#### BOREHOLE GEOPHYSICAL LOGGING

Applications for Environmental Site Remediation

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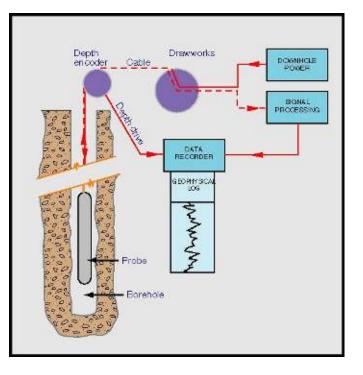
# OUTLINE

- What is borehole geophysical logging?
- Which important environmental site remediation problems can it help us solve?
- How is it used to do so?

# Definition

#### **Borehole Geophysics**

- "methods for making <u>continuous</u> or <u>point</u> <u>measurements</u> down a drill hole... lowering different types of <u>probes</u> into borehole and <u>electrically transmitting data to the surface</u> where <u>recorded</u>... as a <u>function of depth</u>.
- "measurements related to the <u>physical and</u> <u>chemical properties of the rocks</u> surrounding the borehole and the <u>fluid in the borehole</u>, to the <u>construction of the well</u>, or to <u>some</u> <u>combination</u> of these factors."



(Keys, 1997)

# History

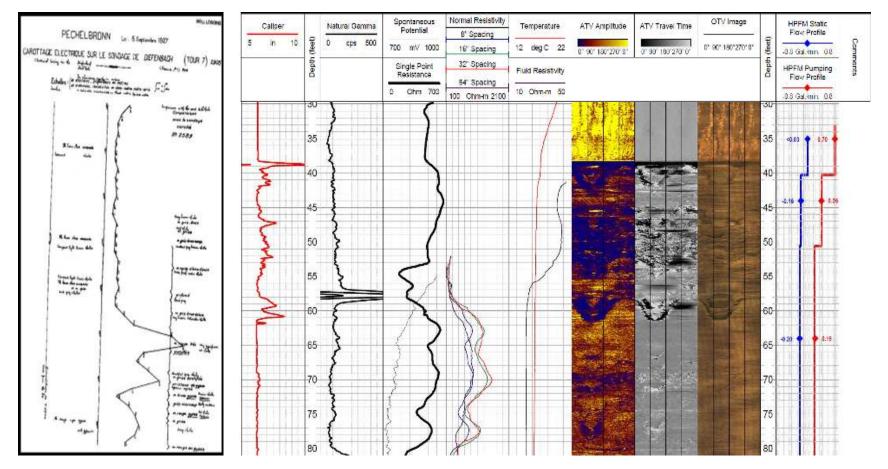


- First well log: 1927 by Schlumberger brothers (electrical resistivity) in France
- Additional electrical, nuclear, sonic, imaging and physical techniques developed for oil and gas, mineral exploration
- Adopted for use in water supply, geotechnical and environmental industries

# History



#### **Modern Well Log**



# **General Applicability**

- Methods Available to Assess
  - Bedrock and Unconsolidated Formations
  - Open Boreholes or Completed Wells
  - Through Steel or PVC Casing
- Conceptual Site Model (CSM) Development and Refinement
- Investigative or Corrective Action
- Qualitatively or Quantitatively
- Support Design or Verify Performance

# Pros and Cons

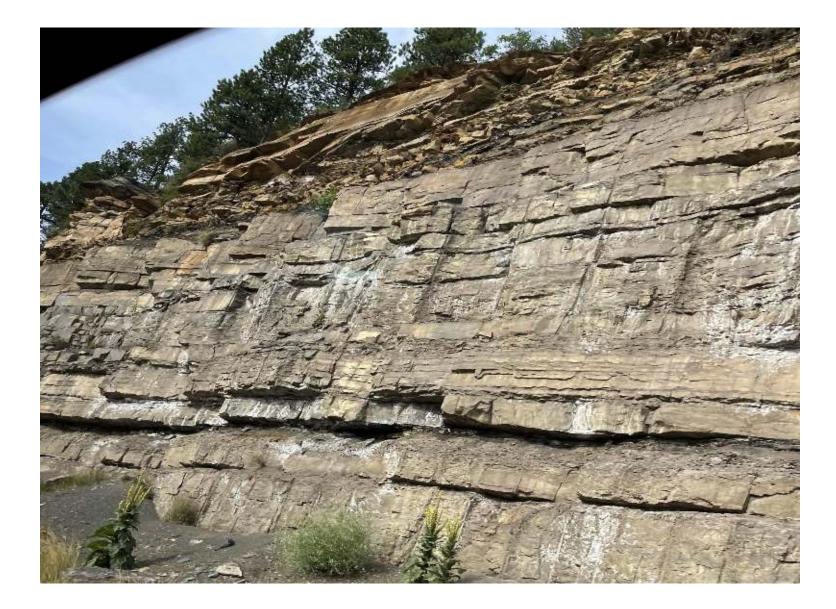
#### **Benefits**

- Continuous record
- Objective, numerical data
- Repeatable
- New info from existing wells
- Low cost, relative to other methods (e.g., coring)

#### Limitations / Qualifications

- Best applied with background information to aid in analysis, (e.g., soil or rock core data)
- Single logging parameter rarely diagnostic; synergistic analysis necessary
- Log interpretation requires experience, knowledge of regional hydrogeology

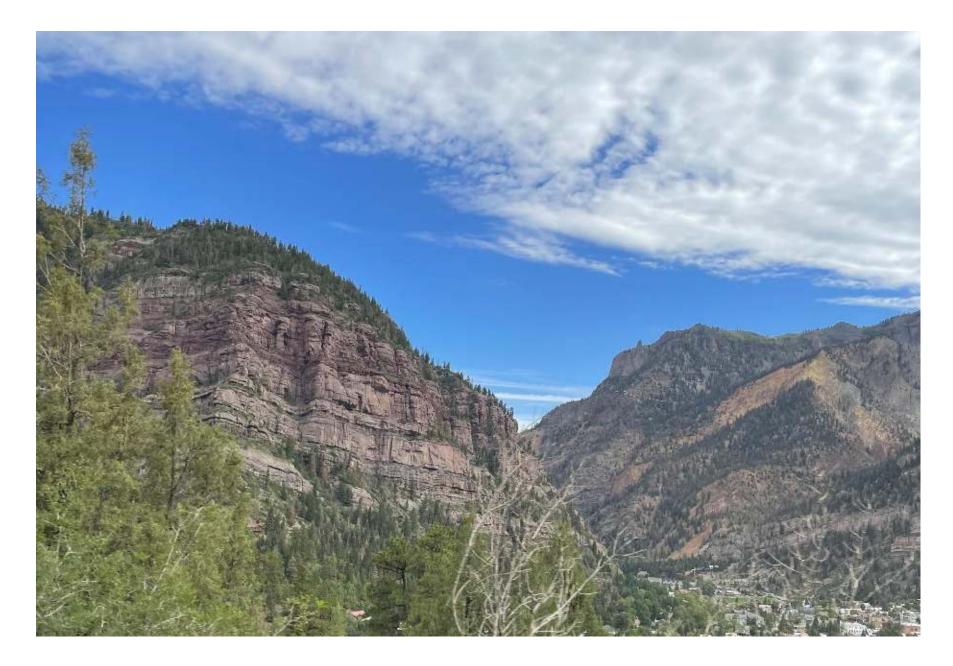
#### Sedimentary Bedrock – Examples at Outcrop









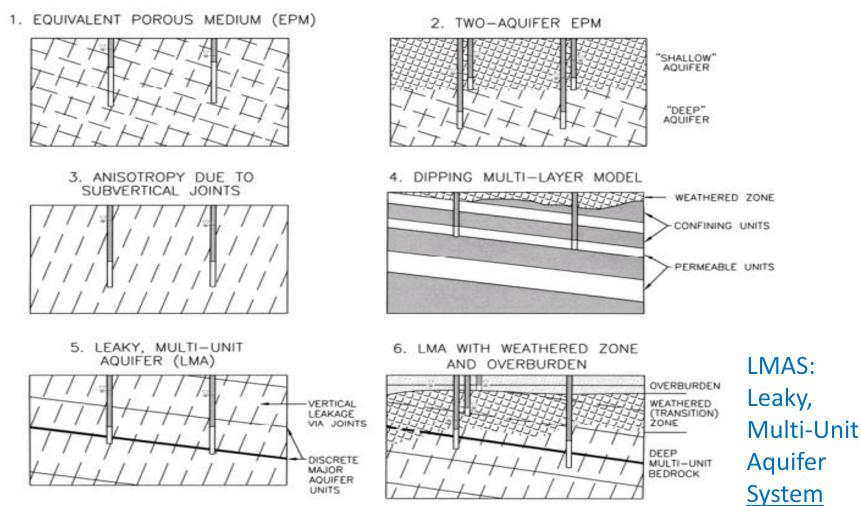




# Questions

- Based on the photos shown, does it <u>look</u> like groundwater in sedimentary rock can be transmitted with equal ease in all directions?
- If not, which are the most obvious features which might give rise to extensive preferential conduits for flow?
- How many NJ/NY/PA industrial sites have beautiful rock exposures like these?

### Conceptual Site Models – Dipping Sedimentary Bedrock

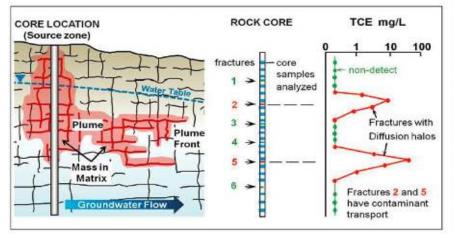


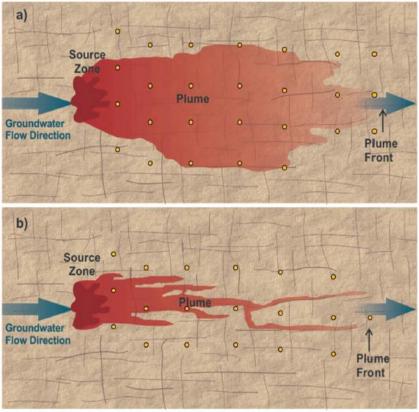
(Michalski, 2010 after Michalski and Britton, 1997)

### Conceptual Site Models – Dipping Sedimentary Bedrock (cont'd)

#### **Discrete Fracture Network**

#### **Effective Monitoring?**

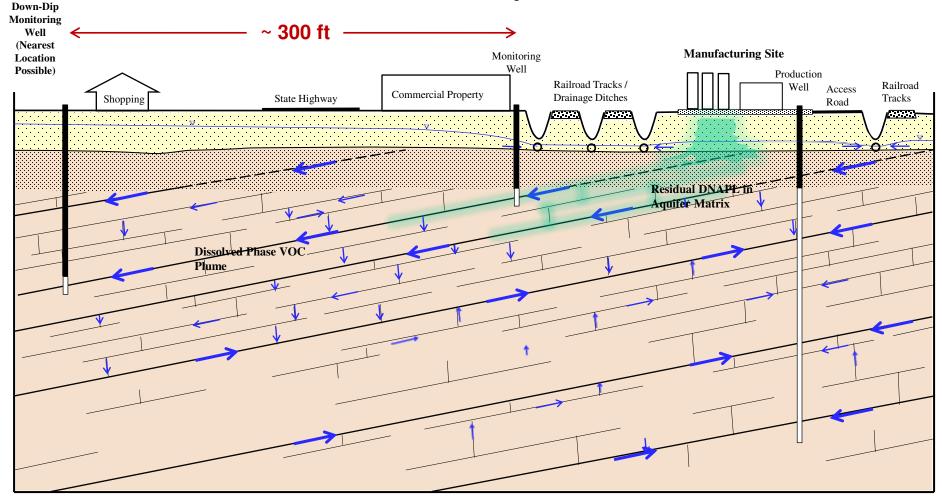


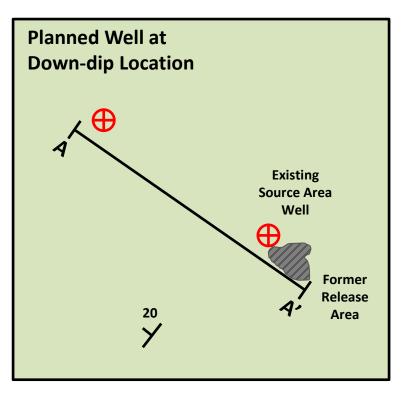


Monitoring Challenges – Dipping Sedimentary Bedrock

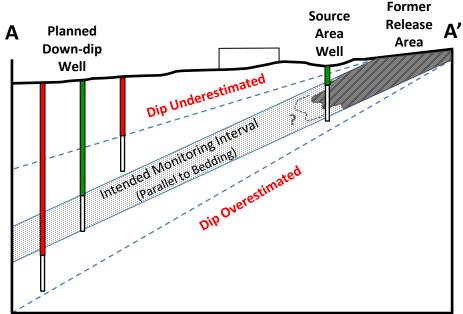
- Structure and Extent of Units How Accurate?
- Flow and Plume Configuration within Units
- Representative and Efficient Monitoring

