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### Invited review

### A review on half a century of experience in rate of penetration management: Application of analytical, semi-analytical and empirical models

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#### Abstract:

Rate of penetration management is a matter of importance in drilling operations and it has been used in some research studies. Although conventional approaches for rate of penetration management are mainly focused on analytical and semi-analytical models, several correlations have also been developed for this purpose. The history of rate of penetration management studies extends back more than half a century and ever since, research interest in this concept has never declined, making it a focus of industry and academic studies. In this article, some of these studies are reviewed to achieve a better understanding of rate of penetration management concept, its financial benefits and also its research capacities. This review reveals the most common rate of penetration management methods which applied analytical, semi-analytical and empirical correlations in different fields around the world. In other words, the main purpose of this study is to evaluate the research studies in which different models and correlations have been used as the main approach for rate of penetration management. Based on the results of this review, the best models for performing rate of penetration management studies and the best objective functions for optimization algorithms are introduced.

### 1. Introduction

Rate of penetration (ROP) plays a pivotal role in controlling drilling efficiency and operational costs. Low ROP causes an increase of drilling time, leading to increment of drilling expenditure and massive economical losses (Liu et al., 2014; Anemangely et al., 2018). These costs refer to drilling rig and crew and the efficiency of these parameters which directly relate to the working time (Mirzaei-Paiaman et al., 2009). On the other hand, increasing ROP more than its optimum value results in drilling malfunction, such as excessive vibration, fast bit warming, and bit dullness (Barbosa et al., 2019; Hegde et al., 2019). Such incidents force the drilling crew to stop the operation and change the bit more often, resulting in the increase of drilling time and costs. There is an optimum value for ROP which decreases these two items while mitigating the drilling vibrations (Akbari et al., 2011; Shi et al., 2016). If ROP exceeds its optimum value, managing the well pressure becomes harder and the possibility of kick flow will increase (Mammadov et al., 2015).

To avoid any confusion, it should be noted that the term "ROP" in this study refers to the instantaneous ROP with routine field units, while "optimum ROP" is the fastest ROP without causing incidents or excessive drilling vibrations. In addition, the term "related parameters" represents the group of controllable parameters which are frequently used for changing the consequent ROP, such as weight on bit (WOB), rotational speed, mud weight, bit torque, etc.

A complete ROP management project consists of different subjects including the prediction and optimization of ROP and its related parameters and also some instructions about the operating parameters to achieve the optimum ROP (Wiktorski et al., 2017). In recent years, some drilling optimization software and expert systems have been developed to facilitate this process (e.g., Hegde et al., 2015; Mantha and Samuel, 2016;

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The importance of ROP management has encouraged researchers to conduct numerous projects and research studies in this regard and it is also the main motivation for the authors to perform the in-hand study. Not only in definitions and concepts (Mathis et al., 2007; Mensa-Wilmot et al., 2010), but also for the application purposes (Al-Betairi et al., 1988; Nygaard and Hareland, 2007; Eren and Ozbayoglu, 2010; Mostofi et al., 2010; Nascimento et al., 2015), this topic has attracted lots of attention in recent years. The objective of this study is to review the history of ROP models and to explain the results of performance comparison studies and field applications. To be more specific, this study aims to highlight the field applications of analytical, semi-analytical and empirical ROP management methods and compare their limitations and capabilities. Among all of the research studies related to ROP management, 45 studies are selected which have used analytical, semi-analytical and empirical ROP models as the main approach for ROP management. For the sake of brevity, other ROP management approaches (i.e., managed pressure drilling, mechanical specific energy, artificial intelligence algorithm and bit management) are not discussed here.

The review initiates with explaining the main parameters affecting ROP in section 2, and is being followed by expressing the equations regarding the most important and widely-used ROP models (e.g., Bingham (1964), Bourgoyne and Young (1974), and Warren (1987)) in section 3. In section 4, the history of developing ROP models are reviewed for different categories of roller cone bits (RCB), polycrystalline diamond compact (PDC) bits and also empirical ROP correlations. Moreover, a special review on the ROP models developed for horizontal and deviated wells is performed in this section. In section 5, field applications and performance comparison studies by using different ROP models, as the main approach for ROP management, are illustrated. Section 6 is dedicated to the discussion about the statistics and observed review trends, and later on, section 7 concludes the whole study and summarizes all of the findings.

#### 2. Main parameters affecting ROP

The factors affecting ROP can be categorized as rock characteristics, operational drilling parameters, mud properties, bit properties and design, bit hydraulics, bit worn and other problems associated with bit and drilling string. These parameters can be generally classified in two major groups of controllable and uncontrollable (environmental) parameters which are illustrated in Table 1 and briefly discussed in this section.

### 2.1 Controllable parameters

These factors are in control of the drillers and can be changed during drilling. In other words, they have more flexibly compared to uncontrollable parameters and they are more prone to be controlled and modified due to financial and geological conditions. Therefore, implementing the optimum

Table 1. Classification of different parameters affecting ROP (Fear, 1999).

Controllable Parameters	Uncontrollable (Environmental) Parameters	
Depth	Bit wear state	
Formation properties	Bit design	
Mud type	Weight on bit	
Mud density	Bit rotational speed	
Other mud properties	Mud flow rate	
Bit size	Bit Hydraulics	
-	Bit nuzzle size	

values of these parameters would be more feasible, resulting in a faster and safer drilling operation. As such, controlling mud weight to prevent wellbore instability or mud kick, controlling WOB and bit rotational speed for stabilization of drill string and controlling mud flow rate for improving drilling hydraulics and well cleaning can be mentioned. In upcoming sub-sections, some of the most important controllable parameters such as WOB, bit rotational speed and mud rheological properties are discussed briefly; however, the controllable parameters affecting ROP are not limited to these factors.

#### 2.1.1 WOB

This parameter directly affects ROP as it causes the bit to overcome the wedge or rocks being drilled. In fact, the force that a bit puts over a rock must exceed its compressional resistance to break it down. Hence, WOB is considered as one of the most significant parameters to be controlled during drilling. Fig. 1 depicts the relationship of WOB and ROP, which rejects the misconception of continuous increase of ROP with WOB.

As it can be seen in Fig. 1, in the primary stage of exerting WOB, bit penetrates into formation with a fast pace, making a nonlinear relationship between WOB and ROP. Afterwards, regardless of degree of rock softness, the relationship between these two parameters remains proportional as long as hole-cleaning is proper and complete. In fact, the straight-line re-



Fig. 1. The relationship between WOB and ROP.

gion of the plot is where the bit is working with greatest efficiency. After this point which is called as the "floundering point", some sorts of inefficiency such as bit vibration, bit balling, or inadequate hole-cleaning happens and drilling cuttings cannot be removed from the hole perfectly. This results in waste of energy over re-drilling the debris instead of virgin rocks, which dwindles the effect of this parameter on ROP. At any WOB after maximum ROP, The trend would become reverse at a point which generating the debris excel their excavation and decreases ROP thereafter.

#### 2.1.2 Bit rotational speed

Previous studies have shown that bit rotational speed has a proportional correlation with ROP in unconsolidated formations until the floundering point is reached. In consolidated or dense formations, however, ROP is less correlated with bit rotational speed, even before reaching the floundering point. After this point, further rock excavation would be more difficult due to inefficiency of hole-cleaning, until the maximum value of ROP is reached. Even in this segment, the increment of ROP with the increase of rotary speed is more severe in unconsolidated formations. Hence, it is better to adopt high rotational speeds in unconsolidated formations and low rotary speeds in consolidated ones. The correlation between these two parameters would be closer and more proportional by improvement of the hole-cleaning. As the rotary speed exceeds its maximum value, further augmentation of this parameter will not affect ROP anymore.

A typical plot of ROP versus bit rotational speed is depicted in Fig. 2. As mentioned before, ROP usually increases linearly with the increment of rotary speed (segment a-b). After the floundering point, the increase of ROP is decelerated by the augmentation of rotary speed (Segment b-c). After surpassing the maximum ROP (point c), rotational speed has no noticeable influence on ROP. The poor response of ROP at high values of rotary speed is mostly attributed to less wellbore stability and enlargement of the wellbore, resulting in improper hole-cleaning.

### 2.2 Uncontrollable parameters

Adjustment of uncontrollable parameters is a challenging



Fig. 2. The relationship between bit rotational speed and ROP.

issue due to economic and geological reasons such as the rock formation which limits the selection of mud weight and type, wellbore azimuth and inclination, pore pressure gradient, unconfined compressive strength and principal stresses (Bani Mustafa et al., 2021). Rock type plays a pivotal role in the conditions and performance of drilling operation. Therefore, it is a must to take into account the factors regarding the rock and formation, despite of being unchangeable and free of drillers' control. Moreover, mud properties such as type and density depend on formation type and formation pressure are included in the category of uncontrollable or environmental parameters. The correlation of different mud rheology properties with ROP is expressed in the upcoming sub-section.

