Well Logging Methods
PETE 608, Section 600
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Instructor

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Instructor Office Hours

Students are encouraged to use office hours during the semester. The instructor’s office hours are as follows:

Office hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:00 PM-6:00 PM
Location: 401P Richardson

Additional office hours can be scheduled in advance upon the request from students based on instructor’s availability.

Course Description

The content of Well Logging Methods course is as follows:

- Introduction to well logging methods for determining nature and fluid content of formations penetrated by drilling. The application of well-log interpretation methods will be practiced for the cases as follows:
  - Core-log integration, rock typing, and resource determination
  - Quantitative interpretation of well logs to estimate rock and fluid properties, including porosity, net pay thickness, fluid saturations, fluid type/density, volumetric/weight concentrations of minerals, and dynamic petrophysical properties such as permeability and saturation-dependent capillary pressure and relative permeability
  - Well-log interpretation in clay-free, shaly-sand, and organic-shale formations
- Theory and physics of well-log measurements
- Development of computer models for well-log analysis

Credit: 3 hrs
Prerequisites: Students are expected to have basic knowledge of petrophysics and Geology.
E-learning Course Website

All the homework assignments, lecture notes, and project assignments will be uploaded in the e-learning session designed for this course. Students are responsible to check their e-learning e-mails at least once a day after 6:00 PM for announcements and any required action for the course.

Class/Laboratory Schedule

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Suggested References


References for Introduction to Petrophysics:

Useful Websites

- Society of Petrophysicists and Well Log Analysts
- Schlumberger Oil Field Glossary
- Mnemonics Data Search
  [http://www.spwla.org/technical/curve-mnemonics](http://www.spwla.org/technical/curve-mnemonics)
Course Objectives

The learning objectives of this course are as follows:

- To get familiar with well-log interpretation techniques to estimate petrophysical and compositional properties of different formations
- To get familiar with openhole, cased hole, wireline, and LWD well logs with different measurement physics including nuclear, electrical resistivity, and acoustic logs.
- To get familiar with the effect of static (e.g., porosity, volumetric concentration of shale, water saturation, and volumetric concentrations of mineral constituents) and dynamic (e.g., permeability and saturation-dependent capillary pressure) petrophysical properties on well logs
- To evaluate the quality of well logs
- To estimate petrophysical and compositional properties (e.g., porosity, water saturation, volumetric concentration of shale, and permeability) using combined interpretation of well logs and core measurements in different formations such as clay-free, shaly-sand, carbonate, and organic-shale formations
- To use well logs to identify rock types for quantifying reservoir quality
- To make decisions for candidates for perforation and fracturing jobs based on combined interpretation of well logs and core data
- To use two commercial software (Interactive Petrophysics (IP) and Techlog) for well-log interpretation

Grading Policy

The distribution of the final grade will be as follow:

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Grade Cutoffs: The regular university grading scale will be used in determining letter grades.

A: > 90%   B: 89.99% to 80%   C: 79.99% to 70%   D: 69.99% to 60%   F: < 59.99%
Course Policies

- **Class Attendance**: Students are expected to attend every session of the class. Always bring your logging charts, well logs, and a calculator to the class. There is always the possibility of having pop quizzes and solving examples of well-log interpretation in the class, which will not be repeated later.

- **Team Work and Individual Performance**: Collaboration on examinations and assignments is forbidden except when specifically authorized. See Policy on Academic Integrity. For additional information, visit [http://www.tamu.edu/aggiehonor](http://www.tamu.edu/aggiehonor). We have two types of homework and project assignments; individual and group assignments. Individual assignments should be submitted individually. However, group project assignments are team exercises. Collaboration within teams is required; collaboration between teams is forbidden except when specifically authorized. Team reports will be assigned a team grade. Students can choose their team members themselves.

- **Homework and Project Assignments**: Homework and project assignments will be uploaded in e-learning every other week on Thursdays. The deadline for the assignments will be in two weeks after uploading the assignment at 2:20 PM at the beginning of the class. Homework assignment will be considered late if it is not turned in at the start of lecture on the due date. Late assignments will not be graded. **Late or not, all assignments must be turned in.** A course grade of Incomplete will be given if any assignment is missing, and this grade will be changed only after all required work has been submitted.

- **Exams and pop quizzes**: The students who miss any of the exams will not be given any additional exam. The final grade will be re-distributed for the students who miss the midterm exam with valid excuses without including the exam that they missed. Valid excuses include only university-approved reasons in accordance with Texas A&M University Student Rules (see [http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule07](http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule07)). Pop quizzes can be taken any time during lecture hours.

- **Laboratory Sessions**: All the laboratory sessions are optional. The purpose of Laboratory sessions is software training. The students will get familiar with Interactive Petrophysics (IP) and Techlog during laboratory sessions.

- **Grading and Regrading**: The policies regarding grading and regarding of exams and homework and project assignments are as follows:
  a. It is the general policy for this class that homework and exams shall be graded on the basis of answers only — partial credit, if given, is given solely at the discretion of the instructor.
  b. All work requiring calculations shall be properly and completely documented for credit.
  c. All grading shall be done by the instructor or GAT’s, or under the instructor’s direction and supervision, and the decision of the instructor is final.
  d. Only in very rare cases will exams be considered for regrading; e.g., when the total number of points deducted is not consistent with the assigned grade. Partial credit (if any) is not subject to appeal.
e. Work, which, while correct, cannot be followed, will be considered incorrect and will not be considered for a grade change.
f. The request for homework and project regrading should be submitted to the instructor within one week from the date returned.
g. If regrading is necessary for the exams, the student should submit a regrading request to the instructor within one week from the date returned.

