Exploring for Tight Oil in the Pennsylvanian Cleveland Sandstone on the Nemaha Uplift Using High-Resolution 3D Seismic & Stratigraphic Analysis: A New "Resource" Play Model?*

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Abstract

Tight sands in the Upper Pennsylvanian Cleveland Fm. are an active development target in the panhandles of Texas and Oklahoma. However, since drilling started in the 1920s along the Nemaha Uplift (Ridge) of north-central Oklahoma and south-central Kansas the Cleveland has traditionally been viewed as a shallow (2500 feet-3000 feet), thin, tight-oil "teaser" or as a tertiary objective on the way down to other more economic objectives. By integrating high-resolution 3D seismic and detailed sequence stratigraphic analysis, thicker, productive Cleveland reservoir fairways can be identified and drilled economically on the Nemaha Ridge.

Cleveland depositional systems in the Nemaha Ridge area include river-dominated deltas and incised valleys, reservoirs of each with distinctive log and seismic characteristics. Deltaic reservoir successions occur in the upper two-thirds of the Cleveland interval and are usually the best reservoirs. The deltaic reservoir units are composed of very fine- to fine-grained "sanding upward" successions exhibiting dipelongate behavior and rapid changes along strike. Cleveland-valley reservoirs in the study area are blocky to fining-upward, lower medium- to very fine-grained units that occur in the lower part of the Cleveland succession.

Optimal drilling locations are best identified by fine-scale correlations and seismic mapping, linked to subtle syn-sedimentary tectonics. High-resolution 3D seismic (up to 1.4 million traces per square mile) and multi-attribute analysis have proved a key tool in differentiating and

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predicting optimal reservoir trends in this new play concept on the Nemaha Ridge and sets up an opportunity for focused horizontal exploitation. This type of analysis is broadly applicable to a number of other similar plays in old development areas.

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Tony Lupo's Oil and Gas Outlook for 2017 and Beyond!

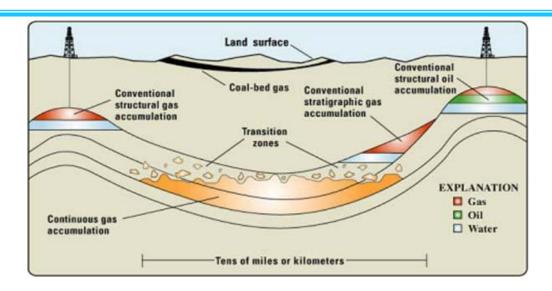
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What's Next?





There have been a progression of play types through time:

- Conventional Structural
- Conventional Stratigraphic
- Tight Gas
- Tight Oil
- Shale Gas
- Shale Oil
- "Halo" plays

Where can we apply all of this marvelous technology we've developed to open new play types?

What's Old is New Again



Bypassed Conventional/Tight Oil & Gas

- Those formations known to contain large amounts of HC but have traditionally been viewed as "tertiary" objectives due to:
 - Complex depositional environment
 - Unevenly distributed pay zone(s)
 - Low-resistivity pay
 - Unpredictable HC/water production (i.e., complex charge history)

In short, a seemingly randomly distributed reservoir with a highly variable Pg

- Examples we've encountered:
 - Any number of Penn "stray" sands in the Anadarko Basin
 - Carbonate reservoirs, generally (Ordovician PDC in MI Basin, Trenton/Black River in NW Ohio, Big Valley Dolomite in AB, etc.)

Redefining a "Resource" Play?



An approach would be to reduce risk in a broad sense to create a set of opportunities with a similar Pg that could be pursued in a way that looks very much like a "resource" play:

"Resource" Play Characteristics (SPEE):

- Accumulation over large areal extent (>100 wells)
- A majority of the wells have a similar Pg
- Repeatable & Continuous
- HC not held in place by hydrodynamics
- •We present a template we established at Fossil Creek in the Cleveland formation to regularize Pg through the judicious use of:
 - Exhaustive sequence stratigraphic analysis (Play identification)
 - 3D seismic reservoir characterization (i.e., delineating porous sand/pay zone)
 - Horizontal drilling and completion techniques (Factor of Safety)

Cleveland Play Characteristics



- Shallow (<6000', more generally between 2500'- 3500')
- Inexpensive drilling (\$1.0 \$2.0 MM Horizontal CWC; 3500' lateral)
- Black oil (38-42 API)
- Large AOI (potential exists over several COUNTIES)

- Repeatable & Predictable (targeted locations via 3D; Factor of Safety

with horizontal drilling)

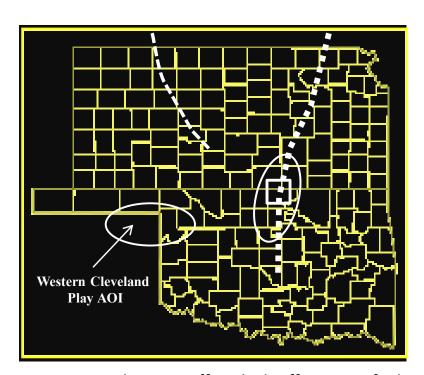
- SWD infrastructure in place
- Early entry/lack of industry focus or exposure

Cleveland Play Comparison

Western OK CLVD Lower CLVD Channel Φ: 0.08 – 0.12 MD: 7000' – 9000'

Thickness: up to 200' Phase: Gas/Wet Gas Eastern OK CLVD Upper CLVD Deltaics Φ: 0.14 – 0.16

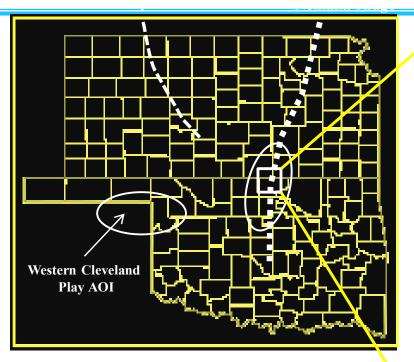
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Strategy: Utilize cost-effect, high-effort 3D to find stranded reserves near abandoned fields

Location Map

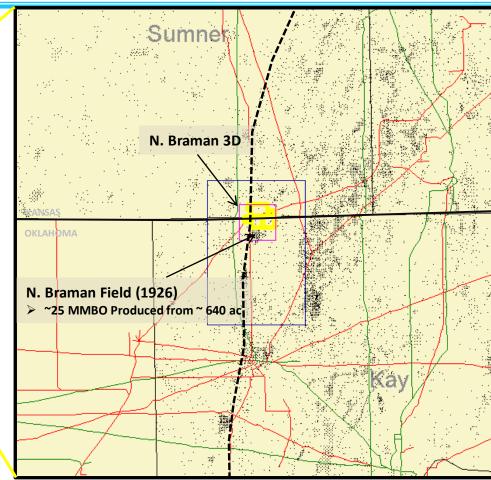




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3D Parameters

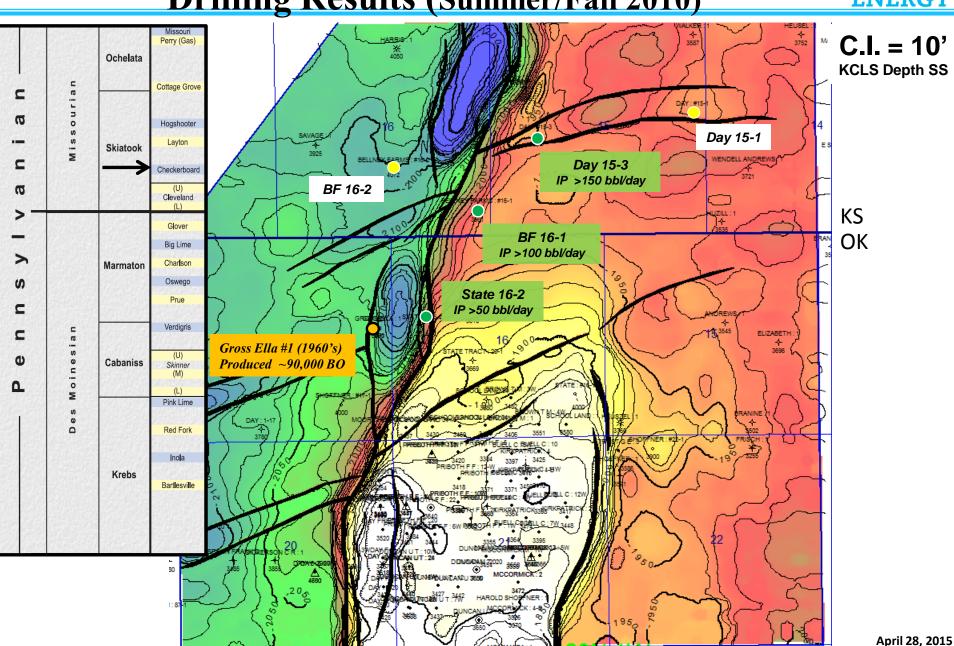
- 330' RL Spacing
- 440' SL Spacing
- 55'x55' Bin Size
- 250+ Nominal Fold
- 1.5+ Million Traces/Mi²
- 65-70 Hz Dom Freq
- Low cost (~\$25k/mi2)*