## Monitoring Challenges – Dipping Sedimentary Bedrock

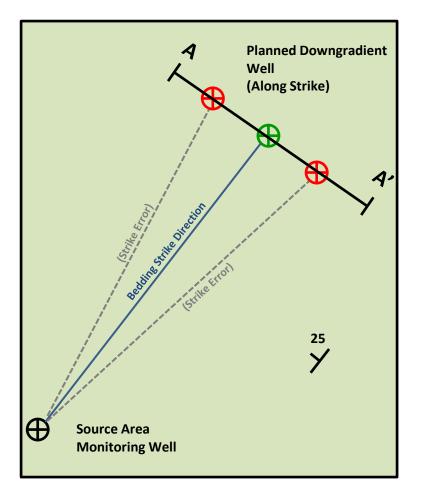


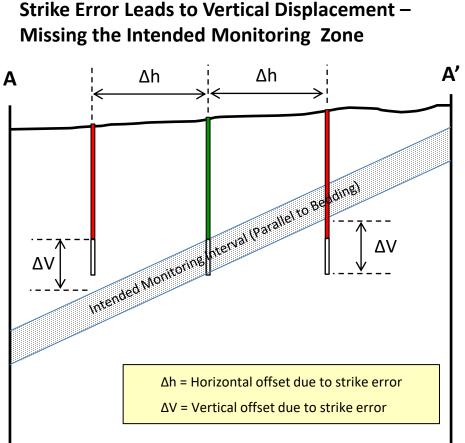


Dip Error Leads to Vertical Displacement – Missing the Intended Monitoring Zone



Dip Angle (degrees)Error in Dip Angle (degrees)Map Distance Parallel to Dip Corresponding Vertical Error Expected Elevation of Plan Feature							
		100	300	500	1000		
	0.2	0.4	1.1	1.9	3.7		
	0.4	0.7	2.2	3.7	7.5		
	0.6	1.1	3.4	5.6	11.3		
15	0.8	1.5	4.5	7.5	15.0		
	1.0	1.9	5.6	9.4	18.8		
	3.0	5.7	17.1	28.5	57.0		
	5.0	9.6	28.8	48.0	96.0		

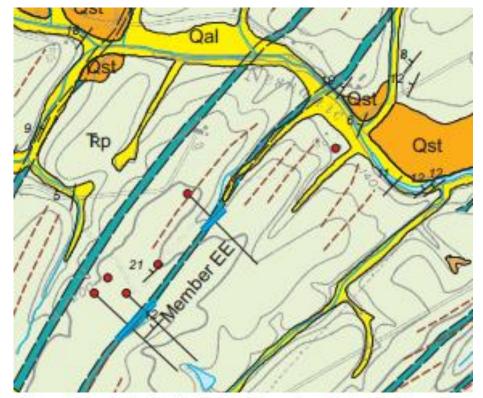




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1.0	1.7	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.8	5.2	0.9	1.4	1.9	2.4	8.7	1.5	2.3	3.2	4.1	17.5	3.1	4.7	6.4	8.1
2.0	3.5	0.6	0.9	1.3	1.6	10.5	1.8	2.8	3.8	4.9	17.5	3.1	4.7	6.4	8.1	34.9	6.2	9.4	12.7	16.3
3.0	5.2	0.9	1.4	1.9	2.4	15.7	2.8	4.2	5.7	7.3	26.2	4.6	7.0	9.5	12.2	52.4	9.2	14.0	19.1	24.4
4.0	7.0	1.2	1.9	2.5	3.3	21.0	3.7	5.6	7.6	9.8	35.0	6.2	9.4	12.7	16.3	69.9	12.3	18.7	25.5	32.6
5.0	8.7	1.5	2.3	3.2	4.1	26.2	4.6	7.0	9.6	12.2	43.7	7.7	11.7	15.9	20.4	87.5	15.4	23.4	31.8	40.8
6.0	10.5	1.9	2.8	3.8	4.9	31.5	5.6	8.4	11.5	14.7	52.6	9.3	14.1	19.1	24.5	105.1	18.5	28.2	38.3	49.0
7.0	12.3	2.2	3.3	4.5	5.7	36.8	6.5	9.9	13.4	17.2	61.4	10.8	16.5	22.3	28.6	122.8	21.7	32.9	44.7	57.3
8.0	14.1	2.5	3.8	5.1	6.6	42.2	7.4	11.3	15.3	19.7	70.3	12.4	18.8	25.6	32.8	140.5	24.8	37.7	51.2	65.5
9.0	15.8	2.8	4.2	5.8	7.4	47.5	8.4	12.7	17.3	22.2	79.2	14.0	21.2	28.8	36.9	158.4	27.9	42.4	57.6	73.9
10.0	17.6	3.1	4.7	6.4	8.2	52.9	9.3	14.2	19.3	24.7	88.2	15.5	23.6	32.1	41.1	176.3	31.1	47.2	64.2	82.2

# Bedding Attitude from Quad Maps?

- Local measurements of strike and dip vary widely relative to area-wide value needed for monitoring
- Strike ridge and Member plots meant to suggest larger scale – but mostly inferred

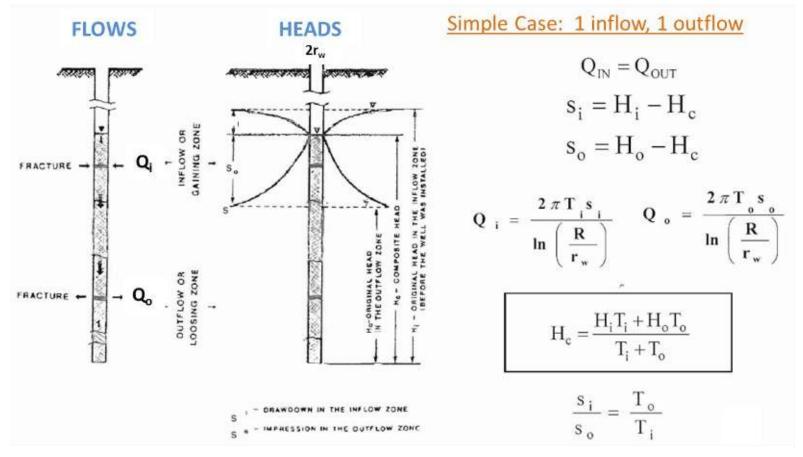




Downhole Optical Televiewer interpretation. Shows marker beds identified in borehole projected to land surface using bed orientation identified in well. In igneous rocks, shows orientation of flow structures. Red dot shows well location. Data from Herman and Curran (2010a, 2010b).

Strike ridge - ridge or scarp parallel to strike of bedrock. Mapped from stereo airphotos.

#### Cross-Flow Hydraulics of Multi-aquifer Wells

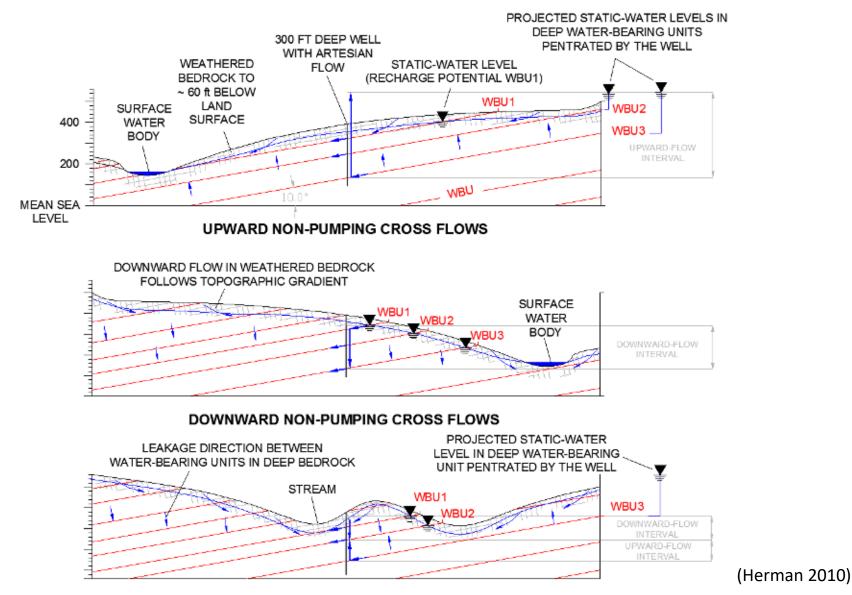


General Case: 3+ zones

$$H_{c} = \frac{T_{1}H_{1} + T_{2}H_{2} + \dots + TnHn}{T_{1} + T_{2} + \dots + Tn}$$

(Sokol 1963; Michalski and Klepp 1990)

## Complex, but Systematic Flow in Bedrock



DOWNWARD AND UPWARD CROSS FLOWS

## Unconsolidated Formations – Potential CSM Complexity

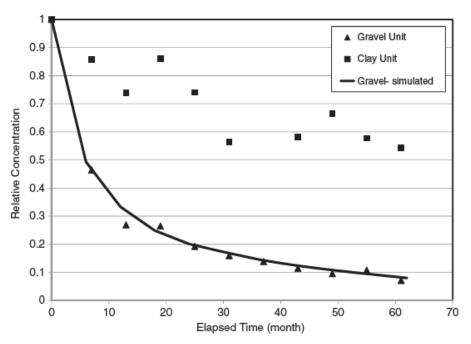
- Hydrostratigraphy
  - Confining Unit Lateral Extent
  - Hydrostratigraphic Unit Definition and Delineation
  - Anomalous Water Levels, Chemistry
- Previously Unidentified Low-K Lenses may Function as:
  - Contaminant Sinks (Diffusion)
  - Contaminant Sources (Back-Diffusion)

### Unconsolidated Formations – Potential CSM Complexity (cont'd)

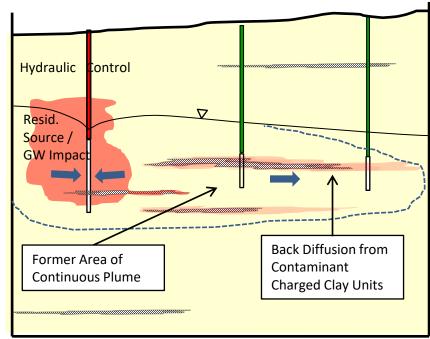
Monitoring&Remediation

Persistence of a Groundwater Contaminant Plume after Hydraulic Source Containment at a Chlorinated–Solvent Contaminated Site

by D. E. Matthieu III, M. L. Brusseau, Z. Guo, M. Plaschke, K. C. Carroll, and F. Brinker



<u>Contaminant Back Diffusion</u> from Clays causing Persistent, Low-Level Impact in Former Plume Area <u>after Source Remedy</u>