#### 2.2.1 Mud rheology properties

Among different mud rheology parameters, mud viscosity, mud weight, filtration value, oil content and solids content can be mentioned as the most important factors in ROP management (Mirzaei-Paiaman et al., 2009). Generally, ROP increases with the decrement of viscosity, oil content, solids content and mud weight, while it increases with the augmentation of filtration. The reason for such behaviors basically refers to the effect of differential pressure on the bottom of the well. In this way, mud viscosity provides the hydraulic hits in the bit by controlling the pressure loss in drill pipes. What is more, the solid particles with the size of less than 1 micrometer prevent the filtration under the bit, resulting in decrement of ROP. Different behaviors of mud rheological parameters are illustrated in Fig. 3, in which, it is readily apparent that mud weight affects ROP more severely than other mud rheology parameters.

# **3.** Basics of analytical, semi-analytical and empirical ROP models

In this section, some of the most important analytical-and semi-analytical ROP models are reviewed and their equations are explained. These models have been used in the postcoming studies more repeatedly.

### **3.1 Bingham model**

Bingham (1964) proposed the following relation for calculating ROP:



Fig. 3. The relationship between ROP and different mud rheology parameters.

$$ROP = K \left(\frac{W}{D_b}\right)^x N \tag{1}$$

where K is a formation-related constant, x is the bit exponent, N shows rotational speed (rpm), W is weight on bit (lbf) and  $D_b$  expresses the bit diameter (in).

### 3.2 Bourgoyne and Young model

Bourgoyne and Young (1974) proposed the following relation for calculating ROP, using RCB:

$$ROP = f_1 \times f_2 \times f_3 \times f_4 \times f_5 \times f_6 \times f_7 \times f_8 \tag{2}$$

These functions can be calculated by following equations:

$$f_1 = e^{2.303a_1} \tag{3}$$

$$f_2 = e^{2.303a_2(10000 - D)} \tag{4}$$

$$f_3 = e^{2.303a_3TVD^{0.69}(g_p - 9)}$$
(5)

$$f_4 = e^{2.303a_4 TVD(g_p - ECD)}$$
(6)

$$f_5 = \left[\frac{\left(\frac{W}{D_b}\right) - \left(\frac{W}{D_b}\right)_t}{4 - \left(\frac{W}{D_b}\right)_t}\right]^{a_5}$$
(7)

$$f_6 = \left(\frac{N}{60}\right)^{a_6} \tag{8}$$

$$f_7 = e^{-a_7 h} \tag{9}$$

$$f_8 = \left(\frac{F_j}{1000}\right)^{a_8} \tag{10}$$

where *TVD* shows the true vertical depth (ft),  $g_p$  is pore pressure gradient (lbm/gal), *ECD* expresses the equivalent circulating density (lbf/gal),  $(W/D_b)_t$  shows the threshold bit weight per inch of bit diameter at which the bit begins to drill (lbf/in), *N* shows the rotational speed (rpm),  $F_j$  is the jet impact force (lbf) and *h* is the fractional bit tooth wear.

The function  $f_1$  represents the effect of formation strength, bit type, mud type and solid contents which are not included in the model. This term is related to formation properties and it is expressed in the same units as ROP. The functions  $f_2$  and  $f_3$  model the effect of formation compaction and  $f_4$  models the effect of pressure overbalance on ROP. The functions  $f_5$ and  $f_6$  model the effects of bit weight and rotary speed while  $f_7$  models the effect of tooth wear and  $f_8$  models the effect of bit hydraulics on ROP. The constants  $a_1$  to  $a_8$  s which are dependent to local drilling conditions, should be computed for each formation separately; by using prior drilling data from the field (Bourgoyne and Young, 1974).

### 3.3 Warren model

Warren (1987) derived an ROP model for drilling with tricone bits. This model has two different modes of "perfect cleaning" and "imperfect cleaning" to express different states of hole-cleaning and also consider the effects of drilling cuttings, and they are expressed herein:

For the case of "perfect cleaning":

$$ROP = \left(\frac{aS^2D_b^3}{N^bW^2} + \frac{c}{ND_b}\right)^{-1}$$
(11)

For the case of "imperfect cleaning":

$$ROP = \left(\frac{aS^2D_b^3}{N^bW^2} + \frac{c}{ND_b} + \frac{c\mu\gamma_f D_b}{F_{jm}}\right)^{-1}$$
(12)

where *a*, *b* and *c* are model constants. *S* shows the confined compressive strength (psi),  $D_b$  is the bit diameter (in), *N* shows the rotational speed (rpm), *W* is weight on bit (lbf),  $\mu$  shows the plastic viscosity of the drilling fluid (cP),  $\gamma_f$  is the fluid specific gravity and  $F_{jm}$  is the modified jet impact force (lbf).

### **3.4 Hareland and Hoberock model**

Hareland and Hoberock (1993) modified the previous model of Warren (1987) and proposed the following equation as the "modified Warren model":

$$ROP = W_f \left[ f_c \left( P_e \right) \left( \frac{aS^2 D_b^3}{NW^2} + \frac{b}{ND_b} \right) + \left( \frac{cD_b \rho \mu}{F_{jm}} \right) \right]^{-1}$$
(13)

where  $W_f$  is bit wear function and  $f_c$  is called the "chip holddown function"; both of them can be calculated with the following calculations:

$$f_c(P_e) = c_c + a_c \left(P_e - 120\right)^{b_c}$$
(14)

$$W_f = 1 - \frac{\Delta BG}{8} \tag{15}$$

where  $\Delta BG$  is the change in bit tooth wear. It can be calculated based on WOB, relative rock abrasiveness and confined rock strength with the following formula:

$$\Delta BG = W_c \sum_{i=1}^{n} W_i N_i A r_{abr_i} S_i \tag{16}$$

Confined compressive strength is a function of pressure and lithology and can be calculated as:

$$S = S_0 \left( 1 + a_s P_e^{b_s} \right) \tag{17}$$

where *S* and *S*<sub>0</sub> are the confined and unconfined compressive strengths (psi),  $P_e$  is the effective differential pressure (psi) and finally,  $a_s$  and  $b_s$  are the coefficients depend on formation permeability (Rampersad et al., 1994). These coefficients are shown in Table 2.

In these equations, *a*, *b* and *c* are model constants,  $D_b$  is the bit diameter (in), *N* shows the rotational speed (rpm), *W* is weight on bit (lbf),  $\mu$  shows mud plastic viscosity (cP),  $\rho$  is drilling fluid density (lbf/gal),  $W_c$  is the bit wear coefficient,

Table 2. Chip Holddown Coefficients (Rampersad et al., 1994).

Formation	Permeable	Impermeable
a <sub>c</sub>	0.00497	0.0141
b <sub>c</sub>	0.0757	0.470
c <sub>c</sub>	0.103	0.569
a <sub>s</sub>	0.0133	0.00432
b <sub>s</sub>	0.577	0.782

Ar is relative abrasiveness and  $F_{jm}$  is the modified jet impact force (lbf).

#### **3.5 Rastegar model**

Rastegar et al. (2008) presented another modified version of the Hareland and Hoberock (1993) model to increase its prediction accuracy in PDC bits. This physics-based equation is:

$$ROP = W_f \left[ \frac{14.14WN\cos\alpha}{SD_b\tan\theta f_c \left(P_e\right)} \frac{a}{N^b WOB^C} \right]$$
(18)

where  $\alpha$  and  $\theta$  are the siderake and backrake angles (degrees) of PDC cutter, respectively, and rest of the parameters are same as the previous equation of Hareland and Hoberock (1993).

### 3.6 Al-abduljabbar correlation

Al-abduljabbar et al. (2019) proposed the following ROP model by using a regression analysis:

$$ROP = \frac{16.96W^a N * T * SPP * Q}{D_b^2 * UCS^b * \rho * \mu}$$
(19)

where *a* and *b* are model coefficients and will be calculated by nonlinear regression (the authors proposed 0.85 and 1.16 for the values of these parameters, respectively), *W* is weight on bit (Klbf), *N* is bit rotational speed (rpm), *T* is bit torque (Klb-ft), *SPP* is standpipe pressure (psi), *Q* is mud flowrate (gal/min),  $D_b$  is the bit diameter (in), *UCS* shows the uniaxial compressive strength (psi),  $\rho$  is the mud density (pcf) and  $\mu$  represents the plastic viscosity (cP) (Barbosa et al., 2019).

