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## **S.A.I.D. TECHNICAL SESSION :**

### **BOREHOLE SEISMIC / SISMIQUE DE Puits**

**Thursday, April 5 2018: 15:00-18:00**

***Salle Ver Straelen, SGF***

***77 Rue Claude Bernard, 75005 Paris***

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**15:00 – 15:05 Welcome , Safety and Introductory remarks**

#### **Introduction**

**1. 15:05 – 15:20 : Basic Borehole Seismic**

Jean-Claude PUECH , Schlumberger

#### **Technologies Session :**

**2. 15:20 – 15:35 : « What's needed, What's New, What's Next », AVALON Geosciences :**

Gary TUBRIDY – William WILLS, presented by Charles NAVILLE, IFP-EN

**3. 15:35 – 15:50 : New acquisition technologies for VSP and Microseismic with conventional**

**hardware and Fiber optical Distributed Acoustic Sensing (DAS), Oleg VALISHIN, Florian PERCHER , SERCEL**

#### **Case Studies Session :**

**4. 15:50 – 16:20 : Borehole seismic applications from operator's perspective, Michel**

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**16:20 – 16:50 : Coffee Break**

**16:50 – 17:00 : Information about SAID**

**5. 17:00 – 17:30 : Log of Formation Parameters While Drilling , Sylvain SERBUTOVIEZ,**

IFP-EN

**6. 17:30 – 18:00 Orientation of 3 component Rig-source VSPs, IFPEN-APS-PPZG,**

Charles NAVILLE, IFP-EN

**Location of the meeting :**  
**Salle Ver Straelen, SGF ,**  
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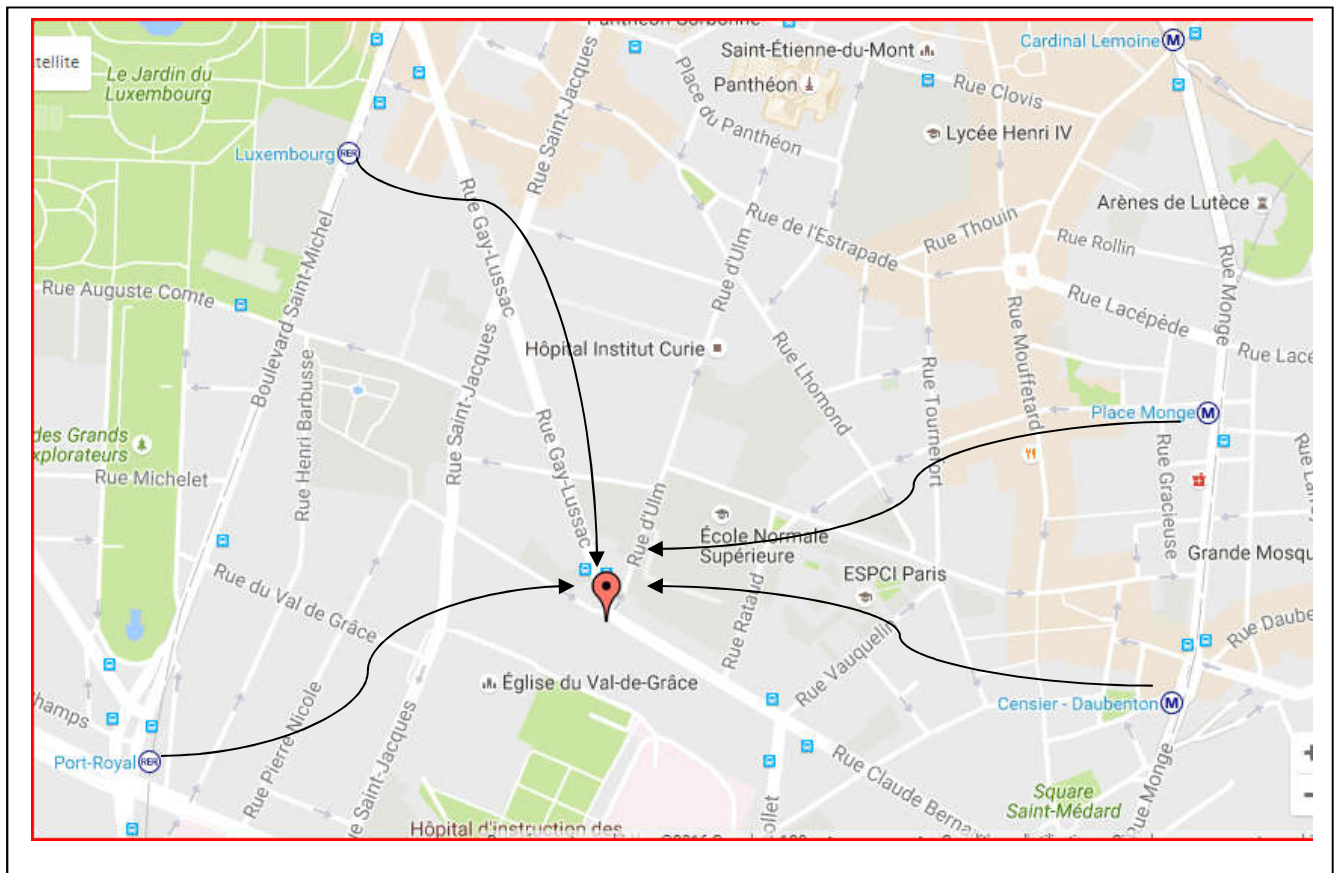
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# ABSTRACTS