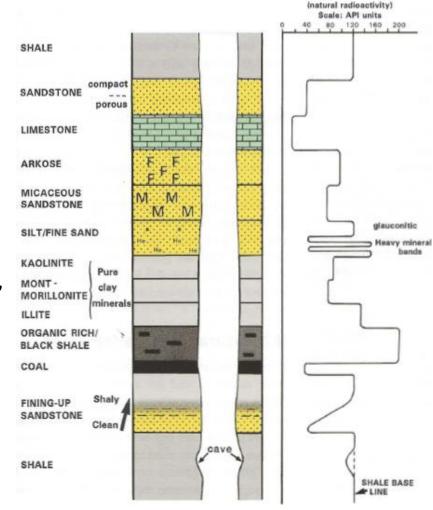
(Matthieu, Brusseau et al. 2014)

## Geophysical Logging Methods / Applications

LOG TYPES	PRIMARY USES	OTHER USE(S)				
Natural Gamma	Hydrostratigraphy, lithologic correlation, area-wide structure	Natural radioactivity				
Electrical Logs; EM Induction	Hydrostratigraphy, lithologic correlation, area-wide structure	Water quality; conductive mineral content; estimate porosity				
Caliper	Assess hole or well condition, ID fractures	Infer lithology, contacts				
Fluid Logs	ID ambient vertical cross-flows and the fractures or zones between which such exchange takes place	Assess water quality at inflow zones (estimate TDS)				
Image Logs	ID and determine structural attitude of planar features (bedding, foliation, fractures); lithology and structure near borehole; visual inspection	ATV: Acoustic caliper; PVC casing/ cement inspection; steel casing corrosion loss; annular volume log to plan well construction/abandonment				
Flow Logs	Quantify direction and magnitude of ambient cross-flows; determine hydraulic heads and Transmissivities for each hydraulically active fracture or zone while pumping	Multi-well testing to assess and quantify hydraulic connections between wells				
Water Quality	Depth-discrete grab sampling at inflow zones; vertical profiling of water quality / redox indicator parameters	Cross-contamination assessment and mitigation planning				

# Natural Gamma

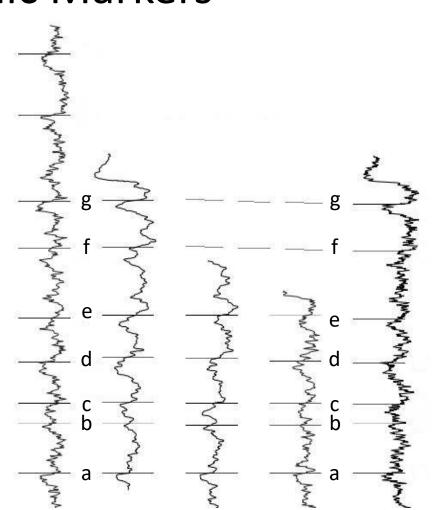
- Records Gamma Rays Emitted by Materials Adjacent to Hole
- Used in:
  - Open Holes or Completed Wells
  - Through Steel or PVC Casing
- Gamma from U, K-40 and Th, Abundant in and Adsorbed to Clays
- Sometimes Called "Shale Log"
- Misnomer: <u>K-feldspar Rich</u> <u>Sands</u> also Have High Gamma



(Rider and Kennedy 2011)

## Correlating Gamma Logs to Define Stratigraphic Markers

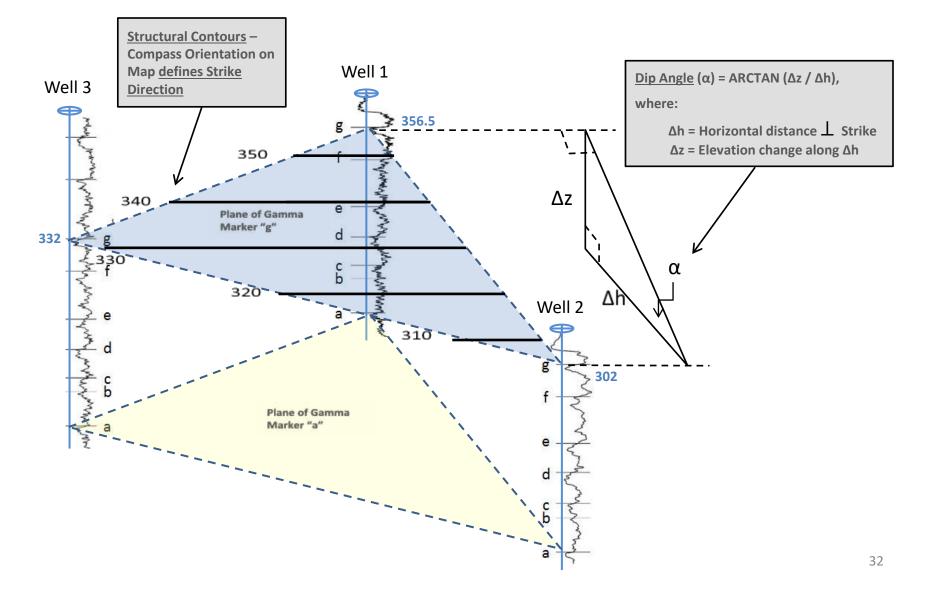
- Used for:
  - Interpreting Lithology
  - Gamma Markers Common to 3 or More Locations
     Support Determination of Bedding Strike and Dip
  - Natural Radioactivity



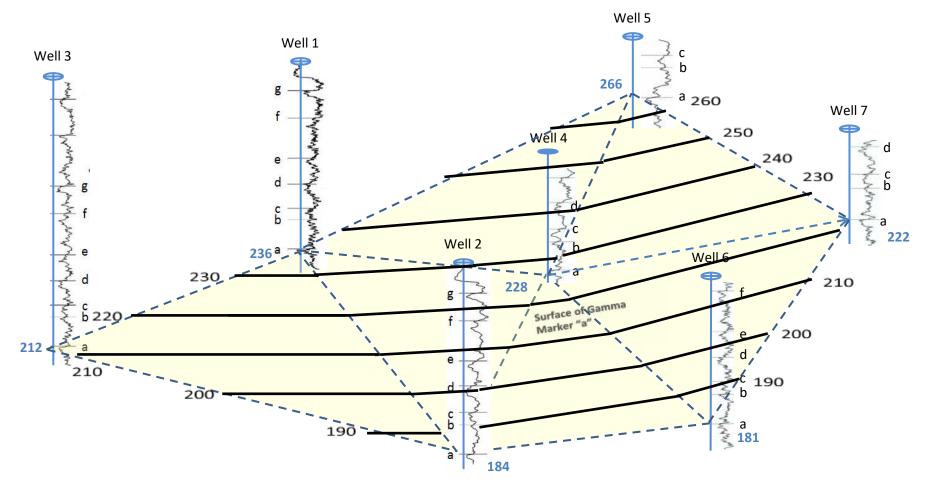
#### Verifying that Stratigraphic Markers are Laterally Continuous and Parallel

WELL ID		Well 1	Well 2	Well 3	Well 4	Well 5	House 1	House 2		Wide ation of
WELL LOGGED BY		Princeton Geoscience	Princeton Geoscience	Princeton Geoscience	Princeton Geoscience	Princeton Geoscience	Company #2	Company #3	Stratigraphic Markers	
DATE OF LOGGING		06/23/13	06/23/13	06/23/13	06/24/13	06/24/13	03/25/97	12/10/05		
REFERENCE	PVC	304.47	299.55	265.72	287.34	264.47	*	*	Mean Value	Standard Deviation
ELEVATIONS	RISER	304.79	299.73	265.89	287.58	264.66	270.64	293.66		
ELEVATIONS	GROUND	302.4	295.6	263.2	284.7	261.7	267.0	292.6		
LOGGING REF	ERENCE	PVC	PVC	PVC	PVC	PVC	RISER	RISER		
MARKERS INT	ERSECTED	a - f	c-f	a-f	d - f	c-e	b - f	a-f		
f	Depth	181.0	190.0	23.0	89.0		112.5	192.5		
I	Elevation	123.5	109.6	242.7	198.3		158.1	101.2		
Separa	tion	22.5	23.5	23.0	24.0		22.5	22.0	22.9	0.7
	Depth	203.5	213.5	46.0	113.0	35.0	135.0	214.5		
e	Elevation	101.0	86.1	219.7	174.3	229.5	135.6	79.2		
Separa	tion	11.5	12.0	13.0	12.5	13.0	13.0	11.5	12.4	0.7
d	Depth	215.0	225.5	59.0	125.5	48.0	148.0	226.0		
u	Elevation	89.5	74.1	206.7	161.8	216.5	122.6	67.7		
Separa	tion	20.0	19.5	21.0		20.0	20.0	20.0	20.1	0.5
	Depth	235.0	245.0	80.0		68.0	168.0	246.0		
С	Elevation	69.5	54.6	185.7		196.5	102.6	47.7		
Separation		18.0		17.5			19.0	19.0	18.4	0.8
h	Depth	253.0		97.5			187.0	265.0		
b	Elevation	51.5		168.2			83.6	28.7		
Separation		11.0		11.5				9.5	10.7	1.0
2	Depth	264.0		109.0				274.5		
а	Elevation	40.5		156.7				19.2		

# Strike and Dip using Gamma Markers

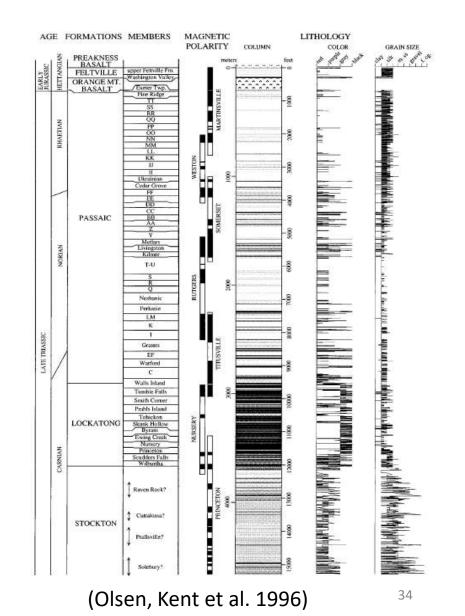


#### Multi-Point Solution to Confirm Planarity or Resolve Structure

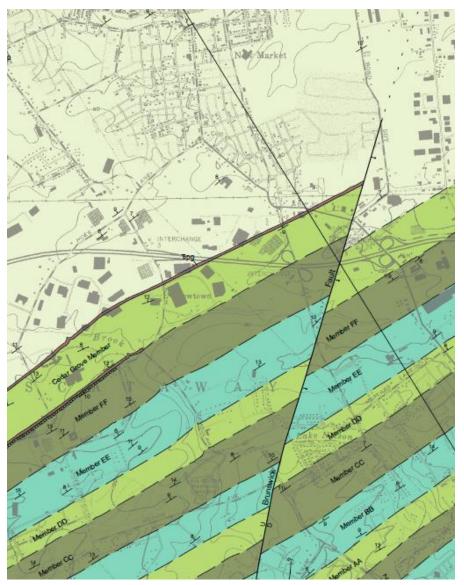


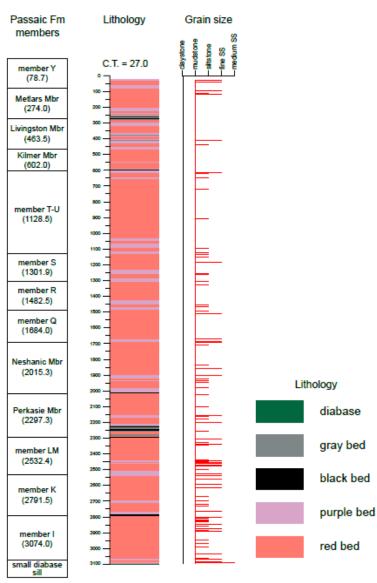
# Gamma Correlation with Regional Units

- Newark Basin Coring Project (NBCP)
  - Extensive geologic framework
  - Electronic data available for gamma logs, lithology, color
  - Many units correlate readily over large distances (miles)
- NJGS maps (e.g., Plainfield Quad) reflect NBCP sub-units
- Elements of CSM per USGS at NAWC research site in West Trenton (Lacombe and Burton 2010)
- Understanding gained may support focused approach



