Petra tips and tricks for working with log data

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Objectives

- We assume you already know how to use the software,
- Our goal is to present a series of user tips and tricks that will:
 - Improve workflows
 - Let you do things that may not have been obvious how to do
 - Workaround limitations in the software or substitute for features that are not explicitly designed into the package
 - Generally save you time, effort, and money
- I am NOT going to teach a log analysis school today

Log analysis tips and tricks

- Petra has a general purpose, flexible log calculation engine built into it.
- It does NOT aim to be a high end petrophysical modeling or model development package
 - DISCLOSURE: Discovery Group does not attempt to force fit Petra into that mold, we have several specialized petrophysics packages available for our workflows
 - We DO use Petra for batch processing of large numbers of wells, for computing pore volumes and HCPV over entire fields, and for its integration with cross-sections, mapping, and other well data
 - We use it EVERY DAY in our petrophysical studies

What Petra does well

- Manage and organize log data, including support for log aliases
- Allow you to splice curves or log runs, edit curves, & perform some basic curve normalization
- Compute shaliness, porosity, and fluid saturations
- Compute flag curves using a variety of criteria
- Compute "net pay", net of user defined cutoffs
- Run processes on large numbers of wells very quickly
- Allows you to write and save flexible user equations, and to some extent user programs

What Petra does not do.....

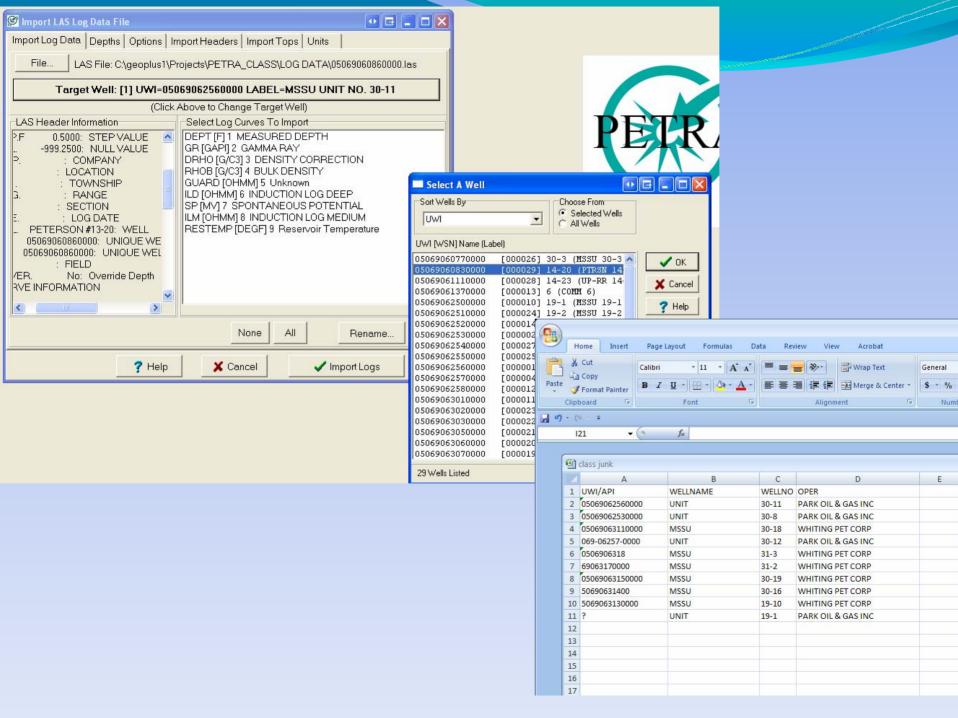
- Run vendor and tool specific environmental corrections
- Support 1 or 2-point normalization using histogram overlays
 - at least without using a printer and a light table...
- Use standard cross-plot routines to compute porosity from multiple logs (e.g. neutron-density)
- Compute multi-mineral volumes (e.g. Vdol-Vls-Vqtz)
- Link to outside codes in standard languages (e.g. VisualBasic, C++, Java, etc.)

Left for another day.....

- Normalization
- Cross-plotting
- Multi-mineral models
- The "Advanced User Models" language

A. How do I bring log data into Petra, and what are the pitfalls of using the batch LAS import function?

- API numbers critical, can't live with 'em, can't live without 'em
- Wrong API = Wrong association with a well in Petra.
- You cannot assume the vendor or digitizer got it right.
- Solutions:
 - Import wells one at a time
 - Open each LAS file in a text editor and add/fix them
 - Extract the API numbers from the LAS files, edit them in a spreadsheet, write them back into the LAS files.



B. How do I import LAS header data to Petra, and what are the differences between LAS 1.2 and 2.0 formats?

- LAS 1.2 and 2.0 headers use a different format for the Well information block, including information such as the API number
 - PETRA recognizes both formats, and automatically flips them into the standard (2.0) order
- The critical data to capture are anything used in log calculations or useful for log evaluations
 - Logging date, run number, and service company
 - Mud type, weight, Rm@T____, Rmf@T____
 - Max recorded temperature, LTD, base of csg

LAS version 1.2 Well Information Section.

~Well Information Section

#MNEM.UNIT	Data Type	Information
#		
STRT.M	635.0000:	
STOP.M	400.0000:	
STEP.M	-0.1250:	
NULL.	-999.25:	
COMP.	COMPANY:	ANY OIL COMPANY INC.
WELL.	WELL:	ANY ET AL A9-16-49-20
FLD.	FIELD:	EDAM
LOC.	LOCATION:	A9-16-49-20W3M
PROV.	PROVINCE:	SASKATCHEWAN
SRVC.	SERVICE CO:	ANY LOGGING COMPANY INC.
DATE.	LOG DATE:	13-DEC-86
UWI .	UNIQUE WELL ID:	100091604920W300

Look at the order of the Data Type and Information in an LAS 1.2 header......

