

Petroleum Systems in the Permian Basin: Targeting optimum oil production[©]

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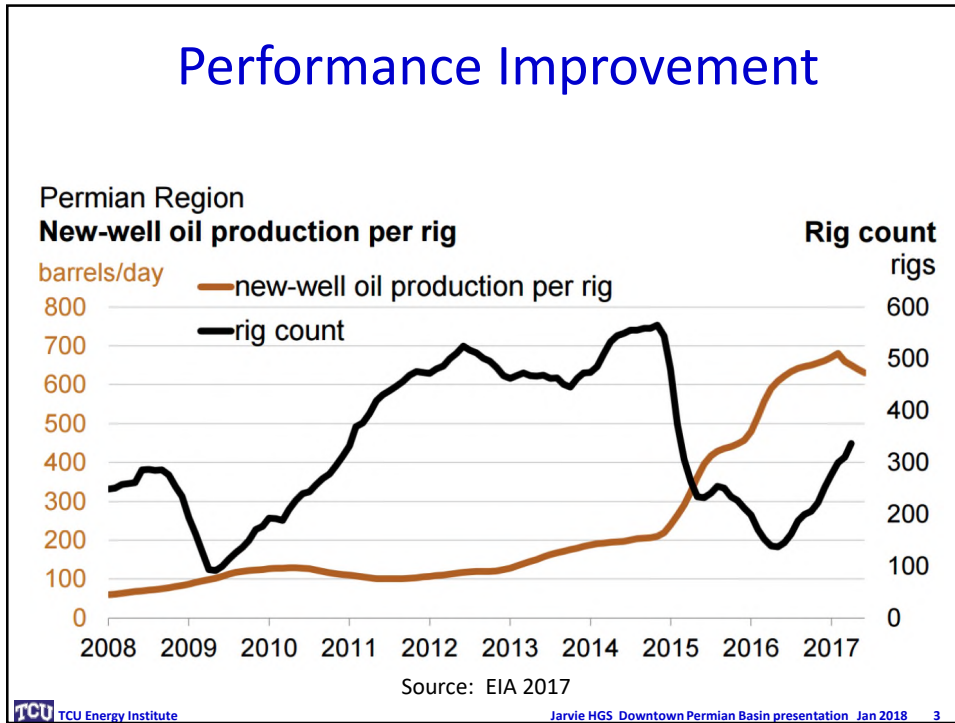
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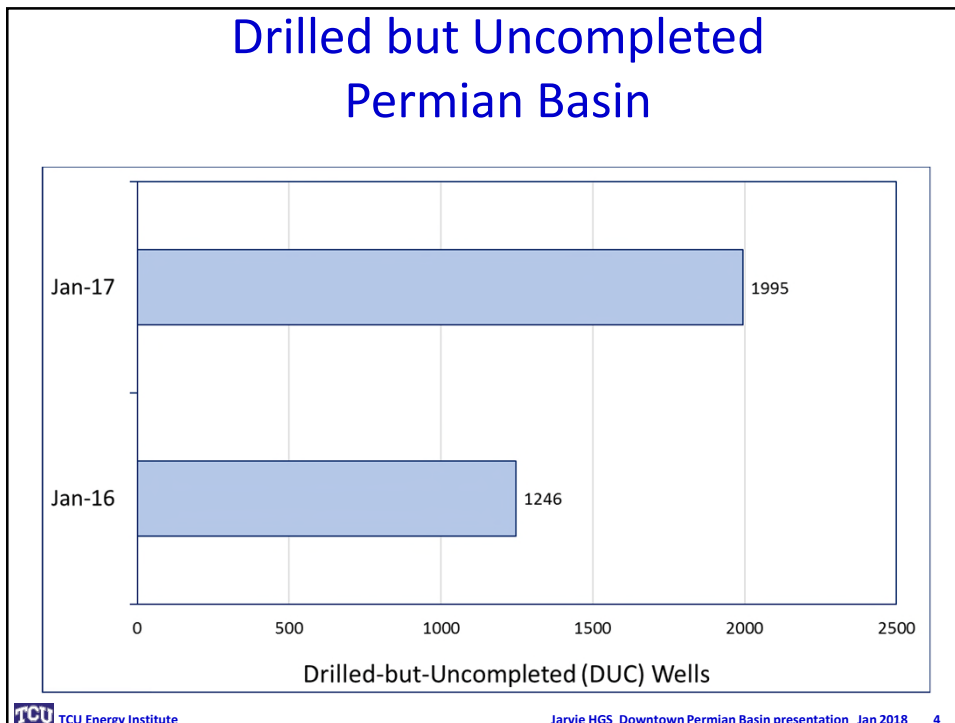
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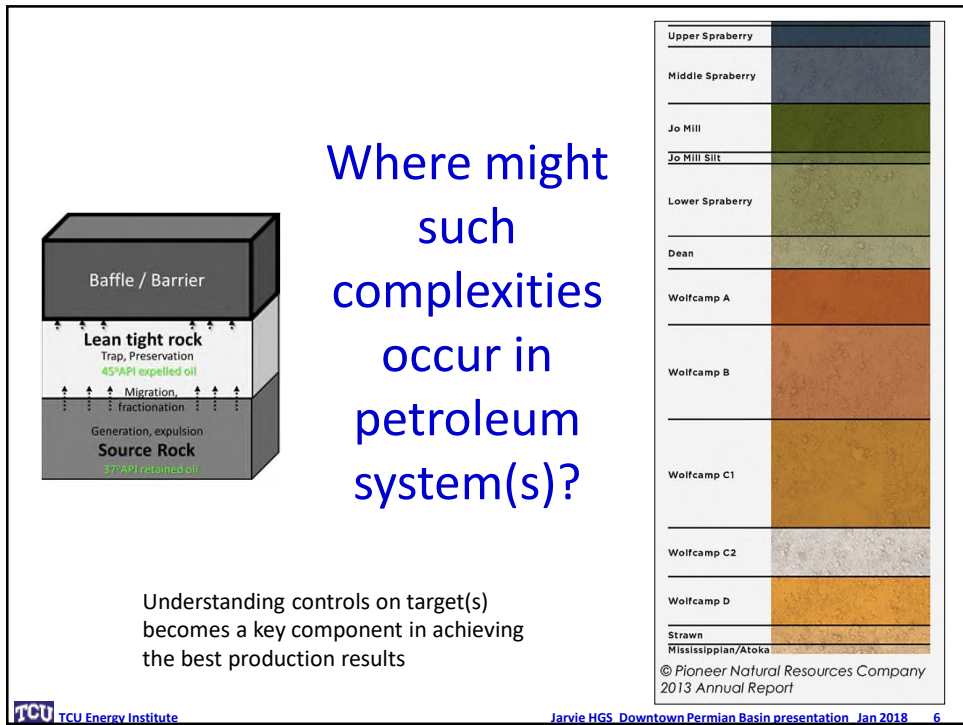
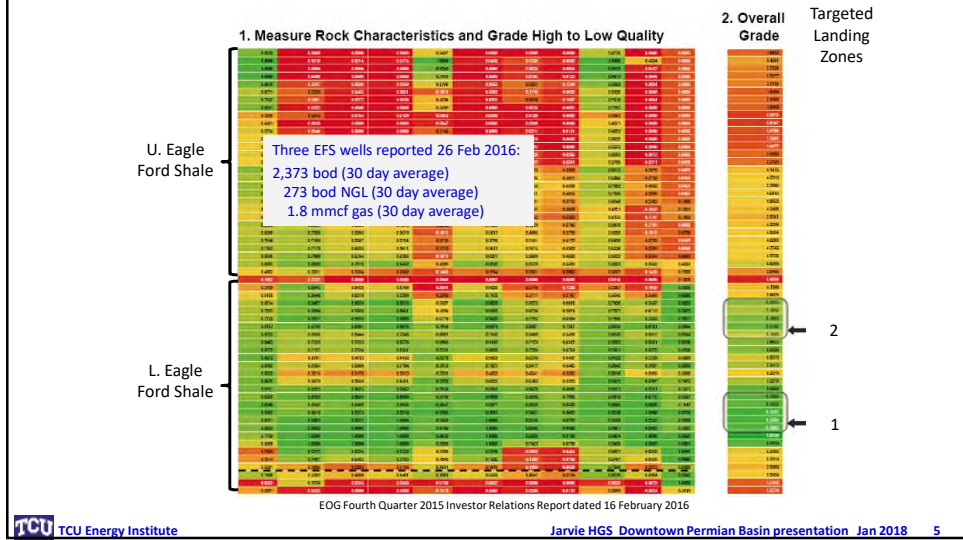
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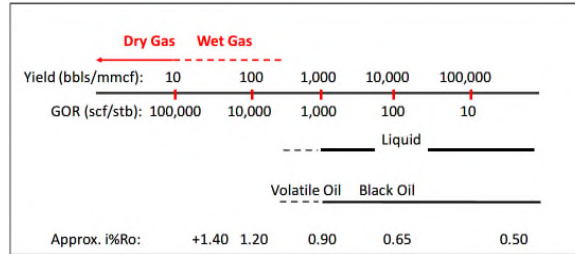
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Prediction of Petroleum Type (phase) vs maturity parameters

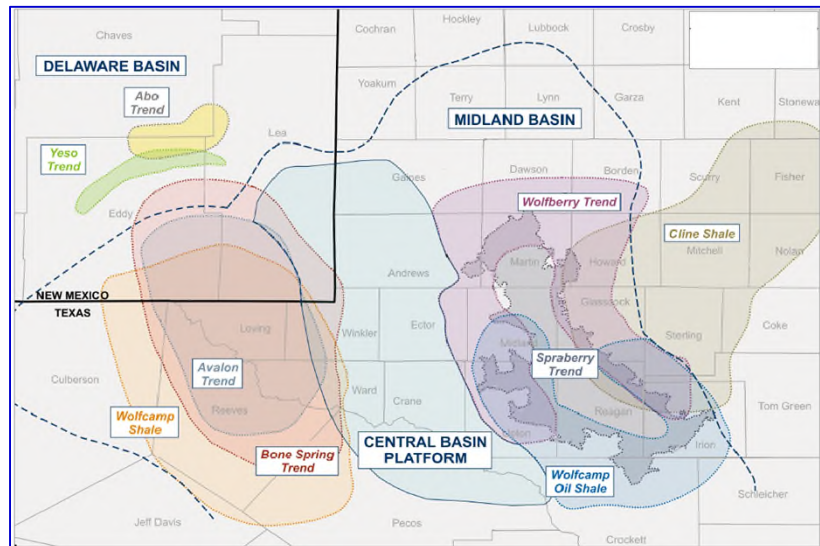


Modified from SPE Monograph 20

Product	Methane (C ₁) (mole %)	Heptane Plus (C ₇₊ in mole %)	GOR (scf/stb)	Yield (bbl/mmcf)	Oil Gravity (°API)	Color of Liquid	Approximate %Ro
Black Oil	< 70	< 56	100 - 2,000	na	20 - 39	Green to Black	< 0.95
Volatile Oil	70 - 80	< 22	1,000 - 3,499	na	40 - 49	Light to Dark Amber	0.95 - 1.15
Gas Condensate	80 - 84	< 8	3,500 - 4,999	200 - 285	50 - 54	Light Amber	1.15 - 1.25
Rich Wet Gas	84 - 88	< 4	5,000 - 19,999	50 - 200	55 - 60	Translucent	1.25 - 1.35
Lean Wet Gas	88 - 92	< 0.82	20,000 - 99,999	10 - 50	> 60	Clear	1.35 - 1.50
Dry Gas	> 92	na	> 100,000	< 10	na	na	> 1.5

