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Geophysical Evaluation of Bedrock Drinking Water Wells

Understanding the Science

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Outline of Presentation

- ▶ Introduction
- ▶ Surface Geophysical Methods
- ▶ Borehole Geophysical Methods
- ▶ Case Study

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Surface Geophysical Methods For Bedrock Fracture Characterization

- ▶ Very Low Frequency EM (VLF-EM)
- ▶ Terrain Conductivity EM (EM34)
- ▶ Electrical Resistivity Imaging (ERI)
- ▶ Seismic Reflection

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Surface Geophysical Methods For Bedrock Fracture Characterization

► VLF-EM

- Passive geophysical method
- Good for reconnaissance survey
- Depth of investigation 0–150 ft
- Determine strike of water-bearing bedrock fractures (near-vertical features)
- Confirm results from fracture trace analysis
- Poor at determining dip angle and direction
- Fractures must be “near vertical” and generally aligned with an active VLF transmitter site

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Surface Geophysical Methods For Bedrock Fracture Characterization

► VLF-EM – Transmitter Locations



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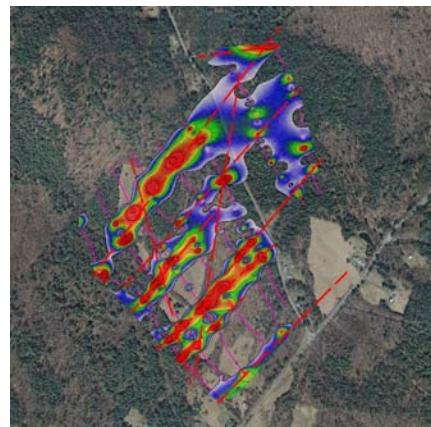
- ▶ VLF-EM – Equipment



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Surface Geophysical Methods For Bedrock Fracture Characterization

- ▶ VLF-EM – Typical Results



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Surface Geophysical Methods For Bedrock Fracture Characterization

► Terrain Conductivity EM34

- Active geophysical method
- Good for reconnaissance survey
- Depth of investigation 0–100 ft
- Ability to locate bedrock fractures based on increased electrical conductivity
- Confirm results from fracture trace analysis
- Poor at determining dip angle and direction
- Fractures/fracture zones must be “near vertical” and relatively large to be detected

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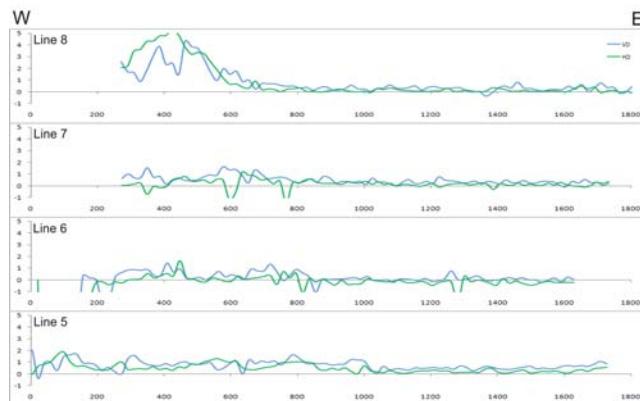
► Terrain Conductivity EM34 – Equipment



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Surface Geophysical Methods For Bedrock Fracture Characterization

► Terrain Conductivity EM34 – Typical Results



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Surface Geophysical Methods For Bedrock Fracture Characterization

► ERI

- Active geophysical method
- Good for detailed surveying
- Depth of investigation 0–200 ft
- Determine strike of water-bearing bedrock fractures
- Confirm results from fracture trace analysis or other geophysical surveys
- Good at determining apparent dip angle
- Fractures/fracture zones must be at least $\frac{1}{2}$ the electrode spacing in width to be detected

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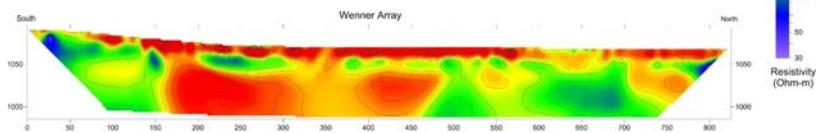
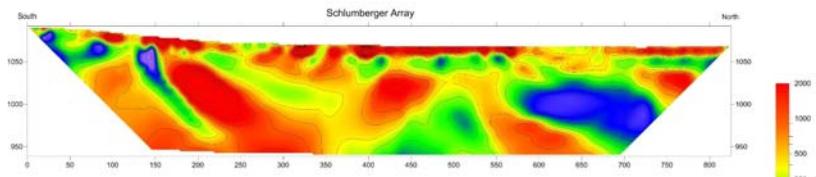
► ERI – Equipment



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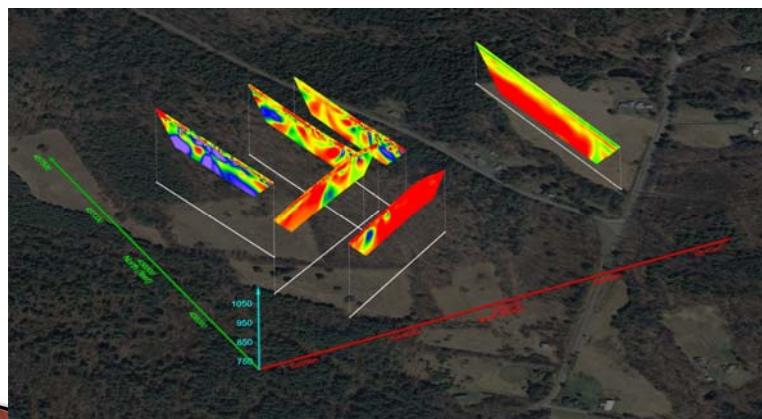
► ERI – Typical Results as Profiles



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Surface Geophysical Methods For Bedrock Fracture Characterization

► ERI – Typical Results as Prospective Views



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Surface Geophysical Methods For Bedrock Fracture Characterization

► Seismic Reflection

- Active geophysical method
- Good for focused surveys
- Determines apparent strike and dip of bedrock structures
- Works well in sedimentary environments, more difficult in metamorphic environments with significant structure
- Poor at determining true dip angle
- Will only detect larger regional type features such as fracture zones/faults

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Surface Geophysical Methods For Bedrock Fracture Characterization