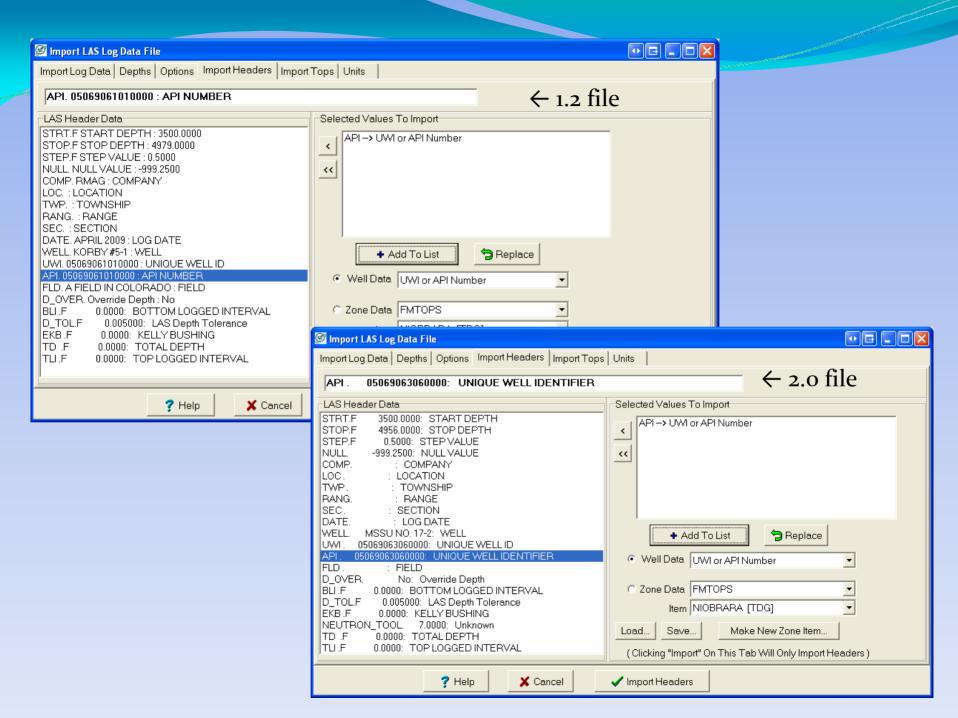
LAS version 2.0.

~Well Information Section

#MNEM.UNIT	VALUE/NAME	DESCRIPTION
#		
STRT.M	635.0000	:START DEPTH
STOP.M	400.0000	:STOP DEPTH
STEP.M	-0.125	:STEP
NULL.	-999.25	:NULL VALUE
COMP.	ANY OIL COMPANY INC.	:COMPANY
WELL.	ANY ET AL 12-34-12-34	:WELL
FLD.	WILDCAT	:FIELD
LOC.	12-34-12-34W5M	:LOCATION
PROV.	ALBERTA	:PROVINCE
SRVC.	ANY LOGGING COMPANY	INC. :SERVICE COMPANY
DATE.	13-DEC-86	:LOG DATE
UWI.	100123401234W500	:UNIQUE WELL ID

vs. the order in an LAS 2.0 header. The order is now consistent in all data blocks

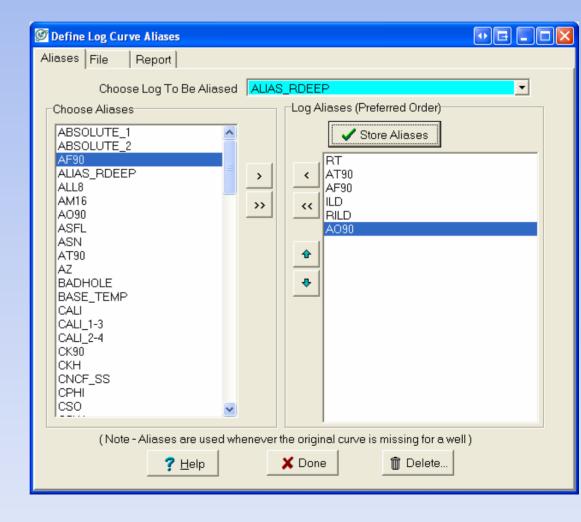
- Headers are imported separately, and the header import will create a new well if it cannot find an API number match
- The mapping between header data and zone data fields is vendor specific- with a few exceptions the LAS standard does not specify parameter or curve mnemonics. Logging companies and digitizers cook up their own abbreviations!
- You can save the mapping for reuse.
 - It has to already exist to be used in a batch import.