Refs: Baker et al., 2015; Whitson, 2017, Whitson and Brule, 2000

Permian Basin Plays



Source: 7s Oil and Gas

Stratigraphy with oil and rock samples analyzed

PERIOD	SERIES	DELAWARE BASIN FORMATION	PERIOD	SERIES	CENTRAL PLATFORM FORMATION	PERIOD	SERIES	MIDLAND BASIN FORMATION	
GUADALUPE	DELAWARE GROUP	LAMAR BELL CANYON ●	GUADALUPE	WHITE HORSE	TANSILL	GUADALUPE	WHITE HORSE	TANSILL ●	
		SHERBY CANYON ●			YATES			YATES ●	
LEONARD		REUSHY CANYON ●	LEONARD	WARD	7 RIVERS	LEONARD	WARD	7 RIVERS ●	
		UPPER AVALON SHALE ●			GRAYBURG			GRAYBURG ●	
		1ST BONE SPRING ●			SAN ANDRES			SAN ANDRES ●	
		2ND BONE SPRING ●			GLORIETA			GLORIETA ●	
		3RD BONE SPRING ●			PADDON			PADDON ●	
WOLFCAMP		WOLFCAMP ●	WOLFCAMP	YESO	TUB	LEONARD	CLEAR FORK	UPPER LEONARD ●	
PENN	PENNSYLVANIAN ●	WOLFCAMP			WOLFCAMP ●			UPPER SPRABERRY	UPPER SPRABERRY ●
					ABO			LOWER SPRABERRY	LOWER SPRABERRY ●
					HUECO			DEAN	DEAN ●
					ELRSUM			WOLFCAMP	WOLFCAMP ●
					PENNSYLVANIAN			PENNSYLVANIAN	PENNSYLVANIAN ●

Mississippian	Barnett	●
Devonian	Woodford	●
Ordovician	Ellenburger	●

Permian Basin Petroleum Systems

- Permian Guadalupian (3)
- Permian Leonardian Bone Springs (2)
- Permian Spraberry
- Permian Wolfcampian (2)
- Pennsylvanian (3)
- Mississippian Barnett Shale
- Devonian-Mississippian Woodford Shale (2)
- Ordovician Simpson Formation (2)

Refs: Jones and Smith, 1965; Williams, 1977; Jarvie et al., 2001; Hill et al., 2003; Curtis and Zumberge, 2017

Why is it more difficult to produce black oil from tight shale?

- Permeability
- Molecular size: physical limitation
- Viscosity: resistance to flow
- Polarity:
 - adsorptive affinity
 - Wettability
- GOR: pressure
- et al. ...

Select Risk Factors for plays and targets

Unconventional Development Risk Factors								
→	RF-1	Oil Crossover	→	RF-16	Water saturation	→	RF-31	Barrier
	RF-2	TOC _{original}		RF-17	Gas saturation		RF-32	Healed Fractures
	RF-3	HI _{original}		RF-18	Overpressured		RF-33	Open Fractures
	RF-4	TOC _{present-day}		RF-19	Thickness		RF-34	Faults
	RF-5	HI _{present-day}		RF-20	Burial history		RF-35	Structure
	RF-6	Depositional System		RF-21	Depth _{present-day}		RF-36	Terrain
	RF-7	Source or Hybrid		RF-22	Depth _{max}		RF-37	Infrastructure
→	RF-8	Maturity		RF-23	Carbonate		RF-38	Oil/Gas prices
	RF-9	TR		RF-24	Quartz		RF-39	Proppant
→	RF-10	SARA		RF-25	Clay		RF-40	Services
→	RF-11	API gravity	→	RF-26	Organofacies		RF-41	Rigs
→	RF-12	GOR	→	RF-27	Brittleness			
	RF-13	Porosity		RF-28	Poisson ratio			
	RF-14	Permeability		RF-29	Youngs Modulus			
	RF-15	Oil saturation	→	RF-30	Baffle			

→ in presentation
→ discussed in talk

Oil Content in Rock Sample as measured by thermal extraction



Overlap of free oil and oil carried over into S2
This is a function of oil type and isolated organic pores

$$\text{Total Oil} = (S1_{WR} - S1_{\text{extracted rock}}) + (S2_{\text{whole rock}} - S2_{\text{extracted rock}}) + \text{E.L.}$$

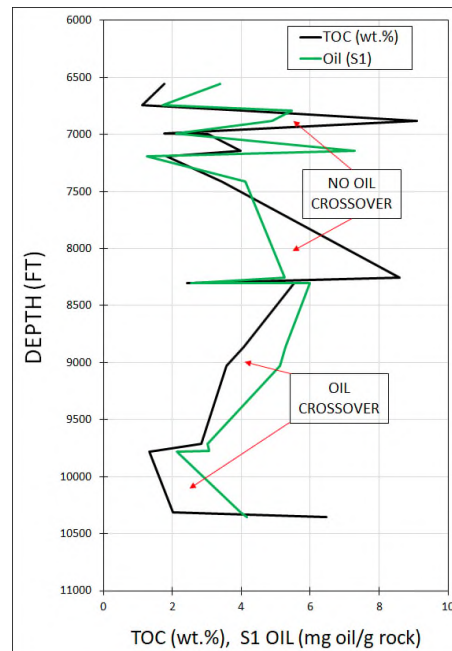
$$\text{Evaporative Losses} = S1 \times (\text{GC Fingerprint produced oil} / \text{GC Fingerprint of extracted oil})$$

- The more organic-rich reservoir, E.L. is lower (depending on handling)
- The more organic-lean reservoir, E.L. is higher

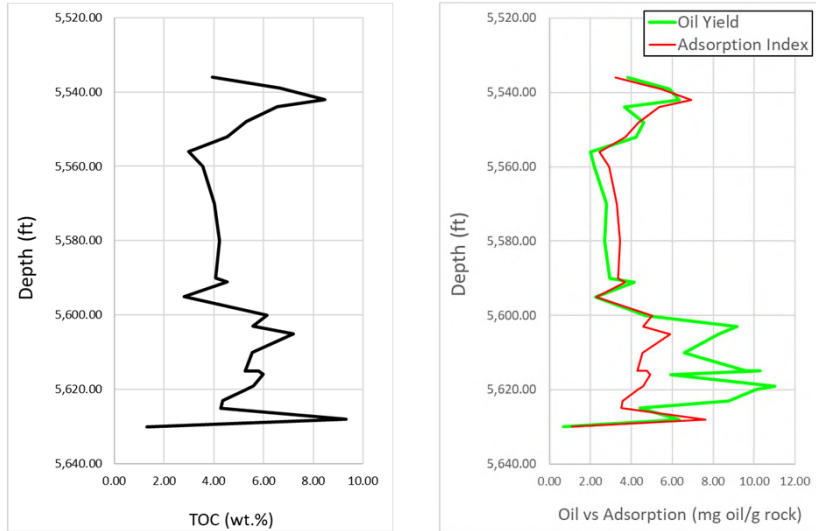
Wolfcamp Oil Crossover

Data from Jarvie et al. (2001)

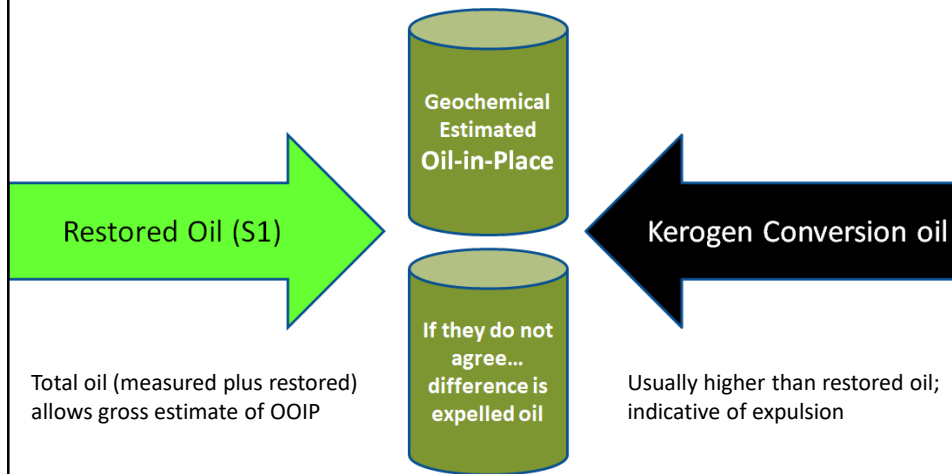
High TOC and even high oil contents are not necessarily indicative of producible oil. Excess oil relative to TOC is necessary to exceed sorptive capacity of kerogen, bitumen and rock matrix



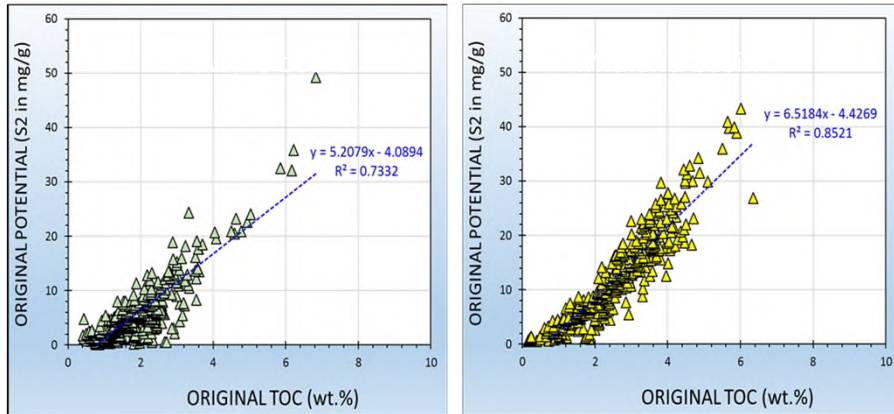
Best Interval to Produce: highest TOC ?



