

Integrated Approaches to Modeling Late Paleozoic Petroleum Reservoirs in the Greater Midcontinent, U.S.

Short Course
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Who Should Attend:

- Geologists and engineers who are characterizing late Paleozoic reservoirs to optimize oil and gas recovery.
- Geoscientists exploring for new fields and extensions in the greater Midcontinent.

Objectives:

- Describe oil and gas plays and reservoir characterization in the context of tectonic/structural framework, sequence stratigraphy, and lithofacies distribution.
- Illustrate integrated geomodel development using core descriptions and analyses, wireline log analysis techniques, well tests, 3D seismic, and production histories.
- Effectively integrate recent analogs and surface exposures to define and model reservoir heterogeneity and design appropriate recovery technologies.
- Highlight case studies of carbonate, sandstone, and chert reservoirs ranging from Mississippian (Lower Carboniferous) through Lower Permian age.
- Integrate reservoir characterization in the context of reservoir systems and hydrocarbon accumulation – *re-exploration and exploitation*.
- Provide tools and insights for efficient prospecting and development for remaining oil and gas resources.

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Content:

- Regional structural/tectonic framework during the late Paleozoic.
- Variations in sequence stratigraphy and reservoir architecture of late Paleozoic strata in the Midcontinent.
- Common reservoir lithofacies and their Recent analogs.
- Petrofacies and pore typing approach to quantitative reservoir analysis and modeling petroleum reservoirs, roles of diagenesis.
- Case studies based on integrated geo-engineering modeling of Mississippian, Pennsylvanian, and Permian reservoirs:
 - carbonate ooid and grainstone shoals
 - phylloid algal mounds and related lithofacies
 - incised valley and estuarine sandstones
 - Low resistivity, often low permeability spiculitic bioclastic buildups that comprise shelf and shelf margin environments.

Schedule

- 9:00-10:00 – 1. Approach to Modeling Late Paleozoic Petroleum Reservoirs.
- 10-12 noon – 2. Regional structural and tectonic framework during the late Paleozoic and significance to reservoir systems.
 - ~10:30-11:00 – Break –
- Noon-1:00 pm – Lunch
- 1:00-3:00 pm -- 3. Sequence stratigraphy and reservoir architecture of late Paleozoic strata in the Midcontinent.
 - ~3:00-3:15 – Break –
- 3:00-4:30 pm -- 4. Reservoir lithofacies and Petrofacies.
- 4:30-5:00 pm -- 5. Wrap-up & Summary.

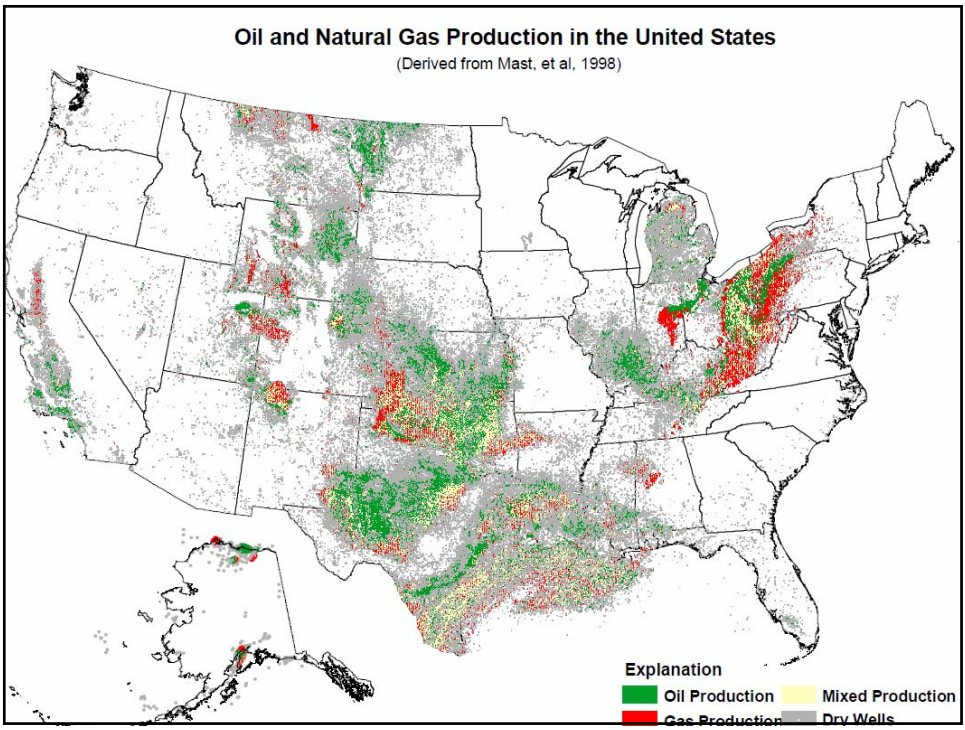
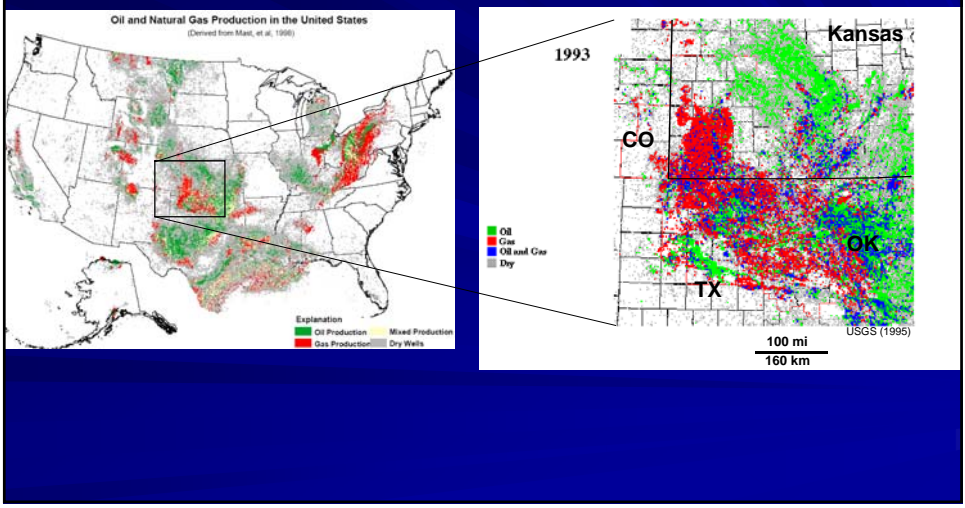
Take Home Points of Short Course

- Basement structures and tectonic events affecting them are important in defining location and properties of reservoirs.
- Process-based field, outcrop, and Recent analogs provide more appropriate, accurate interpolation of reservoir properties.
- Late Paleozoic reservoirs are dominated by depositional fabric selective diagenesis.
- Establishing petrofacies and pore types is essential to accurate calculations of water saturations, volumetrics, ROIP, establishing permeability correlations and predicting fluid flow.
- Infill locations and new pays within oil and gas fields remain significant targets for IOR in mature regions; requires comprehensive, integrated approach.
- Re-exploration and exploitation of mature producing areas can be substantially benefited by access to and mining of large data sets – digital and electronic data – logs, production, core/samples and descriptions, *in an integrated and quantitative manner.*

9:00-10:00 – 1. Approach to Modeling Late Paleozoic Petroleum Reservoirs.

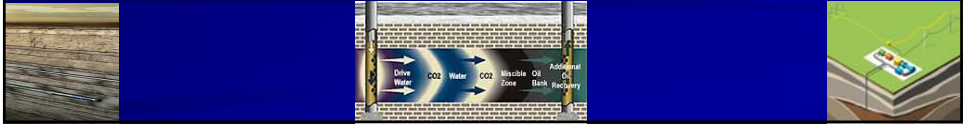
- Overview:
 - Similarities of Kansas and North-Central Texas petroleum geology and business
 - Similar resources remaining in conventional reservoirs
 - Perspective and insights from Kansas

TX-OK-KS are Mature Oil and Gas Provinces

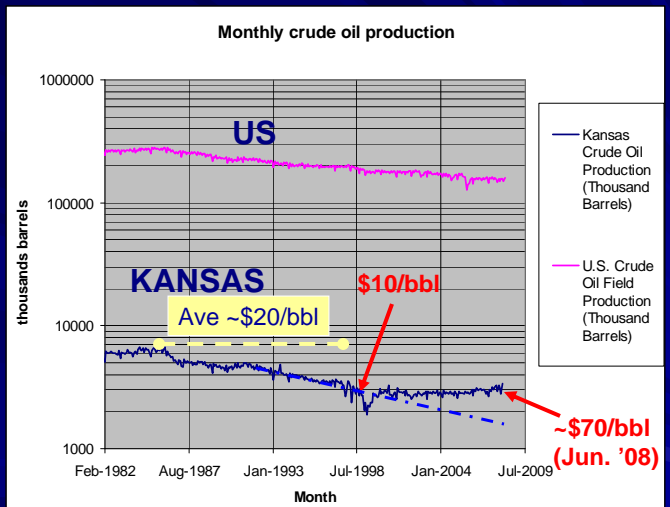


Independents Drive Domestic Oil and Gas Business

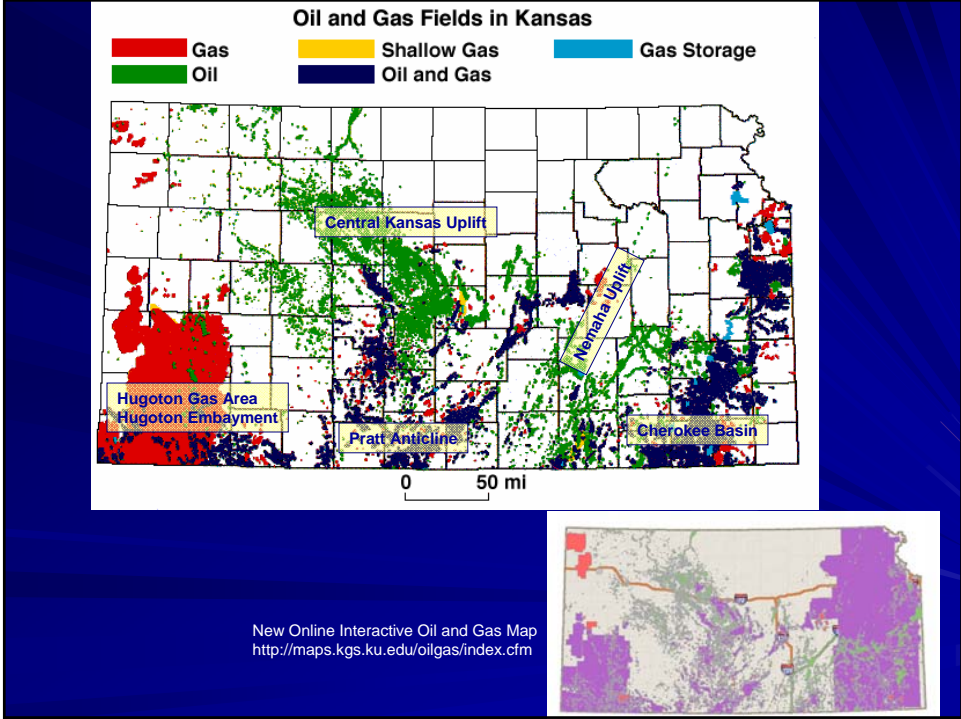
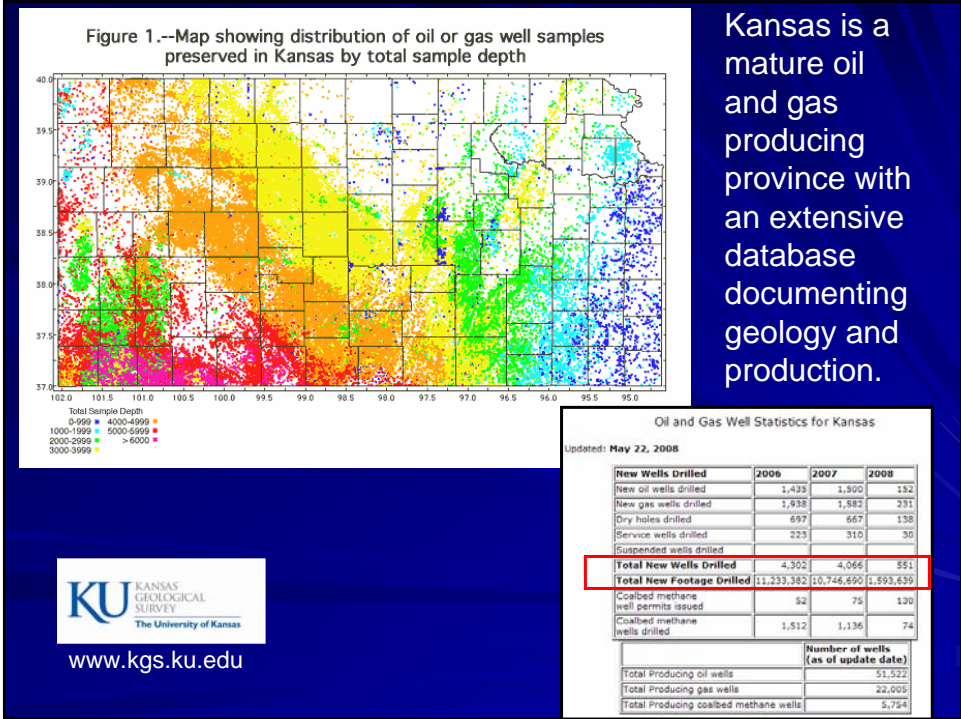
- Mature fields, conventional oil and gas fields
- Commodity price significant impact oil and gas production
- Production responds to favorable economics & technologies
- New technologies driven by price & opportunity
- Profit margin on marginal wells has improved (average production of Kansas well ~3 BOPD/well)
- The future of domestic oil and gas industry:
 - Re-explore and redevelop old fields (*eliminate current constraints*)
 - Develop unconventional oil and gas resources
 - Utilize carbon dioxide sequestered from power plants, ethanol plants, cement plants, and other industries; Store air/gases for wind generation; participate in *linked energy systems*



