

ANHYDRITE DEPOSITION IN CAWAYAN WELLS, BACMAN GEOTHERMAL FIELD, PHILIPPINES: PREDICTION AND POSSIBLE REMEDIES

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ABSTRACT

The anhydrite mineral deposition inside the wellbores of Cawayan wells is investigated in order to predict its occurrence and come up with possible remedies. The chemistry of the fluids is thoroughly evaluated and **some** geochemical indicators of deposition such as Ca^{2+} , SO_4^{2-} , Mg^{2+} , SiO_2 , and Cl^- are established. The behaviour of various calcium and sulfate species during deposition, and the effects of temperature and pH are determined using the **SOLVEQ** and **WATCH 21** programs. Results show that at higher temperatures, sulfate and calcium species decrease in activity and this tends to increase supersaturation. At lower pH, sulfate activity is significantly reduced by the formation of bisulfate ions, and undersaturation is attained; at higher pH, undersaturation also occurs due to decrease in calcium activity. However, calcite supersaturates at higher pH. The **CHILLER** program is utilized to simulate fluid-fluid mixing, and determine the effects of NaCl addition, Na_2HPO_4 addition, acid treatment, and CaCl₂ injection on anhydrite deposition. Results **show that** NaCl, Na_2HPO_4 and HCl are possible inhibitors of anhydrite deposition. Increasing the salinity of production fluid before mixing **with** high-sulfate waters tends to retard deposition and increase the amount of mixing fluid necessary to initiate formation of anhydrite. Na_2HPO_4 prevents anhydrite deposition by significantly reducing activity of calcium through association with phosphate ions. However, the solution tends to become supersaturated with respect to apatite. CaCl₂ addition **can** induce deposition in the acid zones but this further lowers the pH of the high-sulfate acid fluid as bisulfate dissociates into sulfate ions and releases hydrogen ions.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Bacman geothermal production field is located on the southern tip of the Bicol peninsula in the Philippines. A 110 MWe geothermal power plant in the Palayan Bayan sector and a 20 MWe modular plant in the Cawayan sector have been fully operational since 1994. A second 20 MWe plant is currently under development in the Botong sector (Figure 1).

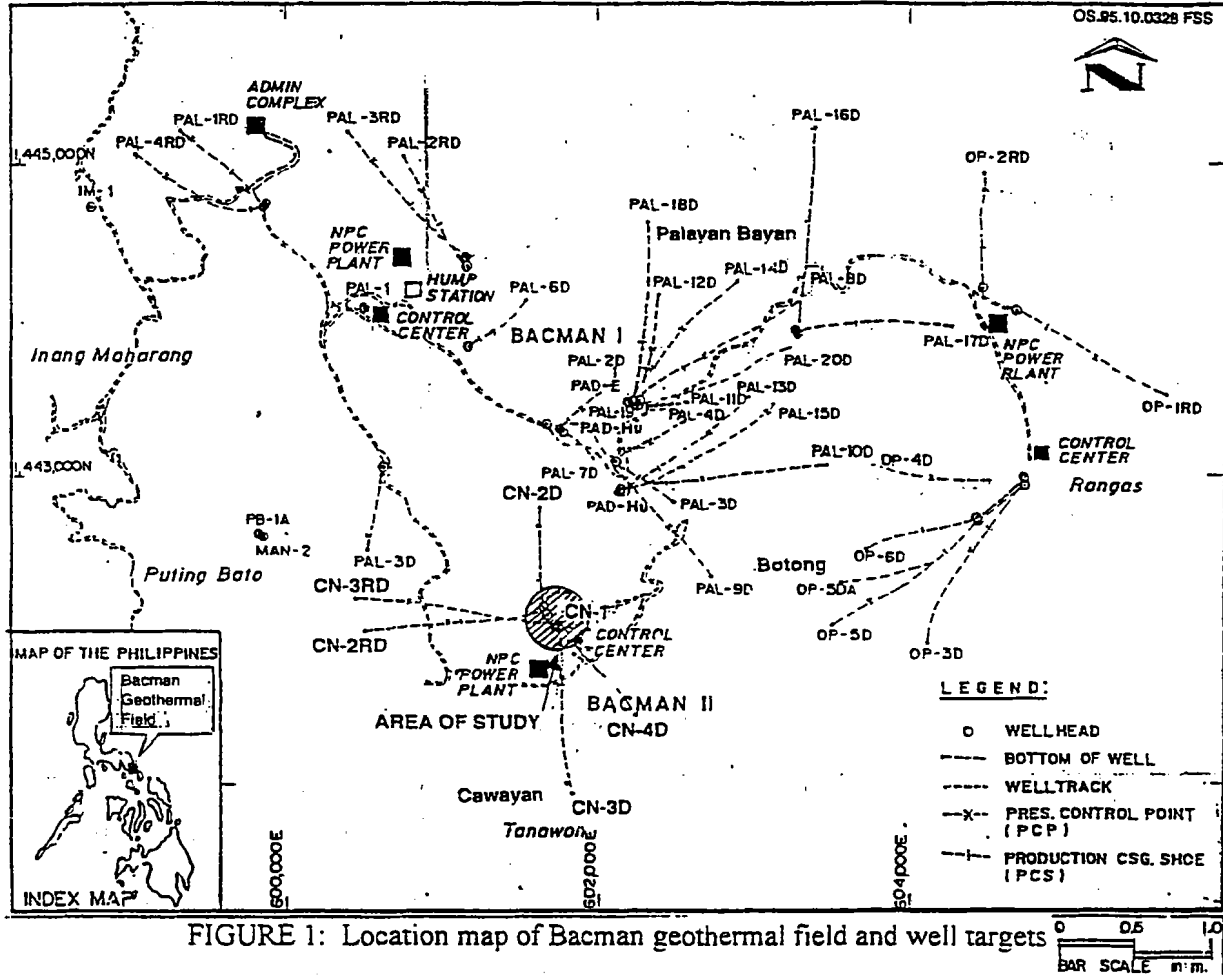


FIGURE 1: Location map of Bacman geothermal field and well targets

The Cawayan sector is initially composed of two production wells, each with an output of about ten megawatts. Less than a year after commissioning, problems associated with corrosion and mineral deposition inside the wellbores started to significantly decrease the output of the two wells. Petrological analyses of the mineral deposits yielded mostly anhydrite, with small amounts of pyrite, opaques, and corrosion products. Work-over operations using drilling rigs were conducted to mechanically clean the boreholes. The improvement after cleaning was however only temporary and after a few months, deposition started to clog the wells again. Subsequently two additional wells were drilled to maintain the 20 MWe production of the field. Mitigating measures undertaken (Fragata, 1994) in the new wells are: deepening the production casing shoes, casing-off and cementing acid zones, and using corrosion-resistant casings. Calcium chloride injection in the acid zones is also practised during drilling.

Despite the preventive measures implemented, the possibility of anhydrite and other mineral deposition during long-term production cannot be totally eliminated. The original wells, on the other hand are still hampered by anhydrite deposition and regular cleaning by drilling rigs is very costly. Therefore a more thorough understanding of the deposition process, an efficient and reliable method of monitoring, and

investigation of possible methods of deposition control, are necessary.

The aim with this report is to determine the anhydrite saturation conditions of the Cawayan fluids; establish some geochemical indicators of anhydrite deposition; characterize speciation and mineral-solution equilibria of the fluids responsible for the deposition; simulate saturation conditions at different temperatures, pH, salinity, and mixing proportions; and investigate possible chemical methods of control through simulations.

20 BACKGROUND

21 Geology and hydrothermal alteration

The Cawayan wells penetrated the so-called Pocdol volcanic formation, one of the lithologic units of the Bacman geothermal field. This formation is composed of moderately to intensely and completely altered volcanic rocks of andesite lavas, tuffs, and breccia (PNOC-EDC, 1989). This is dissected by the Gayong sedimentary formation in the Botong and Palayan Bayan sectors, and by several andesitic and microdioritic dykes called the Cawayan intrusive complex (PNOC-EDC, 1989). All the Cawayan wells, except CN-3D intersected the Cawayan intrusive complex (Fragata 1991). The hydrothermal alteration encountered in the wells is generally neutral. These consist of quartz, calcite, anhydrite, epidote, illite, smectite, actinolite, biotite, chlorite, clinozoisite, pyrite, hematite, magnetite, and goethite (Ramos, 1991). Acid alteration products consisting of kaolinite, dickite, alunite, and pyrophyllite, are also abundant: sulfur crystals have been observed megascopically in well CN-2RD at 100-415 mVD (Ramos, 1991). Acid alteration is usually observed at shallower depths, above 1000 mVD, but has also been detected at deeper levels such as diasporite at 1710 mVD in well CN-2RD (Ramos, 1991).

22 Fluid chemistry

The chemistry of the Cawayan fluids has been discussed thoroughly in several PNOC-EDC internal reports (e.g. KRTA (1985); Solis (1988); See (1991)). There are generally two types of thermal fluids in the sector. First the dominant fluid which is the hotter and deeper, neutral geothermal production brine; and the second one is the colder, shallower, high-sulfate and usually acidic fluid. Particular interest has been devoted to the occurrence and origin of the acid fluids in the area.

The production fluids are neutral geothermal brines with baseline sulfate concentrations of 19 to 29 mg/kg, and calcium concentrations of 138 to 175 mg/kg in weirbox and Webre separator samples. The weirbox samples are collected at atmospheric pressure while Webre samples are collected at 5 to 8.5 bars absolute. The fluids are relatively saline with chloride concentrations of approximately 7000 to 8000 mg/kg and ionic strength of about 0.2000 in water phase. pH measured at 25°C ranges from 7.05 to 7.83. Quartz and measured temperatures range from 270 to 275°C.

In contrast the acid fluids have been found to be more dilute, colder, and contain enormous amounts of sulfate ranging from 381 to 1630 mg/kg. pH measured at 25°C ranges from 2.6 to 5.1. Calcium is relatively low with concentrations that range from 6 to 89 mg/kg. Chloride concentrations vary from 142 to 5000 mg/kg, and the ionic strength is less than 0.1000. Silica quartz geothermometer and measured temperatures range from 230°C to approximately 260°C. These fluids are also characterized by high iron and magnesium contents. In Cawayan production wells, these types of fluid are normally found in the shallower zones, from about 1000 mVD and above. However, in reinjection wells such as CN-2RD and CN-3RD, high-sulfate fluids exist at depth.

Representative chemical data used in this study are presented in Tables 1 and 2.

2.3 Blockage history and mineral composition

As early as 1983, a blockage inside the wellbore of CN-1 was detected. The initial blockage, consisting of 90% corrosion products and 10% anhydrite, was found in this well at 1599 mVD on May 11, 1983. A subsequent survey in May 1984 located the blockage at 1593 mVD, and then it apparently extended to 1598 mVD where it was detected in September 1984. Scraper samples yielded corrosion products (40%), cuttings (30%), calcite (20%), and anhydrite (10%). In February 1990, the obstruction was detected at 1383 mVD and the composition was determined to be mainly anhydrite (46%) with significant amounts of opaques, vermiculite, cuttings, and carbonates. The well was then cleaned by a drilling rig prior to commissioning. During the production stage, wellhead pressure started to decline and a second rig cleaning was carried out. Deposition however continued to take place. During the latest survey conducted in May 1994, the blockage was detected at 1019 mVD and the composition was mostly anhydrite (76%) with corrosion products and some cement and formation rock indicating casing corrosion.

In well CN-3D, the blockage was detected at 1076 mVD in November 1994, when the well was on-line to the power plant. The deposits were composed of 90% anhydrite and 10% pyrite. In July 1995, the blockage extended up to 886 mVD and the output of the well declined significantly.

Details of petrological analyses of the minerals collected from the wellbores are shown in Table 3.

3.0 DESCRIPTION OF PRESENT WORK

This study is essentially a detailed analytical evaluation of chemical data from wells in which anhydrite deposition has taken place, utilizing speciation and reaction path programs. Saturation conditions of the fluids with respect to anhydrite are determined using the speciation programs WATCH 2.1 (Amorsson, et al., 1982; Bjarnason, 1994) and SOLVEQ (Reed and Spycner, 1990a). Simulation runs varying parameters such as pH, and temperature are conducted to determine how the fluid chemistry will change especially with respect to anhydrite saturation. The reaction path program CHILLER (Reed and Spycner, 1992) is used to simulate fluid-fluid mixing of neutral geothermal brine and high-sulfate acid downhole fluid, simulate the effect of sodium chloride addition on anhydrite deposition, and evaluate the effect of CaCl₂ injection in the acid zones. The changes with time of the concentration of several chemical parameters are evaluated as indicators of deposition. Speciation of various calcium and sulfate species from simulation runs are closely examined in order to find out the behaviour of these species and their effects on anhydrite saturation at different conditions. The CHILLER program is also used to simulate the effects of NaCl, Na₂HPO₄, and HCl as possible inhibitors of anhydrite deposition.