- ▶ Seismic Reflection – Equipment



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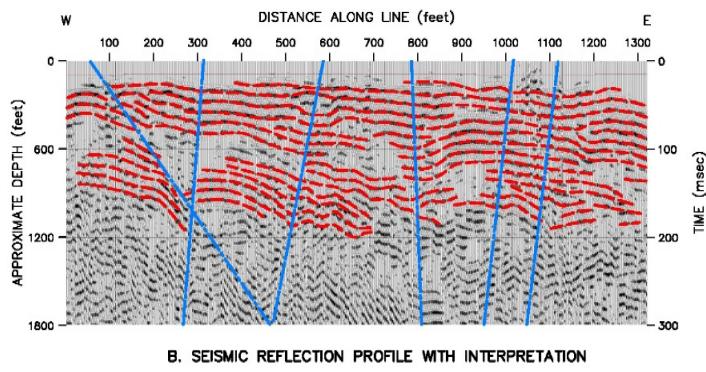
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Surface Geophysical Methods For Bedrock Fracture Characterization

- ▶ Seismic Reflection – Typical Results as Profile



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Borehole Geophysical Logging

For Bedrock Fracture Characterization

► Standard Logging

- Caliper
- Natural Gamma Ray
- Electrical (Normal Resistivity, SP, SPR)
- EM Induction

► Flow Logging

- Flow Meter (HPFM & Spinner)
- Fluid Temperature & Fluid Conductivity/Resistivity

► Image Logging

- Optical TelevIEWer (OTV) & Acoustic TelevIEWer (ATV)

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Borehole Geophysical Logging

For Bedrock Fracture Characterization

► Fracture Detection

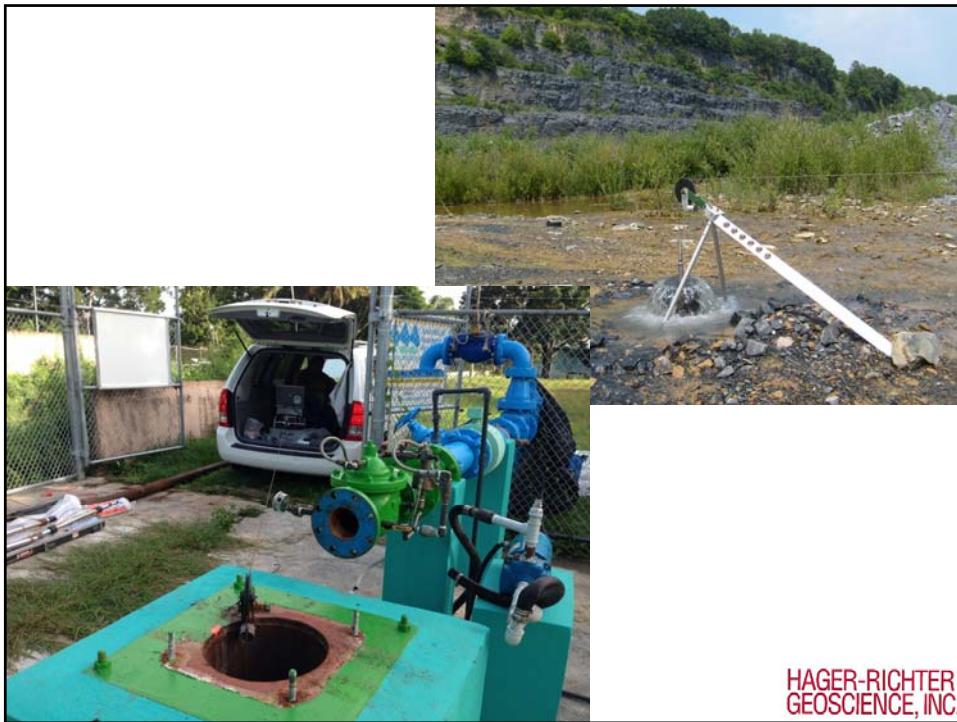
- Depth & Orientation of Bedrock Fractures
- Fracture Aperture

► Flow Conditions

► Lithologic Variation

► Borehole Deviation

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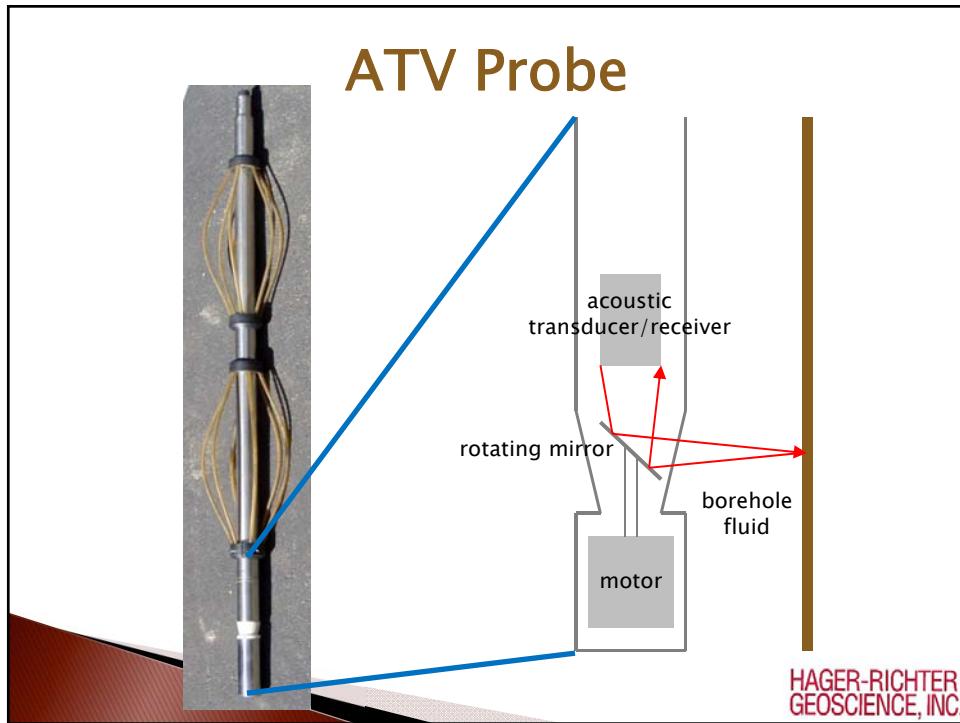
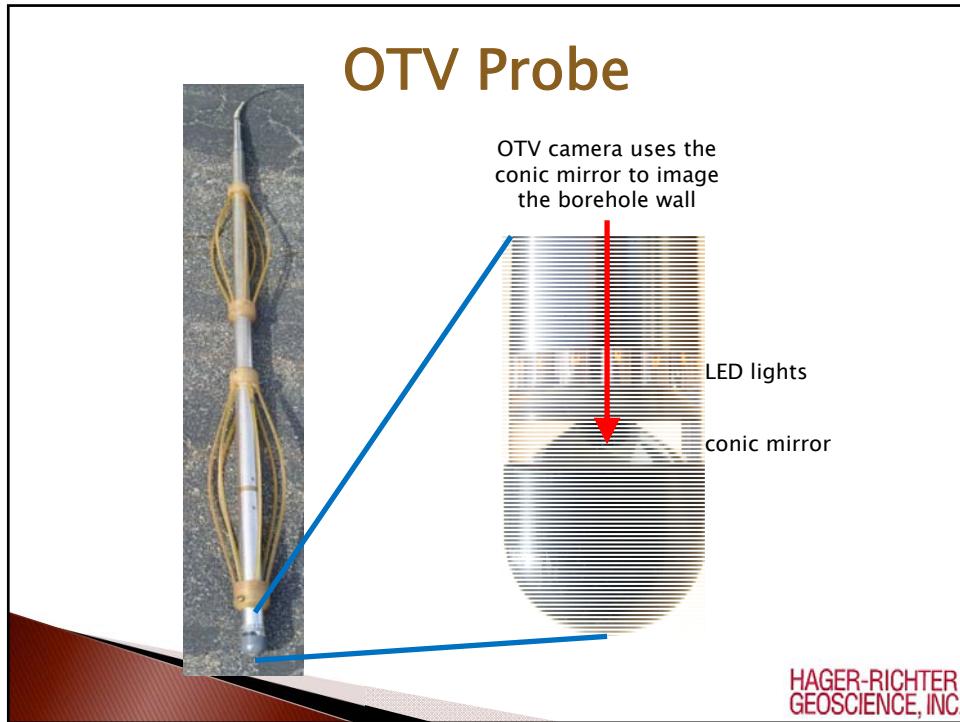