## 1. Basic Borehole Seismic

Jean-Claude PUECH , SCHLUMBERGER

“Did you say VSP? What for ?”

A tour of the technique will be given, emphasizing what a geoscientist can expect and obtain out of this singular well logging measurement. The presentation will review the different applications, moving gradually from simple to more advanced ones, and illustrating them with real life examples.

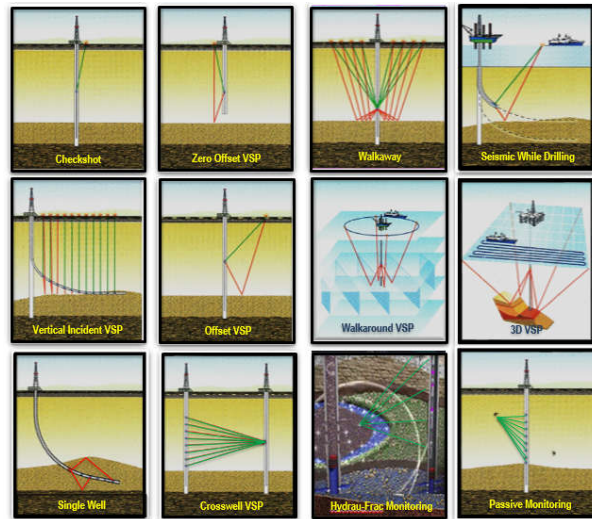
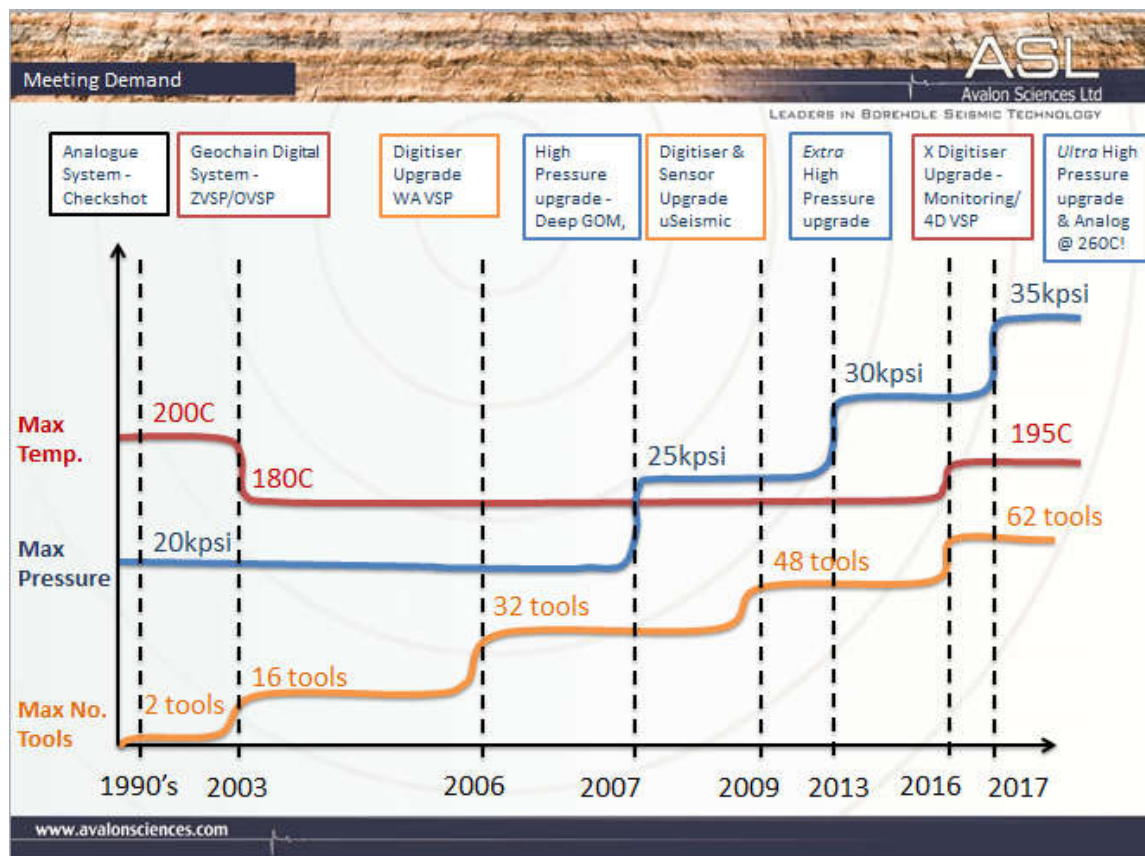