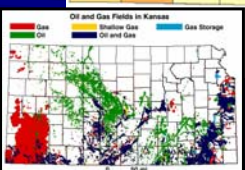
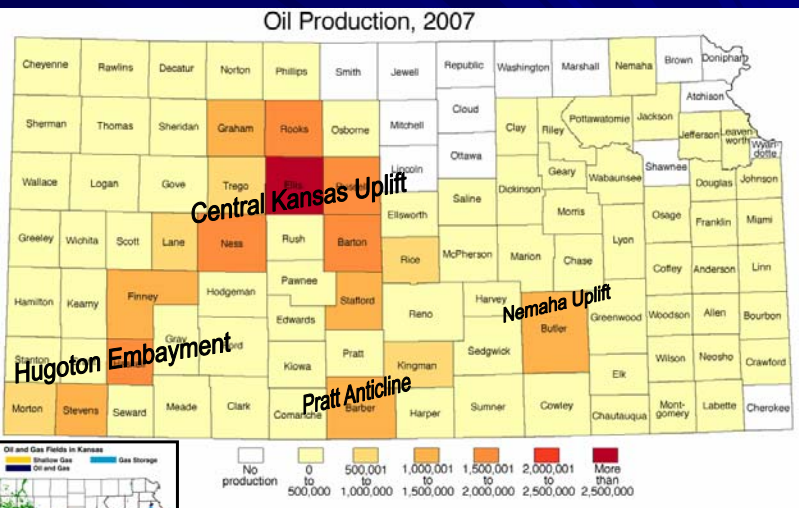
Production Trends



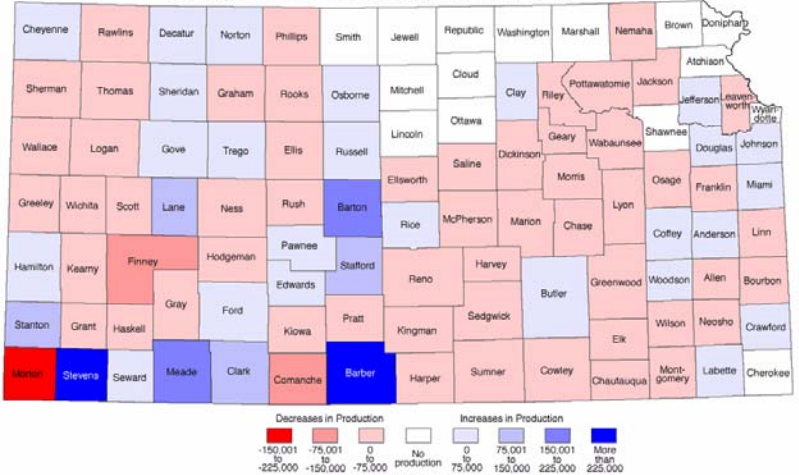
- Kansas crude oil production is actually increasing (slightly) compared to continued decline in U.S. production
- Average well produces ~3 BOPD (100 BPM).



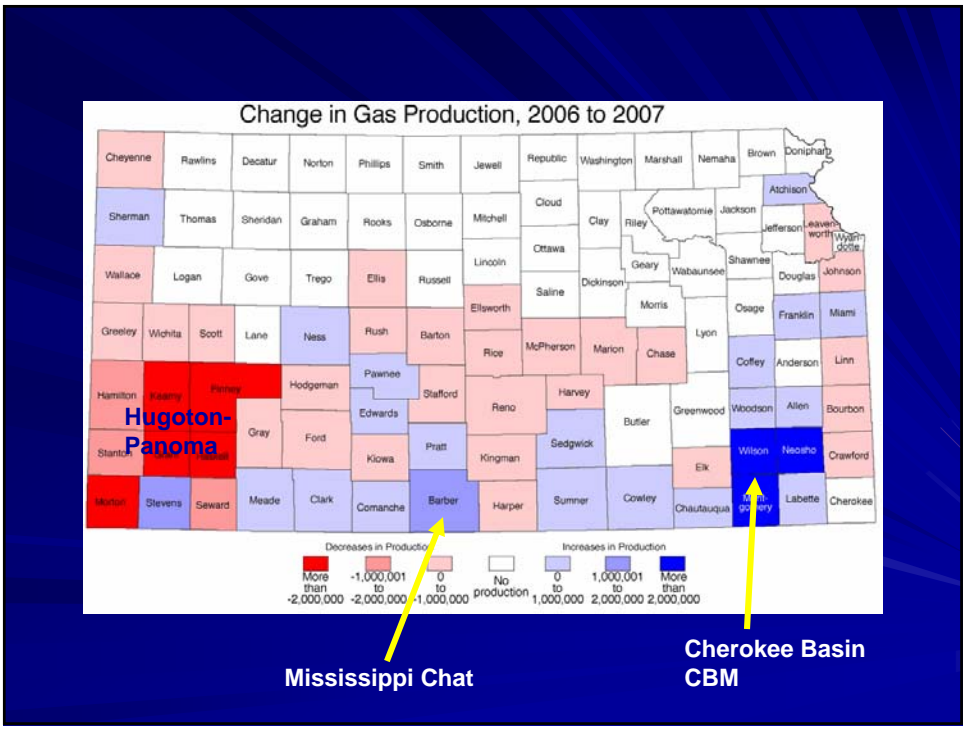
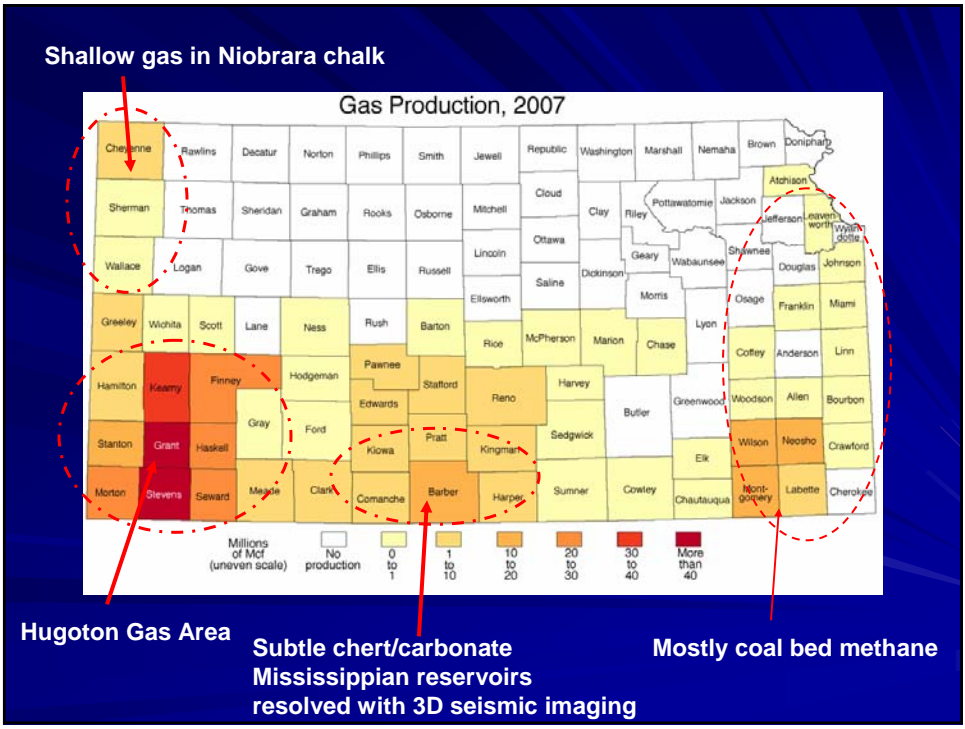
Oil Production in 2007



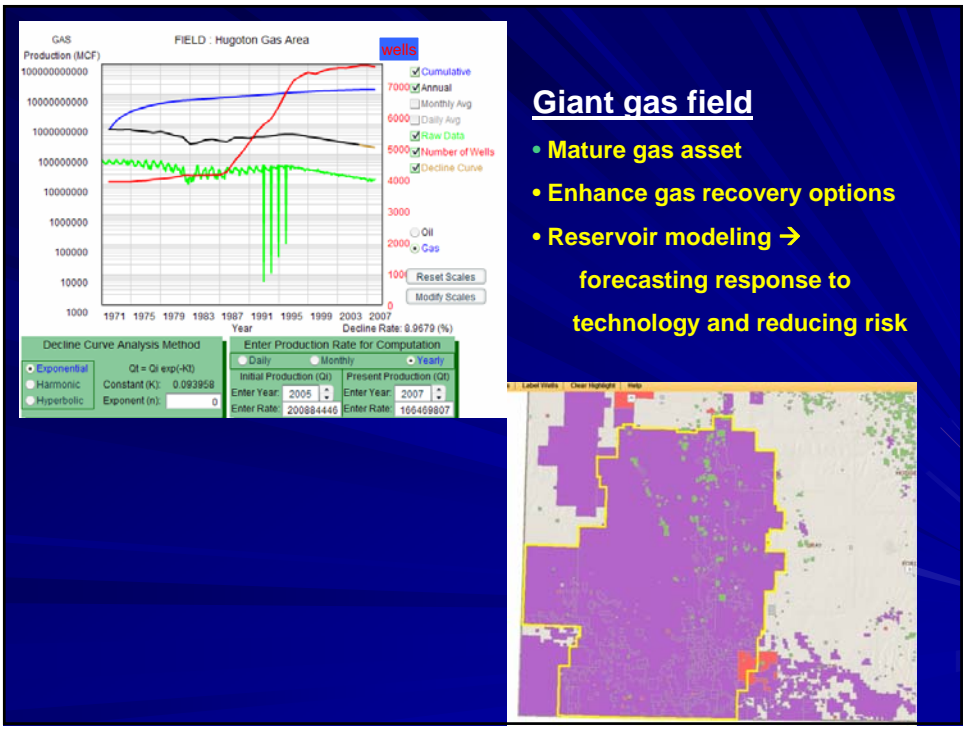
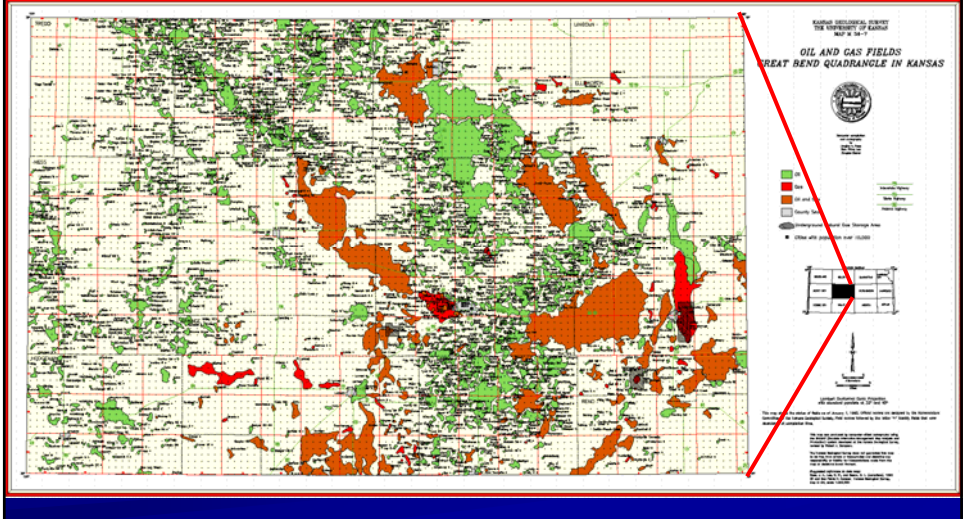
Change in Oil Production, 2006 to 2007