### 4. The history of ROP models

Using traditional ROP models is a conventional approach in ROP management studies (Bezminabadi et al., 2017). Either as an assistant model for artificial intelligence algorithms or as a basic ROP management tool, they have been used repeatedly (Bahari and Baradaran Seyed, 2007a; Rastegar et al., 2008; Bataee et al., 2010; Sui et al., 2013; Formighieri and Freitas, 2015; Kutas et al., 2015; Soares et al., 2016; Hegde et al., 2019). In this section, the history of developing different ROP models is reviewed and they are categorized in different subsections of RCB and PDC bits and also empirical correlations. It should be noted that empirical correlations are developed for different types of RCB and PDC bits, but they are counted in a separate sub-section. Finally, several ROP models developed for horizontal and deviated wells are specifically reviewed at the end of the section.

### **4.1 Different mechanisms and structures of RCB and PDC bits**

The fundamental differences of RCB and PDC bits have resulted in totally different mechanisms of developing ROP models in the literature. RCB models are mostly semianalytical, requiring an adjustment after theoretical derivation, while most of PDC models are physics-based and derived by considering bit parameters. This variation in mechanisms has forced the authors to adopt different strategies when proposing new ROP models for each type, and this is why they are distinguished in this study. Some of these specific mechanisms along with special parameters implemented in this regard are introduced in this section.

### **4.1.1** Cutting mechanism and structure of a typical RCB bit

Drilling with RCB bits consists of two fundamental operations. Craters are first formed under the bit teeth and the broken rock is then removed from these craters (Maurer, 1962). Crater formation mechanism is depicted in Fig. 4. The



Fig. 4. Crater formation mechanism (Maurer, 1962).



Fig. 5. Bottom view of a four-blade PDC bit (Peterson, 1976).

application of additional force to the bit tooth compresses the crushed materials and at sufficiently high forces, fractures initiate under the bit tooth and propagate to the rock surface (Maurer, 1962). A large portion of rock will be removed when there is a second free face for crater to fracture. Above this speed, the bit rotates so rapidly that all of the materials cannot be removed from the craters between impacts.

The craters are formed near or at the bottom of the wedge produced beneath the bit tooth as shown in Fig. 4; therefore, they form at some distance beneath the teeth. When craters are formed with a differential pressure across the rock, the broken material will be held in the craters by this differential pressure. If the bit cones are skewed, the teeth will drag through these cuttings and remove some of them from the craters. Because the broken material is held in the craters and the craters are formed near the bottom of the wedge, the increase in ROP produced by this dragging action would be largely due to better cleaning instead of actual breaking of virgin rock (Maurer, 1962). If the dragging action is a cleaning mechanism, it will not affect ROP in the perfect cleaning condition.

#### 4.1.2 Cutting mechanism and structure of a typical PDC bit

A bottom view of a four-blade PDC bit is shown in Fig. 5. The position of four blades at various times during one rotation of a PDC bit is demonstrated in Fig. 6. For a fourblade PDC bit, four diamonds pass over the same point in each revolution of the bit. After rotating  $90^{\circ}$  at each depth of penetration, the process should be repeated by advancing the bit into the formation. The actual advancing pattern of each diamond is better represented by a spiral (Peterson, 1976).

To penetrate the formation, the load applied to each diamond should exceed the formation resistance (Peterson, 1976). Fig. 7 shows a diamond drilling bit, in which the projected area is in contact with the rock. A uniform cut is achieved at maximum diamond penetration when adjacent-blade diamonds work together (Fig. 8). A bit layout for a two-blade PDC bit is illustrated in Fig. 9, in which each blade lays out as a helix for mathematical model representation. The staggered pattern of adjacent diamonds provide an overlap between diamonds (Peterson, 1976).

# **4.2** Analytical and semi-analytical ROP models developed for RCB bits

The chain of ROP models developed for RCB bits reaches to more than half a century ago. Firstly, Maurer (1962) proposed an equation for prediction of ROP for both "perfect cleaning" and also "imperfect cleaning" modes. The parameters included in this model are WOB, rotational speed, bit diameter and uniaxial compressive strength (UCS). Then, Galle and Woods (1963) proposed a new model by considering WOB, rotational speed, formation type and bit tooth resistance. This model has a basic assumption of ROP being mainly controlled by rotational speed and WOB. Later, Bingham (1964) modified the Maurer (1962) model to propose a new ROP model. Despite of its simplicity and neglecting the effect of hole-depth, this model was used in several ROP prediction studies (Bataee et al., 2010; Ayoub et al., 2017; Hegde et al., 2017). Mechem and Fullerton (1965) proposed an ROP model based on a drilling energy unit (i.e., WOB \* N) which provided a basis for estimation of drilling operation costs, primary well management and ROP optimization process (Osgouei and Özbayoğlu, 2007).



Expanded Cross Section of Hole Cut



Fig. 7. Side view of an individual diamond cut (Peterson, 1976).



Fig. 8. Radial spacing between adjacent-blade diamonds for travel out of drawing (Peterson, 1976).



Fig. 9. Bit layout for a two-blade PDC bit (Peterson, 1976).

Eckel (1967) used the Reynolds number to calculate ROP as a function of mud properties. Chia and Smith (1986) developed a new nuzzle to increase the drilling hydraulics and ROP, consequently. They also developed a new equation to improve the prediction of ROP for this nuzzle and the relevant bits. Walker et al. (1986) developed a semi-analytical model for prediction of ROP by correlating it to several drilling parameters including WOB, well depth, in-situ compressive strength, porosity and average grain size. In addition, an alternative equation was developed for a specific case of Mohr-Coulomb circle not being available and consequently, compressive strength could not be determined. Later, Winters et al. (1987) proposed a model to correlate ROP with rock ductility and cone offset in RCB bits.

Caicedo et al. (2005) developed an ROP model which is mainly focused on bit properties and rock mechanical parameters. This model was derived based on the mechanical specific energy concept and it had the capability of being used for analyzing the real-time data. Later, Hareland et al. (2010) proposed a model focused on bit-rock interactions by considering the bit structure and its cutting mechanism. Several parameters like WOB, rotational speed and bit dullness rate are also considered in this model. This model has the capability to generate a rock failure model for prediction of UCS trends in RCB bits by using a row of bit inserts.

### **4.2.1** The development of Bourgoyne and Young model and its modified versions

Bourgoyne and Young (1974) proposed an equation for prediction of ROP in RCB bits. The effects of eight parameters on ROP are considered in this model but their interactions are ignored. In this model as a conventional and useful deterministic method for prediction of ROP, most of influencing parameters such as formation compaction and strength, pore pressure, WOB, rotational speed, bit hydraulics and also bit tooth wear are taken into account (Mammadov et al., 2015; Amer et al., 2017; Manshad et al., 2017). Maidla and Ohara (1991) added the effect of formation compressive strength to this model and Osgouei and Özbayoğlu (2007) modified it to cover more drilling parameters and conditions including well inclination, effective WOB, equivalent circulating density (ECD) and fluid loss effects, in order to attain a model wellsuited for directional and horizontal wells. Wiktorski et al. (2017) also improved and expanded the Bourgoyne and Young (1974) model by adding the "dogleg severity" and two more coefficients to consider the effects of well inclination and bit rotation, resulting in a noticeable improvement in prediction of ROP in horizontal and directional wells. They also developed a model for prediction of ROP for drilling with steerable mud motors.

### **4.2.2** The development of Warren model and its modified versions

Warren (1981) developed a two-part model for ROP prediction in soft formations based on operational conditions, bit type and formation properties. This model has the capability to predict ROP by correlating it to WOB, bit size and rock resistance, and ever since, it has been modified several times. Firstly, Warren (1987) expanded it to a three-part ROP model for RCB bits in which the effects of cutting production rate and the rate of cutting removal from the well were considered. Later on, Hareland and Hoberock (1993) added the effects of hole-cleaning problems, bit dullness rate and differential pressure to the original model in order to improve its performance and analyzing power. In addition, they introduced a wellbore cleaning function to model the profiles of "confined compressive strength" and "unconfined compressive strength" and also proposed an equation to convert these two types of strengths into each other. Afterwards, Hareland and Nygaard (2007) modified the Hareland and Hoberock (1993) model by correcting the rock mechanical parameters in this equation and expanding its application for different bits and lithology types. Table 3 shows a summary of analytical and semi-analytical ROP models developed specifically for RCB bits.

