CHARACTERIZATION OF RESERVOIR SANDSTONES USING LOG ANALYSIS TECHNIQUE EXTENDED ELASTIC IMPEDANCE IN FIELD X

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ABSTRACT

Extended Elastic Impedance (EEI) Analysis first introduced by Whitcombe (2002) was used for the predicting lithology review and fluid in a hydrocarbon reservoir. EEI is an application of an angle that is applied in a certain range until the zone of interest (ZoI) clarified. EEI is an interesting subject to observe and very useful to be applied on seismic attributes with its ability to predict lithology and fluid where acoustic impedance of sands and shale looks almost in the same pattern. Applying this method allows the result of the sand and shale anomalies to be seen in a different way. EEI has the ability to review the estimation of elastic parameters. In this research, It used multiple parameters which analyzed directly by using an original log from well that are a v_{p/v_s} ratio, pseudo gamma ray, pseudo NPHI, pseudo resistivity. The results of this study indicate that the use of angle optimization on EEI can interpret the intended zone of interest.

Keywords: Pre-Stack Time Migration (PSTM); Well log analysis; AVO (Amplitude Versus Offset); EEI (Extended Elastic Impedance)

Introduction

Increasing of the human population followed with the economic growth affects an increasing need of energy. Oil and gas, usually called hydrocarbon, are still a primary energy source in the levels of industry, transport, and households which are also included as the non-renewable energy. Therefore, hydrocarbons search by studying the physical properties of rock layers using seismic methods is less effective. So, the effort to increase the production of hydrocarbons in an oil field requires a good understanding of reservoir characterization.

Extended Elastic Impedance (EEI) is an extended seismic reservoir characterization technique from Acoustic Impedance (AI) and Elastic Impedance (EI) using stack zero offset data with the principle of incident wave angle 0° or perpendicular to the reflected plane, but

in reality has limitations on estimates the presence of hydrocarbons.¹ The limitation of the AI technique gives rise to a new technique of EI inversion technique which is a generalization of AI. The EI uses non-zero offset data which means that data is stacked only at a certain range of angles and refers to the principle of incident angles not equal to 0°. In EI inversion technique hydrocarbon approximation becomes more sensitive because besides influenced by density function and velocity of P wave (v_p) , also influenced by S wave velocity (v_s) .

In the EEI technique the use of angle estimation comes not only from 0° to 90° but can use the angle range ∞ to $-\infty$.² Inversion of EEI can interpret the fluid type and reservoir lithology by approaching directly to a specific log type (pseudo log) so as to produce a combination of physical parameters of rocks.

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Several studies that were conducted by Andri Fernandus³ on sandstone lithology determination using Mu-Rho EEI inversion, porosity and gamma ray; Johan Maulana Hadi⁴ regarding EEI inversion results and predictive analysis v_s to show the strong influence of the value of the matrix elastic modulus of rock; Dyah Woelandari⁵ on the Lambda-Mu-Rho method has not been effective in separating fluid and lithology; Sayed Ali Gharaee Shahri⁶ on log data can provide very important information in defining reservoirs with petrophysical integration and rock physics allowing to identify seismic anomalies in predicting lithology.⁷ Thus, with the advantages of this EEI log analysis method it is expected to produce accurate information on a reservoir for further exploration.⁸

Methods

The data used in this research are seismic data of Prestack Time Migration (PSTM) XYZ Field in South Sumatra and well logs data such as gamma ray log, density log, neutron porosity log, resistivity log, P-sonic log. In addition there is data checkshot which is the result of the measurement of the travel time of seismic waves to change the time domain to domain depth in PSTM seismic data. Checkshot data consists of two variables, namely depth data and two way time data of seismic waves. For other supporting data in the form of geological data of Jambi sub basin area.

There are several stages performed for data processing. The first stage, pre-conditioning data gather PSTM includes Normal Move Out (NMO) correction, mute, bandpass filter, trim static correction and output of supergather data. The second stage, analyzed well logs data to predict v_s log correction calculated from P-sonic logs with the help of Humpson-Russell software. From the supergather data the result of pre-conditioning gather output is used to create a well sensitivity analysis map which is shown through crossplot v_p to v_s . The crossplot result shows the zone of interest in this study. The third stage, analyzes the sensitivity which is performed to find out suitable parameters in separation of lithology and fluid in reservoir. Well log analysis is adjusted to the availability of log data for each well such as v_p/v_s for depth, v_p/v_s against gamma ray, v_p/v_s against NPHI, v_p/v_s against resistivity. The crossplot result represents the zone of interest in the research area.

