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PETROPHYSICAL ANALYSIS AND VOLUMETRIC ESTIMATION OF OTU FIELD, NIGER DELTA NIGERIA, USING 3D SEISMIC AND WELL LOG DATA

4 ABSTRACT

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Petrophysical analysis and volumetric estimation was carried out using 3D seismic and well log
data to evaluate the reservoir potentials of Otu Field in the Niger Delta of Nigeria. Three

7 hydrocarbon bearing reservoirs (C10, D10 and D31) were mapped out of several identified

8 sands. The tops of these reservoirs were tied on the seismic section using checkshots and were

9 traced throughout the seismic volume. Faults were mapped and structure maps for the three

10 reservoir tops were produced. For C10 reservoir mapped at the depth of about 4512feet, gas-

11 down-to (GDT) was picked at 4525feet and Oil-water contact (OWC) was picked at 4592feet.

12 For D10 reservoir mapped at the depth of about 5337feet, oil-water contact was picked at

13 5404 feet and D31 reservoir which was mapped at depth 5536 feet has oil-water contact at

14 5675feet. The gross thickness of the C10 reservoir sandstone formation ranges from 45ft to

78.5ft. Since the reservoir was intercalated with shale, the net thickness varied between 11.5ft and
 54.5ft. The gross thickness of the D10 reservoir varied between 55.5ft and 103ft; while the net

thickness varied between 13ft and 51ft. The gross thickness of D31 reservoir varied between

18 127.5ft and 273ft and the net thickness varied between 11ft and 114ft. The petrophysical

19 parameters obtained were porosity (ϕ) ranging from 0.32 to 0.34, water saturation (S_w) ranging

20 from 0.23 to 0.29, hydrocarbon saturation (S_H) varies between 0.71 and 0.77 and net to gross 21 (N/G) which ranges from 0.21 to 0.47. The volume of the closures (GRV) gotten from the

21 (N/G) which ranges from 0.21 to 0.47. The volume of the closures (GRV) gotten from the 22 structure maps were combined with the relevant petrophysical parameters to estimate the

volume of hydrocarbon in place. The estimation of the volume of hydrocarbon revealed that C10

24 contains 45.98bft³ of gas and 95.18million stock tank barrels of oil. The D10 and D31 reservoirs

25 have oil with the volume estimated at 21.41million stock tank barrels and 54.32 million stock

26 tank barrels respectively. The study revealed that the field is prolific and the estimated volumes of

27 hydrocarbon in the closures are satisfactory for further exploration work.

28 Keywords: Petrophysical, Seismic, Reservoir, Volumetric, Niger Delta.

29 INTRODUCTION

Increasing demand for oil and gas worldwide has caused an increase in exploration and
development in pre-explored areas around the world such as the Niger Delta.
Consequently, more detailed methods apart from structural approach are being developed
which include the characterization of the hydrocarbon reservoirs. The knowledge of the

34 character and extent of a hydrocarbon reservoir are important factors in quantifying the

hydrocarbon in place (Ihianle et. al, 2013). The basic information needed are the

thickness, pore spaces and the areal extent of the reservoir. Other essential parameters are

the net to gross ratio, the volume of shale and the saturation values. These parameters are

important because they serve as veritable inputs for reservoir volumetric analysis and

39 consequently estimation of the volume of hydrocarbon in place (Edwards and

- 40 Santogrossi, 1990).
- 41 Determination of the reservoir thickness is best obtained from cut-offs which are visible
- 42 on well logs, especially with the gamma ray and resistivity logs (Asquith, 2004). The
- 43 density-neutron log also provides a means to estimate reservoir thickness in addition to

the type of hydrocarbon present in the reservoir (Ihianle et. al, 2013). Gamma ray log

45 aids in the identification of lithologies like sandstones. If core data is available, other

46 lithologies like limestone and dolomites can be identified. This is because a higher

47 percentage of oil and gas is produced from lithologies like sandstones, limestone and

dolomites (Asquith, 2004). The resistivity log on the other hand is a valuable tool used to

49 obtain the true formation resistivity and to identify the oil-water contact. It differentiates

50 between water and hydrocarbon in the pore space of the reservoir rocks (Schlumberger,

51 1989). Since these logs are recorded in terms of depth, the hydrocarbon bearing interval

52 can be determined with reliability.

