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SEISMIC ANISOTROPY in EXPLORATION and EXPLOITATION

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SEISMIC ANISOTROPY in EXPLORATION and EXPLOITATION

(NEW ENLARGED PROGRAM)

MUNICH

at the

GATE – Garching Technologie und Gründerzentrum

3 DAYS COURSE

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Leon Thomsen

LEVEL: Advanced

This is an excellent opportunity for all geophysicists to learn how a fundamental property of rocks impacts all our data and how to deal with it.

AUDIENCE: Geophysicists, Seismic Processors, Petrophysicists, Explorationists

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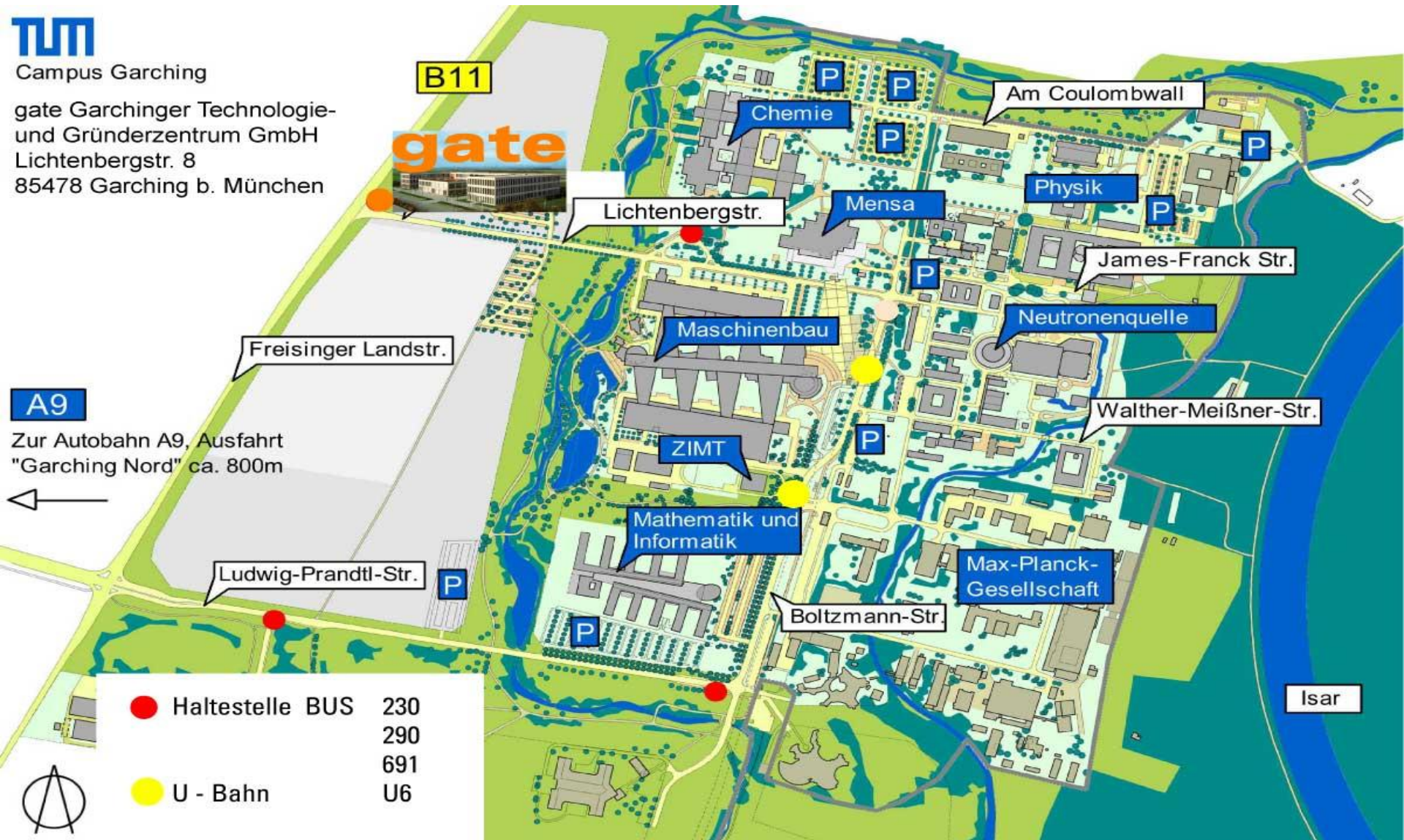
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PROGRAM