^{*} Novel Sweep/Design Scheme

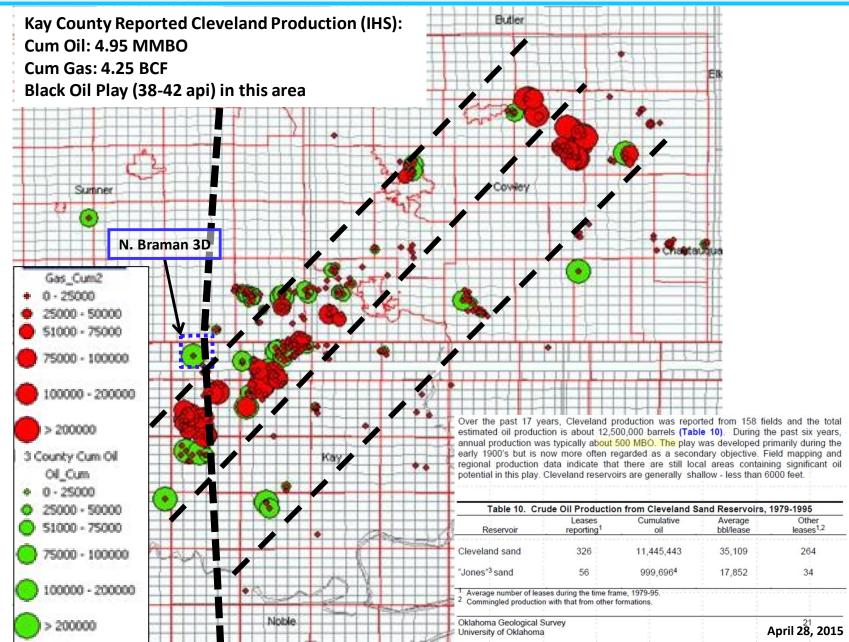
Kansas City Lime Depth Structure Map with Drilling Results (Summer/Fall 2010)





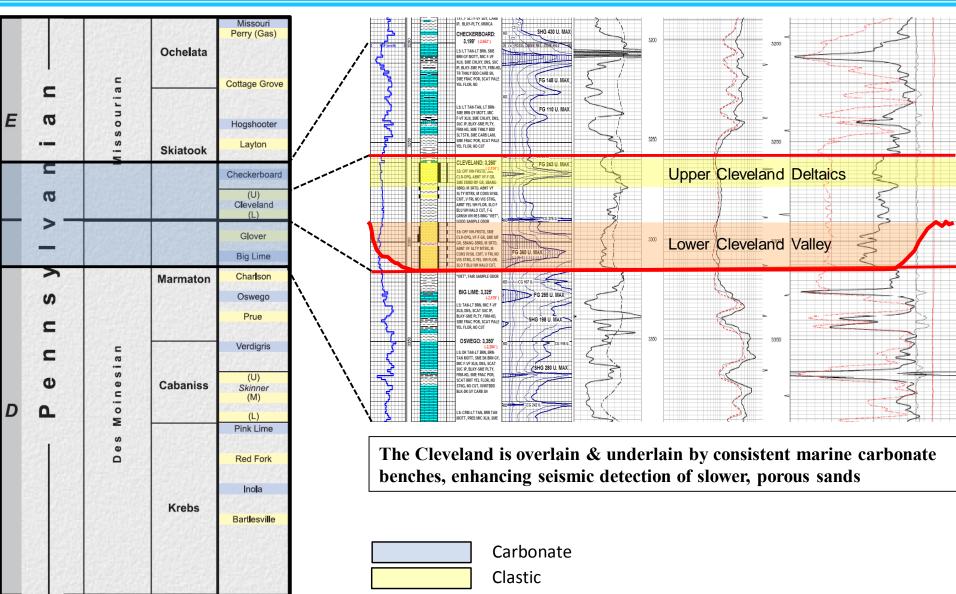
Cleveland Regional Production





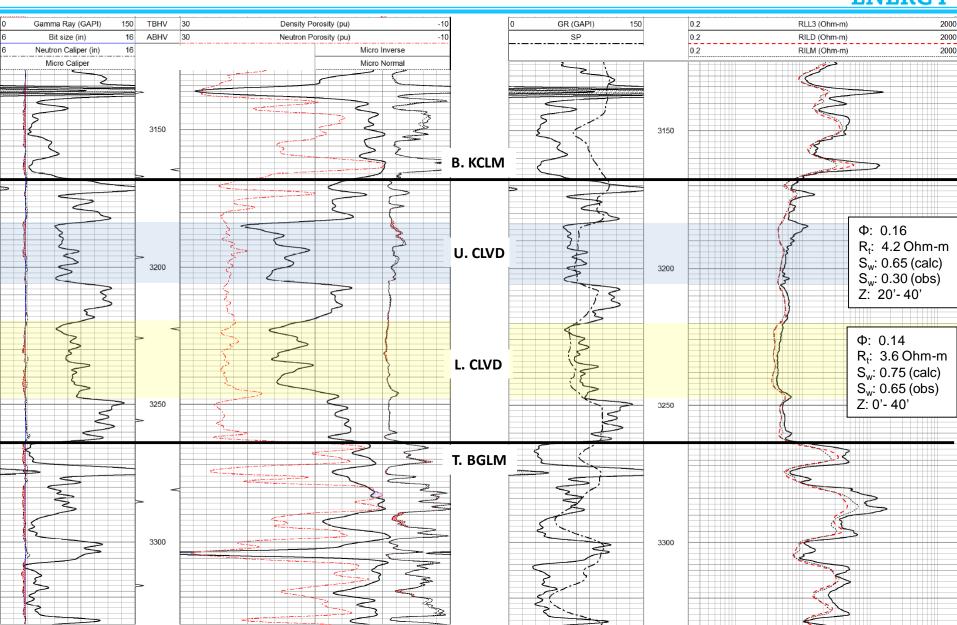
Nemaha Uplift Stratigraphic Column





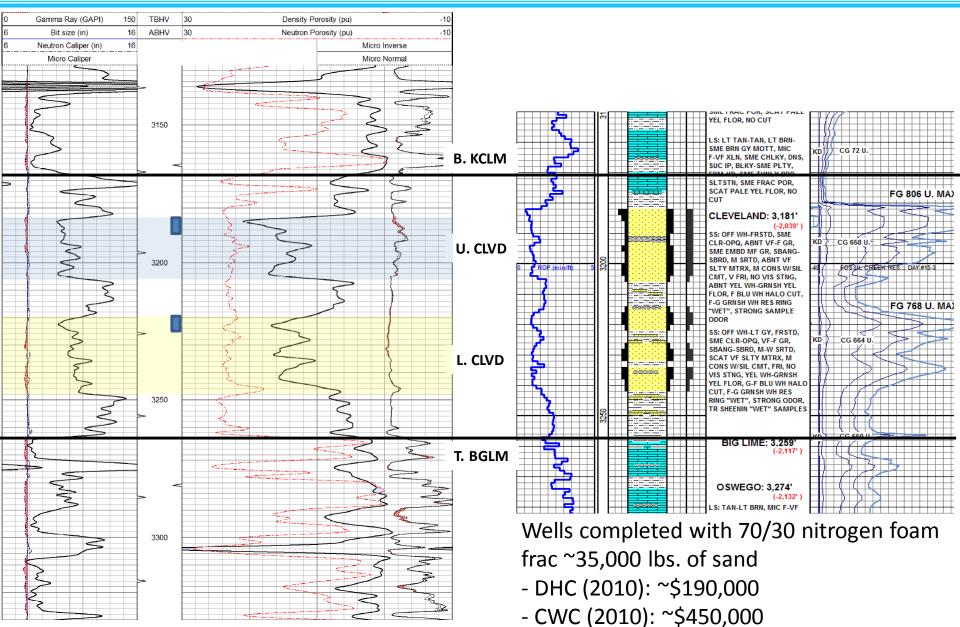
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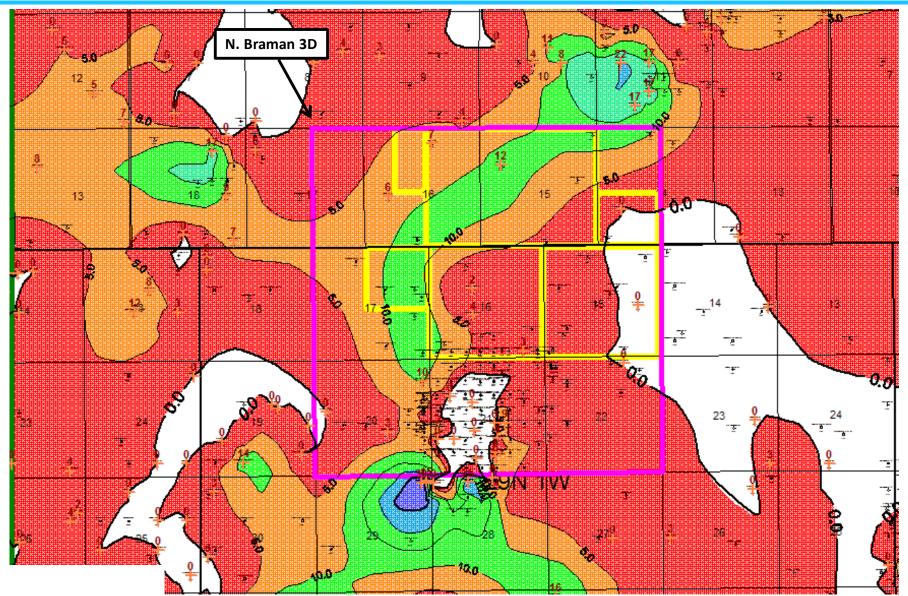
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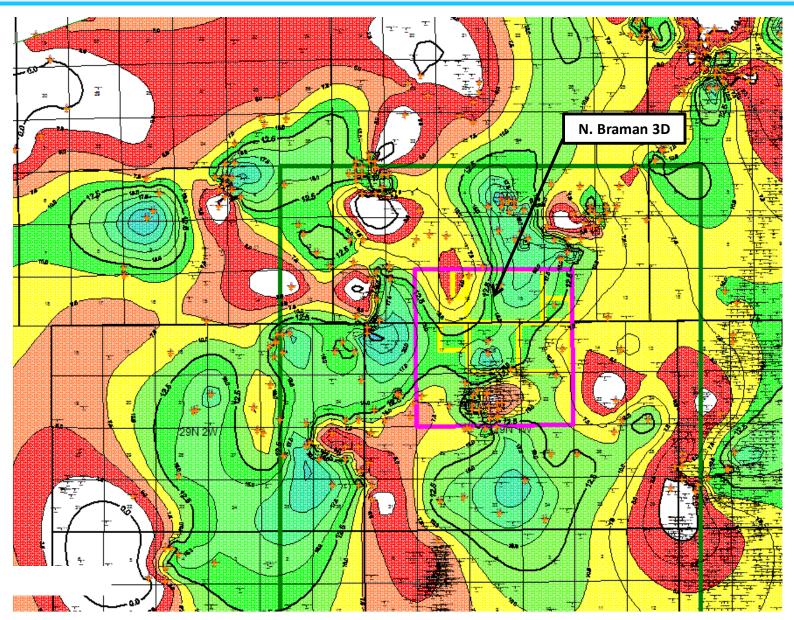
Lower Cleveland Isochore: Channelized Facies





