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APPLICATIONS OF DATA ANALYSIS PRINCIPLES FOR THE PREDICTION OF RESERVOIR QUALITY OF THE ELMA FIELD NIGER DELTA

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ABSTRACT

This study investigates the application of data analysis on well-log data to ascertain the distribution of potential reservoir sands in the ELMA field Niger Delta. The data used for the analysis consists of the 14 wells that penetrated the ELMA field. The field consists of various lithologies interpreted from the core ranging from channel sands (CH), Lower Shoreface (LSF), Upper Shoreface (USF), Heterolith (HT) and Shales (SH). These Well data were cleaned and plotted using Python script and analysed using charts and tables to ascertain the percentage distribution of each facies in the field and the overall percentage of viable pay sands in the field. The analysis showed that the distribution of lithologies was 52.74% for SH, 22.69 for USF, 20.70 for CH, 2.75 for LSF and 1.11 HT. The overall net pay of the field was 47.3% which points to a high reservoir potential in the field with an accompanying possibility of sealing shale of 52.7%.

KEYWORDS

Reservoir, Pay zone, hydrocarbon, Logs, lithologies

1. INTRODUCTION

According to IBISWorld, the global economy relies significantly on the oil and gas sector, one of the largest industries worldwide. The upstream oil sector is the most important in the oil and gas industry, (Michael, 2018). The lithofacies identification during reservoir studies is the foundation of oil and gas exploitation when estimating reservoir properties, and conducting lithostratigraphic analysis (Li et al., 2020). It is carried out through physical observation of cores and the derivation of physical characteristics from the logs by geoscientists. Its identification forms the basic workflow of geoscientists in reservoir characteristics i.e. ascertaining the potential of the sands to hold fluid and precursor to property distribution in reservoir modelling (Madal and Rezaee 2019; Xiong, et al., 2010). This depositional environment exhibits the typical channel and shoreface deposits typical of the Niger Delta as described by various authors' research work by who described facies types like channel, upper shoreface, lower shoreface, heteroliths and shales from log motif analysis, patterns, and trends within the ELMA field (Okobiebi and Okobiebi, 2021). The present study is carried out to use data analysis to ascertain the distribution of the different lithologies and the net pay reservoir in the ELMA field.

1.1 Principles of facies Classification

The five major log trends in the Niger Delta for lithology identification (Figure 4) are log successions that gradually decrease in gamma-ray value (funnel shape) and then rapidly increase (gradually coarsen and then abruptly fine) and are interpreted to be prograding delta deposits. Those that abruptly decrease in gamma ray value and have "blocky" or gradually increasing trends i.e., bell shape (abruptly coarsen and remains sandy or gradually fine) are interpreted to be channel deposits, bow shape (systematic increase and decrease of gamma counts) and irregular trend

(no systematic change in gamma values) (Cant, 1992).

2. METHODOLOGY

Data from the 14 wells in the field are in text format and were imported into IDE Jupyter and using the Pandas libraries. The data contains different logs These 14 files were then concatenated into a single combined file and analysed using the tables, histograms, boxplots, and charts.

2.1 Data Preprocessing

The wells contain logs like 'DEPT', 'CALI', 'DEN', 'FLD', 'GR', 'POR', 'RESDEP', 'RESMIC', 'RT', 'SH_AR', 'SH_WS', 'SW', 'SW_AR', 'TVDSS', 'VSH', 'Facies', 'Zoneloglinkedto', 'Ahiatops_test', 'sequencestrat', 'P-zone', 'F-zone', 'MD', 'Permeability_total_BC', 'Permeability_total_HC', 'Permeability_total_LC', 'Porosity_total', 'RES_NET_FLAG_BC', 'RES_NET_FLAG_HC', 'RES_NET_FLAG_LC', 'Saturation'. Most of these logs were dropped to the necessarily needed logs. The 14 wells were pre-processed to ascertain the null data and outliers. Using lithofacies as the foundation of preprocessing all rows not containing lithology description were dropped as only real data sets are preferred for this analysis.

