

# **Petroleum Systems**

**(Part One)**

**Source, Generation, and Migration**

**GEOL 4233 Class  
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# Petroleum Systems

## Elements

Source Rock  
Migration Route  
Reservoir Rock  
Seal Rock  
Trap

## Processes

Generation  
Migration  
Accumulation  
Preservation



# **Petroleum System Summary**

- **Source (Material and Rocks)**
- **Generation (Maturation)**
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# Source Material

## Non-Biogenic Origins

**Biogenic (Kerogen) – Host rock (Shales and Coals)**

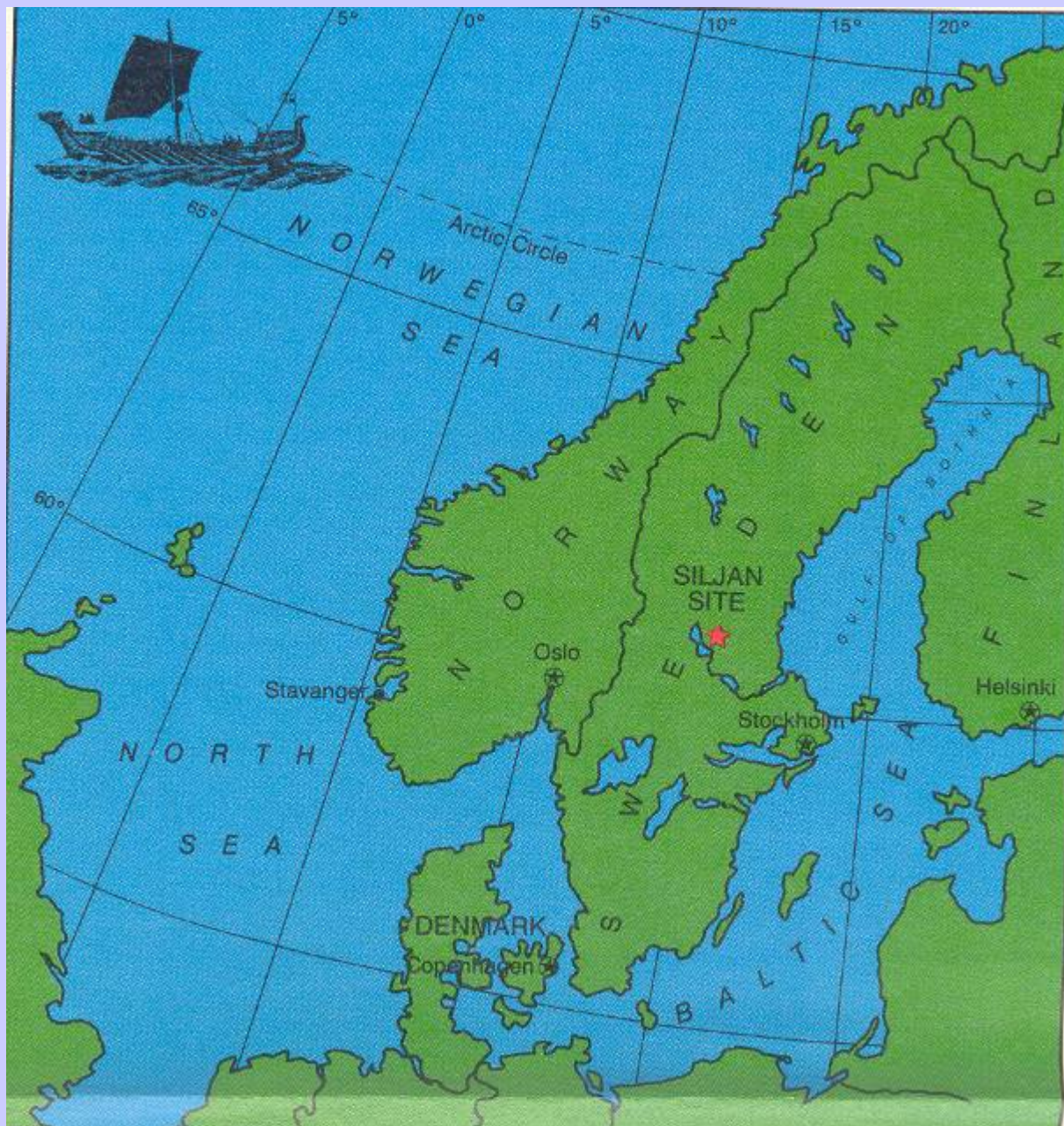
### **Kerogen Types**

**Type I – Algal (oil prone) sapropelic**

**Type II – Mixed**

**Type III – Woody (gas prone) humic**





## **Siljan 'Ring'** **Inorganic Gas Prospect**

**Drilled to ~22,000' in 1987**  
**Found abiogenic methane,**  
**but no poro-perm**



# GEOLOGIC MAP

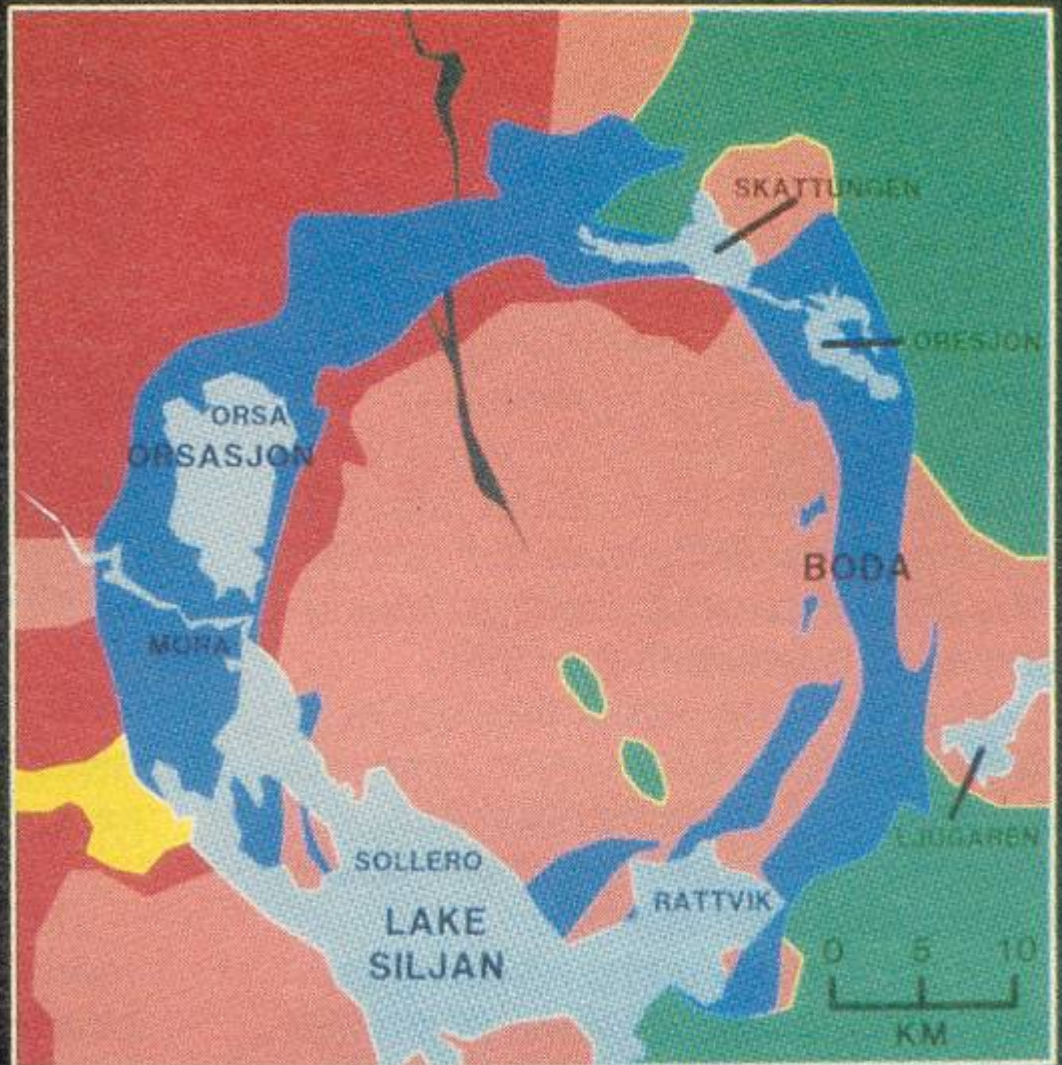
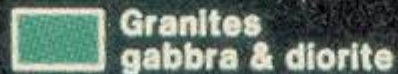
## PALAEOZOIC



## PROTEROZOIC



## ARCHAEAN



This geologic map shows the rock types and ages found at the Siljan Ring meteorite crater.



# Sedimentary Rocks – Where the Action Is





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# Types of Petroleum

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**Oil and gas are formed by the thermal cracking of organic compounds buried in fine-grained rocks.**