Course Description

All rock masses are seismically anisotropic, but we generally ignore this in our seismic acquisition, processing, and interpretation. The anisotropy nonetheless does affect our data, in ways that limit the effectiveness with which we can use it, so long as we ignore it. In this short course, we will understand why this inconsistency between reality and practice has been so successful in the past, and why it will be less successful in the future, as we acquire better seismic data (especially including vector seismic data), and correspondingly higher expectations of it. We will further understand how we can modify our practice so as to more fully realize the potential inherent in our data, through algorithms, which recognize the fact of seismic anisotropy.

Who should attend?

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PROGRAM

1. Physical principles (Day 1, morning)
 2. P-waves: imaging (Day 1, afternoon)
 3. P-waves: characterization (Day 2, morning)
 4. S-waves: (Day 2, afternoon)
 5. C-waves: (Day 2, afternoon)
- Epilogue: (Day 2, afternoon)

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Detailed Program

INTRODUCTION

Course Outline

Support Materials

End Presentation

PART 1

Definition

Physical Principles

Most Sediments are Not

Most Sediments Are

Inhomogeneities

Massive Shales

Small Scale

Mother Nature

Core Expand

Different Fabrics

Physical Anisotropy of all types

Electrical Anisotropy (1)

Electrical Anisotropy (2)

Electrical Anisotropy (3)

Anisotropy as a Function of Scale

Consider Vertical and Horizontal
Elasticity and Symmetry
The Role of Elastic Tensor 1,2,3
Hooke's Law
Symmetry of the Medium
How bad could it be 1,2,3,4,5,6
In the survey coordinate system
Polar Anisotropy
Solution
The Velocity of Plane Waves
A careful Inspection
The exact Velocity of Plane Waves
Weak polar Anisotropy 1,2,3,4
AP Wave front 1,2,3,4
P Slownesses in a WA-VSP
Alternative Formulations
Example
Card Tricks
Comparison of P -Anisotropies
Azimuthal Anisotropy
Azimuthal Variation 1,2
The Power of Notation
End of Presentation

