Oily Python: a Reservoir Engineering Perspective

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Outline

- \checkmark What reservoir engineers do
- ✓ Data pre-processing and number crunching *xlrd* and *numpy*
- ✓ 2D visualizations matplotlib
- ✓ 3D visualizations *VTK, mayavi* and *NetworkX*
- ✓ Integration with the reservoir numerical simulator -f2py
- ✓ Automation and N-D interpolation Python and *scipy*
- ✓ Graphical user interfaces (GUIs) *wxPython*

Presentation samples: <u>http://www.infinity77.net/pycon/oily.zip</u>





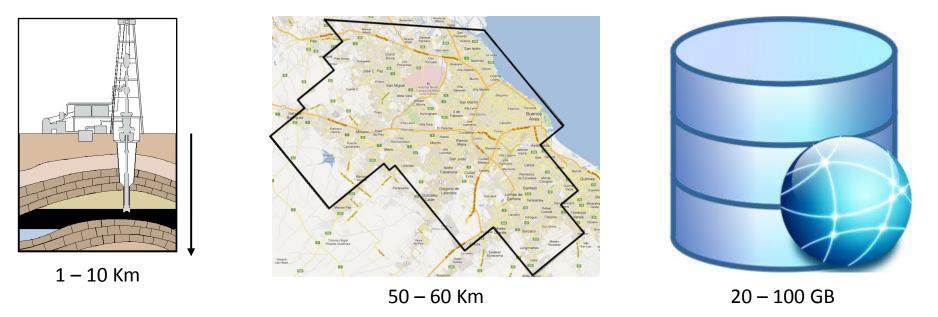
What We Do

- ✓ Using all sorts of real-life measurements:
 - Man-made seismic waves
 - Detailed record of the geologic formations penetrated by a well (*logs*)
 - Rock properties, oil/water/gas content in the reservoir rock
 - Pressure/temperature vs. depth in a well
 - Oil/water/gas production rates measured at the well
 - ... and many others ...
- ✓ A reservoir engineer:
 - Builds a 3D numerical model representing the reservoir and runs time-dependent fluid flow simulations
 - Tries to calibrate that model, i.e., match the simulated results with the real data
 - Using the calibrated model, tries to predict the future performances of the field





What We Do – Complications



- ✓ Located underground: we can't go and see what's in there
- ✓ Sheer areal size hard to accurately model numerically
- ✓ Huge amount of data to pre-process and integrate
- ✓ Each simulation can easily generate 100 GB of results to analyze





Data Pre-Processing

"When fed with garbage data, a simulator is a machine that calculates meaningless results with incredible precision."

- ✓ A big part of the job is to ensure that the input data makes sense
 - Measurements come from many, unrelated sources
 - Data frequency both in time and depth varies wildly
 - Deep and thorough data checking needs to be carried out
- ✓ Dense visual representations of the input data are fundamental
 - Nothing beats seeing an image of your data to spot errors
 - Automatic filters and data adjustments (via Python code) are inherently limited
- ✓ Cleaned, sensible data can then be used to feed the simulation
 - One possible source of errors has been removed





Data Pre-Processing – xlrd

- ✓ Part of the data comes in Excel format (sigh...) I am no friend with Excel
- ✓ *xlrd* is a great, multi-platform Python package to read Excel files
 - Fast as a rabbit faster than Excel itself
 - Works around many Excel bugs (especially datetime-related)

```
# Open the Excel file
book = xlrd.open workbook('example 1.xls')
# Get the first worksheet
sheet = book.sheet by index(0)
# Allocate an empty numpy array
values = numpy.zeros((sheet.nrows, 3))
# Loop over all the Excel sheet rows
for row in range(1, sheet.nrows):
    # Get the well name
    well name = sheet.cell(row, 0).value
    # Column B should be a date ...
    cell type = sheet.cell(row, 1).ctype
    cell value = sheet.cell(row, 1).value
    if cell type == xlrd.XL CELL DATE:
        # It's a date!
        date = xlrd.xldate as tuple(cell value, book.datemode)
        date = datetime.date(*date[0:3])
    # Store production data into a numpy array
    for col in range(3):
        values[row, col] = sheet.cell(row, col+2).value
```

- Smoothly handles different cell types (empty, text, number, boolean, etc...)
- ✓ Various Excel-errors handling (#REF!, #DIV/0!, #VALUE!, etc...)
- ✓ Info on cell fonts, formats, formulae
- ✓ It's the base of XLSGrid (an AGW widget in wxPython) ☺

Oily sample: xlrd_1.py



Number Crunching and I/O

Task of the day

- ✓ Quality check of the electrical measurements on a well (*logs*)
- ✓ Depth-based data at 15cm intervals (well length can be more than 10Km)
- ✓ Free format text file with variable-length headers
 - Data is organized in columns
- ✓ We only care about depth, rock property and water content
 - All other data is discarded
- ✓ Unphysical values must be filtered out (X < 0 or X > 1)
- ✓ Cleaned data is then exported in another format
 - 1. Keeping original depth intervals (15cm)
 - 2. Averaging rock property and water content every 6m





