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# Petrophysical Analysis of the Unconventional Reservoirs of the Lennard Shelf and Fitzroy Trough in Canning Basin, Australia

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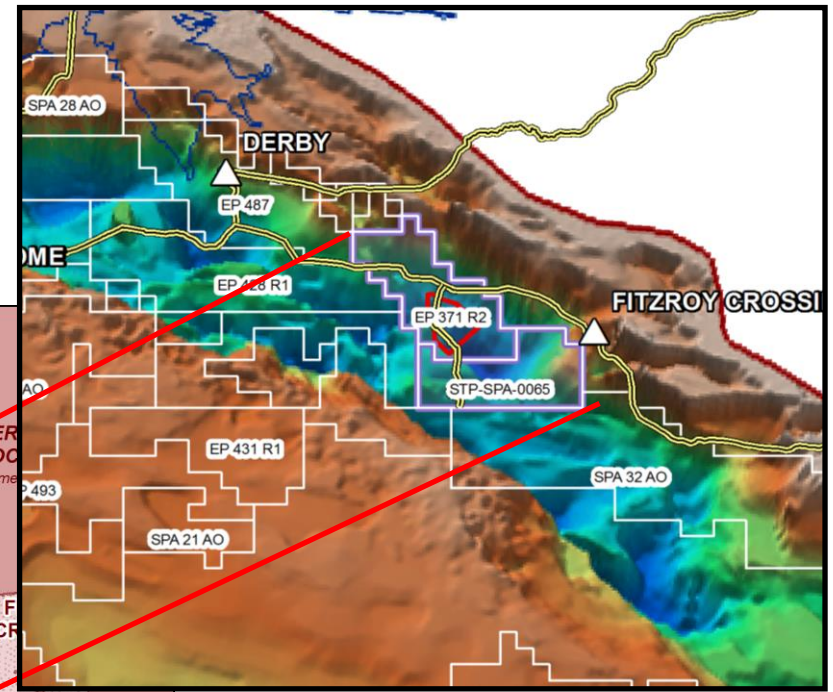
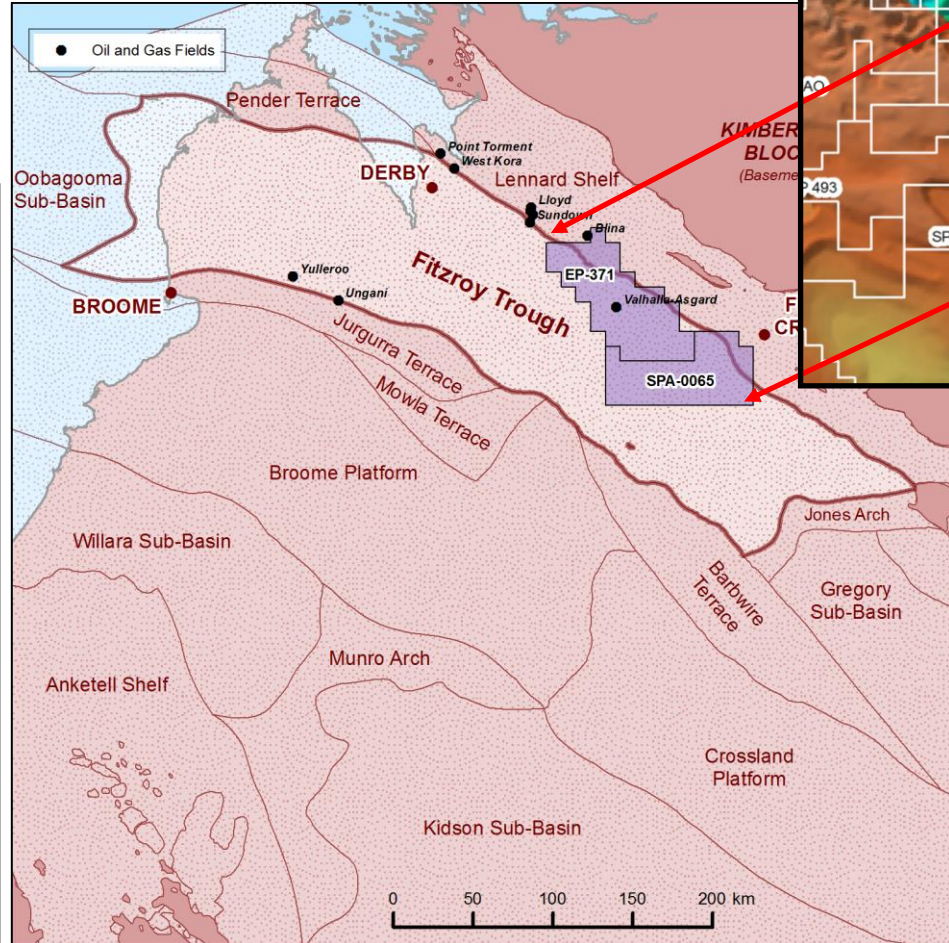
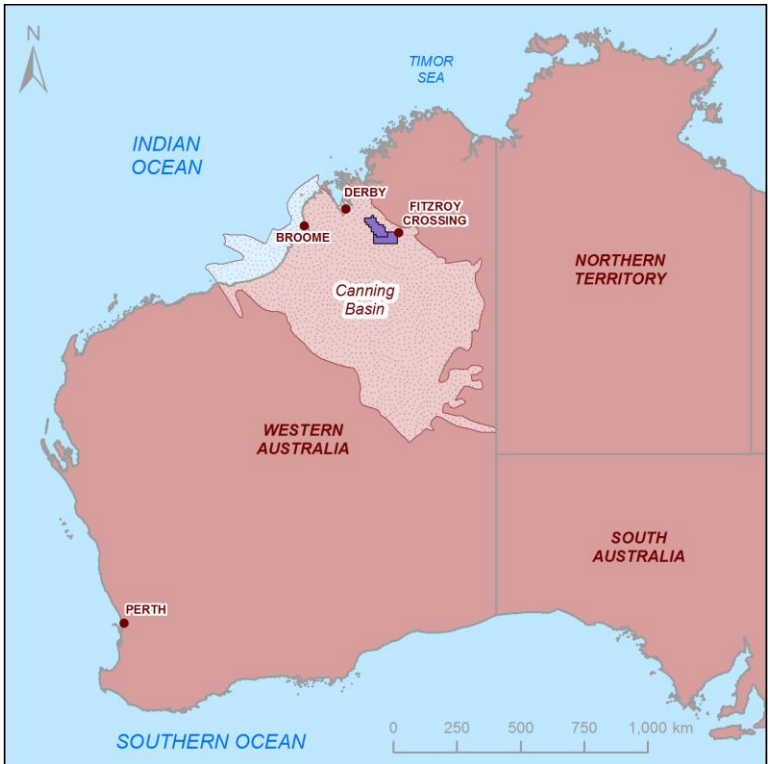
# PROJECT AREA