Plate showing the different configurations used in Borehole Seismic, depending of the purpose and the geological context.

## 2. « What’s needed, What’s New, What’s Next », AVALON Geosciences : Gary TUBRIDY – William WILLS, presented by Charles NAVILLE , IFP-EN.

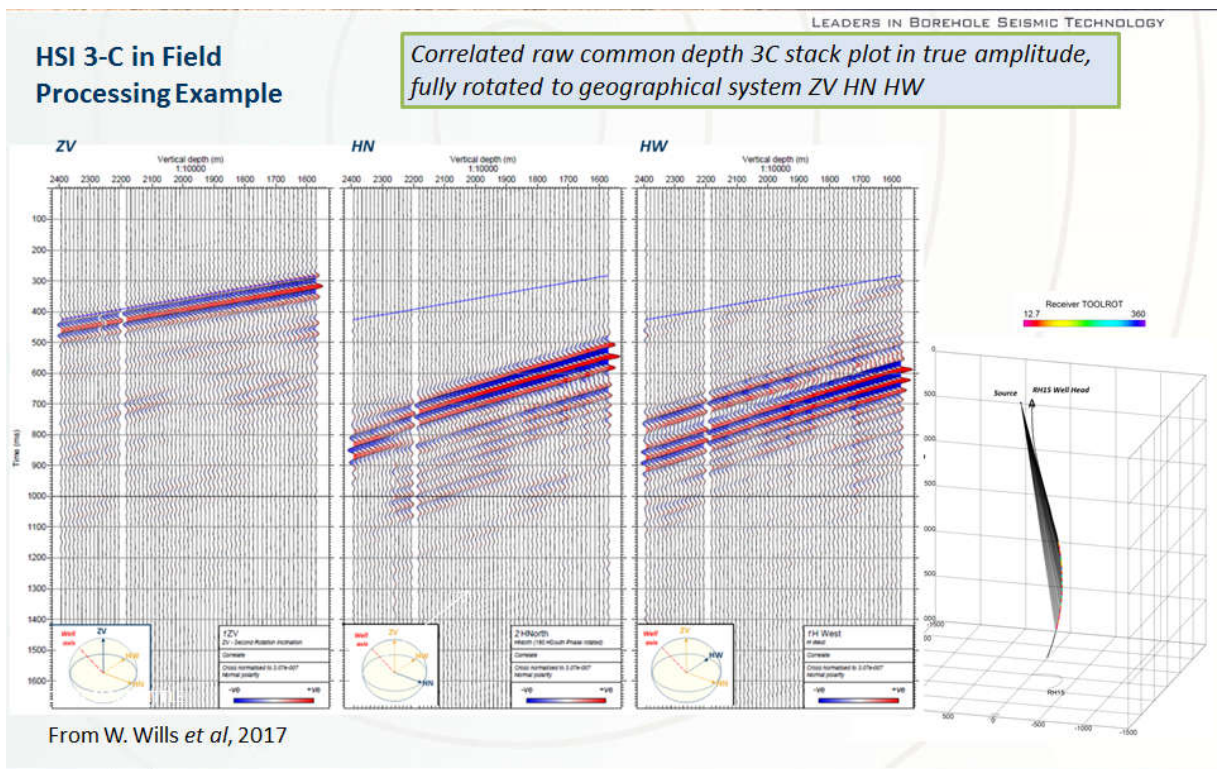
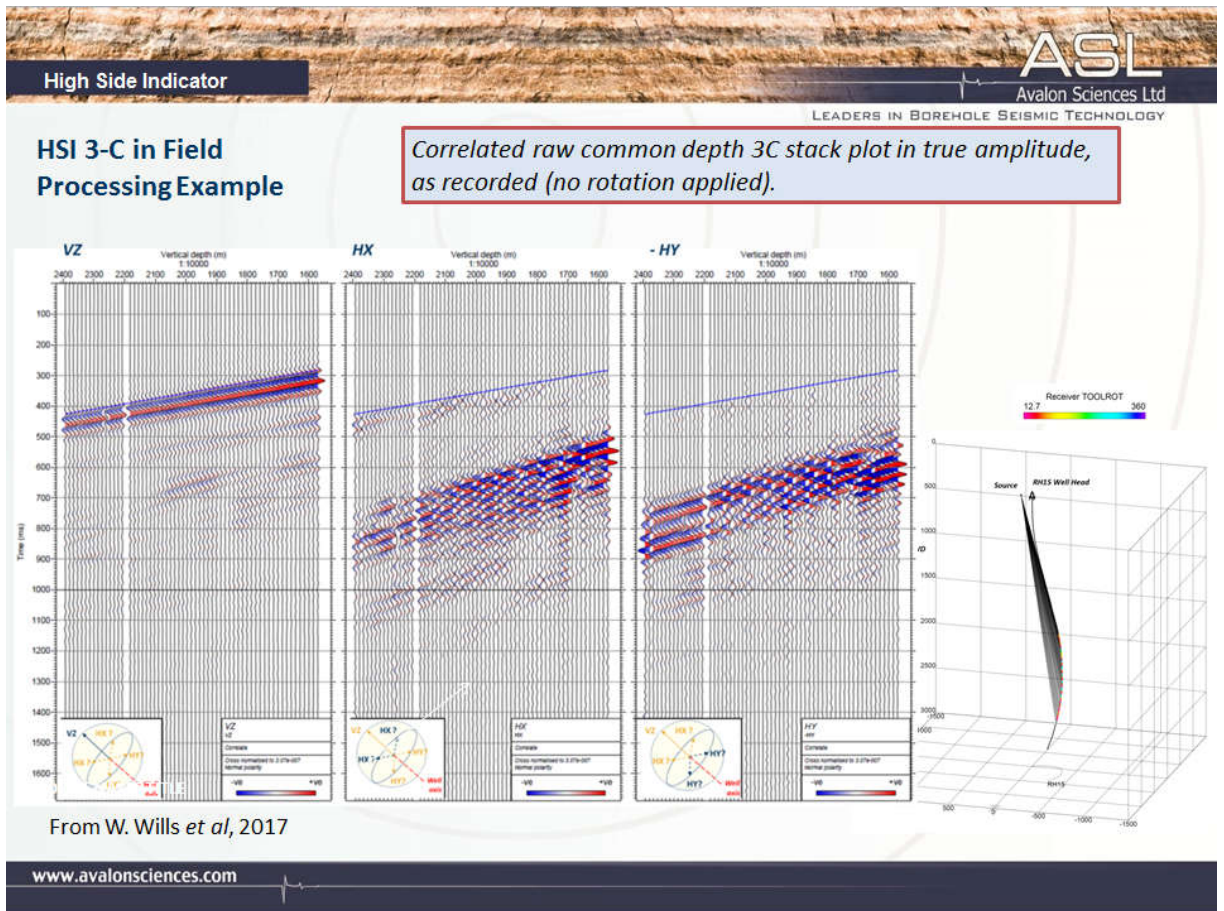
PDF : 2018 SAID Avalon\_Sc\_Ltd-VSP Tech Talk v2.pdf ( see [www.la-said.org](http://www.la-said.org))

