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BACKGROUND



The background of the slide is a photograph of an oil drilling rig at sunset. The sun is a bright orange circle on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. The rig's derrick and various cables are silhouetted against the sky. The foreground shows a flat, open field with sparse vegetation.

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## **BACKGROUND**

- Second generation oil and gas geologist
- Over 25 years experience in South Louisiana
- Qualified unitization expert witness
- Qualified expert witness in court of law
- Generate drilling prospects
- Interpret 3-D seismic data, computers
- Property and cash flow evaluation

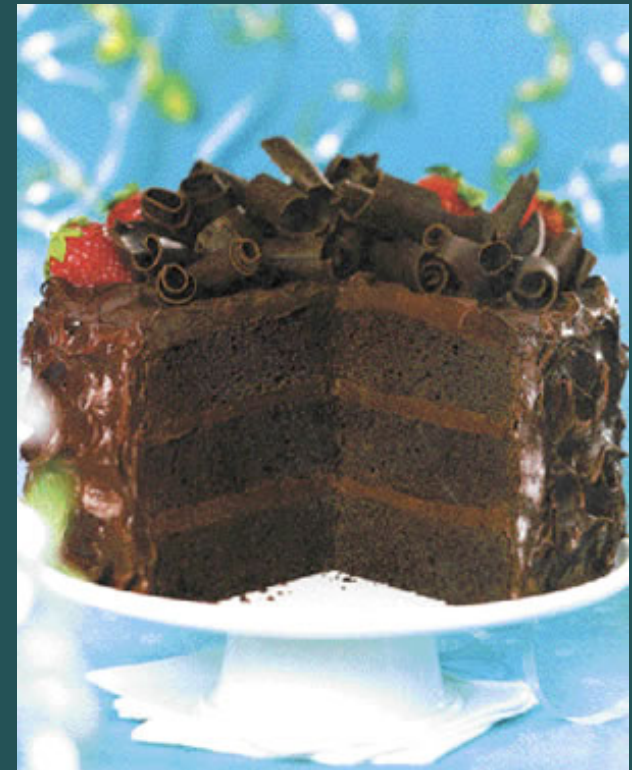




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OVERVIEW



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## OUTLINE

- Oil & Gas Geology
- Oil & Gas Mineral Lease
- Oil & Gas Unitization
- Information - Websites

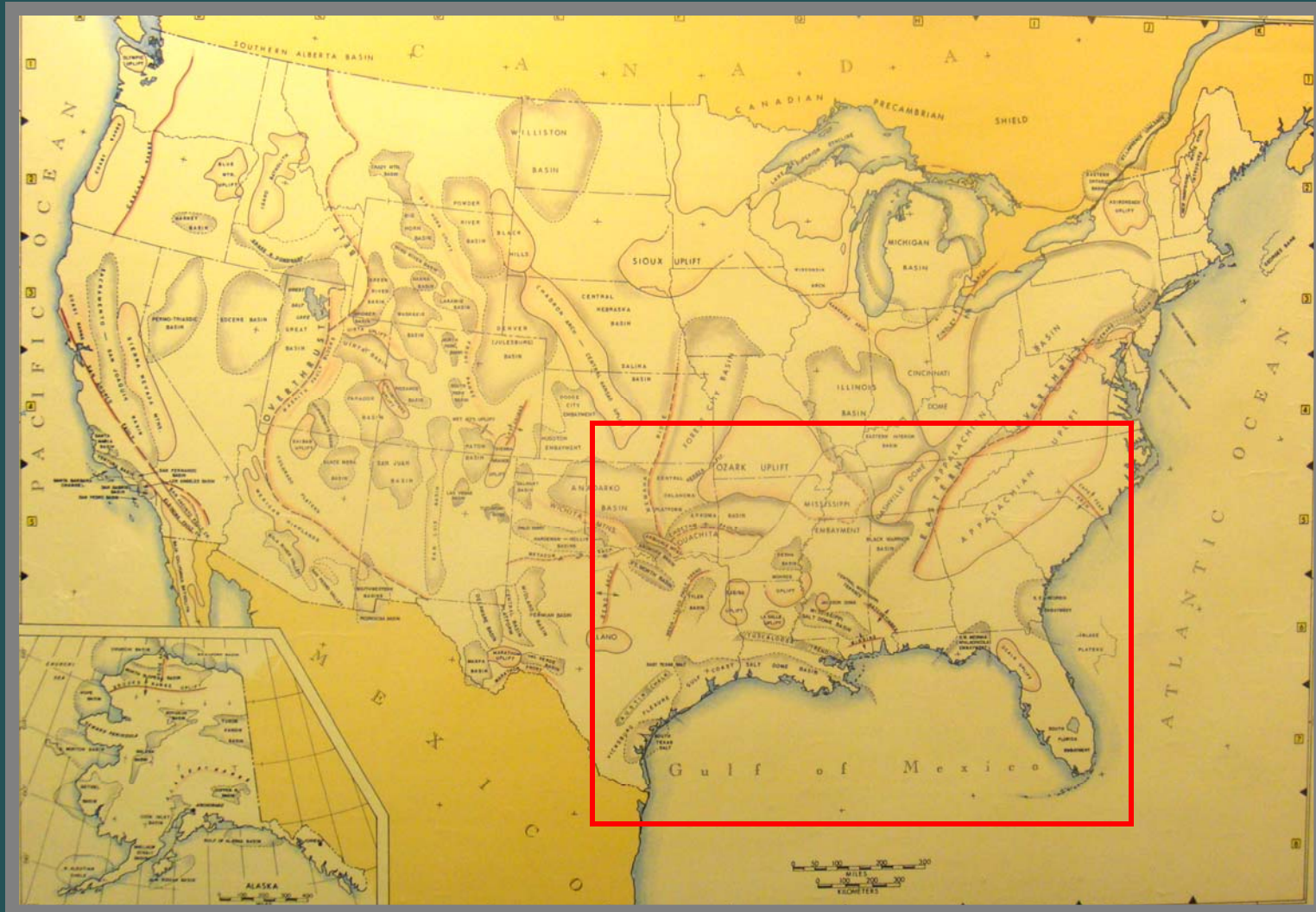
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**OIL & GAS GEOLOGY**

- Oil & Gas Basins of the United States
- Oil & Gas Producing Trends on Gulf Coast
- Oil & Gas Geology 101



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## OIL & GAS BASINS OF THE UNITED STATES



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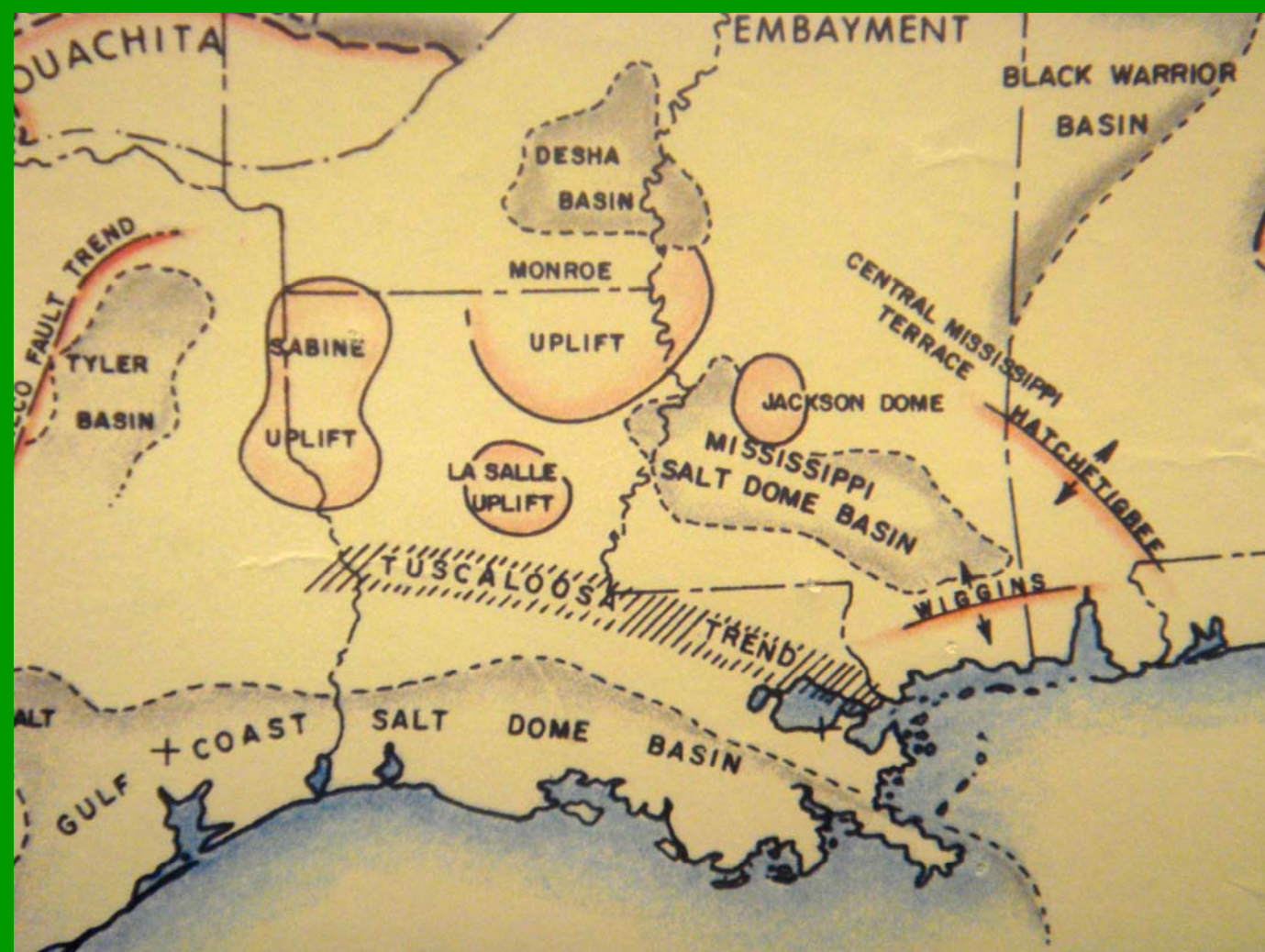


