

Well log analysis of elastic properties from the White Rose oilfield, offshore Newfoundland

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ABSTRACT

This work conducts the analysis of six well logs (A-90, E-09, H-20, J-49, L-08, and N-22) from the White Rose field, offshore Newfoundland. We used dipole sonic, density, gamma-ray, and resistivity logs, for this analysis and plotted V_p and V_s versus depth, V_p and V_s versus gamma-ray, V_p/V_s ratio versus depth, V_p/V_s ratio versus gamma-ray, V_p real versus V_p predicted by Faust relation, V_s real versus V_s predicted by Faust relation, V_s real versus V_s predicted by Castagna relation, and finally density real versus density predicted by Gardner relation. In general, V_p and V_s increase with depth, with the exception of well A-90. Similarly, we observe a decrease with depth of the V_p/V_s value in all the wells with the exception of A-90, where we observe an increase of V_p/V_s ratio with depth. In general, the Faust relation provides a good prediction for V_p , with the Faust's constant of 125.3. Gardner's relation, had difficulty predicting the density value in wells J-49, L-08, and N-22; however, it worked relatively well in wells E-09 and H-20. We applied the Faust equation to predict the V_s from geological time and the depth of burial of rock, the results were encouraging. The Castagna relation predicted V_s from V_p quite well. Better fits can be achieved by dividing the lithologies into regions (those above and below the Wyandot Formation).

INTRODUCTION

The White Rose field is located on the eastern edge of the Jeanne d'Arc Basin, approximately 350 km east of St. John's, Newfoundland (Figure 1), and 50 km equidistant from both Hibernia and Terra Nova oil fields. Structurally, the White Rose is situated in a complexly faulted region located over the deep-seated Amethyst salt ridge and White Rose diapir. In the early eighties (1984 and 1986), White Rose N-22, and J-49 wells were drilled in the larger White Rose domal area. In 1988, White Rose E-09 was drilled; A-90 was drilled in 1989, and during 1999 White Rose L-08 was drilled. In summer 2000, White Rose H-20 was drilled. Details of the White Rose field are provided in Table 1.

The White Rose field (Figure 2) is situated in the northeastern Jeanne d'Arc Basin, 50 km equidistant from Hibernia and Terra Nova oilfields and in water depths of about 120 m. Structurally, the White Rose field is a complexly faulted region located above a deep-seated salt ridge and situated in the hanging wall of the Voyager Fault. The target reservoir is the Avalon sandstone. Figure 3 shows the formations of the White Rose field, from younger to older sequences.

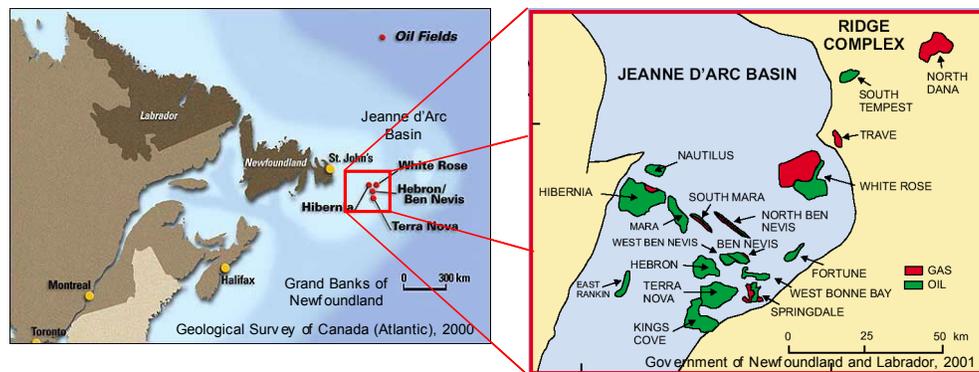


FIG. 1. The location of the White Rose oilfield, Newfoundland (Modified after G.S.N.L., 2001 and G.S.C.A. 2000).

Table 1. White Rose Field information. (Modified after Husky Energy, 2002)

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|------------------------------------|--|
| Discovery | 1984 (White Rose N-22 well, gas discovery) 1988 (White Rose E-09 well, oil discovery) |
| Water depth | 115-130 m |
| Reservoir area | 40 km ² |
| Reservoir depth | 2,875 m subsea |
| API gravity | 30 ⁰ |
| Production formation | Avalon Formation (Early Cretaceous) |
| Reservoir character | Well-sorted, fine-grained sandstone |
| Reserve estimate | 40 million cubic metres (250 million barrels) |
| Estimated development wells | 18-25 production and injection (water and gas) wells |
| Wells to first oil | 6-10 production and injection wells |
| Peak oil production | 12,000-18,000 m ³ /d (75,000-110,000 barrels/day) |
| Partners | Husky Oil (82.5%) and Petro-Canada (17.5%). |

Avalon Formation (125m) (Barremian to late Aptian)

This Formation is a complex and variable siliciclastic series, subdivisible into 3 subunits, displaying a coarsening upward pattern: Basal subunit (42m): "red mudstone" sequence characterized by varicoloured shales containing a few thin interbeds of sandstone. Middle subunit (37m): thicker sandstone beds, and interbedded grey shales.

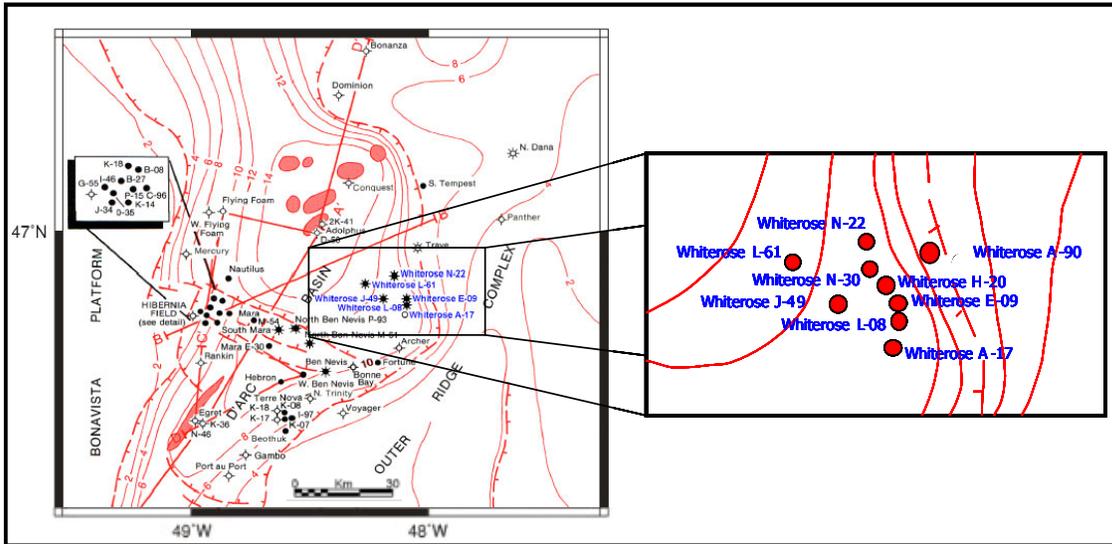


FIG 2. Regional setting of Jeanne d'Arc Basin (Modified after G.S.N.L.1990).

