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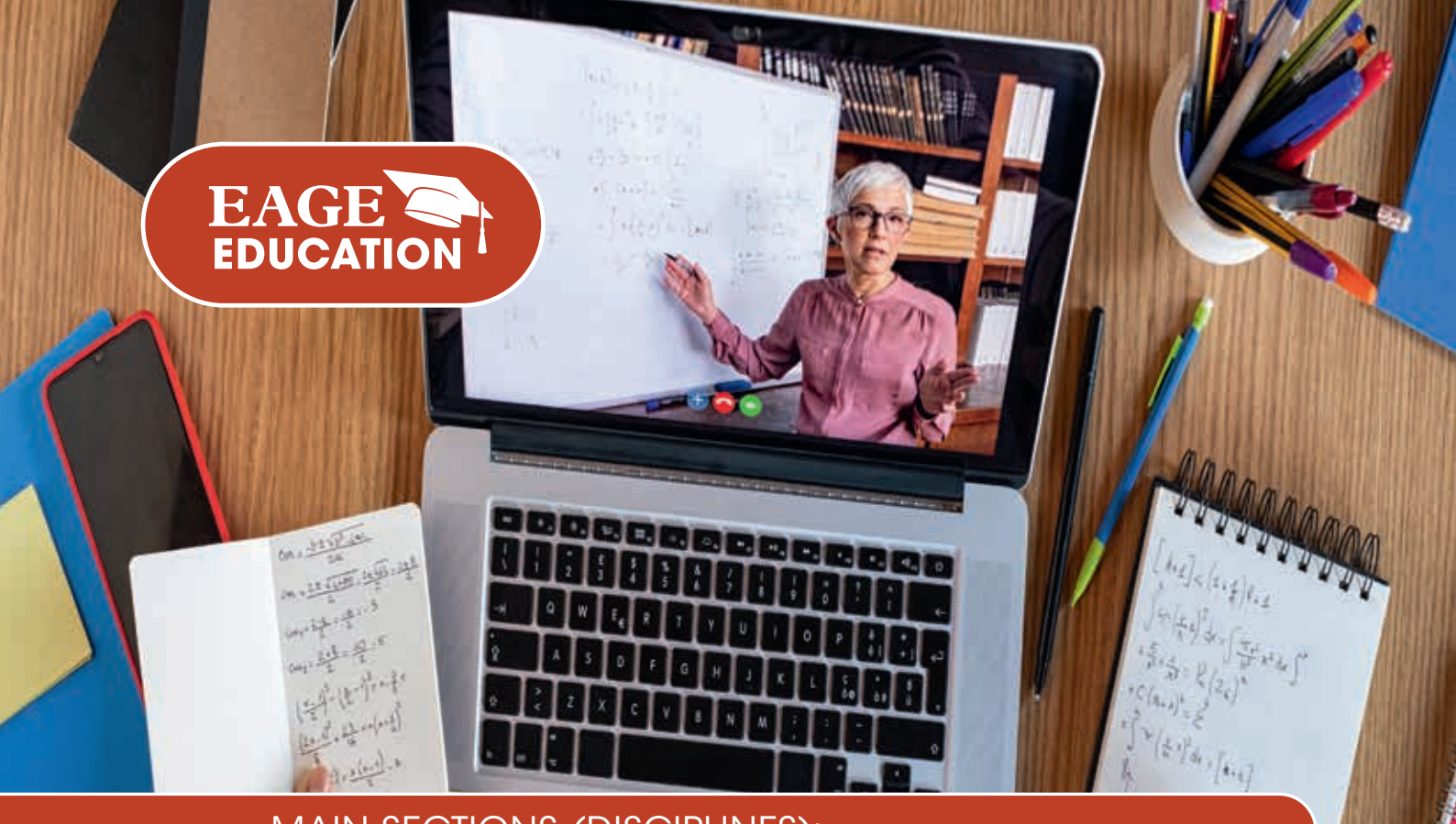
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ENGINEERS

# Short Course Catalogue



**EAGE**   
**EDUCATION**

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**MAIN SECTIONS (DISCIPLINES):**



**Geophysics**

- Seismic Acquisition
- Seismic Processing
- Surface Imaging
- Integrated Geophysics
- Mineral Exploration
- Reservoir Characterization



**Near Surface**

- Environmental Geophysics
- Non-Seismic Methods



**Geology**

- Structural Geology
- Carbonate Geology
- Stratigraphy
- Geological Modelling



**Engineering**

- Petroleum Engineering
- Reservoir Management
- EOR/IOR



**Data Science**

- Machine Learning



**Reservoir Characterization**

- Rock Physics
- Geomechanics
- Geochemistry



**Training and Development**

- Human Resources

**ICONS**



**New**

New course



**Book**

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**In-House**

This course can be requested for in-house training (subject to instructor's availability)



**E-Lecture**

This course comes with an EAGE E-Lecture that you can watch on YouTube

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## Welcome Words

The European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers (EAGE) recognizes the necessity for high-quality training and education throughout the lifetime of the industry professional. Indeed, we see educational tools as a key deliverable to our membership, especially relevant in our rapidly changing industry. To this end, I would like to introduce the EAGE Short Course Catalogue in which you will find an overview of over ninety short courses, delivered by a range of experienced instructors from industry and academia. We have carefully selected these courses to be multidisciplinary, in keeping with our Association's ethos, and to keep abreast of the latest trends in geoscience and engineering. Most of our courses are designed to be easily digested in bites of one to four days.

EAGE offers a broad range of education opportunities in a variety of formats, both public and in-house, with the current focus on online education:

- Interactive Online Short Courses
- Interactive Online EAGE Education Tours
- Extensive Online Courses with interactive elements
- Self-paced Online Courses
- Distinguished Lecturer Webinars
- E-Lecture Webinars
- E-Lectures
- Online in-house training

I strongly encourage you to discover our education offerings on our new online learning platform - Learning Geoscience, and participate in our short courses, which I am sure that you will find both high quality and professional in nature.

Finally, I should add that the EAGE is continually refreshing the catalogue to ensure it keeps pace with, and is relevant to, current industry developments. Should you have any suggestions or proposals for new courses please let me know.

I wish you an enjoyable and informative learning experience!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John D. Hubbell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Colin MacBeth | Education Officer (EAGE Board)



## About EAGE and Learning Geoscience

EAGE is a professional association for geoscientists and engineers. Founded in 1951, it is a non-profit organization with a worldwide membership providing a global network of commercial and academic professionals. The Association is truly multi-disciplinary and international in form and pursuits. EAGE believes that it is vitally important for all geoscientists to keep up-to-date on the latest developments in their field. For this reason the Association actively develops and delivers education programmes for different audiences.

Learning Geoscience, the online education platform of EAGE, is the focal point for all online education activities organized by the Association. Online training can overcome limitations of time, distance and financial resources. It is a flexible format that allows participants, from students to professionals, to attend lectures from anywhere in the world and at the time that is convenient for them. The Learning Geoscience platform offers an integrated set of interactive, or self-paced, online courses of experienced instructors from industry and academia which give participants the possibility to follow the latest education in geoscience and engineering remotely.

## EAGE Education Tours (EET)

Since 2006, the popular EAGE Education Tours (EET) have already attracted thousands of participants. An Education Tour on current Geoscience topics consists of a one-day course presented by an acknowledged industry expert/academic who visits various locations worldwide. The courses presented in this programme are specifically designed with an appeal to a wide audience, as opposed to some of the more specialized short courses in this catalogue, and aim to fulfil EAGE's mission of providing members with access to the latest developments in Geoscience at an affordable price. All tours come with a dedicated course book, which can also be acquired separately from the EAGE Bookshop.

A selection of courses from the EET programme are currently being offered online in order to give participants the possibility to follow the latest education in geoscience and engineering remotely. Online EETs are delivered in two half-day sessions and participants have the possibility to interact live with the instructors, ask questions and conduct practical exercises. Scheduled EETs can be found in the education calendar at [www.LearningGeoscience.org](http://www.LearningGeoscience.org).

## Customized in-house training

Most of the short courses are also available as in-house training, which can be organized on a company's premises or online and customized to better fit with specific needs. In-house courses are suited for groups of 10–20 participants, although sessions for larger audiences can be arranged as well. In-house courses can be complemented with a consultation session, if needed. Many instructors are flexible to customize the curriculum with individual

preferences and training needs. If your company has a specific interest, do not hesitate to contact us for a personalized proposal.

In-house training is a flexible and cost-effective option for the continuous professional development of your company. Engaging in training as a group and undertaking activities and discussions together can also serve as a team-building exercise, strengthen the bonds between colleagues, refresh team skills and boost confidence.

## EurGeol Accreditation

Since 2013 EAGE has been an official Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Provider for the 'European Geologist' title, which is a globally recognized professional accreditation established by the European Federation of Geologists (EFG). In order to obtain and maintain this title, the holder must provide a record of high-quality CPD activities, which include short courses such as the ones presented in this catalogue. For more information about this accreditation system and corresponding EAGE learning activities please visit [www.eage.org/education/eurgeol-title](http://www.eage.org/education/eurgeol-title).

## Find education opportunities for you

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# Geophysics

- SEISMIC ACQUISITION •
- SEISMIC PROCESSING •
- SURFACE IMAGING •
- INTEGRATED GEOPHYSICS •
- MINERAL EXPLORATION •
- RESERVOIR CHARACTERIZATION •



## Advanced Marine Seismic Acquisition Techniques

3D OBC P-WAVE PRM RESERVOIR ENGINEERING SIMULTANEOUS SOURCE WIDE AZIMUTH

Instructor:	Dr Mike Branston (WesternGeco, London, United Kingdom)
Duration:	1 to 2 days
CPD Points:	5 to 10
Language:	English
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

The course is designed to familiarize the student with the latest developments in Marine Seismic Acquisition including Wide-Azimuth with its many geometry variants, Broadband techniques (boosting the high and low frequencies), seabed receivers for both P-wave and Converted-wave recording, simultaneous source acquisition, and methodologies to improve efficiency. The course starts with an overview of conventional 3D towed streamer seismic acquisition and then concentrates on recent advances that have enabled dramatic improvements in seismic data quality and interpretability. While the development of 3D marine seismic acquisition since the 1980s has been arguably the single most effective technique in improved drilling success, the recent addition of “true 3D” or “wide-azimuth” techniques has led to improved sub-surface illumination and imaging. In addition to improved imaging, improved resolution has been achieved through so-called broadband techniques achieved through novel source and streamer geometries and multi-component receivers. The course compares wide-azimuth towed streamer seismic acquisition as well as sea-bed seismic acquisition, ocean bottom cable (OBC) and ocean bottom node (OBN). Design and practical implementation considerations are reviewed; together with relative cost-benefits. In the case of sea-bed seismic, the value of multi-component recording is reviewed. Broadband seismic techniques are explained in terms of source and receiver design, practical implementation and interpretational benefits. The course reviews the latest developments in simultaneous source technology, which are attempting to improve the data density and / or operational efficiency of seismic acquisition. Finally the course reviews the other operational methodologies and designs that have been developed to improve acquisition efficiency.

### Course Objectives

A practical approach is adopted and is designed to provide the student with an up-to-date understanding of recent developments in marine seismic acquisition technology. At the end of the course the student will be able to understand why and where these new technologies are applicable, understand what studies are required to design new surveys and understand the relative costs of acquiring and processing the seismic data compared to conventional acquisition.

### Participants' Profile

The course is designed for geophysicists and explorationists who wish to gain an overview of recent developments in 3D marine seismic acquisition. Participants are assumed to have a working knowledge of conventional seismic acquisition techniques and their use in exploration and development of hydrocarbon resources.

### Prerequisites

Participants should have a working knowledge of conventional seismic acquisition techniques and their use in exploration and development of hydrocarbon resources.

### About the Instructor

Mike Branston manages WesternGeco's Solution Design and Modeling activities across the Eastern Hemisphere. He has been based in Norway, Malaysia and the UK. Mike holds both a BSc and a PhD in geophysics and was awarded Chartered Geologist status by the Geological Society of London in 2006.

Since 2014 he has volunteered his time and expertise to assist the PESGB (Petroleum Society of Great Britain) in the organisation of their biannual petroleum exploration conference (PETEX); initially as a member of the technical committee and more recently as chairman of that committee.



# The Benefit of Broadband Technology for Reservoir Characterization and Imaging - the End-User Value

APPRAISAL BROADBAND CASE STUDY INTERPRETATION INVERSION  
MARINE ACQUISITION OFFSHORE RESERVOIR SEDIMENT

Instructor:	Dr Cyrille Reiser (Petroleum Geo-Services, London, United Kingdom)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:	English
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

The main aim of this course is to provide a very accessible overview of the many concepts behind broadband seismic (primarily offshore) and its implication for the reservoir focused asset based geoscientist. This will be done through the a very comprehensive set of case study material from all regions of the world and for various stages of the exploration, appraisal and development asset life cycle. The course aims to objectively discuss the various broadband seismic technologies and commercial offerings available today and their respective merits with regards to quantitative reservoir characterization and reservoir imaging using real world application examples. The course will further attempt to identify possible pitfalls and issues with regards to the treatment of broadband data that might lead to flawed or erroneous QI.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to understand the value of broader bandwidth seismic data in general and for quantitative reservoir analysis from interpretation to rock property estimation in particular. The course is intended to be very applied and hands on and will only review the very basic concepts of inversion based rock property analysis and quantitative interpretation but will otherwise focus on examples to illustrate the benefit of extended bandwidth seismic.

### Course Outline

Course schedule:

- What is broadband seismic?
- Potential benefits
- Exploration case studies
- Appraisal development case studies
- What next?

### Participants' Profile

The course is designed for geoscientists with a basic level of geophysical knowledge, including a general knowledge of towed streamer acquisition and processing methods but the content is designed to be accessible for most geoscientists working with or interested in using broadband seismic in their day-to-day working life. In other words, definitely no requirement for expert knowledge.

### About the Instructor

Dr Cyrille Reiser holds a Ph.D in 1998 from Lyon's Ecole Normale with the title "Automatic recognition of genetic sequence and sedimentary bodies by wireline log shape analysis". He worked for 10 years with CGG prior to join and develop in end of 2008, the Reservoir Characterisation Group in PGS Reservoir. He is presently the Reservoir Characterisation Director for PGS Reservoir.





## Time-Lapse Seismic: A Multidisciplinary Tool for Effective Reservoir Management

4D FLUID GRM INJECTION MONITORING OIL AND GAS PRM PRODUCTION WORKFLOWS

Instructor:	Mr Cedric Fayemendy (Equinor, Stavanger, Norway)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:	English
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

Geophysical Reservoir Monitoring (GRM) of reservoirs relies on frequent time-lapse observations with high-survey repeatability. This technology is a key enabler for maximizing the oil recovery of oil and gas fields. The GRM technology aims at understanding and updating the knowledge of producing reservoirs. This is achieved through mapping the movement of fluid and pressure fronts and fluid contacts during production and injection. The combination of production monitoring with repeated seismic acquisition and geological and reservoir information provides reliable estimates of static and dynamic reservoir parameters. The lecture will first review the geophysical reservoir monitoring history at Equinor. We will share our experience with 4D processes, resources allocation and the overall monitoring strategy. The lecture will also cover challenges in understanding the 4D responses and value creation. Finally, we will look at how we push the GRM technology towards higher use of quantitative results.

### Course Objectives

The purpose of this course is to provide an overview of the importance and the benefit of time-lapse seismic.

### Course Outline

- Theory of time lapse monitoring
- How do we plan for time lapse seismic?
- The value of acquiring time lapse data.
- How are time-lapse data managed by the asset and integrated in the reservoir management process.
- An overview of the latest developments in time-lapse monitoring in Equinor including PRM.

### Participants' Profile

This course should be of interest to managers, geoscientists, reservoir and petroleum engineers with an interest in reservoir management and monitoring using time-lapse seismic.

### About the Instructor

Cedric Fayemendy is currently working with in Equinor with reservoir monitoring. He holds a master degree in Geophysics (1998) from University of Paris VI. He joined Equinor in 2010 after spending 12 years in the oil industry working with Schlumberger and ConocoPhillips.



## Land Seismic on New Technological Level

3D BROADBAND FULL AZIMUTH MULTICOMPONENT REFRACTION  
RESERVOIR CHARACTERIZATION STATICS SURVEY DESIGN VIBROSEIS

Instructor:	Dr Anatoly Cherepovskiy (Independent Consultant, Moscow, Russia)
Duration:	1 to 2 days
CPD Points:	5 to 10
Language:s	English, Russian
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

This course will provide information related to recent trends and advances in land seismic data acquisition technology, equipment and the methodologies that are being utilized to improve seismic imaging quality and productivity of 3D acquisition with an emphasize on the high-end surveys as performed in open areas. The course will not cover the fundamentals of 3D and multicomponent seismic survey design, although there will be a section that will give a review of recent survey design approaches and principles.

### Course Objectives

The purpose of this course is to:

- provide an overview of trends in 3D land seismic and achievements;
- understand trade-offs in modern field technologies;
- understand the ways to improve seismic imaging and data conditioning for better reservoir characterization.

### Course Outline

1. Introduction
2. The revolutions and trends in 3D land seismic and evolution in survey design, field equipment, and acquisition techniques. The criteria of field data quality. The role of global positioning systems. Arrays versus point receivers and point sources Intra-array statics (synthetic and field-data examples), non-vertical ray emergence, and other factors degrading high-frequency content of acquired data and distorting amplitudes and AVO effects. Is there a compromise between high-frequency preservation and S/N ratio improvement? Digital array forming.
3. Wide-azimuth and high-density surveys  
Breakthrough in seismic imaging with HD and WAZ data. More receivers or more sources? New types of attributes extracted from HD and WAZ data to better characterize complex and fractured reservoirs.
4. Excitation and recording of wideband seismic signals  
Why do we need broadband signals? Types of velocimeters and accelerometers. Low-dwell and other nonlinear sweeps. Field data examples.
5. 3C sensors and multi-component seismic  
Advantages of 3C single sensors from operational and geophysical points of view. Multicomponent seismic with MEMS accelerometers: expectations and practical achievements. Ray-tracing and finite-difference modeling studies.
6. Multiple-fleet and high-productivity vibroseis techniques  
New paradigm in seismic exploration: better sampling of noise and signal. The issues of data and equipment QC in high-productivity vibroseis.
7. Diversity stack in noisy areas
8. Cableless recording systems  
Innovative technologies enabling a new generation of recording systems without cables and radio: the importance of GPS in the evolution of land seismic acquisition techniques. Where cableless systems are applicable?

Full cableless and infill modes. Testing of autonomous (nodal) and real-time recording systems in Russia.

### 9. Conclusions

Not all acquisition techniques are equal (status in Russia vs. Middle East and North America)

What will be high-end land 3D surveys in the future: point 3C acquisition? A mix of cable and cableless, very dense and very noisy data?

### Participants' Profile

The course is appropriate not only for geophysicists involved in land survey design, acquisition, and modeling, but also for those involved in data processing and interpretation who wish to better understand the potential improvements that can be made.

### Prerequisites

The course assumes familiarity with basic seismic acquisition techniques and equipment. No mathematical background is required, since physical concepts are graphically illustrated. A comprehensive list of references is given in the book.

### Recommended Reading

Meunier, J., 2011, Seismic acquisition from yesterday to tomorrow: Distinguished Instructor Short Course, SEG / EAGE, Tulsa, OK USA.

### About the Instructor

Anatoly Cherepovski received an MSc in Geophysics from Moscow State University in 1980. He joined OZGEO overseas geological exploration company (Moscow) and carried out seismic data processing including almost two years at the field data processing centre in Yemen. In 1991 he obtained a PhD at VNIIGeofizika Research Institute (Moscow) with a dissertation titled Improving efficiency of vibroseis investigations in frontier areas.

In 1995 he joined Petrosystems division of CGG (Moscow) as a project manager. From 1998 to 2004 he worked for Green Mountain Geophysics (GMG), later I/O GMG, where he was involved in 3D survey design, refraction statics determination, and benchmark data processing. He presented courses on seismic survey design and refraction statics to numerous companies in Russia and CIS. In 2004 he joined I/O full-wave team and was involved in 3D/3C model-based survey design, ray-trace and finite-difference modeling. From 2008 to 2016 he served as regional geophysicist for Sercel, Moscow office, and provided consultancy on multicomponent equipment and survey design, high-density single-sensor and single-source seismic, broadband seismic, and high-productivity vibroseis techniques. From 2017 he works as seismic expert for NewTech Services company, Moscow office, and provides consultancy on cableless recording systems and high-density 3D surveys.

Anatoly is a member of EAGE, SEG, and EAGS (EurAsian Geophysical Society). He is the author of English-Russian and Russian-English Dictionary of Exploration Geophysics, EAGE, 2008.



# Land Seismic Survey Design

3D BROADBAND IMAGING INTEGRATION INVERSION LAND  
SEISMIC MODELING NOISE SENSORS SIGNAL PROCESSING SIMULTANEOUS  
SOURCE VIBROSEIS WIDE AZIMUTH

Instructor:	Mr Paul Ras (SD2I Geophysical Consulting, Netherlands)
Duration:	2 to 4 days
CPD Points:	10 to 20
Language:s	English, Dutch
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

This course presents an integrated approach to modern land 3D seismic survey design as it has a key role in the seismic value chain going from acquisition to processing, imaging and inversion & characterization. It will describe the main technology advances in land seismic acquisition: high-channel count single sensor (point receiver), simultaneous source high-productivity vibroseis, broadband and wireless nodal systems. New acquisition technology has in turn inspired progress in processing, imaging and inversion & characterization. Seismic survey designs have changed accordingly, wide azimuth high-density surveys are now the norm in many environments. And the survey design workflow now includes single sensor, single source, simultaneous source, broadband, symmetric sampling, cross-spreads, spatial continuity and more powerful 5D interpolation methods. It has also become more integrated, with requirements from processing, imaging and inversion & characterization feeding back to the design and hence acquisition.

### Course Objectives

The purpose of this course is to understand:

- The main parameters related to land survey design;
- The generic land seismic survey design workflow;
- The impact of the new acquisition technology on survey design;
- How design and acquisition affects processing, imaging and inversion and characterization.

### Course Outline

1. Introduction: setting the stage discussing the survey design process as part of the seismic value chain and from the perspective of integrated project design;
2. Survey design workflow: generic survey design workflow introducing the basic design parameters and explaining how they are estimated. Among other things this involves survey objectives, resolution, signal and noise. In the next sections, we will show the impact of the new technologies;
3. The advent of high-channel count systems has enabled single sensor (or point receiver) recording. This can provide unaliased sampling of signal and noise enabling easy removal of in particular near surface source generated noise;
4. Simultaneous source hi-productivity vibroseis: acquiring data from multiple (groups or single) vibrators simultaneously from different source locations, which can improve spatial sampling and reduce cost by increasing productivity;
5. Broadband: driven by imaging and inversion requirements, there has been a major technology effort to increase bandwidth, mostly on the low but also on the high frequency side of the spectrum;
6. Wireless nodal systems significantly improve operational flexibility in restricted areas; increasingly being used with single sensors. Nodal technology is developing fast with higher channel counts while improving Wifi & Bluetooth technology enables better QC;
7. The impact of survey design at the data processing stage includes receiver sampling for adequate noise suppression, improved source sampling for

well sampled gathers (cross-spread, source, receiver) and fold (trace density).

When we design the survey, we can for instance ensure well interpolated & regularized input to imaging, understanding of multiple behaviour, and enable good surface wave inversion for near surface modeling;

8. At the imaging stage we should ensure spatial continuity, good spatial sampling (CMP bin), trace density, azimuth/offset sampling for azimuth preserving OVT migration, sufficient migration aperture and bandwidth. We can model for good illumination;
9. To ensure optimum inversion – in particular pre-stack and AVOAz – and reservoir characterization, wide azimuth, high-density survey designs can provide good azimuth/offset sampling and S/N. Low frequency data (broadband) will reduce the dependency on well data, high frequency data and good spatial sampling will optimize resolution;
10. Finally, there will be a quick look at some future developments like ongoing research efforts in the area of vibroseis sources, simultaneous sources and wavefield interpolation.

### Participants' Profile

Acquisition geophysicists who are naturally involved in survey design but also processing geophysicists and interpreters who wish to understand how acquisition programmes can be tailored to tackle their problems. The course may also be beneficial to geoscience (geophysics and geology) students.

### Prerequisites

Participants are assumed to have basic knowledge of seismic acquisition and processing techniques.

### About the Instructor

With more than 20 years industry experience principally with Schlumberger, Paul Ras has worked in land seismic acquisition, survey evaluation & design, data processing, inversion & reservoir characterization. He is currently a geophysical consultant based in the Netherlands, teaching and consulting for Schlumberger NEXt and working with geophysics startups. Paul began his career at TNO Institute of Applied Geoscience and Delft Geophysical in the Netherlands, working in software development and as a seismologist on field crews. He then worked in various roles for Geco-Prakla, on crews and in the survey evaluation and design group. After a three year secondment at Saudi Aramco followed by starting up WesternGeco's data processing center in Saudi Arabia, he moved to inversion and reservoir services working for Schlumberger's DCS segment based in Cairo. Then came various technical and project management roles mainly involving new technology like the land UniQ acquisition system, land demultiple processing and seismic guided drilling. From 2013 until 2015 he worked as a land area geophysicist for WesternGeco based in the UK. Paul is a graduate in Applied Geophysics from Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands.



# Integrated Seismic Acquisition and Processing

3D DENSE SURVEYS DYNAMITE IMAGING INTERPRETATION  
 LAND SEISMIC MAPPING MIGRATION  
 NEAR SURFACE OBC OFFSHORE ONSHORE SAND SENSORS SPARSE DATA  
 SURVEY DESIGN VIBROSEIS WAVE PROPAGATION

Instructor:	Mr Jack Bouska (Independent Consultant, Calgary, AB, Canada)
Duration:	1 to 2 days
CPD Points:	5 to 10
Language:	English
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

This course covers both modern and future practices in 3D seismic acquisition survey design and field operations. The seismic experiment is introduced as part of a larger integrated system, one composed of acquisition design, field operations, data processing, imaging and interpretation. This one- or two-day course emphasizes how real-world aspects of interpretation, data processing, imaging and field operations can either constrain or liberate various survey design parameter choices. The course material conveys the full breadth of knowledge and tools required to select and adjust survey design parameters for optimum imaging of the subsurface target, while honouring equipment limits and surface constraints. The syllabus develops a practical set of survey design skills, using a combination of both presentations and in-class exercises. This knowledge and skill base is also reinforced using specific examples of cutting edge seismic acquisition projects from around the globe. All case histories were selected to emphasize the value of long offset, wide azimuth and simultaneous source techniques for onshore and offshore ocean bottom seismic acquisition 3D designs, employing both large and small field crews.

### Course Objectives

Each participant will gain exposure to the core principals of seismic 3D survey design, along with practice in selecting a balanced set of 3D acquisition geometry parameters for both optimum field implementation and competent data processing. Students will also learn how those parameter choices directly affect acquisition operations, data processing and the quality of the final image volume.

### Course Outline

- Foundations of seismic system integration and subsurface mapping;
- Methods of acquiring seismic data, to image the subsurface;
- Optimum processing of wide azimuth seismic data, to image the subsurface;
- Introduction to the survey design study, a data driven investigation into survey objectives, mapping requirements and geographic constraints;
- The survey design procedure, techniques for selecting a balanced set of 3D geometry parameters;
- Offshore Ocean Bottom Seismic 3D survey design, with worked examples;
- Onshore 3D seismic surveys using explosive sources, with worked examples;
- Onshore 3D seismic surveys using Vibroseis sources, with Simultaneous Source examples.

### Participants' Profile

The course is designed for:

1. Seismic acquisition specialists who wish to learn more about designing cost-effective acquisition programmes, that are well matched to state-of-the-art

- processing and imaging techniques, along with strategies to exploit the future of high channel count crews in order to create ultra-high quality images;
2. Seismic processing specialists who wish to learn about how acquisition geometry parameter choice directly affects the ability to attenuate noise, and image the subsurface, in the context of a modern processing scheme
3. Seismic interpreters with a desire to know more about both of the above.

### Prerequisites

Participants are assumed to possess a working knowledge of the reflection seismic method and its use in exploration and reservoir management.

### About the Instructor

Jack Bouska graduated with a Geophysics degree from the University of Alberta (1980), and started working at Seiscom-Delta (1981) then moved to Western Geophysical (1983), before joining Dome Petroleum in 1985, persevering through the Dome-Amoco-BP mergers of 1988 & 1998. His career included residence in; London U.K., Muscat Oman, and Calgary Alberta, while tackling a wide variety of projects spanning across five continents. Initial projects included revitalizing cost effective exploration for Amoco Canada using his invention of Sparse-3D, later expanding into the S. American Andes, designing and acquiring some of the world's largest Heli-portable 3D's. His innovation at BP continued with novel acquisition techniques for Seabed OBC-3D's in the North Sea, Caspian Sea, Gulf of Suez, Abu Dhabi, Indonesia and West of Shetlands. While in the UK, Jack also acted as team Leader for the upstream technology Reservoir Management team, prior to moving to Oman as the Middle East region Seismic Delivery Manager, where he instigated several ultra-high speed Vibroseis surveys made possible by his invention of Distance Separated Simultaneous Sweeping (DS3). While in Oman, he also invented a new type of seismic sensor and autonomous node recorder, resulting in several patents (as inventor) and a commercial implementation (the BP-Schlumberger-Rosneft Nimble Node). In 2013 he moved back to Calgary as regional seismic delivery manager for BP's Oil Sands and Canadian offshore seismic programs, before retiring in 2015, and turning his attention to industry training and consultation. As an author of more than 50 industry papers and technical presentations, Jack's innovations in seismic acquisition design and processing have been recognized by numerous geophysical societies; including the CSEG with the Best Theme Paper award in 1995, Best of Session papers in 1997 & 98 and best technical luncheon talk of 2014. The SEG also awarded Jack the Best Paper in the Leading Edge 2005, and Honourable Mention in Best Paper category, 2005 National convention. Jack has served as an EAGE Distinguished Lecturer for 2007-2008 and in 2009, the Society of Exploration Geophysicists selected him as the spring SEG Distinguished Lecturer in Geophysics. Jack is an active member of the EAGE, SEG, CSEG, and APEGA.



## Seismic Acquisition Project Essentials: from Concept to Completion and Beyond

FINANCE HSE PROCUREMENT PROJECT MANAGEMENT SCOUTING SEISMIC SURVEY

Instructor:	Mr Jan de Bruin (Project Manager - Seismic Acquisition)
Duration:	2 to 4 days
CPD Points:	10 to 20
Language:	English
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

Existing courses and books with the title 'seismic acquisition' typically deal with designing seismic surveys, and sometimes also with processing and evaluation of the acquired data.

**Design :** Although I treat design in a somewhat less conventional way, it is an important part of this course too, but other equally important subjects receive equal attention. These are: **Clients :** We need to know who our clients are and understand what they want and why they want it. Without them and their support we won't have a project, and there will be no point designing a seismic survey. **Finance :** It would be unfortunate to have the best possible design in the world that will achieve your clients' objectives and find out that it is too expensive and the company will not set a budget aside for it. **Procurement :** A seismic survey is usually not bought "off the shelf". We need to identify companies that can carry out the seismic survey according to our design and our HSE requirements. We need to sign a contract with the company that we select to do the work. The course will also look at this from the perspective of seismic companies.

**Scouting :** In order to come up with a good design that is not too expensive it is essential to scout the area where seismic data is to be acquired. Scouting costs relatively little and helps to avoid unpleasant and expensive surprises during execution.

**Communities :** For the duration of the survey, and in case of success for many years thereafter, we will be co-habitants of the area together with the people who have lived there for generations. Those people can and often will have a significant influence on the project and can make it impossible to complete it.

**Execution :** Even with good preparation, unexpected things will happen when the work in the field starts, making life more complex and more interesting. When a crew of 1000 people is at work or a 10 streamer vessel is acquiring data there is little room for mistakes and not much time to decide what to do.

**Equipment :** Equipment changes faster than any of the other elements in this course. Ever since the beginning of seismic acquisition these changes have been towards larger quantities, better quality and lower prices for seismic sources and receivers. This process is expected to continue and the equipment used today may be very different from equipment that will be used in the seismic industry 10 years from now.

**Project management and Safety :** These are the two pillars on which any good project rests. Good project management includes good safety management. One could even argue that the two are largely the same. Seismic acquisition is an industry where significant hazards exist and serious accidents still happen. These can and must be avoided.

### Course Objectives

To make seismic acquisition projects more successful.

This is done by:

- better understanding the goals of clients of seismic surveys
- better preparing for a seismic survey, through scouting
- making a better design of the survey (design is also covered in other courses)
- learning how to improve relations with people living in the area of the seismic survey
- better managing the financial aspects of a seismic survey

### Course Outline

1. Introduction
2. Clients
3. Scouting
4. Design
5. Procurement
6. Safety
7. Communities
8. Execution
9. Finance
10. Equipment
11. Project management
12. Outro

### Participants' Profile

This course suits professionals who want to understand why their last seismic survey was not as successful as they expected.

If you are either a client of seismic survey, in procurement, providing finance support or in an HSE supporting or policing role related to seismic acquisition, then this course will be of interest to you.

This course will be of interest for employees of seismic companies who want to have a better understanding of how seismic surveys are conceived, initiated and managed in oil companies. More detail about the exact reasons why oil companies want to acquire seismic data and how they go about this will also be a focus.

If you live in an area where a seismic survey will be conducted or if you are with an NGO in need of understanding more about seismic acquisition, then this course is for you.



### Prerequisites

This course is essential for Geophysicists and staff in other disciplines who are or will be involved in planning and executing seismic surveys. The course also contains important knowledge for those who are providing support during the planning and execution of these surveys such as people in HSE, Procurement, and Finance. The course will be beneficial for those whose task it is to get the highest possible value out of the data delivered by seismic surveys, for example Geologists and Reservoir Engineers. It is only in the section about design that some geophysical background will be helpful but this should not stop anyone subscribing. Regardless of their experience and education, those whose main task is to make important contributions to the success of seismic surveys will benefit from this course. Partially this is because the project (the seismic survey) will benefit when all those involved have a good understanding of what the others are doing

### About the Instructor

Jan de Bruin has 29 years experience as a geophysicist with Shell and has covered the full range of geophysical jobs from new recruit to Chief Geophysicist, and from software development to processing to quantitative interpretation to seismic acquisition. From 1999 until 2015 he has been accountable for the successful initiation and completion of many geophysical surveys.

Jan de Bruin has a MSc Physics degree from Delft University in the Netherlands. He has also completed the Henley MBA. He joined Shell in 1986 and has worked for Shell in 9 different countries. He left Shell in 2015 when the opportunity arose to make a change, helped by the drop in oil price, and has used 2016 and part of 2017 to develop this course and to become involved in several interesting projects.



## Basic Geophysical Data Acquisition and Processing

2D, 3D, 4D SEISMIC | ELECTRICAL SURVEYING | GPR | GRAVITY SURVEYING | IMAGING  
 MAGNETICS SURVEYING | RESULT IN DEPTH | ROCK PROPERTIES | SHALLOW REFRACTION  
 SIGNAL-TO-NOISE RATIO | VALUE OF INFORMATION | WAVE PROPAGATION

Instructor:	Dr Jaap C. Mondt (Breakaway, Netherlands)
Duration:	5 days
CPD Points:	25
Language:	English, Dutch
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

This course treats various geophysical methods, from gravity to magnetics, electrical, electro-magnetic, refraction and reflection seismic. It will be taught not only by explaining and discussing the methods, but above all by applying the theory in mainly Excel based assignments.

Various kinds of geophysical data are available. They are usually separated into Non-seismic and Seismic data. Non-seismic data (gravity, magnetics, electrical, electromagnetics, spectral, etc.) is the main data used in shallow subsurface applications (engineering, mapping pollution, archaeology, etc.) and at the early exploration stage in the search for oil, gas or minerals. Seismic is the main subsurface evaluation tool for the EP industry, but it has its limitations. Therefore, non-seismic methods are used successfully as complementary tools at the more mature exploration stages and even for production.

In combination with seismic data they can significantly reduce the uncertainty of subsurface models as they measure different physical properties of the subsurface. Controlled Source EM, for example, responds to reservoir resistivity and can thus be used to differentiate between hydrocarbons and brine in a geological structure mapped by seismic.

The main topics covered by the programme are:

- Gravity surveying
- Magnetics surveying
- Electrical surveying
- Electro-Magnetic surveying, including Ground Penetrating Radar
- Acquisition of shallow refraction seismic data
- Acquisition of reflection seismic data
- When to use 2D, 3D and 4D seismic / non-seismic
- Principles of wave propagation
- Basic designs of 2D and 3D seismic acquisition
- Processing of seismic and GPR data with the objectives of improving signal-to-noise ratio, vertical and lateral resolution
- From simple migration to Imaging
- Result in depth (Time-to-Depth conversion)
- What to spend on a new survey, be it a new survey or a reprocessing or re-interpretation project. Hence, to determine whether the expected reward (increase in value) is higher than the cost of the project. In short, what is the value of the new information obtained (VOI: Value Of Information)

### Course Objectives

At the end of the course, participants will have a good understanding of what information various geophysical data can give and for what purposes it can be used. This will enable them to specify the requirements for a survey or a reprocessing or interpretation project, either done in-house or by a specialised service provider.

Other benefits include:

- Place and value geophysical activities in a multi-disciplinary context
- Judge the merits of various geophysical techniques
- Better liaise and collaborate with staff in related disciplines
- Recognise artefacts and direct hydrocarbon indications on seismic
- Value novel developments such as time lapse methods for hydrocarbon reservoir monitoring or pollution control.

### Course Outline

- Part 1: The principles and limitations of Geophysical methods
- Part 2: Gravity surveying, Magnetic surveying, Electrical surveying
- Part 3: Electro-Magnetic surveying
- Part 4: Seismic Refraction surveying
- Part 5: Seismic Reflection surveying
- Part 6: Value of undertaking a new project (VOI)

### Participants' Profile

The course is designed for Geologists, Geophysicists and Petroleum Engineers involved in exploration and development of oil and gas fields and for those involved in projects related to the shallow subsurface (monitoring pollution). In addition, it would be useful for those dealing with the effects of production of a field (subsidence, earth tremors).

### Prerequisites

A reasonable level of understanding of mathematics and physics is assumed.

Recommended Reading

An Introduction to Geophysical Exploration, Kearey, Brooks, Hill, ISBNB0-632-04929



**About the Instructor**

Dr Jaap C. Mondt obtained a Bachelors degree in Geology at the University of Leiden followed by a Masters degree in Theoretical Geophysics and a PhD on “Full wave theory and the structure of the lower mantle” at the University of Utrecht. Dr Mondt then joined Shell Research in The Netherlands to develop methods to predict lithology and pore-fluid based on seismic, petrophysical and geological data. Subsequently he worked at Shell Expro in London to interpret seismic data from the Central North Sea Graben. After his return to The Netherlands, he headed a team for the development of 3D interpretation methods using multi-attribute statistical and pattern recognition analysis on workstations. After a period of

Quality Assurance of “Contractor” software for seismic processing, he became responsible for Geophysics in the Shell Learning Centre. During that time he was in addition part-time professor in Applied Geophysics at the University of Utrecht. From 2001 till 2005 he worked on the development of Potential Field Methods (Gravity, Magnetics) and EM methods (CSEM) for detecting oil and gas. After his retirement from Shell, he founded his own company (Breakaway), specialised in courses on acquisition, processing and interpretation of geophysical data (seismic, gravity, magnetic and electromagnetic data). In addition to providing support to the Shell Learning Centre, he gives his own courses to International as well as National energy companies.





## Advanced Seismic Data Acquisition and Processing

ACQUISITION STRATEGY   MIGRATION   NMO CORRECTION   NOISE SPREAD   PERMEABILITY  
 POROSITY   PROCESSING STRATEGY   RESERVOIR ROCKS   ROCK PROPERTIES   SIGNAL PROCESSING  
 SOURCE ROCKS   SPACIAL ALIASING   SYMMETRIC SAMPLING   TIME-TO-DEPTH CONVERSION  
 VALUE OF INFORMATION   VELOCITY MODEL

Instructor:	Dr Jaap C. Mondt (Breakaway, Netherlands)
Duration:	5 days
CPD Points:	25
Language:	English, Dutch
Level:	Advanced



### Course Description

The course deals with advanced methods of seismic acquisition and processing. It will be taught not only by explaining the methods, but above all by applying the theory in mainly Excel based assignments.

Seismic data is one of the main sources of information on the subsurface. We not only need to obtain the structure that could contain hydrocarbons, but also the rock properties so we can decide on whether we are dealing with reservoir rocks (sandstone, carbonates, even shales), sealing rocks (shales, salt) or source rocks (shales, coal). It is not only important to know what type of rock is present, but also what its porosity and permeability is: how easy do the hydrocarbons flow through the rocks. To obtain the best image of the subsurface we first need optimum acquisition. Optimum means fit for purpose. There are several criteria that need to be satisfied. First of all, the area covered during acquisition should be the prospect area extended sufficiently to provide fold-fold and fully migrated data. An acquisition principle that should be adhered to as much as possible is symmetric sampling, which means equal shot and receiver spacing and equal in-line and cross-line distances (for a 3D). A noise spread (trial acquisition with closely spaced receivers and shots) is acquired in each new area to determine the needed shot and receiver intervals, the bandwidth, etc. The shot and receiver station spacing should be such that no spatial aliasing of the data occurs. Surface and subsurface diagrams are useful to see what CMP spacing and offsets in each CMP gather result from the surface geometry of shots and receivers. The data recorded is the ground motion which gives a continuous (analogue) signal in time which needs to be digitized for the processing. This digitization needs to be done so that neither temporal nor spatial aliasing occurs. Namely, by aliasing information will be lost. Hence, the complete wave-field which arrives at the surface must be faithfully represented by the discrete/digital data.

Although all the information is present in the so-called shot or field records, processing is needed to make them accessible for interpretation. In interpretation, we try to obtain a true image of the "geology" of the subsurface. Processing can be divided into a) signal processing steps and b) wave propagation based processing steps. Signal processing steps are, for example, static corrections, removal of shot-generated noise by velocity filtering, shortening of the wavelet by de-convolution, NMO correction, etc. The wave-propagation part consists of migration or imaging. For wave

propagation we need, in principle, to use equations describing full elastic wave propagation in an inhomogeneous, anisotropic, visco-elastic earth (as that is what really happens in the subsurface). However, these equations would lead to very complicated and computer intensive processing algorithms. So, we usually simplify our description of the wave propagation. What we do is to use, as phrased by Ian Jones and others, "appropriate approximations". The one most commonly used is the one-way acoustic wave equation which describes only a single reflection per reflection ray-path and ignores density. It only uses a velocity depth model and only considers P-wave propagation. This will provide us, for example, with migration algorithms/operators (for time- as well as depth migration) that will still do a reasonably correct summation of acquired data. It will give a migration output that still shows, maybe not correctly, the results of anisotropy, attenuation, wave conversions, shear velocities, etc. Despite the use of this acoustic approximation in our processing, amplitudes can be used (can they?) to determine pore-fluids and pre-stack migrated data that can be used in AVA analysis for deriving shear wave properties. But note that if we model, as in inversion, a synthetic geophysical quantity, say related to amplitudes, such as the reflection coefficient we need (do we?) to include densities across the interface and for AVA we need to include density and shear velocity to interpret the pre-stack seismic amplitudes (as the effect of these properties is contained in the observed data).

All of this will be treated in this course.

### Course Objectives

At the end of the course participants will have a good understanding of what information seismic data can give and for what purposes in Exploration and Production it can be used. This will enable them to specify the requirements for a survey, either done by themselves or by a special service provider.

Other benefits include:

- Place and value geophysical activities in a multi-disciplinary context
- Judge the merits of various seismic geophysical techniques
- Better liaise and collaborate with staff in related disciplines
- Recognise artefacts and direct hydrocarbon indications on seismic
- Value novel developments such as time lapse methods for hydrocarbon reservoir monitoring



### **Course Outline**

- Part 1: The role of seismic in the Exploration and Production of Hydrocarbons
- Part 2: Seismic Acquisition Strategies
- Part 3: Seismic processing Strategies
- Part 4: Time-to-Depth conversion, Direct Hydrocarbon Indicators
- Part 5: Value of Information: How much to spend on new acquisition and/or new processing

### **Participants' Profile**

The course is designed for geophysicists involved in designing and supervising seismic acquisition and processing, and for those involved in specifying/supervising the acquisition and processing done by service companies.

### **Prerequisites**

Participants should have a basic understanding of seismic acquisition and processing and general knowledge of the role of seismic in exploration and production of hydrocarbons.

#### Recommended Reading

- An Introduction to Geophysical Exploration, Keary, Brooks & Hill, ISBN-0-632-04929-4
- Looking into the Earth, Mussett & Aftab Khan, ISBN-0-521-78574-X
- Fundamentals of Geophysics, Lowrie, ISBN-978-0-521-67596-3
- The Art of Being a Scientist, Snieder & Larner, ISBN-978-0-521-74352-5
- 52 Things you should know about Geophysics, Hall & Bianco, ISBN-978-0-9879594-0-9

### **About the Instructor**

Dr Jaap C. Mondt obtained a Bachelors degree in Geology at the University of Leiden followed by a Masters degree in Theoretical Geophysics and a PhD on "Full wave theory and the structure of the lower mantle" at the University of Utrecht. Dr Mondt then joined Shell Research in The Netherlands to develop methods to predict lithology and pore-fluid based on seismic, petrophysical and geological data. Subsequently he worked at Shell Expro in London to interpret seismic data from the Central North Sea Graben. After his return to The Netherlands, he headed a team for the development of 3D interpretation methods using multi-attribute statistical and pattern recognition analysis on workstations. After a period of Quality Assurance of "Contractor" software for seismic processing, he became responsible for Geophysics in the Shell Learning Centre. During that time he was in addition part-time professor in Applied Geophysics at the University of Utrecht. From 2001 till 2005 he worked on the development of Potential Field Methods (Gravity, Magnetics) and EM methods (CSEM) for detecting oil and gas. After his retirement from Shell, he founded his own company (Breakaway), specialised in courses on acquisition, processing and interpretation of geophysical data (seismic, gravity, magnetic and electromagnetic data). In addition to providing support to the Shell Learning Centre, he gives his own courses to International as well as National energy companies.



## Introduction to Data Analysis: Concepts and Examples

4D AVO DEPTH MIGRATION FRACTURES IMAGING IMPEDANCE REFLECTION  
RESERVOIR CHARACTERIZATION ROCK PHYSICS SIGNAL PROCESSING TIME LAPSE TOMOGRAPHY

Instructor:	Dr Robert Godfrey (Robert Godfrey Geophysics Inc., Canada)
Duration:	2 days
CPD Points:	10
Language:	English
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

The course covers a range of advanced data analysis topics including novel signal processing techniques, pre-stack depth migration, reservoir characterization, time lapse analysis and the road ahead.

The free on-line books by Jon F. Claerbout, material from SEG Wiki and papers published in Geophysics, The Leading Edge and SEG Expanded Abstracts are used to provide technical background for the course topics.

### Course Objectives

- Suggest acquisition strategies to
  - broaden spectrum (both low and high)
  - reduce acquisition cost where appropriate
  - provide superior illumination and
  - improve conventional wave imaging using shear waves to highlight faults/fractures, low compressional wave impedance contrasts and gas-affected areas.
- Advise and recommend key steps in data processing workflows.
- Choose appropriate pre-stack depth migration algorithms to image expected dip range (e.g. Kirchhoff, Beam, RTM).
- Advise on velocity-depth model building workflows (e.g. Grid Tomography or FWI).
- Decide on the applicability of applying AVO and what elastic attributes to estimate.
- Define optimal petrophysical parameters to be estimated using elastic attributes and an associated workflow including probability analysis if appropriate.

### Course Outline

- Signal Processing
- Novel Seismic Acquisition
- Multiple Attenuation
- Pre-Stack Depth Migration
- AVO & Rock Physics
- Quantitative Interpretation
- Time-Lapse Seismic
- The Road Ahead

### Participants' Profile

The intended audiences for this course are geoscientists-in-training, seismic data processors, petroleum geologists, seismic interpreters and operational geophysicists who are seeking to expand their knowledge base on modern concepts in geophysical data analysis.

### Prerequisites

Participants are expected to have a basic knowledge of the fundamentals of data processing and some experience in interpretation.

### About the Instructor

Robert J. Godfrey received a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in geological engineering from UBC in 1975 followed by a Ph.D. in geophysics in 1979 from Stanford University. He was a member of the Stanford Exploration Project founded by Jon Claerbout.

Following his graduation, he began his career with Mobil Field Research Lab in Dallas and then joined Digicon in London for 8 years where he worked in research and development. This was followed by a 25-year stint with Schlumberger where he worked in Calgary, Austin, London and Cairo, primarily in the fields of reservoir characterization and later in seismic monitoring. In 2015, he established Robert Godfrey Geophysics Inc., and is currently working as a geophysical consultant in seismic technology, geophysical education, and undertakes short-term assignments. He is a member emeritus of the SEG.



## Velocities, Imaging, and Waveform Inversion - The Evolution of Characterizing the Earth's Subsurface

4D AVO DECONVOLUTION INVERSION MIGRATION MULTIPLE ELIMINATION  
NOISE CANCELLATION SIGNAL PROCESSING STATIC CORRECTIONS VELOCITY ANALYSIS

Instructor:	Dr Ian Jones (ION, London, UK)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:	English
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

In using sound waves to characterise the Earth's subsurface, we can employ ray-theory and/or wave-theory, and both migration algorithms and velocity estimation schemes employ one or other of these theoretical descriptions. In this course, we'll review the evolution of the industry's approaches to building earth models via velocity estimation and imaging, outlining the evolution from ray tomography to full waveform inversion, and look towards the emerging possibilities for replacing imaging techniques with direct subsurface parameter inversion methods.

The approach will be non-mathematical, concentrating on an intuitive understanding of the principles, demonstrating them via case histories.

The course will commence with a brief overview of different migration schemes, and cover the motivations for building detailed velocity models, and briefly discuss the inherent limitations on our ability to build a detailed model. Current-day practice will be covered, exemplified via several case-studies, and we will then discuss the newer techniques such as waveform inversion and least-squares migration. The approach will not be mathematical, but rather will try to concentrate on an intuitive understanding of the principles, and demonstrate them via case histories. The course schedule will be divided into the following sections:

- Why do we need a detailed velocity model? Including a brief review of migration schemes.
- How accurate can we make an image and how detailed can we get? We'll discuss the sources of uncertainty, non-uniqueness and ambiguity, as well as the intrinsic limits on resolution
- Current industrial practice: Iterative model update with both ray-based tomography and waveform methods in order to achieve 'true amplitude' subsurface information.
- What might come next? Discussing direct inversion of subsurface parameters as an alternative to simply migrating data.