53 Accurate mapping of the lateral dimension can either be obtained from well logs, where

54 abundantly available or direct hydrocarbon indicators (Brown et. al, 1984). To use well

55 log to map the lateral dimension of the reservoir, gas-oil and oil-water contacts are

56 located on structure maps (Coffen, 1984).

57Also mapping reservoir boundaries, the study of subsurface structures that can hold

58 hydrocarbon in place must be considered (Adeoye and Enikanselu, 2009). Hydrocarbons

⁵⁹ are found in geologic traps and these traps can either be structural, stratigraphic or a

60 combination of both. According to Doust and Omatsola (1990), majority of traps in the

61 Niger Delta are structural. To locate these traps, faults and horizons are mapped on the

62 section to produce the structure maps. This can reveals the structures that can serve as

traps for the hydrocarbon accumulations. It is then possible to deduce the relevant

64 petrophysical parameters of the reservoir from the well logs and the gross rock volume of

65 the structure maps for the computation of the volume of hydrocarbon in place

66 This study tries using 3d seismic reflection data obtained in Otu field in the Niger delta

67 Nigeria to delineate the lithologies and identify the hydrocarbon bearing reservoir in the

68 field, to locate structural traps by mapping the faults and horizons and making the

69 structure maps to determine the Gross Rock volume (GRV). Then using the well log

70 data obtained to compute the relevant petrophysical parameters of the target reservoirs

71 with the aim of estimating the volume of hydrocarbon in the field.

72 GEOLOGY OF THE STUDY AREA

73 Otu Field is an onshore field located in the Western part of the Niger Delta Area of

74 Nigeria. It lies between latitudes 5 N and 6 N and longitudes 5 E and 6 E. The field

75 covers approximately 720km^2 and is characterised by NW-SE trending growth faults and

associated rollover anticlines which is consistent with the regional structural settings ofthe Niger Delta.

78 The Niger Delta, situated on the continental margin of the Gulf of Guinea (Klett et. al,

1997) covers an area of about 75000 km². It is located in the Southern part of Nigeria

80 between latitudes 3 and 6 N and longitudes 4 and 9 E (Figure 1) and is composed of an

81 overall regressive clastic sequence that reaches a maximum thickness of 9000 to 12000m

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- 82 (Evamy et. al., 1978). The Niger Delta Basin to date is the most prolific and economic
- 83 sedimentary basin in Nigeria by virtue of the size of petroleum accumulations, discovered
- and produced as well as the spatial distribution of the petroleum resources to the
- Onshore, Continental shelf through deepwater terrains (Oyedele et. al, 2013). From the
- 86 Eocene to the present, the delta has prograded south-westward, forming depobelts that
- represent the most active portion of the delta at each stage of its development (Doust and
- 88 Omatsola, 1990).
- 89 The Niger Delta Province contains only one identified petroleum system referred to as
- 90 the Tertiary Niger Delta (Akata Agbada) Petroleum System (Ekweozor and Daukoru,
- 91 1994; Kulke, 1995). The Tertiary section of the Niger Delta is divided into three
- 92 formations, the Akata, Agbada and Benin formations (Short and Stuable, 1967).
- 93 The Akata formation is of marine origin and lies at the base of the Niger Delta sequence.
- 94 It is composed of thick shale sequences (potential source rock) and also of turbidity sand
- 95 (potential reservoirs in deep water) with minor amounts of clay and silt (Opafunso, 2007,
- 96 Magbagbeoloa and Willis, 2007; Owoyemi and Willis, 2006). It began in the Palaeocene
- 97 through the Recent and is estimated that the formation is up to 7,000m (22,966ft) thick
- 98 (Doust and Omatsola, 1990). The formation underlies the entire delta, and is typically
- 99 over pressured. Agbada Formation is the major oil and gas reservoir of the delta and
- 100 began in the Eocene continuing into the Recent. It is the transition zone and consist of
- intercalation of sand and shale (paralicsiliciclastics) with over 3700 meter thick and
- represent the deltaic portion of the Niger Delta sequence (Doust, 1990; Tuttle et al,
- 103 1999). The Agbada Formation is overlain by the third formation, the Benin Formation, a
- 104 continental latest Eocene to Recent deposit of alluvial and upper coastal plain sands that
- are up to 2000m thick (Avbovbo, 1978; Tuttle et. al, 1999). It is deposited in upper
- 106 coastal plain environments following a southward shift of deltaic deposition into new

107 depobelt. It traps non-commercial quantities of hydrocarbon and has sand percentage of

108 over 8% (Opafunso, 2007).

