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Abstract: Low resistivity contrast oil reservoirs are subtle reservoirs that have no obvious difference in physical and electrical properties from water layers. It is difficult to identify based on the characteristics of the geophysical well logging response. Especially in tight sandstone reservoirs with low porosity and low permeability, the log interpretation effect of low resistivity contrast oil layers is worse. In recent years, data mining technology has been increasingly applied in oil exploration and development, especially for some complex reservoirs with unclear logging response characteristics, and how to use data mining technology to effectively solve some complex problems is of great significance in oilfields. Therefore, support vector machine (SVM) technology was applied to interpret the low resistivity contrast oil layer in this paper. First, the input data sequences of logging curves were selected by analyzing the relationship between reservoir fluid types and logging data. Then, the SVM classification model for fluid identification and SVR regression model for reservoir parameter prediction were constructed. Finally, the two models were applied to the logging interpretation of the Chang 8 tight sandstone reservoir of the Yanchang Formation in the Huanxian area, Ordos Basin. The application results show that the fluid recognition accuracy of the
SVM classification model is higher than that of the logging cross plot method and BP neural network method. The calculation accuracy of permeability and water saturation predicted by the SVR regression model is higher than that based on the experimental fitting model, which indicates that it is feasible to carry out logging interpretation and evaluation of the low resistivity contrast oil layer by the SVM method. The research results not only provide an important reference and basis for the review of old wells but also provide technical support for the exploration and development of new strata.

**Key words:** Low resistivity contrast oil layer; Support vector machine; Log interpretation; Tight sandstone reservoir.

1、Introduction

With the increasing volatility of international oil prices and the continuous reduction of oil reservoir scale, it is particularly important and urgent to carry out logging interpretation and evaluation research for low resistivity contrast oil reservoirs (pratama et al., 2017; Bai et al., 2021). The low resistivity contrast oil reservoir has the characteristics of little difference in porosity and resistivity logging response from the water layer, and the oil saturation of low resistivity contrast oil layer is relatively low, so it is difficult to identify and evaluate such oil layers by using logging response (mode et al., 2015; hakimov et al., 2019). At present, the low porosity and low permeability reservoir represented by tight sandstone has become the main battlefield to ensure the supply of oil and gas resources. However, the complex pore structure and strong heterogeneity reduce the sensitivity of the logging response to pore fluid, resulting in more low resistivity contrast oil layers developed in tight sandstone reservoirs, and it is more difficult to interpret and identify this kind of reservoir by using conventional logging interpretation methods (Bai et al., 2019; Shi et al., 2021).

In recent years, data mining technology has been increasingly applied in oil exploration and development, especially for unconventional reservoirs with unclear logging response characteristics, and how to use data mining technology to effectively solve some complex problems existing in the actual production of oil fields is of great significance (Kadhim et al., 2017; shahriari et al., 2020). Some classical optimization
algorithms, such as the neural network method, support vector machine and fuzzy clustering method, provide a new technology for the identification of low resistivity contrast oil reservoirs (Wang et al., 2015; Liu et al., 2017). Guo et al. (2015) predicted the water saturation at the lower limit of three water models by using the generalized neural network (GRNN) and particle swarm optimization support vector machine (PSO-SVM), which is in good agreement with the core analysis results in the Sulige tight sandstone reservoir. Chen and Peng (2020) used a BP neural network to train and learn the mathematical characteristics of logging curves of low resistivity oil reservoirs, which improved the accuracy of fluid identification and reservoir parameter prediction. Singh et al. (2016) used the stepwise linear regression, multilayer feed forward neural (MLFN) network method to predict the 2D distribution of P-wave velocity, resistivity, porosity, and gas hydrate saturation. Miah et al. (2020) used the multilayer perception artificial neural network (MLP-ANN) and kernel function-based least-squares support vector machine (LS-SVM) techniques to develop predictive models for water saturation, and the prediction performance was better than that of other models. At present, there are many machine learning algorithms based on theoretical mathematics, and each has its own advantages. However, the key to applying this kind of method to log interpretation of actual formation is to select appropriate training data as input (baneshi et al., 2013; Roslin and esterle, 2016).