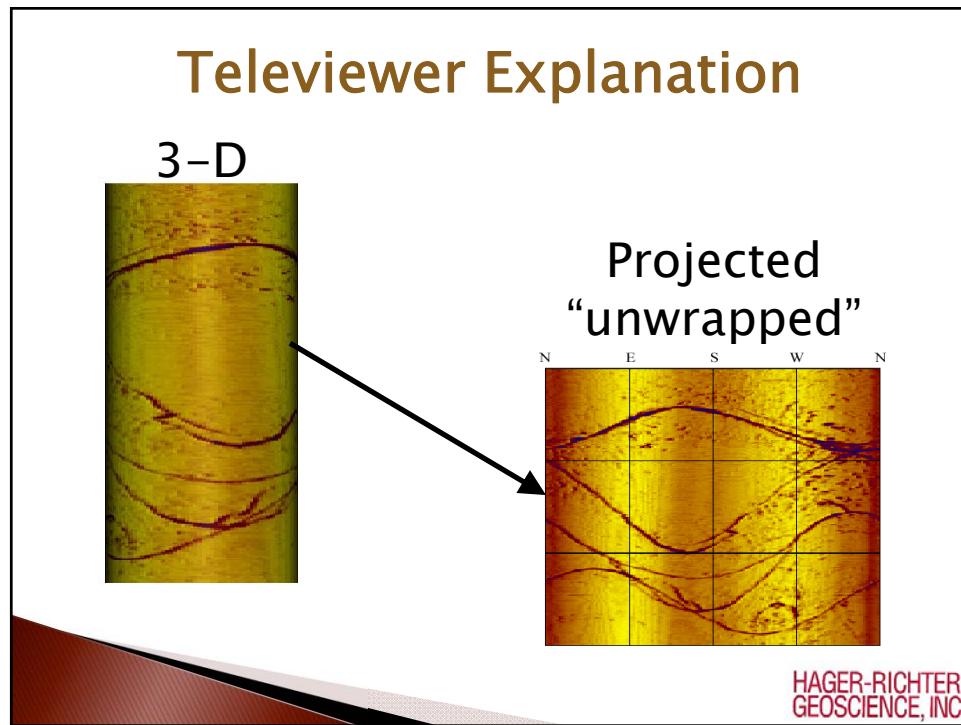
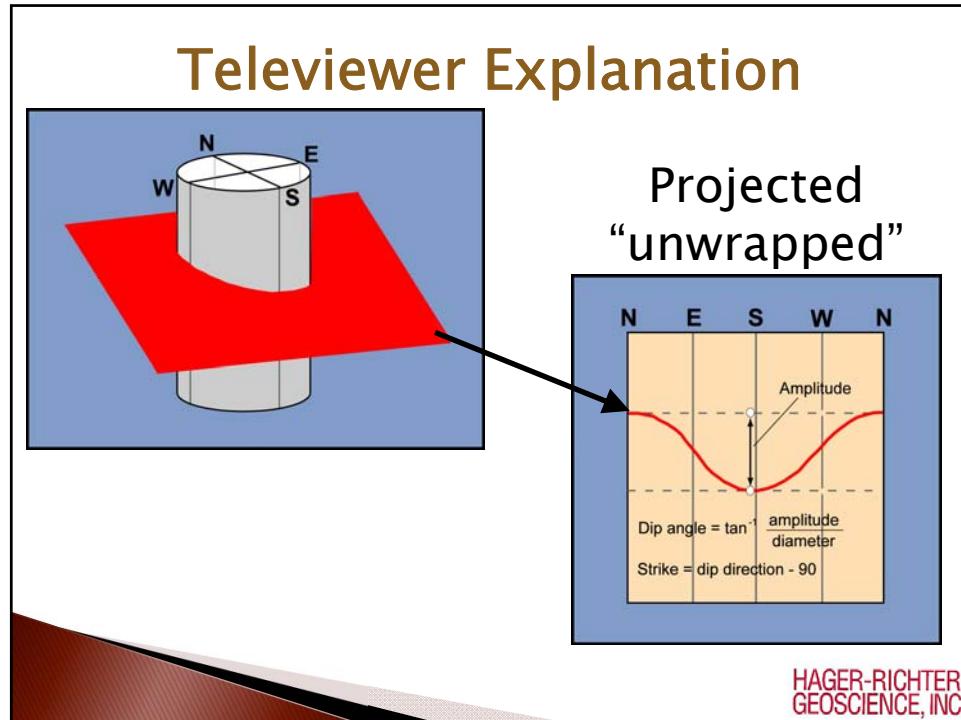