Number Crunching and I/O

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Data

Problem size and available resources

- ✓ 860 wells, 4.9 GB of data scattered over a network
- ✓ Python 2.7 on Windows Vista:
 - CPU @ 3.46 GHz, 64 bit architecture
 - 16 cores, 96 GB or RAM







Number Crunching and I/O – *numpy*

```
# We skip the first 43 rows of the text file
skip = 43
# Column 0 = Depth
# Column 8 = Rock property
# Column 13 = Water content
columns = (0, 8, 13)
# 1. Load the data using numpy.loadtxt
data = numpy.loadtxt('log.prn', skiprows=skip, usecols=columns)
```

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# 2. Filter out the bad values for rock property
# and water content
rock_water = data[:, 1:]
rock_water[rock_water < 0] = -999
rock_water[rock_water > 1] = -999
data[:, 1:] = rock_water
# 3. Save the filtered data to a new file
numpy.savetxt('log_out.prn', data, fmt='%-15s')
```

```
# 4. Moving average every 20ft - 6m
# a. Set negative (default) values to NaN
averaged = numpy.where(data < 0, numpy.NaN, data)
# Pre-allocate a matrix for the averaged values
out_averaged = numpy.zeros((5, averaged.shape[1]))
for col in xrange(averaged.shape[1]):
    out_averaged[:, col] = moving_average(averaged[:, col], 40)
```

- ✓ *loadtxt* is very handy and fast
- ✓ Returns a 2D numpy array
- Supports a wide range of file formats by tweaking its keyword arguments
- ✓ Fast and intuitive operations on N-D arrays
- ✓ savetxt is as handy and as fast as loadtxt

 A moving average implementation is a 2-liner with *numpy*



Number Crunching and I/O – numpy

Final results and performances

- ✓ Looped through all the files in 6.5 minutes
- ✓ Can we do better?
 - Yes we can go parallel with the *multiprocessing* module
 - The task is easily parallelizable: one file at a time

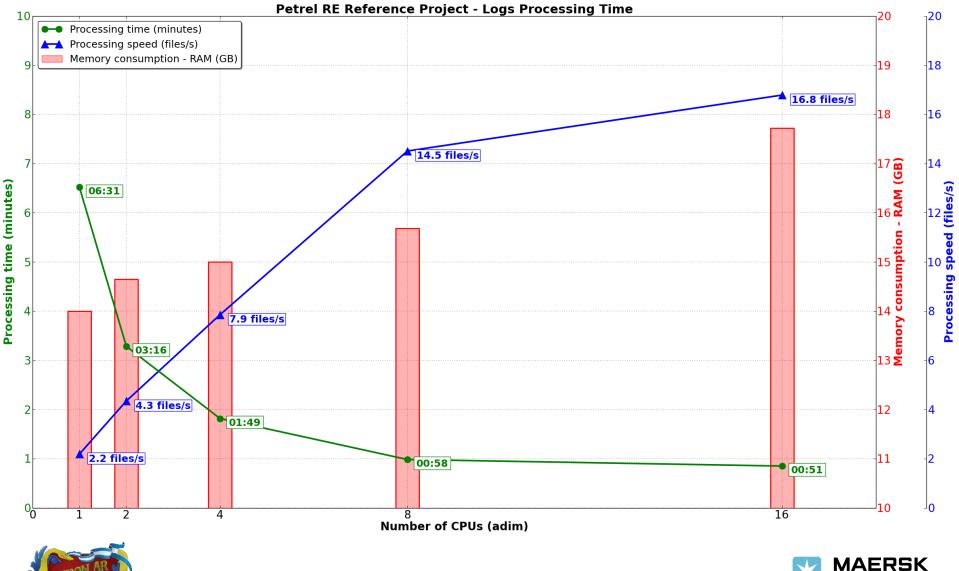
```
import numpy
from multiprocessing import Pool, cpu_count
# Start a multiprocessing pool of processes
# Use all the available CPUs
pool = Pool(processes=cpu_count())
# prn_files is a list of all the text files
# Apply the function to every text file
pool.map(read_log_file, prn_files)
```

- ✓ Windows is less suited to parallel stuff than other platforms (no *os.fork()*)
- ✓ Nevertheless, this approach gives stupendous speed gains
- ✓ If I am I/O-bound... I don't care





Number Crunching and I/O – *numpy*



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2D Visualizations

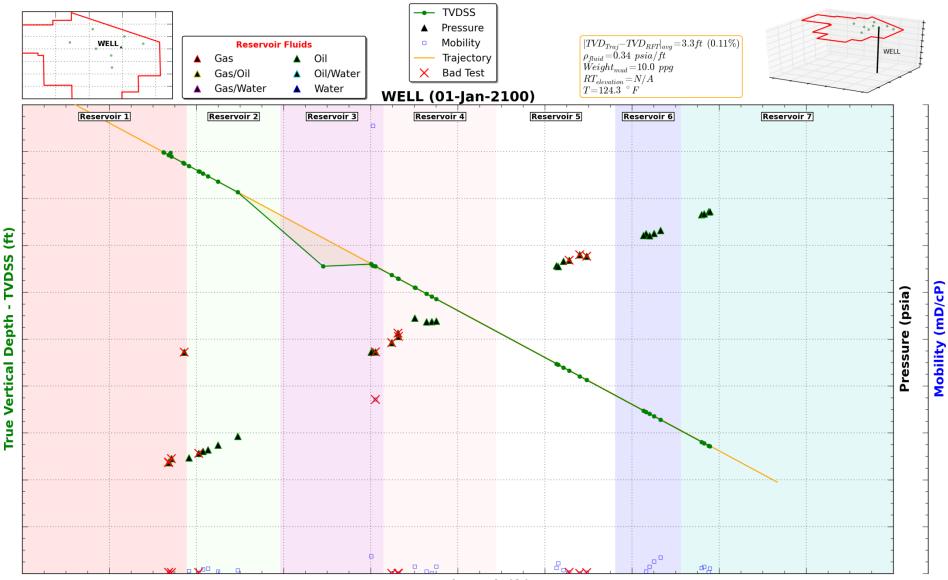
"A picture is worth a thousand words."

- ✓ We produce visualizations for every data type in our datasets
 - Visual inspection is a powerful solution to spot errors
 - Everyone in the team has a chance to analyze the data
 - Often provide new insights on how to better integrate the data
- ✓ The generated plots contain as much information as possible
- ✓ *matplotlib* is the Python package of choice
 - Almost limitless customizations of plots
 - Very high plot quality and wide range of plot types
 - Easy integration with GUI toolkits (*wxPython*, *Qt*, *PyGtk*, *TkInter*)





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Measured Depth (ft)

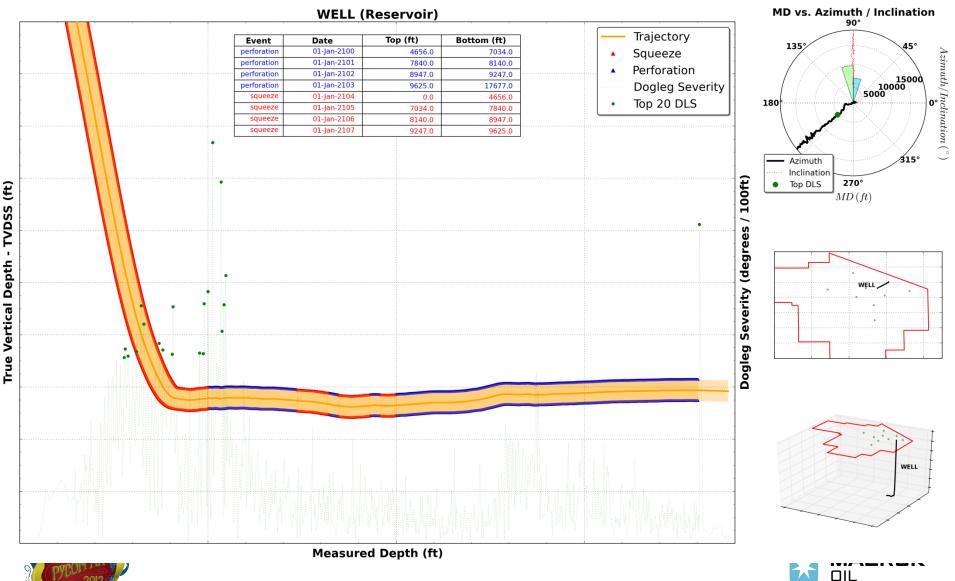
- ✓ Multiple independent Y-axis
- Axis location, ticks, colors, labels, etc... can be tweaked
- *axisartist* supports curvilinear axis as well

Mail Oily sample: matplotlib_1.py

- ✓ axhspan adds a horizontal span (rectangle) across the axis
- *axvspan* is its vertical friend

Oily sample: *matplotlib_2.py*