Algae = Hydrogen rich = Oil-prone

Wood = Hydrogen poor = Gas-prone



# Kerogen Types

Type 1

Type 2

Type 3

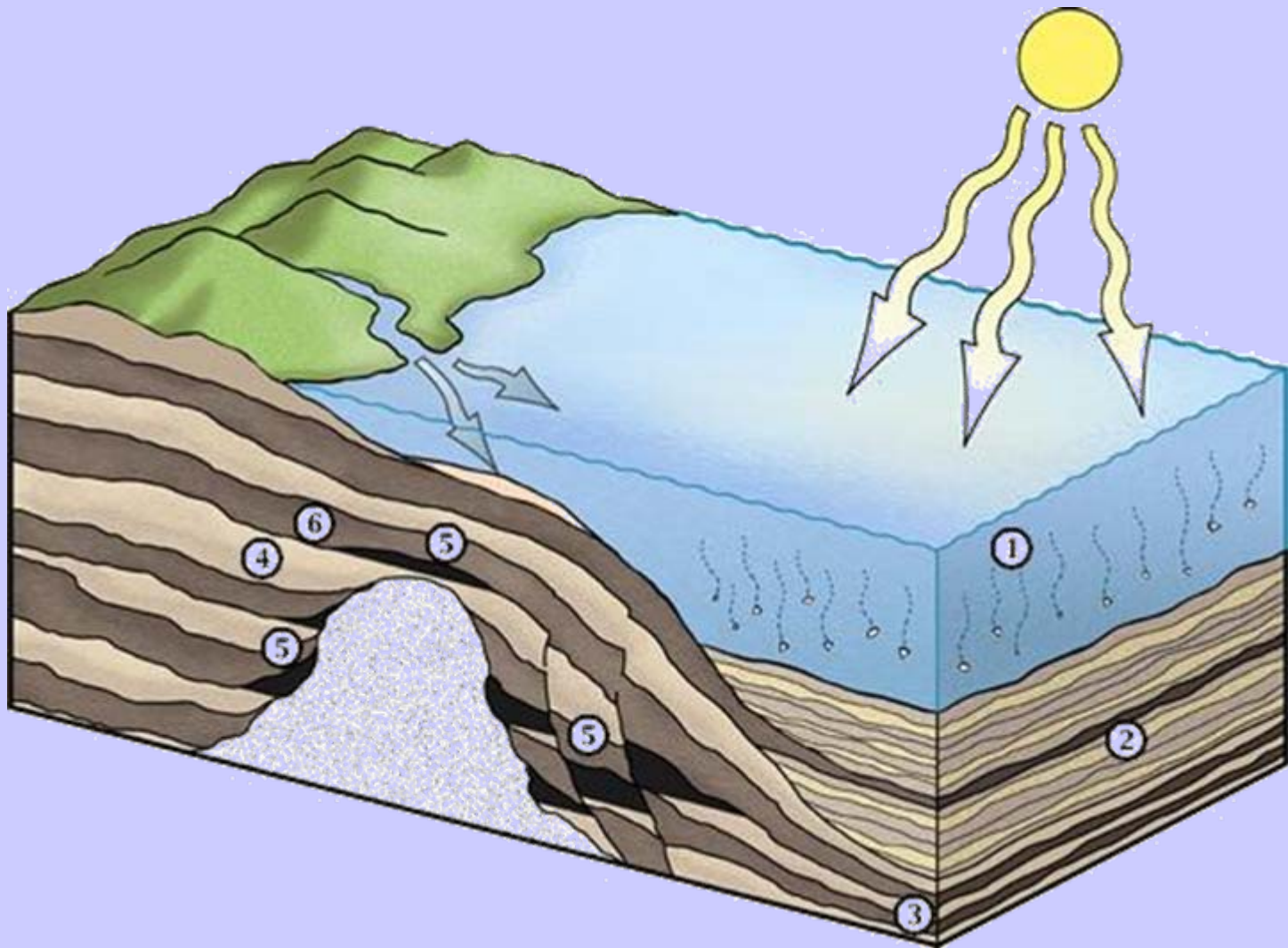
**ALGAL  
OIL-PRONE**

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**WOODY  
GAS-PRONE**

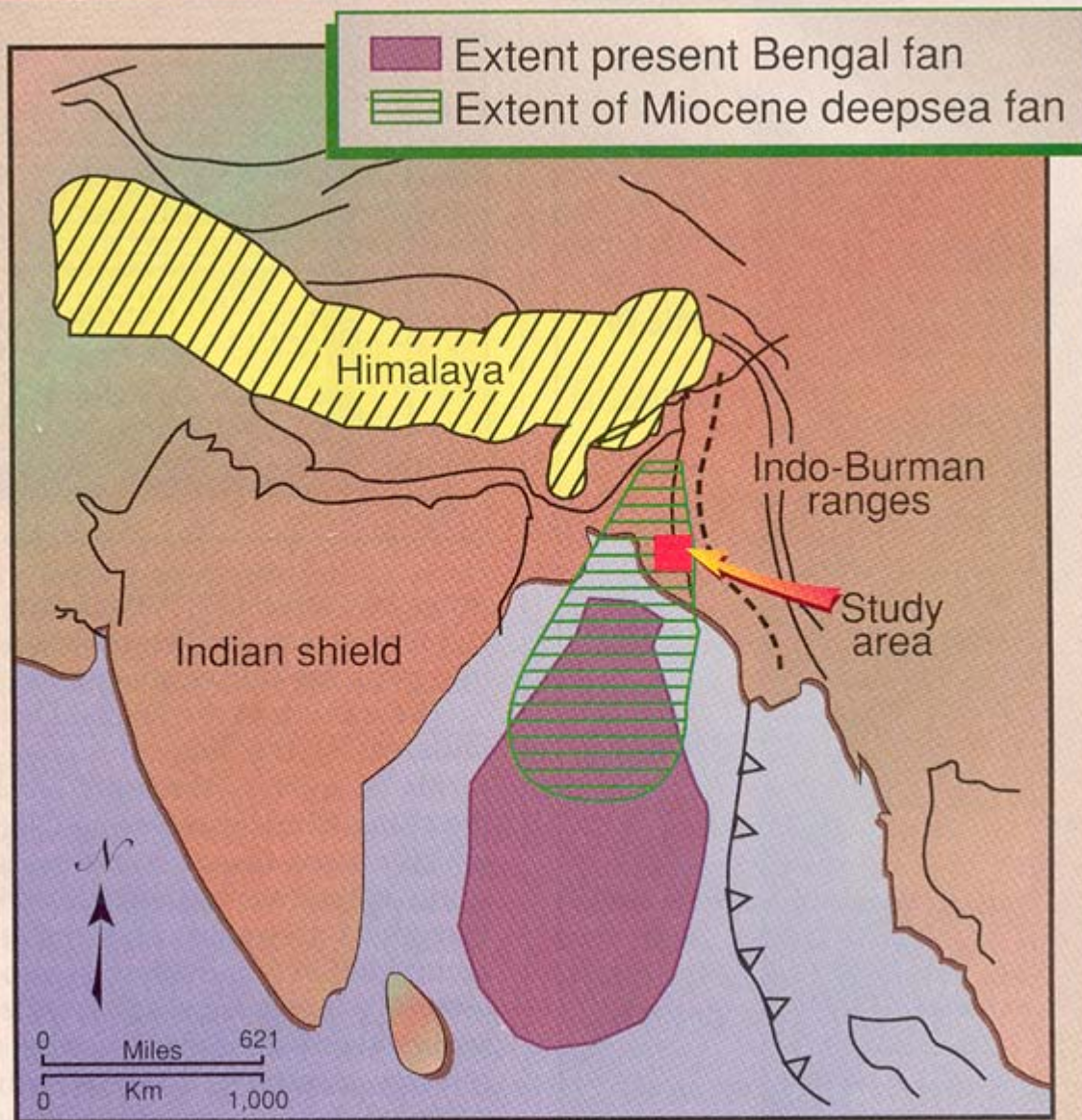
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## EXTENT OF MIOCENE AND PRESENT BENGAL FAN



## Ganges Deltaic Sediments



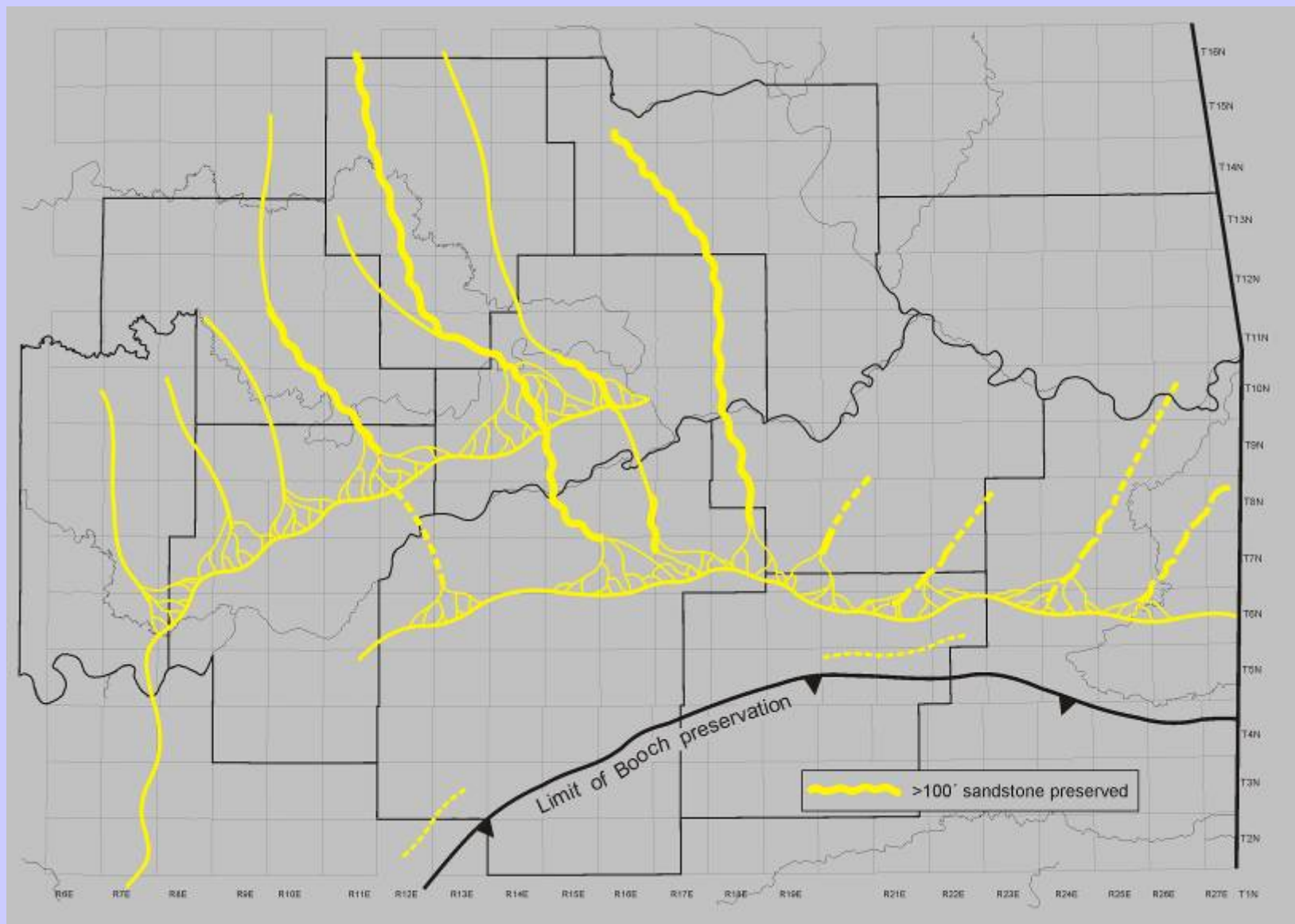
**Modern Mahakam Delta Plain**  
**East Kalimantan, Indonesia**  
(A Rich Source of Kerogen)





# Inferred Middle Booch Depositional Environments

## Arkoma Basin in Oklahoma





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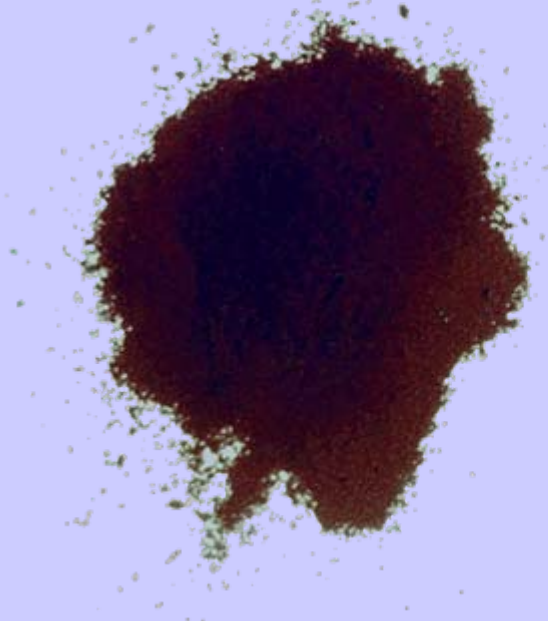
# The Origin of Petroleum