Following this course, participants should ideally understand how migration works, in terms of the approximations involved, and how this relates to the geology to be imaged. They should appreciate the limitations of current and future imaging and velocity estimation technology, so as to be able to decide what model building technique should be employed to image a given geological objective. And finally, to appreciate the potential for a radical change in current industrial practise, moving from a sequential imaging route (via migrated images) to a closed-loop inversion route (directly delivering subsurface attributes).

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- understand how migration works, in terms of the approximations involved, and how this relates to the geology to be imaged.
- appreciate the limitations of current and future imaging and velocity estimation technology, so as to be able to decide what model building technique should be employed to image a given geological objective.
- appreciate the potential for a radical change in current industrial practise, moving from and imaging route (via migrated images) to an inversions route (delivering subsurface attributes)

### Course Outline

The course will cover the building detailed velocity models for imaging, and briefly discuss the inherent limitations on our ability to build a detailed model. Current-day practice will be covered, exemplified via case-studies, and we will then discuss the newer techniques such as waveform inversion and least-squares migration. The approach will not be mathematical, but rather will concentrate on an intuitive understanding of the principles, demonstrated via case histories.

The schedule includes:

- Why do we need a detailed velocity model? (Review of migration schemes)
- How accurate does an image need to be and how detailed can we get? (Sources of uncertainty, non-uniqueness and ambiguity, limits on resolution)
- Current industrial practice: Iterative model update (ray-based tomography and waveform inversion methods)
- What might come next? (direct inversion of subsurface parameters)

### Participants' Profile

The course is designed for:

practising geoscientists who desire to better understand the principles and limitations of both current and emerging technologies involved in subsurface parameter estimation and imaging, and geoscience students.



### Prerequisites

A general knowledge of geophysics.

### Recommended Reading

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### About the Instructor

Ian Jones received a joint honours BSc in Physics with Geology from the University of Manchester, UK, in 1977, an MSc in Seismology from the University of Western Ontario, Canada, and a PhD in Geophysical Signal Processing from the University of British Columbia, Canada. After working for 'Inverse Theory & Applications Inc.' in Canada for two years, he joined CGG, where for 15 years he was involved in R&D in the London and Paris offices, latterly as manager of the depth imaging research group. Since 2000 he has been with ION GX Technology, as a Senior Geophysical Advisor in their London office.

His interests cover velocity model building and migration, and his publications include the chapter on model building in the new SEG online encyclopaedia; the text book 'An Introduction to Velocity Model Building' published by the EAGE in 2010; and the coedited SEG Geophysics Reprints series volumes 'Classics of Elastic Wave Theory' and 'Pre-Stack Depth Migration and Velocity Model Building'. He is an associate editor for the journals 'Geophysics' and 'Geophysical Prospecting', and teaches the EAGE/SEG continuing education course on 'Velocity Model Building' and is an external lecturer at the University of Leeds and Imperial College London. Ian was awarded the EAGE's Anstey Medal in 2003 for contributions to the depth imaging literature, made the SEG European Honorary Lecturer in 2012, and has recently been nominated to conduct the international 2018 EAGE Education Tour.



## A Comprehensive Overview of Seismic Data Processing Steps

4D AVO DECONVOLUTION INVERSION MIGRATION MULTIPLE ELIMINATION  
NOISE CANCELLATION SIGNAL PROCESSING STATIC CORRECTIONS VELOCITY ANALYSIS

Instructor:	Mr Piet Gerritsma (Gerritsma Geophysical Training and Consultancy, Netherlands)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:	English
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

Seismic data processing can be characterized by the application of a sequence of processes, where for each of these processes there are a number of different approaches. This course provides a comprehensive overview of the steps that are commonly applied in seismic data processing and discusses for each step the alternative implementations together with their inherent assumptions and strengths and weaknesses. This course provides the participants with a working knowledge of the different processing methods and enables them to assess the quality of a processing result. It can serve as a starting point for further study and/or enable them to be a member of a processing and/or multidisciplinary team.

### Course Objectives

At the end of the course the participants will have obtained an understanding and appreciation of the many alternative processing approaches that are representative for the practice of current seismic data processing. The course emphasizes for each process the various existing underlying geophysical models. Many examples will be shown to illustrate the material; theory with references will be included; a handout that covers all course material will be made available.

### Course Outline

The following steps in seismic data processing will be discussed:

1. Introduction to data acquisition practises
2. Static corrections
3. Velocity analysis
4. Deconvolution
5. Signal-to-noise enhancement techniques
6. Multiple elimination
7. Stacking
8. Migration: time migration and depth migration
9. Velocity model building
10. Introduction to AVO, 4D Seismic, and Seismic Inversion

### Participants' Profile

Students, starting geophysicists, interpreters and geologists, petrophysicists and reservoir engineers who wish to understand seismic data processing either as an introduction for further study and/or as a knowledgeable member of a multidisciplinary team.

### Prerequisites

Course participants should be interested in seismic data processing; a background in science will be sufficient.

### About the Instructor

Piet Gerritsma (1942) graduated in physics at the University of Groningen. He joined Shell in 1969 as a research geophysicist in Rijswijk (The Netherlands) and Houston (USA). He was actively involved in the development of programs for statics, velocity analysis, synthetic seismograms and raytracing, deconvolution, multi-component seismic, shear waves and anisotropy, AVO and migration. He acquired operational experience as processing and special studies geophysicist in Brunei and in Canada. He was Shell's representative in international research consortia: SEP (Stanford), DELPHI (Delft University of Technology) and IFP (Institut Francais du Petrole); he also served as associate editor of Geophysical Prospecting on Migration, Modeling and Inversion. During his Shell career he has always lectured at both basic as well as advanced level covering a broad range of topics. He left Shell in 1999 after 30 years of service. Since that time he is a lecturer at CTG (Center for Technical Geoscience) at the Delft University of Technology. He also teaches regularly courses for national and international oil companies and service companies, both as an independent teacher as well as on behalf of geoscience training alliances. He has presented this course several times on behalf of the EAGE and CSEG.



## An Introduction to Velocity Model Building

3D ANISOTROPY DEPTH MIGRATION IMAGING INVERSION RTM  
TIME MIGRATION TOMOGRAPHY VSP

Instructor:	Dr Ian Jones (ION, London, UK)
Duration:	1 to 5 days
CPD Points:	5 to 25
Language:	English
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

The course will commence with an overview of different migration schemes, and cover the motivations for building detailed velocity models, and briefly discuss the inherent limitations on our ability to build a detailed model.

Current-day practice will be covered, exemplified via many case-studies, and we will briefly discuss the less well known and emerging techniques. The approach will mostly be non-mathematical, and will rather try to concentrate on an intuitive understanding of the principles, and demonstrate them via case histories. The bias in this course is towards those techniques that have seen widespread industrial use over the past 40 years. Unfortunately, some topics will not be covered, in-part due to the time constraints: these omissions will include consideration of VSP and multi-component data, and Marchenko imaging.

### Course Objectives

The course objective is to provide the participants a firm understanding of the processes and assumptions involved in building velocity-depth models and of the limitations of various migration algorithms

### Course Outline

For the topics listed below, real data examples will be used to demonstrate the application and limitation of each technique.

Why do we need a detailed velocity model?

- Review of migration schemes
- The limitations of time migration and benefits of depth migration
- Snell's law and how to ignore it
- How does depth migration differ from time migration?
- Is depth migration always necessary?
- Migration using ray methods (Kirchhoff, beam, CRAM, etc.)
- Migrating using wavefield extrapolation methods (WEM, RTM, etc.)
- One-way versus two-way propagation
- Creating gathers in wavefield extrapolation methods
- Pre-processing considerations for RTM

How detailed can we get?

- Sources of uncertainty
- Non-uniqueness and ambiguity
- Limits on resolution

Resolving short-scale-length velocity anomalies:

- Anisotropy versus heterogeneity (and other higher order moveout effects)
- The mechanics of tomographic inversion with ray theory
- Parametric versus non-parametric picking of residual moveout
- Structural constraints, MAZ, OVT, and Q tomography
- The mechanics of tomographic inversion with wavefield extrapolation theory (FWI)

Examples of current industrial practice for various geological settings (time permitting):

- Resolving near-surface velocity anomalies
- Seismic response to strong vertical velocity change (e.g. chalk, basalt, salt)
- Seismic response to strong lateral velocity change (e.g. salt walls, lateral terminations)
- Comparisons of ray tomographic and FWI models for specific case studies

The Future: emerging R&D directions (time permitting)

- Waveform inversion developments
- Least squares migration
- Migrating multiples
- Full wavefield imaging
- Scattered wavefield imaging
- 'Adaptive optical imaging'
- Bayesian uncertainty estimation (putting error bars on images)

### Participants' Profile

Geophysicists with an interest in migration and velocity model building and geologists (with a basic knowledge of data processing) who wish to understand a bit more about how the images they look at are created.

### Prerequisites

The course is designed to be followed by anyone with a broad geoscience background: no specific detailed foreknowledge is required, although a familiarity with geophysical terminology will be useful.



### Recommended Reading

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### Learner Outcome

Upon completion of this course, the participants should be able to:

1. Describe how migration works, in terms of the underlying physics and the associated approximations involved
2. Classify model building and migration schemes in terms of the theory on which they are based (waves versus rays)
3. Decide which migration and model building scheme are appropriate for imaging a given geological environment
4. Characterize the limitations of model building and migration schemes, in terms of imaging artifacts
5. Differentiate between the current state-of-the art and future imaging and parameter estimation technologies

### About the Instructor

Ian F. Jones received a joint honours BSc in Physics with Geology from the University of Manchester, UK, in 1977, an MSc in Seismology from the University of Western Ontario, Canada, and a PhD in Geophysical Signal Processing from the University of British Columbia, Canada. After working for 'Inverse Theory & Applications Inc.' in Canada for two years, he joined CGG, where for 15 years he was involved in R&D in the London and Paris offices, latterly as manager of the depth imaging research group. Since 2000 he has been with ION GX Technology, as a Senior Geophysical Advisor in their London office.

His interests include velocity model building and migration, and his most recent activity includes writing the text books: 'Velocities, Imaging, and Waveform Inversion: the evolution of characterising the Earth's subsurface' published by the EAGE in 2018; 'An Introduction to Velocity Model Building' published by the EAGE in 2010; and co-editing the SEG Geophysics Reprints series volumes 'Classics of Elastic Wave Theory' and also 'Pre-Stack Depth Migration and Velocity Model Building', as well as contributing the chapter on model building to the new SEG online encyclopaedia.

He is an associate editor for the journals 'Geophysics' and 'Geophysical Prospecting', and teaches the EAGE/PESGB/SEG continuing education course on 'Velocity Model Building' and is an external lecturer at the University of Leeds and Imperial College London. Ian was awarded the EAGE's Anstey Medal in 2003 for contributions to the depth imaging literature, made the SEG European Honorary Lecturer in 2012, conducted the 2018-2019 EAGE international Education Tour, and was made an Honorary Life Member by the EAGE in 2018.





## Seismic Multiple Removal Techniques: Past, Present and Future

3D DECONVOLUTION EXTRAPOLATION FILTERING FOURIER IMAGING  
INTERPOLATION INVERSION MIGRATION RADON TRANSFORM

Instructor:	Dr Eric Verschuur (Delft University of Technology, Netherlands)
Duration:	1 to 2 days
CPD Points:	5 to 10
Language:	English
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

The main objective of this course is to provide the audience with an overview of the techniques in seismic multiple removal, starting with the deconvolution-based methods from the 1960s, via the move-out discrimination techniques of the 1980s and ending up with wave-equation based methods from the 1990s and their 3D extensions as developed in the 2000s. Furthermore, the current challenges in multiple removal and their relation with seismic imaging and inversion are treated. A secondary objective is to discuss more general processing concepts such as high-resolution seismic data transforms (Fourier, Radon), adaptive filtering techniques, wave-equation based forward and inverse wave propagation and the processing of seismic data in different transform domains. For each method some brief description of the theory in terms of mathematics is given. However, the emphasis in this course is not to thoroughly treat the mathematics but to present some understanding of the workings of each method.

### Course Outline

At the end of each lecture, a list of relevant articles in the open literature will be specified. The course is subdivided in 10 lectures, each of them being approximately 30-45 minutes. Within each lecture, examples of the described concepts on synthetic and field data will play an important role.

Lecture 1: Multiples ... what's the problem?

- Classification of multiple reflections
- Characteristics of multiples
- Impact on seismic imaging and interpretation
- Categories of multiple removal methods

Lecture 2: Multiple removal based on move-out and dip discrimination

- Principle of multiple removal by move-out discrimination
- F-K and Radon transforms
- Multiple removal by filtering in the FK or Radon domain
- Towards high-resolution Radon transforms
- Limitations of multiple removal by move-out discrimination
- Multiple removal by target-oriented dip filtering

Lecture 3: Predictive deconvolution

- Convolution and correlation concept
- Designing adaptive filters by least-squares optimisation
- Predictive deconvolution basics
- Extending the predictive deconvolution concept

Lecture 4: Multiple removal by wave field extrapolation

- Forward and inverse wave field extrapolation
- Multiple prediction by wave field extrapolation
- Application in the wave number and linear Radon domain

Lecture 5: Principles of surface-related multiple elimination

- Derivation of SRME for the 1D situation
- Including the source characteristics
- Iterative implementation of SRME
- Formulation of SRME for the 2D and 3D situation
- Relation between multiple prediction and subtraction methods

Lecture 6: Practical considerations for surface-related multiple elimination

- Effect of missing data on SRME
- Interpolation of missing near offsets
- Application of SRME in different data domains
- Shallow water multiple removal strategy

Lecture 7: Adaptive subtraction of predicted multiples

- Least squares and L1-norm subtraction
- Pattern recognition and other multiple subtraction techniques

Lecture 8: Towards 3D multiple removal

- Multiples in complex 3D environments
- 3D SRME: theory and practice
- 3D SRME: solutions via data interpolation

Lecture 9: Internal multiple removal

- Internal multiple removal by move-out discrimination
- Extending the SRME concept to internal multiples
- Internal multiple removal by inverse scattering

Lecture 10: Removing or using multiples?

- Transforming multiple into primaries
- Estimation of primaries by sparse inversion
- Including multiples in the migration process
- Including multiples in the inversion process

For the 2-days course, especially the second part of the course, will be more elaborated with extra topics being:

- more elaborate discussion on adaptive subtraction techniques (Lecture 7)
- more extensive explanation on internal multiple removal (Lecture 9)



- including the recently developed EPSI (Estimation of Primaries by Spares Inversion) methodology (Lecture 10)
- including an extensive discussion on using surface multiples in Imaging (Lecture 10)

### **Participants' Profile**

The target audience is composed of people involved in seismic processing, imaging and inversion. The mathematical content is kept to a minimum level with a strong link to the involved physical concepts, amplified by graphical illustrations. The audience is expected to have prior knowledge at a B.Sc./M.Sc. level on processing concepts such as convolution, correlation and Fourier transforms and some basic knowledge on wave theory.

### **Prerequisites**

Participants should have a basic knowledge of:

- Basic signal processing (convolution, correlation, Fourier transform);
- Basic seismic processing (preprocessing, imaging);
- Basic knowledge on the acoustic wave equation and wave propagation.

### **About the Instructor**

Dirk J. (Eric) Verschuur received his M.Sc. degree in 1986 and his Ph. D degree (honors) in 1991 from the Delft University of Technology (DUT), both in applied physics. From 1992 - 1997 he worked under a senior research fellowship from the Royal Dutch Academy of Art and Sciences (KNAW). In 1997 he became assistant professor and since 1999 he is an associate professor at the DUT at the laboratory of Acoustical Imaging and Sound Control. He is the project leader of the DELPHI research consortium in the area of Multiple Removal and Structural Imaging. His main interests are seismic modeling, processing and migration techniques. In 1997 he received SEG's J. Clarence Karcher award. He is a member of SEG and EAGE.



# Understanding Seismic Anisotropy in Exploration and Exploitation: Hands On

AVO DEPTH CONVERSION FRACTURES IMAGING MULTICOMPONENT P-WAVE  
PORE PRESSURE RECIPROCITY RESERVOIR CHARACTERIZATION ROCK PHYSICS S-WAVE  
WIDE AZIMUTH

Instructor:	Dr Leon Thomsen (Delta Geophysics, Houston, TX, United States)
Duration:	2 days
CPD Points:	10
Language:	English
Level:	Advanced



### Course Description

This course covers all areas of applied seismic anisotropy, with class exercises and ample time for full discussion. Because anisotropy is such a fundamental concept, it covers topics in seismic acquisition, processing, imaging and interpretation, all based on seismic rock physics.

### Course Objectives

This is not a “methods course” but rather a “concept course”, familiarizing the students with essential concepts, enabling them to ask the right questions in future conversations, rather than to operate particular software packages.

### Course Outline

1. Physical principles
2. P-waves: imaging
3. P-waves: characterization
4. S-waves
5. C-waves
6. Epilogue

### Participants’ Profile

Geophysicists should attend who have a working knowledge of conventional exploration geophysics and wonder how it can be that we use isotropic concepts to acquire and analyze data that come from rocks that, after only brief thoughtful consideration, must clearly be anisotropic.

### Recommended Reading

Before attending the course participants are recommended to read the following paper:

- Thomsen, L., Weak Elastic Anisotropy, *Geophysics*, 51(10), 1954-1966, 1986.

### About the Instructor

Leon Thomsen holds titles of Chief Scientist at Delta Geophysics, Research Professor at the University of Houston, and Visiting Scientist at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. He holds a B.S. in geophysics from California Institute of Technology (Pasadena), and a Ph.D. in geophysics from Columbia University (New York). He held postdoctoral positions at Centre Nationale de la Recherche Scientifique (Paris), International Business Machines (Palo Alto), and Caltech. He was Assistant, then Associate Professor at the State University of New York (Binghamton), with sabbatical positions at Goddard Institute for Space Studies (New York) and the Australian National University (Canberra).

Leon’s industrial career began in 1980, at Amoco’s famous research center in Tulsa, where he was the Amoco inventor of what we now call seismic AVO. He led significant revisions to the exploration seismic paradigm, helping to establish the basic ideas of polar anisotropy and azimuthal anisotropy. His 1986 paper, establishing the modern field of seismic anisotropy, is the single-most-cited paper in the history of Geophysics; a Google search of the term “Thomsen parameter” returns over 300,000 hits. In 1995, he moved to Amoco’s Worldwide Exploration Group in Houston, where his 1997 paper established the modern field of converted-wave exploration, defining such concepts as  $f_C$ -waves,  $f_{reg}$ ,  $f_{\gamma}$ ,  $f_{v}$ , etc. In 2008, Leon retired from BP, and established the consultancy Delta Geophysics (cf. [deltageophysics.net](http://deltageophysics.net)).

Leon has served the Society of Exploration Geophysics as Distinguished Lecturer, Vice-President, President (2006-07), and Chairman of the Board of SEAM. He served as SEG/EAGE DISC Instructor in 2002. He holds the SEG’s Fessenden Award, and the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences’ Kapitza Medal. He is an Honorary Member of the Geophysical Society of Houston, and of the EAGE, and is a Foreign Member of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences.



## Borehole Seismic Fundamentals and Introduction to Advanced Techniques

2D 3D 4D ANISOTROPY ATTENUATION AVO BOREHOLE GEOPHYSICS  
 CASE STUDY FRACTURES FULL WAVEFIELD IMAGING KIRCHHOFF  
 LAND SEISMIC MARINE SEISMIC OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS RTM  
 TIME-LAPSE TOMOGRAPHY TRAVELTIME VELOCITIES VSP VTI

Instructor:	Mr Allan Campbell (VSP Consultants LLC)
Duration:	2 days
CPD Points:	10
Language:	English
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

This course has 6 sections. The course moves from giving a basic understanding of the most common surveys towards the newest techniques being developed to solve modern problems.

#### 1. Introduction to Vertical Seismic Profiling

The VSP techniques used in industry are introduced. Basics of wireline acquisition, and an introduction to fiber based acquisition are covered. This section gives a brief overview of the value of all the commonly used borehole seismic techniques, from checkshot through to 3D VSP.

#### 2. The Basics

Checkshot (velocity survey) and zero-offset VSPs are widely used, are simple to acquire and process, and have huge value. This section will describe acquisition, processing and interpretation of these basic, but possibly the most important, surveys.

#### 3. 2D and 3D Imaging

This section will focus on designing and interpreting walkaway VSP and 3D VSP surveys. Down-hole receivers create the opportunity for higher resolution images than surface seismic can provide, and can provide images in poor seismic imaging areas, or images where surface access is difficult. Advanced processing techniques will be discussed. Specifics of survey planning and acquisition will be covered.

#### 4. Anisotropy and More

The anisotropy module will focus on extracting VTI and HTI anisotropy parameters from walkaway VSP and 3D VSP surveys. Seismic may be improperly imaged due to poor anisotropy assumptions. Stress and fracturing information may be deduced from seismic and validated with VSP. Having receivers down-hole and sources at the surface creates an ideal opportunity to measure anisotropy in-situ. Ground truth measurement of AVO can be made with receivers downhole, this section describes the various VSP AVO techniques in common use. Downhole arrays are also ideal for locating multiple generators and measuring Q which we cover in this section.

#### 5. Reservoir Monitoring and Reservoir Properties

This section focuses on time-lapse 3D VSP, which can observe reservoir changes with a greater precision than is possible with surface seismic. There is an overview of fracture detection and orientation

with VSPs. Elastic FWI is being developed to measure the reservoir's elastic properties, and will be briefly covered. A discussion on very high resolution imaging and tomography with Crosswell seismic finishes the module.

#### 6. Advanced Acquisition

Technology marches forward as limitations are reached in wireline acquisition. Putting the receivers in the drill string to get real-time VSPs (while drilling) is becoming routine. Optical fiber (DAS) recording is an emerging technology which enables efficient, fit-for-purpose VSP surveys with cost benefits over traditional wireline technology.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will know the basics of acquiring and processing borehole seismic data. They will also be familiar with the latest borehole seismic techniques in:

- High resolution imaging using 2D and 3D VSP surveys;
- Anisotropy determination and fracture analysis;
- Reservoir monitoring using time lapse VSP and crosswell seismic;
- Alternative acquisition schemes such as SWD and DAS.

Participants will have a better understanding of the role of borehole seismic techniques in hydrocarbon exploration and production. They will be able to more knowledgeably participate in the design, planning and execution of advanced surveys and be comfortable with the interpretation of these surveys.

### Course Outline

The course will contain the following modules:

1. Introduction to Vertical Seismic Profiling (1.5hrs)
2. The Basics (2 hrs)
  - a. Checkshot VSP
  - b. Zero Offset VSP
3. VSP Imaging: 2D and 3D Techniques (2 hrs)
  - a. Survey design and modeling
  - b. Processing
    - model building, tomography, imaging techniques (Kirchhoff, RTM)
  - c. 2D imaging
    - Offset VSP, Walkaway VSP
  - d. 3D imaging



4. Anisotropy and More (3 hrs)
    - a. Measuring anisotropy with walkaway and 3D VSPs  
-VTI and HTI, fractures
    - b. AVO Analysis
    - c. Techniques to locate multiple generators with VSP data
    - d. Q estimation and Q compensation with VSP data
  5. Reservoir Monitoring and Reservoir Properties (1.5 hrs)
    - a. Time Lapse 3D VSP for reservoir monitoring
    - b. Elastic FWI (VSP Inversion)
  6. Advanced Acquisition (1.5hrs)
    - a. Seismic while drilling
    - b. Distributed Acoustic Sensing
- Timing of sections may change.

#### Participants' Profile

The course is targeted toward those who have a basic understanding of surface seismic acquisition and processing, but only limited knowledge of borehole seismic. The course is designed to help participants identify borehole seismic solutions to common seismic interpretation problems. It is also be useful for those geophysicists needing higher resolution images than surface seismic can provide, and those geophysicists who need to validate seismic processing parameters and imaging models using borehole seismic. Lastly, the course is relevant for geophysicists wanting to learn how to use borehole seismic as a cost-effective reservoir monitoring tool.

#### Prerequisites

Participants are assumed to have knowledge of seismic response to earth reflectivity. Participants should be aware of common well logging services.

#### About the Instructor

Allan Campbell graduated in 1984 from the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology in Edmonton with a diploma in Earth Resources Technology and, after a spell in Dresser Atlas, graduated in 1990 from the University of Calgary with a BSc., majoring in Geophysics. In 1990, he started his 25-year career at Schlumberger in Calgary. Skills were developed in borehole seismic processing starting from basic check-shots up to the most complex 3D VSPs. In 1997, he moved to Houston Texas, to open a new borehole seismic processing center. The center rapidly evolved into a global center of excellence for VSP processing. Campbell helped Schlumberger fully develop 3D VSP processing capabilities.

2010 to 2015 saw the development of many innovative techniques. The integration of borehole seismic data into the processing of surface seismic, to improve the resolution and depth control in seismic images, was finally realized. VSP is now routinely used to detect and characterize fractures, to estimation of the elastic properties of rocks, and to monitor the changes in reservoirs due to both enhanced recovery methods and storage of CO<sub>2</sub>.

From 2016 to the present, Campbell has been working as a geophysical consultant with VSP Consultants LLC. Projects have included work for major operators and service companies, supervising VSP processing projects. Interesting work is also being done on drill bit seismic in hard rock mining environments. VSP Consultants is also offering borehole seismic training courses to the oil and gas industry.



## Full-Waveform Inversion: Where are the Anisotropic Parameters Hiding?

ANISOTROPY | IMAGING | ISOTROPY | MIGRATION | MINERALS | OIL AND GAS | VELOCITIES  
WAVE EQUATION | WAVE PROPAGATION

Instructor:	Prof. Tariq Alkhalifah (KAUST, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:	English
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

The course starts by introducing the fundamentals of full-waveform inversion (FWI) starting from its basic definition. It focuses on the model update issues and provides analysis of its probable success in converging to a plausible model. In the course we will discuss the many challenges we face in applying FWI on seismic data and introduce modern day proposed solutions to these challenges. The focus of the course will be on FWI applied to anisotropic media. As a result, the course will also introduce anisotropy, its optimal parametrization and wavefield simulation in such media. Practical multi-parameter inversion for anisotropic parameters requires an optimal FWI setup. We will discuss such a setup, which includes the proper parametrization of the medium and data access scheme necessary for a potential convergence to a plausible anisotropic model.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to understand:

- The scientific foundation behind full-waveform inversion;
- FWI challenges;
- Wave propagation in anisotropic media;
- Anisotropy + migration velocity analysis;
- Anisotropy + FWI.

### Course Outline

I - Introduction to seismic inversion:

1. What is inversion?
2. What do we mean by full waveform inversion?
3. The Algorithm.

II - The elements of seismic waveform inversion:

1. Model and data.
2. The objective function.
3. The update.
4. The sensitivity kernel.
5. The non-linear issue.
6. Examples.

III - Seismic anisotropy:

1. Definition and parameters.
2. The acoustic anisotropic wave equation.
3. Fundamental issues.

IV - FWI and anisotropy:

1. Multi-parameter inversion.
2. The right set of parameters.
3. The anisotropic sensitivity kernels.
4. Getting an initial model.
5. Anisotropy and MVA.

### Participants' Profile

The course is designed for geophysics, mathematicians and physicists working on problems related to seismic imaging of the Earth and building the necessary velocity models to do so.

### Prerequisites

Participants should have some knowledge on the physics of seismic wave propagation.

### About the Instructor

Tariq A. Alkhalifah is a professor of geophysics in the division of Physical Sciences and Engineering at King Abdullah University for Science and Technology (KAUST). He assumed his duties there in June 2009. Prior to joining KAUST, Tariq was a research professor and director of the Oil and Gas Research Institute at King Abdulaziz City for Science & Technology (KACST). He has also been associate research professor, assistant research professor and research assistant at KACST. From 1996 to 1998, Tariq served as a postdoctoral researcher for the Stanford Exploration Project at Stanford University, USA. He received the J. Clarence Karcher Award from the Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG) in 1998 and the Conrad Schlumberger Award from the European Association for Geoscientists and Engineers (EAGE) in 2003. He is a member of SEG and EAGE. Tariq received his doctoral degree in geophysics (1997) and master's degree (1993) in geophysical engineering from the Colorado School of Mines, USA. He holds a bachelor's degree (1988) in geophysics from King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals, Saudi Arabia.



## Applied Depth Imaging

3D ANISOTROPY DEPTH MIGRATION FULL WAVEFIELD INTERPRETATION MODELING  
NEAR SURFACE RTM SALT SHALE TRAVELTIME WATER WIDE AZIMUTH

Instructor:	Dr Ruben Martinez (Reservoir Geoscience, Texas, United States)
Duration:	2 days
CPD Points:	10
Language:s	English, Spanish
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

Hydrocarbons are increasingly more difficult to find because reservoirs are often located in geologically complex areas. This geological complexity has motivated a significant paradigm shift from time imaging towards the extensive use of seismic depth imaging. Depth imaging improves the definition of the structural and stratigraphic frameworks and provides a better assessment and mitigation of risk in E&P.

The goal of this course is for the participant to gain an understanding of the basic concepts and practical aspects used in building velocity models and seismic images in the depth domain in an intuitive manner. The participant will also be exposed to depth imaging practices currently in use by geophysicists and geoscientists through the description of workflows illustrated with synthetic and field data examples. The practical aspects are emphasized throughout the course.

At the end of the course, the emerging depth imaging technologies are reviewed for the participant to make informed decisions about what technology to use in future E&P projects.

### Course Objectives

The aim of this course is focused on depth imaging concepts and applications for complex geology areas. At the end of the course, the participant will be able to:

1. Understand the fundamentals of seismic migration;
2. Explain the pitfalls of time imaging;
3. Describe the differences between time and depth seismic imaging for simple and complex geological structures and stratigraphy;
4. Discuss basic seismic acquisition parameters influencing the quality of the seismic images in complex geology areas;
5. Understand the strengths and weaknesses of the most popular prestack depth migration methods;
6. Recognize the limitations of the seismic data to produce optimum seismic images for complex structural and stratigraphic frameworks;
7. Describe velocity estimation methods required for specific exploration and field development scenarios;
8. Explain the impact of velocity anisotropy on the quality of depth images and its effect on the spatial positioning of geological structures and well ties;
9. Define and/ or choose depth imaging workflows for specific E&P scenarios such as sub-salt, pre-salt, thrust belt, sub-basalt, complex carbonates and clastics;
10. Judge the quality of seismic depth images for a geologic interpretation;
11. Interpret depth-imaged data;

12. Make informed decisions to choose depth imaging workflows and technologies to be used in a given exploration or field development project;
13. Effectively communicate about emerging depth imaging methods and technology.

### Course Outline

1. Introduction to the course.
2. Seismic migration fundamentals.
3. Understanding seismic velocities.
4. Practical understanding of velocity anisotropy.
5. Review of velocity estimation methods used for depth imaging.
6. Seismic data conditioning for depth imaging.
7. Isotropic and anisotropic velocity model building and imaging in practice.
8. Optimization of seismic images for a more reliable geologic interpretation.
9. Overview of emerging velocity model building and imaging methods.

### Participants' Profile

This course is designed for geophysicists, geoscientists and time processing and interpretation specialists seeking a practical understanding of depth velocity model building and imaging.

### Prerequisites

It is desirable that the participants have a basic knowledge about seismic acquisition, processing and interpretation. Some basics of structural geology, stratigraphy and well logging are also desirable but not required.

### Recommended Reading

Any general technical reading on basic seismic acquisition, seismic processing, time imaging, seismic interpretation, structural geology and/or salt tectonics will help to maximize the learning experience of the participant.

### About the Instructor

Ruben D. Martinez is a Petroleum Geoscience Consultant and instructor with Reservoir Geoscience, LLC. He has been active in the seismic industry for 40 years.

Martinez was associated with Geophysical Service Inc. (GSI) as R&D Reservoir Geophysicist, Halliburton Geophysical Services (HGS) and Western Geophysical as Senior Research Geophysicist, AGI as director of Seismic Reservoir Characterization and Petroleum GeoServices



(PGS) as Manager Signal Processing R&D, VP Processing R&D, VP Seismic Processing Technology, Global Chief Geophysicist I&E and Chief Geophysicist I&E NSA. His responsibilities in PGS included directing global R&D and software commercialization of processing and imaging technologies. As Chief Geophysicist, he was responsible for the supervision and quality assurance of depth imaging projects, customer liaison, the promotion of best practices and the commercialization and use of high-end technology. Martinez is author and co-author of more than 70 technical papers published and/or presented at international conferences and 12 patents on seismic data acquisition, processing and imaging. He has also made numerous technical presentations at international conferences and has taught numerous courses and conducted seminars and workshops on seismic processing and imaging.

In 2005, he was invited to present the annual Milton B. Dobrin lecture at the University of Houston. He is currently an instructor of the Continuing Education Program of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG) and the European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers (EAGE). He is a member of the SEG Board of Directors as Director at Large. Martinez was the recipient of the 2014 Mexican Association of Exploration Geophysicists (AMGE) geophysics award for life-long achievements to geophysics.

He earned a BSc in Geophysics from the Instituto Politecnico Nacional (Mexico), MSc in Geophysics from the Colorado School of Mines and a PhD in Geosciences from the University of Texas at Dallas. He is a member of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG), European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers (EAGE), Geophysical Society of Houston (GSH), American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) and Asociacion Mexicana de Geofisicos de Exploracion (AMGE).





## Beyond Conventional Seismic Imaging

DEPTH MIGRATION | DIFFRACTION | FAULTS | FRACTURES | FULL WAVEFIELD  
 IMAGING | INVERSION | STACKING | TIME MIGRATION | TRAVELTIME  
 UNCERTAINTY | UNCONVENTIONAL | VELOCITIES | WAVE PROPAGATION

Instructor:	Prof. Evgeny Landa (Tel Aviv University, Israel)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:s	English, Russian
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

#### I. Wavefield Data Analysis

Time images usually provide sufficient information for a variety of subsurface models of moderate complexity and facilitate the estimation of the model for depth migration. Improving the quality of time sections remains the focus of intensive research. In particular, a lot of efforts are directed towards improving the accuracy of moveout correction. The proposed course discusses time imaging procedures such as Multifocusing and Common Reflection Surface when each image trace is constructed by stacking traces which need not belong to the same CMP gather. In this case a new and more general moveout correction is requested. These new methods open a way for reliable wavefield analysis and wavefront parameters estimation. The latest represents a basis for different applications including signal enhancement, velocity model building, statics correction, AVO analysis.

#### II. Seismic Diffraction

Currently applied seismic processing and imaging are almost exclusively based on seismic reflection. The latest is the response to continuity in the subsurface. At the same time accurate and reliable imaging of small scale geological elements and discontinuities of the subsurface such as faults, unconformity, fractures etc. are a key to improve seismic resolution. In unconventional reservoirs the main objective is detection of fracture corridors. Small scale objects give rise to a diffraction response. Use of seismic diffraction is a rapidly emerging technology which has tremendous potential to reduce exploration and production risks and increase oil and gas recovery. The course integrates elements of the theory of wave propagation, diffraction modeling and imaging, and interpretation. The main objectives are: understanding the role of small and medium scale subsurface objects and elements in forming the total seismic wavefield and using diffraction for imaging.

#### III. Imaging without precise knowledge of the subsurface velocity model

In the proposed course I introduce a way to look at model-independent seismic imaging using the quantum mechanics concept. Can Feynman's path-integral idea be used for seismic imaging? We can construct the seismic image by summation over the contributions of elementary signals propagated along a representative sample of possible paths between the source and receiver points. When the velocity model is estimated with uncertainties, a single stationary path does not produce a correctly focused subsurface image. In contrary, quantum imaging uses all possible trajectories accounts for multiple stationary paths and takes into account model uncertainties.

#### IV. Pitfalls and challenges of seismic inversion

Proposed solutions are usually based on the criterion of the best fit between calculated and observed data. But it is well understood that by itself, a good fit does not guarantee that an inverted model is correct. Seismic inversion may lead to construction of several subsurface models with significantly different geological meaning, all of which fit the observed data equally well. The ill-posedness of seismic inverse problems is fundamental and does not depend on a particular type of algorithm or on the approach underlying the algorithms. In this course, I formulate a number of fundamental questions which should be addressed to make the inverse problems a mature science rather than a set of recipes.

#### V. Time Reversal in Seismic

Time Reversal (TR) plays an important role in seismic. It is directly connected to reverse time migration, interferometry and virtual source methods. Recently time reversal is proposed to localize subsurface sources in passive seismic and scatterers in active seismic surveys. Unlike in conventional migration, time reversal approach, in principle, does not require application of imaging condition. Numerical implementation of the time reversal method uses back propagation of the time-reversed recorded wavefield followed by an analysis of its obtained focusing. The physical implementation of TR, called Time Reversal Mirror (TRM), is used in various applications: underwater acoustics, telecommunication, cancer therapy, lithotripsy, nondestructive testing, etc. I demonstrate physical implementation of the TRM in seismic. Results of the field experiment show very promising results. I discuss possible applications of the method in seismic exploration and production.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the role of time and depth imaging within the general exploration work-flow.
2. Understand the differences between several prestack data analysis approaches, in particular CMP, CRS and increase MF.
3. Appreciate importance and potential of seismic diffraction for increase resolution and reliability of seismic imaging.
4. Understand the uncertain nature of seismic velocity model and acquaintance to a way of taking the uncertainties into account.
5. Understand and admit fundamental problems of seismic inversion including FWI.



### Course Outline

#### Introduction

- From statistics to determinism
- Overcoming uncertainties

#### I. Non CMP-based methods for data analysis and imaging

- Time versus depth imaging
- Why CMP method works?
- Non-hyperbolic moveout
- Why CMP method fails?
- Non-CMP based moveout: principles
- Wavefront parameter estimation: Multifocusing and Common Reflection Stack
- Applications: signal enhancement, statics correction, multiple attenuation, stack, migration

#### II. Seismic Diffraction

- Reflections versus diffraction
- History
- Modeling
- Diffraction imaging
- Wavefield separation
- Case studies

#### III. Imaging without precise velocity model: Quantum seismic imaging

- Feynman “path-summation” picture of the world
- Path-summation seismic imaging

#### IV. Pitfalls and challenges of seismic inversion

- Inversion – thinking backward
- Non-uniqueness of geophysical inversion
- FWI: the present status

#### V. Time Reversal in Seismic

### Participants' Profile

Participants should have a basic knowledge of seismic data acquisition and processing, static correction, CMP stacking for zero-offset approximation, normal moveout (NMO) correction, velocity analysis, semblance coherency measure, ray theory.

### Prerequisites

Basic knowledge of seismic data acquisition and processing. static correction, CMP stacking for zero-offset approximation, normal moveout (NMO) correction, velocity analysis, semblance coherency measure, dip moveout. Basic knowledge in ray theory.

#### Recommended Reading

Participants are recommended to read the following articles before attending the course:

- Peter Hubral, 2001. The hidden roots of human discovery and creativity. First break, Volume 19.11 November 2001
- Richard Feynman, 1985. Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman!: Adventures of a Curious Character, Edward Hutchings (editor), W. W. Norton

### About the Instructor

Evgeny Landa obtained his MSc degree in geophysics at Novosibirsk University (1972) and PhD degree in geophysics at Tel Aviv University (1986). He started his carrier in the former Soviet Union, Novosibirsk as a researcher, and senior geophysicist at the Siberian Geophysical Expedition. After immigrating to Israel, he worked at the Geophysical Institute of Israel as a researcher, Head of the R&D group and Head of the Seismic Department (1981—2002). During 2002-2014 he worked as Director of OPERA (Applied Geophysical Research Group) in Pau (France) where he was involved in different aspects of seismic data processing, velocity model building and time and depth imaging. His work on velocity model building by coherency inversion has had a strong impact on today's seismic depth imaging workflows and forms an important part of the GeoDepth (Paradigm) software package. Recently he is a professor of Tel Aviv University. His research interest involves using non-reflecting energy for increasing seismic resolution and imaging without precise velocity information. He has published more than 60 papers in international journals and his book 'Beyond Conventional Seismic Imaging'. He is a member of EAGE and SEG, from which he received the Awards of Best Paper (SEG, Honorary Mentioned, 2005) and the EAGE Eotvos Award (2007 and 2009)



## Full-Waveform Inversion for High-Resolution Reservoir Characterization

AVO ELASTICITY FOURIER INTERPRETATION KIRCHHOFF  
RADON TRANSFORM REFLECTION SCATTERING WAVE EQUATION WAVELET

Instructor:	Prof. Dr Dries Gisolf (Delft Inversion, Delft, Netherlands)
Duration:	2 days
CPD Points:	10
Language:	English
Level:	Advanced



### Course Description

The purpose of this course is to teach participants the fundamentals of extracting quantitative property information from seismic data. In the end this leads to an inversion process, which is called linear if the data are supposed to consist in primaries only and is non-linear if all multiple scattering and multiple mode conversion over a target interval (typically 500 m around the reservoir) is taken into account. Non-linear inversion leads to a higher resolution than obtained from conventional linear inversion techniques.

All steps required in these processes are based on wave equations and it is important, therefore, to have a good understanding of acoustic and elastic wave equations. In linear (AVO) inversion, first the reflection coefficients are derived from the data and subsequently the rock properties are derived from the reflection coefficients. In non-linear inversion, the properties are directly derived from the data. Non-linear inversion is an iterative process of which the first iteration (the Born approximation) represents the linear inversion result. The method is based on an integral representation of the wave equation. An important aspect of reservoir oriented full-waveform inversion (FWI-res) is that the surface recorded data are localized (focused) to the target area. This can be achieved by redatuming or by local demigration of migrated data.

Both the linear AVO data model in terms of reflection coefficients and the non-linear data model in terms of property contrasts against backgrounds are presented. Inversion, linear, or non-linear, requires regularization. Several regularization options are presented.

Finally, linear and non-linear inversions at the reservoir scale are demonstrated by highly realistic synthetic reservoir models and real data case studies. The real data case studies include the extraction of low-frequency models (backgrounds) from well data and the extraction of angle dependent wavelets from the seismic-to-well match.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Understand what quantitative property information is contained in seismic data and how to extract it.
- Make better judgements as to what inversion method to apply to what problem.
- Adopt a more quantitative approach to seismic-to-well matching and low frequency background model extraction
- Further the role of reservoir geophysics in multidisciplinary projects.

### Course Outline

- Introduction
- Short recap on complex integral transforms (Fourier, Laplace, F/K and linear Radon)
- The acoustic wave equation in inhomogeneous media
- Integral representations of the acoustic wave equation; Kirchhoff-Rayleigh and the Scattering Integral (Lippmann-Schwinger)
- The AVO data model; Zoeppritz reflection coefficients
- Linear inversion of AVO data including regularisation; synthetic and real data examples
- The non-linear data model for inversion; data equation and object equation; iterative, multiplicatively regularised inversion
- Applications based on an elastic full wavefield non-linear data model; realistic synthetic reservoir study, real data case studies including low- frequency model extraction and seismic-to-well matching. Synthetic time-lapse example.

### Participants' Profile

This course is designed for geophysicists active in reservoirs and/or quantitative interpretation and processing geophysicists who would like to become involved in quantitative interpretation.

### Prerequisites

Participants should have a basic training in geophysics and mathematics, particularly complex numbers and integrals.

### About the Instructor

Prof. Dr Dries Gisolf graduated from the Delft University of Technology in 1971 and obtained his PhD at the University of Utrecht in 1975. In 1976 he joined Shell International Research Co. in Rijswijk, The Netherlands, as a seismic data processing geophysicist. Between 1980-2000 he held various positions for Shell in Oman, The Netherlands, Australia, Malaysia and Nigeria. Throughout his career with Shell he was involved in acquisition, processing and interpretation of seismic data, with an emphasis on quantitative prediction of reservoir properties. In September 2000 he was nominated as Professor of Acoustical Imaging and Sound Control at the Faculty of Applied Sciences at the Delft University of Technology. After retiring from TU Delft in 2010, he co-founded Delft Inversion in 2012, a service company providing high-resolution reservoir oriented inversion services to the oil and gas industry.



## Migration and Velocity Model Building

DEPTH MIGRATION IMAGING INVERSION  
 TIME MIGRATION TOMOGRAPHY TRAVELTIME VELOCITIES WAVE EQUATION

Instructor:	Mr Piet Gerritsma (Gerritsma Geophysical Training and Consultancy, Netherlands)
Duration:	2 days
CPD Points:	10
Language:	English
Level:	Advanced



### Course Description

The process of migration, whereby a proper image in time or depth of the subsurface is obtained, is directly related with the velocity model that both serves as input for the migration process as well as is the result of such a migration. Therefore migration and velocity model building are intimately related processes. The implementation of migration is characterized by a multitude of methods and algorithms; there is also a great variety of methods to build a velocity model. This course provides an overview of the migration principles, methods and algorithms and an overview of velocity model building principles and methods and algorithms. Examples and case studies will conclude this course.

### Course Objectives

At the end of the course the participants will have obtained a complete overview and thorough understanding of the many alternative methods and algorithms that are currently in use in imaging and velocity model building.

The course emphasizes for each method the underlying geophysical model together with its assumptions and strengths and weaknesses; many examples will be shown to illustrate the material; theory with references will be included; a handout that covers all course material will be made available.

### Course Outline

The following steps in Migration, DMO and Velocity Model Building will be discussed:

1. Migration or imaging
  - Migration, modelling and inversion
  - Geometric approach to migration
  - Examples
  - Resolution before and after migration
  - Aliasing
  - Ray definitions
  - The Dix equations
  - Definition of time migration and depth migration
  - The acoustic wave equation
  - Factorization of the wave equation
  - Forward and inverse wavefield extrapolation in depth
  - Migration principles; the imaging conditions
  - Migration of various data sets:
    - Shot profile migration
    - Survey sinking or redatuming
    - Zero-offset data migration
  - Extended imaging conditions (time-shift and/or space-shift)
  - Migration algorithms:

- k,f)-migration (Stolt)
- Phase-shift migration (Gazdag)
- Phase-shift-plus-interpolation (PSP) migration
- Split-step-Fourier (SSF) migration
- Extended split-step Fourier (ESSF) migration
- The Kirchhoff integral, the Rayleigh integral and Green's functions
- Kirchhoff (= summation or diffraction stack) migration
- Migration by double focused array synthesis
- Gaussian beam migration
- Reverse time migration — RTM
- Migration and demigration

### 2. Velocity model building

- Minimal data sets and common image gathers — CIG's
- Iterative velocity model building with CIG's
- The migration conditions
- Migration and traveltimes inversion
- Migration and demigration
- Normal incidence wavefront curvature and stacking velocity
- Velocity model parameterization
- Velocity model building methods:
  - coherency inversion or model based stack
  - map migration
  - dynamic map migration (DMM) or curvature inversion
  - stereotomography
  - traveltimes inversion (TTI)
  - traveltimes inversion in the migrated domain (TIMD)
  - common focus panel (CFP) analysis
  - tomographic velocity model building
  - depth focusing analysis (DFA)
  - WEMVA: wave-equation migration velocity analysis
  - differential semblance optimization (DSO)
  - full waveform inversion (FWI)

### 4. Case studies — Examples

- Tomography
- Full Wave Inversion
- Velocity Model Building
- Parametric Velocity Estimation

### Participants' Profile

Geologists and petrophysicists who wish to understand how the various types of velocity information can be derived from seismic data and who wish to understand how subsurface images are generated.



As the material covers the theory and practical implementations of present day practices, this course is relevant for those who are fresh from university as well as for those who wish to be updated on the newest developments. Participants should have a basic understanding of seismic acquisition and processing practices.

### **Prerequisites**

Course participants should have a basic understanding of seismic acquisition and processing practices.

### **About the Instructor**

Piet Gerritsma (1942) graduated in physics at the University of Groningen. He joined Shell in 1969 as a research geophysicist in Rijswijk (The Netherlands) and Houston (USA). He was actively involved in the development of programs for statics, velocity analysis, synthetic seismograms and raytracing, deconvolution, multi-com-

ponent seismic, shear waves and anisotropy, AVO and migration. He acquired operational experience as processing and special studies geophysicist in Brunei and in Canada. He was Shell's representative in international research consortia: SEP (Stanford), DELPHI (Delft University of Technology) and IFP (Institut Francais du Petrole); he also served as associate editor of Geophysical Prospecting on Migration, Modelling and Inversion. During his Shell career he has always lectured at both basic as well as advanced level covering a broad range of topics. He left Shell in 1999 after 30 years of service. Since that time he is a lecturer at CTG (Center for Technical Geoscience) at the Delft University of Technology. He also teaches regularly courses for national and international oil companies and service companies, both as an independent teacher as well as on behalf of geoscience training alliances. He has presented this course several times on behalf of the EAGE and CSEG.



## Seismic Diffraction – Modeling, Imaging and Applications

**DIFFRACTION HIGH-RESOLUTION IMAGING FULL ILLUMINATION STRUCTURAL AND STRATIGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CHANNELS FLUID-ESCAPE PIPES FAULTS FRACTURES CARBONATES WELL PLANNING CASE STUDY**

Instructors:	Dr Tijmen Jan Moser (Moser Geophysical Services, Netherlands)
Duration:	2 days
CPD Points:	10
Language:s	English, Dutch
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

The application of seismic diffraction imaging (DI) in the E&P industry has rapidly accelerated in recent years and is now positioned to make a major impact as a routine method combined with PSTM and PSDM. This is because the uplift in resolution and detectability of small scale features offered through the imaging of the diffracted wavefield is fundamentally superior to attributes derived from post-processing of the reflection image. Applications cover a very wide range of objectives such as faults, fractures, karsts, stratigraphic edges, channels, fluid escape pipes, volcanic pipes, injectites.

This course covers both the forward and inverse problem of seismic diffraction. The coverage of the forward problem extends from the discovery of the phenomenon of diffraction and the basic formulations of Fresnel and Kirchhoff to the evolution of modern seismic diffraction modeling. Diffraction imaging will be covered from the early works in the 1970s up to the present state of the art. Case studies will be presented covering examples for both structural and stratigraphic targets.

