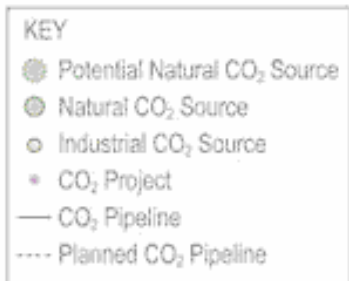


New Developments in Mature Fields and CO₂ Flooding

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

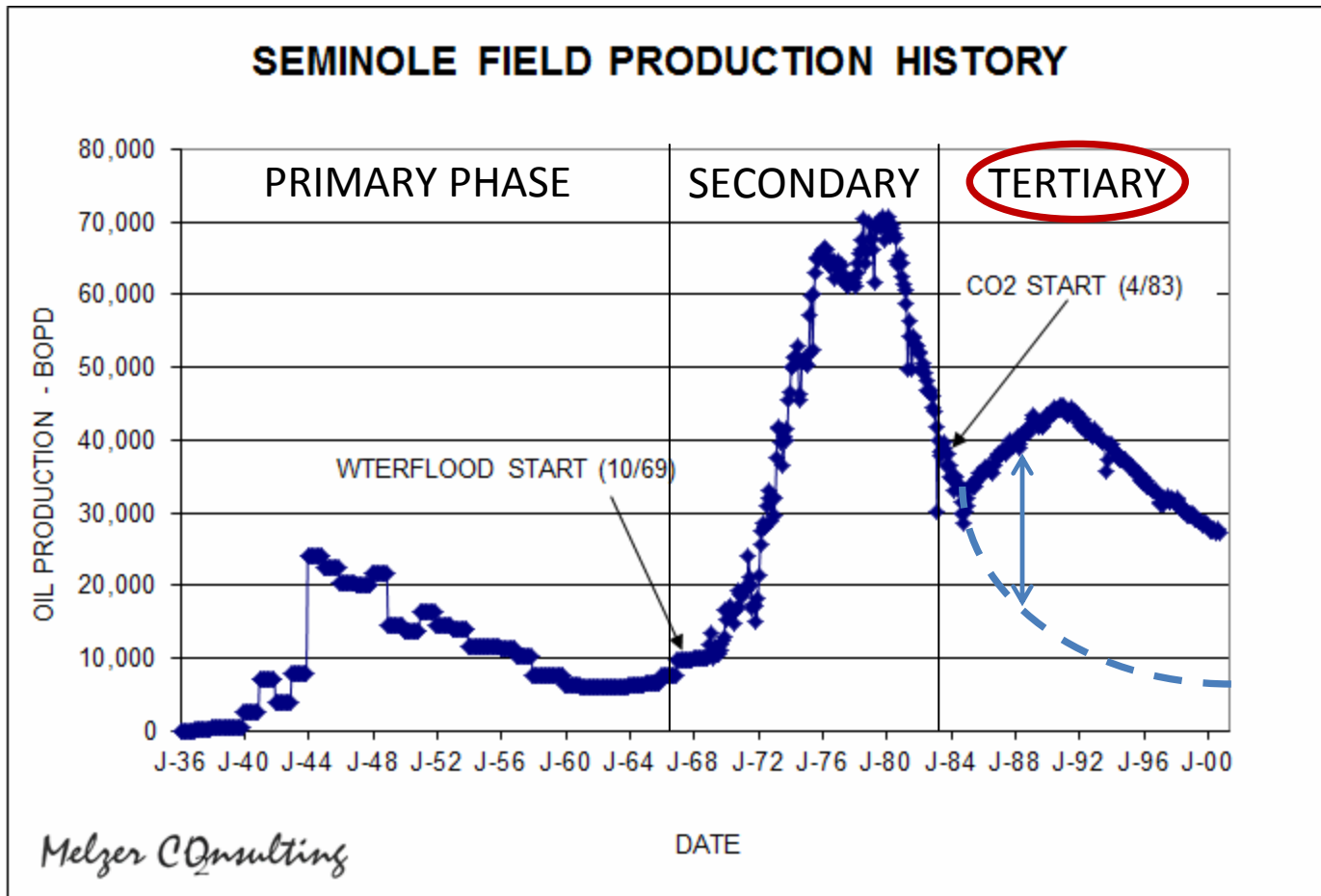
- A Quick History and Status of CO₂ EOR
- The Actual and Pending Spread of CO₂ to the Eastern Shelf
- A New Frontier: Residual Oil Zones
 - The Science
 - Industry Projects: The Engineering
 - The Anecdotal Evidence of ROZs
- Carbon Capture and Storage
- On-going Studies/Research
- Area Wide Study and Need for Your Assistance

Mature Oilfield Developments

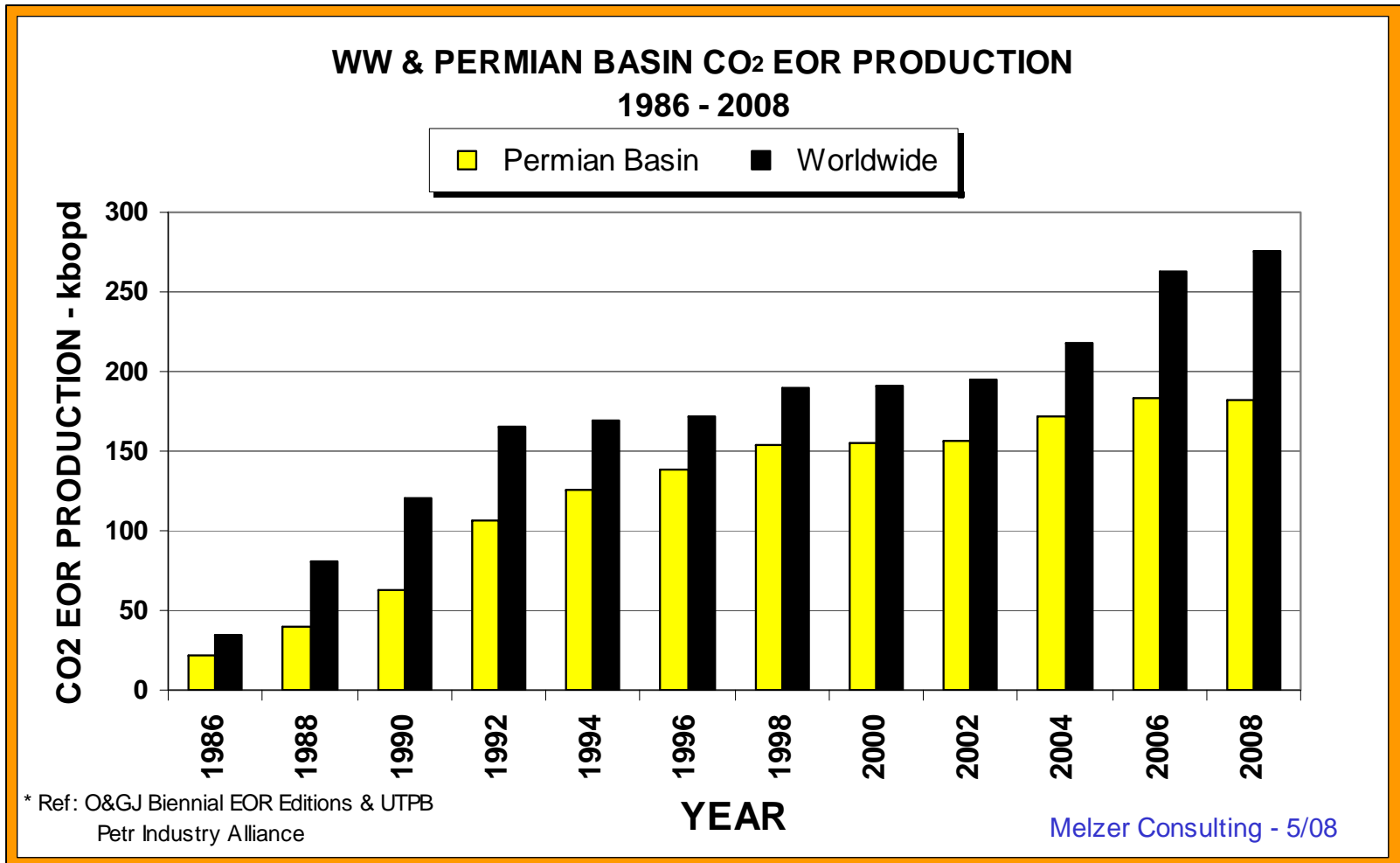
And the Permian Basin's Leadership
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THE PHASES OF PRODUCTION