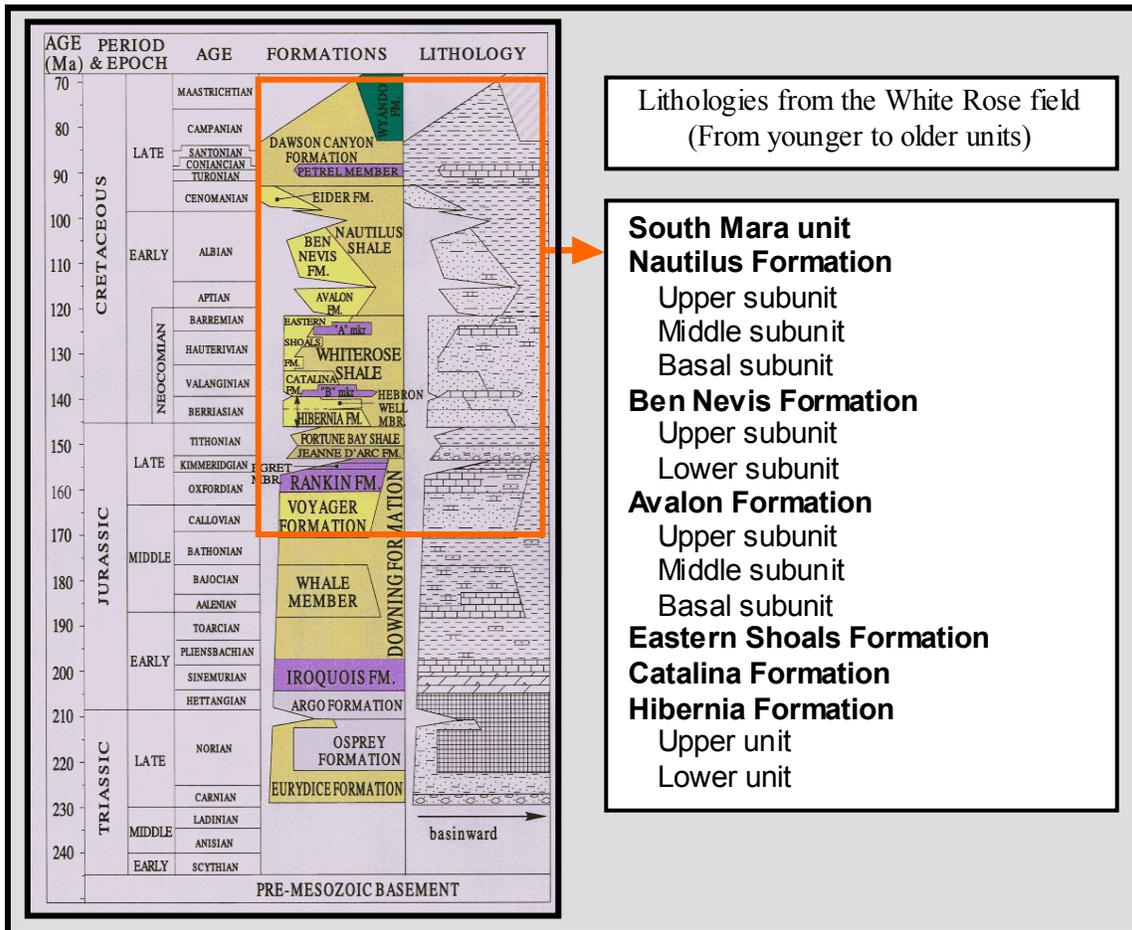


FIG 3. Stratigraphy of Grand Banks. (Modified after G.S.C.A., 2000)

Upper subunit (46m): slightly coarsening upward, sandstone-dominated unit, with silstone at the top.

The lower contact with the Eastern Shoals Formation is always sharp. The upper contact with the Ben Nevis Formation is sharp and unconformable at the basin margins and over major structures, becoming disconformable to conformable toward the basin axis. The Avalon Formation grades laterally into the Nautilus Shale. The environment of deposition is a flat, low-lying coastal plain containing brackish lagoons and swamps bordering a large, tide-dominated shallow estuary (McAlpine, 1990).

WELL-LOG ANALYSIS

For most of the wells, the following analysis (Table 2) was made. There were some wells that did not have all the well logs to work with but still some analysis was made.

Vp and Vs versus depth:

As an example, the A-90 well is plotted in Figure 4 (Table 3). Notice that below the Wyandot Formation Vp and Vs decrease with depth. This could be indicative that the geology below the Wyandot, unlike all the other wells, maybe over-pressured. This well is a dry hole located at the fault at the edge of the field. For wells E-09, H-20, L-08, J-49, and N-22 the Vp and Vs values increase with depth (Figure 5), the representative line fit equation in Figure 5 for Vp is $y=0.9653x+1132.1$ and for Vs= $0.8288x-185.44$.

Table 2. Wells analyzed and crossplots done

| | A-90 | E-09 | H-20 | J-49 | L-08 | N-22 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Vp and Vs versus depth | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Vp and Vs versus GR | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Vp/Vs versus depth | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Vp/Vs versus GR | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Real Vp versus Faust Vp | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Real Vs versus Faust Vs | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ |
| Real Vs versus Castagna Vs | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ |
| Real Density versus Gardner's density from Vp | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ |
| Real Density versus Gardner's density from Vs | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ |