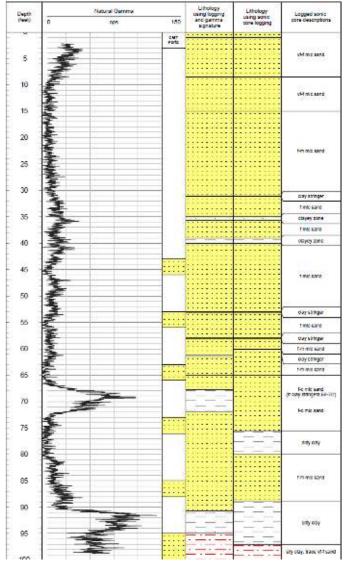
## Mapping of Passaic Fm. Members





(Volkert et al., 2013)

#### Assigning Accurate Depths for Clays in Disturbed Cores – Gamma Log Enables CMT Placement



- When coring long intervals (20 ft with sonic), strata can be vertically displaced up to several feet in resulting core
- Gamma log to TD through sonic rods can establish bed boundaries of clays to w/in ~1 foot
- Enables assignment of soil sample depths and CMT<sup>®</sup> port/well screen placement with needed accuracy

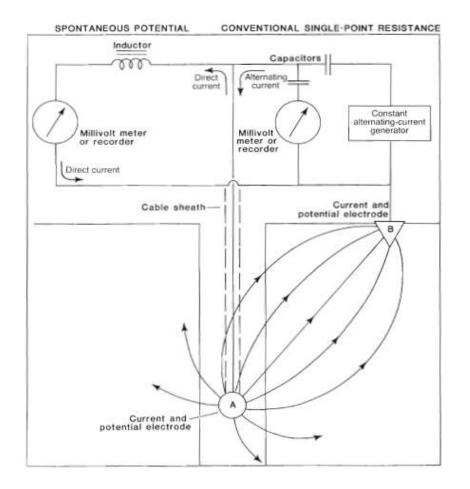






# **Electrical Logs**

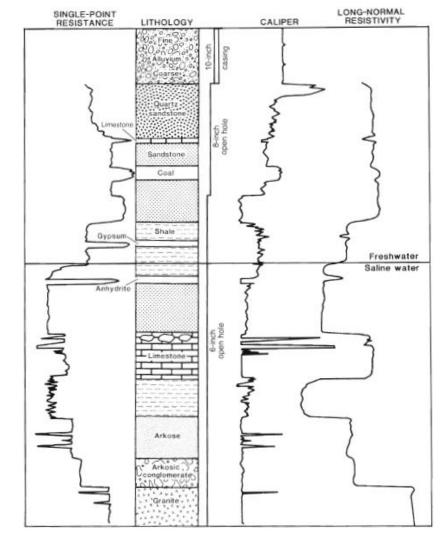
- Based on Ohm's Law: Resistance (Ohms) = Potential (V) / Current (Amps)
- Single Point Resistance (SPR), Spontaneous Potential (SP): <u>Bulk</u> <u>measures</u> between surface electrode and probe in borehole
- SP interpretation complex in fresh ground water



(Keys 1989)

# Electrical Logs (cont'd)

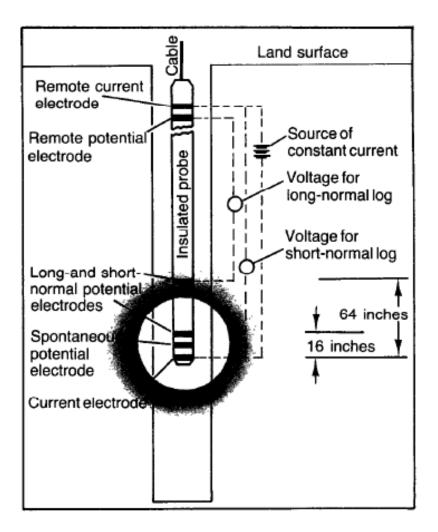
- SPR: Resistance to constant applied A/C current
- Indicated by voltage, calculated in Ohms
- Mostly affected by porosity and salinity of porewater
- Surface conduction on clays and conductive minerals play lesser role
- Support lithology and fracture ID



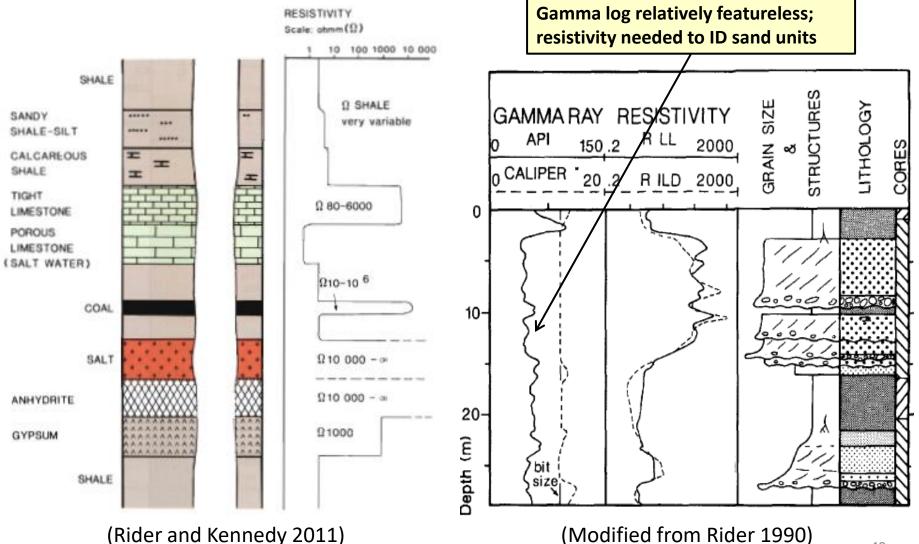
(Keys 1989)

# Electrical Logs (cont'd)

- Normal Resistivity: Intrinsic measure of rock or soil and pore fluids around borehole (in Ohm-Meters)
- Different electrode spacings vary depth of investigation
- Related mostly to porewater quality, moisture content, and porosity
- SPR and Normal Resistivity Complement Gamma for lithology



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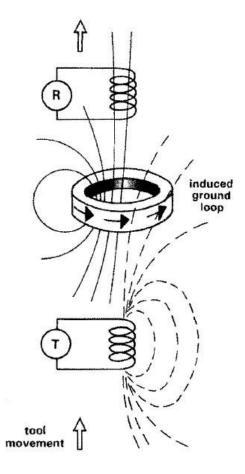


(Rider and Kennedy 2011)

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# **EM Induction**

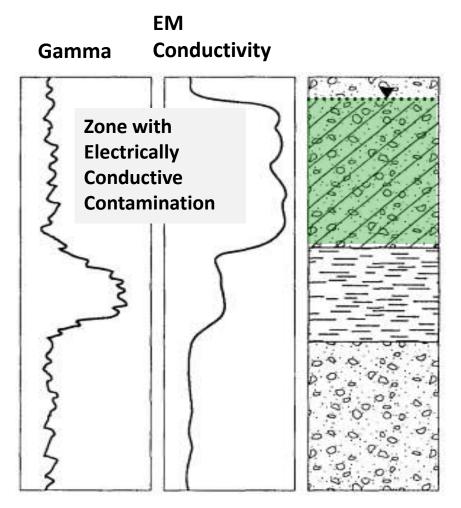
- Current from transmitter induces magnetic field in formation
- Eddy currents create secondary electrical field proportional to conductivity of formation, measured at receiver coil
- Can derive
  - Resistivity (conductivity)
  - Magnetic susceptibility
- Open-hole <u>or PVC</u>
- Water- <u>or air-filled</u>



(Rider and Kennedy, 2011)

# EM Induction (cont'd)

- Applications
  - Supplement to natural gamma, when NR or SPR not available (esp. to measure through PVC)
  - Saltwater intrusion
  - Other conductive GW contaminants (leachate, metals)

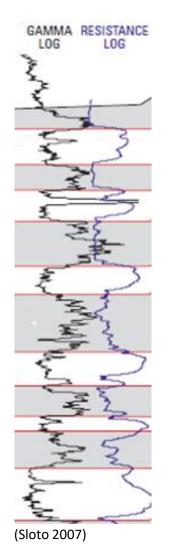


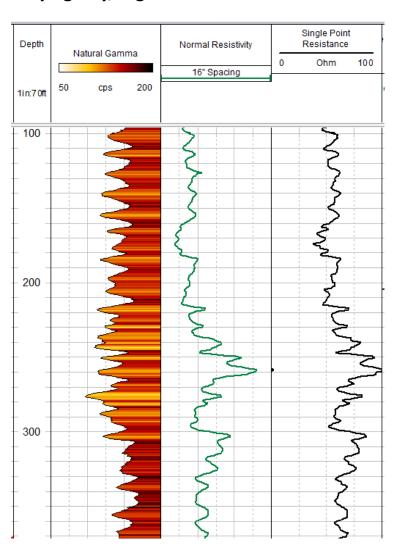
(Williams et al., 1993)

### Logs Reveal Lithologic Changes, Identify Confining Units

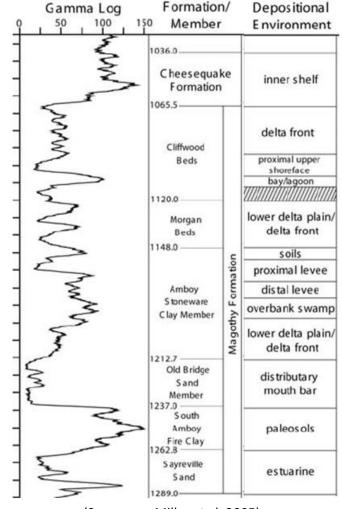
#### Middle Stockton Formation

Passaic Fm. – Cyclic mudstone/siltstone; varying clay, organic carbon content New Jersey Coastal Plain –



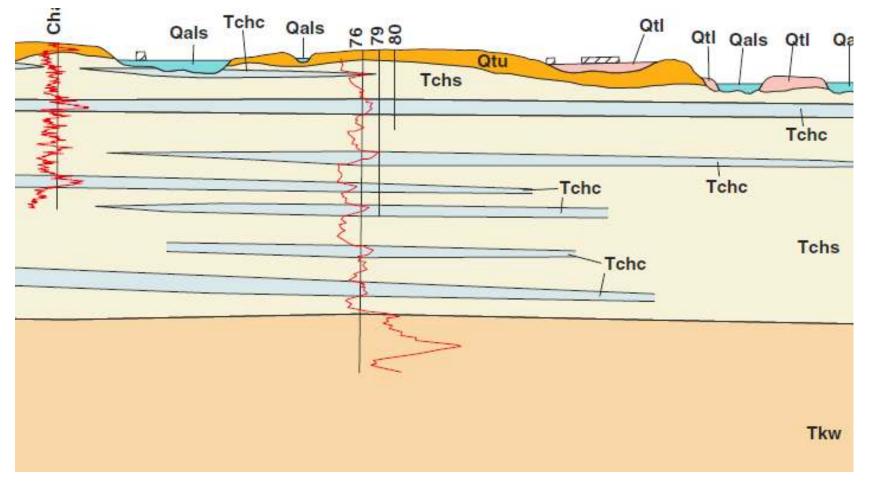






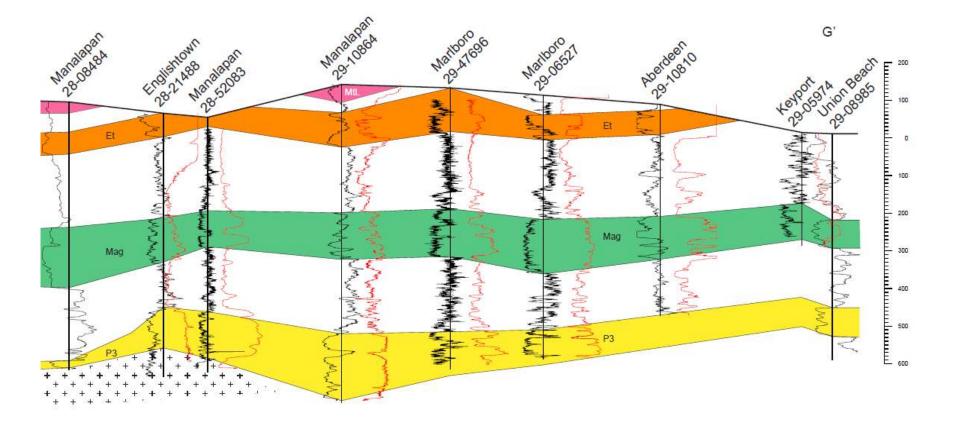
# Used Extensively for Coastal Plain Units