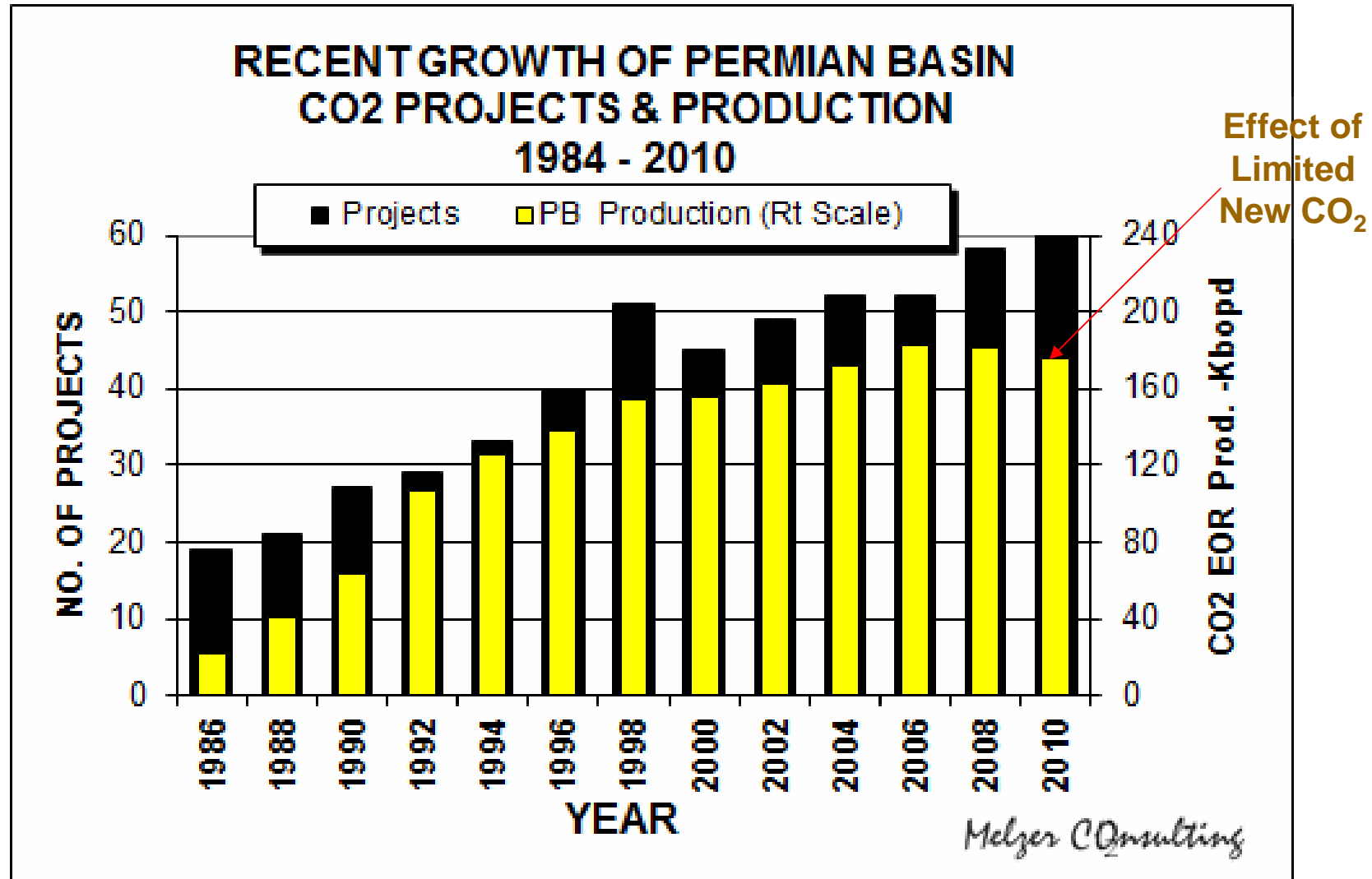
(SEMINOLE FIELD, GAINES COUNTY, TX)



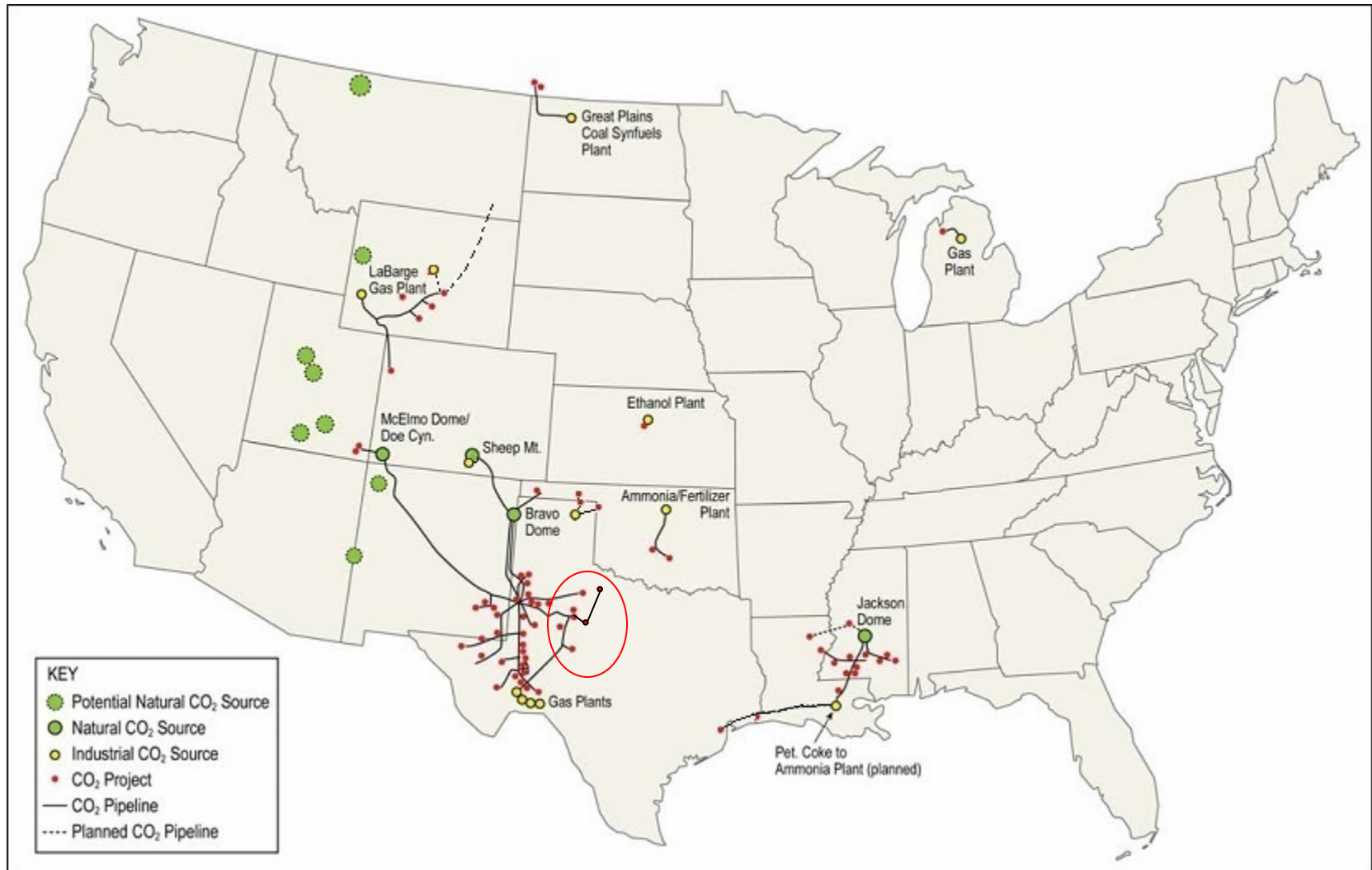
PERMIAN BASIN AND WORLDWIDE CO₂ EOR PRODUCTION



