

## **Petrophysical Characteristics of Coastal Swamp Depobelt Reservoir in the Niger Delta Using Well-Log Data**

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**Abstract :** Sonic, gamma ray, density and resistivity logs in the onshore Coastal Swamps of the Niger Delta are used in the determination of some petrophysical properties of the reservoir in the Coastal Swamp Depobelt in the Niger Delta. The parameters investigated were porosity, velocities, shear and compressional velocities, and Poisson's ratio. The results of the analysis show that the reservoir is 66m sandstone thick having porosity range of 0.21 – 0.39 with average of 0.26; density ranges between 2.01 and 2.30 with average of 2.21g/cc; Poisson's ratio range 0.33 – 0.45 with 0.40 as average value; shear-wave velocity  $V_s$  ranges from 718 to 1097 having average of 932.33 m/s, compressional-wave velocity  $V_p$  ranges from 2110 to 2570 with average of 2230m/s,  $V_p/V_s$  ratio ranges 1.96 – 3.18 with average value of 2.55; and Gamma-ray GR value ranges 62 – 105 having average of 90AP and  $V_s$  718 m/s are indicative fluid-filled reservoir. The results of this work can be used for well drilling and petroleum production programmes, and for civil engineering work in the area of study.

**Keywords:** Petrophysical properties, reservoir characterization, lithofacies, porosity, Poisson's ratio, compressional and shear velocities, Niger Delta

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### **I. INTRODUCTION**

On discovery of oil and gas, some of the key properties to evaluate are lithology, porosity, water saturation, permeability, density, compressional and shear velocities, Poisson's ratio, among others. These parameters when combined with geological and petrophysical data give a complete picture of the reservoir. To this effect, this research work aims at determining the reservoir geophysical and mechanical properties in the Coastal Swamp Depobelt in the Niger Delta. The petrophysical properties from the results of this work can be used to design drilling and production programmes while the mechanical properties can be applied in the design and construction of dams, roads, foundations for high-rise buildings and many other large construction projects in the area of study.

### **II. GEOLOGY OF STUDY AREA**

The area of study is between longitudes 7° to 8°E, and latitudes 4° to 4.5°N within Coastal Swamp Depobelt region of the Niger Delta (Figure 1). The structural configuration of the study area is a large simple rollover structure (Figure 2). The sedimentation type within the area is paralic sand and shale sequences. The shale sequences become more prevalent deeper down between 1930 and 2050 metres Sub Sea. This depth interval is equivalent to 1920-2800 milliseconds respectively on the seismic section.

The entire Delta is composed of three major structural Formations: Akata, Agbada and Benin Formations (Figure 3). The Benin Formation is the upper alluvial coastal plain depositional environment of the Niger Delta Complex. It extends from the west Niger Delta across the entire Niger Delta area and to the south beyond the present coastline. The Benin Formation was deposited in a continental fluvial environment and composed almost entirely of non-marine sandstone. Its lithology consists of coarse-grained sandstones, gravel lignite streaks and wood fragments with minor intercalation of shales. Benin Formation is of Miocene to younger age and has a variable thickness that exceeds 1820m. In the subsurface, it is of Oligocene age in the north becoming progressively younger southwards but ranges from Miocene to Recent as generally accepted. Very little hydrocarbon accumulation has been associated with this formation [1].

The Agbada Formation underlies the Benin Formation, and is the major petroleum-bearing unit. It was laid down in paralic brackish to marine fluvial, coastal environments. In the lower Agbada Formation, shale and sandstone beds were deposited in equal proportions, however, the upper portion is mostly sand with only minor shale interbeds. It is made up mainly of alternating sandstone, silt and shale. The sandstones are poorly sorted, rounded to sub-rounded, slightly consolidated but majority are unconsolidated. The sandstones grade into shale in the lower part of the formation. Agbada Formation ranges in age from Eocene in the north to

Pliocene in the south. The sandy parts of the formation are known to constitute the main hydrocarbon reservoirs of the delta oil fields and the shales constitute seals to the reservoirs. The thickness of the formation reaches a maximum of about 4500m [1]. Petroleum occurs throughout the Agbada Formation of the Niger Delta, however, several directional trends form an “oil-rich belt” having the largest field and lowest gas:oil ratio [2, 3, 4].

The Akata Formation is the lowest unit of the Niger Delta complex, and is of marine origin and is composed of thick shale sequences (potential source rock), turbidite sand (potential reservoirs in deep water), and minor amounts of clay and silt. It is composed of mainly shale with sandstones and siltstones locally interbedded. The Formation becomes shalier with depth. It is estimated that the formation is up to 7,000 meters thick in the central part of the delta [4]. The formation underlies the entire delta, and is typically overpressured. The Akata Formation outcrops offshore in diapirs along the continental slope, and onshore in the north east, where they are called Imo Shale. The age of the Akata Formation ranges from Eocene to Recent [1].

### III. MATERIALS AND METHODS

#### Determination of lithology and volume of mineralogy

Gamma-ray log (Figure 4) was used to delineate the lithologies at the pre-determined depth intervals. The American Petroleum Institute (API) values ranges from sandstone line 0 to shale line 125. As the signature of the log moves towards the higher values, the formation becomes shalier. The delineation approach enabled us to estimate and establish the lithological sequence of the formation of the study area.

