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**Wireline & LWD Fracture ID & Analysis**

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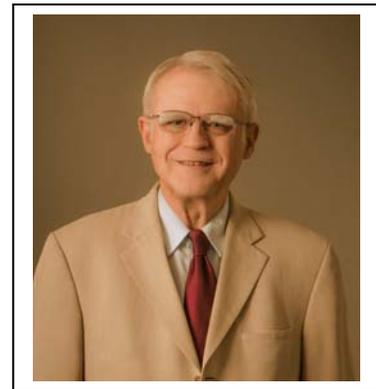
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**ABSTRACT:**

Many geothermal reservoirs are in fractured volcanic rocks. The petrophysical issues involved with these reservoirs are (1) Identifying the fractured intervals from wireline and logging while drilling (LWD) measurements, (2) Determining the fracture orientations (dip and strike), and (3) Determining if the fractures are open, closed, or healed with precipitated mineralization. Fractured interval depths can often be inferred from normal drilling operation observations, as well as, from common Wireline and Logging While Drilling measurements. Fracture orientation can also be determined from dipmeter logs. The most complete fracture analysis, however, is via the various borehole imaging technologies. These technologies, not only provide information on fracture occurrence and orientation, but also whether or not the fractures are open.

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