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Abstract

Trends are deterministic or predictable patterns of the spatial distribution of facies or petrophysical properties. Facies trends relate to climate change, structural deformation, etc. during the time of deposition and provide information on the proportion or frequency of occurrence of a facies for every location within project area. Facies trends must be accounted for in geostatistical reservoir characterization of uncertainty as they have a large effect on petrophysical properties modeling, resource assessment and reservoir performance forecasting. The workflow for reservoir characterization accounting for a trend encompasses two steps: trend modeling (1) and trend integration into geostatistical estimation and simulation (2). This paper addresses the first step – trend modeling. A new approach for building facies trends from a 3D seismic volume is proposed. The methodology is based on the local analysis of acoustic impedance geobodies. All steps

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