AVO Anomaly Detection using Principal Component Analysis

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Can we create a more robust approach for finding AVO anomalies while decreasing the analysis time and increasing accuracy?

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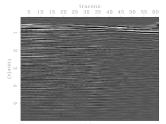
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- Bougher and Herrmann (2016) showed principal component analysis (PCA) can identify AVO anomalies.





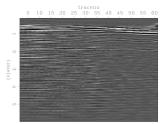
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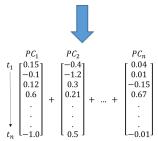
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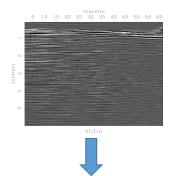
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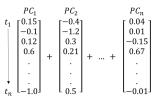
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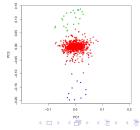










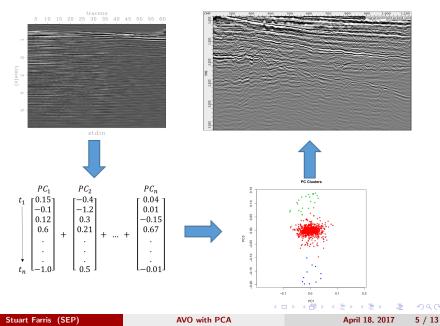


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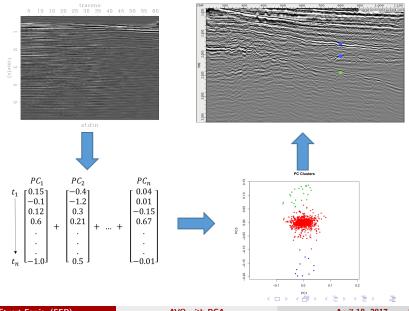
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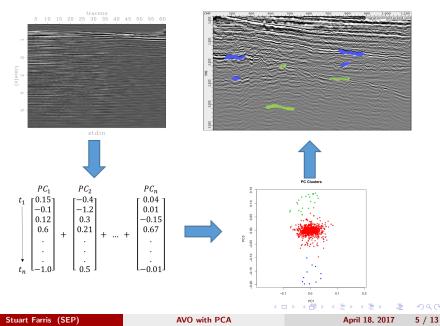


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We expand on the PCA technique by:

- Using field data.
- **2** Evaluating higher principal components.
- **③** Using synthetic model to evaluate what affects principal components.



• Mobil Viking Graben 2D data.

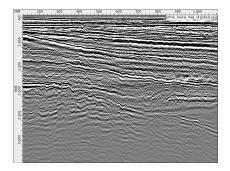


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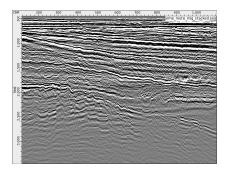
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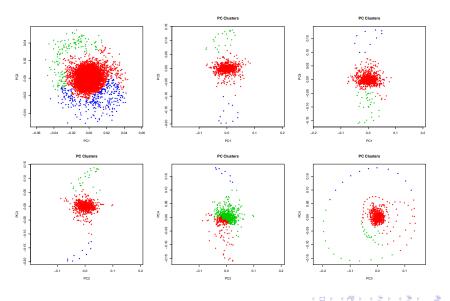


- Mobil Viking Graben 2D data.
- Preprocessing
 - Amplitude balancing.
 - Surface related multiple elimination.
 - Prestack Kirchhoff migration.



Preliminary Results





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 - Create synthetic earth models.
 - Insert various anomalies (gas, oil, anisotropy, attentuation).
 - Observe effects on principal components.



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Thanks for listening



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