Canning Basin, Western Australia

EP-371 and SPA-0065

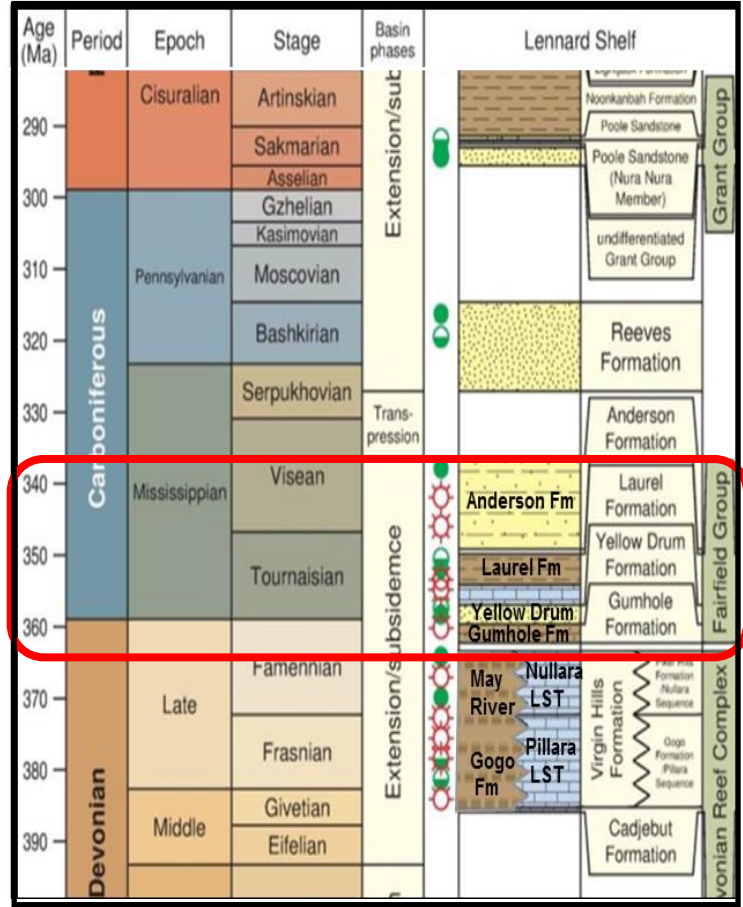
~ 2,500 km northeast of Perth

~ 6,767 km<sup>2</sup> Block and SPA



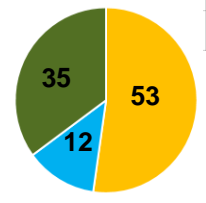
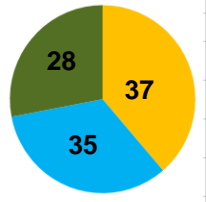
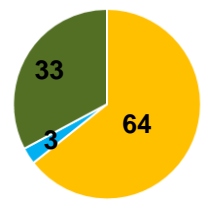
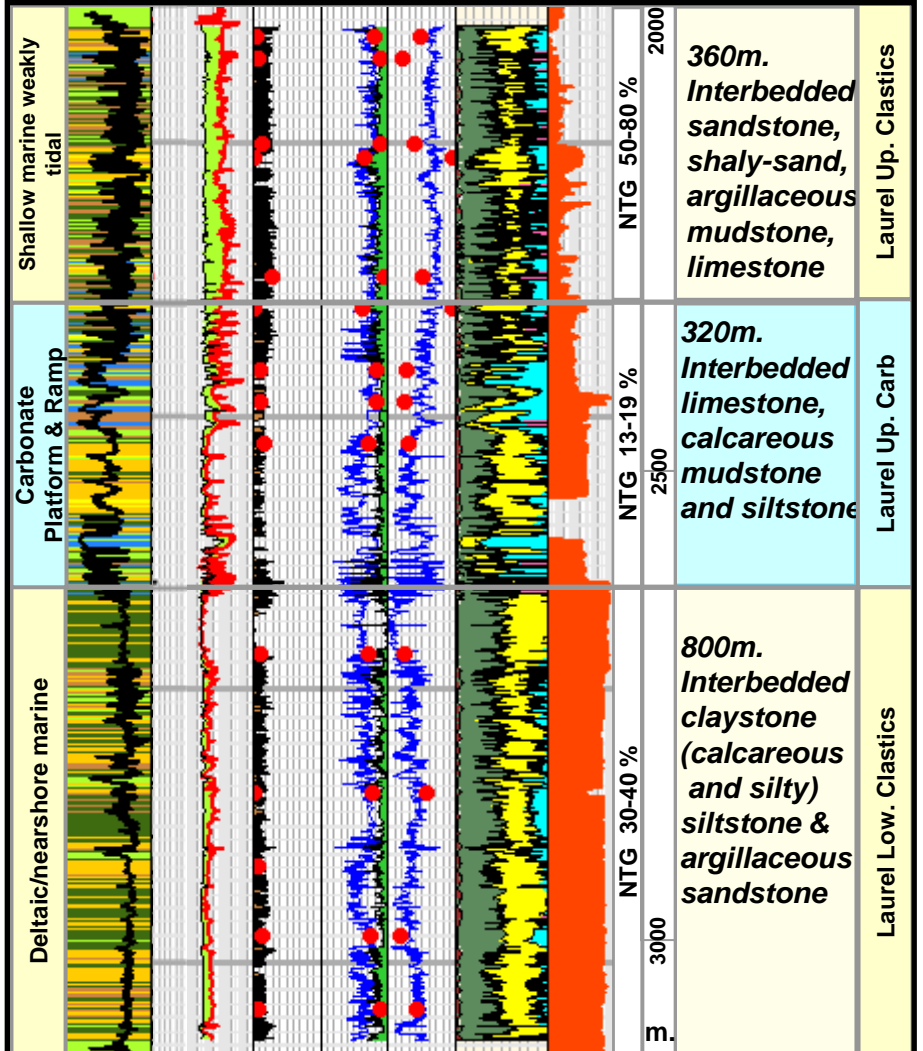
# GROSS ROCK PROPERTIES

PRESSURE Seal - Unconformity at the Top of Anderson formation, Anderson Shale(Clay 60 - 70%)  
 PRESSURE Gradient (psi/ft) **0.55 - 0.65**



Carboniferous age shallow water SS and Carbonates, 7.8% porosity over 1000m thick

## Valhalla-2



FORMATION PROPERTIES	CORE DATA Range	Log Analysis Average (Pay intervals)
POROSITY (%)	2.5 - 11	7.8
PERMEABILITY (mD)	1e-5 - 0.175	0.005
Water Saturation (%)	80 - 18	45
TOC (weight %)	0.5 - 4.45	1.5
QUARTZ (volume %)	up to 80	55
CARBONATE (volume%)	up to 70	12
CLAY (volume%)	up to 48	26
Expandable Clay (Smectite Vol.%)	up to 4.5	N/A

### CORE XRD

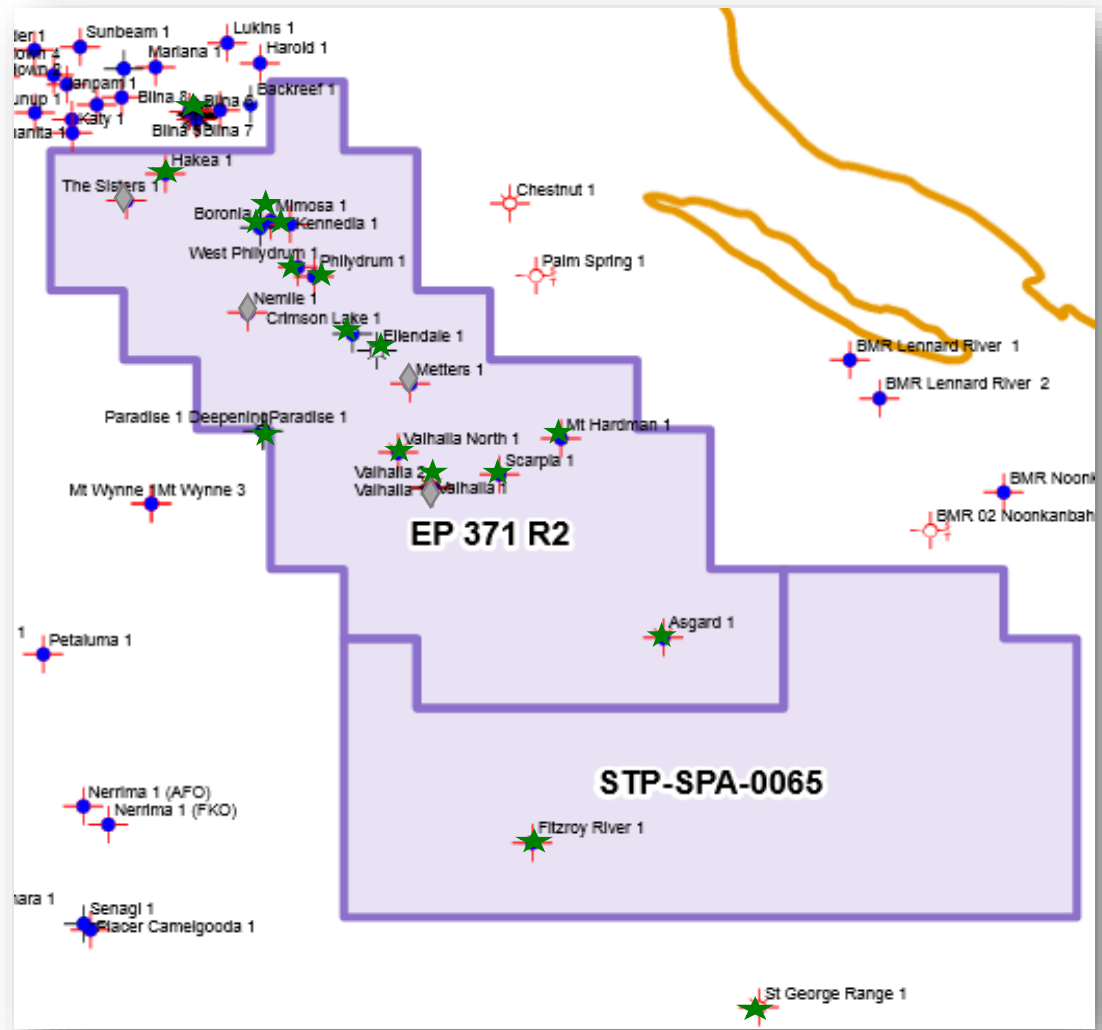
- Quartz + Feldspar + Plagioclase
- Carbonate (Calcite + Dolomite)
- Clay (mostly Illite, minor Kaolinite and Chlorite)


# EP-371 LOCATION OF ANALYZED KEY WELLS


Using an unconventional reservoir workflow, assessed 25 key wells in or on the block.


All Laurel wells exhibit multiple hundreds to thousands of meters of gas occurrence.

- >  **ASGARD-1**
- >  **BLINA-1**
- >  **BORONIA-1**
- >  **CRIMSON LAKE-1**
- >  **ELLENDALE-1**
- >  **FITZROY RIVER-1**
- >  **HAKEA-1**
- >  **KENNEDIA-1**
- >  **KORA-1**
- >  **METTERS-1**
- >  **MIMOSA-1**
- >  **MT HARDMAN-1**
- >  **NEMILE-1**
- >  **PARADISE-1 DEEPENING**
- >  **PHILYDRUM-1**
- >  **POINT TORMENT-1**
- >  **SCARPIA-1**
- >  **ST GEORGE RANGE-1**
- >  **THE SISTERS-1**
- >  **UNGANI NORTH-1 DEEPENING**
- >  **VALHALLA NORTH-1**
- >  **VALHALLA-01 ST1**
- >  **VALHALLA-2**
- >  **WEST PHILYDRUM-1**
- >  **YULLEROO-3**



 Wells with limited or insufficient log data

 Analyzed wells with older log data (early 80s)

 Analyzed key wells with modern log and Core data data

# PETROPHYSICAL ANALYSIS WORKFLOW

## • Petrophysical Hybrid Model:

- Integrated petrophysical methods utilized for conventional clastic, carbonate and unconventional tight gas and shale formations
- Calibrated to core data available on wells: Valhalla-2, Valhalla North-1, Yullero-3
- Petrophysical analysis was performed using TECHLOG software package,

