Basics of Section IV
Visual reminder: Why are Section IV tests conducted? 
...we want to simulate downhole conditions!
Perforation Flow Laboratory Schematic
The Original API Section IV Conditions

Wellbore pressure 1,000 psi
Pore pressure 1,500 psi

Net Effective Stress = Overburden – Pore Pressure
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Net Effective Stress = Overburden – Pore Pressure

Wellbore pressure 5,000 psi

Pore pressure 5,000 psi

Overburden stress 10,000 psi

Overburden

Formation

Sample

Wellbore Storage

Inject

Flow
Beyond conventional Section IV testing...

Four unique applications:

1. Sanding and resin treatment
2. Complex tubular geometries
3. Kill fluid evaluations
4. Hydrojetting
1. Sanding and resin treatments

Testing rationale:
Implement sand control to avoid lost production

1. Perforate core
2. Flow until onset of tunnel collapse
3. Treat with resin to stabilize tunnel
4. Continue to flow and assess performance

Optical density image of entrained sand particles
Tunnel Geometry

Perpendicular to bedding planes

Parallel to bedding planes
Erosion of the Perforation

SLAP 33

CT slice locations
Sanding Production

[Bar chart showing Perpendicular Bedding Planes]

- Sand Production (g): 353
- Production Rate (b/d): 3703
- Differential (psi): 592

[Graph legend: Pre Treatment]
Sanding Production

Parallel Bedding Planes

- Sand Production (g): 381
- Production Rate (b/d): 1440
- Differential (psi): 207

Pre Treatment
Matching downhole conditions is the goal.

- Wellbore deviation
- Absolute pressures and stresses
- High temperature
2. Complex Tubular Geometries

Testing rationale:

- Life extension for gravel pack well using small gun system for gas shutoff workover.
- Evaluate perforator and flow performance.

1. Perforate across multiple layers - extreme impedance mismatches
2. Balanced pressure conditions
Target Geometry – 7 layers

1. Tubing
2. Gel
3. Screen
4. Gel/Sand
5. Casing
6. Cement
7. Rock
## Results

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API 19B Section 1 penetration: 18.3 inches

Decision to perforate can only be made with confidence by conducting Section IV test.
3. Kill Fluid Evaluation

Testing rationale:
- Conventional permeability testing showed no difference between kill fluids
- Confirm using Section IV testing
- 200 psi overbalance
Kill Weight Selection – Return Permeability Analysis

Inject Kill Weight Fluid (in separate fixture)
\[ \Delta P \ 500 \text{ psi} \]
360 °F
7 days
Return Permeability Testing

**Permeability ($S_{wi}$) - Pre and Post Kill**

20 md Gas Sandstone

**Potential Production Rate**

+15%
4. Hydrojetting

Testing rationale:
- Evaluate effects of hydrojet perforating using CT in a laboratory environment
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Overburden stress 4,000 psi

Formation

Sample

Wellbore pressure 2,000 psi

Pore pressure 1,000 psi
The effects of Hydrojet Perforating on Coil
New Capabilities for Simulating Downhole Conditions

- Overburden to 50,000 psi
- Pore & Wellbore to 40,000 psi
- Temperature to 400F
- Deviations 0 to 90 deg
Thank You