### **4.3** Analytical and semi-analytical ROP models developed for PDC bits

Although most of the previous ROP prediction studies have been focused on RCB bits so far, diamond bits are not neglected in this regard. In this way, Peterson (1976) proposed an analytical ROP model for these bits by focusing on the bit mechanical properties. Later, Wojtanowicz and Kuru (1987) developed another analytical model for PDC bits which is also focused on the physical properties of drilling bits, but more detailed and expanded.

Hareland and Rampersad (1994) developed a model for ROP calculation in natural diamond and PDC bits. Apart from the effects of main influential parameters, bit dullness rate and lithology properties are also considered in this model. Rastegar et al. (2008) modified this model to consider the equivalent bit radius, lithology coefficients, dynamic cutter action, and cutter wear (Hassan and Hussien, 2019). Shirkavand et al. (2009) modified the term of confined compressive strength in this equation in two different states of under-balanced drilling and conventional drilling. Later, Motahhari et al. (2010) developed an ROP model to consider the effects of positive displacement motors with PDC bits which was capable of predicting ROP from motor outputs.

Akbari et al. (2011) used the distinct element method for simulating the cutting process of PDC bits and developing an ROP model for these bits by focusing on bottomhole pressure. Later, Kerkar et al. (2014) proposed an ROP model for PDC bits based on the model of Hareland and Rampersad (1994), with considering the effects of rock mechanical properties, mud motor properties, bit mechanical properties, drilling hydraulics and drilling cuttings. Table 4 summarizes the characteristics of ROP models and correlations developed for diamond bits particularly.

## 4.4 Empirical correlations developed for ROP prediction

Several ROP correlations have been proposed in the literature throughout the history of ROP management. Firstly, Duklet and Bates (1980) expressed an empirical correlation for diamond bits by considering several fundamental drilling parameters including formation characteristics and bit design variables. In this correlation, bit rotational speed, hydraulic horsepower (HHP), fluid loss, average WOB (load per diamond per inch squared) and effective formations strength are chosen as the parameters affecting ROP. Later, Seifabad and Ehteshami (2013) developed an ROP correlation based on geological data. The parameters considered in this correlation are WOB, bit rotational speed, bit torque, mud weight, mud viscosity, bit condition and depth interval from the beginning to the end of drilling.

Bezminabadi et al. (2017) developed two correlations for prediction of ROP in different modes with or without considering rock mechanical properties. These correlations use WOB, bit rotational speed, mud flow rate and hole-depth, bit wear coefficient, friction angle, resistivity logs and neutron porosity hydrogen index as the parameters affecting ROP. Later, Alsubaih et al. (2018) used a linear regression analysis to generate

Table 3. Analytical and semi-analytical ROP models developed for RCB bits.

Researchers	Remarks
Maurer (1962)	Covering both modes of perfect and imperfect hole-cleaning
Galle and Woods (1963)	Controlled by two principal parameters (i.e., rotational speed and WOB)
Mechem and Fullerton (1965)	Based on a specific drilling energy unit (i.e., WOB*N).
Bingham (1964)	A modified version of Maurer model-Simple but not precise
Eckel (1967)	Using Reynolds number to predict ROP based on mud properties
Bourgoyne and Young (1974)	A strong and widely-used basis for prediction of ROP and pore pressure
Warren (1981)	A two-part model specially for soft formations
Chia and Smith (1986)	Developed for a specific type of nuzzles-Only applicable in tungsten carbide bits
Walker et al. (1986)	Proposing an alternative equation for the case of not having the Mohr-Coulomb circle
Warren (1987)	A modified version of Warren (1981) model by adding the effects of cutting production rate and the rate of cutting removal from the well
Winters et al. (1987)	Developed based on Warren (1987) model-Correlating ROP with rock ductility and cone offset
Maidla and Ohara (1991)	A modified version of Bourgoyne and Young (1974) model by adding the effect of formation compressive strength
Hareland and Hoberock (1993)	A modified version of Warren (1987) model by adding bit dullness rate, lithology properties, bit differential pressure and the effects of hole-cleaning problems and creating the profiles of confined and unconfined compressive strengths of the rock
Caicedo et al. (2005)	Developed based on the MSE concept-Focusing on bit properties and rock mechanical parameters-The capability of analyzing the real-time drilling data
Hareland and Nygaard (2007)	A modified version of the Hareland and Hoberock (1993) model by correcting the rock mechanical parameters in this equation
Osgouei and Özbayoğlu (2007)	A modified version of Bourgoyne and Young (1974) model-Proposing another model for determining the bit dullness rate
Hareland et al. (2010)	Focused on bit-rock interactions-Considering the bit structure and specially its cutting mechanism
Wiktorski et al. (2017)	A model for ROP prediction by using steerable mud motors-Improving the Bourgoyne and Young (1974) model by adding the "dogleg severity" parameter-proper application for inclined wells

Table 4. Analytical and semi-analytical ROP models developed for PDC bits.

Researchers	Remarks
Peterson (1976)	Strong analytical basis-Mainly focused on bit structure properties
Wojtanowicz and Kuru (1987)	Highly complicated because of high number of variables
Hareland and Rampersad (1994)	Designed for natural diamond and also PDC bits-Considering the effects of bit dullness rate and lithology properties
Rastegar et al. (2008)	Modifying the model of Hareland and Rampersad (1994) to consider the equivalent bit radius, lithology coefficients, dynamic cutter action, and cutter wear
Shirkavand et al. (2009)	Modifying the previous model of Hareland and Rampersad (1994) by developing an equation for calculation of unconfined rock strength in both states of under-balanced and conventional drilling
Motahhari et al. (2010)	Prediction ROP by using the outputs of positive displacement motors for different types of PDC bits
Akbari et al. (2011)	Developed by using distinct element simulation and focusing on bottomhole pressure
Kerkar et al. (2014)	A modified version of the Hareland and Rampersad (1994) model by proposing a methodology for estimating the mechanical rock properties and in-situ rock mechanical profile of the wells-Highly applicable in directional and horizontal wells
Etesami et al. (2021)	A modified version of Bourgoyne and Young (1974) model which should be tuned based on the formations- Incorporating several parameters, such as ECD, downhole motor, mechanical WOB, inclination, equilibrium cuttings bed thickness, and downhole cuttings concentration-Highly applicable in directional and horizontal wells, especially in offshore gas fields

several empirical correlations for prediction of ROP in different formations. These correlations were generated for shale and limestone formations separately and they correlate ROP to some of the affecting parameters including mud flow rate, bit rotational speed, mud weight and total flow area. Moreover, Elkatatny (2019) proposed a correlation for ROP prediction by using an artificial neural network (ANN) which was optimized by self-adaptive differential evolution technique. The affecting parameters for developing this correlation were selected to be WOB, bit rotational speed, bit torque, UCS, hydraulic

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Table 5. Empiric	al Correlations	developed	for ROP	prediction.
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Researchers	Remarks	Chosen variables
Duklet and Bates (1980)	Specially developed for diamond bits-Considering formation characteristics and bit design variables	Bit rotational speed, HHP, fluid loss, average WOB and effective formation strength
Seifabad and Ehteshami (2013)	Considering geological data, mud properties and operational drilling parameters	WOB, bit rotational speed, depth, bit torque, mud density, mud viscosity and bit condition (new or dull)
Bezminabadi et al. (2017)	Developed for two modes of with and without having rock mechanical properties	WOB, bit rotational speed, mud flow rate, depth, bit wear co- efficient, friction angle, resistivity logs and hydrogen neutron porosity index
Alsubaih et al. (2018)	Generated for shale and limestone formations	WOB, bit rotational speed, mud flow rate, bit torque, mud density and total flow area.
Elkatatny (2019)	Developed by using a self-adaptive differential evo- lution ANN	WOB, bit rotational speed, bit torque, HHP, UCS, mud viscosity and mud density
Al-AbdulJabbar et al. (2019)	Developed based on drilling parameters and mud properties, by using non-linear regression analysis	WOB, bit rotational speed, mud flow rate, bit torque, UCS, standpipe pressure, mud viscosity and mud density
Al-AbdulJabbar et al. (2020)	Developed based on drilling parameters and conven- tional well logs, by using a self-adaptive differential evolution ANN	Bit rotational speed, bit toque, WOB, gamma-ray and forma- tion bulk density

horsepower, mud density and mud viscosity.

Al-AbdulJabbar et al. (2019) developed an empirical ROP model for carbonate formations based on several drilling parameters (i.e., WOB, UCS, mud flow rate, bit torque and standpipe pressure) and also mud properties (i.e., viscosity and density) by using the non-linear regression analysis for determining the unknown coefficients of the model. Later, Al-AbdulJabbar et al. (2020) developed another correlation by using an optimized ANN for prediction of ROP. This correlation was developed for horizontal drilling of carbonate reservoirs as a function of drilling parameters such as rotational speed, bit torque and WOB, combined with conventional well logs including gamma ray, deep resistivity and formation bulk density.

