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# **Importance for Seal Evaluation in Oil / Gas Exploration**

**—How to distinguish Methane-rich Traps  
from CO<sub>2</sub>-rich Traps—**



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# **SEAL!! Important Feature on Petroleum Systems Analysis**

**Todays Menu (Key Words)**

- (Sarawak Offshore) How to find Gas Field ( $\text{CH}_4$  or  $\text{CO}_2$ )
- Importance of Seal for trapping Oil/Gas (>Generation or Migration)
- How to evaluate Top Seal Capacity ?

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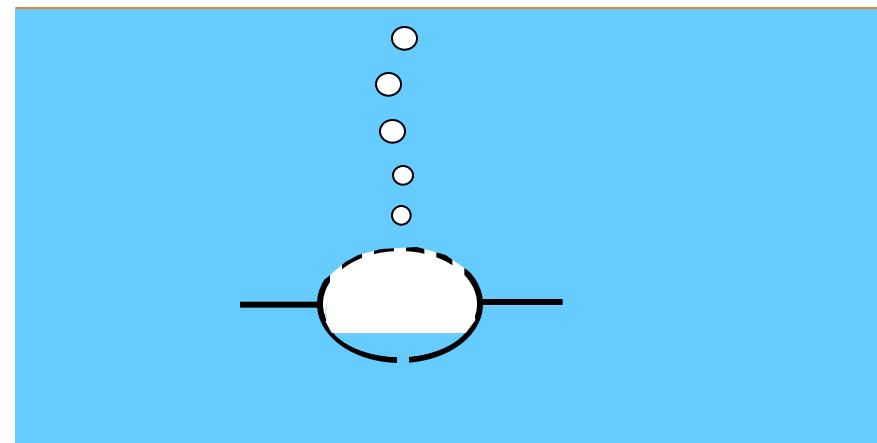
## Gravitational Force under 1-Phase Flow



**Bubbles come out from only one hole**



## Buoyancy Force against Capillary Force (2-Phase)

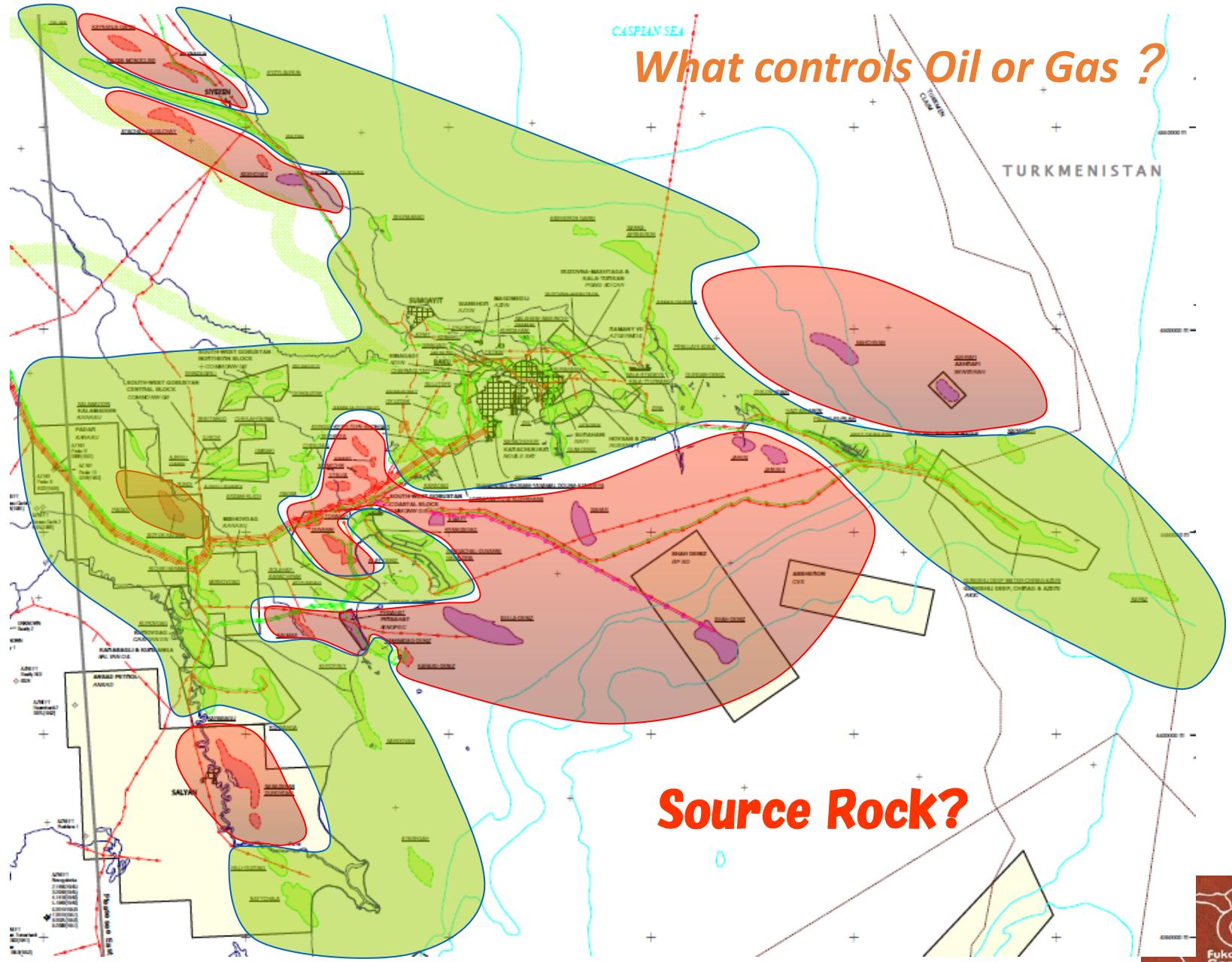


# Lessons from Toy Experiment

- Oil/Gas leaks only from weakest point in the trap !
- Such point should be detected for Seal Evaluation ← Impossible!
- Micro-view(Analysis by Core, Logging) or
- Macro-view (Gas/oil/water contact, Pressure distribution) ← More Important!

# **Curious Distribution of Oil and Gas fields (Caspian Sea)**

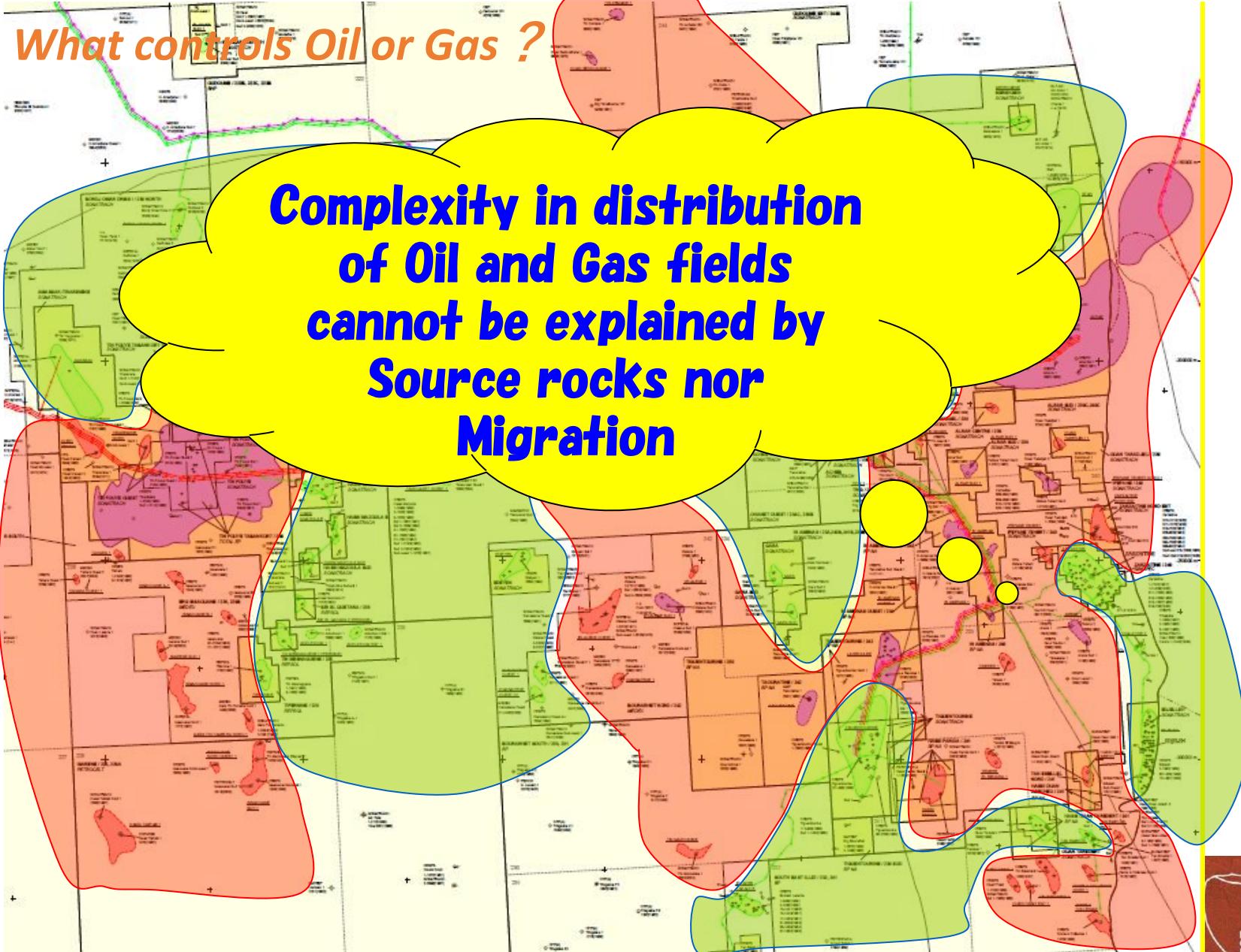
# *What controls Oil or Gas ?*



# Curious Distribution of Oil and Gas fields (Algeria)

*What controls Oil or Gas ?*

**Complexity in distribution  
of Oil and Gas fields  
cannot be explained by  
Source rocks nor  
Migration**



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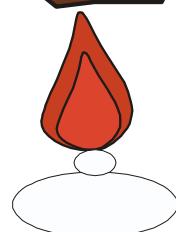
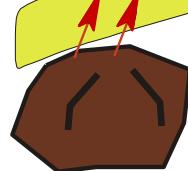


# 3 Elements for Oil/Gas Trapping

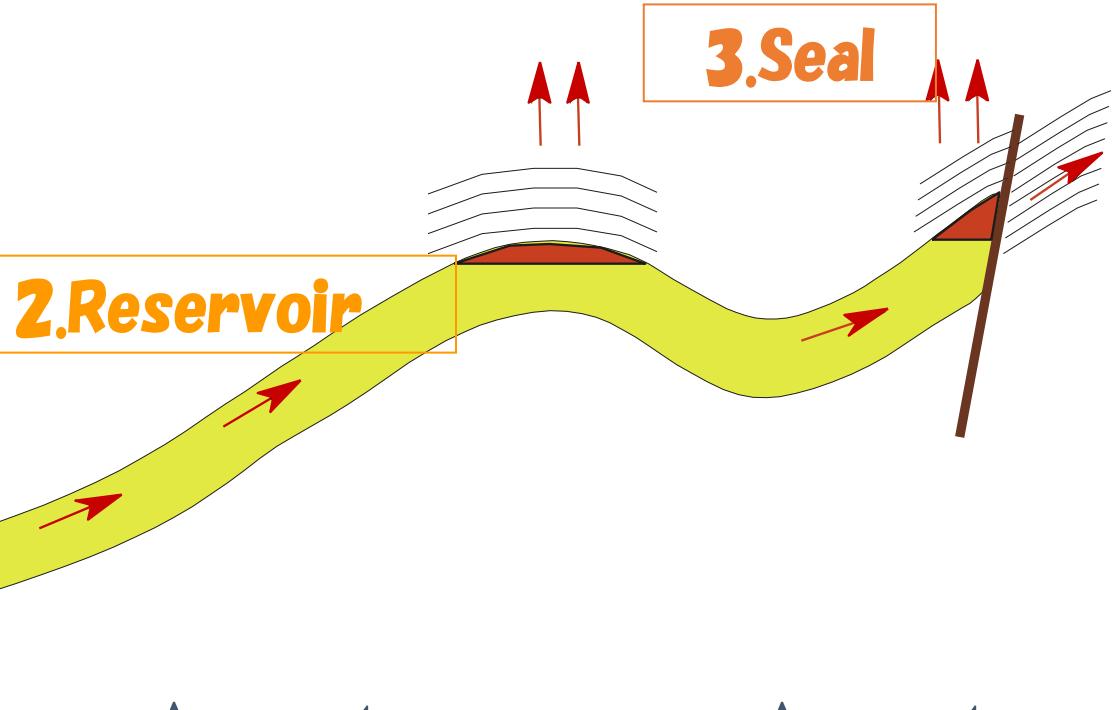
Most of Oil Generated  
remains within Source Rock  
↓

Develop Technology to  
extract remnant oil/gas by  
cracking rocks.  
[Shale Oil/Gas]

**1.Source**



**2.Reservoir**



Amount  
Generated

>>

Amount  
Trapped

**Loooong Geologic Time**

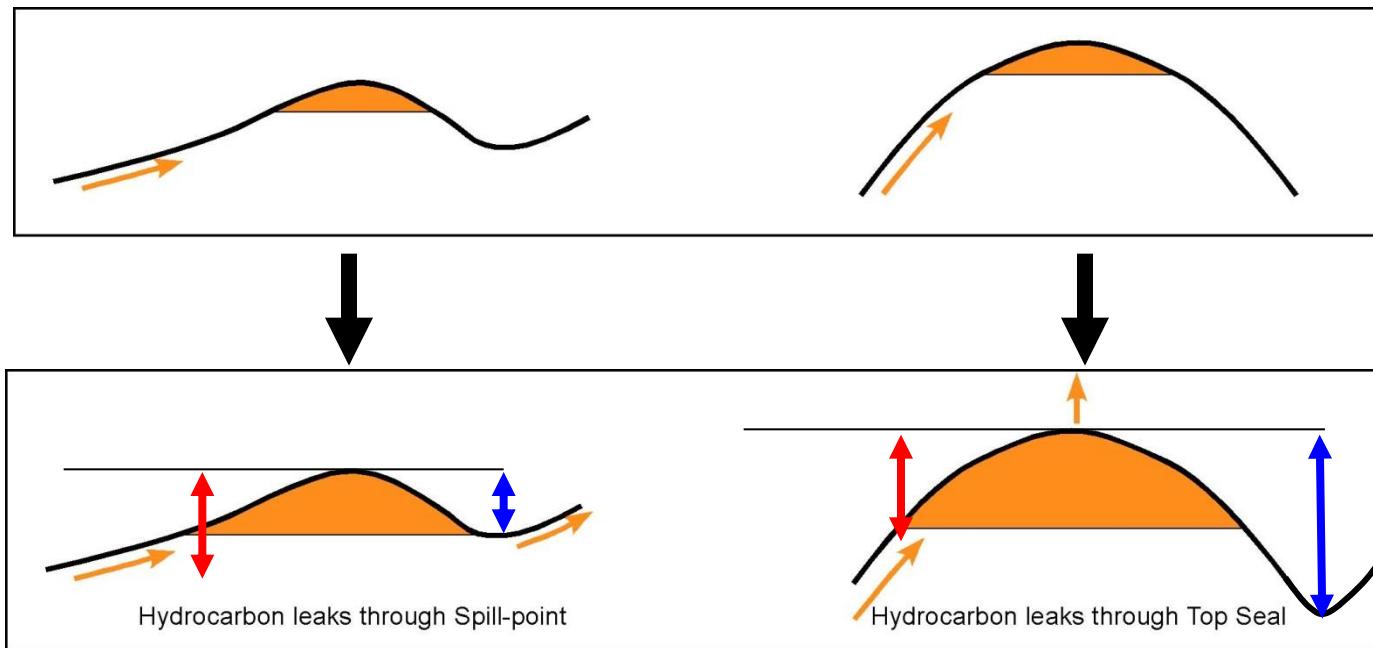
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# - How to understand Sealing Mechanism ? -

“Sealing Capacity is not infinitive ! ”



**Spill-point Limited Trap**

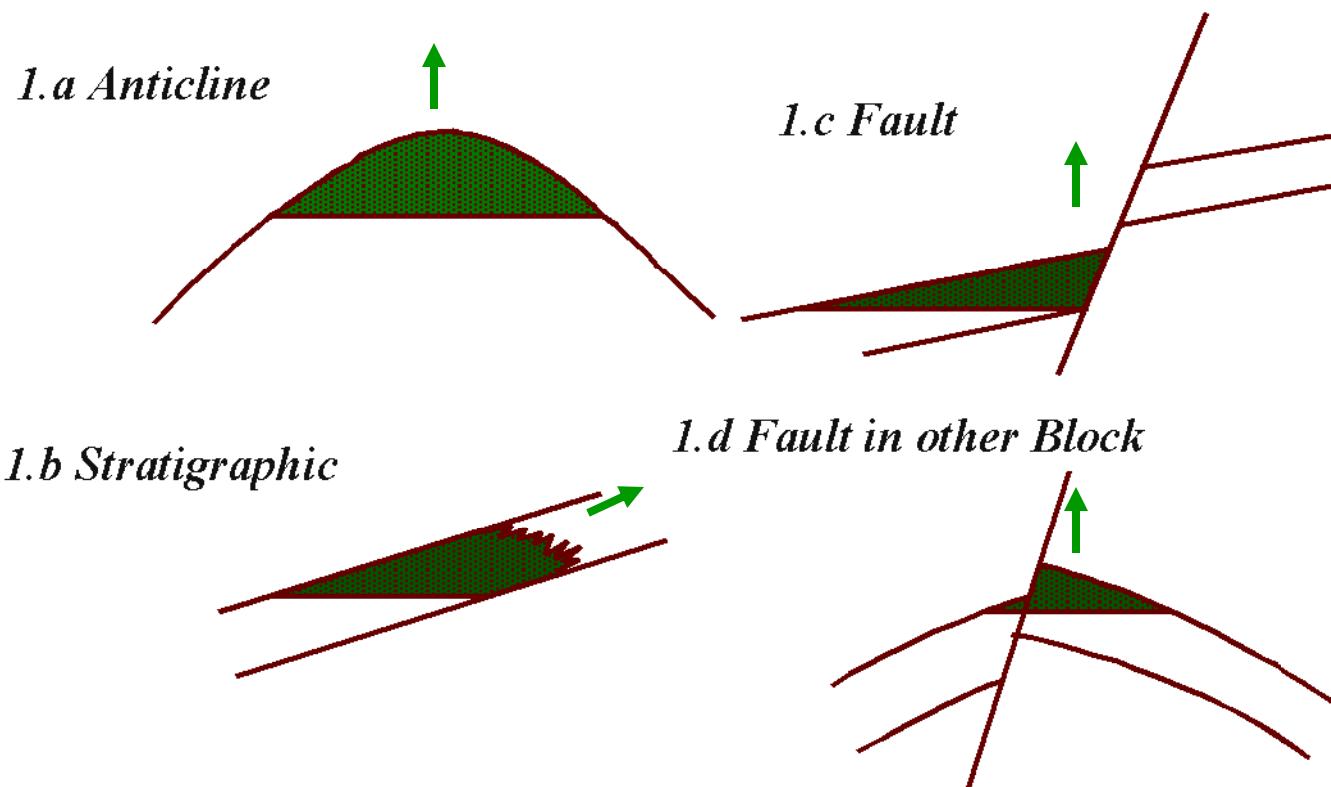
Max Seal Capacity > Height of Trap \*

**Capillary Limited Trap**

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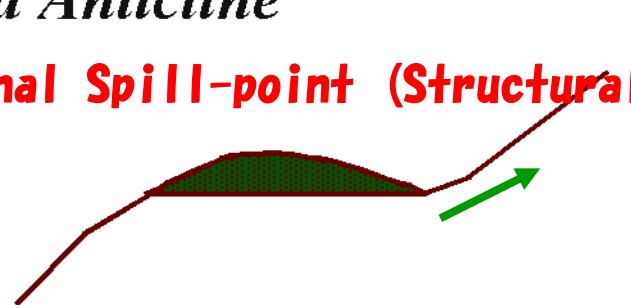


# Spill-Point Limited Traps

$P_c > P_b$ : Hc Column Height is controlled by Spill-Point

2.a Anticline

Synclinal Spill-point (Structural)

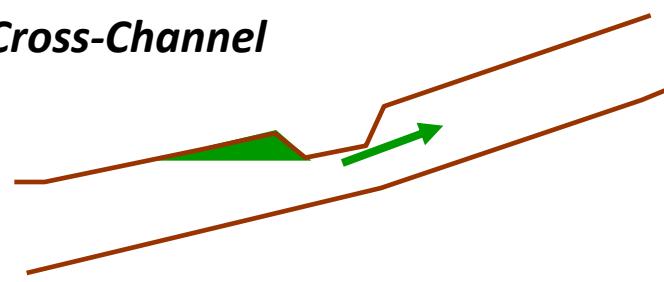


2.b Fault

Cross-Fault Spill-point (Structural)

Stratigraphic Contact

Cross-Channel



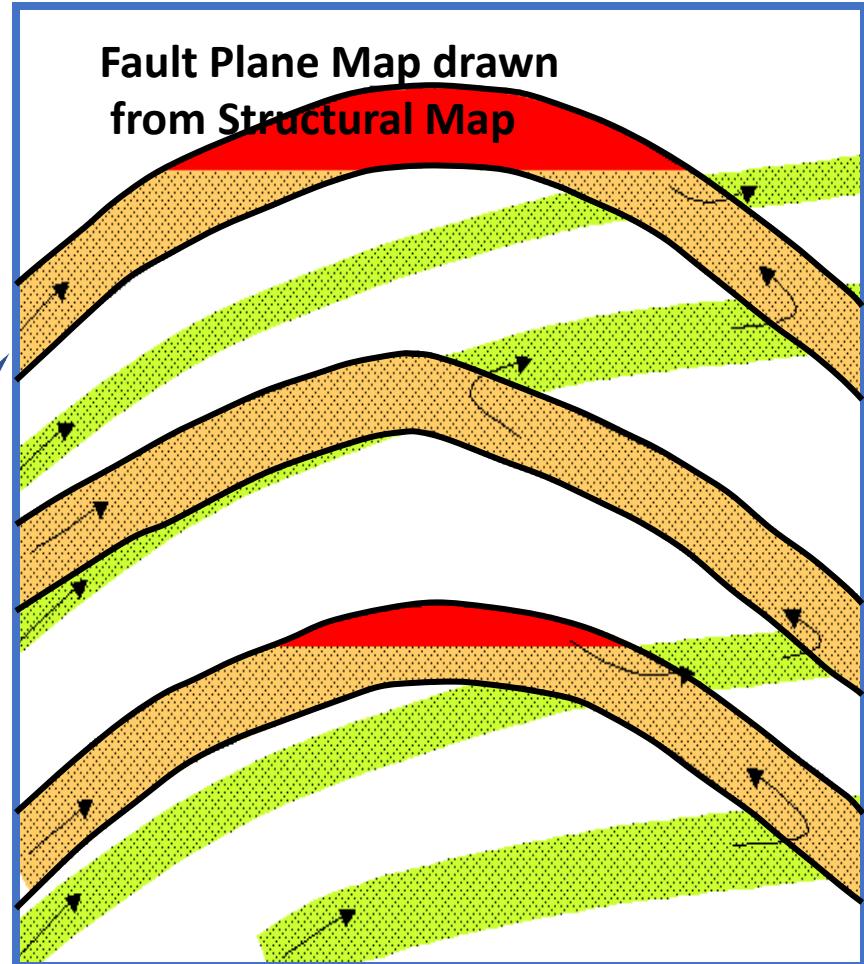
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Trap types / Spill-point limited traps

# Migration Path: Analyzed by Fault Plane Map

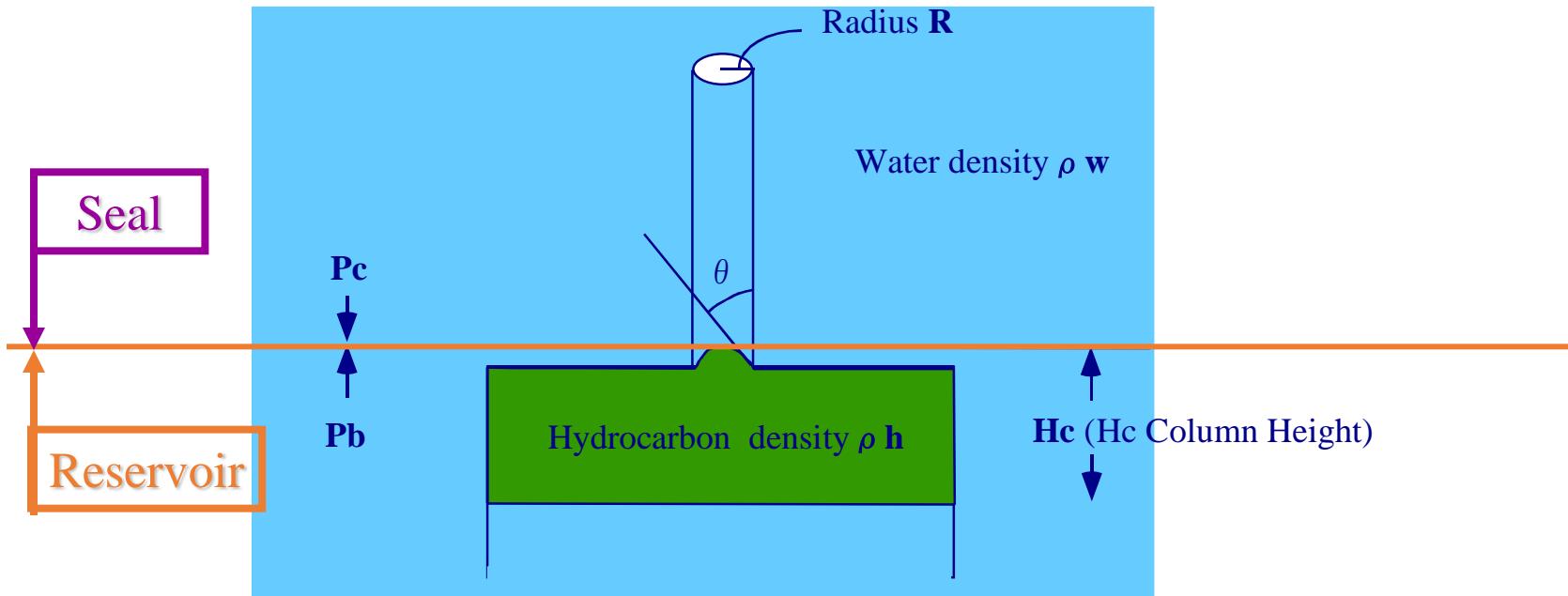
Sandstones (reservoir) in hanging wall contact with sandstone in footwall through normal fault. Hydrocarbon migrates (spills out) through fault plane.

