

**Maximizing Production from
Residual Oil Zones in
Western North Dakota**

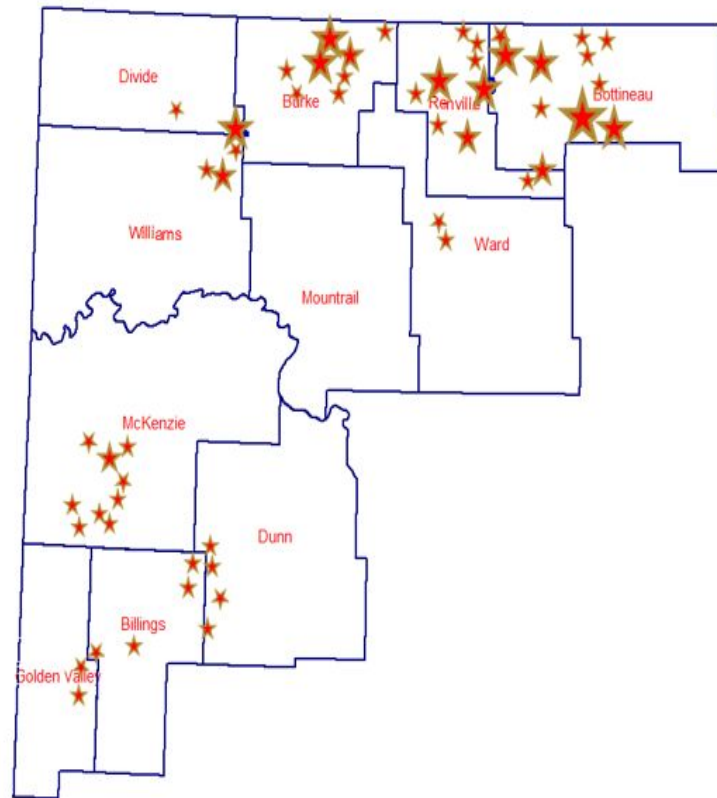


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Madison Formation Fun Facts

- Conventional carbonate reservoir.
- Contains reservoir quality rock throughout the basin.
- Can source its own hydrocarbon.
- Has produced >1,000,000,000 BO.
- Has been identified as a Residual Oil Zone (ROZ) formation via academic research and empirical production data.
- Full Madison stratigraphic section has been penetrated in ALL Bakken/Three Forks wells.

What is a Residual Oil Zone (ROZ)?

- A section within the stratigraphic column of a formation that exists below the “oil-water contact” of a reservoir which contains “immobile oil.”
- These sections of reservoirs have been naturally water flooded by 3 different criteria.
- In result, remnants of oil are stranded within sections of rock that the oil once migrated through.