C. How do I use curve name aliases, and how should they be organized?

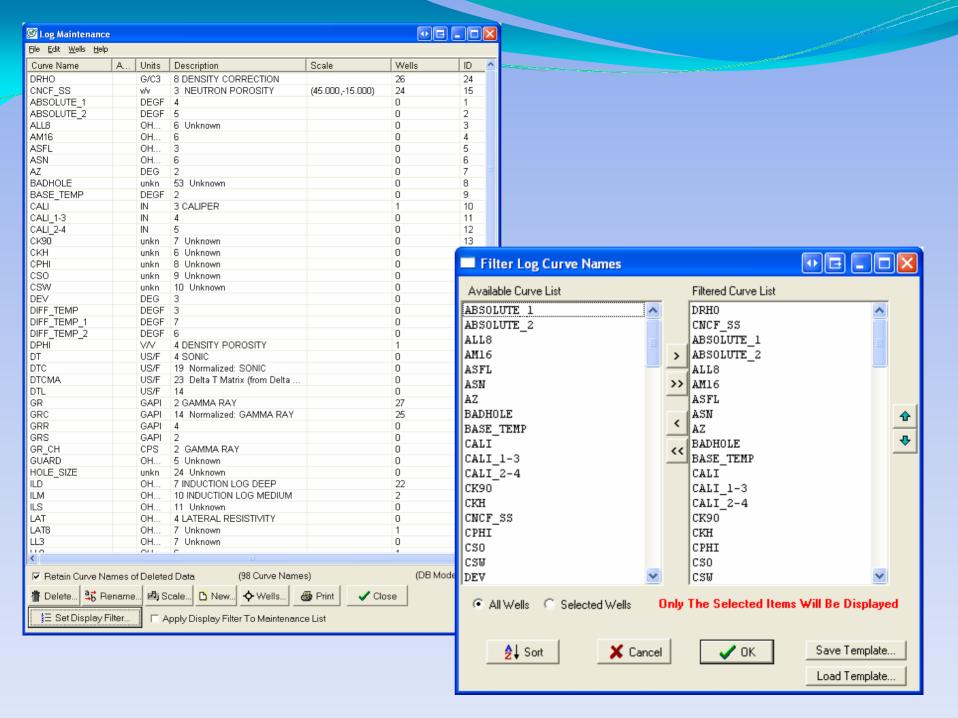
- Aliases are public and project wide.
- Aliases are NOT nested.
 - You need to list curves in the hierarchy you want them to be used. E.g., if you want to use 2 ft resolution resistivity curves in preference to 1 ft curves, put them higher in the list.
- We recommend either:
 - Use the most common curve names as your aliases (GR, NPHI, DPHI), and alias all the synonyms to them; or
 - Set up special aliases like "ALIAS_GR" so it is obvious which are the aliased curve names

Since Petra uses the first curve it finds in an alias list, if you have multiple runs with different curve names you will need to splice runs to create a single curve that appears higher in the alias list



D. I have way too many curve names- how can I clean it up and simplify my curve database?

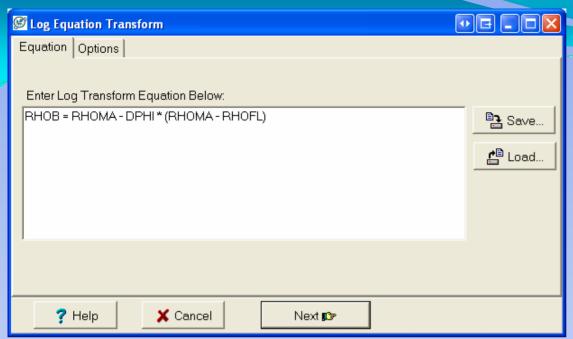
- Dean already talked about this.
- We export the curve listing, with well counts, to a spreadsheet before any serious organizing
- It helps to categorize curves by logging vendor, tool type, vintage, & data source
- Use suffixes and prefixes to set apart special curve classes (flags, aliases, normalized curves, etc.)
- Consider adjective/noun order.
 - There is a reason the military names things the way they do!
- We like to preserve original logging vendor mnemonics, there is often information in them that might not be obvious to a non-specialist
 - e.g. an Atlas CNC and CNCF are different
 - Porosity logs are only useful when you know the matrix assumptions (SS, LS, DOL), make them part of the name!

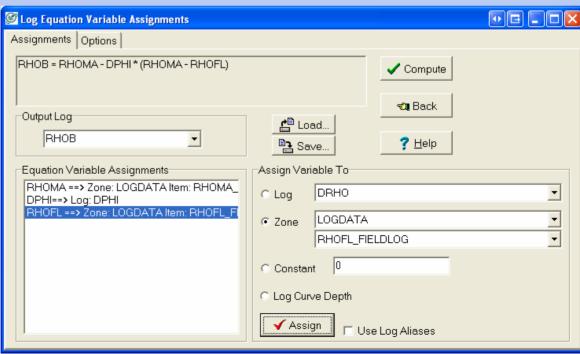


- E. My porosity logs are variously in decimal (v/v) and percent (pu) units. How do I clean that up so they plot correctly on cross-sections and compute saturations right?
 - Find them all first
 - Easiest to compute log statistics and then use well select by data criteria function
 - Convert them all to the same basis. Most equations want fractional porosity.
 - Recompute the stats and check your work
 - *Pitfall*: log run changes with different vendors. This is a cleanup problem that needs to be fixed when curves are spliced.

F. Some of my wells have density porosity, others have bulk density, some both, what should I use and how do I get them all on a common basis?

