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PetroMod 3D Software

Advanced petroleum systems modeling in three dimensions, plus time

PetroMod* petroleum systems modeling software combines seismic, well, and geological information to model the evolution of a sedimentary basin. PetroMod software will predict if, and how, a reservoir has been charged with hydrocarbons, including the source and timing of hydrocarbon generation, migration routes, quantities, and hydrocarbon type in subsurface or at surface conditions.

Modular software system

Configure the PetroMod software system that suits you best by selecting the required modules in five steps:

1. Select the 3D model builder to work with 3D data models.

2. **Select the type of pressure temperature simulator,** either multi-1D for fast, quick-look work, or full 2D/3D for more accurate modeling.

3. **Select the type of kinetics**, either two-component kinetics (oil and gas), which is often used if no direct source rock data is available or for initial screening work, or multicomponent kinetics, which provides accurate petroleum property predictions.

4. Select the type of petroleum migration simulator, either flow path for fast high-resolution simulations for screening work, invasion percolation for high-resolution simulations (e.g., in locally refined grids), or hybrid for the most accurate method.

5. **Select the optional add-on modules** to address specific modeling tasks.

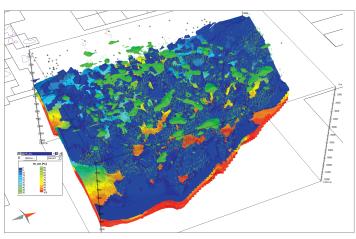
Model builder

PetroBuilder 3D: A module to construct 3D data models using maps and fault data loaded from various sources. A variety of maps can be created (e.g., facies, erosional, paleowater depth, and paleosalt), edited, and regridded. Boundary conditions can be defined, such as heat flow and paleosurface temperatures, while lithotypes, kinetics, and all other model properties can be edited.

Pressure temperature simulation

Two modules for pressure and temperature calculations are available for PetroMod 3D.

- Multi-1D: A basic pressure and temperature module, enabling fast multi-1D pressure, temperature, and maturation simulation engine for screening work and basic assessments of the temperature history of a petroleum system.
- Full 3D: A simulator to perform full 3D pressure, temperature, and maturation simulations to determine temperature and pressure distribution on different scales (basin, prospect, and reservoir), including transient effects and lateral inhomogeneities in facies and flow.



Advanced 3D migration modeling with transformation ratio overlay on source rock and accumulations.

Kinetics

To investigate source rock hydrocarbon generation, kinetics methodology must be added to the input and simulation modules. For initial assessments basic, two-component kinetics is offered. For more sophisticated phase and property hydrocarbon predictions, multicomponent kinetics should be chosen.

- Two-component: Basic oil and gas kinetics (black-oil model) for modeling in areas with no direct source rock information or for fast screening work.
- Multicomponent: Advanced kinetics for highest accuracy in petroleum property predictions with user-defined numbers of components.

Petroleum migration simulators

To complement the chosen kinetic module, PetroMod software offers three migration modules: a flow path ray tracing-based module for fast migration modeling that only takes buoyancy into account; an invasion percolation module that is driven by a cell-based buoyancy and capillary pressure; and a full hybrid migration module that combines flow path-based migration in high-permeability materials and darcy migration in low-permeability layers, providing the most accurate PetroMod migration modeling.

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- Flow path: Fast, high-resolution petroleum migration modeling used for screening work; also suitable for areas with clearly defined regional carrier systems.
- Invasion percolation: Fast, high-resolution modeling in which inversion workflows have been applied to define high-resolution facies maps or in which locally refined grids are used.
- Hybrid: Advanced migration modeling technology that uses multiple methods, including darcy to provide pressure control and flow path for efficient processing in good carriers.

Add-ons

- PetroRisk* module: Enables rigorous risk and uncertainty analyses of PetroMod data, with multiple uncertainties and a full set of statistical evaluation tools.
- **TecLink:** Loads paleo-sections or models from structural reconstructions, and then performs thermal history and petroleum migration modeling in the most complex geological environments, such as fold and thrust belts, with no functional limitations on the simulations.
- **Thermal calibration:** Faster and more accurate thermal calibrations in areas with abundant measured temperature data in wells.
- Local grid refinement: Thermal, pressure, and petroleum migration simulations in models with locally refined grids.
- Crustal modeling: Crustal modeling for improved heat flow assessments in specific geologic scenarios, such as rifting basins.
- Parallel processing: Improved performance on multicore Linux[®] and Windows[®] systems; recommended for full 3D and PetroRisk processing.
- 14-component phase kinetics: Developed in cooperation with the GFZ Potsdam research institute, improves petroleum phase predictions.
- Geomechanics: Speciality that allows the definition of elastic properties of lithologies to simulate the stress-and-strain field of the model.
- Biodegradation: Fully integrated and coupled module that allows assessment of the grade of biodegradation in accumulations for each component.
- **Gas hydrates:** Simulation of the stability zone of gas hydrates, displayed through time.
- PetroMod express: Rapid initial assessments of the basic petroleum system elements, single-map migration modeling.

Petroleum generation

PetroMod software uses a database of reaction kinetics to predict the phases and properties of hydrocarbons generated from source rocks of various types. In addition, adsorption models describe the release of generated hydrocarbons into the free pore space of the source rock.

Advanced petroleum migration technology

- Fully PVT-controlled modeling of n-component/three-phase relationships during the entire migration process—PetroMod software is the only commercial system with this advanced tool.
- Advanced handling of component/phase relationships using flash calculation technology to deliver an improved understanding and prediction of petroleum properties and oil-versus-gas probability assessments.
- Sophisticated source rock tracking—multiple source units can be defined, and each unit can have unique kinetics and generate multiple components.

Advanced technology

- Facies refinement to directly incorporate high-resolution facies distributions, based on seismic data.
- Most complete range of special modeling tools, such as salt and igneous intrusion.
- Fully integrated 1D, 2D, and 3D interface and simulators.
- Consistent data formats on all platforms and operating systems.
- Ability to use multiple simulation methods on the same data model.

PetroMod software provides a standardized user interface across the entire 1D, 2D, and 3D software suite. It uses the same simulators in 1D, 2D, and 3D; all technical features and tools are available and identical in all dimensions, ensuring full compatibility across the suite.

Specifications

PetroMod software is available on all hardware platforms running Microsoft[®] Windows Vista[®] (64-bit), Windows 7 (64-bit), or Red Hat[®] Enterprise Linux 5.3 (64-bit) operating systems. PetroMod software provides the same interface, functionality, and binary data formats on all platforms so that input and output files can easily be transferred within mixed hardware systems.

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