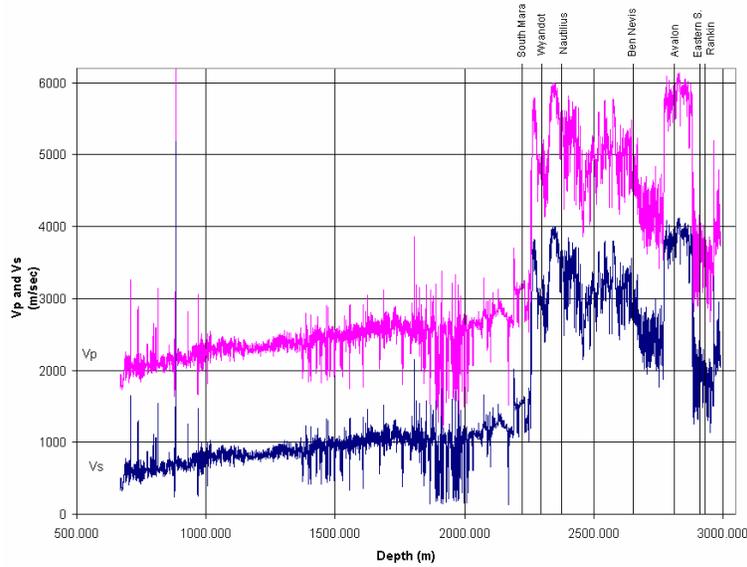


FIG 4. Vp and Vs versus depth for entire well A-90

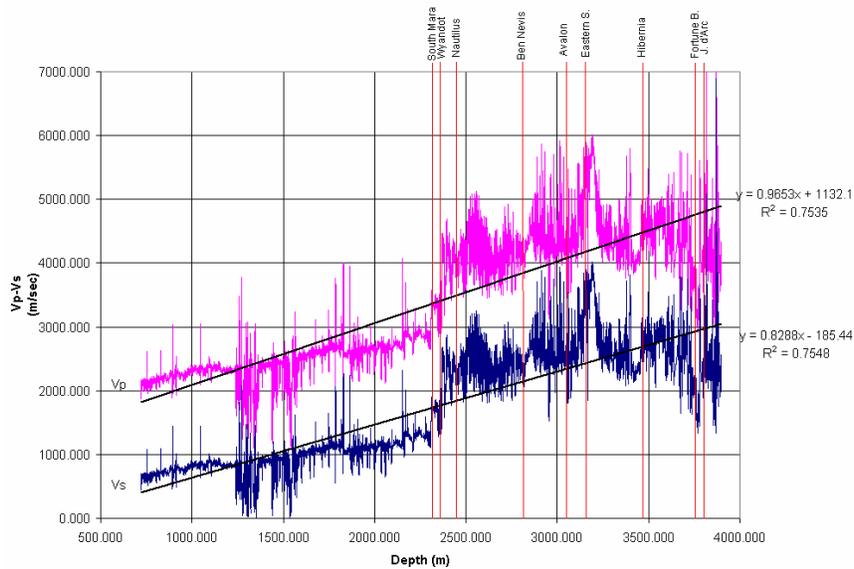


FIG 5. Vp and Vs versus depth for entire well E-09

Vp and Vs versus GR

The wells were broken down into their main behaviour according to the GR values (Table 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9). In A-90, H-20, J-49 and L-08, the GR values decrease with depth, and velocities increase with depth; in E-09, GR values keep constant for most of the well, between 26-140, and the velocity values increases with depth, and, in N-22, values of GR increases from 100-134 with depth, also the velocities increase with depth.

Although the Nautilus shale has constant properties (GR, Vp, Vs) throughout the White Rose field, the Avalon sandstone is more variable. The variability of the properties (GR, Vp, Vs) of the Avalon sandstone could be indicative of porosity and shale content.

This knowledge might have an impact on how we identify the interface between the Nautilus and the Avalon on the seismic data.

Table 3. Behaviour of Vp and Vs with depth, for all the wells.

| Well (upper section) | Vp (m/sec) | Vs (m/sec) | Trend with depth | Well (lower section) | Vp (m/sec) | Vs (m/sec) | Trend with depth | Bottom of well |
|----------------------|------------|------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------------|----------------|
| A-90 | 2000-2800 | 600-1200 | Increase | Wyandot @ 2189 | 5300-4400 | 3400-2500 | Decrease | 2992 |
| E-09 | 2000-2900 | 600-1300 | Increase | Wyandot @ 2365.9 | 4200-4400 | 2400-2500 | Increase | 3903 |
| H-20 | 2100-2900 | 700-1300 | Increase | Tertiary unc. @ 2384m | 4000-4500 | 2000-2700 | Increase | 3271 |
| J-49 | 2000-2900 | 500-1300 | Increase | Wyandot @ 2407 | 3900-4200 | 2200-2600 | Increase | 4562 |
| L-08 | 2100-2900 | 700-1400 | Increase | Tertiary unc. @ 2316 | 3700-4500 | 1900-2800 | Increase | 3118 |
| N-22 | 2100-2300 | 700-1400 | Increase | Wyandot @ 2379 | 3700-4600 | 2000-2600 | Increase | 4600 |

Table 4. Behaviour of GR versus Vp and Vs, for A-90 well.

| A-90 | GR (API) | Vp (m/sec) | Vs (m/sec) |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Top of the well to 2112 | 105-129 | 1700-2900 | 240-1200 |
| 2112 to top of South Mara unit | 114-88 | 2600-2900 | 1000-1300 |
| South Mara | 28-51 84-117 | 2600-3200 3000-3200 | 1100-1600 1400-1600 |
| Wyandot and Nautilus formation | 9-31 | 4000-6000 | 2300-4000 |

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|-----------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|
| Ben Nevis | 60-9 | 3600-5300 | 2000-3400 |
| Avalon-Eastern shoals | 6-21 | 5500-6100 | 3500-4000 |
| Rankin | 35-80 | 3000-4200 | 1400-2400 |

Table 5. Behaviour of GR versus Vp and Vs, for E-09 well.

| E-09 | GR (API) | Vp (m/sec) | Vs (m/sec) |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Top of the well to South Mara | 26-76 | 1500-3300 | 300-1700 |
| Wyandot and Nautilus | 81-21 | 3600-4600 | 1800-2600 |
| Ben Nevis | 70-18 | 4000-5500 | 2200-3100 |
| Avalon formation: | 16-28 | 3800-5600 | 2000-3500 |
| Eastern shoals: | 80-13 | 4000-5900 | 2200-3900 |
| Hibernia – Fortune Bay | 114-19 | 3500-5000 | 1800-3000 |
| Jeanne d’Arc | 15-72 | 3800-4100 | 2200-2400 |
| | 120-140 | 3800-4300 | 2200-2700 |

Table 6. Behaviour of GR versus Vp and Vs with depth, for H-20 well.

| H-20 | GR (API) | Vp (m/sec) | Vs (m/sec) |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Top of well to top of Eocene | 90-120 | 2000-2900 | 700-1200 |
| Eocene | 100-80 | 2700-2900 | 1100-1400 |
| South Mara | 108-88 | 2900-3300 | 1400-1700 |
| Base of Tertiary Unconformity to top of Avalon sandstone | 108-57 | 3600-4800 | 1800-2600 |
| Avalon to bottom of well | 28-84 | 4100-5100 | 2500-3200 |

Vp/Vs ratio versus depth

In A-90, we observe below the Wyandot an increase of Vp/Vs ratio with depth (Figures 6 and 7, and Table 10), this increase could be indicative of an over-pressure zone for those geological formations. Note also that the top of the Rankin formation in this well is over 1000m shallower than the same top in the N-22 well. Figures 8, 9, 10, and 11 show the relation for wells H-20 and J-49. The representative line-fit equation in

Figure 6 for Vp/Vs ratio is $y=-0.7468x+4.0065$ and in Figure 7, Vp/Vs ratio is $y= -0.0166x + 1.7578$.

Table 7. Behaviour of GR versus Vp and Vs, for J-49 well.

| J-49 | GR (API) | Vp (m/sec) | Vs (m/sec) |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Top of well to 2112m | 100-120 | 1800-3000 | 500-1300 |
| 2112 to top of Wyandot | 116-88 | 2400-3300 | 1000-1700 |
| Wyandot and Petrel Member | 120-75 | 3200-4100 | 1600-2300 |
| Nautilus | 123-90 | 3500-4300 | 1900-2500 |
| Ben Nevis | 61-92 | 4000-4500 | 2300-2800 |
| Avalon to bottom of well | 128-65 | 3600-5400 | 2000-3100 |

Table 8. Behaviour of GR versus Vp and Vs, for L-08 well.

| L-08 | GR (API) | Vp (m/sec) | Vs (m/sec) |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Top of well top of South mara | 84-114 | 2100-2800 | 600-1400 |
| Top of South Mara - top of Avalon | 74-111 | 3500-4200 | 1700-2400 |
| Top of Avalon to bottom of well | 30-61 | 3800-4800 | 2300-2900 |

Table 9. Behaviour of GR versus Vp and Vs, for N-22 well.

| N-22 | GR (API) | Vp (m/sec) | Vs (m/sec) |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Top of well to top of South Mara | 64-106 | 2600-3000 | 1000-1400 |
| Wyandot | 36-104 | 3200-3800 | 1600-2100 |
| South Mara | 100-60 | 2800-3200 | 1300-1600 |
| Nautilus | 113-91 | 3500-3900 | 1800-2300 |
| Ben Nevis-Avalon | 50-100 | 3700-4300 | 2000-2500 |
| Eastern Shoals - Hibernia | 131-41 | 3600-5000 | 1900-3300 |