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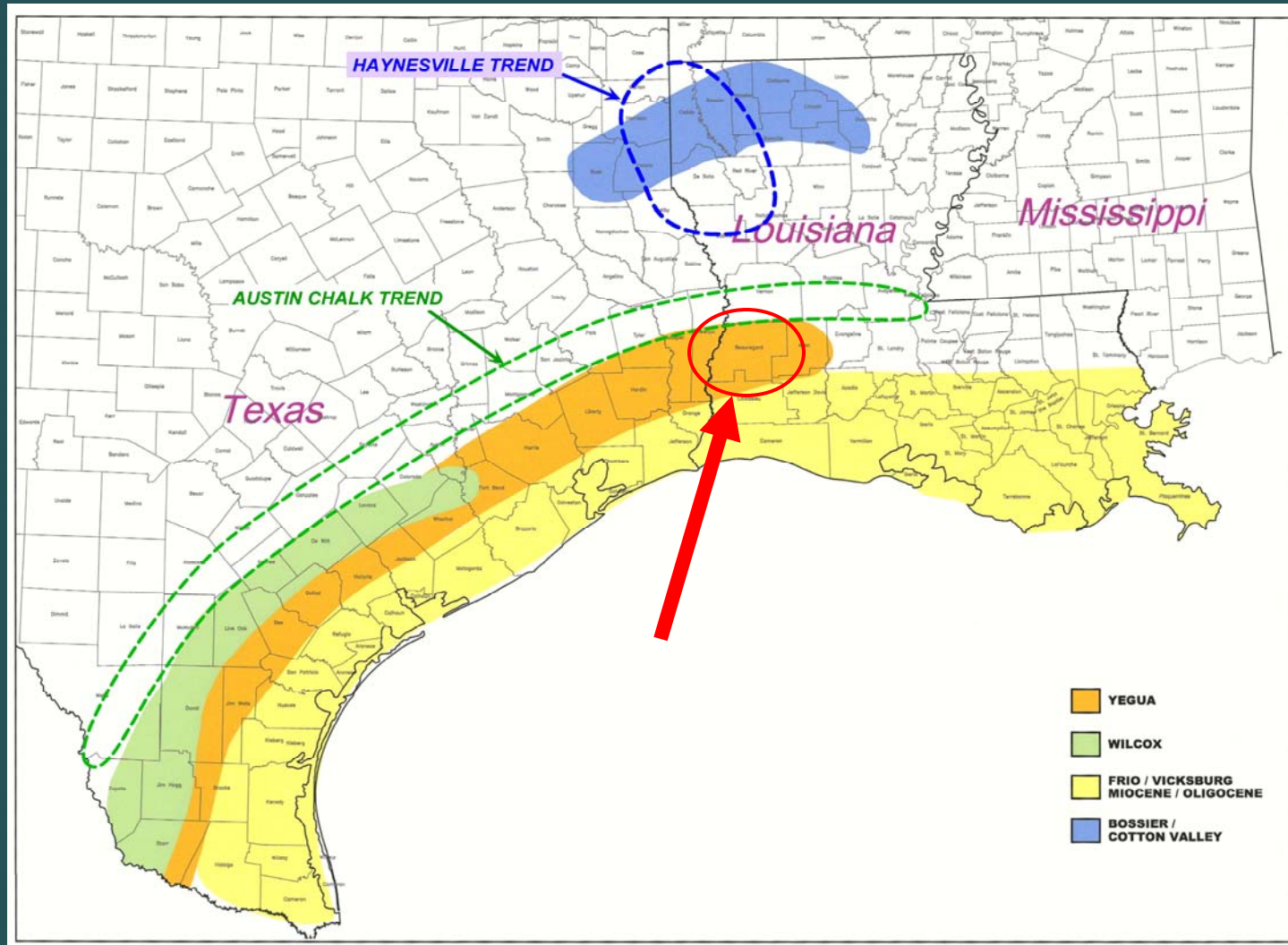


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## OIL & GAS TRENDS OF THE GULF COAST



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## STRATIGRAPHIC COLUMN

**COMPOSITE SURFACE AND SUBSURFACE COLUMNAR SECTION OF LOUISIANA**

ERATHEM	SYSTEM	SERIES	GROUP	FORMATION/MEMBER	REMARKS		
CENOZOIC	QUATERNARY	HOLOCENE		RECENT ALLUVIUM	Loess forms a series in various localities.		
		PLEISTOCENE		(See Quaternary stratigraphic correlation chart)	Fluvial and continental surface, subsurface, marine, and other deposits, generally accepted (No diagnostic members).		
					Zoned in marine subsurface on paleontology.		
	Eocene			1) Subsurface marine beds zoned, and only upper, middle, and lower beds are paleontologically distinct.			
				2) Catahoula may be Miocene in part in subsurface.			
	Oligocene			3) Anahuac and Anahuac are wedges recognized in subsurface only.			
				4) These are surface units, not subdivided in the subsurface.			
	TERTIARY	Eocene		5) Most of these are recognized both at the surface and in the subsurface.			
				6) Equivalent to Wichita, Queen City and Reston of Texas.			
		Paleocene		7) These are surface units, generally undifferentiated in the subsurface.			
				8) Informal stage lumped with Clinton Formation with Wilcox Group.			
		Miocene		9) Formally designated as members of the Logansport Formation.			
				10) These units are present only very locally at the surface.			
		MESOZOIC	CRETACEOUS	GULF	NAVATO *	Ashtabula, Jackson, Eaglefoot	The unit Navato units in upper Cretaceous; they have been identified at the surface and in the subsurface.
					Taylor *	Madison, Amos, Crane	
Austin *				Brownsville, Trinity			
Eagle Ford *				Upper A, Upper B			
Tulacosa	Upper, Middle, Lower			6) Equivalent to the Woodbine of Texas.			
COMANCHE	Washita *			Man Street, Frog Pine, Wrens, Dallas, Fall Branch, Duck Creek, Marsh	Washita units are present primarily within the salt-dome basins of the Interior Salt Basin (subsurface only).		
	Frederickburg			Frederickburg, Trinity	Frederickburg and upper parts of the Trinity are not present over highest elevations of the area; also absent over highest elevations of the Monroe Basin.		
	Trinity *			Trinity, Trinity, Trinity	7) Equivalent to Upper Glen Rose of Ark-La-Tex area.		
	Osage *			Osage, Osage	8) Some of Osage Formation may belong in Cotton Valley.		
	Novato Leon			Novato Leon	9) Unconformably, bounded units proposed by Jones and Anderson (1973) and in part by Anderson (1973). (See also AAPG, Canada Gulf Coast Region Correlation Chart (1988).)		
JURASSIC	UPPER		Cotton Valley	Cotton Valley, Cotton Valley, Cotton Valley	10) Lithofacies units commonly recognized by industry geologists in the Ark-La-Tex area.		
			Louisa *	Hennepin, Louisa, Louisa			
	MIDDLE LOWER		Louisiana	Louisiana	11) Equivalent to Louisa Group in other wells.		
TRIASSIC	UPPER			Eagle Mile			

# - Units proposed by E. G. Anderson in Basic Mesozoic Study in Louisiana, the Northern Gulf Basin Province; Louisiana Geological Survey Folio Series No. 3, 1973.  
 \* - These units are more properly designated as time-stratigraphic rather than rock-stratigraphic, i.e., stage rather than substage rather than formation. Upper Paleozoic rocks have been encountered to date in two deep wells: Union Prospect A-1, Terkias Delta, Morehouse Parish; Exxon, 1-South Southern, Sabine Parish.

