

Logarithmic Derivative = p'

Synonym: [Logarithmic Derivative](#) = [Log Derivative](#)

[Derivative](#) with respect to the [natural logarithm](#) of the argument (see **Fig. 1**):

$$(1) \quad \frac{dp}{d(\ln t)} = t \frac{dp}{dt}$$

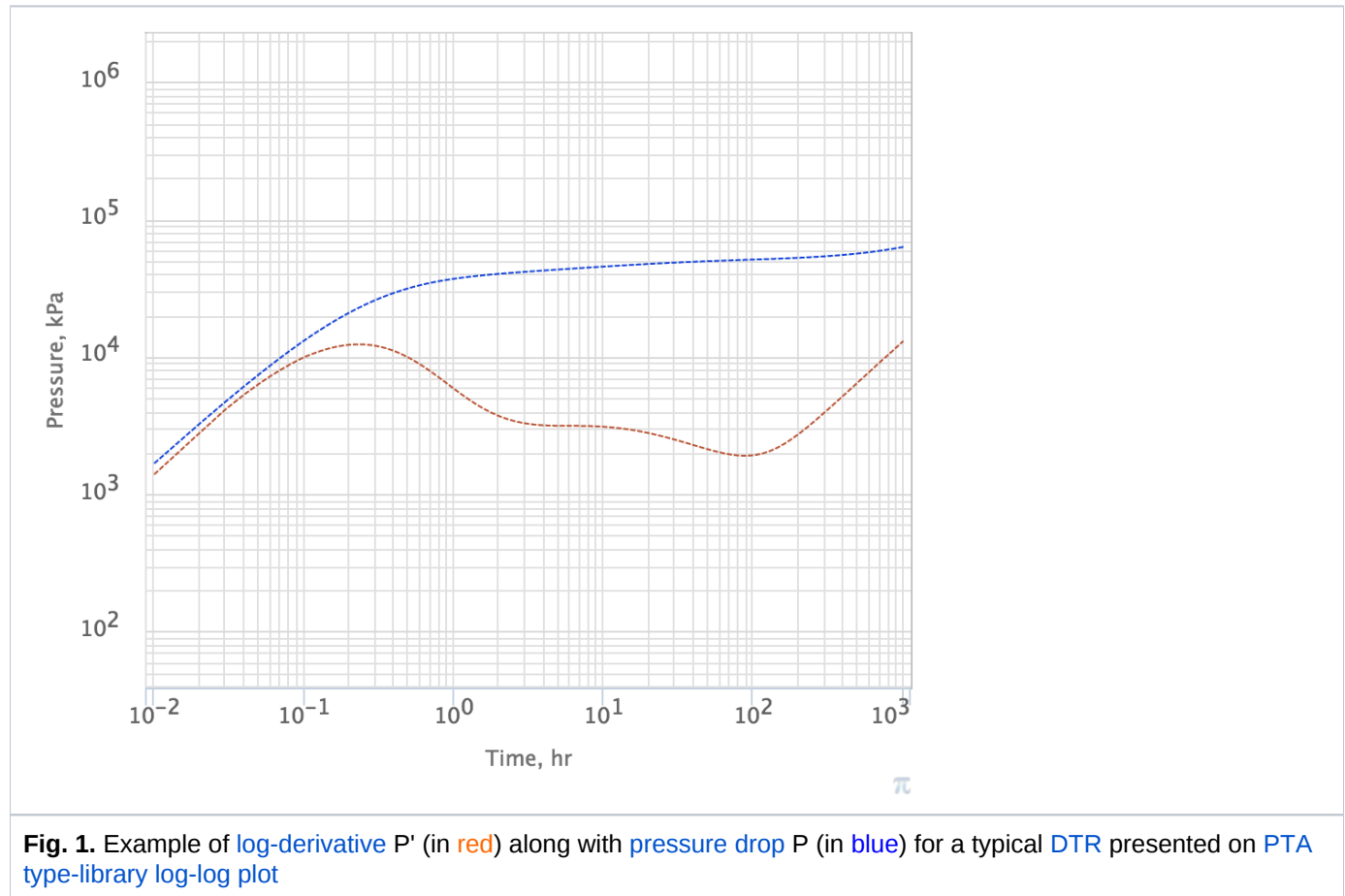


Fig. 1. Example of [log-derivative](#) P' (in red) along with [pressure drop](#) P (in blue) for a typical DTR presented on PTA type-library log-log plot

The calculation algorithm of [logarithmic derivative](#) is brought in [Logarithmic Derivative @model](#).

✓ In [Well Testing](#) applications the [logarithmic derivative](#) is often denoted as $p' = t \frac{dp}{dt}$ which is misnomer as the usual mathematical convention for prime " ' " is the regular [Derivative](#) with respect to the argument $p' = \frac{dp}{dt}$.

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