Forward and Reverse Basic Model

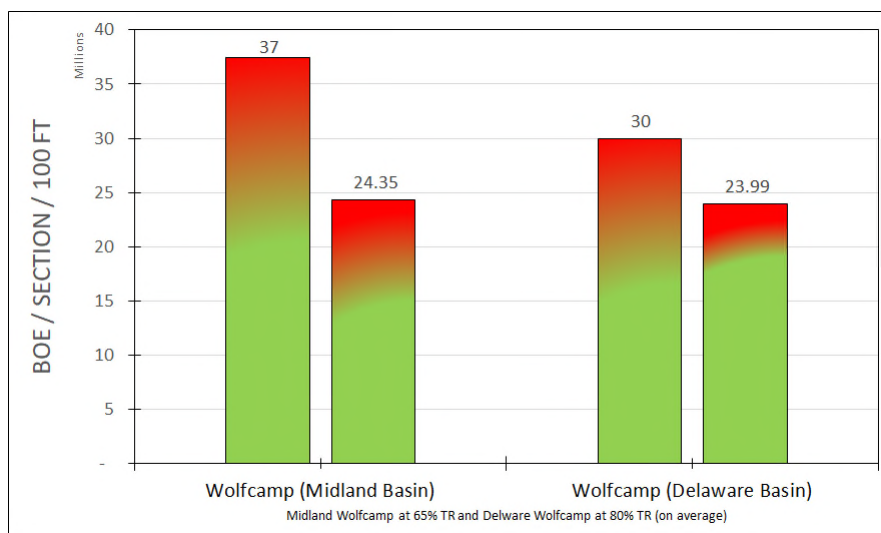


Restored (original) Petroleum Potential: Wolfcamp



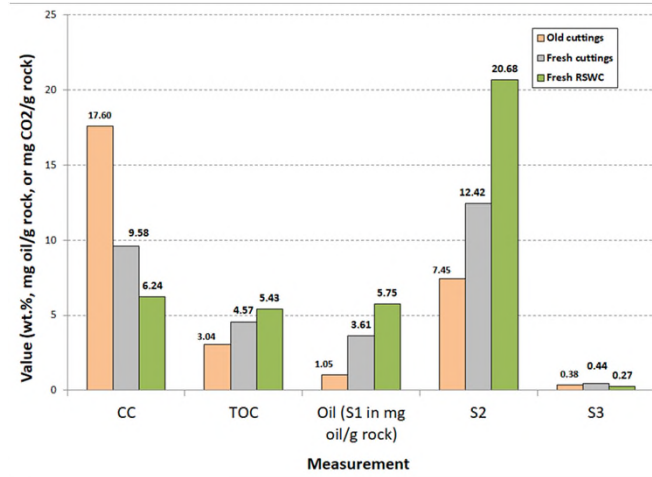
Slope of these restored values is indicative of original hydrogen index, i.e., 521 and 652 mg oil potential/g TOC for Delaware and Midland basins, respectively.

Wolfcamp Generation Potential: Midland vs Delaware Basin



Comparison of Archived vs Fresh Cuttings

Samples from an offset well and compared to the archived cuttings from the original well
(Data courtesy of Gunn Oil Corp.)

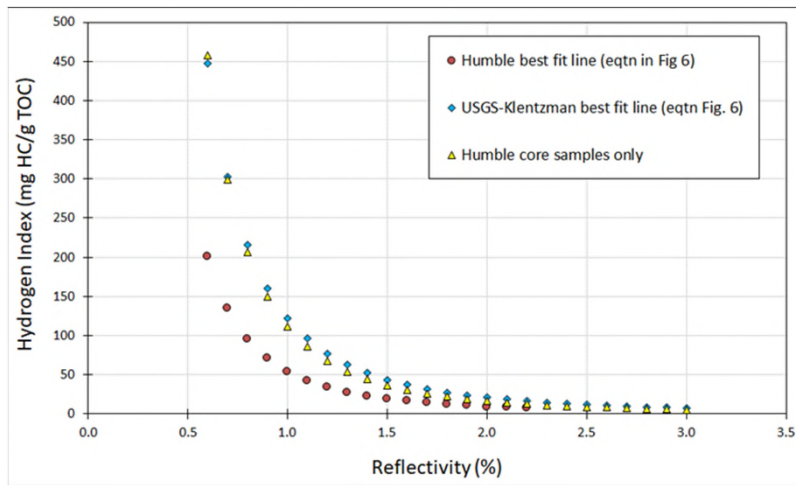


Archived cuttings are hypothesized to be oxidized which lowers the pyrolysis effluent concentration yielding lower values of TOC and S2 due to increased CO₂ in effluent.

Ref: Jarvie, 2017

Impact of Sample Quality

While the Humble cuttings data shows variation from the fresh analysis of Barnett Shale, the Humble core data agrees. Cores were also archived but appear to be relatively unaffected by a decade of storage.



Refs: Humble Geochemical Ft. Worth Basin Barnett Shale (1995); Lewan and Pawlewicz, 2017

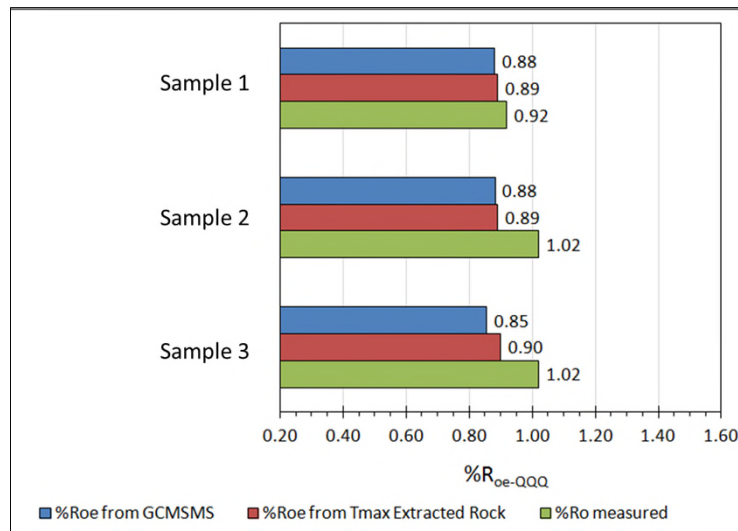
Thermal Maturity Techniques

Techniques for Evaluation of Thermal Maturity					
Method	Industry Standard	Variability	Range	Price	Delivery
→ Vitrinite reflectance	X	High	complete	Mod	Slow
Kerogen color		Mod	oil zone	Mod	Slow
→ Rock-Eval Tmax	X	High	oil zone	Low	Fast
Kerogen conversion ratio		Low	complete	Low	Fast
→ Dry gas ratio		Low	complete	Low	Fast
→ Carbon isotopes	x	Low	complete	High	Mod
Pyrolysis GC MS			oil zone	High	Mod
Biomarkers (standard approach)	x	Mod	oil zone	High	Slow
→ Aromatic hydrocarbons			complete	High	Fast
→ GC fingerprinting		Mod	complete	High	Fast

→ Discussed in presentation

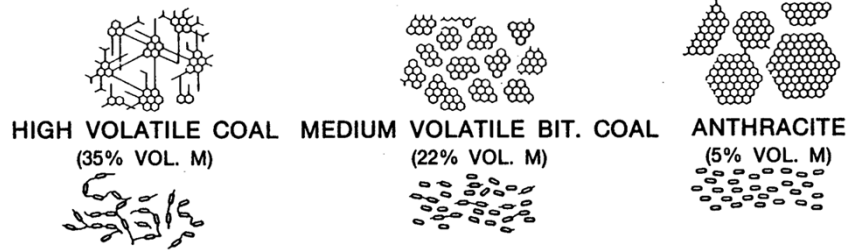
Thermal Maturity Assessments: which is correct?

The most difficult task for an organic petrologist is to find indigenous woody plant debris, i.e., vitrinite particles, in a deep marine setting where most unconventional shales were deposited and preserved.



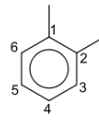
Maturity is a risking process and requires accurate and reproducible data for correlation to production.

Reflectivity increases due to increasing aromaticity

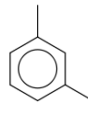


Taylor et al., 1998

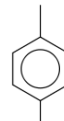
Stability varies by structural configurations



1,2-dimethylbenzene (ortho-xylene)



1,3-dimethylbenzene (meta-xylene)

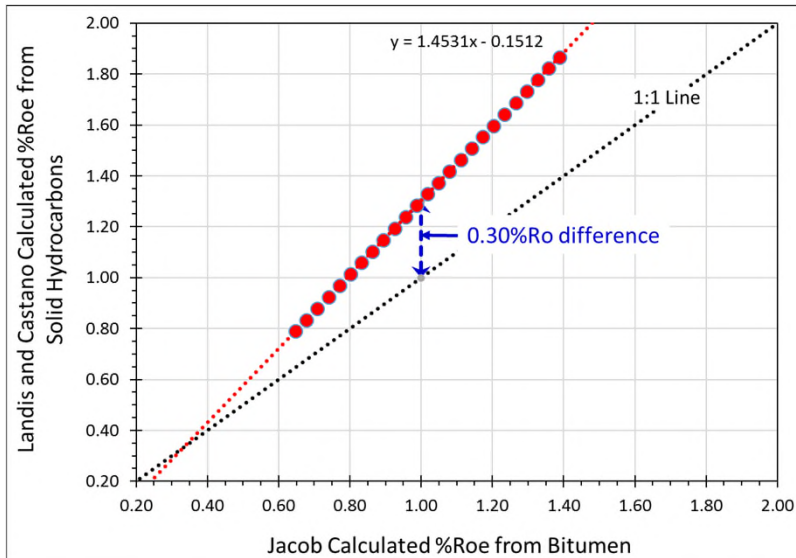


1,4-dimethylbenzene (para-xylene)

Control:	kinetic	thermodynamic	kinetic
Melting point:	-25°C	-48°C	13°C

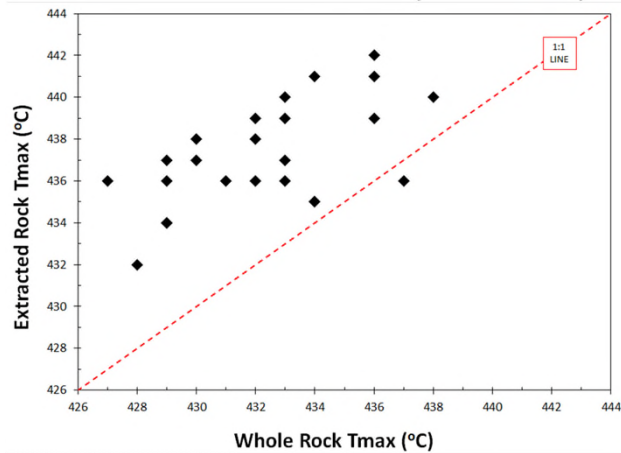
Comparison of Bitumen Reflectivity Equations

at the critical volatile oil window (0.95 to 1.15%Ro), there can be considerable variation in predicted Roe equivalents



Bakken Shale Tmax Data

For the most reliable Tmax data, organic-rich (bitumen-rich) shales must be solvent extracted prior to analysis



This is indicative of how strongly petroleum is sorbed into the kerogen and rock matrix

Comparison of unextracted and extracted samples of Upper Bakken Shale. Tmax values of solvent-extracted rock average 5°C higher Tmax. The average Tmax value for whole rocks is 432°C versus 437°C Tmax for solvent-extracted rock or a calculated equivalent %Roe(Tmax) of 0.62% versus 0.71% (using the 2001 equation). This is the difference between immature and early mature Bakken Shale. Modified from Jarvie et al. (2011).