Upper Cleveland Isochore: Deltaic Facies

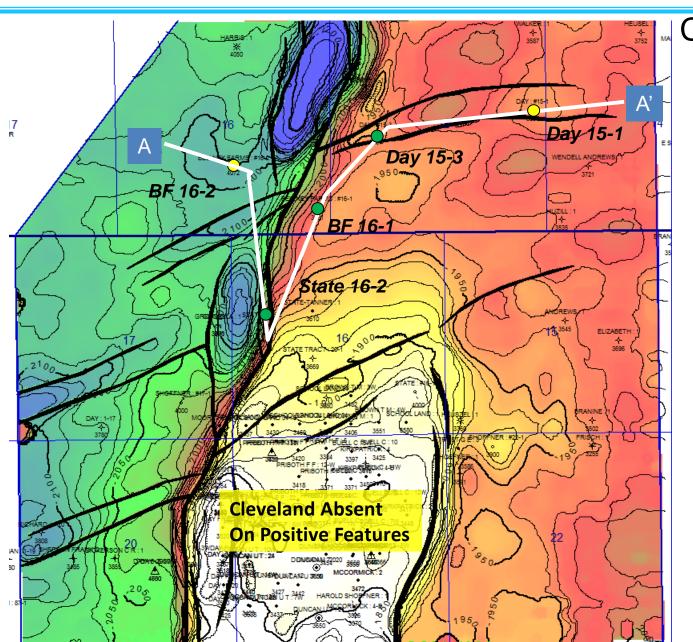




C.I. = 2.5'

KC Lime Depth Map w/ Cross Section

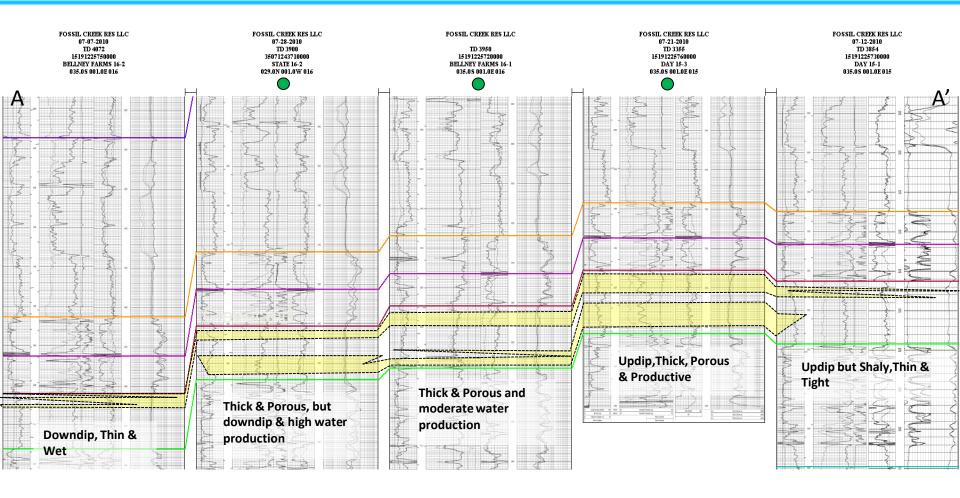




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Nemaha Ridge Well Cross Section

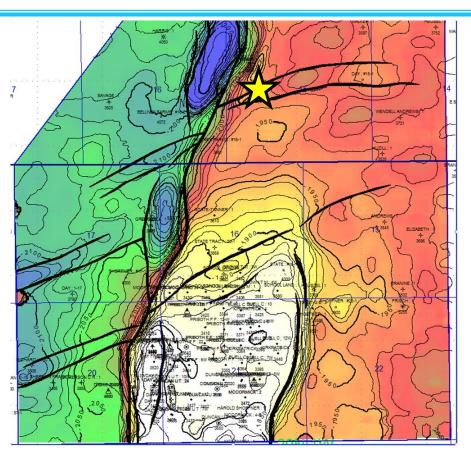




Structural Cross Section showing the draping of Cleveland stratigraphy over the North Braman structure. This section follows the same line of section as the seismic image above.

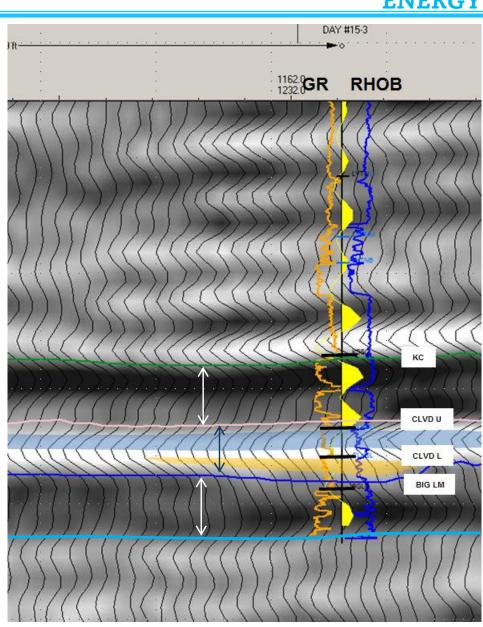
Cleveland Interval Well Tie and Data Quality **SM**() **ENERGY**





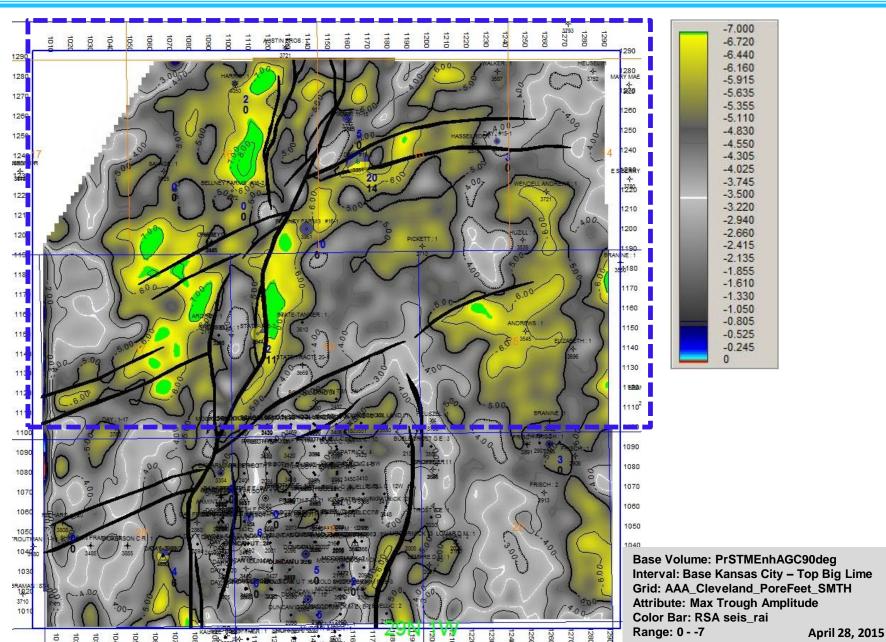
Presence of L. CLVD sand associated with changes in seismic character:

- <u>Increased amplitude</u>
- Overall change in waveshape



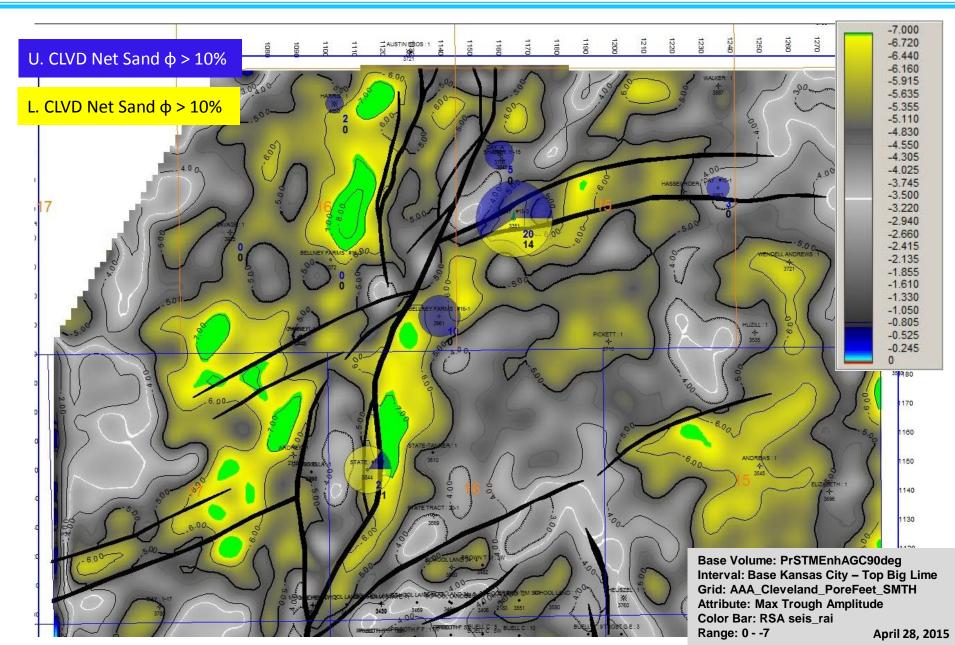
Max Trough Amplitude w/ Net Sand Bubble Overlay (>10%) **SM** (> Lenergy)





