# Pressure and Fluid Saturation Prediction in a Multicomponent Reservoir, using Combined Seismic and Electromagnetic Imaging

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### ABSTRACT

This paper presents a method for combining seismic and electromagnetic measurements to predict changes in water saturation, pressure, and CO<sub>2</sub> gas/oil ratio in a reservoir undergoing CO<sub>2</sub> flood. Crosswell seismic and electromagnetic data sets taken before and during CO<sub>2</sub> flooding of an oil reservoir are inverted to produce crosswell images of the change in compressional velocity, shear velocity, and electrical conductivity during a CO<sub>2</sub> injection pilot study. A rock properties model is developed using measured log porosity, fluid saturations, pressure, temperature, bulk density, sonic velocity, and electrical conductivity. The parameters of the rock properties model are found by an L1-norm simplex minimization of predicted and observed differences in compressional velocity and density. A separate minimization, using Archie's law, provides parameters for modeling the relations between water saturation, porosity, and the electrical conductivity. The rock-properties model is used to generate relationships between changes in geophysical parameters and changes in reservoir parameters. Electrical conductivity changes are directly mapped to changes in water saturation; estimated changes in water saturation are used along with the observed changes in shear wave velocity to predict changes in reservoir pressure. The estimation of the spatial extent and amount of CO<sub>2</sub> relies on first removing the effects of the water saturation and pressure changes from the observed compressional velocity changes, producing a residual compressional velocity change. This velocity change is then interpreted in terms of increases in the CO<sub>2</sub> /oil ratio. Resulting images of the CO<sub>2</sub>/oil ratio show CO<sub>2</sub>-rich zones that are well correlated to the location of injection perforations, with the size of these zones also correlating to the amount of injected CO<sub>2</sub>. The images produced by this

process are better correlated to the location and amount of injected CO<sub>2</sub> than are any of the individual images of change in geophysical parameters.

### **INTRODUCTION**

Crosswell seismic and electromagnetic technology has developed over the past two decades to provide high spatial resolution images of the seismic velocities (P and S) and electrical conductivity of the interwell region. The majority of effort, as measured by the topics of published and presented work, has concentrated on developing and improving algorithms for estimating the geophysical parameters themselves (Newman, 1995; Lazaratos et al., 1995; Wilt et al., 1995; Nemeth et al., 1997; Goudswaard et al. 1998 to In most applications where nongeophysical parameters, such as list but a few). temperature during a steam flood (Lee et al., 1995) or CO<sub>2</sub> saturations during CO<sub>2</sub> flood (Harris et al., 1995; Wang et al., 1998) are the object of the crosswell survey, correlations between the geophysical parameters, e.g., velocity or electrical conductivity, and the desired reservoir parameter are derived and used to infer the distribution of reservoir parameters from the distribution of the geophysical parameters. The output from the survey is still most commonly a cross section of velocity, electrical conductivity or the time-lapse change of these parameters, which is then interpreted in terms of its implications for the distribution and/or change of the parameter of interest (temperature,  $CO_2$  saturation, etc.).

The simple extension of interpreting the geophysical parameters themselves is to use relationships between geophysical and reservoir parameters (e.g., a regression fit between velocity and temperature) to convert a geophysical parameter to a reservoir parameter image. This approach can be used successfully in relatively simple reservoir systems with a minimum of fluid components and/or spatial variations in other controlling parameters (such as porosity, pressure, and temperature). However, in many settings the geophysical parameters depend on a number of reservoir parameters that are variable in both space and time. In particular, porosity, pressure, water, and gas saturation strongly influence seismic velocity. Electrical conductivity can generally be described as a function of porosity, water saturation, and fluid conductivity (Archie, 1942), although clay content may also need to be considered. As we will show, in a complex reservoir fluid system, the spatial distribution of the time-lapse change in geophysical parameters, such as velocity, can vary significantly from the spatial distribution of the time-lapse change in a desired reservoir parameter, such as CO<sub>2</sub> saturation in oil. This difference results from the dependence of the geophysical parameters on more than one reservoir parameter (such as pressure and water saturation). These multiple dependencies must be sorted out before a picture of any single reservoir parameter can be obtained.

It has become common practice to use time-lapse changes in compressional and shear impedance mapped at the top of a reservoir. These changes are used to calculate timelapse changes in effective pressure and water saturation within a reservoir without significant gas saturation (Landro, 2001). However, in systems where natural gas is present in significant concentrations or where gas in the form of  $CO_2$  is introduced, quantitative prediction of pressure and fluid saturation changes becomes problematic because of trade-offs in the effects of the multiple reservoir parameters on the mapped geophysical parameters. The situation is further complicated if the objective is to monitor  $CO_2$  injection into a reservoir already containing natural gas (in addition to oil and water).

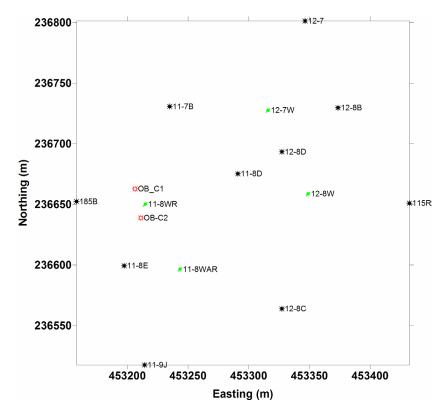
The objective of the work described in this paper is to demonstrate a methodology of combining time-lapse changes in electric conductivity and compressional- and shear-wave velocity with a detailed rock-properties model, to produce quantitative estimates of the change in reservoir pressure, water saturation, and CO<sub>2</sub>/oil ratio.

### THE FIELD EXPERIMENT

Crosswell seismic tomography and electromagnetic imaging have been demonstrated in separate applications over the last decade. The SEG special issue 'Crosswell Methods' (Rector, 1995) contains several papers on the application of crosswell seismic tomography specifically for thermal process monitoring and several others on crosswell EM monitoring of water floods. Wilt et al. (1995) report on the application of crosswell EM in water flood monitoring.

In the fall of 2000 and spring of 2001 we conducted crosswell seismic and electromagnetic (EM) measurements in the Lost Hills oil field in southern California during a  $CO_2$  injection pilot study by Chevron Petroleum Co. The objective of the pilot study was to demonstrate enhanced oil recovery resulting from  $CO_2$  injection. We used this opportunity to study geophysical imaging of the reservoir during  $CO_2$  injection.

The portion of the Lost Hills field where this experiment took place has been undergoing water flood since 1995. The  $CO_2$  pilot covers four injection wells and surrounding producers. Figure 1 shows the well placement in the affected portion of the



**Figure 1.** Area of the Lost Hills field affected by  $CO_2$  injection. Four water injectors (shown in green) were converted to  $CO_2$  injection in September 2000. The crosswell experiments took place between observation wells OB-C1 and OB-C2 (shown in red). A flow simulation production history match was done on the portion of the field covered by this figure.

field. Observation wells, OB-C1 and OB-C2, were drilled for the pilot and were fiberglass-cased to enable the use of crosswell EM. The nearby  $CO_2$  injector (11-8WR) is located 20 feet out of the crosswell-imaging plane. These injection wells were hydraulically fractured to increase injectivity into the low-permeability diatomite reservoir. In some cases, downhole pressures were increased above the lithostatic

pressure, which may have induced fracturing above the desired injection interval. If the fracture did indeed extend above the desired interval, much of the injected  $CO_2$  would likely not sweep its intended target, but rather move into the higher section.

The baseline crosswell seismic and EM surveys were conducted in September 2000, just prior to the beginning of  $CO_2$  injection. A second EM survey was conducted in mid April 2001, and a second seismic survey was conducted in May 2001. In addition to the crosswell surveys, the two observation wells OB-C1 and OB-C2 were relogged for electrical resistivity in January 2001.