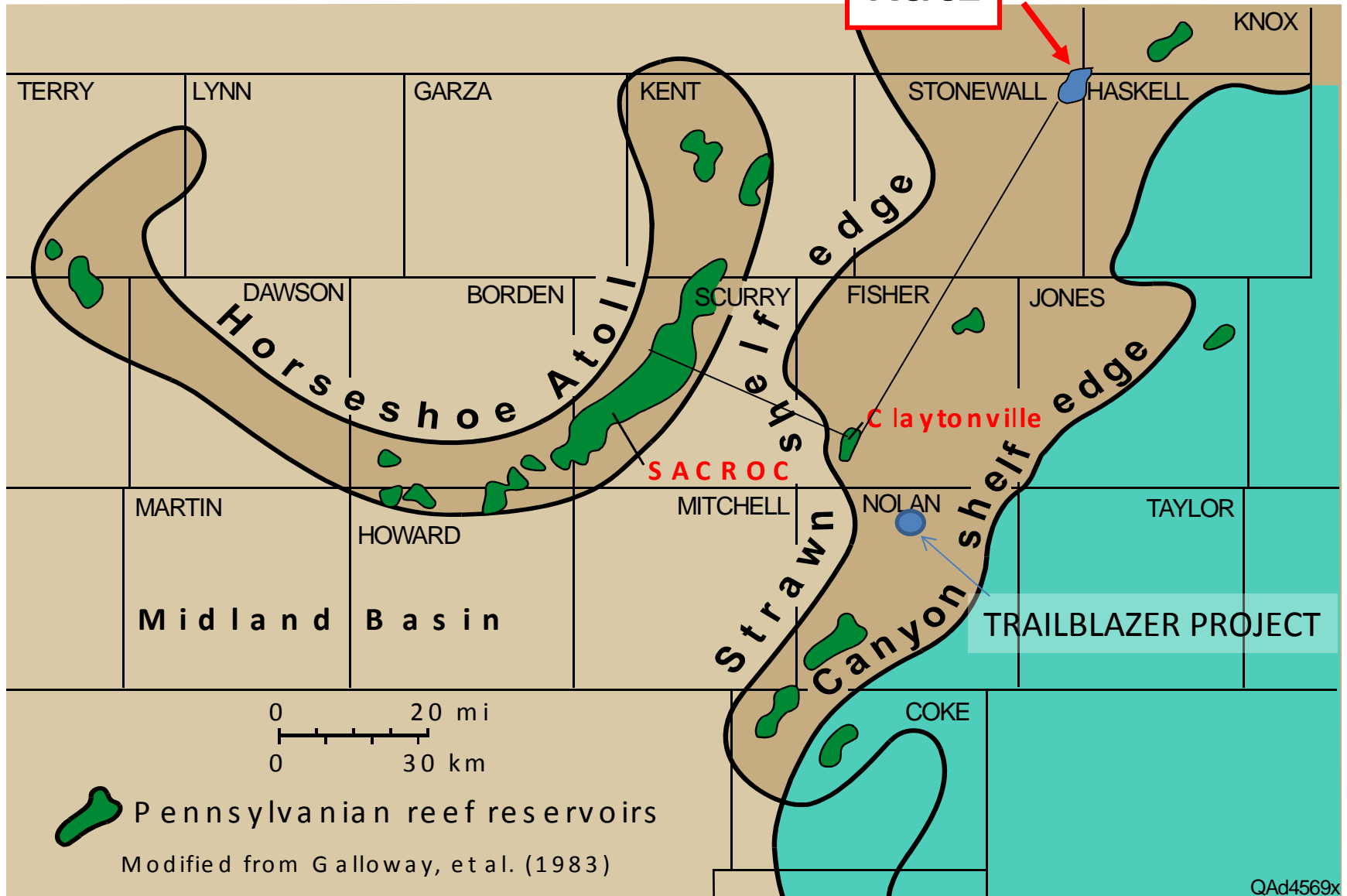
THE EFFECT OF MATURING PROJECTS AND LIMITED NEW SOURCES



The CO₂ EOR Infrastructure



EASTERN EXPANSION OF CO₂ EOR IN THE PB



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Katz Field History

- Jan. 1951 Katz Field discovered by Katz Oil Co, H.D. Dozier No. 1 (current well name, ERU No.59).
- Mar. 1951 Katz (5100) Field discovered by T.D. Humphrey, Mattie Davis No. 1 (located on the Orsborn Unit).
- Jul. 1983 Katz (Day) Field discovered by Getty Oil Co, Roy Day No. 4 (current well name, SWRU No.35).
- Oct. 1984 Orsborn Unit waterflood began into the Katz and Katz (5100) Fields (Conoco, operator).
- Oct. 1987 ERU unitized in the Katz and Katz (5100) Fields (Standard Oil Production Co, operator).
- Nov. 1989 SWRU unitized in the Katz, Katz (Day), Katz (5100) Fields (BP Exploration, operator).
- Nov. 1989 CBLU unitized in the Katz and Katz (5100) Fields (Phillips Pet. Co, operator).
- May 2006 Kinder Morgan Production Co. became operator of ERU, CBLU, and SWRU.
- Nov 2009 Consolidated 3 fields into the Katz (Strawn) Field.

EOR IN RESIDUAL OIL ZONES

A NEW FRONTIER

Thanks Should Go To....

- Our Funding Agencies: The Research Partnership to Secure Energy for America and the National Energy Technology Lab/U.S. Department of Energy
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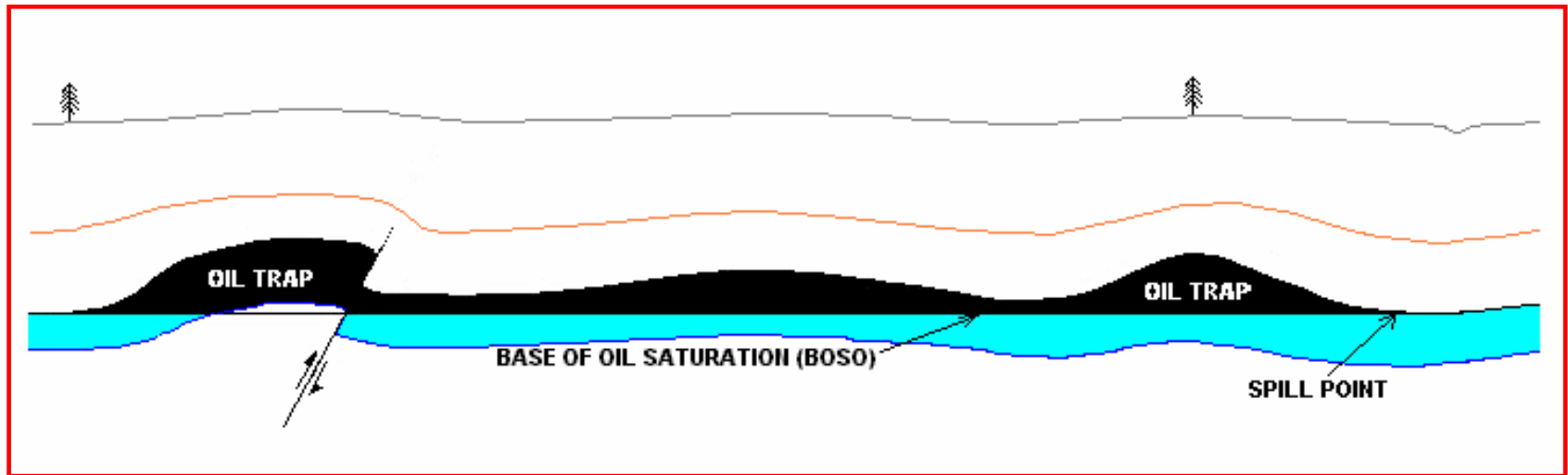
And Also Thanks Go To:

- All those who have battled with the Frustrations of Transition Zones and ROZ's in the past

