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Double Duty with The Old and The New

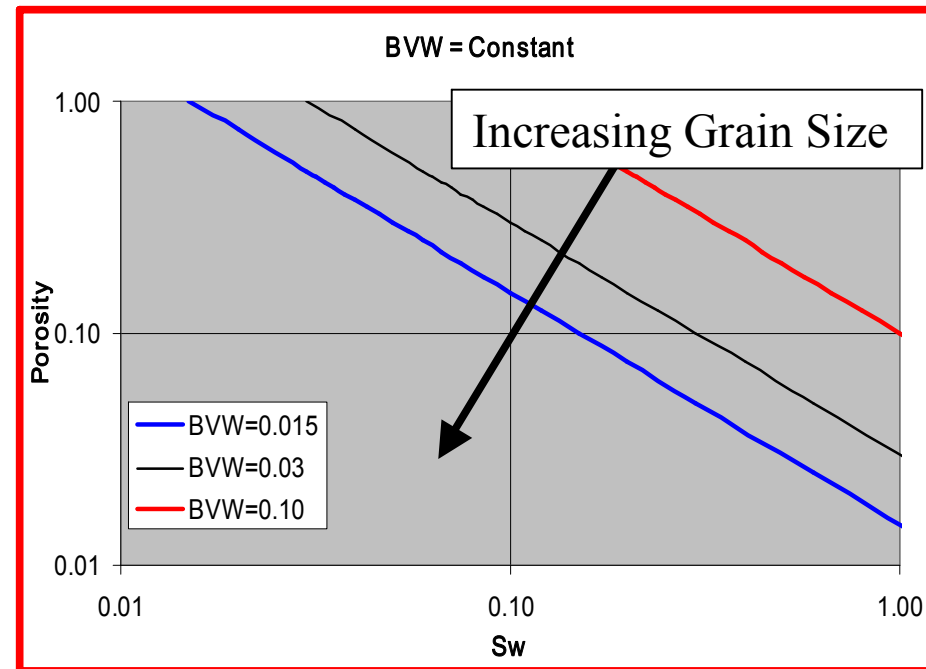
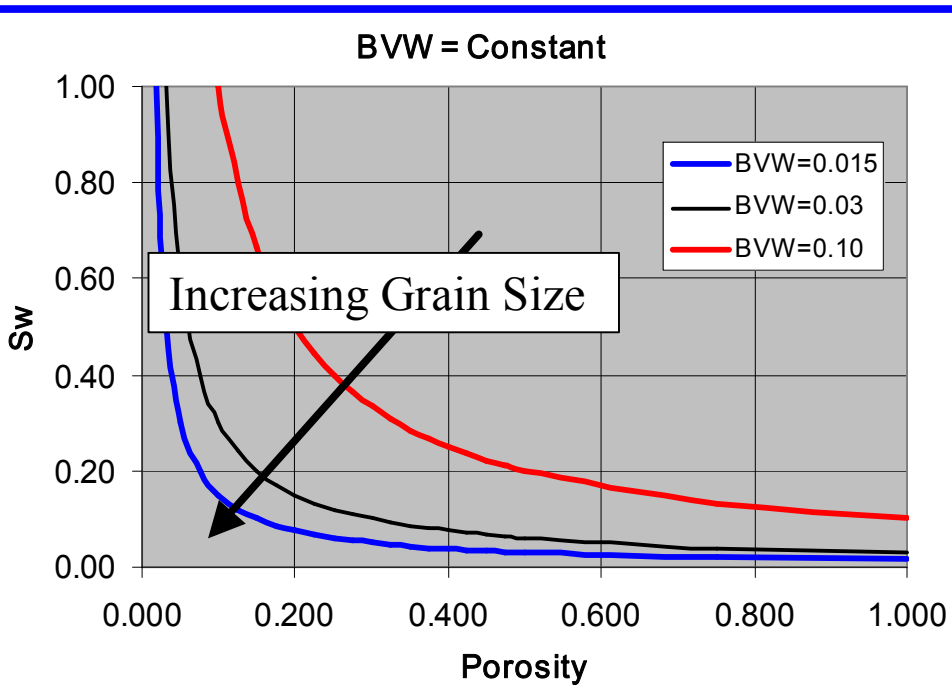
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Bulk Volume Water