#### **A ROCK-PROPERTIES MODEL**

The reservoir parameters that have a dominant affect on geophysical parameters are porosity, pore pressure, effective pressure (lithostatic-pressure minus pore-pressure), fluid saturation, and the amount of dissolved hydrocarbon gas or CO<sub>2</sub> in oil. Pressure has a significant effect at Lost Hills because it is a shallow reservoir in soft rock. Converting geophysical images of the interwell region to reservoir parameters requires a rock-properties model relating the geophysical parameters to the reservoir parameters. We sought a model that would be able to predict observed velocity, density and electrical conductivity from observed pressure, porosity, and fluid saturations. Table 1 gives all the symbol definitions used in this paper. Laboratory measurements of the dry-frame moduli and grain density of the diatomite reservoir rock were unavailable, so to compute the seismic velocity we used the Hertz-Mindlin contact theory for the effective bulk ( $K_{dry}$ ) and shear ( $G_{dry}$ ) moduli of a dry, dense, random pack of spherical grains given by the following expressions:

$$K_{dry} = \left[\frac{l^2 \left(1 - \phi_0\right)^2 G_{grain}^2}{18\pi^2 \left(1 - v\right)^2} \cdot P_{eff}\right]^{1/3}$$
(1)

$$G_{dry} = \frac{5 - 4\nu}{5(2 - \nu)} \left[ \frac{3l^2 (1 - \phi_0)^2 G_{grain}^2}{2\pi^2 (1 - \nu)^2} P_{eff} \right]^{1/3},$$
(2)

where  $\phi_0$  is the critical porosity (the porosity above which the grains become a liquid suspension),  $P_{eff}$  is the effective pressure,  $\nu$  is the grain Poisson's ratio,  $G_{grain}$  is the grain shear modulus and l is the average number of other grains each grain contacts. Equations (1) and (2) describe the effective dry-frame moduli at the critical porosity  $\phi_0$ . The modified Hashin-Shtrikman lower bounds (Hashin and Shtrikman, 1963) given by Dvorkin and Nur (1996),

$$K_{eff} = \left[\frac{\phi/\phi_0}{K_{dry} + 4/3G_{dry}} + \frac{1 - \phi/\phi_0}{K_{grain} + 4/3G_{dry}}\right]^{-1} - 4/3G_{dry}$$
(3)

$$G_{eff} = \left[\frac{\phi/\phi_{0}}{G_{dry} + \frac{G_{dry}}{6}\left(\frac{9K_{dry} + 8G_{dry}}{K_{dry} + 2G_{dry}}\right)} + \frac{1 - \phi/\phi_{0}}{G + \frac{G_{dry}}{6}\left(\frac{9K_{dry} + 8G_{dry}}{K_{dry} + 2G_{dry}}\right)}\right]^{-1}$$
(4)  
$$G_{dry}\left(9K_{dry} + 8G_{dry}\right)$$

$$\frac{G_{dry}}{6} \left( \frac{9K_{dry} + 8G_{dry}}{K_{dry} + 2G_{dry}} \right)$$

are used to model the dry frame moduli ( $K_{eff}$  and  $G_{eff}$ ) at porosity  $\phi$ , where  $K_{grain}$  is the grain bulk modulus.

The bulk modulus of the fluid saturated rock  $(K_{sat})$  is modeled by Gassmann's equation (Gassmann, 1951):

$$K_{sat} = K_{grain} \left[ \frac{\phi \cdot K_{eff} - \left[ \frac{(1+\phi) \cdot K_{fluid} \cdot K_{eff}}{K_{grain}} \right] + K_{fluid}}{(1+\phi) \cdot K_{fluid} + \phi \cdot K_{grain} - \left[ \frac{K_{fluid} \cdot K_{eff}}{K_{grain}} \right]} \right] , \qquad (5)$$

where  $K_{fluid}$  is the aggregate bulk modulus of the fluids filling the pore space. The bulk shear modulus of the fluid saturated rock is assumed to equal that of the dry rock.

The possible fluids filling the pore space are oil, brine, hydrocarbon gas, and CO<sub>2</sub>. A common approach for calculating  $K_{fluid}$  is to use Wood's mixing formula (Wood, 1955):

$$1/K_{fluid} = S_w/K_{brine} + S_{oil}/K_{oil} + S_{hcg}/K_{hcg} + S_{co2}/K_{co2}, \qquad (6)$$

where the water saturation  $(S_w)$ , oil saturation  $(S_{oil})$ , hydrocarbon gas saturation  $(S_{hcg})$ and CO<sub>2</sub> saturation  $(S_{co2})$  sum to 1.0. The bulk moduli of brine, oil, hydrocarbon gas, and CO<sub>2</sub> are  $K_{brine}$ ,  $K_{oil}$ ,  $K_{hcg}$ , and  $K_{CO2}$ , respectively. We will discuss this method of calculating  $K_{fluid}$  at the end of this section. The bulk density is given by a simple mixing law

$$\rho_{bulk} = (1 - \phi) \rho_{grain} + \phi (1 - S_{hcg} - S_w - S_{CO_2}) \rho_{oil} + \\
\phi S_w \rho_{brine} + \phi S_{hcg} \rho_{hcg} + \phi S_{CO_2} \rho_{CO_2}$$
(7)

where  $\rho_{grain}$ ,  $\rho_{oil}$ ,  $\rho_{brine}$ ,  $\rho_{hcg}$ , and  $\rho_{C0_2}$  are the grain, oil, brine, hydrocarbon gas, and

CO<sub>2</sub> densities, respectively, as a function of pressure and temperature.

The fluid bulk moduli  $K_{brine}, K_{oil}, K_{hcg}$  and densities  $\rho_{brine}$ ,  $\rho_{oil}$ ,  $\rho_{hcg}$  of the brine, oil, and hydrocarbon gas respectively are computed using relations from Betzel and Wang (1992). The bulk modulus and density of CO<sub>2</sub>,  $K_{CO_2}$  and  $\rho_{CO_2}$ , respectively, as well as the bulk moduli and densities of CO<sub>2</sub>-hydrocarbon gas mixtures, are modeled using relations from Magee and Howley (1994).

The bulk electrical conductivity ( $\sigma_{bulk}$ ) of the reservoir rock is modeled using Archie's (1942) relationship

$$\sigma_{bulk} = \sigma_{brine} \cdot \phi^m \cdot S_w^n \quad , \tag{8}$$

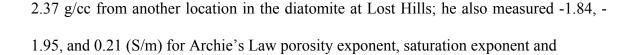
where  $\sigma_{\rm brine}$  is the fluid conductivity, and *m* and *n* are numbers usually between 1 and 3.

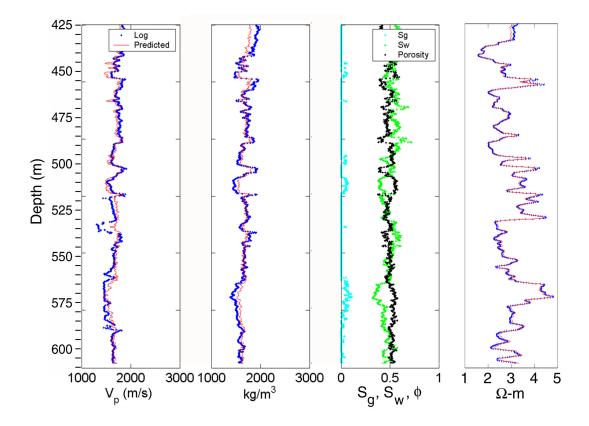
The model parameters in Equations (1) through (7) were found by using a simplex algorithm to minimize  $L_1$  given by Equation (9).

$$L_{1} = \sum_{1}^{N} \left( V_{p}^{obs} - V_{p}^{calc} \right) + \sum_{1}^{N} \left( \rho^{obs} - \rho^{calc} \right),$$
(9)

where  $V_p^{obs}$ ,  $V_p^{calc}$ ,  $\rho^{obs}$ , and  $\rho^{calc}$  are the sonic log compressional velocity, model calculated sonic compressional velocity, log density, and model calculated density, respectively. The units used in defining L<sub>1</sub> were m/s and Kg/m<sup>3</sup>, so that the velocity and density had approximately equal numerical magnitude, and hence equal weight in the value of L<sub>1</sub>. Because the observation wells used in the crosswell surveys did not have full logging suites (no sonic logs), the nearest well (1,000 ft away) with a full suite of logs was used. Electrical parameters in Equation (8) were determined by a regression using the OB-C1  $\sigma$ ,  $\phi$ , and S<sub>w</sub> logs. Predicted V<sub>p</sub>,  $\rho$ , and 1/ $\sigma$  compared to the observed logs are shown in Figure 2, with the model parameters determined from the regressions listed in Table 2.