- Price, technology, opportunity**
- Deeper Hugoton Embayment
 - Pratt Anticline
 - Central Kansas Uplift
 - Shallow marginal oil in Eastern Kansas



Many fields in core producing areas – official reporting by field and leases that comprise fields - *much information in digital form*



- Giant gas field**
- Mature gas asset
 - Enhance gas recovery options
 - Reservoir modeling → forecasting response to technology and reducing risk

Reservoir modeling (*Petrel*) to target remaining gas resources in Panoma Field (Lower Permian Council Grove Group), southwest Kansas

Porosity

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Horizontal drilling

Pressure (psi) 2006-05-01 J layer: 14

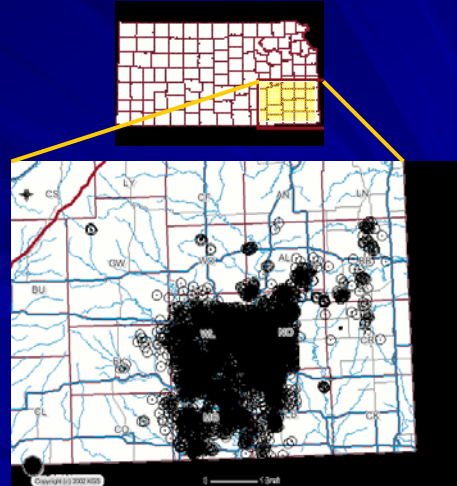
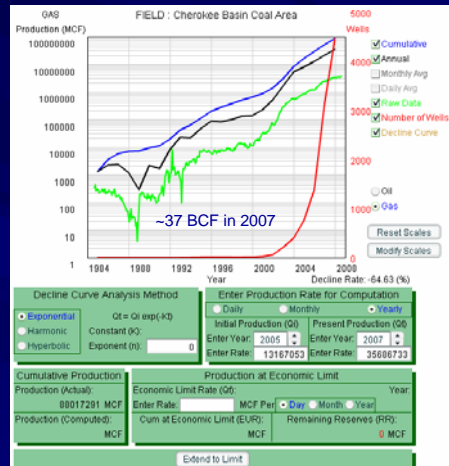
Remaining high Pressure/low permeability

http://www.kgs.ku.edu/PRS/publication/2007/OFR07_06/KGS_2007-06-9_Chapter09_reservoir-simulations_small.pdf
 Dubois et al. (2007)

Pleasant Prairie Field, Southwestern Kansas Hugoton Embayment

Expectation of customers to provide web services to deliver basic information about wells, leases, fields, geologic data

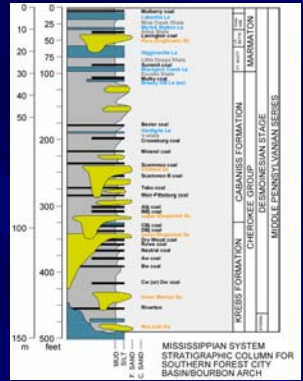
Coal Bed Methane



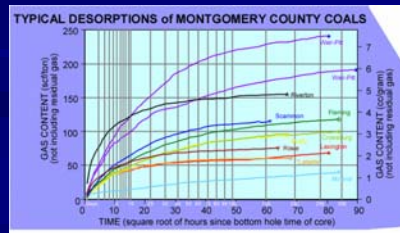
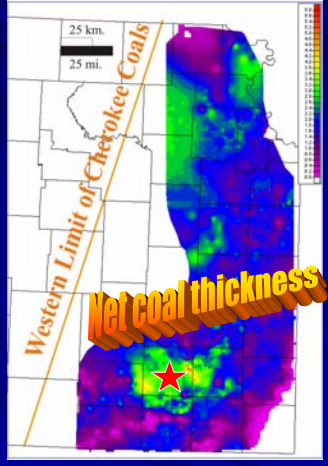
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KGS studies of CBM in Eastern Kansas

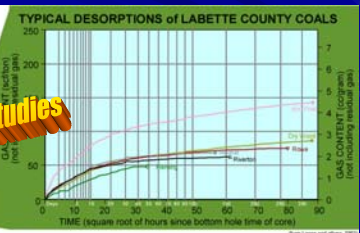
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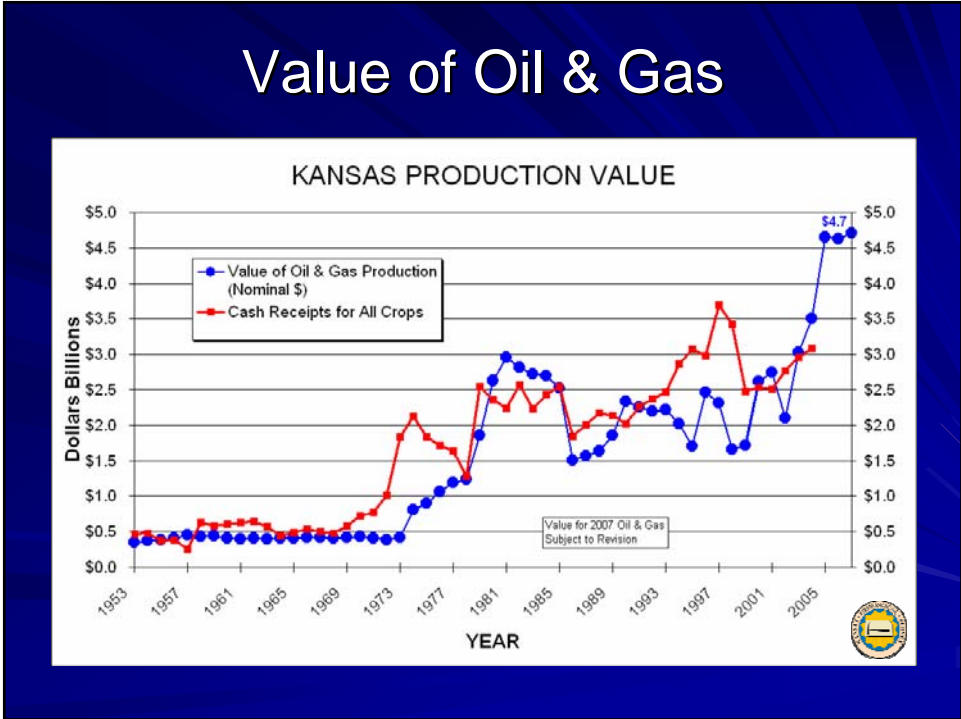
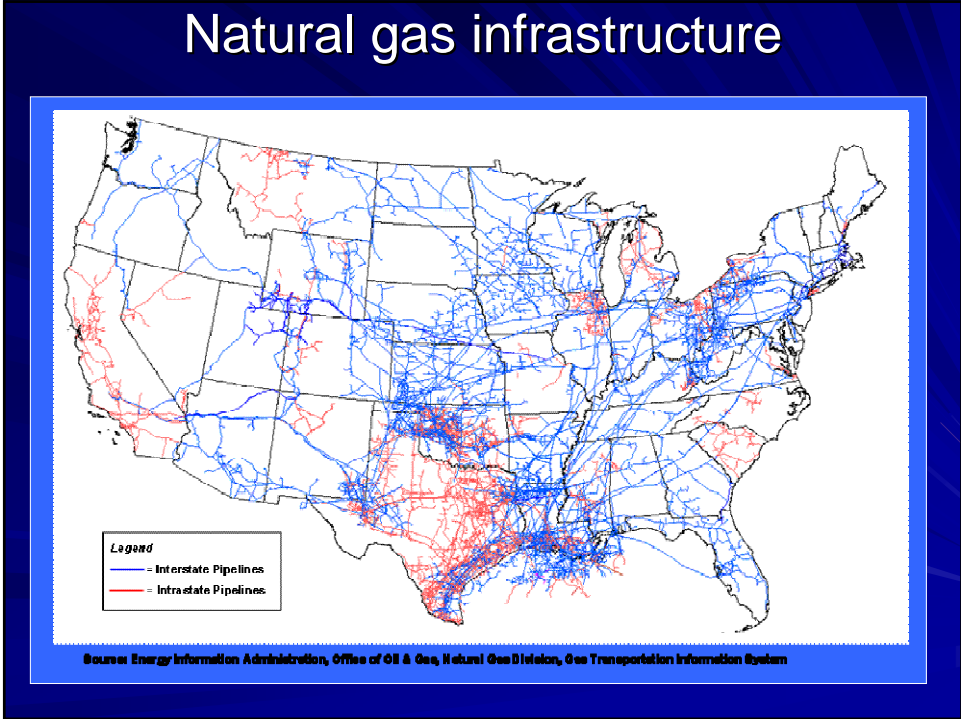


