

Research Progress in Acoustical Application to Petroleum Logging and Seismic Exploration

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Abstract: This paper is concerned with an improved network model in acoustical application to petroleum logging and seismic exploration. Utilizing acoustic-electric analogue, we report in this paper a newly developed acoustic-logging network model. Important relationships amongst various physical factors are established, i.e. driving-voltage signal, electric-acoustic conversion of source-transducer, acoustic-electric conversion of receiver-transducer, the physical and geometrical properties of propagation media, as well as the measured logging signal. Technically, a driving-voltage convolution with electric-acoustic impulse response is used to substitute for some traditionally assumed acoustic-source functions on acoustic logging, e.g. Tsang wavelet, Ricker wavelet, Gaussian impulse wavelet, etc. With an improved understanding of the anisotropic effects on reflection/refraction between two different anisotropic rock slabs, the new network model can be used to determine the various properties of signal propagation in acoustic-logging, including propagation speed, phase factor, signal amplitude, and frequency information. In turn, it provides input for analysis of amplitude variations with offset (AVO). Corresponding to the improved network model, with available logging and seismic exploration data, a new algorithm for analysis of amplitude variation has been developed to explore new oil reservoirs or gas fields.

Keywords: Acoustic-logging, transducer, reflection/refraction, inversion, oil reservoir, seismic exploration, seismic signal and data analysis.

1. INTRODUCTION

Reflection and refraction of plane waves at the interface between two media are amongst the most fundamental processes in wave propagation. They form the basis for seismic forward modeling and seismic amplitude variations with offset (AVO) data analysis. The properties of plane waves at the interface of different media have been investigated extensively and reported elsewhere, such as the quality detection of concrete structures, as reported by Larose etc [1]. These studies were aimed primarily at achieving an improved understanding of the physical properties and geometric structure of the propagation media.

Neglecting the impacts of electric-acoustic and acoustic-electric conversions of transducer on acoustic-logging signals, traditional acoustic logging methods usually adopt some assumed mathematical functions, such as Tsang wavelet, Gaussian pulse wavelet, etc. to describe an acoustic source [2-4]. These approaches have advanced theoretical guidance significantly to many applications. Technically, they simplified physical and mathematical analyses and provided reasonable results in many cases of petroleum

logging and seismic exploration. Nevertheless, it must be noted that this traditional simplification without proper justification can lead to significant error in many practical applications.

The electric-acoustic and acoustic-electric conversions could cause transmission delay and amplitude/frequency variation of a measured signal. It is exactly due to this reason that traditional logging methods are far from perfect in practical work on petroleum logging and seismic exploration. Indeed, for accurate analysis in practical applications of petroleum logging, an improved network model needs to be established. Drawing on analogy between acoustic logging process and signal transmission, we have established a new network model which is more favorable and accurate for analysis of acoustic-logging transmission.

It should be noted that the majority of oilfields in China, as well as in many parts of the world, have entered into the mid- or late-stage of exploitation. It becomes much more challenging to raise the oil and natural gas yield for the existing reservoirs or even to stabilize the production. Therefore, precise methods to discover new oil and gas reservoirs are urgently needed, especially for thin-layer oil-gas reservoirs. Building on a regional geological model and applying logging data from several oil-wells in the China region, we report in this paper a newly developed algorithm in constructions of the so called seismic wavelet dictionary.

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It is well known that elastic anisotropy is ubiquitous in Earth's interior [5]. The effects of the rock anisotropy on the reflection coefficient are usually calculated using the measured rock anisotropy parameters, such as these parameters as reported by Thomson [6]. The results of calculations may be used in amplitude variations with offset (AVO) analysis for reflection/refraction coefficients. The reflection coefficients of rock formations inside the earth may be obtained by matching regional seismic data with the constructed seismic wavelet dictionary, i.e. seismic wavelets constructed by using logging data. The amplitude and phase of the reflection coefficients may be used to locate the oil-gas reservoirs, e.g. the thin-layer oil-gas reservoirs [7].

2. ACOUSTIC-LOGGING AND SEISMIC EXPLORATION

2.1. Relationship Between Radiated Acoustic-Signal and Driving-Voltage Signal

Let's consider the relationship between driving-voltage signal and acoustic-signal radiated by the source-transducer, as well as that of acoustic-signal and electric-signal converted from the receiver-transducer.

For the radiated acoustic-signal and driving-voltage signal, let's consider a spherical thin-shell transducer with acoustic-electric and electric-acoustic equivalence. The circuits of the transducer are established, as shown in Fig. (1a, b). For these two equivalent circuits, by solving piezoelectric and particle movement equations, the electric-acoustic and acoustic-electric impulse responses can be obtained.

The electric-acoustic and acoustic-electric impulse response functions may be written as [8-10]

$$h_1(t) = K_1 e^{-\alpha_1 t} + K_2 e^{-\beta_1 t} \cos(\omega_1 t - \theta_1), \quad (1)$$

$$h_3(t) = K_3 e^{-\alpha_3 t} + K_4 e^{-\beta_3 t} \cos(\omega_3 t - \theta_3). \quad (2)$$

In Eqs. (1)-(2), K_1 , K_2 , K_3 and K_4 are constants; α_1 and β_1 are the damping coefficients for the direct current and alternate current of $h_1(t)$; α_3 and β_3 are those for the direct current and alternate current of $h_3(t)$; θ_1 and θ_3 are the phase shifts; ω_1 and ω_3 are the center frequencies of the source-transducer and receiver-transducer.

The driving-voltage convolution function with the electric-acoustic impulse response from the transducer may be used to substitute for the traditionally assumed acoustic-source functions, such as Tsang wavelet, Gaussian pulse wavelet, etc which makes the acoustic logging forward model to be much closer to the actual acoustic logging.