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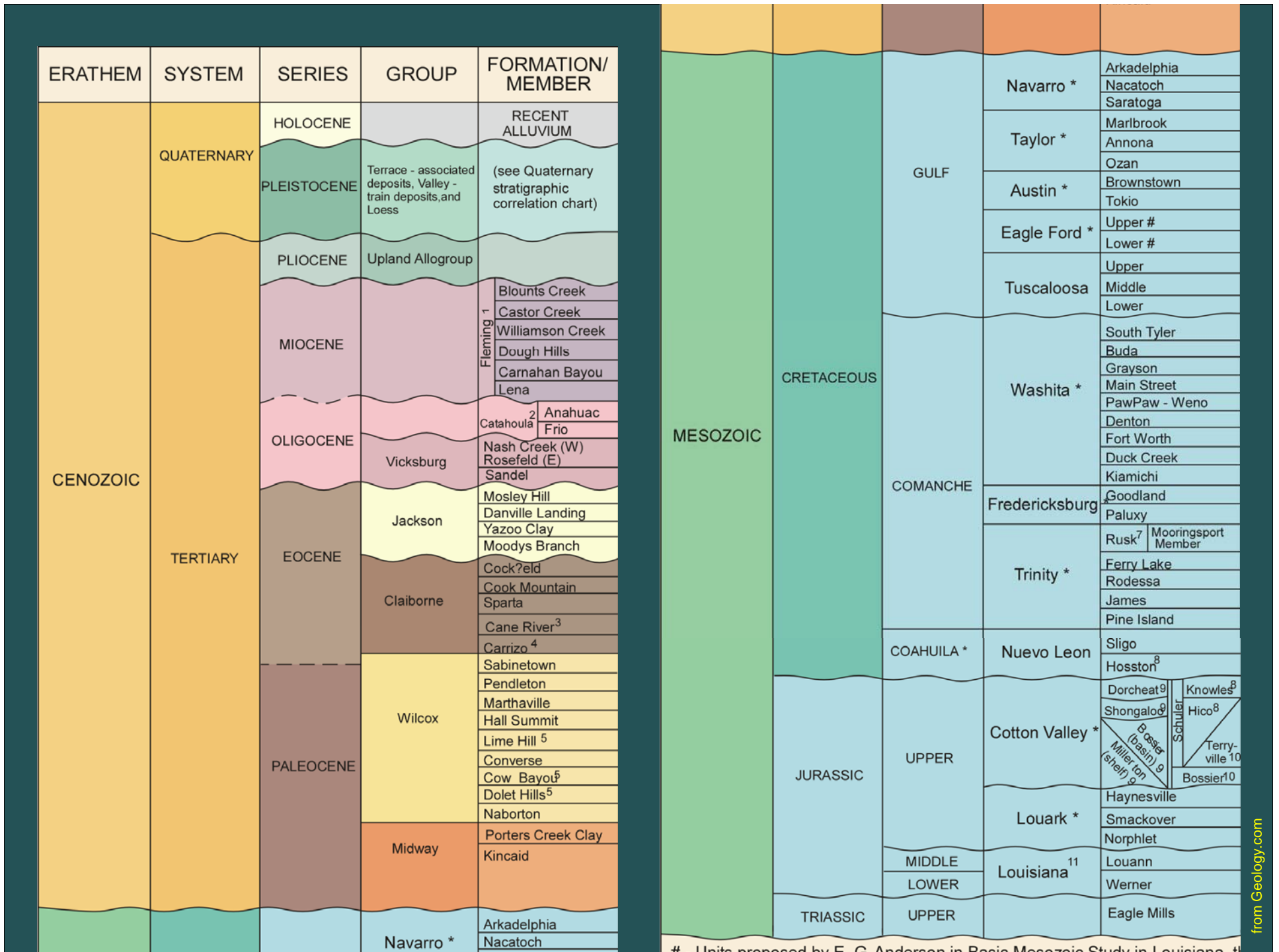


+/- 62 million years ago

+/- 135 million years ago

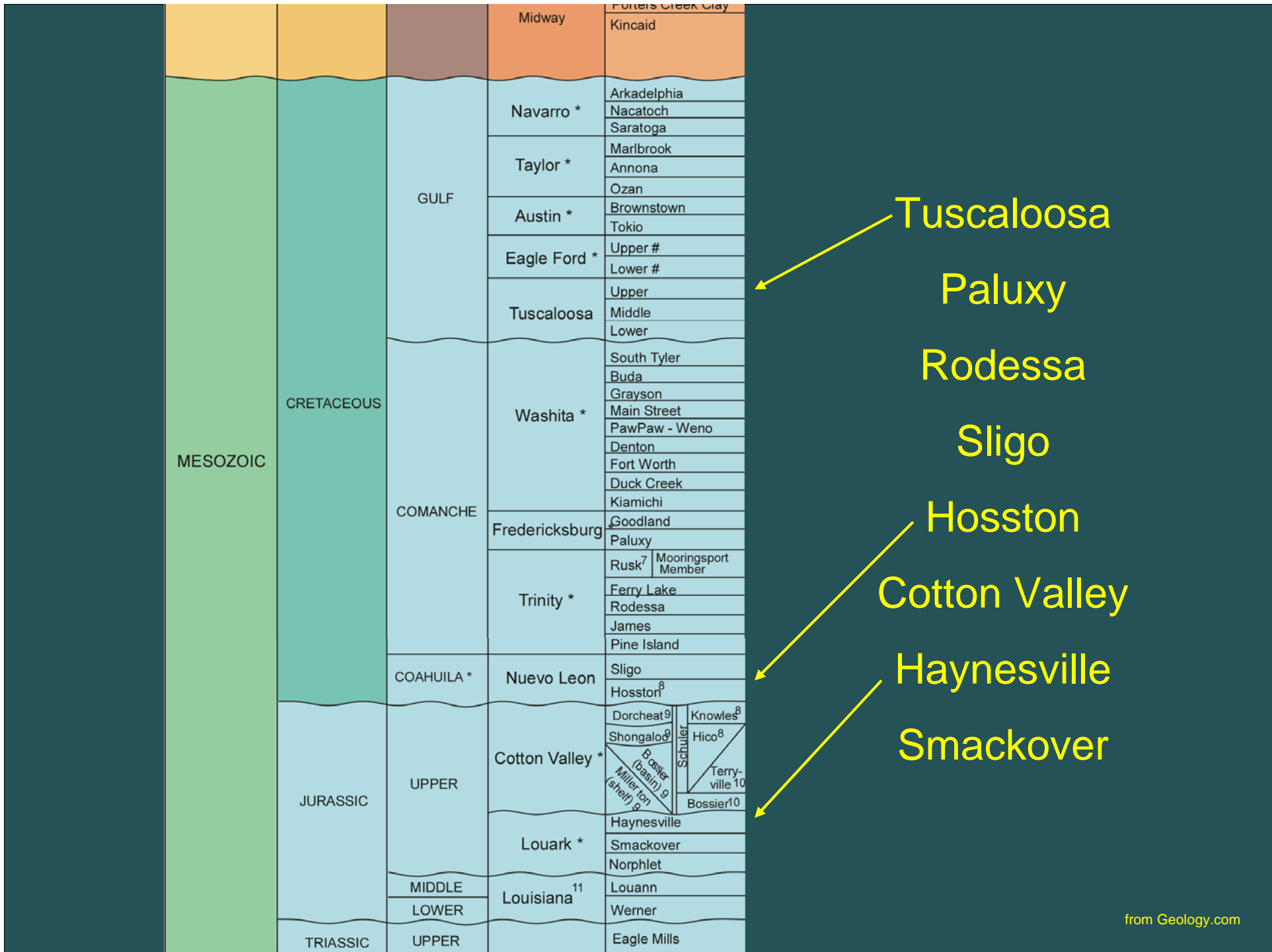
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# - Units proposed by F. G. Anderson in Basic Mesozoic Study in Louisiana





Tuscaloosa

Paluxy

Rodessa

Sligo

Hosston

Cotton Valley

Haynesville

Smackover



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Terminology



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**GEOLOGICAL TERMS**

- Sand (beach or river)
- Shale (compacted clay)
- Erosion (cutting away rock)
- Deposition (putting down cut-up rock)
- Strata (layers of rock)
- Faults (crack/break in surface)

