

**BUDA AND GEORGETOWN OF THE WASHITA GROUP  
DELOCATED**

**SUMMER 2019 INTERN PROJECT  
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## GOALS

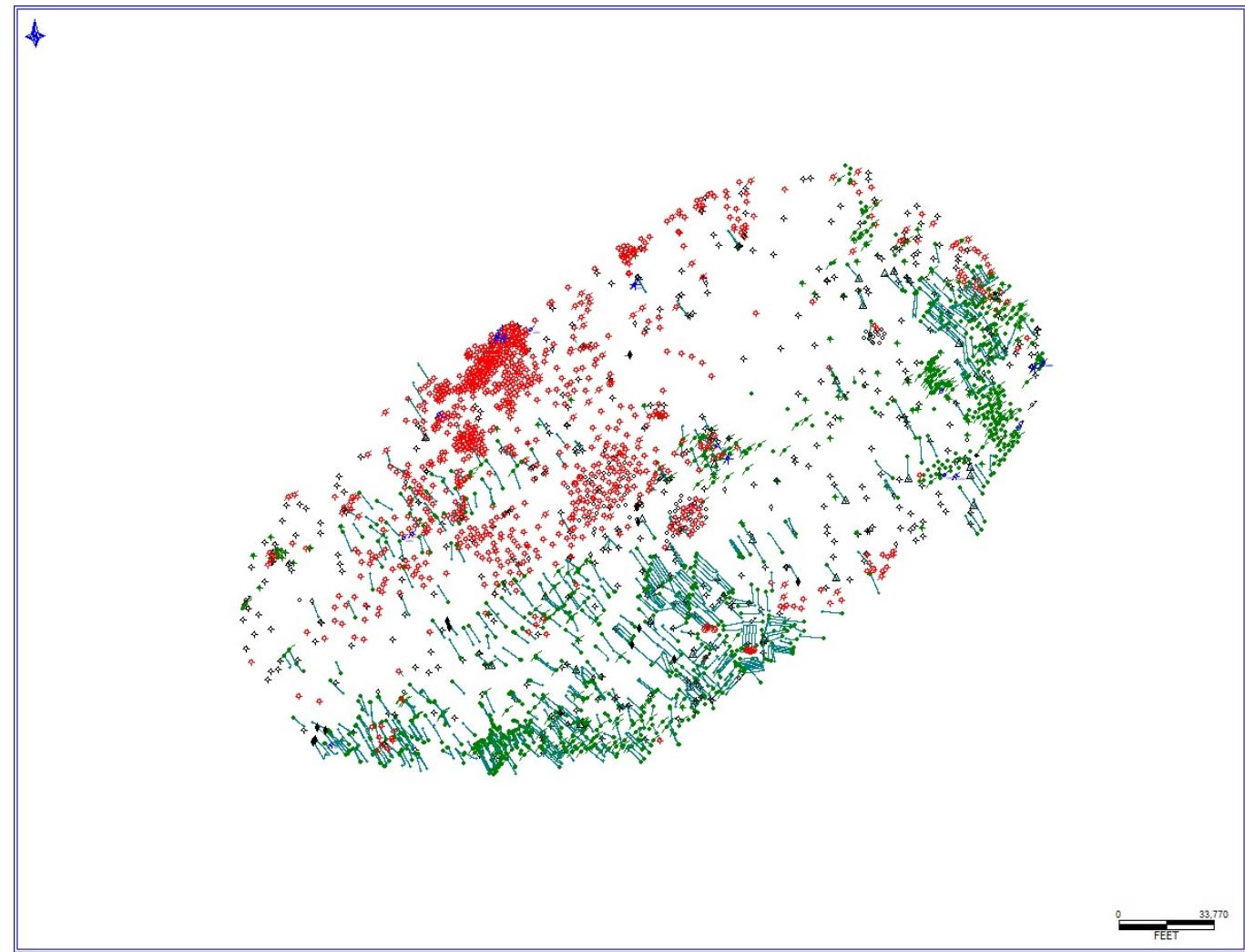
- Map and evaluate Washita stratigraphy in [redacted] for future drilling potential.
- Integrate multiple data to identify/confirm the control on production (\*likely natural fracturing).
- Identify prospective drilling targets.

\**Julian Jr., 1982; Snyder & Craft, 1977; and others*

## SUMMARY

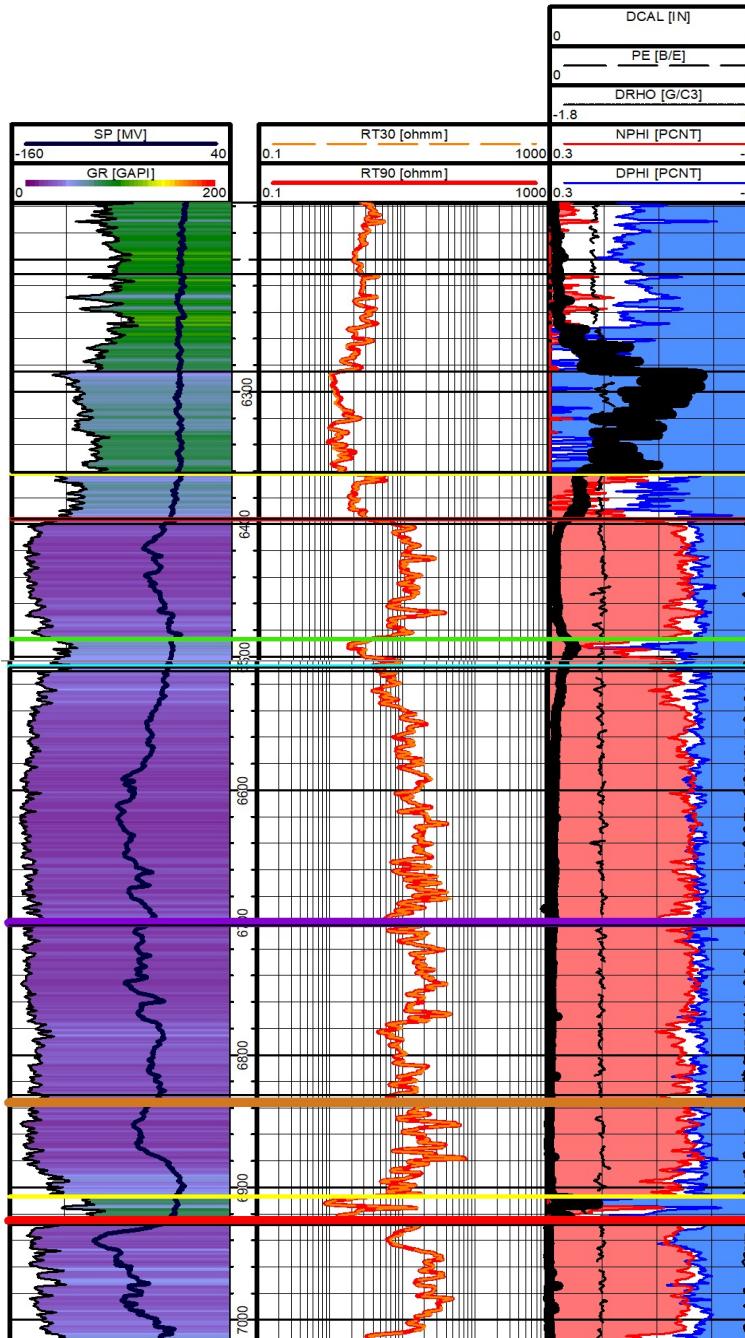
- Buda and Georgetown are low porosity (<3%) and low permeability (<1 md) carbonates.
- Poor correlation exists between net isopach maps (porosity maps) and areas of production.
- Seismic data exhibits dissimilarity (poor coherence) within the Buda / Georgetown in association with the XXXXX producing field. *Natural fractures?*
- Third order residual trend maps reveal correlation between positive residual structural features in the Buda / Georgetown and the XXXXXXXX field. *Flexure causing natural fractures?*
- Isostatic gravity maps suggest the basement largely controls local structure.
- The Buda and Georgetown within current acreage appear to exhibit flat or negative local residual structure with limited evidence of fracturing. **Targeting these formations is not recommended.**

## STUDY AREA DELOCATED



# STRATIGRAPHY

SYSTEM	GROUP	STRATIGRAPHY
Upper Cretaceous		'Eagle Ford'
Lower Cretaceous	Washita Group	
	Georgetown	False Buda
		Buda
		Del Rio
		Main Street
		Ft. Worth
		Duck Creek
		Kiamichi
		Goodland



## Lithology & Misc.

### BUDA

- Indurated, massive, fossiliferous micrite
- Low energy, shallow marine deposition
- Matrix porosity <3%, matrix permeability <0.1 md
- Natural fracturing at 1-25 fractures/ft.
- Fractures widths 0.1-0.4 mm.

(McClelland, 2003; Snyder & Craft, 1977; Brown, 1971)

### GEORGETOWN

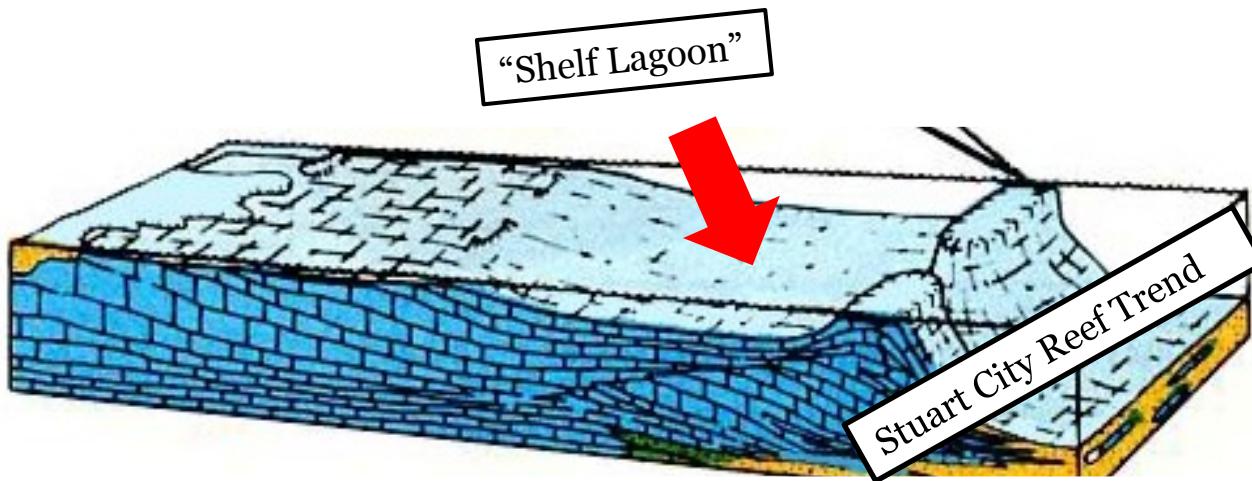
- Irregularly-interbedded, fossiliferous micrite and marl
- Low energy, shallow marine deposition.
- Low porosity and permeability similar to Buda.
- Production also natural fracture controlled.

(McClelland, 2003; Julian Jr., 1982, Mostellar, 1970)

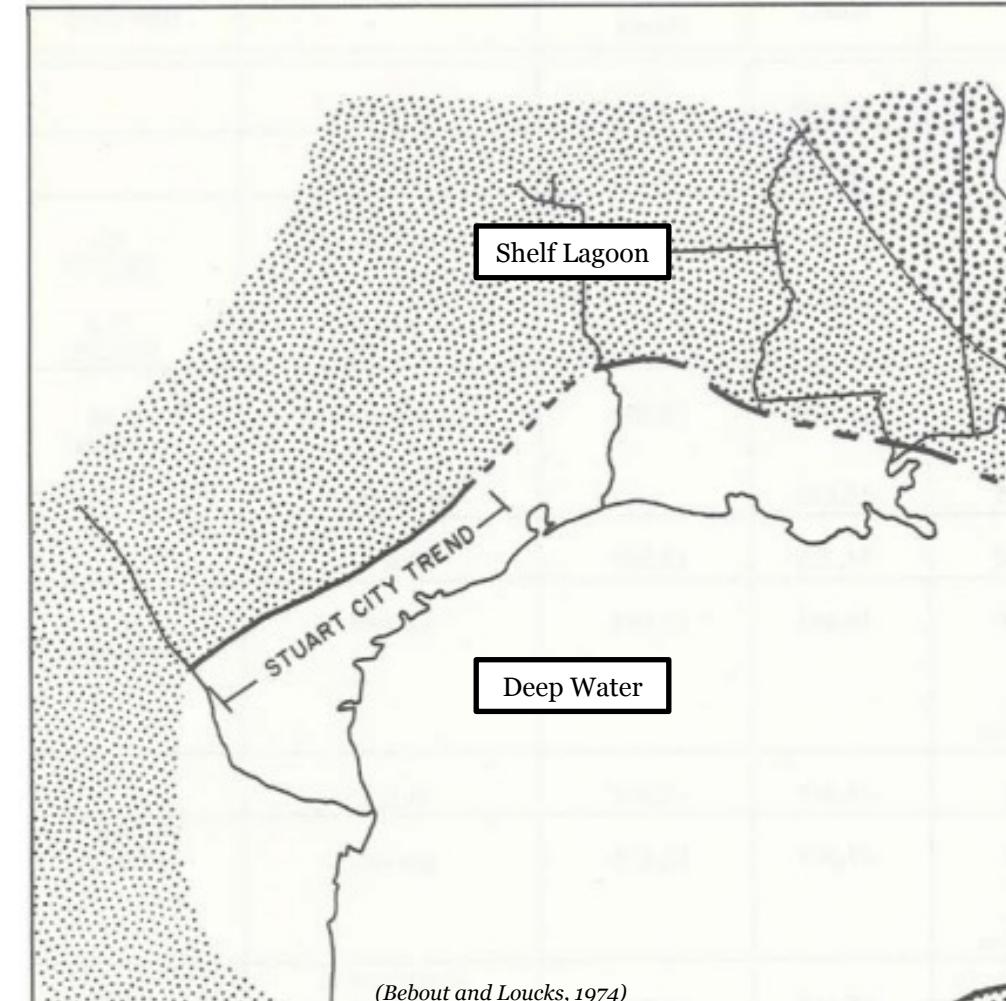
## DEPOSITIONAL ENVIRONMENT

Lower Cretaceous – Washita Group

- Epi-continental sea forms broad rimmed carbonate shelf environment (*Bebout & Loucks, 1974; Brown, 1971*)
- Continuous pelagic rain of blue-green algae results in widespread low porosity and permeability lime mud. (*Bebout & Loucks, 1974; Brown, 1971*)
- Stratigraphy gently dips SE to meet with Stuart City Reef Trend and thickens regionally to the NE (*Mosteller, 1970*)



<http://www.sepmstrata.org/page.aspx?pageid=93>

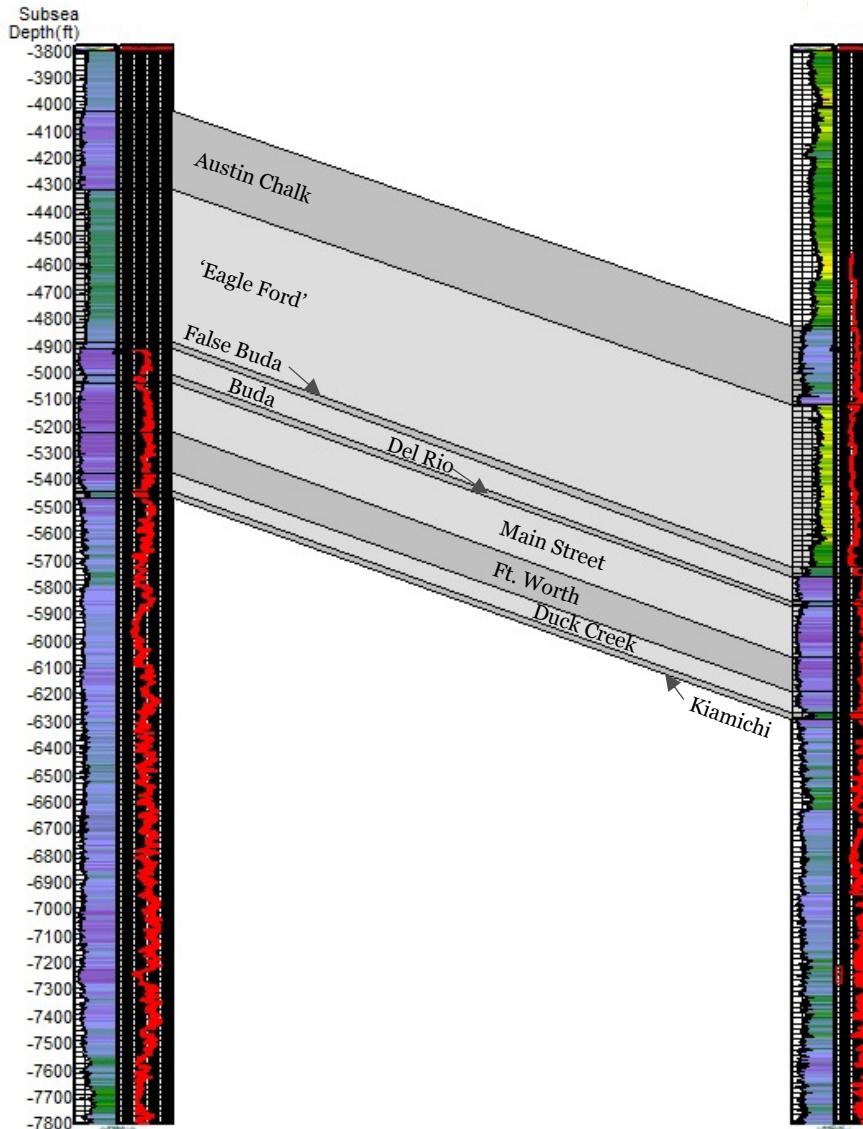


(Bebout and Loucks, 1974)

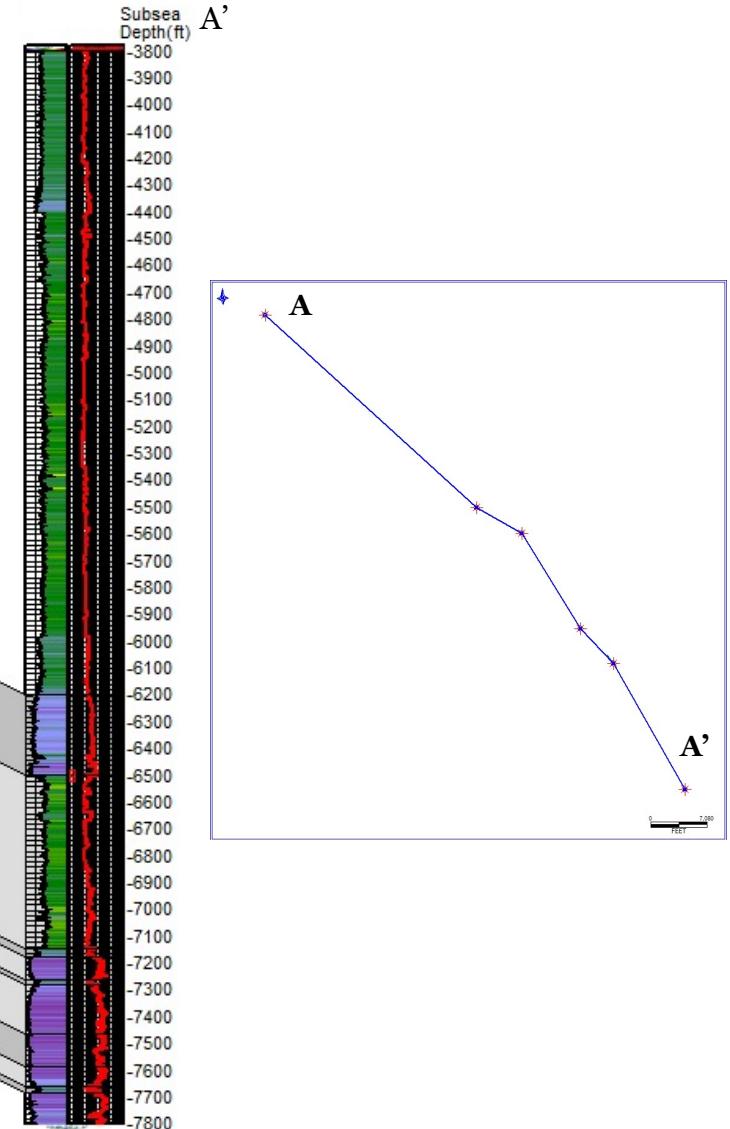
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Approximate Dip

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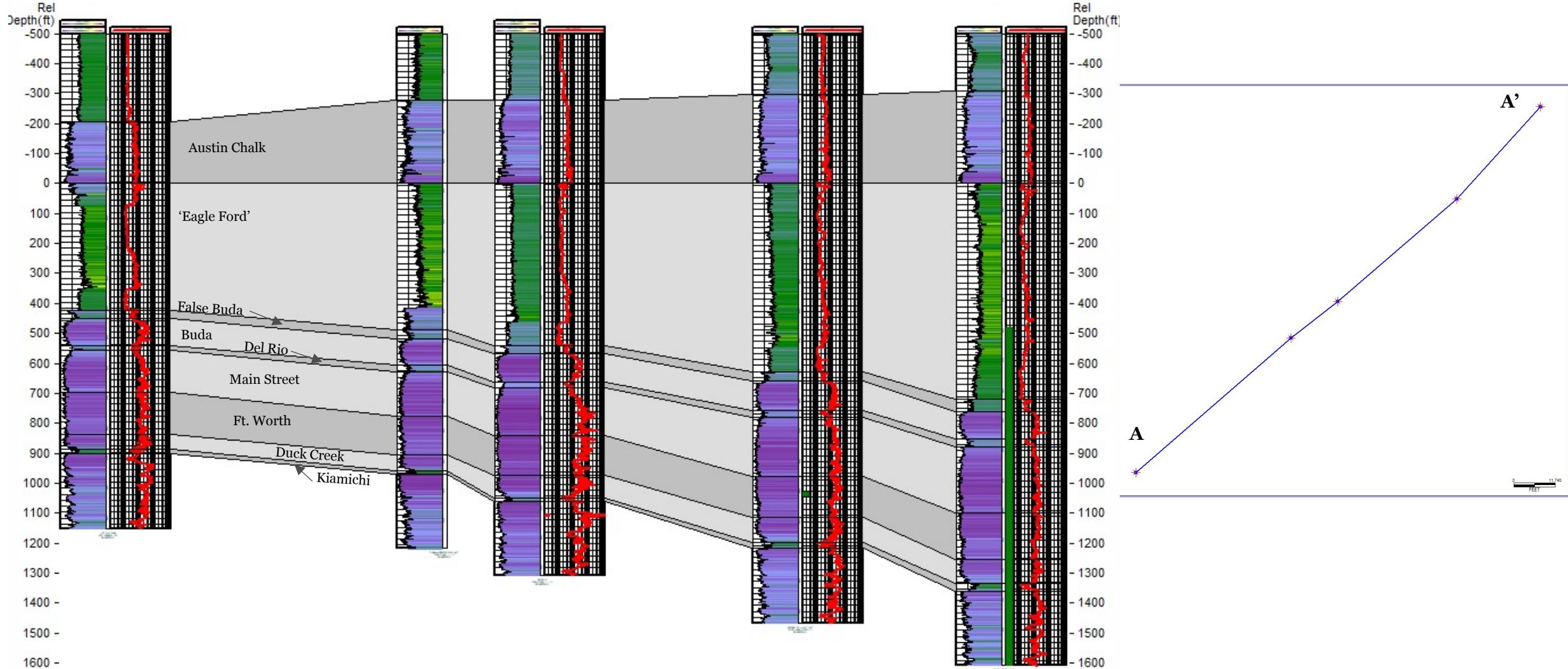
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# STRATIGRAPHIC CROSS SECTION