**Stratigraphy
Coal distribution
Gas desorption studies**

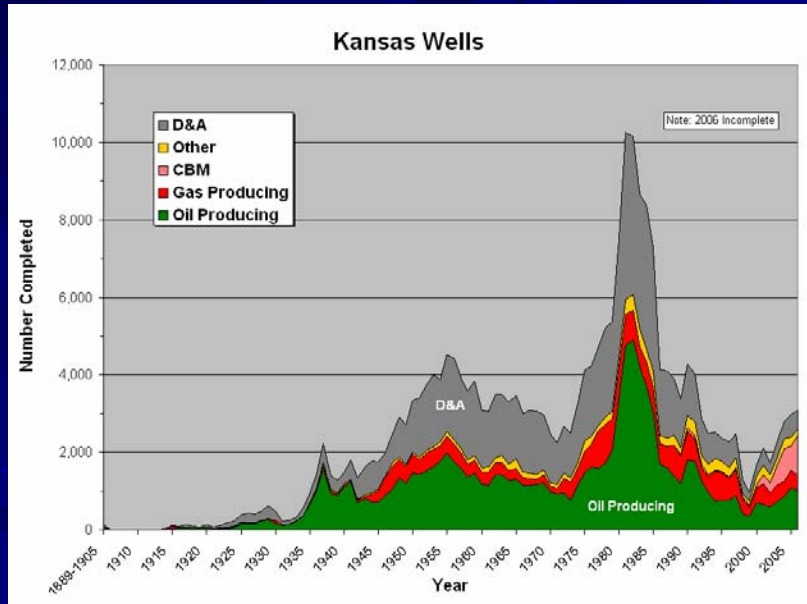


Gas desorption studies





Kansas Well Activity



Long term decline in number and proportion of D&A wells

Top Oil and Gas Producers

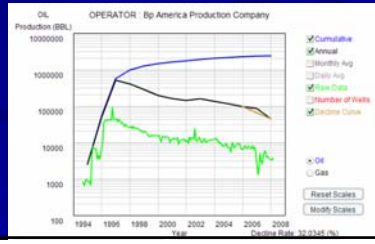
Top 15 Oil Producers in 2007

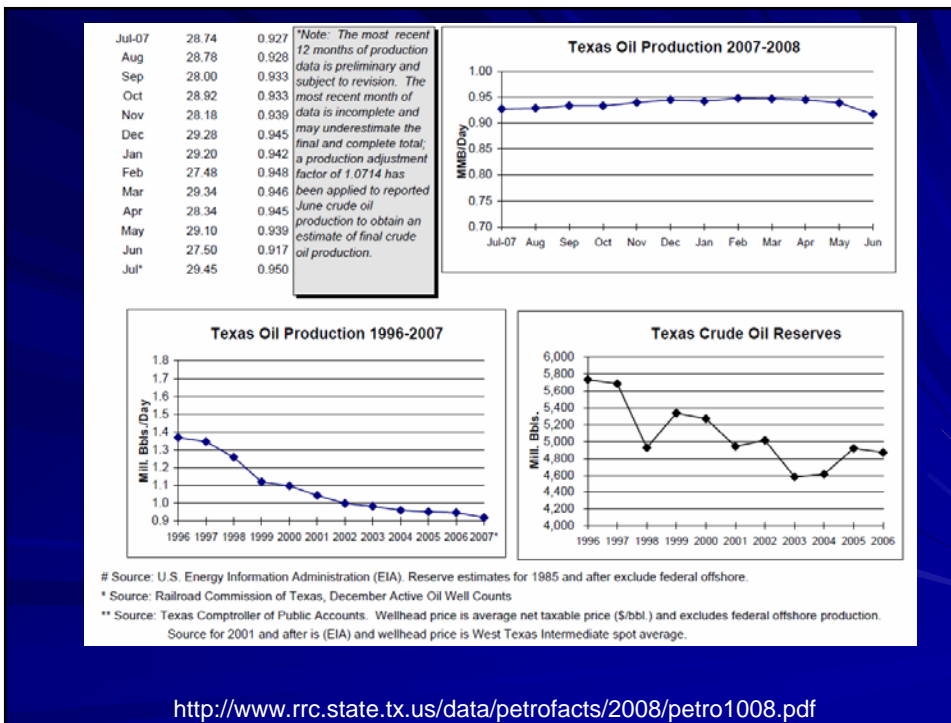
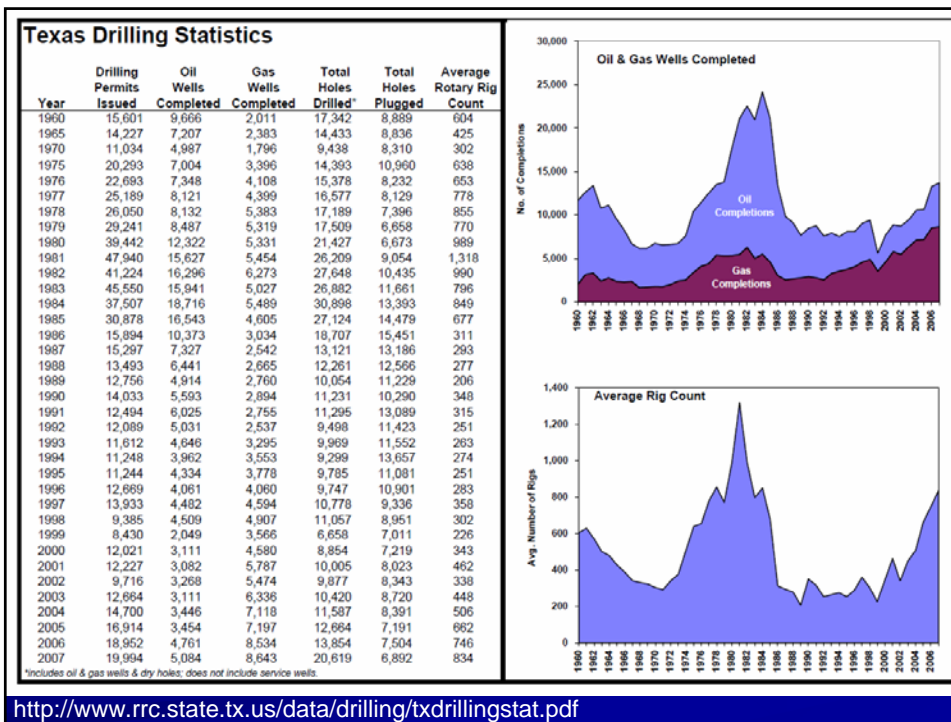
Rank	Operator	Production (barrels)	% of total
1	Murfin Drilling Co., Inc.	1,352,249	3.7
2	Vess Oil Corporation	1,343,490	3.7
3	Berexco, Inc.	1,337,947	3.7
4	OXY USA Inc.	837,047	2.3
5	American Warrior, Inc.	830,390	2.3
6	EOG Resources, Inc.	688,102	1.9
7	Anadarko Petroleum Corporation	569,001	1.6
8	Ritchie Exploration, Inc.	509,008	1.4
9	Farmer, John O., Inc.	481,267	1.3
10	McCoy Petroleum Corporation	478,856	1.3
11	Hartman Oil Co., Inc.	456,216	1.3
12	Merit Energy Company	454,209	1.2
13	Elysian Energy, L.L.C.	420,729	1.2
14	Mull Drilling Company, Inc.	404,385	1.1
15	Cinarex Energy Co.	403,290	1.1

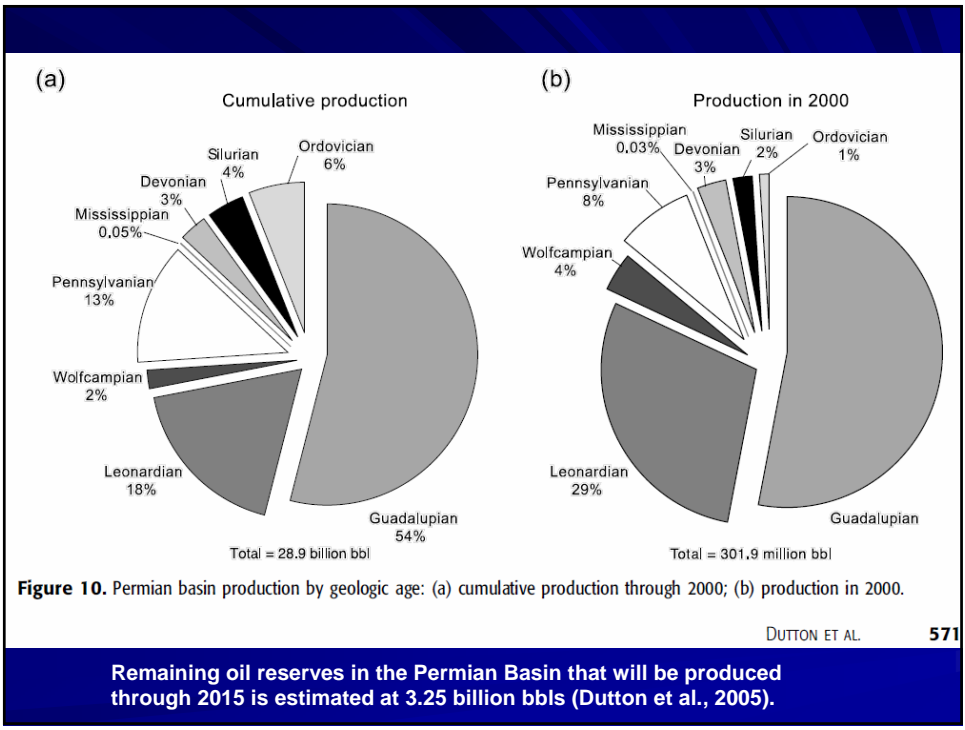
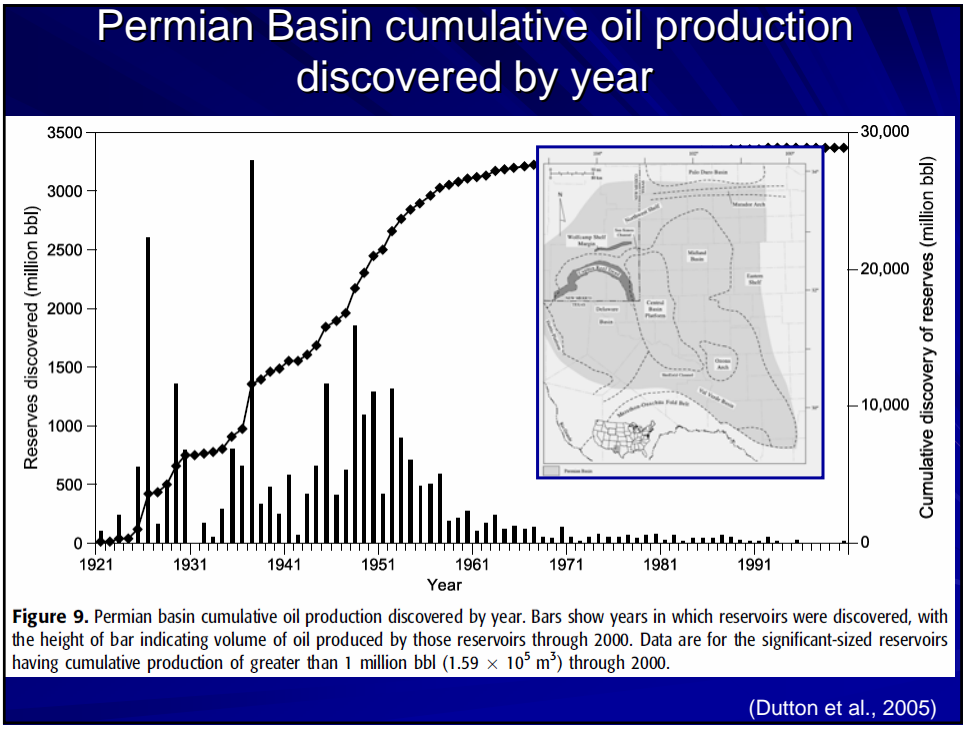


Top 15 Gas Producers in 2007

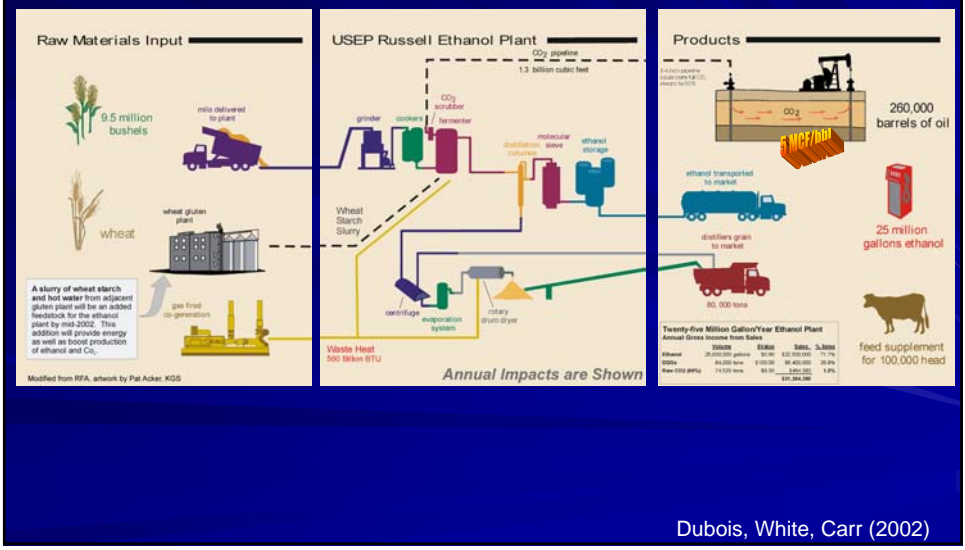
Rank	Operator	Production (MCF)	% of total
1	BP America Production Company	52,338,891	14.1
2	EXXONMOBIL Oil Corp	39,829,635	10.8
3	OXY USA Inc.	38,319,129	10.4
4	Anadarko Petroleum Corporation	25,022,737	6.8
5	Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc.	22,373,593	6.0
6	Quest Cherokee, LLC	18,377,043	5.0
7	EOG Resources, Inc.	10,556,787	2.9
8	Cinarex Energy Co.	9,652,616	2.6
9	NTO Energy Inc.	9,535,365	2.6
10	Dart Cherokee Basin Operating Co., LLC	9,032,833	2.4
11	Merit Energy Company	7,024,332	1.9
12	Chesapeake Operating, Inc.	6,104,895	1.7
13	Layne Energy Operating, L.L.C.	5,387,350	1.5
14	McCoy Petroleum Corporation	3,757,500	1.0
15	Osborn Hairs Company, LTD	3,596,293	1.0





