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Machine Learning for Engineers: Calculating Reserves and Visualizing Depletion

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Cluster analysis using Self-organized maps can be very accurate when determining reserves when the reservoir can be identified, and

Looking for anomalous data points can be key in determining depletion providing the seismic data was acquired after most of the production had taken place.

What is SOM? (Self-organized maps)

Phase

S. Texas 3D

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Oklahoma

Permian

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Wyoming

We all live in a world where data is organized – which makes it easy to "find" things for which we are looking.

In the case of seismic "organization", imagine a file drawer with different 3D's and the folders within are the seismic data files.

But we want to "organize" those attributes into something meaningful in the subsurface!

Amplitudes

Example of Classification of "Attributes" – T. Kohonen

This example shows how the classification process can group clusters of similar information. Using this method with seismic attributes results in a more clear view of the subsurface stratigraphy than can be done in a conventional wavelet interpretation. Using the data in SAMPLE statistics, allows fine resolution of rock properties, regardless of frequency or depth.

- **Classify statistics which describe quality of life attributes such as state of health, longevity, education, income, taxation, population density, etc. (39 in total)**
	- **Countries with similar quality of life attributes cluster together (126 countries)**
- **Organize data into spreadsheet**
- **Columns = Quality of life attributes**
- **Rows = Country**
	- **9 x 13 hexagonal neuron topology (117 neurons)**

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39 quality of life statistics (UN)

126 countries

9X13 hexagonal neuron topology (117 neurons)

Each "cell/neuron" has unique properties. The closer the cells are together The closer in properties they are. They can then be organized on a "map" by their properties. In much the same way, Paradise organizes data in the subsurface by the variance in discrete rock properties.

> **Self-Organizing Maps (unsupervised classification of data)**

T. Kohonen, 2001

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Paradise Sample Resolution" – number crunching!

Every Sample from each Attribute is Input into a PCA or SOM Analysis

Scale of SOM Results

TGS Study of the Meramec Production in Blaine and Kingfisher Counties, Oklahoma

Proof of concept challenge

Project Objectives:

- Discriminate production in the Meramec Formation
- 2) Understand the "accuracy" in the machine learning classification results

Assumptions and Challenges:

- 1) Production is not necessarily related to only geological changes (reason for only using straight holes for challenge)
- 1) Permeability could not be calculated from the log curves provided in order to calibrate well production
- 3) Difficulty in isolating specific production in all the wells through multiple zone perforations

S-N Arb Line PP5D-PRCMIG (1.3-2.1sec) – Resampled to 1ms and used for Parent attribute

Section thins considerably from south to north – important because source rock is thinning as well

How PCA relates to finding the most significant seismic attributes *(12 seismic attributes were employed)*

The first principal component accounts for as much of the variability in the data as possible, and each succeeding component (orthogonal to previous) accounts for as much of the remaining variability as possible.

SECOND PRINCIPAL COMPONENT

Dominant Freq 34.61%

Instantaneous Freq 29.42%

Instantaneous Q 17.68%

These 3 attributes account for more than 81% of the

remaining information.

Using Instantaneous attributes in PCA, then SOM

Principal Component Analysis is used in the ThoughtFlow™ to help select those attributes which may contribute more significant information going into the SOM process.

PCA: Eigen Vector 1 – Instantaneous Attributes through Line 754 (going through best well) Window of focus was 10 ms above Meramec Fm. and 10 ms below Base Woodford Fm.

Arbitrary Line taken from SOM in 3D Survey

CUM: 4354 BO + 1.1 BCFG

LOJA

Top4PCA-Inst__10x10_-10 to 0 Mer-Wood

(used top instantaneous attributes from first four Eigen Vectors in a 10x10 topology. Window of analysis is 10 ms above Meramec to Base Woodford)

Although porosity is low, there is a distinct neural pattern associated with the higher resistivity section in the log – especially at the lower perforated section of the well.

Effie Casady

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Effie Casady logs

Higher resistivity

was targeted in

the perforations

Here are both neurons, colored in approximately the same color configuration as in the Kingdom display. This is also a sculpted interval

Geobodies are on a scale of bin X sample increment, therefore,

geobodies can be quantified.

Each bin X sample increment can be quantified to compute Gross Rock Volume, Hydrocarbon Pore Volume, etc.

Hydrocarbon Pore Volume (HPV) HPV = PV * (1-Sw) Porosity 0-1 (from user)

Sample Volume (Time) Calculated (Bin X * Bin Y * Bin Z(Sample in time/msec. * velocity)) Depth Conversion Velocity 5 Digit Value from User: 12000 Feet/sec (survey units) Gross Rock Volume GRV = Sample Volume * Sample Count Net Rock Volume NRV = GRV * Net Rock Factor (0-1) Pore Volume PV = NRV * Porosity Water Saturation Percentage (by user from log data)

118,695,700 CuFt/43,560 = 2725 ac-ft x 225 BOE/ac-ft = 613,125 BOE Actual is: 611,685 BOE for the well

Arbitrary Line in PP5D-PRCMIG from Cassady well to other wells with key neurons

Enlarged section from previous line in Paradise SOM

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I took the total cubic feet of hydrocarbon pore volume and divided by 43,560 (# of square feet in an acre) to get Ac-Ft. Then I multiplied the number of Ac-Ft (2114.4) by the recovery factor given to me by my friend at the large independent to end up with 475,751 BOE. There were only three of the four wells which perforated the key neuron, and the total BOE of those three wells was 423,080.