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|--------------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| Fortune | 44-120 | 3300-4200 | 1400-2500 |
| Jeanne d'Arc to bottom of well | 100-69 | 4000-5000 | 2100-3200 |

Table 10. Behaviour of Vp/Vs ratio versus depth, for all the wells.

| Well (upper section) | Vp/vs ratio | Trend with depth | Well (lower section) | Vp/Vs ratio | Trend with depth | Bottom of well (m) |
|----------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| A-90 | 3.22-2.30 | Decrease | Wyandot @ 2189 | 1.55-1.74 | Increase | 2992 |
| E-09 | 3.40-2.18 | Decrease | Wyandot @ 2365.9 | 1.71-1.69 | Decrease slightly | 3903 |
| H-20 | 2.61-2.20 | Decrease | Tertiary unc. @ 2384m | 1.94-1.63 | Decrease | 3271 |
| J-49 | 3.31-2.06 | Decrease | Wyandot @ 2407 | 1.75-1.71 | Decrease slightly | 4562 |
| L-08 | 3.18-1.82 | Decrease | Tertiary unc. @ 2316 | 1.88-1.63 | Decrease | 3118 |
| N-22 | 3.01-2.07 | Decrease | Wyandot @ 2379 | 1.84-1.60 | Decrease slightly | 4600 |

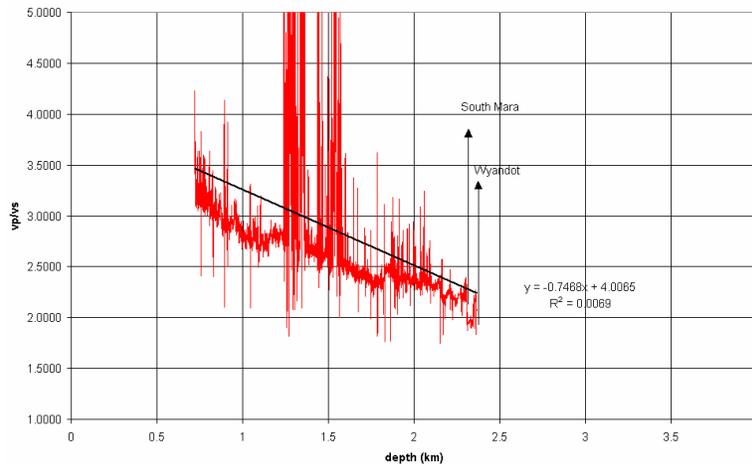


FIG. 6. Vp/Vs ratio versus depth for well A-90, from top of well to 2257m (top of Wyandot Formation)

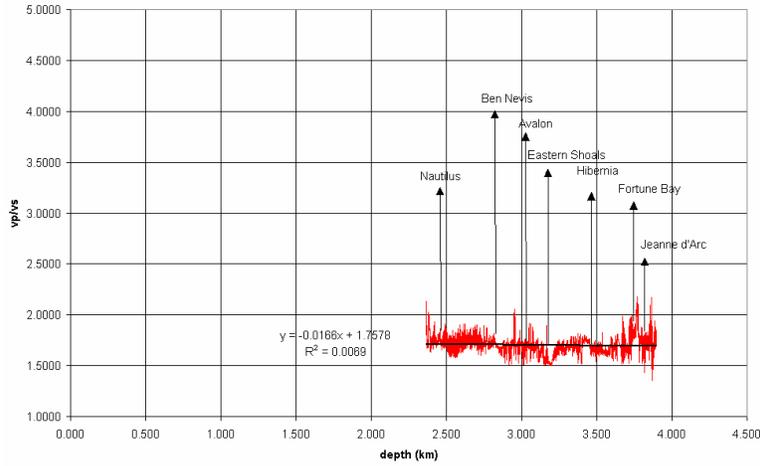


FIG. 7. Vp/Vs ratio versus depth for well A-90, from top of top of Wyandot (2257m) to bottom of well (2992m)

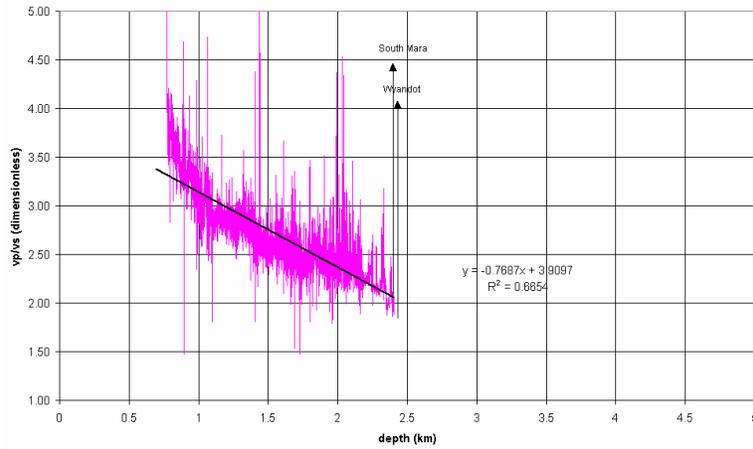


FIG. 8. Vp/Vs ratio versus depth for well J-49, from top of well (690m) to top of Wyandot Formation (2407m). Representative line-fit equation for Vp/Vs ratio is $y = -0.7687x + 3.9097$

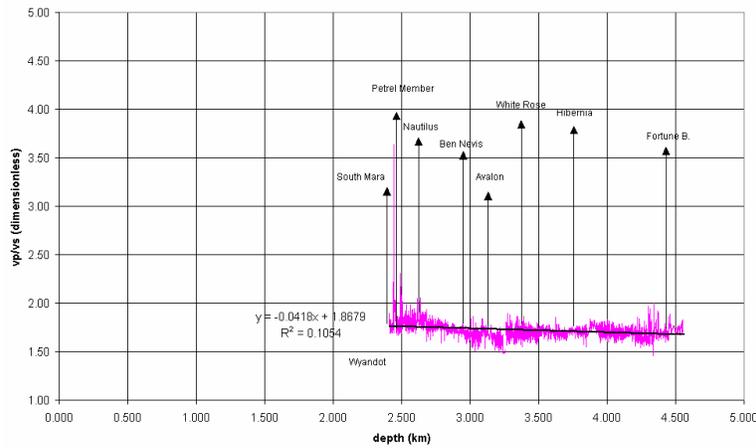


FIG. 9. Vp/Vs ratio versus depth for well J-49, from top of Wyandot Formation (2407m) to bottom of well (4562m). Representative line-fit equation for Vp/Vs ratio is $y = -0.0418x + 1.8679$

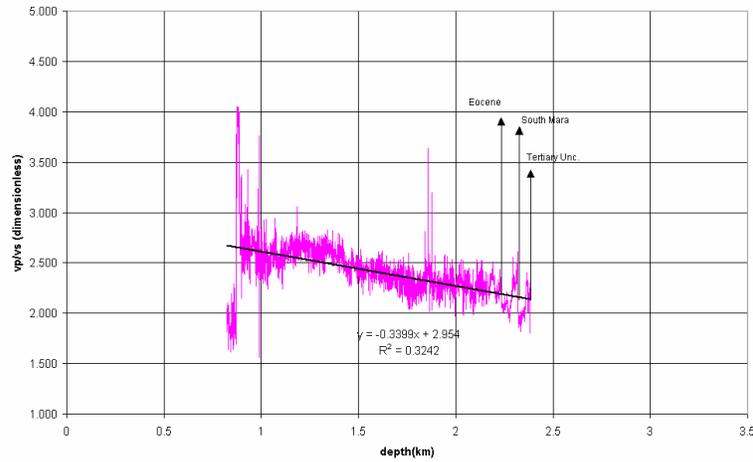


FIG. 10. Vp/Vs ratio versus depth for well H-20, from top of well (874m) to Base of Tertiary Unconformity (2384m). Representative line-fit equation for Vp/Vs ratio is $y = -0.3399x + 2.954$

