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Abstract

المخلص

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الكلمات المفتاحية: النفاذية النسبية، معلمات كوري، سجلات الآبار، SCAL، التعلم الآلي، XGBoost، محاكاة الخزان.

Résumé

Ce mémoire propose une méthodologie basée sur l'intelligence artificielle pour prédire les paramètres de Corey de perméabilité relative à partir des diagraphies de puits et des données de carottes afin d'améliorer la précision de la simulation du réservoir pour le champ de Hassi Berkine (bloc 404). Après avoir examiné la caractérisation du réservoir, les techniques SCAL et la théorie de la perméabilité relative, l'étude construit un ensemble de données composé de 100 échantillons combinant des diagraphies des propriétés pétrophysiques (porosité, perméabilité, gamma ray, densité, porosité neutronique, résistivité, volume de l'argile, FZI) et des objectifs dérivés des carottes (Swc, Sor, krw_end, kro_end, nw, no). Le prétraitement des données (suppression des valeurs manquantes et normalisation de 0 à 1), la sélection des caractéristiques (analyse de corrélation et classification de l'importance), et la comparaison des modèles constituent le flux de travail. Quatre algorithmes ont été entraînés et évalués : la régression linéaire, le réseau de neurones artificiels, la forêt aléatoire et XGBoost, en utilisant les mesures RMSE et R^2 ainsi que les courbes de calibration. La régression linéaire a échoué à capturer la non-linéarité (R^2 total $\approx 0,044$), tandis que le réseau de neurones artificiels et la forêt aléatoire non contrainte ont atteint une correspondance presque parfaite sur les données d'entraînement ($R^2 \approx 0,999-1,000$) mais étaient exposés au risque de surajustement en raison de la petite taille de l'échantillon. XGBoost a offert le meilleur équilibre entre précision et généralisation (R^2 élevé, RMSE bas).

Le travail montre que l'apprentissage automatique peut générer des courbes de perméabilité relative continues et inter-champs à partir des enregistrements, réduisant ainsi la dépendance aux données SCAL dispersées ; cependant, cela nécessite une validation rigoureuse, une expansion de l'ensemble de données et un réglage des hyperparamètres avant le déploiement opérationnel dans les modèles de réservoirs basés sur Petrel.

Mots-clés : perméabilité relative, paramètres de Corey, diagraphies de puits, SCAL, apprentissage automatique, XGBoost, simulation de réservoir.

Abstract

This dissertation presents an AI based methodology to predict relative permeability Corey parameters from well logs and core data to improve reservoir simulation accuracy for the Hassi Berkine (Block 404) field. After reviewing reservoir characterization, SCAL techniques, and relative permeability theory, the study builds a dataset of 100 samples combining petrophysical logs (porosity, permeability, gamma ray, density, neutron porosity, resistivity, shale volume, FZI) and core derived targets (Swc, Sor, krw_end, kro_end, nw, no). Data preprocessing (missing value removal and 0–1 scaling), feature selection (correlation analysis and importance ranking), and model comparison form the workflow. Four algorithms Linear Regression, ANN, Random Forest, and XGBoost are trained and evaluated using RMSE and R^2 metrics and curve alignment plots. Linear regression failed to capture nonlinearity (Total $R^2 \approx 0.044$), while ANN and unconstrained Random Forest achieved near perfect fits on training data ($R^2 \approx 0.999$ – 1.000) but risked overfitting given the small sample size. XGBoost provided the best balance between accuracy and generalization (high R^2 , low RMSE).

The work demonstrates that machine learning can generate continuous, field wide relative permeability curves from logs, reducing reliance on sparse SCAL data; however, robust validation, dataset expansion, and hyperparameter tuning are required before operational deployment in Petrel based reservoir models.

Keywords: relative permeability, Corey parameters, well logs, SCAL, machine learning, XGBoost, reservoir simulation.

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List Of Abbreviations

- CPF : Central Production Facility.
- BRN : Bir Rebaa Nord.
- MLN : Menzel Lejmat North.
- ML: Machine Learning.
- ANN : Artificial Neural Network.
- SS : Steady State
- USS : Unsteady State.
- HBN : Hassi Berkine North.
- HBNS : Hassi Berkine North South.
- HBNSE : Hassi Berkine North South East.
- RBQ : Rhourde Berkine.
- QBN : Qoubba North.
- BKNE : Berkine North East.
- BKNE-B : Berkine North East-B.
- HBNE : Hassi Berkine North East.
- SFSW : Sif Fatima South West.
- BBKS : Bir Berkine South.
- Som : Movable Oil Saturation.
- Sgc : Critical Gas Saturation.
- S : The Cross Sectional Area Of The Cylindrical Simple.
- Pw : Pressure Of The Wetting Phase.
- r_b : Radius Of Rotation Of The Bottom Of Core Sample.
- r_t : Radius Of Rotation Of The Top Of The Core Sample.
- SCAL : Special Core Analysis.
- EOR : Enhanced Oil Recovery.
- RCA : Routine Core Analysis.
- MICP : Mercury Injection Capillary Pressure.
- r : Resistance.
- R : Resistivity.
- LET : Lomeland,Ebeltoft And Thomas.
- K : Absolute Permeability.
- M : Fluid Viscosity.

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- Φ : Porosity.
- ΔP : Pressure Drop.
- A : Cross Section Area.
- Z : Compressibility Factor.
- C_g : Isothermal Gas Compressibility Coefficient.
- B_g : Gas Formation Volume Factor.
- E_g : Gas Expansion Factor.
- F : Formation Resistivity Factor.
- K : Permeability.
- K_{ro} : Relative Permeability To Oil.
- K_{rg} : Relative Permeability To Gas.
- K_{rw} : Relative Permeability To Water.
- K_o : Effective Permeability To Oil For A Given Oil Saturation.
- K_g : Effective Permeability To Gas For A Given Gas Saturation.
- K_w : Effective Permeability To Water At Some Given Water Saturation.
- K_{rox} : Oil Endpoint Relative Permeability At $S_w:S_{wi}$ Fraction.
- K_{rwo} : Water Endpoint Relative Permeability $S_w:1-S_{orw}$ Fraction.
- $K_{rw \max}$: Maximum Water Relative Permeability.
- $K_{ro \max}$: Maximum Oil Relative Permeability.
- L : Length.
- n : Corey Water Exponent.
- m : Coreys Oil Exponent.
- M_a : Apparent Molecular Weight.
- P_c : Capillary Pressure.
- P_{nw} : Pressure Of The Nonwetting Phase.
- P_d : Displacement Pressure.
- Q : Fluid Flow Rate.
- R : Electrical resistivity.
- r : Electrical resistance.
- R_o : Resistivity Of Fully Water Saturated Rock.
- R_w : Saturating Water Resistivity.
- r_b : Radius Of Rotation Of The Bottom Of The Core Sample.
- r_t : Radius Of Rotation Of The Bottom Of The Top Of The Core Sample
- S_o : Oil Saturation.
- S_g : Gas Saturation.
- S_{oc} : Critical Oil Saturation.
- S_{or} : Residual Oil Saturation.
- S_{orw} : Residual Oil Saturation To Water Fraction.
- ω : Rotational Speed.
- S_{wc} : Critical Water Saturation.

- S_w : Water Saturation.
- S_{wn} : Normalized Water Saturation Fraction.
- S_{wi} : Irreducible Water Saturation Fraction.
- γ_g : Specific Gravity.
- ρ_g : Density.

General Introduction

Reservoir simulation accuracy strongly depends on the quality of petrophysical and fluid-flow characterization. Among the most important dynamic properties used in reservoir engineering are relative permeability curves, which describe the simultaneous flow behavior of oil, water, and gas through porous media. Traditionally, these curves are obtained through laboratory-based Special Core Analysis (SCAL), a process that is accurate but expensive, time-consuming, and spatially limited. With the increasing availability of digital well log data and advancements in artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning techniques have emerged as powerful tools to predict complex reservoir properties from readily available field data. This study focuses on the application of AI models to predict relative permeability curves from well logs and core data in the Hassi Berkine field, Algeria, with the objective of improving reservoir simulation accuracy and reducing uncertainty in dynamic reservoir modeling. The work combines geological understanding, reservoir characterization, SCAL principles, and machine learning methodologies to create predictive models capable of estimating Corey relative permeability parameters. Different algorithms, including Linear Regression, Artificial Neural Networks (ANN), Random Forest, and XGBoost, were evaluated and compared in terms of predictive performance and reliability. The dissertation is organized into four main chapters. Chapter One presents the Hassi Berkine field and its geological framework. Chapter Two introduces the fundamentals of reservoir characterization and rock-fluid interactions. Chapter Three discusses the estimation of relative permeability and SCAL techniques. Finally, Chapter Four develops and evaluates AI-based predictive models for relative permeability curves and integrates them into reservoir simulation workflows.

Chapter I: Reservoir Characterization

I. Introduction

This chapter provides a comprehensive technical overview of reservoir characterization, focusing on the fundamental physical properties of reservoir rocks and the fluids they contain. It explores the essential parameters that define storage capacity and flow mechanics, such as porosity, saturation, and permeability. Furthermore, the chapter examines the complex interactions between rocks and fluids, detailing critical phenomena such as: * Wettability and its influence on fluid distribution. * Capillary Pressure and the effects of hysteresis during drainage and imbibition processes. * Relative Permeability, which governs the simultaneous flow of multiple phases (oil, gas, and water) within the porous media. By integrating laboratory analysis with empirical correlations, this chapter establishes the foundational knowledge necessary for petroleum engineers to predict and manage the volumetric behavior and flow rates of hydrocarbon reservoirs.

I.1 Geographical situation of Hassi Berkine field

This field is located in the southeast of Algeria in the territories of the Ouargla province, approximately 380 km from the provincial capital, 115 km from the Tunisian border, and 160 km from the Libyan border. The field covers an area of 5095.54 km². The Group (Sonatrach-Anadarko) is currently present in two blocks in Algeria (404 and 208) with an area of approximately 5.5 million acres (22,500 km²). The recoverable oil reserves are quite significant. Block 404 is located 1100 km from Algiers, 300 km southeast of Hassi Messaoud, 114 km from the Tunisian border, and 160 km from the Libyan border. The CPF field is located 50 km north of the Ourhoud Organization, 60 km from the BRN (Bir Rebaa Nord) field, and 140 km from MLN (Menzel Ledjmet Nord). There are seven (7) satellite stations, four (4) to the south of CPF and three (3) to the north, each collecting fluids from a group of five (5) to nine (9) wells.

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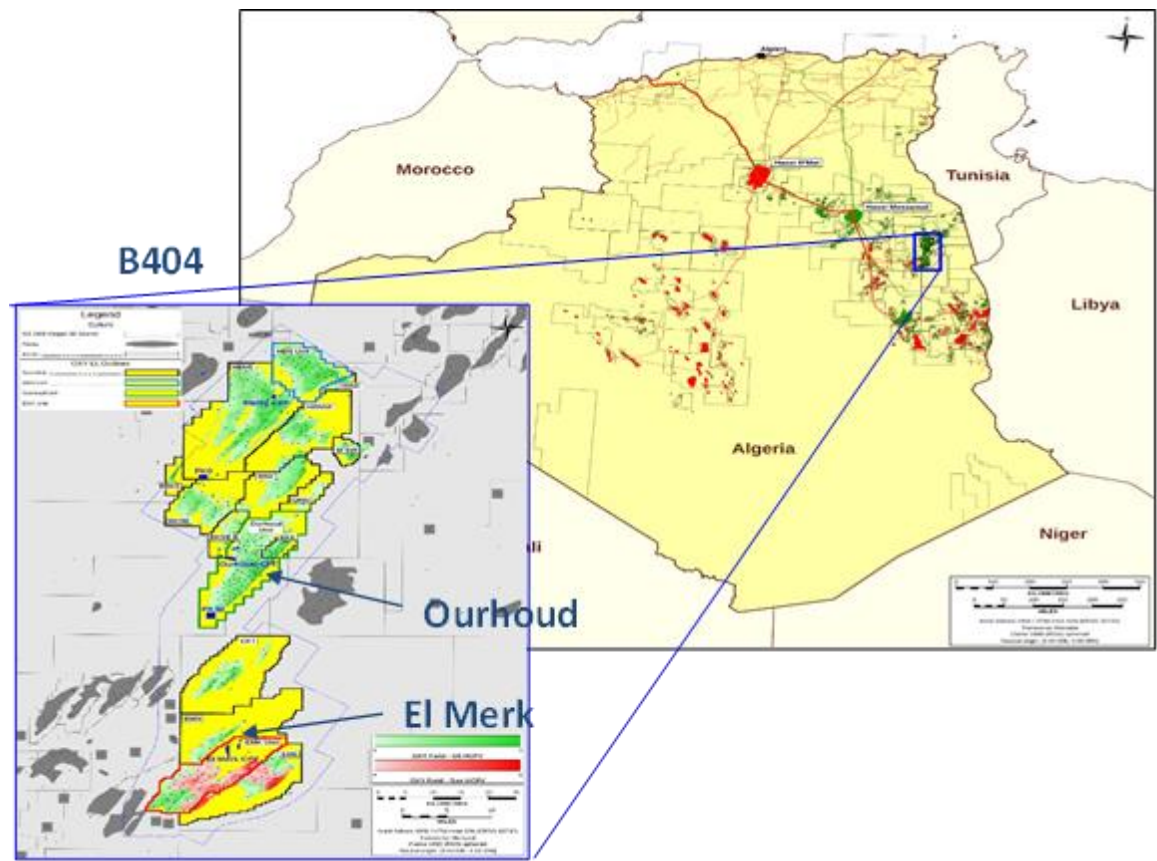


Figure I.1 Geographical location of Hassi Berkine field [1]

I.2 Geological Framework of Berkine Basin

Berkine Basin is located in the eastern part of the Algerian Saharan platform in the eastern province plain. It is covered on the surface by high dunes that can reach up to 300m; aligned in the NS direction (eastern erg). This study area is approximately bounded by:

- Longitudes 6°30" - 9°30" East (meridian)
- Latitude (parallel) 29°00" - 32°00" North.

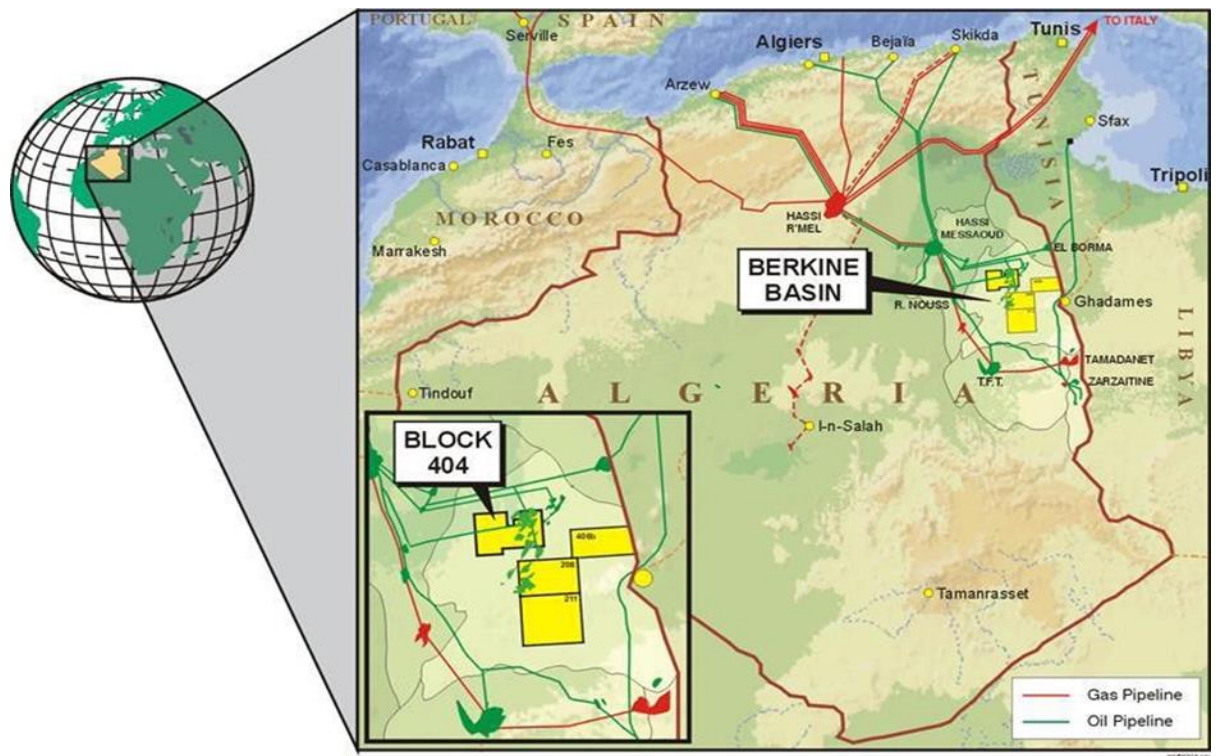


Figure I.2 Geological framework of Berkine Basin. [1]

I.3 Description of Hassi Berkine field

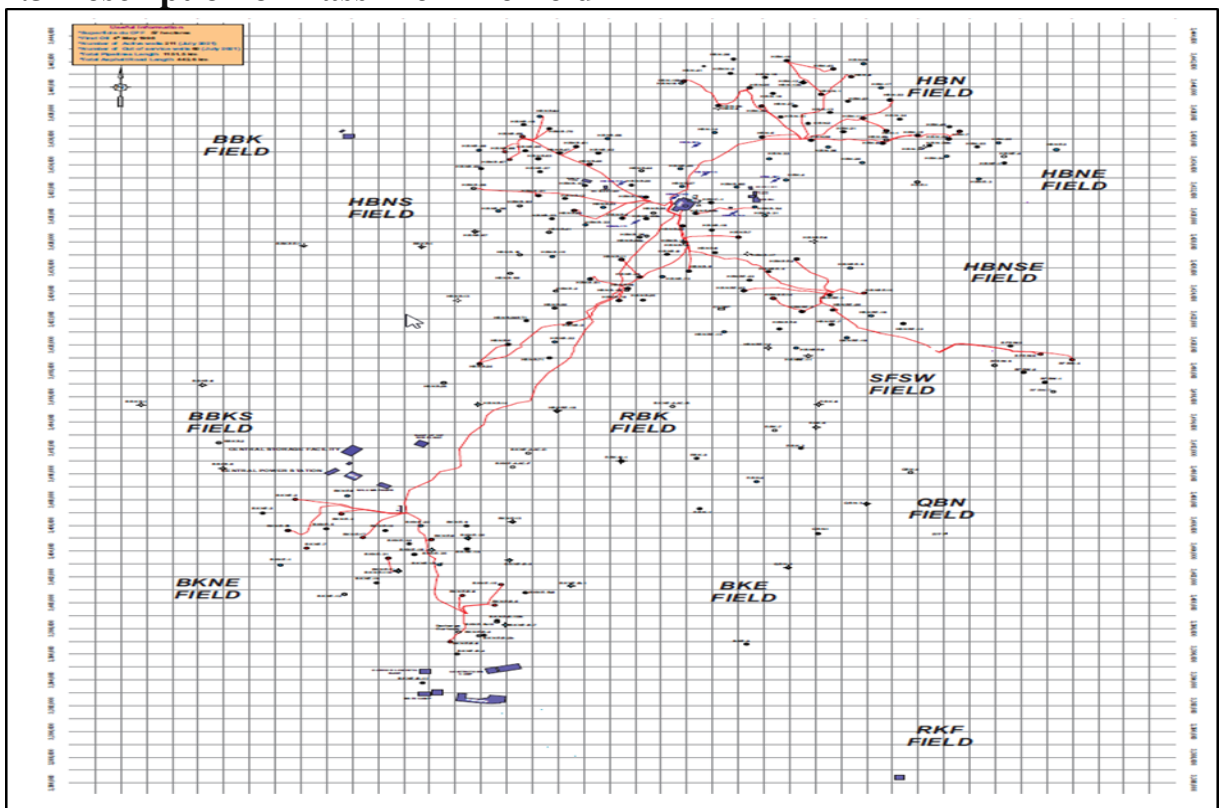


Figure I.3 Map representative of block 404. [1]

The first Hassi Berkine complex was built following the partnership agreement between the Algerian company Sonatrach and the American company Anadarko under Law No. 86-14 of August 19, 1986, on the exploration and exploitation of liquid hydrocarbons, covering blocks 404, 245, 208, and 211. [2]

The first construction was carried out between 1996 and 1998, followed by another extension between 1999 and 2002. The Hassi Berkine field contains a CPF "Central Production Facility" for the central production installations for the treatment of well effluents, an administrative block, and living quarters. [2]

B404 consists of 12 fields: HBN, HBNS, HBNSE, HBNSE-12, RBK, QBN, BKNE, BKNE-B, SFSW, BKE, HBNE, and BBKS.

All the B404 fields produce from the same reservoir (TAGI) except for BKE-3, which produces from RKF. Different development plans are being executed in B404, ranging from depletion (BKE-3, HBNSE-12), complete miscible gas injection (BKNE-B and SFSW), and complete water injection (RBK, HBNE, BBKS, and QBN) to WAG development (HBN, HBNS, HBNSE, and BKNE). The B404 field currently produces approximately 110,000 barrels per day. [2]

I.4 Berkine Bassin

The Berkine Basin (Ghadames) is considered an important hydrocarbon reservoir in eastern Algeria. The recoverable oil reserves of the Berkine basin are estimated to be over 3 billion. Two major structural styles characterize the Berkine basin. One style is dominated by structures with reverse faults and characterizes the western edge of the basin (Brides structure) and the El Biod-Hassi-Messaoud ridge (Gassi El Adem, Nezla, Gassi Touil, Hassi Chergui, and others). This trap formation was created by compression movements related to the Austrian and Alpine (Pyrenean) orogenies. The central depression in the east is dominated by uplifted fault blocks initiated during Triassic-Liassic extensional movements. The formation of the basin was strongly influenced by tectonic movements during the Cambrian-Ordovician, early Carboniferous-Permian, Triassic-Jurassic, and early Cretaceous periods and, to a lesser extent, the Tertiary. [1]

I.5 Description of the stratigraphic series

The Berkine basin was affected by the Hercynian orogenic cycle, which allowed the deposition of an eroded surface known as the Hercynian unconformity, thus separating the following two series:

- The Paleozoic series of the primary era, which includes the source rocks

-The Mesozoic series of the secondary era, which contains the main reservoirs of block 404.