Tmax to %Ro Correlation Data

Reference:	Hatch et al. (1984)	Espitalie et al., 1985	Delvaux et al. (1990)	Duppenbecker, 1992	Basken and Peters (1992) Santa Maria	Veld et al. (1993) The Netherlands Westphalian coals	Gentzis et al. (1993) Canadian Arctic marine/non-marine (est. linear fit)	Petersen (2002) various Carbon-Tertiary humic coals	Cornford et al. (2002) various worldwide database	Petersen (2006) various worldwide database
Basin or area:	Kansas Pennsylvanian Cherokee coals	Paris Toarcian Shale	various Type I, II, III, IV, coals	Lower Saxony Posidonia Shale	Monterey Shale					
Age:										
Samples:	n=19	n=8	n=21	n=12	n=4	n=402	n=89	n=94	n=94	n=94
Count:	0.0122**Tmax-4.7572	0.0131**Tmax-4.9689	0.0179**Tmax-7.1178	0.0129**Tmax-5.0335	0.0161**Tmax-6.377	0.0137**Tmax-5.1365	0.0210**Tmax-8.5133	(Tmax-398.39)/51.96	0.01857**Tmax-7.4514	(Tmax-391.92)/58.97
%Roe(Tmax):	0.86	0.96	0.86	0.88	0.99	0.89	na	0.96	0.74	0.87
R ² :	0.86	0.96	0.86	0.88	0.99	0.89	na	0.96	0.74	0.87
Tmax (°C)	%Roe	%Roe	%Roe	%Roe	%Roe	%Roe	%Roe	%Roe	%Roe	%Roe
430	0.49	0.66	0.58	0.51	0.55	0.75	0.52	0.61	0.53	0.65
435	0.55	0.73	0.67	0.58	0.63	0.82	0.62	0.70	0.63	0.73
440	0.61	0.80	0.76	0.64	0.71	0.89	0.73	0.80	0.72	0.82
445	0.67	0.86	0.85	0.71	0.79	0.96	0.83	0.90	0.81	0.90
450	0.73	0.93	0.94	0.77	0.87	1.03	0.94	0.99	0.91	0.98
455	0.79	0.99	1.03	0.84	0.95	1.10	1.04	1.09	1.00	1.07
460	0.85	1.06	1.12	0.90	1.03	1.17	1.15	1.19	1.09	1.15
465	0.92	1.12	1.21	0.97	1.11	1.23	1.25	1.28	1.18	1.24
470	0.98	1.19	1.30	1.03	1.19	1.30	1.36	1.38	1.28	1.32
475	1.04	1.25	1.38	1.09	1.27	1.37	1.46	1.47	1.37	1.41
480	1.10	1.32	1.47	1.16	1.35	1.44	1.57	1.57	1.46	1.49
485	1.16	1.38	1.56	1.22	1.43	1.51	1.67	1.67	1.56	1.58
Reference:	Wüst et al. (2012)	Lee, 2015	Lee, 2015	Hackley and Baugher (2016)	Drozdz and Knowles (2017) 10 basins in USA	Drozdz et al. (2017) Black Warrior	Lewan and Pawlewicz (2017) Ft. Worth	Lewan and Kotarba (2014)	Humble 2003 (in IAP, 2017) Ft. Worth	Jarvie et al. (2011) Ft. Worth
Basin or area:	W. Canadian Sed. (Trican data) Duvernay	various China, Taiwan coals, coaly shales	various China, Taiwan coals, coaly shales	coal (HP results)*		Floyd Shale	Barnett Shale	humic coals	Barnett Shale (core)	Barnett Shale (core)
Age:										
Samples:	n > 1000	n=608	n=580	n=6	n=1375	n=245	n=57	n=35	n=4	n=79
Count:	0.0149**Tmax-5.85	0.0188**Tmax-7.5582	0.0180**Tmax-7.1992	0.0178**Tmax-6.8527	0.0181**Tmax-7.147	0.0154**Tmax-5.972	0.022**Tmax-8.57	0.0103**Tmax-3.785	0.0174**Tmax-6.9523	0.0180**Tmax-7.16
%Roe(Tmax):	na	0.74	0.79	0.98	0.78	na	0.56	0.97	0.99	0.79
R ² :	na	0.74	0.79	0.98	0.78	na	0.56	0.97	0.99	0.79
Tmax (°C)	%Roe	%Roe	%Roe	%Roe	%Roe	%Roe	%Roe	%Roe	%Roe	%Roe
430	0.56	0.53	0.54	0.80	0.64	0.65	0.89	0.64	0.53	0.58
435	0.63	0.62	0.63	0.89	0.73	0.73	1.00	0.70	0.62	0.67
440	0.71	0.71	0.72	0.98	0.82	0.80	1.11	0.75	0.70	0.76
445	0.78	0.81	0.81	1.07	0.91	0.88	1.22	0.80	0.79	0.85
450	0.86	0.90	0.90	1.16	1.00	0.96	1.33	0.85	0.88	0.94
455	0.93	1.00	0.99	1.25	1.09	1.04	1.44	0.90	0.96	1.03
460	1.00	1.09	1.08	1.34	1.18	1.11	1.55	0.95	1.05	1.12
465	1.08	1.18	1.17	1.42	1.27	1.19	1.66	1.00	1.14	1.21
470	1.15	1.28	1.26	1.51	1.36	1.27	1.77	1.06	1.23	1.3
475	1.23	1.37	1.35	1.60	1.45	1.34	1.88	1.11	1.31	1.39
480	1.30	1.47	1.44	1.69	1.54	1.42	1.99	1.16	1.40	1.48
485	1.38	1.56	1.53	1.78	1.63	1.50	2.10	1.21	1.49	1.57

Tmax to %Ro Correlation Data

2001: %Roe(Tmax) = 0.0180 x Tmax – 7.16
 2018: %Roe(Tmax) = 0.0165 x Tmax – 6.51

Most reliable results for Tmax derived from solvent-extracted rock samples. Preferred solvent for best clean-up of sample is a binary azeotrope of chloroform-methanol.

Tmax (°C)	2001	2018
	Equation	Equation
	%Roe(Tmax)	%Roe(Tmax)
430	0.58	0.58
435	0.67	0.66
440	0.76	0.75
445	0.85	0.83
450	0.94	0.91
455	1.03	0.99
460	1.12	1.08
465	1.21	1.16
470	1.30	1.24
475	1.39	1.32
480	1.48	1.41

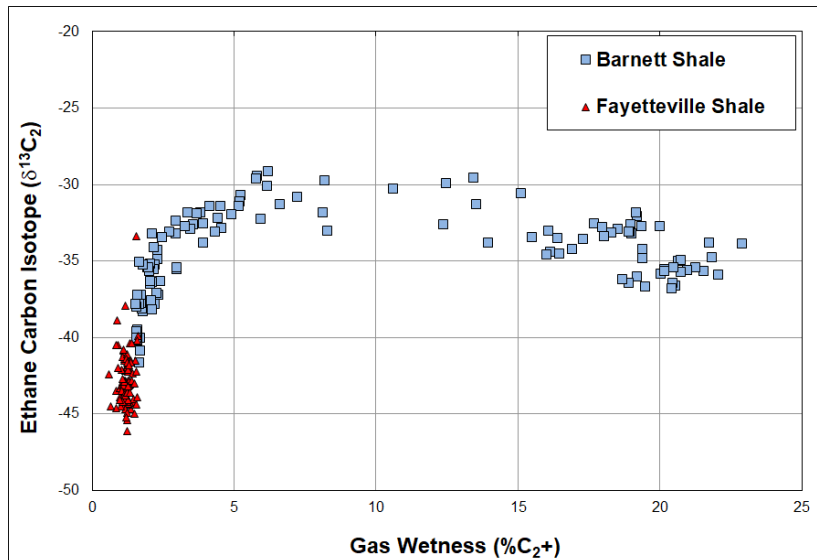
Full article posted at:



http://www.wildcattertechnologies.com/application/files/2515/1680/9032/Dan_Jarvie_Correlation_of_Tmax_and_measured_vitrinite_reflectance.pdf

High Maturity Isotopic Reversal:

ethane becomes lighter below ca. 5% gas wetness (ca. 1.5%Ro)

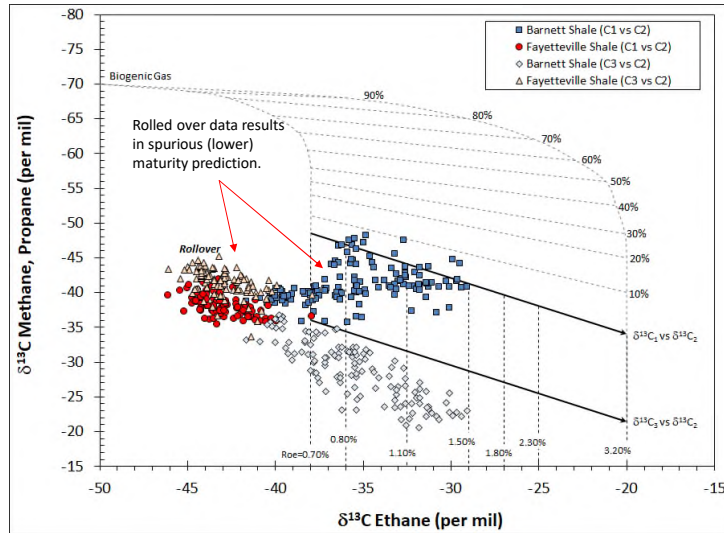


Data from Zumberge et al. (2012)