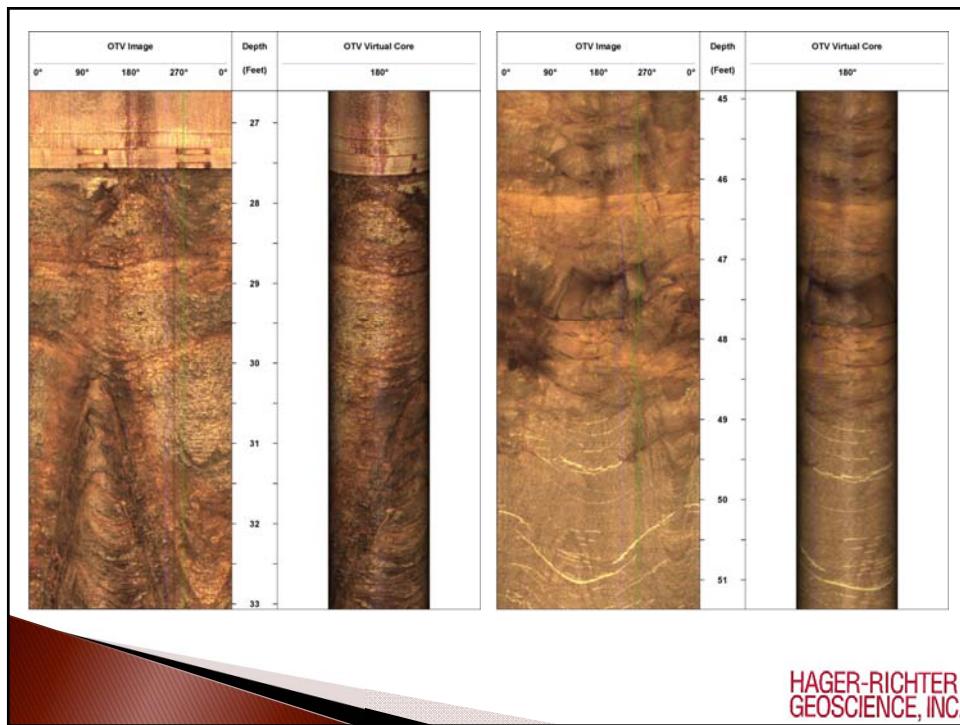
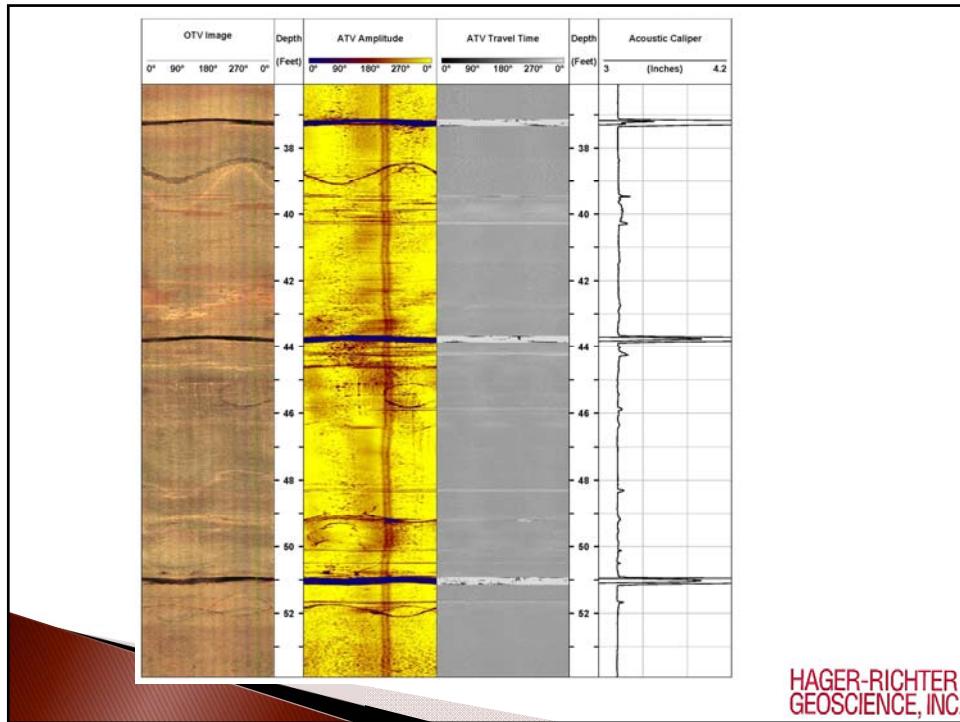
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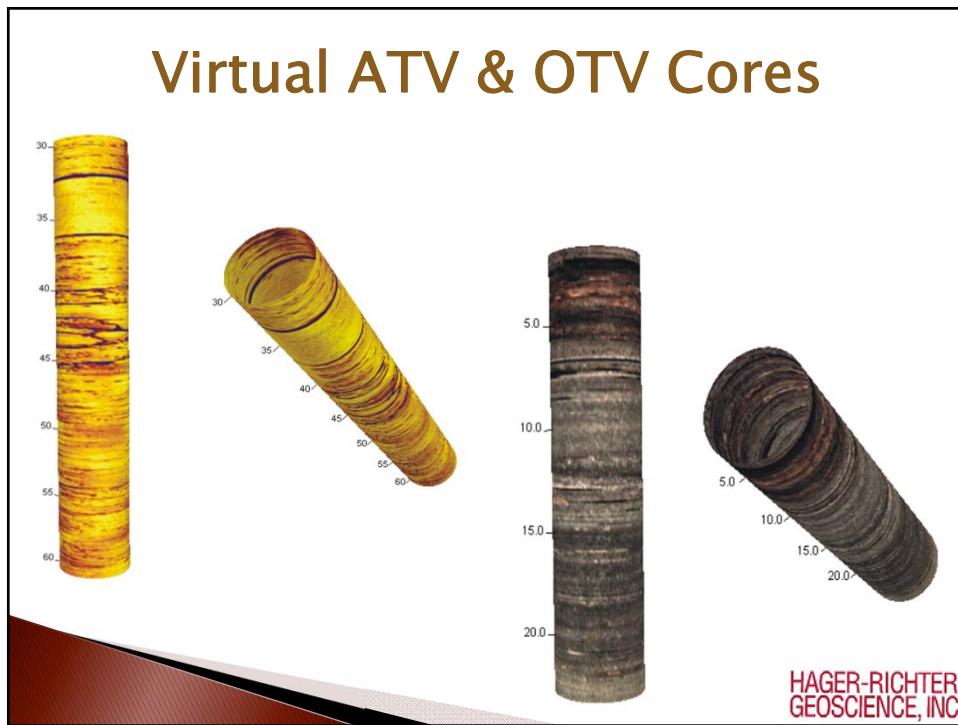
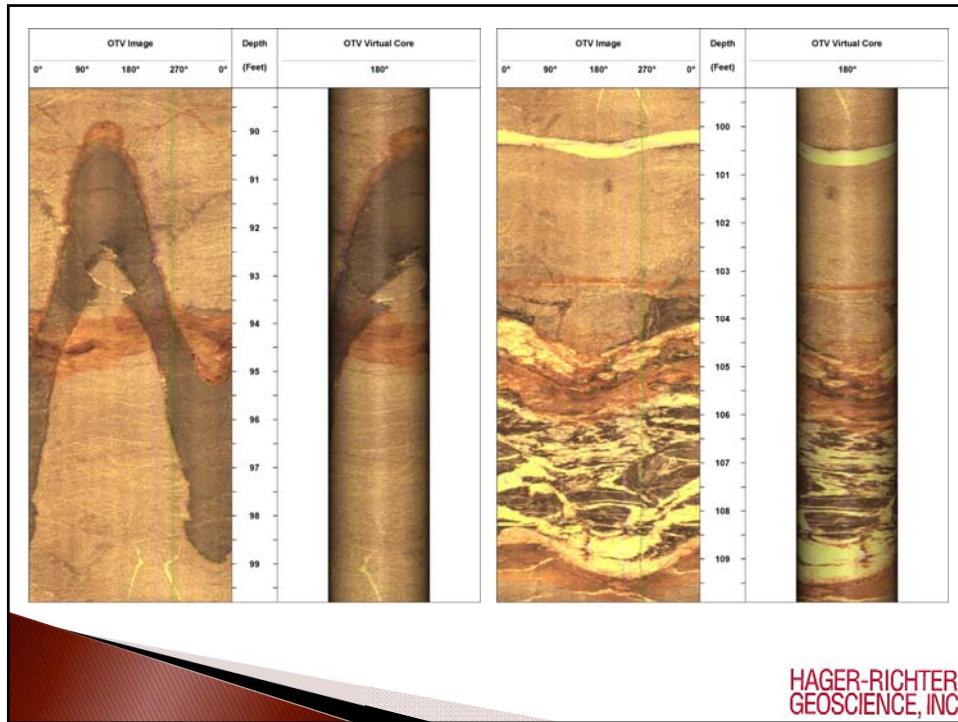