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**Example of 3C orientation of rig source VSP dataset, orientation QC on the field:**



### 3. **New acquisition technologies for VSP and Microseismic with conventional hardware and Fiber optical Distributed Acoustic Sensing (DAS)**, Oleg VALISHIN, Florian PERCHER , SERCEL

The development of downhole seismic tool and technologies of their use has significantly advanced in the last few years. Current arrays system are capable of handling up to 120 shuttles on conventional wireline, with up to 3000 meters well coverage. The pressure and temperature limits have been pushed up dramatically, up to 35,000 psi and 205 degC for digital tools. The operations offshore with 100 levels and > 50,000 shooting points are not considered exceptional anymore. The rig up time, one of the primary issues of the VSP applications have been significantly reduced due to novelty deployment methods.

On the microseismic monitoring, split arrays with up to 1000 meters wellbore coverage become a norm for HFM, while improved electronics and increased number of geophones per tool allow microseismic detection in the conditions where it was not feasible before.

The advent of the Distributed Acoustic Sensing brought a new dimension to the borehole seismic, empowering certain applications, but confusing many users. A certain tendency has been widely used to present “either geophones or DAS” approach, while ignoring the final value of the measurement to the data user. Sercel will present their view on the matter, where both of the technologies can be, and should be used as complementary to each other, depending on the customer needs and the level of technology.