2.2 Well log displays

The well logs for the wells were displayed using the Python scripts for all Wells to give a general understanding of the lithology in the field. fig 1 to 9. This was used to visually observe the sand-to-shale ratio and the lithology type. The gamma-ray log is scaled from 0 – 150 API with the cut-off value of 75 API based on the maximum and minimum deflections observed from the Gamma Ray log which is the primary log for reservoir and non-reservoir detection as well as lithology type based on shapes. The different lithology was colour-coded using the colour code in Figure 1.

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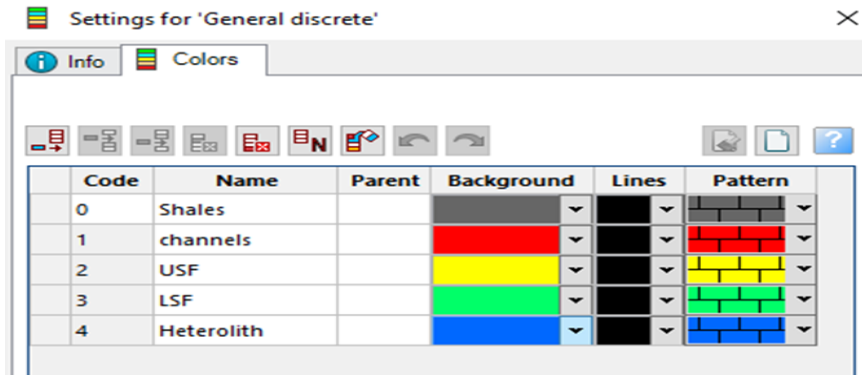


Figure 1: Showing the colour code for each sediment type.

2.3 Data Analysis

The analysis for the lithology type was carried out using tables, histograms, and pie charts. This was done to ascertain the reservoir quality of the field.

$$reservoir \% = \left(\frac{Reservoir}{Reservoir + Non-reservoir} \right) * 100 \quad (1)$$

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The importation of the 14 wells was done on Jupyter Notebook and combined into one csv file as shown in Figure 2. Then preprocessing was done to remove all rows in the facies columns containing null data as shown in Figure 3. This affected wells ELMA-9, ELMA-10, ELMA-11, ELMA-12, and ELMA-14.

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1: # Combine the two DataFrames vertically
combined_df = pd.concat([data1, data2, data3, data4, data5, data6, data7, data8, data9, data10, data11, data12, data13, data14], ignore_index=True)

2: combined_df

3: combined_df.info()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 284993 entries, 0 to 284992
Data columns (total 8 columns):
#   Column      Non-Null Count  Dtype
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0   DEPT         284993 non-null  float64
1   GR           137433 non-null  float64
2   SP           185086 non-null  float64
3   DEN          191574 non-null  float64
4   RESDEP       157650 non-null  float64
5   Facies       132584 non-null  float64
6   Well_name    284993 non-null  object
7   POR          22551 non-null   float64
dtypes: float64(7), object(1)
memory usage: 17.4+ MB

4: # Save the combined DataFrame to a new CSV file
combined_df.to_csv('combined_file.csv', index=False)

5: combined_df.describe()

9):
   DEPT      GR      SP      DEN      RESDEP      Facies      POR
count  284993.000000  137433.000000  1.85086e+05  191574.000000  157650.000000  132584.000000  22551.000000
mean    6121.225714    75.917487  -2.140893e+12  -3781.249699    21.414959    0.759775    0.214830
std     3370.370044    29.295701  9.200004e+14    4850.311670    64.383981    0.940652    0.112068
min      0.000000      -2.791200  -3.957134e+17  -9999.000000    0.000000    0.000000    0.036800
25%     3239.000000    49.706200  -9.999000e+03  -9999.000000    2.832050    0.000000    0.072000
50%     6375.500000    83.524597  3.362499e+01    2.234700    5.764900    0.000000    0.225900
75%     8920.000000    97.412003  6.274829e+01    2.450600    15.624975    2.000000    0.318000
max    13152.000000    272.250000  1.753600e+04    2.788714    8728.500977    4.000000    0.406000
    
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Figure 2: Showing the codes that were used to concat the data frame for all the wells.