Now, let's construct a system with the following conditions and do a practical calculation for electric-acoustic and acoustic-electric conversion. The transducer is composed of the piezoelectric material PZT-7A [11], the coupling medium around the transducer is the transformer oil, and the output impedance of the driving circuit is taken to be 50 Ω . We also use the physical and geometrical parameters of the

thin-shell transducer as shown in Table 1. From Eqs. (1)-(2), the calculated electric-acoustic and acoustic-electric conversions in time- and frequency-domains of the transducer are presented in Figs. (2, 3). The various symbol notations used in these figures and throughout the paper are defined in Table 2. A gated sine voltage signal as shown in Fig. (4) is used to excite the source-transducer. Acoustic signal radiated by the source-transducer is as shown in Fig. (5).

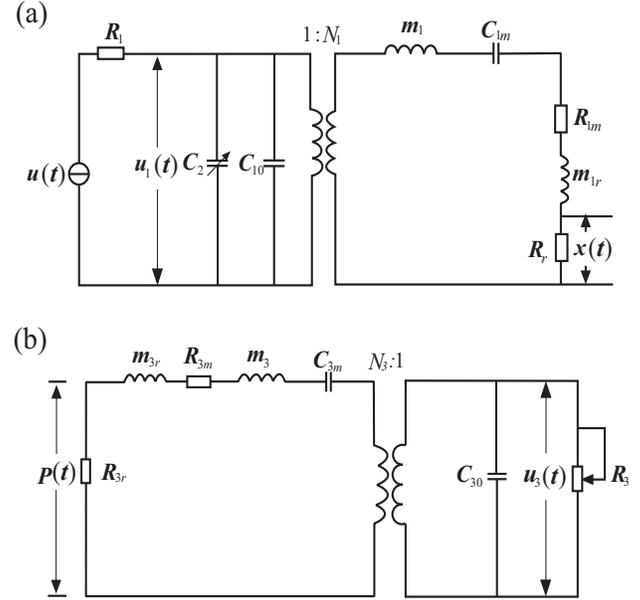


Fig. (1). Two equivalent circuits of the transducers: (a) the source-transducer; (b) the receiver-transducer.

2.2. Acoustic-Logging Transmission Network Model

Now, let's consider the geometrical configuration of an acoustic logging as shown in Fig. (6). A logging tool is placed in a fluid-filled cylindrical borehole and it is embedded in an infinitely large medium. T and R are the source-transducer and receiver-transducer respectively with a distance L from T to R . Electric driving signal excites T to emit acoustic signal which propagates to R via the borehole mud or the formations surrounding the borehole. Then, the acoustic signal is converted into electric signal by R and recorded by the logging tool [12].

It is noted that the transducer impact on amplitude and frequency of a logging signal can be significant, mainly contributed by electric-acoustic and acoustic-electric conversion. Nevertheless, none of the traditional acoustic-logging methods has ever put that into consideration. The traditional acoustic-logging models simply neglect the transmission time delay caused by both the electric-acoustic conversion and the acoustic-electric conversion. In our improved model, the actual travel time of an acoustic-logging signal in media is obtained from the propagation time measured by a traditional logging device minus all pieces of transmission time delay.

Based on signal transmission theory, a model acoustic-logging transmission network (ALTN) may be established to analyze the total acoustic-logging process, shown in Fig. (7). Surpassing traditional acoustic logging models, an ALTN

Table 1. Physical and Geometrical Parameters of Transducer and Acoustic Impedance of the Coupling Medium: in the Table ρ is the Density of Transducer Material; d_{31} , ϵ_{33}^T , s_{12}^E and s_{11}^E are the Piezoelectric Dielectric and Strain Constants Respectively; Z_m is the Acoustic-Impedance of Coupling-Medium Around the Transducer; r_b and l_t are the Average Radius and the Shell Thickness of the Transducer

$\rho \times 10^3$ (kg / m ³)	$d_{31} \times 10^{-12}$ (m / V)	$\epsilon_{33}^T \times 10^{-9}$ (F / m)	$s_{12}^E \times 10^{-12}$ (m ² / N)	$s_{11}^E \times 10^{-12}$ (m ² / N)	$Z_m \times 10^6$ (kg / m ² · s)	r_b (cm)	l_t (cm)
7.6	-60	3.7613	-3.2	10.7	1.2205	8	0.8

Table 2. Definitions of Symbols Shown in Fig. (1)

Symbol	Description	Expression
R_1	Output resistance of driving-circuit	
$u(t)$	Driving-voltage signal	
$u_1(t)$	Voltage signal of electric-terminals of T	
$x(t)$	Acoustic-pressure signal radiated by T	
$p(t)$	Acoustic-pressure signal arriving at position where R is located	
$u_3(t)$	Electrical output signal of R	
R_3	Load resistance of R	
C_2	Parallel capacity	
C_{i0}	Clamped capacitance of transducer	$C_{i0} = 4\pi r_b^2 \epsilon_{33}^T (1 - k_{13}^2) / l_t$
N	Mechanical-electrical conversion coefficient of transducer	$N_i = 4\pi r_b d_{31} / S_c$
m_i	Mass of transducer	$m_i = 4\pi r_b^2 l_t \rho_p$
C_{im}	Elastic stiffness of transducer material	$C_{im} = (s_{11} + s_{12}) / 8\pi l_t$
m_{ir}	Radiation mass of transducer	$m_{ir} = 4\pi \rho_m r_b^3 / (1 + k_m^2 r_b^2)$
R_{ir}	Radiation resistance of transducer	$R_{ir} = 4\pi k_m^2 \rho_m v_m r_b^4 / (1 + k_m^2 r_b^2)$
R_{im}	Friction force resistance	$R_m = 0.8\pi r_b^2 \rho_m v_m$
Z_m	Acoustic-impedance of coupling medium around transducer	

model takes a full consideration on the effect of electric-acoustic and acoustic-electric conversion of a logging signal, including transmission time delay caused by the transducers. Therefore, an ALTN model yields more accurate measurement on propagation speed, signal amplitude, and frequency information of logging signals.

