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# RhoVe™ Method

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## A New Empirical Pore Pressure Transform

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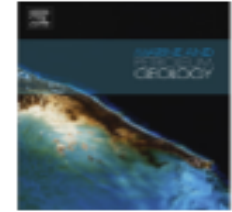
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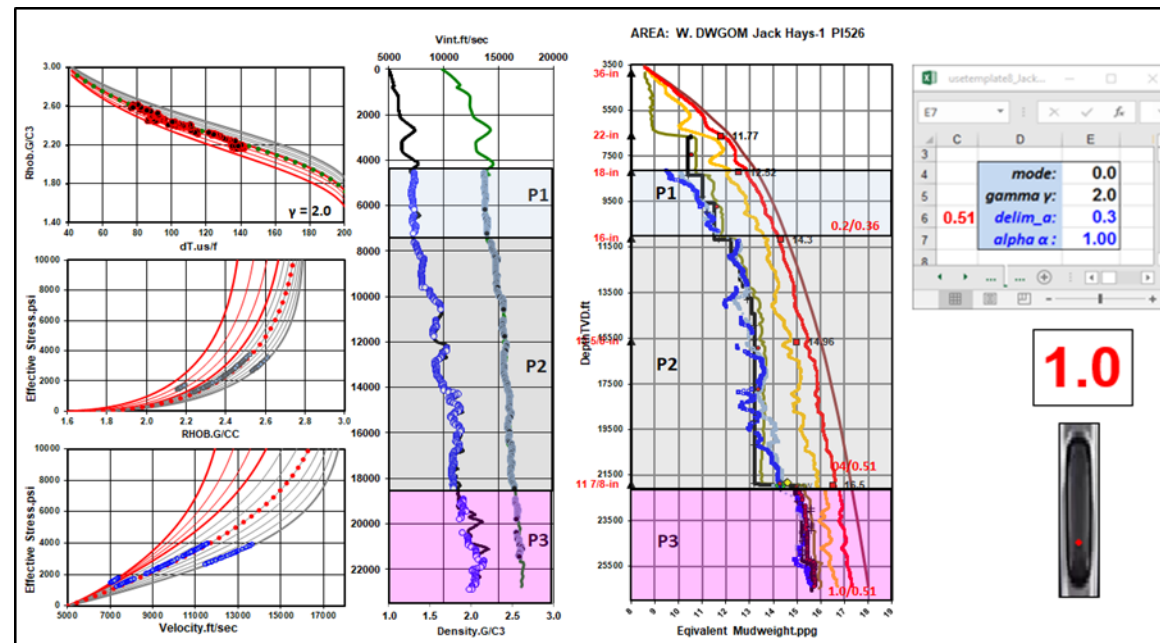
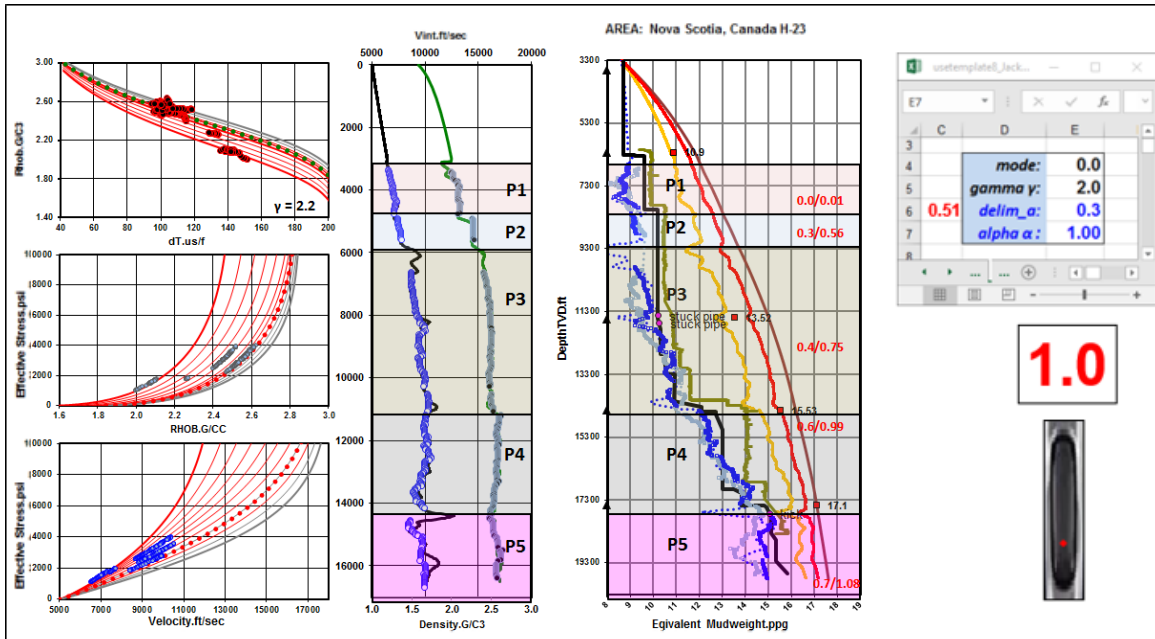
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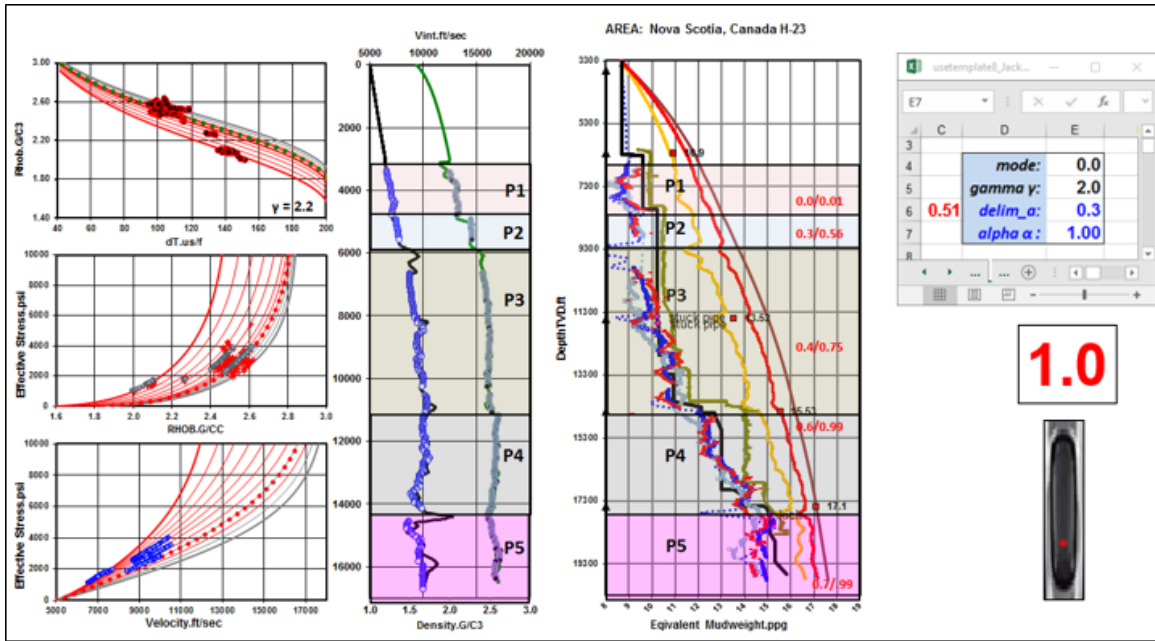
A new empirical pore pressure transform has been developed that includes many of the advanced, state-of-the-art concepts that are useful in today's pore pressure estimation and theory. The rho<sub>b</sub>-velocity-effective stress (Rho-V-e) method produces a model-driven, stand-alone set of "virtual" rock property relationships, which at intermediate positions are consistent with Bowers method default values for the Gulf of Mexico. The RhoVe method uses a single transform to convert both compressional sonic and bulk density to common estimates of effective stress and pore pressure where convergence of the two transformed properties offers a robust solution.

Velocity-density conversion functions are mathematically linked to a continuous series of velocity-depth normal compaction trend functions. The calculations are limited by bounding end-member curves that provide a basis for intermediate (fractional) solutions of velocity-effective stress and density-effective stress relationships that are applied to a well of interest.

Paired "virtual" velocity-depth compaction trends were iteratively solved by using published theoretical smectite and illite porosity trends and velocity-depth normal compaction trends. By using the

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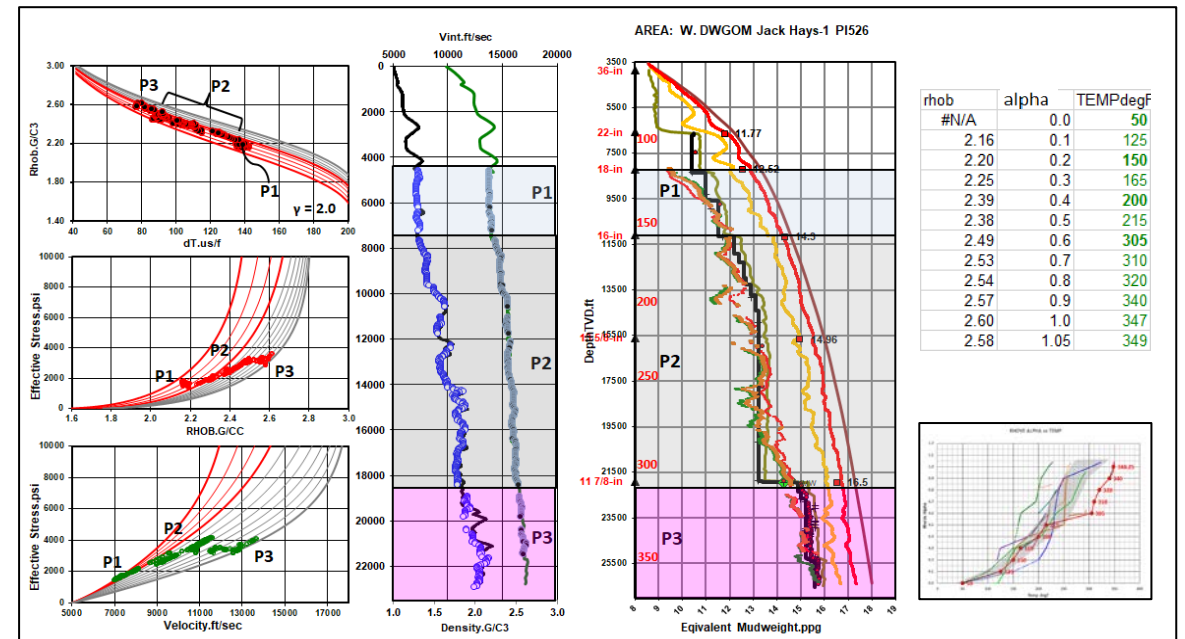


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 Acoustic Impedance, Density,  
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## Compositional Changes (executable)



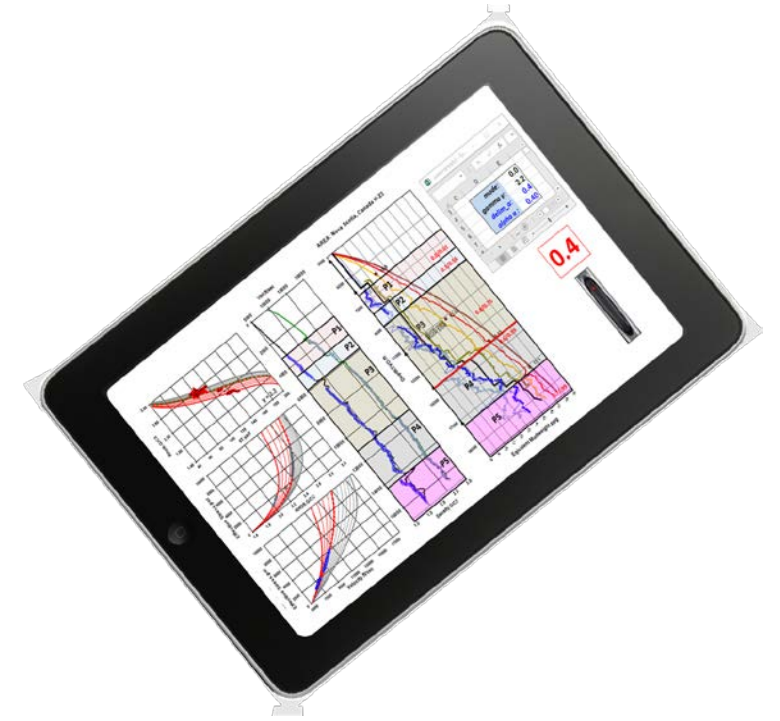


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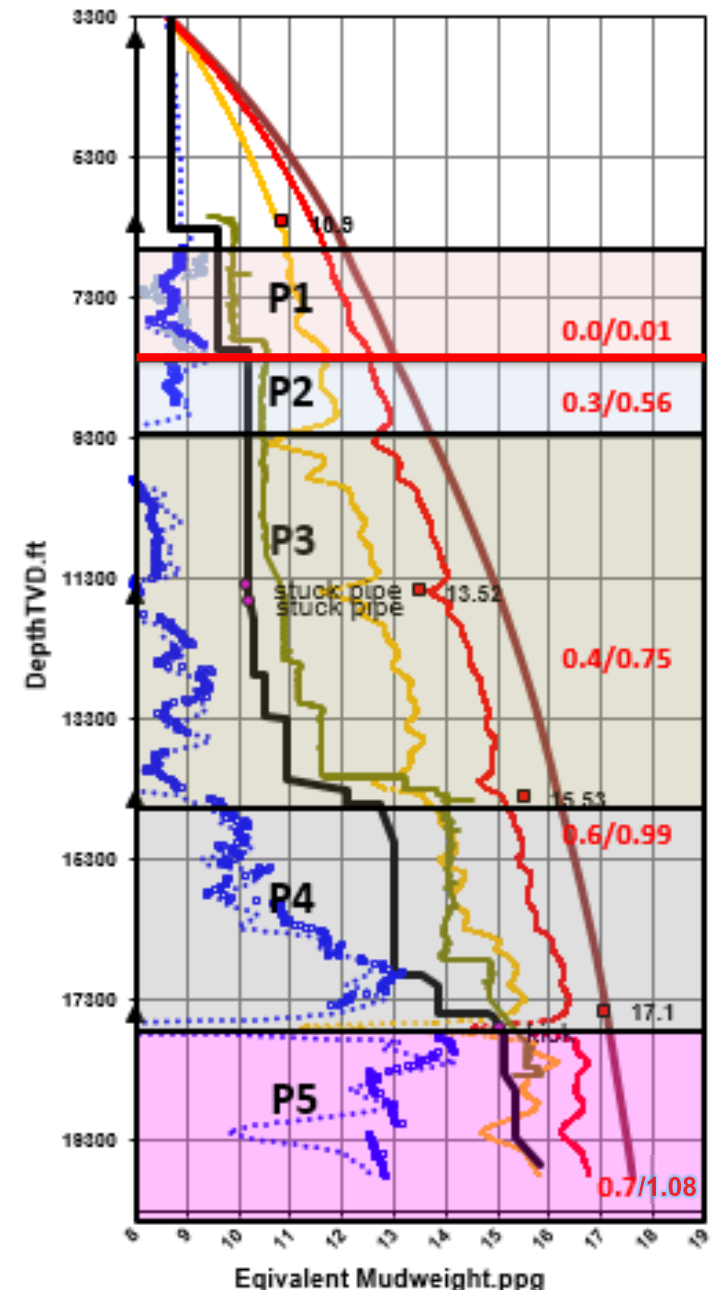
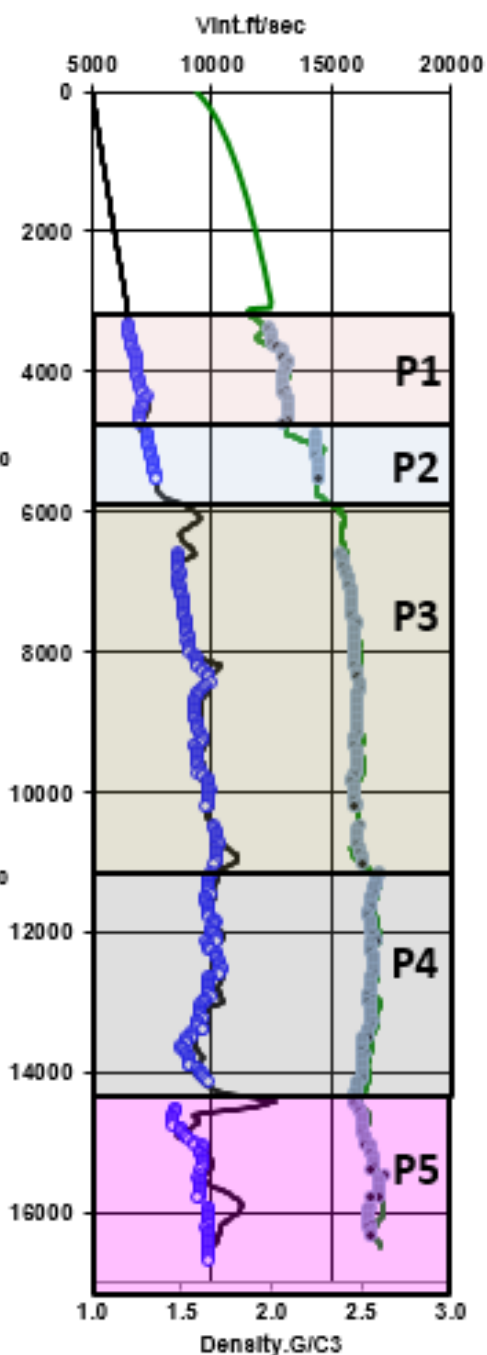
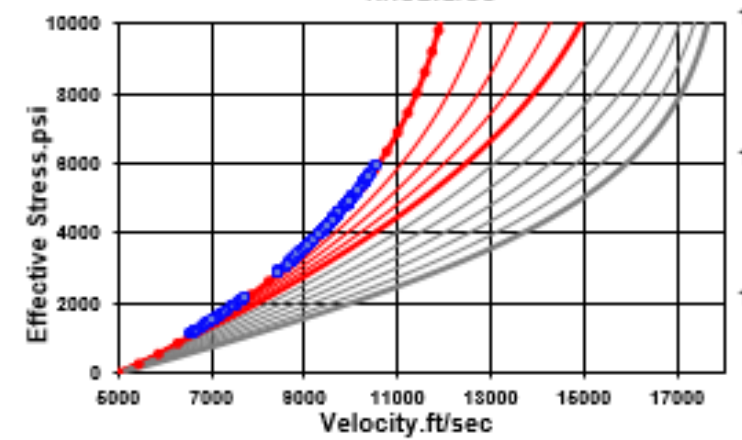
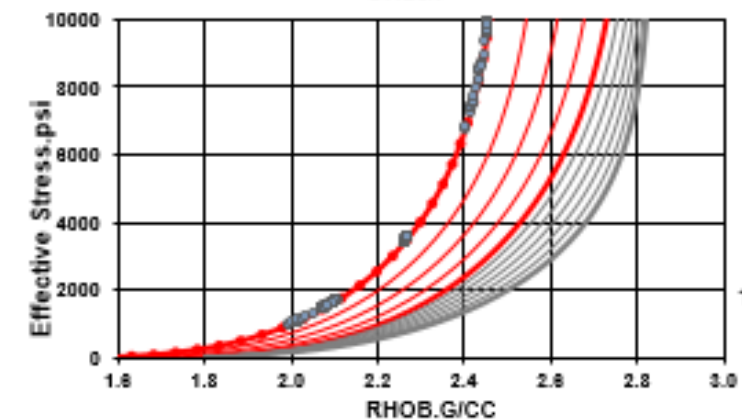
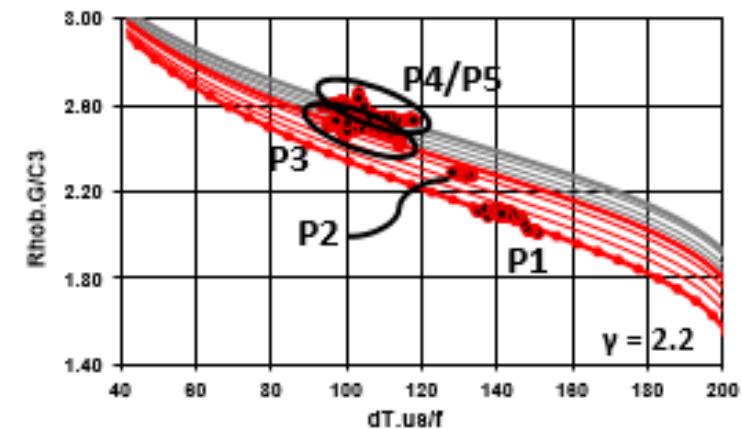
## **JIP – seeking \$55,000 investment for:**

- Commercial implementation of RhoVe method as a plug-in or web-based application to include:
  - Real-Time WITSML connectivity,
  - notebook (iPad) capability,
  - 1D temperature modeling,
- Explore automation capabilities,





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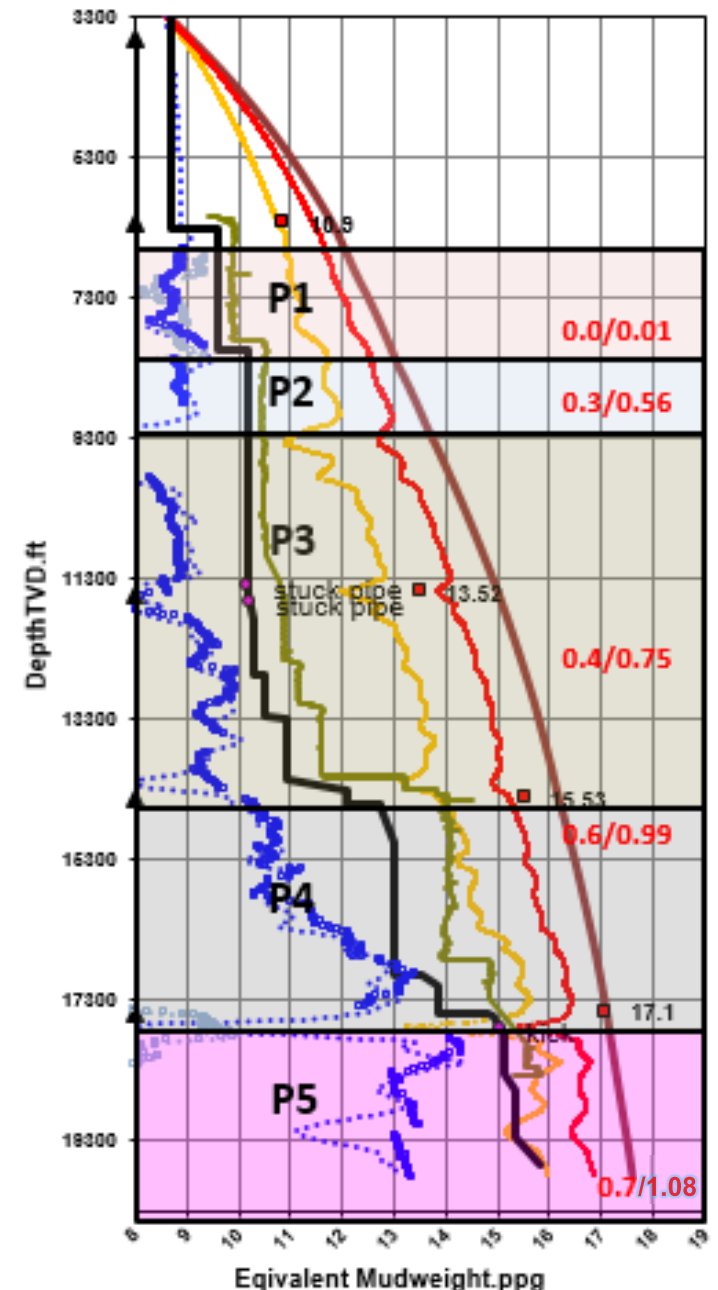
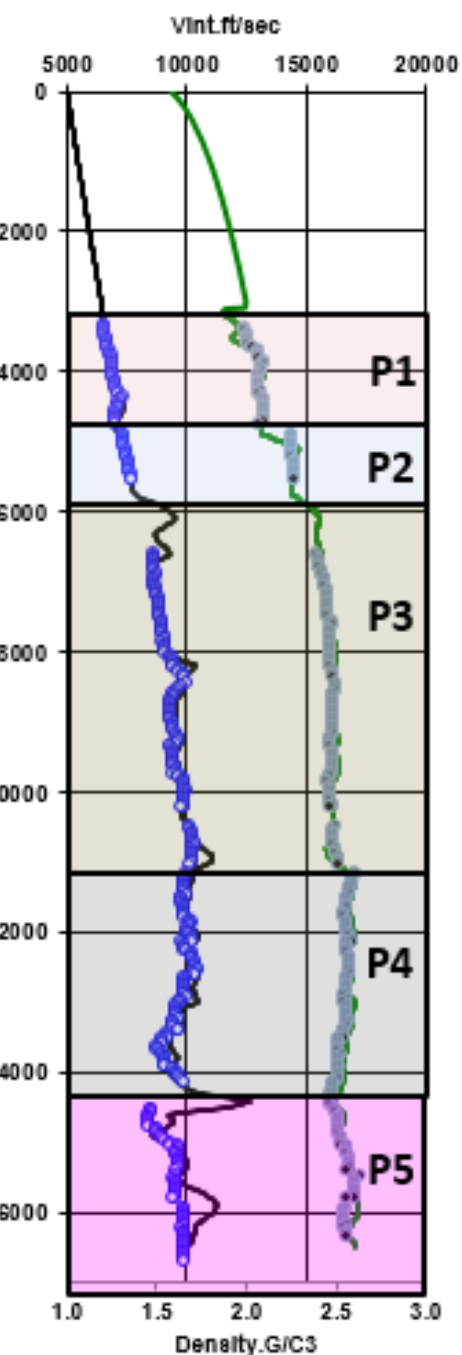
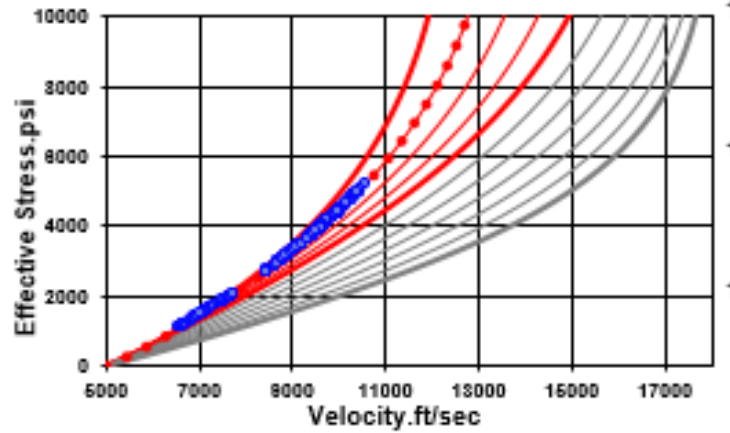
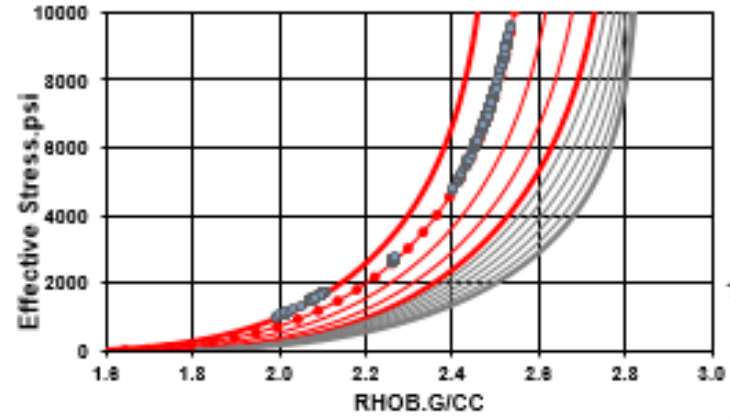
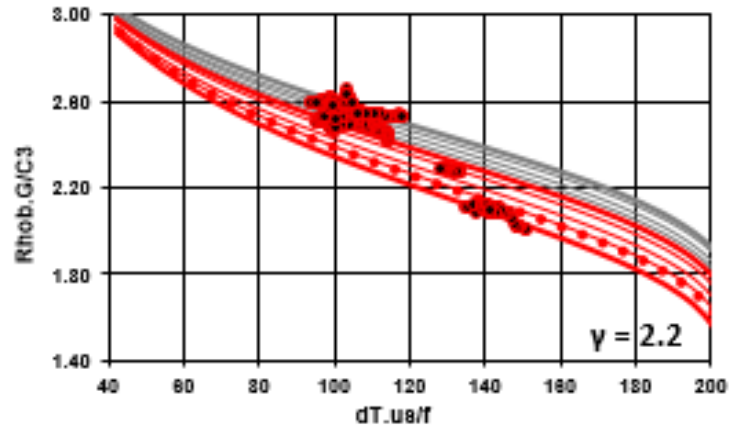


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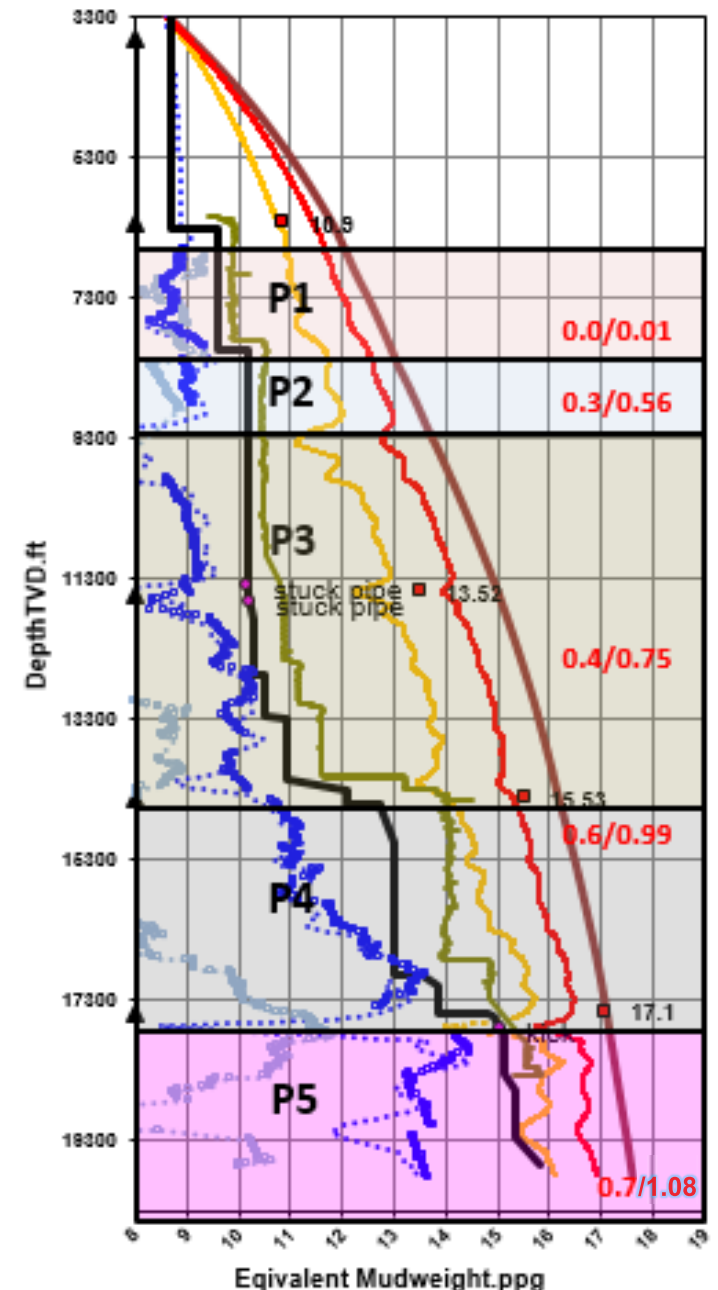
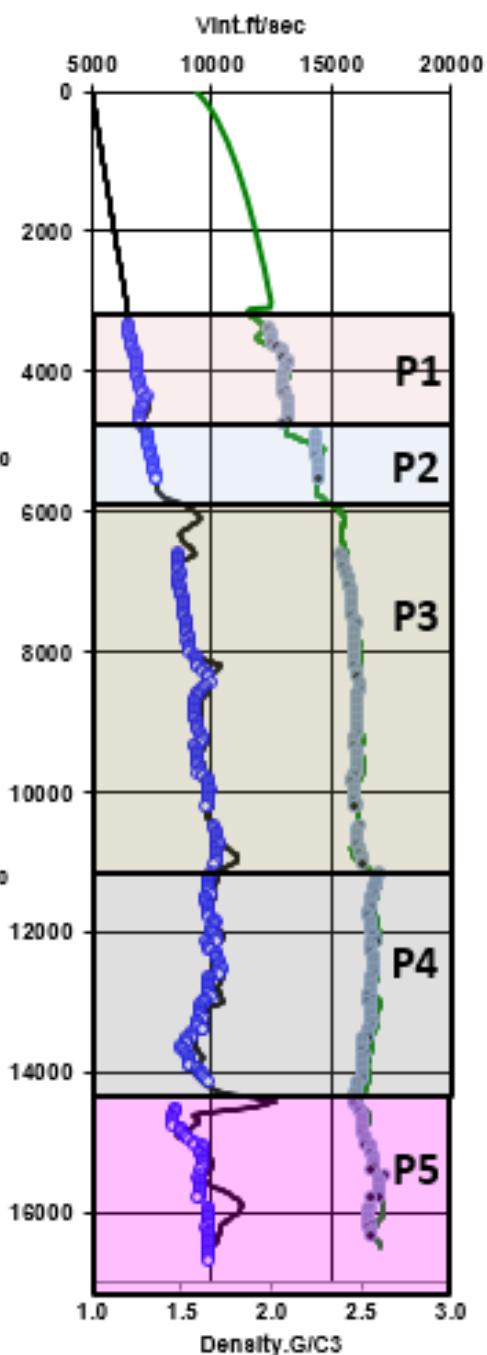
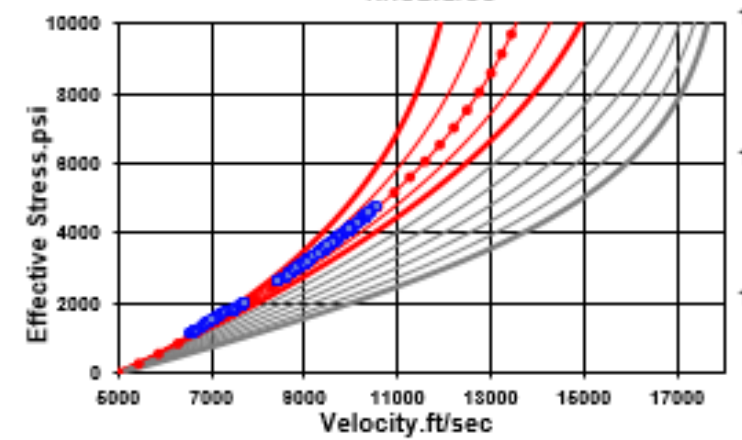
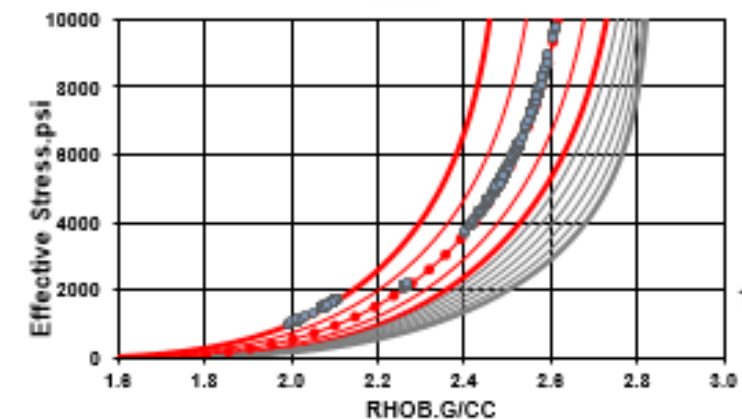
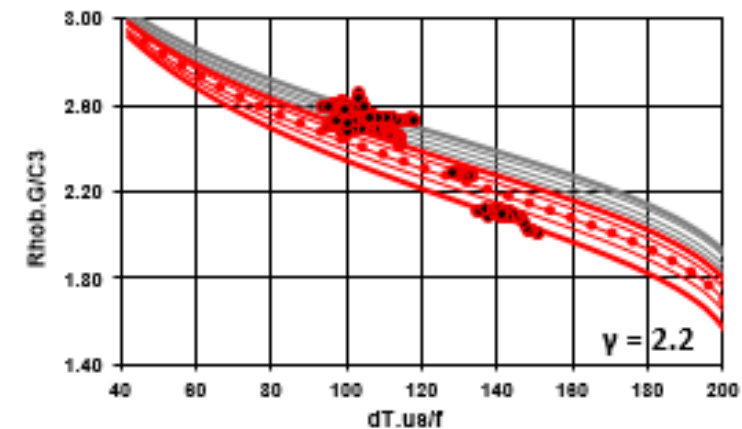
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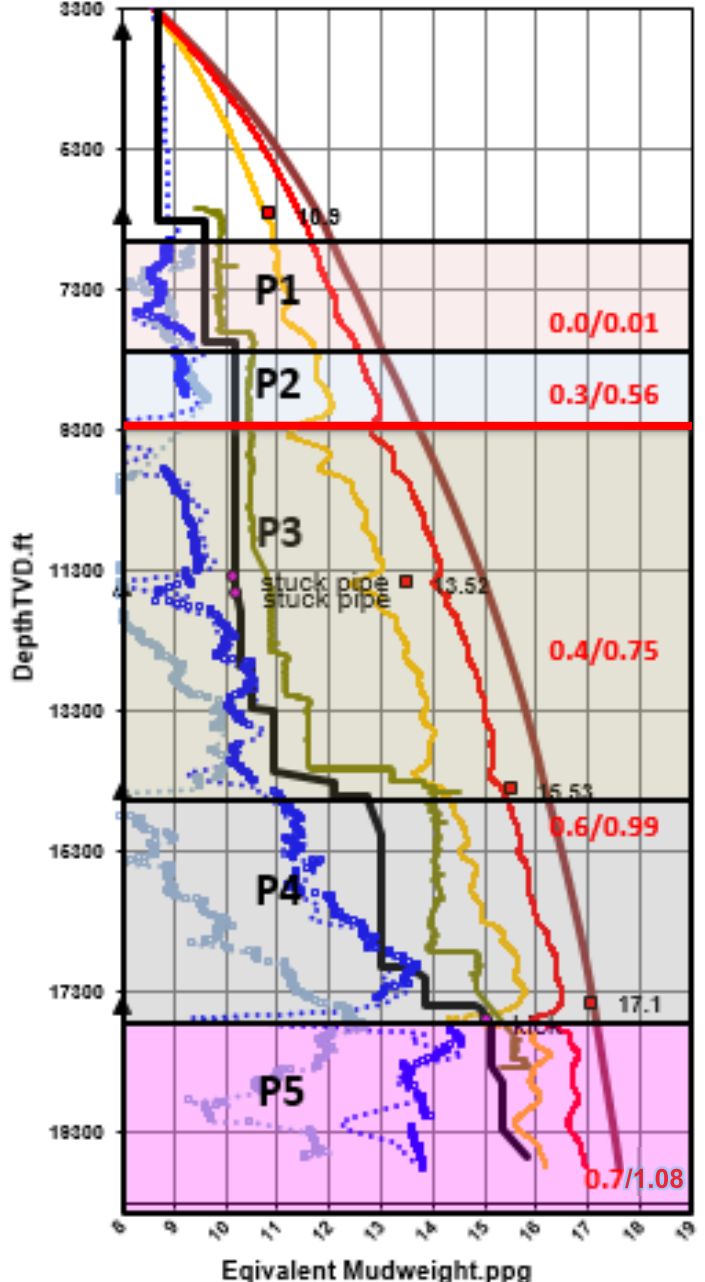
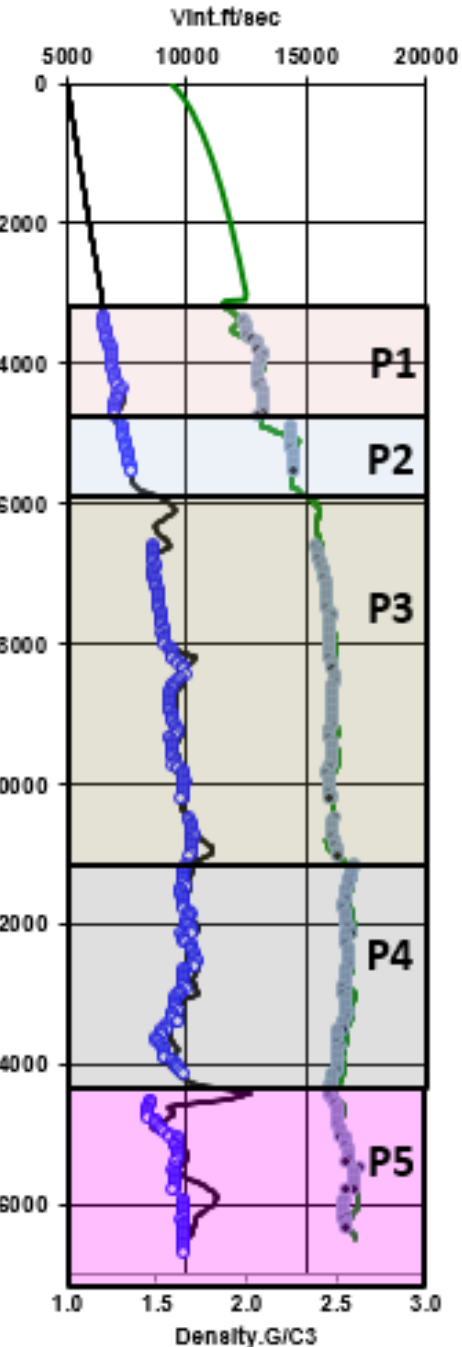
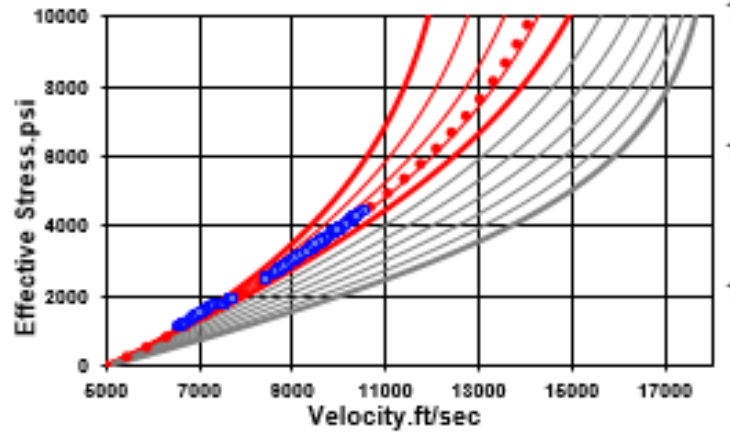
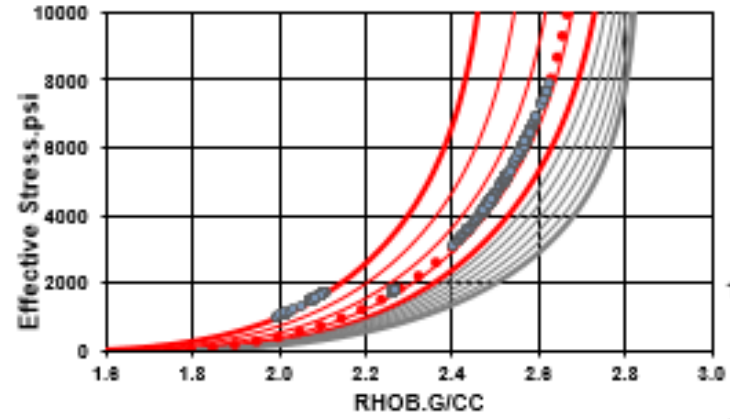
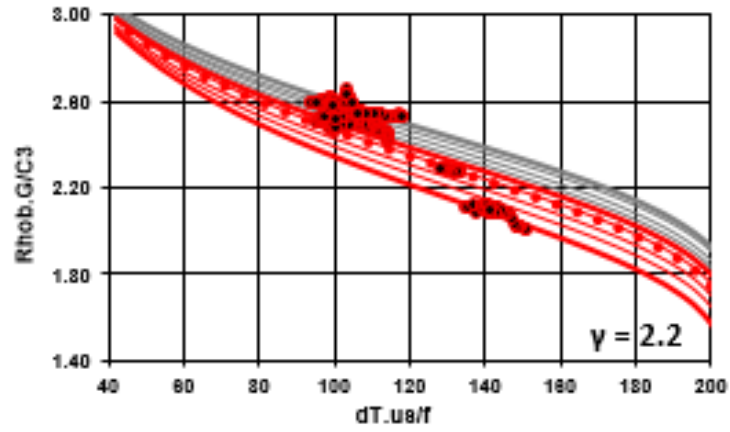


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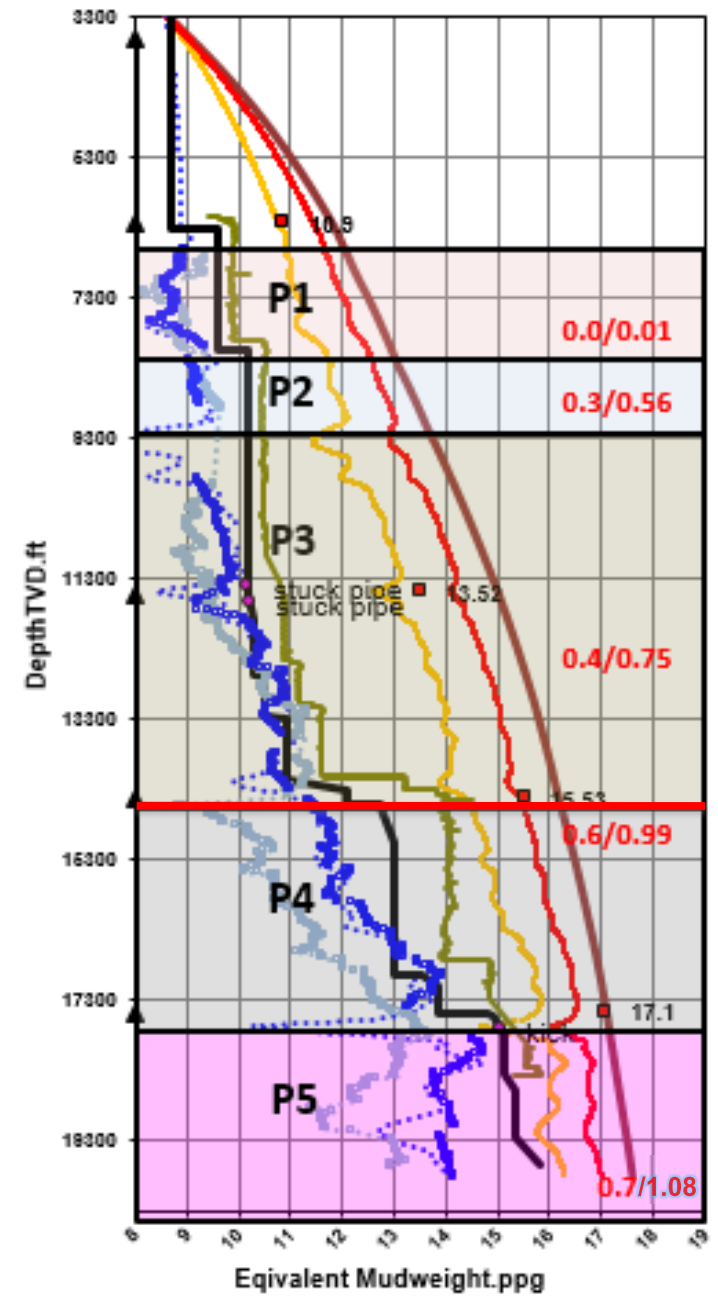
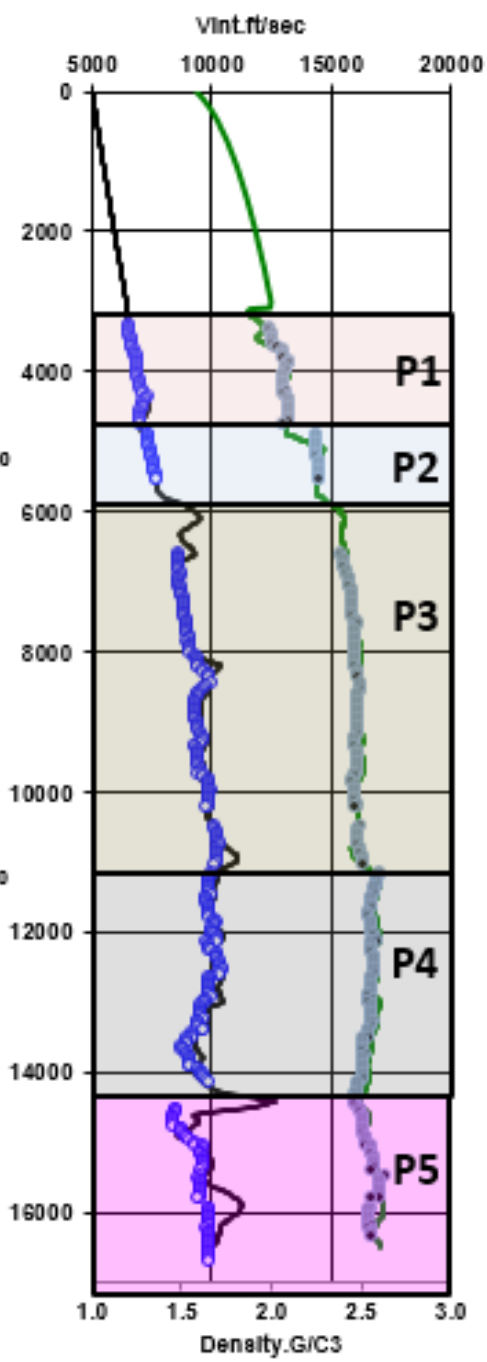
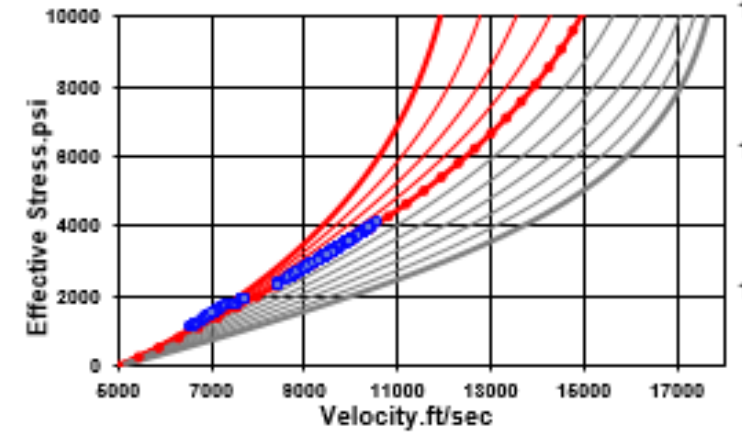
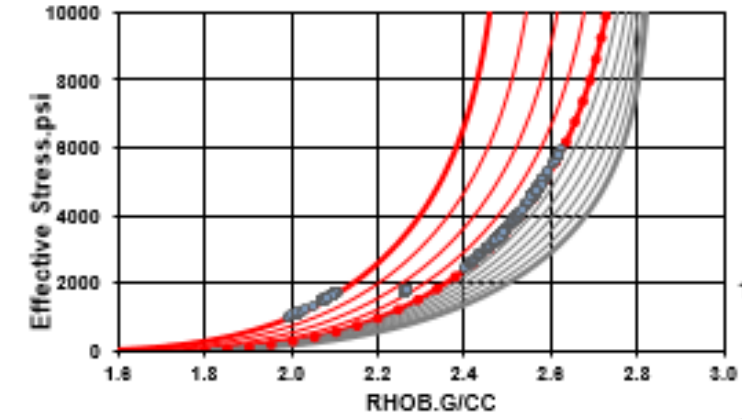
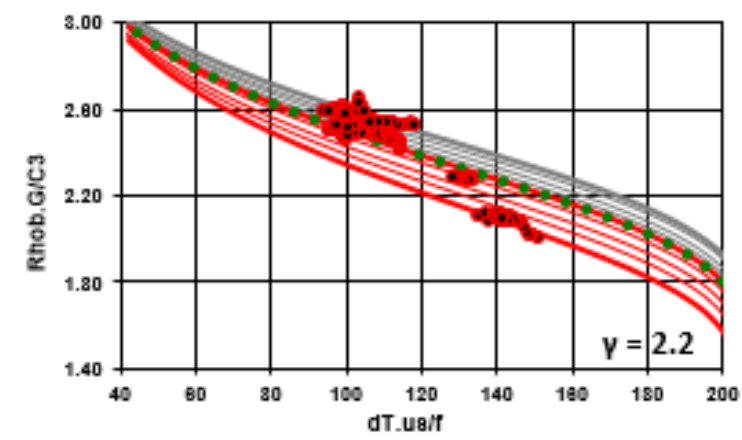
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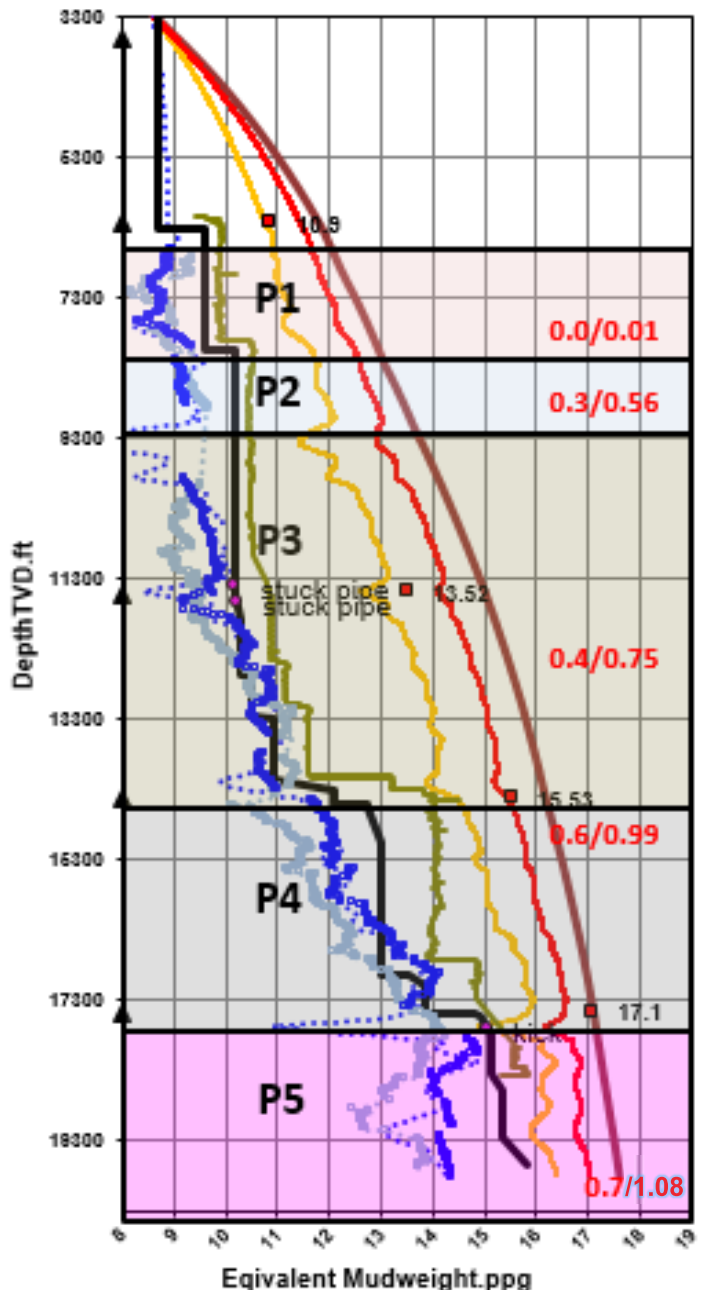
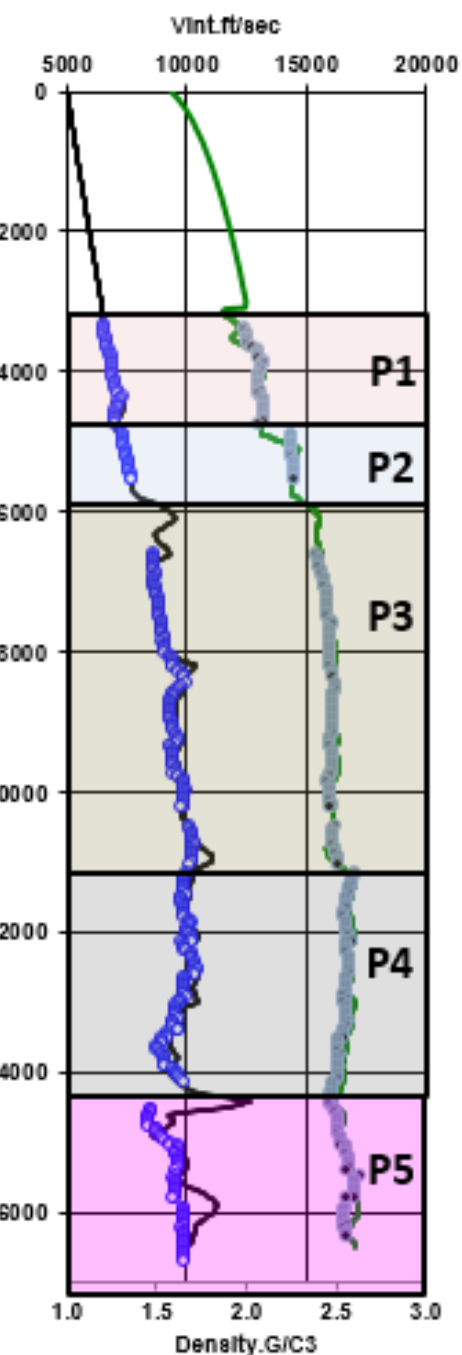
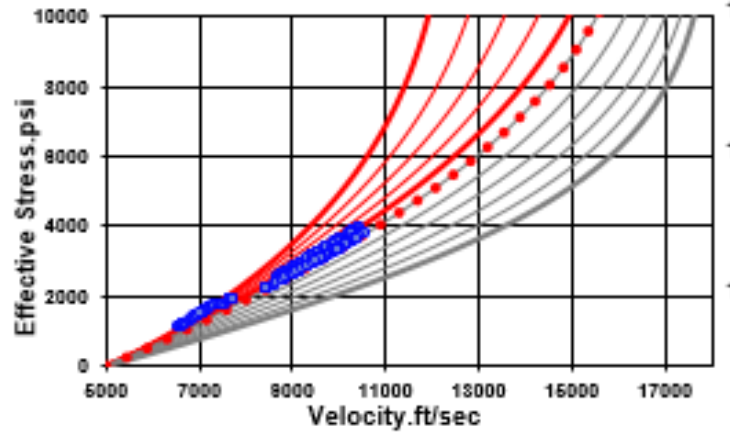
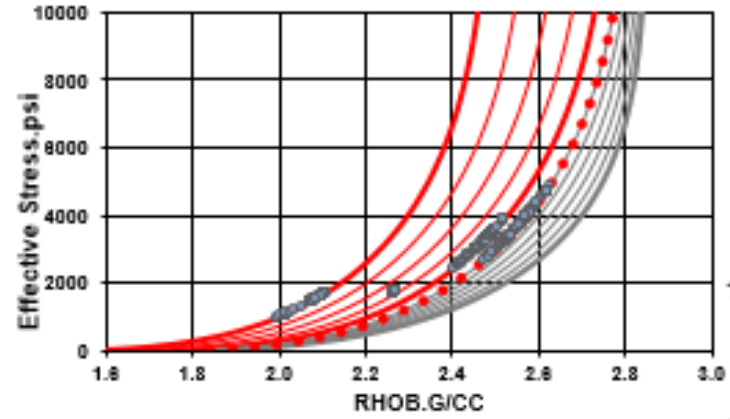
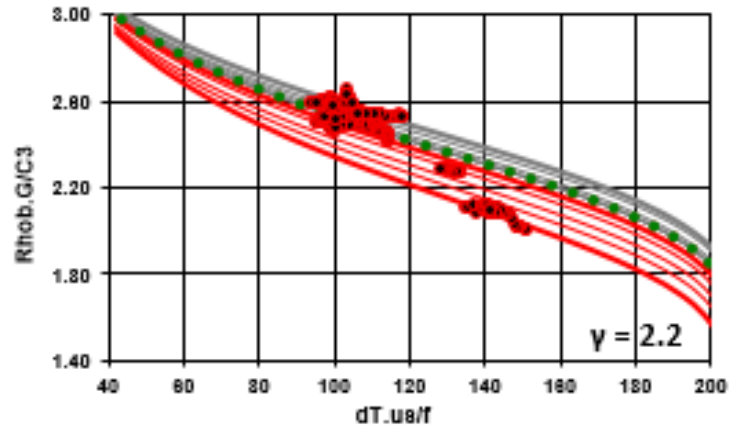


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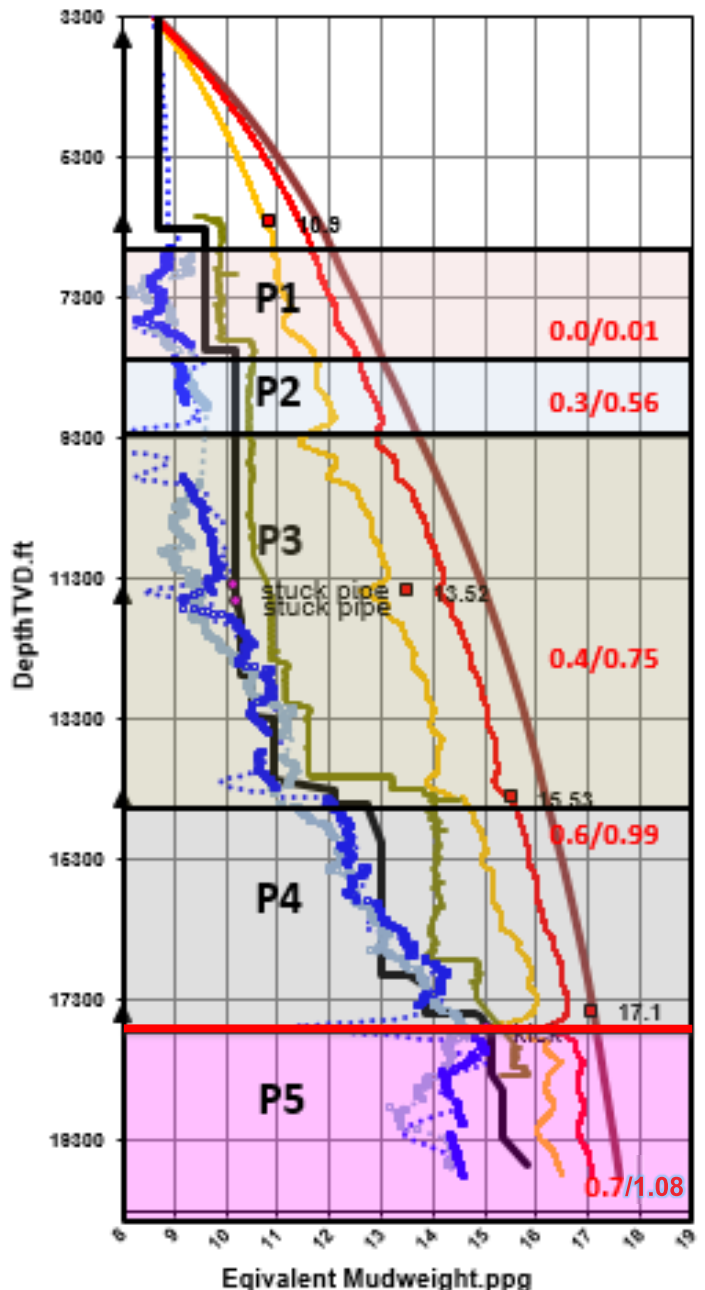
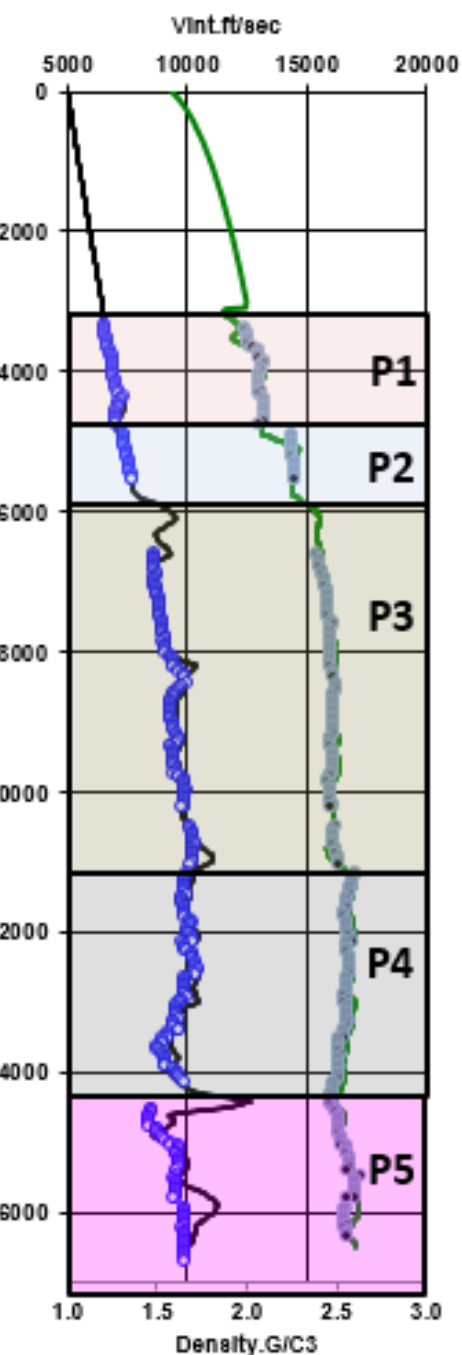
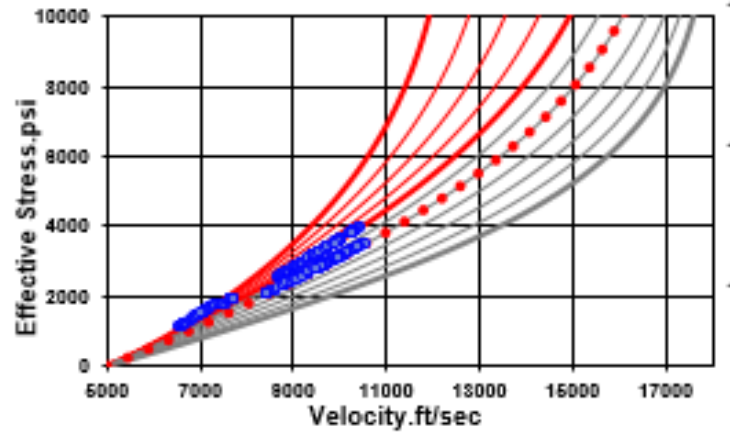
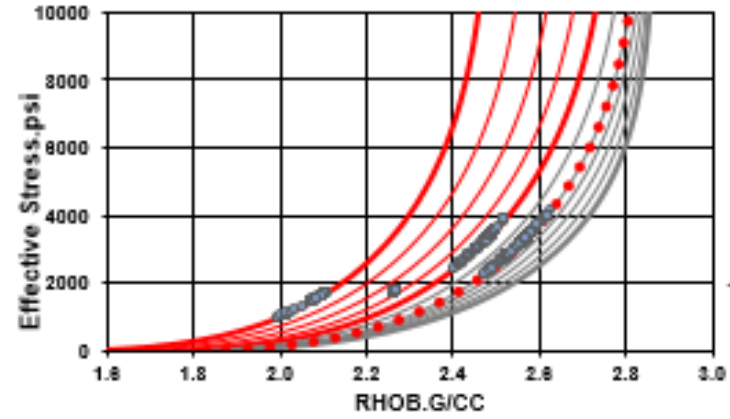
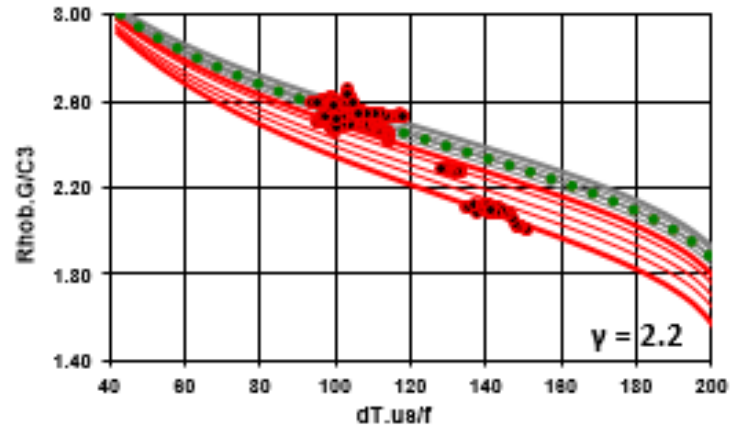


