

Conventional Fossil Fuels

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Coal



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Coal is a fossil fuel formed in swamp ecosystems where plant remains were saved by water and mud from oxidization and biodegradation. It is composed primarily of carbon along with assorted other elements, including sulfur. It is the largest single source of fuel for the generation of electricity world-wide, as well as the largest source of carbon dioxide emissions, which have been implicated as the primary cause of global warming. Coal is extracted from the ground by coal mining, either underground mining or open-pit mining (surface mining).

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Coal Energy Density

- 24 Megajoules per kilogram or 6.67 kW-h/kg
- Thermodynamic efficiency of coal powerplants is about 30%
- Coal power plants obtain approximately 2.0 kW-h per kg of burned coal

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As an example, running one 100 Watt computer for one year requires 876 kW-h ($100 \text{ W} \times 24 \text{ h} \times 365 \text{ {days in a year}} = 876000 \text{ W-h} = 876 \text{ kW-h}$).

$$\frac{876 \text{ kW} \cdot \text{hours}}{2.0 \text{ kW} \cdot \text{hours/kg}} = 438 \text{ kg of coal} = 967 \text{ pounds of coal}$$

It takes 438 kg (967 pounds) of coal to power a computer for one full year. One should also take into account transmission and distribution losses caused by resistance and heating in the power lines, which is in the order of 5 - 10%, depending on distance from the power station and other factors.

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Carbon Cost

- Coal is 50% carbon (C) by mass so 1 kg of coal = 0.5 kg of C = $1/24 \text{ kmol C}$
- By burning C combines with O₂ in the atmosphere the result is $1/24 \text{ kmol CO}_2$ is produced from every $1/24 \text{ kmol C}$
- $1/24 \text{ kmol CO}_2 * 44 \text{ kg / kmol} = 1.83 \text{ kg}$

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Running a computer on coal for one year releases to the atmosphere about 802 kg of CO₂.

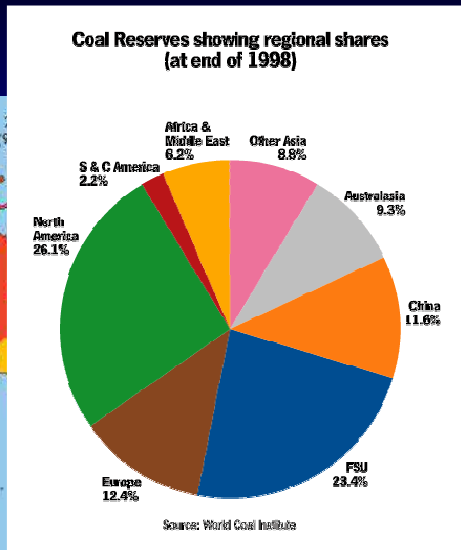
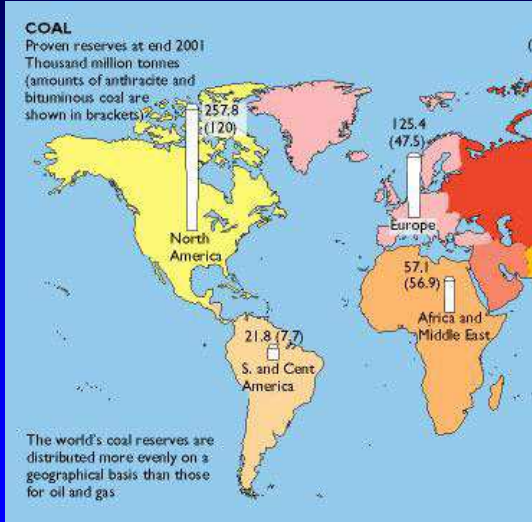
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Energy density

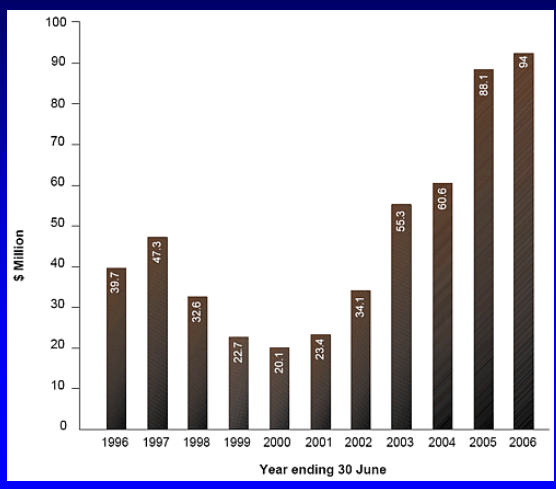
• Fission of U-235	2.5 x10 ¹⁰	Wh/kg
• Coal	6,670	Wh/kg
• Diesel	13,762	Wh/kg
• Gasoline	12,200	Wh/kg
• LNG	12,100	Wh/kg
• Propane (liquid)	13,900	Wh/kg
• Ethanol	7,850	Wh/kg
• Liquid H ₂	39,000	Wh/kg
• Wood	1,600 - 4,709	Wh/kg

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Coal Reserves



Coal Exploration in Australia



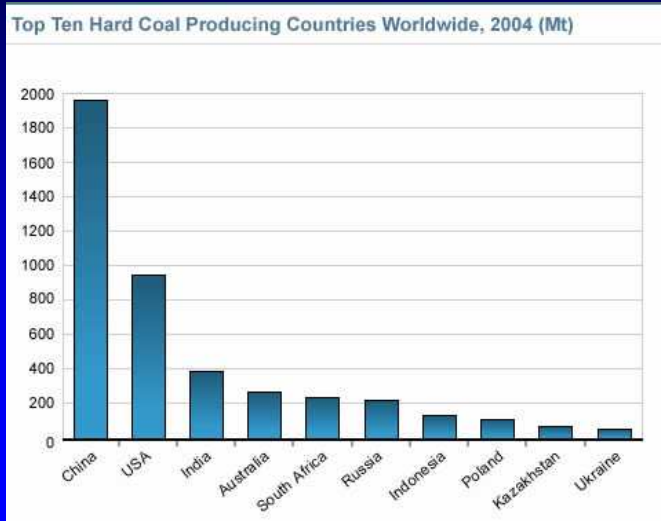
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Coal Production Today



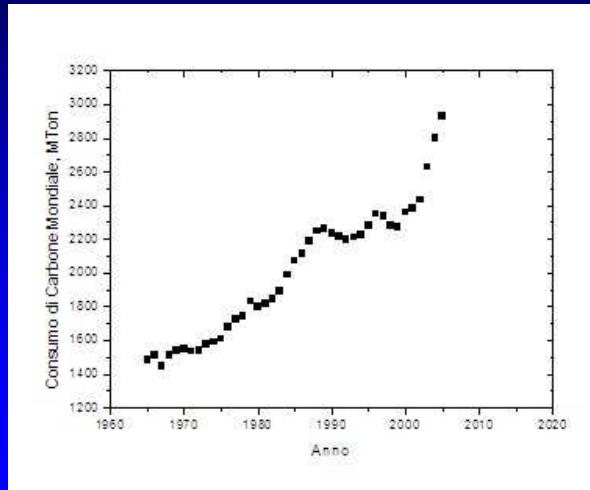
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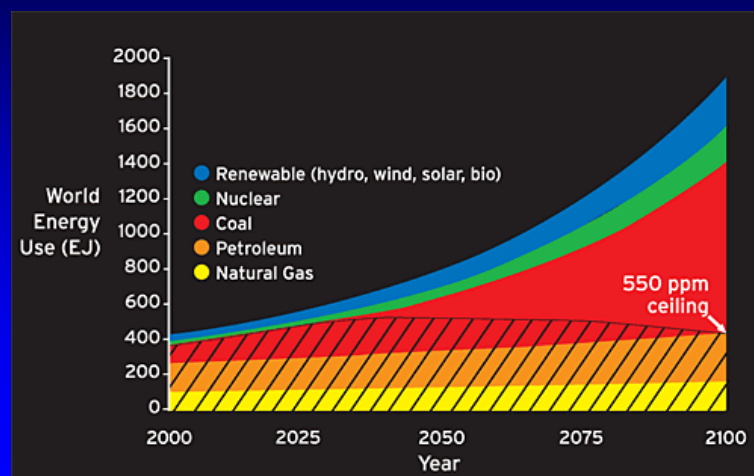
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Coal Production Trend Reversal



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Coal Future



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FutureGen - Tomorrow's Pollution-Free Power Plant



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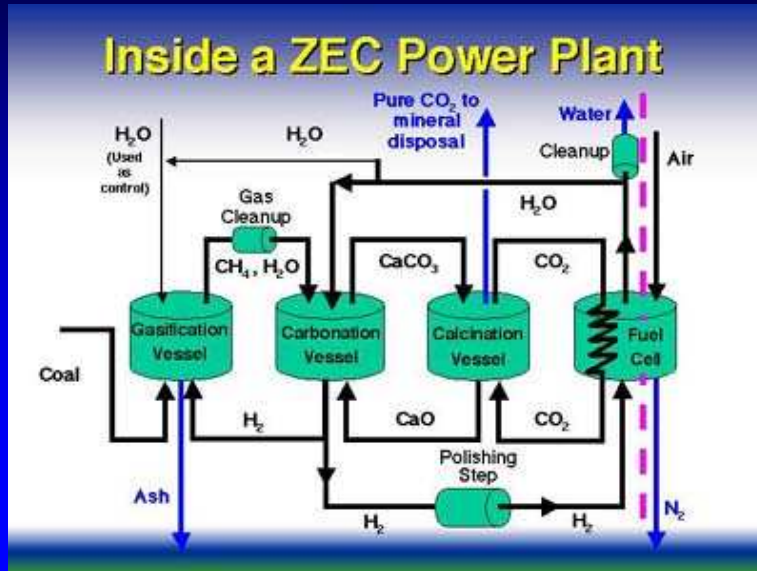
FutureGen Electrical Power and Hydrogen

The prototype plant will establish the technical and economic feasibility of producing electricity and hydrogen from coal (the lowest cost and most abundant domestic energy resource), while capturing and sequestering the carbon dioxide generated in the process.