## • Model Inputs:

GR, NPHL, RHOB, RDEEP

## • Model Outputs:

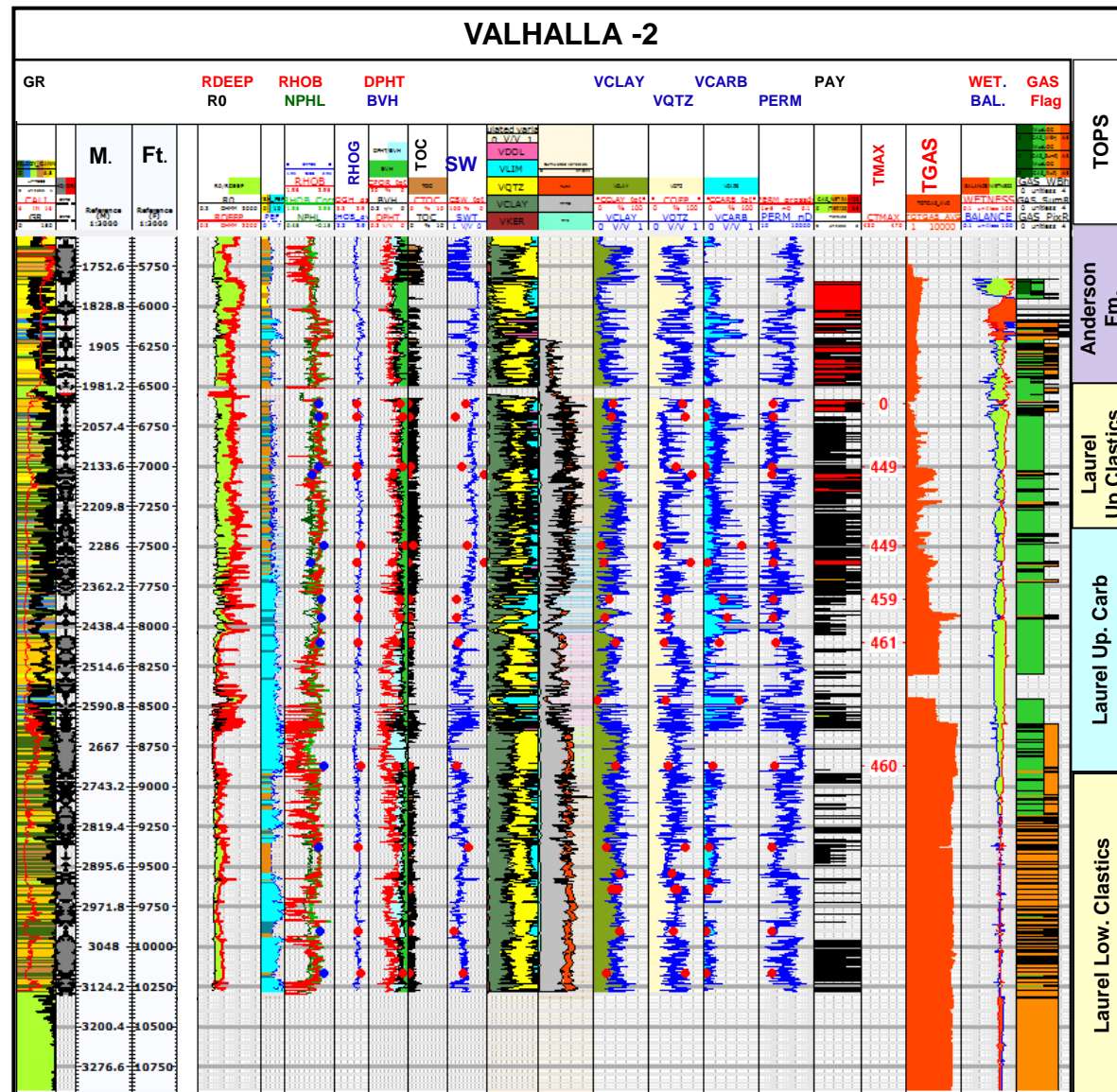
Litho-Facies,  
 Volume of minerals(Quartz, Clay, Calcite, Dolomite, Kerogen)  
 TOC, DPHT, SWT, BVH, PERM  
 PAY-Flag

## • Mud log Analysis:

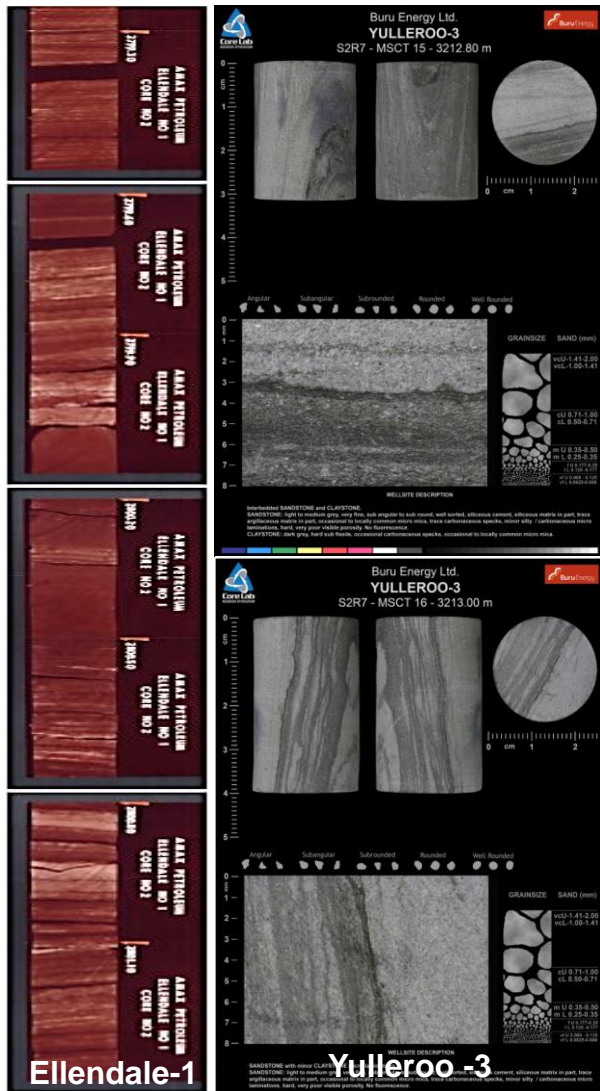
- Integrated descriptive algorithm to define type of hydrocarbons includes Wetness, Balance and Ratios as the hydrocarbons' fingerprints

## • Defining the Pressure Seal:

- Sonic data analysis
- Drilling and Completion data review



# THIN BEDS ANALYSIS. LITHOFACIES CALALOG UPSCALED TO LOG RESOLUTION



## Volumes of five major group of minerals calculated:

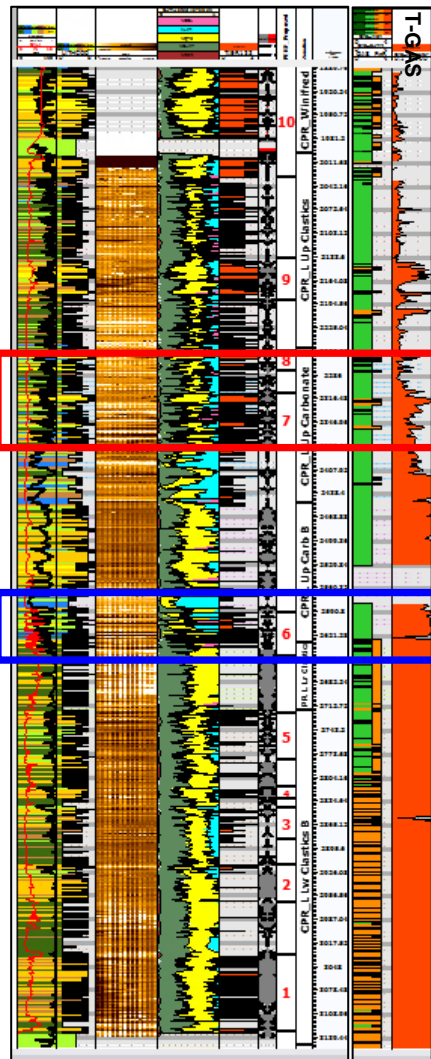
- VQTZ (Quartz +Plagioclase)
- VCLAY (predominantly Illite plus minor amount of Chlorite, Kaolinite and Montmorillonite - less than 3%)
- VDOLOMITE and VCALCITE
- VKEROGEN (converted to volume from TOC weight%)

## Six primary lithofacies identified through:

- Integration of thin section analyses, geological core descriptions, log response and petrophysical model results (volume of minerals)
- calibrated to high resolution formation image data

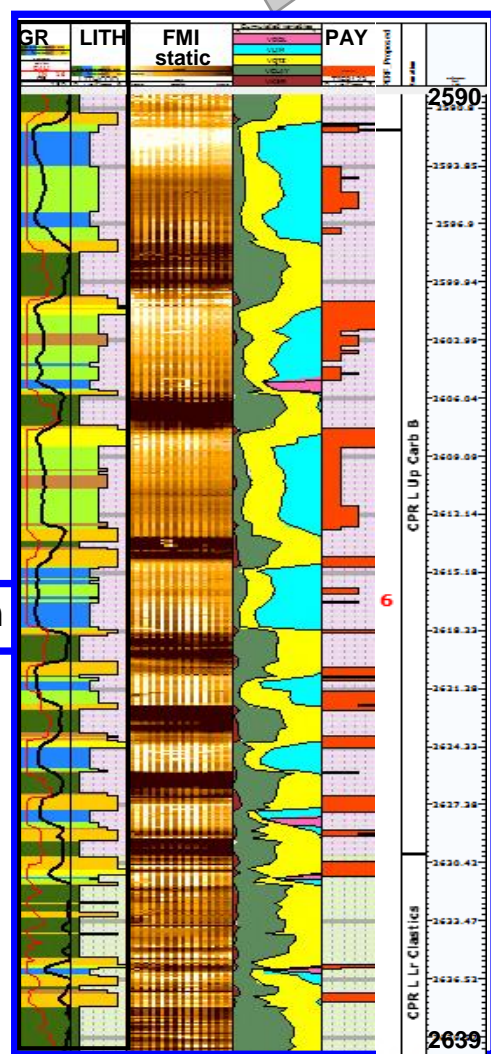
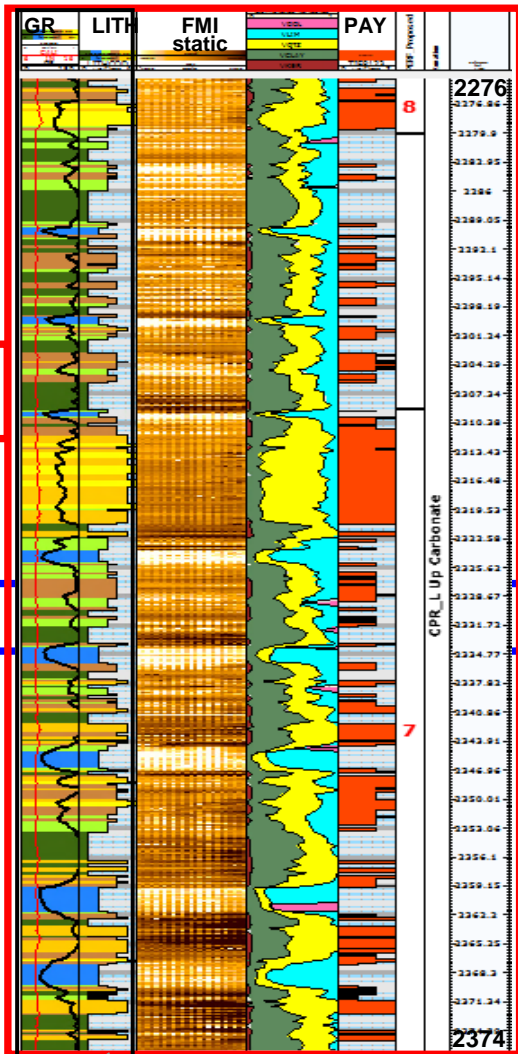
# THIN BEDS ANALYSIS. LITHO-FACIES CALIBRATION TO FORMATION IMAGE