PART 2

Canonical Anisotropic Reflection Problem

Ray Greater than Wavefront 1,2

Thin Layer

Thin Isotropic Layers

Thin Anisotropic Layers 1,2

NM Stacks

Anisotropic Movement Velocity

Taylor Series Coefficients

Yields the Moveout Velocity

Short Spread 1,2

Reflection Problem 1,2,3

Fuggy Images

Hyperbolic Moveout Analysis 1,2

A Single Polar-Anisotropic Layer 1,2,3

Hockey Stricks Straightened

Anisotropic DMO

The DMO Operator 1,2

Isotropic and Anisotropic 1,2

Various Constant Velocities

Beds and Faults

Anisotropic Time Migration

Two Problems

Imaging Errors

Benefit of Anisotropic Time Migration

Anisotropic Depth Migration

A Synthetic Anisotropic Model

Anisotropic Depth Migration 1,2,3,4

Determining the Parameters

2-Parameters Semblance Plots 1,2,3

NMO Velocity

Slowness Ellipses

Azimuthal Variation of Moveout Velocity 1,2

Parameter Semblance Plots

Gathers are not flat

Determined from Residual Moveout

The total Slowness

Azimuthal Anisotropy

Some beds dip

Elasticity Tensor 1,2

Scattering Problems

Dipping Anisotropy 1,2

Expensive Mis-Imaging 1,2

Isotropic Mislocate the Faults

Correctly Images the Fault

Orthorhombic Anisotropy

3-D Geometry 1,2

Anisotropy for Real Formations 1,2

9 Equations 9 Unknowns

For all Directions

End of Presentation

PART 3

Polar Anisotropy

Lithology from Velocity Ratio

Laboratory Data on Dry Shales

Estimation of Lithology

N-Estimation of Lithology

Pore Pressure Prediction

Amplitudes

Angle-Dependent Effects

Linearized Isotropic Half-Space

Quantitative AVO 1,2,3

Wavefront Angle

Qualitative AVO 4

Crossplot 1,2,3

Azimuthal Variation of Velocity

Stacking Velocity

Anomalies from coherent zones

Zone of High Anisotropy

Clair: World Largest Uneconomic Field

Multi-Azimuth

P-Wave and S-Wave Velocity Analysis

2D Surface Seismic Lines

Apparent Velocity Correlated with Production 1,2

Azimuthal AVO: Fracture Detection

Amplitude Variations in Transmission

Two-Term Anisotropic P-AVO 1,2

Azimuthal Variation 1,2

Azimuthal Variation of P-AVO

Anomalies from Coherent Patterns

Stress and Fractures

Shear Fractures

Tensile Vertical Joints

Some Fractures are Sealed

Regional Orthogonal Extensive Fractures

All three Stress Eigenvectors

Confirmation of Theory for Dry Rocks 1,2,3

Theoretical Effects of Saturated Cracks

Effect of Cracks in an Impermeable Medium 1,2,3,4

Effect of Cracks in a Permeable Medium 1,2,3

Theoretical Effect of Saturated Cracks in Sandstone

Confirmation of Theory for Saturated Rocks

Crack-Induced Anisotropy

Orthogonal Canyons

Orthogonal Jointing

Long Cracks

End Presentation

PART 4

Isotropic Shear Waves

The Theory Behind

Inline and Crossline Polarizations

Polar Anisotropy 1,2

Weak Polar Anisotropy

Card Tricks: Polar Anisotropy

Horizontal Propagation

Cusps and Triplications

Wavefront-Velocity

Ray-Velocity

Strong Anisotropy

This complicated Behaviour occurs only if..

But this can be simplified to 1,2

The approximation is good

VSP's

Polar Anisotropy in an Offset VSP Survey

Schematic Illustration of S-ave Anisotropy 1,2

Afford Rotation

Devil's Elbow Pennsylvania

Principal Modes Propagate down

As Recorded on Receivers 1,2

The Spike-Seismogram Vector: Crossline Source

The Spike-Seismogram Vector: Inline Source

2cx2c Data Matrix 1,2,3,4

Principal coordinate System

Alford Rotation Is..

The Fast-Slow Dealy

Seismically-Detected Fractures

Principal Sections showing Split-Shear

The Slow-Mode Amplitudes are Variable

Slow-Mode Zones Correspond to Fravtures 1,2,3

These Fast-Slow Differences are Magnified 1,2

The previous Derivation does not work

if the Azimuth of Ansotropy changes..

Time Lapse

The Argument for Sensing..

The Stress-Cracks-Anisotropy Connection 1,2

Time-Lapse Changes in Shear-Wave Splitting 1,2,3

Chages in Overburden Shear-Wave Splitting 4

VSP's

An Example of Coarse-Layer Variation

Crossed Dipole Sonic Data

Conventional Logging uses a Monopole Source

In a slow S-Formation

The Crossed-Dipole Tool

Crossed-Dipole Log

End of Presentation

PART 5

C-Wave Basics

Isotropic Waves at a Plane Interface

C-Waves in ocean bottom Seismic 1,2,3

The canonical C-Wave Problem

Homogeneous and Isotropic Case 1,2,3

Velocity

The partially Realistic C-Wave Problem

C-Wave Moveout Velocity 1,2,3

Non-Hyperbolic Movement

The more Realistic C-Wave Problem

C-Wave Nonhyperbolic Moveout 1,2

Diodic Movement

Asymmetric Inline CMP

If you Pick the Slow Mode you Get..

