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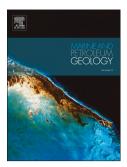
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Evaluation of Geological Risk and Hydrocarbon Favorability Using Logistic

Regression Model with Case Study

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**ABSTRACT** 

A robust and effective evaluation on geological risk and favorability of hydrocarbon

occurrence contributes to a meaningful exploration decision. This paper systematically

reviewed and discussed the evaluation units, evaluation variables and evaluation models

relevant to geological risk and favorability evaluation, and presented a data-driven procedure

using logistic regression method. In this method, quantitative logistic regression relationship

between the hydrocarbon occurrence and key geologic factors are obtained by integrating

available geoscience information and current exploration results. It offers significant

convenience to derive the probability of hydrocarbon occurrence in a straightforward and

simple form with a more objective and reproductive result.

The proposed method and workflow are further illustrated using an example from the first

member of Dainan Formation in Yong'an area of Gaoyou Sag of Subei Basin in China. This

case study not only quantified the geological risk and favorability of specific exploration

target, but also revealed their spatial variation and highlighted the favorable area for further

exploration by the resultant maps. The evaluation results and actual observation displayed a

good correspondence and the overall evaluation accuracy was 94.0%, indicating that such an

approach could capture the essential spatial characteristics of hydrocarbon accumulations and

provide a useful tool in resources appraisal.

Keywords: Geological risk; Hydrocarbon favorability; Logistic regression; Gaoyou Sag

INTRODUCTION

Hydrocarbon exploration is a high-risk venture. Geological risk and favorability evaluation is

important to make inference on the likelihood of hydrocarbon occurrence, which could

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