Approximate Strike, Flattened on Base of Austin Chalk

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## REGIONAL CONTEXT

Buda Production Fairway

Georgetown Production “Hot-Spots”



Adapted from:

(Parker, 2000)

<https://www.energyfrontierspartners.com/budgeorgeorgetown.htm>

Austin Chalk Trend

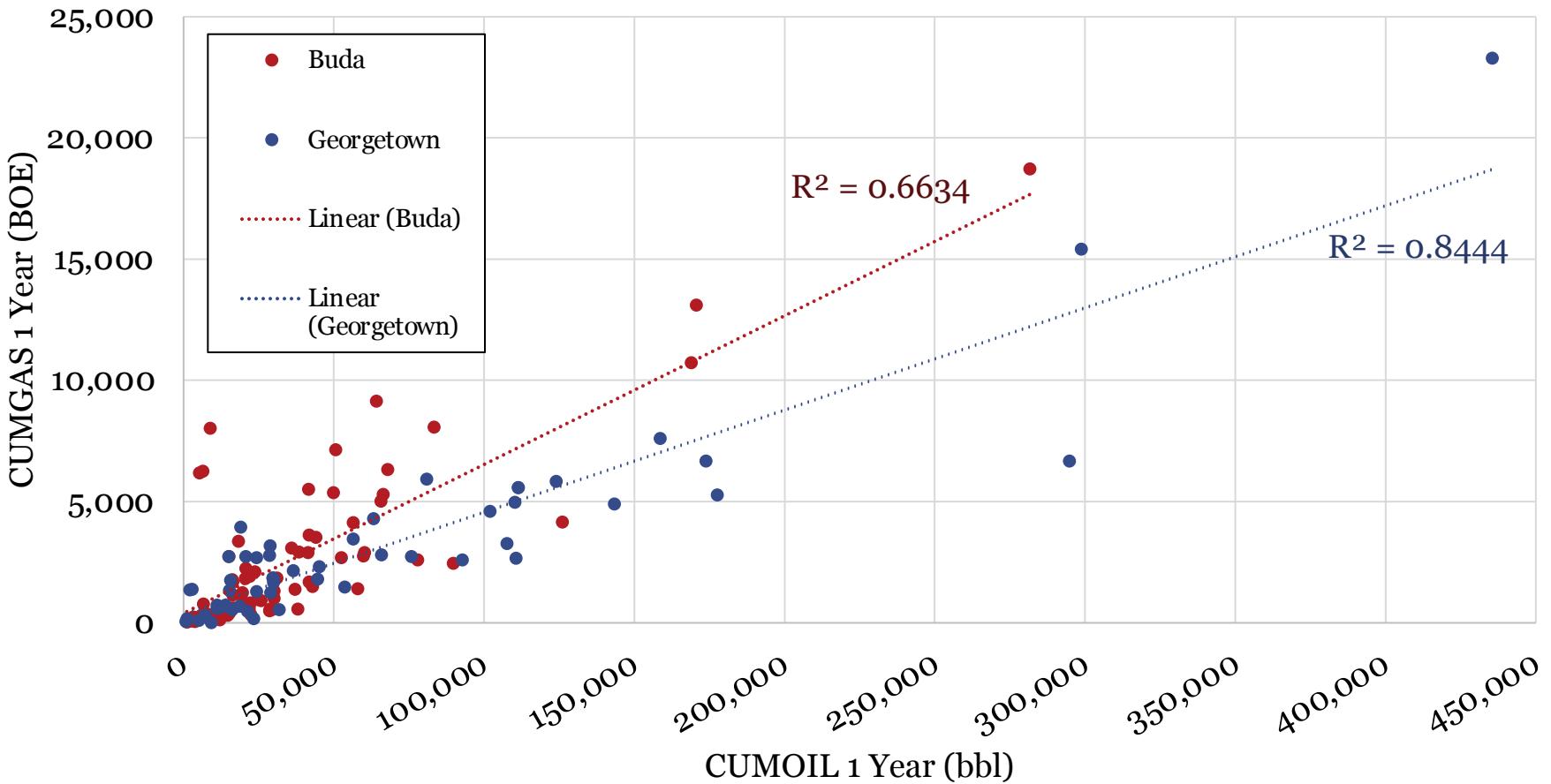


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## LOCAL PRODUCTION

DIRECTIONAL WELLS ONLY

Buda & Georgetown Wells CUMOIL 1 Year Production



\*Two high gas outliers removed, viewable in Appendix E

\*Only 7 vertical wells with confirmed production: excluded from statistics.

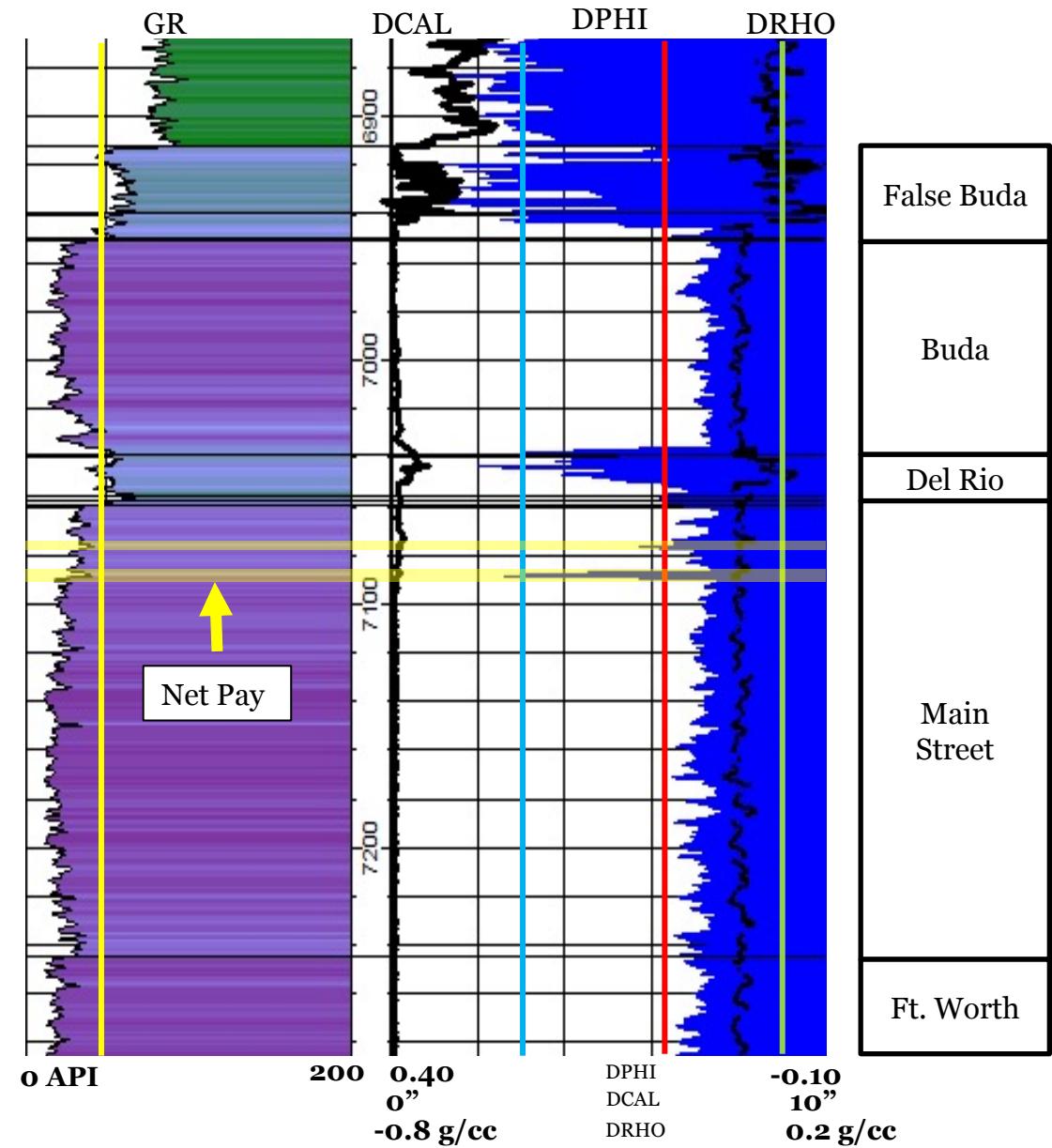
\*Laterals generally ~1 mile, late 1990's

## NET ISOPACH METHODOLOGY

### Log Parameters:

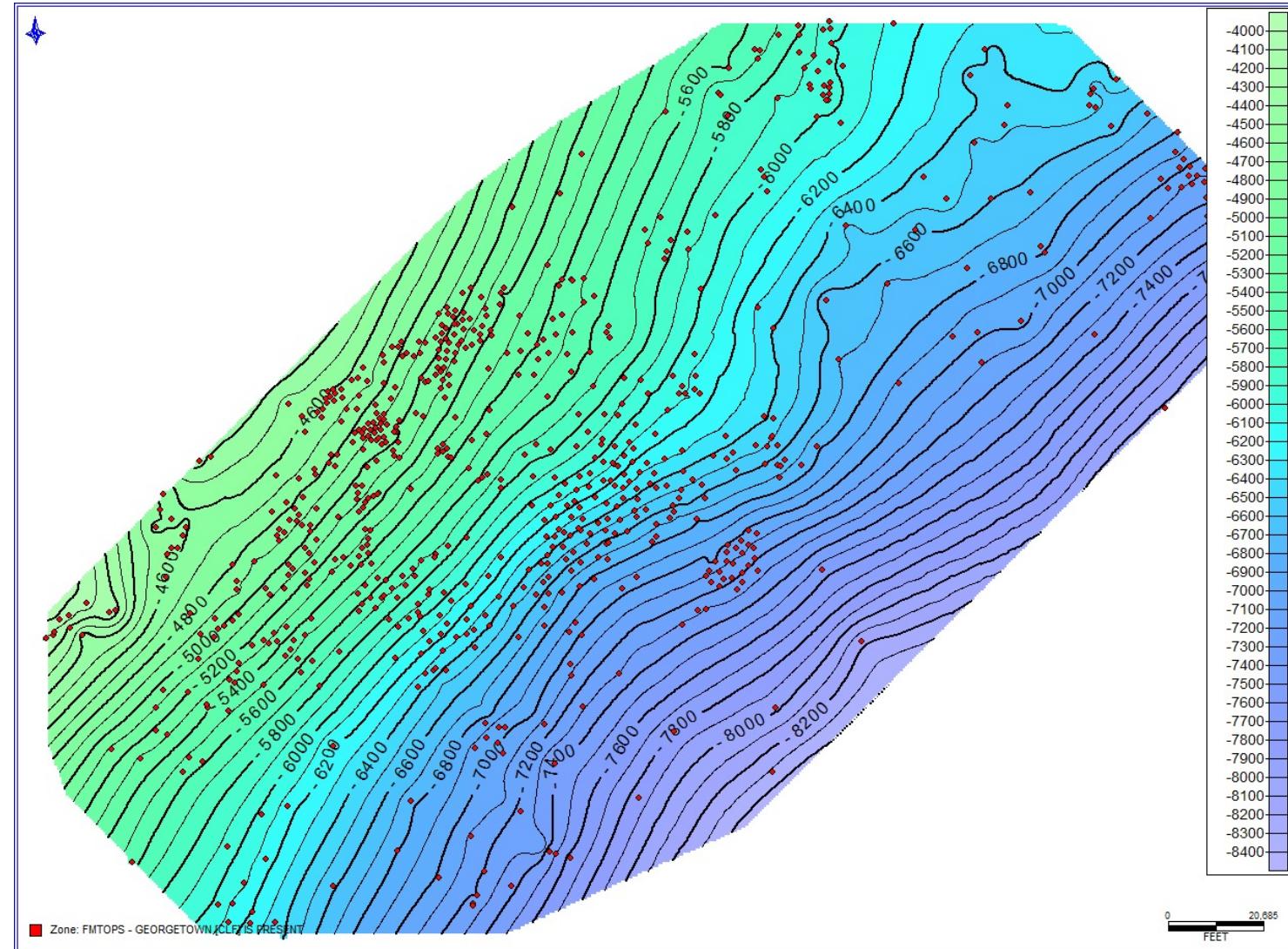
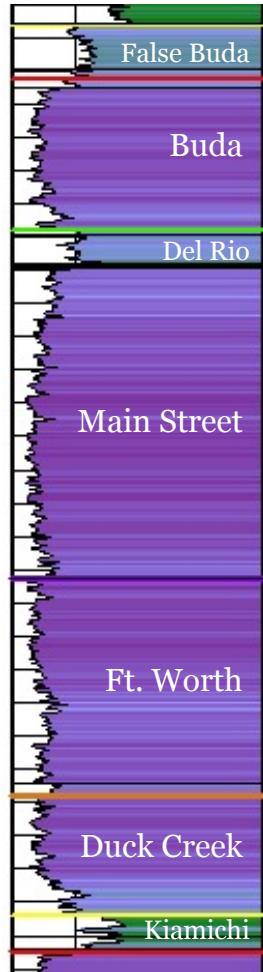
Gamma Ray	$\leq 45$ API (personal discretion)	Yellow Cutoff
Density Porosity	$\geq 8\%$ (Snyder & Craft, 1977)	Red Cutoff
Density Correction	Between $-0.1$ & $+0.1$ (Scott Lapierre, Shale Specialist LLC, Personal Comm., 2019)	Green Cutoff
Washout	$\leq 2.5''$ or $\leq 3.5''$ (personal discretion)	Blue Cutoff

- All vertical and horizontal wells within study area with viable logs evaluated for pay (~274 wells)
- Both Raster and LAS pay incorporated into net isopach maps.
- Only 6 wells with production also had logs suitable for picking pay. 5/6 are poor wells with <5 ft of pay. Remaining well produced gas and is viewable in Appendix A.



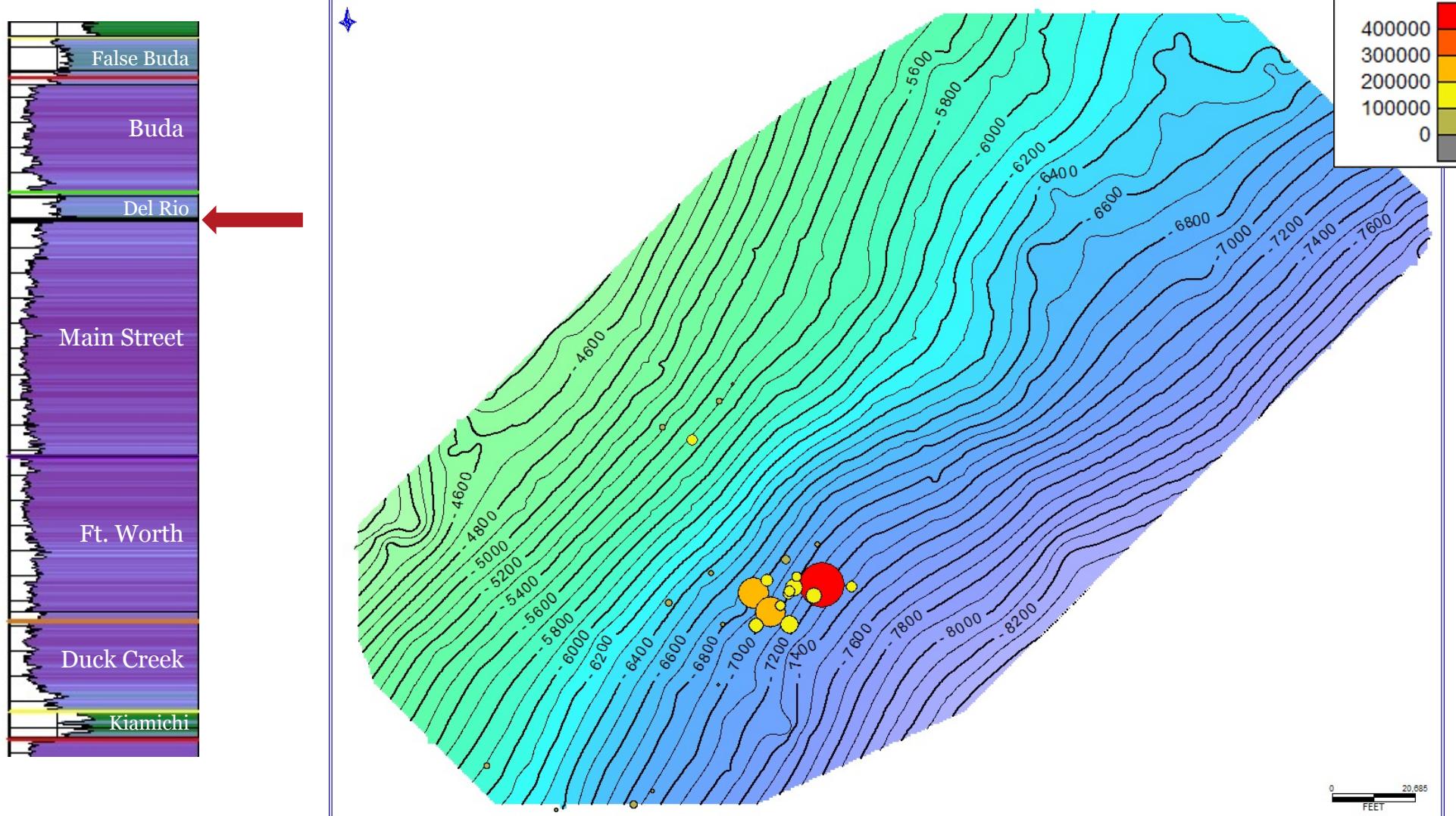
# STRUCTURE

## Top of Main Street



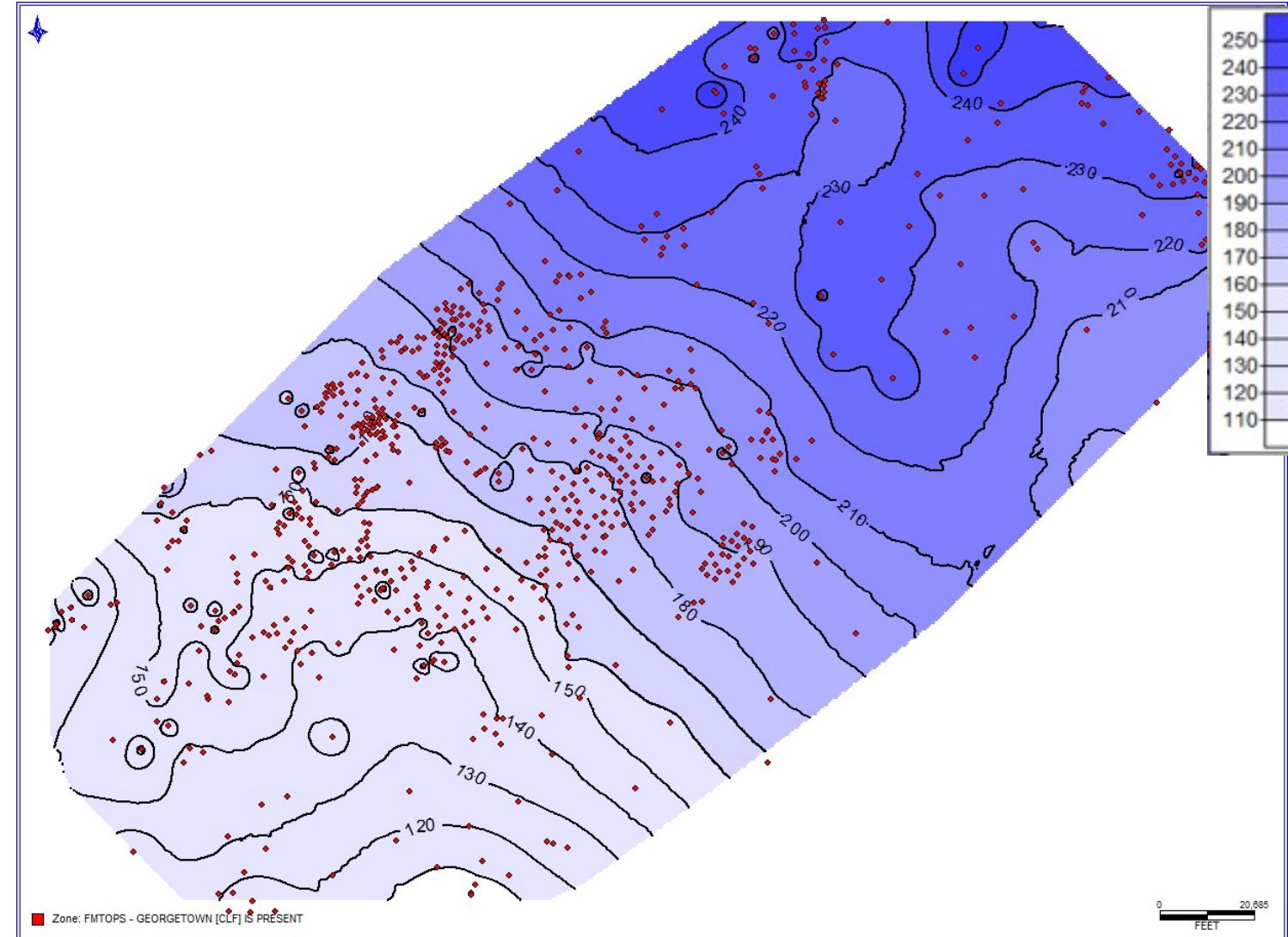
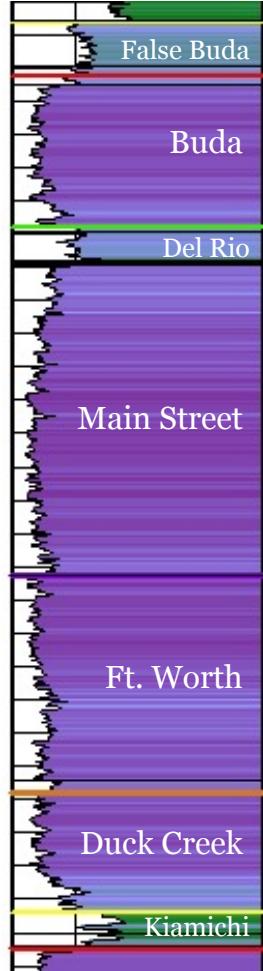
## STRUCTURE + PRODUCTION