Organic-rich  
Source Rock



Thermally Matured  
Organic Matter



Oil



# Source Rock for Petroleum

**Organic-Rich**

**Thin Laminae**



**Total  
Organic  
Carbon**

**3.39**

**Hydrogen  
Index**

**378**

LOMPOC Quarry Sample  
Monterey Formation, CA



## Woodford Shale (Oklahoma)

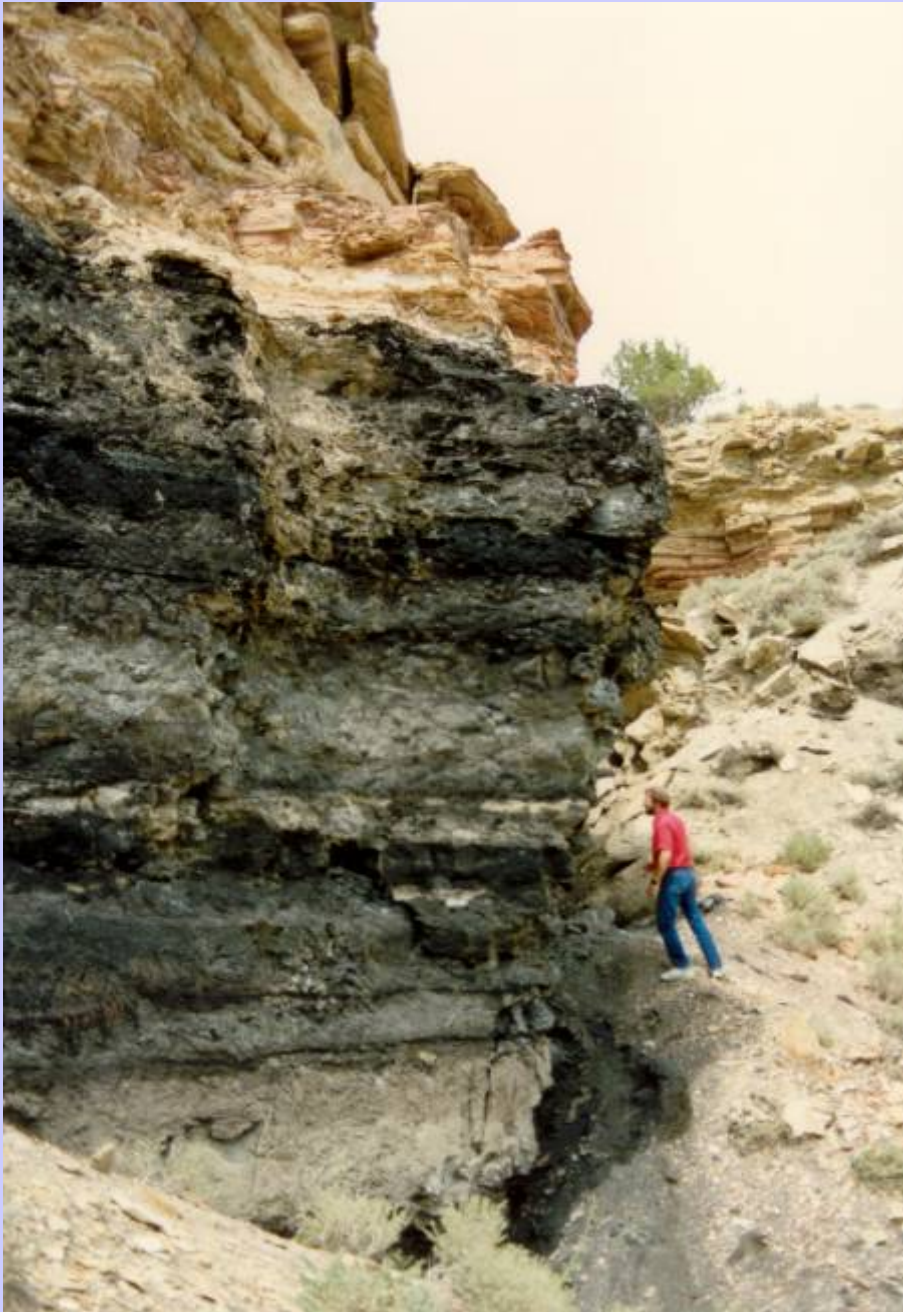




**Channel-Fill Sandstone Resting on Marine Shale  
Red Fork (Oklahoma)**





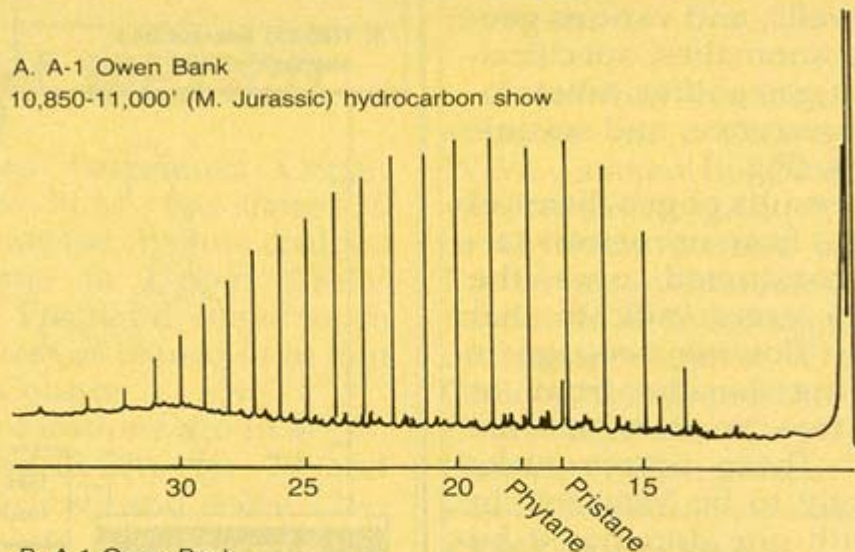


**Coals and Coaly Shales  
San Juan Basin (New Mexico)**

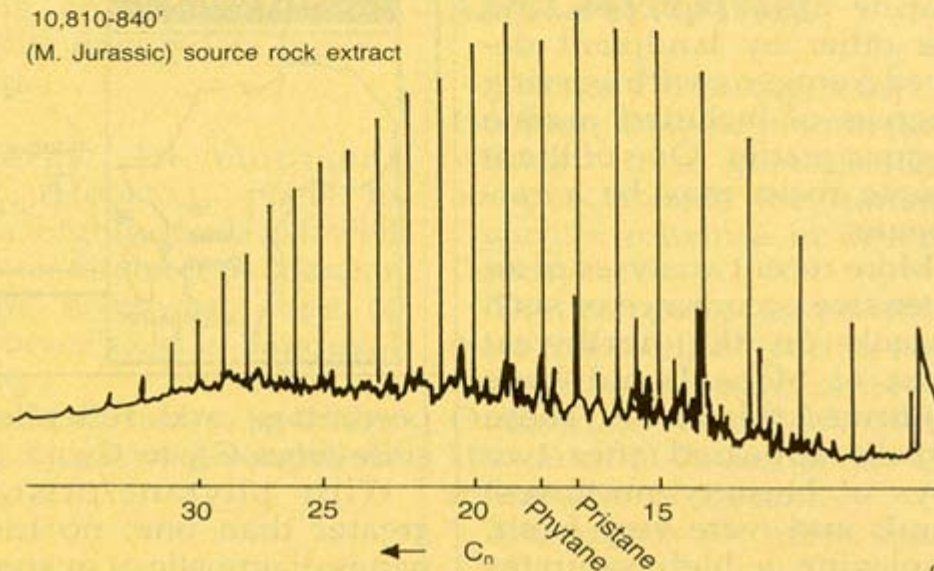


## GAS CHROMATOGRAPHS FROM A-1 OWEN BANK

A. A-1 Owen Bank  
10,850-11,000' (M. Jurassic) hydrocarbon show



B. A-1 Owen Bank  
10,810-840'  
(M. Jurassic) source rock extract



OGJ

**Source rock kerogen can be correlated to oil/gas found in carrier beds and reservoirs**



# WEST KOREAN BASIN STRATIGRAPHY

Age		Seismic marker	Lithology	Depositional environment	Reservoir data	Show source
Cenozoic	Quaternary			Non-marine	Ø 25%	
	Neogene	Pliocene				
		Miocene		Marginal marine	Ø 25%	
	Tertiary	Oligocene	(Yellow)	Marginal marine and non-marine	Ø 25% k 1000 md	Oil shows TOC 2% immature
		Eocene	(Brown)			
		Paleocene				
Mesozoic	Cretaceous	Upper				
		Lower	(Green)	Non-marine	Ø 17% K 200x md	Oil shows TOC 2.5% mature
	Jurassic		(Blue)	Non-marine	Ø 13% K 25md	Oil show TOC 3.5% mature
	Triassic					
Paleozoic (undivided)		(Purple)		Marine	Ø 10% (est)	Oil show

## Basinal Summary Chart

**T.O.C.**  
**Total Organic Carbon**



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# The Petroleum Kitchen

Temperature-Pressure-Time

Geothermal Gradient: (thermogenic hydrocarbons)

Range: <1 to 11 degrees F per 100'

Typical Sedimentary Basins: 1.0-1.7 degrees F per 100'

Good average 1.2

Oil window of ~ 120-300F (50-150C), or about 5,000-20,000'

In practice, oil below 15,000' rare

Gas – no practical limit to stable depth

Cracking of oil to gas controlled by source kerogen and temperature

Deep basins mostly gas

Practical limits related to maturity of source – not reservoir

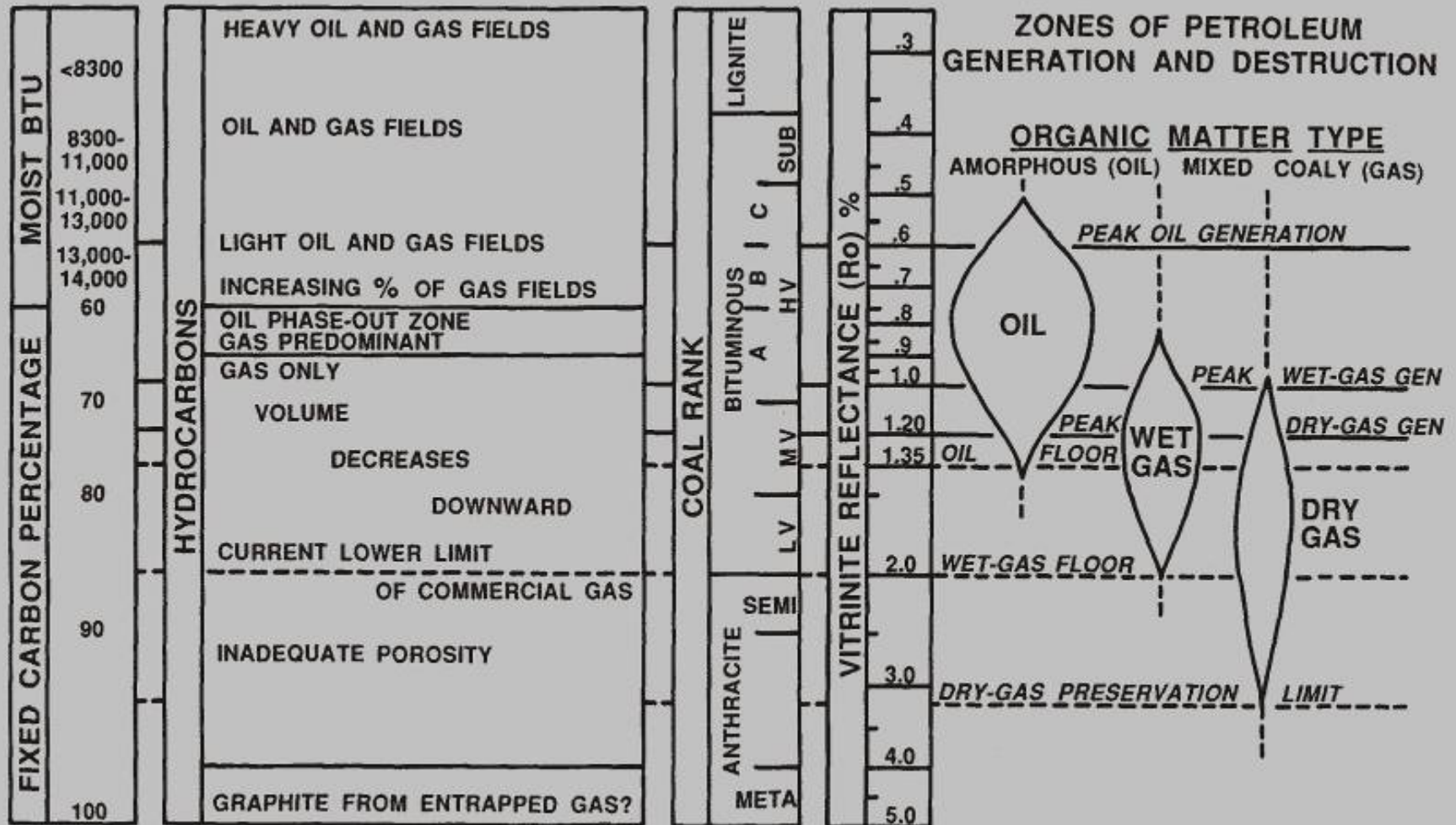


# CORRELATION CHART FOR MATURATION INDICES

ASTM standards			Vitrinite random reflectance, % R <sub>v</sub>	Temperatures, °F. (°C.)*	Petrology stages†	Hydrocarbon windows			
Carbon content	Coal rank	Oil prone kerogen				Gas prone kerogen			
Calorific carbon, calories	6,300 8,300	Fresh organic matter	0.3	122 (50)	Stage 1 early porosity destruction	Pre oil	Pre gas		
		Peat							
		Lignite							
		Sub-bituminous							
	11,500	High volatile bituminous	C	0.4	127 (53)	Stage 2 organic acid dissolution	Early oil	Early gas	
				0.5	132 (56)				
	13,000			B	0.6	139 (59)	Peak oil		Early peak gas
	14,000			A	0.8	184 (84)			
	% fixed carbon	69		1.0	244 (118)	Stage 3 late porosity destruction	Condensate wet gas	Peak gas	
			Medium volatile bituminous	1.2	315 (157)				
		78		1.5	407 (208)		Dry gas		
86		Low volatile bituminous	2.1	549 (287)					
92		Semi-anthracite	2.5		Incipient metamorphism  Greenschist metamorphism	Over mature			
98		Anthracite	6.0						
		Meta-anthracite							