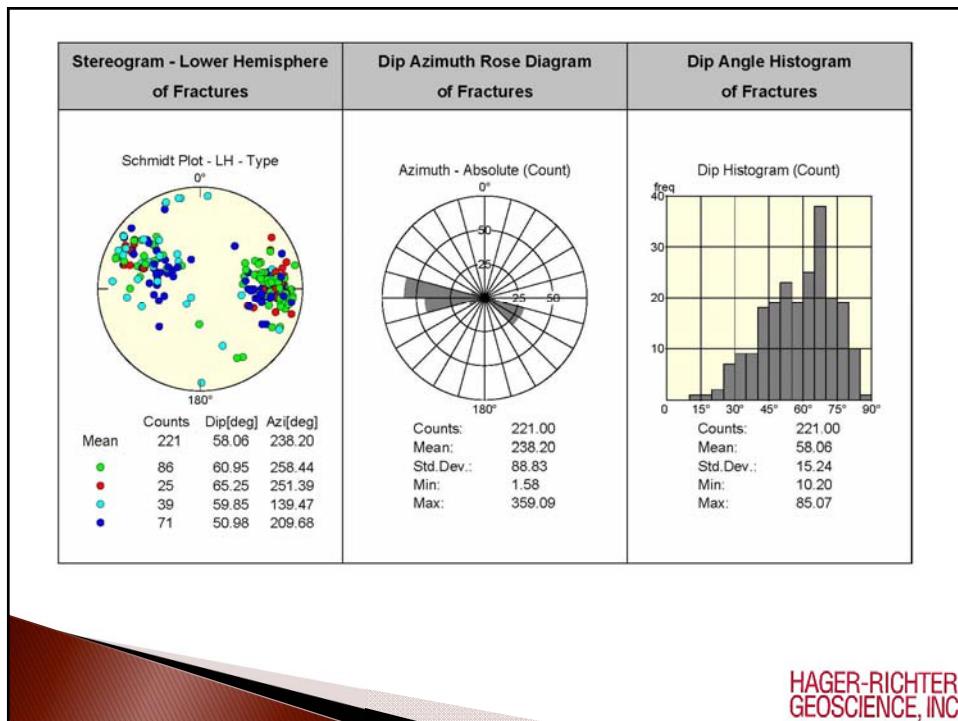
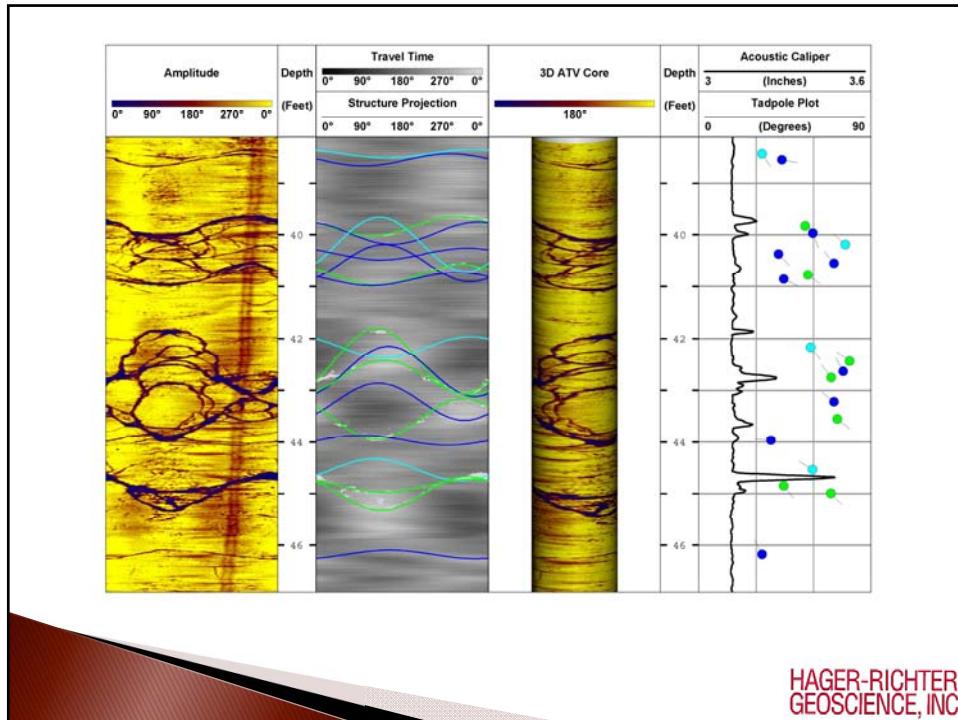
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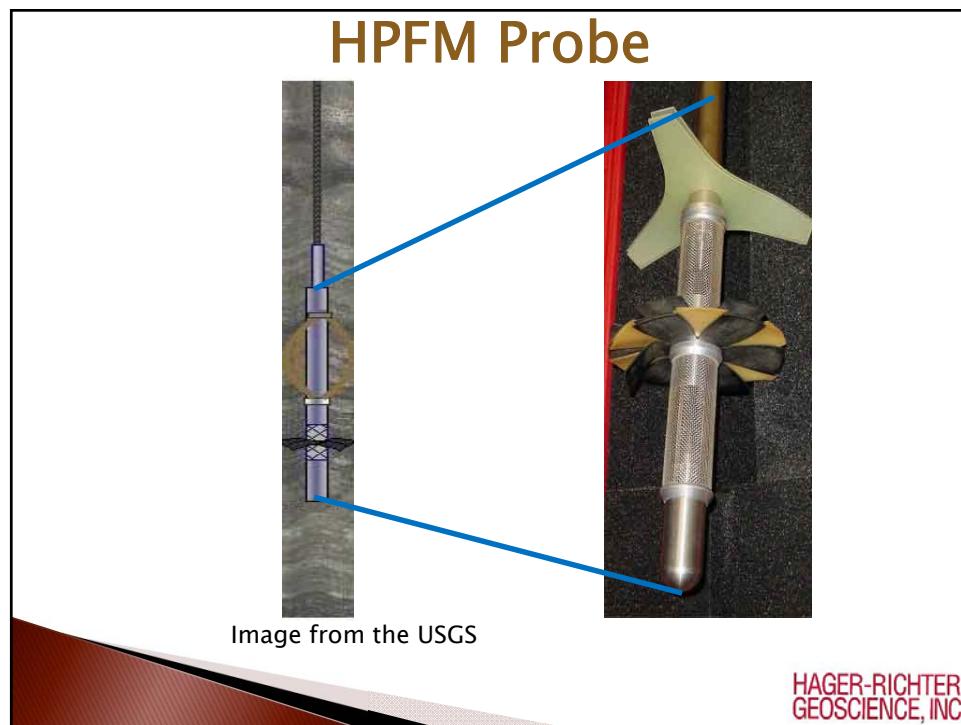
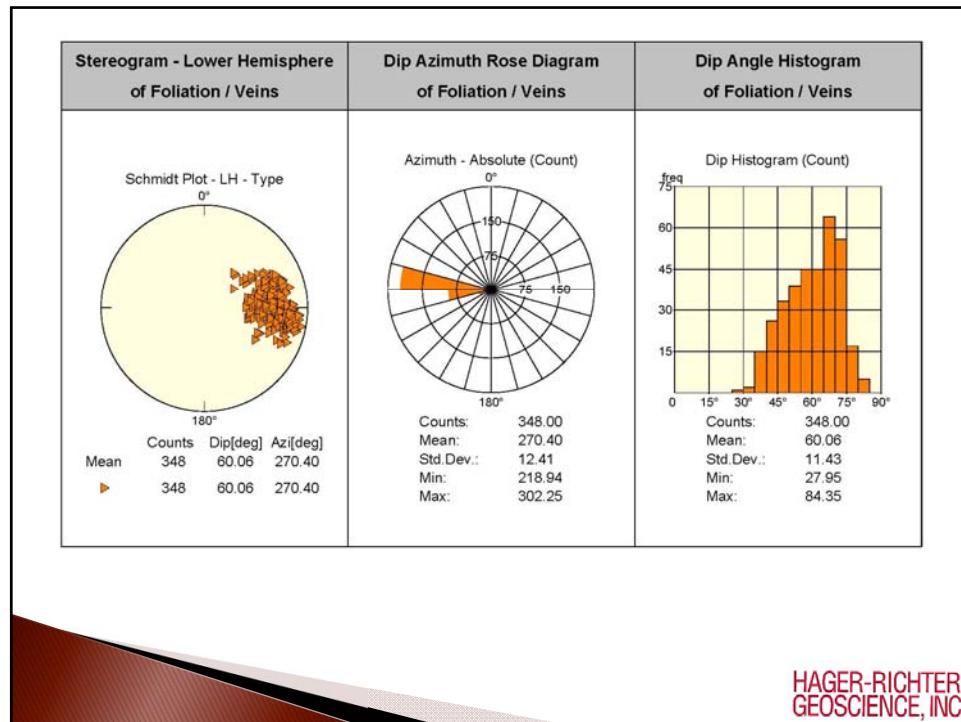