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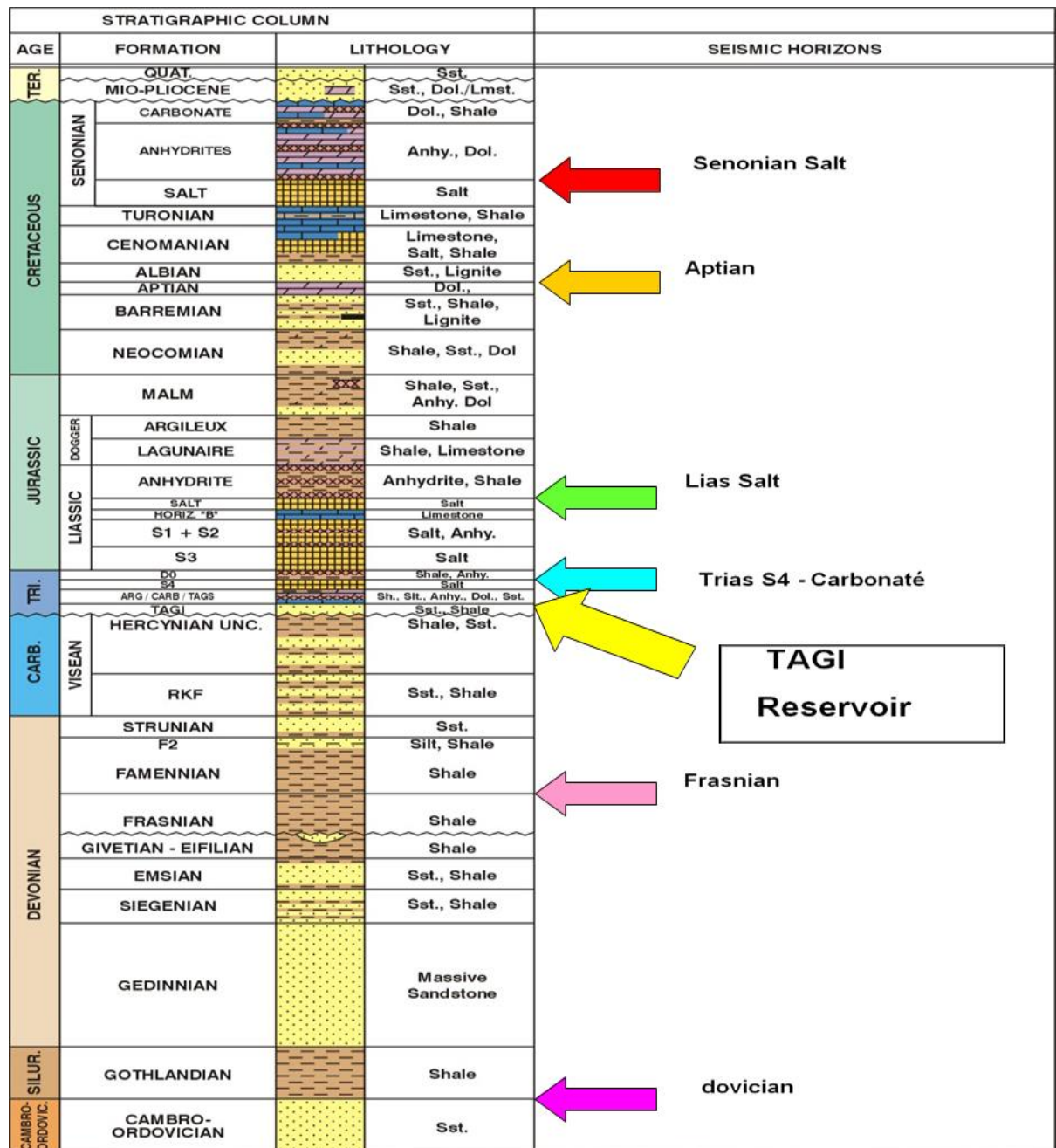


Figure I.4 The stratigraphic layers of block 404. [1]

I.6 Rock properties

Rock properties are determined by performing laboratory analyses on cores from the reservoir to be evaluated. The cores are removed from the reservoir environment, with subsequent changes in the core bulk volume, pore volume, and reservoir fluid saturations. The effect of these changes on rock properties may range from negligible to substantial, depending on the characteristics of the formation and property of interest, and should be evaluated in the testing program. [3]

I.6.1 Porosity

The porosity of a rock is a measure of the storage capacity (pore volume) that is capable of holding fluids. Quantitatively, the porosity is the ratio of the pore volume to the total volume (bulk volume). This important rock property is determined mathematically by the following generalized relationship:

$$\phi = \frac{\text{pore volume}}{\text{bulk volume}}, \text{ where } \phi = \text{porosity} \dots\dots (1.1)$$

I.6.2 Saturation

Saturation is defined as that fraction, or percent, of the pore volume occupied by a particular fluid (oil, gas, or water). This property is expressed mathematically by the following relationship: fluid saturation = total volume of the fluid / pore volume. Applying the above mathematical concept of saturation to each reservoir fluid gives

S_o = volume of oil / pore volume. S_g = volume of gas / pore volume. S_w = volume of water/pore volume, where: S_o = oil saturation S_g = gas saturation S_w = water saturation

Thus, all saturation values are based on pore volume and not on the gross reservoir volume. The saturation of each individual phase ranges from zero to 100%. By definition, the sum of the saturations is 100%; therefore, [3]

$$S_g + S_o + S_w = 1 \dots\dots\dots (1.2)$$

- **Critical oil saturation S_{oc}**

For the oil phase to flow, the saturation of the oil must exceed a certain value, which is termed critical oil saturation. At this particular saturation, the oil remains in the pores and, for all practical purposes, will not flow. [3]

- **Residual oil saturation S_{or}**

During the displacing process of the crude oil system from the porous media by water or gas injection (or encroachment), there will be some remaining oil left that is quantitatively characterized by a saturation value that is larger than the critical oil saturation. This saturation value is called the residual oil saturation, or S_{or} . The term "residual saturation" is usually associated with the nonwetting phase when it is being displaced by a wetting phase. [3]

- **Movable oil saturation S_{om}**

movable oil saturation S_{om} is another saturation of interest and is defined as the fraction of pore volume occupied by movable oil as expressed by the following equation:

$$S_{om} = 1 - S_{WC} - S_{oc} \dots\dots\dots (1.3)$$

Where:

S_{WC} = connate water saturation

S_{oc} = critical oil saturation [3]

- **Critical gas saturation S_{gc}**

As the reservoir pressure declines below the bubble-point pressure, gas evolves from the oil phase, and consequently, the saturation of the gas increases as the reservoir pressure declines. The gas phase remains immobile until its saturation exceeds a certain saturation, called critical gas saturation, above which gas begins to move. [3]

- **Critical water saturation S_{wc}**

The critical water saturation, connate water saturation, and irreducible water saturation are extensively used interchangeably to define the maximum water saturation at which the water phase will remain immobile. [3]

I.7 Permeability

Permeability is a property of the porous medium that measures the capacity and ability of the formation to transmit fluids. The rock permeability, k , is a very important rock property because it controls the directional movement and the flow rate of the reservoir fluids in the formation. This rock characterization was first defined mathematically by Henry Darcy in 1856. In fact, the equation that defines permeability in terms of measurable quantities is called Darcy's Law.

$$Q = S.K \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{dp}{L} \dots\dots\dots (1.4)$$

Q: Fluid flow rate.

K: permeability (mD)

μ : Fluid viscosity.

$\Delta P/L$: Pressure drop across the entire length of the sample.

S: The cross-sectional area of the cylindrical sample.

This law is valid under the following conditions:

1. Laminar flow
2. no reactions between the fluid and the rock
3. a single-phase present at 100% - in the pore space
4. incompressible fluid [3]

I.8 Reservoir-Fluid Properties

To understand and predict the volumetric behavior of oil and gas reservoirs as a function of pressure, knowledge of the physical properties of reservoir fluids must be gained. These fluid properties are usually determined by laboratory experiments performed on samples of actual reservoir fluids. In the absence of experimentally measured properties, it is necessary for the petroleum engineer to determine the properties from empirically derived correlations. The objective of this chapter is to present several of the well-established physical property correlations for the following reservoir fluids: [3]

- Natural gases
- Crude oil systems
- Reservoir water systems

I.8.1 Properties of Natural Gases

- Apparent molecular weight, M_a
- Specific gravity, γ_g
- Compressibility factor, z
- Density, $\rho_g B$
- Specific volume, v
- Isothermal gas compressibility coefficient, c_g
- Gas formation volume factor, B_g
- Gas expansion factor, E_g
- Viscosity, μ_g

I.8.2 Properties of Crude Oil Systems

- Fluid gravity

- Specific gravity of the solution gas
- Gas solubility
- Bubble-point pressure
- Oil formation volume factor
- Isothermal compressibility coefficient of undersaturated crude oils
- Oil density
- Total formation volume factor
- Crude oil viscosity
- Surface tension

I.8.3 Properties of Reservoir Water

- Water Formation Volume Factor
- Water Viscosity
- Gas Solubility in Water
- Water Isothermal Compressibility

I.9 Rock-Fluid Interactions

I.9.1 Wettability

Wettability is defined as the tendency of one fluid to spread on or adhere to a solid surface in the presence of other immiscible fluids. The wettability of reservoir rocks to the fluids is important in that the distribution of the fluids in the porous media is a function of wettability. Because of the attractive forces, the wetting phase tends to occupy the smaller pores of the rock, and the nonwetting phase occupies the more open channels. [3]

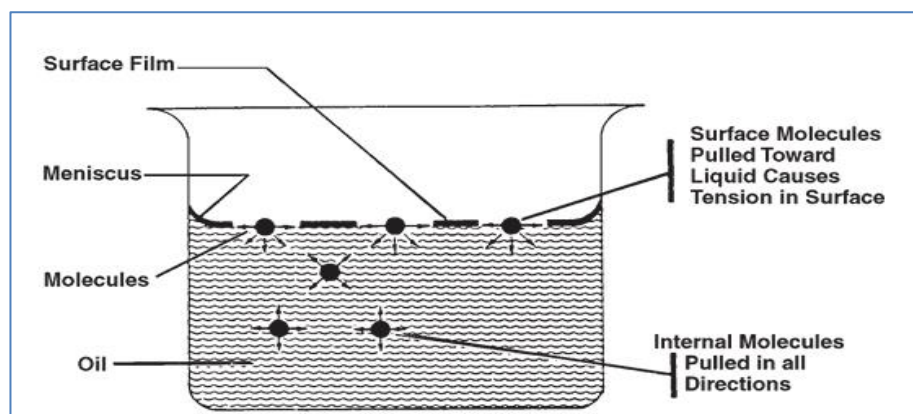


Figure I.5 Illustration of wettability [3]

I.9.2 Surface and Interfacial Tension

Consider the two immiscible fluids, air (or gas) and water (or oil). A liquid molecule, which is remote from the interface, is surrounded by other liquid molecules, thus having a resulting net attractive force on the molecule of zero. A molecule at the interface, however, has a force acting on it from the air (gas) molecules lying immediately above the interface and from liquid molecules lying below the interface. [3]

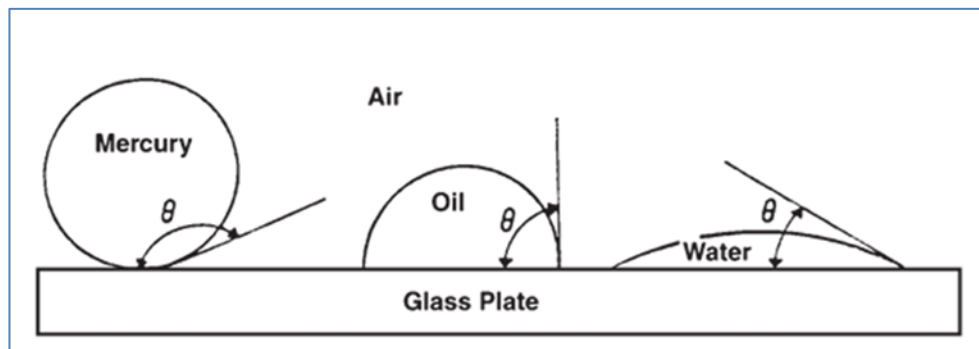


Figure I.6 Illustration of surface tension. (After Clark, N. J., Elements of Petroleum Reservoirs, SPE, 1969.) [4]

I.9.3 Capillary Pressure

When two immiscible fluids are in contact, a discontinuity in pressure exists between the two fluids, which depends upon the curvature of the interface separating the fluids. We call this pressure difference the capillary pressure, and it is referred to by p_c . [3]

Capillary pressure = (pressure of the nonwetting phase) – (pressure of the wetting phase)

$$p_c = p_{nw} - p_w \dots\dots (1.5)$$

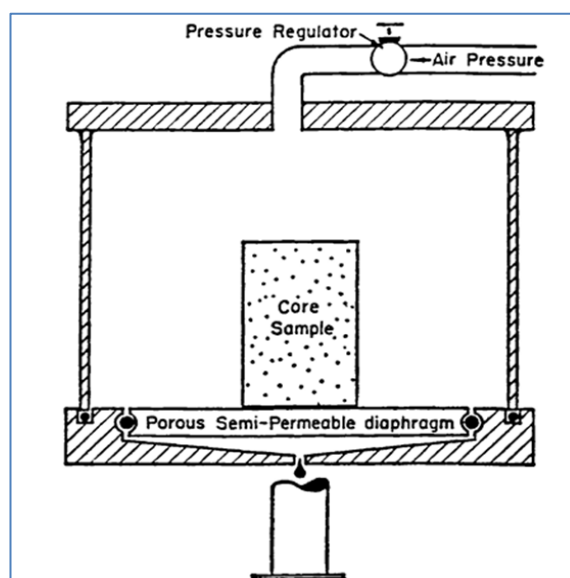


Figure I.7 Capillary pressure equipment. (After Cole, F., 1969.) [5]

The data from such an experiment are shown in Figure 2.3 Since the pressure required to displace the wetting phase from the core is exactly equal to the capillary forces holding the remaining water within the core after equilibrium has been reached, the pressure data can be plotted as capillary pressure data.

Two important phenomena can be observed in the figure. First, there is a finite capillary pressure at 100% water saturation that is necessary to force the nonwetting phase into a capillary filled with the wetting phase. This minimum capillary pressure is known as the displacement pressure, p_d . [3]

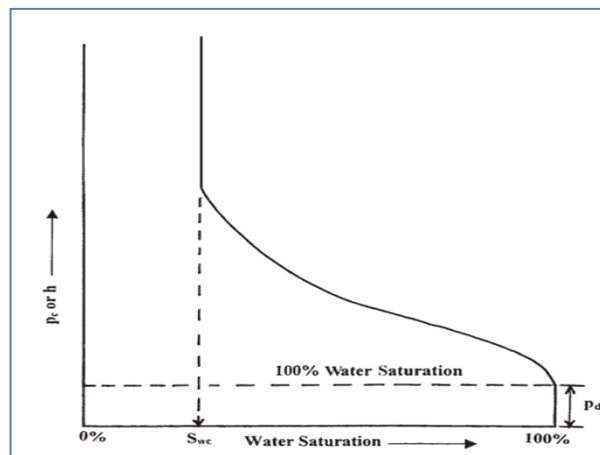


Figure I.8 Capillary pressure curve[3]

- **Capillary Hysteresis**

It is generally agreed that the pore spaces of reservoir rocks were originally filled with water, after which oil moved into the reservoir, displacing some of the water and reducing the water to some residual saturation. When discovered, the reservoir pore spaces are filled with a connate water saturation and an oil saturation [3]

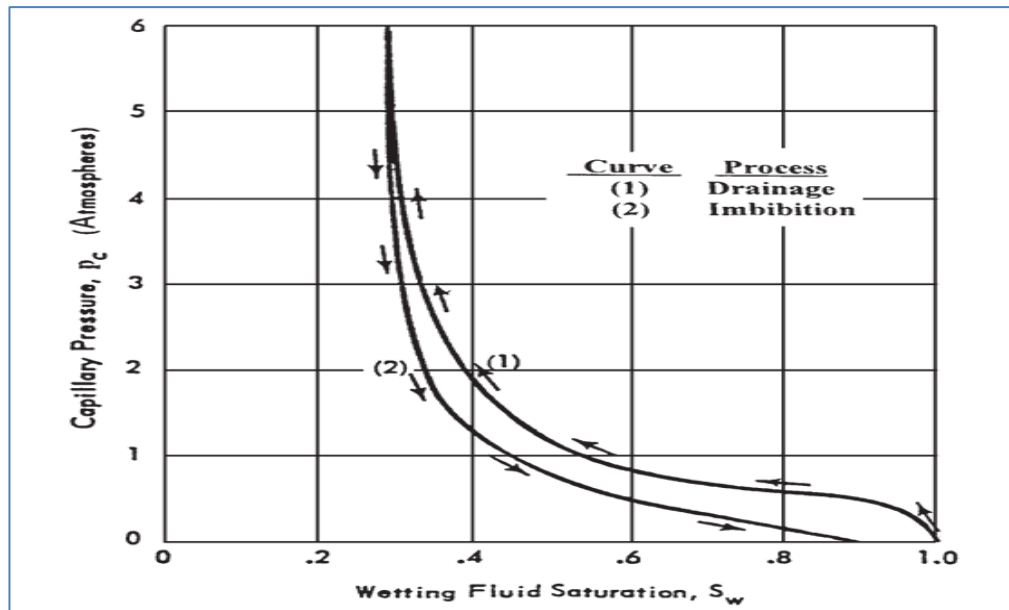


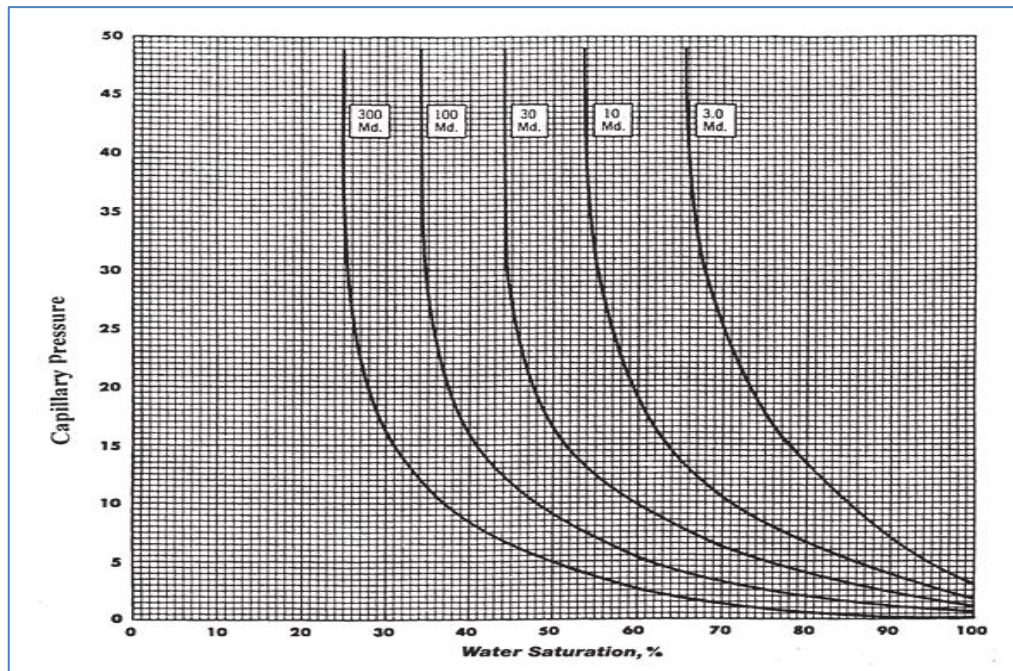
Figure I.9 Variation of capillary pressure with permeability. [3]

The process of generating the capillary pressure curve by displacing the wetting phase, i.e., water, with the nonwetting phase (such as with gas or oil), is called the drainage process. This drainage process establishes the fluid saturations, which are found when the reservoir is discovered.

The other principal flow process of interest involves reversing the drainage process by displacing the non-wetting phase (such as with oil) with the wetting phase (e.g., water). This displacing process is termed the "imbibition process," and the resulting curve is termed the "capillary pressure imbibition curve."

The process of saturating and desaturating a core with the nonwetting phase is called "capillary hysteresis." [3]

The figure shows typical drainage and imbibition capillary pressure curves. The two capillary pressure-saturation curves are not the same.



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I.9.4 Relative permeability

The absolute permeability is a property of the porous medium and is a measure of the capacity of the medium to transmit fluids. When two or more fluids flow at the same time, the relative permeability of each phase at a specific saturation is the ratio of the effective permeability of the phase to the absolute permeability, or:

$$k_{rg} = \frac{k_g}{k}, \quad k_{ro} = \frac{k_o}{k}, \quad k_{rw} = \frac{k_w}{k} \dots\dots (1.6)$$

where:

- k_{ro} = relative permeability to oil
- k_{rg} = relative permeability to gas
- k_{rw} = relative permeability to water
- k = absolute permeability
- k_o = effective permeability to oil for a given oil saturation
- k_g = effective permeability to gas for a given gas saturation
- k_w = effective permeability to water at some given water saturation [3]

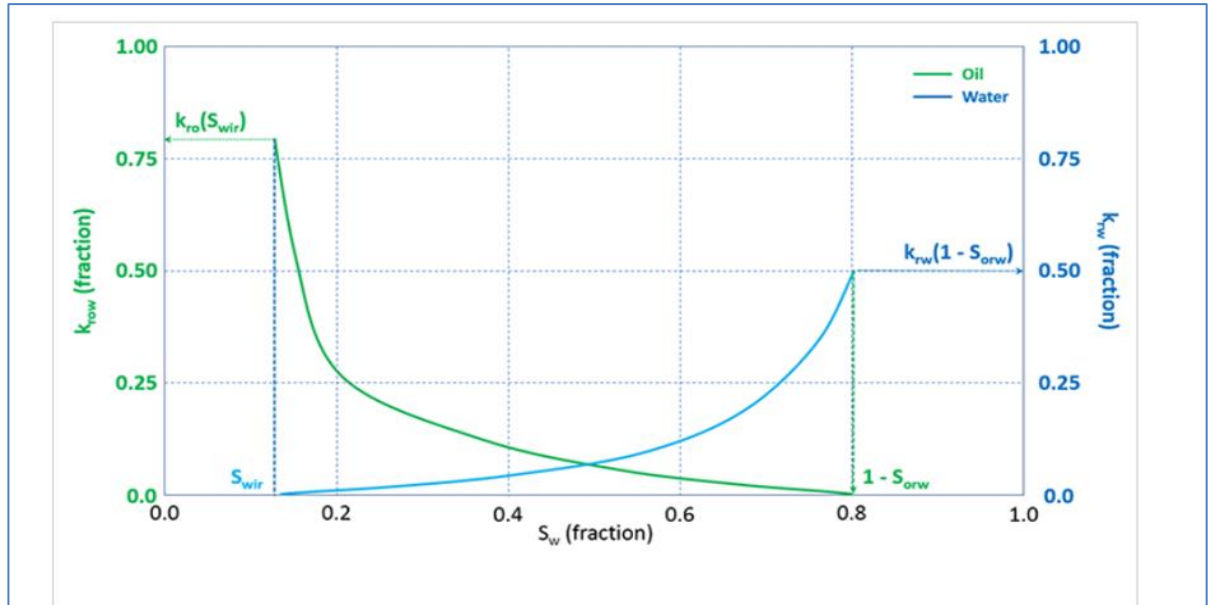


Figure I.11 typical set of oil-water relative permeability curves. [6]

In this figure, water saturation is plotted on the x-axis. The most important feature of this figure is the trend of the relative permeability curves. As water saturation increases, relative permeability to oil decreases while relative permeability to water increases.