Top of Main Street; CUMOIL 1 Year, Georgetown Directional Wells



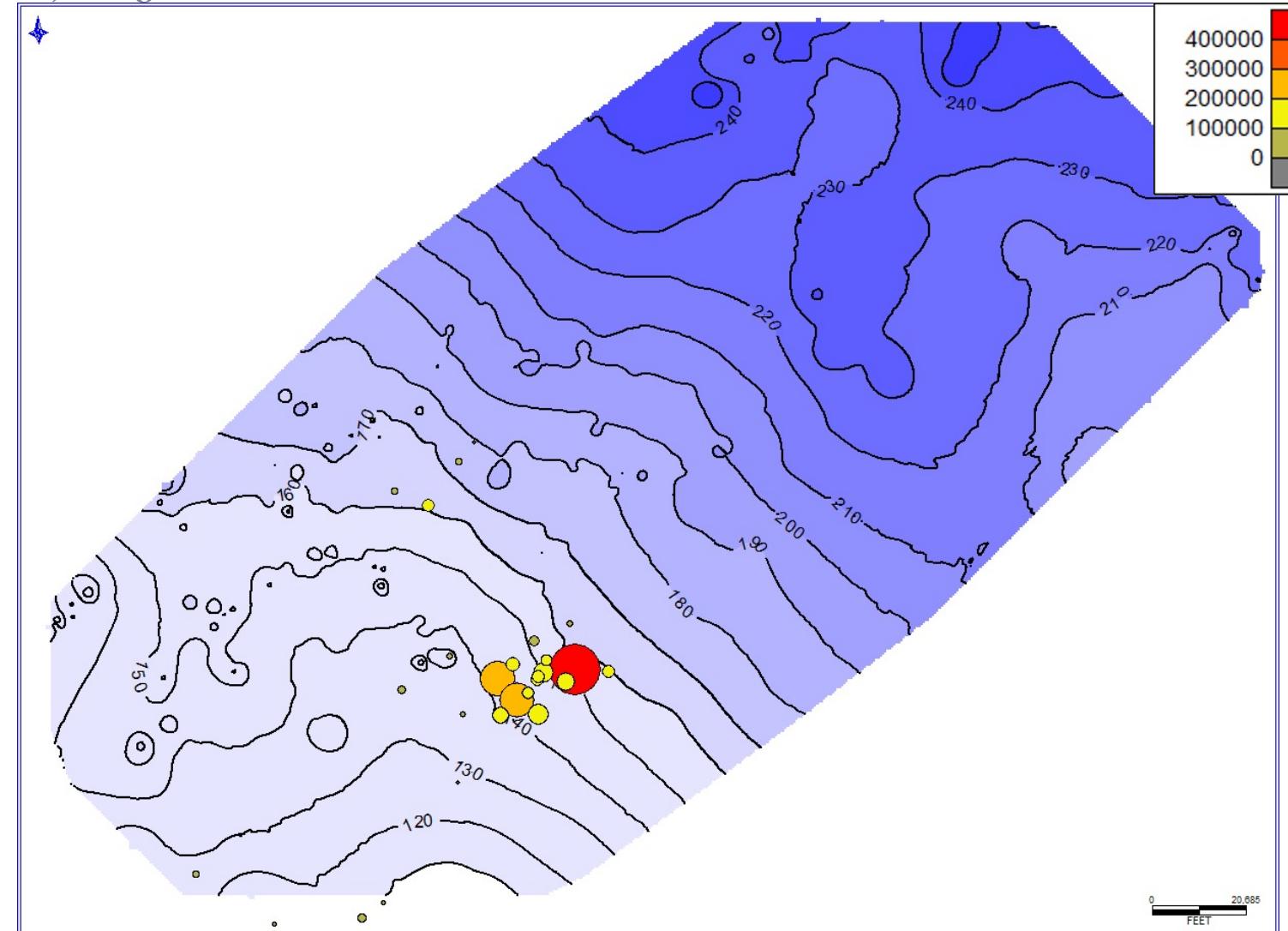
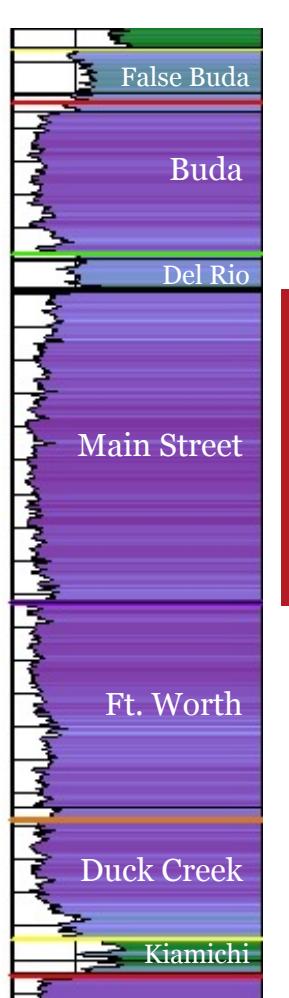
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Main Street



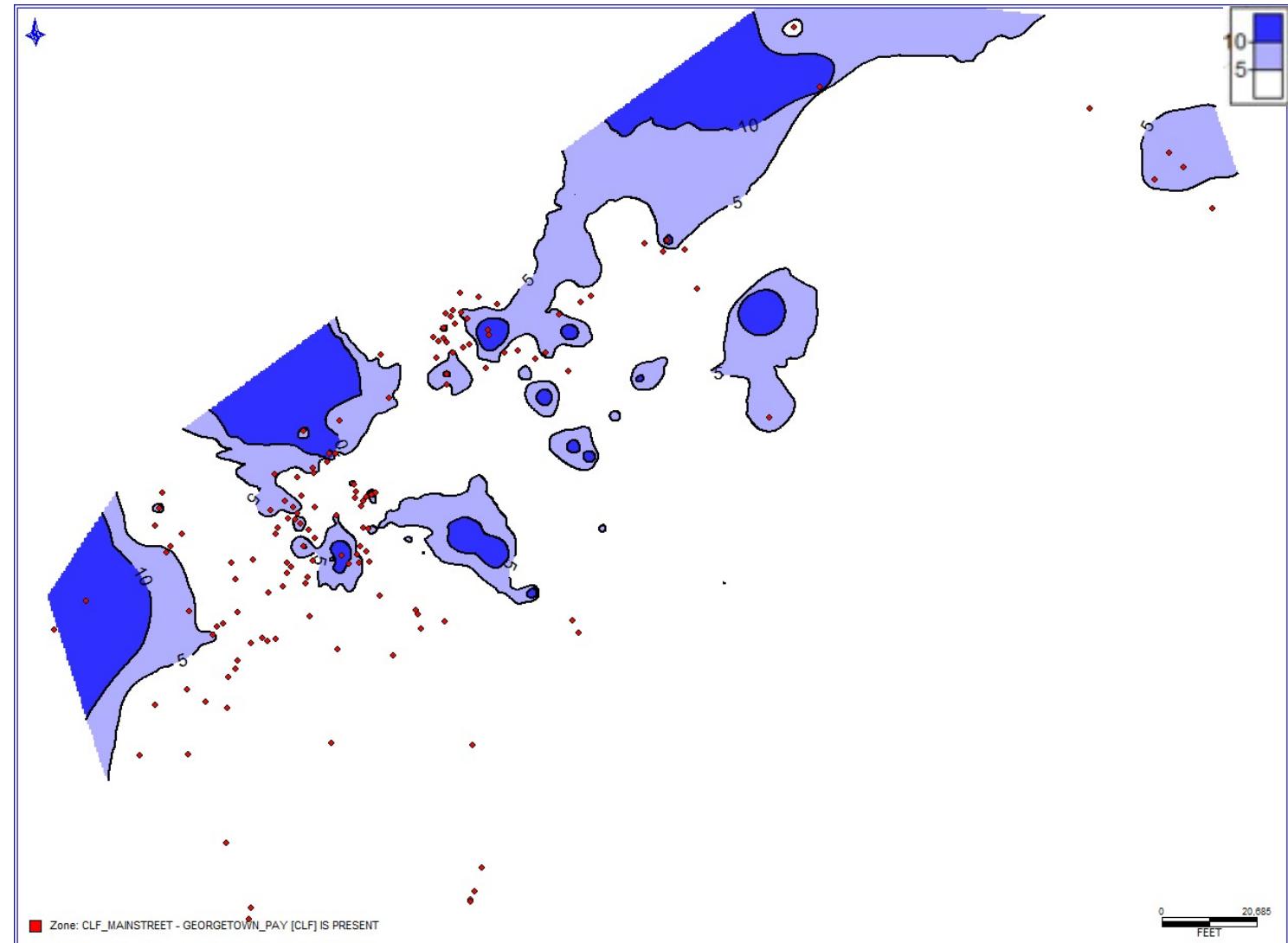
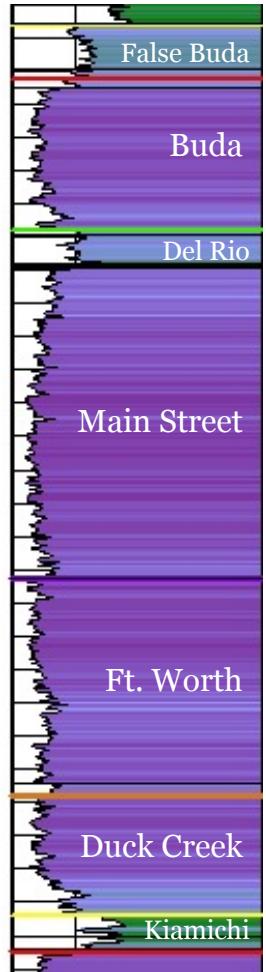
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Main Street; CUMOIL 1 Year; Georgetown Directional Wells



# NET ISOPACH

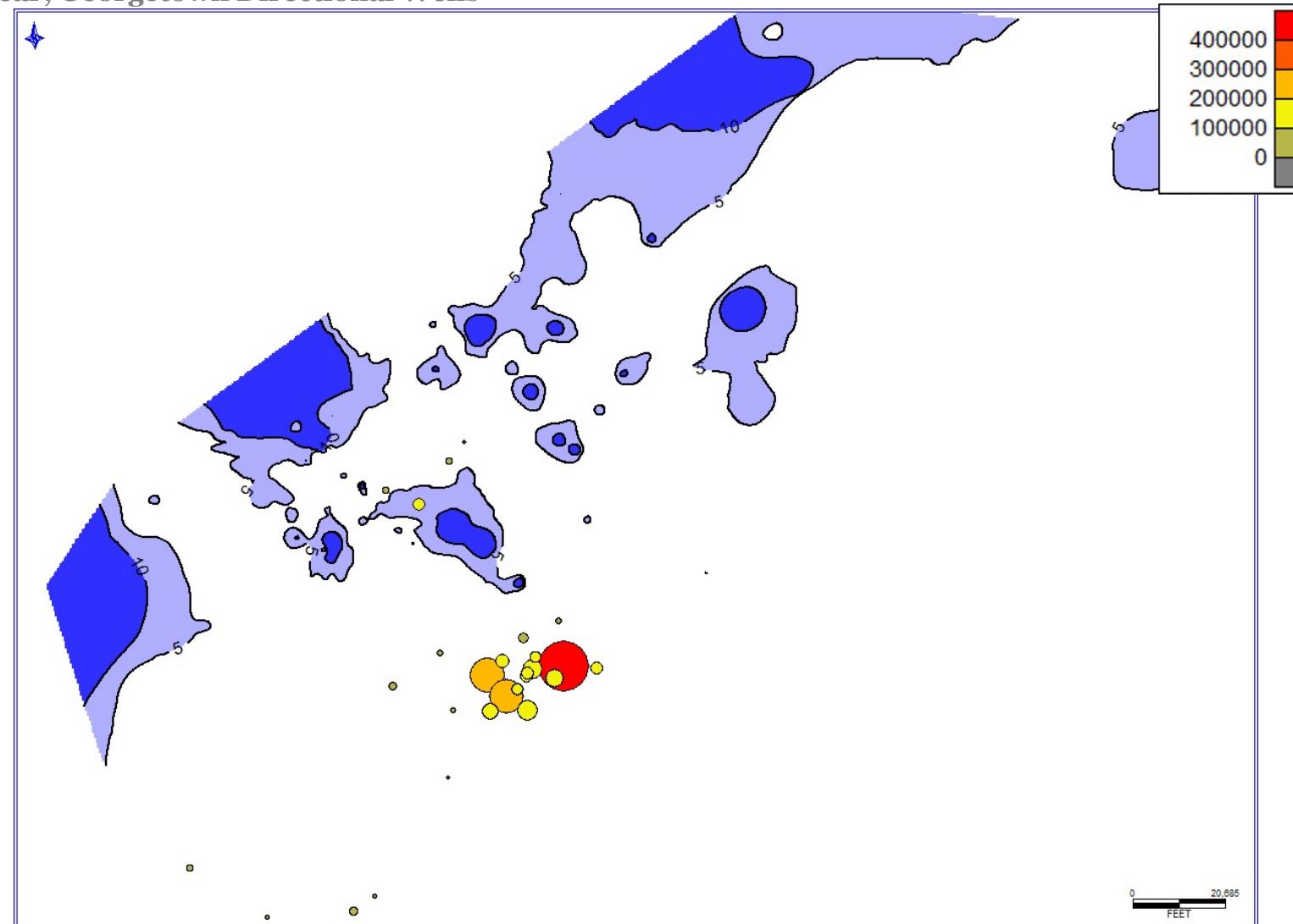
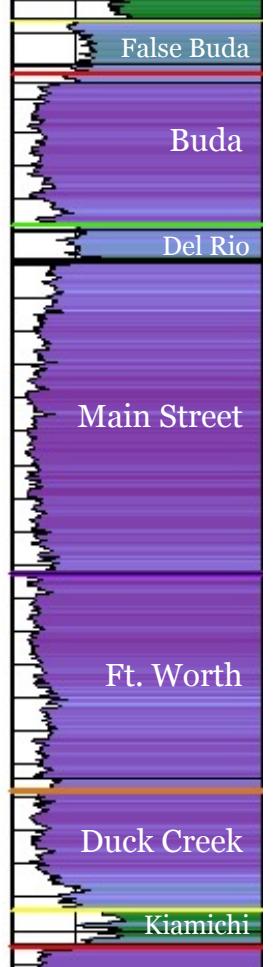
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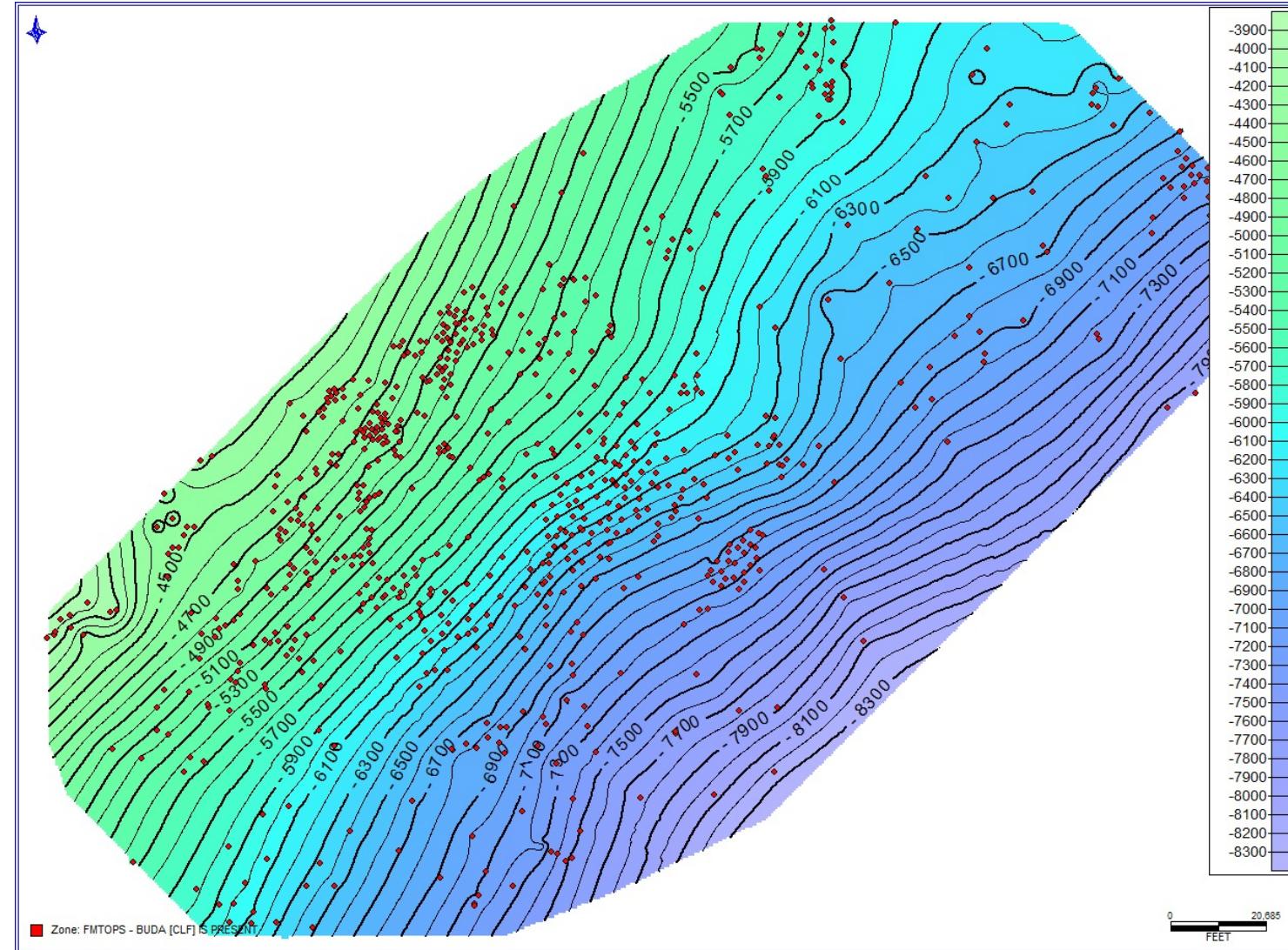
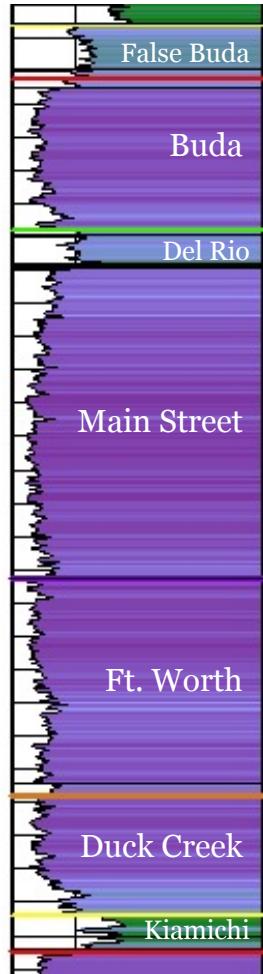
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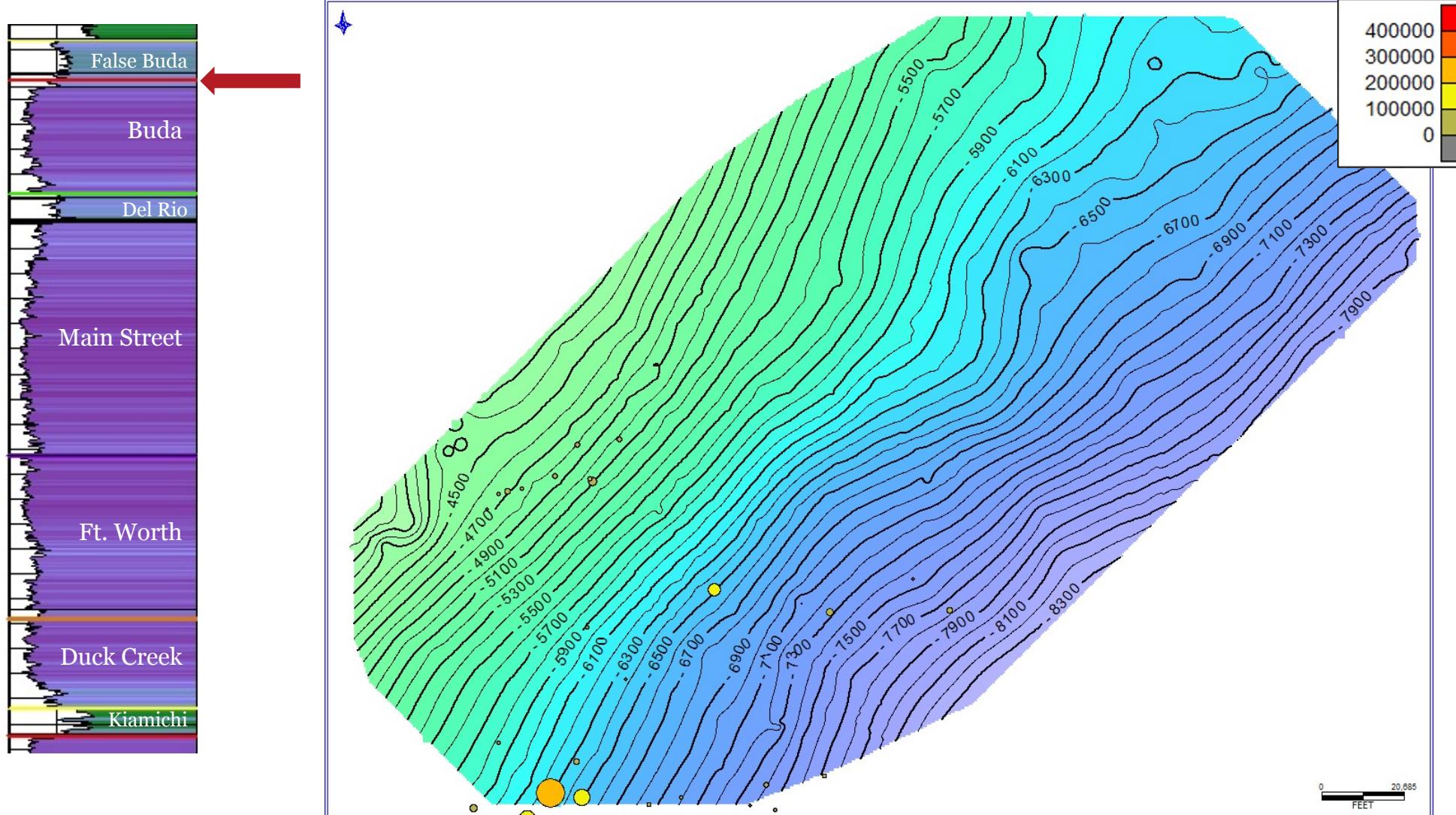
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## Top of Buda



