



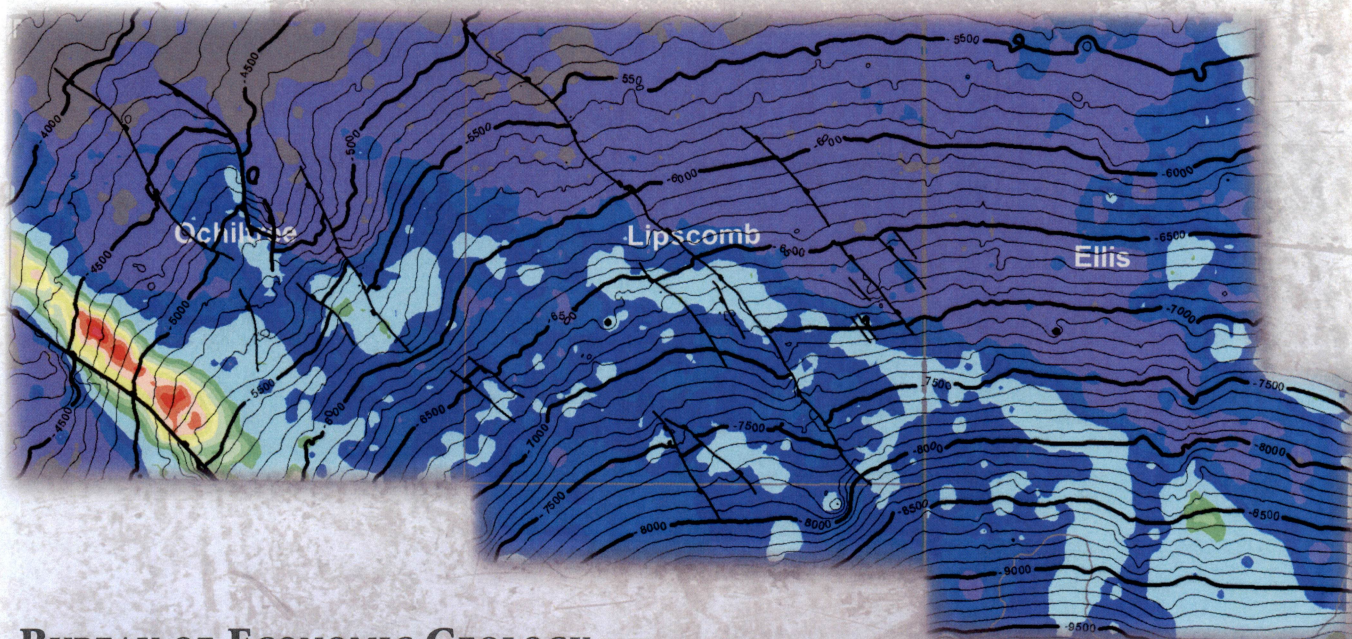
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# Workshop Agenda

## **Morning Session – 8:30 a.m.-11:20**

- I. Introduction and Welcome  
*Eric Potter, Bureau of Economic Geology*
- II. Atoka Series, Play Overview  
*David Carr, Bureau of Economic Geology*

## **Break – 10:15-10:30**

- III. Sequence stratigraphy and depositional fabric of the Marmaton and Cleveland Formations  
*Tucker Hentz, Bureau of Economic Geology*

## **Lunch**

We will break for lunch at 11:20 for those who are attending the DGS luncheon meeting. Workshop will convene again at 1:00.

For those who are not attending the DGS luncheon meeting, lunch will be provided in the workshop classroom.

## **Afternoon Session – 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.**

- IV. Tidally dominated depositional systems and sedimentary processes, with application to the Marmaton and Cleveland Formations  
*Bill Ambrose, Bureau of Economic Geology*
- V. Core workshop  
*Bill Ambrose, David Carr, Tucker Hentz*

## ***Instructor Profiles***

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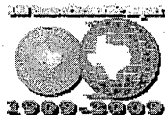


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*Workshop Presented by the  
Bureau of Economic Geology  
State of Texas Advanced Resource Recovery (STARR) Program  
and PTTC Texas and SE New Mexico Region*

**November 10, 2009  
Ellison Miles Geotechnology Institute, Dallas**

**Bureau of Economic Geology**



## **Introduction**

**Eric Potter  
BEG Program Director  
for Fossil Energy**

## The STARR Program

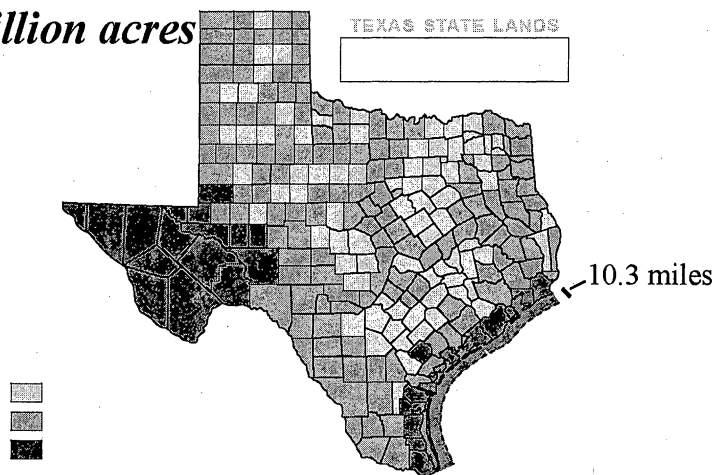
**Funding from Texas Legislature, and logistical support from the General Land Office and the Railroad Commission**

**Mission: Increase income to the State through working with operators to...**

- Help locate new wells (infill, step-outs, wildcats)
- Recommend recompletions
- Recommend drilling deeper untested reservoirs
- Recommend secondary or tertiary recovery programs
- Define or expand new plays, including unconventional

## State Lands and Waters

*20.4 million acres*





## STARR Program Structure

### Reservoir Characterization

- 5 Companies
- 7 Reservoirs

### New Venture Studies

- Regional Frio Study
- N. TX/Eastern Shelf exploration trend
- Bone Spring play analysis
- Woodbine exploration trend

### Unconventional Resources

- Barnett/Haynesville Shale-Gas Plays

## STARR Partnerships with Companies

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- No cost to operators
- Publication of some results

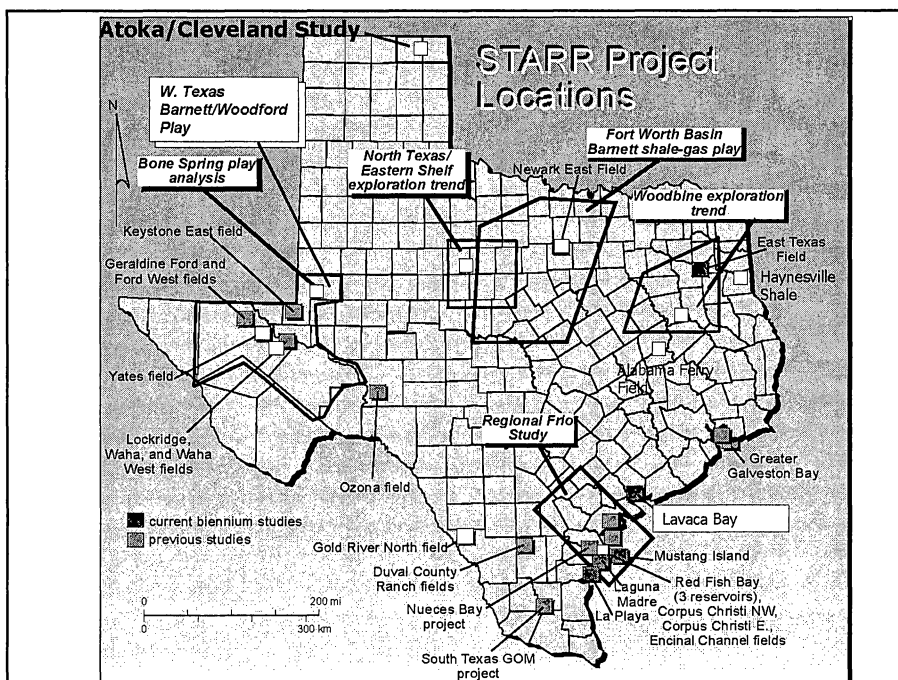
### BEG's STARR partner selection criteria:

- Potential economic value to Texas
- Operator's willingness to share data
- Operator's financial ability to drill, recomplete, and/or initiate an enhanced recovery program
- Willingness of operator to write letter describing outcome of STARR recommendations

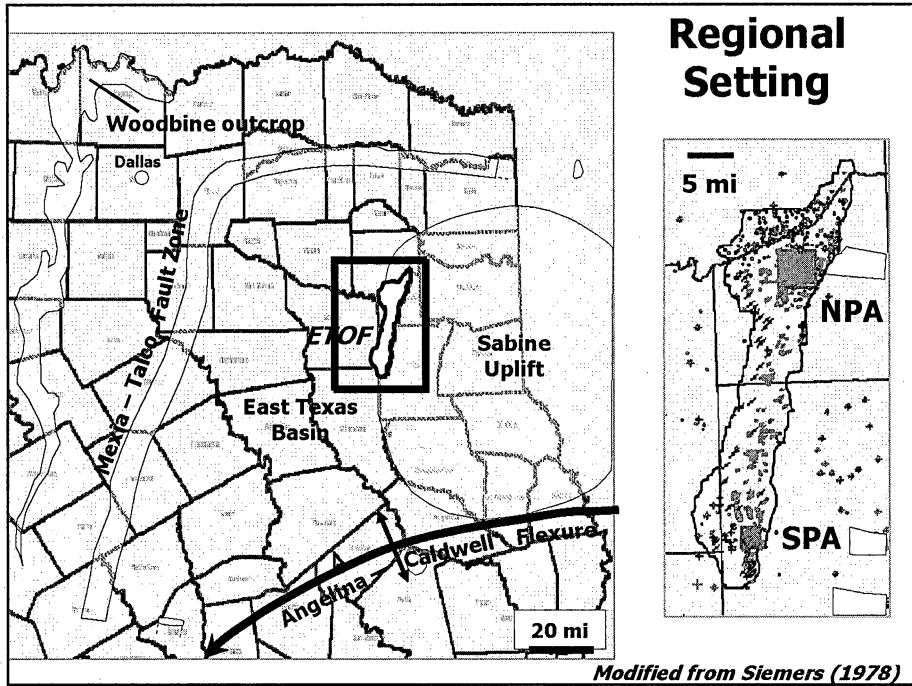
## STARR Team Members

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**Ursula Hammes, co-PI**  
**Bill Ambrose, co-PI**  
**Frank Brown (sequence stratigrapher)**  
**Florence Bonnaffe (geologist)**  
**Cari Breton (GIS)**  
**David Carr (geologist)**  
**Ray Eastwood (petrophysicist)**  
**Julia Gale (structural geologist)**  
**Tucker Hentz (geologist)**  
**Brandon Johnson (geophysicist)**  
**Lorena Moscardelli (seismic interpreter, geologist)**  
**Chris Ogiesoba (geophysicist)**  
**Fred Wang (petroleum engineer)**  
**Hongliu Zeng (geophysicist)**  
**Scott Hamlin (geologist)**

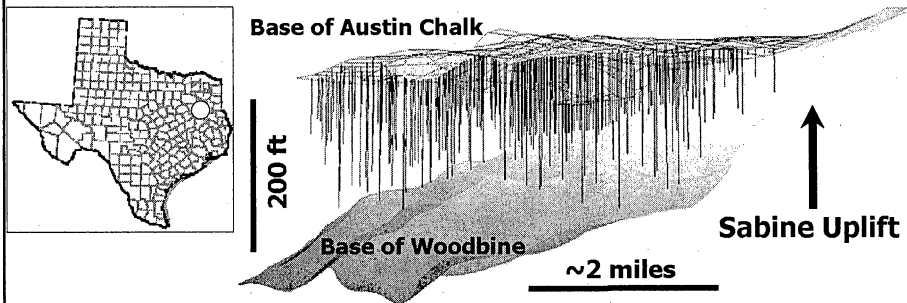




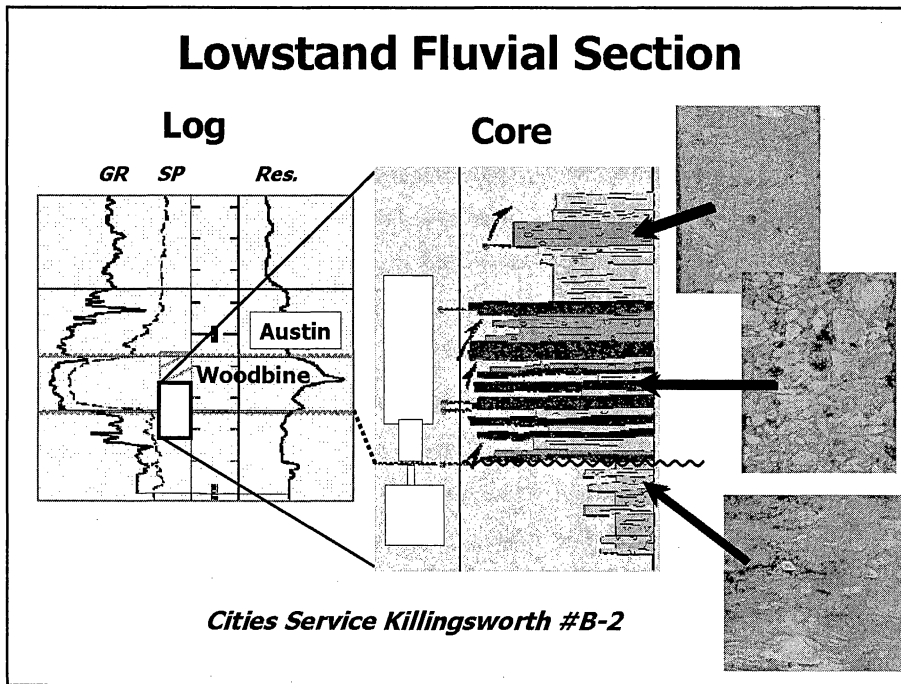


## Vital Statistics: East Texas Field

- Discovered in 1930
- Combination trap
- Strong water drive
- Depth ~3,500 ft
- ~31,000 wells
- 4.3-acre spacing
- 7.03 Bbbl oil in place
- 5.42 Bbbl produced
- 77% recovery efficiency

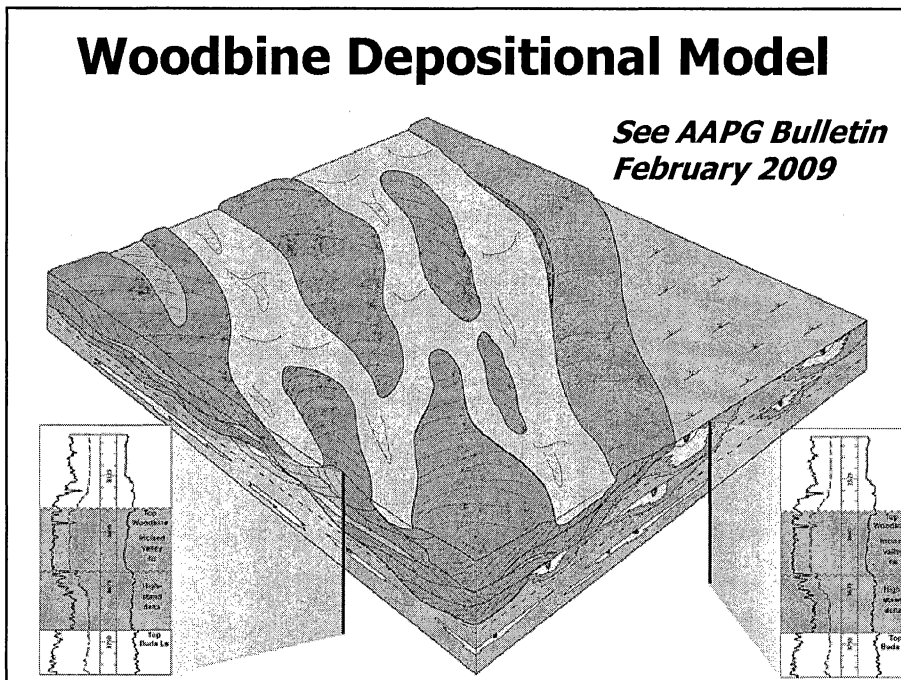


## Lowstand Fluvial Section



## Woodbine Depositional Model

*See AAPG Bulletin  
February 2009*

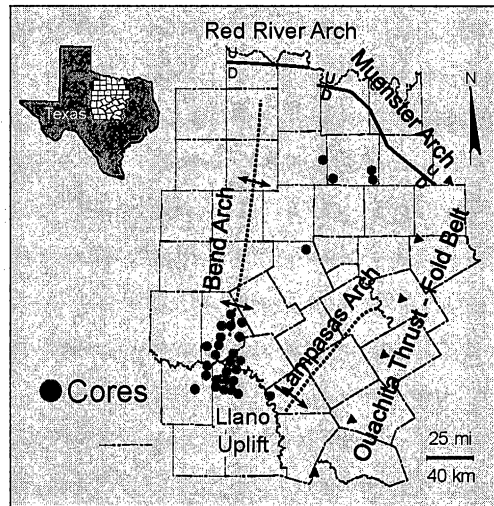




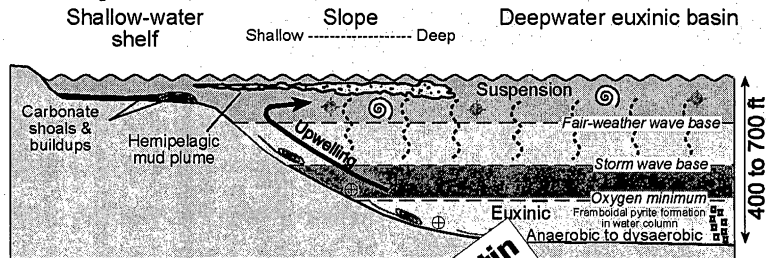
# Shale Gas Systems Barnett Formation

## Fort Worth Basin

- Tectonic elements
- Core distribution



## Depositional Model for Barnett Shale



FLORA		FAUNA	
Land plants	Algal cysts	Burrows	Rare
		Crinoids	
		Benthic foraminifera	
		Gastropods	
		Filibranch molluscs	
		Brachiopods	
		Bryozoans	
		Sponges	
		Ophiuroids	
		Agglutinate foraminifera	
		Conodonts	Nektoplanktonic
		Cephalopods	
		Radiolarians	

**Please see AAPG Bulletin  
April 2007**

Presence of these biota in a basinal setting indicates downslope transportation.

Turbidity/debris flows ⊕ Contour currents ⊙ Cephalopod ⬠ Radiolarian ■ Microfossiliferous pyrite

## **STARR Financial Model**

- **STARR Project must be revenue neutral to be re-funded by the Legislature each biennium**
- **Presently funded at \$1.5 million annually**
- **STARR return on State's investment was >6:1 in last biennium, despite stringent credit criteria**
- **Partnerships with companies are critical to program's success**
- **Remember, it's free!**

## **Agenda for today's workshop**

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### **Morning Session (8:30 a.m.-Noon)**

- **Atoka Series**  
*-Play Overview (David L. Carr)*
- **Cleveland Formation and Marmaton Group**  
*-Sequence Stratigraphy (Tucker F. Hentz)*

### **Lunch (Noon-1:00 p.m.)**

*-Optional Luncheon (Jerry Lucia, speaker)*

### **Afternoon Session (1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.)**

- **Cleveland Formation and Marmaton Group**  
*-Tidal Depositional Systems (William A. Ambrose)*  
*-Core Workshop (Carr, Hentz, Clift, Potter, Ambrose)*

## Atoka / Cleveland Team



Dave Carr



Tucker Hentz



Sigrid Clift



Bill Ambrose

## Atoka and Cleveland / Marmaton Plays

- **Atoka Series**  
*Variable rock types: limestone and shale*  
*High-TOC shales (avg. 4-6%; some >10%)*
- **Cleveland Formation and Marmaton Group**  
*Low-permeability sandstones*  
*High degree of interbedded sandstones and shales*  
*Narrow sandstone-body geometries*  
*Partitioning of sandstones in sequences*

## Databases

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### **Atoka Series**

*>500 Wells*

*Shell #1 Molesworth core – 84 ft*

*Production data from 525 vertical and 20 horizontal wells*

### **Cleveland Formation and Marmaton Group**

*>1,100 Wells*

*Cores from 7 wells*

*Production data from >900 wells*

## Production Characteristics

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### **Atoka Series**

*Main production: Thirteen Finger Ls-variable quality*

*Cumulative production in Ochiltree and Lipscomb Counties  
185 Bcf and 6.7 MMBO*

*Potential for unconventional shale-gas production*

*Some structural control on production trends*



# Production Characteristics

## Cleveland Formation and Marmaton Group

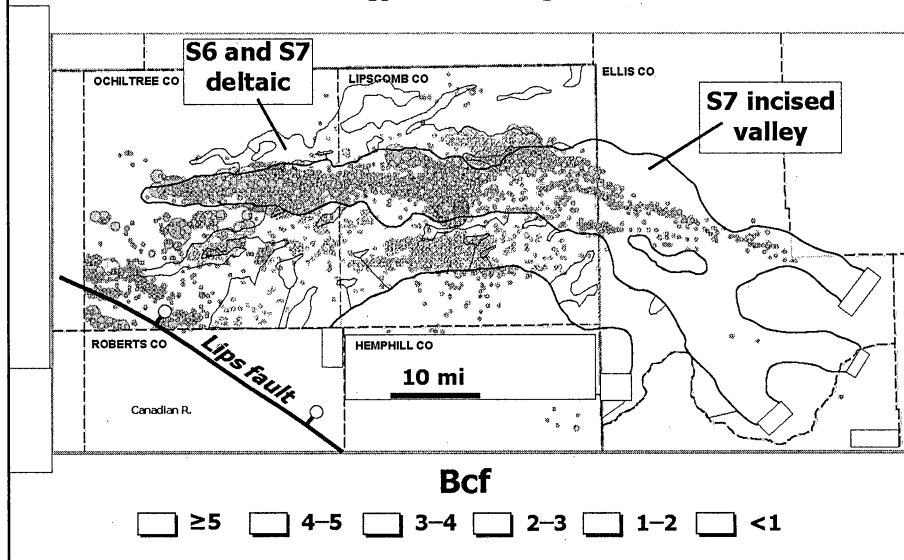
*Cleveland production trends related to lowstand sequence and structure (updip pinchout, local structures, Lips fault)*

*Low-permeability, well-cemented, heterogeneous sandstones*

*Marmaton (Hepler sand): mostly thin, locally thick, pay sandstones*

*Cumulative production (Cleveland) in Ochiltree and Lipscomb Counties 1.1 Tcf and 32.4 MMBO*

## Cumulative Cleveland Gas Production (per well)



**Questions?**

# Reconnaissance of the Atoka Group (Middle Pennsylvanian) Northwest Anadarko Basin

David L. Carr, Kitty Milliken, Laura Zahm,  
Tucker F. Hentz & William A. Ambrose

100 Years of Scientific Progress



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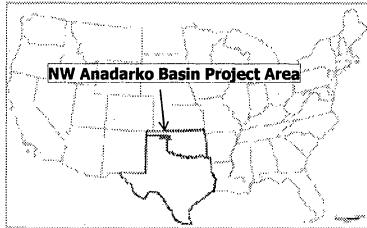
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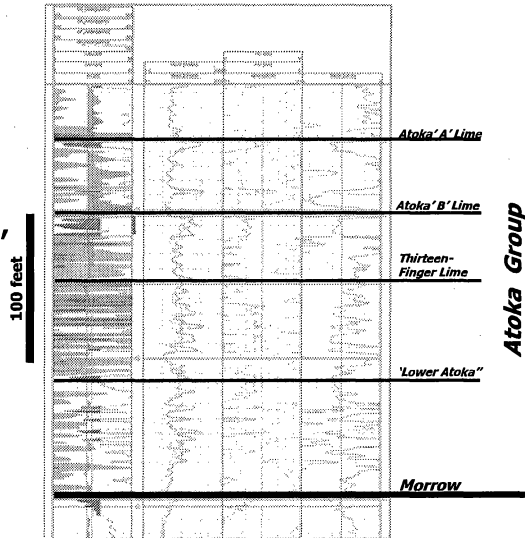
## Atoka Play: Where is it? What is it?



•Ochiltree & Lipscomb Co., TX; Ellis Co., OK

•Historically a minor secondary target

•Most vertical-well completions in Atoka 'B' Lime (aka Novi)



## Reconnaissance of Atoka Geology

Sufficient whole core data is lacking in public domain but we have nonetheless have made some progress in evaluating several areas:

- Mudrocks
- Carbonate reservoirs
- 'Tyson Sand' reservoir, Lipscomb Co.
- Depositional environments
- Sequence stratigraphy
- Relationship of systems tracts to production



## **Outline**

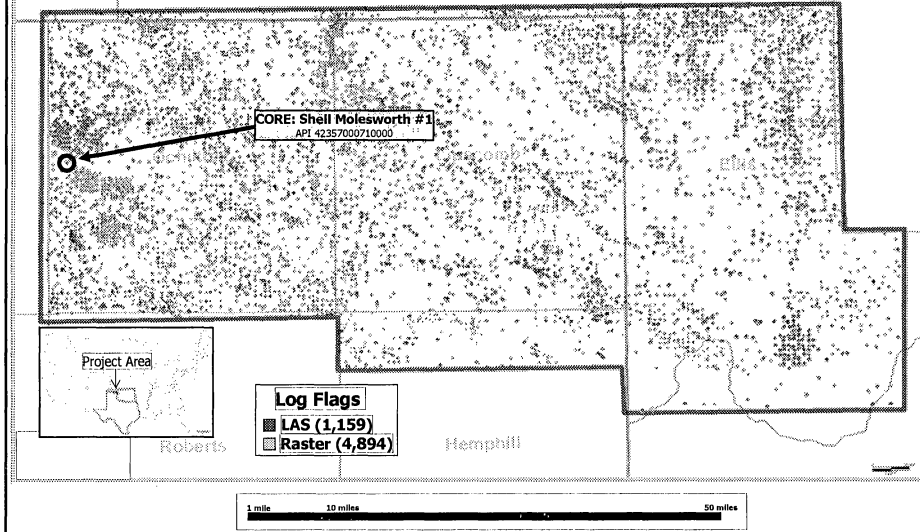
- 1. Intro: Data, Methods & Geologic Setting**
- 2. Production History & Current Activity**
- 3. Core Calibration: Shell Molesworth #1**
  1. Facies
  2. Inferred Depositional Environments
  3. Organic Richness
  4. Petrophysical Properties
- 4. Sequence Stratigraphy**
- 5. Facies Mapping/Paleogeography**

## **Data Set**

- 1. Well and Production Data (courtesy Jones Energy; infilled w/IHS and DrillingInfo)**
- 2. Raster images for 3500 wells (courtesy Jones Energy)**
- 3. LAS data for 1100 wells (courtesy Chesapeake, Texas Amer. Res., Brigham Expl., Jones Energy)**
- 4. Core: Shell Molesworth #1**
  1. Visual description
  2. Thin Sections
  3. RockEval-Organic Geochemistry

# Data Distribution

7,468 Atoka penetrations in Project Area comprising Lipscomb and Ochiltree Co.'s, TX and Ellis Co., OK  
3,230 mi<sup>2</sup> (approx. 2 million acres)



## Methods

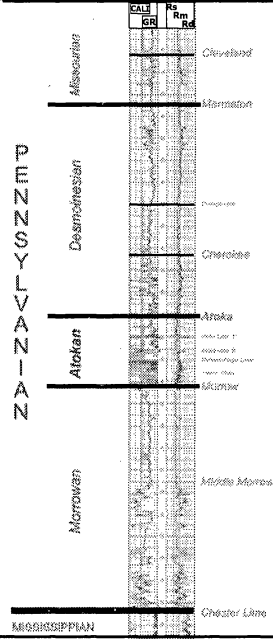
- 1. Core: Shell Molesworth #1**
  1. Visual description
  2. Thin Sections
  3. Organic Richness--RockEval
- 2. Log Analysis – tied facies to log signatures**
  1. Raster data for ~3,500 wells (courtesy Jones Energy)
  2. LAS data for 1,164 wells (courtesy Chesapeake, Texas Amer. Res., Brigham Expl., Jones Energy)
- 3. Constructed Regional cross sections:  
Sequence Stratigraphy correlations**
- 4. Mapping of facies/petrophysical properties**
- 5. Series of maps demonstrate evolution of paleogeography**

# NW Anadarko Stratigraphic Column

System	Series	Group	Formation
Pennsylvanian	MISSOURIAN	Skiatook	Kansas City
			Cleveland
	DESMOINESIAN	Marmaton	Marmaton
			Oswego
			Cherokee
	ATOKAN	Atoka	Atoka
			Thirteen-Finger Lime
	MORROWAN	Morrow	Upper Morrow
			Lower Morrow