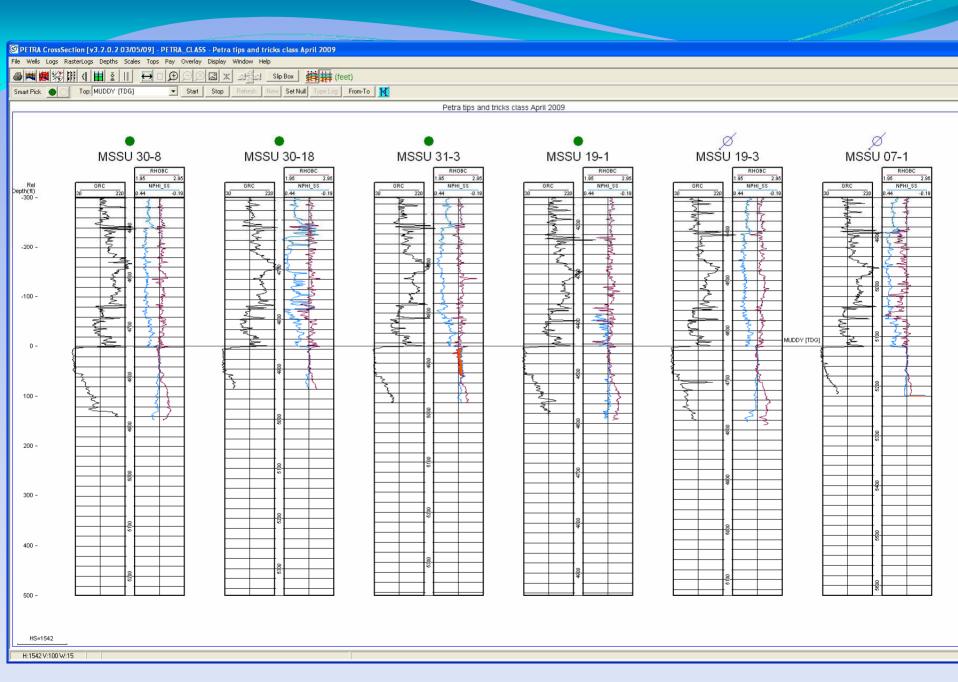
- As before, find them first using the well select by data criteria functions.
- Density porosity curves are ALWAYS ambiguous, since they made a matrix density and fluid density assumption in the field when curve was computed
 - LAS headers rarely record these values. You have to look them up on the paper logs/rasters.
 - Beware of mid-log scale changes
 - Enter the values as zone parameters; we set up a special "petrophysics" or "logging" zone for this and other data.

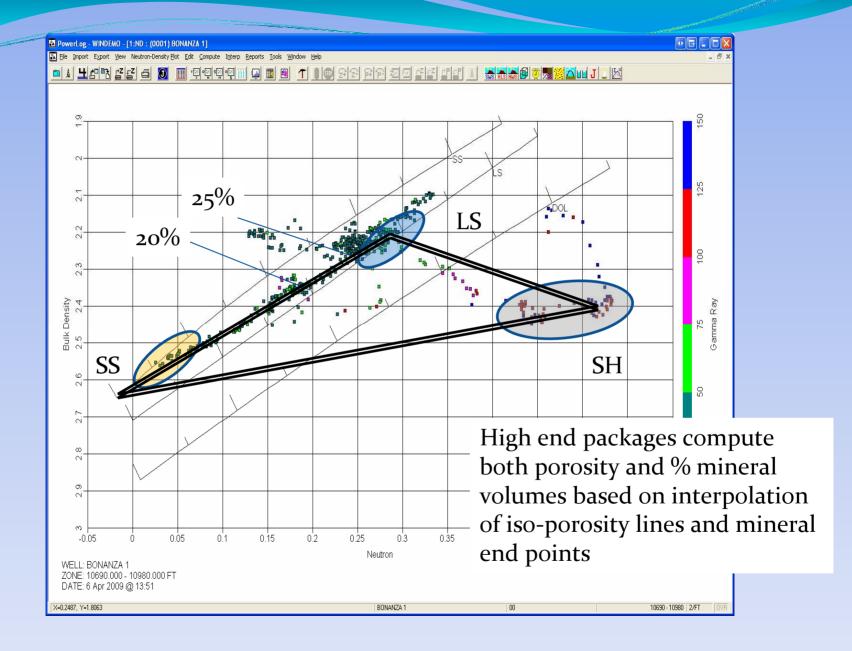




G. Some of my wells have neutron porosity in LS units, others are in SS, what should I use and how do I get them all on a common basis?

- Eqn's to convert from LS→SS and SS→ LS are not published by the service companies
 - You can digitize the chartbooks and fit eqn's to the curves yourself
- LS units are the true basis of neutron logging. Other matrices are output as a convenience for log analysis "on the hood of a Chevy"
- The relationships are all non-linear *except in limestone*. They vary from company to company, tool to tool.
- Finding problem wells is difficult because the mnemonics generally do not include the matrix.
 - Look them up on the paper copies
 - Plot special x-sections and look for distinctive separation





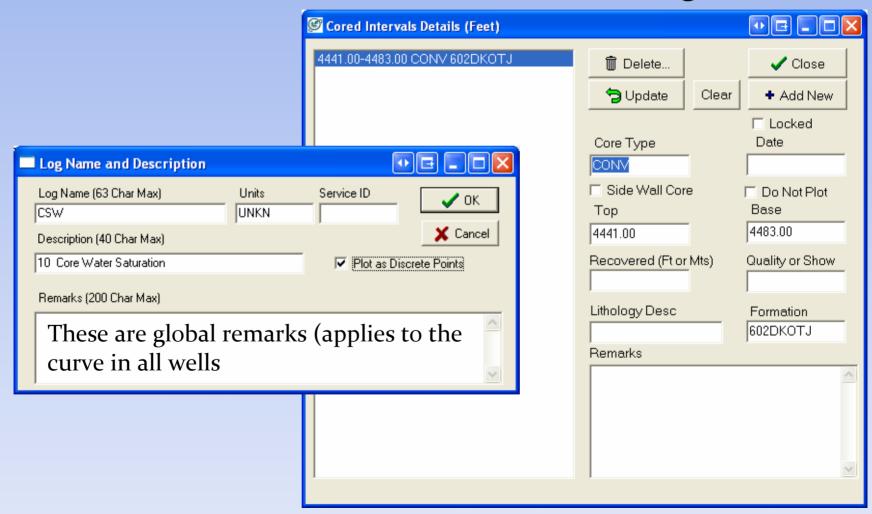
Useful resources (outside Petra)