```
# Make a square figure
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(6, 6))
# Add polar axes
ax = fig.add_axes([0.1, 0.1, 0.8, 0.8], polar=True)
# Make some data up
r = numpy.arange(0, 3.0, 0.01)
theta = 2*numpy.pi*r
ax.plot(theta, r, color='#ee8d18', lw=3)
ax.set_rmax(2.0)
ax.grid(True)
```

 Tables are a useful addition to matplotlib plots

 Exact formatting, colors and font may sometimes be hard to get right

Oily sample: matplotlib_3.py

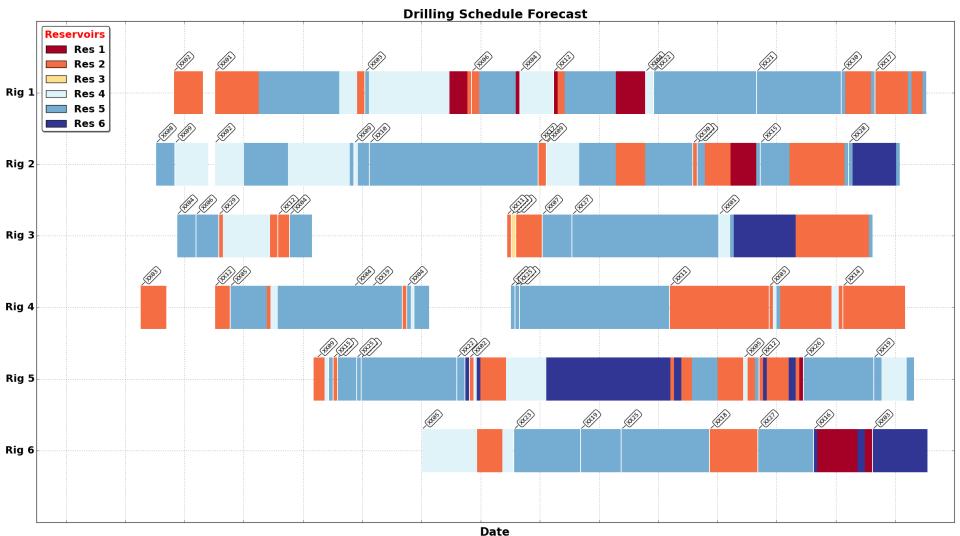
- Polar plots are not widely used in the oil industry
- They can be a great tool to analyze a well trajectory

Oily sample: *matplotlib_4.py*



plt.show()



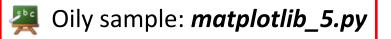






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fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add subplot(111)
ax.broken barh([(110, 30), (150, 10)], (10, 9),
                 facecolors='blue')
ax.broken barh([(10, 50), (100, 20), (130, 10)], (20, 9),
                facecolors=('red', 'yellow', 'green'))
ax.set ylim(5, 35)
ax.set xlim(0, 200)
ax.set xlabel('Drilling Time (days)')
ax.set yticks([15, 25])
ax.set yticklabels(['Rig 1', 'Rig 2'])
ax.grid(True)
ax.annotate('Rig stopped', (61, 25),
            xytext=(0.6, 0.9), textcoords='axes fraction',
            arrowprops=dict(facecolor='black', shrink=0.05),
            fontsize=16, ha='right', va='top')
plt.show()
```