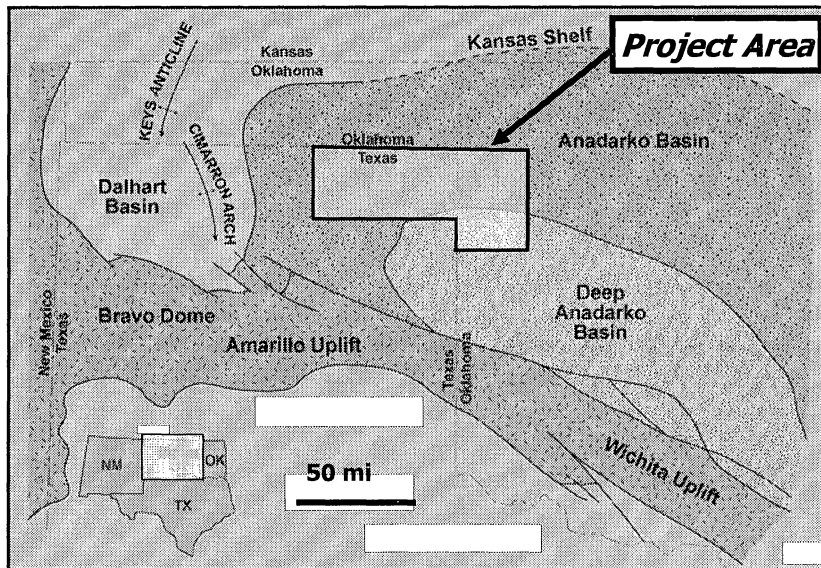
(Modified from Henry & Hester, 1995)

# Type Log

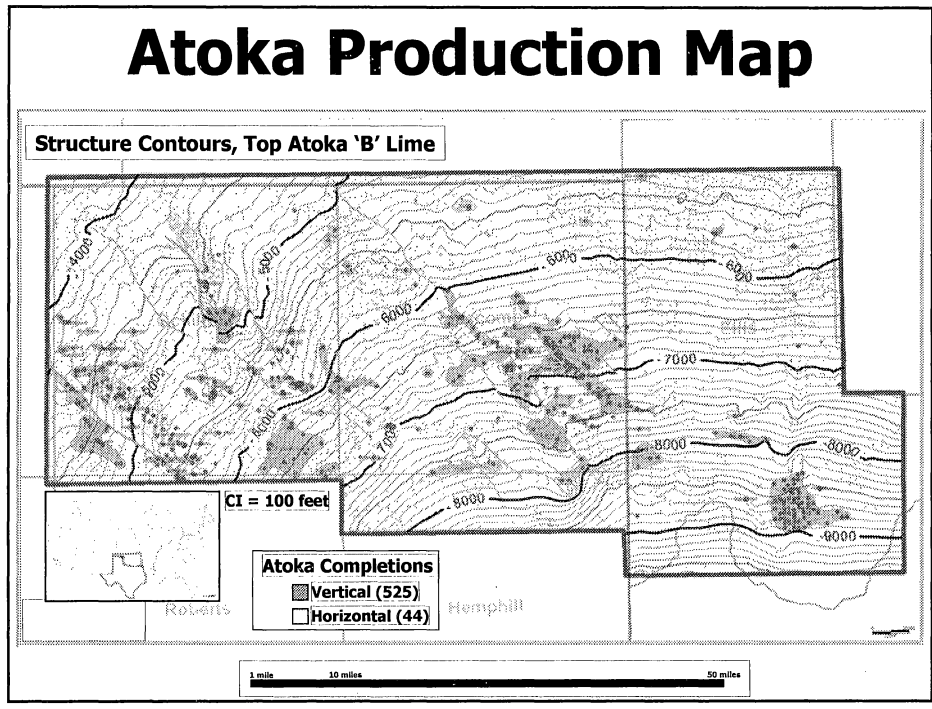


# Anadarko Basin Paleogeography

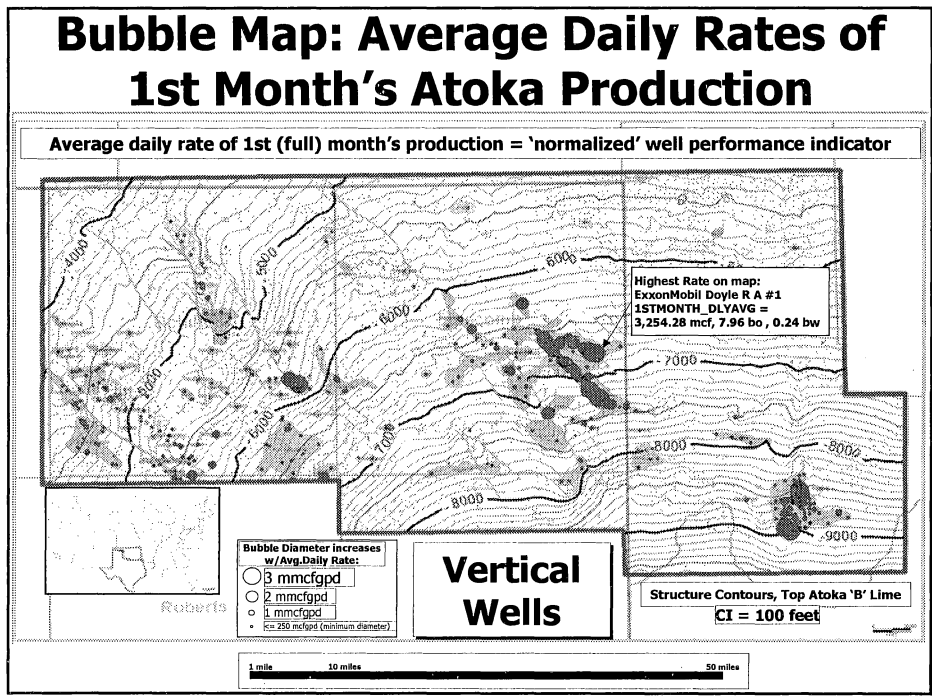
Pennsylvanian (Missourian)



# Atoka Production Map



# Bubble Map: Average Daily Rates of 1st Month's Atoka Production

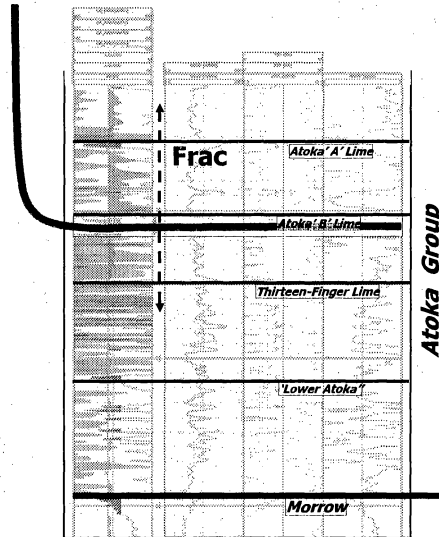




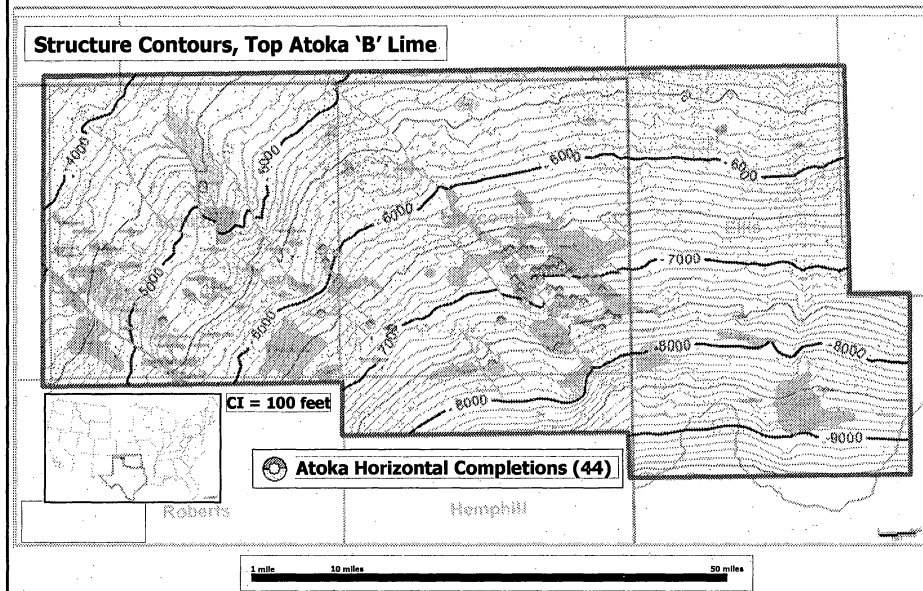
# Emerging Atoka Horizontal Lime/Shale Play

- Historically a minor secondary target
- Most vertical-well completions in Atoka 'B' Lime (aka Novi)
- Emerging horizontal/ fracture stimulation play targeting the Atoka 'B' Lime

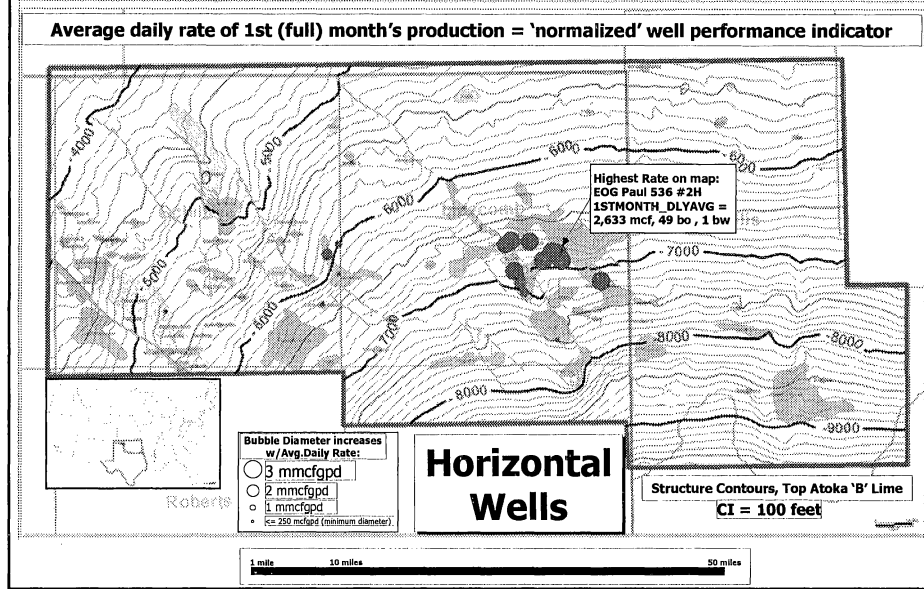
How much of this increase is the result of hydraulic fractures reaching into the adjacent organic-rich shales?



# Map of Emerging Atoka Horizontal Play



# Bubble Map: Average Daily Rates of 1st Month's Atoka Production



## Atoka Production Statistics: Vertical Wells (n = 525)

	Cumulative Production			Average Daily Rates									Days on Prod.
	GAS (mcf)	OIL (bbl)	WATER (bbl)	GAS avg rate mcf/gpd	GAS max rate mcf/gpd	GAS min rate mcf/gpd	OIL avg rate bopd	OIL max rate bopd	OIL min rate bopd	WTR avg rate bwpd	WTR max rate bwpd	WTR min rate bwpd	
sum	219,463,496	10,843,950	683,033	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,601,448
average	417,231	20,616	1,299	180.4	575.8	45.9	13.7	1,095.8	122.4	2.3	87.4	11.1	3,045
max	17,310,339	1,674,521	102,076	4,215.2	888.9	49.8	1,000.5	1,419.2	1,019.6	100.0	140.3	58.1	17,917

\*Data Sources: IHS Energy, DrillingInfo ; Lipscomb and Ochiltree Co.'s, TX, Ellis Co., OK; current to March 2009

## Atoka Production Statistics: Horizontal Wells (n = 21)

Texas County	Well	TD	Comp. Date	Cumulative Production			Average Daily Rates									Days on Prod.	
				G&G	OIL	WATER dbl	GAS avg rate mcfppd	G&G max rate mcfppd	GAS into rate mcfppd	OIL avg rate bopd	OIL max rate bopd	OIL into rate bopd	WTR avg rate bwpd	WTR max rate bwpd	WTR into rate bwpd		
LIPSCOMB	PAUL 528 #2H	10/24/06	15-Sep-06	400,264	199	7,235	3,593	4,959	5,694	3,923	0	0	46	80	0	150	
LIPSCOMB	LANDERS 522 #3H	10/00/06	5-Jan-06	315,463	74	-	2,566	4,519	689	9,899	0	0	0	0	0	153	
LIPSCOMB	APPEL 138 #0H	10/00/06	11-Jul-09	156,457	250	-	2,509	3,070	3,240	4,690	0	4	0	0	0	81	
LIPSCOMB	SANT 520 #3H	10/00/06	29-Jul-06	194,474	0	-	3,000	2,429	3,000	1,284	0	0	0	0	0	92	
LIPSCOMB	PAUL 529 #1H	11/20/07	16-Oct-07	561,838	701	7,187	5,494	4,205	720	6,734	0	0	21	61	10	83	
LIPSCOMB	PRICE TRUST 904 #0H	11/60/07	24-Sep-07	535,140	297	21,820	5,493	4,004	543	6,734	0	0	80	163	0	109	
LIPSCOMB	NEVIS 452 #3H	11/60/07	14-Dec-07	398,668	437	7,232	3,318	3,514	576	6,500	0	0	25	51	11	105	
LIPSCOMB	BEARD 809 #2H	11/20/07	30-Mar-07	403,924	461	3,008	3,007	3,190	340	6,400	0	0	14	26	0	100	
LIPSCOMB	PRICE TRUST 904 #3H	11/00/07	13-Mar-07	877,960	13,600	16,798	3,051	2,440	771	8,610	139	33	90	89	10	109	
LIPSCOMB	BUCHER 429 #1H	11/23/07	5-Sep-07	316,153	110	761	786	1,869	269	6,511	0	0	4	6	0	97	
OCHILTREE	DANIEL 530 #2H	10/00/06	30-Apr-06	116,853	710	5,233	784	1,141	248	4,698	0	0	34	51	11	183	
LIPSCOMB	JAMES ROLAND WHEAT 1 #2H	11/21/08	11-Mar-08	116,467	0	4,068	813	873	390	8,280	0	0	32	37	18	184	
LIPSCOMB	NEVIS 454 #2	11/00/06	12-Sep-07	363,857	63	-	3,200	3,200	394	1,284	0	0	0	0	0	100	
OCHILTREE	DANIEL 530 #1H	10/00/06	31-Jul-06	10,244	769	-	677	500	405	17,100	0	0	0	0	0	52	
LIPSCOMB	BEARD 809 #1H	10/00/06	28-Apr-06	205,307	74	-	303	926	111	6,220	0	0	0	0	0	116	
OCHILTREE	BURBAN ROBERT H 109 #2H	12/20/07	21-Dec-07	73,169	2,369	2,860	277	476	78	9,300	23	1	11	27	0	125	
OCHILTREE	LOCKWOOD 171 #2H	10/24/06	22-Jan-06	117,222	1,133	2,805	192	513	26	8,100	0	0	1	1	0	133	
LIPSCOMB	JONES TRUST 169 #2H	11/01/09	14-Sep-09	50,856	187	-	140	142	26	6,300	0	0	1	3	0	89	
OCHILTREE	WALLVILLE 321 #1H	11/00/06	19-Jan-07	34,276	3,209	1,084	40	127	0	6,650	0	0	2	0	0	89	
LIPSCOMB	DOONEY #997 #2H	8/29/06	24-Oct-06	4,281	850	224	5	6	0	1,000	0	0	1	0	0	89	
ROBERTS	COURSON RANDY 136 #13H	8/17/06	15-Nov-06	160	0	-	0	0	0	1,700	0	0	0	0	0	100	
				sum	5,860,816	32,039	75,424	64	76	76	4.2	10.7	21	19.1	23.0	329	
				avg	279,091	1,526	3,592	3,050	3,642.0	317.9	28.9	119.1	25.3	89.5	103.2	27.8	150
				max	150	0	0	1.4	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100

**Average Gas Rates indicate a 5-fold increase for horizontal completions**

\*Data Sources: IHS Energy, DrillingInfo ; Lipscomb and Ochiltree Co.'s, TX; current to March 2009

## Atoka Production Statistics:\* Vertical - Horizontal Well Comparison

	n, # wells	Cumulative Production*			Per Well Averages*				Avg. Daily Rates		
		Gas (Bcft)	Oil (MMBO)	Wtr (MMBW)	Cum. Gas (MMcft)	Cum. Oil (MBO)	Cum. Wtr (MBW)	Days on Prod.	Gas (Mcft)	Oil (BOPD)	Wtr (BWPD)
<b>Vertical</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>219.4</b>	<b>10.80</b>	<b>0.68</b>	<b>417.2</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>3,045</b>	<b>180.4</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>2.3</b>
<b>Horizontal</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>949.9</b>	<b>1.6</b>		<b>382</b>	<b>949.9</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>19.1</b>

\*Data Sources: IHS Energy, DrillingInfo ; Lipscomb and Ochiltree Co.'s, TX, Ellis Co., OK; current to March 2009

## Atoka IP Statistics\*

V E R T I C A L		IP GAS mcfcpd	IP OIL bopd	IP WTR bowd	IP BHP psi	IP BHT °F	Average Perf Depth (MD, ft)
	<i>average</i>	783	45	4	1,626	193	9,282
	<i>min</i>	0	0	0	61	139	7,587
	<i>max</i>	22,000	818	145	4,562	257	13,475
	<i>average</i>	2,765	28	66	1,335	168	10,638
	<i>min</i>	22	1	0	389	114	9,811
	<i>max</i>	7,036	128	360	3,559	255	11,528
HORIZONTAL		IP GAS mcfcpd	IP OIL bopd	IP WTR bowd	IP BHP psi	IP BHT °F	Average Perf Depth (MD, ft)

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## Atoka IP Statistics\* Comparison of Vertical vs. Horizontal Wells

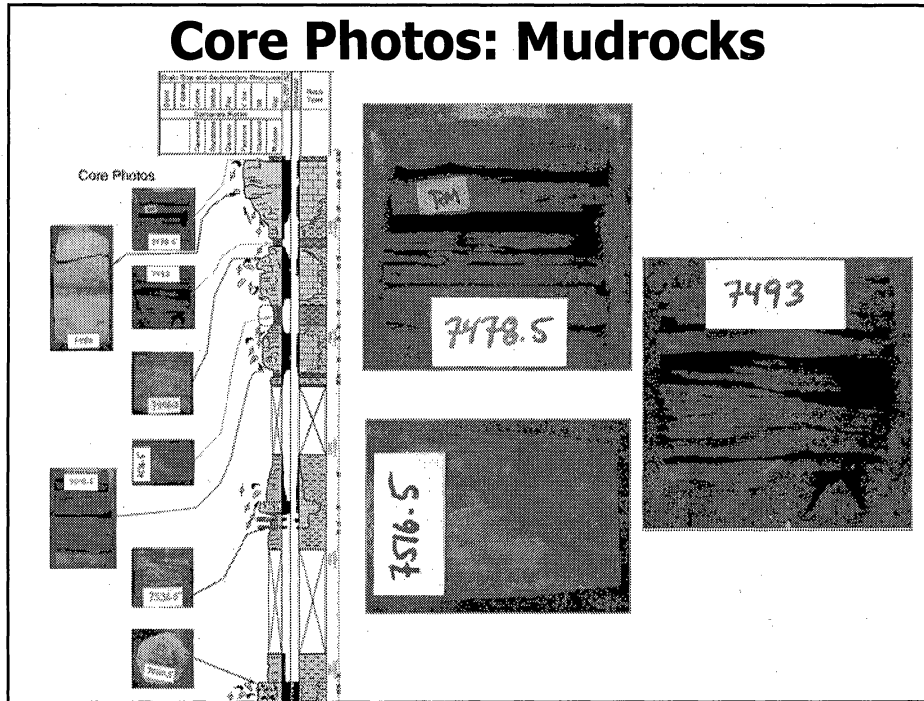
VERTICAL	Initial Potential Tests		IP GAS mcfcpd	IP OIL bopd	IP WTR bowd	IP BHP psi	IP BHT °F	Average Perf Depth (MD, ft)
	<i>average</i>	783.2	45.4	4.1	1,625.7	193.1	9,281.6	
	<i>min</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	61.0	139.0	7,587.0	
	<i>max</i>	22,000.0	818.0	145.0	4,562.0	257.0	13,475.0	
	Horizontal Well	IP GAS mcfcpd	IP OIL bopd	IP WTR bowd	IP BHP psi	IP BHT °F	Average Perf Depth (MD, ft)	
	PRICE TRUST 604 #2H	7036	5	360	1363	154	10534	
	PAUL 536 #2H	6502		120	1454	192	11129	
	PAUL 538 #1H	5396		81	683	181	10706	
	LANDERS 522 #9H	4755		0	1525	114	10851	
	BEARD 606 #2H	4475		43	538	168	10366	
	APPEL 436 #6H	4083		145		199	11528	
	WEIS 452 #4H	3974	8	79	3659	144	10702	
	SAINT 520 #6H	3800		148	619	174	10834	
	BUCHER 429 #1H	2652		9	2813	149	10715	
	PRICE TRUST 604 #1H	2092	128	63				
	JAMES ROLAND WHEAT 3 #2H	1989	1	70	1128	170	10942	
	HURN 355 #2H	1409	11	5		255	10356	
	JONES TRUST 189 #2H	858		5	1936	173	11012	
	DANIEL 560 #2H	1587	15	71	389	144	9909	
	DANIEL 586 #1H	619	6	30		154	10468	
	URBAN ROBERT H. 108 #2H	510	40	45				
	DICKINSON 471 #6H	458	35	14	612	169	9811	
	WALLVILLE 321 #1H	327	50	20				
	DOONEY #697-2H	22	5	5				
HORIZONTAL	<i>average</i>	2,765.5	27.6	65.7	1,334.5	168.0	10,638.5	
	<i>min</i>	22.0	1.0	0.0	389.0	114.0	9,811.0	
	<i>max</i>	7,036.0	128.0	360.0	3,559.0	255.0	11,528.0	
	Initial Potential Tests		IP GAS mcfcpd	IP OIL bopd	IP WTR bowd	IP BHP psi	IP BHT °F	Average Perf Depth (MD, ft)

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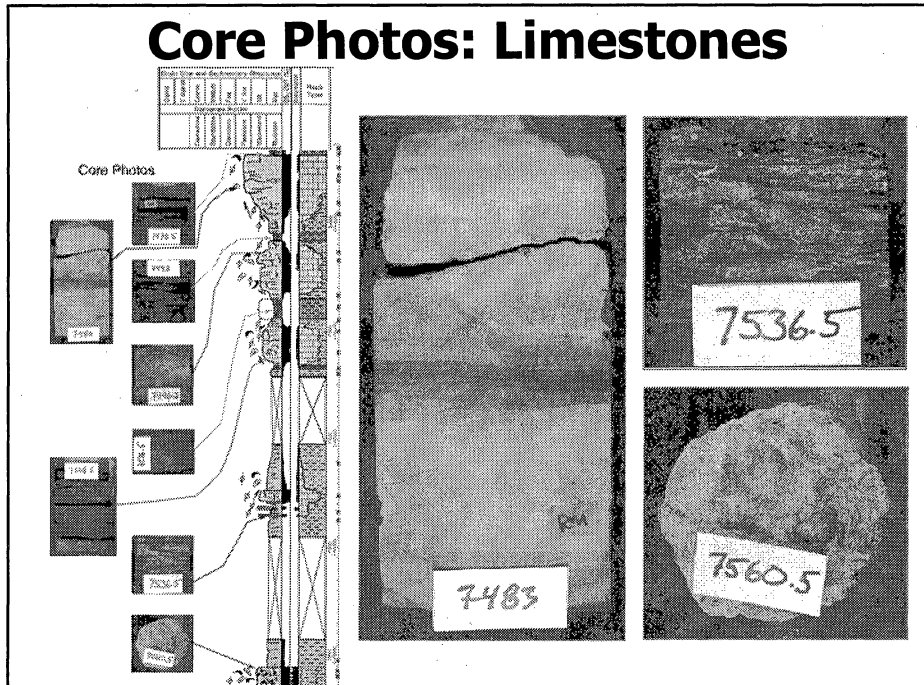




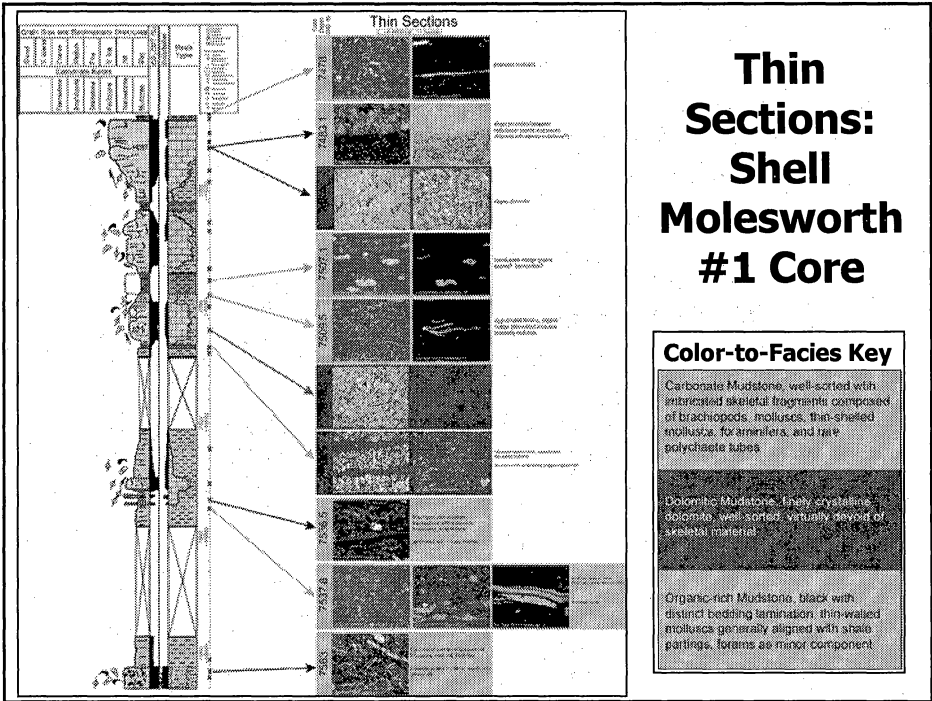
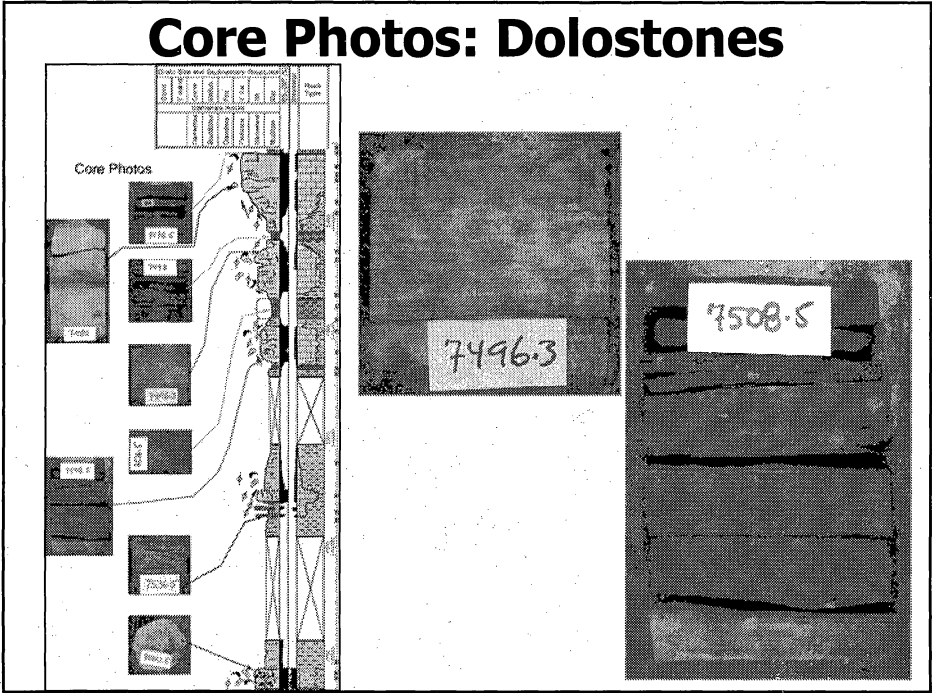
## Core Photos: Mudrocks



## Core Photos: Limestones



# Core Photos: Dolostones



# Thin Sections: Molesworth #1 Core

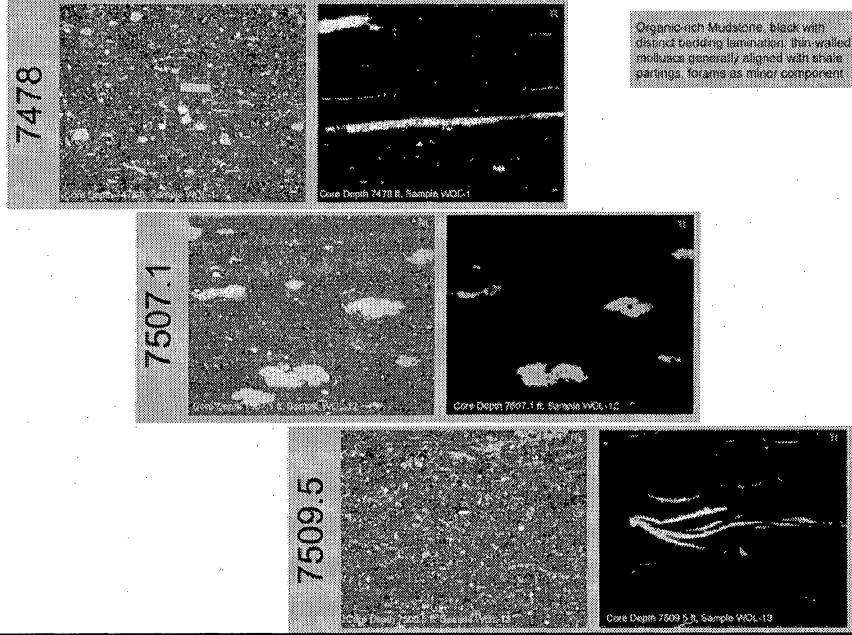
**Color-to-Facies Key**

Carbonate Mudstone, well-sorted with intricate skeletal fragments composed of brachiopods, molluscs, thin-shelled mollusks, foraminifera, and rare polychaete tubes.