New Jersey Coastal Plain – Delineation of clay/sand facies within the Cohansey Formation; Identification of the top of the Kirkwood Formation confining unit



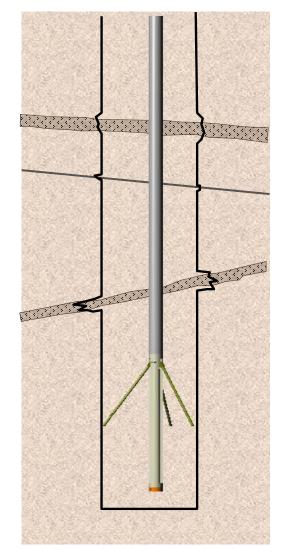
### **Coastal Plain Framework based on Logs**

New Jersey Coastal Plain – Delineation of Aquifer Units

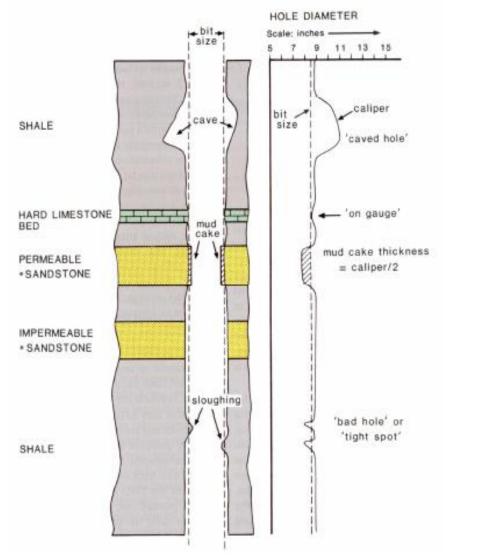


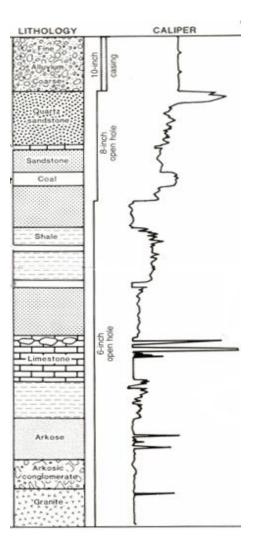
# Caliper Logs

- Mechanical Three-Arm Tool
- Records Hole Diameter
- Used to Interpret
  - Depth of Casing
  - Fractures
  - Washout zones
  - Lithology Changes
- Used in Open Holes



### Caliper Logs (cont'd)

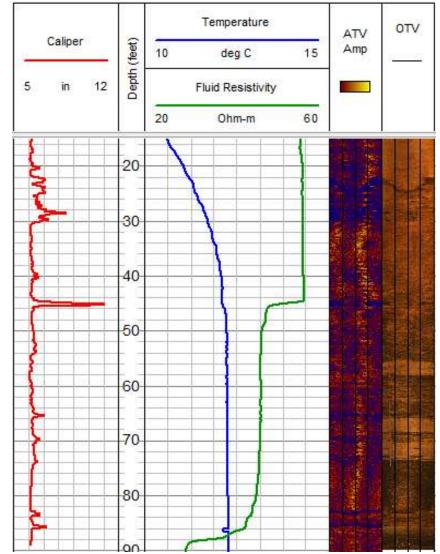




(Rider and Kennedy 2011)

# Fluid Logs

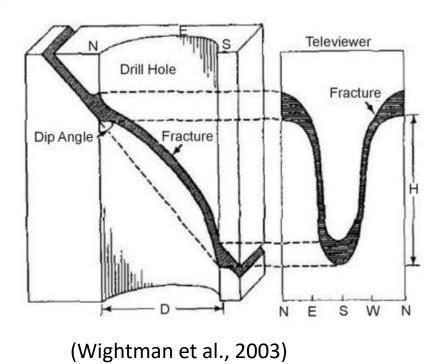
- Temperature and Resistivity of <u>fluid column in the well</u> <u>or borehole</u>
- Main use is for initial location of hydraulically active fractures or zones
  - Inflections indicate inflow or outflow
  - Constant values over an interval may indicate crossflow between hydraulically active fractures
- Can be used quantitatively e.g., via brine tracing (Michalski and Klepp 1990)



## Image Logs

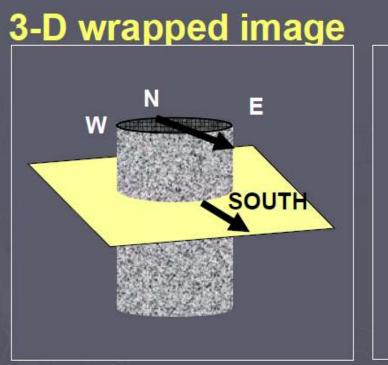
- Centralized ATV and OTV
- Circular traces vertically combined
- Cylindrical record "cut" at North, laid flat
- Log analyst selects and classifies planar features, which plot as sinusoids
- 3D positioning sensors and software allow reporting of structural measurements to North

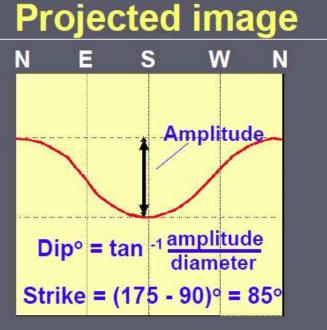




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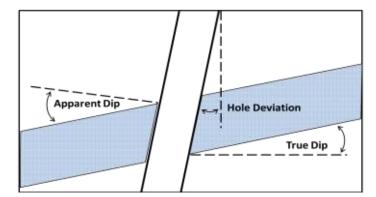
### Borehole-Wall Image Fracture Analysis



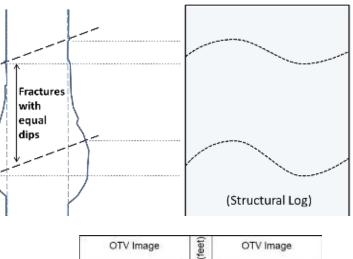


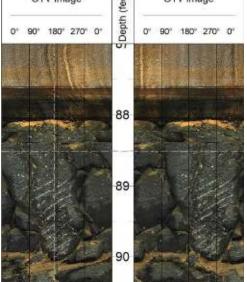
# Image Logs (cont'd)

- Image Log Analysis Workflow
  - Normalize image for centralization, colors
  - Correct for magnetic interference just below steel casing
  - Evaluate and correct for borehole diameter effects
  - Select and classify planar features
  - Correct for borehole deviation
  - Adjust for magnetic declination
     (to True N) Apparent vs. True Dip; Need to correct for deviated borehole



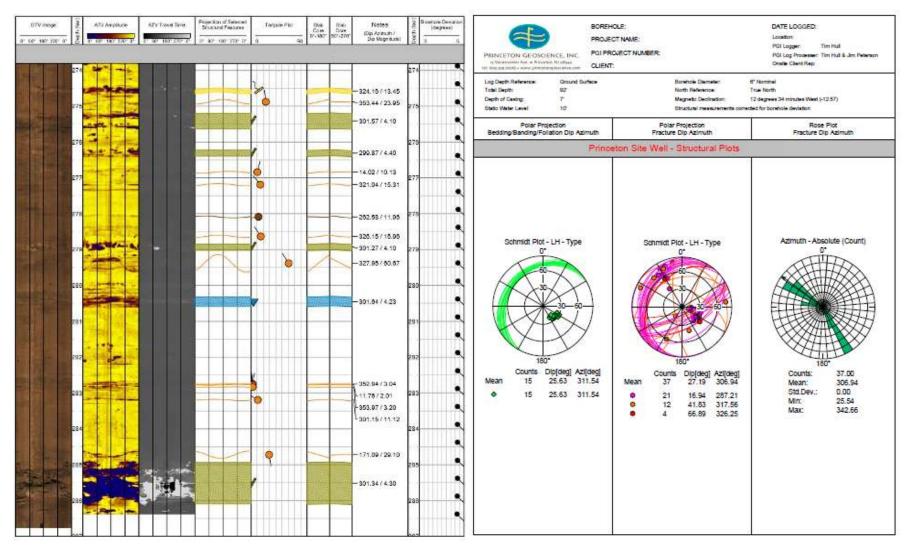
Greater amplitude in washout interval overestimates dip; correction for increased borehole diameter required



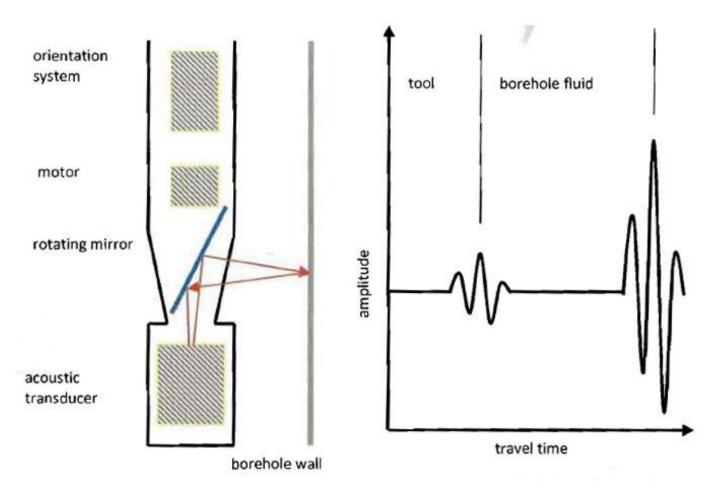


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### Image Logs (cont'd)



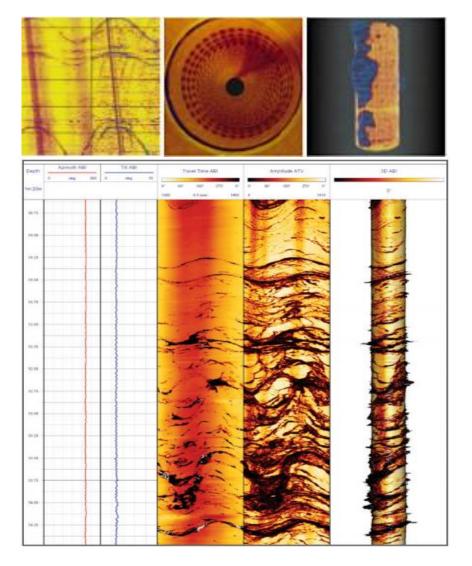
### Acoustic Televiewer

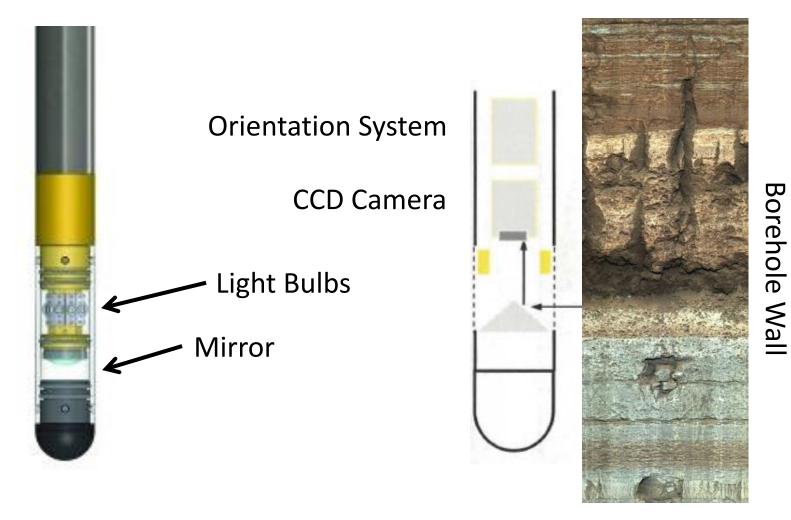


(ALT, 2014)