VALHALLA-2

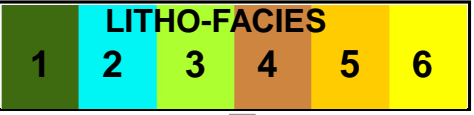


100m

50m



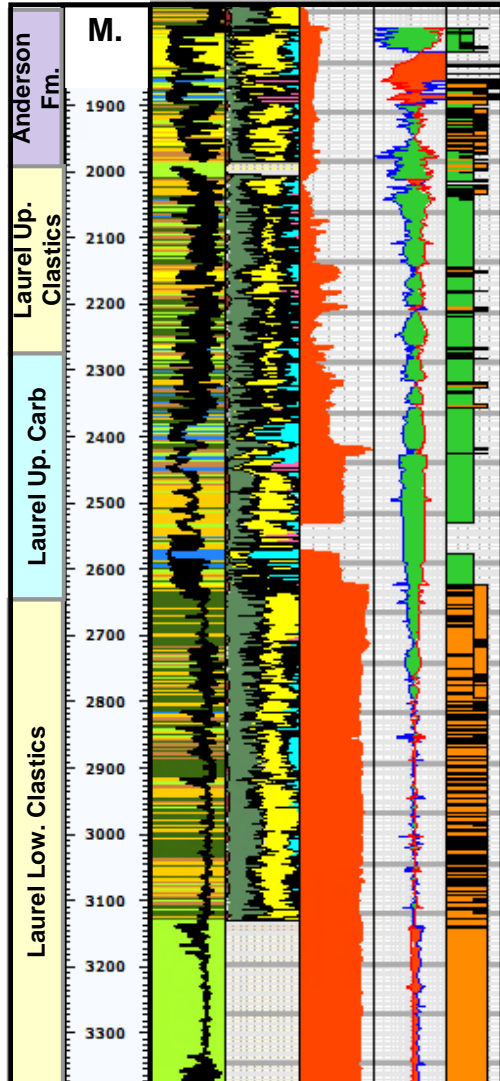
Volume of minerals





# MUDLOG ANALYSIS

Valhalla 2



- Integrated descriptive algorithm to define type of hydrocarbons includes Wetness, Balance and Ratios as the hydrocarbons' fingerprints
- All the equations and methodologies listed below have been integrated in Python code to define Hydrocarbon types based on gas compositions from MudLog
  - ✓ Model outputs: WETNESS, BALANCE, CHARACTER, FLAG\_PixR, FLAG\_SumR, FLAG\_WBh

The Haworth *et al.* "wetness" method<sup>[3]</sup> defines several correlatable ratios: wetness,  $W_h$ ; balance,  $B_h$ ; and character,  $C_h$ .

$$W_h = \frac{C_2 + C_3 + iC_4 + nC_4 + C_5}{C_1 + C_2 + \dots + C_5} \cdot 100 \dots (5)$$

$$B_h = \frac{C_1 + C_2}{C_3 + iC_4 + nC_4 + C_5} \dots (6)$$

$$C_h = \frac{iC_4 + nC_4 + C_5}{C_3} \dots (7)$$

Gas dryness =  $C_1 / (C_1 + C_2 + C_3 + C_4 + C_5)$

Pixler ratios ( $C_1/C_2$ ,  $C_1/C_3$  and  $C_1/C_4$ )

Wetness ( $W_h$ ) =  $100 \cdot (C_2 + C_3 + C_4 + C_5) / (C_1 + C_2 + C_3 + C_4 + C_5)$

Balance ( $B_h$ ) =  $(C_1 + C_2) / (C_3 + C_4 + C_5)$

And Character ( $C_h$ ) =  $(C_4 + C_5) / C_3$

### Nomenclature

- $B_h$  = balance ratio
- $C_1$  = methane
- $C_2$  = ethane
- $C_3$  = propane
- $C_{4+}$  = butanes and heavier
- $C_{5+}$  = pentanes and heavier
- $C_h$  = character ratio
- $W_h$  = wetness ratio

## Pixler Ratio

Dg	$C_1/C_2 > 35$ : dry gas
Cnd	$C_1/C_2$ 10 - 35 : condensate or light oil
Oil	$C_1/C_2$ 2 - 10 : productive oil
Roil	$C_1/C_2 < 2$ : residual oil

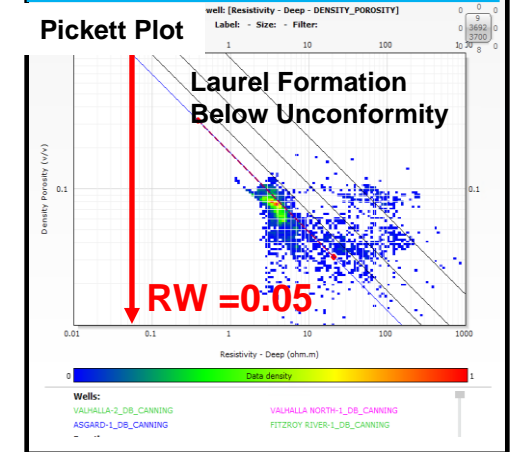
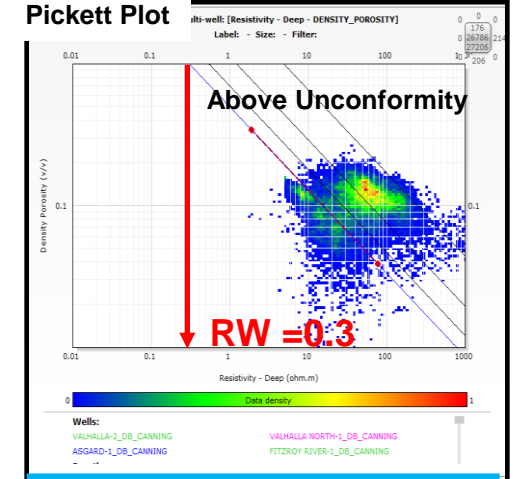
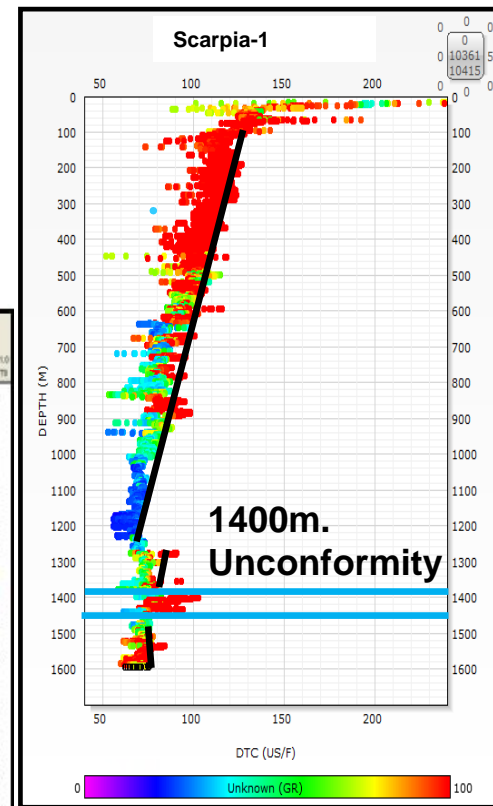
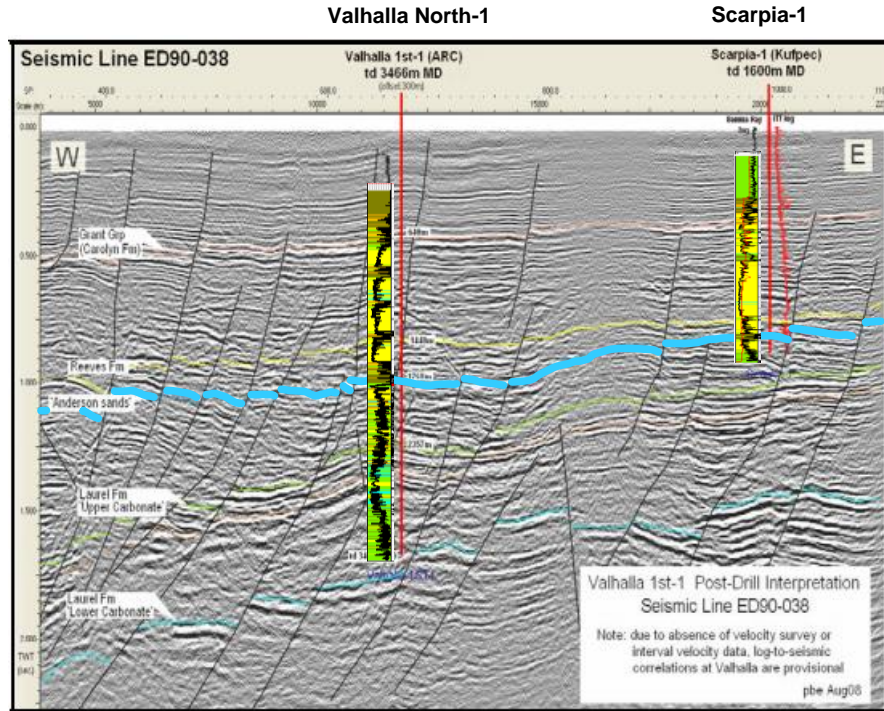
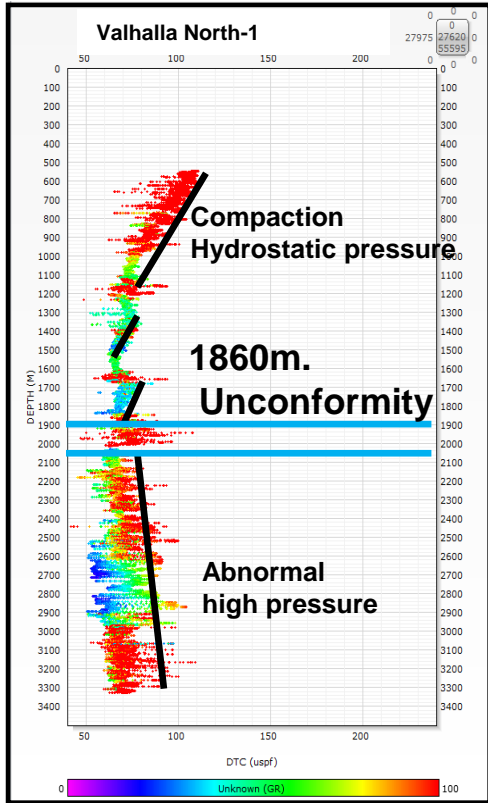
## C1/Sum Ratio