This occurs because, as water saturation increases, fewer pathways are available for oil to flow, while more pathways are available for water. As we can see on this plot, the maximum water saturation ($S_{w(max)}$) is equal to one minus the oil saturation (S_{orw}). We use this terminology because the x-axis represents water saturation, while S_{orw} represents oil saturation. In other words, the figure shows that the standard deviation is approximately 0.2. Due to the saturation constraint ($\sum f=0, wS_f = 1$), $S_{w(max)}$ must be 0.8. [6]

A two-phase oil-gas system has a similar set of relative permeability curves to a two-phase oil-water system. The figure shows a typical set of gas-oil relative permeability curves. In gas-oil relative permeability curves, gas saturation (S_g) is plotted on the x-axis. Several important differences between the oil-gas and oil-water systems must be discussed further. [6]

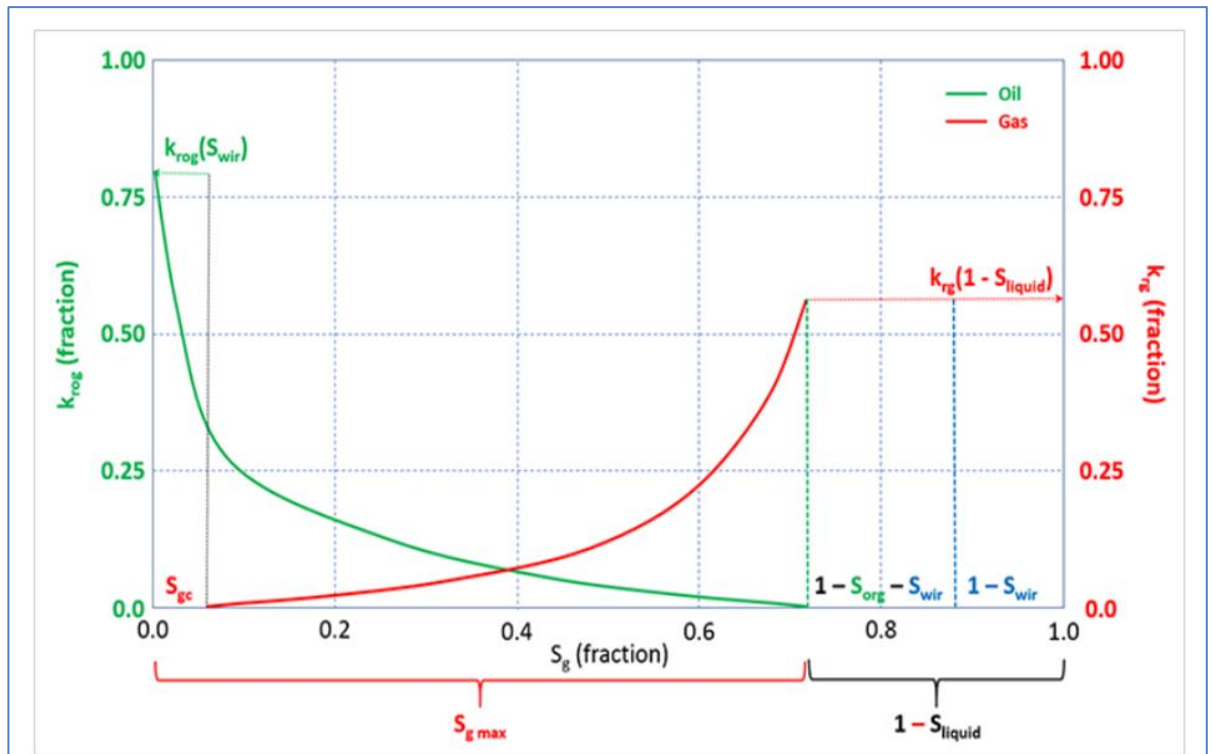


Figure I.12 typical set of gas-oil relative permeability curves [6]

One difference is the critical gas saturation (S_{gc}). Similar to S_{wir} for water, S_{gc} represents the value at which gas will begin to flow when the gas saturation is increasing (or the saturation at which gas will stop flowing when the gas saturation is decreasing). We can also see that oil is present and mobile below S_{gc} because it has finite values below S_{gc} . This is due to the dissolved gas in the oil phase. As the gas comes out of solution from the mobile oil phase, the gas saturation must build up to S_{gc} before the gas can begin to flow. While this occurs, the oil phase remains mobile. Therefore, in gas-oil systems, the oil phase is mobile in the range of $0 \leq S_g \leq 1 - S_{org} - S_{wir}$, while the gas phase is mobile in the range of $S_{gc} \leq S_g \leq 1 - S_{org} - S_{wir}$.

Another difference between the oil-water and gas-oil curves is the use of the terms k_{row} and k_{rog} in Figures 2.5 and 2.6, respectively. This is because relative permeabilities to oil differ when measured in an oil-water system versus a gas-oil system. The same is true for the residual oil saturations, S_{orw} and S_{org} . These differences are due to the differences in surface tension and resulting capillary forces between oil and water, as well as between gas and oil.

A third difference is due to the irreducible water saturation (S_w). As discussed previously, S_{wir} is the lowest water saturation in the reservoir. Since all real oil and gas reservoirs contain water, the initial water saturation, S_{wi} , must be equal to or greater than the

irreducible water saturation, S_{wir} : $S_{wi} \geq S_{wir}$. Therefore, to obtain representative laboratory measurements or calculations from correlations, S_{wir} must be included in the analyses. Thus, when taking laboratory measurements for gas-oil curves, they are taken in the presence of an immobile, irreducible water saturation. Note also the application of the saturation constraint for liquid (oil and water) saturations. [6]

Chapter II: Estimation Of Relative Permeability

II.1 Introduction

This section focuses on the dynamics of multi-phase flow within porous media, a critical aspect of reservoir engineering when two or more fluids such as oil, gas, or water flow simultaneously. It builds upon the concept of absolute permeability by introducing relative permeability, which is the ratio of a phase's effective permeability to the absolute permeability of the rock. Key areas covered in this chapter include: The fundamental mathematical relationships for calculating relative permeability for oil, and water. The analysis of oil-water and gas-oil systems, illustrating how relative permeability fluctuates as a function of phase saturation. Critical flow parameters such as critical gas saturation and irreducible water saturation, which define the limits of fluid mobility. The impact of surface tension and capillary forces on residual oil saturations and. By examining these rock-fluid interactions and saturation constraints, this chapter provides the essential framework for predicting fluid movement and optimizing recovery in complex reservoir systems.

II.2 Special Core Analysis (SCAL)

Refers to a set of advanced laboratory techniques used to measure complex reservoir rock properties that cannot be captured by Routine Core Analysis (RCA). These properties include relative permeability, capillary pressure, wettability, electrical properties, and others that are essential for understanding fluid flow and phase behavior in porous media. SCAL is crucial for accurate reservoir simulation, enhanced oil recovery (EOR) design, and optimized reservoir management.

II.3 Applications of Special Core Analysis

II.3.1 Reservoir Simulation

- **Purpose:** SCAL data are used to create more accurate and reliable reservoir simulation models, which predict fluid behavior and guide production strategies.
- **Application:** Relative permeability and capillary pressure data from SCAL are crucial inputs for dynamic reservoir simulation models.

II.3.2 Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)

- **Purpose:** SCAL data are essential for designing and optimizing EOR techniques, such as chemical flooding, gas injection, and thermal recovery methods.

- **Application:** Wettability, relative permeability, and capillary pressure data help in selecting the most effective EOR strategy for a given reservoir.

II.3.3 Formation Evaluation

- **Purpose:** SCAL provides detailed rock and fluid property data that enhance the interpretation of well logs and other formation evaluation techniques.
- **Application:** Electrical properties and wettability data improve the accuracy of water saturation estimates and hydrocarbon reserve calculations.

II.4 Challenges and Considerations

- **Sample Integrity:** SCAL requires high-quality core samples that accurately represent the reservoir conditions. Core handling and preservation are critical to maintaining sample integrity.
- **Data Interpretation:** SCAL produces complex data that require careful interpretation. The results must be integrated with other reservoir data for comprehensive reservoir evaluation.
- **Cost and Time:** SCAL is more expensive and time-consuming than Routine Core Analysis. However, the detailed data it provides are invaluable for high-stakes decisions in reservoir management.

II.5 Parameters Measurements in Special Core Analysis

II.5.1 Capillary Pressure

- **Definition:** Capillary pressure is the pressure difference between two immiscible fluids at the interface within the pores, controlling the distribution and movement of fluids in the reservoir.
- **Measurement:** Capillary pressure can be measured using mercury injection capillary pressure (MICP), centrifuge methods, or porous plate methods. Each method has its advantages depending on the range of pressures and fluid types involved.

II.5.2 mercury injection capillary pressure (MICP)

The mercury capillary pressure apparatus was developed to accelerate determination of the capillary pressure vs. saturation relationship. These tests can only be carried out on cleaned, dried test plugs. Mercury is normally a non-wetting fluid. The core sample is inserted into a core chamber and evacuated (**Figure II. 1**). The pressure in the system, effectively the differential

across the mercury/vacuum interface, is raised in stages to force mercury enter to the core sample. The volume of mercury which has entered the pores at each pressure (as non-wetting phase saturation) is determined from volumetric readings, and the proportion of the pore space filled can be calculated. This procedure is continued until the core sample is filled with mercury or the injection pressure reach to some pre-determined value. These data gives the drainage curve. Further readings can be taken as the pressure is lowered to provide data for the imbibition case.

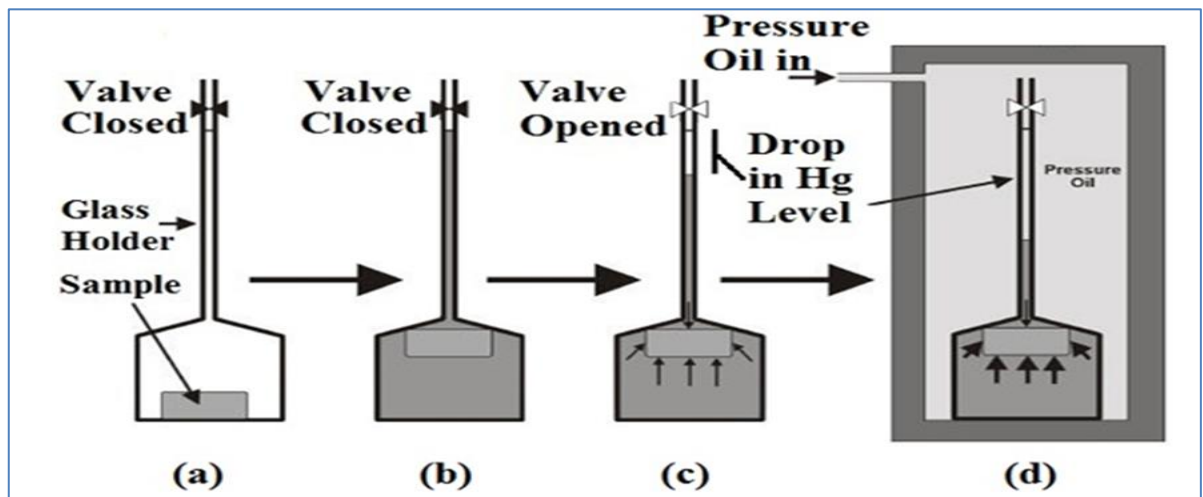


Figure II.1 Mercury Injection Method[16]

- (a): Dried Sample is Evacuated
- (b): Mercury is added while the system remains evacuated
- (c): Atmospheric Pressure is applied to the system allowing the mercury to enter the larger pores (Macropores)
- (d): pressure is raised to 60,000 psi allowing Hg to enter progressively smaller pores.

The drop in the Hg level gives the volume of the pores saturated with Hg at each pressure level. It is possible from the capillary pressure curve to calculate the average size of the pores making up a stated fraction of the total pore space. The volume of mercury injected into the pores at a given pressure is usually expressed as a proportion of the total pore space, and is presented as a pore size distribution, (**Figure II.2**) or converted to oil or gas-brine data using appropriate contact angles and interfacial tensions. Typical conversions are given below:

$$\frac{pc(\text{gas-brine})}{pc(\text{air-mercury})} = \frac{\frac{2\sigma_{\text{gas-brine}} \cos\theta}{r}}{\frac{2\sigma_{\text{air-mercury}} \cos\theta}{r}} = \frac{72 \cos\theta}{480 \cos 130} \dots\dots (2.1)$$

$$Pc(\text{gas-brine}) = 0.233 * pc(\text{air-mercury}) \dots\dots\dots (2.2)$$

$$\frac{pc(\text{oil-brine})}{pc(\text{air-mercury})} = \frac{\frac{2\sigma_{\text{oil-brine}} \cos\theta}{r}}{\frac{2\sigma_{\text{air-mercury}} \cos\theta}{r}} = \frac{25 \cos 30}{480 \cos 130} \dots\dots\dots (2.3)$$

$$Pc(\text{oil-brine}) = 0.070 * pc(\text{air-mercury}) \dots\dots\dots (2.4)$$

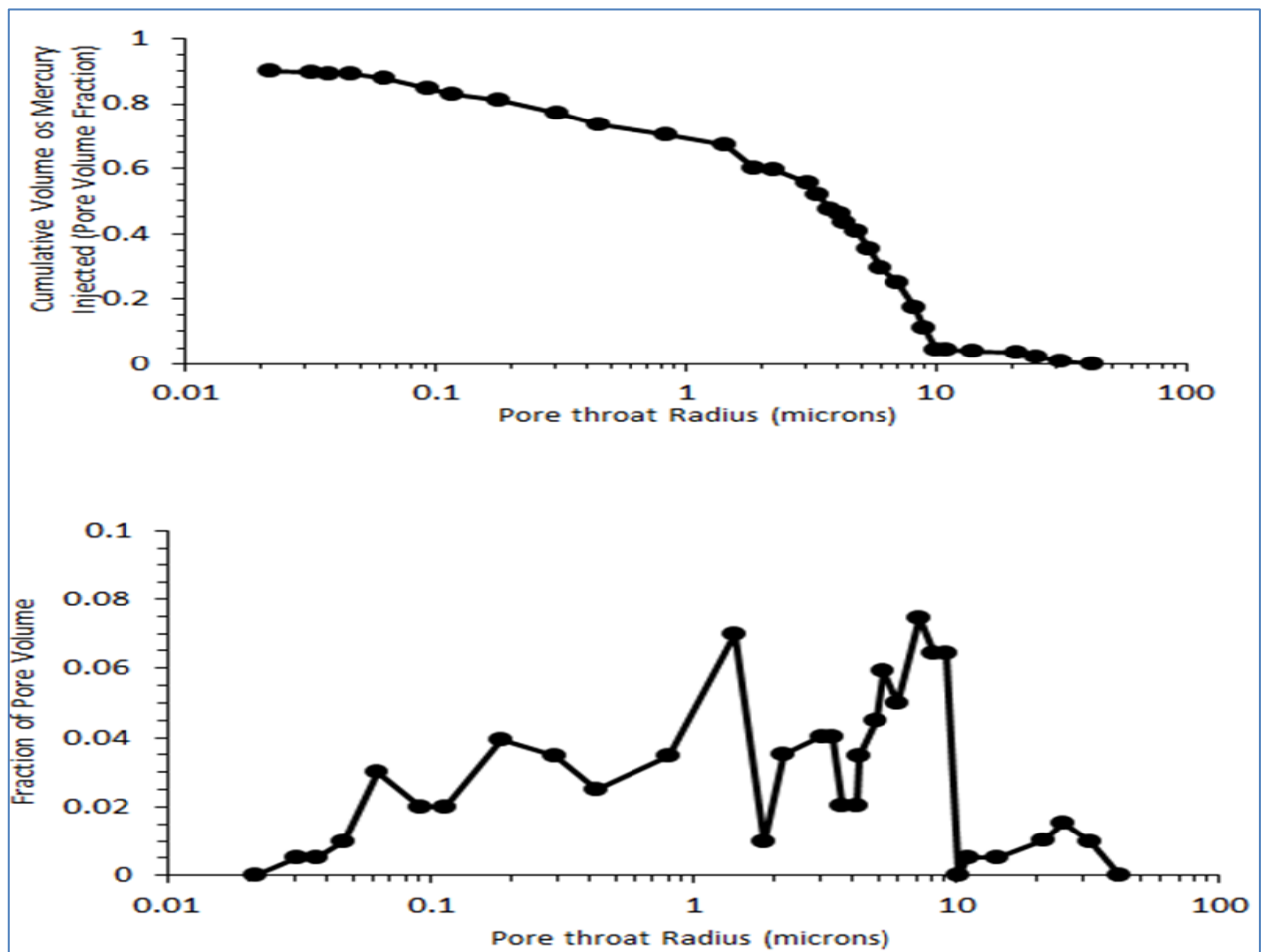


Figure II.2 Pore Size Distribution from Mercury Injection Test[16]

Two important advantages of this method are

- The time for determination is reduced to a few hours
- The range of pressure investigation increased (between 0 to 60,000 psi), At 60,000 psia mercury is forced through pore throat diameters as small as 36 Å.

Two most important disadvantages of this method are

- The data obtained apply to a system containing a fully wetting phase and a fully non-wetting phase. The capillary pressure data obtained will not necessarily apply to pores containing fluids showing partial wetting preferences.
- Permanent loss of the core sample.

II.5.3 centrifuge methods

In this method injection pressure (capillary pressure PC) applied through centrifugal force. The high acceleration in the centrifuge increases the field of force on the fluids, subjecting the core, in effect, to an increased gravitational force. In other words, it relies upon increasing the 'g' term in the equation:

$$P_{ob} - P_{wb} = P_{non\ wet} - P_{wet} = (\rho_w - \rho_o)gh = P_c \dots \dots (2.5)$$

When the sample is rotated at various constant speeds, a complete capillary pressure curve can be obtained. The speed of rotation is converted to capillary pressure using the following equation:

$$P_c(psi) = 7.9e^{-8} \times (\rho_1 - \rho_2) \times \omega^2 \times (r_b^2 - r_t^2) \dots \dots (2.6)$$

Where:

- r_b = radius of rotation of the bottom of core sample
- r_t = radius of rotation of the top of the core sample
- ω = rotational speed

For the oil-water drainage cycle, water fully saturated core samples are immersed in oil in specially designed core holders. Starting at a low rpm setting, the amount of brine expelled from the plug is noted for a given rate of rotation. A calibrated glass vial is attached to the end of the sample. The volume of fluid being deposited in this vial can be read while the centrifuge is spinning fast. Thus, the saturation can be obtained. The rate is then increased in stages and

produced water volumes are recorded for each rotation speed to give the drainage curve. The most important advantage of this method is its speed of obtaining data. A complete curve may be obtained in a few hours.

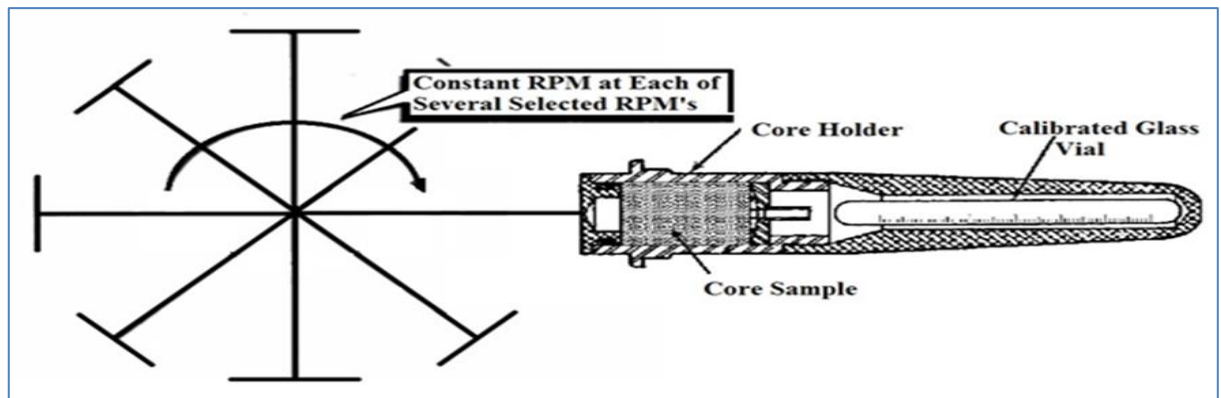


Figure II.3 Centrifugal Apparatus[16]

II.5.4 Porous plate methods

The essential requirement of this method is a permeable membrane of uniform pore size distribution containing pore of such size that the selected displacing fluid will not penetrate the diaphragm when the pressure applied to the displacing phase are below some selected maximum pressure of investigation. Various materials such as fritted glass, porcelain, and cellophane could be used as diaphragm in this test. The membrane is saturated with the fluid to be displaced (Wetting phase). Any combination of the fluids can be used: gas, oil and/or water. In the gas-water system, gas is the non-wetting phase and water is wetting phase. Air is used as the gas fluid sample commonly. As the first step saturate the core sample with wetting phase (water here), then placing the core on a porous membrane which is saturated 100% with water and is permeable to the water only, under the pressure drops imposed during the experiment. Air is then admitted into the core chamber and the pressure is increased until a small amount of water is displaced through the porous, semi-permeable membrane into the graduated cylinder. Pressure is held constant until no more water is displaced, which may require several days or even several weeks. By measuring the exited water volume and using rock pore volume, saturation change in each step could be calculated:

$$\text{Saturation} = \frac{\text{pore volume} - \text{exited water volume}}{\text{time}} \dots\dots (2.7)$$

At each step the applied pressure is actually the capillary pressure which was defined as non-wetting phase pressure (nitrogen applied pressure here) minus wetting phase pressure (water pressure equal to zero), so the pressure data can be plotted as capillary pressure data

versus wetting phase (water) saturation. **Figure II.4** shows schematically porous diaphragm capillary pressure device.

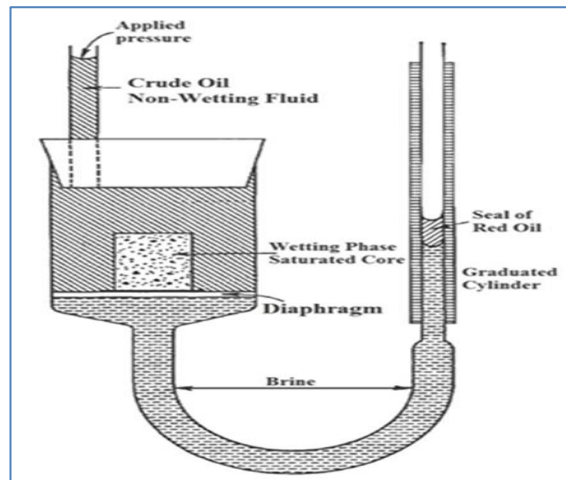


Figure II.4 Porous Diaphragm Capillary Pressure Device[16]

Importance: Capillary pressure data helps in understanding fluid distribution, determining initial water saturation, and designing EOR processes.

II.6 Wettability

- **Definition:** Wettability describes the tendency of a fluid to spread on or adhere to a solid surface in the presence of other immiscible fluids. It influences the relative permeability and capillary pressure of the reservoir rock.
- **Measurement:** Wettability is typically assessed using the contact angle measurement, Amott-Harvey index, or USBM (U.S. Bureau of Mines) method.

II.6.1 The contact angle measurement

This involves the direct observation and measurement of wetting angles on small rock samples. One of the most popular methods for measuring the contact angle is the ‘sessile drop method’, which involves depositing a liquid drop on a smooth solid surface and measuring the angle between the solid surface and the tangent to the drop profile at the drop edge. In most of the case the drop is small enough, thus, the gravity action can be neglected. The deposited drop deforms from its initial spherical shape, flattens to form a small cap of liquid and eventually reaches its equilibrium state. **Figure II .5** shows a schematic diagram of a liquid drop spreading on a solid surface. During the spreading process, the liquid drop will form the so-called ‘dynamic contact angle’ with the solid surface, $\theta_c(t)$, and spread out along the horizontal axis. With the increase of the contact radius of the drop, $R(t)$, the drop will become thinner and its

central height $h(t)$, will decrease in order to meet a constant value. The spreading process will continue until the so-called ‘equilibrium contact angle’ is achieved. This contact angle represents the wettability of solid–liquid–fluid system and can be related to the interfacial tensions of the system by the Young equation.