109 METHODOLOGY

- 110 The data used for this study was provided by Shell Petroleum Development Company
- 111 (SPDC), Nigeria. The data include 3D seismic volume in segy format, composite well
- 112 logs comprising of gamma ray (GR), deep resistivity (R_D), neutron (NEU), density (FDC)
- and sonic (BHC) as well as checkshots data. Gamma ray log was used to delineate the
- 114 lithology (sand and shale). The deep resistivity log was used to differentiate between
- 115 water and hydrocarbon in the pores of the delineated sand reservoirs. Neutron and density
- 116 logs were combined to identify type of fluid (oil and gas) in the formation as well as
- 117 picking the fluid contacts. A log correlation connecting the wells across the area was
- 118 carried out to determine the lateral continuity or discontinuity of the facies and this
- 119 helped in reservoir distribution prediction. Faults were picked throughout the seismic
- data. The synthetic seismogram was generated using sonic and density logs as well as
- 121 checkshots. The synthetic seismogram was used for seismic to well tie and it aided in

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122 mapping the delineated hydrocarbon bearing reservoirs on the seismic data (Figure 3).

123 The delineated reservoir interpreted as horizons on the seismic section (Figure 3) were

124 used to generate the time structure maps. The time structure was converted to depth maps

125 with the aid of the checkshots. The maps helped to delineate the structures favourable for

126 hydrocarbon accumulation in the field and in locating the hydrocarbon closures.

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Figure 1: Map of Niger Delta showing the location of the study area (Otu Field)





Figure 2: Seismic Inline showing fault sticks, synthetic seismogram and horizonsinterpreted

140 In order to estimate the volume of hydrocarbon in place, the volumes of the closures were

141 determined and petrophysical evaluation of the reservoirs parameters was carried out.

142 The petrophysical evaluation of the logs was performed using Fugro Jason Powerlog, a

143 Petrophysical evaluation software. Porosity (Φ) , the parameter that tells us what fraction

144 of the reservoir volume is pore space - where the fluids are located was generated from

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145 density log using Equation (1) (Wyllie et al., 1958):

$$\Phi_{d} = \frac{\rho_{ma} \rho_{b}}{\rho_{ma} \rho_{fl}}$$

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147 Where $\rho_{ma} = matrix$ density

148 ρ_b = density log represents bulk density of the formation

149 ρ_{fl} = density of the fluid in the formation

- 150 Water saturation (S_w) , Volume fraction of porosity filled with interstitial water was
- 151 computed using Equation (2) (Archie, 1942):

$$S_w = \left(\frac{aR_w}{PHI^mR_t}\right)^{1/n}$$

Where a = formation factor coefficient m = cementation exponent n = saturation exponent R_w = water resistivity (Ohm) R_t = True formation resistivity (Ohm) PHI = Porosity (dec) From the water saturation values, the values of the hydrocarbon saturation (S_H) were computed using Equation (3) (Archie, 1942): $S_{\rm H} = 1 - S_{\rm W}$ Net to Gross ratio (N/G) of the reservoirs, percentage of the target interval that is truly reservoir quality i.e. layers from which hydrocarbons can be can produced was also determined using Equation (4). $N/G = \sum(Net lnt)$ ∑(Gross Int)

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166 Where Net Int. is the interval of the net pay section of the reservoir

Gross Int. is the interval of the entire reservoir 167

The averages of the parameters from the net pay section of the reservoirs were used 168

From the depth maps of the surfaces, GRV (Gross Rock Volume) of the prospect was 169

determined. The volume of the hydrocarbon in place was calculated using the simple 170

volumetric equation. 171

172 $STOIIP = 0.1781 * GRV * N/G * \Phi * (1 - S_W)$

Bo 173 GIIP = $GRV*N/G*\Phi*(1-S_W)$ 174 B_{g} 175 Where STOIIP is the Stock Tank Oil Initially In Place 176 GIIP is the Gas Initially In Place 177 GRV is the Gross Rock Volume 178 N/G is the net to gross 179

 Φ is the porosity, 180

 S_W is the water saturation 181

Bo is the oil formation volume factor 182

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183 B_g is the gas formation volume factor

184 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A log correlation connecting the wells across the area is shown in Figure 3 where the
entire formations were considered and a good agreement was observed of their continuity
within the extent of the well location as this was carried out in strike direction. From the

188 gamma ray log, the interval coloured yellow is sand, while the interval coloured ash is 189 shale. The reservoirs consist of intercalation of sand and shale. It was observed that the

reservoirs have more shale content in the North-western region and this shale volume

191 reduces towards the South-eastern region.



