

New Insights on Transmissive Fractures and Water Production from the Horizontal Well Revolution

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New Insights on Transmissive Fractures and Water Production from the Horizontal Well Revolution <u>Outline of Presentation</u>

- 1) Some Perplexing Questions
- 2) The Two Classes of Unconventional Plays in the Permian Basin
- 3) A Quick Look at the Horizontal San Andres Play
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- 5) A Transmissive Fracture Case History (San Andres)
- 6) Can Mass Spectrometry Mud Logging Add Valuable Contributions to Reservoir Understanding and Completion Engineering?
- 7) Crustal Connections and Sour Wells in the Shales Where to Go From Here?



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Some Perplexing Questions

How can one horizontal well in a shale produce sweet oil and the adjacent lateral, landing at the same depth, produce sour oil?

Have you ever asked someone what is the best way to avoid drilling into a transmissive fracture or.... what is the best way to avoid high water cut producing laterals?

Or..Perhaps, is There a Way to Assess the Risk that my Disposal Well Could See Curtailed Injection or, Worse, to get Shut-in?



The Two Unconventional Plays Liberated by the Horizontal Well Revolution

- The One You all Know About
 - Source-bed, Basinal Formations aka 'Shales'
 - ✓ <u>Unconventional Rocks</u> and Conventional Oils

Examples: Wolfcamp, Bone Springs, Cline

The Play Only Some of You are Following

Let's Learn Some Things from this One

- Most Often Carbonate Shelf Formations
 - ✓ Oil Wet Rocks with <u>Unconventional (Residual) Oils</u>

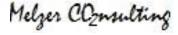
Examples: ROZs in the San Andres, Yeso, Hunton



Section 3:

A Quick Look at the Horizontal San Andres ROZ Play

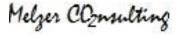




Part 3A Play Concept

"Just Like the Shale Plays, it Takes a Gassy Oil"

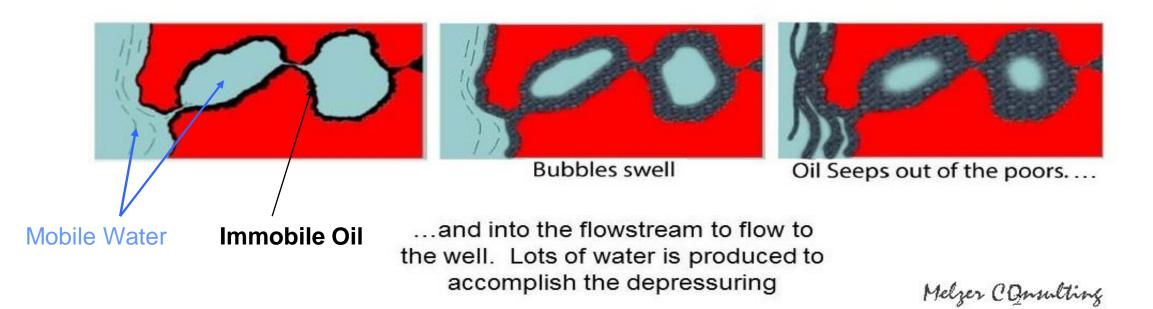




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Residual Oil Zone (ROZ) Depressuring How Does ROZ Depressuring Work?

The ROZs have Oil Affixed to the Rock Surfaces and, if that Oil Has Gas in it, Depressuring Releases Some of the Oil and Entrained Gas

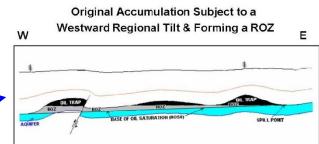


Types of ROZs

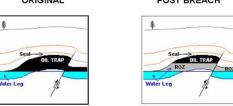
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Original Oil Accumulation Under Static Hydrological Conditions (a Hypothetic Example)

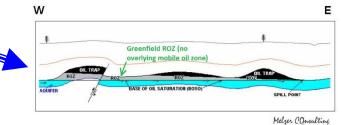
RESIDUAL OIL ZONE: TYPE 1



RESIDUAL OIL ZONES: TYPE 2 Original Accumulation with a Breached then Repaired Seal & Forming a ROZ



RESIDUAL OIL ZONES: TYPE 3 Change in Hydrodynamic Conditions, Sweep of the Lower Oil Column, Oil/water Contact Tilt, and Development Of The Residual Oil Zone



Examples:

Delaware Sands

ORIGINAL POST BREACH



San Andres Formation:

NM Yeso & Abo Fms?

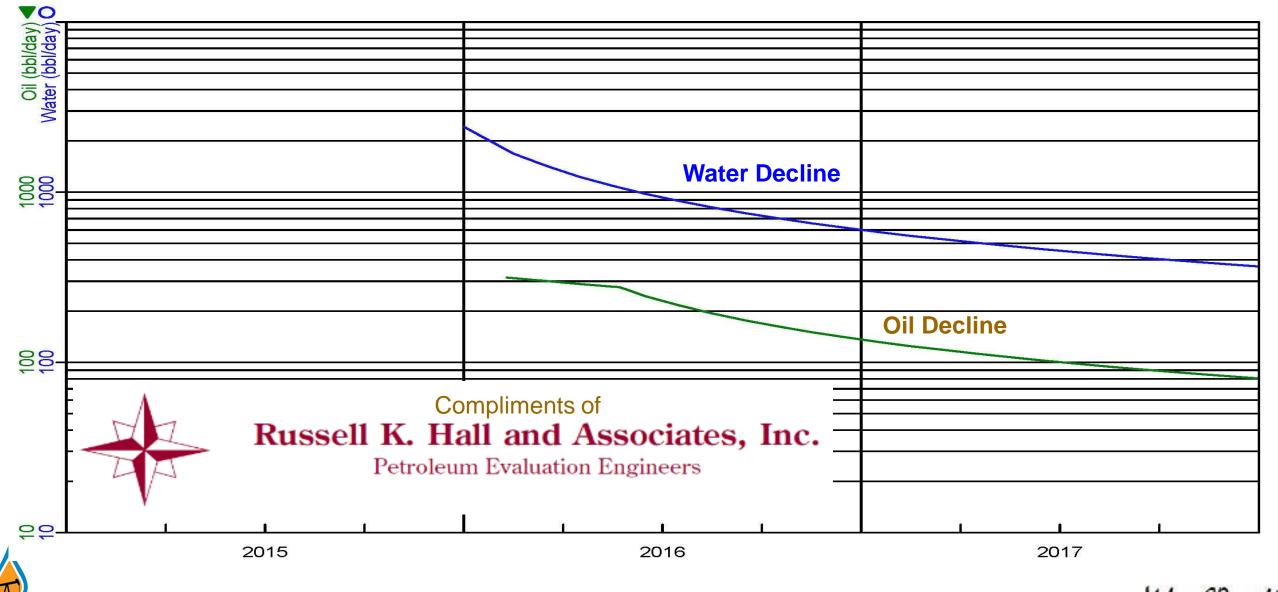
Original Entrapment

Formed... then:

- Type 1: Basinwide Tilt
- Type 2: Breached Seal
- Type 3: Laterally Swept



Typical Well Performance (1)

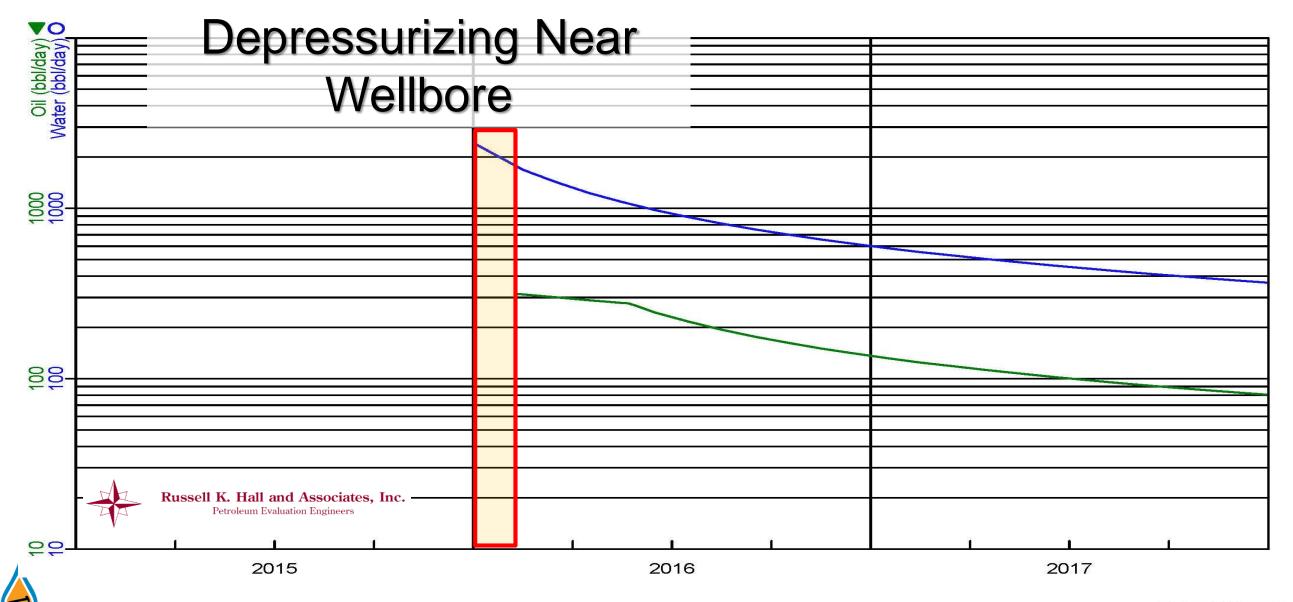


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Typical Well Performance (2)