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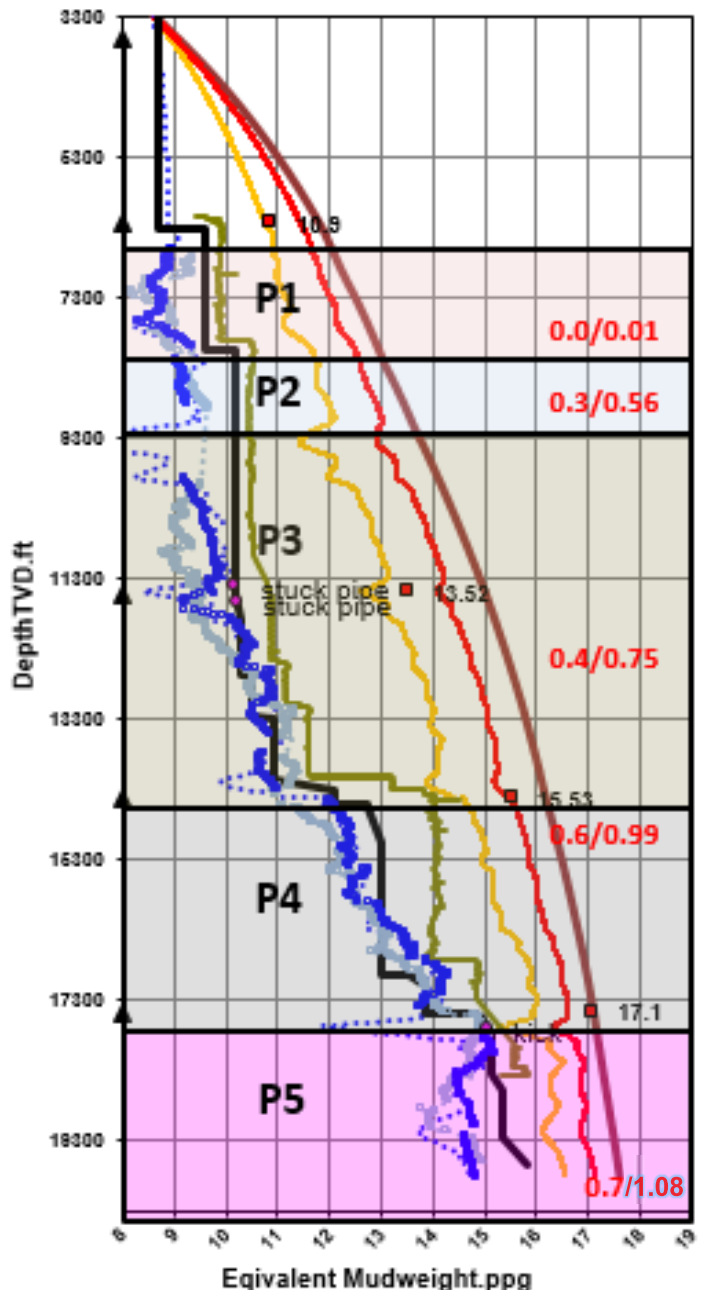
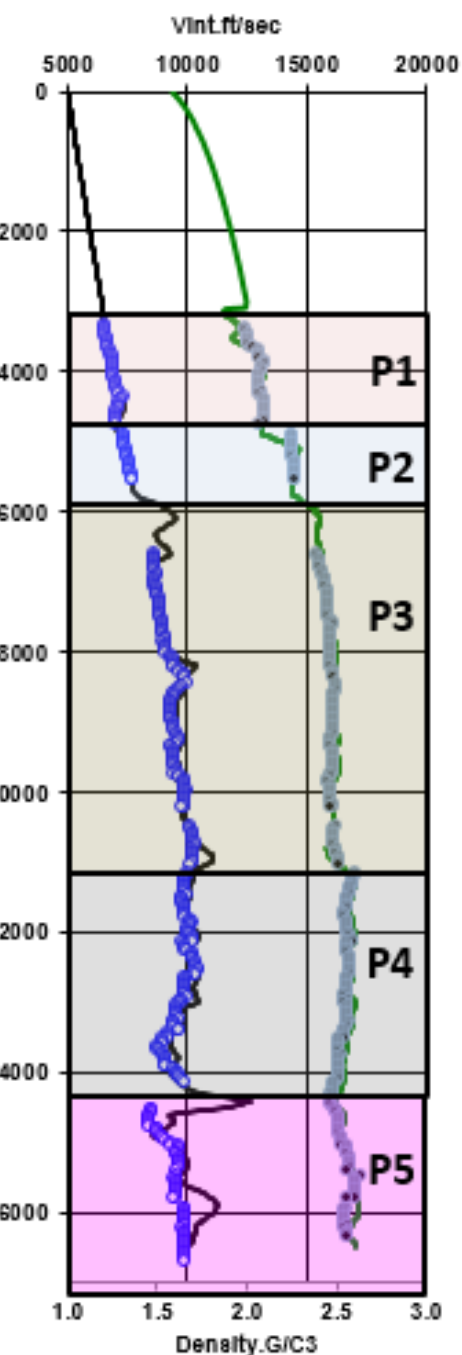
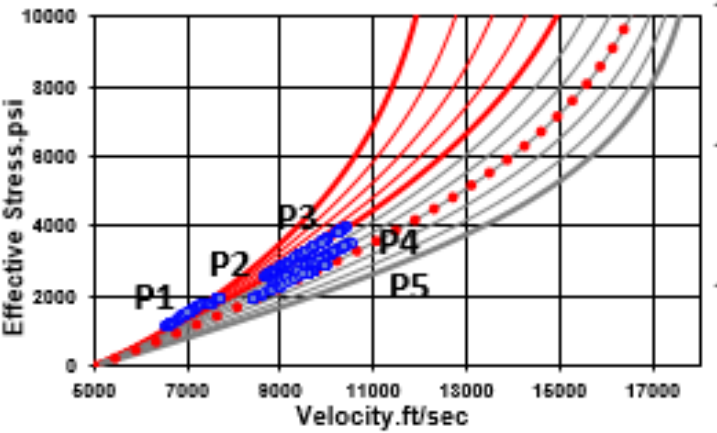
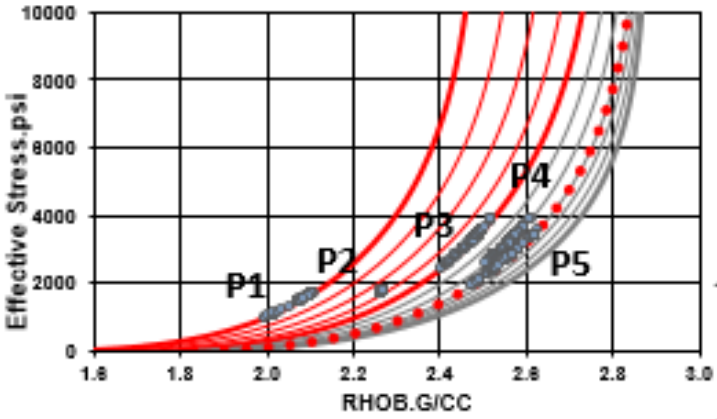
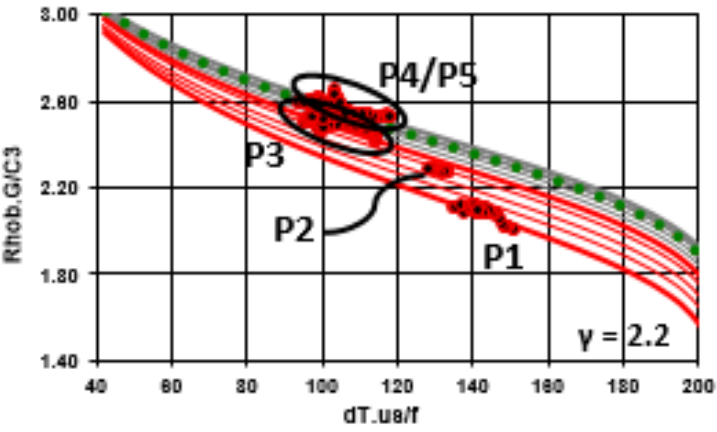


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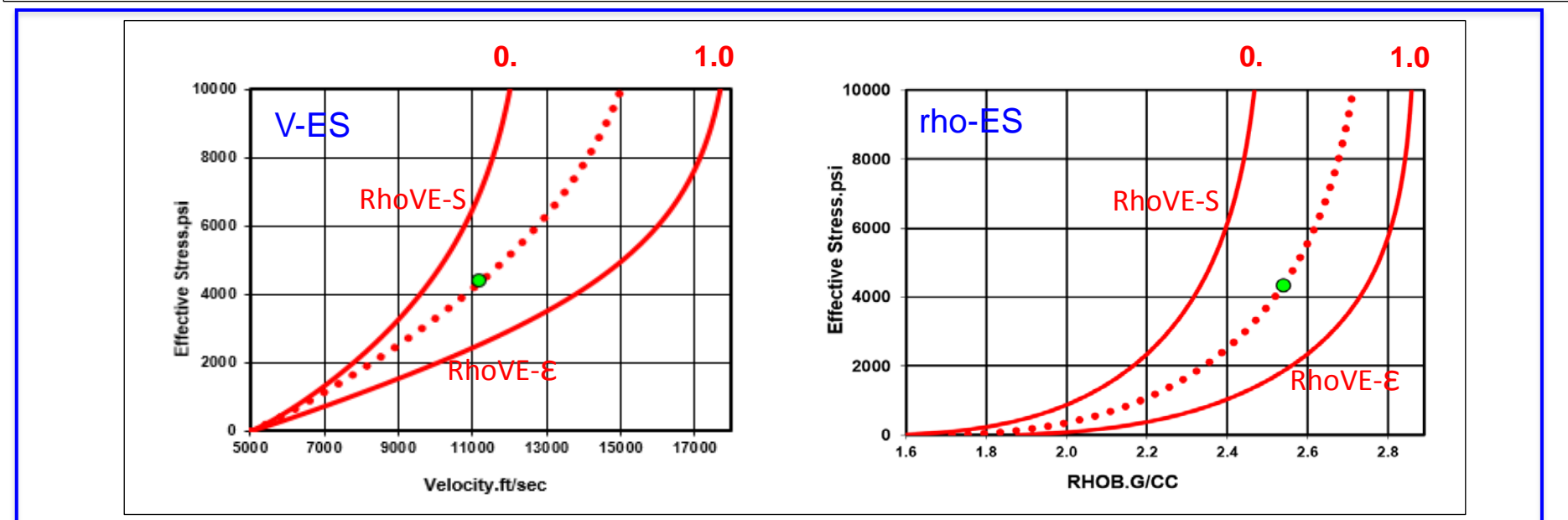
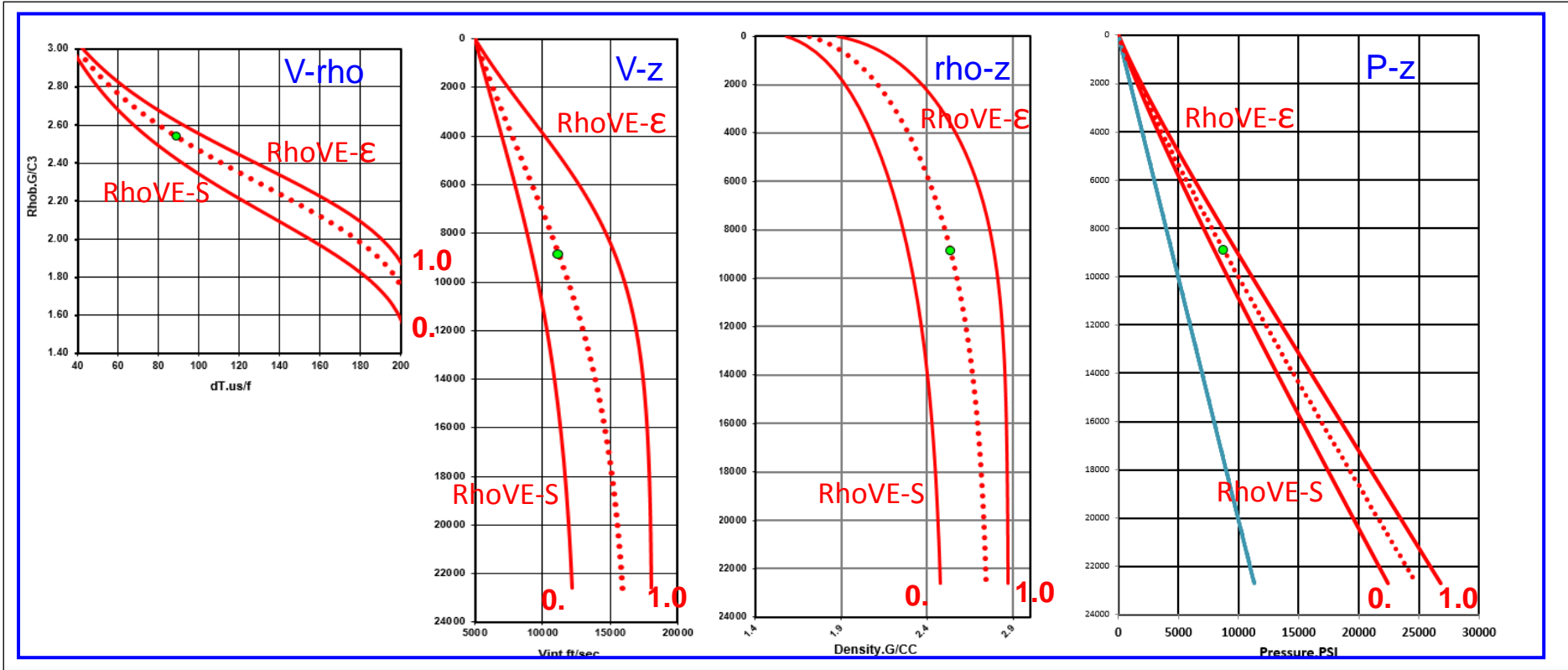


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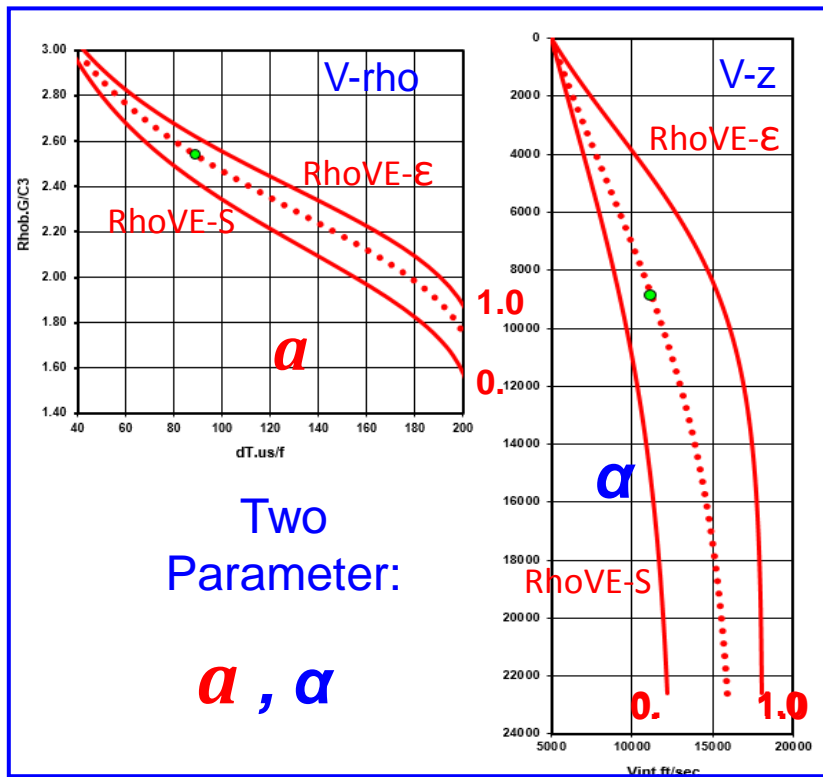
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## Summary

- Interactive (and fast).
- Premised on a continuum of “virtual”, normally pressured synthetic rock property relationships.
- Pore pressure is calculated by directly applying RhoVe-derived Velocity & Density-Effective Stress trends.
- Subsalt Applications –
- Two-parameter approach:  $a$ -term & alpha ( $\alpha$ ); includes the effects of compositional changes (clay diagenesis)
- Rationale for subdivision of major flow units, which can be utilized in layer-based basin modeling simulations.



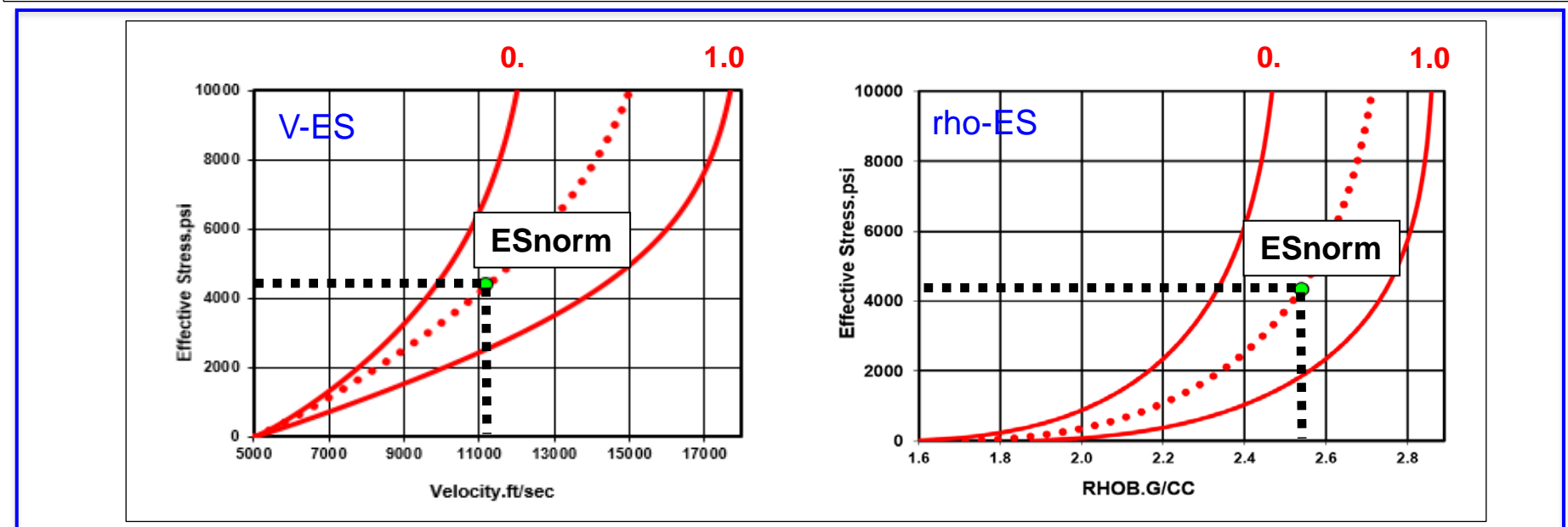
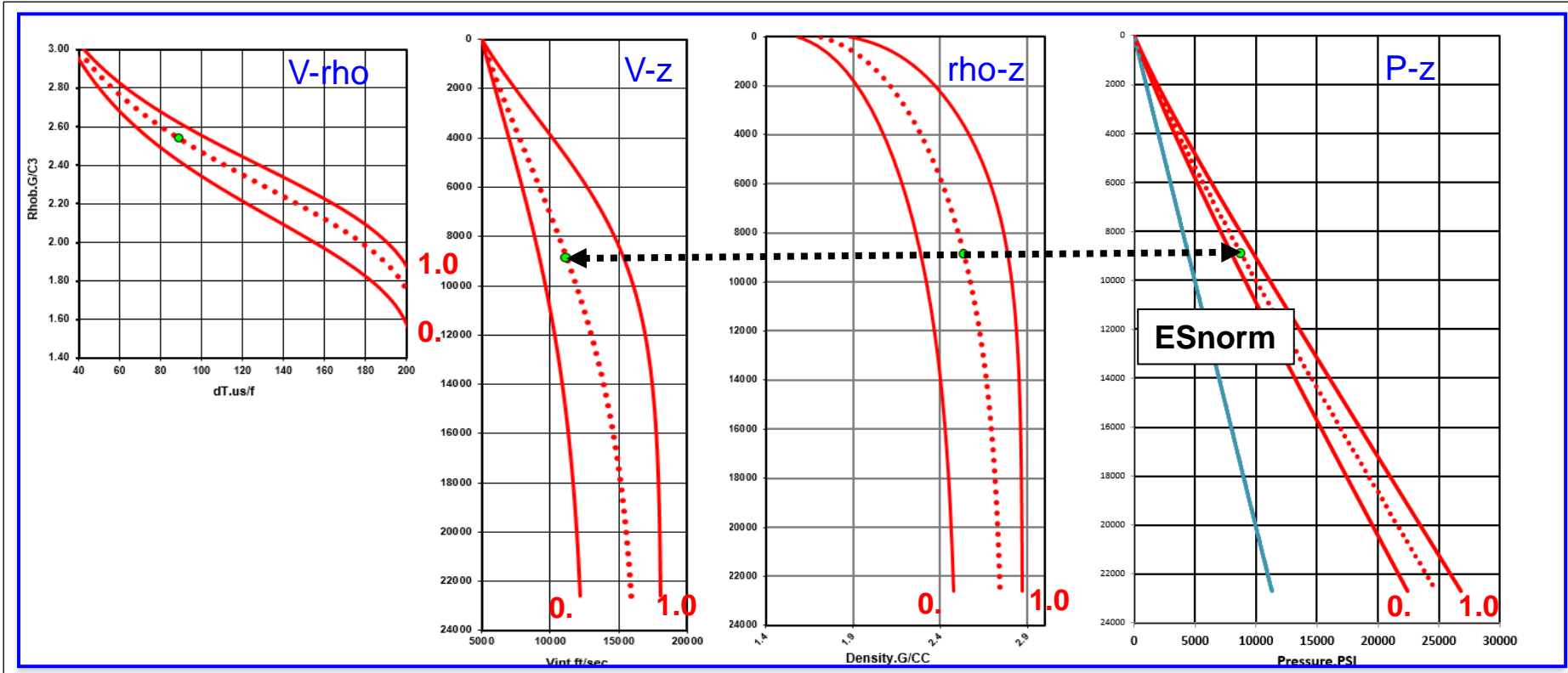


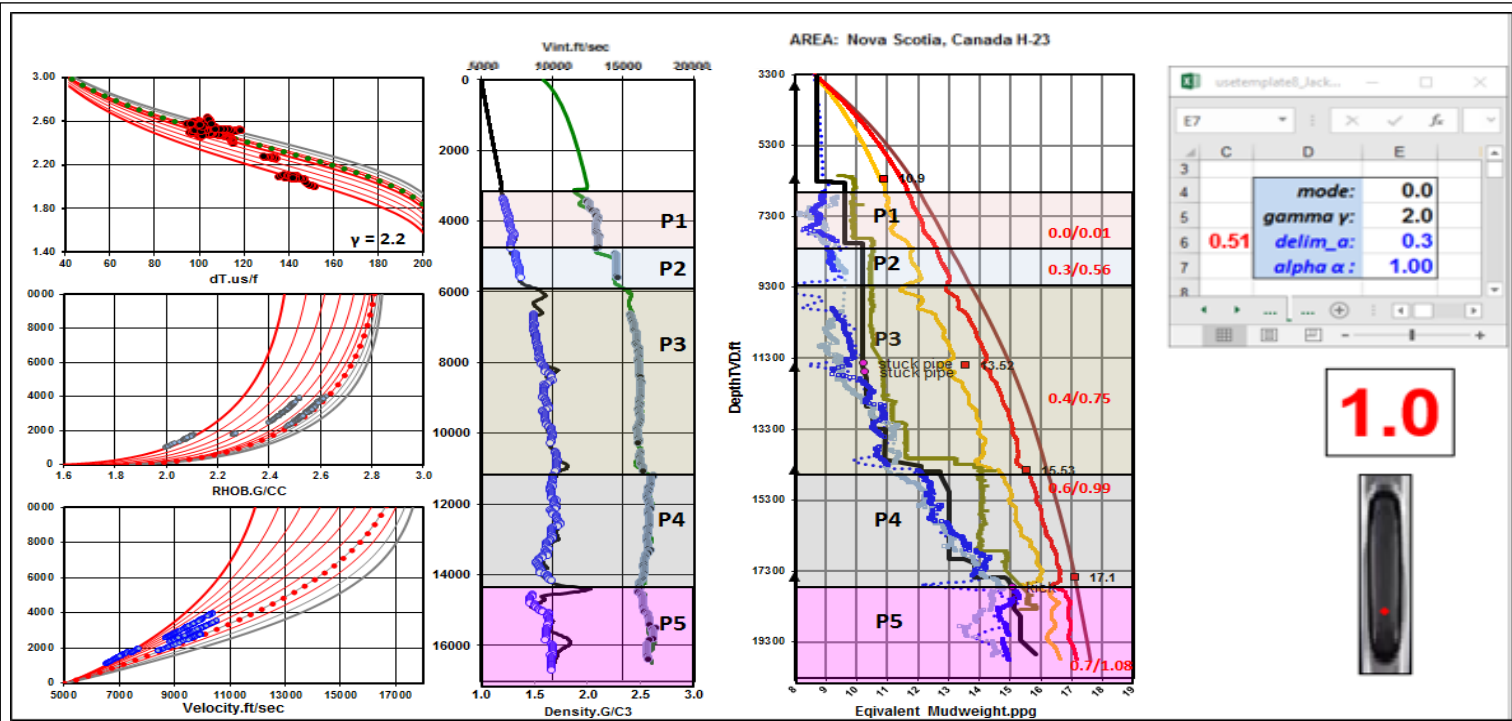


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 $\alpha$  : calculated property

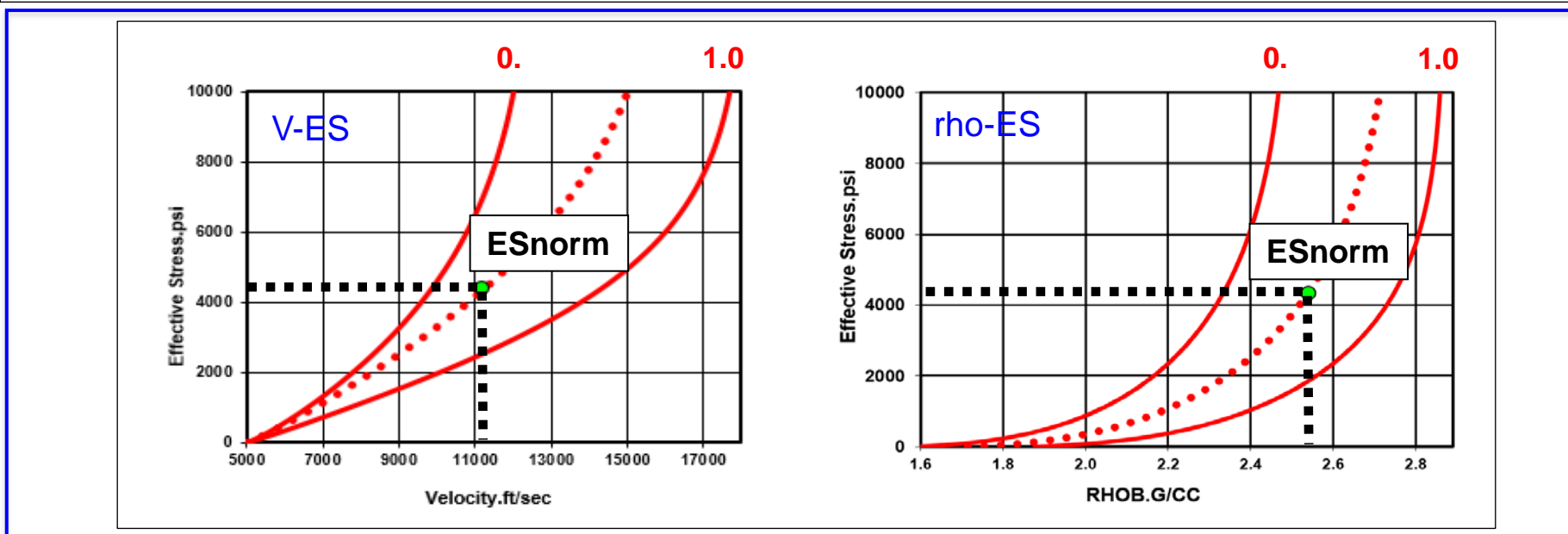
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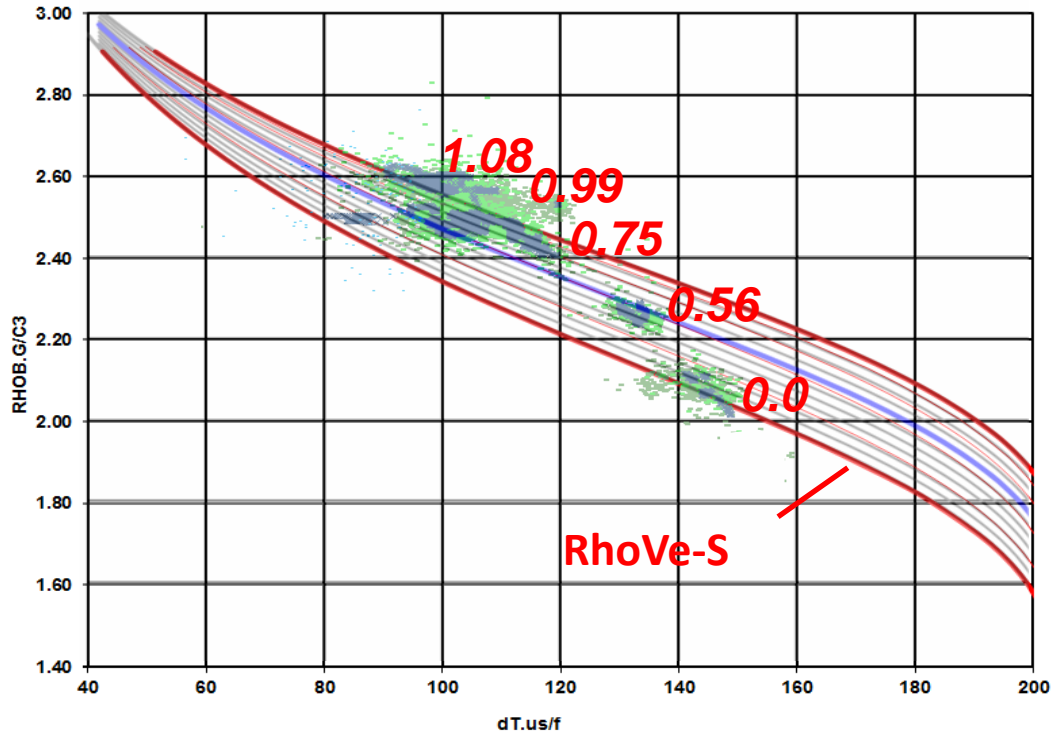


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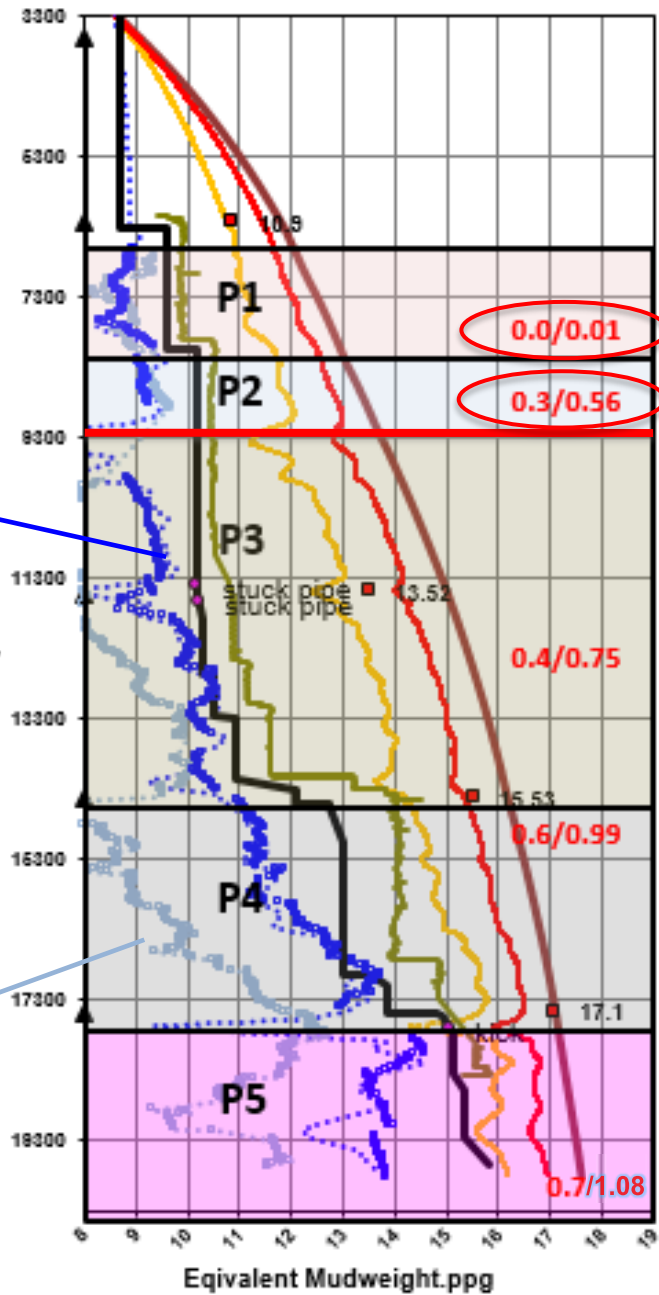
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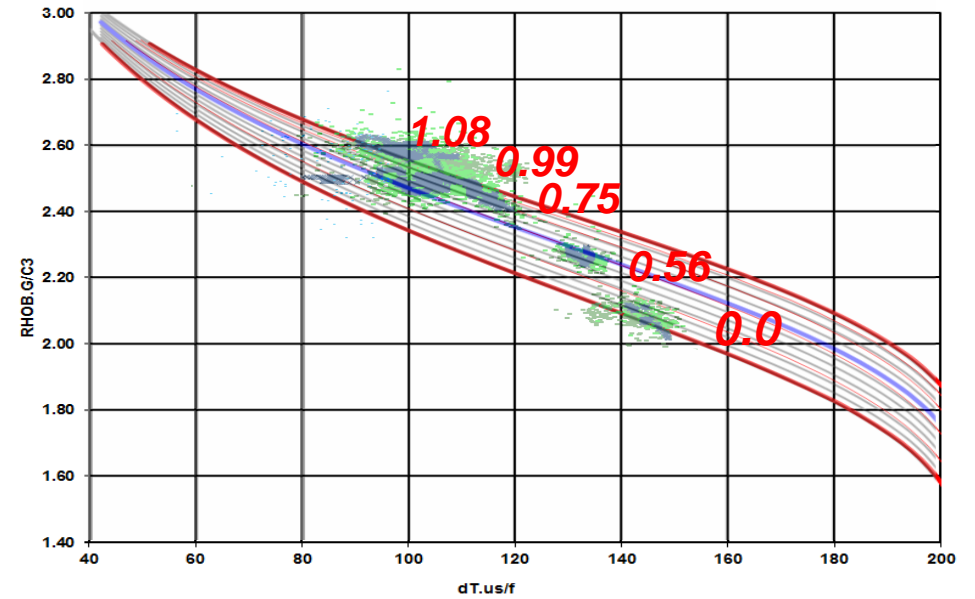


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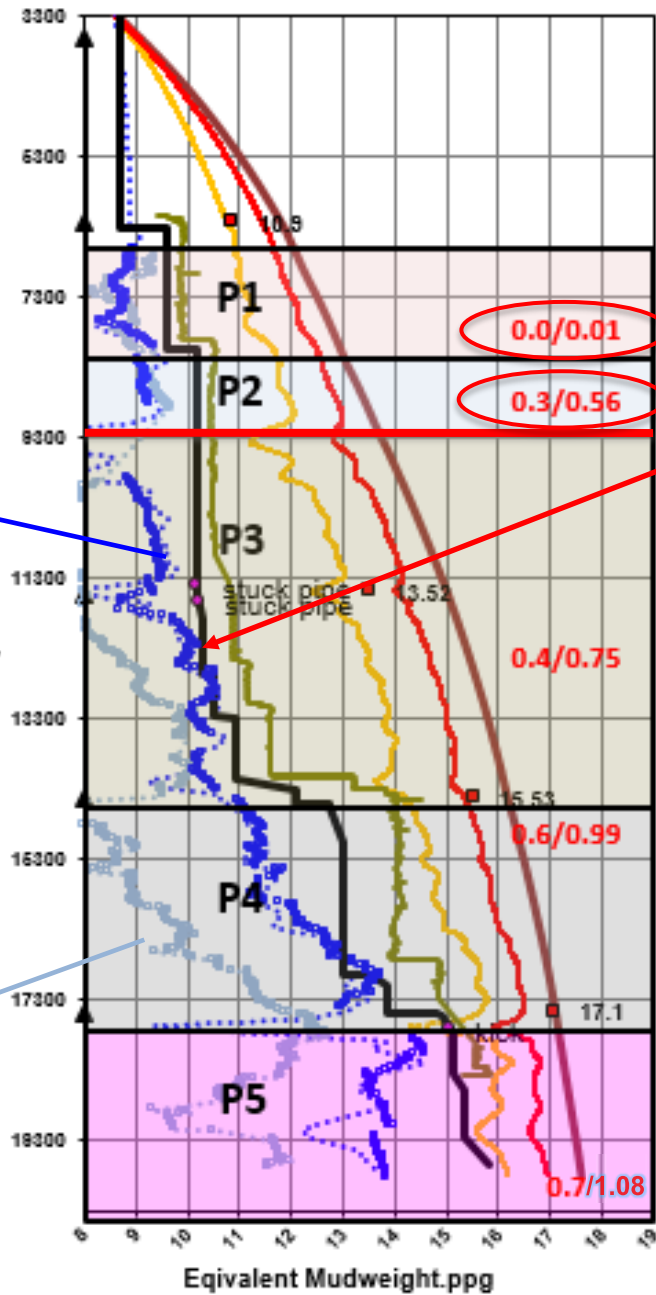
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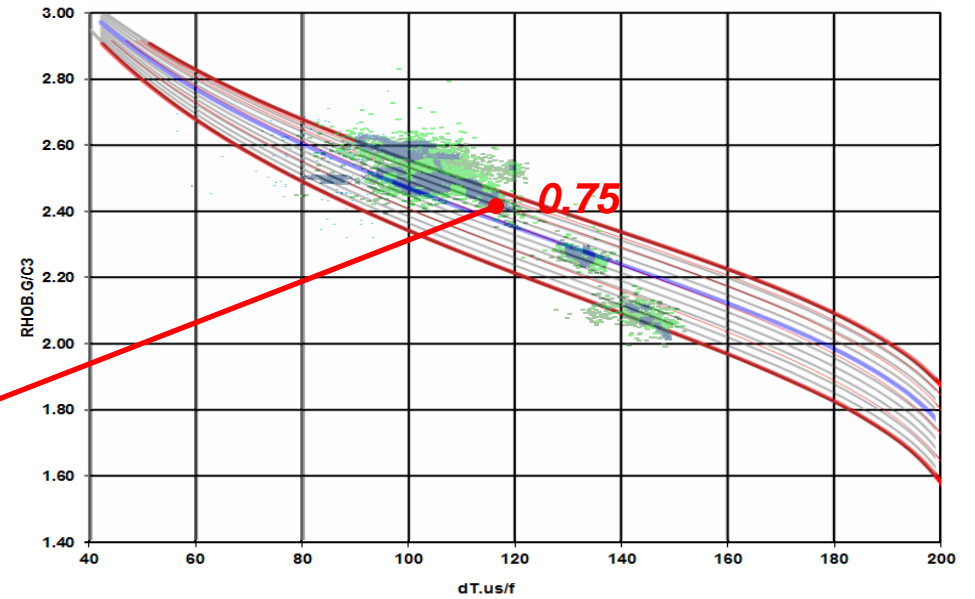
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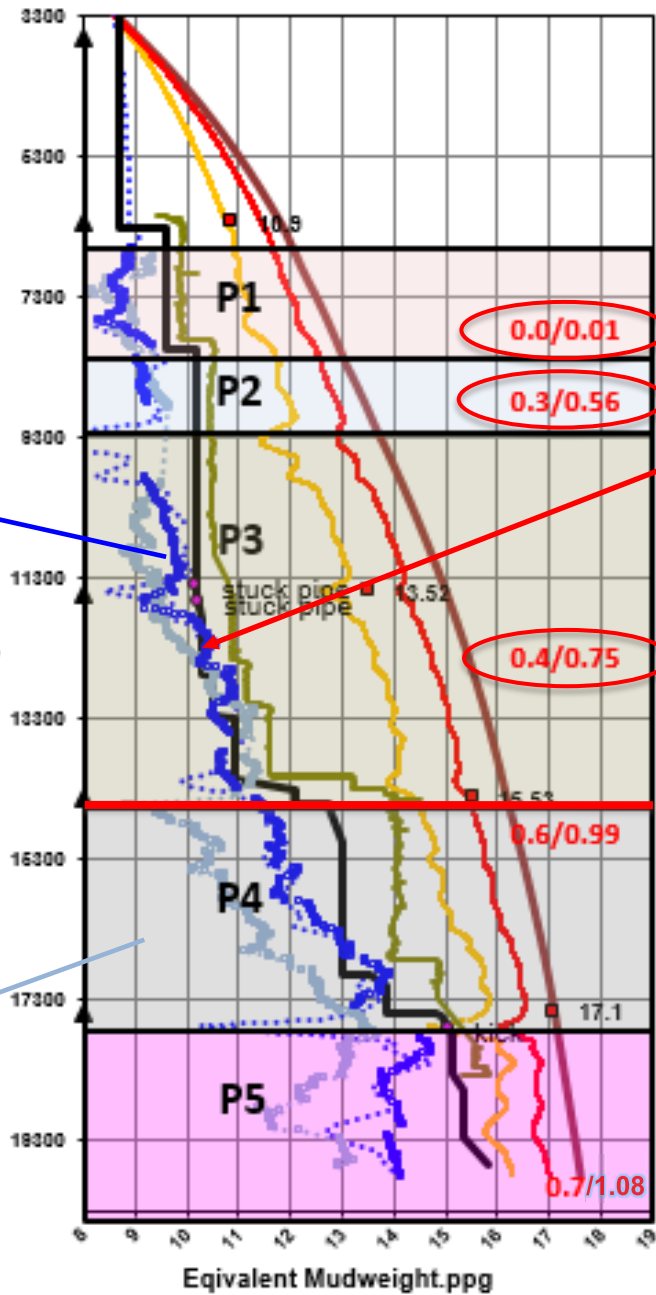


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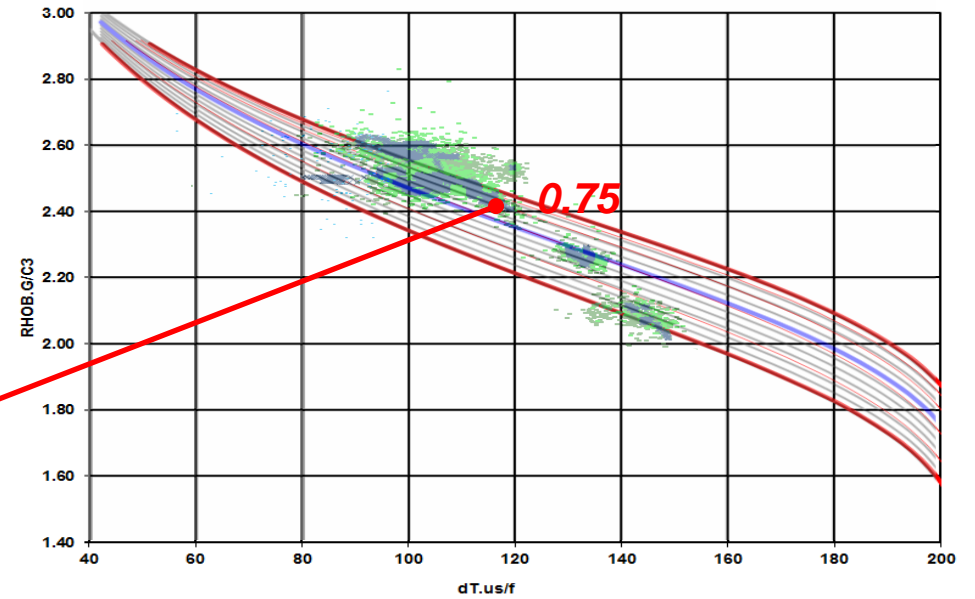
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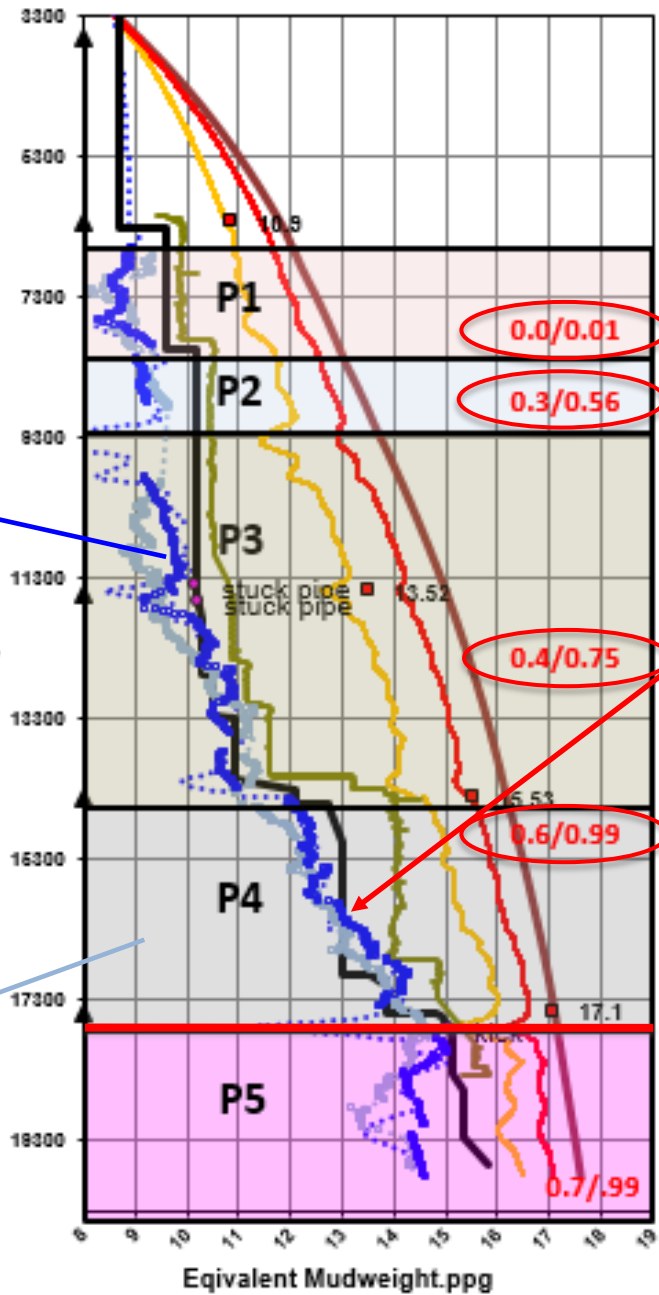
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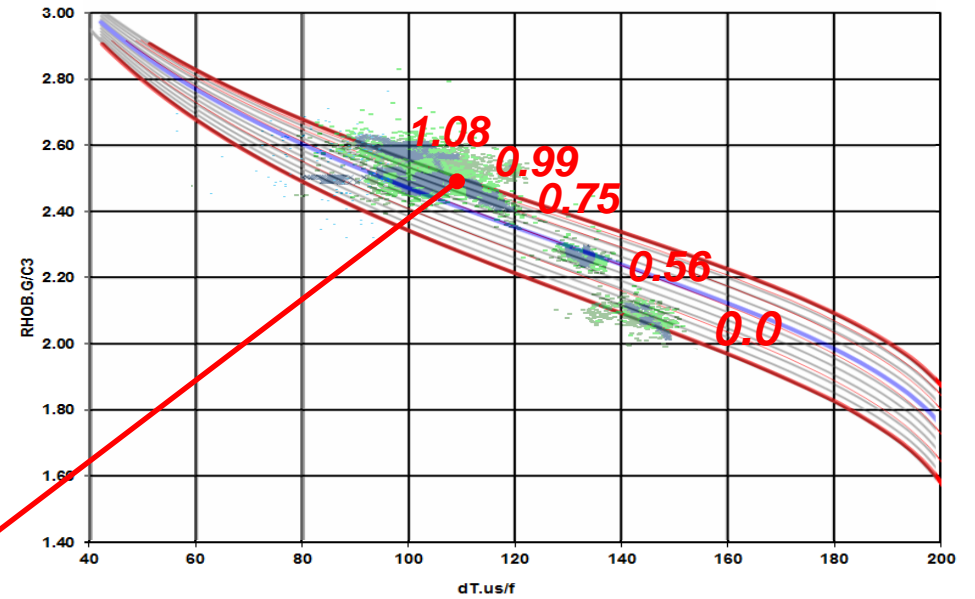
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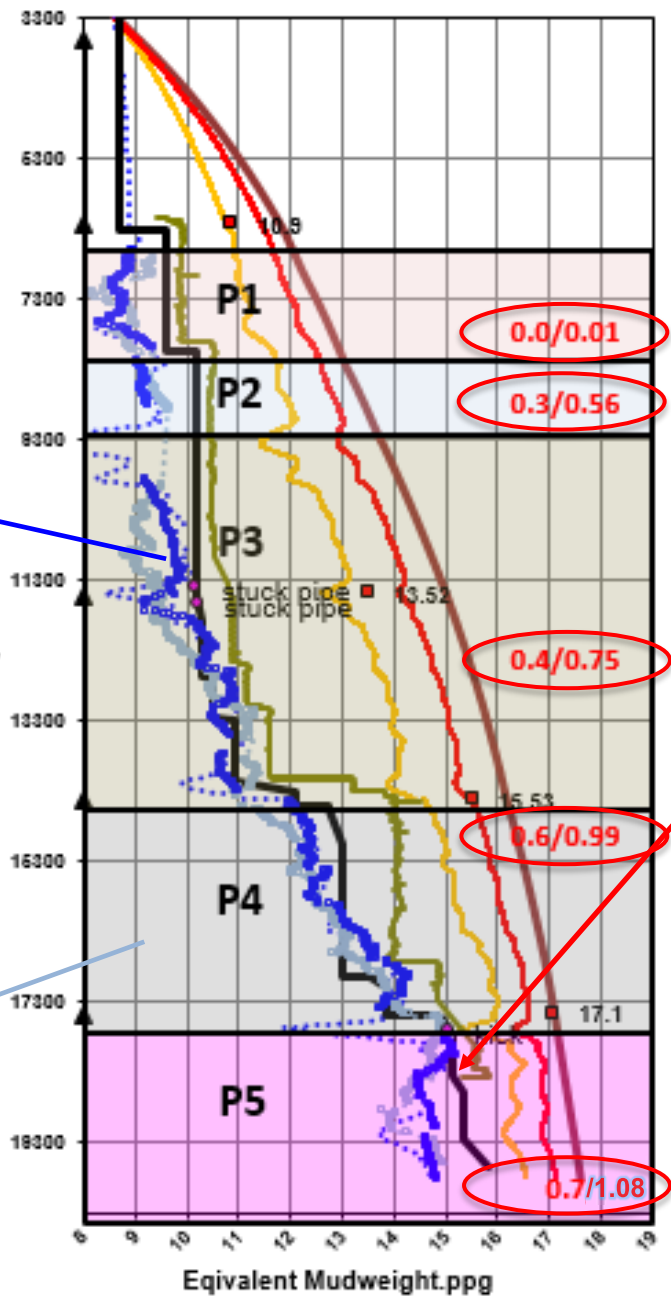
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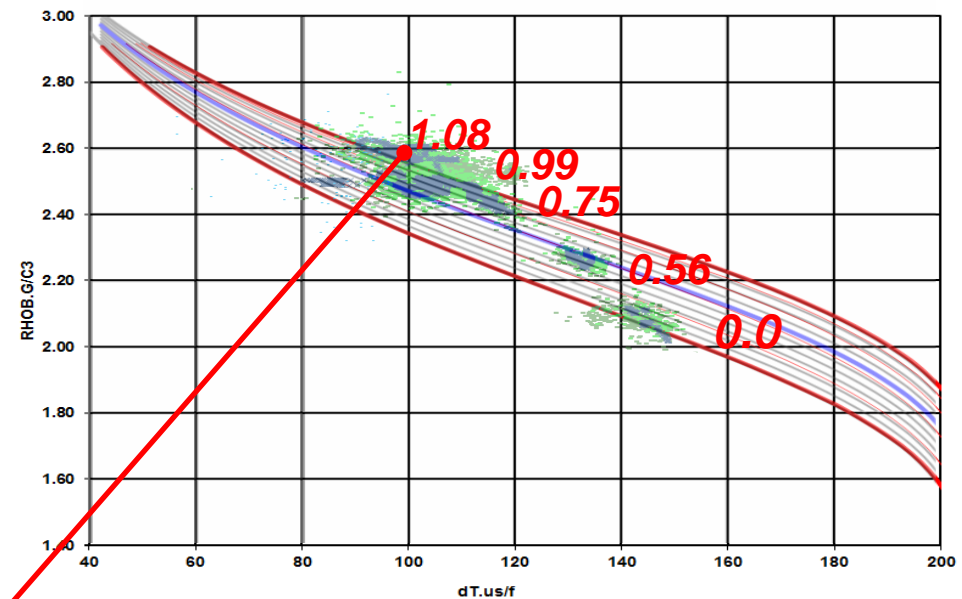
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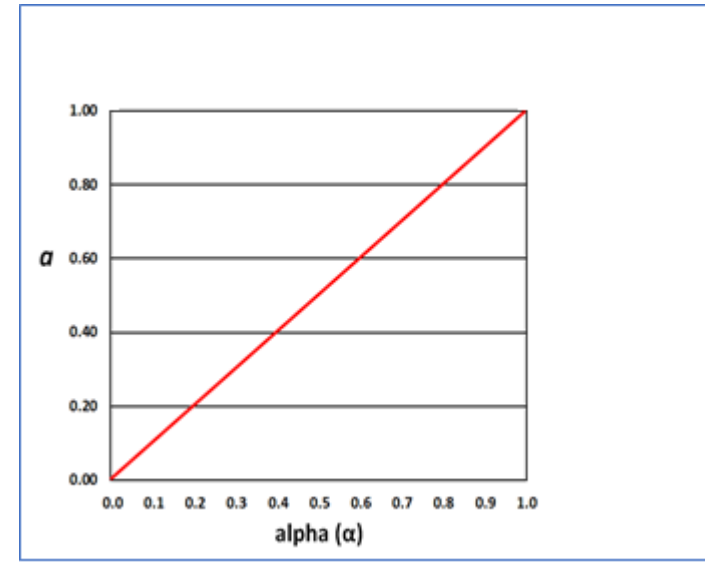
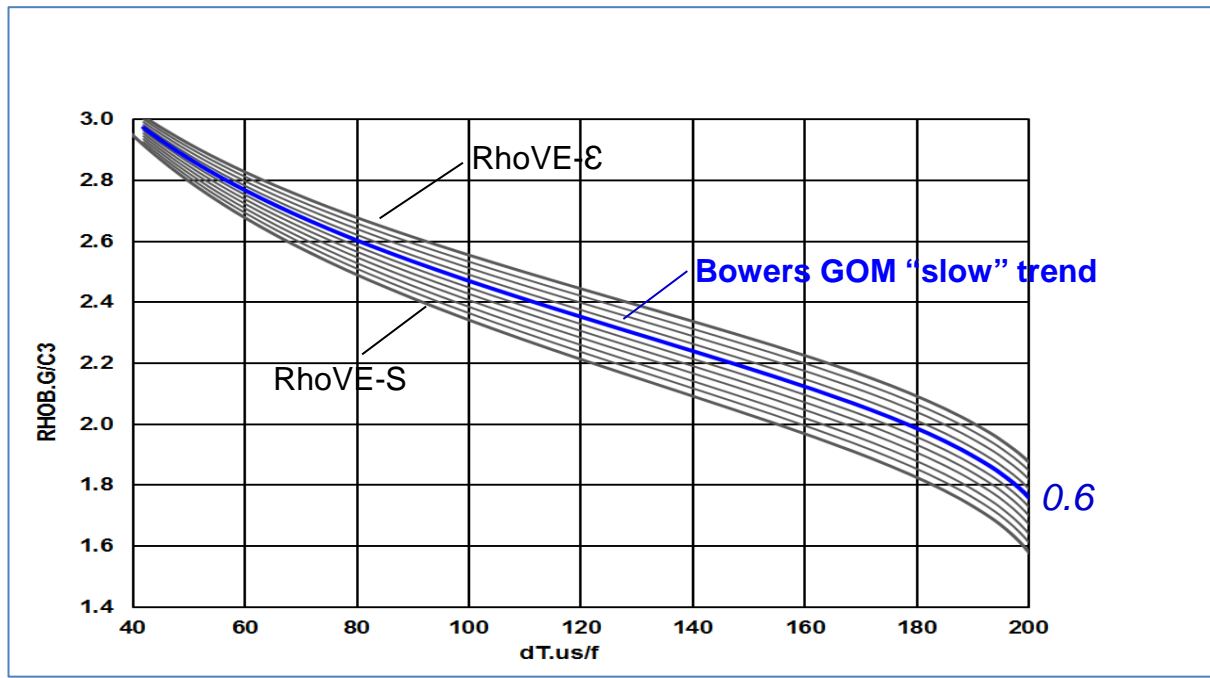
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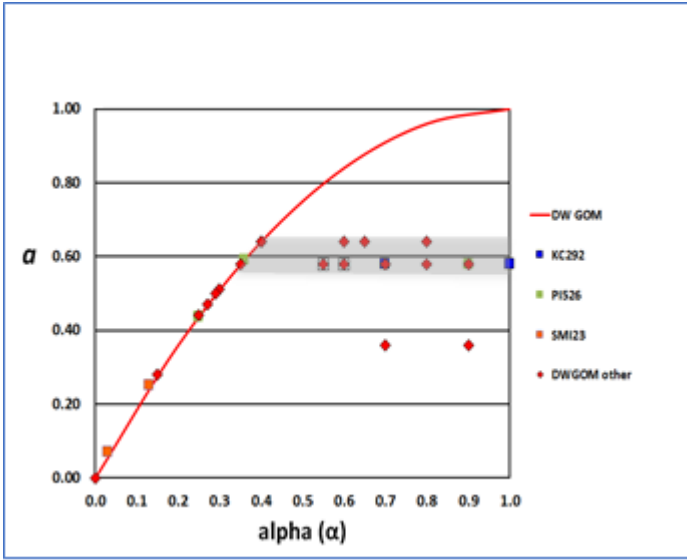
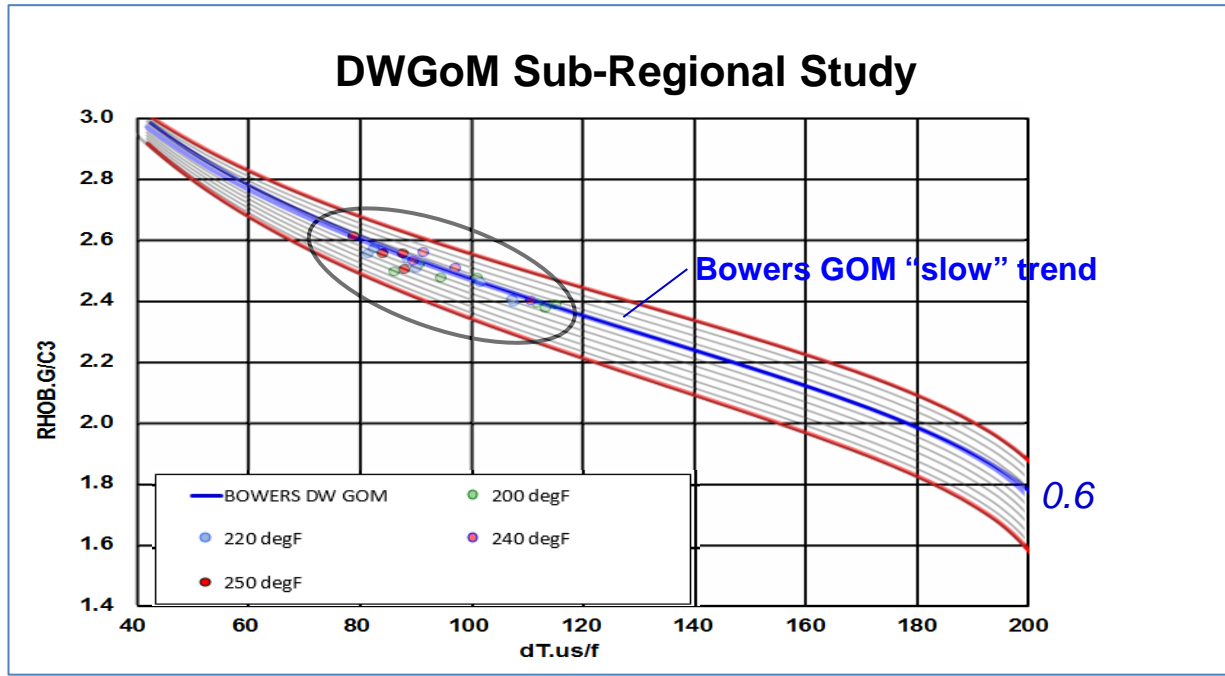
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Vo:	4790	4800	4900
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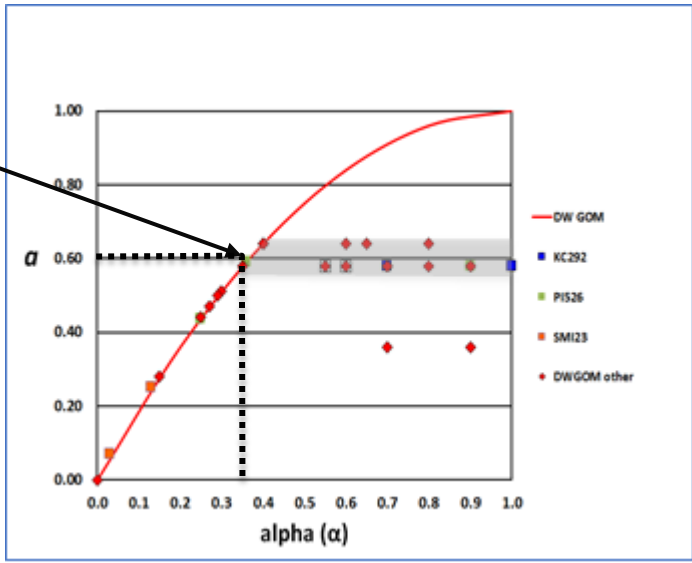
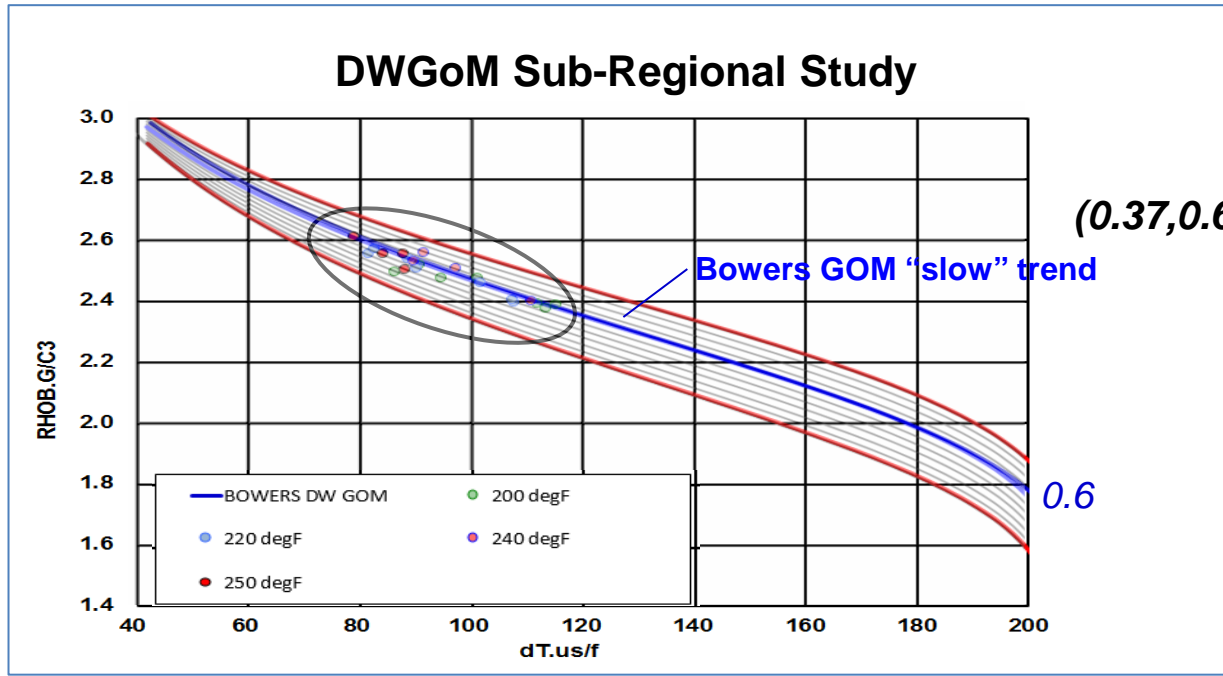
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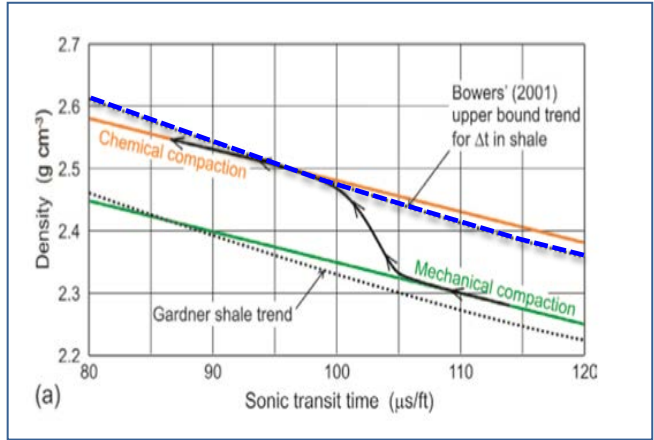