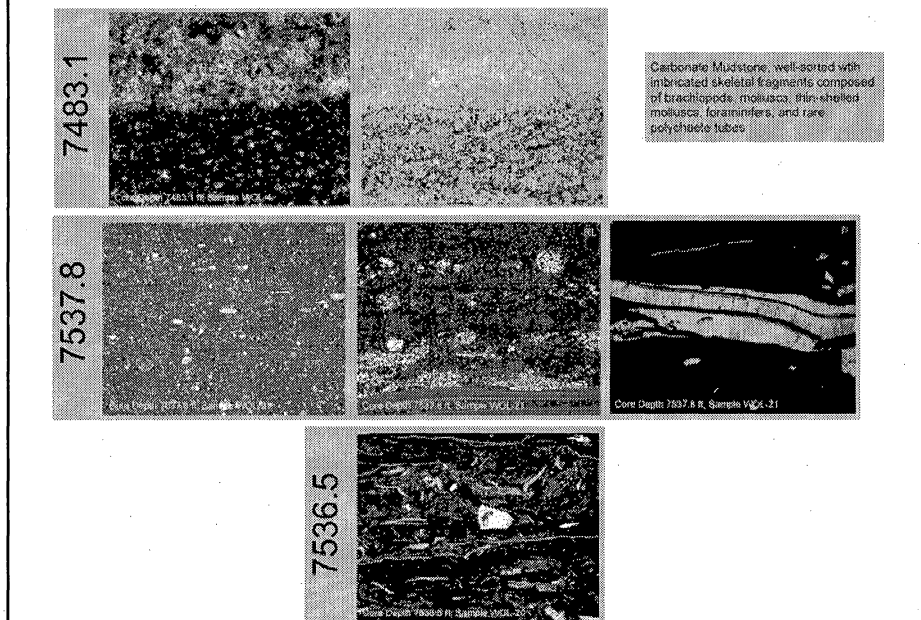
Dolomitic Mudstone, finely crystalline dolomite well-sorted, virtually devoid of skeletal material.

Organic-rich Mudstone, black with distinct bedding termination; thin-walled proflukes generally aligned with shale partings. Forams as minor component.

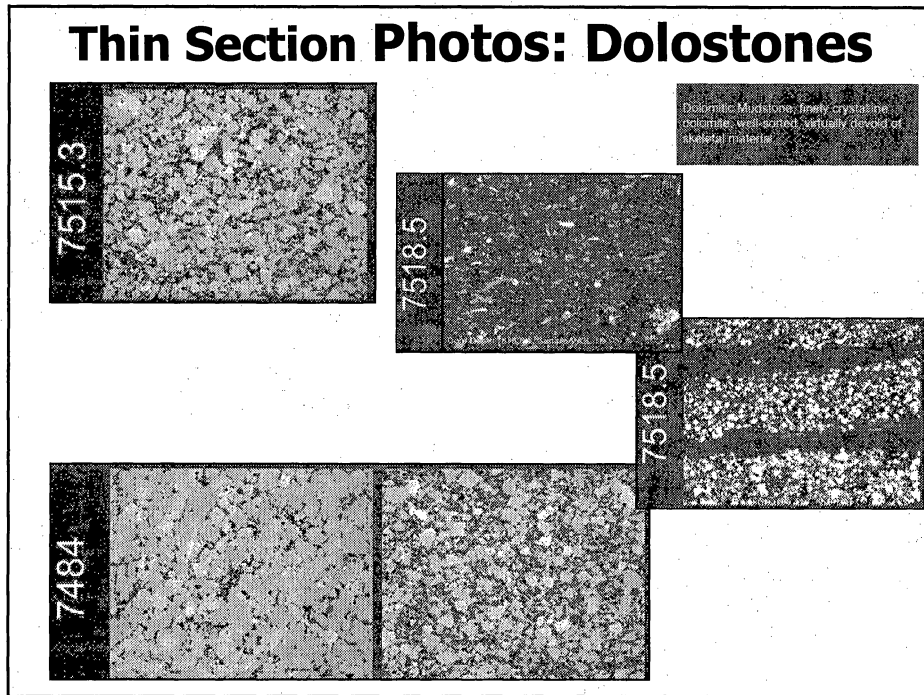
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## Interpretation of Depositional environment: Shell Molesworth #1 Core

### Deep-water environment:

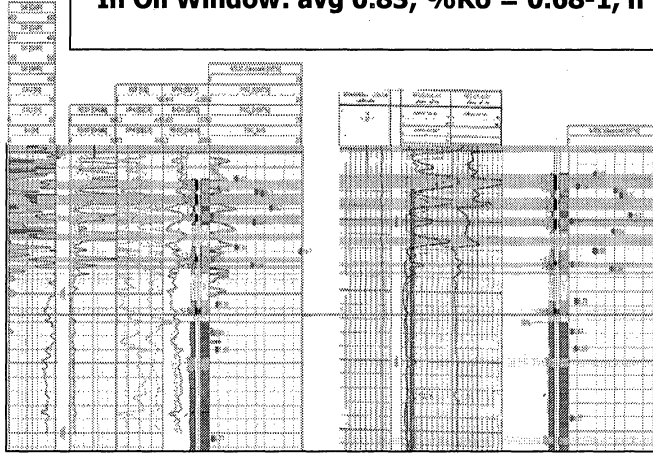
- Restricted, anoxic deep marine basin
- Interrupted by episodic transport of fine material probably by density flows
  - Most transport grains derived from basin-rimming carbonate complexes
  - Minor siliciclastic input

→ Low-order marine condensed section

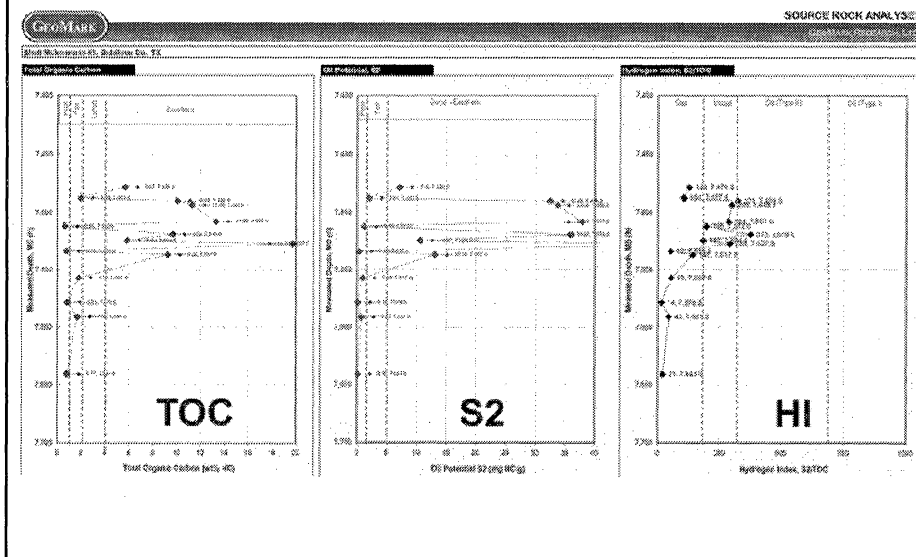
# Organic Richness: Shell Molesworth #1

## Rock Eval & Vitrinite Reflectance Results

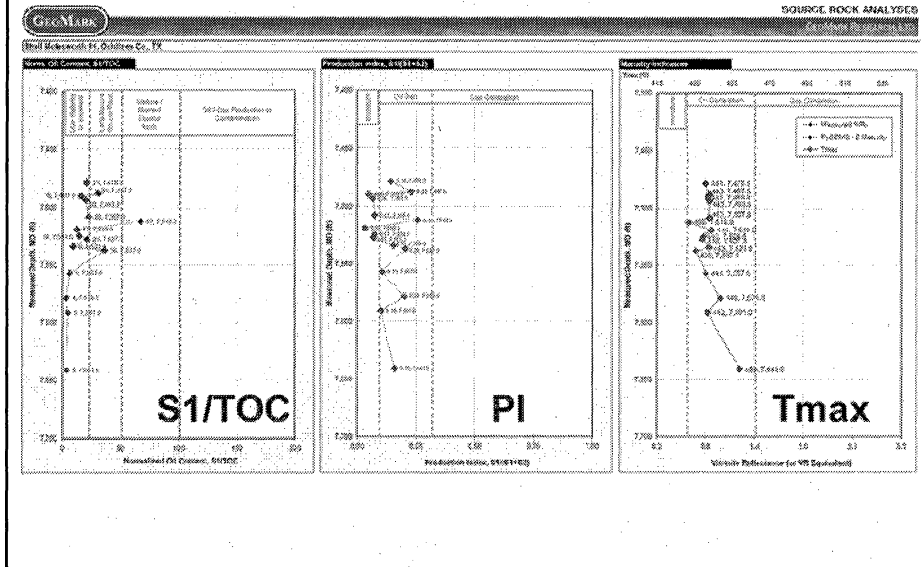
- High TOC Shales: avg 10.6%; range 5.7%-19.%, n = 8
- Type II Kerogen
- In Oil Window: avg 0.83; %Ro = 0.68-1, n = 2



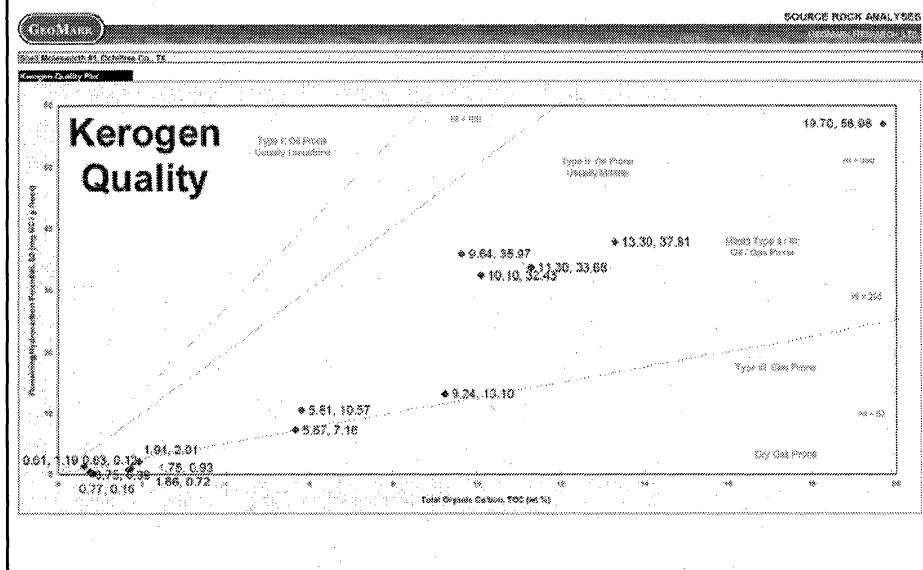
# RockEval Results 1, Shell Molesworth #1



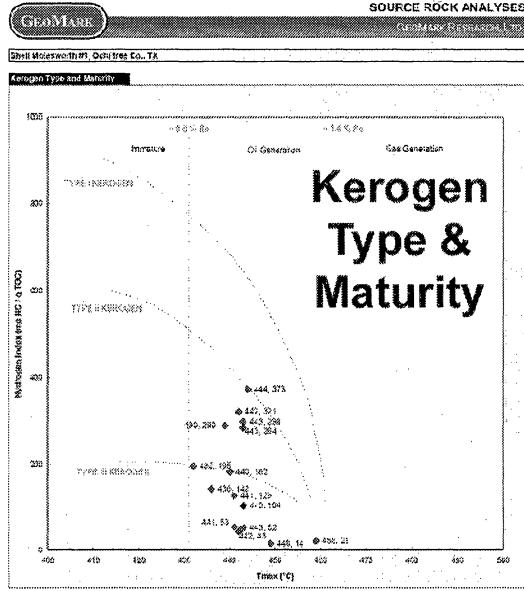
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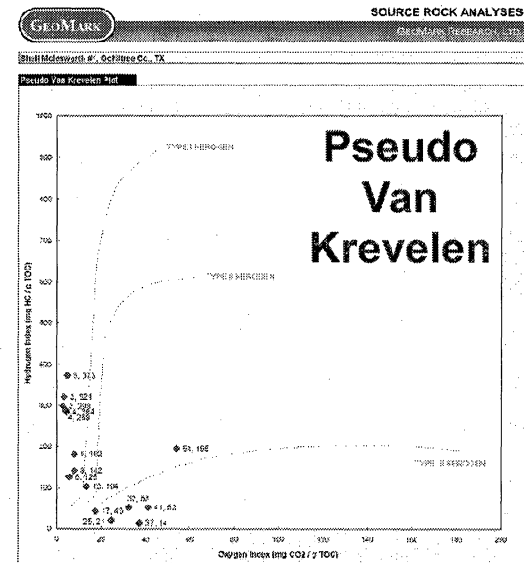
# RockEval Results 3, Shell Molesworth #1



# RockEval Results 4, Shell Molesworth #1



# RockEval Results 4, Shell Molesworth #1





# Maturity: Shell Molesworth #1

## Vitrinite Reflectance Data and Comments

Sample Depth (core, MD)	Sample Type	% Ro (Mean %)	Std. Dev.	No. of Vit. Grains (%)	No. Autoch. Vitrinite (%)	No. Alloch. Vitrinite (%)	No. Supp. Vitrinite (%)	All VRo (mean %)
7507.9	crushed	0.68	0.04	50	8	41	1	1.01
7537.0	crushed	1	0.07	29	12	11	6	1.05

% Ro = mean random vitrinite reflectance; Std. Dev. = standard deviation of Ro measurement  
 No. Autoch. Vitrinite = Number of autochthonous vitrinite (first cycle) grains measured  
 No. Alloch. Vitrinite = Number of allochthonous vitrinite (recycled) grains measured  
 No. Supp. Vitrinite = Number of suppressed vitrinite (lower VRo) grains measured  
 All VRo (mean %) = mean vitrinite reflectance of all measured vitrinite grains

## Visual Kerogen, Thermal Alteration Index, and Vitrinite Reflectance Data based on Transmitted and Reflected Light Microscopy

Sample No.	Depth (MD)	Sample Type	Visual Kerogen	Thermal Alteration Index	Vitrinite Reflectance Data
7507.9	7507.9	crushed	0.68	0.04	50
7537.0	7537.0	crushed	1	0.07	29

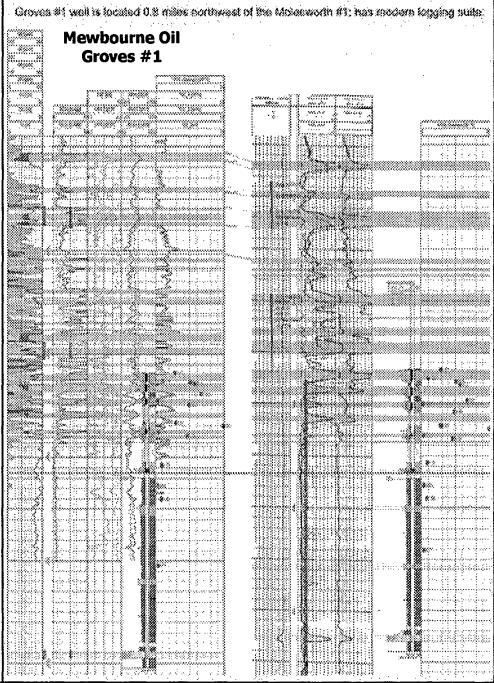
# RockEval Data, Shell Molesworth #1

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Shell Molesworth #1, Oilfield Co., TX

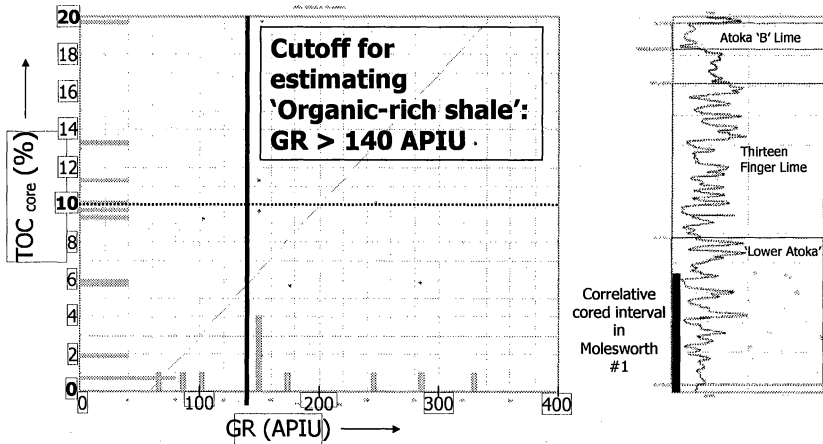
Formation	Depth (MD ft)	Lithology (DLC Inert.)	TOC (wt% HC)	Rock-Eval S1 (mg HC/g)	Rock-Eval S2 (mg HC/g)	Rock-Eval S3 (mg CO2/g)	Measured %Ro (Vitrinite Ref.)	Tmax (°C)	Hydrogen Index (S2+S3/TOC)	Oxygen Index (S3/100*TOC)	S2/S3 Conc (mg HC/mg CO2)	S1/TOC Norm. Oil Content (S1/(S1+S2))	Production index (S1/(S1+S2))
L. Aloka	7,478.3	black shale	5.87	1.15	7.18	0.82		441	125	8	22	21	3
L. Aloka	7,487.5	calcareous shale	3.94	0.85	2.01	0.28		443	104	14	8	85	3
L. Aloka	7,493.8	black shale	10.10	1.82	32.43	0.34		442	224	3	95	18	3
L. Aloka	7,493.5	black shale	1.75	2.28	33.48	0.81		445	206	3	109	29	3
L. Aloka	7,507.9	black shale	13.50	3.04	37.81	0.59	0.34	443	284	4	85	23	3
L. Aloka	7,512.0	dk gray limestone	0.61	0.11	1.19	0.33		432	195	58	8	87	3
L. Aloka	7,518.6	black shale	0.61	1.20	35.97	0.48		414	372	5	75	12	3
L. Aloka	7,528.5	black shale	5.81	3.84	10.57	0.57		440	182	8	23	14	3
L. Aloka	7,527.3	calcareous shale	19.70	1.14	58.98	0.78		439	282	4	73	21	3
L. Aloka	7,588.0	dk gray limestone	0.75	0.97	0.30	0.51		443	82	41	1	0	2
L. Aloka	7,637.0	black shale	0.24	3.37	18.10	0.73	1.00	438	142	8	18	38	3
L. Aloka	7,667.0	calcareous shale	1.75	3.15	0.50	0.57		441	53	30	2	0	3
L. Aloka	7,573.5	calcareous shale	0.88	3.03	0.12	0.81		440	14	37	0	4	3
U. Morrow	7,551.0	calcareous shale	1.09	0.98	0.22	0.20		442	43	17	2	6	3
U. Morrow	7,841.0	calcareous shale	0.77	3.03	0.18	0.12		480	21	28	1	4	3

**No Modern Logging Suite Available: Used Offset Well as Surrogate**



**Cross Plot: TOC vs. Gamma Ray**  
Surrogate offset well to Shell Molesworth #1

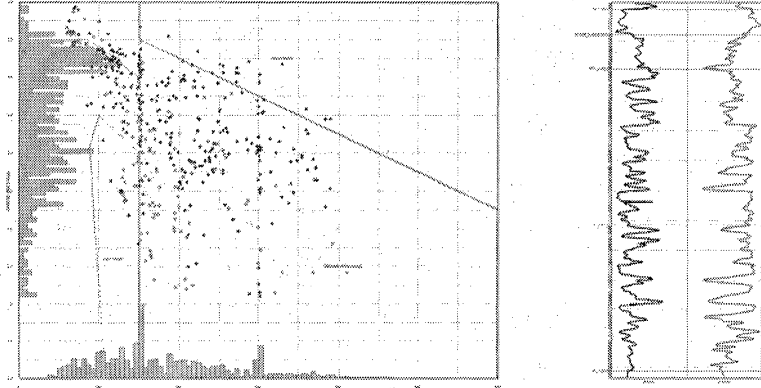
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## Cross Plot: RHOB vs. Gamma Ray

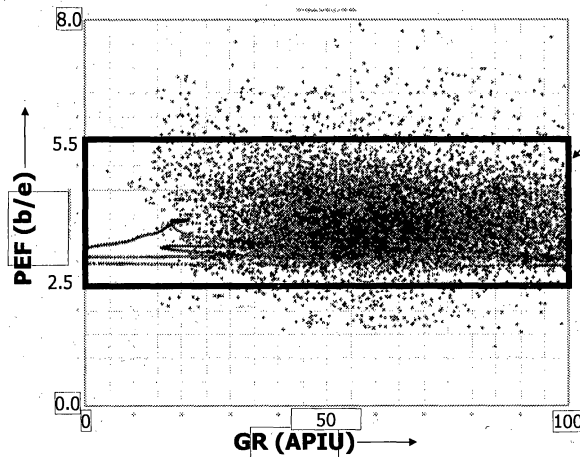
Surrogate offset well to Shell Molesworth #1

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## Cross Plot: Atoka 'B' Lime PEF vs. Gamma Ray (GR < 100 APIU)

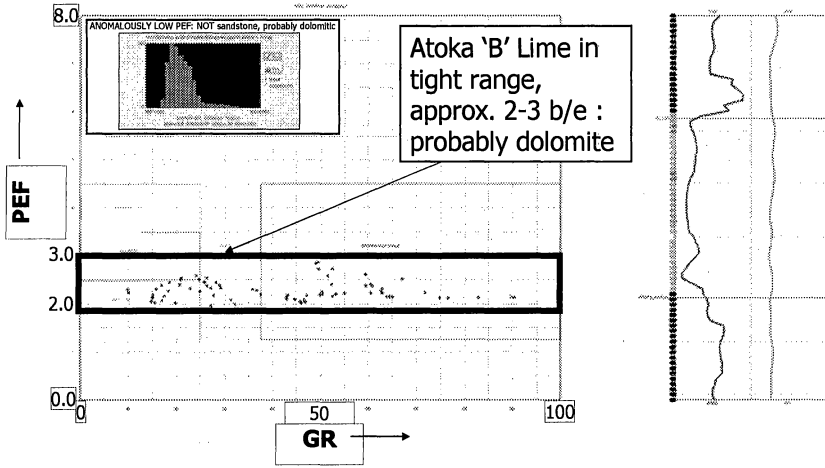
580 wells w/GR and PEF curves



Atoka 'B'  
Lime is  
mixture of  
dolomite  
and  
limestone

# Cross Plot: Atoka 'B' Lime PEF vs. Gamma Ray

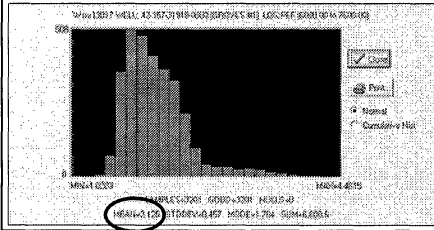
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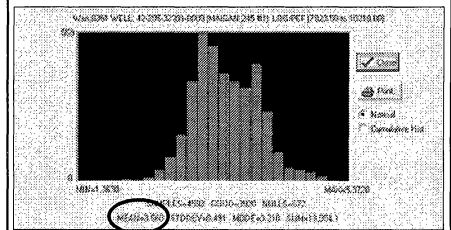
# Histogram Comparison of PEF curves

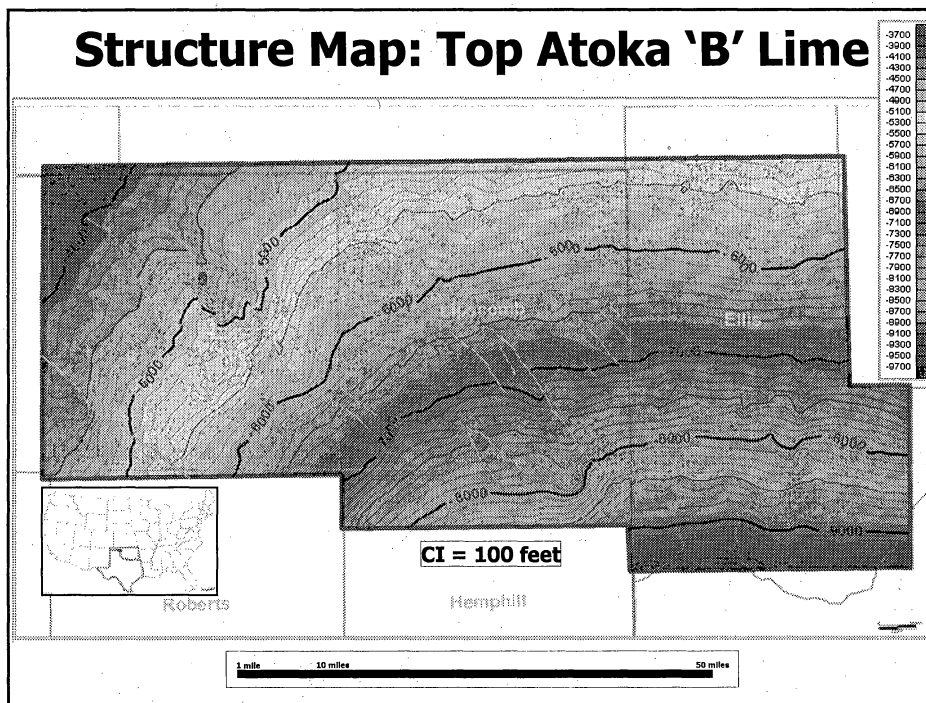
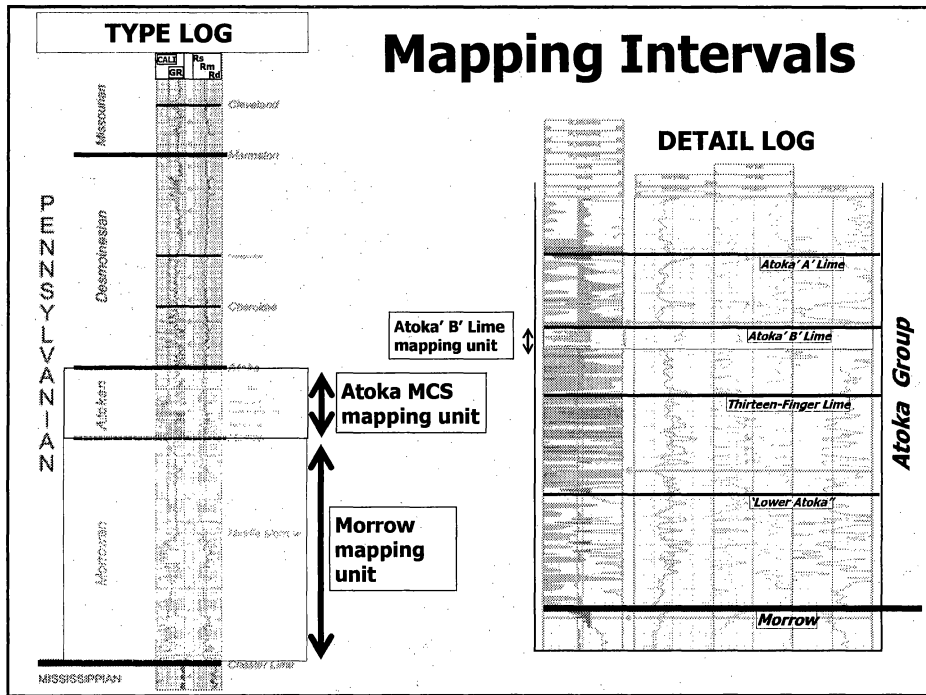
Same stratigraphic section: 200 ft above Kansas City (MFS\_8)  
and 100 ft below top Morrow (SB\_1)

PEF is anomalously low: NOT sandstone,  
probably dolomitic



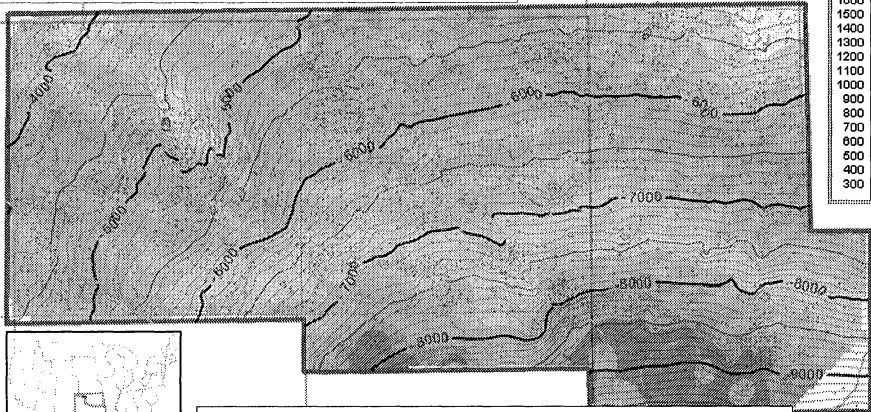
'Typical' PEF distribution:  
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# Isopach Map: Morrow Fm.