Max Trough Amp w/ Net Sand Bubble Overlay ($\phi > 10\%$)



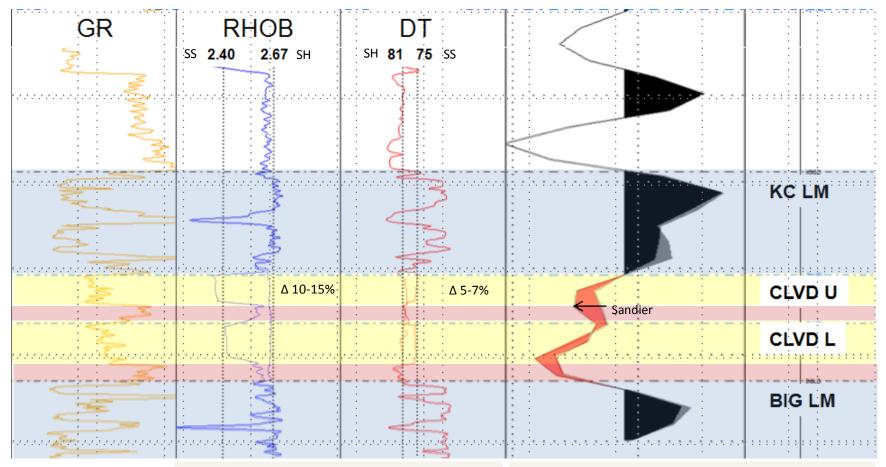




How would the presence of POROUS sand affect amplitudes?

Cleveland Sand-Shale Modeled Response: Day #15-3





Thicker section of shale slightly attenuates the impedance contrast of the trough in the L. Cleveland sand body. As a result, the L. Cleveland sand trough is less well developed

- 1. Troughs within Cleveland zones are increased due to lower impedance of Cleveland sands
- Both peaks associated with the overlying KC carbonate and underlying Big Lime carbonate are increased as more lower-impedance, porous Cleveland sand is introduced

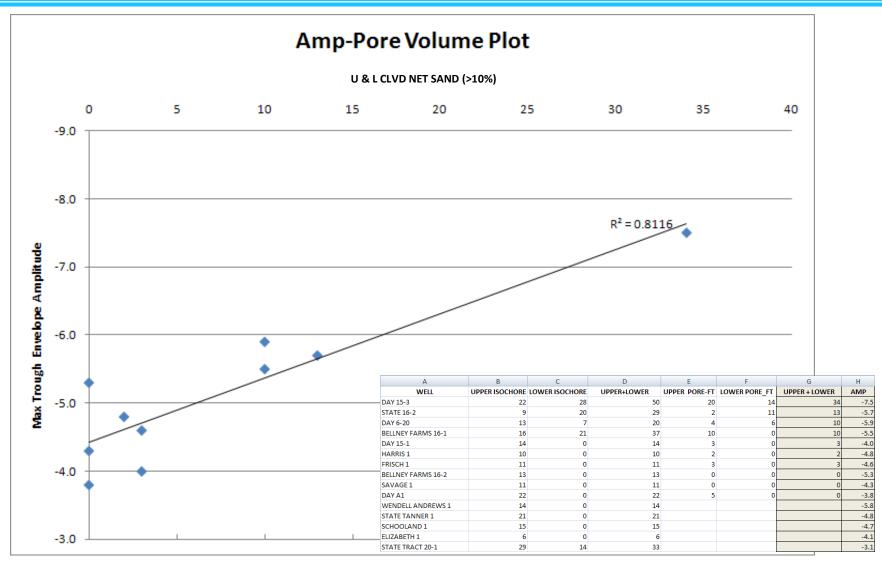
Cleveland Sand-Shale Modeling Summary



- Troughs within Cleveland zones are increased due to lower impedance of Cleveland sands
- 2. The reduced impedance is driven by increased porosity, as observed in density curve
- 3. Instantaneous attributes (e.g., maximum trough envelope) respond well to observed modeled response

Cleveland Sand Porosity-Amp Cross Plot

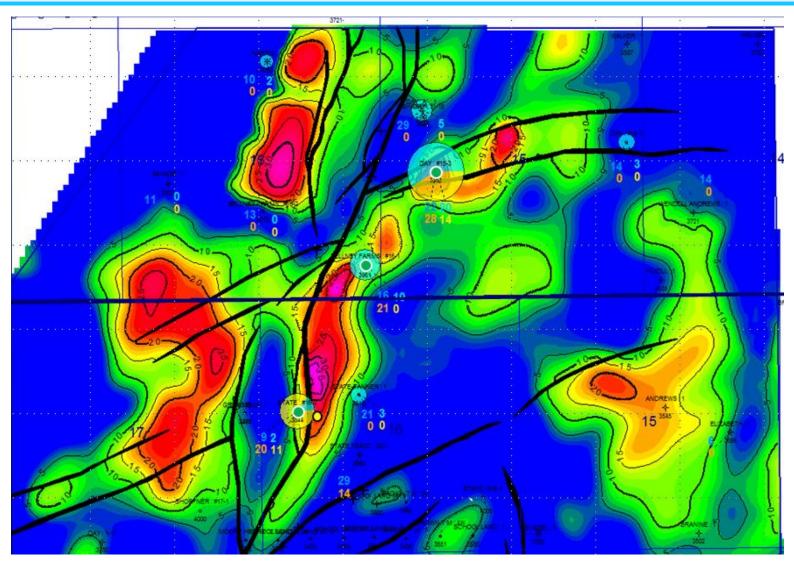




Cross-plot of Upper and Lower Cleveland net sand versus attribute values from key wells within the 3D survey.

Cleveland Derived Net Sand Map

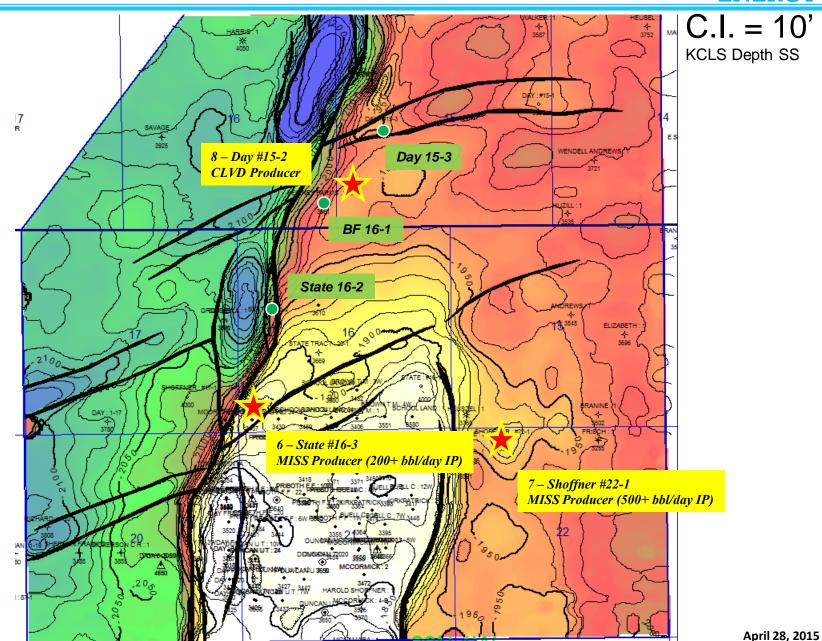




Net sand map established from relationship (see cross-plot) of log-observed net sand values with maximum trough envelope amplitude attribute from 3D data

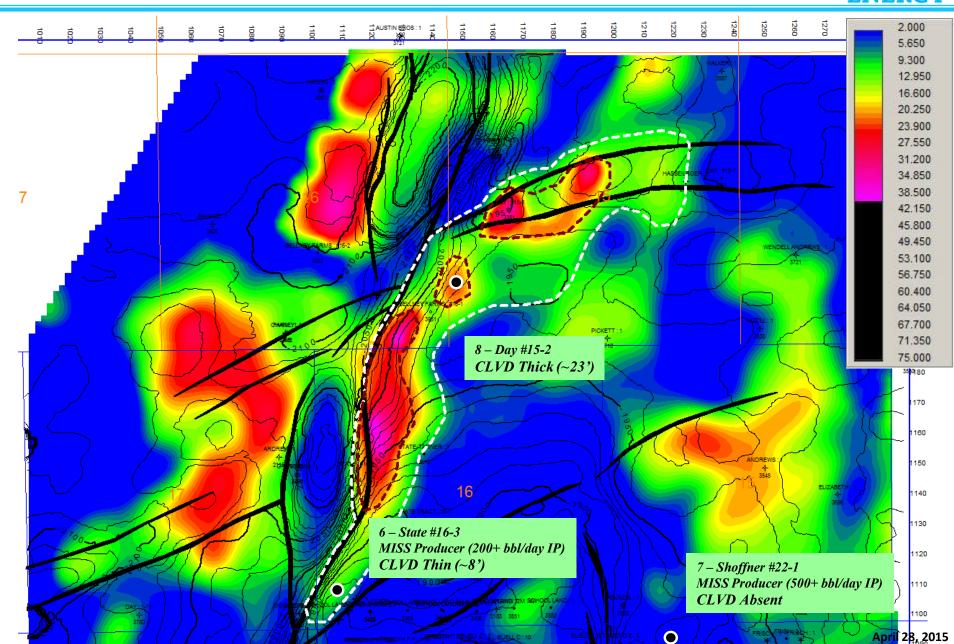
N. Braman Drilling Results: Summer/Fall 2011