The project will employ coal gasification technology integrated with combined cycle electricity generation and the sequestration of carbon dioxide emissions. The project will require 10 years to complete and will be led by the FutureGen Industrial Alliance, Inc., a non-profit industrial consortium representing the coal and power industries, with the project results being shared among all participants, and industry as a whole.

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Clean Coal Technology



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Coal is not problem free

MINE FIRES

ALLEGHENY COUNTY

- ▶ Boyce Park in Plum
- ▶ Clinton in Findlay Township
- ▶ Berton in Plum
- ▶ Tape Pump Station in West Elizabeth
- ▶ Pittsburgh International Airport area off Route 60, Findlay

FAYETTE COUNTY

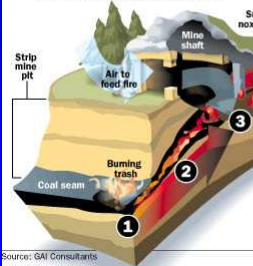
- ▶ Newell Borough
- ▶ Percy Mine Fire in Youngstown
- ▶ Plummer-Puritan near Leckrone
- ▶ Vanderbilt South in Vanderbilt
- ▶ East Francis Avenue in Connellsville

WESTMORELAND COUNTY

- ▶ Shaner North, north of Sutersville

Anatomy of a mine fire

- 1 Most mine fires are started by people burning trash in pits where the coal seam is close to the surface.
- 2 The fire catches on to the coal seam below ground and makes its way into the mine. Bituminous coals, found in western Pennsylvania, ignite at around 150 degrees; anthracite ignites at around 225.
- 3 The fire feeds on unmined coal and draws air down from the mine shafts to keep it burning.
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Pillars of coal collapse, damaging streets and structures

Source: GAI Consultants

Aaron Stockenberg/Tribune-Review

Oil and Gas



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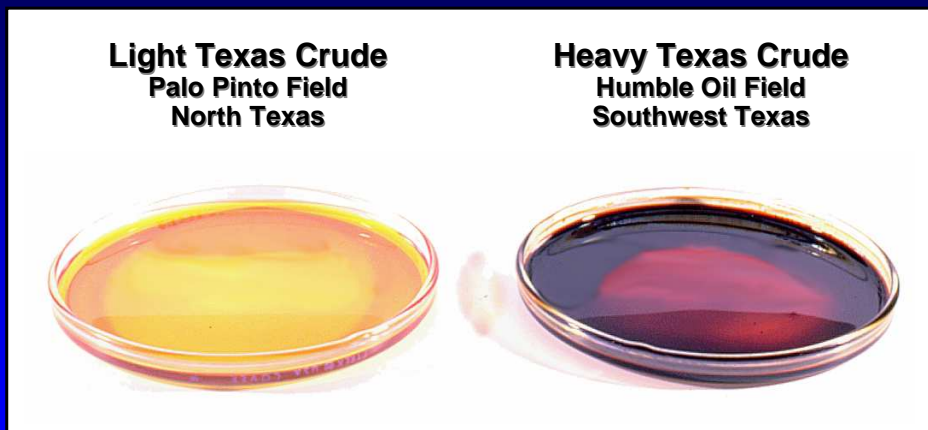
What is Petroleum?

- Hydrocarbon: an organic compound made up of carbon and hydrogen atoms
- Petroleum: a natural yellow-to-black flammable liquid hydrocarbon found beneath the earth's surface

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The Goal - 'Black Gold'

Petroleum Supplies our Energy Needs



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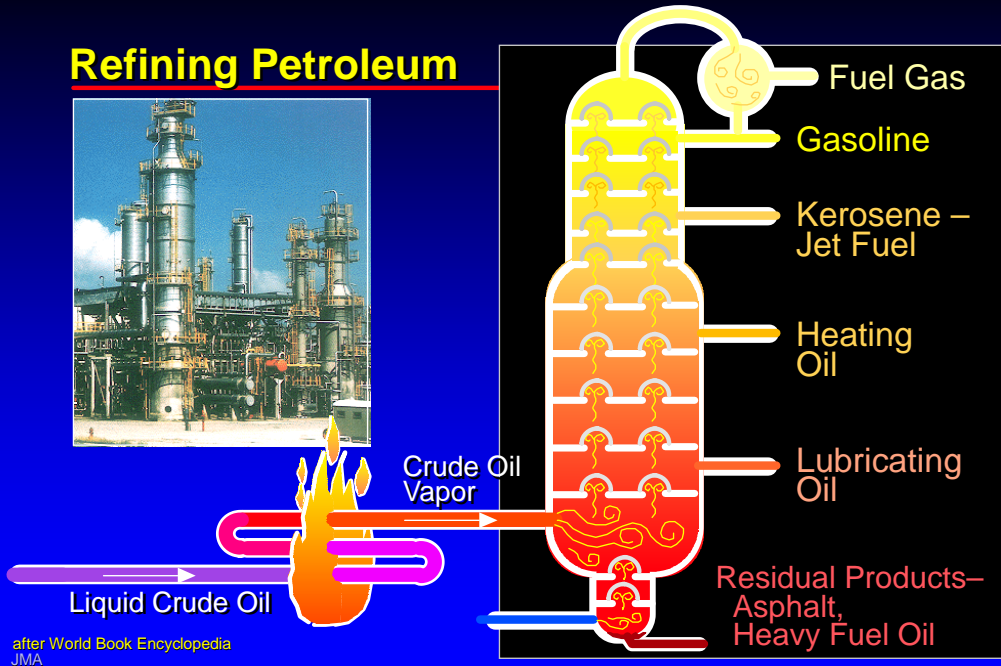
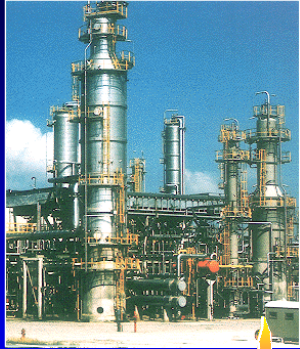
The chemical structure of petroleum is composed of hydrocarbon chains of different lengths. These different hydrocarbon chemicals are separated by distillation at an oil refinery to produce gasoline, jet fuel, kerosene, and other hydrocarbons. The general formula for these alkanes is C_nH_{2n+2} . For example 2,2,4-Trimethylpentane, widely used in gasoline, has a chemical formula of C_8H_{18} which reacts with oxygen exothermically:

Incomplete combustion of petroleum or gasoline results in emission of poisonous gases such as carbon monoxide and/or nitric oxide.

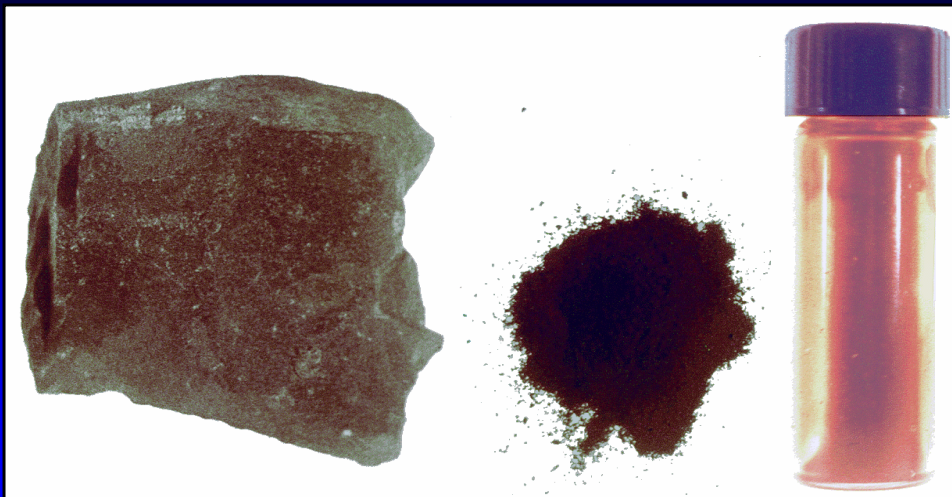
Formation of petroleum occurs in a variety of mostly endothermic reactions in high temperature and/or pressure. For example, a kerogen may break down into hydrocarbons of different lengths.