- broken_barh is the perfect tool to draw drilling schedules
- ✓ Similar plots can be obtained by using multiple calls to *ax.barh()*
- Axis annotations add useful info about the data being displayed



I'll use this occasion to remember John Hunter, the creator of *matplotlib* (1968-2012)





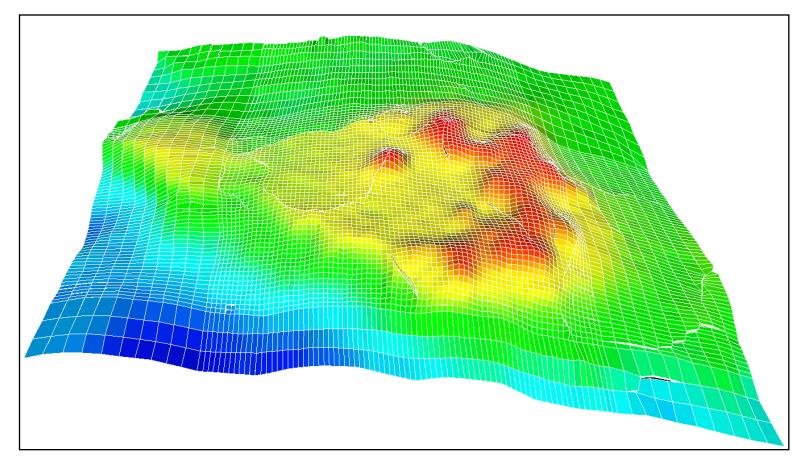
3D Visualizations

"There's something that 3D gives to the picture that takes you into another land and you stay there and it's a good place to be..."

- ✓ Most commercial software handle 3D stuff with no effort
- ✓ 3D visualization in Python is used only for specific, niche problems
 - Simulation results of well production at a specific depth
 - Double-checking input data for the simulation
 - Visualize a relationship between wells, area, reservoir and a project
- ✓ *VTK* and *mayavi* are the most widely used 3D rendering Python packages
 - Scale fairly well on big 3D datasets
 - *VTK* can easily be integrated in a GUI window (*wxPython*, *Qt*, *PyGtk*, etc...)
 - *VTK* figures can be saved as VRML files to let the colleagues play with them







- ✓ 3D reservoir model, 500,000 cells (VTK unstructured grid)
- \checkmark We easily go up to 10 million cells, interaction is still smooth





