





Forum for Exploration and Development Geophysics Education and Research

Nurturing Education and Research for Tomorrow's Technology Needs at the Edge of Knowledge.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

JACKSON

SCHOOL OF GEOSCIENCES

The Exploration Geophysics Program

Leverage Industry support in the overall Exploration Geophysics Program.

- Industry Supported Program EDGER Forum
- Geology Foundation and Jackson School Support
- JSG and Department Support (T/A and other)
- Other Student Support (e.g. Scholarships, National Oil Companies)
- Other Research Contracts
 - Government and Research Support Agencies
 - o Focused Industry Supported Projects (e.g., ERL)

The Jackson School of GeoSciences

- Department of GeoSciences (DGS)
- Bureau of Economic Geology (BEG)
- UT Institute of Geophysics (UTIG)

An 'independent' school led by the Dean, Sharon Mosher, reporting to the Provost

The EDGER Forum

Education:

- Emphasizes Education as well as Research
- Graduate Students employable by the industry
- Includes Post-doctoral researchers
- Focused Areas of Application offer educational context for research

The EDGER Forum

Research:

- Focused Research core element of the Forum
- MS Thesis projects coordinated to support larger research directions
- Sponsors coordination on MS Research Projects
- Includes Post-Doc Fellows
- Focused Areas of Application facilitate cooperative research with industry, student internships and recruiting by industry

The EDGER Forum

Forum:

Third-party (Academic) Forum to coordinate technical activities between Industry Producers, Industry Contractors and Academia.

- Focused Technical Symposia
- Interactive problem-focused workshops
- Develop and Maintain Objective Ordered D.B.
- •Focused Areas of Application provide opportunity for additional workshops.

Current Members of the EDGER Forum

- Anadarko Petroleum Corp
- BP America Product Corp
- Chevron
- ConocoPhillips
- Dawson (Permanent Member)
- Landmark (In Kind)
- BGP (new)
- Cimarex (new)

Benefits of Participation

Students

Professional MS and Research PhD students

Graduates employable by Industry

Research

Research Focus on Inversion, Imaging, Analysis and Interpretation of Multi-component Seismic Data Focused Areas of Application provide direction for research and transfer of technology to sponsors.

- Provide direction to Research Projects
- Continuous Access to Research Results

Forum

Advance technology for benefit of technical community

- Annual Technical Symposium
- Problem-oriented Workshops
- Objective-Oriented M/C Inter. Data Base

Benefits of Participation: Students

Professional MS and Research PhD students

- Access to the Students themselves (Graduates employable by Industry)
- Sustainable supply of graduates (Requires on-going support)

Target

- Minimum 18 grad. Students in Exploration Geophysics
- Minimum Six advanced degree graduates per year

Summary of Student Activities

| | Academic | UGrad | New | Degrees | No. | |
|---|---------------------------|--------------|---------|----------|---------------|---|
| | Year | (F / S) | Gr. St. | (MS/PhD) | Interns | |
| | ′ 99 – ′ 00 | 14 / 14 | | + + | 1 | |
| | '00 – '01 | 21 / 22 | 4 | 1 / 0 | 2 | |
| | '01 – '02 | 26 / 22 | 2 | 2 / 0 | 3 | |
| | ′ 02 – ′ 03 | 20 / 24 | 4 | 1/1 | 4 | |
| | '03 – '04 | 27 / 26 | 5 | 1 / 0 | 2 | |
| | '04 – '05 | 29 / 31 | 7 | 3 / 0 | 9 | |
| | ′05 – ′ 06 | 31 / 30 | 4 | 3 / 2 | 8 | |
| | '06 – '07 | 23 / 21 | 6 | 8/3 | 6/ | |
| | '07 – '08 | 16 / 17 | 7 | 6 / 2 | 10 | |
| | '08 – '09 | 18 / 18 | 8 | 2/3 | 6 / | |
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Students with Focus in Exploration Geophysics Graduates since 1999: Chris Sine MS 2007