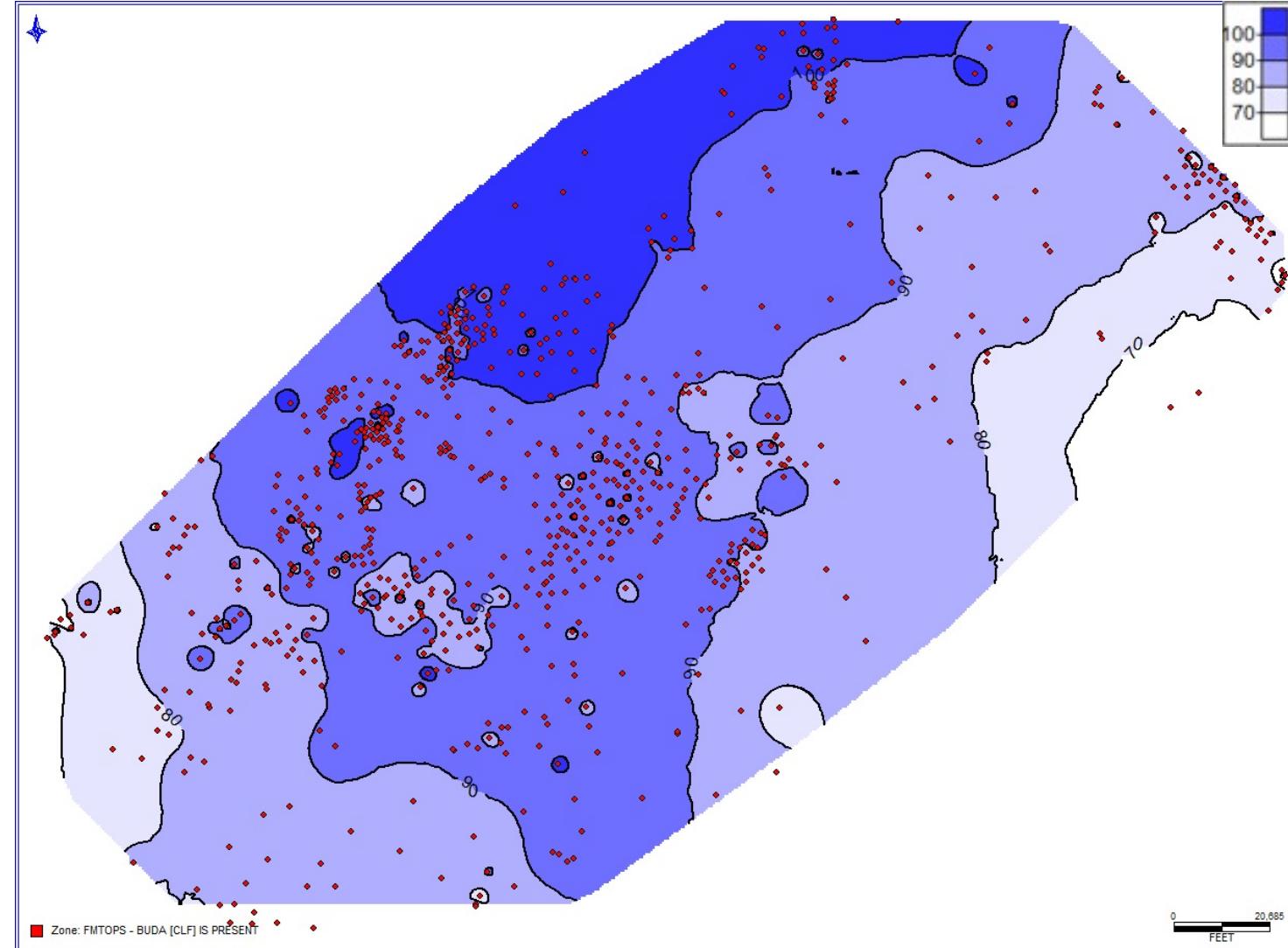
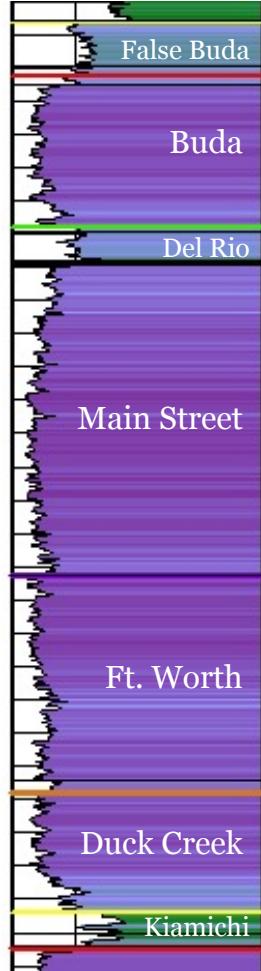
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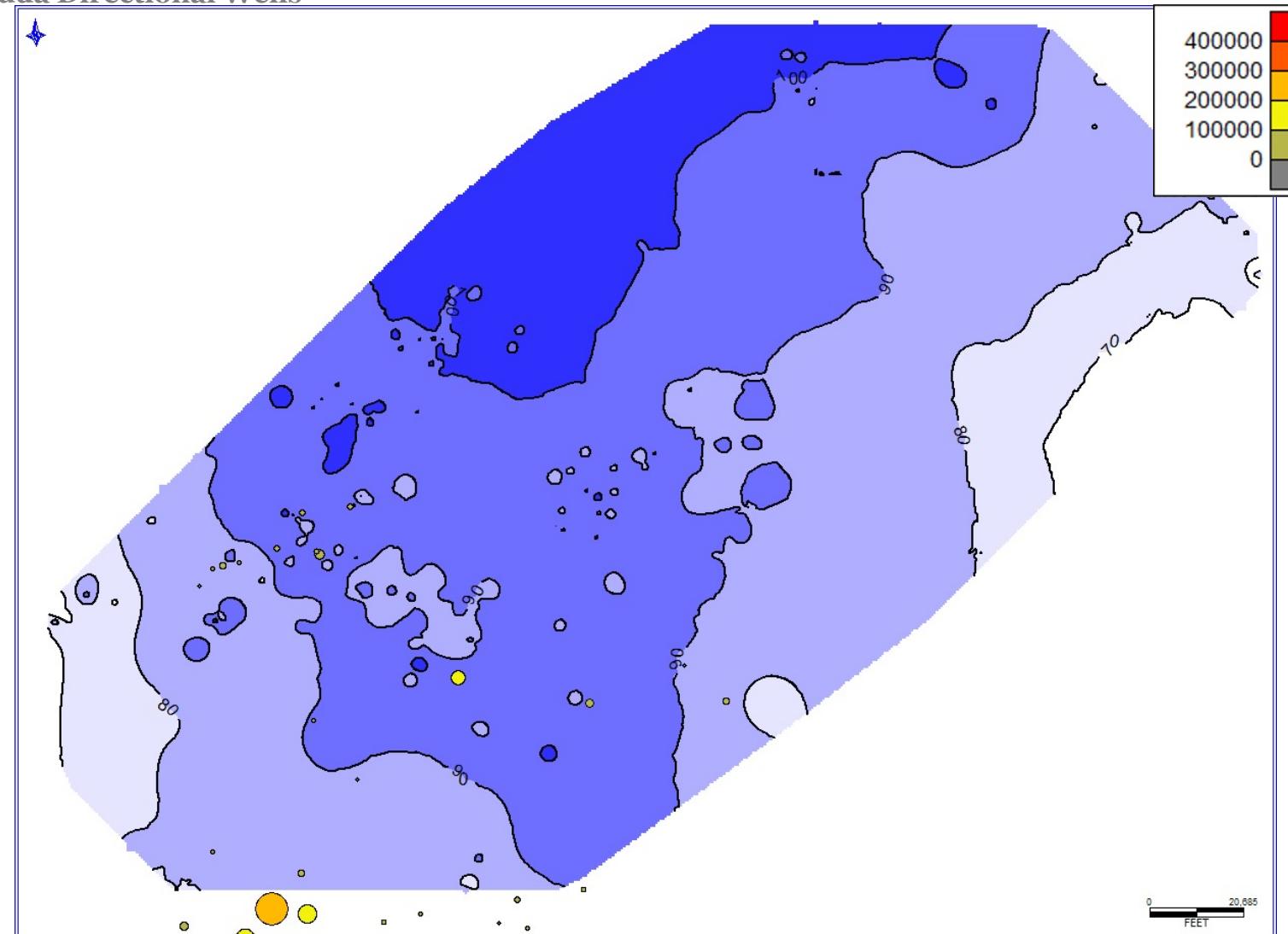
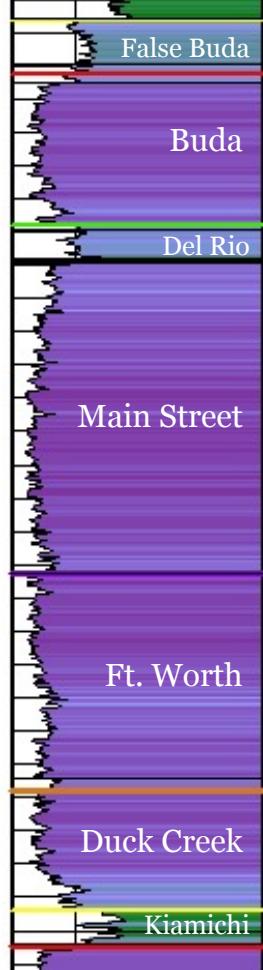
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Buda



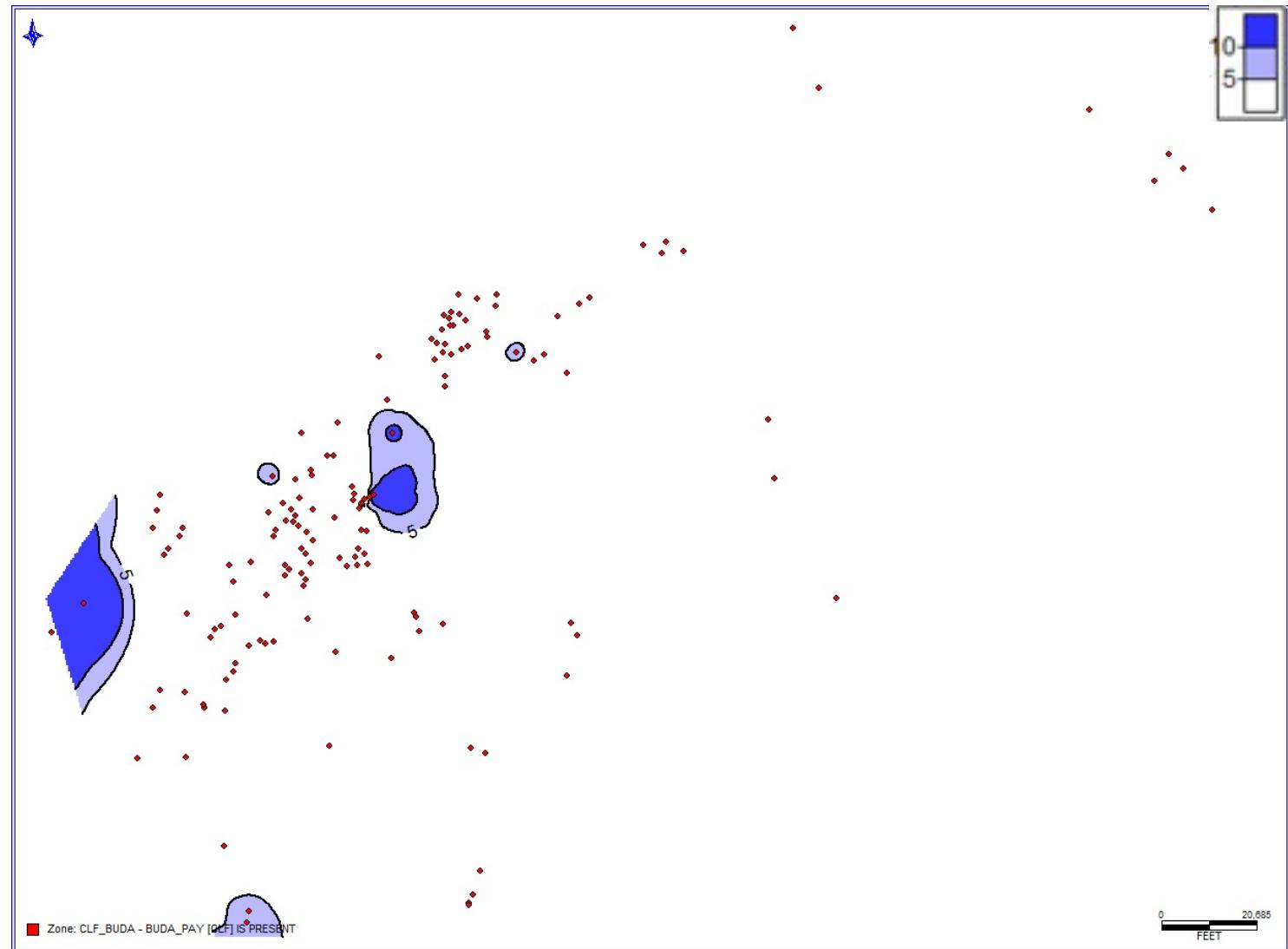
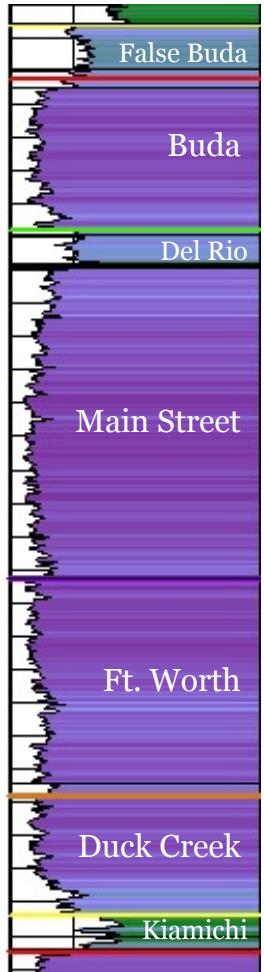
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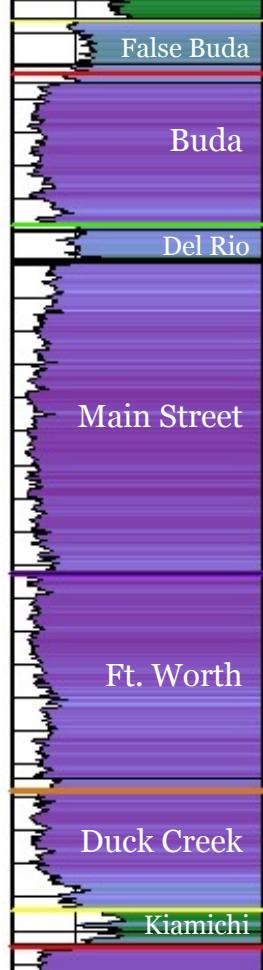
## Buda



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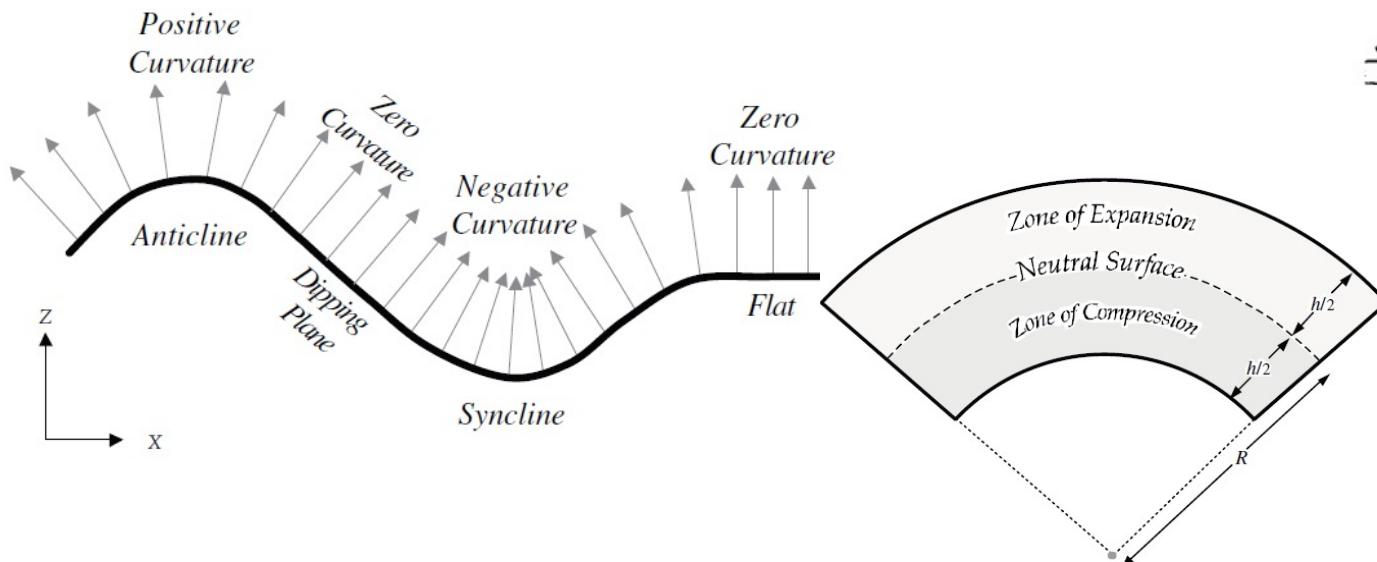
## CONCLUSIONS I

- Poor correlation between net isopach maps and production.
  - Poor well spacing near producing localities.
  - Only 6 producing wells contain logs viable for picking pay.
  - Washout is a consistent problem across the study area within target zones.
  - Reservoirs are likely natural fracture driven rather than matrix porosity driven.
  - Experimentation with different well log cutoff parameters yields similar results (LAS files only).
- Additional methods for identifying naturally fractured areas are needed.

# FRACTURE FORMATION HYPOTHESES

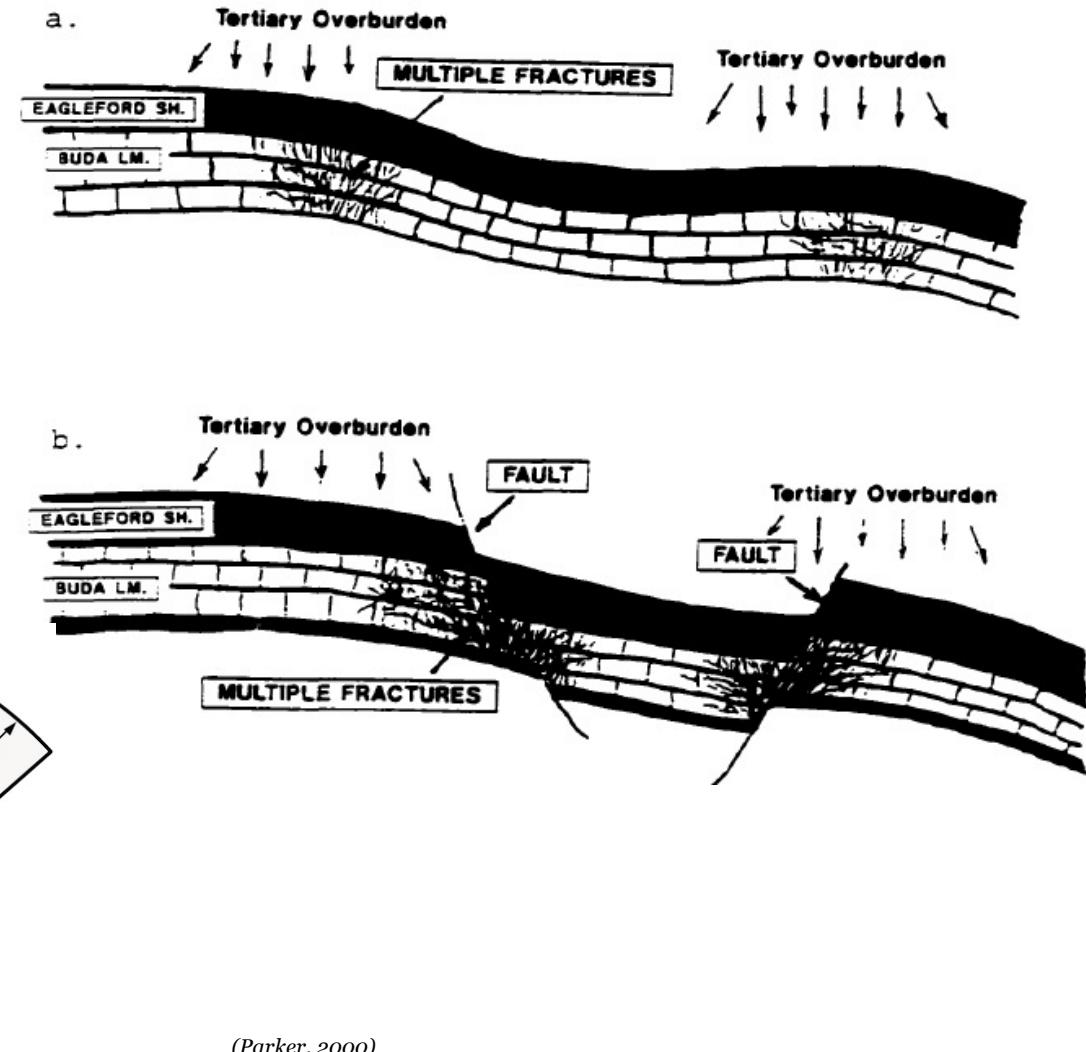
Fracturing within the Buda and Georgetown could be attributed to:

- 1) flexure in the formations due to subsidence from Tertiary overburden.  
*(Parker, 2000)*
- 2) flexure in the formations due to the structure of the basement.
- 3) flexure in the formations due to deeper salt evacuation.
- 4) overpressure and expulsion of hydrocarbons from adjacent source rocks (Eagle Ford, Del Rio) due to maturation.