The Ordos Basin is the second largest sedimentary basin in China, and now more than half of China's energy transfer comes from the Ordos Basin (Yang et al., 2013; Fu et al., 2021). The Huanxian area is located in the southwestern Ordos Basin, and the regional geological structure crosses the Tianhuan Depression and Yishan Slope from west to the east (Figure 1a). The tight sandstone reservoir of the Chang 8 member of the Yanchang Formation developed in the Huanxian area has a large sedimentary thickness, and the oil source mainly comes from the overlying Chang 7 high-quality source rock, which has great exploration and development potential (Zhao et al., 2013; Chai et al., 2020). With the deepening of oil and gas exploration and development in this area, the problem of logging interpretation and evaluation of low resistivity contrast reservoirs has become
increasingly prominent. Figure 1 (b) shows the relationship between the resistivity and density logging response of different pore fluids established according to the oil test data in the study area. The reservoir density and resistivity of the low resistivity contrast oil layer and water layers are low, and it is difficult to identify and evaluate low resistivity contrast oil layers by using conventional logging data, which seriously restricts the exploration progress and development of oil resources in this area. It is important to develop more effective methods to provide new logging technical support for the exploration and development of low resistivity contrast oil layers in unconventional reservoirs.
In this study, the support vector machine (SVM) learning method based on VC dimension theory in statistical learning and the structural risk minimization principle (SRM) were used to establish the interpretation model. By analyzing the relationship between logging response and pore fluid, the training data were optimized, and the SVM classification model for fluid identification and support vector machine regression (SVR) model for reservoir parameter prediction were established. The application results show that the model established by the SVM learning method is more effective than the conventional reservoir interpretation method in fluid identification and parameter evaluation, which proves that the model is effective and feasible in the identification and parameter prediction of low resistivity contrast oil reservoirs.

2、Method and theory

Different from the neural network method to solve the number of hidden nodes of neurons, the basic idea of a support vector machine for reservoir parameter prediction is to map the input space to a high-dimensional space by introducing a kernel function and then solve a linearly separable hyperplane or function in this high-dimensional space, which can separate all data types in the original space. The greater the separation
distance is, the better the classification effect. Finally, the nonlinear discrimination ability of the original spatial data is realized (Vapink, 1998).

Taking $T = \{(x_i, y_i) | i = 1, 2, ..., n\}$ and $x_i \in R^n$ as the input data, where $x_i$ is the logging data related to the predicted parameters, and $y_i$ is the core analysis data, that is, the target value.

Suppose that in high-dimensional space, the hyperplane or line function that can separate the two types of samples satisfies:

$$g(x_i) = \langle w_y, x_i \rangle + b_y$$  \hspace{1cm} (1)

where $w_y$ is the weight vector representing high-dimensional unknown coefficients and $b_y$ is a constant term. To use function (1) to distinguish all input data samples without error, function $y_k (\langle w, x \rangle + b) - 1 \geq 0$ should be satisfied. When the classification interval is maximum, function $\phi(w) = \frac{1}{2} w^T w$ should be minimum. In this way, the problem of solving the optimal hyperplane in high-dimensional space is transformed into the minimum value problem of the following convex programming function:

$$\phi(w, \xi) = \frac{1}{2} w^T w + C \sum_{k=1}^{n} \xi_k$$ \hspace{1cm} (2)

Which satisfies the following constraint condition:

$$y_k (\langle w, x \rangle + b) \geq 1 - \xi_k, \hspace{0.2cm} k = 1, ..., n$$ \hspace{1cm} (3)

where $\xi_k$ is a nonnegative relaxation variable introduced when the sample data are linearly inseparable; $C$ is a penalty parameter, and the greater its value is, the heavier the penalty for misclassification. The first term in the objective function (2) is to increase the classification interval, which effectively controls the generalization ability of the model. The second term is the training error to reduce the experience risk.

