Re-evaluation of Discovered Devonian Hydrocarbon Pools in Concession NC8A, Ghadames (Hamada) Basin, NW Libya:
Volumetric Techniques Based on Deterministic Method

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Abstract: The Lower, Middle and Upper Devonian hydrocarbon pools in the Concession NC8A of the Ghadames (Hamada) Basin, NW Libya were re-evaluated by using volumetric estimation based on deterministic method. This applied method has revealed that, the total oil in place “from all Devonian sandstone pools in Concession NC8A” is 36.12MMSTB. This represents 53% of the oil contributed from ElHamra Field (F, I AA and V structures), while a least percentage of only 4.5% is contributed from Emgayet Field (FFF and FF structures). Other Fields; “GG”, “LL”, “Y”, “O” and “A” are contributed 0.8%, 5.5%, 9%, 10% and 20.5% respectively. In the other hand. a total gas in place “from all Devonian sandstone pools in Concession NC8A” is 5.21 BSCF and was estimated to reveal various percentages; 54% is contributed from LL-Field, 30% from F-structure of ElHamra Field, 6% from FFF-structure of Emgayet Field and 3% is contributed from A-Field. The remaining recoverable oil and gas are 14.25 million barrels of oil and 4.12 billion cubic feet of natural gas, 39.5% and 79% respectively of the total Concession NC8A.

In this study the uncertainty in the hydrocarbon estimation can be reduced to a certain extent if additional geological interpretation and 3D modelling of the studied pools are included in the estimation procedures and, consequently, the reliability of the estimates is enhanced. To achieve maximum effectiveness, oil and gas estimation by deterministic method should possess these types of flexibility.

Keywords: Re-evaluation, Hydrocarbon Pools, Devonian, volumetric estimation, deterministic method, Ghadames Basin.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Concession NC8A (ElHamra-Emgayet Fields vicinity) is located in southern central part of the Ghadames (Hamada) Basin, some 400 km south of Tripoli. It is bounded by the latitudes 28° 55” and 29° 35” and the longitudes 12° 30” and 13° 33” (Fig.1). Exploration activities in the Concession NC8A (old concession 66) had started in the end of 1959 beginning of the 1960’ by the Gulf Oil Company when they attempted to drill the oil well A1-66 on a relevant structure. Other structures namely (AA, F, I, O, and V structures) were also discovered within the period between 1960-1970. The exploration activities were carried over by the National Oil Corporation of Libya (NOC) (1970-1978) to record a good success on the ElHamra and Emgayet Fields. Arabian Gulf Oil Compnay (AGOCO) was handling exploration activities in this concession since 1980’ till now, and they drilled exploratory and development wells in the vicinity of ElHamra and Emgayet Fields to the north and the LL-Field to the south [1]. It occupies an area of about 3500km². To date a total of about 100 wells have been drilled in this concession, at least half of them are on production. Seven (7) oil and gas fields were defined in which 11 producing oil/gas pools were identified which occurred mainly in the Lower Devonian Ouankasa Formation, Middle Devonian Aouinat Ouenine “A” Member and Upper Devonian Tahara Formation. (Fig.2).

The main objectives of this study were 1) to define possible Devonian hydrocarbon pools in Concession NC8A and 2) to re-evaluate these pools on the basis of available production tests, testing reports and detailed stratigraphic and structures maps to better estimate the total hydrocarbon reserves in the Concession NC8A.
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Figure 1. Location map of the study area "concession NC8A", Ghadames (Hamada) Basin, NW Libya

Figure 2. Location map of major Fields and Pools in the Concession NC8A, Ghadames (Hamada) Basin, NW Libya

Statistics
* About 100 drilled wells
  53 as oil wells
  11 as oil/gas wells
  36 as D&A wells
* 3 Prospective Sandstones (L., M. and U. Dev.)
* 11 Pools
* 7 Fields
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2. GEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

Structurally, as inferred from studied depth-structure maps on top of some mapable horizons in the vicinity of GG-structure (Figs.3-5), where the structural style is characterized by isolated anticlinal structures bounded by reverse step faults trending NE-SW (Fig.6) especially in the vicinity of Emgayet Field (FF and FFF structures) and GG Field (GG-structure) area, of different throw (15-40ft) to the south. These faults are inferred to be generally parallel to the margins of the Devonian paleobasins, where the origin of these faults appears to be associated with older rocks in the basin and are thus considered to be the effect of re-activation of older structures at Mesozoic or later age.
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Stratigraphically, in Concession NC8A the stratigraphic sequence is characterized by Paleozoic clastic sediments as it is shown by the deep type-well LL1-66 (Fig.7), hydrocarbon-bearing horizons are also indicated. According to the best stratigraphic facies distribution of the possible prospective formations in NC8A area, and integrated core study of selected wells in the study area, the sandstone reservoirs of Ounkasa are largely fluvial in nature changing from fine-grained, highly crystalline channels to the south to more medium-grained, porous top bar facies sandstones to the north [2]. The vertical to lateral relationship of the possible clean sandstones on Tahara, Aouinat Ouenine A units and Ouanakasa (Devonian sandstones) (Fig.8) can be seen as stacked channel system to the south leading to a prograded coast to deltaic sediments to eventually prodeltaic marine basinal shales to the north [2].