The course will put emphasis on key components for successful DI case studies:

- full integration of all available data, such as well data, legacy seismic, prior interpretation
- optimal focusing during pre-processing, model building and migration
- calibration of DI by Fresnel zone sampling to identify different components of the wavefield offering different interpretation perspectives
- validation of DI by forward modeling exercises at various scales (elementary conceptual models, bespoke models, full-detail scenarios)
- customization to interpretation throughout the workflow

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the participants will:

- Have a detailed and up-to-date understanding of the physics of diffraction, diffraction modeling and imaging
- Be able to effectively communicate the key aspects of diffraction technology with other professionals
- Have a good understanding of the added value that seismic diffraction brings to current exploration and production projects

### Course Outline

#### First day (4 hrs)

1. Introduction
  - Motivation, basic ideas and concepts
  - Reflection versus diffraction
  - Applications of diffraction analysis and imaging
  - Interpretation value
2. History
  - Discovery and founding years (1650-1820): Grimaldi, Huygens, Newton, Young, Fresnel, Poisson, Arago
  - Scalar diffraction: mathematical foundation — 19th century: Green, Helmholtz, Kirchhoff, Sommerfeld
  - Towards Geometrical Theory of Diffraction — early 20th century: Maggi, Rubinowicz, Keller
  - Towards Modern Theory: Trorey, Klem-Musatov
3. Diffraction Modeling
  - Motivation, definitions, objectives
  - Physical modeling
  - Numerical modeling: integral methods, boundary layer methods, surface and caustic diffraction, finite differences, time-lapse, scattering methods

#### Second day (4 hrs)

4. Imaging
  - Motivation, definitions, objectives
  - Anatomy of diffraction
  - Diffraction and standard processing
  - Detection of diffracted waves
  - Separation of diffracted waves
  - Inversion of diffracted waves
  - Imaging
    - Common Reflection Surface/Multifocusing
    - Focusing and velocity estimation
    - Fracture detection
    - Model-based diffraction imaging
  - Illumination: edge and tip diffraction imaging
  - Resolution and super-resolution
  - Image processing and diffraction imaging



**Third day (4 hrs)**

5. Applications/case studies

- Carbonate Shales, Carbonate Ridges
- Faults And Fractures, Fault Detection, Reservoir Fault Interpretation, Fractured reservoirs, Basement Fractures
- Fluid Escape Features, Volcanic Pipes, Vertically Aligned Objects
- Channels
- Ground-Penetrating Radar Case Study

**Participants' Profile**

The course is designed for a general audience of geophysicists, geologists and reservoir engineers.

**Prerequisites**

Prerequisites are a basic knowledge of seismic processing and imaging and a very elementary mathematical background.

**Recommended reading**

Klem-Musatov K., Hoesber H.C., Moser T.J. and Pelissier M.A. (editors) 2016. Classical and Modern Diffraction Theory, Geophysical Reprint Series Nr 29, SEG.

Klem-Musatov K., Hoesber H.C., Moser T.J. and Pelissier M.A. (editors) 2016. Seismic Diffraction, Geophysical Reprint Series Nr 30, SEG.

**About the Instructor**

Tijmen Jan Moser has a PhD from Utrecht University and has worked as a geophysical consultant for a number of companies and institutes (Amoco, Institut Français du Pétrole, Karlsruhe University, Bergen University, Statoil/Hydro, Geophysical Insitute of Israel, Fugro-Jason, Horizon Energy Partners). Since 2005, he has been working as an independent consultant, associated with Z-Terra, SGS-Horizon and others. His main interests include seismic imaging, asymptotic methods, seismic reservoir characterization and diffraction. Since a few years he is also involved in geothermal exploration and microseismic monitoring. He has authored many influential papers on ray theory and ray methods, Born inversion and modeling, macro-model independent imaging, and diffraction imaging, several of which have received Best Paper awards. He has co-chaired Special Sessions devoted to Diffraction at the EAGE conferences of 2010, 2011 and 2012 and the Workshop on Seismic Diffraction Methods for Fault and Fracture Detection at the SEG conference in 2012, co-presented the EAGE Short Course on Seismic Diffraction (2011) and is co-editor of the SEG reprint volumes on Diffraction (2016). He co-organizes the APSLIM-IWSA workshops taking place in the Czech Republic (2015, 2022). He is Editor-in-Chief of Geophysical Prospecting, has served on SEG's "Geoscientists Without Borders®" and is serving on SEG's Publication Committee and EAGE's Oil, Gas and Geoscience Division Committee and Research Committee. He is a member of SEG and MAA, and honorary member of EAGE.



## Case Studies and Practical Considerations in Geophysical Acquisition and Processing Methods

**BOREHOLE GEOPHYSICS | CASE STUDY | DEPTH MIGRATION | ELECTROMAGNETISM  
ENVIRONMENTAL | GRAVITY | HSSE | LAND SEISMIC | MAGNETICS | MARINE SEISMIC  
REMOTE SENSING | RESERVOIR CHARACTERIZATION | SIGNAL PROCESSING**

Instructor:	Luca de Vincenzi (Ocre, Belgium)
Duration:	2 days
CPD Points:	10
Language:	English, French and Italian
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

This course emphasizes how the aims of the G&G interpretation and the exploration targets have to be understood before starting the preparation of the explorations activities.

The in-field operations will be presented through a very comprehensive set of case studies both using large and small field crews in order to familiarize the Attendees to the research of the less expensive and more technical appropriate solution.

After a preliminary G&G introduction, the course describes how the expected goals of the geophysical survey are elaborated with the G&G interpreters, who work in the area of study. An estimation of the relative budget and procurement procedures shall be quantified with the Legal, Finance and the Exploration Departments.

The HSSE Impact Assessment, including the utilisation of satellite photographs and the scouting in the area of study, are of paramount importance for the survey design and the future management of the operations in the field.

The Invitation to Tender and related evaluation is the link between the preparation phase and the field operations

After definition of the technical program in the field, relations with Governmental Authorities and people living in the area of the survey start in order to carry out the mobilisation of the crew in a smooth way without financial-wise dangerous frictions with local population. Last, but not least, the supervision (HSSE and QC) of the survey shall be organised.

All the technical, HSSE, logistic, political, and financial aspects of the mobilisation will be described using real cases.

A very wide range of acquisition, processing, interpretation and exploration well results will be presented as, for example, but not limited to: 2D, 3D, 4C, Ocean Bottom Nodes, Transition Zones, simultaneous sources, wide azimuth seismic, broadband seismic, onshore seismic survey using a combination of explosive and vibroseis. All topics are described using case histories and integrated with in-class exercises.

Benefit of real-time processing in a remote processing centre via data transfer by satellite (when applicable) will be emphasized.

Demobilisation will complete the in-field aspect.

Processing will be presented focusing the attention on imaging (signal/noise, vertical and lateral resolutions), Time-to-Depth conversion (PSTM, PSDM), and reservoir characterisation (dual trace inversion, acoustic vs. elastic impedance plots, estimation of fluids and physical properties of rocks).

Exploration well results are presented and discussed.

A portion of the course is allocated to the integrated reprocessing of legacy geophysical and integration with geological data to be applied as a propaedeutic exercise with two objectives:

1. to design the more efficient and less expensive exploration phase, and
2. to have a provisional work-flow of the processing sequence, subject to adjustments after data recording in the field, in order to invite to tender for acquisition and processing of the survey in one go.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

1. have a complete outline from the exploration licence awarding until the understanding of the exploration well results,
2. know the advantages, the limits, the challenges and the pitfalls of the Geophysics applied to the O&G exploration,
3. manage the complex relationships between Oil&Gas Companies, Service Contractors and local authorities and population,
4. have a better work integration and synergies with staffs of the other related departments,

### Course Outline

DAY 1

Part 1: Introduction

- A. Geological basin analysis (with case studies and exercises)
- B. Outline of geophysical methods (Seismic, Gravity, Magnetic, Magnetotelluric, Remote sensing)

Part 2: Preparation of a geophysical survey (with case studies and exercises)

- A. Definition of exploration targets  
Legacy data evaluation and interpretation  
Legacy data reprocessing  
G&G integration
- B. Preliminary studies in the field  
Satellite images  
HSSE study  
Environmental Impact Assessment  
In-field scouting and relationships with local authorities/ populations
- C. Geophysical survey propaedeutic to seismic
- D. Invitation to tender (acquisition, processing, HSSE&QC supervision)





## DAY 2

Part 3: Seismic survey (onshore and offshore, with case studies and exercises)

- A. Principle and methodology
- B. Preparation of the survey
- C. Acquisition
  - Mobilization
  - Equipment test
  - Work in the field
  - Survey management and HSSE (supervision)
  - In-field processing
  - Restoration
  - Demobilization
- C. Seismic data processing
  - Filters and deconvolutions
  - Stacking
  - Migration (PostSTM, PSTM/PSDM) and Time-to-Depth conversion

## DAY 3

Part 4: AirMag survey (with case studies and exercises)

- A. Principle and methodology
- B. Survey preparation including authorities approval
- C. Acquisition (airborn or on land/water)
- D. Processing
- E. Interpretation and G&G integration

Part 5: Magnetotelluric (with case studies and exercises)

- A. Principle and methodology
- B. Survey preparation including authorities approval
- C. Acquisition
- D. Processing
- E. Interpretation and G&G integration

Part 6: Remote sensing (with case studies and exercises)

- A. Principle
  - Satellite and aircraft recordings
  - Multispectral methodologies
  - Passive and active methodologies
- B. Survey preparation including authorities approval
- C. Acquisition
- D. Processing
- E. Interpretation and G&G integration

## DAY 4

Part 7: Interpretation (with case studies and exercises)

- A. Multidisciplinary integration
- B. Qualitative geological facies and fluid content evaluation
- C. Quantitative reservoir characterisation
- D. Exploration well location (including logistic)
- E. Borehole seismic
- F. Exploration well results evaluation
- G. Integration and updating of the prognosed vs. actual results

Part 8

- A. Open discussion
- B. Wrap-up
- C. Way forward

### Participants' Profile

Geophysical (in particular seismic) acquisition and processing users, who wishes to understand the overall chain from the awarding of the exploration licence until the proposal of the exploration well and, in case of success, the location of the appreciation well.

Interpreters and explorationists, who wish to gain some knowledge of geophysical acquisition, processing and reservoir characterisation techniques, their application in exploration and advantages, the limits, the challenges and the pitfalls of the Geophysics applied to the O&G exploration.

People involved in procurement, HSSE, or providing legal support, or young engineers, who wishes to have an outline of the geophysical survey applied to the hydrocarbon exploration.

### Prerequisites

Neither a geophysical background, nor mathematics skill is mandatory: because the key for the success of a project is not to have a few experts, but that all involved actors understand what the others departments and users are doing and why.

### Recommended Reading

Any basic geophysical reading, pending on available time.

### About the Instructor

Project manager with more than 35 years of experience in the oil, gas, and unconventional exploration, working with major and middle-sized oil companies providing a high standard quality work and showing good inter-personnel relationship skills. He has a lot of experience in geophysical acquisition, including borehole, (very often working in challenging environments, solving logistical and political problems, and using leading edge technologies), geophysical processing (applying state-of-the art software and even processing methodologies at research level and not on the market, yet) and geological/geophysical interpretation in several geological basins.

- Very involved in HSSE management and familiar with Safety Management Systems.
- From 08/83 to 08/93 Geophysicist with Total in France and Italy
- From 09/93 to 09/97 Chief geophysicist with Total in Italy
- From 10/97 to 12/05 Chief Geophysicist with Wintershall in the Netherlands and Libya
- From 01/06 to 10/07 Country Representative with Wintershall in Mauritania
- From 11/07 to 12/08 Exploration advisor with Wintershall in the Netherlands
- From 01/09 to 07/11 Team Leader with ENI in Nigeria and Egypt
- From 08/11 to 02/13 Unconventional Tar Sands Project Manager with ENI in Congo Brazaville
- From 02/13 to 07/13 Regional Geophysical and New Venture Manager with ENI in Italy
- From 08/13 to 10/14 Head of Geophysics with CEPSA in Spain
- From 10/14 to 05/20 Head of Geophysics with Dragon Oil in Dubai
- From 06/20 to current Geophysics Senior Advisor with OCSE in Belgium
- Several papers presented and published in International conferences and seminars (e.g.: EAGE Conference in Florence in 2002, in Tunis in 2003 and in Vienna in 2006, GEXP in Libya in 2005, EPC Conference in Tunis 2018, GEO in Bahrein 2018 and 2020, EAGE in Oman 2018, EGYPT in Cairo 2019, ADIPEC in Abu Dhabi 2019, MOC in Alexandria 2019) and publication in First Break 2006, AAPG 2011 and GEO 2020.
- Chairman/reviewer at EAGE Tight Reservoirs Workshop 2019 in Saudi Arabia, AAPG Stratigraphic Traps of the Middle East 2020 in Saudi Arabia, IPTC 2020 in Saudi Arabia and EAGE Workshop Hotspots on Algeria 2021 Virtual.



## Geostatistics for Seismic Data Integration in Earth Models

**FILTERING INTERPOLATION INVERSION KRIGING MAPPING  
SIMULATION SPECTRAL ANALYSIS VELOCITIES**

Instructor:	Olivier Dubrule (United Kingdom)
Duration:	1 to 2 days
CPD Points:	5 to 10
Language:	English
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

In recent years the use of geostatistics has spread from the world of reservoir characterization to that of velocity analysis, seismic inversion, uncertainty quantification, and more generally to that of seismic data integration in earth models. Nevertheless, many geoscientists still regard geostatistics as little more than a statistical black box. By explaining the concepts and applications, this course clarifies the benefits of geostatistics and helps spread its use.

The course covers the use of geostatistics for interpolation (kriging, etc.), heterogeneity modeling (conditional simulation), uncertainty quantification, and data integration (cokriging, geostatistical inversion, etc.). A variety of applications and examples are presented, including velocity mapping, construction of realistic heterogeneity models, and seismic data integration in stochastic earth models. The relationships between geostatistics and approaches more familiar to geophysicists, such as filtering or Bayesian methods, are also discussed, without entering into mathematical details. A number of case studies are presented, covering examples from various parts of the world.

The short-course presentation provides an overview of basic concepts and applications. The course notes provide a support to the course and further extend some of the more technical considerations.

### Course Objectives

As a result of attending this course, geoscientists will better understand how geostatistics fits into their workflow, what tools and techniques they should use depending on the problem at hand, and what added value may result from its use. More specifically, after attending the course, geoscientists will be able to:

- Define the right variogram to use in order to quantify their geological knowledge
- Recognize and discuss the main assumptions that were made in a given geostatistical study
- Interpret the results of a geostatistical heterogeneity modeling exercise, whether based on kriging or conditional simulation
- Choose among the various geostatistical modeling methods proposed by earth modeling software

### Course Outline

Part 1: What does the Variogram mean? Ordinary Kriging, External Drift Kriging and Collocated Cokriging for combining seismic and well data, Factorial Kriging for filtering seismic data.

Part 2: Monte-Carlo Simulation, Conditional Simulation, Geostatistical Inversion and Earth Model Uncertainty Quantification.

### Participants' Profile

Geoscientists (including geologists, earth modelers, petrophysicists, geophysicists and reservoir engineers) who have been exposed to applications of geostatistics but would like to improve their understanding.

### Prerequisites

Very basic statistical knowledge, and ideally some exposure to existing geostatistical software and applications.

### About the Instructor

Olivier Dubrule obtained a PhD Degree in Petroleum Geostatistics at Ecole des Mines de Paris in 1981. He then worked for Sohio Petroleum Company in the USA (1982-1986), Shell International in The Netherlands (1986-1991) and, since 1991, he has been with Elf and Total, working in France, the UK and Qatar. Dubrule was Manager of the Total Geoscience Research Centre in Aberdeen (UK) (2004-2008) and of the Total Research Centre Qatar (2008-2011). He was VP Geoscience Training and Technical Image in Pau (France) (2012-2014). Dubrule just retired from Total but continues teaching at Imperial College.

Olivier Dubrule has authored many papers in the field of geostatistics and earth modelling. In 1991, he received the President's prize of the International Association of Mathematical Geology, for "Outstanding Contribution to Mathematical Geology by an individual 35 years or younger". He organized and chaired a number of events organized by SPE, EAGE, SEG or AAPG. Dubrule is the author of AAPG Course Notes Series #38 "Geostatistics in Petroleum Geology", and editor (with E. Damsleth) of "Petroleum Geostatistics" a Special Issue of EAGE's Petroleum Geoscience Journal, published in 2001. He was the SEG/EAGE DISC (Distinguished Instructor Short Course) in 2003 and President of EAGE (European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers) in 2004-2005. His book "Geostatistics for Seismic Data Integration in 3-D Earth Models" was translated in Russian and Farsi.



## Integrated Reservoir Modeling

**3D CARBONATES CORRELATION GEOSTATISTICS INTEGRATION  
RESERVOIR CHARACTERIZATION WELL LOG**

Instructor:	Prof. Dr Michael Poppelreiter (Shell, Kuwait)
Duration:	3 days
CPD Points:	15
Language:	English
Level:	Advanced



### Course Description

This outcrop-based course provides participants with an overview of the integrated reservoir modeling process, tools and tasks. The data set is from a Tertiary carbonate reservoir. It exposes participants to hands-on integrated reservoir modeling.

A conceptual reservoir model and a digital reservoir model are constructed on paper and digitally. Common sedimentological techniques such as section logging, gamma ray measurements and interpretation of aspect ratios from photo panels and maps will be demonstrated and practiced.

All data required to build models are actual industry data. The uncertainty of all data sets is assessed. Alternative models are constructed. QC of data versus interpretation is an integral part of the course. A strong emphasis is put on stratigraphic correlation framework and structural model building. Property modeling and volumetrics are carried out interactively as a team exercise. Team interaction is a fundamental component of this course.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be familiar with:

- Reservoir modeling workflow;
- Structural model building;
- Construction of a stratigraphic framework;
- Acquisition and modeling of reservoir body dimensions on a regional and local scale;
- Acquisition, measurement and application of petrophysical properties;
- Integration of data at different scales: thin sections, cores, outcrop panels, petrophysical data and regional geological information depositional system of Tertiary age;
- Well exposed and exceptionally well-studied on a local and a regional scale.

### Course Outline

- Introduction
- Review of statistical analysis and probability
- Part 1: Sources of uncertainty in geophysics and reservoir modeling
- Part 2: Modeling uncertainty in seismic reservoir characterization
- Part 3: Geostatistics and spatial uncertainty
- Part 4: Uncertainty and data integration
- Part 5: Structural uncertainty
- Part 6: Uncertainty in reservoir dynamic modeling
- Part 7: Visualizing uncertainty
- Part 8: Value of Information and decision making

### Participants' Profile

The course is designed for geologists, geophysicists, engineers, petrophysicists or others involved in reservoir modeling.

### Prerequisites

Participants should have knowledge of geology and petrophysics. Students are expected to have a clear understanding of how to use Petrel software as well as some comprehension of the principles of geology and log analysis.

### Recommended Reading

Participants are recommended to read before attending the course Kerans and Tinker (1997), SEPM Short Course Note 40.

### About the Instructor

Prof. Dr Michael C. Poppelreiter, Director of the South East Asian Carbonate Research Lab (SEACaRL), Shell Chair in Petroleum Geology at the Department of Geosciences, Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS (UTP). From October 2019 he has been working for Shell Kuwait.

Area of expertise: Shell Subject Matter Expert for carbonate geology, Outcrop and Regional Geological Studies (focus Middle East), Conceptual Modelling, Reservoir Modelling and 3D Digital Modelling, Project management, CO<sub>2</sub> in carbonate, Technical Assurance & Capability (TA-2), 25 publications and 2 books on borehole image logs and reservoir geology.



## Seismic Attributes and Their Applications in Seismic Interpretation

DECOMPOSITION FAULTS INTEGRATION NOISE WORKFLOWS

Instructor:	Dr Behzad Alaei (Earth Science Analytics, Bergen, Norway)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:s	English, Norwegian, Persian
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

Seismic attributes have been increasingly used in both exploration and reservoir characterization and has been integrated in the seismic interpretation process. Seismic attribute analysis can extract information from seismic data that is otherwise hidden and have been used to identify prospects, ascertain depositional environments (e.g. fluvial or deep water channels, carbonate buildups), detect and enhance faults and fracture sets to unravel structural history, and even provide direct hydrocarbon indicators. They have proven to be useful in different geological settings such as clastic, carbonate, and salt related basins as well as different tectonic regimes including extensional, strike-slip, and compressional. Developments in digital recording and modern visualization techniques had great impact on the growth of seismic attributes in the past decades. The purpose of this course is to introduce seismic attributes with their applications in seismic interpretation using examples from different sedimentary basins and also through certain attribute workflows. It is aimed to provide geoscientists with the minimum required theory of how each attribute is generated, with a greater emphasis on the application in the exploration and reservoir characterization.

The course is divided into two parts: attributes review/applications and workflows. The first part starts with a review of seismic attributes and discusses the noise (random and coherent) reduction as one essential step of all attribute studies. The number of seismic attributes has recently increased dramatically causing confusion for geoscientists to select appropriate ones. In this course, trace-based attributes, volumetric dip and azimuth, fault detection and enhancement attributes, volumetric curvature, and frequency decomposition are presented using examples from different geological settings. Frequency decomposition is briefly presented with different decomposition methods such as wavelet transform, Fourier transform and matching pursuit analysis. Examples illustrate the interpretation challenges associated with frequency decomposition data interpretation. The concept of multi-attributes and geobody extraction is introduced at the end of the first part of the course with examples on combinations of amplitude, phase, discontinuity and frequency attributes to visualize different geological objects.

In the second part of the course stratigraphic and structural workflows are presented. The workflows (and the elements for their planning) aim to show the integration of several attributes for specific interpretation purposes, with examples of stratigraphic (fluvial/shallow marine clastic systems, attribute expressions of deep water turbidites and carbonate settings) and structural imaging workflows. Lastly, the course analyses the importance of the integration of seismic attribute

analysis processes with the other seismic interpretation (qualitative or quantitative) workflows.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion, participants will be familiar with a range of relevant attributes used in seismic exploration and reservoir characterization. They will know the basics of how those attributes were calculated and will gain understanding of their applications in seismic interpretation. They will be able to plan some attribute workflows and they will know how to integrate attribute analysis with other disciplines of qualitative/quantitative seismic interpretation.

### Course Outline

Part I: Seismic Attributes

- Introduction:
    - Definition and historical review
    - Structure of the short course
  - Input data cleaning:
    - Noise reduction applications with examples
    - Workflow oriented noise removal process
    - Focus on structurally oriented edge preserving methods to remove noise
    - Mean and median filters for noise removal
  - Trace-based attributes:
    - Complex trace analysis and the elementary attributes of envelope (reflection strength), instantaneous phase, instantaneous frequency, and cosine of phase attributes
    - Simple examples with interpretation applications
  - Dip and Azimuth volumes:
    - Quantitative estimate of dip and azimuth through seismic volumes to map morphology of seismic texture
  - Introduction and theory
  - Dip and Azimuth calculation methods including:
    - Calculating temporal and spatial derivatives of the phase estimated using complex trace analysis
    - Explicit dip scan to find the most coherent reflector
    - Gradient structure tensor
  - Examples with applications for both structural and stratigraphic interpretation aspects.
5. Coherence (Measurements of the similarity of seismic waveform)
- Introduction
  - Different approaches including:
    - Cross correlation
    - Semblance
    - Variance



- Eigenstructure
  - Gradient structure Tensor-based coherence
  - Role of dip and azimuth steering volumes on coherence calculation
  - Several examples and interpretation criteria
6. Fault attributes, attribute enhancement approaches:
- Identify objects representing faults from background noise.
  - Apply filters to enhance already detected faults from background noise.
  - Plan different filter sizes to enhance faults with different scales (regional to small scale).
7. Curvature attribute:
- Definition and background theory
  - Surface and volume curvature measurements
  - Interpretation applications using some examples
8. Frequency decomposition:
- Introduction and mathematics of spectral decomposition using graphic illustrations
  - Review of decomposition methods:
    - DFT (discrete Fourier transform)
    - CWT (continuous wavelet transform)
    - MPD (matching pursuit decomposition)
  - Examples and applications in layer thickness estimation, stratigraphic variations (seismic facies) and Direct Hydrocarbon detection
  - Non-uniqueness will be addressed together with resultant challenges in interpretation of frequency decomposed data
9. Multi attributes, geobody extraction, and iso proportional slicing:
- Some attribute blending methods such as RGB blending, and opacity blending
  - Geological object identification
  - Machine learning examples of multi attributes
  - Selection of appropriate attributes
  - Quantitative extraction of certain attribute volumes
  - Iso proportional slicing as an important interpretation tool

### Part II: Workflows

- Seismic attribute analysis workflow planning:
  - Stratigraphic, structural, reservoir characterization
  - Factors controlling the seismic attribute workflow planning
- Workflow examples: fault imaging, carbonate imaging
- Integration of attribute analysis with other disciplines of seismic interpretation

### Participants' Profile

The course addresses geoscientists involved in exploration and production projects where seismic studies play a role and who wish to learn the basic theory of the main seismic attributes used in exploration and production, as well as their applications and how to integrate them in exploration and reservoir characterization studies.

### Prerequisites

Participants should have knowledge of seismic interpretation. Mathematical concepts of attributes are presented with minimum required equations and graphic illustrations. Some basic knowledge of seismic exploration may help.

### About the Instructor

Dr. Behzad Alaei is geophysicist and co-founder of Earth Science Analytics AS. He has PhD in exploration seismology from University of Bergen, Norway. He has 25 years of industry and research experience focused on seismic exploration, forward modelling of complex structures, seismic imaging, seismic attributes, and machine learning applications in geoscience. He carried out several seismic attribute studies over different sedimentary basins from Asia to Norwegian continental shelf and Gulf of Mexico. In the recent years, he has been involved in the integration of seismic fault attributes with structural geological investigations of faults as well as development of machine learning techniques in geoscience.

He is a member of EAGE, SEG, and CSEG.



## Seismic Interpretation: Fundamental for Prospect Generation

**2D CASE STUDY DEPTH CONVERSION FAULTS INTERPRETATION LAND SEISMIC MAPPING**  
**OIL AND GAS ROCK PHYSICS SEISMIC ATTRIBUTES SEISMIC STRATIGRAPHY**

Instructor:	Mr Dean Powell (Powell Seismic Services)
Duration:	2 days
CPD Points:	10
Language:	English
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

Seismic data provide us with a response from the subsurface, rather than a model of the subsurface. The challenge for the seismic interpreter is to understand this response, manipulate it in accurate and creative ways in order to model the geology that gave rise to it, and in the process identify drilling targets.

This course is designed to help geoscientists meet that challenge by assisting them to:

- understand the basics of seismic acquisition and processing,
- gain familiarity with qualitative and quantitative aspects of the seismic interpretation process,
- utilize various interpretation techniques and tools,
- identify and avoid obstacles that limit the reliability of an interpretation,
- approach interpretation problems with creativity and perseverance,
- apply sound geological reasoning,
- build an understanding of how the ingredients can be integrated to constitute a reliable interpretation,
- evaluate the risk of exploration success,
- journey through the interpretation process to the choice of a drilling location.

The course utilizes a comprehensive 2D interpretation exercise based on an actual exploration scenario. This exercise is tackled in different stages throughout the course, helping participants to progressively incorporate the many aspects of the interpretation process, from the early stages of understanding the geological setting and making the stratigraphic correlations, followed by fault interpretation and horizon mapping, through to depth conversion and geological modeling. Additional exercises and case histories complement the classroom instruction, helping participants develop an open and creative mindset to broader exploration objectives as well as to the detail required for prospect generation. This mindset is one that looks for value in contributions from outside the strictly geophysical arena and also incorporates the geological risk process as a means of injecting rigor into the interpretation process.

Reinforcing the lessons gained from the major interpretation exercise, the concluding case history provides a further illustration of the integration of the available geotechnical data to achieve a successful outcome.

### Course Objectives

This is not a survey design course. Survey design is discussed but not covered in detail. After attending this course, the participant will:

- Recognize the limitations imposed on a seismic dataset by acquisition and processing specifications;
- Identify key mapping horizons and play types in a seismic dataset;
- Translate the seismic image into a realistic geological model;
- Generate credible hydrocarbon prospects.

### Course Outline

Day 1

- The background: Basic geophysics
- The preparation: Understanding the geology > Exercise stage 1
- The kick-off: Early observations > Exercise stage 2
- The map: Structural interpretation > Exercise stage 3

Day 2

- The model: Seismic stratigraphy
- The detail: Quantitative interpretation > Exercise stage 4
- The risk: Prospect evaluation > Exercise stage 5
- The background: Basic geophysics

### Participants' Profile

All those interested in seismic imagery. The acquisition geophysicist may discover an unfamiliar presentation of familiar concepts. The processing geophysicist may discover the causes of some types of perturbations in seismic images. Likewise, the interpreter may gain understanding of the limitations in seismic images. Those in charge of financing these images may understand better why they are so expensive.

### Prerequisites

The course is designed especially for early-career geophysicists and geologists as well as students in geoscience disciplines. It will also benefit other professionals involved in oil and gas exploration, particularly engineers and managers who wish to gain a better understanding of the role of seismic data in identifying drilling targets and to make a more informed assessment of the risk associated the decision to drill an exploration well.



### **About the Instructor**

Dean Powell acquired a Bachelor Degree in Applied Science from the Queensland University of Technology at the end of the 1960s. He then began his geophysical career with a Chevron affiliate in West Australia, gaining extensive experience in the acquisition, processing and interpretation of seismic data. Subsequently, he worked as a Perth-based geophysical consultant for many years, providing project management as well as technical services on exploration and development projects in Vietnam, New Zealand and in many of Australia's sedimentary basins.

During the first decade of this century Dean was employed as a Principal Geophysicist with Origin Energy. In this capacity he supervised 2D and 3D seismic acquisition and processing projects, although his main responsibility was the interpretation and mapping of seismic

data. Dean provided regional and prospect-scale mapping for exploration in many onshore and offshore regions in Western Australia and other parts of Australia, as well as in Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand and Vietnam.

In 2013 Dean resumed his consultancy role, and has been engaged in the provision of seismic acquisition, processing and interpretation services relating to conventional and unconventional prospect generation as well as field development in a number of Australian basins and in the Timor Sea.

Much of Dean's experience has been in poorer data quality areas, enabling Dean to develop particular expertise in the interpretation of poor quality datasets. Over the years, drilling on the basis of Dean's prospect mapping has, to date, resulted in more than a dozen commercially successful wildcat and near-field oil and gas discoveries.



## **Geological Interpretation of Geophysical Data for Mineral Exploration**

**ELECTROMAGNETISM   GRAVITY   INDUCED SEISMICITY   MAGNETICS**  
**MINERALS   POLARISATION   RADIOMETRICS   RESISTIVITY**

Instructor:	Prof. Michael Dentith (The University of Western Australia)
Duration:	2 to 5 days
CPD Points:	10 to 25
Language:	English
Level:	Intermediate



### **Course Description**

The purpose of this course is to provide training in how to use geophysical methods in mineral exploration. Designed for industry, government and student geologists seeking to understand how to use geophysical datasets to explore and map, and geophysicists seeking to include more geology in to their interpretations, this course teaches participants to integrate geological and geophysical data in a mineral exploration context.

Core topics include the basic principles of the main geophysical exploration methods used in mineral exploration including the importance of optimal processing and display of these data and the strengths and limitations of the various methods. Particular attention is paid to extracting the maximum amount of geological information from the data, recognising noise-related artifacts in interpretation products and how to deal with the ambiguity when interpreting geophysical datasets.

The course is based around a series of practical exploration exercises involving real exploration data. These data are processed and displayed, associated petrophysical data are analysed and then both quantitative (image analysis) and quantitative (modelling) interpretation methods are used to create an interpretation that combines all available geological and geophysical data.

### **Course Objectives**

On completion of the course participants will:

- Understand how to integrate geological and geophysical information during mineral exploration
- Have experience in interpreting a range of real geophysical datasets in a mineral exploration context
- Have the ability to solve exploration challenges using geophysical methods
- Be familiar with state-of-the-methods for analysing petrophysical data
- Understand the capabilities and limitations of the various geophysical data types
- Be aware of the importance of geophysics in the future of mineral exploration

### **Course Outline**

The course comprises modules, the inclusion of which depends on its duration.

1. Introduction to geophysics
  - a. Geophysical methods used in mineral exploration
  - b. Geophysical anomalies and their sources
  - c. Ambiguity
  - d. Geophysical exploration practice
  - e. Cost of geophysics
2. Practical exercise 1 – geophysical anomalies and exploration strategy
3. Acquisition to display
  - a. Signal and noise
  - b. Sampling and survey design
  - c. Data display
4. Practical exercise 2a - Data display
5. Data enhancement
  - a. Wavelength-based enhancement
  - b. Gradient-based enhancements
  - c. Amplitude-based enhancements
6. Practical exercise 2b – data enhancement
7. Gravity and magnetic methods
  - a. Basic principles of gravity and magnetism
  - b. Reduction of gravity data – the influence of terrain
  - c. Reduction of magnetic data – the importance of levelling
  - d. Enhancing gravity and magnetic data (derivative-based enhancements, continuation, reduction to the pole, pseudogravity)
8. Practical exercise 3a – enhancing gravity and magnetic data
9. Petrophysics
  - a. Best practice in data collection and analysis
  - b. Rock and mineral density and magnetism
  - c. Physical properties and common geological processes
10. Practical exercise 3b – analysis of petrophysical data





11. Qualitative interpretation
  - a. Beyond 'geological pattern recognition' in image interpretation
  - b. Geophysical expressions of common geological features
  - c. Common pitfalls
12. Practical exercise 3c – interpretation of gravity and magnetic maps for exploration targeting
13. Quantitative interpretation
  - a. Representing the sub-surface with a geophysical model
  - b. Regional-residual separation
  - c. Forward modelling
  - d. Inverse modelling
  - e. Analysing a modelling result
14. Practical exercise 3d – modelling magnetic anomalies for exploration targeting
15. Radiometric data
  - a. Basic principles of radioactivity
  - b. Measuring natural gamma radiation
  - c. Processing and displaying radiometric data
  - d. Geology and geological processes and their effects on gamma radiation
16. Practical exercise 4 – interpreting radiometric data for exploration targeting
17. Electrical and electromagnetic methods
  - a. Basic principles of electricity
  - b. Electrical properties of rocks
  - c. Resistivity method
  - d. Induced polarisation method
  - e. Basic principles of electromagnetism
  - f. Electromagnetic data acquisition and interpretation
18. Practical exercise 5 – interpreting electrical and electromagnetic data for exploration targeting
19. Seismic reflection method
  - a. Seismic waves
  - b. Geological causes of variation in seismic properties
  - c. Processing and interpretation of seismic data

### Participants' Profile

The course is designed for:

- Industry, government and student geologists seeking to understand how to use geophysical datasets to explore for minerals
- Geophysicists seeking to improve the integration of geology in to their interpretations

### Prerequisites

Participants should have a basic understanding of the geology of mineral deposits and mineral exploration practice. They should also be familiar with MS Excel.

### Recommended Reading

Dentith, M. and Mudge, S.T., 2014. Geophysics for the Mineral Exploration Geoscientist. Cambridge University Press.

### About the Instructor

Professor Mike Dentith is Professor of Geophysics at The University of Western Australia, located in Perth, Western Australia. He has more than 25 years experience in teaching, research and consulting in petroleum and mineral exploration geophysics.

Professor Dentith is a senior and foundation researcher at the Centre for Exploration Targeting, a minerals industry-funded research centre developing new exploration methods for the mining sector, where he leads the geophysical research theme. Current research projects include geophysical signatures of mineral deposits, hard-rock petrophysics, magnetotelluric and seismic methods applied to mineral exploration and using geophysical methods for assessing regional-scale prospectivity. This research is funded by industry and government.

Professor Dentith is co-author of the award winning textbook, Geophysics for the Mineral Exploration Geoscientist, and editor of two case study volumes on the geophysical signatures of Australian mineral deposits. He has run numerous professional courses for industry, government and professional societies in Australia, South American, Asia, Europe and Africa.



## Exploring for Minerals Using Geophysics: A Mineral System-Based Approach

**ELECTROMAGNETISM   GRAVITY   INDUCED SEISMICITY   MAGNETICS  
MINERALS   POLARISATION   RADIOMETRICS   RESISTIVITY**

Instructor:	Prof. Michael Dentith (The University of Western Australia)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:	English
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

The purpose of this course is to familiarise mineral exploration geoscientists with the very latest developments in our understanding of the geophysical responses of mineral systems. The course revises the mineral system concept and considers these ideas in a geophysical context. New targets, in addition to traditional deposit-scale targets are proposed, e.g. fluid/metal source zones, fluid conduits and palaeo-reservoirs.

The geophysical responses of key mineral system components are considered from first principles. Physical property contrasts expected to be associated with different components are described and new methods of analysing petrophysical data are demonstrated. The use in mineral exploration of deep penetrating 'academic' geophysical methods is also described. Methods covered include the magnetotelluric method, deep seismic reflection profiling and teleseismic and ambient noise passive seismic methods.

Finally exploring for mineral systems using geophysical methods is demonstrated using examples from three important deposit styles: carbonate-hosted base metals, magmatic Ni-Cu deposits in mafic/ultramafic rocks and hydrothermal (orogenic) gold.

### Course Objectives

On completion of the course participants will:

- Understand the mineral system concept and its implications for geophysical exploration, especially when exploring for blind targets
- Know how to recognise responses from components of mineral system in their geophysical datasets
- Be aware of recent developments in the use of deep-penetrating geophysical methods for mineral exploration
- Understand how to use analyse petrophysical data to predict geophysical responses of mineral system components
- Be familiar with the geophysical characteristics of common mineral system components, including the components of selected magmatic, sedimentary-basin-hosted and hydrothermal mineral systems.

### Course Outline

1. Introduction: mineral exploration in 2017
  - a. current exploration practice/strategy,
  - b. declining discovery rates, rising discovery costs
  - c. implications of going 'under cover'
  - d. government exploration incentive schemes/public domain data

### 2. Mineral systems

- a. Description of the concept and implications for mineral exploration
- b. Mineral system classification schemes
- c. The importance of geographically widespread data and deep penetrating geophysical methods
- d. New targets suggested by the mineral systems concept: source, reservoirs, pathways and the importance of associated alteration

### 3. Petrophysics

- a. A new conceptual framework for petrophysical data: bulk-grain-texture
- b. Importance of proper sampling
- c. Importance of analysing the data in a geochemical/petrological/geological framework
- d. Workflow for petrophysical data in a mineral systems context: analysis in context of lithology, stratigraphy, metamorphism/alteration, location

### 4. Large scale and deep penetrating geophysical methods

- a. Key mineral systems targets (major faults, craton margins, mantle metasomatism, fluid reservoirs, major magma chambers) and their geophysical expression
- b. Potential field data (responses from mineral system components)
- c. Magnetotelluric data (responses from mineral system components)
- d. Active source seismic methods - deep reflection, refraction data (responses from mineral system components)
- e. Passive seismic methods - teleseismic, ambient noise methods (responses from mineral system components)

### 5. Geophysics of selected mineral systems

- a. Sedimentary basin-hosted system: Carbonate-hosted base metals (Mississippi Valley-type, Irish style)
- b. Magmatic system: Ni-Cu in mafic/ultramafic intrusions
- c. Hydrothermal system: orogenic gold



### Participants' Profile

The course is designed for:

- Industry, government and student geoscientists who are using the mineral system concept to guide exploration and wish to understand how geophysical methods can be integrated in to their exploration strategy
- Geoscientists with a basic understanding of geophysical data sets seeking to be innovative in their use of geophysical exploration methods

### Prerequisites

Participants should have a basic understanding of the geology of mineral deposits and mineral exploration practice.

### Recommended Reading

McCuaig, T.C. and Hronsky, J.M.A., 2014. The Mineral System Concept: The Key to Exploration Targeting Society of Economic Geologists Special Publication 18, pp. 153–175

### About the Instructor

Professor Mike Dentith is Professor of Geophysics at The University of Western Australia, located in Perth, Western Australia. He has more than 25 years experience in teaching, research and consulting in petroleum and mineral exploration geophysics.

Professor Dentith is a senior and foundation researcher at the Centre for Exploration Targeting, a minerals industry-funded research centre developing new exploration methods for the mining sector, where he leads the geophysical research theme. Current research projects include geophysical signatures of mineral deposits, hard-rock petrophysics, magnetotelluric and seismic methods applied to mineral exploration and using geophysical methods for assessing regional-scale prospectivity. This research is funded by industry and government. Professor Dentith is co-author of the award winning textbook, Geophysics for the Mineral Exploration Geoscientist, and editor of two case study volumes on the geophysical signatures of Australian mineral deposits. He has run numerous professional courses for industry, government and professional societies in Australia, South American, Asia, Europe and Africa.



## Microseismic Monitoring in Oil and Gas Reservoirs

**ANISOTROPY EARTHQUAKE GEOPHONES INDUCED SEISMICITY**  
**ISOTROPY P-WAVE POLARISATION S-WAVE**

Instructor:	Dr Leo Eisner (Seismik, Prague, Czech Republic)
Duration:	2 days
CPD Points:	10
Language:	English
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

This is a revised course, explaining principles of microseismic monitoring ranging from single monitoring borehole to surface and near surface networks. The applications range from conventional to unconventional production, including but not limited to geothermal energy. We will focus on understanding the measurements made in passive seismic, their use and their uncertainties. The participant should be able to decide on the best type of microseismic monitoring, design it, and know what kind of processing is needed to achieve their goals. They will be able to avoid interpretation of uncertain observations. No requirement of prior class is needed, although knowledge of seismology and hydraulic fracturing helps. The course will also discuss the latest development in microseismicity from DAS monitoring systems, source mechanisms, tomography and anisotropy to reservoir simulations. We will also discuss social and scientific aspects of (induced) seismicity related to oil and gas reservoir, hydraulic fracturing and unconventional production.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Select the right type of microseismic monitoring array to meet the goals that need to be monitored;
- Design an optimal array for passive seismic (surface or downhole) monitoring, estimate in it uncertainties of locations for microseismic events;
- Orient downhole geophones from a perforation or calibration shot, estimate approximate distance and depth of a recorded microseismic event;
- Calibrate velocity model;
- Identify shear wave splitting in downhole microseismic datasets;
- Mitigate hazards associated with induced seismicity by fluid injection;
- Determine epicenter from the surface monitoring array and estimate source mechanisms of visible microseismic events;
- Determine if the seismicity in the vicinity of an oilfield is related to injection or extraction of fluids.

### Course Outline

- Introduction: Definitions, a brief review of microseismicity outside of oil industry: water reservoirs, mining, geothermal. Microseismicity and induced seismicity by reservoir production. Historical review of microseismicity in oil industry with focus on hydraulic fracturing (M-site, Cotton Valley, Barnett, etc). Principles of the hydraulic fracturing and geomechanics. Goal of microseismic monitoring and options to meet them;

- Earthquake seismology: number of unknowns, differences between active and passive seismic. Receivers - how to select optimal type of sensors to meet our goals. Absolute location, relative location. P- and S-wave polarizations. Frequency content of microseismic data. Finite source. Earthquake magnitudes;
- Downhole monitoring: single well monitoring technique - S-P wave time + P-wave polarization technique location. Horizontal monitoring borehole. Picking strategies for downhole monitoring. Optimal design of downhole monitoring array. Orientation of downhole geophones. Velocity model building and calibration. Inclined/dual and multi well monitoring;
- Surface monitoring: P-wave location from surface: depth vs. origin time. Detection uncertainty and signal-to-noise ratio. Frequency content, attenuation and detection. Design of surface monitoring array. Calibration and velocity model building. Relative locations: using S-waves recorded at the surface monitoring array. Case study comparing the downhole and surface locations. Why surface microseismic monitoring works, near surface attenuation;
- Source mechanisms: concept of source mechanism, definition of dip, strike and rake for shear source. Description of shear, tensile, volumetric, CLVD components of source mechanism. Inversion for source mechanisms from single monitoring borehole, multiple monitoring boreholes surface P-wave only data. Radiation pattern of source mechanisms frequently seen in microseismic monitoring. Source mechanisms and stress orientation;
- Advanced source parametrization: Magnitude: definition and determination, seismic energy, b-values and magnitude of completeness, physical limitations of b-values, stress drop, source dimensions;
- Anisotropy: Introduction to anisotropy. Effect of anisotropic media on S-waves: shear wave splitting. Shear wave splitting observed in microseismic data. Inversion of anisotropic media from P- and S-waves using microseismic events, time lapse changes. Anisotropy and surface monitoring of microseismic events;
- Reservoir simulations: Current use of microseismicity in oil industry and implementation of microseismicity into modeling. Diffusion model for pressure triggering of microseismic events. Non-linear diffusion and mass balance. Discrete Fracture Networks constrained by microseismicity. Reservoir simulations and history matching;
- Seismicity in the vicinity of oil or gas reservoirs. History of felt seismicity related to oil and gas industry. Differentiation of natural and induced seismicity. Seismic moment and total injected volume. Blackpool case study as an example of induced seismicity. Oklahoma and DFW seismicity - natural seismicity? Hazard assessment and mitigation. Social aspects related to development of shale gas;



- Review of recent research effort and case studies in microseismicity. Models of relationship between microseismicity and hydraulic fracturing. Most important things to remember about microseismicity.

**Participants' Profile**

The course is designed for users and practitioners in microseismic monitoring.

**Prerequisites**

No requirements prior to the course are needed, although knowledge of seismology would be beneficial.

**About the Instructor**

Leo Eisner obtained his MSc. degree in Physics at the Charles University of Prague and Ph.D. in Geophysics from the California Institute of Technology and his M.S in Geophysics from the Charles University in Prague. He spent six years as a Senior Research Scientist with Cambridge Schlumberger Research. He then moved to MicroSeismic, Inc. in 2008 and since 2009 till 2010 he was the Chief Geophysicist. In 2010 he moved to Prague to become Purkyne Fellow at the Czech Academy of Sciences. He worked in the Academy of Sciences until 2017. He founded and he is currently the President of a consulting company Seismik s.r.o.

His papers and extended abstracts cover a broad range of subjects, including the seismic ray method, finite-difference methods, seismological investigations of local and regional earthquakes and microearthquakes induced by hydraulic fracturing, etc. He has lead/ advised three Ph.D.s and six MSc. theses.



## Seismic Fracture Characterization: Concepts and Practical Applications

3D ANISOTROPY CARBONATES MECHANICS MULTICOMPONENT P-WAVE  
ROCK PHYSICS SEISMIC ATTRIBUTES UNCONVENTIONAL

Instructor:	Dr Enru Liu (ExxonMobil, Texas, United States)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:	English
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

The ability to identify fracture clusters and corridors and their prevalent directions within many carbonates and unconventional resources (shale gas, tight gas and tight oil reservoirs) can have a significant impact on field development planning as well as on the placement of individual wells. The characterization of natural fractures is difficult and cannot be achieved by any single discipline or single measurement. Geophysics can identify spatial distributions of fractures and fracture corridors between wells and seismically-derived fracture information to complement (not compete with) other measurements, such as outcrops, core, FMI, cross-dipole and other fracture information. This course is an introduction to the fundamental concepts of seismic fracture characterization by introducing seismic anisotropy, equivalent-medium representation theories of fractured rock and methodologies for extracting fracture parameters from seismic data. With a focus on practical applications, three case studies are presented to demonstrate the applicability, workflow and limitations of this technology: a physical laboratory 3D experiment where fracture distributions are known, a Middle East fractured carbonate reservoir and a fractured tight gas reservoir.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Understand key geological aspects of fractures and their roles in hydrocarbon exploration and production;
- Understand the fundamental concept of seismic anisotropy and the equivalent medium representation of fractured rock;
- Understand the principal methodologies of seismic fracture characterization using shear-wave splitting and azimuthal variation of seismic attributes;
- Understand the basic data requirement, assumptions, limitations and applicability of seismic fracture prediction technology;
- Apply practical workflow introduced in this course to real seismic data;
- Interpret and integrate seismically-derived fractures with other measurements.

### Course Outline

- Introduction: key geological elements
- Fundamental seismic anisotropy
- Equivalent medium representation of fractured rock
- Fracture characterization using P-wave data
- Shear-waves and applications of multicomponent seismology

- Case study 1: 3D Physical laboratory data
- Case study 2: An example from offshore Middle East carbonate reservoir
- Case study 3: An example from tight gas reservoir
- Summary and road ahead

### Participants' Profile

The integrated nature of this subject means that the book and the associated course are purposely designed for individuals from all sub-surface disciplines including geophysics, geomechanics, rock physics, petrophysics, geology, reservoir modeling and reservoir engineering.

### Prerequisites

None. Students as well as experienced geoscientists and engineers should benefit from this course.

### About the Instructor

Dr Enru Liu has over twenty-five years of experience working in rock physics, poroelasticity, seismic anisotropy, multicomponent seismology, fracture modelling/characterisation, modelling wave propagation in complex media, seismic attribute analysis and interpretation. He received a BSc in geophysics from the Changchun Geological Institute (now part of the Jilin University, China) and a PhD in geophysics from the University of Edinburgh (UK). He was a Principal Research Scientist at the British Geological Survey (BGS) until March 2007 when he joined ExxonMobil Upstream Research Company (EMURC). While at BGS, he was the principal researcher of the Edinburgh Anisotropy Project — an industry sponsored research consortium since 1988 and was the Principal Investigator of several industry and UK research council funded projects including the NERC Micro-to-Macro programme. He is currently a research associate in the Geophysics Division of EMURC. He has published over 80 papers in peer-reviewed journals on the subject covered in this course. He was an honorary/visiting professor at the China University of Mining and Technology (2003-2007), an honorary fellow of the University of Edinburgh (2005-2008) and a member of the Peer Review College of the UK Natural Environment Research Council (2006-2007). He is a member of the SEG Research Committee, the SEG Development & Production Committee, the EAGE Research Committee and a member of the Editorial Boards of Geophysical Prospecting (2000-2011) and Journal of Seismic Exploration (since 2008). He was the co-recipient of the Cagniard Award from EAGE in 2007 and received an honourable mention of a co-authored paper published in The Leading Edge in 2007.



## Seismic Surveillance for Reservoir Delivery

4D INTEGRATION INTERPRETATION MARINE MONITORING SEISMICITY SHELF TIME-LAPSE

Instructor:	Mr Olav Inge Barkved (Petoro, Stavanger, Norway)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:	English
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

Time-lapse seismic surveys or 4D seismic provide snapshots of a producing hydrocarbon reservoir and its surroundings. The benefit of the technology in monitoring fluid and pressure changes and to point out bypassed oil or un-drained compartments has been well documented over the last 10–15 years. Still the technology is undergoing rapid development. One of the recent focuses has been the use of permanent seismic installation allowing for cost-effective frequent surveying, and an added benefit of providing additional recordings that would not be available without the permanent array. In addition, recent case studies have helped raise the awareness of how seismic monitoring techniques can be used to understand possible production induced effects outside the reservoir, often linked to geo-mechanical changes.

This course will provide some context on what is driving the dynamic changes linked to producing a hydrocarbon reservoir and what we should expect to observe using seismic technologies in a varied geological setting. It will address key issues that impact the feasibility of time-lapse seismic and evaluate established methods. However, the focus will be on 'new' technologies, use of a permanent array, frequent seismic surveying and integration of the data.