Be Careful with Isotopic Maturity Graphics

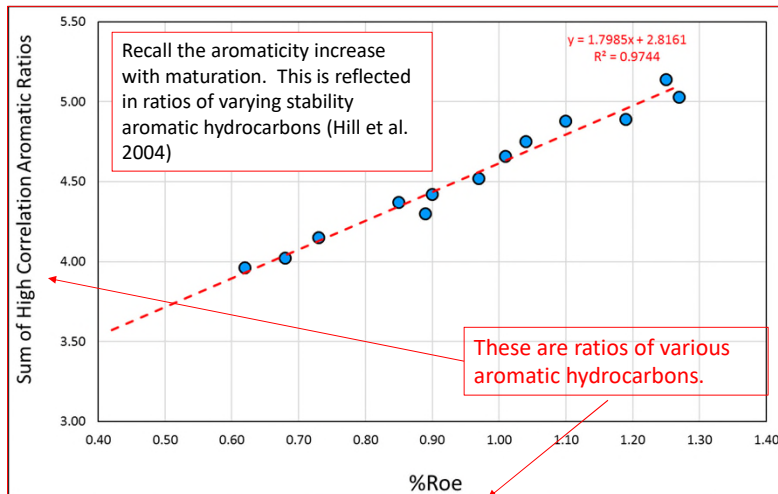
Check ethane reversal before utilizing a similar graphic.

Ethane reversal results in lower predicted thermal maturity values.



Data from Zumberge et al. (2012)

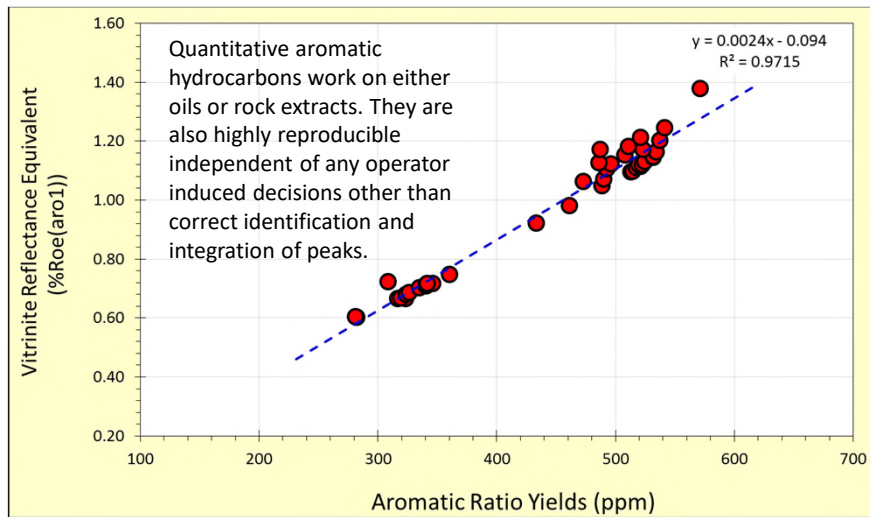
Correlation of Quantitative Aromatic Hydrocarbons to Thermal Maturity



Ratio:	TeMB-2	TeMB-3	DMEB-1	DMEB-2	MIPB	TeMN-1	TeMN-2
R ² :	0.65	0.79	0.91	0.90	0.80	0.82	0.75

Ratios from Hill et al., 2004

Aromatic Hydrocarbon-derived thermal maturity (%Roe(ARO1))



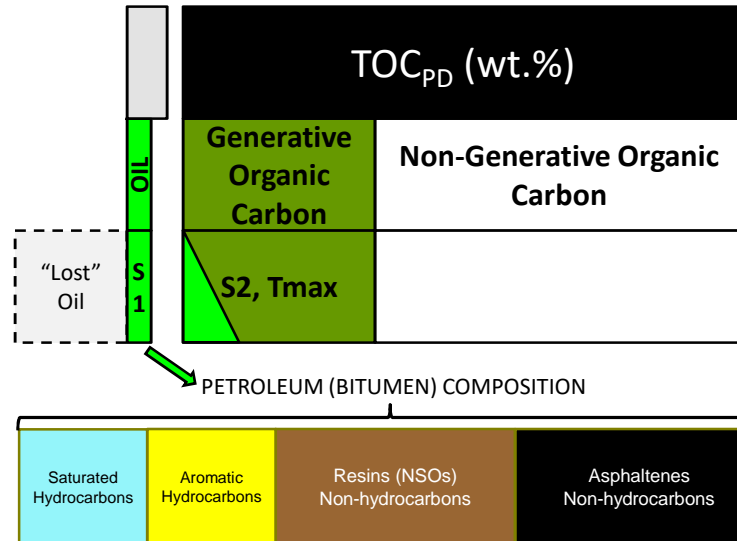
Ref: Don Rocher, 2015, Geomark Research

Secondary Oil (bitumen) Cracking

- Cracking of any product formed from kerogen cracking, i.e., second products
 - Oil cracking = secondary cracking
 - Oil is comprised of:
 - Saturates
 - Aromatics
 - Resins
 - Asphaltenes

Secondary oil cracking is not just saturate fraction cracking so often cited in presentations and papers. The entirety of petroleum cracks yielding lighter oil and more gas through the entire generation windows for oil and gas. This is proven by increasing oil quality (API gravity) and GOR with maturation.

Petroleum Products Generated from Kerogen Decomposition



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SARA Fractions

have dramatically different properties even though all are part of petroleum

- Hydrocarbons
 - Saturates
 - Aromatics
- Non-hydrocarbons
 - Resins
 - Asphaltenes

Properties

- Non-polar
- Largely non-adsorptive
- Not usually viscous except when high molecular weight (>C40) waxes present
- Used for biomarker and aromatic analysis

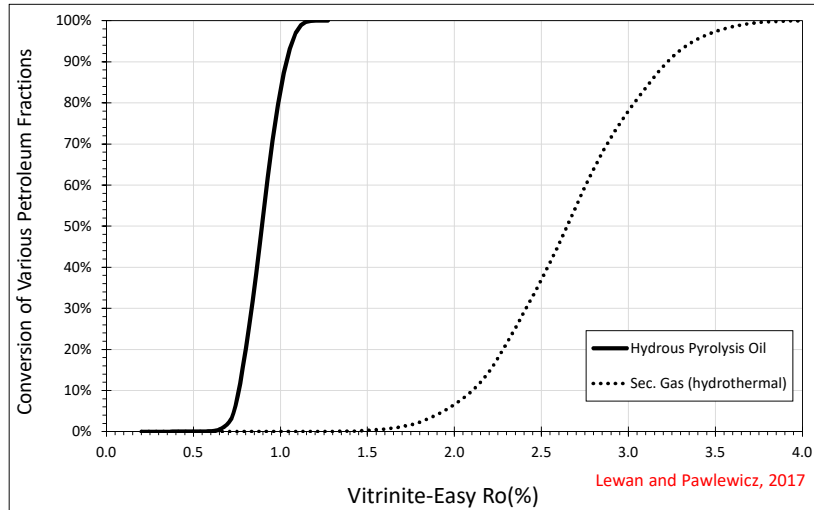
Properties

- Polar
- Highly adsorptive
- Highly viscous
- Can be used as analogs for kerogen

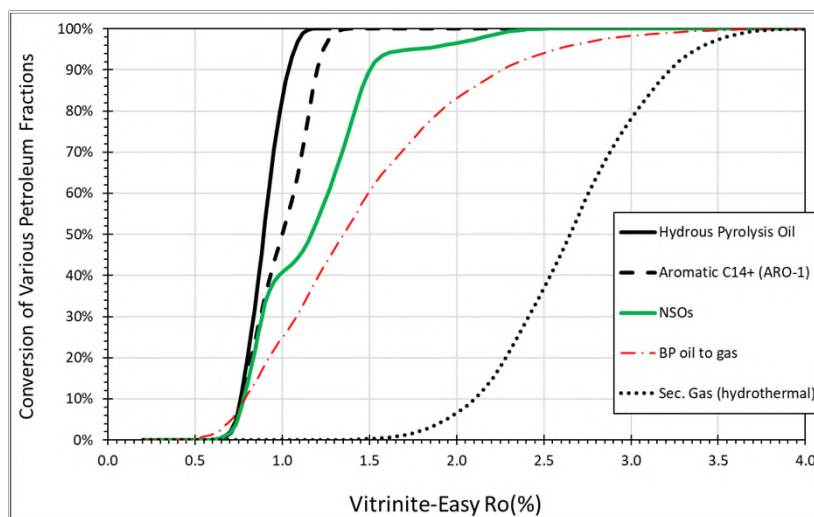
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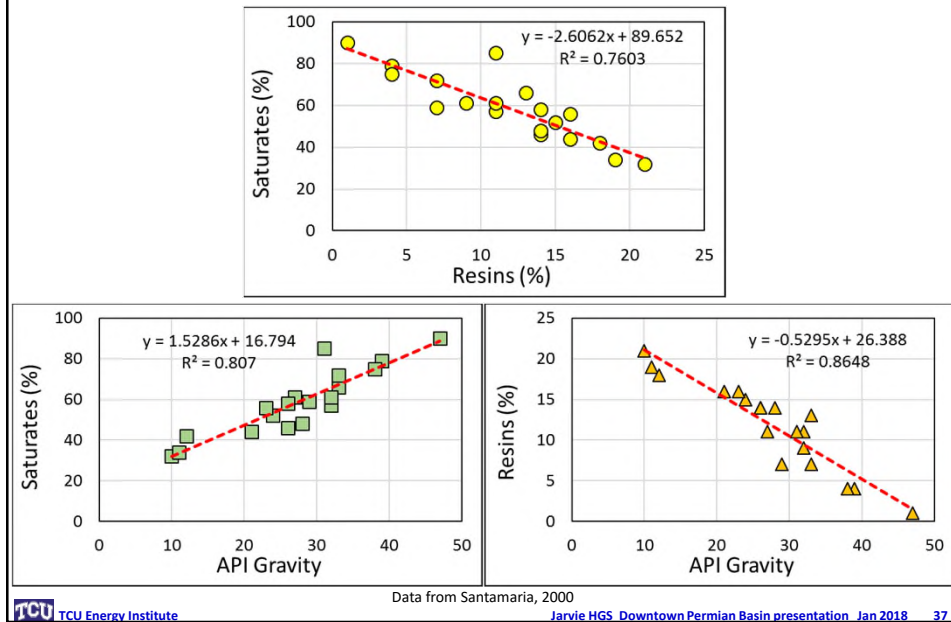
Petroleum (Bitumen) and Secondary Cracking as shown in Lewan and Pawlewicz (2017)