This type of Traps can often be observed in Gulf of Thailand.  
→ They estimate the reserves assuming Net thickness is 30% or 60% of Gross thickness.



## Why can Oil be trapped?

# Hydrostatic Trap Equilibrium Equation



Capillary Pressure = Buoyancy

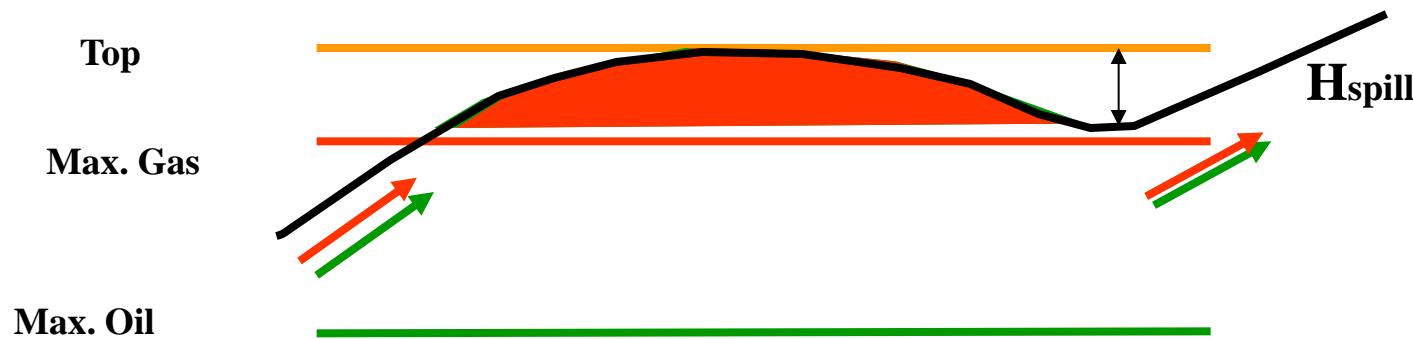
$$H_c = \{(2 \gamma \cos \theta) / R\} / \{g (\rho_w - \rho_h)\}$$

**Max Oil Column > Max Gas Column**

$\gamma$  : Interfacial Tension  
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 $g$  : Acceleration of gravity

# I. Spill-point Limited Trap

Height of Trap < Max Gas Column

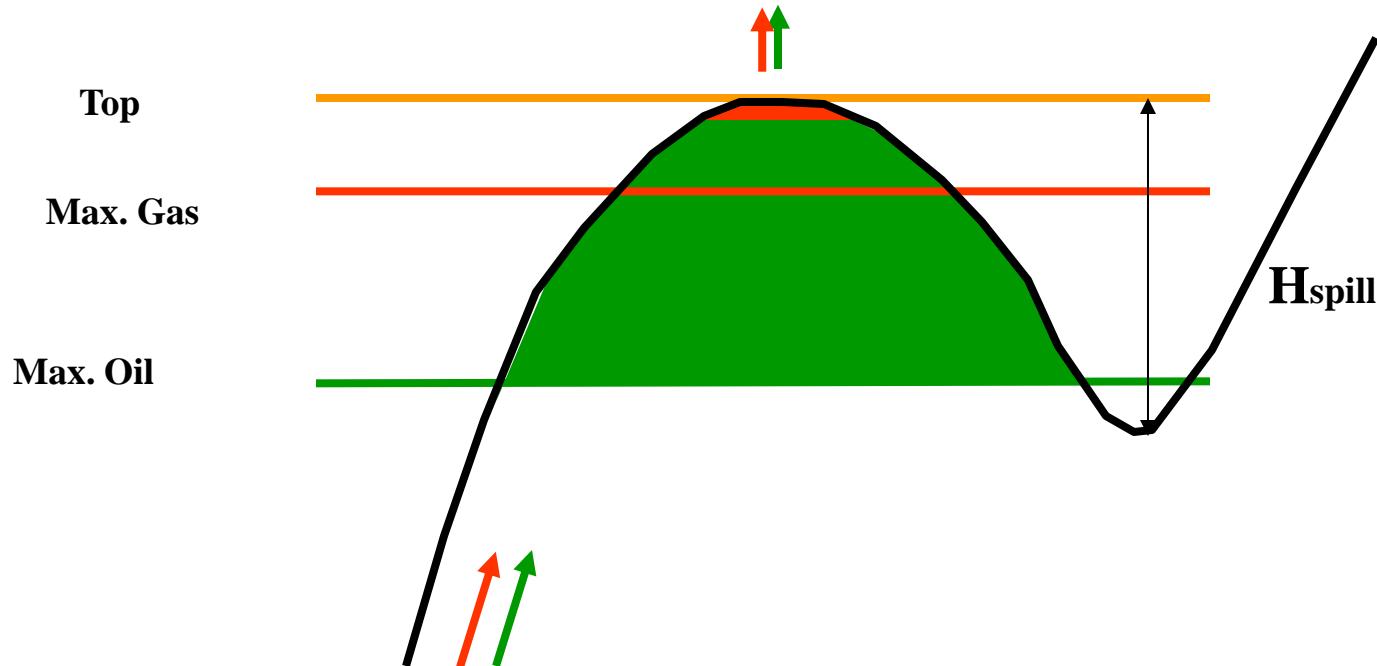


Excess oil/Gas is leaking from Spill-point.

All Trapped Oil should be finally replaced by Gas.

## II. Capillary Limited Trap

Height of Trap > Max Oil Column



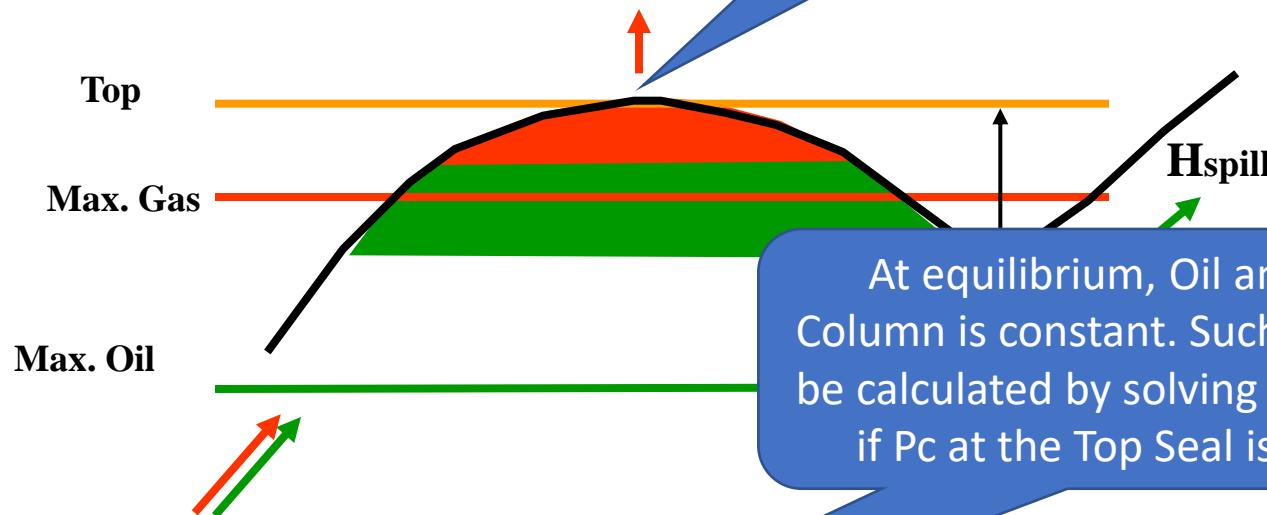
Excess Gas is leaked from Top Seal.

Excess Oil is also leaked from Top Seal, and only Oil should be remained.

### III. Mixed Type Trap

Oil and Gas are leaked from different point at this Type of Trap.  
→Create Different Migration Path

**Max Gas Column < Height of Trap < Max Oil Column**

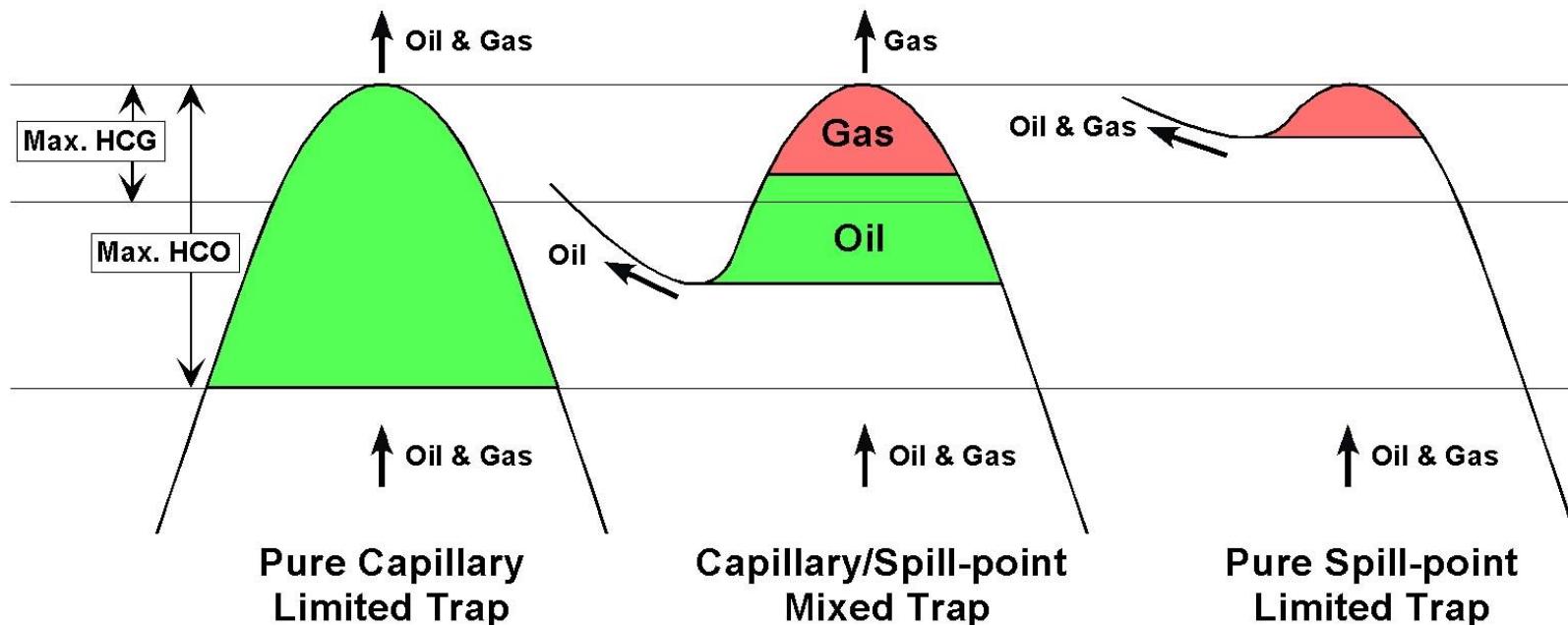


**Migrated Gas occupies at the Top of Trap, then Oil should be spilled out from the bottom.**

**After Equilibrium Condition is attained, Excess Gas is leaked from Top of the Trap.**

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} P_c = P_b (H_{gas}) + P_b (H_{oil}); \\ H_{spill} = H_{gas} + H_{oil} \end{array} \right.$$

# **Oil/Gas Accumulations are determined by Top Seal capacity vs Height of Trap !**



**Oil Accumulation**

**Oil/Gas Mixed Type**

**Gas Accumulation**

(Sawamura & Nakayama, 2005: modified after Sales, 1997)

Schematic cross section showing three types of traps classified by the relation between the height of a trap and the maximum hydrocarbon column height to be held by the top seal, modified after Sales (1997).

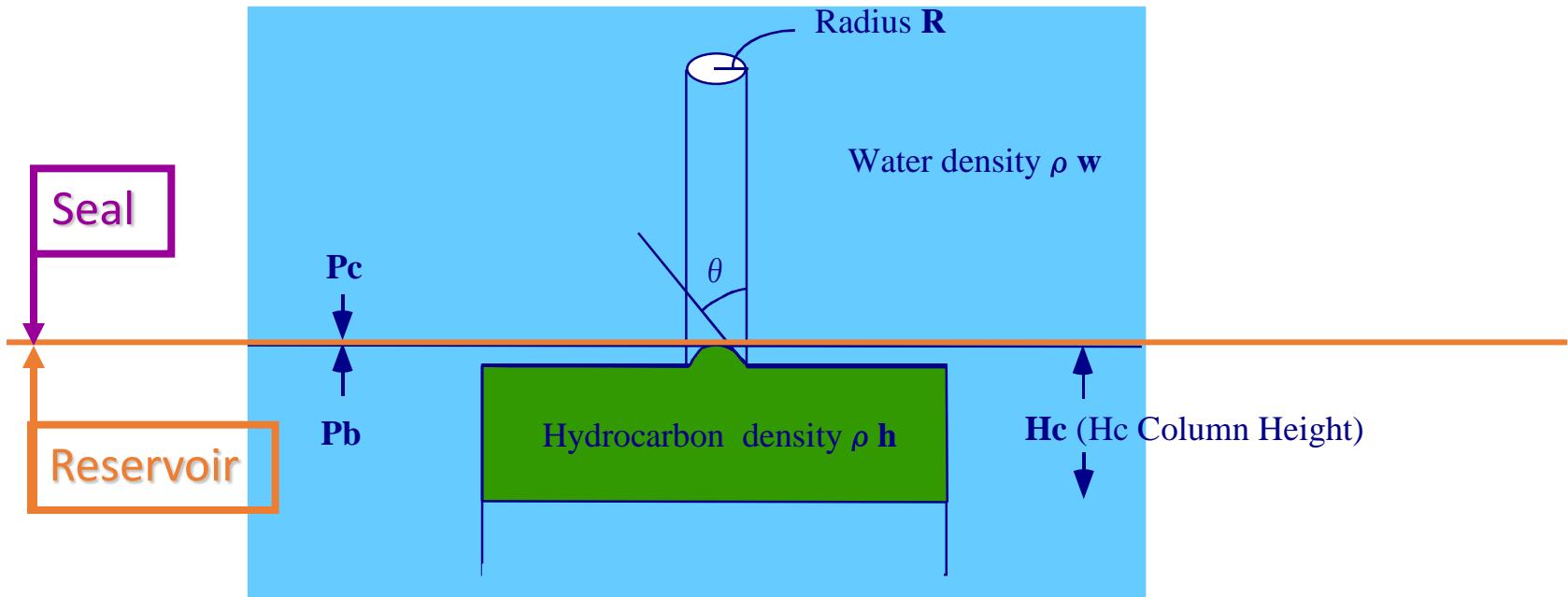
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# ***Equivalent Grain Size Method***

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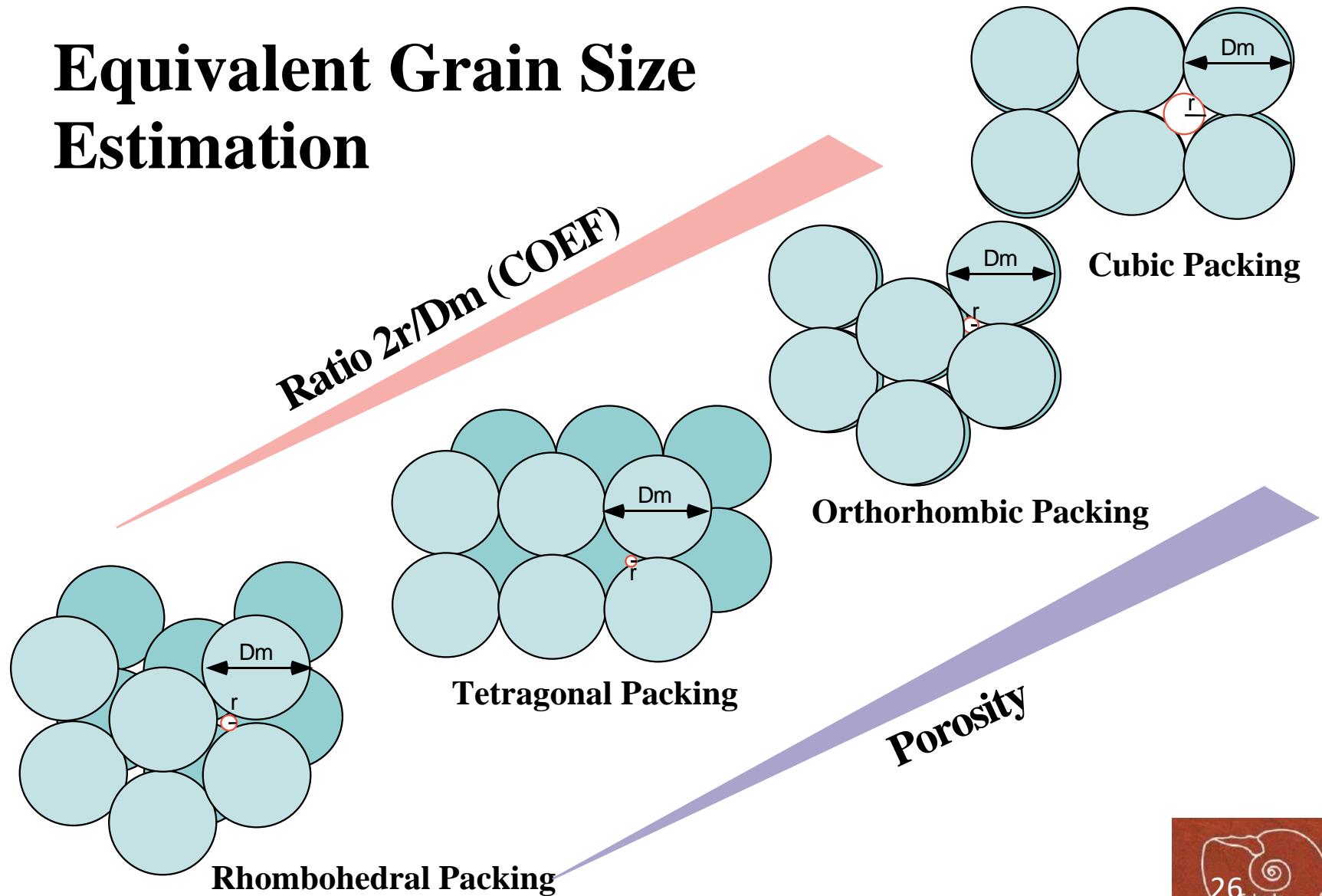
$$P_c = (2 \cdot \gamma \cdot \cos \theta) / R = g \cdot H_c \cdot (\rho_w - \rho_h) = P_b$$

$$H_c = \{(2 \gamma \cos \theta) / R\} / \{g (\rho_w - \rho_h)\}$$

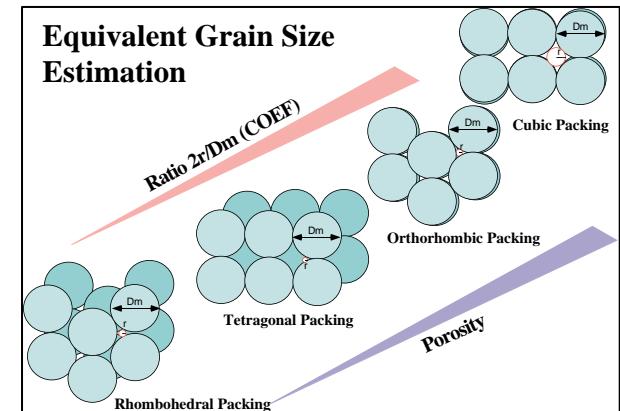
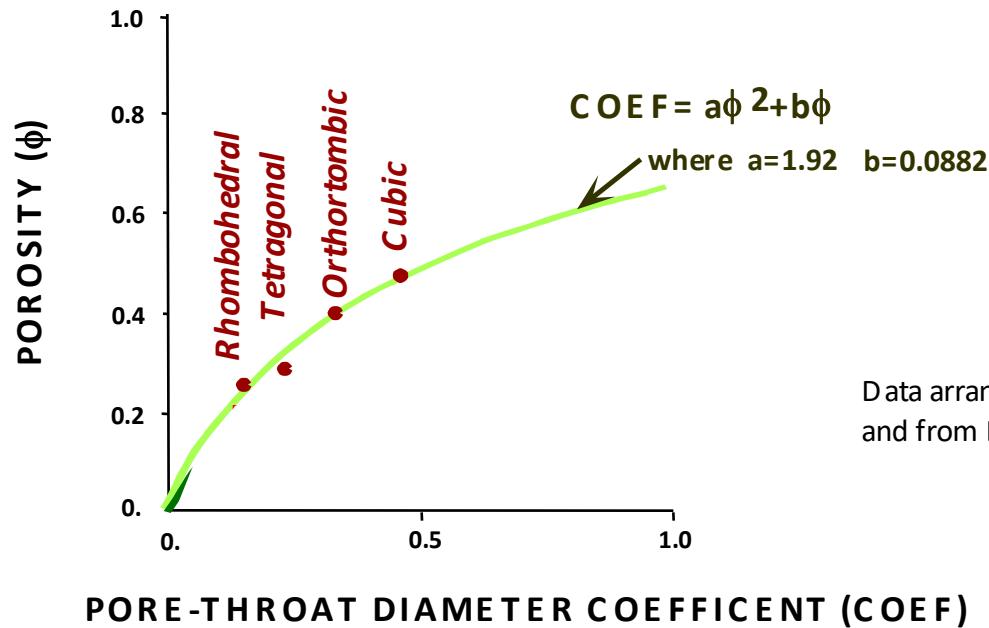
**$H_c$  is a function of  $R$ :  $H_c = f_1(R)$**

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# Equivalent Grain Size Estimation



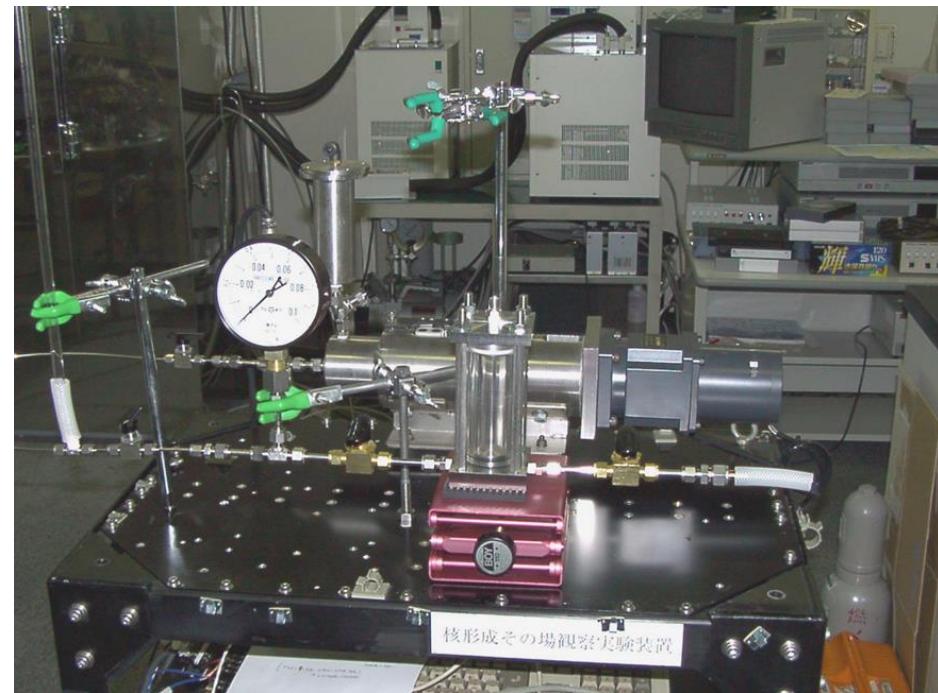
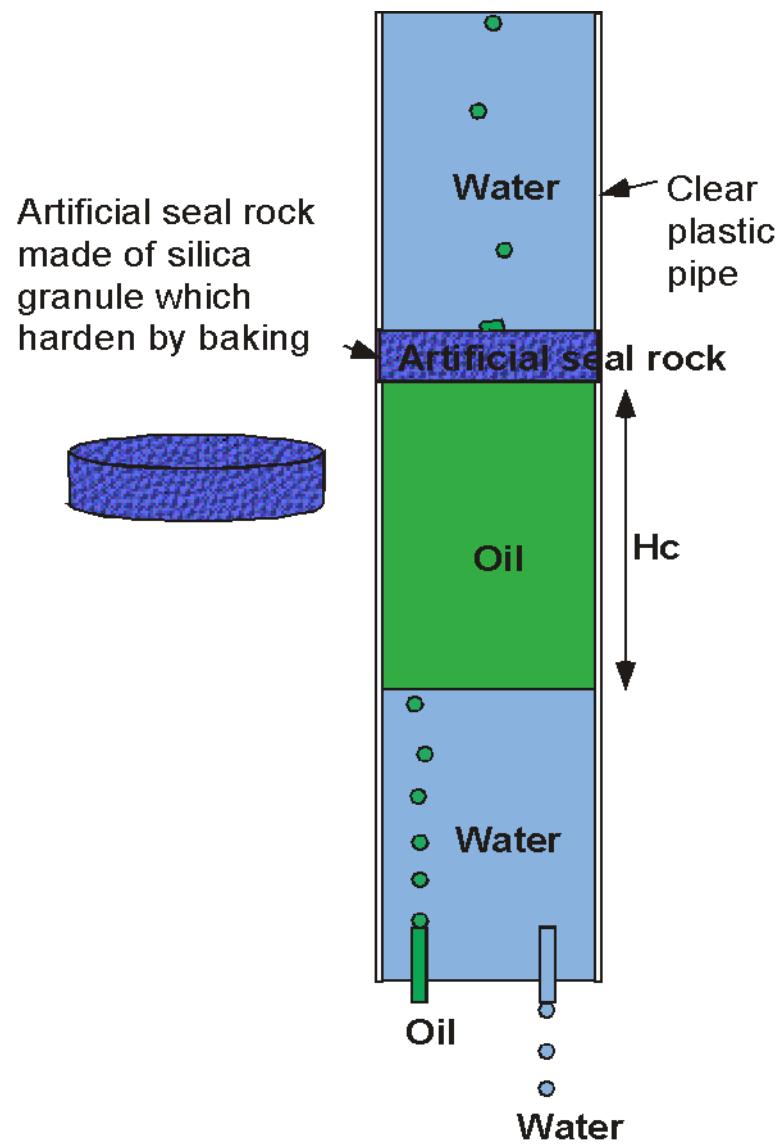
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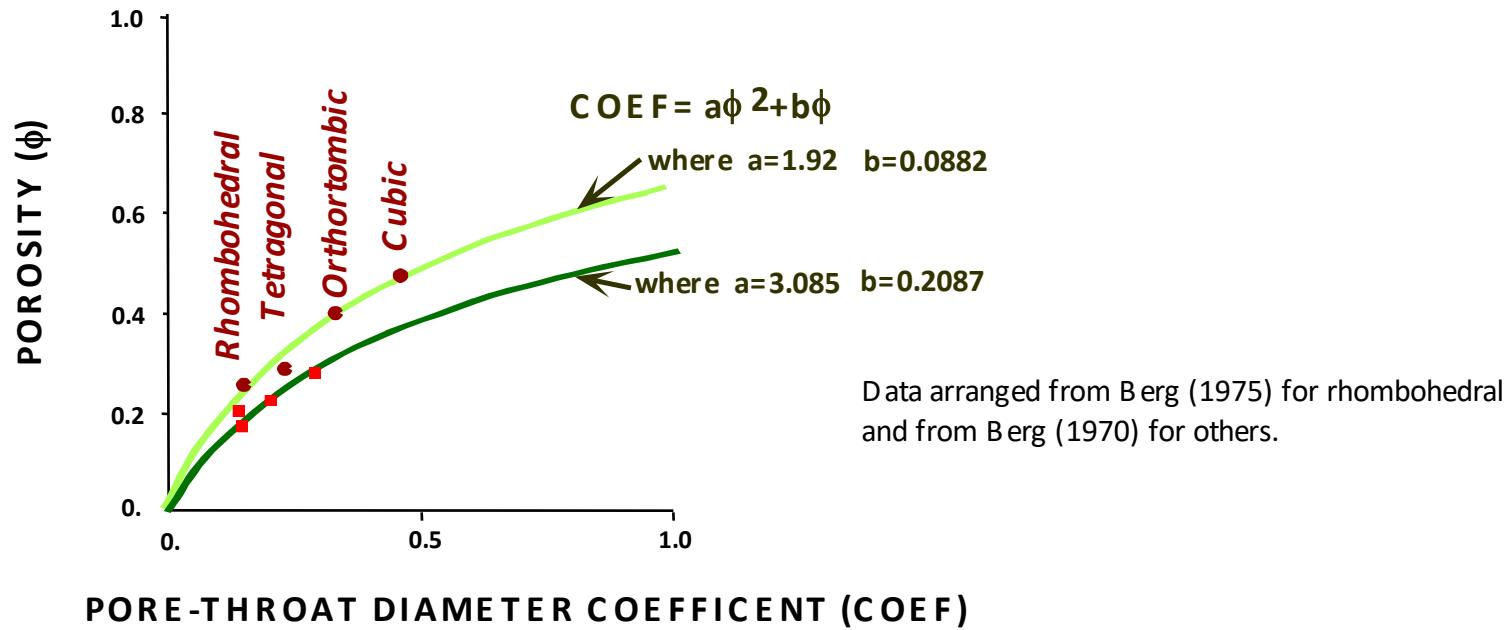
Data arranged from Berg (1975) for rhombohedral and from Berg (1970) for others.

