Stochastic Methods for Reservoir Simulation

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Initial Interpretation

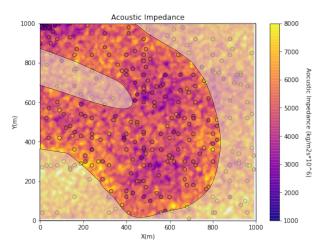


Figure: Geologic interpretation overlaid on acoustic impedance data

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Workflow

The following steps comprised our computational workflow:

- 1. Outliers in well data were removed via the Tukey method
- Porosity and permeability data were transformed to standard Gaussian distribution
- 3. Variogram map was constructed
- 4. Experimental variograms of facies, porosity and permeability were constructed to establish azimuthal directions for major and minor axes of continuity in the reservoir
- 5. Model variograms were fit to the experimental variograms and interpreted

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Variogram Map

The variogram map for sand facies has shown a primary direction SW to NE with an azimuth in the major direction of 22.5 degrees and 112.5 degrees in the minor direction.

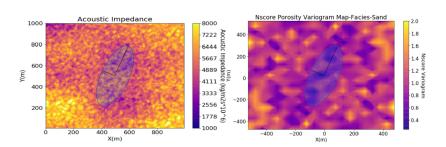
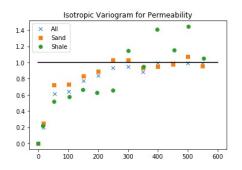


Figure: Al map and Variogram map for porosity sand facies

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Isotropic Variogram

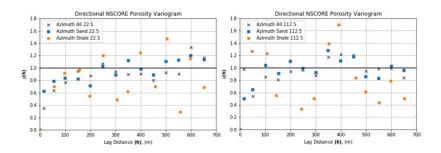
- ▶ The range of the correlation for sandstone facies is 250 m
- ► The width of the channel belt is 250m, agreed with the visual estimation based on the acoustic impedance map



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Directional Variograms

- ► Major direction: 22.5 degrees
- ▶ Minor direction: 115.5 degrees



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Facies Variogram

 Presence of some cyclicity as expected from sinuous channel interpretation

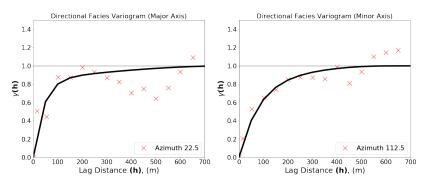


Figure: Modeled variogram for facies continuity

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Sandstone Porosity Variogram

 \blacktriangleright Have a significant nugget effect in sandstone porosity accounting for \sim 50% of the variance

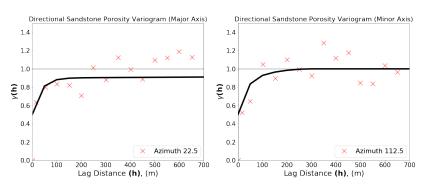


Figure: Modeled variogram for sandstone porosity

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Sandstone Permeability Variogram

- Smaller nugget effect
- Similar ranges in major and minor axes

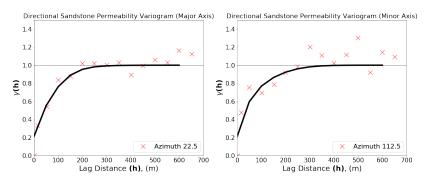


Figure: Modeled variogram for sandstone permeability

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Conclusions

- Variogram map and directional variograms suggest weak directional spatial continuity in the o22/112 azimuthal directions
- Long range spatial continuity in the 112 direction
- Cyclicity in variogram validates initial geologic interpretation of a 200-250m wide channel feature

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