Helena Zirczy MS 2000 Chau Ao BS (Hon) 2001 Fernando Cerda MS 2002 Patricia Montoya MS 2002 **Chengshu Wang PhD 2003** Matt Morris MS 2003

Jason S 36 Total: 25 MS, 10 PhD. Carmen 1 BS (Hon) Sharon

Kim Kumar MS 2006 Chandan Kumar PhD 2006 Jason Gumble PhD 2006 Eric Lyons MS 2006 Matt McDonald MS 2006 **Kathryn Young MS 2006 Russ Young MS 2007 Kevin Bain MS 2007**

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Samarjit Chakraborty MS 2007 Reeshidev Bansal PhD 2007 William Burnett MS 2007 **Engin Alkan MS 2007 Nedra Bonal PhD 2007** Emily Panaborn MS 2007 007 007

Ali AlJadhar MS 2007 **Tiancong Hong PhD 2008** Daniel Smith MS 2008 **Chaoshun Hu PhD 2008** Anisa Perez MS 2009 Samik Sil PhD 2009 Jonas de Basabe PhD 2009 Jeffrey Kao MS 2009 Chunlie Chu PhD 2009

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Students with Focus in Exploration Geophysics

Current Graduate Students:

Jason Stevens (PhD Cand.)
Alireza Shahin (PhD Cand.)
Sandy Suhardja (PhD Cand.)
Vladimir Bashkardin (PhD Cand.)
Will Burnett (PhD Cand.)

Yang Wang (PhD)

Fiona Ye (MS)

Robert Brown (MS)

Yi Xia (PhD)

Na Shan (MS)

Xiaolei Song (PhD)

Yi Tao (PhD)

Diego Valentin (MS)

Mohammed Alhussain (PhD)

Corey Joy (MS)

Son Phan (MS)

Terence Campbell (PhD)

Yang Xue (PhD)

Tao Lin (PhD)

19 Total: 6 MS 13 PhD

Students in the Department of Geological Sciences

Undergrad: Grad: Total:

| US | Visa | Total |
|-----|------|--------------|
| 331 | 22 | 333 |
| 139 | 66 | 205 |
| 450 | 88 | 538 |

Fall '09

Benefits of Participation: Research

Research Focus on Imaging, Analysis and Interpretation of Multi-component Seismic Data

This includes addressing problems with possible solutions in P- and S-wave data applications and P-P and P-SV AVO analysis.

- Provide direction to Research Projects
- Access to Research Results
- Focus Areas of Application tie together a variety of MS research projects.

Research Topic Areas

- Interpretation of Multicomponent data
- Direct Shear vs. P-SV data comparisons
- Effects of Fluids on Seismic Response
- Direct Inversion of P-P and P-SV data
- •Imaging—with the flexibility to focus on anisotropy and P-SV data
- •Reservoir Modeling and Time Lapse Seismic
- Other topics

Earlier Research

- Vp/Vs interpretations for Lithology
- Time-Lapse Vp/Vs to monitor gas expansion in reservoir
- AVO vs. Azimuth, Fracture parameter estimation.
- Full elastic inversion of P-P and P-SV data (PhD)
- P-P and P-SV AVO Coefficients (MS)
- P-P (Biot) and sensitivity to Fluids (viscosity)

Focus Areas of Application

- Problems in Unconventional Resources and Resource Plays (Shales)
 - Very actively growing
- Time-Lapse Seismic and Reservoir Monitoring In line with broad theme
- Numerical Simulation (Future?)