Parameters listed in bold type in Table 2 (critical porosity, oil API gravity, brine salinity, and temperature) were held fixed in the regression. These values, with the exception of critical porosity, came from direct measurement. Although we are not interested in the model parameters *per se* (we are only interested in the model's ability to predict  $V_p$ ,  $V_s$ , and  $\rho$ , given reservoir parameters), note that their values are quite realistic. The gas density G is very close to that of methane. Estimated shear modulus and grain density of the diatomite grains is very close to the values of 18 (GPa) and 2.3 (g/cc) estimated by Wang (2001). Bilodeau (1995) measured an average grain density of





**Figure 2.** Rock properties model uses logged porosity (black), water saturation (green) and gas saturation (light blue) as inputs in a multi-parameter regression to predict the velocity (left panel), density (second from left panel) and electrical resistivity (right panel). Measured velocity, density, and resistivity are shown in blue; model predicted values are shown in red.

fluid conductivity, respectively, on the same samples. A value of critical porosity was determined by a set of minimizations of Equation (9) where  $\phi_0$  was varied between 0.5 and 0.7, all of which reached essentially the same value of L<sub>1</sub>. The value of  $\phi_0$  was

chosen that resulted in values of  $G_{grain}$  and  $\rho_{grain}$  that were closes to those estimated by Wang (2001).

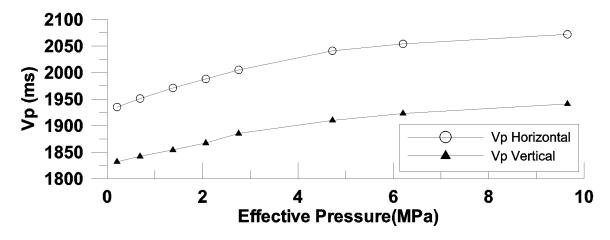
In Table 1, only one parameter, "gas correction", is listed under the Gassmann fluid substitution column. In addition, the Gassmann formula uses the dry-frame modulus as well as the fluid bulk moduli derived from the Batzle and Wang (1992) relations. However, we found that to fit the observed velocity in areas where the gas saturation was non-zero, the gas effect had to be reduced. The overestimation of the gas effect on fluid bulk modulus by the Wood's mixing law, Equation (6), has been observed by Brie et al. (1995). A better match between predicted and observed velocity could be achieved by a simple correction to the gas term in Equation (6), yielding a modified equation

$$K_{fluid} = 1.0 \left[ \frac{G_c * (S_{hcg} / K_{hcg}) + (S_w / K_{brine}) +}{((1 - S_{hcg} - S_w - S_{C02}) / K_{oil}) + (S_{CO2} / K_{CO2})} \right]$$
(10)

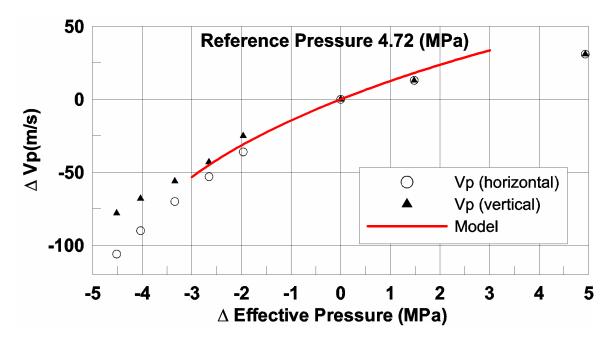
where  $G_c$  is the gas correction listed in Table 1.

The pressure prediction capability of the model was validated by comparison to measurements made by Wang (2001) on core samples of diatomite from Lost Hills. Figure 3 shows the measured compressional velocity for vertical and horizontal propagation. These measurements show a horizontal-to-vertical velocity anisotropy of 1.047 that varies slightly as a function of pressure. We will come back to the velocity anisotropy when we consider the velocity inversion of the crosswell

data.



**Figure 3** Vertical and horizontal compressional velocity as a function of effective pressure measured on Lost Hills Diatomite core by Wang (2001). Core was saturated with 19 API oil and 200,000 ppm brine (50-50 ratio) at 22.7 C.



**Figure 4.** *Predicted velocity change as a function of change in effective pressure compared to laboratory measurements on Lost Hills diatomite core samples.* 

Figure 4 presents the data from Figure 3 recast as velocity changes as a function of pressure changes at a reference pressure of 4.7 MPa, the average effective pressure in the reservoir at the start of  $CO_2$  injection. For expected decreases in effective pressure (increases in pore pressure) in the range 0 to 3 MPa from the reference pressure, the rock properties model predictions are within a few percent of the lab measurements vertical velocity. The rock-properties model is derived from log sonic measurements dominated by vertical propagation along the borehole, so the correspondence to the vertical core measurements is expected. For changes in effective pressure above the reference pressure, the lab measurements show a change in the slope of the curve, with the quality of the fit between model and lab data decreasing. The difference in this region is probably associated with pore crushing in the lab samples not accounted for in the rock-properties model.

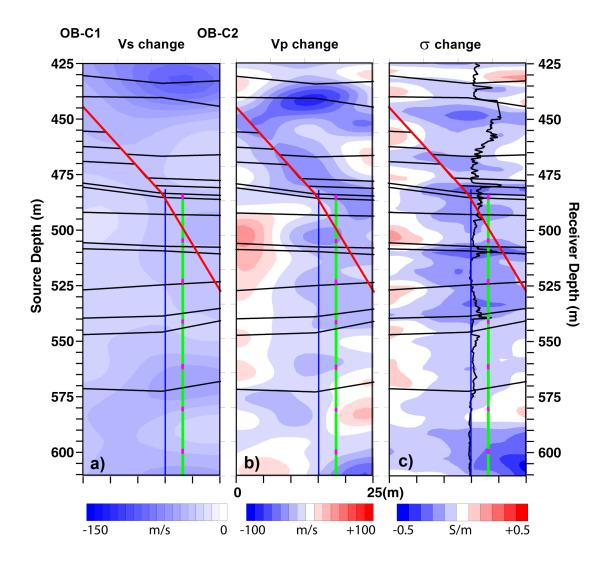
The estimates of the time-lapse changes in geophysical parameters derived from inversion of the observed geophysical data, as described in the following sections, are used with the rock-properties model described by Equations (1)–(5), (7), (8), and (10), with constants listed in Table 2, to calculate time-lapse changes in reservoir parameters.

#### INTEGRATED TIME-LAPSE GEOPHYSICAL IMAGES

The algorithms, assumptions, starting models, and amount of incorporated *a priori* information all greatly affect the velocity and conductivity models resulting from inversion. Inversions of the individual data sets done separately, without any mechanism for linking the models, produces images of  $V_p$ ,  $V_s$ , and  $\sigma$  with little spatial correlation.

Since we assume that the changes in reservoir parameters affect all of the geophysical parameters (albeit in different ways), we expect a certain degree of spatial correlation between changes in the different geophysical parameters. This assumption acts as a constraint on the possible solutions. In this experiment, sonic logs were not run in OB-C1 or OB-C2, but conductivity logs were run in both wells. The strategy we adopted to maximize the spatial correlation between velocity and conductivity images was to begin with the EM data, where the greatest amount of *a priori* information existed, and then use the conductivity image to produce a starting V<sub>p</sub> model, followed by producing a starting  $V_s$  model from the final  $V_p$  model. Conductivity logs were used to build the starting conductivity model for the EM inversion. The EM inversion algorithm is described by Newman (1995). We chose to use the conjugate gradient algorithm of Jackson and Tweeton (1996) for the travel-time tomography because the final model is sensitive to the initial model and is perturbed from the starting model only as much as needed to fit the observed data. Both EM and seismic inversions models were parameterized by 3 m cells.