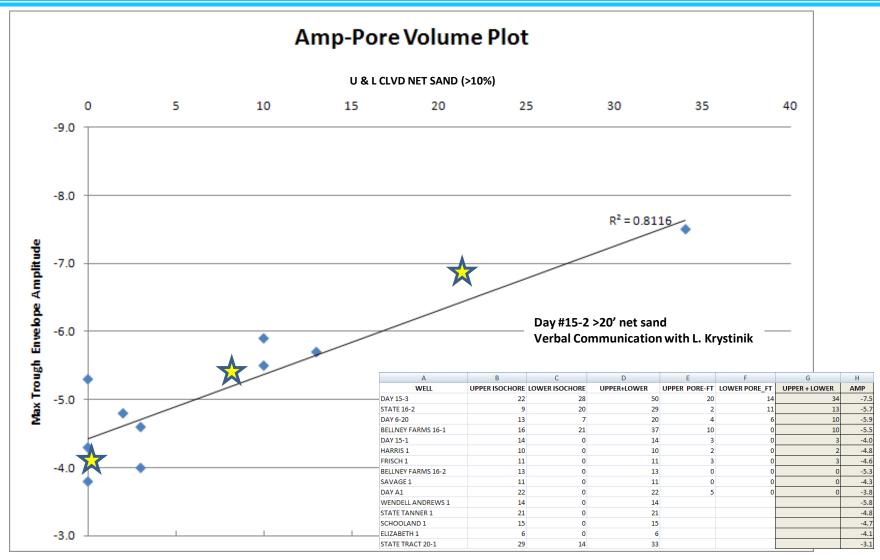
Cleveland Derived Net Sand Map (Porosity >10%)





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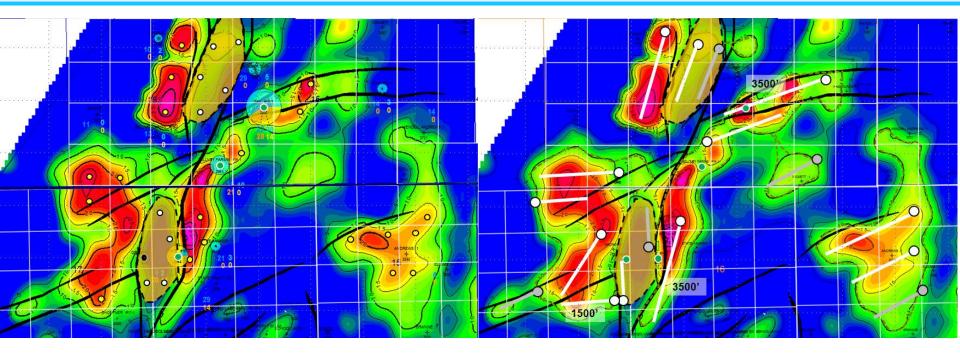


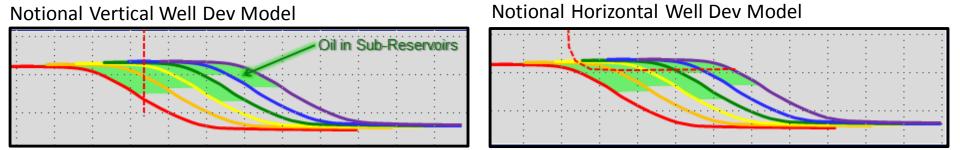


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Upper Cleveland Development Model (40 ac grid)



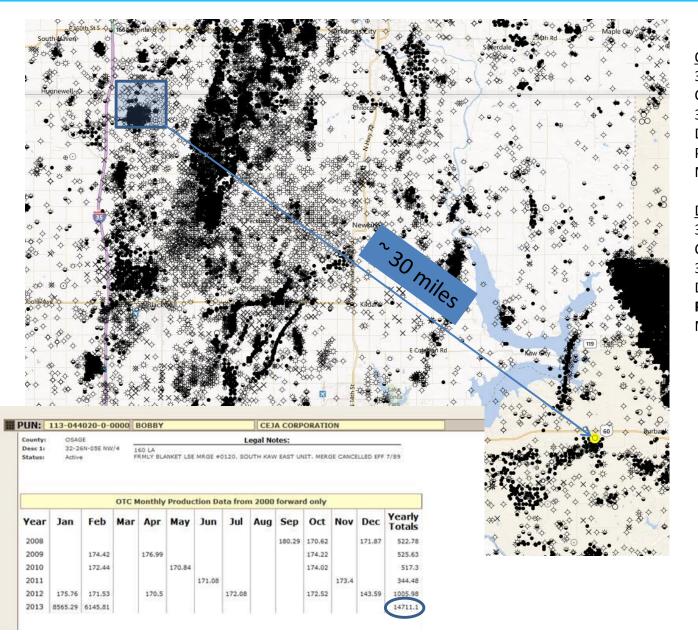




U. Cleveland River-Dominated Deltaic Sands - Heterogeneous Sub-Reservoirs: Oil saturated intervals shown as green fill. Vertical wells have inefficient recoveries vs. horizontal wells

Newly Drilled Horizontal in Cleveland?





Original Well
35113209620000
Ceja Bobby #1
32 26N-5E
Drilled in July, 1971
Produced ~3 MMBO from Miss Chat
MD: 3375'

Development Recompletion Well 35113209620001 Ceja Osage #1 32 26N-5E Drilled in Fall 2012 **Produced ~15 MBO from CLEVELAND** MD: 2763'



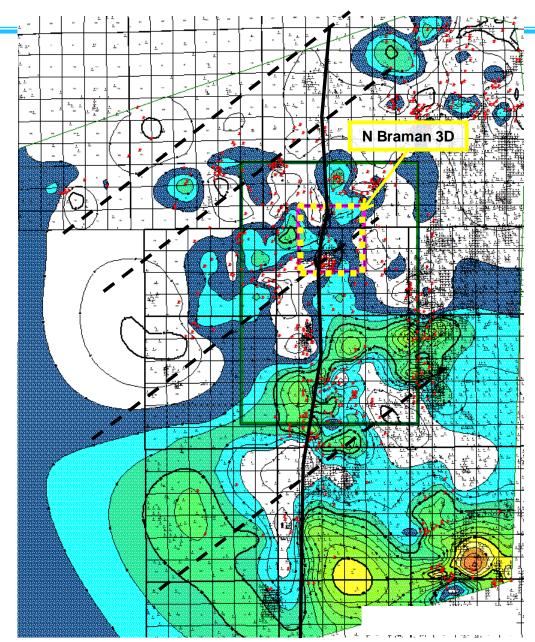
Play Extents

Upper Cleveland Regional Targets: U CLVD Net Sand Map

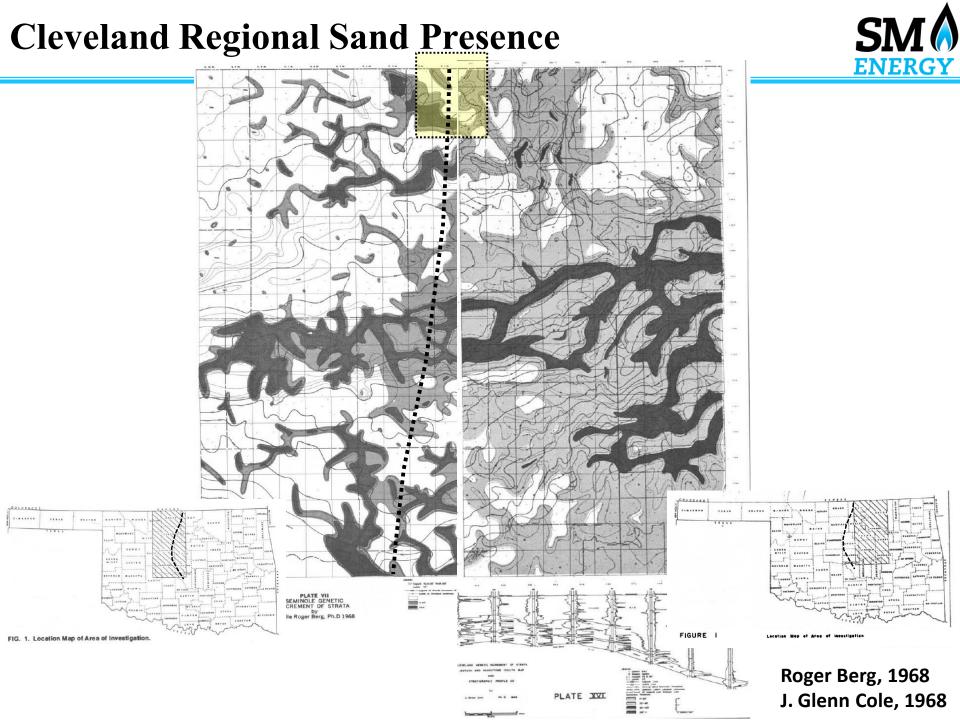


- Total map area represents~10 Townships or ~230,00 acres
- Assume area with viable net sand presence: ~75,000 acres
- -Assume ½ of acreage has charge potential based on "blows and shows & petrophysics: ~35,000 ac ~55 sections

4 hz wells/section: ~200 locations



Regional shears influence Cleveland deposition/preservation.