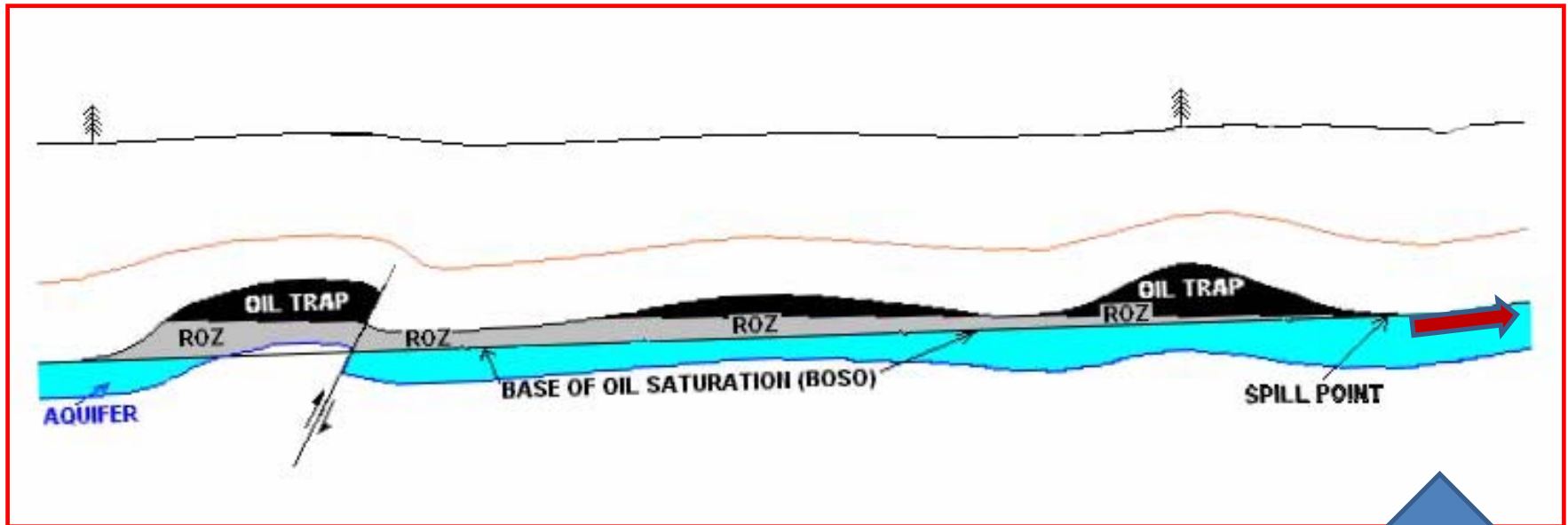
RESIDUAL OIL ZONES: BACKGROUND

- Requires Two Stages of Tectonics
 - Subsidence and Entrapment Stage
 - Second Stage Somehow Altering Existing Traps
- Types of ROZs
 - Type 1: Regional Basin Tilt
 - Type 2: Breached and Reformed Seal
 - Type 3: Lateral Hydrodynamic Flushing

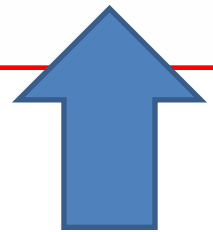
Original Oil Accumulation Under Static Aquifer Conditions (A Hypothetical Example)



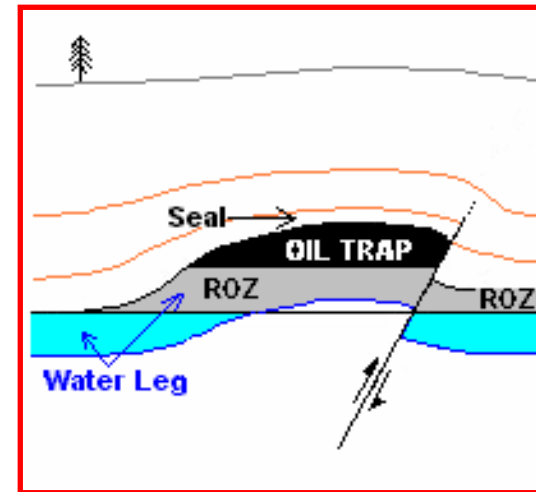
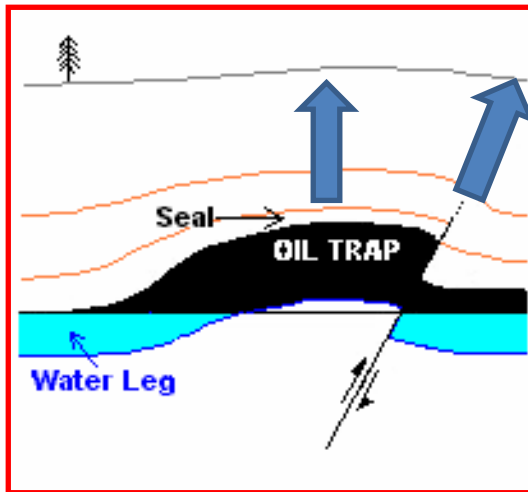
**Original Accumulation Subject to a Eastward Regional Tilt & Forming a ROZ.
The O/W Contact Is Horizontal, the Base of the ROZ Is Tilted. Oil Would Have
Migrated Out of the Basin.**



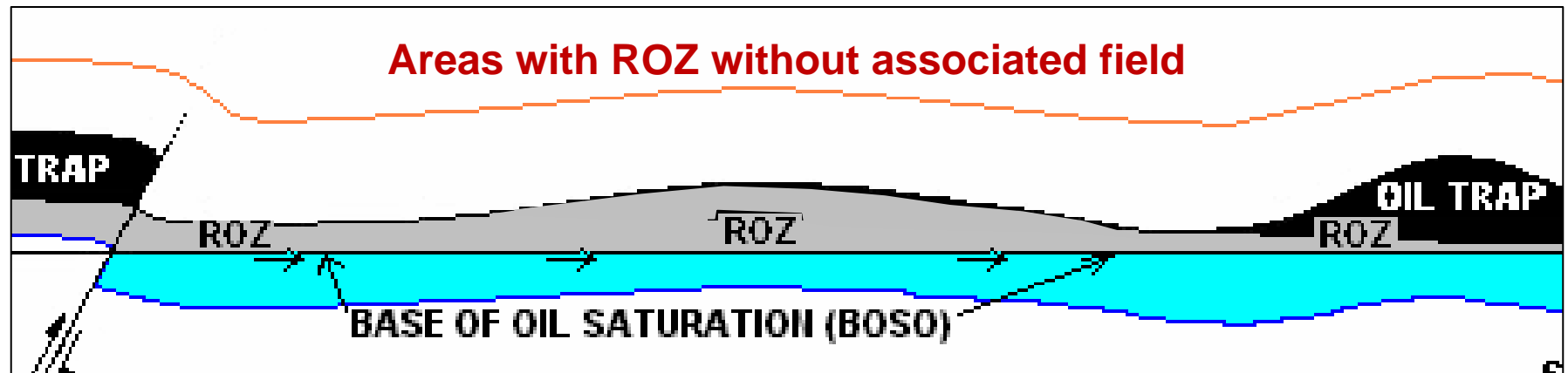
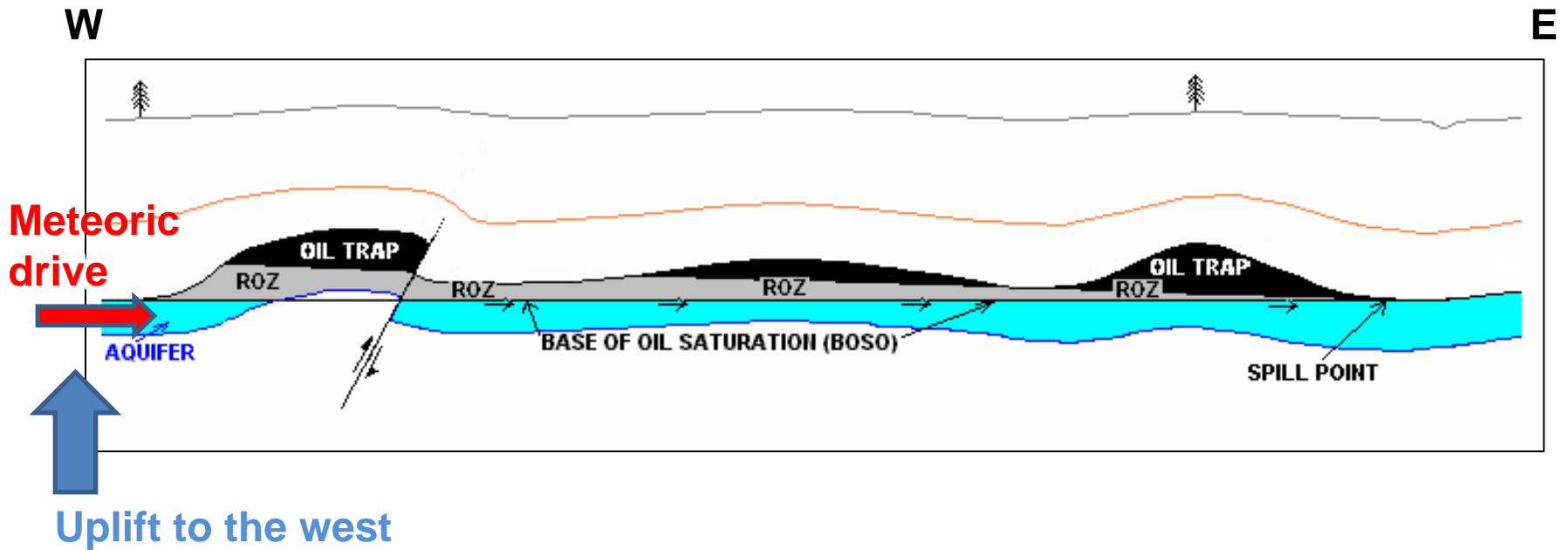
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**Original Accumulation with a Breached, Reformed, Seal, forming a ROZ, a Horizontal O/W Contact on the Main Pay and the ROZ.
May also “de-gas” the Reservoir.
Examples Present in the Permian Basin.**