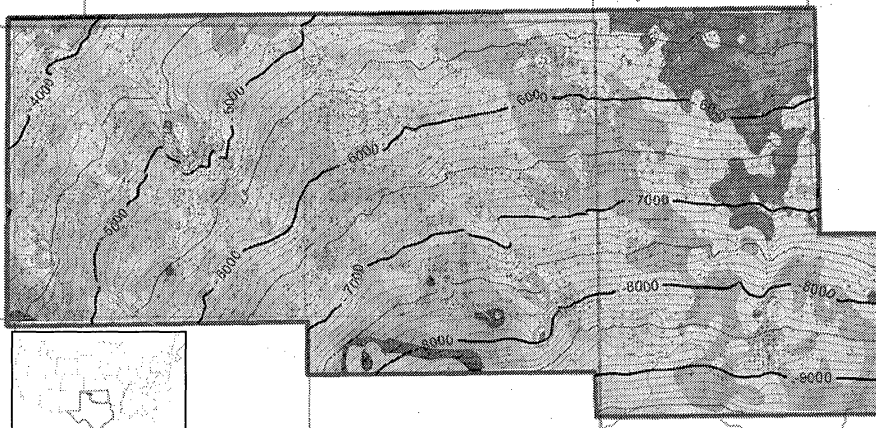
Structure Contour Overlay, Top Atoka Lime 'B'  
CI = 100 feet



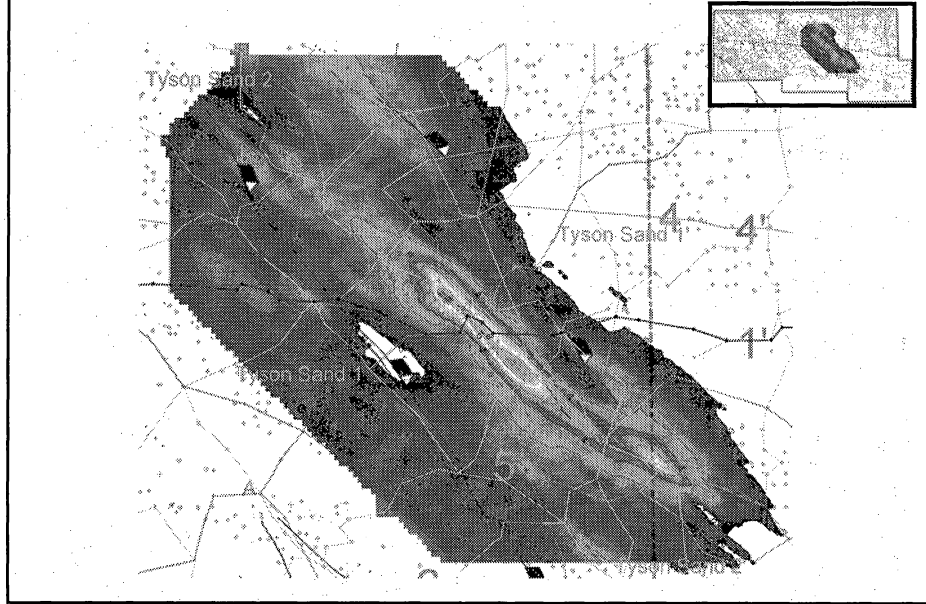
Morrow thicks ~ Atoka lows, thins ~ highs:  
Structure strongly influenced sedimentation.



# Interval Isopach Map: Atoka MCS



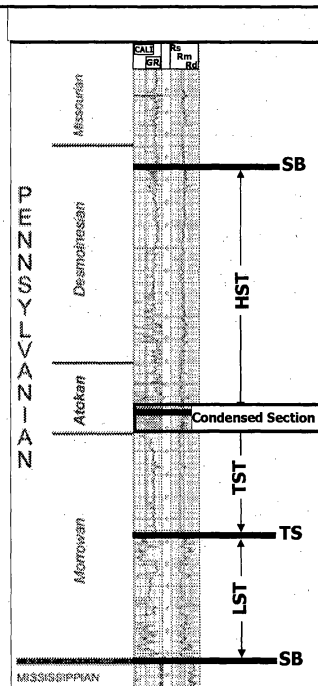
# Isopach: Tyson Sand (A\_FS\_200 to A\_ES\_200)



## Sequence Stratigraphic Interpretation

Large scale  
(2o?)

Smaller scale  
3o and higher frequency  
sequences present





## Summary

Study represents a reconnaissance of Atoka Lime/Shale geology. Need more whole cores to fully assess but, several conclusions can be made from the work thus far:

- **Activity:**
  - Historically a minor secondary target
  - Vertical-wells in locally-developed porosity in the Atoka 'B' Lime (aka Novi Lime)
  - Emerging horizontal/ fracture stimulation has thus far increased average gas production rates 5-fold. Some of this increase may be a result of hydraulic fractures reaching into the adjacent organic-rich shales.
- **Mudrocks:**
  - Highly organic-rich, fissile black shales.
  - Calcareous and fossiliferous adjacent to carbonate beds
  - Shell Molesworth #1 core
    - TOC avg 10.6%
    - Vitrinite reflectance averages 0.84 (oil window)
    - Average measured depth of 7522 ft
    - Estimate of total organic-rich shale footage in the Atoka done via 1100 wells with LAS-GR data yielded an average of 214 ft of 'hot shale' (GR > 140 APIU)
    - 'Upper Atoka' contains the most 'hot shale', averaging 56 feet
- **Carbonates:**
  - Shell Molesworth #1 'Lower Atoka' core: carbonates are deep-water limestones were formed by transport of carbonate skeletal debris
    - Very low porosities even though many were highly dolomitized
  - No core—no direct observations of Atoka 'B' Lime but have observed that:
    - Averages: isopach 11 ft thick, up to 37 ft; and averages 7% (limestone matrix) porosity
    - Highest porosities, up to 25%, are typically found in dolomitized zones
    - Thickest carbonate isopach values in present-day structural lows
      - Structure controlled local accommodation in Atoka and underlying Morrow Fm.

## Summary (cont.)

- **Depositional Environments:**
  - Deep-water basinal position at the northwestern terminus of Anadarko Basin
  - anoxic, restricted deep-basin shale deposition was interrupted by frequent pulses of carbonate sedimentation and volumetrically minor thin sandstones, via turbidites
  - Carbonate sediment sources were probably from adjacent shallow shelf/platforms along the north and north-eastern margins of the Anadarko Basin.
- **Sequence Stratigraphy:**
  - Atoka Fm. was deposited during a major global transgressive during the Middle Pennsylvanian
  - Represents a large order (2o?) marine condensed section
  - Many higher frequency cycles
  - Sequences are volumetrically dominated by HST deposits

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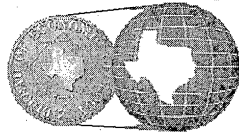
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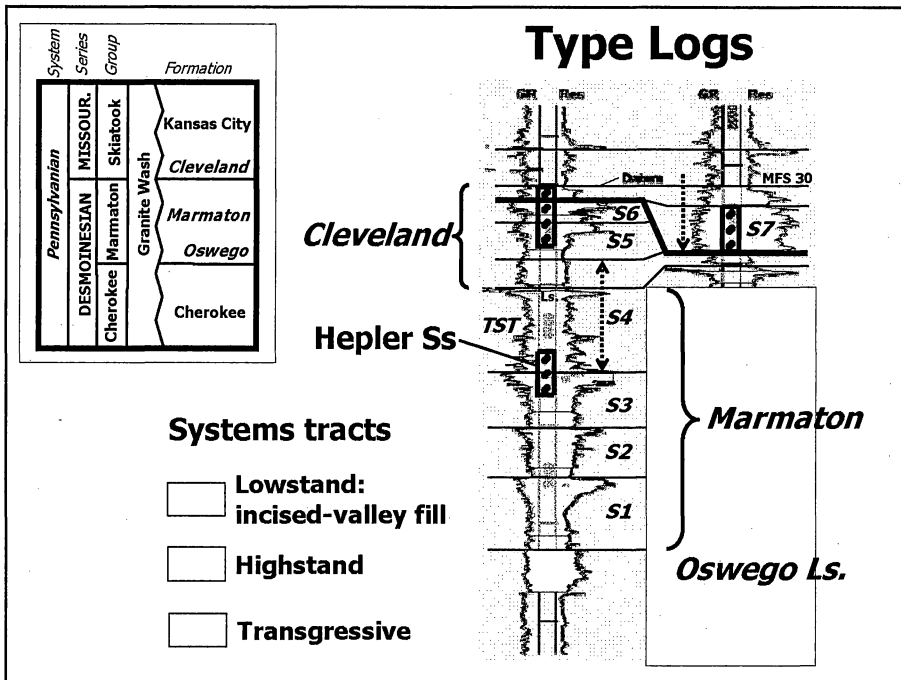
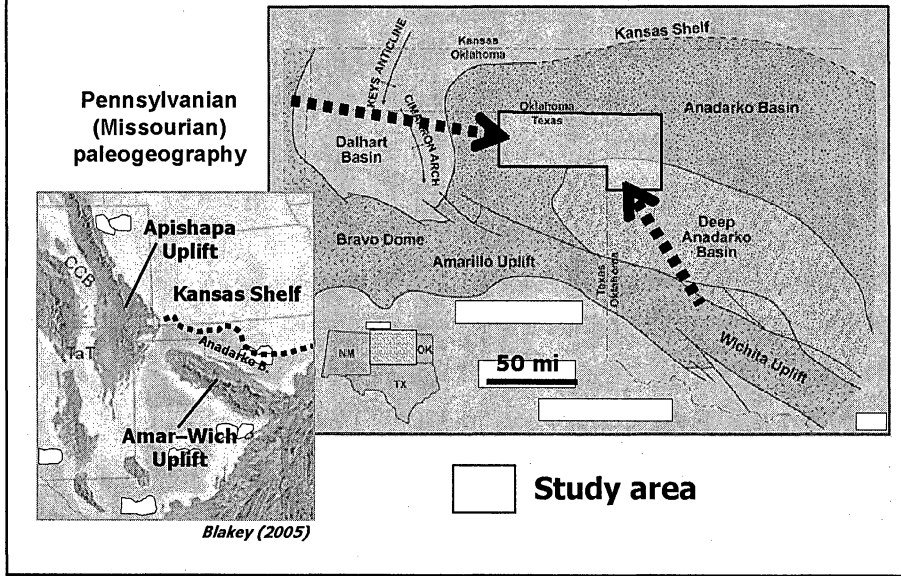


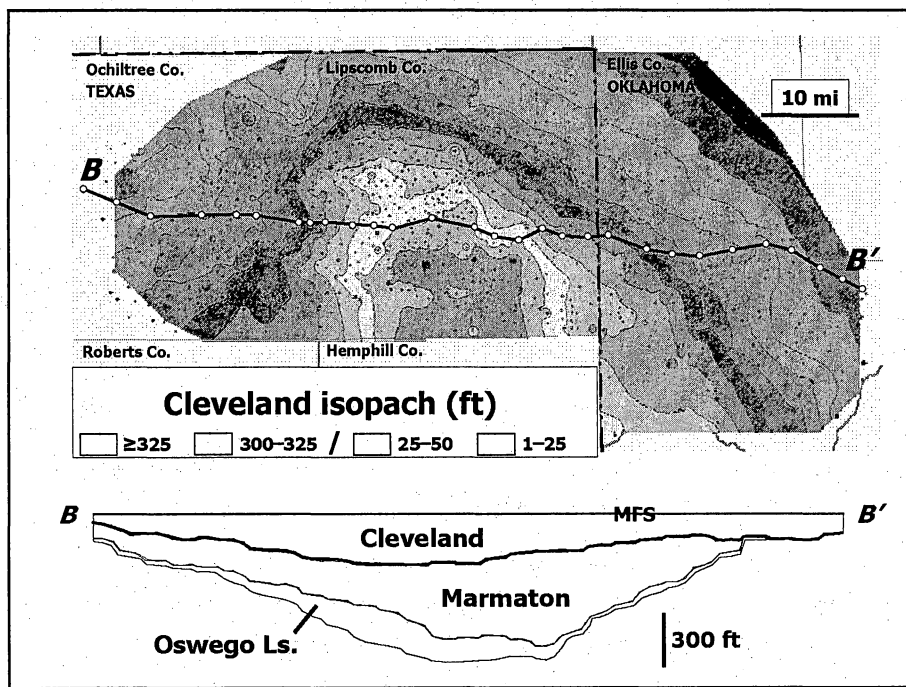
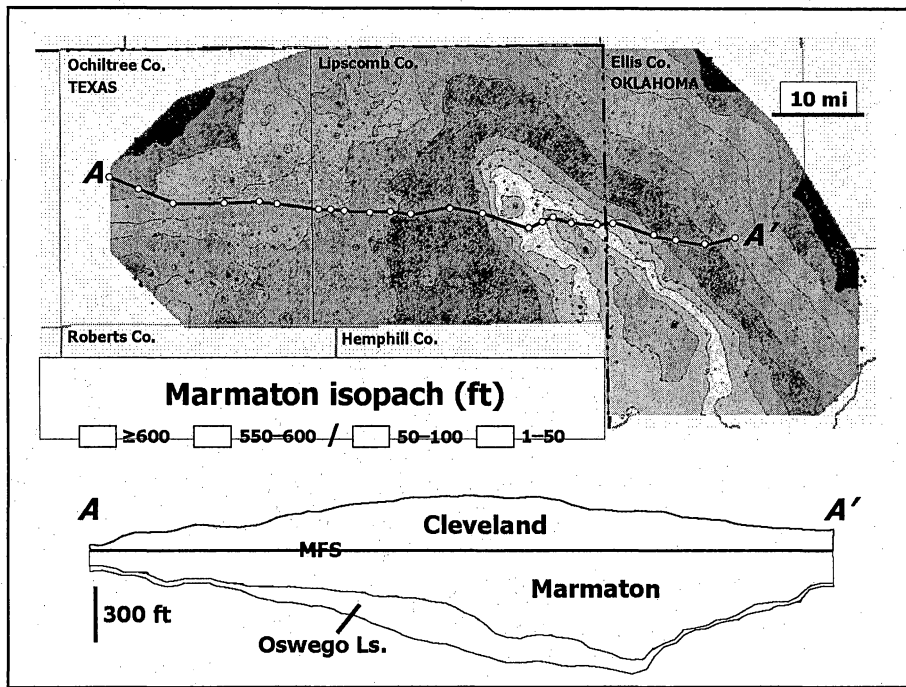
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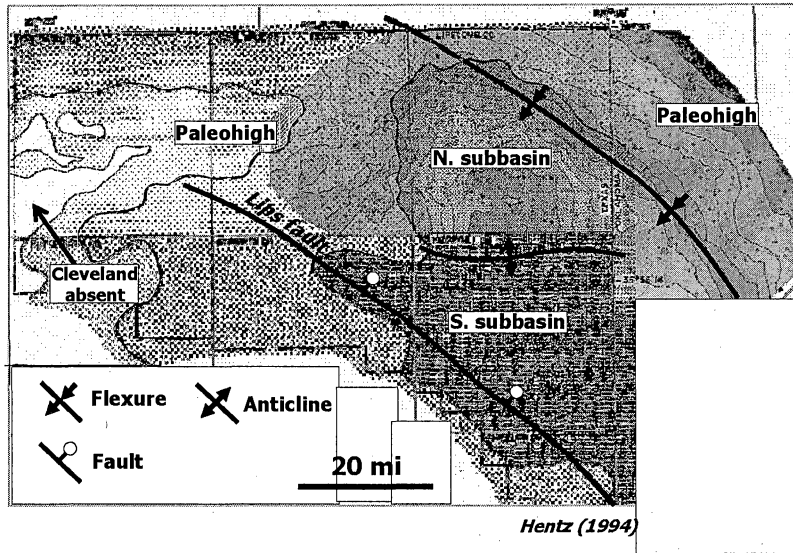
- **Sequence-stratigraphic framework of Cleveland and Marmaton reservoirs**
- **Sandstone distribution and depositional settings (1,100 well logs, 7 cores)**
- **Shelf topography**
- **Relation of systems tracts and structure to production**

# Anadarko Basin and Source Areas

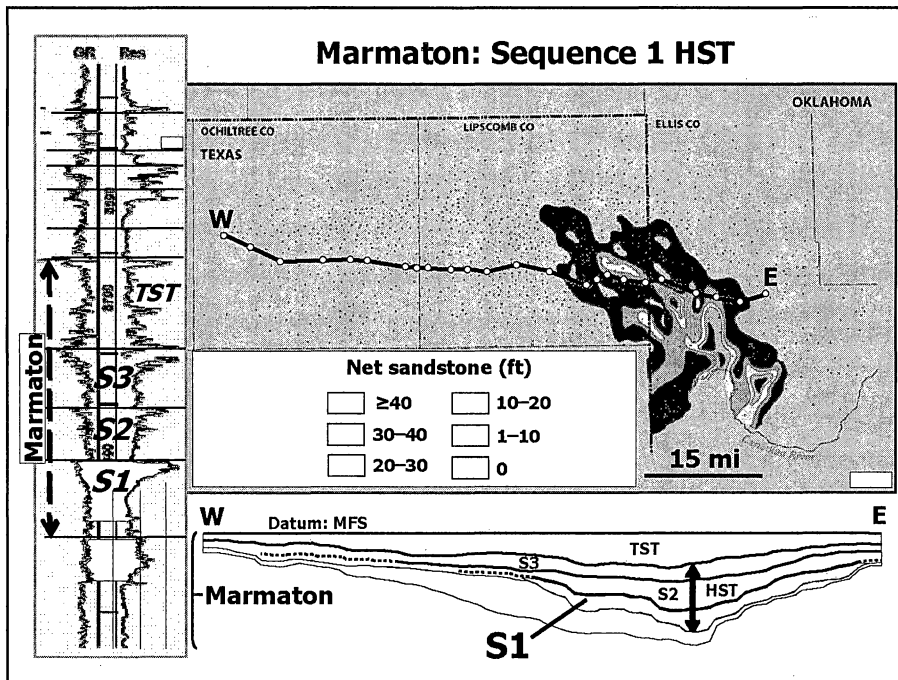


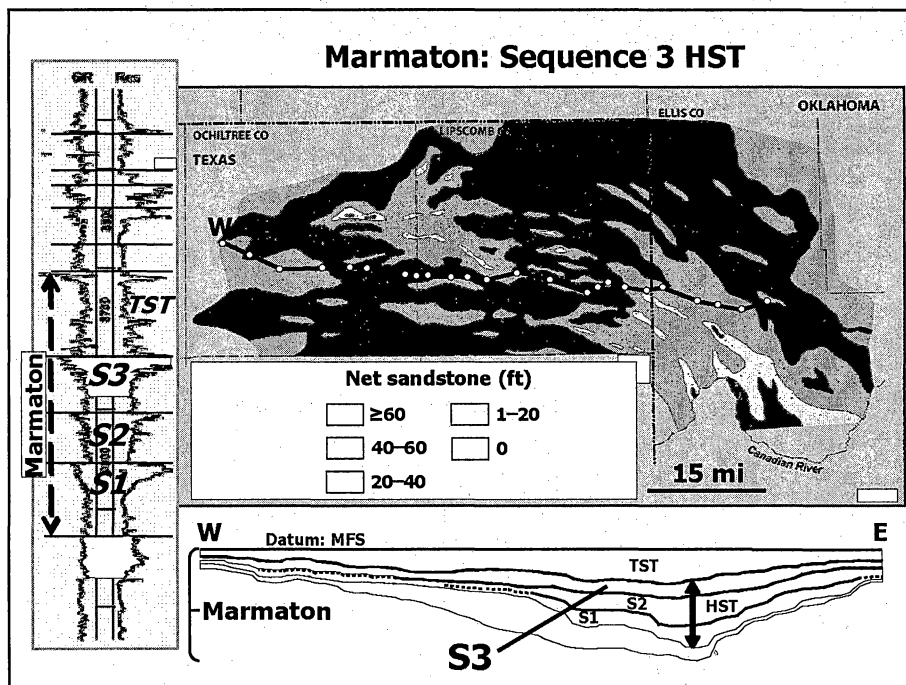
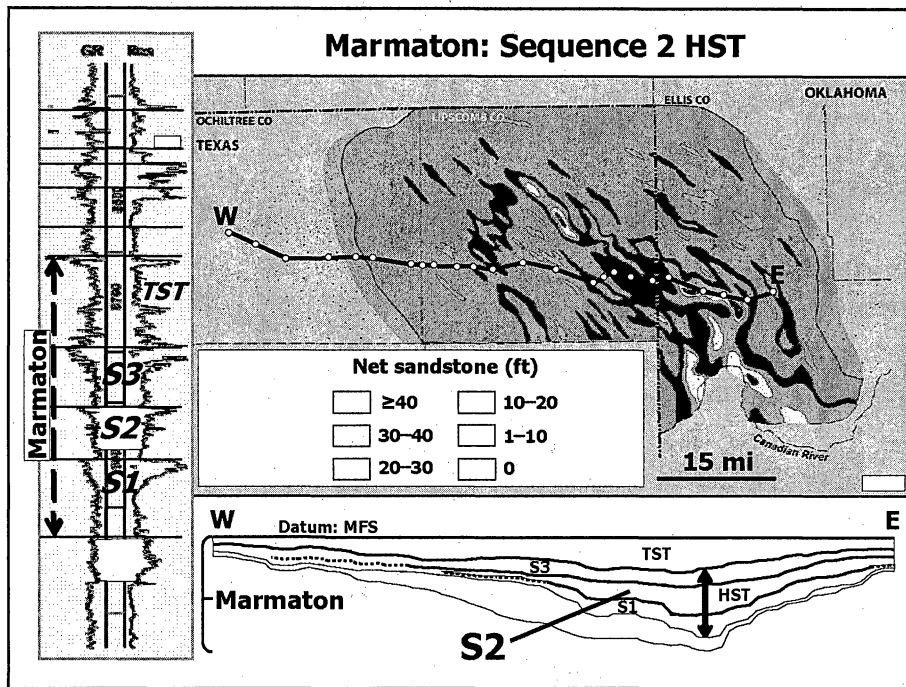


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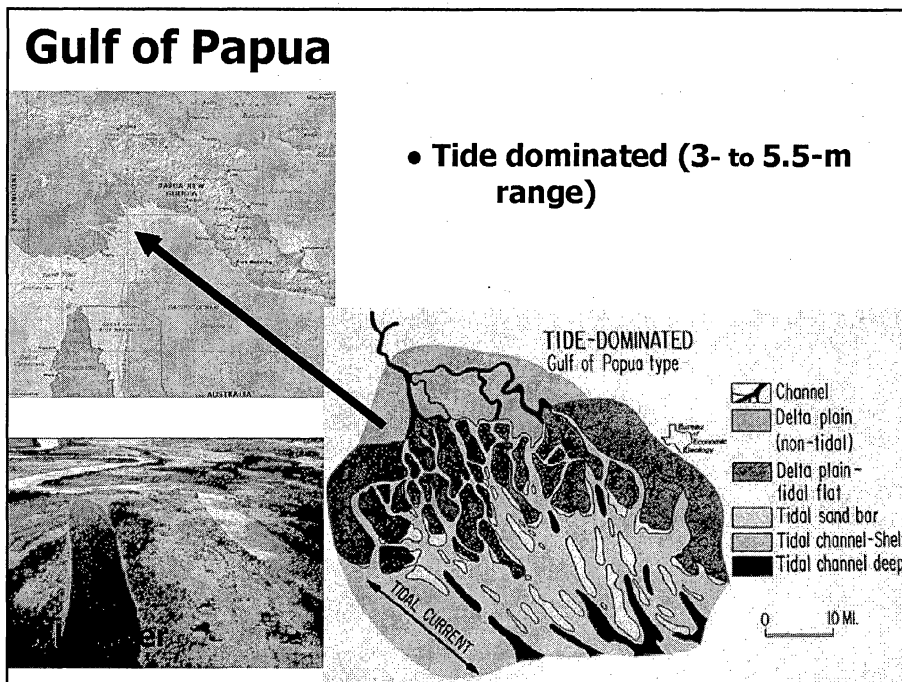
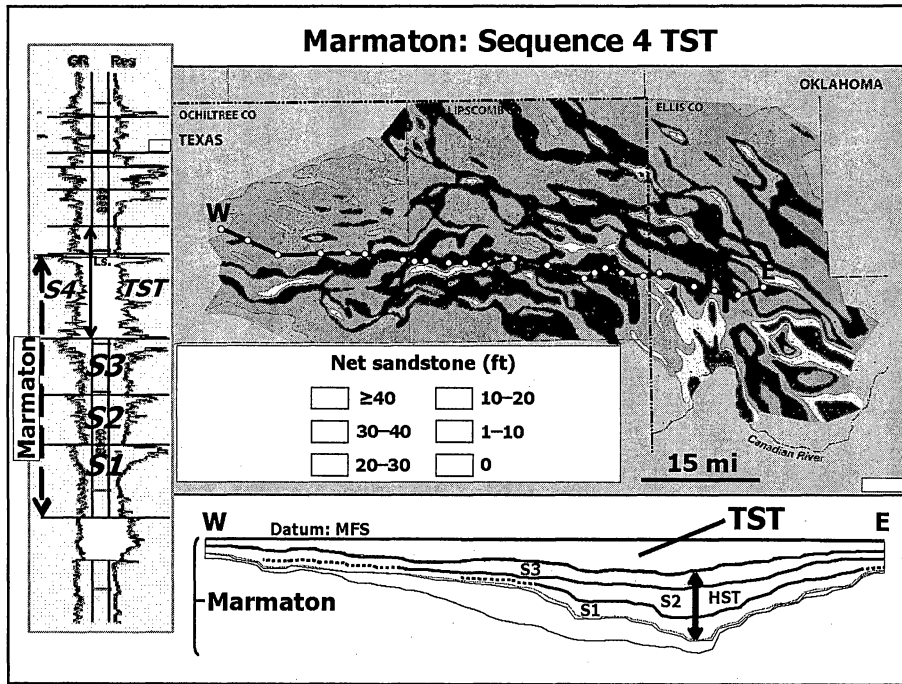


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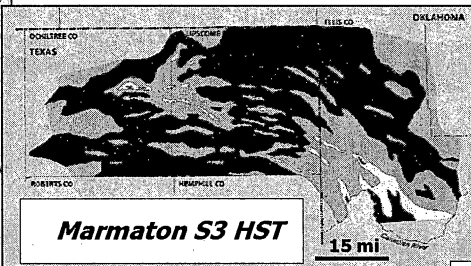
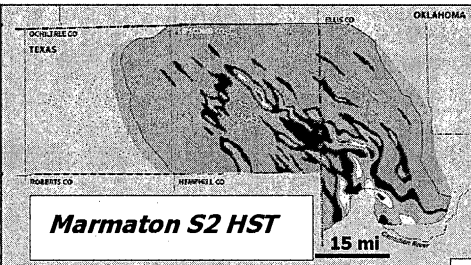
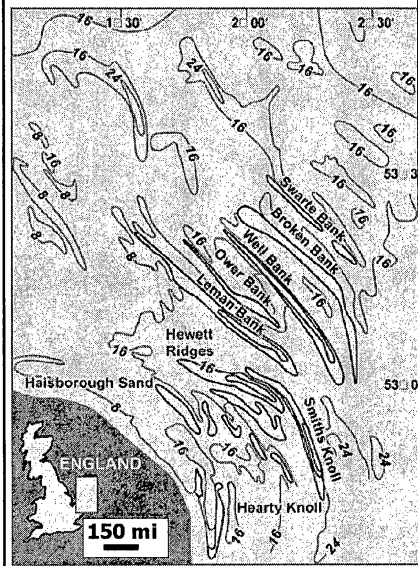






