Dear members,

The year is flying by and the fall season is around the corner. I hope you all enjoy cooler temperatures these days in the valley. For our safety moment, school is back in session which means the school zone speeds are back in effect.

This month, we start the activities by Machine learning course on September 6 and 7th. There is still time left if you’d like to sign up for the course. Also, a few other courses are planned for September and October. On September 13th, we will have a great talk by Jeff Jones. He will be talking on “An Integrated Workflow Approach to Manage Steamflood Operations”. Later in the month, the first Joint Golf Tournament between SPE and SJGS will be held on September 28th. So far, we have good number of sign-ups for the event. This should be a fun event hosting both geologists and engineers and would be a great networking opportunity. Please get in touch with Keith (Keith.Kostelnik@crc.com) if you’d like to attend or sponsor the event.

Lastly, the call for papers of the upcoming Western Region Meeting, April 22nd to the 25th 2019, has been sent! The event will be held in San Jose next year. We highly encourage the members to contribute to the technical program by publishing papers and present their work. The deadline for paper submission is October 25th. A full list of topics technical committee will be accepting can be viewed in the newsletter. Registration for the conference and short courses will be open shortly along with additional details for the conference.

Until next month.

Sincerely

Your SJV SPE 2018-2019 Chair,
Reza Ardali
An Integrated Workflow Approach to Manage Steamflood Operations

By Jeff Jones, E&B Natural Resources, Priyank Dwivedi, Schlumberger Limited

San Joaquin Valley SPE Section General Section Mtg
Thursday, September 13, 2018 @ 11:30 AM

Petroleum Club 12th Floor – 5060 California Avenue, Bakersfield

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Speaker: Jeff Jones, Vice President E&B Natural Resources

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Abstract

A rapid, user-friendly & easily deployable workflow solution for managing steamflood operations & reservoir management is presented that combines day to day surveillance techniques with performance prediction that uses an analytical model for proactive management of operations. The workflow is embedded in Schlumberger’s OFM analysis software.

The workflow has been implemented in multiple projects (using public data and data provided by operators) to answer multiple critical questions like pattern response date, steam breakthrough time, expected peak rate from a pattern, arrival of the peak rate, underperforming or over-performing regions in a field, redistribution of the steam volumes, where to minimize steam oil ratio, classify patterns based on efficiency and so on.

It is built up on two core components. A set of diagnostic plots and data analytics that enable quick historical performance assessment of patterns as well as the surveillance of the current state of operations. Secondly, a widely used analytical performance model is applied to model the oil production from the patterns (early time, mid-life and late pattern life) that serves as a fast-computational tool for practising engineers. This presentation discusses the results from multiple fields on the application of proposed workflow and how it has assisted in field management and optimization. These methods are efficient and fast and more importantly user friendly for reservoir management of steamfloods.

Biography

Jeff is Senior Vice President with E&B Natural Resources and has over 46 years in the industry, all in thermal recovery operations. Jeff has authored 18 SPE technical papers and authored the chapter on Steam Enhanced Oil Recovery for the new SPE Petroleum Engineering Handbook. He has been very active in SPE regional meetings and symposia and he has served on the local section board of directors many years, including Section Chairman in 1999-2000. Jeff received the 2002 SPE Production Engineering Award, the 2004 Thermal Pioneer Award, the 2010 IOR Pioneer Award, 2010 Distinguished Service award, 2010 Distinguished Member award, and was a 2004-2005 SPE Distinguished Lecturer. He has taught an industry short course on Heavy Oil Engineering for 25 years and has consulted internationally. He holds a BSME from Fresno State University and is a Registered Petroleum Engineer in California.
Call for Papers
SPE Western North America Regional Meeting – 2019
“Thriving Through Change; Innovation, Analytics, and Sustainability”
April 22 to April 25, 2019
Venue: DoubleTree Hotel, Silicon Valley, San Jose California

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Biography: Simon Shin is a Mechanical Engineer who received his BSME degree at the University of California, Riverside in 2013. Shortly after, he joined Black Gold Pump & Supply, Inc. in 2014 as an Associate Engineer. He is currently Senior Engineer and manages the engineering group. Throughout his career, he has designed and created many projects and IP products that has helped customers increase efficiency and production. He currently has 2 patents granted and 1 patent pending with Black Gold.

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SPE SJV - Training Opportunities for 2018

Local SPE section is planning to ramp up training classes in Bakersfield for the rest of 2018 and upcoming year. SPE is partnering with various courses providers in order to bring high quality learning opportunities to Bakersfield at the lowest possible cost for participants.

** Details for classes are to come during the year and all dates are tentative.

** Classes execution will depend on enrollment the sooner you enroll and/or can commit, the more trainings can be brought!

For comments and suggestions: Cenk Temizel @ CTemizel@aeraenergy.com or
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MACHINE LEARNING TECHNIQUES OF RESERVOIR CHARACTERIZATION

Dr. Siddharth Misra (The University of Oklahoma)

This course will present an overview of some common machine learning techniques deployed in shale reservoir characterization. Emphasis will be on the use of neural networks in Bakken and Wolfcamp shale formations using Python and Tensorflow.

Who should attend?
Petroleum engineers and geoscientists will learn about the latest applications of machine learning and neural networks in reservoir characterization. Attendees will learn to write machine learning codes using Python and Tensorflow.

Prerequisites
Basic understanding of probability, statistics, and numerical methods. Familiarity with writing beginner-level computer programs in any language.