- Reservoir performance can often be evaluated in terms of the Bulk Volume Water

$$BVW = S_w * \phi$$

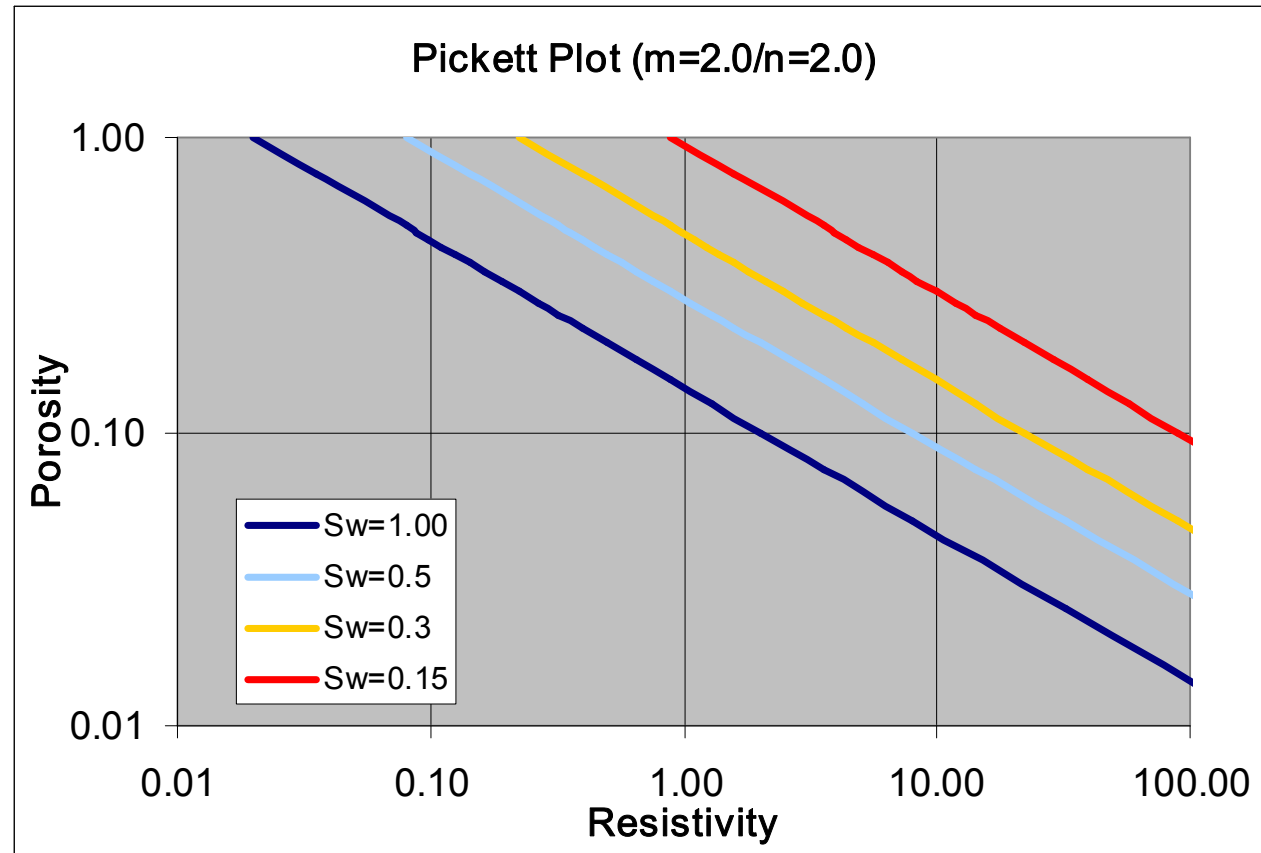
- Contour lines of *constant bulk volume water may be used as cut-off boundaries*
- *Permeability estimates may also be possible* in favorable situations
- The graphic consists of Water Saturation versus Porosity. Depending upon local conventions, *either attribute* (porosity or water saturation) *may be along the vertical axis, with the other being along the horizontal*
- In the *Log-Log world* (such as used in a Pickett Plot), these *BVW trends are straight lines*



Pickett Plot

- *Points of constant water saturation will plot on a straight line with slope related to cementation exponent “m”*
- *Saturation exponent “n” determines the separation of the S_w =constant grids*
- *R_w @ FT can be deduced from graphic*
- *The same technique can be applied to the flushed zones, using flushed-zone measurements*

G R Pickett "A Review of Current Techniques for Determination of Water Saturation from Logs," paper SPE 1446, presented at the SPE Rocky Mountain Regional Meeting, Denver, Colorado, USA, May 23-24, 1966; *SPE Journal of Petroleum Technology* (November 1966): 1425-1435.