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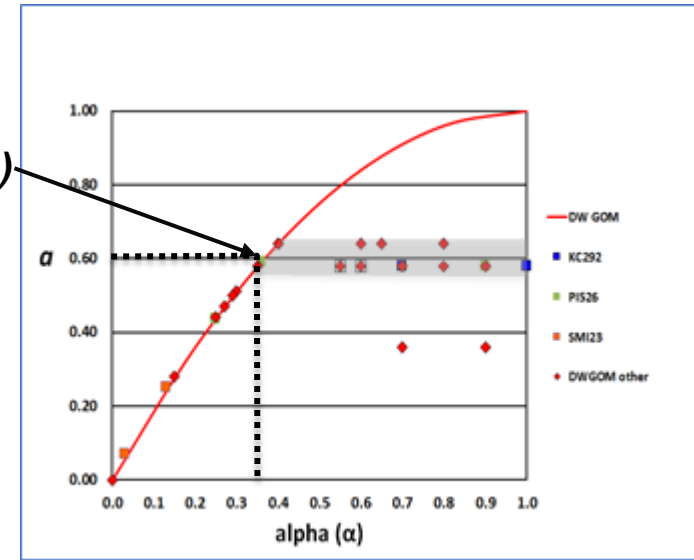
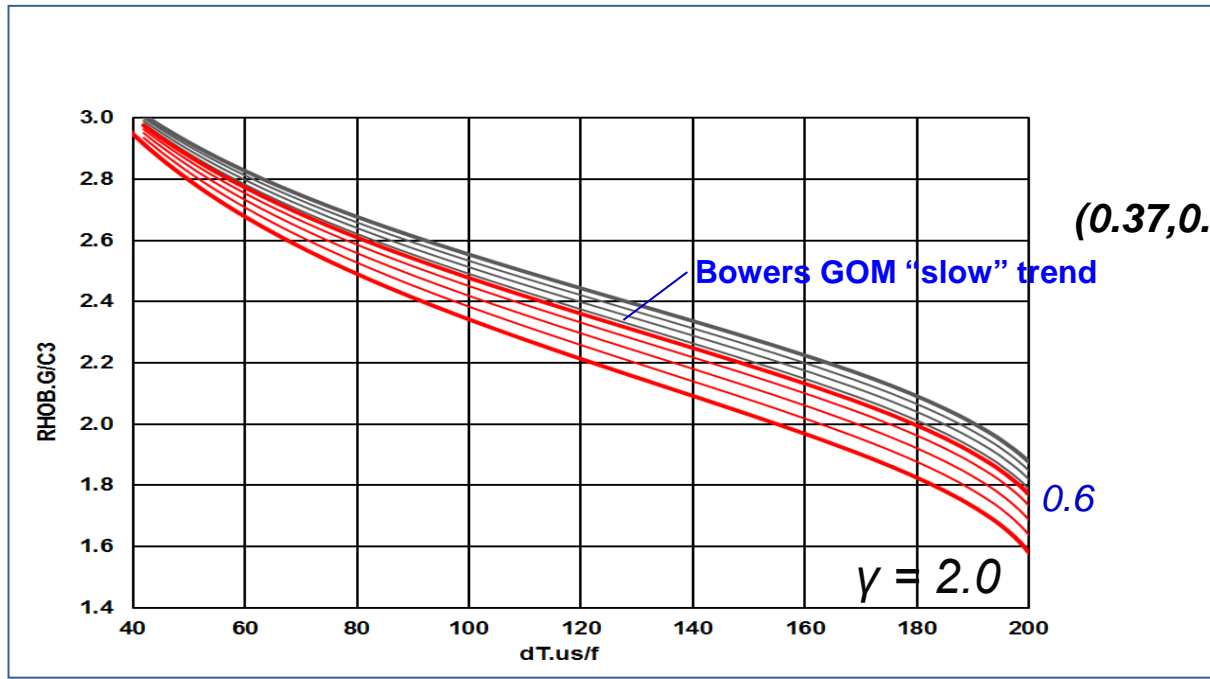
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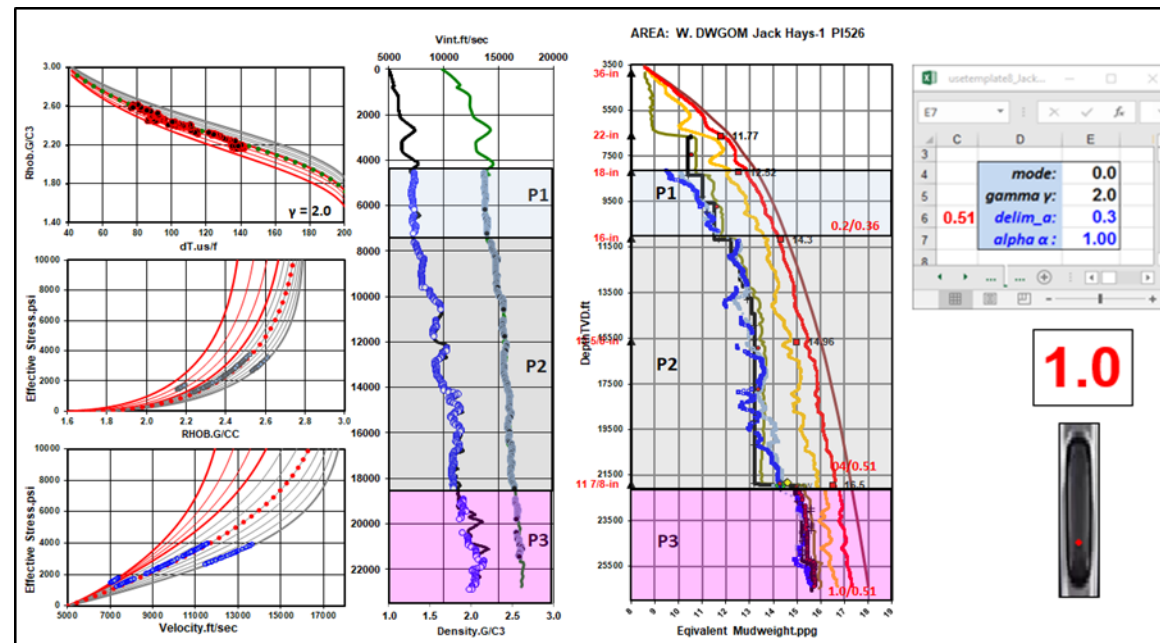
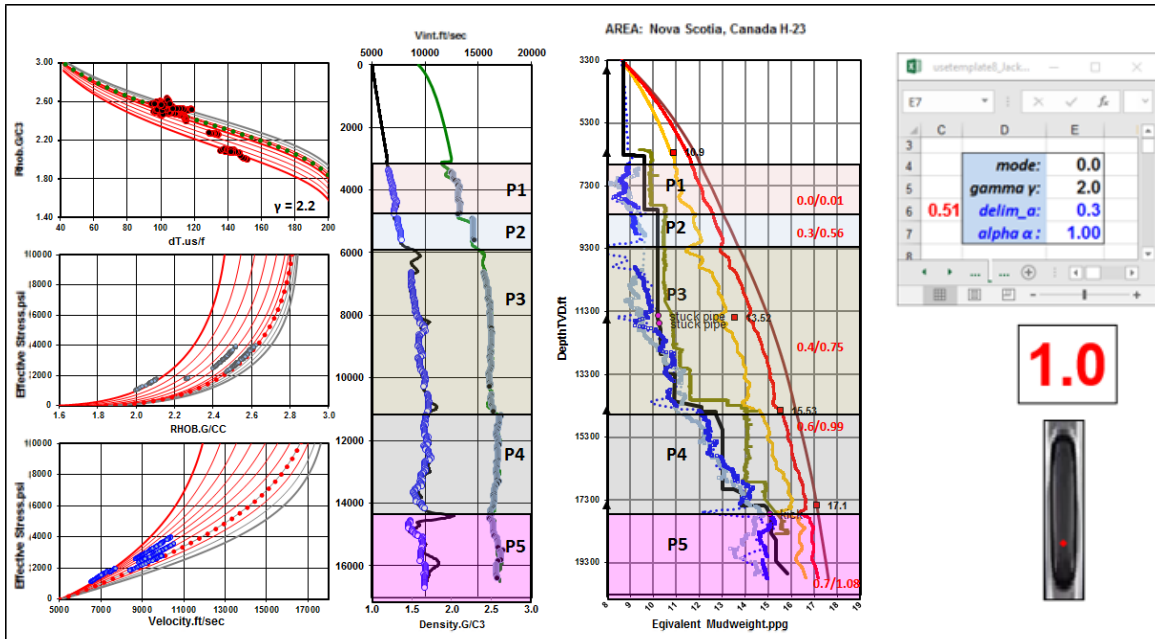
$$V = V_0 + A (\rho - \rho_0)^B$$

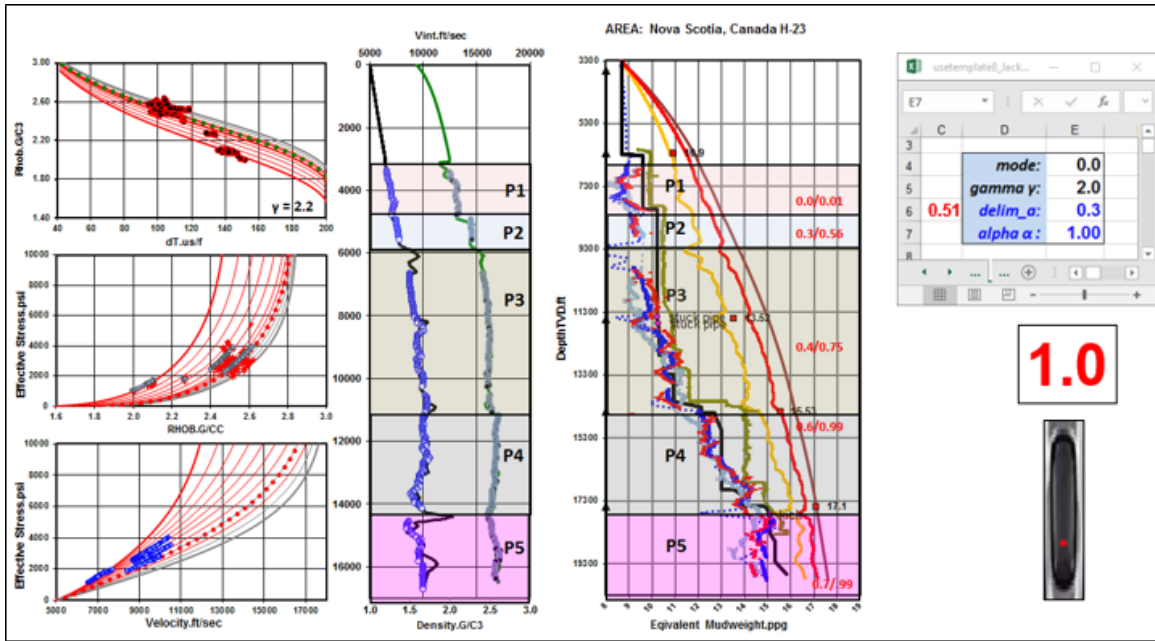
	BOWERS GOM "Slow" Trend	RhoVE-ε	RhoVE-S
V <sub>0</sub> :	4790	4800	4900
A:	2953	2000	4500
B:	3.57	4.2	3
ρ <sub>0</sub> :	1.3	1.3	1.3

$$a = \gamma\alpha - \alpha^\gamma$$

RhoVE interm:  $f(\alpha) * (\text{RhoVE-}\epsilon - \text{RhoVE-S}) + \text{RhoVE-S}$

# RhoVe™ Method



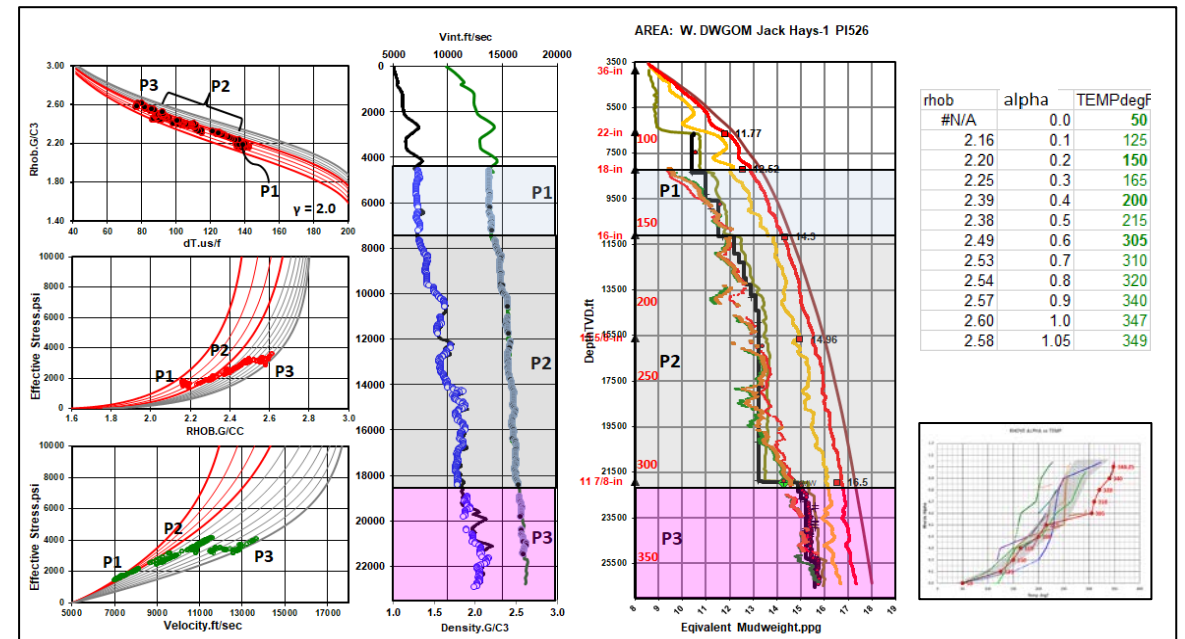


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Thermodynamic Solutions  
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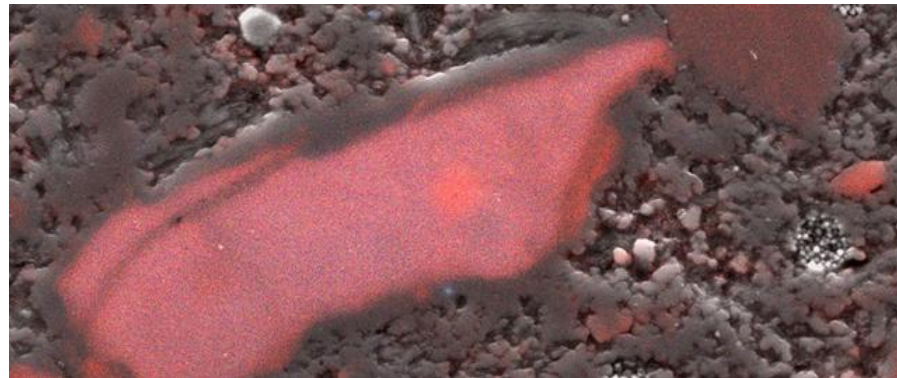
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Compositional Changes  
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# Chemical Compaction

From recent advances in EMI (electron microbeam instrumentation) and sample preparation... “it is now clear that the principal diagenetic processes of sandstones and limestones, compaction and cementation, also operate in mudrocks” (Milliken, K., 2017).



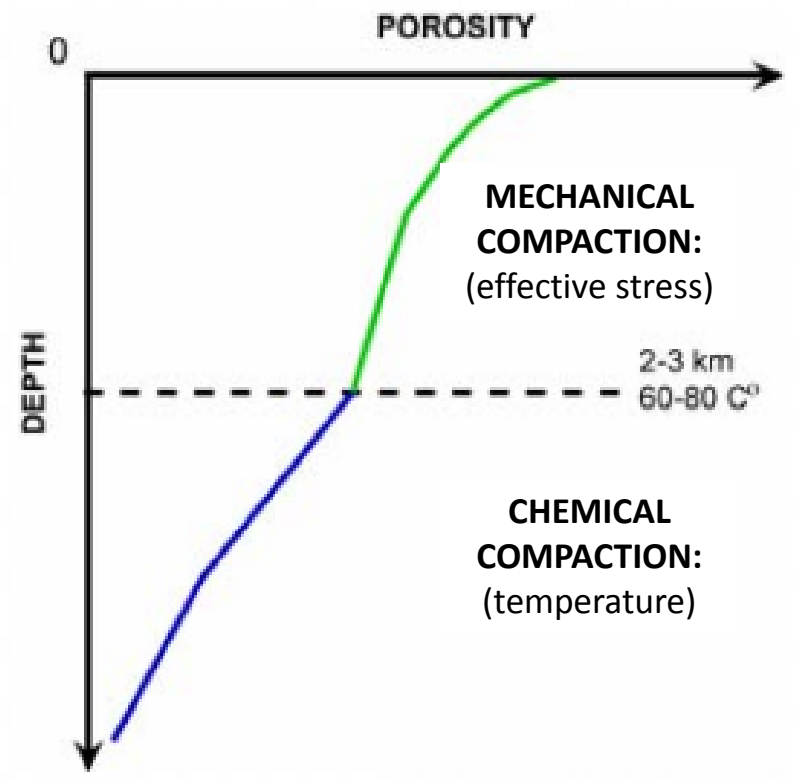
\*\*Mudrocks at the Scale of Grains and Pores: Current Understanding, Kitty Milliken, 2017, Bureau of Economic Geology, The University of Texas, Austin.



# Controlling factors on porosity reduction in both sandstones and shales



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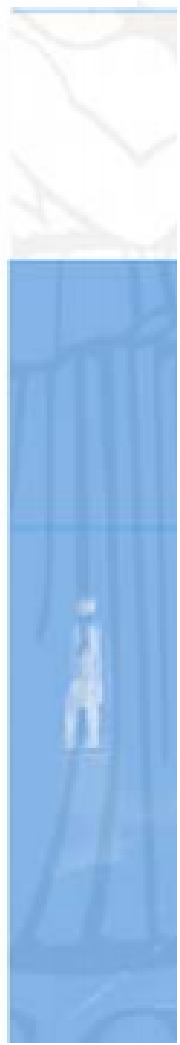


Mechanical compaction is a function of increased stress.

Chemical compaction is a function of thermodynamics and kinetics and is independent of the confining stress (e.g., Bjørlykke, 1998).



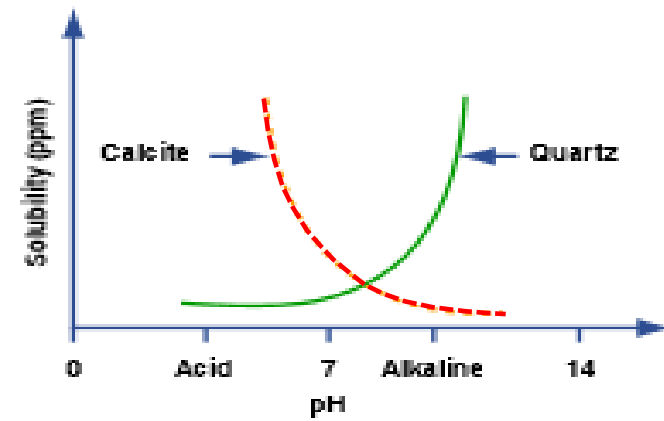
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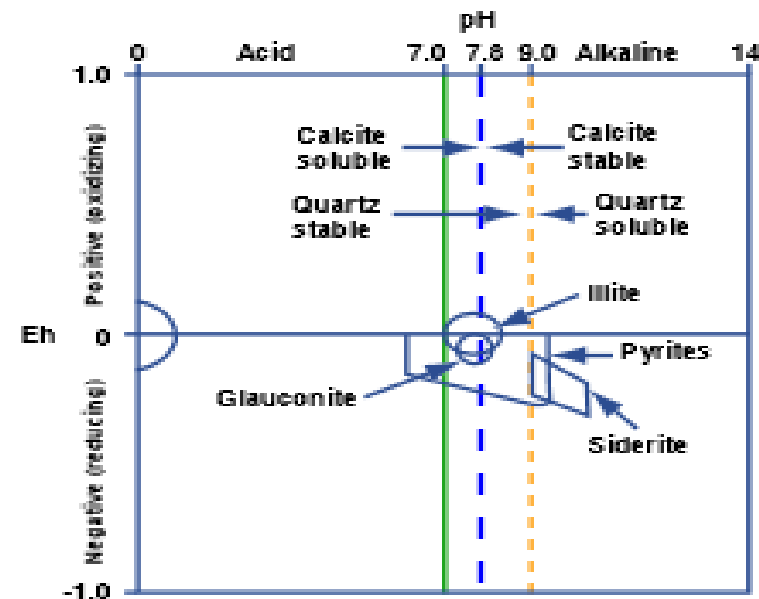
# Chemical Compaction

## Diagenesis (late)

The solubility of calcite and silica are unaffected by Eh but are strongly affected—and in opposing ways—by pH. Silica solubility increases with pH, whereas calcite solubility decreases with pH. Thus in acidic pore fluids, like meteoric waters, calcite tends to dissolve and quartz overgrowths are precipitated, whereas in alkaline waters calcite cements precipitate and may even replace quartz. For mildly alkaline fluids (pH 7–10) both quartz and calcite cements may form.



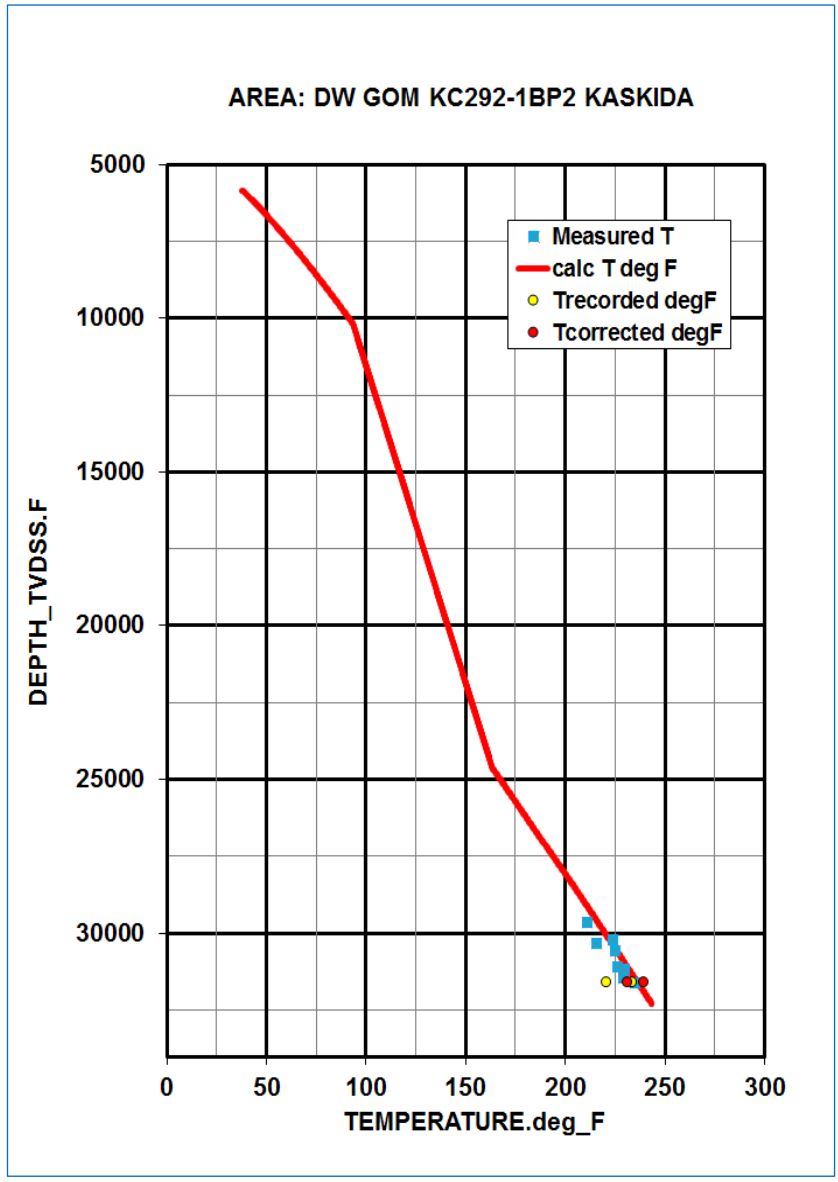
A



B

\*\* MIT course notes on sedimentary processes

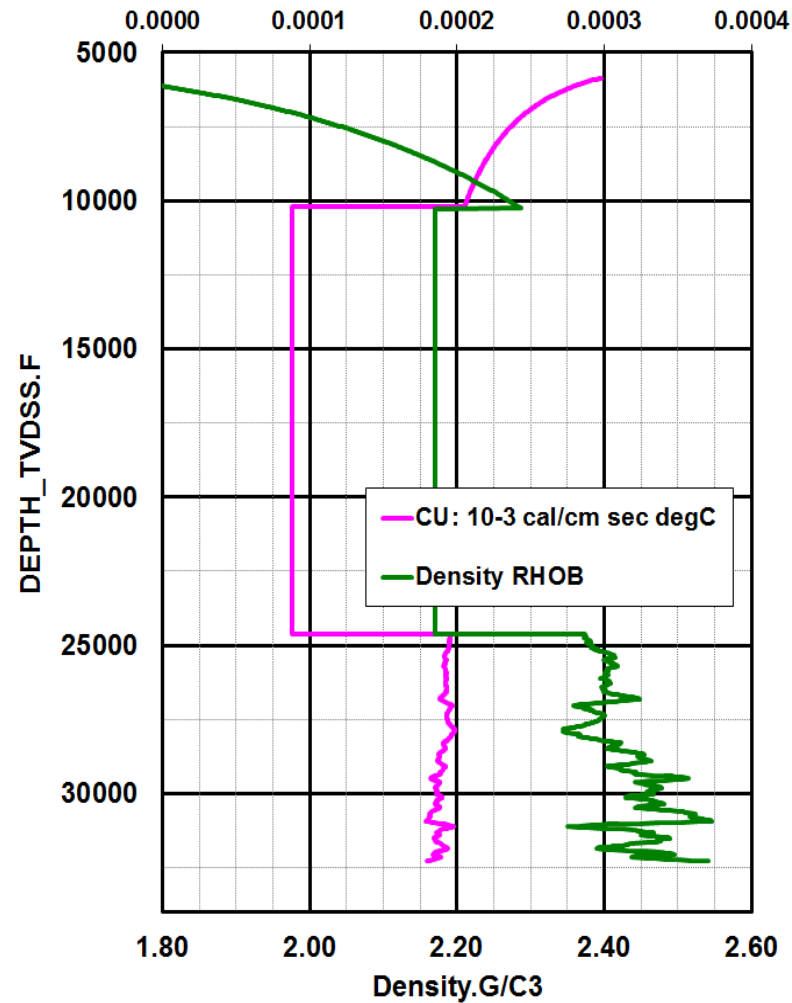




Temperature versus depth profile  
BP Kaskida KC292-1BP2

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k\_THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY

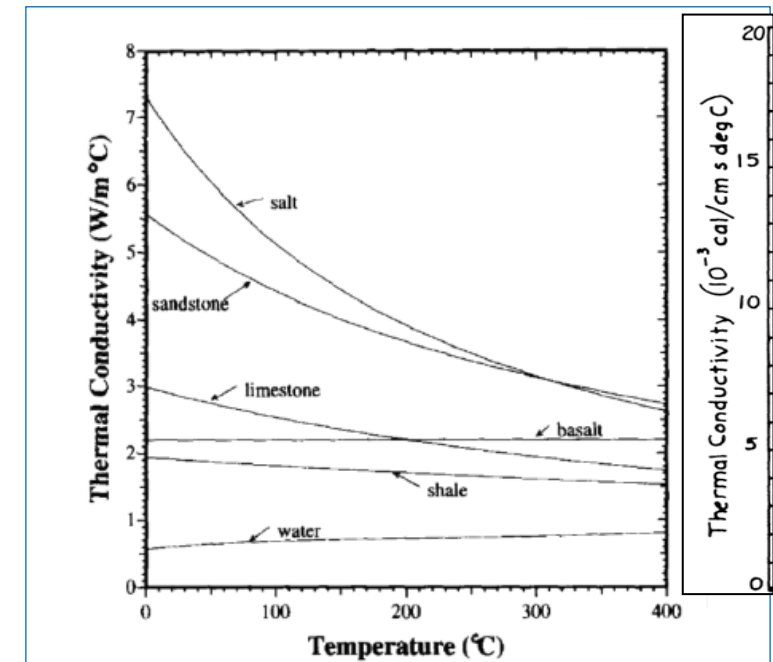


$$T_{z_{o(bml)}} (^{\circ}F) = 65^{\circ}F > (266.4 * WD)^{-0.2333} < 36^{\circ}F$$

$$k_{(z)} = \phi_{(z)} * k_w + (1 - \phi_{(z)}) * k_{mx}$$

$$dT/dz_{(z)} = Q * 3.048E-05 / k_{(z)}$$

$$T_{(z)} (^{\circ}C) = T_{(z-1)} (^{\circ}C) + \{dT/dz_{(z)} * ((z_{(bml)} - z_{(bml-1)}) * 30.48(\text{cm/ft}))\}$$

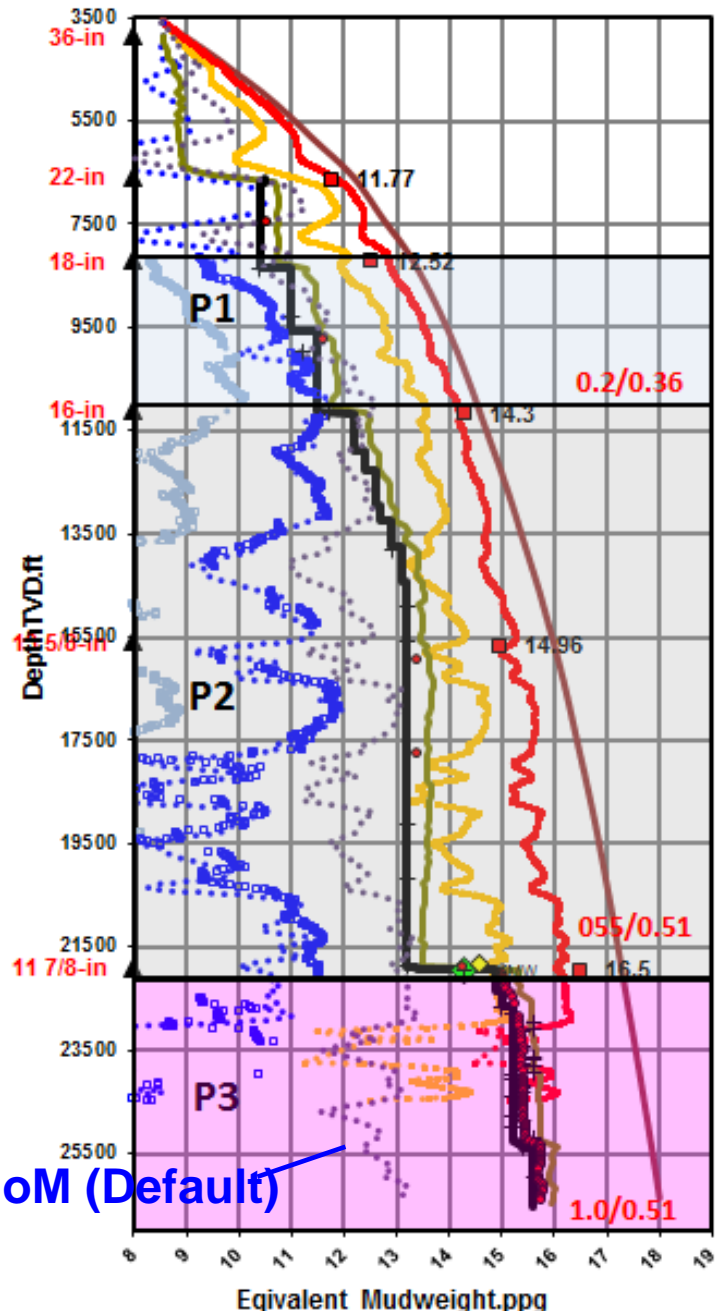
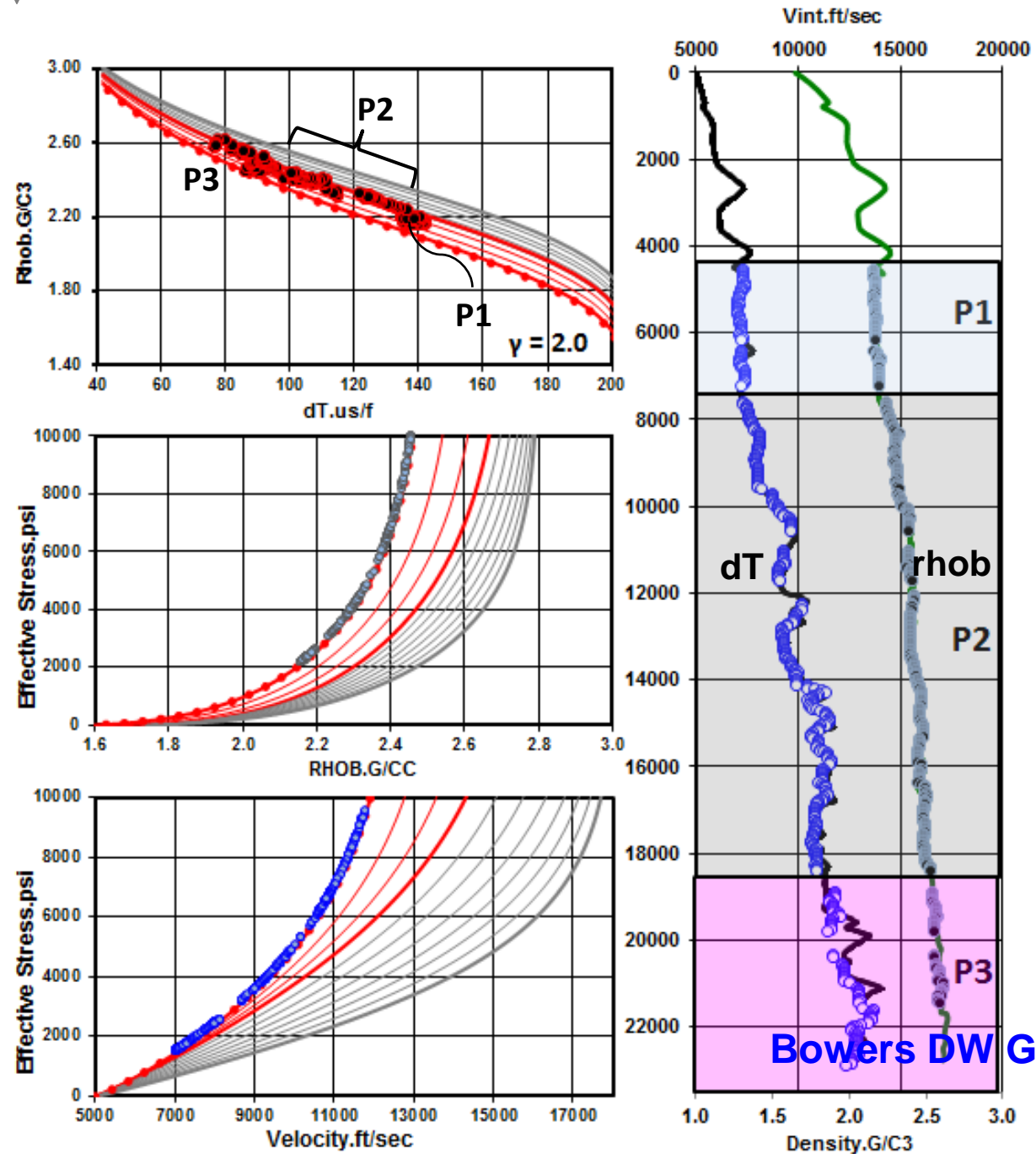


As temperature increases, the thermal conductivity of sandstone, limestone, shale, and salt decrease (Robertson, 1988).



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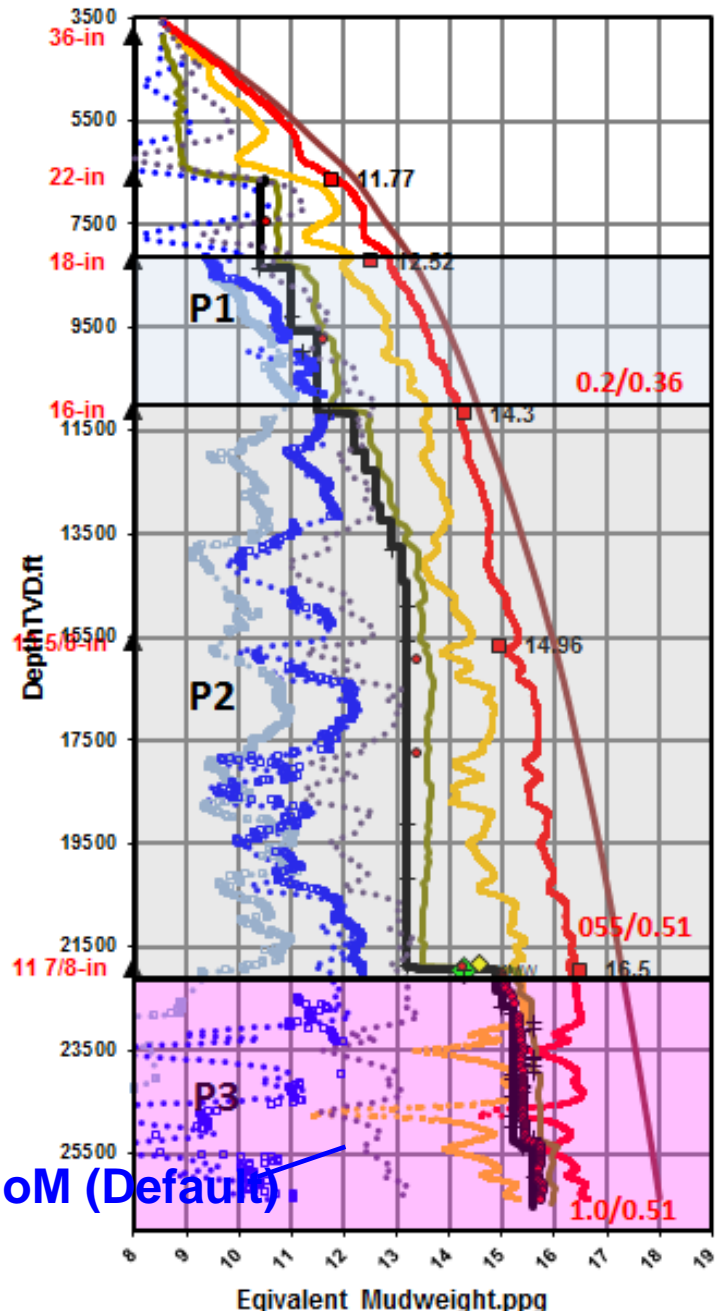
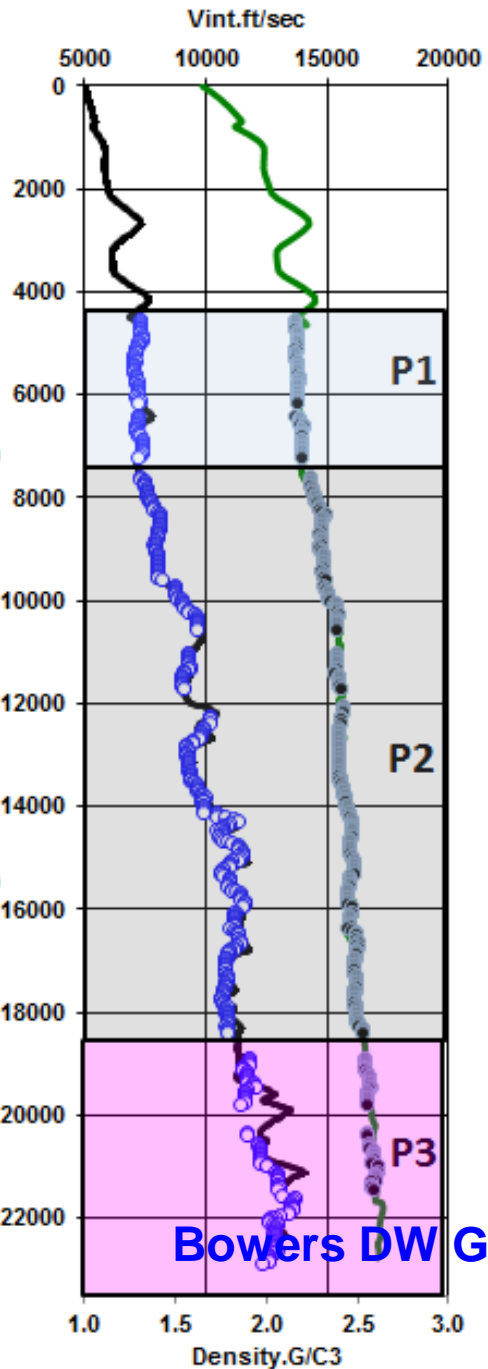
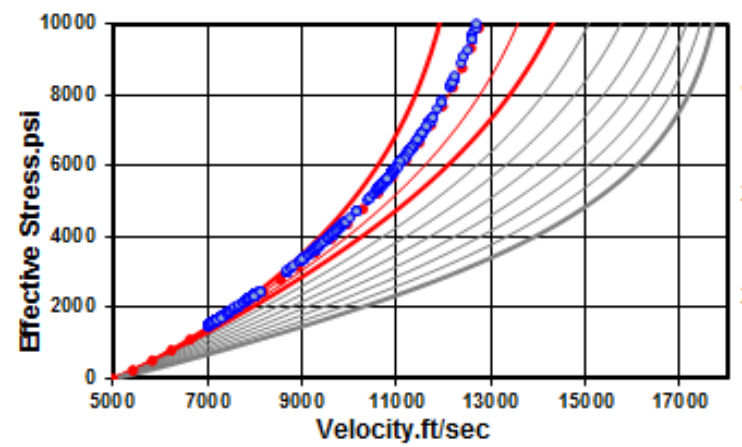
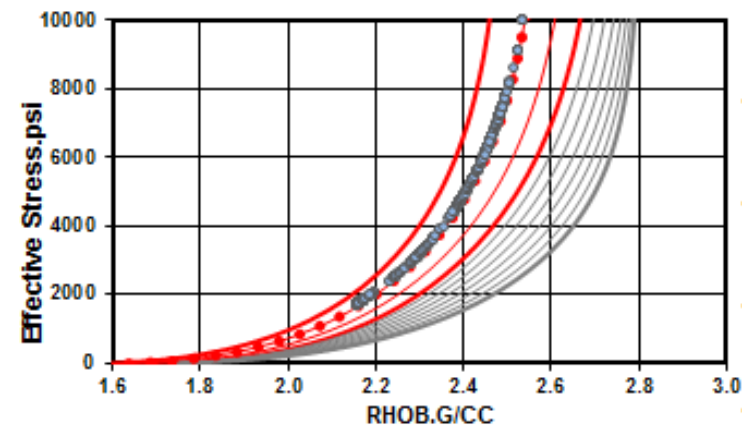
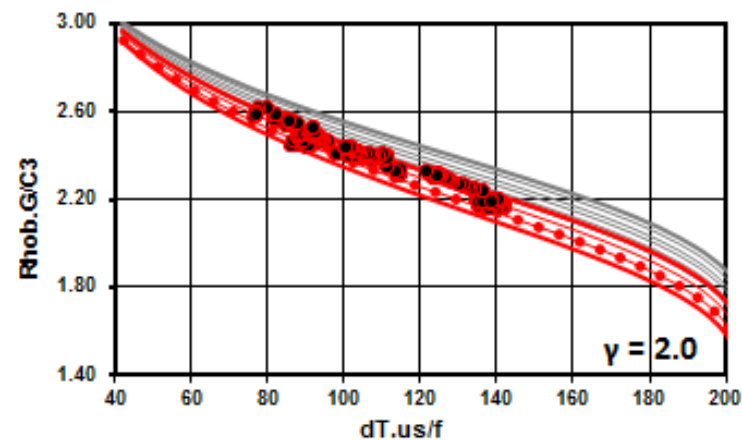
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Bowers DW GoM (Default)



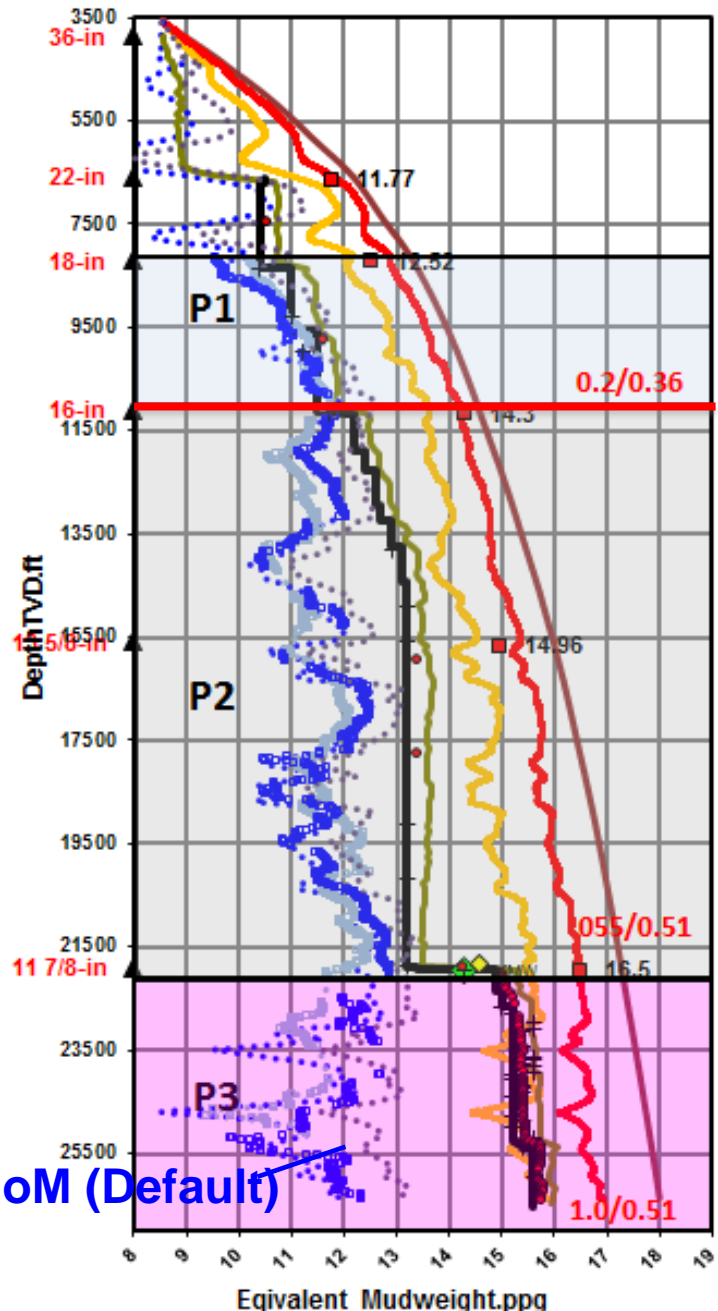
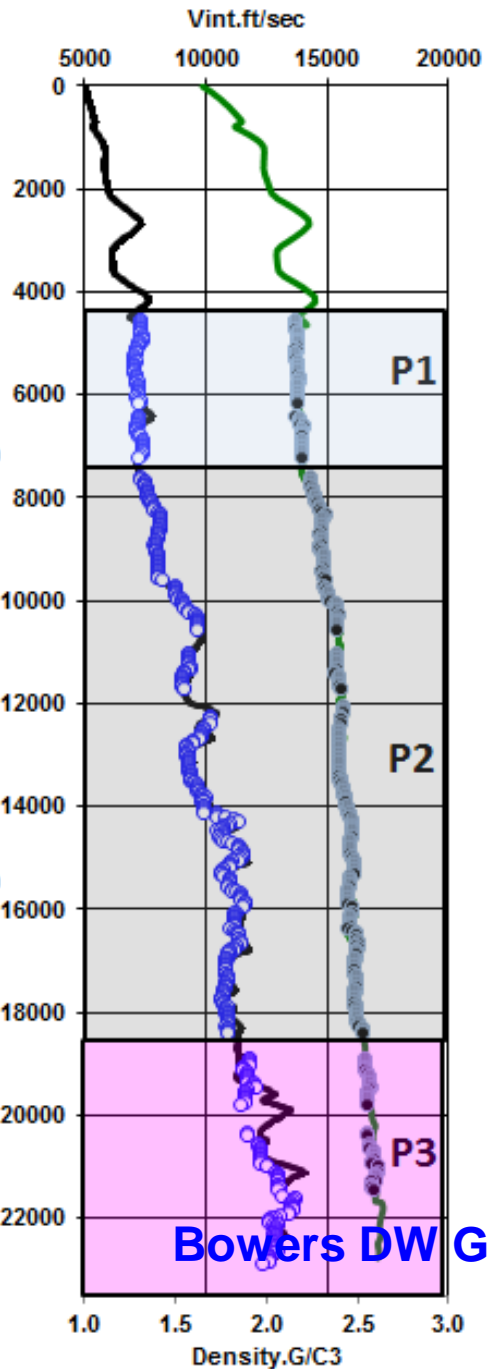
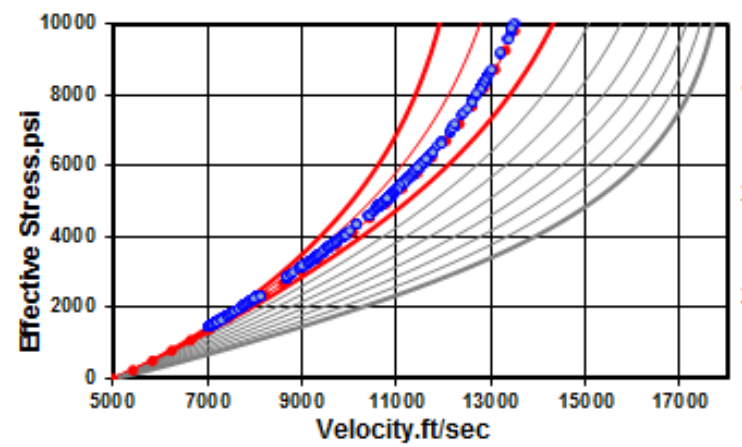
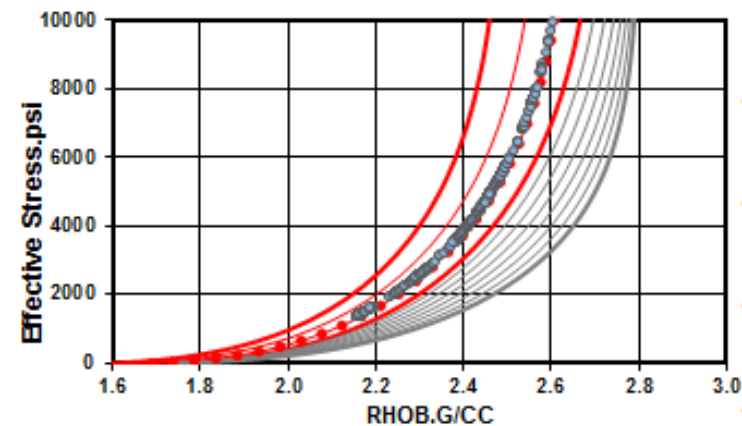
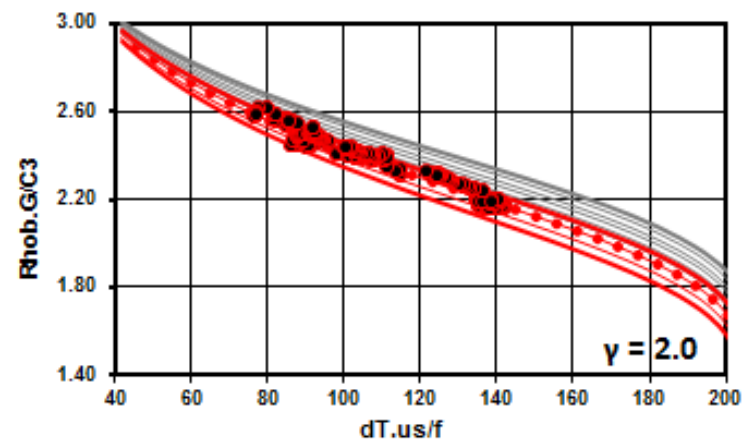
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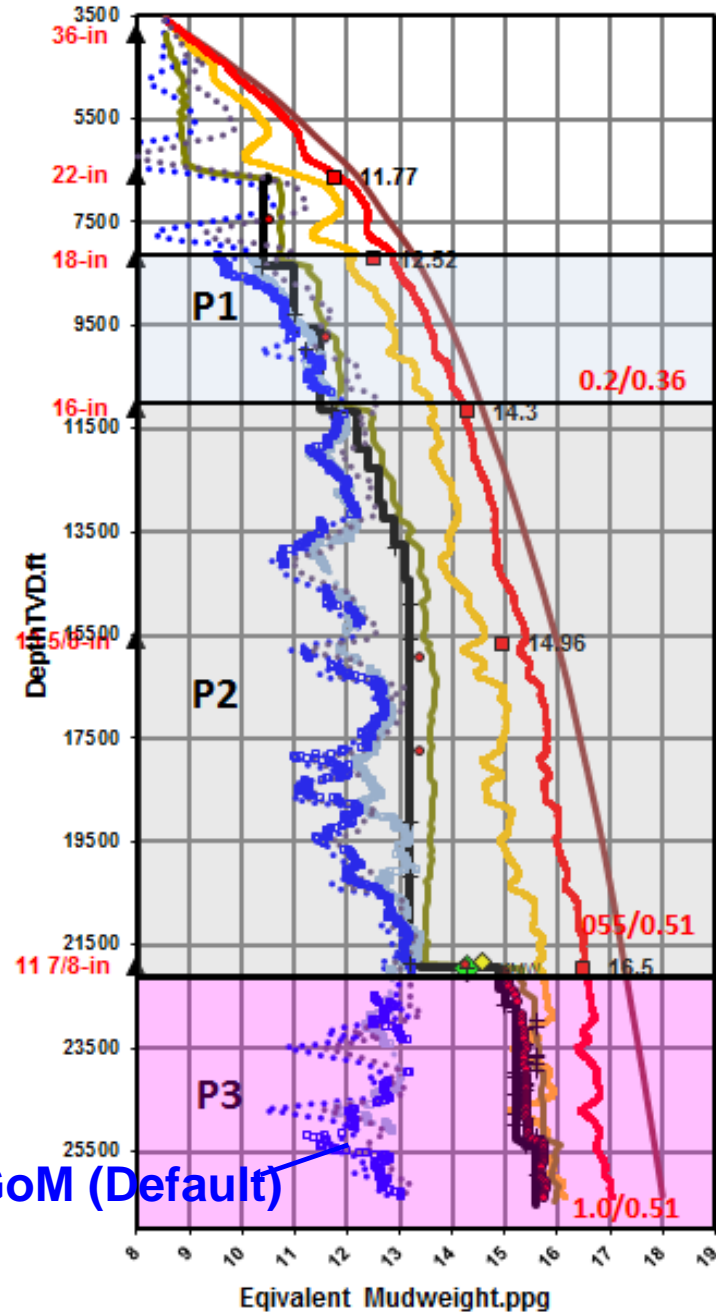
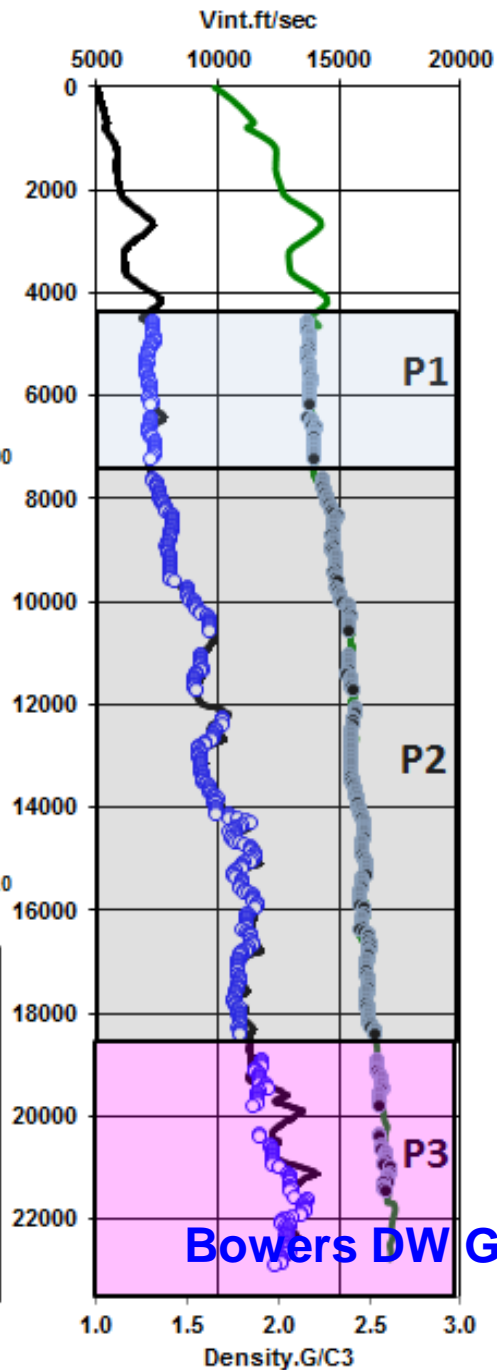
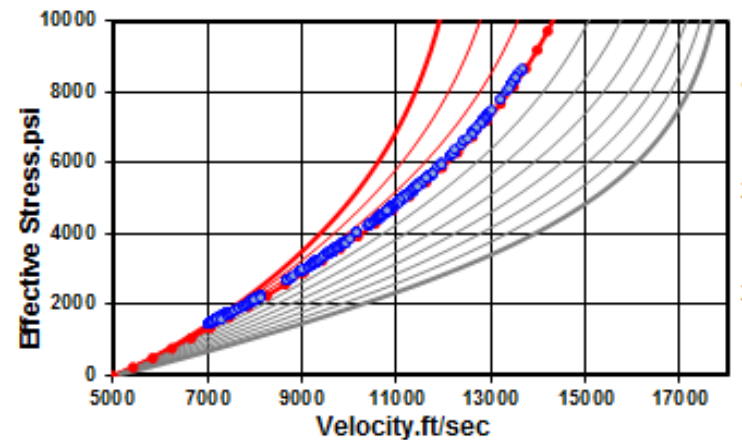
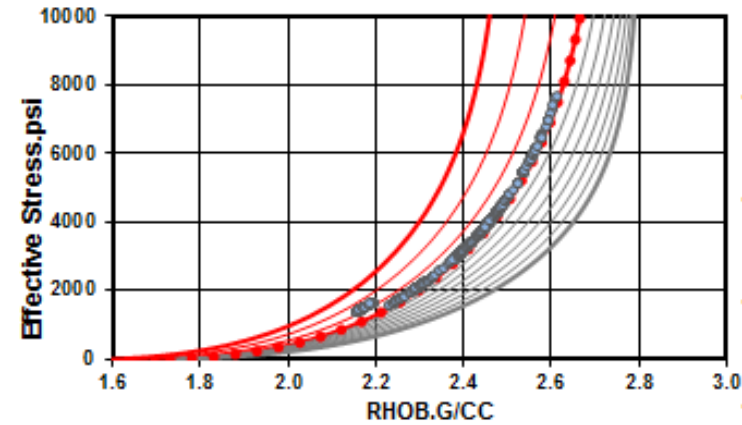
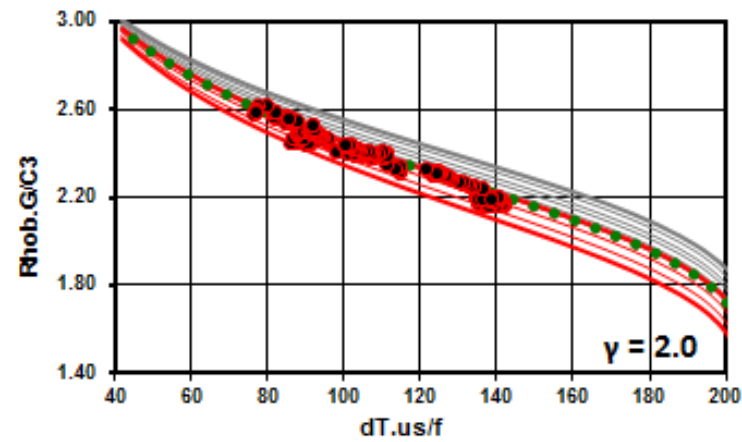
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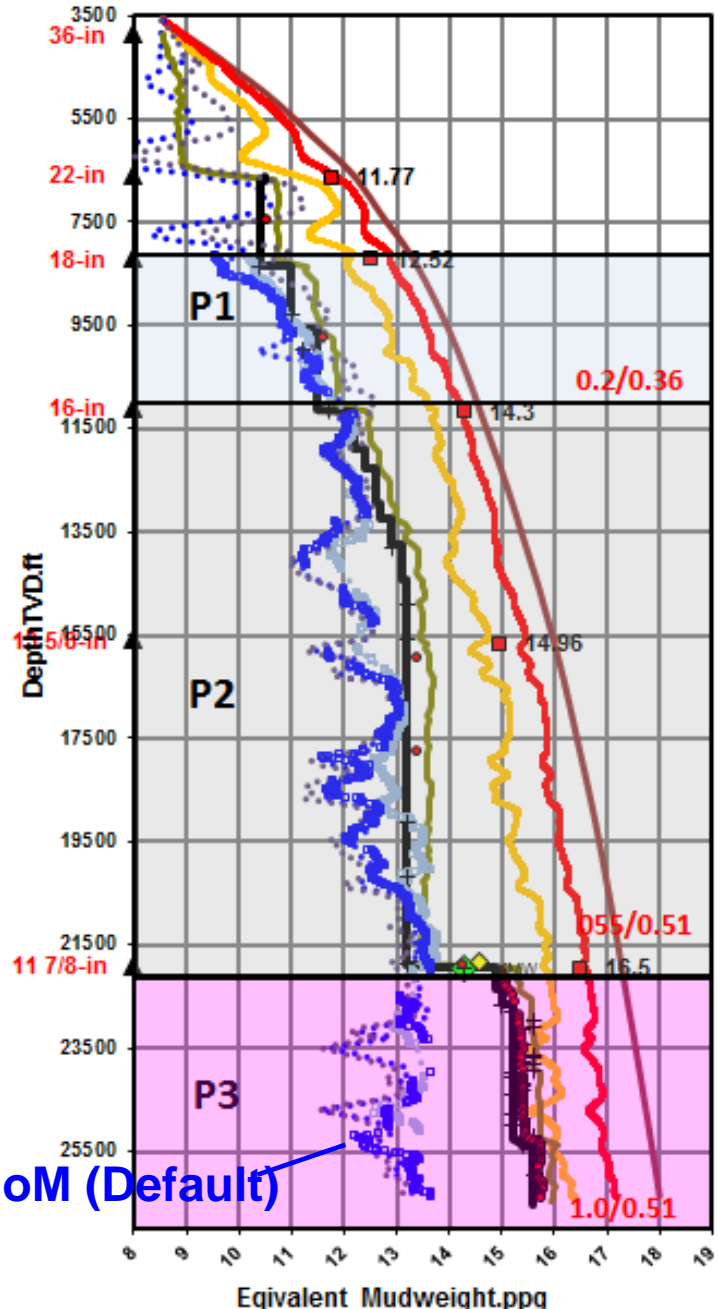
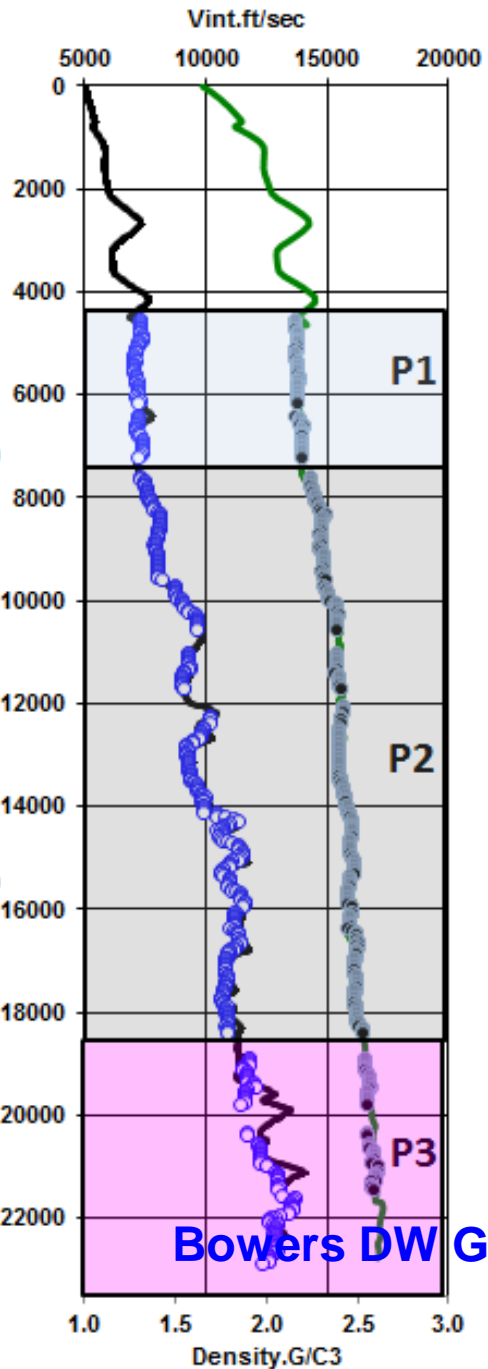
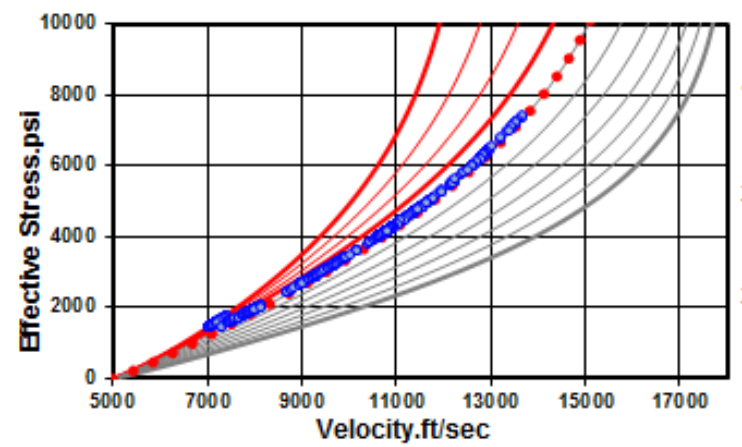
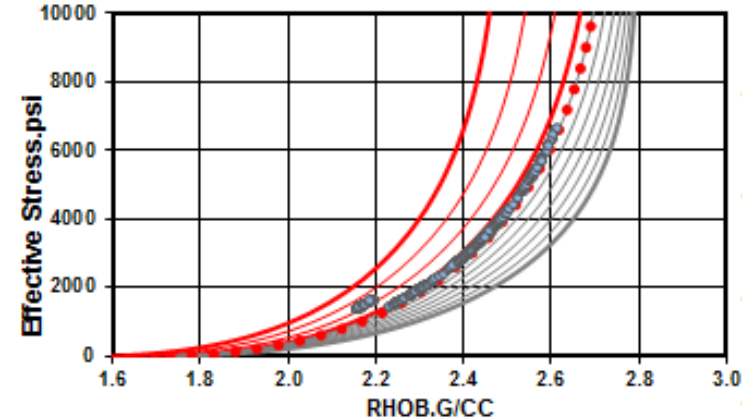
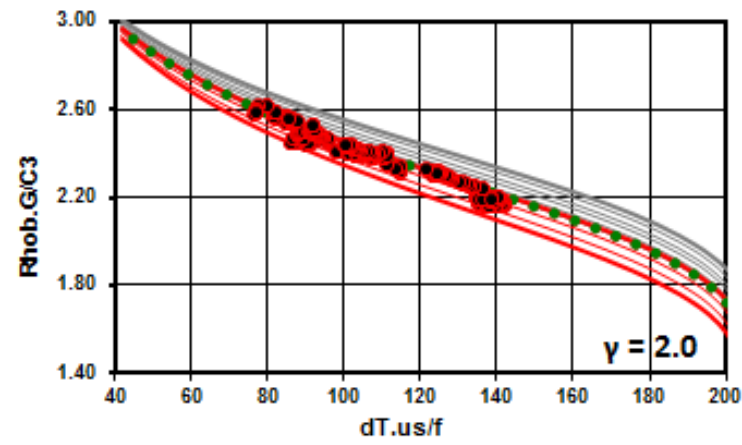
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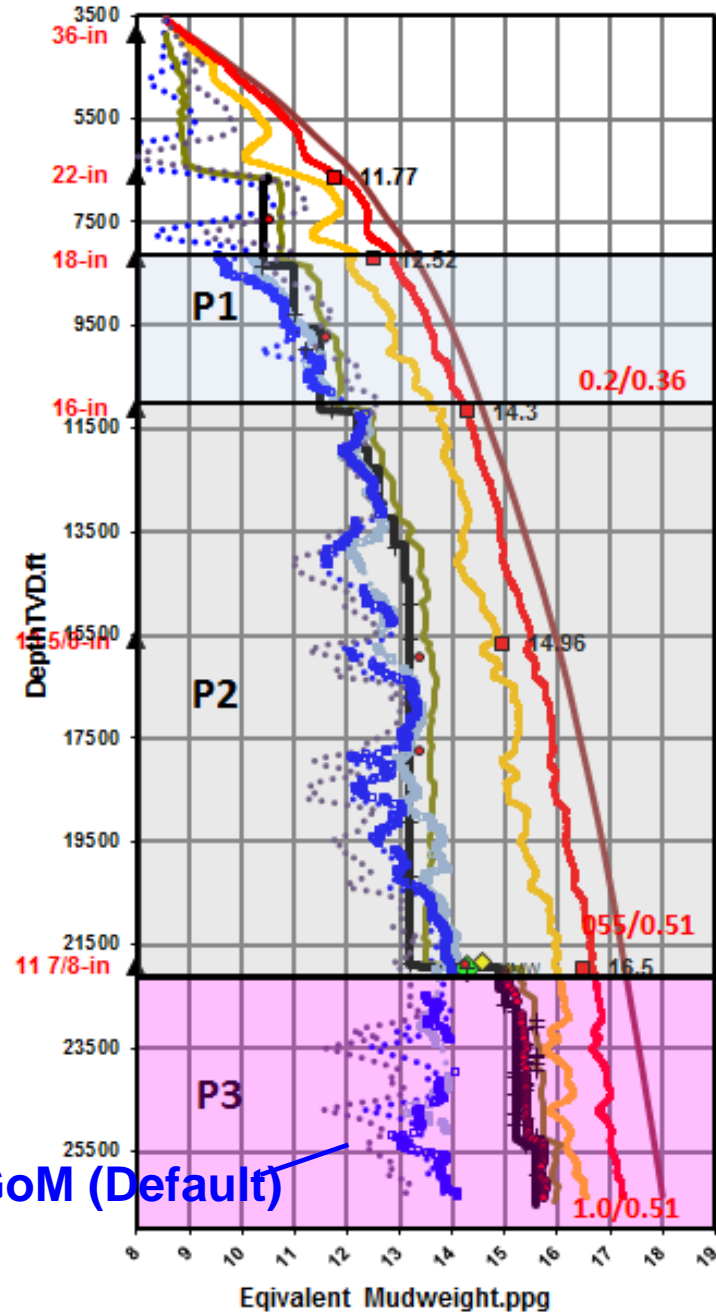
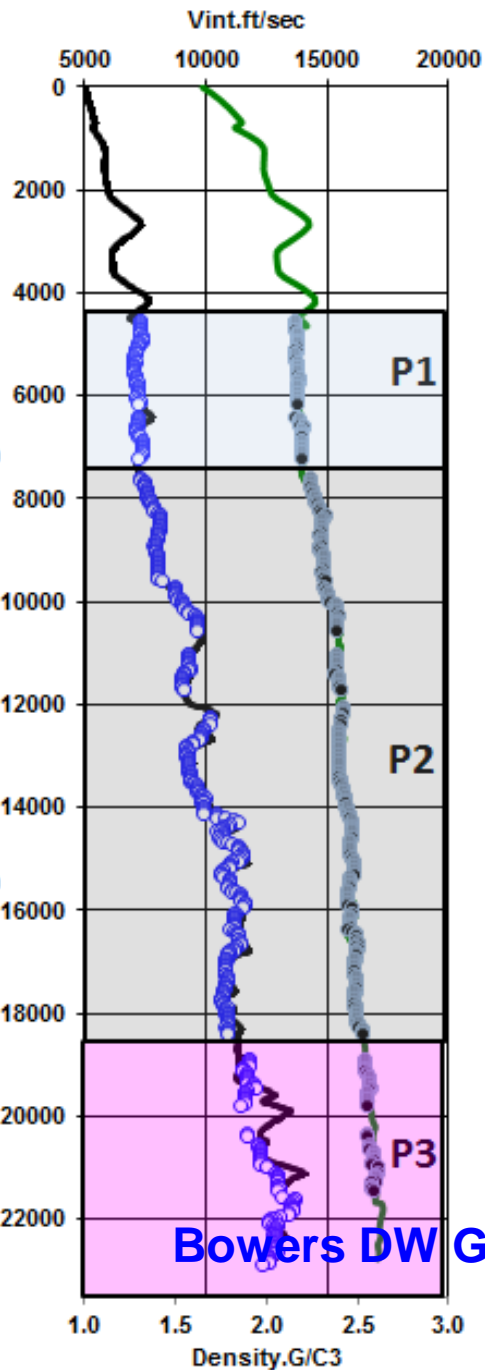
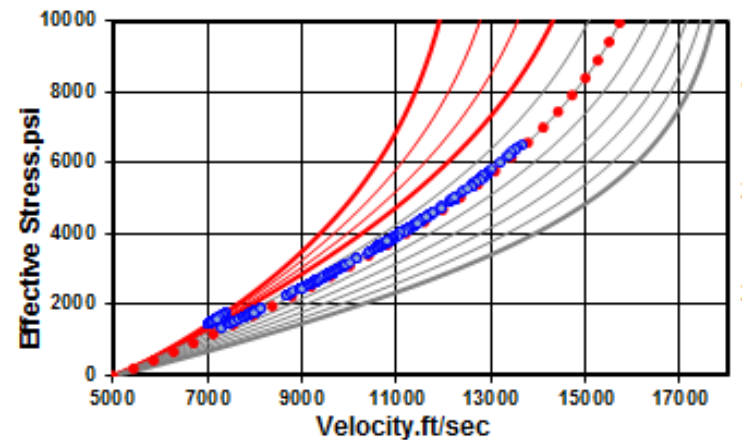
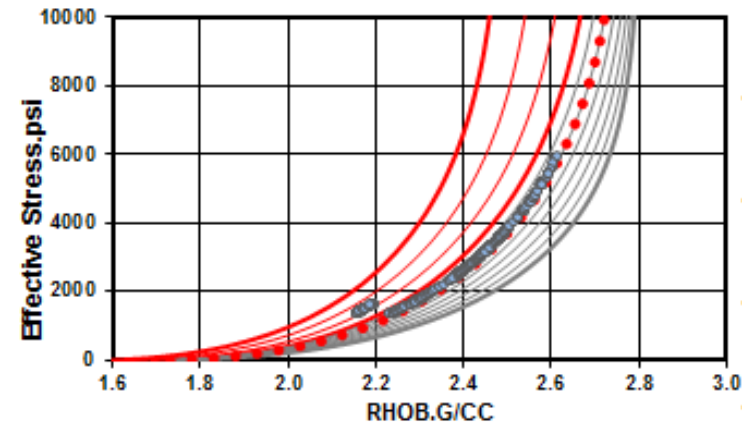
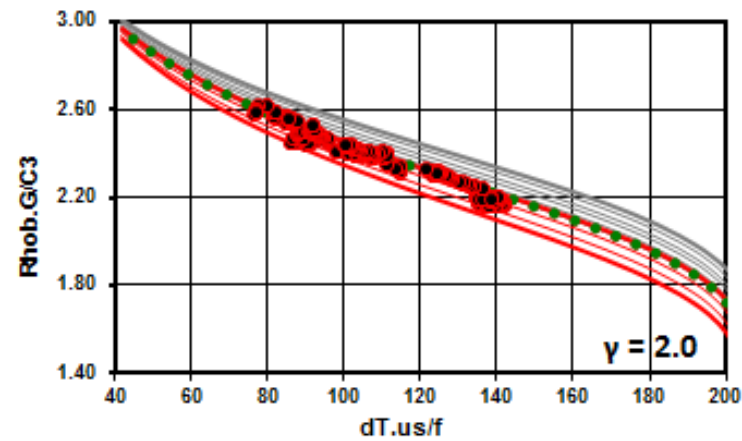