Examples from the Valhall field will be used extensively to illustrate the potential of seismic data and to articulate issues related to interpretation and integration. This will include data examples from marine towed 4D, frequent surveying using permanently installed sensors, in-well recordings and analysis of passive data, including micro seismicity. Use of seismic surveillance information to support reservoir management, new well delivery and base management will be a central part of the presentation.

### Course Objectives

In the course we will aim at addressing:

- What type of fields and mechanism are candidates for seismic surveillance?
- An overview over available technologies for seismic surveillance of producing reservoirs, with a primary focus on time lapse methods and permanent systems
- 4D seismic and linkage to geo-mechanics
- Application and Integration across the disciplines; challenges and benefits
- Case stories
- How we value the seismic surveillance
- How recent example of emerging technologies can tell us what the future will bring

### Participants' Profile

This course is of interest to managers, geoscientists and reservoir and petroleum engineers who aim for integrating time-lapse seismic data into the next level of technical and business decisions and anyone else who sees the benefit of tracking changes in the subsurface in a wider sense. The intention is to inspire, educate and possibly entertain individuals on how to embark on a seismic surveillance project and stimulate new ideas for those with some experience in the topic. The course will be biased towards marine seismic applications but this should not prohibit possible usage on land.

### Prerequisites

Participants should have a basic appreciation of geosciences and petroleum technical principles linked to producing hydrocarbon.

### About the Instructor

Olav Inge Barkved graduated with a Geophysics degree from the Norwegian Institute of Technology in 1983. He spent the first part of his career with Geco, as a Research Scientist, working a variety of aspects related to seismic reservoir characterization, interpretation technology and processing.

In 1992 Olav joined Amoco, and remained through the merger with BP in 1998. He has been supporting the development of the Valhall field in Norway as a geophysicist, technology coordinator and team lead and had a role as a global Advisor in Geophysics. Since 2003 Olav was the project leader of the Valhall Life of Field Seismic delivery program, and in 2006 he received the Norwegian Geophysical Award for his technical contribution and ability to identify and implement emerging technologies to support business objectives in support of field development. BP's Valhall Life of Field Seismic Project has been recognized by the industry by receiving the Norwegian Petroleum Directorates Improved Recovery award, the ONS innovation award and OTC's Distinguished Achievement Award.

In 2013 Olav joined Petoro AS as a senior advisor. Petoro is a company that manage the Norwegian State's large holdings in oil and gas licences on the Norwegian continental shelf.

Olav has also together with his colleagues received The EAGE best paper award in 1997 and in 2009, the Louis Canard Award in 2008 and TLE best paper award in 2008.

Olav is a member of NGF, NPF, EAGE and SEG and served as an EAGE Distinguished Lecturer in 2010.



## Geophysical Monitoring of CO<sub>2</sub> Storage

**4D ACOUSTIC ELECTROMAGNETISM FLOODING GRAVITY INVERSION MAPPING  
ROCK PHYSICS SATURATION TIME-LAPSE**

Instructor:	Prof. Martin Landrø (Norwegian University of Science & Technology, Trondheim, Norway)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:	English
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

The course discusses various methods for monitoring subsurface injection of CO<sub>2</sub>. Specifically, the following topics will be covered:

- Rock physics related to injection of CO<sub>2</sub> into porous rock
- Time-lapse seismic methods
- Gravity and electromagnetic methods
- Saturation and pressure effects
- Early detection of leakage
- Mapping overburden geology and identification of potential weakness zones
- Field examples
- Well integrity issues
- Using gas leakage as a proxy to study potential leakage of CO<sub>2</sub>
- Laboratory experiments of CO<sub>2</sub> flooding including acoustic measurements

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to understand possibilities and challenges related to geophysical monitoring of a CO<sub>2</sub> injection process.

### Participants' Profile

The course is designed for geoscientists working in oil companies, service companies and research organizations.

### Prerequisites

Participants should have knowledge of basic geophysics and some geology.

### About the Instructor

Prof. Dr Martin Landrø received an M.S. (1983) and Ph.D. (1986) in physics from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology. From 1986 to 1989, he worked at SERES. From 1989 to 1996, he was employed at IKU Petroleum Research as a research geophysicist and manager. From 1996 to 1998, he worked as a specialist at Equinor's research center in Trondheim. Since 1998, Landrø has been a professor at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Department of Petroleum Engineering and Applied Geophysics. He received the Norman Falcon award from EAGE in 2000 and the award for best paper in GEOPHYSICS in 2001. In 2004 he received the Norwegian Geophysical award, and in 2007 Equinor's researcher prize. He received the SINTEF award for outstanding pedagogical activity in 2009. In 2010 he received the Louis Cagniard award from EAGE and in 2011 the Eni award (New Frontiers in Hydrocarbons). In 2012 Landrø received the Conrad Schlumberger award from EAGE. Landrø's research interests include seismic inversion, marine seismic acquisition, and 4D and 4C seismic. In 2012 Landrø received the IOR award from the Norwegian Petroleum Directorate. He is a member of EAGE, SEG, The Norwegian Academy of Technological Sciences and The Royal Norwegian Society of Sciences and Letters.





## Seismic Reservoir Characterization: An Earth Modeling Perspective

**CARBONATES   GEOSTATISTICS   INTEGRATION   INTERPOLATION   INTERPRETATION**  
**INVERSION   LITHOLOGY   ROCK PHYSICS   SEDIMENT**

Instructor:	Dr Philippe Doyen (Independent Consultant, London, United Kingdom)
Duration:	1 to 2 days
CPD Points:	5 to 10
Language:	English
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

Three-dimensional numerical earth models play an increasingly important role in the petroleum industry to improve reservoir management and optimize hydrocarbon recovery. A key challenge for reservoir geoscientists is the quantitative integration of 3D and 4D seismic data into static and dynamic earth modeling workflows. Using a combination of theory and illustrations from real field studies, this two-day course reviews best practices and challenges for constraining earth models with seismic information and quantifying subsurface uncertainty.

### Course Objectives

The course objectives of the course are to:

- Provide a practical introduction to techniques and workflows combining geostatistics and rock physics for the construction of seismic-constrained earth models;
- Explain how to integrate quantitatively seismic and well data in earth modelling workflows and evaluate the associated geo-model uncertainty;
- Describe the assumptions and technical limitations of current seismic-based geo-modeling techniques, thus helping reduce the black-box application of software tools;
- Highlight the technical challenges and the road ahead for quantitative seismic interpretation.

### Course Outline

The two-days course is divided into 7 modules, which provide an overview of basic concepts and their application to a number of case study examples involving both clastic, carbonate and unconventional reservoirs.

- Module 1 — Introduction to geostatistics and earth modelling from seismic data.
- Module 2 — Geostatistical interpolation techniques for seismic-guided 3-D earth models.
- Module 3 — Stochastic simulation with seismic constraints.
- Module 4 — Seismic lithology and fluid prediction using statistical techniques.
- Module 5 — Stochastic inversion.
- Module 6 — Statistical rock physics.
- Module 7 — Simulator-to-Seismic workflow using 4-D earth models.

### Participants' Profile

The course is aimed at geoscientists and engineers who are involved in the construction of earth models and who wish to learn about practical techniques for seismic data integration, combined use of seismic rock physics and geostatistics, uncertainty modeling and quantitative 4D interpretation. The course comes at a time when seismic-based earth modeling has become a key activity for integrated asset teams in the E&P industry. It should therefore be of interest to a broad audience, including technical specialists and managers, who are actively involved or supervise seismic-to-simulator activities. Basic knowledge of seismic inversion techniques and geostatistics is desirable.

### Prerequisites

Basic knowledge of seismic inversion techniques and geostatistics is desirable

### About the Instructor

Philippe Doyen, formerly VP R&D for the GeoConsulting business line of CGG, is now working as an independent consultant with worldwide responsibility for technology development in reservoir characterization. Prior to joining CGG in 2003, Philippe was Research Director for Schlumberger Information Solutions (SIS). He has also worked for more than 10 years with Western Geophysical / Western Atlas where he was R&D manager for reservoir geophysics. Philippe holds MS and PhD degrees in geophysics from Stanford University. He also holds a Mining Engineering degree (1st class) from the University of Louvain, Belgium. Philippe has been an Adjunct Professor at the University of Bergen, Norway, from 2006 to 2012. He was also part-time Geophysics Professor in the Mining Engineering department of the University of Louvain from 1989 to 1992. Philippe has over 25 years R&D, consulting and teaching experience in seismic reservoir characterization, geostatistics, geological modelling and rock physics. He has developed several patented methods for multi data integration and uncertainty quantification in reservoir modelling.



## Geostatistical Reservoir Modeling and Uncertainty Quantification

**ELASTICITY   GEOSTATISTICS   INTEGRATION   INVERSION   MODELING   MONITORING   NOISE**  
**ROCK PHYSICS   TIME-LAPSE**

Instructor:	Dr Dario Grana (University of Wyoming, United States)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:	English
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

Reservoir modeling provides a set of techniques to create three-dimensional numerical earth models in terms of elastic, petrophysical and dynamic properties of reservoir rocks. Mathematical/physical models of the reservoir are generally uncertain due to the lack of information, noise in data measurements, approximations and assumptions. The course focuses on geostatistical methods for reservoir modeling and uncertainty quantification techniques for reservoir predictions.

It is divided into four main parts: Geostatistical methods for interpolation and simulation; Rock physics modeling; Geophysical inverse problems; Uncertainty quantification.

Uncertainty propagation from measured data, through physical models to model predictions will be studied with a focus on seismic data inversion, static reservoir characterization, structural modeling, dynamic fluid simulation, and time-lapse monitoring. Real case studies will be presented for each topic to illustrate the proposed workflows.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Generate multiple reservoir models;
- Understand physical relations between reservoir and geophysical parameters;
- Evaluate the uncertainty of model predictions.

### Course Outline

The one-day short course will have the following schedule:

Introduction

- Part 1: Review of statistical analysis and probability
- Part 2: Geostatistics and spatial uncertainty
- Part 3: Rock physics
- Part 4: Geostatistics and spatial uncertainty
- Part 5: Seismic inversion
- Part 6: Uncertainty quantification
- Part 7: Visualizing uncertainty

Case studies will be presented for each section.

### Participants' Profile

The course is designed for employees of oil companies in geophysics and reservoir modeling.

### Prerequisites

Participants should have knowledge of basic reservoir modeling concepts and of common geophysical data.

### About the Instructor

Dario Grana is an associate professor in the Department of Geology and Geophysics at the University of Wyoming. He received a MS in Mathematics at University of Pavia (Italy) in 2005, a MS in Applied Mathematics at University of Milano Bicocca (Italy) in 2006, and a Ph.D. in Geophysics at Stanford University in 2013. He worked four years at Eni Exploration and Production in Milan. He joined the University of Wyoming in 2013. He is coauthor of the book 'Seismic Reflections of Rock Properties', published by Cambridge University Press in 2014. He is the recipient of the 2017 EAGE Van Weelden Award, the 2016 SEG Karcher Award, and the 2015 Best Paper Award in Mathematical Geosciences. His main research interests are rock physics, seismic reservoir characterization, geostatistics, data-assimilation and inverse problems for subsurface modeling.



## Rock Physics, Geomechanics and Hazard of Fluid-Induced Seismicity

**EARTHQUAKE   ELASTICITY   GEOTHERMAL   INDUCED SEISMICITY   MECHANICS**  
**MONITORING   PORE PRESSURE   SEDIMENT**

Instructor:	Prof. Serge Shapiro (Freie Universitaet Berlin, Germany)
Duration:	1 to 2 days
CPD Points:	5 to 10
Language:	English
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

Part 1 (20% of the course) includes: Rock physical and poroelastic fundamentals of fluid-induced seismicity (including microseismicity): Elastic waves, Elastic Anisotropy, Poroelastic waves, Slow wave and diffusion, Fluid flow in rocks, Seismic attenuation, Reservoir properties: permeability, porosity, fluid viscosity, fluid elasticity, rock elasticity. Part 2 (20% of the course) includes: Geomechanics and physics of faulting and earthquakes and principles of the microseismic monitoring method: faulting types, faulting criteria, tectonic stresses, rock criticality, detection, location, earthquake mechanisms, moment tensors and magnitudes of earthquakes, microseismic common receiver gathers, microseismic reflection imaging. Part 3 (40% of the course) includes: Various types of induced seismicity: production-induced earthquakes, injection induced earthquakes, geothermal systems, hydraulic fracturing, waste water injection and carbon sequestration; interpretation of microseismic data for reservoir stimulation and hydraulic fracturing: types of induced seismicity, pressure diffusion, rt-plots, triggering fronts, back fronts, hydraulic diffusivity, event density, event rate, hydraulic anisotropy, hydraulic non-linearity, hydraulic fracturing, fracture propagation, volume balance, fluid loss, stimulated volume, correlations with hydrocarbon production, data quality control, estimation of hydraulic properties of rocks, fracture efficiency, enhanced permeability, permeability of fracture, permeability of rocks. Part 4 (20% of the course) includes: Fundamentals of assessment of induced-seismicity hazard (injection, post-injection and disposal operations): Seismicity statistics, Gutenberg-Richter law, Interevent times, Seismogenic index, Rupture propagation, Bounds of magnitude frequencies, Maximum expected magnitude, triggered and induced earthquakes, factors controlling hazard and requirements for microseismic monitoring; Hazard of various types of induced seismicity: hydraulic fracturing, geothermal systems, waste water injection and carbon sequestration, hydrocarbon production, water reservoirs.

### Course Objectives

- Rock physics and geomechanics of induced seismicity:
  - Poroelastic phenomena and seismic waves
  - Stress, pore pressure and rock failure
  - Geomechanics of tectonic and induced earthquakes
- The method of microseismic monitoring:
  - Observation systems, detection and location of (micro)earthquakes
  - Microseismic wavefields and imaging

- Seismicity, pressure diffusion and hydraulic fracturing:
  - Various types of induced seismicity
  - Modeling of fluid-induced seismicity
  - Seismicity during a fluid injection
  - Seismicity after a termination of a fluid injection
  - Hydraulic properties of reservoirs and induced seismicity
  - Hydraulic fracturing of hydrocarbon reservoirs
  - Seismicity induced by hydraulic fracturing
  - Non-linear diffusion and seismicity in unconventional reservoirs
- Hazard of induced seismicity:
  - Rates and magnitudes of fluid-induced earthquakes
  - Seismogenic index
  - Statistics of large magnitudes
  - Hazard of various types of induced seismicity

### Participants' Profile

The course is targeted to Geophysicists, Geologists, Petrophysicists, Reservoir Engineers, Graduate and Postgraduate Students, Researchers, Interpreters.

### Prerequisites

Graduated (bachelor level) in geology, or geophysics, or physics, or mathematics, or petroleum engineering, or geosciences.

### Recommended Reading

S.A. Shapiro, 2015, Fluid-Induced Seismicity, Cambridge (U.K.): Cambridge University Press, pp 289., ISBN: 9780521884570

### About the Instructor

Serge A. Shapiro has been Professor of Geophysics at the Freie Universität Berlin, Germany since 1999, and since 2004, Director of the PHASE (PHysics and Application of Seismic Emission) university consortium project. From 2001 till 2008 he was one of Coordinator of the German Continental Deep Drilling Program (KTB). He was one of PIs of the 3rd KTB long-term fluid-induced seismicity experiment. His research interests include seismogenic processes, wave phenomena, exploration seismology, and rock physics. He received the SEG Virgil Kauffman Gold Medal in 2013 for his pioneering research on fluid-induced seismicity and rock physics, and in 2004 was elected a Fellow of The Institute of Physics (UK).



## Operational Geomechanics: Characterization of Rock Stress, Rock Fractures and Rock Stability for Energy, Environmental, and Engineering Industrial Operations in the Lithosphere

Instructor:	Dr Mohammed S. Ameen (Geomechanics and Rock Fractures Expert, London, UK, retired from Saudi Aramco in 2019)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:	English
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

This EAGE Education Tour (EET) course starts by introducing definitions of fundamental concepts such as force, stress and strain; which are the building blocks of natural and operationally induced geomechanical failure, both at deep and shallow zones of the Earth lithosphere. In that context natural rock and lithospheric stress homogeneity vs heterogeneity, and isotropy vs anisotropy are also discussed. The course goes on to address and illustrate naturally occurring rock fractures. Natural fractures' statistical, geometric, and kinematic categories, and structural habitats are also discussed.

Subsequently, the course presents the impact of natural fractures on fluid transmissivity /permeability and fluid storativity/effective porosity of rock masses which are crucial in many aspects such as hydro-carbon assets (both conventional and unconventional reservoirs), geothermal, and water reservoirs and nuclear waste repositories, cap seal and fault seal integrity and seismic hazards.

The high-resolution detection, measurement, and diagnosis of fractures and stress indicators on drill bore scale (e.g. oil and gas wells, geothermal wells, site investigation boring in environmental, and geotechnical engineering projects like nuclear waste repositories, dam sites etc) are a starting point to any effective geomechanical assessment of rocks. These are presented focusing particularly (amongst other tools) on borehole image logs like resistivity and ultrasonic images and rock samples such as full diameter drill core, side wall plugs, and cuttings. Quality control on logs- and core-based data is an essential step in assuring reliability of their interpretation and subsequent decision-making. Therefore, the course covers the uncertainties associated with such tools (e.g. natural versus induced fractures; borehole deformation phenomena and their stress/strength implications etc).

Current day Earth stresses are the driving engine for any ongoing natural and artificially induced rock deformation and failure. Operational geomechanics' workflows used for the assessment of in situ stress magnitude and the in-situ stress orientation are introduced and discussed. Uncertainty sources in such workflows are also considered. The application areas of operational geomechanics with a particular attention to borehole instability and other engineering infrastructure integrity risks are then illustrated.

The course will also discuss the concept of rock-based mechanical anisotropy and heterogeneity and how they affect our operational practices. In that context it will discuss the impact on areas such as: hydrofracture stimulation; rock mass stability in deep and shallow environments including tunnels and dams, deep oil and gas boreholes and the seismic stability of existing faults in response to human made activities such as hydraulic fracturing and other operational activities.

### Course Outline

The course will cover the principles, and tools relevant to operational geomechanics with specific attention to borehole-scale characterization. The following aspects are covered:

1. Introduction to force, stress and strain;
2. Natural rock fractures: their causes, statistical, geometric, and kinematic categories;
3. Borehole-scale geomechanical tools:
  - 3.1 Borehole images
  - 3.2 Borehole rock samples (whole core, plugs, cuttings)
  - 3.3 Sonic logs and supplementary open hole logs;
4. Rock mechanical characterization based on rock samples and logs;
5. In-Situ Stress Characterization based on rock samples, logs, and special field tests:
  - 5.1 Assessment of in situ stress magnitude
  - 5.2 Assessment of in situ stress orientation;
6. Assessment of rock mechanical and in-situ stress anisotropy;
7. Application areas of operational geomechanics.

### Participants' Profile

The course is designed for geologists, geophysicists, and engineers working on and managers concerned with natural fractures and in-situ stresses characterization and instability risks of rock masses. The course is relevant to:

1. Oil and gas conventional and unconventional exploration, development and production;
2. Reservoir stimulation (e.g. hydrofracturing);
3. Assessment of geomechanical impact on fluid flow or sealing capacity of rocks (e.g. sealing faults; cap rock integrity etc);
4. Geothermal reservoirs;
5. Nuclear waste repository site investigation;
6. Geotechnical/engineering projects like tunnels, dams foundation, highways etc.



### Prerequisites

Participants should have a basic knowledge of geology and a perception of the definition of rock porosity, permeability, and rock mass texture and structure. No software will be utilized in the course.

### About the Instructor

Mohammed S. Ameen holds a PhD in structural geology and rock mechanics, from Imperial College, London, 1988 and has had over 30 years industrial and academic experience in the Middle East and Europe. As part of his industrial experience he has spent nearly 22 years working with Saudi Aramco, as the Principal Professional in Geomechanics. Ameen joined the Exploration Organization in Aramco in 1998, and has worked on diverse structural and geomechanical issues for exploration and development on all hydrocarbon provinces in Saudi Arabia, covering both conventional and unconventional resources across the expansive stratigraphic section of the kingdom. His work has covered both carbonate and siliciclastic reservoirs.

Prior to joining Aramco Ameen worked on geomechanical issues related to hydrocarbon exploration and geotechnical projects, e.g. nuclear waste repositories, strategic gas storage in depleted reservoirs, tunnel stabilities etc. Ameen started his career working as an explorationist by pioneering comprehensive fractures and fold traps characterization across the Taurus-Zagros of Iraq, incorporating 30 structural traps. Ameen is an Associate editor of the AAPG Bulletin, and the Journal of Unconventional Oil and Gas Resources (JUOGR). He has been an instructor of industrial courses for the AAPG and in house in Aramco. He has 28 peer-reviewed articles; 3 edited books; one published book on operational geomechanics; and over 900 citations. He has been awarded four US patents, and has filed a few pending patent applications.



# Geology

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GEOLOGICAL MODELLING •**



## Geology for Non-Geologists

CARBONATES DEPOSITS FAULTS FOLDS INTERPRETATION SEISMIC STRATIGRAPHY  
SEQUENCE STRATIGRAPHY

Instructor:	Dr George Bertram (Stratigraphic Research Int., Glasgow, United Kingdom)
Duration:	2 days
CPD Points:	10
Language:	English
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

The course comprises a series of talks on the fundamentals of geology interspersed with short practical exercises and discussions. The objective of the course is to introduce attendees to the science of geology with a particular emphasis on its application for the exploration of hydrocarbons.

### Course Objectives

- Understand basic geological concepts, principles and terminology;
- Appreciate the role of geology in the hydrocarbon exploration industry

### Course Outline

1. Introduction
2. History and Principles of Geology
3. The Structure of the Earth
4. Rock Types and Key Recognition Criteria
5. Structural Geology - Folds, Faults and Maps
6. Depositional Environments and Processes
7. Occurrence and Prediction of Source, Reservoir and Seal
8. Plays and Traps

### Participants' Profile

This course is principally intended for geophysicists who have no background in geology but it should be of value to all technologists working in the hydrocarbon industry who interact with geologists.

### Prerequisites

Participants should have an understanding of basic scientific principles and an interest in finding out more about geology.

### About the Instructor

George Bertram is a geoscientist who has worked in the oil industry for over thirty years. During his career he has been involved in world-wide exploration with Exxon, Britoil and BP. In BP he ran the Stratigraphic Studies group and was responsible for modernising and teaching the in-house seismic stratigraphy course. After a spell as Technology Manager for Exploration he left BP in 1994 to set up Stratigraphic Research International. Since then he has built and run in-house core courses and workshops for many individual oil companies as well as teaching on behalf of JAPEC in London, I.P.A. in Jakarta, NCPGG and A.M.F. in Australia and the Nautilus Geotechnical Training Alliance in UK & US. He is currently an Associate Professor at I.F.P. in Paris and an Hon. Research Fellow at Glasgow University. His publications include articles on North Sea Geology, Trap Styles and Carbonate Development in the Maldives. He was co-editor with John Van Wagoner of AAPG Memoir 64 on Sequence Stratigraphy in Foreland Basin Deposits and he was also a co-author of the textbook "Sequence Stratigraphy". He recently contributed the chapter on Seismic and Sequence Stratigraphic Analysis in the Roberts and Bally publication "Principles of Geological Analysis". In addition to teaching and organising "designer" workshops, he regularly consults for oil companies world-wide, project managing and assisting in interpretation, acreage evaluation, farm-in assessments and supplying advice on a range of general exploration matters.



## Top Seals and Fault Seals in Clastic and Carbonate Reservoirs: A Practical Approach

CASE STUDY CLAY DEFORMATION FAULTS MECHANICS MODELING SEDIMENT  
SEDIMENTOLOGY SHALE

Instructor:	Dr Dirk Nieuwland (NewTec International, Leiden, Netherlands)
Duration:	2 days
CPD Points:	10
Language:	English
Level:	Advanced



### Course Description

The core of this course is a new powerful method of fault seal prediction and is intended for geologists, geophysicists and reservoir engineers in exploration. The course is based on geomechanics as a sound foundation for structural geological concepts and the behaviour of rocks in the brittle regime. Mechanical rock properties and ways and means to determine these properties form an important element of this course. Following an introduction to geomechanics, the theory of fracturing of brittle, ductile and viscous rocks is treated, illustrated with field examples and case histories. Different deformation mechanisms, based on mechanical rock properties, are treated in relation to realistic geological environments. Cataclasis is introduced as a major sealing mechanism, including a detailed account of the cataclasis process. Paleo-stress analysis is introduced, together with a new tool, the reactivation circle. The course is very practical and focused on application. An exercise based on real data forms an important element of the course. Cases requiring the use of numerical models are discussed but numerical modeling is not part of the course.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Recognize the most appropriate fault seal mechanism for an area of choice and perform a quantitative fault seal analysis. If necessary, perform a paleo-stress analysis as a basis for fault seal prediction;
- Assess top and fault seal integrity for subsurface processes including exploration, field development and subsurface storage of natural gas or CO<sub>2</sub>.

### Course Outline

Day 1:

- Introduction to tectonic regimes and associated stress regimes.
- Analogue demonstration experiments.
- Fault seal case history.
- Fundamentals of geomechanics.
- Geomechanics exercise.
- Tectonic stress regime exercise.
- Case history (time permitting).

Day 2:

- Overview of known fault seal mechanisms.
- Clay smear method, with exercise.
- Shale gouge ratio method.
- Cataclasis as fault sealing mechanism.
- Palaeo stress analysis and fault seal prediction exercise.

### Participants' Profile

The course is intended for geoscientists and subsurface engineers that deal with geological problems in relation to (potential) sealing problems with top seals and faults.

This course will enable participants to assess top seal and fault seal potentials; in exploration cases with limited data availability but also in field development situations, with detailed data available, e.g. in relation to gas injection and top and fault seal issues.

### About the Instructor

Dr Nieuwland has 34 years of experience as a geologist of which 30 years in oil and gas exploration and production. He has published numerous papers in this field and edited two books in the Special Publication series of the Geological Society of London.

One of NewTec's recent geo-mechanical field models resulted in adding 600 million bbls of oil to the reserves and accurate predictions of open fracture location and orientation, in-situ stresses and reservoir quality. Other models have successfully guided exploration, appraisal and development in complex geological settings.

### Biography

2006 Visiting research professor at the Department of Geography, Geology and Mineralogy of the University of Salzburg, Austria (Part time position in addition to managing NewTec)

1999 NewTec International BV., founder and managing director.

1999 - 2004 Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, earth sciences top research school (ISES), associate professor, head analogue tectonic modeling lab.

1990 KSEPL, Rijswijk, senior research geologist, internal advisor (exploration, production and technical audits).

1986 Turkse Shell, chief geologist exploration and production, chief petrophysicist.

1983 Thai Shell Bangkok, production geologist.

1979 Shell research, KSEPL Rijswijk, structural geology research geologist.

1979 PhD, Research School of Earth Sciences at the Australian National University. Structural Geology and Radiometric Dating.

1975 MSc, Leiden University, structural geology and sedimentology.





## Geological History of CO<sub>2</sub>: Carbon Cycle and Natural Sequestration of CO<sub>2</sub>

CARBONATES CLIMATE ENVIRONMENTAL GEOCHEMISTRY GEOMORPHOLOGY  
PALEOCLIMATE SEDIMENT WEATHERING

Instructor:	Dr Alain-Yves Huc (UPMC - Paris VI University, France)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:s	English, French
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

With respect to the current genuine public concern regarding the anthropogenic increase of Green-House gases, intensive research and technology development focus on the capture and underground storage of industrial quantities of CO<sub>2</sub> concentrated in emissions from combustion sources. At the global scale, the withdrawal of the CO<sub>2</sub> diluted in the atmosphere relies essentially on natural bio-geological processes. As a complement to the study of the involved factors in the modern terrestrial eco-system, the geological perspective provides the opportunity to investigate these processes and their consequences at different time scales.

During Earth's history the atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> has been subjected to extensive changes in term of absolute quantity and relative concentration. From a geological perspective, the current anthropogenic driven alteration of the Earth's atmosphere actually occurs during a period of low atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> (Ice-House). A large part of the remaining time intervals of the Phanerozoic were apparently dominated by Green-House conditions. The latter situation resulting from the high concentration of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>, due to volcanic and metamorphic degassing associated with the long term tectonic activity of Phanerozoic megacycles. The subsequent decrease of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> at the end of the megacycles is interpreted by a negative feedback involving the CO<sub>2</sub> driven silicate weathering which consumes CO<sub>2</sub>. Based on the CO<sub>2</sub> sourcing (tectonic degassing) and CO<sub>2</sub> sinking (sedimentation of carbonates and organic matter), the most popular model depicting the change of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> during the Phanerozoic are based on the Berner's GEOCARBSULF approach. The resulting curve which exhibits the long-term change is, to some extent, comforted by the comparison with the estimates of past PCO<sub>2</sub> values provided by different indicative proxies.

However some available data depart from the model and high resolution series of proxies suggest that high amplitude and high frequency changes in atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> were occurring at a much lower time scale. Implications include the possibility to better explain short term climatic events such as the Late Ordovician continental-wide glaciation, to reconsider the significance of brutal events of injection of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere as a result of intra-plate volcanism and their environmental responses and geochemical record in oceanic sediments (e.g. the Permo-Trias Siberian traps), to revisit the so-called climatic optima such as the Late Palaeocene and Early Eocene, and the necessity to improve our assessment of the kinetics of the retroaction loops controlling the level of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere.

The main reservoir of carbon is the Mantle. It is the likely repository of a large part of the CO<sub>2</sub> which was initially present in the primitive atmosphere of the Earth, following accretion and degassing, and from which it was probably progressively withdrawn through the process of subduction. The two other major reservoirs of carbon are the sedimentary carbonates and organic matter.

The progressive build up of these reservoirs correspond to a long-term sink for around 80 bar of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>. It should be noted that for both of them the processes involved in the transformation of CO<sub>2</sub> into carbonates and kerogen are biologically driven and that the efficiency of these processes tends to increase as biological evolution proceeds

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Place the current atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in a geological perspective;
- Provide an overview of the methods used to approach the value of the past atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> content;
- Review the change in the carbon cycle throughout geological time: Evolution of source and sink.

### Course Outline

- Tools for monitoring changes in atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> throughout time.
- The carbon cycle.
- Processes of natural sequestration of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>: the carbon sinks.
- Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> change on planet Earth:
  - from Precambrian to Phanerozoic;
  - the Cenozoic;
  - the Pleistocene ice house an inaccurate analogue for the current CO<sub>2</sub> departure from natural values.
- Evolution of carbon sinks, the instrumental role of biology.

### Participants' Profile

Anyone interested in the current atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concern and the evolution of the biogeochemistry of the Earth's system.

### Prerequisites

Basics geology and chemistry (biology).

### About the Instructor

Alain-Yves Huc

PhD Strasbourg University, France (1978)

Post doc Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, USA (1978-1979)

Research Associate at the Applied Geology Department, Orleans University (1979-1981) then at IFP New Energies

Head of the Geochemistry Department, IFP New energies, France (1990-2000)

Director of the Exploration Department at IFP School (2000-2004)

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Expert Director at IFP New energies (2004-2013)

Research Director Emeritus at UPMC (2013-)



## An Overview of Carbonate Diagenesis: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly of Carbonate Reservoir Quality

CARBONATES CASE STUDY DIAGENESIS INTEGRATION INTERPRETATION  
LITHOLOGY PERMEABILITY RESERVOIR CHARACTERIZATION  
SEQUENCE STRATIGRAPHY THIN SECTION

Instructor:	Dr Dave L. Cantrell (Cantrell GeoLogic and Stanford University, USA)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:	English
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

Diagenesis includes all chemical, physical and biological changes, modifications or transformations undergone by a sediment after its deposition and during and after its lithification (AGI Glossary of Geology), exclusive of metamorphism. Carbonate rocks and sediments are especially susceptible to post-depositional modifications because of the high chemical reactivity of carbonate minerals; these carbonate minerals react quickly with natural waters in order to bring the water into equilibrium with the host carbonate sediments and rocks (Moore 1989). These rock-water interactions can have a dramatic effect on the original (depositional) reservoir quality framework of a sediment, and can either create, modify, or completely destroy reservoir quality. Given that these alterations can occur at any time during the history of the sediment, understanding and predicting carbonate diagenesis and its impact on reservoir quality can be a very challenging - and at times frustrating! - process.

While the full gamut of carbonate diagenetic processes is extensive, a simplified list of the most commonly encountered processes includes: cementation, dissolution, dolomitization, compaction (including pressure solution and stylolitization), fracturing, and the in situ growth of other minerals in the sediment. These processes can be considered within a context of diagenetic environments, including the marine environment, the mixing zone, the meteoric environment, and the burial environment. A consideration of the typical conditions, processes and products for each of these diagenetic environments provides a method for both understanding and predicting carbonate diagenesis.

The relationship between reservoir quality and diagenesis is complex and variable, and at times the various diagenetic processes work in complementary and overlapping ways. For example, movement of undersaturated water through a sediment may partially dissolve the sediment to create or enhance porosity; as dissolution continues, however, waters may become saturated to the point where they cement porosity in adjacent sediments, to produce a tightly cemented carbonate rock with abundant moldic porosity but little permeability. Likewise dolomitization may occlude, redistribute, create or enhance porosity, based on a number of different factors.

This workshop provides an in-depth overview of the nature and extent of common diagenetic alterations in carbonates and their impact on reservoir quality; it then uses a series of case studies to illustrate how the principles described in this workshop can be applied to understand and predict reservoir quality in several outcrop and subsurface examples.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- identify common diagenetic products in carbonate rocks and sediments
- understand the processes that gave rise to these products
- predict the likely location and effect of diagenesis in the subsurface
- appreciate the role that diagenesis plays in producing final reservoir quality

### Course Outline

Introduction

Diagenesis in Carbonate Rocks and Sediments – what is it, and why should you care?

Aspects of Diagenesis: Recognition of Processes and Products

- Cementation
- Dissolution
- Dolomitization
- Compaction and Pressure Solution
- Fracturing and Others

Organizing Principles

Diagenesis in Time and Space - the Importance of Diagenetic Environments

Implications for Reservoir Quality

Case History #1: Dolomitization in Middle Eastern Carbonate Rocks

Case History #2: Introduction to Karst Systems and Reservoirs

Case History #3: An Introduction to Microporosity in Middle Eastern Carbonate Rocks

Conclusions

### Participants' Profile

The course is designed for geoscientists and engineers looking to enhance their understanding of and ability to predict carbonate diagenesis.

### Prerequisites

Some knowledge of carbonates and the main challenges of reservoir quality prediction and modeling in carbonates would be helpful.



### Recommended Reading

Longman, M. W., 1980, Carbonate diagenetic textures from near-surface diagenetic environments: Amer. Assoc. Petroleum Geologists Bull., v. 64, p. 461-487.

Tucker, M. E. and Wright, V. P., 1990, Carbonate sedimentology: Blackwell Scientific, Oxford, 482pp.

### About the Instructor

Dave L. Cantrell has over 35 years of worldwide geologic industrial and academic experience. He graduated from the University of Tennessee with an MSc in Geology in 1982, and from the University of Manchester with a PhD in Geology in 2004. Dave began his industry career in 1982 with Exxon where he conducted numer-

ous reservoir characterization and geological modeling studies on reservoirs in the Middle East; the Permian, Powder River, Williston, and Gulf of Mexico Basins of the USA; and the Maracaibo and Barinas Basins of Venezuela; among others. After moving to Saudi Arabia in 1997, he conducted studies on several large carbonate fields there, and lead geologic R&D for Saudi Aramco from 2000-2008; he also served as a professor and Associate Director for the College of Petroleum Engineering & Geosciences at King Fahd Petroleum & Minerals (KFUPM) from 2015-2017. He is an AAPG Certified Petroleum Geologist, a Fellow of the Geological Society of London, and an adjunct professor at Stanford University; he has published over 40 articles in peer-reviewed journals, and holds one patent.



## Sedimentological Characterization of Carbonate Rocks

**CARBONATES** **RESERVOIR CHARACTERIZATION** **SEDIMENTOLOGY** **STRATIGRAPHY**

Instructors:	Laura Galluccio, Catherine Breislin (Badley Ashton, United Kingdom)
Duration:	2 days
CPD Points:	10
Language:	English
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

More than 60% of the world's oil and 40% of the world's gas reserves are held within carbonate rocks. An understanding of these will ultimately help improve sedimentological facies and reservoir quality prediction while reducing uncertainties with respect to reserve estimates and potential oil/gas recovery. The first part of this course provides an understanding of the fundamentals of carbonate sedimentology, together with the skills required to characterize and interpret carbonate rocks, in order to establish an understanding of their depositional environment and implications for reservoir geometry and extents. In detail, the course offers an insight into the environmental, biological, physical, chemical and climatic controls on the carbonate factory, enabling facies analysis. In addition, sequence stratigraphical methods and their application will be covered in the second part of the course to provide all the tools needed to reconstruct the sedimentological architecture at the field scale. These factors help reduce uncertainties associated with the prediction of geometries and lateral heterogeneity within carbonate reservoirs.

Part A: in order to appreciate the evolution and development of carbonate sediments, a basic understanding of the chemical, biological and physical processes involved in their formation is essential. The first part of this course outlines the controls on carbonate production (the carbonate factory), and the impact of carbonate producers on carbonate accumulation and hence implications for carbonate body geometries. It considers the key textural (Dunham classification), mineralogical, compositional and fabric/sedimentary structure observations necessary to help evaluate and interpret carbonate rocks. Carbonate deposition is controlled by a wide range of internal and external factors, including the light, temperature, energy levels, salinity and nutrient availability. Understanding these factors provides a better perspective on the nature and distribution of carbonate sediments, and thus, enhances reservoir description and the subsequent construction of more robust depositional models. The effects of the environmental controls on carbonate production, wherever possible, will be illustrated with observations from modern day analogues.

Part B: To fully understand carbonate systems, it is necessary to appreciate the larger scale depositional settings within which they develop. An understanding of the tectonic setting and the depositional geometry of a carbonate platform is vital in developing accurate depositional models. These aspects, together with the types of carbonate accumulations and their applications, will be fully addressed in this course. Finally, the principles of sequence stratigraphy, its importance in subsurface carbonate reservoir characterisation and the tools and techniques required for the ap-

plication of sequence stratigraphy will all be covered. Overall, these factors aid in the prediction of the sedimentological heterogeneity expected at the large-scale, and hence, the interpretation of the reservoir architecture.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will have:

- A good understanding of a carbonate system, including the major controls on carbonate production;
- An appreciation of the heterogeneous nature of carbonate sediments and how this may impact predictability variations within the subsurface;
- An understanding of the techniques used to apply a sequence stratigraphic framework in a typical carbonate succession, and hence the impact on reservoir quality prediction.

### Course Outline

The course will be organised into two sessions:

Part A: The carbonate system - "Carbonates are born not made"

- The mineralogy of carbonates;
- The composition of carbonate rocks: skeletal vs non-skeletal allochems;
- Classification of carbonate rocks;
- The controls on carbonate production;
- The carbonate factory - the impact of carbonate producers on the carbonate accumulation geometry;
- Types of carbonate accumulations;
- Applied carbonate facies analysis;
- Typical carbonate facies observed in core and thin-sections;
- The key to identifying carbonate depositional environments.

Part B: Sequence stratigraphy applied to carbonate reservoirs

- Introduction to the basic concepts of sequence stratigraphy;
- Carbonate record and sea level;
- Methods used to establish a sequence stratigraphic framework;
- Prediction of the sedimentological heterogeneity and interpretation of the sedimentological reservoir architecture.

Each section will be accompanied by example case histories and exercises.

### Participants' Profile

This course is designed for petroleum geologists, geoscientists, petrophysicists and engineers involved in exploration and production of carbonate plays.

**Prerequisites**

Although previous knowledge on carbonate sedimentology is not necessarily required, participants should have some knowledge of geology.

**About the Instructor**

Laura Galluccio (Ph.D) is one of Badley Ashton's UK-based senior carbonate reservoir geologists with an interest in carbonate petrography and sedimentology. She specialises in sedimentology, diagenesis and reservoir quality characterization of limestones and dolomites in both conventional and unconventional reservoirs. She has wide experience in the Middle East, the USA, Europe and Africa. The projects she has been involved in cover a wide range of depositional environments from shallow to deeper water carbonates. Laura received his BSc, MSc and PhD at the University of Naples (Italy), with her PhD conducted in conjunction with Shell Italy. As an effective communicator and with a proven track record of excellent client care, past roles include Team Leader of the Carbonate Group, and local Business Manager and Consultant Geologist based in PDO's offices, Muscat. Since her appointment as Regional Manager in August 2017, Laura oversees business activity in the Middle East, Africa and Asia, supported by regional Operations and Portfolio Managers. Laura's other research interests include sedimentology and sequence stratigraphy of ancient and recent carbonate platforms and the characterization of diagenetic processes affecting carbonate sediments with integration into the regional framework and influence on the pore system. She is currently involved in research on the diagenesis and pore volume assessment of Hyamm Formation in Oman in collaboration with the Ferrara University and

Sultan Quaboos University, as well as a project focused on the role of hydrocarbons emplacement for calcite precipitation, in collaboration with Newcastle University. Laura has undertaken teaching of geological mapping, petroleum geology and reservoir quality evaluation at both BSc and MSc levels, while co-supervising a variety of BSc and MSc carbonate research projects.

Catherine Breislin (Ph.D) is a Reservoir Geologist working in Badley Ashton's UK-based Carbonate Team. She specialises in carbonate sedimentology, diagenesis and reservoir quality analysis using a range of techniques in both conventional and unconventional reservoirs. Her work to date has focused on investigating the controls of depositional facies, platform architecture, and structural development on basin-scale diagenetic fluid flow and its impact on reservoir quality. Her project work has covered a wide range of depositional environments from shallow to deeper water carbonates.

Catherine received her MEd at the University of Liverpool (UK), and PhD at the University of Manchester (UK), with her PhD conducted in conjunction with Shell and the British Geological Survey. Catherine has a strong background in field geology, core-logging, carbonate sedimentology and geochemistry, and is proficient in conducting spatial integration of multiple data sets. She also has experience in lab-based mineral identification analyses, where she has developed best practice methodologies and workflows. While co-supervising an MSc carbonate research project at Manchester University, Catherine has undertaken teaching of carbonate sedimentology, geological mapping, petroleum geology and reservoir quality evaluation at both BSc and MSc levels.



## Carbonate Reservoir Characterization

**CARBONATES** **RESERVOIR CHARACTERIZATION** **SEDIMENTOLOGY** **STRATIGRAPHY**

Instructors:	Laura Galluccio, Catherine Breislin (Badley Ashton, United Kingdom)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:s	English, Italian
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

This carbonate reservoir characterization course focuses on the analysis of carbonate depositional textures and the subsequent diagenetic modifications as the main controls on the pore system evolution, heterogeneity and complexity. The intricate inter-relationship of the depositional and burial history can be unravelled to allow the prediction of reservoir facies, and hence, aid reconstruction and development of three-dimensional reservoir models. This course demonstrates the value of understanding pore system evolution as a part of large-scale volumetric assessments and the development of carbonate reservoirs.

Reservoir quality in carbonate successions is often defined by the storage capacity, flow potential (ie. porosity and permeability respectively, measurements that are often acquired during conventional core analysis) and connectivity of pores (recorded as the pore-throat radius distributions during special core analysis). The interplay between these quantifiable factors (including sample-scale heterogeneities) is inevitably linked to the original depositional characteristics of the carbonate sediments, together with their susceptibility to post-depositional diagenetic alteration, which results in the ultimately complex pore system. Therefore, the classification of individual pore types will be detailed in this course, with their primary depositional or secondary diagenetic origin being discussed in context with sedimentological and stratigraphic models in order to underpin their spatial relationships and potential connectivity. In addition, the characterization of micrite textures will be discussed to illustrate their impact on the microporosity, factors that are particularly important to consider in tight unconventional reservoirs.

The depositional controls on reservoir properties that will be taken into consideration in this course include the texture, grain size, clay and matrix content as well as the type and quantity of allochems. The relationship between dissolution processes that result in an enhancement of the pore system, cementation processes that reduce the pore volume and the resultant connectivity and fluid flow pathways will be assessed to constrain the dominant diagenetic controls on the reservoir properties. In addition to this, the process of dolomitisation will be scrutinised in order to determine if and how this process enhances and/or reduces reservoir properties.

Integrating the key controls on reservoir quality within the sedimentological framework enables the establishment of a conceptual reservoir architecture model, which can be used to assess and predict the vertical and lateral variations in porosity and permeability at the reservoir and/or field scale. This course outlines how to conceptually build a reservoir architecture model, which in turn can be used to aid reservoir modelling.

This course will be accompanied by a series of in-class exercises, which will emphasize the integration of the various datasets, providing participants with experience in carbonate reservoir characterization.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Identify the different pore types, their interconnectivity and hence the impact on permeability;
- Determine how specific sedimentological parameters and diagenetic process impact reservoir quality;
- Understand sample heterogeneity and its impact on reservoir quality data;
- Upscaling of reservoir quality data to aid prediction at the field scale.

### Course Outline

The course will be organised into three sessions:

Part A: Reservoir quality analysis - What it is and how to approach it

- Definition of reservoir quality;
- How to characterise reservoirs.

Part B: Pore types and connectivity

- Concepts and definitions;
- The carbonate pore type classification(s);
- Permeability and pore-throat radius distributions;
- Manipulating reservoir quality data;
- Introduction to advanced reservoir quality tools.

Part C: Controls on reservoir quality

- Sample heterogeneity;
- Sedimentological controls;
- Diagenetic controls;
- Reservoir architecture construction.

Each section will be accompanied by examples from case history exercises.

### Participants' Profile

This course is designed for petroleum geologists, geoscientists, petrophysicists and engineers involved in exploration and production of carbonate plays.

### Prerequisites

Although previous knowledge on carbonate sedimentology is not necessarily required, participants should have some knowledge of geology.



### About the Instructor

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geological mapping, petroleum geology and reservoir quality evaluation at both BSc and MSc levels, while co-supervising a variety of BSc and MSc carbonate research projects.

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Catherine received her MEd at the University of Liverpool (UK), and PhD at the University of Manchester (UK), with her PhD conducted in conjunction with Shell and the British Geological Survey. Catherine has a strong background in field geology, core-logging, carbonate sedimentology and geochemistry, and is proficient in conducting spatial integration of multiple data sets. She also has experience in lab-based mineral identification analyses, where she has developed best practice methodologies and workflows. While co-supervising an MSc carbonate research project at Manchester University, Catherine has undertaken teaching of carbonate sedimentology, geological mapping, petroleum geology and reservoir quality evaluation at both BSc and MSc levels.



## Carbonate Reservoirs - Sedimentology, Diagenesis and Reservoir Quality Evaluation

CARBONATES RESERVOIR CHARACTERIZATION SEDIMENTOLOGY STRATIGRAPHY

Instructors:	Laura Galluccio, Catherine Breislin (Badley Ashton, United Kingdom)
Duration:	5 days
CPD Points:	25
Language:s	English, Italian
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

An understanding of the depositional origin, together with the post-depositional modifications, is imperative to the successful exploration and production of carbonate sediments, which hold more than 60% of the world's oil and 40% of the world's gas reserves. Although carbonate rocks present complexity, this course is designed to understand the basic principles of carbonate sedimentology, diagenesis and reservoir characterization while making it straightforward to grasp and integrate the information.

The first part of this course is designed to develop skills in characterizing carbonate rocks and identifying and interpreting their depositional settings. This includes an insight into the controls on the carbonate factory (such as environmental, biological, physical, chemical and climatic controls), an in-depth examination of the classification of carbonate textures and gives an understanding of the larger scale tectonic setting and depositional geometry of carbonate platforms. The principles of sequence stratigraphy and its importance in the subsurface characterization of carbonate reservoirs will also be discussed. All these factors are crucial in predicting the geometry of carbonate reservoirs in the subsurface and developing accurate depositional models, which in turn will have an impact on the prediction of the reservoir architecture.

The second session of the course will focus on the diagenetic processes and products that have an impact on carbonate reservoirs. This will encompass the identification of the products and processes involved within meteoric, marine and burial diagenetic environments, using both petrographical and geochemical analytical techniques, while taking into consideration their implications on the resultant reservoir properties. In addition to this, the process of dolomitisation and the proposed models of dolomite formation (including expected body geometries) will be discussed, illustrating whether this process benefits or hinders reservoir quality. This section will also review the various analytical techniques utilised in identifying the origin of the diagenetic phases and thereby aiding the prediction of their potential vertical and lateral extent.

The third and final part of the course will analyse the pore system evolution, integrating the intricate link between sedimentology and diagenesis to aid prediction of reservoir properties at the field scale. The classification of pore types will be discussed, with their primary depositional or secondary diagenetic origin being determined in order to understand their spatial relationships relative to the sedimentological framework and hence their potential connectivity. The characterization of micrite textures will also be discussed to illustrate their impact on microporosity, an important factor to consider when characterizing unconventional tight reservoirs. This course outlines

how to conceptually build a reservoir architecture model by integrating the key controls on reservoir quality within the sedimentological framework, which in turn can be used to assess and predict the lateral and vertical variations in porosity and permeability at the large scale.

This course will be accompanied by a series of in-class exercises, which will emphasize the integration of the various datasets, providing participants with experience in carbonate reservoir characterization.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Understand a carbonate system, including the major controls on carbonate production, describe carbonate sediments and their associated heterogeneity, and understand the techniques used to apply a sequence stratigraphic framework in a typical carbonate succession;
- Understand the various diagenetic processes that carbonate sediments are predisposed to and how to identify the origin of resultant products and hence their impact on reservoir quality. Knowledge on the analytical techniques used to characterize diagenetic products will also be gained;
- Determine how sedimentological parameters and diagenetic process impact reservoir quality in order to aid prediction at the field scale.

### Course Outline

Sedimentology and sequence stratigraphy - Days 1-2

Part A: The carbonate system - "Carbonates are born not made"

- Mineralogy, composition and classification of carbonate rocks;
- The carbonate factory and controls on carbonate production;
- Applied carbonate facies analysis with core-based and thin-section examples;
- The key to identifying carbonate depositional environments;

Part B: Sequence stratigraphy applied to carbonate reservoirs

- Introduction to the basic concepts of sequence stratigraphy;
- The carbonate record and sea level variations;
- How to establish a sequence stratigraphic framework;
- Prediction of the sedimentological heterogeneity and interpretation of the sedimentological architecture.

Diagenesis - Day 3

Part A: The diagenetic realm

- Introduction to diagenetic processes;
- Diagenetic environments;





- Dolomites and evaporites;
- Building a paragenetic sequence;

### Part B: Analytical techniques

- Advanced microscopy analyses including cathodoluminescence and scanning electron microscopy;
- Geochemical analyses such as trace elements, stable isotopes and fluid inclusion thermometry.