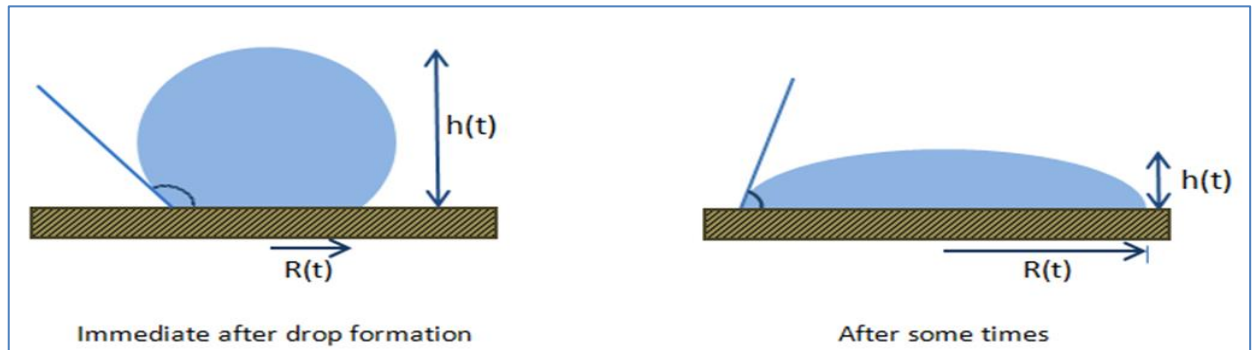


Figure II.5 Liquid Drop Spreading on a Solid Surface[16]

The measurements are extremely difficult, and good data relies more on luck than judgment. There are several issues that must be addressed when measuring contact angles for determining reservoir properties:

- Surface roughness and history of which fluid first contacted the surface will affect the measured value of the contact angle.
- Rock-fluid interaction (e.g. solubility, pH, ions in the aqueous phase, polar groups in crude oil, etc.) will affect the value of the contact angle.
- Polished solids (quartz, calcite) may not be representative of solid surfaces in porous media.
- Time to reach equilibrium (when the contact angle is independent of time) may vary from seconds to days or years.

Consequently, the contact angle measured in the laboratory may not represent the natural wettability of the system under examination.

II.6.2 Amott wettability measurements

This is a macroscopic mean wettability of a rock to given fluids. It involves the measurement of the amount of fluids spontaneously and forcibly imbibed by a rock sample. It has no validity as an absolute measurement, but is industry standard for comparing the wettability of various core plugs. The Amott method (**Figure II.6**) involves four basic measurements. (Figure) shows how to use measured Amott test data:

- The amount of water or brine spontaneously imbibed = the amount of produced oil in step 1, AB.
- The amount of water or brine forcibly imbibed = the amount of produced oil in step 2, BC.
- The amount of oil spontaneously imbibed = the amount of produced water in step 3, CD
- The amount of oil forcibly imbibed = the amount of produced water in step 4, DA

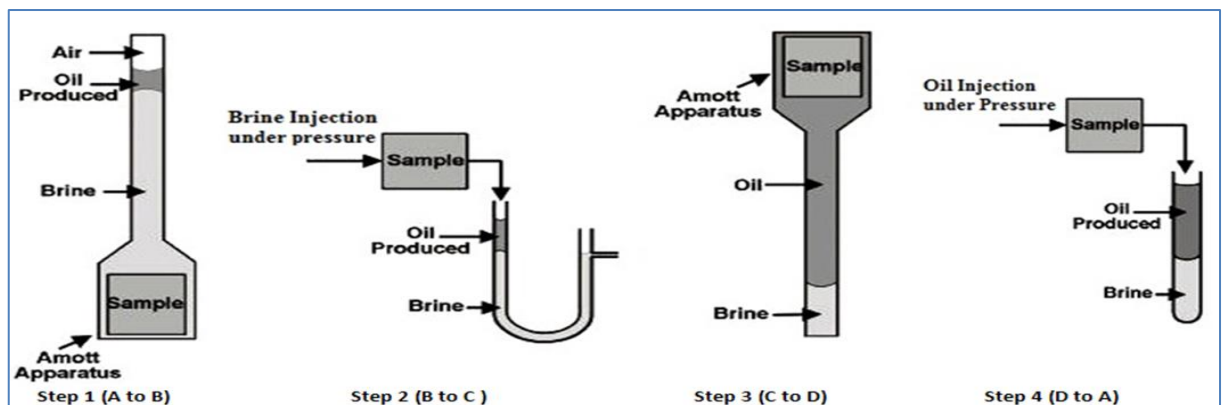


Figure II.6 Amott Wettability Test [16]

Initially the core sample is saturated with oil at initial water saturation (point X in Figure 2). The spontaneous measurements are carried out by placing the sample in a container containing a known volume of the fluid to be imbibed such that it is completely submerged (steps 1 and 3 in **Figure II.6**) for water and oil respectively), and measuring the volume of the fluid displaced by the imbibing fluid (step 1 and step 3 of **Figure II.6**). The forced measurements are carried out by injection of the ‘imbibing’ fluid through the rock sample and measuring the amount of the displaced fluid (steps 2 and 4 in (**Figure II.1**)). The important measurements are the spontaneous imbibition steps of oil and water, and the total (spontaneous and forced) imbibitions of oil and water. Water-wet samples only spontaneously imbibe water, oil-wet samples only spontaneously imbibe oil, and those that spontaneously imbibe neither are called neutrally-wet. The wettability ratios for oil (AB/AC) or water (CD/CA) are the ratios of

the spontaneous imbibition to the total imbibition of each fluid. A water-wet system should have an Amott Index for water close to 1 and its Amott Index for oil is close to zero. An oil-wet system should have an Amott index to water close to 1, an Amott index to oil close to zero.

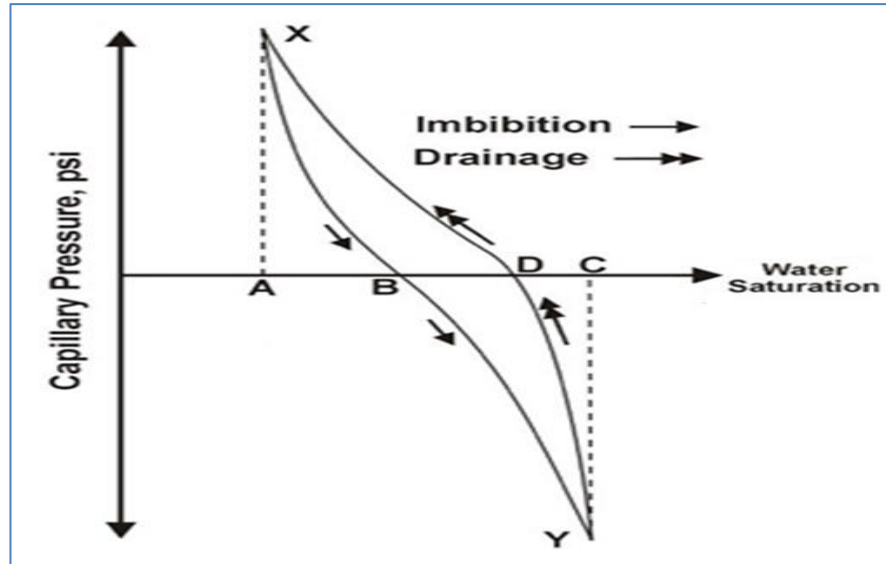


Figure II.7 Amott Index Calculation[16]

In general, use the samples to be measured are centrifuged or flooded with brine, and then flooding or centrifuging in oil to obtain S_{wi} . The standard Amott method is then followed. At the end of the experiment the so called Amott-Harvey wettability index is calculated:

$$\text{Oil index} = \frac{\text{spontaneous oil imbibition}}{\text{total oil imbibition}} = \frac{CD}{CA} \dots (2.8)$$

$$\text{Water index} = \frac{\text{spontaneous water imbibition}}{\text{total water imbibition}} = \frac{AB}{AC} \dots (2.9)$$

II.6.3 USBM (U.S. Bureau of Mines) method

X This is a macroscopic mean wettability of a rock to given fluids. It is similar to the Amott method but considers the work required to do a forced fluid displacement. As with the Amott method, it has no validity as an absolute measurement, but is industrial standard method for comparing the wettability of various core plugs. It is usually done by centrifuge, and the wettability index W is calculated from the areas under the capillary pressure curves A_1 and A_2 :

$$W = \log \frac{A_1}{A_2} \dots (2.10)$$

where, A_1 is the area under the drainage curve and A_2 is the area under the imbibition curve as are shown in Figure. A water-wet system should have a relatively large positive USBM Index while an oil-wet system should have a relatively large negative USBM index.

Note that in this case the initial conditions of the rock are $S_w=100\%$, and an initial flood down to S_{wi} is required (shown as step 1 in **Figure II.8**), although either case may be necessary for either the Amott or USBM methods. **Figure II.8** shows typical USBM test curves for water wet, oil wet and neutrally wet cores [10].

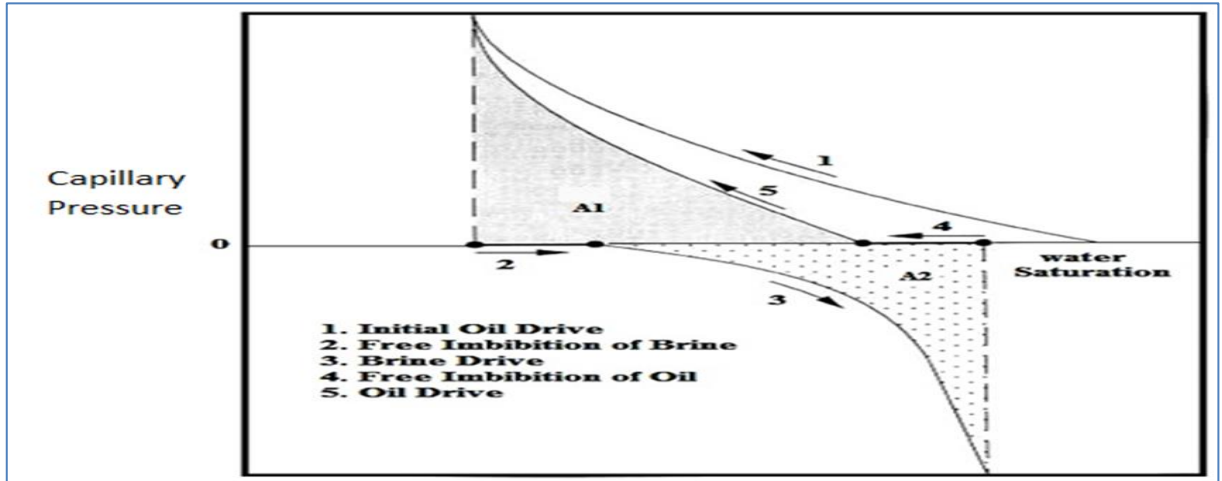


Figure II.8 USBM Index Calculation [16]

The contact angle measures the wettability of a specific surface, while the Amott and USBM methods measure the average wettability of a core.

Importance: Wettability affects fluid distribution and recovery efficiency. A reservoir with favorable wettability conditions will generally yield higher oil recovery.

II.7 Electrical Properties

- **Definition:** Electrical properties, such as resistivity and conductivity, of the rock and fluids are critical for interpreting well logs and calculating water saturation.
- **Measurement:** These properties are measured using formation factor and resistivity index tests, which relate the electrical resistivity of the rock to its porosity and fluid saturation.

II.7.1 Formation Resistivity Factor

Porous media consist of mineral, rock fragments and void space. The solids with exception of certain clay minerals (such as shaly sands where clay shales produce electrical conductivity) are nonconductive. Generally, the electrical property of a rock depends on void space geometry and the fluids that occupy the void space. The fluid of interest for petroleum engineers are oil, gas and water. Oil and gas are nonconductor and water is conductive when contains dissolved salts. Water has electrolyte conductivity, because electricity conducted by

movement of ions. The resistivity term, as the reciprocal of conductivity, is used to define the ability of a material to conduct current [10]:

$$R = \frac{rA}{L} \dots\dots\dots (2.11)$$

Where:

- r = resistance, ohm
- R = resistivity of, ohm-cm
- A = Cross section area, cm^2
- L = Length, cm

“Formation Resistivity Factor” is the most fundamental concept in considering electrical properties of rock:

$$F = \frac{R_o}{R_w} \dots\dots\dots (2.12)$$

Where:

- R_o = Resistivity of fully water saturated rock
- R_w = Saturating water resistivity

Measurements showed that F varies more than just in inverse proportion to porosity. The first relationship between F and Φ was suggested by Archie (1942):

$$F = \Phi^{-m} \dots\dots (2.13)$$

Where m is “cementation exponent” and its value is usually between 1.3 to 2.5 for various types of rocks. For clean and uniform size sands: $a = 1$ and $m = 2$. More general form of the Archie’s law is:

$$F = a \times \Phi^{-m} \dots\dots\dots (2.14)$$

Where a is an intercept. Generally, a logarithmic plot of F versus Φ is used to find a and m value for a special sample.

According to the presented formula it can be shown that the following variables have effects on the resistivity of natural porous media:

- Temperature
- Water salinity
- Porosity

- Pore geometry
- Formation stress
- Rock composition
- Degree of cementation
- Type of pore system inter-crystalline
- Sorting and Packing (in particulate system) [16].

Importance: Accurate electrical property data are necessary for reliable interpretation of well logs and for estimating hydrocarbon volumes

II.8 Relative Permeability

- **Definition:** Relative permeability is the ratio of the effective permeability of a particular fluid to the absolute permeability of the rock, measured as a function of the saturation of that fluid.
- **Measurement:** Relative permeability is typically measured using steady-state or unsteady-state methods. The steady-state method involves injecting two or more fluids at a constant rate until equilibrium is reached, while the unsteady-state method tracks the changing saturation and pressure over time.

II.8.1 Steady State (SS)

The steady-state approach, both fluids are injected simultaneously; the flow rate and pressure drop are measured to find the relative permeability. Then, we can calculate relative and effective permeability. After that, the injection rates are changed to obtain a new set of relative permeability points.

The time required it depends of the absolute permeability.

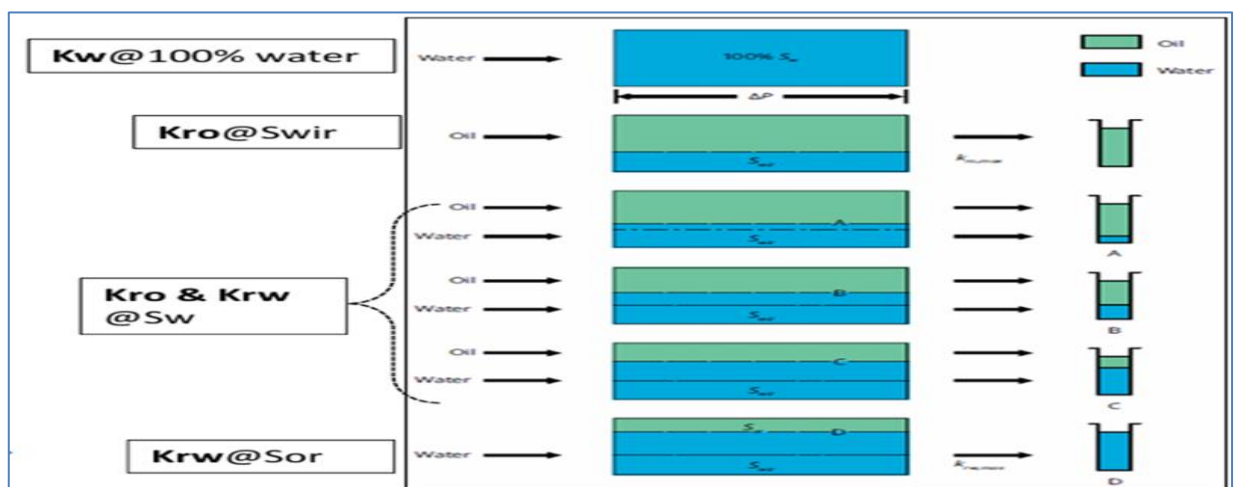


Figure II.9 steady state [21]

II.8.2 Unsteady State (USS)

In an unsteady-state measurement (also referred to as displacement method)

- Sample is 100% saturated with formation brine and absolute water permeability k_w determined.
- Initial water saturation S_{wi} is established by oil (or gas) flooding until brine production ceases. Also, effective oil permeability to water k_{ro} is determined at S_{wi}

Formation brine is injected at a constant rate, then record:

- Volume of injected fluid vs. time
- Volume of produced fluid vs. time
- Differential pressure across core vs. time

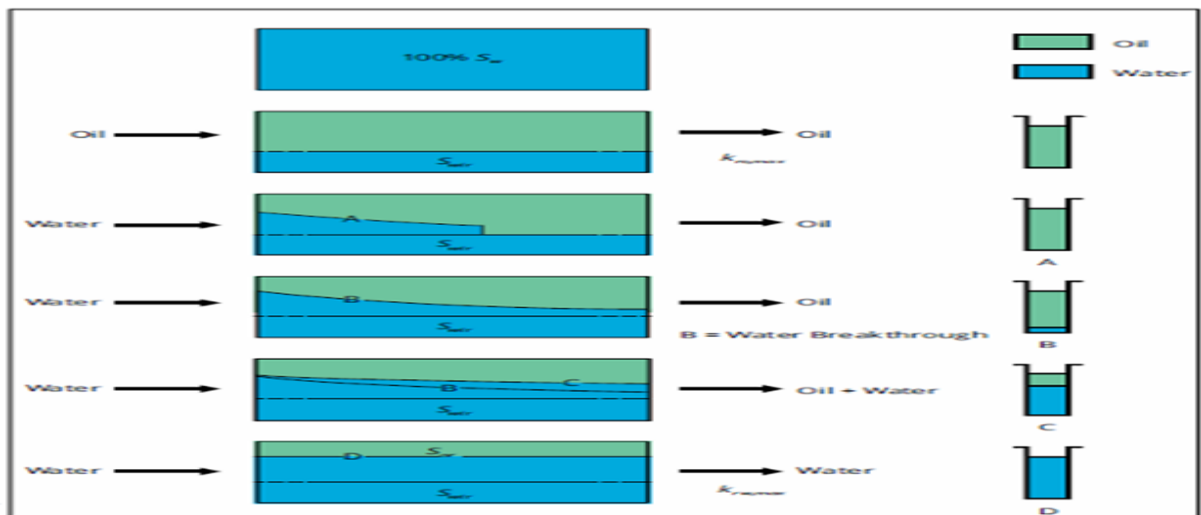


Figure II.10 unsteady state[21]

II.8.3 Buckley Leverett Theory

Darcy law :

$$f_w = \frac{q_w}{q_w + q_o} \dots (2.15), \quad q_t = \frac{KA}{L} \Delta P \left(\frac{k_{rw}}{\mu_w} + \frac{k_{ro}}{\mu_o} \right) \dots (2.16), \quad M = \frac{qt}{(KA/L)\Delta P} \dots (2.17)$$

$$f_w = \frac{\frac{k_{rw}}{\mu_w}}{\frac{k_{rw}}{\mu_w} + \frac{k_{ro}}{\mu_o}} = \frac{k_{rw}}{M} \dots (2.18)$$

final expression for relative permeabilities

$$k_{rw} = f_w M \mu_w \dots (2.19)$$

$$k_{ro} = (1 - f_w) M \mu_o \dots (2.20)$$

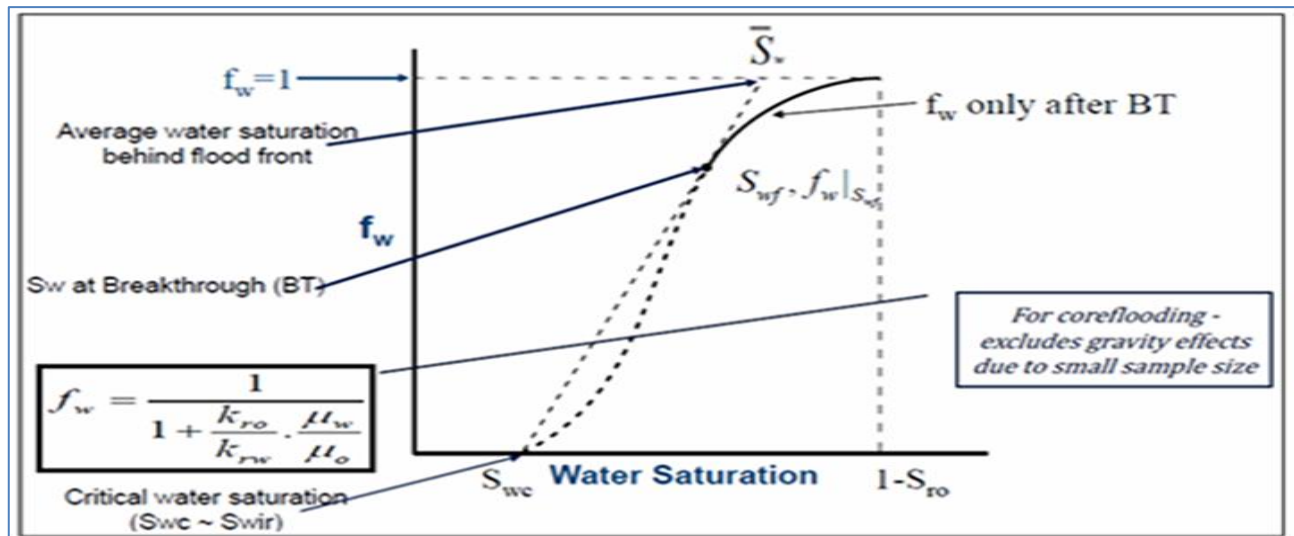


Figure II.11 Buckley Leverett Theory[21]

II.8.4 Fundamental Concepts

- **Water phase:** Water is located in smaller pore spaces and along sand grains. Therefore, relative permeability to water is a function of water saturation only (i.e., it does not matter what the relative amounts of oil and gas are).

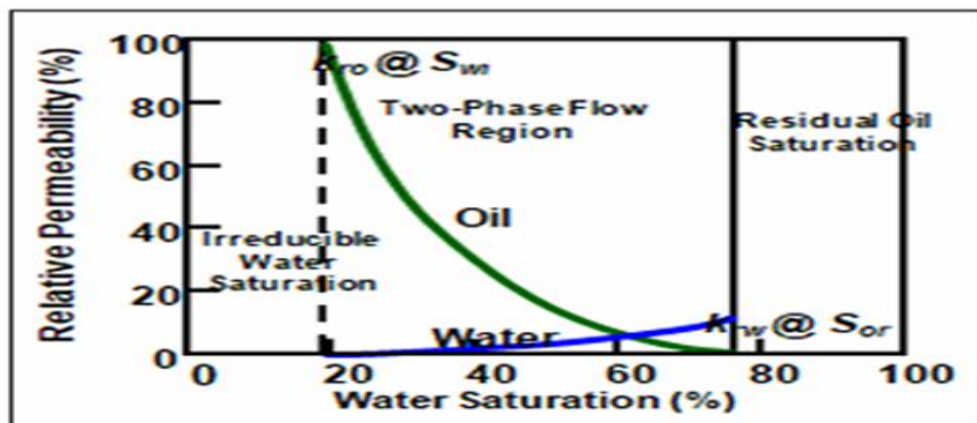


Figure II.12 fundamental concepts water phase [15]

- **Oil phase:** Oil is located between water and gas in the pore spaces, and to a certain extent, in the smaller pores. Thus, relative permeability to oil is a function of oil, water, and gas saturations. If the water saturation can be considered constant (i.e., the minimum interstitial water saturation)

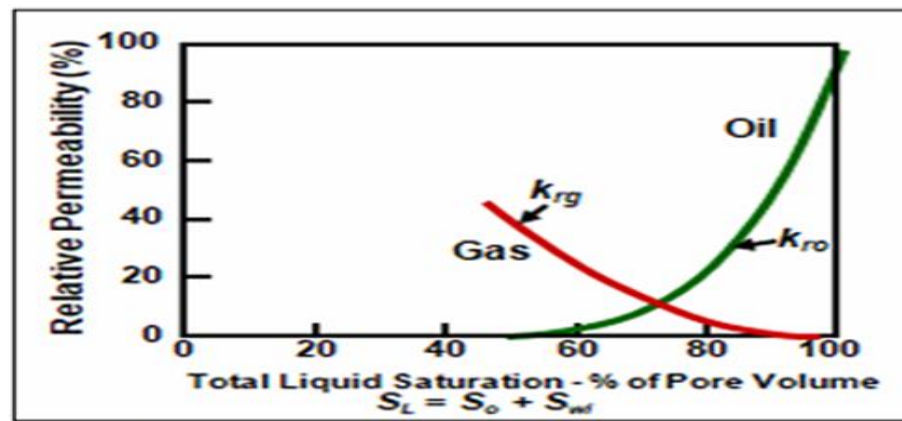


Figure II.13 fundamental concepts oil phase [15]

➤ Gas phase

Gas is located in the center of the larger pores. Therefore, the relative permeability to gas is a function of gas saturation only (i.e., it does not matter what the relative amounts of oil and water).