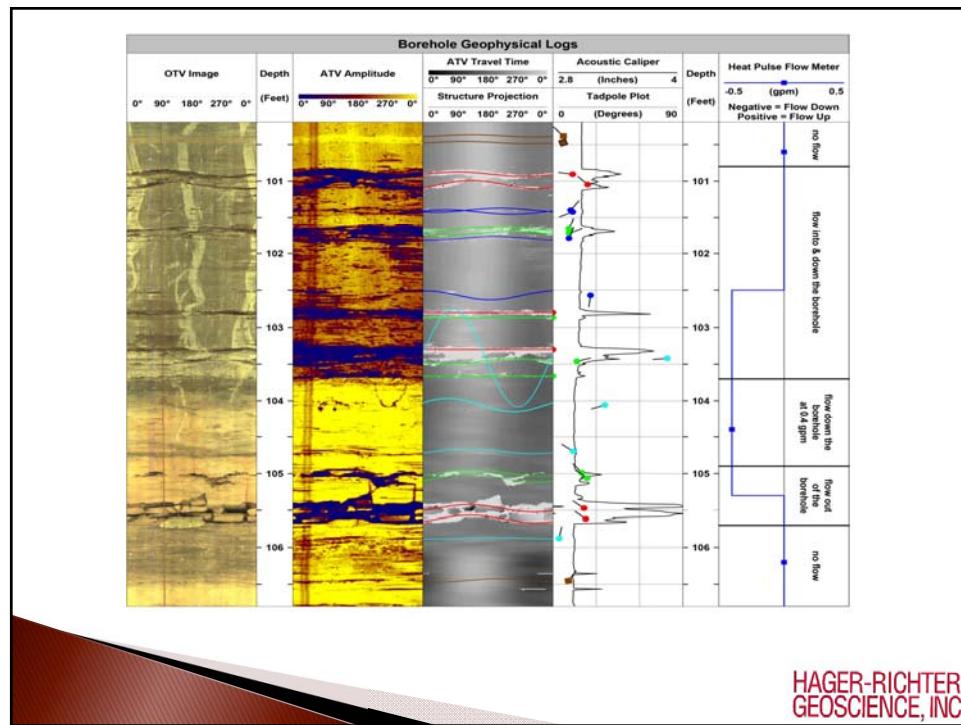
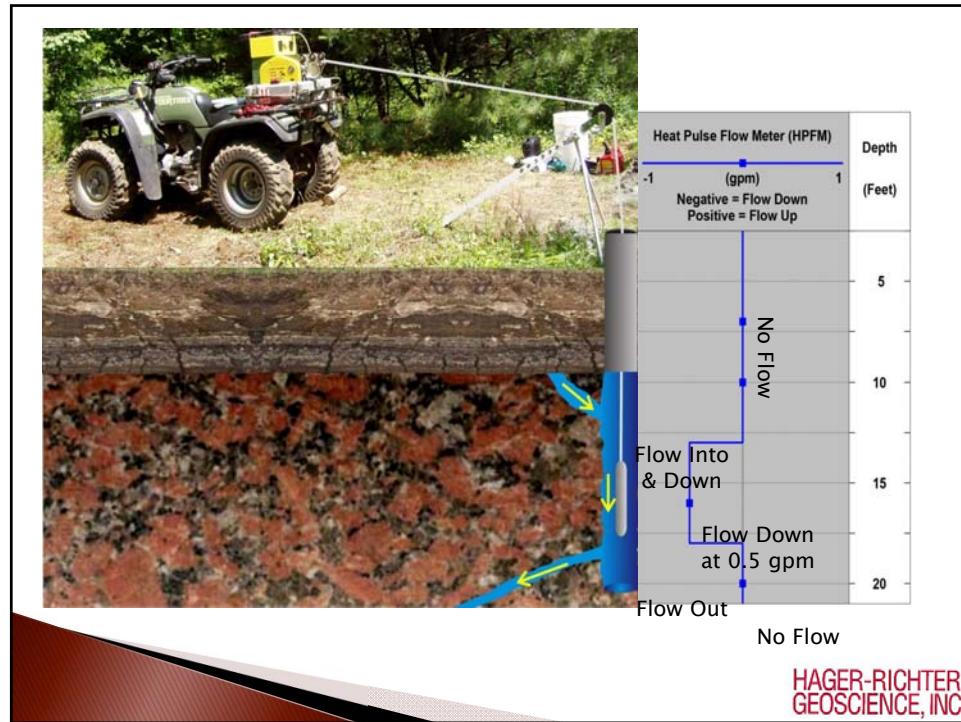