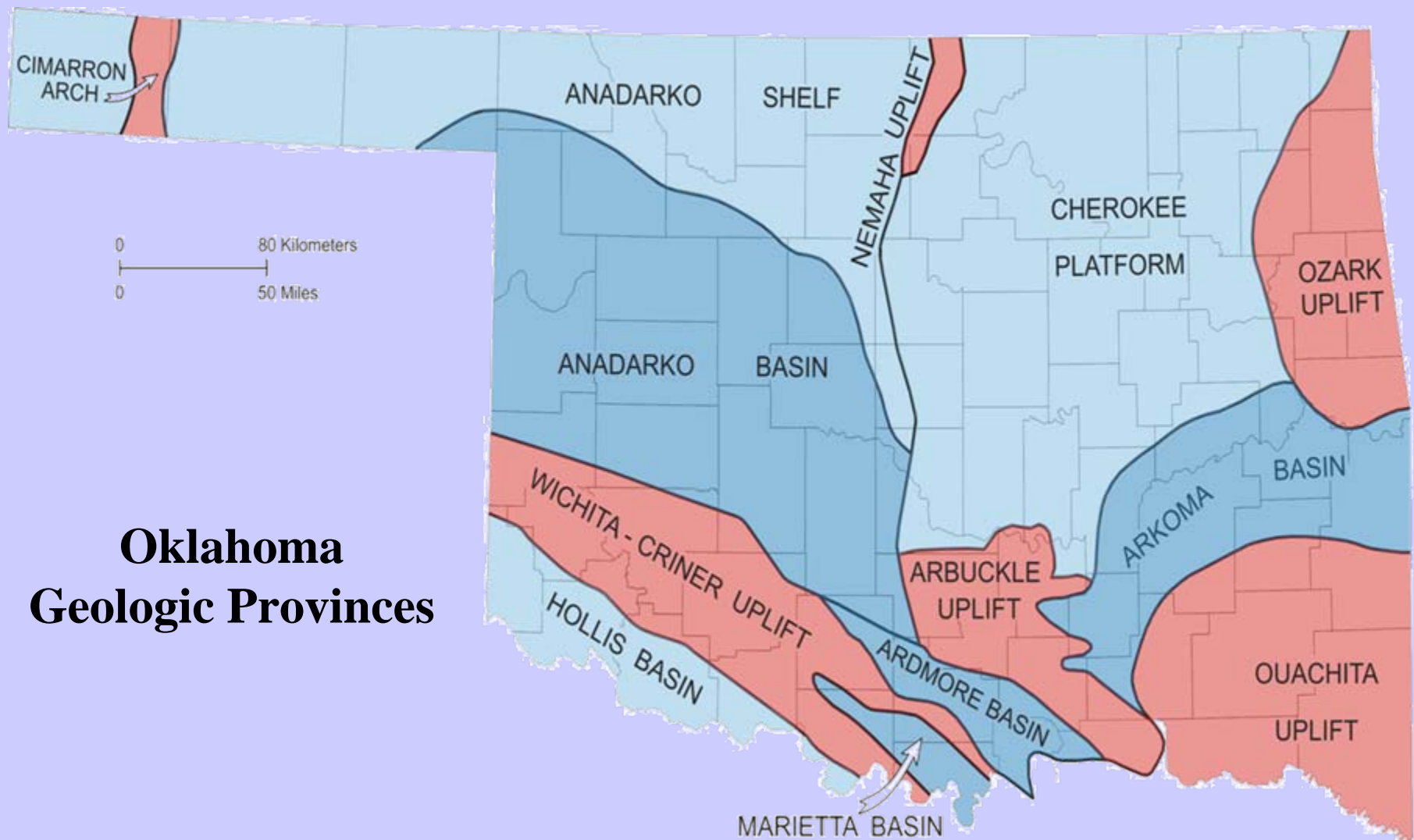


# Hydrocarbon Occurrence & Thermal Maturity



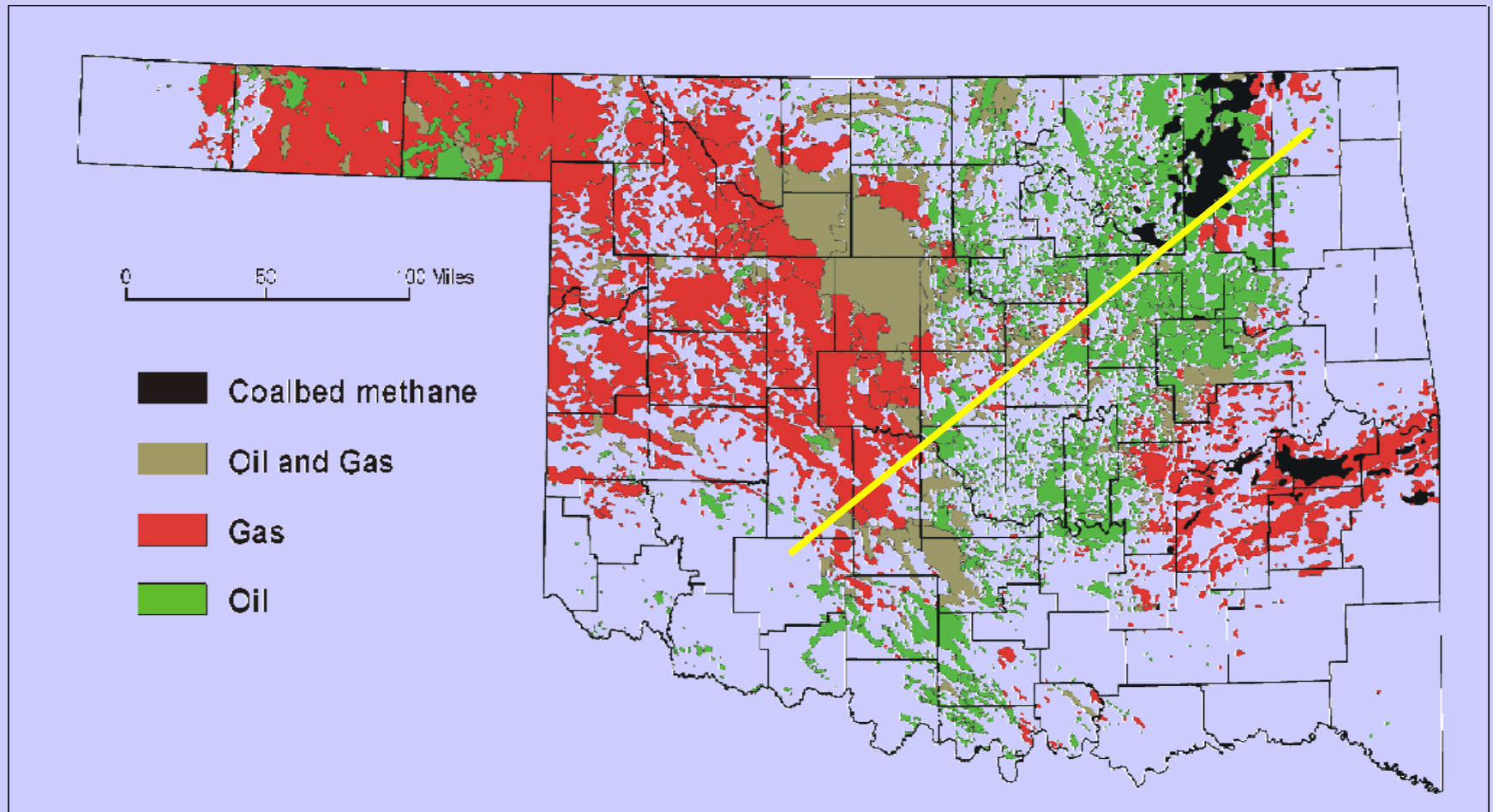


# Oklahoma Geologic Provinces





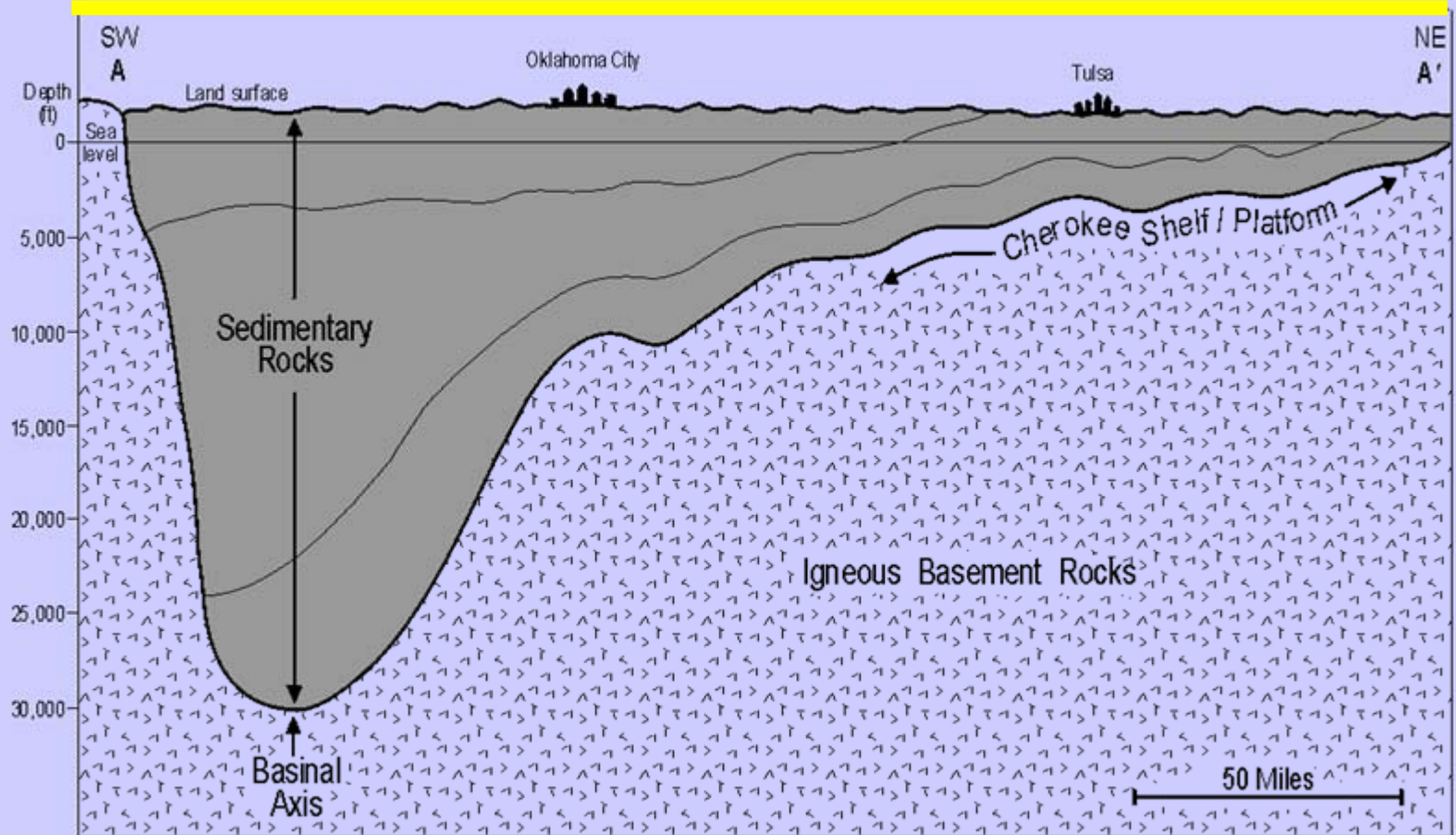
**Map of Oklahoma Oil and Gas Fields; Distinguished By GOR and Coalbed Methane Production. From Boyd (2002)**  
(GOR Cutoffs: Oil <5,000; Oil and Gas 5,000-20,000; Gas > 20,000)





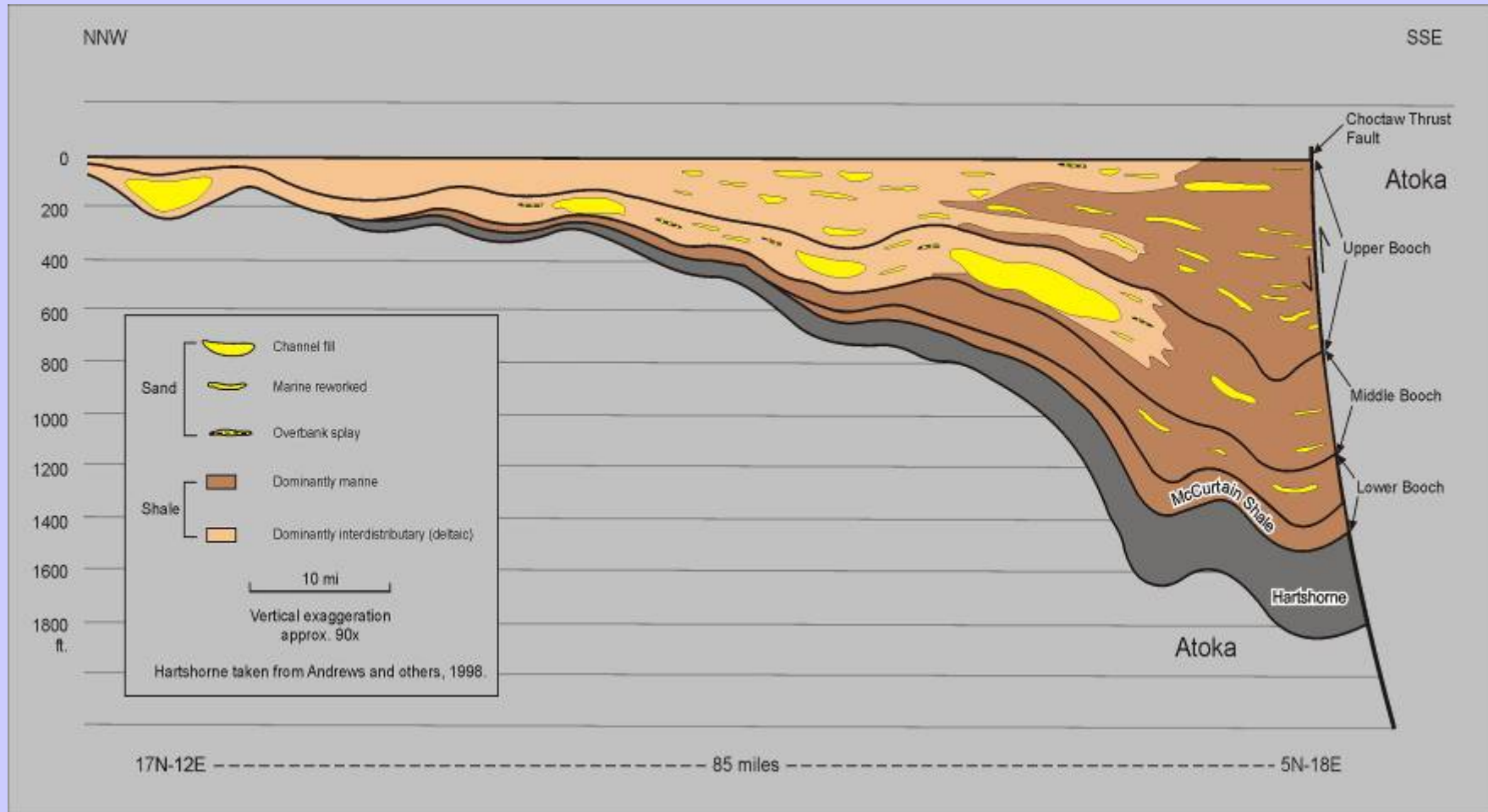
# Schematic Cross-section of the Anadarko Basin

Modified from Witt and others (1971).





# Regional Stratigraphic Cross-Section (Hung from Top of Booch) Oklahoma Arkoma Basin (Booch)



(Present burial depth not necessarily maximum burial depth)



DIVISIONS OF GEOLOGIC TIME				Age (approx.) in millions of years
Eon	Era	Period	Epoch	
Phanerozoic	Cenozoic	Quaternary	Holocene	0.010
			Pleistocene	1.6
		Tertiary	Pliocene	5
			Miocene	23
			Oligocene	35
			Eocene	57
			Paleocene	65
	Mesozoic	Cretaceous	Late	97
			Early	146
		Jurassic	Late	157
			Middle	178
			Early	208
		Triassic	Late	235
			Middle	241
			Early	245
	Paleozoic	Permian	Late	256
			Early	290
		Carboniferous	Pennsylvanian	303
				311
		Mississippian	Late	323
			Early	345
		Devonian	Late	363
			Middle	377
			Early	386
		Silurian	Late	409
			Early	424
		Ordovician	Late	439
			Middle	464
			Early	476
		Cambrian	Late	510
			Middle	517
			Early	536
				570

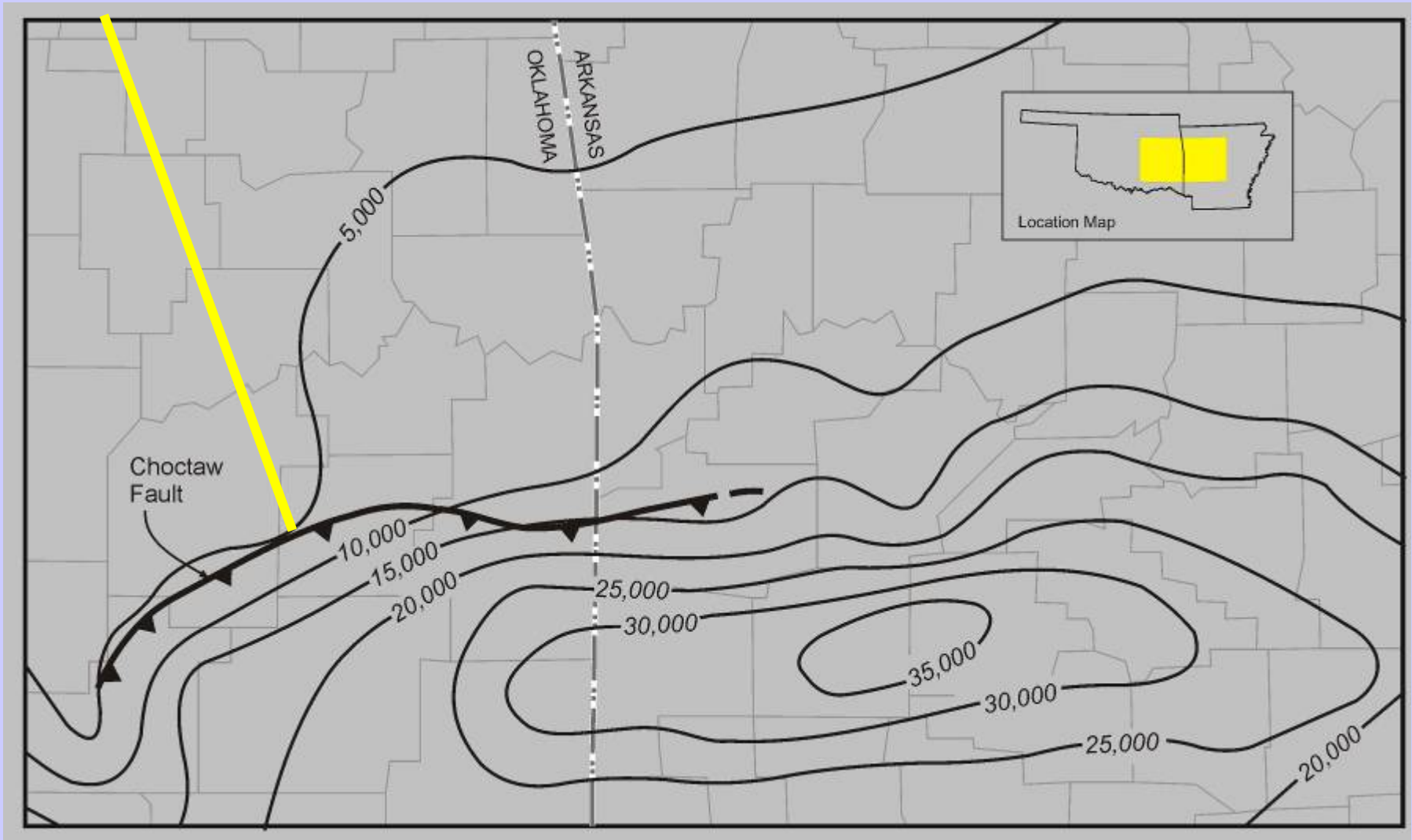
## Geologic Time Scale

Modified From Harland (1990) and Hansen (1991).