### Reservoir quality assessment - Days 4-5

#### Part A: Reservoir quality analysis - what it is and how to approach it

- Definition of reservoir quality;
- How to characterize reservoirs.

#### Part B: Pore types and connectivity

- Concepts and definitions;
- The carbonate pore type classification(s);
- Permeability and pore-throat radius distributions;
- Manipulating reservoir quality data.

### Participants' Profile

The course is targeted at all geoscientists, including petroleum geologists, petrophysicists and petroleum engineers involved in exploration and production of carbonate plays.

### Prerequisites

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### About the Instructor

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# Integrated Methods for Deep-Water Reservoir Characterization

DEPOSITS FACIES GRAVITY MARINE OUTCROP SEDIMENTOLOGY  
SEQUENCE STRATIGRAPHY SHALLOW

Instructor:	Dr Jon R. Rotzien (Basin Dynamics, LLC, Houston, TX, United States)
Duration:	2 days
CPD Points:	10
Language:	English
Level:	Intermediate



## Course Description

Deep-water depositional systems form some of the largest petroleum reservoirs on Earth and represent the frontier of oil and gas exploration. However, deep-water depositional systems remain the least well understood because sediment gravity flows, including turbidity currents and hybrid and debris flows, are both infrequent and difficult to predict and monitor, setting them apart from sediment transport processes occurring on mountain tops and shallow marine settings. Therefore, modern seismic data and, in particular, deep-water outcrops provide prime sources of stratigraphic data used to risk drilling targets and build reservoir models at every phase in the upstream exploration and production process. This course focuses on sub-bed-scale and field-scale architectural elements in deep-water depositional systems and how they affect the main risks in deep-water E&P across the value chain: reservoir presence, deliverability, seal and trap. The course has three main themes:

- Sediment gravity flows, sedimentation mechanics and resulting bed configuration.
- Depositional elements in the core, outcrop, and seismic scale.
- Application and interpretation of risk and uncertainty from new ventures to field development and EOR.

The impact of deep-water reservoir architecture on field success will be investigated through modeling theory, to derive strategies for optimal outcomes over a range of uncertainty. Case studies will be used to illustrate each topic and determine appealing workflows. This course will alternate between inclusive lectures, hands-on technical demonstrations, and collaborative exercises involving practical application of cores, outcrops, logs, and seismic data. The course starts with an overview of how sediment is transported and deposited from shelf to bathyal depths and focuses on the broad range of sedimentary processes and depositional environments. Individual and team exercises involving core and outcrop samples allow participants to describe samples and interpret their mechanism of deposition and their range of possible depositional environments. Next, a deeper dive into depositional environments illustrates the types of facies, as well as depositional and stratigraphic architecture, likely to be found along the deep-water depositional system from submarine canyon to basin plain. Collaborative exercises using core, outcrop, and seismic examples highlight the range of deep-water depositional environments and their effect on reservoir architecture and development. The skills of core description and integration, reservoir characterization, and sequence stratigraphy are emphasized. Core-log-seismic exercises will show modern techniques on how to predict variations in reservoir architecture in deep-water depositional systems. This course will conclude with a discussion summarizing modern advancements in the prediction of sedimentary deposits, facies, and reservoir development in a variety of different settings.

## Course Objectives

This course will give participants an understanding of the broad scope of marine siliciclastic depositional systems. Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Describe transport and depositional processes of deep-water strata including turbidites, debrites, and transitional to hybrid flow type deposits
- Understand the different types of marine depositional environments (deltaic and outer shelf environments and those of submarine fans — canyon, channel, levee, splay, overbank) and their implications to petroleum reservoir architecture and reservoir quality
- Understand and interpret modern and ancient marine depositional systems
- Characterize marine stratigraphy and build relationships with depositional environments using outcrop, core, and other oil and gas industry data
- Use lithofacies and stratigraphic architecture to understand variations in deep-water reservoir properties pertaining to petroleum reservoir presence, quality, and seal presence
- Conceptualize and apply source-to-sink transport and sequence stratigraphic methods to marine and deep-water sediment delivery
- Apply skills in seismic interpretation, reservoir characterization, core analysis, geophysical log interpretation, sequence stratigraphy, play fairway mapping, risk and uncertainty analysis, gross depositional environment mapping, and oil and gas exploration methods

## Course Outline

1. Introduction to marine depositional systems with a focus on deep-water depositional systems
  - Significance of deep-water petroleum reservoirs to the global oil and gas industry
  - Scientific and economic drivers for understanding sediment gravity flows and their deposits
  - Sediment gravity flows in action - historic sediment gravity flows from Canada, France, Norway, and United States
2. Reservoir prediction: Transport and sedimentation processes of sediment gravity flows
  - Types of mass movement and deep-water deposits
  - Physics of sediment gravity flows and rheology, and steady vs uniform flows
  - Predictive attributes of deep-water sedimentation to reservoir and seal presence, and reservoir quality
3. Basic building blocks of clastic petroleum reservoirs: The range and variability of deep-water sedimentation units
  - High- and low-density turbidity currents and their impacts on petroleum reservoir development



- Bouma and Lowe turbidite models and their application to reservoir characterization
  - Debris flows and their impact on submarine fan sedimentation
  - Transitional flows, slurry flows, and hybrid events and their classifications - M & H divisions and their impact on reservoir quality
  - Mass-transport deposits (MTD) and review of other sediment remobilization processes, including contour currents and contourite deposits
4. Source-to-sink concepts and impact on reservoir quality
- Source-to-sink method application to oil and gas exploration and production
  - Paralic and shallow-marine processes of sedimentation
  - Facies models and reservoir characterization for shallow-marine environments
  - River-, tide-, and wave-dominated deltas, and fan deltas
  - What are the different types of clinoforms observed in seismic data, and what is their role in sediment delivery to deep-water basins?
  - Incised valleys as prospective oil and gas targets
  - Ichnofacies of terrigenous, shallow-marine, and deep-marine depositional environments
5. The five main deep-water depositional environments according to
- 2D and 3D seismic, outcrop, core, and log data
  - Canyons
  - Channels
  - Levees
  - Lobes (splays), with an introduction to deep-water braided channel and lobe systems
  - Overbank
6. Scales of petroleum reservoir heterogeneity: Architectural elements
- What are the various methods of stratigraphic interpretation and genetic element classification in reservoir characterization?
  - Sub-bed scale architecture and Turbidite Ratios
7. Active margins vs. passive margins: Deep-water sedimentary basins and their facies models
- What are the effects of tectonic setting, shelf geometry, climate, and other critical factors on deep-water sedimentation?
  - Rifts
  - Range and variability in passive margin facies models
  - Salt and its effects on sediment transport and deposition
  - What are typical facies models for active margins? Discuss strike-slip and convergent margins, and hybrid basins associated with active margins
  - Intracratonic basins
  - Foreland basins
  - Forearc and hybrid basins
8. Large-scale drivers of continental margin sedimentation and application of sequence stratigraphic methods to exploration and appraisal
- How was sequence stratigraphy developed by Grabau, Sloss, Mitchum, Vail, Thompson, Hubbard, Van Wagoner, and others? How is it applied? What are the strengths and limitations of a sequence stratigraphic approach?
  - AIGR model
  - Provenance and source-to-sink methods to understand sediment transfer and application to reservoir presence and reservoir quality

- How do you know you're in a deep-water depositional system? A review of key similarities and differences with deep-water systems and other systems including fluvial and shallow-marine environments
- Conclusions and recent advancements in deep-water petroleum reservoirs

### Participants' Profile

The course is designed for employees of natural resource companies in technical and management positions. Industry professionals will receive an understanding of deep-water sedimentary transport processes and depositional products, as well as knowledgeable insight into the scale and architecture of the wide range of deep-water reservoirs. This course draws from materials presented in Basin Dynamics, LLC field trips of major deep-water sedimentary outcrops worldwide.

### Prerequisites

Participants should have knowledge of basic reservoir and exploration and development concepts, as well as experience with common geological, geophysical and engineering data.

### Recommended Reading

- Beaubouef, R.T., Rossen, C.R., Zelt, F.B., Sullivan, M.D., Mohrig, D.C., Jenette, D.C., Bellian, J.A., Friedman, S.J., Lovell, R.W., Shannon, D.S., 1999. Deep-water sandstones, Brushy Canyon Formation, West Texas: American Association of Petroleum Geologists, Bulletin, Continuing Education Course Note Series #40, 48 p.
- Houghton, P., Davis, C., McCaffrey, W., Barker, S., 2009. Hybrid sediment gravity flow deposits — Classification, origin and significance: *Marine and Petroleum Geology*, v. 26, p. 1900-1918.
- Lowe, D.R., 1982. Sediment gravity flows: II. Depositional models with special reference to the deposits of high-density turbidity currents: *Journal of Sedimentary Petrology*, v. 52, p. 279-297.
- Marchand, A.M., Apps, G., Li, W., Rotzien, J.R., 2015. Depositional processes and impact on reservoir quality in deepwater Paleogene reservoirs, US Gulf of Mexico: *American Association of Petroleum Geologists, Bulletin*. DOI: 10.1306/04091514189
- Morris, E.A., Hodgson, D.M., Brunt, R.L., Flint, S.S., 2014. Origin, evolution and anatomy of silt-prone submarine external levees: *Sedimentology*, v. 61, p. 1734-1763.

### About the Instructor

Dr. Jon R. Rotzien is President of Basin Dynamics, LLC and Adjunct Professor at University of Houston. His expertise is the sedimentology and stratigraphy of deep-water depositional systems, source-to-sink sediment transfer, and basin analysis. Jon addresses global challenges in the exploration and production of petroleum, including reservoir presence and quality forecasting in frontier to mature basins, and reservoir connectivity and deliverability. Prior to his present position at Basin Dynamics, he was an exploration and appraisal geoscientist at BP. He has published peer-reviewed research papers and scientific conference proceedings pertaining to petroleum geology, reservoir quality, reservoir characterization, sequence stratigraphy, process sedimentology, basin analysis, and geophysics, and he teaches petroleum reservoir courses in North America, South America, Europe and Asia-Pacific. He is a Distinguished Award winner of GCSSEPM (2018), associate editor of the *Bulletin of Canadian Petroleum Geology* and co-founder of the Houston Explorers Club. Mr. Rotzien received a Ph.D. in Geological and Environmental Sciences from Stanford University and a B.A. degree in Geology from Colorado College.



## More from Seismic - a Workshop on Seismic Stratigraphic Techniques

CARBONATES DATUMING DEPOSITS FACIES INTERPRETATION  
SEISMIC STRATIGRAPHY SEQUENCE STRATIGRAPHY

Instructor:	Dr George Bertram (Stratigraphic Research Int., Glasgow, United Kingdom)
Duration:	2 days
CPD Points:	10
Language:	English
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

Seismic data contain a wealth of information if you know where and how to look for them. Using a number of seismic based examples and 'hands on' interpretation exercises from different geological settings worldwide, attendees will learn how to identify different depositional environments, predict facies, (especially reservoir, source rock and seal) measure water depths, calculate subsidence trends, recognize and quantify sea-level changes and, where appropriate, determine the paleo weather conditions. Issues of flattening and datuming to improve the understanding of basin evolution will also be addressed.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Understand the principles of Seismic Stratigraphy and apply them to the interpretation of seismic data
- Use seismic data to decipher basin evolution
- Apply techniques and 'rules of thumb' for lithological prediction using seismic facies variations, reflection geometries and geological models

### Course Outline

- Introduction and objectives
- Seismic terminations and seismic surfaces
- Seismic stratigraphic concepts and models
- Seismic expression of relative sea-level changes
- Sequence boundaries, systems tracts identification
- Depositional environment prediction
- Datuming, flattening and isopach abuse

### Participants' Profile

Geoscientists, geologists and seismic interpreters, working in exploration or basin analysis, especially those interpreting seismic data with limited well control.

### Prerequisites

Participants should have a basic understanding of geology and depositional processes, as well as the reflection seismic method.

### About the Instructor

George Bertram is a geoscientist who has worked in the oil industry for over thirty years. During his career he has been involved in world-wide exploration with Exxon, Britoil and BP. In BP he ran the Stratigraphic Studies group and was responsible for modernising and teaching the in-house seismic stratigraphy course. After a spell as Technology Manager for Exploration he left BP in 1994 to set up Stratigraphic Research International. Since then he has built and run in-house core courses and workshops for many individual oil companies as well as teaching on behalf of JAPEC in London, I.P.A. in Jakarta, NCPGG and A.M.F. in Australia and the Nautilus Geotechnical Training Alliance in UK & US. He is currently an Associate Professor at I.F.P. in Paris and an Hon. Research Fellow at Glasgow University. His publications include articles on North Sea Geology, Trap Styles and Carbonate Development in the Maldives. He was co-editor with John Van Wagoner of AAPG Memoir 64 on Sequence Stratigraphy in Foreland Basin Deposits and he was also a co-author of the textbook fSequence Stratigraphyf. He recently contributed the chapter on Seismic and Sequence Stratigraphic Analysis in the Roberts and Bally publication fPrinciples of Geological Analysisf. In addition to teaching and organising fdesignerf workshops, he regularly consults for oil companies world-wide, project managing and assisting in interpretation, acreage evaluation, farm-in assessments and supplying advice on a range of general exploration matters.



## Petroleum Exploration Strategy

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**OIL AND GAS** **PS** **RESOURCES** **RISK** **SEC** **UNCERTAINTY**

Instructor:	Mr Jean-Jacques Biteau (Total Professor Associate, France)
Duration:	1 to 2 days
CPD Points:	5 to 10
Language:s	English, French
Level:	Advanced



### Course Description

This course is set up as follows:

Chapter 1: Introduction;

Chapter 2: Definitions, elements of strategy, partnerships

- Reserves and costs
- Upstream actions, elements of strategy and petroleum partnership

Chapter 3: Evaluation of Exploration projects;

- 3a Working sequence and costs
- 3b The prospect Evaluation sheet or 'Fiche Objective'
- 3c Economic criteria
- 3d Economic studies in exploration / appraisal

Chapter 4: Partnerships, Contracts and mining acreage;

- 4a Partnerships
- 4b The main petroleum contract types

Chapter 5: Missions and role of the Geoscience / Exploration Manager in affiliates / Manager Career, a mix of experiences;

Chapter 6: Practical case study.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- identify the pillars of exploration;
- understand resources, risk, uncertainty and value.

### Participants' Profile

The course is designed for professionals with a geoscience background. Students should have at least Master's degree.

### About the Instructor

Jean-Jacques Biteau graduated in 1977 from ENSG, i.e Nancy Geology School. Since 1977, he has worked in a large variety of positions for Algerian Government (his first professional assignment as hydro-geologist) and then for Total (appointed in 1979 as Geological engineer) in headquarters and affiliates: Netherlands, Angola, France, as well short durations stays in Gabon, Congo.... His last active position was Vice President Coordination & Portfolio Management. He started for Total a phase of preretirement period in 2016.

He is currently Professor at ENSG School, IFP School and also teaches with Total Professor Associates classes covering "Pressures, Seals and Traps". He was President of the EAGE Board from June 2017 to June 2019. He retired in April 2019 and now continues to serve as a teacher.



## Volumes and Risks Assessment for Conventional and Unconventional Plays and Prospects

CBM COAL OIL AND GAS PETROLEUM EXPLORATION RISK SHALE  
UNCERTAINTY UNCONVENTIONAL VOLUMES

Instructor:	Prof. Dr Alexei Milkov (Colorado School of Mines, Colorado, United States)
Duration:	3 days
CPD Points:	15
Language:s	English, Russian
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

The course enables participants to transform qualitative geological descriptions of plays and prospects into technically robust quantitative success-case and risked volumetric models. Obtained learnings will help participants to evaluate probabilities of success (PoS) for exploration plays, segments, prospects, wells and portfolios and to assess the range of petroleum volumes in exploration projects. Examples and case studies come from both conventional and unconventional plays, prospects and wells around the world. The learning objectives are achieved through well-illustrated lectures, numerous hands-on exercises and active class discussions.

We will cover the following topics:

- Play-based exploration;
- Assessment of success-case volumes for plays (conventional and unconventional), segments, prospects, wells and portfolios;
- Assessment of exploration risks and probabilities of success;
- Biases and logical fallacies in;
- Post-mortem analysis.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Use play-based exploration approach and tools (e.g., Common Risk Segment mapping, Field Size Distribution analysis, Creaming Curves etc.) to locate sweet spots in conventional and unconventional plays and assess remaining play/basin potential;
- Calculate deterministic potential (success-case) petroleum resources in conventional prospects and in unconventional plays. Assess and justify the range and probabilistic distribution of input parameters used in volumetric calculations;
- Assess geological risks and PoS for conventional and unconventional exploration, appraisal and development segments;
- Use industry-standard software (GeoX, REP or both) and run Monte-Carlo simulations to estimate unrisked and risked probabilistic volumes for plays, segments, prospects and wells;
- Recognize biases and logical fallacies common in exploration assessments and know how to correct them;
- Aggregate segments into a prospect and use risk and volumes dependencies between segments to estimate PoS and volumes for the prospect. Calculate PoS for wells;
- Aggregate prospects and wells into exploration portfolio. Predict the outcomes of portfolio drill-out;
- Evaluate drilling results to establish main reason(s) for well failure.

### Course Outline

Day 1. Big picture trends in petroleum exploration. Play-based exploration. Fundamentals of volumetric and risk assessment for prospective segments.

The first day introduces the participants to global exploration trends and the concepts of Exploration Triangle and Play Based Exploration. You will learn the fundamentals of volumetric and risk assessment, the main definitions and the commonly used assessment tools (software).

- Welcome and introductions;
- Global trends in petroleum exploration since 1900;
- Play-based exploration;
- Common Risk Segment (CRS) maps;
- Field size distributions;
- Creaming curves;
- Yet-to-Find resources;
- Risk versus uncertainty;
- Deterministic and probabilistic volumes;
- Success-case and risked volumes;
- Software tools used in the assessment of prospective resources.

Day 1 exercises:

- Evaluate the play fairway, make CRS maps, locate sweet spots in the play;
- Build and evaluate field size distributions and creaming curves, define remaining play/basin potential.

Day 2. Basics of statistics, distributions and probabilities. Biases and fallacies in exploration. Volumetrics and risking for a segment of conventional petroleum resources.

The second day starts with the discussion of statistical parameters, distributions and probabilities. Participants will use real-world data (area, thickness, Net/Gross, porosity, saturation, Formation Volume Factor, Recovery Factor) to build distributions as inputs into volumetric models. This will be followed by the discussion of biases and fallacies in petroleum assessments and the tools that help reduce them. We will finish the day by doing hands-on assessment of volumes and risk for a conventional prospect.

- Meaning of basic statistical parameters (Mean, Mode, P10 etc.);
- Distributions appropriate to use in petroleum exploration projects;
- Where and how to get data to build distributions;
- Main biases and logical fallacies common in petroleum exploration;
- Techniques to reduce biases (Risk Tables, assurance teams);
- Assessment of volumes and geological PoS for a segment;



- Using information on Direct Hydrocarbon Indicators (DHIs) to update geological PoS;
- Assessment of geological risks for appraisal and development wells.

### Day 2 exercises:

- Build porosity distribution for a segment;
- Calculate volumes and evaluate sensitivities to various inputs for a conventional oil segment.;
- Assess success-case volumes, geological PoS and risked volumes for a conventional oil segment (real prospect from offshore West Africa).

Day 3. Volumetrics and risking for unconventional plays. Aggregation of segments into prospect. Portfolio analysis. Post-drilling analysis.

The third day will start with the discussion of volumes and risk assessments for unconventional oil and gas plays (tight, shale, CBM). After that, we will discuss aggregation of segments into prospects and prospects into a portfolio. We will finish the course by studying how to do post-mortem analysis, learn from exploration successes and failures and become better explorers.

- Assessment of volumes and risks for unconventional plays;
- Aggregation of segments into prospect, with risk and volume dependencies;
- Calculation of PoS for prospects and wells;
- Aggregation of prospects into portfolio;
- Learnings from discovery wells;
- Learnings from dry holes;
- Full Cycle Economics evaluation.

### Day 3 exercises:

- Assess in-place and recoverable volumes in unconventional shale gas and shale oil plays (real plays onshore Australia);
- Assess recoverable volumes for small(ish) acreage of unconventional tight oil in the USA (real play in the Powder River basin);
- Aggregate segments into a prospect, calculate values of PoS for the prospect and for the well;
- Evaluate a dry hole, determine the reason for well failure.

### Participants' Profile

The course is designed for geoscientists, engineers and managers who work on exploration projects and require competency in the assessment of risks and volumes.

### About the Instructor

Alexei V. Milkov is Full Professor and Director of Potential Gas Agency at Colorado School of Mines and a consultant to oil and gas industry. After receiving PhD from Texas A&M University, Dr. Milkov worked for BP, Sasol and Murphy Oil as geoscientist and senior manager. He explored for conventional and unconventional oil and gas in over 30 basins on six continents and participated in the discovery of more than 4 Billion BOE of petroleum resources. He also worked on several appraisal and production projects. Dr. Milkov has deep expertise in oil and gas geochemistry, petroleum systems modeling, exploration risk analysis, resource assessments and portfolio management. He published 50 peer-reviewed articles. Dr. Milkov received several industry awards including J.C. "Cam" Sproule Memorial Award from the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) for the best contribution to petroleum geology and Pieter Schenck Award from the European Association of Organic Geochemists (EAOG) for a major contribution to organic geochemistry.



## Natural Fracture Systems and Fractured Hydrocarbon Accumulations, Mechanics and Management

3D CLAY DRILLING FAULTS FRACTURES HIGH-RESOLUTION SHALE  
SHALE GAS UNCONVENTIONAL WELL LOG

Instructor:	Dr Dirk Nieuwland (NewTec International, Leiden, Netherlands)
Duration:	2 days
CPD Points:	10
Language:	English
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

In this short course a geomechanical approach to the prediction of the location and orientation of open and closed fractures will be discussed. Fractures are discontinuities in brittle rocks that are the result of failure of the rocks. The mechanical rock properties and the failure conditions determine whether the type of failure is an open or closed fracture. Geomechanically, joints are large examples of tension fractures and faults are large examples of shear fractures. Tension fractures are always open when they form and it is this property that makes these small discontinuities so important for the exploitation of oil and gas from tight reservoir rocks. Prediction of the location and orientation of open fractures is complicated by the small size of fractures. They are so small that they are below the detection limit of many of the commonly used tools such as well logs or seismic. Fracture detection by seismic methods is basically impossible but some high-resolution logging tools can detect fractures if the circumstances are suitable. If both logs and seismic cannot detect fractures, geomechanical modelling is often turned to as the last resort. However, it is often possible to apply basic geomechanics with success, without having to rely on sophisticated software. A major disadvantage of high end software is, that such programs require a vast amount of detailed input. Such detail is not always available. Even when sufficient detailed data are available, it is a major effort to generate the required input for the software. The advantage of an analogue approach is that it can be done with much less data, quicker and a lot cheaper. The result will of course be in less detail than that of 3D geomechanical output but the cost-effectiveness of an analogue (analytical) approach is high and the 'first pass results' provide a good and reliable basis for further work.

This short course presents the fundamental geomechanics that is required to achieve a sound understanding of natural fracture systems, to predict the basic elements of natural fracture systems and to extract the wealth of information that is contained in natural fault and fracture systems, to the benefit of further development of naturally fractured systems. The term 'reservoirs' has been deliberately avoided, because unconventional hydrocarbon accumulations such as found in tight reservoirs or shales, do not form 'reservoirs' in the classic meaning of the word. This is particularly so in shales, where the gas that is contained in the shales is adsorbed to clay minerals and cannot flow naturally. In such unconventional hydrocarbon systems, geomechanics is often the last and only resort to predicting attractive drilling locations, orientations and well stimulation such as hydraulic fracturing. A newly developed demonstration experiment will be used to illustrate the development of intersecting tension fracture systems.

### Course Objectives

Assess the possibilities to approach the exploration and development of unconventional hydrocarbon systems. These can be shale gas systems, other forms of tight reservoirs or fractured crystalline basements.

### Course Outline

The course will begin with an introduction to geomechanics as the basic 'tool' to understand natural fracture systems and naturally fractured unconventional hydrocarbon systems. Natural fracture systems and the associated properties will be considered. Boundary conditions of artificial hydraulic fracturing will be discussed, with the exception of details of the hydraulic fracture design, which does not form part of this course.

Case histories of tight and unconventional reservoirs will be presented for discussion.

Participants are strongly recommended to bring their own case examples for treatment and discussion as this will enable immediate application of the course content to the current work environment of the participant.

### Participants' Profile

Geologists, geophysicists and reservoir engineers who work with faulted and fractured reservoirs will benefit from this short course. The topic is relevant for exploration as well for production. A recent expansion of the course topics includes exploration and development of shale gas systems.

### Prerequisites

Participants should have knowledge of general geology and structural geology and basic physics. A basic knowledge of geomechanics is an advantage but is not strictly required.

### Recommended Reading

Any structural geology textbook will give sufficient background knowledge to follow this short course successfully.

### About the Instructor

Prof. Dr Nieuwland has 39 years of experience as a geologist, including 35 years in oil and gas exploration and production. He has published numerous papers in this field and edited two books in the Special Publication series of the Geological Society of London.

One of NewTec's geo-mechanical field models resulted in adding a billion bbls of oil to the reserves of a tight naturally fractured oil reservoir, including accurate prediction of open fracture locations and orientation, in-situ stresses and reservoir quality. Other models have successfully guided exploration, appraisal and development in complex geological settings, including a world first successful prediction of open fractures in a fractured oil bearing crystalline basement.





## 3D Reservoir Modeling of Naturally Fractured Reservoirs

DENSITY FRACTURES GEOCELLULAR INTEGRATION POROSITY PRODUCTION  
RESERVOIR CHARACTERIZATION WELLS WORKFLOWS

Instructor:	Dr Tim Wynn (TRACS International Ltd, Aberdeen, United Kingdom)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:	English
Level:	Advanced



### Course Description

Reservoir modeling for field development planning is a well-accepted process but its application to fractured reservoirs requires specific considerations that are less commonly known. This course describes a practical methodology for building 3D static ('geocellular') reservoir models for naturally fractured reservoirs using standard modeling software, covering such considerations.

The issues addressed include the integration of log, core and seismic data, the process of defining and building the static reservoir model itself and the creation of output in a form appropriate for dynamic modeling using dual porosity reservoir simulators where appropriate. More complex workflows using discrete fracture networks will also be summarized, as will general issues of fracture description, uncertainty-handling and developing and managing fractured reservoirs.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will:

- Be aware of practical workflows for modelling naturally fractured reservoirs using standard industry software;
- Understand the data-gathering requirements and methodology for characterizing fractured reservoirs;
- Appreciate the special distinction of naturally fractured reservoir models compared to standard single-porosity models.

### Course Outline

- Origins and distributions of natural fracturing
- Describing and quantifying fractures from well data
- Estimating fracture system characteristics away from wells
- Geological model building workflow for implicit fracture representation
- Brief introduction to discrete fracture networks
- Basic fractured reservoir simulation model construction
- Fractured reservoir development and management considerations

### Participants' Profile

Geoscientists and petroleum engineers newly working in naturally fractured reservoirs where they need to provide or receive output from fractured reservoir models.

### Prerequisites

Participants should have and in depth understanding of the oil business and a good understanding of conventional reservoir characterization and modelling techniques. No software will be used interactively during the day and no hands-on modelling experience is therefore required. However, it would be beneficial.

### About the Instructor

Dr Tim Wynn is a Reservoir Geologist with 27 years' experience in reservoir development and reserves evaluation studies with a focus on the geological and geomechanical aspects of naturally fractured reservoir characterisation and modelling. With a PhD in structural geology from Imperial College, London he joined GeoScience Limited in 1994 and spent 6 years working on fractured reservoir characterisation projects for the nuclear and oil industries. He then joined ICE Energy working on wellbore stability problems until the merger of ICE Energy with TRACS International in 2001. During his career, Tim has worked on a wide variety of international consultancy projects and delivered many training courses.

This broad experience over many years has enabled Dr Wynn to understand the key issues for people working in naturally fractured reservoirs including biases in interpretation, inappropriate modelling techniques and understanding potential mitigations during the development and management of naturally fractured reservoirs. Tim is a member of the EAGE, SPE, Geological Society, London and PESGB and has published a number of papers since 1995 on structural geology, naturally fractured reservoirs and geomechanics. He is also a technical peer reviewer for the EAGE and SPE.



# Deepwater Reservoirs: Exploration and Production Concepts

CONTINENTAL MARGIN DRILLING FACIES MARINE SAND SANDSTONE  
SEQUENCE STRATIGRAPHY SHALE TURBIDITE

Instructor:	Prof. Dorrik Stow (Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, United Kingdom)
Duration:	2 days
CPD Points:	10
Language:	English
Level:	Advanced



## Course Description

Sandstones deposited in deep marine environments form important hydrocarbon reservoirs in many basins around the world. Interbedded mudstones can be important as source rocks, as well as acting as barriers, baffles and seals. Deepwater reservoirs are currently the principal target for oil and gas exploration, with over 1600 existing turbidite fields and plays. Driven by technological advances and much improved scientific understanding, the pace of exploration and discovery in this realm is fast accelerating. Keeping pace with these developments and with the new knowledge base is essential for all those involved in deepwater systems. What began as the turbidite reservoir has matured into the more varied deepwater play of the 21st century that no company can afford to ignore.

This course is designed to provide the participant with a state-of-the-art review and update, thereby providing an overall understanding of the complexity of the deep marine system. It will outline the processes and facies and how they evolve on the slope and in the open ocean; discuss how these facies build into distinctive architectural elements and how they can be recognized in the subsurface. The course also covers analysis and interpretation of seismic records, sea floor images, well logs (including borehole image logs), core materials and outcrop characteristics of the component elements of deepwater reservoirs, emphasizing internal architecture as related to reservoir performance. Examples from different deepwater plays around the world will be used to further illustrate their exploration, appraisal, development and reservoir management.

## Course Outline

Day 1 : Deepwater Overview, Building Blocks & Architecture

### GLOBAL OVERVIEW

- Global and historical perspectives, technologies and current trends
- Deepwater systems with hydrocarbons or hydrocarbon potential
- Ancient and modern analogues of deepwater systems
- Process-facies overview and state-of-the-art

### DOWNSLOPE SYSTEMS

- Mass transport processes and facies: slides, slumps, debris flows
- Turbidity currents: massive sands and thin-bedded turbidites
- Hyperpycnal flows: new deepwater models
- Subsurface recognition, examples and reservoir characteristics

### ALONGSLOPE SYSTEMS

- Contour (bottom) currents: processes and facies
- Deepwater tides, waves and other bottom currents
- Subsurface recognition, examples and reservoir characteristics

### OPEN-OCEAN SYSTEMS

- Pelagic-hemipelagic processes and facies
- Deepwater black shales: nature, occurrence and examples
- Petroleum perspective: barriers, baffles and source rocks

### ARCHITECTURE: CHANNEL STYLE AND GEOMETRY

- Overview of deepwater architectural elements
- Channel style, geometry fill characteristics
- Mass transport complexes in channels and basins
- Subsurface wireline logs and reservoir examples

### ARCHITECTURE: LOBES, MOUNDS AND SHEETS

- Turbidite lobes and sheets
- Contourite drifts and sheets
- Subsurface wireline logs and reservoir examples

Day 2 : Seismic/Sequence Stratigraphy and Deepwater Plays

### SUBSURFACE MODELS

- Synthesis of deepwater models and their features
- Seismic characteristics of deepwater elements and systems
- Wireline log characteristics and borehole image logs
- Sea-level, tectonic, sediment supply and other controls
- Sequence stratigraphy and depositional models

### DEEPWATER MASSIVE SANDS

- Case studies: modern, ancient and subsurface examples
- Reservoir size, homogeneity and connectivity
- Deliberate search for the perfect deepwater reservoir

### THIN-BEDDED TURBIDITES

- Case studies: modern, ancient and subsurface examples
- Reservoir potential and development issues
- The problem of shales and shale dimensions

### DEEPWATER DRILLING

- Special issues for drilling in deepwater
- Slope instability and hazard mapping
- Turbidity currents and bottom currents: potential hazard

### DEEPWATER PLAYS WORKSHOP

- Lessons from established turbidite plays: North Sea, California, Bohai and others
- Lessons from current deepwater provinces: Gulf of Mexico, West Africa, NW UK Continental Margin, Brazil, North Slope Alaska, Nile Delta and others



- Interactive discussion session to consider implications for exploration, appraisal, development and reservoir management; to share and discuss individual datasets, experience, questions and problems
- The new frontiers...current targets and expectation
- Course summary and take-home lessons

#### **Participants' Profile**

All geologists, geophysicists and petroleum engineers involved in exploration and development of the deepwater play. Project managers for deepwater plays and reservoir production.

#### **Prerequisites**

Participants should have basic knowledge of stratigraphy and sedimentology.

#### **About the Instructor**

Professor Stow is a leading specialist and internationally renowned expert in deepwater sedimentary systems, with 40 years experience in modern, ancient and subsurface sediments. He has a particular interest in deepwater hydrocarbons, including numerous joint research projects with industry, individual consultancies, short course and field course organisation. His extensive record of scientific publications includes over 250 scientific papers and reports, numerous books and edited volumes. He is currently engaged on a major research initiative with the Integrated Ocean Drilling Program that drilled west of the Gibraltar gateway in the Atlantic Ocean, and writing a book on Deepwater Sedimentary Systems.

Professor Stow is a lively, interesting and highly informed instructor. He is a seasoned presenter to audiences large and small, specialist and generalist. He is able to draw upon a great wealth of experience and examples to fully illustrate his presentations, and utilizes short course exercises for further instruction. His teaching and instruction has been highly acclaimed at all levels.

His recent text *Sedimentary Rocks in the Field* (Manson, 2005) is a must-have for students and professional geologists alike, while *Oceans: An Illustrated Reference* (Oxford University Press and University of Chicago Press, 2004) and *Vanished Ocean* (OUP 2010) represent a venture into popular science. He is currently Head of the Institute of Petroleum Engineering and Professor of Petroleum Geoscience at Heriot Watt University (Edinburgh, UK). Professor Stow has been an enthusiastic lecturer and speaker throughout the world, on everything from deep-sea turbidites to the Lost Tethys Ocean.

He has worked with many different oil and gas companies in the provision of in-house or collective courses, field and core workshops, and in collaborative research projects. Companies have included: Anadarko, AGACO, BP, Britoil, Chevron, Elf, ETAP, Maersk, Mobil, NExT Schlumberger, Nexen, Petrobras, Petronas, Repsol, Shell, and UNI.



## New Tools and Approaches in Reservoir Quality Prediction

**BASIN ANALYSIS** **CASE STUDY** **DEPOSITS** **DIAGENESIS** **FACIES**  
**INTEGRATION** **MAPPING** **POROSITY** **RESERVOIR CHARACTERIZATION**  
**RESERVOIR MODELING** **SEDIMENT** **SEQUENCE STRATIGRAPHY** **SPARSE DATA**

Instructor:	Dr Dave L. Cantrell (Cantrell Geologic and Stanford University, USA)
Duration:	1 to 2 days
CPD Points:	5 to 10
Language:	English
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

Reservoir quality prediction has historically been the “holy grail” of reservoir geologists, yet few have been completely successful at achieving this in a truly quantitative fashion. Most oil companies have traditionally based their reservoir quality prediction efforts on geostatistical models that are primarily driven by well and seismic data, usually with some input from qualitative studies of outcrop and observations of modern sedimentary processes. Prediction results from such studies are often less than optimal, especially in areas where data quality is poor and/or data coverage is sparse.

The sheer complexity of factors controlling reservoir quality in the subsurface makes prediction challenging, especially in carbonates. These factors include primary depositional texture and composition, as well as a wide variety of post-depositional modifications that occur to the sediment during and after burial. Developing quantitative tools that allow the prediction of reservoir quality ahead of the bit, and ideally pre-drill, can provide enormous benefits for both exploration and development drilling by reducing the risk associated with exploitation of heterogeneous intervals.

Reservoir quality prediction means different things to different people; this workshop outlines an approach that's based on an understanding of the geological processes that control reservoir quality, and which allows the quantitative prediction of reservoir quality (porosity and permeability) ahead of the bit. To accomplish this, this workshop first provides an overview of the main controls on reservoir quality in both clastic and carbonate rocks, and then presents a new approach to pre-drill reservoir quality prediction that involves the integration of a variety of modelling techniques to understand, quantify and predict the geological processes that control reservoir quality. Since the initial reservoir quality framework is established at the time of deposition by a variety of depositional controls, this workflow uses numerical process models to predict initial reservoir quality; results from these models are then modified via a series of other modeling technologies (compaction models, kinetic cementation models, reaction transport models, etc.) to quantify and predict various diagenetic modifications that have significantly affected reservoir quality in the interval of interest. This approach successfully integrates these two different technologies into one workflow that holistically predicts reservoir quality. Several case histories will be shown in which this approach has been successfully applied.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to understand:

- the main controls on reservoir quality, for both clastics and carbonates
- the main principals behind a geologically process-based approach to reservoir quality prediction
- the quality and power of geologically based predictions, as well as some of the inherent limitations
- how geological process models can be used to assess uncertainty in prediction results.

### Course Outline

Introduction to reservoir quality

- Controls on reservoir quality in clastic and in carbonate rocks
- Introduction to geological process based modeling
- What is process modeling and how does it work?
  - How process based modeling fits into an overall reservoir quality prediction framework
  - What differentiates process modeling from other types of geological modeling
  - Key input parameters in process modeling
- Overview of process modeling in siliciclastics

Case History #1 : Modeling a Paleozoic sandstone reservoirs in the Middle East

Overview of process modeling in carbonates

- Distinctive aspects of carbonates

Case History #2 : Modeling a carbonate reservoir in the Middle East  
 Conclusions

### Participants' Profile

The course is designed for geologists, reservoir engineers and technical managers - and for all others looking to enhance their understanding and ability to predict reservoir quality.

### Prerequisites

Some knowledge of geology, geological processes, and the main challenges of reservoir quality prediction would be helpful.



### Recommended Reading

Cantrell, D. L., Griffiths, C. M. and Hughes, G. W., 2015, New tools and approaches in carbonate reservoir quality prediction: a case history from the Shu'aiba Formation, Saudi Arabia: Geological Society, London, Special Publications, v. 406, p. 401-425.

### About the Instructor

Dave L. Cantrell has over 35 years of worldwide geologic industrial and academic experience. He graduated from the University of Tennessee with an MSc in Geology in 1982, and from the University of Manchester with a PhD in Geology in 2004. Dave began his industry career in 1982 with Exxon where he conducted numerous reservoir

characterization and geological modeling studies on reservoirs in the Middle East; the Permian, Powder River, Williston, and Gulf of Mexico Basins of the USA; and the Maracaibo and Barinas Basins of Venezuela; among others. After moving to Saudi Arabia in 1997, he conducted studies on several large carbonate fields there, and lead geologic R&D for Saudi Aramco from 2000-2008; he also served as a professor and Associate Director for the College of Petroleum Engineering & Geosciences at King Fahd Petroleum & Minerals (KFUPM) from 2015-2017. He is an AAPG Certified Petroleum Geologist, a Fellow of the Geological Society of London, and an adjunct professor at Stanford University; he has published over 40 articles in peer-reviewed journals, and holds one patent.



## Well Logs and Borehole Image

CROSS-PLOTTING DENSITY INTERPRETATION OIL AND GAS RESISTIVITY SONIC  
WATER WELL LOG WELLS

Instructor:	Prof. Dr Michael Poppelreiter (Shell, Kuwait)
Duration:	3 days
CPD Points:	15
Language:	English
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

The most universal, comprehensive and concise descriptive documents on oil and gas wells are well logs. They impact the work of almost every oil field group from geologists to roustabouts to bankers. Familiarity with the applications of well logs is therefore essential for people forging their careers in the oil business.

The instructor uses a core-based approach to help participants develop a good grounding in understanding and applying well logging techniques. General principles of physics are presented to explain the functioning of modern logging tools. Wherever possible, the physics of logging measurements is related to everyday tools and applications. Cross-plotting and reconnaissance techniques quickly and efficiently discriminate between water, oil and gas. Error minimization techniques, applicable only to computerized log analysis, produce optimal results. Participants benefit from realistic experience by working in teams on a comprehensive log interpretation exercise.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Understand geological application of the most commonly run well logs, i.e., caliper, gamma ray, sonic (velocity), resistivity, density, neutron, photoelectric factor, borehole images;
- Read log headers to understand which tool was run in which borehole environment;
- Quality control the logs;
- Block logs in geologically meaningful intervals;
- Identify lithologies using various techniques such as common cross-plots;
- Calculate net-to-gross ratio and identify pay zones;
- Interpret the depositional environment.

### Participants' Profile

The course is designed for geologists, petrophysicists and stratigraphers.

### Prerequisites

Basic understanding of geology and petrophysics is desirable, along with knowledge of the principles of geoscientific data management.

### About the Instructor

Prof. Dr Michael C. Poppelreiter, Director of the South East Asian Carbonate Research Lab (SEACaRL), Shell Chair in Petroleum Geology at the Department of Geosciences, Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS (UTP). From October 2019 he has been working for Shell Kuwait.

Area of expertise: Shell Subject Matter Expert for carbonate geology, Outcrop and Regional Geological Studies (focus Middle East), Conceptual Modelling, Reservoir Modelling and 3D Digital Modelling, Project management, CO<sub>2</sub> in carbonate, Technical Assurance & Capability (TA-2), 25 publications and 2 books on borehole image logs and reservoir geology.



## Reservoir Model Design: How to Build Good Reservoir Models

3D CARBONATES DEPOSITIONAL SYSTEM GEOSTATISTICS INTEGRATION  
PERMEABILITY ROCK PHYSICS SEDIMENT

Instructors:	Dr Mark Bentley (AGR TRACS International, Aberdeen, United Kingdom) and Prof. Philip Ringrose (Equinor, Trondheim, Norway)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:	English
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

This short course will provide an introduction to reservoir model design, covering the following main design elements:

- Model purpose;
- The rock model;
- The property model;
- Model scaling;
- Handling uncertainty.

In this course, Mark Bentley and Philip Ringrose share their insights into building geological reservoir models, covering clastic and carbonate sedimentary depositional systems, as well as fractured reservoirs. The connection between geology and fluid flow is developed with a focus on designing fit-for-purpose models with the consideration of implications for single-phase and multiphase flow and with examples of application to oil and gas reservoirs and to CO<sub>2</sub> storage. Integration of seismic data, well data and dynamic data with associated uncertainties are integral to the workflows and methods discussed. This is a shorter version of a 5-day course and so is intended as an introduction to the main concepts.

### Course Objectives

Know how to approach a reservoir modelling task and assess the key design elements – distinguish between ‘good’ and ‘bad’.

### Course Outline

1. Introduction: Model Purpose (45 mins);
2. Designing the Rock Model (60 mins);
3. Property Model issues, Permeability and NTG vs TPM (90 mins);
4. Model Scaling (45 mins);
5. Handling Uncertainty (45 mins);
6. Summing up: the Design Template.

### Participants' Profile

Geologists, geophysicists, petrophysicists, or reservoir engineers who have or wish to work in multi-disciplinary teams on reservoir development projects.

### Prerequisites

Participants should have good knowledge of at least one component of multi-disciplinary reservoir modeling: e.g., geological modeling, geostatistics, petrophysics, rock physics, or reservoir simulation.

### About the Instructors

Mark Bentley has spent most of his career working in or leading integrated study teams, initially with Shell and subsequently with TRACS (now part of AGR) where he currently designs and runs courses and directs the TRACS Training programme. His specialist fields of expertise are 3D reservoir modelling and scenario-based approaches to handling subsurface uncertainty and risk. Mark has served as a distinguished lecturer for the SPE and the EAGE, and has delivered training courses on every continent, except Antarctica.

Philip Ringrose is a Specialist in Petroleum Geoscience at Equinor. He has over 30 years of experience in reservoir modelling and field development projects. He is also Adjunct Professor in CO<sub>2</sub> storage at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) in Trondheim, Norway. He has published widely on geology and flow in rock media and is Co-Editor of Petroleum Geoscience. Philip was elected as EAGE President in 2014/2015 and is active in the global development of applied geoscience and low-carbon energy solutions.



## Challenges and Solutions in Stochastic Reservoir Modelling - Geostatistics, Machine Learning, Uncertainty Prediction

GEOLOGY | GEOLOGICAL MODELLING | CROSS DISCIPLINE  
RESERVOIR CHARACTERIZATION | RESERVOIR MANAGEMENT

Instructor:	Prof. Vasily Demyanov (Heriot-Watt University, Scotland)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:	English, Russian
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

Reservoir prediction modelling is subject to many uncertainties associated with the knowledge about the reservoir and the way they are incorporated into the model. Modern reservoir modelling workflows, which are commonly based on geostatistical algorithms, aim to support development decisions by providing adequate reservoir description and predict its performance. Uncertainty about reservoir description needs to be accounted for in modelling workflows to quantify the spread of reservoir predictions and its impact development decisions.

The course aims to build awareness of the impact the modelling choices on the reservoir predictions and their relation to the way uncertainty is incorporated into reservoir modelling workflows. The course addresses the problem of tying the workflow with the expected geological vision of a reservoir subject to uncertainty. This is associated with one of the common issues, when standard assumptions of a workflow are not consistent with the model geology or do not reflect possible variations due to existing uncertainty.

The course demonstrates the implementation of geostatistical concepts and algorithms in geomodelling workflows and the ways uncertainty is accounted for in reservoir description and predictions. The course includes an overview of the state-of-the art conventional techniques and some more novel approaches, in particular machine learning for reservoir description.

Machine learning provides new opportunities in data integration and the model control to tackle the modelling challenges related to non-stationary multi-scale correlation structure and complex connectivity patterns in reservoirs. Novel machine learning techniques are good at capturing dependencies from data, when their parametric description is difficult; and controlling the impact of noisy and ad-hoc data.

### Course Objectives

The objectives of the course are:

- Provide a practical overview of geostatistical concepts used in modelling workflows and their impact on reservoir models.
- Explain how uncertainty is accounted for and propagated through geomodelling workflows.
- Introduce some machine learning approaches in geomodelling through a series of case studies.
- Demonstrate integration of geomodelling techniques for uncertainty quantification of reservoir predictions.

The outcome of the course is the practical understanding the key geostatistical concepts, their implementation in reservoir modelling, principles of machine learning and its application in reservoir modelling. The course participants will get familiar with a variety of conventional and advanced stochastic modelling algorithms and become aware of the impact from different modelling assumptions.

### Course Outline

- Concepts and assumptions of geostatistics
- Stochastic simulation vs interpolation
- Uncertainty quantification workflow for reservoir prediction
- Machine learning techniques for spatial reservoir modelling
  - Classification - lithofacies
  - Regression – ML geomodelling
  - Dynamic model update through learning from data
- Data driven integration of relevant data and knowledge

### Participants' Profile

The course is designed for a wide audience of reservoir modellers, geologists and engineers with range of experience from novices to experienced practitioners.





### Prerequisites

Participants should have a basic knowledge of reservoir modelling and numerical analysis.

### About the Instructors

Prof. Vasily Demyanov of Institute of Petroleum Engineering, Heriot-Watt University (Edinburgh), lectures geostatistics and leads industry and government funded research in Geo Data Science and uncertainty quantification for reservoir prediction modelling. He has over 20 years of experience in geostatistics and has published over 100 publications. Vasily has co-authored a number books: Challenges and Solutions in Stochastic Reservoir Modelling – Geostatistics, Machine Learning, and Uncertainty Predictions with EAGE (2018); Geostatistics: Theory and Practice (Nauka, 2010, in Russian). Vasily Demyanov is an Associate editor for Computers and Geosciences Elsevier journal and a guest editor for Mathematical Geosciences Springer Journal special issue on Data Science in Geoscience due in 2019.

Vasily's research interests lie broadly across spatial statistics, machine learning and uncertainty. In particular his research is focused on uncertainty quantification in prediction modelling, inverse modelling for history matching, stochastic optimisation, Bayesian inference, and the problem of integration of reservoir knowledge and relevant data into statistical modelling workflows with machine learning and data analytics approaches.

Vasily Demyanov obtained the first degree in physics from Moscow State University (1994) and a PhD in physics and mathematics from Russian Academy of Sciences (1998) with a thesis on radioactive pollution modelling with geostatistics and artificial neural networks. Prior to joining Heriot-Watt in 2003 he worked with the University of St. Andrews (2000-2002) and Nuclear Safety Institute, Moscow (1994-2000).



## Construction of Fractured Reservoir Models for Flow Simulation Incorporating Geology, Geophysics, and Geomechanics

ANISOTROPY FLOW SIMULATION FRACTURES GEOMECHANICS HISTORY-MATCHING INVERSION  
 OUTCROP RESERVOIR CHARACTERIZATION RESERVOIR ENGINEERING RESERVOIR MODELING  
 UNCONVENTIONAL

Instructors:	Reinaldo Michelena (SeisPetro Geoconsulting, United States), Chris Zahm (UT Austin, United States), James Gilman (iReservoir, United States)
Duration:	2 days
CPD Points:	10
Language:	English
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

Flow models have the purpose of explaining and forecasting reservoir performance that can help plan the development and exploitation of the resource. This class explains the steps needed to build fractured reservoir models using sound stratigraphic and structural frameworks, calibrated 3D seismic attributes, and geomechanical information. Models and concepts are examined in the context of how they impact fluid flow, reservoir simulation results, field production, and forecast in conventional and unconventional reservoirs. This 2-day course presents workflows along with conceptual and spreadsheet-based exercises to solidify concepts. The course provides in-depth presentations and discussions of the models presented.

### Course Objectives

- Highlight geologic concepts that control natural fracture development in conventional and unconventional reservoirs.
- Value characterization methods that incorporate the use of 3D seismic data for improved mapping of mechanical facies and fracture properties
- Discuss workflows that combine geologic and geomechanics concepts, petrophysical properties, and seismic attributes within geological models in preparation for reservoir simulation.
- Quantify the combined effect of fracture properties and geomechanical properties in effective flow properties of simple fracture scenarios.
- Understand the need of combining multiple disciplines and data sources to develop an adequate flow model.
- Understand that fracture models are not platform- or software-specific, but utilize and blend all available data and relevant analogs.
- Understand that consistently developed continuum and discrete fracture models can yield very similar results.
- Model effective fracture permeabilities in a cell of a geologic model and understand the parameters that control such permeability.