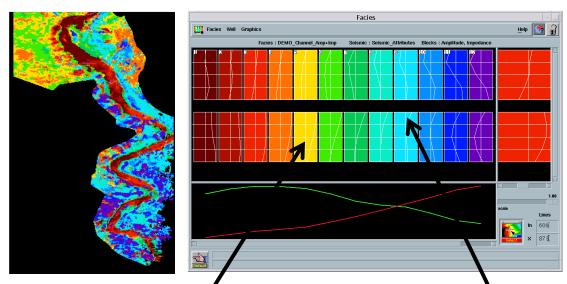


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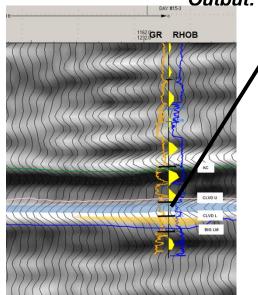
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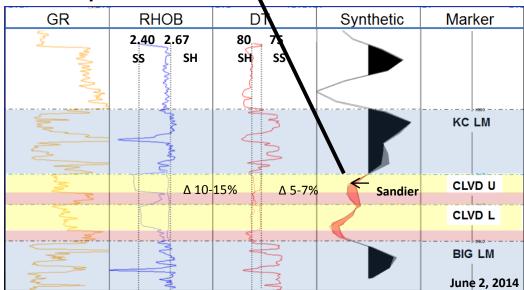


SEISMIC TRACE SHAPE CLASSIFICATION



Output: Seis nic facies map & model traces

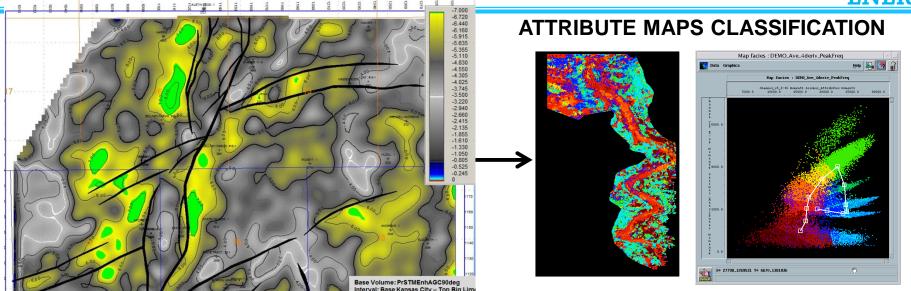


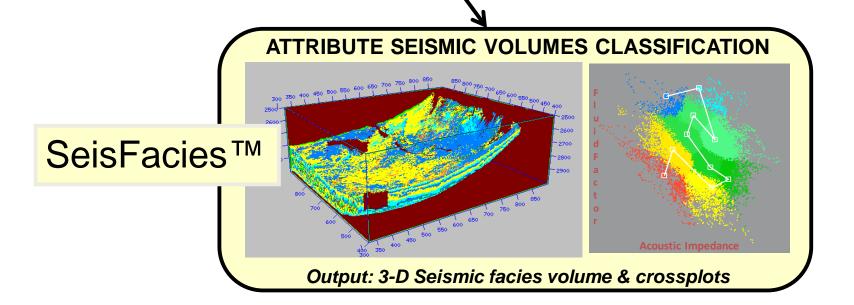


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Output: Seismic facies map & crossplots

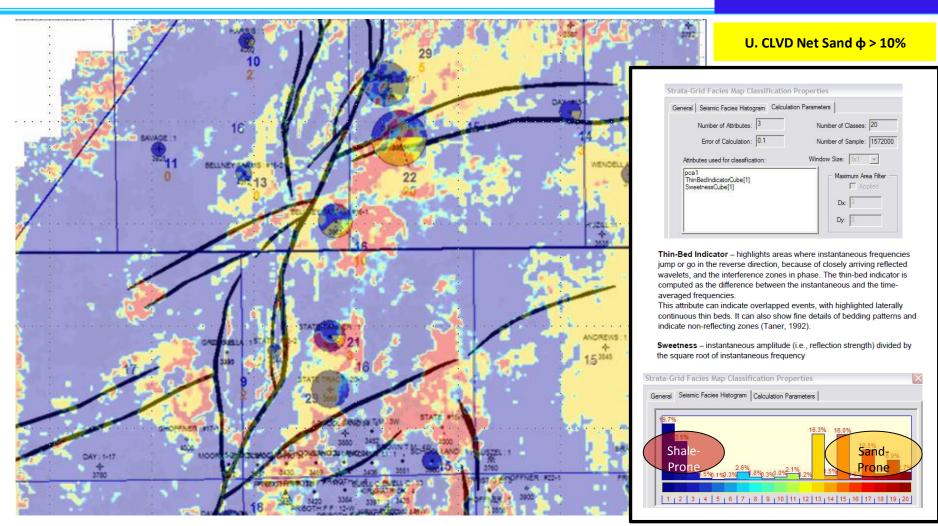




Upper Cleveland Facies Model



U. CLVD Gross Sand

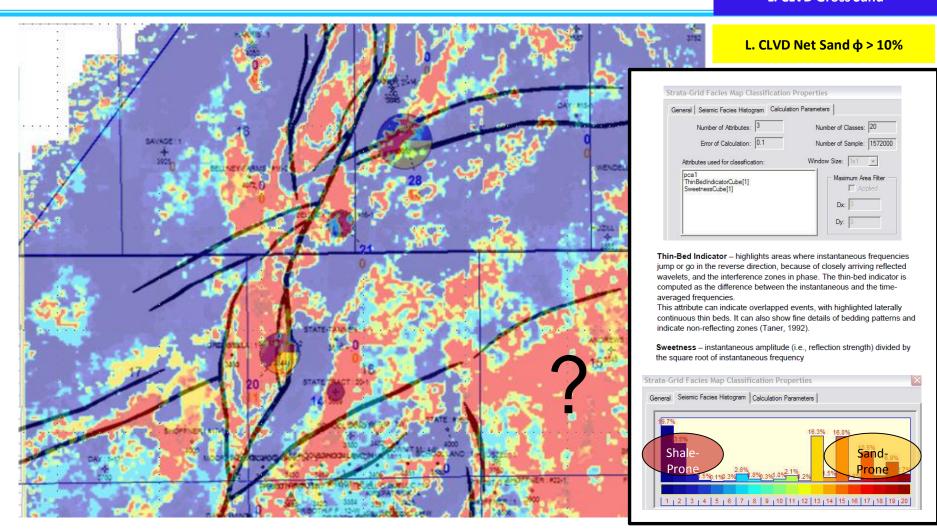


Facies map from stratal slice through the Upper Cleveland interval with gross/net sand bubble overlay.

Lower Cleveland Facies Model



L. CLVD Gross Sand



Facies map from stratal slice through the Lower Cleveland interval with gross/net sand bubble overlay.

Conclusions



- Rapidly evolving technology applied by aggressive independents helped create the most recent boom
- The trickle-down of this technology will enable smaller, lower cost, less dogmatic operators to create new opportunities in areas that have been largely ignored, when the price of oil rebounds and/or if D&C costs continue to deflate
- Critical risk elements of these play types could be reduced
 - **Complex depositional environment**: Better define play using a geologic model derived from sequence stratigraphic analysis
 - **Unevenly distributed reservoir facies:** Leverage cost-effective, fit-for-purpose 3D data to map better quality rock
 - **Low-resistivity pay**: Blows/shows/production trends, better petrophysical modeling and HZ drilling to increase likelihood of encountering pay
 - Unpredictable HC/water production: HZ drilling to penetrate multiple sub-reservoirs;
 piggy back on extensive SWD infrastructure that may already be in place from mudrock resource play development





ACQUISITION AND COST COMPARISON HARPER COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

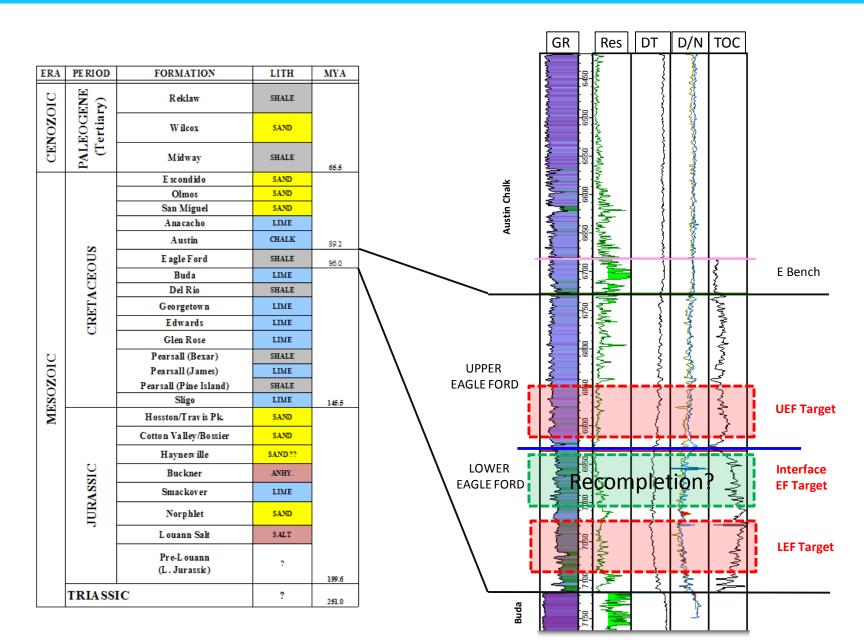
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SQ. WILLS	00	72	
RLI	660 FEET	495 FEET	
RGI	220 FEET	165 FEET	
RCV PER SQ. MILE	194	343	176.80%
SLI	1,100 FEET	495 FEET	
SGI	220 FEET	165 FEET	
VP PER SQ. MILE	110	343	311.82%
SWEEPS PER VP	8	2	(75.00%)
BIN SIZE	110 FEET	82.5 FEET	
TOTAL BINS	148,860	296,720	
BINS PER SQ. MILE	2,255	4,121	182.72%
REC GEOMETRY	16 X 80	26 X120	
CHANNELS	1,280	3,120	243.75%
FOLD - ALL OFFSETS	64	260	406.25%
TOTAL TRACES	8,002,044	62,636,123	
TRACES PER SQ. MILE	121,243	869,946	717.52%
ACQUISITION COST			
PER SQ. MILE	\$17,750.00	\$27,725.00	156.20%
PER TRACE	\$0.15	\$0.03	(78.23%)
PER BIN	\$7.87	\$6.73	(14.51%)



Independents will not want, nor be able to pursue plays of this type

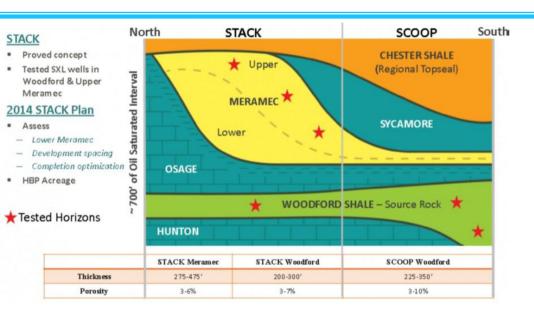
Independents may be Shackled to Their Assets





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According to a research report from Wood Mackenzie, capital spending in the Wolfcamp and Bone Spring plays alone could top \$22 billion by 2018. To put that number into perspective, operators are expected to invest \$28 billion in the Eagle Ford this year (2013) which accounts for a quarter of oil CapEx in the lower 48 states.