# Arkoma Basin

## Estimated Overburden Removal



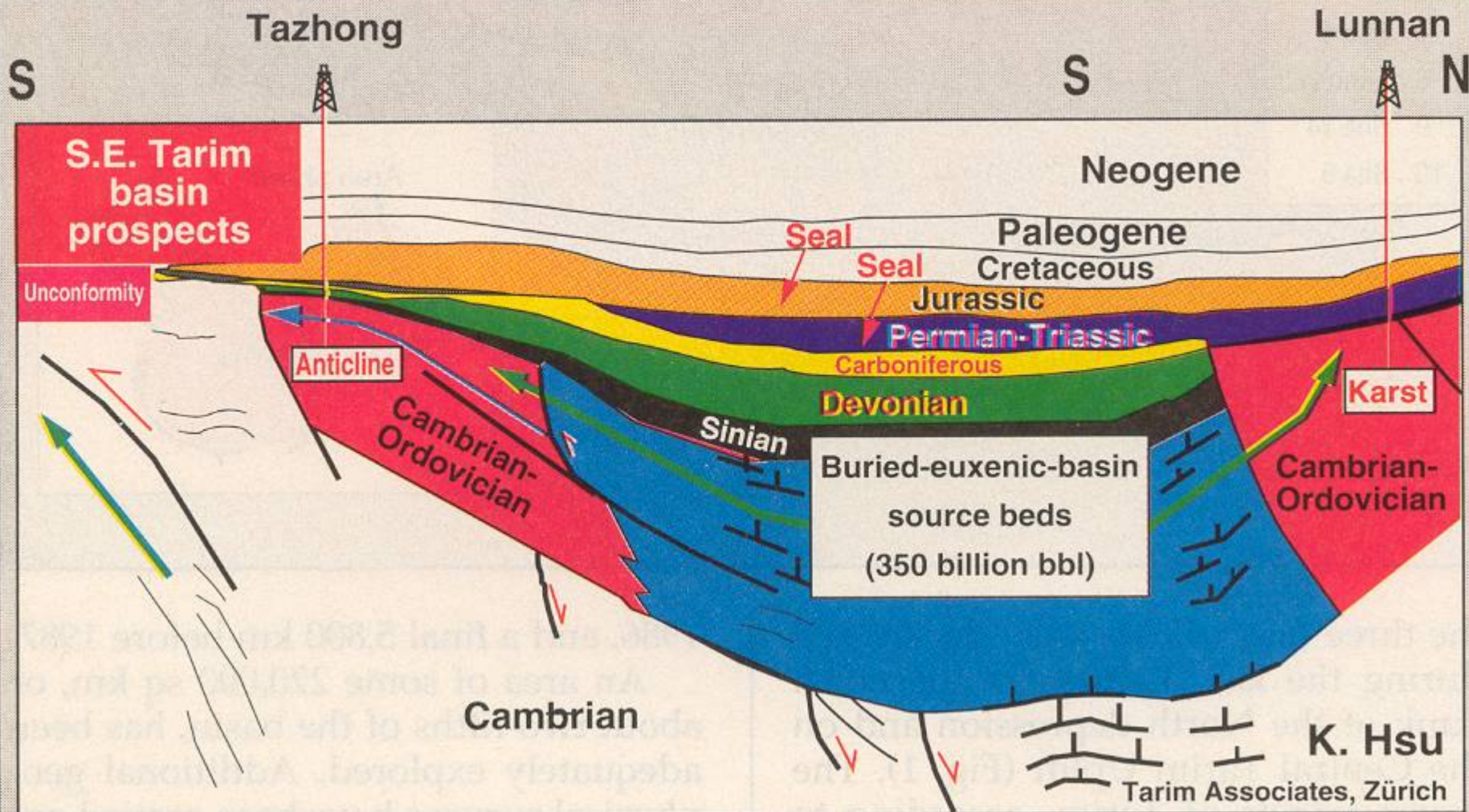


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# BURIED-EUXENIC-BASIN MODEL





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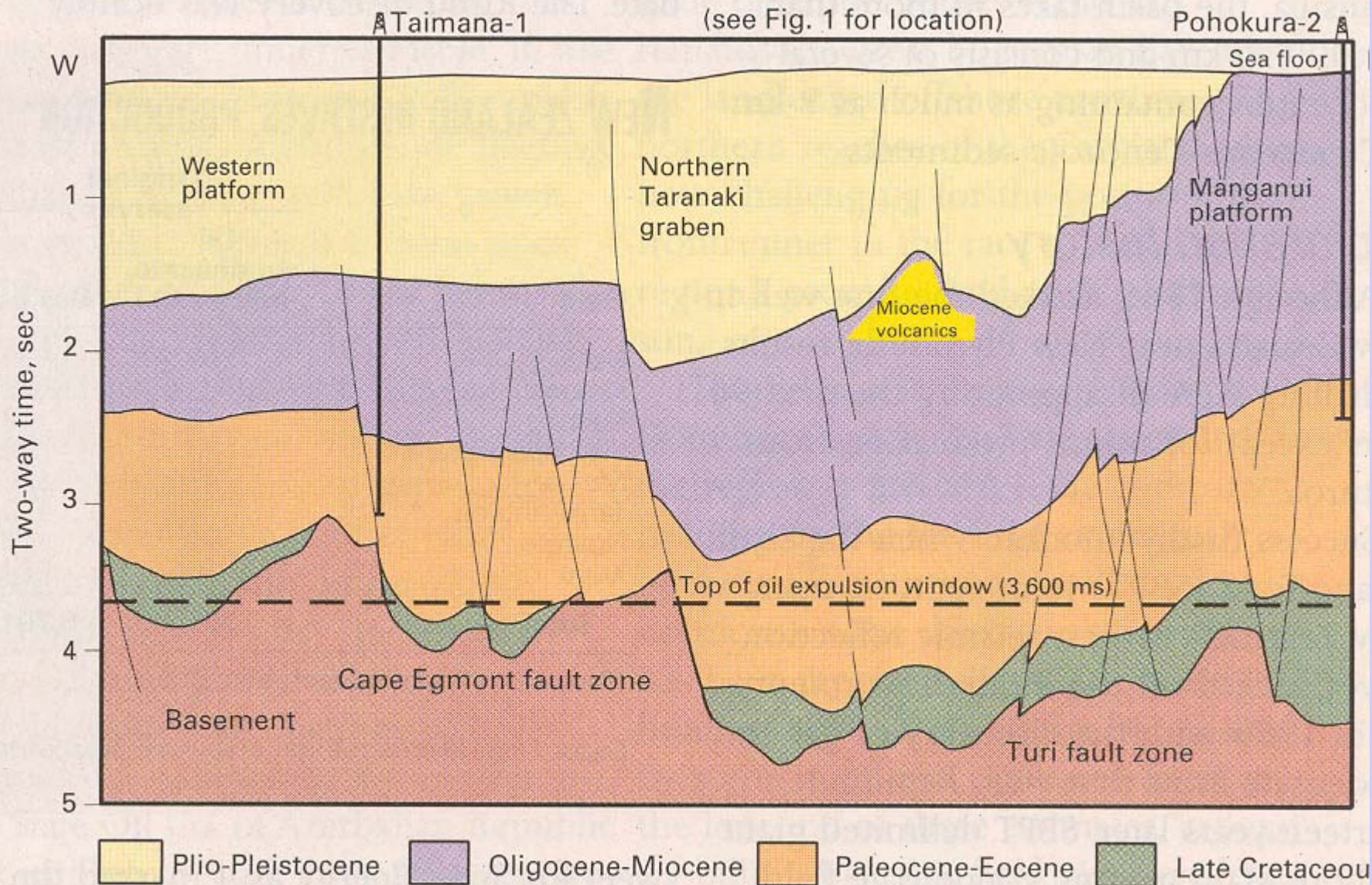
# Migration Pathways

- Hydrocarbon Expulsion
- Vertical vs. Horizontal Migration
- Residual Saturations



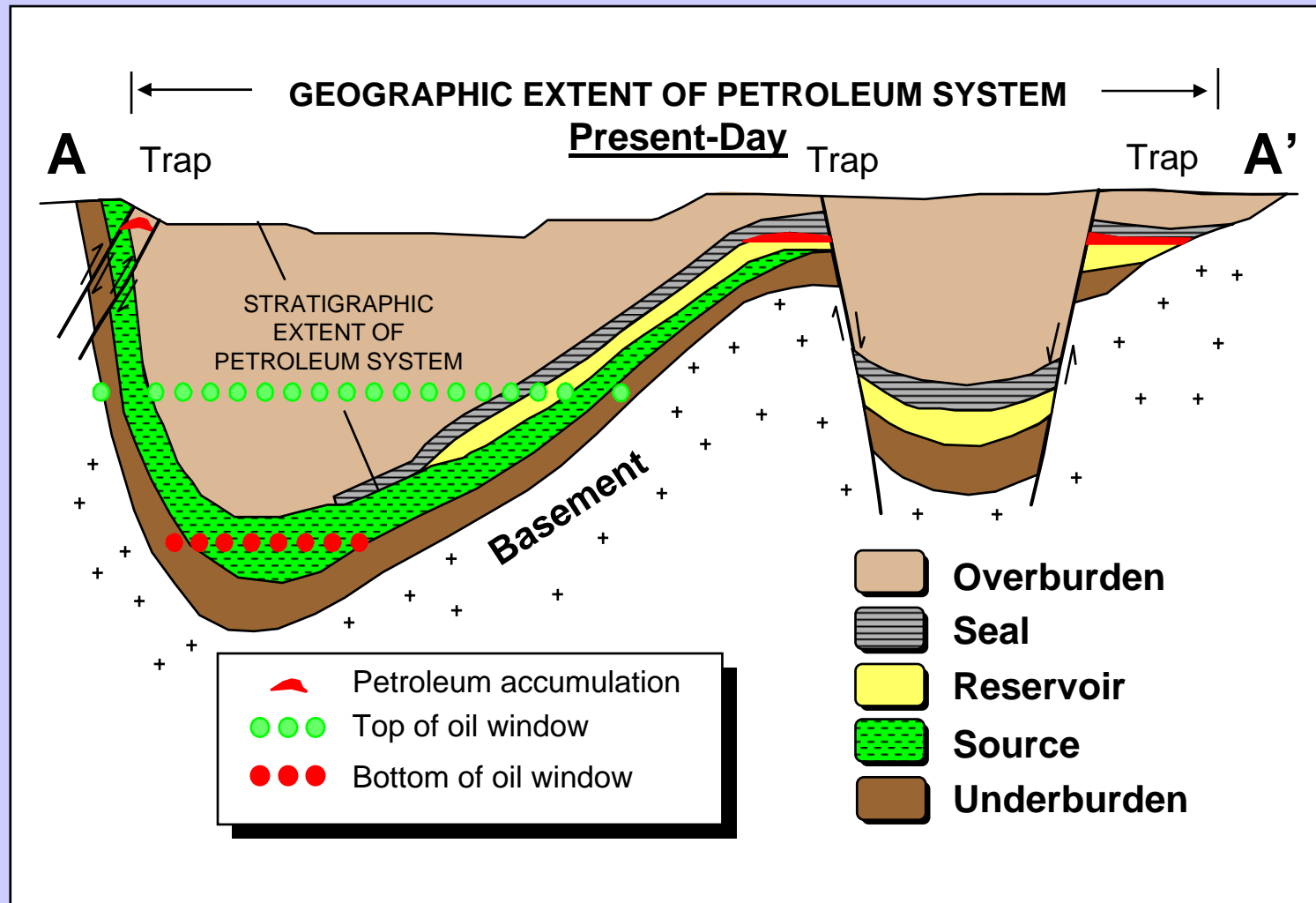
# SCHEMATIC INTERPRETATION, NM-16 REGIONAL SEISMIC LINE

Fig.