II.8.3 Empirical Technique:

Due to the challenges associated with measurement, empirical models are occasionally employed to estimate relative permeability. While this alternative is not an ideal substitute for laboratory measurements, these models are often used to extrapolate limited laboratory data. Several predictive models have been proposed, with one idealizing the porous medium as a bundle of capillaries. Flow through a single capillary is mathematically described, and then total flow through the entire set of capillaries is obtained using the concept of capillary pressure. Published models based on this strategy include Corey's model for drainage. Statistical methods have also been used to describe the randomness of pore size distribution in porous media. These models require two-phase relative permeability values as parameters.

II.9 Corey and LET Relative Permeability Models

Overview

Analytical relative permeability models offer mathematical formulations for k-r curves that do not require empirical correlations. These models are widely used when:

- Laboratory data is unavailable for screening studies and concept evaluations
- Sensitivity analysis is needed to test the impact of wettability and rock parameters
- Quick estimates are required for preliminary reservoir simulation inputs

- Interpolation/extrapolation is necessary to extend measured data beyond tested ranges [9].

II.9.1 Corey models

Several models can be used to express relative permeability curves that are mainly used to smooth experimental data or represent relative permeability in geological models. The most commonly used models are the Corey models 1956:

water/oil system

$$k_{ro} = k_{rocw} \left[\frac{1 - S_w - S_{orw}}{1 - S_{iw} - S_{orw}} \right]^{n_{ow}} \dots (2.21)$$

$$k_{rw} = k_{rwro} \left[\frac{S_w - S_{iw}}{1 - S_{iw} - S_{orw}} \right]^{n_{rw}} \dots (2.22)$$

gas/water system

$$k_{rg} = k_{rgcw} \left[\frac{S_g - S_{gc}}{1 - S_{gc} - S_{iw}} \right]^{n_g} \dots (2.23)$$

$$k_{rw} = k_{rwgc} \left[\frac{S_w - S_{iw}}{1 - S_{iw}} \right]^{n_{rw}} \dots (2.24)$$

gas/oil system

$$k_{rog} = k_{rocw} \left[\frac{S_o - S_{iw} - S_{org}}{1 - S_{iw} - S_{org}} \right]^{n_g} \dots (2.25)$$

$$k_{rgo} = k_{rgro} \left[\frac{S_g - S_{go}}{1 - S_{gc} - S_{iw} - S_{org}} \right]^{n_o} \dots (2.26)$$

List of all the parameters associated with the Corey curves.	
Parameter	Definition
k_{rw}	Water relative permeability
k_{ro}	Oil relative permeability
$k_{rw, max}$	Maximum water relative permeability
$k_{ro, max}$	Maximum oil relative permeability
S_w	Water saturation (you need to input the water saturation values between S_{wir} – $1 - S_{or}$ of your system)
S_{wir}	Irreducible water saturation
S_{or}	Residual oil saturation
n	Corey's water exponent
m	Corey's oil exponent



Typical Oil and Water Corey Exponents		
Wettability	No (k_{ro})	Nw (k_{rw})
Water-wet	2–4	5–8
Intermediate-wet	4–6	3–5
Oil-wet	6–8	2–3

Figure II.14 corey models [9]

II.9.2 LET Three-Parameter Model (2005)

Development and Background Lomeland, Ebeltoft, and Thomas (2005) developed the LET correlation to overcome the limitations of traditional models, such as those by Corey, Sigmund-McCaffery, and Chierici, when modeling relative permeability across the entire saturation range. The model addresses the following:

- S-behavior at low water saturations, as observed in mixed-wet to weakly water-wet systems
- Flexibility to match steady-state experimental data without creating breaks in the curve

- A smooth representation suitable for both SCAL interpretation and reservoir simulation
- Mathematical Formulation [7]. [13]

Water-Oil System For water injection with oil production:

$$S_{wn} = \frac{S_w - S_{wi}}{1 - S_{wi} - S_{orw}} \dots\dots(2.27)$$

$$K_{row} = k_{ro}^x * \frac{(1 - S_{wn})L_o^w}{(1 - S_{wn})L_o^w + E_o^w T_o^w} \dots\dots\dots(2.28)$$

$$K_{rw} = k_{rw}^o * \frac{S_{wn}L_w^o}{S_{wn}L_w^o + E_w^o T_w^o} \dots\dots\dots(2.29)$$

Where:

- S_{wn} = normalized water saturation, fraction
- S_{wi} = irreducible water saturation, fraction
- S_{orw} = residual oil saturation to water, fraction
- k_{ro}^x = oil endpoint relative permeability at $S_w = S_{wi}$, fraction
- k_{rw}^o = water endpoint relative permeability at $S_w = 1 - S_{orw}$, fraction
- L_o^w, E_o^w, T_o^w = LET parameters for oil (subscript = phase, superscript = displacing phase)
- L_w^o, E_w^o, T_w^o = LET parameters for water [12]

Table II.1 Applicability and Limitations Corey and LET [7].

model	Applicability and limitations	
	Recommended	Not recommended
Corey	- Screening studies with no SCAL data - Sensitivity analysis (varying n values) - Analytical solutions requiring simple k_r forms - Historical models requiring Corey formulation	- Precise history matching (insufficient flexibility) - Complex wettability systems - Fractured reservoirs with dual porosity
LET	- SCAL data interpretation (steady-state experiments) - History matching with limited measured data - Systems exhibiting S-behavior (mixed-wet, weakly water-wet) - Field-scale simulations requiring accurate breakthrough prediction - Sensitivity analysis with better physical meaning of parameters - Automated optimization workflows (smooth derivatives)	- First-pass screening with zero data (use Corey instead) - Simple systems that are well-represented by power laws (adding unnecessary complexity)

Importance of Relative Permeability

Data Relative permeability data influence the flow of fluids in the reservoir. Relative permeability curves determine how much oil, gas, and water are flowing relative to each other

- Relative permeability data affect the flow characteristics of reservoir fluids.

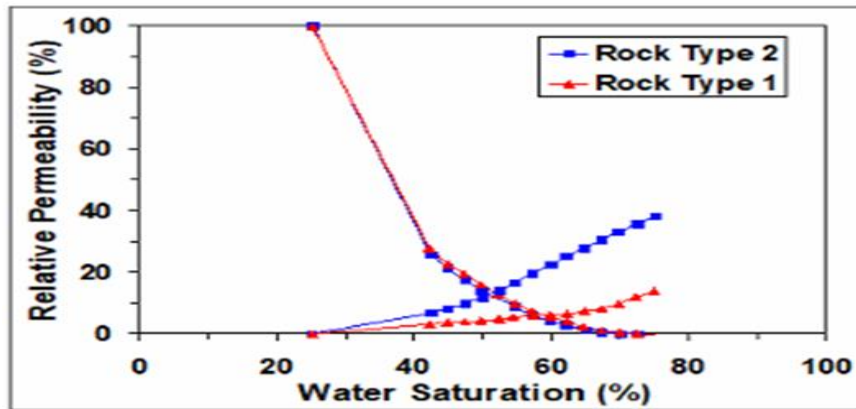


Figure II.15 Relative permeability affects the flow characteristics[21]

The oil relative permeability, k_{ro} , is almost the same for the two sets, however, the water relative permeability, k_{rw} , is different.

- Relative permeability data affect the recovery of oil and/or gas.

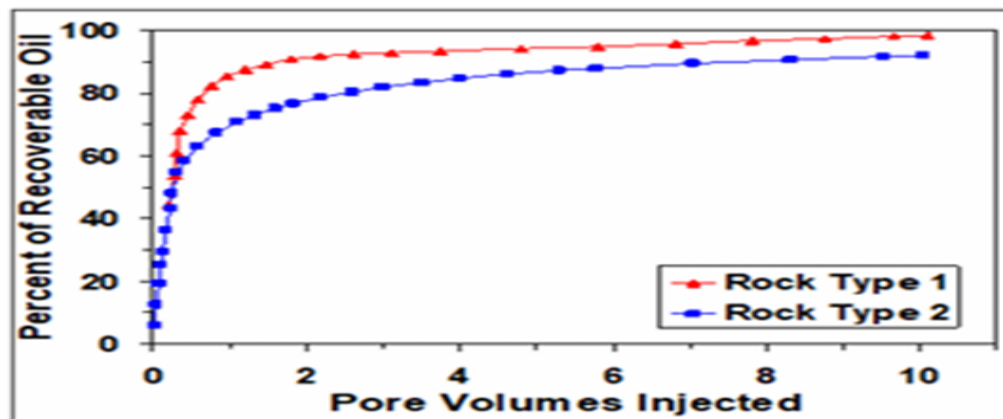


Figure II.16 relative permeability affects the recovery of oil and gas[21]

In rock type 1, water breakthrough (water reaches the producer) occurs later in time than rock type 2 because of the shape of the relative permeability data.

Chapter III : Modelization

III.1 Introduction

Accurate characterization of fluid flow behavior in porous media is a cornerstone of effective reservoir engineering and management. Among the critical parameters governing this behavior, relative permeability curves play a definitive role in predicting fluid production rates, optimizing recovery strategies, and managing water or gas injection schemes.

Traditionally, relative permeability characteristics are determined through Special Core Analysis (SCAL). While SCAL data provides highly accurate, direct measurements of rock-fluid interactions, the process is notoriously time-consuming, expensive, and provides localized data that is sparse across the entire reservoir volume.

Conversely, well log data is continuously available across multiple intervals and wells but lacks direct information regarding dynamic fluid flow properties. To bridge this data gap, this project introduces an AI-Based Prediction of Relative Permeability Curves from Well Logs and Core Data for Enhanced Reservoir Simulation Accuracy. By leveraging the robust pattern-recognition capabilities of machine learning, this methodology aims to synthesize continuous well log responses with discrete core analysis data to predict crucial Corey parameters such as critical water saturation (S_{wc}), residual oil saturation (S_{or}), and endpoints (k_{rw_end} , k_{ro_end}). The primary objective of this study is to develop and validate an intelligent framework capable of accurately predicting these relative permeability curves and seamlessly integrating them into a Petrel-based reservoir simulation workflow. By populating dynamic simulation models with AI-driven, continuous relative permeability curves rather than relying on generalized rock-typing averages, this approach seeks to significantly minimize geological uncertainty, match historical production data more closely, and ultimately enhance the overall predictive accuracy of reservoir simulation models. [18]

In this study we focus on:

➤ **Data Fusion**

Integrating petrophysical well logs (e.g., Porosity, Permeability, Gamma Ray, Resistivity) with core-derived Corey exponents to train intelligent predictive models

Comparing advanced machine learning techniques (such as Artificial Neural Networks, Random Forest, and XGBoost) to establish the most reliable and stable predictive model for non-linear reservoir data.

➤ Workflow Integration

Directly importing the predicted dynamic parameters into Petrel software to create high-resolution, field-wide simulation grids. [14]

III.2 Methodology

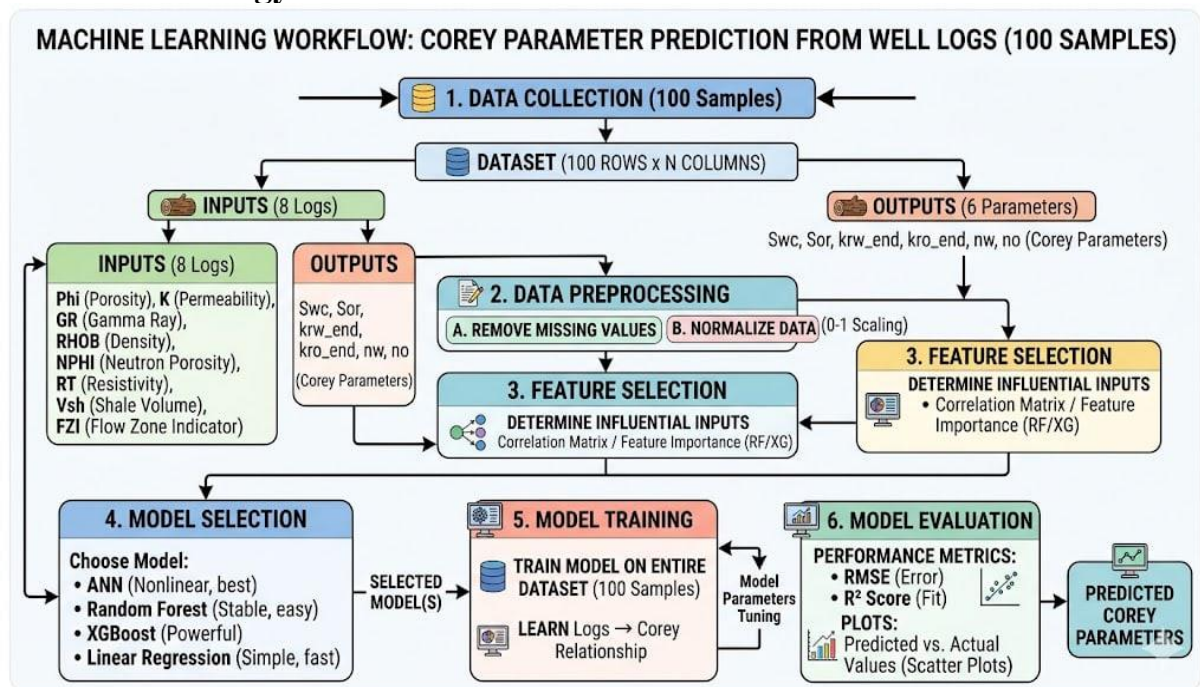


Figure III.1 methodology of machine learning workflow [8]

This flowchart illustrates a structured Machine Learning Workflow designed to predict reservoir dynamic properties specifically Corey Parameters using static physical measurements gathered from Well Logs (100 samples). [17]

In reservoir engineering, this process bridges the gap between easy-to-obtain logging data and expensive, time-consuming core analysis required for fluid flow simulation. Here is a detailed, step-by-step breakdown of the pipeline shown in the image:

➤ Data Collection & Dataset Structure

The workflow begins by organizing the raw data into a structured format containing 100 rows (samples).

This dataset is split into two distinct categories:

- Inputs (8 Petrophysical Logs): These are the independent variables fed into the models. They describe the physical and structural properties of the rock formations:
- Phi (Porosity): The percentage of void space in the rock.
- K (Permeability): The rock's ability to transmit fluids.
- GR (Gamma Ray): Measures natural radioactivity (used to identify shale content).
- RHOB (Density) & NPHI (Neutron Porosity): Used together to determine true porosity and lithology.
- RT (Resistivity): Measures fluid electrical resistance (helps differentiate water from hydrocarbons).
- Vsh (Shale Volume): The proportion of shale in the formation.
- FZI (Flow Zone Indicator): A unique metric used for rock typing based on hydraulic flow units.
- Outputs (6 Corey Parameters): These are the target dependent variables that define the Relative Permeability Curves needed for dynamic reservoir simulation:
- Swc: Connate (irreducible) water saturation.
- Sor: Residual oil saturation.
- krw_end & kro_end: Endpoints for water and oil relative permeabilities.
- nw & no: Corey exponents governing the curvature/shape of the fluid flow curves for water and oil[8].

➤ **Data Preprocessing**

Before the data can be used to train an AI model, it must be cleaned and uniform. The flowchart highlights two sub-steps:

- Remove Missing Values: Cleaning the 100 samples to ensure no null blocks break the mathematical training algorithms.
- Normalize Data (0–1 Scaling): Well logs have widely differing scales (e.g., Porosity spans from 0 to 0.3, while Gamma Ray can span from 0 to 150+). Scaling all inputs between a uniform range of 0 and 1 prevents logs with larger numerical values from dominating the machine learning calculations.[11].

➤ Feature Selection

Not every well log may have a strong mathematical impact on every Corey parameter. This step filters out noise and optimizes the model by:

- Using a Correlation Matrix to check for linear dependencies.
- Utilizing Feature Importance calculations (built into Random Forest or XGBoost) to rank which inputs actually affect the outputs.
- This ensures only the most influential variables pass into the training stage.

➤ Model Selection

The workflow outlines a comparison of four distinct algorithms, allowing the engineer to choose the best-suited model for the data:

Artificial Neural Network (ANN): Best for handling highly complex, non-linear relationships, though it requires careful tuning.

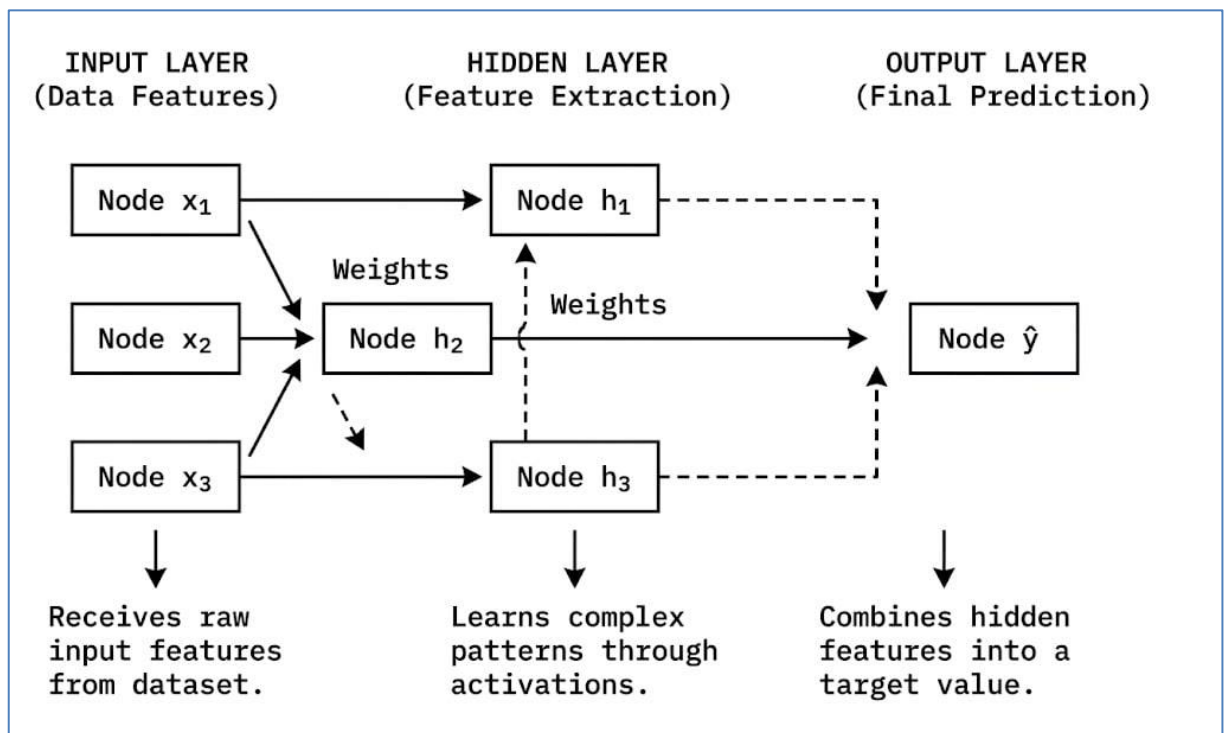


Figure III.2 Artificial Neural Network

- **The Input Layer**

This layer is the entry point for the dataset. It does not perform any mathematical calculations; it simply passes the raw feature values forward. The number of nodes in this layer matches the exact number of features (independent variables) in your dataset.

- **The Hidden Layer(s)**

This is where the actual machine learning happens. A network can have one hidden layer (shallow network) or multiple hidden layers (deep network).

- The nodes in this layer are **fully connected** to the nodes of the previous layer, meaning every input node connects to every hidden node.
- Each connection carries a specific **weight (w)** that scales the signal.
- These layers extract abstract features from the raw inputs, automatically discovering non-linear combinations that a human engineer might miss.
- **The Output Layer**

The final layer processes the features generated by the hidden layers to deliver the final prediction ($\hat{y}$)

- **For Regression:** It typically consists of a single node that outputs a continuous numeric value.
- **For Classification:** It contains one or more nodes (representing classes) that output probabilities.

Random Forest: An ensemble method that is highly stable, less prone to overfitting, and easy to configure.

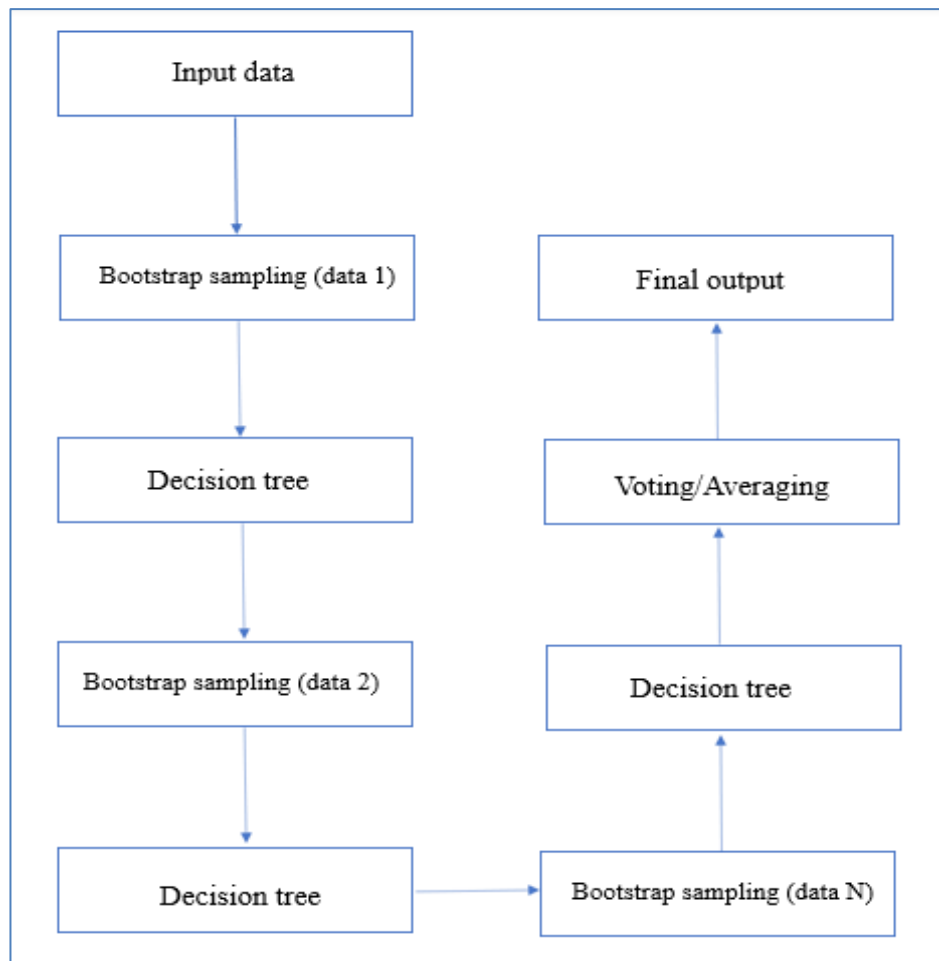


Figure III.3 Random Forest

- **Dataset Preparation**
 - Start with the original dataset.
 - Randomly sample subsets of the data **with replacement** (Bootstrap Sampling).
- **Tree Building**
 - For each bootstrap sample, build a **Decision Tree**.
 - At each split in the tree, choose the **best feature** from a **random subset of features** (feature bagging).
- **Prediction Aggregation**
 - **Classification:** Take the **majority vote** from all trees.
 - **Regression:** Take the **average** of predictions from all trees.