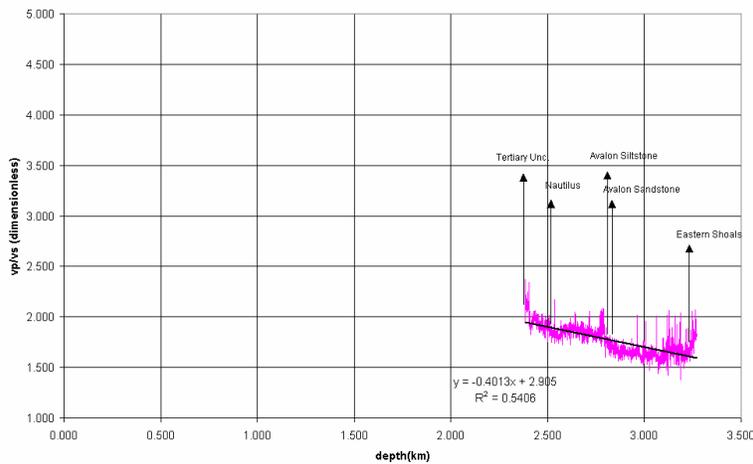


FIG. 11. Vp/Vs ratio versus depth for well H-20, from Base of Tertiary Unconformity (2384m) to bottom of well (3271m). Representative line-fit equation for Vp/Vs ratio is $y = -0.4013x + 2.905$

Vp/Vs versus GR

In A-90, H-20, J-49, and L-08 wells, GR values and Vp/Vs ratio decrease with depth. In E-09 and N-22 wells, GR values increase with depth and Vp/Vs decrease with depth (Figure 12 and Tables 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16).

Although GR value is largely different between the Nautilus shale (84-110) and the Avalon formation (32-67) their Vp/Vs ratio are very close to each other (1.7-1.96 versus 1.55-1.79). Therefore this could make it difficult to differentiate the two lithologies based solely on Vp/Vs ratio

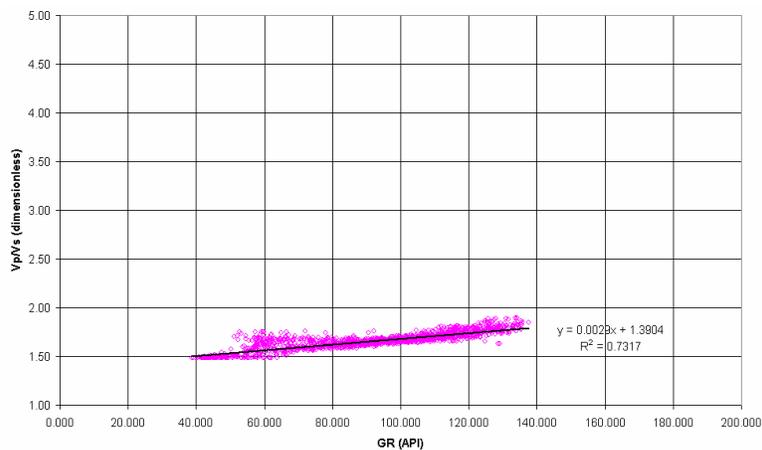


FIG. 12. Vp/Vs ratio versus GR for well J-49, Avalon Formation (3131-3392m). Representative line fit equation for Vp/Vs ratio is $y = 0.0031x + 1.3974$

Table 11. Behaviour of Vp/Vs ratio versus GR, for A-90 well.

| | GR (API) | Vp/Vs ratio |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| From top of the well to 2112m | 107-132 | 2.23-4.25 |
| 2112m to top of South Mara unit | 91-115 | 2.15-2.44 |
| South Mara formation | 47-31 | 1.99-2.34 |
| | 84-120 | 2.00-2.18 |
| Top of Wyandot to bottom of well | 6.5-80 | 1.51-2.07 |

Table 12. Behaviour of Vp/Vs ratio versus GR, for E-09 well.

| | GR (API) | Vp/Vs ratio |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| From the top of the well to 2112m | 36-75 | 2.20-5.00 |
| From 2112m to top of South Mara | 40-80 | 2.08-2.47 |
| South Mara unit | 52-80 | 1.89-2.24 |
| Wyandot-Nautilus | 20-86 | 1.61-1.91 |
| Ben Nevis-Avalon | 15-71 | 1.52-1.97 |
| Eastern Shoals | 8-131 | 1.51-1.93 |
| Jeann d'Arc to bottom of well | 15-58, 128-200 | 1.55-1.77, 1.64-1.75 |

Table 13. Behaviour of Vp/Vs ratio versus GR, for H-20 well.

| | GR (API) | Vp/Vs ratio |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Top of the well to top of Eocene | 66-76 92-112 | 1.64-2.10 2.05-2.88 |
| Eocene | 80-108 | 1.95-2.43 |
| South Mara unit to top of Nautilus | 58-107 | 1.81-2.20 |
| Nautilus-Avalon siltstone | 56-113 | 1.71-1.92 |
| Avalon sandstone to bottom of well | 28-104 | 1.54-1.90 |

Table 14. Behaviour of Vp/Vs ratio versus GR, for J-49well.

| | GR (API) | Vp/Vs ratio |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Top of the well to 2112 | 100-120 | 2.12-3.97 |
| 2112 to top of Wyandot | 86-120 | 1.97-2.54 |
| Wyandot-to Avalon | 71-126 | 1.69-2.00 |
| Ben Nevis | 53-100 | 1.60-1.75 |
| Top of Avalon to bottom of well | 40-133 | 1.50-1.87 |

Table 15. Behaviour of Vp/Vs ratio versus GR, for L-08 well.

| | GR (API) | Vp/Vs ratio |
|--|-----------------|--------------------|
| Top of well to Base of Tertiary unconformity | 115-95 | 1.88-3.50 |
| Tertiary unconformity to top of Nautilus | 60-121 | 1.84-1.98 |
| Nautilus | 84-110 | 1.70-1.96 |
| top of Avalon to base of well | 31-60 | 1.55-1.80 |

Vp real versus Vp Faust

The Faust equation predicts compressional velocities with geological time and depth of burial of the rock, using a constant of 125.3 (Faust, 1951). This section compares the predicted Vp from the Faust relation with actual Vp value. We observe that for all the wells in the section shallower than the Wyandot, the constant that provides a better fit is

lower than 125.3 (Table 17). On the other hand, deeper than the Wyandot the constant that provides a better fit is higher than 125.3, in particular. Again, we observe that the largest extremes of the constant occurs in the well A-90 (values of 107 and 165). Figures 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 show the relation for wells A-90, E-09, and H-20.

