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- 5 Business Units (Europe, North America), +120 consultants to support investors, owners and managers to make the right decisions
- Advanced skills and expertise in ageing, risk and financial modelling to support decision making

- ~ 850 projects
- > € 1,250bn OF CAPEX

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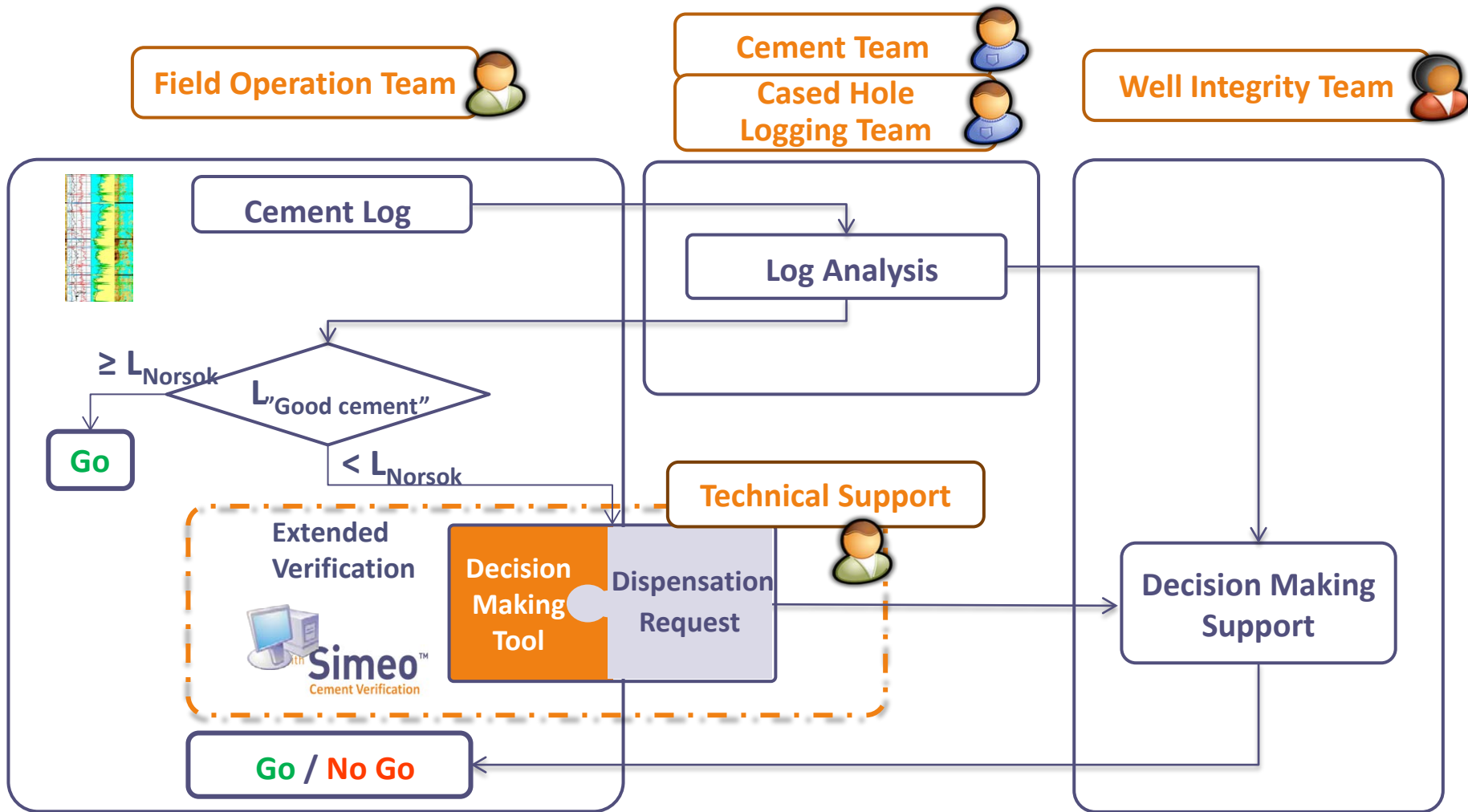
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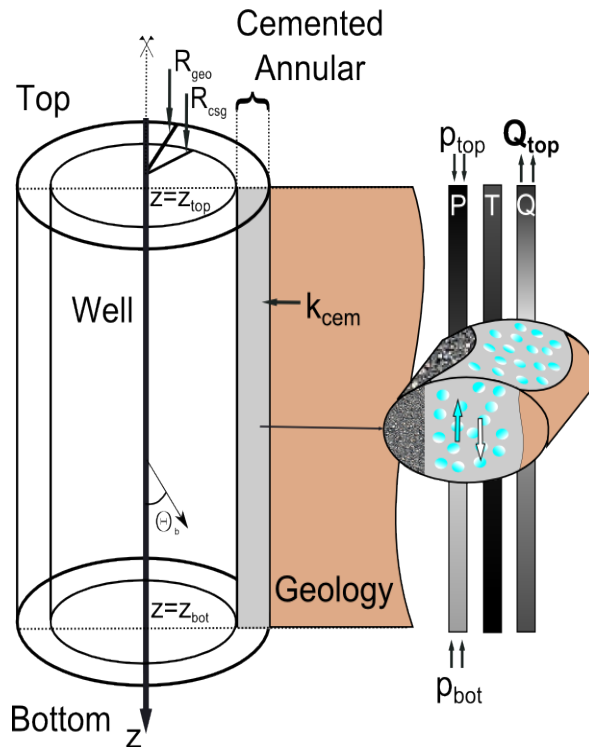
OXAND provides STATOIL with a dedicated IT Tool supporting its decision-making process for the assessment of primary cement jobs