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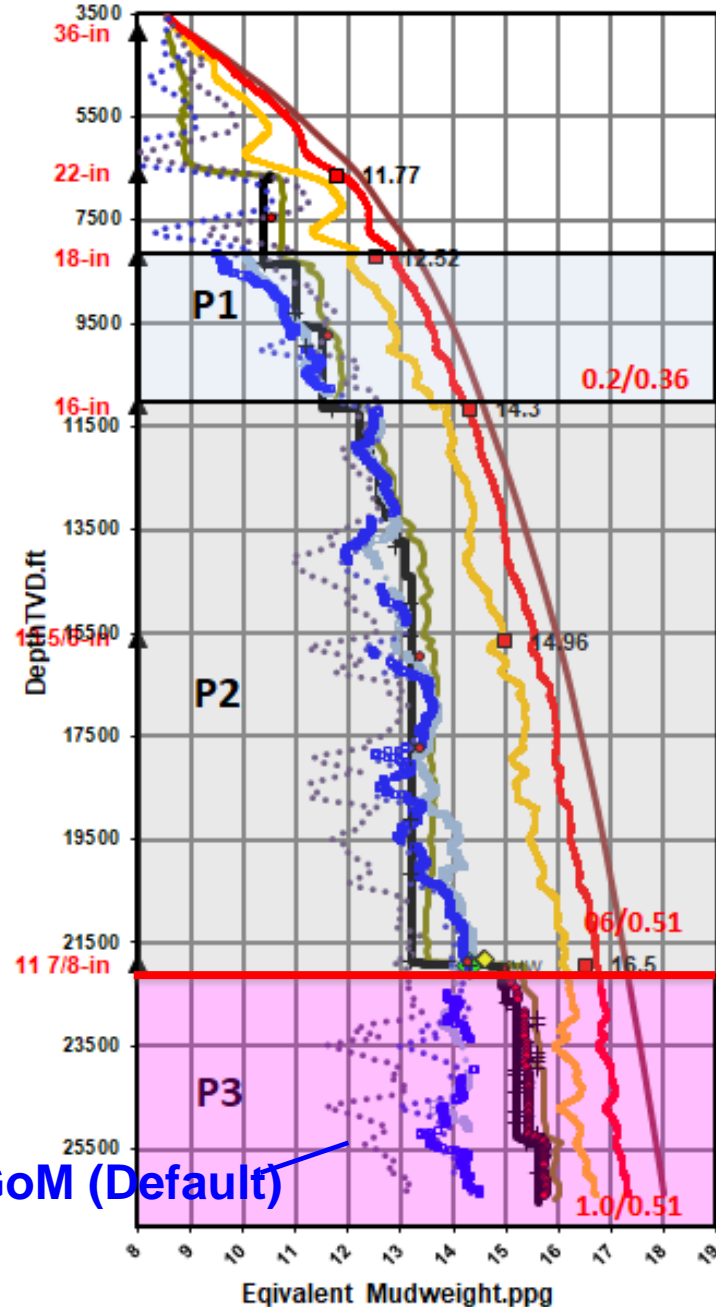
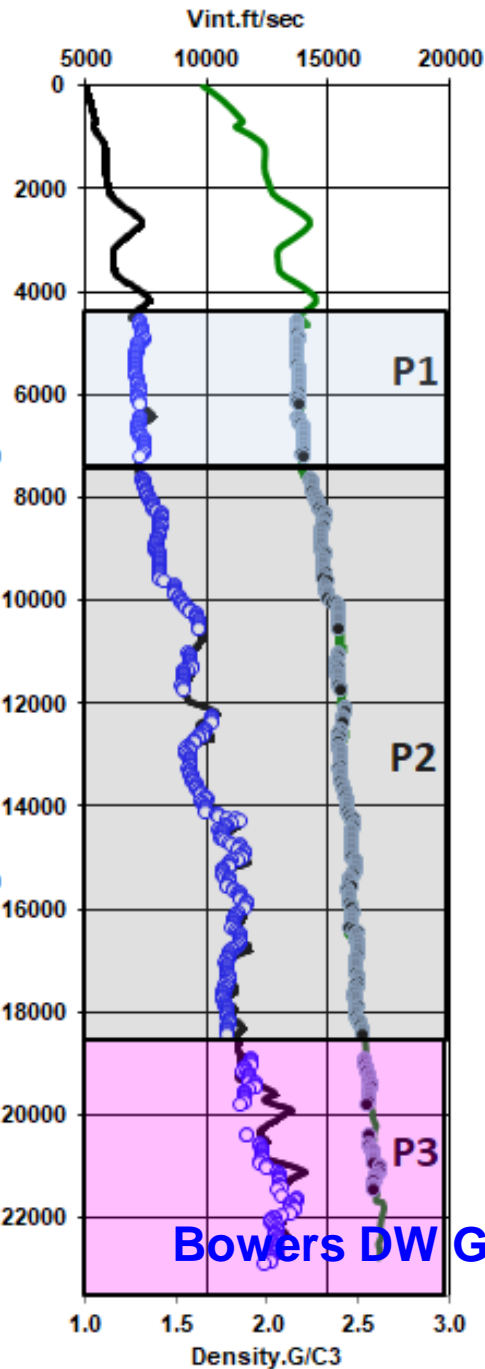
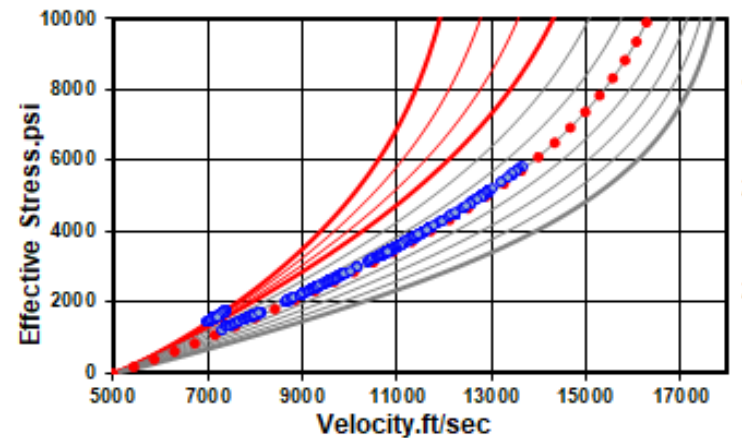
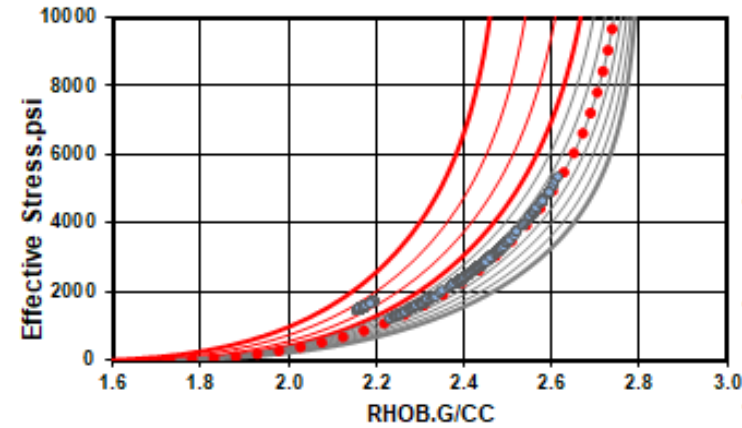
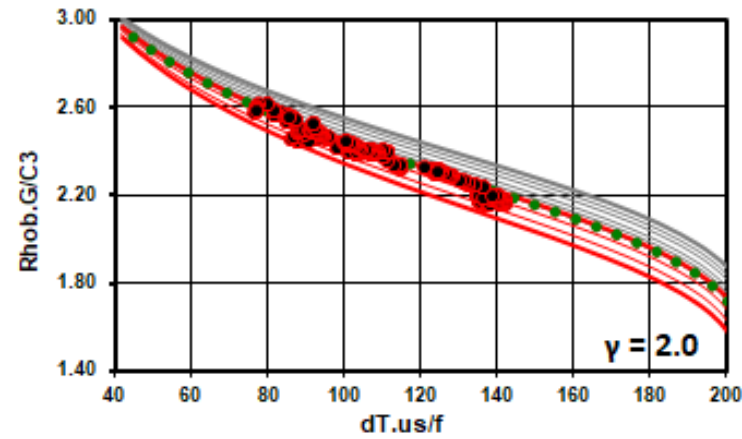
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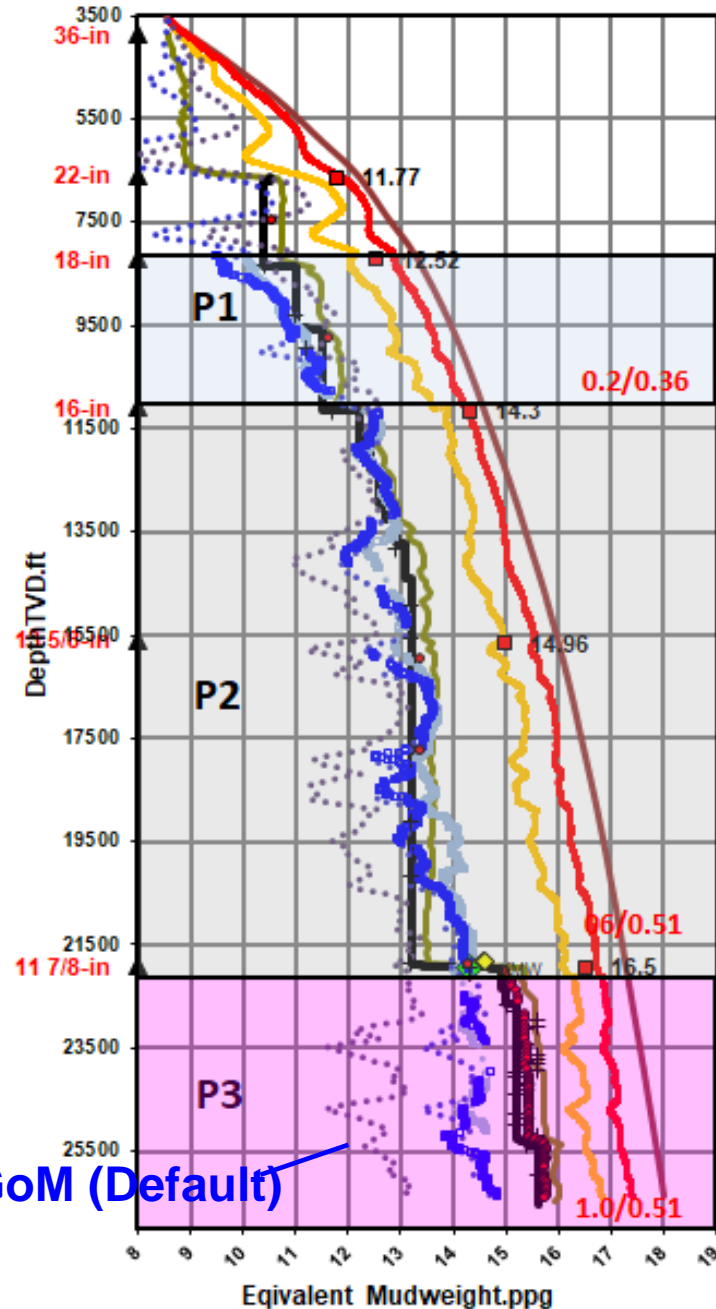
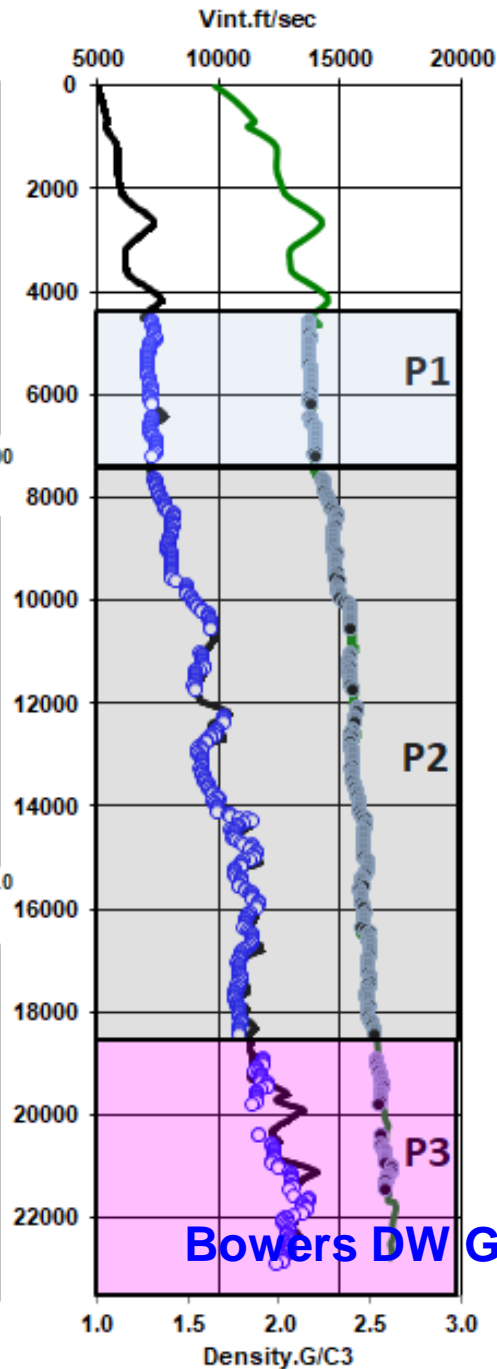
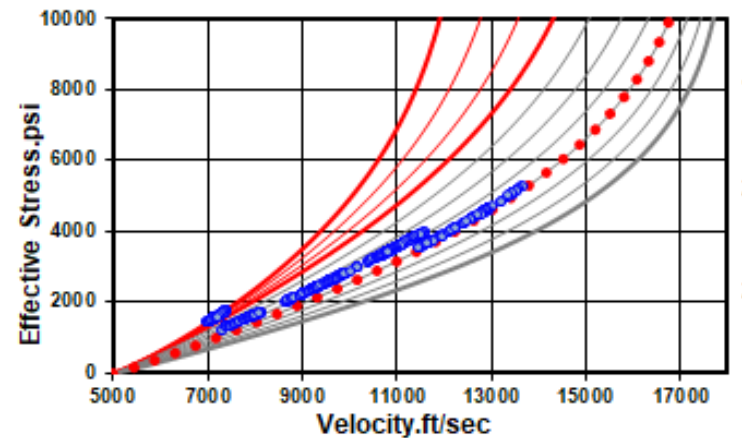
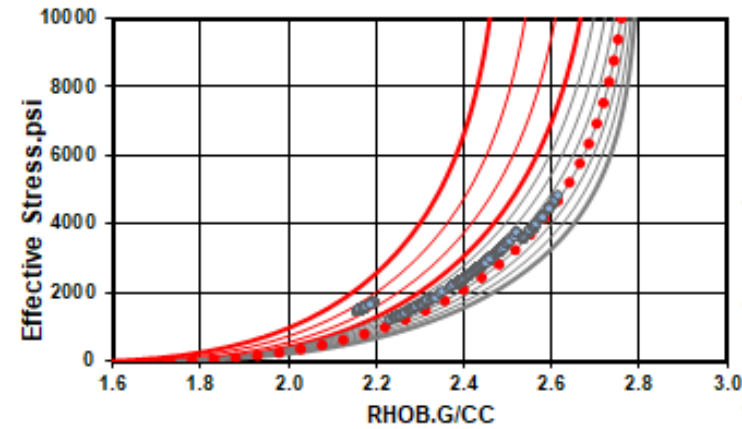
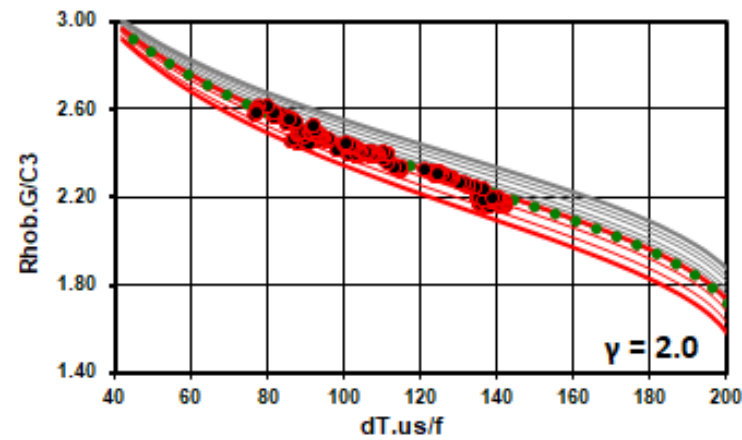
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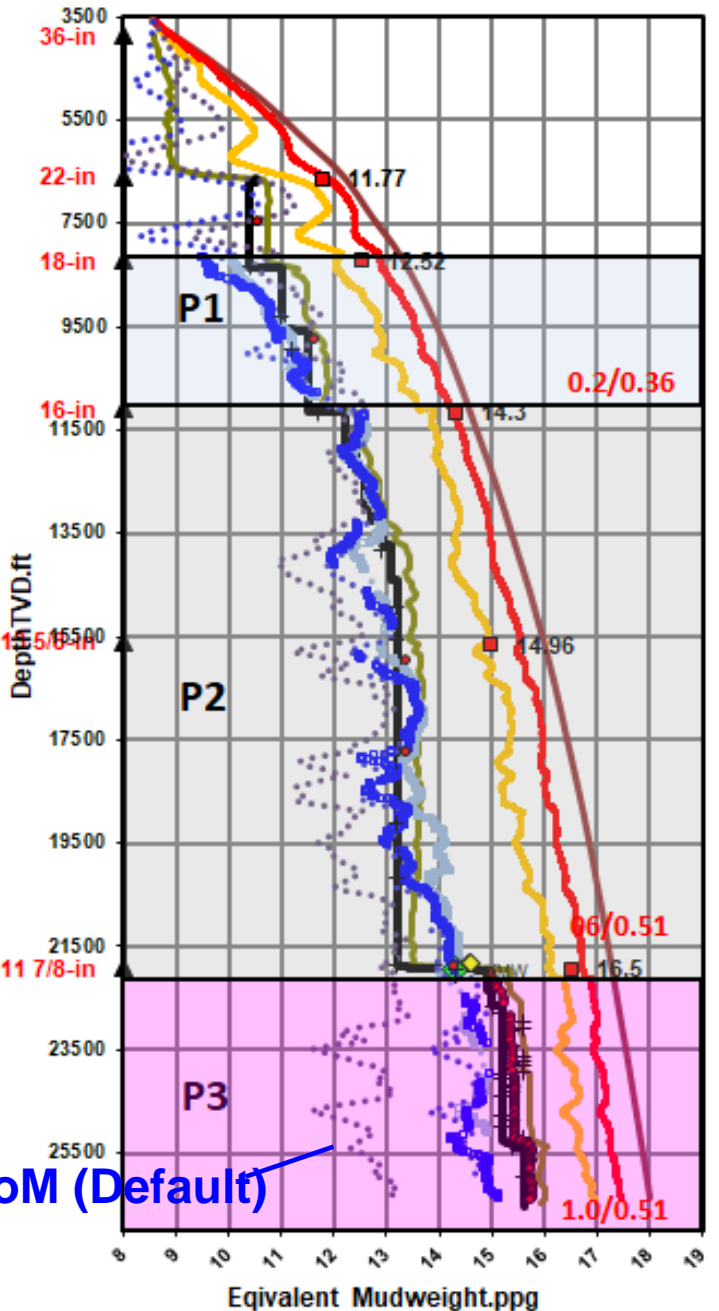
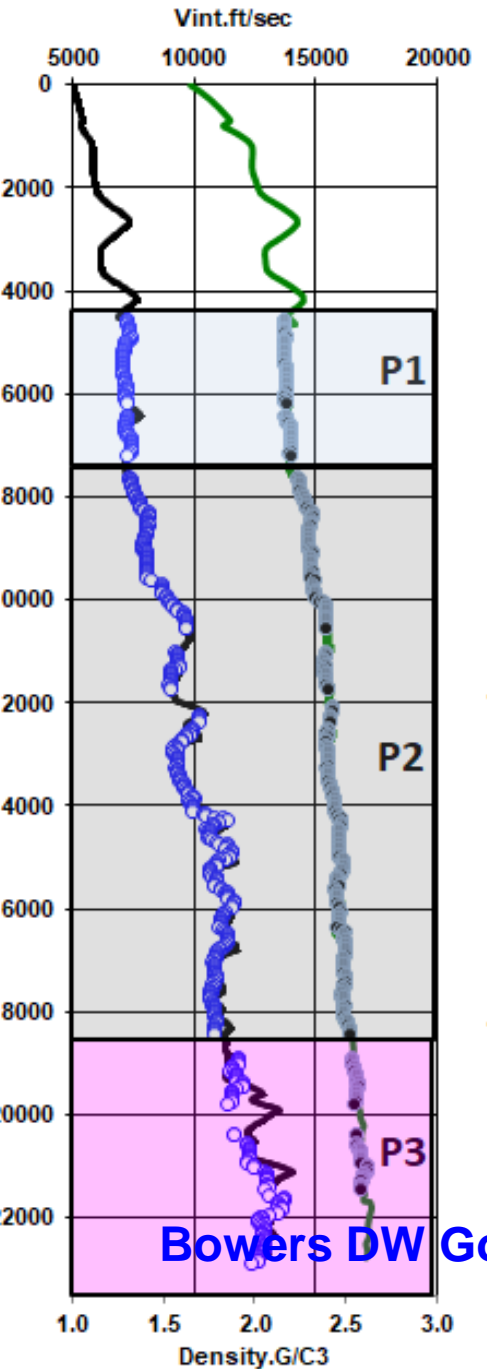
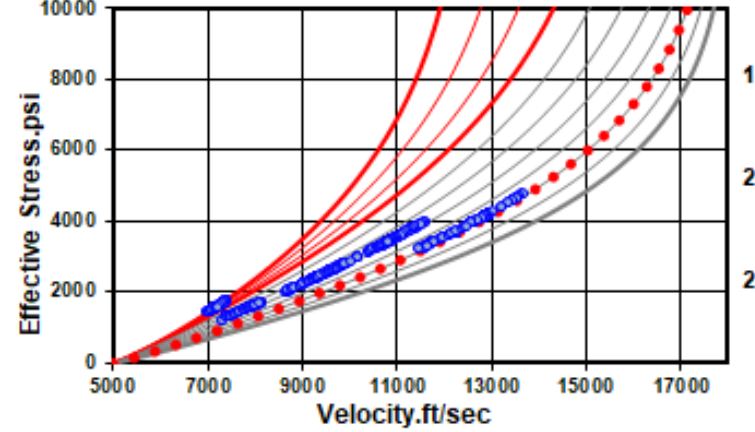
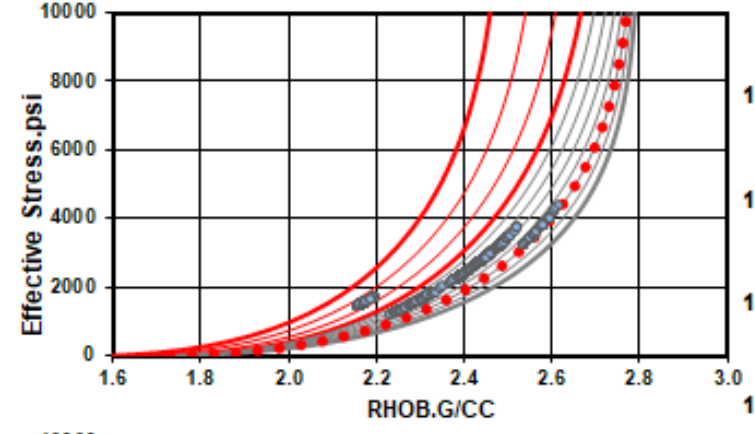
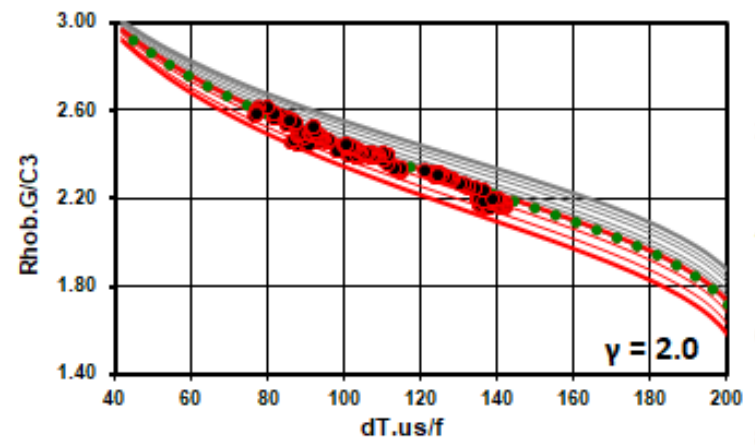
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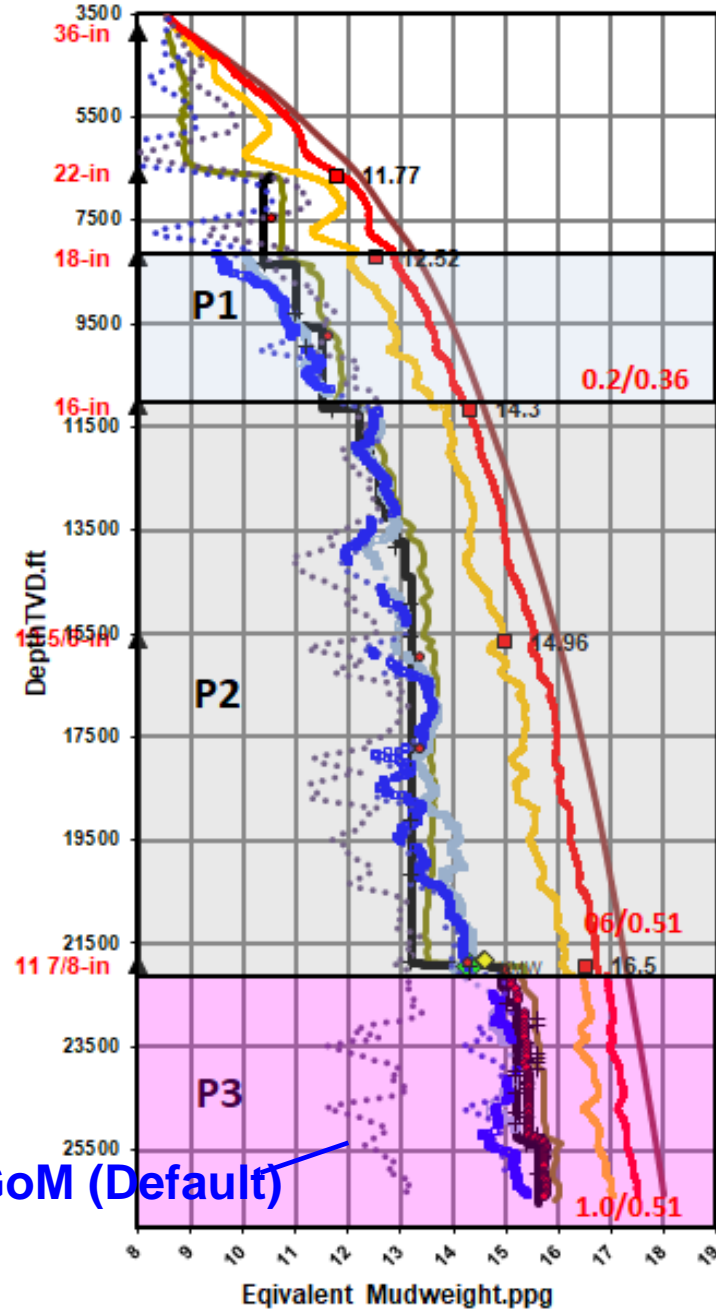
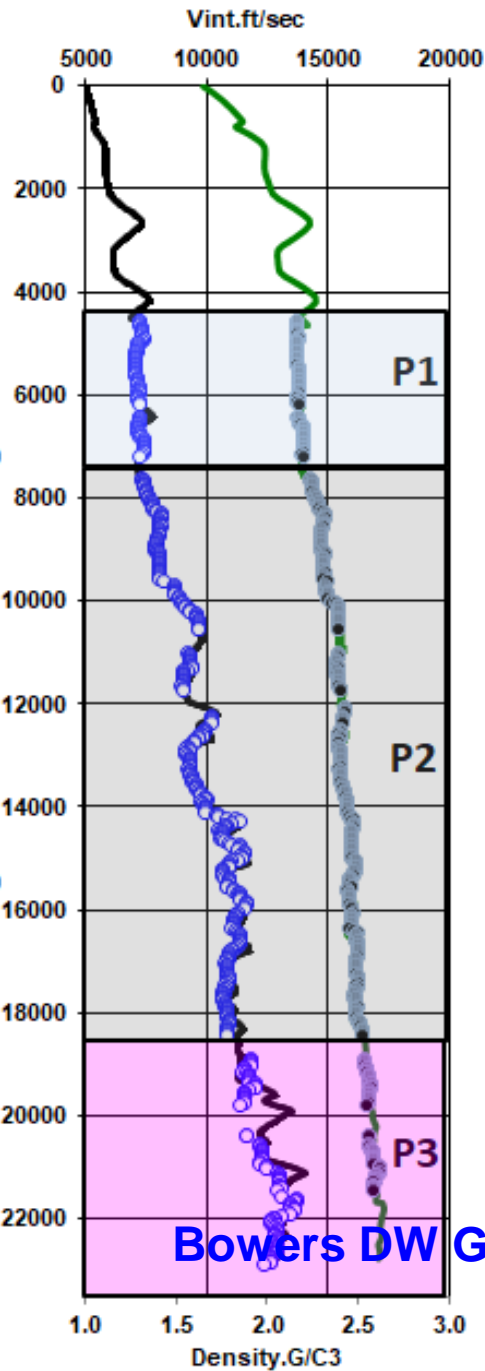
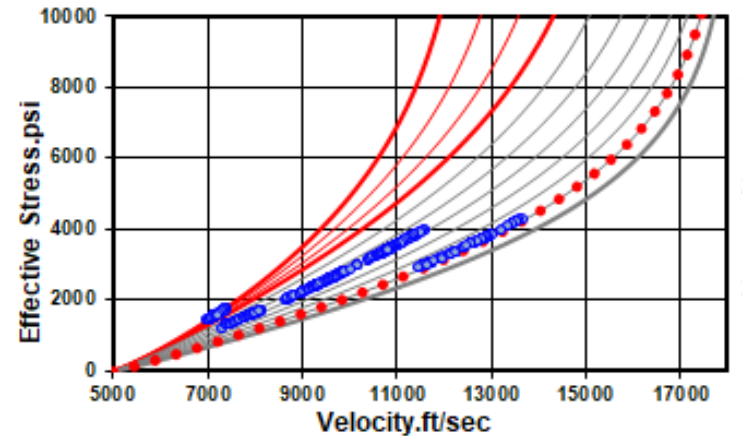
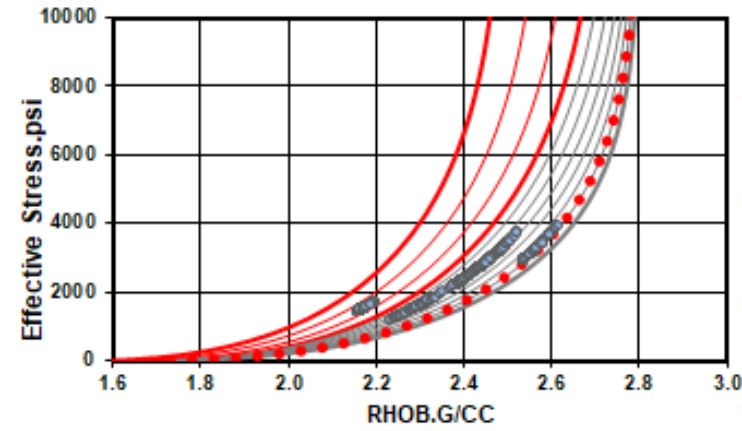
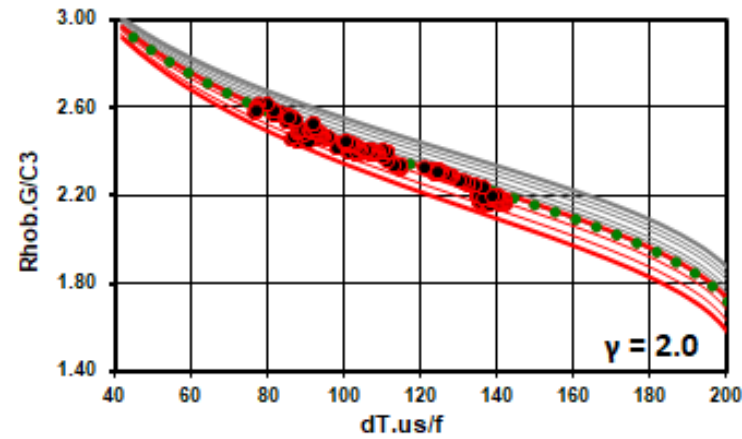
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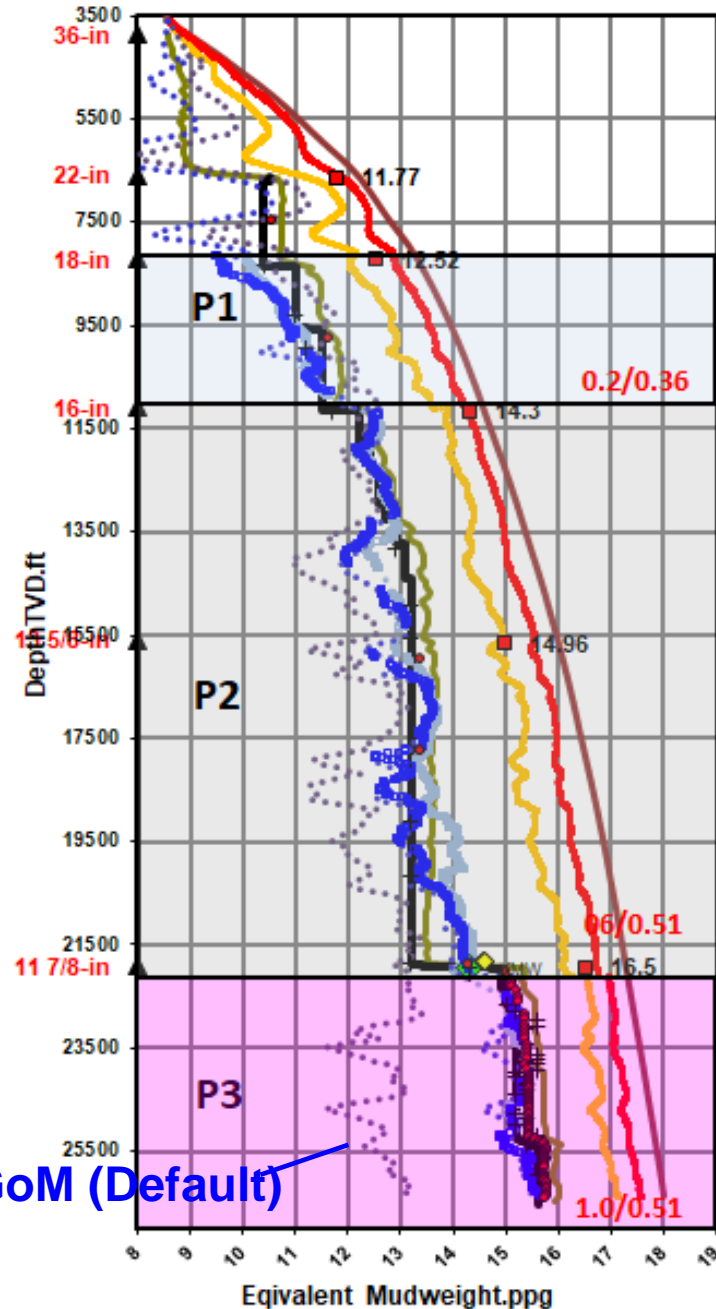
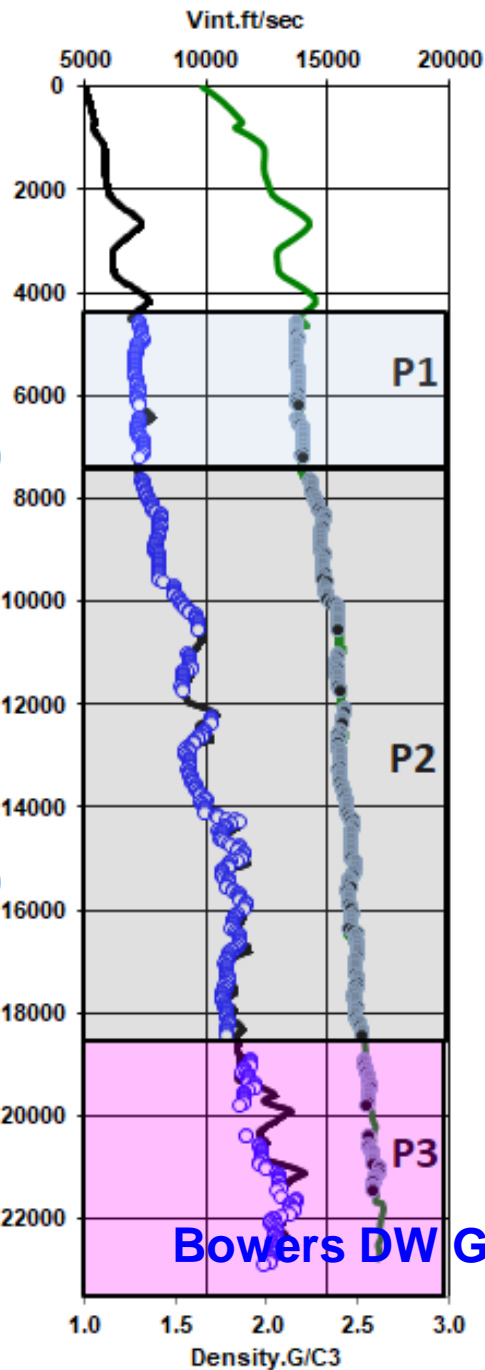
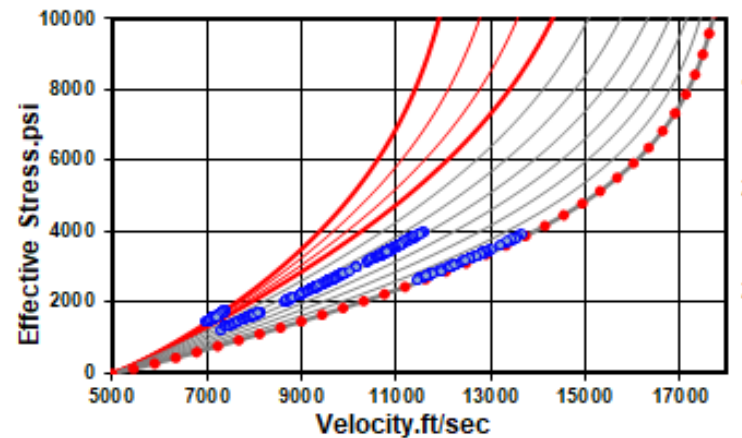
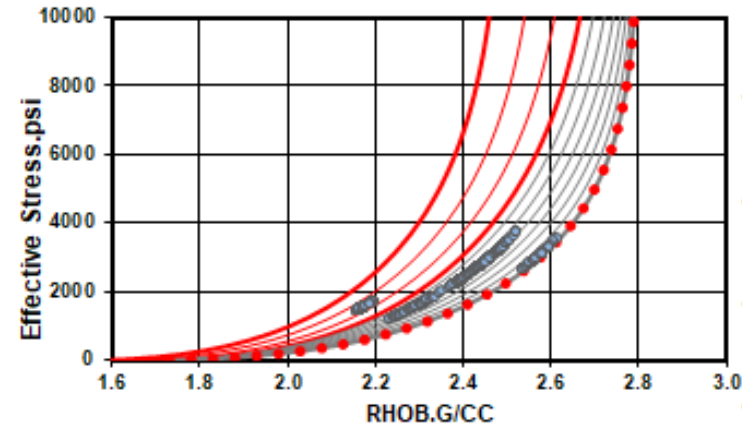
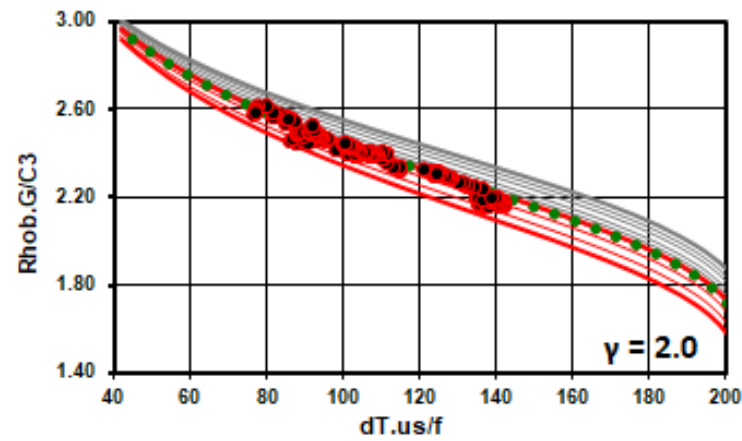
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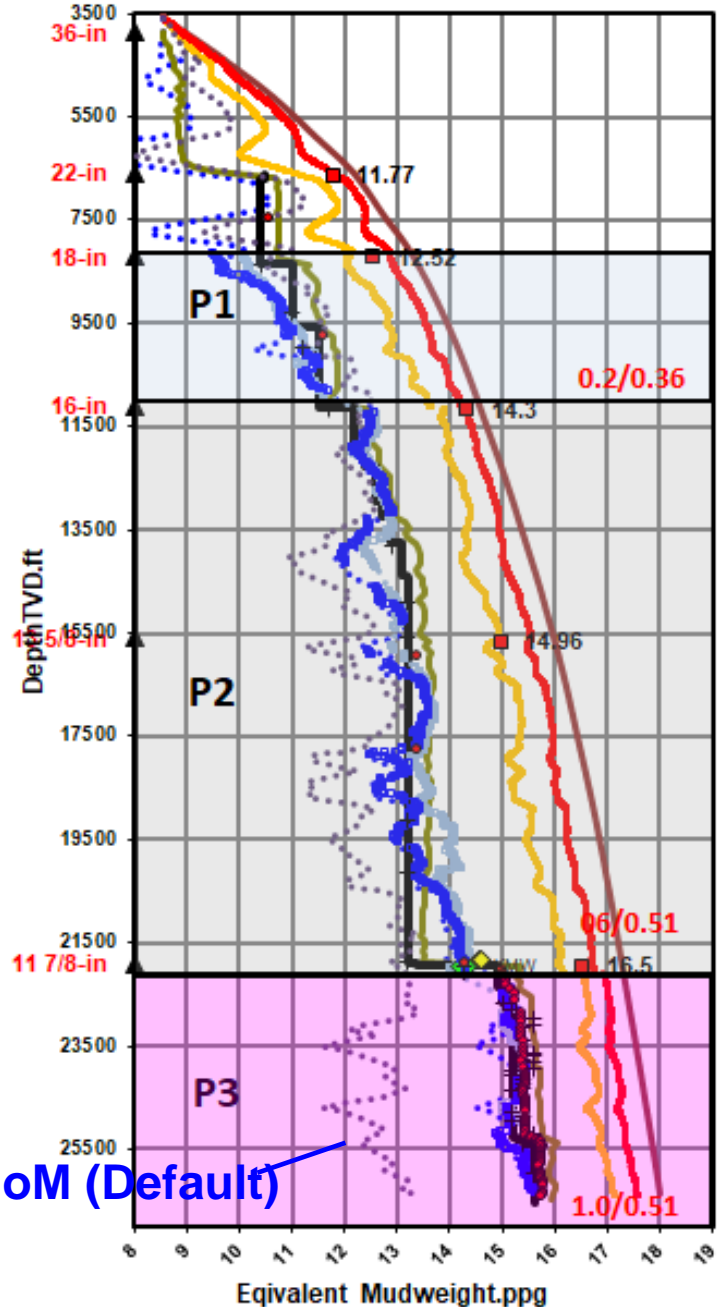
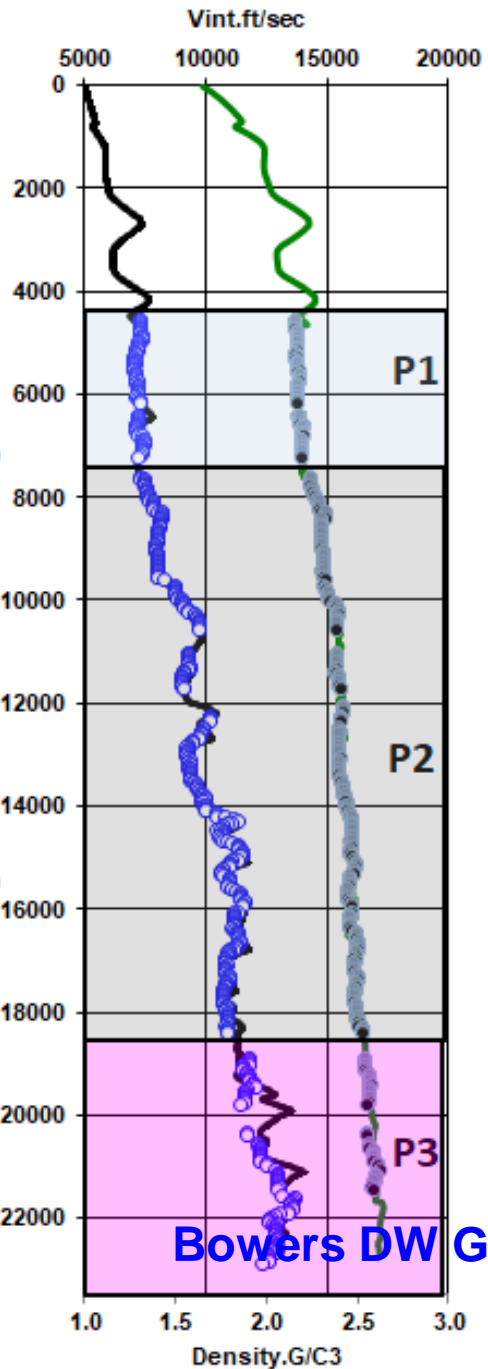
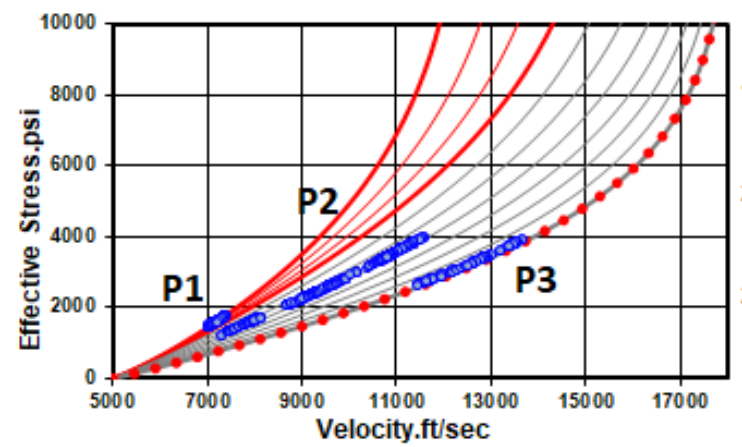
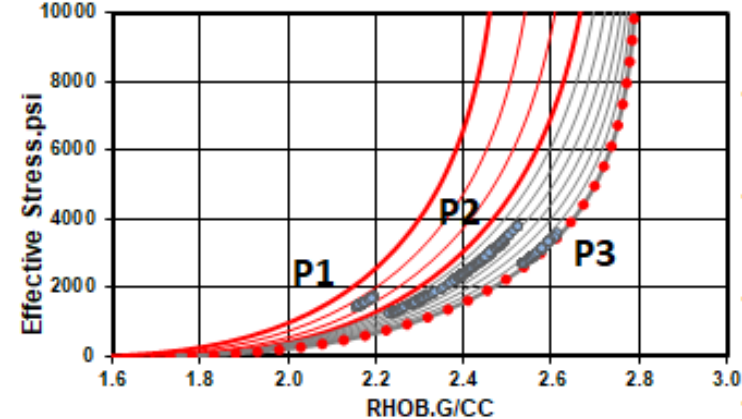
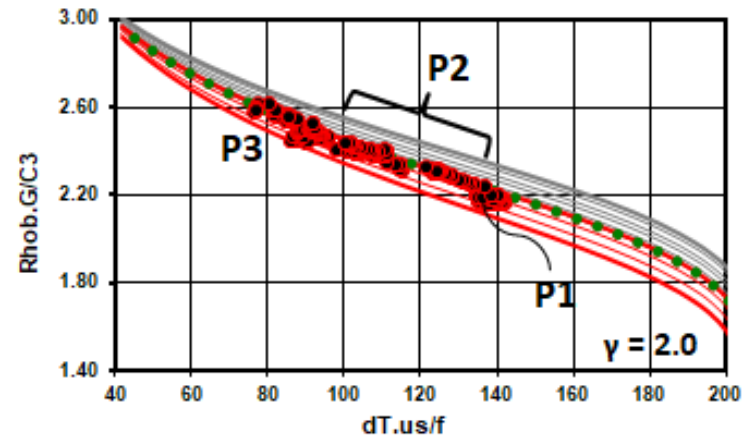


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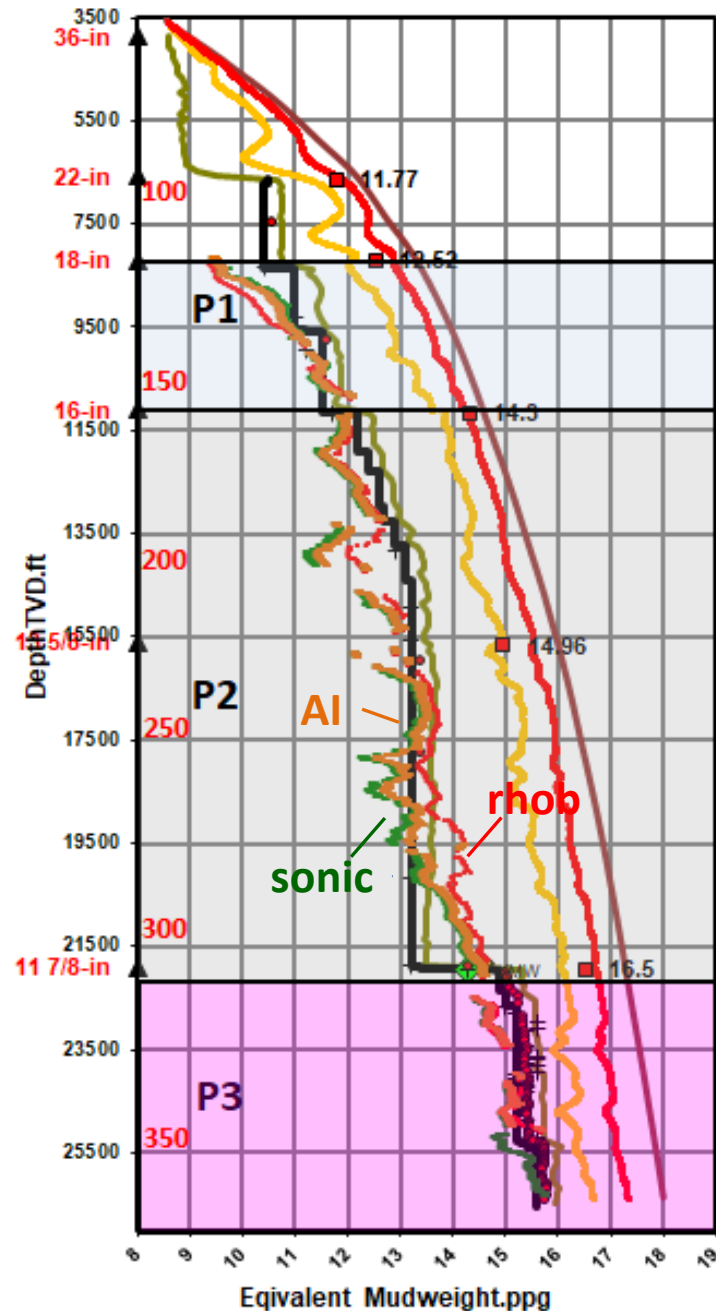
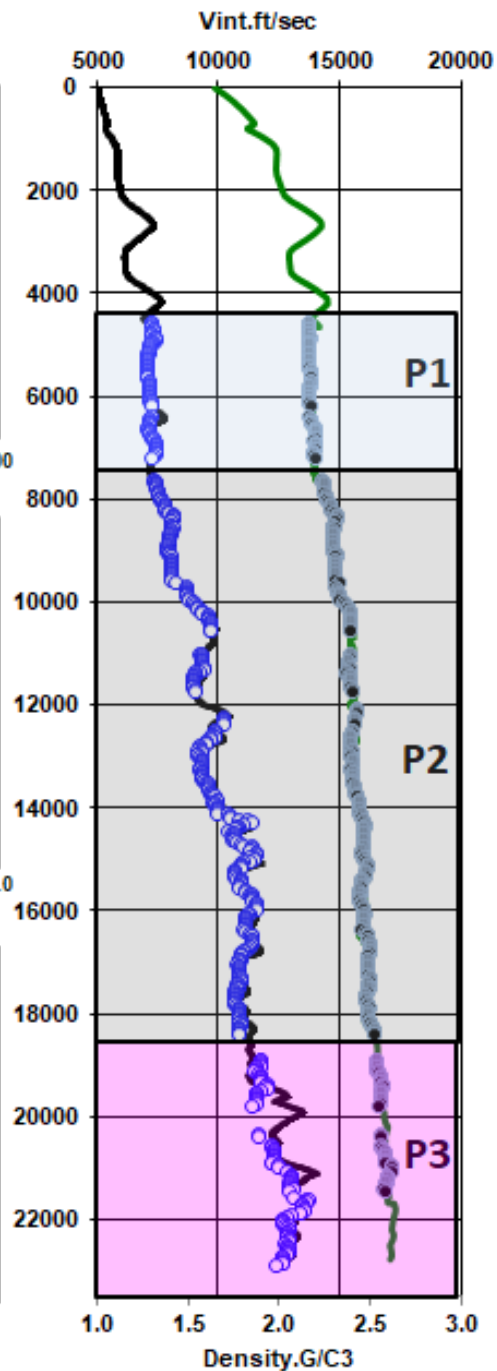
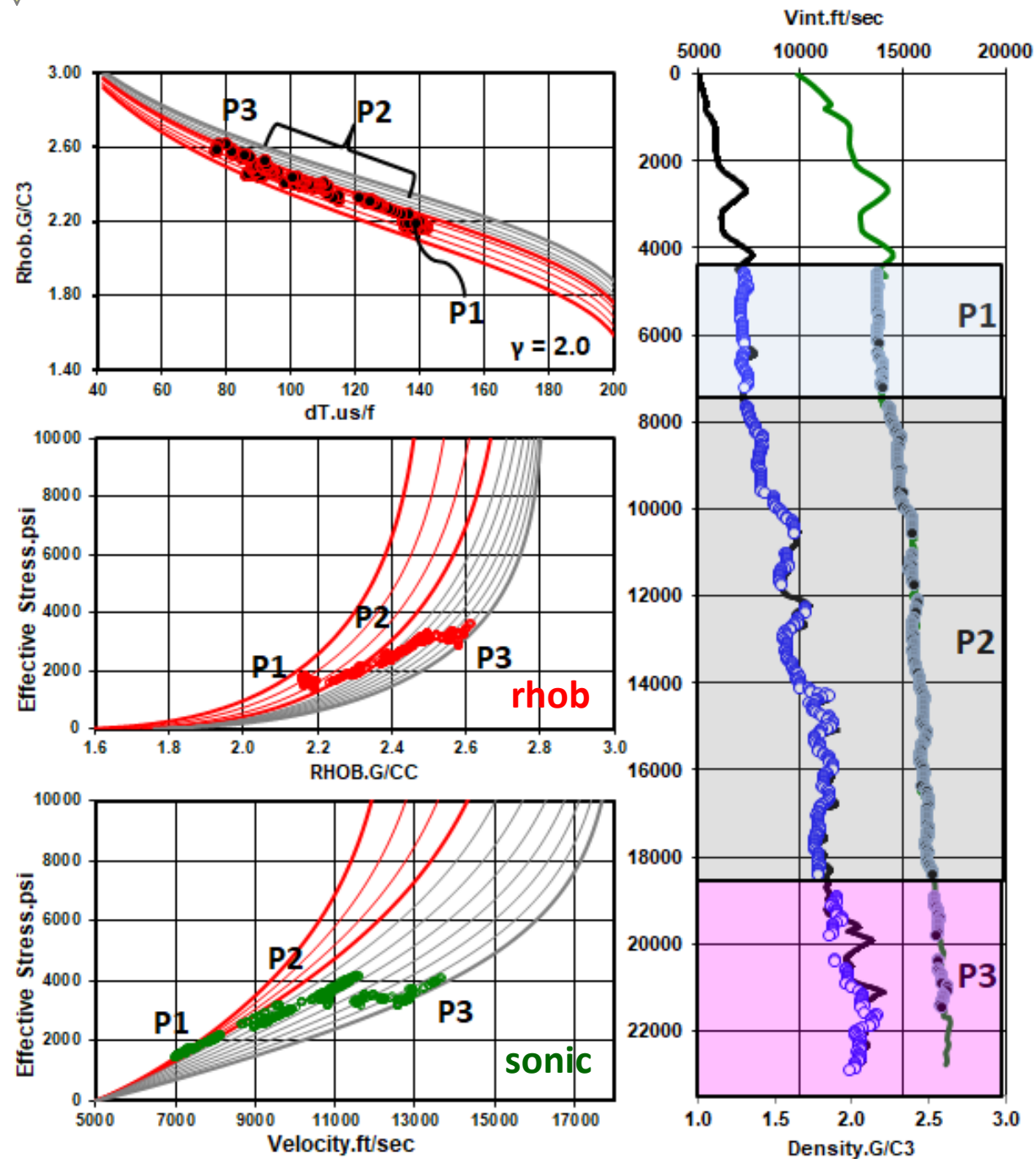