Table 16. Behaviour of Vp/Vs ratio versus GR, for N-22 well.

| | GR (API) | Vp/Vs ratio |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Top of well- to top of South Mara | 63-105 | 2.15-2.42 |
| South Mara | 50-100 | 2.00-2.32 |
| Wyandot | 35-109 | 1.80-2.00 |
| Top of Nautilus-top of Fortune | 40-130 | 1.54-1.95 |
| Fortune | 46-120 | 1.68-2.04 |
| Jeanne d'Arc | 59-100 | 1.62-1.90 |
| Top of Rankin to bottom of well | 40-117 | 1.50-1.72 |

Table 17. Synthesis of the observed relations from the graphs Vp real versus Vp Faust

| Well (upper section) | Constant by Faust | Constant for better fit to the well data | Well (lower section) | Constant for better fit to the well data | Bottom of well |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| A-90 | 125.3 | 107 | Wyandot @ 2189 | 165 | 2992 |
| E-09 | 125.3 | 120 | Wyandot @2365.9 | 140 | 3903 |
| H-20 | 125.3 | 117 | Tertiary unc. @ 2384m | 140 | 3271 |
| J-49 | 125.3 | 110 | Wyandot @ 2407 | 135 | 4562 |
| L-08 | 125.3 | 115 | Tertiary unc. @ 2316 | 132 | 3118 |
| N-22 | 125.3 | 112 | Wyandot @ 2379 | 130 | 4600 |

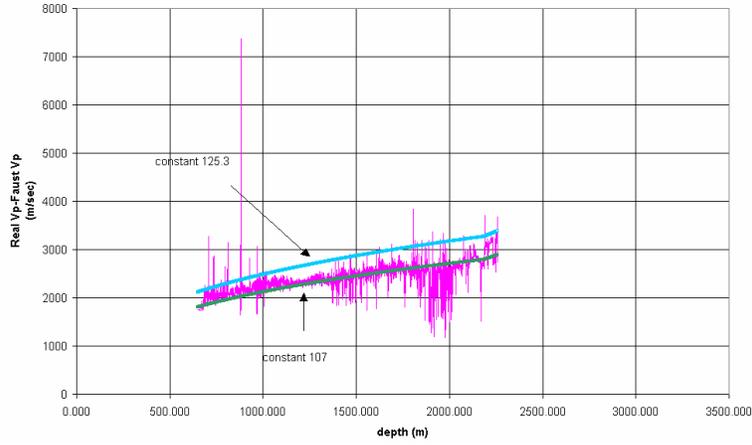


FIG. 13. Vp real and Vp Faust versus depth for well A-90, from top of well (651m) to top of Wyandot Formation (2257m).

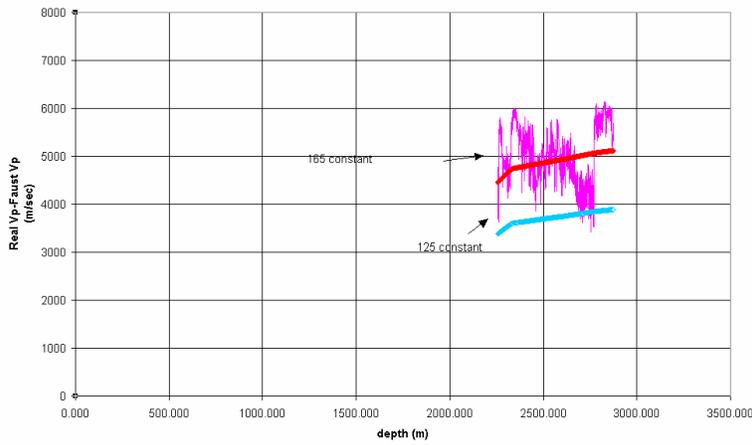


FIG. 14. Vp real and Vp Faust versus depth for well A-90, from top of Wyandot Formation (2257m) top of Eastern Shoals (2873m)

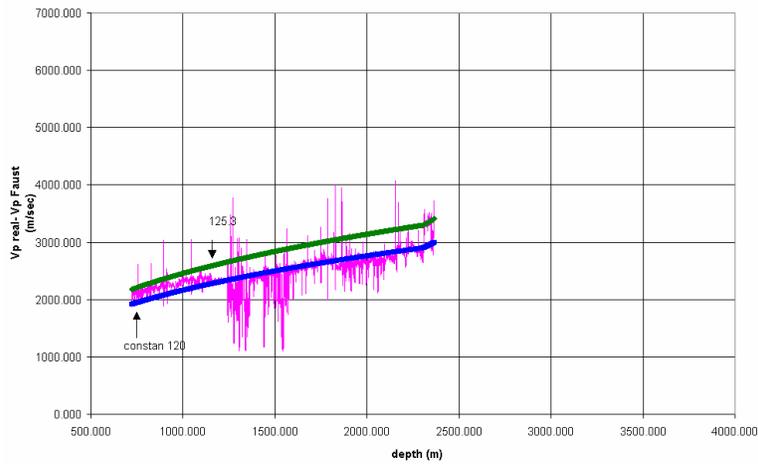


FIG. 15. Vp real and Vp Faust versus depth for well E-09, from top of well (719m) to top of Wyandot Formation (2365m)

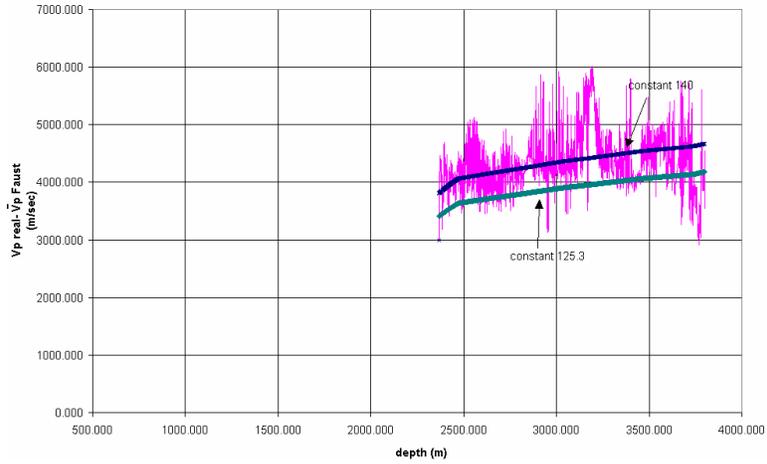


FIG. 16. Vp real and Vp Faust versus depth for well E-09, from top of Wyandot Formation (2365m) to top of Jeanne d'Arc Formation (3800m)

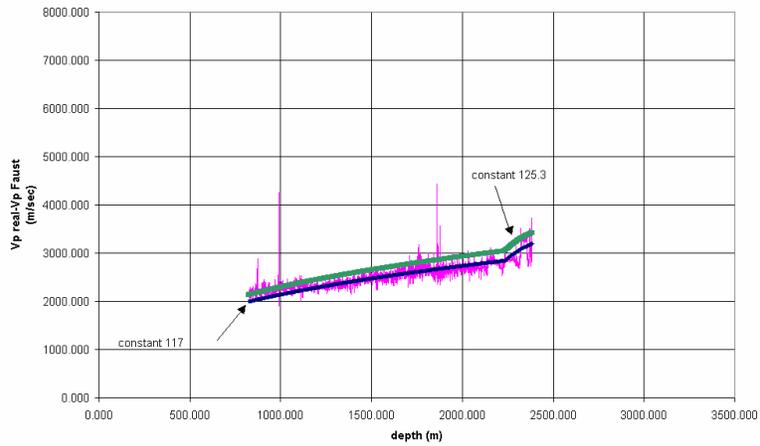


FIG. 17. Vp real and Vp Faust versus depth for well H-20, from top of well (823m) to Base of Tertiary Unconformity (2384m)