$$2R/D_m = 1.92\phi^2 + 0.0882\phi$$

# Concept of Experiment



# Experimental Relation between Porosity and COEF according to Packing Types



$$2R/D_m = 3.085\phi^2 + 0.2087\phi$$

$R$  is a function of  $D_m$ :  $R = f_2(D_m)$

$H_c$  is a function of  $R$ , then  $D_m$ :  $H_c = f_1(R) = f_1(f_2(D_m))$

# Excel Sheet for Top Seal Evaluation

| Excel Sheet No.                         |                 |         |          |                         |                |              |                        |                        |                              | CalcSeaCap.BN v.4.0 |           |
|---|-----------------|---------|----------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Seal Capacity Estimation(Quick Version) |                 |         |          |                         |                |              |                        | Field Name: East field |                              |                     |           |
| Density of Fm Water                     | $\rho_0$        | 1.060   | (g/cc)   | subsurface              | 1.04           |              |                        |                        |                              |                     |           |
| Density of Oil                          | $\rho_1$        | 0.950   | (g/cc)   | subsurface              | 0.87           | Rs           | 852.1                  | Bo                     | 1.0926                       |                     |           |
| Gas Specific gravity                    | $\rho_2$        | 0.700   | (frac)   | subsurface              | 0.19           |              |                        |                        |                              |                     |           |
| Z-factor                                | Z               | 0.90    |          | Acceleration of Gravity | $\gamma$       | 981          | (cm/sec <sup>2</sup> ) | AMW                    | 20.13                        |                     |           |
| Oil Interfacial Tension                 | $\gamma_1$      | 24.12   | (mN/m)   | subsurface              | 24.12          | $\Delta\rho$ | 0.17                   |                        |                              |                     |           |
| Gas Interfacial Tension                 | $\gamma_2$      | 38.50   | (mN/m)   | subsurface              | 38.50          | $\Delta\rho$ | 0.85                   | Tr                     | 1.79                         |                     |           |
| Contact Angle                           | $\theta$        | 0.00    | (degree) | 0 : Water Wet           |                |              |                        | A                      | 3.51739886                   |                     |           |
| Grain Size of Rock                      | dm              | 8.31    | (phn)    |                         |                |              |                        | 26.00                  | Surface Temperature [C]      |                     |           |
|   | dm              | 0.00315 | (mm)     |                         |                |              |                        | 2.00                   | Geothermal Gradient [C/100m] |                     |           |
| Porosity                                | $\phi$          | 4.88    | (%)      | Porosity-surface        | 50             | 0.000600     | Compaction Factor      |                        |                              |                     |           |
| Pore Throat Diameter                    | PTD             | 0.00031 | (mm)     | Gas Eff x0.7            |                | 2020.00      | Depth (m)              |                        |                              |                     |           |
|   |                 |         |          |                         |                | 66.40        | Temperature[C]         |                        |                              |                     |           |
| Oil Column H.                           | H <sub>co</sub> | 185.55  | (m)      |                         |                |              |                        |                        |                              |                     |           |
| Gas Column H.                           | H <sub>cg</sub> | 59.07   | (m)      | C for Effective PTD     | C              | 1.00         | (-)                    |                        |                              |                     |           |
|   |                 |         |          |                         |                |              |                        |                        |                              |                     |           |
|   |                 |         |          | Observed Oil Col.       | H <sub>o</sub> | 186.00       | (m)                    | C <sub>inv</sub>       | 1.00                         |                     |           |
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**1st Step: Knowing O/G Column Height → Find out EGS**

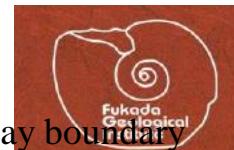
**2nd Step: Knowing EGS → Find out O/G Column Height**

# **Phi Scale for Grain Size of Sedimentary Rocks**

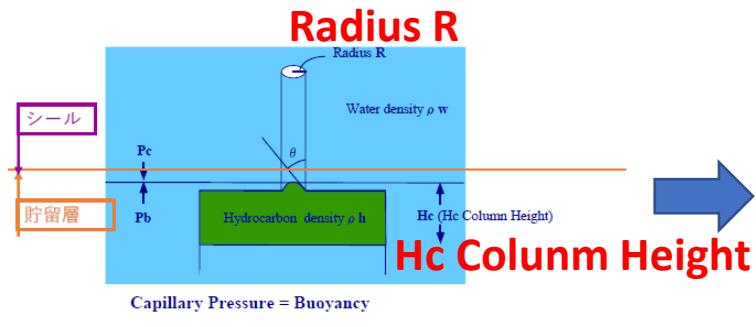
The Relationship;  $\varphi = -\log_2 D$  [or  $D = 2^{-\varphi}$ ]

| <b>Grain</b>            | <b>Particle diameters<br/>[D] (mm)</b> | <b>Corresponding<br/><math>\varphi</math> values</b> |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| <b>boulder</b>          | <b>&gt; 256</b>                        | <b>&lt; -8</b>                                       |
| <b>cobble</b>           | <b>64–256</b>                          | <b>-6 to -8</b>                                      |
| <b>pebble</b>           | <b>4–64</b>                            | <b>-2 to -6</b>                                      |
| <b>granule</b>          | <b>2–4</b>                             | <b>-1 to -2</b>                                      |
| <b>very coarse sand</b> | <b>1–2</b>                             | <b>0 to -1</b>                                       |
| <b>coarse sand</b>      | <b>0.5–1.0</b>                         | <b>1 to 0</b>  |
| <b>medium sand</b>      | <b>0.25–0.50</b>                       | <b>2 to 1</b>  |
| <b>fine sand</b>        | <b>0.125–0.250</b>                     | <b>3 to 2</b>  |
| <b>very fine sand</b>   | <b>0.0625–0.125</b>                    | <b>4 to 3</b>  |
| <b>silt</b>             | <b>0.0038–0.0625</b>                   | <b>8 to 4</b>  |
| <b>clay</b>             | <b>&lt; 0.0039</b>                     | <b>&gt; 8*</b>                                       |

\* Some use 2 microns ( $9\varphi$ ) as the silt-clay boundary



# How to evaluate Sealing Capacity ?



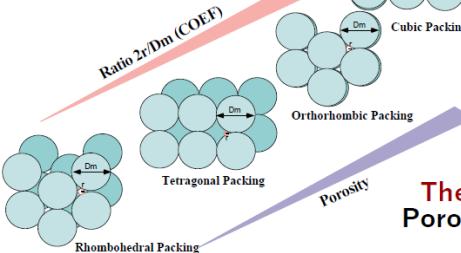
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| Density of Fm Water                     | $\rho_0$ 1.069 (kg/m³)      | subsurface                      | 1.0                               | R <sub>s</sub> | 85.2                |
| Density of Oil                          | $\rho_1$ 0.950 (kg/m³)      | subsurface                      | 0.8                               | B <sub>o</sub> | 1.092               |
| Gas Specific gravity                    | $\rho_2$ 0.700 (kg/m³)      | subsurface                      | 0.1                               |                |                     |
| Z-factor                                | Z 0.90                      | Acceleration of Gravity γ       | 981 (cm/sec²)                     | A <sub>M</sub> | 20.13               |
| Oil Interfacial Tension                 | $\gamma_1$ 24.12 (mNm)      | subsurface                      | 24.12 ΔP                          | 0.1            | T <sub>r</sub> 1.75 |
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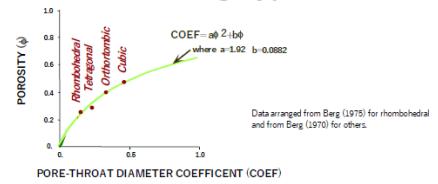
EGS(Equivalent Grain Size)

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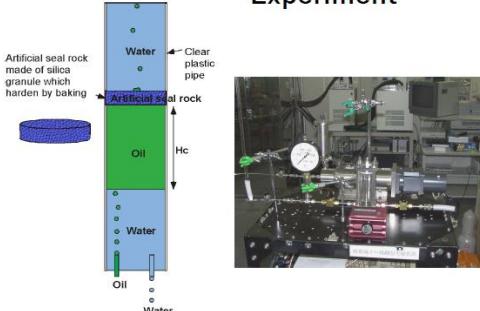


If shale is constructed by equal sized sediments,

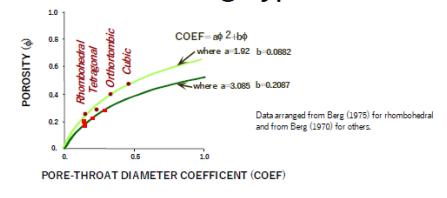
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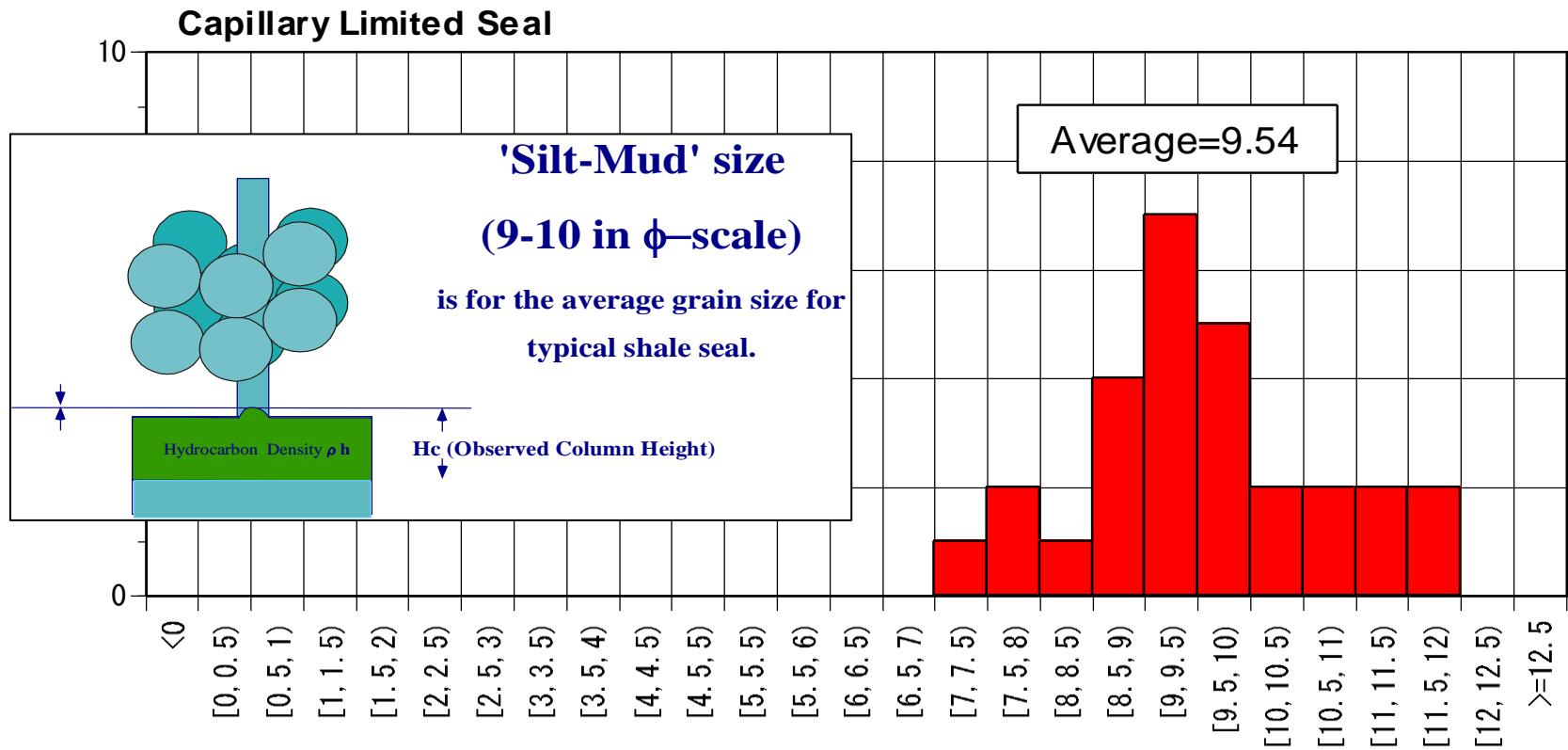


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# Basics for Top Seal by Capillary Pressure

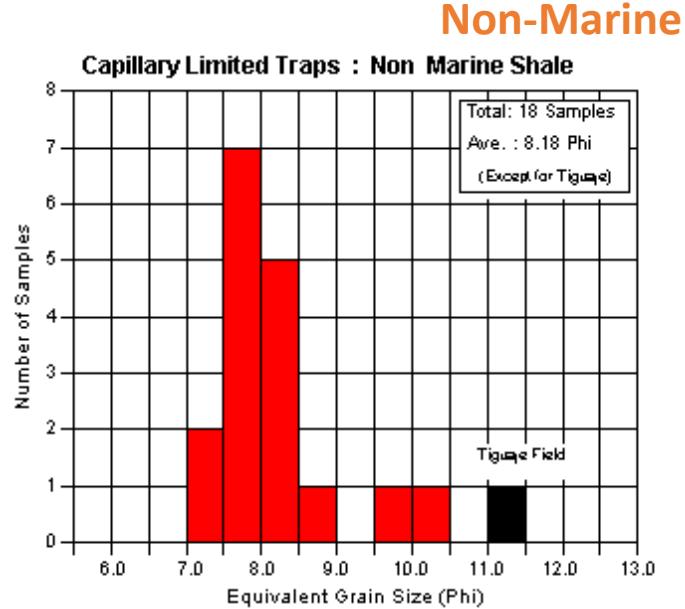
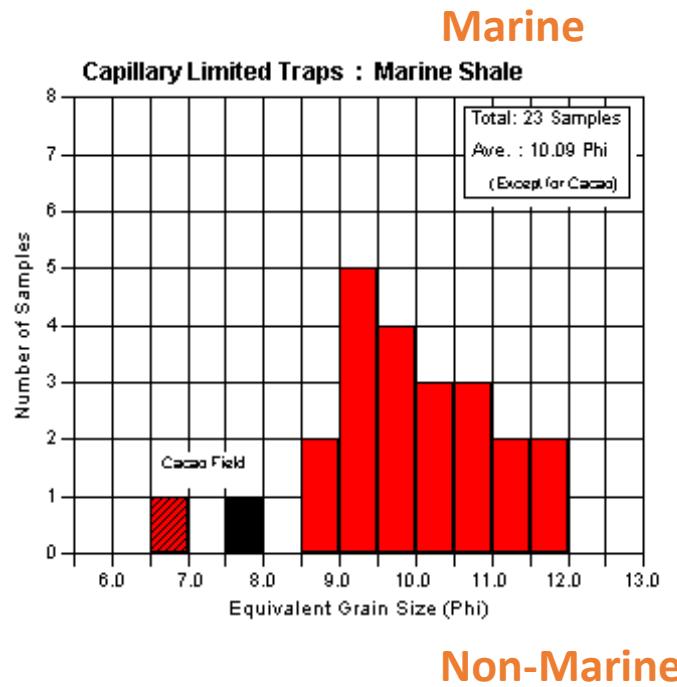
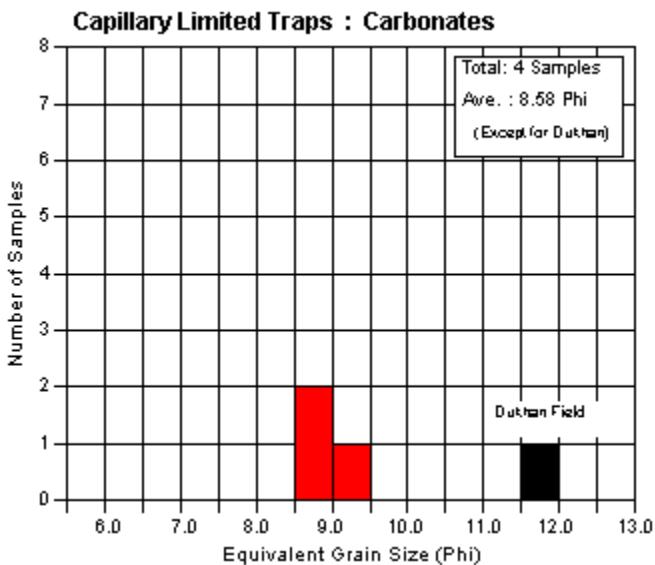
## Statistics from 90 Fields



\*In most of the cases, there is enough amount of generation to fill up traps.

# Difference on E.G.S. for Sedimentary Environment

## Carbonate



# Q & A

***Applications (How to use the concept?)***  
***And Distinguish Methane from CO<sub>2</sub>***



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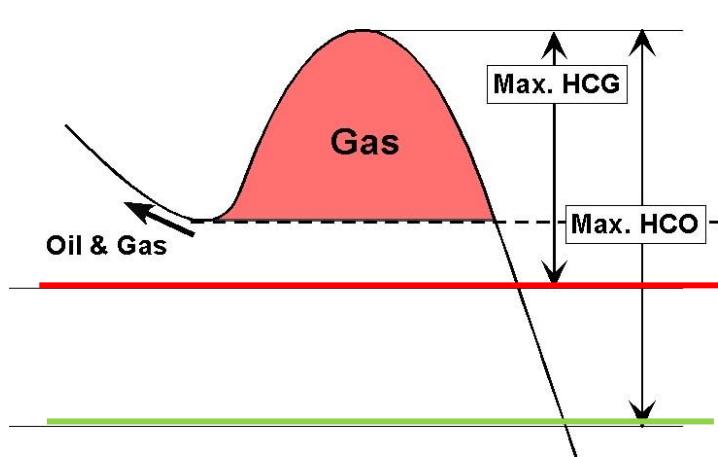


## Ex. 1

# Effect on Reserves by Seals

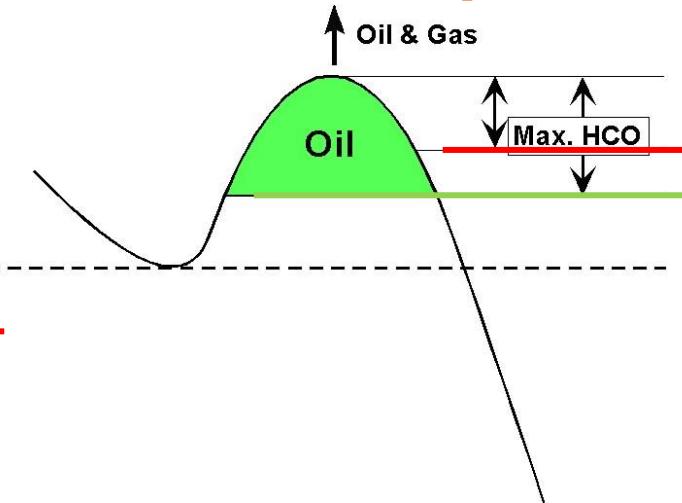
**Amount of Oil/Gas reserves  
by Top Seal Capacity vs Trap Height !**