$C_1/Sum > 0.95$ : dry gas
$C_1/Sum$ 0.85 - 0.95 : possible condensate or light oil
$C_1/Sum$ 0.6 - 0.85 : Possible productive oil
$C_1/Sum < 0.6$ : residual oil

## Wetness vs Balance

If $WH < 0.5$ & $BH > 100$ : Dry Gas
If $0.5 < WH < 17.5$ & $WH < BH < 100$ : Condensate or Light Oil
If $17.5 < WH < 40$ & $WH > BH$ : Oil
If $WH > 40$ : Residual Oil or Water

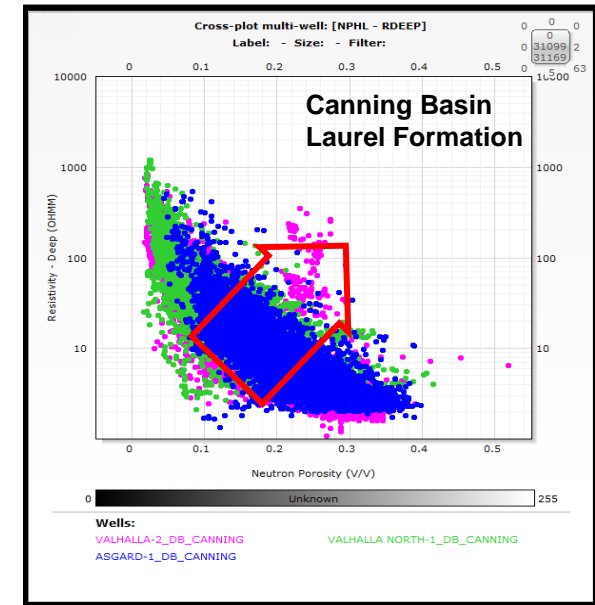
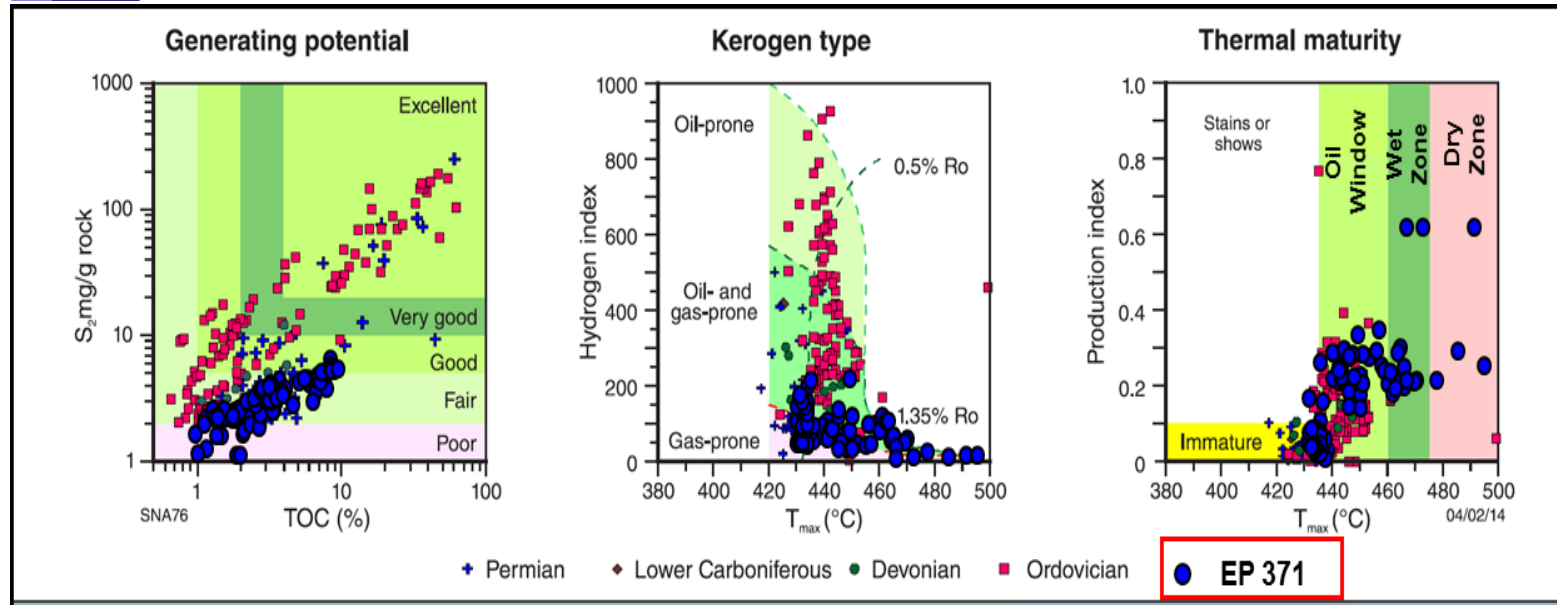
# PRESSURE SEAL



- **Top seal** for the Laurel Formation is the major Unconformity at the top of Anderson Formation
- **Additional seal** - Anderson Shale which is a silty claystone sequence 50-70m. thick with clay content up to 70%
- **Seal Evidence:**
  - Fluorescence with slight increase in gas occurred in an argillaceous sandstone - Anderson Sand, immediately below the Anderson Shale
  - The significant step change of Formation Water salinity and Rw below Unconformity at the top of Anderson Formation
  - Pressure profiles – Depth vs DTC cross-plot shows pressure profile step changes - over pressurized interval below Anderson Shale.



# UNCONVENTIONAL SHALE PLAY



**Kerogen type:** Mixed (Type II- III) with good/fair generating potential for Wet-Dry gas maturity window below the upper Laurel Carbonates

**TOC:** Organic matter present as dispersed organic particles in carboniferous, siliceous mudstone layers or concentrated in thin, interbedded, silica-rich mudstone beds in both Laurel Clastics and Carbonates

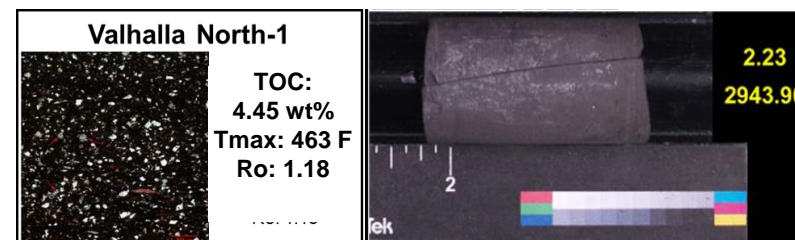
Cuttings and Core – Background presence of TOC 0.5-1.0 (weight %) on entire Laurel Formation, samples with TOC 2 - 4.45% taken from thin, organic-rich, siliceous mudstone beds Log Data - Increase of Excess Resistivity (Delta log R), along with increase in Uranium content (from Spectral GR). Calculated TOC: 0.5-4.5%

**Maturity of source rock** should be above 1.1% Ro for gas production

TMAX > 460 F (Ro equivalent >1.12)

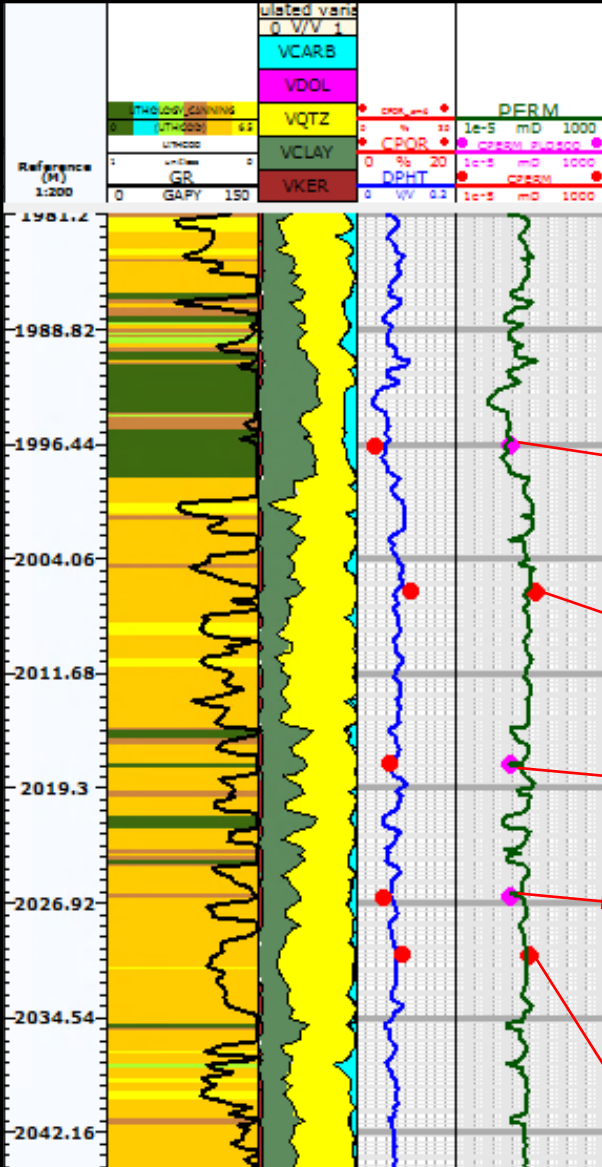
DST test – 60 API hydrocarbon (Condensate)

