

Single-Well Dynamic Permeability Splitting Algorithm and Classification Evaluation: A Case Study of a Super-Thick Carbonate Reservoir in the Middle East

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The permeability interpretation accuracy of single wells in the Middle East super-thick carbonate reservoir can hardly meet the actual demand of water injection development. Therefore, this study develops an iterative split algorithm to calculate single-well segmental dynamic permeability and SPI (specific production index) based on the dynamic and static well test, PLT (production log test), production test, and logging interpretation data. Moreover, the dynamic permeability classification evaluation index was optimized. The detailed steps are as follows: 1) The liquid supply of a single well is split according to tp PLT. 2) For some production intervals, the log interpretation data are applied to carry out the second iteration splitting of formation coefficient and fluid supply. 3) The proportion of liquid supply in the stratification section is calculated based on the calculation results of steps 1 and step 2. 4) The total formation coefficient of well test interpretation is divided based on the calculation results of step 3. 5) The dynamic permeability and SPI are calculated. The research results show that the dynamic permeability and SPI of a single well are accurate to the scale of one meter from the several original meters to tens of meters, which can better meet the needs of water injection development. In addition, SPI can be used as an essential index for permeability classification evaluation. Taking the Halfaya Oilfield and the Mishrif format reservoir as examples, the low penetration rate of the MB1-2 high penetration rate is 200md and the lower specific production index limit is 0.35 bbl/ (d·m·psi), respectively. The dynamic foundation of the high-permeability layer is identified. This method offers a new idea for the title of high-permeability streaks. Moreover, this method can provide the scientific basis for correcting the permeability attribute model, water injection plan optimization, single-well completion cementing scheme, and water coning control, which can be popularized and applied in the same reservoirs.

Keywords: super-thick reservoir, well test, PLT, dynamic permeability, SPI

INTRODUCTION

The lithology of carbonate reservoirs in the Middle East is mainly bioclastic limestone, and the thickness is large. Moreover, porous carbonate reservoirs dominate, microfractures are abundant, and internal physical properties vary considerably (George, 1997; Smith et al., 2003; Ehrenberg et al., 2008; Sayers and Dasgupta, 2015; Wu and Duan, 2021). The oilfields of the Iran-Iraq area are mainly developed in a depletion mode, and the recovery rate is only 4.5%-7.0%. To improve the overall development effect of the oil field, enhancing oil recovery through water injection is the key to the development of this type of reservoir (Song and Li, 2018; LiuHangyu and Liu, 2019; Wang et al., 2020a; Guang-wei et al., 2021; Miaomiao et al., 2021). The calculation and interpretation of reservoir permeability are essential to alleviate the horizontal and vertical contradiction of water injection development. However, due to the large reservoir thickness (generally more than 50 m) and strong heterogeneity of this type of reservoir, the reservoir permeability explained by conventional methods cannot meet the needs of water injection development.

From the perspective of reservoir genesis, many factors affect the reservoir physical properties of carbonate reservoirs. During its formation, it was greatly influenced by sedimentation, tectonic movement, and diagenesis (Joachim et al., 1994; Ramm, 2000; Aguilera, 2006; Rotevatn et al., 2016; Goodner et al., 2020; Massiot et al., 2022). The carbonate reservoir's matrix physical properties are relatively dense in the process of high-quality reservoir formation. On the one hand, large fault zones, fracture zones, or microfracture zones are produced by tectonic movement. Suppose the stratum is exposed for a long time. In that case, it will be affected by atmospheric water dissolution to varying degrees to form the fracture-cavity reservoir, and even the cave reservoir will develop in some areas. On the other hand, carbonate reservoirs buried underground will be further affected by multiple factors such as hydrothermal karst, organic acid dissolution, or biological disturbance, which eventually leads to significant differences in their internal physical properties.

Through the superposition of various physical and chemical actions, the different physical properties of this type of reservoir are formed, which directly affects its development effect, especially in the stage of water injection development. Therefore, the permeability calculation of this type of reservoir is critical in the life cycle development of an oilfield. Many scholars have explored the calculation methods of permeability in different scales, such as core pores, fractures, and dissolution pores (Christiansen and Iturrino, 2004; Farough et al., 2019; Kowalski et al., 2021a; Kowalski et al., 2021b). Some scholars have combined geophysical techniques to predict the physical properties of this type of reservoir with seismic inversion and 4D seismic methods (Maleki et al., 2018; Kaur et al., 2022). In addition, due to the great uncertainty of the physical property distribution of this type of reservoir, many artificial intelligence technologies such as artificial neural grid and deep learning have been introduced to calculate and predict the permeability of carbonate reservoirs (Rasolofosaon and Zinszner, 2002; El-Sebakhy et al., 2012; Akhilesh et al., 2014; Loucks and Dutton, 2019; Parra, 2022). Different methods have played an essential role in the development of oil fields.