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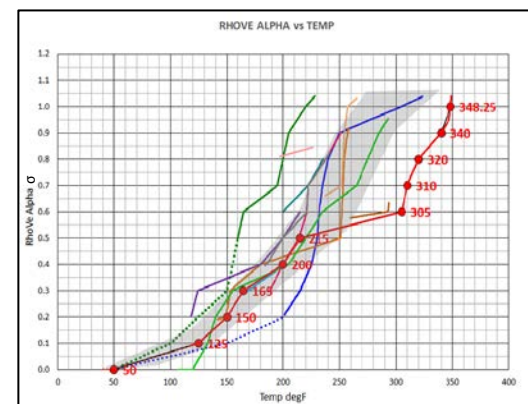




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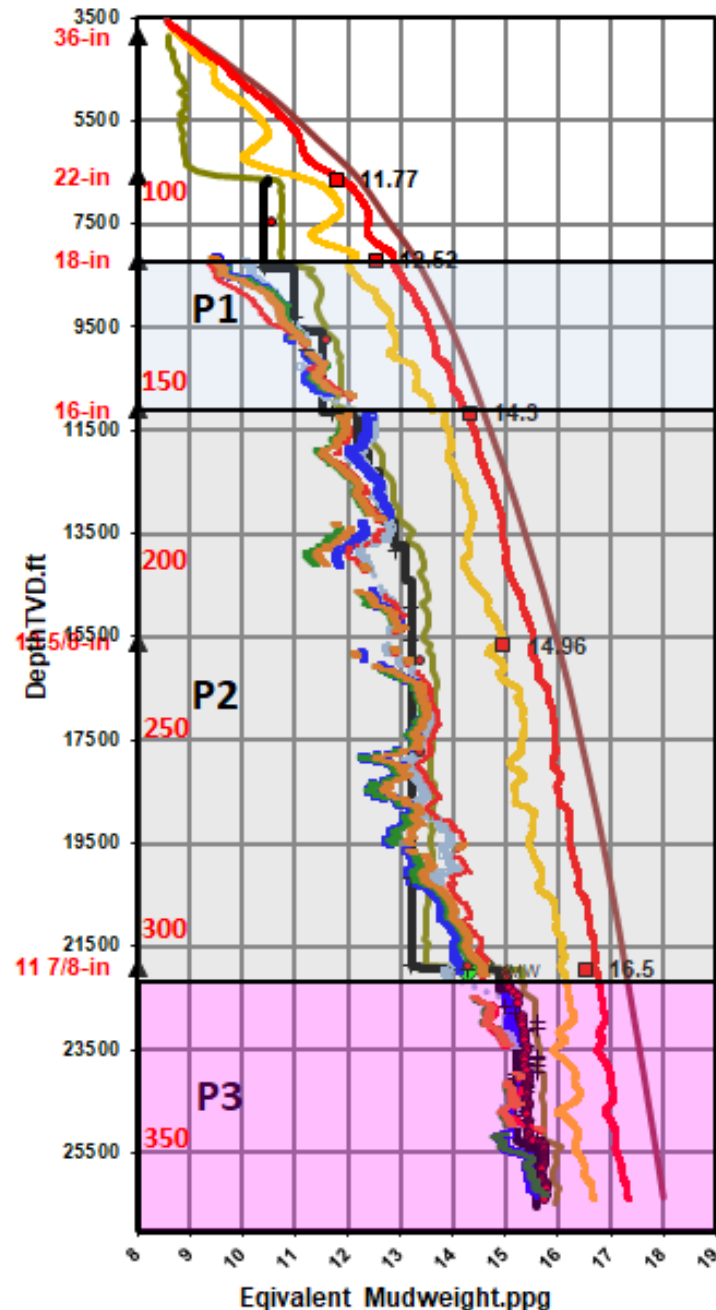
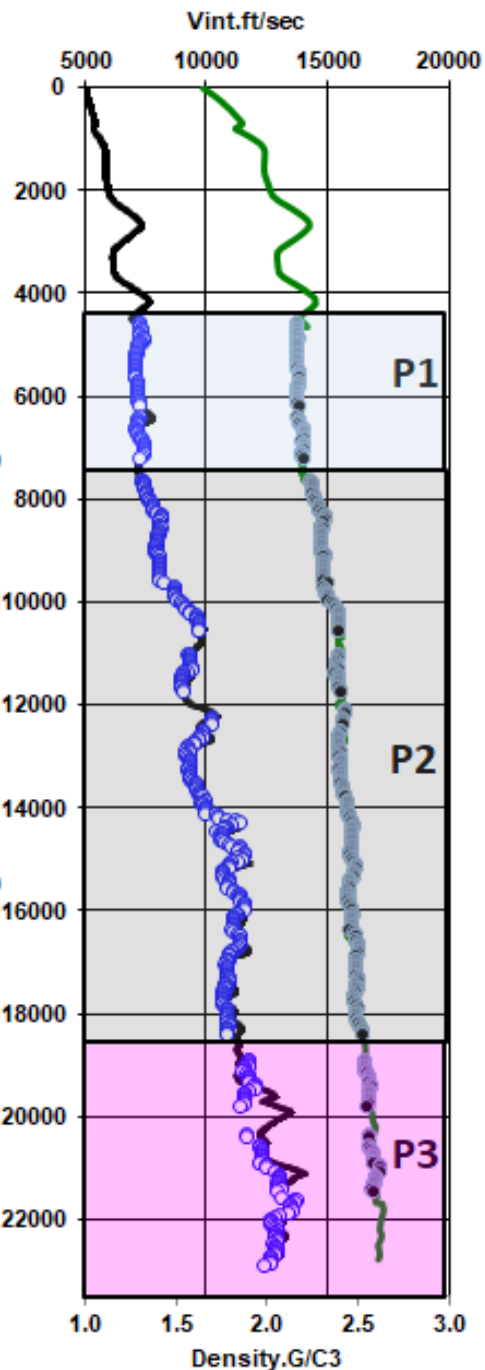
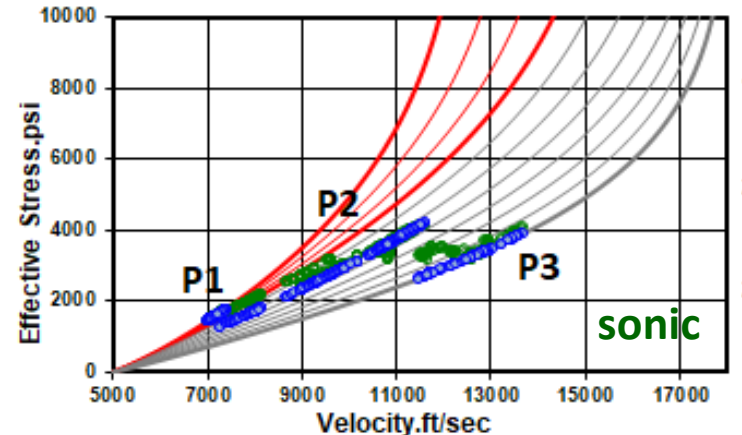
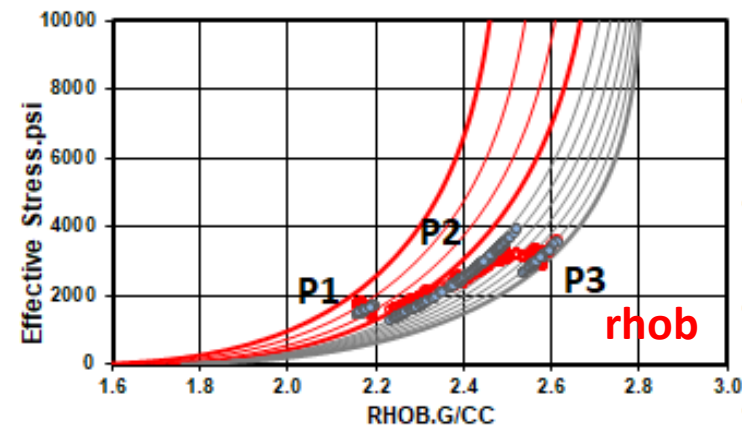
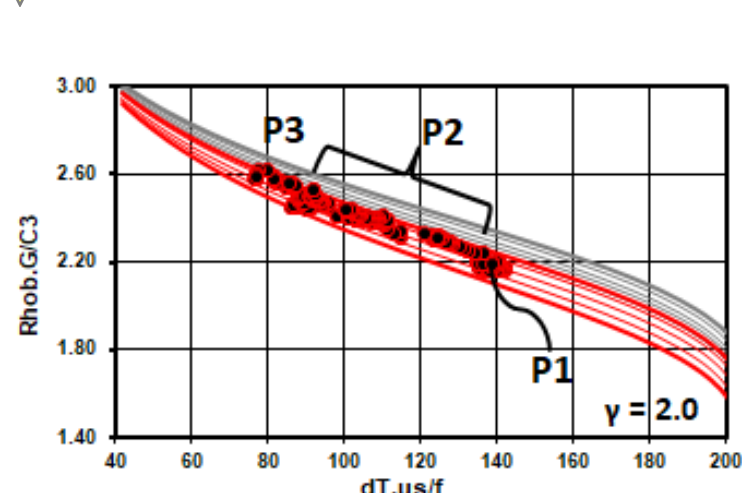


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2.25	0.3	165
2.39	0.4	200
2.38	0.5	215
2.49	0.6	305
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2.60	1.0	347
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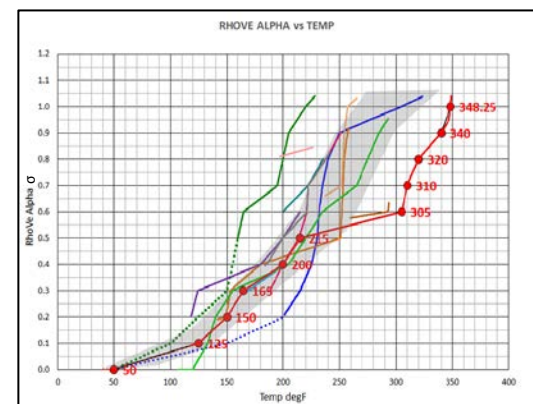


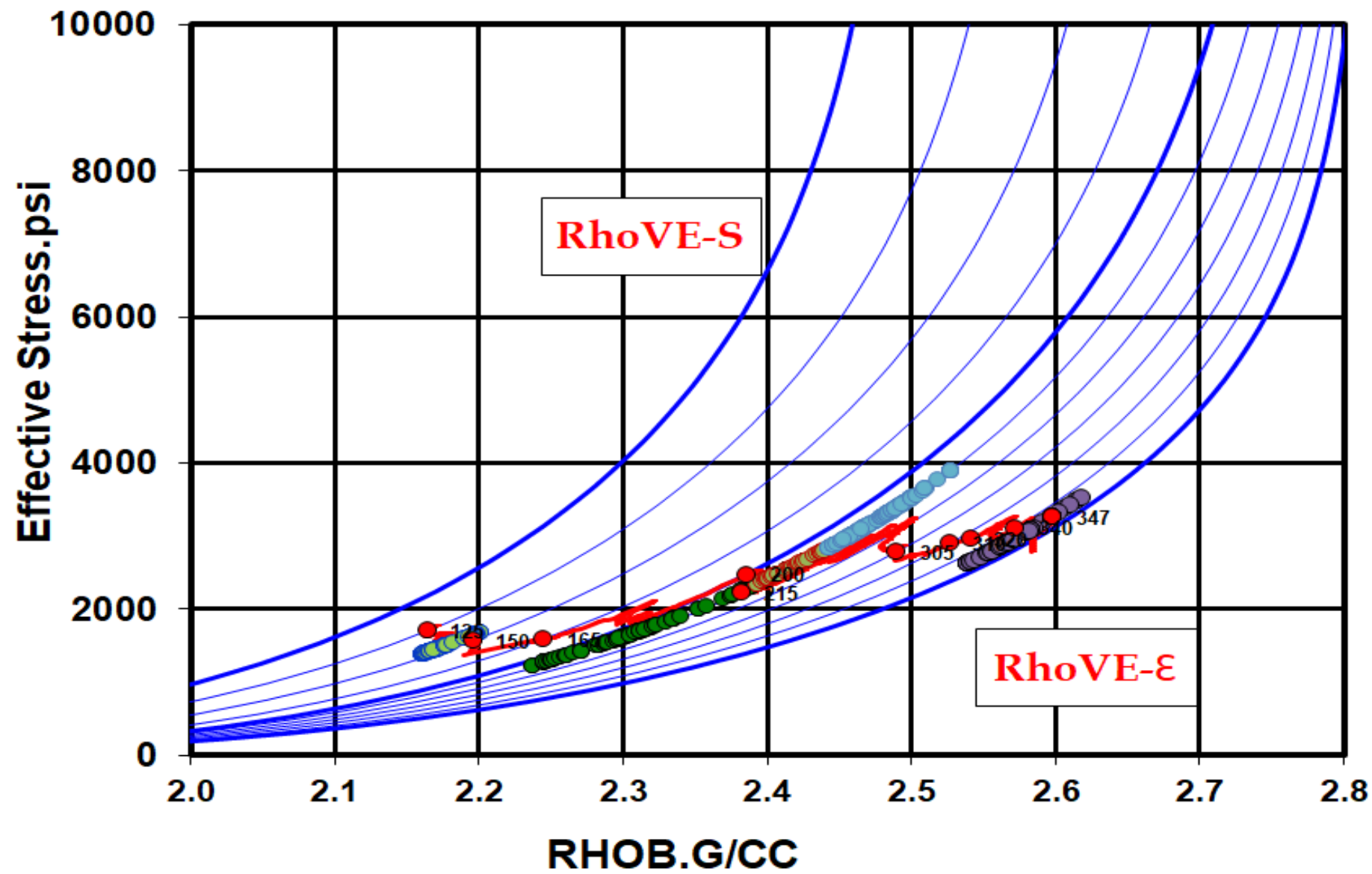


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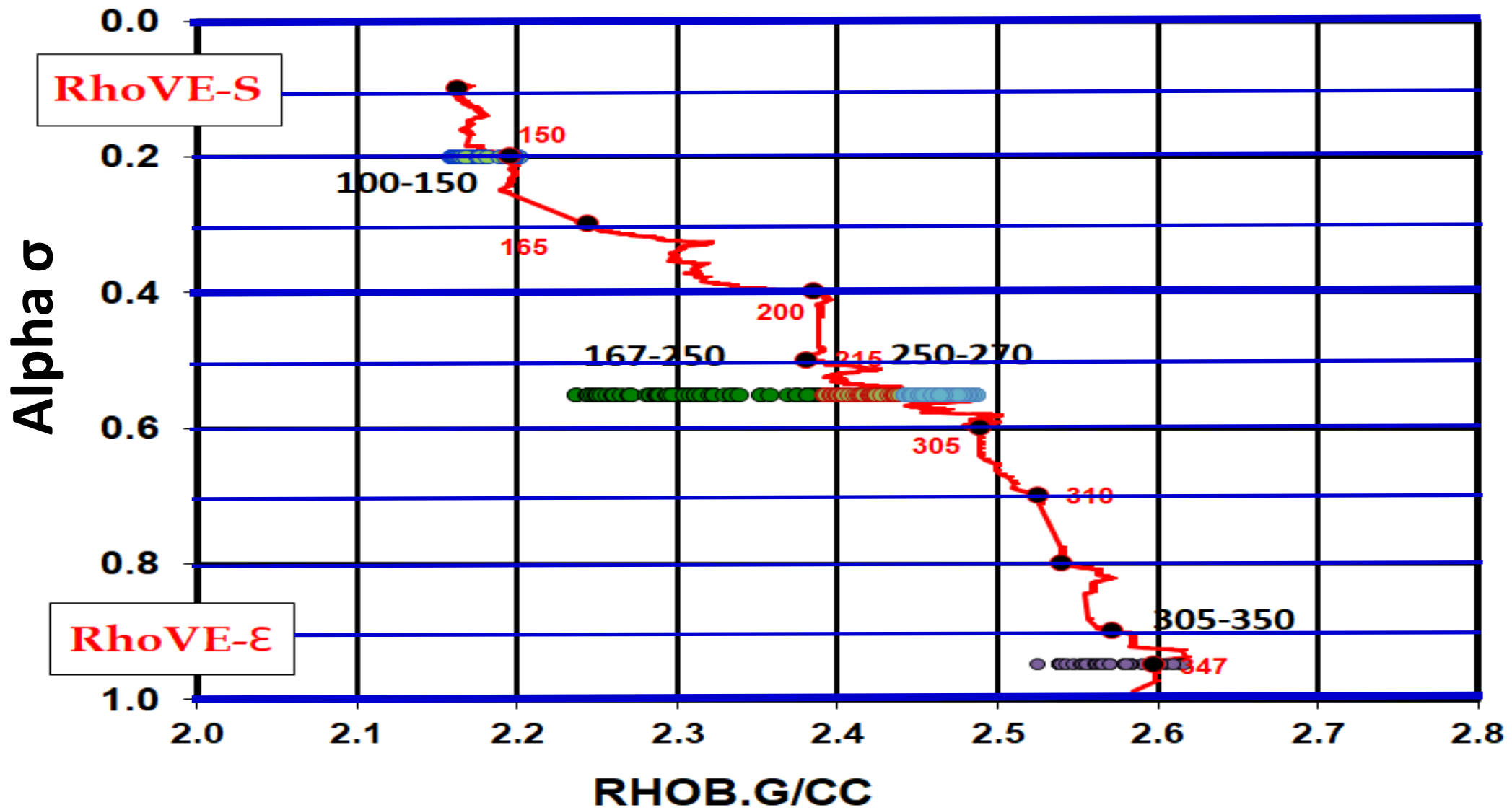


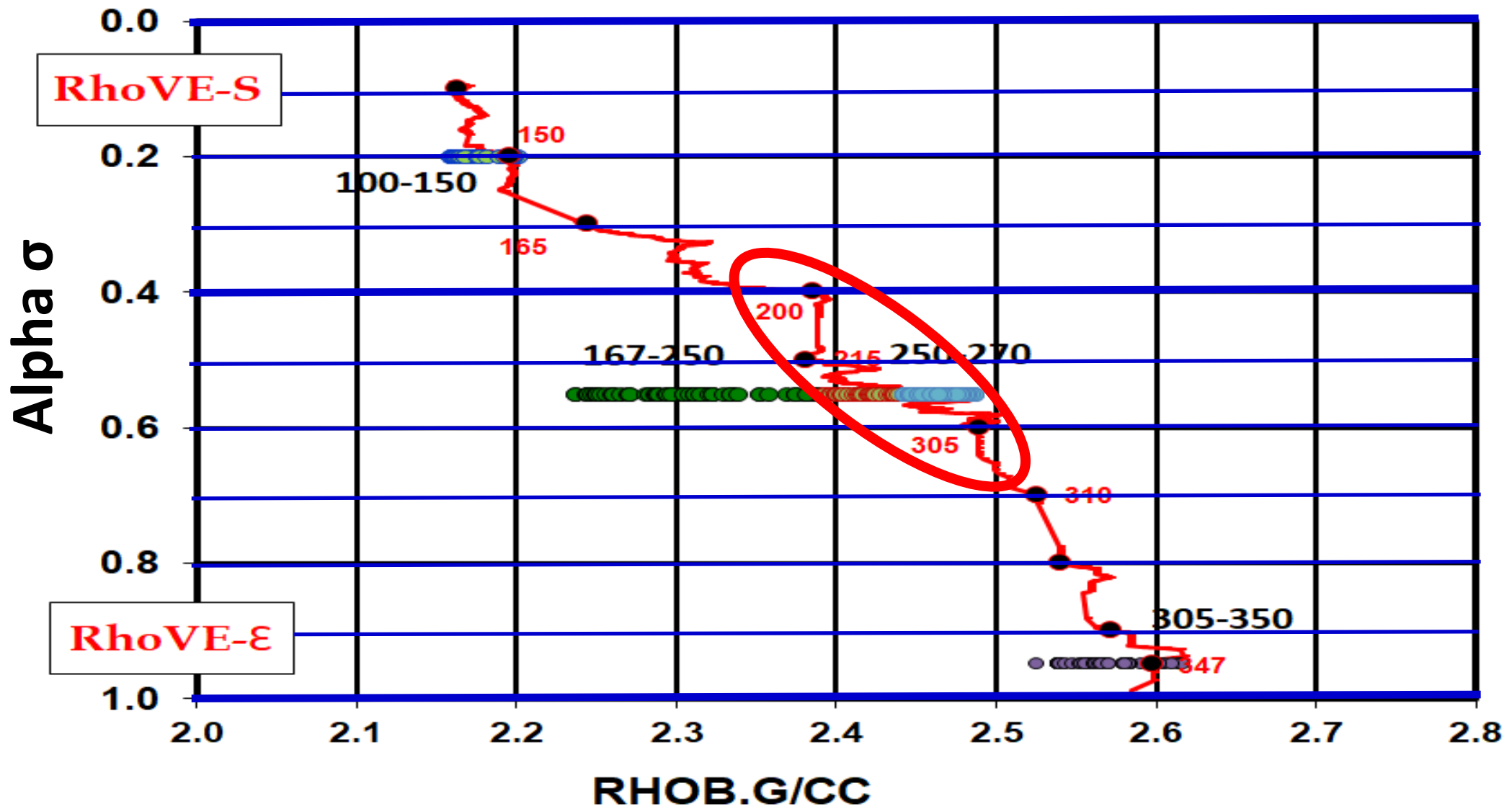
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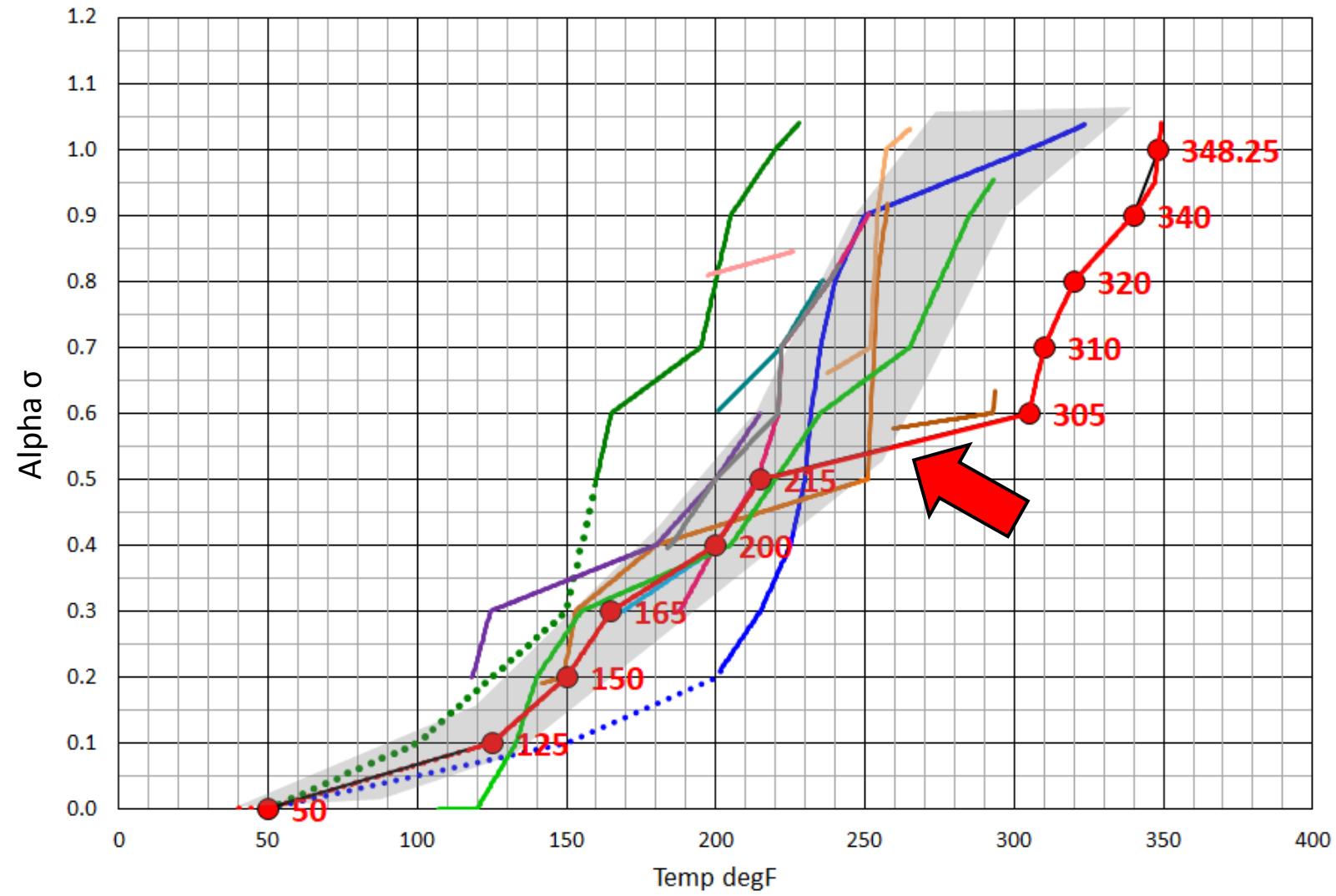








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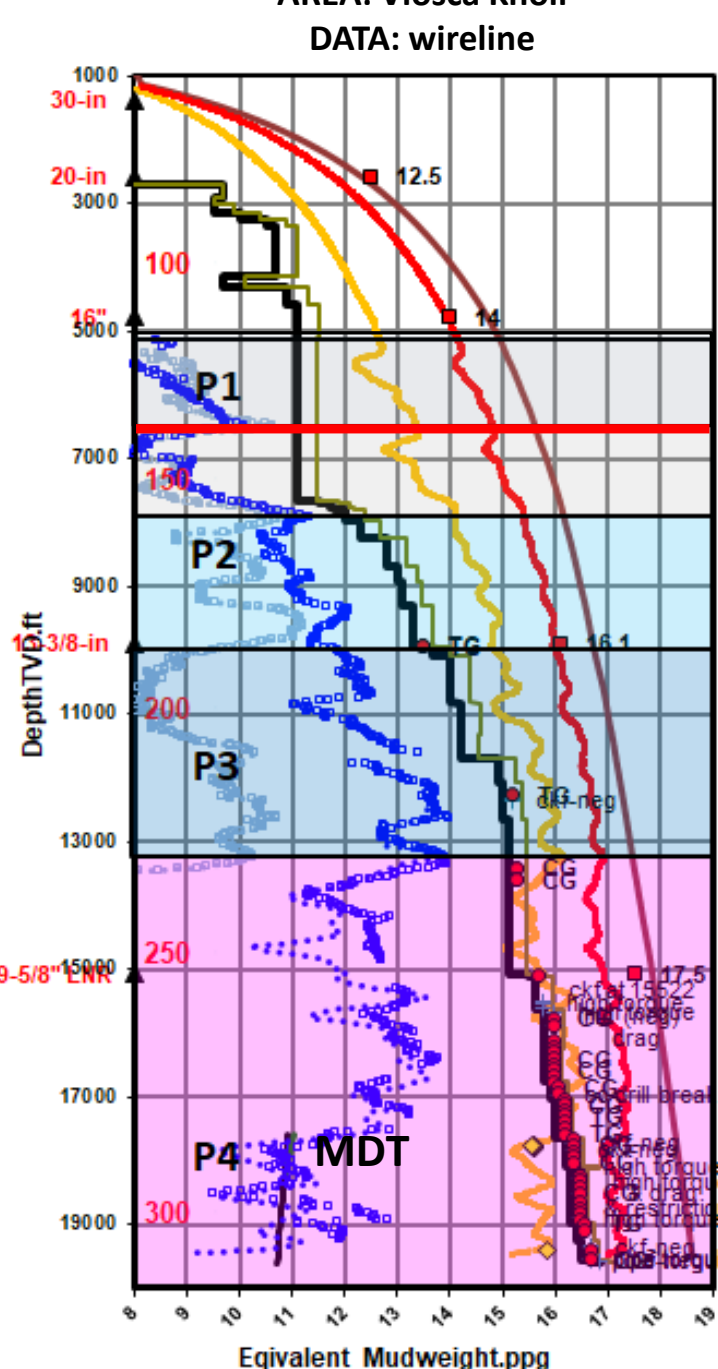
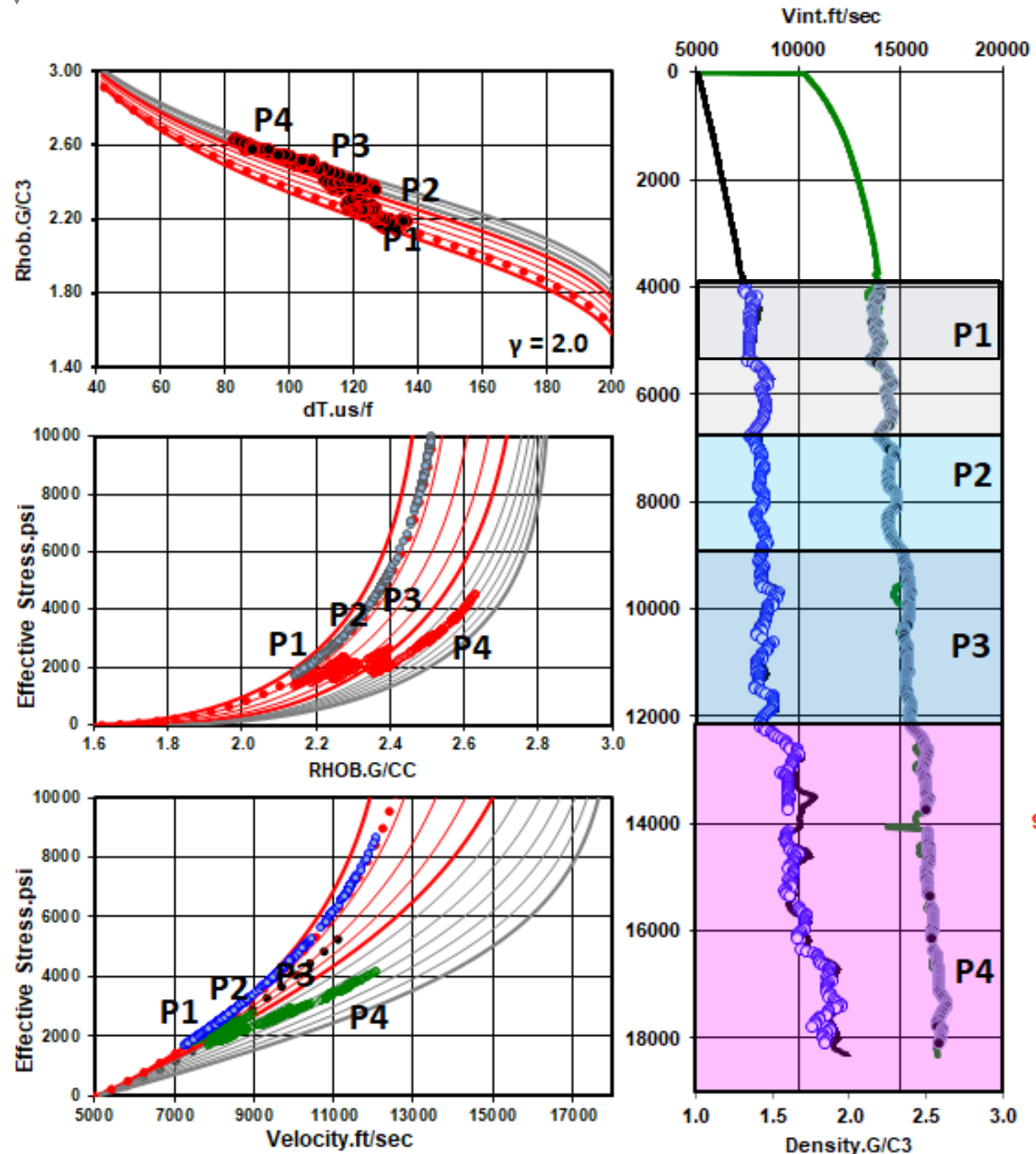


# Rhob





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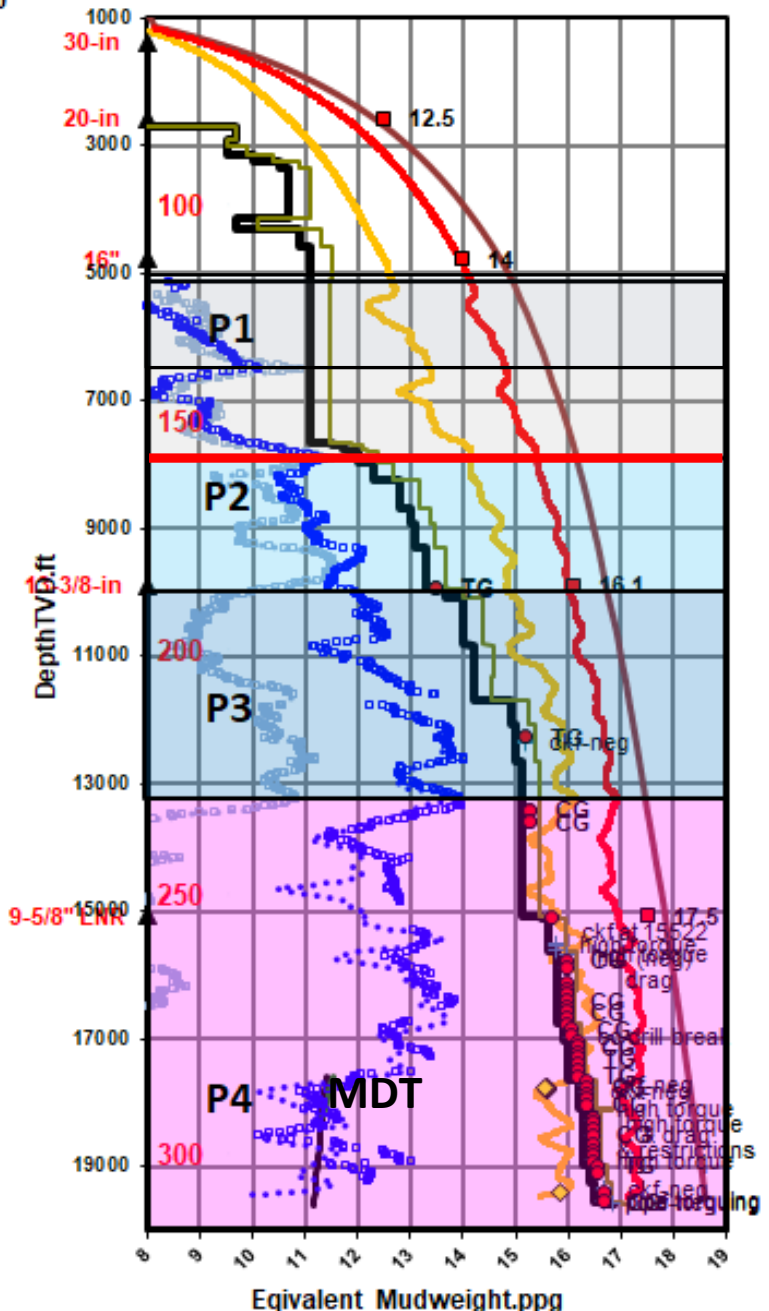
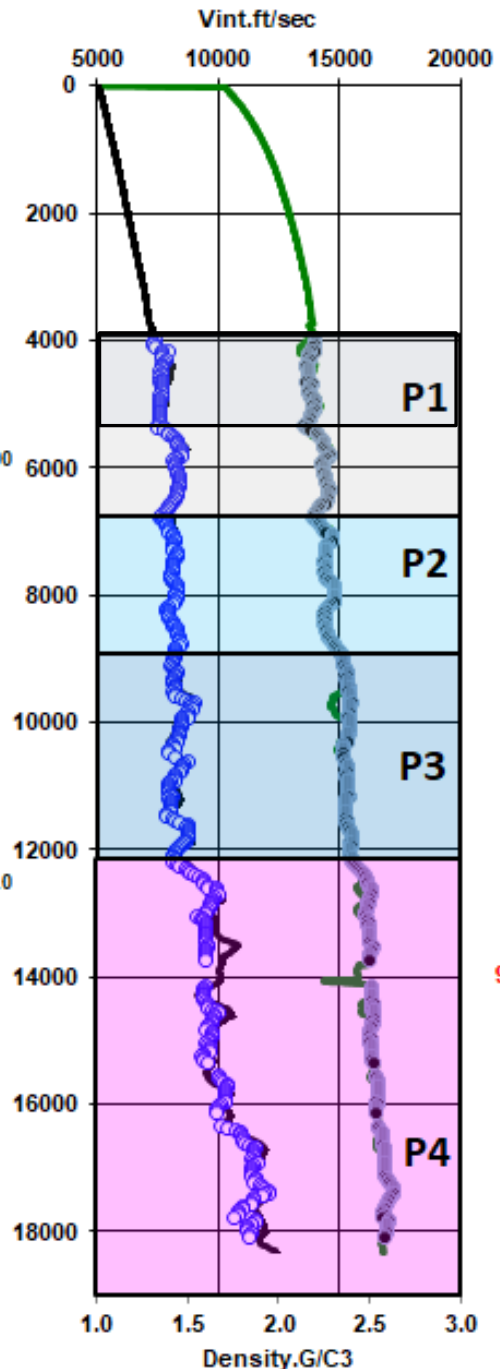
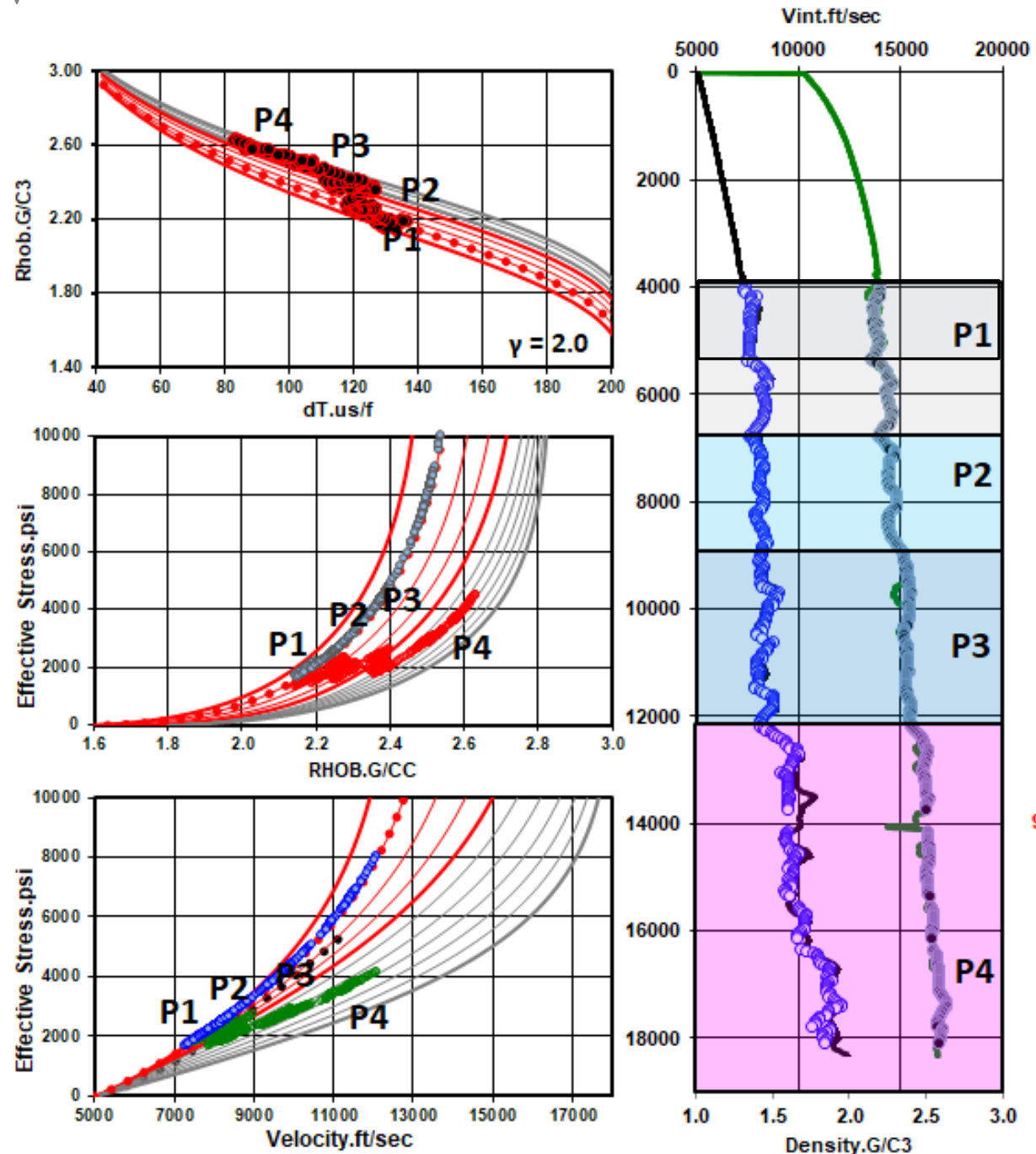


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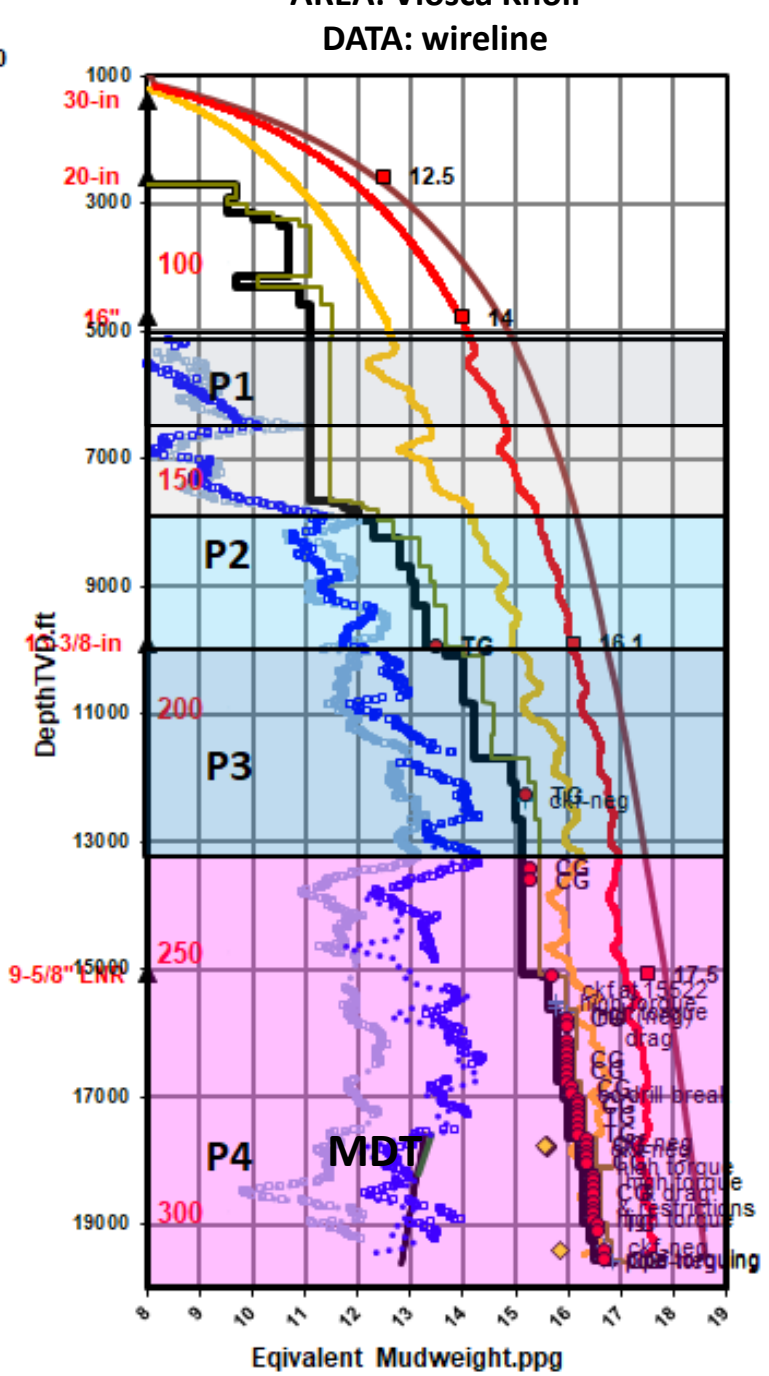
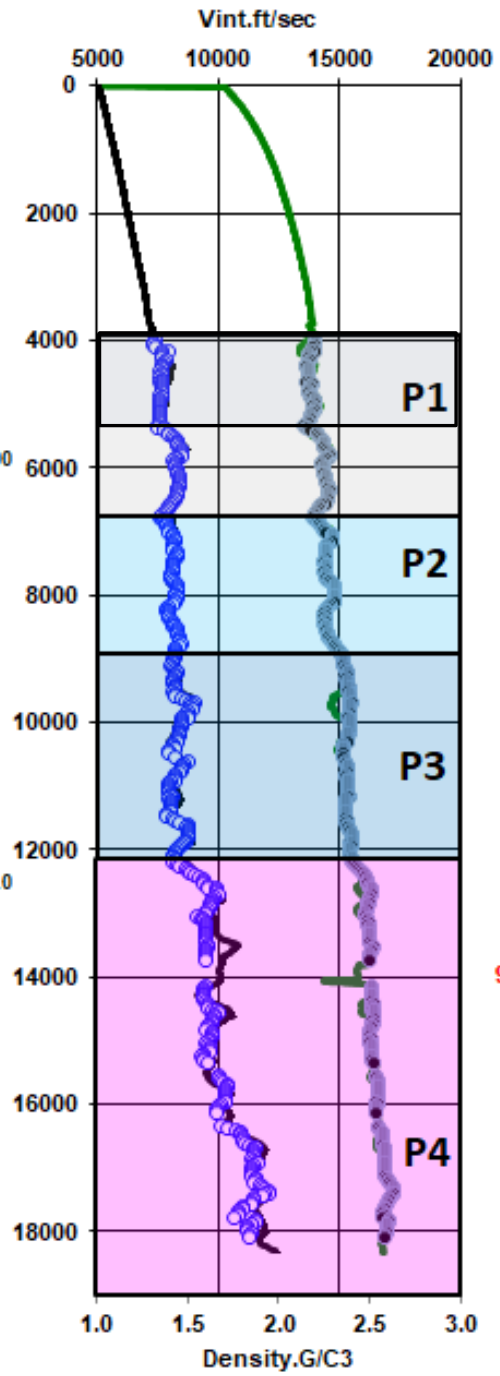
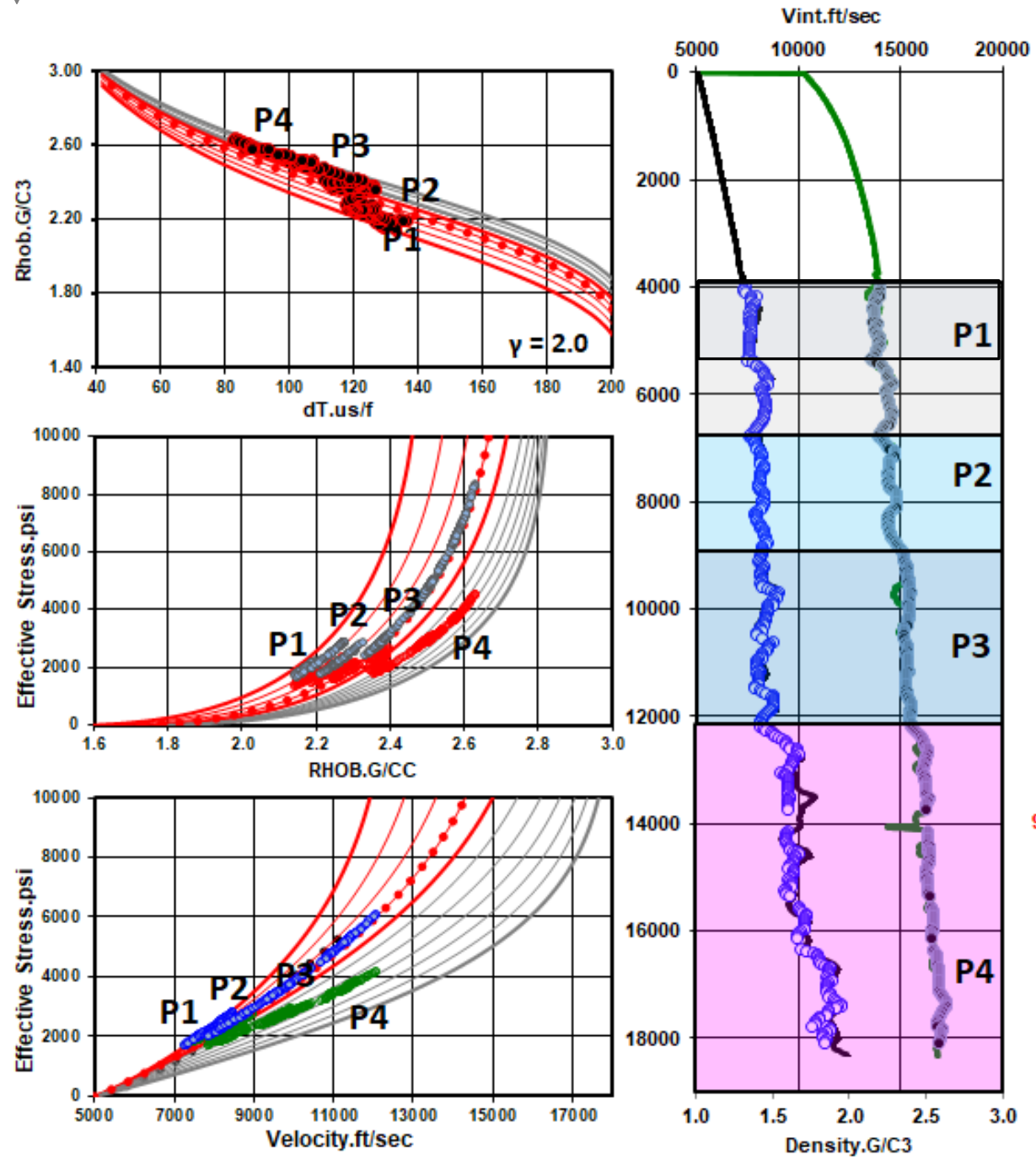








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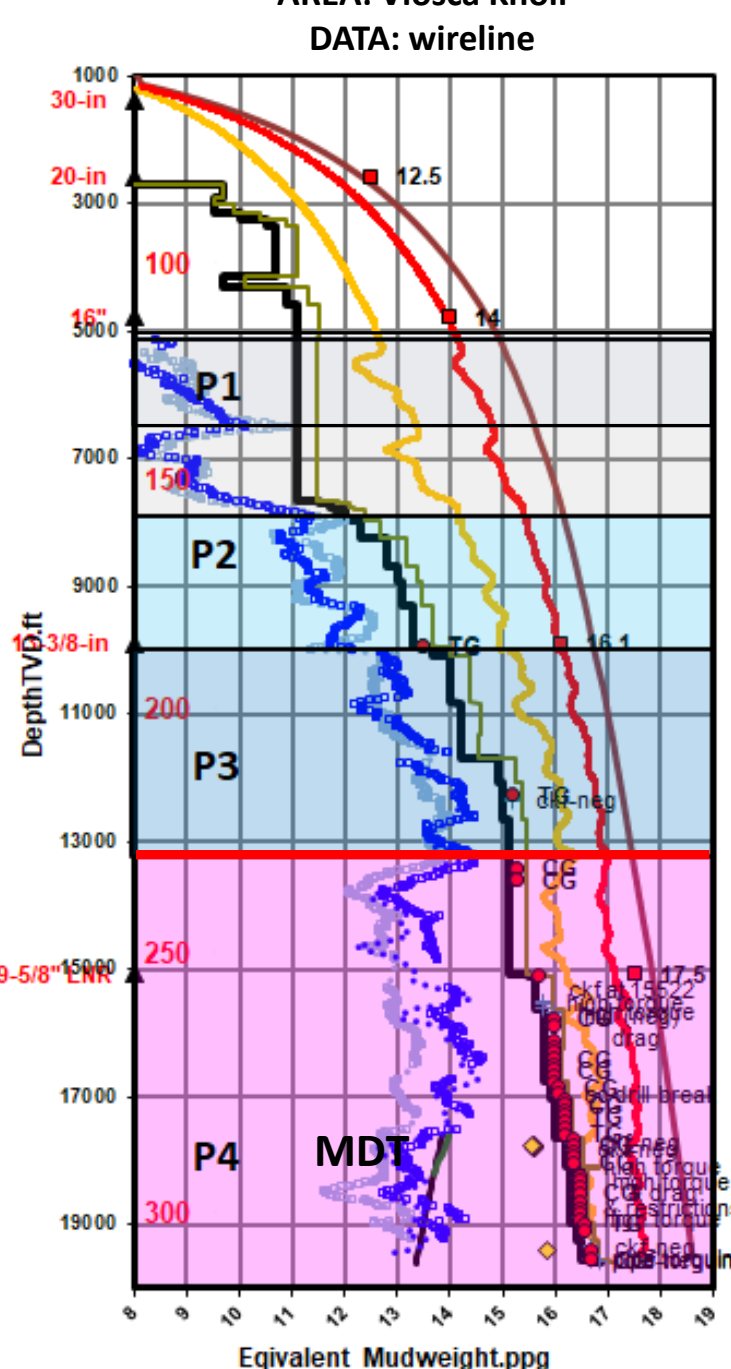
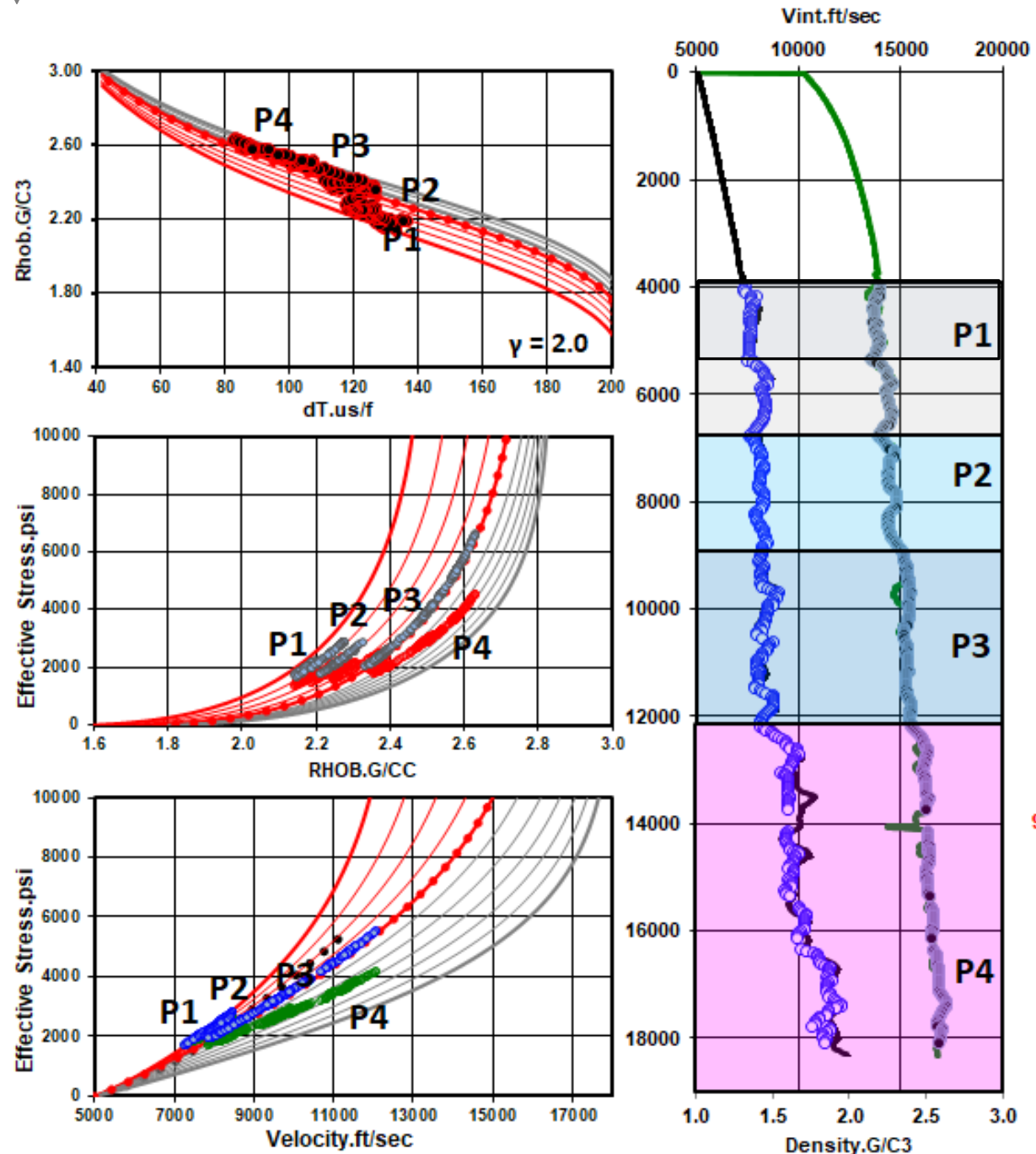


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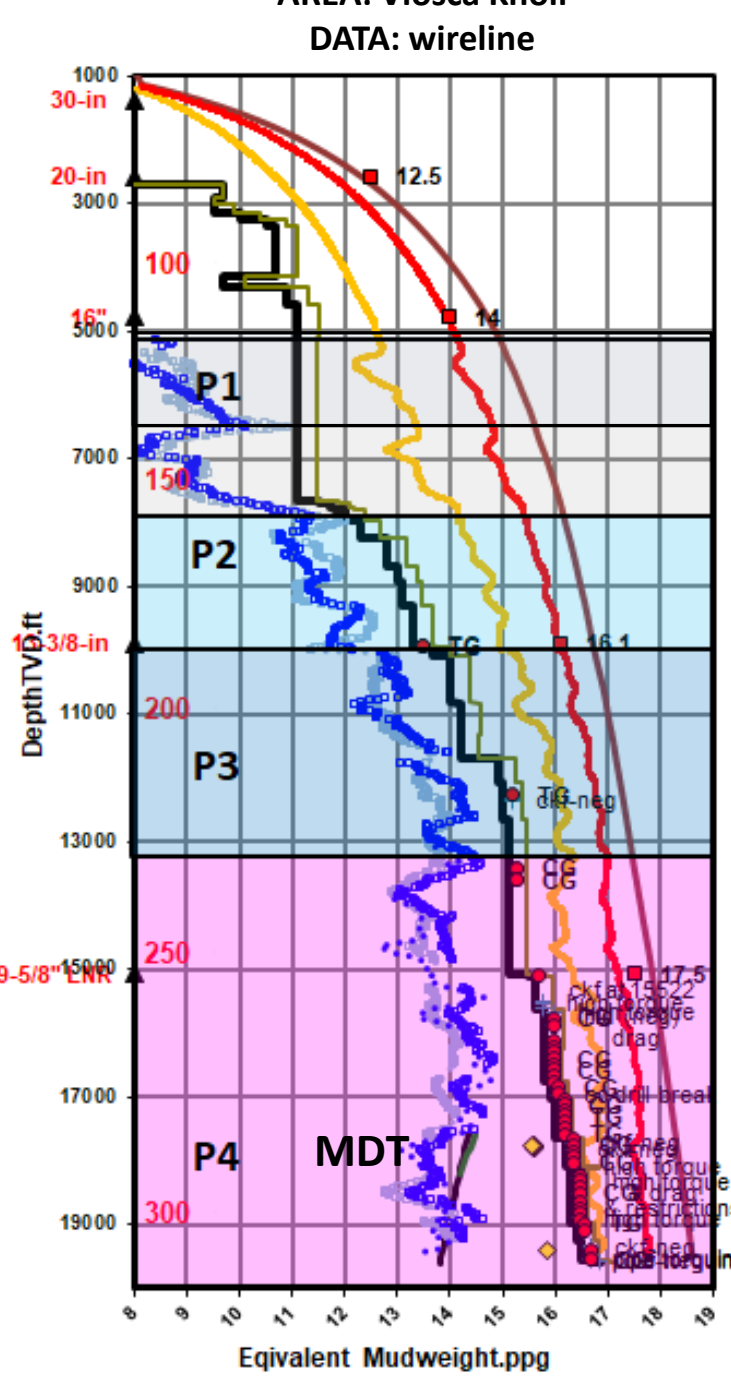
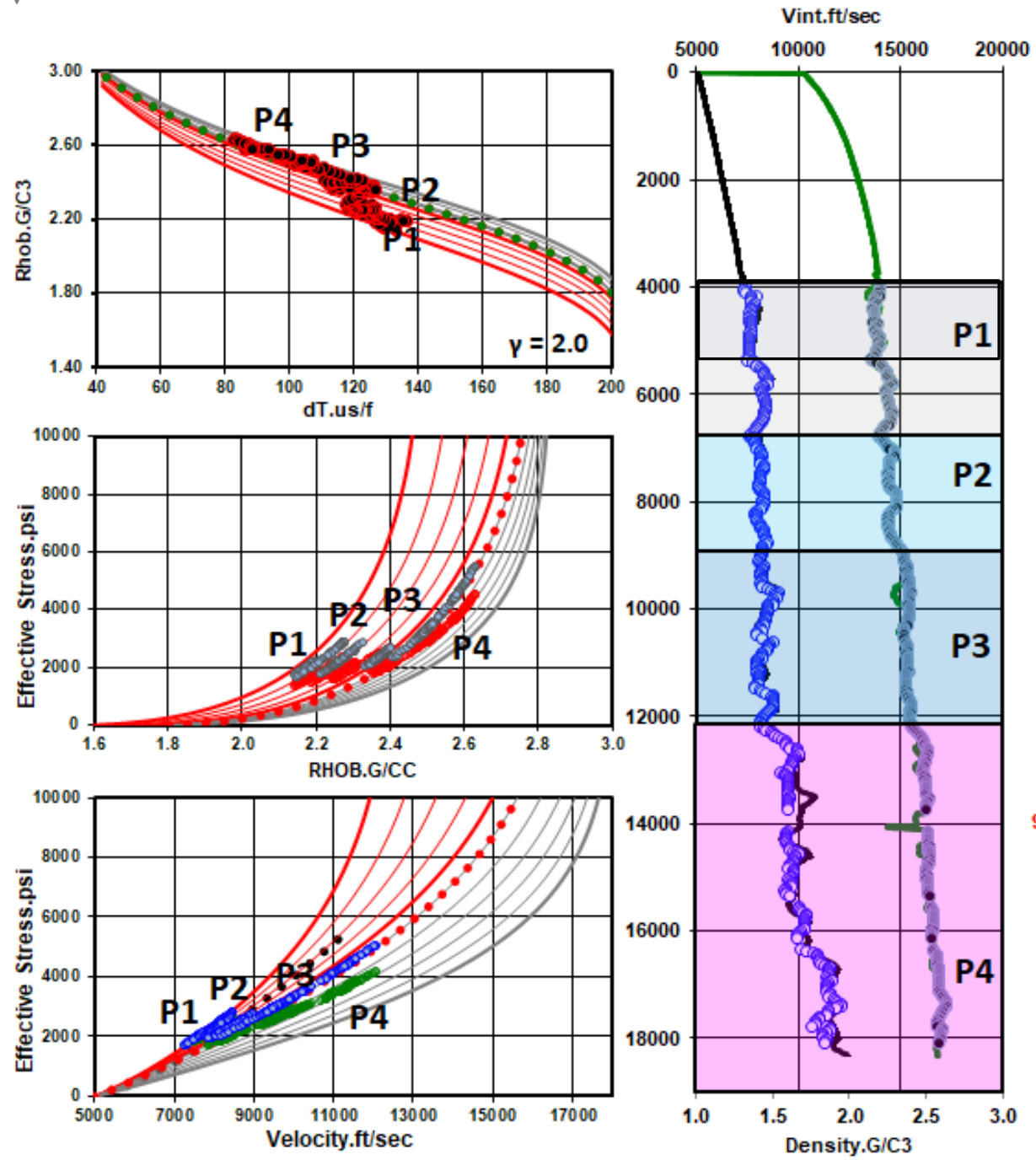