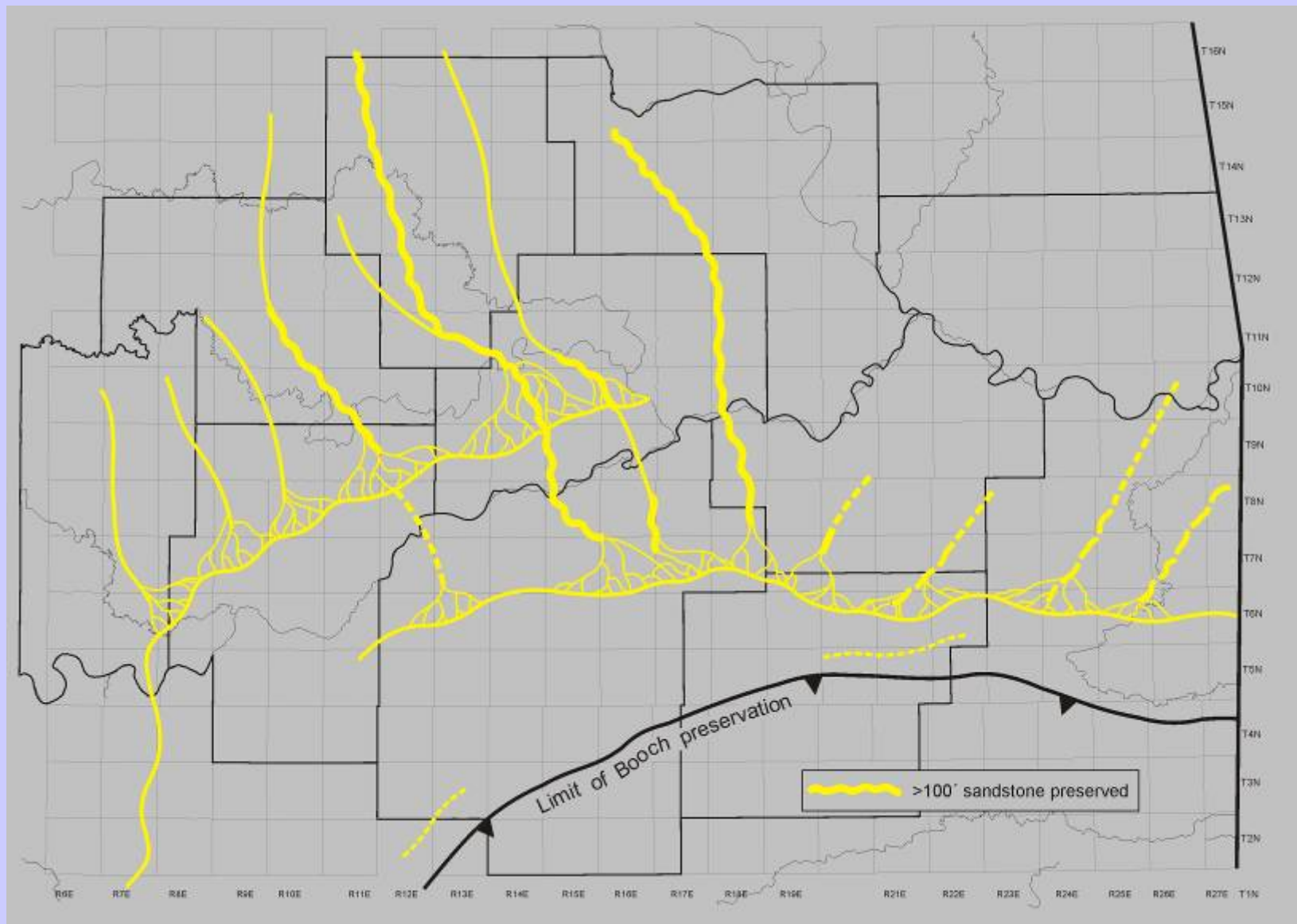
# Present-Day Petroleum System





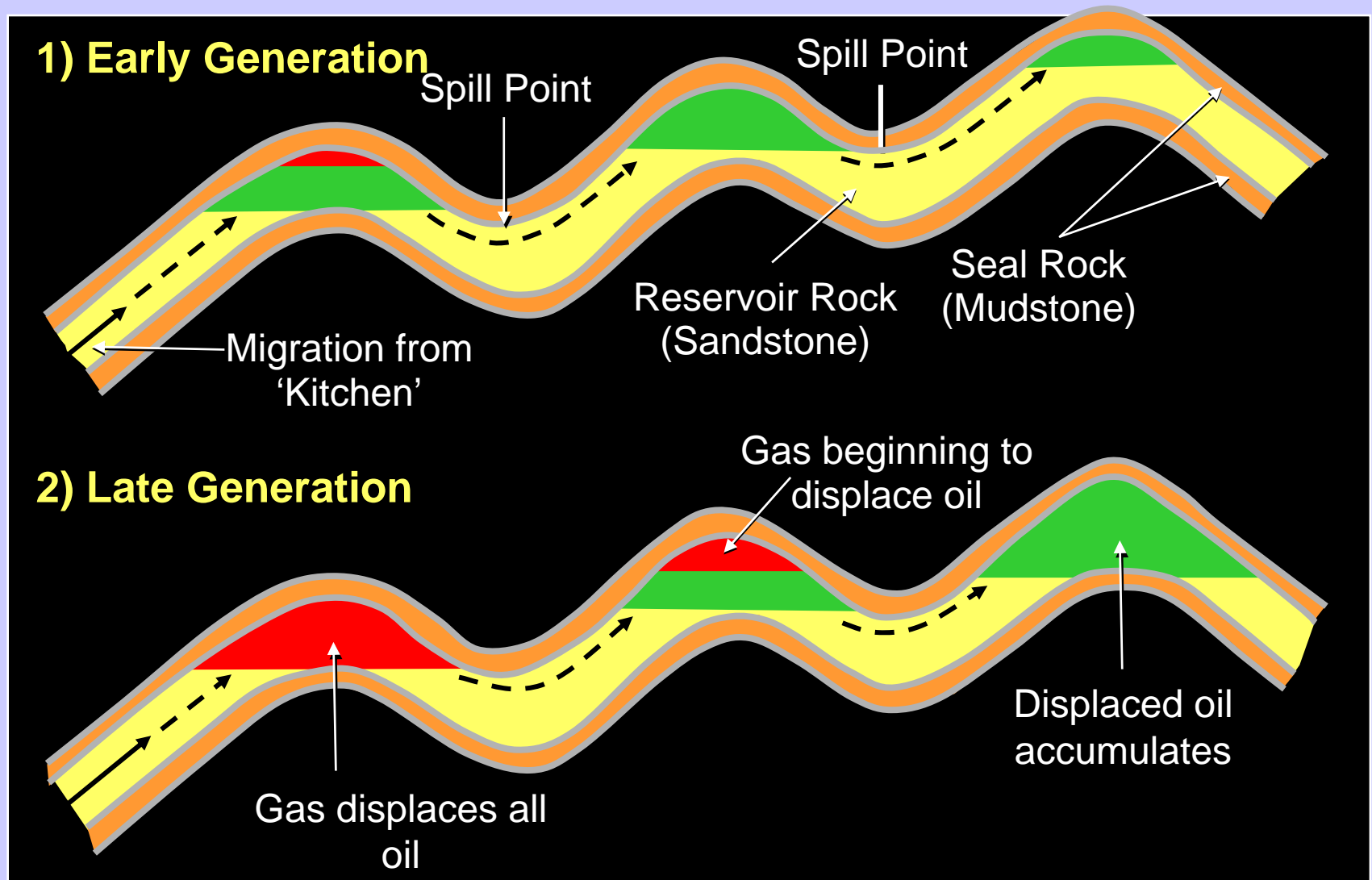
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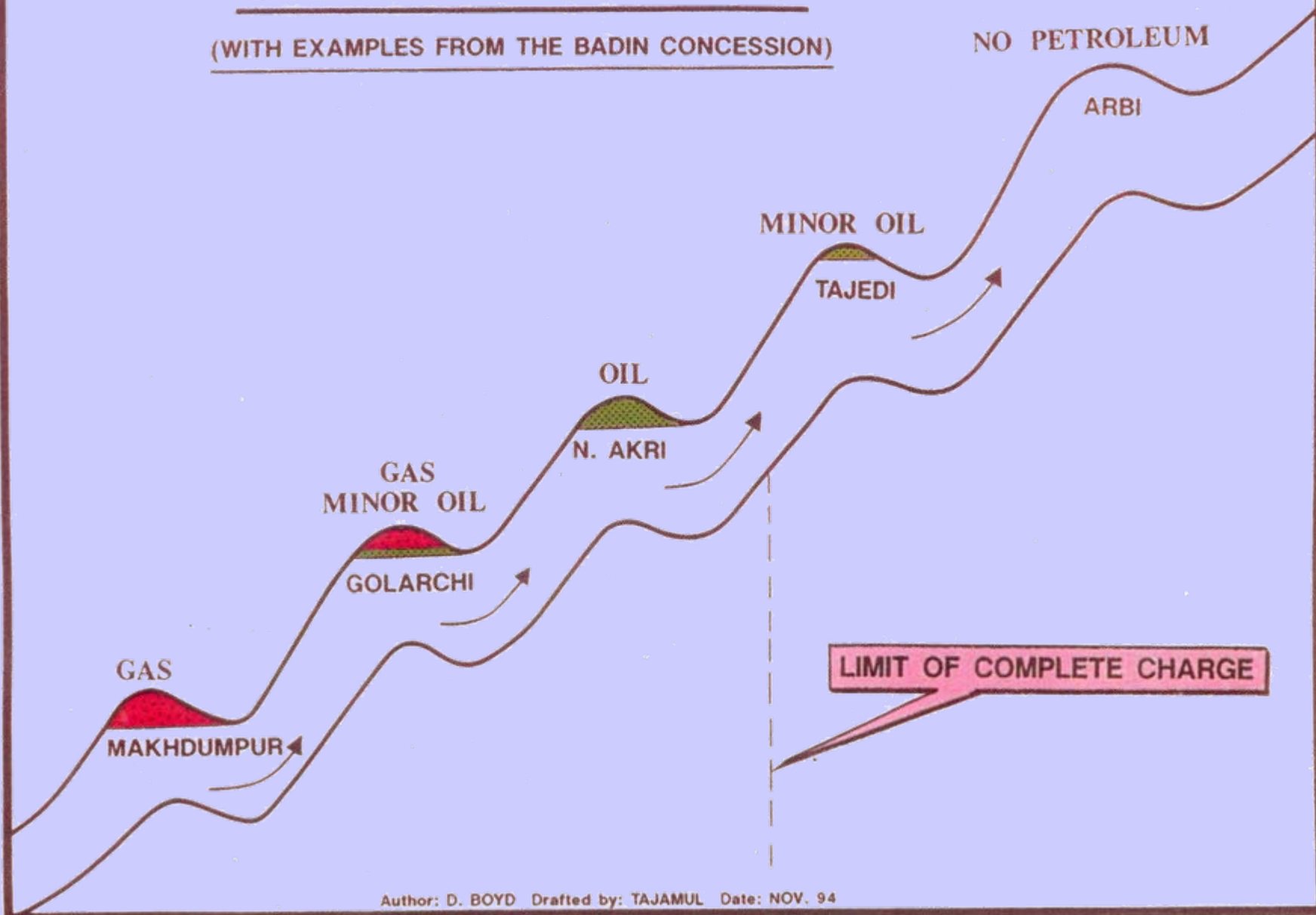
# Petroleum System





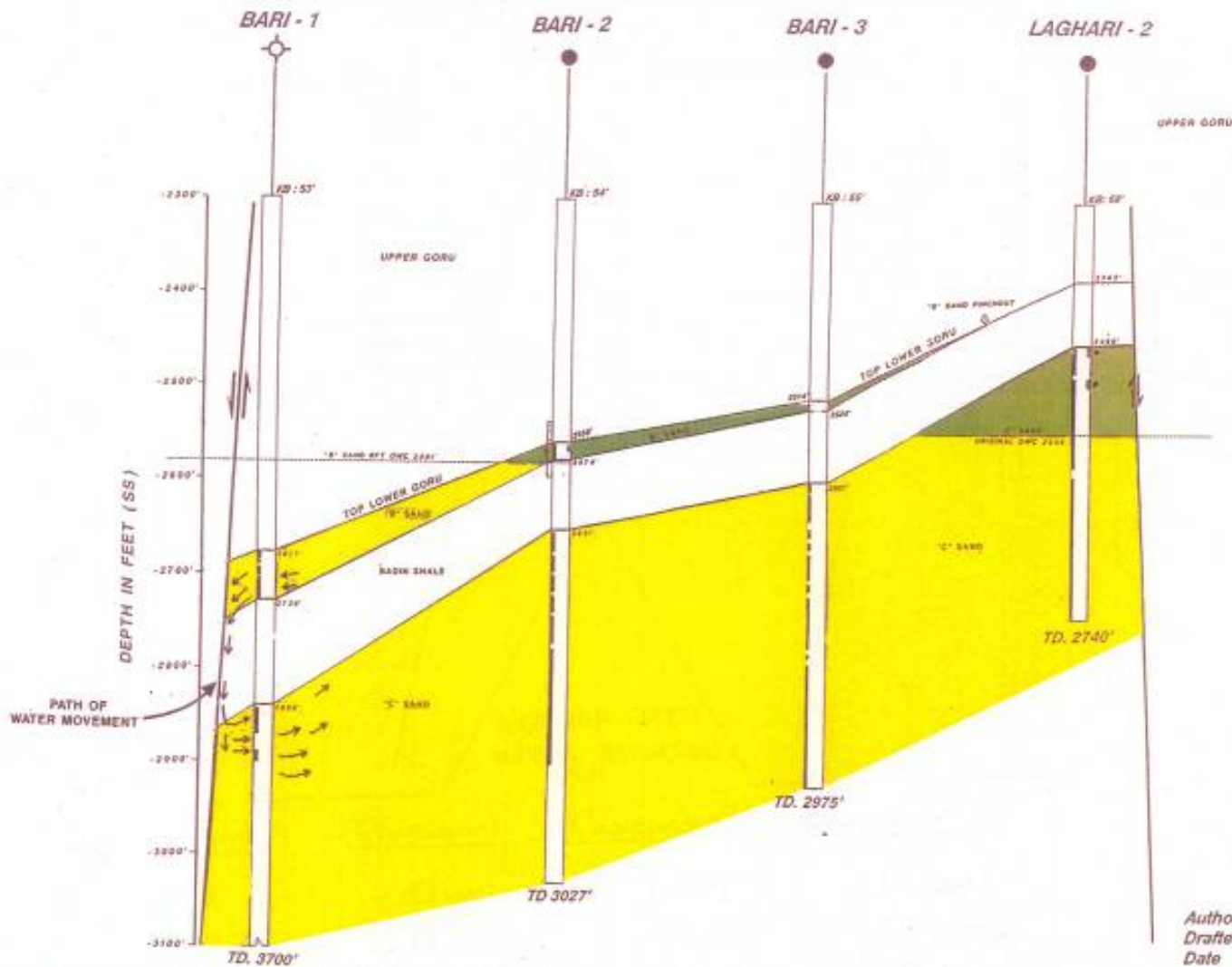
# GUSSOW'S PRINCIPLE

(WITH EXAMPLES FROM THE BADIN CONCESSION)