**Top Seal Capacity(L)**  
EGS(S) or Depth(D)



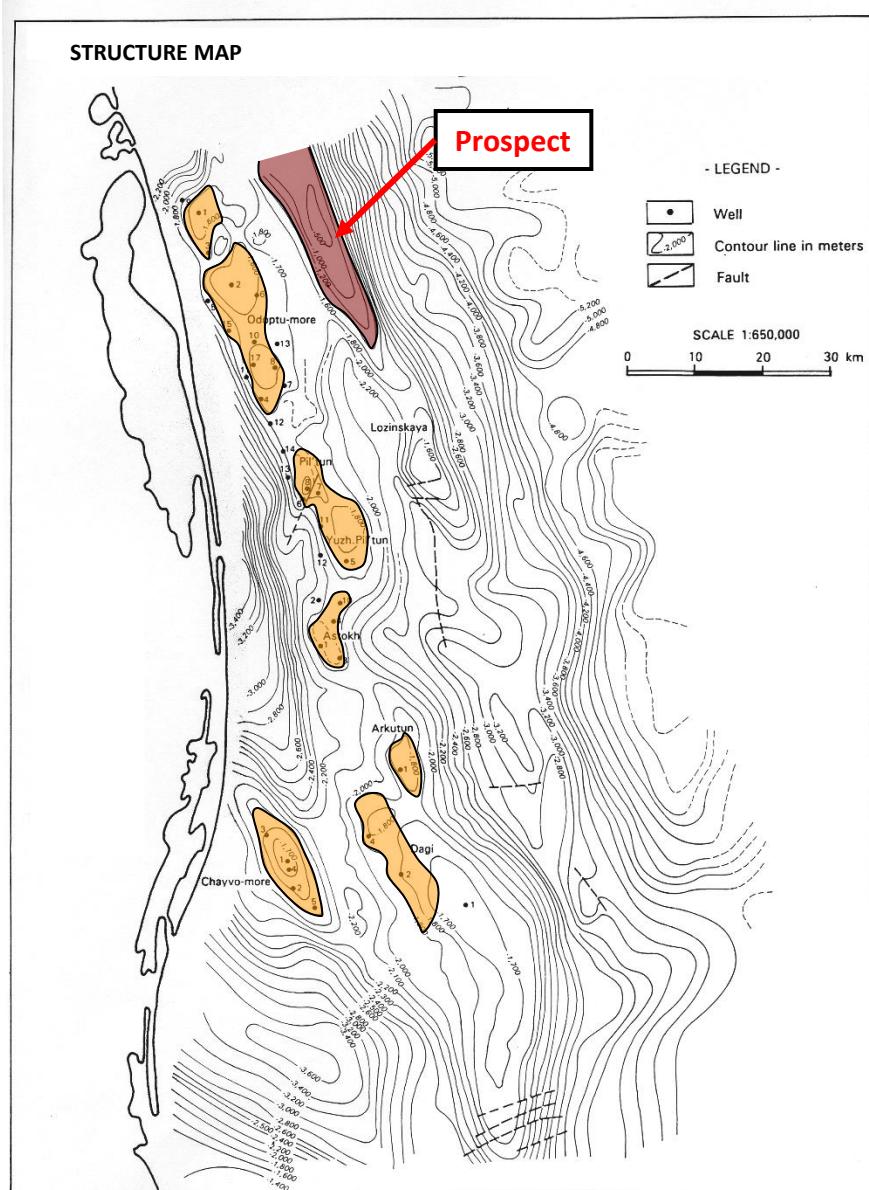
**Nice Guy**  
**Loose Expensive Oil**

**Top Seal Capacity(S)**  
EGS(L) or Depth(S)

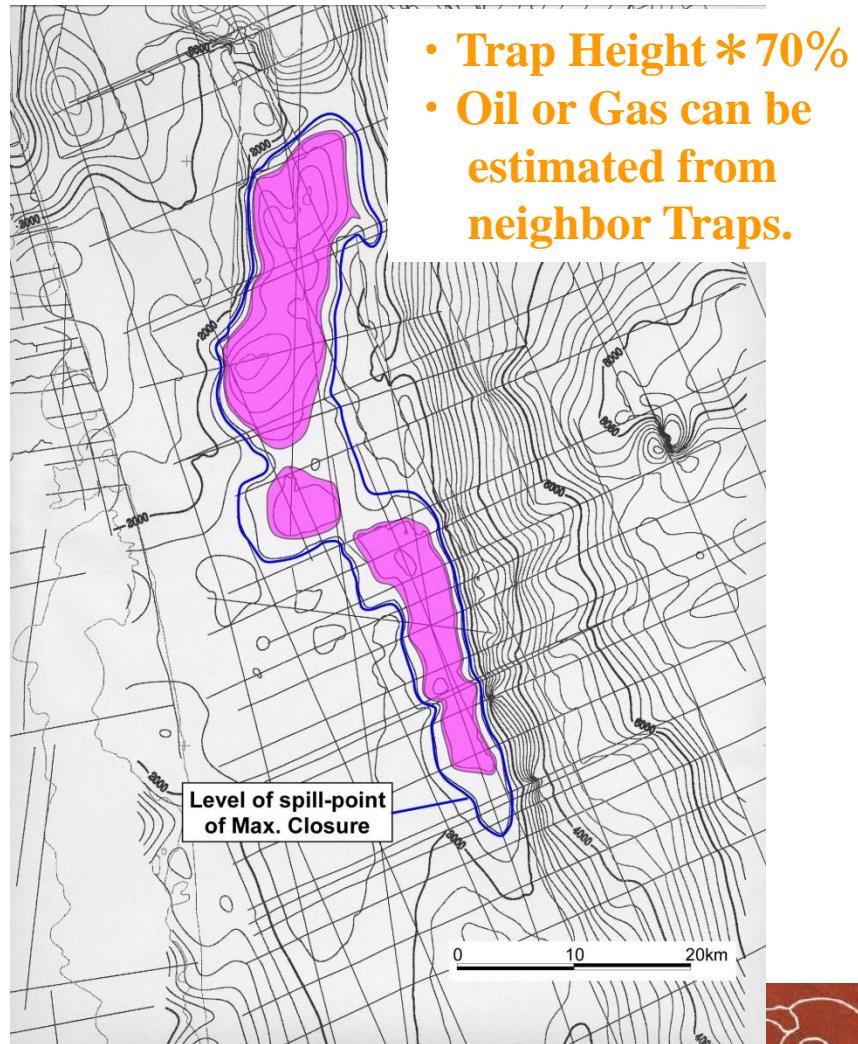


**Non working poor Guy**  
**Keep a lot of Oil !**

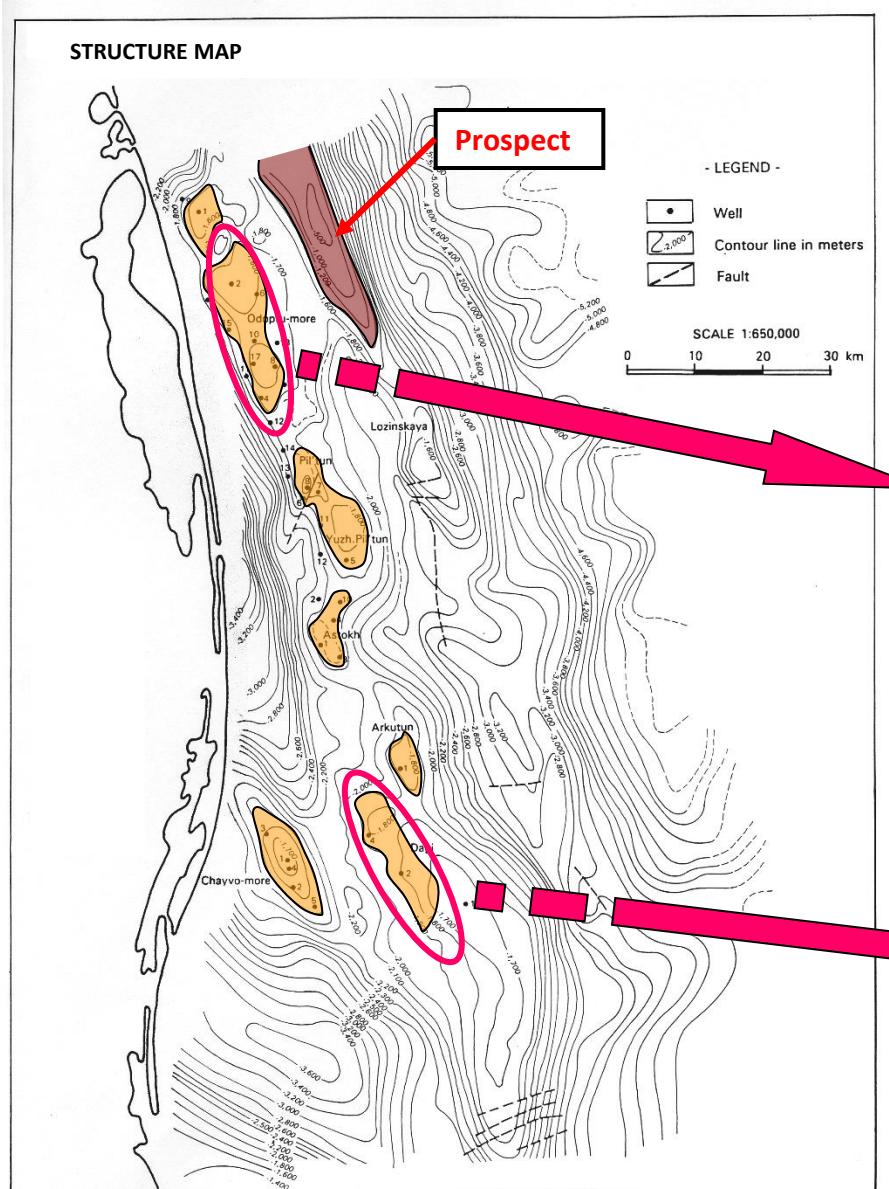
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## Estimation of Expected Oil/Gas Column height

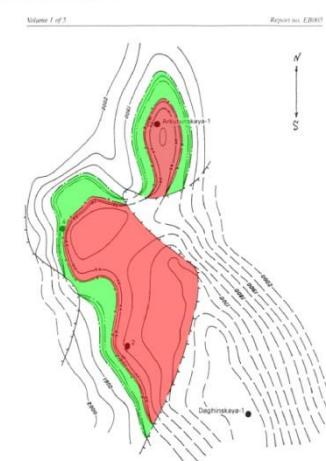


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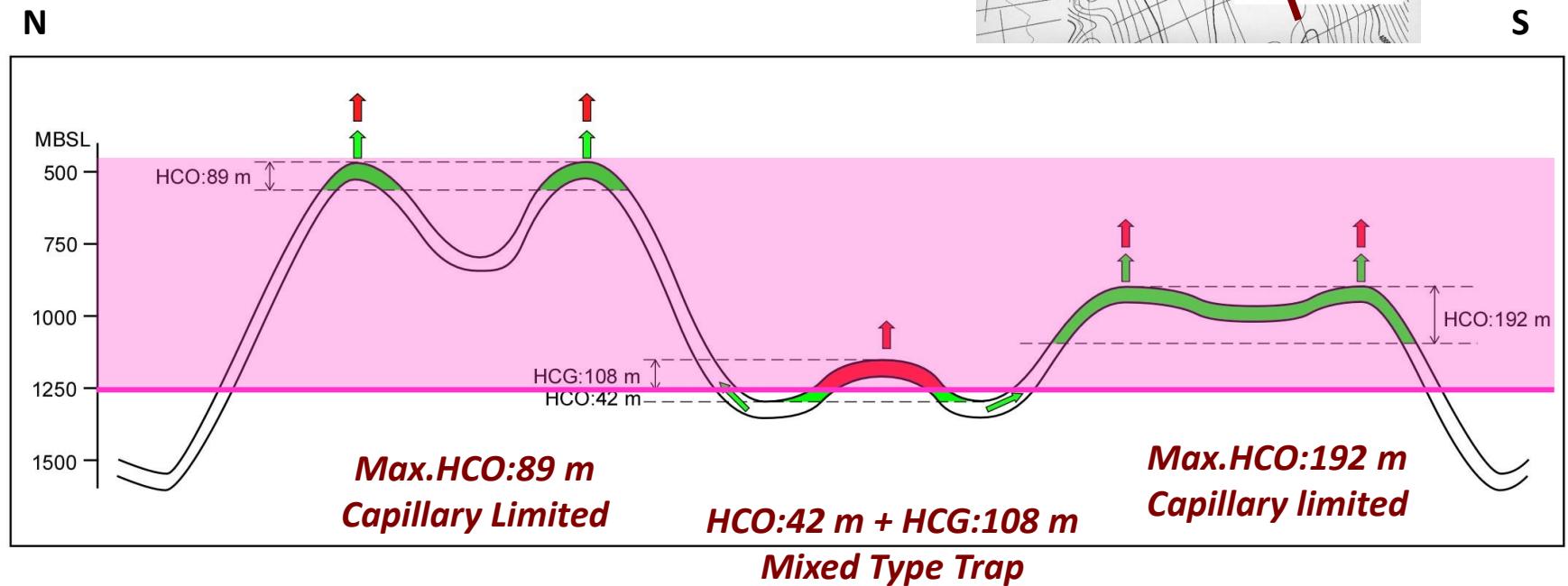
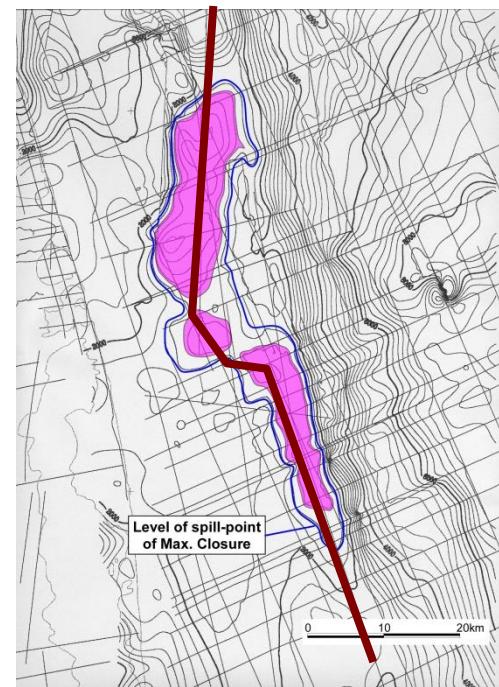


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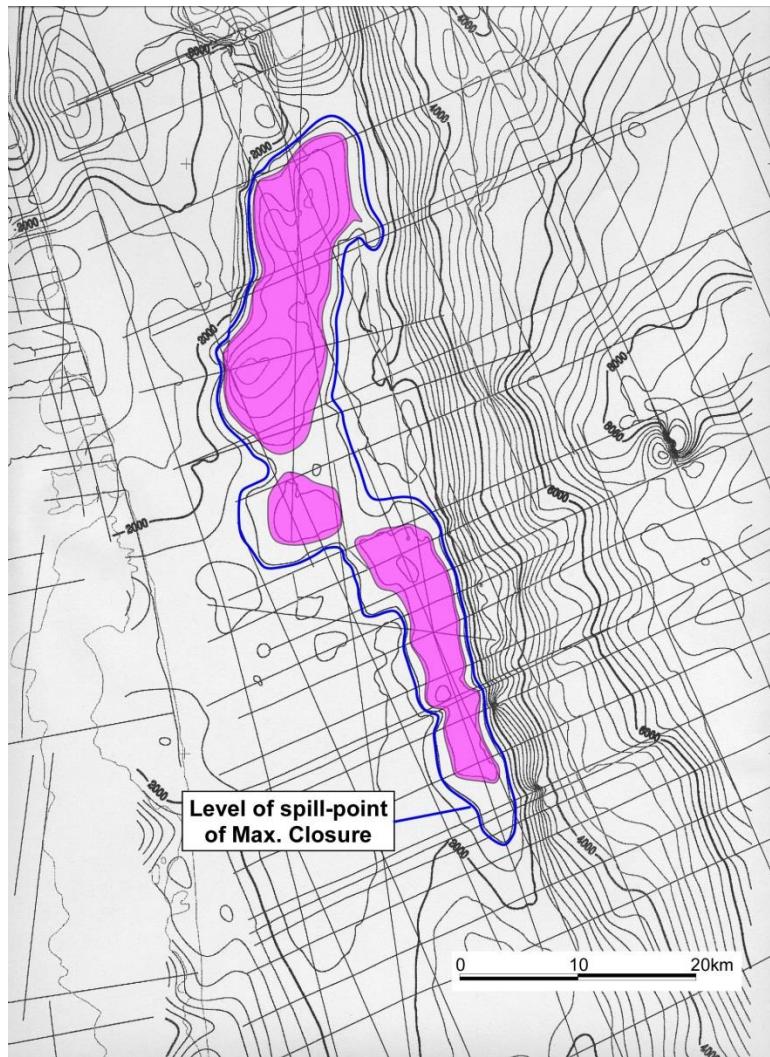
-Estimate Seal Capacity that is calculated from neighbor fields.



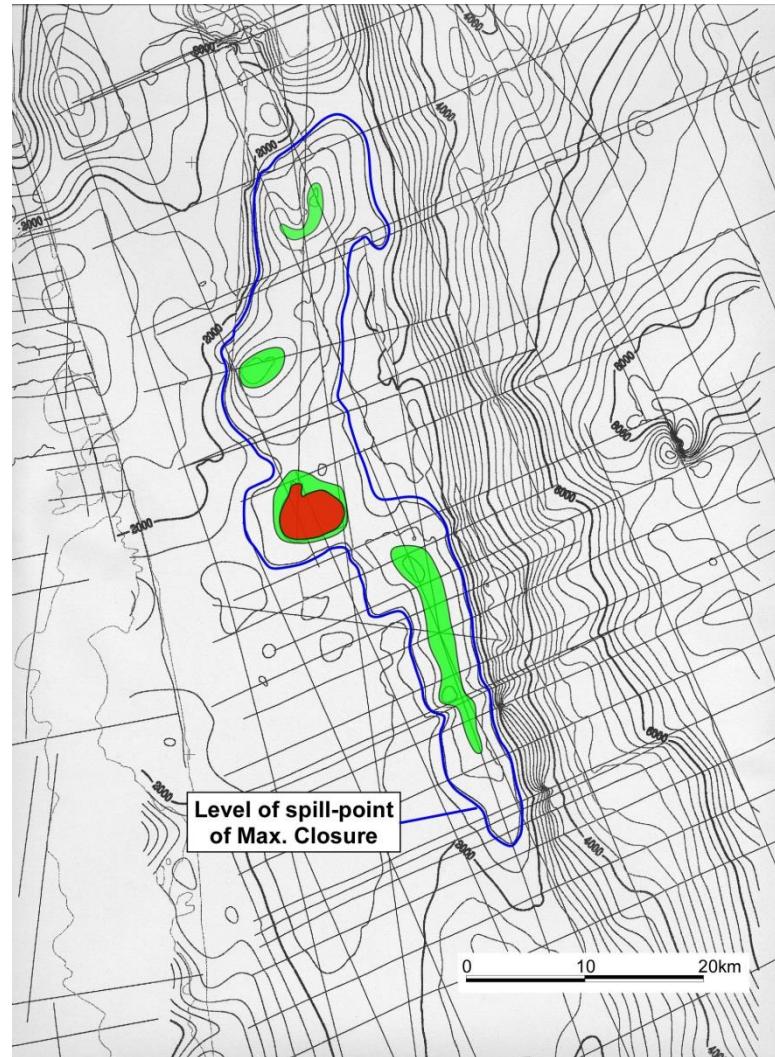
# Case Study-Offshore Sakhalin- Seal Capacity (EGS=9.7phi) を仮定



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**Before**



**After**

# Prediction of Fluid Contents

## (Oil or Gas)

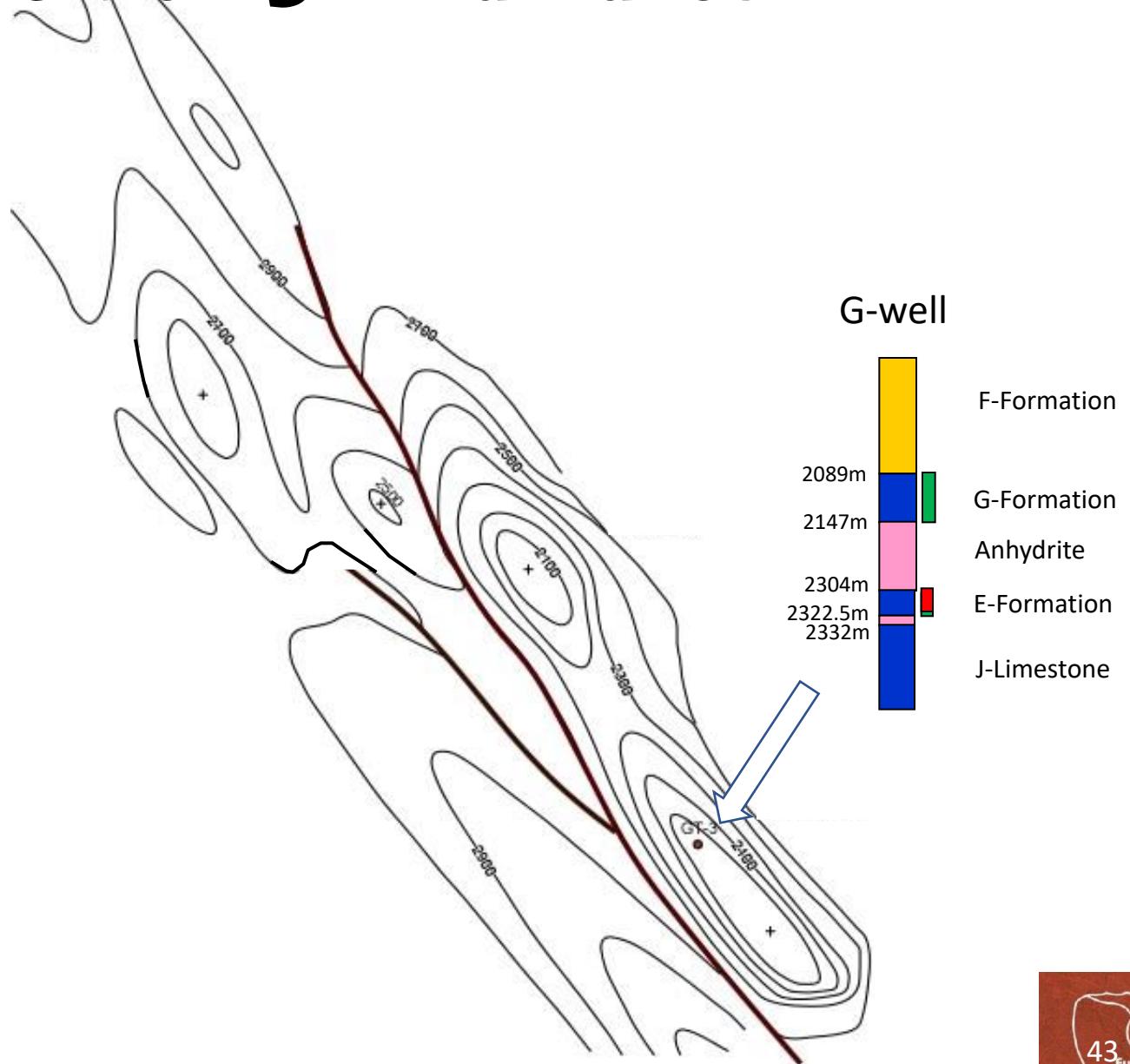
### **Seal Analysis in G-Field**

-Practical Application of EGS Method- (Example)

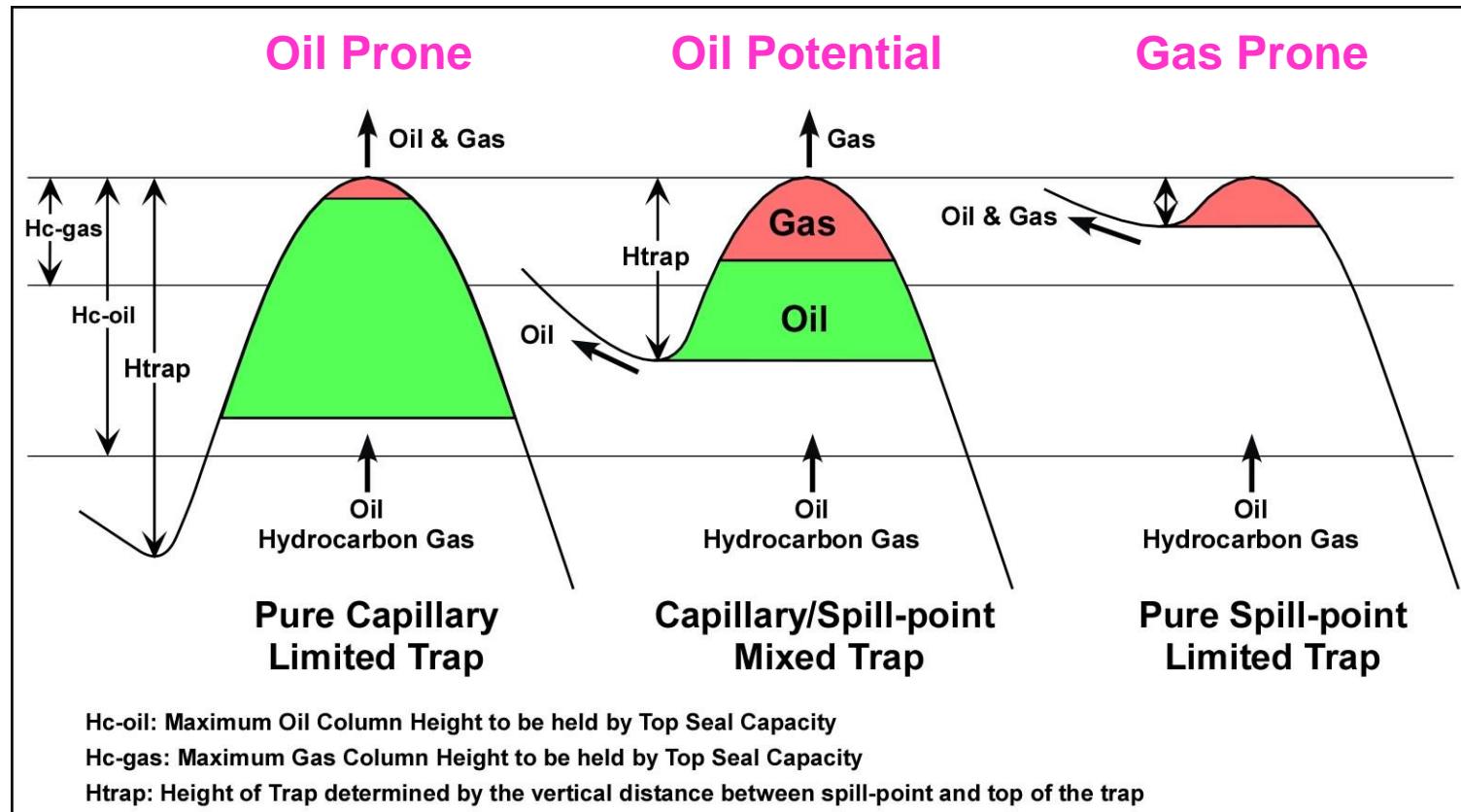
#### **Examples from Central Iraq**

- 1. Oil/Gas Columns for J-Formation. & E-Formation.
- 2. Estimation of EGS (J- & E-Formations)
- 3. Possible Explanation of Oil/Gas Accumulation
- 4. Estimation of Oil/Gas Occurrence in the neighbor fields