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Refining Petroleum



The Origin of Petroleum



Organic-rich
Source Rock

Thermally Matured
Organic Matter

Oil

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Geologists often refer to an "oil window" which is the temperature range that oil forms in— below the minimum temperature oil remains trapped in the form of kerogen, and above the maximum temperature the oil is converted to natural gas through the process of thermal cracking. Though this happens at different depths in different locations around the world, a 'typical' depth for the oil window might be 4–6 km.

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Classification

The oil industry classifies "crude" by the location of its origin (e.g., "West Texas Intermediate, WTI" or "Brent") and often by its relative weight or viscosity ("light", "intermediate" or "heavy"); refiners may also refer to it as "sweet," which means it contains relatively little sulfur, or as "sour," which means it contains substantial amounts of sulfur and requires more refining in order to meet current product specifications. Each crude oil has unique molecular characteristics which are understood by the use of crude oil assay analysis in petroleum laboratories.

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Crude oil benchmarks (same characteristics) for pricing:

- Brent Crude, comprising 15 oils from fields in the Brent and Ninian systems in the East Shetland Basin of the North Sea. The oil is landed at Sullom Voe terminal in the Shetlands. Oil production from Europe, Africa and Middle Eastern oil flowing west tends to be priced off the price of this oil, which forms a benchmark.
- West Texas Intermediate (WTI) for North American oil.
- Dubai, used as benchmark for Middle East oil flowing to the Asia-Pacific region.
- Tapis (from Malaysia, used as a reference for light Far East oil)
- Minas (from Indonesia, used as a reference for heavy Far East oil)
- The OPEC Reference Basket, a weighted average of oil blends from various OPEC (The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries) countries.

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History of Petroleum

- First Use:**
- Egyptians: oil to preserve mummies
 - Chinese: natural gas for fuel
 - Babylonians: oil to seal walls and pave streets
 - Americans: tar to seal canoes

- First Drilling:**
- Chinese using bamboo: to 800' in 347 AD
 - Americans using cable tool: to 70' in 1859 AD

- First Product:**
- Kerosene for lamps
 - Gasoline was unwanted by-product

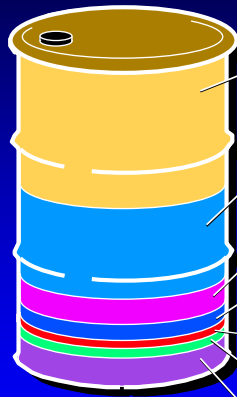
- Demand Increase:**
- Industrial Revolution
 - Internal Combustion Engine (1885)
 - Global Economic Growth

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Petroleum Products

A Barrel of Crude Oil Provides:

One Barrel =
42 gallons



Gasoline - 19.5 gallons

Fuel Oil - 9.2 gallons

Jet Fuel - 4.1 gallons

Asphalt - 2.3 gallons

Kerosene - 0.2 gallons

Lubricants - 0.5 gallons

Petrochemicals,
other products - 6.2 gallons

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American Petroleum Institute, 1999

Petrochemical Products

More Than 3,000 Products

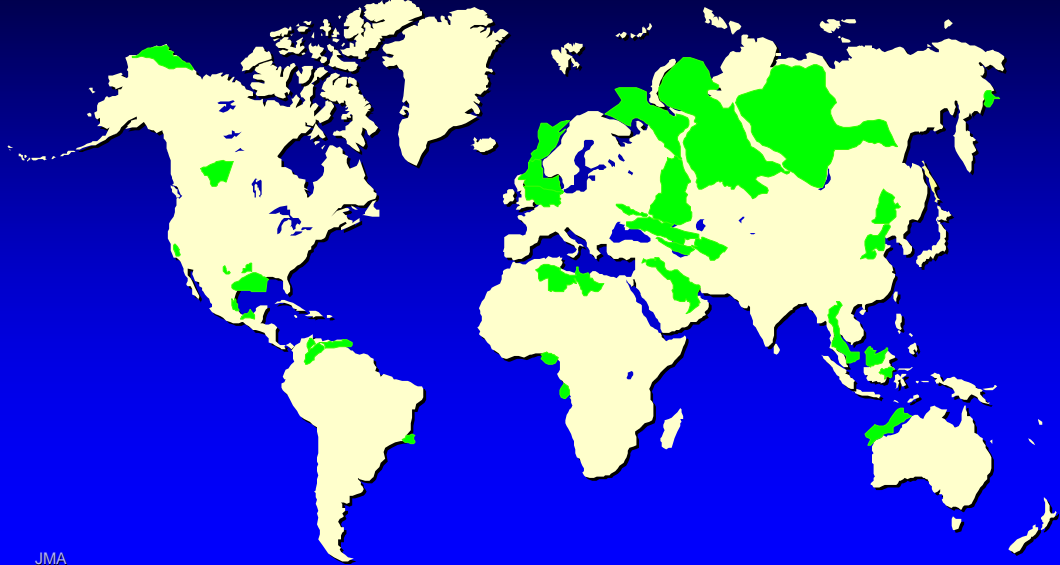
- Detergents - Cosmetics
- Fertilizers - Weed Killers
- Medicine - Antiseptics - Anesthetics
- Plastics - Synthetic Fibers
- Synthetic Rubber
- Rust Preventatives
- Liquid Petroleum Gas

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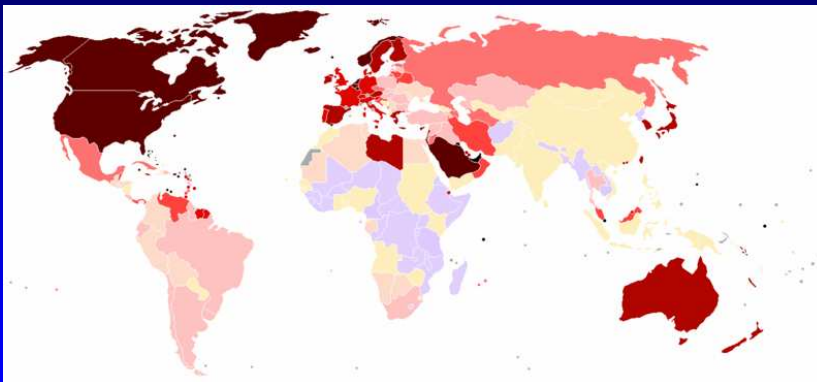
Largest Hydrocarbon Basins

by Ultimate Potential



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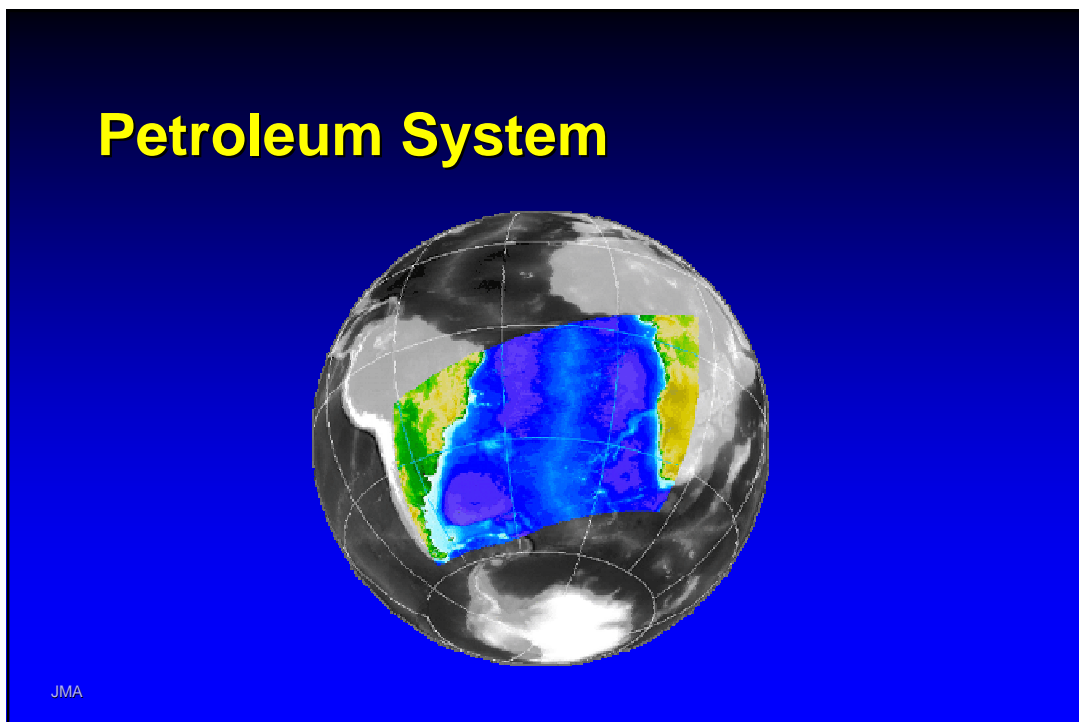
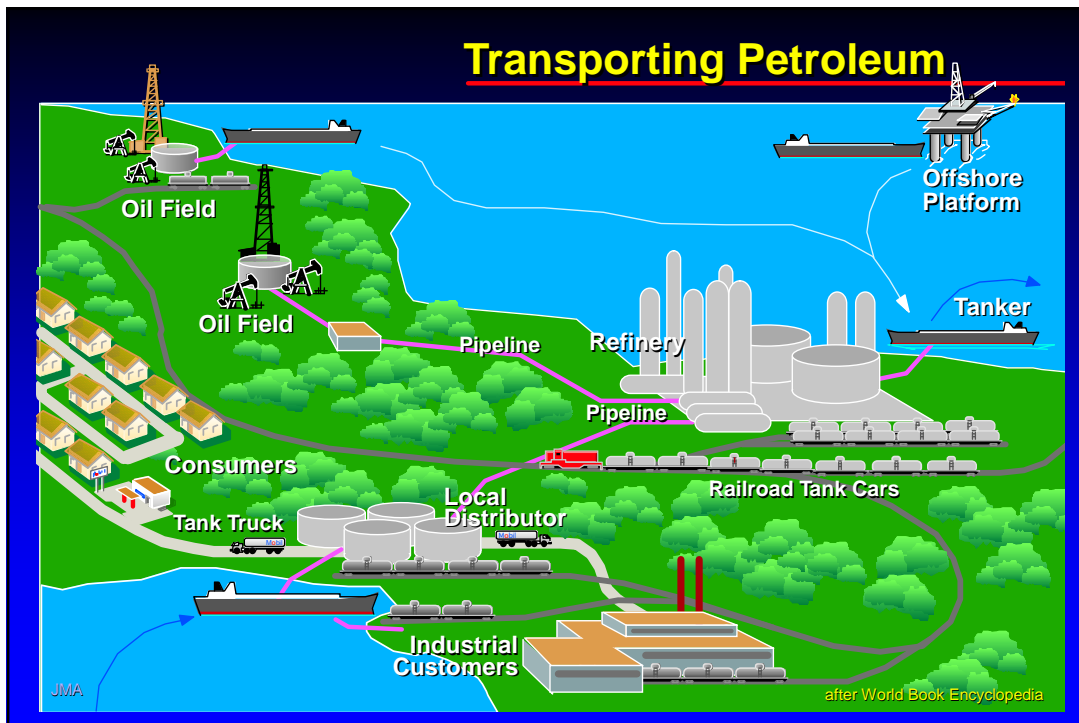
Oil Consumption Per Capita