Previous studies show that there are three primary sources of interpretation of single-well permeability: coring section test, electrical curve calculation, and equivalent permeability of well test interpretation; other methods are based on these three methods as standard samples for calculation and prediction. The significant influence of sedimentation, diagenesis, and tectonic movement on the physical characteristics of huge thick carbonate reservoirs. The physical characteristics of





reservoirs are significantly different. Especially in the Middle East, the thickness of carbonate reservoirs is significant, showing strong longitudinal heterogeneity.

From the field practice, the permeability obtained from the three aforementioned methods is often difficult to meet the needs of water injection development. There are three main reasons as follows: 1) For the section with excellent single-well permeability, it is often difficult to obtain the core due to serious fragmentation during the drilling. Therefore, the permeability of the real drilling core test can only reflect the physical properties of the medium and low permeability sections. While for the high-permeability sections, especially the ultra-high-permeability section, the permeability value can hardly be obtained. 2) The logging interpretation mainly reflects the permeability of the wellbore vicinity with a scale range of 0.1-2.0 m, and for carbonate reservoirs, there are many uncertainties in the permeability interpretation using electrical logging curves (Chen, 2019; Mu et al., 2019; Wang et al., 2020b; Cheng, 2020). Therefore, it is still challenging to identify high-permeability layers only by the permeability interpretation using the electrical logging curve (Charlaix et al., 1988; Smeulders et al., 1992; Yeganeh et al., 2010; Feng et al., 2013; Cao et al., 2017; Munawar et al., 2018; Cao et al., 2019; Thomas et al., 2021). 3) Due to the influence of unstable political status in the Middle East and the limitations of engineering technology conditions, the multi-layer commingled production model is currently widely used. It is challenging to fully implement the delamination development mode (Liang et al., 2019; Sun et al., 2019; Wang et al., 2019; Liu et al., 2020; Shao et al., 2020; Cui et al., 2021). The disadvantage of multi-layer commingled production is that there are large differences in sedimentation and diagenesis between neighboring layers. However, the equivalent permeability interpreted by the well test can only reflect an equivalent value within the control range of a single well. Therefore, it is difficult to determine the permeability values of different sections in the vertical direction of a single well only by well test interpretation, and it is also impossible to decide on the physical property differences within the reservoir.

We want to meet the production demand and improve the efficiency of water injection development; a split iteration algorithm of segmental dynamic permeability and specific production liquid index for a single well is developed based on the dynamic and static data of the well test, liquid production profile, production test and logging interpretation. On this basis, the classification evaluation of dynamic permeability is carried out. This method provides a new idea for identifying the widely developed high-permeability layers in this area, and it also provides technical support for the correction of the permeability property model, the optimization of the water injection scheme, the optimization of the single-well completion and cementing scheme, and the treatment of water channeling. It can be popularized and applied in the same type of reservoirs.

OVERVIEW OF THE WORK AREA

The Halfava Oilfield is located in the foredeep zone in the southern Mesopotamia Basin, which is an NW-SE anticline structure (Figure 1). The Mishrif Formation is the main development reservoir in the Halfaya Oilfield. Its peak production can account for more than 80% of the total oilfield production. In vertical, the Mishrif Formation is divided into three primary layers: MA, MB, and MC, and can be further subdivided into 18 sublayers to meet the development needs. The main production layer MB is subdivided into MB2 and MB1. The MB2 comprises coarse-grained bioclastic limestone, with an average thickness of about 30 m and good physical properties. The MB1-1 is mainly composed of tight micrite limestone, about 10-20 m in thickness, and basically, no reservoir is developed. The MB1-2 can be further subdivided into three small layers, MB1-2A, MB1-2B, and MB1-2C, with an average thickness of 20.1, 27.9, and 27.8 m, respectively (Sun et al., 2020).