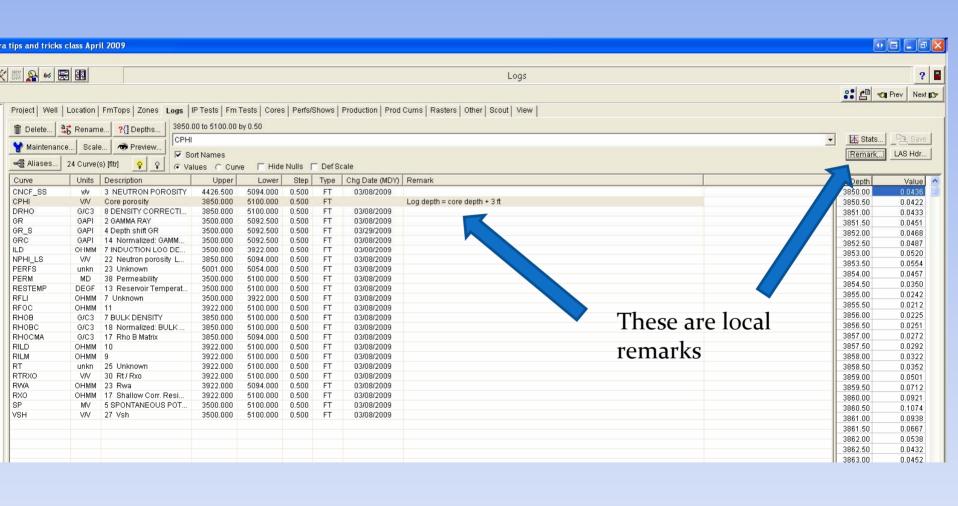
- Didger 4.0 onscreen digitizing software from Golden Software
- Grapher 7.0 has 11 pre-defined curve-fitting algorithms that fit most common chartbook curves
- Excel has very basic curve-fitting functionality; you can also purchase an add-in that expands on this
- At the high end, TableCurve2D and TableCurve3D fit thousands of pre-defined functions to a dataset
- Learn some linear algebra if you want to do-ityourself

H. What is the best way to bring core data into Petra, and what should go into the core tab vs. what goes into the log curve database?

- Core data live in two places in Petra:
 - The Cores Tab, which stores information on core type, cored interval, date cored, recovery, etc. This can be posted on logs and sections
 - The Logs tab, where actual numerical core data is stored with the log data
- Core data can be imported as LAS or as ASCII files, depth shifted, plotted, and manipulated like any log data

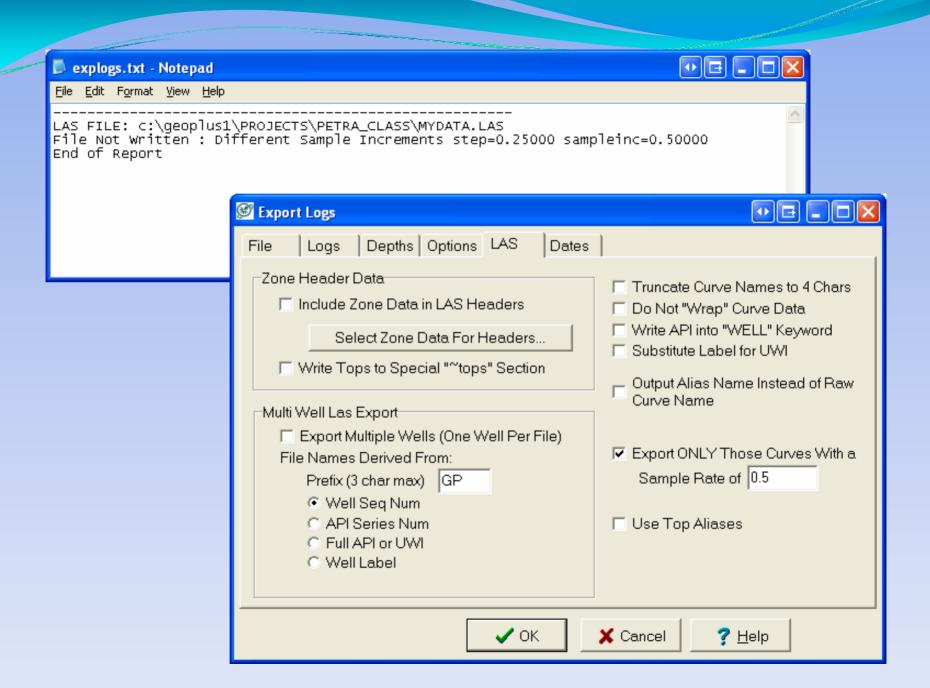
 Core depth shifts can be recorded on the Cores tab, or as remarks to each curve in the Log tab