To determine the ratio of sand to shale of the subsurface geology of the study area, Gamma ray log delineated into sections with two litho faces, namely, sandstones and shale. The gamma ray log reflects the shale content of sedimentary formations. Clean sandstones and carbonates normally exhibit a low level of natural radioactivity, while clay minerals and fluid particles in shales show higher levels of radioactivity due to adsorption of the heavy radioactive elements [5].

Clean sandstones were delineated as with log signatures increasing towards the sand-line that is low API unit ranging between 0 and 20 API units. For sandy-shales it ranges from 20 to 100 API units. While shales have API unit values of 100 and above with log signatures moving towards the shale line.

The percentages of sandstones and shales were estimated using Gamma ray logs, Figure 4. The API values indicate sand and shale domains. From the Header of the log, the API values ranges from 0 to 125. As the values increases, the formation lithology becomes shalier. This delineation approach enabled us to estimate the ratio of sand to shale and established the lithological sequence of the formation of the study area. Figure 4 shows sand/shale percentages at various depths. Gamma-ray API, density and porosity cross-plotted against depth (Figures 5 - 8) indicate a less-dense porous sandy formation in the depth region of 1864 and 1930m, while shaley-sand formation is at 1930-2050m.

#### Determination of porosity

It is generally accepted among geoscientists that porosity calculation from bulk density logs is more accurate [6, 7, 8, 9]. To calculate the porosity,  $\phi$ , we use the rock matrix density,  $\rho_{ma}$ , the fluid density,  $\rho_f$ , and the bulk density,  $\rho_b$ . The average rock density in the sandstones research reports is  $2.66\text{gcm}^{-3}$ . The average rock density in the shales is  $2.65\text{gcm}^{-3}$ . The fluid density depends on whether the well encountered water or hydrocarbons. This was determined by the electrical resistivity log. The hydrocarbon density was calculated from composition and phase considerations, oil =  $0.80\text{gcm}^{-3}$  and gas =  $0.6\text{gcm}^{-3}$ . The water density used was  $1\text{gcm}^{-3}$ . Porosity was determined from the formula [10]:

$$\phi_{density} = \frac{\rho_{ma} - \rho_b}{\rho_{ma} - \rho_f} \quad (1)$$

where  $\rho_{ma}$  = matrix (or grain) density,  $\rho_f$  = fluid density and  $\rho_b$  = bulk density (as measured by the tool and hence includes porosity and grain density).

#### Determination of Sonic Velocity

This was based on the fact that, sonic transit time is directly related to the acoustic velocity which is a function of formation lithology and porosity. The sonic log is simply a recording of the time required for a sound wave to traverse one foot of formation known as interval transit time [5]. Sonic log is also a measure of a formation capacity to transmit sound waves. Geologically, this capacity varies with lithologies and rock texture, notably porosity, when the lithology is known [11]. This makes the sonic log very useful as a porosity log. Integrated sonic transit times are also useful in interpreting seismic records.

A sudden increase in transit time with depth indicates the presence of abnormal pressure. The sonic transit time values were obtained using the simple ratio method. The Sonic log velocities were crossed-checked with the correlative two-way-travel (TWT) seismic velocity (checkshots) data.

The interval transit time values were picked at chosen depth interval. The acoustic velocities were obtained or computed by taking the inverse of the interval transit time  $\Delta t$ .

$$V_p = \frac{1}{\Delta t} (ft [\mu s]^{-1}) \tag{2}$$

Poisson's ratio,  $\sigma$ , is defined in the relation as:

$$\sigma = \frac{0.5 \left( \frac{V_p}{V_s} \right)^2 - 1}{\left( \frac{V_p}{V_s} \right)^2 - 1} \tag{3}$$

In the composite log (Figure 4), Poisson's ratio ( $\sigma$ ) and compressional wave velocity ( $V_p$ ) are given on the Log; using Equation 3 Shear wave velocity  $V_s$  was computed.

**Determination of Permeability (K)**

Formation Factor for shaly sands [12, 13, 14]:

$$F = \frac{1.65}{\phi^{1.33}} \tag{8}$$

Permeability (K) relates to Formation Factor [6]:

$$K = \frac{(7.0 \times 10^8)}{F^{4.5}} \tag{9}$$

**Determination of Water Saturation,  $S_w$**

To calculate water saturation  $S_w$  of un-invaded zone, the method used requires a water resistivity  $R_w$  value at formation temperature calculated from the porosity and resistivity logs within clean water zone, using the inverse Archie method:

$$R_w = \frac{\phi^m \times R_t}{a} \tag{10}$$

where  $R_w$  is the water resistivity at formation temperature,  $\phi$  and  $R_t$  are the total porosity and deep resistivity values in the water zone respectively. Tortuosity factor represented as "a" and "m" is the cementation exponent, usually 2 for sands [15]. In the water zone, saturation should be equal to 1, as water resistivity  $R_w$  at formation temperature is equal to  $R_{wa}$  [16, 17]. We used  $m = 1.5$ ,  $a = 2$ , and  $R_t$  was read from the Log.