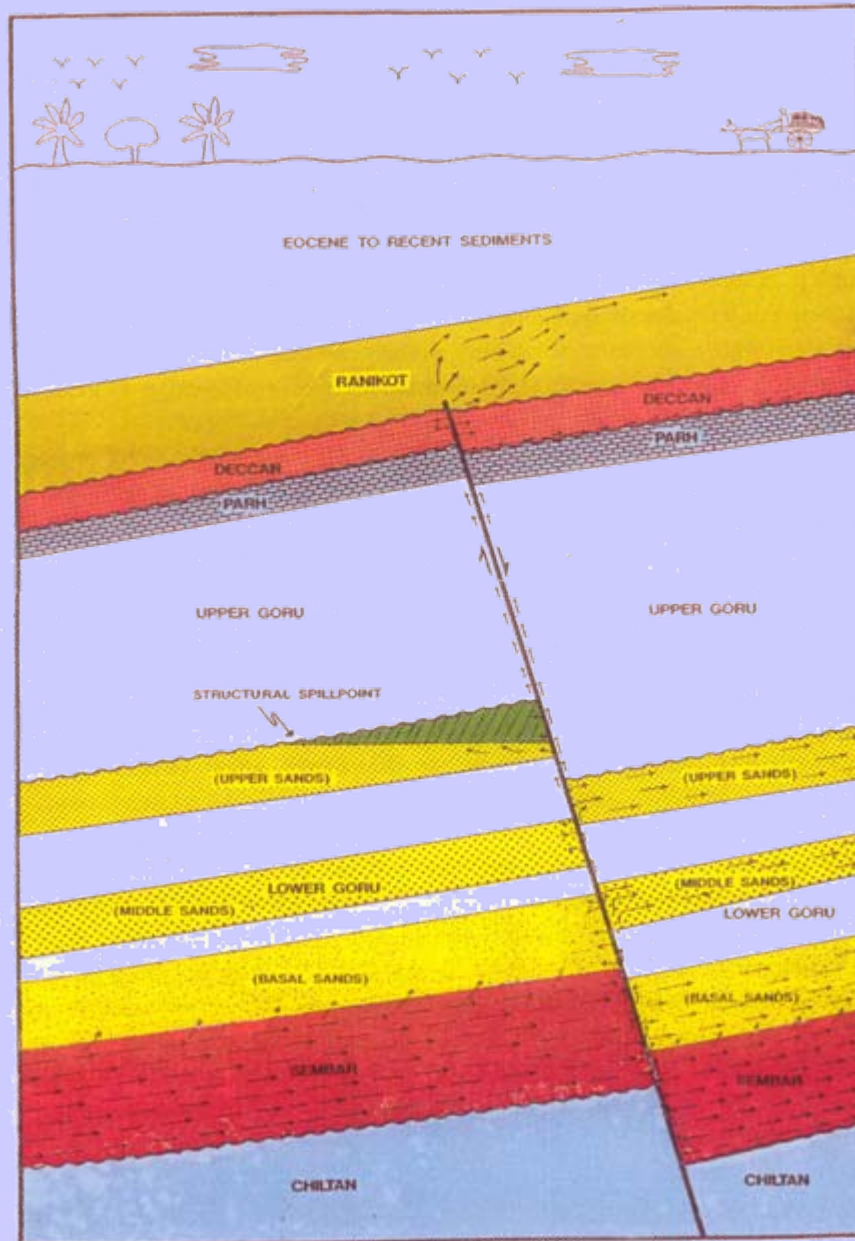
# BARI FIELD SCHEMATIC CROSS SECTION



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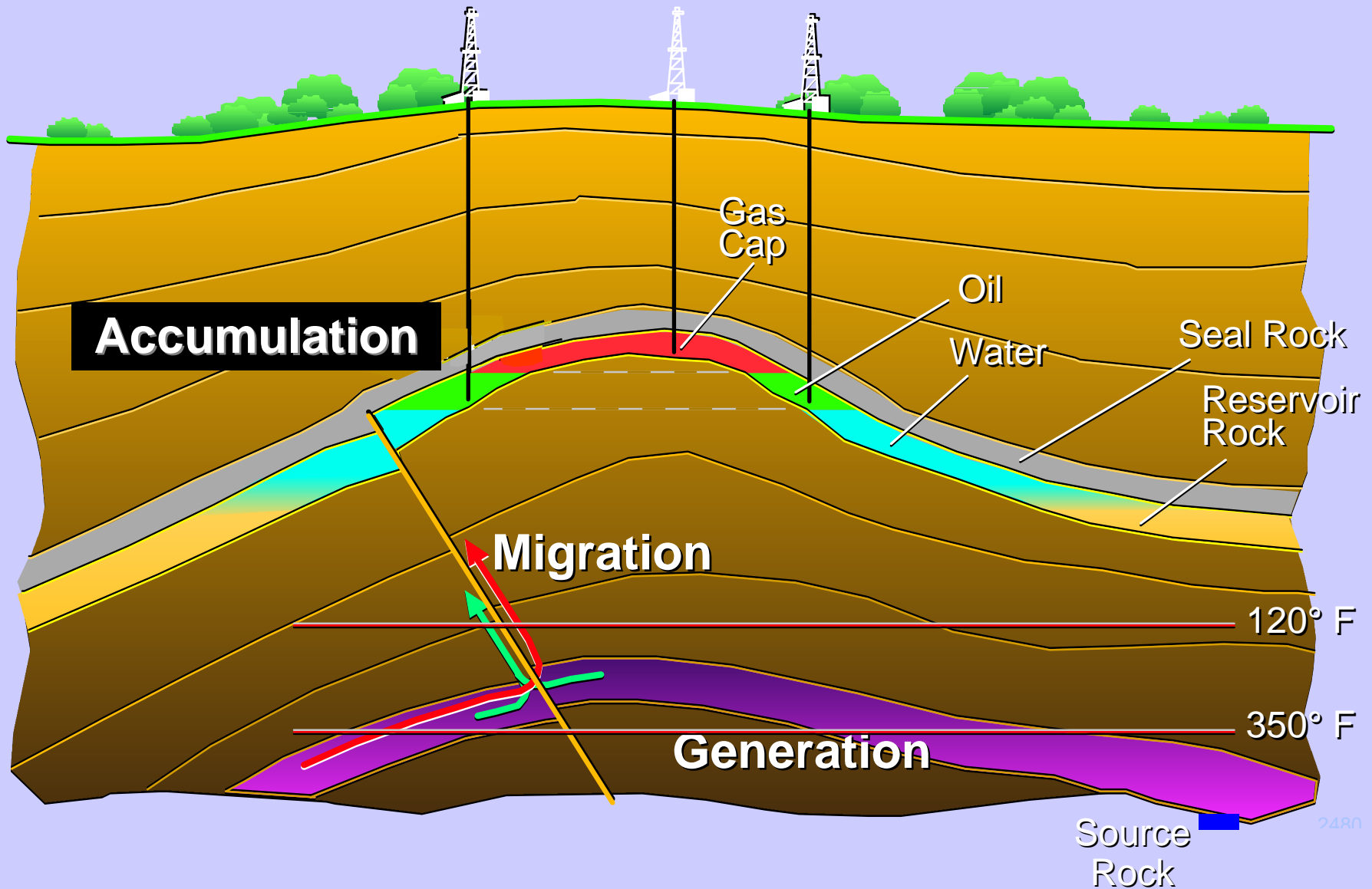
**SCHEMATIC CROSS - SECTION  
BADIN BLOCK EXPULSION/MIGRATION STYLE**



## The Leaky Trap

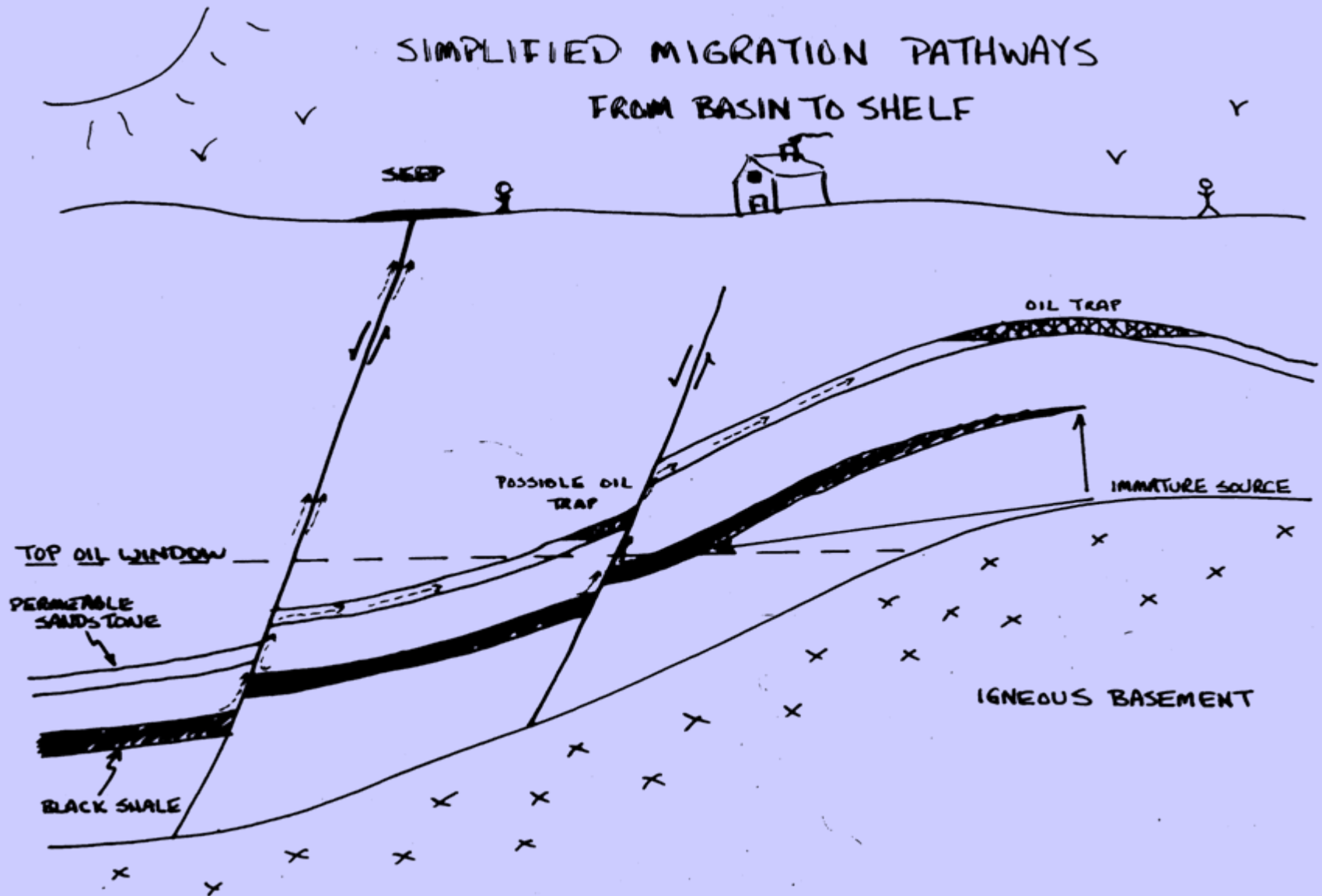


# Petroleum System Processes





# Schematic Migrational Pathways From Basin to Shelf





**Asphalt Seep  
Viola Limestone (Oklahoma)**



**The End of the Road**



## On to the Trap





# One More Thing.....

## Basin Assignments

- North American

- San Juan
- East Texas
- Gulf Coast
- Anadarko
- Arkoma
- Powder River
- Wind River
- Green River
- Williston
- Delaware
- Midland
- Black Warrior
- Fort Worth
- Others.....



# Facts to Consider

## **Basin**

**Location, Size, Maximum Depth, Age (from basement to outcrop + max subsidence), Stratigraphy**  
**Other items;** eg - Structure (extensional, compressional)

## **Petroleum System**

**Source Rocks:** Name(s), kerogen type(s), TOC, depth to top of oil window, kitchen location

**Migration Pathways:** Carrier bed(s), faults, distance (vertical and horizontal)

**Traps:** Structural, Stratigraphic, Combination (dominant type)

**Reservoirs:** Names, Rock types (both reservoir and seal)

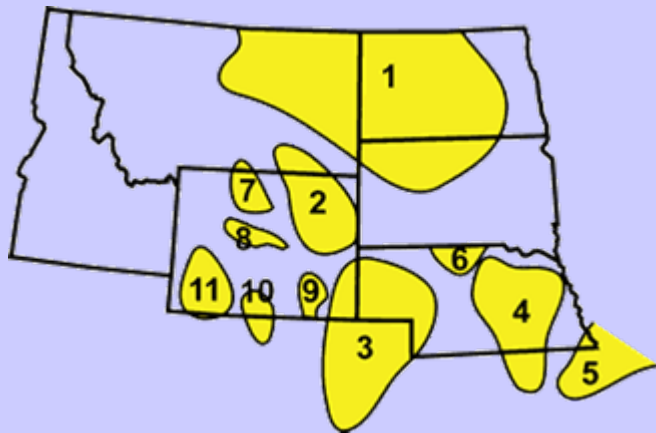
**Representative Fields (The biggest ones)**  
**OOIP, OGIP, RF, Cum Prod**

**Other notable Facts – anything else you want to add (history, technology, companies, etc)**

Powerpoint presentation: 10-12 slides (or more), approach as management presentation in which object is to highgrade future exploration opportunities for your company. For any answers you cannot find, treat as source of increased risk of entry.