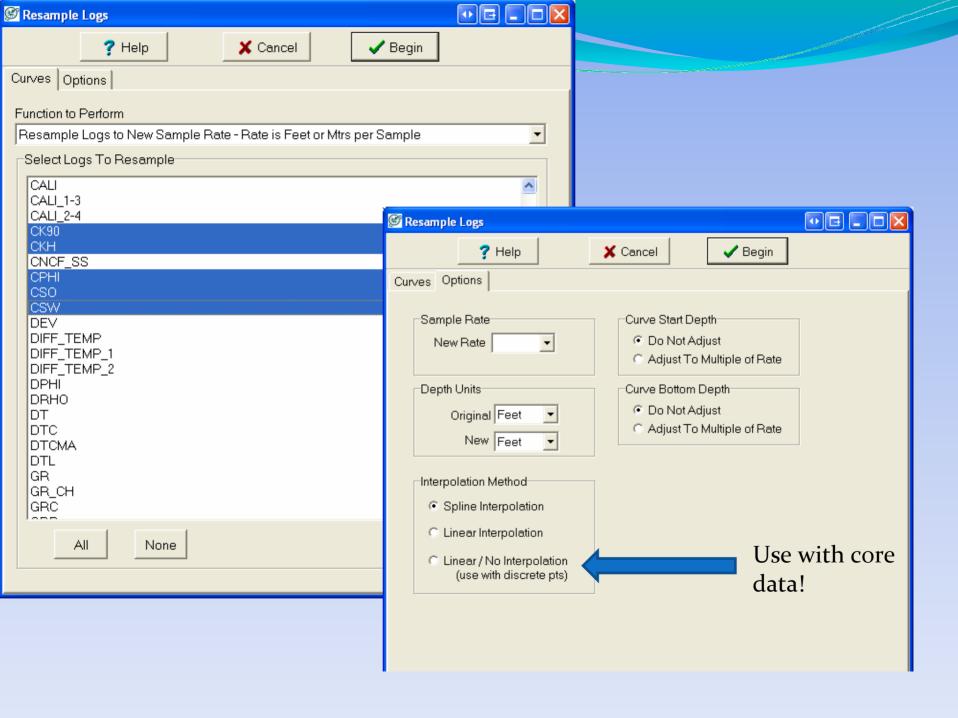


I. How do I deal with data on different depth increments (e.g. 0.5 ft log data and 1 ft core data)?

- Petra is database oriented, not tied to a specific frame increment like an LAS file
 - It allows data on different depth steps to co-exist
- The problem arises when you *EXPORT* data to an LAS file, because LAS files require a specific step value
- Petra will not resample curves on the fly, but it will allow you to only export data with a specific sample rate

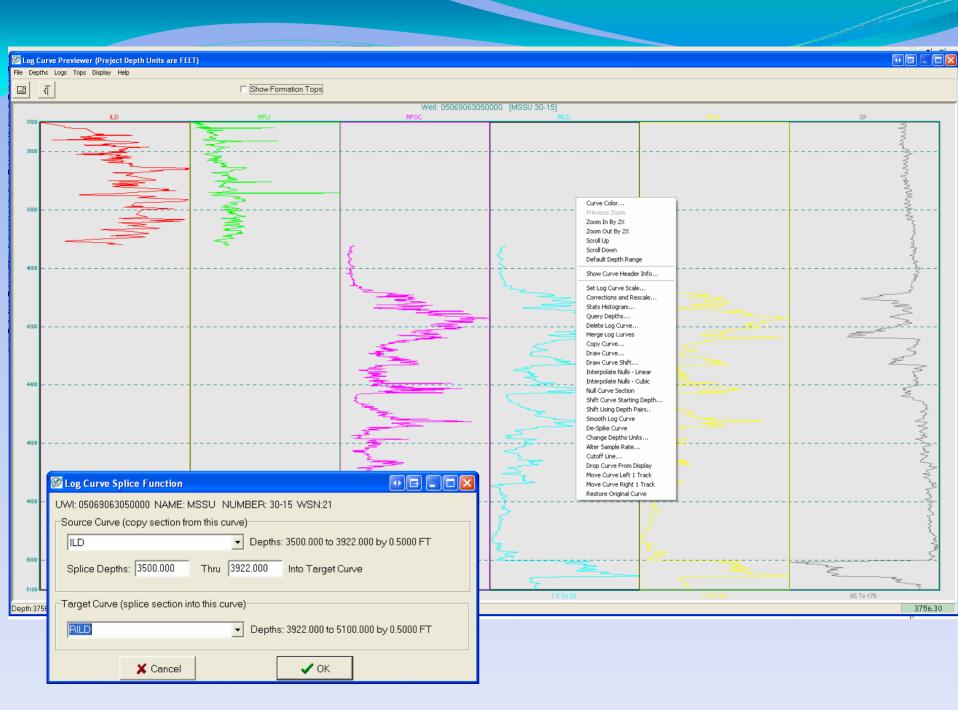


- Best solution is to resample curves prior to export using Log Transformations → Transforms → Resample curves
 - Note: this function OVERWRITES the original curve, so you might want to work on a curve copy
 - Also, be careful when resampling core data, as interpolated values might not be what you want



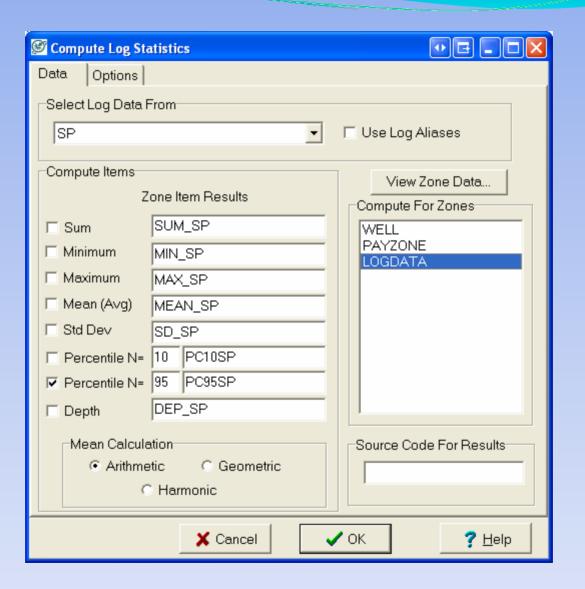
J. What is the easiest and cleanest way to splice curves, null bad data, tool pickup, etc. in Petra?