Main assumptions:

1-phase model (gas or liquid)

- Darcy's Law
- Compressible newtonian fluid, laminar flow, steady state
- Unidirectional flow along the well



Synthetic representation of the well given each input data

Boundary conditions at the top and bottom:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d(\rho_\alpha * v_\alpha)}{dz} = 0 \\ \text{at } (z = z_{top}, x = 0) & p_\alpha = p_{top} \\ \text{at } (z = z_{bot}, x = L) & p_\alpha = p_{bot} \end{cases}$$

Equation of the mass flow rate $Q_{m,\alpha}$ for phase α :

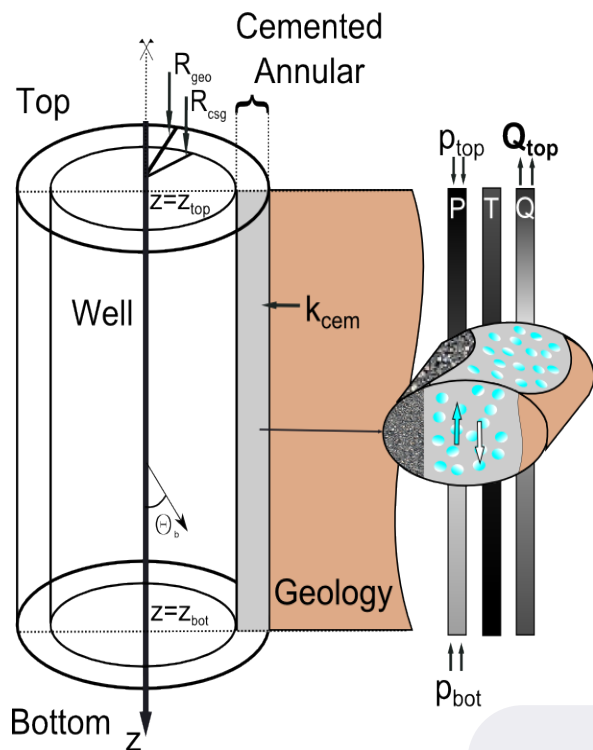
$$Q_{m,\alpha} = -A_{tot} * \frac{p_{bot} - \left(p_{top} + \int_0^L \rho_\alpha g \cos(\theta_b) dz_{MD} \right)}{\int_0^L \frac{\mu_\alpha}{\rho_\alpha * k_\alpha} dz_{MD}}$$

2-phase model

Main assumptions:

Same as 1-phase model plus:

- No interaction between fluids
- Continuity of the “wetting” fluid phase
- Intrinsic permeability of the cement is independent of the fluid



Boundary conditions at the top and bottom:

$$\begin{cases} A * s_{nw} * p_{nw} * v_{nw} = Q_{m,nw} = cte \\ v_{nw} = \frac{k p_{nw} g}{\mu_{nw}} \left(\cos(\theta) - \frac{1}{\rho_{nw} g} \frac{dp_{nw}}{dz_{MD}} \right) \end{cases}$$