The ALTN model in Fig. (7) can be used to describe the geometrical configuration of acoustic-logging as shown in Fig. (6). In this model, the driving-voltage signal $u_1(t)$ and the measured logging signal wavelet $u_3(t)$ are defined as the input and output respectively. The measured signal $u_3(t)$ is a summery contribution from several factors, including electric-acoustic conversion of T , the physical and geometrical properties of the propagation media (borehole mud or the formation around borehole), and acoustic-electric

conversion of R on the driving-voltage signal $u_1(t)$. We may consider T as an electric-acoustic filter, the propagation media as an acoustic filter, and R as an acoustic-electric filter. We also define $x(t)$ as the acoustic signal radiated by T , and $p(t, z_0)$ as the acoustic signal wavelet propagating to R , via the borehole fluid and the formation near the borehole.

To emphasize the transmission time delay caused by the acoustic-electric conversion of R , Tsang wavelet may be used for the acoustic-pressure signal radiated by T , which takes the form

$$x(t) = 4\alpha t e^{-\alpha t} \sin(\omega_0 t) H(t). \tag{3}$$

The parameter α is a damping coefficient and ω_0 is the center frequency of the wavelet.

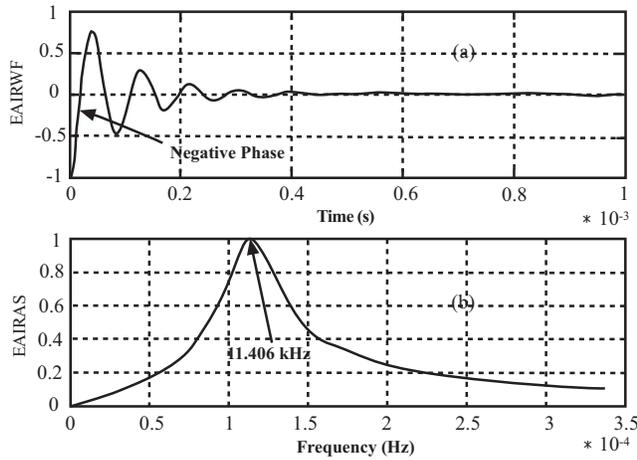


Fig. (2). Electric-acoustic conversion of source-transducer: (a) electric-acoustic impulse response; (b) amplitude spectrum. EAIRWF stands for the magnitude of the electric-acoustic impulse response waveform and EAIRAS is that of the corresponding amplitude spectrum.

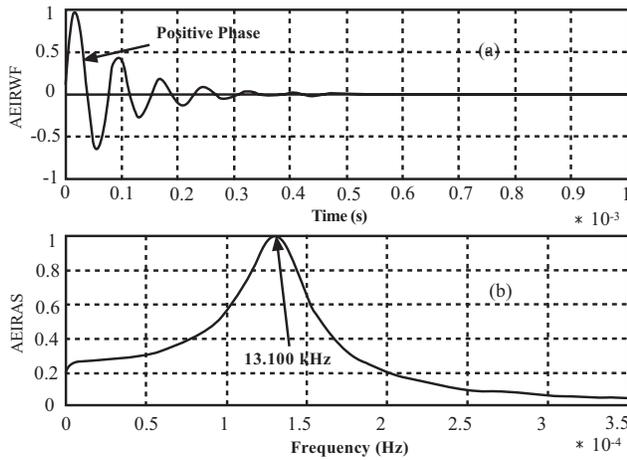


Fig. (3). Acoustic-electric conversion of receiver-transducer: (a) acoustic-electric impulse response; (b) amplitude spectrum. AEIRWF stands for the magnitude of acoustic-electric impulse response waveform and AEIRAS is that of the corresponding amplitude spectrum.

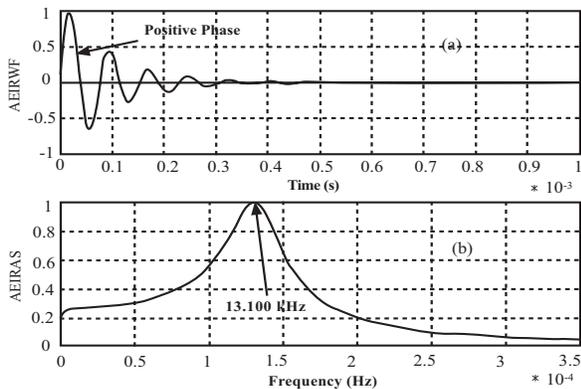


Fig. (4). Driving-voltage signal: (a) the waveform; (b) amplitude spectrum. NEWF stands for the magnitude of the normalized driving-voltage signal waveform and NEAS is that of the corresponding amplitude spectrum; t is the abbreviation of time and f is that of frequency.

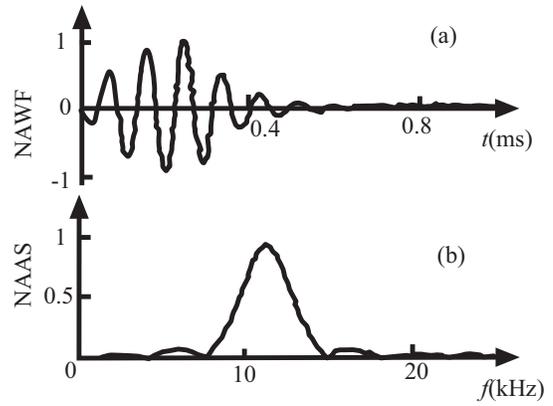


Fig. (5). Radiated acoustic signal: (a) the waveform; (b) amplitude spectrum. NAWF is the waveform radiated by the source and NAAS is the corresponding amplitude spectrum.