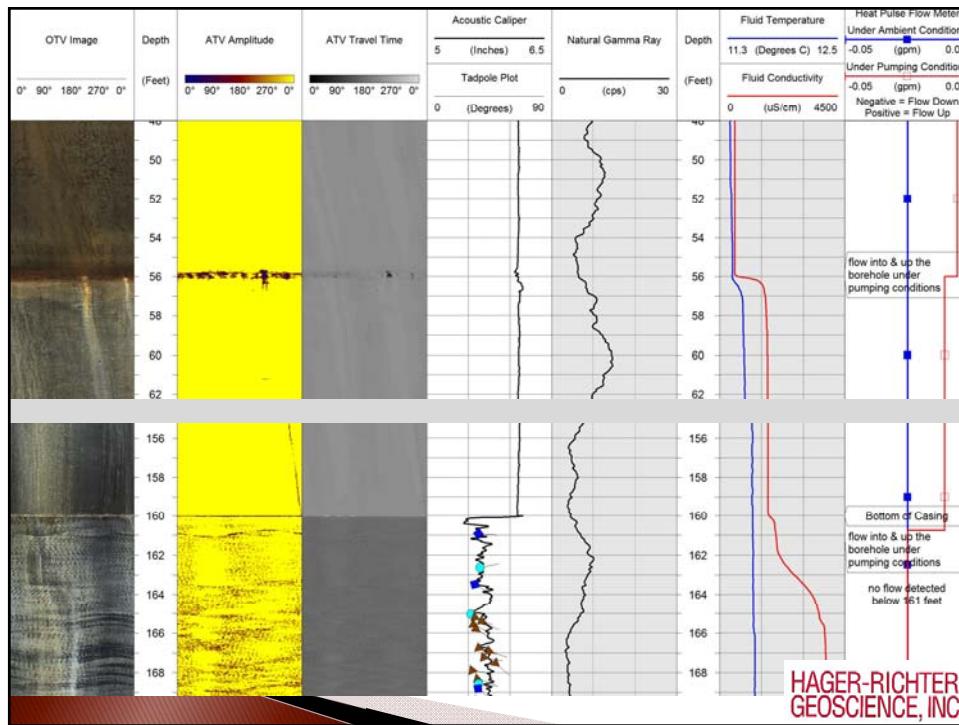
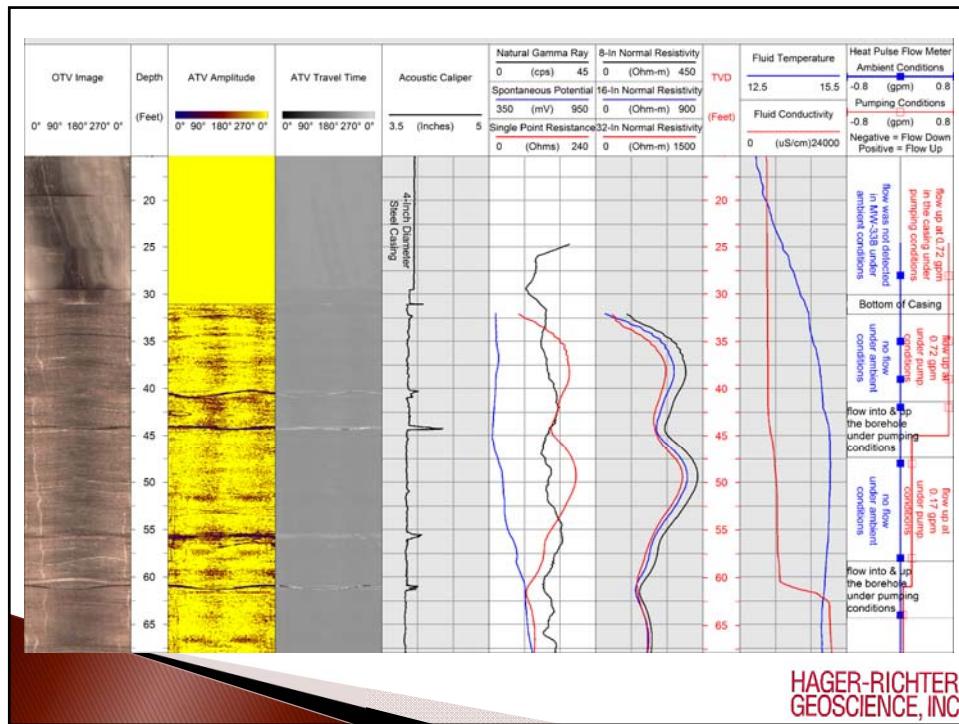