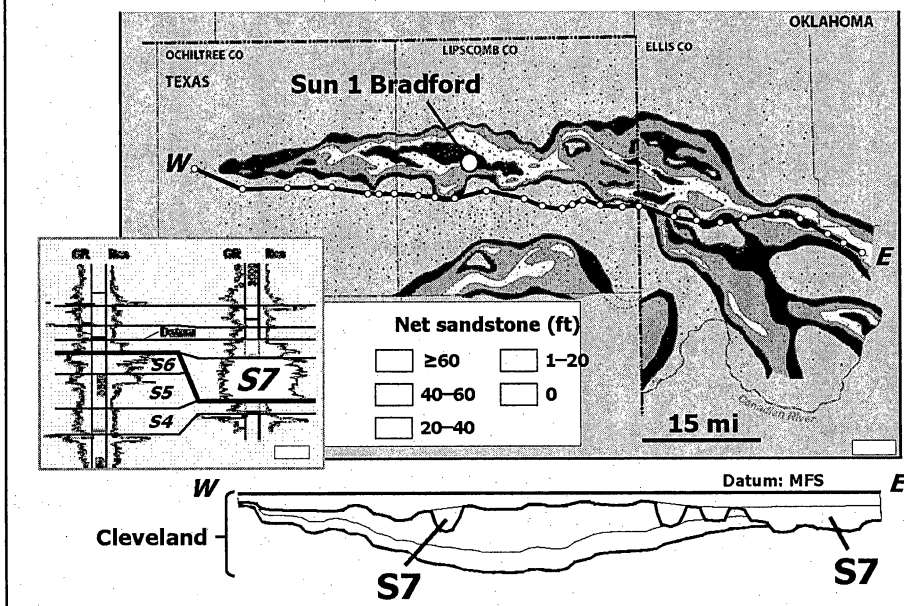


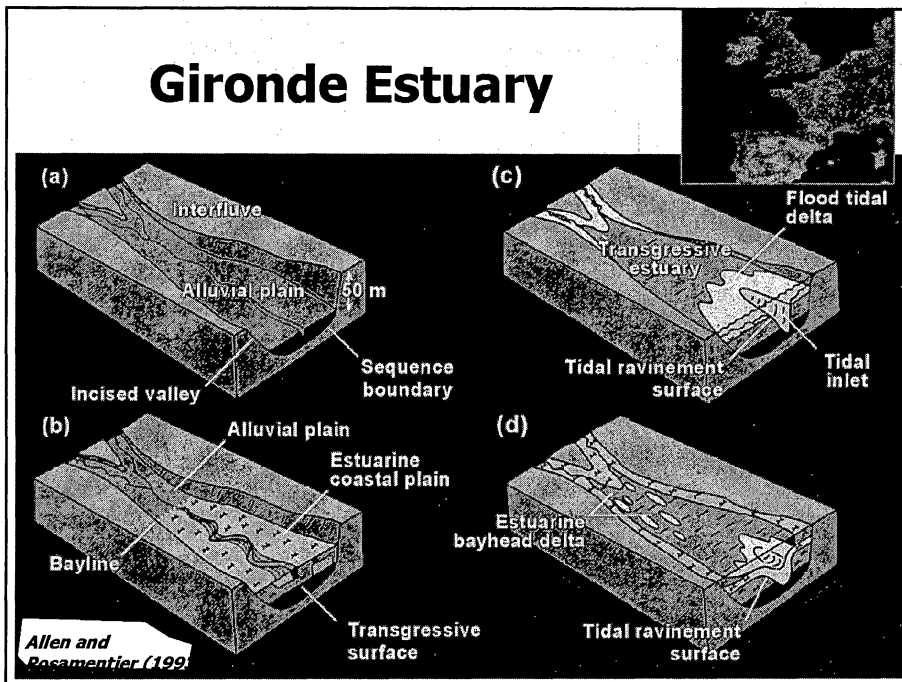
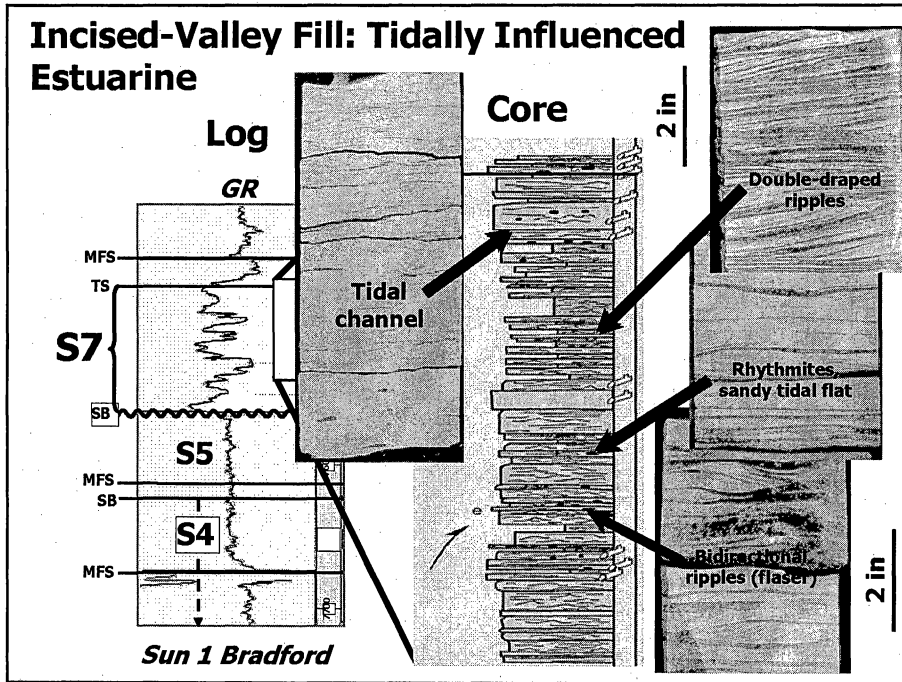
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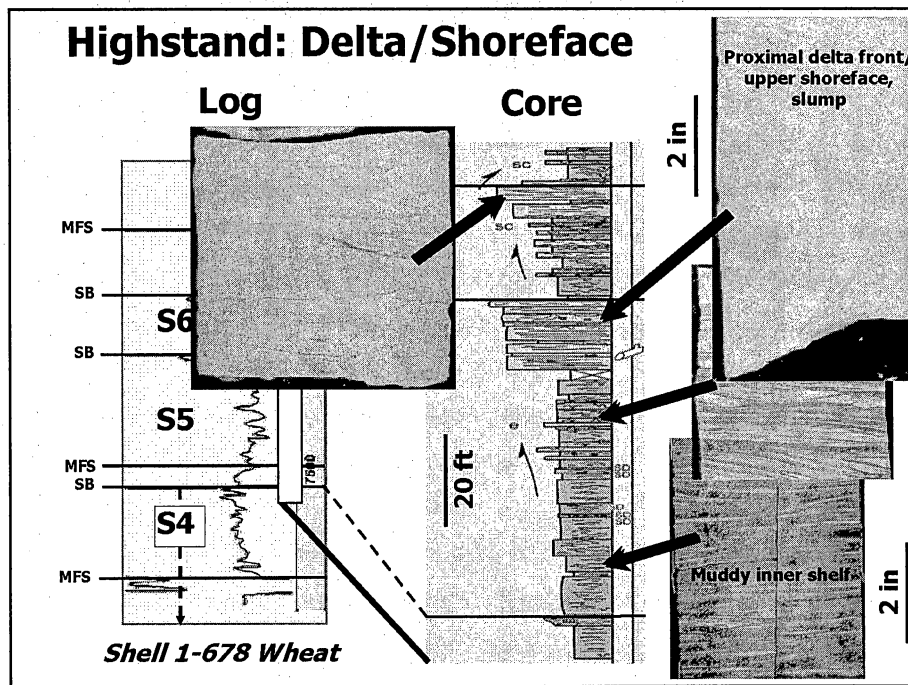
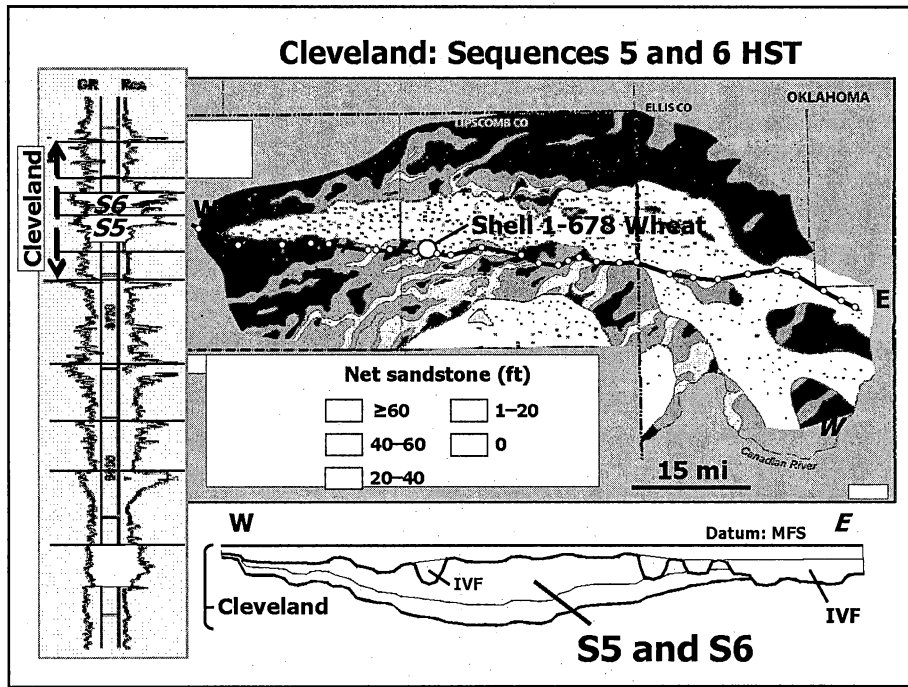


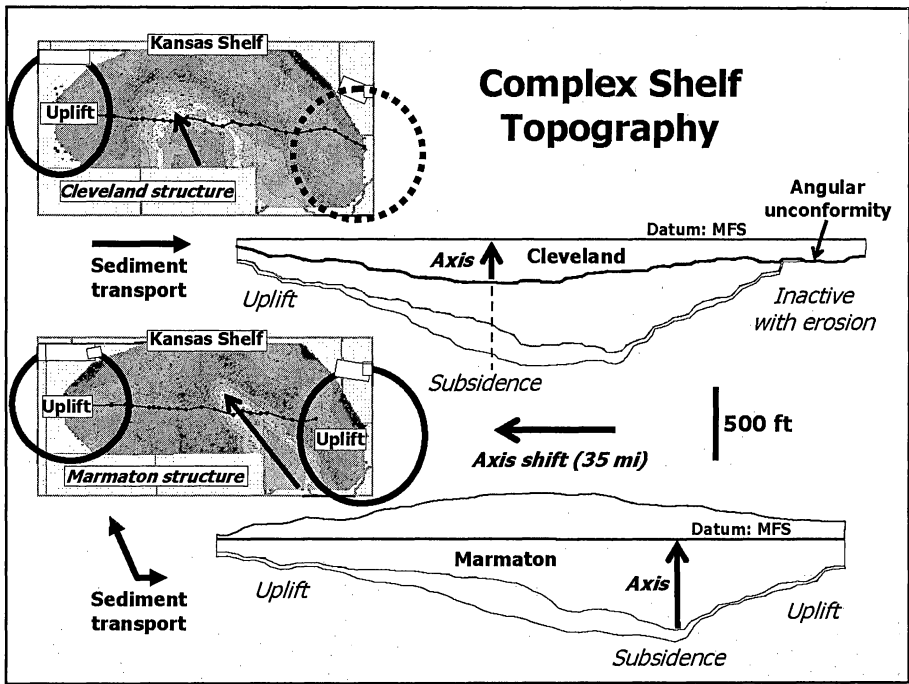
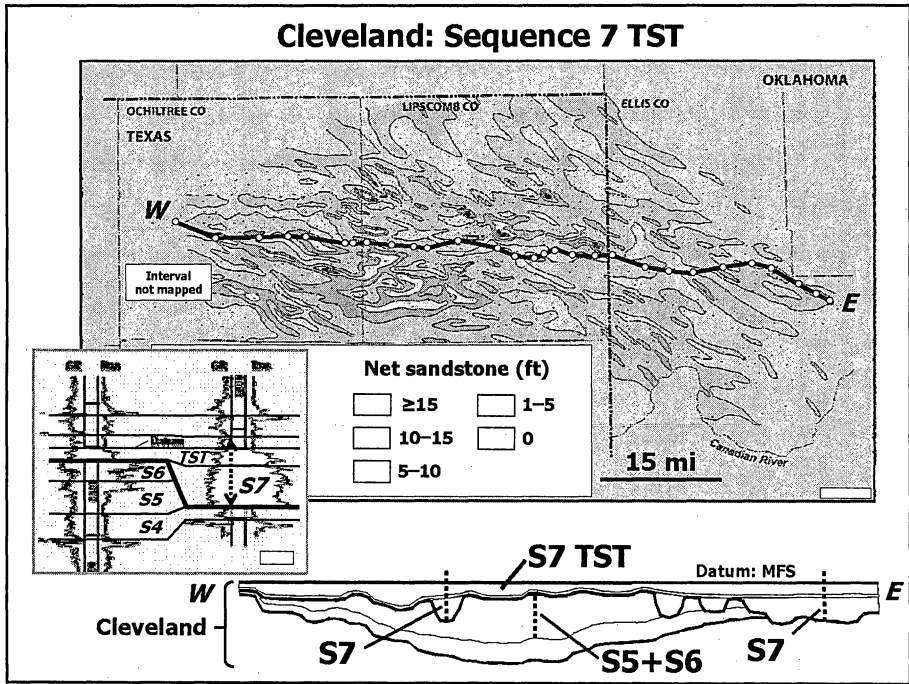
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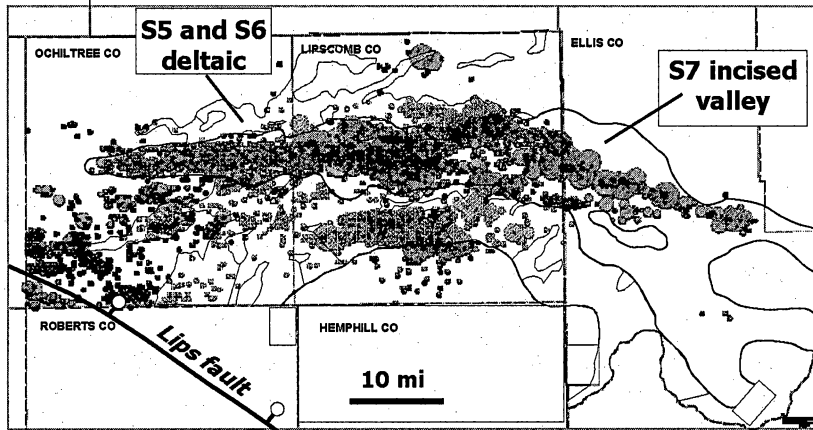






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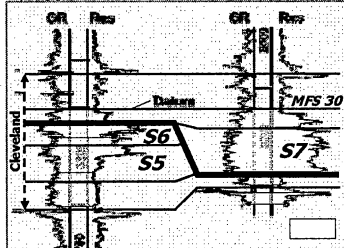
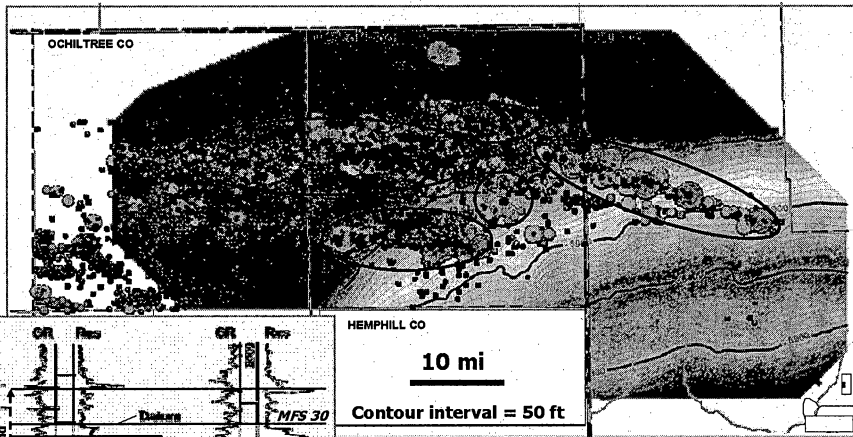
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Mcf



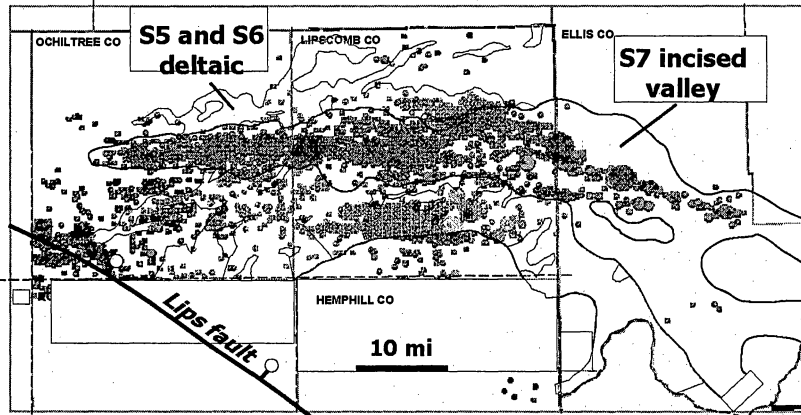
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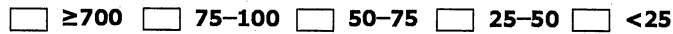
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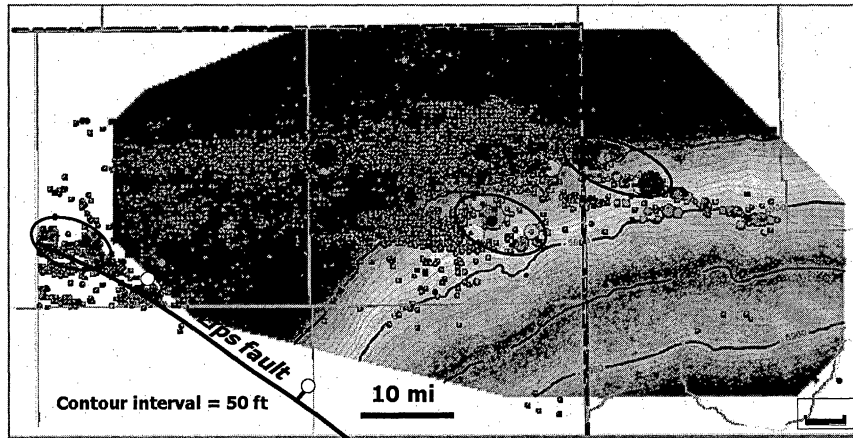
Total (5/09): 32.4 MMbbl



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### Structural Control on Cleveland Oil Production



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## Summary

- **Cleveland/Marmaton: highstand, prominent lowstand IVF**
- **Irregular shelf (or ramp) topography**
- **Tidally influenced delta/shoreface and IVF systems dominate**
- **Controls on hydrocarbons accumulation:**
  - (1) incised-valley-fill deposits**
  - (2) upstructure pinch out, subtle anticlines**

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# Tidal Depositional Systems: Cleveland and Marmaton Examples

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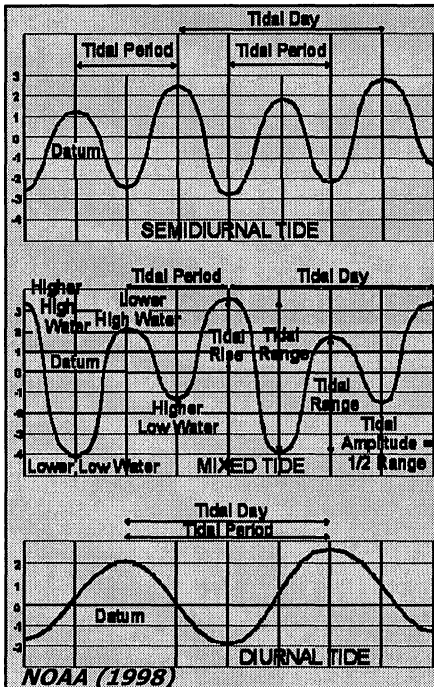
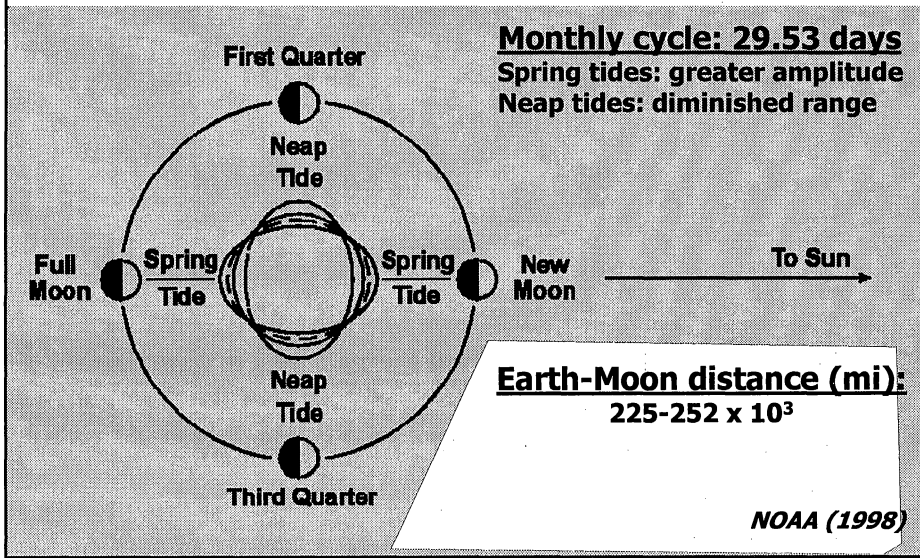


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# Earth-Sun-Moon Tidal Interactions



## Main Tidal Cycles

### Semidiurnal

2 per tidal day  
 (12hr, 25min): siderial/2

### Mixed

High, low tides vary  
 Diurnal/Semidiurnal

### Diurnal

1 per tidal day  
 (24hr, 50 min): siderial

## Tidal Cycles in the Rock Record

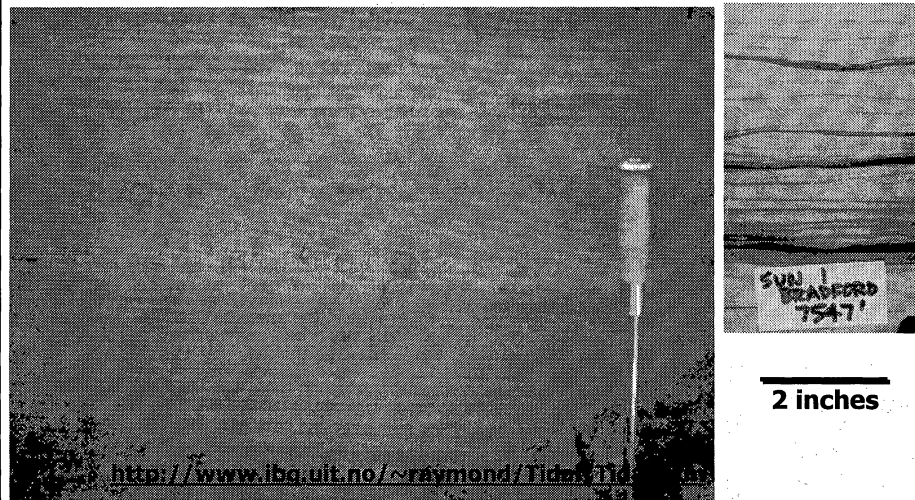
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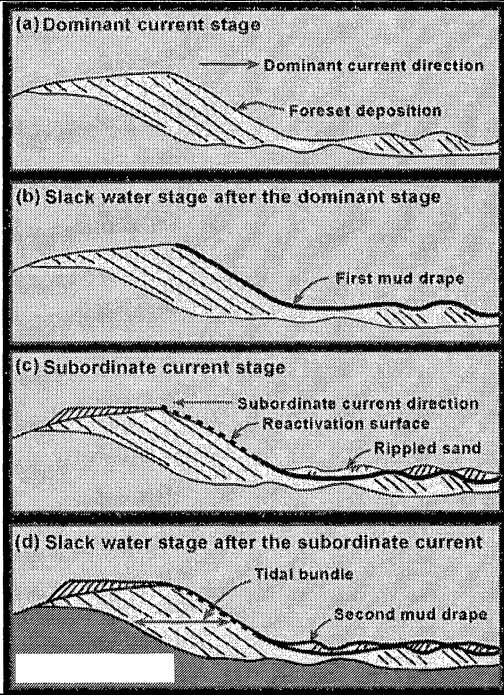
### Tidal rhythmites: neap-spring cyclicality and diurnal inequality

### Cleveland Fm.



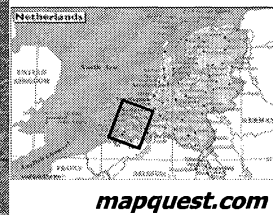
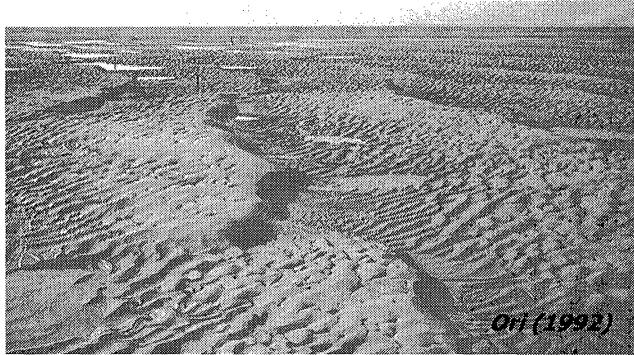
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From Dalrymple (1992)  
after Visser (1980)



# Tidal Flats

Oosterschelde, The Netherlands

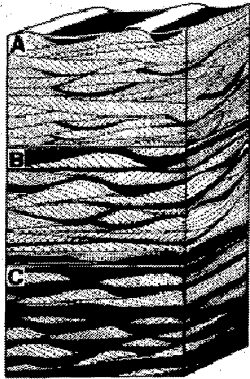


- High tide: completely submerged
- Asymmetrical dunes and ripples

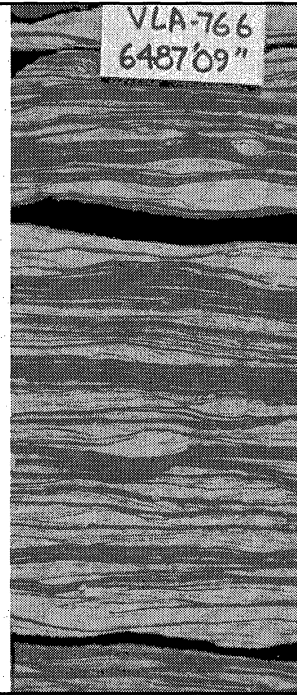


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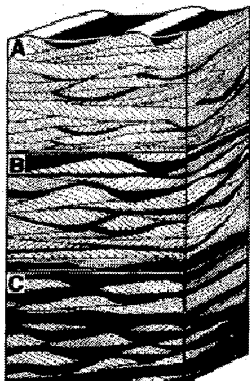
Lake Maracaibo  
Lower Eocene



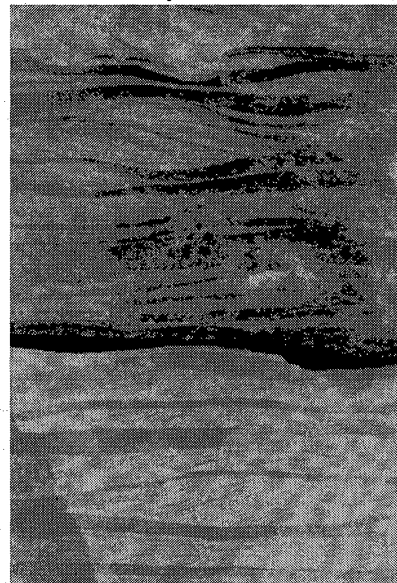
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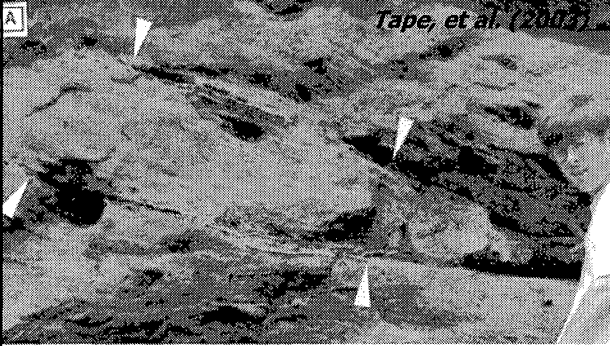
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7,746 ft



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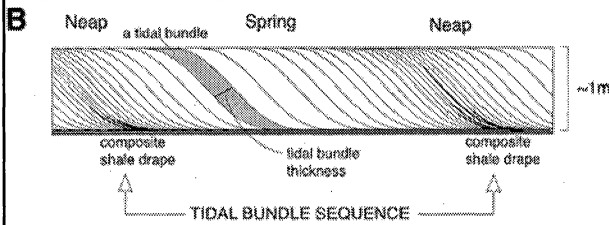
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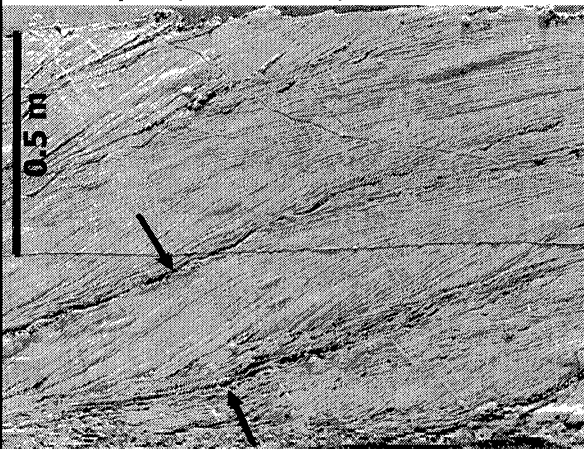
### Tidal Bundles

- Bundle sequence (between arrows)
- Bundle sequence (14 days: complete neap-spring-neap cycle)
- Individual bundle (Sediment deposited during single ebb stage)