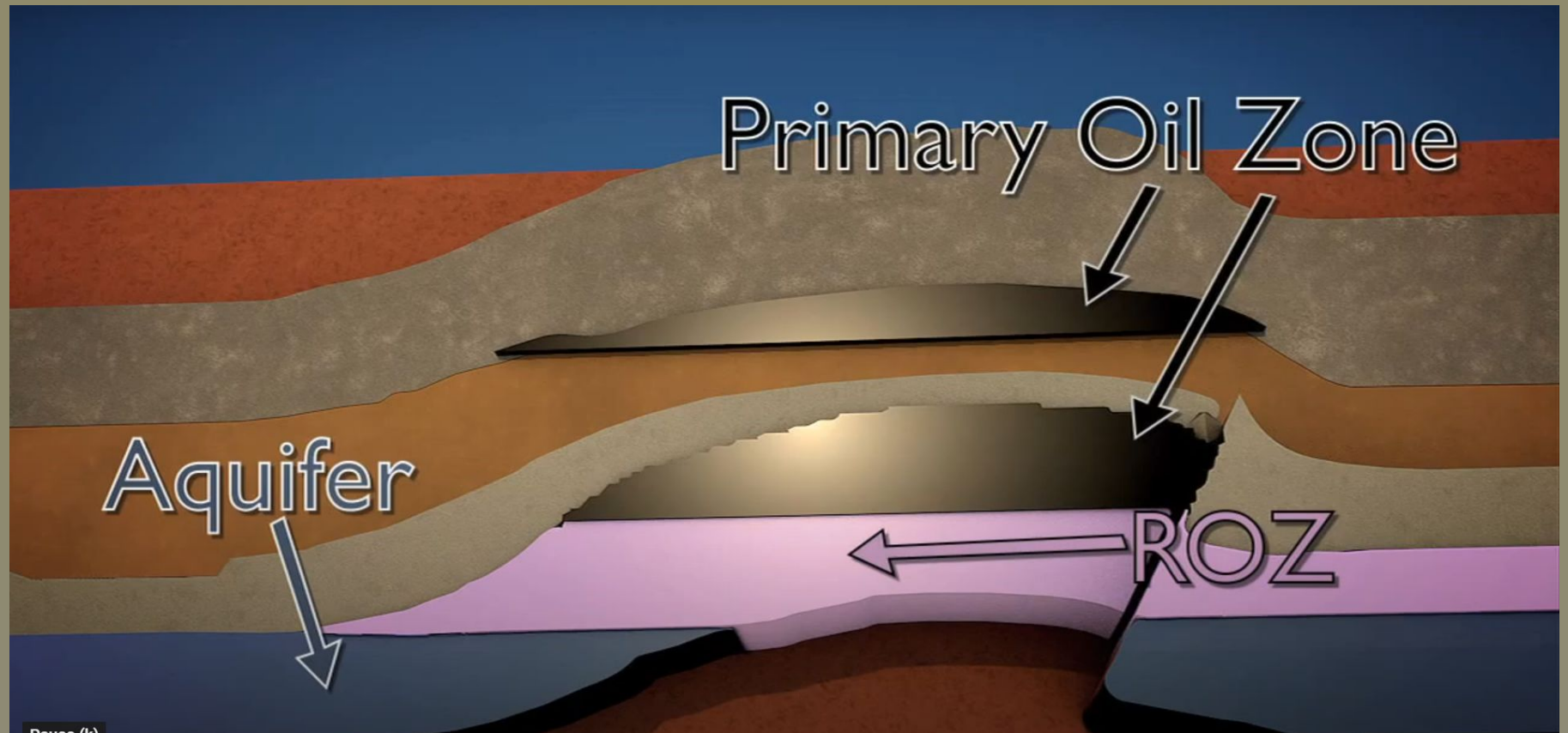
Types of ROZ

- **Type I** – Occurs when an existing hydrocarbon accumulation in a trap is subjected to a regional tilt (tectonically induced). Forcing oil to re-establish a new equilibrium.
- **TYPE II** – Occurs when a trap's seal is breached & allows for some or all of the hydrocarbon accumulation to vertically migrate from the trap, up the stratigraphic section.
- **TYPE III** – Similar to Type I but the static hydrocarbon accumulation undergoes a tilt due to ground water flows within the reservoirs.

