

## Lecture 4: Color display and 3D visualization

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## Learner Objectives

After this section you should be able to:

- Identify good and bad color display practices,
- Manipulate HLS and RGB color models,
- Effectively use transparency,
- Display multiple attributes in a single image, and
- Apply color schemes that allow you to effectively communicate these features to others.

## Outline

- 1. Review physiology of human visual perception
- 2. Examine differences between RGB, CMYK, HLS, and CIE-LAB color models
- 3. Review the following color display models:
  - Single gradational color bars
  - Dual gradational color bars
  - Blended images
  - Opacity/transparency mapping
  - Composite images
  - 2-D color tables
  - 3-D color tables
  - Shaded relief images
- 4. Identify good and bad color display practices

# Components of geovolume visualization and interpretation

- 1. Recognition : determining distinguishing characteristics of an event to be mapped,
- 2. Signal Analysis: enhancing the distinguishing characteristics,
- 3. Color: selection of the optimum color scheme
- 4. Motion: animate between different depths, slices, or even attributes
- 5. Isolation via voxel processing: separation of events of interest from other data
- 6. Distance: accurate 3-D binocular projections

(Sheffield et al., 2000)

# Color vision Cone and Rod receptors

*Cone*: 3 types, each being sensitive to a different range of wavelengths *Rod*: for night vision, sensitive to a broad range of light intensities



# Visible spectrum

#### Cone response is interpreted by the brain as colors





The range of vision for the bee and butterfly extends into the ultraviolet. What kind of colors do they see?



# **Color deficiency**

### All color blindness 8.0% male 0.5% female



normal perception

red-green deficiency ~5% male http://www.firelily.com/opinions/color.html

# **Polarity conventions**



- 1. Use blue for positive, red for negative
- 2. Always display your color bar, labeled with 'Positive', '0', and 'Negative'
- 3. Identify which polarity convention you are using

# Flat spot showing polarity of 90 degrees



## Shallow gas showing polarity of 90 degrees



## Assessing polarity in the absence of well control



## **Multiattribute Display Tools**

## Overplotting

- Shaded relief maps
- Bump maps
- Color blending/transparency/opacity
- RGB blended images
- HLS color modulated images

## Multiattribute display using overlays



(Anstey, 2005)

## Multiattribute display of vector data using color icons



(Simon, 2005)

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## Shaded relief – specular illumination



(Barnes, 2002)

## **Diffuse reflection**

$$I_d = \mathbf{\hat{s}} \cdot \mathbf{\hat{n}} = \cos(\theta)$$
  
sun vector normal to surface

## **Specular reflection**

$$I_{s} = \left\| \mathbf{\hat{u}} \cdot \mathbf{\hat{v}} \right\| = \left\| \cos(\phi) \right\|^{b}$$
vector to reflection vector bserver

## Shaded relief map (using modern commercial software)



(Data courtesy of Anadarko)

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## Horizon 'Bump Maps'



#### (Lynch et al., 2005)

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## Everyday applications of opacity

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Multiattribute display using blending/transparency/opacity

Fault plane:

# $\begin{array}{r} R = (R_1 + R_2)/2 \\ Blended Image: G = (G_1 + G_2)/2 \\ B = (B_1 + B_2)/2 \end{array}$

 $\frac{R_1}{G_1}$ 

B<sub>1</sub>

Seismic data:

 $R_2$  $G_2$ 

 $B_2$ 

(after Meyer et al., 2001)



Animating coherence and k<sub>2</sub> principal curvature



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Co-rendering coherence and k<sub>2</sub> principal curvature (50% opacity)

## Alpha-blending of 20 horizon slices



#### (Kidd, 1999)

## Color Depth (the number of colors)



16,777,216 colors R=256,G=256,B=256

4096 colors R=16,G=16,B=16

216 colors R=6,G=6,B=6

(24-bit color)

Only a few interpretation packages provide 24-bit color. Most are still limited to 8-bit color (256 colors)

(Dao and Marfurt, 2011)

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• CMYK used for hard copies

# nd CMY color models



Commission International d'Eclairage (CIE) color map of human visual perception

http://www.hf.faa.gov

#### **RGB** color stack



Red =16 Hz Hz



#### Green=32 Hz



Blue=48



(Guo and Marfurt, 2007)



Eigenvalues of gradient structure tensor





#### Semblance



Dip Magnitude

(Courtesy ffA




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# The HLS color model

*Hue*: the wavelength contrast aspect of color

*Lightness*: the level of illumination

Saturation: the degree to which the hue differs from a neutral gray



# Examples of 2D color bars





Peak frequency

### Multiattribute display using 2D color tables



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### Multiattribute display using 3D color tables



L=coherence

### t=1.0 s



S=dip magnitude, H=dip azimuth, L=coherence

(Lin et al., 2003)

#### Multiattribute display using 3D color tables azimuth -> H dip magnitude -> S coherence -> L



#### (Data courtesy of OXY)

### **3D color tables**

azimuth -> H dip magnitude -> S coherence -> L



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### **Common display pitfalls**

 displaying continuous data with colors that are not adjacent in RGB or HLS space

 using a dual gradational color bar to display single polarity data

not using a neutral color to display zero values

using a single gradational color bar to display cyclical data

 defining display limits assuming a normal distribution histogram

interpolating discontinuous color bars

# **1D Color bars for effective attribute display**



Amplitude extractions, frequency, time/structure, dip magnitude, envelope, coherence, ...