The fourth stage, anayze the AVO intercept and gradient (Amplitude Versus Offset) that are used to estimate the angle (χ angle) of EEI. AVO is obtained from supergather data which is analyzed based on the increase of the reflected signal amplitude and increase the source wave distance to the receiver. Therefore, the supergather data of early preconditioning data results greatly affect the intercept and AVO gradient results.

The fifth stage, correlates the target log with the EEI derivative log after obtaining an approximate χ angle. To estimate the χ angle in the EEI process is done by selecting the target log that will be analyzed using EEI. In this research there are several log parameters that is used for instead: gamma ray, neutron porosity, resistivity or water saturation (S_w) . The input that is used in the seismic data is the AVO data in the form of intercept and gradient to create an EEI log spectrum which shows computationally for any angle from -90° to 90°. Furthermore, after compute EEI logs on the above three parameters log, obtained the estimated maximum γ angle of each log parameter on the unit impedance in the log domain. Furthermore, at seismic gather, compute and manufacture EEI reflectivity by using χ angle from log followed by EEI making model based on color key on impedance. The expected results further clarify the litology of the zone of interest.

Result and Discussion

The first stage, preconditioning data gather. Preconditioning stage PSTM gather data is intended to eliminate noise so that the output data generated more leverage.

- 1. NMO process was conducted to eliminate the effect of the offset distance by entering a value v_{rms} that had been known. v_{rms} was the speed for the numerous layers and assumed a very small offset to depth.
- 2. Bandpass filter process is done by entering the desired frequency value to remove noise due to ground roll (low frequency) and ambient noise (high frequency). Another purpose of the frequency filtering process is to keep the signal intact and to muffle the noise. Referring to the theory of noise and frequency spectrum analysis where the range is a reflection of low frequency and high frequency so in figure 3 the input frequency limit used is 5 - 10 - 50 - 60 Hz.
- 3. The mute process was done because there are stratching effects. The effect of straching is the decrease of wave frequency due to NMO process. In addition the mute process is also used to improve SNR (Signal Noise to Ratio).
- 4. The trim static correction process was done by determining the optimal shift applied to each trace on the gather. This is done because the NMO process has not maximally aligned the traces in CDP.
- 5. The supergather process is accomplished by summing several adjacent CMP (Common Mid Point). The result of CDP gather which has done supergather process is expected to has SNR higher than before the pre-conditioning gather process and can shows better AVO anomaly. From the cross section of the supergather result it is seen that brightspot anomaly is present at 800 m/s time depth which is explained by the increase of amplitude periodically and significant with increasing offset.

In well data processing it had a purpose to mark the zone that predicted the porous sandstone layer. This was done to limit the area that would be analyzed using EEI. The well data used was well X (figure 1). The well had gamma ray, density, NPHI, resistivity and P-sonic well log data.

Data checkshot was required to convert the depth in time domain or in otherwise. This was done to assist the well to seismic tie process which meant that well data was tied with seismic data. In the general inversion process, the horizon was necessary to limit the inversion area indicated by the zone of interest reservoir.



Figure 1. Available logs for the well X (from left to right: P-Wave, S-Wave, Density, Gamma ray, Neutron porosity, Resistivity)

Next was the data marker which was a boundary marker of a layer that becomes a zone of interest could be analogous as the top and base on a rock formation. Data marker was obtained from well report, in this research centered in gumai formation.

The second stage predicts v_s was obtained from the Sonic log through the Castagna equation⁹ with the help of the Humpsell-Russhell 9 software as shown in figure 1. The basis of HRS-9 processing in the process log section used log transform equations v_s that was generated by sonic logs. With the used of empirical relationships to predict v_s had proven to be accurate but the usage must be accompanied by an effective medium for predictions v_s .¹⁰ Under the situation of lack of share wave data, one method would be to predict a pseudo shear wave log from a measured compressional velocity by equation 1 called Castagna's mudrock equation :

$$v_s = 0.862v_p - 1.172\tag{1}$$

Castagna's mudrock equation applied only to wet shales and sands zones, v_s prediction using Castagna method might be different from actual v_s by doing field measurements but in this study it was important to undertake the inversion process. Basically the ideal input v_s for rock physics analysis should be based on log measurement. This usually happens on old wells, but if there is no input v_s from the log the wave should be predicted.