# Map of Selected Sedimentary Basins



- 1-Williston Basin**
- 2-Powder River Basin**
- 3-Denver Basin**
- 4-Salina Basin**
- 5-Forest City Basin**
- 6-Kennedy Basin**
- 7-Big Horn Basin**
- 8-Wind River Basin**
- 9-Laramide Basin**
- 10-Washakie-Red Desert B.**
- 11-Green River Basin**

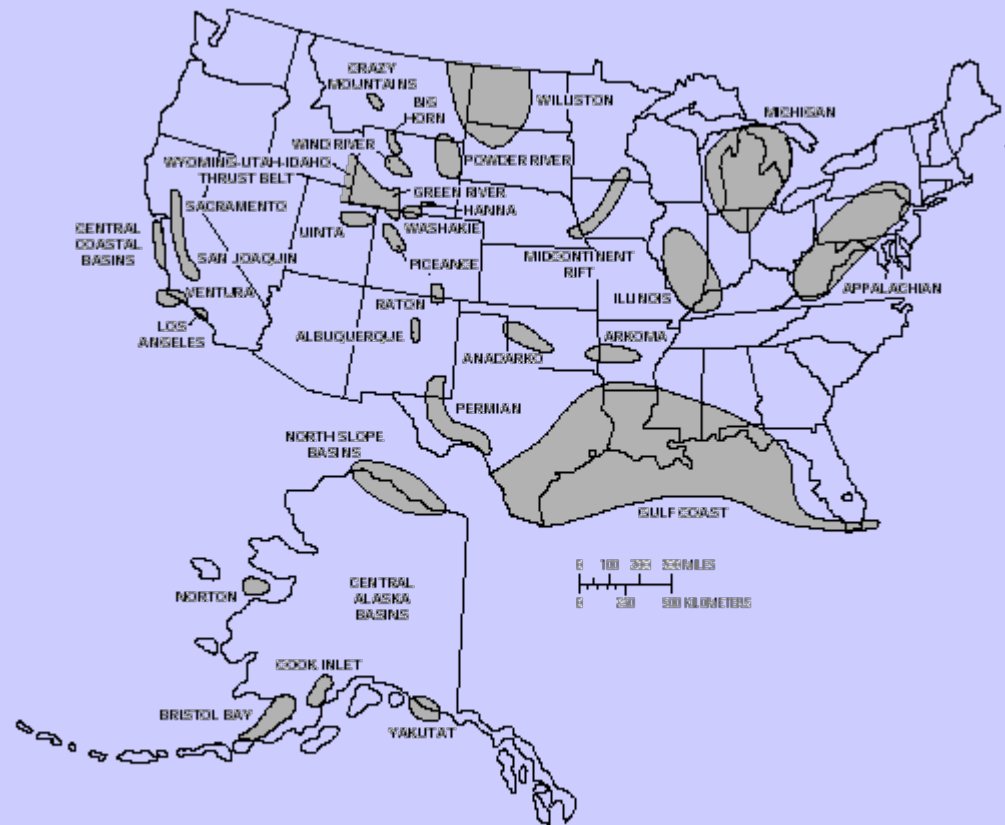
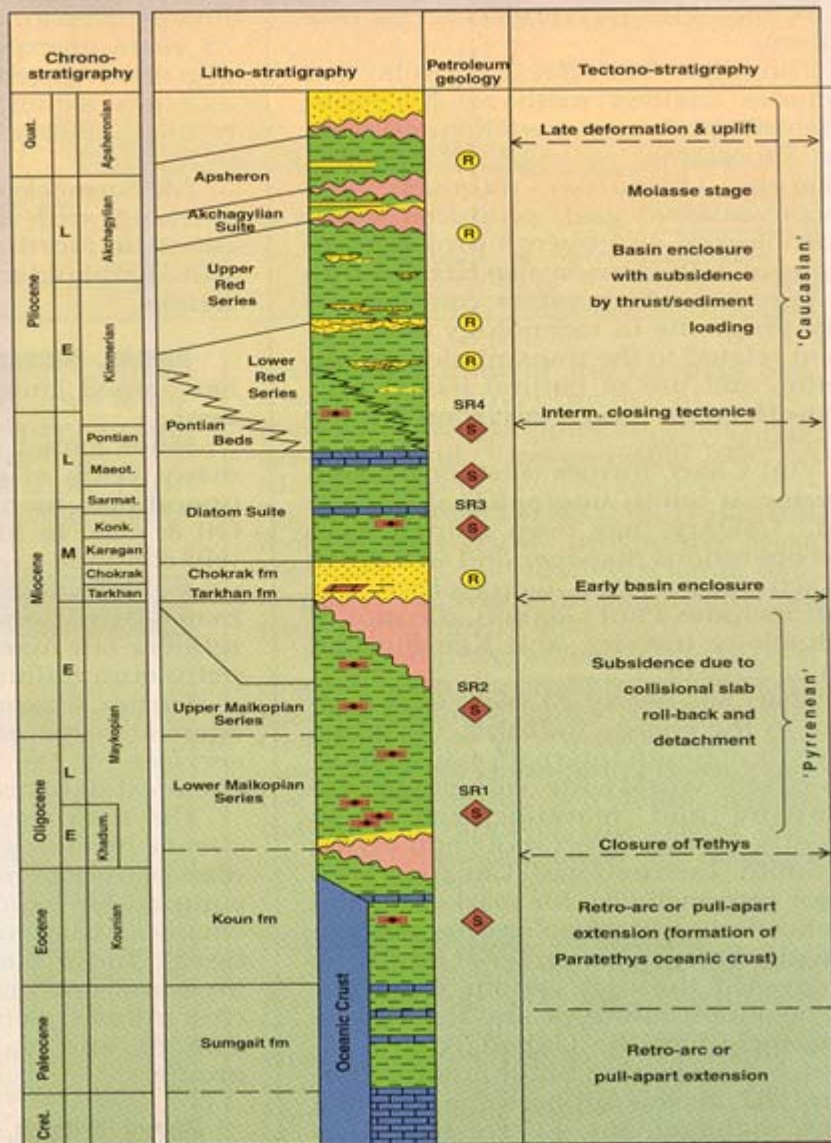


Figure 1. Map of the United States showing basins containing sedimentary rocks more than 15,000 ft (4,572 m) deep. Shading indicates entire basin area, in which some of the sedimentary rocks are at shallow depths.



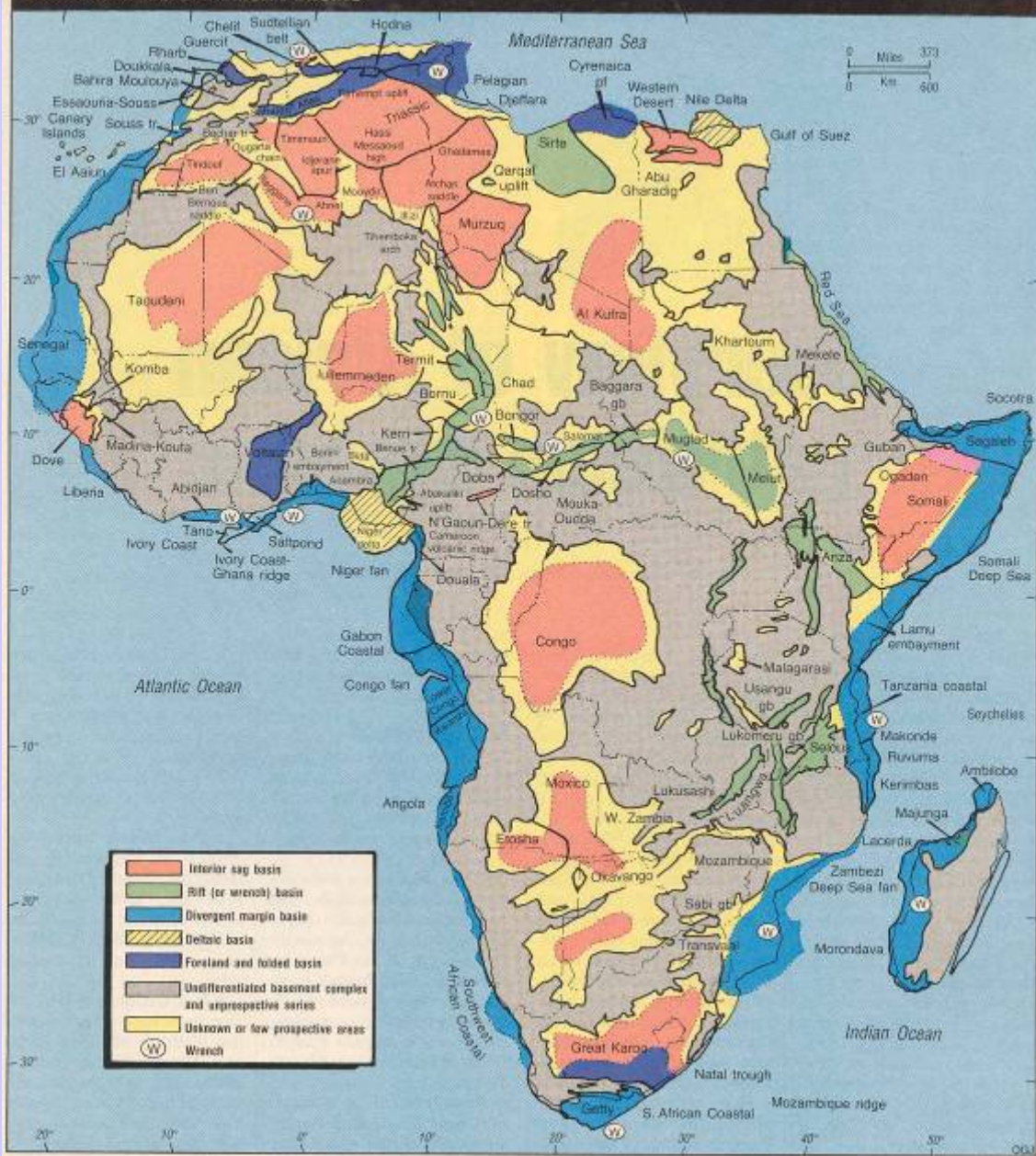
# STRATIGRAPHY, PETROLEUM GEOLOGY

## South Caspian basin



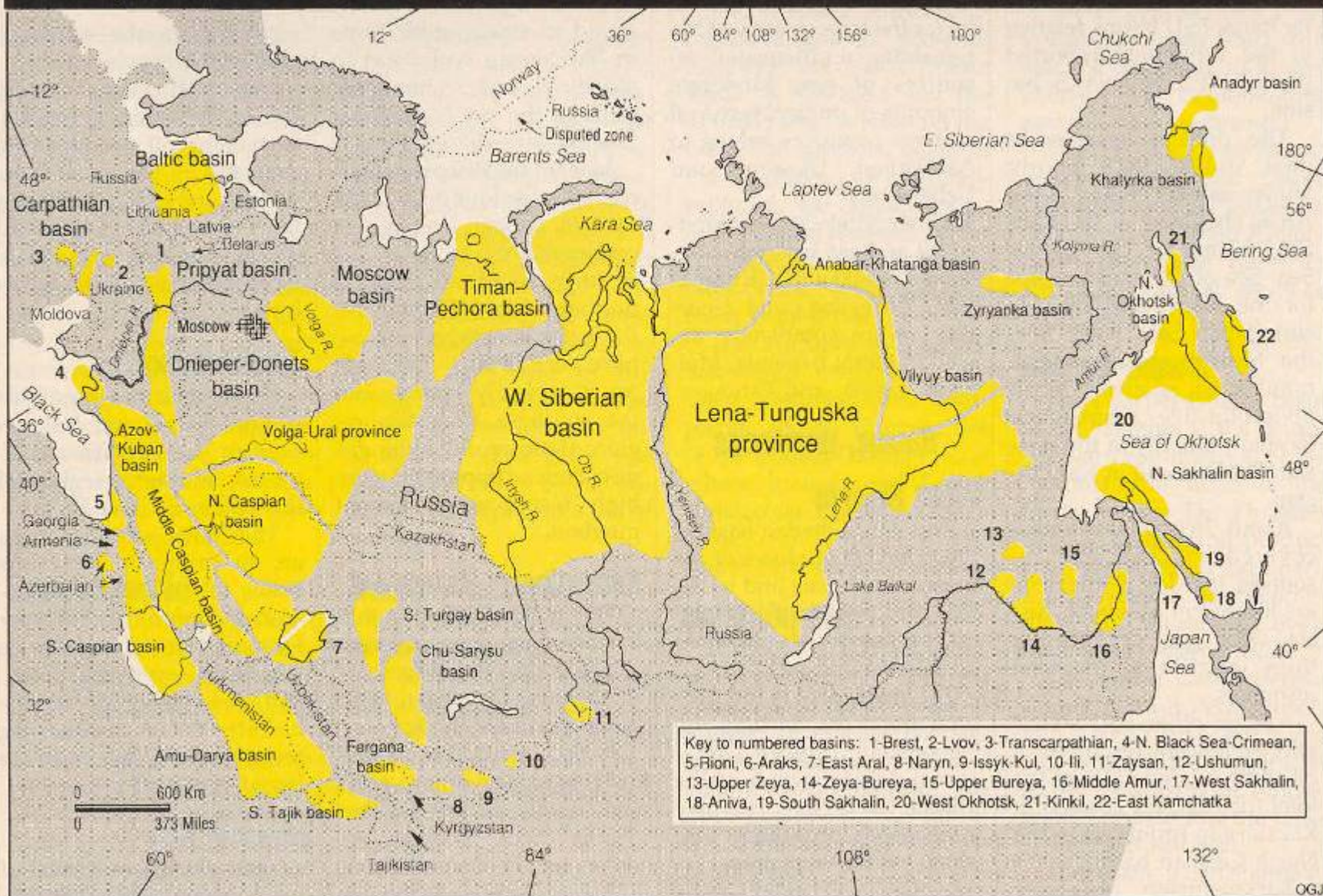


## MAIN FAMILIES OF AFRICAN BASINS





# BASINS, PROVINCES OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION





## TERTIARY BASINS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA\*