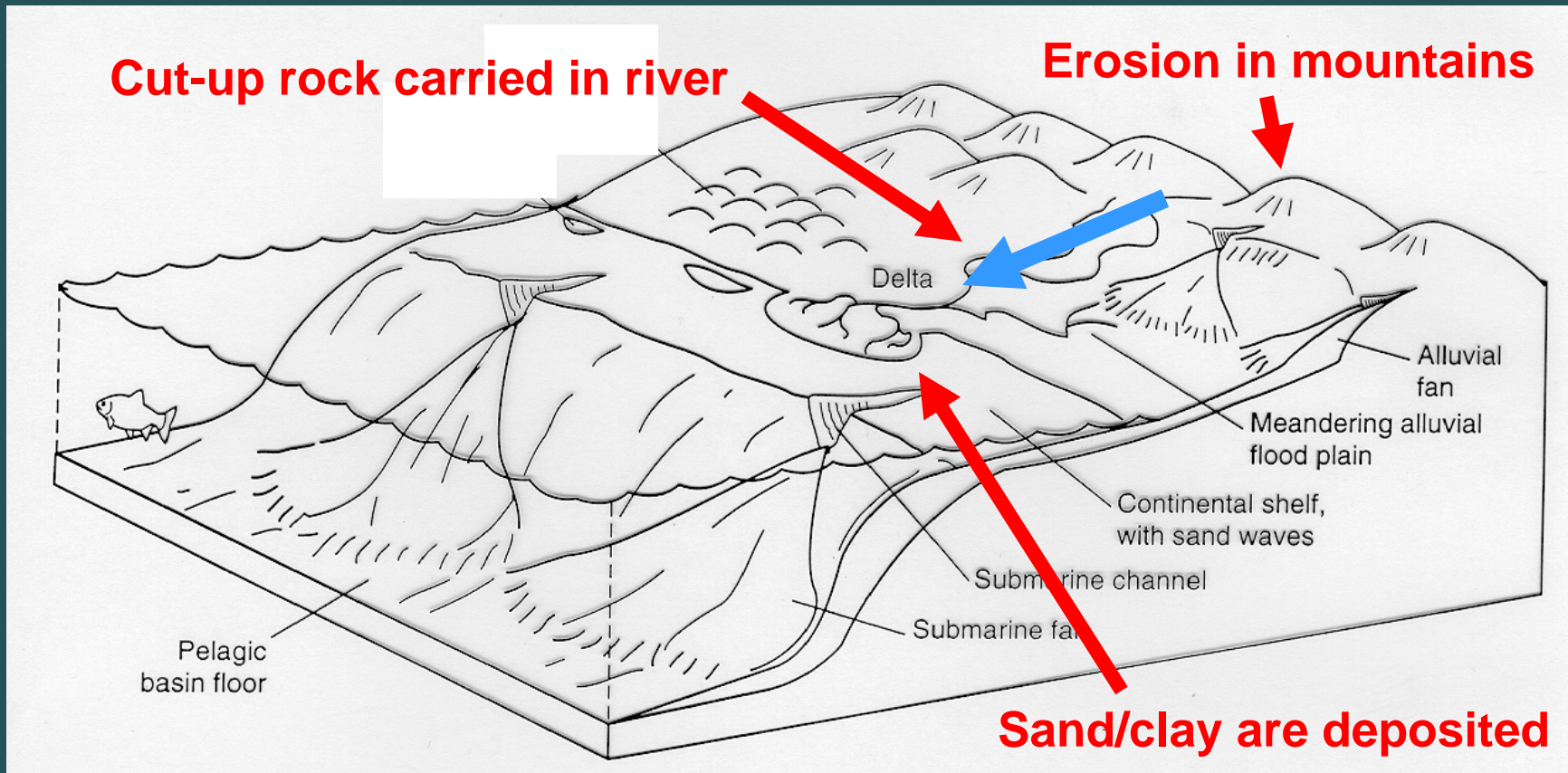
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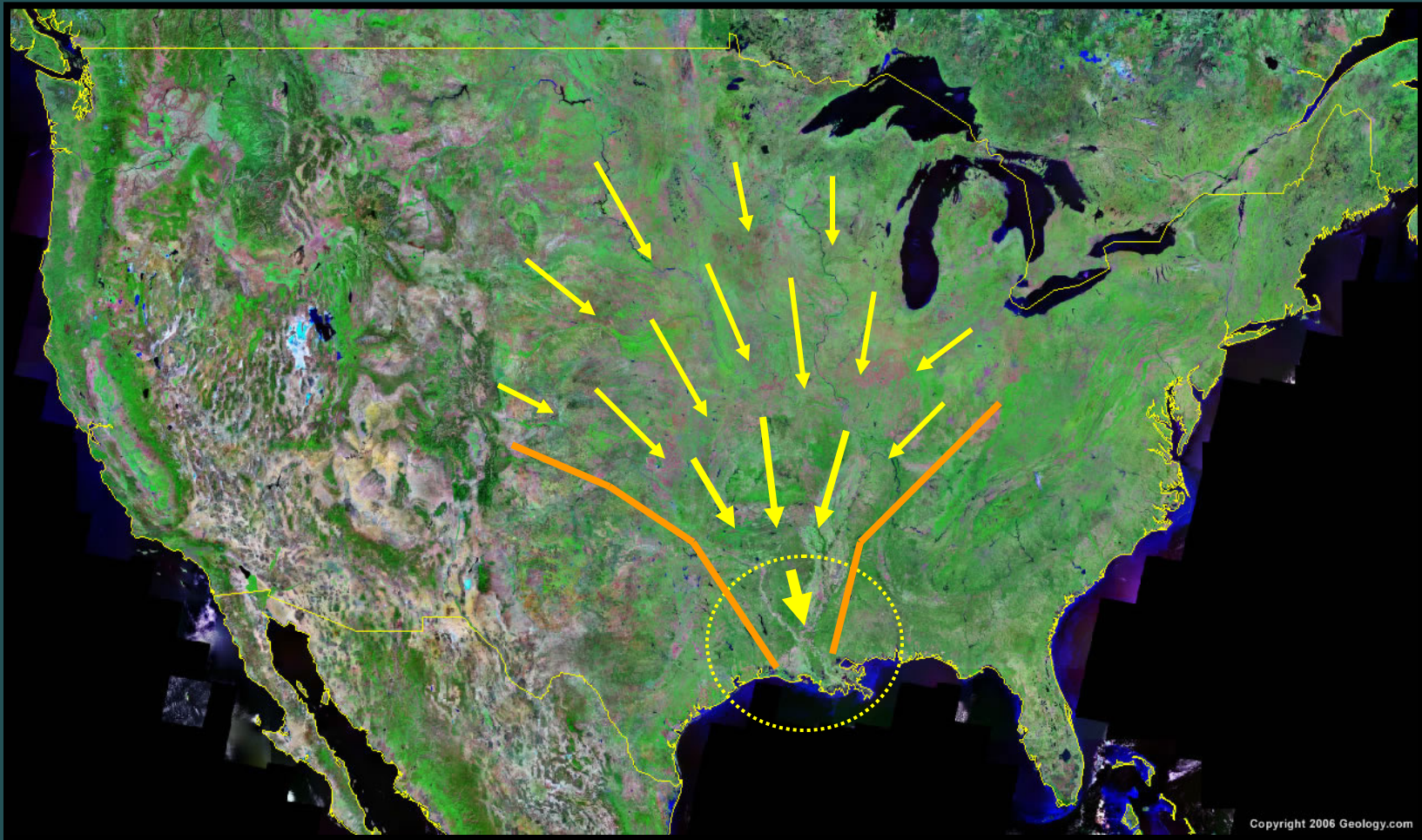


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**CUT-UP ROCK DEPOSITION (IN DELTAS)**