Oil barrels
per person
each day

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.35-.25
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.2-.15
.15-.1
.1-.05
.05-.015
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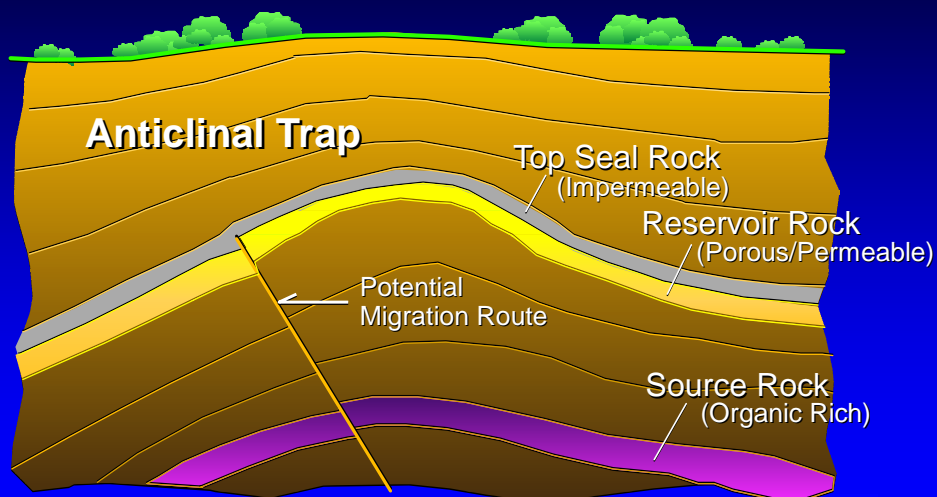


Petroleum System Elements

- **Source Rock** - A rock with abundant hydrocarbon-prone organic matter
- **Reservoir Rock** - A rock in which oil and gas accumulates:
 - Porosity - space between rock grains in which oil accumulates
 - Permeability - passage-ways between pores through which oil and gas moves
- **Seal Rock** - A rock through which oil and gas cannot move effectively (such as mudstone and claystone)
- **Migration Route** - Avenues in rock through which oil and gas moves from source rock to trap
- **Trap** - The structural and stratigraphic configuration that focuses oil and gas into an accumulation

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Petroleum System Elements



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Source Rock for Petroleum

Organic-Rich

Thin Laminae



Measured Values

Total Organic Carbon
3.39

Hydrogen Index
378

In-Place Petroleum
 S_1
2.24

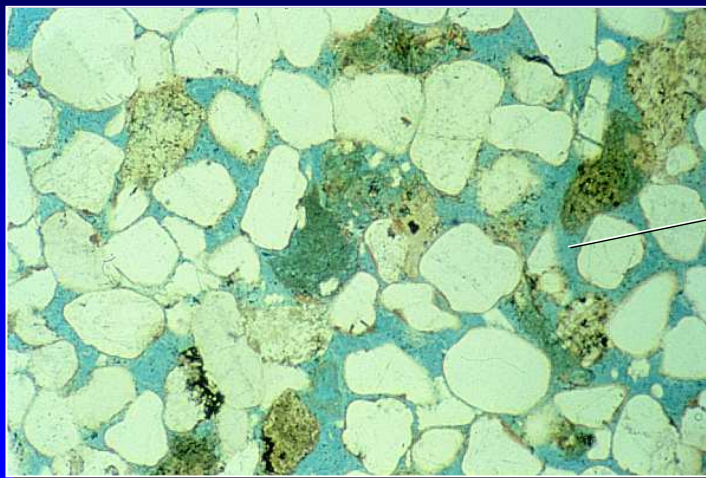
Pyrolytically Generated Petroleum
 S_2
12.80

LOMPOC Quarry Sample
Monterey Formation, CA

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Reservoir Sandstone

Good Porosity = Lots of Space for Petroleum



Pores (blue)

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A Geologic Cross-Section



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Petroleum System: Timing is Critical

Trap Must Be Available Before/During Migration

Trap

Processes: Generation → Migration → Accumulation and Preservation



Elements:

Source Rock

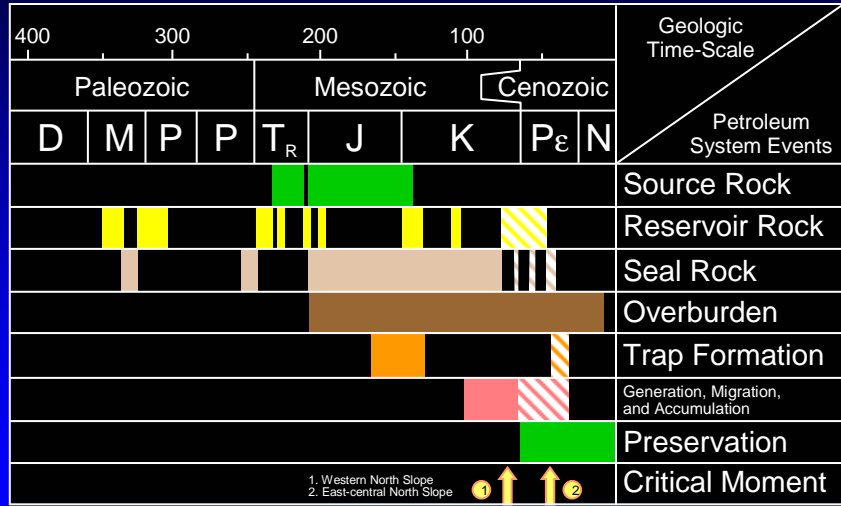
Migration Avenue

Reservoir and Seal

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Petroleum System Events Chart