Methods to Exploit the ROZ

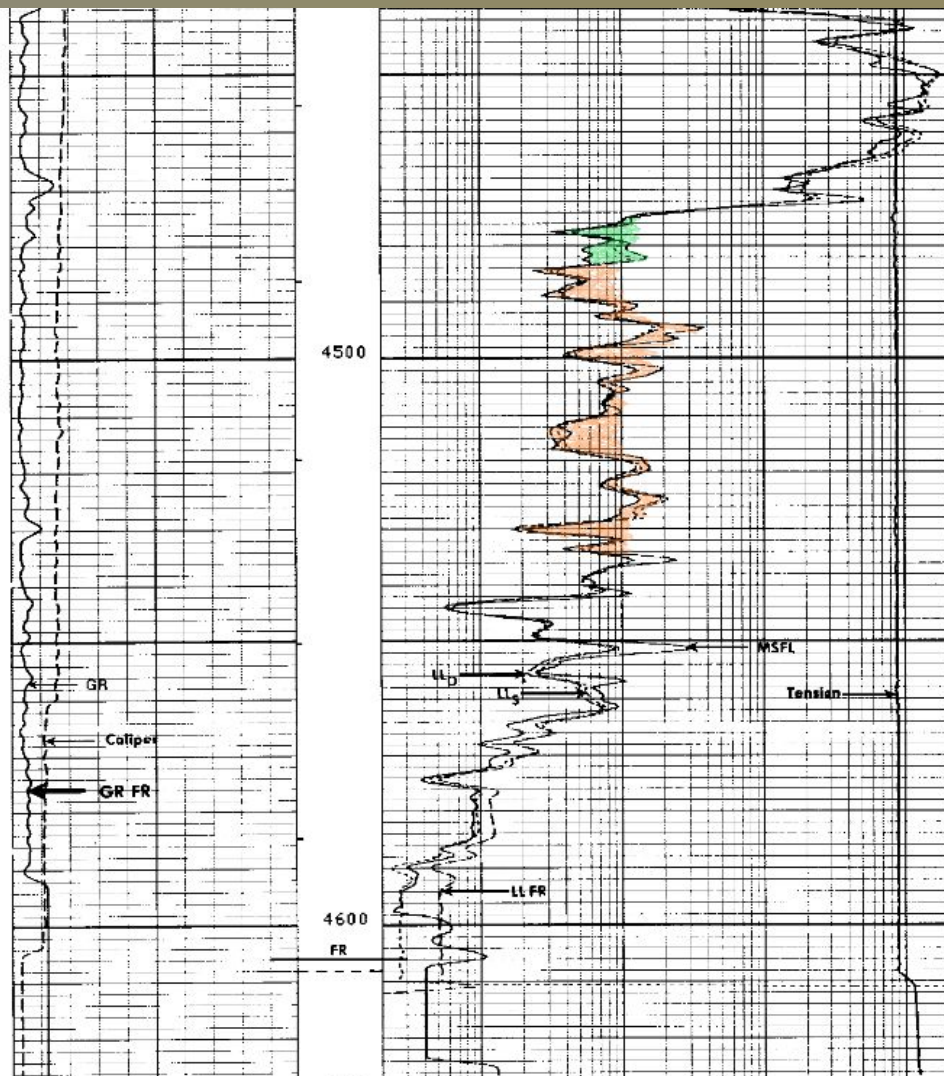
- CO₂ Injection into the ROZ allows the CO₂ to become miscible within the oil droplets which in result lowers the oil interfacial surface tension, reduces viscosity and helps vacate the oil from the rock.
- Depressurizing the ROZ lowers the reservoir pressure within a radius around the wellbore to the bubble point pressure which allows the oil droplets to swell from gas expansion within the oil and helps vacate the oil from the rock.

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	LLD (OHMM)	TENS(LB)
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CALI(IN)	RXO (OHMM)	2000.
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CONVENTIONAL CORE ANALYSIS

SAMP. NO.	DEPTH	PERM. TO HORZ.	AIR (MD) VERTICAL	POR. FLO.	FLUID SATS. OIL	WATER	GR. DNS.	DESCRIPTION
1	4572-73	0.92		13.5	12.9	30.0		LM FN XLN VUGGY CALC INF.
2	4573-74	64		18.5	15.2	23.2		LM FN XLN VUGGY CALC INF.
3	4574-75	7.2		12.0	17.6	35.2	CVF	LM FN XLN VUGGY CALC INF.
4	4575-76	104		18.5	16.6	35.2	CVF	LM FN XLN SCAT VUGS CALC INF.
5	4576-77	0.15		6.5	3.2	60.9		LM FN XLN SCAT VUGS CHKY
6	4577-78	42		12.8	10.9	34.2		LM FN XLN VUGS CALC XTAL
7	4578-79	1.1		7.4	7.1	31.0		LM FN XLN VUGS CALC XTAL
8	4579-80	0.39		20.7	23.7	23.7		LM OOL SCAT VUGS CALC INF.
9	4580-81	13		10.1	11.9	31.8		LM FN XLN VUGS CALC INF.
10	4581-82	3.8		10.2	8.8	29.2		LM FN XLN VUGS CALC INF.
11	4582-83	19		11.3	18.5	36.9	CVF	LM FN XLN VUGS CALC INF.
12	4583-84	33		11.9	14.8	28.0	CVF	LM FN XLN VUGS CALC INF.
13	4584-85	7.6		10.0	14.0	32.0	CVF	LM FN XLN SCAT VUGS CALC INF.
14	4585-86	36		11.1	14.3	28.6	CVF	LM FN XLN CALC INF.
15	4586-87	14		11.9	9.9	38.0		LM FN XLN VUGS CALC INF.
16	4587-88	13		23.4	14.8	33.6		LM FN XLN VUGS CALC INF.
17	4588-89	51		12.6	26.3	21.7		LM FN XLN VUGS CALC INF.
18	4589-90	7.8		18.1	23.4	23.4		LM FN XLN VUGS CALC INF.
19	4590-91	178		12.5	14.1	39.1		LM FN XLN VUGS CALC INF.
20	4591-92	13		14.4	18.5	27.8	CVF	LM FN XLN VUGS CALC INF.
21	4592-93	0.12		9.0	17.7	28.8	CVF	LM FN XLN VUGS CALC INF.
22	4593-94	0.16		7.7	12.1	40.3	CVF	LM FN XLN VUGS CALC INF.
23	4594-95	0.66		8.8	8.0	48.2		LM FN XLN VUGS CALC INF.
24	4595-96	66		3.0	3.6	50.3		LM FN XLN VUGS
25	4596-97	3.5		10.5	13.3	39.8		LM FN XLN CALC INF.