The Archie Equation relates water saturation  $S_w$  to formation water resistivity as follows:

$$S_w^n = \frac{F \cdot R_w}{R_t} \tag{11}$$

where  $S_w$  = water saturation;  
 $n$  = saturation exponent = 2;

$$S_w = \sqrt{\frac{F \cdot R_w}{R_t}} \tag{12}$$

Substituting for F from Equation (11), Equation (12) becomes:

$$S_w = \sqrt{\frac{1.65 \times R_w}{\phi^{1.33} \times R_t}} \tag{13}$$

**IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The results of the work are presented in Tables 1 and 2, and Figures 4 - 19. Figure 4 shows the composite log sheet. To the right end of this figure are displayed side-by-side synthetic and real seismic traces in time (ms) with crest and troughs. The signatures of the logs and the seismic traces reveal that the reservoir is located between depth 1864m and 2050m. Moreover, the data from gamma-ray, density and the P-wave logs show that depth 1864m to 1930m is gas-sand, highly porous saturated zone, which is indicative of the fluid accumulation zone of the reservoir. The shaley-sand portion of the reservoir falls within the depths 1930 and 2050m as shown Figure 5 sand/shale-depth cross-plot and Figure 6 the plot of Gamma-ray API values against depth. This zone with the circle indicates a porous sandy formation in the depth region of 1864 and 1930, while

shaley-sand formation is at 1930-2050m. Figure 7 shows density-depth cross-plot while Figure 8 is a porosity-depth cross-plot. The porosity plot against depth of Figure 8 shows a decrease in porosity with increasing depth but with a trend deviation in region of the reservoir from 1864m to 2050m.

The computed values of the permeability are presented in Table 1 below. Figure 9 is a permeability-depth cross-plot. There is a normal linear decrease of permeability with an increase in depth, but within the reservoir (1864 – 2050m) there is an increase of permeability with an increase in depth (Figure 9) as shown in the circled part of the depth-permeability cross-plot. This indicates a highly permeability zone with values ranging between 282.878 and 15,987.853md. When permeability is cross-plotted against porosity, there is an exponential increase of permeability with porosity (Figure 10) showing that the reservoir is highly porous.

The computed values of water saturation are presented in Table 1 below. There is a linear decrease of water saturation with an increase in depth, but within the reservoir (1864 – 2050m) there is an increase of water saturation with an increase in depth (Figure 11) as shown in the circled part of the depth-water saturation cross-plot. Water saturation ranges between 0.761 and 0.806. This indicates a highly water-saturated zone. When water saturation is cross-plotted against permeability, there is an exponential increase of permeability with water saturation (Figure 12) showing that the reservoir is highly permeable. There is a linear relationship between water saturation and porosity (Figure 13) showing that the reservoir is highly porous and permeable. Figure 11 is water saturation-depth cross-plot; Figure 12 is permeability-water saturation cross-plot, while Figure 13 is porosity-water saturation cross-plots. From the signatures of these profiles, the reservoir is highly porous, permeable with high water saturation.

Figure 14 displaying  $V_p$ -depth cross-plot shows the linear variation of compressional wave velocity  $V_p$  with depth. Figure 15 is a cross-plot of  $V_p$  versus  $V_s$ . The plot of P-wave velocity against S-wave velocity shows an almost linear trend as presented by Figure 15. Figure 15 is a cross-plot of  $V_p$  against shear wave velocity  $V_s$  for the sand and shaley sand sequences. The probable hydrocarbon-charged zone has  $V_p$  ranging from 2110 to 2570m/s and  $V_s$  from 873 to 1091m/s. This work shows that there is a linear relationship between P-wave velocity and S-wave velocity for brine saturation. In the Gulf of Mexico, Castagna [18] established the Mudrock Line to be  $V_p = 1.16V_s + 1.36$  for velocity in km/s. From Figure 19 Mudrock Line for the study area is here established to be:

$$V_p = 0.807V_s + 1.600 \tag{14}$$

where velocity is in km/s.

Generally, the Mudrock Line is referred to as being:

$$V_p = A*V_s + B \tag{15}$$

where  $A = 0.807$  and  $B = 1.600$  are constants specific to the study area in Niger Delta. In the absence of shear-wave data, Equation (14) can be used to estimate the shear-wave velocity when P-wave velocity is available.

Figure 16 is Poisson's ratio- $V_p$  cross-plot while Figure 17-  $V_p/V_s$ - $V_p$  cross-plot. Mudrock Line is also plotted using Poisson's ratio versus P-wave velocity and  $V_p/V_s$  ratio versus P-wave velocity  $V_p$  as shown in Figures 16 and 17 respectively. Notice that the plot of Poisson's ratio against P-wave velocity (Figure 16) shows that the lowest Poisson's ratio is 0.1. On the  $V_p/V_s$  ratio against P-wave velocity plot (Figure 17), the curve approaches 1.5 asymptotically. These values ( $\sigma = 0.1$  and  $V_p/V_s = 1.5$ ) represent the "dry rock" value for a dry porous sandstone. Thus, the "mudrock line approaches the "dry rock" line as P-wave velocity increases.