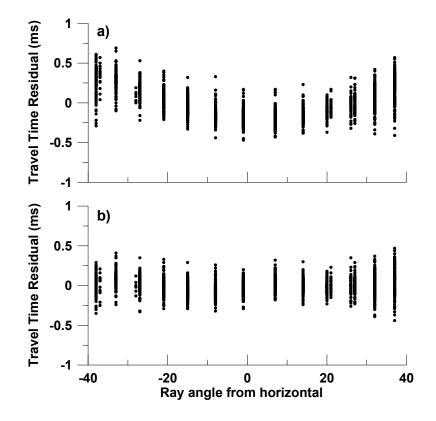
EM inversion for the data at initial conditions (late August 2000 before CO<sub>2</sub> injection) was started from a model built by laterally interpolating the conductivity logs between the OB-C1 and OB-C2 wells. The final inversion model from this data was then used as the starting model for the inversion of the April 2001 data. The difference of the two inversions provides the time-lapse change in conductivity shown in Figure 5c. A high degree of correlation exists between the permeability log from the injector and the areas where the largest decrease in conductivity occurs. The correlation between high permeability and large changes in conductivity (water saturation) is expected.



**Figure 5.** Time-lapse changes in (a) shear velocity, (b) compressional velocity and (c) electrical conductivity. The EM images were used to construct starting models for the  $V_p$  inversions; the resulting  $V_p$  images were used to construct starting models for the  $V_s$  inversions. Major unit boundaries are shown as black sub-horizontal lines, estimated location of previous water injection fracture is shown as a vertical blue line, estimated location of the CO<sub>2</sub> injection fracture is shown as a vertical green line, perforation intervals for CO<sub>2</sub> injection are shown as magenta dots, and the mapped location of a fault zone is shown as the red diagonal line. The permeability log in the out-of-plane CO<sub>2</sub> injection well (11-8WR) is shown in black on panel (c).

Next, the conductivity models from the two inversions were converted to compressional velocity. Values of  $\phi$ , P<sub>eff</sub>, P<sub>pore</sub>, and S<sub>heg</sub>, based on averages from the log data, were used with regression derived parameters (Table 2) to calculate V<sub>p</sub> and  $\sigma$  as a function of S<sub>w</sub>, using Equations (1)-(5), (7), (8), and (10). A linear regression between the calculated V<sub>p</sub> and  $\sigma$  was done to provide a function for converting  $\sigma$  to V<sub>p</sub>. The converted  $\sigma$  models were then used as initial models in the inversion of the V<sub>p</sub> travel-time data to produce the change in V<sub>p</sub> shown in Figure 5b. In addition to a decrease in V<sub>p</sub> in the region around the estimated locations of the old water and new CO<sub>2</sub> injection fracture locations, there are decreases in V<sub>p</sub> that align with the upper section of the mapped fault, implying that P<sub>pore</sub> increases along the upper section of the fault. Since there are few conductivity changes associated with the fault, these results indicate that pressure changes occur along the fault zone without significant changes in water saturation at the time of the experiment.

The largest  $\sigma$ ,  $V_p$ , and  $V_s$  changes occur in a region bordered by the old water injection fracture and the new CO<sub>2</sub>-injection fracture. The water injection was ongoing for more than six years and likely produced a high-permeability damage zone that has been intersected by the newer CO<sub>2</sub> fracture. We speculate that this has produced a relatively high permeability zone in the region between and surrounding the two ideal fracture locations. Both the conductivity and V<sub>p</sub> change sections (Figure 5c and 5b) show an increase in conductivity and V<sub>p</sub> near the OB-C1 and OB-C2 wells. This is caused by an increase in water saturation, as shown in the relogging of the wells in January 2001. Water moving outward and away from the high permeability injection zone as CO<sub>2</sub> is injected causes a "rind" of increased  $S_w$  surrounding the volume affected by  $CO_2$ . The volume of rock affected by  $CO_2$  injection will have reduced water content as either  $CO_2$  fills the pore space or oil absorbs  $CO_2$  and swells, expelling water. This volume will have a surrounding "rind" of increased water saturation.



**Figure 6.** Travel time residual (observed – calculated) vs. ray angle from horizontal. Panel (a): homogeneous halfspace starting model with no anisotropy or dip of the velocity field. Panel (b): homogeneous halfspace starting model with  $V_{horizontal}/V_{vertical} = 1.05$  and symmetry axis 7 degrees from vertical.

The algorithm (Jackson and Tweeton, 1996) used to produce the velocity tomograms shown in Figure 5 allows setting a constant velocity anisotropy and a constant dip of the anisotropy symmetry axis for the entire cross section. In a series of tomographic inversions, values of the horizontal/vertical velocity and the dip of the symmetry axis were varied between 0.9 and 1.1 and -10 to +10 degrees, respectively. The final values of 1.05 and 7 degrees from vertical (respectively) used in Figure 5 produced the flattesttravel-time misfit-versus-ray angle scatter plot with the minimum RMS data misfit. Figure 6a shows the travel-time residual plot for a V<sub>p</sub> model without anisotropy, and Figure 6b shows the residual for the final V<sub>p</sub> model shown in Figure 5b. The horizontal-to-vertical velocity ratio of 1.05 from the crosswell seismic tomograms compares remarkably well with the value of 1.047 from core measurements shown earlier in Figure 3. In addition, the structural dip of the reservoir units in the plane of the crosswell experiment is 7 degrees.

The starting models for the V<sub>s</sub> inversions were converted from the final V<sub>p</sub> sections using a V<sub>p</sub>/V<sub>s</sub> ratio derived from the rock properties model. The final V<sub>s</sub> models were differenced to produce the change in V<sub>s</sub> section shown in Figure 5a. The V<sub>s</sub> change section is much smoother than either the conductivity or V<sub>p</sub> change sections. This results partially from the lower frequency content in the shear-wave data. Shear-wave data were acquired using an orbital vibrator source with a center frequency of 500 Hz, whereas the compressional wave data were acquired using a piezoelectric source with a center frequency of 2,000 Hz. The V<sub>s</sub> change section is also smoother because V<sub>s</sub> is relatively insensitive to changes in water saturation (which have high spatial variability) and more sensitive to pressure changes (which have much lower spatial variability). Even with the smoother spatial changes in V<sub>s</sub> we see a correlation with V<sub>p</sub> and conductivity changes. In particular, the zone along the fault shows a decrease in  $V_s$ , lending support to our interpretation that pore pressure is increasing along the fault zone.

## THE EFFECTS OF GAS ON SEISMIC VELOCITY AND DENSITY

The goal is to predict changes ( $\Delta$ ) in reservoir pressure, fluid saturations, and the amount of absorbed CO<sub>2</sub> in the oil as the CO<sub>2</sub> flood proceeds. We assume that the porosity remains constant over the time of the experiment. To use the rock-properties model to predict changes in reservoir parameters from changes in geophysical parameters, we must define certain values for reference parameters with respect to which the changes will be computed. In particular, reference water saturation (S<sub>w</sub>) and porosity ( $\phi$ ) of 0.5 and 0.52, respectively, are taken from the averages in the OB-C1 well over the reservoir interval prior to CO<sub>2</sub> injection. The reference pore pressure (P<sub>pore</sub>) is taken from a history-matched flow simulation model at the beginning of CO<sub>2</sub> injection. The reference effective pressure (P<sub>eff</sub>) on the rock frame for seismic velocity calculations is calculated from the integrated density log minus P<sub>pore</sub>. We will consider the sensitivity of our predictions to values of the reference parameters below.

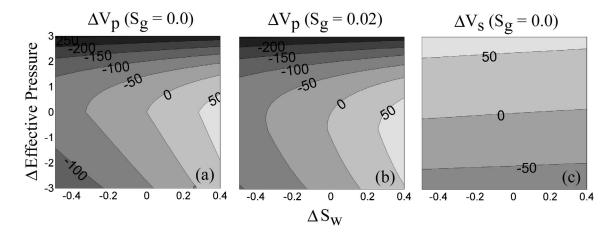
Both hydrocarbon gas and CO<sub>2</sub> in the reservoir affect the seismic velocities through three possible mechanisms:

- (1) by directly changing the bulk modulus of the composite fluid in the pore space as gas saturation changes (Equation 10).
- (2) By changing the bulk modulus of the oil as the amount of dissolved gas changes.
- (3) By changing the bulk density of the rock.