Wetness Balance crossover

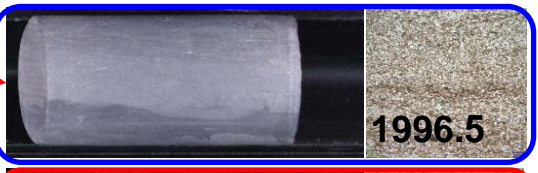


# PERMEABILITY/POROSITY/LITHOLOGY RELATIONSHIP

ASGARD-1



DEPTH	QUARTZ K-Feldspar Plagioclase	CLAY	CALCITE DOLOMITE	PORE tot %	PERM rout. mD
1996.5	59	37	0	2.5	0.0077
2006.4	84	14	0	10.86	0.171
2017.7	71	23	1	5.9	0.0096
2026.5	66	29	1	4.5	0.0097
2030	81	12	1	9.06	0.1



1996.5

**High Permeability trend line  
Litho-Facies 5 and 6  
(Fine-very fine-grained  
Sandstone/Siltstone,  
interbedded siltstone)**



2006.4

**Lower Permeability trend line  
Litho-Facies 4,3,2,1**



2017.7

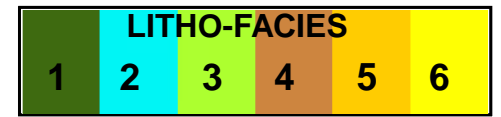
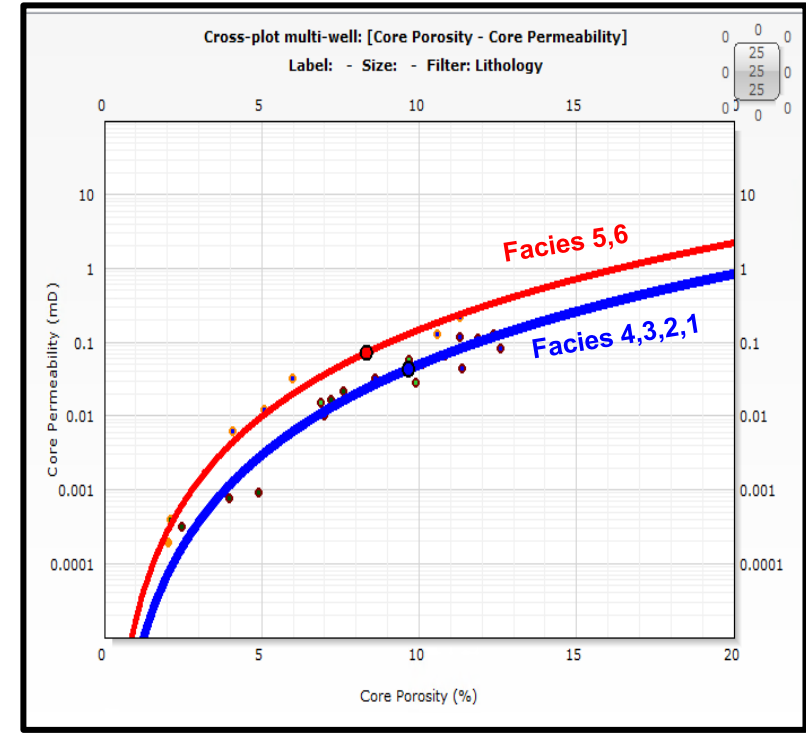


2026.5



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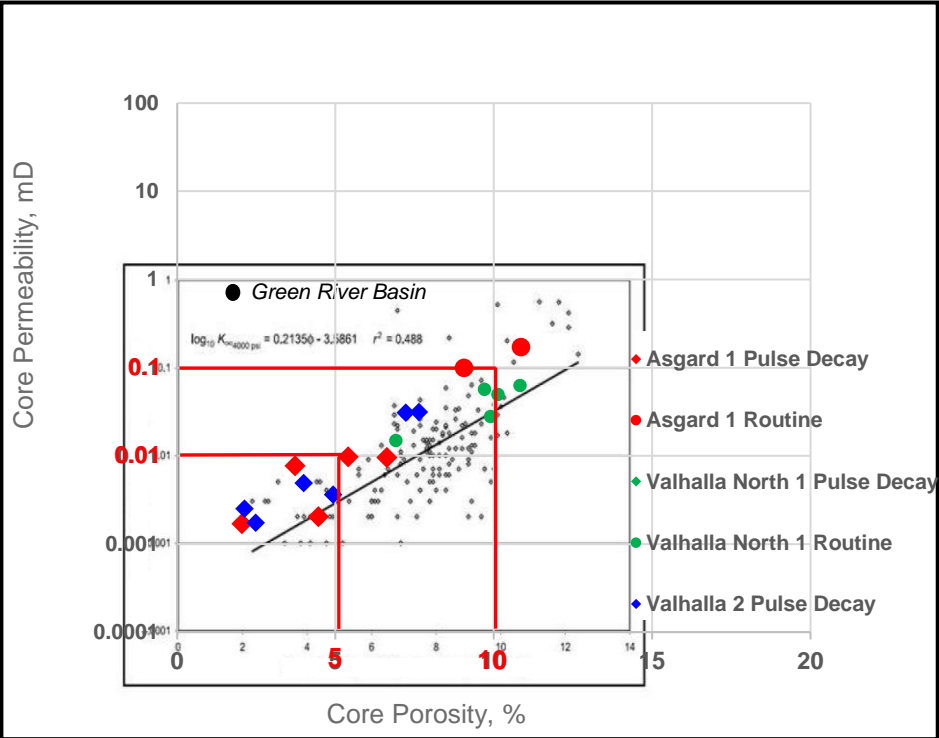
Core Porosity vs Core Permeability  
Yulleroo-3, Valhalla-1,2 Asgard-1 wells



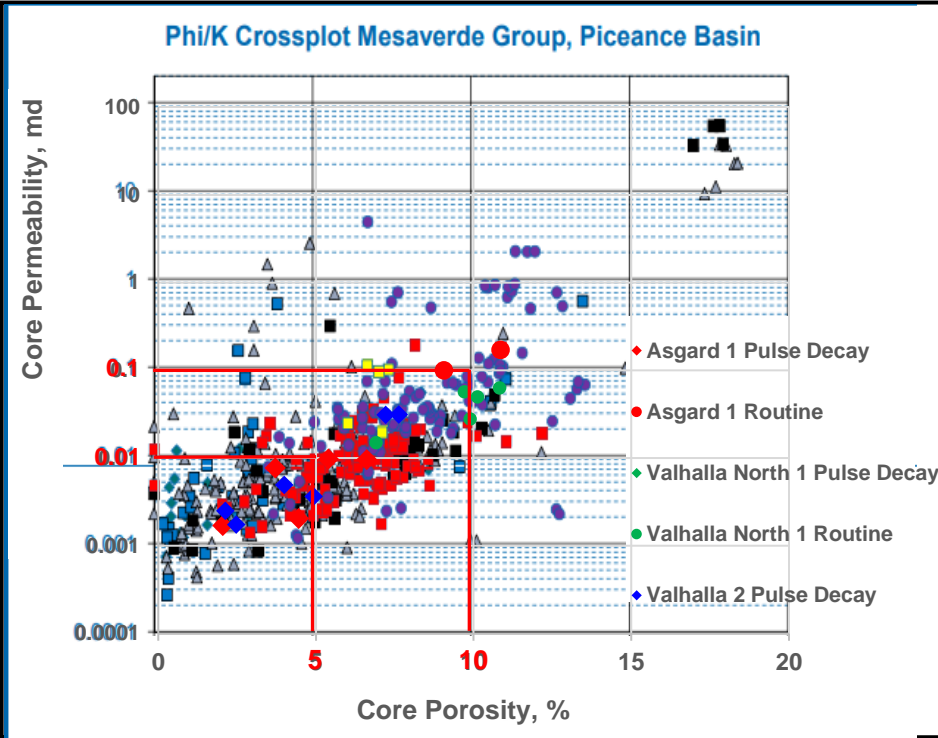
# CONVENTIONAL BASIN CENTERED TIGHT GAS PLAY