Table 5 details the information about the ROP correlations developed for ROP prediction and summarizes their characteristics. Based on this table, it is readily apparent that WOB (or average WOB) and bit rotational speed have been selected as the influencing parameters in all correlations. After these two parameters, bit torque (5 times), mud density (4 times), formation strength (3 times), mud viscosity (3 times) and mud flow rate (3 times) are the most repeated parameters in this regard. It seems that using these parameters for developing an ROP correlation is almost necessary; however, other related parameters such as bit wear condition (2 times), HHP (2 times) and hole depth (2 times) are not neglected in previous ROP correlations.

# **4.5 ROP models developed for horizontal and deviated wells**

Drilling in horizontal and deviated wells is becoming more and more widespread and the need for drilling optimization process in these wells is being felt more than ever (Osgouei and Özbayoğlu, 2007). So far, most of the ROP management studies are performed in vertical wells, while performing such process in horizontal and deviated wells is more necessary due to special mechanisms of hole-cleaning in these wells (Cho et al., 2002; Busahmin et al., 2017; Najjarpour et al., 2020). During directional and horizontal well drilling, many additional challenges such as limited WOB, excessive torque and drag, harder hole-cleaning and difficult trajectory control occur compared with vertical wells (Osgouei and Özbayoğlu, 2007; Najjarpour et al., 2020). In this section, several ROP models are reviewed which have special applications in horizontal and deviated wells.

Among all of the analytical, semi-analytical and empirical ROP models, four models (Osgouei and Özbayoğlu, 2007; Kerkar et al., 2014; Wiktorski et al., 2017; Etesami et al., 2021) are recognized to be highly-applicable for horizontal and directional wells, because of special features incorporated in these models. It should be noted that the ROP models of Kerkar et al. (2014) and Etesami et al. (2021) are developed for PDC bits while the models of Osgouei and Özbayoğlu (2007) and Wiktorski et al. (2017) are known to be the modified versions of Bourgoyne and Young (1974) model tuned for drilling with RCB bits in horizontal and directional wells.

Osgouei and Özbayoğlu (2007) added the effects of well inclination to the original model of Bourgoyne and Young (1974) by defining an extra variable for this purpose. Later, Wiktorski et al. (2017) expanded the Bourgoyne and Young (1974) model by adding the "dogleg severity" parameter to consider the effects of well inclination. These two ROP models have shown proper performances in horizontal and directional wells, but a performance comparison between these models is suggested for future studies.

Kerkar et al. (2014) proposed a methodology for ROP prediction with PDC bits (especially in horizontal and deviated wells) by calculating the wellbore friction force, adjusting the hook-load, computing friction coefficient and estimating downhole WOB by applying a standpipe pressure correction to the calculated hook-load and considering potential abrasiveness and sliding. Later on, Etesami (2021) presented a semi-analytical ROP model for PDC bits based on the conventional model of Bourgoyne and Young (1974) which should be



Fig. 10. Different applications of ROP models.

tuned based on formations. This model is highly applicable in inclined wells as it incorporates several pivotal parameters such as ECD, downhole motor, mechanical WOB, inclination, equilibrium cuttings bed thickness and downhole cuttings concentration, making it a good candidate for prediction of ROP in horizontal and deviated wells located in offshore gas fields. Multiple regression method should be used to adjust the coefficients of the model; however, a functional algorithm was introduced for better calculation of the unknown parameters and coefficients of this model based on formations.

### 5. Field applications and performance comparison studies for ROP management

It should be noted that the main purpose of developing analytical and semi-analytical models is to use them for field applications. While several studies have used analytical and semi-analytical ROP models as the basic method for ROP prediction, others have chosen ROP models as the objective functions for different optimization algorithms or as extra ROP prediction methods to use their results for performance comparison purposes (Barbosa et al., 2019). Making hybrid algorithms for ROP prediction by using pre-existing models is another function of these models implemented in the literature (Hegde et al., 2018; Najjarpour et al., 2020). Different applications of ROP models are depicted in Fig. 10, in which the types of ROP models are not distinguished. In the following sub-sections, a group of studies which have used the analytical and semi-analytical ROP models and empirical correlations for ROP management are reviewed to highlight the importance and effectivity of these models.

# 5.1 Analytical, semi-analytical and empirical ROP models as the main approach

Al-Betairi et al. (1988) studied the application of Bourgoyne and Young (1974) model in several oil wells. They observed some problems in using the multiple regression method for determining the coefficients of this model; therefore, they concluded that this approach is only valid for homogenous formations. Rampersad et al. (1994) used two models of Hareland and Hoberock (1993) and Hareland and Rampersad (1994) to evaluate their performances in drilling with RCB and PDC bits and compared their results with the results of geological drilling logs. Bahari and Baradaran Seyed (2007a, 2007b) compared four methods to determine the coefficients of Bourgoyne and Young (1974) model for ROP management in Khangiran gas field, in Northeast of Iran. As a result of this study, "trust-region" method was recognized to be the best. Further investigations, however, revealed that this method can be outperformed by other mathematical (i.e., progressive stochastic method) and artificial intelligence methods (i.e., genetic algorithm) for determining the unknown coefficients of Bourgoyne and Young (1974) model (Bahari et al., 2011; Rahimzadeh et al., 2011). For more information about these methods, studying several sources are proposed; as such, for trust-region (Sorensen, 1981; Moré and Sorensen, 1983; Conn et al., 2000), for progressive stochastic method (Rahimzadeh et al., 2011; Xiao and Zhang, 2014) and for GA (Holland, 1992; Whitley, 1994; Eberhart and Shi, 1998; Najjarpour and Jalalifar, 2018; Rahmanifard and Plaksina, 2018) can be mentioned.

Nygaard and Hareland (2007) proposed a model to estimate

the drilling time and bit wear by using the rock strength. For testing this method and their own ROP model (Hareland and Nygaard, 2007), they performed two ROP management studies in North Sea; which confirmed the effectiveness of this methodology. Later, Rastegar et al. (2008) developed an ROP simulator based on modified Warren model and also proposed some drilling instructions to increase ROP. Moreover, Bataei et al. (2010) compared the performance of three different ROP models including Bingham (1964), Bourgoyne and Young (1974), and Warren (1987) to find the best model based on formation types and predict the values of ROP by using the superior model. They developed an ROP management program including some instructions about drilling in each formation with optimum ROP and also optimum values of influencing parameters.

Mostofi et al. (2010) used mud logging data from an Iranian oil field to simulate an ROP model for that field based on the modified Warren model. Eren and Özbayoğlu (2010) used the Bourgoyne and Young (1974) model for ROP prediction by applying the statistical approach of multiple regressions for determining the unknown parameters of this model. Rahimzadeh et al. (2010) compared the performance of Bourgoyne and Young (1974) and Warren (1987) models in one of the gas fields of Persian Gulf. Later, they proposed the use of progressive stochastic method as a new methodology for determining the coefficients of Bourgoyne and Young (1974) model, resulting in a better performance than the trust-region and multiple regression methods (Rahimzadeh et al., 2011).

Sui et al. (2013) used a predictive approach to optimize the Bourgoyne and Young (1974) model for prediction of ROP in a well located in North Sea. During this study, application of Kalman filter was tested for estimating a statistical optimal state on noisy input data. Later on, Nascimento et al. (2015) and Kutas et al. (2015) investigated the applicability of Bourgoyne and Young (1974) model in Presalt formations of Atlantic Ocean, close to the shores of Brazil and Angola. Formighieri and Freitas (2015) used another methodology (i.e., Markov Chain Monte Carlo Simulation) to obtain the model coefficients of Bourgoyne and Young (1974) model to use it for prediction of ROP in three offshore wells. In this method, instead of determining fixed values for the model coefficients, creating probabilistic distributions for these parameters were replaced which improved the performance of this ROP model significantly.

Soares et al. (2016) conducted a performance comparison study in Williston Basin, located in North Dakota. They compared the performance of three ROP models including Bingham (1964), Hareland and Rampersad (1994) and Motahhari et al. (2010) in several formations. Later, Hazem Hassan and Abdul Hossein (2019) used the ROP model of Rastegar et al (2008), as a modification of Hareland and Hoberock (1994) model, for optimization of ROP. The procedure executed by utilizing the real time data from Buzargan oil field in Iraq.