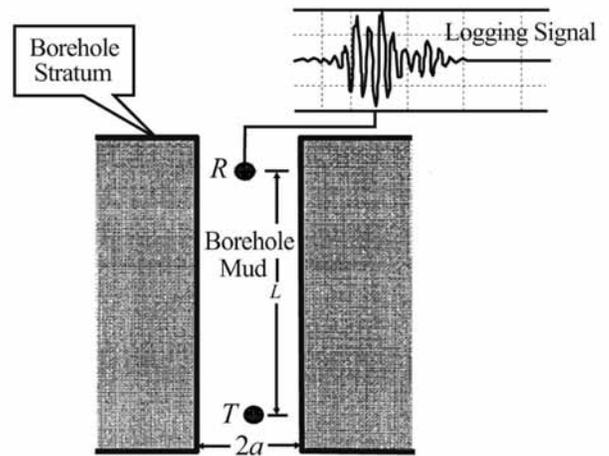


Fig. (6). A schematic plot of the geometrical configuration of an acoustic-logging system: T and R are respectively the source-transducer and receiver-transducer with a distance L from T to R .

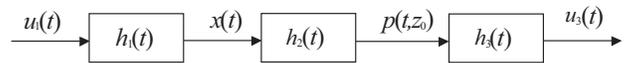


Fig. (7). A model acoustic-logging transmission network (ALTN).

We have performed calculations of wavelet for waveform and amplitude spectrum using parameters listed in Table 3 [12, 13]. For the entries in Table 3, ρ is the density of propagation medium, v_p is the acoustic speed of P -wave, and v_{sv} is the acoustic speed of SV -wave in media. The distance “ L ” from T to R is set to be 1.3224 m and the borehole radius “ a ” is at 12 cm. The Tsang wavelet parameters are $\omega_0 = 2\pi \times 10^4 \text{ rad/s}$, $\alpha = 0.6\omega_0/\pi$. The calculated results are shown in Fig. (8). Fig. (8a, b) are the normalized Tsang wavelet for waveform and amplitude spectrum, (c, d) are those of acoustic signal $p(t, z_0)$ reaching at R via the borehole fluid and the formation around the borehole, and (e, f) are those of electric signal $u_3(t)$ converted by R .

The calculated results in Fig. (8) show that for the acoustic-logging signal wavelet, the transmission delay caused by the acoustic-electric conversion of R can be up to

3.1886 μs . Compared to the negative head wave amplitude value of $p(t, z)$ in Fig (8c), the head wave amplitude of $u_3(t)$ in Fig. (8e) has initially a relative decline and then changes to a positive value. It shows that if the effect of acoustic-electric conversion of R on the logging signal is neglected, the measured value of the speed will produce a much larger error.

Table 3. Physical Parameters of the Borehole Fluid and MC-Sandstone Around Borehole

Medium	$\rho(\text{kg/m}^3)$	$v_p(\text{m/s})$	$v_s(\text{m/s})$
Borehole fluid	1.2	1540	
Formation	2.16	5943	3200

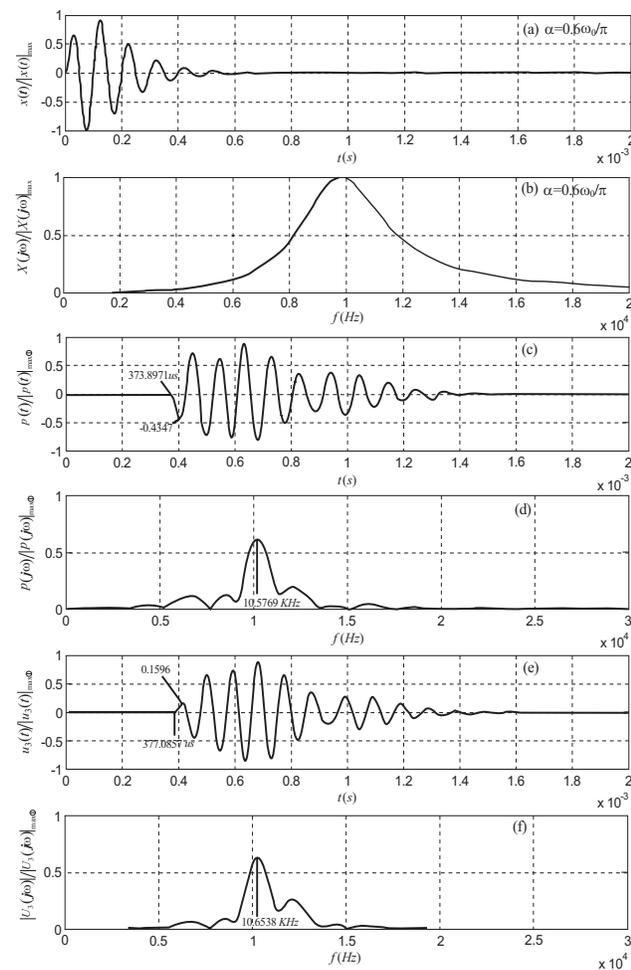


Fig. (8). Acoustic-electric conversion of receiver-transducer on the measured logging signal: (a, b) the normalized Tsang wavelet spectrum for waveform and amplitude; (c, d) those of acoustic signal $p(t, z_0)$ reaching at R via the borehole fluid and the formation around the borehole; (e, f) those of electric signal $u_3(t)$ converted by R .

In traditional cement bond quality logging, if the head-wave amplitude of acoustic-logging signal is small, the

cement bond quality of the cased-well is defined as good; otherwise, the cement bond quality is considered as poor. Now, if the impact of acoustic-electric conversion of R on the head-wave amplitude is not properly considered, the bad cementation quality may be misjudged as a good cementation quality and vice versa [14].

2.3. Addition and Multiplication ALTNs

For an array acoustic-source (AAS) in the borehole at the radiation directivity maximum, the excitation time delay Δt for two neighbor transmitting elements, i.e. the transducers in ALTN model, is given by [15, 16]

$$\Delta t = d / v, \tag{4}$$

where, d is the interval between two neighboring transmitting elements and v is the acoustic velocity of P -wave in the formation around the borehole. Numerical analysis has shown that an array acoustic-source ALTN model with a single receiver is reciprocal to that of a single source with an array acoustic-receiver (AAR).