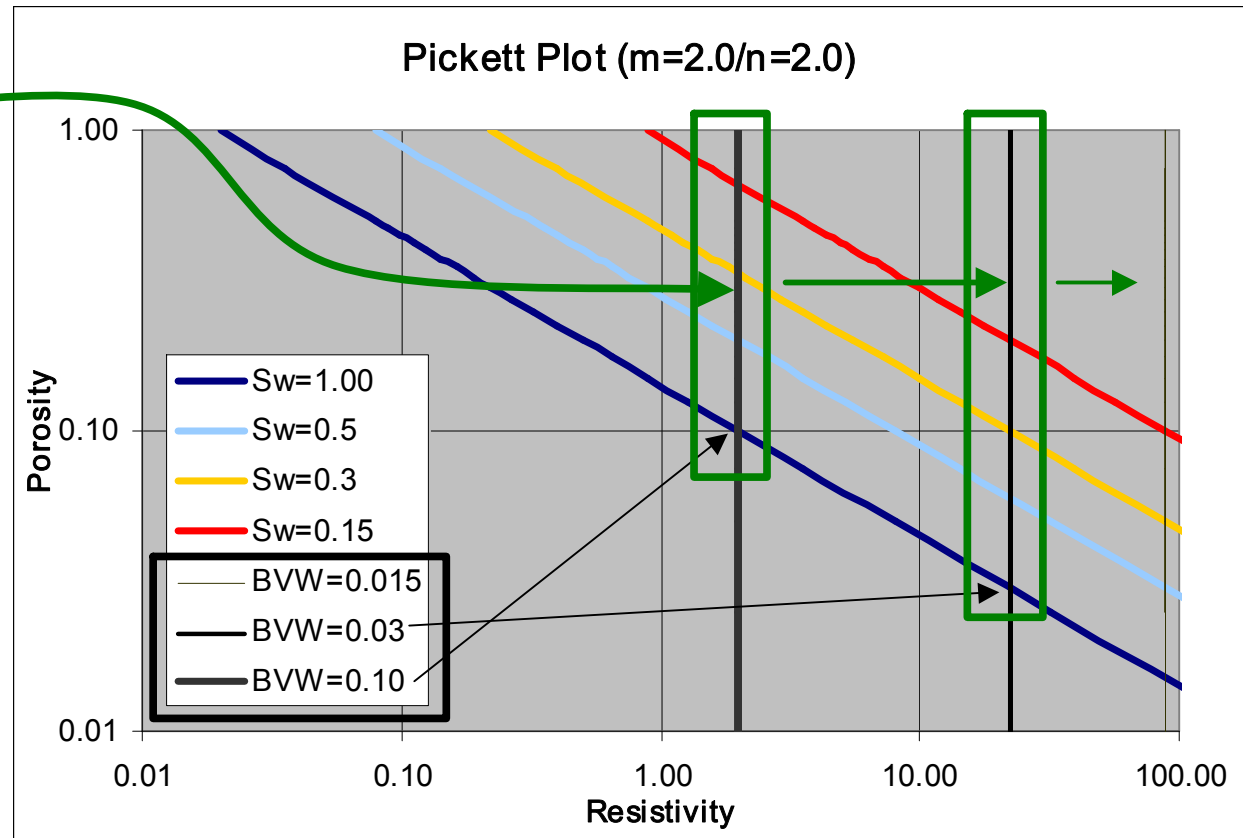
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• *In the case of $m = n$* , the porosity term [$(m - n) * \text{Log}(\phi)$] drops out leaving

$$\text{Log}(Rt) = \text{Log}(Rw) - n * \text{Log}(\text{BVW}) = \text{Constant}$$