## Tidal Cycles in the Rock Record

Modern deposits, Oosterschelde, The Netherlands

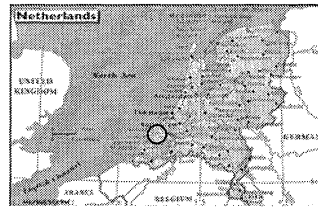


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- Bundle sequence (between arrows)
- Tidal fluctuations indicated by cyclically spaced mud drapes

*Terwindt (1981)*

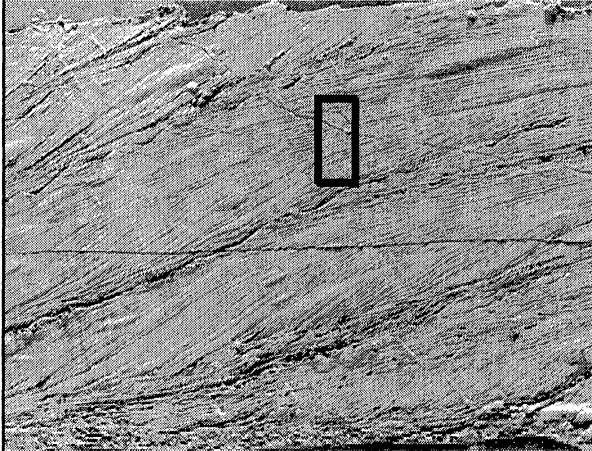
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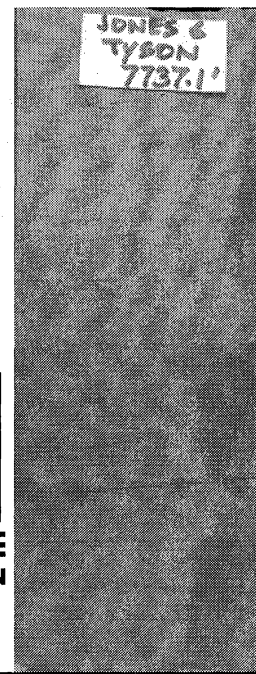


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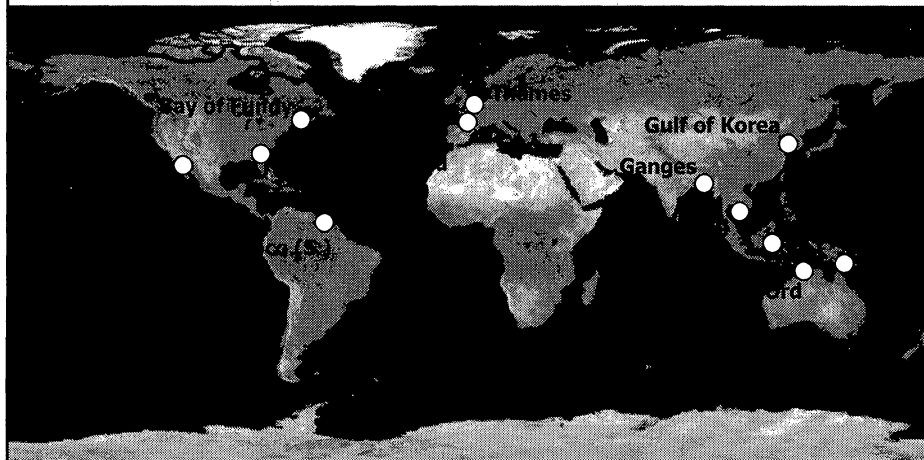


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## Global Distribution of Tidal Regimes



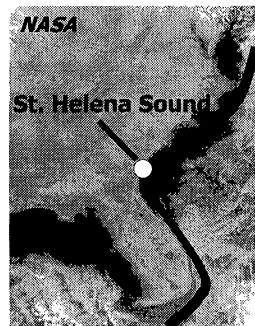
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○ Macrotidal Embayments and Deltas

*From Davies (1964)*

## Shoreline Curvature and Tidal Regime

SE US Atlantic Coast

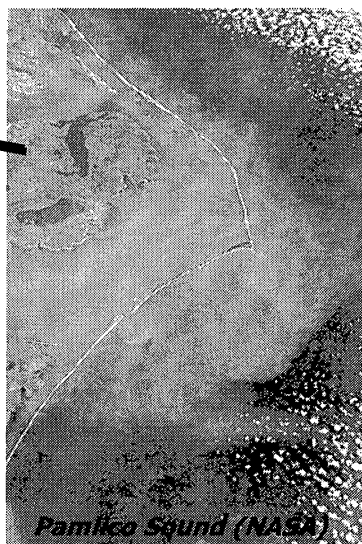


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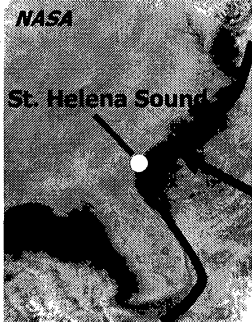
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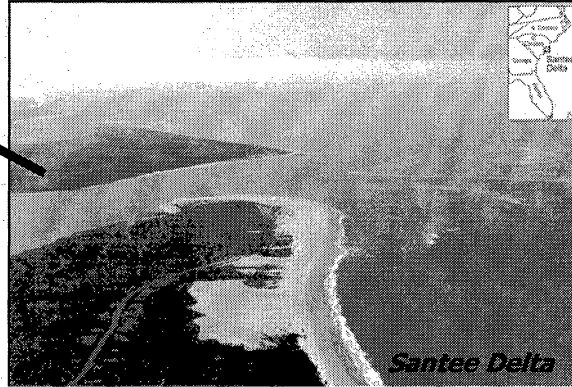


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## Mesotidal



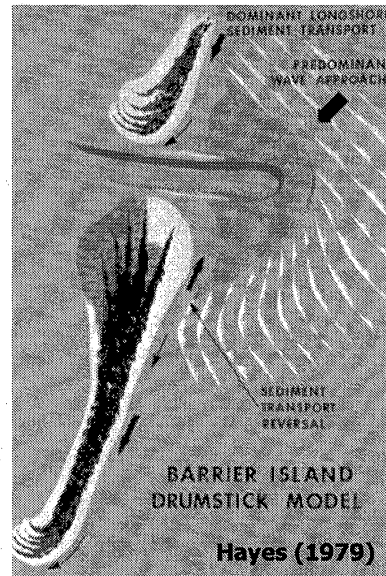
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Ambrose (1985)

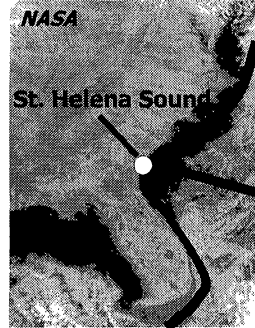
# Mesotidal Barrier Morphology

## Charleston Bay, SC



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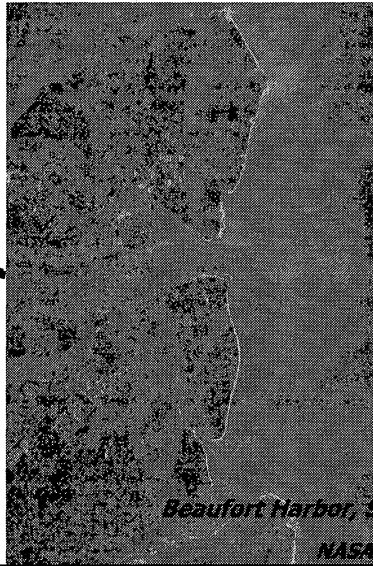
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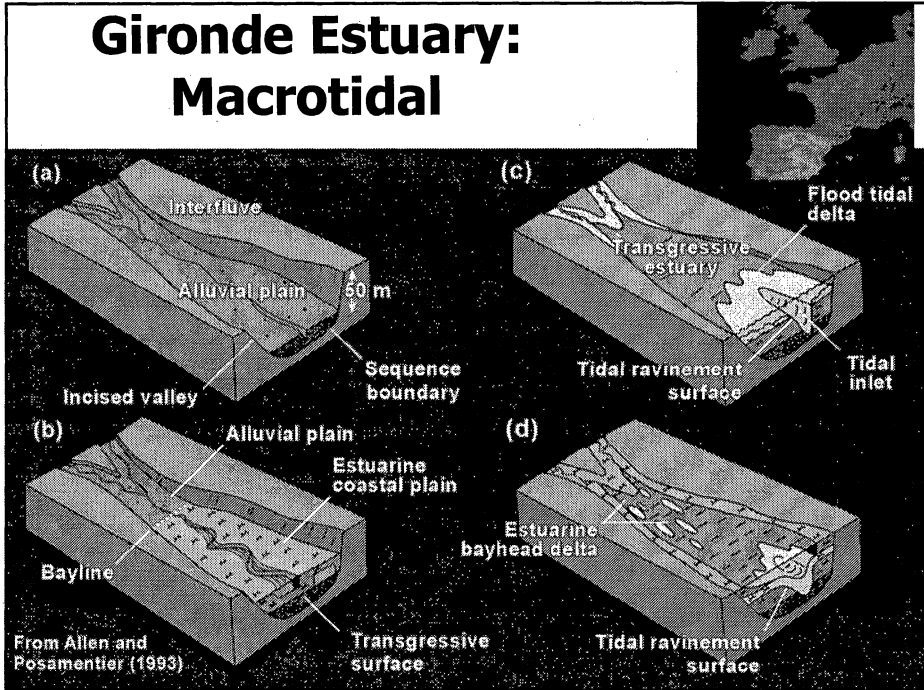
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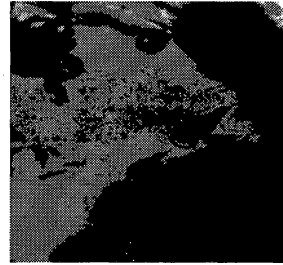
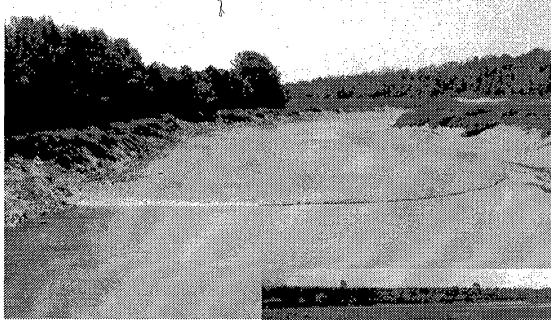


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# Gironde Estuary: Macrotidal



## Macrotidal Tidal Bores: Bay of Fundy



*S. Williams (2005)*

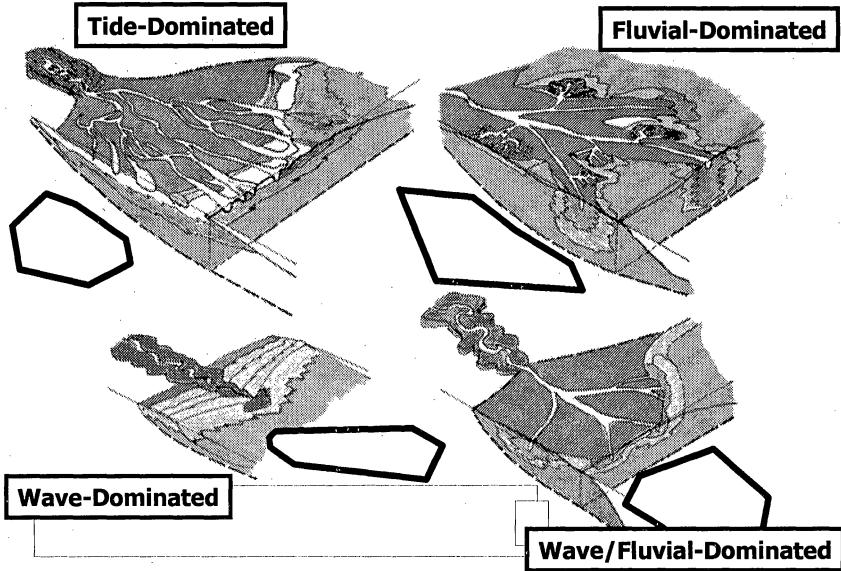


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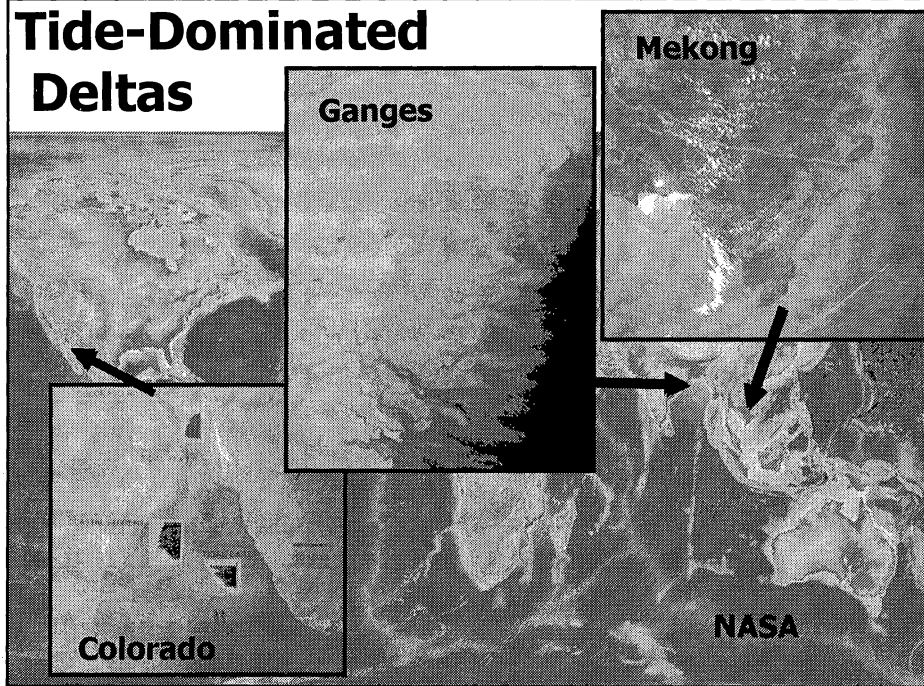
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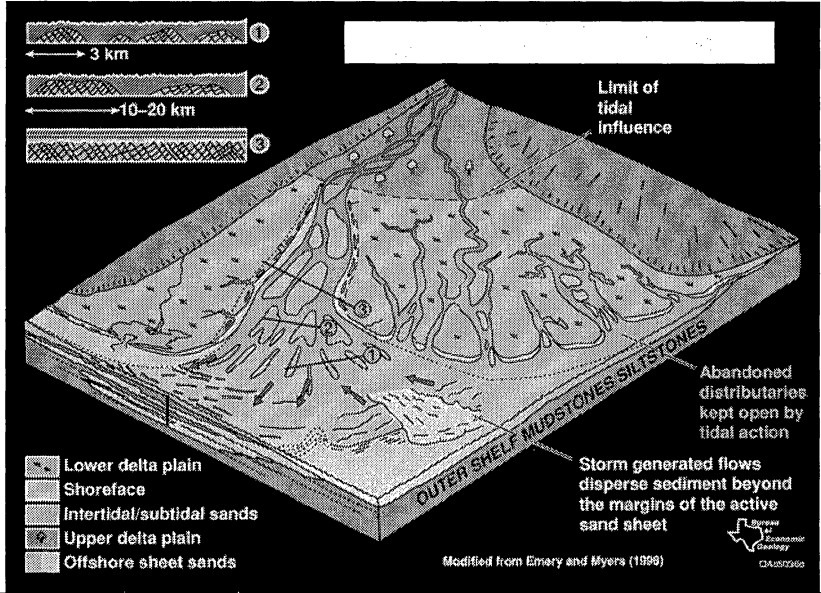


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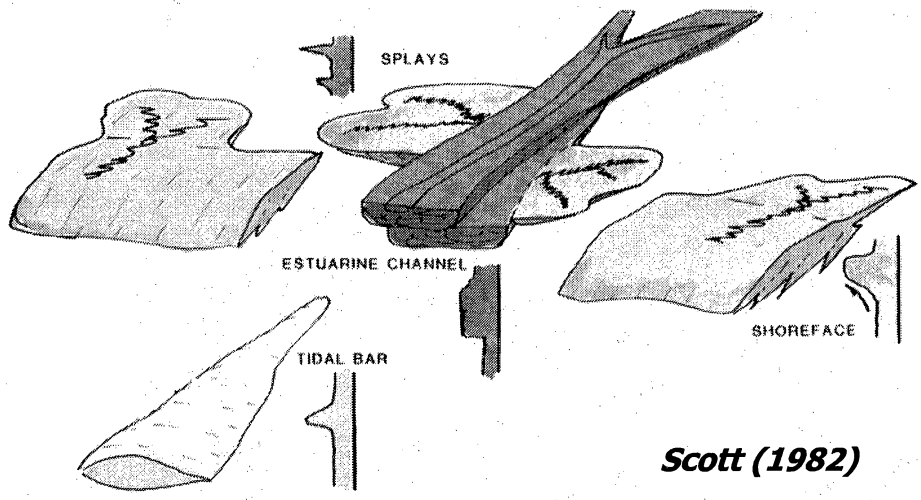
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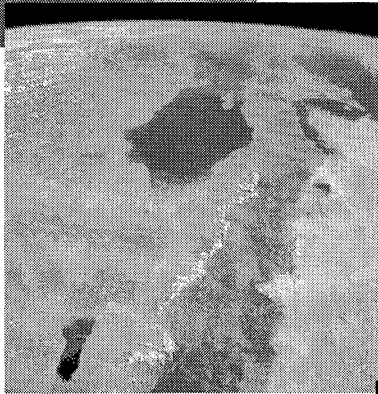
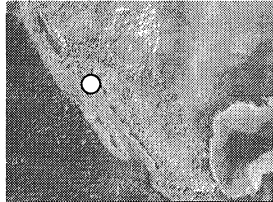


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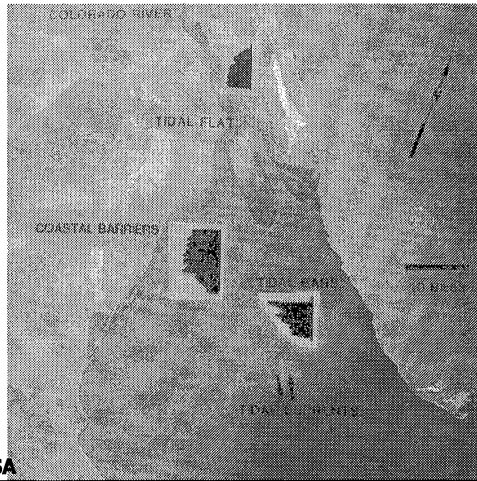


## Colorado Delta

- Tide Dominated
- Occupies Salton Trough
- Arid Tidal Flats, Coastal Barriers

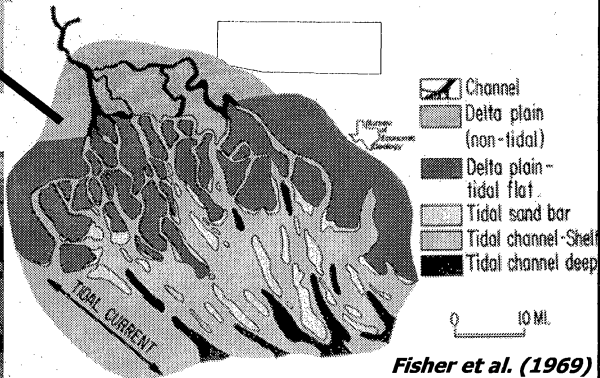
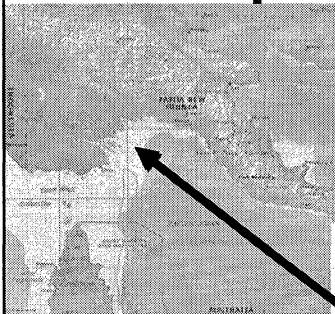


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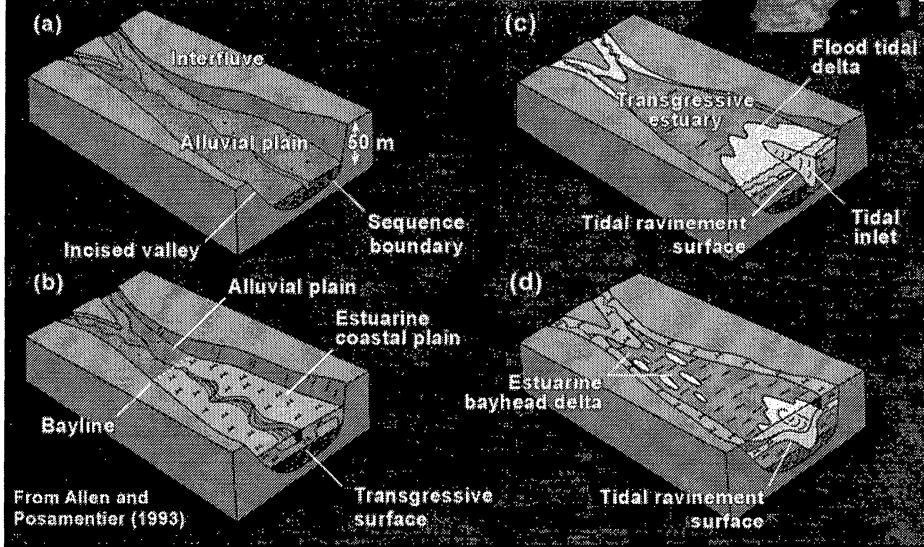
## Gulf of Papua

- Tide Dominated (3.5-5 m range)
- Mixed load, tropical setting (>10 m rainfall)

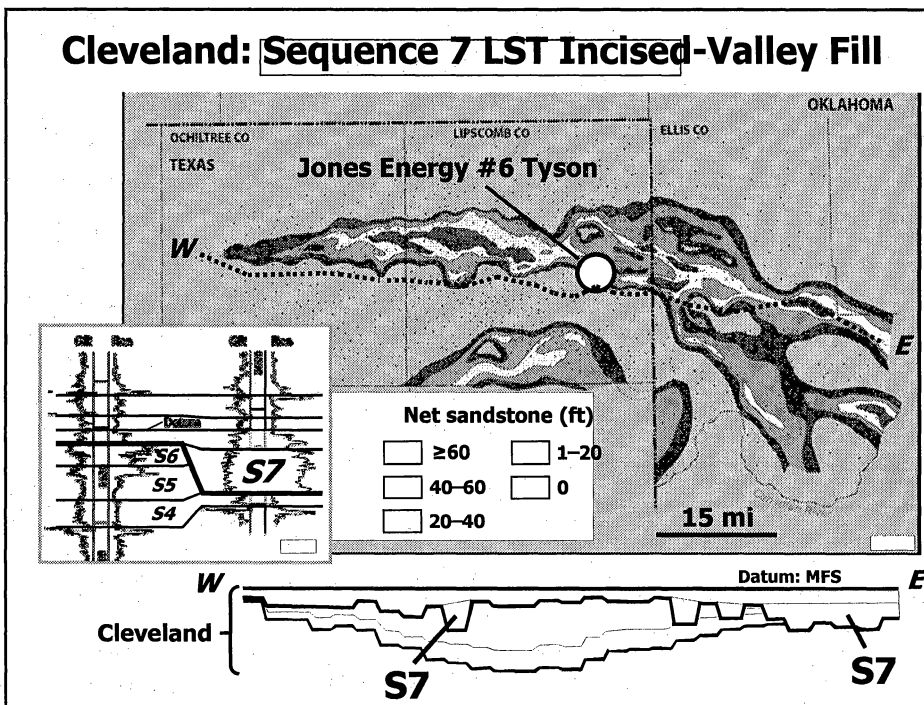




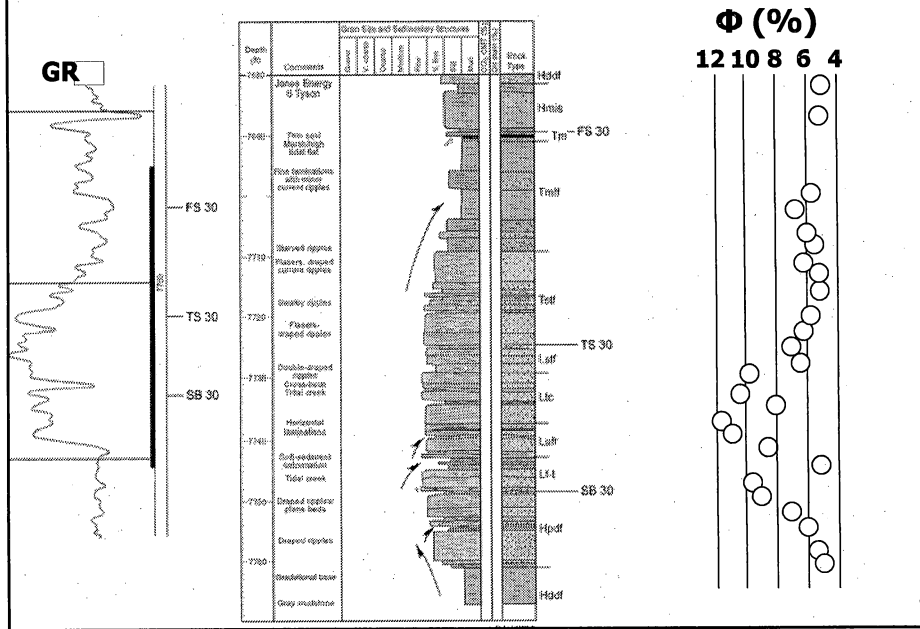
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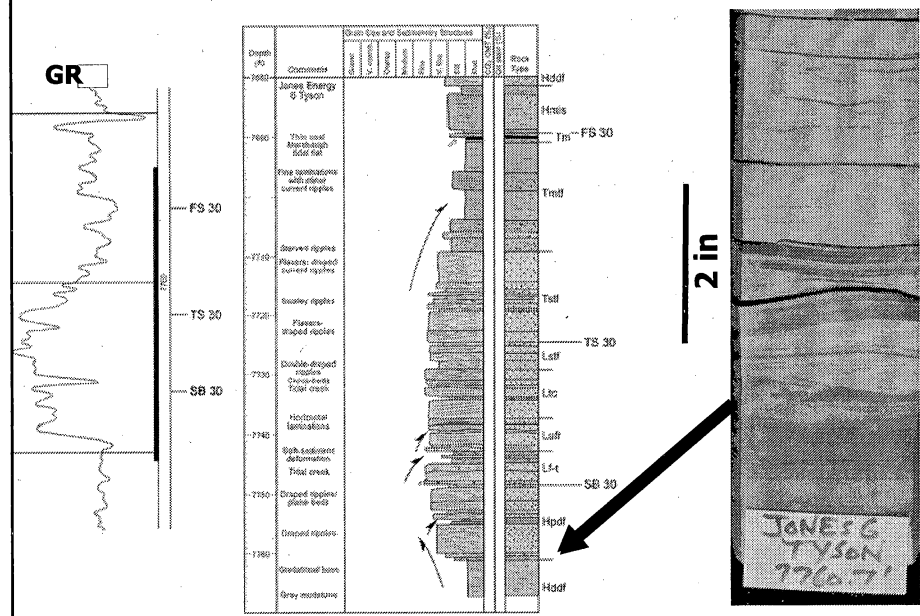
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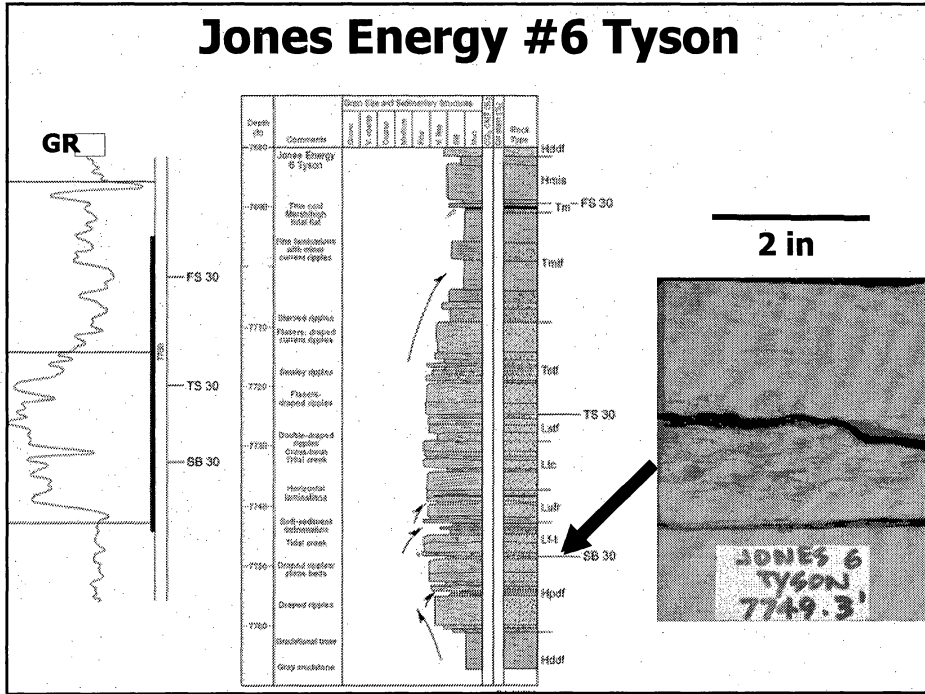