Equation (11), from Batzle and Wang (1992), gives the maximum amount of gas that can dissolve in oil expressed as a gas/oil ratio ( $R_G^{\text{max}}$ ) as a function of pore pressure ( $P_{\text{pore}}$ ), temperature in degrees Celsius (T), oil API gravity (API), and gas gravity ( $G_{\text{grav}}$ ):

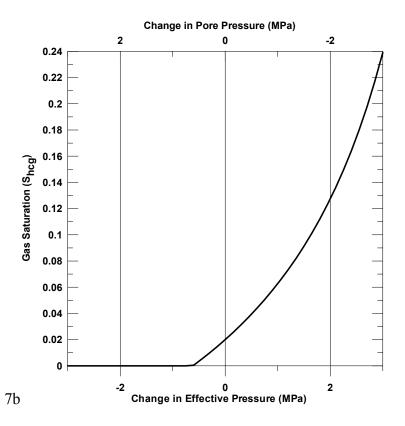
$$R_G^{\text{max}} = 2.03 G_{grav} \left[ P_{pore} \exp(0.02878API - 0.00377T)^{1.205} \right]^{1.205} (11)$$

The gas/oil ratio is the volume ratio of liberated gas to remaining oil at atmospheric pressure and  $15.6^{\circ}$  C. Batzle and Wang (1992) also provide formulas for computing the velocity and density of oils with dissolved gas, which we have used in our calculations.



**Figure 7.** Change in velocity (m/s) as a function of change in effective pressure and water saturation at reference values of  $S_w=0.5$ ,  $S_{hcg}=0.0$ ,  $\phi = 0.52$  and  $P_{eff}=4.7MPa$ . Panel (a)  $\Delta V_p$  ( $S_{hcg} = 0.0$ ) (b)  $\Delta V_p$  ( $S_{hcg} = 0.02$ ) (c)  $\Delta V_s$  ( $S_{hcg}=0.0$ ). The oil contains the maximum amount of dissolved hydrocarbon gas as a function of pressure for the parameters of the rock properties model given in Table 1.

An increase in the amount of dissolved gas in the oil, as measured by R<sub>G</sub>, decreases both the bulk modulus and density of the oil. The bulk modulus is reduced more than the density, resulting in a decrease in the compressional velocity of the oil. Figures 7a and 7c show the calculated  $\Delta V_p$  and  $\Delta V_s$  using oil with the maximum amount of dissolved hydrocarbon gas as functions of  $\Delta P$  and  $\Delta S_w$ , at a reference point (reservoir just prior to CO<sub>2</sub> injection) where  $S_w$ ,  $S_{hcg}$ ,  $\phi$ , and  $P_{eff}$  are equal to 0.5, 0.0, 0.52, and 4.7 (MPa), respectively. When  $S_{hcg}$  is non-zero and free gas exists, the behavior of  $\Delta V_p$  with  $\Delta P$  and  $\Delta S_w$  changes markedly. Figure 7b shows  $\Delta V_p$  for the same reference values as Figure 7a, but with  $S_{hcg} = 0.02$ . Equation (11) is used to compute the maximum amount of dissolved gas as a function of pressure. As Ppore increases above the reference pressure,  $R_{G}^{\max}$  increases, and we assume that *in situ* gas will dissolve into the oil up to  $R_{G}^{\max}$ . As the pressure decreases below the reference pore pressure,  $R_G^{\text{max}}$  decreases, and gas will come out of solution, thereby increasing Shcg above its reference value. This behavior is shown in Figure 8. At the reference pressure  $S_{hcg} = 0.02$ , as  $P_{pore}$  increases (- $\Delta P_{eff}$ ), gas dissolves in the oil and  $S_{hcg}$  decreases until  $\Delta P_{eff}$  reaches -0.6 MPa, when all of the gas has dissolved in the oil. If  $P_{pore}$  decreases (+ $\Delta P_{eff}$ ), gas comes out of the oil and  $S_{hcg}$ increases. This increase in  $S_{hcg}$  with  $+\Delta P_{eff}$  accounts for the sharp gradients in  $\Delta V_p$  seen in the upper portion of Figure 7a and 7b.



**Figure 8.** Change in  $S_{hcg}$  as a function of change in effective pressure for the model calculations shown in Figure 12. Reference  $S_w=0.5$ ,  $S_{hcg}=0.02$ ,  $\phi = 0.52$  and P=4.7MPa.

Although developed for hydrocarbon gas in oil, Equation (11) can be used to predict  $R_G^{\text{max}}$  for CO<sub>2</sub> if the appropriate gas gravity is used. Chung et al. (1988) present experimental results for CO<sub>2</sub> solubility in 22 API gravity oil at 66.7° C over a range of pressures. The predicted values of  $R_G^{\text{max}}$  from Equation (11), using  $G_{grav}$ =1.51 for CO<sub>2</sub>, are within 1% of the measured values over the range of P<sub>pore</sub> found in the Lost Hills reservoir, between 800 and 1,500 psi. Based on this comparison, Equation (11) is appropriate for both hydrocarbon gas and CO<sub>2</sub>. Data from Chung et al. (1988) also show that the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> that will dissolve in oil, at the relatively low temperatures and pressures in our experiment, is independent of the amount of hydrocarbon gas already

dissolved in the oil. We will make use of this fact later in our interpretation of the observed velocity changes.

The dissolution of gas into oil as  $P_{pore}$  increases produces two opposite effects on the composite fluid bulk modulus (Equation (10)) and hence the bulk velocity of the rock. An increase in  $P_{pore}$  causes  $R_{G}^{max}$  to increase, allowing more gas to dissolve in the oil, lowering  $K_{oil}$  while at the same time reducing  $S_{hcg}$ . From Equation (10), we see that a decrease in  $K_{oil}$  and in  $S_{hcg}$  acts in opposition on  $K_{fluid}$ . In addition, an increase in  $P_{pore}$  (decrease in  $P_{eff}$ ) reduces  $K_{dry}$  and  $G_{dry}$ , which reduces the bulk velocity of the rock. When  $S_{hcg}$  is small, decreasing  $S_{hcg}$  to zero increases the bulk velocity of the rock more than lowering  $K_{oil}$  (by dissolving gas) decreases it. In contrast, decreasing  $P_{pore}$  increases  $K_{dry}$  which, by itself, would increase  $V_p$ . However, this effect is outweighed by the decrease in  $V_p$  caused by the increase in  $S_{hcg}$  as hydrocarbon gas comes out of solution from the oil. The net effect on  $V_p$  is seen in the upper halves of Figure 7a and 7b, where  $V_p$  decreases as  $P_{eff}$  increases ( $P_{pore}$  decreases).

### PREDICTING TIME-LAPSE CHANGES IN RESERVOIR PARAMETERS

Before describing the process we have followed to estimate changes in fluid saturations, including *in situ* fluids and introduced  $CO_2$ , we acknowledge that the multitude of possible interactions between changes in pressure, hydrocarbon gas, and  $CO_2$ , as well as the effects on the oil from dissolved gas components, is too large to be uniquely determined from our geophysical measurements. We propose a procedure that makes use of a number of (what we consider to be) reasonable and most probable assumptions to estimate the change in  $CO_2$  gas/oil ratio,  $\Delta R_{CO2}$ , and  $CO_2$  saturation,  $\Delta S_{CO2}$ . The most critical assumption, supported by field reservoir engineers and operations staff (Perri, 2001), is that introduced  $CO_2$  will dissolve in oil almost immediately after injection. Thus, we treat changes in the  $CO_2$  gas/oil ratio as the primary mechanism for velocity reduction after changes in  $S_w$  and P have been accounted for.

EM data provide an independent estimate of  $\Delta S_w$ . Electrical conductivity ( $\sigma$ ) is a much simpler function of reservoir parameters than is velocity and can be described by Archie's law (Archie, 1942). Assuming  $\phi$  is constant,  $\Delta \sigma$  is only a function of  $\Delta S_w$  and  $\Delta \sigma_{\text{brine}}$ . Because a water flood had been in effect for over 6 years at the start of CO<sub>2</sub> injection, we assume  $\sigma_{\text{brine}}$  has reached equilibrium between injected and native water and does not change. Therefore, conductivity changes are interpreted solely in terms of water saturation changes.