North Slope, Alaska

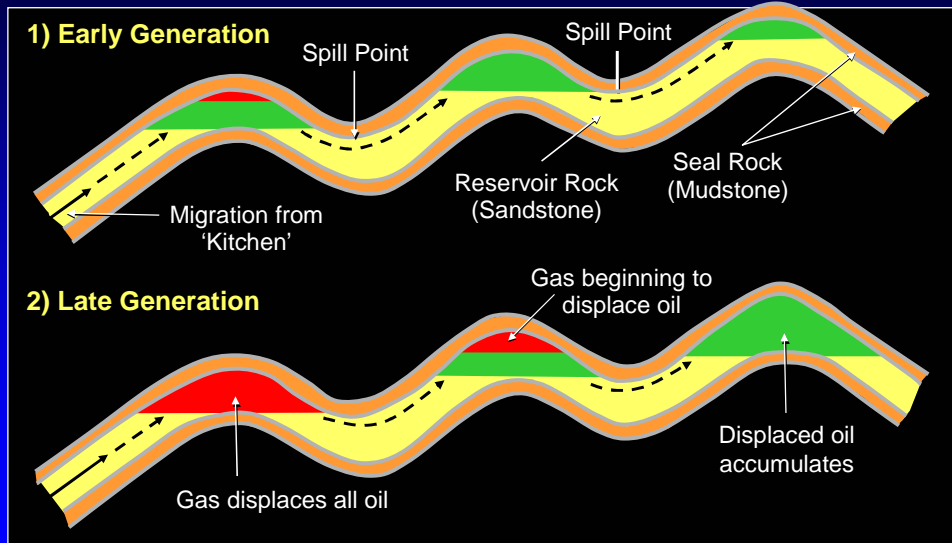


Bird, 1994

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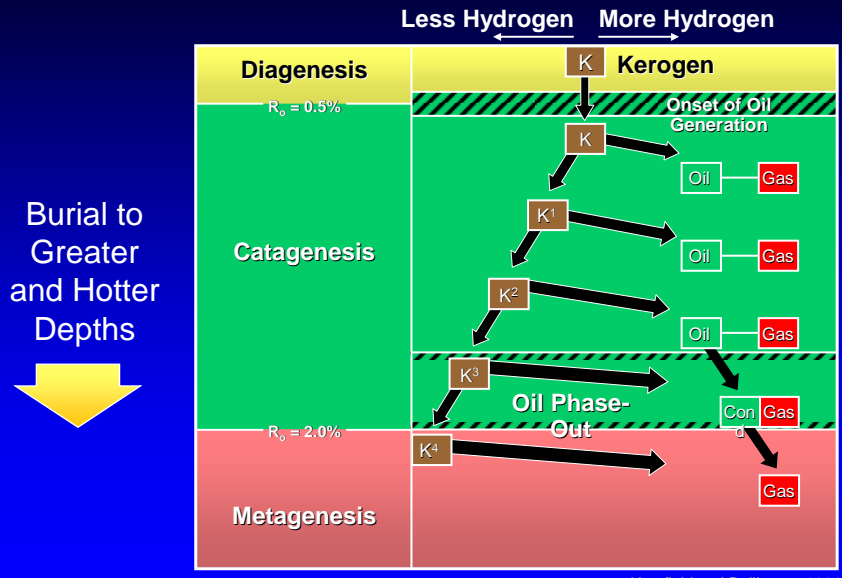
Petroleum System

A Dynamic Entity



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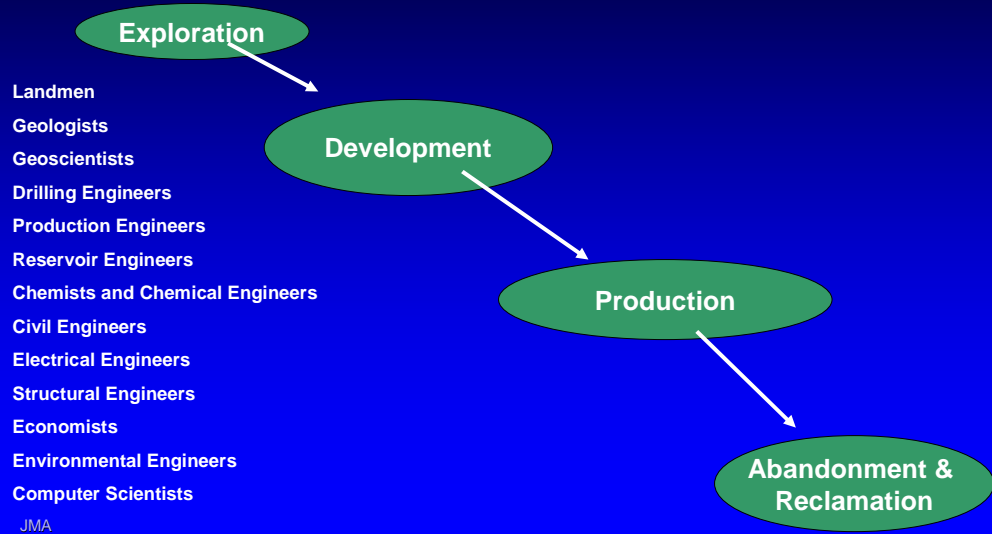
Thermal Maturation History



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Horsfield and Rullkötter, 1994

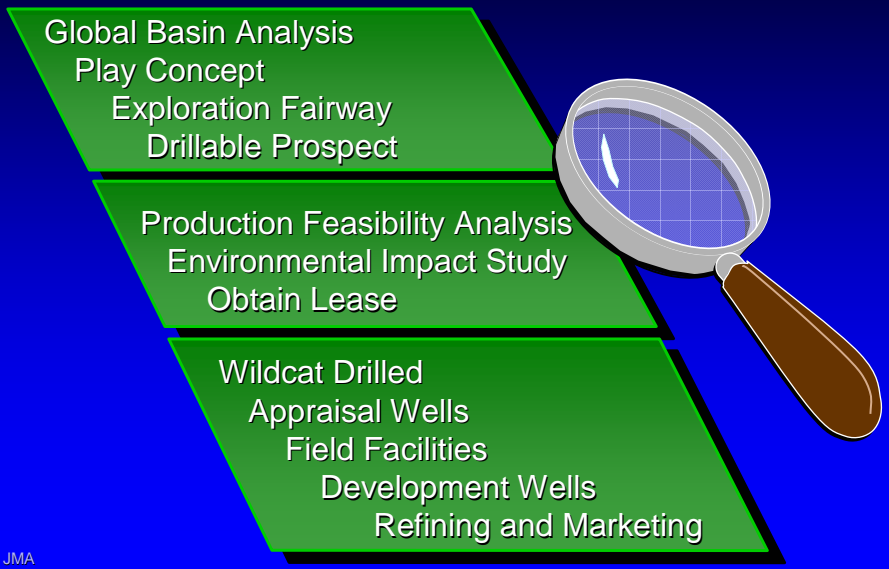
The Oil and Gas Process



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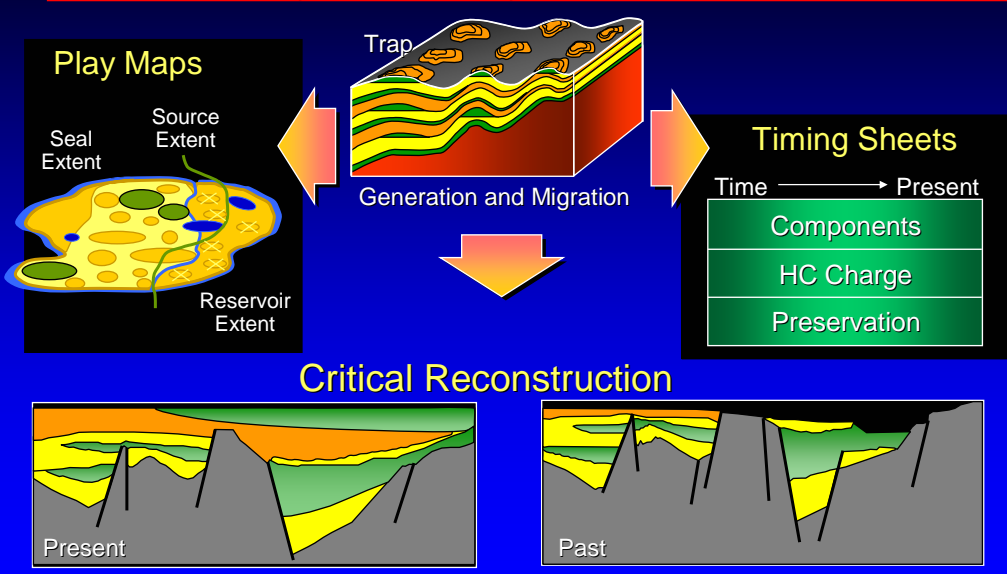
The Search for Oil and Gas

A Multiphase Process



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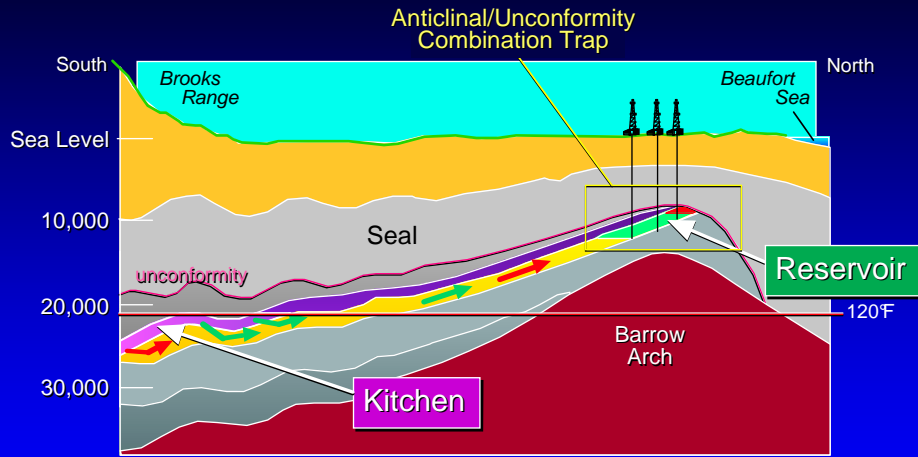
Petroleum System, Play Definition, and Risk