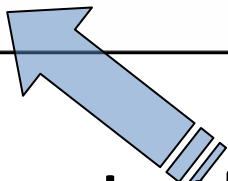


Change in Hydrodynamic Conditions, Sweep of the Lower Oil Column, Oil/Water Contact Tilt, and Development of a Residual Oil Zone. In the Permian Basin, Meteoric Flow is from the West: Rio Grande Uplift. ¹⁷

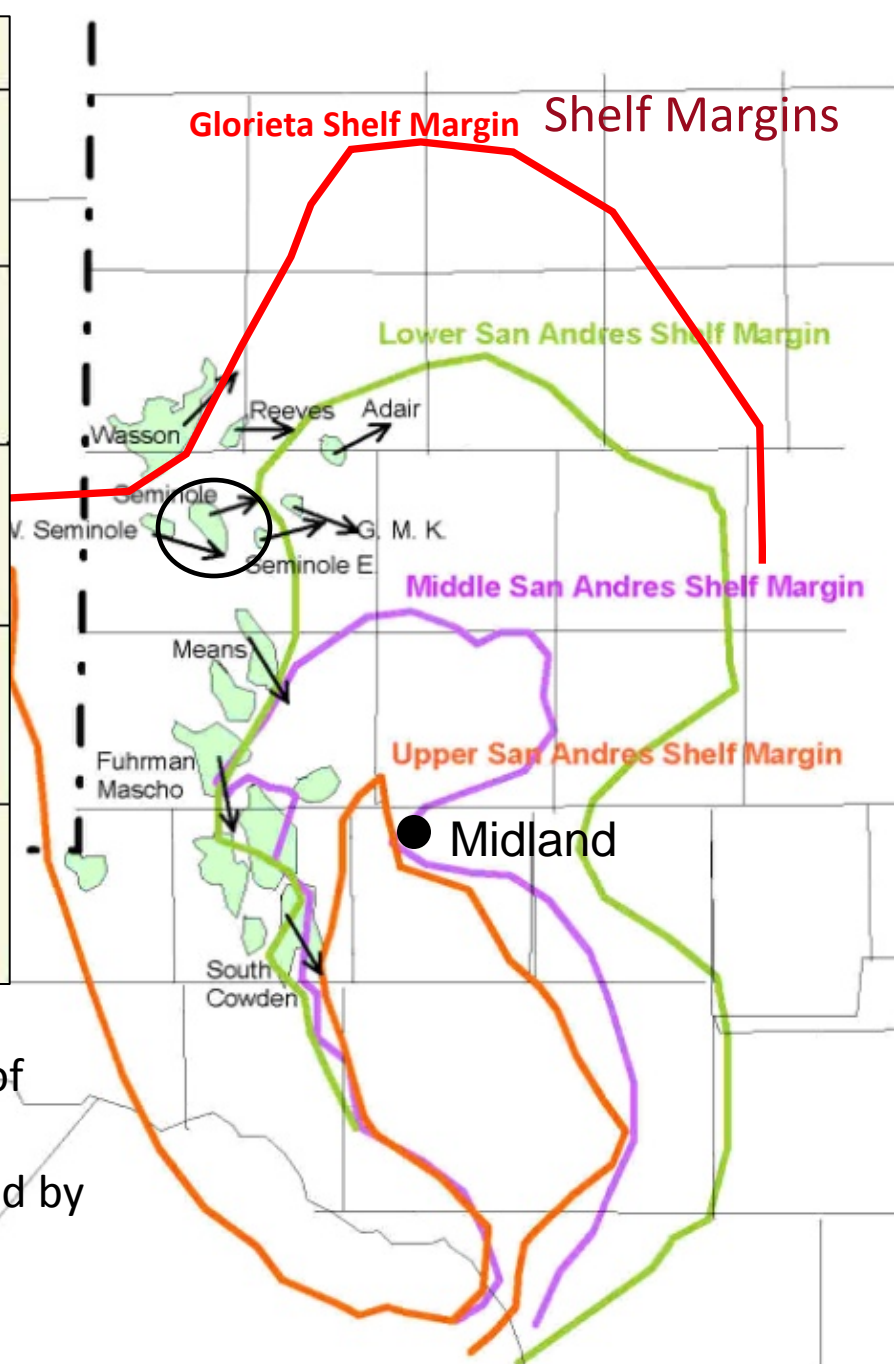
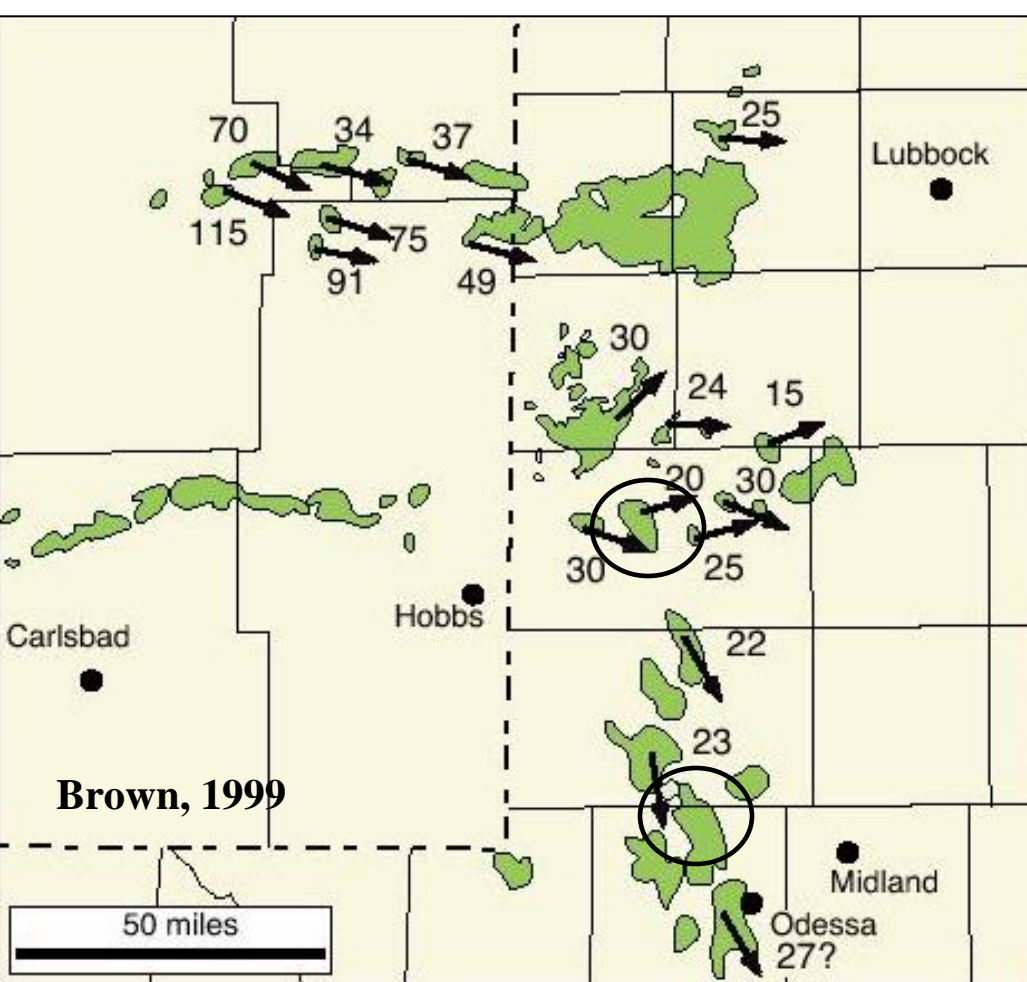


Attributes of the ROZ Types

ROZ TYPE	Oil-Water Contact	Base of Oil Saturation	Other Characteristics
Regional Tilt (1)	Horizontal	Tilted	Wedge with thin side Downdip
Breached Seal and Reaccumulation (2)	Horizontal	Horizontal	Stratified Tar Mats, Anomolously Low GOR
Hydrodynamic Tilt (3)	Tilted	Horizontal	Wedge with thin side in Direction of Flow (to Spill Point)



Let's Look for "anecdotal"
Evidence: OWC Tilt



Distribution of Tilted Oil-Water Contacts in the Northern Shelf and Central Basin Platform Areas of the Permian Basin*

The direction of OWC tilt may be influenced by the age of the producing interval and its relationship to the shelf margin

Interesting Science but...