To map the training data set to the high-dimensional space, a kernel function needs to be introduced; that is, the convex programming problem of equation (2) is transformed into a quadratic programming problem. The expected weight vector can be written as $w = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\alpha_i^* - \alpha_i) x_i$, and finally, the analytical expression of the support
The vector machine regression function is as follows:

\[ f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*) K(x_i, x) + b \]  

where \( \alpha_i \) and \( \alpha_i^* \) are the nonnegative Lagrange multipliers and \( K(x_i, x) \) is a kernel function satisfying the Mercer condition. The commonly used kernel functions mainly include the polynomial kernel function, Gaussian kernel function, radial basis function kernel function and sigmoid kernel function. Fig. 2 shows the flowchart of constructing the classification model and regression model by using the SVM method.

![Figure 2. Flowchart of constructing the classification model and regression model by using the SVM method.](image)

**2.1 The construction of SVM classification model**

Fluid identification using SVM is a multiclassification problem, but the SVM method initially solves the two classification problems. Therefore, it is necessary to extend the SVM and construct a reasonable multiclassification coding scheme. At present, there are four main methods to construct SVM multiclassifiers: "one against one", "one against rest", "SVM decision tree" and "one-time solution method". When solving practical multiclassification problems, the "one-to-one" method has a better effect than other methods (Hsu et al., 2002; Peng and Zhang, 2007). Therefore, this method is selected to construct an SVM multiclassifier in this paper, and the basic idea is that if there are class k data, class I data and class J data are selected to construct a
classifier, where I < J, so \( k (k-1)/2 \) classifiers need to be trained. For class I and class J data, a two classification problem needs to be solved, and the voting method is used to solve this problem; that is, if the function judges that it belongs to class I, the number of votes of class I is increased by 1. Otherwise, the number of votes of class J is increased by 1, and the final output result is the class with the largest number of votes.

To build the SVM classification model for fluid identification, we must first determine the input logging data or parameters sensitive to the pore fluid. Considering that the study area is mainly conventional logging curves, nuclear magnetic resonance logs and array acoustic logs are not widely used in the whole area. Therefore, according to the characteristics of logging curve, the fluid identification factors sensitive to fluid type are selected as the input data, including \( (K/\phi)^{1/2} \), \( D_R \), \( QT \), \( Rt \), \( \Delta SP \), \( R_{wa} \) and \( R_{wa,SP} \), where \( (K/\phi)^{1/2} \) is the comprehensive physical property index, which \( K \) represents the permeability, and \( \phi \) is the porosity of reservoir. \( QT \) is the total hydrocarbon logging value, the greater the value, the greater the probability of possible oil and gas. \( Rt \) is the resistivity logging value. The specific calculation methods of other parameters are as follows:

\[
\Delta SP = \frac{SP_{Shale} - SP}{SP_{shale} - SP_{sand}}
\]  

where \( \Delta SP \) is the relative amplitude of the spontaneous potential. When the salinity difference of formation water is small, the higher the oil saturation of the reservoir is, the smaller the \( \Delta SP \) value; \( SP \) is the spontaneous potential logging value; and \( SP_{Shale} \) and \( SP_{sand} \) are the spontaneous potential values of pure mudstone and pure sandstone, respectively.

\[
D_R = \frac{AT90}{AT10} \times \frac{AT90}{AT20} \times \frac{AT90}{AT30} \times \frac{AT90}{AT60}
\]  

where \( D_R \) is the resistivity difference parameter, and \( AT10 \), \( AT20 \), \( AT30 \), \( AT60 \) and \( AT90 \) are the resistivity logs at depths of 10 in, 20 in, 30 in, 60 in, and 90 in the wellbore, respectively. The value of \( D_R \) is large for the oil layer, while the value for
the water layer is small.

\[ R_{wa} = \frac{R_t \cdot \phi^m}{ab} \]  \hspace{1cm} (7)

where \( R_{wa} \) is the apparent formation water resistivity calculated by the Archie formula when the reservoir water saturation is assumed to be 100%, \( m \) is the cementation index, and \( a \) and \( b \) are the cementation indices.

