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Abstract

The current study presents an effective approach to convert well logs to music and listen to their

sound. Well log data play an important role in different stages of oil and gas field's exploration and

development. Several rock properties such as porosity, lithology, fluids saturation, fluid contacts and

pay zones can be obtained through interpretation of well log data. Boring tabulated data or a mass of

curves can be converted into joyous and pleasant sounds. For this purpose, four case studies were run

to show how borehole quality logs, petrophysical evaluation results, capillary pressure data (pore

size distribution) and drilling data can be converted to musical notes. The proposed approach can

help in quality control or interpretation of well logs or any other reservoir data. The interpreter just

needs to wear wireless headphones and listen to the music generated from reservoir data. Service

companies may consider the musical interpretation of well logs as an alternative and immediate way

for quality control of logging procedures at well bore site. Meanwhile, visually disabled petroleum

engineers may use the aural interpretation of subsurface data. A siren can be sounded when lost

circulation occurs or a kick is detected to warn well site crew about the drilling risks. The result of

musical transformed well logs can be stored in MP3 files for future applications.

Keywords: Well logs, sonification, audification, music, quality control, petrophysical interpretation

1. Introduction

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