48 Pubs. Year to Date:

| Geophysics / Geophy Prosp. | 5 |
|----------------------------|----|
| Other Refereed Journals | 14 |
| The Leading Edge | 3 |
| SEG / EAGE Expanded Abs. * | 22 |
| Other Proceedings | 4 |

*Expanded Abstracts included in Appendix of Interim Report

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Benefits of Participation: Forum

- Annual Technical Symposium
- Workshops in Application Areas
- Objective-Oriented and Geographically Project-Oriented M/C Interpretive Data Bases
- UT-Austin is the depository for the 4C 4D Teal South 4C 4D data
- UT-Austin will display GSH and O. S. PettyMuseum Artifacts in Dawson Geophysical Training Center

PROPOSE: Working groups of sponsors and Student/Faculty Researchers on Bakken as a documented model of shale

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Past Forum Activities

Annual Technical Symposium

1999- 2000 - Future of Exploration Geophysics

2000- 2001 - Assessment of Stratagraphic Seals

2001- 2002 - New Directions in AVO

2002 - 2003 - Seismic Attributes

2003 - 2004 - Successful Applications of M/C

2004 - 2005 - Partial Gas Saturation

2005 - 2006 - Seismic Response to Fluid Properties

2006 - 2007 - Problems in Land Applications

2007 - 2008 - Unconventional HC Resources

2008 - 2009 - Seismic Response in Resource Plays

2009 - 2010 - Unconventional Resources & Shale Production

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1999-2000 Direction in Exploration Geophysics

The University of Texas at Austin Department of Geological Sciences

The Future of Exploration Geophysics: Meeting the needs of Industry and Academia

A Symposium honoring **Professor Milo Backus**And his career in **Exploration Geophysics**

Monday, December 6 and Tuesday, December 7, 1999

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Thomas Barrow, Chairman of GX Technologies, and former president of Humble Oil & Refining

Dinner honoring Prof. Backus at the Texas Memorial Museum on Monday, Dec. 6 hosted by Dept of Geological Sciences.

The symposium will include:

Keynote Address by Mr. Thomas Barrow
Session of educational and research activities at

The University of Texas at Austin from the

- Department of Geological Sciences
- Institute for Geophysics
- Bureau of Economic Geology
- Texas Institute for Computational and Applied Mathematics (TICAM) associated with
 - >The Department of Computer Sciences
 - > Department of Petroleum and Geosystems Engineering.

Session of presentations from industry representatives

- BP/Amoco on 'Directions in Exploration Geophysics'
- Texaco on 'Risk Evaluation for Exploration'
- Baker Hughes on 'Resource Needs of Contractors
- GeoQuest on 'partnerships between Industry and Academia'

Co-operative sessions between industry and university participants to address joint needs.

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symposium will play a

Forum Activities: Petty Geophysical Museum

Museum of Geophysical Artifacts now located on 4th floor (near Walter Library) of the Jackson Geoscience Building, UT-Austin.

In cooperation with the Geophysical Soc. of Houston



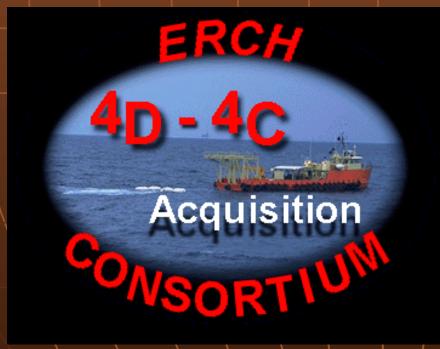
Petty Geophysical Museum



Teal South 4C 4D OBS data

UT-Austin has become the depository for this historic 1997 data set.