The Gather was Centered about a Point

Common conversion Point Gathers

The minimally realistic C-Wave problem 1,2,3

An approximate computation

The Effective Velocity Ratio 1,2

An Approximate Computation

Anisotropic Prestack Depth Migration

C-Wave 2d Section at Valhall 1

Conventional P-Wave

The Moveout Ellipse for C-Waves is Off-Center 1

C-Wave 2d Section at Valhall 2

The Moveout Ellipse for C-Waves is Off-Center 2

Valhall: DMO/Post Stack Time Migration 1,2

Anisotropic Prestack Depth Migration

Valhall: Anisotropic Pre-Stack C-Wave

Anisotropy Required to focus Image

Amplitudes

Linearized Anisotropic Half-Space 1,2

The Anisotropy combined with Shear

A C-Wave Split-Spread Gather

Such Data must be Described

Vector Infidelity

Azimuthal Anisotropy 1,2,3

Alignment of Split C-Waves

Quotation

Acknowledgements

End Presentation

EXERCISES

BIOGRAPHY

Leon Thomsen

Leon. Thomsen holds degrees in geophysics from Caltech (B.S. 1964) and Columbia (Ph.D. 1969).

His academic career began with post-doctoral appointments at CNRS in Paris, and at Caltech, followed by faculty appointments at the State University of New York in Binghamton (1972-80).

Thomsen's industrial career began with 14 years at Amoco, at its famous Tulsa Research Center.

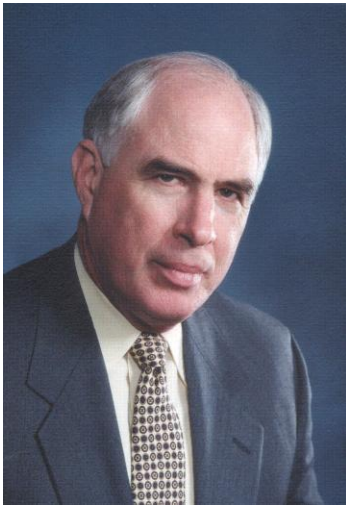
Following the change of its mission in 1994, he joined Amoco's worldwide exploration department in Houston.

Following the recent merger, he serves in BP Amoco's Upstream Technology Group in Houston, as Principal Geophysicist.

For his work in seismic anisotropy, Thomsen was given the Fessenden Award in 1994 by the SEG.

He served as the SEG Distinguished Lecturer in 1997, and was Chairman of the Research Committee in 1998-2000.

He and his colleagues received the EAGE's Best Paper Award in 1997 for their converted-wave analysis at Valhall. Thomsen was given Honorary Membership in the GSH in 1998.



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Research Interests

During 28 years at Amoco, BP-Amoco, and BP, Thomsen lead the exploration community in four major paradigm-shifts in seismic exploration:

- Seismic polar anisotropy (His 1986 paper establishing key concepts is the most-frequently cited paper in the history of **Geophysics**.)
- Seismic azimuthal anisotropy (He discovered the phenomenon in 1980; his 2006 paper establishes that the P-wave seismic signature corresponds to real subsurface fracture patterns.)
- Converted-wave seismic (His 1999 paper established numerous key concepts, such as C-waves, V_{eff} , diodic velocity, vector fidelity, vector reciprocity, and event registration.)
- Electromagnetic imaging, seismic style (with KMS personnel)

This work was realized in 60 refereed papers, 2 books, 16 patents (plus 3 others in process), and many presentations and interviews. He retired from BP in 2008, as Principal Geophysicist and Senior Advisor.