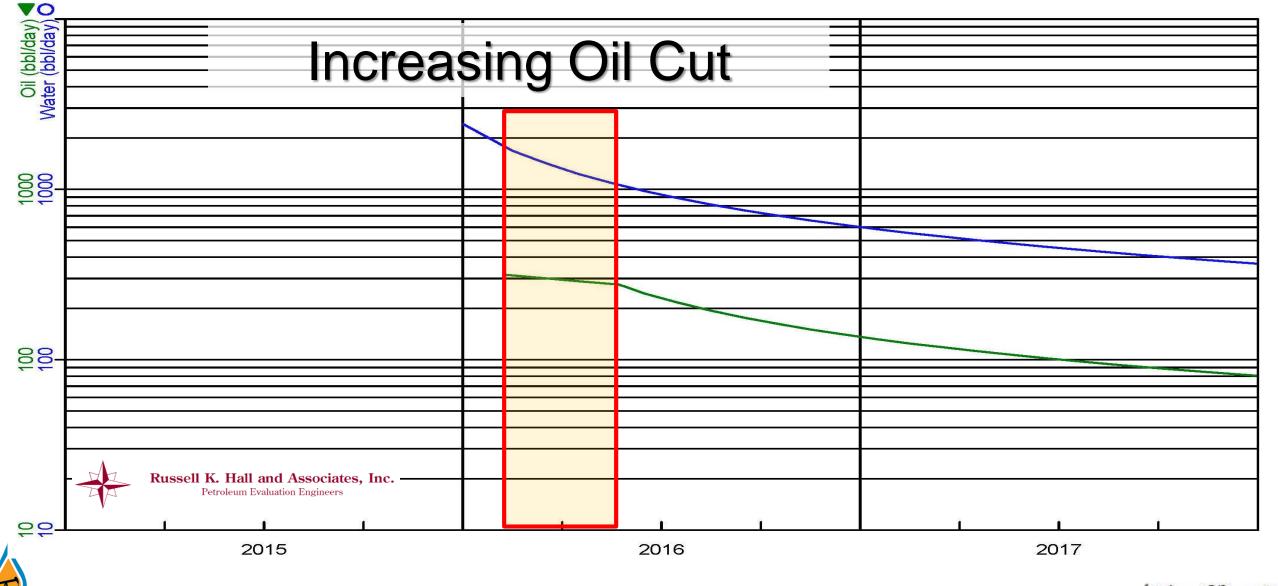


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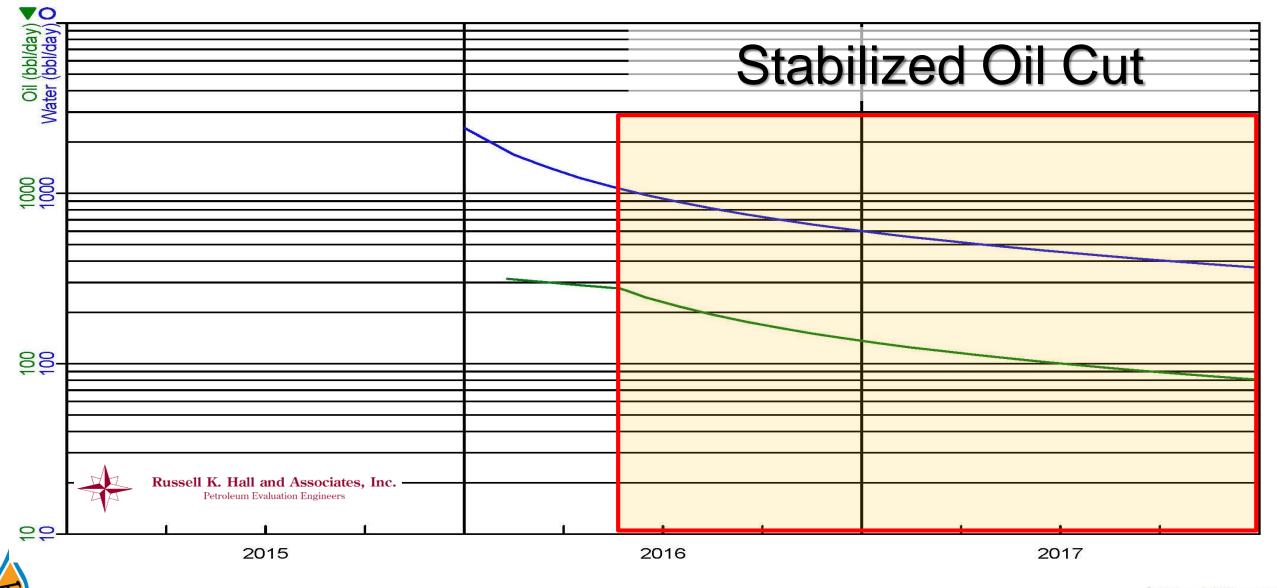


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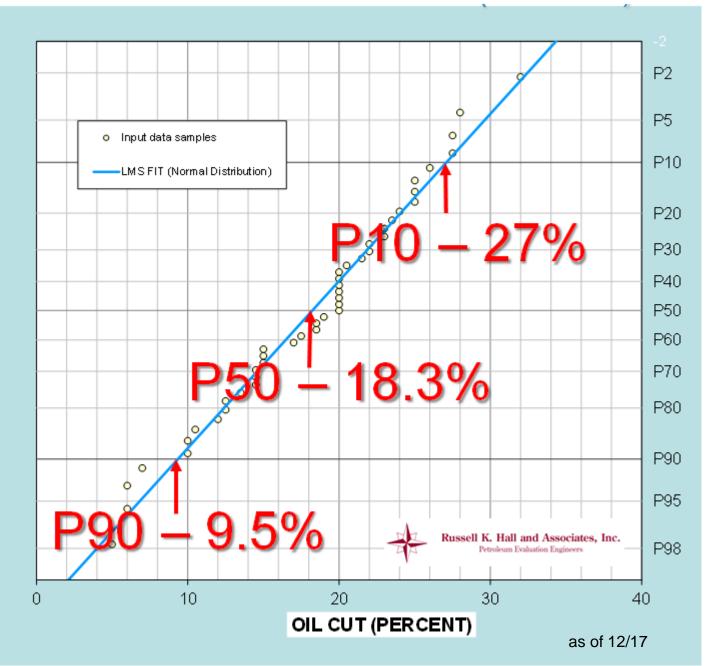


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HZ San Andres Performance (NW Shelf)

One Out of Five Barrels are Oil





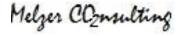
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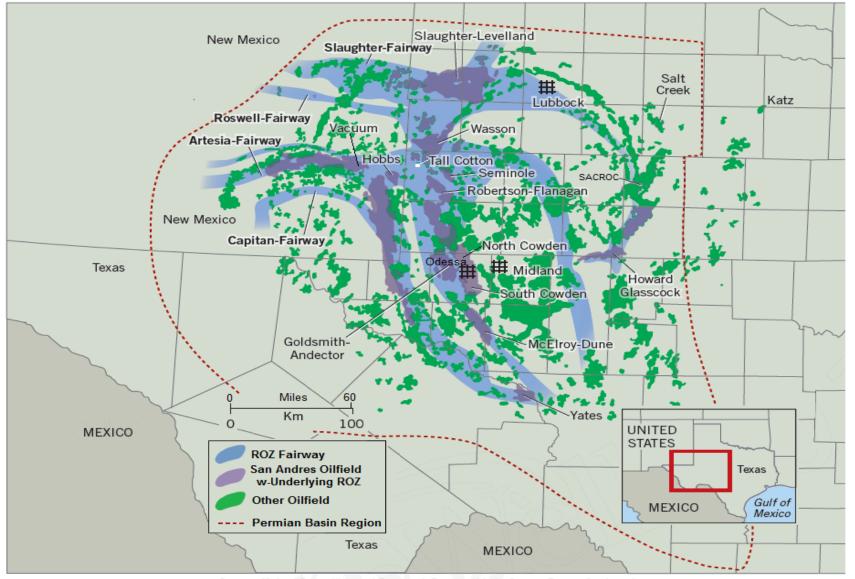
Part 3B Geographical Data