# G-Str. & other 3 Structures

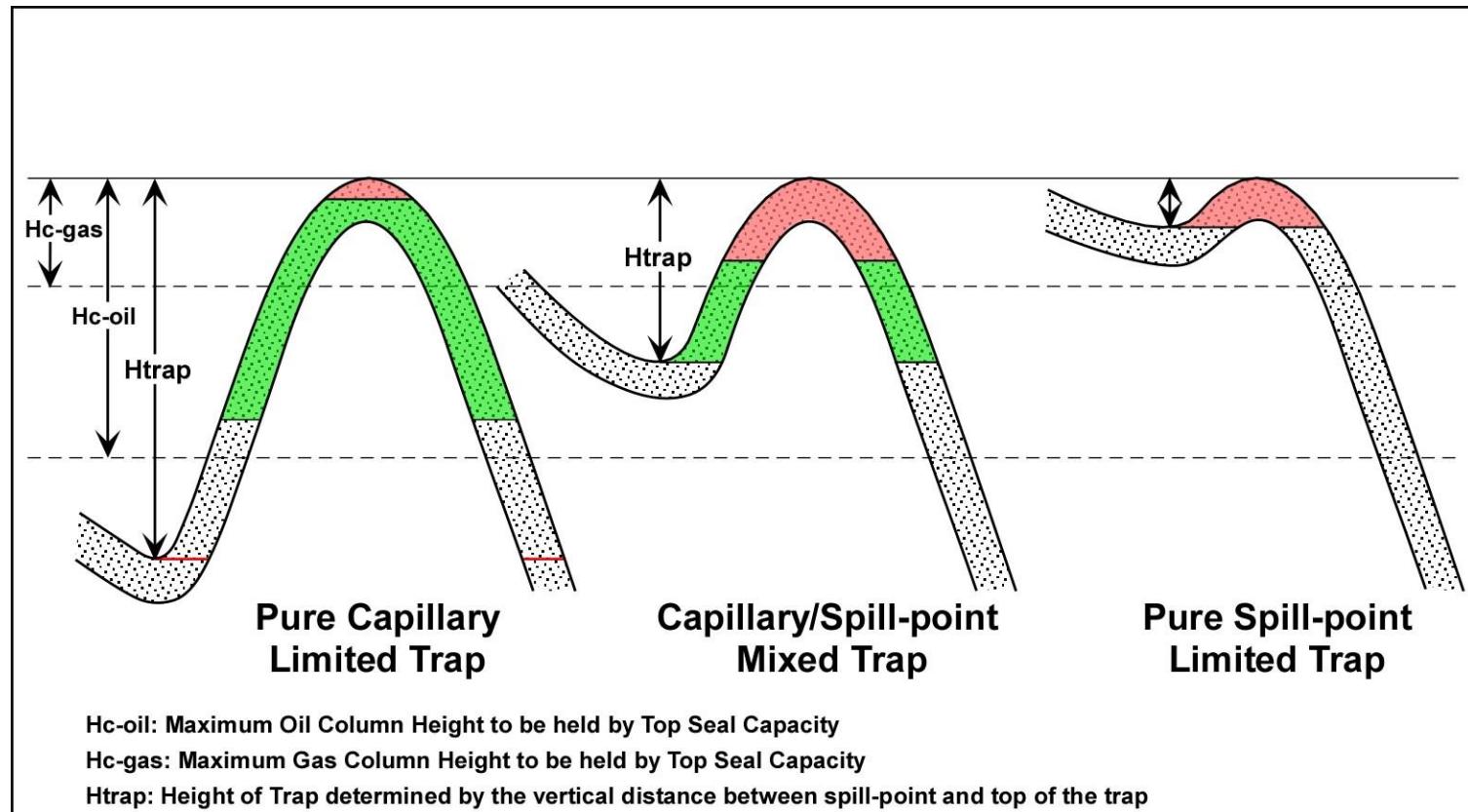


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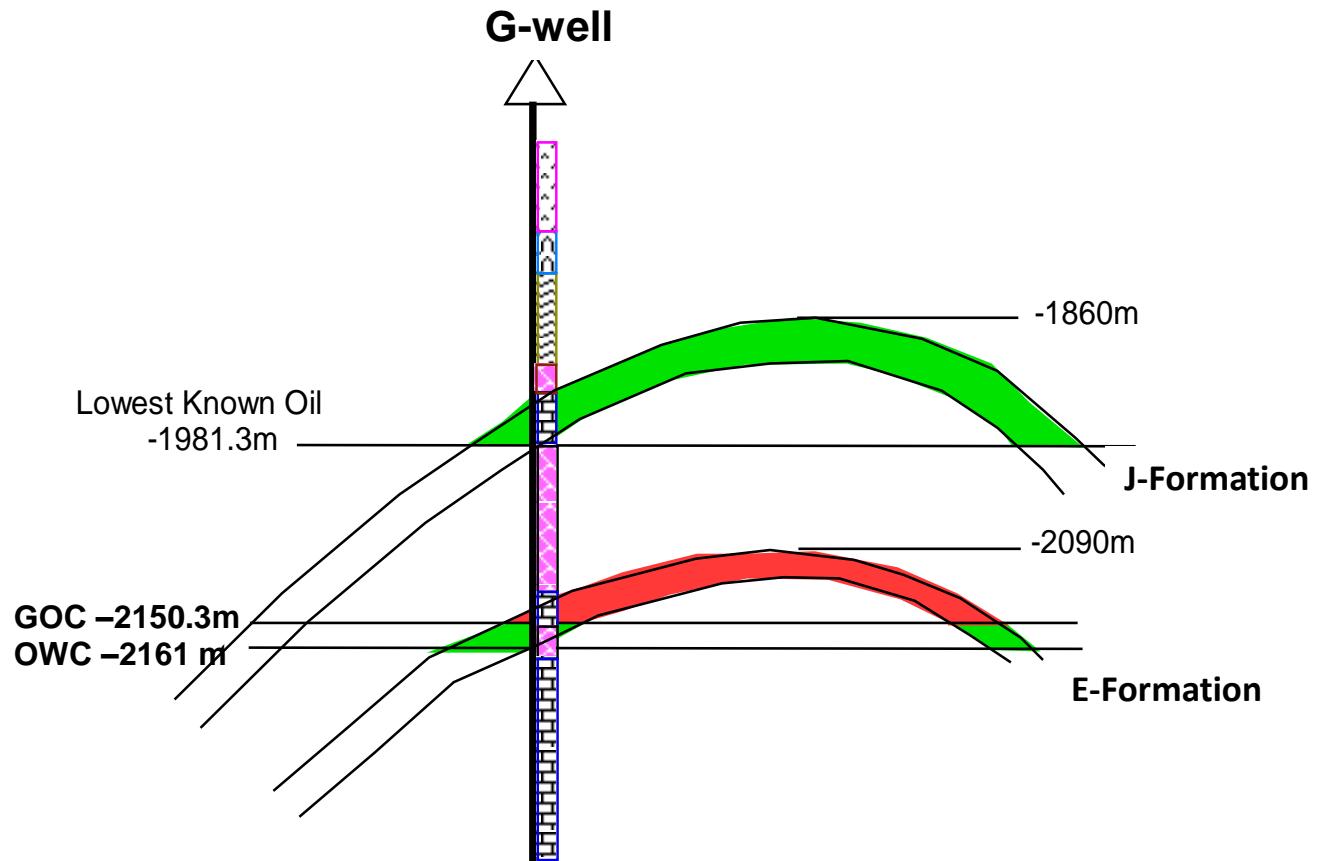


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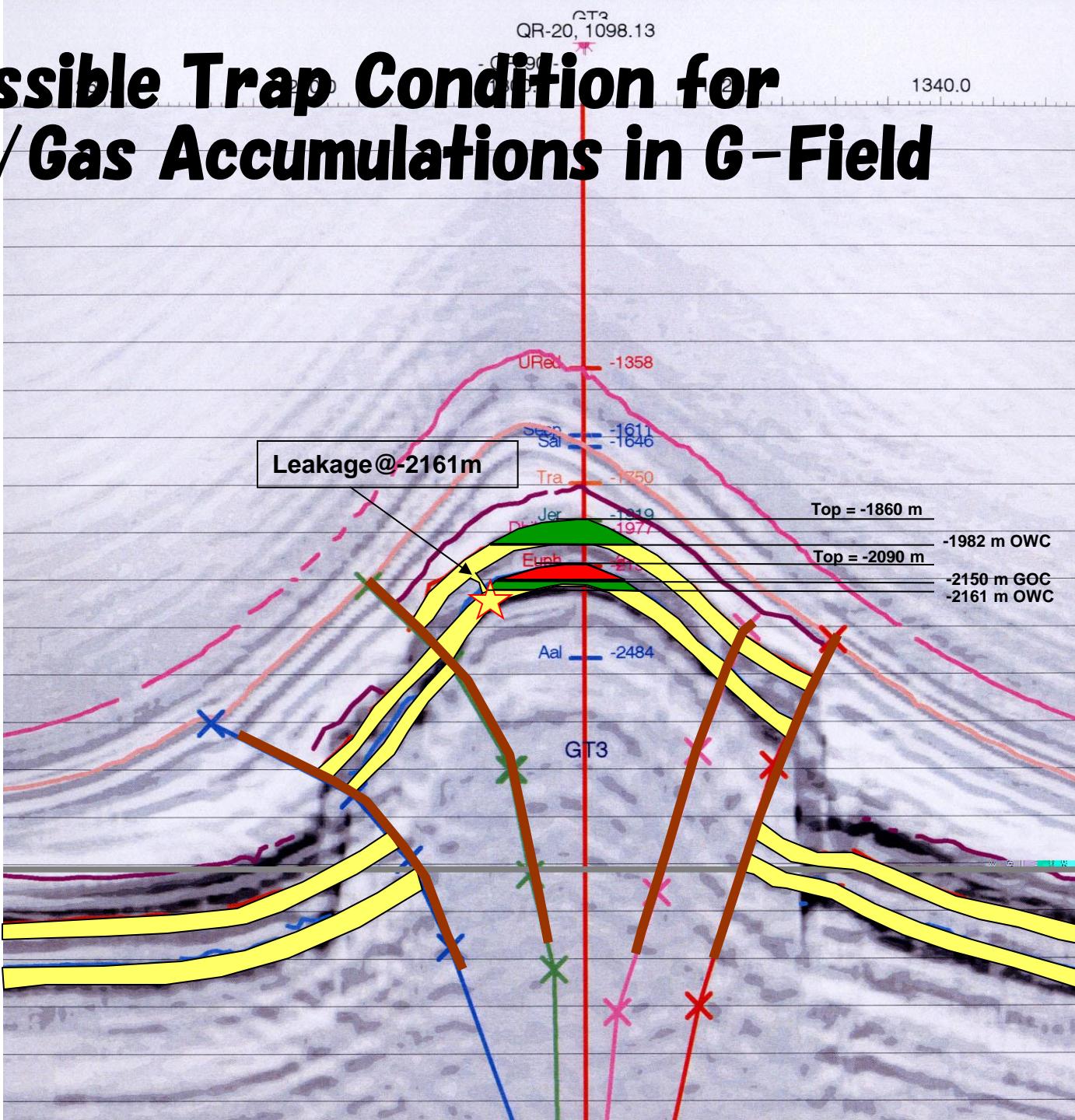
# **Oil & Gas Accumulation Controlled by Top Seal Capacity-Trap Height**



# Possible Explanation for Oil/Gas Accumulations in G-Field



# Possible Trap Condition for Oil/Gas Accumulations in G-Field



# Estimated EGS for J-Reservoir in G-Field

Excel Sheet No.

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| Seal Capacity Estimation(Quick Version) |               |         |               | Field Name: G-Field(J-Formation)   |        |                            |       |           |
|---|---------------|---------|---------------|--|--------|----------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Density of Fm Water                     | r0            | 1.040   | (g/cc)        | subsurface   | 1.02   |                            |       |           |
| Density of Oil                          | r1            | 0.826   | (g/cc)        | subsurface   | 0.76   | Rs                         | 795.3 | Bo 1.0898 |
| Gas Specific gravity                    | r2            | 0.753   | (frac)        | subsurface   | 0.18   |                            |       |           |
| Z-factor                                | Z             | 0.90    |               | Acceleration of Gravity g  | 981    | (cm/sec2)                  | AMW   | 21.63     |
| Oil Interfacial Tension                 | $\gamma_1$    | 27.23   | (mN/m)        | subsurface   | 27.23  | Dr                         | 0.26  |           |
| Gas Interfacial Tension                 | $\gamma_2$    | 37.83   | (mN/m)        | subsurface   | 37.83  | Dr                         | 0.84  | Tr 1.79   |
| Contact Angle                           | q             | 0.00    | (degree)      | 0 : Water Wet  |        |                            |       |           |
| Grain Size of Rock                      | dm            | 7.85    | (phi)         | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">           25.00 Surface Temperature [C]<br/>           2.30 Geothermal Gradient [C/100m]<br/>           0.000600 Compaction Factor<br/>           1860.00 Depth(m)         </div> |        |                            |       |           |
| Porosity                                | dm            | 0.00433 | (mm)          | Porosity-surface   | 40     | 0.000600 Compaction Factor |       |           |
|   | $\phi$        | 13.10   | (%)           |  |        | 1860.00 Depth(m)           |       |           |
| Pore Throat Diameter PTD                | 0.000348 (mm) |         | Gas Eff x 0.7 | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; transform: rotate(-45deg);">           67.78 Temperature[C]<br/>           0 Water Depth (m)         </div>   |        |                            |       |           |
| Oil Column H.                           | Hco           | 121.36  | (m)           | COEF   | 0.080  | (-)                        |       |           |
| Gas Column H.                           | Hcg           | 53.01   | (m)           |  |        |                            |       |           |
|   |               |         |               | C for Effective PTD C  | 1.00   | (-)                        |       |           |
|   |               |         |               | Observed Oil Col. Ho   | 121.30 | (m)                        | Cinv  |           |
|   |               |         |               | Observed Gas Col. Hg   | 0.00   | (m)                        | 1.00  | #DIV/0!   |

# Estimated EGS for E Reservoir in G-Field

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## Seal Capacity Estimation(Quick Version)

Field Name: G-Field(E-Formation)

Density of Fm Water r0 1.040 (g/cc)

subsurface 1.02

Density of Oil r1 0.836 (g/cc)

subsurface 0.76

Rs 876.95 Bo 1.0938

Gas Specific gravity r2 0.753 (frac)

subsurface 0.20

Z-factor Z 0.90

Acceleration of Gravity g

981 (cm/sec2) AMW 21.63

Oil Interfacial Tension γ1 26.23 (mN/m)

subsurface 26.23

Dr 0.25

Gas Interfacial Tension γ2 36.64 (mN/m)

subsurface 36.64

Dr 0.82 Tr 1.82

Contact Angle q 0.00 (degree)

0 : Water Wet

A 3.606206

Grain Size of Rock dm 7.81 (phi)

25.00 Surface Temperature [C]

dm 0.00146 (mm)

2.30 Geothermal Gradient [C/100m]

Porosity φ 11.41 (%)

Porosity-surface 40

0.000600 Compaction Factor

Gas Eff x 0.7

2090.00 Depth(m)

Pore Throat Diameter PTD 0.000285 (mm)

COEF

73.07 Temperature[C]

0 Water Depth (m)

0.064 (-)

Oil Column H. Hco 147.52 (m)

C for Effective PTD C 1.00 (-)

Cinv

Gas Column H. Hcg 63.65 (m)

13.79

10.70 (m)

Observed Oil Col. Ho

1.06

60.30 (m)

Pb = 513.42

for Mixed Type only

HCG HCO Pb Pc

Pc = 2\*γ/R/1000

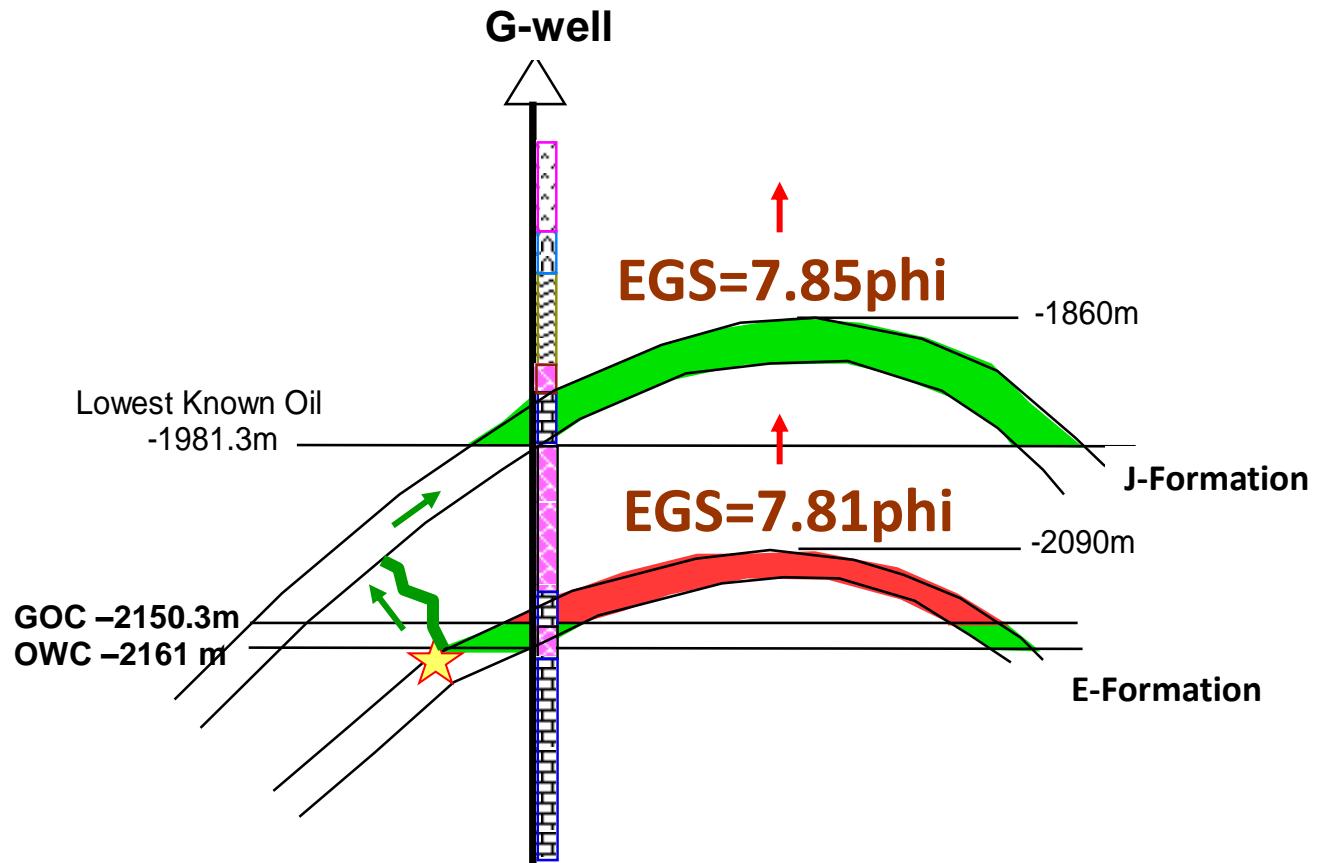
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Pb=Pc -->2R = 0.000285

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# Possible Explanation for Oil/Gas Accumulations in G-Field



# G-Str. & other 3 Structures

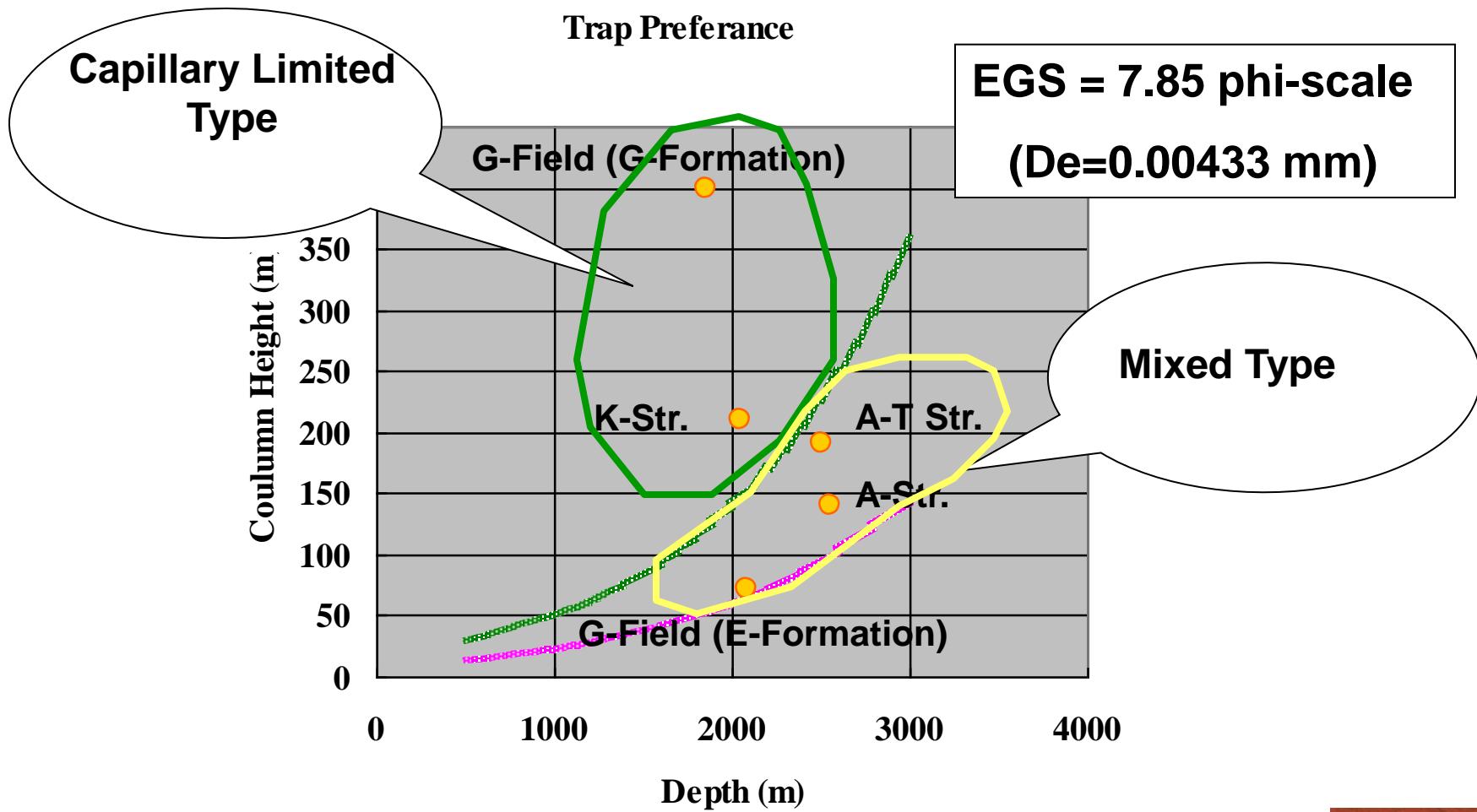
**A-Structure** Top: 2550 m  
Spill: 2690 m  
**Trap Height:** 140 m

**K-Structure** Top: 2050 m  
Spill: 2250 m  
**Trap Height:** 200 m

**AT-Structure** Top: 2500 m  
Spill: 2690 m  
**Trap Height:** 190 m

**G-Structure** Top: 1860 m  
Spill: 2250 m  
**Trap Height:** 390 m

# Oil/Gas Preference for other fields



# Estimated Column Height at K-Structure

Excel Sheet No.

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| Seal Capacity Estimation(Quick Version) |               |         |              | Field Name: G-Field(K-Str.)  |            |                   |         |
|---|---------------|---------|--------------|--|------------|-------------------|---------|
| Density of Fm Water                     | r0            | 1.040   | (g/cc)       | subsurface   | 1.02       |                   |         |
| Density of Oil                          | r1            | 0.826   | (g/cc)       | subsurface   | 0.76       | Rs                | 862.75  |
| Gas Specific gravity                    | r2            | 0.753   | (frac)       | subsurface   | 0.19       | Bo                | 1.0931  |
| Z-factor                                | Z             | 0.90    |              | Acceleration of Gravity g  | 981        | (cm/sec2)         | AMW     |
| Oil Interfacial Tension                 | $\gamma_1$    | 27.28   | (mN/m)       | subsurface   | 27.28      | Dr                | 0.26    |
| Gas Interfacial Tension                 | $\gamma_2$    | 36.84   | (mN/m)       | subsurface   | 36.84      | Dr                | 0.83    |
| Contact Angle                           | q             | 0.00    | (degree)     | 0 : Water Wet  |            | Tr                | 1.82    |
| Grain Size of Rock                      | dm            | 7.85    | (phi)        | 25.00 Surface Temperature [C]<br>2.30 Geothermal Gradient [C/100m]<br>400.000000 Compaction Factor<br>2050.00 Depth(m) |            |                   |         |
| Porosity                                | dm            | 0.00433 | (mm)         | Porosity-surface   | 400.000000 | Compaction Factor |         |
|   | $\phi$        | 11.69   | (%)          |  | 2050.00    | Depth(m)          |         |
| Pore Throat Diameter PTD                | 0.000288 (mm) |         | Gas Eff x0.7 | 72.15 Temperature[C]<br>0 Water Depth (m)  |            |                   |         |
|   |               |         | COEF         | 0.067 (-)  |            |                   |         |
| Oil Column H.                           | Hco           | 146.46  | (m)          | C for Effective PTD C  | 1.00       | (-)               |         |
| Gas Column H.                           | Hcg           | 63.11   | (m)          | Observed Oil Col. Ho   | 146.00     | (m)               | Cinv    |
|   |               |         |              | Observed Gas Col. Hg   | 0.00       | (m)               | 1.00    |
|   |               |         |              |  |            |                   | #DIV/0! |

Trap Height = 200m

# Estimated Column Height at A-Structure

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| Seal Capacity Estimation(Quick Version)            |  |  |         | Field Name: G-Field(A-Str.) |            |            |  |
|--|--|--|---------|-----------------------------|------------|------------|--|
| <b>Density of Fm Water</b> r0 <b>1.040</b> (g/cc)  |  |  |         | subsurface 1.01             |            |            |  |
| <b>Density of Oil</b> r1 <b>0.826</b> (g/cc)       |  |  |         | subsurface 0.75             | Rs 1040.25 | Bo 1.1020  |  |
| <b>Gas Specific gravity</b> r2 <b>0.753</b> (frac) |  |  |         | subsurface 0.21             |            |            |  |
| Z-factor Z 0.90                                    |  | Acceleration of Gravity g 981 (cm/sec2)      |         |                             | AMW 21.63  |            |  |
| Oil Interfacial Tension $\gamma_1$ 27.41 (mN/m)    |  | subsurface 27.41                             | Dr 0.26 |                             |            |            |  |
| Gas Interfacial Tension $\gamma_2$ 34.49 (mN/m)    |  | subsurface 34.49                             | Dr 0.80 | Tr 1.88                     |            |            |  |
| <b>Contact Angle</b> q <b>0.00</b> (degree)        |  | 0 : Water Wet                                |         |                             |            | A 3.688143 |  |
| <b>Grain Size of Rock</b> dm <b>7.85</b> (phi)     |  | <b>25.00</b> Surface Temperature [C]         |         |                             |            |            |  |
| dm 0.00433 (mm)                                    |  | <b>2.30</b> Geothermal Gradient [C/100m]     |         |                             |            |            |  |
| Porosity $\phi$ 8.66 (%)                           |  | <b>40</b> 0.000600 Compaction Factor         |         |                             |            |            |  |
| Pore Throat Diameter PTD <b>0.000179</b> (mm)      |  | <b>2550.00</b> Depth(m)                      |         |                             |            |            |  |
|  |  | 83.65 Temperature[C]                         |         |                             |            |            |  |
|  |  | <b>0</b> Water Depth (m)                     |         |                             |            |            |  |
|  |  | COEF 0.041 (-)                               |         |                             |            |            |  |
| <b>Oil Column H.</b> Hco <b>236.73</b> (m)         |  | <b>C</b> for Effective PTD C <b>1.00</b> (-) |         |                             |            |            |  |
| <b>Gas Column H.</b> Hcg <b>98.41</b> (m)          |  | <b>Observed Oil Col.</b> Ho <b>62.00</b> (m) |         |                             |            | Cinv 3.82  |  |
|  |  | <b>Observed Gas Col.</b> Hg <b>78.00</b> (m) |         |                             |            | 1.26       |  |

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$$Pb = 772.88$$

$$Pc = 2 \cdot \gamma / R / 1000$$

$$Pb=Pc \rightarrow 2R = 0.000179$$

for Mixed Type only

| HCG   | HCO   | Pb            | Pc     |
|-------|-------|---------------|--------|
| 78.00 | 62.00 | <b>772.88</b> | 772.33 |

Trap Height = 140m

# Estimated Column Height at AT-Structure

Excel Sheet No.