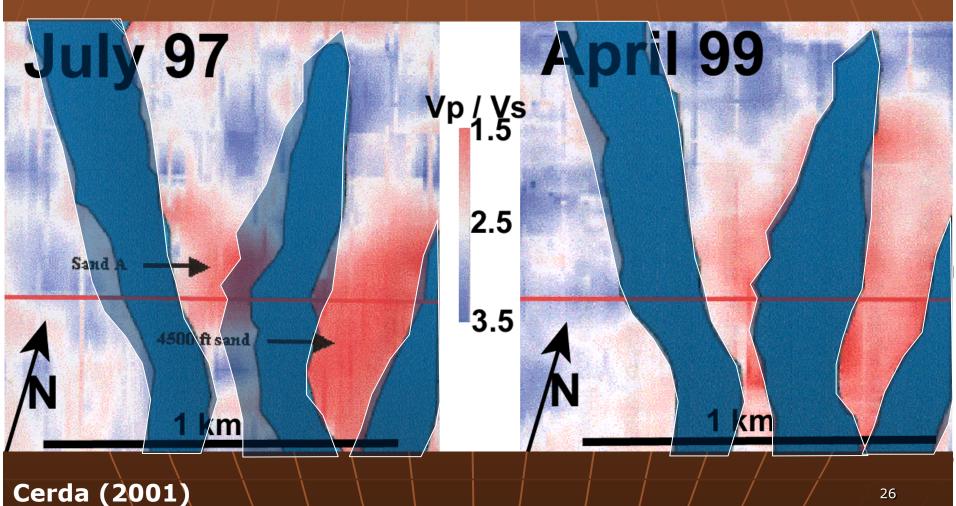
Seismic Data are available to any interested investigator.





Teal South 4C 4D OBS data

Time-Lapse Vp/Vs to monitor gas expansion in reservoir



Technical Workshops

December 10, 2003.

Hosted by Shell

Focused on:

Current Problems in Acquisition, Processing and Interpretation of Multicomponent Seismic Data

December 2, 2004
Hosted by
ConocoPhillips

Continuation of previous workshop

Sept. 2005

EAGE / SEG Summer Research Workshop—Pau, France

Dec. 16, 2009
Hosted by BP

Workshop in Houston focused on Shale plays

Summary of Educational Activities

- Five Graduate Students finished last year
- Forum is a focus for admitting new students to JSG
- Focused Area of Application for MS Stud.

Challenges

- Balance of MS and PhD Students
- Recruiting and Funding applicants (Grad Student cost is \$80,000 /yr.)

Typical cost of a PhD graduate student at UT in 2009-2010

| 9-Month stipend as a Research Asst. | \$ 21,000 |
|--|-----------|
| Fringe Benefits (Health Ins.) | 5,670 |
| Tuition & Fees* | 7,700 |
| 3-Months summer (40 hrs) | 14,000 |
| Fringe Benefits | 3,780 |
| Tuition & Fees* | 1,690 |
| Misc. (Thesis copying, Travel to meetings) | 3,000 |
| Overhead (50%) | 23,730 |
| Total cost per student | \$ 80,570 |

^{*}Not subject to overhead

Summary of Research Activities

- Post-Doc Researcher
- 48 Publications since June 1, 2009
- Focus Areas of Application
- Two cooperative projects in progress

Challenges

- Balance of MS and PhD students
- Balance focused research / broad research directions.

Summary of Forum Activities

- Technical Symposium
- Shale Workshop
- MC Interpretive Data Base
- Petty museum in JGB
- Data Depository

Challenges

- Provide more workshops
- Develop Working Groups w/Sponsors
- Balance of 'Community' Service and Forum
 Members interests

We look forward to continued growth and development with the Jackson School of GeoSciences and the Energy Industry

Access to Problem Oriented M.C. Application Database

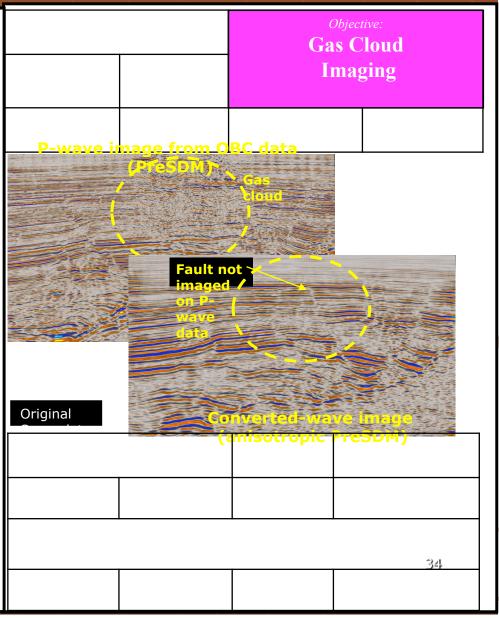
Value-added data base catalogue of successful multicomponent seismic interpretations from published sources focused on problem (or objective).