\[ R_{wa,SP} = \frac{R_{mf}}{10^{U_{SSP}/k}} \]  \hspace{1cm} (8)

where \( R_{wa,SP} \) is the resistivity of the pure water layer calculated by spontaneous potential logging data. \( R_{mf} \) is the resistivity of the mud filtrate, and \( U_{SSP} \) is the static spontaneous potential value. \( k \) is the diffusion adsorption electromotive force coefficient. In water-saturated layers, \( R_{wa} \) is equal to or less than \( R_{wa,SP} \), and with the increase in reservoir oil saturation, \( R_{wa} \) is higher than \( R_{wa,SP} \).

The output characteristics are represented by digital labels representing different fluid types, in which the number 2 represents the oil layer, the number 1 represents the oil-water layer, the number -2 represents the water layer, and the number -1 represents the dry layer. According to the oil test conclusion of the target interval in the study area, the input logging parameters are matched and combined with the numbers representing different pore fluid types to form the input training set of the model. To ensure the effectiveness and representativeness of the input training set, 204 training samples are selected in the study area, of which 185 are training sample sets and 19 are test sample sets. Table 1 shows the logging parameters and oil test results of these 19 test sample sets.

| NO. | Testing interval (m) | \((K / \phi)^{1/2}\) | Dr | QT | Rt | \(\Delta SP\) | \(R_{wa}\) | \(R_{wa,SP}\) | Oil testing results |
|-----|----------------------|---------------------|----|----|----|-------------|------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1   | 2502.7-2503.5        | 0.231               | 0.621 | 21.161 | 146.661 | 0.675 | 2.364 | 0.258 | Oil layer      |
| 2   | 2516.4-2520.7        | 0.170               | 2.344 | 1.863 | 119.823 | 0.702 | 1.348 | 0.327 | Oil layer      |
| NO. | Testing interval (m) | (K / $\phi$)$^{1/2}$ | Dr | QT | Rt | $\Delta$SP | $R_{wa}$ | $R_{wa,SP}$ | Oil testing results |
|-----|---------------------|---------------------|----|----|----|-----------|---------|-----------|-------------------|
| 3   | 2565-2571.3         | 0.274               | 1.648 | 9.201 | 61.624 | 0.697 | 1.146 | 0.274 | Oil layer       |
| 4   | 2356.1-2360.5       | 0.139               | 1.014 | 0.53 | 16.735 | 0.657 | 0.294 | 0.248 | Oil layer       |
| 5   | 2531.6-2533         | 0.178               | 1.755 | 1.131 | 61.118 | 0.770 | 0.627 | 0.184 | Oil layer       |
| 6   | 2590-2595.8         | 0.272               | 0.814 | 0.483 | 45.347 | 0.770 | 0.666 | 0.246 | Oil layer       |
| 7   | 2397.6-2401.8       | 0.166               | 1.087 | 2.409 | 32.619 | 0.760 | 0.369 | 0.229 | Oil layer       |
| 8   | 2469.4-2472.9       | 0.170               | 0.947 | 1.281 | 9.353 | 0.852 | 0.215 | 0.272 | oil-water layer |
| 9   | 2813.5-2816.2       | 0.216               | 1.492 | 0.945 | 13.018 | 0.713 | 0.241 | 0.236 | oil-water layer |
| 10  | 2652.8-2656.8       | 0.359               | 0.878 | 2.545 | 13.015 | 0.858 | 0.253 | 0.155 | oil-water layer |
| 11  | 2607.4-2609.8       | 0.216               | 1.492 | 0.945 | 13.018 | 0.713 | 0.236 | 0.241 | oil-water layer |
| 12  | 2614.2-2618         | 0.496               | 0.687 | 2.713 | 7.585 | 0.776 | 0.248 | 0.156 | oil-water layer |
| 13  | 2544.3-2548.7       | 0.297               | 0.992 | 1.179 | 208.161 | 0.797 | 2.750 | 0.292 | oil-water layer |
| 14  | 2602-2605.3         | 0.151               | 1.055 | 1.06 | 43.868 | 0.812 | 0.463 | 0.244 | oil-water layer |
| 15  | 2696.4-2698.8       | 0.756               | 0.707 | 0.375 | 4.898 | 0.76 | 0.174 | 0.294 | Water layer     |
| 16  | 2595-2600.5         | 0.144               | 0.670 | 0.313 | 8.736 | 0.833 | 0.149 | 0.142 | Water layer     |
| 17  | 2665-2667.2         | 0.583               | 0.390 | 3.643 | 6.832 | 0.793 | 0.166 | 0.197 | Water layer     |
| 18  | 2819.1-2822         | 0.208               | 0.838 | 2.254 | 7.603 | 0.864 | 0.183 | 0.098 | Water layer     |
| 19  | 2527-2529.2         | 0.080               | 0.303 | 2.552 | 104.618 | 0.421 | 0.692 | 0.290 | Dry layer       |