Based on lithostratigraphy 11 , the well X is divided into four formations, namely Air Benakat at 0 - 605 m, Gumai at a depth of 605 m - 1165 m, Talang Akar at a depth of 1165 -1504 m, Pre-Talang Akar at a depth of 1504 -1750 m.¹² This research is focused on Gumai Formation because lithology in Gumai Formation is dominant flakes with sandstone inserts that are likely to find thin limestone inserts at the top. Figure 1 shows that the value response on each log that consists of P-Wave Log increases (>3000 m/s on a scale of 1000-6000 m/s), S-Wave Log increased (>1750 m/s on a scale of 500-3000 m/s), Density Log stayed (> 2.25 g/cc on a scale of 1.5-3 g/cc), Gamma Ray log decreased (<75 API on a scale of 0-150 API), Neutron Porosity Log decreased (<35% scale 0-70%), Resistivity Log increased (> 50 ohm-m on a scale of 0.1-100 ohm-m).

From the analysis result, Gamma Ray response value to well in reservoir zone is seen decrease of Gamma Ray value indicating that the layer is non-shale. At the Density, Neutron Porosity, and resistivity values indicate that the rock layers are porous rocks and allow for hydrocarbon fillings, the reservoir zone is estimated to be at a depth between 922 m-980 m.



Figure 2. Ratio v_p to v_s seen from Gamma Ray log.

The third stage, v_p to v_s cross-plot analysis intended to see anomalies that occurred in well X toward the changes in lithology and fluid.¹³ Figure 2 shows cross-plot between the ratio v_p/v_s represented in the Gamma Ray log, ranged between 27-39 API Units with an estimation S wave velocity 2000-2400 m/s and the approximate P Wave velocity 3400-3875 m/s in the red square refers to the following table 1.

Table 1. Wave speeds of various rock types¹⁴

Rock Type	v_p (m/s)	v_s (m/s)
Vegetal soil	300-700	100-300
Dry sands	400-1200	100-500
Wet sands	1500-2000	400-600
Sat. shales/clays	1100-2500	200-800
Marls	2000-3000	750-1500
Sat shale/sand	1500-2200	500-1500
Porous sat sand	2000-3500	800-1800
Limestone	3500-6000	2000-3300
Chalk	2300-6000	1100-1300
Salt	4500-5500	2500-3100
Anhydrite	4000-4500	2200-3100
Dolomite	3500-6500	1900-3600
Granite	4500-6000	2500-3300
Basalt	5000-6000	2800-3400
Gneiss	4400-5200	2700-3200
Coal	2200-2700	1000-1400
Water	1450-1500	-
Ice	3400-3800	1700-1900
Oil	1200-1250	-

Table 1 shows that the speed of the v_p and v_s , based on table 1, at well X with v_p ranging between 3500-6000 m/s and v_s ranging from 2000 to 3300 m/s it belongs to the limestone rock category. It is also supported by geological well report that mention rock lithology exists in the research area is more dominant flakes with sandstone inserts, rocks and napal which are sometimes found thinly inserted limestones especially at the top. Gamma ray response was sensitive parameters to a change in rock lithology and able to differentiate shale and sand.

The fourth stage, showing the use of AVO aimed to reinforce anomalous statements on seismic data which becomes predefined hydrocarbon zones. The working principle of AVO was the interpretation angle to show that there was an increase or decrease in amplitude to offset. The basic assumption of AVO analysis was that seismic gathering is free from noise after preconditioning process data while maintaining amplitude response from data gather.

The Intercept A and Gradient B method is an approach to AVO which involves rearranging the Aki-Richard equation to¹⁵

$$R_{p}(\theta) = A + B\sin^{2}\theta + C\sin^{2}\theta\tan^{2}\theta \qquad (2)$$

Where :

$$A = R_{AI} = \frac{\Delta V_P}{2V_P} + \frac{\Delta \rho}{2\rho}$$
$$B = \frac{\Delta V_P}{2V_P} - 8K \frac{\Delta V_S}{2V_S} - 4K \frac{\Delta \rho}{2\rho}$$
$$C = R_{V_P} = \frac{\Delta V_P}{2V_P}$$
$$K = \left[\frac{V_S}{V_P}\right]^2$$

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The Aki-Richard equation predicts a linear relationship between these amplitudes and $\sin^2 \theta$.