Petroleum (Bitumen) and Secondary Cracking in reality: it is a continuous process throughout the oil and gas windows

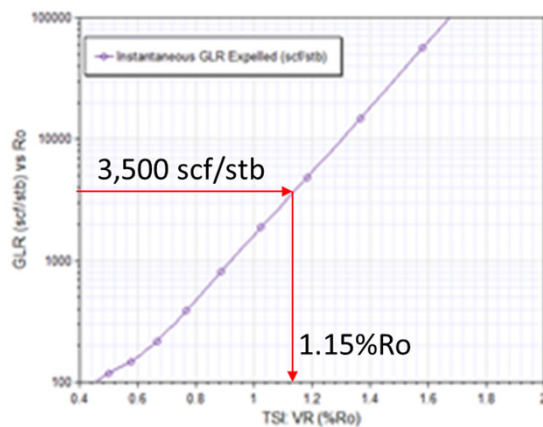


On the way to the volatile oil window



Prediction of GOR Break:

volatile oil to gas condensate occurs at about 1.15%Ro or 3500 scf/stb



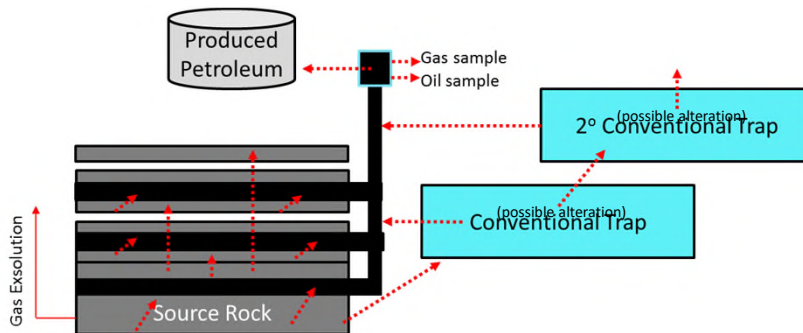
KINEX
MODEL

Constant heating rate model: 2.3°C/Ma from 15°C to 200°C

Petroleum Systems

Retention, Expulsion, Migration, and Fractionation

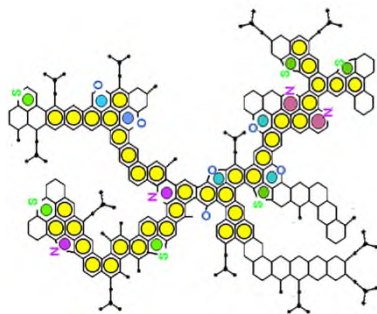
Fractionation occurs on all petroleum movement whether natural or induced



Wettability / Cracking

of resins and asphaltenes

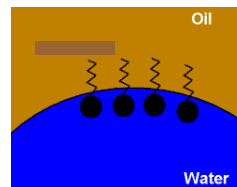
Such bonding includes within organic matter both kerogen and petroleum but also water wet inorganic matrices



Hydrogen Bonding enhanced in:

- -OH
- -SH

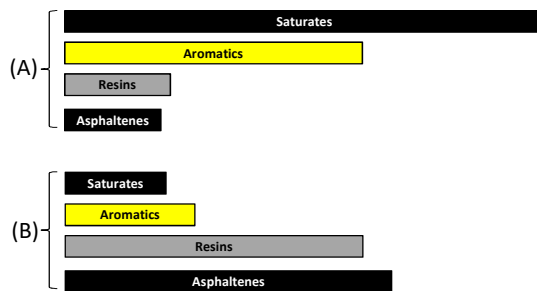
Such bonding allows resins to weakly bond to water.



Mobility and Expulsion Fractionation

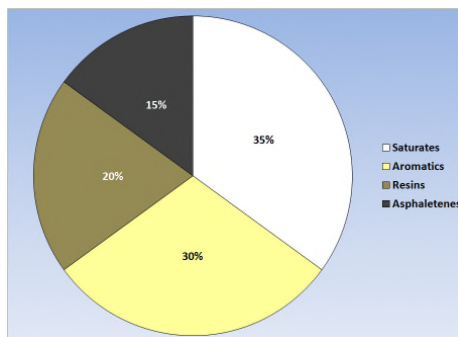
Mobility results in higher amounts of saturates and aromatics in expulsion

Post-Expulsion fractionation of Petroleum in source rock

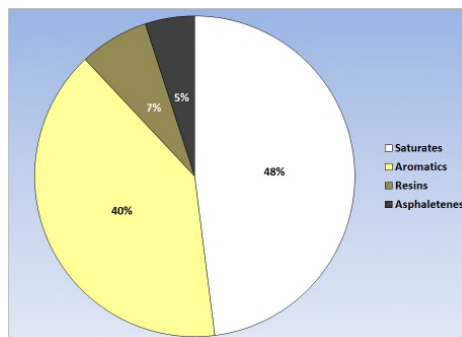


Comparison of Shale Reservoir Rock to Produced (dead) Oil

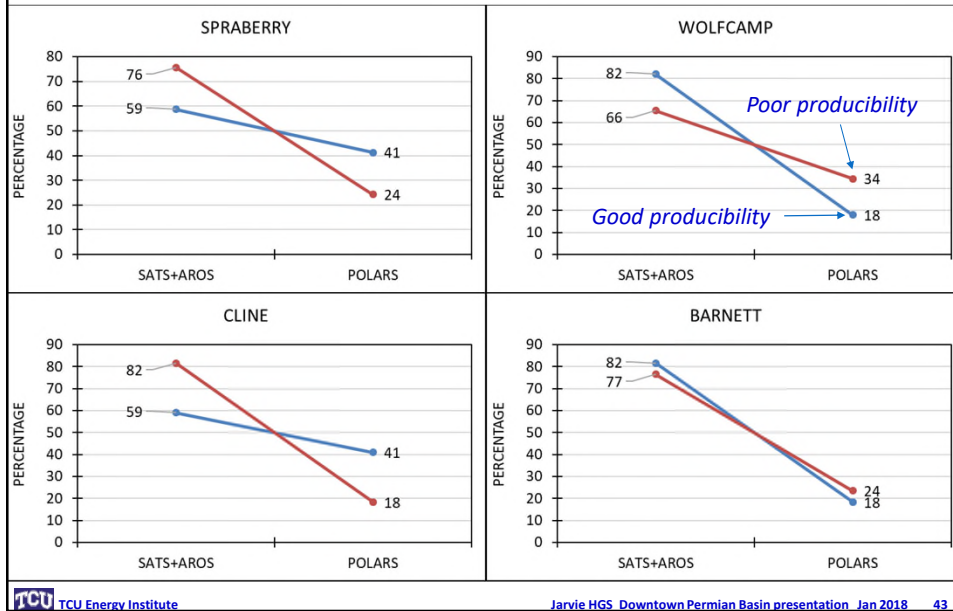
Source Rock Extract Fractions



Oil Fractional Fractions

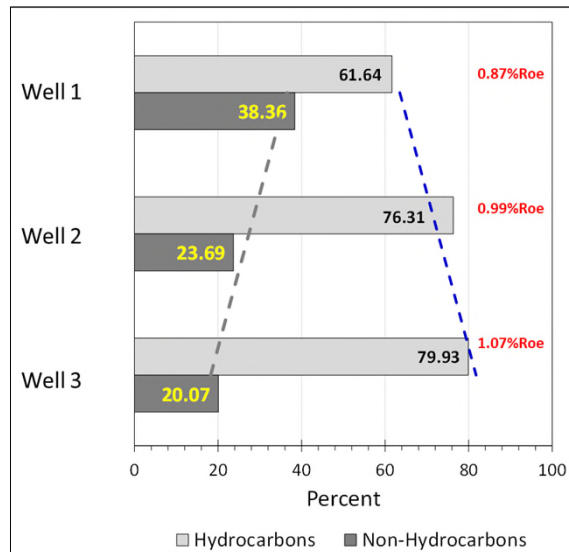


SARA: GOOD vs POOR



Wolfcamp Shale:

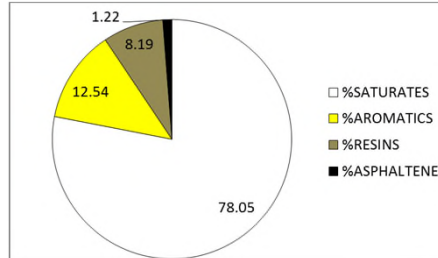
impact of thermal maturity (primary and secondary cracking) on SARA composition



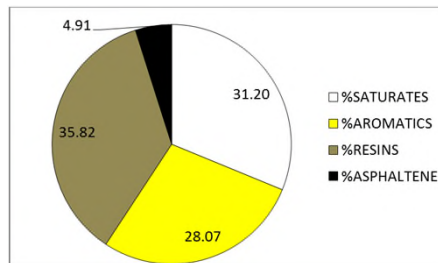
Production Fractionation:

what reaches the surface is not necessarily what is in the reservoir itself
In such cases such a differentiation indicates producibility issues.

Produced Petroleum
SARA Analysis



Extracted Petroleum
from reservoir rock
SARA Analysis



Factors Affecting S1:

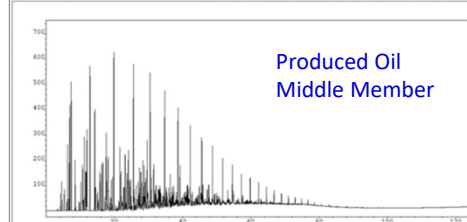
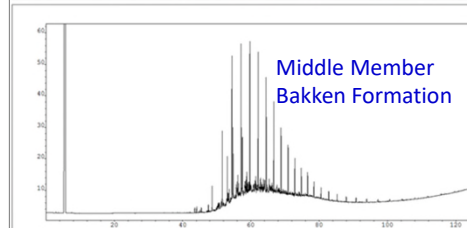
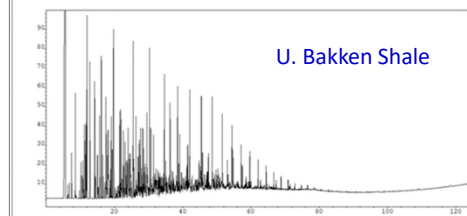
lithofacies

Stored for exactly the same amount of time and conditions, the shale member retains far more hydrocarbons than the Middle Member

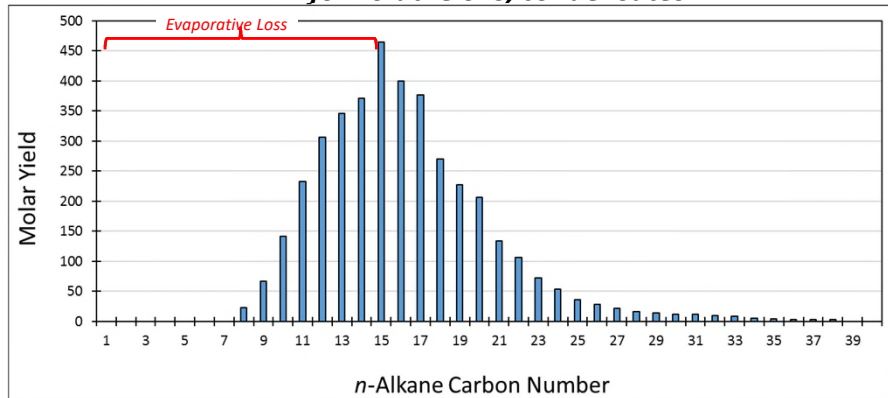
This loss is evaporative loss (EL)

which can be restored for volatile oils and condensates as shown on the following slides.