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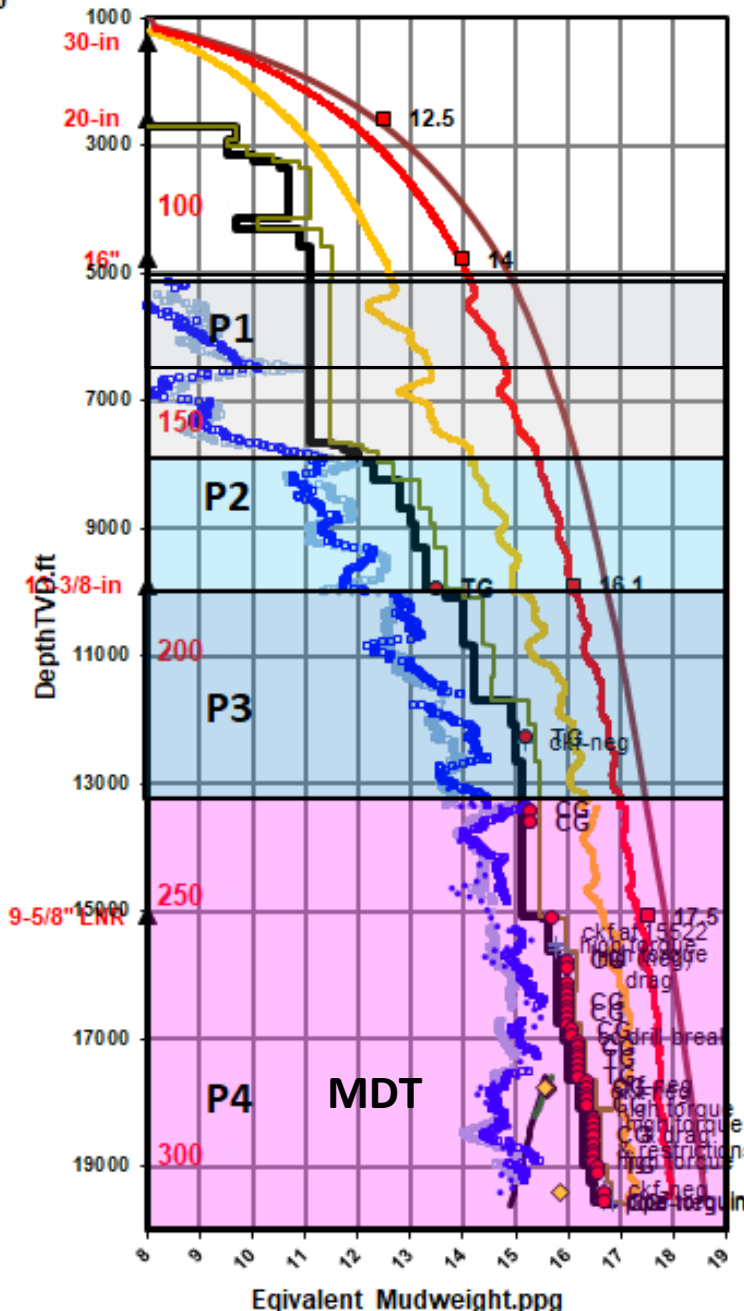
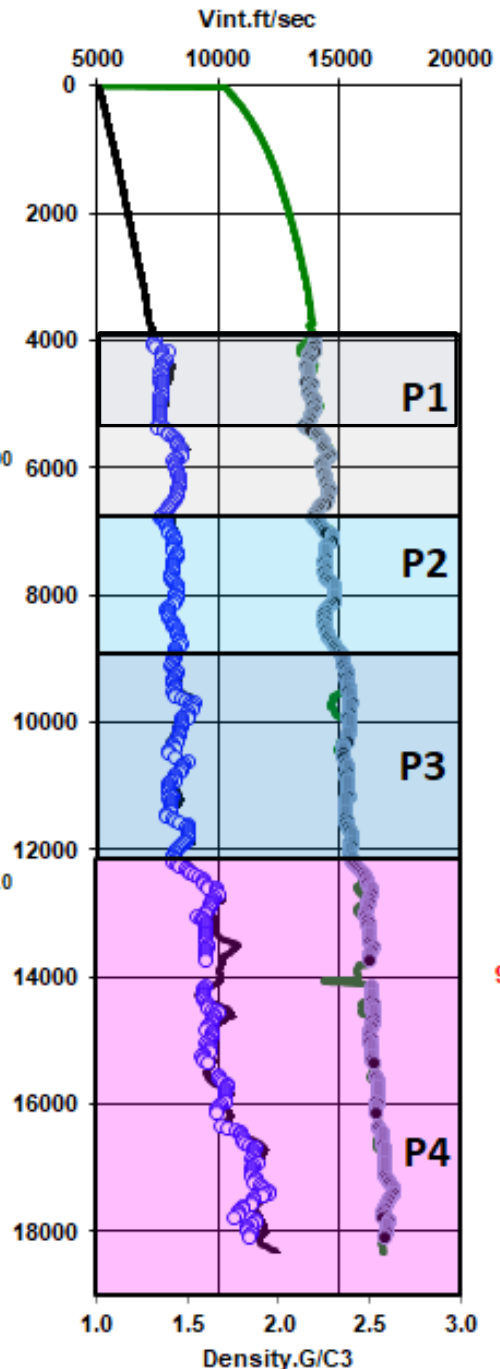
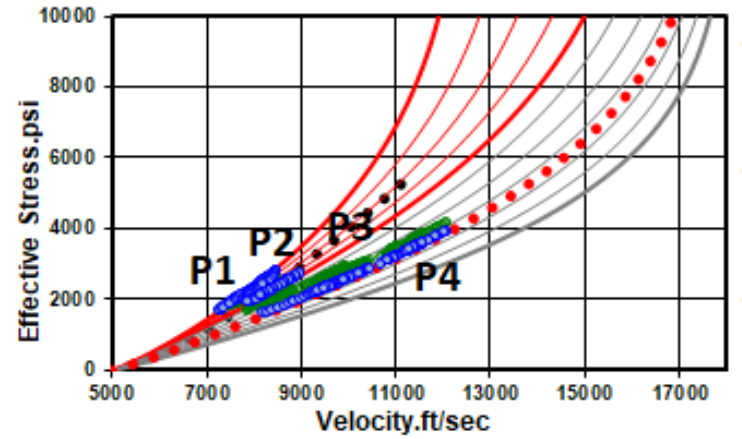
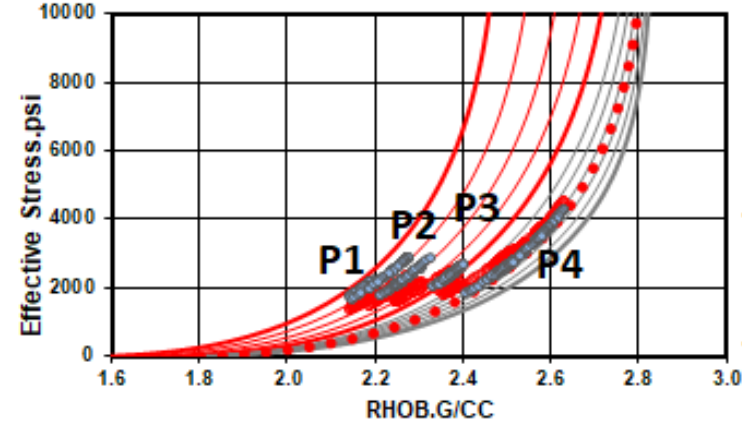
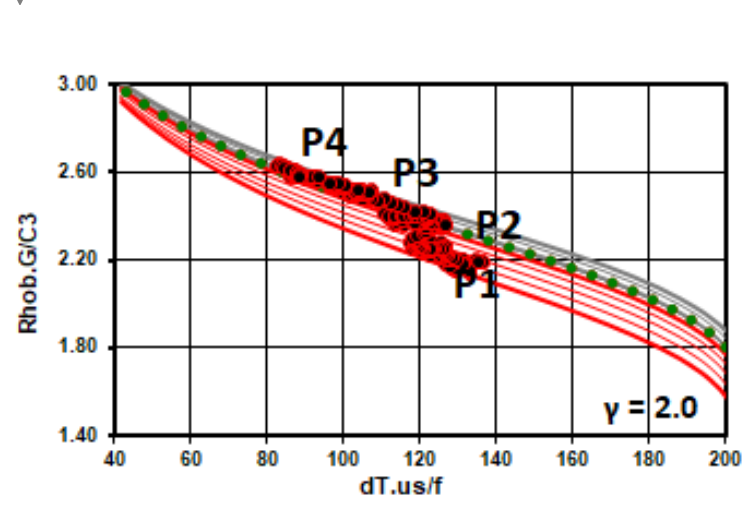






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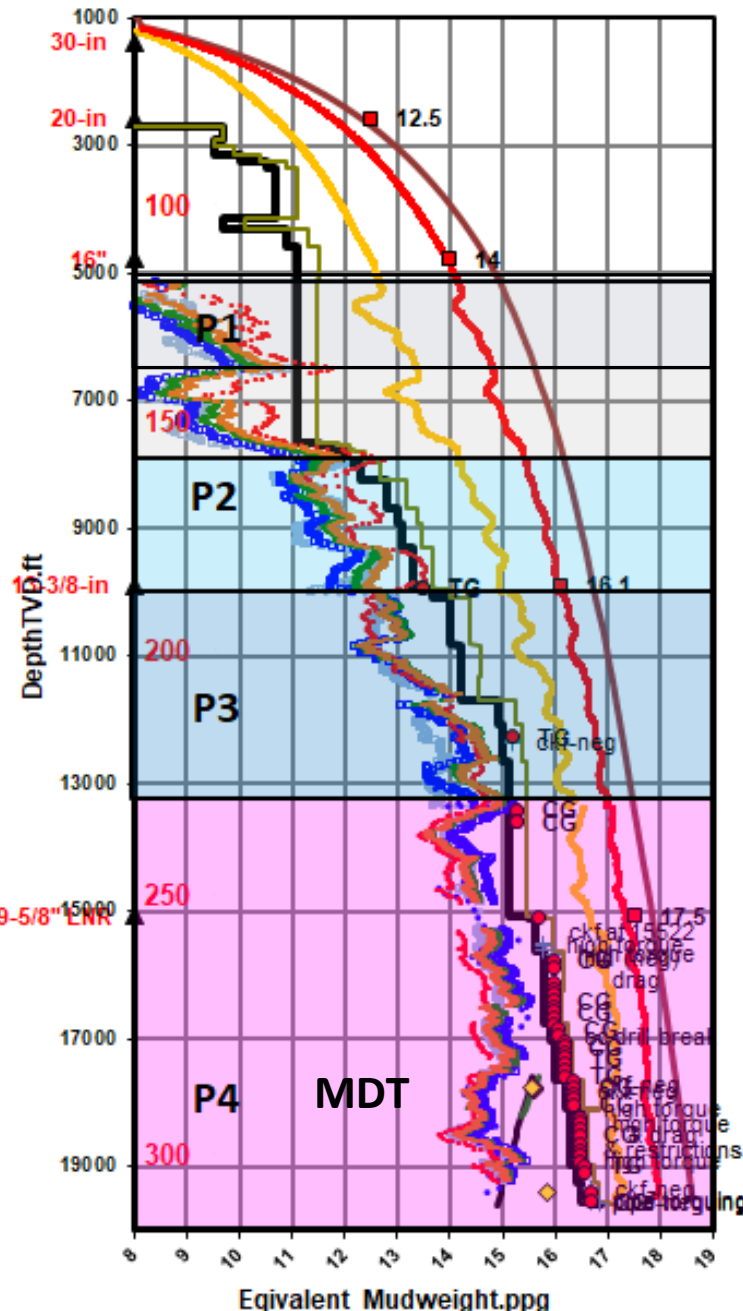
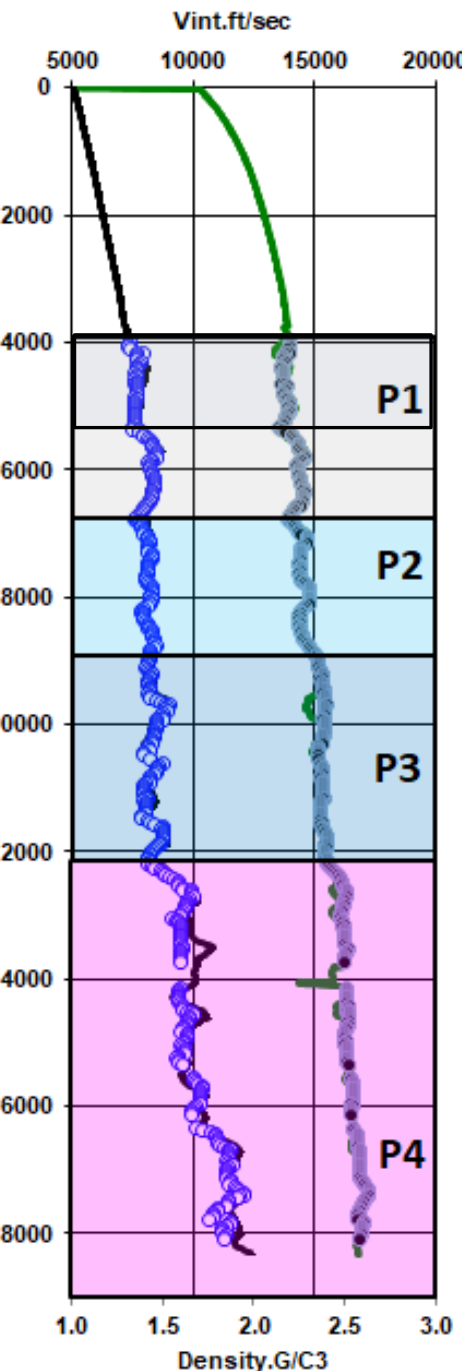
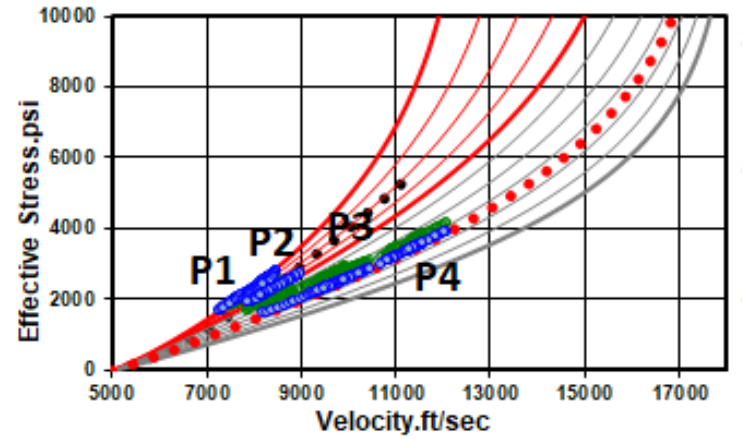
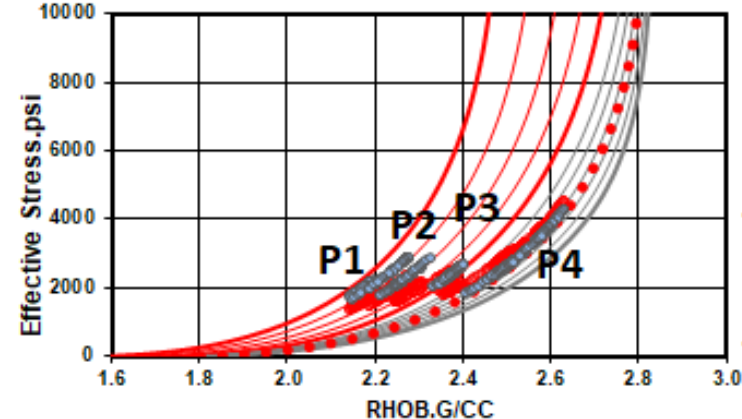
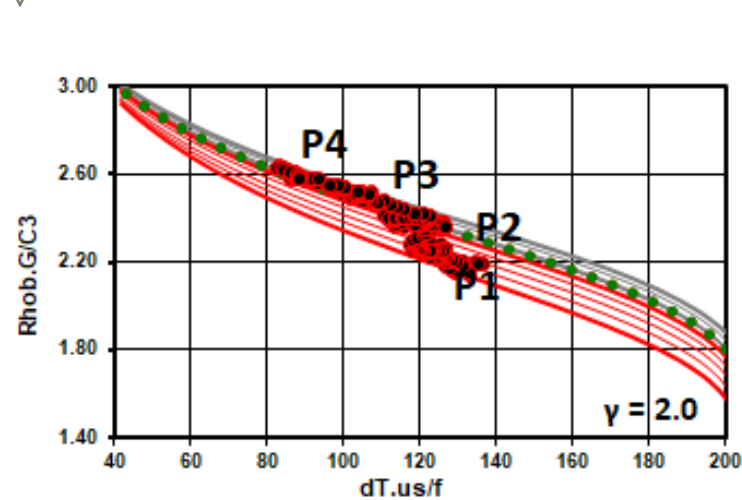


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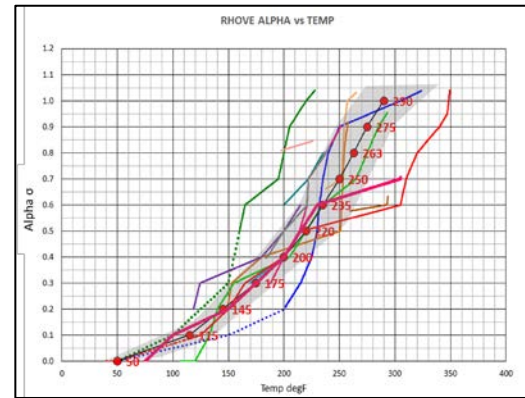


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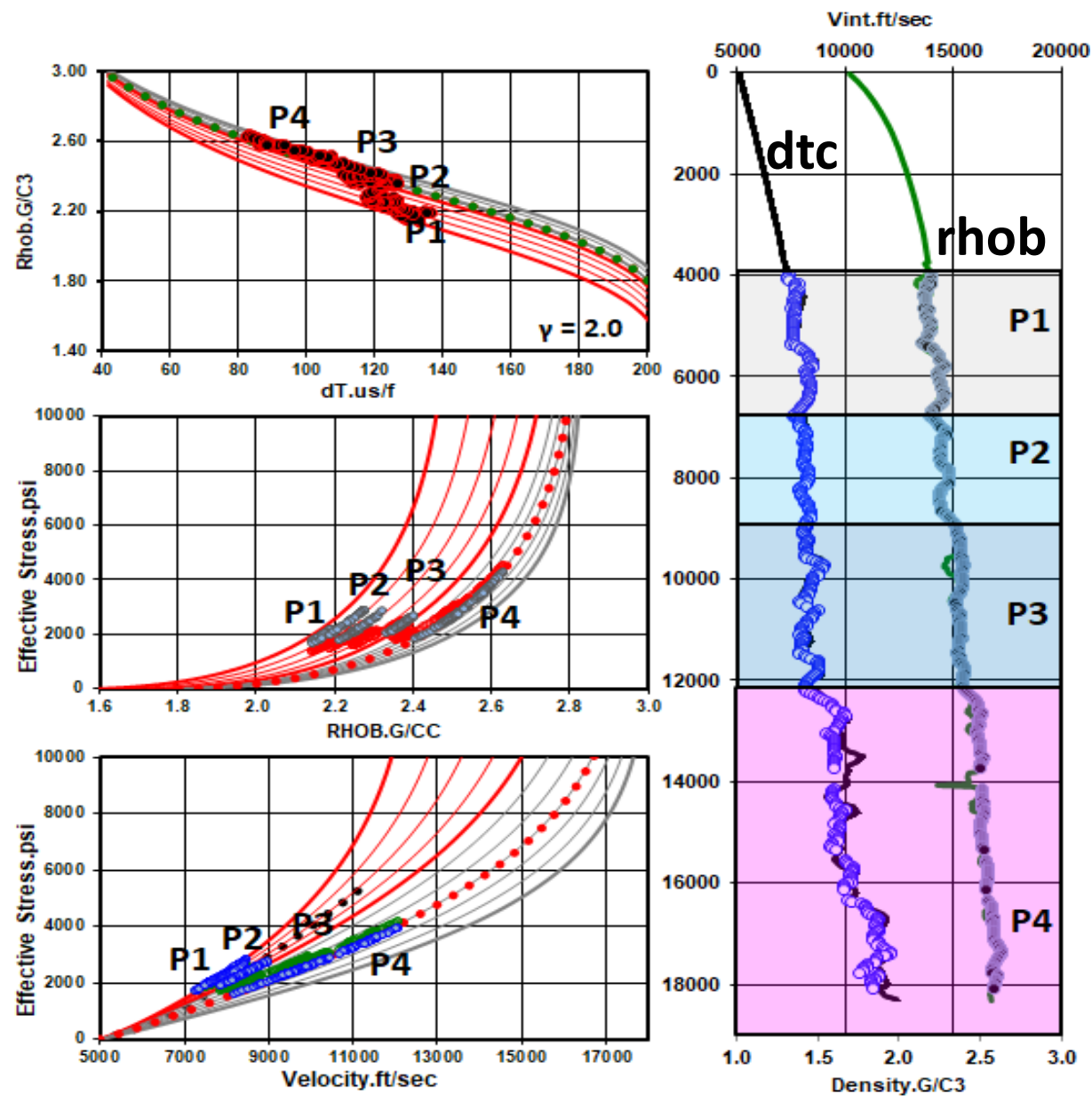
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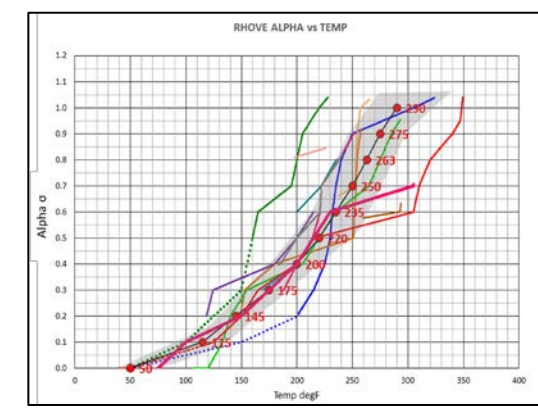
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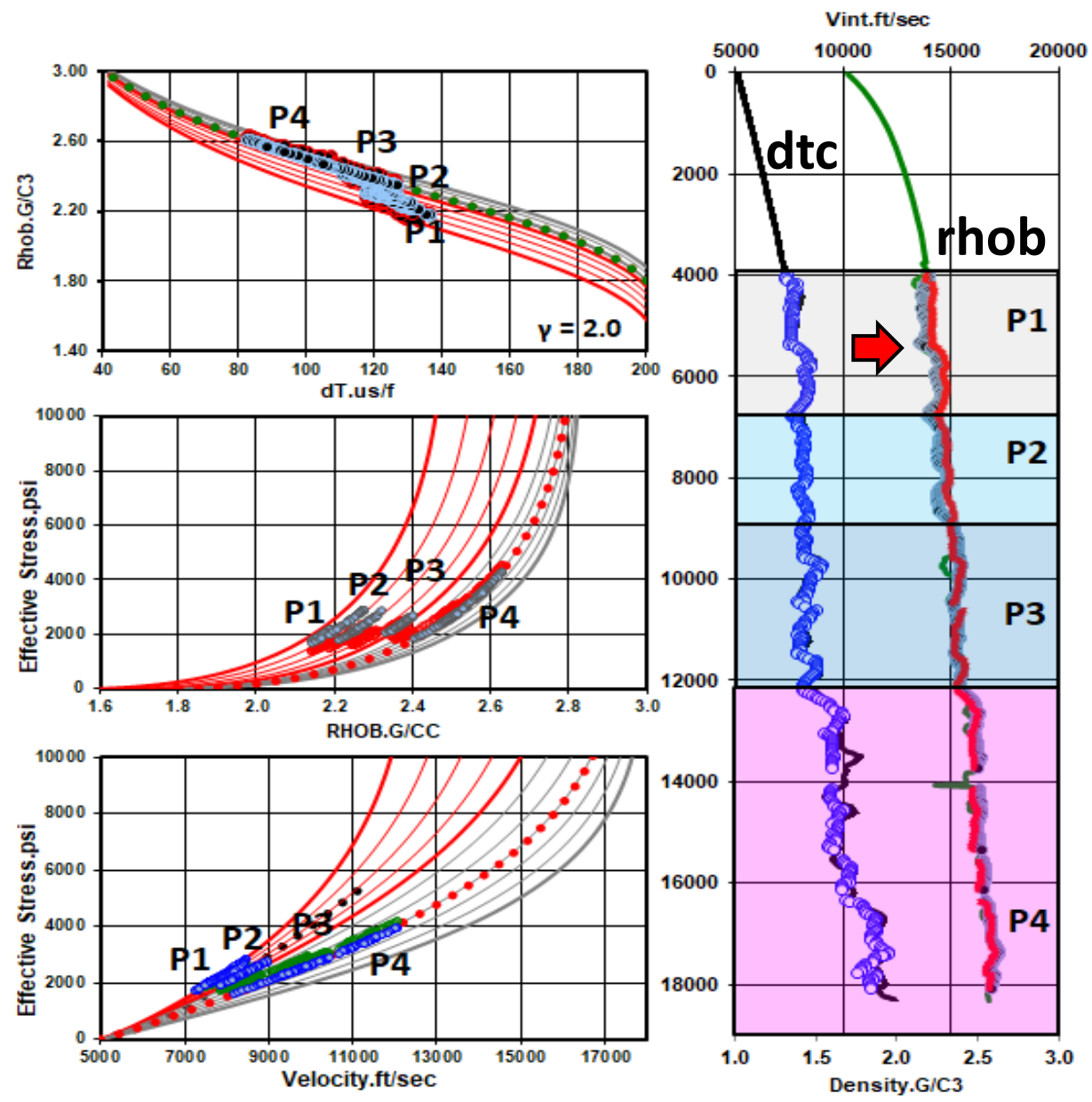


- pseudorho from dtc
- more accurate OBG & FG estimation from seismic
- improved sub-regional PPG calibration for predrill estimates

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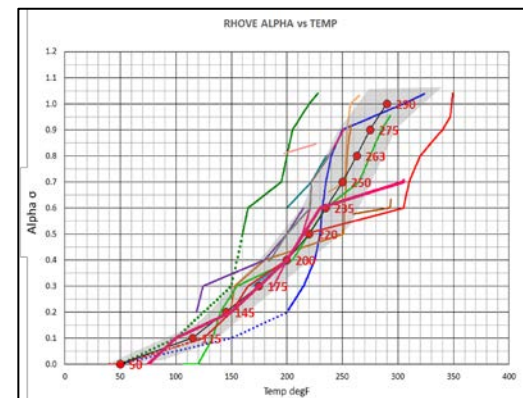




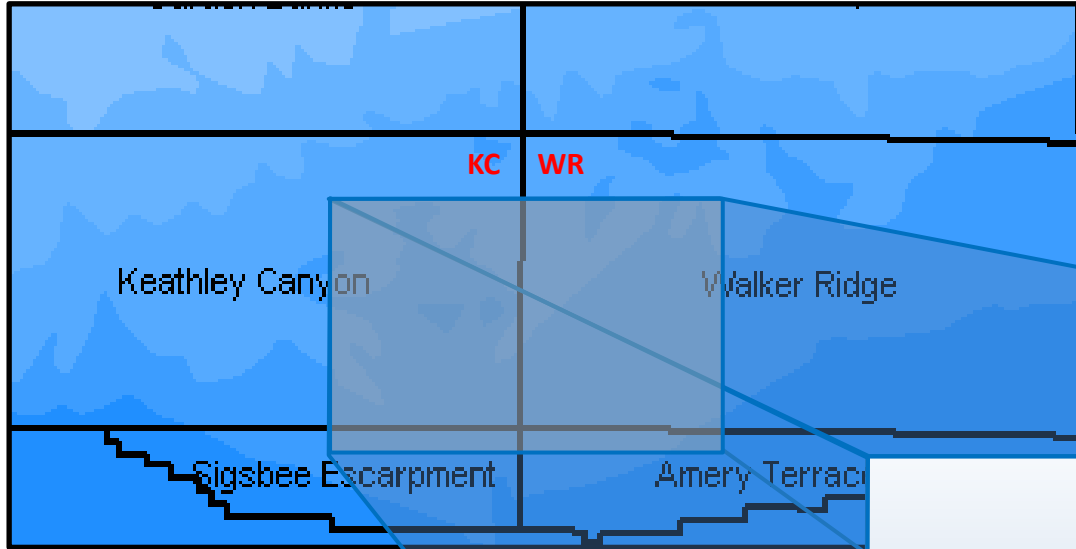


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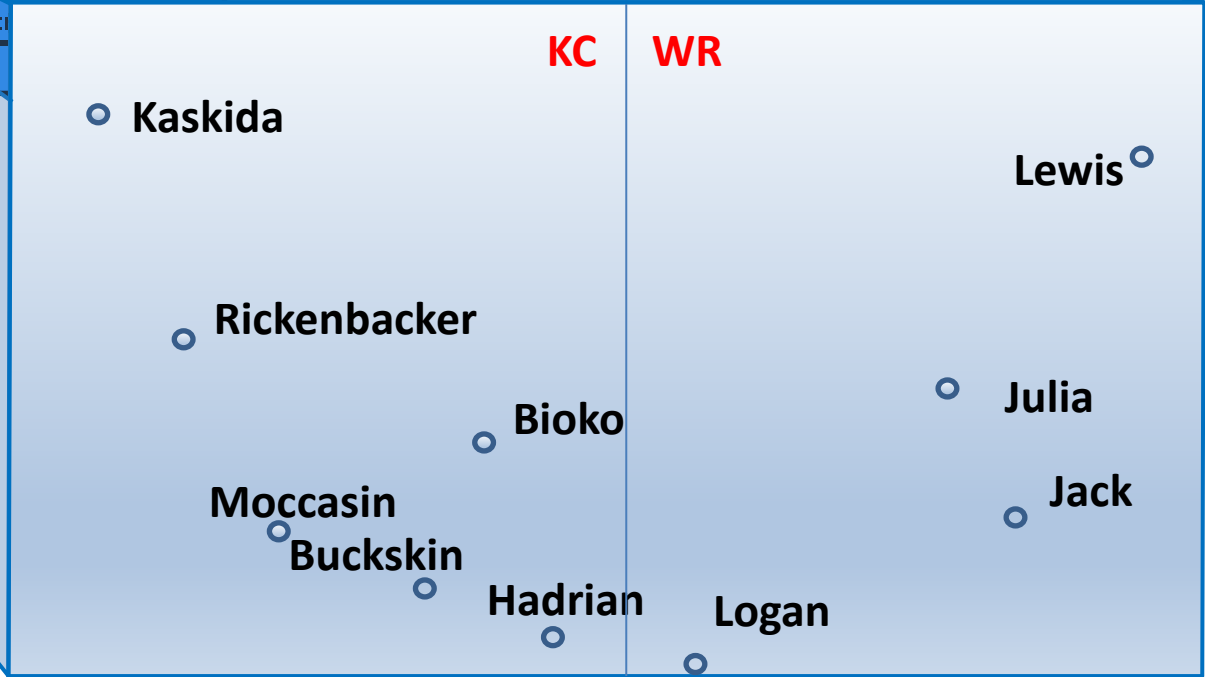
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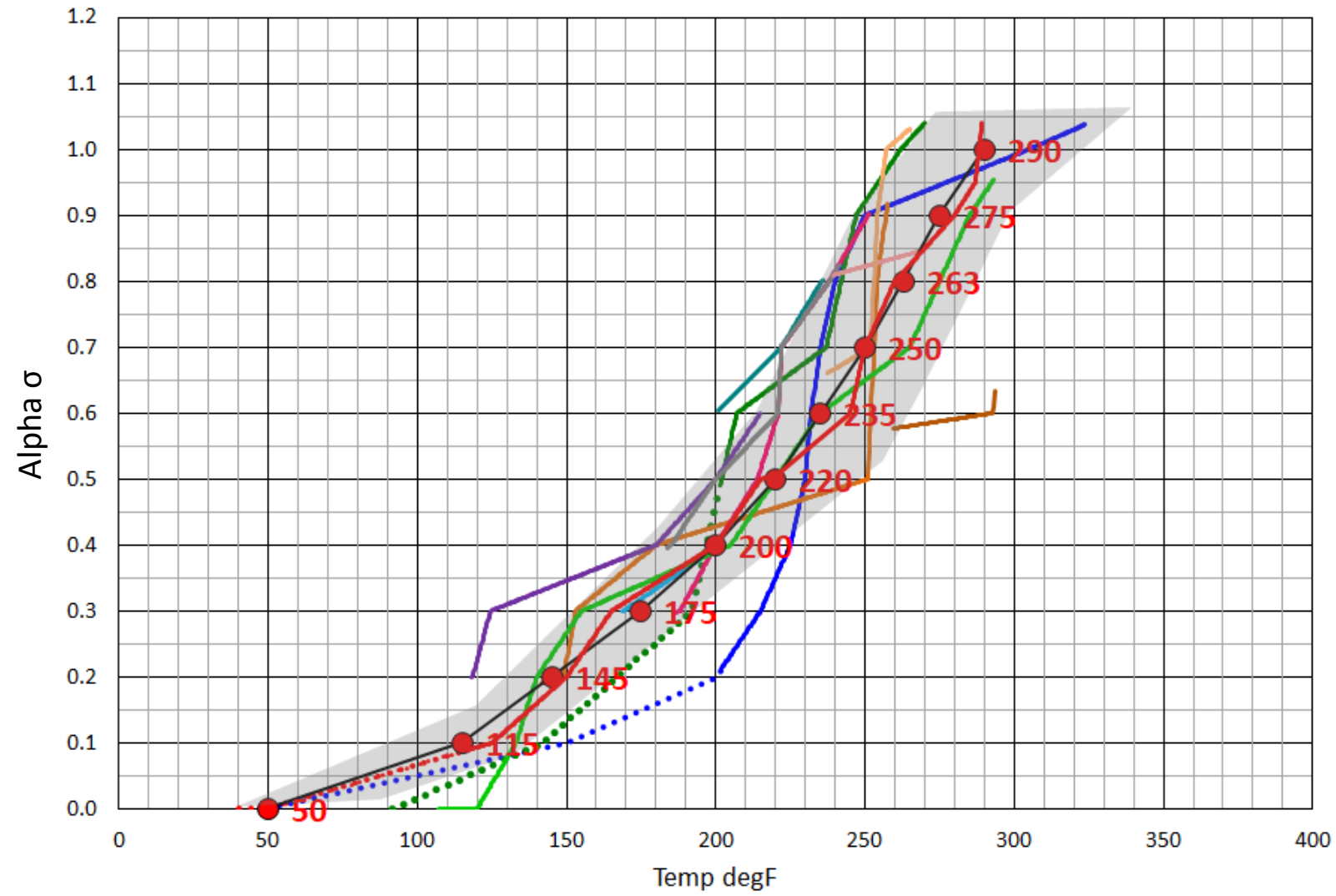


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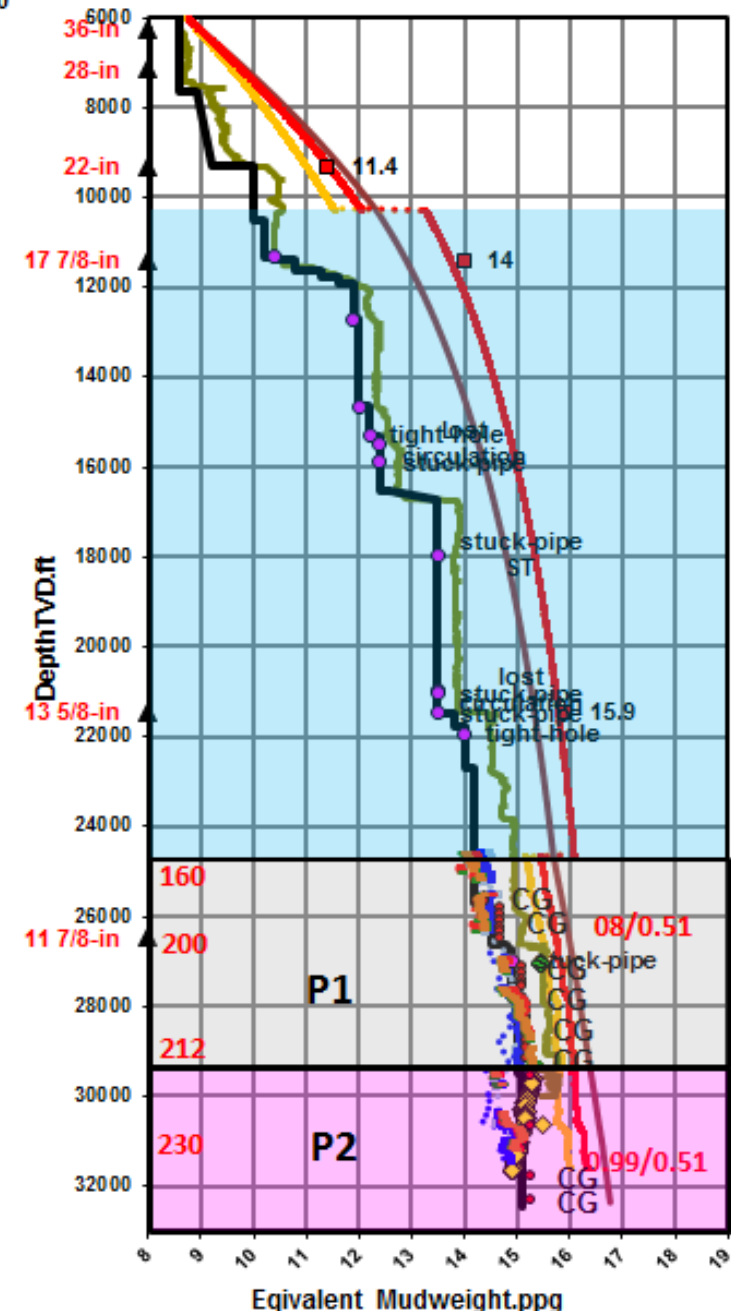
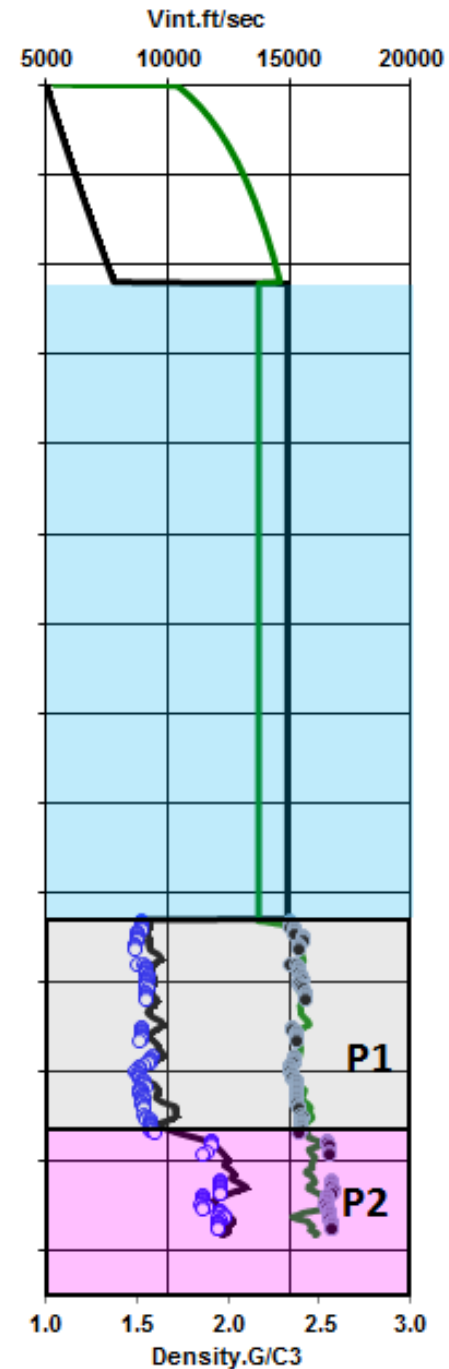
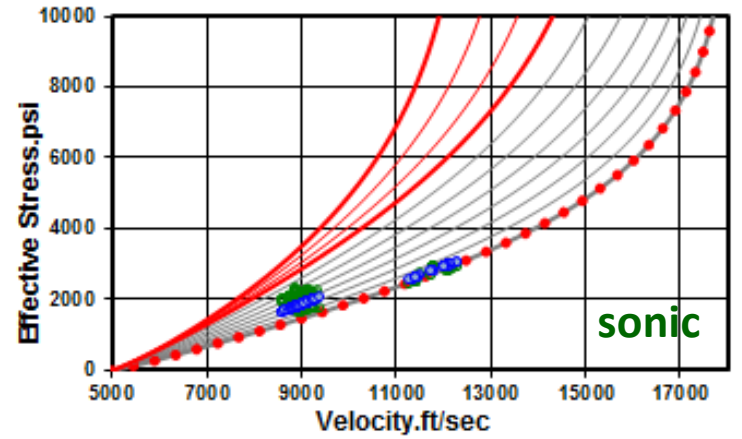
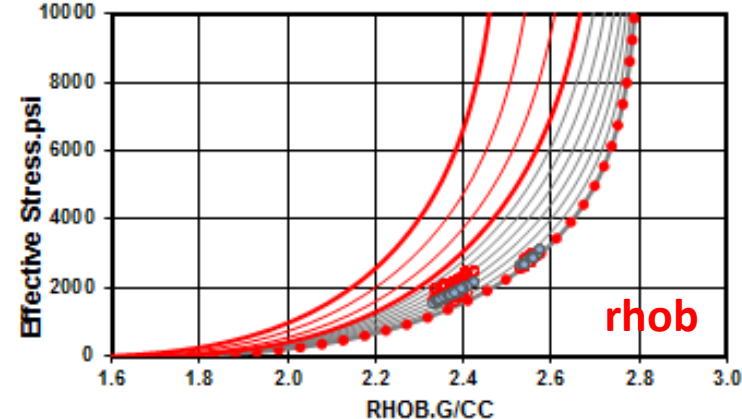
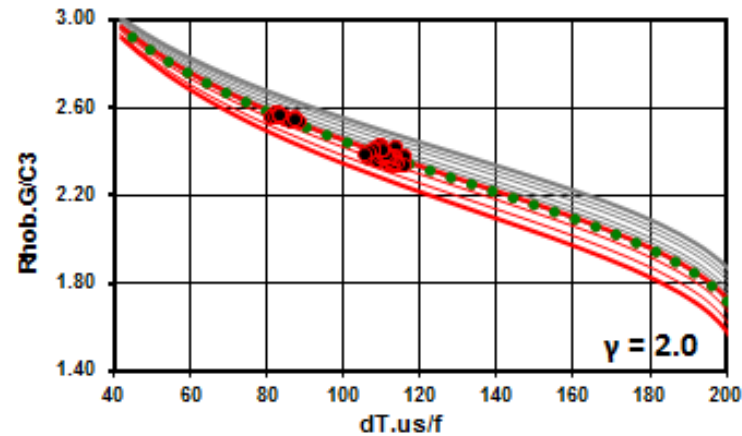
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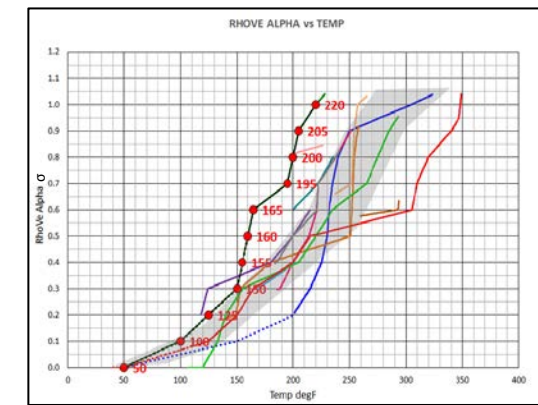
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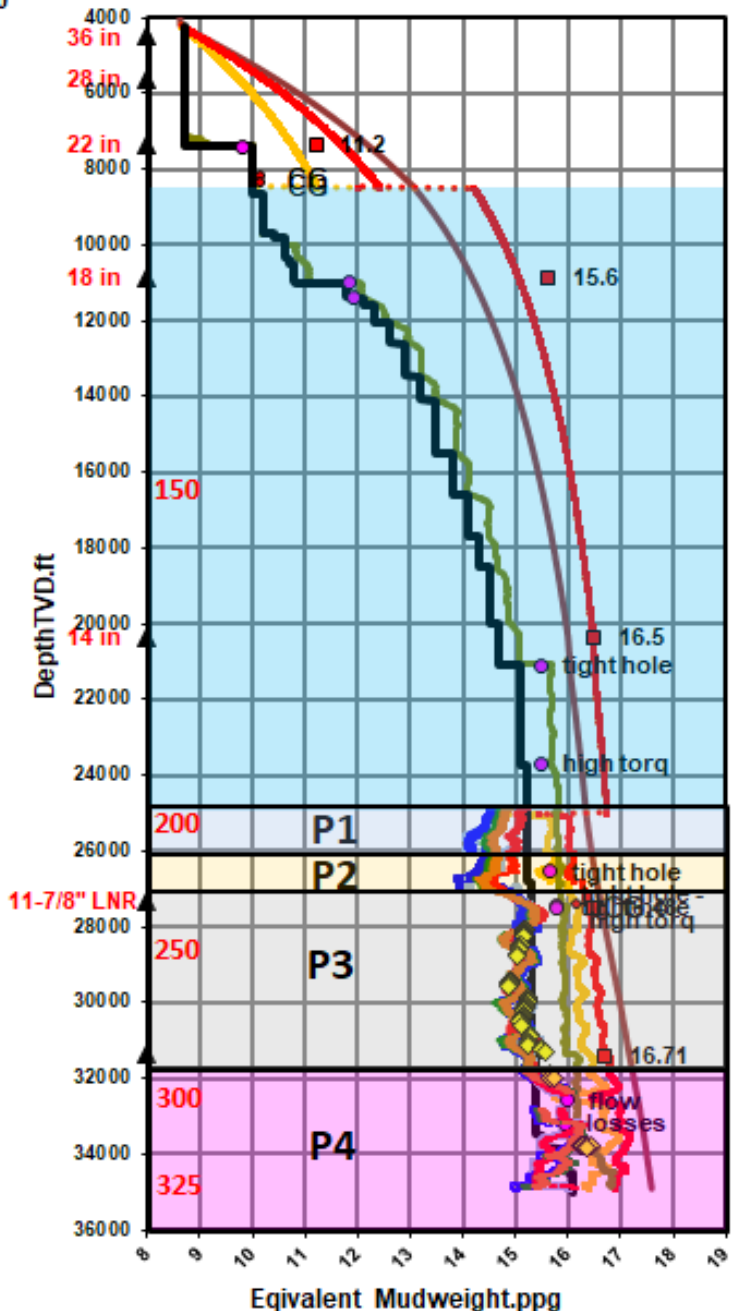
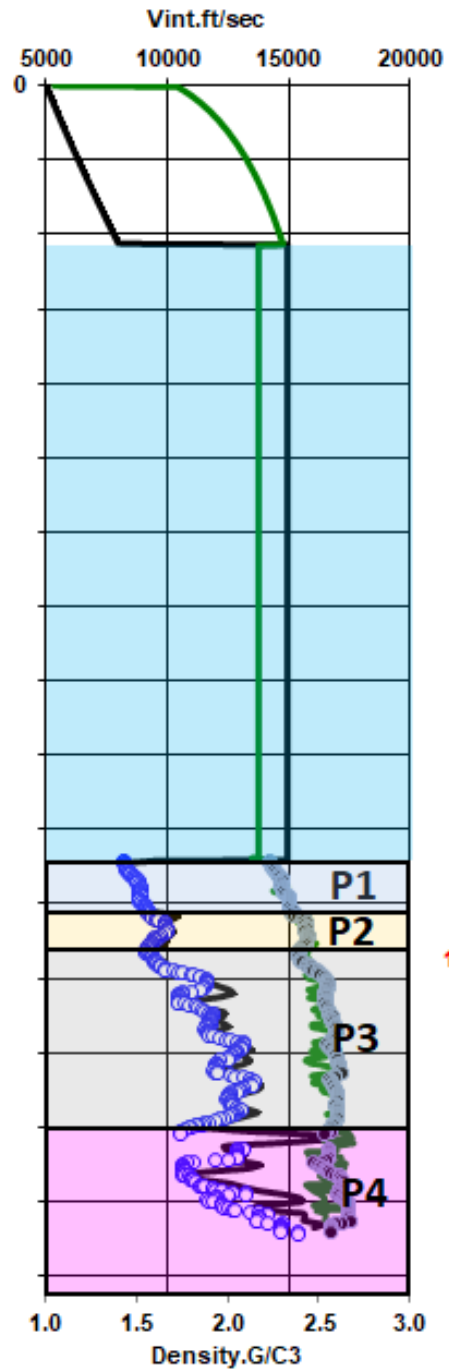
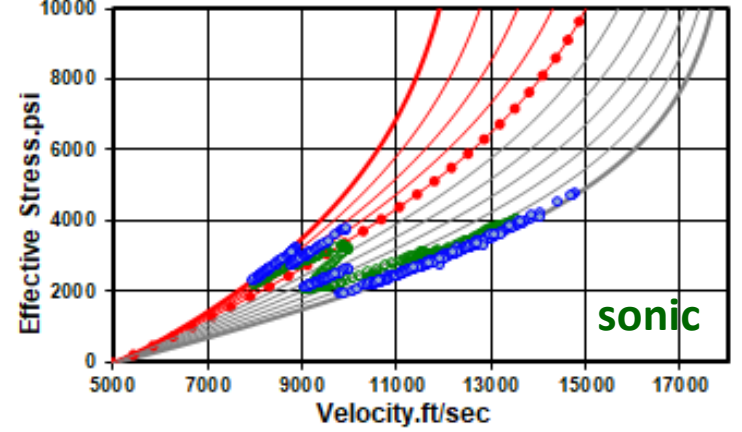
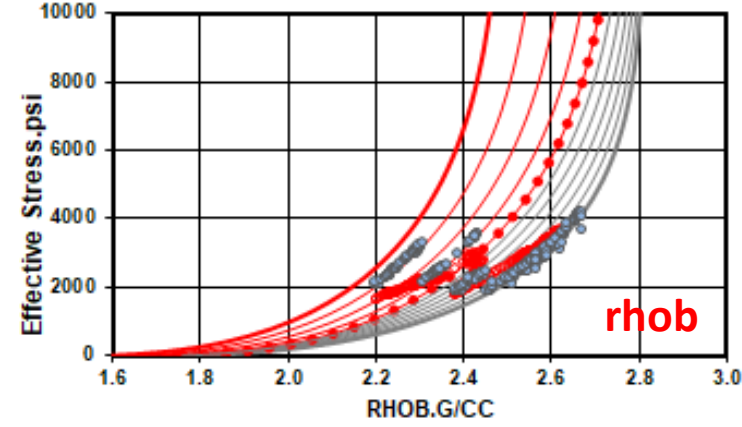
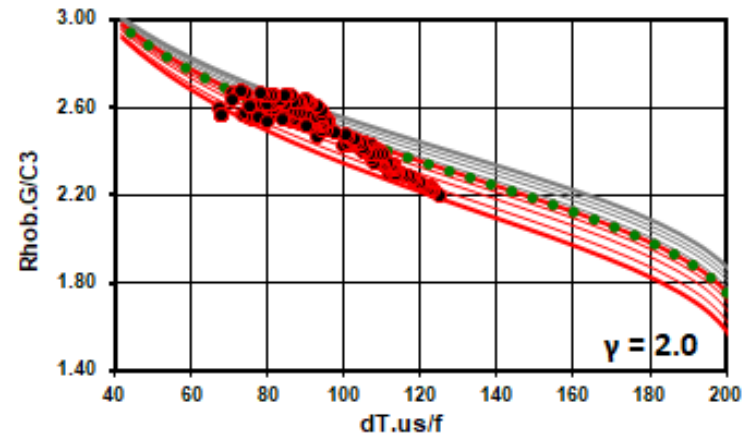


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2.41	0.6	165
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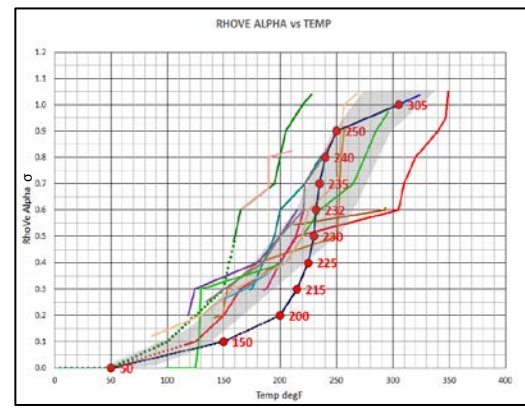




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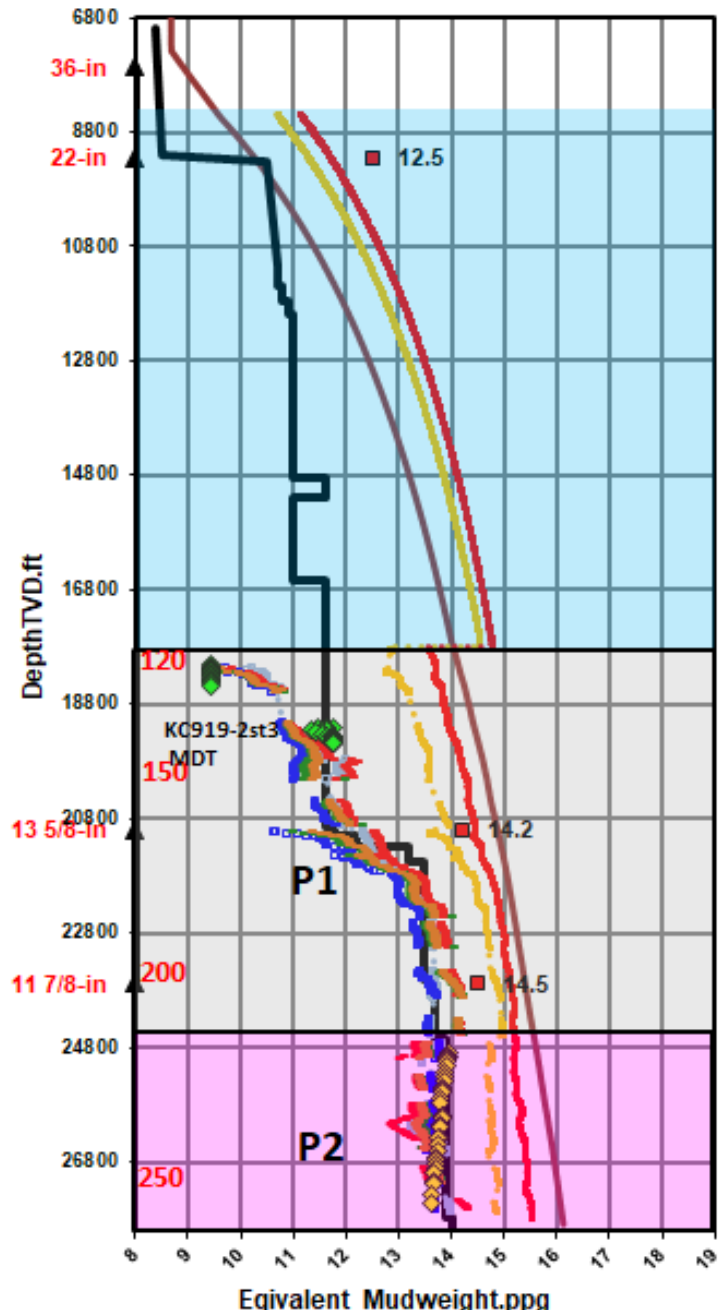
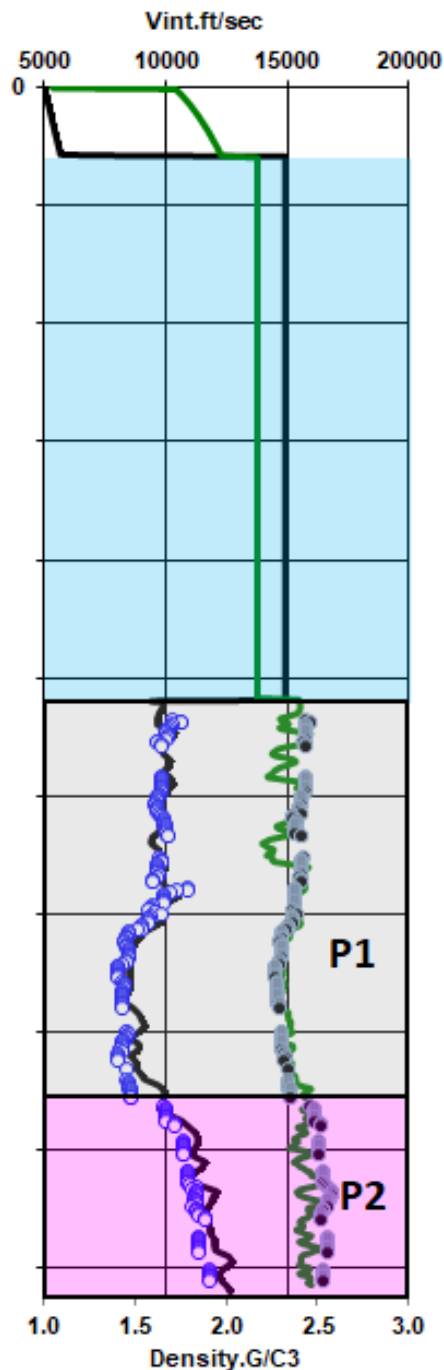
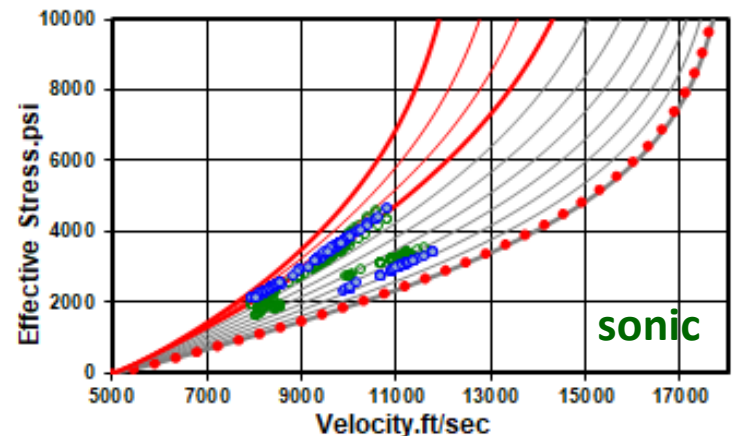
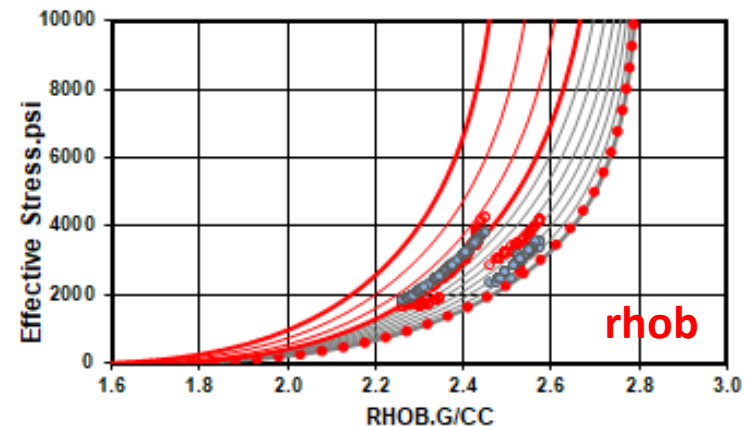
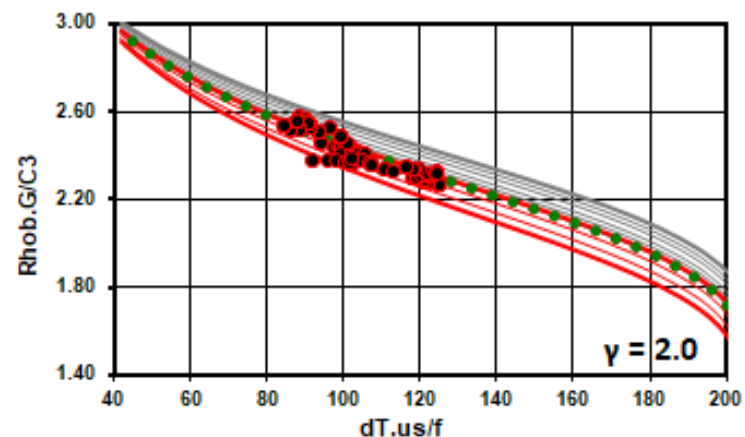


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2.30	0.3	215
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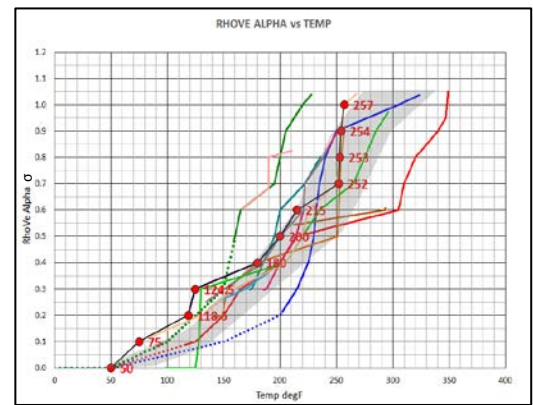




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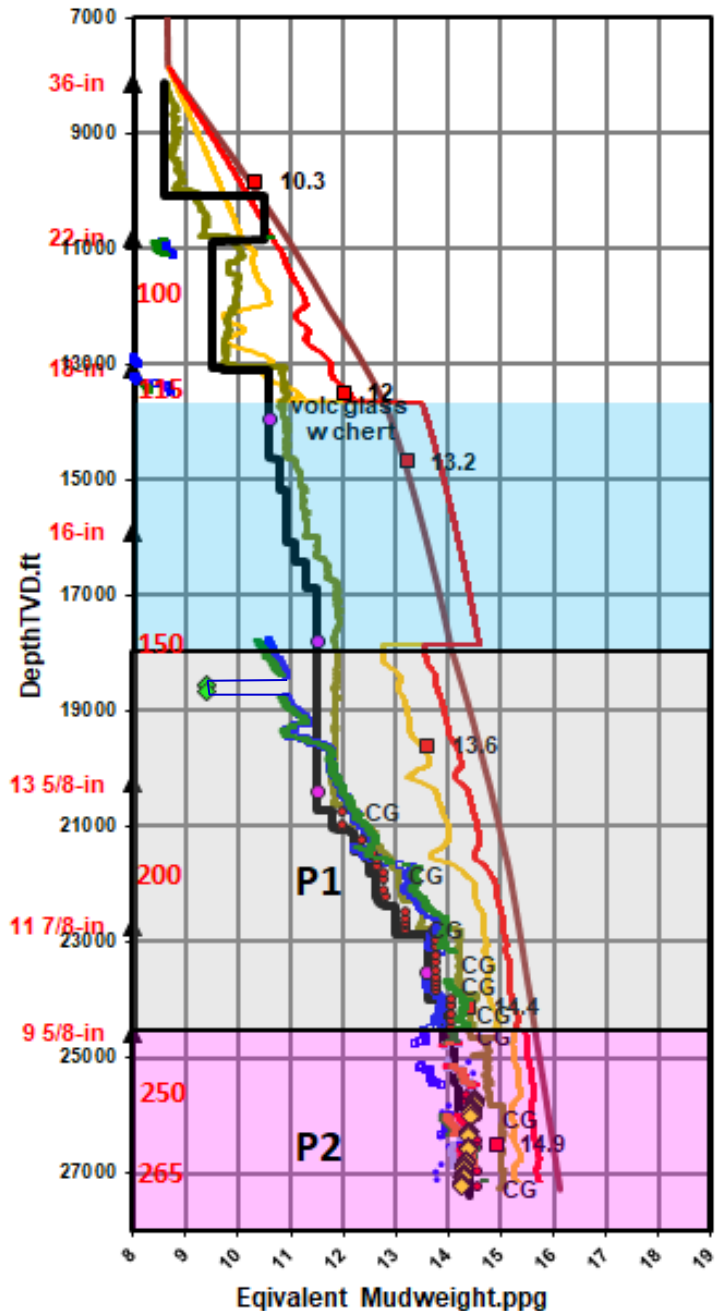
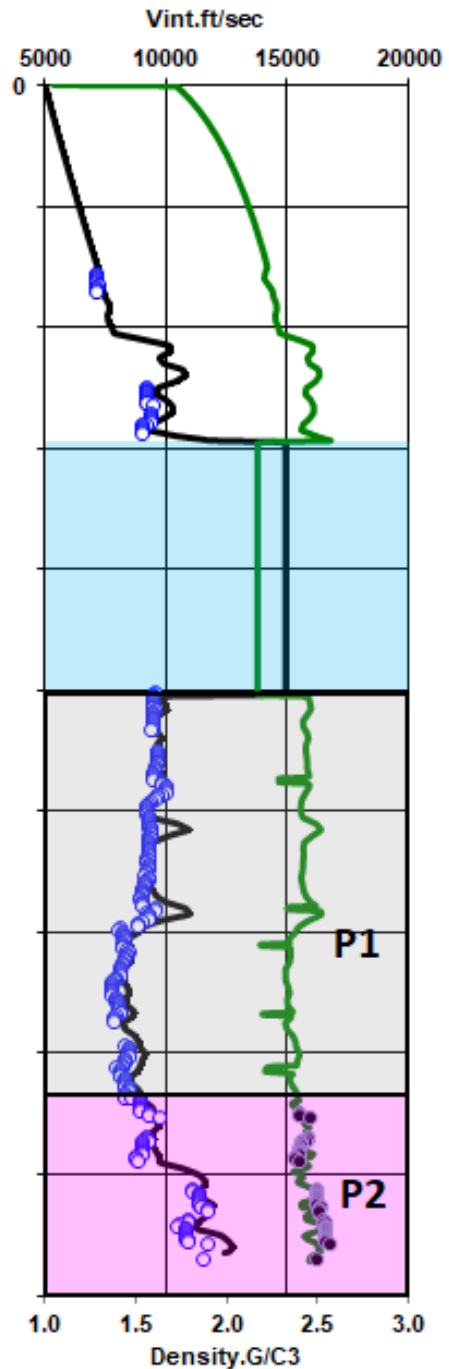
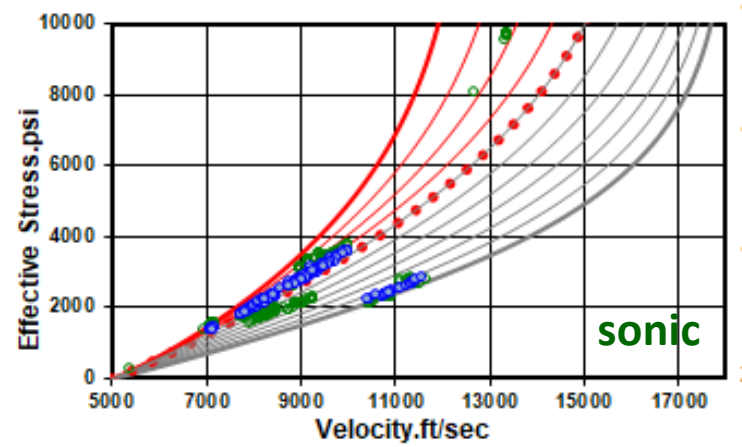
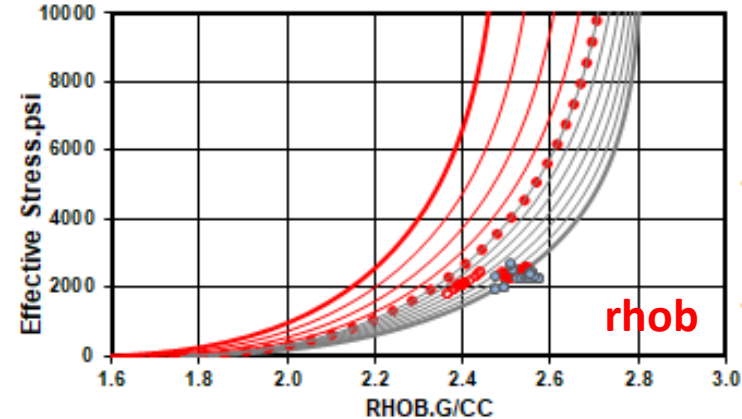
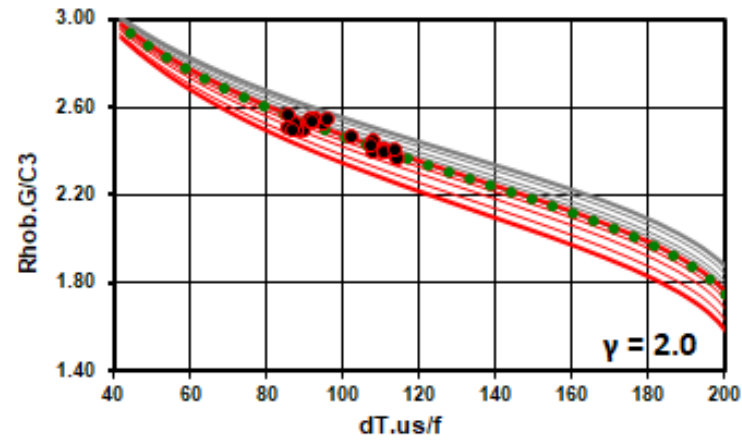
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2.30	0.4	180
2.30	0.5	200
2.35	0.6	215
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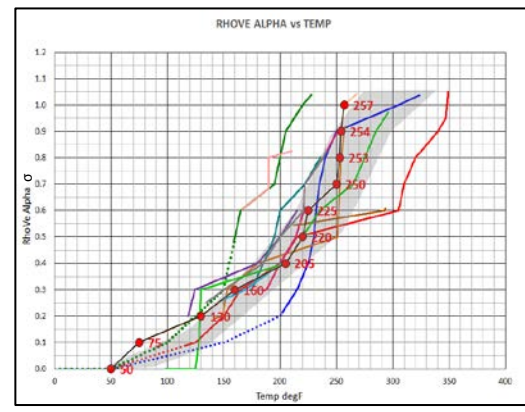




