

INTEGRATION OF GEOPHYSICAL TECHNOLOGIES IN THE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY

The most utilised technique for exploring the earth's subsurface for petroleum is reflection seismology. However, a sole focus on reflection seismology often misses opportunities to integrate other geophysical techniques such as gravity, magnetic, resistivity and other seismicity techniques, which have tended to be used in isolation and by specialist teams. There is now growing appreciation that these technologies used *in combination with* reflection seismology can produce more accurate images of the subsurface. This book describes how these different field techniques can be used individually and in combination with each other and with seismic reflection data. World leading experts present chapters covering different techniques and describe when, where and how to apply them to improve petroleum exploration and production. It also explores the use of such techniques in monitoring CO₂ storage reservoirs. Including case studies throughout, it will be an invaluable resource for petroleum industry professionals, advanced students and researchers.

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