

Two talks today: 1) Ultrasonics and fractures 2) Reservoir reserve likelihood

Spindletop, Beaumont – (g)ushered in a new era of advancement

# Physical modeling of anisotropic domains: Ultrasonic imaging of laser-etched fractures in glass & 3D print slots

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### Outline – Ultrasonic imaging of fractures

- Motivation for work
  - Develop resources in natural & induced fracture zones
  - Make a seismic image of fracture zones
  - Complement and extend numerical modeling
  - Find signature related to fracture parameters
- New models & experimental apparatus
  - Epoxy inclusions, laser-etched crystals, 3D printed plastic
  - 3C ultrasonic sources & receivers
- Measurements
  - Transmission, reflection, 3C-3D
- Results
  - What's observable,
  - Role of wavelengths, Directions



# 3D sub-surface laser etching (SSLE)

- How does it work?
  - Focused laser heats a small point in the optical-grade, lead-free glass to create a melted point or micro-crack
  - Non-adjoining microcracks form a point cloud and optical image
- Advantages
  - Very elastic, rock-type material; extremely high accuracy, digitally defined inclusions/fractures; complex models; design regime (e.g., wavelength/crack spacing)
- Trickiness

 Overdriving or closely spacing points can create a larger fractures; unwanted signals



# Laser-etched glass blocks



# **Transmission velocity values**



Velocity errors approximately = 0.2% (from distance error of 0.01mm and picking error of 20ns) Background variability may be 0.5% Fractures have a small effect

Optical glass ~ 5900m/s (Li et al.,2010) on transmission velocities Vp=5920 m/s, Vs =3790m/s, Vp/Vs= 1.56 (SiO2,Heiman et al., 1979)



#### Experimental setup

Schematic diagram of experimental setup

- Source and receiver on opposing sides
- Inline interval = 25m
- Xline interval = 25m
- # of Inlines = 52

 $\pi^X$ 

> Z

- # of Xlines = 76
- Transducer Frequency = 5MHz
- Model dimension = 21 (Z) X 15 (Y) X 8 (Z) cm

• Transmission survey (5 MHz transducers)



#### Zoom of Transmission Section (on fracture zone)



#### Post-stack migration of transmission data: time slice at 191 ms



#### Experimental setup



# **3D Reflection Volume Model C6**



#### **Comparison reflected signals and spectra for Glass C1**



# 3D printing – exciting new technology for physical models



3D printer at UH



3D scanning and printing (wikipedia.org, 2008)

Oriented fracture plastic model from 3D printer

# Summary

- Two new exciting technologies for modeling : Laseretched glass and 3D printed plastic
- Rich anisotropic response of models
- Anisotropy appears to be frequency dependent
- The coda wave exhibits scattering signature
- Physical modeling is useful & flexible for investigating simple through complex anisotropic domains
- Very promising results for imaging fractured regions and their characteristics

# How much fuel is in the tank?

A framework for oil reserve estimation & likelihood using 3C-3D seismic data and well logs

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Very approximate company valuation: NAL Oil & Gas Trust (nae.un-t www.nal.ca) West Texas Intermediate \$87.41/barrel on Oct. 17, 2007 *Price on Oct. 17, 2007: \$12.80/share* 



~10-20 times earnings (Price/Earnings~15)

• \$NetIncome/share (June '07)  $\approx$  \$1.00  $\rightarrow$  \$15.00/share

~\$60,000/flowing barrel per day

• 19,000boe/d  $\rightarrow$  1.14G\$/79M shares = \$14.40/share

~\$20/BOE reserves

• 58Mboe (2006 proven+probable)  $\rightarrow$  1.16G\$ or \$14.70/share

~ 15% yield (Distributions of \$1.92/share per year at \$12.80)