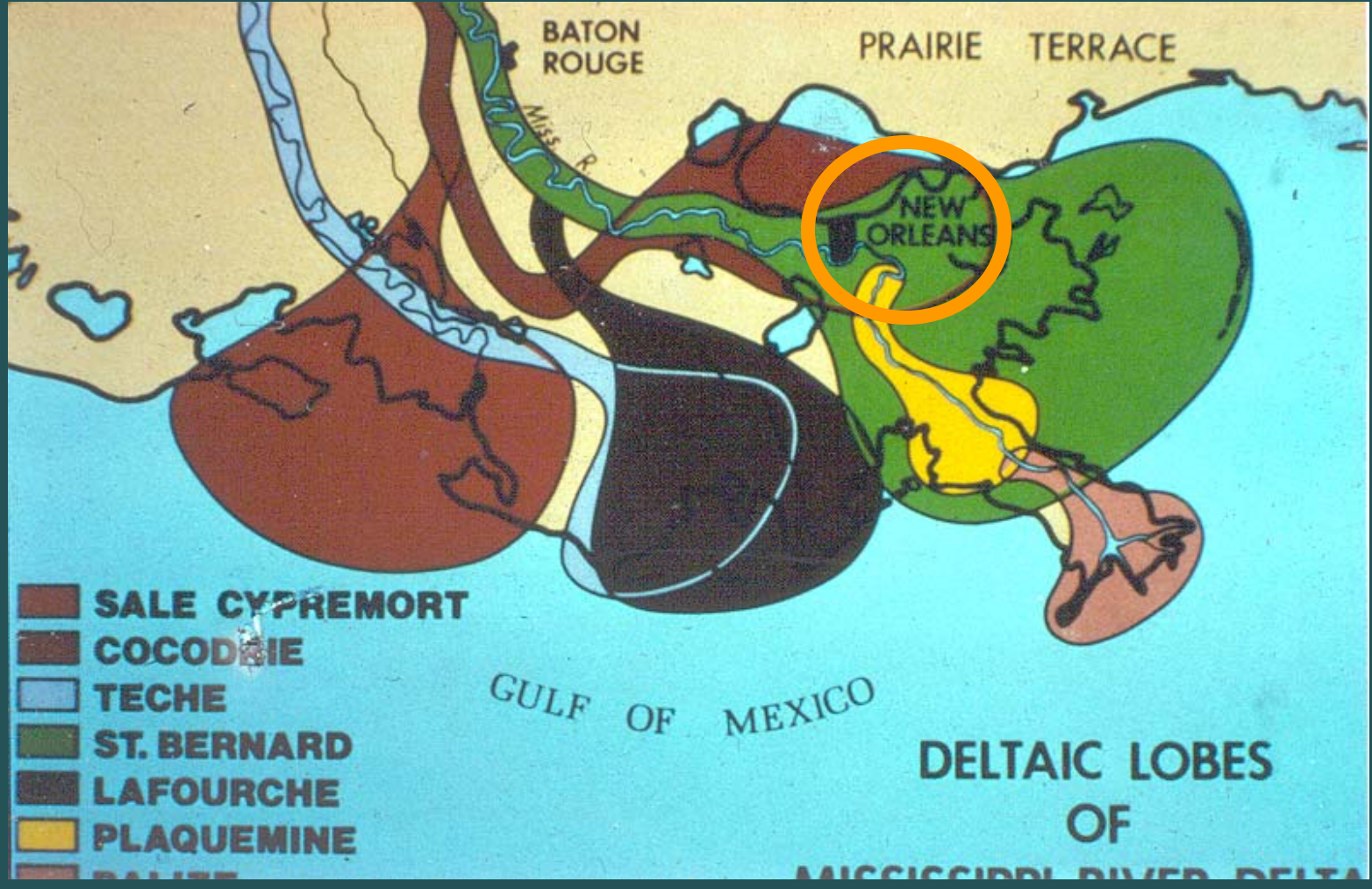


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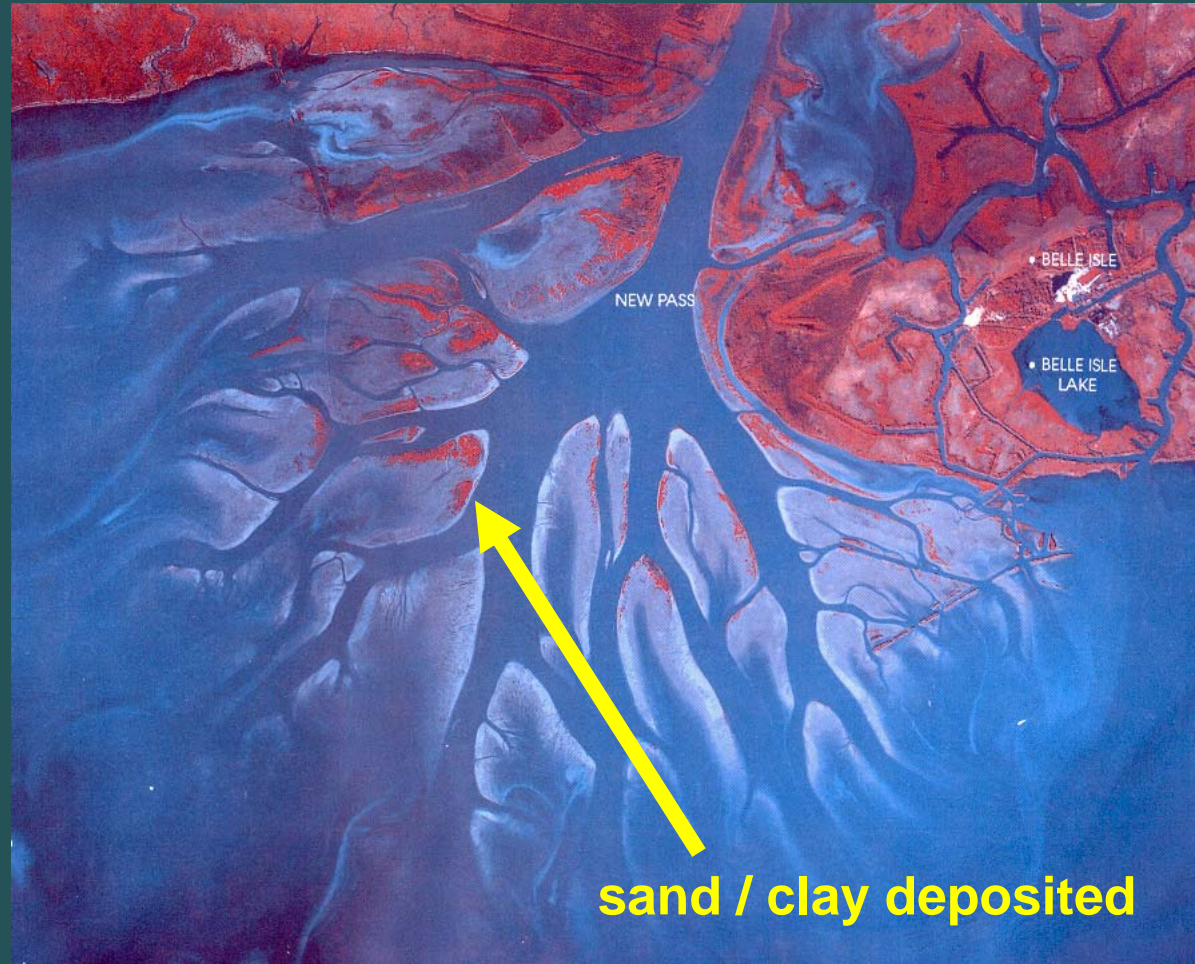


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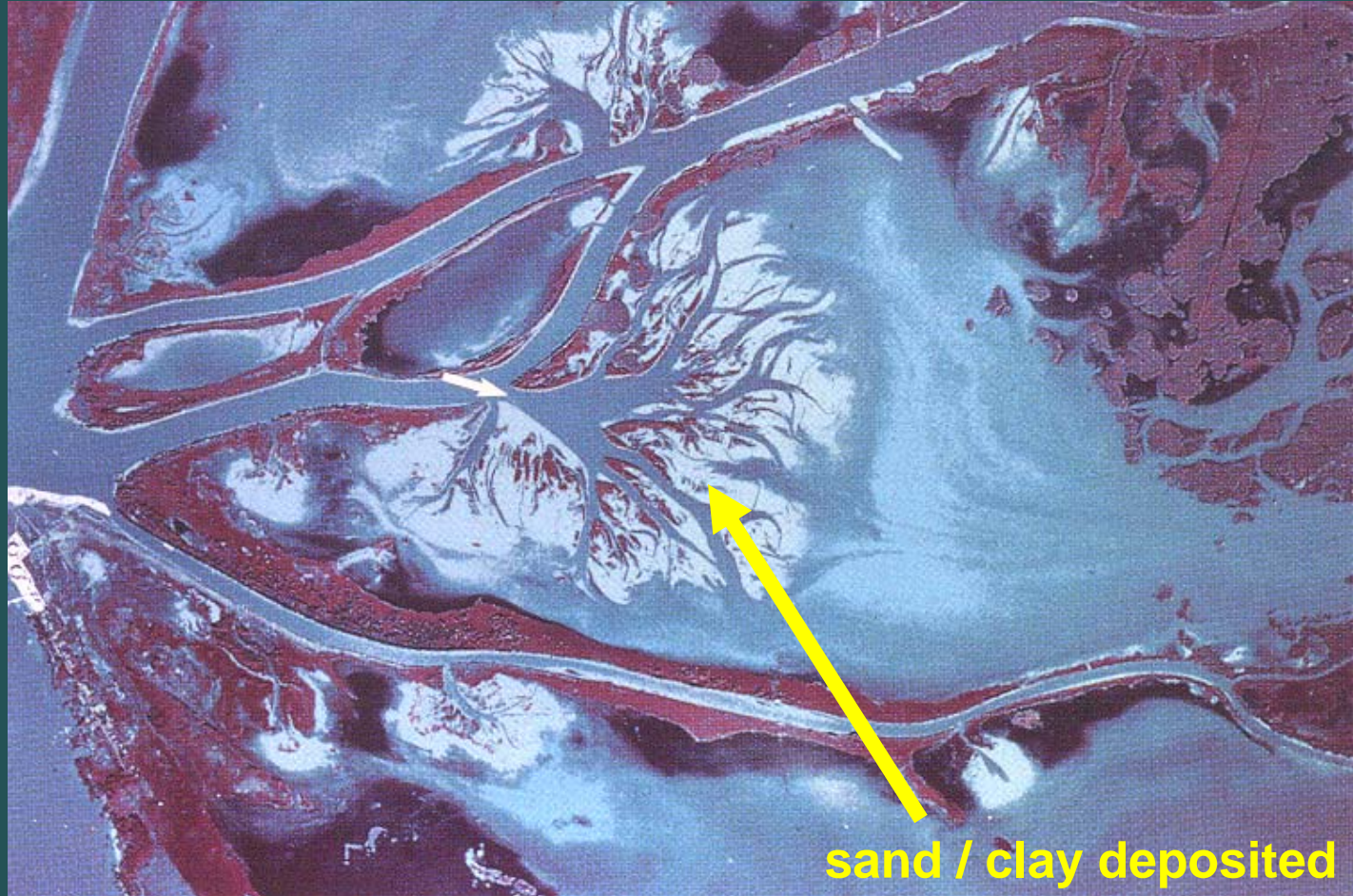


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Faults / Traps  
Strata / Layers  
Oil and Gas Pools / Reservoirs