• **BVW = Constant grids**
are vertical

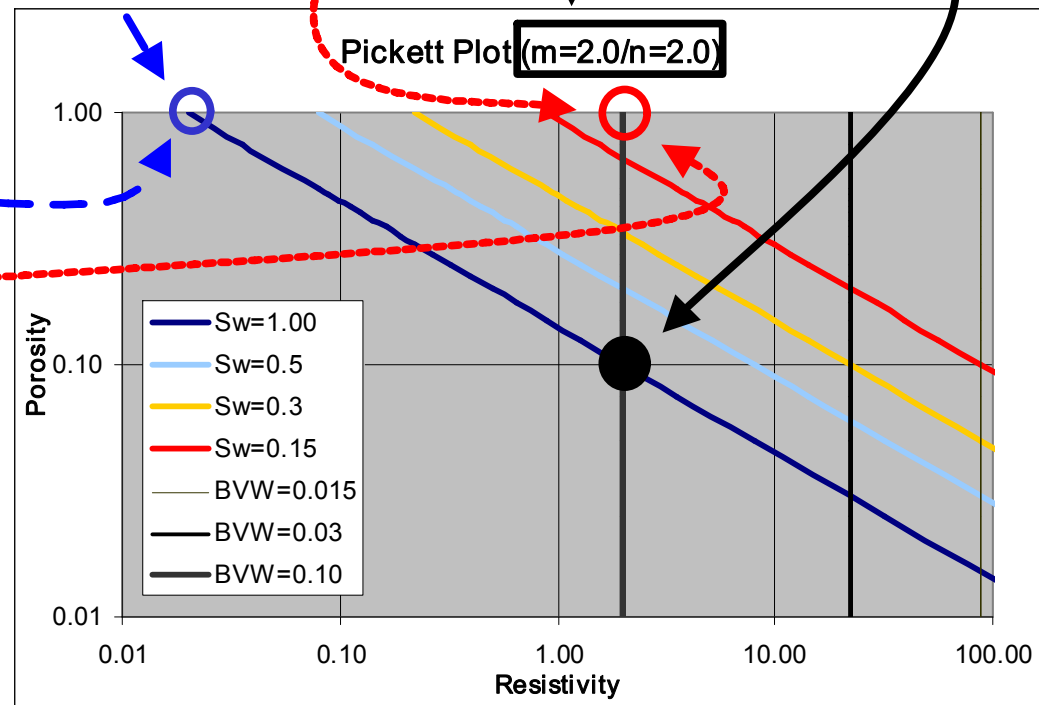
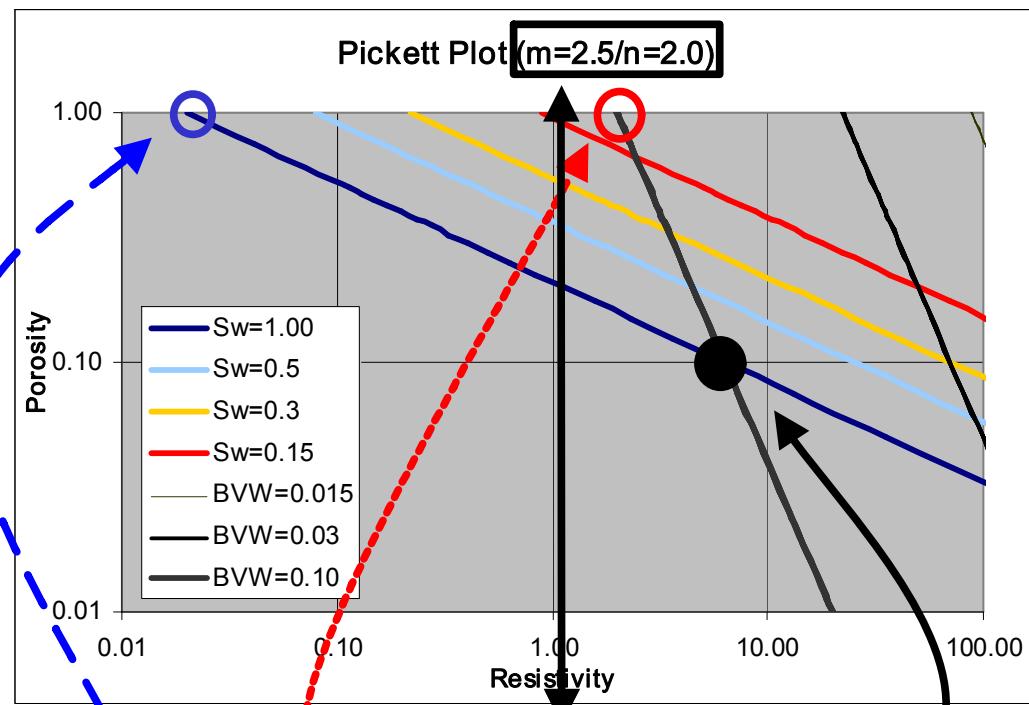
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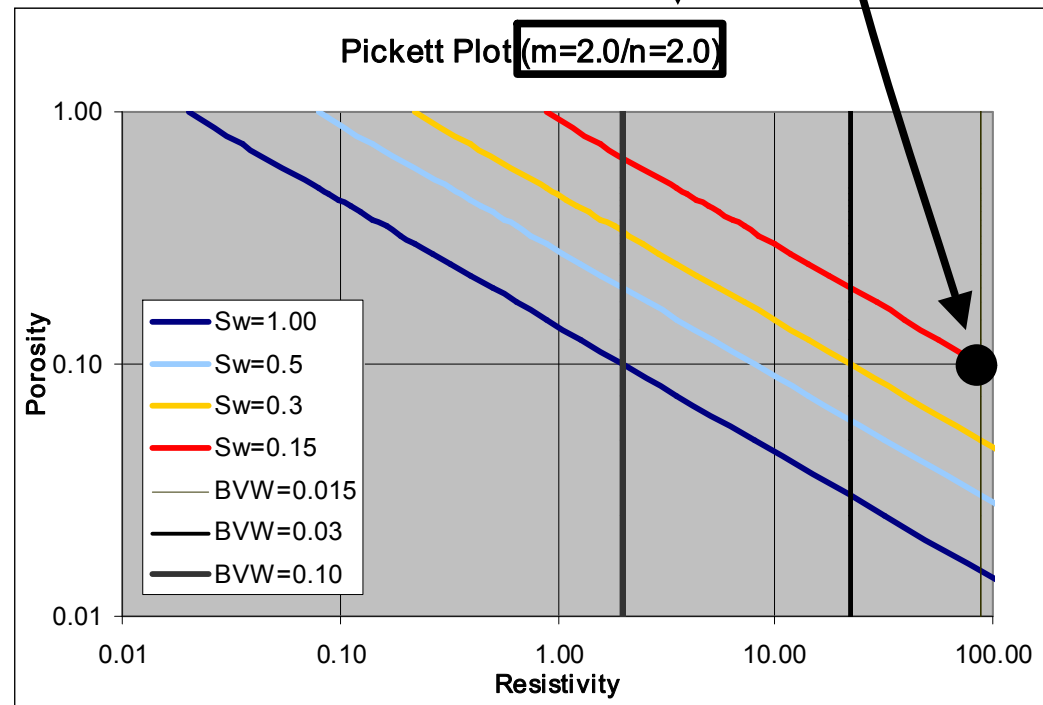
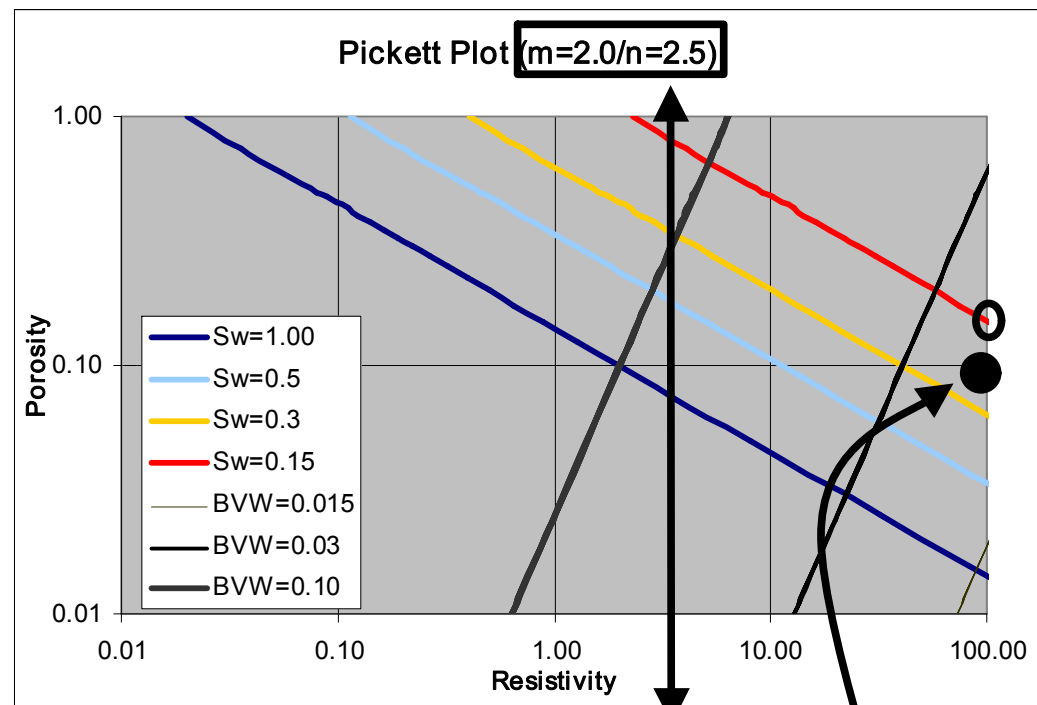
- $m=2.0 / n=2.0$ vs $m=2.5 / n=2.0$