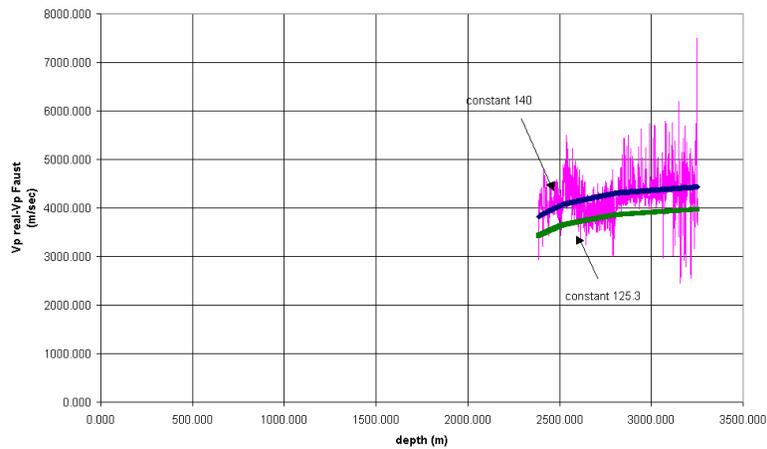


FIG. 18. Vp real and Vp Faust versus depth for well H-20, from Base of Tertiary Unconformity (2384m) to top of Eastern Shoals Formation (3251m)

Vs real versus Vs Faust

We explore the prediction of Vs using a relationship similar to the one used to predict Vp by Faust (1951). In this case, the “Vs Faust equation” attempts to predict shear velocities with geological time and depth of burial of the rock. The constant however is quite likely different than 125.3. We explore this relation in wells H-20 and L-08 where the Vs was acquired. The best fit for this equation is when the constant is equal to 49 above the Wyandot while the constant is equal to 80 below the Wyandot. This observation is similar to the Vp case where the constant was lower above the Wyandot and higher below the Wyandot (Figure 19)

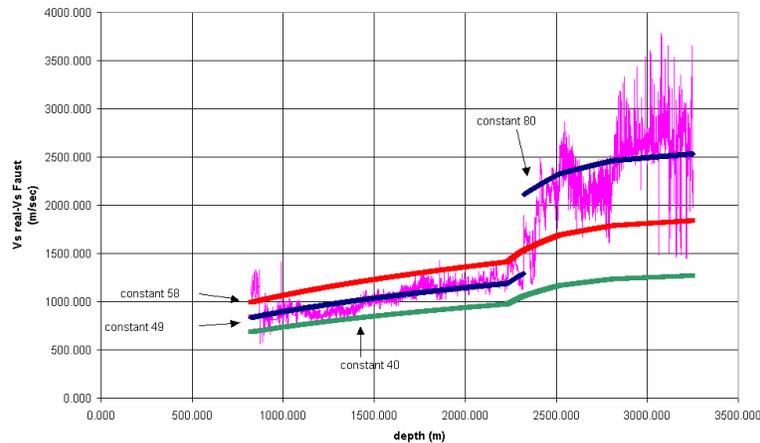


FIG.19. Vs real and Vs Faust versus depth for well H-20, from top of well (824m) to top of Eastern Shoals Formation (3251m)

Vs real versus Vs Castagna

We used Castagna’s (1985) relationship $[Vs=(Vp-1360)/1.16]$, to predict Vs from Vp. This equation predicted Vs for the entire well section (above and below the Wyandot) quite nicely. We note that this could be applied only for wells H-20 and L-08 where the real values of Vs were acquired. The reason for the quality of fit is probably caused by the fact that the lithologies in the well are mostly clastics. Nonetheless, note that in L-08 the Petrel member is a limestone and its predicted values are not too erroneous (Figure 20).

Real density versus Gardner’s density using Vp

The Gardner’s equation predicts density using compressional velocities, a constant of 310 and an exponent of 0.25 (Gardner, 1974). This section compares the predicted density from Gardner with actual density value. We could only do this comparison for the entire well with well L-08. Wells E-09, H-20, J-49 and N-22 were partially logged. For well A-90 the density was not acquired or the log not released.

In particular for the well L-08, Gardner’s rule is having difficulty predicting density (there are however three clusters of the data). For the wells N-22 and J-49 Gardner’s rule is also experiencing difficulties predicting the density (there are scattering of the data). For the H-20 (Figure 21) and E-09 wells Gardner’s rule is doing a better job in predicting the density, in comparison with the other wells.

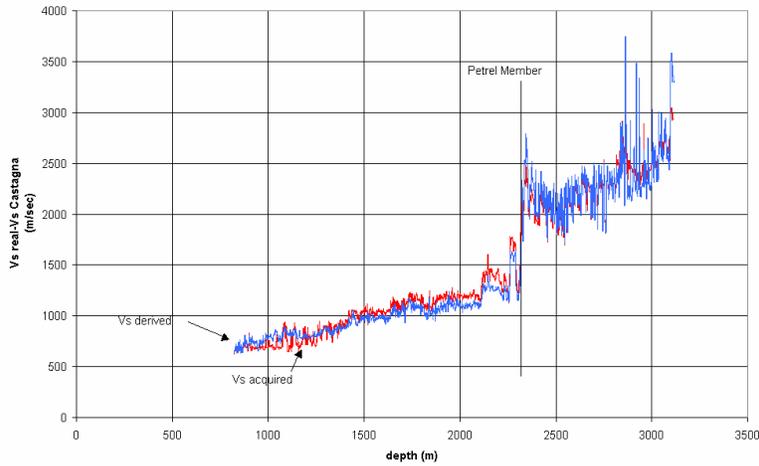


FIG. 20. Vs real and Vs Castagna versus depth for well L-08, from top of well (824m) to bottom of well (3117m)

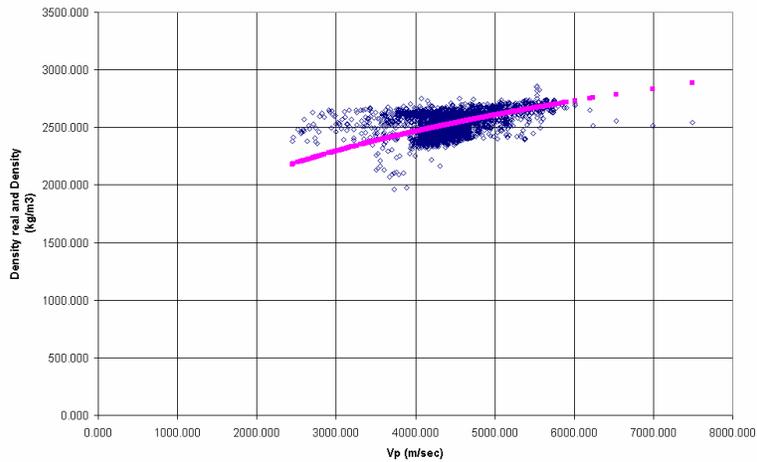


FIG. 21. Real density and Gardner’s Density versus real Vp for well H-20, from 2772m to bottom of well (3271m)

Real density versus Gardner’s density using Vs

We explored the prediction of density using Vs by using an equation of Gardner’s (1974) form. This section compares the predicted density from Gardner with actual density value. We did this comparison for well L-08 entirely and for a portion of well H-20 (2272-3271m). Wells A-90, E-08, J-49 and N-22 did not have a Vs log.

