75.114             | 0.123    | 0.389    | 0.747    | 4      |
| 2        | 0.27            | 4.604           | No          | 14.63        | 34.83               | 103.655            | 0.129    | 0.346    | 0.763    | 4      |
| 3        | 0.27            | 4.591           | No          | 18.44        | 34.07               | 130.271            | 0.130    | 0.352    | 0.769    | 4      |
| 4        | 0.23            | 4.261           | No          | 30.18        | 27.63               | 63.371             | 0.134    | 0.439    | 0.831    | 4      |
| 5        | 0.25            | 4.584           | No          | 31.13        | 24.14               | 181.047            | 0.135    | 0.405    | 0.820    | 4      |
| 6        | 0.18            | 3.396           | No          | 40.54        | 27.87               | 33.224             | 0.135    | 0.602    | 0.897    | 4      |
| 57       | 0.26            | 5.075           | No          | 11.91        | 40.13               | 92.317             | 0.139    | 0.396    | 0.841    | 4      |
| 8        | 0.21            | 5.707           | No          | 30.09        | 36.46               | 136.654            | 0.164    | 0.616    | 1.082    | 4      |
| 9        | 0.25            | 6.807           | No          | 25.23        | 32.30               | 219.339            | 0.164    | 0.496    | 1.037    | 4      |
| 0        | 0.24            | 6.687           | No          | 24.47        | 31.38               | 122.505            | 0.166    | 0.526    | 1.059    | 4      |
| 1        | 0.24            | 7.597           | No          | 30.71        | 28.90               | 182.450            | 0.170    | 0.483    | 1.064    | 4      |
| 2        | 0.25            | 7.300           | No          | 38.83        | 13.47               | 425.995            | 0.170    | 0.523    | 1.090    | 4      |
| 3        | 0.23            | 6.620           | No          | 31.91        | 30.85               | 237.505            | 0.171    | 0.688    | 1.202    | 4      |
| 4        | 0.14            | 4.971           | No          | 38.14        | 21.54               | 171.156            | 0.178    | 1.113    | 1.393    | 4      |
| 5        | 0.14            | 8.014           | No          | 23.22        | 38.45               | 224.095            | 0.185    | 0.651    | 1.250    | 4      |
|          | 0.22            | 8.014<br>10.672 |             | 23.22        | 38.45<br>29.69      | 224.095<br>299.211 | 0.188    | 0.541    | 1.250    | 4      |
| 6        | 0.27            | 7.929           | No          |              |                     |                    | 0.198    |          |          | 4      |
| 7        |                 |                 | No          | 8.87         | 49.11               | 174.152            |          | 0.806    | 1.382    |        |
| 58       | 0.23            | 10.516          | No          | 21.51        | 32.09               | 316.890            | 0.214    | 0.727    | 1.449    | 4      |
| 59<br>70 | 0.22            | 11.462          | No          | 29.98        | 31.73               | 161.529            | 0.224    | 0.775    | 1.540    | 4      |
| 70       | 0.22            | 28.142          | No          | 33.67        | 28.62               | 867.899            | 0.357    | 1.283    | 2.681    | 4      |

 Table A-3

 Properties of the rocks and flow displacement experiments (Reservoir C).

| Test ID | $\varphi$ (fr.) | <i>K</i> (mD) | Crude aging | $S_{wi}$ (%) | $S_{or}$ (%) | DRQI (mD/cp) | RQI (µm) | FZI (µm) | r35 (µm) | GHE* no. |
|---------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1       | 0.12            | 0.003         | Yes         | 57.67        | 13.20        | 0.010        | 0.005    | 0.035    | 0.020    | 1        |
| 2       | 0.07            | 0.007         | No          | 24.28        | 51.95        | 0.441        | 0.010    | 0.146    | 0.057    | 1        |
| 3       | 0.07            | 0.008         | Yes         | 6.76         | 9.25         | 0.406        | 0.011    | 0.155    | 0.062    | 1        |
| 4       | 0.07            | 0.014         | No          | 5.63         | 55.06        | 0.870        | 0.014    | 0.205    | 0.086    | 2        |
| 5       | 0.09            | 0.025         | Yes         | 19.80        | 13.14        | 0.367        | 0.017    | 0.181    | 0.096    | 2        |
| 6       | 0.09            | 0.030         | Yes         | 21.57        | 22.18        | 0.147        | 0.019    | 0.200    | 0.108    | 2        |
| 7       | 0.09            | 0.036         | Yes         | 9.58         | 14.63        | 2.190        | 0.019    | 0.185    | 0.109    | 2        |
| 8       | 0.09            | 0.046         | No          | 8.94         | 31.61        | 2.316        | 0.023    | 0.247    | 0.138    | 2        |
| 9       | 0.08            | 0.046         | No          | 10.15        | 42.51        | 5.850        | 0.023    | 0.261    | 0.143    | 2        |
| 10      | 0.09            | 0.053         | No          | 16.01        | 28.92        | 6.637        | 0.025    | 0.266    | 0.151    | 2        |