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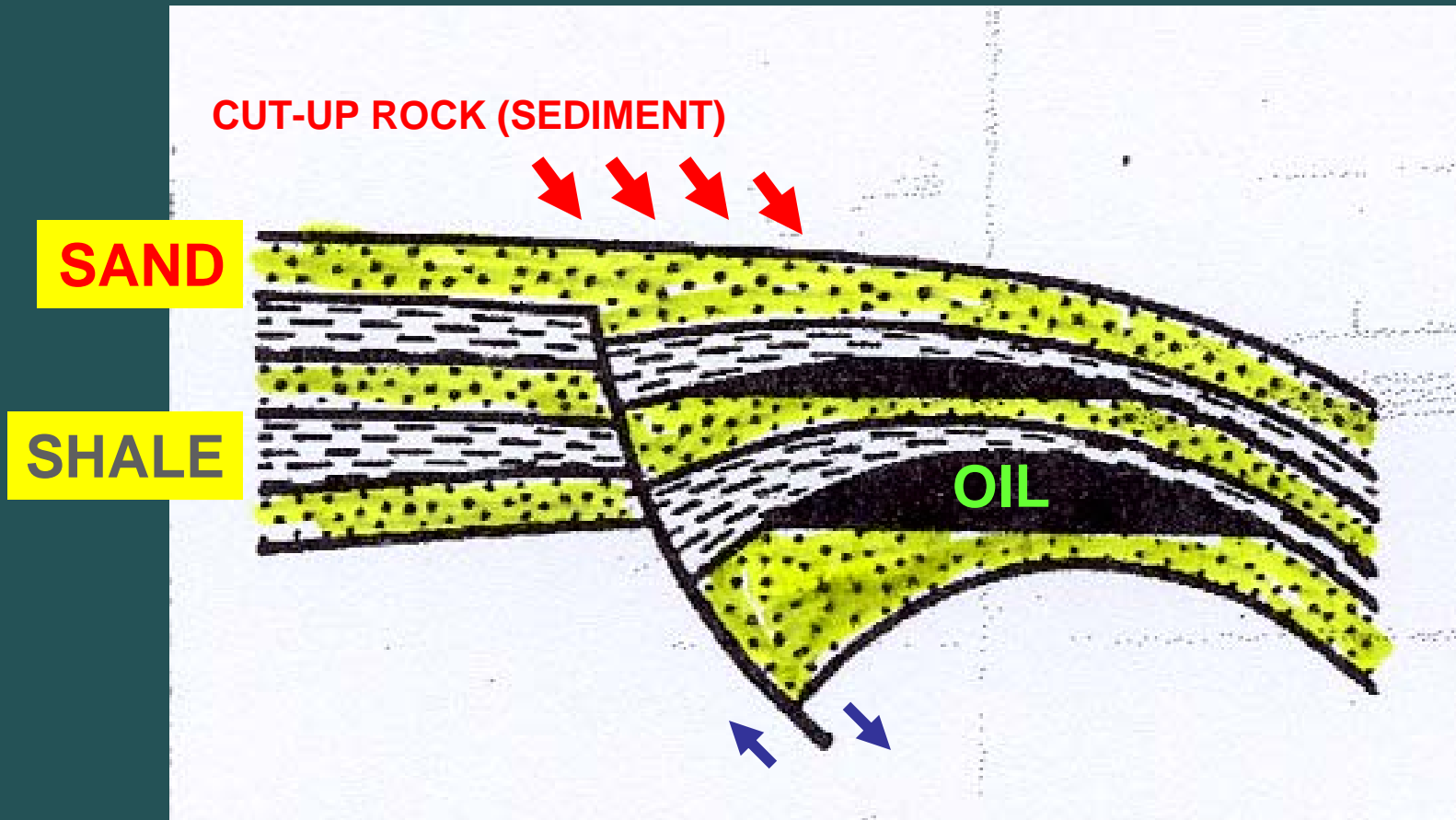


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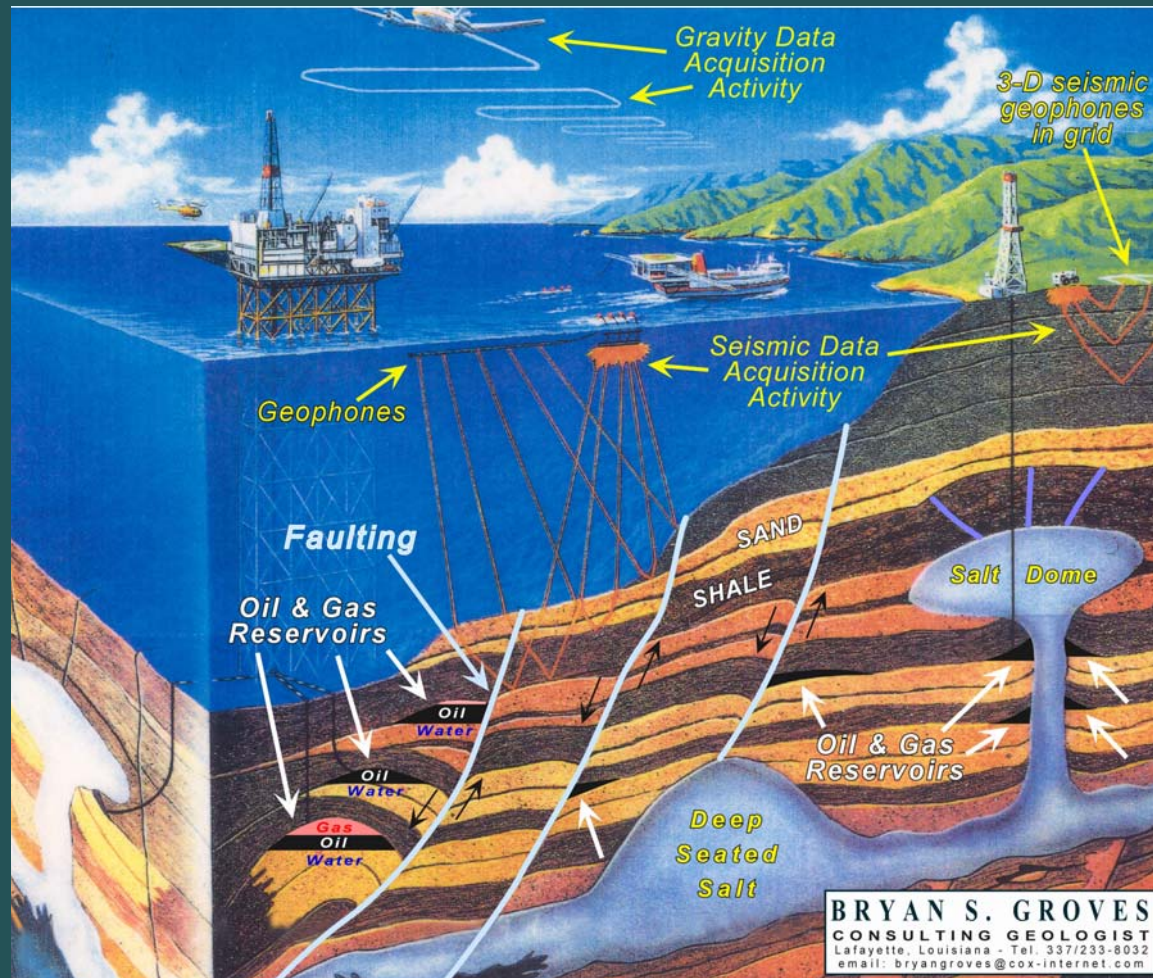
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**STRATA AND FAULTING**



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## STRATA AND FAULTING



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**WHERE'S THE OIL ! ? !**



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**OIL & GAS FLOAT ON WATER**

