

Using Cognitive Computing to Enable Multidisciplinary Knowledge Integration across the E&P Value Chain

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ABSTRACT

Nowadays the oil and gas industry is facing a data flooding problem. Each step in the E&P value chain creates terabytes of information, but it is still a challenge to extract meaningful knowledge and insights to support decision-making processes. In this presentation, we will present a workflow based on cognitive tools that help to integrate different sources of knowledge, therefore enabling better analytics tools to ground decisions. To illustrate our approach, we will describe a real-case scenario that starts from seismic interpretation, going through the process of reservoir characterization and simulation, up to the assessment of different scenarios of oil-production. We capture all critical decisions in this workflow and use that as a documentation of the final results, enabling the decision maker to investigate the rationale behind the final numbers. This historical data allows creating informative what-if scenarios in any decisive point of the process.