Seismic data, curvature, ...

#### Phase, azimuth, strike,...



Good and bad amplitude color bars

(Brown, 2007)

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### Color perception is a learned response

#### convention ?





Order of rainbow?









### Examples of good and bad color maps



Time structure map plotted against rainbow colors

Good: Shallow structures where oil and gas may be found are 'hotter'

### Examples of good and bad color maps



Time structure map plotted against rainbow colors

Bad: Deeper structures are hotter (like temperature) – this is how geophysicists plot velocity. Eye is drawn to synclinal features.

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### Examples of good and bad color maps

#### Single gradational

**Double gradational** 







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### An effective blending scheme



#### (Hadler-Jacobsen et al., 2010)

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### Examples of good and bad color maps





Maximum curvature, k<sub>max</sub>

Maximum curvature, k<sub>max</sub> (with values near zero set to background!)

(Roberts, 2001)

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# Attribute Display in Interpretation Workstations



Vertical slice through seismic amplitude Central Basin Platform, TX

# Attribute Display in Interpretation Workstations



Vertical slice through instantaneous phase – single gradational gray scale color bar

# Attribute Display in Interpretation Workstations Phase



Vertical slice through instantaneous phase – Cyclical color bar using (default) RMS scaling

# Attribute Display in Interpretation Workstations



Vertical slice through instantaneous phase – Cyclical color bar using user-defined scaling

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# Attribute Display in Interpretation Workstations



Time (s)



Time slice through instantaneous phase – Cyclical color bar using user-defined scaling. Interpolated traces.

# Attribute Display in Interpretation Workstations Phase



Time slice through instantaneous phase – Cyclical color bar using user-defined scaling. Replicated traces.

# 2D color bars





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# **Types of Attribute Displays**

- Vertical and horizontal (time) slices through attribute volumes
- Attributes computed from a picked horizon
  - Time-structure maps
  - Dip-magnitude and dip-azimuth maps
  - Horizon-based curvature
- Attributes extracted *along* a picked horizon (horizon slices)
- Attributes extracted parallel to a picked horizon (phantom horizon slices)
- Attributes extracted proportionally between two picked horizons (stratal slices)
- Attributes computed between two picked horizons (formation attributes)
- Geobodies

### Two picked horizons



### Time-structure map of horizon B



### Time-structure map of horizon B - 120 ft (a phantom horizon)



### Horizon slice through attributes (along horizon B)



### Phantom horizon slice through attributes (120 ft above horizon B)



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### 9 stratal (proportional) slices between horizons A and B


#### Stratal slice through attributes (nine proportional slices between horizons A and B)



(Sarkar et al. 2009)

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# Voxel Detection and Geobodies (Connected Component Labeling)



### **Voxel Detection and Geobodies**



(Masaferro et al., 2003)

# Time slices through strike modulated by most-negative principal curvature



(Seismic data courtesy of Devon Energy)

# "Box probe" through strike modulated by most-negative principal curvature



(Seismic data courtesy of Devon Energy)

Boxprobe rendering of ridge and dome shapes with a coherence time slice



#### (Seismic data courtesy of Parallel Petroleum LLC)

#### Boxprobe rendering of ridge and dome shapes with a coherence time slice



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#### Picking a geobody



#### Picking multiple geobodies



### **Single Attribute Display**

#### In Summary:

• The best color scales are those that have analogues to everyday human perception and/or experience (e.g. hot/cold colors, shaded relief maps, ...)

• Hue is a natural choice for attributes that are cyclic (e.g. phase, azimuth, strike, ...)

• Lineaments or discontinuities show up best in monochrome (gray scale, sepia,...)

• Choice of discontinuous color scales prevent the data from speaking for themselves. Rather use single or double gradational scales (Brown, 1999)

• Use a neutral background color for data having low information content! (e.g. white or black for zero curvature) (Kidd, 1999).

## **Multiattribute Display**

 The RGB model works best for attributes that are of the same type and have similar amplitude ranges

 Blending works best when one of the attributes is plotted against the black-white lightness axis, rendering easy-to-interpret pastel images

• Blending is easy to implement on surfaces, more challenging to implement on volumes

The HLS color model allows us to construct 2D and 3D color tables that allow the interpreter to modulate attributes by a measure of 'confidence'
meaningful azimuths require finite dip magnitude

meaningful frequencies require finite spectral amplitude

• Crossplotting, boxprobes, and mulitattribute geobody definition bridges the gap between multiattribute visualization and clustering

## **Full sense interpretation**



#### (Harding et al., 2000)



wavelength (nm)



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#### Defining a 2D color table