2018 Horizontal San Andres 6-County Study





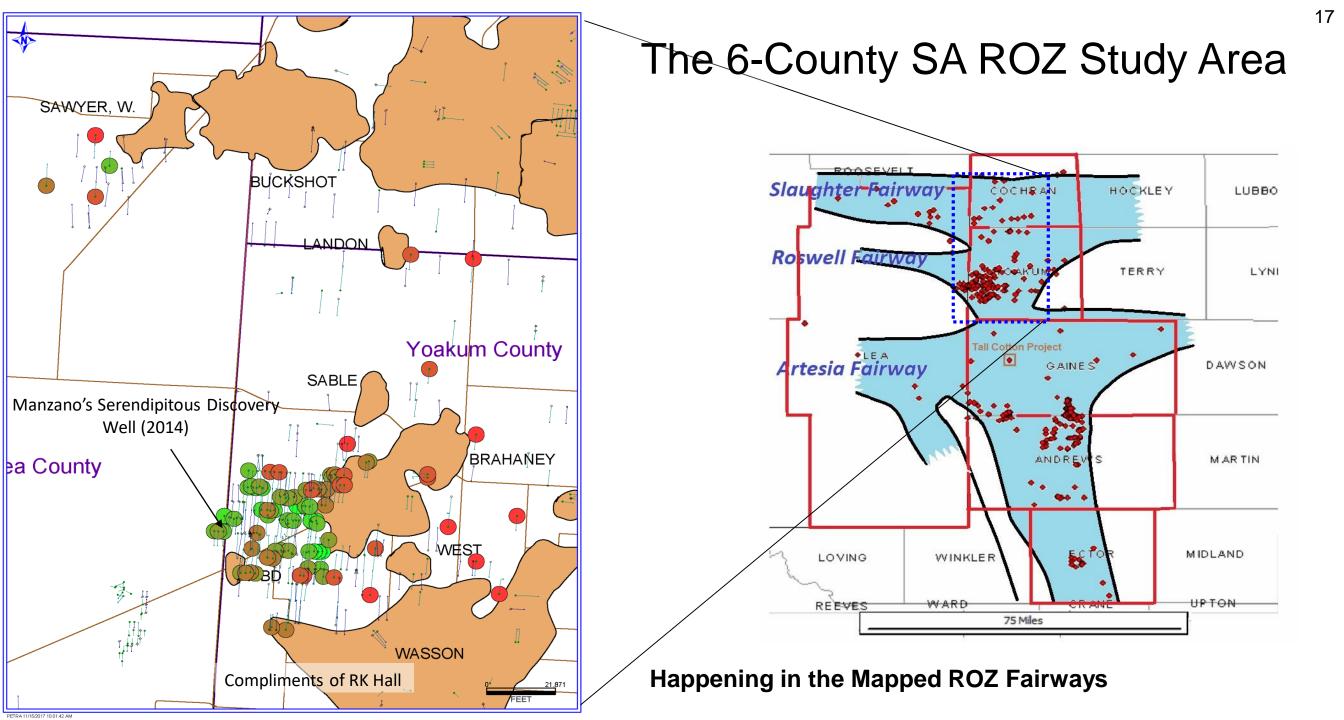
The Latest San Andres ROZ Fairway Map



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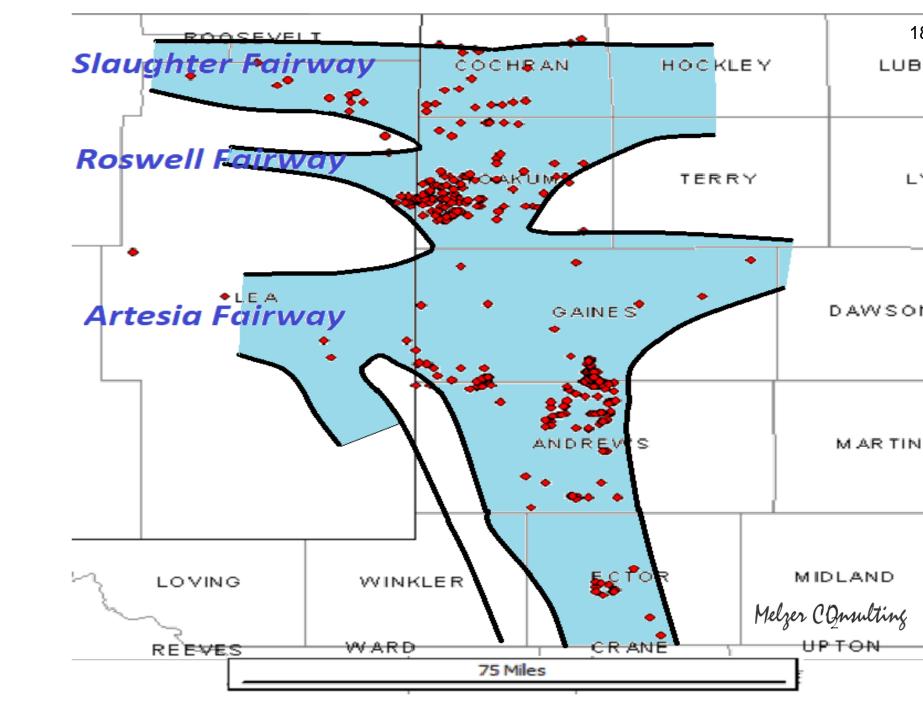


Source: Melzer Consulting and Research Partnership to Secure Energy for America



The San Andres Horizontal Wells and the Residual Oil Zone Fairways¹

¹⁾ Identifying and Developing Technology for Enabling Small Producers to Pursue the Residual Oil Zone (ROZ) Fairways in the Permian Basin San Andres Formation, Melzer, L.S., Trentham, R.C. & Vance. D. (2016) Research Partnership to Secure Energy for America and U.S. Dept of Energy Final Report, www.netl.doe.gov/file%20library/research/oilgas/10123-17-final-report.pdf

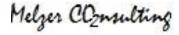




Part 3C Statistical Data

2018 Horizontal San Andres 6-County Study





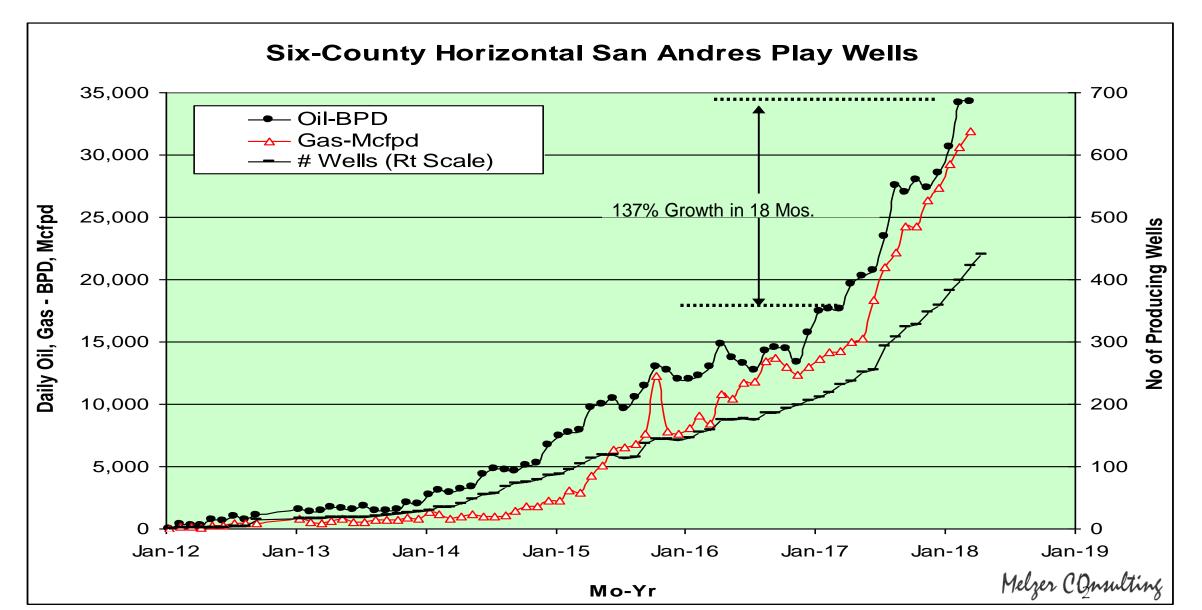
6-Counties Statistics

(as of 5/18)

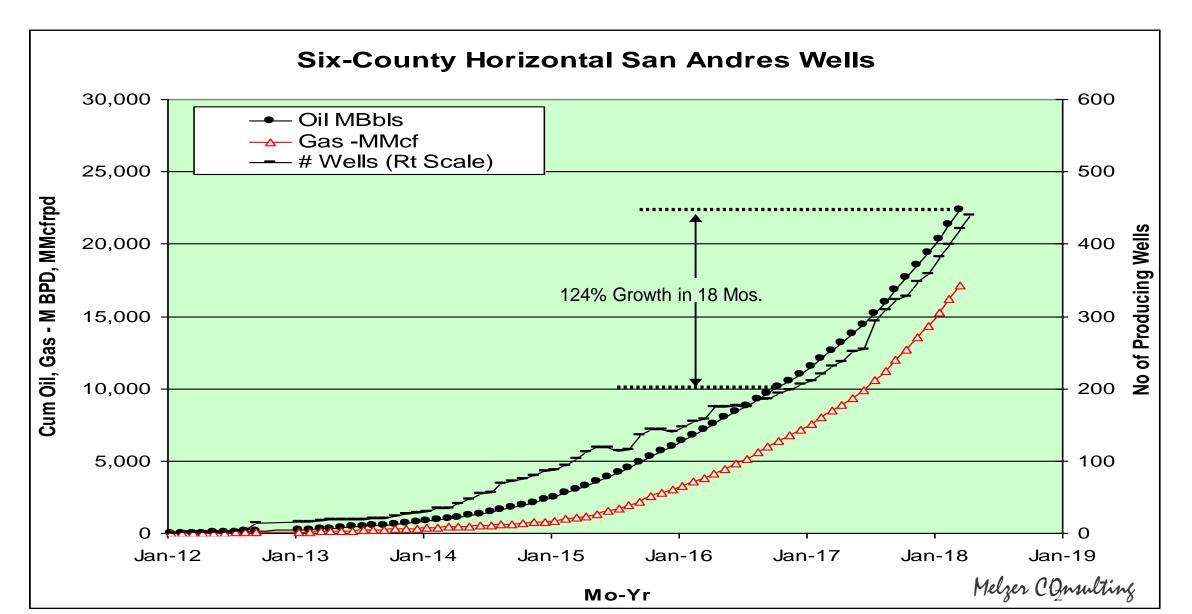
	6-Counties	Yoakum	Andrews	Gaines	Cochran	Lea	Ector
# Wells	433	157	156	61	17	21	21
% of Total Wells		36.3%	36.0%	14.1%	3.9%	4.8%	4.8%
Current Daily Oil (Bo/D)	37,492	21,301	8,310	3,626	995	1,719	1,541
% of Daily Oil/D		56.8%	22.2%	9.7%	2.7%	4.6%	4.1%
Current Crude Oil/Well (Bo/D)		122	53	48	59	103	73
Cum Oil Jan '11 - May '18 (MBo)	26,866	11,799	10,551	1,772	472	830	1,441
Percent of Cum Oil		43.9%	39.3%	6.6%	1.8%	3.1%	5.4%
Current Daily Gas (Mcf/D)	37,262	26,116	4,274	1,905	1,371	1,500	2,096
Percent of Daily Gas	1 (C)	70.1%	11.5%	5.1%	3.7%	4.0%	5.6%
Cum Gas Jan '11 - May '18 (MMcf)	21,477	12,935	4,728	807	467	866	1,674
Percent of Cum Gas		60.2%	22.0%	3.8%	2.2%	4.0%	7.8%
GOR (CF/Bbl)		1,226	514	525	1,379	1,211	1,382