These operators are NOT named Exxon and Shell!

Stacked plays are not the exception:

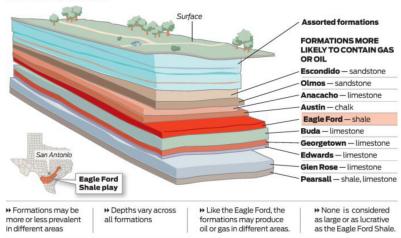
- SCOOP
- Permian
- Granite Wash
- Eagle Ford
- Niobrara
- Marcellus
- Bakken

Which play does NOT have stacked potential?

South Texas' stacked oil and gas plays

The Eagle Ford Shale is nestled among various geologic layers, many of which also are producing oil and gas. Here's a look at how the various plays stack on top of each other.

Diagram is for illustrative purposes and is not complete or to scale, given the complexity of mapping geologic layers across different parts of the state. But it gives a general idea of the shallow and deeper layers across the state's coastal plains region.

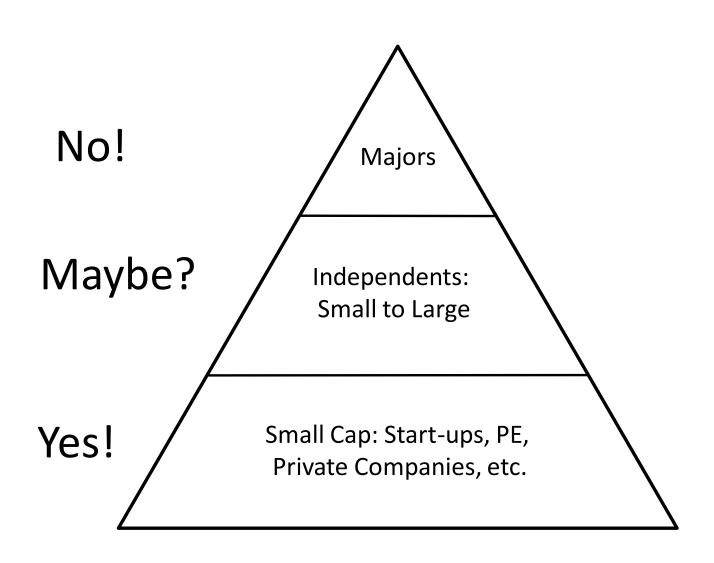


Source: University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology Research by Jennifer Hiller

Mike Fisher/San Antonio Express-News

The Unusual Suspects...



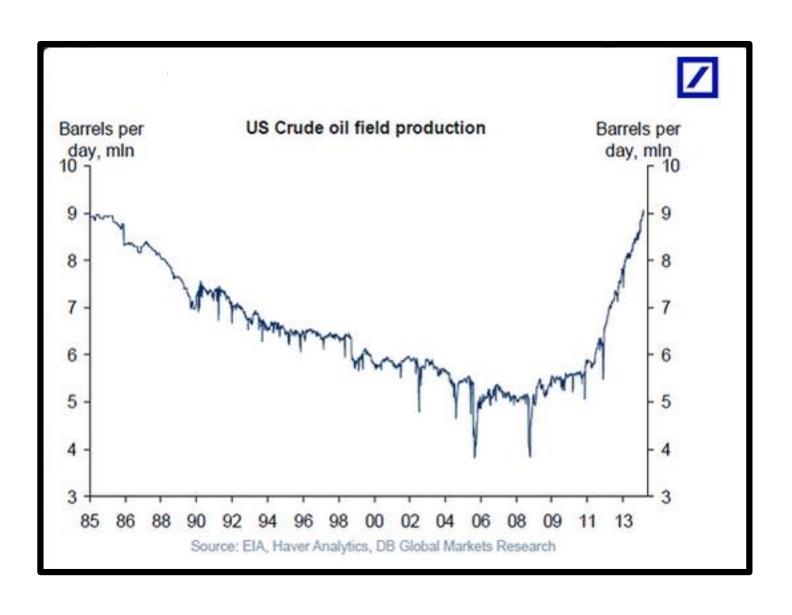




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The Shale Revolution in One Picture





Global Reserves to Production Ratios





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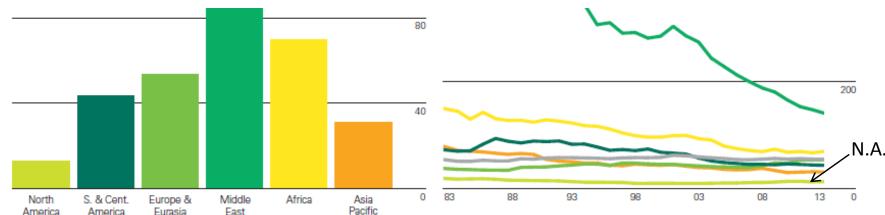




Different Times

Hall and several people close to him are taking different lessons from 1986. The most important difference for Hall, according to his letter, is that at the time **OPEC had about 25% of spare capacity. Today's surplus is only 2% higher than global oil consumption**, "and it will have dissipated by the end of the year, if not sooner," he said.





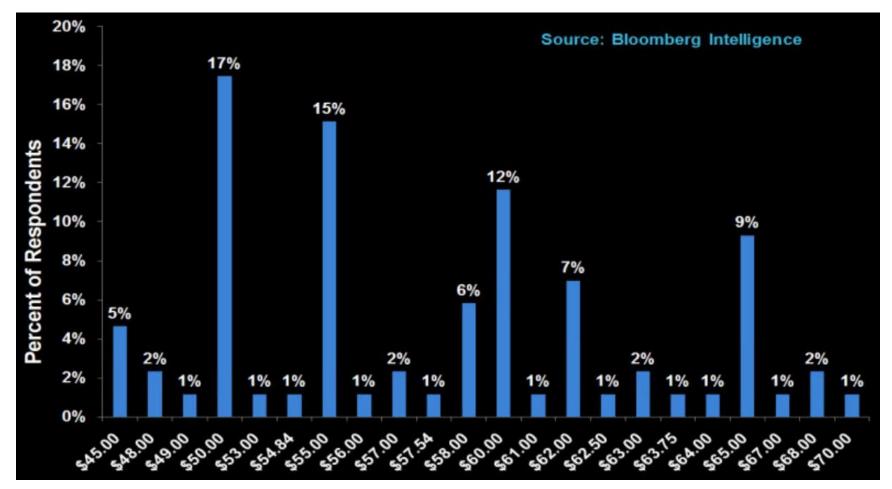
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Volatility



QUOTE: "The outlook on oil prices is clear: Oil will crash. Unless prices surge. Definitely one or the other."

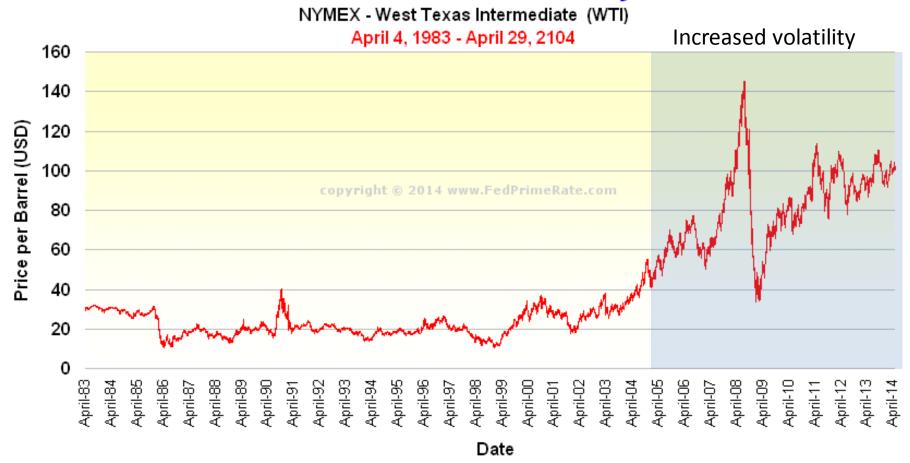


Price per barrel of WTI crude

Bloomberg Business, Tom Randall 2/6/2015

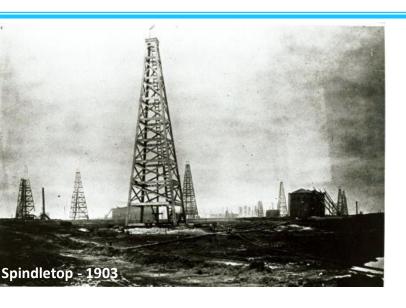


Crude Oil Price History



Extracting Oil has Gotten Harder...