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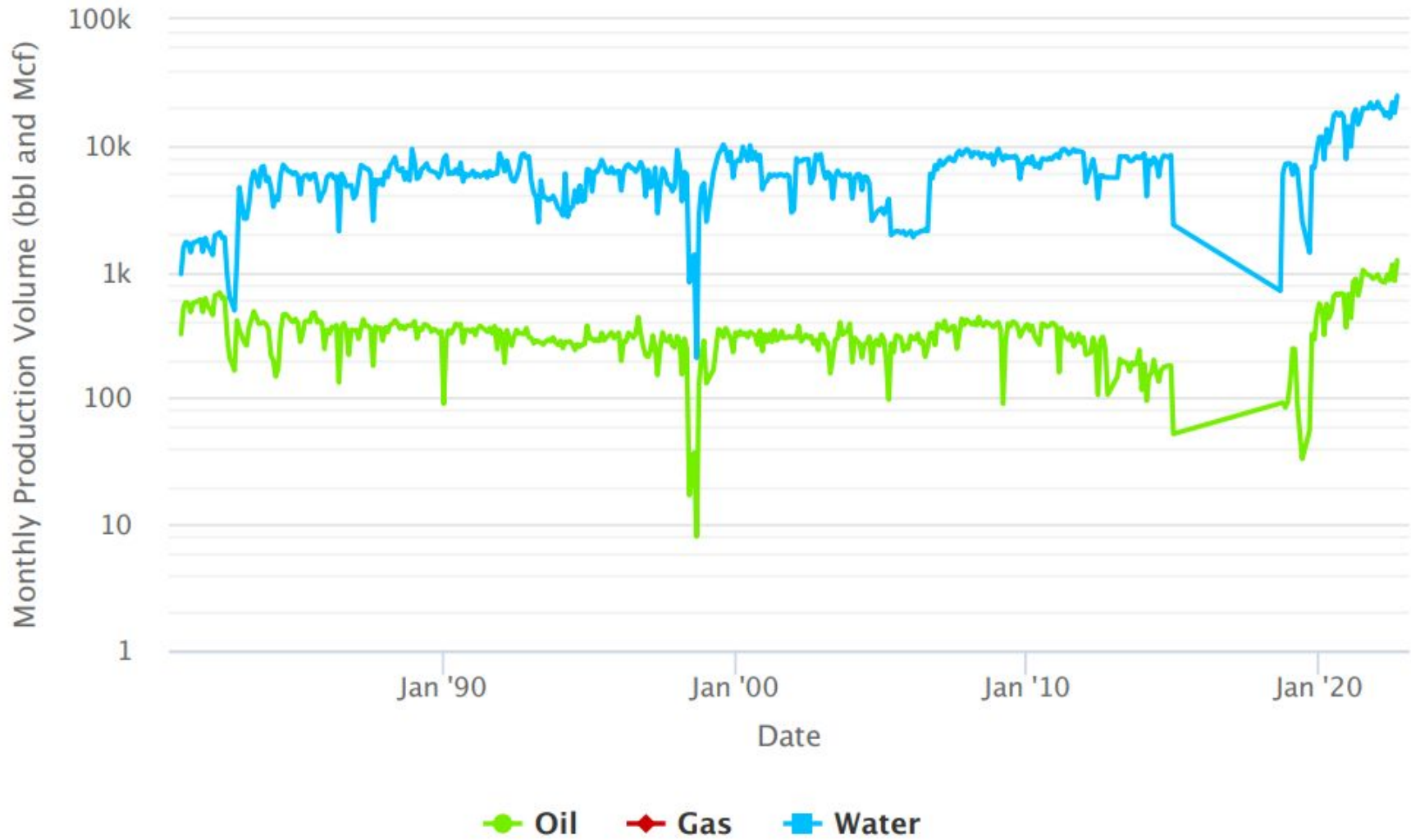
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27	4598-99	38		14.6	9.3	42.6		LM FN XLN CALC INF.
28	4599 -0	2.6		13.3	11.6	26.0		LM FN XLN VUGS CALC INF.
29	4600 -1	200		15.2	11.2	31.0	CVF	LM FN XLN SCAT VUGS CALC INF.
30	4601 -2	11		11.5	15.2	28.8	CVF	LM FN XLN SCAT VUGS CALC INF.
31	4602 -3	157		21.7	14.0	29.7	CVF	LM FN XLN OOL CALC INF.
32	4603 -4	250		18.3	17.2	27.4	CVF	LM FN XLN VUGS CALC INF.
33	4604 -5	31		17.9	12.8	28.8	CVF	LM FN XLN OOL CALC INF.
34	4605 -6	314		15.8	14.9	27.5	CVF	LM FN XLN OOL CALC INF.
35	4606 -7	61		18.1	15.5	35.2	CVF	LM FN XLN CALC INF.
36	4607 -8	93		15.2	17.4	32.4		LM FN XLN CALC INF.
	4608-4612							NO ANALYSIS LS
37	4612-13	24		10.6	13.1	26.1	CVF	LM FN XLN CALC INF.
38	4613-14	6.5		7.0	3.0	62.7	CVF	LM V/FN XLN CALC INF.
39	4614-15	113		9.1	2.3	51.9	CVF	LM V/FN XLN CALC INF.
40	4615-16	41		8.9	1.1	43.2	CVF	LM V/FN XLN CALC INF.
	4616-4623							NO ANALYSIS LS
41	4623-24	0.03		6.7	7.7	33.8	CVF	LM V/FN XLN CALC INF.
42	4624-25	2.8		10.9	16.3	29.0	CVF	LM V/FN XLN SUC CALC INF.