Hegde et al. (2019) included the effects of drilling vibrations in ROP management by using a random forest (RF) classifier algorithm to predict the vibrations and setting vibration constrains for the tolerance of controllable parameters affecting ROP. During this study, several analytical ROP models were used for prediction of ROP and as a result, the model of Hareland and Hoberock (1993) expressed the highest accuracy. Therefore, it was chosen as the main objective function to be optimized by the gradient ascent algorithm with random restarts. This study showed that a combination of using analytical ROP models with mathematical approaches along with machine learning algorithms will be useful and effective in both aspects of ROP prediction and optimization.

Besides of the studies which have used the analytical and semi-analytical ROP models for the purpose of ROP management, lots of studies used their own ROP models for ROP management to test their applications (Galle and Woods, 1963; Eckel, 1967; Bourgoyne and Young, 1974; Peterson, 1976; Duklet and Bates, 1980; Warren, 1981, 1987; Chia and Smith, 1986; Walker et al., 1986; Winters et al., 1987; Wojtanowicz and Kuru, 1987; Maidla and Ohara, 1991; Hareland and Hoberock, 1993; Hareland and Rampersad, 1994; Caicedo et al., 2005; Hareland and Nygaard, 2007; Osgouei and Özbayoğlu, 2007; Shirkavand et al., 2009; Hareland et al., 2010; Motahhari et al., 2010; Seifabad and Ehteshami, 2013; Kerkar et al., 2014; Bezminabadi et al., 2017; Wiktorski et al., 2017; Al-AbdulJabbar et al., 2019; Elkatatny, 2019; Al-AbdulJabbar et al., 2020; Etesami et al., 2021). Table 6 shows a brief review on research studies which have used different ROP models and empirical correlations as the main approach for ROP management.

### 5.2 Analytical, semi-analytical and empirical ROP models as an extra method

As mentioned before, the purpose of this study is to review the performance comparison studies and field applications by using the analytical, semi-analytical and empirical ROP models as the main approach for ROP management. However, these methods have also been used in some of the previous studies as an extra method for ROP prediction or as the objective function in the ROP optimization algorithms. Most of these studies have already been reviewed by Barbosa et al. (2019), while Table 7 summarizes those reviewed in this study.

As reported in Table 7, Bourgoyne and Young (1974) model has been used as an extra ROP management method for comparing with the results of other ROP prediction methods more repeatedly (19 times), while Bingham (1963) model (9 times) and Hareland and Rampersad (1994) model (4 times) stand in the next places. Almost all of these studies have selected the artificial intelligence algorithms as the main approach for ROP management. In this way, ANNs (11 times), ensemble machine learning algorithms (6 times), and adaptive neuro-fuzzy inference system (ANFIS) (4 times) have been repeated more than other approaches of ROP management, respectively. Moreover, the ROP model of Hareland and Hoberock (1993), as a modified version of Warren (1987) model, has been successfully implemented (twice) as the whole or a part of the objective function for different optimization algorithms.

Researchers	ROP Model	Region	Results
Galle and Woods (1963)	Galle and Woods (1963)	USA	7 to 44 percent cost reduction in drilling
Eckel (1965)	Eckel (1965)	USA	ROP improvement by decreasing the kinematic viscosity
Bourgoyne and Young (1974)	Bourgoyne and Young (1974)	USA (Gulf Coast)	10 to 80 percent cost reduction in drilling
Peterson (1976)	Peterson (1976)	USA (Uintah Basin)	25% ROP improvement
Duklet and Bates (1980)	Duklet and Bates (1980)	USA (Louisiana and Utah)	Average relative error of 15.3% and maximum relative error of 40.5% for ROP prediction
Warren (1981)	Warren (1981)	USA (Catoosa shale)	Average relative error of 14.5% in ROP prediction
Chia and Smith (1986)	Chia and Smith (1986)	USA (Texas)	18 % ROP improvement by using the designed mini- extended nuzzles
Walker et al. (1986)	Walker et al. (1986)	USA	Correlation factor of 0.88 and 0.9 for ROP prediction
Wojtanowicz and Kuru (1987)	Wojtanowicz and Kuru (1987)	USA (Gulf Coast)	Cost reduction of 30 to 300 percent
Warren (1987)	Warren (1987)	USA (Indiana and Carthage limestone)	Proper accuracy of ROP prediction in both formations
Winters et al. (1987)	Winters et al. (1987)	USA (Catoosa shale and Carthage limestone)	A range of 0.4 to 2 percent mean square error for ROP prediction in different wells
Al-Betairi et al. (1988)	Bourgoyne and Young (1974)	Saudi Arabia	Inefficiency of multiple regression in heterogeneous formations
Maidla and Ohara (1991)	Maidla and Ohara (1991)	Brazil (Alagaos field)	Better ROP prediction than the original model of Bourgoyne and Young (1974)
Hareland and Hoberock (1993)	Hareland and Hoberock (1993)	USA (Texas and Wyoming)	Better ROP prediction than the original model of Warre (1987)
Hareland and Rampersad (1994)	Hareland and Rampersad (1994)	USA (Catoosa shale and Carthage limestone)	Proper accuracy of ROP prediction in both formations
Rampersad et al. (1994)	Hareland and Hoberock (1993) Hareland and Rampersad (1994)	USA (East Texas)	Cost reduction of 75%
Caicedo et al. (2005)	Caicedo et al. (2005)	USA	Proper accuracy of ROP prediction and providing a platform for optimization of ROP
Bahari and Baradaran Seyed (2007a, 2007b)	Bourgoyne and Young (1974)	Iran (Khangiran gas field)	Cost reduction of 30 to 180 percent
Hareland and Nygaard (2007)	Hareland and Nygaard (2007)	Norway (North Sea)	Proper accuracy of ROP prediction
Nygaard and Hareland (2007)	Hareland and Nygaard (2007)	Norway (North Sea)	Proper accuracy of ROP prediction
Osguei and Özbayoğlu (2007)	Osguei and Özbayoğlu (2007)	Iran (Persian Gulf)	Better ROP prediction than the original model of Bourgoyne and Young (1974) in horizontal and directional wells
Rastegar et al. (2008)	Rastegar et al. (2008)	Iran (Salman oil field)	Functionality of the model for ROP prediction in spite its simplicity
Shirkavand et al. (2009)	Shirkavand et al. (2009)	Iran	Proper accuracy of ROP prediction for under balanced drilling
Bataei et al. (2010)	Bingham (1964) Bourgoyne and Young (1974) Warren (1987)	Iran (Shadegan oil field)	Prediction of ROP by the optimum model for each formation
Motahhari et al. (2010)	Motahhari et al. (2010)	Canada (Alberta)	Proper performance in ROP prediction
Hareland et al. (2010)	Hareland et al. (2010)	Canada	Proper accuracy in prediction of ROP and rock strength
Mostofi et al. (2010)	Hareland and Hoberock (1993)	Iran (Asmari formation)	Cost reduction of 38 percent on average
Eren and Özbayoğlu (2010)	Bourgoyne and Young (1974)	Iran (Persian Gulf)	Proper ROP prediction accuracy
Rahimzadeh et al. (2010)	Bourgoyne and Young (1974) Warren (1987)	Iran (Persian Gulf)	Preference of Bourgoyne and Young (1974) model with the correlation factor of 0.812
Rahimzadeh et al. (2011)	Bourgoyne and Young (1974)	Iran (Persian Gulf)	4.4 to 6.3 percent average error for ROP prediction by using the progressive stochastic method for determining the model coefficients
Seifabad and Ehteshami (2013)	Seifabad and Ehteshami (2013)	Iran (Ahvaz Field)	67.2 to 85.7 percent accuracy in different formations

Table 6. ROP management studies by using analytical, semi-analytical and empirical ROP models as the main approach for ROP prediction.