Eq. (4) may be used to adjust the excitation time delay of an array acoustic-source ALTN model with a single receiver. It is easy to see that the head-wave amplitude of acoustic-logging signal linearly increases with respect to the number of transducer elements in the AAS. Similarly, to adjust the shifting time of acoustic-logging signals received by each receiving element in ALTN with a single source-transducer, the head-wave amplitude of acoustic-logging signal increases also roughly linearly with respect to the number of transducer elements in the AAR. So, the above mentioned two ALTNs abide approximately by an addition rule and are identified as the addition ALTN.

Assume that we have an ALTN network model with N transducers in AAS and M transducers in AAR. For the ALTN with AAS and AAR, P -wave velocity around the borehole is used to adjust the AAS excitation time delay. The acoustic signals emitted by all transmitting elements in AAS propagate around the borehole with the same phase. Then, the propagating signals reach the receiving elements in AAR and change into electric signals due to the acoustic-electric conversion of the transducers. Finally, the shifting time of these electric signals converted by each receiving element may be adjusted by solving Eq. (4). The value of the stacked head-wave amplitude increases approximately as a product of M and N . In this case, the ALTN model is identified as a multiplication ALTN.

Now, let's consider a simple example with $N = 4$ and $M = 4$, i.e. AAS and AAR consist of four transducers each. The interval between two neighboring transducers is set to be 82 mm and the distance from AAS to AAR is taken as 2.44 m. The calculated acoustic beam directivities for this ALTN are presented in Fig. (9). Clearly, the acoustic-beam steering efficiency of the multiplication ALTN is much higher than that of the addition ALTN. In either case, two equivalent ALTNs, either addition or multiplication, would increase greatly the head wave amplitude for the acoustic-logging signal.

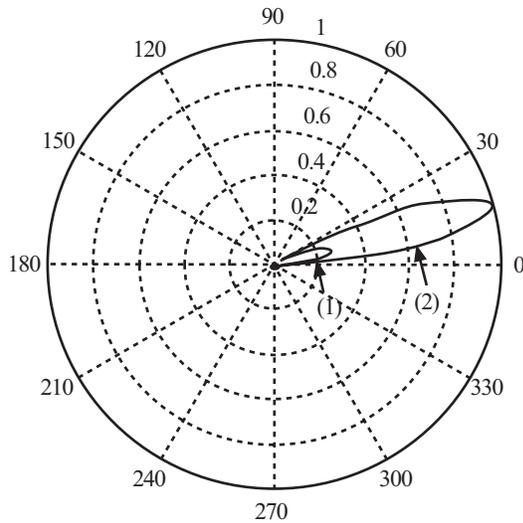


Fig. (9). Acoustic-beam steering directivities of addition and multiplication ALTNs: curve (1) is the directivities of the two addition ALTNs and curve (2) is that of the multiplication ALTN.

2.4. Acoustic Signal Propagation in Drill-Collar

Acoustic logging while drilling is mainly used for the acoustic velocity measurement around horizontal wells, deviated wells on land, and cluster wells on offshore.

Conventional logging method can be applied to acoustic-logging tool while drilling. Acoustic probes may be used as either the general acoustic-transducers or multiple acoustic-transducers. The acquired logging data could be processed by a proper software program which is written on the electric circuit module in the acoustic logging tool while drilling (ALTWD).

The drill-collar is usually made of steel and the outer-shell of ALTWD is a steel-grooves casing. The ALTWD is placed in drill collar and the outer-shell of ALTWD is scheduled for torsion force created during drilling. Bearing huge torsion force, the drill collar cannot be grooved, or else it will be ruined. As shown in Fig. (10), there are small windows on the drill-collar and on the outer-shell of ALTWD. These windows are located in the vicinity of source transducers and receiver transducers. The acoustic signal radiated by the source-transducer in ALTWD can pass through the pipe layers *via* the windows, and then reach the formation around the borehole. The acoustic-signal coming from the formation can be collected by receiver-transducers in ALTWD.

One of the technical difficulties with ALTWD is that the propagation speed of *P*-wave in steel is typically about 5900 m/s. This speed is usually larger than that of low- or intermediate-velocity formation in ALTWD. The propagation path of acoustic signal in drill-collar is actually shorter than that of formation in ALTWD. Without a specific design, the acoustic signal from the drill-collar may reach receiver-transducer unwittingly ahead of the signal from the formation around the borehole.

To make a specific design, we note that scattering takes place when acoustic-signal impinges on an interface between

two different media. Applying acoustic-scattering theory and adopting medium acoustic-absorption technology, the outer-shell of drill-collar may be properly designed with some required specifications. By doing so, the outer-shell ensures that acoustic signal emitted by the source-transducer would pass fully through the windows on outer-shell of ALTWD, as well as on drill collars. Due to the acoustic-scattering and acoustic-absorption of the drill-collar inner-wall ensures that the acoustic signal reaching the drill-collar is scattered and attenuated. This will ensure the acoustic logging signals come from the formation around the borehole, rather than from drill-collar.

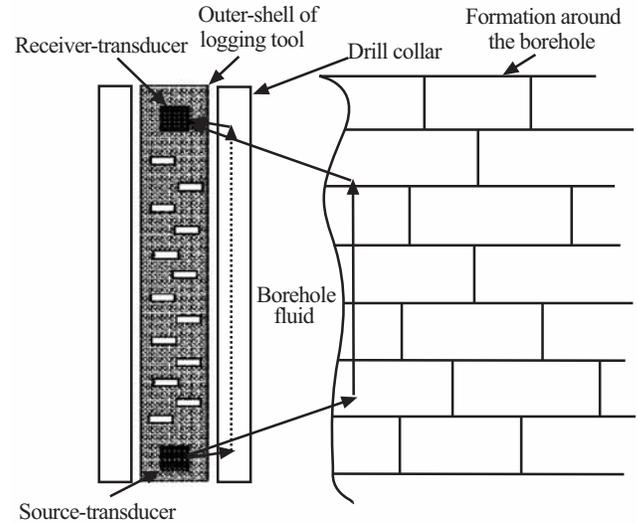


Fig. (10). A schematic plot of propagation paths of acoustic signal.