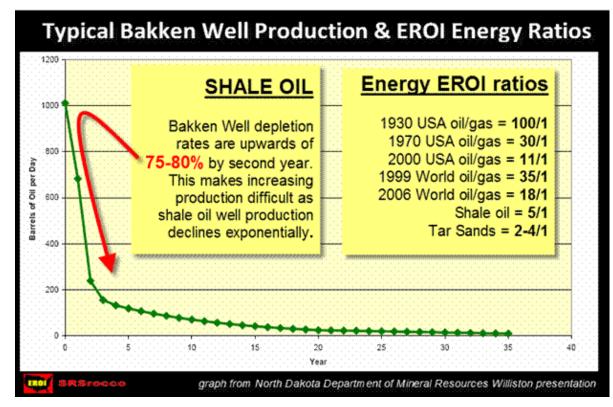
Extracting Oil has Gotten more Energy Intensive



In <u>physics</u>, <u>energy economics</u> and <u>ecological energetics</u>, <u>energy returned on energy invested</u> (**EROEI** or **EROEI**); or <u>energy return on investment</u> (**EROI**), is the <u>ratio</u> of the amount of usable <u>energy</u> acquired from a particular energy resource to the amount of energy expended to obtain that energy resource. [1][2]

EROI (for US) -	Fuel \$
100.0	Hydro
80.0	Coal
50-75 ^{[9][10]}	Nuclear (with centrifuge enrichment)
35.0	Oil imports 1990
30.0	Oil and gas 1970
20.0	Oil production
18.0	Oil imports 2005
18.0	Wind
14.5	Oil and gas 2005
12.0	Oil imports 2007
10.0	Natural gas 2005
10.0	Nuclear (with diffusion enrichment)
8.0	Oil discoveries
6.8	Photovoltaic
5.0	Ethanol sugarcane
5.0	Shale oil
3.0	Bitumen tar sands
1.9	Solar flat plate
1.6	Solar collector
1.3	Biodiesel
1.3	Ethanol corn

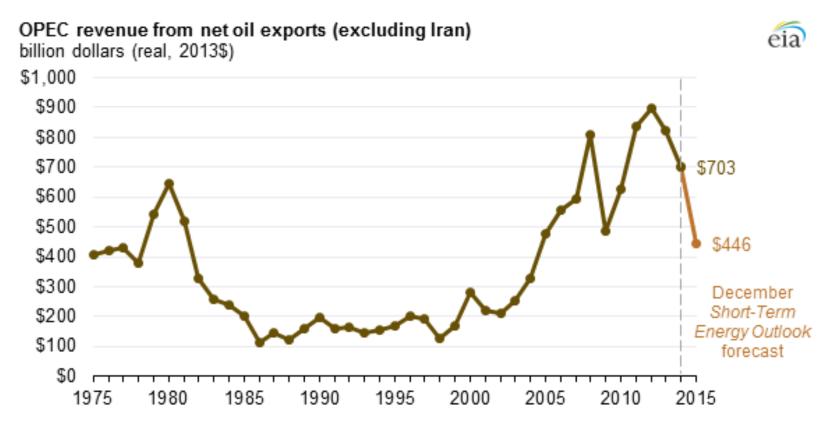
Note: not just on due to production, but refining as well. Since 1985, crude have become 5.5% heavier and contains 54% more sulfur (source: EIA)



Source: Murphy & Hall (2010)

OPEC is Squeezed



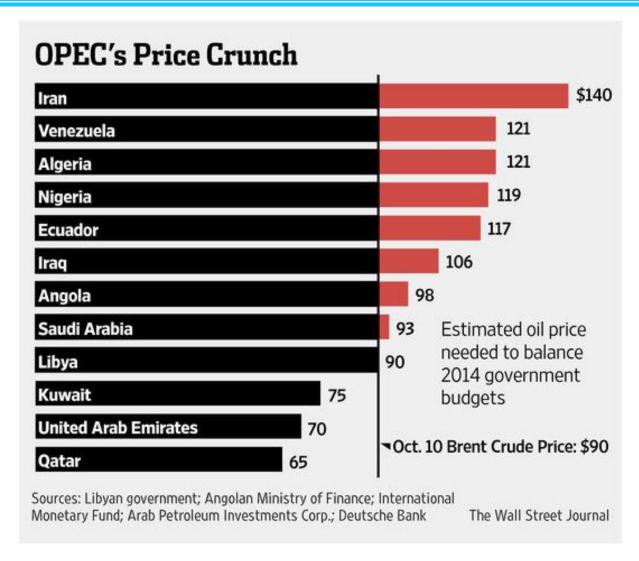


Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, <u>Short-Term Energy Outlook</u>

Note: OPEC is the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries. Iran is excluded because current sanctions make it difficult to estimate revenues. The 2014 revenue estimates are subject to revision as historical production and consumption data are updated.

OPEC has to do More With its OIL Revenue





 OPEC needs money for budgets to positively engage a large, young and increasingly disaffected population

Conclusions



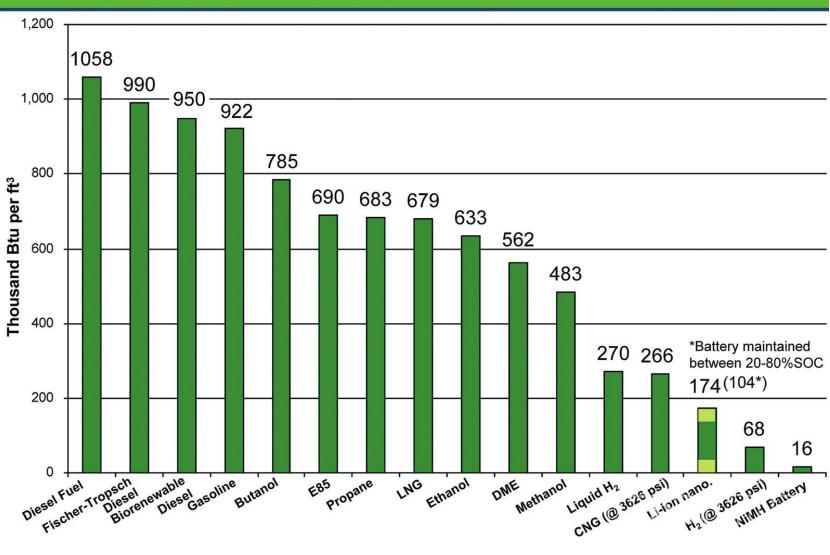
- Most agree that an oil glut has been created by an increase in supply and reduced demand stemming from slower economic growth and increased efficiencies
- However, newer sources of oil are getting more expensive to find and extract, and are of lower quality, require more energy to produce, and decline faster
- The amount of oil being discovered is not keeping pace with consumption (i.e., R/P ratios)
- OPEC needs money for budgets to positively engage a large, young and increasingly disaffected population
- The net effect is a long-term, positive pressure on the price of oil with more volatility

Energy Density





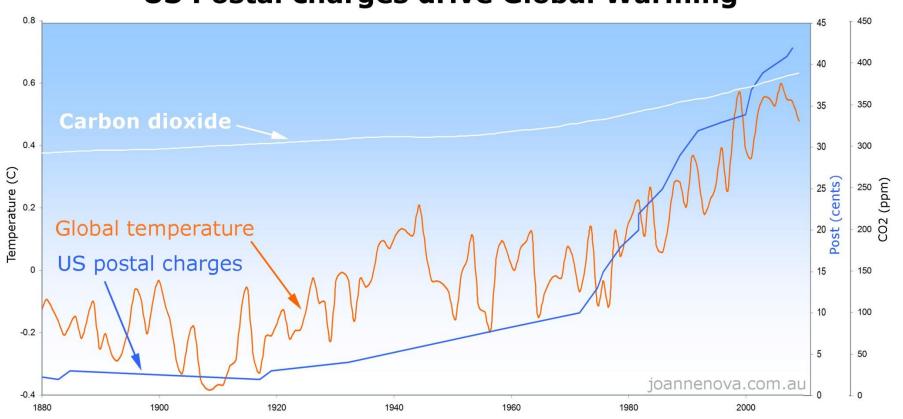
Energy Density of Fuels



The Power of Statistics



US Postal charges drive Global Warming



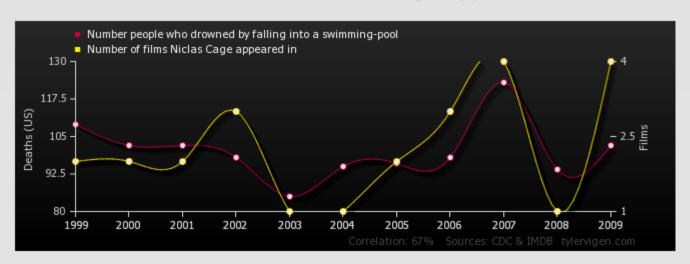
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Number people who drowned by falling into a swimming-pool

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Number of films Nicolas Cage appeared in

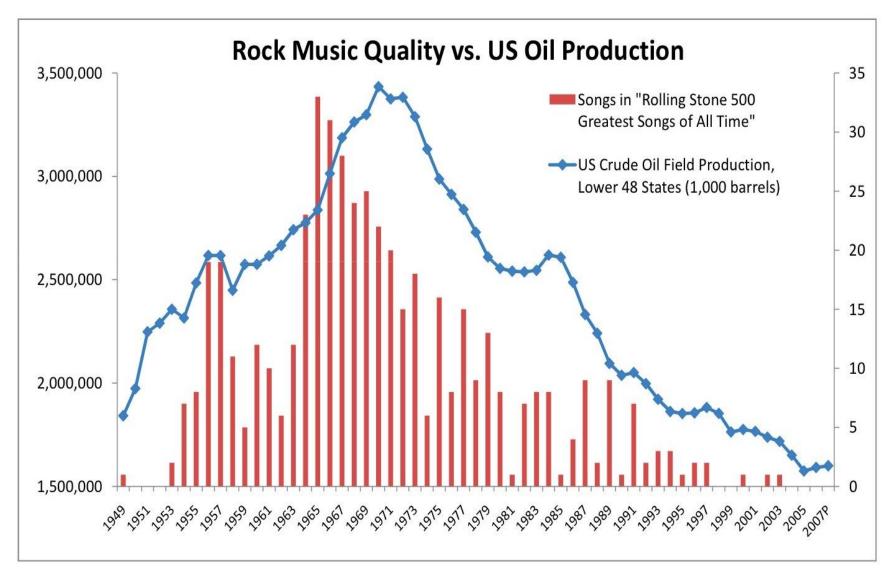


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	Number people who drowned by falling into a swimming-pool Deaths (US) (CDC)	109	102	102	98	85	95	96	98	123	94	102
	Number of films Nicolas Cage appeared in Films (IMDB)		2	2	3	1	1	2	3	4	1	4

Correlation: 0.666004

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Source: Rick Fritz DPA Presentation