(Roberts, 2001)

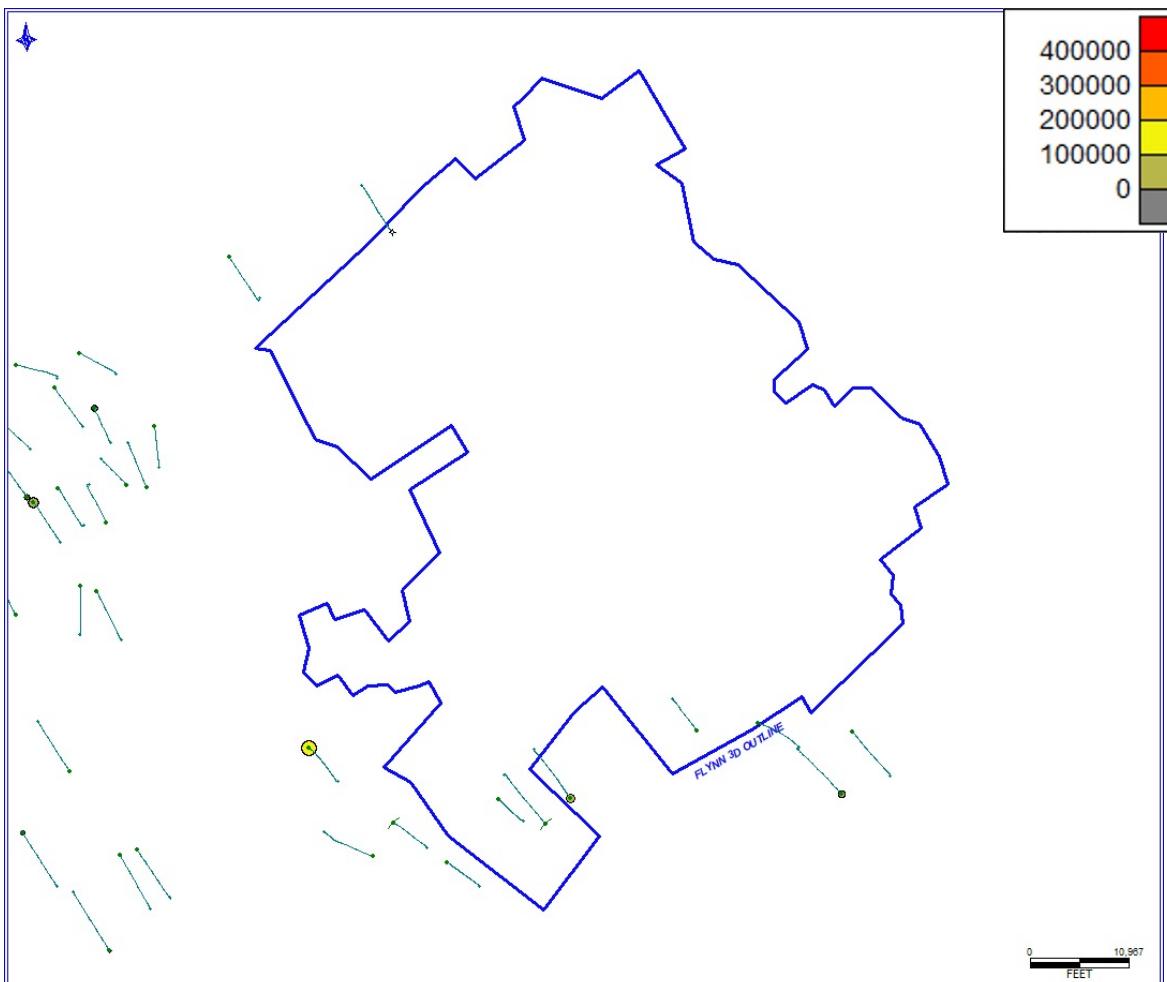
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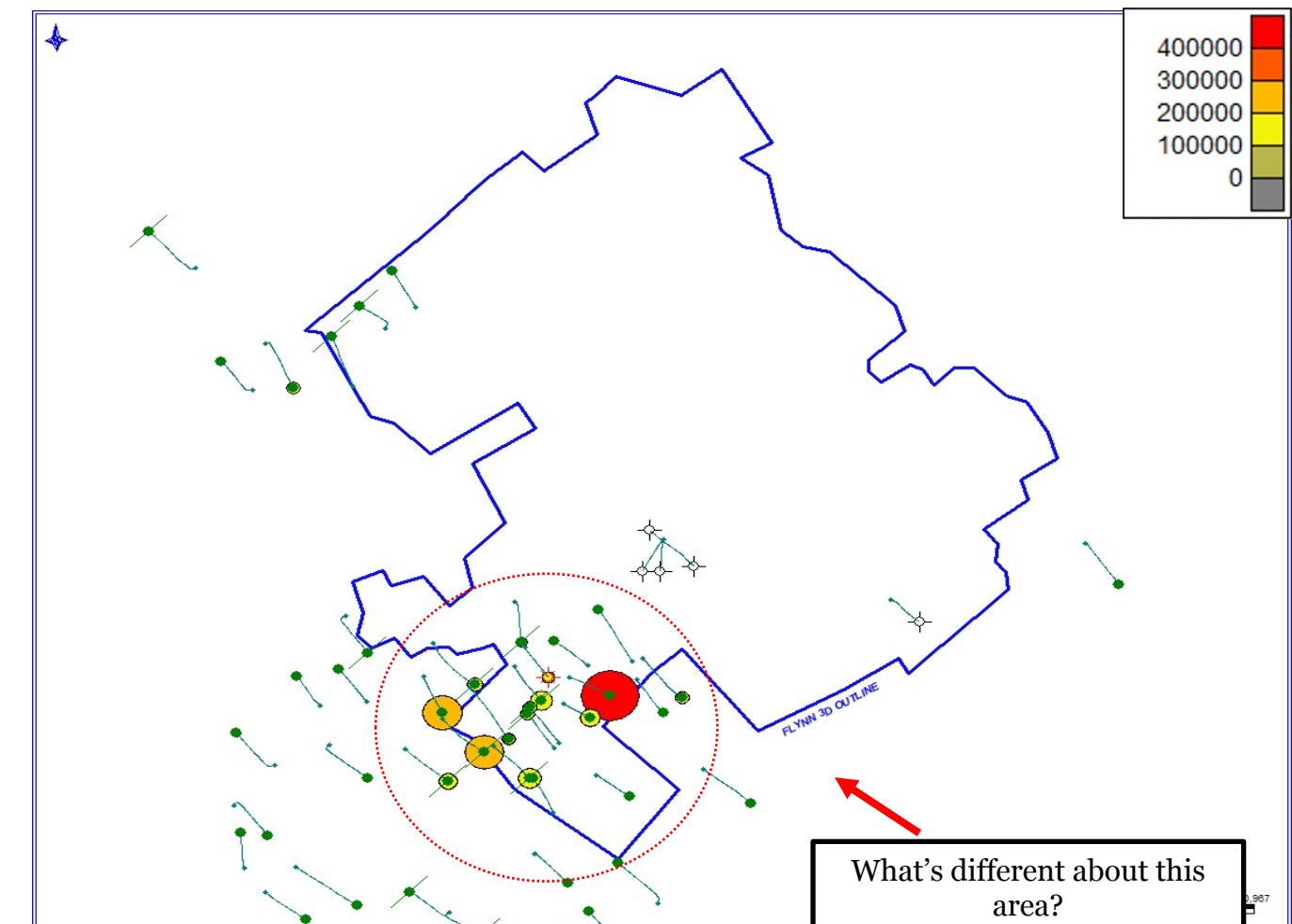
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CUMOIL 1 Year, Buda Directional



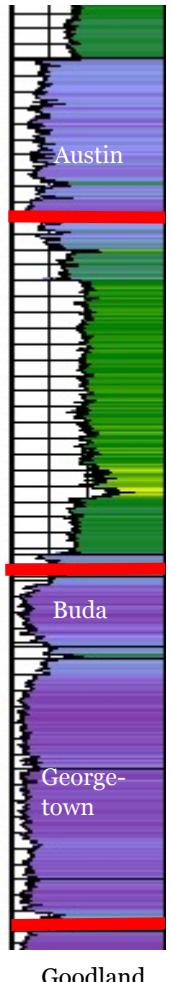
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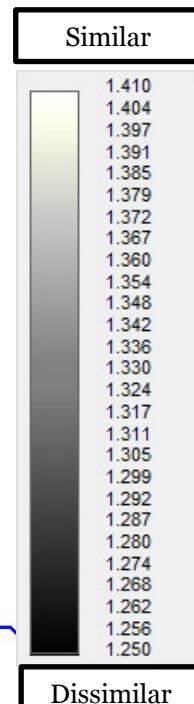
Similarity Map

Base of Austin



Buda

Goodland



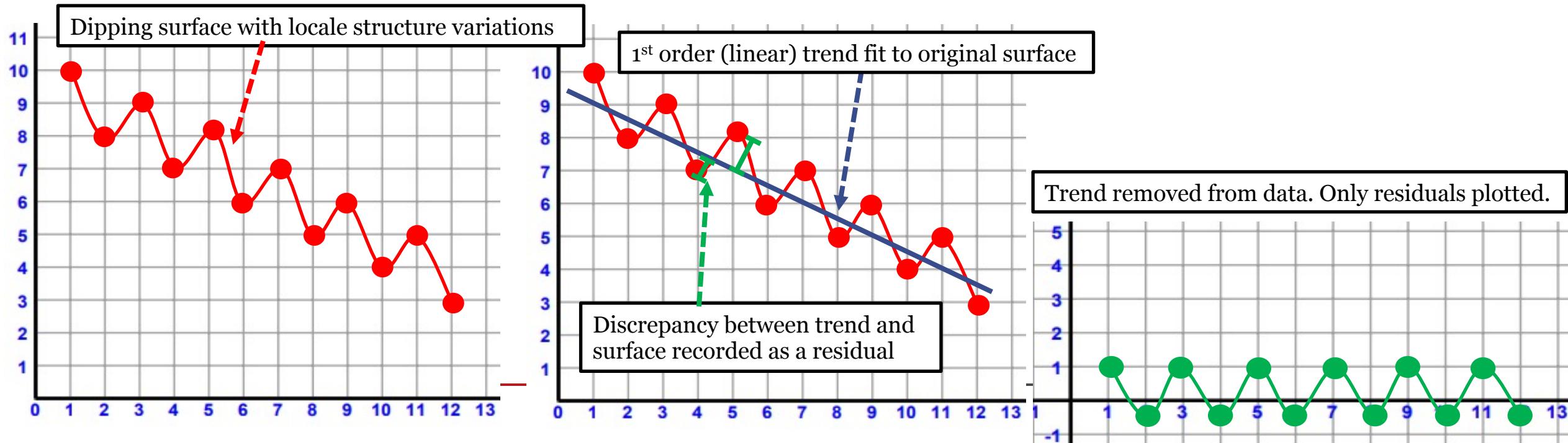
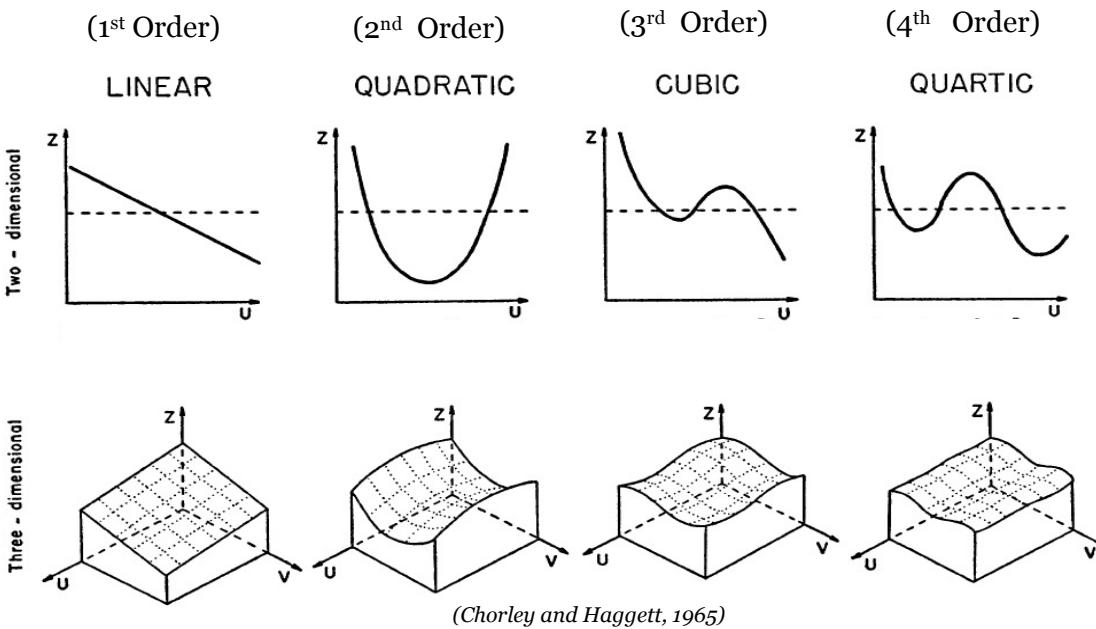
Dissimilar

Fracturing?

# RESIDUAL TREND MAP METHODOLOGY

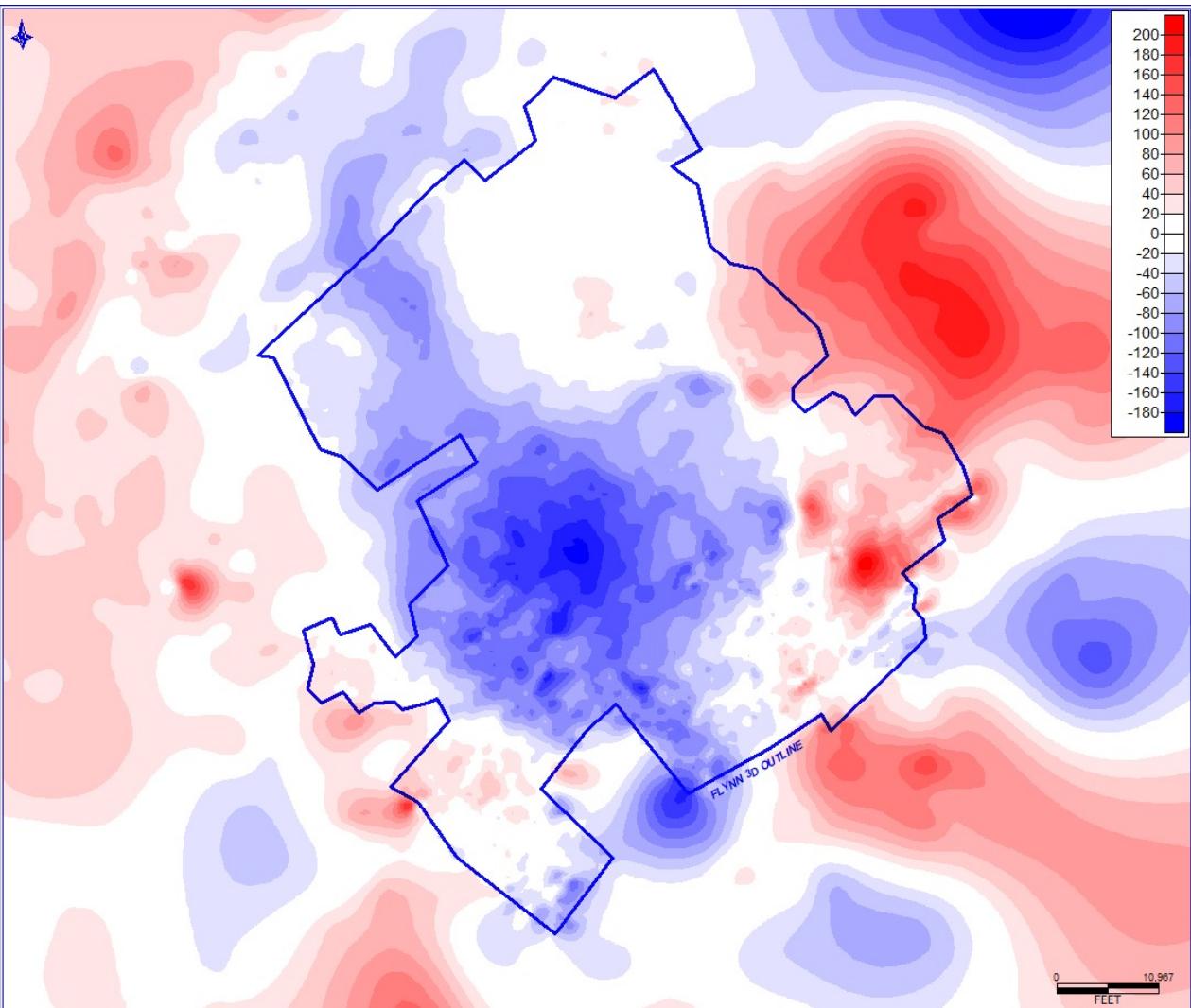
- The residual trend map accentuates local variations in structure that might otherwise be overshadowed by the regional trend.
- Trends above cubic (3<sup>rd</sup> order) are often not considered because they fit the true structural surface too well to show local variations. (*Frank Hernandez, Covey Park Energy, Personal Comm., 2019*)