4.0 REVIEW

4.1 Literature review

A great deal of experimental work on the solubility of anhydrite has been described, the most notable being that of Dickson, et al. (1963); Blount and Dickson (1969); and Yeatts and Marshall (1969). Dickson, et al. (1963) determined the rapid decrease of anhydrite solubility in pure water with increasing temperature at constant pressure. Blount and Dickson (1969), studied the decrease of anhydrite

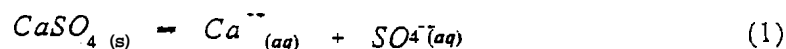
solubility at different concentrations of NaCl-H₂O solutions with temperature at constant and variable pressures. It can be concluded on the basis of their experimental results that the solubility of anhydrite is generally controlled by temperature, pressure, and salinity. Using their experimental data from solubility studies, Dickson, et al., (1963) and Blount and Dickson, (1969), deduced that in natural hydrothermal processes, anhydrite deposition can occur at the following conditions: migration of saturated solutions at constant temperature from rocks interstices governed by lithostatic pressure to fissures controlled by hydrostatic pressures; descent of saturated groundwater to hotter regions; and deposition in the pores of sedimentary rocks as a result of increase in temperature accompanying burial of accumulating sediments, from interstitial waters containing CaSO₄, originally entrapped during sedimentation. Direct precipitation from sea water is also a possibility as in the Svartsengi wells in Iceland where there is geochemical evidence of seawater intrusion and anhydrite deposition along structures (Bjarnason, J.O., pers. comm.). In the oil fields, the occurrence of calcium sulfate scale, mostly gypsum, in equipment and formation has been reported by Vetter and Phillips (1970). Several other studies of anhydrite solubility are discussed and summarized in KRTA (1983). Most of the work done in that report is based on experimental conditions different from a geothermal chemical matrix.

In geothermal utilization, the occurrence of significant anhydrite deposits in wellbores has not been much reported, possibly because of the rarity of such cases. Its impact on geothermal development cannot, however, be underestimated as can be seen from the case of the Cawayan wells.

Several formulas for calculating the solubility and equilibrium constants of anhydrite have been derived by various authors. Some are based on experimental results (e.g. Blount and Dickson, 1969) while others are calculated from thermodynamic data. A selection of equations that may be applicable to geothermal fluid is presented in Appendix 1.

4.2 Saturation calculation

The dissolution-precipitation reaction of anhydrite can be expressed as,



and the reaction quotient is defined by,

$$Q = (a_{\text{Ca}^{++}} * a_{\text{SO}_4^{--}}) / a_{\text{CaSO}_4} \quad (2)$$

where a is activity and unity for pure solid minerals like anhydrite. As with any chemical reaction, this either absorbs or releases energy which is the Gibbs free energy of reaction expressed as,

$$\Delta Gr = \Delta Gr^\circ + RT \ln Q \quad (3)$$

where R is gas constant, T is absolute temperature, and ΔGr° is the standard Gibbs free energy usually given in the literature at 25°C and 1 bar. ΔGr° can be calculated at different temperatures based on available thermodynamic data on C_p (heat capacity), ΔH_r° (heat of reaction), and S° (entropy), using established thermodynamic relationships. ΔGr° is defined as,

$$\Delta Gr^\circ = -RT \ln K \quad (4)$$

where K is the thermodynamic equilibrium constant. At or near equilibrium conditions (i.e. no flow of energy is taking place), $\Delta Gr = 0$, thus equation (3) becomes,

$$\Delta Gr^\circ = -RT \ln Q \quad (5)$$

and substituting equation (4) into this yields,

$$RT \ln K = -RT \ln Q \quad (6)$$

Q can be calculated from laboratory analysis of calcium and sulfate speciated at desired temperature, using equation (2), while K is calculated from ΔG° using equation (3). So, basically the determination of saturation conditions is just a comparison between $\log K$ and $\log Q$ values. When $\log Q$ exceeds $\log K$ (which defines the amount of Ca^{++} and SO_4^{--} ions a solution can hold at a given temperature in a thermodynamic equilibrium system), supersaturation occurs and deposition may take place.

Anhydrite saturation is therefore governed by the activity of sulfate and calcium. but the activity of these two ions is affected by several factors such as pH, temperature, chemical mamx of the solution, and pressure.

5.0 DEPOSITION PARAMETERS

5.1 Evaluation of different formulas

Speciation programs such as WATCH and SOLVEQ can perform iterations to solve for mass-balance and chemical equilibrium equations. and compute for activities. speciation. $\log K$ s and mineral saturation at different temperatures. However their application is nor always straightforward due to some limitations to equilibrium computations (Nordsrom and Munoz, 1986). Validation by petrological analysis is helpful especially in cases where deposition samples can be obtained such as in the Cawayan wells. And thus in future replication they can be used in monitoring with more certainty.

Several equations for computing anhydrite solubility are evaluated for comparison. Four equations yielded results that are comparable. Figure 2 shows the equilibrium curves obtained from the different equations. The calculations by Arnorsson, et al. (1982), and Reed and Spycher (1990a) are incorporated in the speciation programs used in this study. Computations of their $\log K$ values for anhydrite are mostly based on thermodynamic data by Helgeson (1969). Significant deviations of the two curves from each other are observed above 200°C, possibly because of the unreliability of some thermodynamic data above this temperature (Amonson, et al., 1982), resulting in discrepancy in the calculated $\log K$ values. The two equations are validated using well samples collected during anhydrite deposition. Both equations show supersaturation conditions during the deposition process with results from WATCH yielding a higher degree of supersaturation.

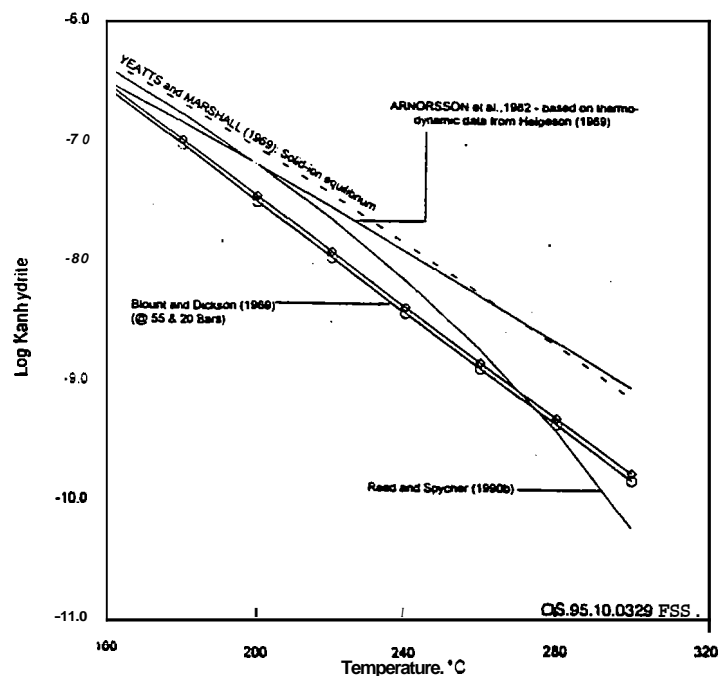


FIGURE 2: Comparison of equilibrium curves based on several formulas for calculating anhydrite solubility derived by various authors.

Blount and Dickson's (1969) equation is based on experimental data from H_2O and H_2O - $NaCl$ solutions, and pressure effect is incorporated. This equation yielded relatively low values of $\log K$ at lower temperatures, but at higher temperatures the results were similar to those of Reed and Spycher (1990b).

Yeatts and Marshall's (1969) equation is based on solid-ion equilibrium and the calculated equilibrium curve is almost identical to that of Amorrsson, et al. (1982).

The different log K values calculated using the various equations are given in Table 4. The values are significantly different especially at temperatures above 200°C. But in application, they yielded similar saturation conditions.

5.2 Saturation conditions and mineral-solution equilibria

The saturation conditions of the Cawayan fluids with respect to anhydrite during baseline and production stages are determined using both the WATCH and the SOLVEQ programs. Results in Figures 3a and b show that fluids from production wells (CN-1/CN-3D/CN-4D) are initially saturated (or slightly

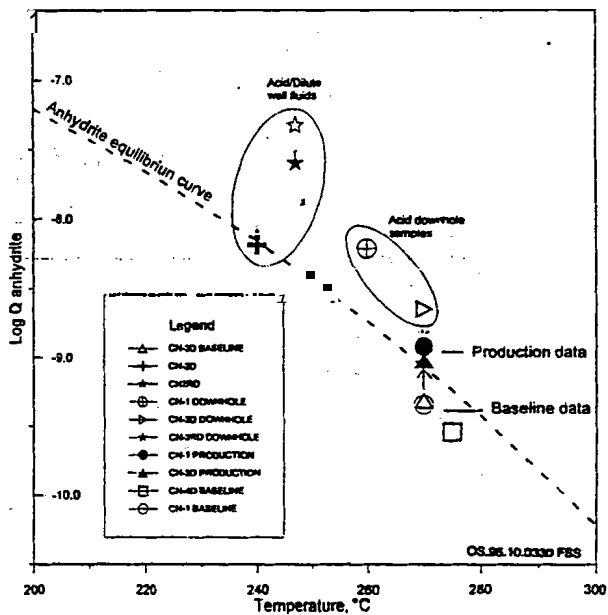


FIGURE 3a: Anhydrite saturation of Cawayan well fluids (baseline and production data) using the SOLVEQ program by Reed and Spycher (1990a)

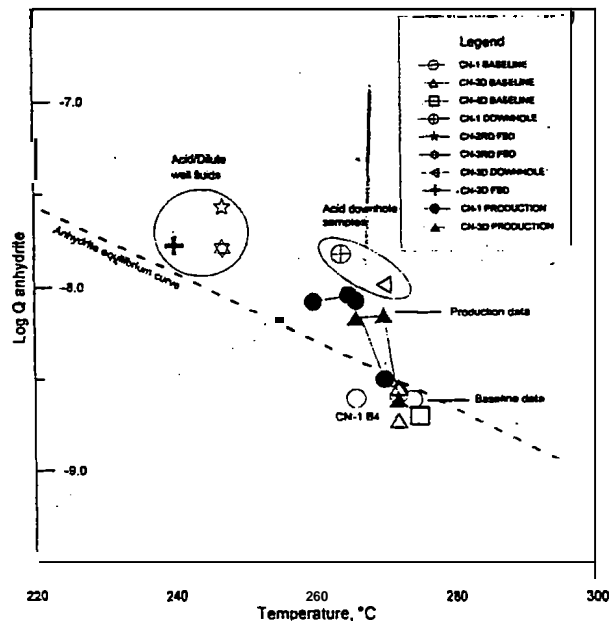


FIGURE 3b: Anhydrite saturation of Cawayan well fluids (baseline and production data) using the WATCH program by Amorrsson, et al. (1982).

undersaturated) with anhydrite, suggesting near equilibrium with this mineral. During the production stage, data points from the producing wells CN-1 and CN-3D plotted above the anhydrite equilibrium curve suggesting that the fluids have become supersaturated with respect to anhydrite. Correspondingly, some geochemical parameters started to exhibit specific trends with time, and months later, the wellhead pressures started to decline. These results show that both speciation programs are sensitive to anhydrite saturation changes and can be effectively used for monitoring critical wells.

The acid and dilute fluids in the reinjection wells CN-2RD and CN-3RD, and the downhole samples from CN-1 and CN-3D are all supersaturated with respect to anhydrite (Figures 3a and b). Evaluation of fluid equilibria from SOLVEQ runs, with some minerals identified from petrological analysis showed apparent equilibrium only with quartz (Figure 4). The curves did not exhibit any common point of intersection along the $\log(Q/K)=0$ line indicating that these fluids have not attained equilibrium with the identified minerals except quartz. The acid well fluids are also supersaturated with iron minerals such as pyrite, and hematite because of elevated concentrations of iron, probably derived from dissolution of casing. CN-3RD which is slightly alkaline despite its high sulfate concentration and

proximity to the acid wells, is also supersaturated with respect to carbonate minerals such as dolomite, $\text{CaMg}(\text{CO}_3)_2$, and calcite suggesting the occurrence of high CO_2 concentrations in the well fluid. For anhydrite, all well fluids, except CN-2D, plotted above the equilibrium line suggesting that this mineral is in excess in the solutions. The presence of sulfate-bearing minerals such as anhydrite and alunite, $\text{KAl}_3(\text{OH})_6(\text{SO}_4)_2$ in the formation rocks of the wells is an indication of possible precipitation of anhydrite from the fluid, and interaction with the rocks. However further investigation of fluid equilibria with other key and associated minerals found in the wells is necessary before this can be established.