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In [13]: data.isnull().sum()

Out[13]:
Depth      0
GR         147560
SP         99987
DEN        93419
RESDEP     127343
Facies     152409
Well_name  0
POR        262442
lithofacies 152409
dtype: int64
    
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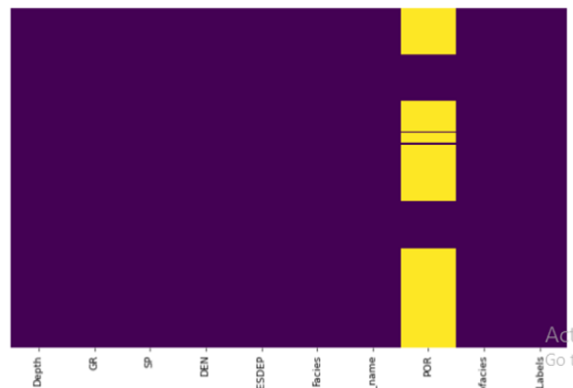


Figure 3: Showing the codes for dropping null data in facies and the resulting heat map.

The wells with facies logs were then displayed using tracks and sub-tracks. Figure 4 to Figure 6 shows the wells logs displayed for Well ELMA-1. Track 1 shows the Gamma-ray logs detect reservoir (sand) and non-reservoir sediments (shale). The yellow partition delineates sand, and the grey is shale. The second track with the blue line is the spontaneous potential (SP)

log which also delineates sands and shale higher SP reading shows non-reservoir sands and the lower one depicts reservoir sand. The third track shows the density plot (DEN) and lastly, the fourth track shows the resistivity plot (RESDEP), and the last track depicts the different colour codes of the various lithology types in the field.