**Seismic horizons are integrated with well data structure maps to create the residual trend maps.**

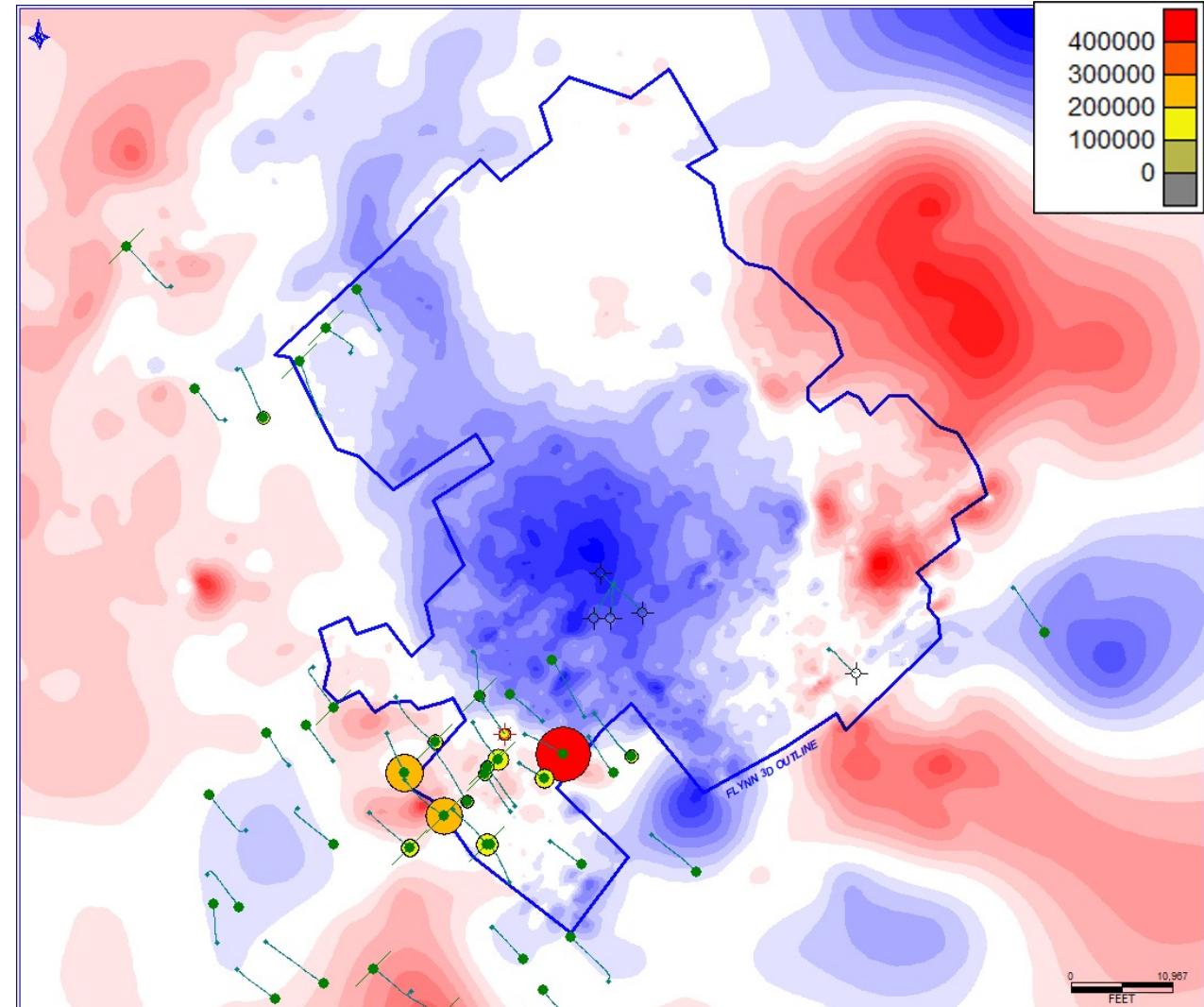


### 3<sup>RD</sup> ORDER RESIDUAL TREND

Buda

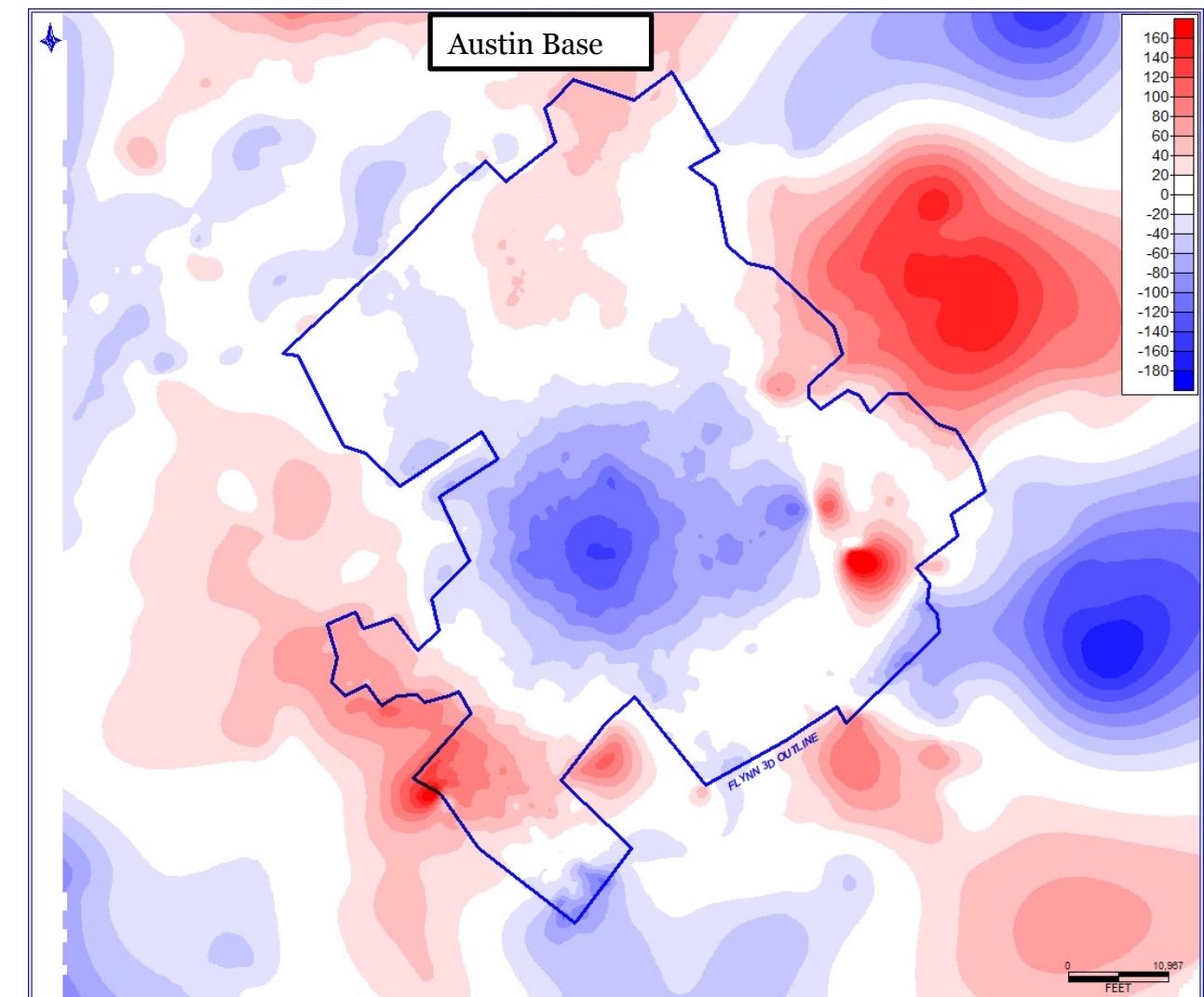
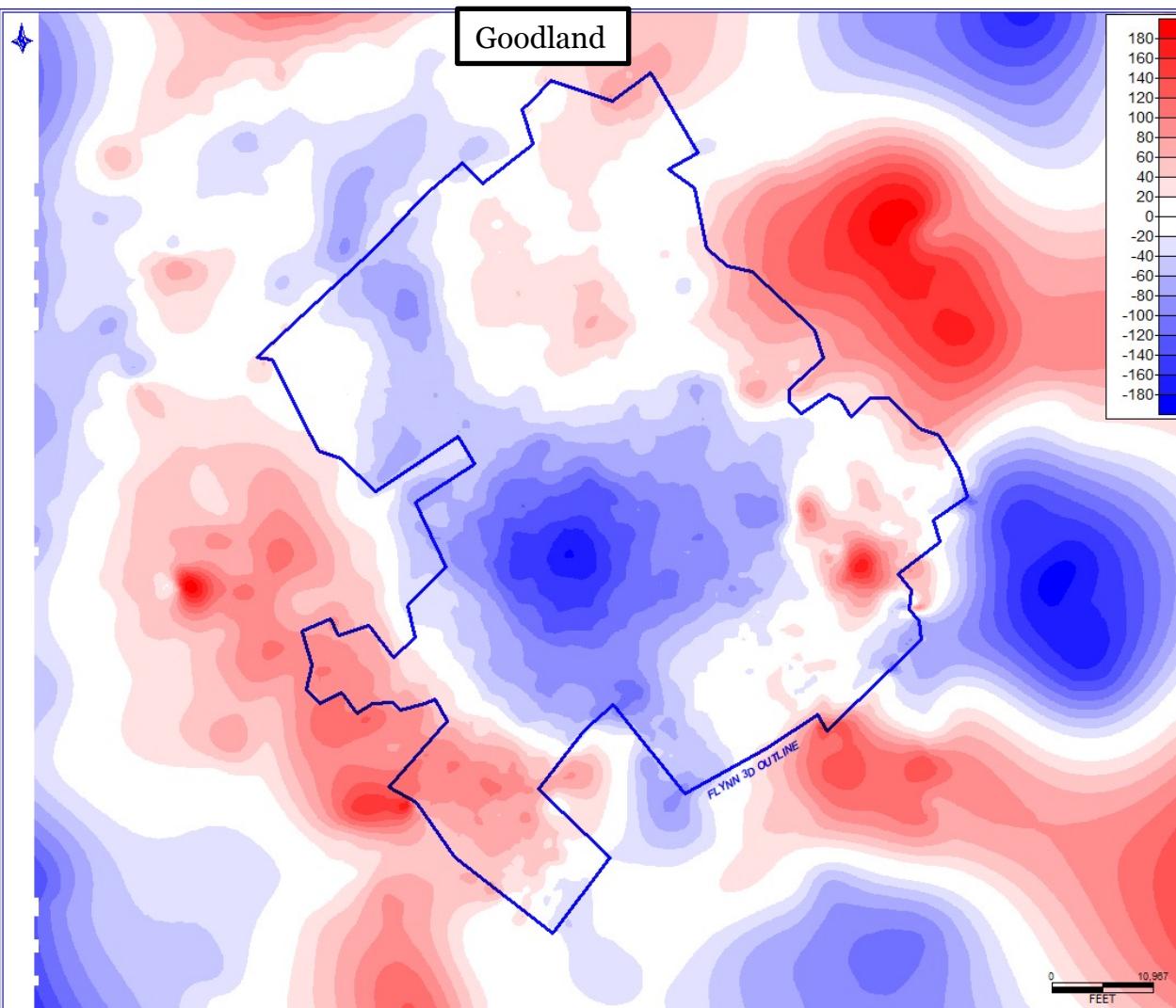


CUMOIL 1 Year, Georgetown Directional Production



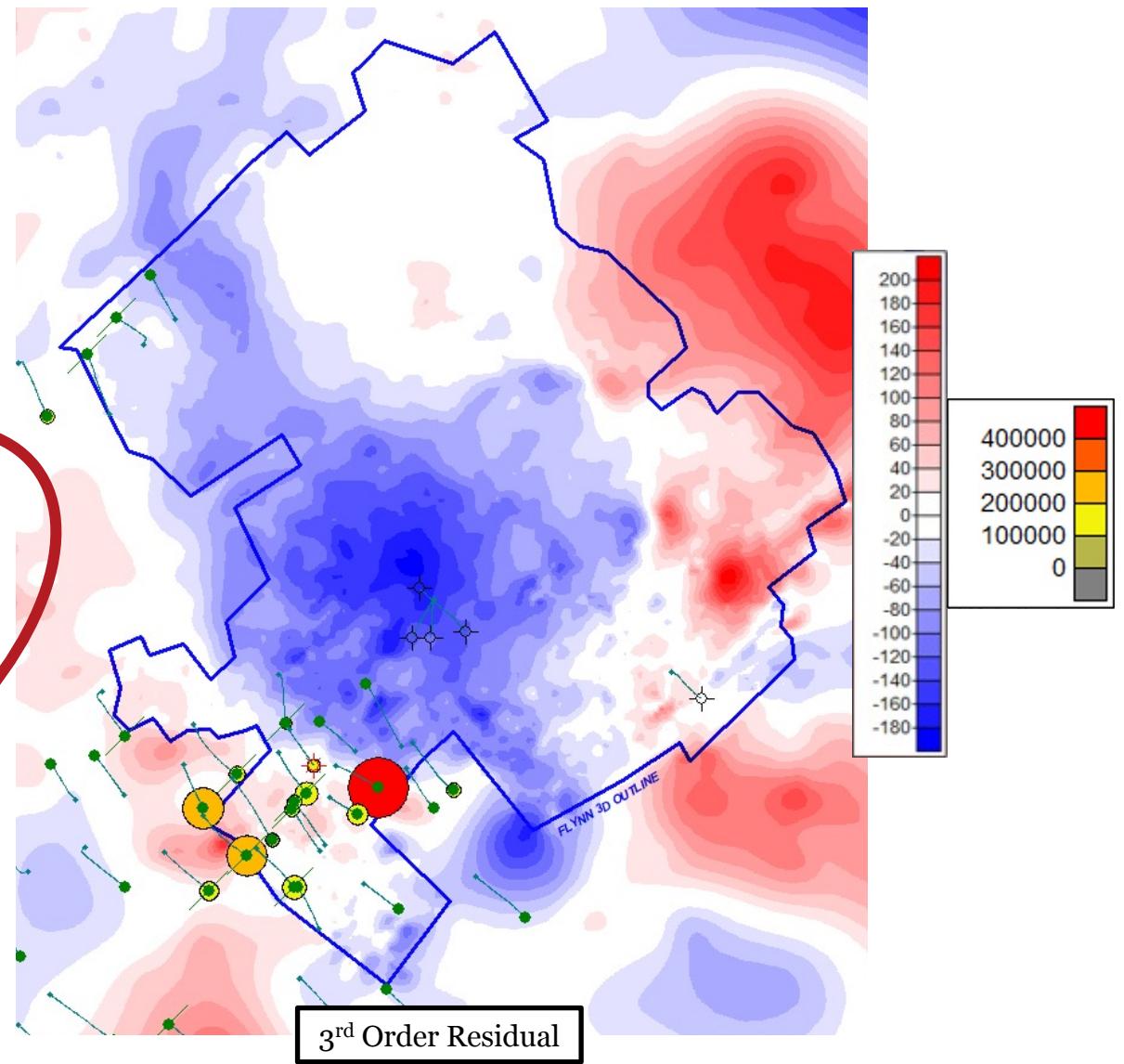
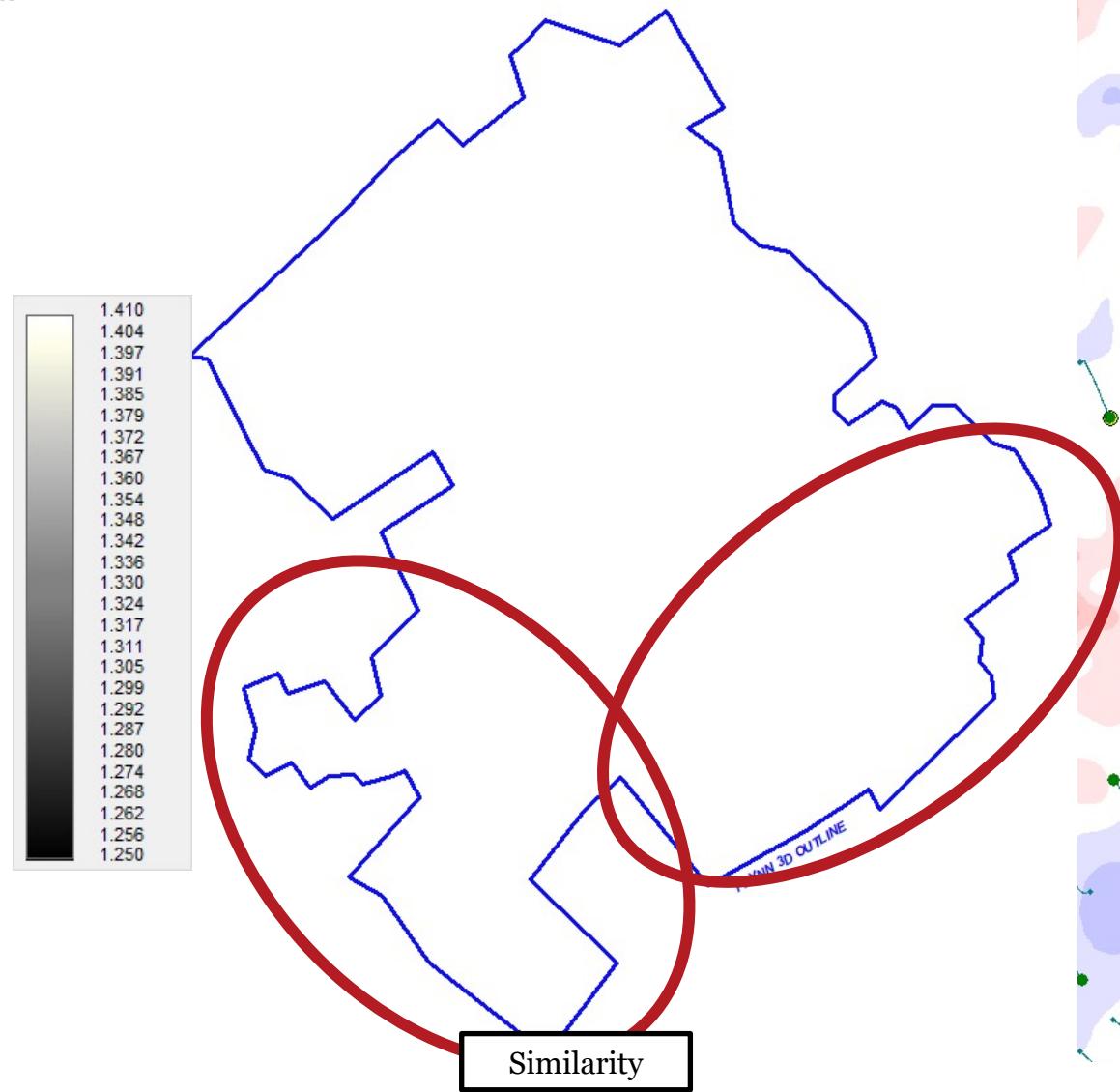
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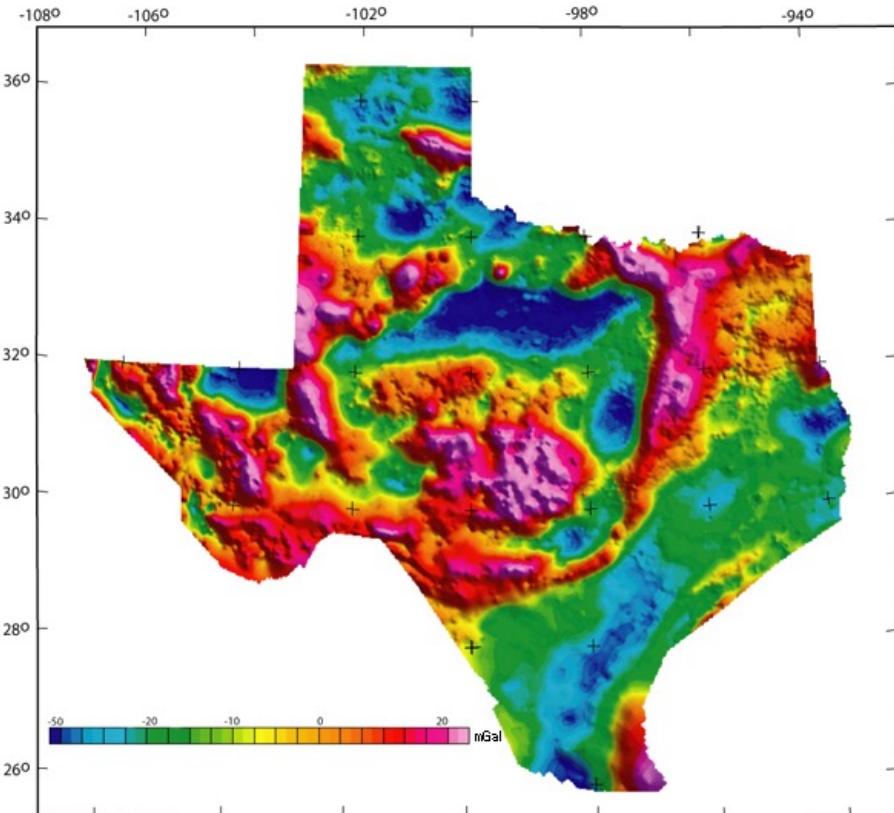
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Buda



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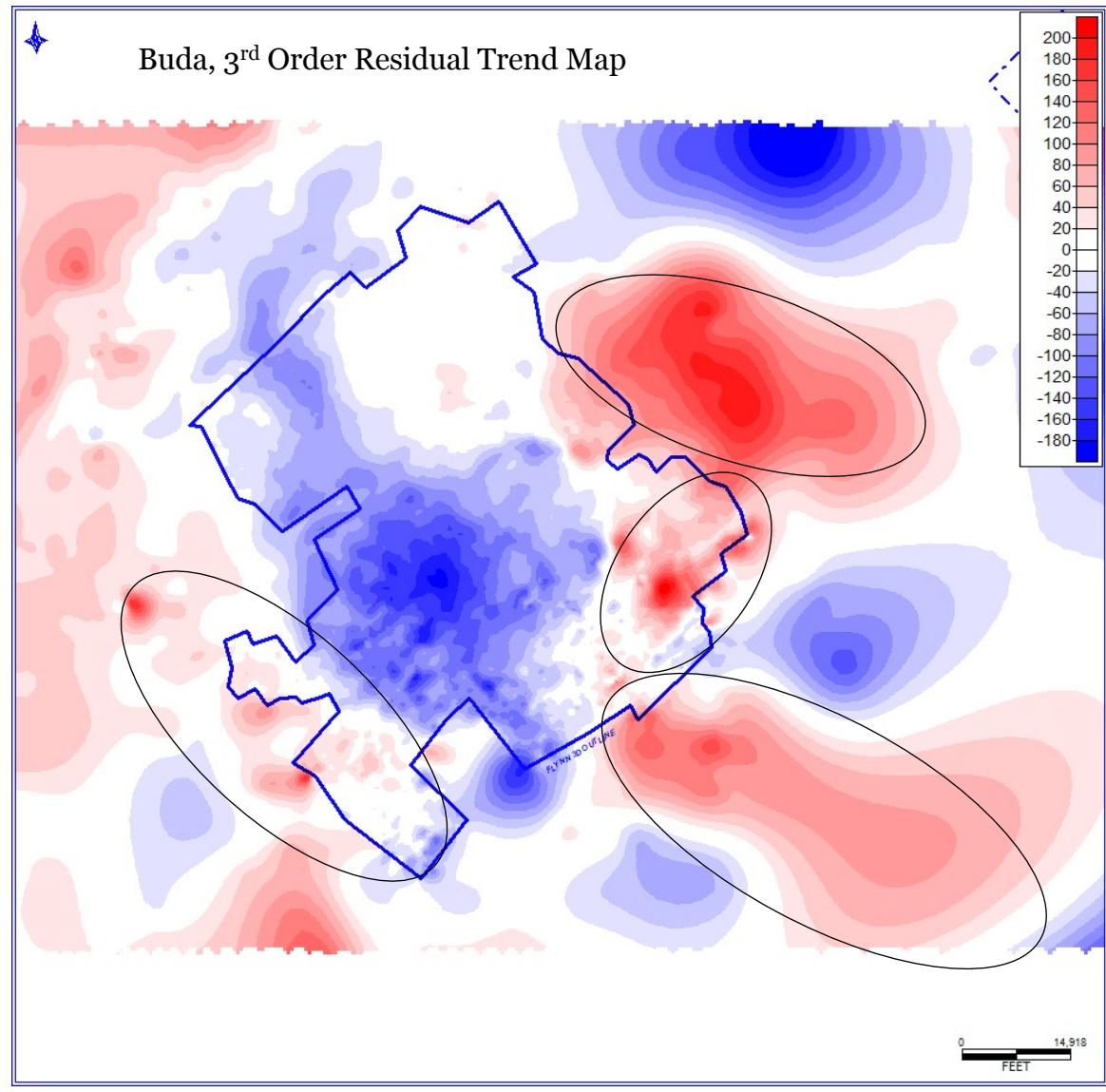
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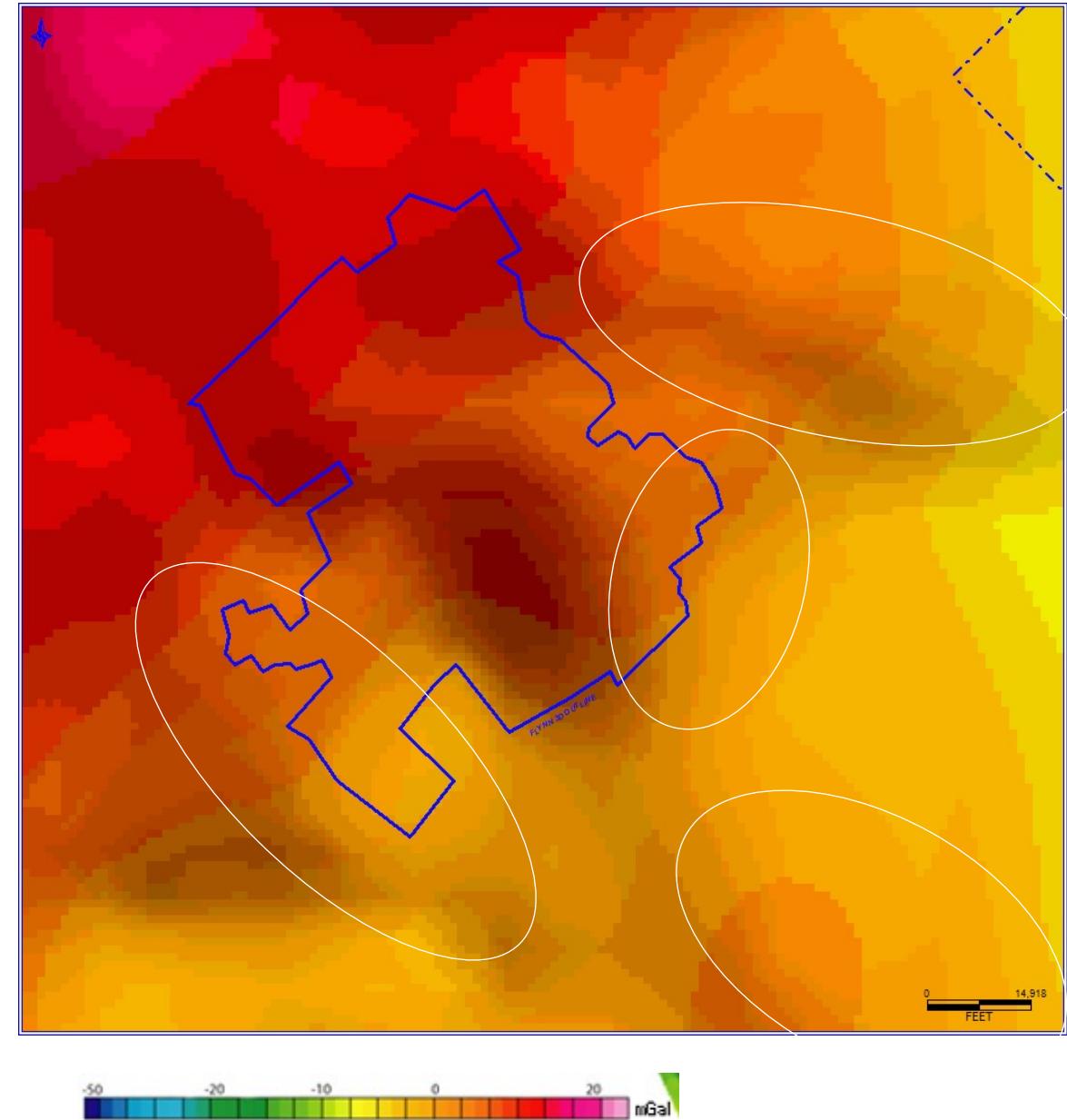
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See Appendix C for aeromagnetic anomaly and additional gravity maps

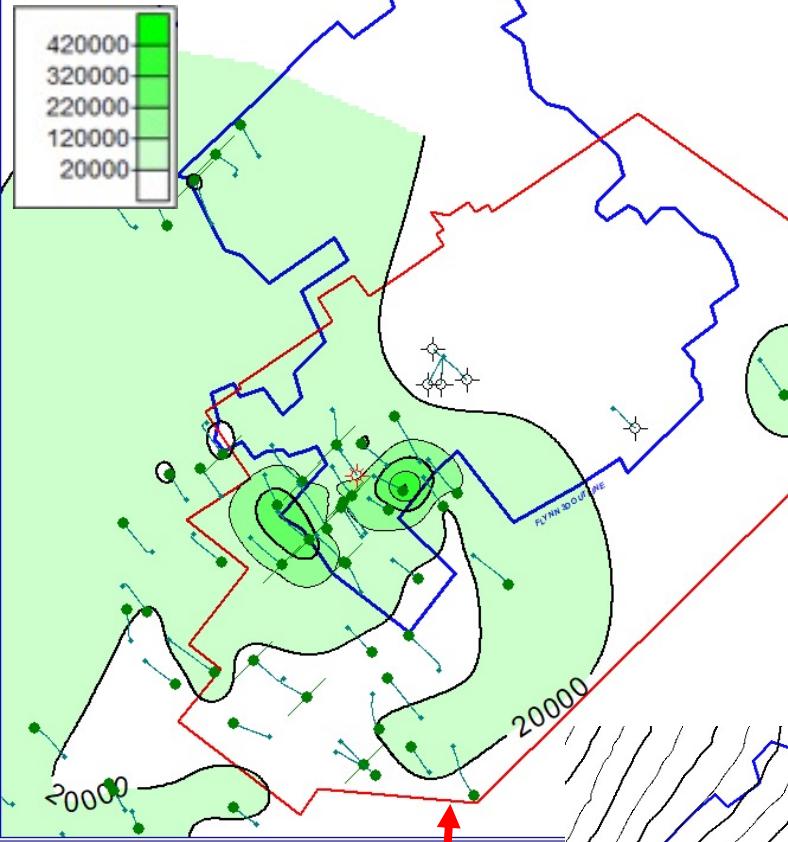
## ISOSTATIC RESIDUAL GRAVITY



Residual trend maps controlled by basement structure?