Wetting phase equations (a)

$$\begin{cases} A * s_w * p_w * v_w = Q_{m,w} = cte \\ v_w = \frac{k p_w g}{\mu_w} \left(\cos(\theta) - \frac{1}{\rho_w g} \frac{dp_w}{dz_{MD}} \right) \end{cases} \quad p_{nw} = p_w + p_c$$

Non Wetting phase equations (b) Equilibrium equation (c)

Equation of the mass flow rate $Q_{m,nw}$ for the non-wetting phase (gas) :

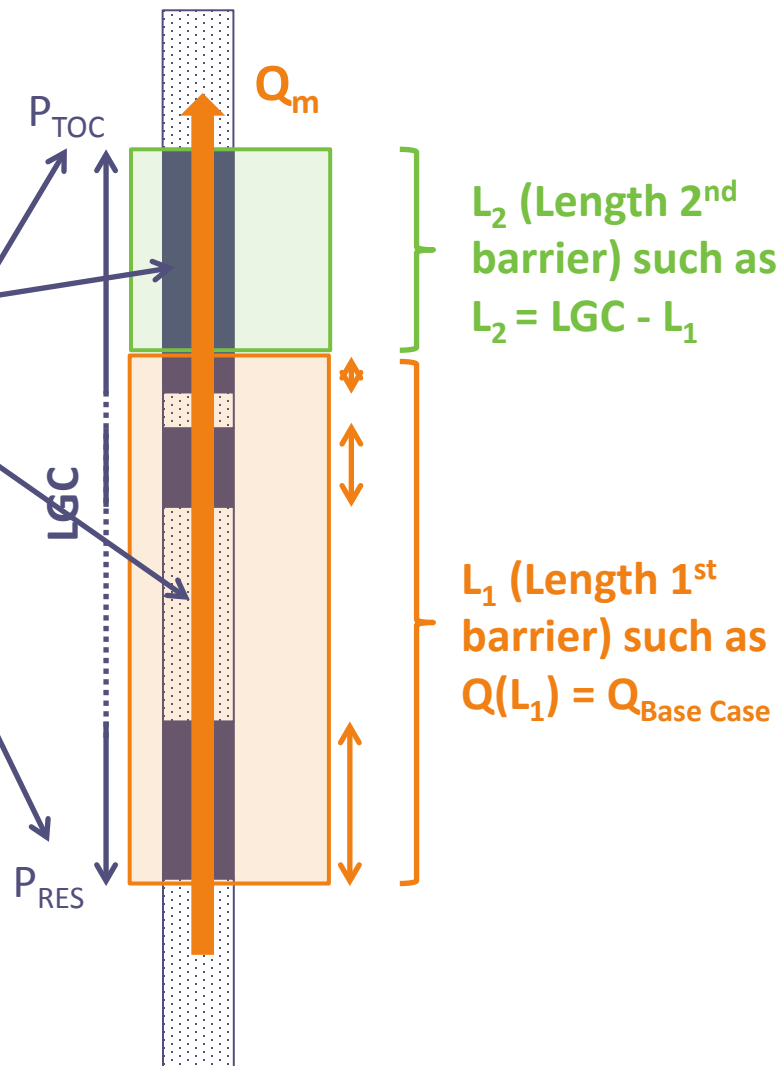
$$Q_{m,nw} = s_{nw} * k * \frac{A_{tot} \rho_{nw}}{\mu_{nw}} * \left((\rho_w - \rho_{nw}) * g * \cos(\theta_b) + \frac{p_{res} - p_{top} - \int_0^{L_{tot}} \rho_w g \cos(\theta_b) dx - p_{c,bot}}{\frac{\rho_w * k}{\mu_w} \int_0^{L_{tot}} \frac{\mu_w}{\rho_w * k} dx} + \frac{dp_c}{dz_{MD}} \right)$$