Figure 18 shows  $V_p/V_s$ -depth cross-plot showing the plot of both S-wave velocity and P-wave velocities against depth. This profile shows that P-wave velocity is higher than S-wave velocity but all in the increasing trend throughout the investigated depth, but an anomaly of the velocity trend was observed at depth range 1864m to 2050m indicated by the circle, which corresponds to the reservoir location in the subsurface as shown by Figure 4. Figure 18 shows the variation of  $V_p/V_s$  ratio with depth. The  $V_p/V_s$  ratio for the depth of investigation ranges from 2.17 to 3.18. the abnormally low  $V_p/V_s$  ratio values less than 3.00 within the depth correspond to some of the sand lithology identified from the Gamma-ray log. This zone is indicated as probable hydrocarbon zone where  $V_p/V_s$  ratio ranges from 2.35 to 3.18. these values are consistent with the observations of Gardner and Harris [19] , Gregory [20], Hamilton [21], and Tatham [22]. The depth ranges between 1864 and 1933.

Figure 19 is a cross-plot of Poisson's ratio versus depth, showing the variation of Poisson's ratio with depth for the depth under investigation. It shows a decrease of in Poisson's ratio with depth. The abnormally low Poisson's ratio (kick) values (less than 0.40) at specific depth intervals correspond to some of the sand lithologies identified from Gamma-ray log. These low Poisson's ratio are indicated as the probable hydrocarbon zone. Poisson's ratio ranges from 0.365 to 0.390 for the depth ranges between 1864 and 1930.

## V. CONCLUSION

The analysis and interpretations of the obtained data suggests that lithology and depth of burial of a formation have significant influence on petrophysical characteristics of reservoir such as: acoustic velocities, attenuation of acoustic velocities, porosity, density, fluid content etc. These influence exerted on the acoustic

velocities by lithology and depth of burial are underpinned by the unique elastic constants, and densities of the different lithological materials and their resultant porosities, which is associated with the overburden pressure and the compressibility of these different lithological materials. Porosity decreases with depth. The results of the analysis show that the reservoir is 66m sandstone thick having average porosity 0.26, density 2.21g/cc, Poisson's ratio 0.40,  $V_s$  579.68 m/s,  $V_p$  2230m/s,  $V_p/V_s$  2.55, and GR 90API. Poisson's ratio of 0.40 and  $V_s$  579.68 m/s are indicative fluid-filled reservoir.

**VI. TABLES AND FIGURES**

Table 1: Independent variables – parameters digitized from the logs

Depth (m)	$V_p$ (m/s)	$\rho$ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	$\sigma$ (Poisson's ratio)	GR (API)	Porosity ( $\phi$ )	$V_s$ (m/s)	$V_p/V_s$
1637	1985	2.03	0.46	95	0.38	508	3.91
1647	2030	2.10	0.46	96	0.33	519	3.91
1657	2030	2.10	0.46	96	0.33	519	3.91
1667	2015	2.05	0.46	97	0.36	515	3.91
1677	2015	2.05	0.46	97	0.36	515	3.91
1687	1980	2.02	0.46	94	0.38	506	3.91
1697	1980	2.04	0.46	97	0.37	539	3.67
1707	2015	2.06	0.46	102	0.36	515	3.91
1717	2015	2.06	0.46	102	0.36	515	3.91
1728	2150	2.12	0.45	103	0.32	648	3.32
1739	2050	2.07	0.45	98	0.35	589	3.48
1750	2100	2.12	0.45	98	0.32	603	3.48
1760	2170	2.09	0.45	97	0.34	624	3.48
1770	2040	2.09	0.45	96	0.34	586	3.48
1780	2040	2.09	0.45	96	0.34	586	3.48
1790	2055	2.12	0.45	99	0.32	590	3.48
1801	2055	2.12	0.45	99	0.32	590	3.48
1811	2055	2.12	0.45	99	0.32	590	3.48
1821	2100	2.12	0.45	100	0.32	603	3.48
1832	2270	2.18	0.43	107	0.28	795	2.85
1843	2128	2.14	0.45	102	0.31	642	3.32
1855	2175	2.12	0.45	102	0.32	656	3.32
1866	2570	2.3	0.39	101	0.21	1091	2.35
1878	2230	2.28	0.43	98	0.22	756	2.95
1889	2110	2.01	0.32	62	0.39	1074	1.96
1921	2380	2.22	0.36	85	0.26	1097	2.17
1933	2280	2.23	0.44	90	0.25	718	3.18
1945	2310	2.23	0.42	105	0.25	858	2.69
1956	2310	2.28	0.42	107	0.22	834	2.77
1968	2480	2.30	0.40	105	0.21	1012	2.45
1980	2430	2.17	0.37	110	0.29	1087	2.24
1991	2180	2.14	0.44	100	0.31	686	3.18
2014	2340	2.12	0.41	107	0.32	914	2.56
2025	2270	2.19	0.42	104	0.28	843	2.69
2038	2460	2.32	0.38	105	0.20	1082	2.27
2050	2290	2.09	0.41	109	0.34	873	2.62
2062	2290	2.09	0.41	109	0.34	873	2.62
2073	2370	2.11	0.41	110	0.33	903	2.62
2085	2215	2.19	0.43	103	0.28	776	2.85
2096	2285	2.16	0.41	107	0.30	892	2.56
2108	2400	2.16	0.39	112	0.30	1019	2.35
2119	2250	2.12	0.41	111	0.32	858	2.62
2131	2340	2.07	0.41	114	0.35	914	2.56
2143	2250	2.10	0.41	107	0.33	845	2.66