Figure 6. Structural cross section between, L structure, GG structure and FFF structure in Concession NC8A, Ghadames Basin, NW Libya, showing reverse step faults trending NE-SW, with 15-40ft of throw to the south.

Figure 7. Stratigraphic type well (LL1-66) in Concession NC8A, Ghadames Basin, NW Libya (after [2]).
3. METHODOLOGY

An Excel spreadsheet (in database format) of discovered oil and gas resources in Concession NC8A was developed with identifiers to allow retrieval of information by reservoir characterization and producing horizon.

The present study is an independent assessments by the author for in-place and recoverable oil and gas resources and field size distribution of the studied Devonian pools in Concession NC8A.

Volumetric techniques based on deterministic method are used to indirectly estimate hydrocarbons in place (OOIP and OGIP) from estimates of area, thickness, porosity, water saturation, and hydrocarbon fluid properties, as recommended and presented in the volumetric estimation article [3], where the equations for oil are:

\[
\text{OOIP (STB)} = \text{Rock Volume} \times 7758 \times \phi \times (1 - Sw) \times \frac{1}{Bo}
\]

Recoverable Oil = OOIP \times \text{Recovery Factor}

Where: Rock Volume (acre feet) = A \times h, A = Drainage area (acres), h = Net pay thickness (feet), 7758 = API Bbl per acre-feet (converts acre-feet to stock tank barrels), \( \phi \) = Porosity, fraction of rock volume available to store fluids, Sw = Volume fraction of porosity filled with interstitial water, Bo = Formation volume factor (Reservoir Bbl/STB), 1/Bo = Shrinkage (STB/reservoir Bbl). To calculate recoverable oil volumes the OOIP must be multiplied by the Recovery Factor (fraction).

The equations for gas are:

\[
\text{OGIP (MMCF)} = \text{Rock Volume} \times 43560 \times \phi \times (1 - Sw) \times (\text{Exp.F})
\]
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Recoverable Gas = OGIP * Recovery Factor

Where: Rock Volume (acre feet) = A * h, A = Drainage area in acres (1 acre = 43560 sq. ft),

\[ h = \text{Net pay thickness in feet}, \, \phi = \text{Porosity, fraction of rock volume available to store fluids}, \]

\[ Sw = \text{Volume fraction of porosity filled with interstitial water}, \, \text{Exp.F} = \text{Expansion factor for gas} \]

To calculate recoverable gas volumes, the OGIP is multiplied by a recovery factor.

This deterministic method is also known as the “geologist’s method” [3] as it is based on cores, analysis of wireline logs, and geological maps. Knowledge of the depositional environment, the structural complexities, the trapping mechanism is also required to accurately estimate the volume of subsurface rock that may contain hydrocarbons. The majority of reserves in Libya are estimated using this method.

4. RESERVOIR ROCKS

The main reservoirs in Concession NC8A are the Tahara Sandstones, Aouinat Ouenine Sandstones, and the Ouankasa Sandstones [4]. The Tahara Sandstones are characterized by parallel to cross-laminated of mainly medium grained, well sorted and in general coarsening-upward sands of coastal-deltaic origin (Fig.8), with fair to good porosity (appr. 14%-16%), and of effective pay thickness about 30-40ft. Oil shows in these sandstones have been encountered in wells FF3-66, GG2-66, and FFF1-NC8A (Figs 6 and 8).

The Aouinat Ouenine Sandstones can be divided into four units from base to top (AOA1, AOA2, AOA3, and AOA4) (Fig.7) [2] across the Ghadames Basin regionally and the NC8A particularly, where AOA1 and AOA2 units distribution are much confined to be recovered in the concession NC8A. These sandstone reservoirs are characterized by bioturbated silty shale at the base to parallel to cross-laminated medium grained sandstones of possible coastal-deltaic origin with average porosity of 15% at top. Oil stained samples were encountered from the wells GG2-66, FF9-66, FF15-NC8A, FF18-NC8A and FF10-NC8A (Figs 6-8).