The process of converting the geophysical  $\Delta$  images to  $\Delta$  reservoir parameters begins with predicting  $\Delta S_w$  between the wells from the  $\Delta \sigma$  image, assuming that  $\phi$  and  $\sigma_{\text{brine}}$  are constant. The predicted  $\Delta S_w$  is used with the observed  $\Delta V_s$  and the relation illustrated in

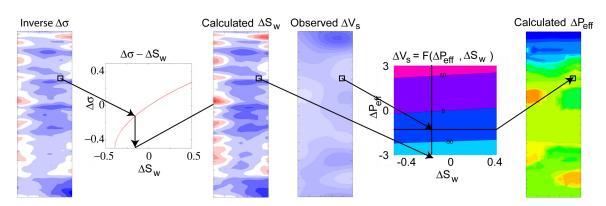


Figure 7(c) to predict  $\Delta P_{eff}$ . The process is illustrated schematically in Figure 9. At

**Figure 9:** Schematic diagram of process of estimating  $\Delta S_w$  from inverse  $\Delta \sigma$  and then using the estimated  $\Delta S_w$  with the observed  $\Delta V_s$  to estimate  $\Delta P_{eff}$ 

this point, the predicted  $\Delta S_w$  and  $\Delta P_{eff}$  sections have required only the assumption that  $\Delta \sigma_{brine}$  does not change appreciably. Going beyond this point to use the observed  $\Delta V_p$  with the predicted  $\Delta S_w$  and  $\Delta P$  to predict changes in CO<sub>2</sub> saturation, along with changes in absorbed gases, requires more assumptions and becomes riskier.

The predicted  $\Delta S_w$  and  $\Delta P_{eff}$  are used to calculate the  $\Delta V_p$  that results from  $\Delta S_w$  and  $\Delta P_{eff}$  alone, assuming  $S_{hcg}$ =0. Over the majority of the image plane,  $\Delta S_w$  is negative, with the exception of small zones in the rind of water saturation which increase (as noted earlier). Predicted  $\Delta P_{eff}$  is negative over the entire interwell section, thus producing a -  $\Delta V_p$ . The residual change in velocity ( $\Delta V_R$ ) is defined by Equation (12):

$$\Delta V_R = \Delta V_p^{obs} - \Delta V_p^{calc} , \qquad (12)$$

where  $\Delta V_p^{obs}$  is the observed change in  $V_p$  and  $\Delta V_p^{calc}$  is the calculated change in  $V_p$ . We expect the injected CO<sub>2</sub> to decrease  $V_p$  in excess of the effects of  $\Delta S_w$  and  $\Delta P_{eff}$  by dissolving CO<sub>2</sub> in oil and possibly producing  $S_{co2} > 0$ . Figure 10 schematically represents the process of calculating  $\Delta V_R$  and using this with the rock properties model to estimate  $\Delta R_{CO2}$ .

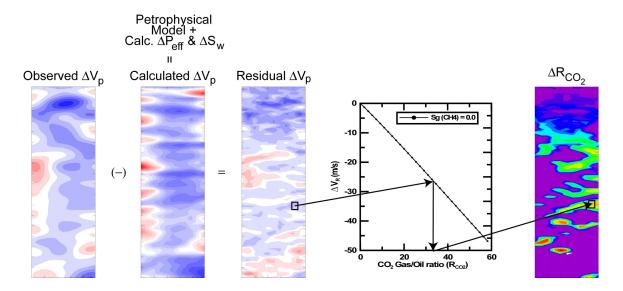


Figure 10: Schematic representation of combination of  $\Delta V_R$  and rock properties model to predict  $\Delta R_{CO2}$ .

On the other hand, a  $+\Delta V_R$  can result if the assumption of no *in situ* hydrocarbon gas, S<sub>hcg</sub>=0, is incorrect. This effect can be seen by comparing Figure 7a to 7b, where the presence of hydrocarbon gas reduces the change in V<sub>p</sub> associated with a given  $\Delta S_w$  and  $\Delta P$ . As a consequence, a calculated  $\Delta V_{p}$ , assuming S<sub>hcg</sub> = 0 when S<sub>hcg</sub> > 0, yields a calculated  $\Delta V_p$  that is too large and hence a  $+\Delta V_R$ . However, if *in situ* hydrocarbon gas is present and has been accounted for in the calculation of  $\Delta V_R$ ,  $+\Delta V_R$  can result if a P<sub>pore</sub> increase causes hydrocarbon gas to dissolve in the oil, in which case S<sub>hcg</sub> is reduced. The OB-C1 log shows the presence of hydrocarbon gas over certain intervals within the reservoir. We noted a strong correlation between depth intervals with a non-zero  $S_{hcg}$ and  $+\Delta V_R$ . Therefore, a two-step process was used to calculate  $\Delta V_R$ . The first pass used  $S_{hcg}=0$  as described. Next, sections of the image with  $+\Delta V_R$  were recalculated assuming  $S_{hcg} = 0.02$  (the average non-zero  $S_{hcg}$  in the reservoir interval). After the second pass calculation of  $\Delta V_R$ , many of the areas that had  $+\Delta V_R$  after the first pass calculations became negative, as  $\Delta V_p^{calc}$  became less negative.

There are thus three regions of the  $\Delta V_R$  section between the wells to interpret: (1)  $S_{hcg} = 0$  and  $\Delta V_R < 0$ , (2)  $S_{hcg} > 0$  and  $\Delta V_R < 0$ , and (3)  $S_{hcg} > 0$  and  $\Delta V_R > 0$ . Regions of the crosswell section corresponding to  $S_{hcg} = 0$  and  $\Delta V_R < 0$  require an assumption about the partitioning of effects of free CO<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> dissolved in oil on  $-\Delta V_R$ . We chose to allow the maximum increase in  $R_{CO2}$ , as given by Equation (11), for the given  $\Delta P_{pore}$  and  $\Delta S_w$ . If the  $+\Delta R_{CO2}$  does not completely account for the  $-\Delta V_R$ , then  $\Delta S_{CO2}$  was calculated to account for the rest. For regions where  $S_{hcg} > 0$  and  $\Delta V_R < 0$ , we assumed that the  $+\Delta P_{pore}$  caused by injection would drive as much of the initial  $S_{hcg}$  into the oil as possible, followed by the same assumption about the partitioning of the  $-\Delta V_R$  between  $+\Delta R_{CO2}$  and  $\Delta S_{CO2}$  as above. Regions where  $S_{hcg} > 0$  and  $\Delta V_R > 0$  were converted to  $-\Delta S_{hcg}$ .

Analysis shows that the oil is fully saturated with hydrocarbon gas at the ambient reservoir pressure. Therefore, we assume that the starting point for  $CO_2$  absorption is oil with  $R_{hcg}$  at its maximum value for the given  $P_{pore}$  and T. As noted earlier,  $R_{CO2}$  and  $R_{hcg}$ 

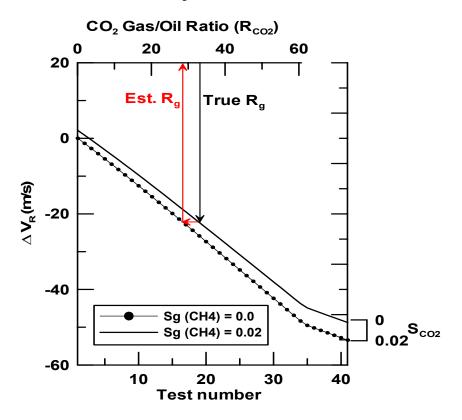
are essentially independent, so that the oil can absorb the amount of hydrocarbon gas and  $CO_2$  up to their respective  $R_G^{\text{max}}$ , indicated by Equation (11). Because we lack an equation for calculating  $K_{\text{oil}}$  with two separate dissolved gases, we have assumed that Equation (13) is an adequate approximation of the bulk modulus of the oil:

$$K_{oil}^{co2+hcg} = K_{oil}^{dead} + \Delta K_{oil}^{co2} + \Delta K_{oil}^{hcg}$$
(13)

 $K_{oil}^{dead}$  is the oil bulk modulus without any gas,  $\Delta K_{oil}^{co^2}$  is the difference between  $K_{oil}^{dead}$ and the oil bulk modulus with CO<sub>2</sub> dissolved, and  $\Delta K_{oil}^{hcg}$  is the difference between  $K_{oil}^{dead}$  and the oil bulk modulus with hydrocarbon gas dissolved.