Table 1 continues

Depth (m)	Resistivity ( $\Omega\text{m}$ )	Density ( $\text{g/cm}^3$ )	Formation factor, F	Permeability, K (md)	Water resistivity, $R_w$ ( $\Omega\text{m}$ )	Water saturation, $S_w$	Hydrocarbon saturation, $S_{HC}$
1637	12.5	2.03	11.21	13260.40	0.72	0.80	0.19
1647	9.3	2.1	13.11	6552.53	0.44	0.79	0.20
1657	8.2	2.1	13.11	6552.53	0.39	0.79	0.20
1667	10	2.05	11.69	10932.07	0.54	0.80	0.19
1677	10.5	2.05	11.69	10932.07	0.57	0.80	0.19
1687	9.5	2.02	10.97	14571.04	0.56	0.80	0.19
1697	7.3	2.04	11.45	12049.47	0.41	0.80	0.19
1707	10.5	2.06	11.96	9902.36	0.56	0.80	0.19
1717	9.5	2.06	11.95	9902.36	0.50	0.80	0.19
1728	9.5	2.12	13.75	5270.84	0.43	0.79	0.20
1739	8	2.07	12.23	8954.74	0.41	0.79	0.20
1750	8.4	2.12	13.76	5270.84	0.38	0.79	0.20
1760	7	2.09	12.80	7284.75	0.34	0.79	0.20
1770	5.2	2.09	12.80	7284.75	0.25	0.79	0.20
1780	10.5	2.09	12.80	7284.75	0.52	0.79	0.20
1790	8.3	2.12	13.75	5270.84	0.37	0.79	0.20
1801	10.5	2.12	13.75	5270.84	0.48	0.79	0.20
1811	9.9	2.12	13.75	5270.84	0.45	0.79	0.20
1821	7.9	2.12	13.75	5270.84	0.36	0.79	0.20
1832	8.1	2.18	16.08	2604.54	0.31	0.78	0.21
1843	8.8	2.14	14.46	4205.17	0.38	0.79	0.20
1855	8.4	2.12	13.75	5270.84	0.38	0.79	0.20
1866	14.5	2.3	23.58	465.55	0.36	0.76	0.23
1878	8	2.28	21.95	643.44	0.21	0.76	0.23
1889	6	2.01	10.74	15987.85	0.36	0.80	0.19
1921	7.4	2.22	18.06	1547.27	0.24	0.77	0.22
1933	8	2.23	19.12	1197.95	0.25	0.77	0.22
1945	16.5	2.23	19.12	1197.95	0.52	0.77	0.22
1956	10.5	2.28	22.63	561.02	0.27	0.76	0.23
1968	8	2.3	24.36	402.29	0.19	0.76	0.23
1980	3.4	2.17	16.01	2663.92	0.13	0.78	0.21
1991	6.3	2.14	14.76	3829.13	0.26	0.78	0.21
2014	19.3	2.12	14.03	4820.41	0.86	0.79	0.20
2025	19.8	2.19	16.94	2064.90	0.71	0.78	0.21
2038	14.9	2.32	26.34	282.87	0.32	0.76	0.23
2050	13.1	2.09	13.04	6701.91	0.63	0.79	0.20
2062	12.8	2.09	13.04	6701.91	0.62	0.79	0.20
2073	9.7	2.11	13.68	5391.01	0.44	0.79	0.20
2085	9.8	2.19	16.94	2064.90	0.35	0.78	0.21
2096	11.9	2.16	15.57	3013.81	0.47	0.78	0.21
2108	5.9	2.16	15.57	3013.81	0.23	0.78	0.21
2119	6.8	2.12	14.03	4820.41	0.30	0.79	0.20
2131	12	2.07	12.44	8268.18	0.61	0.79	0.20
2143	6.7	2.1	13.35	6016.78	0.31	0.79	0.20

Table 2: Summary of the results of reservoir parameters

TOP OF RESERVOIR			
Porosity, $\phi$	Shear velocity, $V_s$ (m/s)	Compressional velocity, $V_p$ (m/s)	$V_p/V_s$
0.28-0.38	508-795	1980-2270	3.32-3.91
$\bar{\phi} = 0.34$	$\bar{V}_s = 579.68$	$\bar{V}_p = 2066.1$	$\bar{V}_p / \bar{V}_s = 3.59$
RESERVOIR			
0.21-0.39	718-1097	2110-2570	1.96-3.18
$\bar{\phi} = 0.26$	$\bar{V}_s = 932.33$	$\bar{V}_p = 2230$	$\bar{V}_p / \bar{V}_s = 2.55$
0.20-0.35	686-1087	2180-2480	2.24-2.85
$\bar{\phi} = 0.30$	$\bar{V}_s = 900.69$	$\bar{V}_p = 2322.50$	$\bar{V}_p / \bar{V}_s = 2.60$

