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# How Machine Learning is Replacing Conventional Interpretation

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# Not your "Daddy's" Neural Analysis

- Unsupervised neural analysis has been around for some time

   but the technology has drastically changed because of
   increased computer power, the invention/creation of
   hundreds of new attributes and looking at the statistical
   classification based on sample rate versus the wavelet.
- This is NOT "black box", but employs advanced understanding of various attributes and their contribution to finding solutions to specific problems in the seismic world. It can be "GIGO" if not used carefully.



#### How SOM works (10 attributes)

3D SURVEY SPACE



Each sample location in the 3D survey will have <u>10 values</u> associated with each attribute ATTRIBUTE SPACE 10 attributes=10 2D COLOR dimensional space MAP Dimensions: (8 x 8) Nonlinear SOM performs cooperative and Mapping competitive training to classify 64 patterns/clusters in attribute space Each neuron represents a cluster of data points, where each data point retains its location in 3D survey space

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







# Case History #1

#### Defining a reservoir in deep, pressured sands with poor data quality

#### Deep Pressured Tuscaloosa Sands (Cretaceous) in S. Louisiana



#### **Deep Pressured Sands in S. Louisiana**

Perforations appear to be close to base of flat spot, which indicates that reservoir is much thicker than just currently producing sand.



#### Seeing the reservoir in the Tuscaloosa Sands



#### Seeing the reservoir in the Tuscaloosa Sands



#### Full volume showing sand distribution over the 72.5 square kilometer (28 sq. mi.) area.





# Case History #2

#### Offshore Gulf of Mexico Reservoir Delineation

### Offshore Gulf of Mexico Case Study – Class 3 AVO

### 3900' Reservoir

- Upthrown Fault Closure
- Approximately 30m Reservoir Sand
- Two Producing Wells
  - #A-1 (gas on oil)
  - #A-2 (oil)

Based upon Principal Component Analysis (PCA) Eight Instantaneous Attributes were selected for SOM

- Sweetness
- Envelope
- Instantaneous Frequency
- Thin Bed
- Relative Acoustic Impedance
- Hilbert
- Cosine of Instantaneous Phase
- Final Raw Migration

Previously 7 wells drilled in area, all wet or low saturation gas GOAL: What DHI characteristics can be identified to refine reservoir interpretation and employ in the region for further exploration.

### **Low Probability**

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.



## **EAGE** Top of Reservoir – Amplitude conforms with structure

Time-Structure Map (contours) with amplitude overlay



#### NOTE:

- Amplitude conformance
- Consistency in mapped target area

SOM analysis (25 neurons) with low probability in white



#### SOM attributes:

Sweetness, Envelope, Instantaneous Frequency, Thin Bed, Relative Acoustic Impedance, Hilbert, Cosine of Instantaneous Phase Final Raw Migration

#### Seeing the reservoir clearly with SOM

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### Seeing the reservoir clearly with SOM

Stacked Amplitude Crossline 3183



SOM analysis of Crossline 3183 (25 neurons)



SOM analysis of Crossline 3183 (displaying only 3 neurons)



#### NOTE:

- Character change at edge of anomaly
- Flat spots







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Neuron 20 (Geobody 1214) has identified the gas/oil and oil/water contacts in this field

Normal Colors

Geobod





Geobodies identified by Neurons 20, 24, and 25 reveal the reservoir above the hydrocarbon contacts

# Geobodies are on a <u>scale of bin X sample increment</u>, therefore, geobodies can be quantified.

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



Sample Volume (Depth) Sample Volume (Time) Depth Conversion Velocity Gross Rock Volume Net Rock Volume Pore Volume Hydrocarbon Pore Volume (HCPV) Net Rock Factor Porosity Water Saturation (SW) Calculated (Bin X \* Bin Y \* Bin Z) (survey units) Calculated (Bin X \* Bin Y \* Bin Z (Sample in time/msec. \* Velocity)) 5 Digit Value from User: 12000 Feet or Meters/sec (survey units) GRV = Sample Volume \* Sample Count NRV = GRV \* Net Rock Factor (0 -1) PV = NRV \* Porosity HCPV = PV \* (1-Sw) 0 to 1 (from User) Percentage (By User from Log Data)

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The two key neurons have been scanned for Geobodies. The Geobody which may be contributing to the production in the best well has been highlighted in green. Highlighting that geobody allows one to know the sample count it contains – which in this case is 32,439 samples (1ms x 110'x110')

Volumetrics, if all values are known, could be calculated to show possible reserve amounts and calibrate to known production for reservoir extents. Values used are "estimates" for the Meramec in this area

Velocity (ft/s) :	14,000 ft/sec
Net/Gross (0-1) :	0.60
Porosity (0-1) :	0.06
Water Saturation (0-1) :	0.4



118,695,700 CuFt/43,5460 = 2725 ac-ft x 225 BOE/ac-ft = 613,125 BOE Actual is: 611,685 BOE for the well (less than 1% error)



The machine learning process, using PCA and SOM, continues to improve our seismic interpretation by providing much more detailed results.

In the first case, this process helped to define the areal extent of a thinly laminated reservoir in deep, pressured sands not seen in the original amplitude data

In the second case, machine learning helped to clearly define hydrocarbon contacts and sand distribution to provide a higher resolution picture of the reservoir extent

The SOM classification takes advantage of natural patterns in multiple seismic attribute space that is not restricted to the resolution limits of conventional wavelet data. This process enables interpreters to produce higher resolution interpretations of reservoirs, facies, depositional environments, DHIs, etc.

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