CalcSeaCap.BN v.6.0

## Seal Capacity Estimation(Quick Version)

Field Name: G-Field(AT-Str.)

|                      |    |       |        |
|----------------------|----|-------|--------|
| Density of Fm Water  | r0 | 1.040 | (g/cc) |
| Density of Oil       | r1 | 0.826 | (g/cc) |
| Gas Specific gravity | r2 | 0.753 | (frac) |

|                         |            |       |                           |
|-------------------------|------------|-------|---------------------------|
| Z-factor                | Z          | 0.90  | Acceleration of Gravity g |
| Oil Interfacial Tension | $\gamma_1$ | 27.40 | (mN/m) subsurface         |
| Gas Interfacial Tension | $\gamma_2$ | 34.71 | (mN/m) subsurface         |

|               |   |      |          |
|---------------|---|------|----------|
| Contact Angle | q | 0.00 | (degree) |
|---------------|---|------|----------|

subsurface  
subsurface  
subsurface  
0 : Water Wet

|                    |                |         |       |
|--------------------|----------------|---------|-------|
| Grain Size of Rock | d <sub>n</sub> | 7.85    | (phi) |
|                    | d <sub>n</sub> | 0.00433 | (mm)  |

Porosity-surface

|          |        |      |     |
|----------|--------|------|-----|
| Porosity | $\phi$ | 0.35 | (%) |
|----------|--------|------|-----|

Gas Eff x 0.7

|                          |          |      |
|--------------------------|----------|------|
| Pore Throat Diameter PTD | 0.000187 | (mm) |
|--------------------------|----------|------|

CQEF

|       |     |
|-------|-----|
| 0.043 | (-) |
|-------|-----|

25.00 Surface Temperature [C]  
2.30 Geothermal Gradient [C/100m]  
0.000600 Compaction Factor  
2500.00 Depth(m)

82.50 Temperature[C]  
0 Water Depth (m)

|               |                 |        |     |
|---------------|-----------------|--------|-----|
| Oil Column H. | H <sub>CO</sub> | 225.85 | (m) |
| Gas Column H. | H <sub>CG</sub> | 94.23  | (m) |

C for Effective PTD C 1.00 (-)

Observed Oil Col. Ho 143.00 (m)

Observed Gas Col. Hg 47.00 (m)

Cinv  
1.58

2.00

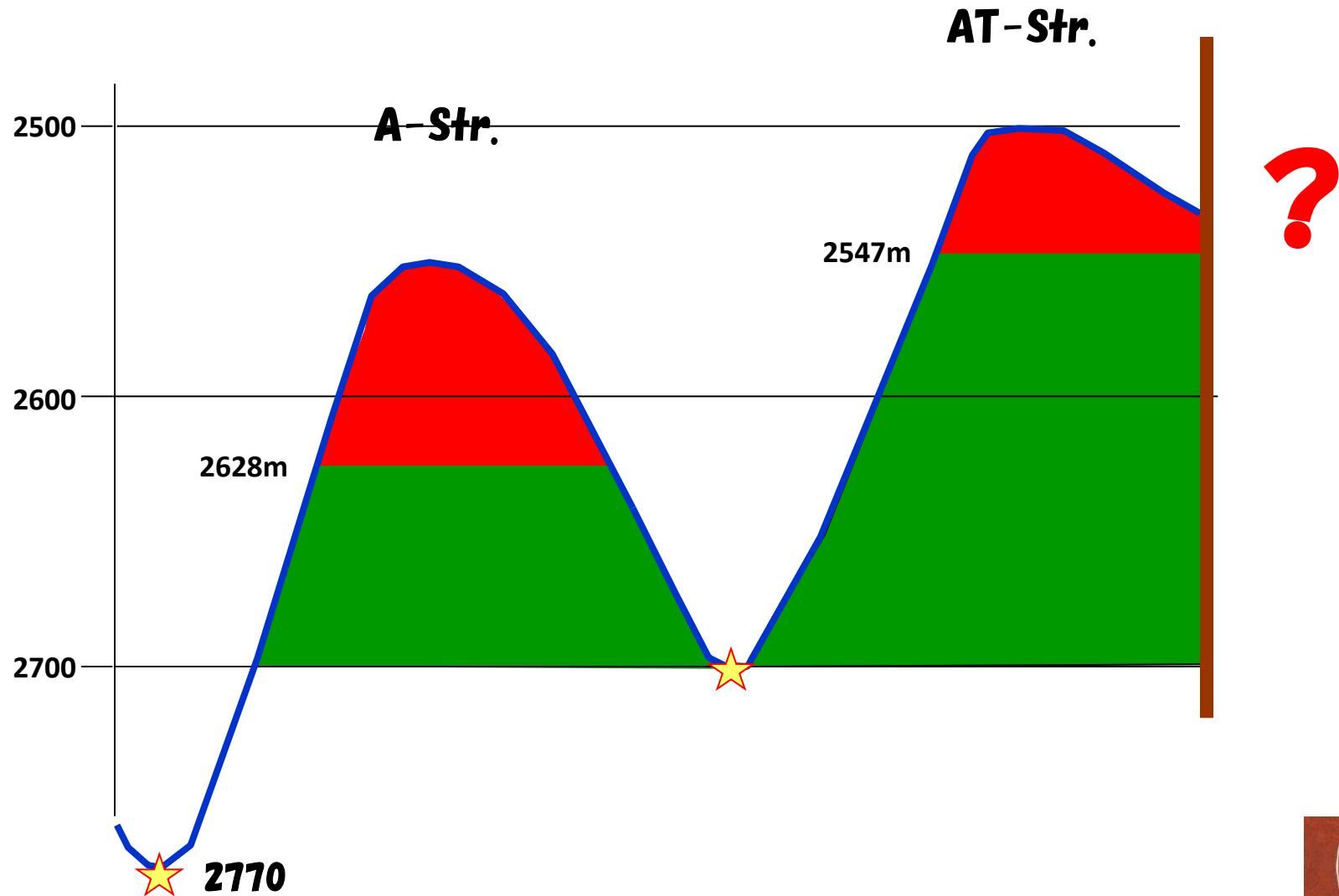
Pb = 740.51  
Pc =  $2 \cdot \gamma / R / 1000$   
Pb=Pc --> 2R = 0.000187

for Mixed Type only

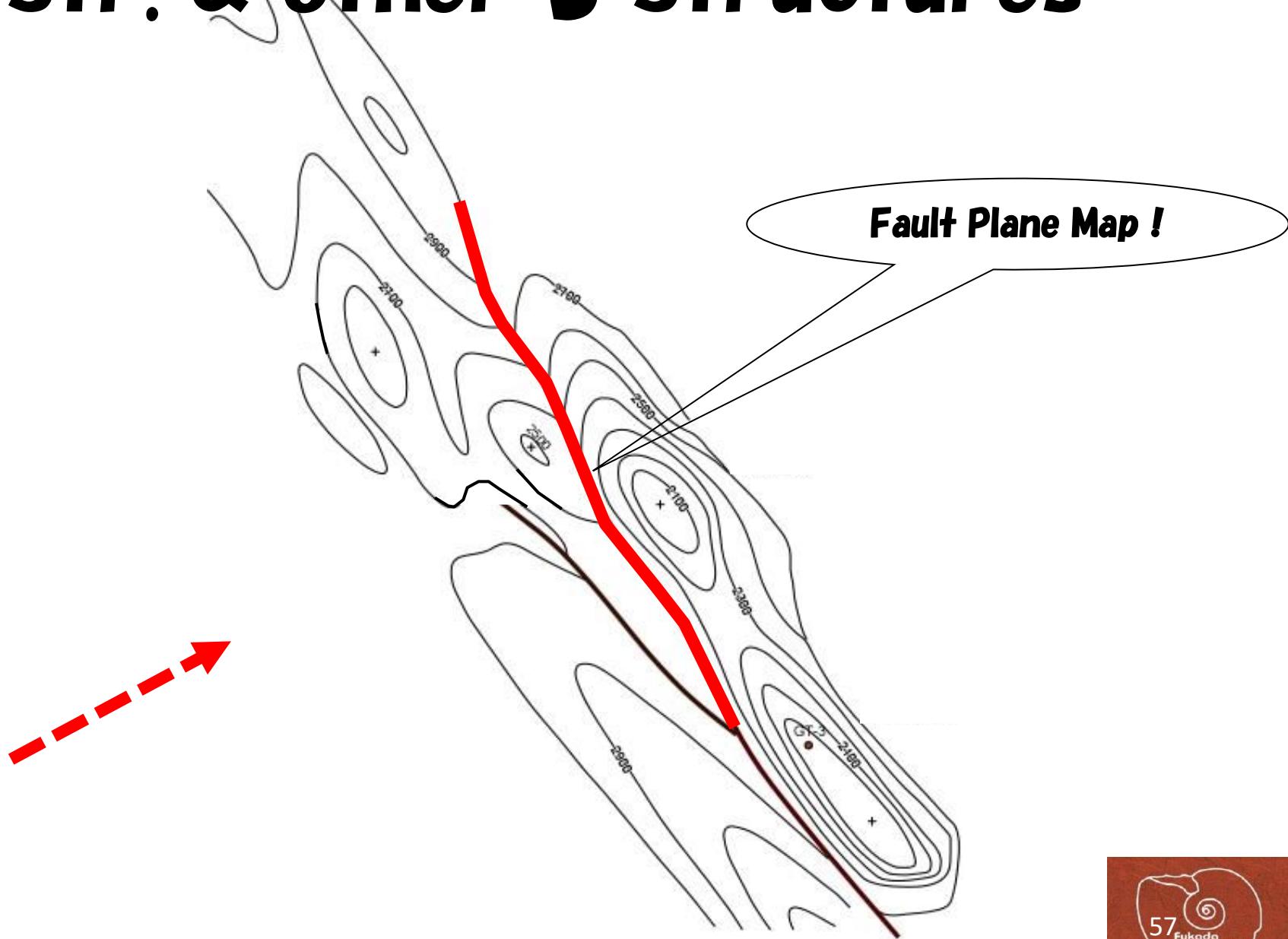
|       |        |        |        |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| HCG   | HCO    | Pb     | Pc     |
| 47.00 | 143.00 | 740.51 | 741.59 |

Trap Height = 190m

# Possible Status for Oil/Gas Trapping (1)



# G-Str. & other 3 Structures



# Fault Plane Map for AT-Structure

N←

→S

Cross-Fault  
Spill Point

F-Formation

J-Formation

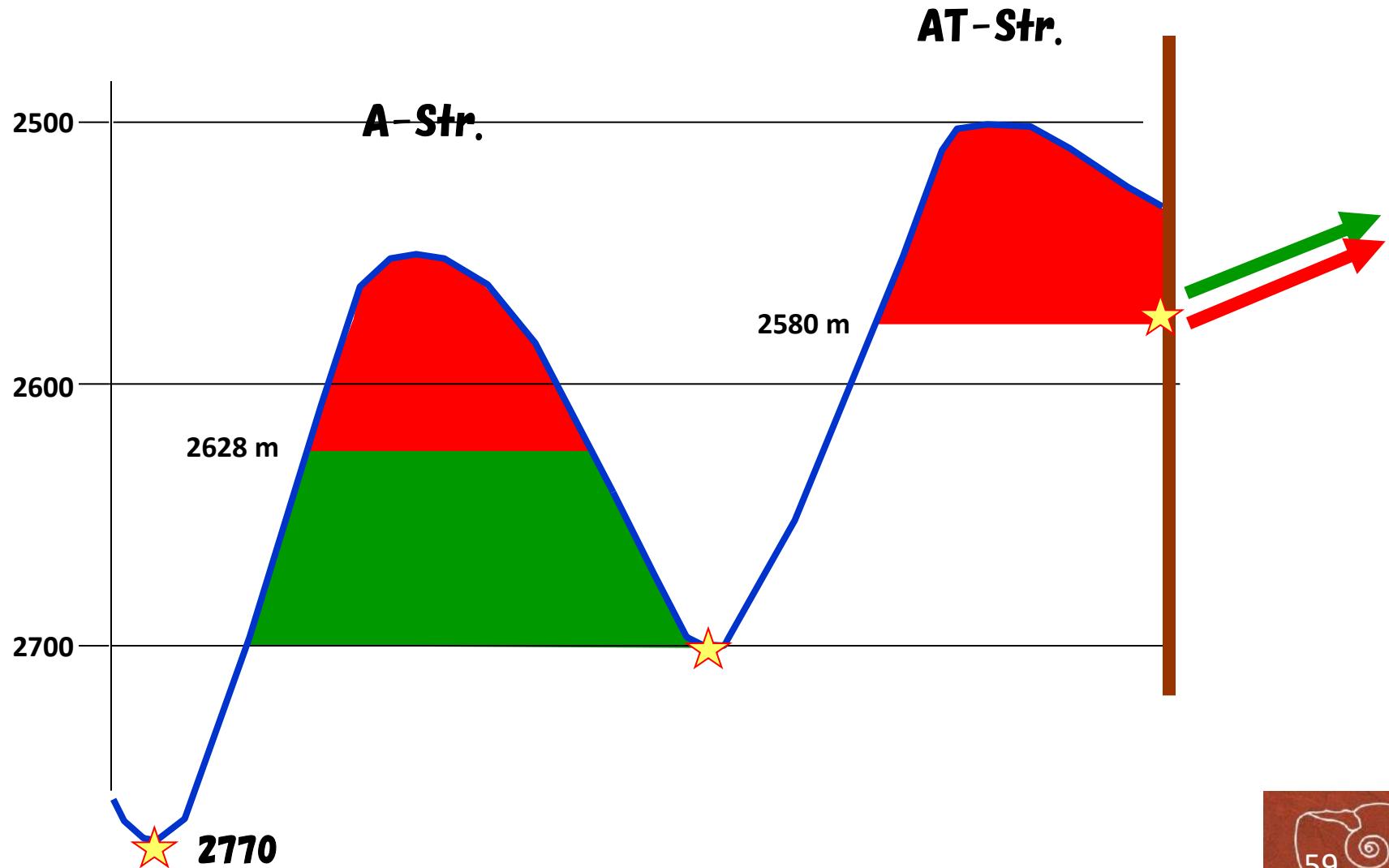
E-Formation

J-Limestone

S-Formation

500  
1000  
1500  
2000  
2500  
3000  
3500

# Possible Status for Oil/Gas Trapping (2)



# **Estimated Oil/Gas Occurrences of J-Formation for G-Str. & other 3 Structures**

**A-Str. (Mixed Trap)**

Gas: 78m / Oil 68m

**K-Str. (Capillary Limited trap)**

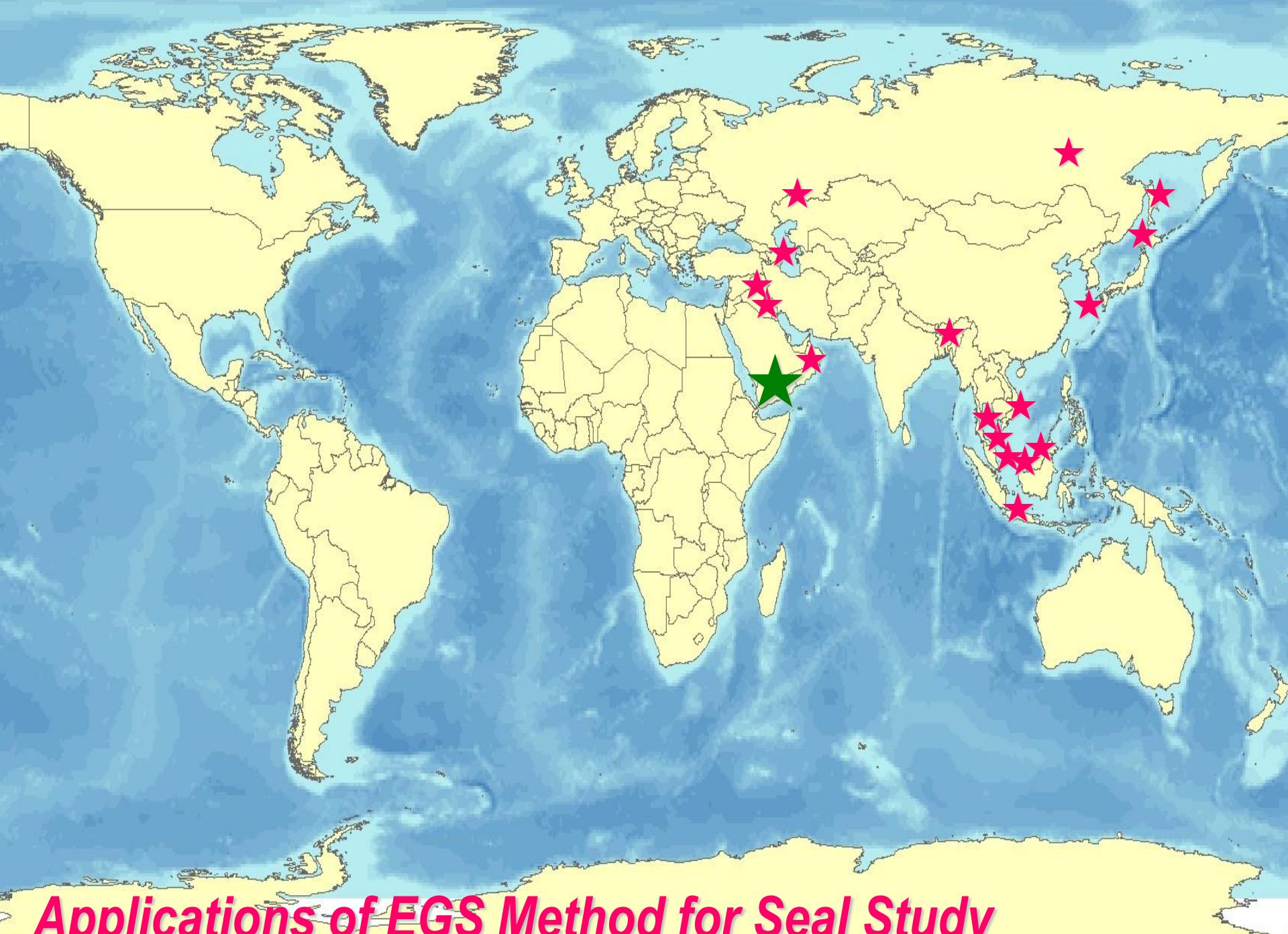
Oil: 146 m

**AT-Str. (Spill-point Limited)**

Gas: 80 m

**G-Str. (Capillary Limited trap)**

Oil: 121 m



## ***Applications of EGS Method for Seal Study***

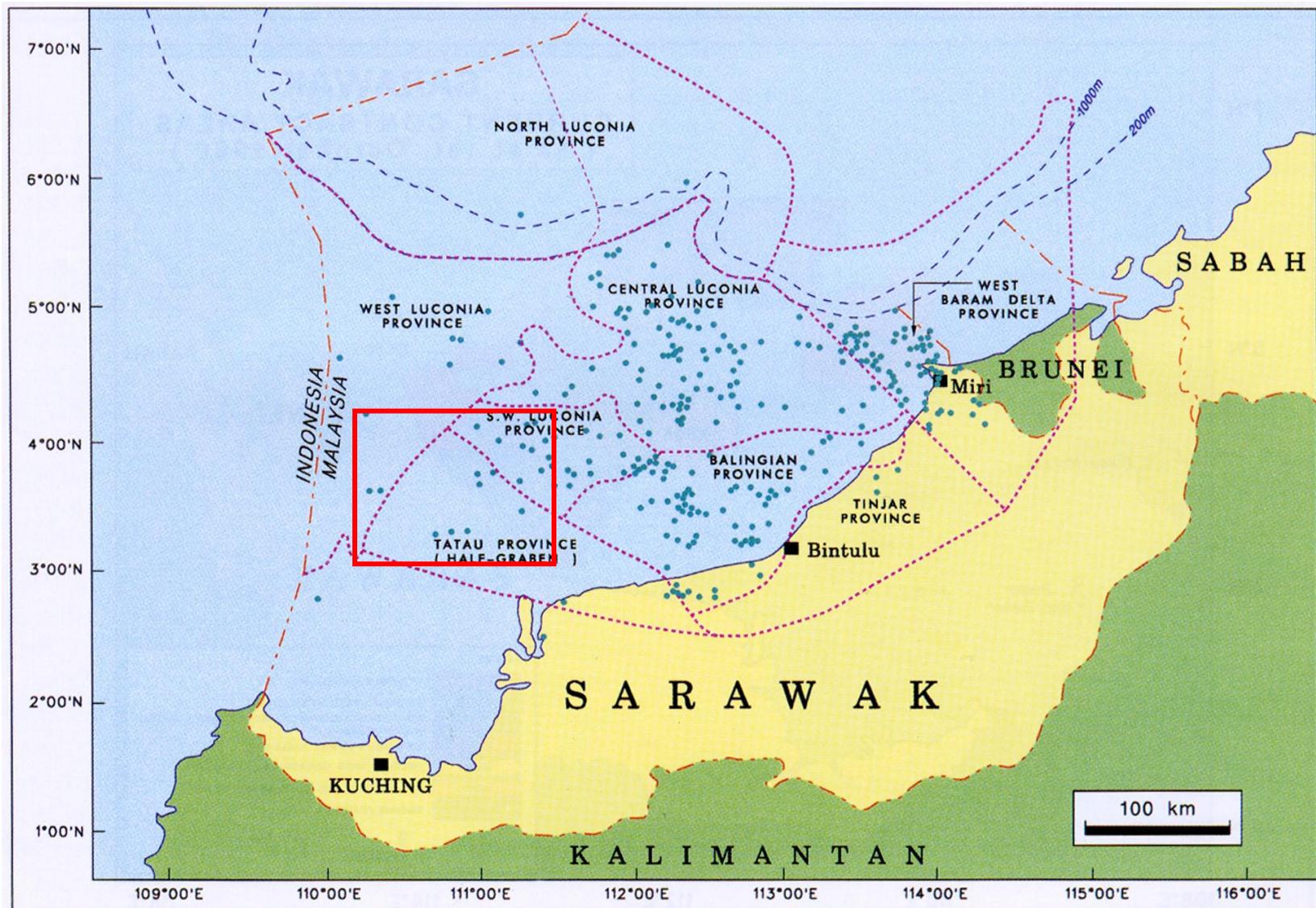
# **Importance for Seal Evaluation in Oil/Gas Exploration**

- 1. Introduction** (Toy experiment, Curious Distributions of Oil and Gas Fields)
- 2. Oil and Gas Trap System** (Source, Reservoir, Cap-rock)
- 3. Contents in Trap** (Oil or Gas ? )
- 4. Case Studies** (Sakhalin, Iraq)
- 5. How to distinguish CO<sub>2</sub>-rich Gas Traps**

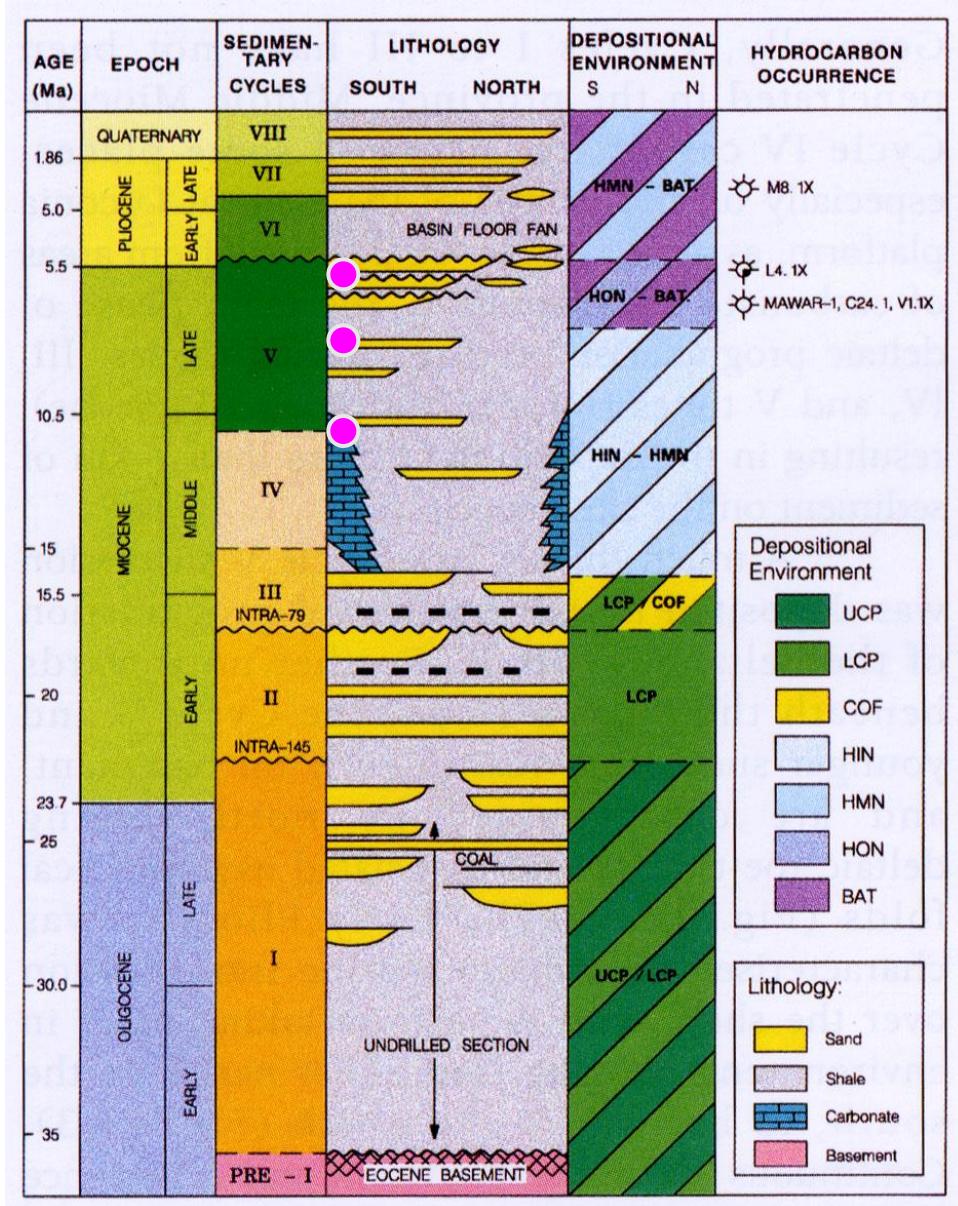


# **Examples Oil / Gas / CO<sub>2</sub> Systems**

# Sarawak Well Density Map (modified after Petronas, 1999)



# Stratigraphy in West Luconia Province (modified after Petronas, 1999)



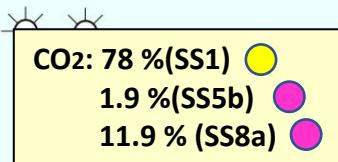
Main Reservoir:  
Cycle V Sandstone  
Cycles IV/V Carbonate