The high-sulfate acid fluids in Bacman have been interpreted to have originated from the oxidation of H_2S in the vadose zone, and subsequently percolated to deeper levels (Solis et al., 1994). The results of sulfur and oxygen isotope analyses support this postulate. These fluids are believed to be the main source of excessive amounts of sulfate and the major cause of anhydrite deposition in the Cawayan wells.

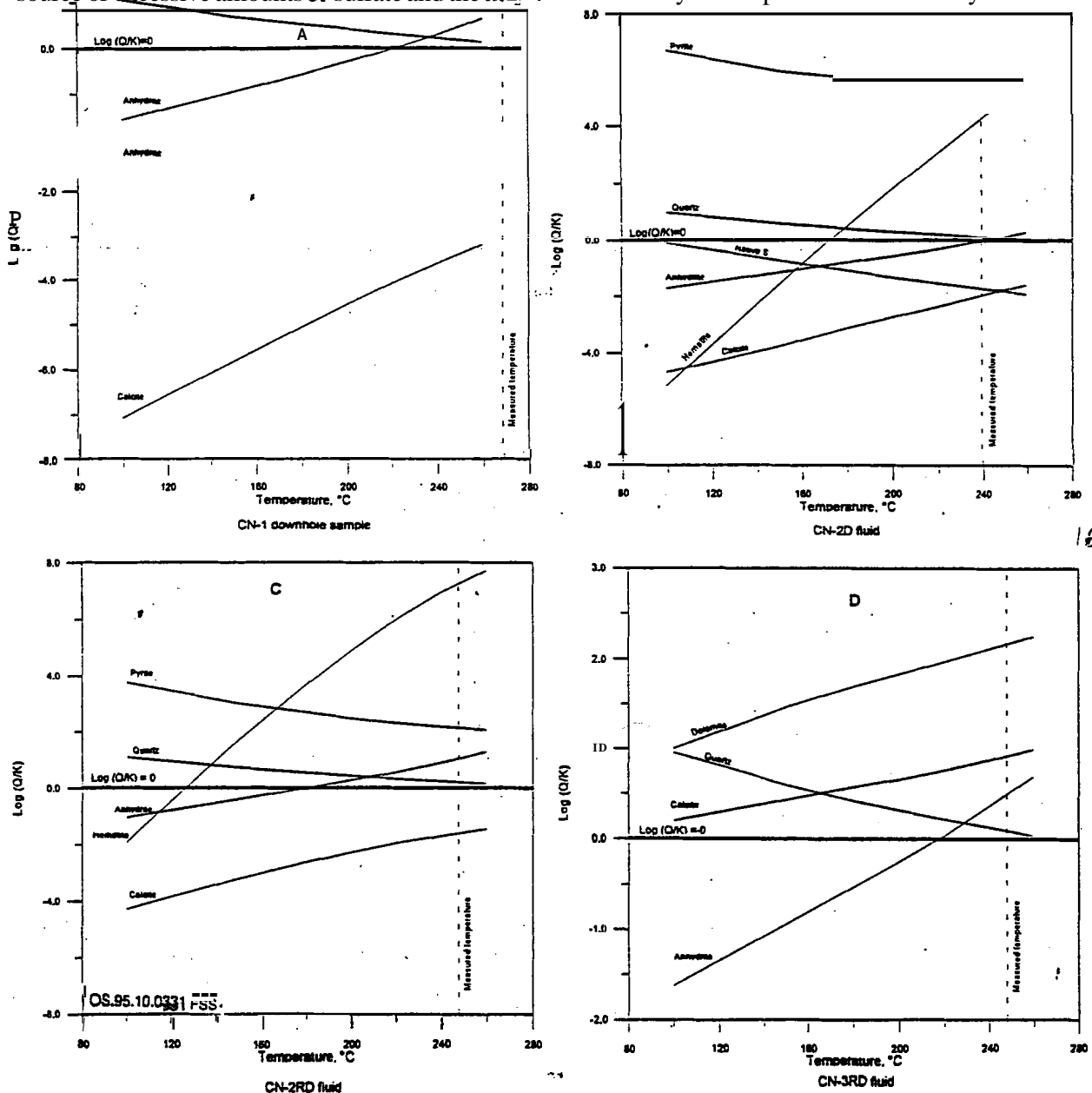


FIGURE 4: Mineral-solution equilibria of Cawayan high-sulfate and acid fluids with selected minerals identified from petrological analysis; A) CN-1 downhole sample; B) CN-2D fluid; C) CN-2RD fluid. D) CN-3RD fluid

5.3 Speciation

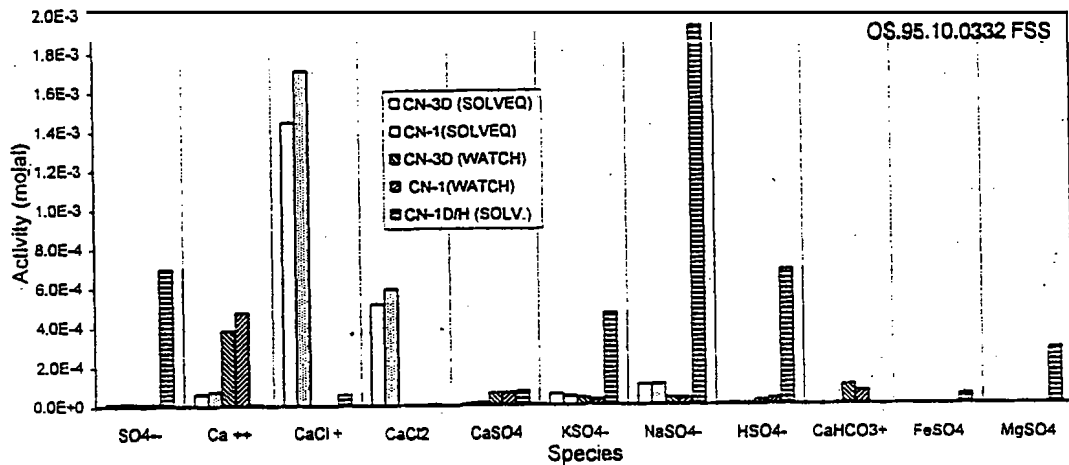


FIGURE 5: Calcium and sulfate species distribution of CN-1 and CN-3D supersaturated fluids, and CN-1 high-sulfate acid downhole water at 270°C.

showed that at 270°C, about 64% exist as CaCl, 23% as CaCl₂, 5% as NaSO₄⁻, 3% as KSO₄⁻, 3% as Ca⁺⁺, and 1% as SO₄⁻. According to the results of WATCH in which the CaCl⁺ and CaCl₂ species are not incorporated, the major ion is Ca⁺⁺ at 57% while SO₄⁻ accounts for only 2%. Results of the SOLVEQ run show that the calcium-ions prefer association with chloride ions, while sulfate is more associated with sodium and potassium ions. The "free" calcium and sulfate ions that are directly involved in anhydrite deposition account for very small percentages of the total species. These amounts are however sufficient to cause significant deposition. Sample calculations for CN-3D data show that an increase of a mere 1.02E-06 in molal activity (i.e. mg/kg increase in reservoir sulfate concentration) can lead to supersaturation. This shows that for initially saturated fluids, a very slight increase in sulfate or calcium activity can cause supersaturation and possibly deposition. Temperature has also significant effects on the activity of calcium and sulfate species and this is discussed in Chapter 7.3.

For the downhole high-sulfate acid fluid speciation results show a different distribution at 270°C. The dominant species are NaSO₄⁻ (44.9%), SO₄⁻ (16.4%), HSO₄⁻ (16.1%), and KSO₄⁻ (11.0%). Other sulfate forms practically absent from the production brine, such as FeSO₄ and MgSO₄ also exist because of the relatively high concentrations of iron and magnesium. These results reveal the source of high sulfate ion activity responsible for the anhydrite deposition. However, despite the very high sulfate concentration, its activity does not make it the dominant species. This implies that if sulfate association with sodium, potassium, magnesium, iron, and hydronium ions can be increased, the tendency for the fluid to deposit anhydrite can be reduced.

5.4 Geochemical indicators of anhydrite deposition

Evaluation of the chemistry of the Cawayan fluids before and during anhydrite deposition yielded chemical parameters that exhibited specific trends with time and may thus be useful as indicators. These parameters are sulfate, calcium, magnesium, chloride, and silica. A decrease in pH was also detected, but it is not very pronounced and exhibited an erratic trend. These chemical parameters already exhibit

unusual trends long before physical changes in the wells such as wellhead pressure (Figure 6) and output decline become measurable. Data used in the plots covered a period of about fifteen months from baseline to production stages..

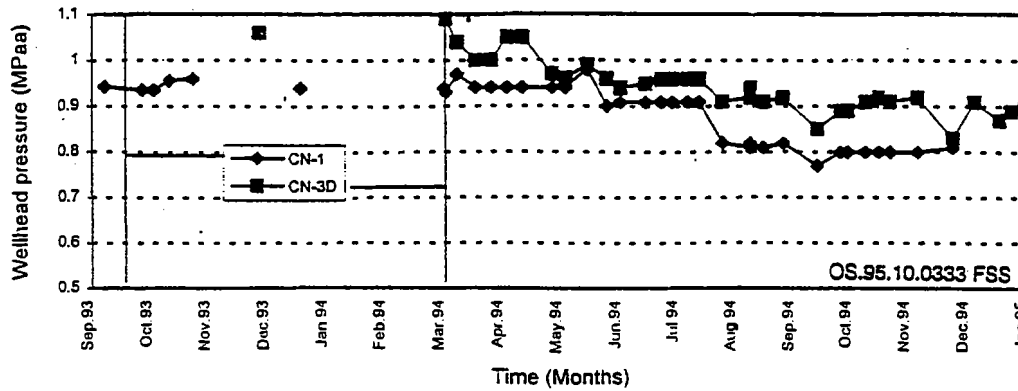


FIGURE 6: Wellhead pressure with time during anhydrite deposition. Vertical lines indicate the start of anhydrite supersaturation in CN-1 and CN-3D fluids.

Sulfate

Figure 7 shows the sulfate concentration trend with time. Sulfate exhibited an increase during deposition. Its Concentration increased from 23 mg/kg (baseline saturation concentration) to 71 mg/kg for CN-1, and from 21 mg/kg to 66 mg/kg for CN-3D. The increase in sulfate indicates the inflow of the mixing

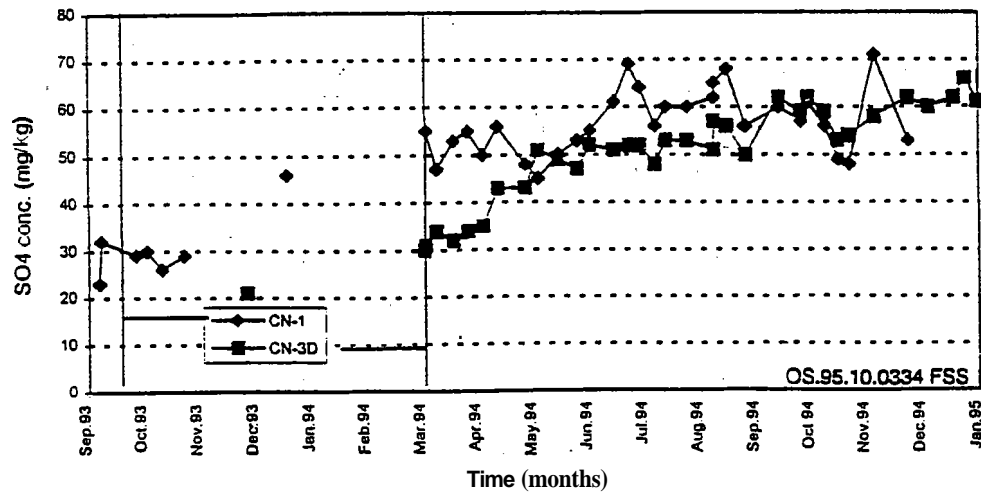


FIGURE 7: Sulfate concentration with time during anhydrite deposition. Vertical lines indicate start of anhydrite supersaturation for CN-1 and CN-3D fluids.

fluid identified at the upper horizon of the wells during downhole sampling. These fluids have earlier been characterized to be acid and contain high sulfate ranging from 810-975 mg/kg for CN-1 and 62-96 mg/kg for CN-3D. Sulfate appears to be a sensitive indicator of anhydrite deposition, increasing abruptly as supersaturation occurs and then exhibiting a steady increase throughout the deposition process suggesting a continuous influx of the mixing fluid.

Calcium

Calcium initially exhibited an increase in concentration during the early stage of supersaturation (Figure 8), then decreased abruptly and maintained a steady decline as deposition proceeded. Calcium concentration at the wellhead decreased gradually from about 196 mg/kg to 146 mg/kg in CN-1, and 180 mg/kg to 120 mg/kg in CN-3D. Since the mixing fluid is depleted in calcium, the calcium from the production brine is continuously being consumed by the excess sulfate during the formation of anhydrite.