The input sample set data have different physical meanings and different dimensions and orders of magnitude, and it is necessary to normalize the original data before learning and training. The normalization method selected in this paper is the mapminmax function, and its normalization formula is:

$$x^* = \frac{2*(x - x_{min})}{(x_{max} - x_{min})} - 1$$  \hfill (9)

where $x^*$ is the normalized data, $x$ is the input data, $x_{max}$ and $x_{min}$ are the
maximum and minimum values of the input data, and the range of normalized data is between -1 and 1.

The libsvm toolbox in MATLAB software is used for SVM classification model learning and training, and the radial basis function is selected as the kernel function, that is, \( K(x_i, x_j) = \exp\left(-\frac{||x_i - x_j||^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \). The combination of grid search and k-fold cross validation is used to determine the best penalty factor (C) and kernel function parameters (\( \sqrt{2}\sigma \)), that is, the different combinations of penalty factor and kernel function parameters are selected to calculate the mean square errors obtained through training, and one group with the smallest mean square error is obtained as the optimal parameters. where the values of C are \( (2^{-5}, \ 2^{-4}, \ldots, \ 2^{12}) \) and the values of \( \sqrt{2}\sigma \) are \( (2^{-5}, \ 2^{-4}, \ldots, \ 2^{5}) \). Fig. 3 shows the plan maps of the mean square error and correlation coefficient trained by the 4-fold cross validation method under different C and \( \sqrt{2}\sigma \) parameter combinations. By looking for the penalty factor and kernel function parameters with the smallest mean square error and the highest correlation coefficient of 19 test sample sets, the optimal penalty factor and kernel function parameter combination of the classification model is \( C = 4096 \) and \( \sqrt{2}\sigma = 2 \).

![Figure 3](image.png)

(a) The mean square errors of testing sample sets with different combinations of penalty factors and kernel function parameters, (b) the correlation coefficient of testing sample sets with different combinations of penalty factors and kernel function parameters.
parameters.

2.2 SVR regression model

The permeability and saturation of unconventional reservoirs are seriously affected by pore structure, and it is difficult to obtain these two parameters based on conventional logging curves. Therefore, the support vector regression (SVR) method is considered to construct the prediction model of reservoir permeability and saturation. The idea of using SVR to build a reservoir parameter prediction model is the same as the basic process of the SVM classification model, which is to first select the optimal dataset with high correlation to the prediction target value as the input. The relationship between permeability, saturation and logging curve is very complex. To determine the appropriate input training set, different logging data set combinations were used as the input training data, and the optimal input data set was selected by comparing the errors of the prediction model. The combination of different input logging data sets is shown in Table 2, including logging curves reflecting the reservoir lithology (ΔSP and ΔGR), logging curves reflecting reservoir physical properties (DEN, AC, CNL), logging curves reflecting reservoir electrical properties (RT), and reservoir porosity logging curve (POR) calculated by the core calibration logging curve method.