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193 Figure 3a: Well correlation panel in strike direction







199 Figure 3c: Well correlation panel contd.

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200 From the structure maps produced, structural highs are stretched over the field in the Northeast while structural lows were observed in the Southwest direction. The petroleum 201 202 trapping systems are fault assisted closures and rollover anticlines this observation is in 203 agreement with Obiekezie 2014 and Obiekezie 2011. The C10 reservoir is an oil/gas 204 reservoir with GDT at 4525ft and OWC at 4592ft. Figure.4 shows depth structure map of 205 C10 with two major faults and other subsidiary faults as well as hydrocarbon contacts and the wells. The D10 reservoir is an oil reservoir with OWC at 5404ft. Figure. 5 shows 206 207 depth structure map of D10 with two major faults and other subsidiary faults as well as OWC and the wells. The D31 reservoir is an oil reservoir with OWC at 5675ft. Figure. 6 208 shows depth structure map of D31 with two major faults and other subsidiary faults with 209 OWC and the wells. The volumes of the closure (GRV) were determined with the aid of 210

211 petrel software. These closures are shown on the depth structure maps of the reservoirs.

212 The green colour in the structure maps indicates the presence of gas in the closure while

the red colour indicates the presence of oil.



Figure 4: C10 Depth structure map showing the wells tops and hydrocarbon contacts.



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Figure 5: D10 Depth structure map with the wells tops and hydrocarbon contacts



Figure 6: D31 Depth structure map with the wells tops and hydrocarbon contacts

220 The petrophysical parameters such as porosity (ϕ), water saturation (S_W), hydrocarbon

saturation (S_H) and net/gross (N/G) of the reservoirs have been carefully analysed in

order to determine the hydrocarbon potential and economic viability of the field. Some of

these parameters are shown in table 1, 2 and 3.

224 ′	Table 1:	The Petr	ophysical	parameters	for	C10	Reservoir
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Well Name	Zone Name	Top Res (TVD)	Bot Res (TVD)	Gross Interval	Net Pay Int (TVD)	Avg Phi (Pay)	Net*PHI	Avg Net Sw (Pay)	NET*PHI*Sw
OTU5	C10	4591.5	4643.5	53	26.5	0.28	7.42	0.373	2.76766
OTU8	C10	4515	4569	56.5	43	0.347	14.921	0.227	3.387067
OTU11	C10	4570	4622	52.5	39	0.258	10.062	0.288	2.897856
OTU19	C10	4591	4647	57	17.5	0.309	5.4075	0.419	2.265743
OTU21	C10	4553.5	4597.5	45	29	0.365	10.585	0.295	3.122575
OTU29	C10	4512	4574	63.5	54.5	0.3	16.35	0.113	1.84755
OTU32	C10	4617	4673.5	57	11.5	0.359	4.1285	0.461	1.903239
OTU38	C10	5038	5116	78.5	29	0.343	9.947	0.442	4.396574
OTU46	C10	5350	5417.5	68	0	0	0	1	0
				531	250		78.821		22.58826
	Net/Gross	0.47		Ave. Por(Pay)	0.32		Ave. Sw(Pay)	0.29	

Well Name	Zone Name	Top Res (TVD)	Bot Res (TVD)	Gross Interval	Net Pay Int (TVD)	Avg Phi (Pay)	NET*PHI	Avg Net Sw (Pay)	NET*PHI*Sw
OTU4	D10	5337	5398.5	62	51	0.323	16.473	0.242	3.986466
OTU5	D10	5508	5566.5	61.5	0	0	0	1	0
OTU8	D10	5358	5416.5	63	41	0.351	14.391	0.202	2.906982
OTU11	D10	5435	5498	67.5	0	0	0	1	0
OTU19	D10	5477.5	5541.5	67.5	0	0	0	1	0
OTU21	D10	5432.5	5490	64	13	0.381	4.953	0.436	2.159508
OTU29	D10	5361	5421	62	40	0.354	14.16	0.26	3.6816
OTU32	D10	5559	5614	55.5	0	0	0	1	0
OTU38	D10	6330	6425.5	96	0	0	0	1	0
OTU46	D10	6464	6566.5	103	0	0	0	1	0
				702	145		49.977		12.73456
	Net/Gross	0.21		Ave. Por(Pay	0.34		Ave. Sw(Pay)	0.25	