→ Gaz mass flow rate calculation

- Input parameters

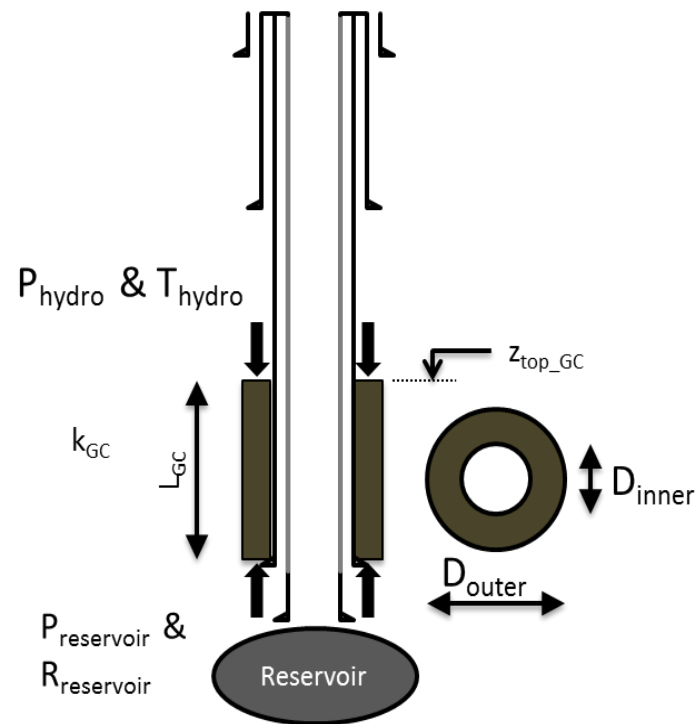
Name	Label
Well parameters	
Length of cement	L
Intrinsic Cement Permeability	k_{cem}
Intrinsic Defect Permeability	k_{cem}^*
Pressure at top of cemented annular	P_{bot}
Pressure at bottom of cemented annular	P_{top}
Depth at top of cemented annular	z_{top}
Depth at bottom of cemented annular	z_{bot}
Inclination borehole	θ_b
Temperature	$T(z)$
Properties fluids	
Viscosity	$\mu(T,p)$
Density	$\rho(T,p)$

Cemented annulus



→ Base Case: well following Norsok's requirements under severe conditions (HPHT)

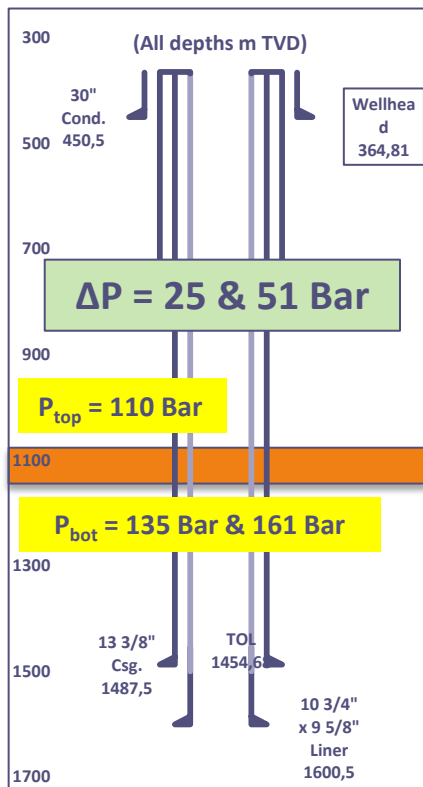
Characteristics and units	HPHT Case study
Inner diameter (m)	0.250
Outer diameter (m)	0.332
Cement length (mMD)	30
Well Deviation (°)	55
TOC position (mTVD)	4370
Temperature at TOC (°C)	170
Reservoir Pressure (at top of the reservoir) (bar)	900
Reservoir Temperature (at top of the reservoir) (°C)	171
Fluid type	Methane
Cement permeability (μD)	0.1



Synthetic representation of the well with the required parameters by constitutive component

➔ Upper Acceptable Gas Mass Flow Rate (Threshold)