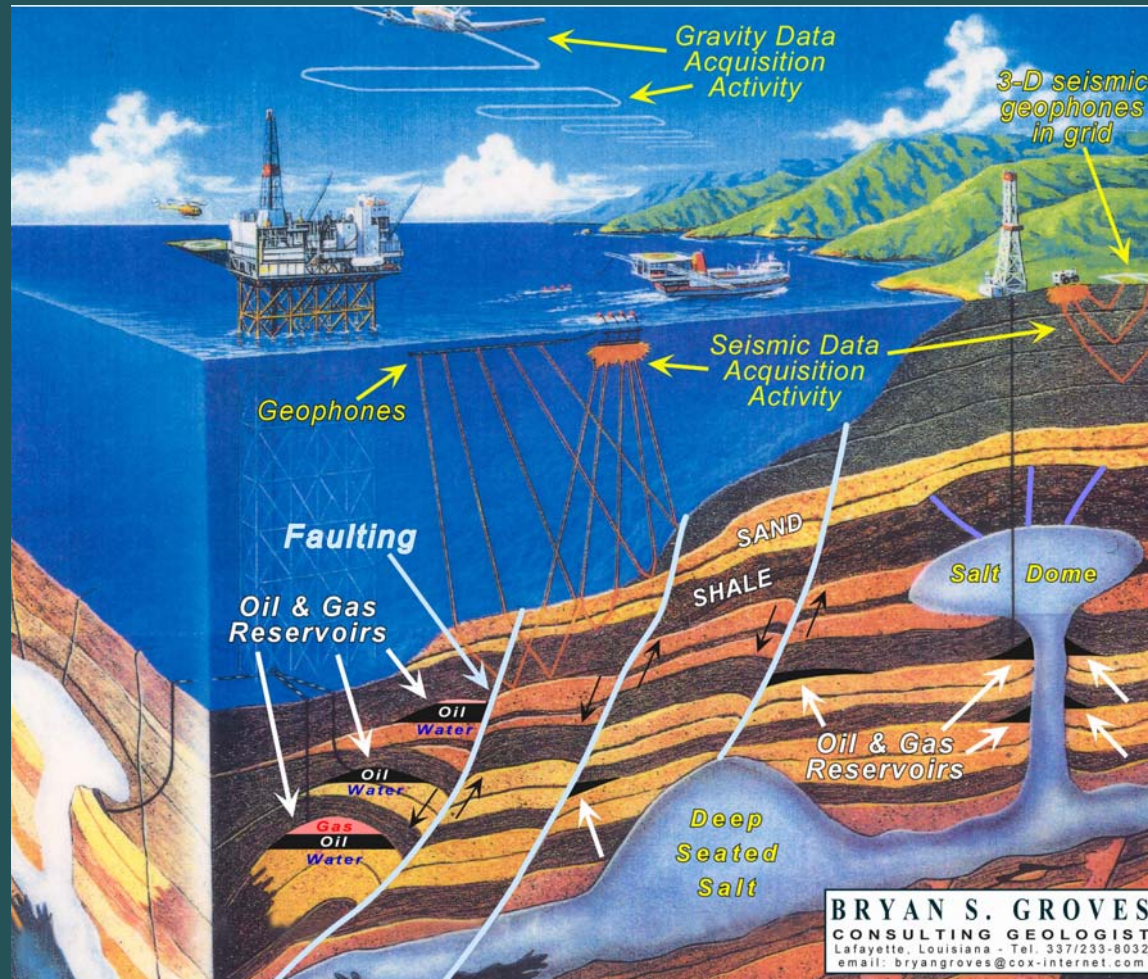


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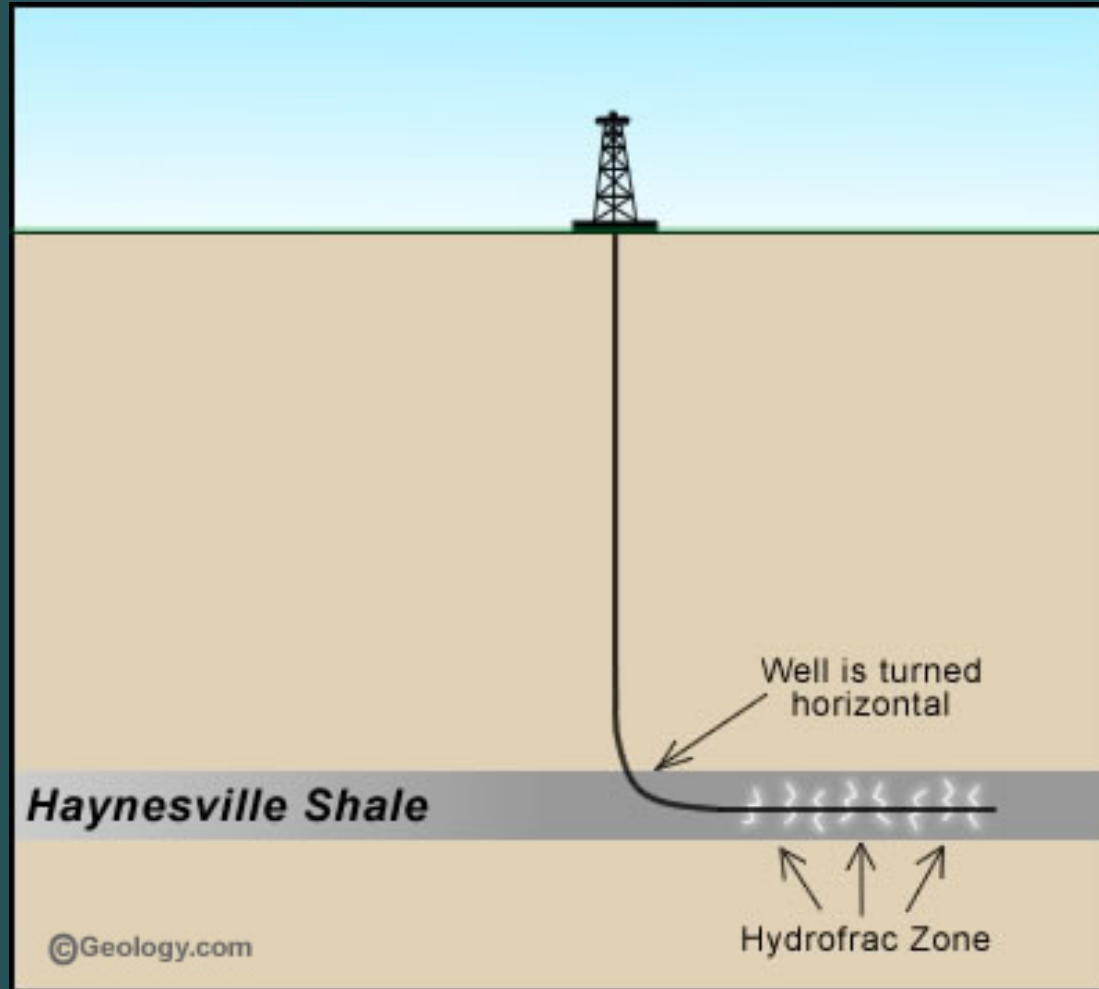
**CONVENTIONAL RESERVOIRS, GULF COAST TRENDS**



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UNCONVENTIONAL RESERVOIRS, RESOURCE PLAYS



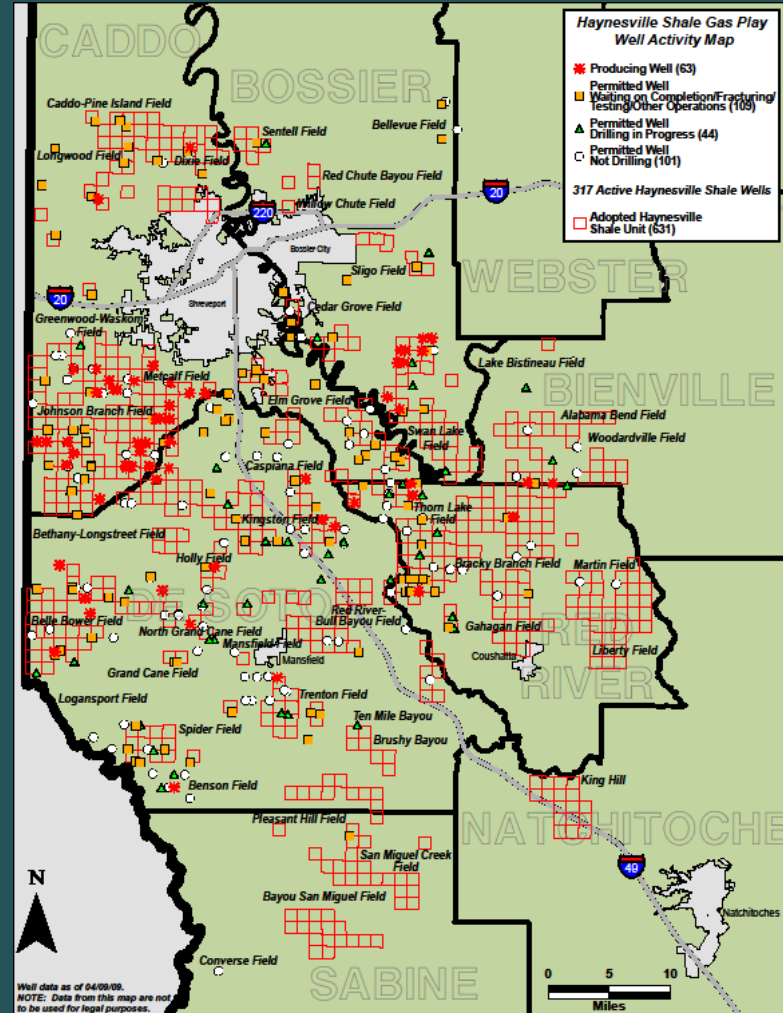
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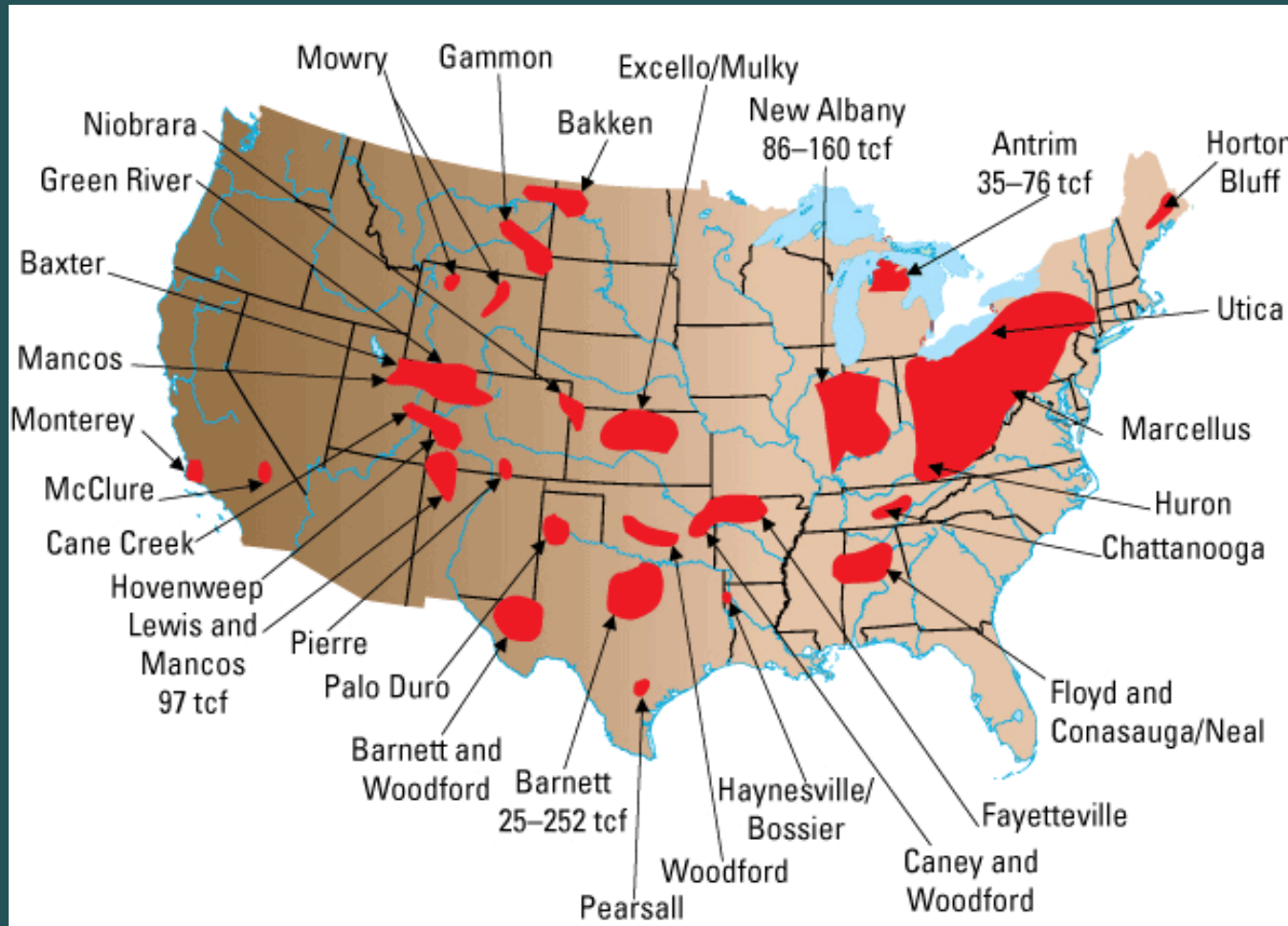


