

Modeling of system flow behaviour (reservoir to sea)

There are four data points in which we have good confidence... reservoir pressure of ~12000 psi, seabed water pressure of ~2250 psi, fluid properties (bubble point ~6600 psi, gas-oil ratio ~2000 scf/bbl, and fluid composition), and flow path to sea being out of the full bore of the riser.

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- flow path through the riser, whether flow remains in the drill pipe for most of the riser until a break in the drill pipe (particularly whether flow is in the drill pipe through the floating riser highpoint), or is discharged into the riser anywhere upstream of the highpoint

The current system model is set up with 5.625" ID pipe in the whole well (slight)

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