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Jeff Brown, Mobil, 1999

Prudhoe Bay Oil Field (1968)



- Largest North American field
- More than 8 billion barrels recoverable

American Association of Petroleum Geologists, 1990

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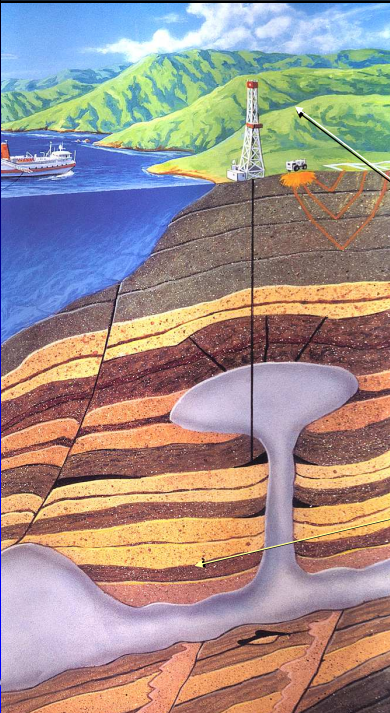
Global Oil and Gas Fields



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Oil Exploration

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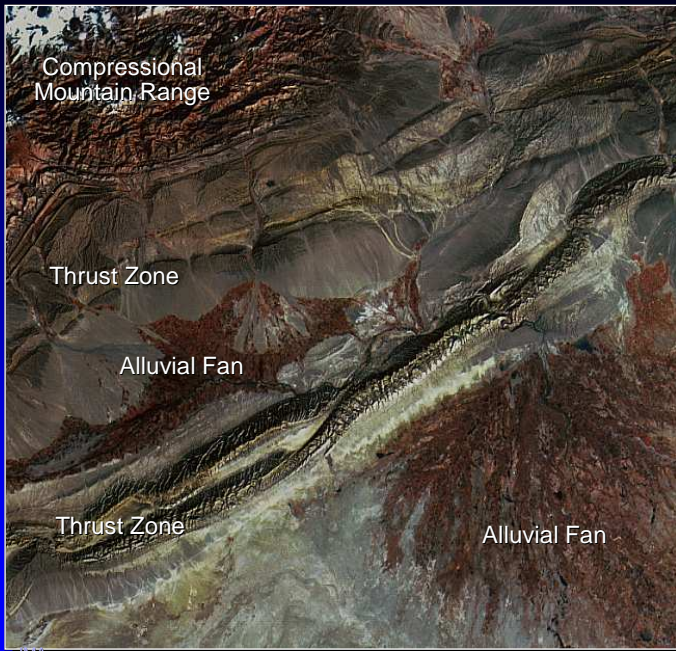
Petroleum Exploration's Challenge

Interpreting the Unseen

- Surface Geology
 - Aerial photos
 - Geologic maps
- Subsurface Analysis
 - Gravity
 - Magnetics
 - Seismic reflection
 - Wells

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Silicon Graphics

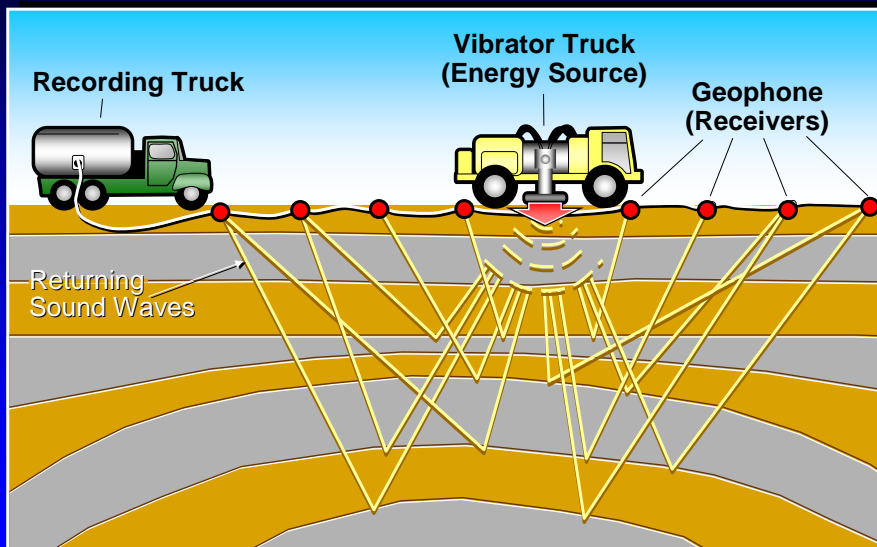


Aerial Photo

Traditional Tool
with Improved
Resolution

- Aerial photo for mapping patterns
- Field check for geological detail

Seismic Imaging of Anticline



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American Petroleum Institute, 1986



Seismic data acquisition in Gabon



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Seismic Imaging
3D Marine Data Acquisition

Silicon Graphics



Offshore Seismic Acquisition - Angola

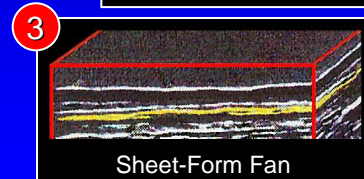
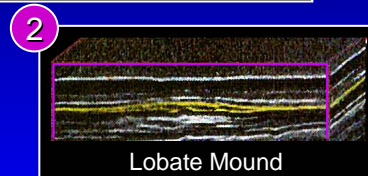
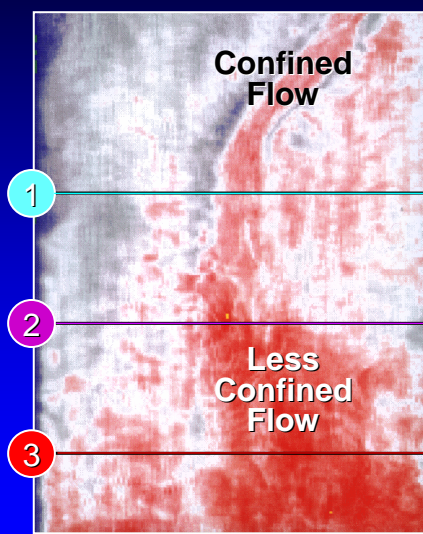


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3D Seismic Image - Submarine Fan

New Tools → Better Data → Improved Understanding

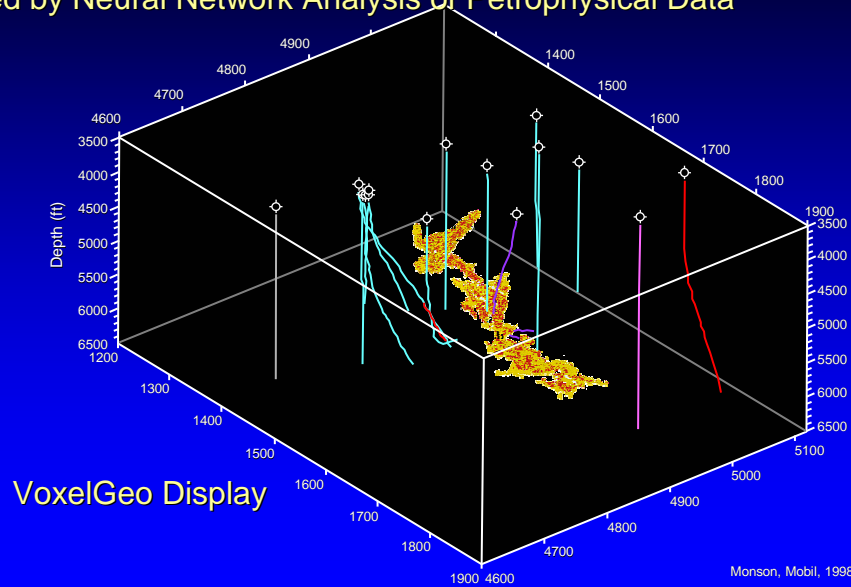


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Armentrout *et al.*, 1996

3D Seismic Image of Channel Sand

Calibrated by Neural Network Analysis of Petrophysical Data



Exploration Costs: 1999

Seismic Surveys

	<u>Alaska North Slope</u>	<u>Gulf of Mexico</u>
2D	\$50,000/mile	\$70 - \$150/mile
3D		\$25,000 - \$80,000/mi ²
3D Proprietary		\$250,000 - \$400,000/mi ²

Wildcat Wells

<u>Alaska North Slope</u>		<u>Texas</u>	<u>Gulf of Mexico</u>		
Offshore	Onshore	Onshore	Shelf	Slope	Deep-Water
\$30 Million	\$16 Million	\$7 Million	\$12 Million	\$25 Million	\$40 Million