### Course Outline

#### Session 1

- Natural fractured reservoirs: overview and concepts
- Impact of natural fractures on reservoir performance: overview
- Tight unconventional reservoirs: mechanical stratigraphy in core, well logs, and seismic
- Tight unconventional reservoirs: use and value of outcrop analogs
- Tight carbonate mechanical stratigraphy interpretation
- Reservoir engineering data for of naturally fractured reservoirs

#### Session 2

- Tight unconventional reservoirs: seismic properties for fracture characterization
- Discrete vs continuum natural fracture descriptions for simulation in fractured reservoirs
- Tight unconventional reservoirs: geomechanics review
- Effective fracture permeability

#### Session 3

- Tight unconventional reservoirs: modeling perm of reactivated fractures
- Pressure transient response time
- Conventional fractured reservoirs: overview and concepts
- Conceptual integrated fault damage zone model
- Value of outcrop analogs in fracture modeling
- Conventional fractured reservoirs: facies, rock properties in core and well logs

#### Session 4

- Conventional fractured reservoirs: rock properties from 3D seismic
- Calibration of effective fracture permeabilities
- Special considerations for flow simulation in fractured reservoirs
- Putting it all together: Integration of outcrop, core, well logs, and seismic for improved reservoir models



**Participants' Profile**

Due to its multidisciplinary nature, this class is designed for all levels from entry to advanced.

**Prerequisites**

None

**About the Instructors**

Reinaldo J Michelena is reservoir characterization and geophysical advisor. He has a Ph.D. in geophysics from Stanford University and a B.S. in physics from Universidad Simón Bolívar (Venezuela). He has over 35 years of experience in research, development, and application of seismic methods to help reservoir delineation and characterization, from prototyping, programming and testing of algorithms to integrated interpretation of field data results.

Chris Zahm is a Research Geologist at the Bureau of Economic Geology at the University of Texas at Austin. He received his Ph.D. in 2002

from the Colorado School of Mines as a structural geologist and has M.Sc. degree from the University of Texas at Austin in Hydrogeology and B.S. in Geology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. With more than 25 years of experience working fractured reservoir systems in both industry and academia, Chris has focused on characterizing and modeling natural fracture systems in subsurface reservoirs from around the world including onshore US, Norwegian North Sea, Indonesia, offshore Brazil, Bolivia, and the Middle East.

James Gilman provides reservoir engineering and flow simulation consultation with more than 40 years of experience. His expertise includes specialization in the area of application and development of numerical simulators for fluid flow in petroleum reservoirs. He has been involved in development of 3-phase simulators for naturally fractured reservoirs. He is actively involved consultation in the areas of reservoir engineering, reservoir simulation, naturally fractured reservoirs, and unconventional reservoirs. He has extensive training experience in these areas through Marathon, iReservoir and Nautilus.



# Reservoir Characterization

**ROCK PHYSICS •  
GEOMECHANICS •  
GEOCHEMISTRY •**



## Rock Physics for Quantitative Seismic Reservoir Characterization

ELASTICITY INTEGRATION INTERPRETATION LITHOLOGY MODELING OFFSHORE  
OIL AND GAS POROSITY RESERVOIR CHARACTERIZATION ROCK PHYSICS  
SANDSTONE SATURATION SHALE UNCERTAINTY WORKFLOWS

Instructor:	Prof. Tapan Mukerji (Stanford University, United States)
Duration:	2 days
CPD Points:	10
Language:	English
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

The purpose of the course is to give an overview of rock physics observations and models relating reservoir properties such as saturation, lithology, clay content, and pore pressure and their seismic signatures. Understanding this relation can help to improve quantitative seismic interpretation. The course covers fundamentals of Rock Physics ranging from basic laboratory and theoretical results to practical “recipes” that can be immediately applied in the field. Application of quantitative tools for understanding and predicting the effects of lithology, pore fluid types and saturation, saturation scales, stress, pore pressure and temperature, and fractures on seismic velocity. Use of rock physics models requires understanding the assumptions and pitfalls of each model and the uncertainties associated with the interpretations using these models. Analysis of case studies and strategies for quantitative seismic interpretation using statistical rock physics work flows, and suggestions for more effectively employing seismic-to-rock properties transforms in Bayesian machine learning for reservoir characterization and monitoring, with emphasis on seismic interpretation and uncertainty quantification for lithology and subsurface fluid detection.

### Course Objectives

On completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Use rock physics models with a better understanding of assumptions and pitfalls;
- Combine statistical rock physics in quantitative seismic interpretation workflows;
- Select appropriate rock physics models for reservoir characterization;
- Use rock physics models to build appropriate training sets for Bayesian machine learning applications in quantitative seismic interpretation.

### Course Outline

- Introduction to Rock Physics, motivation, introductory examples
- Parameters that influence seismic velocities - conceptual overview
- Effects of fluids, stress, pore pressure, temperature, porosity, fractures
- Bounding methods for robust modeling of seismic velocities

- Effective media models for elastic properties of rocks
- Gassmann Fluid substitution – uses, abuses, and pitfalls
- Derivation, recipe and examples, useful approximations
- Partial saturation and the relation of velocities to reservoir processes
- The importance of saturation scales and their effect on seismic velocity
- Shaly sands and their seismic signatures
- Granular media models, unconsolidated sand model, cemented sand model
- Velocity dispersion and attenuation; Velocity Upscaling
- Rock Physics of AVO interpretation and Vp/Vs relations
- Quantitative seismic interpretation and rock physics templates
- Statistical rock physics, Bayesian machine learning and uncertainty quantification
- Rock physics modeling to augment deep learning training data
- Example case studies using AVO and seismic impedance for quantitative reservoir characterization

### Participants' Profile

The course is recommended for all geophysicists, reservoir geologists, seismic interpreters, and engineers concerned with reservoir characterization, reservoir delineation, hydrocarbon detection, reservoir development and recovery monitoring.

### Prerequisites

No specific prerequisites needed.

### Recommended Reading

Participants are recommended to preferably read:

- Avseth, P., Mukerji, T., and Mavko, G., 2005, Quantitative Seismic Interpretation: Applying Rock Physics Tools to Reduce Interpretation Risk, Cambridge University Press
- Mavko, G., Mukerji, T., and Dvorkin, J., 2009, The Rock Physics Handbook, 2nd Edition, Cambridge University Press
- Dvorkin, J., Gutierrez, M, and Grana, D., Seismic reflections of rock properties, Cambridge
- Offset-dependent reflectivity, Castagna & Backus, SEG
- Physical properties of rocks, Schoen, Elsevier



### About the Instructor

Tapan Mukerji is a Professor (Research) at Stanford University where he got his Ph.D. (1995) in Geophysics. Tapan co-directs the Stanford Center for Earth Resources Forecasting (SCERF), Stanford Rock Physics and Borehole Geophysics (SRB) and the Basin and Petroleum System Modeling (BPSM) projects at Stanford University. His research interests include rock physics, spatial statistics, wave propagation, and stochastic methods for quantitative reservoir characterization and time-lapse reservoir monitoring. Tapan combines experience in conducting leading edge research, teaching, and directing graduate student research. He was awarded the Karcher Award in 2000 by the Society of Exploration Geophysicists, and received the ENI award in 2014. He is an associate editor for *Geophysics*, journal of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists, and *Computers and Geosciences*. In addition to numerous journal publications, Tapan has co-authored *The Rock Physics Handbook*, *Quantitative Seismic Interpretation*, and *The Value of Information in the Earth Sciences*, all published by Cambridge University Press. He has been an invited keynote speaker and instructor for numerous short courses on rock physics and geostatistics, in North and South America, Europe, Africa, Australia and Asia.



## 3D Printing Geological Models For Education, Research, and Technical Communication - 3D Printing as an Emerging Technology in Geosciences

CARBONATES | FRACTURES | MODELING | PERMEABILITY | POROSITY  
RESERVOIR CHARACTERIZATION | ROCK PHYSICS | SANDSTONE | TOMOGRAPHY

Instructors:	Prof. Dr Franciszek Hasiuk (Iowa State University, United States) and Dr Sergey Ishutov (University of Alberta, United States)
Duration:	2 days
CPD Points:	10
Language:s	English, Russian
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

3D printing is an emerging technology in the geosciences that provides a fast, cost-effective way to transform digital designs into tangible models. These tangible models enable a physical representation of 3D geometries and enhance communication among researchers, students, technical management, and non-experts. Whereas digital models can be viewed only on a screen, a 3D printed model can be experienced with other senses: it can be viewed at different light angles and manipulated. For research purposes, 3D-printed models can be experimented with in the laboratory to validate numerical predictions of rock properties.

The course is designed in two days to cover broad topics related to various 3D printing applications. Day 1 provides an overview of different 3D printing techniques that use both rock-like materials (e.g., sand, gypsum, clay) and polymers (e.g., plastics, resins). While these cost-effective methods are shaping the future of manufacturing, 3D printing geological media requires profound understanding of capabilities and limitations of each technique and its material properties. Day 1 includes a module on how to digitally design and 3D print models for use in reservoir rock analysis, geomorphology, and paleontology. For reservoir rock analysis, 3D printing of near-identical rock proxies provides an approach to conduct repeatable laboratory experiments without destroying natural rock samples. The course also discusses case studies of 3D printing applications in the geoscience and engineering research as well as in the petroleum industry. Participants will learn how to deploy 3D-printed models to improve technical communication to diverse audiences (e.g., engineers, managers, community stakeholders). The integration of digital data sets with 3D-printed surface and subsurface features will help participant to learn about communication for societal objectives. Discussion of 3D printing as a teaching tool will help students and educators to understand the practical approaches of using 3D-printed models in explaining complex concepts and 3D data. The course will provide insights on future implementation of 3D printing techniques in geosciences, including reduced costs of 3D printers, open-source software, and free access to digital model repositories.

Day 2 involves practical components of using 3D printing for characterization of reservoir rocks and geomorphic features. 3D-printed porous and fracture models are used to investigate fundamental research questions in the areas of single and multiphase fluid flow

as well as reactive transport in reservoir sandstones and carbonate rocks. Participants will design 3D-printable models containing pore and fracture networks using CAD and computed tomography data. They will have an opportunity to manufacture their models with local 3D printing shops. In addition, participants will be provided with pre-printed replicas equivalent to their digital models to investigate the fidelity of 3D printing techniques and materials. Participants will learn how 3D-printed models can be used in destructive and non-destructive analyses to study geomechanical and transport properties (e.g., porosity, pore sizes, grain sizes, fracture apertures, connectivity of pore and fracture networks). Participants will also gain experience with TouchTerrain app that allows to generate 3D-printable terrain models with no CAD or GIS software.

### Course Objectives

On completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Understand capabilities and limitations of different 3D printing techniques;
- Demonstrate how to digitally design 3D-printable models using CAD software or computed tomography data;
- Provide the assessment of digital models and their relative 3D-printed replicas;
- Characterize how 3D printing can increase the effectiveness of communicating geoscience data;
- Apply 3D printing in current or future research and teaching.

### Course Outline

Day 1: Introduction to 3D printing and review of its current applications

- Lecture "Overview of 3D printing technology":
  - Brief history of 3D printing
  - Common 3D printing techniques
  - Materials used and their physical and chemical properties
  - Current and future advances of 3D printing
- Activity "Methods of transforming digital models into 3D-printed objects":
  - Which geoscience data are 3D-printable
  - Which 3D printer and material fit digital model parameters
- Lecture "Applications of 3D printing in the geoscience and engineering research":



- Use of 3D printing in petroleum industry
- 3D printing as a tool in reservoir rock analysis
- Scaling in geomorphology, geomechanics, and groundwater studies
- Activity “3D printing as a communication tool for”:
  - Technical management
  - Community stakeholders
  - Researchers presenting their technical studies to both experts and non-experts
- Activity “3D printing as a teaching tool for”:
  - Students learning new 3D concepts and models
  - Researchers involved in data exchange
- Live demonstration of 3D printing rock, fossil, and terrain models in the course of day 1

Day 2: Application of 3D printing in modeling porous media and geomorphic features

- Practical exercise “Digital design of 3D-printable models”:
  - With CAD (idealized porous models)
  - From computed tomography data (reservoir rock samples)
  - Using TouchTerrain app (terrain models)
- Activity “Assessment of accuracy of 3D-printed models”:
  - Success or failure of external and internal features
  - Post-processing efficiency and precision
- Lecture “Validation of flow properties in reservoir rock models”:
  - Advantages of destructive tests
  - Limitations of non-destructive tests
  - Value of adding 3D printing into reservoir characterization workflow
- 3D printing models in coordination with local 3D printing service companies
- Live demonstration of 3D printing reservoir rock models

### Participants’ Profile

The course is designed in 2 days to accommodate a broad range of participant groups. Day 1 of the course covers overview of 3D printing techniques and methods and is intended for general audience. It is useful for students, geoscientists, engineers, who are interested in current advances of 3D printing in research and teaching. It can also be beneficial for managers and stakeholders who want to learn the use of 3D printing in technical communications. Day 2 covers research applications of 3D printing in porous media and geomorphology and involves practical section on creating 3D-printable models of reservoir rocks and terrains. It is beneficial for geologists, petrophysicists, stratigraphers, geophysicists, geomorphologists, reservoir and geomechanical engineers and geomodellers from both industry and academia who are interested in transforming digital models into tangible objects that can be viewed, touched, manipulated, and tested in the lab as natural rocks. Participants will receive hand-on experience on creating digital rock and terrain models, validating their accuracy and exploring the best methods to 3D print them. In addition, day 2 of the course will involve review of current advances in research on 3D printing reservoir rock models that involves investigation of petrophysical and geomechanical properties of 3D-printed rock analogues. Skills obtained during day 1 will allow participants to be engaged in day 2 activities without prerequisites. If participants take only day 2, basic knowledge about major 3D printing techniques and materials as well as CAD modeling and computed tomography is required.

### Prerequisites

Prior knowledge of CAD modeling and interpretation of computed tomography data would be useful, but is not required.

### Recommended Reading

Ishutov S, Jobe TD, Zhang S, Gonzalez MA, Agar SM, Hasiuk F, Watson F, Geiger S, Mackay E, Chalaturnyk R, 2017. 3D printing for geoscience: fundamental research, education, and applications for the petroleum industry. American Association of Petroleum Geologists Bulletin. DOI: 10.1306/0329171621117056.

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Hasiuk F, 2014. Making Things Geological: 3-D Printing in the Geosciences. Geological Society of America Today 24: 28–29. Invited.

### About the Instructors

Prof. Dr. Franek Hasiuk is an expert in carbonate geology and 3D printing. His dissertation from the University of Michigan involved understanding the secular variation of seawater chemistry and temperature from marine carbonate chemistry. He worked at ExxonMobil Upstream Research for four years where he developed a deep appreciation for carbonate petrophysics while working on a variety of projects including a global synthesis of carbonate microporosity. Since joining Iowa State University, the mission of his “GeoFabLab” has been to better understand the chemistry and petrophysics of rocks by using 3D-printed rock models as well as man-made rocks, like concrete and asphalt.

Dr. Sergey Ishutov is an expert in 3D printing porous media from CAD and tomographic models. He is currently a researcher at the University of Alberta. He has received B.Sc. in petroleum geology from the University of Aberdeen in Scotland and M.Sc. in geology from California State University Long Beach. His research experience is in acquisition, processing, and interpretation of seismic data and analysis of computed tomography data from reservoir core plugs. Dr. Ishutov received multiple awards and research grants from professional societies and industry collaborators to establish foundation research in 3D printing reservoir rock samples. He has work experience at major petroleum companies, including ExxonMobil, Aramco, and Shell.





## Applied Microfacies

CARBONATES | DIAGENESIS | MINERALOGY | PERMEABILITY | STRATIGRAPHY | THIN SECTION | WELLS

Instructor:	Prof. Dr Michael Poppelreiter (Shell, Kuwait)
Duration:	2 days
CPD Points:	10
Language:	English
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

Hands-on microfacies characterization using industry data sets. Analysis: mineralogy, components, pore types, diagenesis. Participants are instructed on how to capture observations such that patterns and rules might be detected. The course encourages participants to think of processes and products during thin section characterization. Industry data sets are used to illustrate the use of microfacies characterization to help solve operational issues of carbonate fields. Production increase is demanded. Wells (fully cored) show contrary production behavior. The stratigraphy is 'layer cake' and both wells are perforated in the highest perm interval of a few meters thick. Thin sections are linked with petrophysical data, openhole logs and production data. Course participants are encouraged to use thin section descriptions to develop a conceptual model for permeability based on a depositional model architecture based on the investigation of available thin sections.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Quality control thin sections.
- Determine the mineralogy of a stained section.
- Characterize fossiliferous and non-fossiliferous components such as ooids or brachiopods.
- Classify the carbonate texture (Dunham) and grain geometry.

### Participants' Profile

The course is designed for geologists, petrophysicists, stratigraphers as well as explorers in academic and industry positions.

### Prerequisites

Participants should have knowledge of the principles of carbonate geology and a fundamental understanding of petrophysics.

### About the Instructor

Prof. Dr Michael C. Poppelreiter, Director of the South East Asian Carbonate Research Lab (SEACaRL), Shell Chair in Petroleum Geology at the Department of Geosciences, Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS (UTP). From October 2019 he has been working for Shell Kuwait. Area of expertise: Shell Subject Matter Expert for carbonate geology, Outcrop and Regional Geological Studies (focus Middle East), Conceptual Modelling, Reservoir Modelling and 3D Digital Modelling, Project management, CO<sub>2</sub> in carbonate, Technical Assurance & Capability (TA-2), 25 publications and 2 books on borehole image logs and reservoir geology.



## Explorational Rock Physics and Seismic Reservoir Prediction

4D ATTENUATION CARBONATES INTERPRETATION INVERSION LITHOLOGY REMOTE SENSING

Instructors:	Dr Per Avseth (Independent Consultant, Oslo, Norway) and Prof. Dr Tor Arne Johansen (University of Bergen, Bergen, Norway)
Duration:	2 days
CPD Points:	10
Language:	English
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

The field of rock physics represents the link between qualitative geologic parameters and quantitative geophysical measurements. Increasingly over the last decade, rock physics stands out as a key technology in petroleum geophysics, as it has become an integral part of quantitative seismic interpretation. Ultimately, the application of rock physics tools can reduce exploration risk and improve reservoir forecasting in the petroleum industry.

This course covers fundamentals of rock physics, ranging from basic laboratory and theoretical results to practical recipes that can be immediately applied in the field, presenting qualitative and quantitative tools for understanding and predicting the effects of lithology, pore fluid types and saturation, stress and pore pressure, fractures and temperature on seismic velocity and attenuation.

The importance and benefit of linking rock physics to geologic processes, including depositional and compactional trends as well as tectonic uplift and unloading, are key to this course, which demonstrates in detail how to build so-called rock physics templates that can be used to interpret both well log and seismic inversion data in terms of geological trends and reservoir properties. It is important in exploration and appraisal to extrapolate away from existing wells, taking into account how the depositional environment changes as well as burial depth trends. In this way rock physics can better constrain the geophysical inversion and classification problem in underexplored marginal fields, surrounding satellite areas, or in new frontiers.

In particular, we focus on how rock physics properties, fluid sensitivities and associated seismic signatures change as we go from soft sediments in the shallow subsurface to well consolidated rocks that have undergone more severe mechanical and chemical compaction, and even uplift and brittle deformation. Likewise, we show how seismic amplitudes can change drastically as we go from one depositional environment to another, for instance in a channel-levee complex as we go from central axis to the levee and overbank area.

The course includes practical examples and case studies, as well as suggested workflows, where rock physics models are combined with well log and prestack seismic data, sedimentologic information, inputs from basin modeling and statistical techniques to predict reservoir geology and fluids from seismic amplitudes.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course participants will understand:

- The link between geologic processes and rock physics properties;
- Pore fluid / rock interactions during wave propagation;
- Upscaling and heterogeneous reservoirs;

- How to build their own rock physics template.
- The ultimate goal is to improve the understanding of seismic amplitudes and predict geologic and reservoir parameters from seismic inversion data and at the same time create awareness about limitations and pitfalls.

### Course Outline

- Basic rock physics theory and relations;
- Fluid and lithology substitution for reservoir rocks;
- Pore fluid — rock interactions during wave propagation;
- How to build a Rock Physics template;
- Upscaling and seismic signatures of heterogeneous reservoirs;
- Introduction to shale and carbonate rock physics.

### Participants' Profile

The course is intended for geophysicists, geologists and petrophysicists who wish to be involved in quantitative seismic interpretation. The course will focus on how rock physics can be used in exploration but many aspects will also be relevant for production and 4D geophysics.

### Prerequisites

Fundamental understanding of physics and mathematics. Educational background and/or practical experience in geology, geophysics and/or petrophysics.

### About the Instructors

Per Avseth is a geophysical advisor at Tullow Oil in Oslo, Norway, and adjunct professor in geophysics at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) in Trondheim, Norway. Per received his M.Sc. in Applied Petroleum Geosciences from NTNU in 1994, and his Ph.D. in Geophysics from Stanford University, California, in 2000. Per worked as a research geophysicist at Norsk Hydro in Bergen, 2001-2006. Per's research interests include applied rock physics and AVO analysis, for quantitative seismic exploration and reservoir characterization.

Tor Arne Johansen is a full professor in Reservoir Geophysics at the Department of Earth Science, University of Bergen, and a scientific advisor for NORSAR. He received his PhD in Geophysics in 1990 from Bergen University. His research interests cover remote sensing techniques, rock physics, seismic modelling and processing.



## Rock Physics and Computational Geophysics

ANISOTROPY | ATTENUATION | BOREHOLE GEOPHYSICS | ELECTROMAGNETISM  
 ENVIRONMENTAL GEOPHYSICS | HYDROCARBON EXPLORATION | POROELASTICITY  
 SYNTHETIC SEISMOGRAMS | VISCOELASTICITY | WAVE SIMULATION

Instructor:	Dr José M. Carcione (OGS, Trieste, Italy)
Duration:	2 days
CPD Points:	10
Language:s	English, Italian, Spanish
Level:	Advanced



### Course Description

This course presents the fundamentals of the physical principles and computational techniques for wave propagation in anisotropic, anelastic and porous media, including the analogy between acoustic waves (in the general sense) and electromagnetic (EM) waves. The emphasis is on geophysical applications for hydrocarbon exploration, but researchers in the fields of earthquake seismology, rock physics, and material science, -- including many branches of acoustics of fluids and solids (acoustics of materials, non-destructive testing, etc.) -- may also find the material useful. The course illustrates the use of seismic and EM modeling, with an account of the numerical algorithms for computing synthetic seismograms, diffusion fields and radargrams, with applications in the field of geophysical prospecting, seismology and rock physics, such as evaluation of methane hydrate content, upscaling techniques, detection of overpressure, Antarctic and permafrost exploration, exploration of the Earth's deep crust, time-lapse for monitoring of CO<sub>2</sub> injection, seismic modeling in geothermal fields, seismic inversion, etc.

### Course Objectives

On completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Understand the physics of seismic (and EM) wave propagation and diffusion fields in real media, such as rocks and geological formations;
- Solve complex problems using numerical methods, as finite-differences, Fourier techniques, and machine learning methods;
- Apply these concepts to seismic and EM applications, such as hydrocarbon prospecting, earthquakes, surface radar applications, EM low-frequency methods for environmental problems, rock physics, etc.

### Course Outline

Methods:

- Mechanical viscoelastic models
- The wave equation with attenuation
- Seismic anisotropy
- Seismic attenuation
- Poroelasticity
- Seismic rock physics
- Hooke's law and wave equation
- Forward modeling. Computation of synthetic seismograms
- Reflection coefficients. AVO
- EM rock physics

- Maxwell's equation
- The seismic-EM analogy
- Geo-radar equations
- The diffusion equation in EM prospecting
- Machine learning methods. Neural networks, genetic algorithms, etc.

Applications :

- Fluid flow in porous rocks
- Unconventional resources. Oil and gas shales
- Cross-well seismic and EM methods
- Upscaling methods
- AVO cases
- Rock-physics templates
- Q and velocity anisotropy in fractured media
- Geophone-soil coupling models
- Physics and simulation of waves at the ocean bottom
- Recent advances to model waves in reservoir and source rocks
- Theory, simulation and case histories for detection and quantification of gas hydrates
- Theories for pore-pressure prediction and mud-weight design, with case histories
- Seismic-modeling case histories
- Seismic inversion
- Microseismicity
- Borehole waves
- Injection of fluids and seismic and EM monitoring. Time-lapse cases
- Tools for GPR applications.

### Participants' Profile

The course is useful for geologists, geophysicists, petrophysicists and reservoir engineers. The emphasis is on geophysical applications for hydrocarbon exploration, but researchers in the fields of earthquake seismology, rock acoustics and material science – including many branches of acoustics of fluids and solids (acoustics of materials, nondestructive testing, etc.) – may also find this course useful.

### Prerequisites

Participants should have knowledge of the basic concepts of wave theory.



### Recommended Reading

Participants are recommended to preferably read "Elastic waves in the Earth" (1979) by Pilant, "Physical properties of rocks" (2011) by Schon, and "Wave fields in real media" by Carcione (2015), before attending the course.

### About the Instructor

José M. Carcione has the degrees "Licenciado in Ciencias Físicas" (Buenos Aires University), "Dottore in Fisica" (Milan University) and Ph.D. in Geophysics (Tel-Aviv University). From 1978 to 1980 he worked at the "Comisión Nacional de Energía Atómica" at Buenos Aires. From 1981 to 1987 he was employed as a research geophysicist at YPF (national oil company of Argentina). Presently, he is Director of Research at OGS. He was awarded the Alexander von Humboldt scholarship for a post-doc at Hamburg University (1987-

1989). In 2007, he received the Anstey award at the EAGE in London and the 2017 EAGE Conrad Schlumberger award in Paris. Carcione published more than 280 journal articles on acoustic and electromagnetic numerical modeling, with applications to oil exploration and environmental geophysics. He is the author of the books "Wave fields in Real Media – Theory and numerical simulation of wave propagation in anisotropic, anelastic, porous and electromagnetic media" (see Elsevier, 2015, 3rd edition), and "Seismic Exploration of Hydrocarbons in Heterogeneous Reservoirs" (Elsevier, 2015) He has been editor of "Geophysics" since 1999. He has coordinated many projects funded by the EU and private companies. Carcione has been a member of the commission (GEV04) for evaluation of Italian research in the field of Earth Sciences (ANVUR) in the periods 2004-2010 and 2011-2014. Carcione has an H-index: 53, according to Google Scholar.



## Modern Seismic Reservoir Characterization

ANISOTROPY AVO ELASTICITY FLUID FRACTURES GEOMECHANICS GASSMANN  
 IMPEDANCE INTERPRETATION LITHOLOGY PORE PRESSURE POROSITY ROCK PHYSICS SHALE

Instructor:	Dr Leon Thomsen (Delta Geophysics, United States)
Duration:	2 days
CPD Points:	10
Language:s	English
Level:	Advanced



### Course Description

Classical reservoir characterization typically assumes that the reservoir is elastically and hydraulically isotropic, and may be adequately analyzed using core and/or log data. However, most real reservoirs are elastically and hydraulically anisotropic, and spatially heterogeneous (on many scales), so that core and/or log data are not representative of the larger reservoir volume. This applies to both conventional and unconventional reservoirs. Hence, the best means to physically characterize most real reservoirs, throughout their volume, uses seismic data, acquired and interpreted anisotropically. This course summarizes the state-of-the-art of seismic reservoir characterization, using anisotropic seismic rock physics. The course normally requires 16 hours of instruction, and includes numerous classroom exercises. Topics include:

- Context: A world with excess supply of oil, and low demand. The shale revolution. Hubbert's extended Peak.
- Physical principles: Aliased data. Inhomogeneous formations. Friendly multiples. Spatial resolution
- Introduction to Anisotropy: Weak. Polar. Azimuthal. Shear wave splitting.
- Lithology: Shale content from anisotropy itself.
- Geomechanics: Without Poisson's ratio or Young's modulus, since these are isotropic concepts.
- Fluids: Logical error in Gassmann poroelasticity.
- Pore pressure: Subsurface fluid compartments. Anisotropic velocities for calibration.
- Anisotropic AVO: Including the anisotropic term in the AVO gradient, a first-order effect!
- Fractures: No penny-shaped cracks. Multiple fracture-sets.
- Permeability: 4D gives the best seismic measure. Impermeable barriers.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will:

- realize that many of the assumptions of conventional reservoir characterization do not apply to the Real World
- understand the basic elements of anisotropic seismicity
- be able to implement that understanding to estimate lithology, pore pressure fractures, and permeability from seismic data, with appropriate caveats
- be able to apply post-Gassmann fluids estimation
- be able to forward-model anisotropic AVO, and to find the missing parameter from the data.

### Course Outline

Context  
 The Shale Revolution  
 Hubbert's Extended Peak  
 The geophysical response: subsurface physical characterization  
 Physical principles  
 Requirement for, and limitations of seismic data  
 Equation of motion vs wave equation  
 Friendly multiples  
 Exercise: Thin layers  
 Anisotropy  
 Weak polar anisotropy parameters  
 Exercise: Plane-wave velocities  
 P-waves: normal moveout; abnormal moveout  
 Azimuthal anisotropy  
 Lithology  
 Shale content from anisotropy  
 Geomechanics  
 Compliance vs stiffness  
 Young's modulus, Poisson's ratio, bulk modulus  
 Exercise: geomechanics moduli  
 Fluids  
 Biot, Gassmann  
 Biot vs Gassmann  
 Brown and Korringa  
 Determining the parameters  
 Exercise: Post-Gassmann fluid dependence  
 Effective media  
 Fluid effects on anisotropic formations  
 Exercise: Thin-layer fluid dependence  
 Pore pressure  
 Subsurface fluid compartments  
 Effect of anisotropy on pore pressure estimation  
 Anisotropic AVO  
 Effect of polar anisotropy on AVO gradient  
 Exercise: Anisotropic AVO  
 Determining the parameter  
 Effect of azimuthal anisotropy on AVO gradient  
 Cracks and fractures  
 Crack formation by unequal stresses  
 Microfractures and macro joints  
 Effects of cracks on velocities  
 Shear wave splitting  
 Exercise: 2Cx2C rotation



Permeability  
Permeability tensor  
Cleating in CoalBed Methane  
Fractures in the Austin Chalk  
4D permeability in the North Sea

### Participants' Profile

This course is designed for geophysicists with five or more years of professional experience, whose management expects them to go beyond subsurface imaging to physically characterize subsurface reservoirs. Their conventional tools for doing that are based on demonstrably false assumptions. This course will help them to use their experience in modern ways to address the same challenges.

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### About the Instructor

Leon Thomsen holds titles of Chief Scientist at Delta Geophysics, Research Professor at the University of Houston, and Visiting Scientist at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. He holds a B.S. in geophysics from California Institute of Technology (Pasadena), and a Ph.D. in geophysics from Columbia University (New York). He held postdoctoral positions at Centre Nationale de la Recherche

Scientifique (Paris), International Business Machines (Palo Alto), and Caltech. He was Assistant, then Associate Professor at the State University of New York (Binghamton), with sabbatical positions at Goddard Institute for Space Studies (New York) and the Australian National University (Canberra).

Leon's industrial career began in 1980, at Amoco's famous research center in Tulsa, where he was the Amoco inventor of what we now call seismic AVO. He led significant revisions to the exploration seismic paradigm, helping to establish the basic ideas of polar anisotropy and azimuthal anisotropy. His 1986 paper, establishing the modern field of seismic anisotropy, is the single-most-cited paper in the history of Geophysics; a Google search of the term "Thomsen parameter" returns over 300,000 hits. In 1995, he moved to Amoco's Worldwide Exploration Group in Houston, where his 1997 paper established the modern field of converted-wave exploration, defining such concepts as "C-waves", "registration", "gamma effective", "dioidic velocity", etc. In 2008, Leon retired from BP, and established the consultancy Delta Geophysics (cf. [deltageophysics.net](http://deltageophysics.net)).

Leon has served the Society of Exploration Geophysics as Distinguished Lecturer, Vice-President, President (2006-07), and Chairman of the Board of SEAM. He served as SEG/EAGE DISC Instructor in 2002. He holds the SEG's Fessenden Award, and the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences' Kapitza Medal. He is an Honorary Member of the Geophysical Society of Houston, and of the EAGE, and is a Foreign Member of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences.



## Geophysics Under Stress: Geomechanical Applications of Seismic and Borehole Acoustic Waves

ANISOTROPY DRILLING ELASTICITY FRACTURES MONITORING  
PORE PRESSURE PRODUCTION ROCK PHYSICS SAND SHALE

Instructor:	Dr Colin Sayers (Schlumberger, Texas, United States)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:	English
Level:	Advanced



### Course Description

The state of stress within the earth has a profound effect on the propagation of seismic and borehole acoustic waves, which leads to many important applications of elastic waves for solving problems in petroleum geomechanics. The purpose of this course is to provide an overview of the sensitivity of elastic waves in the earth to the in-situ stress, pore pressure and anisotropy of the rock fabric resulting from the depositional and stress history of the rock and to introduce some of the applications of this sensitivity. The course will provide the basis for applying geophysics and rock physics solutions to geomechanical challenges in exploration, drilling and production. A variety of applications and real data examples will be presented and particular emphasis will be placed on the rock physics basis underlying the use of geophysical data for solving geomechanical problems.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will have an understanding of the sensitivity of elastic waves in the earth to mineralogy, porosity, pore shapes, pore fluids, pore pressures, stresses and the anisotropy of the rock fabric resulting from the depositional and stress history of the rock and how to use this understanding in quantitative interpretation of seismic data and in the construction of mechanical earth models.

### Course Outline

The following topics will be addressed in the course:

- Introduction to the effects of stress in the earth. Why pore pressure, in-situ stress and geomechanical properties are important.
- Sediment compaction and the state of stress in the earth. Vertical stress, pore pressure and sediment compaction. Horizontal stress in a relaxed basin. Estimation of the minimum and the maximum horizontal stress. Tectonic strains.
- Pore pressure. Velocity vs. effective stress relations. Pore pressure estimation from velocity. Clay diagenesis. Unloading. The need for fit-for-purpose seismic velocities. Uncertainty analysis. Combining seismic velocities with well velocities for improved pore pressure estimation. Dipping layers and lateral pore pressure transfer.
- Stress sensitivity of sandstones. Third-order elasticity theory. Dependence of elastic wave velocities on porosity in sandstones. The importance of compliant grain boundaries, microcracks and fractures on velocities in sandstones. The use of elastic waves to monitor stress-induced damage.

- Wellbore stability and wave velocities near a borehole. Stress changes in the vicinity of a borehole. Mechanical behavior of rock in the vicinity of a borehole. Stress dependence of elastic wave velocities. Linearized expressions for the change in velocity for small changes in stress.
- Reservoir geomechanics and 4D seismic monitoring. Reservoir stress path. The effect of stress path on rock deformation and failure. Rock failure. Monitoring reservoir stress changes using time-lapse seismic. The difference in reservoir stress path between injection and depletion.
- Fractured reservoirs. Effects of fractures on seismic waves. Multiple fracture sets. Amplitude Versus Offset and Azimuth (AVOA). Simplifications for weak anisotropy. Effects of inequality between the normal and shear compliance of fractures. Microstructural models of fracture compliance.
- The seismic anisotropy of shales. The relation of shale anisotropy to microstructure. The effect of interparticle regions on seismic anisotropy. Clay mineral anisotropy. Effect of disorder in the orientation of clay particles. The static elastic moduli for a TI medium and the implications for hydraulic fracture containment.

### Participants' Profile

The integrated nature of this course means that it is suitable for individuals from all subsurface disciplines including geophysics, geomechanics, rock physics, petrophysics, geology, geomodelling and drilling and reservoir and petroleum engineering. The short-course presentation, limited to one-day, will provide an overview of the basic concepts and applications and minimizes the use of mathematical developments. As a result, the course presentation does not require a theoretical background and can be attended by a broad section of working geoscientists and engineers interested in applying geophysical data to the solution of geomechanical problems. The course book will provide support for the lecture and further extend some of the more technical considerations.

### Prerequisites

Participants should have a basic knowledge of geology, geophysics and petrophysics.

### Recommended Reading

Geophysics Under Stress: Geomechanical Applications of Seismic and Borehole Acoustic Waves, by Colin M. Sayers.



### About the Instructor

Colin Sayers is a Scientific Advisor in the Schlumberger Seismic for Unconventionals Center of Excellence in Houston, providing consultancy in geophysics, rock physics, drilling and reservoir geomechanics and the characterization of fractured reservoirs. He entered the oil industry to join Shell's Exploration and Production Laboratory in Rijswijk, The Netherlands in 1986, and moved to Schlumberger in 1991.

His technical interests include geophysics, rock physics, drilling and reservoir geomechanics, pore pressure prediction, wellbore stability analysis, analysis of production-induced reservoir stress changes, subsidence, fault reactivation, 3D mechanical earth modelling, sanding, fractured reservoir evaluation, borehole/seismic integration, stress-dependent acoustics, advanced sonic logging, AVAZ, fluid flow in fractured reservoirs.

He is a member of the AGU, EAGE, GSH, HGS, SEG, SPE and SPWLA, and the SEG Research Committee. He has served on the editorial board of Geophysical Prospecting, the International Journal of Rock Mechanics and Mining Science, and The Leading Edge. He has a B.A. in Physics from the University of Lancaster, U.K., a D.I.C. in Mathematical Physics and a Ph.D. in Physics from Imperial College, London, U.K. He has published numerous papers and holds several patents in the areas covered by this course.

He was the 2010 chair of the editorial board of The Leading Edge, and presented the 2010 SEG/EAGE Distinguished Instructor Short Course on "Geophysics under stress: Geomechanical applications of seismic and borehole waves". In 2013 he was awarded Honorary Membership of the Geophysical Society of Houston "In Recognition and Appreciation of Distinguished Contributions to the Geophysical Profession". He was awarded 2013 Best Paper in The Leading Edge, Society of Exploration Geophysicists.





## Applied Oilfield Geomechanics

4D SEISMIC | CALIBRATION | DISPLACEMENT | FAULT RE-ACTIVATION

MECHANICAL PROPERTIES | MUD WEIGHT | PORE PRESSURE | STRAIN | STRESS | WELLBORE STABILITY

Instructor:	Dr Jorg Herwanger (MP Geomechanics)
Duration:	1 to 2 days
CPD Points:	5 to 10
Language:	English
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

3D geomechanical models are frequently used to assess the state of stress inside the Earth. Knowledge of the stress-state in a reservoir and the surrounding rock allows assessing the risk of reservoir compaction, wellbore failure, sanding, breach of seal integrity and fault re-activation amongst others. Three-dimensional seismic data and inversion models can be used in building geomechanical models and time-lapse (4D) seismic data provide a means of calibrating the dynamic behaviour of reservoir geomechanical models. The purpose of this course is to provide an overview of currently available workflows to build and run calibrated 3D and 4D geomechanical models, maximizing the use of seismic data.

By attending the course, participants will deepen their insight into each of the elements that comprise a 3D and 4D geomechanical model. Special attention is given to the way that seismic data assist in the process, what other data sources are required, how to calibrate geomechanical models and finally, how to interpret geomechanical models for a range of applications.

### Course Objectives

The purpose of this course is to:

1. Provide an overview of the currently available techniques of building and calibrating 3D and 4D geomechanical models;
2. Demonstrate the interaction between rock properties, pore pressure and stress state;
3. Apply the knowledge of stress state from geomechanical models to field development and reservoir management;
4. Understand the limitations of current workflows and techniques and give a glimpse of the road ahead.

### Course Outline

- Introduction: Applications of geomechanics in the oilfield life-cycle;
- Rock mechanical properties:
  - Elastic and strength properties;
  - How do you derive mechanical properties in practice.
- Stress and strain tensors:
  - Workflow for building 3D and 4D geomechanical models;
  - Calibration of 3D geomechanical models using well-centric 1D geomechanical models;
  - Analysis and display of displacement vectors, strain tensors and stress tensors.

### Case studies:

- Building a 3D geomechanical model using seismic AVO inversion in an onshore tight gas reservoir;
- Geomechanical controls on hydraulic stimulation;
- Wellbore stability for inclined wells: Why inclined and horizontal wells behave differently from vertical wells;
- Multiple uses of 3D and 4D geomechanical flow models: Applications in a deepwater carbonate and clastic fields;
- Stress rotations during production and their impact on hydraulic stimulation.

### Participants' Profile

Geomechanics projects integrate data and models from many different subsurface disciplines, including geophysics, rock mechanics testing, geology, geomodelling, rock physics and reservoir engineering. The course is designed for practising geoscientists and engineers and demonstrates how their discipline knowledge contributes to geomechanical modeling.

The course is also beneficial to students of petroleum geoscience (geophysics and geology). Finally, the course also appeals to managers of subsurface teams, increasing the appreciation of the complexity of the subsurface workflows that his or her team needs to address.

### Prerequisites

This course is aimed at geoscientists and engineers with an interest in geomechanics, be their background in geology, geophysics, rock physics, reservoir engineering or geomechanics. The course was developed mainly with a practicing geophysicist or geologist in mind. The course has an emphasis on making the physics behind the presented techniques accessible and clear and will appeal to curious and inquisitive people. This course is also suited for Master's and PhD students as the course (material) is designed in such a way that the principles of geomechanics become clear.

Geomechanics is still a relatively new discipline in the oilfield environment and is not taught as part of most university Geoscience-programs. Therefore a lot of graphic examples are included in the course material to aid intuitive understanding.



### About the Instructor

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## Conduits and Seals in Hydrocarbon Reservoirs: A Geomechanical Approach

**BASEMENT** **CASE STUDY** **FAULTS** **FRACTURES** **GEOMECHANICS** **MECHANICS**  
**PERMEABILITY** **POROSITY** **ROCK PHYSICS**

Instructor:	Dr Dirk Nieuwland (NewTec International, Leiden, Netherlands)
Duration:	2 days
CPD Points:	10
Language:	English
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

Flow of oil and gas through porous reservoir rock is controlled by the permeability of the reservoir. In the simplest case this is a single permeability system that is completely controlled by the rock properties of the reservoir. The presence of faults and/or fractures complicates the flow by creating a dual porosity/permeability system when open fractures are present, or by creating barriers to flow or even reservoir compartmentalization when sealing faults or fractures are present.

In this short course the origin of faults and fractures and their mechanical properties will be discussed in a framework of geomechanics. Understanding the physical processes of fault and fracture formation enables the development of predictive models even in structurally complicated reservoirs.

A combination of theory, case histories and exercises will be used to familiarize the participants of this short course with the subjects. The nature of a short course is such that a full in-depth treatment of the mechanics is not possible due to lack of time; the course emphasis will therefore be on informative case histories. Exercises will make up part of the course but in view of the available time, they will be relatively short.

### Course Objectives

The participants will be able to decide on the appropriate fault sealing mechanism and perform a fault seal prediction. Location and orientation of natural open fracture systems can be predicted, using a variety of techniques. The methods taught in this course are universally applicable, including for exploration, field development and underground storage of natural gas or CO<sub>2</sub>.

### Course Outline

Day 1:

- Introduction to tectonic regimes and associated stress systems;
- Analogue model demonstration experiment.
- Exercise
- Introduction to geo-mechanics
- Exercise
- Case history

Day 2:

- Mechanics of natural fracture systems
- Case history
- Mechanics of sealing fracture/fault systems
- Exercise
- Case histories

### Participants' Profile

Geologists, geophysicists and reservoir engineers who have to work with faulted and fractured reservoirs will benefit from this short course. The topic is relevant for exploration as well for production.

### Prerequisites

Participants should have knowledge of basic geology, geophysics, reservoir engineering and structural geology. Also some practical experience in E&P projects is recommended.

### About the Instructor

Dr Nieuwland has 39 years of experience as a geologist of which 35 years in oil and gas exploration and production. He has published numerous papers in this field and edited two books in the Special Publication series of the Geological Society of London.

One of NewTec's geo-mechanical field models resulted in adding a billion bbls of oil to the reserves of a tight naturally fractured oil reservoir, including accurate prediction of open fracture locations and orientation, in-situ stresses and reservoir quality. Other models have successfully guided exploration, appraisal and development in complex geological settings, including a world first successful prediction of open fractures in fractured oil bearing crystalline basement.



## Oilfield Geomechanics: Application to Drilling, Completions, Reservoir, Production, Geology and Geophysics

COMPACTION FAULT REACTIVATION FAULTS FLUID FLOW FRACTURES  
HYDRAULIC FRACTURING IN-SITU STRESS PORE PRESSURE PRODUCTION PREDICTION  
ROCK DEFORMATION ROCK MECHANICS ROCK STRENGTH SAND PRODUCTION  
PREDICTION SUBSIDENCE UNCERTAINTIES WELLBORE STABILITY

Instructor:	Dr David Wiprut (Baker Hughes - Houston, USA)
Duration:	3 days
CPD Points:	15
Language:	English
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

Stress and pressure act on every reservoir, wellbore and completion. The process of drilling, production and injection will modify stresses and pressures, sometimes to the extent that the risks for failures in and around the producing wells or even at the surface increase considerably. Geomechanics is the study of the interaction between current-day stresses and pre-existing structures and lithologies. By understanding how stresses and rock properties interact, a large number of oilfield problems and operations can be addressed and optimized, including wellbore instability, sand production, fault reactivations, fracture permeability, pore pressure prediction, casing collapse and shear, compaction and subsidence, hydraulic fracturing, and more.

This course provides participants with a solid understanding of rock mechanics, rock mechanical properties, and the associated laboratory measurements and procedures used to determine these properties. Additionally, participants will learn how stresses and pressures in the earth are measured and constrained, through various tools and techniques of analysis. The participants will understand the risks for mechanical rock failure during drilling and field development, the implications of these failures over the life of the well and field, and how these can be managed and mitigated.

The course is operationally focused and designed to provide an understanding of how drilling and operating costs can be lowered, risks and uncertainties reduced, productivity increased, field development strategies optimized, well planning supported, and safety improved in conventional and unconventional reservoirs.

With 18 exercises, in-chapter and end-of-chapter class discussion questions, and hands-on demonstrations, this industry-leading class helps to ensure the participants are ready to identify the geomechanical risks hiding in every field.

The training course will provide course participants with a detailed understanding of geomechanical modeling and model applications. They will learn about:

- Rock deformation and mechanics
- Rock failure and rock strength
- Determination of the in-situ stresses
- Pore pressure prediction
- Wellbore stability
- Sand production prediction

- Casing collapse and shear
- Fractures, faults, and fluid flow
- Hydraulic fracturing
- Compaction and subsidence

### Course Objectives

Course participants will:

- Calculate stresses, pressures, and rock properties
- Calculate when faults will slip and determine the consequences of slip
- Calculate stress concentrations around wellbores drilled in principal stress directions
- Run a quick-look sand production prediction calculation
- Gain a better understanding of their future reservoir challenges and how geomechanics affects their well planning and reservoir decisions.

### Course Outline

Day 1: Overview Basic constitutive laws

- Rock failure
- Pore pressure
- The tectonic stress field – basic principles
- In-situ stress determination

Day 2: In-situ stress determination

- Building a geomechanical model – data inputs
- Wellbore stability
- Fracture pressure

Day 3: Geomechanics applied to completions engineering

- Sand production prediction
- Casing collapse and shear Geomechanics for geology & geophysics applications
- Fractures and faults in three dimensions
- Fracture permeability
- Fault leakage
- Geomechanics applied to reservoir engineering
- Water floods and hydraulic fracturing
- Production effects - compaction and normal faulting in reservoirs



### **Participants' Profile**

This is an intermediate course for anybody interested or involved in subsurface oilfield operations. Anyone impacted by rock failures, from beginning engineers to highly experienced supervisors and managers, can benefit from understanding geomechanics.

### **Prerequisites**

Knowledge of oilfield operations and practices is desirable, but not necessary.

### **About the Instructor**

Dr. David Wiprut has been working on geomechanics problems in the oil and gas industry since 1996. He received his Ph.D. from Stanford University in 2000 studying the state of stress, wellbore stability, and fault leakage in the northern North Sea. Dr. Wiprut has continued to work on similar issues with GMI and subsequently Baker Hughes since earning his degree, and has accumulated extensive experience working on geomechanics problems throughout the world. Dr. Wiprut oversees external training activities world-wide for Baker Hughes Geomechanics Services, advises on technical issues for geomechanics consulting projects, and manages the geomechanics competency and career progression program.



## Seismic Geomechanics: How to Build and Calibrate Geomechanical Models using 3D and 4D Seismic Data

GEOMECHANICS   PETROPHYSICS   CROSS DISCIPLINE

Instructor:	Dr Jorg Herwanger (MP Geomechanics)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:	English
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

Three-dimensional geomechanical models are becoming more frequently used to assess the state of stress inside the Earth. Knowledge of the stress-state in a reservoir and the surrounding rock allows assessing the risk of reservoir compaction, wellbore failure, sanding, breach of seal integrity, fault re-activation and allows the design of mitigation for these issues. Three-dimensional seismic data and inversion models can be used in building geomechanical models and time-lapse (4D) seismic data provide a means of calibrating the dynamic behavior of reservoir geomechanical models. The purpose of this course is to provide an overview of currently available workflows to build and run calibrated reservoir geomechanical models maximizing the use of 3D and 4D seismic data. Rock-physics, relating the state of stress in the Earth and the propagation velocity of seismic waves, forms the link between seismic observations and the geomechanical model, and this link will be discussed both from experimental data and from a theoretical viewpoint. Attendees will learn how a combination of 3D geomechanical models, coupled to flow models, built and calibrated with 3D and 4D seismic data help in creating a deep understanding of the reservoir depletion processes and the state of stress in the reservoir and surrounding rock.

### Course Objectives

The purpose of this course is to:

- Provide an overview over currently available workflows to build, run and calibrate reservoir geomechanical models maximizing the use of 3D and 4D seismic data;
- Apply the understanding gained from running such workflows to field development and reservoir management;
- Understand the limitations of current workflows and techniques and give a glimpse of the road ahead.

### Course Outline

The course addresses the following issues:

- Field observations of geomechanically induced time-lapse seismic signals. Where do they occur and why?
- Building a 3D geomechanical model. Demonstrating a seismic-to-simulation workflow, including building a framework model to surface and property population from seismically derived properties.

- Running coupled modeling of a reservoir simulation model and a geomechanical model. Non-linear stress-strain relationship, reservoir compaction, failure models, stress and strain tensors.
- Rock-physics for elastic and inelastic deformation. Velocity-stress relationship for elastic and inelastic deformation. Velocity during loading and unloading. Stress-induced velocity anisotropy.
- Time-lapse seismic observations. Time-lapse time-shifts, AVO attributes, shear-wave splitting.
- Case-study of integrating flow model, geomechanical model and time-lapse observations.