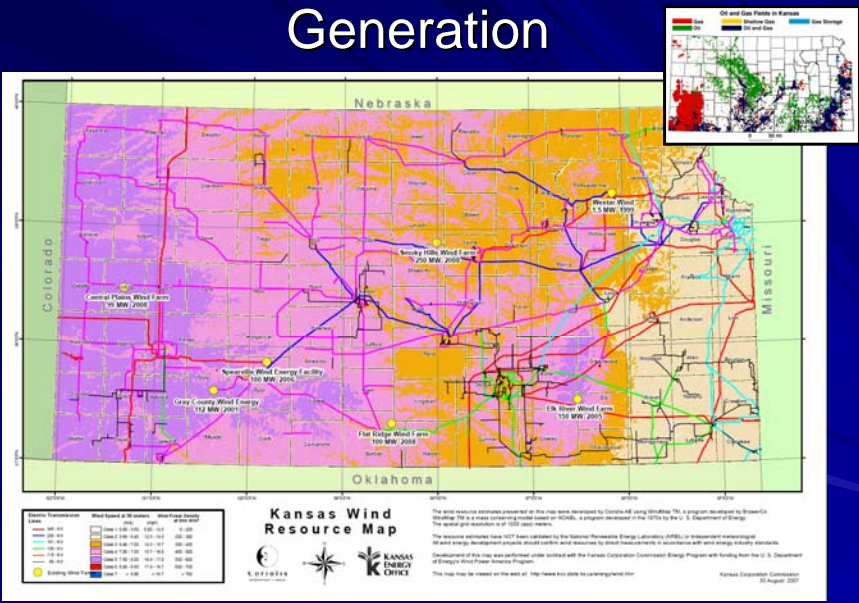


Co-generation, Ethanol Production and CO2 Enhanced Oil Recovery Model for Environmentally and Economically Sound Linked Energy Systems

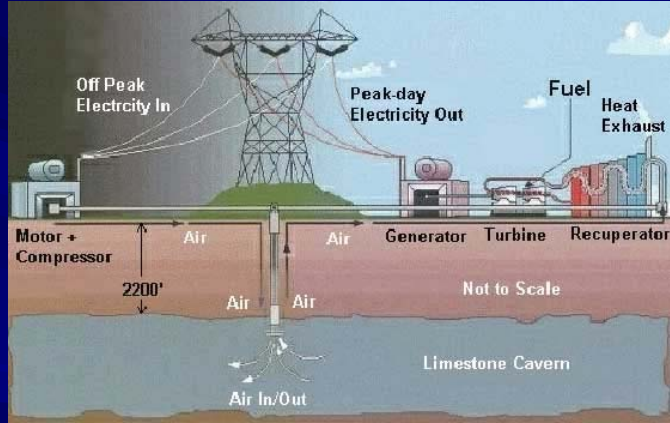


Dubois, White, Carr (2002)

Energy storage for Wind Power Generation

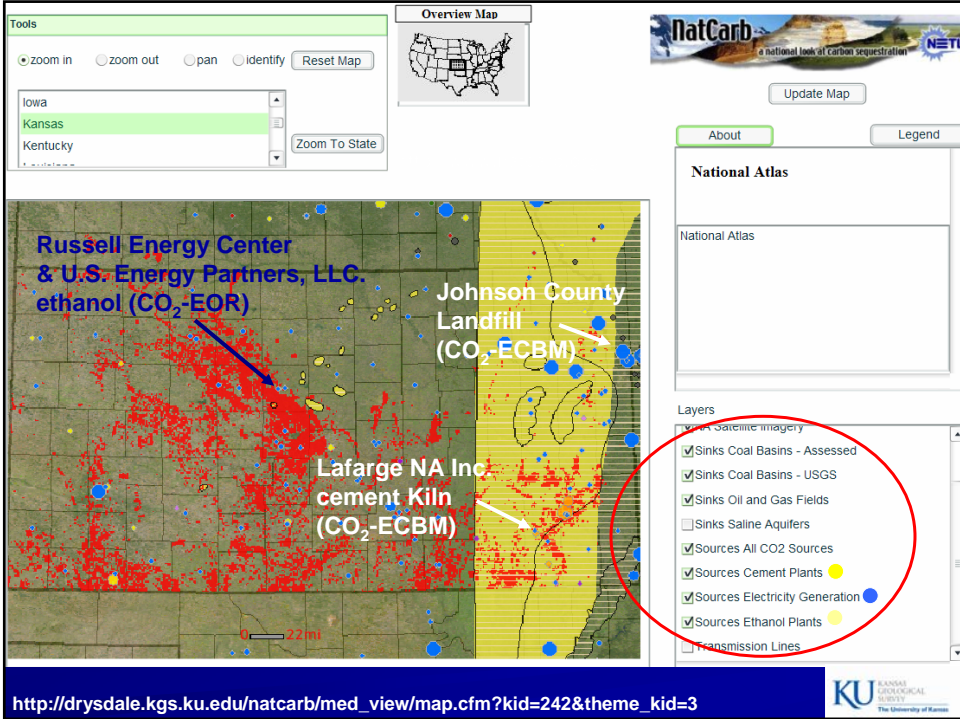


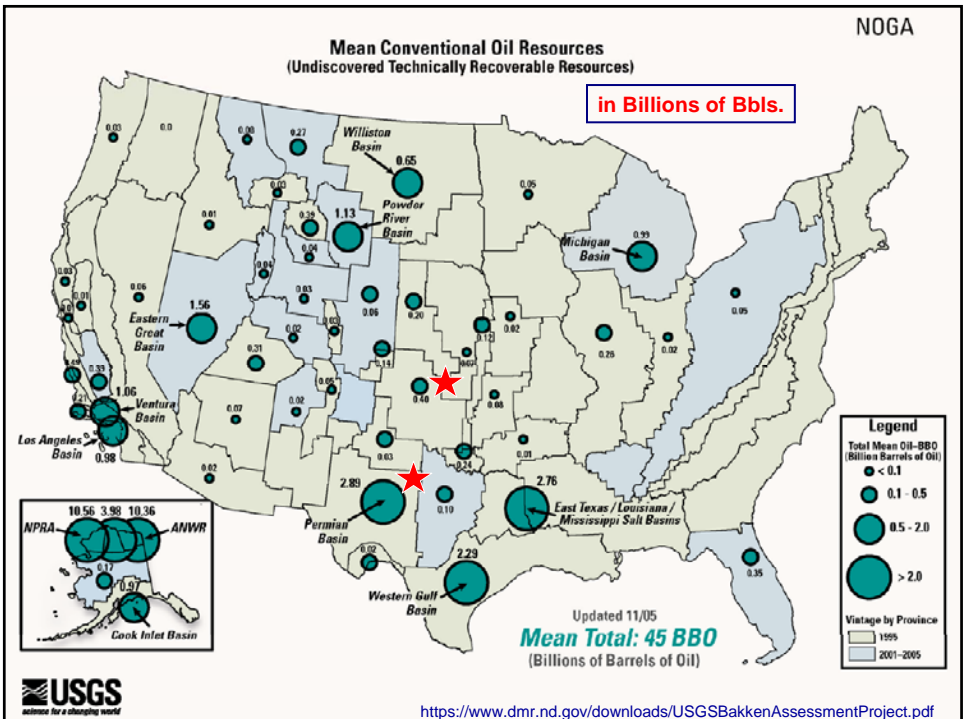
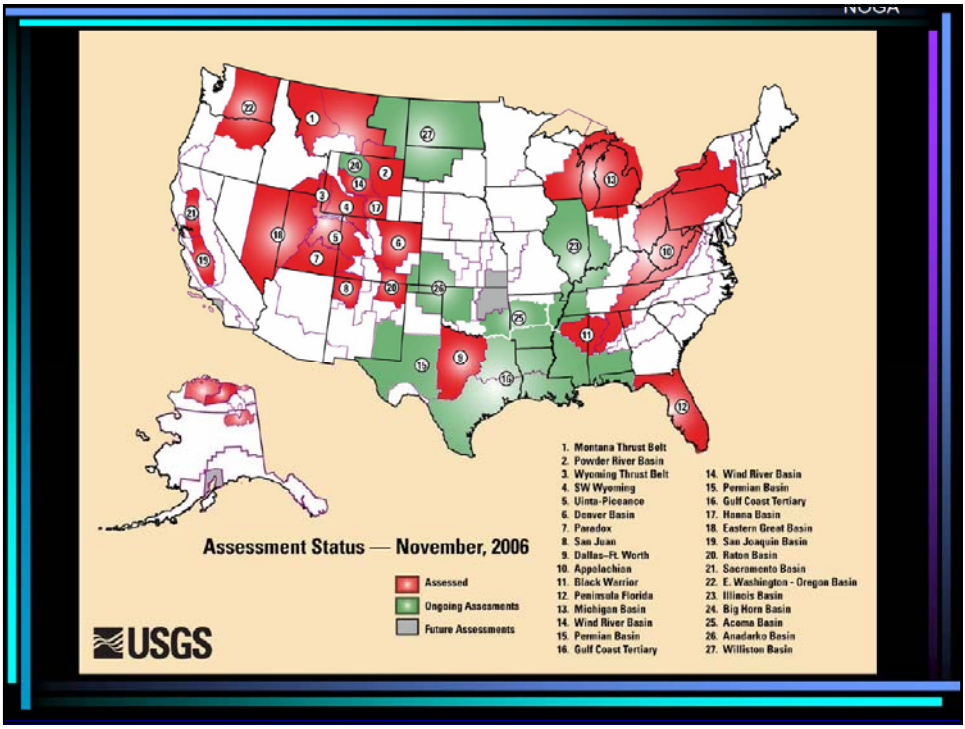
Compressed Air Storage for Suited for Wind Power Generation