Significant fluctuations are also observed especially for CN-1 indicating possible fluctuations in the rate

or amount being deposited. The decreasing trend however, is an indication that the rate of deposition is increasing, probably because of the increasing acid-sulfate fluid influx.

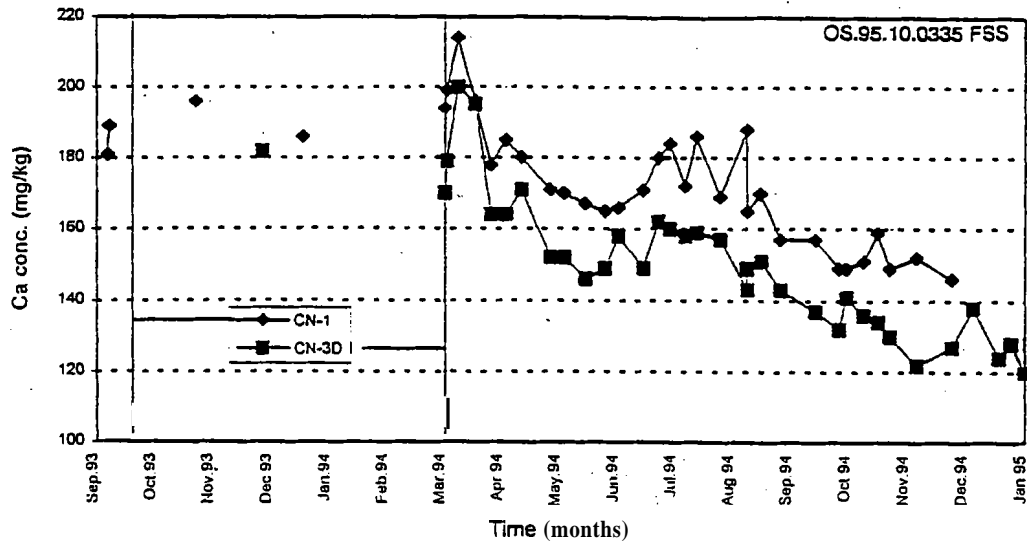


FIGURE 8: Calcium concentration with time during anhydrite deposition. Vertical lines indicate start of anhydrite supersaturation for CN-1 and CN-3D.

Magnesium, chloride, and silica

Figures 9, 10, and 11 show the magnesium, chloride, and silica concentration trends with time. Although not directly involved in anhydrite deposition, in Cawayan wells, these chemical parameters are indicators of the relatively cold and dilute acid fluids that mix with the brine. The magnesium concentration increased, especially during the later part of deposition, suggesting the presence of a colder fluid. Chloride concentration on the other hand decreased, also showing the influx of the dilute fluid.

Silica concentration similarly decreased especially in CN-1, indicating that the well is cooling down because of the influx of the colder mixing fluid. Silica however did not respond immediately and began to decrease only during the later stages of the deposition process. In CN-3D, the drop in silica is not as pronounced, possibly because of a lesser amount of mixing fluid.

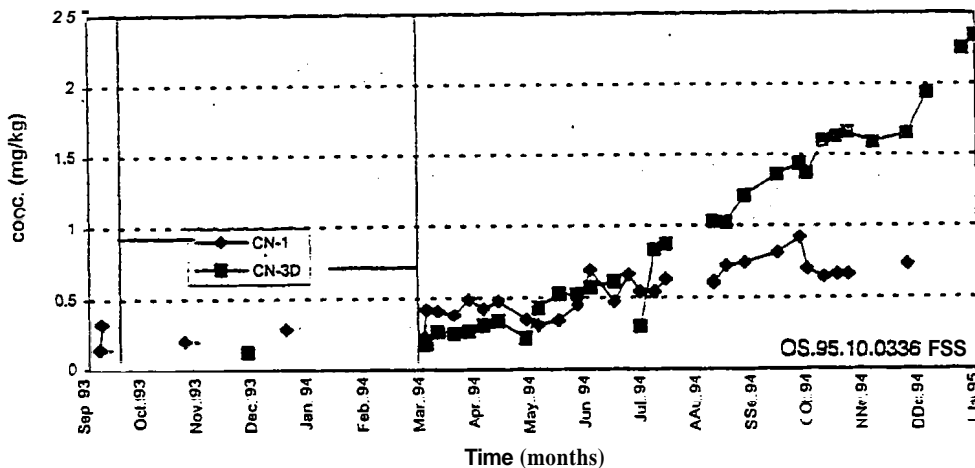


FIGURE 9: Magnesium concentration with time during anhydrite deposition. Vertical lines indicate start of anhydrite supersaturation for CN-1 and CN-3D

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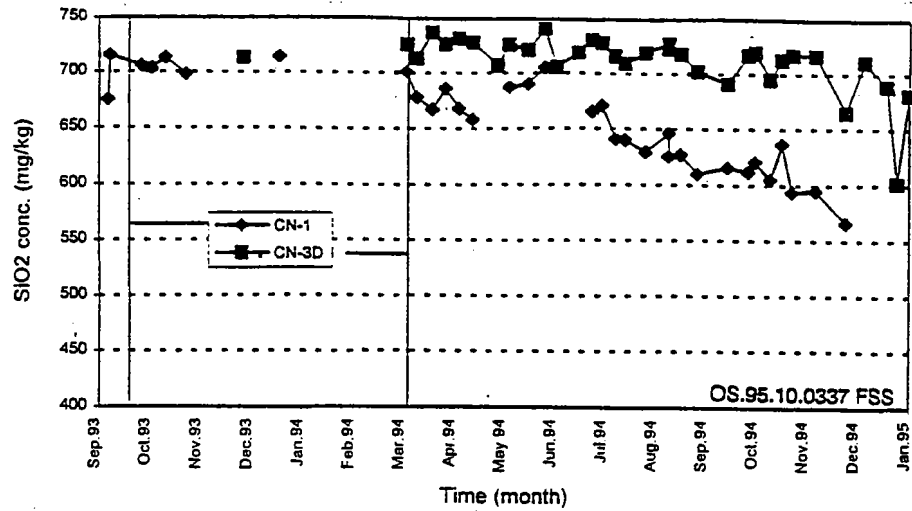
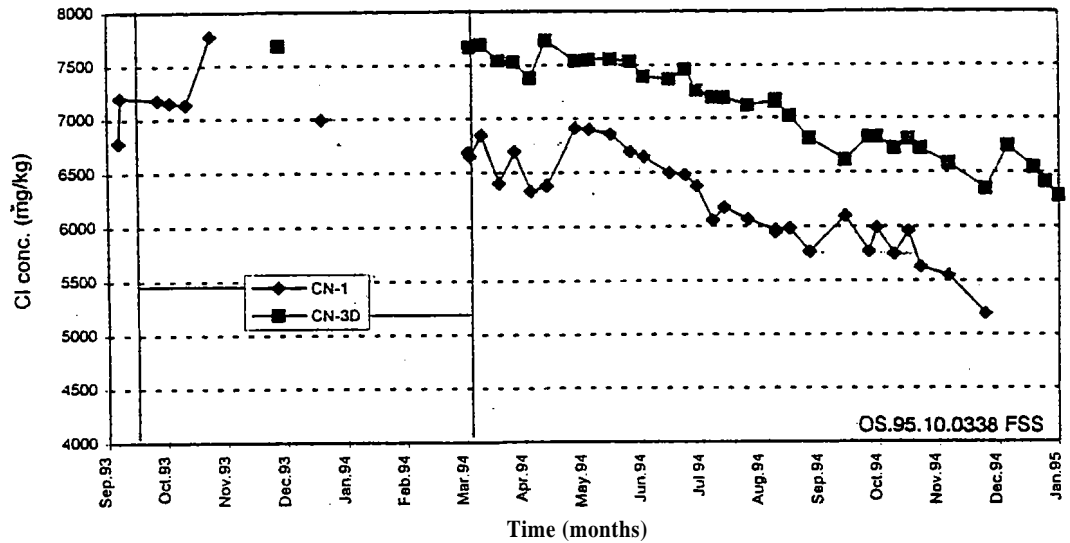


FIGURE 1:
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All these geochemical indicators continued to exhibit trends, either increasing or decreasing, throughout the deposition process with no indications of levelling-off or attainment of constant values. These results suggest that the influx of mixing fluids in the wells increases continuously and the rate of deposition is also increasing.

6.0 MIXING SIMULATIONS

The anhydrite deposits in the Cawayan wells have been deduced to be the end-product of mixing of **high-sulfate acid fluids** and calcium-rich geothermal brine. The baseline and production anhydrite saturation conditions, downhole chemistry, and the trends exhibited by the geochemical indicators support this conclusion.

Reaction path programs can provide information about the resultant mineral composition and aqueous-speciation for a given set of initial conditions and a given set of hypothetical reactions (Nordstrom and Munoz, 1986). The **CHILLER** program (Reed and Spycher, 1992) is a reaction path program that can simulate the addition or mixing of an aqueous solution, solids, or gases to an existing solution at different temperatures and mixing fractions. Most minerals and equilibrium reactions of species found in typical geothermal fluids are incorporated in this program through its aatabase SOLTHERM (Reed and Spycher, 1990b). The "coolbrew" option of the program is used to simulate fluid-fluid mixing of the Cawayan production fluid and the high-sulfate acid downhole water from CN-1 and CN-3D, at

different temperatures. Application in this particular case is facilitated by the petrological analysis results for the deposits inside the wellbores; minerals not found are "suppressed", avoiding unnecessary equilibrations and thus computing time is faster and simulations more accurate. Mineral suppression is commonly used to disallow kinetically disfavored minerals, selected on the judgement of the user (Reed and Spycher, 1992). Minerals suppressed in this run and the succeeding runs include quartz, chalcedony, talc, tremolite, and diopside. These minerals have been calculated by CHILLER as supersaturated, but were not detected by petrological analysis at any given time. Therefore, the suppression of these minerals has a sound basis.

Figure 12 shows the results of mixing simulations. Mixing is carried out by titrating a kilogram of the baseline water sample with 0.01 to 0.10 fractions of downhole water at 270, 260, and 200°C. For CN-1, the downhole mixing fluid is collected at 1150 mVD (near the depth of deposition) with pH 3.2 and contains 884 mg/kg sulfate. Originally, the CN-1 production fluid is just saturated with anhydrite (Figures 3a and b) with no deposition taking

place. As mixing with the acid downhole fluid starts, sulfate activity begins to increase. At the 270°C mixing temperature, deposition starts when the fraction of the downhole fluid is 0.03, with approximately 2.1E-03 g of anhydrite forming.

From this point, the amount of anhydrite deposited increases significantly with the amount of

mixing fluid added. Calcium activity started to decrease as anhydrite formed while sulfate continued to increase because of the additional sulfate from the mixing fluid. The increase in sulfate activity is, however, not proportional to the increase in the fraction of mixing fluid added because it is to some extent consumed by anhydrite. Such behavior of these two species is reflected in the calcium and sulfate concentrations of the wellhead samples and plotted in Figures 7 & 8 as geochemical indicators. The hydrogen ion (H⁺) activity also exhibited slight increases due to the acidity of the mixing fluid. Decrease in pH has also been measured at the surface. Finally, for a mixing fluid fraction of 0.10 (or 10%), the amount of anhydrite deposited is estimated at 7.0E-02 g. The downhole pH decreases from 6.61 to 5.62, calcium activity drops from 6.02E-05 to 5.0E-05 molal, and sulfate activity increased from 7.45E-06 to 1.63E-05 molal. Hematite deposits also formed because of the high iron content of the mixing fluid. The amount of hematite however is small compared with that of anhydrite. Simulations at mixing fluid temperatures of 260°C and 200°C yielded similar results but smaller amount of anhydrite deposits, and deposition starts at a mixing fraction of 0.04. This simulation result from CN-1 agrees with previous evidence that mixing of the two different fluids is the cause of anhydrite deposition, and validates the thermodynamic conditions in the program for this case. The results can also be used (if properly calibrated with pertinent data such as flowrate, casing volume and the results of caliper or go-devil

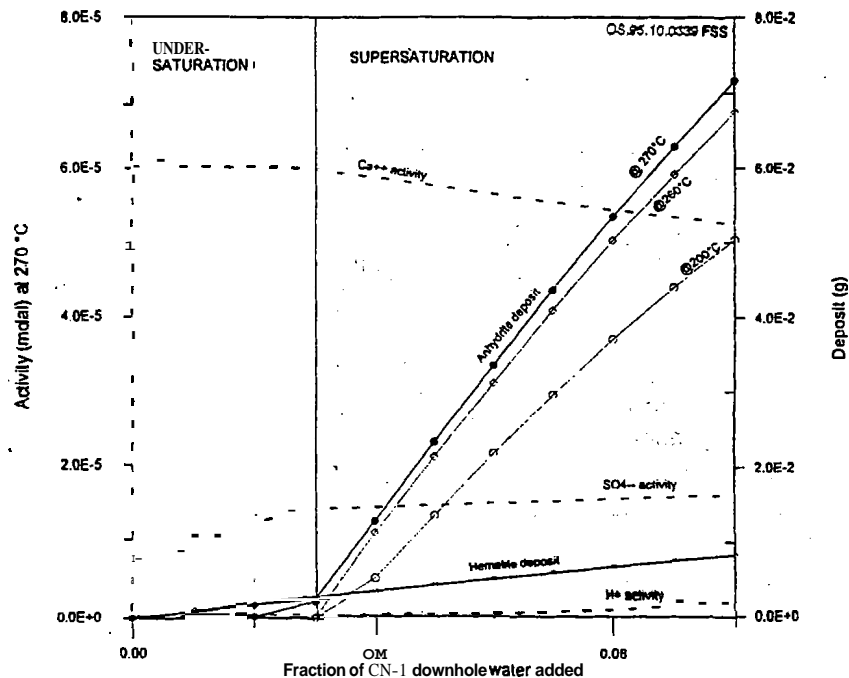


FIGURE 12: Simulated mixing of CN-1 production fluid and acidic high-sulfate downhole water at different temperatures. Mixing simulation performed using the CHILLER program. At 270°C deposition starts at mixing fraction 0.03. At 260 and 200°C deposition occurs at fraction 0.04. Hematite is also deposited.

surveys) to estimate the volume of deposits formed and thus might be useful in predicting how long a well can produce before cleaning operations are scheduled.