- **University Regulations Concerning Attendance, Grades, and Scholastic Dishonesty**: Each student should review the University Regulations concerning attendance, grades, and scholastic dishonesty. In particular, anyone caught cheating on an examination or homework assignment will be removed from the class roster and given an F (failure grade) in the course. Please see Appendix A for more details about Academic Integrity Policy for this course.

- **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Policy Statement (Texas A&M University Policy Statement)**: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact Disability Services, in Cain Hall, Room B118, or call 845-1637. For additional information visit [http://disability.tamu.edu](http://disability.tamu.edu).

- **Coursework Copyright Statement (Texas A&M University Policy Statement)**: The handouts used in this course are copyrighted. By "handouts," this means all materials generated for this class, which include but are not limited to field data sets, syllabi, quizzes, exams, lab problems, in-class materials, review sheets, and additional problem sets. Because these materials are copyrighted, you do not have the right to copy them, unless you are expressly granted permission.

As commonly defined, plagiarism consists of passing off as one's own the ideas, words, writings, etc., that belong to another. In accordance with this definition, you are committing plagiarism if you copy the work of another person and turn it in as your own, even if you should have the permission of that person. Plagiarism is one of the worst academic sins, for the plagiarist destroys the trust among colleagues without which research cannot be safely communicated. If you have any questions about plagiarism and/or copying, please consult the latest issue of the Texas A&M University Student Rules, under the section "Scholastic Dishonesty."

- **Aggie Code of Honor**:

  An Aggie does not lie, cheat, or steal or tolerate those who do.
## Tentative Course Schedule*

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APPENDIX A: ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

Rationale – Why I Do What I Do?

**Technical competence:** I want you to be able to perform well technically as an engineer. I want each of you to be able to perform well individually, not just when you are working with your buddies. It is very unlikely that you and your buddies will end up working together. To remain employed and prosper in your career, you will have to perform individually. In addition to developing technically, deciding that you will not cheat will force you to develop self discipline and time management skills in order to get good grades, which will also help you immensely in your career.

**Ethical competence:** I want you to be ethically competent. While you may be able to succeed in the short term by being unethical, just as you may get good grades by cheating in school, long-term success can only be achieved with ethical behavior. Don’t think that cheating in school is different from being unethical in the workplace, or that once school is over you will change or won’t need to cheat anymore. If you cheat in school, you won’t think twice about padding your expense account. If you do that, then overstating reserves to increase your bonus won’t bother you. It’s not a big step from there to cooking the books of your company to inflate the value of your stock options. I don’t want any Aggies involved in the next Enron debacle, and it starts with cheating in school.

**Fairness:** Those who cheat have an unwarranted advantage over those who don’t. I want to be fair to those who don’t cheat.

**The Aggie Honor Code:** As a Texas A&M University faculty member, I am also bound by the Aggie Honor code, which includes that I will not tolerate those who cheat.

What I Will Do?

For the reasons above, and because I feel quite strongly about them,

1. I will do everything I reasonably can to prevent cheating. I don’t do everything I possibly can because this would be a full-time job.
2. Because I can’t do everything possible to prevent cheating, when I determine a cheating violation has occurred I will (a) report it through the Aggie Honor System Office (AHSO), and (b) punish to the full extent that I am able to.

What Constitutes Academic Dishonesty?

You may be surprised at what is considered academic dishonesty. For example,

- During an examination, looking at another student’s examination or using external aids (for example, books, notes, calculators, conversation with others, or electronic devices) unless specifically allowed in advance by the instructor.
- Acquiring answers for any assigned work or examination from any unauthorized source. This includes, but is not limited to, using the services of commercial term paper companies, purchasing answer sets to homework from tutoring companies, and obtaining information from students who have previously taken the examination.
- Collaborating with other students in the completion of assigned work, unless specifically authorized by the instructor teaching the course.
• Knowingly allowing another to copy from one's paper during an examination or test. See http://aggiehonor.tamu.edu/Descriptions/ for a complete list.

**Reporting an Academic Violation – What Happens?**

- I will report the violation to the AHSO, regardless of the magnitude of the violation.
- The report is submitted online and includes (1) the details of the violation, (2) an election to handle autonomously or refer to the Honor Council, (3) specification of sanction, and (4) student acknowledgement of acceptance/rejection of violation and/or sanction.
- I will usually handle the first offense autonomously; e.g., I decide the sanction. My minimum sanction will usually be a one-letter-grade reduction in your course grade. The maximum sanction I can and will award is an F* (failure of the course and notation of “FAILURE DUE TO ACADEMIC DISHONESTY” on transcript until cleared by taking the Academic Honesty Remediation Course).
- I will usually include taking the Academic Honesty Remediation Course as part of the sanction. This is a three-class, one-month course on academic integrity. I will usually give you one semester to take the course. If you do not take the course by this time your grade will be changed to an F*.
- Importantly, you are now logged into the AHSO system. If there is a second violation, in any course, you will automatically go before the Honor Council, and you will likely be expelled from the university.
- Note that upper division students found guilty of a violation are ineligible to graduate with honors. I will treat students giving unauthorized help the same as students receiving unauthorized help.
- In all cases, you have the right to appeal to the AHSO.

**Final Words**

Please understand that none of this is personal. My desire is for academic integrity, regardless of who you are. I want you all to do well. I just want you to do it honestly. You will be a better engineer because of it. You now know what I will do. Don’t claim ignorance or ask for a second chance if you are caught. I have given the consideration I will give by telling you in advance and in no uncertain terms what I will do so that you can make an informed decision about cheating.