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Education and Training

Ph.D., Petroleum Engineering, Stanford University, 1987

M.S., Petroleum Engineering, The University of Texas, 1983

B.Tech. Petroleum Engineering, Indian School of Mines, 1981

Research and Professional Experience

- 2020-Present Technical Director, Geo-energy Modeling and Analytics, Battelle Memorial Institute
- 2014 – 2020 Institute Fellow (Senior Research Leader) and Chief Scientist, Energy, Battelle
- 2010 – 2013 Reservoir Engineering Research Leader, Battelle
- 2009 – 2010 Director, Geologic Waste Isolation Services, Intera
- 1997 – 2009 Adjunct Professor, Petroleum Engineering The University of Texas at Austin
- 2006 – 2008 Group Manager, Systems Modeling, Intera
- 1989 – 2006 Senior Project Manager, Intera
- 1987 – 1989 Research Scientist, Virginia Tech

HIGHLIGHTS

- Nationally & internationally recognized thought leader / expert in understanding and communicating model- and data-driven insights for geo-energy problems
- Responsible for leading integration of computational modeling and machine-learning assisted data-driven modeling activities for geologic CO₂ storage, improved oil recovery, and shale gas/oil development
- Author of ~200 refereed journal publications, conference papers and technical reports; and instructor of industry and academic short courses

Synergistic Activities

- Author of general interest article in March 2021 Journal of Petroleum Technology: “Robust Data-Driven Machine Learning Models for Subsurface Applications: Are We There Yet?”
- Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) Global Distinguished Lecturer for 2018-19 on the topic “Big Data Analytics: What Can It Do for Petroleum Engineers and Geoscientists”.
- Instructor of industry and academic short courses on (1) data-driven modeling for petroleum geosciences, (2) CO₂ geologic storage and shale gas systems, and (3) uncertainty analysis.
- Program Committee Member, Reservoir Performance / Data Analytics Track, Unconventional Resources Technology Conference (URTeC), SPE/AAPG/SEG, 2016-2021.
- Invited panelist “Data Analytics Update for Unconventionals” at URTeC 2019 in Denver.
- Contributor to National Petroleum Council Report on Carbon Capture & Storage (2018-2019).

Relevant Projects

Big Data Analytics in Fossil Energy – Currently advising DOE-NETL’s Computational Science & Engineering Directorate on machine learning and artificial intelligence for fossil energy related applications. Work involves: serving on Technical Advisory Board for the SMART initiative (Science-informed Machine Learning to Accelerate Real-Time Decision Making in Subsurface Applications) involving multiple national labs and universities; and contributing to DOE-NETL high-performance computing and machine learning strategy development.

Data Analytics for Exploration & Production Applications – PI for an industry and Battelle internal R&D co-funded effort applying machine learning techniques in subsurface characterization (constructing synthetic log signatures), optimization of unconventional reservoir performance (using predictive models built with multi-well completion and geologic data) and surrogate modeling of reservoir displacement processes (via experimental design/response surface methods). Developed industry and academic training courses on data analytics.

Reservoir Engineering and Data Analytics, Advanced CO₂-EOR in Southern Michigan – Co-PI for DOE-NETL funded project on development of chemically-enhanced CO₂-EOR methods for carbonate reservoirs in Southern Michigan. Responsible for the development of practical CO₂-EOR performance prediction tools and reservoir engineering analysis with sparse data; data analytics applications for correlating geologic variables with seismic interpretation results; and data-driven predictions of bottom-hole pressure and temperature conditions with wellhead data.

Reservoir Modeling and Analysis, Midwest Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership – Responsible for the development of numerical and analytical reservoir models of CO₂ injection into depleted and active carbonate reef oil reservoirs in Northern Michigan. Activities include geologic and production data integration; material balance analysis of production data to estimate oil-in-place; simulation of injection performance to assess capacity and injectivity; and analysis of rate- and pressure transient data to evaluate reservoir injectivity and connectivity.

Production Decline Modeling in Unconventional Gas Wells – Developed new methods for analyzing production-decline from shale gas wells by aggregation of predictions from multiple plausible models. Applied statistical model averaging techniques to combine forecasts from various models and provide mean estimates with error bars. Performed a comprehensive analysis comparing the efficiency of empirical versus mechanistic models to predict the estimated ultimate recovery from shale gas wells based on limited production data.

Simplified Modeling for CO₂ Geological Storage – PI for a DOE-NETL funded project to develop and validate a portfolio of simplified predictive modeling approaches for injection-well pressure buildup and radial plume migration during supercritical CO₂ injection into layered saline formations. Methods used included reduced physics and experimental design based statistical learning approaches in conjunction with detailed results from full-physics numerical simulations. The models were validated using an uncertainty and sensitivity analysis approach.

