

Real-time advanced AVO seismic processing QCs for validation of key processing steps

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Passion for Geoscience

- Advanced seismic processing QCs were implemented during the seismic imaging project in order to monitor the AVO behavior of the seismic data after key processing steps;
- Conducted on the CGG Multi-Client New Ventures Horda 2014 dataset;
- <u>Objective</u>: is the Zoeppritz compliancy of the data preserved or improved so that accurate quantitative interpretation of processing outputs can be attempted following the seismic processing?



Introduction (2/2):

- 4 different key processing steps were selected during the course of the signal processing to conduct these QCs:
 - <u>Step 1</u>: after pre-migration Radon;
 - <u>Step 2</u>: after 5D signal enhancement (far trace denoise + destriping, shot/channel amplitude correction, common offset denoise + demultiple and intrabed multiple attenuation);
 - <u>Step 3</u>: after F-XY denoise;
 - <u>Step 4</u>: after dip filtering and RMO correction.



Advanced seismic QCs results proposed in this presentation:



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Objective and key observations to be done during those QCs:

AVO synthetic versus offset gathers:

- Is the seismic AVO trend consistent with the synthetic AVO trend?
- Do we observe an increase of the correlation between the seismic AVO fit and the AVO synthetic?

Inversion analysis at the well location:

– Does the correlation between inverted attributes and well logs increase?



Well 35/9-5: location



Well 35/9-5 results, from NPD website:

- Drilled in 2010;
- Full suite of logs available (Vp, Vs and Density);
- <u>Main objective</u>: evaluate the hydrocarbon potential of the Middle Cretaceous Agat Formation sandstone;
- <u>Results</u>: very little sand preserved in the Agat Formation, described here as a sandy limestone to calcareous sand; no shows to confirm hydrocarbons in the Agat Formation or in any other part of the well;
- Permanently abandoned as a dry well.



TWT= 2600 ms (near Top Agat)

STEP 1



AVO SYNTH



After pre-mig Radon

After 5D enhancement





TWT= 2600 ms (near Top Agat)

STEP 2



AVO SYNTH







TWT= 2600 ms (near Top Agat)

STEP 3



AVO SYNTH



After F-XY denoise

After dip filtering + RMO correction





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After 5D enhancement





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STEP 3



AVO SYNTH



After F-XY denoise

After dip filtering + RMO correction





Inversion analysis at the well location: Step 1 > pre-mig Radon



Inversion analysis at the well location:

Step 2 > 5D signal enhancement



Inversion analysis at the well location: Step 3 > F-XY denoise



Inversion analysis at the well location: Step 4 > Dip filter + RMO corr.



- Less amplitude dispersion as we proceed through the processing sequence;
- Amplitude trend consistent with prediction coming from the AVO model;
- Increased correlation between inverted attributes and upscaled well logs;
- Limitation: observation valid only at the well location.

Advanced seismic QCs results proposed in this presentation:





Objective and key observations to be done during those QCs:

- Is the repeatability between angle stacks increasing?
- Is this behaviour seen for a «statistically meaningful» population of traces?



Methodology:

• Comparison between one reference angle stack and other angle stacks:





Angle stacks: Step 1 > pre-mig Radon

Near



Far

Mid



Ufar

Angle stacks: **Step 4 >** Dip filter + RMO corr.

Near



Far

Mid



Ufar

Statistical measurements:

- Correlation Coefficient: $CC(A,B) = \frac{Cov(A,B)}{\sigma(A)\sigma(B)}$
- Normalized Root Mean Square:



$$NRMS(A,B) = \frac{2 RMS(A-B)}{RMS(A) + RMS(B)}$$

• Couple of traces to be compared Lower Bound: $CC = 1 - \frac{NRMS^2}{2}$



Step 1: pre-mig Radon



Step 2: 5D signal enhancement



Step 3: F-XY denoise



Step 4: Dip filter + RMO corr.



Increased repeatability between angle stacks;



Advanced seismic QCs results proposed in this presentation:





Objective and key observations to be done during those QCs:

Is the Zoeppritz compliancy of the seismic data improving during the processing > are less residuals observed between an AVO model and the real seismic data?



 Comparison between angle stacks and synthetic angle stacks generated from an AVO analysis.



Seismic angle stacks AVO Synthetic angle stacks

Residuals, CC, NRMS



Step 1: pre-mig Radon / «Real» angle stacks



Step 1: pre-mig Radon / Synthetic angle stacks



Step 4: Dip filter + RMO corr. / «Real» angle stacks



Step 4: Dip filter + RMO corr. / Synthetic angle stacks



Step 1: pre-mig Radon / Residuals



Step 4: Dip filter + RMO corr. / Residuals



Amplitude spectra of the residuals:



CC



Near seismic<-> Near synthetic





UFar seismic<-> UFar synthetic







Step 2: 5D signal enhancement

CC



Near seismic<-> Near synthetic

Mid seismic<-> Mid synthetic



UFar seismic<-> UFar synthetic







CC



Near seismic<-> Near synthetic

Mid seismic<-> Mid synthetic



UFar seismic<-> UFar synthetic



Step 4: Dip filter + RMO corr.





Near seismic<-> Near synthetic

Mid seismic<-> Mid synthetic



UFar seismic<-> UFar synthetic







Conclusions:

- Less seismic amplitude dispersion in the pre-stack data;
- AVO compliancy is preserved during the processing;
- Increased correlation between the well logs and inverted attributes; decent match despite having used non-optimized parameters > QI of this dataset should be attempted;



Recommendations:

- These QCs should become standard in any seismic processing project;
- QCs should not be restricted to a few traces at arbitrarily chosen well locations.