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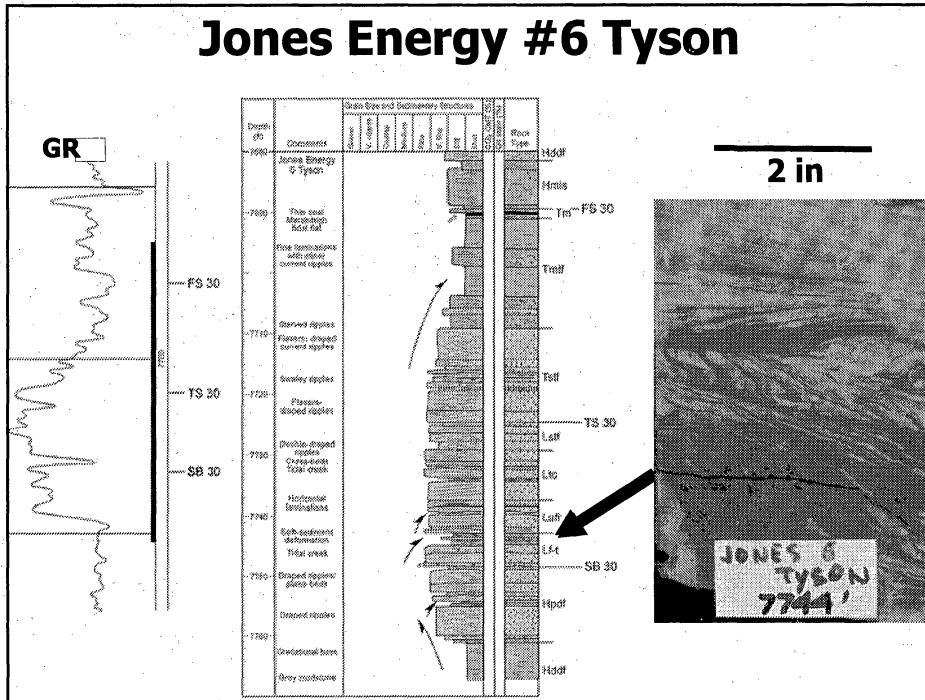




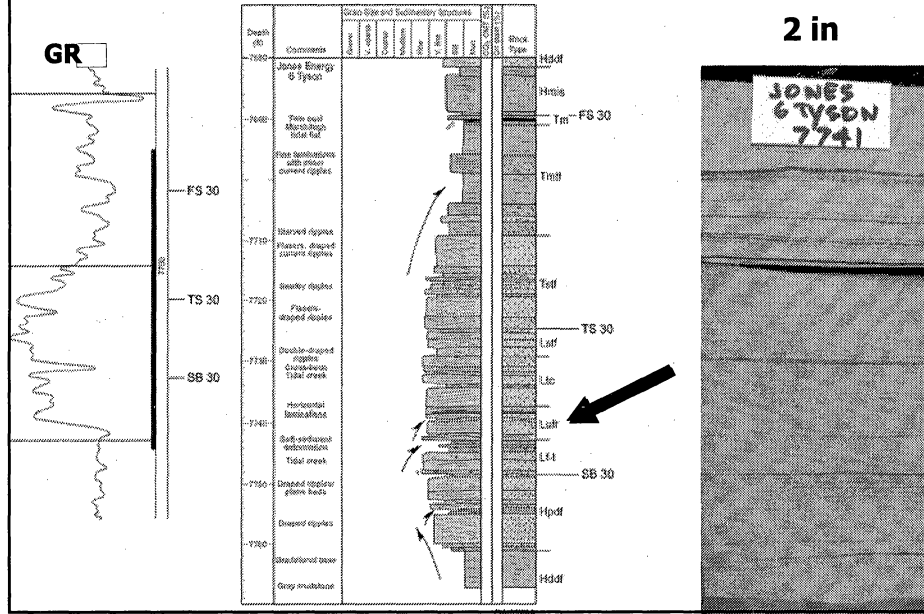
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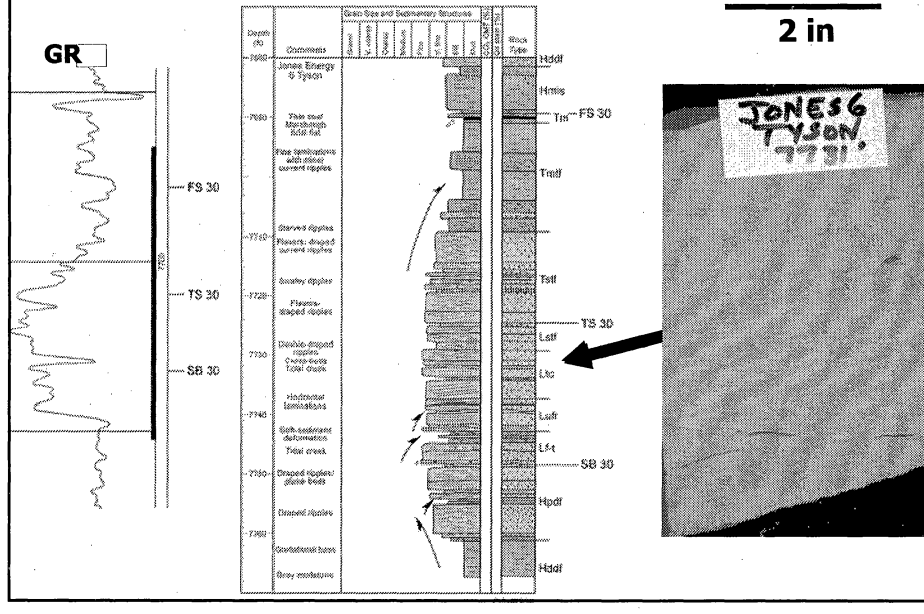
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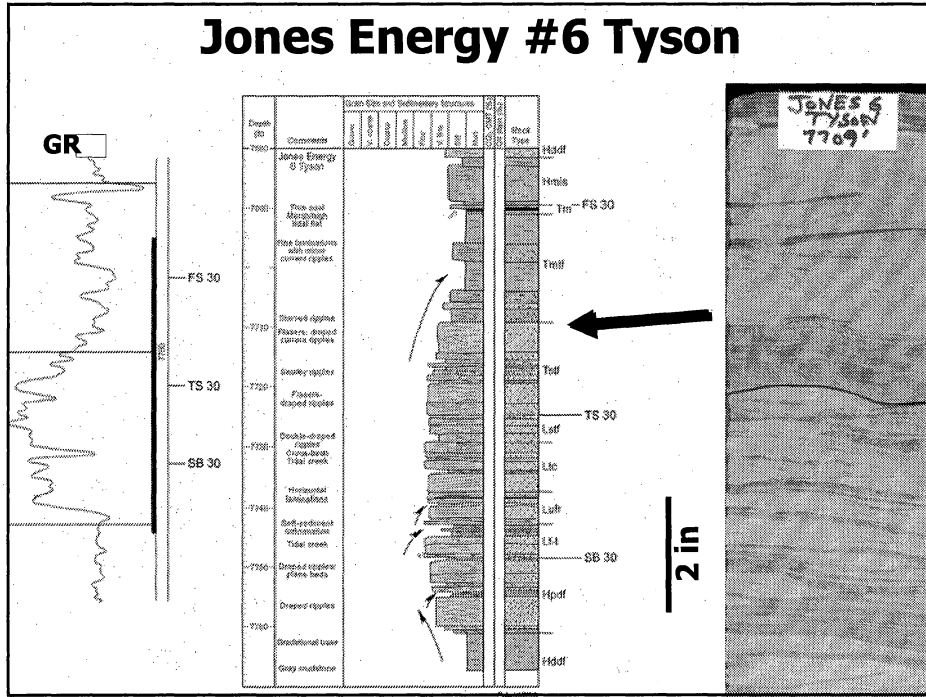
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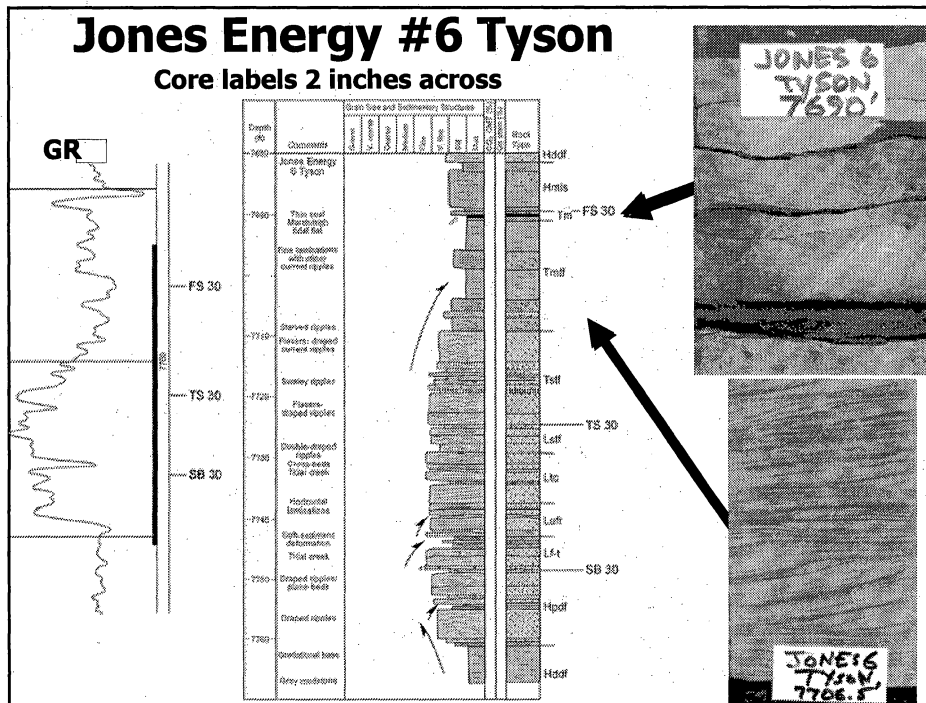


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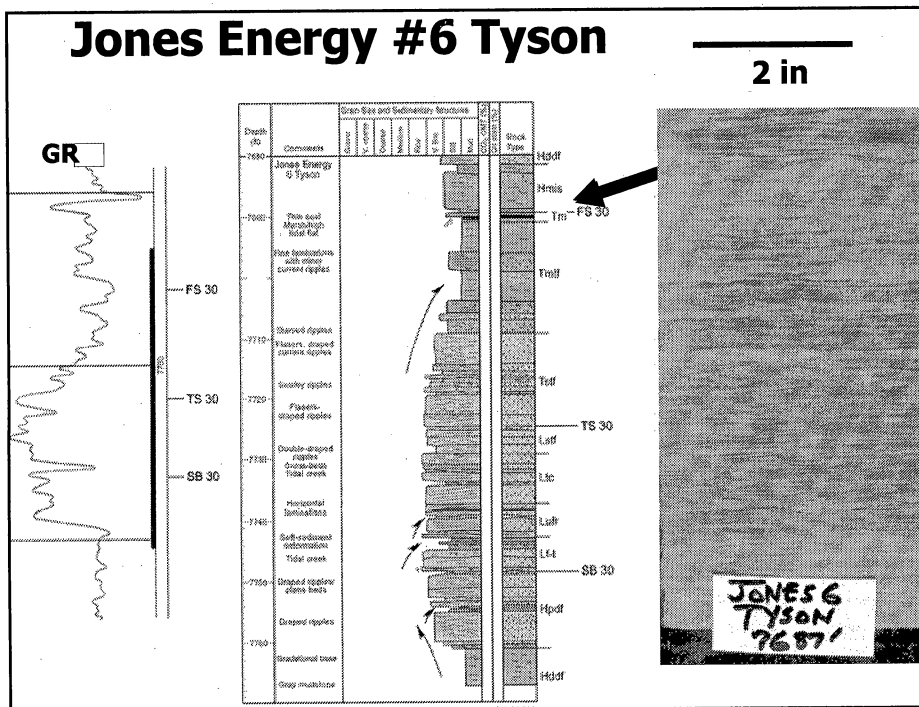
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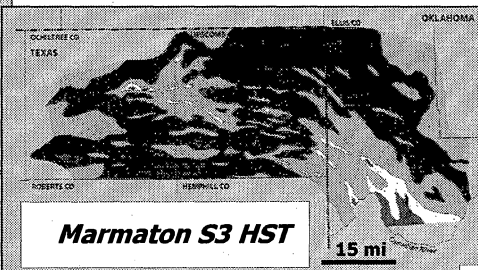
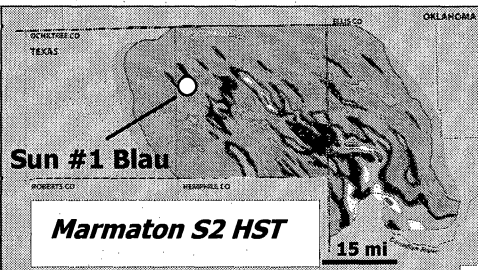
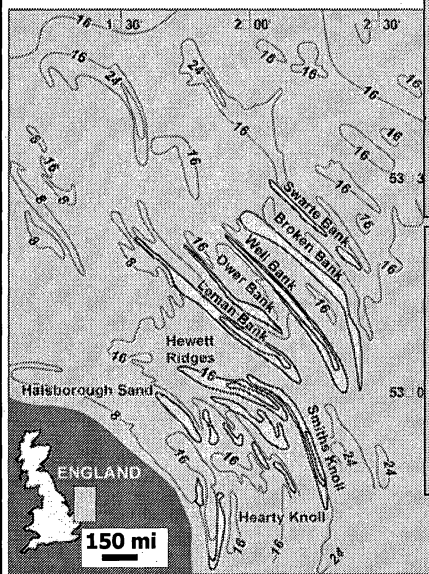
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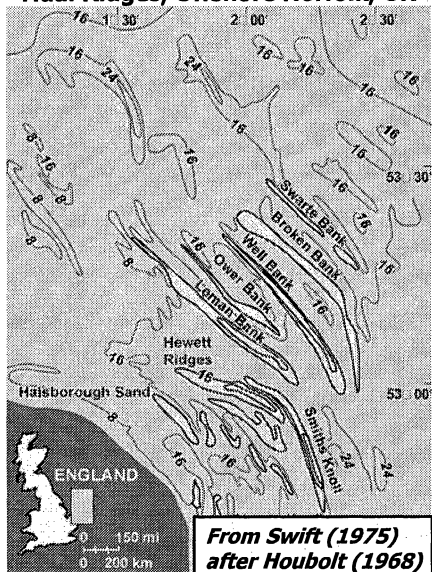
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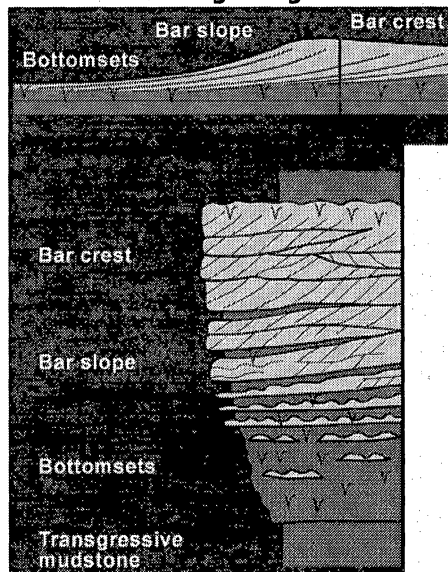
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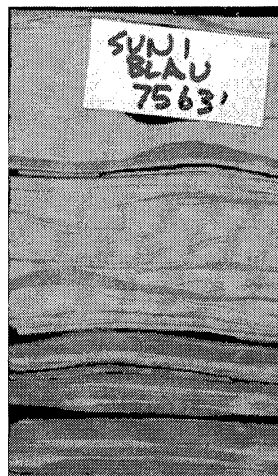
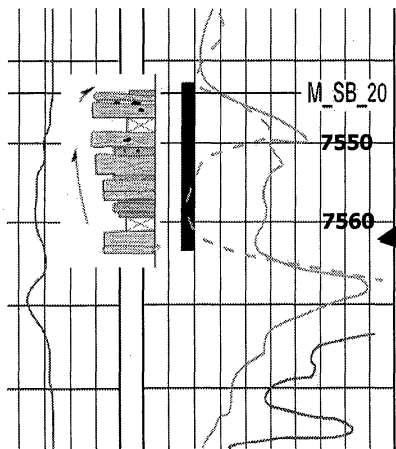
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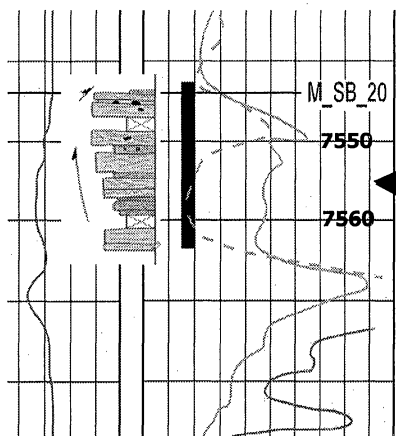


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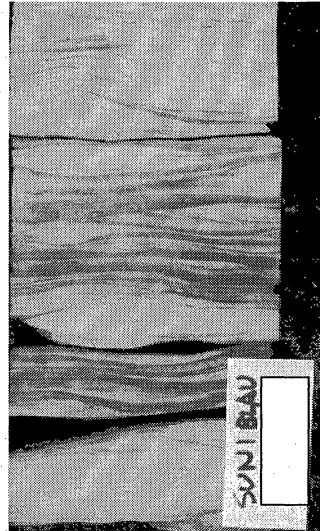
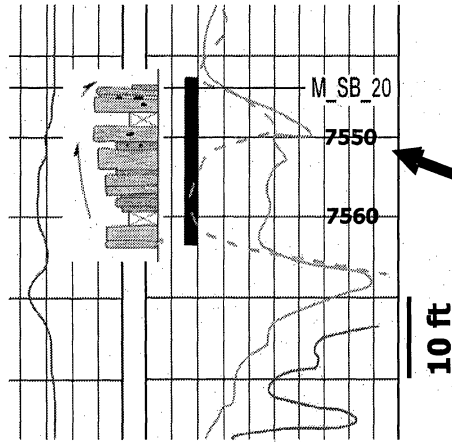
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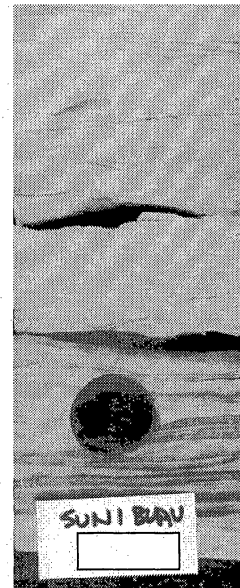
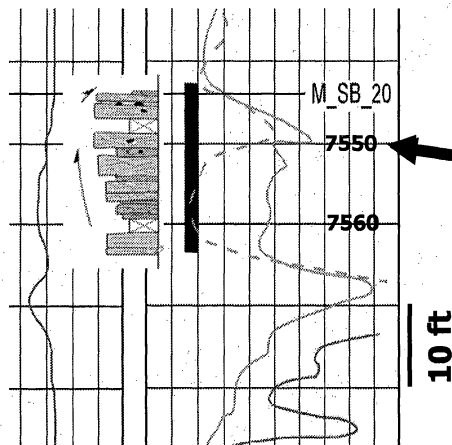
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**Core Workshop  
Cleveland Formation and Marmaton Group  
Anadarko Basin**

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**Introduction**

Cores in the Cleveland Formation and Marmaton Group in the Anadarko Basin display a variety of facies in tidally dominated depositional settings. This workshop presents cores that illustrate contrasting sequence tracts in the Cleveland Formation that include the Jones Energy #6 Tyson (lowstand-valley-fill and transgressive-estuarine deposits) and the Shell #1-678 Wheat (tide- and wave-modified, highstand-shelf, and delta-front facies). In addition, a short cored section from the Sun #1 Blau well features inner-shelf and delta-front highstand deposits from the Marmaton Group (Fig. 1). Another core from the Atoka Series, the Shell #1 Molesworth in Ochiltree County (located in Fig. 1) demonstrates variable carbonate and shale lithology and is described in a separate document in this guidebook.

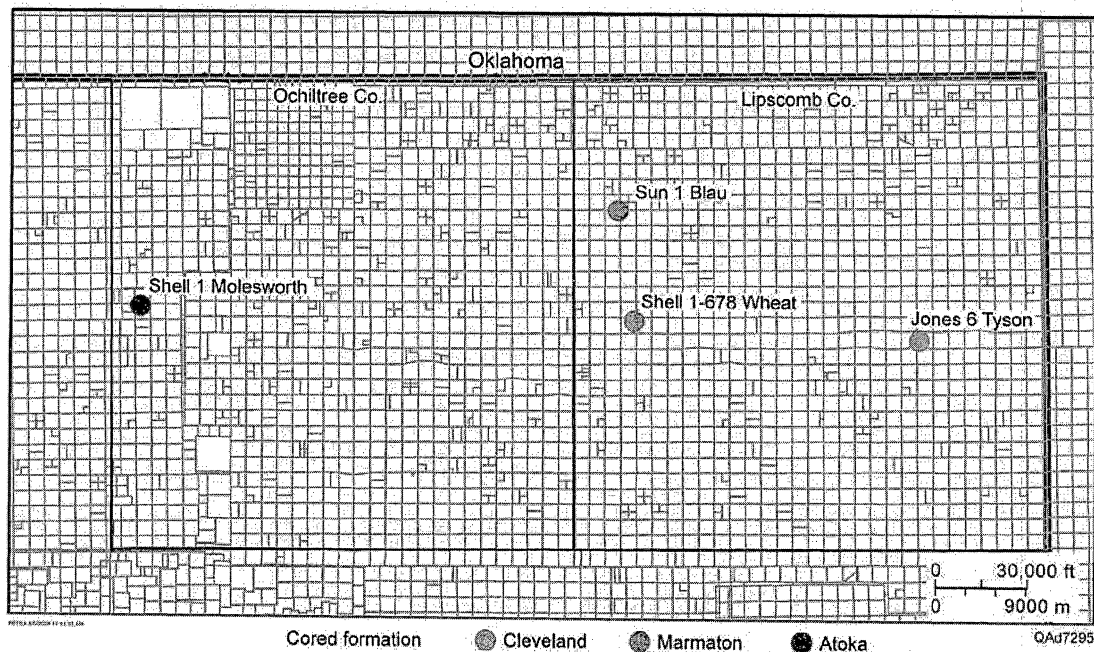


Figure 1. Location of cored wells presented in this workshop.

Cores are vital to an understanding of reservoir architecture because they display a vertical profile of the rock fabric, contacts between beds, and sedimentary structures from which one can infer sedimentary processes and depositional facies. Vertical trends in lithology, grain size, and stratification are the result of changes in depositional environments through time. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to observe numerous examples of vertically superimposed sedimentary facies in the Cleveland Formation and Marmaton Group in a variety of depositional settings that include incised valley, estuary, delta, and highstand shelf.

Recognition criteria for tidal deposits in the Cleveland Formation and Marmaton Group include distinctive stratification and bedforms observed in core, as well as sandstone-body geometry inferred in lithofacies maps of distal-deltaic deposits in the lower Cleveland

highstand sequence and shallow-marine deposits in the upper Cleveland transgressive sequence, where the geometry of these sandstone bodies reflects the relative strength of tidal- versus wave-reworking processes. Stratification and bedforms diagnostic of tidal deposits in Cleveland cores include asymmetric, double-draped ripples with bidirectional foresets; abundant reactivation surfaces; rhythmic, laminar stratification; and flaser bedding. These types of features have been described in other studies of both modern and ancient tidally influenced deposits, including Reineck and Wunderlich (1968), Klein (1970), de Mowbray and Visser (1984), Dalrymple and others (1990; 1991), and Allen (1991). Asymmetric current ripples in cores of the Cleveland Formation in particular, interpreted to be tidal in origin, typically exhibit differences in degree of development and size between ripple sets of alternating orientation. These differences in magnitude of the reversal of bedforms reflect the presence of dominant and subordinate tidal currents, which are common in many estuarine settings as a result of the relative strength of flood- and ebb-dominated bedform migration in different reaches of the estuary. For example, in upstream estuarine settings such as in the Ord River Delta in Australia, the velocity of flood-tidal currents commonly exceeds that of ebb-tidal currents, resulting in a weak bidirectional ripple fabric (Wright and others, 1973; 1976). In contrast, at the estuary mouth, flood and ebb currents are approximately equal in strength, and a strong bidirectional ripple orientation is therefore more clearly evident (Hayes, 1976).

Other features in cores of the middle Cleveland lowstand, incised-valley-fill sequence that are consistent with a tidally influenced depositional setting include abundant sections of plane-bedded, laminated sandstone interpreted to represent upper-flow-regime (UFR), sandy tidal-flat deposits (UFR sand-flat facies), similar to that described by Dalrymple and others (1992) and Allen and Posamentier (1993) in the modern Gironde Estuary. Although the presence of plane-bedded, laminated sandstone is not in itself indicative of tidal conditions, its association with strata composed of flaser ripples, double-draped ripples with reactivation surfaces, and rhythmic, laminated bedding is consistent with tidally influenced deposits. Additional evidence of tidally influenced depositional systems is from sandstone-body geometry in lithofacies maps of distal-delta-front and shelf deposits in the lower Cleveland highstand sequence, composed of upward-coarsening, progradational

successions exhibiting dip-elongate and subparallel net-sandstone-thickness patterns, consistent with reworking of sandy, delta-front sediments from tidal currents in a shallow-shelf depositional setting. Modern examples include elongate, subaqueous tidal bars in the North Sea (Houbolt, 1968; Swift, 1975), the modern Gulf of Korea (Off, 1963), the Gulf of Papua (Fisher and others, 1969), the Ord River Delta in Australia (Wright and others, 1973), and the Gulf of California (Meckel, 1975). Similar net-sandstone geometries in tide-dominated delta-front depositional settings were documented by Maguregui and Tyler (1991) and Ambrose and others (1995) in Eocene tide-dominated deltas in Lake Maracaibo, Venezuela, as well as tide-dominated shelf and deltaic deposits in the Eocene Baronia deltaic system in northern Spain (Mutti and others, 1985) and Eocene tidal-sand-ridge deposits in Belgium (Houthuys and Gullentops, 1988).

#### **Cleveland Formation: Jones Energy #6 Tyson Core**

The Jones Energy #6 Tyson core (located in Fig. 1) offers an excellent example of a continuous, 87-ft (~23-m) section through a tidally influenced, incised-valley-fill system (Fig. 2). The basal 17 ft (5.2 m) of the core consists of upward-coarsening, highstand delta-front deposits inferred to be truncated by a lowstand, incised-valley-fill section that extends from 7,724 to 7,748 ft (2,354 to 2,362 m). This lowstand section represents formation of a paleovalley that was filled with estuarine deposits during subsequent sea-level rise, recorded by an upward-fining section of transgressive deposits that extend from 7,748 to ~7,690 ft (2,362 to 2,344 m). The uppermost 10 ft (3 m) of core is interpreted to be inner-shelf and distal-delta-front deposits in another highstand sequence above a flooding surface (FS\_30) that caps the transgressive section at 7,690 ft (2,344 m).

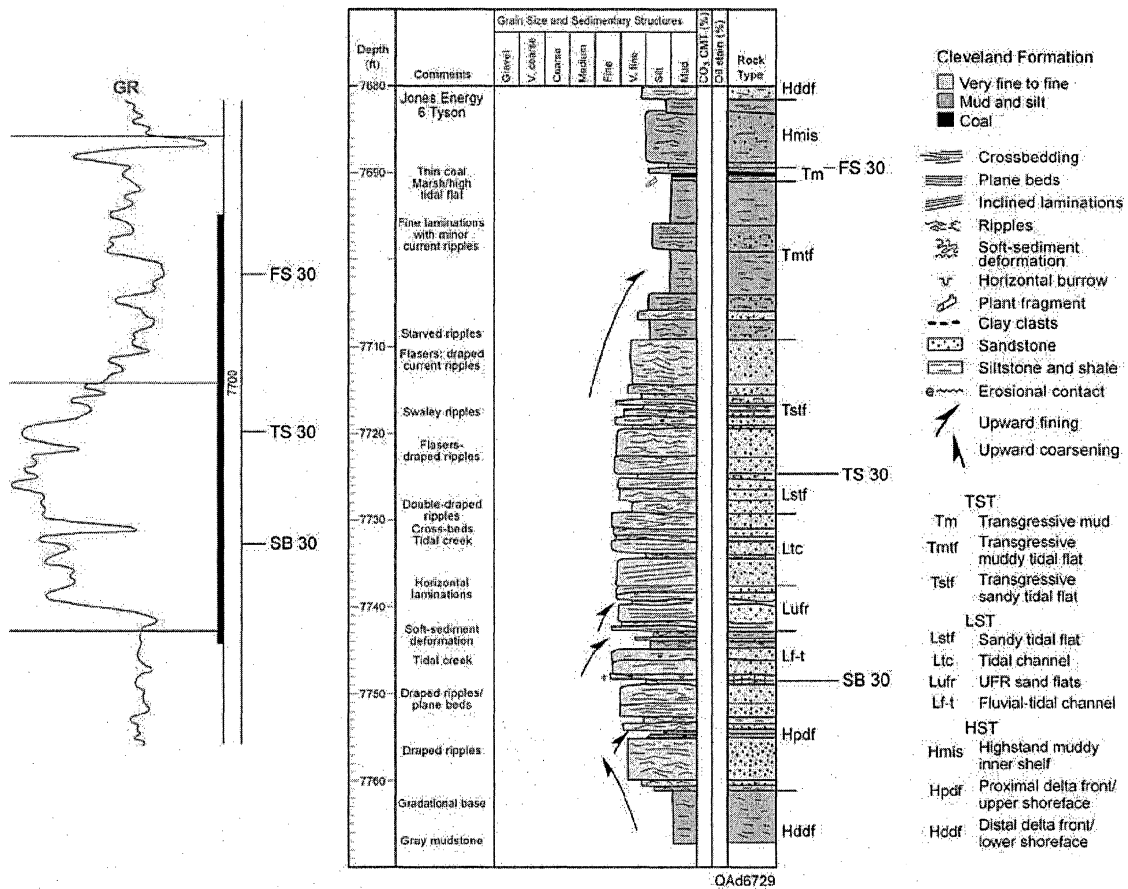


Figure 2. Description and log response of the Cleveland Formation in the Jones Energy #6 Tyson core, located in Fig. 1.