- ✓ VTK unstructured grids require explicit point and cell representations
- ✓ 3D Cells can be seen as distorted hexahedrons

```
# matrix is a (8*Nx*Ny*Nz, 3) 2D numpy array
vtk_pts = array2vtkPoints(matrix)
# Create vtk data
grid = vtk.vtkUnstructuredGrid()
grid.SetPoints(vtk_pts)
# Create cells
ids = numpy.arange(0, 8*nx*ny*nz, dtype=numpy.float32)
ids = numpy.reshape(ids, (nx*ny*nz, 8))
cells = array2vtkCellArray(ids)
# Assign cells to unstructured grid
grid.SetCells(12, cells)
# Actually create the unstructured grid
ugrid = vtk.vtkExtractUnstructuredGrid()
ugrid.SetInput(grid)
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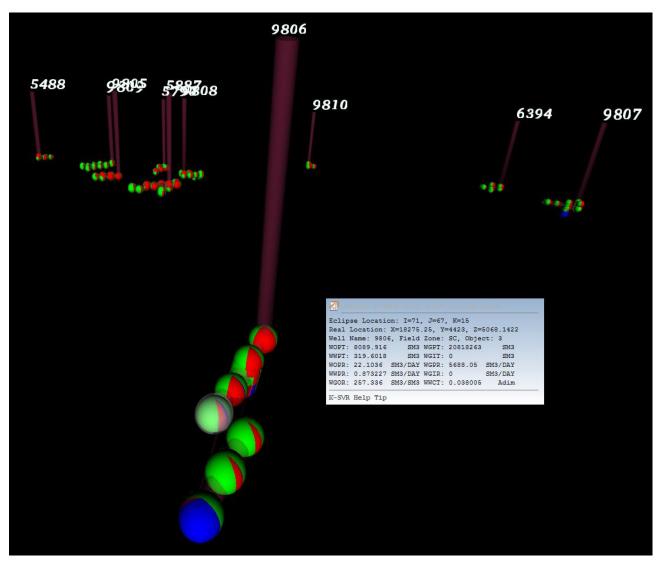
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ugrid = ugrid.GetOutput()
ugrid.Update()
```

- Special techniques exists to handle very large datasets
- Coincident points can be merged (faster rendering)
- Highlighted functions are available in the array_handler.py module as part of the distributed samples
- ✓ These functions ease the transition between *numpy* arrays and *VTK* arrays