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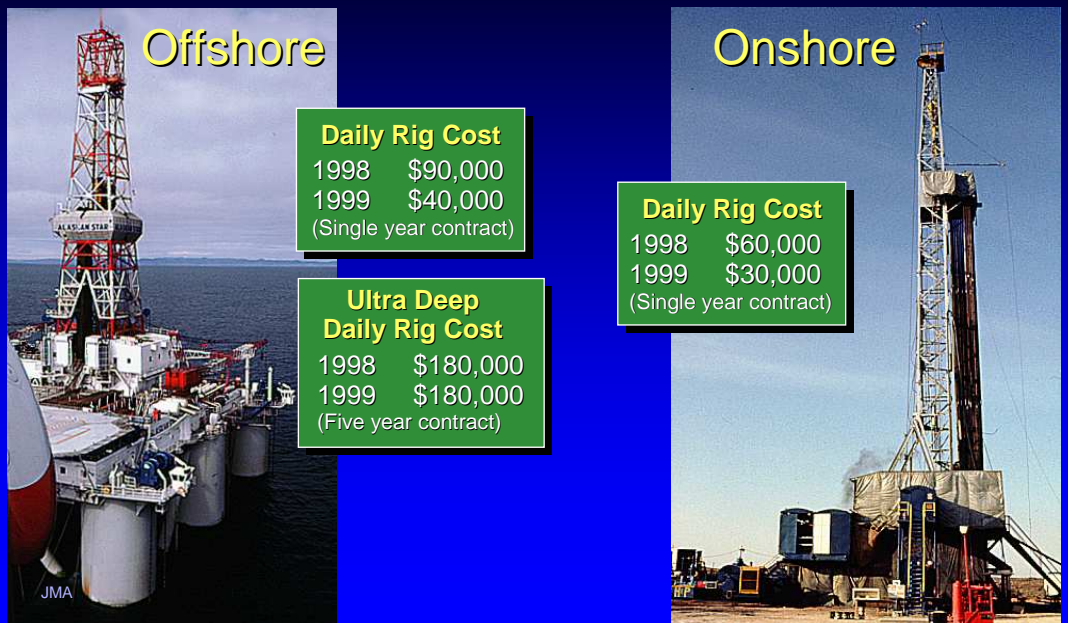
January 1999 Estimates

Different Ways Industry Pays for Drilling Rights

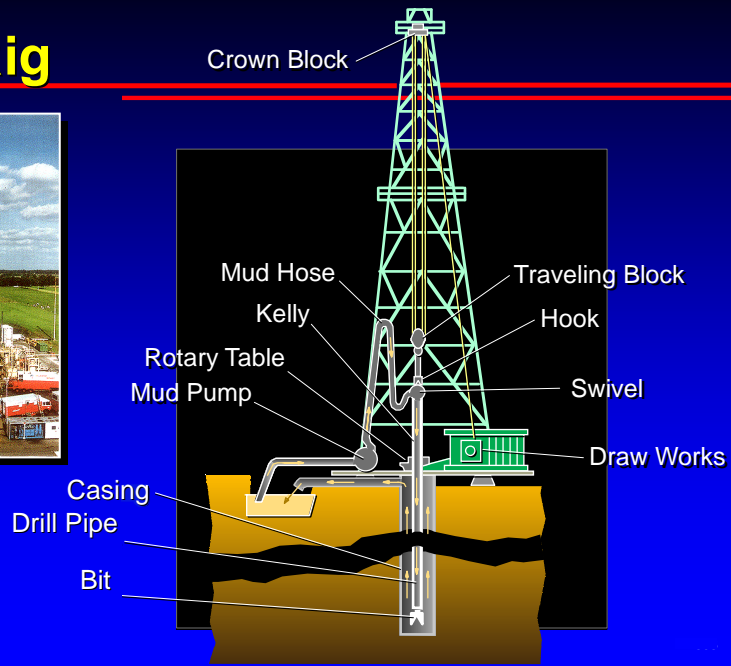
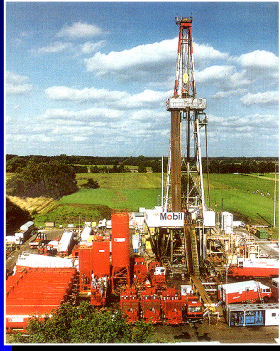
- **Rental** - Annual fee for land use while exploring
- **Bonus** - One-time lump sum paid upfront for right to explore
- **Royalty** - Percentage payments of oil and gas value produced
- **Tax** - Governmental 'fee' on product value produced

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Cost of Drilling Rigs



Drilling Rig



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Drilling



Rock Bit



Cuttings



Core (Diamond) Bit

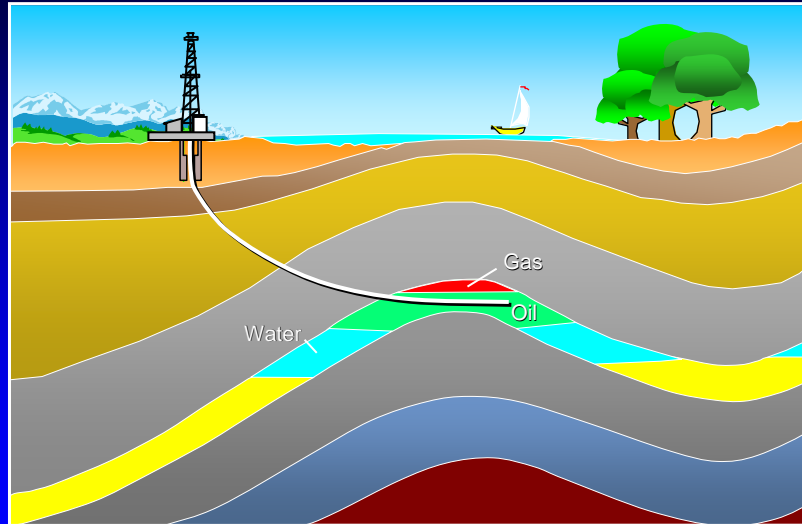


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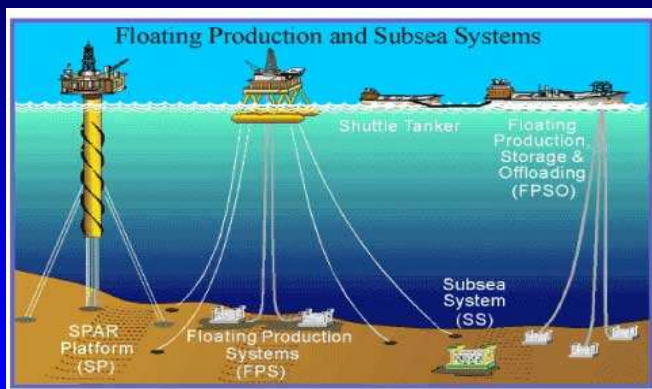
Directional Drilling Avoids Surface Hazards



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New Offshore Production Structures Enable Development in Deeper Water



Industry has moved fixed to floating structures to develop oil and gas in deeper water

Graphic courtesy of Minerals Management Service

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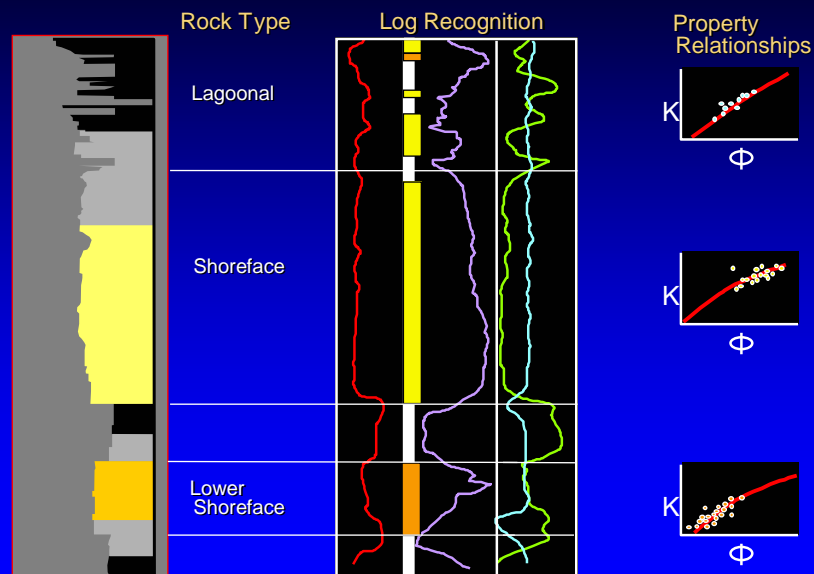
Costlier Deepwater Ventures: New Technology Allows Industry to Access Resources in Deeper Water



The Deepwater Pathfinder drillship and global positioning technology keep the drillship stable, shifting less than 50 feet in any direction. This stability enables the ship to drill in very deep water and in most weather conditions.