Selected Books and Technical Papers

Mishra, S. (Ed.), 2022. Machine Learning Applications in Subsurface Energy Resource Management: State of the Art & Future Prognosis, CRC Press, Boca Raton, FL (in preparation).

De Dios, J.C., **S. Mishra**, F. Poletto and A. Ramos (Eds.), 2020. CO₂ Injection in the Network of Carbonate Fractures, Springer, London, UK, 243 p.

Mishra, S. and A. Datta-Gupta, 2017. Applied Statistical Modeling and Data Analytics: A Practical Guide for the Petroleum Geosciences, Elsevier, New York, NY, 237 p.

Lin, L, J. Schuetter and **S. Mishra**, 2021. Evaluating variable importance in black-box models for subsurface applications: a comparison of strategies, Computational Geosciences (in review).

Sen, D., H. Chen, A. Datta-Gupta, J. Kwon and **S. Mishra**, 2021. Data-driven rate optimization under geologic uncertainty using machine learning in injection-production systems, Journal of Petroleum Science & Engineering. (in review).

Mishra, S., M. Kelley, S. Raziperchikolaei et al., 2021. A Comprehensive Analysis of Transient Pressure / Rate Data from CO₂ Storage Projects in a Depleted Pinnacle Reef Oil Field Complex, Michigan, USA, Intl. Journal of Greenhouse Gas Control, DOI:10.1016/j.ijggc.2021.103294

Mishra, S., and P. Ravi Ganesh, 2021. A screening model for predicting injection well pressure buildup and plume extent in CO₂ geologic storage projects, Intl. Journal of Greenhouse Gas Control, DOI:10.1016/j.ijggc.2021.103261.

Raziperchikolaee, S., and **S. Mishra**, 2020. Statistical based hydromechanical model to estimate poroelastic effects of CO₂ injection into closed reservoir. Greenhouse Gasses: Science & Technology, DOI: 10.1002/ghg/1956.

Mishra, S., A. Haagsma, M. Valluri and N. Gupta, 2020. Assessment of CO₂ EOR and associated geologic storage potential in the Michigan Northern Pinnacle Reef Trend, Greenhouse Gasses: Science & Technology, 1-18.

Mishra, S., L. Keister and S. Mawalkar, 2020. Interpretation of bottom-hole temperature data in CO₂ injection projects, Intl. Journal of Greenhouse Gas Control, 10.1016/j.ijggc.2020.10313.

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Raziperchikolaee, S., and **S. Mishra**, 2019. Statistical learning-based predictive models to assess stress changes and reservoir deformation due to CO₂ sequestration in saline aquifers, Intl. Journal of Greenhouse Gas Control, Vol. 88, pp. 416-429.

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Schuetter, J., **S. Mishra**, M. Zhong and R. LaFollette, 2017. A data analytics tutorial: building predictive models for oil production in an unconventional shale reservoir, SPE Journal, pp. 1-15.

Vyas, A., A. Datta-Gupta and **S. Mishra**, 2017. Modeling early-time rate decline in unconventional reservoirs using machine learning techniques. Proc. SPE Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference, 13-16 November, Abu Dhabi, UAE.

Mishra, S., and L. Lin, 2017. Application of data analytics for production optimization in unconventional reservoirs: a critical review. Proc., SPE/AAPG/SEG Unconventional Resources Technology Conference, Austin, TX, July 24-26.

Valluri, M., **S. Mishra** and J. Schuetter, 2017. An improved correlation to estimate the minimum miscibility pressure of CO₂ in crude oils for CCUS projects, J. Pet. Sci. Eng., Vol. 158: 408-415.

Mishra, S., 2016. Hydraulic fracturing – hydrologic impacts, In Handbook of Applied Hydrology, Chapter 57, V.P. Singh (Ed.), McGraw Hill, New York.

Fukai, I., **S. Mishra**, M. Moody, 2016. Economic analysis of CO₂-enhanced oil recovery in Ohio: Implications for carbon capture, utilization, and storage in the Appalachian Basin region, International Journal of Greenhouse Gas Control, 10.1016/j.ijggc.2016.07.015

Mishra, S., P. Ravi Ganesh, J. Schuetter, J. He, Z. Lin and L. Durlofsky, 2015. Developing and validating simplified predictive models for CO₂ geologic sequestration. Proc., SPE Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition, Houston, TX, 28-30 September.

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Mishra, S., Y. Oruganti, N. Gupta, P. Ravi Ganesh, I. Bhattacharya and G. Spitznogle, 2014. Modeling CO₂ plume migration based on calibration of injection and post-injection pressure response at AEP Mountaineer. Greenhouse Gasses: Science & Technology, Vol. 4, pp. 331-356.

Mishra, S., 2012. A new approach to reserves estimation in shale gas reservoirs using multiple decline curve analysis models. Proc., SPE Eastern Regional Meeting, Lexington, KY, Oct. 3-5.