Table 2 continues

TOP OF RESERVOIR		
Density, $\rho$	Poisson's ratio, $\sigma$	GR (API)
2.02-2.18	0.43-0.47	95-103
$\bar{\rho} = 2.09$	$\bar{\sigma} = 0.46$	$\bar{GR} = 98.73$
RESERVOIR		
2.01-2.30	0.33-0.45	62-105
$\bar{\rho} = 2.21$	$\bar{\sigma} = 0.40$	$\bar{GR} = 90$
BOTTOM OF RESERVOIR		
2.07-2.32	0.39-0.45	103-114
$\bar{\rho} = 2.16$	$\bar{\sigma} = 0.41$	$\bar{GR} = 108$

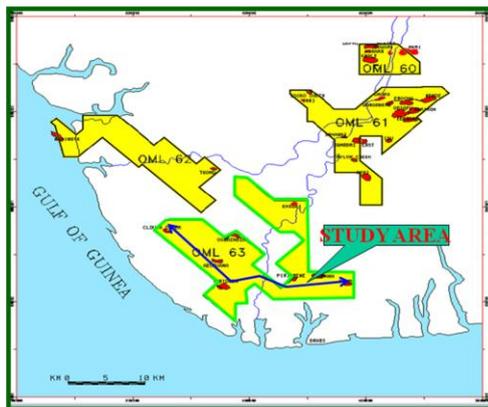


Figure 1: Map of the Niger Delta showing area of study

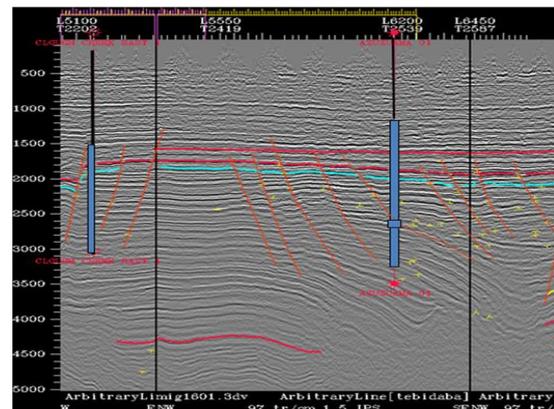


Figure 2: The structure of the study area

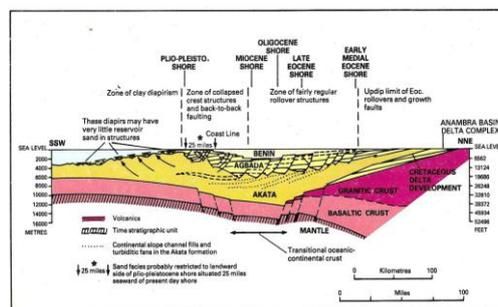


Fig. 3: Structural section of the Niger Delta Complex showing Benin, Agbada and Akata formations (Short and Stauble, 1967)