Seal:  
Cycle V Shale (Open Marine)

# Study Area and Fields



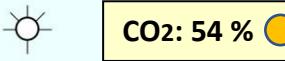
**T3** T3.1X(1970), T3.2(1997)



CO<sub>2</sub>含有率( ( yellow circle > yellow circle > pink circle ) )

**K5** K5.1X(1970), K5.2(1997),

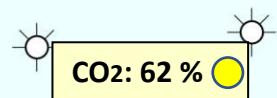
K5.2RDR(1997)



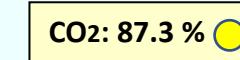
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**J1** J1.1X(1970)

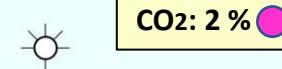


**J5** J5.1X(1978)

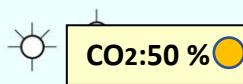


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**J2** J2.1X(1978)



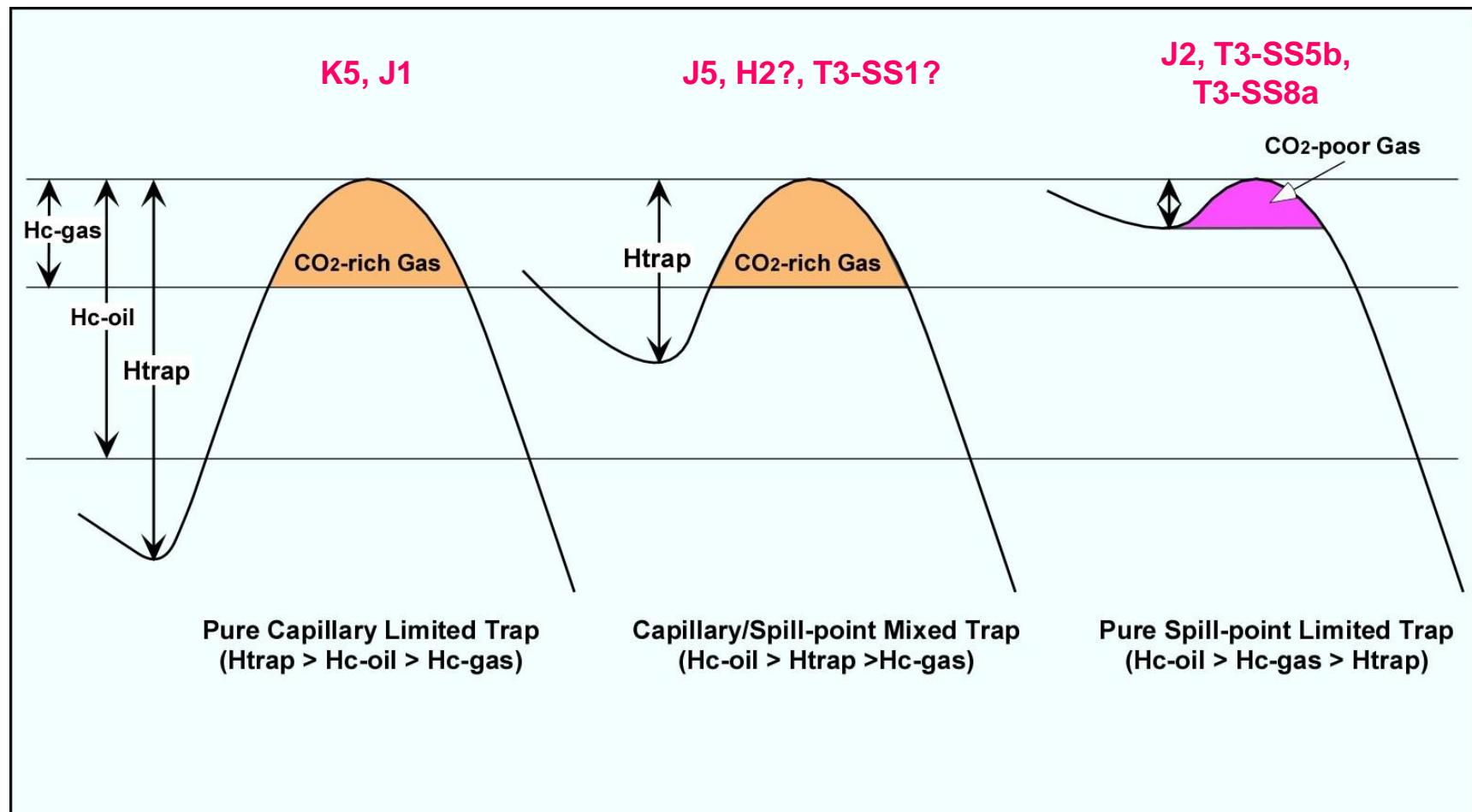
**H2** H2.1X(1970), H2.2X(1970)



0 10 25 50 KM

# Relationship between CO<sub>2</sub> Content and Trap Types

## - Cycles IV/V Carbonate and Sandstone Reservoirs -



Excel Sheet No.

CalcSeaCap.BN v.4.0

## Seal Capacity Estimation(Quick Version)

Field Name: K5 (Cycle IV Carbonate)

|                         |        |          |          |                         |                 |                              |       |            |
|-------------------------|--------|----------|----------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Density of Fm Water     | $\rho$ | 1.070    | (g/cc)   | subsurface              | 1.05            |                              |       |            |
| Density of Oil          | $\rho$ | 0.830    | (g/cc)   | subsurface              | 0.76            | Rs                           | 752.7 | Bo 1.0876  |
| Gas Specific gravity    | $\rho$ | 1.200    | (frac)   | subsurface              | 0.20            |                              |       |            |
| Z-factor                | Z      | 0.90     |          | Acceleration of Gravity | 981             | (cm/sec2)                    | AMW   | 34.35      |
| Oil Interfacial Tension |        | 30.94    | (mN/m)   | subsurface              | 30.94           |                              | 0.29  |            |
| Gas Interfacial Tension |        | 34.17    | (mN/m)   | subsurface              | 34.17           |                              | 0.86  | Tr 1.98    |
| Contact Angle           |        | 0.00     | (degree) | 0 : Water Wet           |                 |                              |       | A 3.494412 |
| Grain Size of Rock      | dm     | 11.66    | (phi)    |                         | 26.00           | Surface Temperature [C]      |       |            |
|                         | dm     | 0.00031  | (mm)     | Porosity-surface        | 4.60            | Geothermal Gradient [C/100m] |       |            |
| Porosity                |        | 16.29    | (%)      | 55                      | 0.000733        | Compaction Factor            |       |            |
|                         |        |          |          |                         | 1740.00         | Depth(m)                     |       |            |
| Pore Throat Diameter    | PTD    | 0.000036 | (mm)     | COEF                    | 102.36          | Temperature[C]               |       |            |
|                         |        |          |          |                         | Water Depth (m) | 80.0                         |       |            |
| Oil Column H.           | Hco    | 1221.78  | (m)      | C for Effective PTD     | C               | 1.00                         | (-)   |            |
| Gas Column H.           | Hcg    | 454.69   | (m)      |                         |                 |                              |       |            |
|                         |        |          |          | Observed Oil Col.       | Ho              | 0.00                         | (m)   | Cinv       |
|                         |        |          |          | Observed Gas Col.       | Hg              | 455.20                       | (m)   | #DIV/0!    |
|                         |        |          |          |                         |                 |                              |       | 1.00       |

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|------------------------|--|--------|------|---------|------------|
| Pb = 3822.20           |  | HCG    | HCO  | Pb      | Pc         |
| Pc = 2*34.17/R/1000    |  | 455.00 | 0.00 | 3820.53 | 3817.96198 |
| Pb=Pc -->2R = 0.000036 |  |        |      |         |            |

# K5 Field

Main Reservoir: Cycle IV/V Carbonate

Trap Height: 1540 m (1740 - 3280 mss)

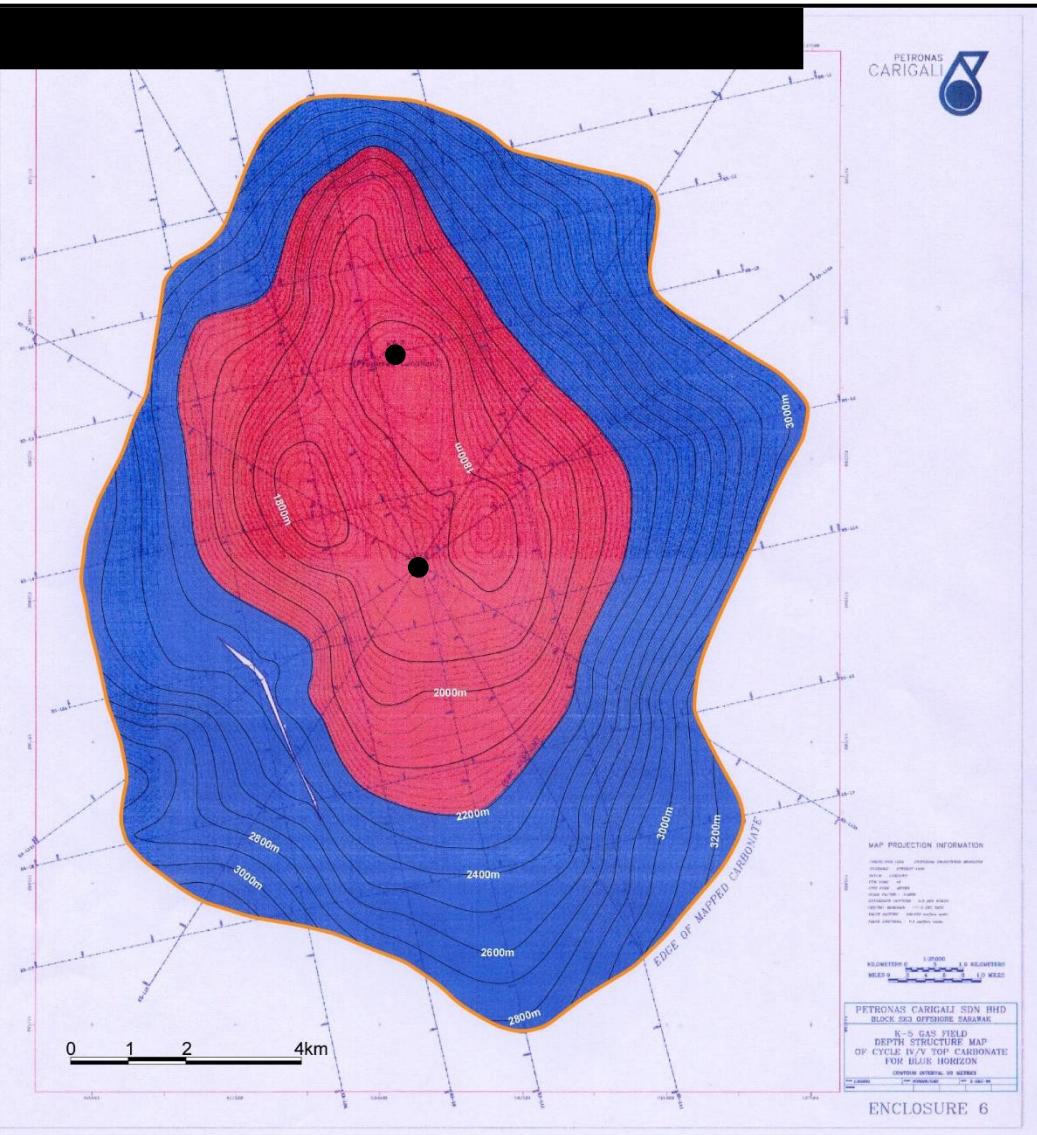
Gas Column: 455 m (1740 - 2195 mss)

Oil Column: Nil

Trap Height > Max. Gas Column Height

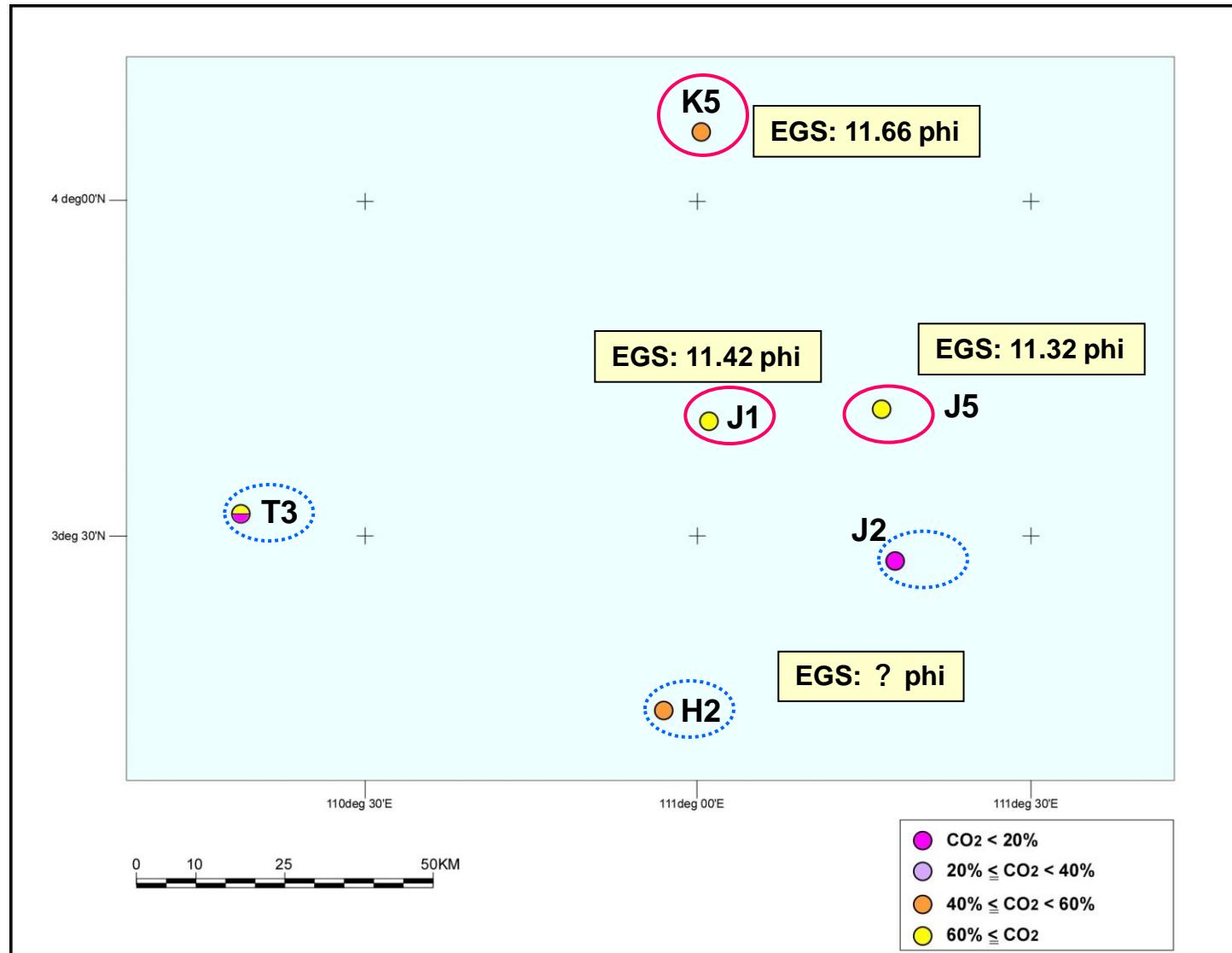
Trap Height > Max. Oil Column Height

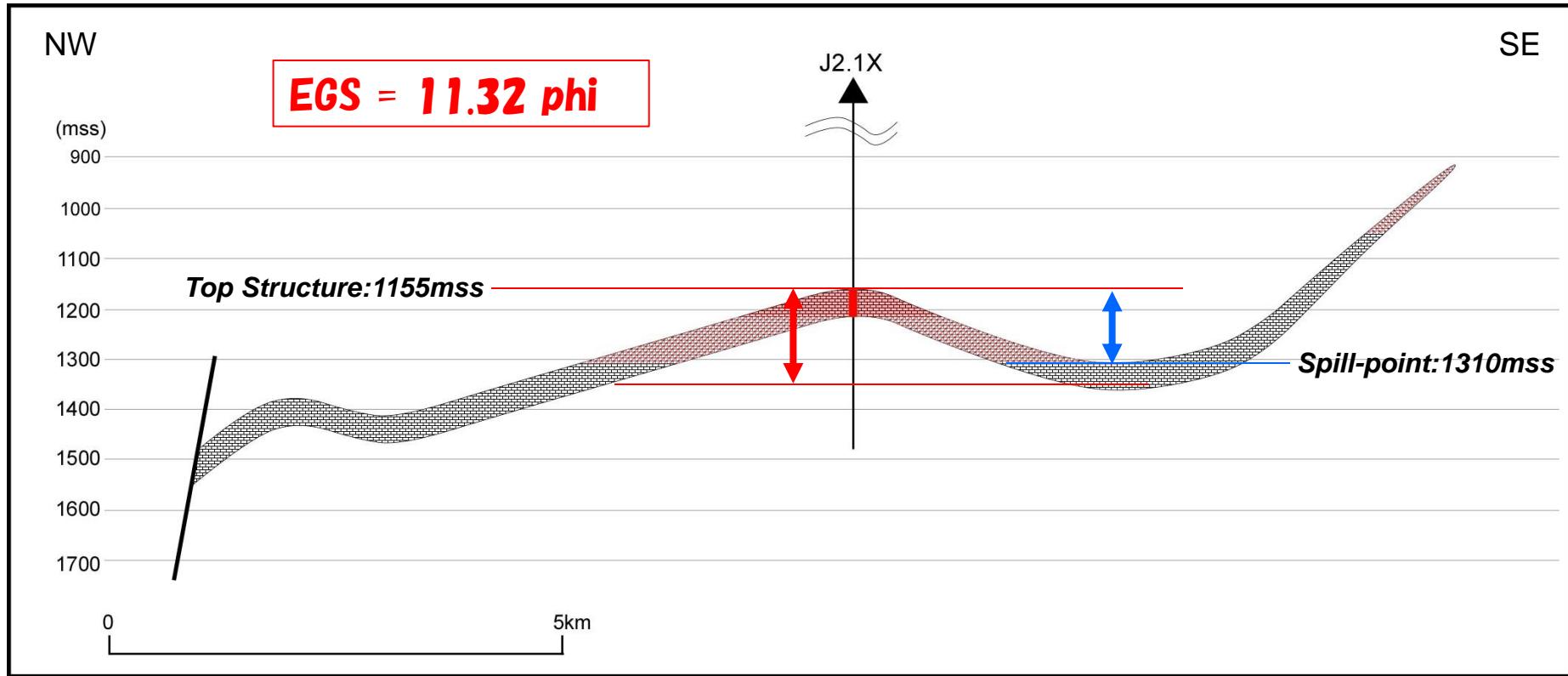
→ Pure Capillary Limited Trap  
Estimated EGS: 11.66phi



# Distribution of CO<sub>2</sub> Content of Natural Gases in the Study Area

## - Cycles IV/V Carbonate and Sandstone Reservoirs -





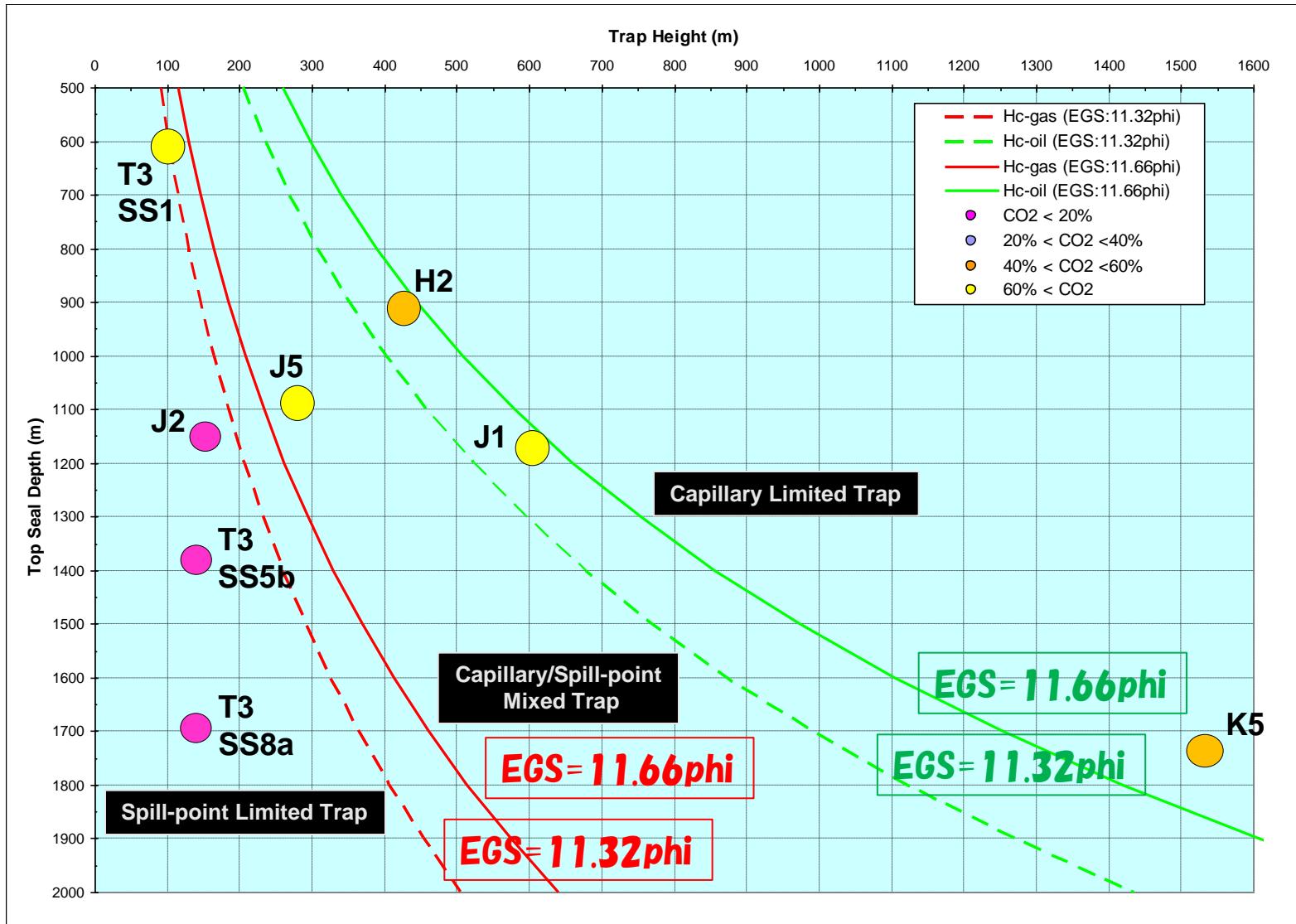
Applying 11.32 phi for EGS of Cap Rock.....