The main production layers of Mishrif Reservoir MB2-1 and MB1-2 have different sedimentary environments. Among them, MB2-1 shows a weak rimmed platform sedimentary environment, tidal delta deposits are developed, and the overall physical properties are good. In contrast, the MB1-2 small layer shows a semi-restricted platform sedimentary environment, debris beach, tidal channel, lagoon, and subtidal deposits developed in the platform. The reservoir is dominated by the interactive development of thin layers with significant differences in physical properties. The oilfields have gradually shifted from depletion-type development to the water-flooding development stage. An exemplary determination and classification evaluation of dynamic reservoir permeability can help alleviate the contradiction between vertical and horizontal development and improve the efficiency of water injection development.

SPLITTING ITERATIVE ALGORITHM FOR SINGLE-WELL DYNAMIC PERMEABILITY

Theoretical Basis

The well test and well test interpretation are essential methods to know formation and bottom hole properties. They are also one of the most critical field testing methods in oil and gas production. Based on the theory of pressure recovery well test, the bottom hole recovery pressure can be obtained from Horner's equation (Li, 2011) as follows:





TABLE 1 | The result of the well test on P1.

Well test interpretation parameters	Numerical value		
Formation flow coefficient (kh/µ), mD.m/cP	8,048.05		
Strata coefficient (kh), mD.m	26,800		
Equivalent permeability (k), mD	348		
skin factor (S)	-3.7		
investigation radius (Ri), m	43.9		

$$P_{ws} = P_i - \frac{q\mu}{4\pi kh} ln \frac{t_p + \Delta t_s}{\Delta t_s},\tag{1}$$

where P_{ws} is the bottom hole shut-in recovery pressure, MPa; P_i is the initial formation pressure, MPa; q is the single-well production, m³/ks; μ is the fluid viscosity, mPa.s; k is the equivalent permeability of the formation, D; h is the effective thickness of reservoir layer, m; t_p is the production time of oil well, ks; Δt_s is the shut-in recovery time of oil wells, ks.

The measured data of pressure recovery well test in the rectangular coordinate system can be drawn in the semilogarithmic coordinate system after being sorted out according to the Horner formula. The Horner curve can be obtained (**Figure 2**). The slope of the straight line can be obtained from **Eq. 2**:

$$m = \frac{q\mu}{4\pi kh}.$$
 (2)

According to the aforementioned equation, it is easy to obtain the corresponding formation parameters, such as formation coefficient, formation flow coefficient, flow coefficient, and formation permeability (Li, 2011).

However, the permeability interpreted from the well test is equivalent to permeability within the control range of a single well. However, for super-thick reservoirs, one equivalent permeability cannot only accurately characterize the reservoir's internal heterogeneity. Given this, the liquid production profile test data are introduced. The fluid production profile test is a basic method of production logging, and actual oil production, water production, wellbore flow pressure, and flow temperature of different perforated layers can be obtained. However, it is impossible to determine the average pressure of each small formation layer accurately.

We want to meet the practical needs of the oilfield. The production pressure difference of different reservoir sections of

TABLE 2 | The result of the production profile of P1.

Geological stratification	The thickness of the liquid supply section, m		The thickness of the liquid supply	The liquid production profile tests liquid	Notes	
	Top depth	Bottom depth	section for the liquid production profile test, m	supply, bbl		
MB1_2B and MB1_2C	2,914.00	2,960.00	46.00	676.152	Need further segmentation	
MB2_1	2,981.00	2,984.30	3.30	1,515.91	Keep the original result	
MB2_1	2,989.50	2,998.80	9.30	1,268.57	Keep the original result	
MB2_2 and MB2_3	3,006.00	3,013.00	7.00	141.32	Keep the original result	
MB2_3	3,013.90	3,016.00	2.10	1,005.67	Keep the original result	



the same well is assumed to be approximately the same in the vertical direction. According to the flow theory and material balance principle (Li, 2011), **Eqs 1, 2**, for the same well, the production is directly proportional to the formation coefficient, as shown in **the** following equation:

$$kh = \frac{\mu}{4\pi m}q.$$
 (3)

Based on the aforementioned theory, it can be seen that using the well test and the liquid production profile test data to carry out one-time splitting and using the static logging curve interpretation results to perform secondary iterative splitting simultaneously, the interpretation accuracy of dynamic permeability can be significantly improved to meet the needs of engineering applications.