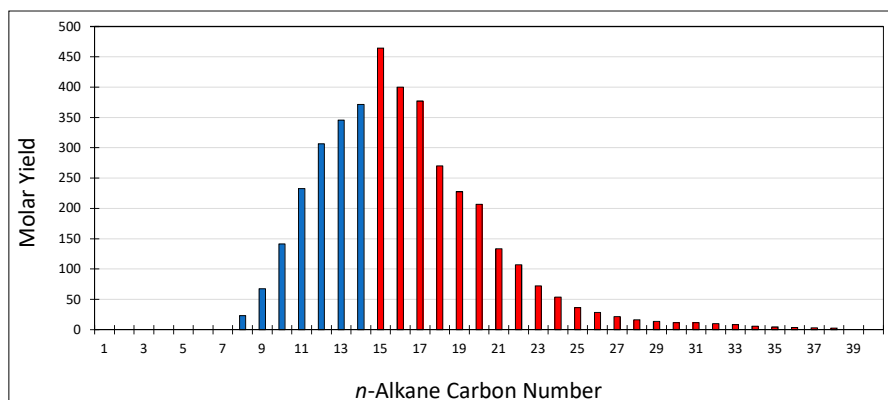
Jarvie et al., 2011



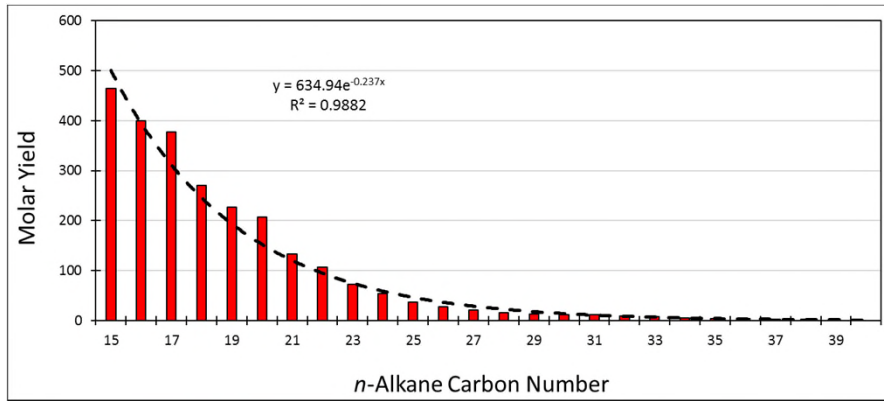
Light and C₁₅- Hydrocarbons
are lost from dead oil or oils extracted from
source or reservoir rocks
for volatile oils, condensates



Peaks in red are less evaporated and form
an exponential trend by alkane number

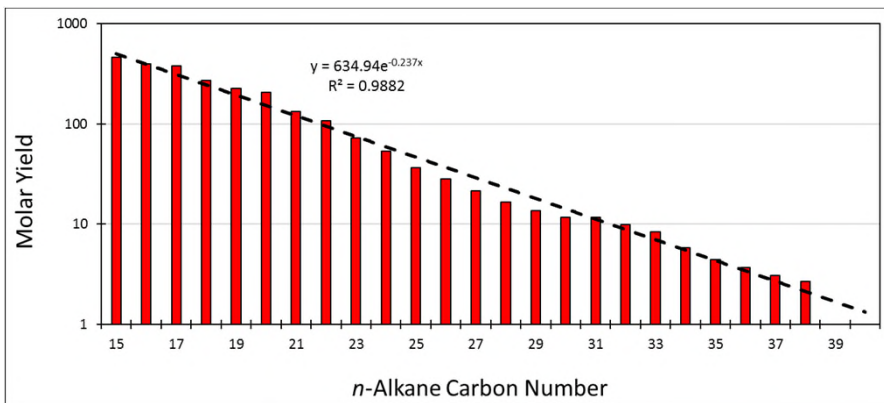


An exponential fit to the less evaporated sample provides an exponential factor that is indicative of thermal maturity; the pre-exponential factor is a function of concentration

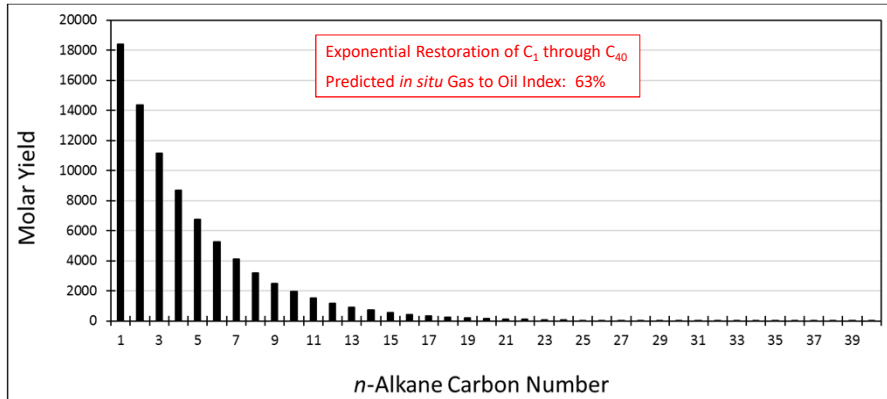


See also Holba et al., 2014

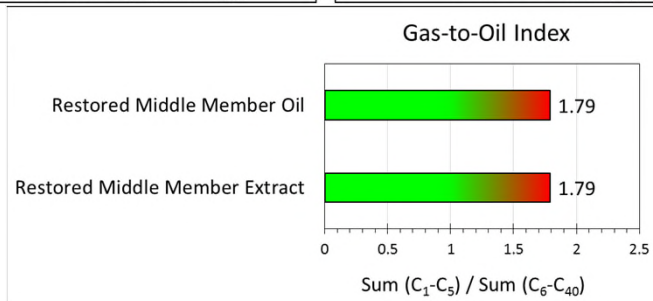
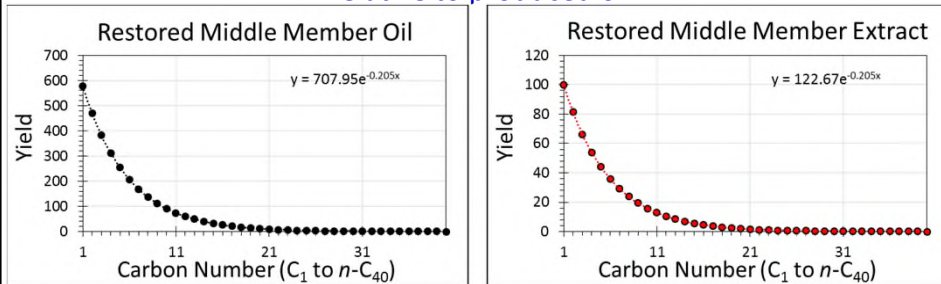
Plotting molar yields on a logarithmic scale shows the slope of an oil very clearly. With increasing maturity the slope (left to right causeway) increases dramatically



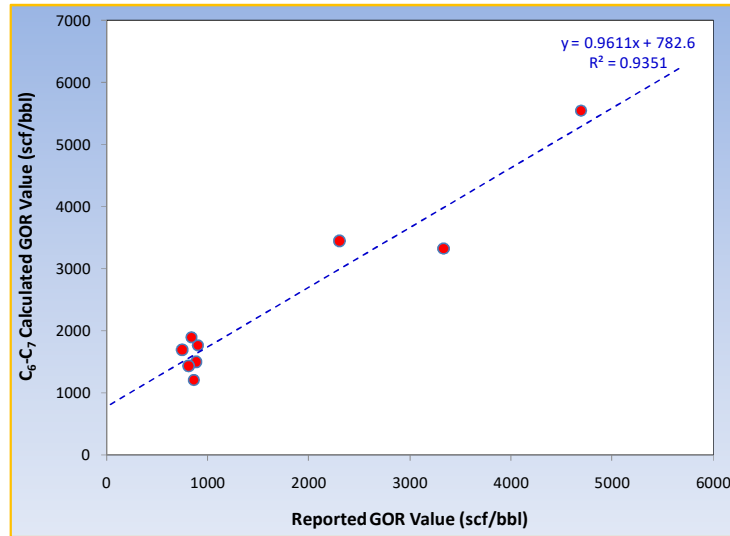
Once the best fit equation is established the entirety of the petroleum composition may be projected C_1 to C_{40} (applicable to volatile oils and condensates only)



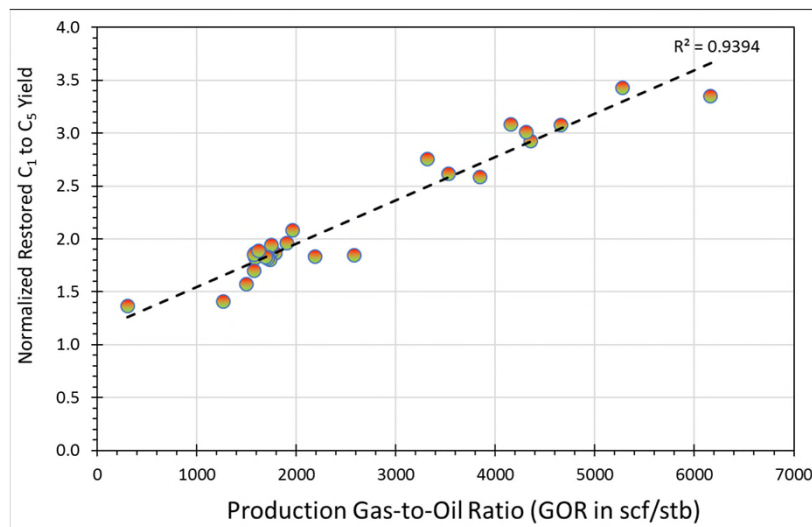
Restored Values C_1 to $n-C_{40}$
and Gas-to-Oil Index for Bakken Middle Member extract
relative to produced oil