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Monthly Production

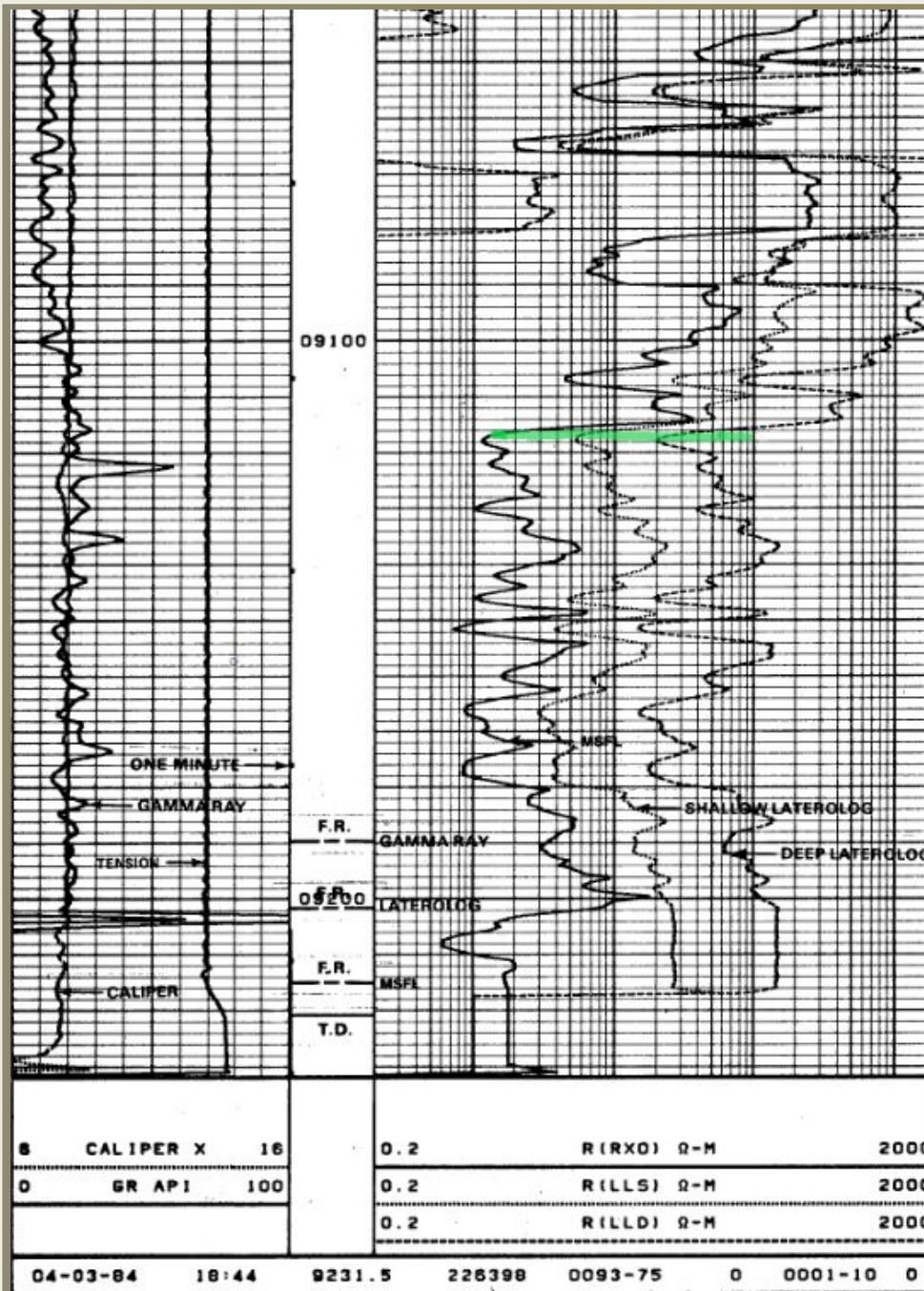




Type II ROZ Results (Mission Canyon – Renville County, ND)

- After completing the full section of the productive Mission Canyon bed, oil cut increased with increased takeaway from increased reservoir deliverability.
- Cobra Oil & Gas deems this a method of reservoir depressurization.
- Like the San Andres ROZ plays of the Permian Basin, Cobra Oil & Gas believes the Mission Canyon ROZ potential could cover large areas of the Williston Basin.

Type III ROZ



- Standard conventional approach “Pop the Top”
- Unconventional approach to Type III ROZ example.
- Rock data, petrophysical data & mudlog data support a Type III ROZ over a wide range of the Williston Basin.
- Large section and high deliverability of fluid makes this ROZ formation more attractive for CO₂ injection.

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Type II/III ROZ

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Sample Number	Depth (feet)	Permeability	Porosity (%)	Saturation		Grain Density (gm/cc)	Lithology