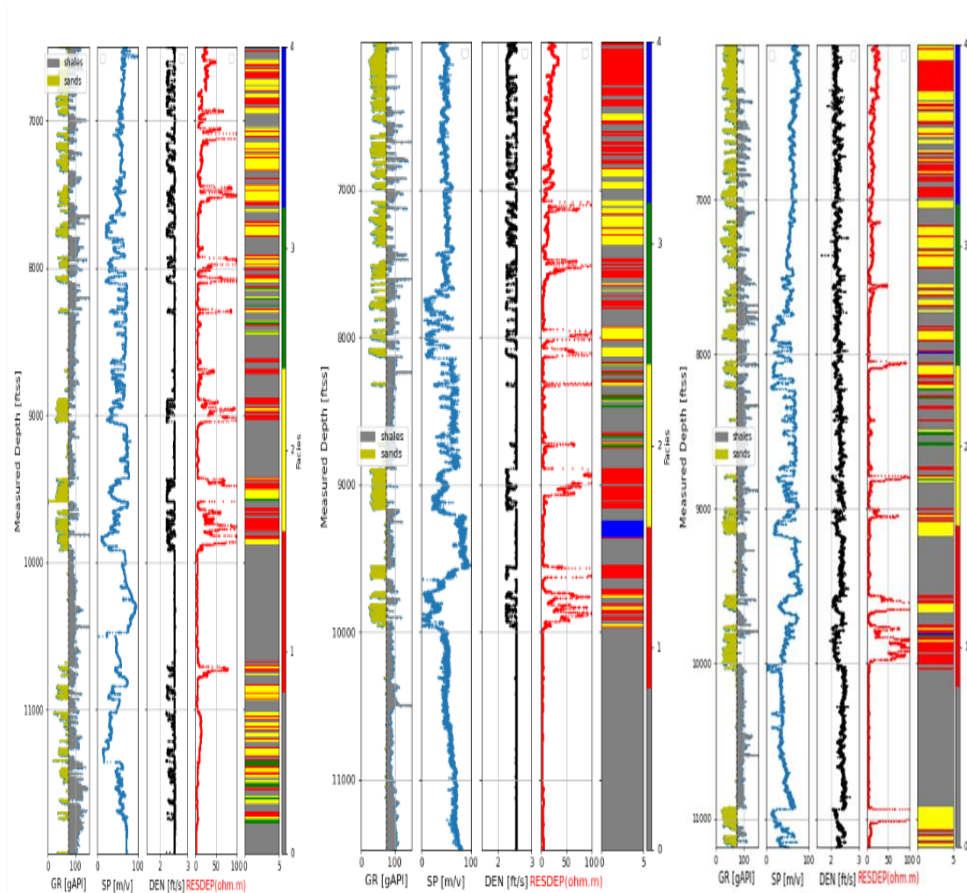


Figure 4: (a) Showing the well logs in ELMA-1 (b) Showing the wells logs in ELMA-2, (c) Showing the well logs in ELMA-3

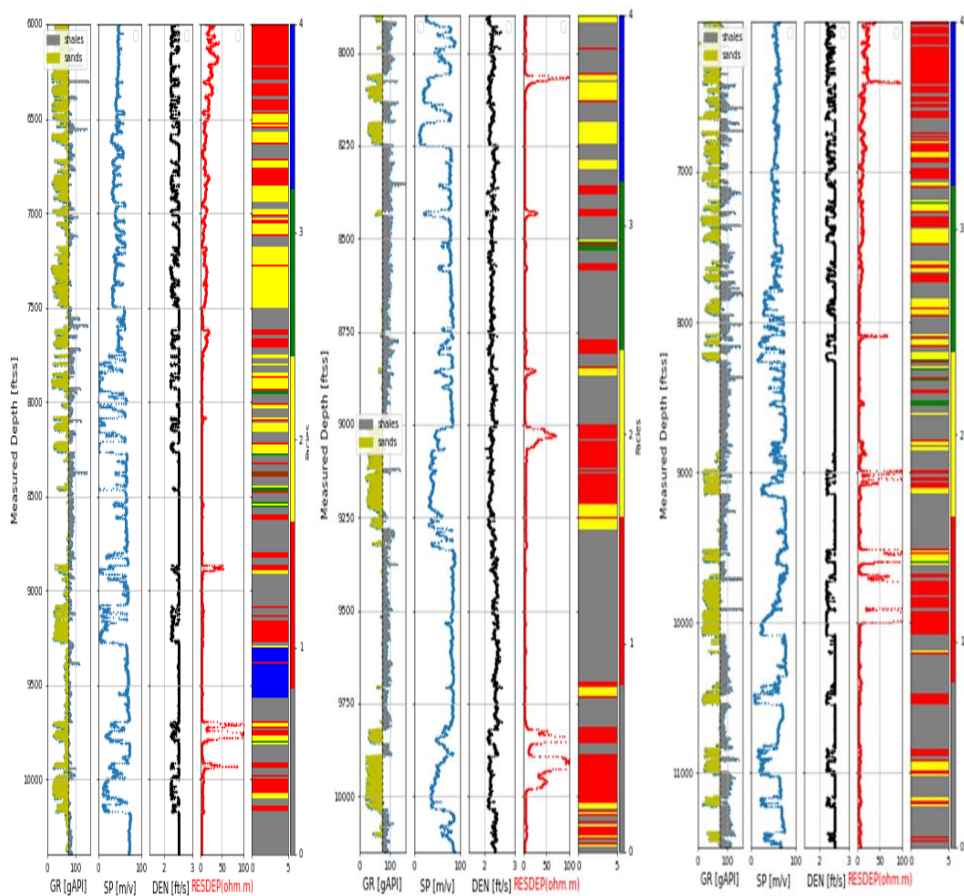


Figure 5: (a) Showing the wells logs in ELMA-4 (b) Showing the well logs in ELMA-5, (c) Showing the wells logs in ELMA-6