The Permian Basin's Horizontal San Andres Play: Daily Production Growth - 2012-2018



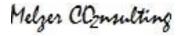
The Permian Basin's Horizontal San Andres Play: Cum Oil Production Growth - 2012-2018



Part 3D ROZ Science

Key Findings from the ROZ Research

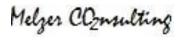




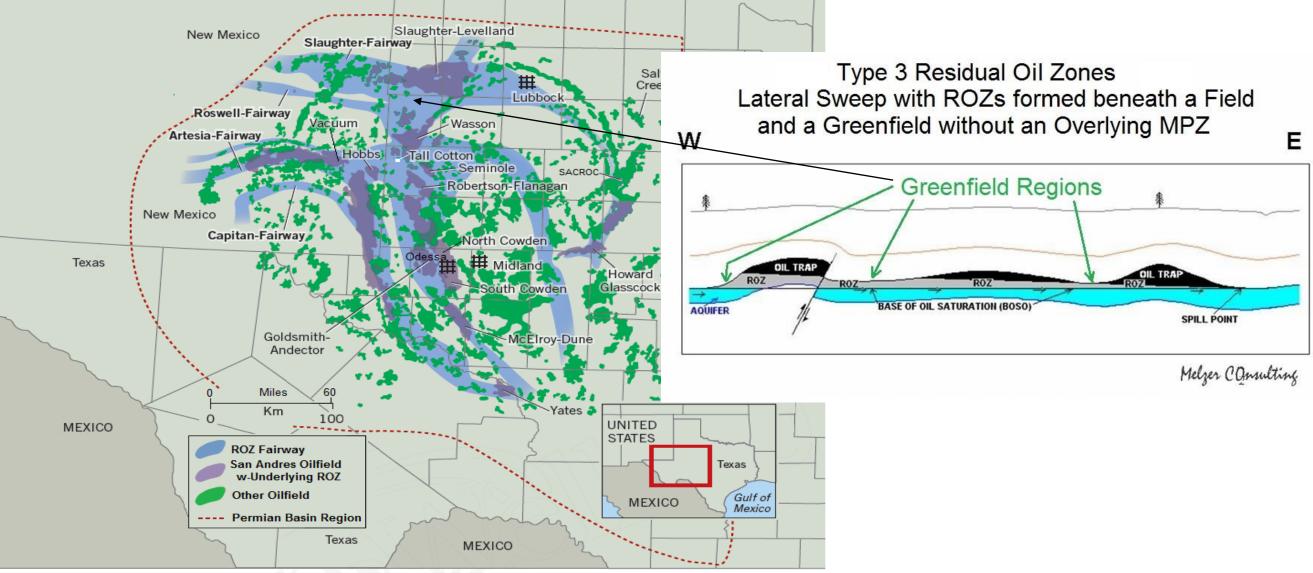
Key ROZ Findings (San Andres Formation)

- Type 3 ROZs align along Fairways
- There are both Brownfield and Greenfield ROZs
- The Sweep is Very Slow (cms/year)
- Sweep Maturity and its Effects
 - On Rocks Later (Extra) Stage of Dolomitization
 - On Oils Sweep Water Can Remove Light Ends (the Degree of Sweep is Important)
- Anaerobic Bacteria are Present in the Rock Fluids, Live in a "Picnic" Environment in the ROZ and Were Inhibited in the Main Pay Zones
- One Additional Large Impact was that the Microbial Effects Soured the Oil and Gas



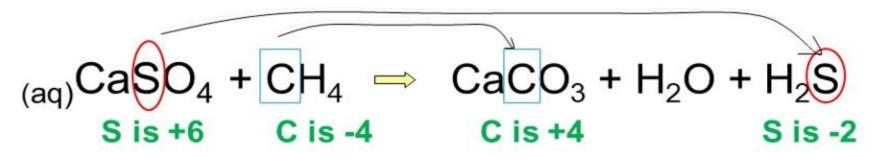


The San Andres ROZ Fairway Map (Note the Fairways Under & Adjacent to the Fields)



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Key Biogenic (Redox) Reaction



We are showing Methane here as the source of carbon but....it may be other hydrocarbons molecules also

Microbes remove 8 Electrons from the Carbon and transfer them to the Sulfur

Souring of the Oil and Gas

- Free Sulfur Deposits When Collecting In a H₂S is Often Oxidized Back to Elemental Static Place (like an Attic)
- Dolomitization Typically Follows as Well $CaCO_3 + Mg \rightarrow MgCa(CO_3)_2$

Sulfur S⁰



Re: Vance, David (2012), RPSEA II Project Chapter 4

New Dolomite Surfaces Attract Oil over Water, Re: Oil Wettability

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Microbial Self Limitation (MSL)*

- The Previous Process that Generates Hydrogen Sulfide is also the One that Will Inhibit Further Microbial Activity When Concentrating over 100-200 mg/L
 - The Lack of a Flowfield Limits the Effects of the Process In the Static Environments (Isolated from the Sweep) of the Main Pay Zones – i.e., Microbes Go Inactive
 - This also Limits the Degree of Hydrocarbon Modification
 - The Hydrodynamic Environments in the ROZs Create a "Picnic" for the Microbes and Pervasive Dolomitization Occurs

Perpetual Free Lunch: The Perfect Setting





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Summary About The Role of Sulfur Biogeochemistry

- Sulfate Biogeochemical Processing Effects:
 - Porosity Enhancements Driven by Changes in The Rock Mineral Suites
 - Chemical Composition of the Petroleum
 - Some hydrocarbons are altered by sulfate reducing microbes There is always a natural reaction in an audience that it could ultimately consume most of the oil – but, without very mature flushing volumes.....
 - That process generates hydrogen sulfide that inhibits microbial activity at concentrations over 100 to 200 mg/L – That prevents significant hydrocarbon alteration/consumption
 - Mobility of the Petroleum Hydrocarbons
 - Since the Light Ends in the Oil are preferentially Diffused into the Mobile Water, the Retained Oil can Possess Higher Viscosities than the Oil Isolated from the Sweep (e.g, Main Pay Zone Oil)

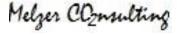


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Section 4:

Other Depressuring/Dewatering Play Analogs (Optional Section)





These are Two Plays Having Seen Horizontal Well Development in Oklahoma

Hunton Dewatering Play in Oklahoma

- A Lighter Oil than Our San Andres Oil
- A Likely Type 2 ROZ (Breached then Re-healed Seal)

Red Fork Dewatering Play in Oklahoma

- Also a Lighter Oil
- Also a Very Likely Type 2 ROZ



Neither of the Plays Below Have Seen Horizontal Well Development As Yet

Red River B & C ROZ Located Just off of the Crest of the Cedar Creek Anticline in the Williston Basin

- A Very Similar Oil to the San Andres Oil
- A Type 3 ROZ

Tensleep Formation in the Big Horn Basin

- A Heavy Oil
- A Type 3 ROZ
- Thoroughly Swept Possessing 'Fresh' Formation Water



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Less Studied, As Yet Undeveloped Analog Depressuring Plays

- PB Yeso in Eddy County (Type 3 ROZ) .
- PB Abo in Eddy County (Type 3)
- PB Indian Basin (Type 3)
- Cooper Basin in Central Australia (Type 2)
- Deep Graben in the North Sea (Hybrid Type 3)
- Canyon/Strawn on the East Shelf PB (Hybrid Type 3)
- Baltic Region (Type 2)



Oh – I almost Left out the Delaware Mountain Group.....But....