Qily sample: vtk_1.py







- Spheres identify a producing interval in a well
- ✓ Colors represent the produced fluid (oil, water, gas)
- Spherical slices shows the relative abundance of each fluid
- Each sphere can be "picked", i.e. selected with the mouse, to display more data
- ✓ Time based animation are possible





```
# x, y, z coordinates of a vell trajectory
points = numpy.array(points)
line = [range(len(points))]
```

```
# Create the vtk data for the trajectory
vtk_pts = array2vtkPoints(points)
vtk_lines = array2vtkCellArray(line)
```

```
poly = vtk.vtkPolyData()
poly.SetPoints(vtk_pts)
poly.SetLines(vtk_lines)
```

```
# A filter that generates tubes around lines
profileTubes = vtk.vtkTubeFilter()
# Set the tube radius and resolution
profileTubes.SetRadius(radius)
profileTubes.SetNumberOfSides(20)
profileTubes.SetInput(poly)
```

```
# Map vtkPolyData to graphics primitives
wellMapper = vtk.vtkPolyDataMapper()
wellMapper.SetInput(profileTubes.GetOutput())
```

```
# Create an "actor" for the vell
wellActor = vtk.vtkActor()
wellActor.SetMapper(wellMapper)
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Create a caption "actor" for the vell name textActor = vtk.vtkCaptionActor2D() textActor.SetCaption(wellName)

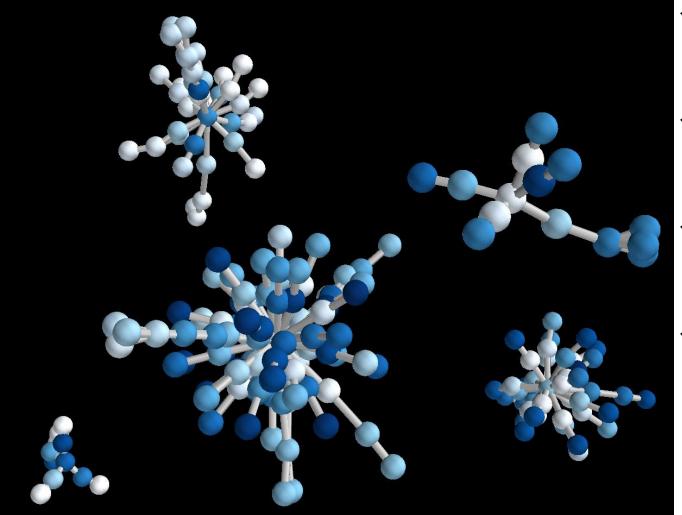
- ✓ vtkPolyData can represent vertices, lines, polygons etc...
- ✓ vtkTubeFilter is a very good way to represent wells in a 3D space
- ✓ The well name caption "actor" follows the user view while she interacts with the VTK window
- Highlighted functions are available in the array_handler.py module as part of the distributed samples





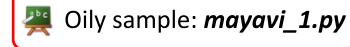


3D Visualizations – *NetworkX and mayavi*



- Visualize relationships between wells, areas, reservoirs and projects
- Shows dependencies
 between wells and
 undeveloped areas
- ✓ 3D version of a
 GraphViz inheritance
 diagram
- Particularly useful when a project contains 1000s of wells







Integration with the Simulator

"Fast as a rabbit, dumb as a stone."

- ✓ The reservoir simulator can easily generate 100 GB of results per simulation
- ✓ Each result set is made of 5-8 interesting files
 - Results are stored in heavily compressed, unformatted binary files
 - These files are generated by a Fortran-based simulator
 - File structure is relatively simple and straightforward
- ✓ We can use Python to extract the simulation results from these files
 - Performances are generally poor (code is slow)
 - Does not scale well when files are big
- ✓ Can we write a small Fortran routine and interface it with Python to read these large, binary files?
 - Enter *f2py*





Integration with the Simulator – *f2py*

- ✓ Fortran to Python interface generator
- ✓ Connects the two languages:
 - Creates Python C/API modules from Fortran 77/90/95
 - Works directly on Fortran sources
 - Automatically handles the difference in the data storage order of multi-dimensional Fortran and *numpy* arrays
- Requires a Fortran compiler installed supports many major compilers, such as gfortran, Intel IVF, Absoft, NAG, etc...

