Dilation factor as function of geological time

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Introduction 4D or time-lapse traveltime analysis



$$\frac{\Delta t_0(x_0)}{t_0(x_0)} \approx \frac{\Delta z(x_0)}{z(x_0)} - \frac{\Delta v_{p0}(x_0)}{v_{p0}(x_0)}$$
 (Landrø and Stammeijer, 2004)
$$\frac{\Delta v_{p0}(x_0)}{v_{p0}(x_0)} = \alpha \frac{\Delta z(x_0)}{z(x_0)}$$
 (Røste et al., 2005)

 $R = -\alpha$

(Hatchell et al., 2005)

Relative thickness change and velocity change



(Figure courtesy: Røste et al., 2006)



Outline

- Introduction
- The model
- Modelling results
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Porosity-Velocity depth trends – North Sea





The model

Vertical thinning due to quartz cementation in sandstones





Examples of stylolites and quartz cement



(Figure courtesy: Porten Walderhaug, 2012)



Model assumptions

- Local redistribution, no import or export of silica
- Horizontal stylolites volume reduction is a vertical thinning
- No mechanical compaction takes place
- No other diagenetic precipitation or dissolution reactions are active



Volume change at constant temperature

100 meter thick sandstone layer with 25% porosity @ t=0



(Walderhaug et al., 2001)

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Porosity-volume change Constant temperature

100 meter thick sandstone layer with 25% porosity @ t=0





Velocity-porosity model Consolidated sandstones from NCS





Dilation factor (α) as function of time Constant temperature



$$\alpha = \frac{\Delta v_{p0}(x_0, t)}{v_{p0}(x_0, t)} \left(\frac{\Delta z(x_0, t)}{z(x_0, t)}\right)^{-1}$$





Volume change during a linear temperature change a.f.o. time



(Walderhaug et al., 2001)



Dilation factor as function of time Linear temperature change



$$\alpha = \frac{\Delta v_{p0}(x_0, t)}{v_{p0}(x_0, t)} \left(\frac{\Delta z(x_0, t)}{z(x_0, t)}\right)^{-1}$$





Dilation factor as function of time Assuming a linear temperature change



$$\alpha = \frac{\Delta v_{p0}(x_0, t)}{v_{p0}(x_0, t)} \left(\frac{\Delta z(x_0, t)}{z(x_0, t)}\right)^{-1}$$





Conclusions

- The dilation factor (α) of the reservoir is described as function of the rate of vertical thinning of sandstones due to quartz cementation.
- Two cases are tested
 - Constant temperature
 - Linear temperature increase
- Given the model assumptions
 - The dilation factor range between -1.5 to -1.75



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 t_0 = two-way vertical time thickness of unit at x_0 x_0 = coordinate reference position along a line x_1 = a new coordinate position along the line z = thickness of formation unit v_{p0} = vertical P-wave velocity of unit Δ = spatial difference in physical parameters α = Dilation factor



$$t_0(x_0) = \frac{2z(x_0)}{v_{p0}(x_0)}$$

$$\frac{\Delta t_0(x_1,x_0)}{t_0(x_0)} \approx \frac{\Delta z(x_1,x_0)}{z(x_0)} - \frac{\Delta v_{p0}(x_1,x_0)}{v_{p0}(x_0)}$$

$$\frac{\Delta v_{p0}(x_1, x_0)}{v_{p0}(x_0)} = \alpha(x_0) \frac{\Delta z(x_1, x_0)}{z(x_0)}$$

$$\frac{\Delta z(x_{1,}x_{0})}{z(x_{0})} = \frac{1}{(1-\alpha(x_{0}))} \frac{\Delta t_{0}(x_{1,}x_{0})}{t_{0}(x_{1,}x_{0})}$$

$$\frac{\Delta v_{p0}(x_{1,}x_{0})}{v_{p0}(x_{0})} = \frac{\alpha(x_{0})}{(1 - \alpha(x_{0}))} \frac{\Delta t_{0}(x_{1,}x_{0})}{t_{0}(x_{1,}x_{0})}$$



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