2.5. Reflection/Refraction Between Two Anisotropy Rock Slabs

Amplitude variations with offset (AVO) is one of the most important analyses in studies of reflection coefficient. *P*-wave amplitude variation with respect to an incidence angle is affected by acoustic impedances of *P*- and *SV*-waves on both sides of the reflector. Ostrander [17] showed that AVO anomalies can indicate areas of Poisson's ratio change and are direct hydrocarbon indicators. However, anisotropy has potentially significant effects on AVO application and time-depth conversion of seismic data [18, 19]. It is well known that elastic anisotropy is so common in Earth's interior that it is virtually impossible to avoid it in geophysical studies. Meanwhile, rock anisotropy is generally described as transversely isotropic and the presence of this kind of rock anisotropy can severely distort the AVO analysis.

In a boundary between two transversely isotropic media with a vertical axis of symmetry (VTI), two 4th order polynomials have been established for calculations of reflection/refraction angles [18],

$$B_1^{(1)} \sin^4 \theta^{(1,3)} + B_3^{(1)} \sin^2 \theta^{(1,3)} + B_5^{(1)} = 0, \quad (5)$$

$$B_1^{(2)} \sin^4 \theta^{(2,4)} + B_3^{(2)} \sin^2 \theta^{(2,4)} + B_5^{(2)} = 0. \quad (6)$$

In case of a P -wave impinging on the boundary between two VTI media, the relationship between displacement and traction across boundary in terms of the reflection/refraction coefficients can be written as

$$\mathbf{A}\bar{\mathbf{R}} = \bar{\mathbf{B}}, \quad (7)$$

where, \mathbf{A} is a 4 by 4 matrix, and $\bar{\mathbf{R}}$ and $\bar{\mathbf{B}}$ are the 4-element vectors. The matrix elements of \mathbf{A} are given by $a_{11} = u_x^{(1)}$, $a_{12} = -u_x^{(2)}$, $a_{13} = -u_z^{(3)}$, $a_{14} = u_z^{(4)}$, $a_{21} = u_z^{(1)}$, $a_{22} = u_z^{(2)}$, $a_{23} = -u_x^{(3)}$,

$$a_{24} = -u_x^{(4)}, a_{31} = \frac{c_{13}^{(in)}u_x^{(1)}\sin\theta^{(1)} + c_{33}^{(1)}u_z^{(1)}\cos\theta^{(1)}}{v^{(1)}(\theta^{(1)})},$$

$$a_{32} = -\frac{c_{13}^{(re)}u_x^{(2)}\sin\theta^{(2)} + C_{33}^{(re)}u_z^{(2)}\cos\theta^{(2)}}{v^{(2)}(\theta^{(2)})},$$

$$a_{33} = -\frac{c_{13}^{(in)}u_z^{(3)}\sin\theta^{(3)} + C_{33}^{(in)}u_x^{(3)}\cos\theta^{(3)}}{v^{(3)}(\theta^{(3)})},$$

$$a_{34} = -\frac{c_{33}^{(re)}u_x^{(4)}\sin\theta^{(4)} + c_{13}^{(re)}u_z^{(4)}\cos\theta^{(4)}}{v^{(4)}(\theta^{(4)})},$$

$$a_{41} = \frac{c_{44}^{(in)}(u_x^{(1)}\cos\theta^{(1)} + u_z^{(1)}\sin\theta^{(1)})}{v^{(1)}(\theta^{(1)})},$$

$$a_{42} = \frac{c_{44}^{(re)}(u_x^{(2)}\cos\theta_2 + u_z^{(2)}\sin\theta_2)}{v^{(2)}(\theta^{(2)})},$$

$$a_{43} = -\frac{c_{44}^{(in)}(u_x^{(3)}\sin\theta^{(3)} + u_z^{(3)}\cos\theta^{(3)})}{v^{(3)}(\theta^{(3)})},$$

$$a_{44} = -\frac{c_{44}^{(re)}(u_z^{(4)}\cos\theta^{(4)} + u_x^{(4)}\sin\theta^{(4)})}{v^{(4)}(\theta^{(4)})}.$$

The elements of $\bar{\mathbf{B}}$ vector are given as $b_1 = -u_x^{(1)}$,

$$b_2 = u_z^{(1)}, \quad b_3 = -\frac{c_{13}^{(in)}u_x^{(1)}\sin\theta^{(1)} + c_{33}^{(in)}u_z^{(1)}\cos\theta^{(1)}}{v^{(1)}(\theta_1)}, \quad \text{and}$$

$$b_4 = \frac{c_{44}^{(in)}(u_x^{(1)}\cos\theta^{(1)} + u_z^{(1)}\sin\theta^{(1)})}{v^{(1)}(\theta^{(1)})}.$$

In all these equations mentioned above, the superscripts $\{m\}=\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ denote incident P -wave or SV -wave ($m=0$), the reflected P -wave ($m=1$), refracted P -wave ($m=2$), reflected SV -wave ($m=3$), and refracted SV -wave ($m=4$); $\{n\}=\{in, re\}$ denote the incidence medium and refraction medium. For the elements in $\bar{\mathbf{R}}$ vector, $R^{(1)}$ is the reflection coefficient of quasi- P to quasi- P wave reflection, $R^{(2)}$ is the refraction coefficient of quasi- P to quasi- P wave refraction, $R^{(3)}$ is the reflection coefficient of quasi- P to quasi- SV wave reflection and $R^{(4)}$ is the refraction coefficient of quasi- P to quasi- SV wave refraction. $u_x^{(m)}$ and $u_z^{(m)}$ are the polarization coefficients of

the incident and mode conversion waves, and $v^{(m)}$ is the phase velocity for the above waves. $c_{ij}^{(n)}$ is the elastic stiffness of incidence and refraction media.

We have performed calculations of the reflection/refraction coefficients based on Eqs. (5)-(7), using the anisotropic parameters of two sedimentary rocks listed in Table 4. The calculated results are plotted in Fig. (11) and are readily used for AVO analysis of seismic exploration data [20].