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| Test ID | $\varphi$ (fr.) | <i>K</i> (mD) | Crude aging | $S_{wi}$ (%) | S <sub>or</sub> (%) | DRQI (mD/cp) | RQI (µm) | FZI (µm) | r35 (µm) | GHE* no. |
|---------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 11      | 0.09            | 0.055         | Yes         | 36.25        | 36.55               | 0.193        | 0.025    | 0.256    | 0.149    | 2        |
| 12      | 0.09            | 0.065         | No          | 22.27        | 13.44               | 11.272       | 0.026    | 0.248    | 0.155    | 2        |
| 13      | 0.11            | 0.097         | No          | 7.41         | 31.79               | 12.409       | 0.030    | 0.253    | 0.178    | 2        |
| 14      | 0.09            | 0.084         | No          | 14.89        | 40.74               | 2.180        | 0.031    | 0.332    | 0.197    | 2        |
| 15      | 0.06            | 0.063         | No          | 11.63        | 37.02               | 9.723        | 0.031    | 0.467    | 0.216    | 2        |
| 16      | 0.12            | 0.147         | No          | 11.81        | 32.87               | 9.807        | 0.036    | 0.273    | 0.212    | 2        |
| 17      | 0.10            | 0.154         | Yes         | 26.23        | 30.53               | 0.737        | 0.038    | 0.329    | 0.237    | 2        |
| 18      | 0.09            | 0.145         | No          | 16.67        | 42.01               | 5.911        | 0.040    | 0.397    | 0.257    | 2        |
| 19      | 0.11            | 0.182         | Yes         | 15.09        | 9.28                | 5.228        | 0.040    | 0.317    | 0.246    | 3        |
| 20      | 0.11            | 0.179         | Yes         | 12.09        | 27.91               | 4.241        | 0.041    | 0.337    | 0.252    | 3        |
| 21      | 0.09            | 0.147         | No          | 21.05        | 25.31               | 16.890       | 0.041    | 0.445    | 0.275    | 3        |
| 22      | 0.13            | 0.234         | Yes         | 47.81        | 12.86               | 11.330       | 0.043    | 0.292    | 0.255    | 3        |
| 23      | 0.13            | 0.261         | Yes         | 41.68        | 18.27               | 1.891        | 0.045    | 0.301    | 0.268    | 3        |
| 24      | 0.10            | 0.233         | No          | 11.02        | 33.22               | 21.636       | 0.047    | 0.416    | 0.307    | 3        |
| 25      | 0.09            | 0.207         | No          | 22.45        | 36.37               | 7.348        | 0.048    | 0.496    | 0.325    | 3        |
| 26      | 0.11            | 0.280         | No          | 18.51        | 33.43               | 24.255       | 0.050    | 0.393    | 0.316    | 3        |
| 27      | 0.10            | 0.284         | No          | 15.60        | 17.98               | 38.439       | 0.052    | 0.447    | 0.340    | 3        |
| 28      | 0.09            | 0.322         | No          | 22.27        | 30.47               | 25.308       | 0.058    | 0.554    | 0.398    | 3        |
| 29      | 0.15            | 0.546         | Yes         | 16.90        | 20.27               | 8.986        | 0.060    | 0.340    | 0.364    | 3        |
| 30      | 0.09            | 0.332         | Yes         | 33.93        | 15.53               | 3.903        | 0.060    | 0.609    | 0.422    | 3        |
| 31      | 0.11            | 0.486         | Yes         | 17.74        | 28.02               | 13.710       | 0.066    | 0.536    | 0.445    | 3        |
| 32      | 0.09            | 0.639         | No          | 12.28        | 33.05               | 62.684       | 0.084    | 0.844    | 0.621    | 3        |
| 33      | 0.11            | 0.780         | No          | 17.00        | 56.35               | 34.513       | 0.084    | 0.679    | 0.588    | 3        |
| 34      | 0.15            | 1.410         | No          | 10.81        | 33.18               | 33.833       | 0.096    | 0.546    | 0.637    | 3        |

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