Presented at the CO₂ ROZ Conferences

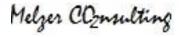
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Section 5a:

A Transmissive Fracture Case History (San Andres)

Crustal 'Recurrent' Faulting





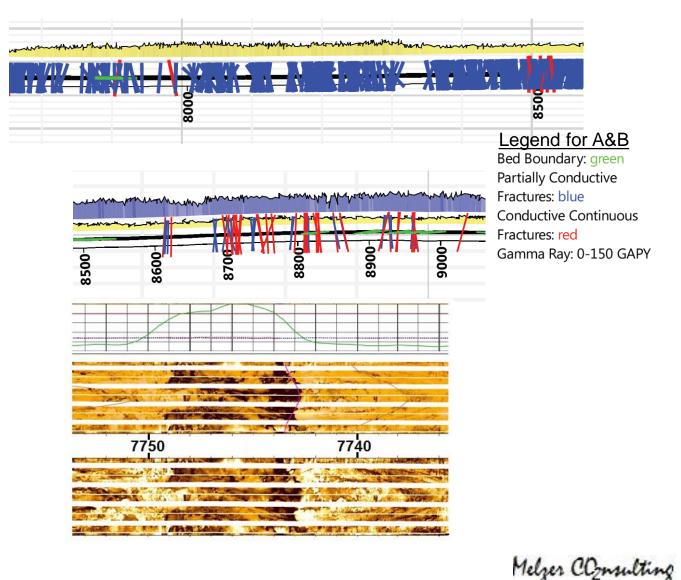
An Important Categorization of 'Faults'

A. Localized Natural Fractures

B. Flexural Faults/Fractures Over Deep Seated Structures

C. Recurrent Faults/Lineaments

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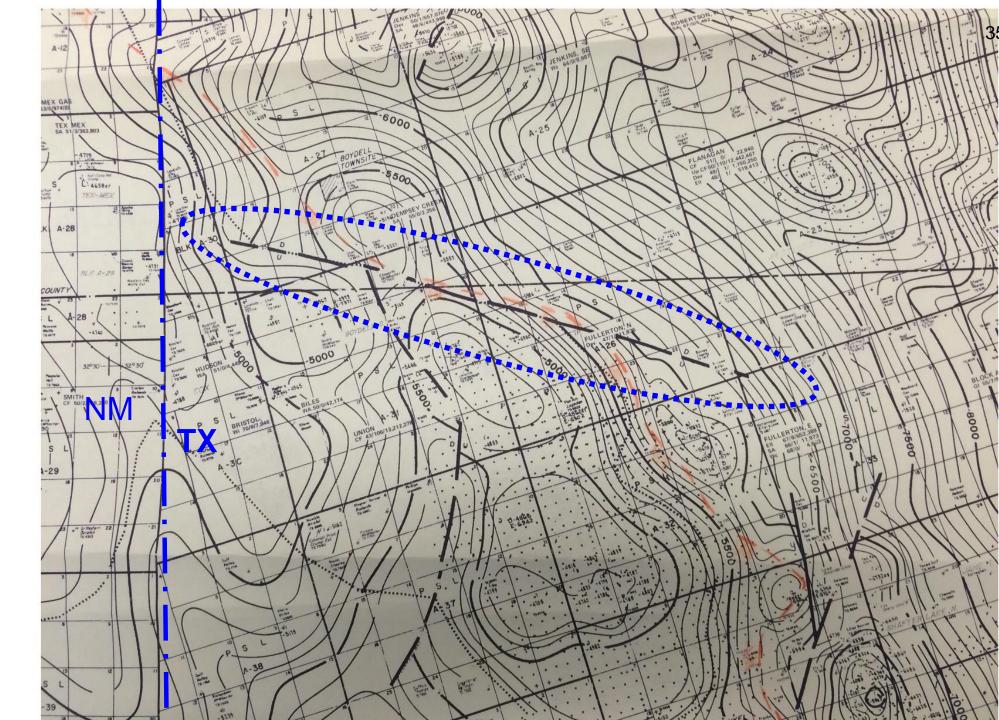


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Mapping of a Deep Fault Near the Case History Well

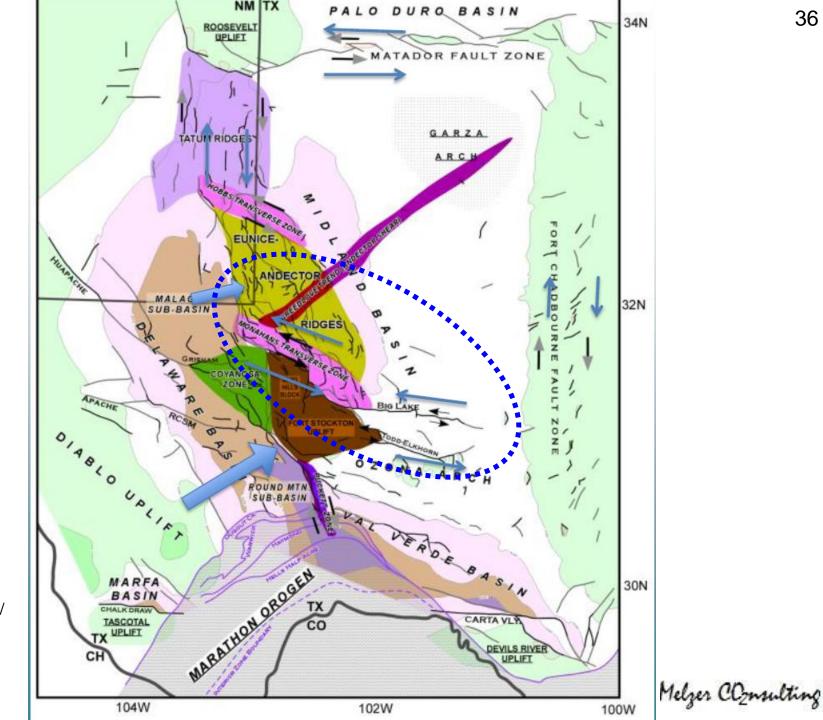
2- & 3-D Seismic Data also Show the Deep Structure but is Proprietary and Cannot be Shown





Permian Basement Left Lateral, Strike Slip Lineaments* with Episodic Reactivation

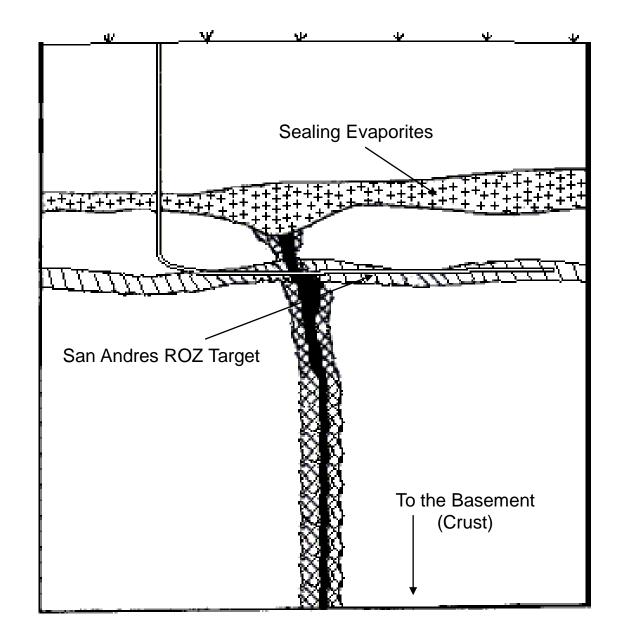
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Conceptual View of **Deep Seated (Crustal)** Faulting, Extending Upwards into the San Andres, Terminating at the Permian Guadalupian and **Ochoan Evaporites**





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With That Background in Mind;

The Case History Well

Located in the Central Portion of the Central Basin Platform

We are accumulating a lot of data during the drilling of a horizontal lateral Most of it is for Geosteering but also can be used for reservoir insights