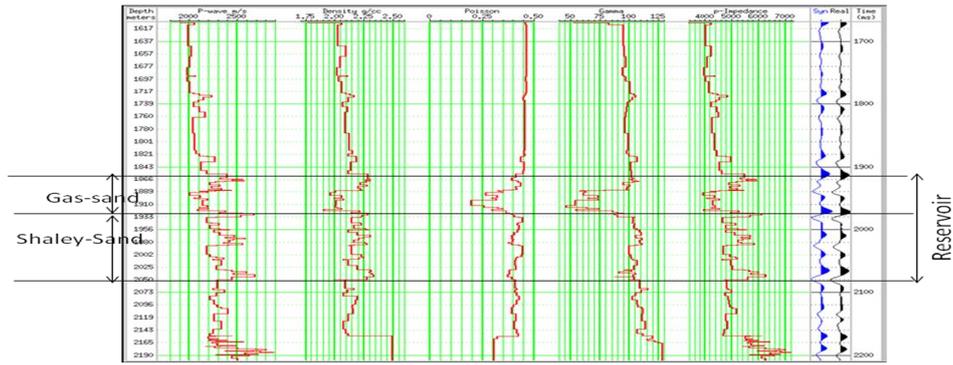


Figure 4: Synthetic seismogram generated for calibration

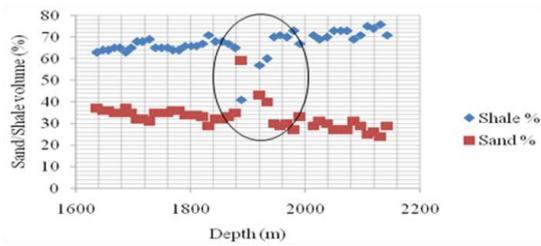


Figure 5: Sand/shale-depth cross-plot

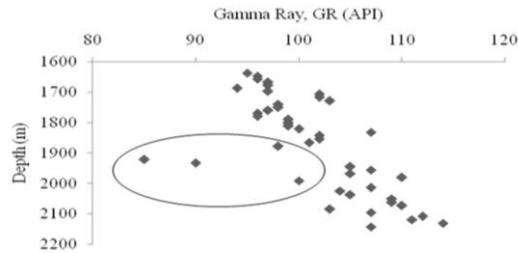


Figure 6: Gamma-ray API-depth cross-plot

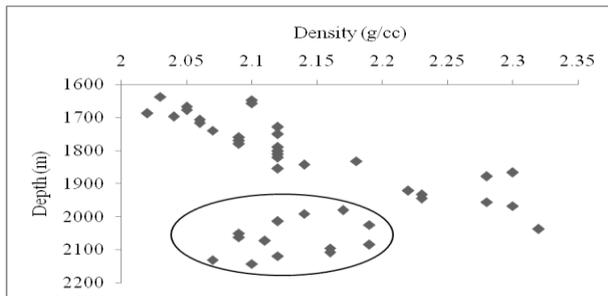


Figure 7: Density-depth cross-plot

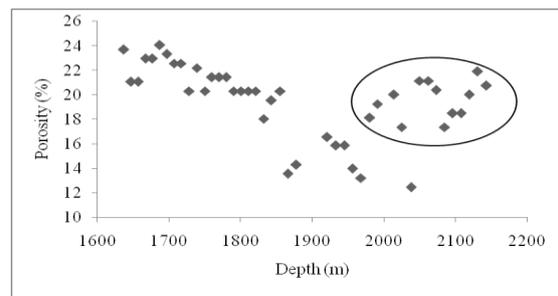


Figure 8: Depth-porosity cross-plot

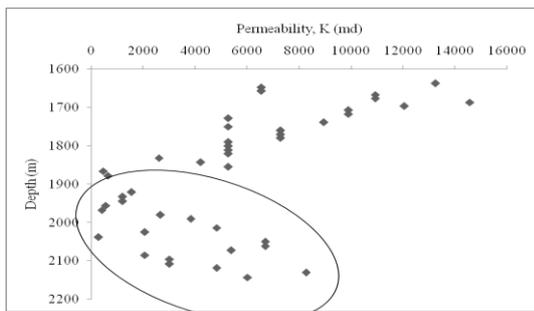


Figure 9: Depth-permeability cross-plot

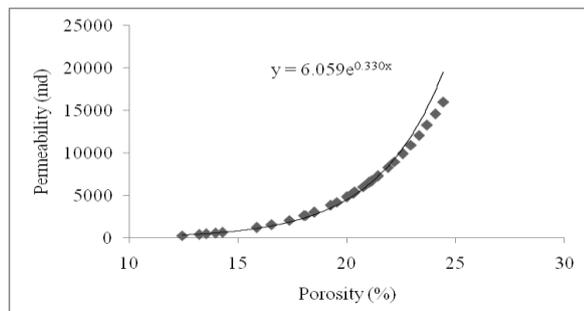


Figure 10: Permeability-porosity cross-plot

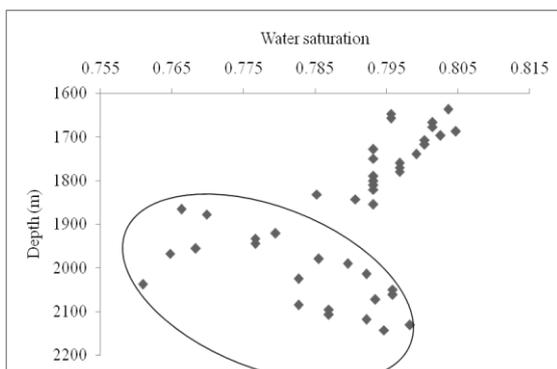


Figure 11: Depth-water saturation cross-plot

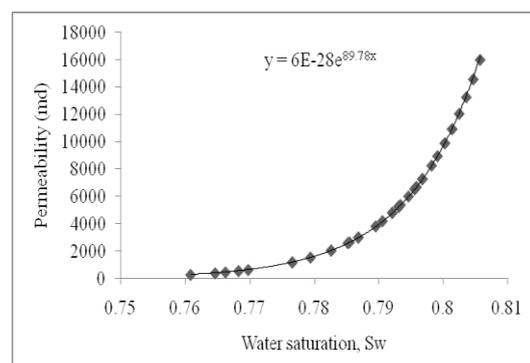


Figure 12: Permeability-water saturation cross-plot

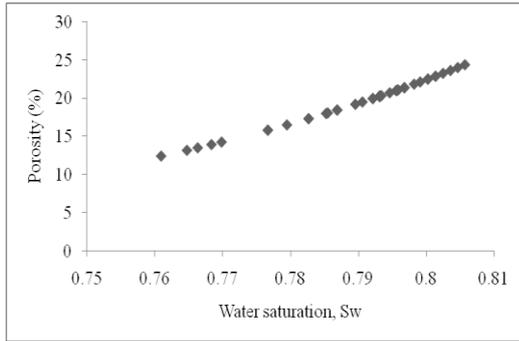


Fig. 13: Porosity-water saturation cross-plot

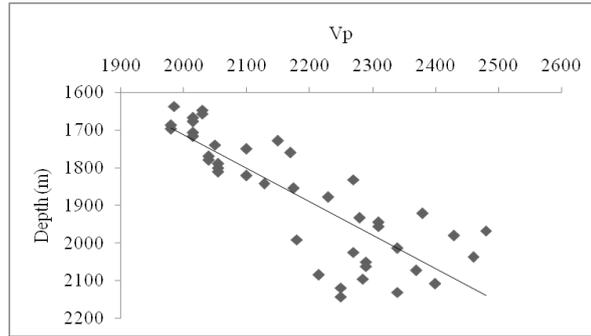


Fig. 14:  $V_p$ -Depth cross-plot

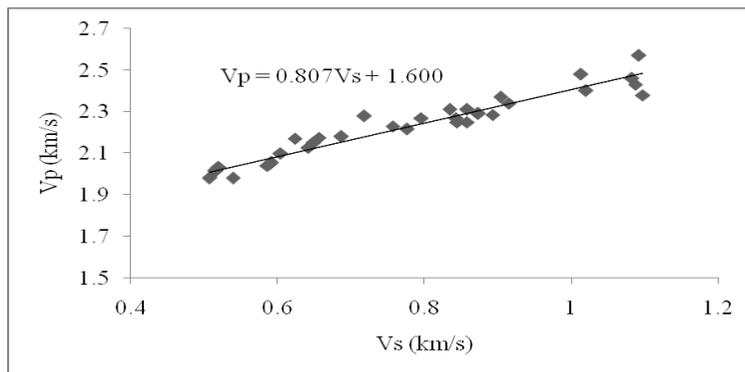


Fig. 15:  $V_p$ - $V_s$  cross-plot

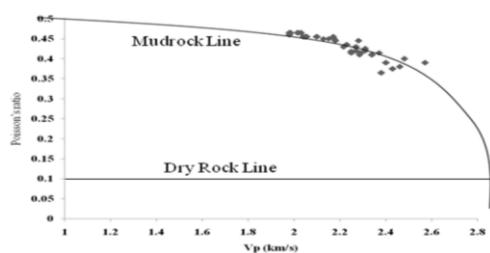


Fig. 16: Poisson's ratio- $V_p$  cross-plot

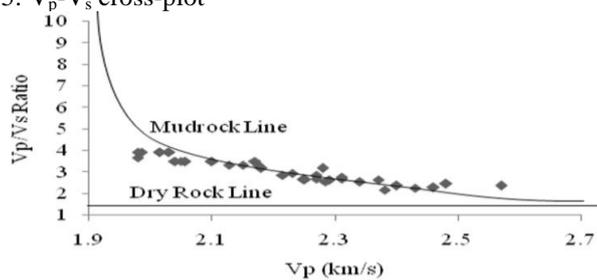


Fig. 17:  $V_p/V_s$  ratio- $V_p$  cross-plot

