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APPENDIX: PETROPHYSICAL MODEL

This appendix describes the petrophysical model assumed in the paper and provides a detailed derivation of the associated equations.

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NOMENCLATURE

bhr	Borehole radius, inch
dtm	Mud slowness, $\mu s/ft$
ρ_{hom}	Mud density, kg/m^3

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