Awards

Thomsen is a Foreign Member of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences, and holder of their Kapitza Medal. He is an Honorary Member of the European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers, and also of the Geophysical Society of Houston. He holds a Fessenden Award (1993) from the SEG, and numerous best-paper awards from various societies.

Service

Leon served the worldwide Society of Exploration Geophysics as President in 2006-07; in this role he was the *de facto* head of the international profession of applied geophysics. Prior to that, he held several elected SEG positions, and chaired several important committees. He also served as SEG/EAGE Distinguished Instructor (2002) and SEG Distinguished Lecturer (1997). He serves on the Advisory Boards to the Director, Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory, and to the Dean of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, University of Houston. He served on the Advisory Board to the Associate Director for Geosciences, National Science Foundation.

Experience

University of Houston

(2008-) Research Professor of Geophysics

Delta Geophysics:

(2008-) Chief Scientist

KMS Technologies:

(2008-) Executive Advisor

Lawrence Berkley National Laboratory

(2008-) Visiting Scientist

Amoco -> BP

(1980-2008) Senior Research Scientist -> Principal Geophysicist

State University of New York, Binghamton

(1977-1980) Associate Professor of Geophysics (with academic tenure)

(1972-1977) Assistant Professor of Geophysics

NASA Goddard Space Flight Center

(1979) Visiting Research Fellow (sabbatical leave from SUNY)

Australian National University

(1978) Visiting Research Fellow (sabbatical leave from SUNY)

International Business Machines

(1970-71) Consultant

California Institute of Technology

(1970-71) Research Fellow

Centre Nationale de la Recherche Scientifique

(1969-1970) Chargé de Recherche

Selected Publications

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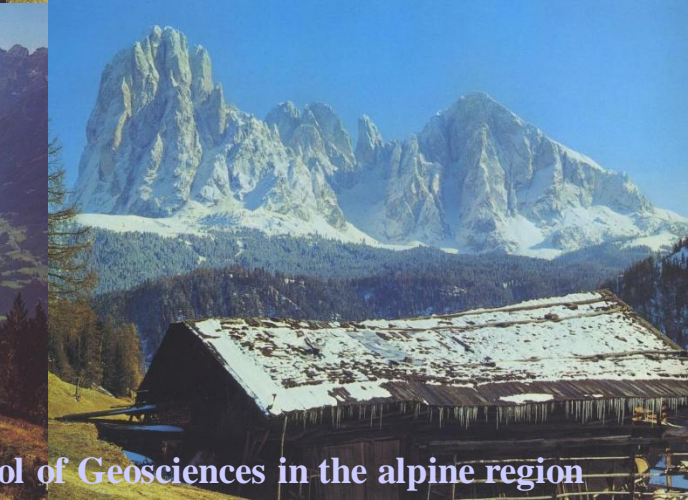
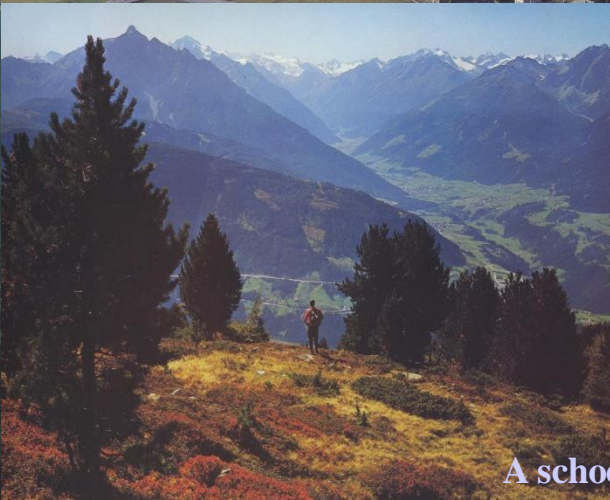
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