The Ouankasa Sandstones consist of sublitharenite, fine to medium grained with fair sorting and good intergranular porosity [2]. The porosity ranges from 14% to 16% with average 15%. The average permeability ranges from 300md to 1500md. Hydrocarbon potential from this reservoir is highly expected as inferred from some recovered oil shows in FF and FFF structures of Emgayet Field (Figs 6 and 8).

5. DISCOVERED HYDROCARBON POOLS

A list of all discovered oil and gas fields, with discovered oil and gas reserves and pertinent identifier fields has been compiled in Excel data sheet, with an effective date of January 1st, 2015. The listings of discovered pool sizes in each field are considered to be mean values of pools areal distribution, although some are deterministic or a simple estimate. A map (Fig. 9) shows distribution of the producing horizons (or sandstone reservoirs) in all studied fields in the Concession NC8A. There are a total of 7 discovered fields, 4 of which (ElHamra, Emgayet, A and LL Fields) contain both oil and gas, 3 (G, O and Y Fields) are only oil.

On the basis of production tests, test evaluation reports, detailed structure maps, and recent seismic data, the re-evaluation of these pools have been taken into account in order to better estimate the total hydrocarbon reserves in the Concession NC8A.

Volumetric Techniques “Deterministic Method” for Hydrocarbons Reserve Estimation:

Tables (1-11) are summarizing the reservoir characterization, hydrocarbons estimation for the producing horizons in each studied pool, and the discovered oil and gas potential, by fields in the Concession NC8A. Significant differences exist in oil and gas estimates for the major fields in the Concession NC8A. ElHamra Field pools hold oil in place a total of 19.5 MMSTB and gas in place a total of 1.66 BSCF, while Emgayet Field pools hold oil in place of only 1.61 MMSTB and gas in place of about 0.60 BSCF. Other fields (O, Y, A and LL) hold oil in place of about 16.62 MMSTB and gas in place (only in A and LL Fields) of about 3.01 BSCF. Total oil in place “from all Devonian sandstone pools in Concession NC8A ” is 36.12 MMSTB while total gas in place “from all Devonian sandstone pools in Concession NC8A” is 5.21 BSCF. However, the total discovered recoverable oil
and gas from the all studied pools in Concession NC8A are 14.25million barrels of oil and 4.12 billion cubic feet of natural gas. Recent discoveries, for which no estimate of the discovered oil and gas is available, include C1-NC8A and D1-NC8A wells which were drilled in the vicinity of Emgayet Field.

Figure 9. Distribution of the producing horizons (or sandstone reservoirs) in all studied fields in the Concession NC8A

Table 1. Reservoir characterization and hydrocarbons reserve estimation of F-pool sandstones, ElHamra Field, NC8A Concession, Ghadames Basin, NW Libya

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Reservoir Characterization

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Hydrocarbons Reserve Estimation

| OOIP (MMSTB) | 3.4 | 1.8 |
| Total In Place (MMSTB) | 5.2 |
| Rec Factor (%) | 30 | 30 |
| Rec. (MMSTB) | 1.02 | 0.54 |
| GIP (BSCF) | 1.2 | 0.46 |
| Total In Place (BSCF) | 1.66 |
| Rec. Factor (%) | 80 | 60 |
| Rec. (BSCF) | 0.96 | 0.28 |

20 (o) = Average oil net pay
15 (g) = Average gas net pay
N.A = Not available
## Table 2. Reservoir characterization and hydrocarbons reserve estimation of I-pool sandstones, ElHamra Field, NC8A Concession, Ghadames Basin, NW Libya

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### Hydrocarbons Reserve Estimation

| OOIP (MMSTB) | 1.7 | 4.6 |
| Total In Place (MMSTB) | 6.3 |
| Rec Factor (%) | 30 | 30 |
| Rec. (MMSTB) | 0.50 | 1.4 |
| GIP (BSCF) | - | - |
| Total In Place (BSCF) | - |
| Rec. Factor (%) | - | - |
| Rec. (BSCF) | - | - |

## Table 3. Reservoir characterization and hydrocarbons reserve estimation of AA-pool sandstones, ElHamra Field, NC8A Concession, Ghadames Basin, NW Libya

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### Hydrocarbons Reserve Estimation

| OOIP (MMSTB) | 2 |
| Total In Place (MMSTB) | 2 |
| Rec Factor (%) | 30 |
| Rec. (MMSTB) | 0.6 |
| GIP (BSCF) | - |
| Total In Place (BSCF) | - |
| Rec. Factor (%) | - |
| Rec. (BSCF) | - |
Table 4. Reservoir characterization and hydrocarbons reserve estimation of **V**-pool sandstones, ElHamra Field, NC8A Concession, Ghadames Basin, NW Libya