## Acoustic Televiewer

- Imaging in <u>mud- or water-filled</u> holes
- Structural evaluation
- Acoustic caliper
- Multi-echo mode for measurements through PVC pipe
- Pipe-inspection mode for inner and outer corrosion, wall thickness
- Can use quantitative data, including cross-plotting with other data (e.g. mean amplitude with gamma for lithology)

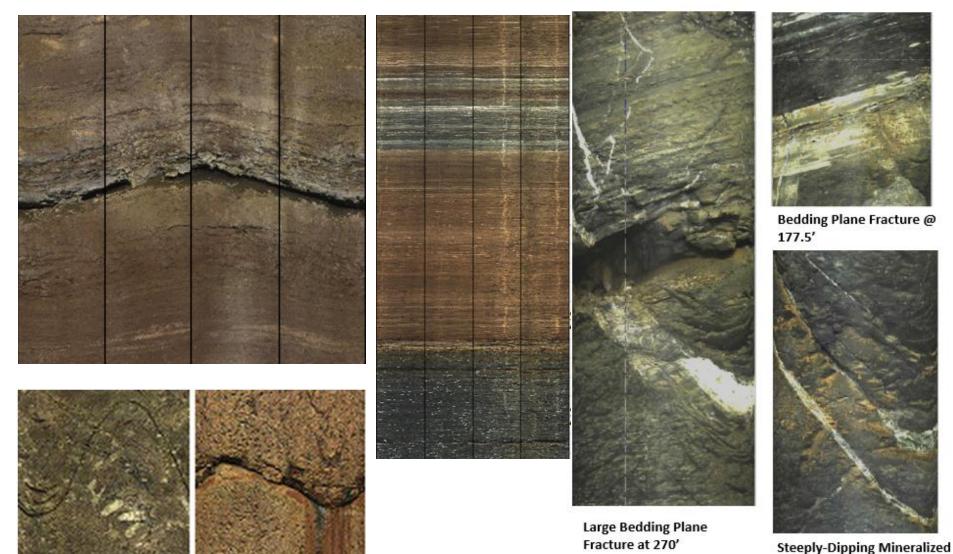




- Imaging in air- or clear water-filled holes
- Planar features
  - Bedding, foliation, layering
  - Fractures
    - Open or mineralized
    - Apparent aperture
- Visual inspection
  - Staining, NAPL
  - Flow indicators
  - Well condition

#### Compositional layering, fracture in basalt





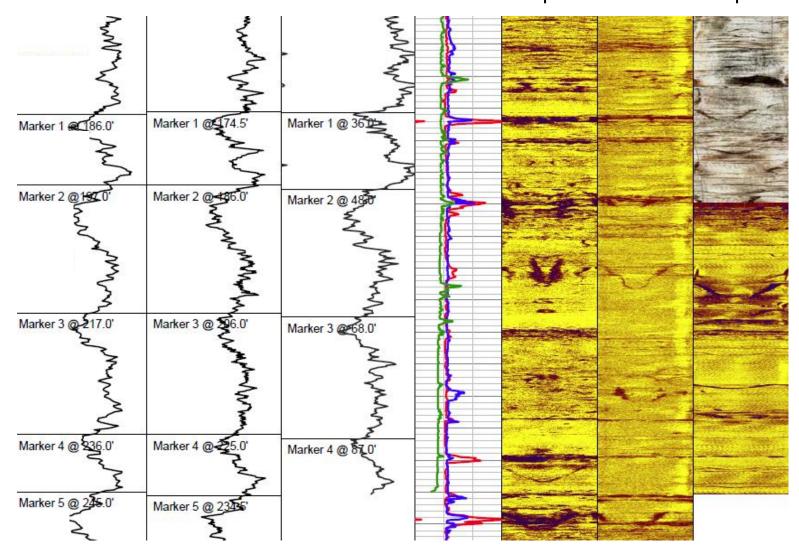
Fractures @ 65' to 67'



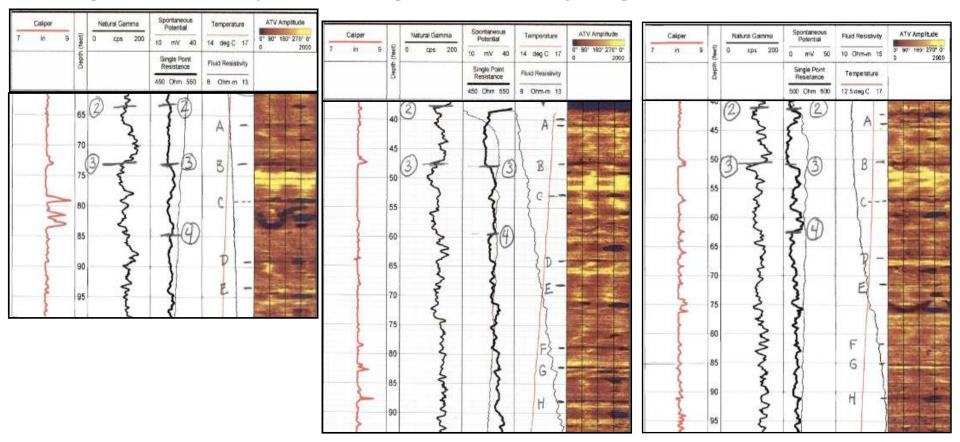
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		62 - 88 M		



# Correlated Logs Show that Bedding Fractures are Laterally Continuous



Logs Vertically Shifted to show Correlation; Individual Rock Units and Bedding Fractures can be Traced Hundreds of Feet across a Site in Mudstones



**Boring Located Down-Dip** 

#### **Borings Positioned Nearly Along Strike from One Another**

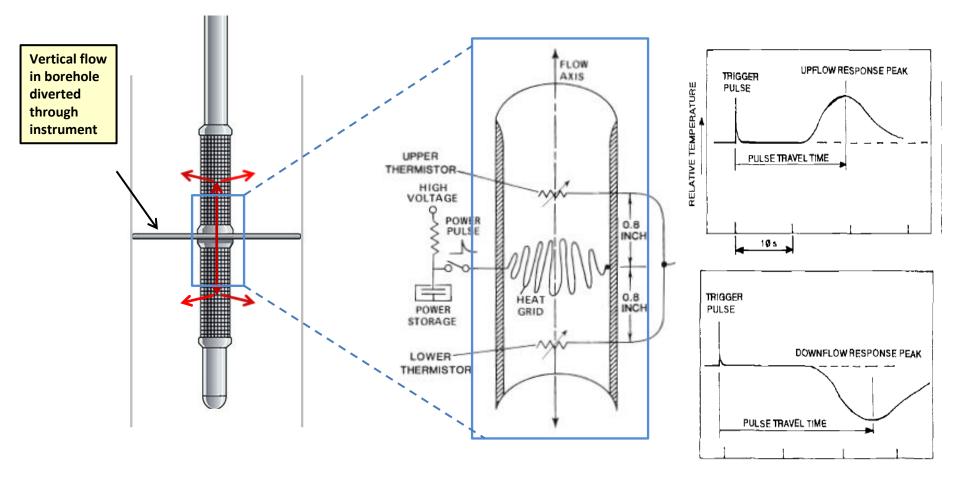
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## Flow Meters

- Measure <u>Vertical Flow</u> in Well as Indicator of Conditions in Adjacent Aquifer
  - Standard HPFM range 0.03-1.0
     GPM; NJGS modified unit up to 7
     GPM in 6-inch holes
  - Spinner Flow Meter ~2-10+ GPM; lower rates require trolling
- Ambient or Pumping
- Multiple Wells

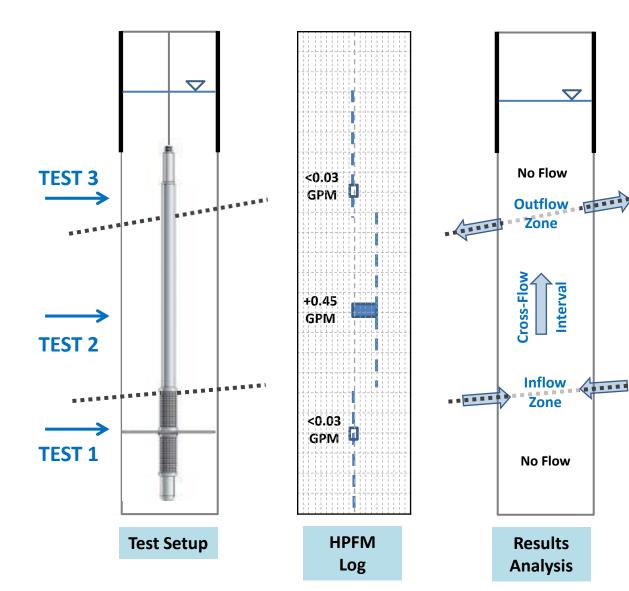


### **HPFM** Operation and Response



(Hess and Paillet 1990)

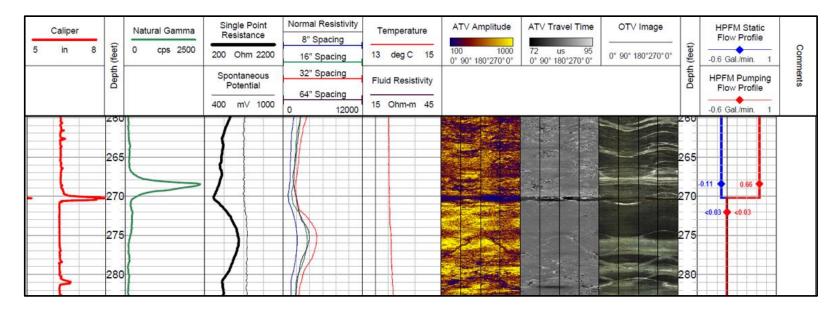
### **HPFM Quantifies Cross-Flows**

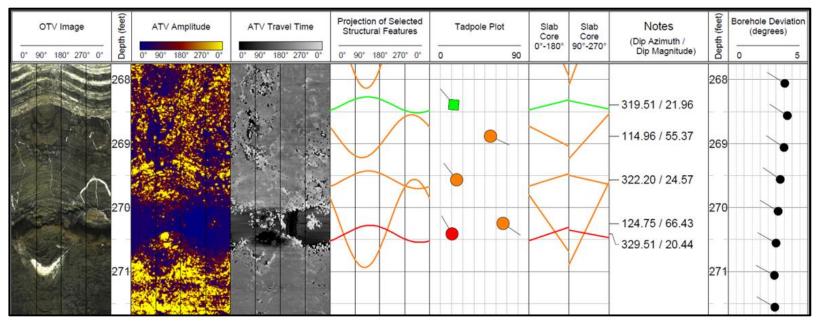


- Upward Flow implies Higher Head in Deep Zone
- Water Level in Well is Composite Head
- Vertical Cross-Flow
   Causes Mixing,
   Possible Spread of
   Contamination
- 0.45 GPM ~ 650 GPD

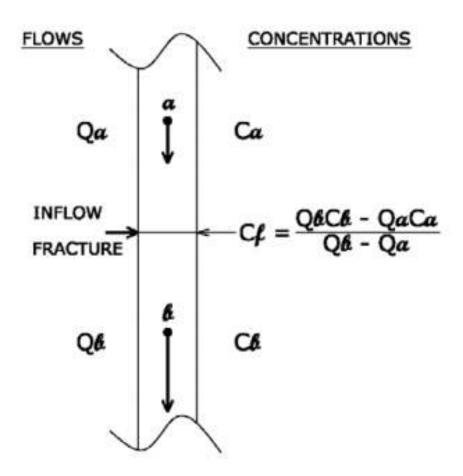
   Could be Significant
   Issue
- Easily Remedied (Install Screen and Gravel Pack Well)

