Integrated Rock Typing and Lithofacies Prediction for Reservoir Flow Unit Delineation

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Rock typing and the assessment of lithofacies are important steps in the reservoir modeling process. The process faces a number of challenges; for example, heterogeneous rock types with similar log responses limit the ability to identify and classify lithofacies. It is also a challenge to make classifications that are consistent with lithology, sedimentology and reservoir characterization, and that allow each discipline to have results at a scale that is suitable for their geoscience discipline. The introduction of Mercury Injection Capillary Pressure (MICP) curves is a proven aid in the process of identifying rock types.

The Emerson E&P Software integrated workflow uses MICP curves, along with other available information, to create an integrated lithofacies prediction model. The workflow begins with performing corrections to laboratory MICP (Pc/Sw) curves for closure, stress and clay bound water. The availability of additional training information varies according to customer needs. For example, the model may be based on a suite of basic wireline logs; conventional petrophysical evaluations; more advanced tools, such as sonic or electrical image logs, sonic waveforms and nuclear magnetic resonance; and core data with supervising rock types. Reference wells with their training data are used to create the lithofacies model, which is subsequently propagated out into a limitless number of application wells. The workflow concludes with upscaling the lithofacies to the reservoir model at the desired scale.

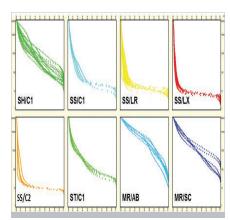
Given a limited suite of wireline logs, Pc/Sw, and supervising rock types, the result is field-wide prediction of lithofacies and reservoir classifications.

Emerson Rock Typing and Prediction of Lithofacies Solutions

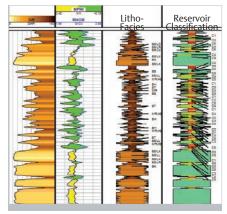
- Integrated approach to lithofacies prediction using Mercury Injection Capillary Pressure (MICP) Curves
- Lithofacies model is propagated out into a limitless number of application wells
- Field-wide prediction of lithofacies and reservoir classifications from wireline logs, Pc/Sw, and supervising rock types

Emerson Rock Typing and Prediction of Lithofacies Advantages

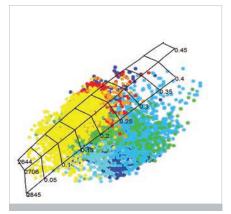
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 Capillary pressure (Pc/Sw) curves per supervising rock types



 Propagating lithofacies and reservoir classifications into multiple wells



 Example of lithofacies in neutron-density log space



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