Content: 500 complete entries—target 1000.

Brief demo of web-accessible data base available

Sample Data

| Field Name | Objective | Sub-Object. | Sub-Object. | Method |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|------------|
| | | 1 | 2 | Wethod |
| Sorrento | Lithology | Discrimination | SS/SH | Vp / Vs |
| Sorrento | Lithology | Discrimination | Type II Sand | P&S Amp. |
| Sorrento | Lithology | Discrimination | SS/SH | Vp / Vs |
| Sorrento | Lithology | Discrimination | Type II Sand | P&S Amp |
| Alba | Lithology | Discrimination | Type II Sand | P&S Amp |
| Alba | Lithology | Discrimination | SS/SH | Vp / Vs |
| Blackfoot | Lithology | Discrimination | Type II Sand | P&S Amp |
| Blackfoot | Lithology | Discrimination | Type II Sand | P&S Amp |
| Blackfoot | Lithology | Discrimination | SS/SH | Vp / Vs |
| Blackfoot | Lithology | Discrimination | SS/SH | Vp / Vs |
| Cataract Colliery | Anisotropy | Stuct. Imag | | Structural |
| Chapman Ranch | Overpressure | | | Vp / Vs |
| Church Butte | DHI | Detection | | P&S Amp |
| Defour Gas Field | HCI | Gas Detection | | P&S Amp |
| Bluebell | Fracture | Param Est | | S1 / S2 |
| Donald | Gas Cloud Im | | | Structural |
| Donald | Gas Cloud Im | | | Structural |
| Empire Abo | Lithology | Discrimination | SS/SH | Vp / Vs |
| Horse Butte | Lithology | Discrimination | SS/SH | Vp / Vs |
| Lomond | Gas Cloud Im | | | Structural |
| Midland Basin | Lithology | Discrimination | SS/CO3 | Vp / Vs |
| Midland Basin | Lithology | Discrimination | SS/CO3 | Vp / Vs |
| Natih | Fracture | Param Est. | | S1 / S2 |
| Oseberg | Lithology | Discrimination | SS/SH | Vp / Vs |
| Paloma | Lithology | Discrimination | SS/SH | Vp / Vs |
| Prudhoe Bay | Lithology | Estimation | | Vp / Vs |
| Second Wind | Lithology | Discrimination | SS / SH | Vp / Vs |
| Putah Sink | DHI | Gas Thick. Est. | | Vp / Vs |



Browser

UT-Austin | Jackson School

DoGS | UTIG | BEG

Exploration Geophysics



at The University of Texas at Austin

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Multi-component seismic interpretation browser

This objective-oriented exploration application provides the user with a searchable database of published examples of case histories in multi-component acquisition, processing, analysis, and interpretation. Database entries may be sorted on any number of criteria, such as 'objective', 'geographic area', or 'data type.' These examples may serve as analogs for current exploration targets or as educational resources for oil & gas exploration with multi-component seismic.

Historical Multi-component seismic projects

As multi-component seismic technologies mature, successful projects will have been archived here. This browser is organized by specific multi-component projects organized by geographic area, date of acquistion, data type, operator and project impact. Each entry leads to a document summarizing the project and includes links to individual summaries of published resources.

