Identification and interpretation of missing section, Part II

Missing section is a critical clue in the identification of normal faults and unconformities. Telling the two apart involves comparing the log from which section is missing with logs of other wells. Missing section caused by a normal fault cutting a well should be missing from only that well, as is shown below. On the other hand, if the same interval is missing from several adjacent wells, the cause is probably an unconformity, as is shown in Part III of this series.