Using a constant value of 370 in Gardner’s rule (with the 0.25 exponent) gives a reasonable overall prediction of the L-08 densities (Figure 22). If we just model the deeper part of the well then the densities fit well with a constant of 345 (Figure 23).

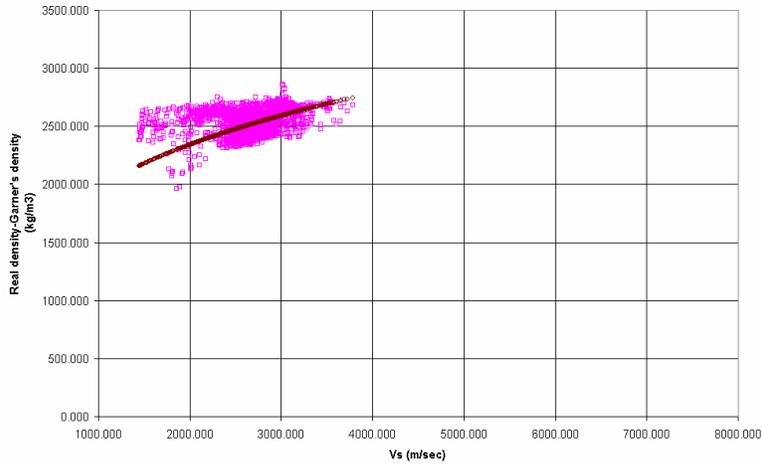


FIG. 22. Real density and Gardner's Density versus real Vs for well H-20, from 2772m to bottom of well (3271m), using a constant of 350.

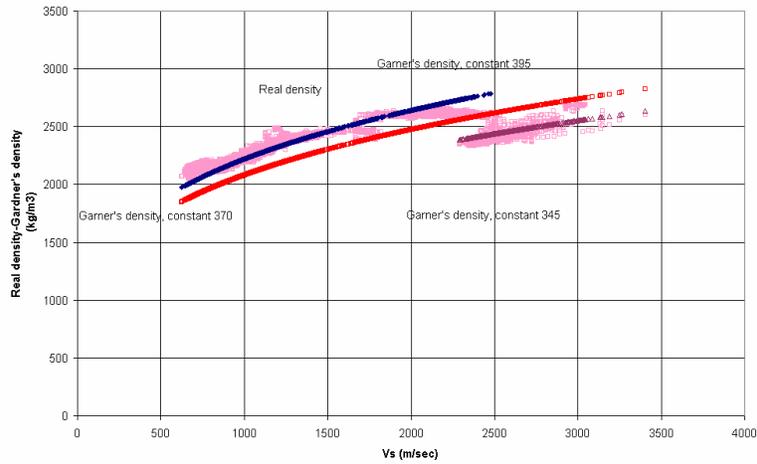


FIG. 23. Real density and Gardner's Density versus real Vs for well L-08, from 823m to bottom of well (3117m), using different constants.

Resistivity versus Velocities

We explored the relationship between the resistivity measurement for wells A-90 and E-09, and we observed that as velocity increased (V_p and V_s), the resistivity values decreased (Figures 24 and 25). In this case, wells A-90 and E-09 did not have a V_s log, then, we used Castagna V_s , to approach the relationship. In Figure 25, we see the manipulated crossplot of $\ln(ild)$ versus $\ln(vs)$. We note it is a complex relationship.

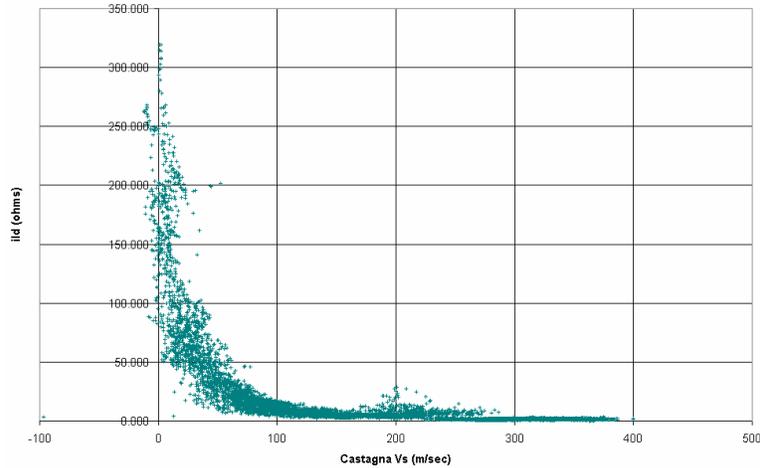


FIG. 24. ILD (ohms) versus Castagna Vs (m/sec) for well A-90.

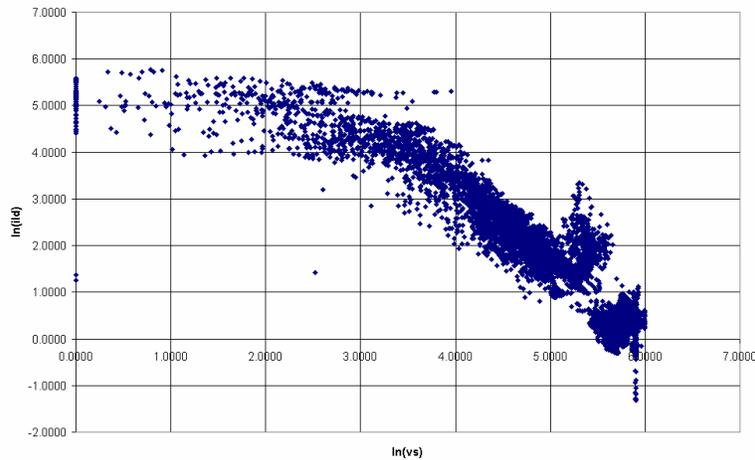


FIG. 25. Ln(ILD) versus Ln(Vs) for well A-90.

CONCLUSIONS

Vp and Vs generally increase with depth (well A-90 has some exceptions). Similarly, we observed a decreasing Vp/Vs ratio with depth in all the wells (except A-90). This anomalous A-90 well may have values reflecting over-pressurization.

Typically, the Faust relation provides a reasonable prediction for Vp, with a constant of 125.3; but for a better fit with the well data it requires a constant above the Wyandot Formation and another constant below the Wyandot. The same conclusion applies to Vs.

Gardner's relation, using Vp values, had difficulty predicting density values in wells J-49, L-08, and N-22. However, it worked relatively well in wells E-09 and H-20. Similar results were found using Vs to estimate density.

We were able to predict with a high level of accuracy the value of Vs using the Castagna relation, which could be applied for the entire well section (above and below the Wyandot Formation).

The correlations between ILD and Vp and Vs for wells A-90 and E-09 show that as velocity increases in the values of resistivity decrease.

FURTHER WORK

We will explore other petrophysical relationships such as predicting density with real Vs for those wells that was not possible to explore for this project (A-90, E-09, J-49 and N-22), and variations of deep resistivity measurement (ILD) with depth for the six wells from White Rose field.

In addition, also using the six wells from the White Rose field, we will elaborate further on the proposed relationship of predicting Vs using Faust relationship.

We will also investigate the high scattering in the prediction of density using Gardner's rule, in wells J-49, L-08, and N-22.

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