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Reservoir Characterization & Modeling (RCM)

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Introduction

Reservoir Characterization & Modeling RCM is a fundamental discipline in petroleum engineering and geoscience that integrates geological, geophysical, petrophysical, and engineering data to develop a comprehensive understanding of subsurface reservoirs. Effective reservoir characterization enables organizations to reduce uncertainty, optimize field development plans, improve hydrocarbon recovery, and support informed decision-making throughout the asset lifecycle.

As reservoirs become increasingly complex, accurate characterization and modeling have become essential for understanding reservoir architecture, fluid distribution, rock properties, connectivity, heterogeneity, and production behavior. Modern reservoir studies rely on integrated workflows that combine multiple data sources to create realistic subsurface models capable of supporting drilling, completion, production, and reservoir management strategies.

This course provides participants with a structured understanding of reservoir characterization and modeling principles, methodologies, and applications. Participants will learn how geological, geophysical, petrophysical, and dynamic reservoir data are integrated to build static and dynamic reservoir models that support field development and production optimization.

The program combines theoretical foundations with practical industry applications, enabling participants to understand the complete reservoir modeling workflow from data acquisition and interpretation through model construction, uncertainty analysis, simulation support, and field development planning.

Course Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Understand the principles of reservoir characterization and modeling.
- Integrate geological, geophysical, petrophysical, and engineering data.
- Evaluate reservoir architecture and heterogeneity.
- Analyze reservoir rock and fluid properties.
- Interpret well, seismic, and production data.
- Develop conceptual reservoir models.
- Build static reservoir models.
- Understand reservoir property modeling techniques.
- Evaluate uncertainty in reservoir characterization.
- Apply geostatistical concepts in reservoir modeling.
- Support reservoir simulation studies.
- Assess reservoir connectivity and compartmentalization.
- Improve field development planning through integrated modeling.
- Understand dynamic reservoir behavior and performance.
- Apply industry best practices in reservoir characterization and modeling.

Course Outlines

Day 1: Fundamentals of Reservoir Characterization

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- Introduction to reservoir characterization concepts.
- Importance of reservoir characterization in field development.
- Reservoir types and classification.
- Reservoir lifecycle overview.
- Sources of reservoir data.
- Integrated reservoir study workflows.
- Challenges in reservoir characterization.
- Overview of static and dynamic models.

Day 2: Geological Framework Development

- Reservoir geology fundamentals.
- Depositional environments and reservoir architecture.
- Structural geology and reservoir traps.
- Facies analysis and interpretation.
- Stratigraphic framework construction.
- Geological correlation techniques.
- Reservoir heterogeneity concepts.
- Building geological frameworks.

Day 3: Petrophysical Analysis and Reservoir Properties

- Reservoir rock properties.
- Porosity evaluation techniques.
- Permeability assessment methods.
- Water saturation calculations.
- Net pay determination.
- Petrophysical interpretation workflows.
- Reservoir quality evaluation.
- Integration of petrophysical data.

Day 4: Seismic Interpretation and Geophysical Integration

- Seismic data fundamentals.
- Reservoir mapping techniques.
- Structural interpretation.
- Fault and fracture identification.
- Seismic attributes for reservoir studies.
- Reservoir geometry mapping.
- Seismic uncertainty considerations.
- Integration of seismic and well data.

Day 5: Static Reservoir Modeling

- Static reservoir model concepts.
- Grid design and model construction.
- Structural framework modeling.
- Facies modeling techniques.
- Property population workflows.
- Geological consistency checks.
- Model validation procedures.
- Static model quality assurance.

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Day 6: Geostatistics and Property Modeling

- Fundamentals of geostatistics.
- Variogram analysis.
- Spatial data distribution.
- Property interpolation methods.
- Stochastic modeling techniques.
- Multiple realization concepts.
- Uncertainty analysis.
- Applications in reservoir characterization.

Day 7: Dynamic Reservoir Characterization

- Dynamic reservoir behavior.
- Production data analysis.
- Pressure data interpretation.
- Reservoir surveillance techniques.
- Material balance concepts.
- Reservoir connectivity evaluation.
- Fluid movement analysis.
- Integration of dynamic data.

Day 8: Reservoir Simulation Support

- Introduction to reservoir simulation.
- Static-to-dynamic model transfer.
- Reservoir simulation inputs.
- Model initialization concepts.
- History matching fundamentals.
- Forecasting considerations.
- Model calibration workflows.
- Reservoir performance evaluation.

Day 9: Reservoir Development Applications

- Field development planning.
- Well placement optimization.
- Reservoir management strategies.
- Production optimization.
- Enhanced recovery considerations.
- Reservoir monitoring programs.
- Risk assessment in development planning.
- Decision-making support through reservoir models.

Day 10: Integrated Reservoir Modeling and Best Practices

- Integrated reservoir characterization workflow.
- Multidisciplinary data integration.
- Reservoir uncertainty management.
- Model updating and maintenance.
- Industry best practices.
- Lessons learned from field applications.

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- Emerging technologies in reservoir modeling.
- Final integrated reservoir characterization case study.

Why Attend This Course: Wins & Losses!

Wins

- Build a comprehensive understanding of reservoir characterization workflows.
- Strengthen geological, geophysical, and petrophysical integration capabilities.
- Improve reservoir interpretation and modeling skills.
- Learn industry-standard static and dynamic modeling techniques.
- Enhance reservoir uncertainty assessment capabilities.
- Improve field development planning decisions.
- Strengthen reservoir management and production optimization skills.
- Support better drilling and completion planning.
- Improve communication between multidisciplinary asset teams.
- Gain practical understanding of reservoir simulation support workflows.
- Enhance decision-making through integrated reservoir models.
- Apply best practices used across the oil and gas industry.

Losses / Challenges

- Poor reservoir characterization may increase subsurface uncertainty.
- Inaccurate reservoir models can negatively impact development decisions.
- Weak data integration may reduce model reliability.
- Incomplete understanding of reservoir heterogeneity may affect production forecasts.
- Poor uncertainty management may increase development risks.
- Inadequate reservoir models may lead to inefficient well placement.
- Limited dynamic data integration may reduce forecasting accuracy.
- Weak characterization workflows may impact long-term reservoir performance.

Conclusion

Reservoir Characterization & Modeling is a critical discipline that supports every stage of reservoir development, from exploration and appraisal through production optimization and field management. Accurate characterization enables organizations to better understand reservoir architecture, fluid distribution, connectivity, and performance, thereby reducing uncertainty and improving operational outcomes.

This course provides a structured and integrated framework for developing reservoir characterization and modeling capabilities. Through the combination of geological interpretation, petrophysical analysis, seismic integration, geostatistical techniques, static modeling, dynamic characterization, and simulation support, participants gain a complete understanding of modern reservoir modeling workflows.

By the end of the program, participants will be equipped to contribute effectively to multidisciplinary reservoir studies, support field development planning, evaluate reservoir performance, and build robust reservoir models that improve decision-making, enhance production efficiency, and maximize hydrocarbon recovery.

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