## Core Permeability vs Porosity Green River Basin and Piceance Basin Overlay

### EP-371 versus Green River Basin



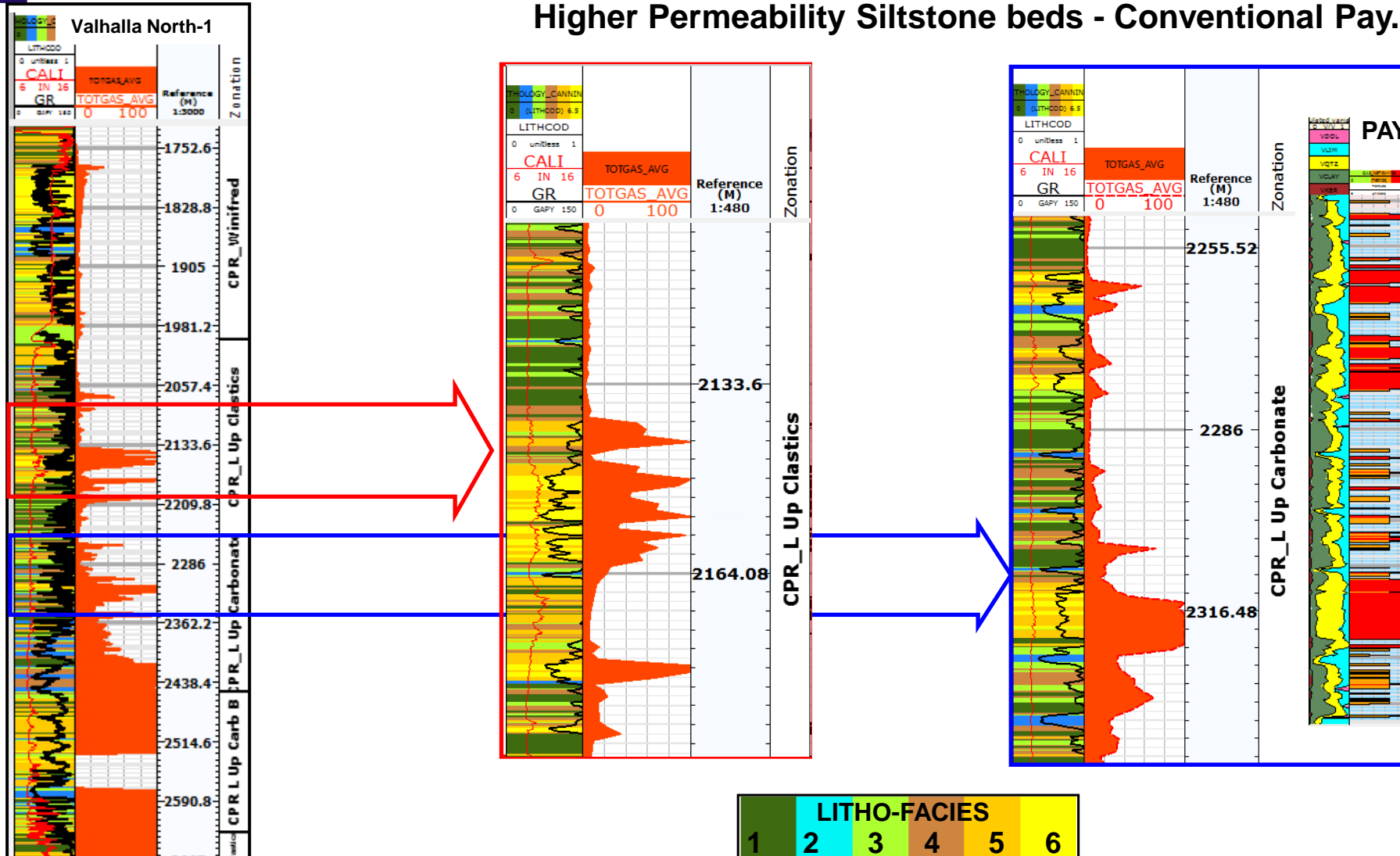
### EP-371 versus Piceance Basin



Similar porosity and permeability to U.S. tight gas plays observed

# CONVENTIONAL BASIN CENTERED TIGHT GAS PLAY

## Higher Permeability Siltstone beds - Conventional Pay.



Flare pit at Valhalla North- 1 (2015)

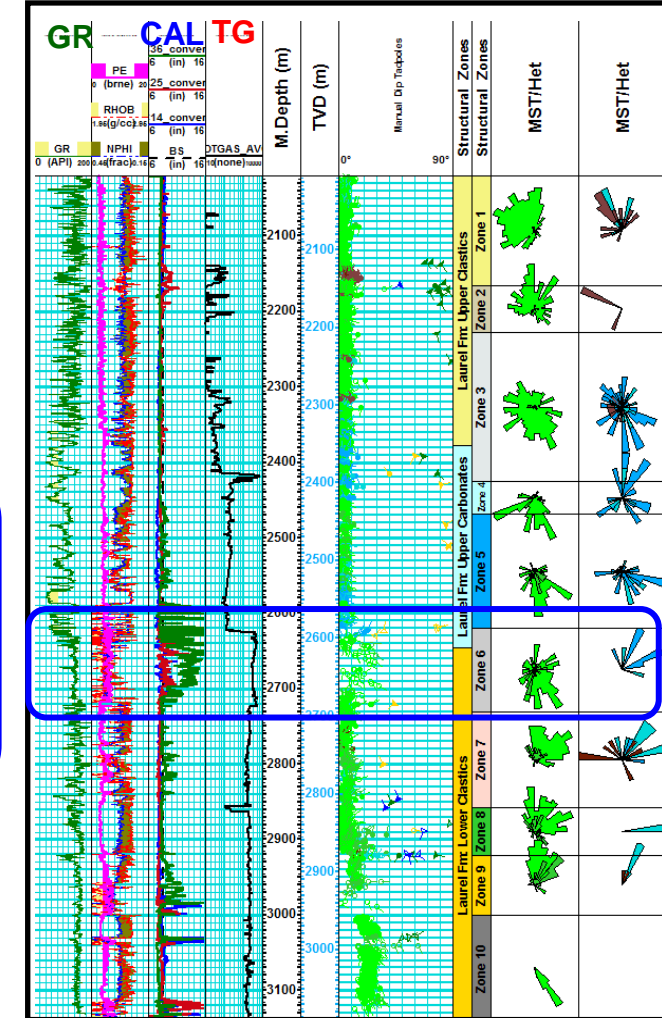
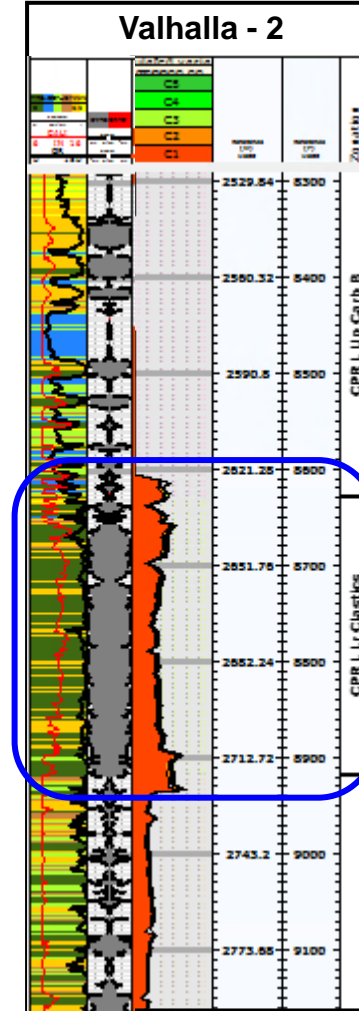
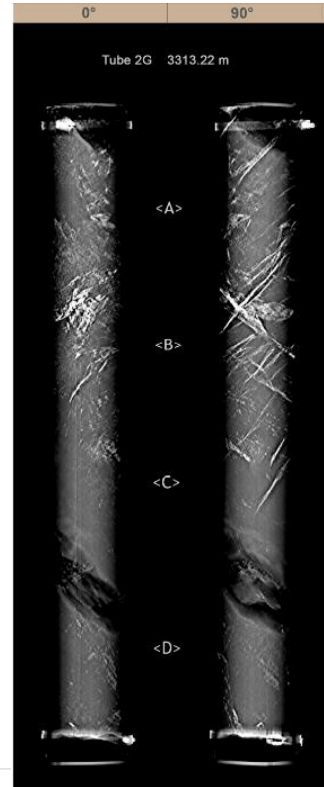
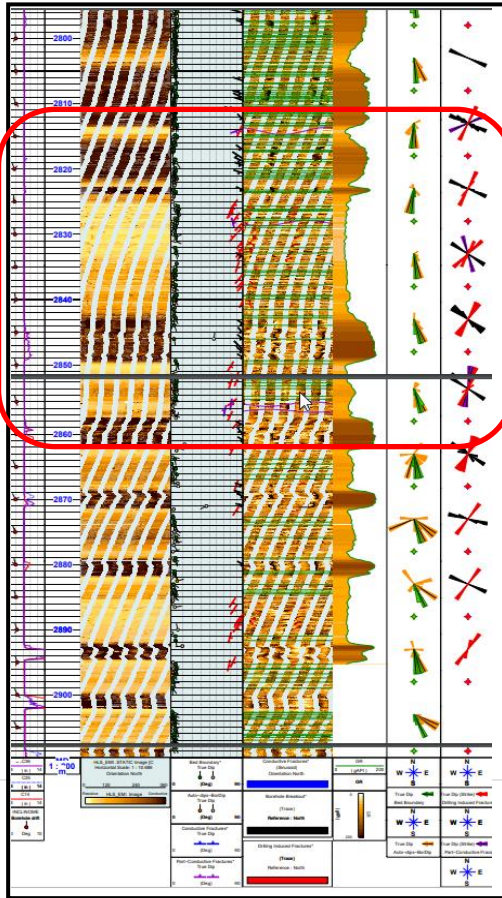
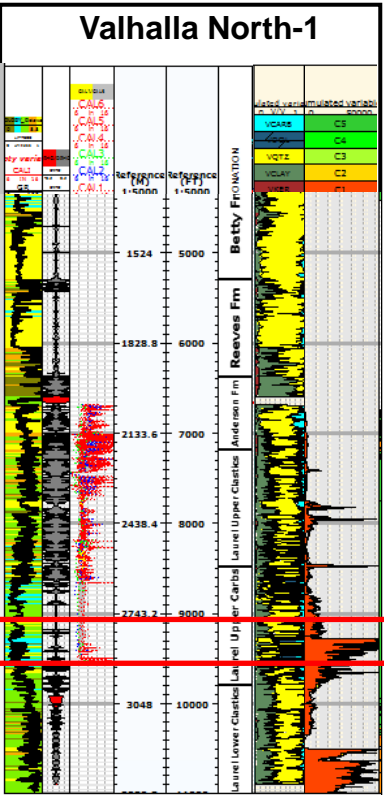