### 4. **Borehole seismic applications from operator’s perspective**, Michel VERLIAC , TOTAL

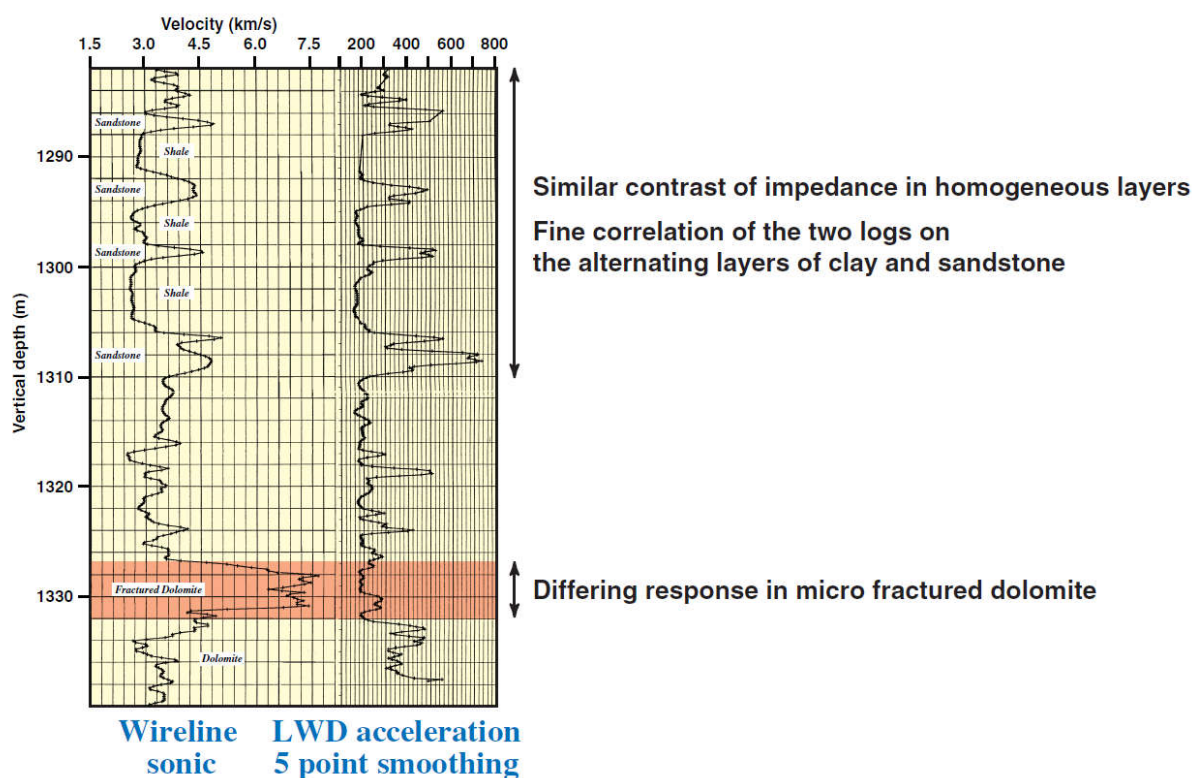
Overview of recent applications of borehole seismic for field exploration and development within Total, including examples of use of VSP to improve drilling decisions, structural delineation in complex geological environment, guidance of surface seismic processing, etc.



## 5. LOG OF FORMATION PARAMETERS WHILE DRILLING, Sylvain SERBUTOVIEZ, IFP-EN

**ABSTRACT:** The variations of formation stiffness are tentatively quantified using mainly the axial drill bit acceleration compensated with the appropriate drilling parameters in order to produce a continuous log while drilling. The acceleration sensor is preferably located down hole, at close as possible to the rock bit, up to 30m behind it. In the examples shown, the root mean square acceleration is calculated over every drilling time segment of 30 seconds, then it is displayed versus Measured Depth. Simple compensations are applied with the drilling rotation (RPM) and the rate of penetration (ROP) recorded on the drill site. As the obtained log is closely related to the P-wave acoustic impedance calculated from the standard wire line sonic and density logs, this new log has been called "**Pseudo acoustic Impedance Log**" (**PI-log**) Comparisons of the pseudo impedance log with the acoustic impedance computed from the sonic and density logs have been produced from several field examples. Good correlation has been obtained in homogenous formations with strong impedance variations. Differences are observed in micro fractured and fractured formations. With a Polycrystalline Diamond Compact (PDC) bit, the axial and torsion acceleration logs have been produced, from top of drillstring measurements only, however only the axial acceleration variations seem to be related to the lithology. More accurate experiments need to be carried out with PDC bits using downhole recorders of mechanical parameters While Drilling, in order to assess the value of the present pseudo-log. As the pseudo formation impedance log can be obtained while drilling, related to an "at the bit" measurement it could be a good Real Time indicator of the lithological changes at the bit in real time and could help in the following applications:

- positioning of the drill bit on the seismic section,
- definition of coring/casing points...
- formation evaluation when used with other logs
- early detection of over pressured formation,
- early detection of fractured / brittle rock drilled intervals, as illustrated below: the pseudo-impedance log on the right track, obtained with roller cone bit , indicates the weak resistance to drilling in the microfractured, high acoustic impedance dolomite layer underlined in brown.