Researchers	ROP Model	Region	Results
Sui et al. (2013)	Bourgoyne and Young (1974)	Norway (North Sea)	Applicability of model predictive control strategy in improving the ROP prediction accuracy
Kerkar et al. (2014)	Kerkar et al. (2014)	Canada (Alberta)	Proper accuracy of ROP prediction
Formighieri and Freitas (2015)	Bourgoyne and Young (1974)	Brazil	0.03 to 0.09 mean absolute percentage error
Kutas et al. (2015)	Bourgoyne and Young (1974)	Brazil (Santos and Campos basins)	26.6% relative error
Nascimento et al. (2015)	Bourgoyne and Young (1974)	Brazil (Santos and Campos basins)	27% relative error
Soares et al. (2016)	Bingham (1964) Hareland and Rampersad (1994) Motahhari et al. (2010)	USA (Williston Basin, North Dakota)	Superiority of Hareland and Rampersad (1994) model with a range of 20 to 25 percent relative error in differe formations
Wiktorski et al. (2017)	Wiktorski et al. (2017)	Norway	Better ROP prediction than the original model of Bourgoyne and Young (1974)
Bezminabadi et al. (2017)	Bezminabadi et al. (2017)	Iran (Azadegan oil field)	Correlation factor of 0.62 in ROP prediction
Al-AbdulJabbar et al. (2019)	Al-AbdulJabbar et al. (2019)	Saudi Arabia	Average absolute error of 5% and correlation factor of $0.93$
Hazem Hassan and Abdul Hussein (2019)	Rastegar et al. (2008)	Iraq (Buzargan oil field)	94% accuracy of ROP prediction
Elkatatny (2019)	Elkatatny (2019)	Saudi Arabia	Correlation factor of 0.98 and 5% average absolute percentage error
Hegde et al. (2019)	Bingham (1964) Bourgoyne and Young (1974) Hareland and Hoberock (1993) Motahhari et al. (2010)	USA (Williston Basin, North Dakota)	Superiority of Hareland and Hoberock (1993) model in ROP prediction with 14% average normalized error and 14.1% ROP improvement as the result of ROP optimization
Al-AbdulJabbar et al. (2020)	Al-AbdulJabbar et al. (2020)	Saudi Arabia	Correlation factor of 0.956 and 5.29% average absolute percentage error
Etesami et al. (2021)	Etesami et al. (2021)	Canada	Correlation factor of 0.81 to 0.96 in different wells

Table 6. ROP management studies by using analytical, semi-analytical and empirical ROP models as the main approach for ROP prediction. (Continued)

#### 6. Discussion

Having reviewed the ROP management projects and studies by using the analytical and semi-analytical models, it can be inferred that the Bourgoyne and Young (1974) model has been used as the main ROP model for field managements more than others. The results of this study confirms that no other ROP model can outnumber this one in field management applications, which is stated in previous studies as well (Mammadov et al., 2015). It is not a wonder that Bourgoyne and Young (1974) model has been used more than other ROP models; because it is known as the most famous and widely-accepted model for prediction of ROP in field management studies (Mammadov et al., 2015; Amer et al., 2017; Manshad et al., 2017). Our analysis also shows that the model of Hareland and Hoberock (1993) (the modified Warren model) stands in the second place of the most repeated ROP models in field management applications.

By focusing on Table 2, it can be seen that several ROP models are actually modified versions of the previous well-known models, such as Warren (1987) and Bourgoyne and Young (1974); therefore, it is better to cumulate these models in single categories. Fig. 11 shows the shares of these categories being used as the main approach for ROP management projects and studies. In this figure, the models of Warren (1987) and Bourgoyne and Young (1974) and also all

the modified versions of these models are categorized in two separate groups, while the rest of ROP models developed for RCB bits are put in another category. Besides, analytical and semi-analytical ROP models developed for PDC bits and also empirical correlations are cumulated in other categories.

As it can be seen in Fig. 11, Bourgoyne and Young (1974) model and its modified versions outnumber the category of Warren (1987) model and its modified versions. In fact, proper performance of the original Bourgoyne and Young (1974) model has made this ROP model as a good candidate for performing ROP management projects, while the simplicity and affectivity of Warren (1974) model has persuaded several authors to develop new modified ROP models based on this model and use them for field management applications. This model (or its modified versions) has been used as a practical method or as the objective function of artificial intelligence algorithms in the literature (Elahifar et al., 2012; Yi et al., 2015; Jiang and Samuel, 2016), as well.

Table 6 highlights the results of reviewed studies in terms of precision of ROP prediction, the amount of ROP improvement and the reduction of drilling costs, which confirms the proper applicability of analytical and semi-analytical ROP models in field management studies. Besides of these results, a summary of important findings of the reviewed studies is listed in this table. According to this table, Bourgoyne and 

 Table 7. Research studies by using analytical, semi-analytical and empirical ROP models as an extra approach for ROP management or the objective function of optimization algorithms.

Researchers Chosen ROP Models		Main ROP Management Approach		
Moradi et al. (2010)	Bourgoyne and Young (1974) (optimized by genetic algorithm)	Artificial intelligence algorithms (hybrid Fuzzy Logic)		
Arabjamaloei and Shadizadeh (2011)	Bourgoyne and Young (1974)	Artificial intelligence algorithms (ANN)		
Bahari et al. (2011)	Bourgoyne and Young (1974) [optimized by genetic algorithm and trust-region method]	Artificial intelligence algorithms (General Regression Neural Network)		
Amar and Ibrahim (2012)	Bourgoyne and Young (1974)	Artificial intelligence algorithms (ANN)		
AlArfaj et al. (2012)	Bourgoyne and Young (1974)	Artificial intelligence algorithms (ANN)		
Arabjamaloei and Karimi Dehkordi (2012)	Bourgoyne and Young (1974) Hareland and Hoberock (1993)	Artificial intelligence algorithms (ANN, ANFIS)		
Bataee et al. (2014)	Bingham (1964) Bourgoyne and Young (1974) Warren (1987)	Artificial intelligence algorithms (ANN)		
Guria et al. (2014)	Bourgoyne and Young (1974)	Artificial intelligence algorithms (elitist non-dominated sorting gen algorithm)		
Awatonde and Mutasiem (2014)	Hareland and Hoberock (1993)*	Artificial intelligence algorithms (Differential Evolution Algorithm)		
Jiang and Samuel (2016)	Hareland and Hoberock (1993)*	Artificial intelligence algorithms (ANN, Ant Colony Opti- mization)		
Khosravanian et al. (2016)	Bourgoyne and Young (1974)	Artificial intelligence algorithms (Fuzzy Logic)		
Hegde et al. (2017)	Bingham (1964) Motahhari et al. (2010) Hareland and Rampersad (1994)	Artificial intelligence algorithms (Ensemble Machine Learning Algorithms)		
Hegde and Gray (2017)	Bingham (1964) Motahhari et al. (2010) Hareland and Rampersad (1994)	Artificial intelligence algorithms (Ensemble Machine Learning Algorithms)		
Tewari and Dewivedi (2017)	Bourgoyne and Young (1974)	Artificial intelligence algorithms (ANN)		
Ayoub et al. (2017)	Bingham (1964) Bourgoyne and Young (1974)	Artificial intelligence algorithms (ANFIS)		
Elkatatny (2018)	Maurer (1963) Bingham (1964) Bourgoyne and Young (1974)	Artificial intelligence algorithms (ANN)		
Diaz et al. (2018)	Bourgoyne and Young (1974)	Artificial intelligence algorithms (ANN)		
Yavari et al. (2018)	Bourgoyne and Young (1974) Hareland and Rampersad (1994)	Artificial intelligence algorithms (ANFIS)		
Alsubaih et al. (2018)	Bourgoyne and Young (1974) Alsubaih et al. (2018)	Mechanical specific energy concept		
Hadi et al. (2019)	Bourgoyne and Young (1974)	Artificial intelligence algorithms (ANN)		
Soares and Gray (2019)	Bingham (1964) Bourgoyne and Young (1974) Hareland and Rampersad (1994) Motahhari et al. (2010)	Artificial intelligence algorithms (Ensemble Machine Learning Algorithms)		
Ahmed et al. (2019)	Maurer (1963) Bingham (1963)	Artificial intelligence algorithms (Fuzzy Logic)		
Najjarpour et al. (2020)	Bingham (1963) [Optimized by trust-region method] Bezminabadi et al. (2017)	Artificial intelligence algorithms (Ensemble Machine Learning Algorithms)		
Elkatatny (2020); Elkatatny et al. (2020)	Maurer (1963) Bingham (1963) Bourgoyne and Young (1974)	Artificial intelligence algorithms (ANN, Ensemble Machine Learning Algorithms, ANFIS)		
Kor and Altun (2020)	Bourgoyne and Young (1974)	Artificial intelligence algorithms (Ensemble Machine Learning Algorithms)		



Fig. 11. Proportion of different ROP models being used as the main approach for ROP management.

Young (1974) model (or its modified versions) is thought to be the most precise ROP model, by showing proper ROP prediction performances in almost all cases, while Elkatatny (2019) correlation has recorded the most precision among all the listed ROP correlations. Still, for better comparison of these methods, using a uniform dataset and possible readjustment of these correlations are needed which can be a subject to be evaluated in future performance comparison studies.