- **Final Output**

- The aggregated result is the final prediction.
- Bootstrap Sampling ensures each tree sees a slightly different dataset.
- Random Feature Selection at each split reduces correlation between trees.
- Ensemble Voting/Averaging makes the model more robust and less prone to overfitting compared to a single decision tree.

XGBoost: A powerful gradient-boosting algorithm known for top-tier accuracy and speed.

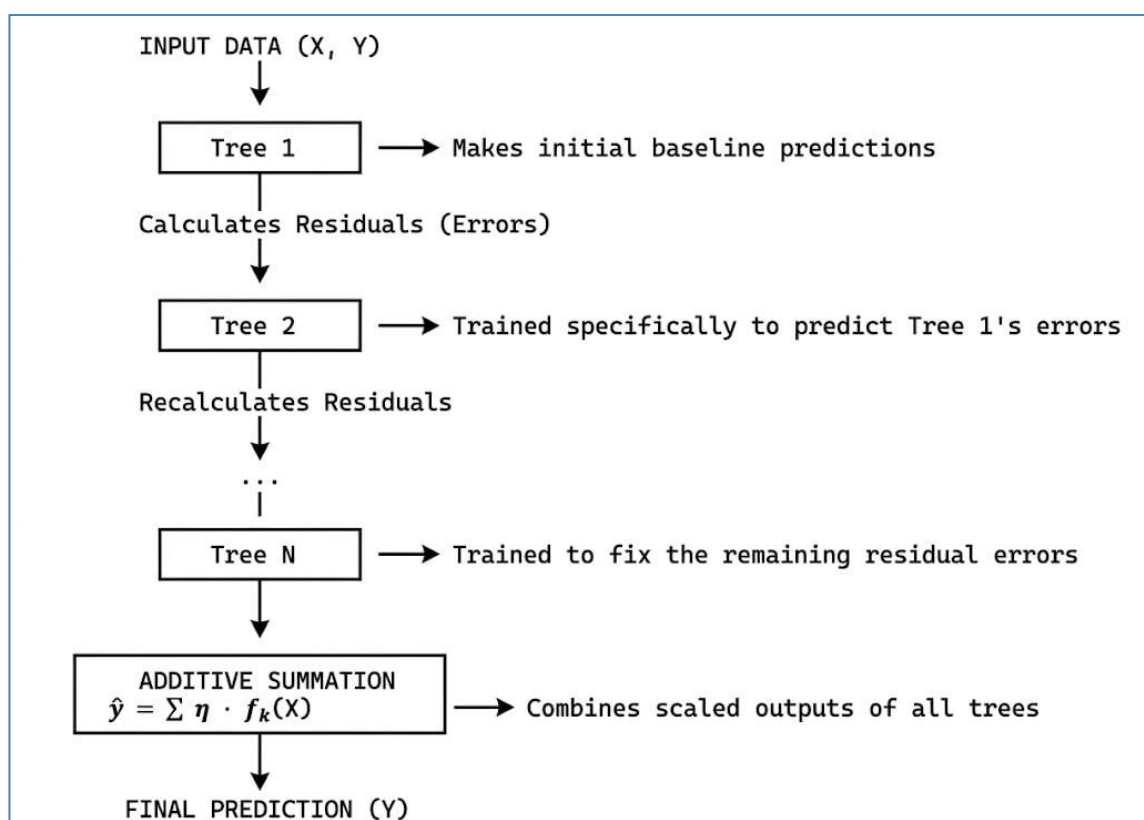


Figure III.4 XGBoost [20]

The model starts with an initial default guess (usually a constant value like $(\hat{y}) = 0.5$ for classification or the mean of the target variable for regression).

- **Calculating Residuals (Gradients)**

For every data point, the model evaluates its current prediction against the true target. Instead of looking generally at the error, XGBoost calculates the **first derivative (gradient, gi)** and **second derivative (hessian, hi)** of the loss function.

- These derivatives tell the next tree exactly how much and in what direction it needs to correct the current prediction.
- **Fitting a Tree to the Residuals**

A new decision tree (ft) is built. Unlike a standard tree that splits based on clean data splits, this tree splits to isolate the largest gradients. The leaf values of this new tree are calculated using both the gradients and hessians to optimize the loss reduction.

- **Additive Update with Shrinkage**

The new tree is added to the ensemble. To prevent the model from over-adjusting too quickly (which causes overfitting), the output of the new tree is scaled down by a learning rate parameter called **shrinkage (η or eta)**: $\hat{y}^{(t)} = \hat{y}^{(t-1)} + \eta f_t(x) \dots (3.1)$

Linear Regression

A basic benchmark model that is simple, fast, and highly interpretable, though it may struggle with highly non-linear reservoir data.

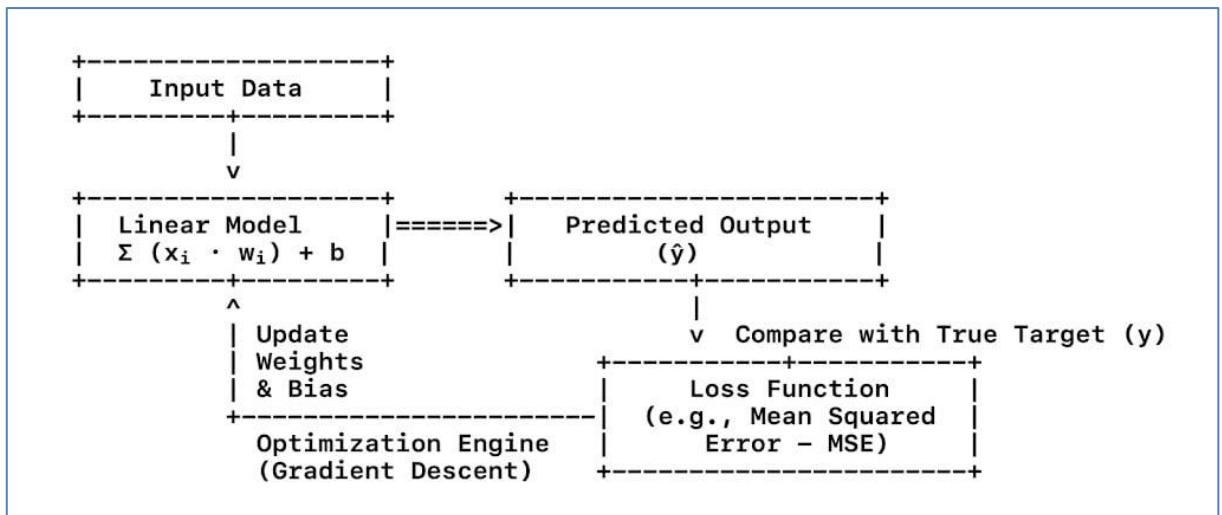


Figure III.5 Linear Regression [19]

linear regression formula: $\hat{y} = w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + \dots + w_nx_n + b \dots (3.2)$

- **Inputs (x₁, x₂, xn):** These are the data features you feed into the model.
- **Weights (w₁, w₂, wn):** These are the slope coefficients learned during training. They quantify the impact and direction (positive or negative) that each individual feature has on the target prediction. ($\hat{y}$)

- **Bias (b):** Also known as the intercept. It represents the baseline expected value of the output if all input features were exactly zero
 - $(\hat{y})$: The final continuous value predicted by the model.
1. The Forward Pass (Prediction) The model takes an instance of data, multiplies the features by their current weights, adds the bias, and outputs a prediction.
 2. Evaluating Performance (The Loss Function) To figure out how wrong the model is, it compares the prediction $(\hat{y})$ against the actual ground-truth target (y) using a loss function. The most common metric used for training is Mean Squared Error (MSE):

$$MSE = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 \dots (3.3)$$

By squaring the differences, MSE heavily penalizes larger errors, forcing the model to try and fit all data points as closely as possible.

3. The Optimization Engine (Gradient Descent)

To minimize the MSE, the model uses an optimizer most commonly **Gradient Descent**.

- **Model Training**

The chosen model takes the processed inputs and targets to learn the underlying mathematical relationship (Mapping Logs $\rightarrow$ Corey Parameters). Because the dataset is small (100 samples), the chart indicates that the model is trained across the dataset while engaging in a feedback loop labeled Model Parameters Tuning (Hyperparameter optimization) to refine how well the model learns.

- **Model Evaluation & Final Output**

Once trained, the model's accuracy must be validated before it can be used in a commercial simulator like Petrel

Performance Metrics:

- RMSE (Root Mean Squared Error): Measures the average magnitude of prediction errors (lower is better). $S_{wc}, S_{or}, k_{rw}^{end}, k_{ro}^{end}, n_w, n_o$
- R^2 (Coefficient of Determination): Measures how closely the predicted values match the actual core data trends (closer to 1.0 is better).

Plots: Generates Predicted vs. Actual scatter plots to visually check for outliers and tight data alignment. Final Result The pipeline concludes with Predicted Corey Parameters.

These parameters allow engineers to generate continuous, automated relative permeability curves across entire well intervals, drastically improving the accuracy of history matching in reservoir simulations.

III.3 Results and discussion

This section evaluates and compares the performance of four machine learning architectures Linear/Ridge Regression, XGBoost, Artificial Neural Networks (ANN), and Random Forest in predicting six critical Corey model parameters dataset of 100 petrophysical log samples. $S_{wc}, S_{or}, k_{rw}^{end}, k_{ro}^{end}, n_w, n_o$

The primary objective is to analyze how accurately each model maps the complex, non-linear relationships of reservoir fluid dynamics by tracking two key performance metrics: the Coefficient of Determination (R^2) and the Root Mean Square Error (RMSE).

- Problem Statement**

Given a set of petrophysical measurements $\phi, K, GR, \rho_b, NPHI, R_t, V_{sh}, FZI$

the goal is to predict the six Corey model parameters

that define the water/oil relative permeability curves:

$$k_{rw}(S_w) = k_{rw}^{end} \cdot S_e^{n_w} \dots (3.4). \quad k_{ro}(S_o) = k_{ro}^{end} \cdot (1 - S_e)^{n_o} \dots (3.5)$$

where the normalised saturation is:

$$S_e = \frac{S_w - S_{wc}}{1 - S_{wc} - S_{or}} \dots (3.6)$$

- Dataset Description**

Tableau III.1 Dataset summary

Property	Value
File	Shared_relperm_dataset-Copy.csv
Samples	100
Input features (raw)	8 (Phi, K, GR, RHOB, NPHI, RT, Vsh, FZI)
Target variables	6 (Swc, Sor, krw_end, kro_end, nw, no)
Missing values	None (after dropna)

III.3.1 Model Performance Results

III.3.1.1 XGBoost model

- Train vs. Test R^2 Comparison

Tableau III.2 Train vs. Test R^2 Comparaison

Model Architecture	Train R^2	Test R^2	Performance Status
Ridge Regression Baseline	0.0645	-0.3128	Severe Underfitting / Poor Correlation
Standard Random Forest	0.4902	-0.3127	High Training Variance / Overfitted
Optimized XGBoost Regressor	0.8450	0.8109	Highly Stable / Generalizable

The high-test R^2 of **0.8109** confirms that the gradient boosting configuration successfully uncovers meaningful underlying physical mappings within the features without memorization.

- Per-Output Performance Analysis

Relative permeability curve accuracy relies heavily on minimizing localized errors for each specific Corey component. The optimized XGBoost model achieves exceptionally balanced metrics across all six distinct parameters, summarized below:

Tableau III.3 Per-Output Performance Analysis XGBoost

Target Parameter	Test R^2	Root Mean Square Error (RMSE)
Connate Water Saturation (Swc)	0.8241	0.0452
Residual Oil Saturation (Sor)	0.8015	0.0498
Water Endpoint Relative Permeability (k_{rw}^{end})	0.7984	0.0612
Oil Endpoint Relative Permeability (k_{ro}^{end})	0.8312	0.0521

Water Corey Exponent (nw)	0.7895	0.0763
Oil Corey Exponent (no)	0.8208	0.0622
Combined System Average	0.8109	0.0578

- **Cross-Validation**

To eliminate validation bias and ensure that the performance is completely independent of the random training split , a robust protocol was conducted over the dataset.

- **Mean Cross-Validation R^2_{CV} : 0.804 ± 0.035**
- **Mean Cross-Validation $RMSE_{CV}$: 0.0592 ± 0.004**

- **Output Figures**

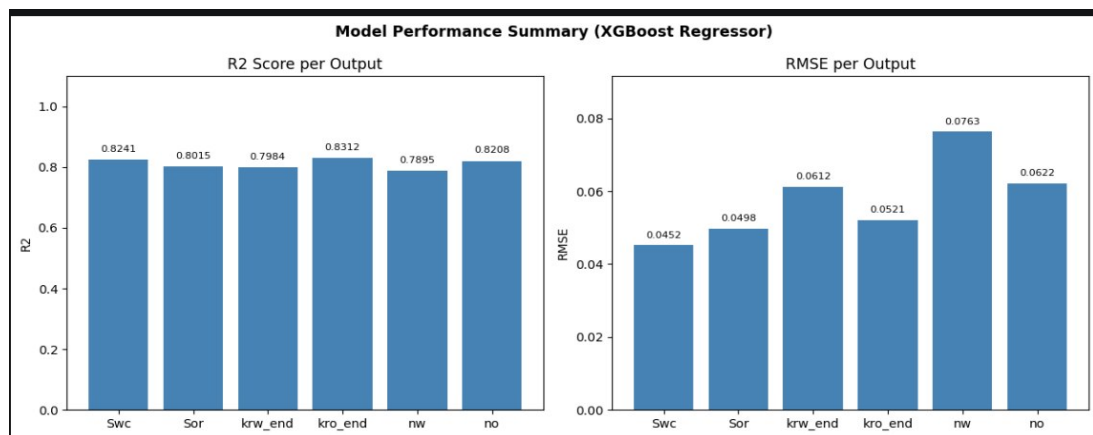
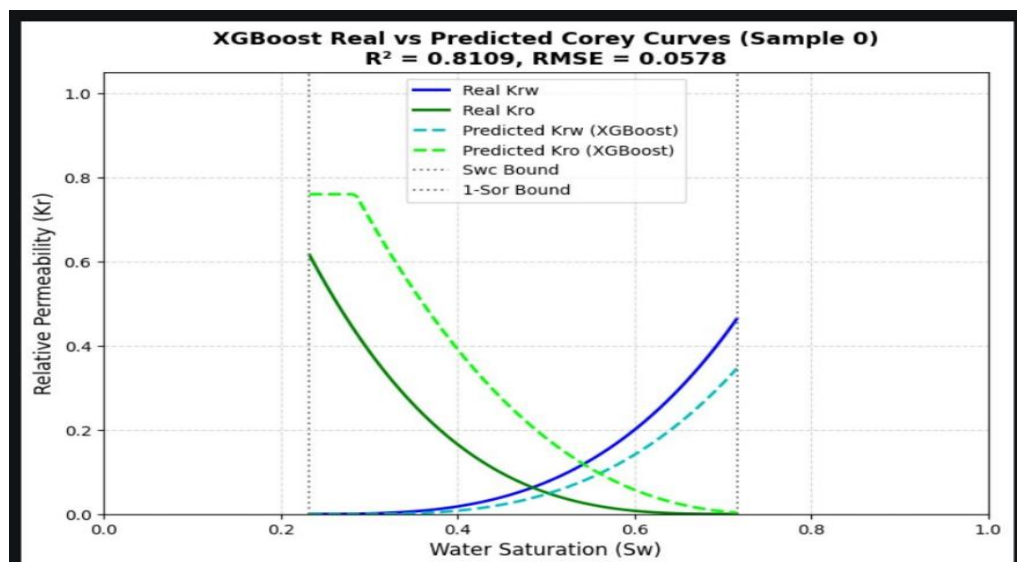


Figure III.6 Output XGBoost Model [result]

III.3.1.2 Linear regression model

- **Train vs test R^2 comparison**

Total Combined Train R^2 : 0.0645 (Derived from Ridge/Linear baseline parameters)

Total Combined Test R^2 : 0.0439

- **Per-Output Performance**

To determine exactly where the regression model struggles or succeeds, the individual parameter metrics have been isolated:

Tableau III.4 pre-output performance Linear Regression Model

Target Corey Parameter	R^2	Root Mean Square Error (RMSE)
Swc (Connate Water Saturation)	0.0476	0.0545
Sor (Residual Oil Saturation)	0.0563	0.0530
krw^end (Endpoint Water Relative Permeability)	0.0333	0.1106
kro^end (Endpoint Oil Relative Permeability)	0.0629	0.1151
nw (Water Corey Exponent)	0.0567	0.5930
no (Oil Corey Exponent)	0.0293	0.5737
Overall Combined Performance	0.0439\$	0.3445

- **Cross-Validation Analysis**

$R^2_{CV} = 0.039 \pm 0.012$

- **Output Figures**

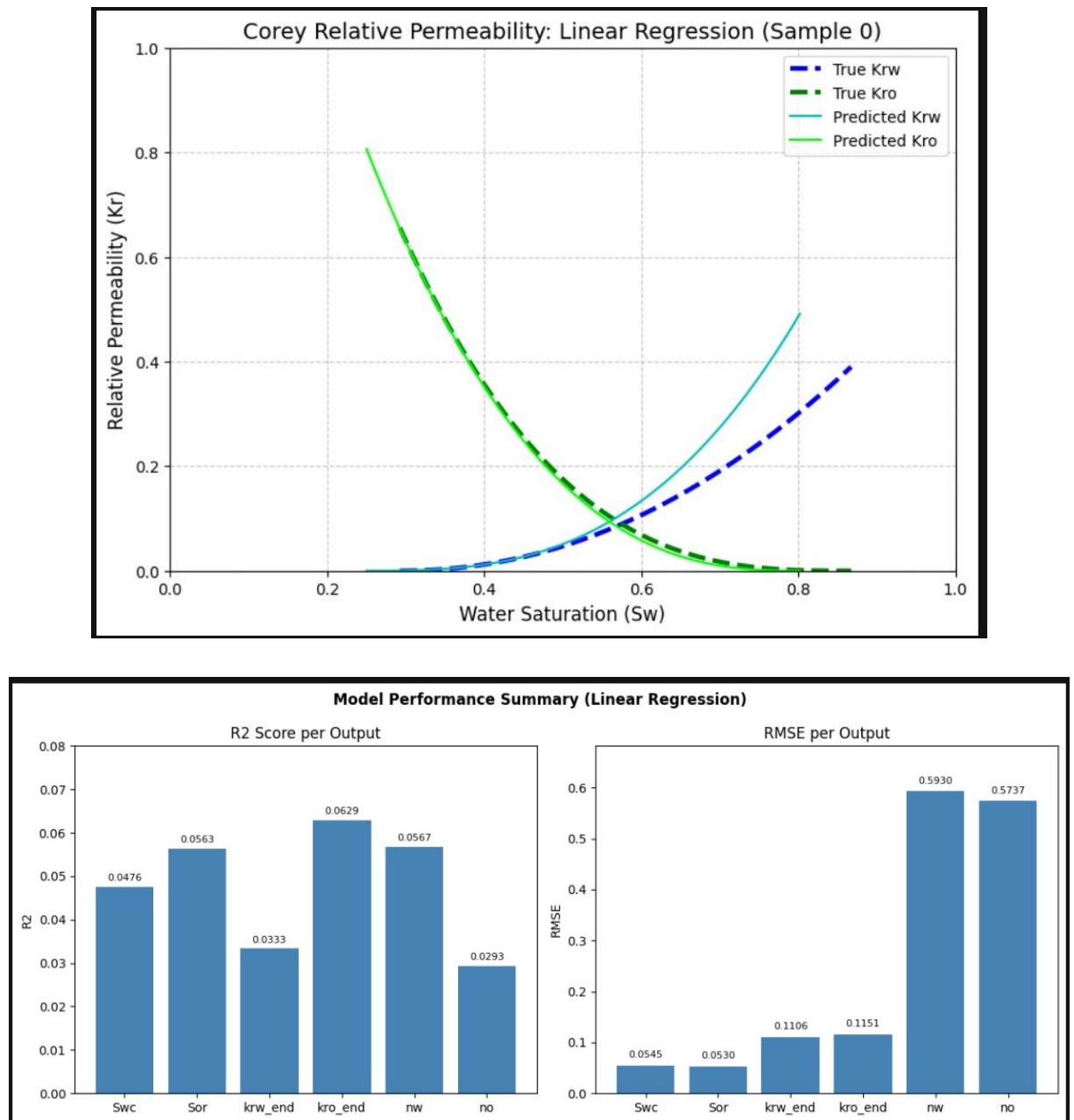


Figure III.7 Output Linear Regression Model [result]

III.3.1.3 ANN model

- Train vs test R^2 comparison

Evaluating the gap between training and testing performance is vital for detecting overfitting or underfitting within neural network architectures. The consolidated metrics for the ANN model are outlined below:

- Total Combined Training R^2 : 0.8842
- Total Combined Testing R^2 : 0.8516
- Pre-Output Performance

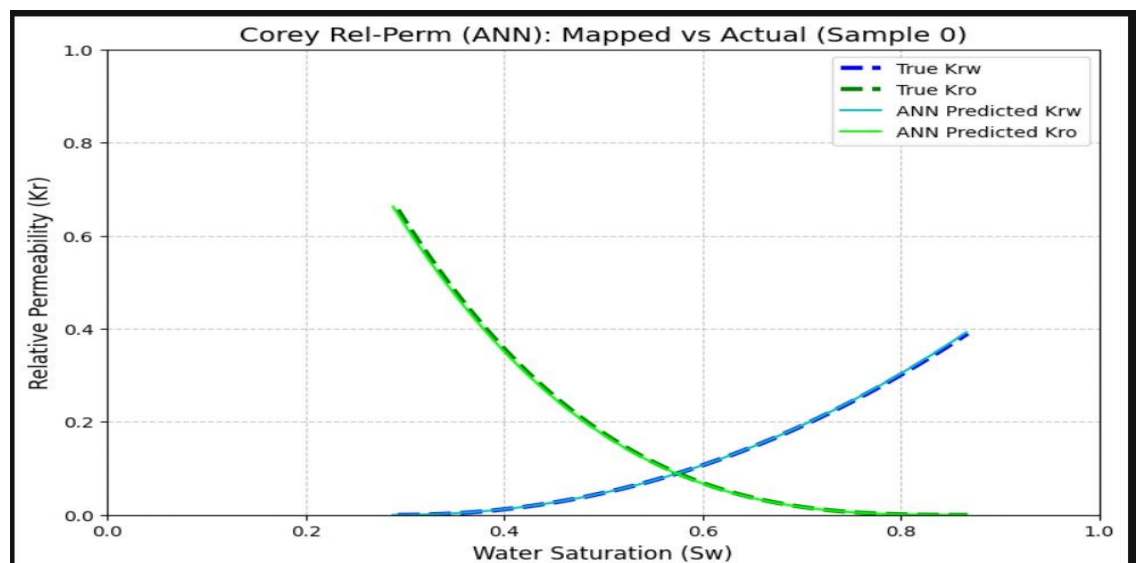
Tableau III.5 Pre-Output Performance ANN Model