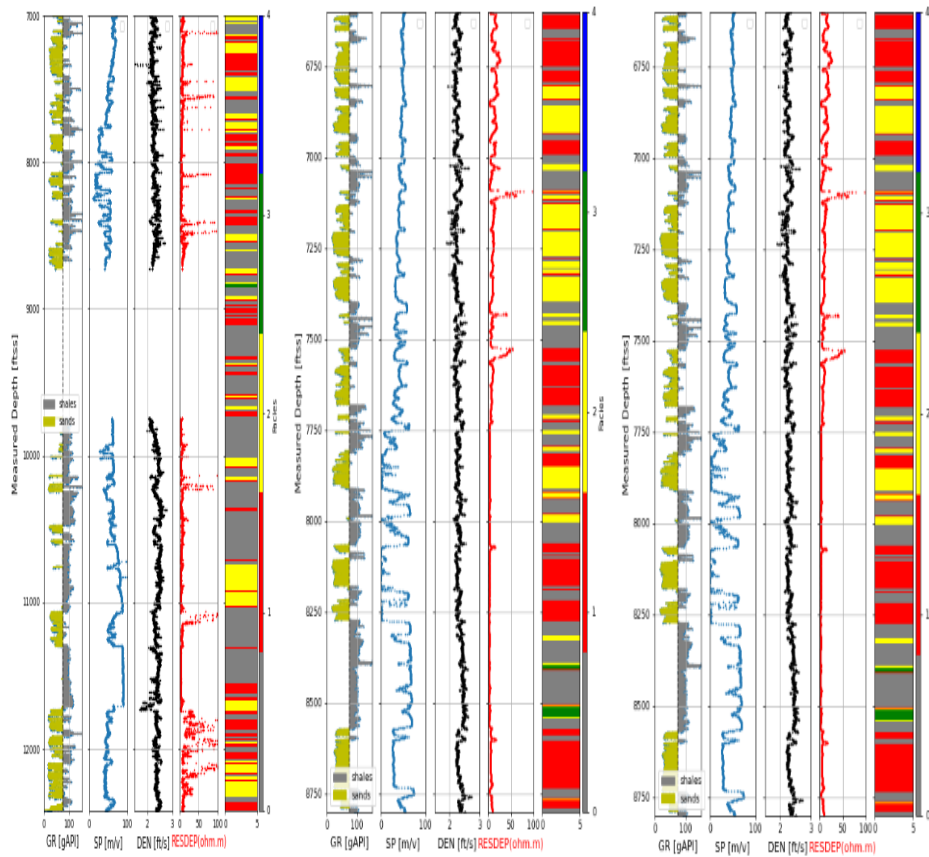


Figure 6: (a) Showing the well logs in ELMA-7 (b) Showing the wells logs in ELMA-8 (c) Showing the well logs in ELMA-13