From the 16 wells in the study area, approximately 252 reliable and representative closed coring wells are selected to analyze the reservoir permeability and saturation, which are combined with the relevant logging curve data of the corresponding depth points to form the input training sample sets, 50 samples are randomly selected for back judgment, and the optimal input training sample set combination is selected according to the average relative error of the back judgment results. Fig. 4 shows the change in the average relative error of the regression permeability model and regression saturation model when using different input data sets. Combination 4 has the smallest (10.7%) average relative error to predict reservoir permeability, which reflects that reservoir permeability is jointly affected by porosity and shale content. Adding porosity data cannot improve the accuracy. Combination 5 has the smallest (2.1%) average relative error to predict reservoir saturation. From different average relative errors, the
average relative error of the saturation regression model changes little from combination 2 to combination 5, basically floating up and down by 2%, which illustrates that the porosity data calculated by conventional methods can improve the accuracy, but it is not obvious, which also shows that the reservoir saturation is mainly related to the electrical and comprehensive physical properties of the reservoir. Therefore, the optimal input training data set by the SVR regression permeability model is finally selected as combination 4, and the optimal input training data set by the SVR regression saturation model is combination 5.

Table 2. The combination of different input logging data sets

| NO.  | Input logging data sets | Prediction parameter |
|------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1    | DEN, AC, CNL            |                      |
| 2    | RT, DEN, AC, CNL        |                      |
| 3    | DEN, AC, CNL, ΔGR       | Permeability         |
| 4    | DEN, AC, CNL, ΔSP       |                      |
| 5    | DEN, AC, CNL, ΔSP,POR   |                      |
| 1    | DEN, AC, CNL            |                      |
| 2    | RT, DEN, AC, CNL        | Saturation           |
| 3    | RT, DEN, AC, CNL, ΔGR   |                      |
| 4    | RT, DEN, AC, CNL, ΔSP   |                      |
| 5    | RT, DEN, AC, CNL, ΔSP,POR |                   |

Figure 4. Characteristics of the average relative error by using different input data set combinations
3. Application effect analysis

3.1 SVM classification model

To evaluate the reliability of the SVM classification model for fluid recognition, the conventional fluid recognition method (cross plot of porosity and resistivity log) is introduced and compared with the commonly used artificial neural network algorithm (BP neural network). The input parameters of the BP neural network prediction model are the same as those of the SVM classification model. The optimal number of neuron layers is two layers, and the number of neurons in each layer is 12 and 14. The training function adopts the gradient descent adaptive learning rate function (traingdx function). Table 3 shows the comparison of fluid identification results of 19 new test sample sets by using the SVM classification model, conventional fluid recognition method and BP neural network model. The SVM classification model has the highest fluid identification accuracy (89.473%), followed by the BP neural network method (78.947%), and the conventional fluid recognition method has the lowest fluid identification accuracy (73.684%). This shows that using the SVM classification model to identify the low resistivity contrast oil layer is effective and feasible. Moreover, compared with the BP neural network model, the SVM classification model has certain advantages in solving the problem of small sample training, stronger generalization ability and better stability.