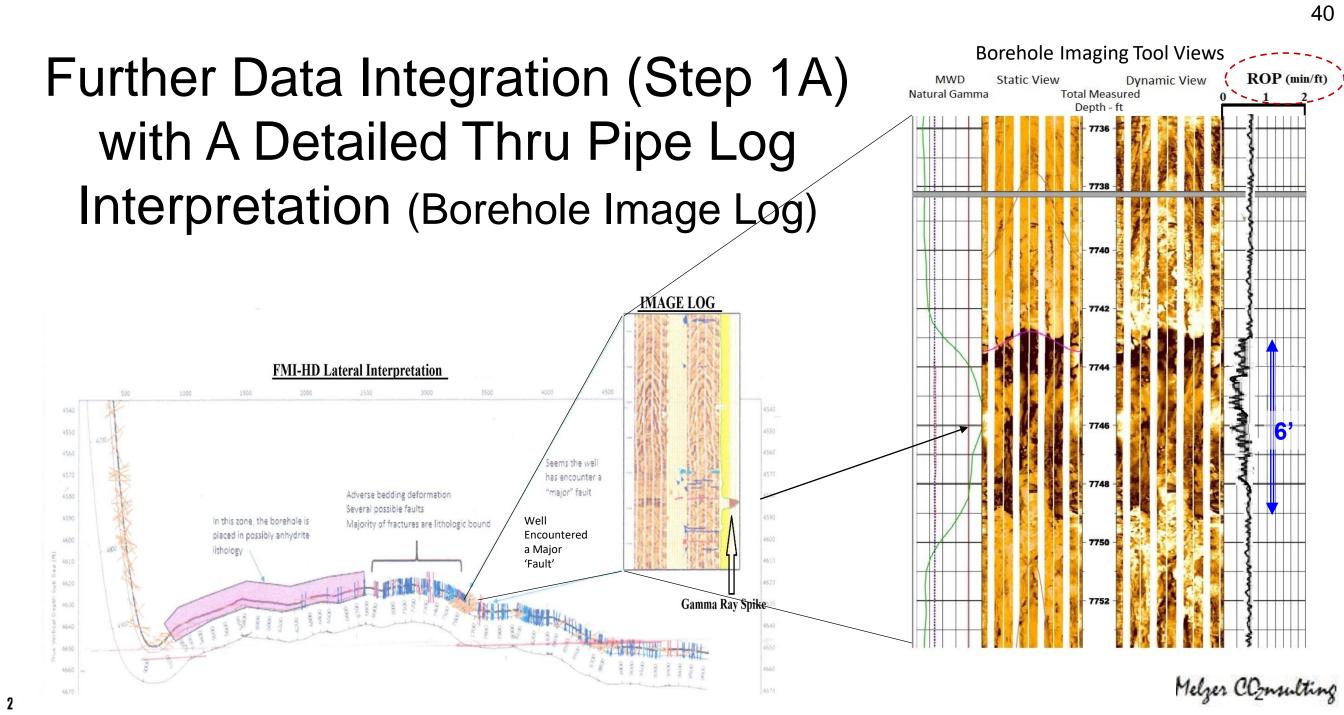
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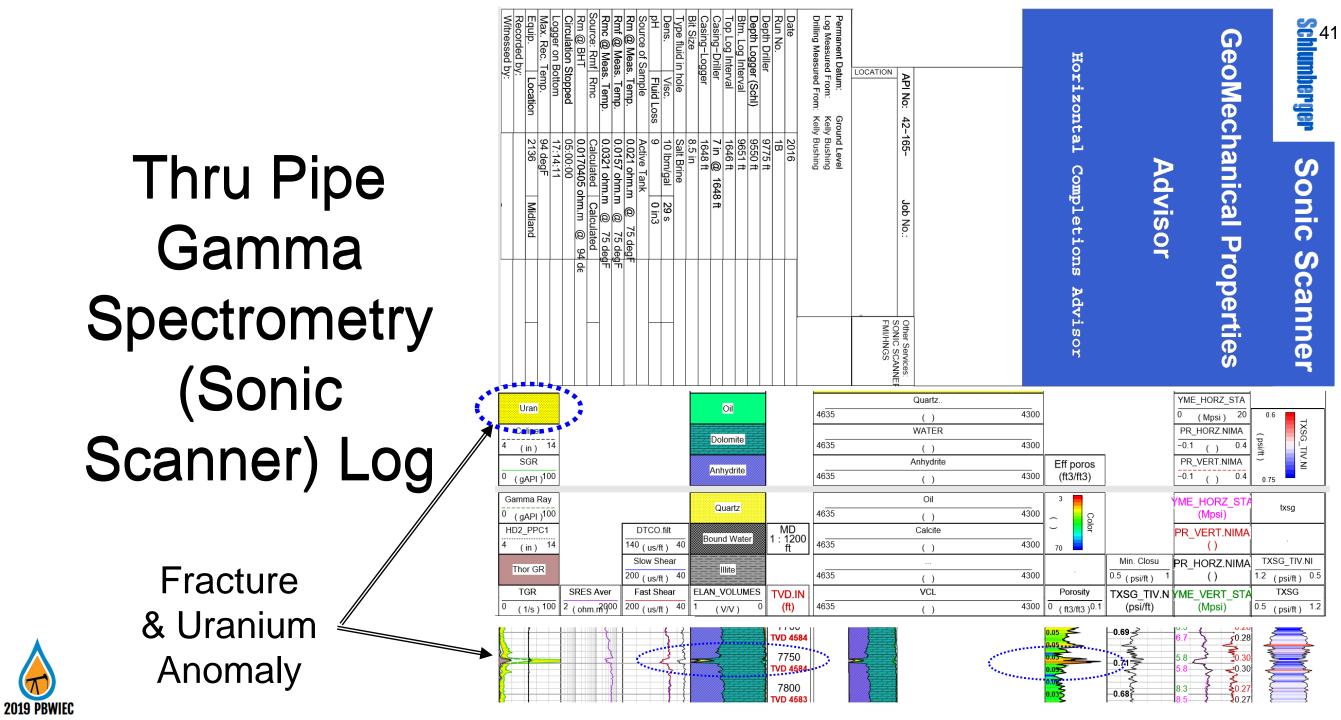
Drilling Data Integration (Mudlog, GeoSteering, Pason, Schlumberger)

Evidence Gathered from Mudlog Company:Selman Schlumberger Data **Data Provided:** Slide and Rotate CATHEDRAL -Total Gas Rate of Penetration Integration -1500--1000 miet ROP Step 1 500 True Vertical Depti 500-11 1 1 1 1 Slide Rotate 1 11 1999 Selman 1500 21 kppm 2000-. 14 A.2 in more marked the Manual and Total Gay GeoData 2588-3000-3500-CATHEDRAL 4000-Integration 4500-Schlumberger Well Encountered a Major 'Fault' MD: 9775 15:8475 2500 3000 5500 1566 103 VB- 8008 MER



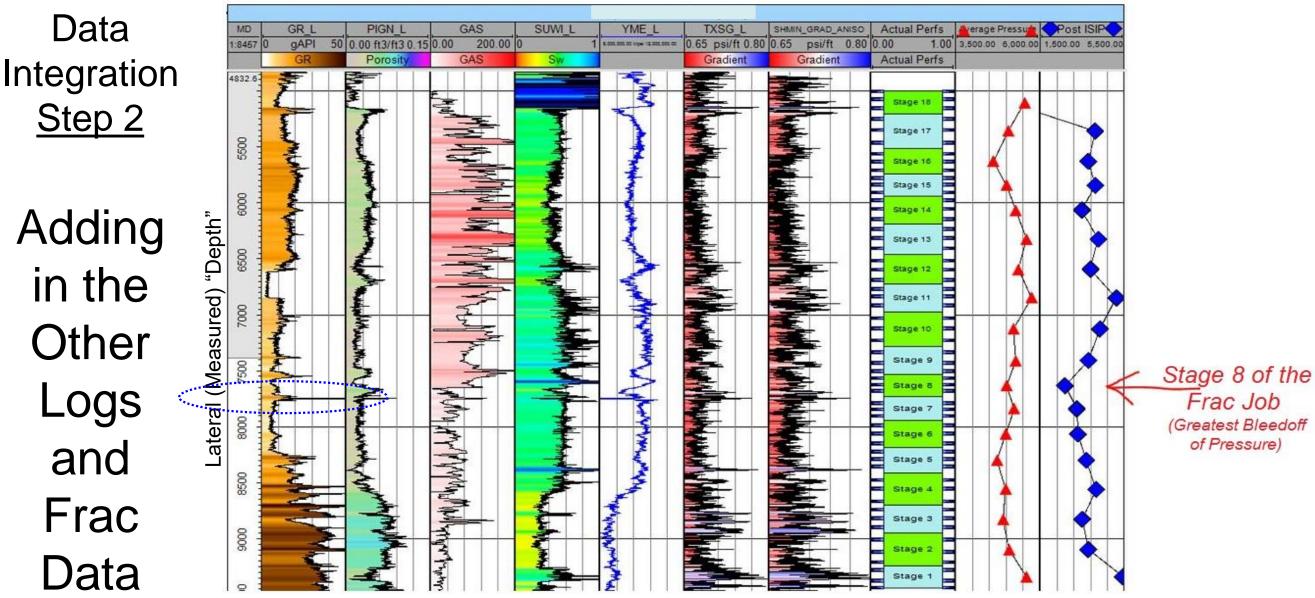
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Analysis Date: 2017

Houston Laboratories 8820 Interchange Drive Houston, TX 77054 Phone 713-660-0901

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Anomalously High Oil Viscosity





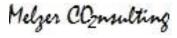




Aggregating the Case History Conclusions (1)

- The Horizontal Well Encountered a 6' Wide Fracture Zone
- The San Andres Documented Fracture Appears to be Related to a Basement Lineament (One of a Series of PB Left-Lateral Strike Slip Faults) that has Likely moved Repeatedly Over Geologic time
- The Well (Fracture?) Produces Low Salinity Formation Water and the Multi-Pore Volume Lateral Sweep has Lowered the Oil Gravity and Raised the Viscosity of the Oil in the Formation

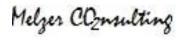




Aggregating the Case History Conclusions (2)

- The Well Had the Advantage of Thru Pipe Image and Sonic Scanner Logging
- The Wells Making Anomalously Low Salinity Water and High Viscosity Oil Proved to be Uneconomic
- Has this "Failed" Well Opened the Door to a Greater Understanding?
- With a Mass Spectrometry Mud Log to Find the Fractured Interval and Applying Completion Engineering, Could the Well's Economics Been Saved?

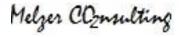




Section 6:

Mass Spectrometry Mud Logging's Potential to Add Valuable Contributions to Reservoir Understanding and Completion Engineering?





Why Mass Spectrometry (MS) Mud Logs?

- MS has become "Portable" and Can go Now to the Field for Real Time Mud Gas Observations
- With Proper Placement of the Gas Collector, the Range of the Various Components in Mud Gas Sensing is Dramatically Improved
 - Key Compounds
 - Full spectrum of C1-C10
 Helium
 Sulfur (e.g. H₂S)
 Hydrogen
- Analysis of Those Components and Ratios of Various Components Can be Illuminating Since Oils in the San Andres Laterally Swept ROZs are Quite Different than Our Experience with the Main Pay Zone Oils
- Can Some of the Same Observations in San Andres Laterals be Applied and Add Value to the Shale Plays?