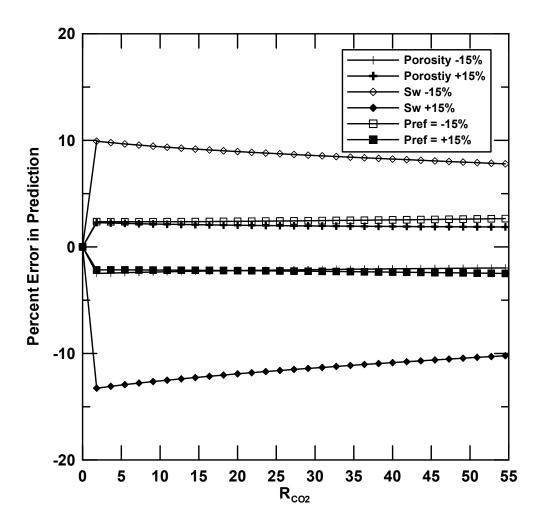
Calculating  $+\Delta R_{CO2}$  for regions where  $\Delta V_R < 0$  is a simple linear interpolation between observed  $-\Delta V_R$  and calculated  $-\Delta V_R$  for a range of  $+\Delta R_{CO2}$ . If  $R_{CO2}$  reaches the maximum given by Equation (11), then the remaining observed  $-\Delta V_R$  is used in a linear interpolation between calculated  $-\Delta V_R$  over a range of  $+\Delta S_{CO2}$  to calculate  $S_{CO2}$ .

The linear relation between  $\Delta V_R$  and  $R_{CO2}$  is shown by the dotted line ( $S_{hcg} = 0$ ) in Figure 11. In Figure 11,  $R_{CO2}$  increases from 0 to  $R_{CO2}^{max}$  from test number 1 to 34. From test number 34 to 41,  $S_{CO2}$  increases from 0 to 0.02, simulating the effect of progressively adding CO<sub>2</sub> that first dissolves in oil. After  $R_{CO2}^{max}$  is reached, CO<sub>2</sub> goes into the gas phase. Figure 9 also illustrates the effects of incorrectly assigning *in situ* hydrocarbon gas saturation. If  $S_{hcg} > 0$  when  $S_{hcg}=0.0$  is assumed, the estimated  $R_{CO2}$  will be low. On the other hand, if  $S_{hcg}=0.0$  when  $S_{hcg} > 0$  is assumed, the estimated  $R_{CO2}$  will be high. The error introduced by an incorrect  $S_{hcg}$  of 0.02 is approximately 15%.



**Figure 11.**  $\Delta V_R$  as a function of  $R_{CO2}$  with and without hydrocarbon gas saturation, solid line is  $S_{hcg}=0.02$ , dotted line is  $S_{hcg}=0.0$ . The presence of  $S_{hcg}$  causes  $\Delta V_R$  to be less negative than if  $S_{hcg}=0.0$ .

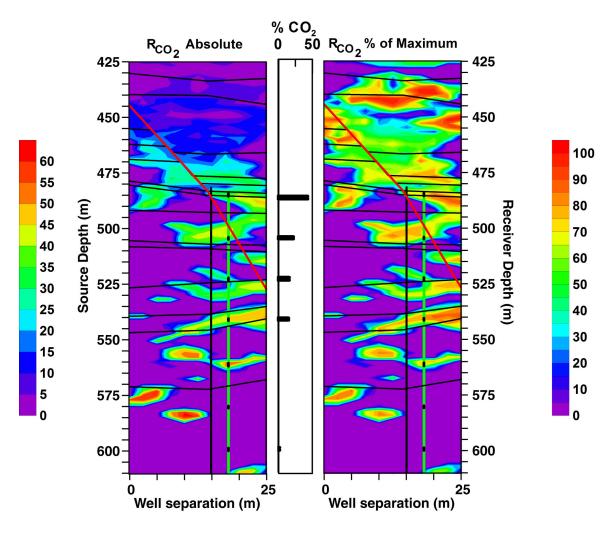
Using this model, we have assessed the errors caused by incorrect values of the reference parameters  $S_w$ ,  $\phi$ , and  $P_{ref.}$  The error expressed as a percent of the true value is plotted in Figure 12 for the same  $R_{CO2}$  values used in Figure 11. A 15% perturbation of the true reference values were used, which we feel covers the expected variation in these



**Figure 12.** Error in predicted  $R_{CO2}$  as a percentage of the true value. Reference values of porosity ( $\phi$ ), water saturation ( $S_w$ ) and effective pressure ( $P_{ref}$ ) are in error by +-15%. The 15% range covers the expected variation in these parameters over the inter-well section.

parameters over the interwell section. The error response as a function of  $R_{CO2}$  is approximately symmetric for positive and negative perturbations in the reference parameters used. The assumed  $S_w$  has the largest effect, followed by the assumed effective pressure, with the assumed porosity having the smallest effect. Overall, the estimated  $R_{CO2}$  is most sensitive to  $S_{hcg}$ , since an error of 0.02 in  $S_{hcg}$  causes a comparable error of 15% in  $S_w$ , but  $S_{hcg}$  may vary by more that 0.02.

Figure 13 shows the calculated absolute  $R_{CO2}$  (left side) and  $R_{CO2}$  expressed as a percent of  $R_{CO2}^{max}$  (right side) generated from the geophysical parameter changes shown in Figure 5, using the two-step process described above. Effective pressure from a historymatched flow simulation model and integrated density log at the beginning of CO<sub>2</sub> injection was used as the reference pressure. The predicted  $R_{CO2}$  never reached  $R_{CO2}^{max}$ , so no  $S_{CO2}$  was needed to account for remaining  $-\Delta V_R$ . The predicted  $R_{CO2}$  shows a strong correlation with the location of perforation intervals (shown as black dots on the green  $CO_2$  hydro-fracture line) that account for the majority of the injected  $CO_2$ . The percentage of injected  $CO_2$  going into each perforation in the 11-8WR well (Figure 1) is plotted in the center of Figure 13 and shows that the upper four perforations account for 95% of all the CO<sub>2</sub>. Almost 50% of the CO<sub>2</sub> goes into the uppermost perforation. The location of this perforation corresponds to the large  $+R_{CO2}$  associated with the fault zone and region above, indicating loss of substantial CO<sub>2</sub> into the upper portions of the reservoir. The second, third, and fourth perforations from the top account for roughly



another 45% of injected CO<sub>2</sub>, with each perforation aligning with a laminar zone of

**Figure 13**. Predicted  $CO_2/oil$  ratio ( $R_{CO2}$ ). Left side shows absolute  $R_{CO2}$ , right side shows  $R_{CO2}$  as a percent of the maximum value for the given pressure and temperature. Major unit boundaries are shown as black sub-horizontal lines, estimated location of the previous water injection fracture is shown as a vertical black line, estimated location of the  $CO_2$  injection fracture is shown as a vertical green line, perforation intervals for  $CO_2$ injection are shown as black dots on top of the  $CO_2$  injection fracture, and the mapped location of a fault zone is shown as a red diagonal line.

 $+R_{CO2}$ . The only poor correlation between injected CO<sub>2</sub> and predicted  $+R_{CO2}$  occurs at the perforation at a depth of 1,850 ft. At this depth, a laminar  $+R_{CO2}$  zone aligns with a perforation, but the injectivity log indicates little injected CO<sub>2</sub>. A possible explanation for this zone of increased CO<sub>2</sub> is the down-dip CO<sub>2</sub> injector 12-7W. This injector lies along the same hydraulic fracture azimuth as the 11-8WR (Figure 1) and shows considerable CO<sub>2</sub> injection into the geologic unit that intersects our image plane at 1,850 ft depth.

The upper section of the fault (left side), where geologic-unit boundaries are offset, correlates with an increase in  $R_{CO2}$ , whereas the lower section (right side), where no displacements are mapped, does not. This is consistent with an increased permeability along portions of the fault that have significant movement compared to portions that do not. We interpret this image as indicating that  $CO_2$  from the uppermost perforation is moving up dip along the fault zone and leaking into the high-permeability units above.