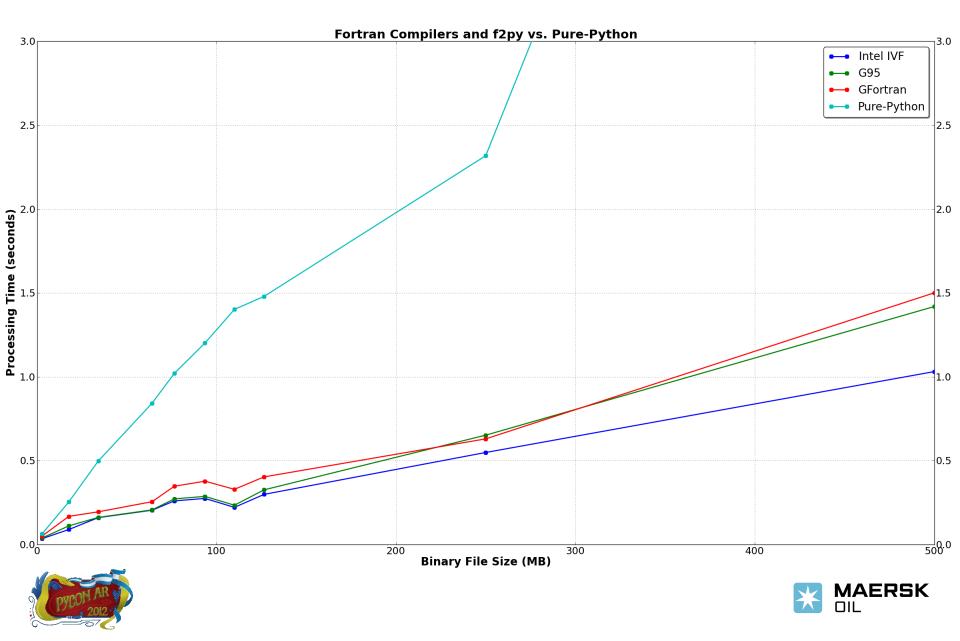
f2py -c fortran_file.f90 -m py_module

 ✓ Now every Fortran subroutine/function in *fortran_file.f90* is accessible in Python by importing *py_module*





Integration with the Simulator – *f2py*



Automation and N-D Interpolation

"Besides black art, there is only automation and mechanization."

Task of the day

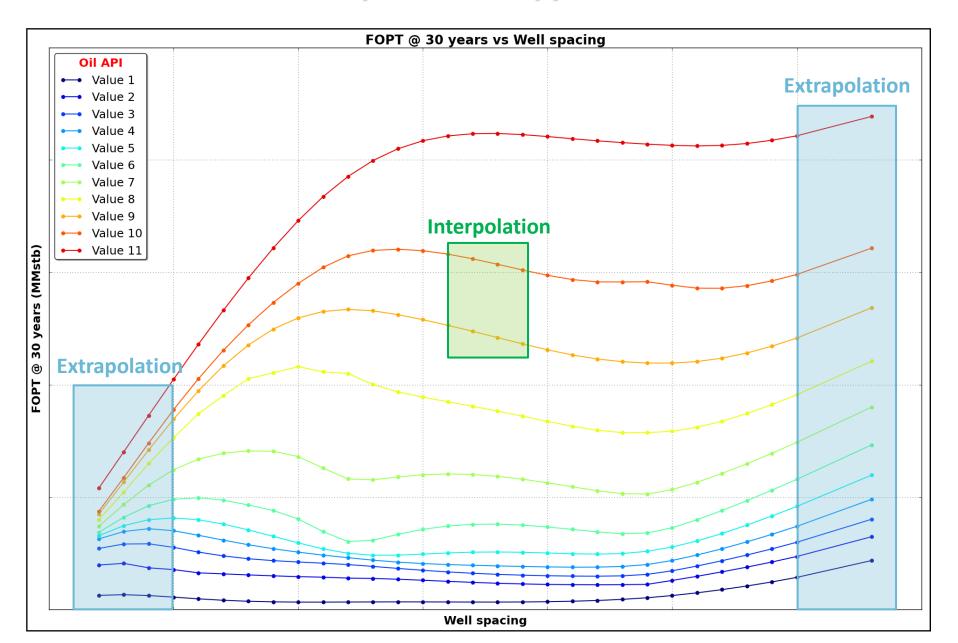
- ✓ We have 16,000 new simulations available (sensitivities)
 - Each of them represents a unique combination of 13 parameters (oil gravity, rock properties, distance between wells etc...)
 - Simulation results could give insights on the numerical model sensitivity to the parameters variations
- ✓ The 13 parameters form a discrete set of known data points
- ✓ Use a *f2py*-generated module to read results from all the simulations
- ✓ Use interpolation to estimate results at intermediate values of the parameters
 - scipy offers multi-dimensional interpolation/extrapolation capabilities
 - *scipy.interpolate.rbf*: uses Radial Basis Function interpolation of N-dimensional scattered data







Automation and N-D Interpolation – scipy



"A picture is worth a thousand words. An interface is worth a thousand pictures."

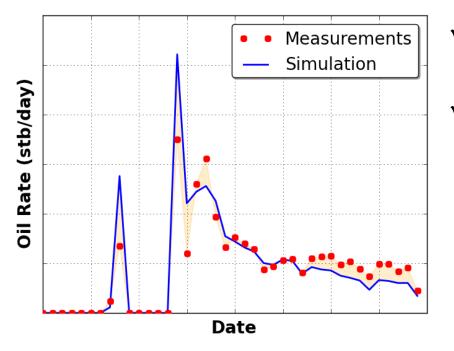
- ✓ User interfaces are an obvious choice when it comes to sharing your findings with non-Pythonistas colleagues
- ✓ Although many high quality GUI frameworks are available...
- ✓ wxPython is *the* tool I use
 - Almost effortlessly integrate with *matplotlib* and VTK (2D and 3D)
 - Easy to build practical, responsive and sexy user interfaces
 - GUIs look (and are) native, whatever the platform
 - Number of widgets available far surpass all other toolkits
- ✓ Distribution to colleagues is done via *py2exe* / *PyInstaller* and *InnoSetup* to generate a standard Windows installer





Task of the week/month

✓ Create a GUI that evaluates the quality of a calibrated reservoir model



- Calibration is good when simulation results are close to measurements (shaded area)
 - Errors in the calibration are measured by different formulas such as:

$$Error = \frac{1}{N} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{N} \omega_i \left(\frac{s_i - o_i}{o_i}\right)^2}$$

✓ The GUI should allow the user to explore the numerical calculations and to quickly plot the simulation results against the measurements





Complications

- ✓ Number of data points: 17 years of historical measurements
- ✓ Number of wells and simulation time steps (thousands)
- ✓ The user would like to be able to:
 - Filter out values outside a user-defined date window (per well)
 - Apply a custom multiplier to some of the measurements
 - Exclude some values if a well has been closed for more than X days in a month
 - Modify the error function if a well has been using some gas to ease production
 - Many, many other customizations...
- ✓ The GUI puts together the power of *numpy*, *f2py*, *matplotlib*, *scipy*, *multiprocessing* and *wxPython* to deliver all that and much more ☺