TECHNICAL CONTENT

Regression, classification, and interpolation
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Conjugate gradient method
- Estimation of hydrocarbon saturation in Bakken, Wolfcamp, and north-European shale formations.

k-nearest-neighbors and k-means algorithms
- Rock typing in Bakken and Wolfcamp shale formation.

Artificial neural network
- Generation of dielectric permittivity and electrical conductivity dispersion logs in shales.
- Estimation of hydrocarbon saturation in Bakken and Wolfcamp shale formations.
- Generation of geomechanical properties in Wolfcamp shale formation.

Deep neural network
- Generation of NMR T2 distribution in shales.
- Estimation of permeability in Bakken shale formation.

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR
Dr. Sid Misra is assistant professor of petroleum engineering at the University of Oklahoma, USA. He graduated with a Ph.D. in petroleum engineering from the University of Texas at Austin, USA. His research interests are data-driven methods, machine learning, parameter estimation, electromagnetic sensing, formation evaluation, and pressure/temperature transient analysis. His work finds applications in unconventional reservoir characterization and formation evaluation. After the completion of his Doctoral studies in 2015, he began his academic career at the University of Oklahoma. He teaches numerical methods, petrophysics, well logging, and well testing. Dr. Misra has more than 40 publications in peer-reviewed journals and as part of the conference proceedings. He has given numerous invited talks on shale reservoir characterization for the industry and at the universities around the world. He is the current associate editor of the SPE Reservoir Evaluation and Engineering Journal and has been a technical editor for a variety of scientific journals. He has served in thesis committees of more than fifteen MS and PhD students at the University of Oklahoma.

REGISTRATION FEE: $1,500

DURATION: 2 days 
DATE: Sept. 6 & 7, 2018

LOCATION: Bakersfield, CA at AERA Energy
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“Introduction to API Storage Tank Standards”

by Mr. John Cornell

Oct. 23-25th, 2018

Where: University of Phoenix, 4900 California Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93309

Dear SJV SPE Members,

The SPE is pleased to announce an Introduction to API Storage Tank Standards course in Bakersfield on the 23-25th October 2018. (University of Phoenix, 4900 California Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93309)

This is an intensive three-day course which is designed for Facility Engineers, Project Engineers, operating personnel and contractors responsible for the design, construction, inspection, maintenance, regulatory, compliance, and operation of both large and small above ground storage tanks.

The cost of the course will be $1,950 for SPE members and $2,250 for non SPE members. Registration is required by 10th October. (SPE annual membership is $90)

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Class time will be 8 am to 5pm. Lunch will be provided. Registration starts at 7:45 am

For additional information, please contact Gwyn Mali (gwynmali@chevron.com) or Cenk Temizel (CTemizel@aeraenergy.com).

Regards,

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Course Outline:


2) Day two: Existing Tank Evaluation ( API-653) – Introduction to tank failures, Brittle fracture, Inspection drivers and considerations, Inspection types and schedules, Safety concerns around tanks, Failure (corrosion) types, etc.
3) Day three: (API -12F and 12B) Tank Materials, Design, Fabrication of field production tanks.

Instructor:

Mr. John Cornell is the owner of H.I.R. Technical Services, a well-recognized tank consulting firm for storage tank design, fabrication, construction, inspection, and repair. Mr. Cornell has been The Senior Training Provider for The USDOT for PHSMA as relating to Large Breakout tanks since 2001 and is an expert on above-ground storage tanks.

LinkedIn profile here: https://www.linkedin.com/in/john-cornell-3a2b8346/

Instructor substitutes may be required.
Cement Evaluation and Remediation

by James J. Smolen and William K. (Bill) Ott

Oct. 9-10th, 2018

Where: Aera Academy CC38 - 10000 Ming Avenue, 93311 Bakersfield, CA

Dear SJV SPE Members,

The SPE is pleased to announce a Cement Evaluation and Remediation course in Bakersfield on the 9-10th October 2018. (Aera Academy, Room CC38, 10000 Ming Avenue, 93311 – Use visitor entrance and parking)

This is a two-day training course that will focus on detection of fluid channels, voids and leaks, and their effective repair. The course is designed for: drilling and completion engineers, field supervisors, petroleum engineers, and geologists.

The cost of the course will be $1,400 dollars for SPE members and $1,800 for non SPE members. Registration is required by 25th Sept. (SPE annual membership is $90)

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CEUs

1.6 CEUs (Continuing Education Units) will be awarded for this 2-day course.

SPE reference:

Instructors

James J. Smolen has more than 30 years of experience in cased hole well logging, applications, related research, and training. He began in the oil industry in 1970 with Schlumberger and since 1980, has been an officer and director of Petroleum Computing, as well as an international consultant and trainer. He has numerous publications to his credit, including the 1996 PennWell text, Cased Hole and Production Log Evaluation. Smolen was a Distinguished Lecturer for SPE and SPWLA. He holds a BS from Northwestern University, and earned his MS and PhD degrees from the University of California, Berkeley.

William K. (Bill) Ott, PE is an independent, international petroleum consultant based in both Houston and Singapore and a registered professional engineer in Texas with more than 40 years of well completion and workover experience. He was an SPE Distinguished Lecturer in 2007–2008 and has conducted technical petroleum industry courses worldwide. He has written numerous technical papers relating to well completions and workovers, and is coauthor of the popular World Oil Modern Sandface Completion Practices Handbook and World Oil Downhole Remediation for Mature Oil & Gas Fields Handbook. Ott holds a BS in chemical engineering from the University of Missouri.
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