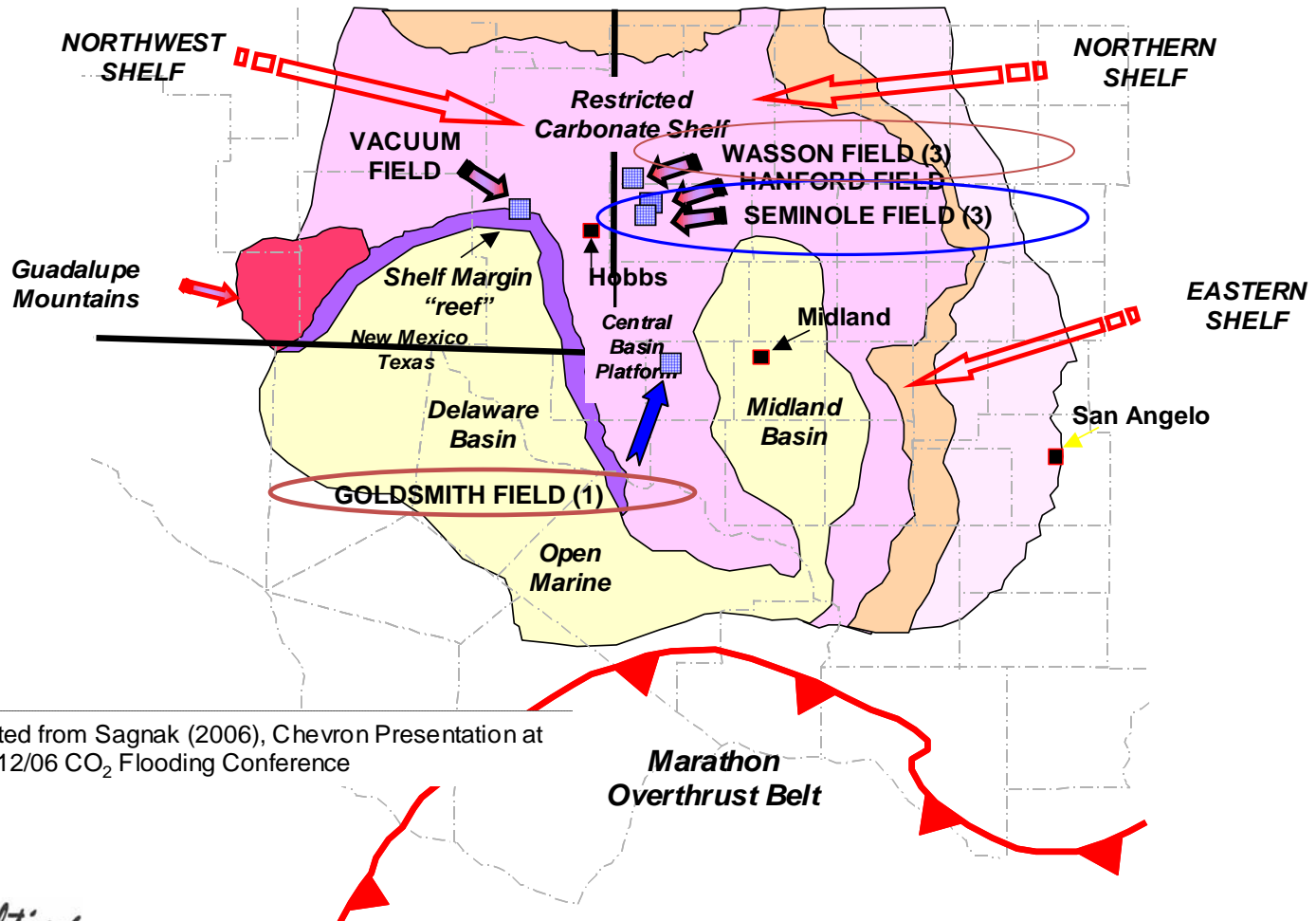
Can We Make Money on the Oil in
the ROZ?

COMMERCIALIZING THE ROZ

ACTIVE RESIDUAL OIL ZONE CO₂ EOR PROJECTS IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