The results of a similar simulation with CN-3D fluids did not yield supersaturation probably because of the much lower sulfate concentration of the mixing fluid used (96 mg/kg). The deposition in CN-3D, however, indicates that a more sulfate-rich fluid is mixing with the production brine.

7.0 SATURATION CHANGES AT DIFFERENT CONDITIONS

7.1 Effect of pressure (varying back pressure plates).

The effect of pressure has been studied in previous experimental work. In pure water solutions, and in NaCl-H₂O solutions, the solubility of anhydrite is significantly affected by large pressure differences (about 500 bars) (Dickson et al., 1963; Blount and Dickson, 1969). In normal geothermal production, the pressure inside the wellbore can only be varied over a very limited range through the use of back pressure plates: for example from 6 to about 20 bars for CN-1. Anhydrite solubility is not significantly affected over this pressure interval (Blount and Dickson, 1969), as shown in Figure 2 and Appendix 1. In actual operations, varying pressure plates will probably affect anhydrite saturation through changes in the interplay of the various production zones of the well which involve changes in sulfate concentration and temperature between zones. In CN-1, for example, discharge fluid at BPP B4 during the baseline stage yielded the lowest concentration of sulfate, and the most pronounced undersaturation condition with respect to anhydrite (Figure 3b). The reduction in the anhydrite solubility product is probably caused by the prevalence of a fluid from a different feed zone rather than the increase in pressure.

7.2 Effect of pH

Figure 13 shows the effect of pH change on anhydrite solubility and on the activities of sulfate and calcium species. The SOLVEQ program (Reed and Spycher, 1990a) which has an option for changing pH is used to simulate consequences of pH increase and decrease. Lowering the pH, i.e. increasing the molar concentration of hydrogen ions revealed a significant effect on anhydrite supersaturation. Decreasing deep water pH from the original values of 6.12 and 6.39 for CN-1 and CN-3D respectively, to pH 5.0 resulted in normal saturation and eventually in undersaturation as pH is lowered continuously. The effect of lowered pH is a decrease in SO₄⁻ activity and a corresponding increase in HSO₄⁻ activity. Formation of bisulfate ion is favored at high

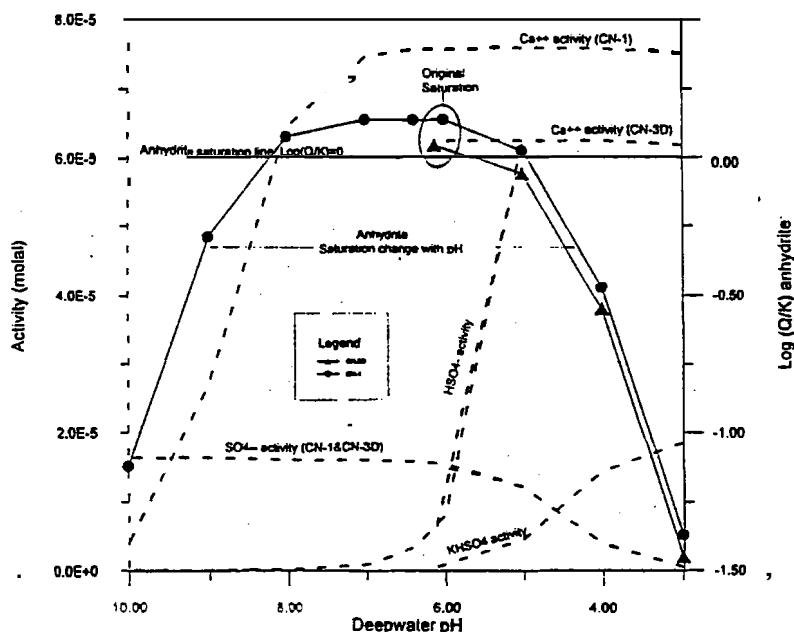
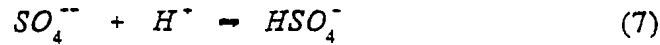


FIGURE 13: Effect of pH on anhydrite saturation, and calcium and sulfate activity at 270°C. pH changes are simulated using the SOLVEQ program with samples from CN-1 and CN-3D supersaturated with anhydrite.

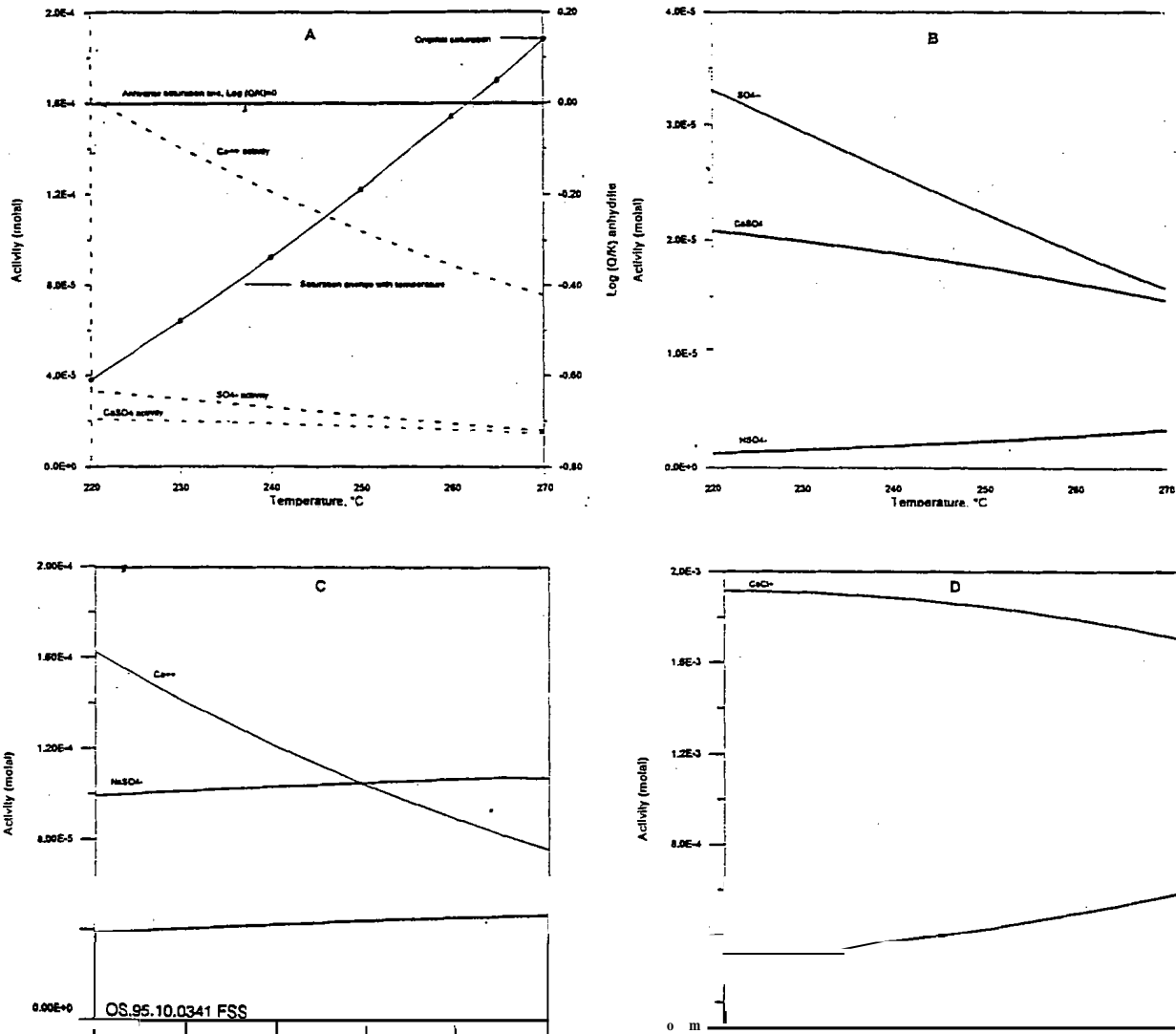
hydrogen ion activity (low pH) as shown by the reaction,



where increase in H^+ activity will shift reaction to the right. The activity of $KHSO_4$, also increased as some bisulfate associates with potassium ions (K^+). The lower sulfate activity results in a lower anhydrite activity product as calcium activity remains constant while pH is decreased. This pH effect shows that in CN-1 and CN-3D, the pH of the mixture from which anhydrite is deposited is probably near neutral despite the low pH of the mixing fluids. At pH above 8, the anhydrite activity product will also decrease as calcium will be consumed by the formation of calcite, and other associated calcium species.

7.3 Effect of temperature

As mentioned earlier, the effect of temperature on anhydrite solubility has been studied experimentally by Dickson et al. (1963) and Blount and Dickson. (1969). Both SOLVEQ and WATCH have options



for cooling and heating. Simulation runs with these programs show that indeed as temperature decreases, the activities of calcium and sulfate ions increase, i.e. the solubility of anhydrite increases and undersaturation is approached (Figure 14). Thus at lower temperatures more anhydrite can be dissolved and the tendency to deposit is lower. This is supported by the higher thermodynamic equilibrium constants for anhydrite at lower temperatures. In CN-1, a 10°C drop in temperature will result in undersaturation.

Figure 14 also shows the effect of temperature on calcium and sulfate species. The activities of sulfate species such as NaSO_4^- , KSO_4^- , and HSO_4^- increased slightly with temperature indicating that these species become more associated with sulfate ions at higher temperature. However this increase in association is not enough to offset the decrease in solubility of sulfate at higher temperature and prevent the precipitation of anhydrite. Calcium chloride (CaCl_2) also exhibited increase with temperature indicating more association of calcium and chloride ions. These temperature-speciation results imply that if these associations at higher temperatures of sulfate and calcium ions with Na^+ , K^+ , H^+ , and Cl^- ions can be enhanced, the tendency for anhydrite to deposit will be reduced.

7.3 Effect of NaCl addition

The effect of NaCl on anhydrite solubility at different pressure and temperature has been investigated by Blount and Dickson, (1969). Their experimental conditions covered wide ranges of temperature and pressure and their results have shown that anhydrite is more soluble in NaCl solution than in pure H_2O .

Their experiments, however, were conducted in a NaCl- H_2O -anhydrite solution in which the chemical matrix is very different from that of a geothermal brine such as that of the Cawayan wells.

The CHILLER program is used to simulate the effect of NaCl addition to the supersaturated fluid from well CN-1. One kilogram of CN-1 fluid is titrated with 0.01 to 0.10 fractions of one mole NaCl at 270 °C. The result (Figure 15) shows that NaCl apparently dissolves the anhydrite deposit, and converts the fluid from supersaturated to undersaturated condition. Initially the fluid is depositing approximately 0.016 g of anhydrite. Upon addition of NaCl, the amount of deposit is reduced significantly. When a fraction of 0.04 has been added, deposition stops and the solution starts to become undersaturated with respect to anhydrite.

