

# 2D Nigerian Acquisition & Processing Flow

## Acquisition

### 1998 data

**Date Acquired:** 1998  
**Acquisition Company:** Veritas DGC Limited  
**Number of Vessels:** 1  
**Vessel Name:** R/V Professor Kurentsov  
**Number of Guns:** 1  
**Number of Cables:** 1  
**Number of Channels:** 240  
**Record Length:** 12 Seconds  
**Shot Interval:** 50m  
**Group Interval:** 25m  
**CDP Spacing:** 12.5m  
**Near Offset:** 94m  
**Fold of Coverage:** 60

**Gun Depth:** 6m average  
**Air Pressure:** 2000PSI  
**Volume:** 3450cu ins.  
**Type of Gun:** Airgun Array

**Cable Depth:** 8m average  
**Cable Length:** 6000m  
**Traces per Cable:** 240  
**Cable Type:** DSS-240 DIGITAL

**Vessel Positioning;**  
**Primary:** Satellite DGPS      **Secondary:** MN8

### 1999 data

**Date Acquired:** 1999  
**Acquisition Company:** Veritas DGC Limited  
**Number of Vessels:** 1  
**Vessel Name:** R/V New Venture  
**Number of Guns:** 1  
**Number of Cables:** 1  
**Number of Channels:** 480  
**Record Length:** 12 Seconds  
**Shot Interval:** 50m  
**Group Interval:** 12.5m  
**CDP Spacing:** 6.25m  
**Near Offset:** 125m  
**Fold of Coverage:** 60

**Gun Depth:** 6m average  
**Air Pressure:** 2000PSI  
**Volume:** 3450cu ins.  
**Type of Gun:** Airgun Array

**Cable Depth:** 8m average  
**Cable Length:** 6000m  
**Traces per Cable:** 480  
**Cable Type:** SYNTRON RDA

**Vessel Positioning;**  
**Primary:** Dual MRDGPS combined

## **Processing**

- 1) Reformat & trace edit
- 2) Resample to 4ms sample interval.
- 3) Minimum phase conversion using the far field gun signatures.
- 4) 2D geometry definition.
- 5) Swell noise attenuation incorporating a low cut filter and Veritas' 'despiking' algorithm.
- 6) Spherical divergence: scalar proportional to T above the WB and  $V^2T$  below the WB.
- 7) 0.5 K-filter applied to the 1999 data only.
- 8) Alternate channel drop for the 1999 data to increase the group interval from 12.5 to 25 metres.
- 9) Shot point interpolation run on common receiver gathers. This reduced the shotpoint interval from 50 metres to 25 metres, doubling the fold from 60 to 120.
- 10) Picked velocities at 1km interval.
- 11) 0.5 K-filter.
- 12) Higher resolution radon demultiple.
- 13) Interpolated traces dropped – fold reduced back down to 60.
- 14) Band limited spiking decon.
- 15) Time variant filter, water depth dependent.
- 16) UTMOST, full pre-stack, ray traced, Kirchhoff time migration run on each common offset (60 fold).
- 17)  $\frac{1}{2}$  km velocity field picked – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> order velocities.
- 18) Higher resolution radon demultiple.
- 19) Residual CDP flattening. Both 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> order velocities updated to form a final velocity field.
- 20) Phase matching of the Veritas 1999 survey to the Veritas 1998 survey and subsequent zero phasing.
- 21) Inner and Outer Mutes.
- 22) Shot/receiver static of 10ms.
- 23) Stack: 1/fold scaling used.
- 24) Time variant filter, water depth dependent.
- 25) Display scalar.
- 26) Generation of AVO products.