225 Table 2: The Petrophysical parameters for D10 Reservoir

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227 Table 3: The Petrophysical parameters for D31 Reservoir

Well Name	Zone Name	Top Res (TVD)	Bot Res (TVD)	Gross Interval	Net Pay Int (TVD)	Avg Phi (Pay)	NET*PHI (Pay)	Avg Net Sw (Pay)	NET*PHI*Sw
OTU4	D31	5536.5	5672	136.5	111.5	0.31	34.565	0.239	8.261035
OTU5	D31	5768	5973	206.5	0	0	0	1	0
OTU8	D31	5581	5727	152.5	107.5	0.358	38.485	0.236	9.08246
OTU11	D31	5672	5862	190.5	39	0.283	11.037	0.319	3.520803
OTU19	D31	4100	4100	174.5	0	0	0	1	0
OTU21	D31	5697.5	5895.5	207	11	0.332	3.652	0.322	1.175944
OTU29	D31	5565	5689	127.5	114	0.328	37.392	0.166	6.207072
OTU32	D31	5809	6060.5	252	0	0	0	1	0
OTU38	D31	6707	6979.5	273	0	0	0	1	0
				1720	383		125.131		28.24731
	Net/Gross	0.22		Ave. Por(Pay)	0.33		Ave. Sw(Pay)	0.23	

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229 The analysis revealed that the reservoirs are good quality reservoir sands with average

porosities ranging from 0.32 - 0.34, average water saturation ranging from 0.23 - 0.29

and hydrocarbon saturation averaging between 0.71 - 0.77. The net/gross of the reservoir

is between 0.21 - 0.47. The averages of these parameters are summarized in table 4.

233 These averages were use as input together with the gross rock volume (GRV) in

estimating the volume of hydrocarbon in place.

RESERVOIR	N/G	Φ	$\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{W}}$	$\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{H}}$	CONTACT(Feet)	FLUID TYPE
C10	0.47	0.32	0.29	0.71	GDT@-4525/OWC@-4592	Oil & Gas
D10	0.21	0.34	0.25	0.75	OWC@-5404	Oil
D31	0.22	0.33	0.23	0.77	OWC@-5675	Oil

236 Table 4: The Summary of the petrophysical parameters used for the volumetric

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238 The volumes of hydrocarbon in place for the three reservoirs were estimated as follows.

239 C10 reservoir has a STOIIP of 95.18mbl and GIIP of 45.98ft³ while D10 and D31 have a

STOIIP of 21.41mbl and 54.32mbl respectively. The details of the GRV and the

estimated volumes of hydrocarbon are shown in table 5.

242 Table 5: Volume of hydrocarbon in place of the reservoirs

RESERVOIR	FLUID TYPE	GRV(ft^3)	GIIP(ft^3) / STOIIP(bl)
C10	Gas	1,718,080,000	45,980,815,719
C10	Oil	7,256,850,000	95,180,997
D10	Oil	3,255,170,000	21,410,611
D31	Oil	7,910,870,000	54,318,468

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244 CONCLUSION

245 The petrophysical analysis and volumetric estimation of Otu Field revealed that the field

246 is a prolific hydrocarbon zone. Three reservoirs (C10, D10 and D31) were delineated and

the petrophysical parameters of these reservoirs were carefully analysed. The analysis

revealed that the reservoirs are good quality reservoir sands with average porosities

ranging from 0.32 - 0.34, average water saturation ranging from 0.23 - 0.29 and

250 hydrocarbon saturation averaging between 0.71 - 0.77. The net/gross of the reservoir is

between 0.21 - 0.47. The C10 reservoir contains oil and gas while D10 and D31 reservoirs are oil bearing. From the volume estimation, 95.18mbl of oil and 45.98bft³ of

reservoirs are oil bearing. From the volume estimation, 95.18mbl of oil and 45.98bft³ of gas was estimated in C10, while 21.41mbl and 54.32mbl of oil was estimated for D10

and D31 respectively. The results of these study has shown that incorporation of 3D

seismic data with the well logs data have given room for the generation and analysis of

3D images that show more revealing details of the geometry of the geologic features and

also the area extent with which volumetric reservoir estimations can be calculated.

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