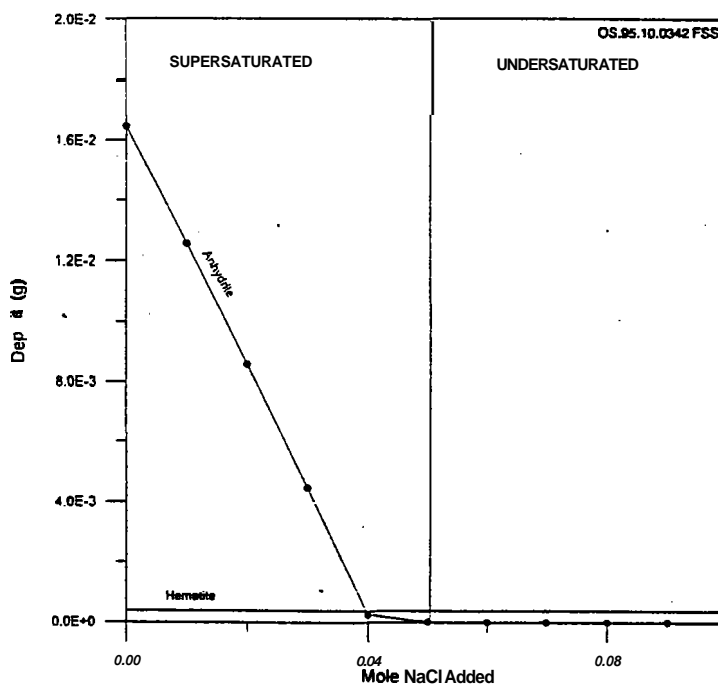


FIGURE 15: Effect of NaCl addition on anhydrite deposition. Initial deposition at anhydrite supersaturation is approximately 0.16E-01 g/kg solution. Addition of NaCl significantly reduces amount of deposit; at 0.05 mole NaCl added, deposition of anhydrite stopped, and normal saturation is attained. Further addition of NaCl resulted in undersaturation. Hematite is deposited but on a much smaller scale. Simulation is carried out using CHILLER with a sample from CN-1, supersaturated with anhydrite, at 270°C.

Figure 16 shows the effect of NaCl addition on the calcium and sulfate species of the supersaturated fluid. Evaluation of these species during the titration process showed that the most probable cause of undersaturation with respect to anhydrite is the significant decrease in calcium activity, and the

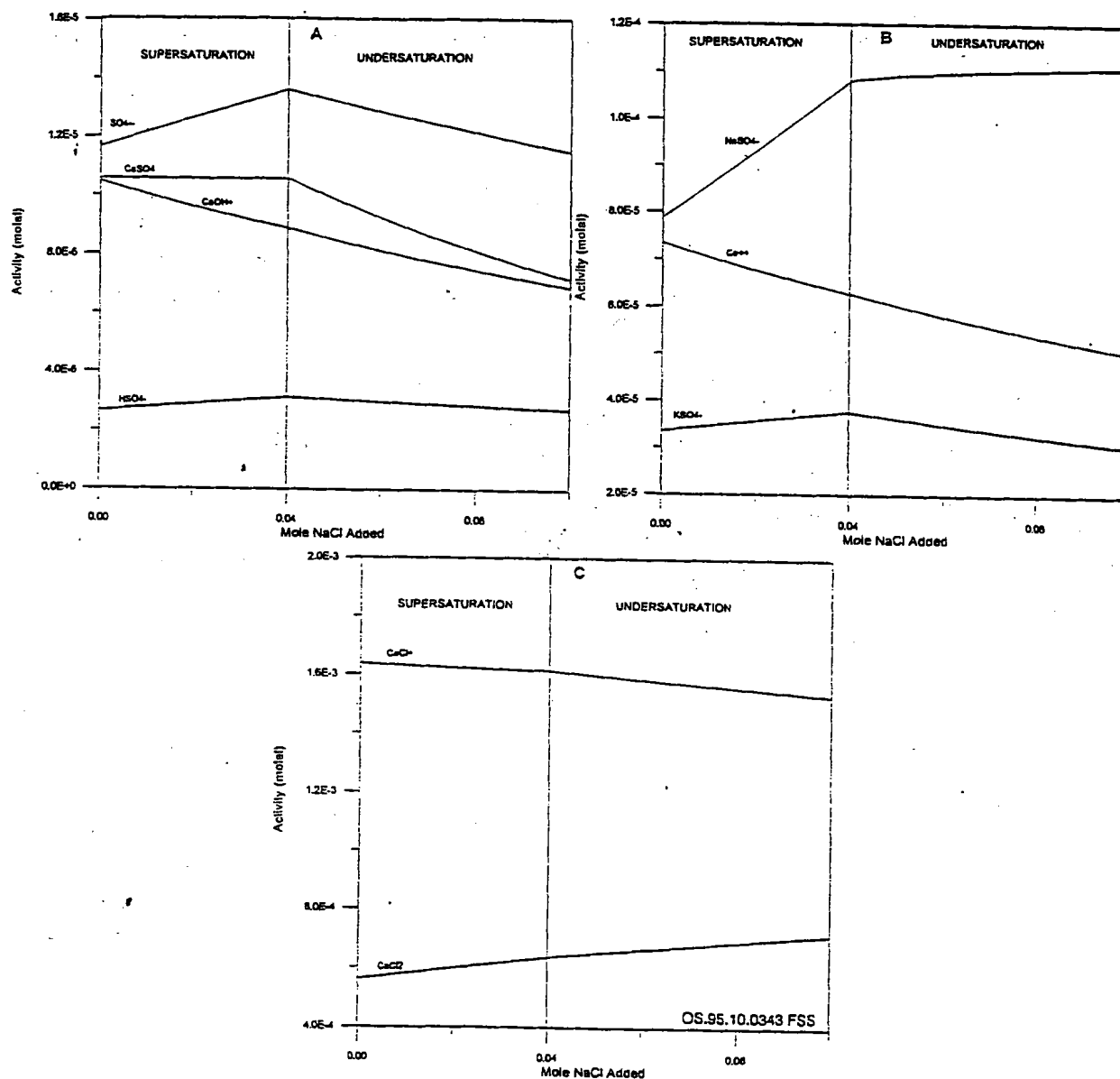


FIGURE 16: Effect of NaCl addition on calcium and sulfate species at 270 °C. Simulated titration using the **CHILLER** program with CN-1 fluid supersaturated with anhydrite.

significant increase in $NaSO_4^-$ activity. Sulfate at first, exhibited an increase in activity during Titration at anhydrite supersaturation because of the apparent dissolution of anhydrite. Initially, both sulfate and calcium are present in the solid phase as anhydrite mineral; upon addition of NaCl, these ions apparently dissolve and rejoin the liquid phase. A significant amount of the redissolved sulfate associates with sodium ion to form $NaSO_4^-$. Other sulfate species such as KSO_4^- and HSO_4^- also exhibited slight increases in activity, but these associations are apparently not sufficient to consume all the redissolved sulfate. Thus some sulfate exists as free SO_4^{2-} as shown by the increase in its activity during titration at anhydrite supersaturation. Calcium ion activity exhibited a steady decline despite the dissolution because of its association with chloride as $CaCl$, which increased significantly, probably

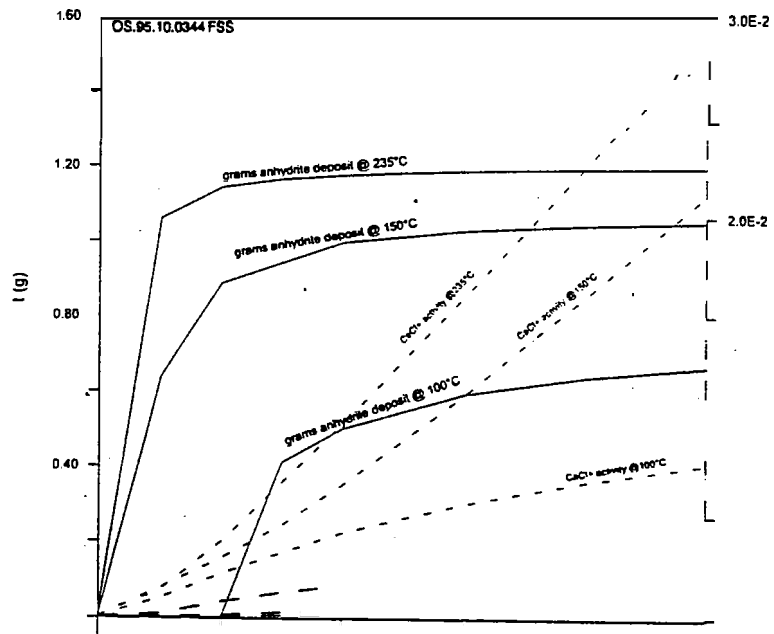
enough to consume all the redissolved calcium species. After normal saturation is attained, sulfate and calcium activities declines continuously with increased NaCl addition. The decrease in the activity of these two ions at constant temperature implies lower log Q and less tendency to deposit anhydrite. NaSO_4^- and CaCl_2 activities continue to increase. Apparently, the effect of NaCl addition is to associate sulfate ion as NaSO_4^- and calcium ion as CaCl_2 and thus significantly decrease the activity of unassociated calcium and sulfate ions which are responsible for anhydrite supersaturation and eventually, deposition.

8.0 INDUCED DEPOSITION: CaCl₂ INJECTION

The concept of inducing deposition of anhydrite in acid zones by the addition of "excess" calcium and thus forming a "barrier", seal-off acid fluids, and protect the casings, has been discussed in several PNOC-EDC internal reports, and has actually been practiced during drilling.

The CHILLER program fluid-fluid mixing option is utilized to simulate the mixing of high-sulfate acid fluid with CaCl₂ at different temperatures and mixing proportions. The purpose is to find out whether deposition is indeed induced and whether sulfate is removed from the solution.

Figures 17 and 18 show the effect of CaCl₂ addition on anhydrite deposition and on the activity of sulfate ions at different temperatures. The simulated



CaCl₂ addition also has significant effects on the various sulfate species (Figure 19). In its natural condition at the assumed temperature of 235°C, the acid-sulfate water contains bisulfate (HSO₄⁻) as the major sulfate species followed by NaSO₄⁻, SO₄⁻, and KSO₄⁻. Other species such as MgSO₄, FeSO₄, and CaSO₄ also exist in significant amounts. Addition of CaCl₂ drastically reduces the activities of these species as sulfate is consumed by the induced deposition of anhydrite. The hydrogen ion activity however increases, i.e. pH decreases and the fluid becomes more acid as CaCl₂ is added. The dissociation of bisulfate probably controls the pH of the mixture according to reaction (7). As more calcium is added, more sulfate is removed thus shifting the reaction to the left favoring the formation of more hydrogen ions. Such a reaction may have adverse effects since the fluid becomes more corrosive as the pH decreases. The simulated mixing showed that downhole pH declines from 4.86 to 3.42 as the fraction of CaCl₂ added is increased from 0.01 to 0.02 (Figure 19).

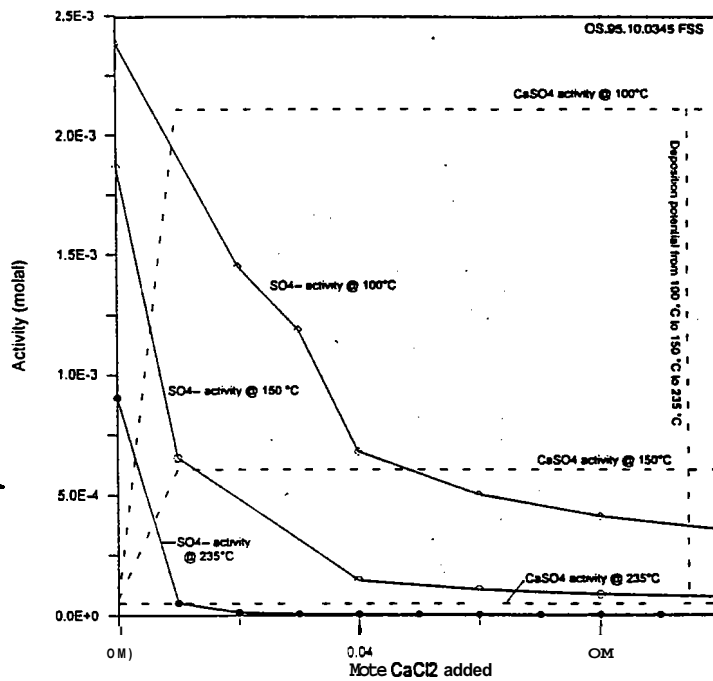


FIGURE 18: Effect of CaCl₂ addition on CaSO₄ and sulfate ion activities of high-sulfate acid downhole water from CN-1 at different temperatures. Simulated mixing carried out using CHILLER program.

and that temperature plays a very critical role in this injection scheme. Since the CaCl₂ injectate is usually pumped at low temperature, the injection zone temperature must be high enough and the heat recovery fast for the injection to be effective. Otherwise the addition of CaCl₂ will only increase the potential of the fluid to deposit anhydrite especially when it comes into contact with a hotter fluid. Deposited anhydrite in the formation rocks also has the tendency to be dissolved at colder temperatures, and be redeposited at higher temperatures. Calcium chloride injection also tends to lower the downhole pH. This method, although it can probably induce "beneficial" deposition, has apparently some harmful consequences and therefore needs further evaluation in future applications.