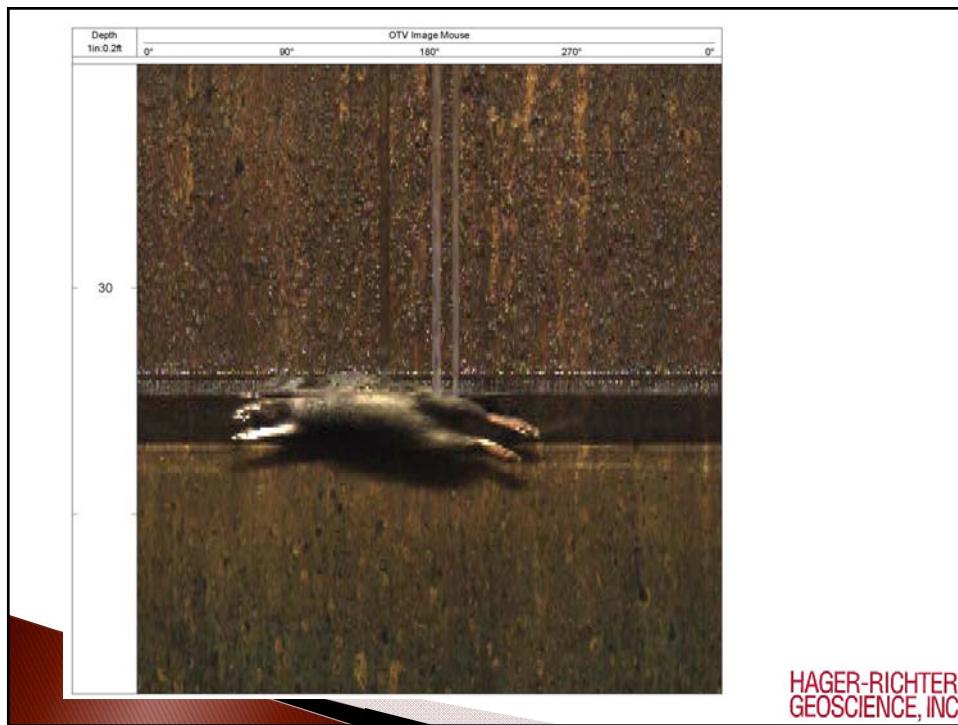
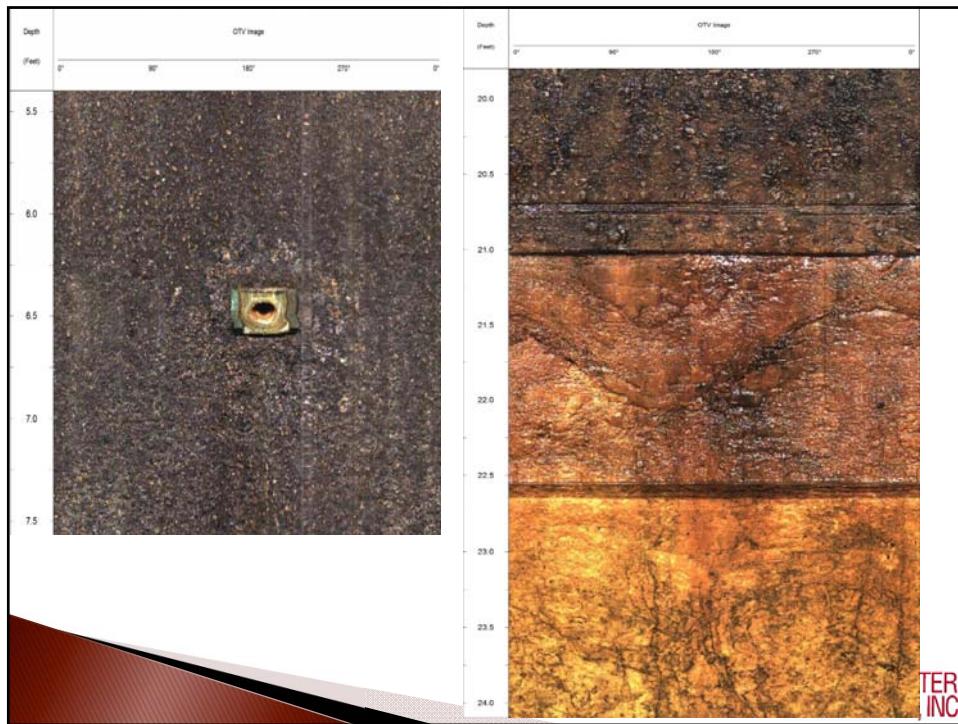


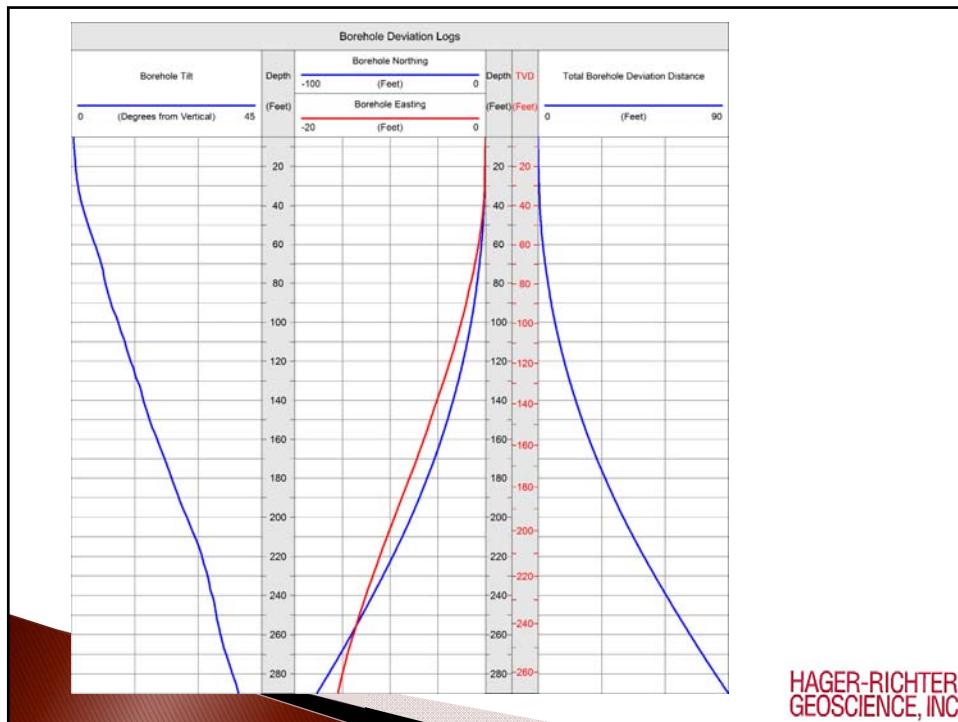












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