Geological stratification	The thickness of the liquid supply section, m		The verified thickness of the liquid	Verified electrical permeability of the fluid	Verified static formation coefficient of	The liquid production profile tests	The proportion of the segmented	Segmented split fluid supply, bbl
	Top depth	Bottom depth	supply section, m	production section, mD	the liquid production section, mD.m	liquid supply, bbl	liquid supply, %	
MB1_2B and MB1_2C	2,914.00	2,918.00	4.00	4.14	16.56	676.152	6.47	43.7
MB1_2B and MB1_2C	2,918.90	2,921.48	2.58	5.2	13.416	676.152	5.24	35.4
MB1_2B and MB1_2C	2,922.40	2,926.01	3.61	6.3	22.743	676.152	8.88	60.0
MB1_2B and MB1_2C	2,926.68	2,928.81	2.13	4.12	8.7756	676.152	3.43	23.2
MB1_2B and MB1_2C	2,930.00	2,933.00	3.00	5.3	15.9	676.152	6.21	42.0
MB1_2B and MB1_2C	2,933.00	2,937.00	4.00	8.8	35.2	676.152	13.74	92.9
MB1_2B and MB1_2C	2,937.40	2,939.20	1.80	8.6	15.48	676.152	6.04	40.9
MB1_2B and MB1_2C	2,939.20	2,940.68	1.48	1.5	2.22	676.152	0.87	5.9
MB1_2B and MB1_2C	2,940.68	2,945.75	5.07	5.5	27.885	676.152	10.89	73.6
MB1_2B and MB1_2C	2,945.75	2,948.02	2.27	2.45	5.5615	676.152	2.17	14.7
MB1_2B and MB1_2C	2,948.02	2,954.02	6.00	9.13	54.78	676.152	21.39	144.6
MB1_2B and MB1_2C	2,954.02	2,956.02	2.00	2.12	4.24	676.152	1.66	11.2
MB1_2B and MB1_2C	2,956.02	2,960.00	3.98	8.38	33.3524	676.152	13.02	88.1

TABLE 3 | Summary of secondary splitting test results of MB1-2 of production profile of P1.

Splitting Iterative Algorithm

Considering the actual production situation of large singlewell longitudinal perforation thickness and laminated production in the Mishrif formation, we selected the oil wells in which the pressure recovery well test and the liquid production profile test are conducted. The segmental dynamic permeability splitting calculation is undertaken. The steps are as follows:

- Step 1: we use the liquid production profile test to obtain the actual fluid supply volume and the liquid supply thickness of the perforation section in a single well, that is, the first split of the liquid production volume;
- Step 2: For the section with a single-layer liquid supply, the thickness tested for liquid production profiles is more than 5 m. The curve shows a significant difference in physical properties. It is necessary to use the relative value of the logging interpretation coefficient to carry out the secondary splitting of liquid supply. GR, RHOB, and other electrical measurements are sensitive to the reflection of reservoir physical properties, and the interpretation principle is as follows: we research the top of purpose section as a small unit to statistic the average of porosity and permeability by logging

interpretation. Then, the formation coefficient value of each interval is calculated separately. And on this basis, it is assumed that the production pressure difference of different intervals does not change much. The relative size of the formation coefficient is explained by logging to make a second split of the liquid supply in this section.

- Step 3: we integrate the relative magnitude of the liquid supply in each section of a single well calculated in the previous two steps and calculate the contribution ratio of the fluid supply of each section;
- Step 4: we obtain a single well's total equivalent formation coefficient based on the well test interpretation. Then, the total formation coefficient is split according to the contribution ratio of liquid supply of each section to obtain the formation coefficient of each interval;
- Step 5: we calculate the dynamic permeability of each section by using the segmental formation coefficient and the thickness value of each section.

The core algorithm and calculation flow are shown in Figure 3.

In the workflow:

 Q_t — the total flow of liquid production profile test, bbl

Geological stratification	The thickness of the liquid supply section, m		The verified thickness of the liquid	The segmented split	The proportion of the	The well test interpretation formation	The segmented formation coefficient	The segmented split dynamic
	Top depth	Bottom depth	supply section, m	fluid supply, bbl	segmented liquid supply, %	coefficient (kh), mD.m	(kh), mD.m	permeability, mD
MB1_2B and MB1_2C	2,914.00	2,918.00	4.00	43.7	0.95	26,800	254.29	63.6
MB1_2B and MB1_2C	2,918.90	2,921.48	2.58	35.4	0.77	26,800	206.01	79.8
MB1_2B and MB1_2C	2,922.40	2,926.01	3.61	60.0	1.30	26,800	349.23	96.7
MB1_2B and MB1_2C	2,926.68	2,928.81	2.13	23.2	0.50	26,800	134.76	63.3
MB1_2B and MB1_2C	2,930.00	2,933.00	3.00	42.0	0.91	26,800	244.16	81.4
MB1_2B and MB1_2C	2,933.00	2,937.00	4.00	92.9	2.02	26,800	540.52	135.1
MB1_2B and MB1_2C	2,937.40	2,939.20	1.80	40.9	0.89	26,800	237.71	132.1
MB1_2B and MB1_2C	2,939.20	2,940.68	1.48	5.9	0.13	26,800	34.09	23.0
MB1_2B and MB1_2C	2,940.68	2,945.75	5.07	73.6	1.60	26,800	428.19	84.5
MB1_2B and MB1_2C	2,945.75	2,948.02	2.27	14.7	0.32	26,800	85.40	37.6
MB1_2B and MB1_2C	2,948.02	2,954.02	6.00	144.6	3.14	26,800	841.19	140.2
MB1_2B and MB1_2C	2,954.02	2,956.02	2.00	11.2	0.24	26,800	65.11	32.6
MB1_2B and MB1_2C	2,956.02	2,960.00	3.98	88.1	1.91	26,800	512.15	128.7
MB2_1	2,981.00	2,984.30	3.30	1,515.91	32.90	26,800	8,817.21	2,671.9
MB2_1	2,989.50	2,998.80	9.30	1,268.57	27.53	26,800	7,378.57	793.4
MB2_2 and MB2_3	3,006.00	3,013.00	7.00	141.32	3.07	26,800	821.98	117.4
MB2_3	3,013.90	3,016.00	2.10	1,005.67	21.83	26,800	5,849.43	2,785.4

 Q_i — the segmental flow rate of liquid production profile test, bbl

 Q_m —the thickness of the test section is more than 5 m and the electrical logging curve shows the total flow of the section demonstrates a significant difference in physical properties in the test section, bbl

 Q_{mj} — the split flow rate in the test section of the liquid production profile, bbl

 h_t — the thickness of the total liquid supply section in the liquid production profile test, m

 h_i — the thickness of the segmented liquid supply section in the liquid production profile test, m

 h_m — the thickness of the interval with an extensive test scale (more than 5 m) and significant internal physical property difference, m

 h_{mj} — based on the electrical logging curve, h_m is further subdivided into the thickness of the interval, m

 $k_t h_t$ — the total equivalent formation coefficient of liquid production profile test, mD.m

 $k_{mj}h_{mj}$ — based on the logging curve, the h_m further subdivided static formation coefficient, mD.m

 $k_i h_i$ — the formation coefficient after fine segmentation of a single well, mD.m

 h_i — the detailed thickness of segmentation of a single well, m

 k_i —the detailed segmented dynamic permeability, mD

Practical Calculation

Take Well P1 in the Halfaya Oilfield as an example. This well was drilled in 2011 and put into production in 2012. The well has carried out the pressure recovery and liquid production profile tests, which is a representative well in this area. The well test logarithmic curve is shown in **Figure 4**. The well test interpretation results are shown in **Table 1**.

The test results of the fluid production profile in Well P1 are shown in **Table 2**. Combined with **Figure 5**, it can be seen that the test results of the liquid production profile in the MB2-1~MB2-3 test sections are consistent with the porosity and permeability properties interpreted by the logging curve. However, for the 46 m testing section in MB1_2B and MB1_2C, there is only one test result. Therefore, it is necessary to carry out the secondary splitting in combination with the logging curve to meet the production requirements. The results of secondary splitting are shown in **Table 3**.





Based on the core algorithm, the segmental dynamic permeability can be calculated by combining the two splitting results of the liquid production profile. The results are shown in **Table 4** and **Figure 6**. The calculated results are pretty different from the overall permeability explained by the well test. The equivalent permeability of the singlewell controlled area explained by the well test is 348 mD. After the second splitting iterative calculation, a single well can be divided into 17 layers. The dynamic permeability is about 23.0–2,785.4 mD, which better reflects the vertical heterogeneity, and shows higher consistency with the test results of the liquid production profile, which can meet the needs of field practice.

CLASSIFICATION EVALUATION METHOD

For the super-thick carbonate reservoirs in the Middle East, many production practices show that there are a large number of interlayers and high-permeability layers in the reservoir (LiuHangyu and Liu,



2019; Guang-wei et al., 2021; Massiot et al., 2022), in which the interlayers are mainly controlled by lithology (Mu et al., 2019; Wang et al., 2020b). However, the concealed and developed high-permeability layers make it challenging to achieve the ideal effect of oilfield water injection development. Therefore, it is necessary to carry out classification evaluation research on the dynamic permeability calculated by single-well splitting to provide the dynamic basis for identifying the later hyperpermeability zones.