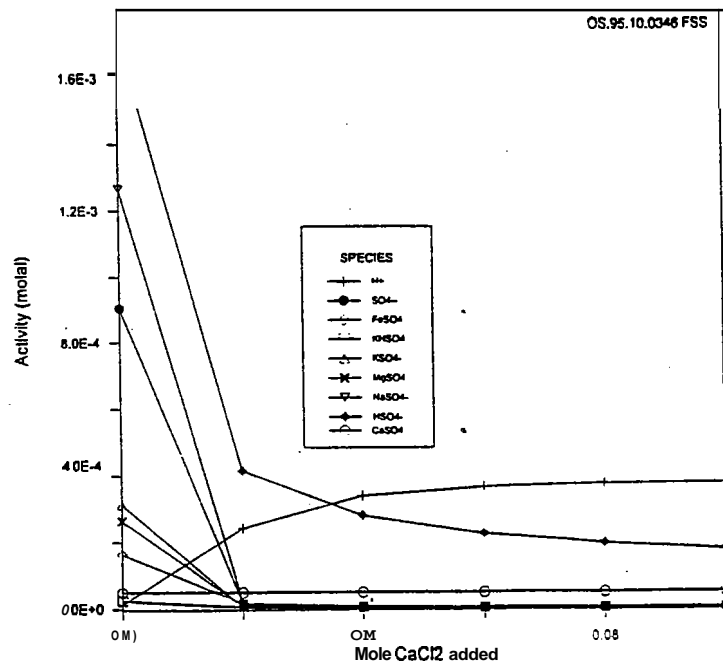


FIGURE 19: Effect of CaCl₂ addition at 235°C on calcium and sulfate species, and hydrogen ion activity of CN-1 high-sulfate acidic downhole water.

9.0 POSSIBLE METHODS OF CONTROL

9.1 NaCl/Na₂HPO₄ addition

Both experimental studies and simulation runs have shown that NaCl can significantly increase the solubility of anhydrite in solution thus decreasing its potential for deposition. In the Cawayan field the problem of anhydrite deposition is mainly caused by the acid fluid that corrodes the casing and permits the entry of the high-sulfate fluid. Treatment with NaCl will not solve the corrosion problem; however, it can prolong the life of the well by retarding deposition.

Figure 20 shows simulated increases in the salinity of well CN-1 fluid and the effect of increasing the amount of mixing fluid on anhydrite deposition. The salinities are increased by 10, 20, 30, and 40% of the original NaCl concentration prior to mixing with different amounts of CN-1 high-sulfate downhole fluid. Results show that as the amount of NaCl is increased, the amount of anhydrite deposit is significantly decreased. The fraction of the downhole fluid required to initiate deposition is also increased.

Injection with NaCl in the acid zones during

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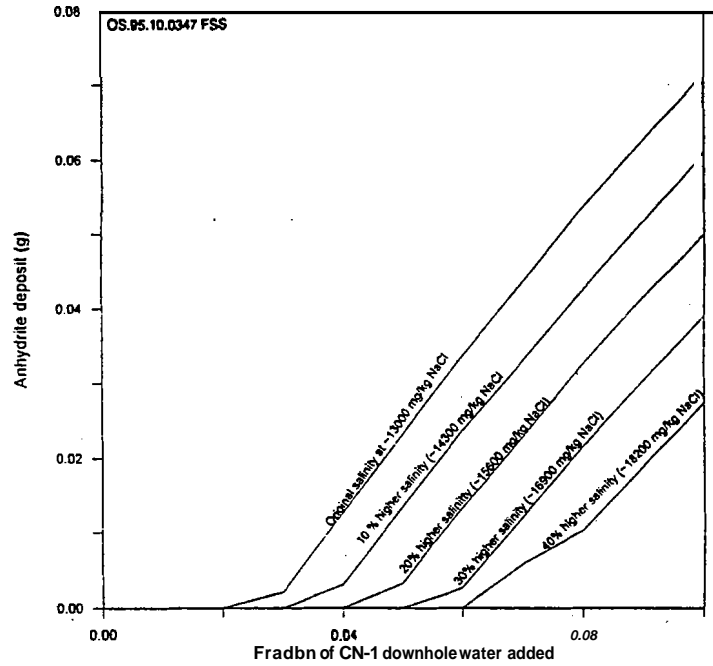
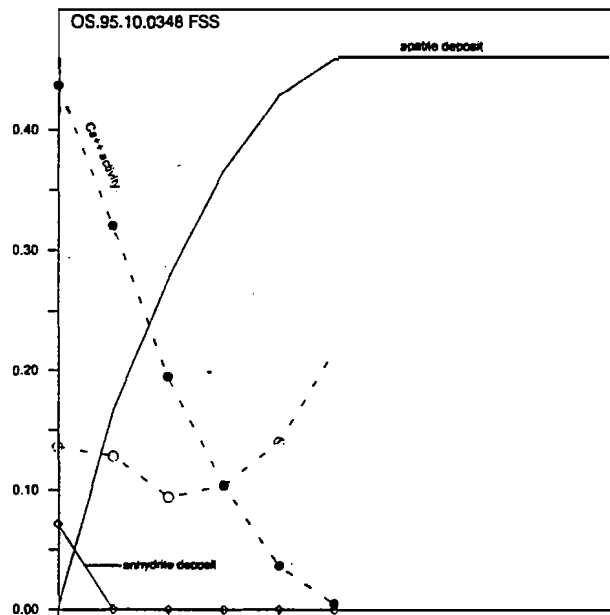


FIGURE 20: Effect of increasing salinity (NaCl concentration) on anhydrite deposition from CN-1 production fluid at 270°C and different fractions of high-sulfate downhole fluid.



deposition of apatite may take place as indicated by the simulation run.

9.2 pH reduction (acid injection)

Acid treatment is also a possible method of control. Although the main cause of deposition in Cawayan wells is acid fluid, the simulation runs have shown that the fraction of this acid fluid necessary for deposition is so small that it does not significantly affect the pH of the solution. Results of mixing simulation in CN-1 show that from an original downhole pH of 6.61, the mixed fluid pH decreased to only 5.62 after a 0.10 fraction of the acid fluid had been added.

The effect of acidification has been simulated using CN-1 fluids mixed with 0.05 and 0.10 fractions of acidic high-sulfate downhole water, titrated with 0.001 to 0.01 fractions of 0.01 mole of HCl after deposition has taken place. Figure 22 shows the results of the simulation runs. At the assumed 0.05 fraction of downhole water, all anhydrite deposit was successfully dissolved by a 0.005 mole fraction of HCl at pH 4.71. However at a higher fraction (0.10) of high-sulfate fluid mixed with the brine, the amount of HCl needed to approach zero deposition is about 0.01 and this will reduce the pH to 4.40. The calculated downhole pHs at 270°C can also decrease significantly at lower temperatures as more bisulfate ions dissociate. But acid addition can be regulated, and although deposition is not totally eliminated, it can be significantly reduced.

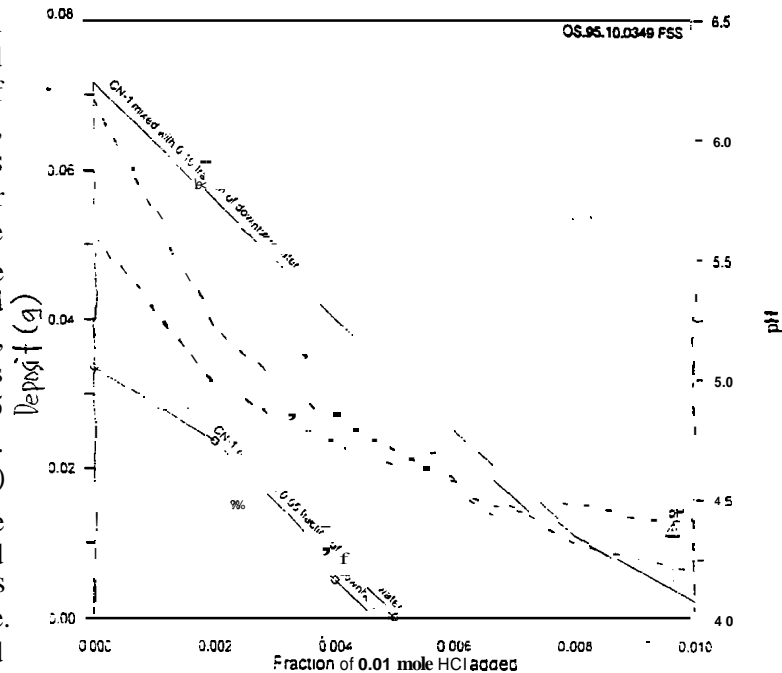


FIGURE 22: Effect of addition of 0.01 mole HCl on anhydrite deposition of CN-1 production fluid mixed with 0.05 and 0.10 mole of high-sulfate acid downhole fluid, at 270°C.

9.3 Synthetic chemical additives

The effect of synthetic chemical additives on the morphology of calcium sulfate precipitated from seawater at 120-150°C has been investigated by Austin, et al. (1975). The results show that additives can displace SO_4^{2-} and attach themselves to the Ca^{2+} probably by OH bonding on the growth surface; identified effective additives contain PO_3H^- and CO_2H^- . This experiment was however conducted at relatively low temperatures.

Experimental studies for possible application in oil fields by Vetter (1970) showed that phosphonates can be effective inhibitors of anhydrite deposition at temperatures of about 350°F (177°C). No data however were available for higher temperatures.

Other possible synthetic chemical additives are the NADAR Dispersants manufactured commercially by Nadar Chimica. These additives have mainly dispersant action and some complexing activity towards

calcium salts in saline environment (Prinetti, A., pers. comm.).

10.0 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The anhydrite deposition in Cawayan wells is basically controlled by three factors: high-sulfate acid fluid, calcium-rich geothermal brine, and a high temperature of mixing. Mixing simulations and geochemical evidences suggest that the anhydrite deposit is an end-product of mixing between **high**-sulfate acid fluid and calcium-rich ~~geothermal~~ brine. Geochemical parameters such as sulfate, calcium, magnesium, chloride, and silica are effective indicators of deposition. The speciation programs WATCH and **SOLVEQ** can be used to monitor the anhydrite saturation of the fluids.

The reaction path program **CHILLER** can be an effective tool in predicting and possibly quantifying the rate and amount of anhydrite deposition. Preliminary results of simulation runs suggest that in the complex geochemical mamx of the Cawayan well fluids, the behavior of calcium and sulfate species can be manipulated by chemical addition such that the tendency for anhydrite deposition can be significantly reduced. Possible inhibitors screened by simulations include NaCl, Na_2HPO_4 , and HCl. However, as mentioned earlier, there are always limitations to chemical equilibrium computations; one of which is "kinetic barriers" (Nordstrom and Munoz, 1986). Other factors in deposition process which may not be simulated by reaction path programs includes the effect of fluid velocity, thermal stability of ~~some~~ chemical inhibitors, nucleation and crystal formation, and adherence of deposits. Therefore, pilot scale experimental studies are necessary for validation.