Table 4. Anisotropic and Physical Parameters of Rocks, where, α and β are Vertical Velocity of P -Wave and SV -Wave in VTI Medium, Respectively; ϵ , δ^* and γ are the Anisotropic Parameters of VTI Medium. A-Shale Stands for Anisotropic Shale and T-Sandstone Stands for Taylor Sandstone

Medium	α	β	ρ	Anisotropy Parameters		
	(m/s)	(m/s)	(g/cm ³)	ϵ	δ^*	γ
A-shale	2745	1508	2.340	0.103	-0.073	0.345
T-sandstone	3368	1829	2.500	0.110	-0.127	0.255

2.6. Technology to Inverse Oil Reservoir by Logging and Seismic Data

For various possible geological structures, e.g. thin-out, top-lap, down-lap, etc. a seismic wavelet dictionary can be established using logging data from several oil wells in a given region. A match pursuit can be performed for words in the dictionary with the seismic exploration data obtained from this region [21, 22]. Then, the reflectivity series of underground formation can be obtained from the measured seismic wavelets and from the words in the seismic wavelet dictionary. By observing the amplitudes and phases of the obtained reflectivity series, an oil reservoir may be revealed.

In summary, this technology may be classified as two parts: creation of the seismic wavelet dictionary and software processing of reflectivity series inversion.

From the seismic wavelet dictionary, the words presented in Fig. (12) show a geological structure of a thin-out. Those in Fig. (13) present a geological structure of an inter-bed, and those in Fig. (14) reflect a geological structure with two down-laps.

In calculations of the formation reflectivity series, a software program is used to scan all words in the seismic-logging dictionary with every actual measured seismic signal wavelet. This scan would locate the maximum correlation coefficient. According to the shift invariance norm, the iterative calculations are performed by utilizing a match pursuit algorithm. When the calculation is converged, a minimal residual between the “words” with a maximal correlation coefficient is obtained. Then, the trace of actual seismic signal wavelet is reached to locate the desired oil-gas reservoirs.

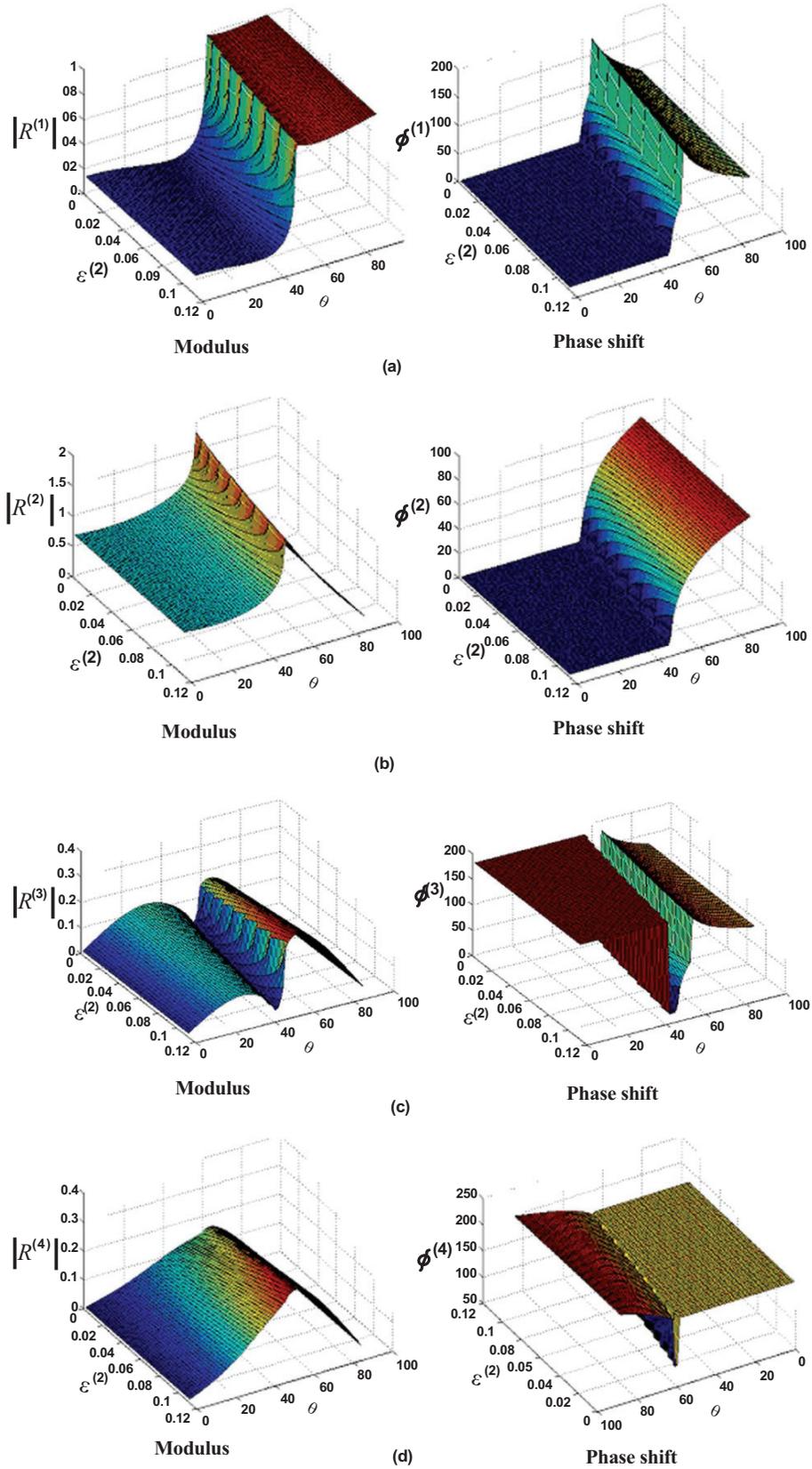


Fig. (11). Reflection/refraction coefficients versus θ and $\epsilon^{(re)}$ when $\epsilon^{(in)}$, $\delta^{(in)}$ and $\delta^{(re)}$ are fixed. In the figures, $\phi^{(1)}$, $\phi^{(2)}$, $\phi^{(3)}$ and $\phi^{(4)}$ are the phase of $R^{(1)}$, $R^{(2)}$, $R^{(3)}$ and $R^{(4)}$, respectively.