Based on the previous findings (Bahari and Baradaran Seyed, 2007b), the trust-region algorithm is a valid option for finding unknown coefficients of the Bourgoyne and Young (1974) model; however, this method has been outperformed by progressive stochastic method (Rahimzadeh et al., 2011) and also genetic algorithm (Bahari et al., 2011). Therefore, application of the Bourgoyne and Young (1974) model with one of these methods is a proper suggestion for future field applications, if using analytical, semi-analytical and empirical ROP models are supposed to be the main approach for ROP management. This approach was tested in previous studies (Bahari and Baradaran Seyed, 2007a; Bahari et al., 2011; Rahimzadeh et al., 2011; Soares and Gray, 2019) and promising results achieved.

By focusing on Table 7, it is apparent that Bourgoyne and Young (1974) model has proved its application in ROP prediction as an extra ROP management approach for adopting performance comparison (mostly with ANN models) in a majority of the studies, while Bingham (1963) and Hareland and Rampersad (1994) models rank in the next places. Moreover, by focusing on the performance of Hareland and Hoberock (1993) model (modified Warren model) in this table, it is persuasive to consider it as a proper choice for the objective function of optimization algorithms in ROP management studies due to its simplicity and accuracy. This approach is tested in previous studies and has proved to be effective and functional (Awotunde and Mutasiem, 2014; Jiang and Samuel, 2016).

By summating the results of this study and the literature, it could be concluded that the classic model of Bourgoyne and Young (1974) or its modified versions are suggested as the best choice for the cases that an analytical or semianalytical ROP model is being used for ROP management, either as the main approach or as an extra ROP prediction method for adopting performance comparison. This finding is validated by previous performance comparison studies, in which different ROP models are compared to each other. Also, a quick overview on Table 2 yields the same results, as this model (or its modified version) has showed proper results whenever implemented, recording the highest average prediction accuracy among all ROP models. Needless to say, for better comparison and judgment about different ROP models, the evaluated dataset for all of the articles should be uniform, which is a subject for future performance comparison studies.

It is also suggested to use Osguei and Özbayoğlu (2007) or Wiktorski et al. (2017) models (for drilling with RCB bits) or Kerkar et al. (2014) and Etesami et al. (2021) models (for drilling with PDC bits) to perform the ROP prediction process in horizontal and deviated wells. It is mainly because of defining new parameters (e.g., dogleg severity) to focus on the special conditions of these types of wells. In addition, Hareland and Hoberock (1993) model (modified Warren model) is also suggested to be used as the objective function of optimization algorithms (e.g., PSO). Even if the above suggestions have proved to be successful in most cases, still the necessity of a special expert system to examine different analytical and semi-analytical models in each field is being felt [such expert system was designed and successfully implemented by the authors (Najjarpour et al., 2020)].

The globalization of ROP management studies were also analyzed in this study. It should be noted that the basis for this analysis is the region or the field which ROP management is performed, but in the cases that this information were not stated clearly, the information from the authors' locations are used as the region of study. Moreover, only the research studies which have used the analytical, semi-analytical and empirical ROP models as the main approach for ROP management (listed in Table 6) are considered in this analysis. By considering these assumptions, Fig. 12 is created which shows the countries with the most ROP management studies among all the reviewed articles. USA, Iran, Brazil, Saudi Arabia, Canada, Norway and Iraq are among the countries in which these ROP management studies are conducted. The detailed information about the regions of such ROP management studies are shown in Table 6.

Final two analyses in this paper are about the distribution of different types of studies and also the share of each decade in these publications. For this purpose, three categories of journal articles, master or PhD thesis and conference papers are defined and all of the evaluated studies (listed in Table 6) are implemented in these categories. Fig. 13 shows the distribution of each publication source in ROP management



Fig. 12. List of countries with the most number of field management studies by using analytical, semi-analytical and empirical ROP models.



**Fig. 13.** Distribution of each publication source for the research studies which have used the analytical, semi-analytical and empirical models as the main approach for ROP management.



Fig. 14. Share of each decade in the research studies which have used the analytical, semi-analytical and empirical models as the main approach for ROP management.

studies which have used the analytical, semi-analytical and

empirical ROP models as the main approach for ROP management, while Fig. 14 shows the share of each decade in these publications.

As it can be seen in Figs. 13 and 14, conference papers have been the most repeated source of publication for these articles, while they have been published in the previous decade (from 2010 to 2019) more than previous ones. By concentrating on Table 6, it can also be excluded that the beginning and the ending years of this past decade (2010 and 2019) had had the highest amount of publications by using ROP models as the main approach of ROP management (each one with 4 studies). The analysis also shows that in spite of the fluctuations (between 80's and 90's), the general trend of publications in this category has been on the growth hitherto, and it is expected to grow even more in the current decade (from 2020 to 2029).

#### 7. Conclusions

This study began with a description of the parameters affecting ROP and continued with explaining the history and formulation of several analytical, semi-analytical and empirical ROP models. Then, some of ROP management projects and studies which have used these models as the main approach for ROP prediction were reviewed. In addition, the reviewed performance comparison and field application studies by using these models as the extra method for ROP management were listed. The findings of this study can be summarized as below.

- The model of Bourgoyne and Young (1974) is the most repeated model as the main approach for ROP management in previous studies, while Hareland and Hoberock (1993) (the modified Warren model) ranks in the second place.
- 2) The classic model of Bourgoyne and Young (1974) or its modified versions are suggested as the best choice for the cases that an analytical or semi-analytical ROP model is being used for ROP management, either as the main approach or as an extra ROP prediction method. Trustregion, progressive stochastic method and genetic algorithm are proper choices for determining the unknown coefficients of this ROP model.
- 3) For ROP prediction in deviated and horizontal wells, using the Osguei and Özbayoğlu (2007) and Wiktorski et al. (2017) models are proper choices, while Hareland and Hoberock (1993) model (modified Warren model) is also suggested to be used as the objective function of optimization algorithms.

By studying the previous articles related to the ROP models, it can be easily understood that the amount of work and effort put into this subject has been significant; however, there is no limit for this research topic and there are still lots of ways to go through in the future. For instance, application of these models for creating hybrid ROP prediction models as well as objective function of optimization algorithms still need to be improved in forthcoming studies. Moreover, models developed for horizontal and deviated wells do not take into account all special mechanisms of hole-cleaning in such wells, requiring better establishment in further research studies. It is foreseen by the authors that future ROP models are more prone to consider these research directions instead of trying to surpass pre-existed ROP models.

#### Nomenclature

a = model coefficient, dimensionless

 $a_c$  = chip holddown permeability coefficient, dimensionless

 $a_i$  = model exponent, dimensionless  $a_s$  = stress confinement coefficient, dimensionless Ar = relative abrasiveness, dimensionlessb = model coefficient, dimensionless  $b_c$  = chip holddown permeability exponent, dimensionless  $b_s$  = formation permeability coefficient, dimensionless c = model coefficient, dimensionless $c_c$  = chip holddown permeability constant, dimensionless  $D_h$  = bit diameter, in. ECD = equivalent circulating density, lbm/gal  $f_c(P_e)$  = chip holddown function, lbf  $f_i$  = model coefficient, dimensionless  $F_i$  = jet impact force, lbf  $F_{im}$  = modified jet impact force, lbf  $g_p$  = pore pressure gradient, lbm/gal h = fractional bit tooth wear, dimensionless  $HP_b$  = bit hydraulic power (hp) K = formation drillability constant, dimensionless N = rotational speed, rev/min $P_e$  = effective differential pressure, psi Q = flow rate, gal/min ROP = rate of penetration, ft/hrS =confined compressive strength, psi  $S_0$  = unconfined compressive strength, kPa SPP = standpipe pressure, psi T = drilling torque, ft-lbfTVD = true vertical depth, ftUCS = uniaxial compressive strength, psi W = weight on bit, lbf  $W_c$  = wear coefficient, dimensionless  $(W/D_b)t$  = Threshold bit weight per inch of bit diameter where bit begins to drill, lbf/in  $W_f$  = bit wear function, dimensionless x = bit exponent, dimensionless  $\Delta BG$  = change in bit tooth wear, dimensionless  $\alpha$  = siderake angle, degree  $\theta$  = backrake angle, degree  $\gamma_f$  = fluid specific gravity, dimensionless  $\mu$  = plastic viscosity, cP  $\rho$  = mud density, lbm/gal

### List of Acronyms

- ANFIS = adaptive neuro-fuzzy inference system
- ANN = artificial neural network
- ECD = equivalent circulating density
- HHP = hydraulic horsepower
- PDC = polycrystalline diamond compact
- RCB = roller-cone bits
- ROP = rate of penetration

UCS = uniaxial compressive strength WOB = weight on bit

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