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TABLE 1 Cawayan representativ baseline well discharge and downhole chemistry

WELL	DATE	BPP	WIIP	Iid	TMF	SP	pH	Concentration in mg/kg *											mmole/100moles**								
								MPar	kJ/kg	kg/s	MPar	25°C	Na	K	Ca	Mg	Fe	Cl	SO4	II2S	HCO3	TCO2	B	SiO2	CO2	II2S	
CN-1	09-12-81	A2	2.34	1220	38.3	0.094	7.78	4654	926	175	0.15	8757	23													229	6.92
CN-1	09-24-81	B1	2.43	1545	24.7	0.094	7.83	4784	950	169	0.13	8757	29													166	5.30
CN-1	09-29-81	FBD	0.84	1267	101.2	.094	7.73	4691	898	177	0.19	8686	26													175	5.25
CN-1	11-19-82	B4	0.09	1214	13	0.094	7.71	4542	921	174	0.06	8693	22													191	7.07
CN-2D)	10-13-82	FBD	0.54	1174		0.507	3.83	2438	228	9	12.7	145	3425	1230												14844	54.6
CN-2D)	10-20-82	FBD	0.53	1120		0.094	3.82	3111	291	13	16.2	179	4343	1610												16438	62.6
CN2RD)	05-10-91	FBD	0.51	965	25.1	0.094	3.74	455	46	17	8.2	4.25	206	871												419	16.1
CN-3D)	10-11-90	FBD	-	1232		0.728	7.24	4215	865	174	0.13	0.19	7768	25												5	638
CN-3D)	10-16-90	A1	2.44	1108		0.715	7.28	4215	899	171	1.39	1.08	7811	18												233	10.9
CN-3D)	10-20-90	A3	2.2	1297		0.825	7.25	4150	886	173	0.15	0.17	7672	23												251	11.7
CN-4D)	01-16-95	FBD	1.07	1222		0.839	7.05	3917	800	138	0.26	0.84	7031	19												286	11.0
CN3RD)	09-13-91	FBD	0.35	922	19.6	0.094	8.89	400	25	7	1.39	276	382													489	10.6

DOWNHOLE SAMPLES (ACID FLUIDS)																												
CN-1	09-04-89	SINT	150			3.2	1300	144	9	9.4	58.4	1713	884													49.3	14	572
CN-1	09-0789	SIUT	150			3.8	1260	140	6	10.2	35.4	1615	810													22.9	15	557
CN-1	09-18-89	SIUT	1400			3.4	1150	123	17.4	8.8	38.1	1590	975													16	592	
CN-1	09-19-89	SIUT	1550			4.1	1400	285	14.2	14.4	26.2	1948	827													15	533	
CN-3D)	05-08-90	SIUT	150			5.1	2600	554	89.4	1	28	4950	96													27	677	
CN2RD)	06-19-91	SIUT	1775			2.9	575	37	11.3	4.2	44.2	177	894													4.3	4	356
CN2RD)	06-20-91	SIUT	1600			2.6	515	45	10.8	6.7	67.2	142	1056													37	4	466
CN2RD)	06-29-91	SIUT	1410			4.3	370	32.6	8.7	3.6	60.2	316	673													107	7	314

* Total composition in water phase at sampling pressure (SP) // ** Total composition in steam phase at sampling pressure
 Abbreviations: WIIP - wellhead pressure // BPP - back pressure plate or orifice plate with different diameters // FBD - full-bore discharge // mVD - meters vertical depth
 TMF - total mass flow // Iid - discharge enthalpy

TABLE 7. Common medium concentration dicarbonyl chemistry.

WELL	DATE	BPP	WHIP		SP	pH	Concentration in mg/kg *										MINOR ELEMENTS		
			MPaa	litre			Ca	Mg	Fe	Cl	SO4	NO3	TCO2	B	SiO2	CO2	NO2	NO3	
CN-1	09-24-93	FBD	1.2	1216	0.094	7.6	226	0.25	0.39	8519	26	3.1	0.88	57	830	207	7.1	2	
CN-1	11-09-93	FBD	0.96	1216	0.769	7.13	196	0.21	0.27	7780	29	12.2	7.92	32	698	230	4.8	1.69	
CN-1	01-03-94	FBD	0.94	1193	0.784	7.0	186	0.29	0.27	6994	46	7.32	12.3	30	714	232	13.4		
CN-1	03-19-94	FBD	0.93	1214	0.728	6.82	199	0.42	0.27	6649	55	0.8	11.5	28	701	257	6.9		
CN-1	04-03-94	FBD	0.94	1214	0.784	7.64	196	0.38	0.39	6402	53	150		28	667	255	7.7		
CN-1	05-30-94	FBD	0.98	1122	0.797	6.35	167	0.34	1.04	6854	50.1	9	6	20	690	200	11.2		
CN-1	06-29-94	FBD	0.91	1122	0.784	6.55	171	0.47	0.29	6496	61	10	9	26	681	250	11		
CN-1	07-27-94	FBD	0.91	1212	0.772	6.73	186	0.63		6175	60	12	10	25	640	288	14		
CN-1	08-29-94	FBD	0.81	1212	0.756	6.48	170	0.72		5986	68	9	10	26	627	326	8.3		
CN-1	09-26-94	FBD	0.77	1322	0.728	6.55	157	0.81	1.08	6099	60	8	6	24	616	312	8.6		
CN-1	10-28-94	FBD	0.8	1207	0.777	6.57	159	0.66	0.17	5962	49	12	12	43	637	326	7.1		
CN-3D	12-13-93	FBD	1.06	1253	0.811	7.2	182	0.13	0.4	7693	21	19.5	31.7	59	731	239	12.1	4.59	
CN-3D	03-24-94	FBD	1.05	1227	0.834	7.32	194	0.28	0.5	7597	34	14	12	39	722	188	9.20		
CN-3D	04-21-94	FBD	0.95	1232	0.832	7.1	178	0.31	0.32	7626	38.8	7	7	58	730	173	7.00		
CN-3D	05-18-94	FBD	0.98	1232	0.839	6.95	152	0.4	0.24	7542	42	15	11	38	726	205	12.2	2.89	
CN-3D	06-17-94	FBD	0.94	1232	0.811	7	158	0.57	0.35	7394	52	11	9	57	706	188	9.60		
CN-3D	07-21-94	FBD	0.96	1232	0.811	7.08	158	0.83	0.2	7199	48	17	16	37	716	262	18.8		
CN-3D	08-17-94	FBD	0.92	1232	0.825	6.99	150	0.93		7077	51	13	12	36	716	244	16.4		
CN-3D	09-20-94	FBD	0.84	1232	0.749	7.2	137	1.29		6912	59	6	6	34	699	369	37.7	3.68	
CN-3D	10-20-94	FBD	0.9	1190	0.804	6.93	126	1.54		6483	64	16	12	53	684	247	9.40		
CN-3D	11-16-94	FBD	0.92	1222	0.804	7.03	122	1.59		6581	58	9	7	26	777	204	12.3		
CN-3D	12-02-94	FBD	0.94	1222	0.811	6.88	136	1.65		6803	58	10	7	54	727	211	9.80		
CN-3D	12-16-94	FBD	0.83	1222	0.804	7.16	127	1.65		6348	82	7	2	32	665	214	11.6		
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CN-3D	01-11-95	FBD	0.908	1251	0.811	6.76	120	2.34		6284	61	8.5	8	31	681	240	9.00		
CN-4D	02-13-95	FBD	1.14	1216	0.874	6.96	131	.17		6996	20	14	13	32	738	143	8.00		

* Total composition in water phase at sampling pressure (SP) // ** Total composition in steam phase at sampling pressure

TABLE 3: Mineral composition of wellbore deposits

DEPTH	DATE	COMPOSITION	%
WELL CN-1			
1599 mVD ^a	May 11, 1983	Corrosion products Anhydrite	90% 10%
1593 mVD ^a	May 28, 1984	Cuttings Corrosion products Anhydrite	60% 30% 10%
1598 mVD ^a	Sept. 19, 1984	Corrosion products cuttings Calcite Anhydrite	40% 30% 20% 10%
1383 mVD ^b	Feb. 21, 1990	Anhydrite Opaques - consist of : Pyrite 50% Pyrrhotite - 40% Hematite - 3% Magnetite - 2% Chalcopyrite - 2% Goethite - 3% Sphalerite - <1% Bornite - <1% Ilminite - <1% Gold <1% Vermiculite Cuttings (Dsp, I - Qn) Carbonates (Dol > ank > Ct)	46% 25% 15% 12% 2%
1019 mVD	May 24, 1994	Anhydrite Pyrite/hematite/magnetite/ goethite Cement Formation rock	79% 15% 3% 3%
WELL CN-3D			
1076 m MD ^c	Nov. 11, 1994	Anhydrite Pyrite	90% 10%
886 m MD	July 17, 1995	—no scraper sample—	--

^a Petroanalysis by A.G. Reyes and E.L. Bueza, 1983-84

^b Petroanalysis by A.G. Reyes, 1990

^c Petroanalysis by S.G. Ramos, 1994

TABLE 4: Comparison of different Log K values for anyanre						
BLOUNT AND						Reed and
TEMP	DICKSON,1969		ARNORSSON	YEATS AND	Spycner,	
°C	5 bars	55 bars	20 bars	1869	MARSHALL,1869	1990
160	-6.613	-6.550	-6.590	-6.529	-6.345	-6.410
180	-7.075	-7.010	-7.050	-6.863	-6.701	-6.790
200	-7.538	-7.470	-7.520	-7.207	-7.072	-7.210
220	-8.000	-7.930	-7.980	-7.561	-7.457	-7.660
240	-8.463	-8.390	-8.440	-7.923	-7.856	-8.160
260	-8.925	-8.850	-8.850	-8.292	-8.270	-8.740
280	-9.388	-9.310	-9.310	-8.667	-8.697	-9.420
300	-9.850	-9.760	-9.760	-9.048	-9.138	-10.220

APPENDIX

Appendix I: Formulas used for calculating anhydrite solubility

1. Amorsson, et al, 1982

$$\log K = 6.20 - 0.0229T - \frac{1217}{T} \quad (^{\circ}\text{K})$$

2. Yeatts and Marshall, 1969 For solid-ion equilibrium

$$\log K_{isp} = -133.207 + 53.5472 \log T + \frac{3569.6}{T} - 0.0520925 T \quad (^{\circ}\text{K})$$

3. Blount and Dickson, 1969

$$\log m_e = -2.917 - 0.02314 t + 0.001179 P + 6.02 \times 10^{-9} P t^2 - 2.07 \times 10^{-7} P^2$$

where m is solubility of anhydrite in molal, t is temperature in $^{\circ}\text{C}$, P is pressure in bars

4. Reed and Spycher, 1990b General equation form for all aq. species, gases, and minerals incorporated in SOLVEQ program

$$\log K(T) = A + B*T + C*T**2 + D*T**3 + E*T**4 \quad (T \text{ in } ^{\circ}\text{C})$$

where A, B, C, D, E are regression coefficients; for $anhydrite = 1.0 Ca^{++} + 1.0 SO_4^{--}$
 $A = -0.40468E+01$, $B = -0.65771E-02$, $C = -0.10075E-03$, $D = -0.45922E-06$, $E = -0.92941E-09$
 $\log K$ values are -4.265(25 $^{\circ}\text{C}$), -4.580(50 $^{\circ}\text{C}$), -5.345(100 $^{\circ}\text{C}$), -6.216(150 $^{\circ}\text{C}$), -7.213(200 $^{\circ}\text{C}$),
 -8.439(250 $^{\circ}\text{C}$), -10.218(300 $^{\circ}\text{C}$), -14.022(350 $^{\circ}\text{C}$)

Appendix II: Sample calculation of anhydrite saturation (from CN-3D data, 10-11-90)

Webre conc. @ SP=7.3 bars / $H_d = 1232$ kJ/kg :	$SO_4^{--} = 25.0$ mg/kg	$Ca^{++} = 174$ mg/kg
Activity coefficients at 273 $^{\circ}\text{C}$:	$SO_4^{--} = 0.09$	$Ca^{++} = 0.132$
Species in deep water :	$SO_4^{--} = 6.52$ mg/kg	$Ca^{++} = 129.9$ mg/kg
Activity in Deep Water :	$a = \gamma_i * m_i$	

$$m SO_4^{--} = (6.52 \text{ mg/kg}) / (96000 \text{ mg/mole}) = 6.792E-05 \text{ mole/kg}$$

$$a SO_4^{--} = 0.09 * 6.792E-05 \text{ mole/kg} = \underline{6.112E-06 \text{ mole/kg}}$$

$$m Ca^{++} = (129.9 \text{ mg/kg}) / (40080 \text{ mg/mole}) = 3.184E-03 \text{ mole/kg}$$

$$a Ca^{++} = 0.132 * 3.241E-03 \text{ mole/kg} = \underline{4.203E-04 \text{ mole/kg}}$$

$$Q_{CaSO_4} = a_{SO_4^{--}} * a_{Ca^{++}}$$

$$= 6.112E-06 * 4.203E-04 = 2.569E-09$$

$$\log Q_{CaSO_4} = -8.590$$

$$\log K_{CaSO_4} = -8.582 \text{ at } 273 \text{ } ^{\circ}\text{C} \text{ (calculated from thermodynamic data)}$$

$$\log (Q/K) = -8.590 - (-8.528)$$

= -0.008 thus this fluid is very slightly undersaturated or in near equilibrium with anhydrite since the log ratio is practically zero ($\log Q = \log K$)

Appendix III: Sample of CHILLER run input data

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3	Cl-		.235011443E+00		.215929676E+00		.4902		.4616E-01
4	SO4--		.270700000E-03		.921174811E-04		.0811		.9202E-02
5	HCO3-		.289600000E-03		.239437435E-04		.5049		.1120E-02
6	HS-		.524700000E-05		.143917094E-05		.4918		.000000E+00
7	SiO2 (aq)		.144000000E-01		.773939953E-02		1.0000		.9521E-02
9	Ca++		.441600000E-02		.827521482E-03		.0726		.2246E-03
10	Mg++		.781500000E-05		.228567365E-07		.0641		.3866E-03
12	K+		.229700000E-01		.217242575E-01		.5095		.3683E-02
13	Na+		.204000000E+00		.190058424E+00		.4918		.5655E-01
11	Fe+		.000000000E+00		.000000000E+00				.1046E-02

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