The image of  $R_{CO2}$  shown in Figure 13 has apparent higher vertical resolution of increased CO<sub>2</sub> zones compared to the geophysical anomalies shown in Figure 5. While there are zones of  $-\Delta V_p$  associated with the same perforation intervals correlated with  $+R_{CO2}$ , there are additional areas of  $-\Delta V_p$  above and below that do not correspond to  $+R_{CO2}$ . Because V<sub>s</sub> is insensitive to the fluid substitutions (Figure 7c), we do not expect to see a correlation between  $\Delta V_s$  and CO<sub>2</sub>, either in the gas phase or dissolved in oil. Electrical conductivity changes will be related to changes in oil saturation through the change in S<sub>w</sub>; these conductivity changes would also show a correlation to the displacement of water by oil, which may or may not be oil with dissolved  $CO_2$  in it. Thus, although the  $\Delta\sigma$  image (Figure 5) is correlated with the  $\Delta V_p$  image, it also does not correlate with the injection intervals nearly as well as the derived  $R_{CO2}$  image of Figure 13. Overall, the  $R_{CO2}$  image has higher correlation with the injection intervals than the geophysical-change images and is also more horizontally stratified, as is the permeability structure of the formation.

### CONCLUSIONS

We have used a rock-properties model, based on a close packing of spherical grains in conjunction with Gassmann's equation, to simulate the relationships between reservoir parameters of the Lost Hills diatomite and seismic compressional and shear velocities. A volumetric mixing law models bulk density. Parameters of the rock-properties model are derived by a simultaneous fitting of compressional velocity and density logs, using a simplex L1-norm minimization, given the observed porosity and fluid-saturation logs as well as measured pressure, temperature, and oil properties. Although the spherical grain model may not ideally represent the microscopic structure of the diatomite, the model accurately predicts the bulk seismic velocities and densities as a function of the fluid saturations, pressure, and porosity, as measured by log data and measurements made on core samples.

Calculations using the derived rock-properties model show that the rock bulk shear velocity primarily depends on pressure changes, with the effects of water saturation changes on shear velocity being of second order. Calculations also show that the

presence of even a small amount of hydrocarbon gas strongly affects the relationships between  $V_p$  and the reservoir parameters. The influence of gas on compressional velocity makes it impossible to separate the effects of changes in hydrocarbon gas saturation,  $CO_2$ gas saturation, and the effects on the oil caused by dissolved  $CO_2$  on  $V_p$  without additional independent information. Crosswell EM data was used to provide estimates of changes in electrical conductivity that are directly related to changes in water saturation, thus providing an estimate of the change in water saturation that is independent from the seismic data.

To predict quantitatively the location and amount of  $CO_2$  in the crosswell image plane, the change of P-wave velocity is decomposed into the part that can be predicted by the estimated changes in water saturation and pressure and the part predictable by a change in  $CO_2$  content. The process relies on the assumption that the  $CO_2$  will first dissolve in the oil and will only enter the gas phase after the oil has absorbed the maximum amount of  $CO_2$  possible for the *in situ* pressure and temperature conditions. Using this procedure, we have demonstrated that by combining seismically derived changes in compressional and shear velocity with EM-derived changes in electrical conductivity, estimates of pressure change, water saturation change, and  $CO_2$  gas/oil ratio can be made in a complex reservoir containing oil, water, hydrocarbon gas, and injected  $CO_2$ . The resulting predicted  $CO_2$  /oil ratio,  $R_{CO2}$ , is better correlated with logged unit boundaries than are any of the images of changes in geophysical parameters. The size of the predicted  $CO_2$ -rich zones correlate with the amount of  $CO_2$  that enters the formation through each perforation. The predicted  $\Delta R_{CO2}$  images indicate that a significant portion of the injected  $CO_2$  is filling the upper portions of the section above the intended injection interval. These conclusions are validated by  $CO_2$  injectivity measurements made in the 11-8WR Well.

While we have tried to produce quantitative estimates of the  $CO_2$  in place by estimating the  $CO_2$ /oil ratio, the values of this ratio depend on our assumptions about the partitioning of  $CO_2$  between oil and gas phases. In addition, the assumed values of *in situ* hydrocarbon gas affect the estimates of the  $CO_2$ /oil ratio, so that the absolute values of our estimates may be in error. The main advantage of the approach described in this paper is the decoupling of the effects of pressure and water saturation changes from those caused by  $CO_2$ . This produces the improved spatial correlation between the estimated  $CO_2$ /oil ratio and the  $CO_2$  injectivity logs when compared to the geophysical change images.

This analysis relies on many assumptions that were required because the project was not originally designed to use this methodology. In future applications, the number of assumptions could be substantially reduced by design. In particular, considerable benefit could be drawn from repeat logging of the wells with a full suite of logs. This would provide control points for the  $\Delta P$ ,  $\Delta S_w$ ,  $\Delta S_g$ ,  $\Delta V_p$ ,  $\Delta V_s$ , and  $\Delta \sigma$ , all of which would serve to greatly constrain the problem. Log measurements of the geophysical parameters would provide information for better starting models, with constraints on the velocity, density, and electrical conductivity at the well locations. Additionally, measurements of  $S_{CO2}$  and the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> dissolved in the oil would provide a basis for determining the partitioning of the residual velocity between the two, as well as eliminate the need to assume that all of the  $CO_2$  dissolves in the oil before  $CO_2$  gas is evoked as a mechanism of velocity change.

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## TABLES

 Table 1: Definition of symbols.

Parameter Name	Symbol	Parameter Name	Symbol
Dry frame bulk modulus	K <sub>dry</sub>	CO <sub>2</sub> bulk modulus	K <sub>CO2</sub>
Dry frame shear modulus	G <sub>dry</sub>	Composite fluid bulk modulus	K <sub>fluid</sub>
Effective dry frame bulk modulus	K <sub>eff</sub>		
Effective dry frame shear modulus	G <sub>eff</sub>	Grain density	ρ <sub>grain</sub>
Saturated rock bulk modulus	K <sub>sat</sub>	Oil density	Poil
Saturated rock shear modulus	G <sub>sat</sub>	Brine density	ρ <sub>brine</sub>
Grain bulk modulus	K <sub>grain</sub>	CO <sub>2</sub> density	ρсо2
Grain shear modulus	G <sub>grain</sub>	Gas correction	G <sub>c</sub>
Grain Poisson ratio	ν	Hydrocarbon gas density	Phcl
Critical porosity	$\phi_0$	Rock bulk electrical conductivity	$\sigma_{\it bulk}$
Rock porosity	$\phi$	Brine electrical conductivity	$\sigma_{\it brine}$
Number of grain contacts	l	Archie porosity exponent	m
Water (brine) saturation	Sw	Archie saturation exponent	n
Oil saturation	So	Pore pressure	P <sub>pore</sub>
Hydrocarbon gas saturation	S <sub>hcg</sub>	Effective Pressure	P <sub>eff</sub>
CO <sub>2</sub> saturation	S <sub>CO2</sub>	Compressional velocity	V <sub>p</sub>
Brine bulk modulus	K <sub>brine</sub>	Shear velocity	Vs
Oil bulk modulus	K <sub>oil</sub>	Gas/Oil ratio	$R_{g}$
Hydrocarbon gas bulk modulus	K <sub>hcg</sub>	Gas gravity	G <sub>grav</sub>

**Table 2:** Rock-properties model parameters by model constituent. Model parameters fixed in the regression of well log data are shown in bold type. Asterisk (\*) indicates that lithostatic pressure was calculated as a function of depth using the integrated density log, and pore pressure was taken as hydrostatic. Effective Pressure = Lithostatic – Hydrostatic Pressure.

		Dry Frame	Gassmann's Fluid		Electrical	Regression	
Parameter Name	Symbol	Modulus	Substitution	Fluids	Conductivity	Values	
Grain Shear							
Modulus	G <sub>grain</sub>	х				17.84 (Gpa)	
Grain Poisson Ratio	v	x				0.107	
Grain Density	ρgrain	x	Dry Rock			2.358 (g/cc)	
# of contacts/grain	l	х	К			3.68	
Effective Pressure	$P_{eff}$	х				*	
Critical Porosity	$\phi_0$	x				0.55	
Pore Pressure	$P_{pore}$			x		*	
Oil API gravity	API			х		21.7	
Gas gravity	G <sub>grav</sub>		Fluid K	x		0.585	
Brine Salinity	S			x		0.023 (PPM/10 <sup>6</sup> )	
Temperature	Т			х		42 (C)	
Fluid conductivity	$\sigma_{\it brine}$				x	0.23 (S/m)	
Porosity exponent	т				х	-1.66	
Saturation exponent	n				х	-1.85	
Gas correction	Gc		X			0.0068943	
*	Litostatic pressure from integrated density logs, <i>P<sub>eff</sub></i> = Litho - Hydro static						