# Techniques to estimate reserves



Accessed Feb. 6, 2011 http://reservestimation.blogspot.com/

# Oil Column (OC) & Volume Calculation OC = isopach • sand% • porosity • (1- Sw) Volume = Area • OC



#### The Volumetric Method

Hydrocarbons in place in the reservoir





	3D PP	3D PS/PP Vp/Vs & logs	3D attributes & logs	Petrophy. DHI, logs
	Gross Rock	Net Sand	Net Reservoir	Net Pay
	Total Evaluation Interval	Potential reservoir	Supra-critical porosity and permeability character	Supra-critical amounts of hydrocarbons
				Sub-critical HC
			Sub-critical poroperm -	
		e.g. evaporites, mudstone, unfractured basement	OUT	
(Worthington, 2009)		Cut-off GR	Cut-off ø	Cut-off S <sub>w</sub>

# **General estimation procedure**



Todorov & Stewart (2000)

Hydrocarbon pore volume



Blackfoot volume estimate in 2000 of OOIP ≈ 6,300,000 bbl (Boi=1.3; Crain, 2010)

### **Mannville time**

### **Time vs depth**





### correlation: 0.96

# **Cokriging Mannville depth**



### **Absolute error**



(Thanks, Dan & Brian & CGGVeritas!)

1<sup>st</sup> Method of estimation of uncertainty in HCPV

Assuming independent measurements and errors, we find  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ 

Percentage error: thickness = 6% %sand = 10% porosity = 11%  $S_{HC}$  (from logs) = 10% Area = 30%



### Exploring the PDF-CDF relationship



2<sup>nd</sup> Method of estimation of uncertainty in HCPV

# Monte Carlo approach

- HCPV = thickness × %sand × φ × (1 S<sub>wi</sub>) × Area Input PDFs assumed as normal distributions (defined by μ, σ)
- Uncertainty value in each parameter as before
- 10,000 simulations



#### BLACKFOOT OIL Pool - follow up.

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#### That comes from a total of 11 wells - 8 current producers and 2 injectors.



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#### × Oil Reserves (as of Jun 2011) Pool Type Close Field: BLACKFOOT (138) Pool: U MANN A & GLAUC A (800160) WATER FLOOD Ŧ Preview. Pool Discovery Location: 00/09-08-023-23W4/0 Discovery Year: 1994 Pool Class: Unknown Print General Data Well Types 266.9 ac Total Wells: 10 Oil Wells: 8 Area: Spacing: 26.7 ac/well Cored Wells: 3 Gas Wells: 0 10 Injection Wells: 2 Aband, Wells: 0 5. Production Data: Reserves 00IP: 5,500.0 mbbl Driving force: Unknown Rec: 82.41 % Calc. method: Unknown Cum: 907.5 mbbl 550.0 mbbl(0.1000) Pri. ROIP, (pRF): Rem: N/A Oil Prod. From Pool: 881.0 mbbl +Enh. ROIP, (eRF): 550.0 mbbl(0.1000) Enh: 193.7 mbbl Pool Rec. Factor: 0.8000 UnRc: 4,398.7 mbbl Tot. ROIP, (tRF): 1,101.3 mbbl(0.2000) BF: 20.00 % Cum. Oil Production: 907.5 mbbl Rec. Factor to date: 0.8241 Avg. GOR: 3,513.15 scf/bbl Cur. GOR: 3,283.05 scf/bbl IP Date: August 1994 Avg. WOR: 0.43 bbl/bbl Cur. WOR: 6.12 bbl/bbl Water/Day: 89.05 bbl/d OOIP. Gas/Dav: 526.38 mcf/d 5.500.0 mbbl Avg. GOR Inc.: 0.93x Oil/Dav: 149.07 bbl/d GOR WOR. Injection Data Units Est. Voidage Replacement: 302.80 % Total Injected Gas: 0.00 mcf Imperial Total Injected Water: 3,921.99 mbbl Metric Production Reservoir

### Summary

 Outlined a framework for oil volume estimation from geophysical data

- Geostatistics are important for depth, thickness, lithology, & porosity determination
- PS seismic data useful in lithology & porosity estimation
- Cross-validation tests find meaningful attributes
- Compelling methodology for basic volume estimates
- Digging deeper into errors: Survey design, S/N, picking errors, Vp/Vs
- Use petrophysics, logs, & seismic for Sw in geostat framework
- Use attributes: Q then viscosity with T,P then Sg then Boi