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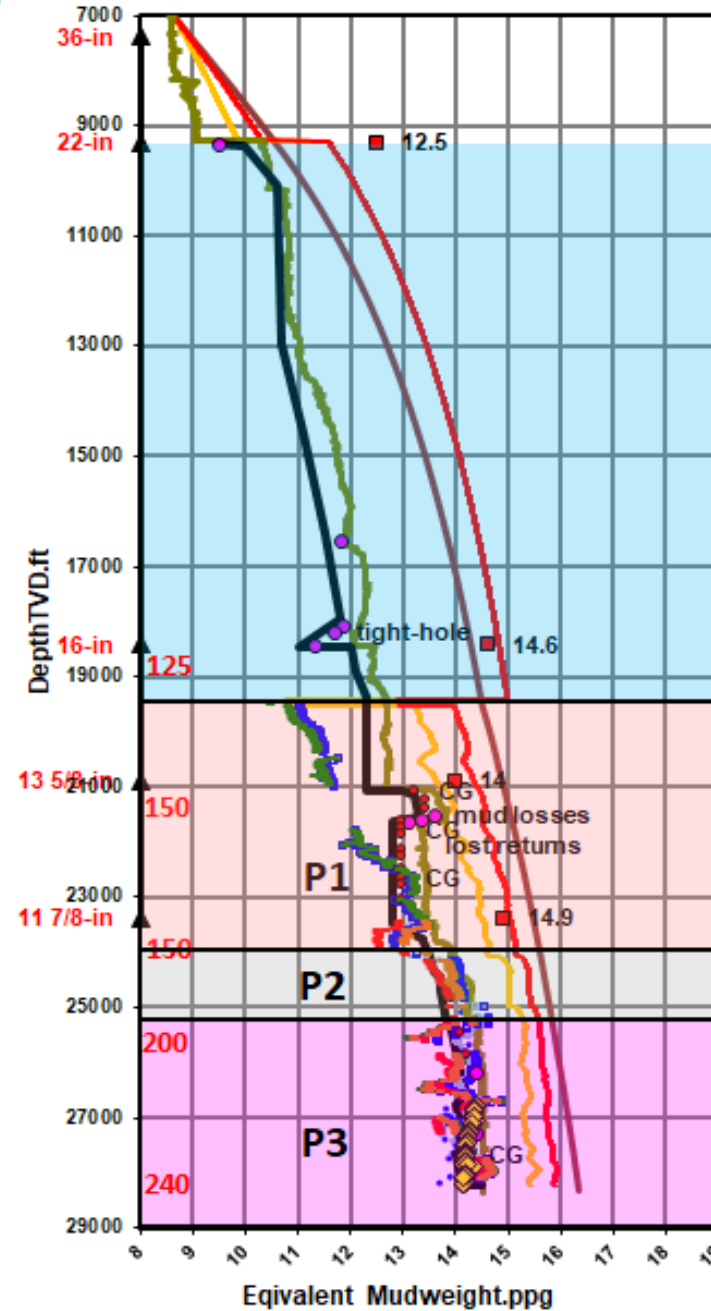
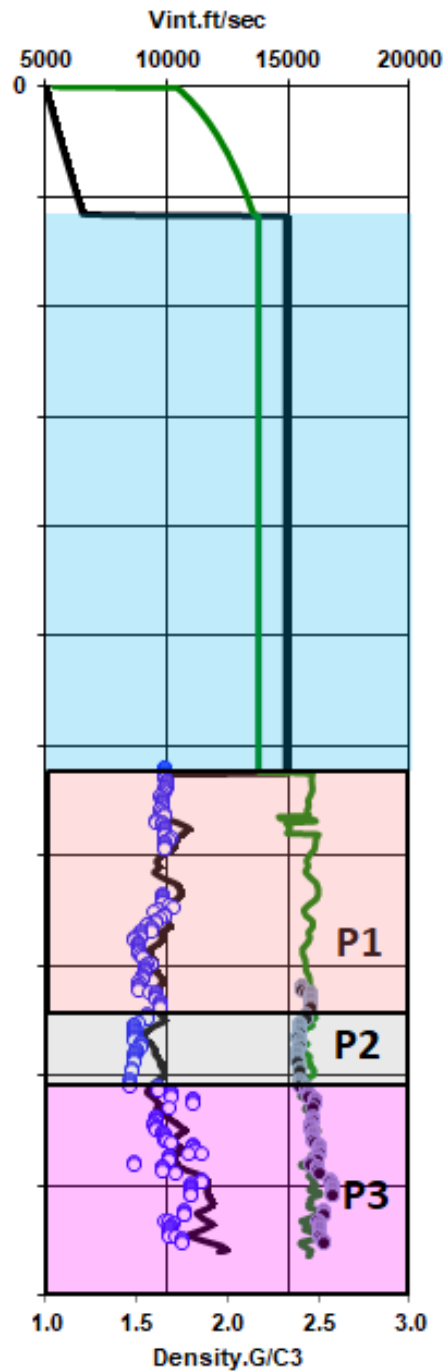
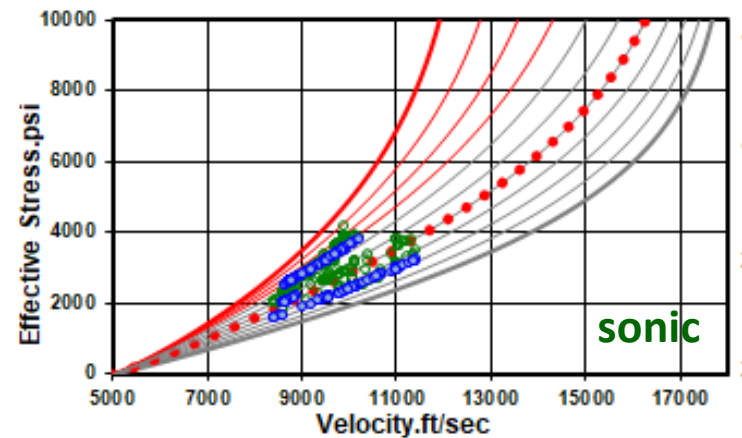
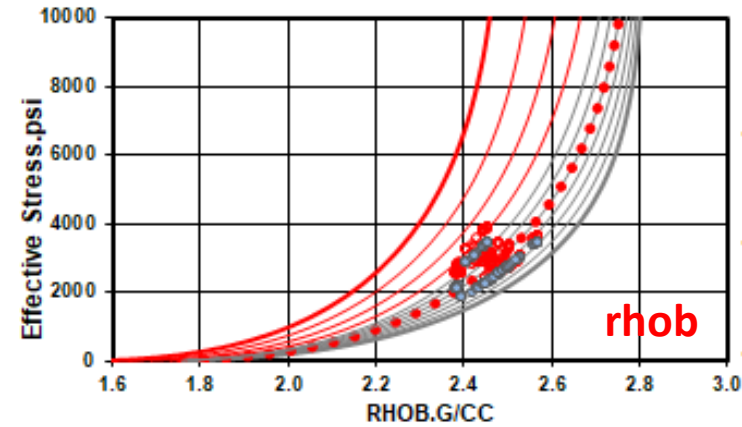
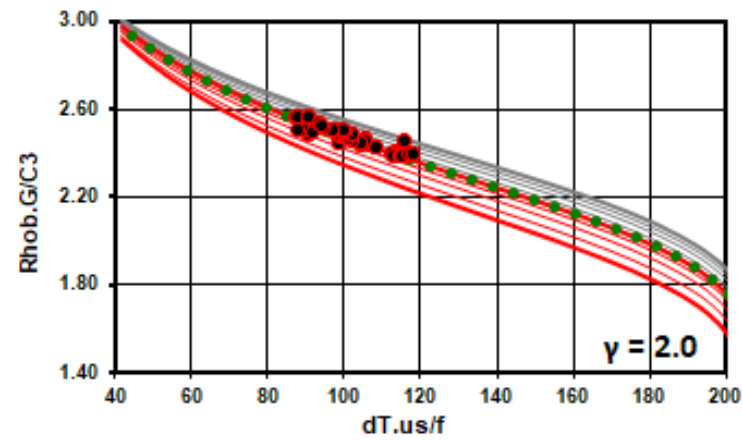


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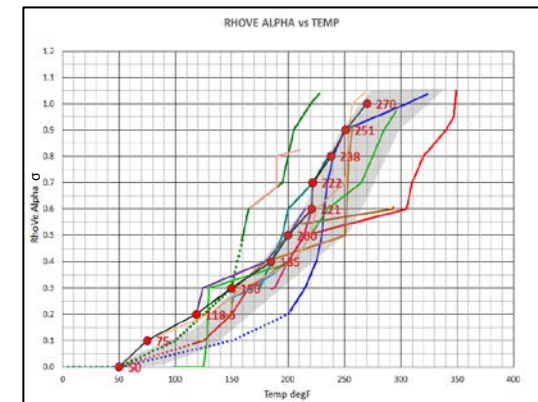




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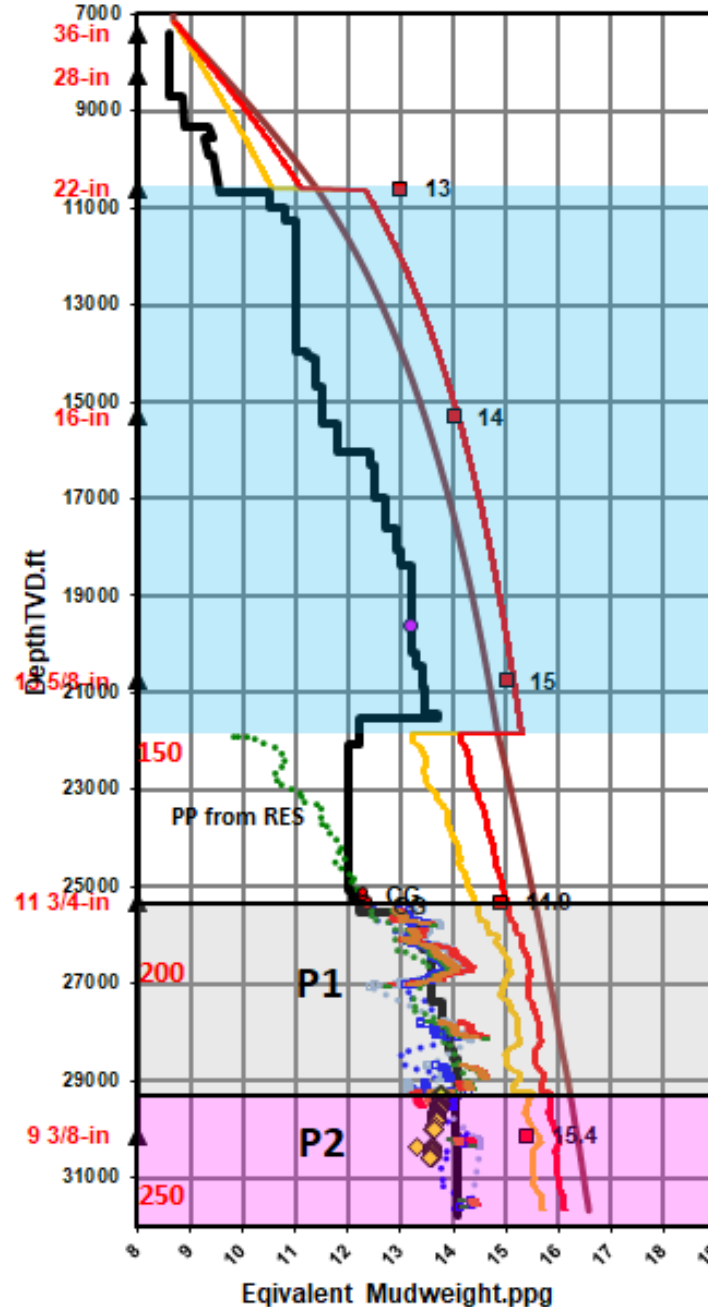
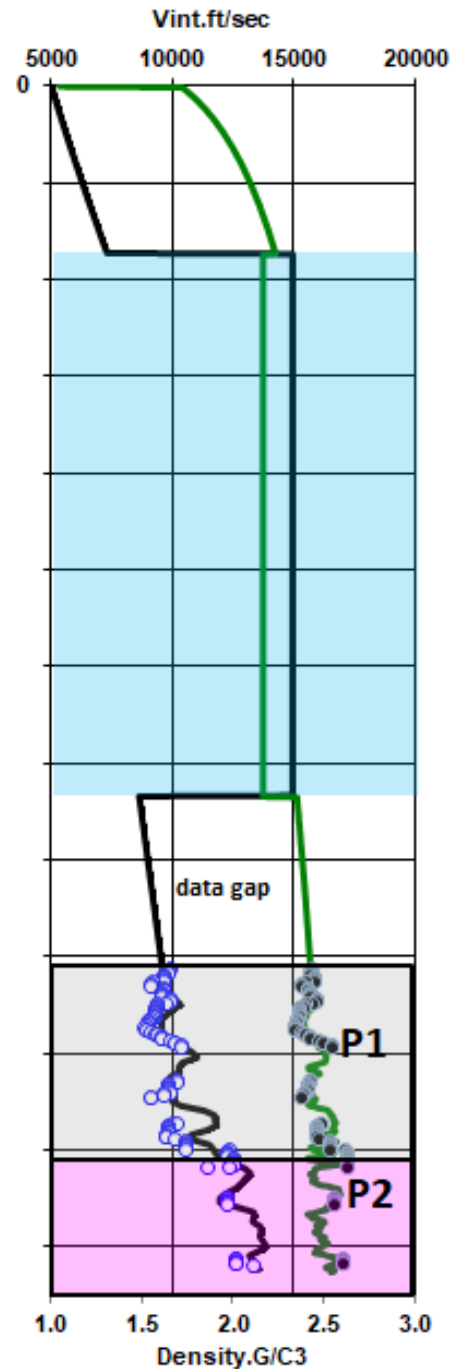
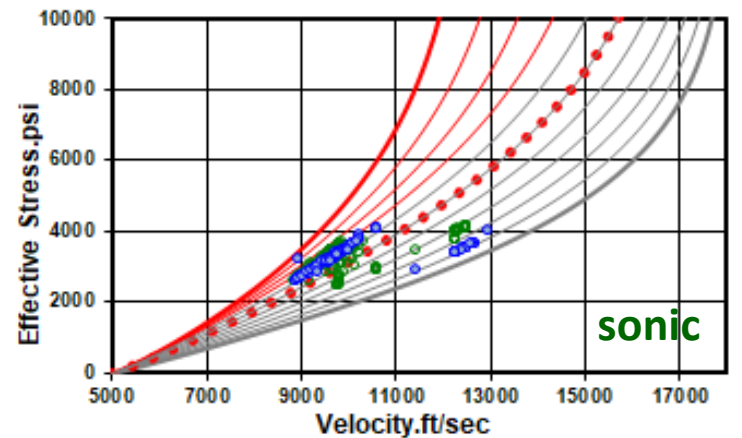
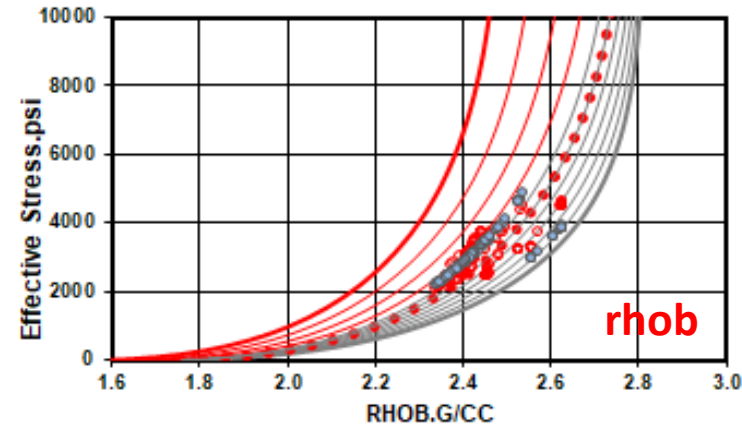
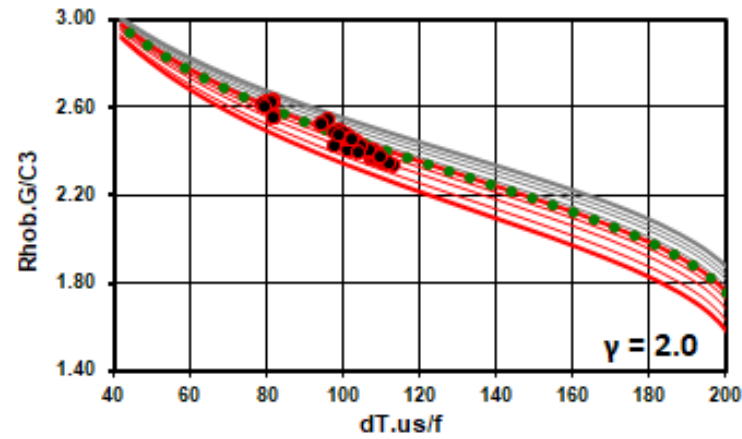


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#N/A	0.2	118.5
#N/A	0.3	150
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2.39	0.5	200
2.51	0.6	221
2.49	0.7	222
2.50	0.8	238
#N/A	0.9	251
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#N/A	1.05	275

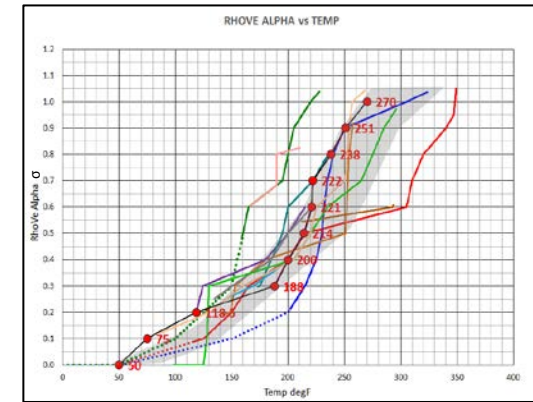




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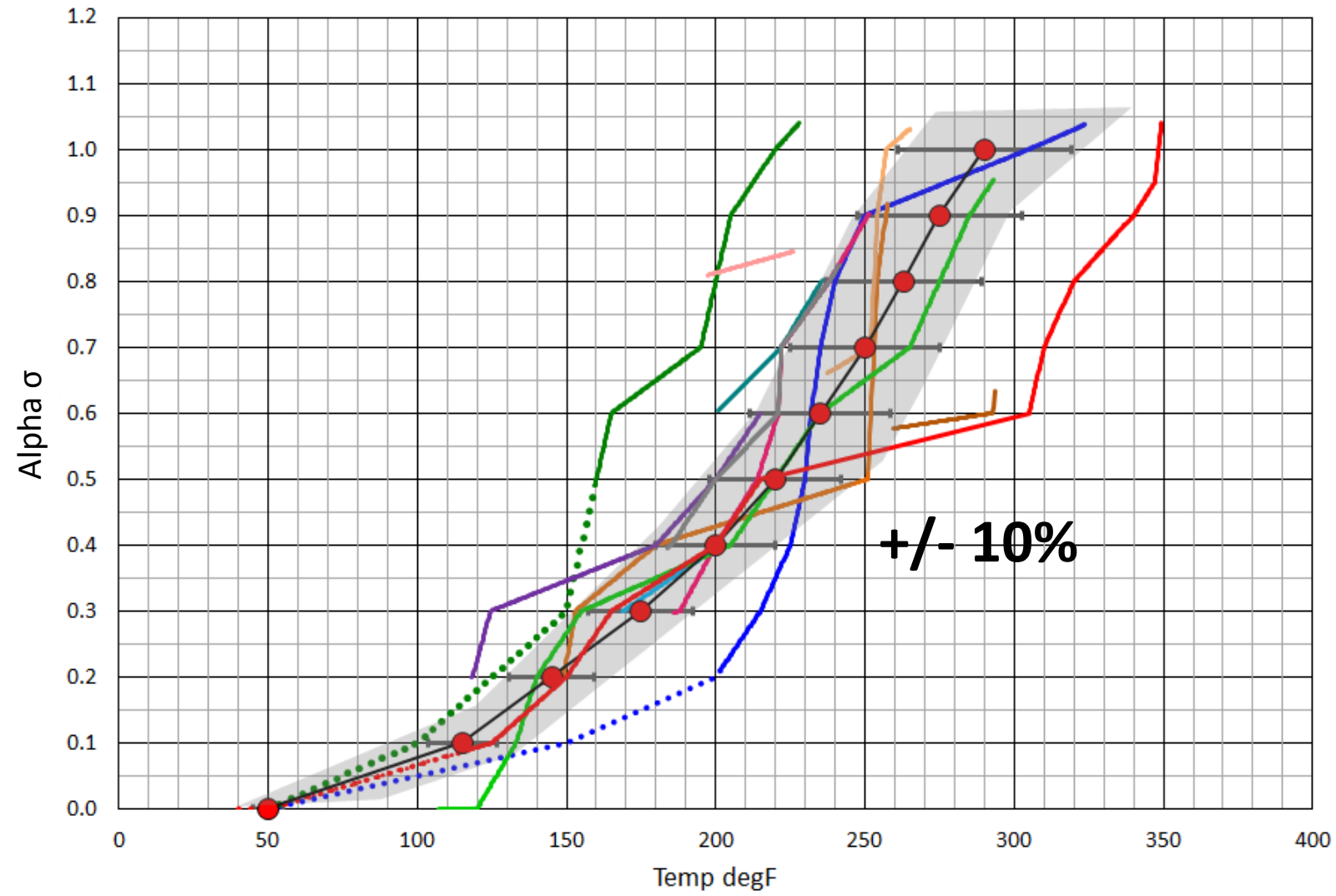


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2.38	0.4	200
2.39	0.5	214
2.46	0.6	221
2.46	0.7	222
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2.61	0.9	251
#N/A	1.0	270
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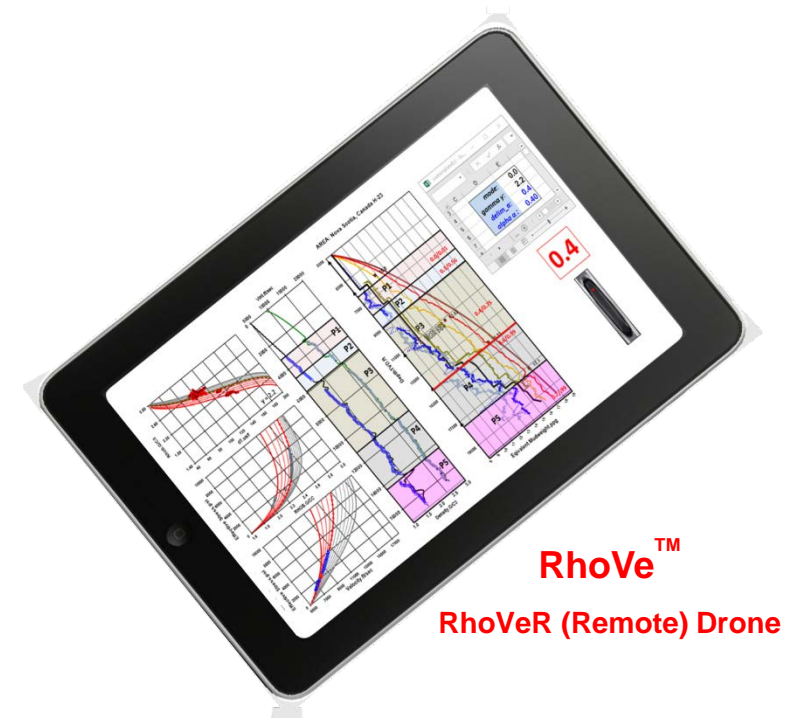


# Rhob



# Advantages

- Efficiency through simplicity –
- RhoVe™ method has universal application -
- RhoVe™ method provides interactive solutions for:
  - Prospect Exploration
  - Prospect Maturation
  - Operations
- Rho density transformed to effective stress and pore pressure provides a rationale for subdivision of major flow units.
- Automate pore pressure solutions related to compositional changes using **RhoVe™ Auto**
- Thermodynamic transition from mudstone to shale utilize **RhoVe™ T**; applicable to unconventional shale reservoir plays.



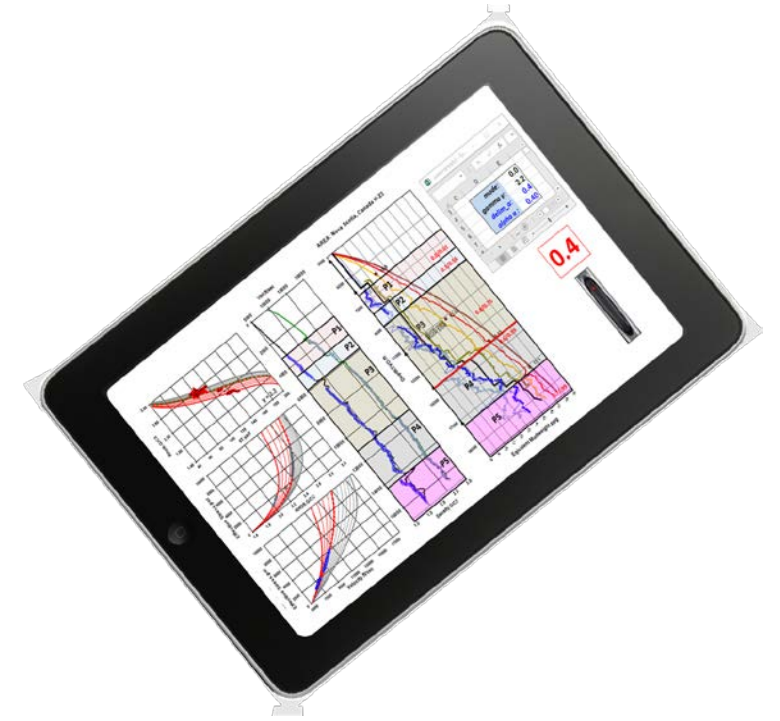


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# RhoVe™ Method

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## **JIP – seeking \$55,000 investment for:**

- Commercial implementation of RhoVe method as a plug-in or web-based application to include:
  - Real-Time WITSML connectivity,
  - notebook (iPad) capability,
  - 1D temperature modeling,
- Explore automation capabilities,

# Chemical Compaction

## Late Diagenesis

### **JIP – (future work) \$40,000 investment for:**

- EMI (electron microbeam instrumentation) project to study the effects of late stage diagenesis (temperature, pH) on effective stress and pore pressure (2+ wells),
- Sample collection, preparation, analysis & reporting <sup>1</sup>

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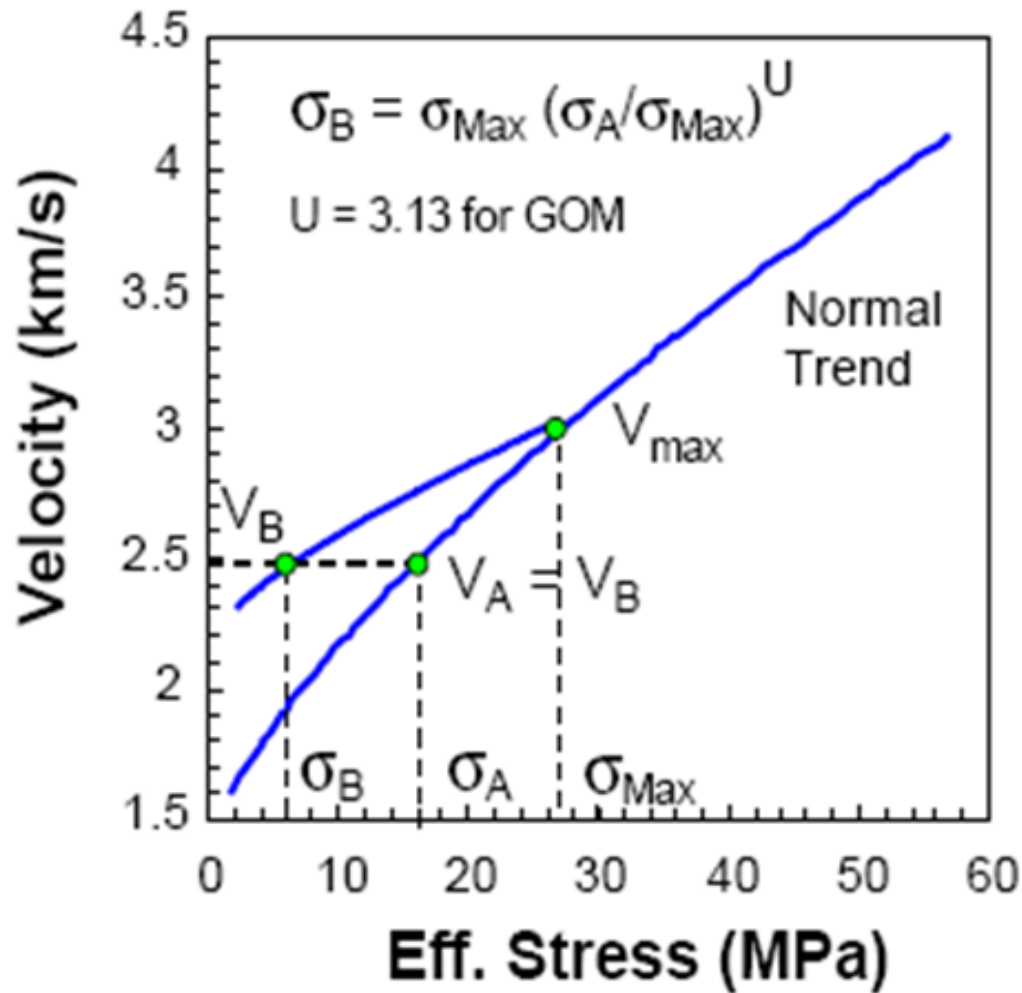


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## RhoVe versus Bowers





$$V = V_0 + A \sigma^B$$

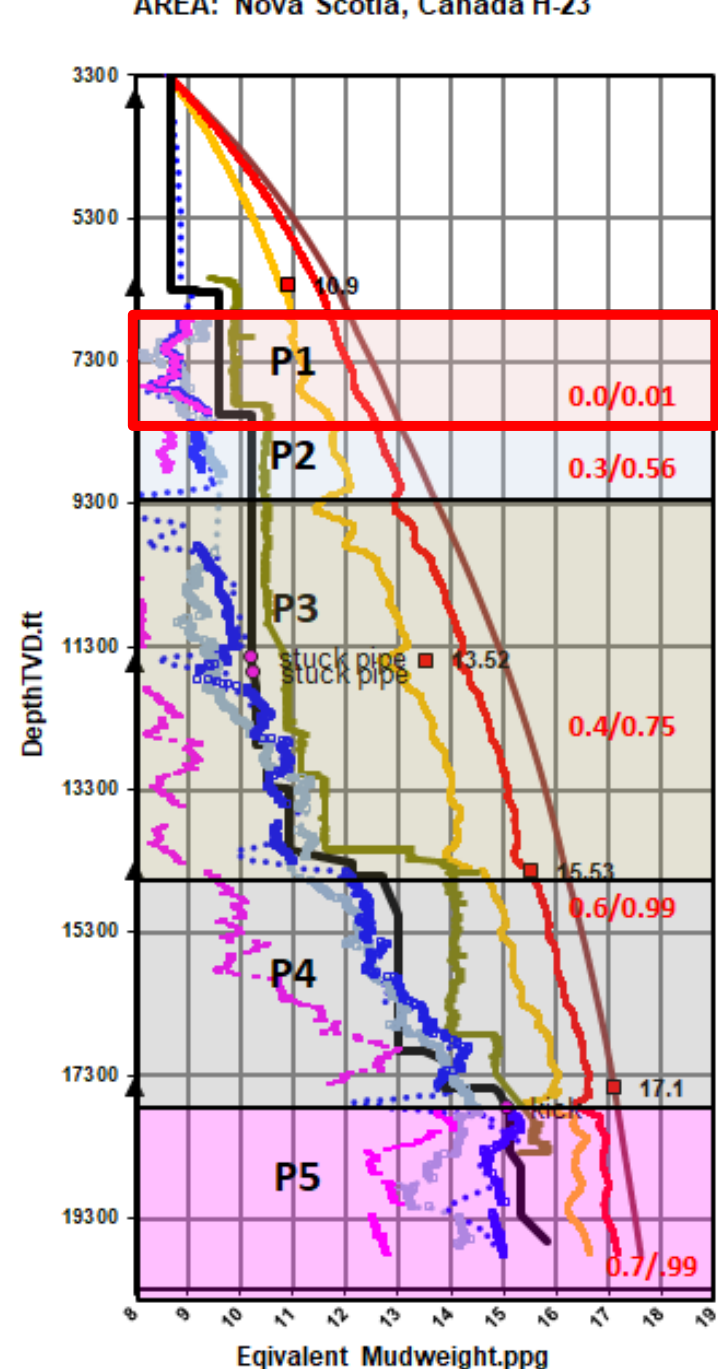
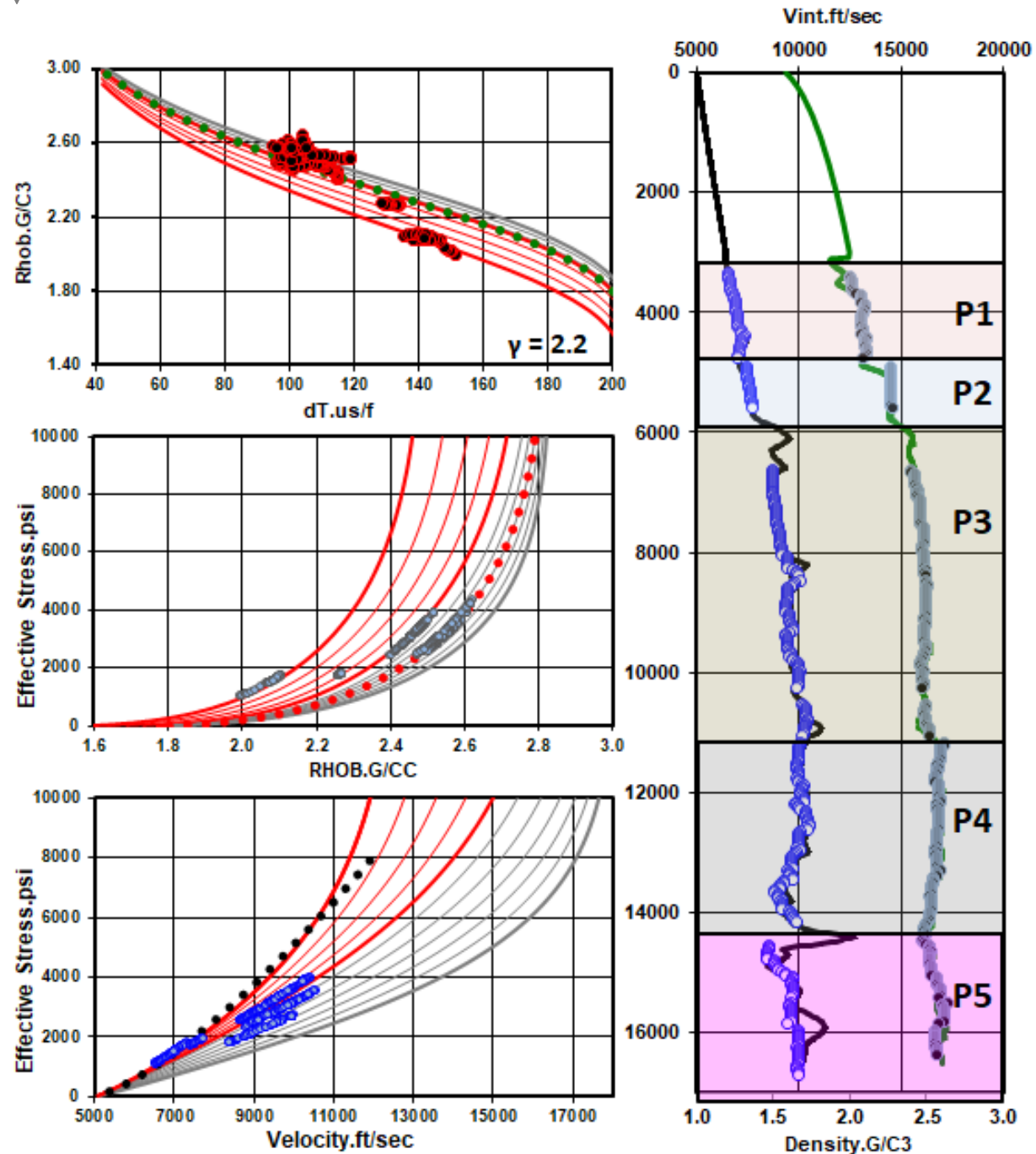
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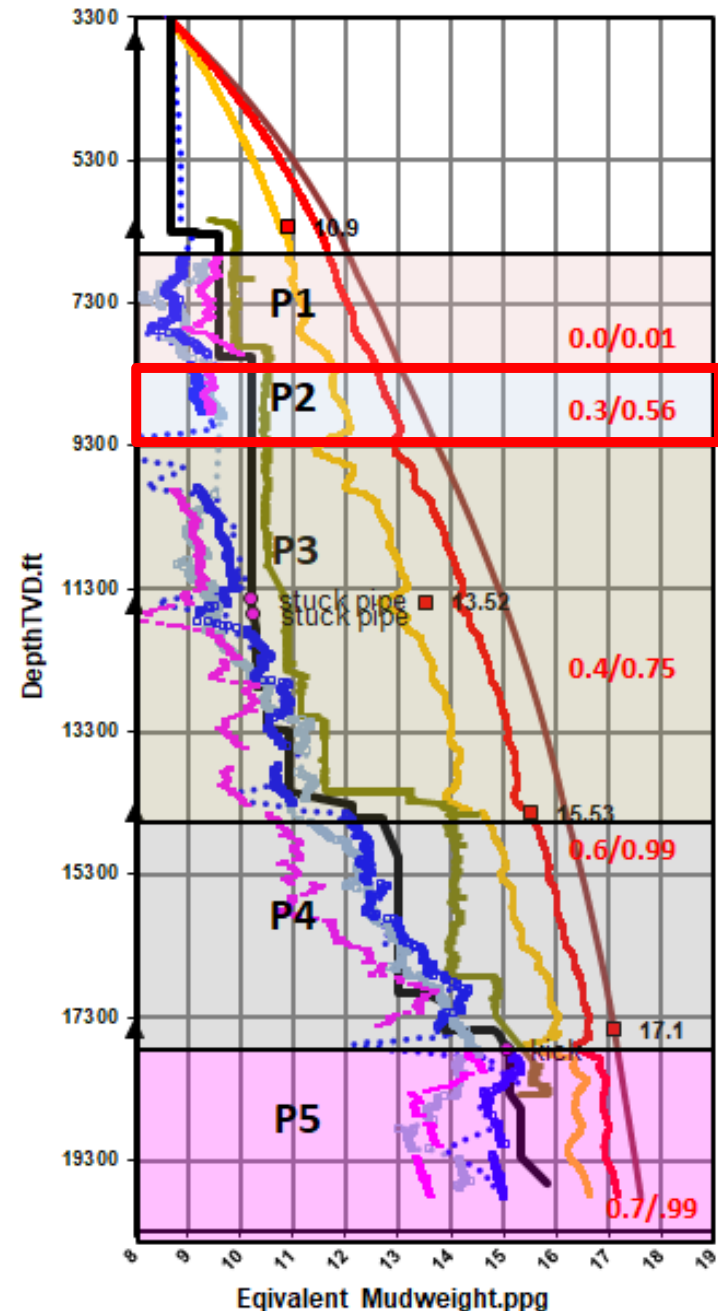
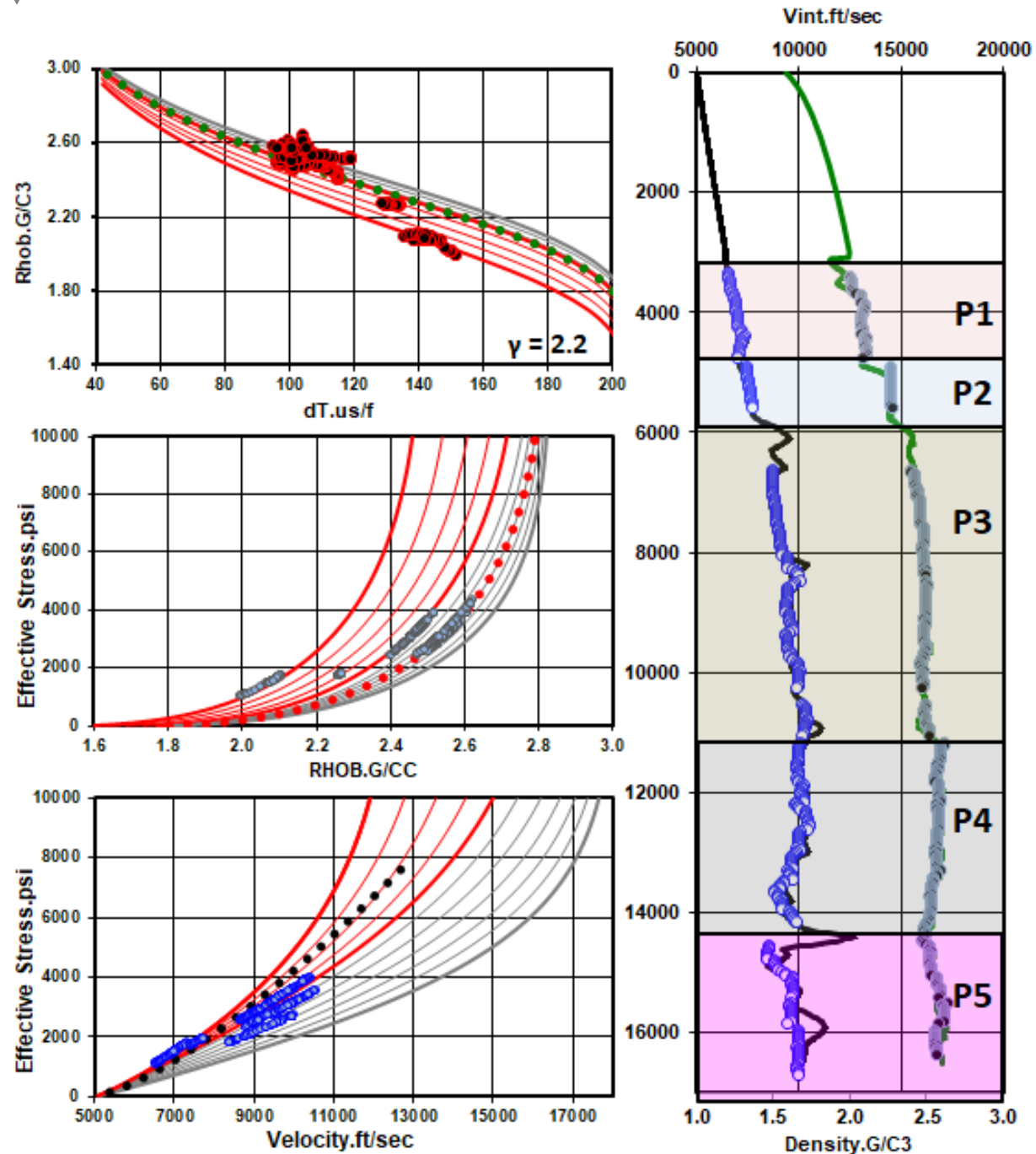
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B: 0.724

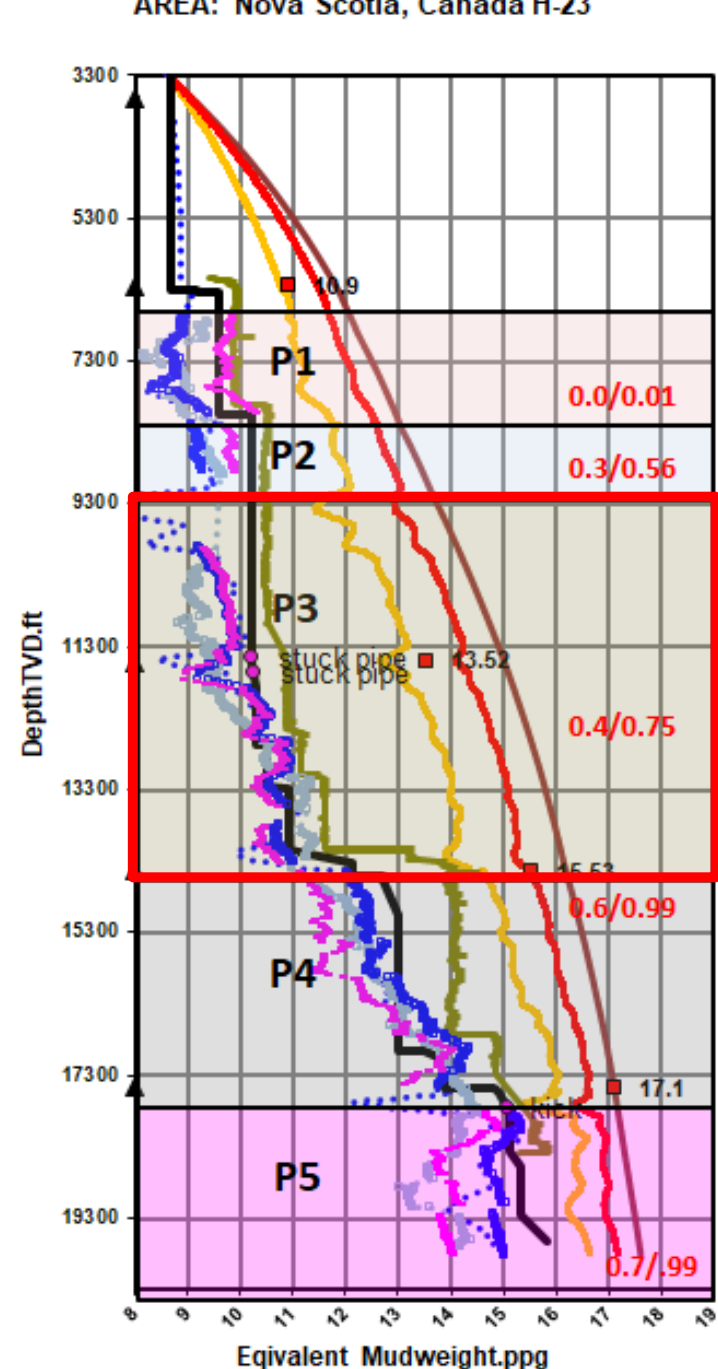
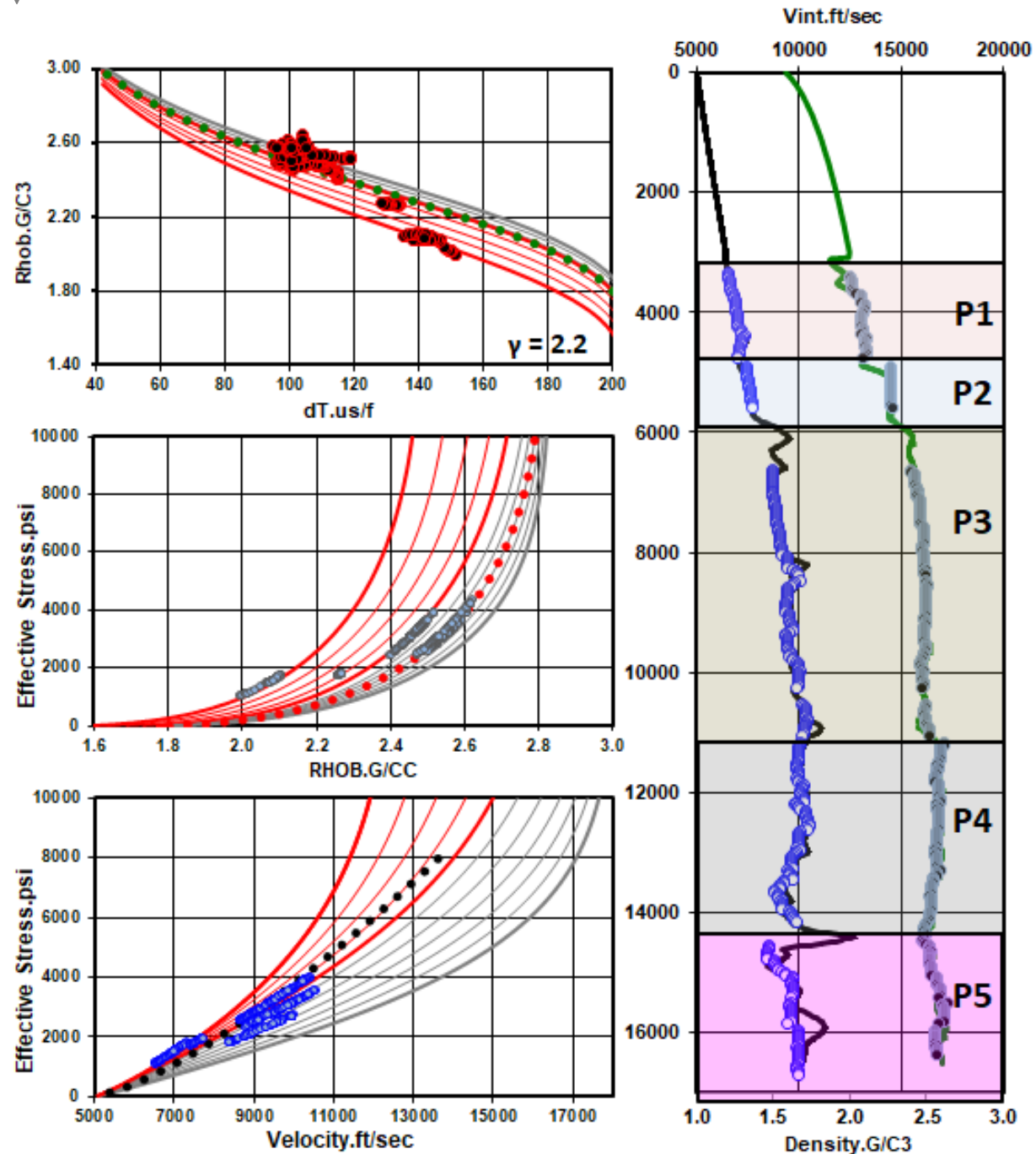
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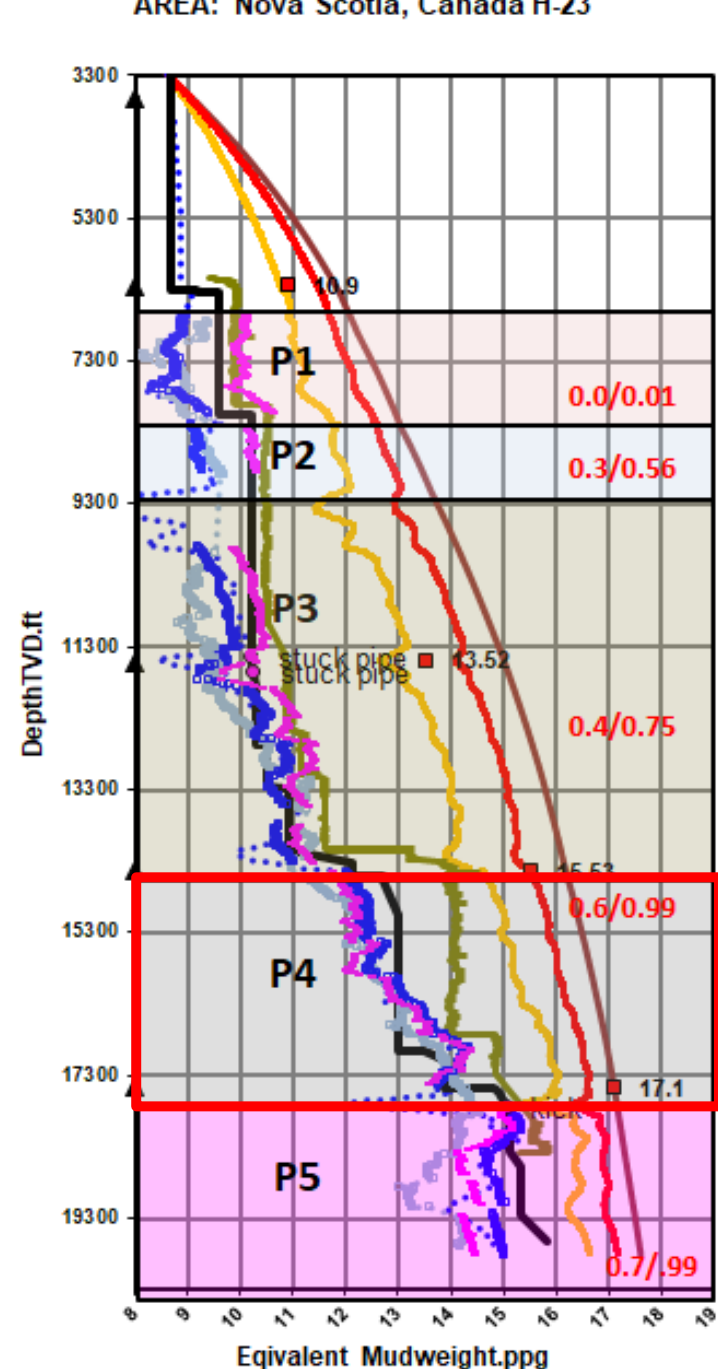
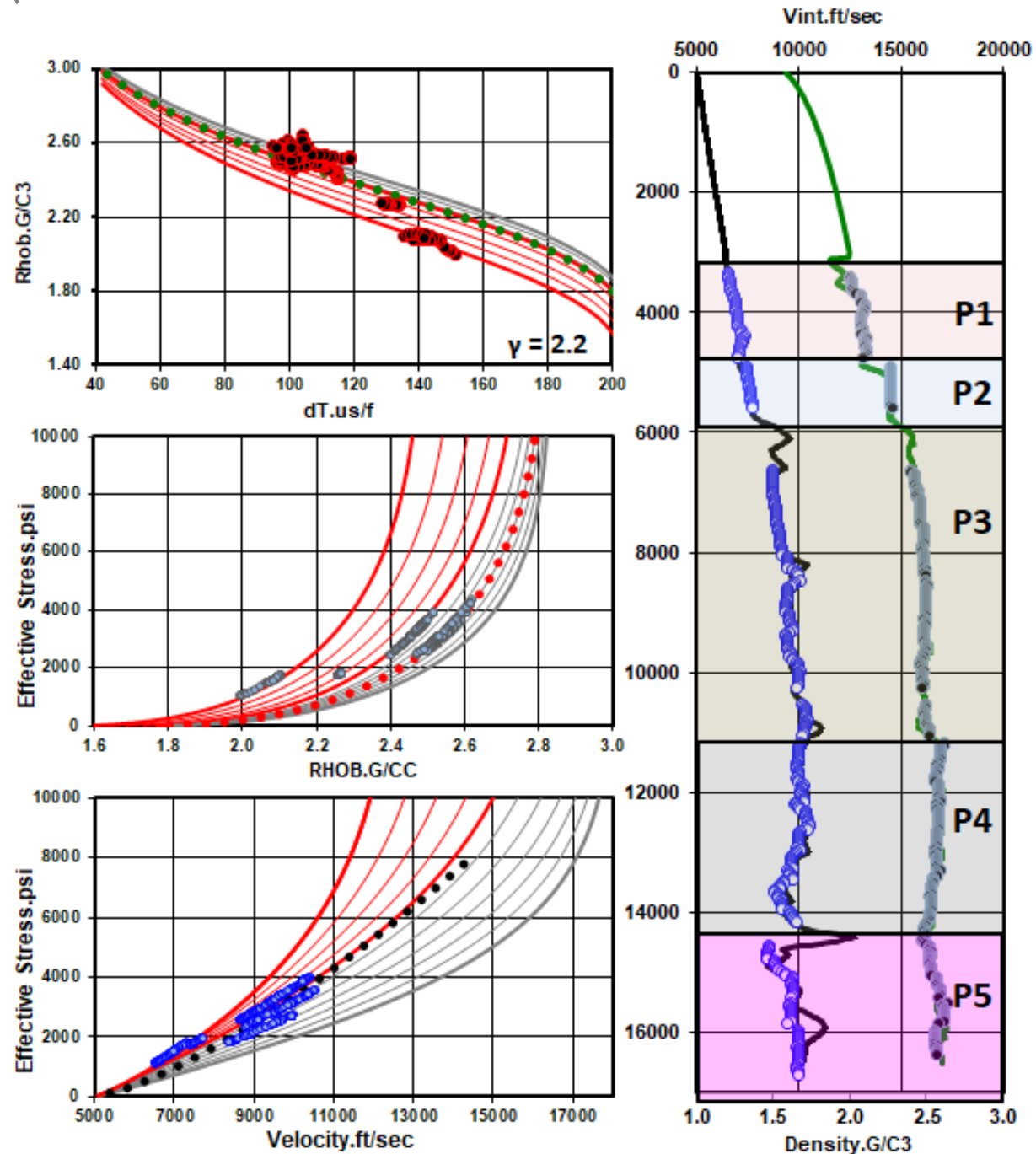
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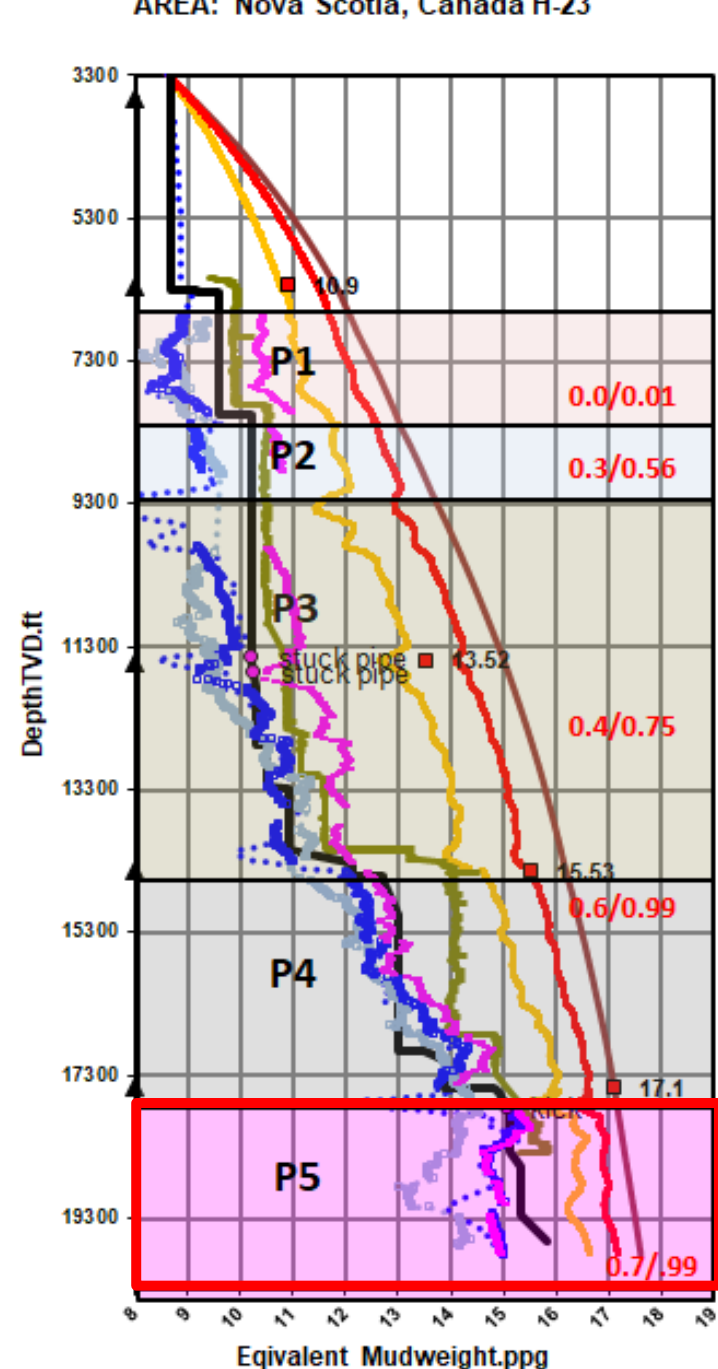
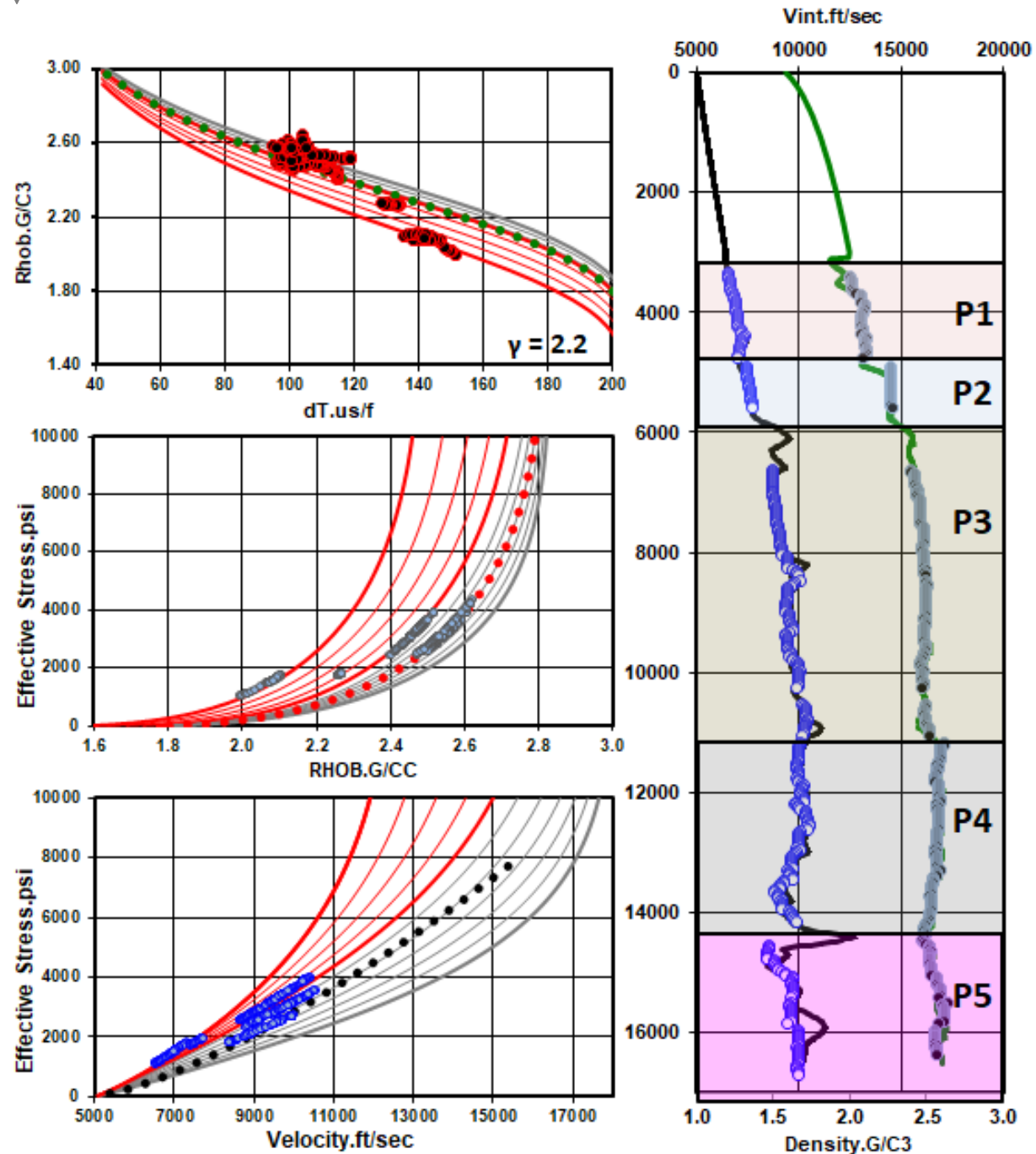