Reservoir Status Distribution

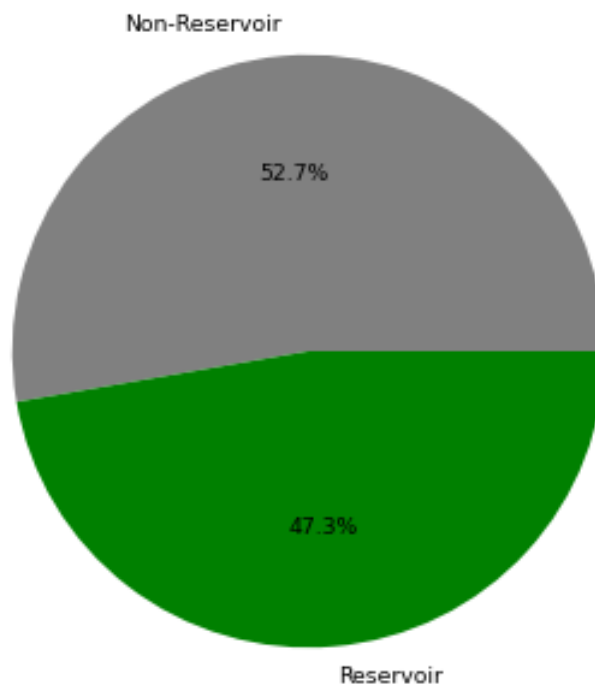


Figure 7: Showing the percentage of reservoir and non-reservoir sand.

The first analysis was done to ascertain the likelihood of reservoir formation in the field and a pie chart show was created from the dataset to ascertain the percentage of reservoir to non-reservoir sands in the ELMA field. The charts in Figure 7 showed that 52.7% of the penetrated lithology was non-reservoir sands and 47.7% was reservoir sand. This ratio is highly optimistic that there is a high chance of accumulation because Hydrocarbon reservoir sand that is thick enough, highly porous and permeable gives better prospects, higher volume and profit and as such, major Oil Companies indicate keen interest in such reservoir sands (Nduaguibe and Ideozu, 2019).

Data analysis was carried out on the 9 wells in the dataset, to ascertain the lithology types in the field. A histogram plot shows the percentage distribution of lithologies in the field, with the most dominant lithology being background marine shale which is about 52.74% of the total sediments package, 22.69% was upper shoreface, 20.70% were Channel deposits, 2.75% were Lower Shoreface deposits and 1.1% were Heterolith as shown in Figure 8. This enlightens us on the quality of reservoir sands where studies shows that channels, upper shoreface have higher reservoir quality than that of lower shoreface and heterolith (Nduaguibe and Ideozu, 2019).

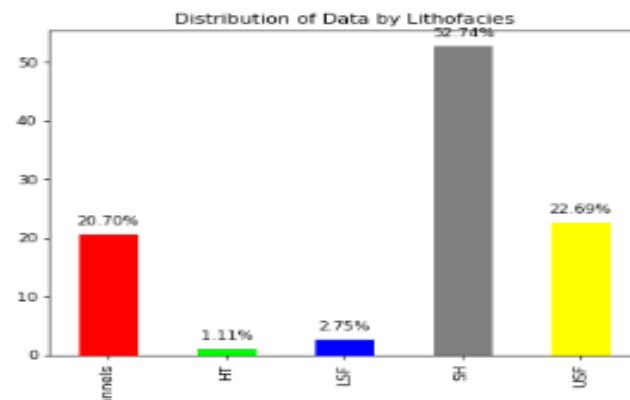


Figure 8: Distribution of the data by facies in the ELMA field. Note that the background SH (marine shale) facies occur significantly more than any other.

4. CONCLUSION

A satellite-based model known as METRIC is utilized to compute extraterrestrial temperature (ET) as a residual of energy balance at the surface of the Earth. The energy balance model developed by METRIC was implemented on the cropland site in Korea known as CFK. For the purpose of AET estimation, Landsat 9 images were retrieved for each of the ten different DOYs. The meteorological data from CFK were utilized as input components, and the flux data were utilized for the approval of the AET. In-situ flux data were used in the statistical analysis, and the results showed that METRIC has the potential to be an appropriate model for indirect AET estimation on a regional scale. Due to the fact that this model was developed for dry and semi-arid climates, it appears that some adjustments are still required in order to extend the applicability of the model. This is because there are some limitations in the assumptions that underlie the hot and cold pixel (i.e., a hot pixel has little to no ET, and a cold pixel has little to no H) when applied in a humid climate. When taken as a whole, these findings would be extremely helpful in the construction of effective water management and irrigation systems. The optimization of the dry/wet scaling, which isolates the performance of the model, should be improved for the purpose of further research. This will allow for a more precise application of the model in environments that are complex and full of various types of topography.

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