“Advanced Electrofacies modelling and Permeability Prediction:
A case study incorporating multi-resolution core, NMR and image log
textural information into a carbonate facies study”

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Abstract: Evaluating Carbonate reservoirs is a challenging endeavor, not only due to the heterogeneity of the pore system, but to the fact that some changes can be overlooked using conventional logs. Despite core data being a source of direct comparison to calibrate a petrophysical analysis in such reservoirs, its cost makes it impractical to acquire on each well.

To effectively account for the high heterogeneity of the rock fabric and changes in permeability on the reservoir, a methodology has been implemented by PDVSA INTEVEP in collaboration with Paradigm to evaluate a carbonate gas and condensate reservoir, located offshore in West Venezuela. This reservoir despite of presenting porosity values uniformly distributed, shows a high variability on permeabilities. For this study a reference well was selected, including Core data, Microresistivity Images and NMR data. Microresistivity images were used to quantify with high resolution the rock fabric changes seen on the formation, while using the whole NMR T2 distribution allowed accounting for changes on the pore system. This information was then combined with standard petrophysical logs and core facies using the Multi Resolution Graph-Based clustering method, to produce detailed electrofacies models, focus on honouring the rock fabric and pore distribution in the reservoir.

These detailed electrofacies models constructed that honour fabric and pore system changes in the formation, and that were calibrated with core data, allowed predicting permeabilities on sections of the well not covered by the original core, as well as to neighbouring wells, where no core data was available.

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