Reference: AAPG Search and Discovery Article #90906©2001 AAPG Annual Convention, Denver, Colorado

6. **Orientation of 3 component Rig-source VSPs, IFPEN-APS-PPZG,**  
by Charles NAVILLE, IFP-EN;

ref: <http://www.ifpenergiesnouvelles.com/Expertise/Research-divisions/Geosciences/IFPEN-APS-PPZG-Orientation-of-3-component-Rig-source-VSPs>

ABSTRACT summarizing the main application:

SEISDIP : The “VSP dipmeter” from Oriented 3 Components:

VSP surveys are commercially recorded with a single zero-offset source position and with a downhole tool including 3 orthogonal seismic sensors. For VSP acquisition in vertical wells, a hardware orientation accessory needs to be combined with the VSP tool.

The illumination of seismic reflectors is achieved in 3 Dimensions, with information about their dip and azimuth (Seisdip™ method). 3C VSP yields the structural dip of seismic interfaces from the borehole up to distances of several hundred metres away from the well, even if the reflectors do not intersect the well, or are located below the well.

3C VSP can be recorded in cased or open hole. In contrast, electrical dip - meter log measurements relates to sedimentary dips within centimetres away from the well bore, and can be recorded in open hole only.

3C processing of oriented VSP data allows for reliable identification and improved discrimination of the upgoing VSP events: P or S mode, reflected, diffracted or refracted arrivals.

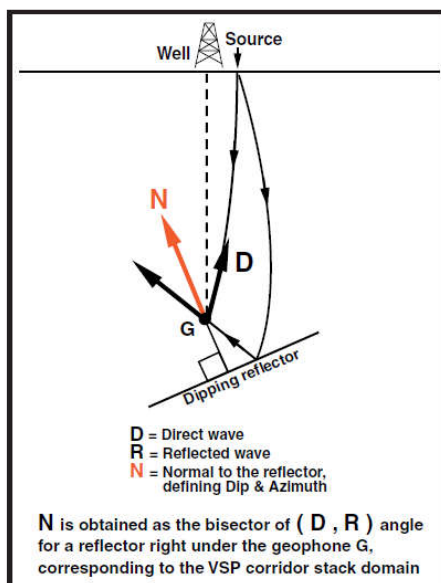
In case of interfering reflected/diffracted events generated by lateral dip variations or tilted faulted blocks, 3C processing allows to fully understand the VSP response, while the conventional single component processing can mislead the interpreter.

After showing a couple of case studies of VSP defined DIP, the presentation will focus on HOW to orientate the VSP tools containing 3 component geophones, WITOUT gyroscope.

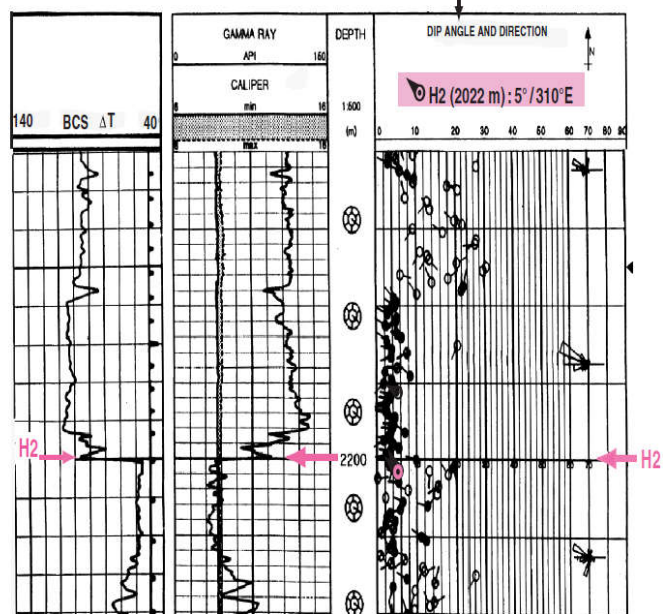
Dip/azimuth determination of reflectors near borehole , illustrated on below figure.

Principle of method ( left), field example ( right), in comparison with resistivity dipmeter log

**Application  
of Snell-Descartes law**



**6 arm Dipmeter results on Tad pole plot**



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