### **Highstand Systems Tract**

The basal 17 ft (5.2 m) of the Jones Energy #6 Tyson core is composed of highstand deposits below the base of the lowstand systems tract that is identified by the SB\_30 marker. This section is upward coarsening, ranging from weakly laminated, silty mudstone at the base to fine-grained sandstone at the top. Sedimentary structures in this lower highstand succession are interpreted to be wave- and tidal-reworked delta-front deposits on the basis of net-sandstone distribution maps that indicate dip-elongate sandstone body geometry (Hentz and others, 2009) and the presence of both wavy and asymmetrical, draped ripples. Thin (0.5-inch [ $\sim$ 1.3-cm]) zones of plane beds also occur toward the top of the highstand section, possibly recording a transition to upper flow regime and higher-energy conditions. The gamma-ray (GR) response of the highstand systems tract is commonly serrate to upward coarsening, reflecting a progradational origin.

### **Lowstand Systems Tract**

The Cleveland lowstand systems tract, which extends from 7,724 to 7,748 ft (2,354 to 2,362 m) in the Jones Energy #6 Tyson core, is a slightly upward fining section of fine-grained sandstone, with thin (commonly <3-inch [ $\sim$ 7.5-cm]) beds of siltstone and silty mudstones. The base of the lowstand systems tract is marked by sharp-based, upper fine-grained sandstones that fine upward into siltstones with flaser ripples. The lowstand section is a heterogeneous succession of facies composed from bottom to top of fluvial-tidal (Lf-t), UFR (Lufr), tidal-channel (Ltc), and sandy-tidal-flat (Lstf) facies (Fig. 2).

The Lf-t facies, 6 ft (1.8 m) thick, consists of an upward-fining section of erosion-based, upper fine-grained sandstone with planar stratification and asymmetric mudstone-draped flaser ripples inferred to have been deposited by alternating tidal currents (for example, at 7,746 ft). This basal lowstand section is interpreted to represent tidally reworked fluvial deposits at the base of the incised-valley fill. Analogous Lf-t facies in modern estuarine settings include alluvial-channel deposits composed of gravelly sandstones in the Gironde Estuary (Dalrymple and others, 1992; Allen and Posamentier, 1993); gravelly and shelly

sandstones in a channel-fill succession in Ossabow Sound, Georgia (Greer, 1975); and upward-fining, scour-based sandstones in the Cobequid Bay-Salmon River Estuary in the Bay of Fundy (Dalrymple and others, 1990). Alluvial-channel deposits in the basal estuarine fill section in the Gironde Estuary are typically much thicker and compose a greater percentage of the overall estuarine succession than the equivalent Lf-t facies in cores of the Cleveland Formation (Allen and Posamentier, 1993). However, the lowstand alluvial-channel facies occurs at the mouth of the Gironde Estuary, with relatively little or no fluvial aggradation in the upstream part of the estuary. This scenario is consistent with the poorly developed basal fluvial-tidal section in the Jones Energy #6 Tyson core, which occupies an updip part of the overall incised-valley system in the study area (see slide set "Sequence Stratigraphy and Depositional Summary of the Marmaton and Cleveland Formations, Anadarko Basin," this volume).

The section of Lft-facies is overlain by the UFR facies, a 6-ft (1.8-m) section of fine-grained sandstone with planar stratification, with particularly good examples from 7,739 to 7,741 ft (2,359 to 2,359 m). The UFR facies is interpreted to represent shallow (typically <6.5-ft [ $<2$ -m] water depths), upper-flow-regime tidal currents exceeding  $6.5 \text{ ft s}^{-1}$  ( $2 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ ) that are associated with fluctuating water levels (Reineck and Singh, 1973; Dalrymple and others, 1990). Parallel-laminated intervals in tidally influenced depositional settings commonly form during maximum tidal flow velocities that occur either at the peaks of flood or ebb tides. In contrast, cross-stratified tidal sediments are commonly developed during accelerating or waning-flow conditions within the tidal cycle (Kreisa and Miolola, 1986). UFR facies are documented in a variety of modern macrotidal estuaries, where the diurnal tidal range is at least 13 ft (4 m) (Davies, 1964). Some examples include the Cobequid Bay-Salmon River estuary in Canada (Dalrymple and others, 1990; 1991) and the Gironde Estuary in southwest France (Allen, 1991). In estuarine systems the UFR facies commonly occurs in the transitional area between the distal tidal-sand-bar facies and the proximal tidal-meanderbelt facies along the axial part of estuaries (Lambiase, 1980; Dalrymple, 1992). The UFR facies can either underlie or overlie the tidal-meander facies. The UFR facies is also recognized in ancient successions of tide-dominated estuarine

deposits such as the Eocene Central Basin in Spitsbergen, where individual deposits consist of river-dominated, 3- to 4-ft (0.9- to 1.2-m) sections of sandstone interbedded with bidirectional, ripple-laminated sandstones in abandoned-channel sequences (Plint-Björklund, 2005).

The overlying tidal-channel (Ltc) facies in the Jones Energy #6 Tyson core is an upward-fining section of fine-grained sandstone with crossbeds, inclined stratification, climbing ripples, clay clasts, and organic fragments. Diagnostic features of the Ltc facies include inclined stratification (for example, at 7,737 ft [2,358 m]), crossbeds (7,731 ft [2,356 m]), and numerous internal scour surfaces, with minor planar stratification overlain by ripples with mud drapes. Tidal-channel successions in modern examples of estuarine systems or areas with significant tidal influence, such as the Ossabow Sound in Georgia (Greer, 1975), the Solway Firth in Scotland (Bridges and Leeder, 1976), tidal flats in the Netherlands in the North Sea (van Stratten, 1954; Reineck, 1967), and the Gironde Estuary (Dalrymple and others, 1992; Allen and Posamentier, 1993) display vertical successions similar to those in the Cleveland Formation, with some minor differences. Tidal-channel deposits in the Ossabow Sound are dominated by basal sections of steeply dipping foresets with mud pebbles overlain by muddy, burrowed, and fine-grained sandstone. In contrast, those in the Solway Firth are composed of basal sections of coarse-grained sandstone with mud and shell clasts. Tidal-channel deposits associated with tidal flats in the Netherlands, commonly highly meandering, exhibit characteristics of point bars, with vertical successions consisting of medium- to coarse-grained sandstone with a basal lag, overlain by interbedded, fine-grained sandstone and siltstone with lateral accretion surfaces. These tidal-channel deposits commonly pinch out into and are overlain by sandy tidal-flat deposits (Reineck, 1967). The sandy tidal-flat facies (Lstf), which constitutes the top of the lowstand sequence in the Jones Energy #6 Tyson core, is composed of a 4-ft (1.2-m) section of fine-grained sandstone. The Lstf facies is typically dominated by climbing ripples with thin mudstone drapes, reflecting migration of sandy sediment. The Lstf facies represents deposition from lower-flow-regime tidal currents, with slackwater suspension sedimentation recorded as siltstone drapes over ripples. Most of these ripples are



asymmetric, reflecting deposition from low-energy, alternating tidal currents rather than from wave processes.

### **Transgressive Systems Tract**

The upper Cleveland transgressive systems tract (TST) records flooding of the LST estuarine valley-fill system. Numerous examples of transgressive estuarine successions are in the ancient rock record, including the Upper Cretaceous Point Lookout Sandstone in northwestern New Mexico (Devine, 1991); the Albian Paddy Member of the Peace River Formation and lower Shaftesbury Formation in Alberta (Leckie and Singh, 1991); the Lower Triassic in Provence, France (Richards, 1994); the Lower Permian Hueco Formation in south-central New Mexico (Mack and others, 2003); the Lower Cretaceous Woburn Sands in southern England (Yoshida and others, 2004); and the Eocene Central Basin in Spitsbergen (Plint-Björklund, 2005).

The base of the upper Cleveland TST is marked by the TS\_30 marker, defined in many cores as the base of an upward-fining section that grades upward into either burrowed or carbonaceous siltstones. In electric logs, the base of the TST is inferred at inflection points in the gamma-ray (GR) curve at the base of upward-fining successions below the FS\_30 flooding surface (Fig. 2). In the Shell #1-678 Wheat core, also presented in this workshop, no lowstand facies are preserved, and the transgressive systems tract is represented by a thin (commonly <3-ft [0.9-m]) section of fine-grained sandstone with ripple scours above an upward-coarsening section of highstand proximal-delta-front deposits (Fig. 3). The upper Cleveland TST is well developed in the Jones Energy #6 Tyson well, where it is an upward-fining 30-ft (9-m) section composed of a basal interval of sandy tidal-flat facies (Tstf) that grades upward into muddy tidal-flat (Tmtf) and marsh (Tm) facies.

Sandy and muddy tidal-flat facies (Tstf and Tmtf, respectively) in the upper Cleveland TST are herein described together because they have a similar genetic depositional origin, containing similar bedforms and reflecting similar depositional processes. However, they

are distinguished from one another by average grain size and general stratigraphic position, with the Tstf facies occurring lower in the TST succession (Fig. 2). The Tstf facies typically is composed of fine- to very fine grained sandstone with abundant ripples with mud drapes and internal scour surfaces. These ripples are dominantly asymmetric, although symmetrical, wavy ripples are also present. In contrast, the Tmtf facies is composed primarily of muddy siltstone and very fine grained sandstone. Stratification in the Tmtf facies is typified by abundant, small-scale, mud-draped ripples. Minor accessory features in the Tmtf facies include soft-sediment deformation, load structures at the bases of ripples, and carbonaceous fragments.

Upper Cleveland TST marsh facies are inferred from thin (commonly <1-cm) coal beds and carbonaceous shales. The marsh facies in the Jones Energy #6 Tyson well occurs at ~7,691 ft (~2,344.8 m) and overlies an 18-ft (5.5-m), upward-fining interval of Tmtf facies. In the Jones Energy #6 Tyson well it is composed of a 0.3-inch (0.7-cm), bright coal streak bounded below by gray mudstone with abundant plant fragments. It is overlain by muddy siltstone. In other cores from previous studies, marsh deposits are inferred from similarly thin (<4-inch [ $<10$ -cm]) coal seams that directly overlie upward-fining successions of crossbedded and ripple-laminated sandstone interpreted to be fluvial channel in origin (Hentz, 1994).

The upward-fining grain size in the tidal-flat and marsh section in the upper Cleveland TST sequence is consistent with overall grain-size profiles in prograding tidal-flat models in the Wash in the United Kingdom (Evans, 1965) and the southwestern coastline in the Netherlands (Van Stratten, 1954), as summarized in Klein (1971). In the prograding tidal-flat model from these modern examples, the upward-fining succession typically consists of a basal section of sandy, bedload-dominant, subtidal, and low-tidal-flat deposits that grade upward into finer-grained, middle- and upper-tidal-flat and marsh silt and mud deposits in which suspended-load sedimentation dominates over bedload sedimentation. Basinward superposition of muddy, upper-tidal-flat, and marsh deposits over lower-tidal-flat and subtidal deposits results in a net upward-fining grain-size profile. However, the upward-fining grain-size profile in transgressive tidal-flat and marsh deposits in the Jones Energy

#6 Tyson core is more a function of retrogradation. Muddy siltstones above the thin coaly zone in this core represent marine drowning (give-up surface) and destruction of marsh-forming environments. The give-up transgressive surface separates the lower peat deposit from the marine sediments above, dividing the two cycles into an upward-deepening cycle below and an upward-shallowing cycle above (Diessel et al., 2000).

### **Cleveland Formation: Shell #1-678 Wheat Core**

#### **Highstand Systems Tract**

The Shell #1-678 Wheat core (Fig. 3) contains prominent, well-preserved highstand successions, in contrast to the Jones Energy #6 Tyson core. The lower highstand succession in the Shell #1-678 Wheat well from 7,331 to 7,404 ft (2,234 to 2,257 m) consists of a basal section of muddy inner-inner-shelf deposits (Hmis facies) that grades upward into distal-delta-front and proximal-delta-front sandstones (Hddf and Hpdf facies, respectively). This highstand succession is capped by a thin transgressive sandstone at 7,330 ft (2,234 m), in turn overlain by another upward-coarsening highstand succession.

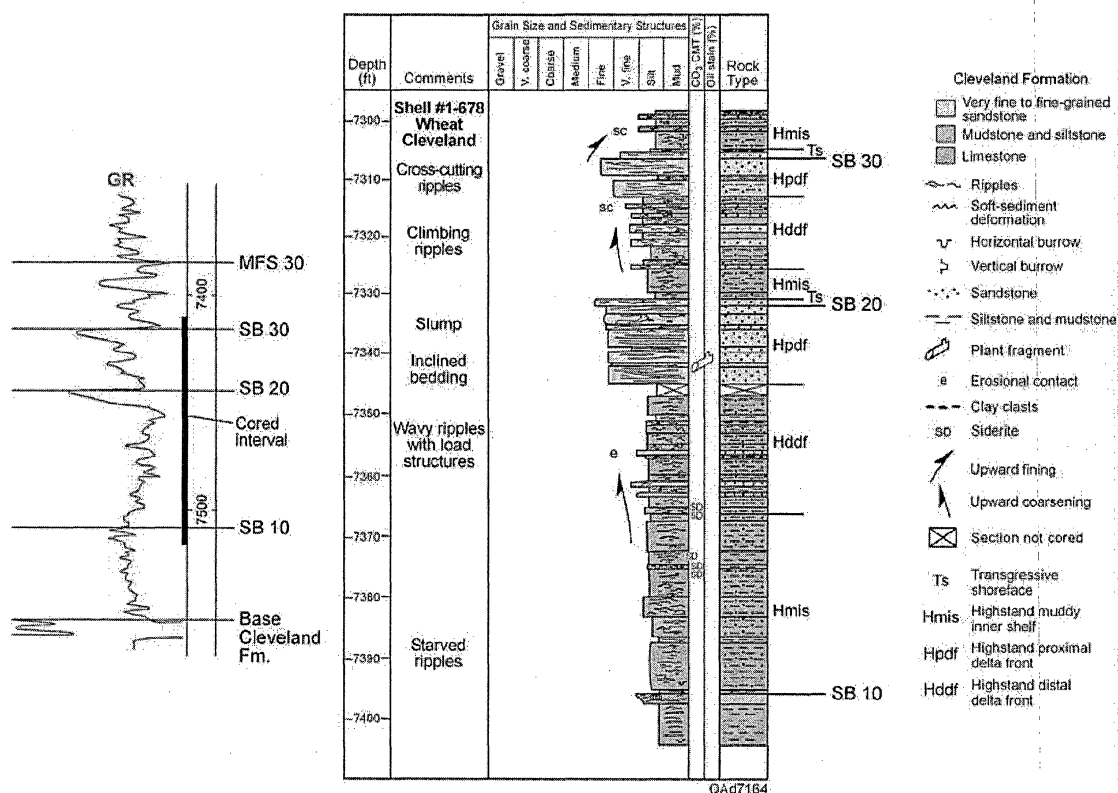


Figure 3. Description and log response of the Cleveland Formation in the Shell #1 Wheat core, located in Fig. 1.

Muddy inner-shelf facies (Hmis) composing the basal part of the highstand systems tract in the Cleveland Formation is overlain by distal-delta-front facies (Hddf). It consists of up to 30 ft (9 m) of sparsely burrowed, silty mudstone, with starved ripples and lenticular beds composed of fine-grained sandstone, as well as discontinuous siltstone laminae. These starved ripples and lenticular beds are typically <1 cm thick. The Hmis facies commonly exhibits no overall grain size, varying from fine- to coarse-grained siltstone, although it locally contains thin (<2-inch [ $<5.1$ -cm]) beds of calcareous, fine-grained sandstone.

The predominance of starved and isolated ripples in a muddy matrix in the Hmis facies indicates a low-energy shelf setting typified by suspension sedimentation and periodic sediment transport reflected by starved ripples, consistent with a sparse sand supply periodically transported by weak marine currents on a muddy substrate. The overall bedding is of the form described by Reineck and Wunderlich (1968) as lenticular bedding

with single lenses, in which >75% of the ripples (lenses) are discontinuous and encased in mudstone, stratification commonly associated with tidally influenced shelf environments. Weak wave reworking of these shelf deposits is recorded by minor, wavy, and symmetrical ripples, although these are small scale, with ripple heights commonly <0.5 inch (<1.3 cm).

Cleveland highstand delta-front deposits are divided into distal- (Hddf) and proximal-delta-front (Hpdf) facies. Net-sandstone maps of these highstand deltaic facies indicate that they are strongly dip-elongate, subparallel, and linear (see slide set "Sequence Stratigraphy and Depositional Summary of the Marmaton and Cleveland Formations, Anadarko Basin," this volume), consistent with net-sand patterns in modern subaqueous tidal-bar deposits such as those in the Gulf of Korea (Off, 1963), the Gulf of Papua offshore from the mouth of the Fly River (Fisher and others, 1969), and the Gulf of California (Meckel, 1975). A complete delta-front succession with both distal- and proximal-delta-front deposits is present in the Shell #1-678 Wheat well from 7,331 to 7,366 ft (2,234 to 2,245 m). The distal-delta-front section, inferred from 7,345 to 7,366 ft (2,239 to 2,245 m), is composed of sparsely burrowed siltstone and thin (<3-inch [ $<7.6$ -cm]) beds of very fine grained sandstone. Sedimentary structures in these distal-delta-front deposits are dominated by asymmetric and wavy, starved ripples. Soft-sediment deformation is common, occurring as slumps and load structures. The proximal-delta-front facies (Hpdf) in the Shell #1-678 Wheat core abruptly overlies the distal-delta-front facies and is composed of upper-fine-grained sandstone. Stratification in the proximal-delta-front facies in the Shell #1-678 Wheat well consists of slightly inclined laminae and crossbeds. Soft-sediment deformation is also present, occurring as slumps with overturned strata. Slumps and soft-sediment deformation, although common in delta-front settings in fluvial-dominated deltas (Coleman and others, 1974; Prior and Coleman, 1978; Elliott, 1989), can also occur in tide-dominated facies, where rapid deposition of material from flood-tidal currents on an unstable substrate can result in rotation and failure of semicoherent material (Rahman and others, 2008; Carmona and others, 2009). The top of the Hpdf facies is capped by a thin, upper, fine-grained sandstone at 7,331 ft (2,234 m), interpreted to represent transgressive deposits, which is in turn overlain by muddy inner-shelf deposits in another highstand cycle. This second highstand succession, which ranges from 7,307 to 7,331 ft (2,227 to 2,234 m), is an

upward-coarsening interval that ranges from lenticular, starved ripples in a muddy matrix at the base, grading upward into large-scale, climbing, wavy ripples with significant mud drapes. The section is capped by another thin (<6-inch [ $<15\text{-cm}$ ]) zone of transgressive deposits at 7,307 ft (2,227 m), identified as fine- to very fine grained sandstone with abundant internal scours. This transgressive sandstone is abruptly overlain by burrowed, silty mudstone with thin (millimeter-scale) laminae and starved ripples composed of very fine grained sandstone. This fine-grained section is the lower part of another highstand succession at the top of the cored interval.

### **Marmaton Group: Sun #1 Blau Core**

A small, 22-ft (6.7-m) cored section from the Sun #1 Blau core, located in Fig. 1, is included to show sedimentary structures and facies within a highstand succession in the Marmaton Group for the sake of comparison with similar cored intervals in the Cleveland Formation. This cored interval is from an upward-coarsening Marmaton parasequence that grades upward from horizontally stratified, very fine grained sandstone at the base to fine-grained sandstones with large, wavy ripples with mudstone drapes that are in turn overlain by fine-grained sandstones with internal scour surfaces and flattened clay clasts (Fig. 4). The main part of the cored section from 7,548 to 7,562 ft (2,301 to 2,305 m) is composed of draped, wavy ripples that vary in type from starved ripples/flasers at 7,560 ft (2,304 m) to shale-draped, climbing ripples and large, climbing ripples from 7,552 to 7,560 ft (2,302 to 2,304 m). Many of the shale drapes occur as couplets, especially at 7,554 to 7,555 ft (2,302 to 2,303 m). The upper one-third of the section is dominated by fine-grained sandstone with clay clasts and ripple scours, suggesting relatively high energy deposition and erosional processes consistent with wave or storm scouring. Although the spontaneous potential (SP) curve in the cored section is nonresponsive, the resistivity curve suggests an upward-coarsening grain-size profile. The top of the cored section is near the sequence boundary M\_SB\_20, inferred in the core at ~7,545 ft (~2,300 m) along the base of the uppermost sandstone bed with internal scour surfaces and clay clasts. The overall upward-coarsening grain-size profile in the cored section is interpreted to record a progradation and offlap of a tidally influenced delta-front succession capped by ravinement scouring during

a regional transgression subsequent to a relative-sea-level fall marked by the M\_SB\_20 sequence boundary.

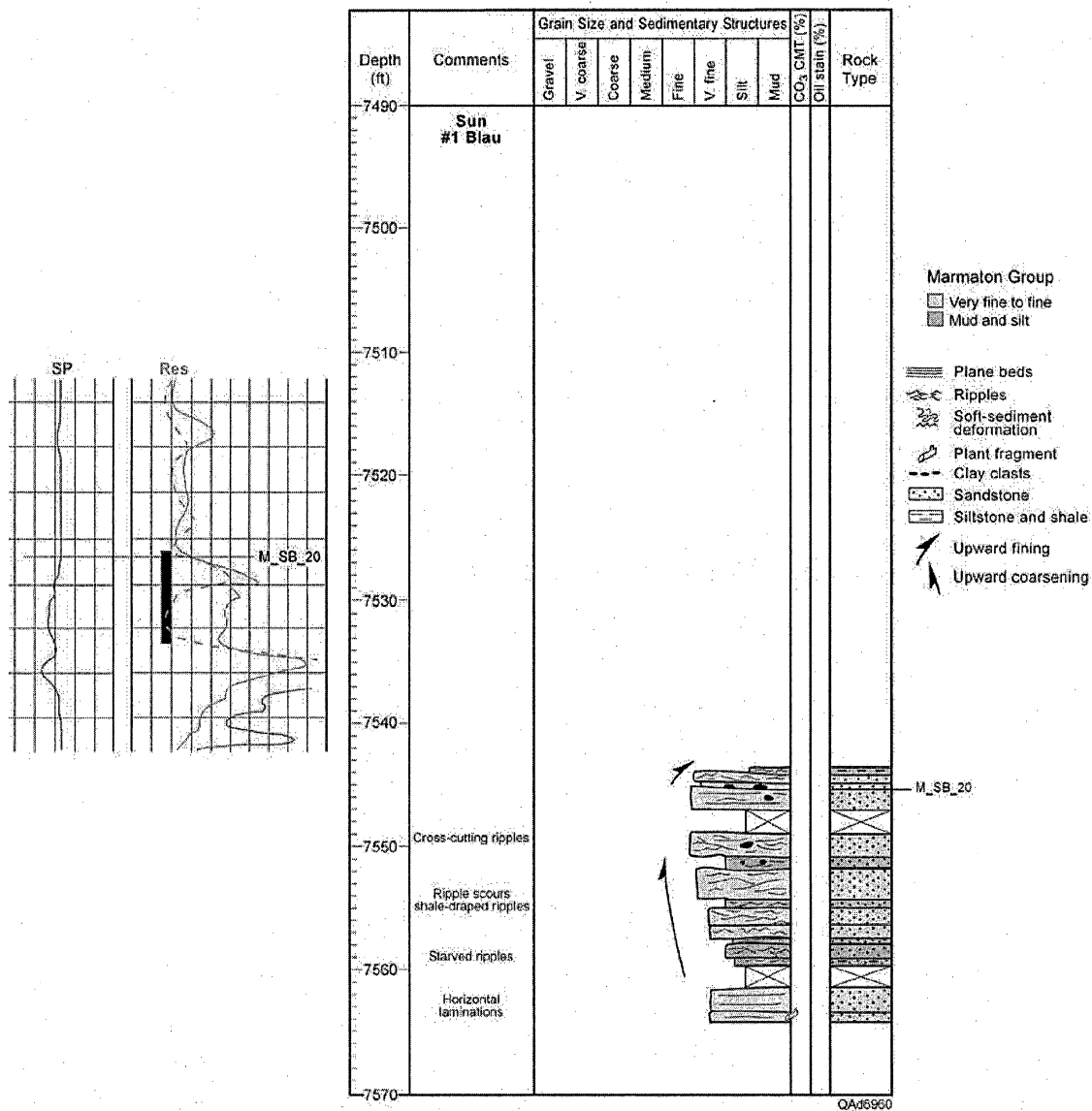


Figure 4. Description and log response of the Marmaton Formation in the Sun #1 Blau core.

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N	Southwest	2003	2/27/03	2/27/2003	Electronic Resources for NM Producers	Midland	TX
N	Southwest	2003	5/19/03	5/19/2003	H2S Safety Seminar (NM Oil Conservation Division, WERC)	Midland	TX
N	Southwest	2005	5/12/05	5/12/2005	Horizontal Drilling (Texas)	Midland	TX
N	Texas	1996	4/8/1996	4/8/1996	Frio Fluvial - Deltaic Sandstone Play	San Antonio	TX
N	Texas	1997	10/24/1997	10/24/1997	Effect of Ellenburger Karsting & Collapse on Reservoir Compartmentalization	San Antonio	TX
N	Texas	1997	11/13/1997	11/13/1997	Advanced Logging Techniques	Midland	TX
N	Texas	1998	4/23/1998	4/23/1998	3-D Seismic (Waha/Lockridge)	Midland	TX
N	Texas	1999	9/16/1999	9/16/1999	Mudlogging	Midland	TX
N	Texas	1999	10/18/1999	10/18/99 to 10/21/99	3D Geophysics for Geologists (E. Tex. Geol. Soc.)	Tyler	TX
N	Texas	2000	2/17/2000	2/17/2000	Vapor Recovery Workshop	Midland	TX
N	Texas	2000	3/9/2000	3/9/2000	Coalbed Methane Workshop (Houston Geol. Society)	Houston	TX
N	Texas	2003	4/10/03	04/10-11/03	Structure and Stratigraphy of South Texas and Northeast Mexico - Applications to Exploration (STGS, Gulf Coast SEPM)	Austin	TX
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N	Texas	2003	5/29/03	5/29/2003	New Methods for Locating and Recovery Remaining Hydrocarbons in the Permian Basin (UT Bureau of Economics Geology, Center for Energy and Economic Diversification)	Midland	TX
N	Texas	2004	1/15/04	1/15/2004	Integrated Synthesis of Permian Basin Depositional Systems	Midland	TX
N	Texas	2004	5/18/04	5/18/2004	Field Data Entry (Panhandle Producers and Royalty Association)	Amarillo	TX
N	Texas	2004	10/28/04	10/28/2004	Tech Session @ Permian Basin Petroleum Association annual mtg	Midland	TX
N	Texas	2004	11/4/04	11/4/2004	Produced Water Management (Texas Alliance)	Wichita Falls	TX
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	Texas	2005	3/2/05	3/2/2005	Controlling Sand Production	Houston	TX
	Texas	2005	6/29/05	6/29/2005	Reservoir Engineering	Houston	TX
	Texas	2005	9/20/05	9/20/2005	Stranded Gas, Options for Realizing Value (Texas Alliance of Energy Producers)	Dallas	TX
	Texas	2005	10/20/05	10/20/2005	Tech Session @ Permian Basin Petroleum Association Annual Meeting	Midland	TX
	Texas	2006	8/1/06	8/1/2006	Forecasting Waterfloods Using Reservoir Grail (Grail Quest, Midland College)	Midland	TX



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<del>yes</del>	Texas	2006	11/8/06	11/8/2006	Barnett Shale Gas Play of the Fort Worth Basin (Bureau of Economic Geology)	Midland	TX
yes	Texas	2007	2/23/07	2/23/2007	Hydraulic Fracturing Technology and Case Studies, Tight Gas Sands and Shales (Texas Alliance, South Texas Geological Society)	San Antonio	TX
Bob	Texas	2007	10/17/07	10/17/2007	Production Data Gathering and Remote Surveillance	Midland	TX
yes	Texas	2007	10/30/07	10/30/2007	Pilot Study of the East Texas Field; Geology, Engineering and Potential Future Exploitation	Kilgore	TX
NI	Texas/Central Gulf	1998	12/1/1998	12/1/1998	Fractured Reservoirs (w/DOE & PTTC Central Gulf)	Tyler	TX

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