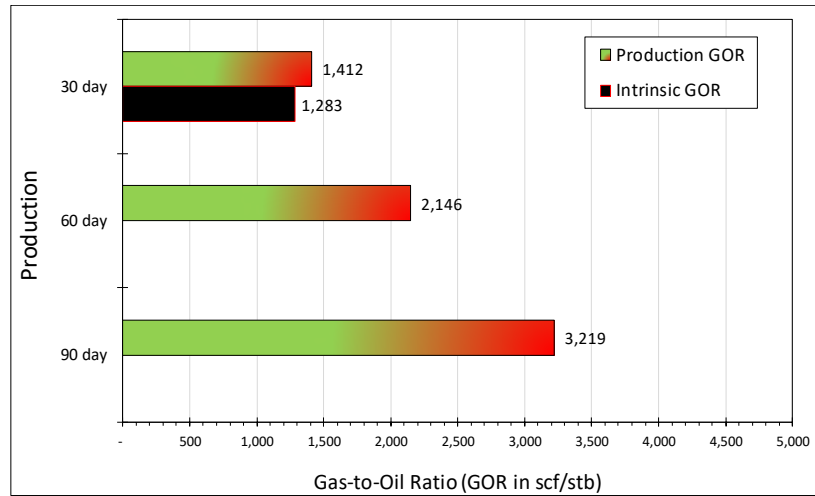
Eagle Ford: Calculated vs Produced Oil GORs



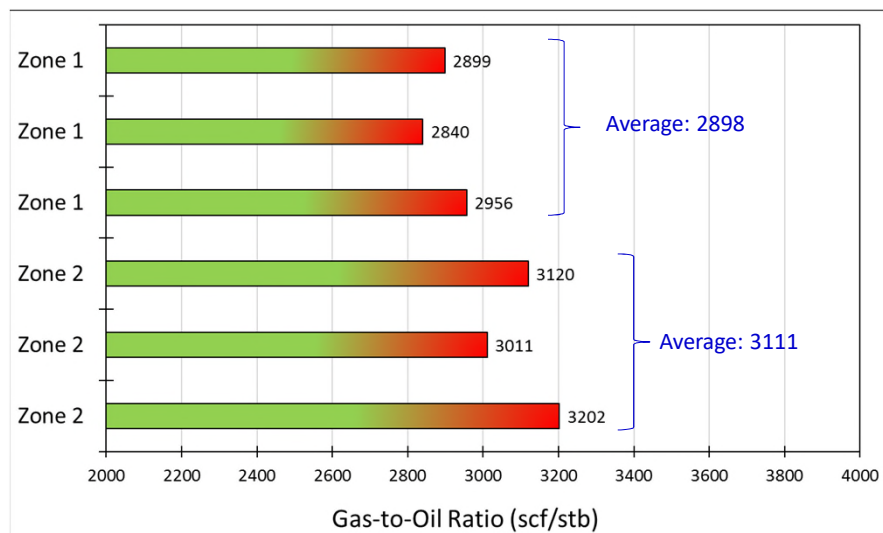
Gechem Predicted vs Reported GOR Permian Basin



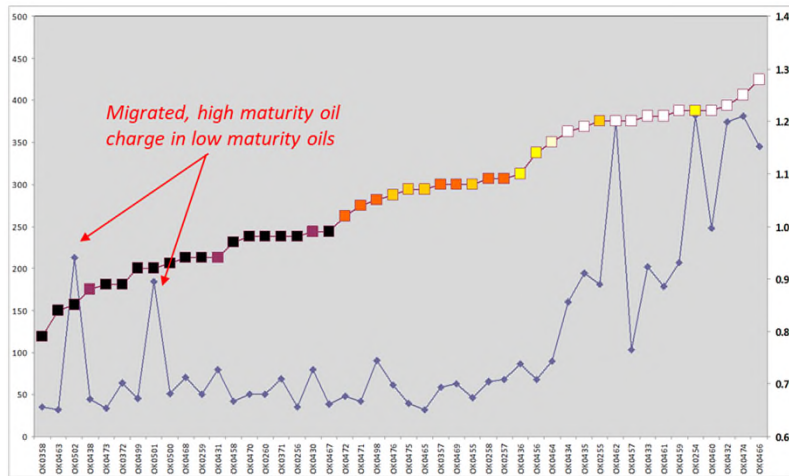
Gas-to-Oil Ratio through time (Wolfcamp example)



Intraformational Variability of GOR



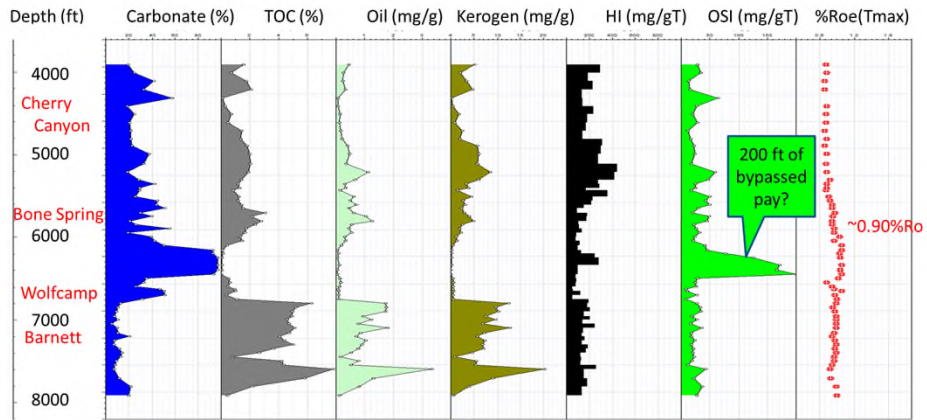
High Diamondoid Content in Oil Window Maturity Oils indicative of secondary, high maturity oil charge



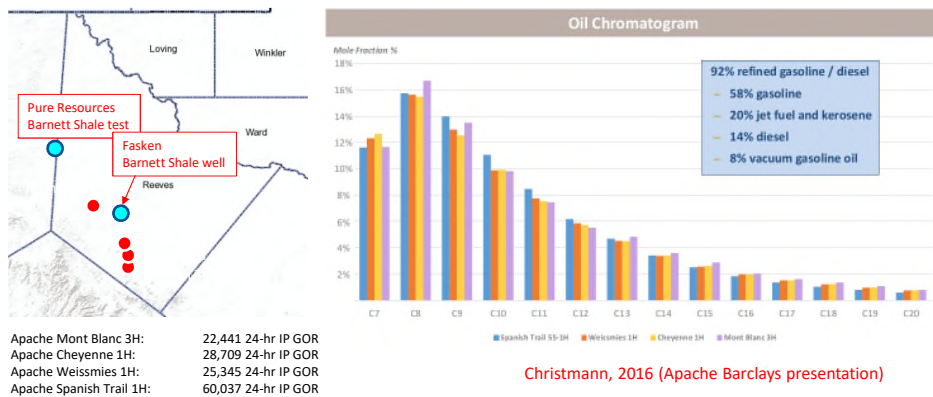
Rocher et al., 2013

Alpine High

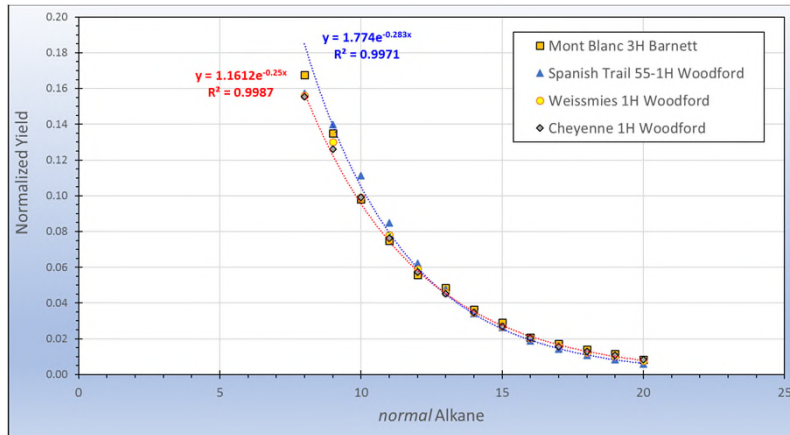
Fasken 34-1, Reeves County, Texas



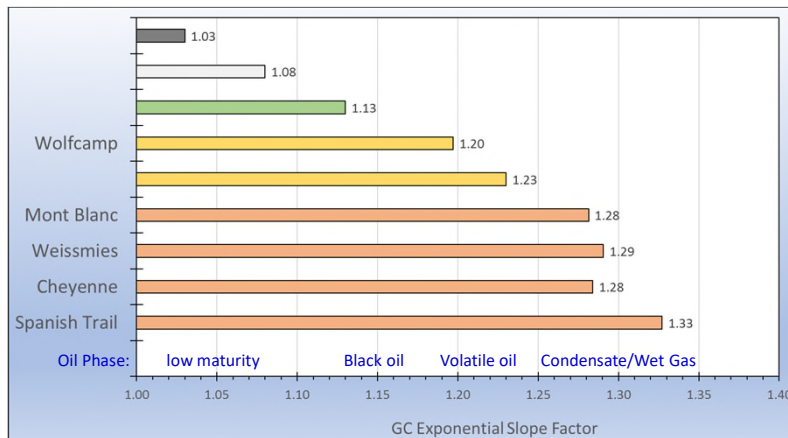
Alpine High Barnett and Woodford (3) Wells



Analysis of GC Histograms from Alpine High: exponential fit of GC histograms



Assessment of Oil Type/Phase: Wolfcamp from central Reeves County, Texas and Alpine High Barnett and Woodford



Synopsis

- Sample Quality may affect results/interpretation
- SARA (saturates, aromatics, resins, and asphaltenes (non-polars vs polars) play an important role in mobility and fractionation
- Quantitative aromatic hydrocarbons is perhaps the best thermal maturity technique
 - Oils and -- Rock extracts
- Restored oil and GOR may be predicted from GC analysis of oils and rock extracts
- Alpine High Barnett and Woodford GORs are predicted from restored GC data

Thank you.

Comments or Questions?

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