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**Reservoir Characterization**
- Reservoir Formation: Aouinat Ouenine “A”
- Age: Middle Devonian
- Seal: Aouinat Ouenine “B” Shale
- Trap: Structural
- Lithology: Sandstone
- Area of Closure (Acr): 17297
- Average Net Pay (ft): 40
- Average Porosity (%): 15
- Average Oil Saturation (%): 75
- Average Gas Saturation (%): -
- Oil Gravity (API): 29
- Production Rate (Est.BOPD): 620

**Hydrocarbons Reserve Estimation**
- OOIP (MMSTB): 6
- Total In Place (MMSTB): 6
- Rec Factor (%): 30
- Rec. (MMSTB): 1.8
- GIP (BSCF): -
- Total In Place (BSCF): -
- Rec. Factor (%): -
- Rec. (BSCF): -

Table 5. Reservoir characterization and hydrocarbons reserve estimation of **FFF**-pool sandstones, ElHamra Field, NC8A Concession, Ghadames Basin, NW Libya

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**Reservoir Characterization**
- Reservoir Formation: Ouankasa, Tahara
- Age: Lower Devonian, Upper Devonian
- Seal: Emgayet Shale, Mrar Shale
- Trap: Structural, Structural
- Lithology: Sandstone, Sandstone
- Area of Closure (Acr): 2471, 5189
- Average Net Pay (ft): 35, 30
- Average Porosity (%): 15, 14
- Average Oil Saturation (%): 80, -
- Average Gas Saturation (%): - 80
- Oil Gravity (API): 27, -
- Production Rate (Est.BOPD): 620, -
- Production Rate (Est.MMCFPD): - N.A

**Hydrocarbons Reserve Estimation**
- OOIP (MMSTB): 0.81
- Total In Place (MMSTB): 0.81
- Rec Factor (%): 30, -
- Rec. (MMSTB): 0.24, -
- GIP (BSCF): - 0.6
- Total In Place (BSCF): 0.6, -
- Rec. Factor (%): - 80
- Rec. (BSCF): - 0.48

N.A= Not available
Table 6. Reservoir characterization and hydrocarbons reserve estimation of FF-pool sandstones, ElHamra Field, NC8A Concession, Ghadames Basin, NW Libya

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**Reservoir Characterization**

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**Hydrocarbons Reserve Estimation**

| OOIP (MMSTB) | 0.80 |
| Total In Place (MMSTB) | 0.80 |
| Rec Factor (%) | 30 |
| Rec. (MMSTB) | 0.24 |
| GIP (BSCF) | - |
| Total In Place (BSCF) | - |
| Rec. Factor (%) | - |
| Rec. (BSCF) | - |

Table 7. Reservoir characterization and hydrocarbons reserve estimation of O-pool sandstones, ElHamra Field, NC8A Concession, Ghadames Basin, NW Libya

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**Hydrocarbons Reserve Estimation**

| OOIP (MMSTB) | 3.7 |
| Total In Place (MMSTB) | 3.7 |
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| Rec. (MMSTB) | 1.1 |
| GIP (BSCF) | - |
| Total In Place (BSCF) | - |
| Rec. Factor (%) | - |
| Rec. (BSCF) | - |
Table 8. Reservoir characterization and hydrocarbons reserve estimation of Y-pool sandstones, ElHamra Field, NC8A Concession, Ghadames Basin, NW Libya

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**Reservoir Characterization**

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**Hydrocarbons Reserve Estimation**

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Table 11. Reservoir characterization and hydrocarbons reserve estimation of LL-pool sandstones, ElHamra Field, NC8A Concession, Ghadames Basin, NW Libya

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**Hydrocarbons Reserve Estimation**

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**Note:** The areal closures of Tahara, Aouinat Oueneine “A” and Ouankasa sandstone reservoirs were estimated relative to the nearest mapable horizon.
6. CONCLUSIONS

A review of the discovered hydrocarbons (oil and gas) from Devonian pools in Concession NC8A has been done and figured out the ultimate original hydrocarbons in place are, 36.12 billion barrels of oil and 5.21 billion cubic feet of natural gas. This represents 53% of the oil contributed from ElHamra Field (F, I AA and V structures), while a least percentage of only 4.5% is contributed from Emgayet Field (FFF and FF structures). Other Fields; GG, LL, Y, O and A are contributed 0.8%, 5.5%, 9%, 10% and 20.5% respectively. The discovered gas in place was estimated to reveal various percentages; 54% is contributed from LL-Field, 30% from F-structure of ElHamra Field, 6% from FFF-structure of Emgayet Field and 3% is contributed from A-Field. The remaining recoverable oil and gas are 14.25 million barrels of oil and 4.12 billion cubic feet of natural gas, 39.5% and 79% respectively of the total Concession NC8A.

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