		Horz (md)		Oil (%)	H2O (%)		
19	9186.0-87.0	7.0	14.0	24.2	26.0	2.77	Dol,mx,ls/lm
20	9187.0-88.0	21	17.5	38.8	21.3	2.81	Dol,mx,ls/lm
21	9188.0-89.0	9.6	14.8	36.3	22.4	2.82	Dol,mx,ls/lm
22	9189.0-90.0	3.2	11.9	37.5	25.6	2.78	Dol,mx,ls
23	9190.0-91.0	0.04	4.3	10.8	18.4	2.78	Dol,mx,ls
24	9191.0-92.0	24	15.6	63.9	21.3	2.83	Dol,mxl
25	9192.0-93.0	11	14.4	30.2	17.0	2.84	Dol,mxl
26	9193.0-94.0	0.14	6.5	5.7	32.1	2.79	LS,mxl,dol
27	9194.0-95.0	0.40	4.5	21.6	39.6	2.81	LS,mxl,dol
28	9195.0-96.0	13	13.0	48.4	30.5	2.81	Dol,mxl
29	9196.0-97.0	33	18.6	41.8	24.1	2.83	Dol,mxl
30	9197.0-98.0	20	16.5	53.2	14.3	2.82	Dol,mxl
31	9198.0-99.0	5.1	13.2	35.8	19.4	2.81	Dol,mx,ls/lm
32	9199.0-00.0	2.7	11.6	48.3	24.6	2.79	Dol,mx,ls/lm
33	9200.0-01.0	4.8	13.0	18.0	9.0	2.76	Dol,mx,ls/lm
	9201.0 - 9201.5						Not Suitable for Analysis
	9201.5 - 9202.0						Not Recovered
34	9202.0-03.0	2.9	13.8	45.2	39.1	2.85	Dol,f-mxl
35	9203.0-04.0	0.51	10.4	17.9	56.1	2.85	Dol,f-mxl
36	9204.0-05.0	7.5	16.3	34.6	32.6	2.84	Dol,f-mxl
37	9205.0-06.0	7.5	18.5	39.2	43.1	2.84	Dol,f-mxl
38	9206.0-07.0	0.22	16.1	5.2	71.1	2.85	Dol,f-mxl