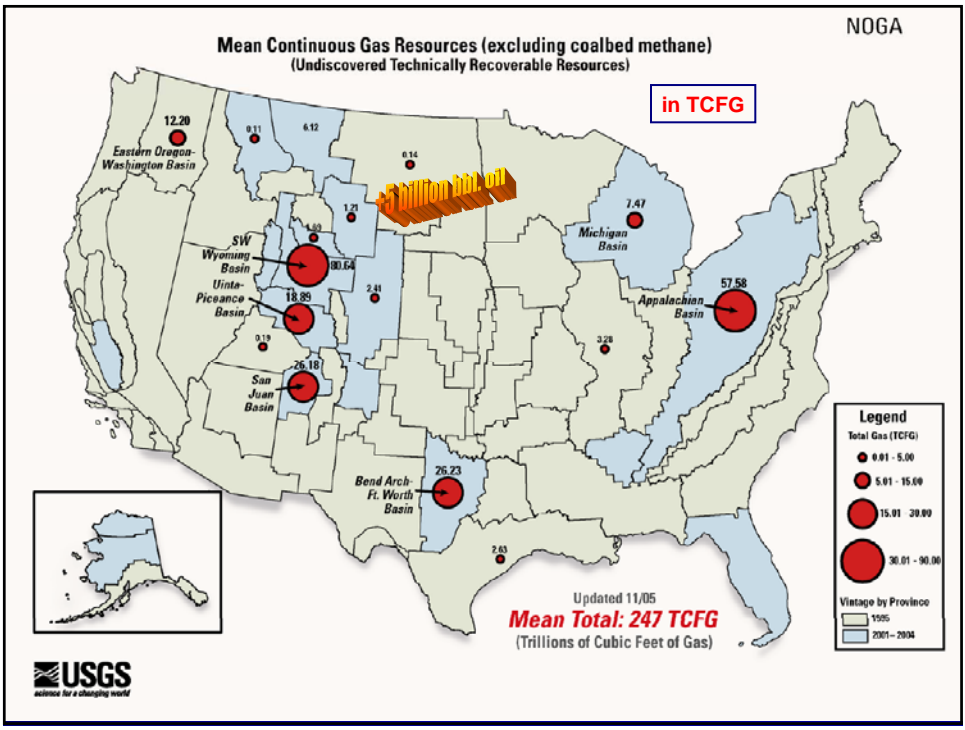
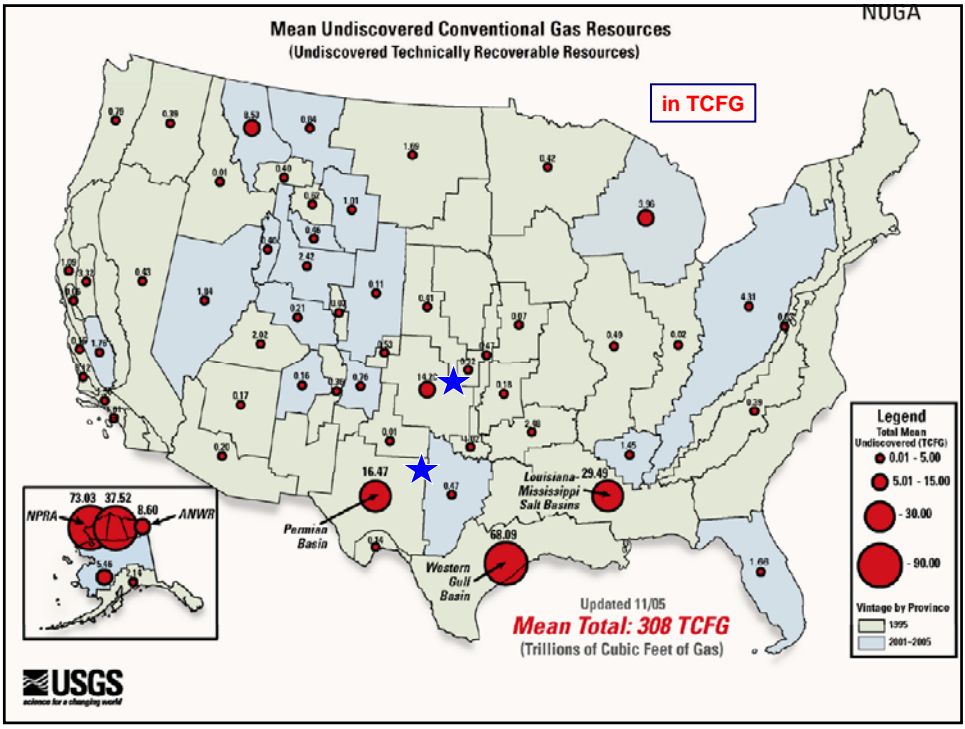
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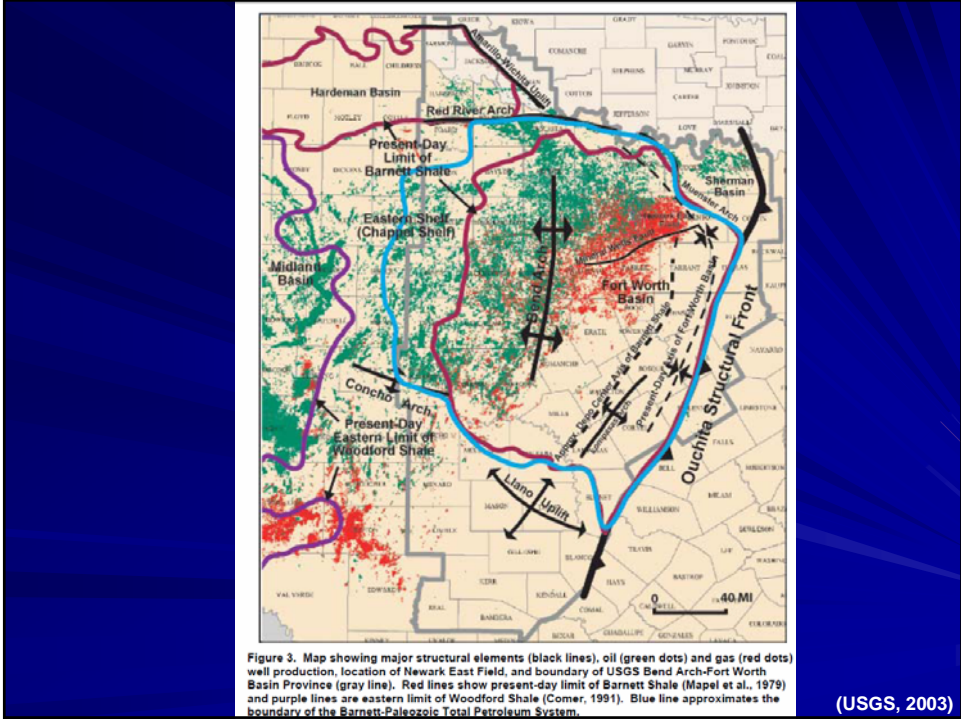
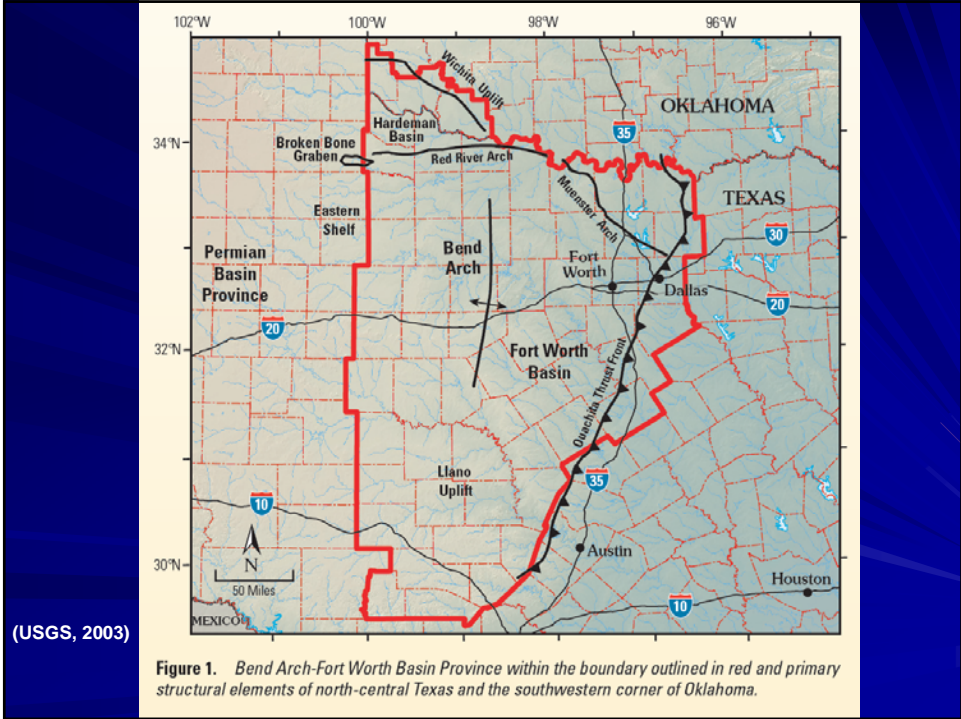


Table 1. Bend Arch-Fort Worth Basin Province Assessment Results.
 [MMBO, million barrels of oil. BCFG, billion cubic feet of gas. MMBNGL, million barrels of natural gas liquids. Results shown are fully risked estimates. For gas fields, all liquids are included under the NGL (natural gas liquids) category. F95 denotes a 95 percent chance of at least the amount tabulated. Other fractiles are defined similarly. Fractiles are additive under the assumption of perfect positive correlation. TPS is Total Petroleum System. AU is Assessment Unit. CBG is coalbed gas. Gray shading indicates not applicable]