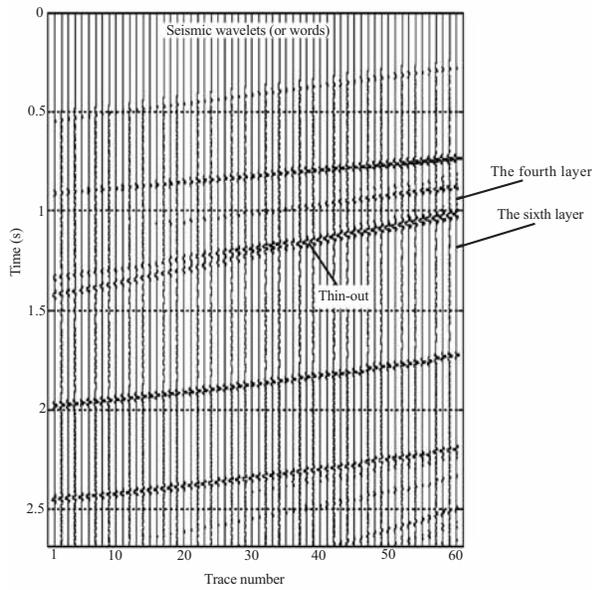


Fig. (12). A geological structure of a thin-out.

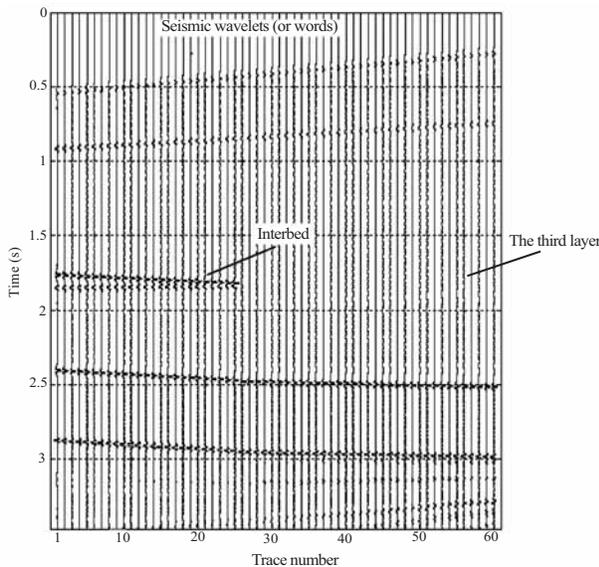


Fig. (13). A geological structure of an inter-bed.

3. CONCLUDING REMARKS

So far, we have discussed an improved ALTN network model for acoustical application to petroleum logging and seismic exploration. It is important to note that in studies of this new model, we identified intrinsic relationships amongst various physical quantities, such as driving-voltage signal, electric-acoustic conversion of source-transducer, acoustic-electric conversion of receiver-transducer, measured logging signal, and the propagation media.

Amongst the most important physical concepts proposed in this paper are acoustic-electric analogue and a driving-voltage convolution with electric-acoustic impulse response. The latter concept led to a practical and improved petroleum logging ALTN in which the convolution of the driving-

voltage signal with the electric-acoustic impulse response function was used to substitute for some assumed acoustic-source functions. These assumed functions are usually used in traditional acoustic-logging models, e.g. Tsang wavelet, Ricker wavelet, Gaussian impulse wavelet, etc.

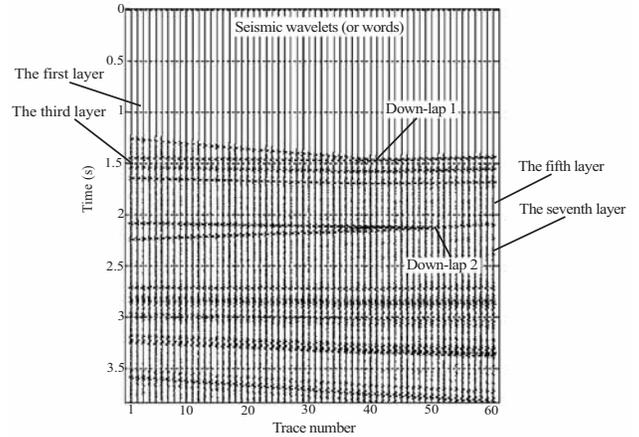


Fig. (14). A geological structure with two down-laps.

The anisotropic effects on reflection/refraction between two different rock-slabs are discussed. Correspondingly, a new fast algorithm for calculation of reflection/refraction coefficients has been presented. It provides insight into analysis of amplitude variations with offset (AVO) for exploring new oil reservoirs or gas fields accurately.

Getting into the prediction of new oil reservoirs and/or gas fields, the new algorithm leads to the construction of a seismic wavelet-dictionary which can be constructed by logging data from several oil wells in a given region. The reflectivity series of the formation can be obtained accurately by using the match-pursuit algorithm, the seismic wavelet dictionary and the measured seismic reflection data.

Within the framework of the newly proposed network model, there are several other important issues discussed besides the discussions above, including (i) the notation of addition and multiplication of acoustic-logging ALTN transmission network, (ii) the technology of eliminating acoustic signal propagation in the drill-collar for acoustic-logging while drilling, and (iii) the effect of rock anisotropy on reflection/refraction coefficients and its relation to an accurate AVO analysis.

In summary, the newly proposed ALTN network model describes the acoustic-logging process based strictly on a physical mechanism. It is more practical and much closer to the actual situation of acoustic logging than any earlier acoustic-logging models. Applications of the new network model in analysis of acoustic-logging process lead to accurate acoustic-logging information, such as propagation velocity, signal amplitude, wavelet phase, and frequency spectrum of acoustic-logging signal in the formation.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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