### HPFM – Transmissive Bedding Fracture





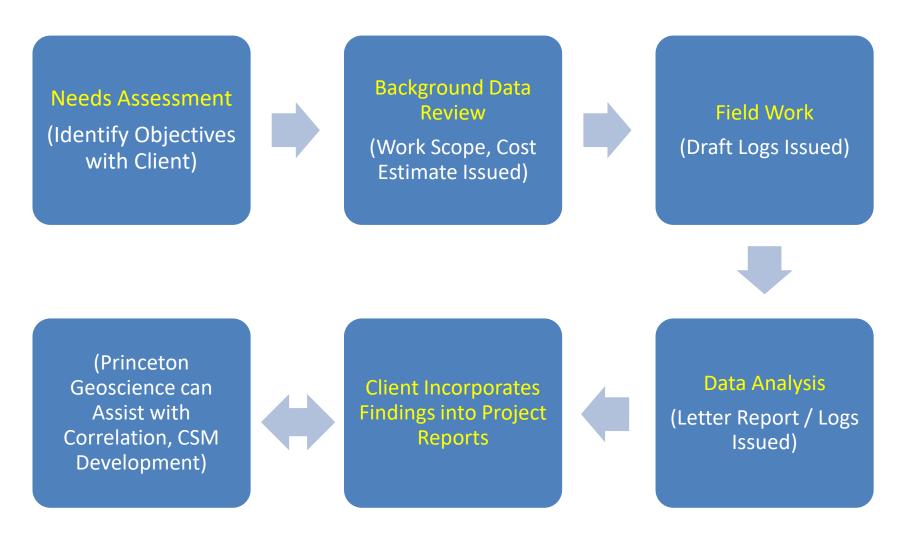
### Assessing Inflow Zone Water Quality from Grab Sampling Results



<u>Groundwater chemistry of water</u> <u>entering at inflow zone (Cf) can be</u> estimated based on:

- <u>Vertical flow rates</u> in well upstream (Qa) and downstream (Qb) of inflow zone (e.g., by HPFM), and
- <u>Water quality in well</u> upstream (Ca) and downstream (Cb) of inflow zone inflow zone (e.g., depth-discrete grab sampling)

# Logging Project Workflow



# **Additional Key Resources**

- ITRC Guidance on Implementing Advanced Site Characterization Tools
  - Section 4: <u>https://asct-1.itrcweb.org/4-borehole-geophysics/</u>
- NJGWS Bulletin 77
  - Herman, G. (2010). Hydrogeology and Borehole Geophysics of Fractured-Bedrock Aquifers, Newark Basin, New Jersey. <u>Contributions to the geology and hydrogeology of the Newark</u> <u>basin.</u> G. C. H. a. M. E. Serfes, NJ Geological Survey. **Bulletin 77:** F1-F45.
- USGS Hydrogeophysics Branch
  - <u>https://water.usgs.gov/ogw/bgas/</u>

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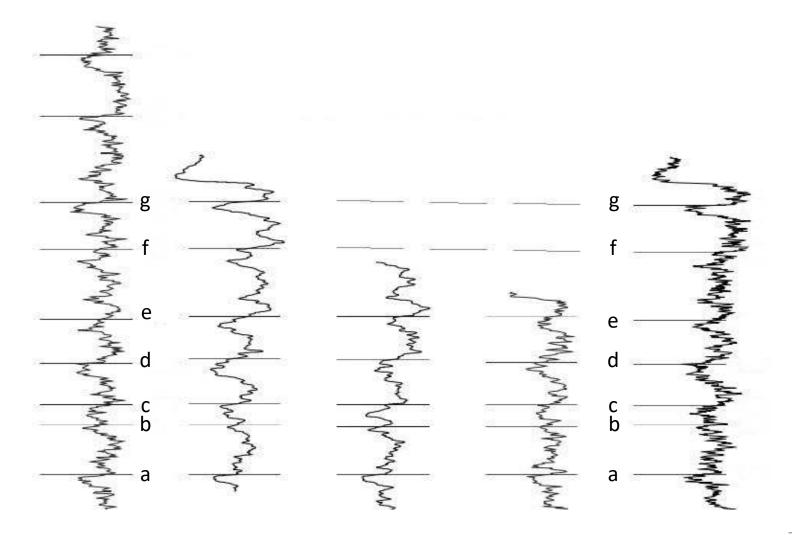
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### SUPPLEMENTAL INFO

# Case #3: Central NJ Newark Basin

- Mudstone bedrock (Passaic Formation)
- Extensive prior investigations, including some geophysical logging, packer testing
- Conflicting views regarding structure, applicability of LMAS concepts at the site
- Geophysical logging scope:
  - Extensive gamma logging, outcrop mapping to clarify structure
  - OTV, ATV and HPFM to better understand pathways, flow
  - Integration of GP logging and packer results
- Confirmed "textbook" LMAS conditions systematic nature of flow system allows LSRP to be confident of RI completion and planned monitoring

### Markers Identified on Gamma Logs and Correlated from Well to Well

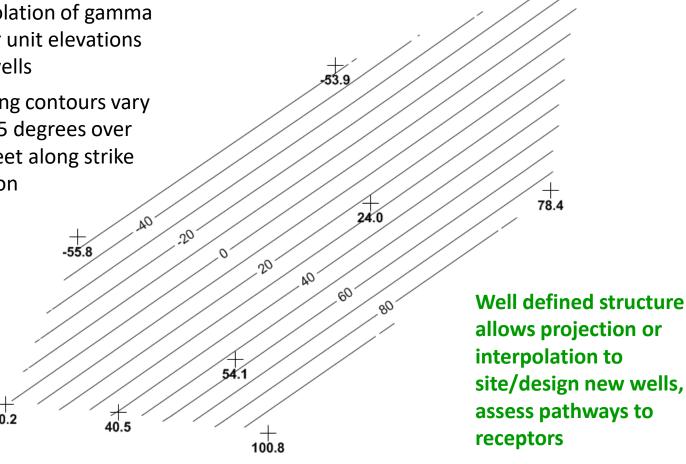


### >20 Laterally Continuous, Parallel Gamma Markers Identified

WELL ID		Well 1	Well 2	Well 3	Well 4	Well 5	House 1	House 2	Site-Wide Separation of	
WELL LOGGE	D BY	Princeton Geoscience	Princeton Geoscience	Princeton Geoscience	Princeton Geoscience	Princeton Geoscience	Company #2	Company #3	Stratigraphic Markers	
DATE OF LOG	DATE OF LOGGING		06/23/13	06/23/13	06/24/13	06/24/13	03/25/97	12/10/05		
REFERENCE	PVC	304.47	299.55	265.72	287.34	264.47	*	*	Mean Value	Standard Deviation
ELEVATIONS	RISER	304.79	299.73	265.89	287.58	264.66	270.64	293.66		
ELEVATIONS	GROUND	302.4	295.6	263.2	284.7	261.7	267.0	292.6		
LOGGING REFERENCE		PVC	PVC	PVC	PVC	PVC	RISER	RISER		
MARKERS INT	ERSECTED	a - f	c-f	a-f	d - f	c - e	b - f	a-f		
f	Depth	181.0	190.0	23.0	89.0		112.5	192.5		
I	Elevation	123.5	109.6	242.7	198.3		158.1	101.2		
Separa	tion	22.5	23.5	23.0	24.0		22.5	22.0	22.9	0.7
	Depth	203.5	213.5	46.0	113.0	35.0	135.0	214.5		
е	Elevation	101.0	86.1	219.7	174.3	229.5	135.6	79.2		
Separa	Separation		12.0	13.0	12.5	13.0	13.0	11.5	12.4	0.7
4	Depth	215.0	225.5	59.0	125.5	48.0	148.0	226.0		
d	Elevation	89.5	74.1	206.7	161.8	216.5	122.6	67.7		
Separation		20.0	19.5	21.0		20.0	20.0	20.0	20.1	0.5
6	Depth	235.0	245.0	80.0		68.0	168.0	246.0		
С	Elevation	69.5	54.6	185.7		196.5	102.6	47.7		
Separa	tion	18.0		17.5			19.0	19.0	18.4	0.8
h	Depth	253.0		97.5			187.0	265.0		
b	Elevation	51.5		168.2			83.6	28.7		
Separa	tion	11.0		11.5				9.5	10.7	1.0
2	Depth	264.0		109.0				274.5		
а	Elevation	40.5		156.7				19.2		

#### Gamma Correlations Imply Laterally **Continuous, Planar Bedding Units**

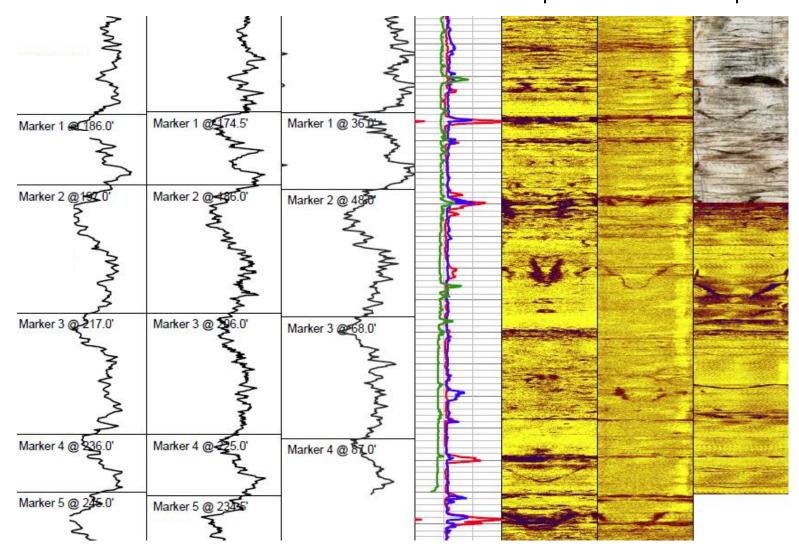
- Structural contours • based on linear interpolation of gamma marker unit elevations at all wells
- Resulting contours vary • by < 0.5 degrees over ~600 feet along strike direction



## But...What about the Fractures?

- Bedding orientation only useful for understanding flow pathways to the extent bedding fractures are also present and continuous
- ATV, OTV and Caliper logs, when vertically aligned based on previously identified Gamma markers, reveal:
  - Numerous bedding fractures that are laterally continuous across the site – ATV/OTV very similar from well to well
  - Some fractures at interface between hard and soft rocks
- Lateral extensiveness of bedding fractures should not be surprising at this site, because
  - Gamma shows the rock units themselves are continuous, and
  - Bedding fractures reflect mechanical properties of the of the rocks

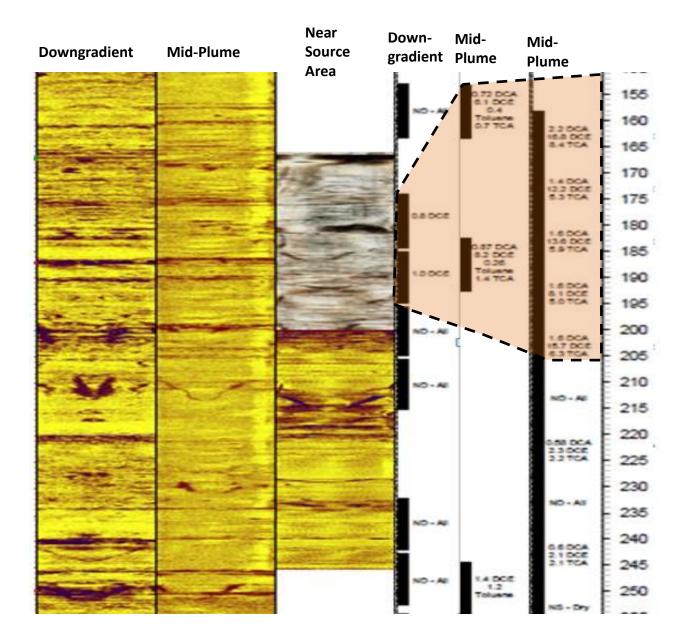
## Correlated Logs Show that Bedding Fractures are Laterally Continuous



#### OK, but What's the Effect on Plume Geometry? How about the High Angle Fractures?

- The plume appears to inhabit the same fractures into which source area recharge occurs
- Older packer testing data shows some vertical spreading, but those data may reflect leakage (packers set without use of a caliper log to ID a smooth seating zone)
- Latest, most distal packer testing shows VOC impact only in bedding unit fractures that sub-crop below the former source area
- Limited vertical spreading of plume, despite very strong vertical gradients between individual bedding-parallel flow zones and the presence of some high-angle fractures connecting zones
- Conditions consistent with LMAS concepts of Michalski and Britton.