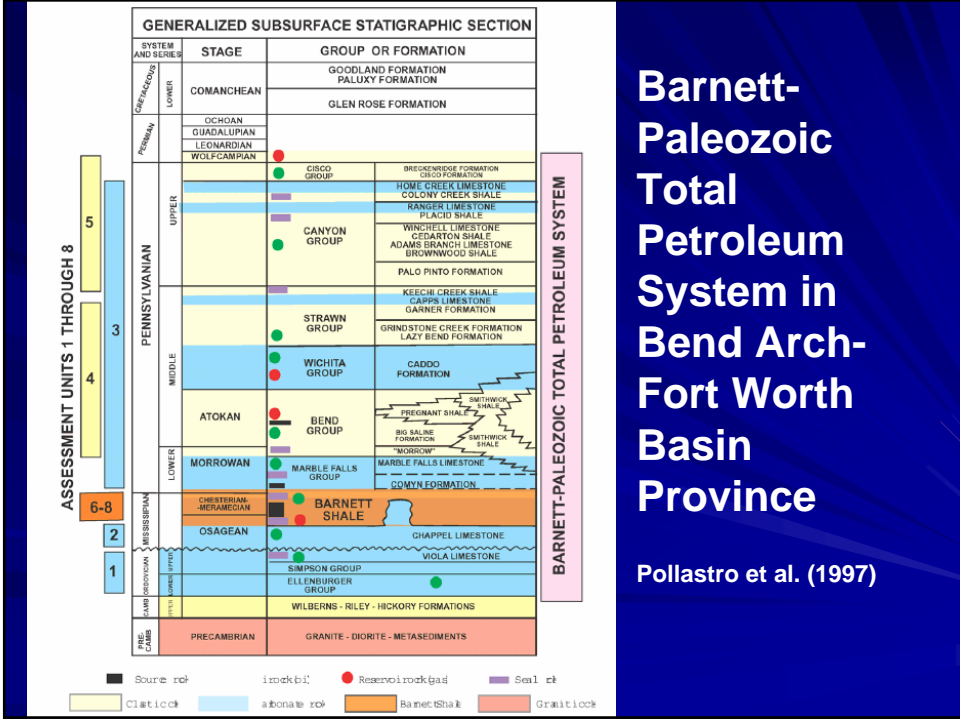
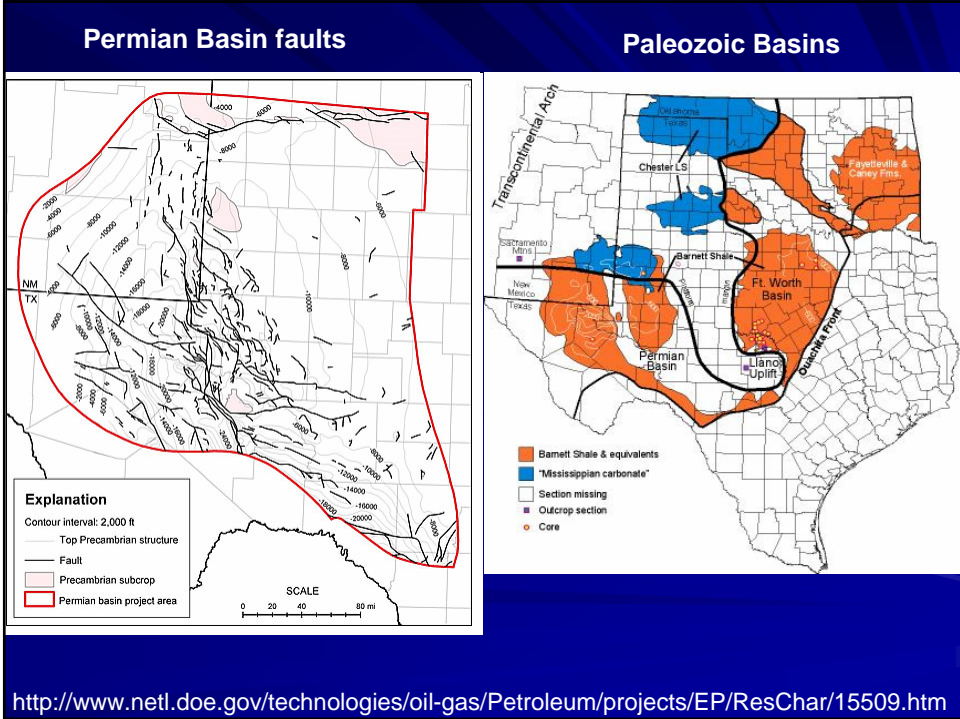
Total Petroleum Systems (TPS) and Assessment Units (AU)	Field Type	Total undiscovered resources											
		Oil (MMBO)				Gas (BCFG)				NGL (MMBNGL)			
		F95	F50	F5	Mean	F95	F50	F5	Mean	F95	F50	F5	Mean
Conventional Oil and Gas Resources													
Barnett-Paleozoic TPS													
Paleozoic Shelf and Bank Carbonates AU	Oil	7.89	19.85	38.90	21.21	11.30	30.96	66.52	33.92	0.63	1.81	4.22	2.03
	Gas					46.10	116.83	219.03	123.15	1.70	4.53	9.42	4.92
Mississippian Chappel Pinnacle Reefs AU	Oil	2.52	5.39	9.89	5.70	2.52	5.83	11.52	6.22	0.11	0.28	0.61	0.21
	Gas					17.35	44.02	90.63	47.81	0.95	2.57	5.79	2.87
Pennsylvanian/Permian Fluvial-Deltaic Sandstone and Conglomerate AU	Oil	11.58	25.76	69.80	37.66	16.23	51.87	111.71	56.44	1.06	3.53	8.26	3.95
	Gas					42.39	134.76	262.21	141.55	1.98	6.55	14.04	7.08
Barnett-Hardeman Basin TPS													
Mississippian Chappel Waulsortian Mounds AU	Oil	7.54	21.08	39.88	22.17	2.19	6.25	12.35	6.48	0.24	0.68	1.39	0.73
Paleozoic Clastics and Carbonates AU	Oil	1.63	7.01	17.13	7.89	0.26	1.11	2.77	1.28	0.03	0.12	0.31	0.14
Pennsylvanian Bend-Broken Bone Graben TPS													
Fluvial Sandstone-Carbonate Bank AU	Oil	1.37	3.42	7.73	3.83	1.20	3.34	8.10	3.83	0.05	0.13	0.33	0.15
	Gas					15.02	42.23	89.50	46.00	0.53	1.51	3.30	1.86
Total Conventional Resources		32.33	92.51	183.33	98.46	154.56	437.20	874.34	466.93	7.28	21.71	47.67	23.84
Bas Resources													
Barnett-Paleozoic TPS													
Greater Newark East Frac-Barrier Continuous Barnett Shale Gas AU	Gas					13,410.69	14,638.38	15,978.42	14,659.13	406.84	573.70	809.00	586.37
Extended Continuous Barnett Shale Gas AU	Gas					8,305.14	11,361.66	15,543.04	11,569.73	282.01	445.28	703.09	482.79
Hypothetical Basin-Arch Barnett Shale Oil AU	Oil	Not quantitatively assessed											
Barnett-Hardeman Basin TPS													
Hypothetical Continuous Fractured Barnett Shale Oil AU	Oil	Not quantitatively assessed											
Pennsylvanian-Lower Permian Coal-Bed Gas TPS													
Hypothetical Pennsylvanian-Lower Permian Coal-Bed Gas AU	CBG	Not quantitatively assessed											
Total Continuous Resources						21,715.83	26,000.02	31,521.46	26,228.86	688.85	1,018.98	1,512.09	1,049.16
TOTAL UNDISCOVERED OIL AND GAS RESOURCES		32.33	92.51	183.33	98.46	21,870.39	26,437.22	32,395.80	26,695.78	696.13	1,040.69	1,559.76	1,074.00

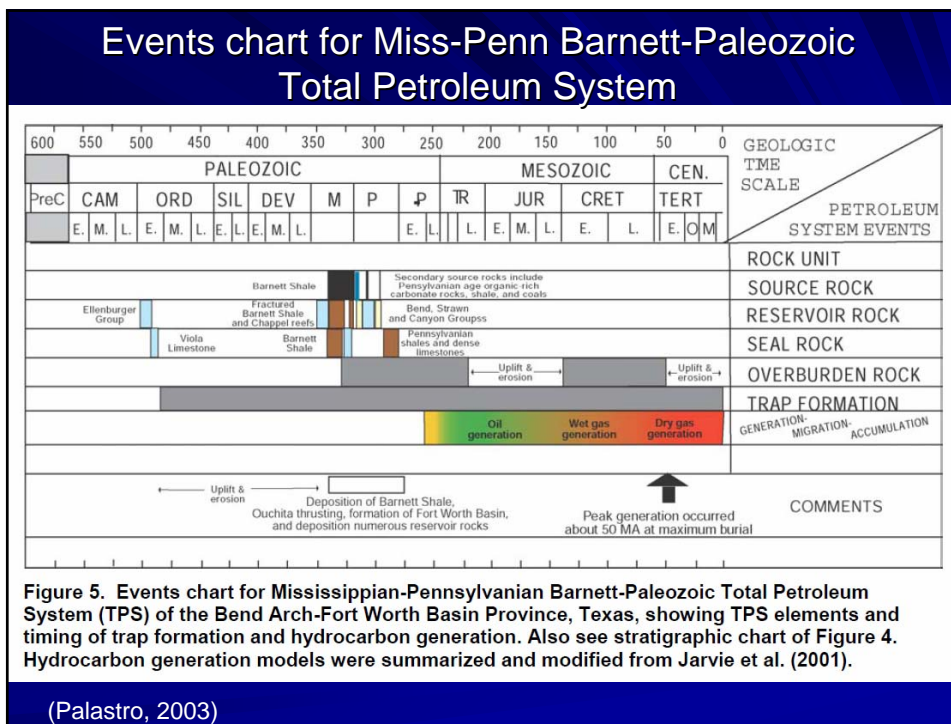
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Assessment of Undiscovered Oil and Gas Resources of the Permian Basin Province
 Fact Sheet 2007-3115
 (USGS, 2007)



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Conventional Oil and Gas Resources													
Paleozoic Composite TPS													
Eisenberger Group Karst and Dolomite AU	Oil	12	40	83	43	12	40	80	44	1	3	8	4
	Gas					147	475	604	488	3	11	24	12
Simpson Group Sandstones AU	Oil	1	3	6	3	2	6	14	7	0	0	1	0
	Gas					22	63	133	66	1	2	5	2
Pre-Pennsylvanian Ramp and Platform Carbonates AU	Oil	15	48	96	51	17	56	122	61	1	4	10	5
	Gas					91	323	664	342	3	12	28	14
Devonian Thirtynone Formation Chert and Carbonate AU	Oil	7	22	44	24	23	79	176	87	2	8	19	9
	Gas					91	321	665	344	5	17	38	19
Lower Pennsylvanian Morrow/Neak Shell Sandstone and Carbonate AU	Oil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Gas					236	780	1,485	812	3	9	19	10
Pennsylvanian-Lower Permian (Wolfcamp) Northwest Shelf Carbonate AU	Oil	8	27	54	29	31	72	161	79	1	5	11	5
	Gas					43	148	308	158	1	4	9	4
Pennsylvanian-Lower Permian (Wolfcamp) Central Basin Platform and Shelf Carbonate AU	Oil	12	40	79	43	43	150	330	164	3	10	24	11
	Gas					57	183	355	182	3	9	18	9
Pennsylvanian-Lower Permian (Wolfcamp) Horseshoe Platform and Eastern Shelf Carbonate and Sandstone AU	Oil	28	93	173	98	42	143	296	154	5	17	38	18
	Gas					15	38	69	40	0	1	3	1
Pennsylvanian-Lower Permian (Wolfcamp) Val Verde Slope and Basinal Sandstone and Carbonate AU	Oil	3	9	22	10	16	36	135	64	1	3	9	4
	Gas					183	702	1,517	798	8	21	74	35
Pennsylvanian-Lower Permian (Wolfcamp) Slope and Basinal Carbonates AU	Oil	3	12	37	13	9	32	83	37	0	2	5	2
	Gas					62	222	461	241	2	9	20	10
Abo Fluvial Sandstones AU	Oil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Gas					0	0	23	8	0	0	0	0
Abo Shelf and Shelf Edge Carbonates AU	Oil	11	39	85	42	23	83	194	93	2	6	15	7
	Gas					25	65	133	69	1	2	5	3
Leonardian NW and E Shelf Restricted Platform Carbonates AU	Oil	22	74	148	79	16	57	125	62	1	4	10	5
	Gas					0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leonardian Central Basin Platform Restricted Carbonates AU	Oil	10	31	61	33	29	96	209	105	2	7	16	8
	Gas					13	33	62	35	1	1	3	2
Leonardian Midland Basin Carbonate Sediment Gravity Flow Reservoirs AU	Oil	28	93	185	98	47	161	355	176	3	10	25	12
	Gas					0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bone Spring Slope and Basin Reservoirs AU	Oil	15	50	100	53	55	192	423	210	2	9	21	10
	Gas					0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spraberry Conventional Sandstones AU	Oil	5	18	42	20	4	14	28	16	0	1	4	2
	Gas					0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Andres NW Shelf Platform Carbonates AU	Oil	2	5	8	5	2	4	8	4	0	0	1	0
	Gas					0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Andres Eastern Shelf Platform Carbonates AU	Oil	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Gas					0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0





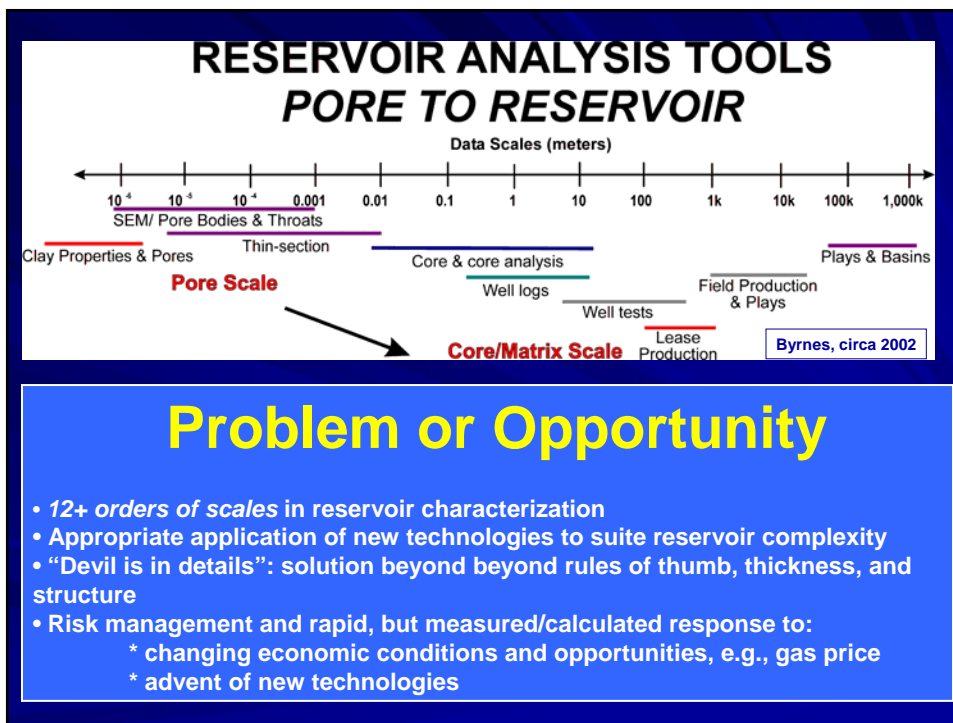
Evolving Concepts of Oil and Gas Reservoir Characterization

- Increasingly quantitative, refined, integrated and multidisciplinary, 3D to find subtle accumulations of remaining oil and gas in our mature areas
- Increasingly more quantitative information and software to process it – new Kansas rule enacted to require copies of electronic logs (image and LAS) to be submitted to the state (*industry driven*)
- Stratigraphic classification
 - Lithology and lithofacies
 - Petrofacies
 - Mechanical stratigraphy
 - Seismic signature/attributes
 - Genetic units and sequence stratigraphy
- Sequence stratigraphy and reservoir continuity and conformance
- Scalable depositional sequences (Possamentier) -- sequence boundaries, flooding surfaces, and maximum flooding surfaces
- Key to defining, correlating, and mapping fundamental temporally distinct units and to develop high-resolution paleogeography.
- When have topography in subsurface units (such as along shelf margins, depositional topography, or erosional relief), filling and progradation of units is not a simple matter to resolve.