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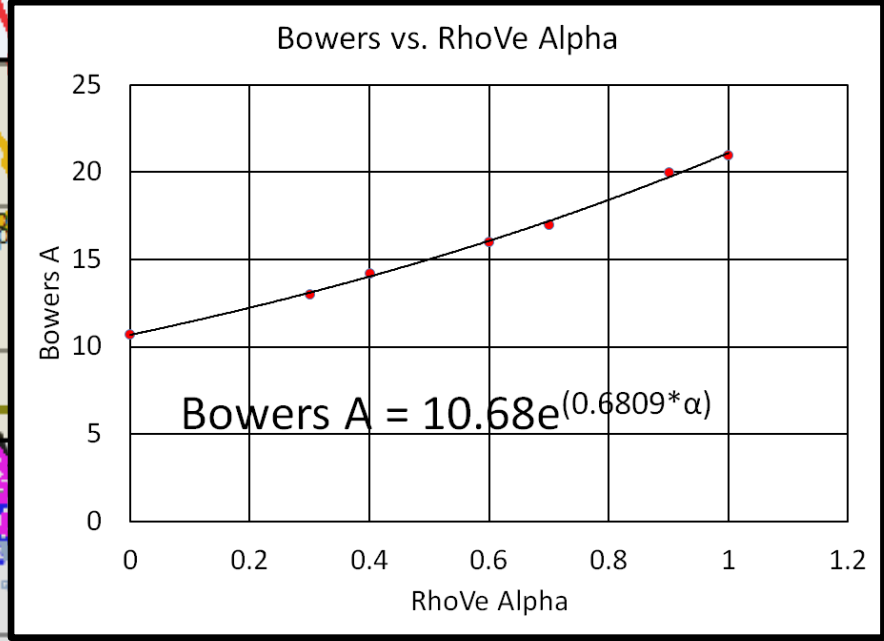
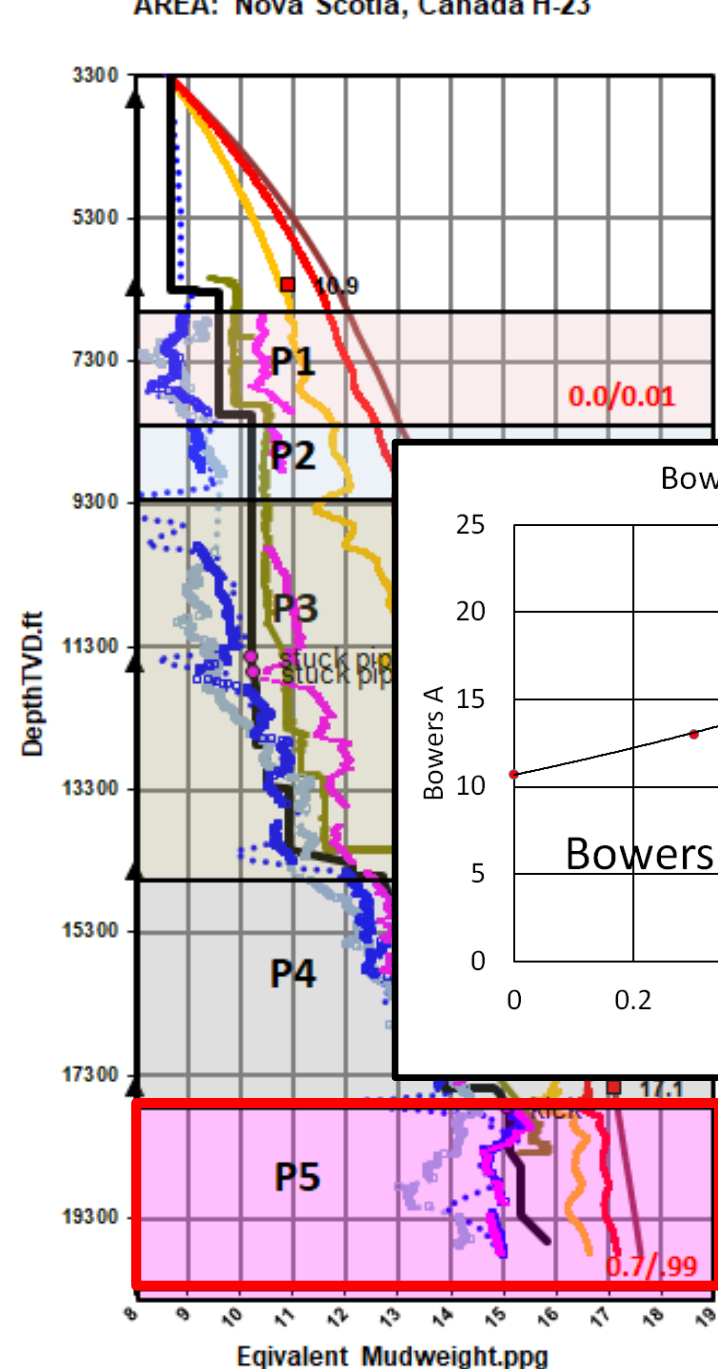
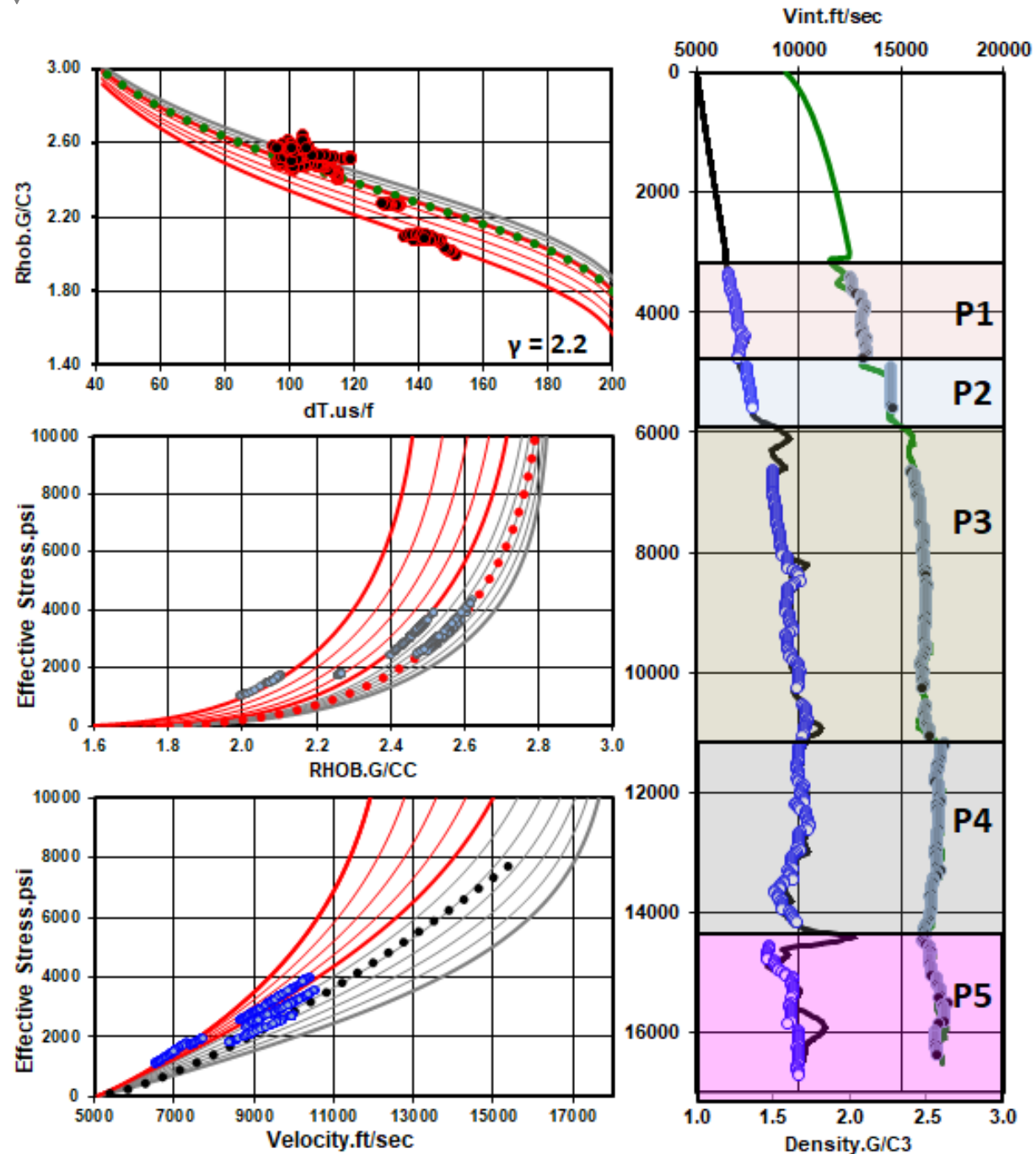




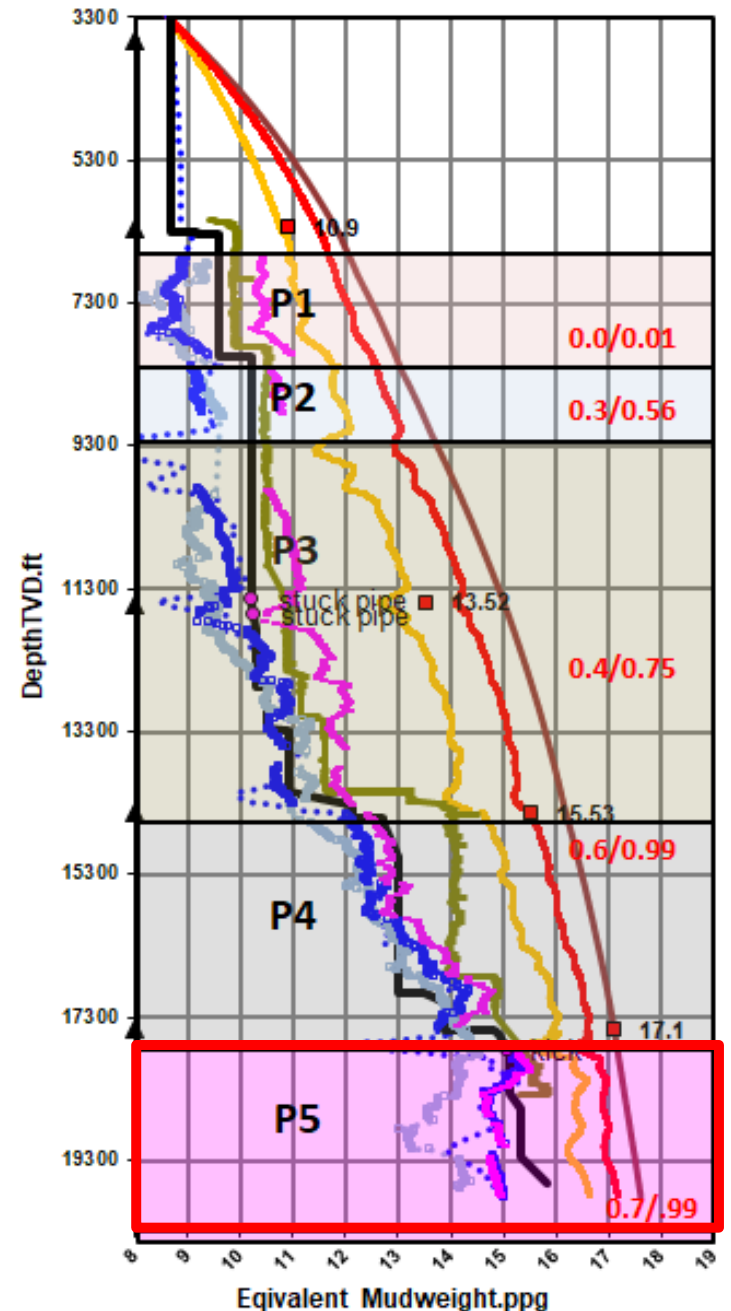
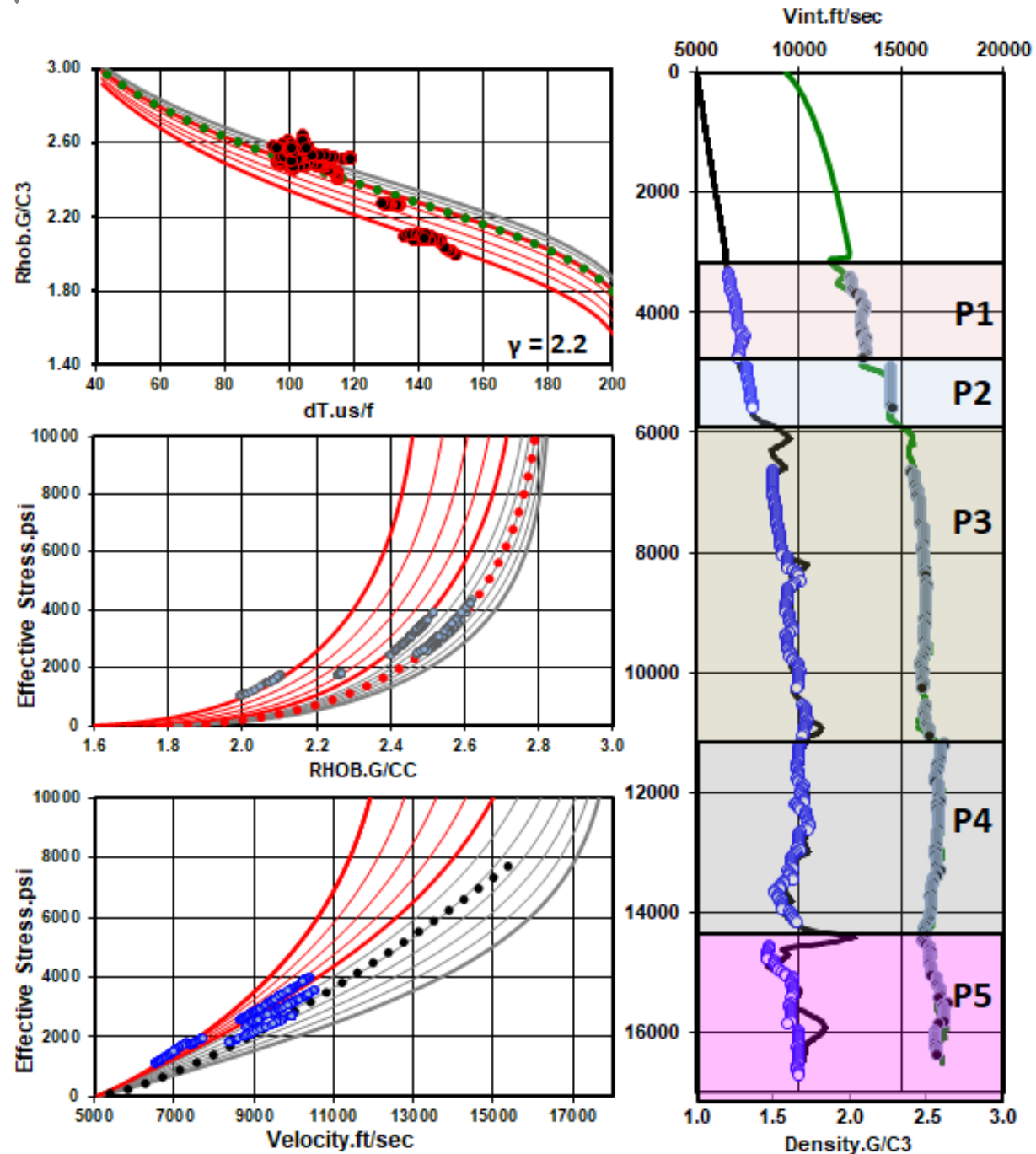
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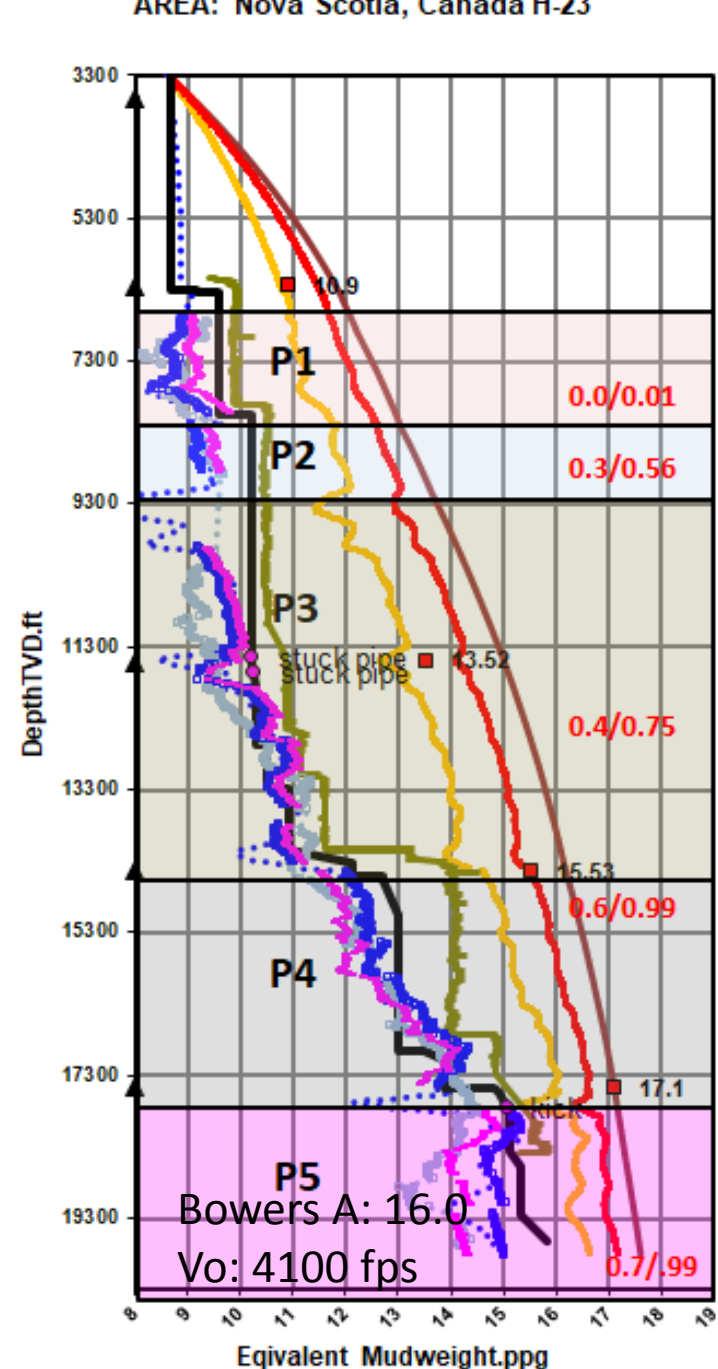
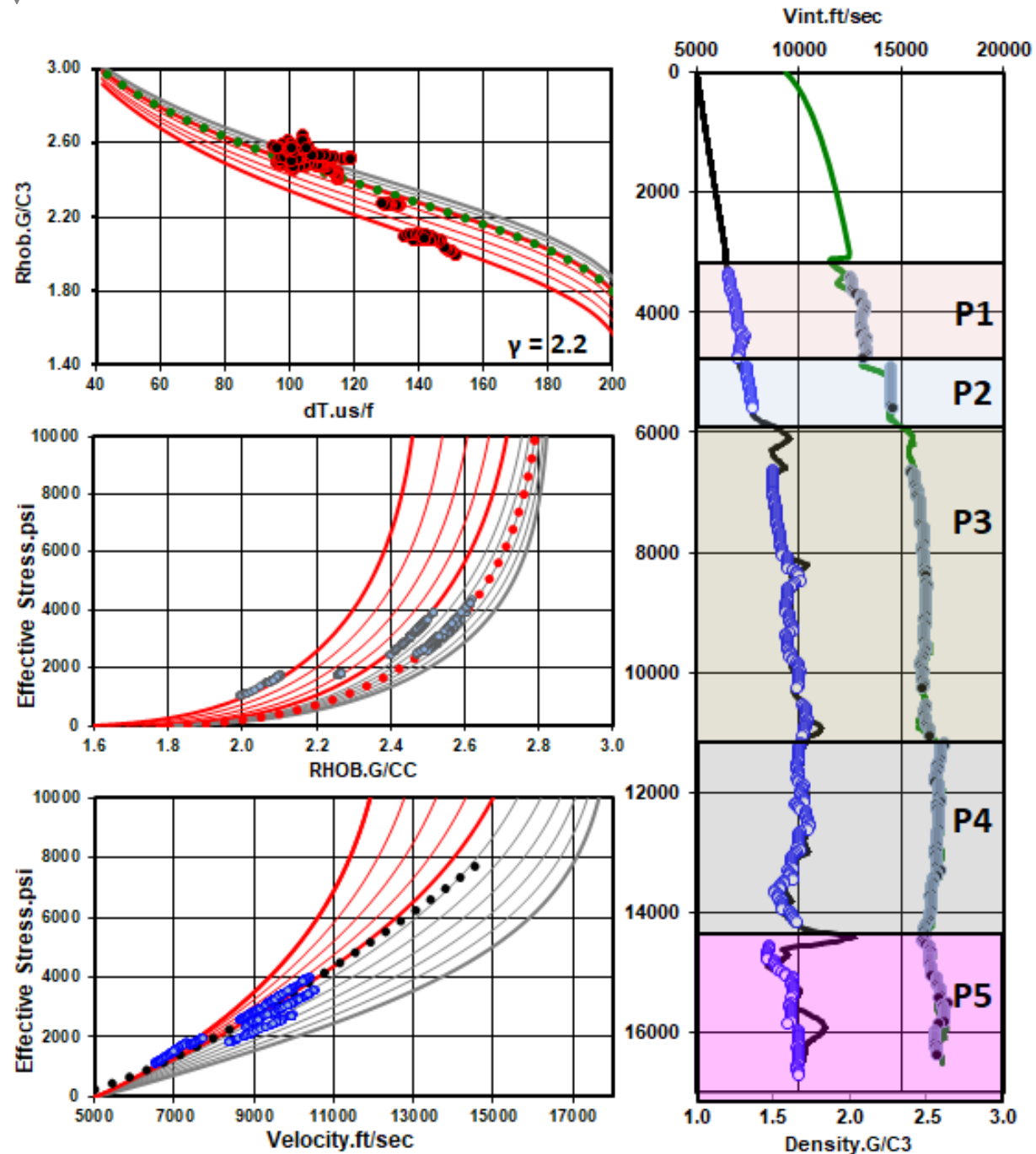
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**A = 16.0**



**A = 16.0**



$$V = V_0 + A \sigma^B$$

### DWGOM

$V_0$ : 4100 fps

A: 16.0

B: 0.724

## RhoVe Method

### dT Compaction Trend:

$$\Delta t_n = (\Delta t_{ml} - \Delta t_i) e^{-cz} + \Delta t_i$$

$$\Delta t_i = \phi_i (\Delta t_{ml} - \Delta t_{mx}) + \Delta t_{mx}$$

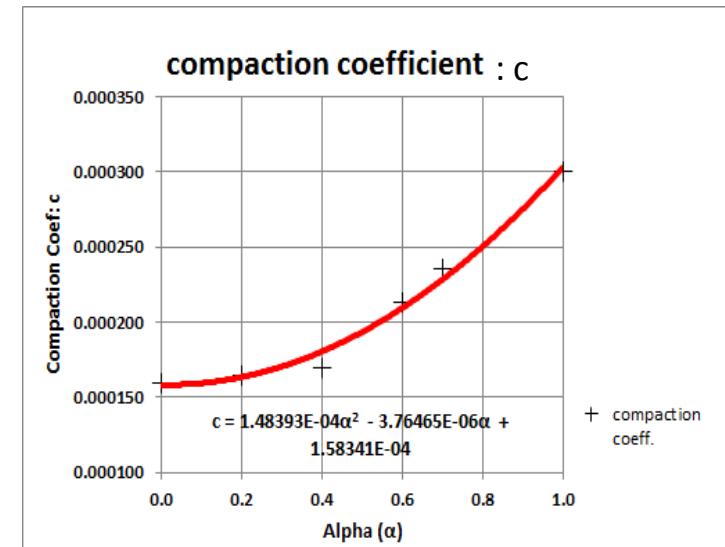
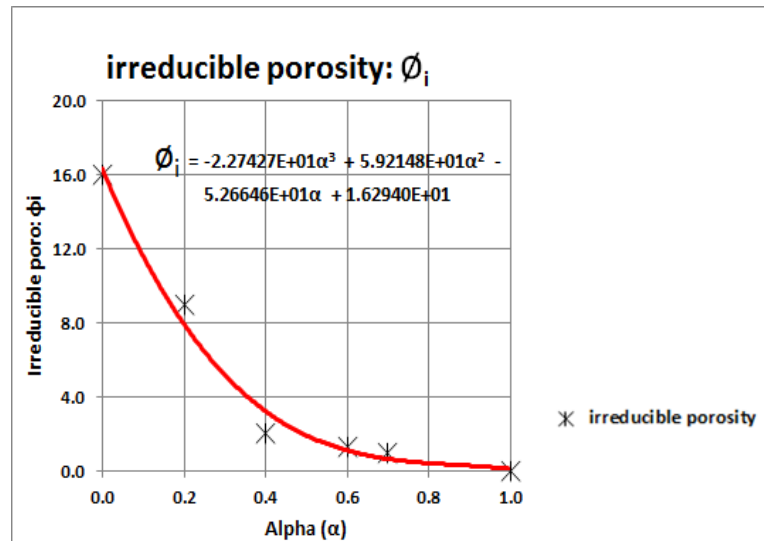
$\Delta t_{mx}$ : dT matrix: 55 usec/ft

$\Delta t_{ml}$ : dT mudline 200 usec/ft

c compaction coeff: 0.00016 - 0.00030

z: depth below mudline

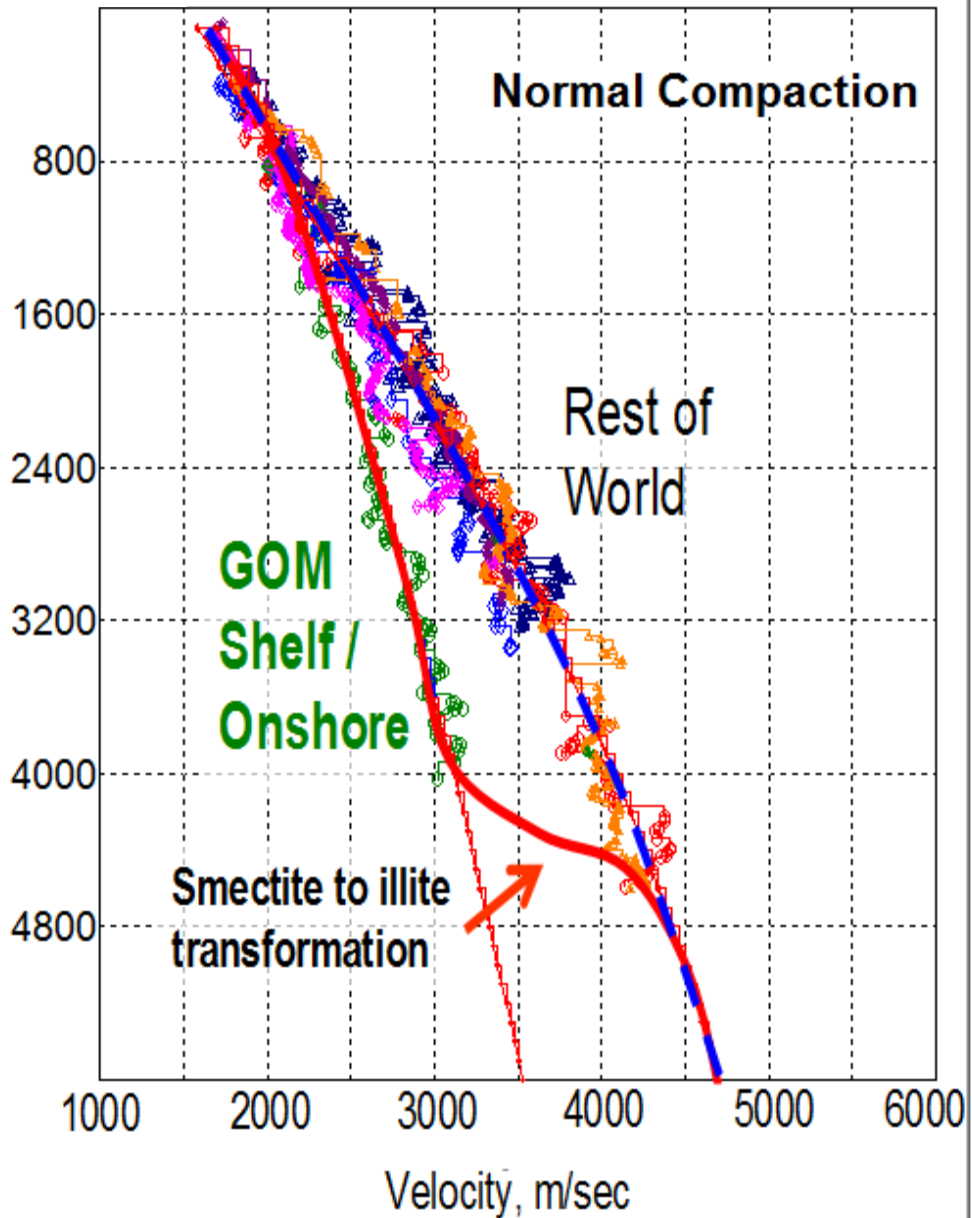
$\phi_i$ : irreducible porosity (fractional)



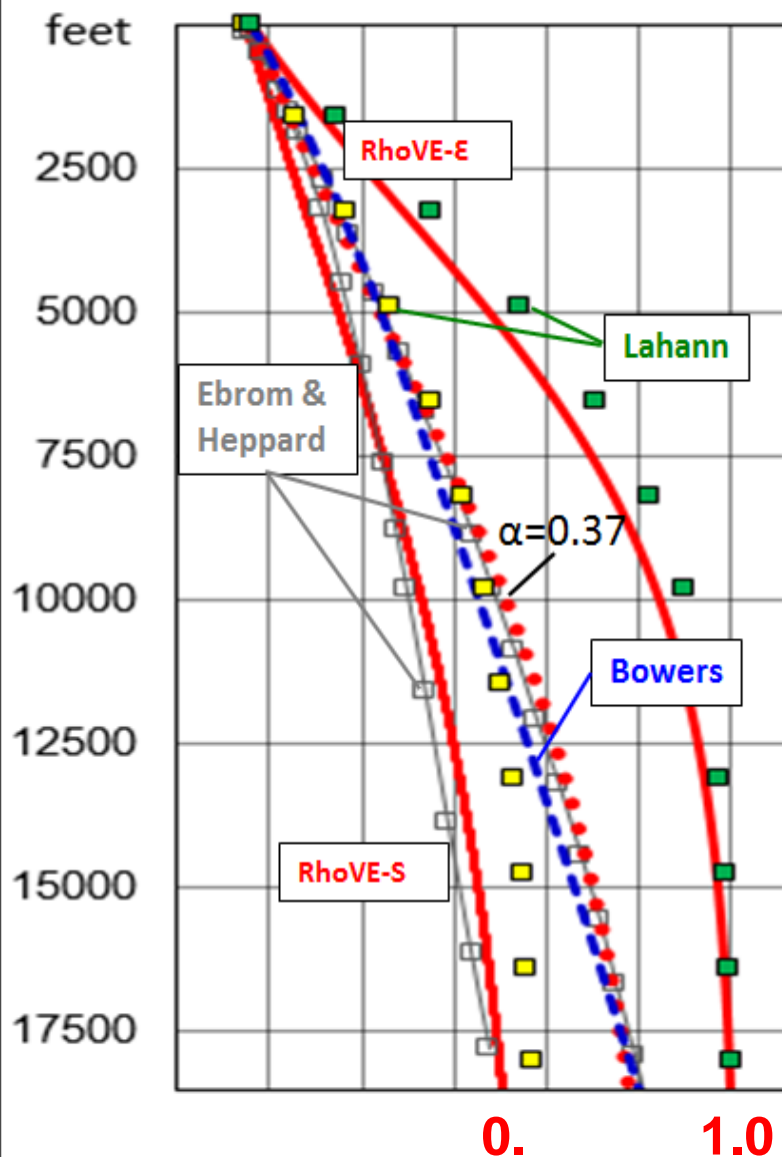


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Ebrom & Heppard, 2010

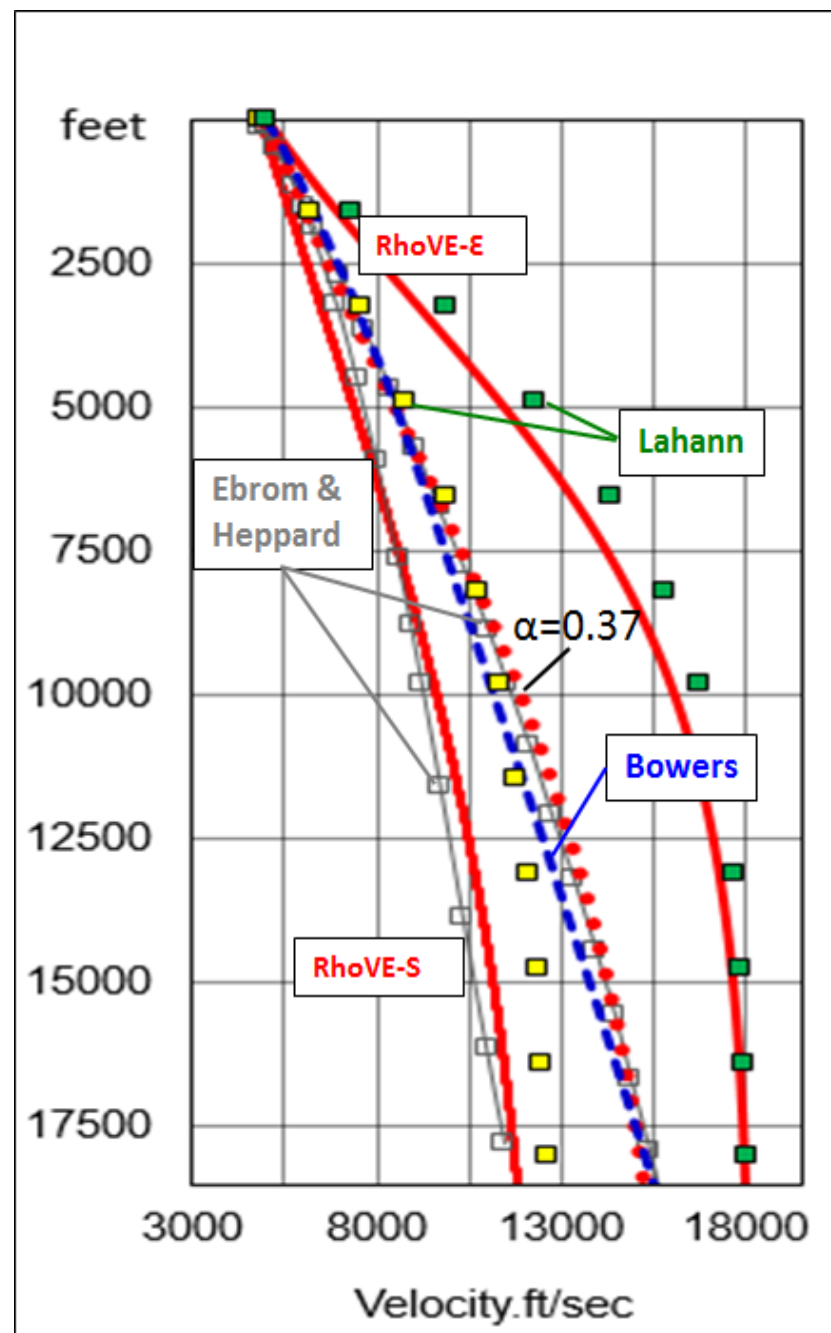
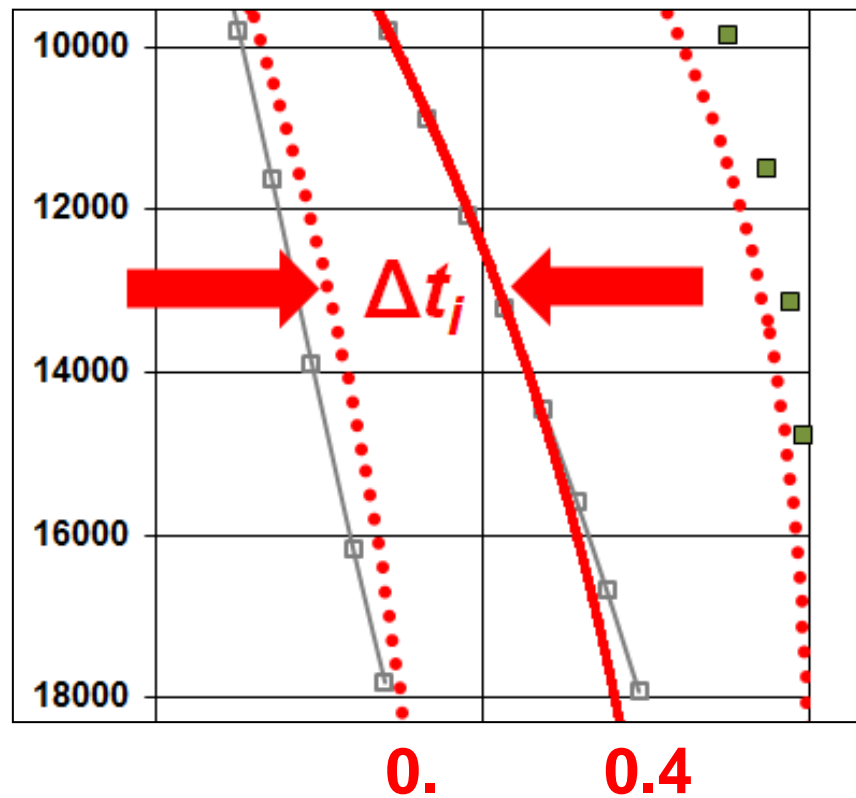


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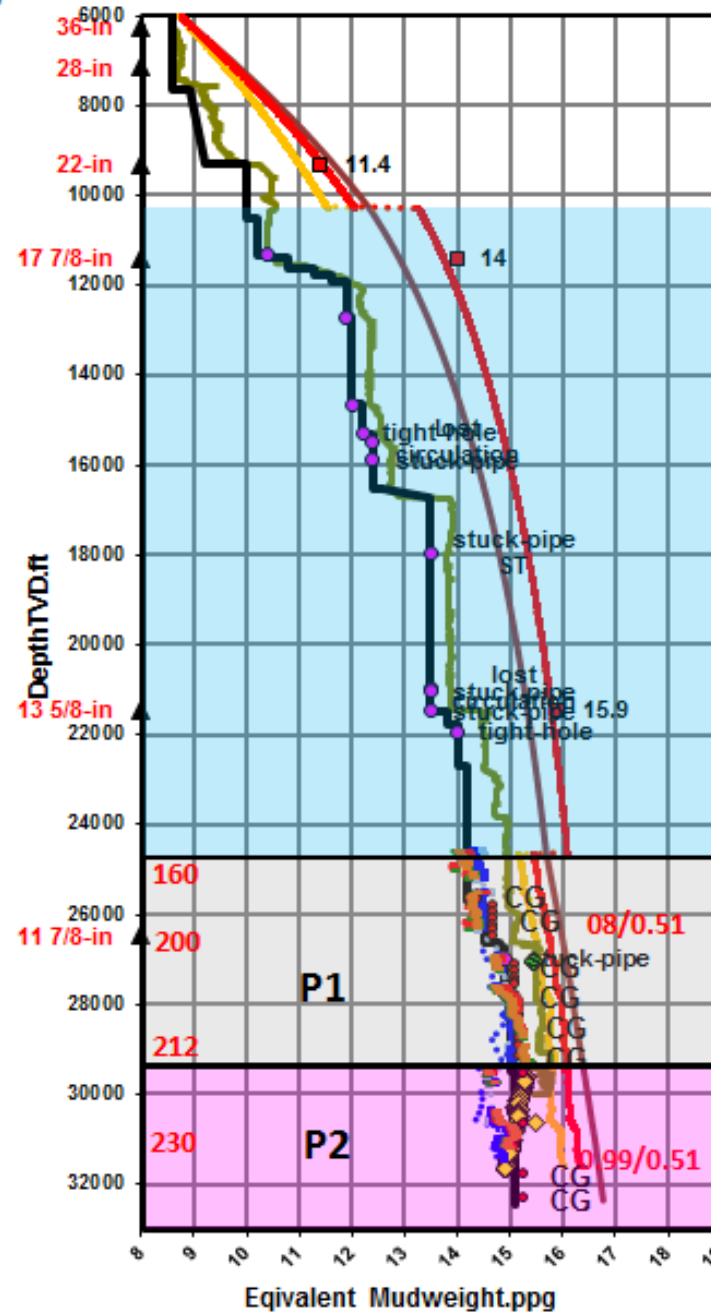
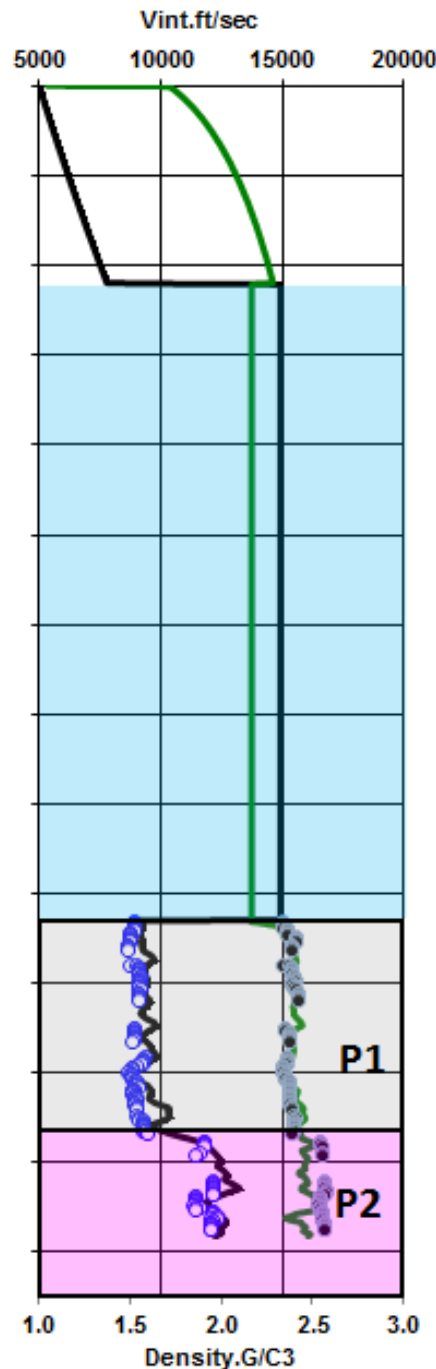
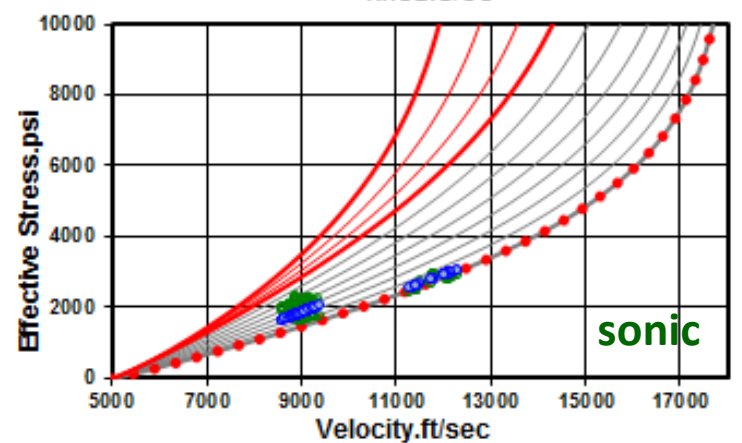
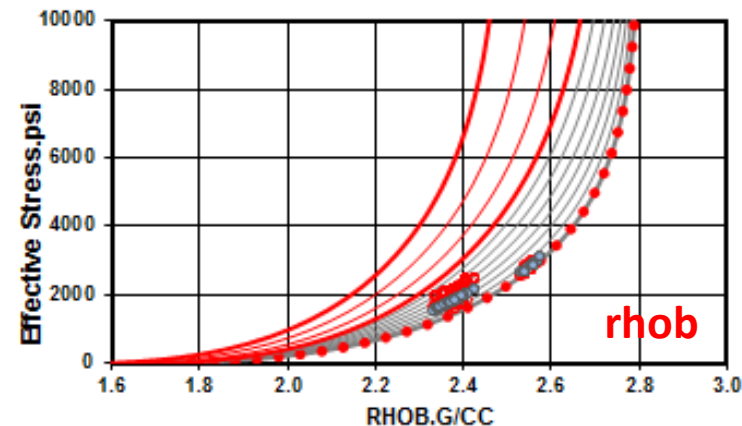
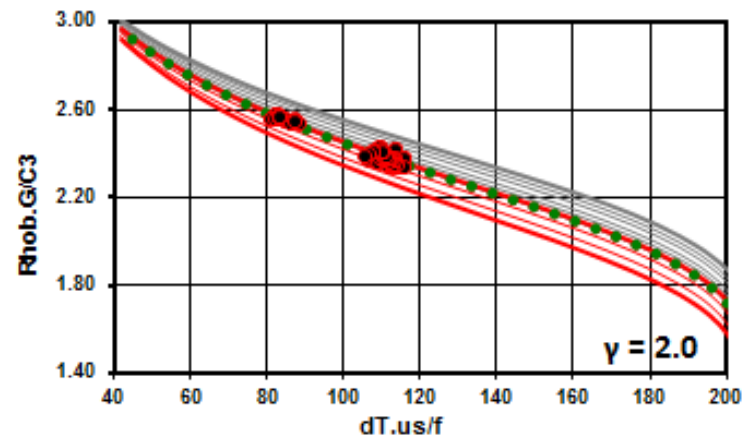
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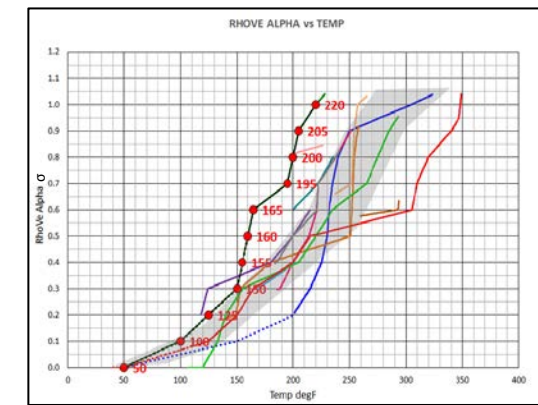




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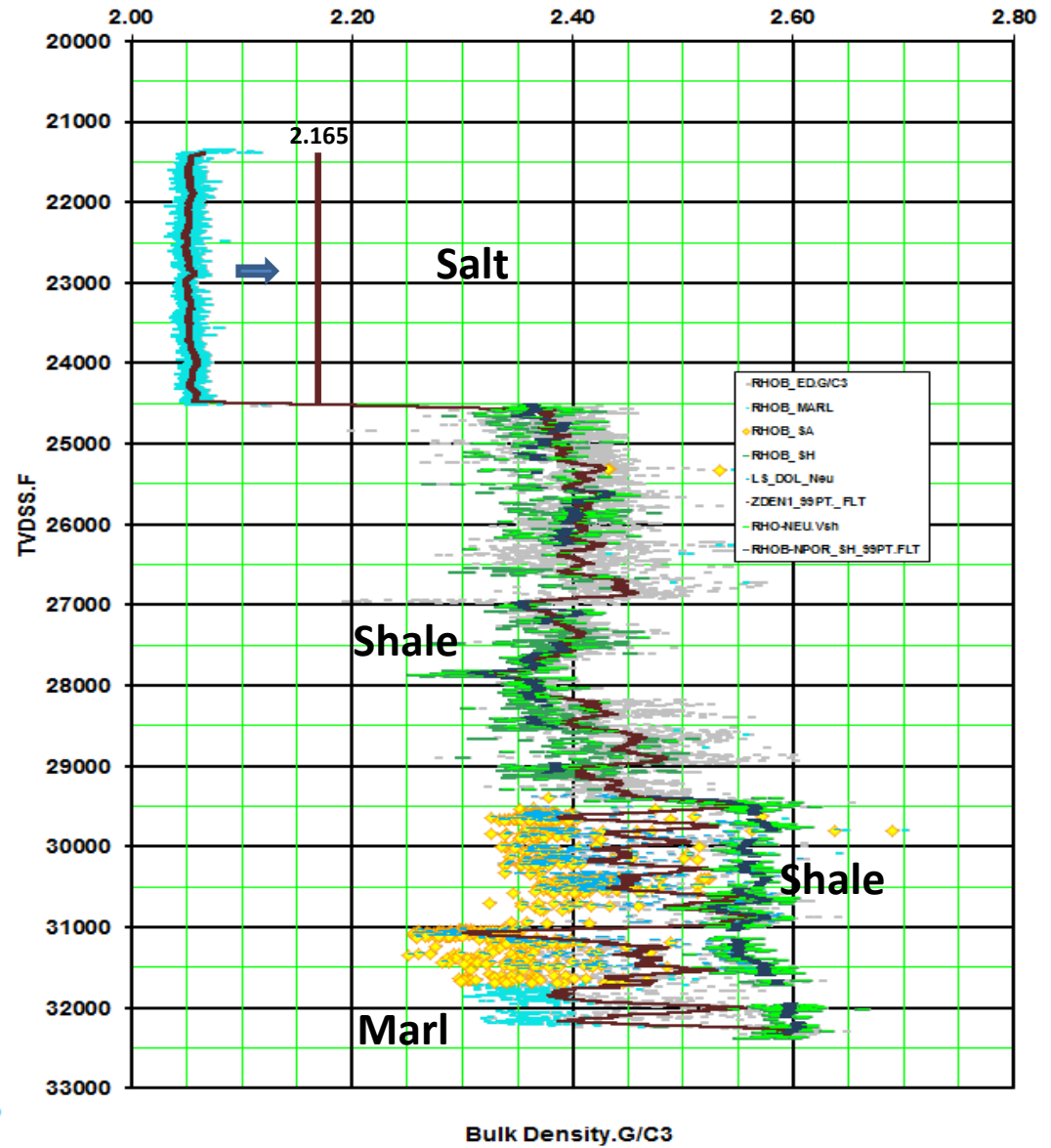
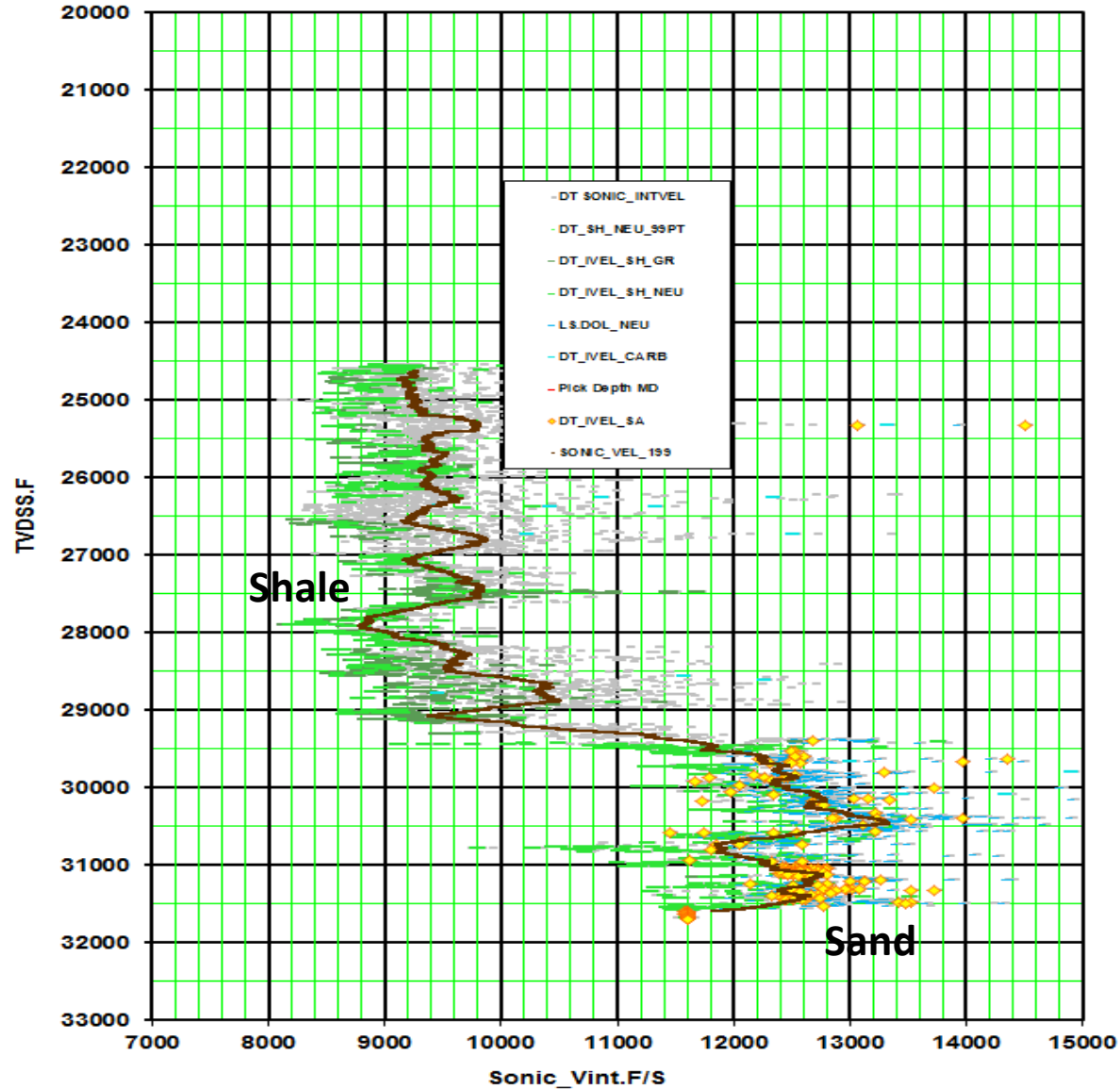


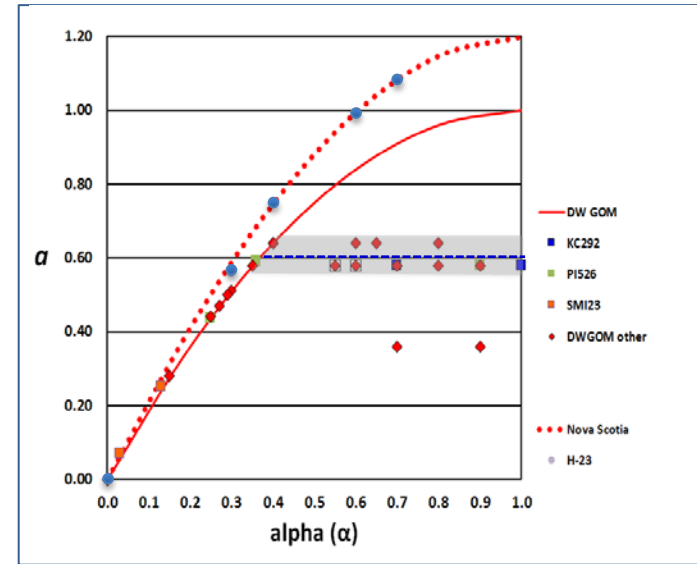
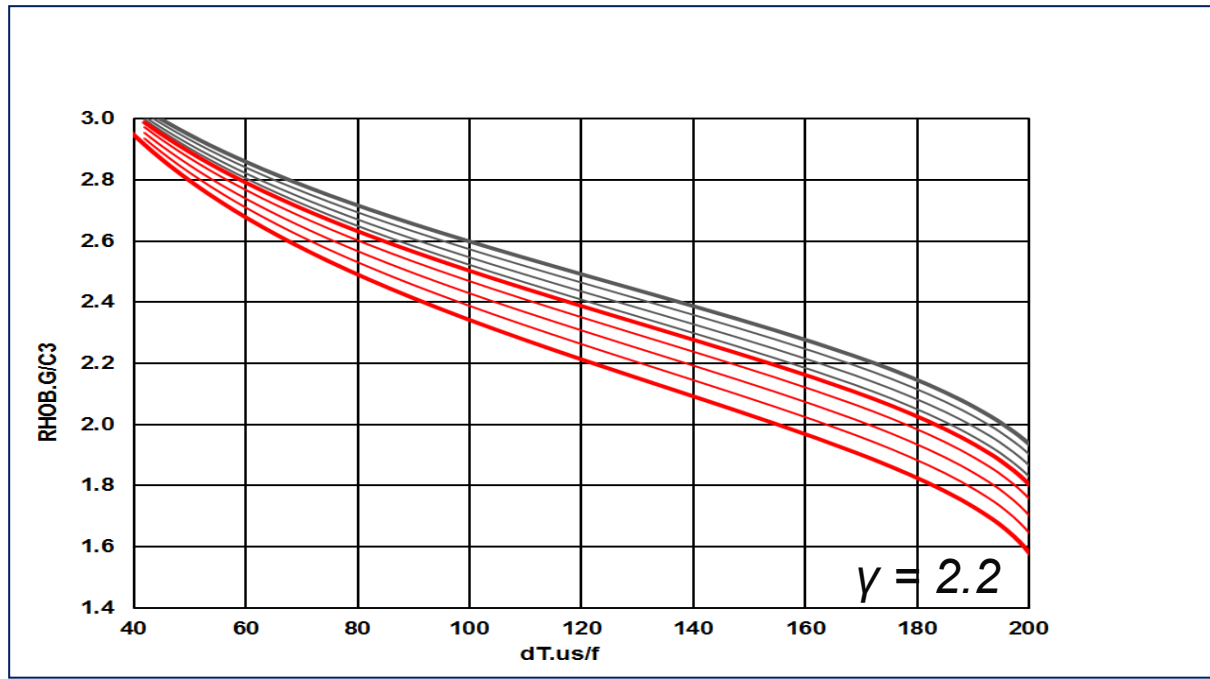
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2.39	0.9	205
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DATA: wireline SEIS





$$a = \gamma\alpha - \alpha^\gamma$$

V-Rho equation (Bowers, OTC 2001) :

$$V = V_0 + A (\rho - \rho_0)^B$$

BOWERS GOM "Slow" Trend		RhoVE-ε	RhoVE-S
Vo:	4790	4800	4900
A:	2953	2000	4500
B:	3.57	4.2	3
ρ <sub>0</sub> :	1.3	1.3	1.3

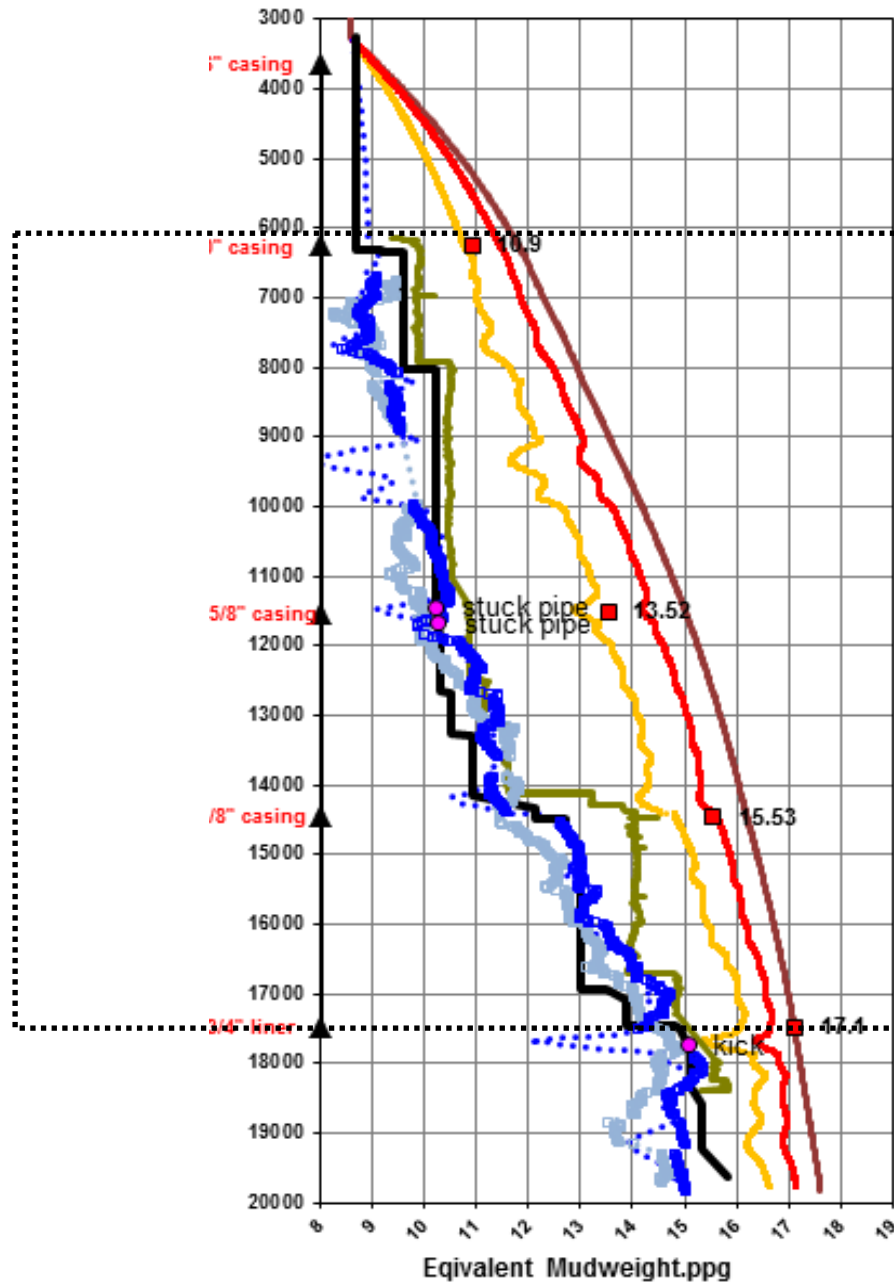
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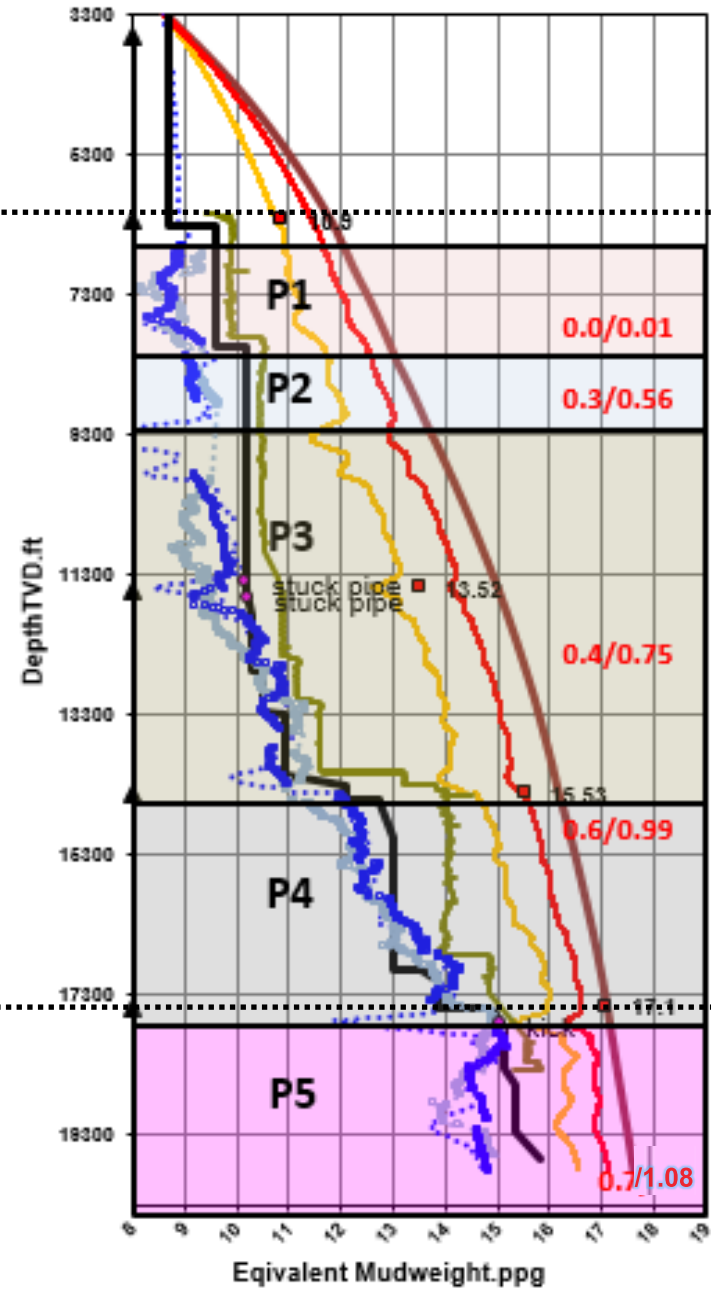


# H-23 CVX Offshore Nova Scotia, Canada

Offshore Nova Scotia  $\gamma = 2.0$



Offshore Nova Scotia  $\gamma = 2.2$



## From Mud to Shale: The Role of Microquartz Cementation\*

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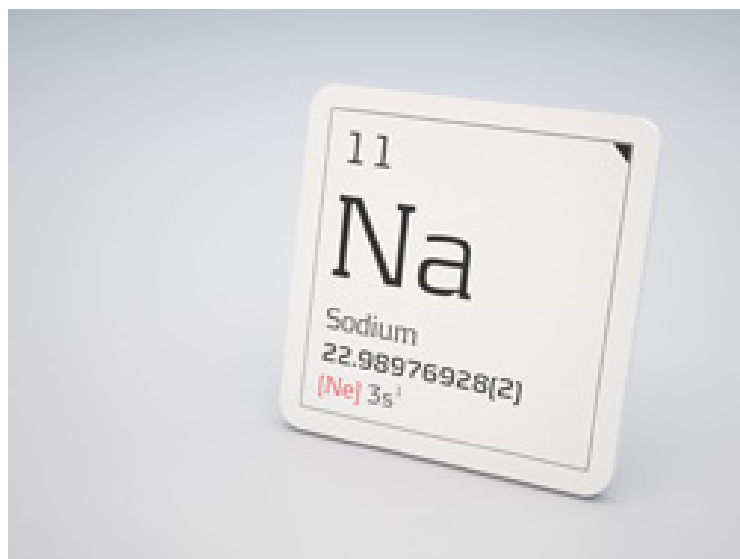
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### Abstract

The important mud to shale transformation is well known in sedimentary basins and is identified by changes in physical rock properties observed in well log velocity and density measurements. The transformation processes is, however, poorly understood. New discoveries of fine-grained micropore filling quartz cement found in Upper Cretaceous mudstones offshore Norway containing reactive silica releasing phases like opal-CT and smectite reveal the importance of microquartz cementation and its impact on petrophysical properties. Based on direct petrographic evidence of microquartz crystals with CL-responses indicating authigenic origin a microquartz cementation process that may explain how mudstones originally containing smectite stiffen to shale is proposed. The fine-grained quartz released in the clay mineral reaction smectite to illite within the micropores of the shale precipitate as 1-3  $\mu\text{m}$  sub-spherical discrete grains, short chains, and small clusters interpreted to be parts of larger interconnected microquartz networks and interlocking aggregates of several microquartz and authigenic clay (illite-smectite and illite) crystals. A significant increase in the velocity is recorded at a burial depth around 2500 m /80-85°C, reflecting formation of a pervasive microquartz cement network at this depth in smectite rich mudstones. The smectite to illite reaction will commence between 60 and 70°C in mudstones, indicating that the temperature (80-85°C) where the velocity increase takes place reflects formation of a critical amount of interlocking complexes of interconnected microquartz networks and aggregates stiffening and strengthening the mudstones. The sluggish nature of the illitization process in mudstones reflected by the wide temperature range (60-100°C) that smectite is found in mudstones result in a progressive formation of microquartz crystals. This will, in most mudstones with less smectite than the ones studied herein, most probably only result in a slow continuous progressive stiffening of the mudstone framework. This may explain why this important cementing process in smectite containing mudstones has been overlooked in the past.

## What is pH?

pH is the measurement of a liquid's level of acidity or alkalinity. The pH scale runs from 0.0 to 14.0 with 7.0 being neutral. Acids have low pH values with anything lower than a 7 and alkaline solutions have high pH with anything above a 7. If the solution has an equal amount of acidic and alkaline molecules, the pH is considered neutral.



## What are the chemical properties of salt?

Sodium chloride, more commonly known as salt, is one of the most common mineral compounds found in the world. It is required for the human body to function normally because the sodium-potassium exchange is an integral part in the human heart beat. Salt absorbs water from its surroundings, hence why it dissolves when you pour it in a glass of water.

There is a general rule in chemistry as to how salts affect solution pH. If the salt of a strong base and weak acid is dissolved in water it will form an **alkaline** solution,

whereas, the salt of a weak base and strong **acid** will form an acidic solution. The salts of a strong acid and strong base or a weak acid and weak base will both form a neutral or near neutral solution. For example, **sodium sulfate** ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) will form a neutral solution when dissolved in water because it is the salt of a strong base and strong acid, whereas, **tri-sodium phosphate** ( $\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4$ ) will form an alkaline solution because it is the salt of a strong base and weak acid. Sodium chloride is table salt and when it is added to water it breaks down into ions of sodium and chloride. Neither of them reacts to water so adding it to water will only change the volume, not the pH. In order for a type of salt to affect the pH it has to react with water to release or bind the hydrogen atoms from the water.

# VK988-1 RHOB vs. Temp deg F