However, the MacKellar #1 Clydena perforated a small interval of the key neuron, so I added the BOE production from that well to get to 481,681 BOE, which is within **2% error** from the calculated amount

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AMPLE COUNT FILTER

92,105,400/43,560 = 2114.4 Ac-Ft x 225 BOE/Ac-Ft = 475,751 BOE

Actual from the three wells perforated in the neuron is 423,080 BOE + 58,601 = 481,681BOE from Neuron #72

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PROSPECT

An "M.L. Driven" Prospect

Upper Wilcox & Queen City Targets

Duval County , TX

The **Geronimo Prospect** is on stratigraphic trend with N.E. Thompsonville, Fandango and N.W. Rosita Fields

It has the potential of 300+ BCFGE. The structure is approximately six miles long and two miles wide. Targets are the Upper Wilcox Hinnant Sands from the UW-1 to the UW-17.

The initial test well is designed to test a large faulted, four-way closure with vertical relief in excess of 1000 feet. The prospect exhibits multiple stacked sands with thicknesses ranging from 40 to 100 feet.

Additional potential can be seen in the Queen City Fm., which would be a non-pipe test at about 9000 feet.

A 27-square mile 3D, acquired in 1998 and reprocessed by Tricon Geophysical recently is the basis for this prospect. All attributes were created using the Far Angle Stack to better support any AVO gas effect in the data.

Gathers at key sands show Type 2P and Type 3 AVO characteristics.

ANALOG UW – 17 PAY FOR WEST LOCATION

FROM

Time Structure Grid of Near Top Wilcox $Cl = 20$ ms (~100')

At the Top Wilcox (UW-1) the Geronimo Structure maps out as an elongate faulted anticlinal structure 6 miles in length and 2 miles in width' very similar to the N.E. Thompsonville structure.

CLASS III AVO Signature Along XLINE 3725

Upper Sand – West Side

Upper Sand – East Side

Total Acre*Feet = 540.03 x 2000Mcfg/Ac*Ft = 1.08 Bcfg + Liquids

Total Acre*Feet = 4369.67 x 2000Mcfg/Ac*Ft = ~8.74 Bcfg + Liquids

Total Acre*Feet = 7198.22 x 2000Mcfg/Ac*Ft = ~14.4 Bcfg + Liquids

Upside potential for well for all sands intercepted could be as much as **39.66 Bcfg + Liquids**

Upside potential for well for all sands intercepted could be as much as **19.87Bcfg + Liquids**

Visualizing Depletion using Low Probability Volumes

The importance of understanding "Stack" and "Halo Neurons" in ANY reservoir – but especially in Carbonates. Also – a good example of how "pre-conceived" ideas about the reservoir are not always correct! And – throw in the importance of the "Low Probability" volume assessment too!

Attributes

Neurons 71 (main), 53, 62, 72, and 82 (supporting) better define porosity

Low Probability Volume – outside "edge" of data points are furthest away from center of cluster – and are considered "most anomalous". So, if attributes are used which are "hydrocarbon indicators" then the "low probability" anomalies could possibly be hydrocarbon indicators. At the very least, they would tend to show the best of the properties of the attributes used in the analysis

Classified Multi-Attribute Samples

Attributes

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Envelope-Bands-on-Envelope-Breaks Envelope-Bands-on-Phase-Breaks F-NxF_AVO_0005 Instantaneous-Frequency Sweetness_30-38-0005

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Key thin, calcareously cemented sand which was productive at the top of The Chalk

Double A Wells – Woodbine Paradise evaluation

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West to East Arbitrary Line A - PSTM

After several "recipes" of attributes and looking at different topologies (numbers of neural classes), it was determined that a 9x9 matrix tied the wells the best. The best production appears to come from perforations which fall in Neurons #73 (yellow), #55 (dark green) and #37 and #38 (dark blue), with secondary neurons of #47 and #48 (aqua). Over all the wells, additional neurons #39,40,41 and 13 contribute to the better production

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This is more obvious when looking at the West to East

Cross-Section A – with SOM extracted along well bore – and flattened on Woodbine Sand

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This is the areal extent of all Key neurons related to production turned on within a zone from the Key horizon down to 20 ms below the horizon. The neurons found at the perforations in the "Great" and "Excellent" wells are #37, 55 and 73, with other "Good" wells using Neurons #47 and 48. Neurons #15, 17, 18, 26, and 27 are generally associated with wells with "Poor" or "Fair" **Production.**

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Same view, but with only the most 10% anomalous data points turned on – showing the depletion of reserves in the field. There do seem to be a few spots left (circled in red), which may hold enough reserves to be economic for drilling.

GEOPHYSICAL

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In the most southern area, the total net acre feet is about 10,252. This is the combination of both Geobodies which are neurons #73 and #37. An estimated interval velocity of 14,000 ft/sec was used. A net/gross ratio of 80%, porosity of 25% and water saturation of 30% were also estimated based on log curve analysis and verbal communication with the operator.

If one assumes a recovery factor of 2000 Mcfg/AcFt and 54 BO/MMcfg (average for field), then this area has the potential of producing 20.5 Bcfg and over 1.1MMBO These estimates would put a well here in the "Great" category

Name:

6584.00

3668.62

Hydrocarbon Pore Volume (Acre-Feet)

59

Conclusions:

It is possible to be very accurate in estimating/predicting potential reserves using geobodies derived from Self-organized Maps.

It is possible to use Low Probability volume calculated during SOM process to see depletion- if seismic data was shot AFTER most of the production had occurred, thus being able to look at possible stranded reserves.

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