Photo courtesy of ConocoPhillips

Log Analysis for Flow Unit Determination



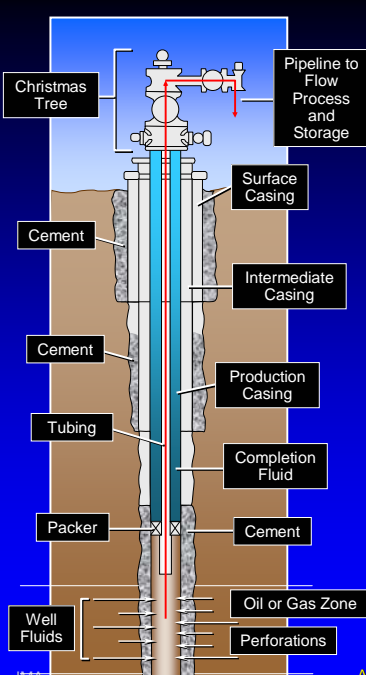
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Primary recovery

If the underground pressure in the oil reservoir is sufficient, then this pressure will force the oil to the surface. Gaseous fuels, natural gas or water are usually present, which also supply needed underground pressure. In this situation, it is sufficient to place a complex arrangement of valves (the Christmas tree) on the well head to connect the well to a pipeline network for storage and processing.

Usually, about 20% of the oil in a reservoir can be extracted using primary recovery methods.

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Completed Oil Well

- **Water Drive** - Hydrostatic pressure pushes oil and gas to surface
- **Gas-Cap Drive** - Expansion of gas under pressure pushes oil to surface
- **Dissolved-Gas Drive** - Gas disseminated in oil; usually requires pumping

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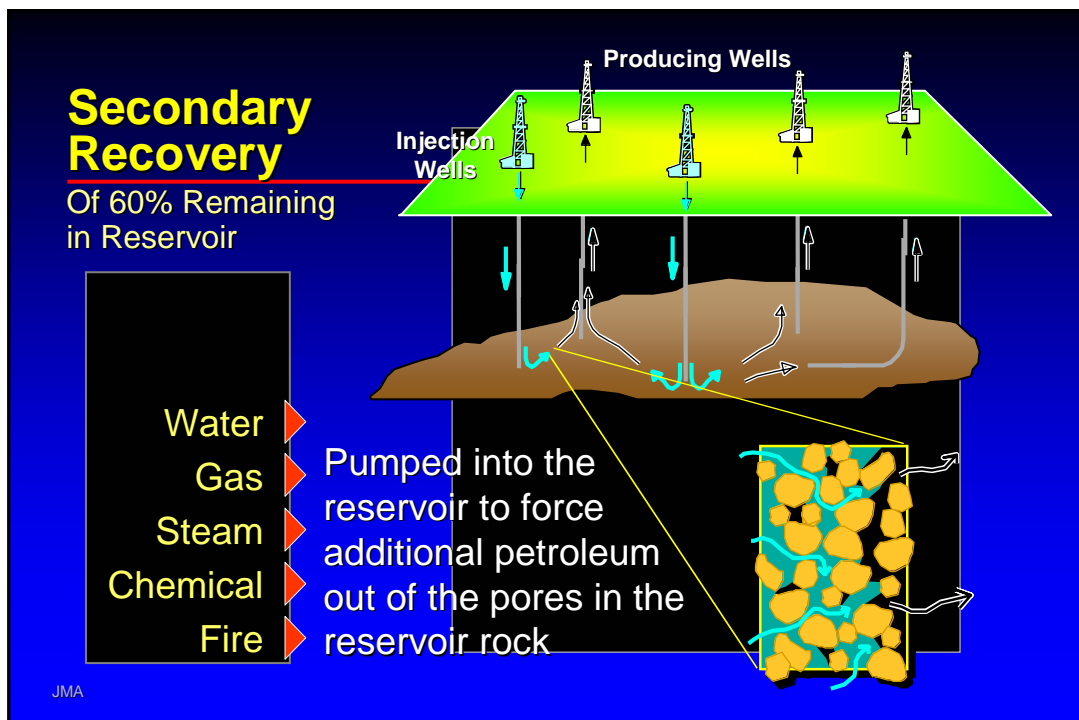
Secondary recovery

Over the lifetime of the well the pressure will fall, and at some point there will be insufficient underground pressure to force the oil to the surface. If economical, as often is, the remaining oil in the well is extracted using secondary oil recovery methods .

Secondary oil recovery uses various techniques to aid in recovering oil from depleted or low-pressure reservoirs. Sometimes pumps, such as beam pumps and electrical submersible pumps (ESPs), are used to bring the oil to the surface. Other secondary recovery techniques increase the reservoir's pressure by water injection, natural gas reinjection and gas lift, which injects air, carbon dioxide or some other gas into the reservoir.

Together, primary and secondary recovery generally allow 25% to 35% of the reservoir's oil to be recovered.

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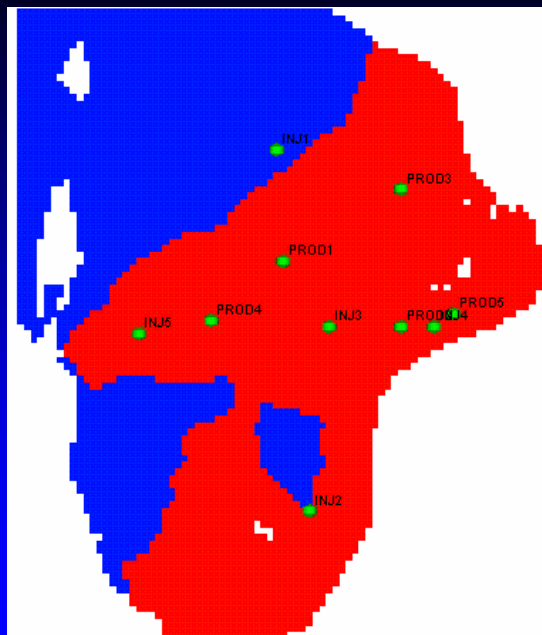
Tertiary recovery

Tertiary oil recovery reduces the oil's viscosity to increase oil production. Thermally enhanced oil recovery methods (TEOR) are tertiary recovery techniques that heat the oil and make it easier to extract. Steam injection is the most common form of TEOR, and is often done with a cogeneration plant. In this type of cogeneration plant, a gas turbine is used to generate electricity and the waste heat is used to produce steam, which is then injected into the reservoir. This form of recovery is used extensively to increase oil production in the San Joaquin Valley, which has very heavy oil, yet accounts for 10% of the United States' oil production. In-situ burning is another form of TEOR, but instead of steam, some of the oil is burned to heat the surrounding oil. Occasionally, detergents are also used to decrease oil viscosity as a tertiary oil recovery method.

Tertiary recovery allows another 5% to 15% of the reservoir's oil to be recovered.

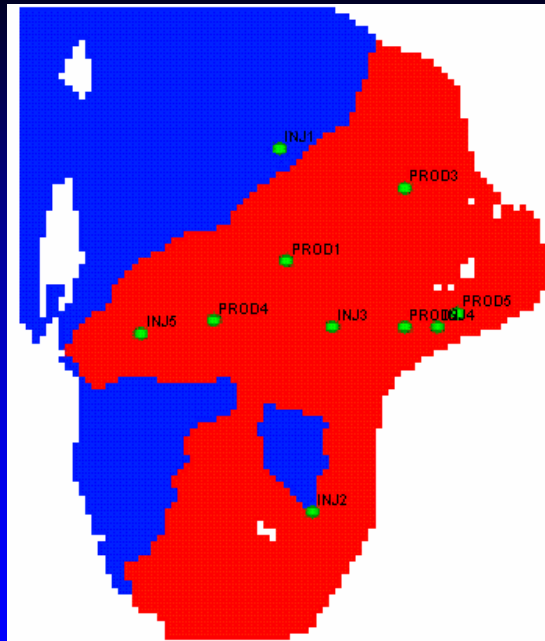
Tertiary recovery begins when secondary oil recovery techniques are no longer enough to sustain production, but only when the oil can still be extracted profitably. This depends on the cost of the extraction method and the current price of crude oil. When prices are high, previously unprofitable wells are brought back into production and when they are low, production is curtailed.

Non-Optimized Recovery



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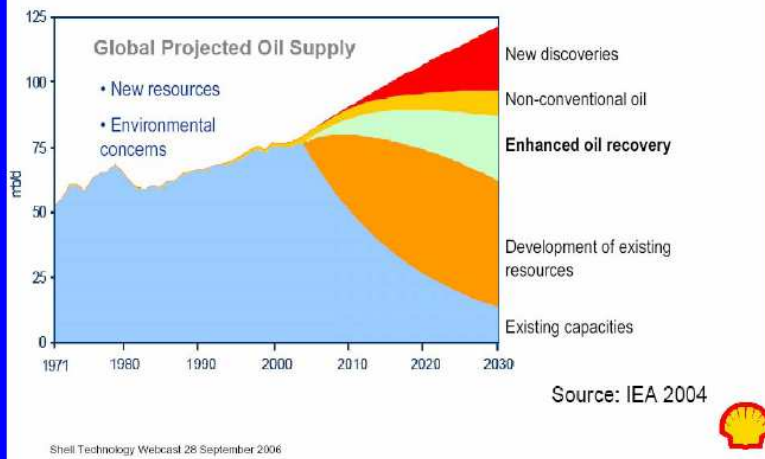
Optimized Recovery



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The Future Role of EOR

Energy security is driving the world to produce the difficult barrels...



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