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Abstract

In recent years, there are a lot of technologies available in seismic processing and imaging. Such technologies can be used to unlock the remaining potential of the vintage seismic data available in oil company. The geophysicists shall acknowledge that there might be possibilities of challenges raised when applying these technologies on vintage data. The objectives of the reprocessing work are to reduce the structural uncertainty and subsurface imaging, broaden the seismic bandwidth, and get reliable AVO response. There are 2 seismic vintages available, the 2010 3D and the 1989 3D. Both were co-processed together due to their closed-by location and also to relate the subsurface within that area.

The 1989 3D was acquired in N-S direction with a single source dual-streamer configuration, shooting at 26.66m interval with 2546m streamer length at 13.33m receiver interval. Meanwhile, the modern 2010 3D, it was acquired in NW-SE direction with a dual-source 12-streamers configuration, shooting at 18.75m flip-flop with 6000m streamer length at 12.5m receiver interval. Co-processing of 2010 3D with 1989 3D seismic provide huge advantage in uplift the quality of 1989 3D beyond its current limit while enhancing the 2010 3D over its current quality. Both 1989 and 2010 3D seismic data has been pushed beyond their current limit through applications of 3D deghosting, 3D demultiple, 3D interbed multiple elimination, 5D interpolation and velocity model building process where the 3D FWI and Q-tomography were included as well. Through the co-processing synergy, we are able to make the velocity model of the 1989 3D comparable with the 2010 3D despite the conventional acquisition parameters (limited offset and low frequency data due to instrument limit).

Both 2010 3D and 1989 3D were migrated using Q-Kirchhoff APSDM algorithm with the migration velocity coming from 3D FWI and reflection tomography. The velocity is able to capture the near surface shallow gas bodies and channels within both survey areas despite the limitations mentioned above especially for the 1989 3D survey (Figure 1). The imaging results have improved significantly in which, improved reflectors continuity, sharp faults imaging and reduced mis-tie between seismic and well-markers. Given the limitations of 1989 3D due to its historical seismic acquisition parameters, the co-processing approach successfully elevate the quality of both seismic data to different level.

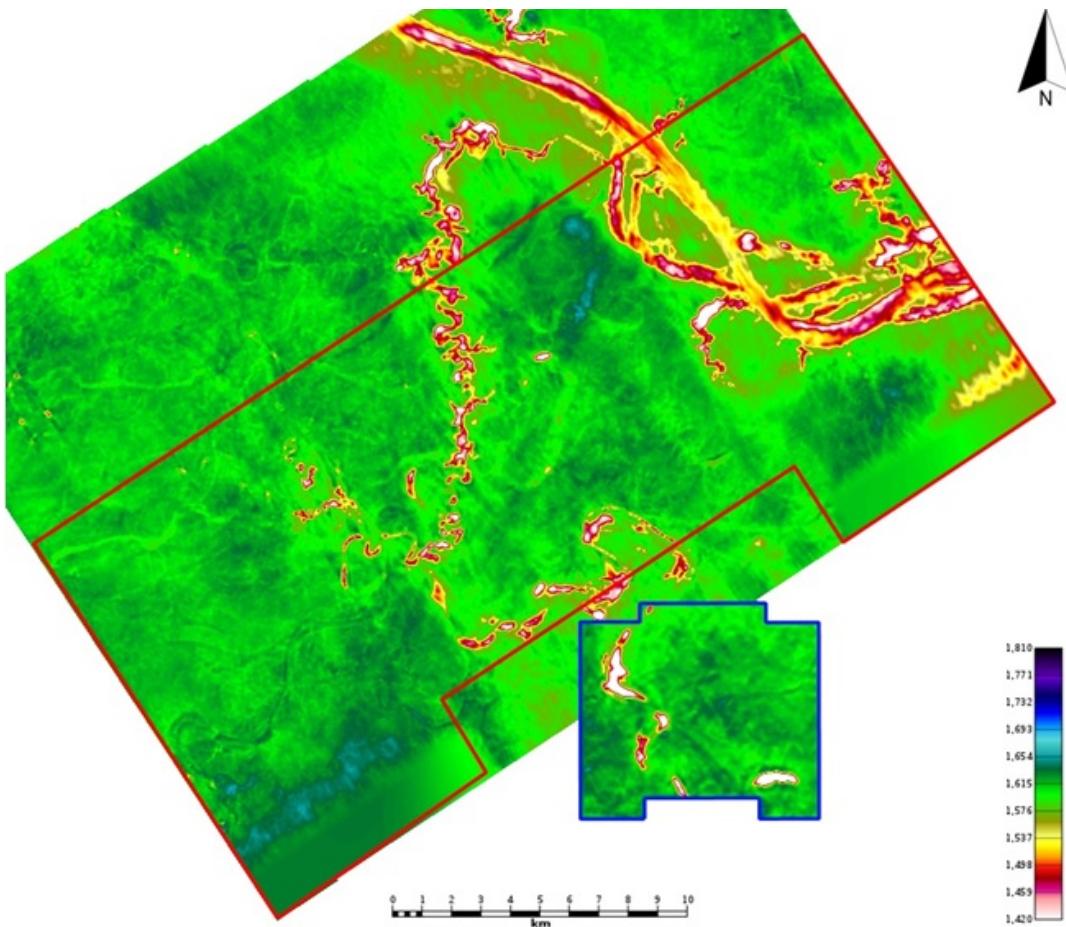


Figure 1. 3D FWI velocity model at depth slice of 110m. The 2010 3D is marked by red polygon and the 1989 3D is marked by the blue polygon.

Based on this co-processing case study, the available vintage seismic data can be pushed beyond its current limit by adopting state-of-the-art seismic processing and imaging technologies and can be used for new interpretation and optimise well placement work. With acknowledgement of few challenges mentioned, this will give better confidence when dealing with reprocessing of the very old seismic data.