- ‘m’ relates to pore system tortuosity, and as ‘m’ increases, the resistivity of a specific porosity (10 pu in the graphic) at $S_w = 100\%$ also increases
- R_w @ FT remains the same
- Grids of constant BVW shift
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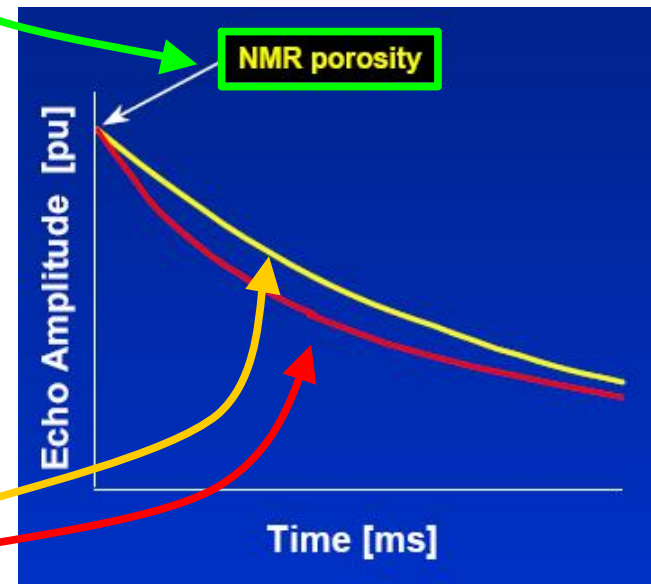
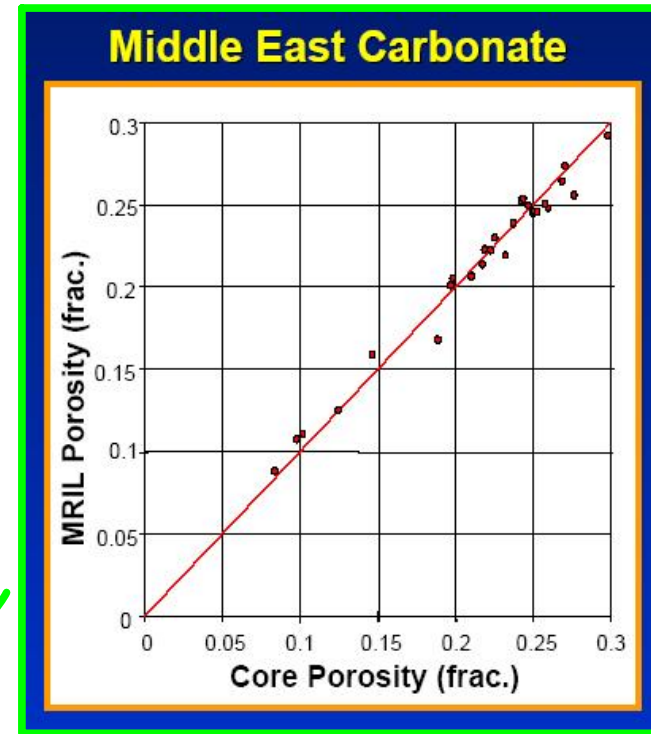
- $m=2.0 / n=2.0$ vs $m=2.0 / n=2.5$
- ‘n’ relates to the tortuosity of the conductive phase and as S_w decreases the associated rise in resistivity of a specific porosity is greater than what would have occurred at a lower ‘n’ value.
- Alternatively, the S_w associated with a specific porosity & resistivity increases as ‘n’ increases