According to the single-phase/two-phase flow theory, the specific liquid productivity index is an essential dynamic index for classification evaluation. The particular liquid production index is defined as the liquid production under unit pressure difference, which is an essential parameter for evaluating the fluid supply capacity of the reservoir. For the super-thick reservoir, using a method similar to the calculation of segmental dynamic permeability of a single well, the analysis of segmental specific fluid production index is carried out. The calculation method is shown in **Figure 7**.



The new geological model's permeability attribute model

interpretation, bbl/(d.psi)

splitting calculation, bbl/(d.psi)

index of splitting calculation, bbl/(dmpsi)



 PI_t — the total production index of pressure recovery well test

 PI_i —the single-well-staged liquid production index of

SPI_i—the single-well-segmented specific production fluid

MB1-2 and MB2 are pretty different in reservoir physical properties;

the high-permeability layer in the MB1-2 layer is determined as follows: when the permeability is greater than 200 mD, and the specific production fluid index is greater than 0.35bbl/(d.m.psi). The determination of this parameter lays a good foundation for the following quantitative characterization of high-permeability bands in the whole area.

APPLICATION EFFECT

By finely dividing the dynamic permeability of a single well, the interpretation accuracy of dynamic permeability is greatly improved. The dynamic identification standards of highpermeability layers in different layers can be clarified through

diagram

B 1000 2000 2000 4000 50

FIGURE 10 | Profile of permeability model in the long axis direction of the work area. (A) The original geological model's permeability attribute model diagram (B) The new geological model's permeability attribute model diagram



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8 1990 2000 3004 4000 500

The original geological model's permeability attribute model diagram

the classification evaluation of dynamic permeability. This method has achieved good application results in identifying high-permeability layers and establishing attribute models in the Mishrif formation.

High-Permeability Layer Identification

With the adequate evaluation and identification of dynamic permeability, combined with geology, logging, and other disciplines, 30 well points in the whole area of the Mishrif formation are selected, basically covering the entire work area, and the evaluation results are representative. By formulating the identification criteria for the dynamic permeability of highpermeability layers, new ideas and methods are provided for the dynamic and static comprehensive identification of highpermeability layers in this area. The results of the sedimentation and diagenetic interpretation will use the dynamic permeability obtained from the test well as the primary sample point. The high-permeability layer is established using full use of the electrical characteristics of the logging curve, and the dynamic and static comprehensive identification. It is applied to the untested wells in the whole area, and the coincidence rate with dynamic characteristics is higher than 90% (Figure 9).

Attribute Model Establishment

Due to the powerful heterogeneity of the super-thick carbonate reservoir in the Middle East, there is an inevitably large error between the permeability model established only by logging interpretation permeability in the early stage of fine geological modeling and the actual underground reservoir conditions. However, with conventional methods, when establishing dynamic numerical models, it is difficult to characterize the internal heterogeneity of the reservoir by using well test interpretation results for local correction. Therefore, when well testing and liquid production profile testing well points are fully covered vertically and horizontally in the work area, using the calculation results of single-well-segmented dynamic permeability. It can provide a basis for modeling and numerical model personnel to correct the attribute model. Compared with the original model, the newly established attribute model of the Mishrif reservoir is significantly improved. The high-permeability layers and interlayers in the new acceptable geological model are more clearly represented. The freshly based attribute model aligns with the reservoir

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geological understanding. The history matching accuracy is significantly improved (Figures 10, 11).

CONCLUSION

For super-thick carbonate reservoirs, well testing, fluid production profile testing, and logging interpretation can be combined. The second iteration method can estimate the segmental dynamic permeability of a single well and conduct a classification evaluation study. The innovation of this method is mainly reflected in the following three aspects:

- 1) The shortcomings of lack of coring and multi-layer well testing can be overcome and more accurate formation parameters for water injection development of thick carbonate reservoirs can be provided.
- 2) We can make full use of the dynamic and static data and use the second iteration method to calculate the segmental dynamic permeability. The calculation process is simple, and the segmental dynamic permeability accuracy is greatly improved, which can meet the application of water injection engineering.
- 3) The calculation results can better characterize the heterogeneity characteristics within the reservoir. It has a good application effect in reservoir internal high-permeability layer identification and attribute model establishment and has good application prospects.

DATA AVAILABILITY STATEMENT

The original contributions presented in the study are included in the article/Supplementary Material; further inquiries can be directed to the corresponding author.

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