### Participants' Profile

The integrated nature of the subject and approach makes this course appealing to practitioners and researchers from a wide range of subsurface disciplines, ranging from geophysics, geomechanics, geomodelling, geology, rock physics and reservoir engineering. Practising geoscientists and engineers will appreciate the inter-disciplinary approach to addressing reservoir management issues and should be able to use ideas and approaches taught in this course in their day-to-day work. The course draws heavily on field observations and examples, while limiting the use of mathematical developments. This makes the course appealing to a wide cross-section of geoscientists and engineers that are interested in the inter-related nature of the subsurface disciplines. It should also be appealing to managers of cross-disciplinary subsurface teams, increasing the appreciation of the complexity of the subsurface workflows that his or her team needs to address.

### Prerequisites

This course is aimed at geoscientists and engineers with an interest in integration between the different subsurface disciplines. The course presents both currently available seismic-to-simulation techniques. The course has an emphasis on making the physics behind the presented techniques accessible and clear and will appeal to curious and inquisitive people. This course is also suited for Master's and PhD students as the course (material) is designed in such a way that the principles of geomechanics become clear. Geomechanics is still a relatively new discipline in the oilfield environment and is not taught as part of most university Geoscience-programs. Therefore a lot of graphic examples to aid intuitive understanding are included in the course material.



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## Petroleum Fluids and Source Rocks in E&P Projects

FLUID GEOCHEMISTRY ISOTOPE ANALYSIS KEROGEN OIL AND GAS SHALE UNCONVENTIONAL

Instructor:	Prof. Dr Alexei Milkov (Colorado School of Mines, Colorado, United States)
Duration:	3 days
CPD Points:	15
Language:s	English, Russian
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

The course enables participants to interpret fluids and source rock data to add value to E&P projects from exploration to environmental remediation. Examples and case studies come from both conventional and unconventional petroleum systems around the world. The learning objectives are achieved through well-illustrated lectures, numerous hands-on exercises and active class discussions.

We will cover the following topics:

- Fundamentals of petroleum composition and properties;
- Sampling of rocks and fluids;
- Analytical techniques used to evaluate potential of source rocks and composition of petroleum fluids;
- Characterization and risking of source rocks and prediction of fluid properties in exploration prospects;
- Interpretation of data from drilled exploration wells to assess the value of the discovery;
- Use of geochemical data to assess reservoir compartmentalization during appraisal and development;
- Geochemical surveillance of oil & gas production;
- Use of geochemical data to locate producing intervals and allocate petroleum production;
- Identification of oil sources for petroleum spills and leaks.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to: Identify and propose geochemical solutions for E&P business problems;

- Design cost-effective fit-for-purpose sampling/analysis programs for source rocks and petroleum fluids;
- Construct expulsion profiles for different types of source rocks;
- Predict fluid properties and product value in exploration and production wells;
- Correlate oils to source rocks;
- Interpret the origin of hydrocarbon and non-hydrocarbon natural gases;
- Integrate geochemical interpretations into holistic petroleum systems analysis;

### Course Outline

Day 1. Fundamentals of petroleum geochemistry. Sampling and analytical techniques

The first day introduces the participants to petroleum geochemistry. You will learn the composition of natural gases and oils and how to interpret gas and oil data. This will be followed by the discussion of sampling and analytical techniques for source rocks and petroleum fluids.

- Welcome and introductions;
- Petroleum composition and phases;
- Interpretation of hydrocarbon and non-hydrocarbon natural gases (molecular composition and isotopes);
- Interpretation of oils (from bulk parameters to biomarkers);
- Post-accumulation processes (biodegradation, thermal sulfate reduction, water-washing etc.);
- Sampling techniques (surface, drilling, production);
- Analytical techniques (Rock-Eval, gas chromatography (GC), mass-spectrometry (GC/MS)).

Day 1 exercises: several short interpretation assignments followed by the major exercise on matching oil samples with whole oil GC traces.

Day 2. Petroleum exploration and drilling the prospect

The second day starts with the discussion of source rocks. Participants will interpret the quality and the potential of source rocks and will model petroleum expulsion. This will be followed by the discussion of exploration drilling and the data necessary to interpret the outcomes of exploration projects.

- Source rock presence, maturity and potential;
- Expulsion from various organofacies;
- Prediction of fluid properties in exploration projects;
- 1D burial history and maturity;
- Fluids and pressure;
- Petroleum seeps;
- Oil-source correlations.

Day 2 exercises: mapping and interpreting source rocks; building expulsion profiles for various source rocks; constructing pressure profiles in subsurface; oil-source correlation.

Day 3. Appraisal, development, production, environmental and downstream projects

The third day focuses on the integration of petroleum geochemical data with other subsurface datasets to assist in appraisal, development and production of petroleum reservoirs. This will be followed by the discussion of petroleum spills and leaks. We will finish the course by studying how understanding of source rocks and petroleum fluids help create value in downstream projects.

- Reservoir compartmentalization;
- Time-lapse geochemistry (surveillance);
- Production allocation;
- Petroleum spills and leaks;
- Oil value;
- Gas value.





Day 3 exercises: unravelling compartmentalization of a reservoir; determining sources of oils collected after a major offshore spill.

### **Participants' Profile**

The course is designed for geoscientists, engineers and managers who work on exploration, appraisal, development, production and environmental projects and require competency in petroleum fluids and source rocks.

### **About the Instructor**

Alexei V. Milkov is Full Professor and Director of Potential Gas Agency at Colorado School of Mines and a consultant to oil and gas industry. After receiving PhD from Texas A&M University, Dr. Milkov worked

for BP, Sasol and Murphy Oil as geoscientist and senior manager. He explored for conventional and unconventional oil and gas in over 30 basins on six continents and participated in the discovery of more than 4 Billion BOE of petroleum resources. He also worked on several appraisal and production projects. Dr. Milkov has deep expertise in oil and gas geochemistry, petroleum systems modeling, exploration risk analysis, resource assessments and portfolio management. He published 50 peer-reviewed articles. Dr. Milkov received several industry awards including J.C. "Cam" Sproule Memorial Award from the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) for the best contribution to petroleum geology and Pieter Schenck Award from the European Association of Organic Geochemists (EAOG) for a major contribution to organic geochemistry.



## Interpretation of Natural Gases

GEOCHEMISTRY | ISOTOPE ANALYSIS | OIL AND GAS | SHALE | UNCONVENTIONAL

Instructor:	Prof. Dr Alexei Milkov (Colorado School of Mines, Colorado, United States)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:s	English, Russian
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

This course enables participants to add value in E&P projects through interpretation of natural gases. Examples and case studies come from both conventional and unconventional petroleum systems around the world. The instructor will transfer his practical knowledge of most important and relevant theories, interpretation tools and applications used in the industry. The learning objectives are achieved through well-illustrated lectures, numerous hands-on exercises, active class discussions and competitive games.

We will cover the following topics:

- Fundamentals of natural gas composition and properties;
- Sampling of natural gas during drilling and production;
- Analytical techniques used to determine molecular and isotopic composition of natural gases;
- Interpretation of hydrocarbon gases (origin and processes);
- Interpretation and prediction of non-hydrocarbon gases (CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>S, He and others);
- Using gas data and models to solve business problems in exploration, appraisal/development, production and environmental projects.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Design cost-effective fit-for-purpose sampling/analysis programs for natural gases;
- Evaluate molecular and isotopic composition of hydrocarbon gases and interpret their origin (primary microbial, secondary microbial, thermogenic, abiotic) using state-of-the-art genetic diagrams;
- Interpret the source, maturity, mixing and post-accumulation alterations of hydrocarbon gases;
- Interpret the origin and sources of non-hydrocarbon gases (carbon dioxide, nitrogen, hydrogen sulfide, helium and others);
- Use gas data to solve business problems in exploration, appraisal/development, production and environmental projects;
- Identify and propose geochemical solutions for E&P business problems.

### Course Outline

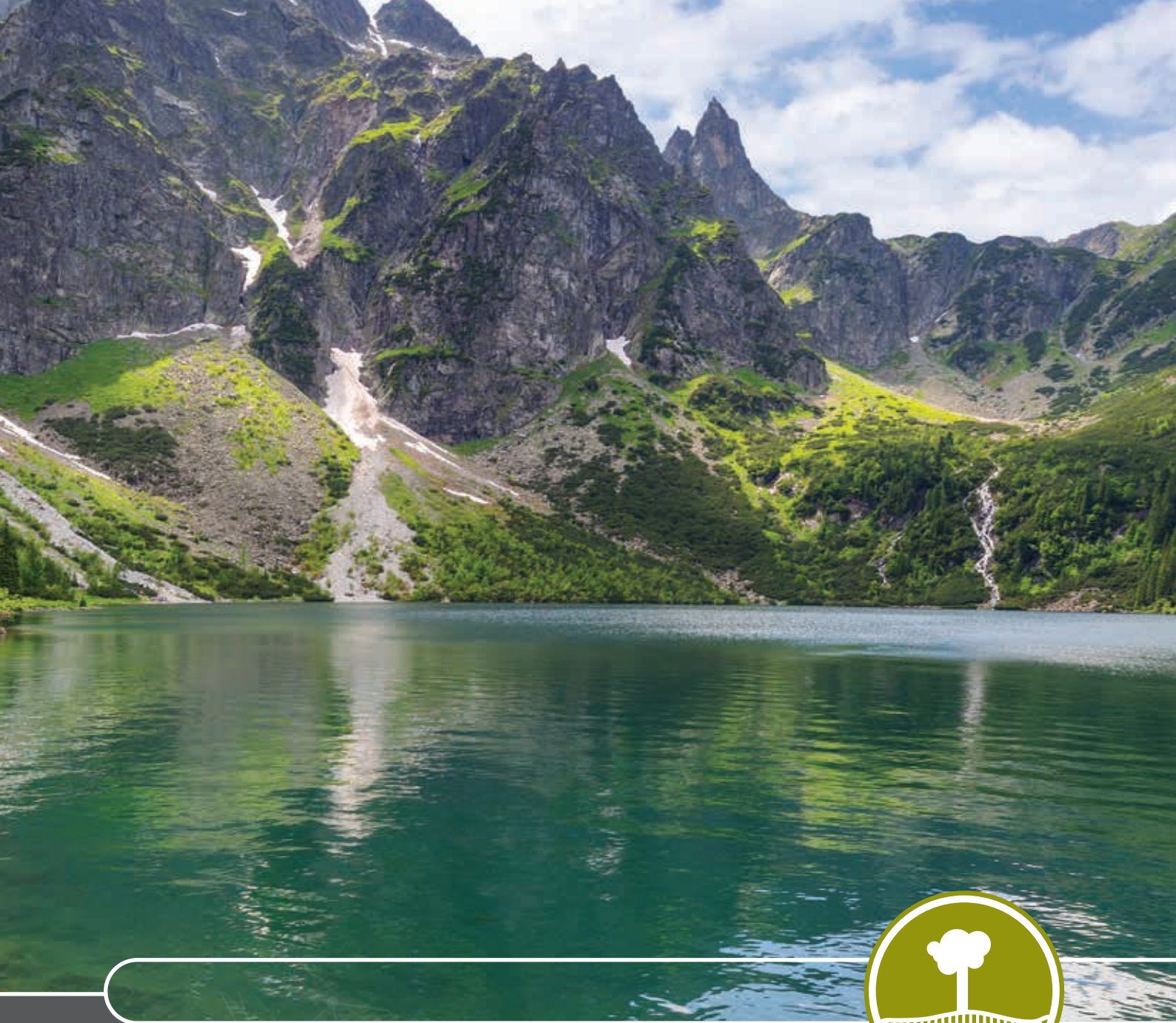
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### Participants' Profile

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### About the Instructor

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# Near Surface

**ENVIRONMENTAL GEOPHYSICS •  
NON-SEISMIC METHODS •**



## Near-Surface Geoscience

ACOUSTIC DRILLING GEOMORPHOLOGY HAZARDS INTEGRATION INTERPRETATION  
NOISE REMOTE SENSING SHALLOW

Instructor:	Dr Andreas Laake (Schlumberger, Texas, United States)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:	English
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

This course covers the geological and geophysical concepts governing the near-surface. Methods for investigating and characterizing the near-surface such as remote sensing and surface geophysical methods are presented. The different measurements are archived and integrated in a geographical information system (GIS). The final integration reveals geological information about the near-surface and provides geophysical information for corrections in seismic data processing.

### Course Objectives

The course introduces geomorphology as a concept to understand the geological and geophysical characteristics of the near-surface, enabling the students to extract structural and lithological information. This information can be used on one hand for the prediction of shallow drilling hazards and outlining deeper structures and on the other hand for the correction of near-surface effects in seismic data processing.

### Course Outline

1. Geomorphology and the near-surface
2. Methods for investigation
3. Near-surface characterization
4. Impact of geomorphology on geophysical data
5. Representation and integration in GIS
6. Interpretation of near-surface geoscientific data

### Participants' Profile

Geophysicists and geologists who are working in exploration and are curious to understand the impact of the near-surface on subsurface geophysical data and who wish to understand what the surface geomorphology can tell them about subsurface structures.

### Prerequisites

Participants should have a basic knowledge of geophysics and geology.

### About the Instructor

Andreas Laake is Geophysical Advisor at WesternGeco. He holds a diploma degree in physics and geology and a PhD degree in physics and geosciences from the University of Kiel, Germany. He held a research position at the Max-Planck-Institute for Hydrodynamic Research in Goettingen (Germany).

Andreas' industrial career began in 1988 as a hydroacoustic scientist with Prakla-Seismos in Germany. At Geco-Prakla in 1993, he started the geophysical design work for single sensor seismic technology which is now known as Q-Land technology. Since 2002, with WesternGeco, he has worked on remote sensing techniques and their integration into the seismic and reservoir workflow. In cooperation with the European Space Agency he developed a technique for characterization and modelling of the near-surface by merging satellite data with geological and geophysical data, which allows the prediction of noise features and the generation of synthetic seismic data prior to seismic data acquisition. This technology is also integrated with geographic information system (GIS) software and reservoir modelling (Petrel).



## Subsurface Utility Engineering Detection & Mapping of Subsurface Utilities

SUBSURFACE UTILITY ENGINEERING | SUE | INDUCTION LOCATORS | GPR | GPS | HAZARDS MAPPING  
WAVE PROPAGATION | SIGNAL PROCESSING

Instructor:	Dr Sanjay Rana (AF Academy - Aqua Foundation, India)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:	English
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

Having accurate knowledge of subsurface/ underground/ buried utilities (pipes/ cables/ drains etc.) is critical for any infrastructure project. The successful detection and mapping of buried utilities involves the combination of several techniques, the results of which are synthesized down to a single interpreted plot. The techniques and methodologies used will primarily depend upon the required outcome for the survey, the site conditions and the type of pipes or cables being targeted. Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE) is an upcoming field dealing with procedure and standards for detection and mapping of underground utilities. The course comprehensively covers all the aspects related to conducting a successful underground utility detection and mapping project.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Learn how to detect and map buried pipes and cables (metallic & non-metallic) without digging
- Learn Ground Penetrating Radar
- Learn Induction Locators (cable & pipe locators/ radio locators)
- Understand quality levels of SUE (Subsurface Utility Engineering)
- Advanced data processing of Ground Penetrating Radar data
- Avoid accidents/ damage to underground utilities during construction

### Course Outline

- Introduction to Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE)
- Utility Quality Level Attributes
- Steps and procedures for QL-D data collection
- Survey procedures for collecting QL-C data (including use of total station, DGPS, etc.)
- Field Procedure and Approaches for GPR Surveys
- Data Processing of GPR data
- Data interpretation of GPR data
- Field Procedure and Approaches for EPL Surveys
- SUE map preparation guidelines, including plan, L section etc.

### Participants' Profile

This course will help professionals, engineers and managers from entire spectrum of construction, infrastructure and municipal sector.

### Prerequisites

None

### About the Instructor

Dr. Sanjay Rana is a geophysicist by profession. He has been working in the field of engineering geophysics for last 30 years. Dr Rana graduated in 1990 from University of Roorkee, now IIT Roorkee, in M Tech (Applied Geophysics), as Gold Medalist. Dr Rana started his career with UP State Government and also worked briefly as Scientist 'C' with Department of Atomic Energy. He became an entrepreneur in 1995, starting first ever engineering geophysics company in private sector in India.

He has been instrumental in starting full-fledged operations in private sector providing services like seismic refraction, ground penetrating radar, electrical tomography, seismic tomography, Microgravity, magnetic etc. He has carried out geophysical investigations for more than 2000 projects including projects in India, Afghanistan, Bahrain, Singapore, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Nepal, Bhutan, Kuwait etc. He Initiated the concept of SUE in India in 2001 and is principal author of Indian code/ standard for Subsurface Utility Engineering.



## A Gentle Introduction to Electromagnetics (EM) in Geophysics

ANISOTROPY ELECTROMAGNETISM ELECTROMAGNETISM GPR RESISTIVITY

Instructor:	Dr Jaap C. Mondt (Breakaway, Netherlands)
Duration:	2 days
CPD Points:	10
Language:s	English, Dutch
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

Although in the search for hydrocarbons seismic plays the dominant role, complementary data can be very useful. A clear example is that seismic can clearly determine reservoir geometries based on acoustic impedance changes but is less sensitive to the pore-fluids. Electromagnetic measurements, such as Controlled Source EM (CSEM) measures resistivity directly and hence can discriminate between brine and hydrocarbon fill.

You might wonder about the poorer resolution of EM compared with seismic. Indeed, that is the case, but by combining the two independent sources of information, then seismic will give the structure (container) which then can be used as a constraint for the inversion of EM. Another application is in the realm of determining the shape of allochthonous salt bodies below which hydrocarbons can be present. Numerous applications can be mentioned in relation to shallow seismic. An obvious one is the use of Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) for investigating archaeological sites or determining the depth to upwelling deep salt-water due to severe pumping of fresh water for irrigation.

This course is unique in its hands-on exercises and its use of an open-source software Apps developed at UBC.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Interpret heuristically the basic equations governing EM phenomena;
2. Explain that EM characteristics/properties and uses depend on the frequency of the electromagnetic "wave";
3. Define the realms of EM diffusion and EM wave propagation;
4. Understand how EM can be used in the search for hydrocarbons, investigating the shallow subsurface for the extend of pollution or salt water penetration;
5. Relate Induced Polarization to the presence of a working hydrocarbon system in the deeper subsurface.

### Participants' Profile

All those who are interested in understanding the use of Electromagnetic (EM) methods in Geophysical Applications. These are the geoscientists working in hydrocarbon exploration and exploitation as well as those applying shallow surface geophysics for detecting ore bodies, determining the extend of shallow pollution, foundation engineering, etc.

### Prerequisites

Prerequisite is an intermediate level of understanding of physics and geophysics in the context of exploration and production of hydrocarbons and mitigation of pollution, including the issue of salt water penetration.

### About the Instructor

Jaap Mondt acquired a MA Bachelor's degree in Geology (University of Leiden), Master's degree in Geophysics (University of Utrecht), PhD in Utrecht on "Full wave theory and the structure of the lower mantle". He then joined Shell Research to develop methods for Quantitative Interpretation. Subsequently he worked in Shell Expro in London where he was actively involved in acquiring, processing and interpreting Offshore Well Seismic data. After his return to the Netherlands he headed a team for the development of 3D interpretation methods using multi-attribute statistical and pattern recognition methods. After a period of Quality Assurance of "Contractor" software for seismic processing, Jaap became responsible for Geophysics in the Shell Learning Centre. During that time, he was also part-time professor in Applied Geophysics at the University of Utrecht. From 2001 till 2005 he worked on the development of Potential Field Methods (Gravity, Magnetics) for detecting oil and gas. Finally, he became a champion on the use of EM methods and became involved in designing acquisition, processing and interpretation methods for Marine Controlled Source EM (CSEM). After his retirement, he founded Breakaway, providing courses on acquisition, processing and interpretation of geophysical data (seismic, gravity, magnetic and electromagnetic data).

In the last couple of years, Jaap developed a keen interest in the use of Machine Learning for Geophysical Applications and developed a practical Machine Learning course for Geophysicists and Interpreters.



## Gravity and Magnetic Methods for Oil & Gas and Mineral Exploration and Production

3D DENSITY GROUNDWATER INTERPRETATION INVERSION  
MAGNETIC SURVEY MAGNETICS TIME-LAPSE WATER

Instructor:	Dr Yaoguo Li (Colorado School of Mines, United States)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:	English
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

Gravity and magnetic data are among the oldest geophysical data acquired for the purpose of resource exploration and exploitation. They currently also have the widest areal coverage on the Earth, span a great range of scales and play important roles in mineral, energy and groundwater arenas. The interpretation methods have evolved from data map-based visual inspection, various map enhancements and depth estimation, to quantitative interpretations based on inversions and integrated modeling. In particular, 3D inversion techniques have emerged as a major component in this evolution. The availability of 3D inversion techniques has advanced potential-field interpretation from 'anomaly bump hunting' to 3D imaging of the subsurface by reconstructing the distribution of density or magnetic properties in various geological units and, thereby, have shifted interpretations from the data domain to the model domain. Similarly, inversion techniques are also poised to make major contributions to integrated modeling and interpretation, as well as to differentiating and characterizing geology, geological processes and reservoir dynamics. This course will focus on the methodology, numerical computation, solution strategy and applications of 3D physical property inversions of gravity and magnetic data sets. The course is designed to have two tracks in order to meet the different needs of the EAGE community in mineral exploration and in oil & gas exploration and production. We achieve this by dividing the course into two parts: methodologies common in potential-field methods in Part I and discussion of tools and applications specific to mineral exploration or oil & gas reservoir monitoring in Part II.

### Course Outline

Part I: Common concepts and methodologies

1. Fundamentals of potential-field data observed in gravity, gravity gradiometry, and magnetic surveys.
2. Data processing methods based on equivalent source technique and inverse formulation.
3. 3D gravity and magnetic inversions and the practical strategies for their efficient solution and applications to large-scale problems.
4. Binary inversion potential-field data in 3D.
5. Gravity gradiometry.

(option) Part II: Mineral exploration track

1. Inversion and interpretation of magnetic data affected by remanent magnetization.
2. Case histories from mineral exploration.

(option) Part II: Oil & gas track

1. Time-lapse monitoring of oil and gas reservoirs.
2. Inversion of time-lapse gravity data for reservoir properties.

### Participants' Profile

Participants are expected to have a basic background in applied geophysics and some knowledge of potential-field methods. We anticipate the geoscientists in the following areas will benefit from the course:

- Potential-field methods
- Mineral exploration
- Integrate interpretation
- Reservoir monitoring
- Groundwater hydrology

### About the Instructor

Yaoguo Li received his B.Sc. in geophysics from the Wuhan College of Geology (currently China University of Geosciences) in 1983, and a Ph.D. in geophysics from the University of British Columbia in 1992. He worked with the UBC-Geophysical Inversion Facility at UBC from 1992 to 1999, first as a Post-doctoral Fellow and then as a Research Associate. He is currently an Associate Professor of Geophysics at the Colorado School of Mines and leads the Center for Gravity, Electrical, and Magnetic Studies (CGEM) and the Gravity and Magnetism Research Consortium (GMRC). He is a co-recipient of the 1999 Gerald W. Hohmann Award, SERDP 2007 Project of the Year Award, and 2010 ASEG-PESA Laric Hawkins Award.

His research interests include inverse theory; inversion of gravity, magnetic, and electrical & EM data arising from applied geophysics; and their application to resource exploration, environmental, and geotechnical problems. He has been doing research in these areas and has developed or co-developed a number of program libraries for inverting different types of geophysical data. These include DCIP2D, DCIP3D, GRAV3D, MAG3D, GG3D, BININV3D, and AMP3D.



## The Use of Surface Waves for Near Surface Velocity Model Building

2D 3D ALGORITHM DISPERSION INVERSION PASSIVE SAMPLING SHEAR WAVE  
SPECTRAL ANALYSIS WAVE PROPAGATION

Instructor:	Dr Laura Valentina Socco (Politecnico di Torino, Italy)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:	English
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

The use of surface wave analysis for near-surface characterization has dramatically increased in the last decade thanks to the possibility offered by this technique for shear wave velocity estimation. New tools and approaches have been developed for surface wave data acquisition and analysis to make the method robust and suitable to complex systems. The course will supply an overview of the method starting from surface wave propagation and dealing with acquisition, processing and inversion of surface wave data. Advantages and weaknesses of different approaches as well as requirements for data acquisition and analysis will be discussed. Recent developments will be presented with example of results and applications to different near-surface problems.

### Course Objectives

The course will provide the participants with a wide overview of the main steps of the surface wave method: acquisition, processing and inversion. Different approaches with their potentialities and limitations will be discussed through many practical examples to enable the participants to acquire knowledge about the requirements and design of data acquisition, processing methods and inversion algorithms for different applications from small-scale engineering problems towards large-scale exploration.

### Course Outline

- Surface wave propagation in homogeneous and layered media;
- Geometrical dispersion, modal curves and their properties;
- The use of surface wave for near surface characterisation: the method outline;
- Data acquisition: on purpose acquired active data, other active data, passive data;
- Processing: from raw data to dispersion curves;
- Inversion: stochastic methods, linearized methods (1D, pseudo-2d/3D), higher modes
- The final results: resolution and uncertainties
- The requirements for acquisition, processing and inversion.

### Participants' Profile

Near-surface geophysicists and exploration geophysicists interested in near-surface velocity models.

### Prerequisites

Participants should have basic knowledge of sampling principles, spectral analysis and inversion of seismic data.

### About the Instructor

Laura Valentina Socco (1966), is presently Assistant Professor in Applied Geophysics at the Politecnico di Torino (Technical University of Turin), where she took her PhD. Her research work is focused on near surface problems with particular attention to surface wave methods. She is author of about 60 scientific publications in the field of Applied Geophysics in international and national journals and in the proceedings of national and international scientific conferences. She is member of EAGE Research Committee and Educational Committee and is Associate Editor of "Geophysics" and "Near Surface Geophysics". She is vice-director of the Doctorate School of the Politecnico di Torino.

She teaches Applied Geophysics for Petroleum Engineering at Politecnico di Torino and Geophysical Prospecting at University of Turin. She has been member of the High Quality Laboratory DIPLAB (Disaster Planning Laboratory), of Politecnico di Torino since 2002. She is principal investigator for many research projects financed by national and international institutions and by private and public companies. Convenor of the workshop on "Surface Wave Methods for near surface characterisation", EAGE (Stavanger 2003), she has been designated Guest Editor of a special issue of "Near Surface Geophysics" which was published in 2004.





## Satellite InSAR Data: Reservoir Monitoring from Space

DEFORMATION | DISPLACEMENT | GPS | INTERFEROMETRY | REMOTE SENSING  
SENSORS | SEQUESTRATION | TIME-LAPSE

Instructor:	Dr Alessandro Ferretti (Tele-Rilevamento Europa (TRE), Milan, Italy)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:	English
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

Satellite radar data for surface deformation monitoring are gaining increasing attention and not only within the oil and gas community. They provide a powerful tool for remotely measuring extremely small surface displacements over large areas and long periods of time, without requiring the installation of in-situ equipment. However, apart from remote sensing and radar specialists, only a relatively small number of geoscientists and engineers understand how a radar sensor orbiting the Earth at about 7 km/s from 700km above the Earth's surface can actually measure ground displacements of a fraction of a centimetre.

This course provides a step-by-step introduction to satellite radar sensors, SAR imagery, SAR interferometry and advanced InSAR techniques. Rather than a tutorial for remote sensing specialists, the course starts from very basic concepts and explains in plain Language: the most important ideas related to SAR data processing and why geoscientists and engineers should take a vested interest in this new information source.

Instead of providing a thorough analysis of InSAR algorithms, the main aim of the course is to diffuse the news about the potential impact of InSAR results on many real-life applications, highlighting where and when they can provide effective solutions. Participants will learn that InSAR is not only an information source for research and development activities, but also a reliable tool that can be applied successfully to many different applications, spanning from sinkhole detection to reservoir optimization.

Special attention is paid to oil and gas applications where surface deformation data can provide valuable constraints on reservoir dynamics, enabling time-lapse monitoring of volumetric strains at depth. Volume changes in the reservoir induced by fluid extraction and injection can induce both subsidence and uplift. Stress changes may then trigger the reactivation of faults and threaten well integrity. Depending on the depth of the reservoir and the characteristics of the cap rock, deformation may also be detectable at the surface.

After demonstrating case studies focusing on secondary and tertiary oil recovery, Carbon Capture and Sequestration (CCS) and Underground Gas Storage (UGS), the course describes the available historical archives of SAR images, allowing, even if not at full worldwide coverage, the estimation of surface deformation phenomena since 1992. The course concludes with a brief discussion of the new satellite sensors to be launched in the next few years and the new trends in data integration and visualization.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- understand the key interest of InSAR for geoscientists and engineers;
- understand the basic concepts behind Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) sensors;
- appreciate the main differences between SAR and optical images;
- understand the basic data requirements, assumptions, limitations and applicability of SAR interferometry (InSAR);
- discover advantages and limitations of advanced InSAR techniques for estimating sub-centimetre surface deformation phenomena from space;
- realize why InSAR data are becoming a standard tool for surface deformation monitoring;
- compare InSAR data with in situ measurements, such as: GPS and tiltmeters;
- understand how surface deformation can be related to geophysical parameters at depth;
- see how InSAR data are an effective tool for monitoring subsidence phenomena;
- understand the importance of surface deformation monitoring in Carbon Capture and Sequestration (CCS) and Underground Gas Storage (UGS) projects;
- understand why InSAR data can be used as a cost-effective tool for reservoir management, as well as a risk mitigation tool;
- start thinking about future applications of satellite radar data, possibly in synergy with other in-situ observations.

### Course Outline

1. Introduction: why are satellite radar data relevant?
2. Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) sensors: acquisition geometry and image formation.
3. Measuring range variations: the magic of SAR interferometry (InSAR).
4. A tool for digital elevation model reconstruction and surface deformation analysis.
5. Advanced InSAR techniques: from qualitative to quantitative data.
6. From surface deformation to volume and pressure changes at depth.
7. Overview of possible applications: subsidence monitoring, fault characterization, calibration of geological models, reservoir monitoring.
8. Time-lapse data for Carbon Capture and Sequestration (CCS), Underground Gas Storage (UGS), secondary and tertiary (EOR) oil recovery projects.



9. Available data sources and historical archives of SAR data. A quick overview of other InSAR applications.
10. Summary and future trends.

### Participants' Profile

The course is designed for anyone who would like to understand how satellite sensors can measure surface displacements to a fraction of a centimetre from space. It is not a course for radar specialists. Reservoir engineers, geophysicists, geodesists, geologists should all be interested in this new tool for surface deformation monitoring that is becoming more and more a standard. Radar data are still largely unknown but their impact on oil & gas and civil protection applications can be huge.

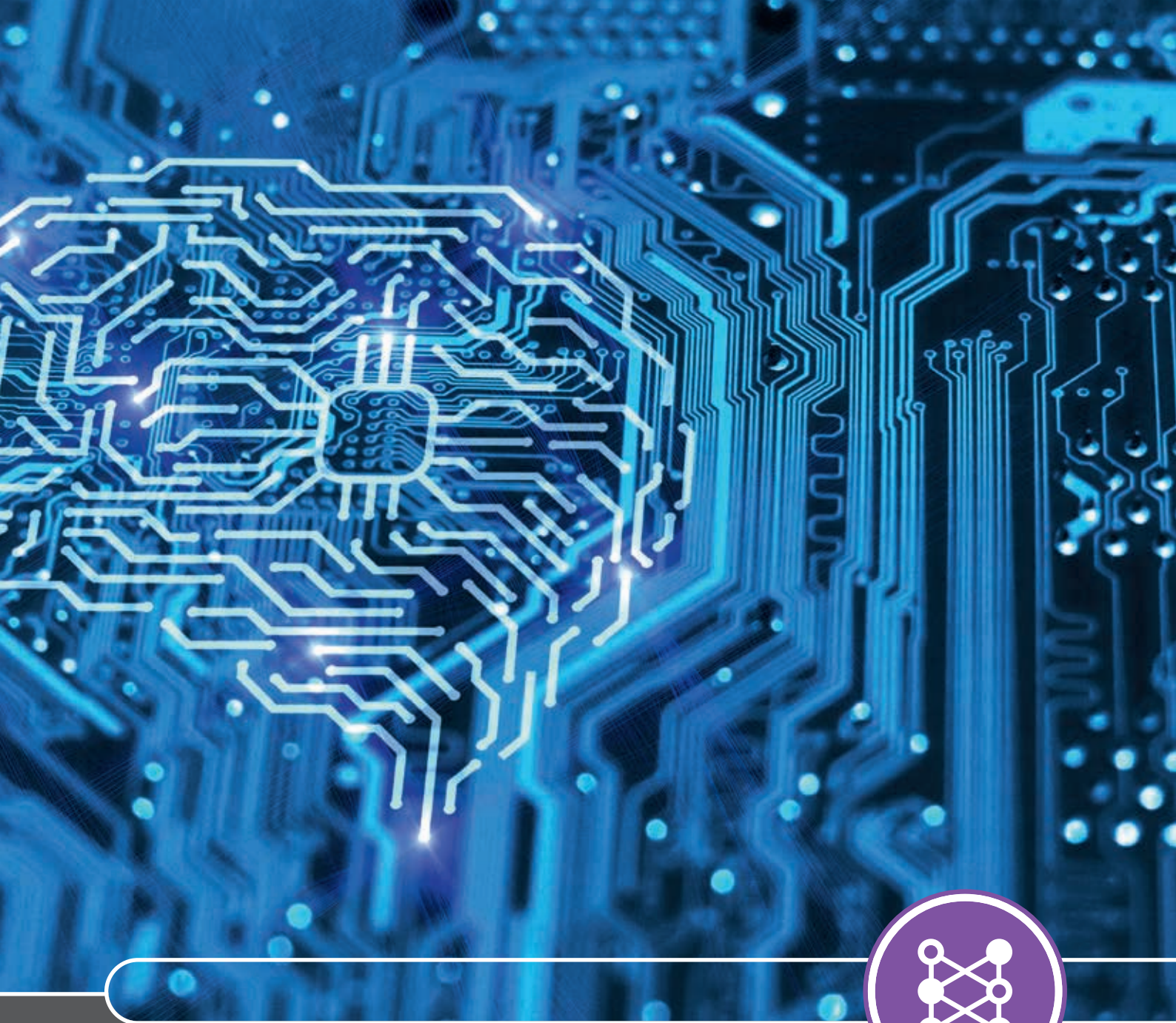
### Prerequisites

Rather than a strong background in remote sensing, geophysics and calculus, curiosity is probably the most important prerequisite. The course can be understood by geoscientists and engineers with a moderate mathematical background.

### About the Instructor

Alessandro Ferretti graduated in electronic engineering in 1993 at the Politecnico di Milano (POLIMI). He then received his MSc in information technology from CEFRIEL (1994) and his PhD in electrical engineering from POLIMI (1997). Since 1994 his research efforts have been focused on radar data processing, SAR interferometry and the use of remote sensing information for oil&gas and Civil Protection applications. He is co-inventor of the "Permanent Scatterer Technique" (PSInSAR™) and its advanced version: SqueeSAR™, a technology providing millimetre accuracy surface deformation measurements from satellite radar data.

In 2000 he founded the company "Tele-Rilevamento Europa" (TRE), offering high-quality surface deformation data for many different applications, from oil/gas reservoir surveillance, to landslide monitoring. Since 2008, he has been acting as Chairman of the Board of TRE Canada Inc. In June 2012, Alessandro Ferretti, together with Prof. Fabio Rocca, was awarded the "ENI Award 2012" for the potential impact of the PSInSAR™ technology on the oil&gas sector. TRE is now TRE ALTAMIRA, after the integration with Altamira Information in 2016. Alessandro Ferretti is currently CEO of the TRE ALTAMIRA group, having offices in Milan, Barcelona and Vancouver (BC). He coauthored more than 100 technical publications in international journals.



# Data Science

MACHINE LEARNING •



## Cloud Basics for Geosciences

CLOUD HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING IOT DATA MANAGEMENT DATA PROCESSING

Instructor:	Guy Holmes (TapeArk, Perth, Australia)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:	English
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

#### 1. What is the cloud?

A summary of what the cloud is including an introduction to the three most popular clouds in use today in the industry. The summary will include a breakdown of the tools available to cloud users and some basic concepts about cost, and a few examples of workloads that you should consider using the cloud for.

#### 2. The difference between Public Clouds and Private Clouds.

There are fundamental differences between clouds that are Private and Public, and numerous misconceptions about which is best, more secure, and the most scalable. Included a few real work examples of systems that are Private and Public and why one should consider the options carefully.

#### 3. What does the cloud enable – why use it?

The cloud is such an important part of our ecosystem now and will continue to be in the future. The key reasons why it should be used will include scalability, security, evergreening, reliability, cost, and the tools enabled by the cloud systems such as AI and ML.

#### 4. Cloud Security Awareness

There are a lot of misconceptions about cloud security. We will look at a few security breaches, why they occurred, how to prevent them, and the additional security features available to cloud users to help protect their data.

#### 5. The movement to Geophysics in “real time” in the Cloud

With the advance of the SpaceX constellation, real time data streaming in remote areas – even high volume low latency – will become possible. This is going to mean survey data can be looked at, QC’ed, and used essentially in real time as it arrives in a cloud account. This is going to move the Geo closer to the data flows, and create a more dynamic exploration system that can make decision while the survey is still being recorded, rather than far later.

#### 6. The movement to “Big Data” from “Small Data”

The oil sector has never in its history had the opportunity to have access to all of their data, all of the time. Using small sample data sets, subsets of surveys, to explore will no longer be necessary as the cloud continues to grow. This change needs a change of mindset in the industry to both understand why this is valuable, and how to take advantage of it.

### Course Objective

In this course, you will learn to:

- Describe the major public and private cloud providers and their relative strengths
- Understand the difference between public and private clouds
- Describe the basic global infrastructure of the cloud
- Compare and contrast conventional on-premise infrastructure to that on offer in the cloud
- Be better prepared to think about problem solving in a new way - with the use cloud technology

### Course Outline

1. What is the cloud?
2. The difference between Public Clouds and Private Clouds.
3. What does the cloud enable – why use it?
4. Fundamental concepts of cloud based compute, storage, database, and networking
5. Cloud Security Awareness
6. The movement to Geophysics in “real time” in the cloud
7. The movement to “Big Data” from “Small Data”
8. The concepts behind Big Data

### Participants’ Profile

Geoscientists of all skill levels that are seeking to better understand why the cloud is changing the industry and how the cloud can be used in their roles to improve project outcomes.

### Prerequisites

Participants should have casual familiarity with linear algebra and calculus.

### About the Instructor

Guy is a graduate of Geophysics from Macquarie University in Sydney, and has completed a Masters of Business Administration (Technology Management) from Deakin University in Melbourne and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Guy is a successful leader with a proven track record in the growth of start up and turn around businesses in the IT, medical and information management sectors.



## Machine Learning in Geosciences

CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NETWORKS | MACHINE LEARNING | NEURAL NETWORKS  
OIL AND GAS | SEMBLANCE GATHERS | SUPPORT VECTOR MACHINE

Instructor:	Gerard Schuster (King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Saudi Arabia)
Duration:	1 to 2 days
CPD Points:	5 to 10
Language:	English
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

Participants will learn the high-level principles of several important topics in machine learning: neural networks, convolutional neural networks, and support vector machine. They will practice the execution of these methods on MATLAB codes (free for 30 days after downloading it from the MATLAB site) and Python-related codes (can be uploaded during the course). Applications include fracture detection in photos, fault delineation in seismic images and picking NMO velocities in semblance gathers.

### Course Outline

About 66% of the time will be for 50-minute lectures and the remaining time will be devoted to lab exercises.

### Participants' Profile

The course is designed for geoscientists who have heard about Machine Learning and might know some details, but lack enough knowledge to test ideas or make the next step in understanding. This limitation will be mitigated after a day of diligent attendance and effort. A selective overview of important ML topics is provided and their practical understanding comes from MATLAB and Python-related exercises applied to geoscience problems.

### Prerequisites

Participants should have casual familiarity with linear algebra and calculus.

### About the Instructor

Gerard T. Schuster received his M.Sc. in 1982 and his Ph.D in 1984 from Columbia University, both in Geophysics. From 1984-1985 he was a postdoctoral fellow at Columbia University, after which he assumed a faculty position in Geophysics at University of Utah from 1985 to 2009. In that time he won several teaching and research awards, founded and directed the UTAM consortium, was chief editor of Geophysics for several years, and supervised more than fifty students to their graduate degrees. He was given EAGE's Eotvos award in 2007, awarded SEG's Kauffman gold medal in 2010, and is the 2013 SEG Distinguished Lecturer for spring 2013. In the summer of 2009 he moved to KAUST (King Abdullah University of Science and Technology) as a Professor of Earth Science just north of Jeddah. He holds a joint appointment with both Universities, except he is now an adjunct Professor of Geophysics at University of Utah. His primary interests are in seismic migration and modeling, interferometry, waveform inversion, and a fondness for solving geological problems with modest-sized seismic experiments. Since 2018, he also also been teaching courses on machine learning.



## New Applications of Machine Learning to Oil & Gas Exploration and Production

DEEP NEURAL NETWORKS (DNN) | EXPLORATION | MACHINE LEARNING | OIL AND GAS

Instructor:	Dr Bernard Montaron (Frainwork SAS)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:	English
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

The course introduction will attempt to answer the question: How will A.I. change the way we work in the Oil and Gas industry in the coming years? Looking at what is underway in other industries and guessing what type of projects are under development in R&D departments in our industry will help answer that question.

Oil and Gas examples will be presented corresponding to each of the terms A.I., Machine Learning, and Deep Learning, allowing participants to reach a clear understanding on how they differ.

The course will then focus on Deep Learning (DL) and address all key aspects of developing and applying the technology to Oil and Gas projects.

- What is DL and how different is it from traditional neural networks?
- A peek at the mathematics behind Deep Neural Networks (DNN)
- Typical workflow to design and develop a deep learning application in an E&P project
- Common challenges, difficulties, and pitfalls in deep learning projects
- Software tools and hardware required + Cloud computing vs in-house solutions.

This will be followed by live demonstrations of two DNN-based applications specific to Oil and Gas upstream domains.

First, we'll run software performing automatic fault identification on released seismic data from New Zealand basins to demonstrate how a DNN recognizes faults and how it differs from other algorithms such as ant tracking. Starting from default training, the DNN can gradually learn to recognize faults like the Geophysicist or Structural Geologist. The training set constantly evolves incorporating feedback from human experts.

Second, the identification of resource opportunities in very large repositories of text and image documents will be demonstrated. This will be done with a deep learning application that performs contextual search and linguistic analysis. Unlike keyword search, contextual search extracts information based on its context, just like humans do. And then linguistic analysis is run on the extracted information to identify actionable opportunities. This list of opportunities can then be further evaluated by human experts.

Finally, the course conclusion will summarize key learnings and answer any additional questions/queries from participants.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will have acquired detailed knowledge of what deep learning is exactly, how it works, and in which way it differs from traditional neural networks that have been used in the industry during the last 30 years. They will understand which domains this can be applied to and for what type of applications. And they will also understand what are the main challenges, difficulties, and pitfalls when developing new applications. Finally, they will have seen demonstrations of deep neural networks applied to Exploration and Production disciplines and will be able to evaluate how useful the technology could be for their own domain.

### Course Outline

Morning session: 3 hours + breaks. Lunch break. Afternoon session: 3 hours + breaks

- Introduction to the new A.I. world: What's currently underway in R&D departments?
- Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Deep Learning: how do they differ and examples of O&G applications
- A closer look at Deep Learning:
- What is it and how different is it from traditional neural networks?
- A peek at the mathematics behind Deep Neural Networks (DNN)
- Typical workflow to design and develop a deep learning application in an E&P project
- Common challenges, difficulties, and pitfalls in deep learning projects
- Software tools and hardware required + Cloud computing vs in-house solutions.
- Application to Geophysics and Geology: automatic fault identification with a DNN (live)
- Application to Production Engineering: detecting oil & gas opportunities with a DNN (live)
- Conclusion - Key learnings

### Participants' Profile

The course is designed for geoscientists, petroleum engineers, and petrophysicists from new ventures/basin, exploration, and development & production disciplines - from early career to senior, working in oil & gas companies or service companies.



### About the Instructor

Dr. Bernard Montaron is CEO of Frainwork SAS, Paris, France, and CTO of Cenozai Sdn Bhd, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Two start-ups, created in mid-2017, that are specialized in the application of Artificial Intelligence to various domains, and provide services to oil and gas companies for exploration and production. In 2015-2017 he was Chief Geoscientist of BeicipTecsol in Kuala Lumpur. Prior to this, Bernard Montaron worked 30 years for Schlumberger where he held a number of positions in R&D and Marketing. He has worked for the oil and gas industry in Europe, in the United States, in the Middle East, in China, and Malaysia. Bernard was

General Manager of the Schlumberger Riboud Product Center in Paris - Clamart, France (2002-2003) and he was VP Marketing of Schlumberger Middle East and Schlumberger Europe-Africa-Russia regions (2000-2001). Bernard holds a MSc degree in Physics from ESPCI, Paris, France, and a PhD in Mathematics from University Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris, France. He also has a Machine Learning certificate from Andrew Ng's course (Stanford Univ./Coursera). Bernard Montaron received the best oral presentation award at the APGCE 2017 conference for his paper on "Deep Learning Technology for Pattern Recognition in Seismic Data – A Practical Approach".



## Data Science for Geoscience

CASE STUDY | CLIMATE | CORRELATION | CROSS-PLOTTING | DECOMPOSITION | DEPOSITS  
 EARTHQUAKE | ENVIRONMENTAL | EXTRAPOLATION | FACIES | FLOODING | FOURIER  
 GEOSTATISTICS | GROUNDWATER | MODELING | UNCERTAINTY

Instructor:	Prof. Dr Jef Caers (Stanford University, USA)
Duration:	2 days
CPD Points:	10
Language:	English
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

This course provides an overview of the most relevant areas of data science to address geoscientific challenges and questions as they pertain to the environment, earth resources & hazards. The focus lies on the methods that treat common characters of geoscientific data: multivariate, multi-scale, compositional, geospatial and space-time. In addition, the course will treat those statistical method that allow a quantification of the “human dimension” by looking at quantifying impact on humans (e.g. hazards, contamination) and how humans impact the environment (e.g. contamination, land use). The course focuses on developing skills that are not covered in traditional statistics and machine learning courses.

The material aims at exposure and application over in-depth methodological or theoretical development. Data science areas covered are: extreme value statistics, multi-variate analysis, factor analysis, compositional data analysis, spatial information aggregation, spatial analysis and estimation, geostatistics and spatial uncertainty, treating data of different scales of observation, spatio-temporal modeling. The focus lies on developing practical skills on real data sets, executing software and interpreting results.

### Course Objectives

The objectives of this course are to:

- Discover fields of data science typically not covered in traditional courses
- Identify a combination of data science methods to address a specific geoscientific question or challenge whether related to the environment, earth resources or hazard, and its impact on humans
- Use statistical software on real datasets and communicate the results to a non-expert audience

### Course Outline

Part I: Extremes

- Statistical analysis of skew data
- Extreme value statistics
- Applications: size and magnitude distributions (volcanoes, diamonds, earthquakes), extreme flooding, weather, climate.

Part II Compositions

- Compositional data analysis
- Applications: geochemical data in Earth Resources

Part III Causality

- Multivariate analysis of compositional data
- Application: pollution, water quality, anomaly detection, Earth Resources prospecting.

Part IV Geospatial analysis

- Bayesian Aggregation of geospatial information
- Weights of Evidence method
- Logistic regression

Part V spatial uncertainty

- Spatial analysis, geostatistics & spatial uncertainty
- Application: interpolating remote sensing data, pollution data, groundwater/reservoir modeling
- Variogram Analysis
- Kriging
- Multiple-point geostatistics

### Participants' Profile

Geoscientists and geo-engineers who wish to expand their knowledge on data scientific methods specifically applicable to earth science type data sets: skew data, compositional/multivariate, spatio-temporal.





### Recommended Reading

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Härdle, W., & Simar, L. (2003). Applied multivariate statistical analysis. Berlin: Springer.

James, G., Witten, D., Hastie, T., & Tibshirani, R. (2013). An introduction to statistical learning. New York: Springer.

#### About the Instructor

Jef Caers received both an MSc ('93) in mining engineering / geophysics and a PhD ('97) in engineering from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium. Currently, he is Professor of Geological Sciences (since 2015) and previously Professor of Energy Resources Engineering at Stanford University, California, USA. He is also

director of the Stanford Center for Earth Resources Forecasting, an industrial affiliates program in decision making under uncertainty with ~20 partners from the Earth Resources Industry. Dr. Caers' research interests are quantifying uncertainty and risk in the exploration and exploitation of Earth Resources. Jef Caers has published in a diverse range of journals covering Mathematics, Statistics, Geological Sciences, Geophysics, Engineering and Computer Science. He was awarded the Vistelius award by the IAMG in 2001, was Editor-in-Chief of Computers and Geosciences (2010-2015). Dr. Caers has received several best paper awards and written four books entitled "Petroleum Geostatistics" (SPE, 2005) "Modeling Uncertainty in the Earth Sciences" (Wiley-Blackwell, 2011), "Multiple-point Geostatistics: stochastic modeling with training images" (Wiley-Blackwell, 2015) and "Quantifying Uncertainty in Subsurface Systems" (Wiley-Blackwell, 2018). Dr. Caers was awarded the 2014 Krumbein Medal of the IAMG for his career achievement.



# Machine Learning for Geoscientists with Hands-on Coding

CASE STUDY DATA SCIENCE FACIES CLASSIFICATION FAULT DETECTION  
MACHINE LEARNING ROCK PHYSICS WELLS

Instructor:	Dr Ehsan Naeini (Earth Science Analytics, United Kingdom)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:	English
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

Machine learning has been around for decades or, depending on your view, centuries. By applying machine learning to our workflows, e.g. petrophysics, rock physics, seismic processing and reservoir characterization, we can bring speed, efficiency and consistency over traditional methods of data analysis. In addition, we can implement a range of machine learning techniques together with optimization algorithms and statistics to identify new patterns and relationships in multi-dimensional datasets. This has the potential to enhance our quantification and strengthen our interpretation of the subsurface; ultimately leading to a more accurate predictive outcome.

In this course we attempt to layout the reality of artificial intelligence, machine learning, deep learning and big data. We cover the basic principles of machine learning and some of the most widely used algorithms. We continue by explaining a workflow for implementing a typical machine learning application in practice and to quality control and interpret the outcomes. Following this we shift focus to Geoscience and show various examples in which machine learning algorithms have been implemented for well- and/or seismic-based applications. Given the hands-on coding nature of this course, trainees will code up a classification and a regression algorithm for lithology/facies and well log prediction correspondingly. Throughout these exercises the trainees will become familiar with the flexibility of coding machine learning in Python (although we do not intend to teach Python in details in this course) as well as familiarization with publicly available python libraries for machine learning and analytics. The course is for entry level practitioners and involves hands-on coding, hence having some Python skills is an advantage but not essential.