- Easiest is in the Log Curve Previewer, accessed from the Logs tab
- You can null sections, smooth, and despike curves all in this panel
- Curve splicing is done in Logs → Splice Curves



K. I want to baseline shift all my SP logs so they are at ~0 mV along the shale baseline. What do I do?

- This is quick if you just need a basic baseline shift
- Start by cleaning up the curves, including nulling tool pickup and intervals behind casing
 - If you don't, those sections will be counted in the log statistics and could skew your baseline
- Fix any obvious offsets between logging runs
- Compute → From Logs → Statistics, and calculate the 95th percentile of the SP using the arithmetic mean. Save this in an appropriate zone (like "Petrophysics")

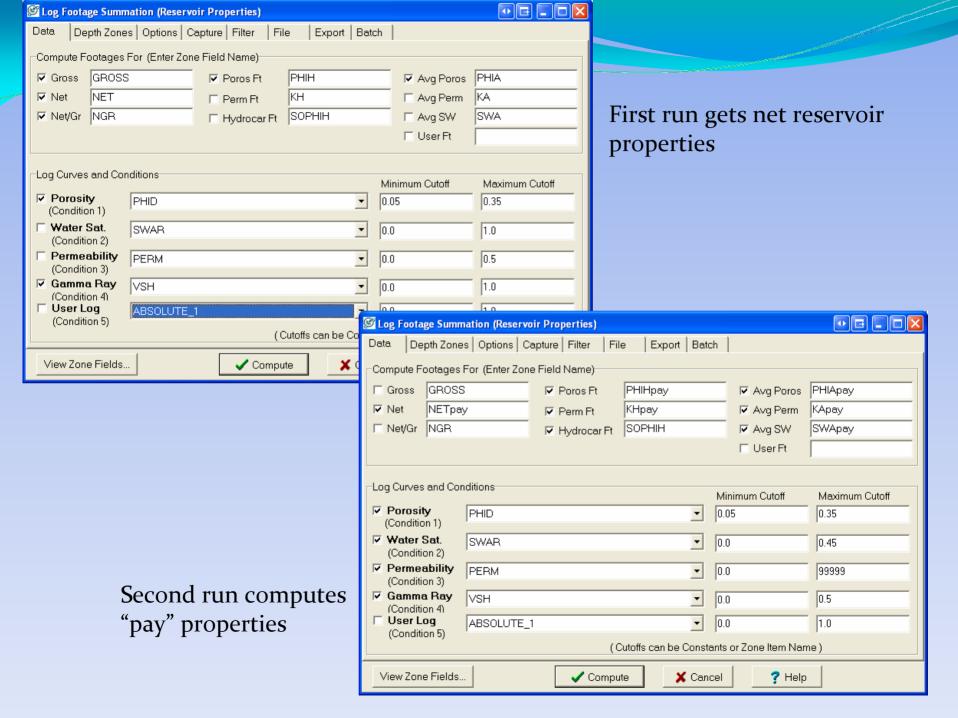


- Using Compute → From Logs → Equation Expression,
 - $SP_BLS = SP PC95SP$
 - Assing the appropriate curve name to SP, using aliases if necessary, and assign the zone parameter calculated before to PC95SP
- All of your SP logs will be baseline shifted to a value of zero at the 95th percentile.
- This does not correct for drift with depth, it is a simple baseline shift.
- Unlike the normalization function, this does not rescale the SP curves – it is just an offset correction.

L. What is meant by "net pay" and how do I compute it in Petra?

- Petras "net pay" module is actually a general purpose summation module, accessed via Compute → From Logs → Footages (Reservoir Properties). It is one of Petra's greatest strengths.
- Definitions:
 - GROSS = the total interval. Calculated using the Compute → From Zones → Isopach function.
 - GROSS SAND = sand net of a shaliness (GR) cutoff only, set by Condition 4 in the Log Footage Summation screen.
 - NET SAND = sand net of shaliness and porosity cutoffs, ignoring fluid saturation. This is set by conditions 1 and 4 in Petra. Engineers want this to define the total container volume.