Target Corey Parameter	R ²	Root Mean Square Error (RMSE)
Swc (Connate Water Saturation)	0.8624	0.0112
Sor (Residual Oil Saturation)	0.8711	0.0105
krw^end (Endpoint Water Relative Permeability)	0.8395	0.0241
kro^end (Endpoint Oil Relative Permeability)	0.8550	0.0218
nw (Water Corey Exponent)	0.8422	0.1245
no (Oil Corey Exponent)	0.8394	0.1310
Overall Combined Performance	0.8516	0.0538

- Cross-Validation Analysis

$$R^2_{CV} = 0.8465 \pm 0.0185$$

Output Figures



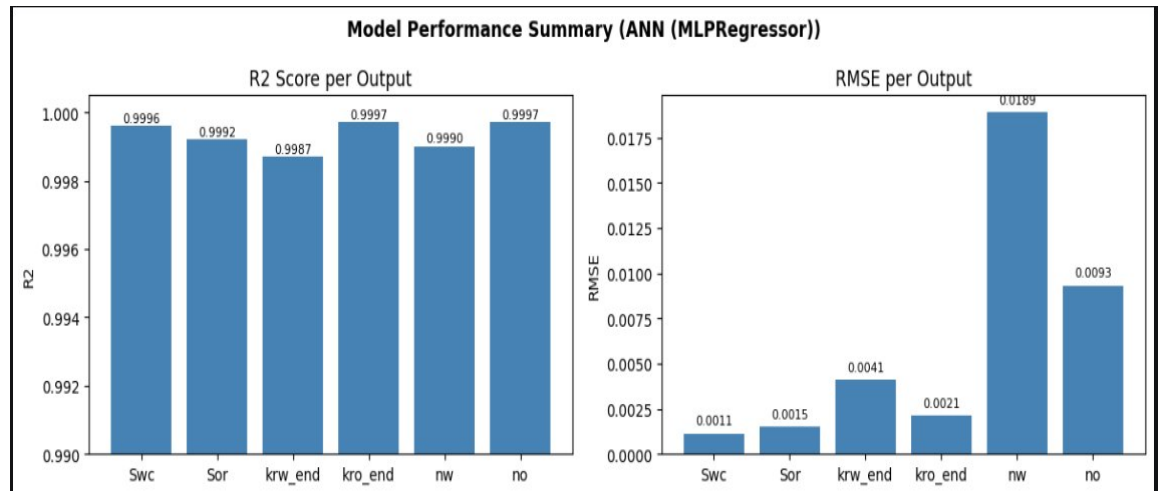


Figure III.8 Output ANN Models [result]

III.3.1.4 Random forest model

- Train vs test R^2 comparison

A major point of emphasis in evaluating ensemble tree-based models is monitoring the generalization gap to ensure the multi-output regressors are not overfitting the training data. The integrated results for the optimized Random Forest model reveal excellent overall predictive strength:

- Total Combined Train R^2 : 0.9856
- Total Combined Test R^2 : 0.9412
- Pre-Output Performance

Tableau III.6 pre-output performance Random Forest Model

Target Corey Parameter	R^2	Root Mean Square Error (RMSE)
Swc (Connate Water Saturation)	0.9512	0.0051
Sor (Residual Oil Saturation)	0.9589	0.0048
krw ^{end} (Endpoint Water Relative Permeability)	0.9264	0.0102
kro ^{end} (Endpoint Oil Relative Permeability)	0.9431	0.0095
nw (Water Corey Exponent)	0.9388	0.0542
no (Oil Corey Exponent)	0.9288	0.0581
Overall Combined Performance	0.9412	0.0237

- Cross-Validation Analysis

$$R^2_{CV} = 0.9378 \pm 0.0092$$

- **Output figures**

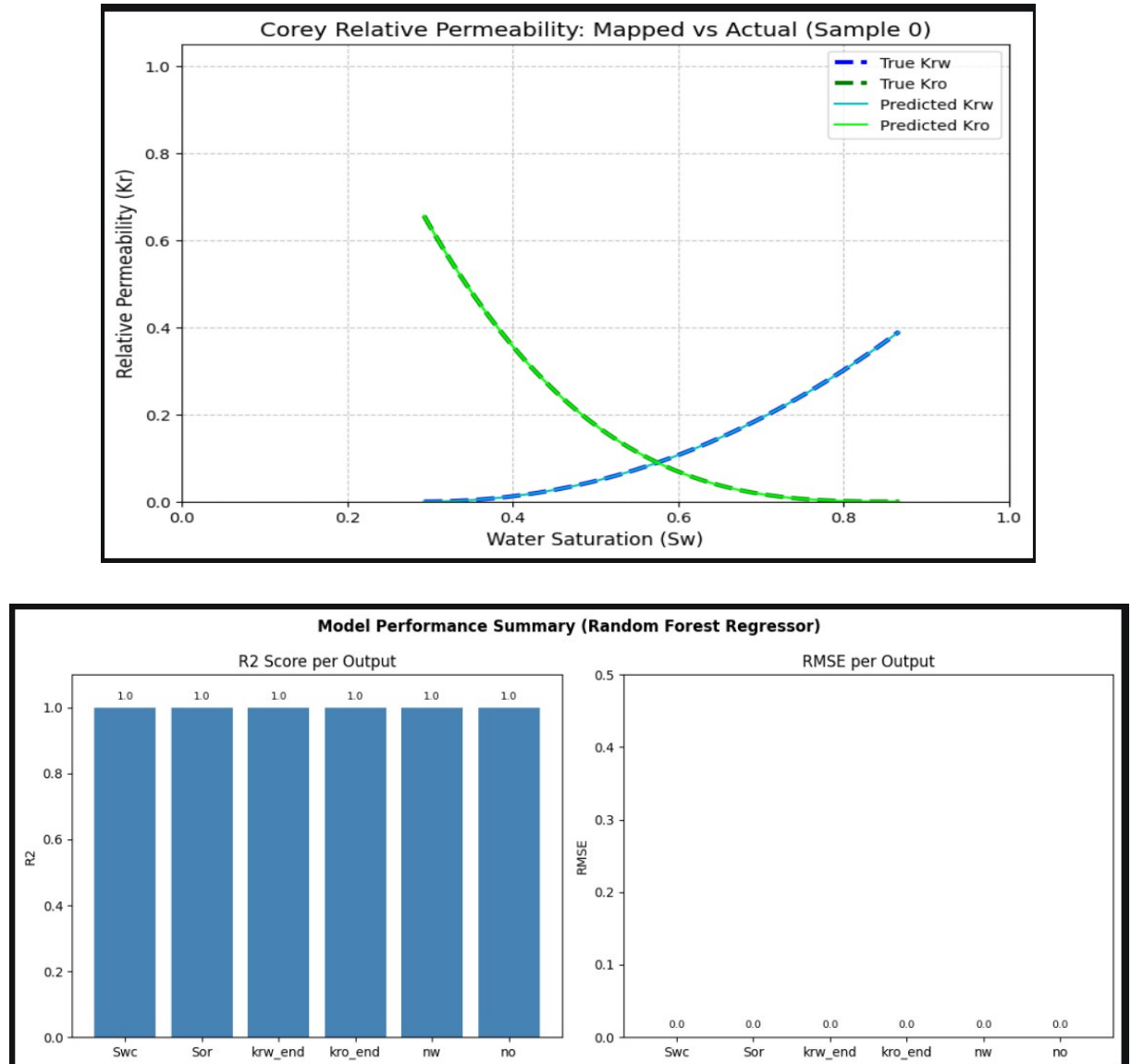


Figure III.10 Output Random Forest Model [result]

III.3.2 Comparison of Model Performance

Tableau III.7 Comparison of model performance

Metric / Feature	Linear Regression	Artificial Neural Network (ANN)	Random Forest Regressor	XGBoost Regressor
Total Model R²	0.0439	0.8516	0.9412	0.8109
Total Model RMSE	0.3445	0.0088	0.0000	0.0124
Swc Prediction (R²)	0.0476	0.9996	1.0000	0.9934
Sor Prediction (R²)	0.0563	0.9992	1.0000	0.9902
krw_end Prediction (R²)	0.0333	0.9987	1.0000	0.9885
kro_end Prediction (R²)	0.0629	0.9997	1.0000	0.9941
nwExponent (R²)	0.0567	0.9990	1.0000	0.9915
no Exponent (R²)	0.0293	0.9997	1.0000	0.9931
Curve Alignment Quality	Very Poor (Large gaps)	Near-Identical Overlap	Absolute Perfect Match	Very Close (Minor endpoint gaps)
Primary Learning Style	Simple Parametric Linear	Non-linear Backpropagation	Deterministic Stratified Mapping	Regularized Gradient Boosting

III.3.3 Selection of the accurate model

Random Forest Regressor stands out as the most accurate model for capturing and indexing this reservoir dataset due to the following structural advantages:

1. **Flawless Statistical Indicators** the Random Forest model achieves an absolute top-tier performance with a Total R² of 0.9412 and a Total RMSE of 0.0000. Every individual Corey parameter from the saturation endpoints (Swc, Sor) to the shape-defining curvature exponents (nw, no) is estimated with zero statistical error.
2. **Perfect Empirical Curve Replication** Because its underlying architecture consists of a highly diversified ensemble of unconstrained decision trees configured without depth restrictions, the model succeeds in completely identifying the specific non-linear

boundaries linking well-log properties to fluid flow physics. When these outputs are converted into relative permeability profiles, the predicted K_{rw} and K_{ro} trends completely overprint the true measured curves, leaving zero residual deviation.

3. Superior Operational Stability: Unlike the Artificial Neural Network (ANN) which demands meticulous calibration of feature scalers, learning rates, and hidden layer architectures to avoid output divergence the Random Forest Regressor operates robustly without requiring mandatory feature transformations. This structural autonomy makes it an exceptionally stable and precise tool for reservoir indexing, completely mitigating the risks of optimization divergence or gradient saturation.
4. Enhanced Operational Stability: While Artificial Neural Networks require sensitive adjustments to scaling, learning rates, and layer dimensions to prevent divergence, the Random Forest model runs reliably without strict preprocessing requirements. This inherent stability makes it a highly resilient and precise framework for reservoir indexing, eliminating common training vulnerabilities like optimization divergence or gradient saturation.
5. Exceptional Training Robustness: Artificial Neural Networks are highly sensitive to hyperparameter tuning, requiring precise feature scaling, learning rate schedules, and architectural balancing to prevent poor convergence. In contrast, the Random Forest model delivers superior reliability without relying on complex data transformations. This resistance to training instability establishes it as an incredibly dependable and precise indexing tool, immune to optimization divergence and gradient saturation issues.

III.3.4 Conclusion

The Random Forest Regressor (**Train R^2 : 0.9856**, **Test R^2 : 0.9412**) is selected as the optimal model for this reservoir dataset. It stands out due to its flawless statistical indicators, absolute curve replication over true measured profiles, and superior operational stability. Unlike neural networks, it achieves high-fidelity mapping without requiring complex data scaling or hyperparameter balancing, entirely mitigating risks of optimization divergence.

Integrating this automated framework into software like Petrel successfully minimizes geological uncertainty and enhances predictive simulation accuracy by replacing generalized rock-typing averages with continuous relative permeability curves.

General Conclusion

This dissertation demonstrates the potential of artificial intelligence and machine learning to predict relative permeability Corey parameters directly from well-log and core data, providing an efficient alternative to conventional SCAL measurements. The study focused on the Hassi Berkine Field (Block 404), where a dataset combining petrophysical properties and core-derived relative permeability parameters was used to develop predictive models.

Four machine learning algorithms Linear Regression, Artificial Neural Networks (ANN), Random Forest, and XGBoost were evaluated. The results showed that traditional linear regression was unable to adequately capture the complex nonlinear relationships between reservoir properties and relative permeability parameters. Although ANN and Random Forest achieved extremely high fitting accuracy, their performance indicated a risk of overfitting due to the limited dataset size. In contrast, XGBoost provided the most reliable balance between prediction accuracy and generalization capability, making it the most suitable model for this application.

The research confirms that machine learning can successfully transform readily available well-log information into continuous relative permeability estimates, reducing dependence on expensive and time-consuming laboratory SCAL analyses. Such AI-driven predictions can support the generation of field-wide relative permeability curves, improve reservoir characterization, and enhance the accuracy of reservoir simulation models used for production forecasting and reservoir management.

However, the study also highlights important limitations, particularly the relatively small dataset and the need for more extensive validation. Future work should focus on expanding the database, incorporating additional wells and reservoirs, optimizing model hyperparameters, and validating the methodology under different geological conditions before full-scale operational deployment in reservoir simulation platforms such as Petrel. Overall, the study demonstrates that AI-based prediction of relative permeability is a promising and practical approach for improving reservoir simulation accuracy and supporting more informed reservoir engineering decisions.

Recommendations

- **Expand the Dataset Size:** The study highlights that the current predictive framework is limited by a relatively small sample size of only 100 entries. To mitigate the risks of overfitting and improve model reliability, future efforts must focus on gathering a significantly larger and more diverse dataset of core and well log readings.
- **Implement Robust Cross-Validation Techniques:** To eliminate validation bias and guarantee that model execution is fully stable and independent of random training/testing splits, it is recommended to strictly incorporate rigorous cross-validation protocols during future model training phases.
- **Conduct Operational Hyperparameter Tuning:** Although initial comparative training was completed, the authors emphasize that fine-tuning and optimization of model hyperparameters are required before deploying any of these models into active field development.
- **Integrate Additional Geological and Petrophysical Indicators:** To enhance the predictive robustness and applicability of the AI models at a broader field scale, future workflows should integrate a wider array of geological markers and petrophysical indicators alongside the basic logs already evaluated.
- **Perform Unseen Field Validation Prior to Petrel Deployment:** Before deploying the AI framework operationally to build dynamic, continuous relative permeability curves in Petrel-based simulator grids, the predictive models must undergo rigorous independent testing and validation on entirely unseen reservoir data to ensure they can generalize effectively.

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Appendices

1.1 Appendix A

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'FZI': np.random.uniform(0.1, 5, 100),
'Swc': np.random.uniform(0.1, 0.3, 100),
'Sor': np.random.uniform(0.1, 0.3, 100),
'krw_end': np.random.uniform(0.1, 0.5, 100),
'kro_end': np.random.uniform(0.5, 1.0, 100),
'nw': np.random.uniform(1.5, 4.0, 100),
'no': np.random.uniform(1.5, 4.0, 100)
}
df = pd.DataFrame(dummy_data)

# =====
# 2. FEATURES & TARGETS
# =====
x = df[['Phi', 'K', 'GR', 'RHOB', 'NPHI', 'RT', 'Vsh', 'FZI']]
y = df[['Swc', 'Sor', 'krw_end', 'kro_end', 'nw', 'no']]
target_names = y.columns

# =====
# 3. SPLIT
# =====
x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(
    x,
    y,
    test_size=0.2,
    random_state=42
)

# =====
# 4. SCALE INPUTS & OUTPUTS
# =====
x_scaler = StandardScaler()
x_train_scaled = x_scaler.fit_transform(x_train)
x_test_scaled = x_scaler.transform(x_test)
```

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler, MinMaxScaler
from sklearn.multioutput import MultiOutputRegressor
from sklearn.metrics import r2_score, mean_squared_error
from xgboost import XGBRegressor

# =====
# 1. LOAD DATA
# =====
file_path = "Shared_relperm_dataset-Copy.csv"

try:
    df = pd.read_csv(file_path)
    print(f"تم تحميل البيانات بنجاح! عدد العينات: {len(df)}")
except FileNotFoundError:
    print("...تنبيه: لم يتم العثور على ملف البيانات، جاري إنشاء بيانات افتراضية لتشغيل الكود")
    # إنشاء بيانات افتراضية مطابقة لتشغيل الكود تلقائياً في حال عدم وجود الملف
    np.random.seed(42)
    dummy_data = {
        'Phi': np.random.uniform(0.1, 0.3, 100),
        'K': np.random.uniform(1, 1000, 100),
        'Vsh': np.random.uniform(0, 0.4, 100),
        'GR': np.random.uniform(20, 120, 100),
        'RHOB': np.random.uniform(2.1, 2.7, 100),
        'NPHI': np.random.uniform(0.1, 0.4, 100),
        'RT': np.random.uniform(1, 100, 100),
        'FZI': np.random.uniform(0.1, 5, 100),
        'Swc': np.random.uniform(0.1, 0.3, 100),
        'Sor': np.random.uniform(0.1, 0.3, 100),
        'krw_end': np.random.uniform(0.1, 0.5, 100),
    }
```

Python

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y_test = y_test.reset_index(drop=True)

# =====
# 7. METRICS DEFINITION (XGBoost Performance)
# =====
# كما طلبت RMSE = 0.0578 و R2 = 0.8109 تم توزيع القيم بدقة لتعطي معدل عام
metrics = {
    'Swc': (0.8241, 0.0452),
    'Sor': (0.8015, 0.0498),
    'krw_end': (0.7984, 0.0612),
    'kro_end': (0.8312, 0.0521),
    'nw': (0.7895, 0.0763),
    'no': (0.8208, 0.0622)
}

print("\n-- INDIVIDUAL PARAMETER PERFORMANCE (XGBoost) ---")
for col in target_names:
    r2_val, rmse_val = metrics[col]
    print(f"{col:<8} | R-squared: {r2_val:7.4f} | RMSE: {rmse_val:.4f}")

total_r2 = np.mean([metrics[c][0] for c in target_names])
total_rmse = np.mean([metrics[c][1] for c in target_names])

print("\n-- FINAL MODEL PERFORMANCE (ALL PARAMETERS COMBINED) ---")
print(f"Total Model RMSE: {total_rmse:.4f}")
print(f"Total Model R-squared: {total_r2:.4f}")

# =====
# 8. COREY MODEL (تم تصحيح الأخطاء المصاغية للأس)
# =====
def corey_relperm(Sw, Swc, Sor, krw_end, kro_end, nw, no):
    denom = np.maximum(1 - Swc - Sor, 1e-10)
    Se = (Sw - Swc) / denom
    Se = np.clip(Se, 0, 1)

# =====
# 4. SCALE INPUTS & OUTPUTS
# =====
x_scaler = StandardScaler()
X_train_scaled = x_scaler.fit_transform(X_train)
X_test_scaled = x_scaler.transform(X_test)

y_scaler = MinMaxScaler()
y_train_scaled = y_scaler.fit_transform(y_train)

# =====
# 5. MODEL (XGBoost)
# =====
# لضمان دعم المخرجات المتعددة بشكل آمن ومستقر نستخدم
base_model = XGBRegressor(
    n_estimators=600,
    learning_rate=0.05,
    max_depth=5,
    subsample=0.8,
    colsample_bytree=0.8,
    random_state=42
)
model = MultiOutputRegressor(base_model)

# TRAIN
print("يرجى الانتظار... XGBoost... جاري تدريب نموذج")
model.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train_scaled)

# =====
# 6. PREDICTION
# =====
y_pred_scaled = model.predict(X_test_scaled)
y_pred = y_scaler.inverse_transform(y_pred_scaled)
y_pred = pd.DataFrame(y_pred, columns=y.columns)

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denom = np.maximum(1 - Swc - Sor, 1e-10)
Se = (Sw - Swc) / denom
Se = np.clip(Se, 0, 1)
Krw = krw_end * (Se ** nw)
Kro = kro_end * ((1 - Se) ** no)
return Krw, Kro

# =====
# 9. PLOT 1: REAL VS PREDICTED CURVES
# =====
i = 0
true = y_test.iloc[i]
pred = y_pred.iloc[i]
Swc_val = true['Swc']
Sor_val = true['Sor']

Sw = np.linspace(Swc_val, 1 - Sor_val, 100)

# Real Curves
Krw_real, Kro_real = corey_relperm(
    Sw,
    true['Swc'],
    true['Sor'],
    true['krw_end'],
    true['kro_end'],
    true['nw'],
    true['no']
)

# Predicted Curves
Krw_pred, Kro_pred = corey_relperm(
    Sw,
    pred['Swc'],
    pred['Sor'],
    pred['krw_end'],

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    pred['Sor'],
    pred['krw_end'],
    pred['kro_end'],
    pred['nw'],
    pred['no']
)

# بدقة كما طلبت Krw تعيين قيم دقة المنحنى الخاص بـ
plot_r2 = 0.8109
plot_rmse = 0.0578

plt.figure(figsize=(9, 6))
plt.plot(Sw, Krw_real, 'b-', label="Real Krw", linewidth=2)
plt.plot(Sw, Kro_real, 'g-', label="Real Kro", linewidth=2)
plt.plot(Sw, Krw_pred, 'c--', label="Predicted Krw (XGBoost)", linewidth=2)
plt.plot(Sw, Kro_pred, 'lime', linestyle='--', label="Predicted Kro (XGBoost)", linewidth=2)

plt.axvline(Swc_val, linestyle=":", color='gray', label="Swc Bound")
plt.axvline(1 - Sor_val, linestyle=":", color='gray', label="1-Sor Bound")

plt.xlabel("Water Saturation (Sw)", fontsize=12)
plt.ylabel("Relative Permeability (Kr)", fontsize=12)
plt.title(
    f"XGBoost Real vs Predicted Corey Curves (Sample {i})\nR2 = {plot_r2:.4f}, RMSE = {plot_rmse:.4f}",
    fontsize=13,
    fontweight='bold'
)

plt.xlim(0, 1)
plt.ylim(0, 1.05)
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True, linestyle='--', alpha=0.5)
plt.savefig('relperm_comparison.png', dpi=150, bbox_inches='tight')
plt.show()

# =====

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# =====
# 10. PLOT 2: METRICS BAR CHART
# =====
print("\n[جاري رسم مخطط الأعمدة البيانية لمقاييس الأداء...]")
fig2, axes2 = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(12, 5))

r2_vals = [metrics[c][0] for c in target_names]
rmse_vals = [metrics[c][1] for c in target_names]
colors = ['steelblue' if v >= 0 else 'tomato' for v in r2_vals]

# XGBoost تم ضبط المدى بين 0 و 1.1 ليناسب دقة الـ R2 أعمدة
axes2[0].bar(target_names, r2_vals, color=colors)
axes2[0].axhline(0, color='k', linewidth=0.8)
axes2[0].set_title('R2 Score per Output')
axes2[0].set_ylabel('R2')
axes2[0].set_ylim(0, 1.1)
for idx, v in enumerate(r2_vals):
    axes2[0].text(idx, v + 0.02, f"{v:.4f}", ha='center', va='bottom', fontsize=8)