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				Oil (%)	H2O (%)		
39	9207.0-08.0	18	15.5	9.4	56.3	2.83	Dol, f-axl
40	9208.0-09.0	0.58	12.9	25.3	40.8	2.84	Dol, f-axl
41	9209.0-10.0	0.44	10.0	19.0	47.1	2.83	Dol, f-axl
42	9210.0-11.0	1.4	13.3	40.6	28.5	2.82	Dol, f-axl
43	9211.0-12.0	0.14	8.4	11.5	56.2	2.82	Dol, f-axl, sl/lms
44	9212.0-13.0	0.01	4.0	9.2	45.9	2.79	Dol, f-axl, sl/lms
45	9213.0-14.0	0.04	8.5	9.9	46.2	2.84	Dol, vf-fxl
46	9214.0-15.0	0.22	11.6	8.3	53.9	2.83	Dol, vf-fxl
47	9215.0-16.0	0.05	8.7	11.7	59.6	2.83	Dol, vf-fxl
48	9216.0-17.0	0.03	7.4	12.2	52.2	2.83	Dol, vf-fxl
49	9217.0-18.0	0.02	6.8	6.2	40.1	2.83	Dol, vf-fxl
50	9218.0-19.0	0.03	9.2	18.0	51.0	2.82	Dol, vf-fxl
51	9219.0-20.0	0.01	9.0	10.2	56.2	2.83	Dol, vf-fxl

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Type II/III ROZ Outlook (Mission Canyon Fryburg Bed – Billings County, ND)

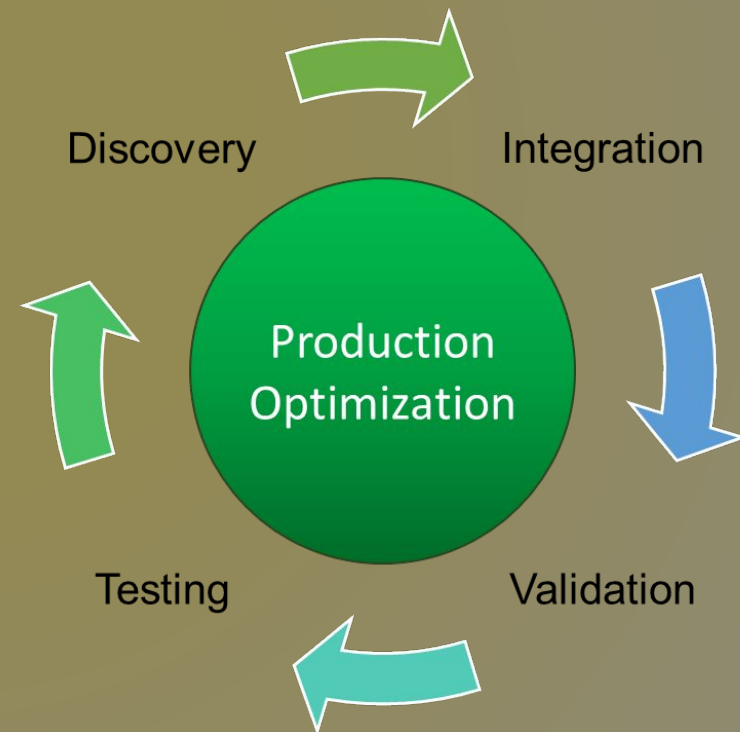
- Assuming adequate fluid handling and disposal/injection capacity, in order to produce the stranded oil in this ROZ, the entire interval should be completed and depressurized or injected with CO₂.
- Most of the Mission Canyon Fields are not defined by “dry holes” beyond the limits of productive reservoirs, but by the economic limit of commercial production at that point in time.
- Within the State of North Dakota, Mission Canyon Formation ROZ reserves could be comparable to the estimates of Bakken EOR reserves.