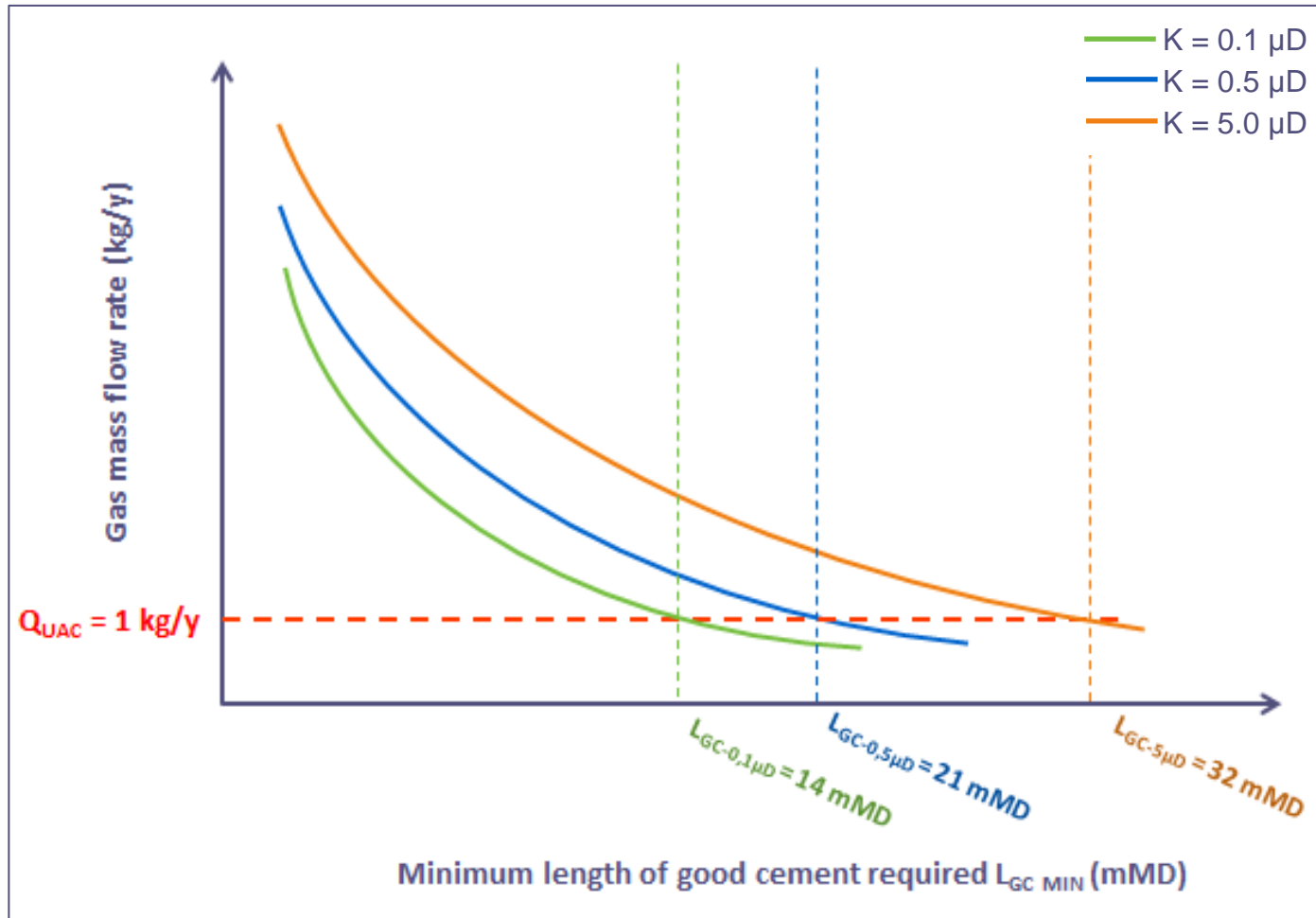
Different scenario can be simulated:



Scenario with current and long terms reservoir pressures

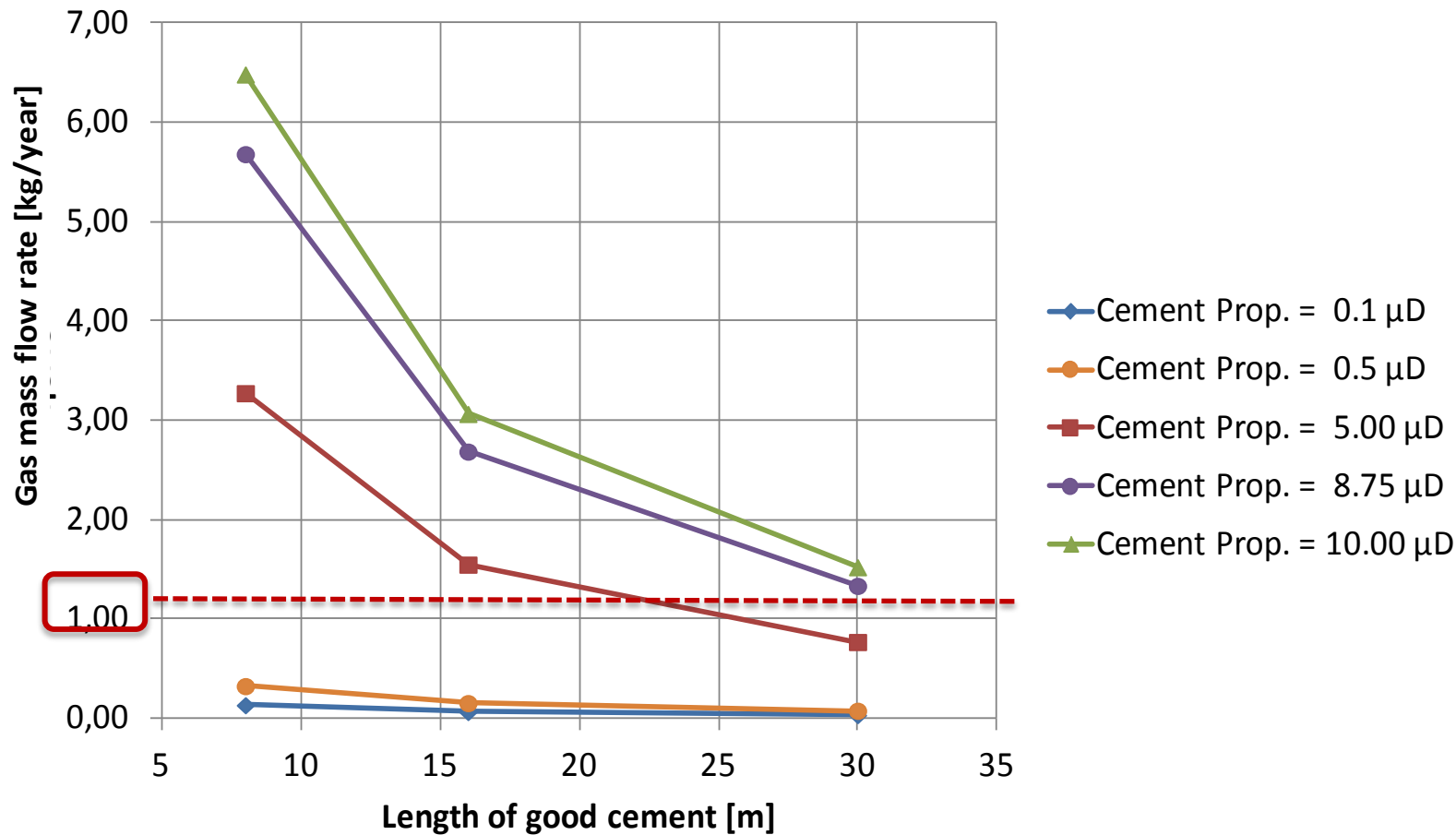
ITEM	VALUE / RANGE	UNIT
Z_{top}	-1100	mTVD
L_{good_cement}	8 - 16 - 30	mMD
Z_{bottom}	Function to L_{good_cement}	mTVD
Inclination	60	°
T_{top}	44	°C
T_{bottom}	63	°C
P_{top}	110	Bar
P_{bottom}	135 – 161	Bar
Cement permeability	[0.1 - 10] GC	μD
$\varnothing_{OuterDiameter}$	$17 \frac{1}{2}'' \Rightarrow 0.44$	m
$\varnothing_{InnerDiameter}$	$13 \frac{3}{8}'' \Rightarrow 0.35$	m
Phase 1 : Gas	Methane	Nature
Phase 2: Liquid	Water	Nature

Assessment of a required length of good cement to ensure a given mass flow rate:

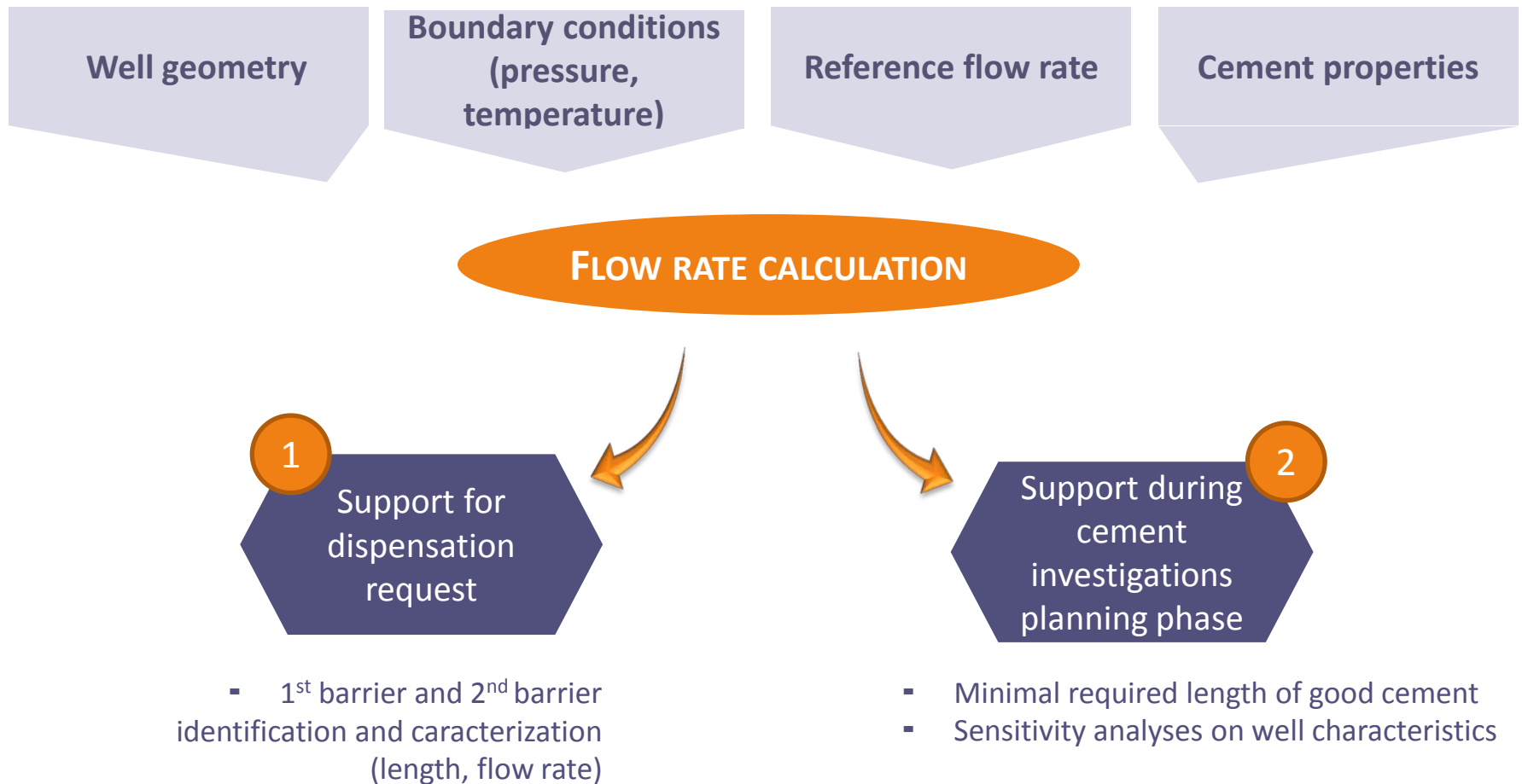


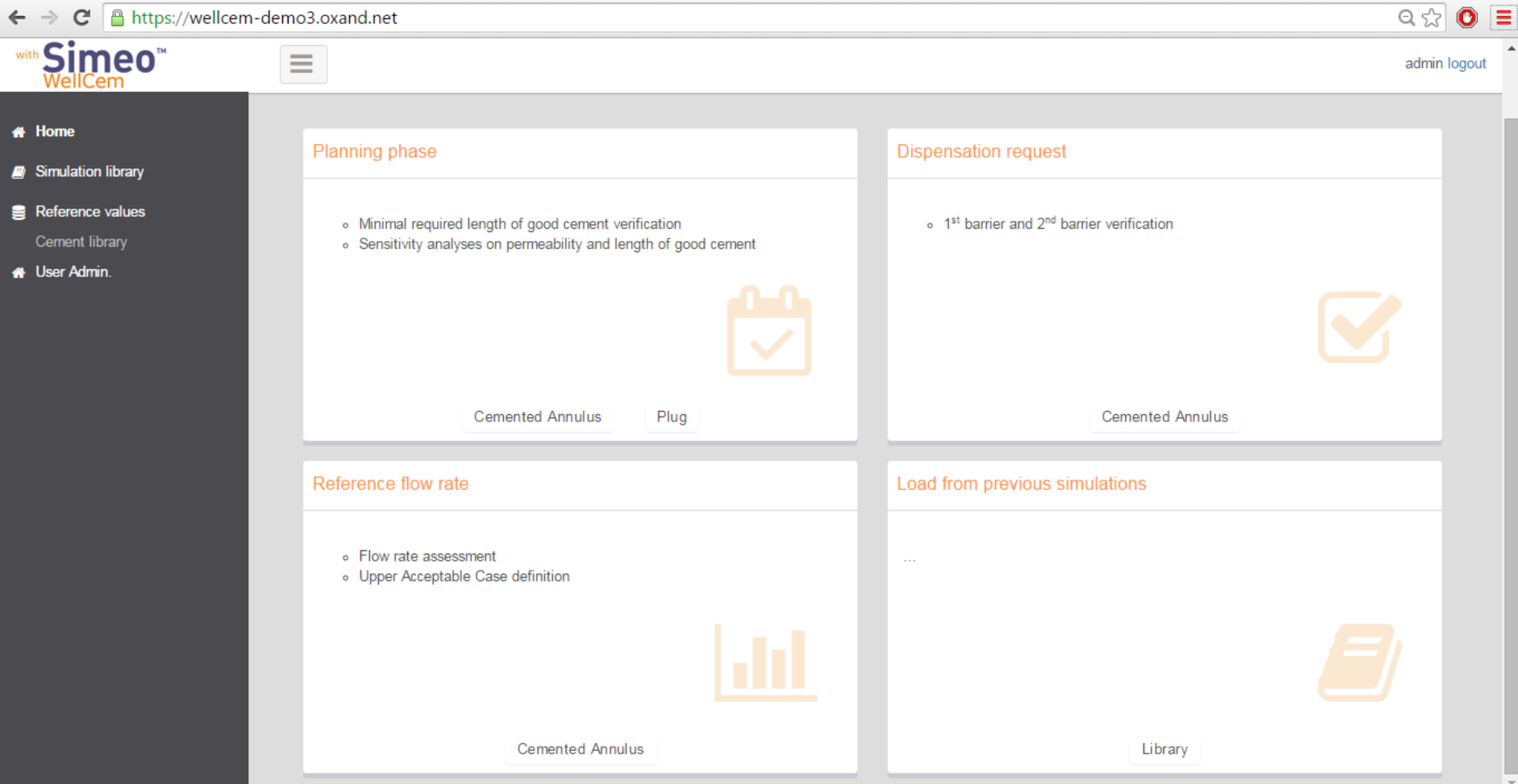
Example of a low pressure well:

Scenario A ; zTOC = -1100 m ; $\Delta P = 25$ Bar



► Mass flow simulation





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Planning phase


- Minimal required length of good cement verification
- Sensitivity analyses on permeability and length of good cement



Cemented Annulus Plug

Dispensation request


- 1st barrier and 2nd barrier verification



Cemented Annulus

Reference flow rate


- Flow rate assessment
- Upper Acceptable Case definition



Cemented Annulus

Load from previous simulations

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Library

▶ Full-web tool



Cement integrity on annulus report for dispensation request

Country	country2	Date	October 28th 2015
Field	field21	Author	admin
Well	well211	Mail	admin@admin.admin
Simulation			
well211_DRannulus_UAC1kg/y_102815_1105			

► Automatic generation of reports

well211 geometry and flow characteristics

Data	value
Casing size (inch)	7 3/8
OH diameter (inch)	9.8
P _{top reservoir} (bar)	900
T _{top reservoir} (°C)	150
P _{roc} (bar)	430
T _{roc} (°C)	135
Permeability of cement k (μD)	0.5
Number of annulus intervals	3

Results from the simulation

The 1st barrier satisfies the cement integrity in comparison with the Upper Acceptable Case's conditions.
 The 2nd barrier assessment assumes a deficient 1st barrier; the flow rate is calculated considering the reservoir pressure applied at the bottom of the 2nd barrier.

	1 st barrier	2 nd barrier
L _{GC} (mMD)	30	0
Q (kg/y)	3.93	0

Extended Evaluation of Primary Cement Jobs: a value-added approach

Objectivity

- Systematic approach
- Quantitative and objective indicators for decision-making support



Time and cost saving

- Time for decision-making reduction
- Elements to justify the relevance of any additional action

Knowledge improvement

- Well portfolio regarding the cement integrity
- One common platform for the operational teams
- Increased confidence in the cement integrity assessment

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