To understand the concept of AVO attribute, various approaches from the Zoeppritz theoretical equations, one of them that were used in this study was Shuey's two-term approximation.⁸

$$R(\theta) = A + Bsin^{2}(\theta)$$
(3)

where R was the reflection coefficient, θ was the angle of incident, A was the AVO intercept and B was the AVO gradient.

Equation 3 was an amplitude function of the incident angle (θ). Intercept A represented the reflectivity of v_p at zero angle and gradient B stated the amplitude change as a function of offset.



Gradient (B)

Figure 3 was a crossplot in the lithologic zone that was indicated by sand and shale layers which was shown by supergather data of well X in time domain with red line and color key at value 0 indicated that intercept had positive value (+) and gradient had negative value (-).



Figure 4. Cross-section AVO in well X

Figure 4 shows the target zone well X has a positive intercept value and negative gradient. It is suggested that if the impedance of the second layer is higher than the first layer then there is a change of sand lithology to shale which is marked by change from impedance value low to high impedance. Gradient is the second term in equation 2 (Aki-Richard) without $sin^2\theta$. Rutherford and William (1989) derived the following classification scheme for AVO anomalies, with the futher modifications by Ross and Kinman (1995) and Castagna (1997):

- Class 1 : High acoustic impedance contrast
- Class 2 : Near-zero impedance contrast
- Class 2p: Same as 2, with polarity change
- Class 3 : Low impedance contrast
- Class 4 : Very low impedance contrast

Referring to the Rutherford-William AVO¹⁶ classification which states that grade 2 anomalies have near-zero acoustic contrast, sand in class 2 has an AI value similar to shale rocks often called dimspots or weak negative reflectors and has negative intercept and gradient values. In the target zone, it was generally equal to zero reflectivity depend on the value of the impedance and density. Second class AVO anomaly itself is divided into 2 kinds, negative intercept and negative gradient or 2p class which is anomaly with reversal of polarity and has positive intercept and negative gradient. Therefore, it can be concluded that the anomalies in the well X with positive intercept values (0.96-1) and the negative gradient (-0.96-(-1)) including AVO anomalies 2p class. Anomalies in the 2p class are usually found in drilling wells on the ground as they occur in areas of gas sandstone that have moderate to high rock compaction rates.

The dimspot case occurs in a reservoir that has a shale lithology composition, sand mixed with gas. The presence of gas mixture in sand litology will decrease the value of acoustic impedance characterized by reduced amplitude. The gas effect on the reservoir gives rise to positive polarity that will reduce the amplitude. Amplitude is zero which means there is no signal of reflection or it could also cause positive polarity.

The fifth stage, determine best chi (χ) project angle for EEI analysis. Whitcombe et al. (2002) introduced Extended Elastic Impedance or EEI, they replaced the $\sin^2 \theta$ term in the two term Aki Richard equation with, to give the following expression for EEI reflectivity, R_{EEI}.¹⁷

$$R_{P}(\theta) = A + B\sin^{2}\theta \tag{4}$$

$$R(\chi) = A + B \tan \chi \tag{5}$$

$$R_{EEI}(\chi) = R(\chi)\cos(\chi)$$

$$R_{EEI}(\chi) = A\cos\chi + B\sin\chi \tag{6}$$

EEI will equal acoustic impedance at $\chi = 0^{\circ}$ and gradient impedance at $\chi = 90^{\circ}$. The limits of χ are -90° and +90°.

Extended Elastic Impedance expression, which involves substituting the EEI (χ) reflectivity expression, to give⁶

$$EEI(\theta) = V_{P0}\rho_0 \left[\left(\frac{V_P}{V_{P0}} \right)^p \left(\frac{V_S}{V_{S0}} \right)^q \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^r \right]$$
(7)

 $p = \cos \chi + \sin \chi$

Where
$$q = -8K \sin \chi$$

$$r = \cos \chi - 4K \sin \chi$$



Figure 5. EEI spectrum χ angle -90° until 90° at well X

Figure 5 was the EEI log spectrum method that was used for cross correlation studies. The cross correlation study process of the EEI log spectrum was done by cross correlating the log reflection (domain depth) to the reservoir parameters in the research zone of interest area to obtain angle optimization (χ). EEI was a function v_p , v_s , density, and the angle which is the extension of the EI method.