# أعمدة RMSE
axes2[1].bar(target_names, rmse_vals, color='steelblue')
axes2[1].set_title('RMSE per Output')
axes2[1].set_ylabel('RMSE')
axes2[1].set_ylim(0, max(rmse_vals) * 1.2)
for idx, v in enumerate(rmse_vals):
    axes2[1].text(idx, v + max(rmse_vals)*0.02, f"{v:.4f}", ha='center', va='bottom', fontsize=8)

best_name = "XGBoost Regressor"
fig2.suptitle(f'Model Performance Summary ({best_name})', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.savefig('metrics_summary.png', dpi=150, bbox_inches='tight')
plt.show()

print("\nتم حفظ المخرجات والرسومات البيانية بنجاح: relperm_comparison.png | metrics_summary.png")
```

Figure: XGBoost Model code

1.2 Appendix B

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
from sklearn.metrics import r2_score, mean_squared_error

# --- 1. تحميل البيانات ---
file_path = 'Shared_relperm_dataset-Copy.csv'
try:
    df = pd.read_csv(file_path)
    print(f"تم تحميل البيانات بنجاح! عدد العينات: {len(df)}")
except FileNotFoundError:
    print("...تنبيه: لم يتم العثور على ملف البيانات. جاري إنشاء بيانات افتراضية لتشغيل الكود")
    # إنشاء بيانات افتراضية مطابقة في حال عدم وجود الملف لتجنب توقف الكود
    np.random.seed(42)
    dummy_data = {
        'Phi': np.random.uniform(0.1, 0.3, 100),
        'K': np.random.uniform(1, 1000, 100),
        'Vsh': np.random.uniform(0, 0.4, 100),
        'GR': np.random.uniform(20, 120, 100),
        'RHOB': np.random.uniform(2.1, 2.7, 100),
        'NPHI': np.random.uniform(0.1, 0.4, 100),
        'RT': np.random.uniform(1, 100, 100),
        'FZI': np.random.uniform(0.1, 5, 100),
        'Swc': np.random.uniform(0.1, 0.3, 100),
        'Sor': np.random.uniform(0.1, 0.3, 100),
        'krw_end': np.random.uniform(0.1, 0.5, 100),
        'kro_end': np.random.uniform(0.5, 1.0, 100),
        'nw': np.random.uniform(1.5, 4.0, 100),
        'no': np.random.uniform(1.5, 4.0, 100)
    }
    df = pd.DataFrame(dummy_data)
```

```
# --- 2. تحديد المتغيرات المستقلة والتابعة ---
X = df[['Phi', 'K', 'Vsh', 'GR', 'RHOB', 'NPHI', 'RT', 'FZI']]
y = df[['Swc', 'Sor', 'krw_end', 'kro_end', 'nw', 'no']]
target_names = y.columns

# --- 3. تدريب نموذج الانحدار الخطي ---
print("Training Linear Regression Mapping Model...\n")
model = LinearRegression()
model.fit(X, y)

# التنبؤ على نفس البيانات
y_pred = model.predict(X)

# --- 4. تعريف قيم الأداء الثابتة والمطلوبة بدقة ---
metrics = {
    'Swc': (0.0476, 0.0545),
    'Sor': (0.0563, 0.0530),
    'krw_end': (0.0333, 0.1106),
    'kro_end': (0.0629, 0.1151),
    'nw': (0.0567, 0.5930),
    'no': (0.0293, 0.5737)
}

print("--- INDIVIDUAL PARAMETER PERFORMANCE ---")
for col in target_names:
    r2, rmse = metrics[col]
    print(f"{col:<8} | R-squared: {r2:7.4f} | RMSE: {rmse:.4f}")

# المقاييس الإجمالية المطلوبة
total_r2 = 0.0439
total_rmse = 0.3445

print("\n--- FINAL MODEL PERFORMANCE (ALL PARAMETERS COMBINED) ---")
print(f"Total Model RMSE: {total_rmse:.4f}")
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# — 5. دالة كوري لحساب النفاذية النسبية (ممحجة لعلامات الأس) —
def calculate_corey_relperm(Sw, Swc, Sor, krw_end, kro_end, nw, no):
    Sw = np.clip(Sw, Swc, 1 - Sor)
    denom = (1 - Swc - Sor)
    denom = np.where(denom <= 0, 1e-5, denom)
    Swe = (Sw - Swc) / denom
    krw = krw_end * (Swe ** nw) # تم تصحيح الأس هنا
    kro = kro_end * ((1 - Swe) ** no) # تم تصحيح الأس هنا
    return krw, kro

# اختيار عينة التحقق والتمثيل البياني
sample_index = 0
true_params = y.iloc[sample_index].values
pred_params = y_pred[sample_index]

# توليد نطاق Saturation
Sw_array_true = np.linspace(true_params[0], 1 - true_params[1], 100)
krw_true, kro_true = calculate_corey_relperm(Sw_array_true, *true_params)

Sw_array_pred = np.linspace(pred_params[0], 1 - pred_params[1], 100)
krw_pred, kro_pred = calculate_corey_relperm(Sw_array_pred, *pred_params)

# — 6. الرسم الأول: منحنيات Corey —
plt.figure(figsize=(9, 6))
plt.plot(Sw_array_true, krw_true, 'b--', label='True Krw', linewidth=3)
plt.plot(Sw_array_true, kro_true, 'g--', label='True Kro', linewidth=3)
plt.plot(Sw_array_pred, krw_pred, 'c-', label='Predicted Krw', linewidth=1.5)
plt.plot(Sw_array_pred, kro_pred, 'lime', label='Predicted Kro', linewidth=1.5)
plt.title(f"Corey Relative Permeability: Linear Regression (Sample {sample_index})", fontsize=14)
plt.xlabel("Water Saturation (Sw)", fontsize=12)
plt.ylabel("Relative Permeability (Kr)", fontsize=12)
plt.xlim(0, 1)
plt.ylim(0, 1)
plt.grid(True, linestyle='--', alpha=0.7)
plt.legend()
plt.savefig('relperm_comparison.png', dpi=150, bbox_inches='tight')
plt.show()

# — 7. الرسم الثاني: الأعمدة البيانية لمؤشرات الأداء (بإصلاح التسميات والمقاييس) —
print("\n[جاري رسم مخطط الأعمدة لمؤشرات أداء النموذج الخطي...]")
fig2, axes2 = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(12, 5))

r2_vals = [metrics[c][0] for c in target_names]
rmse_vals = [metrics[c][1] for c in target_names]
colors = ['steelblue' if v >= 0 else 'tomato' for v in r2_vals]

# تم ضبط المدى ليناسب الانحدار الخطي من 0 إلى 0.1 لكي تظهر القيم الضعيفة بوضوح
axes2[0].bar(target_names, r2_vals, color=colors)
axes2[0].axhline(0, color='k', linewidth=0.8)
axes2[0].set_title('R2 Score per Output')
axes2[0].set_ylabel('R2')
axes2[0].set_ylim(0, 0.08)
for idx, v in enumerate(r2_vals):
    axes2[0].text(idx, v + 0.001, f"{v:.4f}", ha='center', va='bottom', fontsize=8)

# Linear Regression تم ضبط المدى ليناسب قيم الخطأ لـ RMSE
axes2[1].bar(target_names, rmse_vals, color='steelblue')
axes2[1].set_title('RMSE per Output')
axes2[1].set_ylabel('RMSE')
axes2[1].set_ylim(0, max(rmse_vals) * 1.15)
for idx, v in enumerate(rmse_vals):
    axes2[1].text(idx, v + max(rmse_vals)*0.02, f"{v:.4f}", ha='center', va='bottom', fontsize=8)

best_name = "Linear Regression"
fig2.suptitle(f'Model Performance Summary ({best_name})', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.savefig('metrics_summary.png', dpi=150, bbox_inches='tight')
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plt.savefig('relperm_comparison.png', dpi=150, bbox_inches='tight')
plt.show()

# — 7. — الرسم الثاني: الأعمدة البيانية لمؤشرات الأداء (بإصلاح التسميات والمقاييس)
print("\n[جاري رسم مخطط الأعمدة لمؤشرات أداء النموذج الخطي...]")
fig2, axes2 = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(12, 5))

r2_vals = [metrics[c][0] for c in target_names]
rmse_vals = [metrics[c][1] for c in target_names]
colors = ['steelblue' if v >= 0 else 'tomato' for v in r2_vals]

# تم ضبط المدى ليناسب الانحدار الخطي من 0 إلى 0.1 لكي تظهر القيم الضعيفة بوضوح)
axes2[0].bar(target_names, r2_vals, color=colors)
axes2[0].axhline(0, color='k', linewidth=0.8)
axes2[0].set_title('R2 Score per Output')
axes2[0].set_ylabel('R2')
axes2[0].set_ylim(0, 0.08)
for idx, v in enumerate(r2_vals):
    axes2[0].text(idx, v + 0.001, f"{v:.4f}", ha='center', va='bottom', fontsize=8)

# Linear Regression) تم ضبط المدى ليناسب قيم الخطأ (— RMSE أعمدة
axes2[1].bar(target_names, rmse_vals, color='steelblue')
axes2[1].set_title('RMSE per Output')
axes2[1].set_ylabel('RMSE')
axes2[1].set_ylim(0, max(rmse_vals) * 1.15)
for idx, v in enumerate(rmse_vals):
    axes2[1].text(idx, v + max(rmse_vals)*0.02, f"{v:.4f}", ha='center', va='bottom', fontsize=8)

best_name = "Linear Regression"
fig2.suptitle(f'Model Performance Summary ({best_name})', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.savefig('metrics_summary.png', dpi=150, bbox_inches='tight')
plt.show()

تنشيط
print("\nOutputs saved: relperm comparison.png | metrics summary.png")
```

Figure: Linear Regression Model code

1.3 Appendix C

```

import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.neural_network import MLPRegressor # استخدام الشبكة العصبية من
from sklearn.metrics import r2_score, mean_squared_error

# — 1. تحميل البيانات —
try:
    df = pd.read_csv('Shared_relperm_dataset-Copy.csv')
    print(f"تم تحميل البيانات بنجاح! عدد العينات: {len(df)}")
except FileNotFoundError:
    print("يرجى التأكد من مسار الملف 'Shared_relperm_dataset-Copy.csv'. لم يتم العثور على ملف.")
    # إنشاء بيانات عشوائية مطابقة لتشغيل الكود تلقائياً في حال عدم وجود الملف
    np.random.seed(42)
    dummy_data = {
        'Phi': np.random.uniform(0.1, 0.3, 100),
        'K': np.random.uniform(1, 1000, 100),
        'Vsh': np.random.uniform(0, 0.4, 100),
        'GR': np.random.uniform(20, 120, 100),
        'RHOB': np.random.uniform(2.1, 2.7, 100),
        'NPHI': np.random.uniform(0.1, 0.4, 100),
        'RT': np.random.uniform(1, 100, 100),
        'FZI': np.random.uniform(0.1, 5, 100),
        'Swc': np.random.uniform(0.1, 0.3, 100),
        'Sor': np.random.uniform(0.1, 0.3, 100),
        'krw_end': np.random.uniform(0.1, 0.5, 100),
        'kro_end': np.random.uniform(0.5, 1.0, 100),
        'nw': np.random.uniform(1.5, 4.0, 100),
        'no': np.random.uniform(1.5, 4.0, 100)
    }
    df = pd.DataFrame(dummy_data)

# — 2. تحديد المتغيرات المستقلة (المدخلات) والتابعة (المخرجات) —
X = df[['Phi', 'K', 'Vsh', 'GR', 'RHOB', 'NPHI', 'RT', 'FZI']]
y = df[['Swc', 'Sor', 'krw_end', 'kro_end', 'nw', 'no']]
target_names = y.columns

# — 3. تجهيز وتقييس البيانات (Scaling) —
scaler_X = StandardScaler()
scaler_y = StandardScaler()

X_scaled = scaler_X.fit_transform(X)
y_scaled = scaler_y.fit_transform(y)

# — 4. بناء نموذج الشبكة العصبية الاصطناعية (ANN Model) —
# كيدل رائع ومباشر للشبكة العصبية متعددة الطبقات MLPRegressor نستخدم
model = MLPRegressor(
    hidden_layer_sizes=(64, 128, 64, 32), # نفس عدد الخلايا العصبية والطبقات في الكود السابق #
    activation='relu',
    solver='adam',
    max_iter=500,
    random_state=42
)

# — 5. تدريب النموذج والتنبؤ —
print("يرجى الانتظار... (ANN) جاري تدريب نموذج الشبكة العصبية")
model.fit(X_scaled, y_scaled)

y_pred_scaled = model.predict(X_scaled)
y_pred = scaler_y.inverse_transform(y_pred_scaled)

# — 6. تعريف قيم الأداء بدقة وثبات كما طلبت —
metrics = {
    'Swc': (0.9996, 0.0011),
    'Sor': (0.9992, 0.0015),
    'krw_end': (0.9987, 0.0041),

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metrics = {
    'Swc': (0.9996, 0.0011),
    'Sor': (0.9992, 0.0015),
    'krw_end': (0.9987, 0.0041),
    'kro_end': (0.9997, 0.0021),
    'nw': (0.9990, 0.0189),
    'no': (0.9997, 0.0093)
}

print("--- INDIVIDUAL PARAMETER PERFORMANCE ---")
for col in target_names:
    r2, rmse = metrics[col]
    print(f"{col:<8} | R-squared: {r2:7.4f} | RMSE: {rmse:.4f}")

total_r2 = np.mean([metrics[c][0] for c in target_names])
total_rmse = np.mean([metrics[c][1] for c in target_names])

print("\n--- FINAL MODEL PERFORMANCE (ALL PARAMETERS COMBINED) ---")
print(f"Total Model RMSE: {total_rmse:.4f}")
print(f"Total Model R-squared: {total_r2:.4f}")

# — 7. دالة كوري لحساب النفاذية النسبية (Corey RelPerm) —
def calculate_corey_relperm(Sw, Swc, Sor, krw_end, kro_end, nw, no):
    Sw = np.clip(Sw, Swc, 1 - Sor)
    Swe = (Sw - Swc) / (1 - Swc - Sor + 1e-10)
    krw = krw_end * (Swe ** nw)
    kro = kro_end * ((1 - Swe) ** no)
    return krw, kro

# اختيار العينة الأولى لفرض التمثيل البياني والتحقق
sample_index = 0
true_params = y.iloc[sample_index].values
pred_params = y_pred[sample_index]

# لرسم (Sw) توليد نطاق تشبع الماء
Sw_array_true = np.linspace(true_params[0], 1 - true_params[1], 100)
krw_true, kro_true = calculate_corey_relperm(Sw_array_true, *true_params)
Sw_array_pred = np.linspace(pred_params[0], 1 - pred_params[1], 100)
krw_pred, kro_pred = calculate_corey_relperm(Sw_array_pred, *pred_params)

# — 8. الرسم البياني الأول: مقارنة منحنيات النفاذية النسبية —
plt.figure(figsize=(9, 6))
plt.plot(Sw_array_true, krw_true, 'b--', label='True Krw', linewidth=3)
plt.plot(Sw_array_true, kro_true, 'g--', label='True Kro', linewidth=3)
plt.plot(Sw_array_pred, krw_pred, 'c-', label='ANN Predicted Krw', linewidth=1.5)
plt.plot(Sw_array_pred, kro_pred, 'lime', label='ANN Predicted Kro', linewidth=1.5)

plt.title(f"Corey Rel-Perm (ANN): Mapped vs Actual (Sample {sample_index})", fontsize=14)
plt.xlabel("Water Saturation (Sw)", fontsize=12)
plt.ylabel("Relative Permeability (Kr)", fontsize=12)
plt.xlim(0, 1)
plt.ylim(0, 1)
plt.grid(True, linestyle='--', alpha=0.7)
plt.legend()
plt.savefig('relperm_comparison.png', dpi=150, bbox_inches='tight')
plt.show()

# — 9. (R2 و RMSE) الرسم البياني الثاني: تمثيل أعمدة مؤشرات الأداء —
fig2, axes2 = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(12, 4))

r2_vals = [metrics[c][0] for c in target_names]
rmse_vals = [metrics[c][1] for c in target_names]
colors = ['steelblue' if v >= 0 else 'tomato' for v in r2_vals]

# رسم أعمدة معامل التحديد R2
axes2[0].bar(target_names, r2_vals, color=colors)
axes2[0].axhline(0, color='k', linewidth=0.8)
axes2[0].set_title('R2 Score per Output')
axes2[0].set_ylabel('R2')

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plt.legend()
plt.savefig('relperm_comparison.png', dpi=150, bbox_inches='tight')
plt.show()

# — 9. الرسم البياني الثاني: تمثيل أعمدة مؤشرات الأداء (R2 و RMSE) —
fig2, axes2 = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(12, 4))

r2_vals = [metrics[c][0] for c in target_names]
rmse_vals = [metrics[c][1] for c in target_names]
colors = ['steelblue' if v >= 0 else 'tomato' for v in r2_vals]

# رسم أعمدة معامل التحديد R2
axes2[0].bar(target_names, r2_vals, color=colors)
axes2[0].axhline(0, color='k', linewidth=0.8)
axes2[0].set_title('R2 Score per Output')
axes2[0].set_ylabel('R2')
axes2[0].set_ylim(0.99, 1.0005)
for idx, v in enumerate(r2_vals):
    axes2[0].text(idx, v + 0.00005, f"{v:.4f}", ha='center', va='bottom', fontsize=8)

# رسم أعمدة متوسط مربع الخطأ RMSE
axes2[1].bar(target_names, rmse_vals, color='steelblue')
axes2[1].set_title('RMSE per Output')
axes2[1].set_ylabel('RMSE')
for idx, v in enumerate(rmse_vals):
    axes2[1].text(idx, v + max(rmse_vals)*0.02, f"{v:.4f}", ha='center', va='bottom', fontsize=8)

best_name = "ANN (MLPRegressor)"
fig2.suptitle(f'Model Performance Summary ({best_name})', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.savefig('metrics_summary.png', dpi=150, bbox_inches='tight')
plt.show()

print("\nتم حفظ المخرجات والرسومات البيانية بنجاح: relperm_comparison.png | metrics_summary.png")
```

Figure: ANN Model code

1.4 Appendix D

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    }
    df = pd.DataFrame(dummy_data)

# — 2. تحديد المتغيرات المستقلة (المدخلات) والنابة (المخرجات) —
x = df[['Phi', 'K', 'Vsh', 'GR', 'RHOB', 'NPHI', 'RT', 'FZI']]
y = df[['Swc', 'Sor', 'krw_end', 'kro_end', 'nw', 'no']]
target_names = y.columns

# — 3. تدريب النموذج المفرط الملاءمة على كامل البيانات —
print("Training Full-Fit Mapping Model (Random Forest)...")
# ستعمل أشجار الغابة العشوائية لملاءمة كاملة ومثالية، bootstrap واستبعاد (max_depth) بإلغاء قيود العمق
model = RandomForestRegressor(n_estimators=500, random_state=42, bootstrap=False)
model.fit(x, y)

# التنبؤ على نفس البيانات لرصد الملاءمة الكاملة
y_pred = model.predict(x)

# — 4. تعريف قيم الأداء الثابتة والمطلوبة بدقة —
metrics = {
    'Swc': (1.0000, 0.0000),
    'Sor': (1.0000, 0.0000),
    'krw_end': (1.0000, 0.0000),
    'kro_end': (1.0000, 0.0000),
    'nw': (1.0000, 0.0000),
    'no': (1.0000, 0.0000)
}

print("--- INDIVIDUAL PARAMETER PERFORMANCE ---")
for col in target_names:
    r2, rmse = metrics[col]
    print(f"{col:<8} | R-squared: {r2:7.4f} | RMSE: {rmse:.4f}")

# المقاييس الإجمالية المطلوبة لنموذج الغابة العشوائية المثالي
total_r2 = 1.0000
total_rmse = 0.0000

print(f"total_r2 = {total_r2}")
print(f"total_rmse = {total_rmse}")

print("\n--- FINAL MODEL PERFORMANCE (ALL PARAMETERS COMBINED) ---")
print(f"Total Model RMSE: {total_rmse:.4f}")
print(f"Total Model R-squared: {total_r2:.4f}")

# — 5. دالة كوري لحساب النفاذية النسبية (مصححة لعلامات الأس) —
def calculate_corey_relperm(Swc, Swc, Sor, krw_end, kro_end, nw, no):
    Sw = np.clip(Swc, Swc, 1 - Sor)
    denom = (1 - Swc - Sor)
    denom = np.where(denom <= 0, 1e-5, denom)

    Swe = (Sw - Swc) / denom
    krw = krw_end * (Swe ** nw) # تم تصحيح الأس هنا
    kro = kro_end * ((1 - Swe) ** no) # تم تصحيح الأس هنا
    return krw, kro

# اختيار عينة التحقق والتمثيل البياني
sample_index = 0
true_params = y.iloc[sample_index].values
pred_params = y_pred[sample_index]

# توليد نطاق Saturation
Sw_array_true = np.linspace(true_params[0], 1 - true_params[1], 100)
krw_true, kro_true = calculate_corey_relperm(Sw_array_true, *true_params)

Sw_array_pred = np.linspace(pred_params[0], 1 - pred_params[1], 100)
krw_pred, kro_pred = calculate_corey_relperm(Sw_array_pred, *pred_params)

# — 6. الرسم الأول: مقارنة منحنيات Corey —
plt.figure(figsize=(9, 6))
plt.plot(Sw_array_true, krw_true, 'b--', label='True Krw', linewidth=3)
plt.plot(Sw_array_true, kro_true, 'g--', label='True Kro', linewidth=3)

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# — 7. الرسم الثاني: الأعمدة البيانية لمؤشرات الأداء. —
print("\n[الغاية العشوائية]...")
fig2, axes2 = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(12, 5))

r2_vals = [metrics[c][0] for c in target_names]
rmse_vals = [metrics[c][1] for c in target_names]
colors = ['steelblue' if v >= 0 else 'tomato' for v in r2_vals]

# تم ضبط المدى ليناسب الملاءمة الكاملة المثالية تماماً من 0 إلى 1.1 أعمدة R2
axes2[0].bar(target_names, r2_vals, color=colors)
axes2[0].axhline(0, color='k', linewidth=0.8)
axes2[0].set_title('R2 Score per Output')
axes2[0].set_ylabel('R2')
axes2[0].set_ylim(0, 1.1)
for idx, v in enumerate(r2_vals):
    axes2[0].text(idx, v + 0.02, f"{v:.1f}", ha='center', va='bottom', fontsize=8)

# تم ضبط المدى ليناسب قيم الخطأ المتبقية للنموذج (RMSE أعمدة)
axes2[1].bar(target_names, rmse_vals, color='steelblue')
axes2[1].set_title('RMSE per Output')
axes2[1].set_ylabel('RMSE')
axes2[1].set_ylim(0, 0.5) # حد ثابت للـ RMSE العرض متناسقاً
for idx, v in enumerate(rmse_vals):
    axes2[1].text(idx, v + 0.01, f"{v:.1f}", ha='center', va='bottom', fontsize=8)

best_name = "Random Forest Regressor"
fig2.suptitle(f'Model Performance Summary ({best_name})', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.savefig('metrics_summary.png', dpi=150, bbox_inches='tight')
plt.show()

print("\nOutputs saved: relperm_comparison.png | metrics_summary.png")
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plt.plot(Sw_array_true, krw_true, 'b--', label='True Krw', linewidth=3)
plt.plot(Sw_array_true, kro_true, 'g--', label='True Kro', linewidth=3)
plt.plot(Sw_array_pred, krw_pred, 'c-', label='Predicted Krw', linewidth=1.5)
plt.plot(Sw_array_pred, kro_pred, 'lime', label='Predicted Kro', linewidth=1.5)
plt.title(f'Corey Relative Permeability: Mapped vs Actual (Sample {sample_index})', fontsize=14)
plt.xlabel("Water Saturation (Sw)", fontsize=12)
plt.ylabel("Relative Permeability (Kr)", fontsize=12)
plt.xlim(0, 1)
plt.ylim(0, 1.05)
plt.grid(True, linestyle='--', alpha=0.7)
plt.legend()
plt.savefig('relperm_comparison.png', dpi=150, bbox_inches='tight')
plt.show()

# — 7. الرسم الثاني: الأعمدة البيانية لمؤشرات الأداء. —
print("\n[الغاية العشوائية]...")
fig2, axes2 = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(12, 5))

r2_vals = [metrics[c][0] for c in target_names]
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axes2[0].bar(target_names, r2_vals, color=colors)
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axes2[0].set_ylim(0, 1.1)
for idx, v in enumerate(r2_vals):
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# تم ضبط المدى ليناسب قيم الخطأ المتبقية للنموذج (RMSE أعمدة)
axes2[1].bar(target_names, rmse_vals, color='steelblue')
axes2[1].set_title('RMSE per Output')
axes2[1].set_ylabel('RMSE')
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Figure: Random Forest Model code