Good correlation of gas influx to Siltstone beds (facies 6 and 5) and calculated Pay Flag



# FRACTURED TIGHT GAS RESERVOIR PLAY

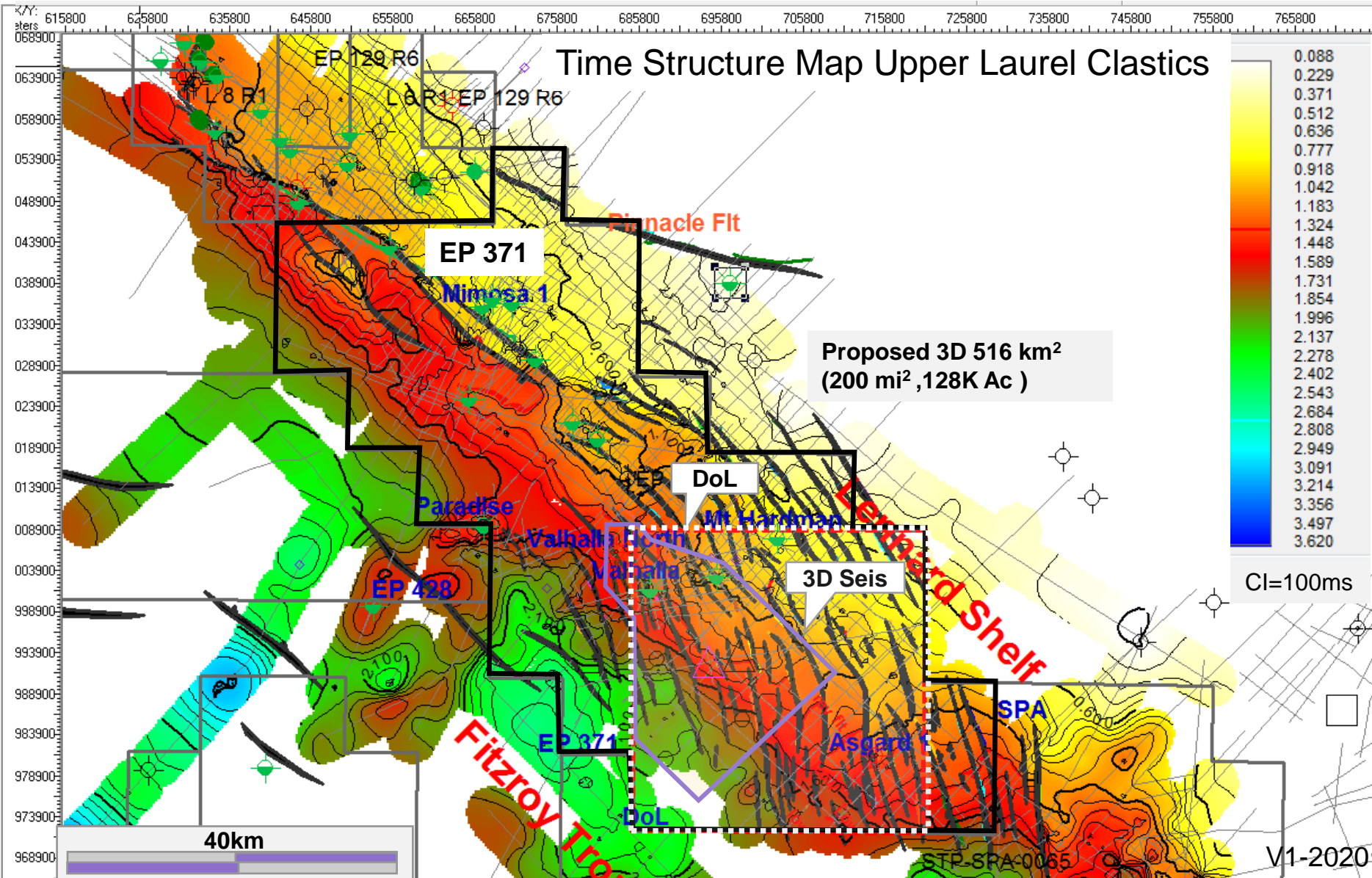
- Structural changes correlate with Mud gas log
- Gas in well increases at major structural breaks
- Most appear associated with faulting
- Some gas increases are associated with hole damage-break-outs coincident with faults



Swarm of fractures  
Faulted zone  
2815m - 2855m

C1 increase from 10,000 to 453,000ppm at faulted interval

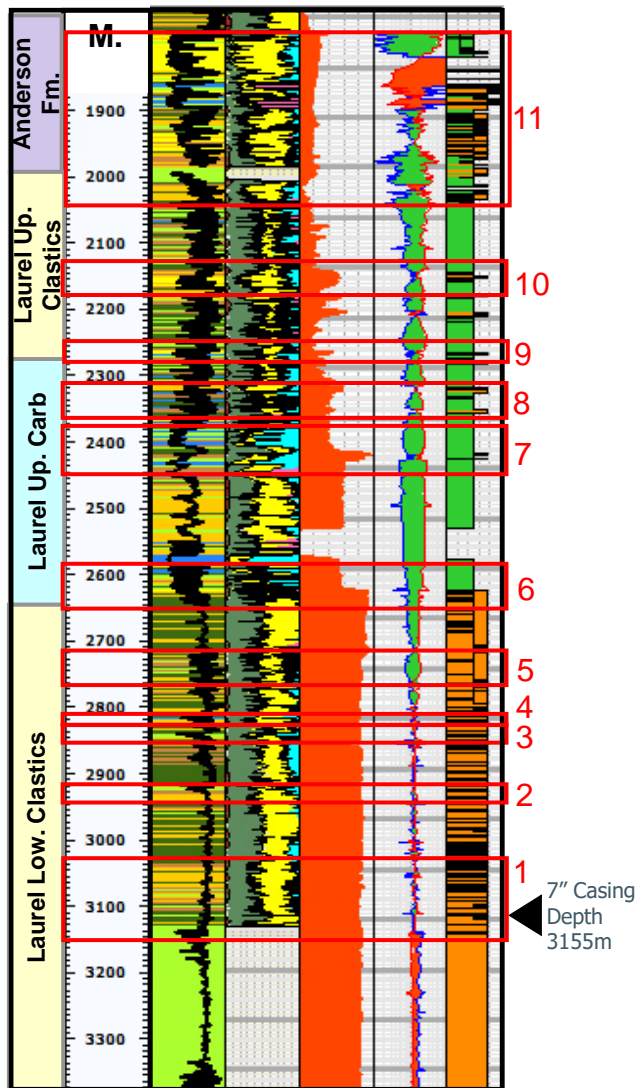
# FRACTURED TIGHT GAS RESERVOIR PLAY



- All mapped with 2D seismic data
- Future 3D planned
- 4-6 km spacing between major faults
- Numerous normal downthrown faults parallel to the shelf margin stepping into the trough
- Some Triassic – Jurassic Inversion
- Some faults with noted strike slip offsets



# WELL SUMMARY - VALHALLA-2 OPPORTUNITY



Valhalla 2 (not fraced)

Well Summary	
Well Name	Valhalla-2
Spudded	June 6, 2011
Reached TD	July 17, 2011
TD (m)	3390
Fm @ TD	Laurel Lower Clastics
Casing Core	7" to 3155 53 rotary SWCs
Geology	Deltaic Nearshore marine; at least 3 zones naturally fractured
Drilling & Hole Conditions	Multiple well control events, tight hole, stuck pipe, cavings, couldn't get logging tools down past 3,140 m, took kick while running 7 in production casing, cemented casing high due to hole conditions, had gas and fluid flowing from b-section after cutting casing (well control issue)
Mud Weight Results	Typically underbalanced while drilling (MW 9.1 -10.3 ppg) 1350m of Gas
Logging Observations	Casing did not reach TD; Set @ 3155
Planned Stimulation	Available for Completion

**11 zones identified across 1350 m of section with 795 m of gross reservoir**

**389 m of net pay with average:**

- Porosity: 7.8%
- Permeability: 669 Nano Darcy
- Water Saturation: 0.45
- Gas in place: 225 BCF/sec (zones 1-10)

# SUMMARY

- **Petrophysical Hybrid Model:**

- Integrated petrophysical methods utilized for conventional clastic, carbonate and unconventional tight gas and shale formations and calibrated to core data available

- **Thin beds analysis**

- Six primary lithofacies identified through: Integration of thin section analyses, geological core descriptions, log response and petrophysical model results (volume of minerals)
- Litho-Facies calibrated to high resolution formation image data and utilized for defining core pore/perm transforms.

- **Mud log analysis:**

- Integrated mud log analysis – highlights significant gas influxes at the intervals with high permeable beds(Facies 5-6), at swarms of fractures and faults, also on litho-packages with presence of organic rich beds
- Presence of Gas condensate below Anderson Shale were confirmed by analysis of Mud Log, Geochemistry and formation test data

- **Formation Image data observation:**

- Generally shallow bedding
- The recognized faults dominant NW-SE parallel to regional faults. Some NE-SW parallel to inferred fold hinge
- Fractures predominantly conductive parallel to inferred Sh-max

may indicate that these are open fractures. Also, presence of resistive fractures with variable strike.

- Maximum horizontal stress has predominant orientation NE-SW

- **Defining the Pressure Seal:**

- Top seal for the Laurel formation is the major Unconformity at the top of Anderson Formation
- Additional seal - Anderson Shale which is a silty claystone sequence 50-70m. thick with clay content up to 70%
- Indication of overpressure below seal

- **Laurel Hybrid formation, Multiple Play Types Identified:**

- Unconventional Siltstone-Shale Play
- Conventional Basin Centered Tight Gas Sand Play
- Fractured Tight Gas Reservoir Play

- **Valhalla-2 Opportunity**

- 11 zones identified across 1350 m of section with 795 m of gross reservoir and 389 m of net pay

- **Path forward**

- The tight gas, unconventional opportunity is set for development.
- To provide increased energy independence for Australia.



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