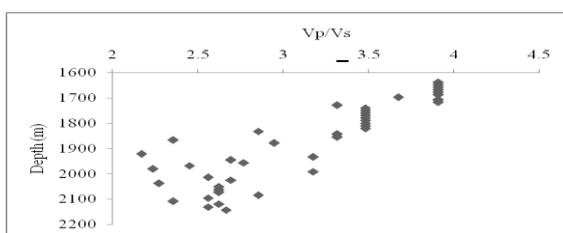


Fig. 18:  $V_p/V_s$ -Depth cross-plot

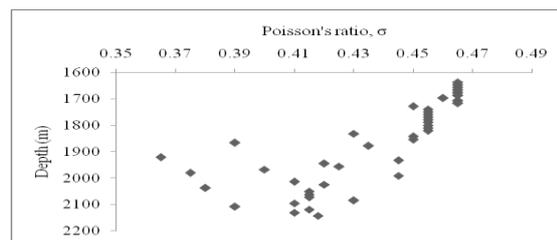


Fig. 19: Poisson's Ratio-depth cross-plot

## VII. CONCLUSION

The analysis and interpretations of the obtained data suggests that lithology and depth of burial of a formation have significant influence on petrophysical characteristics of reservoir such as: acoustic velocities, attenuation of acoustic velocities, porosity, density, fluid content etc. These influence exerted on the acoustic velocities by lithology and depth of burial are underpinned by the unique elastic constants, and densities of the different lithological materials and their resultant porosities, which is associated with the overburden pressure and the compressibility of these different lithological materials. Porosity decreases with depth. The results of the analysis show that the reservoir is 66m sandstone thick having average porosity 0.26, density 2.21g/cc, Poisson's ratio 0.40,  $V_s$  579.68 m/s,  $V_p$  2230m/s,  $V_p/V_s$  2.55, and GR 90API. Poisson's ratio of 0.40 and  $V_s$  579.68 m/s are indicative fluid-filled reservoir.

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