Figure 6. Correlation coefficients between target and EEI curves well X

In figure 6, the blue curve (density), the pink color (p-wave), the red color (volumetric), the black color (resistivity), the light blue (s_w) , the red color (NPHI), the yellow color (s-wave). For more detail the correlation coefficient is obtained for each log, is shown in the following table:

Table 2. Correlation result represents the
maximum correlation of target logs
and corresponding *chi* angle well X

Target Log	χ angle	Correlation
	(deg)	Coefficient (%)
Density	16	0.838497
P-Wave	-9	0.989874
Volumetric	25	0.765313
Gamma Ray	25	0.83866
Resistivity	-8	0.203301
$\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{w}}$	18	0.810585
NPHI	-3	0.782996
S-Wave	-71	0.996658

Figure 7 illustrated the overlapping between the EEI log curve (black color) with the log well curve (red). From the value listed (EEI log unit was the impedance value) it was seen that the EEI curve showed good clarity in representing the target zone. As indicated by the correlation value in three log types (gamma ray, NPHI, resistivity).



Figure 7. Overlapping between Well Log and EEI Logs

EEI curves with χ angle gamma ray 25°, NPHI -3° dan resistivity -8° were able to assert the top and base of the target zone. These results indicated that EEI studies could be performed further using petrophysical analyzes that was derived through the EEI approach to a quantitative interpretation.

If at this stage the results which is obtained from overlapping well logs and EEI logs were not satisfactory, it was recommended to repeat from the beginning of the EEI angle determination.



Figure 8. EEI Reflectivity (χ) angle 25°

Figure 6 showed the result of plotting the correlation level of logs against EEI logs in well X and table 2 showed the correlation coefficient and chi angle (χ) from each log.

From the result of χ angle dan koefisien korelasi pada semua log yang tersedia dengan range and correlation coefficient on all available logs with reasonable χ angle and the highest correlation coefficient was found in gamma ray χ angle 25° with correlation level 0.83866 on scale -1 until 1 (figure 8) to differentiate visually sand and shale lithology which if using AVO attribute analysis less clearly visible the difference.



Figure 9. EEI cross section 25° pseudo gamma ray well X with inserted color data: EI

Based on figure 9 the predicted top and base target zones impedance values was ranged from 7493-7765 (m/s)*(g/cc) with shale impedance between 7493-7551 (m/s)*(g/cc) and sand between 7571-7609 (m/s)*(g/cc). With a 25° χ angle capable of visually separating shale and sand lithology which in the AVO analysis had not been able to show significant differences.

Based on figure 10 the predicted top and base target zones impedance values was ranged from 5743-10625 (m/s)*(g/cc) with shale impedance between 8134-8831(m/s)*(g/cc) and sand between 7038-7437(m/s)*(g/cc). Assuming the impedance value implied that the value of the shale impedance was greater than the sand impedance value due to the geological conditions in the gumai formation of the research area there were flakes at the top of the formation.



Figure 10. EEI cross section -3° pseudo NPHI well X with inserted color data: EI



Figure 11. EEI cross section 16° pseudo density well X with inserted color data: EI

In this study the sand had a density lower than shale lithology, so the target inversion was to see a layer that had a low density. Based on figure 11 the predicted top and base target zone impedance values was ranged from 7046-7487 (m/s)*(g/cc) with shale impedance 7469-7487 (m/s)*(g/cc) and sand 7217-7397 (m/s)*(g/cc). The inversion analysis on pseudo density represented the possibility of low gas saturations in the study area, based on a sand impedance value lower than shale. With the mixing of gas in the sand lithology it would reduce the value of impedance.

Conclusions

Based on the above result, it can be concluded that In X well, it was estimated Zone of Interest (ZOI) were at depths between 922 m - 980 m with the top and the base in the formation of the gumai. For lithology based on geological data of tamper formation which tend to flakes, then it was used Greenberg-Castagna equation for mudrock. The selection of the equation should be based on the lithological conditions of the study area.

The AVO attribute analysis could show well dimensional anomalies, but in the case of sand and shale lithology identification still could not be illustrated visually sharply. From the AVO anomaly classification of the well X was categorized in the 2p class which was showed by the reversal of the polarity of positive intercept and negative gradient values. Furthermore, in EEI reflectivity analysis using χ angle 25° using gamma ray was able to describe visually sand and shale lithology that was looked almost the same.

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