One Specific Application May Involve Our New Found Ability to Get Real Time Measurements of Helium from the Mud Gas (1)

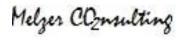
- The Theory is that Helium Must First Come from the Crust
- It is a Decay Product of "Primordial" Uranium and Thorium (Plus Minor Contributions from a Few Other Radioactive Elements {Isotopes})
- Uranium is Soluble in Water
- Uranium Loves to Attach to Carbonaceous Matter (e.g., Oil, Coal)
- Upon Decay, Ur & Th Emit an Alpha Particle (Helium) and also a Gamma Ray of Specific Energy



One Specific Application May Involve Our New Found Ability to Get Real Time Measurements of Helium from the Mud Gas (2)

- You May Recall, We Have Used this Gamma Emission Property in our Spectrometry Gamma Logs to Identify what Common Element(s) are Emitting the Gamma Rays (Potassium, Thorium, Uranium)
- Advances in Mud Logging Can Also Record any Helium Present in the Mud Gas
- **Theory:** A Direct Pathway to the Basement Can Offer an Anomaly in both Helium and Uranium Gamma Readings. Coupling this with Our Other Logging Tools (Image, Porosity, Sonic), can we Now Identify Transmissive Fractures to the Crust?





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For Separate Reading Later (if needed)... Background on Uranium Decay Products

- Uranium-238 decays by alpha emission into Thorium-234, which itself decays by beta emission to Protactinium-234, which decays by beta emission to Uranium-234, and so on...
- After several more alpha and beta decays, the series ends with the stable isotope lead-206
- Alpha decay or α-decay is a type of radioactive decay in which an atomic nucleus emits an alpha particle (helium nucleus) and thereby transforms or 'decays' into a different atomic nucleus, with a mass number that is reduced by four and an atomic number that is reduced by two.
- When an atom emits an alpha particle, the atom's mass number decreases by four due to the loss of the four nucleons in the alpha particle. The atomic number of the atom goes down by exactly two, as a result of the loss of two protons – the atom becomes a new element. Examples of this are when uranium becomes thorium, or radium becomes radon gas due to alpha decay.
- Alpha particles are commonly emitted by all of the larger radioactive nuclei such as uranium, thorium, actinium, and radium, as well as the transuranic elements. Unlike other types of decay, alpha decay as a process must have a minimum-size atomic nucleus which can support it. The smallest nuclei which have to date been found to be capable of alpha emission are the lightest nuclides of tellurium (element 52), with mass numbers between 106 and 110. The process of emitting an alpha sometimes leaves the nucleus in an excited state, with the emission of a gamma ray removing the excess energy.



As We Have Already Observed...

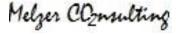
- In a San Andres ROZ Case History, We have Identified a Large Natural Fracture that had Abundant Characteristics of a Transmissive Fracture Connected to the Crustal Rocks
 - Uranium Gamma Ray Anomaly
 - ROP 'Chatter'
 - Image Log Showing Evidence of Gouge Fill
 - Sonic Velocity Anomaly
 - Anomalously Low Salinity Formation Water and Higher than Normal Oil Viscosity
 - Located Over Documented Deep Structures and Near a Documental Left Lateral Recurrent Fault

Had we Had a Helium Detector, Would we have Completed the Story of a Connection to the Crust Implied by the Uranium Gamma Spectrometry Log?



So....What Does this Matter to Shales?

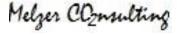




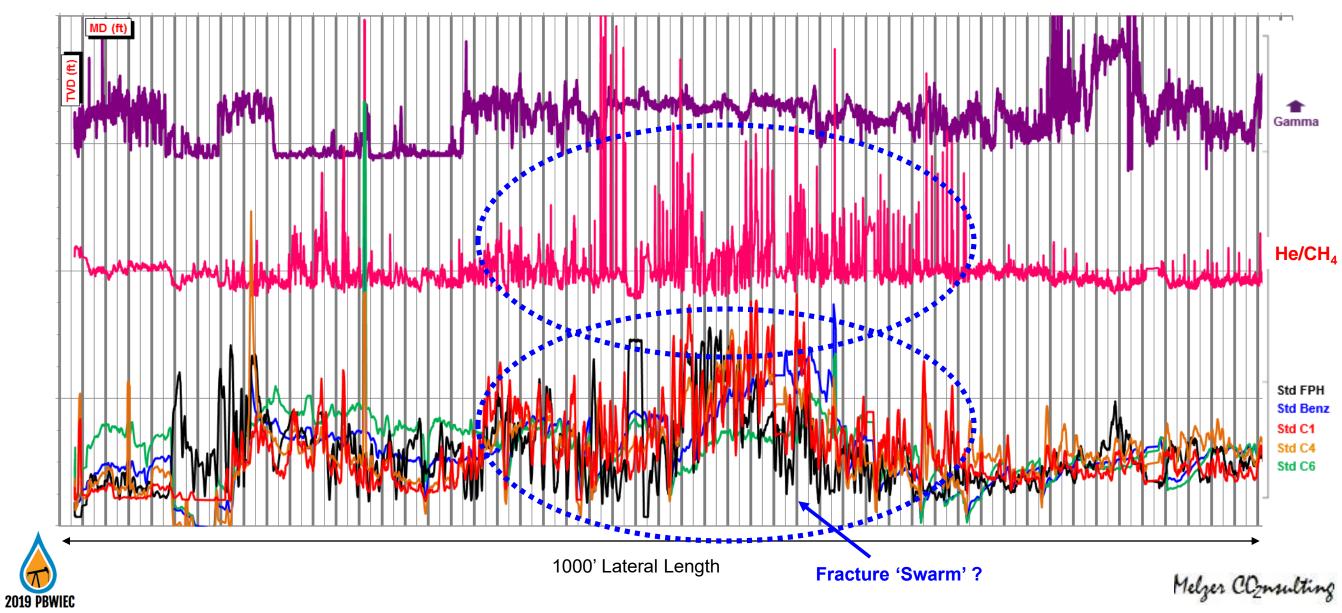
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Crustal Connections and Sour Wells in the Shales

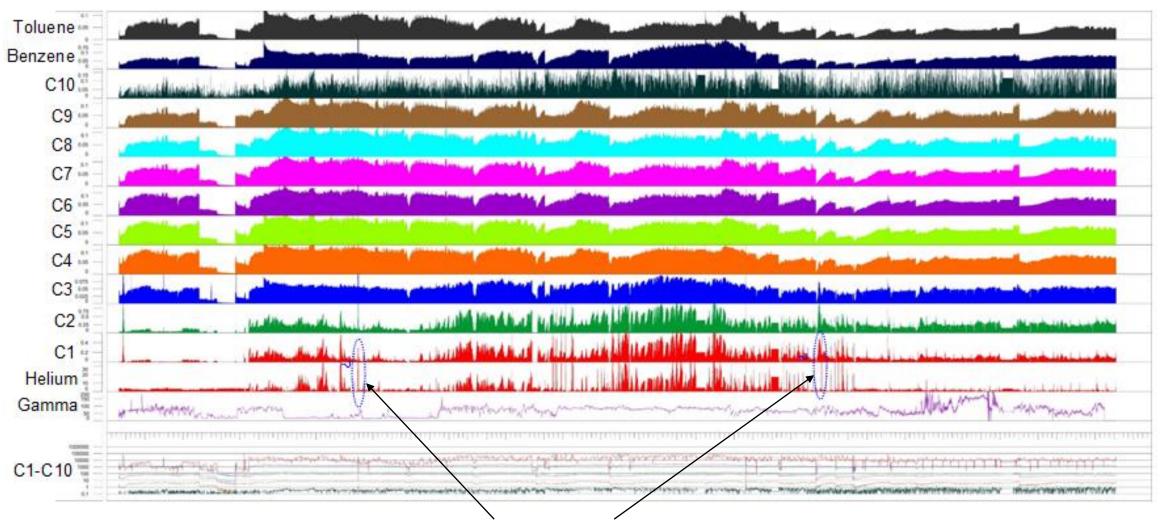




We Also Occasionally See Helium in the Shales: Mass Spec Mud Log in a Shale Lateral – Example



Mass Spec Mud Log Strip Along Lateral - Example 2





Excessive Helium Readings (Shown Here with a Truncated Peak)

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In a Shale Well

- We Occasionally (Randomly?) Produce Sour Oil and Gas
- These can Even Occur Adjacent to a Sweet O&G Well
- For the H_2S Generation BioChemistry to Work, We have to Have the Source of Sulfur but there is no CaSO₄. However there is FeS₂ (Pyrite) and some organo-sulfides available to Make the H_2S
- MSL Would Keep the Oil & Gas Sweet Absent a Transmissive Fracture Flow Field to Disseminate the H₂S
- Does a Crustal Connected Transmissive Fracture Explain the Sour O&G When Correlated with a Helium Anomaly?



Where Should this Go?...Ideas to Examine in Further Detail

- Look Now at the Sour Shale Wells
- Does the H₂S Come from Microbes Modifying the Iron Sulfides &/or Organo-sulfides?
- Prioritize Regions with Enhanced Seismicity from TexNet/NMT Network
- Try to Identify the Transmissive Fractures in the Lateral
- Develop Trend Maps
- Extrapolate to Suggest Higher Risk Areas for:
 - 1) Minimizing New Sour O&G and Higher Water Cut Shale Wells,
 - 2) Requiring a Greater Need for Careful Completion Engineering, and
 - 3) Taking More Regionally-Based Care in Disposal Well Permitting



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Are We Getting Closer to Answering the Perplexing Questions?

Can we explain why one horizontal well in a shale produces sweet oil while the adjacent lateral, landing at the same depth, produces sour oil?

Can we now locate the transmissive fractures in our laterals and begin to map those – maybe with the added aid of 3-D seismic surveys?