Nuclear Magnetic Resonance

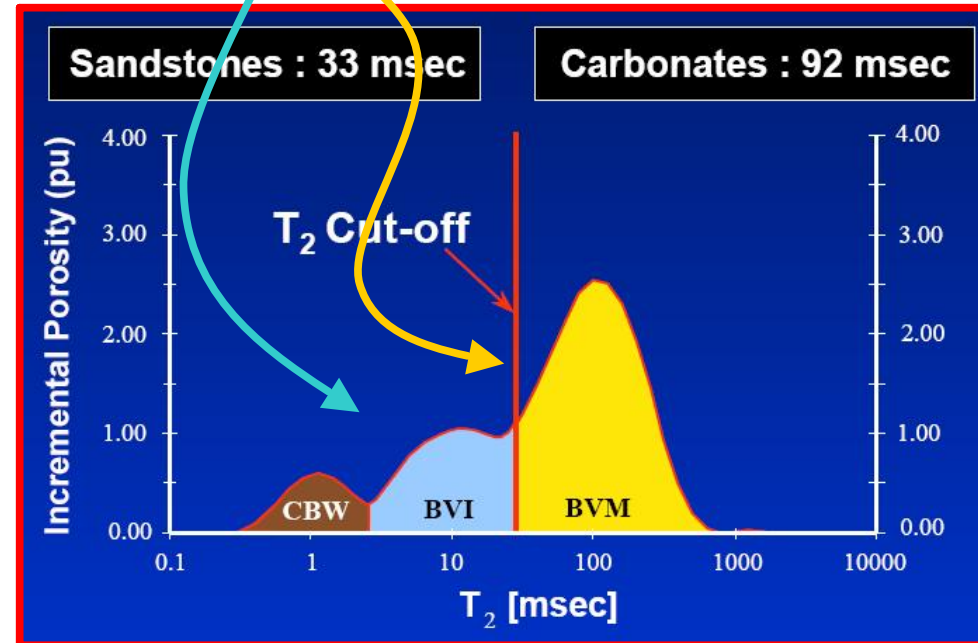
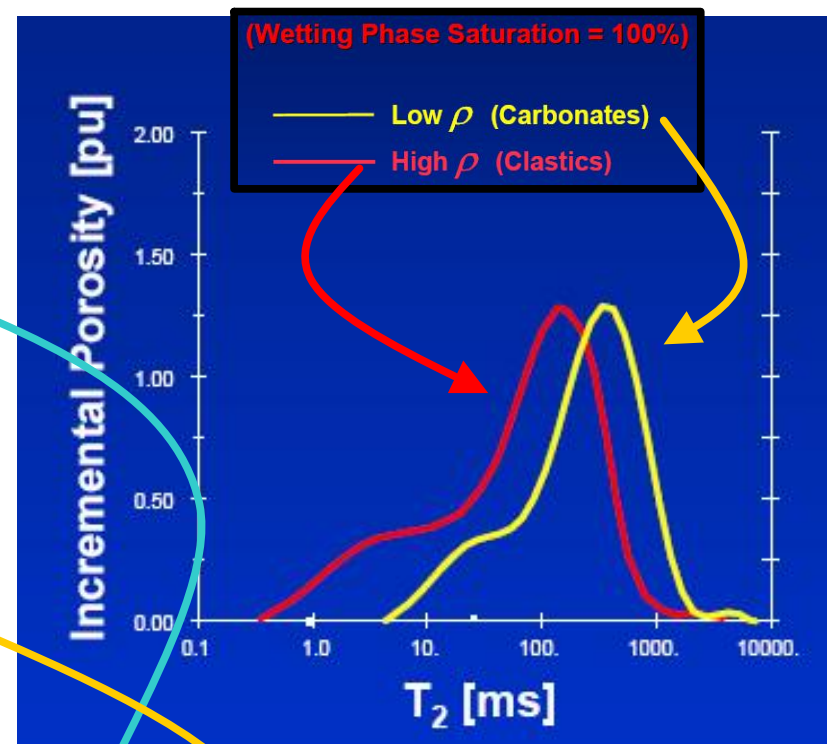
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- *BVI - Bulk Volume Irreducible* water which includes *water retained by capillary forces in small pores*, and water wetting pore surfaces.
- *BVM - Bulk Volume Moveable*, (Free Fluid Volume) which is *porosity available for hydrocarbon storage and fluid flow*.
- *Exhibit following*

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