Petroleum Reservoir Characterization

■ Definition

- **Reservoir characterization** is the broad discipline of the process of describing and distributing properties of pores and fluids that comprise a petroleum reservoir, a geomodel, that is used for efficient exploitation of the oil and gas resources.
- Modern reservoir characterization is multidisciplinary.
- *Geologists* develop geomodels expressed as maps, cross sections, and now increasingly 3D models to capture structure, lithofacies, seismic attributes, statistical properties of reservoir.
- *Engineers/geoscientists* integrate fluid data to refine the geomodel and possibly build a reservoir simulation.
- *Geophysicists* ascertain interwell-scale reservoir geometries and use seismic to empirically interpolate reservoir properties (attribute mapping).



Petroleum Reservoir Characterization

- **Geological Analysis** -- Geological analysis is derived from data obtained from wells that are drilled to tap oil and gas.
- Data types -- sample cuttings, cores, wireline logs, fluid tests and analyses acquired during drilling. Well logs, calibrated with rock properties.

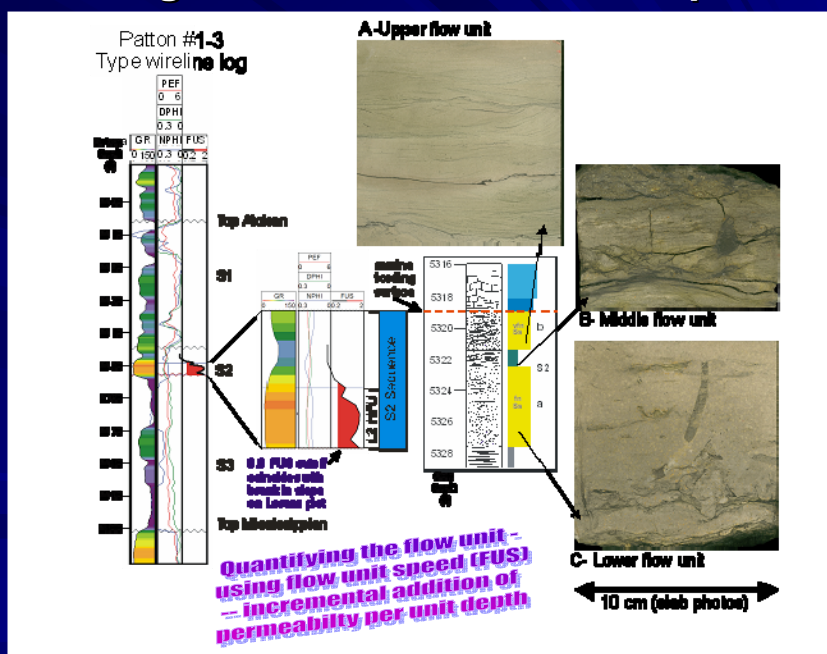
Reservoir Flow Units

- **Reservoir flow units** are the primary elements of the reservoir that have sufficient pore space (porosity) to store hydrocarbon and ability to transmit hydrocarbon (permeability).
- Defining flow units and correlating them between wells is accomplished using geological, geophysical, and engineering data, which becomes the essence of a successful geomodel and an important objective of reservoir characterization.
- Related “net pay” is an economic and technical definition applied to flow units as *cut-offs of key properties*, e.g., defining cutoffs of V_{sh} , ϕ , k , BVW , S_w .

Reservoir flow units (continued)

- The measured parameters and rock descriptions are observed in depth profiles in each well; Used to classify and subdivide the reservoir interval.
- The stratigraphic divisions that delineate discrete episodes of deposition are important in recognizing potential flow units.
- Lithofacies, pore types, and core analysis further aid in defining and characterizing flow units.
- Flow units reflect modification of depositional fabrics by diagenetic overprinting and structural deformation.
- Flow unit definition is verified by well test, production, volumetrics, material balance, and simulation.
- Flow unit definition is refined through time with need (cost/benefit).

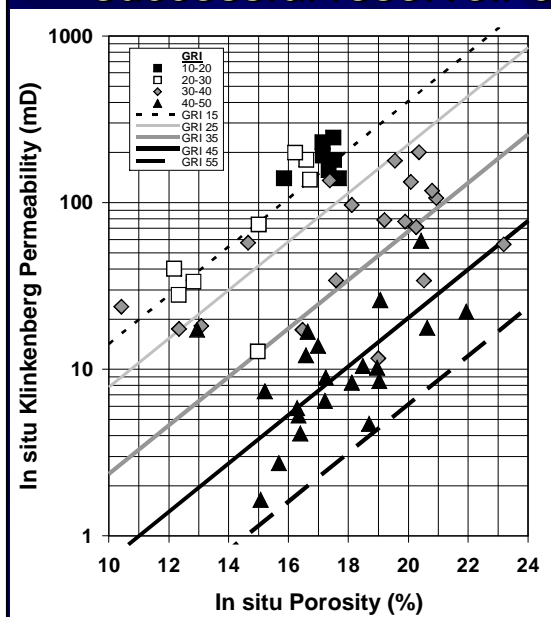
Refining flow units is an iterative process



Reservoir flow units (continued)

- Well-log and core data are fundamental for defining flow units, but well tests and production data and, more recently, seismic attributes are included.
- Digital log, core, test, and seismic data are ideally used in software to integrate and quantitatively analyze them.
- Lithofacies represent a combination of rock texture, dominant constituent particles, and pore space.
- Petrofacies extends the lithofacies definition to include pore type and quantitative attributes/parameters used to establish uniqueness.
- Petrofacies classification aids in systematizing and classifying flow units and making results more robust.

Petrofacies is a key ingredient to successful reservoir characterization.



- Cross plot of porosity vs. permeability for the sandstone interval in earlier figure.
- As porosity increases permeability generally increases, but scatter in this correlation is roughly three orders of magnitude.
- Scatter in this example is closely related to shale context, i.e., a change in lithofacies, as indicated here by the magnitude of the natural gamma ray (GR).
- When sample shaliness is considered the correlation between porosity and permeability greatly improves (Bhattacharya et al., 2008).
- Petrofacies – using lithofacies to classify pore type and physical properties, e.g., log response and ϕ -k.

Pore types in vuggy carbonates

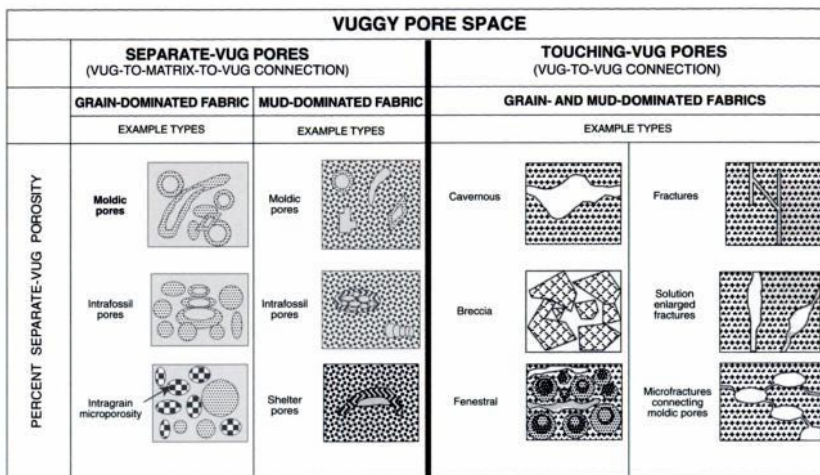
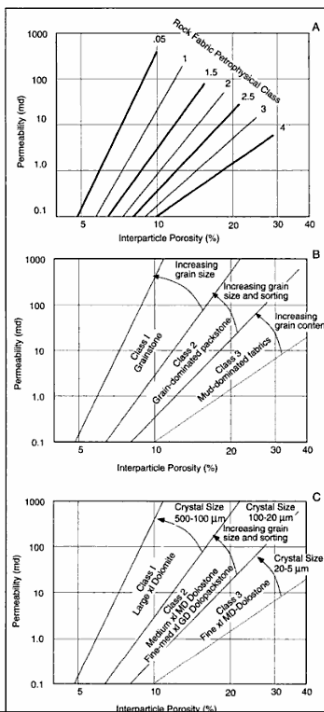


Fig. 7. Geological/petrophysical classification of vuggy pore space based on vug interconnection. The volume of separate-vug pore space is important for characterizing the pore-size distribution

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Fig. 15. Continuum of rock fabrics and associated porosity-permeability transforms. A Class fabrics ranging from 0.5 - 4 defined by class-average and class-boundary porosity-permeability transforms. B Fabric continuum in nonvuggy limestone. C Fabric continuum in nonvuggy dolostone

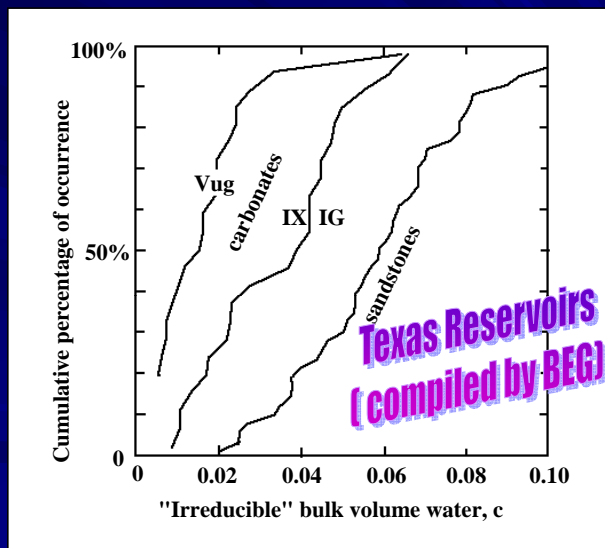


Rock fabrics and permeability in carbonates

where k is proportional to crystal and grain size, grain sorting, and extent that vugs are touching

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Cumulative frequency plots of c (BVWi)



Geomodeling

- Maps are used to depict the structural elevation, thicknesses and reservoir properties and are the fundamental basis for a geomodel.
- Geomodels are increasingly being refined by continued improvements in well logging tools (formation imaging, NMR) and 3D seismic.
- Computer hardware and software are increasingly user-friendly with interoperability to facilitate distributing reservoir properties into a 3D volumes.
- Integration with engineering is facilitated – material balance, volumetrics, test, and performance used to validate and refine the model.
- A refined and validated reservoir model is then suited for use in targeting additional oil and gas recovery.
- Geomodels are as good as geological framework and concepts employed in them.