#### ATV, OTV, Caliper and Packer Test Comparison



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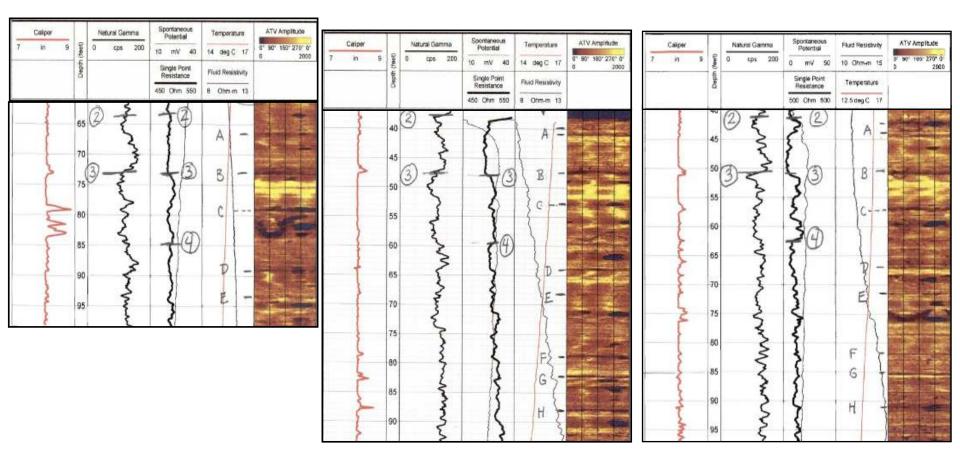
#### Case #4: Central NJ Newark Basin

- Mudstone bedrock (Passaic Formation)
- NJGS mapping suggested potentially complex structure (faults and folds)
- Former drycleaner site with several existing bedrock wells; LSRP updating CSM, completing RI
- Geophysical logging scope:
  - Gamma, electrical, OTV, ATV and HPFM of three 100-foot test holes, which will later be converted to monitoring wells
  - Assess structure, presence and lateral continuity of fractured flow zones
- Results indicate another site where LMAS principles apply well
  - Gamma and SPR markers subtle, but correlated site-wide
  - Individual bedding plane fractures traceable across site
  - Planar structure, no disturbance by folding or faulting at scale of concern for site groundwater investigation
  - Open interval of existing, VOC-impacted down-dip well shown to be intersected by the same fractures that occur near ground surface in source area boring – plume appears to move along bedding plane fractures from point of intersection at source
- Assisted LSRP in selection of well completion depths drilling now in progress

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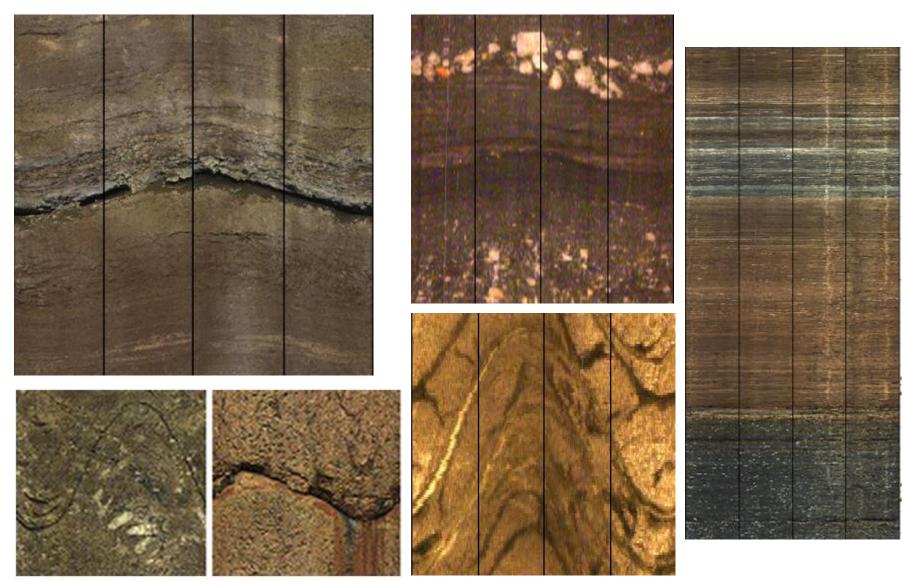
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## **Optical Televiewer**



#### **Optical Televiewer**



Large Bedding Plane Fracture at 270'



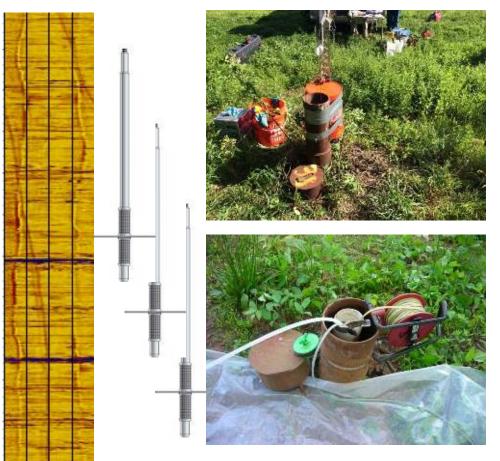
Bedding Plane Fracture @ 177.5'



Steeply-Dipping Mineralized Fractures @ 65' to 67'

#### HPFM Testing to Support Estimation of Transmissivity and Hydraulic Head

#### **Field Procedures**



#### Data Analysis

- Interpret variation in flowmeter data collected in field
- Identify ambient and pumped flow rate above each zone / fracture
- Forward model head difference driving flow and zone transmissivity using FWRAP or FLASH model

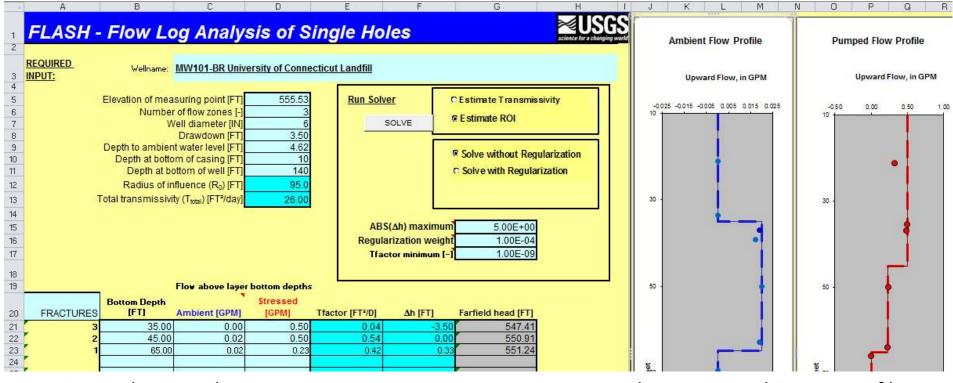
#### FWRAP iterations provide hydraulic background

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a. A sample run of F. Paillet's FWRAP Model

b. Excel Output of FWRAP Model

# FLASH solver helpful in studying highly fractured environments

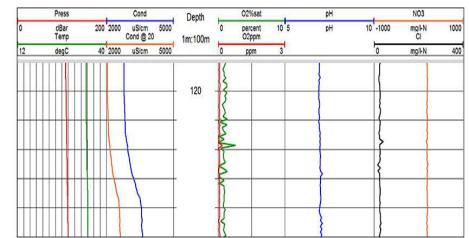


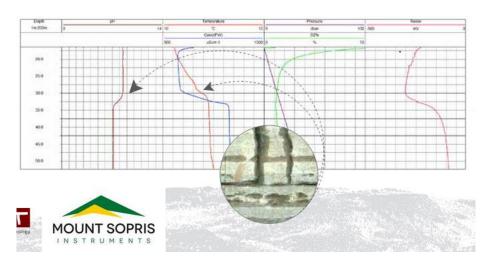
a. FLASH Excel Inputs Sheet

b. FLASH Excel Output Profiles

## Water Quality Logs

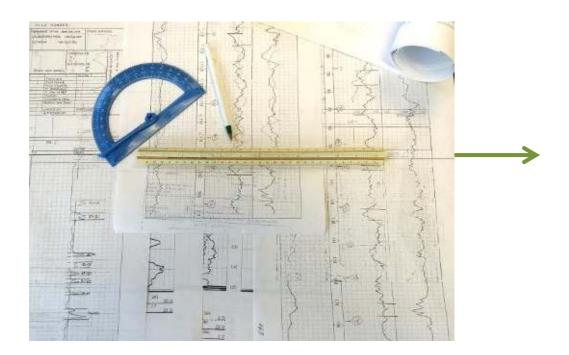
- Discrete depth sampler for grab sampling at inflow zones
- Trolling multi-parameter water quality probe measures:
  - Pressure
  - Temperature
  - Fluid conductivity
  - рН
  - Dissolved oxygen
  - Oxidation-reduction
  - Single ion (e.g., Nitrate, Ammonia, Chloride)
- Assess geochemistry for:
  - Natural metals GW impact
  - Changes due to in-situ treatments

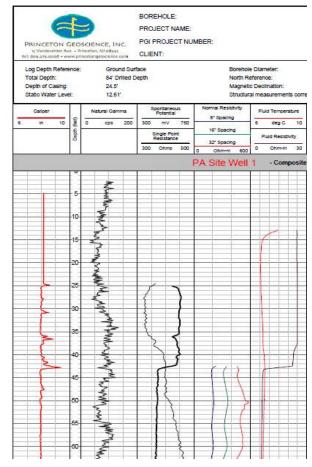




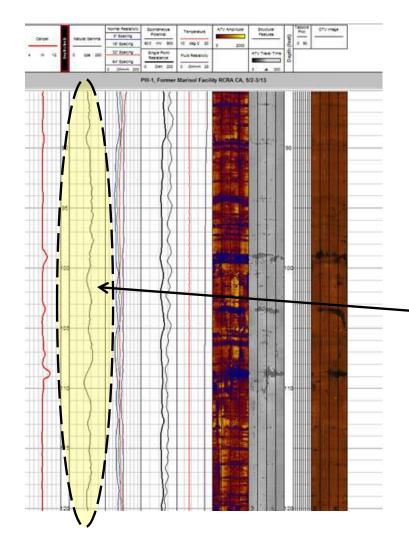
#### **Related Data Management**

#### Legacy Data Revival





#### **Appropriate Scaling Assists Correlation**



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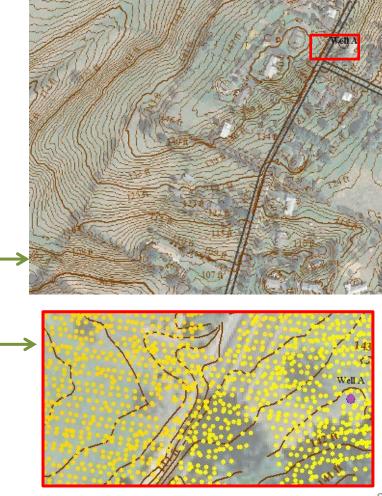
Expanded scale good for composite plots, but gamma features vague

Need to "crunch" the scale vertically to bring out contrast for correlating logs from hole to hole.

#### ...Related Data Management LIDAR-based Topographic Mapping

USGS 20 FT Contours

Contours generated by LIDAR point cloud data



#### ...Related Data Management LIDAR-based Topographic Mapping

Topographic Contours generated in LIDAR point cloud data, used in concert with bedrock structural data (contoured bedding or fracture elevations) – predict depth to zone of interest:

Subtract structural elevation of fracture or bed from LIDAR based ground surface elevation (e.g., at proposed drilling location)