### Course Objectives

1. Use python;
2. Understand various machine learning algorithms, concepts and terminologies;
3. Capable of analyzing data in big scales;
4. QC for machine learning applications;
5. Extend their newly learned knowledge to their day to day practice and implement their own ideas.

### Course Outline

1. Introduction;
2. Machine Learning Principles;
3. Machine Learning in Practice;
4. Exercise 1: ML for classification;
5. Exercise 2: ML for regression.

### Participants' Profile

The course is designed for basically everyone.

### Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites, but basic Python knowledge can be useful.

### About the Instructor

Ehsan Naeini is a Geoscience researcher and practitioner with more than 13 years' industry experience, particularly in seismic inversion, processing, computational and data science.

He has an MSc and PhD in Geophysics (Exploration Seismology) from the University of Tehran and a BSc in Physics from the University of Isfahan. Whilst studying for his PhD, Ehsan was a lecturer in Geophysics at the University of Isfahan.

Ehsan is the Chief Product Officer at Earth Science Analytics and is leading the development of EarthNET, a petroleum geoscience platform based and AI, machine learning and cloud technology while working at the intersection of sales, marketing, client support and service project execution. Prior to joining Earth Science Analytics, Ehsan was VP Research & Development at Ikon Science. He has also been research geophysicist and senior researcher at CGG.

He has taught ML courses to various groupings sponsored by AAPG, SEG, Royal Geological Society and at Mines.



## Introduction to Machine Learning (ML) for Geophysics

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CLASSIFICATION CLUSTERING DEEP LEARNING  
MACHINE LEARNING NON-LINEAR REGRESSION

Instructor:	Dr Jaap C. Mondt (Breakaway, Netherlands)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:	English
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

Business context

More and more Machine Learning (ML) will play a role not only in society in general but also in the geosciences. ML resorts under the overall heading of Artificial Intelligence. In this domain often the word “Algorithms” is used to indicate that computer algorithms are used to obtain results. Also, “Big Data” is often mentioned, indicating that these algorithms need an enormous amount of input data to produce useful results.

Many scientists mention “Let the data speak for itself” when referring to machine learning, indicating that hidden or latent relationships between observations and classes of (desired) outcomes can be derived using these algorithms. A clear example is in the field of Quantitative Interpretation. For clastics we have a reasonable understanding in which cases known rock properties expressed in equations can be used to predict say pore fluids. But for carbonates it is often an enigma and we have to resort to statistical relationships. Then ML enters into the game. If we have many wells with known drilling results, the algorithms can derive non-linear relationships between seismic observations and the known well results (supervised learning). But sometimes it is already useful if an algorithm can define separate classes (say seismic facies), which then still need to be interpreted (unsupervised learning).

### The course

The aim of this 1-day course is to introduce how Machine Learning (ML) is used in geophysical applications. It will give an understanding of the “workflows” used in ML. The used algorithms can be studied separately using references. Power-point presentations will introduce various aspects of ML, but the emphasis is on computer-based exercises using open-source software. The course concerns a genuine geophysical issue: predicting lithology and pore fluids, including fluid saturations. The input data are Acoustic and Shear Impedances,  $V_p/V_s$  ratios and AVA Intercept and Gradients. The exercises deal with preconditioning the datasets (balancing the input classes, standardization & normalization of data) and applying several methods to classify the data: Bayes, Logistic, Multilayer Perceptron, Support Vector, Nearest Neighbour, AdaBoost, Trees. This for supervised as well as unsupervised applications. Non-linear Regression is used to predict fluid saturations.

### Course Objectives

The objectives of this course are to:

1. Have a good understanding on how and when ML can be applied effectively in the geosciences;
2. Realize the workflows that can be used in ML;
3. Solve the main issue of ML, namely choosing the appropriate algorithm and its parameters.

### Participants’ Profile

This course is meant for all those who are interested in understanding the impact Machine Learning will have on the Geosciences and then specifically the impact on seismic and non-seismic data acquisition, processing and interpretation. Hence, geologists, geophysicists and petroleum and reservoir engineers, involved in exploration and development of hydrocarbon fields, but also those working in shallow-surface geophysics.

### About the Instructor

Jaap Mondt has a Bachelor’s degree in Geology (University of Leiden) and a Master’s degree in Geophysics (University of Utrecht), PhD in Utrecht on “Full wave theory and the structure of the lower mantle”. He then joined Shell Research to develop methods for Quantitative Interpretation. Subsequently worked in Shell Expro in London where he was actively involved in acquiring, processing and interpreting Offshore Well Seismic data. After his return to The Netherlands he headed a team for the development of 3D interpretation methods using multi-attribute statistical and pattern recognition methods. After a period of Quality Assurance of “Contractor” software for seismic processing, he became responsible for Geophysics in the Shell Learning Centre. During that time, Mondt was also part-time professor in Applied Geophysics at the University of Utrecht. From 2001 till 2005 worked on the development of Potential Field Methods (Gravity, Magnetics) for detecting oil and gas. Finally, became a champion on the use of EM methods and became involved in designing acquisition, processing and interpretation methods for Marine Controlled Source EM (CSEM). After retirement he founded Breakaway, providing courses on acquisition, processing and interpretation of geophysical data (seismic, gravity, magnetic and electromagnetic data).

In the last couple of years, he developed a keen interest in the use of Machine Learning for Geophysical Applications and developed a practical Machine Learning course for Geophysicists and Interpreters.



# Engineering

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## Basic Well Test Analysis

**BASIN ANALYSIS** **CASE STUDY** **CLAY** **CORE** **CORRELATION** **CROSS-PLOTTING**  
**DECISION MAKING** **DECONVOLUTION** **FRACTURES** **HORIZONTAL WELLS** **HYDRATES** **INJECTION**  
**PERMEABILITY** **PRODUCTION** **WORKFLOWS**

Instructor:	Mr Saad Ibrahim (Petro Management Group Ltd., Canada)
Duration:	2 days
CPD Points:	10
Language:	English
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

Well testing of oil, gas, and water wells is the technology that has been effectively used since the start of the oil business over century ago. Well test analysis/interpretation is considered one of the most effective reservoir management tool to help in maximizing well productivity, enhance the expected ultimate recovery of hydrocarbons, and also in devising the fields development plans. This courses offers the foundation of this techniques which covers the theory in a concise fashion and the emphases is on the practical applications using numerous actual well tests data and the application of the analysis results (using commercial software) for field development.

### Course Objectives

1. Provide good understanding of what goes on inside the black box (software) before starting well testing.
2. Provide appreciation of well test design before commencing with testing to ensure conclusive results are obtained.
3. Offering step-by-step on how to analyze various types of well testing with emphasis on understanding data quality
4. Well test analysis is a mix of science and art which is foundation of well test interpretation

### Course Outline

- Review of the flow equations: Equation of state, Darcy and continuity equation; Common flow geometry
- Dimensionless parameters: definitions and Type Curve use/applications
- Boundary conditions: infinite, Pseudo- steady state and steady state
- Solution of the diffusivity equation: (class problem)
- Build-up test analysis: Principle of Superposition, Horner Plot; average reservoir pressure (MBH) method (class problem); Reservoir boundaries and channel analysis
- Wellbore skin factor and partial penetration (class problem)
- Wellbore storage: use of type curves and (class problem)
- Draw-down testing: Application and test analysis and equivalent time; Reservoir Limit Testing (case study - fractured basement)
- Hydraulically fractured wells
- Fracture characterization (frac. Half-length, conductivity and orientation)

### Participants' Profile

Engineers and geologists who are or will get involved in well testing and its applications for field development. All levels are welcome

### Prerequisites

Some background in reservoir and production engineering will be helpful.

### About the Instructor

Mr. Saad Ibrahim, P.Eng., an independent consultant and president of Petro Management Group Ltd., established in Calgary (1994). Graduated from the University of Alexandria (Egypt) with B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering in 1973. He also completed a post-graduate program with the University of Calgary, Canada, in Chemical and petroleum engineering in 1983.

Mr. Ibrahim has over 35 years of reservoir/production engineering experience in Western Canada (with Amoco, BP and Husky) and internationally in Yemen (with Nexen Petroleum International Ltd.), Algeria, Libya, Tanzania, Iraq, Egypt, Turkey, Venezuela, Argentina, Ecuador, Peru, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan. The focus of Mr. Ibrahim's experience lies in the area of reservoir management and well-test planning/analysis.

Mr. Ibrahim has lectured regularly for the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE), in Calgary, Moscow and Muscat (Oman). Also Mr. Ibrahim has offered numerous public and in-house training course worldwide. Mr. Ibrahim published recently a technical paper titled "Performance Evaluation of Multi-stage Frac of Horizontal Wells MFHW's", for the Oil and Gas Expo & Conference in Calgary – June 2011. Mr. Ibrahim was on the Reserve Panel of the 4th International Conference in Calgary on Horizontal Well Technology. Mr. Ibrahim is a member with the APEGA and SPE.



## Introduction to Heavy Oil: Genesis, Properties, Distribution, Recovery Technologies and Upgrading

GEOMECHANICS HEAVY OIL OFFSHORE VISCOUS OIL

Instructor:	Dr Ali Shafiei (Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:	English
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

The course explores heavy oil, extra heavy oil, and bitumen, also known as viscous oil (VO), resource development including its genesis, physical and chemical properties, resources, reserves, geographical distribution, production, transport, upgrading, refining, future technology developments, and environmental impacts. There are over 9 trillion barrels of heavy oil, extra heavy oil, and bitumen oil known to exist in the world. By comparison, originally there were about 4.7 trillion barrels of conventional oil of which almost 1.2 trillion barrels have been processed to date. Canada and Venezuela alone possess over 30% of the world endowment. Since 1990 the VO in situ production industry has seen a number of startling advances. New production technologies, combined with developments in waste management, upgrading, monitoring and transportation have changed expectations. Now, it is a widely held view that 15-20% of the world's VO resource base can be profitably produced with current technology; this ratio will rise as further technological advances are implemented. By 2030, VO's contribution to the daily oil production will be about 17%. These figures show the importance of VO developments in the near future to fulfill a major part of the growing global demand for fossil fuels.

A summary of the main topics along with a brief description of the viscous oil resource, its size, production technology advances during the last few decades and environmental issues related to development of this vast resource. The terminology used herein, including terms alluding to VO physical properties (e.g. tar sands, heavy oil, extra-heavy oil, bitumen) and terms used to classify VO into categories such as known or assumed resources (OOIP), technical reserves, and proven, probable or possible reserves are defined. Chemical composition and physical properties play crucial roles in production technology selection as well as upgrading and refining technology selection. Chemical and physical properties of some VO's are presented and the differences are discussed. Some of the proposed mechanisms for VO emplacement, followed by the genesis, physical and chemical properties and reservoir characteristics of the some major VO fields in several countries are outlined. The nature and development of different in situ production technologies including scientific and engineering challenges such as understanding geomechanics impacts on production or finding other heat sources for steam generation are addressed. Upgrading, refining techniques and transportation used in the VO industry is also highlighted. The environmental sustainability of VO development is also discussed.

### Course Objectives

Upon successful completion of the course the attendants will be able to:

- Describe genesis, physical, and chemical characteristics, and geographical distribution of heavy oil resources around the world;
- Explain the major commercialized and emerging heavy oil recovery technologies;
- Recall some examples of heavy oil recovery operations;
- Describe major heavy oil upgrading technologies.

### Course Outline

This course deals with:

- Genesis, physical, and chemical characteristics;
- Geographical distribution of heavy oil resources around the world;
- Major heavy oil recovery technologies and recovery mechanisms;
- Geomechanics effects;
- Examples of heavy oil recovery operations;
- Heavy oil upgrading technologies;
- Environmental issues;
- Technological challenges.

The course has foundation level, but is comprehensive. A more detailed outline can be provided on request (depending on level and duration of the course and also background of the course participants). The course can be delivered in 1-2 days or in 4-7 days with more details including problem solving sessions.

### Participants' Profile

The course is intended for engineers, geoscientists, and technologists active in E&P industry involved in exploration, production, transportation, upgrading and environmental management.

### Prerequisites

Knowledge of the oil industry and a good sense of physics and chemistry will be valuable.



### About the Instructor

Dr Ali Shafiei is currently an Assistant Professor of Petroleum Engineering in Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan. He obtained his PhD (March 2013) in “Thermal Heavy Oil Recovery and Petroleum Reservoir Geomechanics” from the University of Waterloo in Canada with a dissertation on: “Mathematical and Statistical Investigation of Steamflooding in Naturally Fractured Carbonate Heavy Oil Reservoirs”. The focus of his PhD research project was on developing mathematical and statistical tools to predict performance of steamflooding in naturally fractured heavy oil reservoirs as one of the very challenging classes of reservoirs in terms of reservoir behavior considering the complex production mechanisms involved and the interaction between the rock matrix and the fracture network. Shafiei is a specialist in reservoir characterization and formation eval-

uation, heavy oil recovery from complex reservoir systems, EOR, and petroleum geomechanics. Shafiei has over a decade of Canadian and international research, graduate supervision, teaching, training, and consulting/industry experience in the E&P industry. He was a scientific adviser to the Alberta Department of Energy (Alberta, Canada) in 2014 served as a member of the Innovative Energy Technology Program (IETP 2014) to review progress reports on various full field scale trials that the Alberta DoE was involved with various oil and gas companies in Canada on heavy oil recovery and geological CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration. He is also a long time active member of the EAGE, SPE, and AAPG. As of today, Shafiei’s professional and academic experience has resulted in over 40 refereed journal papers, vetted conference proceedings, chapters in books and monographs in petroleum geosciences and engineering and reservoir geomechanics.



## Petroleum Engineering for Non-engineers

2D, 3D AND 4D CASE STUDY DECISION MAKING DRILLING ECONOMICS FAULTS  
 FLOODING FLUID GEOPHONES HORIZONTAL WELLS INJECTION LITHOLOGY MARINE SEISMIC  
 MONITORING MWD OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS RESERVOIR CHARACTERIZATION  
 RESERVOIR ENGINEERING RESERVOIR MODELING SANDSTONE SHALE TIME-LAPSE

Instructor:	Mr Saad Ibrahim (Petro Management Group Ltd., Calgary, Canada)
Duration:	2 days
CPD Points:	10
Language:	English
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

This course is designed to provide non-engineering petroleum industry technical professionals with a thorough overview of most key aspects of petroleum engineering technology and its applications for upstream, midstream, and downstream stages. Surprisingly, nearly 70% of the staff of the oil companies are non-engineers (support staff) that have limited knowledge of what goes on the operation of exploration, development, and production. The course will allow the support staff to understand the tasks performed by the engineers and how to improve cooperation and efficiency of the operation.

The course addresses engineering issues ranging from initial involvement with explorationists, discovery evaluation and field development, production optimization, and all the aspects of well drilling. The use of seismic survey in the exploration stage will be explained how to locate oil and gas prospects and estimate expected reserves. The step-by-step process of drilling a well is discussed for onshore and offshore operations. The sessions will focus on relevant and practical issues; including real case studies and presenting video clips to illustrate the process of decision making and the risks involved in each operational step. The impact of drilling for oil and gas and hydraulic fracturing on the environment and to mitigate risks will be discussed, which has been a concern in many parts of the world. A group discussion on this subject is usually of great interest to the attendees. During the production history of oil and gas fields, operational problems are frequently expected. It is the responsibility of the engineers to use proper diagnostic tools to define the cause of the problems and to devise the remedial actions. The application of horizontal wells including Multi-stage Fracturing and the latest industry techniques of applications will be illustrated. Another tool to maximize production is the use of artificial lift (down-hole pumps). A review of the different methods of artificial methods and applications will be discussed. Also, the techniques of Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) will be discussed, including the screening of various EOR schemes and how it will be executed. The cost and benefits for EOR applications will be discussed. Well and field decommissioning, when operation is no longer profitable and described for onshore and offshore. It is critical that no negative impact on the environment as a result of decommissioning. Finally, the process of economic evaluation is discussed including related risks (technical, economical, and political) and uncertainty for various projects.

### Course Objectives

Upon successful completion of the course the attendants will have learned:

- About an overview of the industry and how the roles of different professional disciplines are integrated to generate development plans
- How a well is drilled and completed to have safe operation and well control
- About production problems; diagnoses and remedy
- About economic evaluation to justify field development

### Course Outline

Day 1:

- Overview; role of petroleum engineers and the main components of field development
- Reservoir Geology
  - Types of reservoir rocks
  - Main elements of petroleum reservoirs
- The Drilling Rig; equipment and operation (onshore and offshore)
- Video clip
  - Well completion techniques including Hz wells
  - Formation evaluation techniques
    - Mud logging, coring, and open hole logging
    - Rock and fluid properties

Day 2:

- Porosity and permeability definitions & measurements and fluid sampling
- Oil and gas reserves determination
  - Volumetric and material balance methods
  - Decline analysis and empirical methods
- Reservoir delineation & development
  - Field development considerations (case study)
  - Types and applications of artificial lift
  - Horizontal well applications
- Production operations and optimization
  - Well performance and well testing (video clips)
  - Operational problems; diagnoses and remedy
- Enhanced Recovery Mechanism
  - Types of EOR schemes (video clips)
  - Planning and designing of waterflood projects
- Unconventional Oil and Gas





- Tight formations and the application of Multi-stage Frac of Horizontal Wells (MFHW's) – video clips
- Decommissioning and Related Environmental Matters
- How wells are abandoned; on-shore and off-shore
- Case studies/video clips
- Economic evaluation
- Input data for economic analysis; risks and uncertainty

#### **Participants' Profile**

This course is aimed at non-engineering professionals and most support staff involved in the oil industry and also for junior exploitation engineers/technologists, and geologists.

#### **Prerequisites**

No prerequisites are required.

#### **About the Instructor**

Mr. Saad Ibrahim, P.Eng., an independent consultant and president of Petro Management Group Ltd., established in Calgary (1994). Graduated from the University of Alexandria (Egypt) with B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering in 1973. He also completed a post-graduate program with the University of Calgary, Canada, in Chemical and petroleum engineering in 1983.

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## Value of Information in the Earth Sciences

DECISION MAKING GEOSTATISTICS INVERSION MODELING MONITORING NOISE  
RESERVOIR CHARACTERIZATION ROCK PHYSICS SEISMIC ATTRIBUTES SENSORS  
SIGNAL PROCESSING UNCERTAINTY

Instructor:	Prof. Jo Eidsvik (Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway)
Duration:	1 to 2 days
CPD Points:	5 to 10
Language:	English
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

We constantly use information to make decisions about utilizing and managing natural resources. How can we quantitatively analyze and evaluate different information sources in the Earth sciences? What is the value of data and how much data is enough?

The purpose of the course is to give participants an understanding of the multidisciplinary concepts required for conducting value of information analysis in the Earth sciences. The value of information is computed before purchasing data. It is used to check if data is worth its price, and for comparing various experiments.

The course will outline multivariate and spatial statistical models and methods (Bayesian networks, Markov models, Gaussian processes, Multiple point geostatistics), and concepts from decision analysis (decision trees, influence diagrams), and then integrate spatial statistical modeling, geomodeling and decision analysis for the evaluation of spatial information gathering schemes.

Unlike the traditional value of information analysis, this course focuses on the spatial elements in alternatives, uncertainties and data. A coherent approach must account for these spatial elements, and clearly frame the decision situation - we demonstrate a workflow for consistent integration and apply this in a series of examples. In this course we discuss and show examples of the value of imperfect versus perfect information, where the likelihood model of geophysical measurements is less accurate. We also discuss the value of total versus partial information, where only a subset of the data are acquired.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Frame a spatial decision situation with alternatives, experiments and spatial geomodelling;
- Use a workflow to conduct value of information analysis in spatial situations;
- Interpret and compare the value of information of different spatial experiments.

### Course Outline

- Motivation for value of information analysis in the Earth sciences;
- Decision analysis and the value of information;
  - decision making under uncertainty, value functions, utility, decision trees, influence diagrams, value of perfect information, value of imperfect information
  - run simple demo example / project on computer
- Statistical modeling and spatial modeling;

- Bayesian networks, Markov models, Gaussian processes, non-Gaussian spatial processes. An important element here is conditioning to data (Bayes rule) and the spatial design of experiments, which will be important for the value of information analysis later

- run demo / project on computer
- Value of information analysis for spatial models;
  - Framing of spatial decision situations and opportunities for spatial data gathering
  - Partial and total spatial information / imperfect and perfect spatial information
  - Coupled or decoupled spatial value function
  - Develop a workflow for value of information analysis in spatial applications
  - run demo / projects on computer
- Examples of value of information analysis in basin and petroleum systems modeling, and exploration drilling;
  - Description of decision situations, statistical modeling, data gathering
  - Run demo / project on computer
- \* Examples of value of information analysis in reservoir characterization, and seismic and electromagnetic data modeling;
  - Description of decision situations, statistical modeling, data gathering
  - Run demo / project on computer
- Examples of value of information analysis in mining and / or groundwater applications, and relevant data modeling;
  - Description of decision situations, statistical modeling, data gathering
  - Run demo / project on computer

### Participants' Profile

The course is designed for students, researchers and industry professionals in the Earth and environmental sciences who has interests in applied statistics and /or decision analysis techniques, and in particular to those working in petroleum, mining or environmental geoscience applications.

Participants should have knowledge of basic probability and statistics, and mathematical calculus. Although it is not essential, it helps to know basic multivariate analysis and decision analysis or optimization. The participant must be willing learn statistical topics and earth science applications, and appreciate the multidisciplinary approach to solving quantitative challenges.



### About the Instructor

Jo Eidsvik is Professor of Statistics at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Norway. He has a MSc in applied mathematics from the University of Oslo (1997) and a PhD in Statistics from NTNU (2003). He has industry work experience from the Norwegian Defense Research Establishment (1998-1999) and from Equinor (2003-2006). He has been a visiting professor at the Statistics and applied mathematical sciences institute (SAMSI) in 2009-2010 and at Stanford University in 2014-2015.

Eidsvik has teaching experience in a variety of statistics courses at the university level, including Statistics, Probability, Applied regression analysis, Stochastic processes, Spatial statistics, Computational statistics.

He has been head of the graduate study program in Industrial Mathematics (~50 students every year), and he is currently head of the undergraduate program in physics and mathematics (~100 students every year). He has supervised 27 MSc students and 3 PhD students (currently supervising 2 more MSc and 4 more PhD). He has written about 40 papers in statistical and earth sciences journals.



## Uncertainty in Reservoir Management

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Instructor:	Prof. Peter King (Imperial College London, United Kingdom)
Duration:	2 days
CPD Points:	10
Language:	English
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

The course will provide an introduction into many of the concepts behind uncertainty in reservoir modelling. It will start with a description of the origins of uncertainty with a mixture of heuristic treatments and more formal mathematical approaches. It will then develop the appropriate mathematical ideas and tools for estimating uncertainty in practical reservoir modelling. Finally, some ideas for how uncertainty can be managed will be explored.

### Course Objectives

The aim of this course is to provide some of the basic statistical tools for quantifying uncertainty and some simple strategies for dealing with it.

### Course Outline

The course will be given by formal lectures and some simple exercises.

### Participants' Profile

The course is primarily addressed to reservoir engineers involved in building reservoir models but could also be of interest to production engineers who have to deal with the consequences of uncertainty in reservoir performance.

### About the Instructor

After completing a PhD in theoretical statistical physics from Cambridge University in 1982 Professor Peter King spent 17 years with BP at their technology centre in Sunbury-on-Thames where he worked on a wide variety of subjects applying methods of mathematical physics to reservoir characterisation and modelling. In particular he developed a real space renormalisation approach to both single and two phase upscaling. In collaboration with the members of the Department of Physics at Boston University he has used percolation theory to estimate connectivity of sands as well as uncertainties in production from low to intermediate net-to-gross systems. He had also developed network models of pore scale flow and viscous fingering, object based methods for characterising reservoir heterogeneities. Again in conjunction with Boston University he worked on segregation in avalanches in granular materials as an explanation for the formation of crossbeds in Aeolian systems. Recently he has worked on applying stochastic search algorithms (simulated annealing and genetic algorithms) to optimising business decisions with particular interest to decision making in the presence of uncertainty. He joined the Department of Earth Science & Engineering at Imperial College in 2000. Professor King is a Fellow of both the Institute of Physics and the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications (having served on its Governing Council from 1991-1994).



## Reservoir Management for Unconventional Oil and Gas Resources

ANISOTROPY FRACTURES GEOCHEMISTRY RESERVOIR MODELING SHALE UNCONVENTIONAL

Instructor:	Prof. I. Yucel Akkutlu (Texas A&M University)
Duration:	2 to 3 days
CPD Points:	10 to 15
Language:	English
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

The field of reservoir characterization and engineering has been evolving quite fast during the last 10 years. This has been due to increasing interest in the unconventional resources in North America. New tools and analysis techniques have been developed. This course introduces unconventional oil and gas resources as a reservoir to the practicing engineers. The emphasis is on the tight gas/oil formations and organic-rich source rocks, in particular shale.

The course provides in-depth discussions on fluids storage, phase change, and transport for reservoir evaluation and development. New discussions related to nano-confined fluids will be included, new reservoir storage mechanisms as sorbed gas and capillary-condensed fluids will be introduced. Hydrocarbon in-place calculations are presented, including new-pore-scale considerations. A new method is introduced to assess the liquid potential of the source rocks.

Laboratory techniques are discussed for the characterization of unconventional formations. The course will help engineers understand transient flow regimes associated with horizontal wells completed with hydraulic fractures, and analyze the production data using various analytical and simulation methods.

A new production history-matching and optimization method will be introduced using a real shale gas well production data. Field case studies will be introduced to discuss the field development including economic and environmental evaluation of horizontal wells with multi-stage fracturing.

Environmental considerations during the development of an unconventional field will be discussed including issues related to ground-water protection. The need for the utilization of large volumes of water for drilling and hydraulic fracturing will be discussed. Waste water disposal operations in USA and the induced seismicity will be discussed.

The course helps students understand the unconventional reservoir physics and improve their business performance by developing more accurate reservoir models.

### Course Objectives

The aim of this course is to:

1. Assess, characterize and classify unconventional resources;
2. Predict the petro-physical and geochemical quantities relevant to unconventional resources assessment;
3. Predict hydrocarbon in-place including gas, wet-gas, condensate and oil windows;
4. Evaluate the relative accuracies of unconventional reserve estimates;

5. Perform rate-transient and pressure transient analysis for horizontal wells with hydraulic fractures and predict effective fracture dimensions contributing to production;
6. Formulate a field development plan for an unconventional resources.

### Course Outline

#### Introduction

- Unconventional oil and gas resources: Tight gas/oil and source rock (CBM, organic-rich shale) characteristics;
- Unconventional resources in North America, their oil/gas production trends and reserves;
- What is shale, and what makes shale a hydrocarbon resource?;
- Resource-reservoir duality and the concept of reservoir creation.

#### Fundamentals

- Source rock burial, diagenesis, catagenesis;
- Multi-scale pore structure development in source rocks;
- Effective porosity in unconventional resources;
- Multi-scale oil/gas storage mechanisms in shale;
- Occurrences of hydrocarbons in organic and inorganic pore networks in source rocks;
- Phase change and capillarity in organic nanopores;
- Volumetric calculations for shale: gas, wet-gas, condensate and oil;
- Material balance calculations for source rocks;
- Flow and other mass transport mechanisms for shale gas and oil reservoirs;
- Stress-dependent shale permeability and its modeling;
- Flow calculations for shale using Wasaki's permeability model for organic-rich shale;
- Multi-phase flow considerations in source rocks.

#### Reservoir Evaluation and Characterization for Unconventional Resources

- Routine core analysis;
- Special core analysis;
- Organic matter classification: bitumen vs. kerogen;
- Kerogen type and maturity;
- Hydrocarbons recovery potential from kerogen;
- Integration of core-data and log-data
  - TOC estimation
  - Free and sorbed-phase fraction analysis;
- Examples on shale core measurement data and analysis;
- Exercise on predicting shale gas and shale oil permeability;



#### Pre-frac Injection Test

- Pressure fall-off (or DFIT) Test Analysis and Interpretation;
  - Typical pressure transient and its signatures;
  - Breakdown pressure, instantaneous shut-in pressure, fracture closure pressure;
  - Analysis of the pressure fall-off data for flow capacity, leak-off type and presence of fractures;
- Example calculation of the breakdown pressure;
- Example calculation of the overburden stress using Eaton's equation.

#### Geomechanics

- Fracture evolution in ductile and brittle formations;
- Griffith's theory of brittle rock failure;
- Laboratory measurements;
- Stress-strain diagrams;
- Popular geo-mechanical concepts for stimulation decisions;
- Example decision making on vertical locations for perforations in cased-cemented hole;
- Exercise calculation of the four elastic moduli using uniaxial test data.

#### Transient Flow Regimes and Production Analysis

- Reservoir flow regimes and flow patterns;
- Pressure evolution during transient flow;
- Production rate transient signatures in flow patterns:
  - Vertical wells with hydraulic fracture
  - Horizontal wells with and without hydraulic fracture
  - Horizontal well with multiple hydraulic fractures;
- Production rate transient analysis (RTA) methods

#### Type-curves

- Straight line methods,  $A\sqrt{k}$  method
- Flow simulation requirements for the unconventional reservoirs
- Empirical methods, e.g., Arps, Duong, stretched exponential decline;
- Total fracture surface area calculation using RTA with dynamic matrix permeability;
- Workflow for engineering analysis of horizontal wells with hydraulic fractures;
- Example type-curve analysis.

#### Unconventional Field Case Studies

- Single-well fracture interference study using Barnett data;
- Single well fracture surface area calculations using RTA;
- History-matching Marcellus shale gas well
  - Impact of the number of transverse fractures on future recovery;
- History-matching Eagle Ford shale gas well;
- History-matching Bakken shale oil well;
- A shale gas well completion optimization
  - Procedure of calculating hydraulic fracture economics: NPV, IRR, DROI
  - Number of fracture stages/clusters
  - Transverse fracture spacing
  - Fracture propped-length;
- A tight gas field case study in Canada.

#### Participants' Profile

The course is designed for reservoir engineers and earth scientists who would like to learn the unconventional reservoir engineering concepts, terminology and analysis tools.

Participants should have a geology, geophysics, or petroleum engineering background.

#### About the Instructor

Yucel Akkutlu is Rob L. Adams '40 Professor in Petroleum Engineering and William Keeler faculty fellow at Texas A&M University in USA. He is a chemical engineer and received Ph.D. in petroleum engineering from the University of Southern California. He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in reservoir engineering and petrophysics, and has chaired more than 40 graduate-level committees. His research focuses on characterization and exploitation of unconventional oil and gas resources and on oilfield chemistry with application on IOR/EOR. He has written more than 100 peer-reviewed journal articles and conference proceedings, six book chapters, and has three patents. He is the author of "Nano-confined Petroleum Recovery from Source Rocks," which will be published in 2020. He has received over \$3 million in external research funding from sources such as the Department of Energy and unconventional oil and gas industry. He is a distinguished member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE). He was executive editor of the SPE Journal 2013-2016. He was 2014-15 SPE distinguished lecturer. He has received 2017 TAMU-Association of Former Students teaching award, 2016 TAMU-Association of Former Students distinguished achievement award, and 2015 AIME Rossiter W. Raymond memorial award. Akkutlu served in various SPE, EAGE, and NSERC (Canada) committees.



## Fundamentals and Practical Applications of SPE-PRMS for Conventional and Unconventional Reservoirs

CASH FLOW ANALYSIS ECONOMICS PRMS RESERVOIR ENGINEERING  
RISK ANALYSIS UNCERTAINTY

Instructor:	Mr Victor Alexei Huerta Quiñones (Universidad Nacional de Ingeniería, Lima, Peru)
Duration:	2 to 3 days
CPD Points:	10 to 15
Language:s	English, Spanish
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

This course allows an in-depth look at the framework, classifications, categorization and applications of SPE's Petroleum Resources Management System (PRMS). Participants will gain a solid understanding of this valuable resources management tool, including insight into the latest updated version (PRMS 2018), as well as, the use of some indicators to reserves management.

In addition, this course will provide training in production forecasting and reserves estimation for conventional and unconventional reservoirs, by diverse methods such as field and reservoir analogy, volumetric estimations, material balance equation and rapidly applied decline models favored by the industry for routine forecasting. Recommended methodology will be based on the resolution of some case studies with different modeling techniques, under a deterministic and probabilistic approach. At the end, the course will review some insights of how to evaluate Oil & Gas assets with some recommendations for a better decision-making.

### Course Objectives

The aim of this course is to:

1. Enhance background, criteria and technical skills of participants to classify, categorize and estimate reserves and resources in oil and gas assets;
2. Make a brief and concise review and keep up with the latest definitions and regulations of reserves and resources definitions;
3. Provide some guidelines and "rules of thumb" for a quick assessment of an oil and gas assets;
4. Show that PRMS is a powerful management tool that is widely used in the industry.

### Course Outline

Part I: PRMS Project Framework

- PRMS project background
- Major principles and key guidelines in PRMS
- How PRMS captures risk and uncertainty
- Assessing and reporting unconventional resources

Part II: Classification and Categorization of Reserves and Resources

- 2018 Petroleum Resources Management System (PRMS)
- Comparison of SEC and PRMS guidelines
- Definitions of Prospective and Contingent Resources
- Reserves Categories: Proved, Probable y Possible

- Incremental vs. cumulative approach
- Indicators of Reserves Management

Part III: Reserves and Resources Estimates in Conventional Reservoirs

- Well / Field Analogy Applications.
- Volumetric Estimations
- Material Balance Applications
- Forecasting performance with decline-curve analysis (DCA) and allied tools (Numerical Reservoir Simulation) and understand their relative strengths
- Probabilistic Approach to estimate reserves and resources in "Green Fields" and exploratory Prospects
- Probabilistic DCA for "Brown Fields"

Part IV: Production Forecasts and Reserves Estimates in Unconventional Reservoirs

- Traditional vs Modern Decline Curve Analysis
- Empirical and semi-theoretical decline models including Arps, Fetkovich's, Stretched Exponential, Power-Law, Transient Linear Flow, and Duong
- Diagnostic plots for flow regime identification, pressure normalization of rate data, recommended workflow for pressure-rate-time production data analysis
- Developing Probabilistic Production Type Well curves
- Applications for tight oil and gas reservoirs

Part V: Oil and Gas Assets Value and Decision Analysis

- Traditional Deterministic Cash Flow Analysis: NPV, IRR, Pay Out, PIR
- Decision trees concepts and calculation of expected monetary value (EMV)
- Monte Carlo simulation in estimating profitability indicators: Expected NPV and Financial Risk estimation

### Participants' Profile

The course is designed for technical staff, including managers, who are or will be responsible for reserve/resource estimation, or who will be responsible for the reporting of reserves and other resources to senior levels within the company or externally. Technical disciplines may include:

- Commercial and management
- Economists
- Financial investment professionals



- Geologists
- Geophysicists
- Petrophysicists
- Reservoir engineers

**Prerequisites**

Participants should have a prior knowledge of basic concept of reservoir engineering, reservoir characterization, reservoir management, cash flow analysis and risk analysis.

**About the Instructor**

Victor Alexei Huerta Quiñones is Technical Manager for Reservoir Management Consulting (RMC), a consulting company specialized in managing oil and gas fields, as well as, their reserves and resources. Petroleum Engineer, graduated from the National University of Engineering, Lima - Peru, and Master of Science in Energy and The

Environment from the University of Calgary, Canada. He has 18 years of experience as reservoir engineer for oil and gas fields. He worked as Senior Numerical Simulation Engineer and Development Head at SAVIA PERÚ, working for subsurface projects of oil and gas fields, Blocks Z-2B and Z-6. He was also head of the Development and Production Department of PETROPERU in charge of the follow-up of the Development of Situche Central field, Block 64. He also worked for Repsol Peru as technical leader in the Development of Block 57 and for Pluspetrol Norte, in the surveillance of the heavy oil fields of Block 1AB Part-time Associate Professor of undergraduate and postgraduate Petroleum and Natural Gas engineering school at UNI for the courses "Applied Reservoir Engineering", "Natural Gas Engineering", "Enhanced Oil Recovery" and "Numerical Reservoir Simulation". He was chairman of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) Lima Section during 2014-2015. "He has published more than 20 technical papers in international conferences organized by SPE.





## Integrated Geological Models for Assessing Uncertainties in Production Data

3D ANISOTROPY | CAPILLARY PRESSURE | CARBONATES | CASE STUDY | FACIES | FLOODING  
 FLUID | FRACTURES | GEOCELLULAR | GEOSTATISTICS | GROUNDWATER | HISTORY-MATCHING  
 OIL AND GAS | PERMEABILITY | RESERVOIR CHARACTERIZATION | RESERVOIR ENGINEERING  
 RESERVOIR MODELING | UNCERTAINTY | WORKFLOWS

Instructor:	Prof. Dr Dominique Guérillot (Texas A&M University, Qatar)
Duration:	1 day
CPD Points:	5
Language:	English
Level:	Intermediate



### Course Description

The aim of the course is to recap main techniques required to build an integrated reservoir model and to explain different potential workflows for field development and/or history matching processes. This course will include explanations of upscaling techniques and the use of proxies for uncertainty assessment of production forecasts. All these methods will be illustrated and applied to the Brugge case.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Understand the fundamentals of Geostatistics and Spatial Modeling
- Calculate a variogram
- Know what are the principal of Kriging
- Know the main methods of Geostatistical Simulations for modeling heterogenous and fractured reservoirs
- Be familiar with the main Upscaling technics used in reservoir simulators
- Know how to use proxy models for assessing Uncertainty in Production Forecasts
- Application to the Brugge field will be given to illustrate the methodology.

### Course Outline

Integrated Geological Modeling and Reservoir Simulation  
 Geostatistics and Spatial Modeling  
 Variogram  
 Kriging  
 History Matching Principles

Geostatistical Simulations  
 Limitations of Kriging  
 Geostatistical Simulation  
 What do we want from a simulation?  
 Principles of stochastic modeling  
 Pixel based model  
 Object based model  
 Sequential Gaussian Simulation (SGS)  
 Random Character  
 Properties of SGS  
 Scale

Cell Sizes & Ranges  
 Indicator Formalism  
 Sequential Indicator Simulation

Upscaling  
 Why Upscaling is Needed?  
 Orders of magnitudes for the Geological Model and the Reservoir Simulators  
 Is it necessary to take into account all heterogeneities ?  
 Impact on CPU cost  
 Can we replace heterogeneities by homogeneity?  
 Is it right to call "equivalent" the upscaled permeabilities?  
 The upscaling problems considered here  
 Upscaled Values Depends on Flow  
 Upscaling of Geo-cellular Models  
 Upscaling in Integrated Studies  
 Upscaling of porosity  
 Upscaling of absolute permeability  
 Differences between additive and non additive variables  
 Single phase  
 Darcy's law  
 Single Phase Flow around Wells  
 What happenS in 1 D?  
 Arithmetic Average  
 Harmonic Average  
 Geometric Average  
 Weighted Arithmetic Average  
 Weighted Harmonic Average  
 What happens for a layer cake model?  
 Upscaling generates anisotropy  
 How to handle barriers & faults?  
 How to handle fractures?

Uncertainty Assessment in Production Forecast  
 Intuitive Workflow  
 Recommended Workflow  
 Artificial Neural Network as Proxy  
 Applications on case studies  
 Application to Brugge field



### Participants' Profile

The course is primarily addressed to reservoir geologists and reservoir engineers involved in building reservoir models but could also be of interest to production engineers who have to deal with the consequences of uncertainty in reservoir performance.

### Prerequisites

Darcy's law, basic probability and statistics.

### Recommended Reading

- Corvi P., Heffer K., King P., Tyson S., Verly G., Ehlig-Economides C., Le Nir I., Ronen S., Schultz P., Corbett P., Lewis J., Pickup G., Ringrose P., Guérillot D., Montadert L., Ravenne C., Haldorsen H., Hewett T. 1992. Reservoir characterization using expert knowledge, data and statistics. *Oilfield Review* 4(1):25-31.
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- Bruyelle, J., & Guérillot, D. (2019, October 21). Proxy Model Based on Artificial Intelligence Technique for History Matching - Application to Brugge Field. Society of Petroleum Engineers. doi:10.2118/198635-MS
- Bruyelle, J., & Guérillot, D. (2019, September 17). Optimization of Waterflooding Strategy Using Artificial Neural Networks. Society of Petroleum Engineers. doi:10.2118/196643-MS
- Bruyelle, J., & Guérillot, D. (2019, October 21). Well Placement Optimization with an Artificial Intelligence Method Applied to Brugge Field. Society of Petroleum Engineers. doi:10.2118/198656-MS

### About the Instructor

Former member of the Executive Committee of IFP and Program Director for the Upstream R&D of Saudi Aramco, he is focusing in Oil and Gas Exploration and Production including Unconventional, CO<sub>2</sub> EOR and Carbon storage. After a PhD in Applied Mathematics,

he joined IFP in 1982 in the Reservoir Engineering Dpt. He started his career in the Exploration and Production sector developing Expert system for selecting EOR methods and Advanced Compositional Reservoir Simulators for EOR (CO<sub>2</sub> and thermal methods).

In 1985, he began cooperating with geologists and he invented with the Paris School of Mines the first software package integrating reservoir characterization and flow simulations in porous media proposing innovative methods for upscaling absolute permeabilities.

After being the Director of the Geology and Geochemistry (95-01), in 2001, he became member of the Executive Committee of IFP and Managing Director of Exploration and Reservoir Engineering Centre with a total budget of 30 Millions of Euros. Consequently, IFP nominated him as board member of several Exploration and Production subsidiaries of IFP: Beicip-Franlab and RSI in France, IFP MEC in Bahrain, etc. He developed new strategic orientations for the business unit he was in charge modifying its business model to generate revenues based on royalties through the development of several strategic marketed software for IFP. In 2009, he created a Young Innovative Company (YIC), Terra 3E, in Energy and Environment: <http://www.Terra3E.com> developing innovative plug-ins in Petrel software among which the first tool for accurate calculations of fluids in place for gas and oil shales and upscaling transmissivities. From 2010 to 2013, he was senior expert for Petrobras, Brazil. In 2012, he served the European Commission for selecting R&D projects on CO<sub>2</sub> Storage.

In 2013, Qatar Petroleum called Dominique Guérillot for developing their R&D Centre at the Qatar Sciences and Technology park in Doha, Qatar. He is currently full professor at Texas A&M University in their campus of Qatar.

He published more than 50 full and refereed papers, holds 5 patents, is member of the IJOGCT editorial team, the SPE and EAGE associations, is referee of the Oil & Gas Science and Technology (OGST), and member of the editorial board of the Petroleum Geoscience journal of the Geological Society.



## Introduction to Waterflood Management

**EOR RESERVOIR CHARACTERIZATION ROCK WETTABILITY BUBBLE POINT PRESSURE  
RESERVOIR DRIVES INJECTION REQUIREMENTS WATERFLOOD STAGES RECOVERY FACTOR  
SWEEP EFFICIENCY NUMERICAL MODELING**

Instructor:	Mr Ibrahim Saad (Petro Management Group Ltd., Canada)
Duration:	2 days
CPD Points:	10
Language:	English
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

This course provides a complete review of all aspects of waterflood schemes being the most proven, lowest cost, and applicable to various types of reservoirs to EOR. A group exercise will be offered Class problems which will be offered to the course attendees to emphasize the technical concepts taught.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion, participants will be able to:

1. Understand data acquisition required to properly evaluate waterflood potential
2. Evaluate geological and engineering risks to implement waterflood projects
3. Establish the knowledge to present the cost and the benefit of the waterflood project to obtain managerial and regulatory agencies
4. Learn how to estimate the Expected Ultimate Recovery (EUR) of the waterflood project and prepare production forecast

### Course Outline

- 1: Introduction to Waterflooding and E.O.R
- 2: Reservoir Characterization
- 3: Reservoir Drives and Reserves Estimate
- 4: Waterflood planning and Design

### Participants' Profile

Engineers and geologists who are or will get involved in designing and monitoring waterflood projects. Technical level from junior and senior staff.

### Prerequisites

Some background in reservoir engineering will be helpful.

### About the Instructor

Saad Ibrahim, P.Eng., an independent consultant and president of Petro Management Group Ltd., established in Calgary (1994). Graduated from the University of Alexandria (Egypt) with B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering in 1973. He also completed a post-graduate program with the University of Calgary, Canada, in Chemical and Petroleum Engineering in 1983.

Mr. Ibrahim has over 40 years of reservoir/production engineering experience in Western Canada (with Amoco, BP and Husky) and internationally in Yemen (with Nexen Petroleum International Ltd.), Algeria, Libya, Tanzania, Iraq, Egypt, Turkey, Venezuela, Argentina, Ecuador, Peru, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan. The focus of Mr. Ibrahim's experience lies in the area of reservoir management and well-test planning/analysis.



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## Mitigating Bias, Blindness and Illusion in E&P Decision Making

BIAS CALIBRATION DECISION MAKING ECONOMICS ESTIMATION HEURISTICS  
 INTUITION OBJECTIVITY OVERCONFIDENCE PLANNING POST-APPRAISAL  
 UNCERTAINTY WORKFLOWS RISK

Instructors:	Mr Marc Bond (Rose & Associates, United Kingdom) and Mr Creties Jenkins (Rose & Associates, USA)
Duration:	2 days
CPD Points:	10
Language:	English
Level:	Foundation



### Course Description

Decisions in E&P ventures are affected by cognitive bias, perceptual blindness, and various forms of illusion which permeate our analyses, interpretations and decisions. This two-day course examines the influence of these cognitive pitfalls and presents techniques that can be used to mitigate their impact.

“Bias” refers to errors in thinking whereby interpretations and judgments are drawn in an illogical fashion. “Blindness” is the condition where we fail to see an unexpected event in plain sight. “Illusion” refers to misleading beliefs based on a false impression of reality.

All three—Bias, Blindness, and Illusion—can lead to poor decisions regarding which work to undertake, what issues to focus on, and whether to continue investing time, effort, and money in a given project. The course begins by examining how these cognitive errors affect us. Several different errors are discussed, including: Perceptual Blindness; Illusions of Potential, Knowledge and Objectivity; and Anchoring, Availability, Confirmation, Framing, Information, Overconfidence and Motivational Biases. Exercises, videos, and examples help illustrate how these manifest themselves in our daily activities and affect our judgment, often without us realizing it. We then focus on the oil and gas industry where drilling portfolios, production forecasts, resource assessments, and other activities are regularly impacted. Techniques are presented that can be used to mitigate cognitive errors and examples are shown where these techniques have worked.

A key element of the course are the mitigation exercises which give participants a chance to apply what’s been learned to real-life situations. For example, what elements of the “anchoring bias” led to the belief that the exploration potential of a prospect offshore Brazil was much greater than it turned out to be? Or, what elements of the “confirmation bias” led to a decision regarding which analogous data should be used to predict the outcome of a new drilling project? The second day includes a series of exploration and appraisal case studies resulting in both positive and negative outcomes. Participants are asked to identify cognitive errors contributing to the project results, and which of these had the greatest impact. This is followed by a 3-hour, real-world exercise using project data to give participants practice in addressing cognitive errors. The exercise requires participants to list all of their assumptions followed by a list of the contrary assumptions. This is followed by an assessment of the impacts if the contrary assumptions are true, and what key types of data / analyses

will be required to determine which set of assumptions are correct. Finally, the participants identify cognitive errors leading to the actual project outcome.

The course concludes by presenting a summary ‘toolkit’ with mitigation techniques that can immediately be applied to project work and decisions. This includes a laminated card listing the various types of bias, blindness and illusion on one side, and the six key steps to mitigate these cognitive errors on the flip side. This helps participants immediately apply the concepts to their daily work.

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Identify the influence of Bias, Blindness and Illusion on their analyses, interpretations and decisions;
- Apply techniques that will mitigate the impact of these in their project work and decision-making;
- Ensure that their behavior does not unwittingly reinforce these cognitive errors in others.

### Course Outline

1. Introduction (1 hour)
2. Blindness and Illusion (3 hours)
  - a. Perceptual Blindness
  - b. Illusion of Knowledge, Potential, and Objectivity
3. Bias (4 hours)
  - a. Anchoring, Availability, Confirmation, Framing, Information, and Overconfidence Bias
  - b. Motivational Bias
4. Case Studies—an appropriate subset of these will be chosen (2 hours)
  - a. Plio-Pleistocene Sandstone (Exploration Well)
  - b. Cambrian Sandstone (Field Appraisal)
  - c. Pliocene Sandstone (Exploration ‘Drill or Drop’)
  - d. Jurassic Sandstone (Exploration License Round)
  - e. Cretaceous Shale (Field Appraisal)
  - f. Cambrian Sandstone (Field Appraisal)
5. Real-World Exercise—one of these will be chosen (3 hours)
  - a. Triassic sandstone, structural play (Exploration Well)
  - b. Fractured carbonate, waterflood potential (Field Appraisal)
6. Summary ‘Toolkit’ (1 hour)



### Participants' Profile

This course is designed to have broad appeal to all levels and disciplines within an organization: junior to senior level geoscientists, junior to senior level engineers, analysts, landmen, HSE, HR, etc. And mid-level to senior managers and executives.

### About the Instructors

The course is designed to be taught by one instructor. However, two different instructors are available to teach the course.

Marc Bond (MSc Geophysics, Colorado School of Mines) is an Associate with Rose & Associates specializing in exploration and appraisal assessments. He is actively involved in ensuring that the technical work underpinning an evaluation has appropriately reflected the opportunity and captures both the uncertainty and risk, leading to effective decision-making. He has over 35 years' international experience in the oil and gas industry. Previously he worked for BG

Group and Tenneco Oil where he held a variety of management and technical assignments, with his most recent roles including: Chief Geophysicist; Subsurface Assurance Manager for conventional and unconventional exploration, appraisal and development projects; and Exploration Manager Bolivia.

Creties Jenkins (P.E., P.G.) is a Partner with Rose and Associates specializing in the characterization of unconventional reservoirs. Over the last 15 years he has conducted integrated studies, project reviews, and resource evaluations for 50+ companies and taught 100+ industry courses and workshops. He has served as a technical editor, distinguished lecturer, distinguished author for SPE, and is a past president of the Energy Minerals Division of AAPG. Creties has 30+ years of experience having previously worked at Tenneco, ARCO, and DeGolyer & MacNaughton. He holds a BSc in Geological Engineering and a MSc in Geology from the South Dakota School of Mines.



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