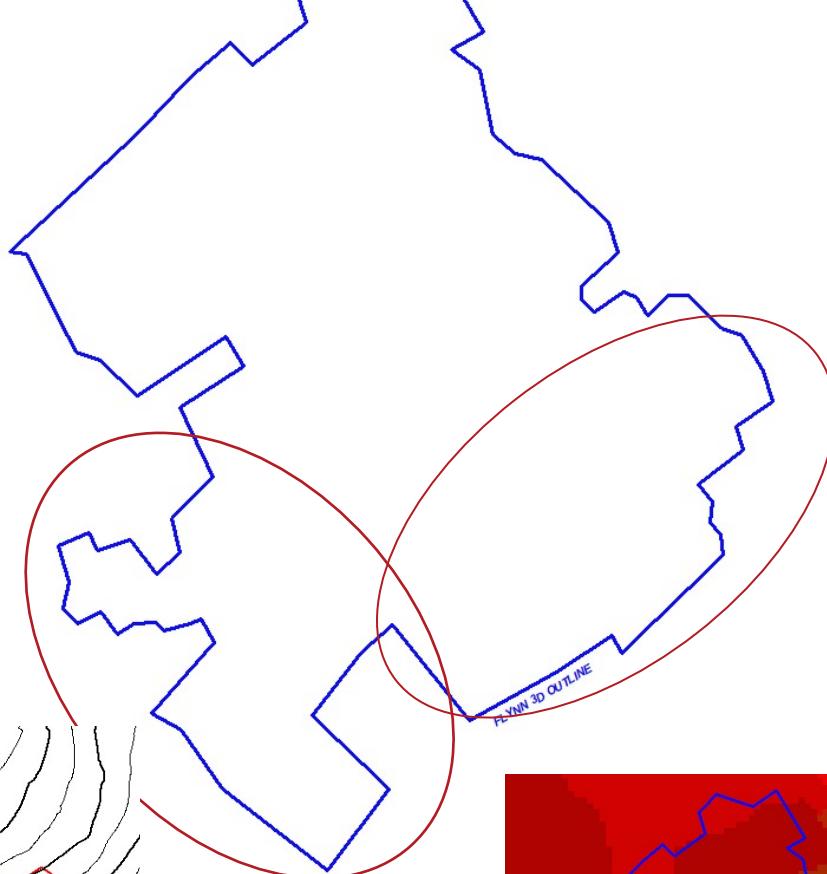


CUMOIL 1 Year (bbl) – Georgetown Directional Wells

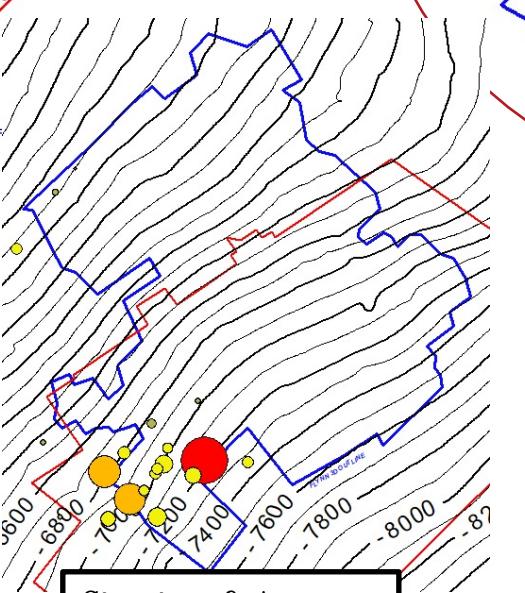


No mineral rights  
above the Kiamichi  
Shale

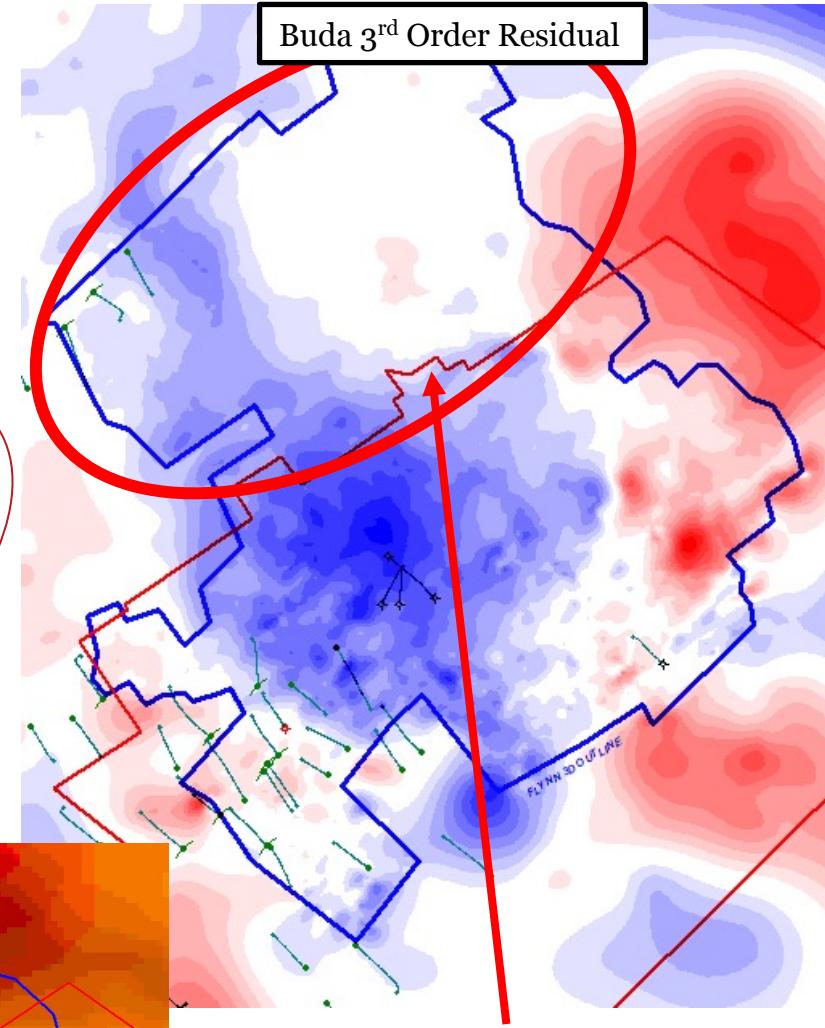
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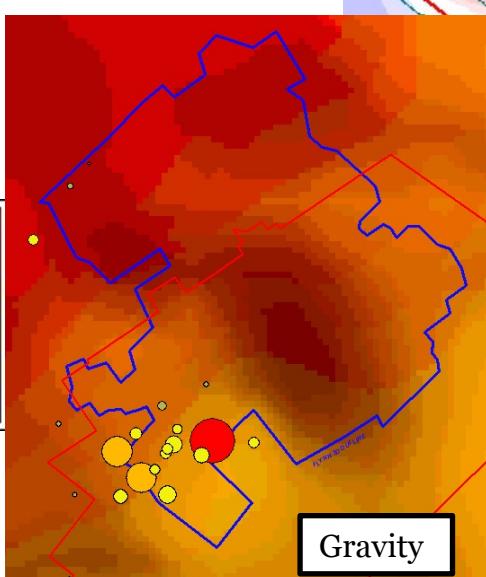
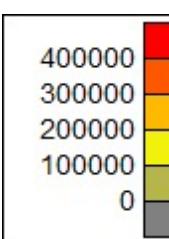
Structure & Acreage



Buda 3<sup>rd</sup> Order Residual



- Poor production in NW
- Flat or negative local structure
- Limited evidence of fracturing



Gravity

## CONCLUSIONS II

- Seismic data exhibits dissimilarity (poor coherence) within the Buda and Georgetown in association with producing fields which may indicate fracturing.
- Third order residual trend maps reveal correlation between positive structural features in the Buda and Georgetown and production. Flexure associated with these structures may be linked to natural fracturing.
- Third order residual trend maps suggest local structural features are projected through the sub-surface, thus fracturing in the Buda and Georgetown is likely due to its relative brittleness.
- Isostatic gravity maps suggest the basement controls local structure and subsequent flexure throughout the studied stratigraphy.
- The Buda and Georgetown within Covey Park Energy acreage appear to exhibit flat or negative local structure with limited evidence of fracturing. Targeting these formations is not recommended.

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## **APPENDICES**

Appendix A – Additional Methodology

Appendix B – Additional Structure & Isopach Maps

Appendix C – Magnetic Maps and Additional Gravity Maps

Appendix D – Salt Diapirs

Appendix E – Additional Local Production Charts

Appendix F – Additional Cross Sections

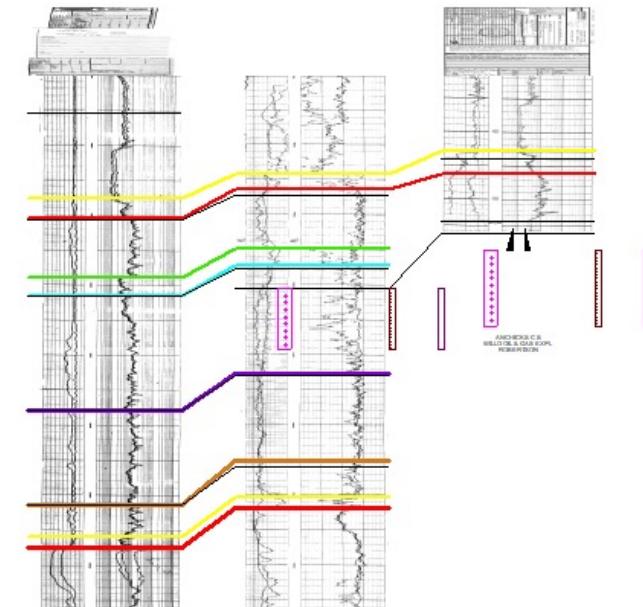
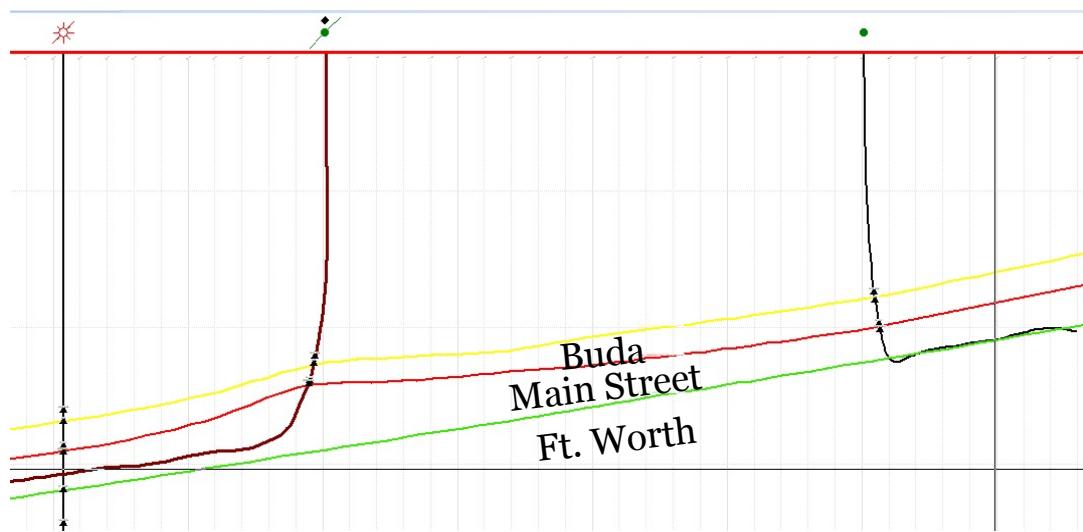
Appendix G – Additional Residual Maps

Appendix H – Additional Curvature Maps

## **APPENDIX A**

## LOCAL PRODUCTION

- Each producing well's target zone used in this study is manually verified in Petra via the directional well module or cross section.



# METHODOLOGY

## Structure & Gross Isopach Maps

### Structure Maps

- Tops picked on all wells with viable logs within study area (~812 wells)
- Both raster & LAS logs utilized
- Eagleford and Austin Chalk also picked, not used in this study

### Gross Isopach

- Only vertical wells with picked tops used in the construction of isopach maps (~612 wells)

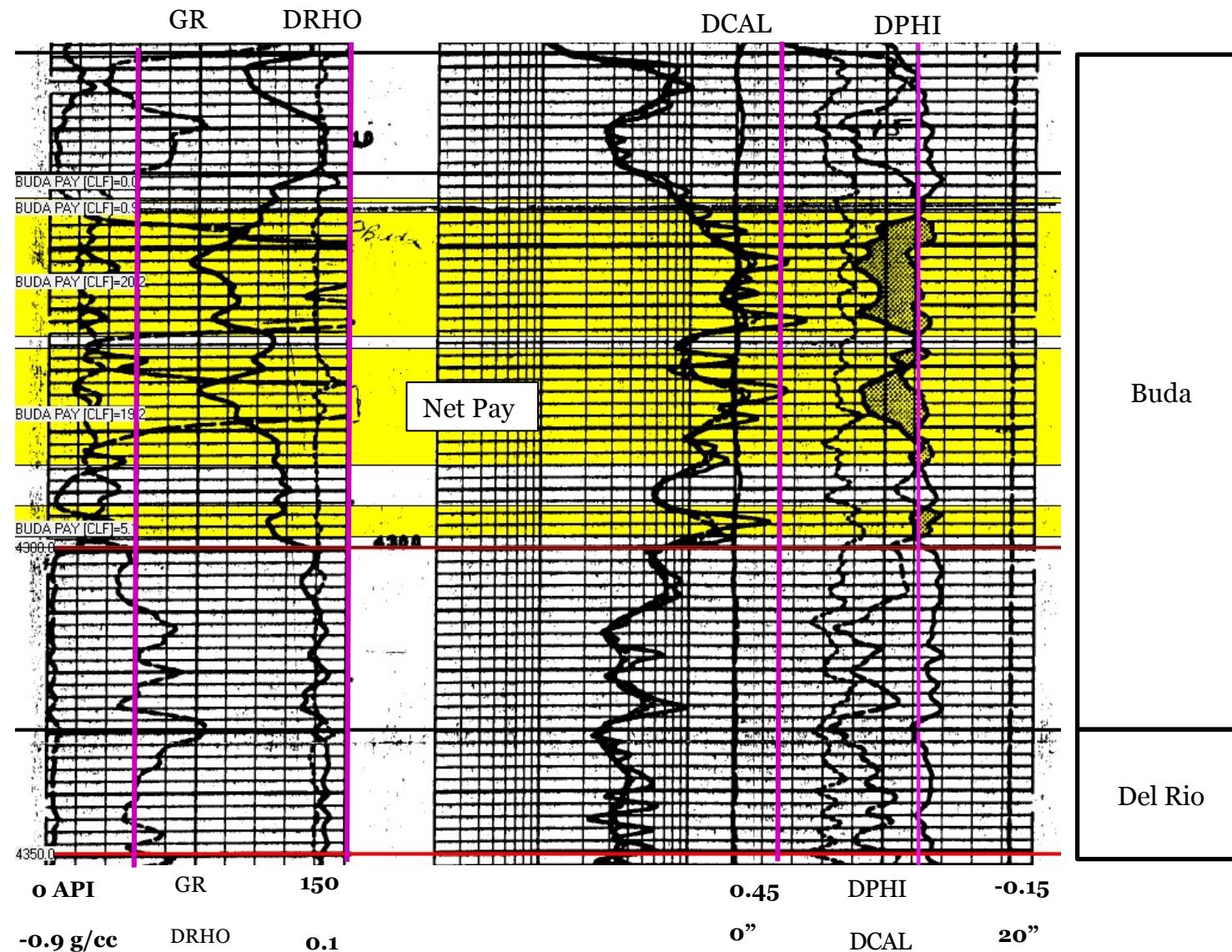
### Net Isopach

- LAS logs were used to experiment with various other log cutoffs and combinations yielding minimal correlation with producing wells
- Washout maps additionally yielded minimal correlation with producing wells

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Density Porosity	$\geq 8\%$ (Snyder & Craft, 1977)
Density Correction	Between -0.1 & +0.1 (Scott Lapierre, Shale Specialist LLC, Personal Comm., 2019)
Washout	$\leq 2.5"$ or $\leq 3.5"$ (personal discretion)

## NET ISOPACH METHODOLOGY

- Vertical Well
- Buda Production
- Total CUMOIL: 855 bbl
- Total CUMGAS: 765,284 MCF



## METHODOLOGY

### Structure & Gross Isopach Maps

### Bubble Maps

- Only verified production is used in bubble maps.
- 1 Year CUMOIL and 30 Day CUMOIL bubble maps created using directional wells

### Curvature Maps

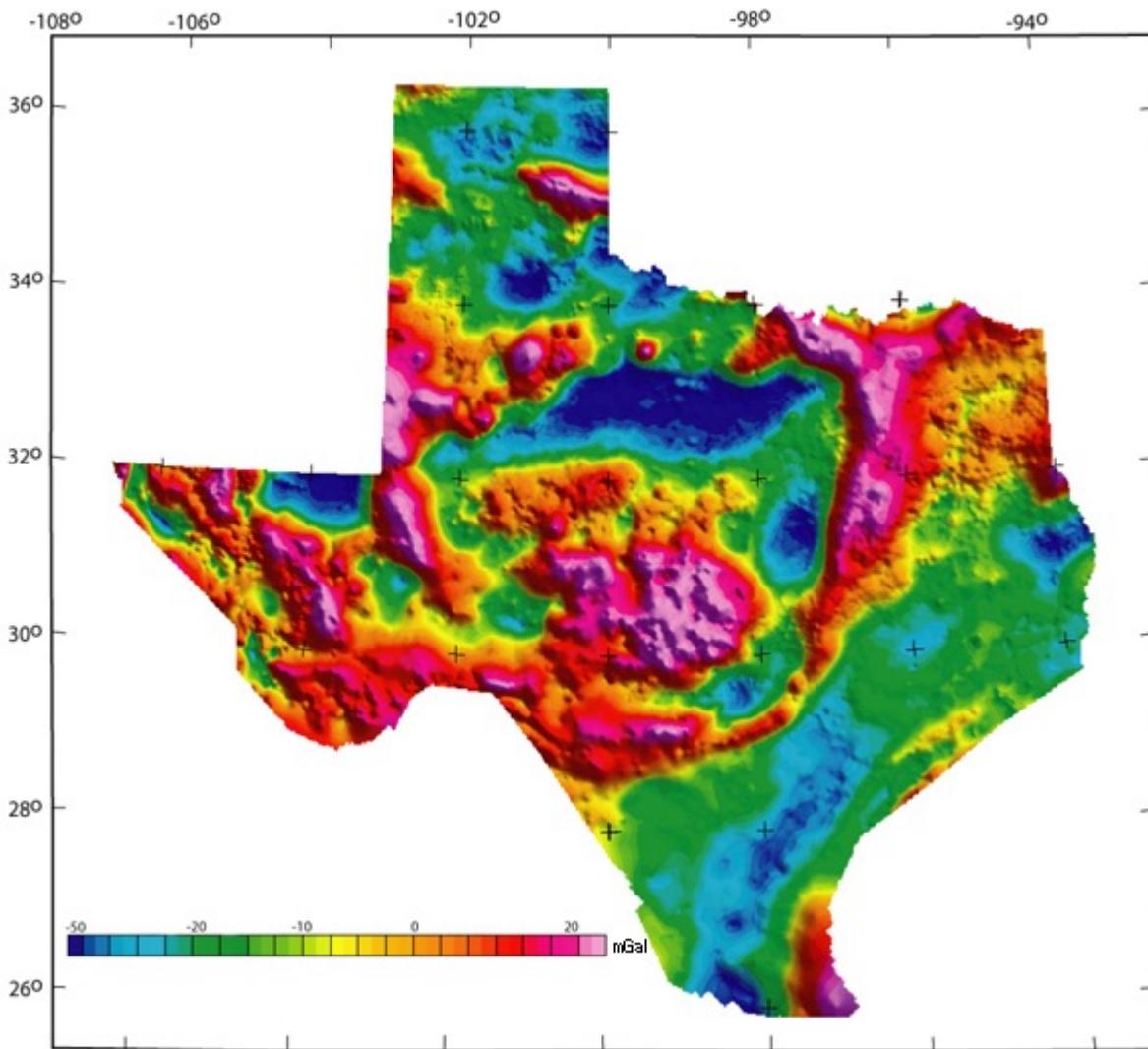
- Curvature maps created from structure grids from picked well log formation tops alone yield large anomalies derived from variations in well spacing.