Max. Gas Column: 196 m (1155 - 1351 mss) > Trap Height: 155 m (1155 - 1310mss)

→ J2 Prospect: Spill-point Limited Trap

# Trap Height vs. Top Seal Depth with the Maximum Oil & Gas Heights

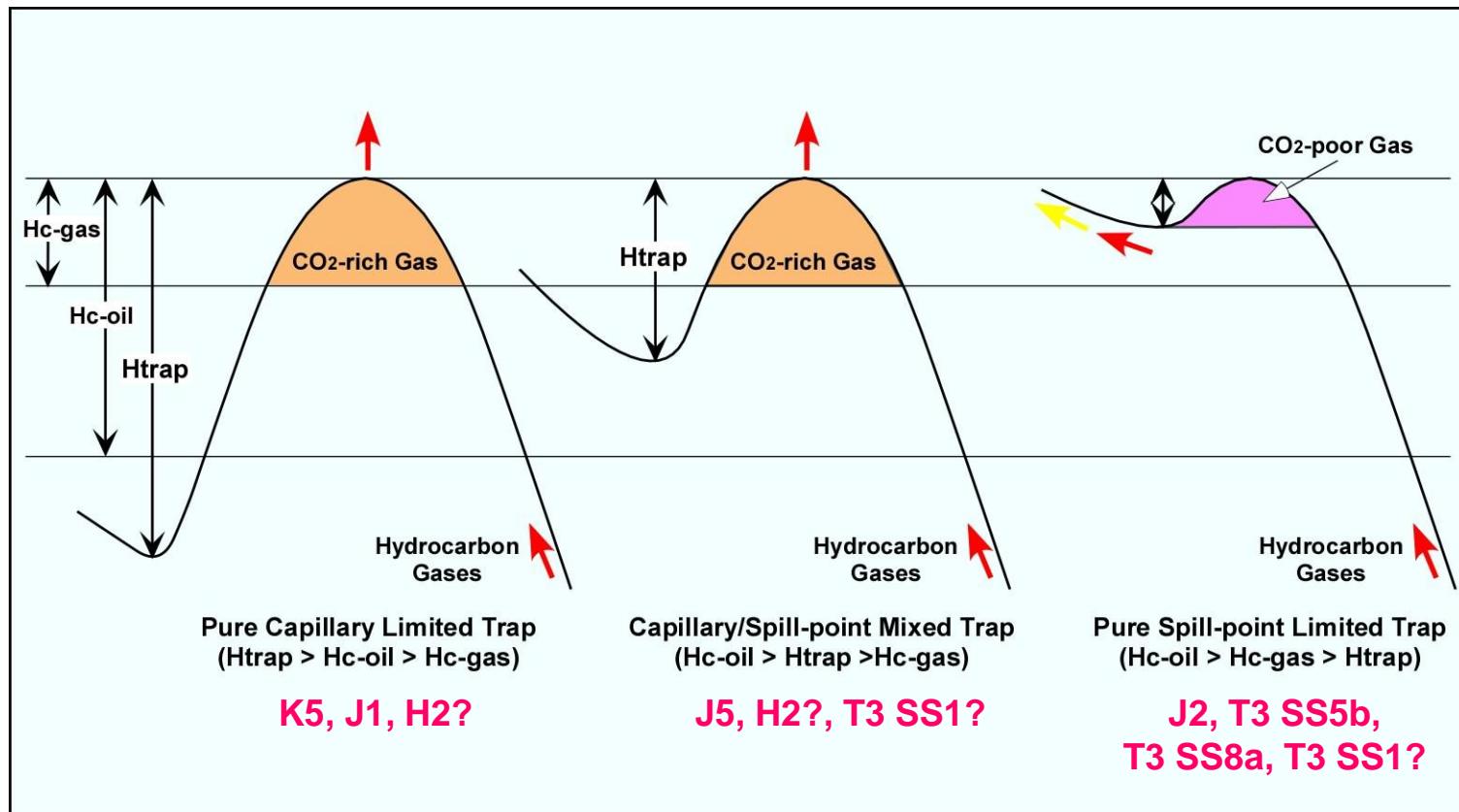
## - Cycles IV/V Carbonate and Sandstone Reservoirs -



スピルポイント制御型トラップは、 $\text{CO}_2$ がない。

# Accumulation Model of “Hydrocarbon Gas - CO<sub>2</sub>”

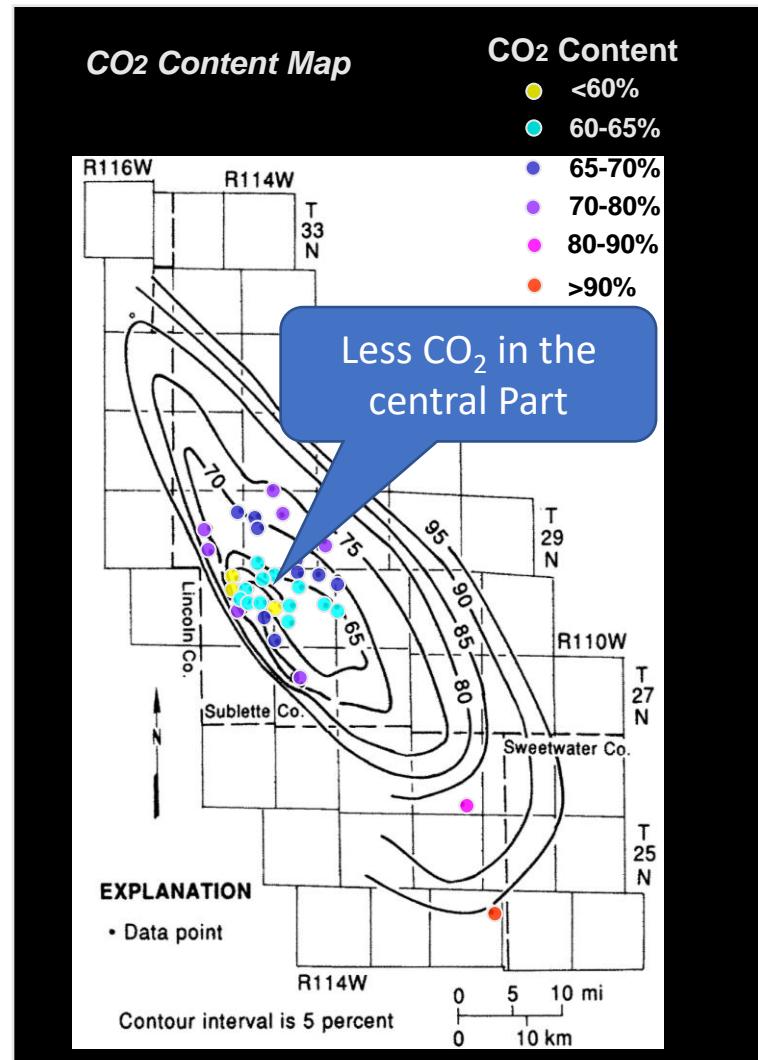
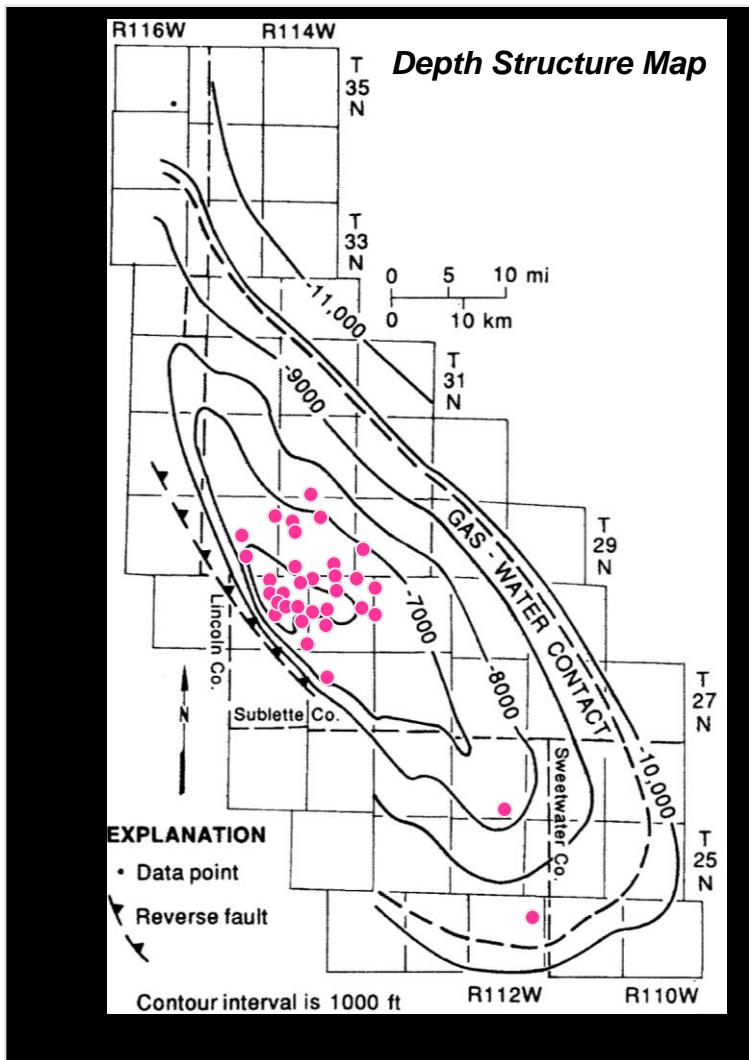
## - Assuming Hydrocarbon Gas migration following CO<sub>2</sub>-



# **Accumulation Model of "Hydrocarbon Gas - CO<sub>2</sub>**

- Explain the relation between CO<sub>2</sub> content and trap types in Cycles IV/V carbonate and Cycle V sand plays
- Sequence of the migration of the gases (CO<sub>2</sub> and Hydrocarbon gases) does not affect the entrapment
- Assuming.....
  - 1) Migration of sufficient amount of CO<sub>2</sub> and hydrocarbon gases
  - 2) Stratification of CO<sub>2</sub> and hydrocarbon gases due to the difference in density

# Stratification of CO<sub>2</sub> Content in Big Piney-La Barge Field in the Greater Green River Basin, USA (Allis et al., 2001)



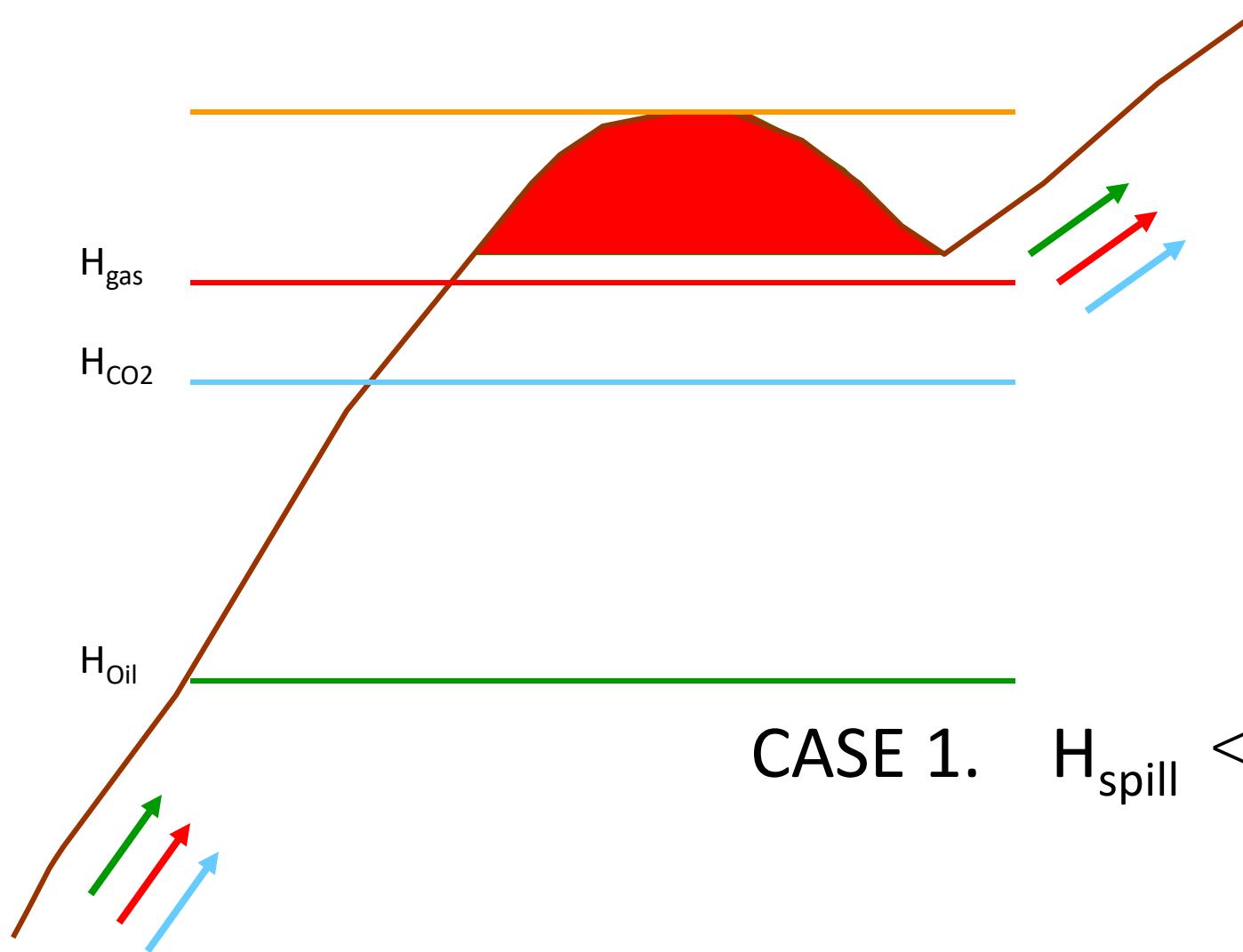
modified after Allis et al. (2001)

# **Proposal of Seal Evaluation by EGS for CO<sub>2</sub> rich basin**

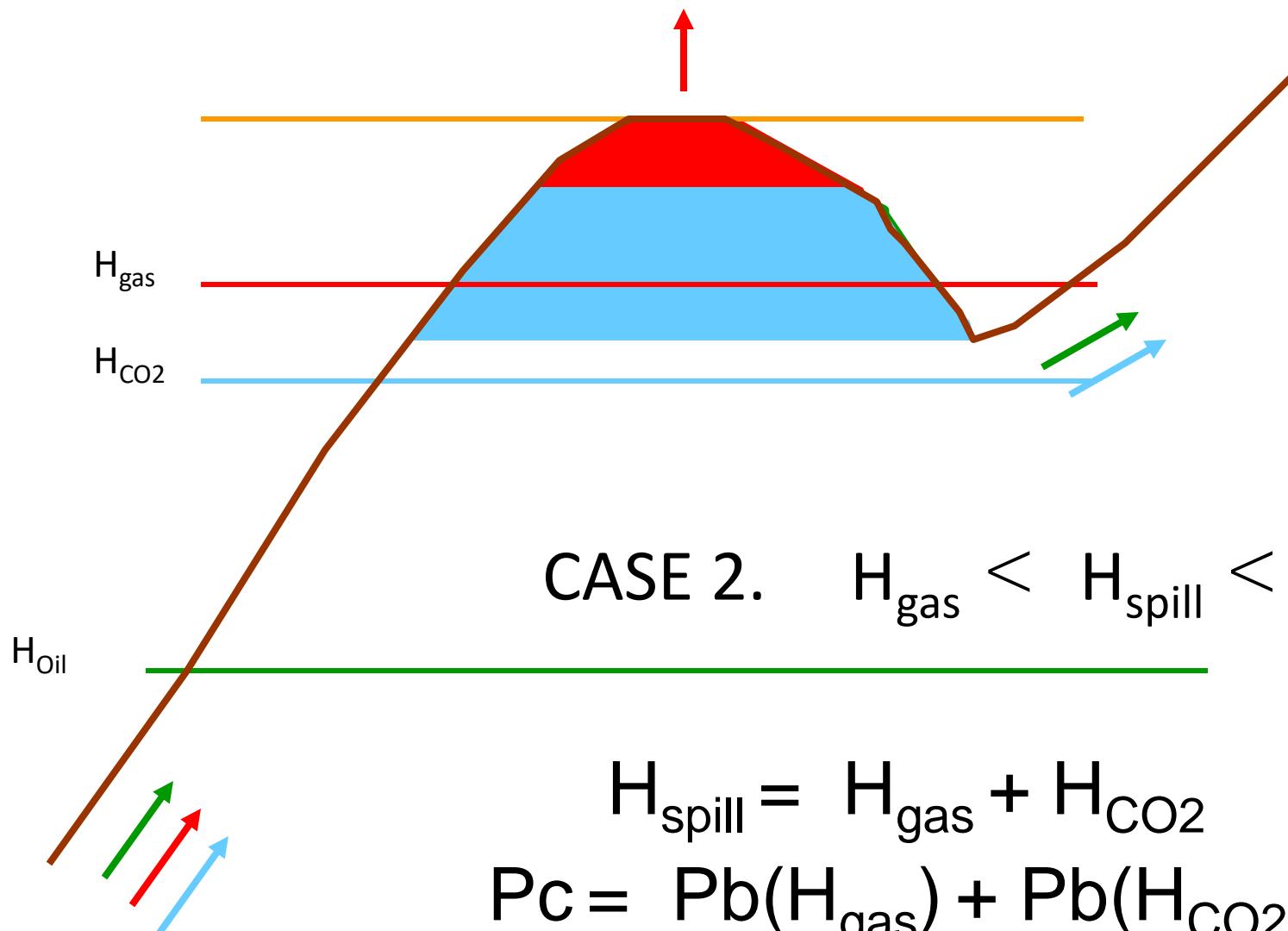
**Seal Mechanism also strictly  
controls Trap Type in 3 Phase (Oil  
or Gas or CO<sub>2</sub>) System.**

**H<sub>spill</sub> should be compared to**  
**H<sub>gas</sub> < H<sub>CO2</sub> < H<sub>oil</sub>**

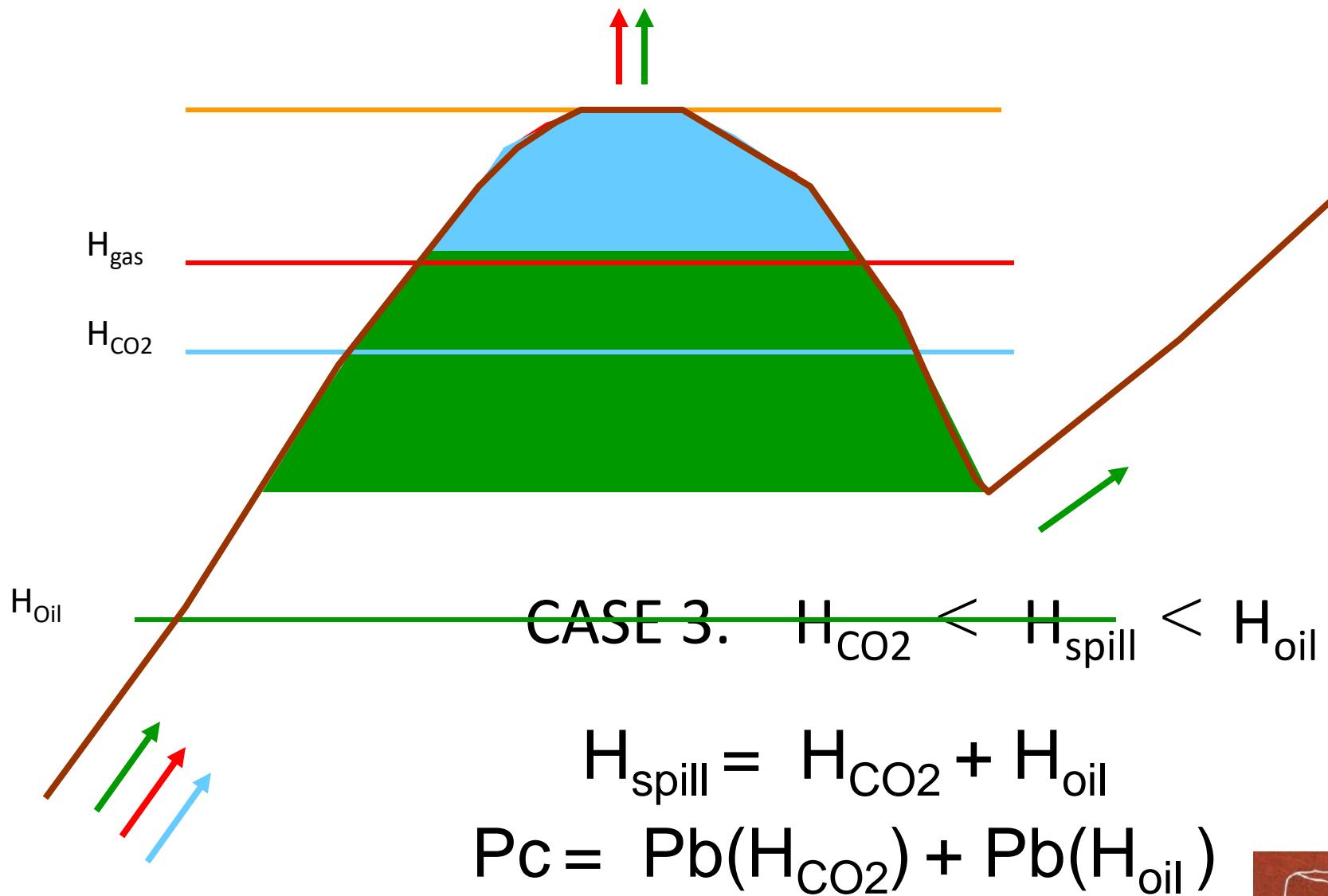
# Seal Evaluation in 4 phase problem



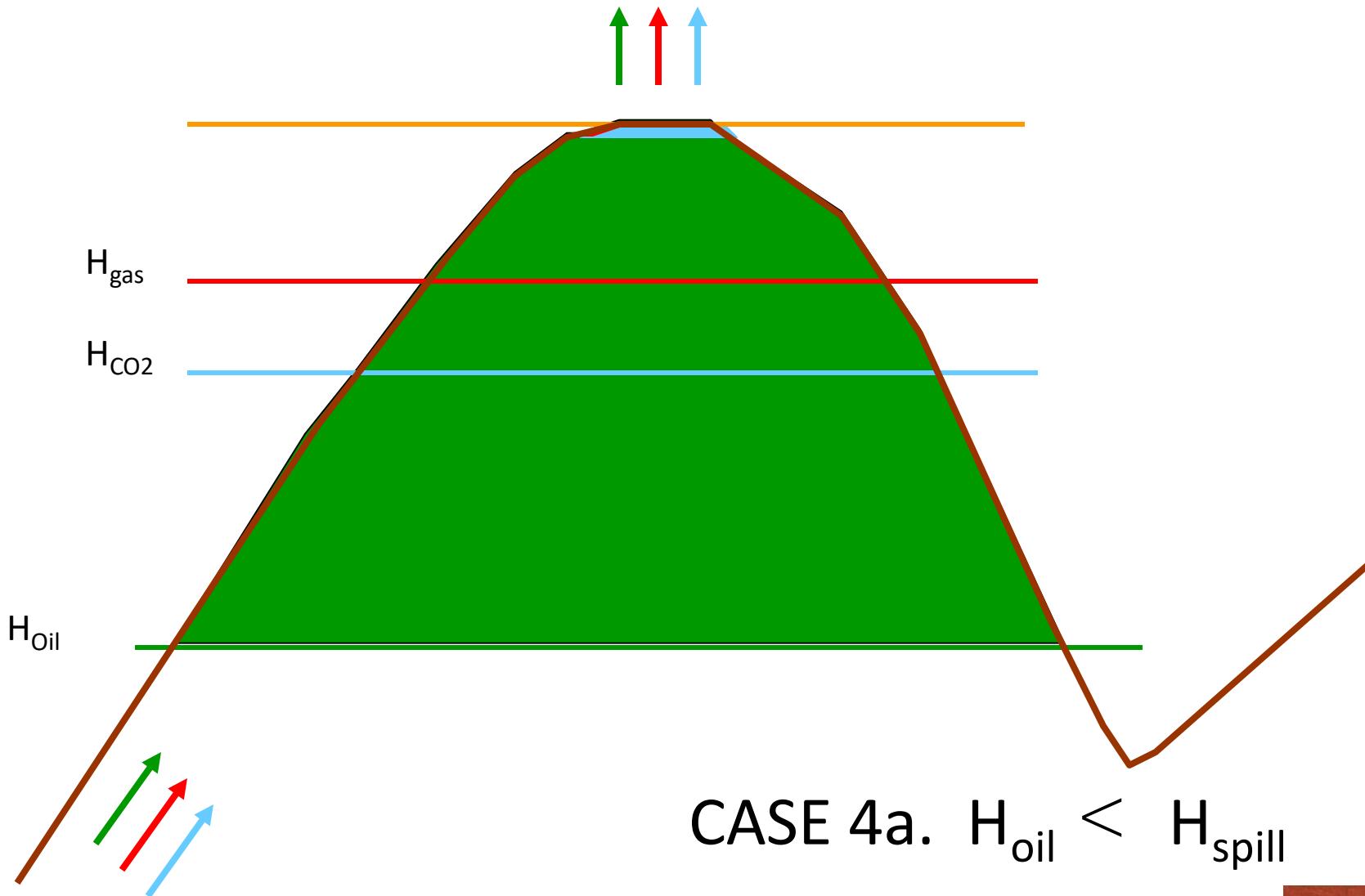
## Seal Evaluation in 4 phase problem



# Seal Evaluation in 3 phase problem

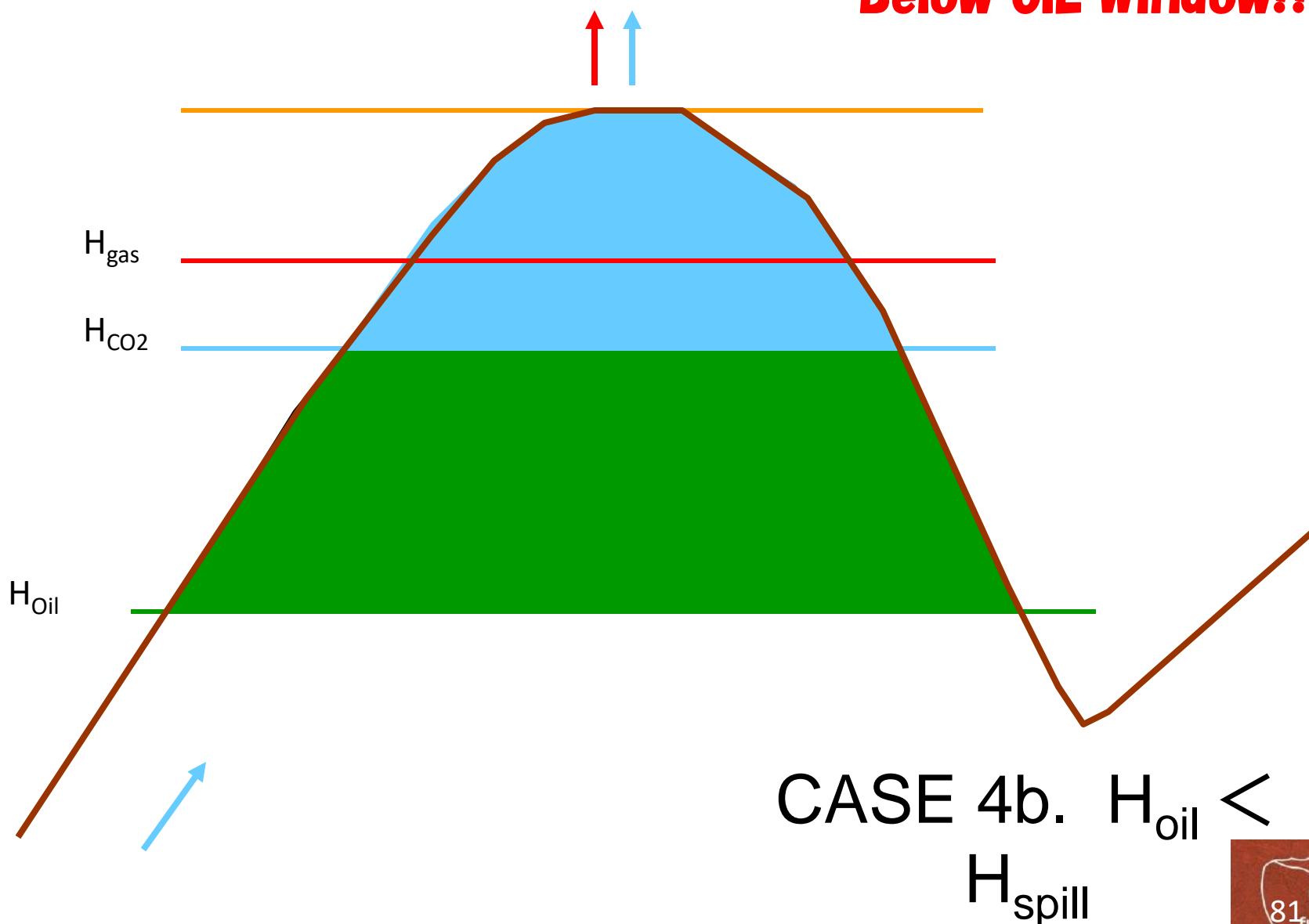


# Seal Evaluation in 4 phase problem



# Seal Evaluation in 4 phase problem

**Below OIL Window!!**



# **Final Conclusions**

- 1. Seal Mechanism strictly controls Trap Type (Oil–Gas–CO<sub>2</sub> System).**
- 2. EGS Method is effective to predict types and each column height.**
- 3. Seal Evaluation by EGS Method can give a significant information on Oil/Gas/CO<sub>2</sub> system, which should change Company strategy for Oil/Gas**