EERC Scope of Work



Investigate strategies to maximize oil recovery

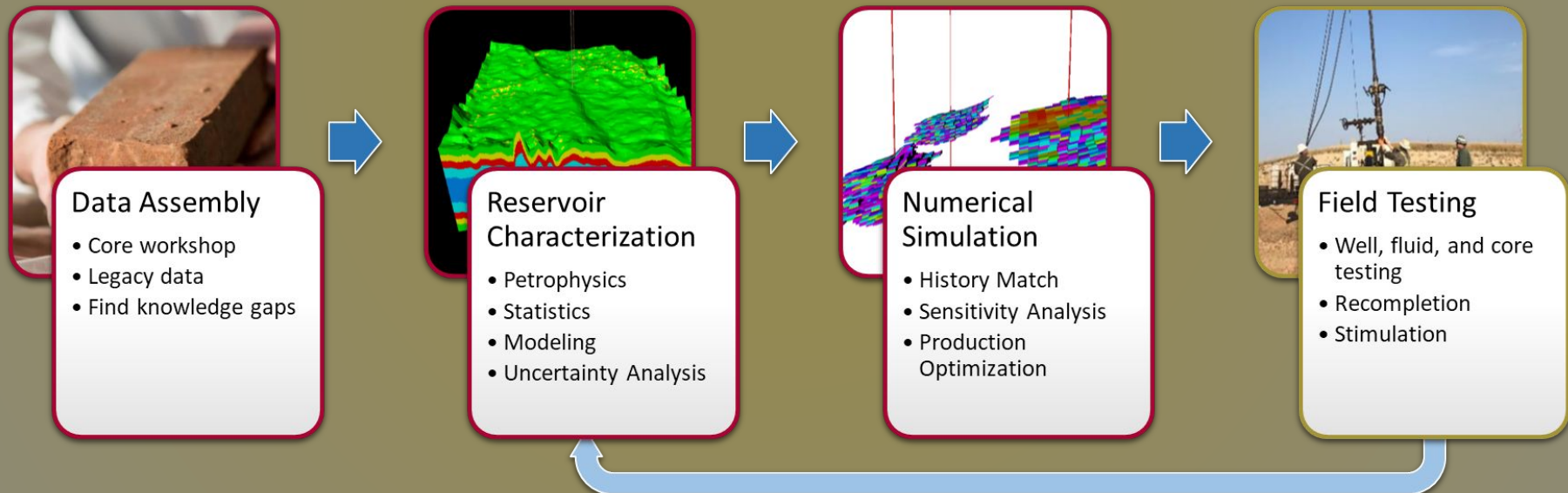
- Data driven model investigation
- Production history and well test validation
- Digital hypothesis testing with partnered field testing and data collection
- Resulting in operational and completion strategies for optimization



EERC Scope of Work



Methodology



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- Data Assembly (Task 1)
 - Procure & audit legacy & proprietary data for analysis
 - Knowledge gap analysis
- Reservoir Characterization (Task 2)
 - Creation of simulation ready, data-driven models for hypothesis testing & subsurface prediction
 - Data collection recommendations
- Numerical Simulation (Task 3)
 - Validation of reservoir models, development strategy testing, & methods recommendation for field testing
 - Model based optimization strategy testing
- Project Management
 - Facilitation & coordination for project schedule & budget
 - Deliverable tracking & compliance

Cobra Scope of Work



- Data Collecting & Field Testing (Task 4)
 - Provide empirically derived database of engineering, geologic and field results from the project field
 - Plan & execute all field equipment upgrades & downhole operations
 - Provide company personnel for all surface and downhole operations
 - Provide safe & operatable usage of existing facilities and operated wells within the project field



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Thank You!

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