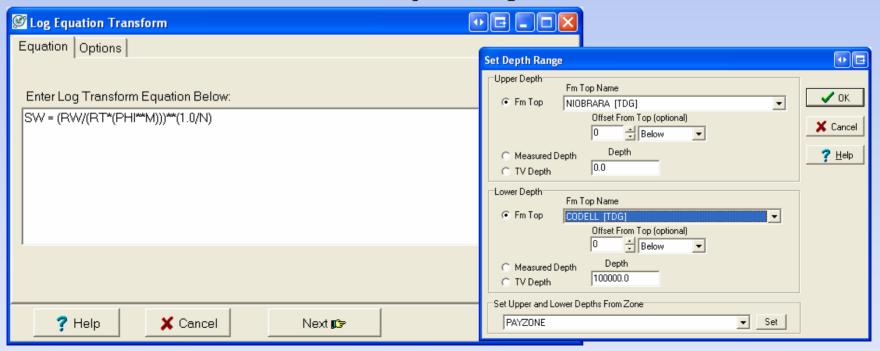
- NET PAY = sandstone net of shaliness, porosity, and water saturation cutoffs. Petra also adds a Permeability condition and a User Log condition, for example a flag curve to exclude certain lithologies (e.g. coal)
- Because Petra defines "net" as passing ALL checked conditions, you need to be careful. If you want to calculate net pore volume, irrespective of Sw, you cannot check the Sw condition, or else you have to open up the cutoff range.
 - We often run this module twice, once to get reservoir volumes, a second time to get "net pay" volumes.



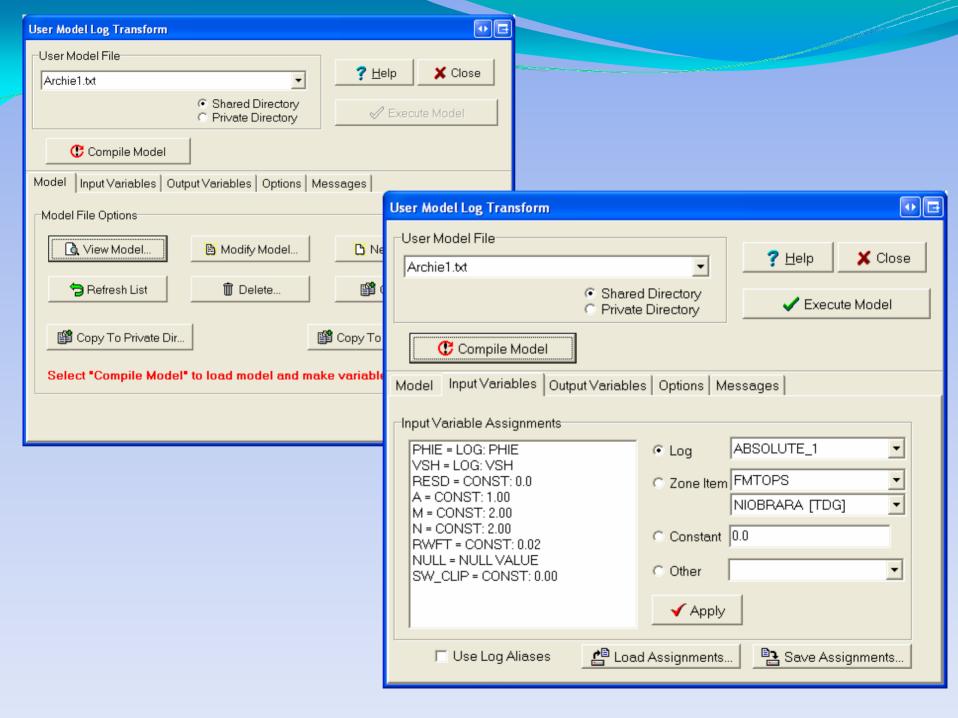
- You can create flag curves in this module on the Capture tab
- You can save predefined setup screens as templates and run them in Batch mode to do more than one step, or calculate net pay sensitivity to some key criteria
 - e.g. net pay > $6\% \phi$, > $8\% \phi$, and > $10\% \phi$

M. How do I compute Sw on a large number of wells over a big area where some key parameter, like Rw, varies from well to well?

- You have two choices:
 - Run each zone individually using equation expressions, which can be saved in your equation list.



- Or, use the Compute → From Logs → Advanced Log
 Transforms → User Model Log Transform module.
- Programming language is similar to Basic and is undocumented. Only the examples provided with Petra serve as a guide to what can be done.
 - GOTO, IF-THEN, BEGIN-END and DONE statements
- All input logs, constants, and output logs are declared at the start. If the model compiles, you get a screen that allows you to assign all of those to logs or zone parameters in Petra.
- You can run the model over selected zones or the entire well.



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c:\geoplus1\USERMOD\Archie1.txt
File
   LOG VSH IN:
                   ! VOLUME OF SHALE (FRACTIONAL)
   LOG RESD IN:
                 ! RESISTIVITY OF ZONE (OHM-M)
    ! OUT LOGS USED IN THE MODEL
    LOG SWA OUT: ! WATER SATURATION
    ! CONSTANTS USED IN THE MODEL
    CONST A 1.0: !SAND=0.62 CARBONATES=1.0
    CONST M 2.0: ! =2.15
                             2.0
                             2.0
    CONST N 2.0; ! =2.00
    CONST RWFT 0.015;
   CONST NULL;
    ! SWITCHES
    CONST SW CLIP 0: ! 0=NO,1=YES TO CLIP SWA BTWN 0 AND 1
    SVVA = 1.0:
   IF ( PHIE = NULL ) THEN GOTO DONE;
   IF (VSH = NULL) THEN GOTO DONE;
   IF ( PHIE .LE. 0.0 ) THEN GOTO DONE:
   IF (VSH .GE. 1.0) THEN GOTO DONE;
    SWA = (A*RWFT/(PHIE**M)/RESD)**(1/N);
   IF (SW CLIP .NE. 0.0) THEN BEGIN;
     SVVA = MIN(SVVA, 1.0);
     SWA = MAX(SWA,0.0);
    END;
   DONE:
    ENDMOD:
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