MIDDLE SAN ANDRES PALEOGEOGRAPHY

with Location of Industry Documented ROZ Zones/Fields*

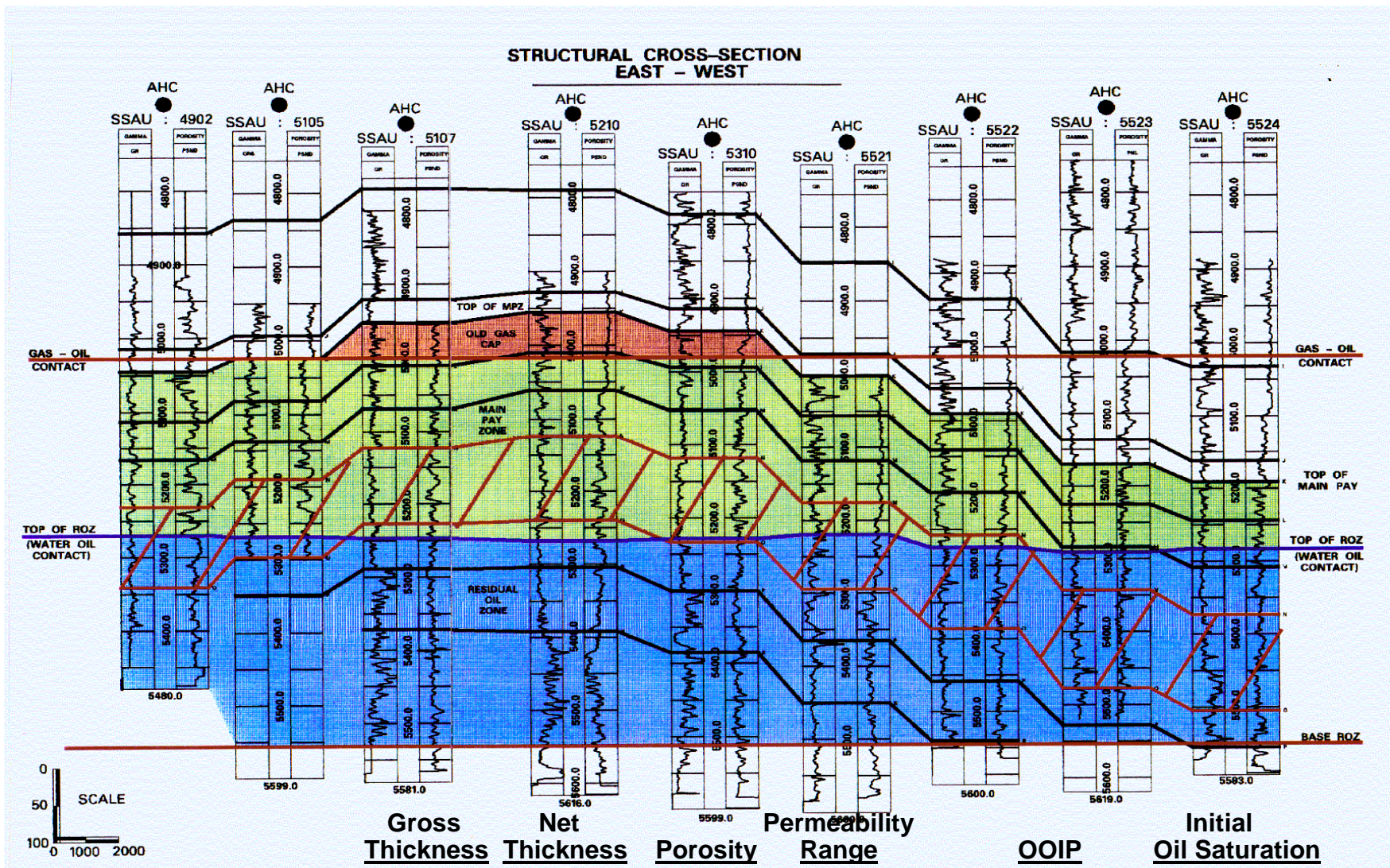


Active ROZ Floods in the Permian Basin

Highlighted ones have some public exposure

Type and operator	Field	State	County	Top MPZ Depth, ft	Pay zone
Active CO₂ miscible					
Chevron	Vacuum San Andres Grayburg Unit	NM	Lea Co.	4,550	San Andres/Grayburg
Fasken	Hanford	Tex.	Gaines	5,500	San Andres
→ Hess	Seminole Unit-ROZ Phase 1	Tex.	Gaines	5,500	San Andres
→ Hess	Seminole Unit-ROZ Phase 2	Tex.	Gaines	5,500	San Andres
→ Hess	Seminole Unit-ROZ Stage 1 Full Field Dev	Tex.	Gaines	5,500	San Andres
→ Legado	Goldsmith-Landreth Unit	Tex.	Ector	4,200	San Andres
→ Occidental	Wasson Bennett Ranch Unit	Tex.	Yoakum	5,250	San Andres
→ Occidental	Wasson Denver Unit	Tex.	Yoakum	5,200	San Andres
→ Occidental	Wasson ODC	Tex.	& Gaines	5,200	San Andres

SSAU MPZ & ROZ Crosssection and Zonal Attributes



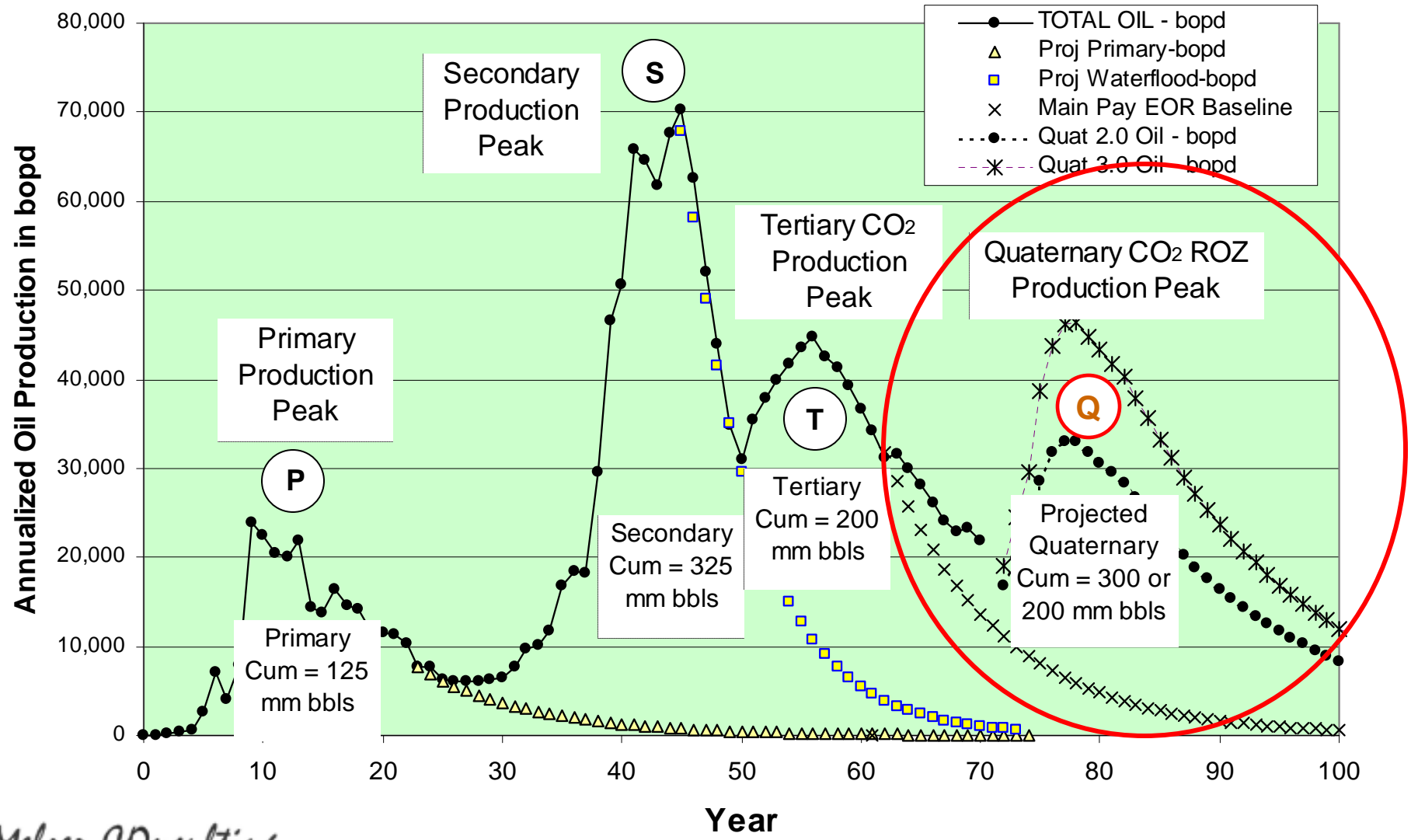


Reservoir Description	Limestone and dolomite deposited in a shallow carbonate ramp environment
Fluid Type	Saturated black oil
Drive Mechanism	Gas in solution and gas cap during primary. External energy from water and CO2 injection during secondary and tertiary recovery.
Develop. History	1936 Discovery 1936 First Production 1969 Unitized/Waterflood 1983 MPZ CO2 Flood Begins 1996 ROZ Phase 1 2004 ROZ Phase 2 2007 ROZ Stage 1
Cumulative Production	675 MMBO, 40 MMBOE NGL, 702 BCF HC Gas
Current Rate	19.6 MBOPD, 200 MMCFD CO2+HC 25,500 MBOEPD (Oil+NGL+Gas)

Ownership	
Hess	34.3% (operator)
OXY	28.0%
ExxonMobil	19.2 %
Marathon	13.5 %
Chevron	2.5 %
Others	2.5 %
Location: Permian Basin, TX	
Wells: 396 prod 171 inj	
Facilities: SSGP Unit CO2 Recovery Plant	

'Quaternary' Oil at the Seminole Field (Given Access to Needed CO₂ Supplies)

Total, Primary, Waterflood, Main Pay and ROZ CO₂ Performance (the Concept of "Brownfield" Quaternary Oil)