...and will that help us to

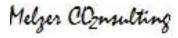
 Cut the percentage of high water cut wells and disposal volumes?
 Cut the percentage of sour shale oil wells?
 Rate areas for SWD Drilling for Low and High Risk Induced Seismicity?



Thank You

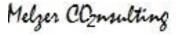
Time for Questions?



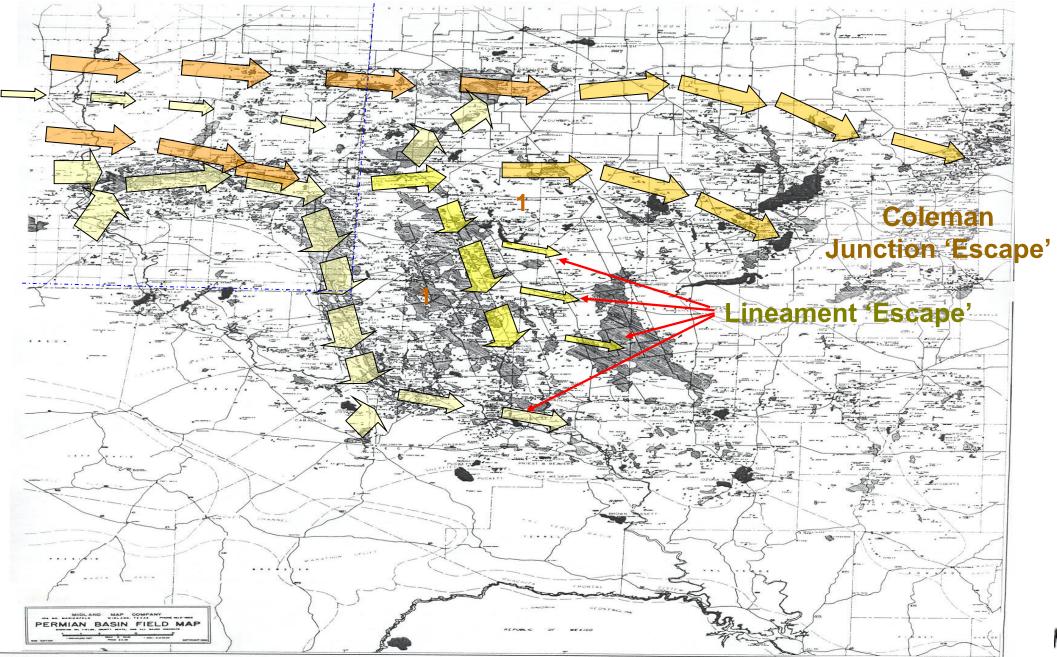


Backup Slides





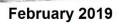
PERMIAN BASIN SAN ANDRES ROZ FAIRWAY FLOW MAP



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More Background on Helium



Historical Highlights Helium Shortages and Emerging Helium Provinces The History of Helium Exploration Part 2

he search for new sources of helium is of paramount importance as a combination of declining production and increasing demand have made helium prices soar.

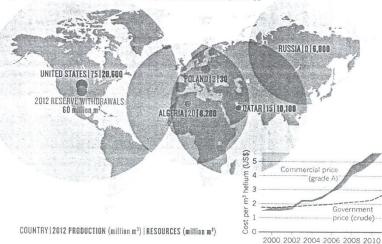
This follows a century in which the United States had a near monopoly on helium reserves and U.S. production met global demand. Although most of the helium production story has taken place in the United States, there are other nations that have produced and are producing helium. Details of production and exploration in these regions are scant, however.

Helium Beyond the United States

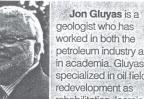
In a 2014 issue of the journal "Minerals." New Zealanders Steve Mohr and James Ward published "Helium Production and Possible Projections," in which they attempted to build the history of helium production for countries other than the United States. The data they assembled comes from documents published by the U.S. Geological Survey Mineral Resources Program, which enabled them to collate the production from countries other than the United States, Helium has been produced

FLOATING SKYWARD

The price of helium from a US government stockpile has not kept pace with commercial prices (see graph). Most helium currently comes from the United States, but with price rises expected to continue, Russia is planning to tap its reserves, and other countries may increase production (see map).



Helium producing countries. Image from Mark Peplow's "Helium Reserves Under Pressure" from a 2013. issue of "Chemistry World."

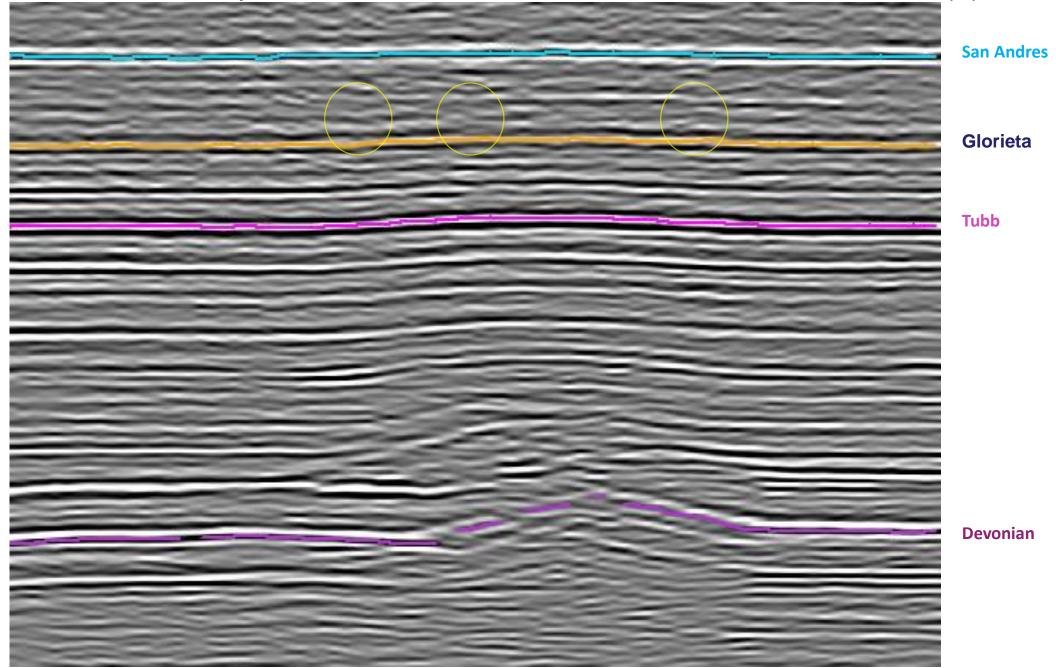


geologist who has worked in both the petroleum industry and in academia. Gluvas specialized in oil field redevelopment as rehabilitation, learning

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his trade first in eastern Venezuela and subsequently the states of the former Soviet Union. In the mid-'90s he returned to his native UK and with others, founded his first oil company. Acorn Oil and Gas became the first company working in the North Sea to reactivate a completely abandoned oil field, the original one, Argyll. He then went on to found Fairfield Energy before moving to the academic sector in 2009, joining Durham University in the UK. Recently he has worked on carbon capture and storage and geothermal energy. He co-organized the first ever geothermal/petroleum crossover meeting for the AAPG in Durham in 2016 and is currently working on decarbonizing the UK's heat demand, which accounts for half of all energy used and around 30 percent of all UK greenhouse gas emissions. It was back in 1999 that Gluvas first

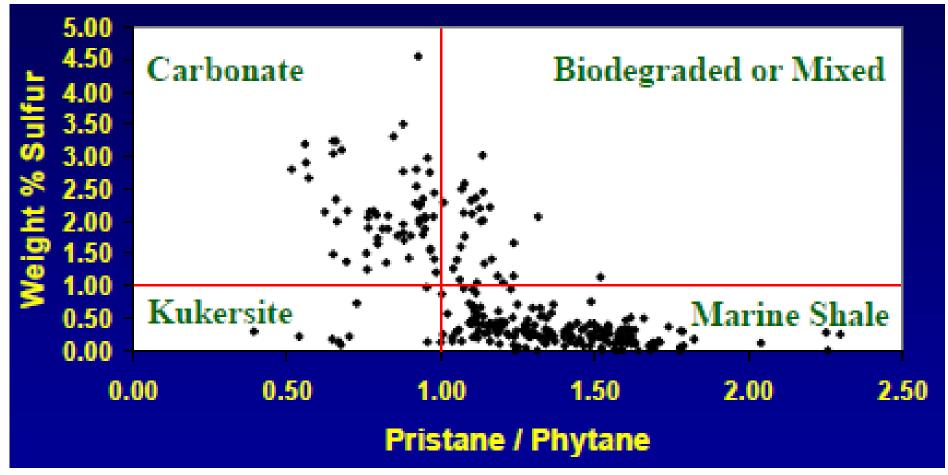
Deep Structure Effects within the San Andres Section (1)



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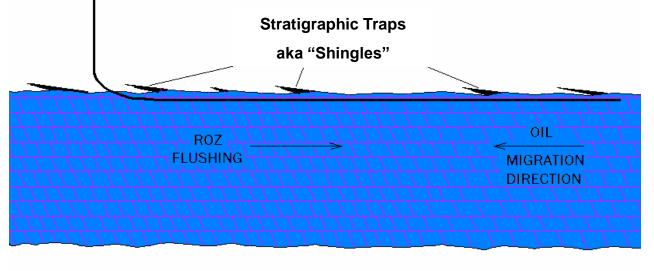




* Source: USGS and Humble Geochemical Services Division

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Landing High in the San Andres ROZ Can Have a Bonus of Early Oil **Production**



Cross Sectional View



Plan View



