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Diagnostic Fracture Injection Tests

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Phase I: Application of Machine Learning and Big Data



 Machine Learning is a subset of AI that focuses on learning rules from data.





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Machine Learning

Type of machine learning:

- Supervised:
 - Predicting outputs based on inputs
 - Ex: Regression and Classification

Unsupervised:

- Reveal hidden structure in the data.
- Ex: Clustering



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Data set

- Carbonate gas reservoir
- Eight wells
- Seven logs predictor variables
 - GR, Resistivity, PE, Neutron density porosity, average Neutron density porosity.
 - Non-marine indicator and relative position



Nine discrete rock facies:

- Sandstone
- Coarse siltstone
- Fine siltstone
- Siltstone and shale
- Mudstone
- Wakestone
- Dolomite
- Packstone
- Bafflestone









Seven training wells

- Total points: 3232
- 20% test set

One blind test well

- Extract feature variables
 - GR, Resistivity, PE, Neutron density porosity, average Neutron density porosity.





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Well Logging project Example





Well Logging project Example

- Models used:
- K nearest Neighbor
 - F1-Score: 0.43
- Random Forrest Classifier
 - F1-Score: 0.43



Well Logging project Example

- Applying the classification model to the blind data
- Now that we have a trained facies classification model we can use it to identify facies in wells that do not have core data.





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A short injection/falloff diagnostic test performed without proppant before a main fracture stimulation treatment

The intent is to break down the formation to create a short fracture during the injection period, and then to observe closure of the fracture system during the falloff period.



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Diagnostic Fracture Injection Tests: ML Approach



Diagnostic Fracture Injection Tests: ML Approach

Current Data

- 7 wells
- 3.5 millions rows of attributes
- SQL Database
 - Easy access for data
 - Robust mathematical operations
- Because it's a ML approach, the more data we get, the more certain we are. And the lower the uncertainty, the more we trust our model.







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Phase II: Computational Modeling of Diagnostic Fracture Injection Tests in Discrete Complex Fracture Network.



Objective

- Develop a DFIT simulator to match and predict the pressure falloff after shut in.
- Focus on the potential effect of fracture network complexity for DFIT.
- Long term production forecasting.



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Model description

- Couples the fluid flow with stress induced by fracture deformation in complex 2D discrete fracture network.
- Single phase
- Isothermal
- Model involves:
 - Opening & propagation of new fracture
 - Sliding of preexisting fracturing
 - Combination of both
 - ≻Fracture closure





Diagnostic Fracture Injection Tests

Numerical methods to calculate stresses:

As the size and complexity of the fracture network increases, the challenge of geomechnical discrete fracture modeling grows considerably.

- Infinite element method
- Finite difference
 - Require discretization of the area (2D) around the fractures. Lead to a very large number of elements for complex networks.
- Boundary element
 - Avoid the need to discretize around fractures. Require solution of dense matrices.
- Extended finite Element Method:
 - Powerful technique for hydraulic fracturing modeling. New and have not been demonstrated on complex modeling.
- Others ?



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- Fluid-flow equations
- Stress Calculations
- Generating DFN





- Fluid-flow equations
 - Unsteady-state fluid mass balance equation in fracture (Aziz and Settari 1979)

$$\frac{\partial(\rho E)}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot \left(q_{flux}e\right) - q_{leakoff} + S_a$$
$$q_{flux} = \frac{k\rho}{\mu} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x_i}$$
$$T = ke = \frac{e^3}{12}$$



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- Apertures calculations
 - Closed-fracture elements (Willis-Richards et al. 1996)

$$E = \frac{E_0}{1 + 9\frac{\sigma'_n}{\sigma_{n,Eref}}}$$

• Hydraulic aperture $e = \frac{\varphi_{e0}}{1 + 9\frac{\sigma'_n}{\sigma_{n,eref}}} + D_{eff} \tan(\frac{\varphi_{edil}}{1 + 9\frac{\sigma'_n}{\sigma_{n,eref}}})$

Open fracture elements

$$E = E_0 + E_{open}$$
$$Ee = e_0 + D_{eff} \tan(\varphi_{edil}) + E_{open}$$



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Stress calculations

At each element the stress is specified by three components: σ_n , τ_s and τ_d

Effective normal stress must be equal to zero

$$\sigma_n^r - P + \Delta \sigma_n = 0$$



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Data:

- Bulk modulus
- Poisson ratio
- Height
- Perf. Diameter
- Duration of injection
- Leak-off coefficient

- Tensile stress
- Fluid viscosity
- Matrix perm
- Perf. No
- Injection Schedule





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Answers/Output:

- Pressure Fall-off time series
- G-function Plot









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Phase III: Model Check





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Questions ?