THE “ANECDOTAL” EVIDENCE

Oil Shows: DSTs, Cuttings, Cores

Water Salinities, Sulfur Water, Sour Oil

Corrosive Zones

Pervasive Zonal Dolomitization

Discharge Paths, Lineaments

Sulfur Deposits

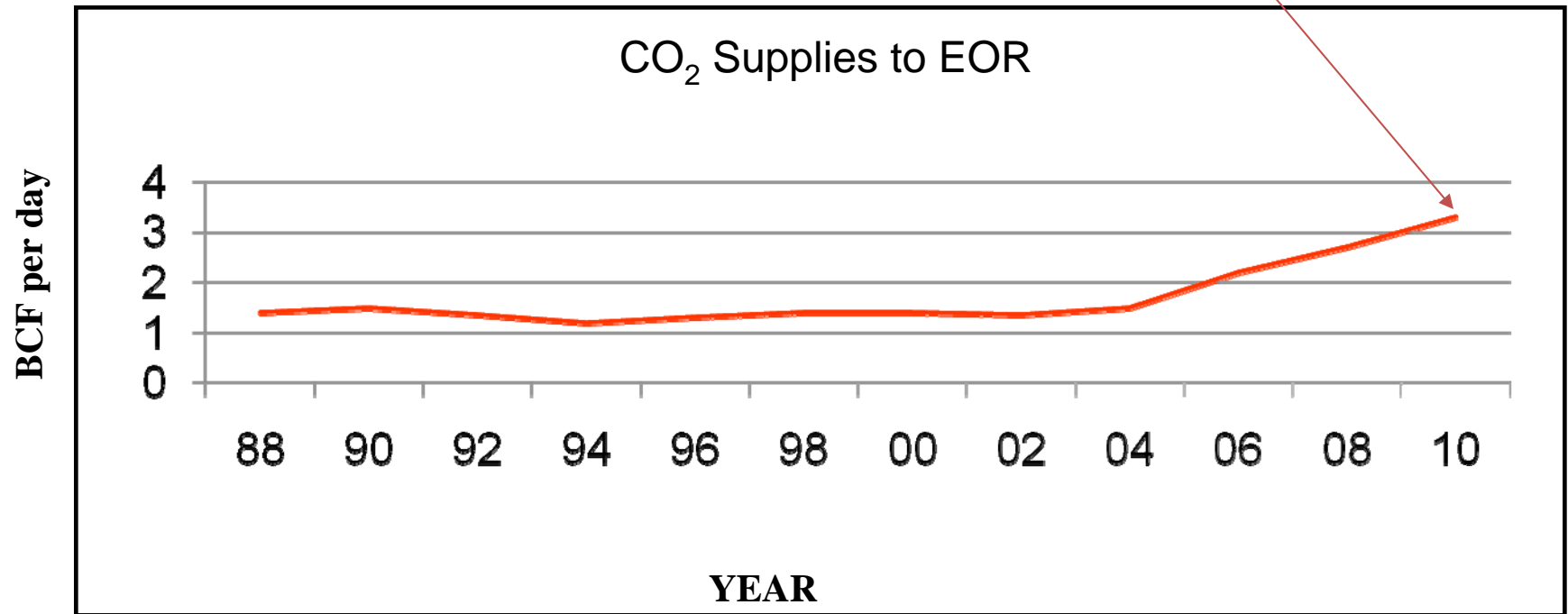
Carbon Capture and Storage

- Defined as Capturing CO₂ Emissions from Industrial Sources and ‘Sequestering’ the CO₂ in Permanent or Semi-Permanent Storage; e.g., underground, soil, biota, solids, etc.
- CO₂ EOR can Utilize Huge Volumes of CO₂
- In spite of the Recycled Volumes, CO₂ EOR can Effectively Store 99%+ of Injected ‘New’ CO₂

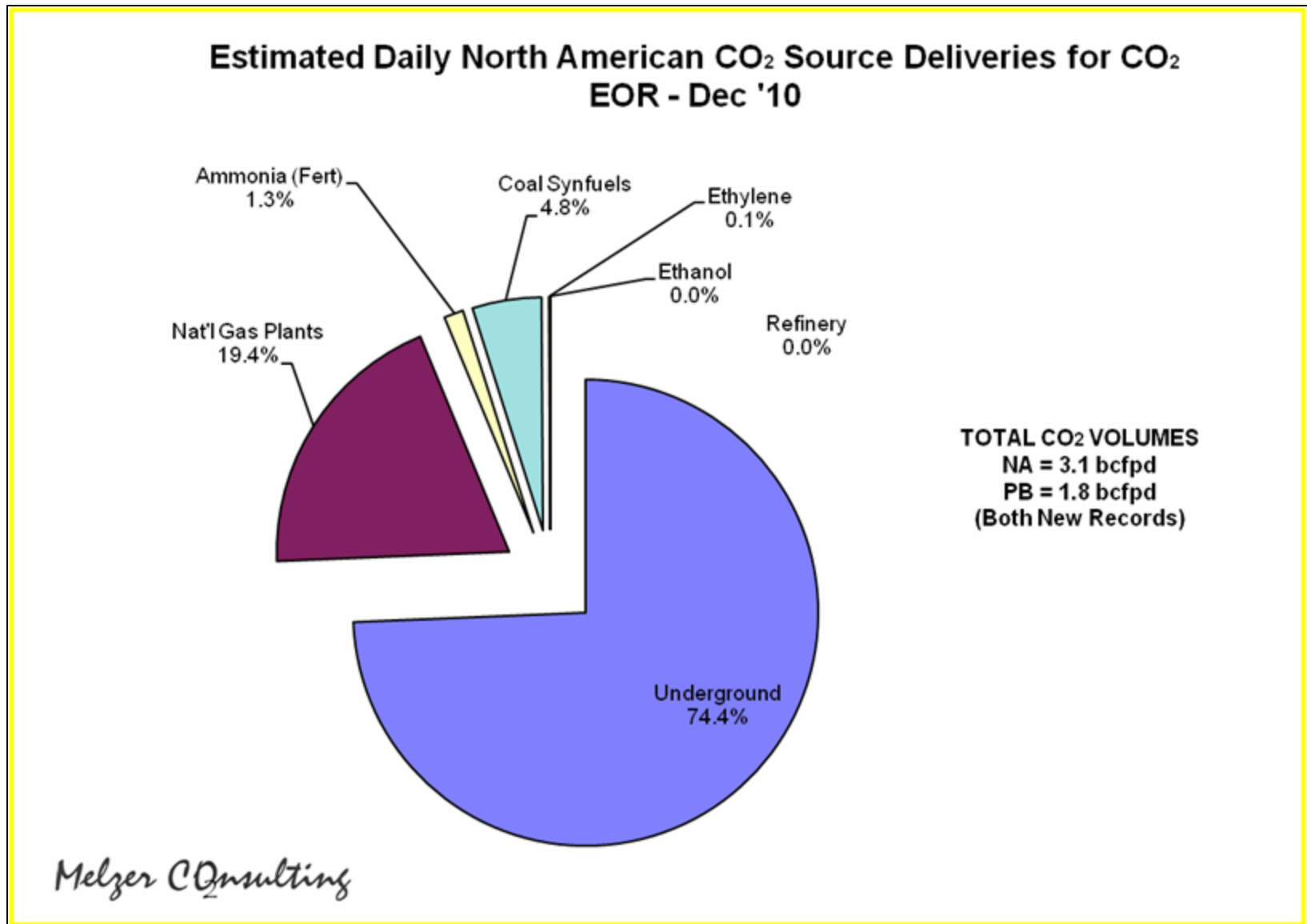
THUS CO₂ EOR HAS THE WIN-WIN SCENARIO OF MORE DOMESTIC OIL AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT OF CCS

U.S. CO₂ SALES FOR EOR

At, say, an Average Price of \$1.00/mcf this Volume Equates to Annual Sales of Over \$1 billion



Breakout of Natural vs. Industrial by-Product CO₂



ON-GOING STUDIES / RESEARCH

ROZ HISTORY / INITIATIVES

1) EARLY PRIVATE TZ/ROZ* INVESTIGATIONS

- Private Industry Research
- UTPB, Melzer Consulting, and ARI** Syntheses

2) 2006 DOE REPORT AND SUBSEQUENT SPE PAPERS

3) RPSEA*** ROZ ORIGINS AND HYDROLOGICAL MODELING

4) DOE: ROZ & MPZ CO₂ FLOODING OIL RESPONSE

5) REGIONAL ROZ ORIGINS AND DISTRIBUTIONS (Proposal)

↑ Past Work →

↑ On-going ↓

• Transition Zone/Residual Oil Zone

** Advanced Resources International

*** Research Partnership to Secure Energy for America

PRESENTATION CONCLUSIONS (1)

- CO₂ EOR has Slowly Grown to Become Big Business and is Led by the Permian Basin (PB): Producing nearly 200,000 bopd in Over 60 projects While Injecting Nearly 2 bcfpd of New CO₂ in the PB
- CO₂ is Reaching the East Shelf but.....will that continue?
- Growth of CO₂ EOR Has Been Steady – Even in Times of Low Oil Prices
- Growth is Continuing in Main Payzones but ROZs are Replacing Transition Zone Thinking and Are Now Recognized as Huge New Targets

PRESENTATION CONCLUSIONS (2)

- ROZ CO₂ Flooding is Commercial
- PB EOR is CO₂ Short Today – New Sources are Needed
- With all the ROZ Targets to the West, the Eastern Shelf Needs its Own Source(s) of CO₂
- The Trailblazer Project Would Provide a Great Beginning

Thank you!

Time for Questions?