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Final outcome

- ✓ We have a fast, practical and nice GUI to examine the quality of model calibration
- ✓ Colleagues can independently run the GUI and examine the results
- ✓ Multiple simulations can be analyzed and compared
- ✓ The interface automagically exports *matplotlib* figures for all the wells and Excel reports (and it does it on multiple processors...)
 - Findings and insights can easily be shared outside the team
 - Consistent, fixed (and beautiful) format for pictures in reports and documents
- \checkmark We have the source code \odot any modification is embarrassingly fast





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Task of the week/month

- ✓ The reservoir simulator we use is called ECLIPSE
 - It's keyword-based you enter inputs in a text file with keywords and sub-keywords
 - 1983: first release of ECLIPSE (ECL's Implicit Program for Simulation Engineering)
 - ECLIPSE currently handles ≈1,600 keywords
 - On average, each keyword has 3 switches/sub-keywords (≈4,200 in total)
 - No editor with syntax highlighting, error checking capabilities and integrated help system exists for the input files (after 30 years!!)
- ✓ How about a *wxPython*-based editor with all these capabilities?
 - The *wx.StyledTextCtrl* (Scintilla-based) already provides excellent syntax highlighting for various programming languages
 - *wxPython* 2.9 contains powerful HTML viewing capabilities (via *wx.html2* module)
 - The ECLIPSE input files syntax is very similar to the programming language Lua



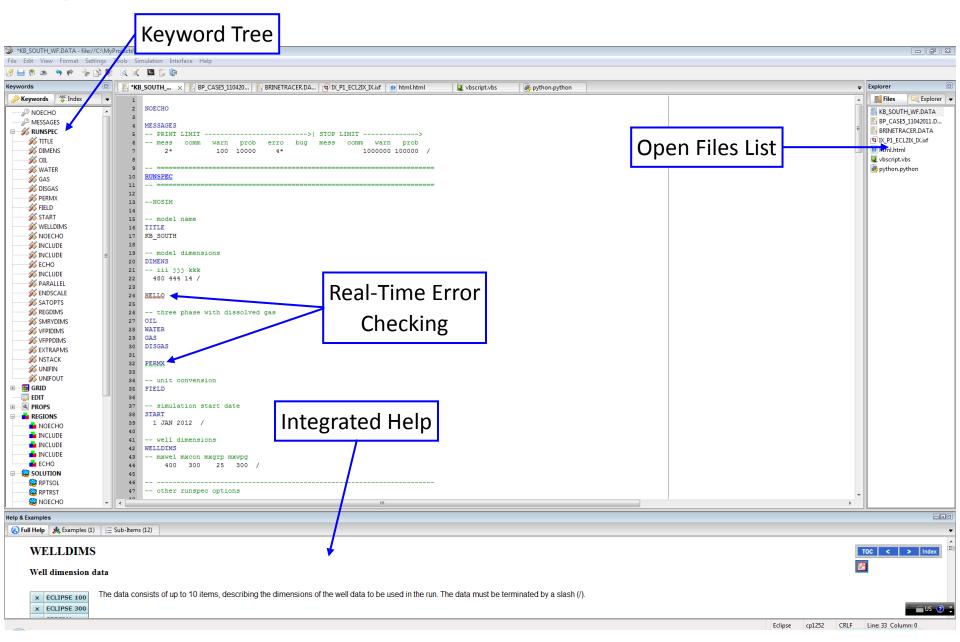


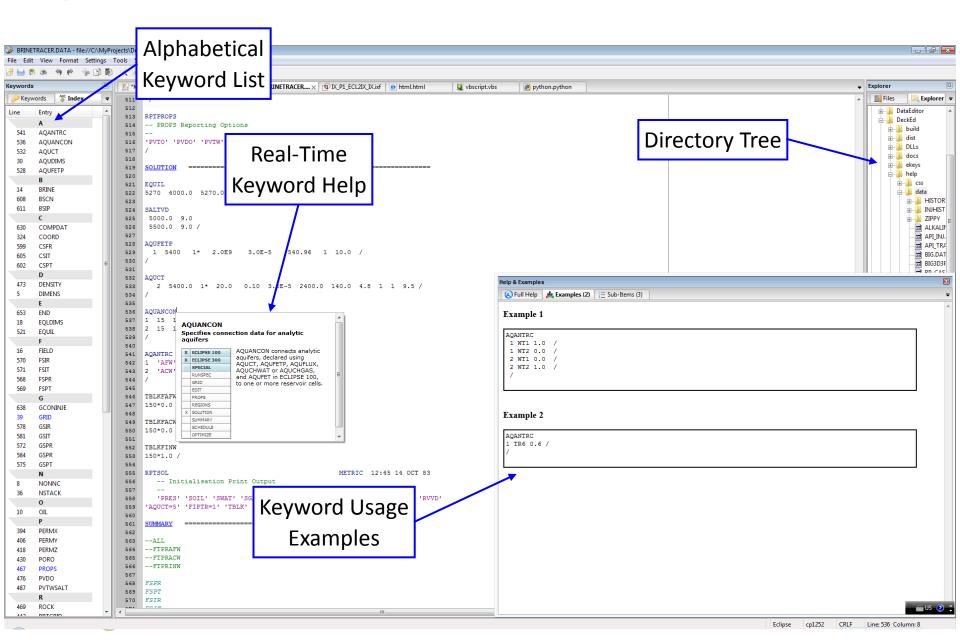
Another GUI: DeckEd

- ✓ *DeckEd* is a text editor based on *wx.StyledTextCtrl*
- ✓ Syntax highlighting for the reservoir simulator ECLIPSE and more than 60 other programming languages (Python, C++, Java, HTML, PHP, Ruby, etc...)
- ✓ Integrated help for the reservoir simulator keywords and sub-keywords
- ✓ Runtime monitoring of simulation status and progress
- ✓ Runtime error checking for ECLIPSE input files keywords
- Plugin-based architecture you can add a Python debugger, a spell checker, a code browser, etc...









Conclusions

- Many, many more examples of the usage of Python in the oil industry that I couldn't show
- ✓ Python is becoming increasingly popular amongst reservoir engineers
 - Automation improves working effectiveness a hundredfold
 - Beauty and elegance of the language easy to grasp even for newcomers
- ✓ Third-party packages add great value to the standard library:
 - *matplotlib* plot customization and unbeatable figure quality
 - *numpy* and *scipy* fast numerical manipulation of multi-dimensional arrays
 - *f2py* when you need Fortran raw speed with Python elegance
 - *VTK* and *mayavi* scalable 3D visualization
 - *wxPython* the glue to keep all the above together in a nice, point-and-click GUI
- Presentation samples: <u>http://www.infinity77.net/pycon/oily.zip</u>







Questions?



Comments?