Table 3. Comparison of fluid identification results by different methods

| NO. | Testing interval (m) | Oil testing results | SVM model | BP neural network | Conventional method |
|-----|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1   | 2502.7-2503.5       | Oil layer           | Oil layer | Oil layer         | Oil layer           |
| 2   | 2516.4-2520.7       | Oil layer           | Oil layer | Oil layer         | Oil layer           |
| 3   | 2565-2571.3         | Oil layer           | Oil layer | Oil layer         | Oil layer           |
| 4   | 2356.1-2360.5       | Oil layer           | Oil layer | Oil-water layer   | Oil layer           |
| 5   | 2531.6-2533         | Oil layer           | Oil layer | Oil layer         | Oil layer           |
| 6   | 2590-2595.8         | Oil layer           | Oil layer | Oil-water layer   | Oil layer           |
| 7   | 2397.6-2401.8       | Oil layer           | Oil-water layer | Oil layer | Oil-water |
| 8   | 2469.4-2472.9       | Oil-water layer     | Oil-water layer | Oil layer | Oil-water |
| NO. | Testing interval (m) | Oil testing results | SVM model | BP neural network | Conventional method |
|-----|----------------------|---------------------|-----------|------------------|---------------------|
| 9   | 2813.5-2816.2        | Oil-water layer     | Oil-water layer | Oil-water layer   | Oil layer           |
| 10  | 2652.8-2656.8        | Oil-water layer     | Oil-water layer | Oil-water layer   | Oil layer           |
| 11  | 2607.4-2609.8        | Oil-water layer     | Oil-water layer | Oil-water layer   | Oil-water layer     |
| 12  | 2614.2-2618          | Oil-water layer     | Oil-water layer | Oil-water layer   | Oil-water layer     |
| 13  | 2544.3-2548.7        | Oil-water layer     | Oil-water layer | Oil layer         | Oil layer           |
| 14  | 2602-2605.3          | Oil-water layer     | Oil-water layer | Oil-water layer   | Oil layer           |
| 15  | 2696.4-2698.8        | Water layer         | Water layer    | Water layer       | Water layer         |
| 16  | 2595-2600.5          | Water layer         | Water layer    | Water layer       | Water layer         |
| 17  | 2665-2667.2          | Water layer         | Water layer    | Water layer       | Water layer         |
| 18  | 2819.1-2822          | Water layer         | Water layer    | Water layer       | Water layer         |
| 19  | 2527-2529.2          | Dry layer           | Oil layer      | Dry layer         | Oil layer           |
|     | Accuracy             | 89.473%            | 78.947%       | 73.684%          |

### 3.2 SVR model

Fig. 5 is the log interpretation result of a well (M165) with a low contrast oil layer in our study area, in which the testing interval is 2590 m-2596.5 m, and the average resistivity is 12.6 Ω.m. The 8th and 9th tracks in Fig 5 are the calculation results of reservoir permeability and saturation, respectively. The blue solid line is the permeability curve calculated by the conventional model (core calibration logging curve method), and the yellow solid line is the permeability curve predicted by the SVR model. The 9th blue solid line is the saturation calculated by the Archie saturation model, and the yellow solid line is the saturation curve predicted by the SVR model. The reservoir parameters calculated by the SVR model are more consistent with the core analysis results.

In addition, the calculated permeability and saturation by using the SVR model and the conventional model are compared with the core analysis data of 129 sealed cores from 12 wells (Figure 6). The results show that the average relative error of permeability calculated by the conventional method is 0.385, and the permeability predicted by the SVR model is 0.259. The average relative error of water saturation calculated by the Archie model is 0.188, while the saturation predicted by the SVR model is 0.097. This further verifies that the constructed
SVR prediction model is feasible and effective.

Figure 5. Comparison of reservoir permeability and saturation calculated by the SVR regression model and conventional method (Well M165)

Figure 6. The comparison results of reservoir permeability (a) and saturation (b) calculated by the SVR regression model and conventional method, respectively.

4. Conclusions

(1) There is no obvious difference in physical and electrical properties between the low resistivity contrast oil layer and water layer in the tight sandstone reservoir of the Chang 8 member in the Huanxian area, Ordos Basin. It is difficult to effectively identify and...
evaluate low resistivity contrast oil layers by using conventional logging data, which seriously restricts the exploration progress and development benefits of oil and gas resources in this area.

(2) This study analyzed the relationship between the logging response and pore fluid to optimize the input training dataset. The SVM learning method was used to construct the SVM classification model and SVR regression model for fluid identification and reservoir parameter prediction.

(3) The application results show that the SVM classification model has higher fluid identification accuracy than the BP neural network method and conventional fluid recognition method (cross plot of porosity and resistivity log). The reservoir permeability and saturation predicted by the SVR regression model are more consistent with the core analysis results, which proves that the SVM method is effective and feasible for low resistivity contrast oil reservoir interpretation.

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