## **APPENDIX B**

## **APPENDIX C**

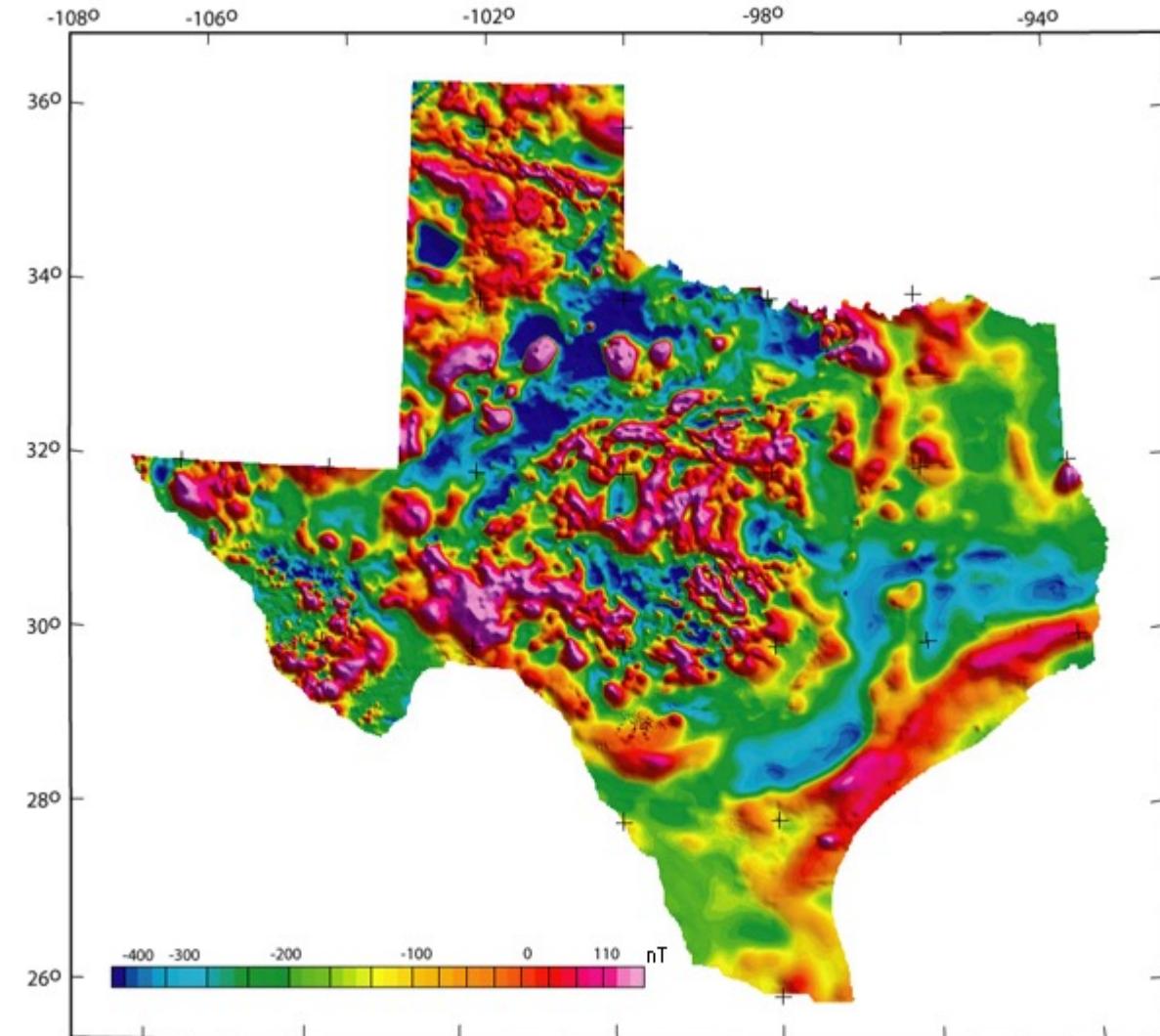
## GRAVITY & MAGNETICS

Isostatic Residual Gravity



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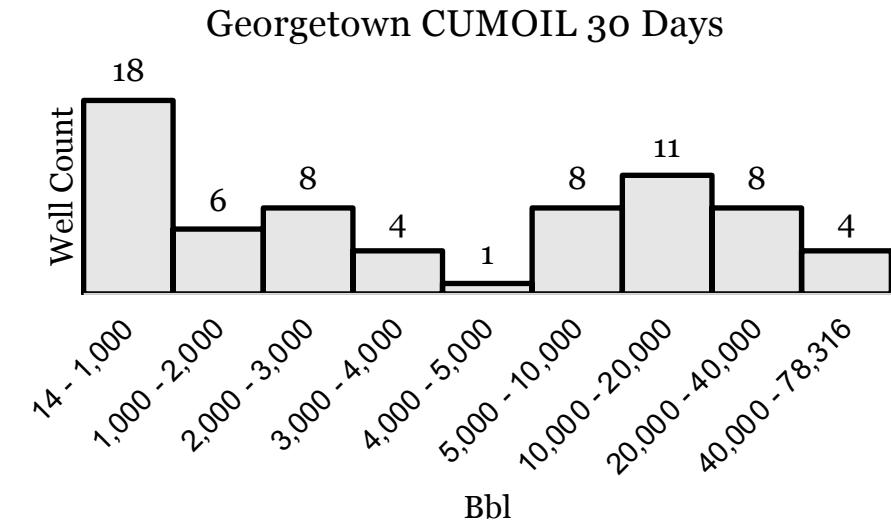
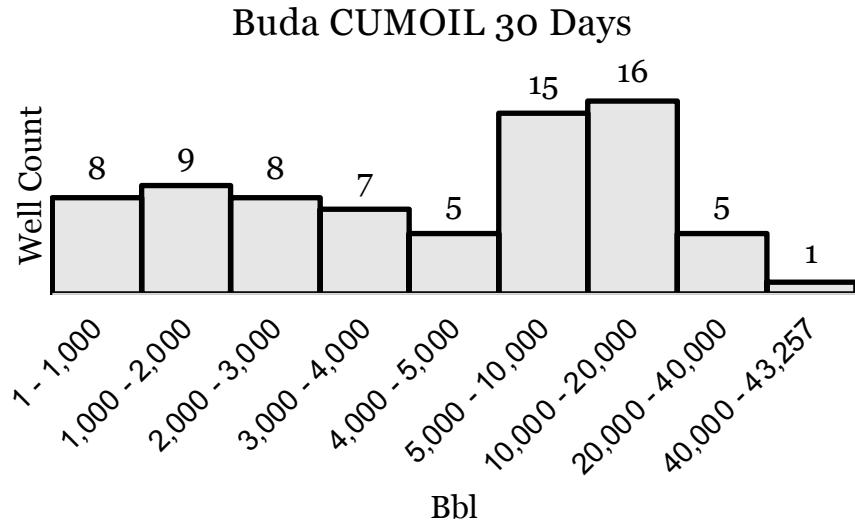
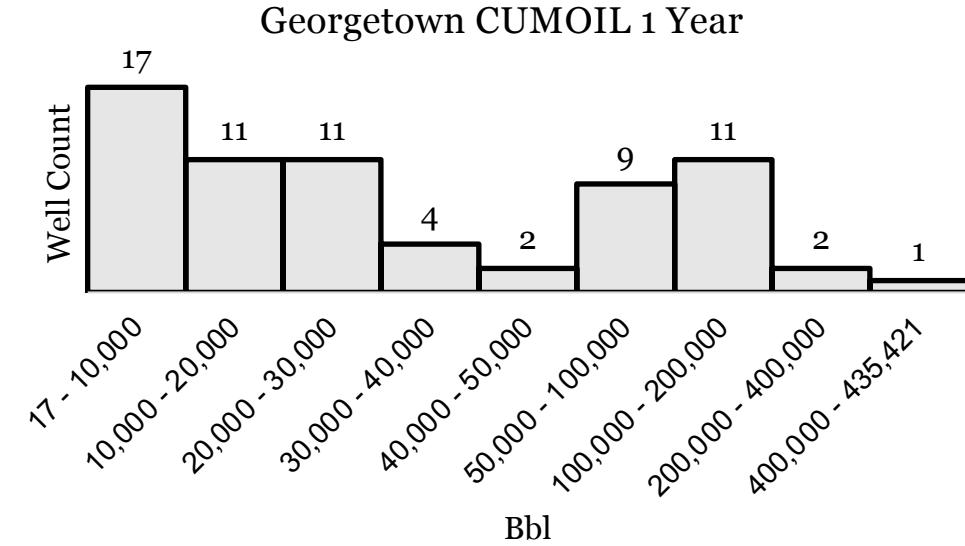
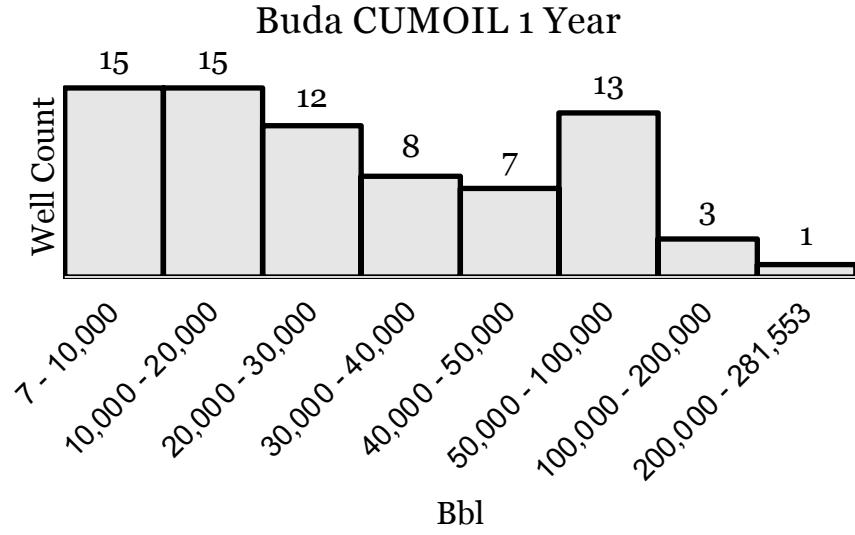
Aeromagnetic Anomalies



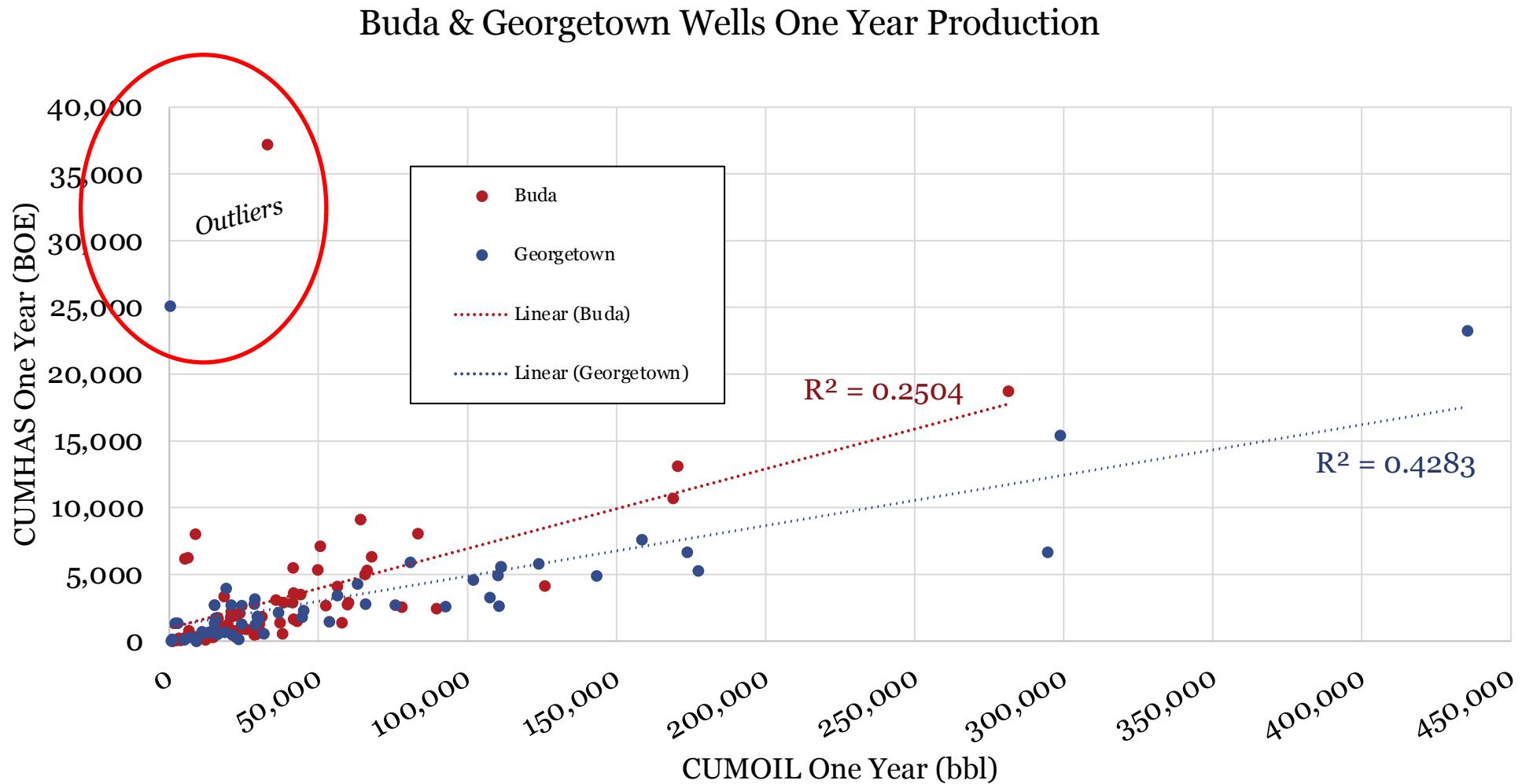
See Appendix C for aeromagnetic anomaly maps.

## **APPENDIX E**

## LOCAL PRODUCTION



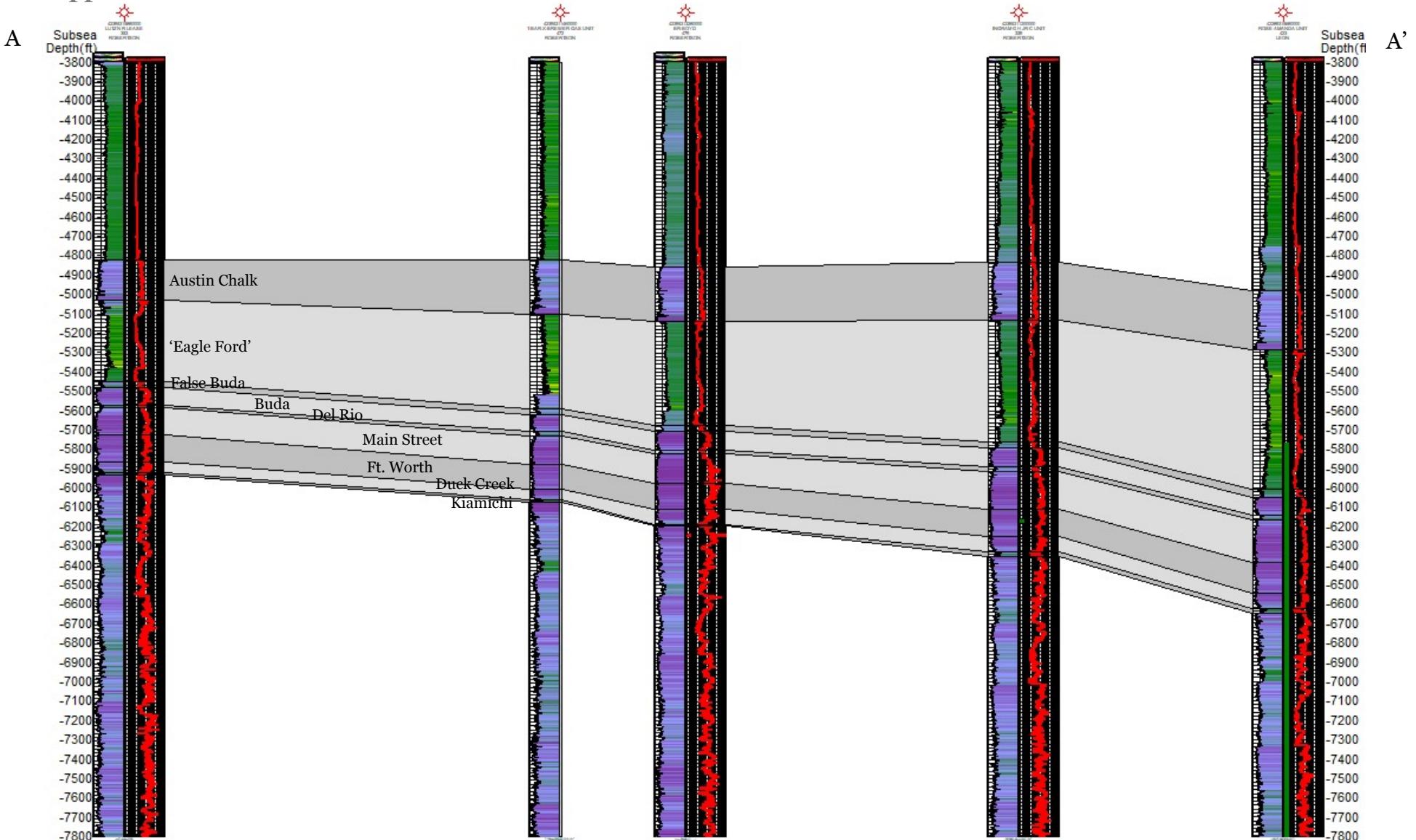
## LOCAL PRODUCTION



## **APPENDIX F**

## STRUCTURAL CROSS SECTION

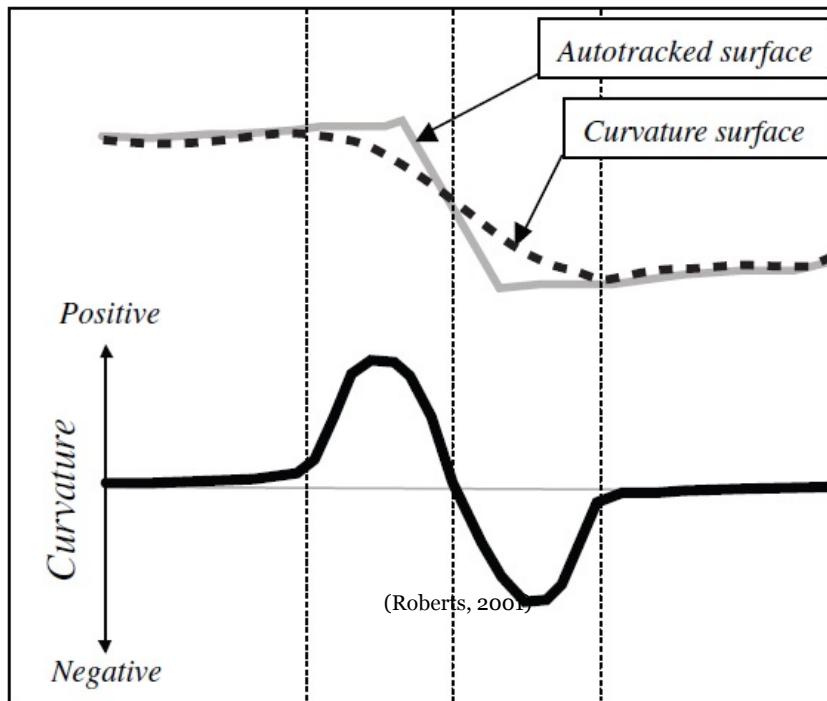
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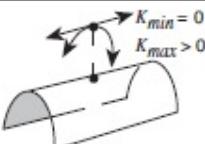
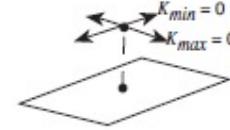
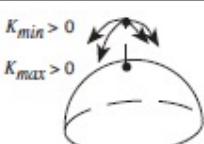
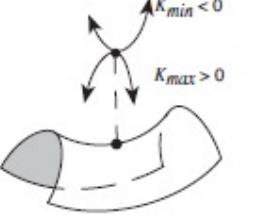
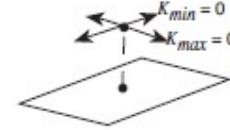
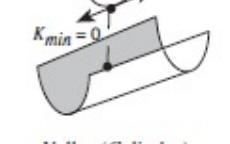
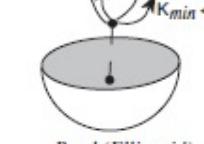


## **APPENDIX H**

# CURVATURE MAP METHODOLOGY

- Curvature maps can highlight lineation created by faulting which may be associated with natural fractures
- Curvature can be shape dependent or directionally dependent..



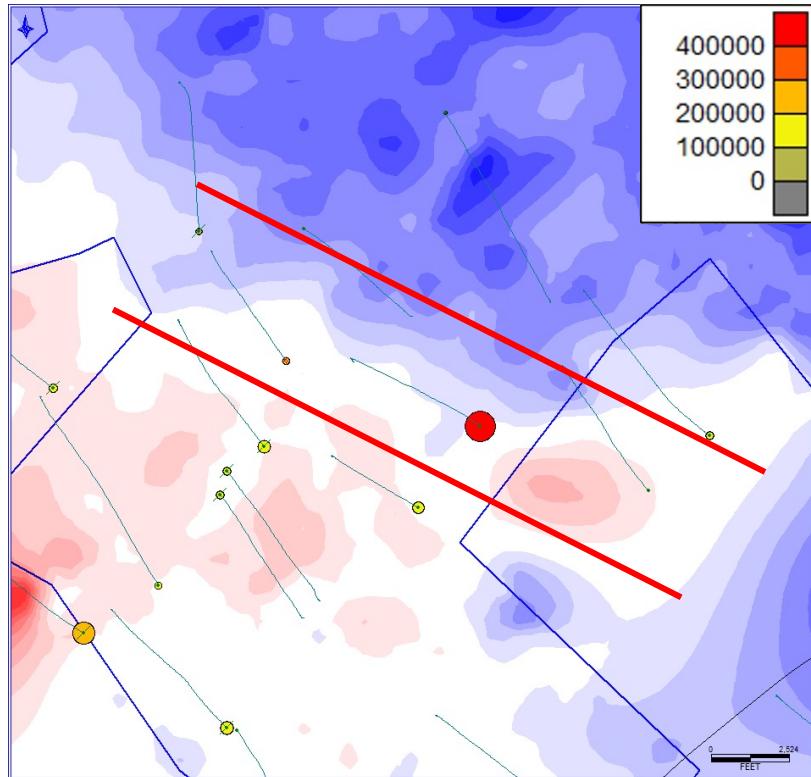
GAUSSIAN CURVATURE			
MEAN CURVATURE	$K_g < 0$	$K_g = 0$	$K_g > 0$
$K_m > 0$			
$K_m = 0$			
$K_m < 0$			

**Fig.6** Curvature shape classification. Combination of *mean curvature* and *Gaussian curvature* allows the local shape of a surface to be described.

(Roberts, 2001)

## INTERCEPTING FRACTURES

- Is the most productive well attributed to following a 'fairway' of similar local dip illustrated by the residual trend map?
- Does flexure or fracturing from local dip trends cause formation more susceptible to NE orientation fracturing from regional dip?



Buda, 3<sup>rd</sup> Order Residual Trend Map