Browse the entire database

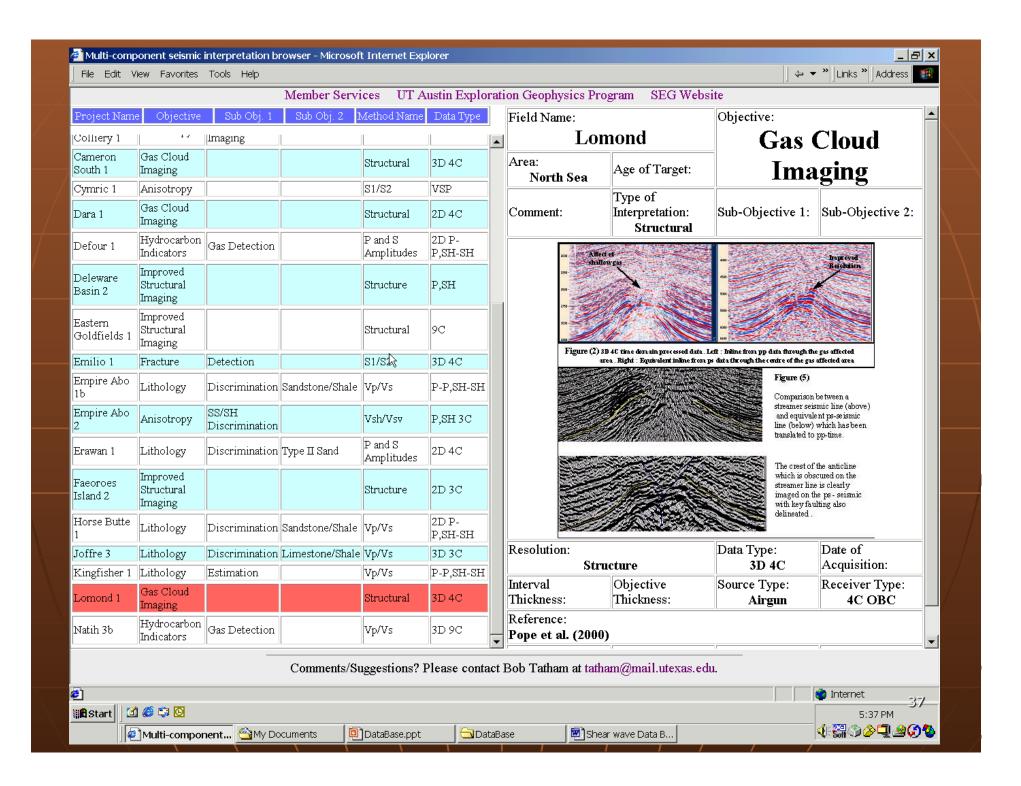
View all Historical Projects

Select an area from a map

Shear wave Data Base Guidelines

Objectives:

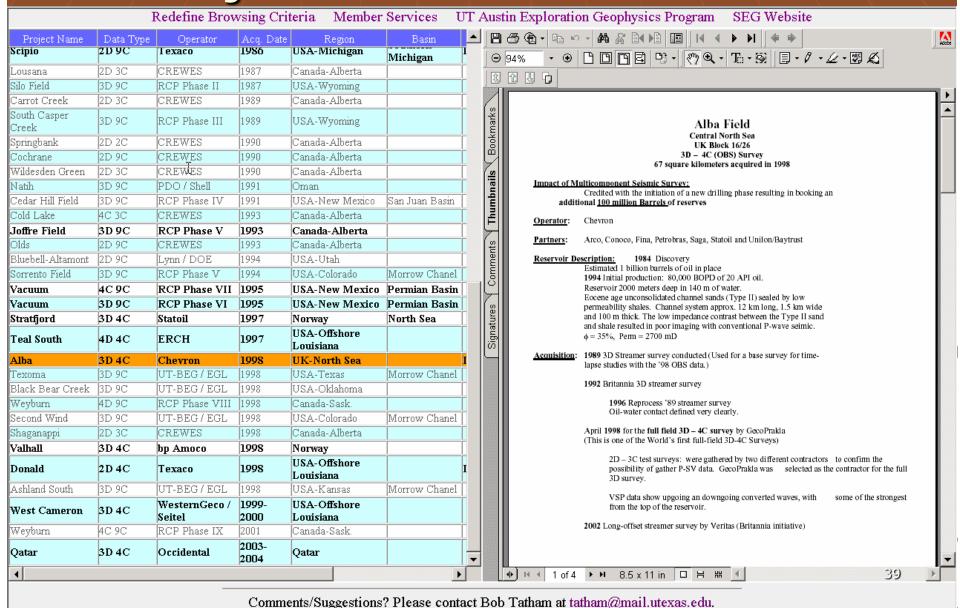
| Objective | Sub-1 | Sub-2 | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--|
| | Estimation | | |
| | | SS/SH | |
| Lithology | Discrimination | Type II Sand | |
| | | Dol/LS | |
| | | Dol/Any | |
| | Gas Detection | | |
| нсі | Gas Thickness Estimation | | |
| | Liquid Hydrocarbon | | |
| Gas Cloud Imaging | | | |
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| Fracture | Detection | | |
| | Parameter Estimation | | |
| Anisotropy | | | |
| | Fracturing | | |
| | Depth Conversion | | |
| Shear Wave Reflectivity | F | | |
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| Improved Structural | | | |
| Imaging | Azimuthal Anisotropy | | |
| Reservoir Monitoring | CO2 Monitoring | | |
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| | Time Lapse | | |
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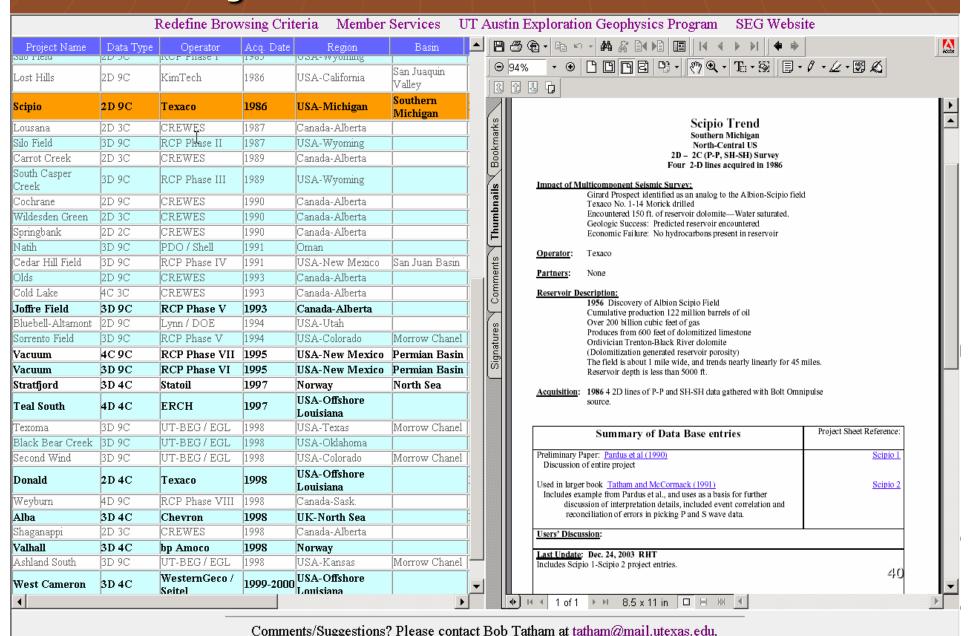
Browser

- Interpretive based browser is developed, and content is continuously being added.
- A project-oriented browser is operating.
- A project/geographically oriented browser has been added.

Project-Oriented Browser



Project-Oriented Browser



Geophyscis "Curricular" Group

DGS:

- Clark Wilson
- Steve Grand
- Bob Tatham
- Open PositionBEG:
- Sergey Fomel
- Bob Hardage

<u>UTIG:</u>

- Don Blankenship
- Cliff Frohlich
- Clark Wilson
- Mrinal Sen
- Paul Stoffa

Industry Consortia

BEG:

- EGL (Hardage)
- Frac City (Laubauch)
- Marine Margins (Wood / Mann)

UTIG:

- Gulf Basin (Galloway / Bulffler)
- Gulf Intraslope (Olson)
- Plates (Lawver/Dalziel)

DGS:

- EDGER Forum (Tatham/Sen/Stoffa)
- Ron Steel