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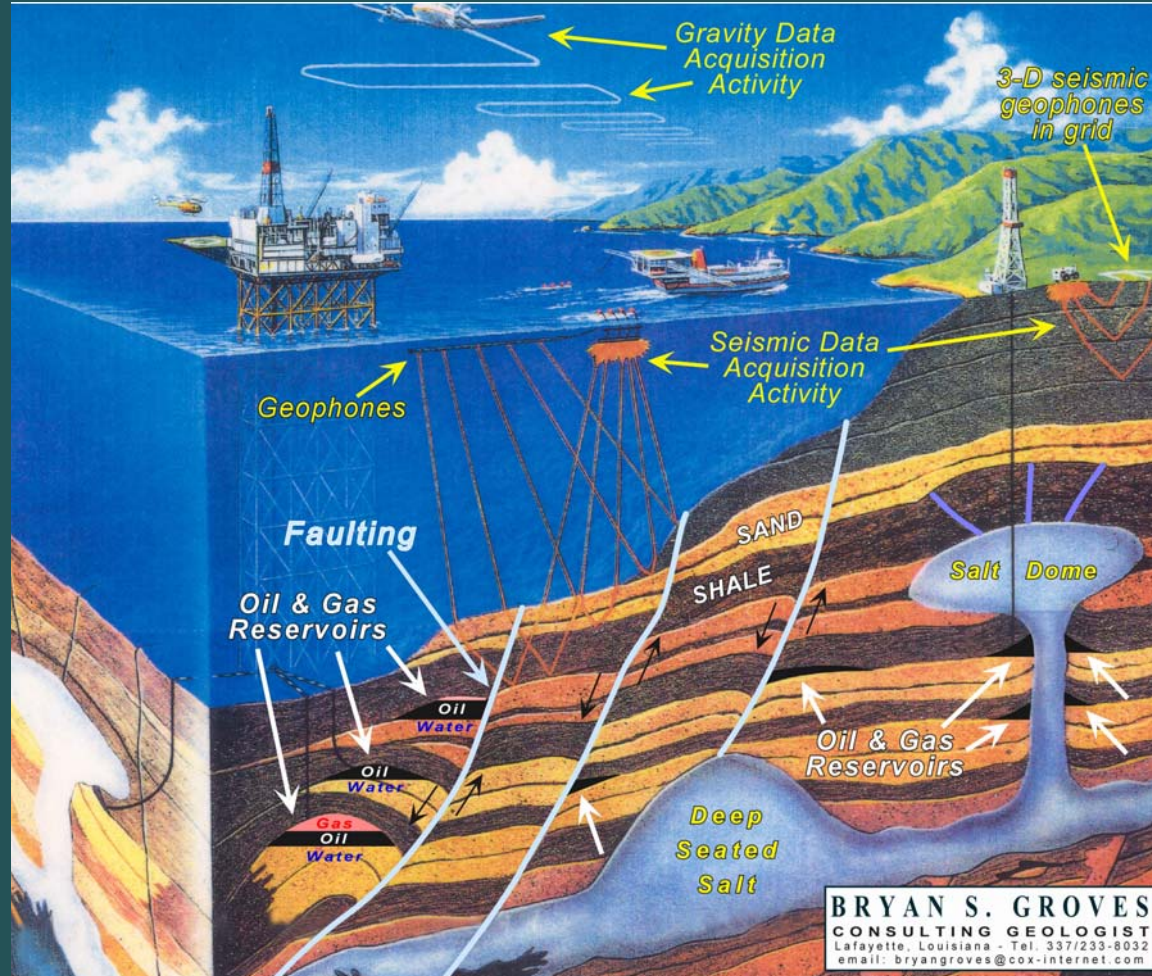


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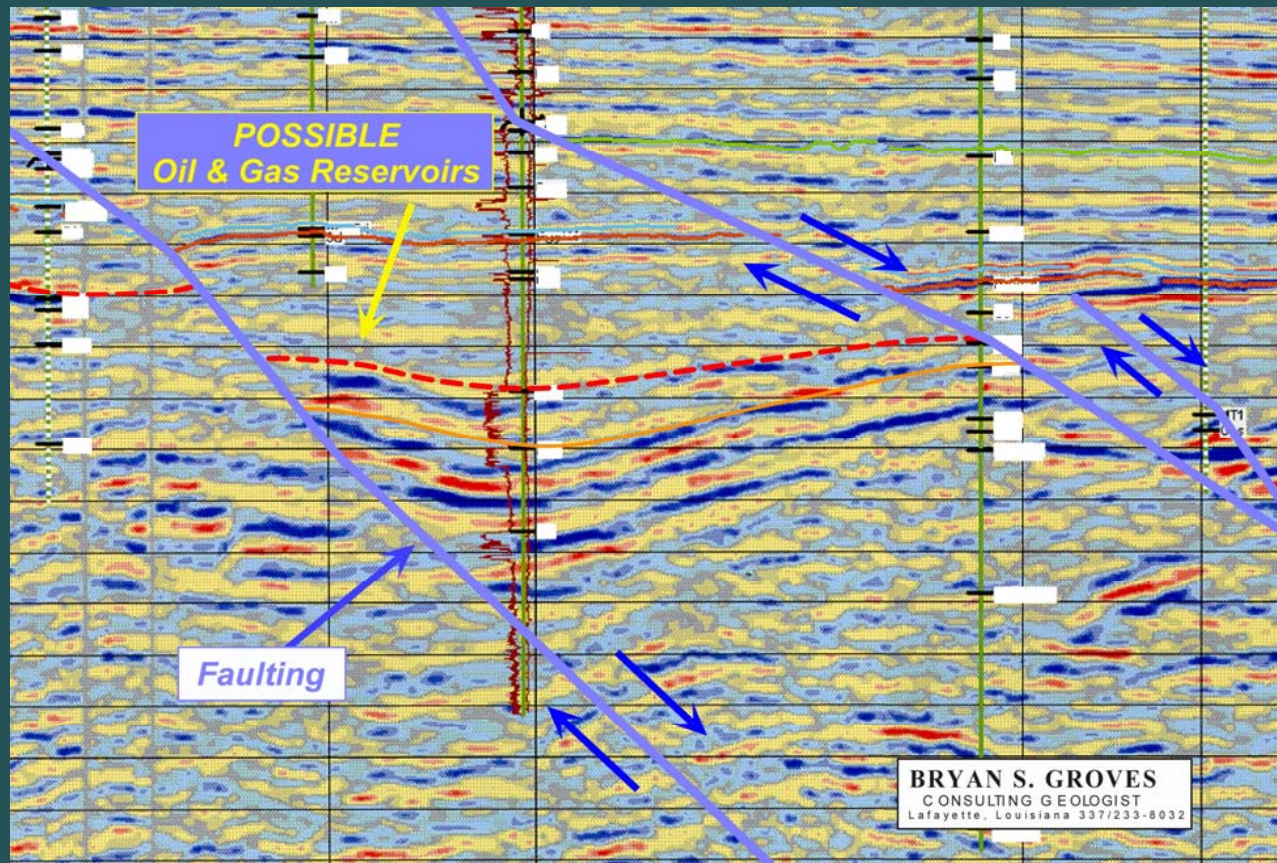
## SEISMIC DATA



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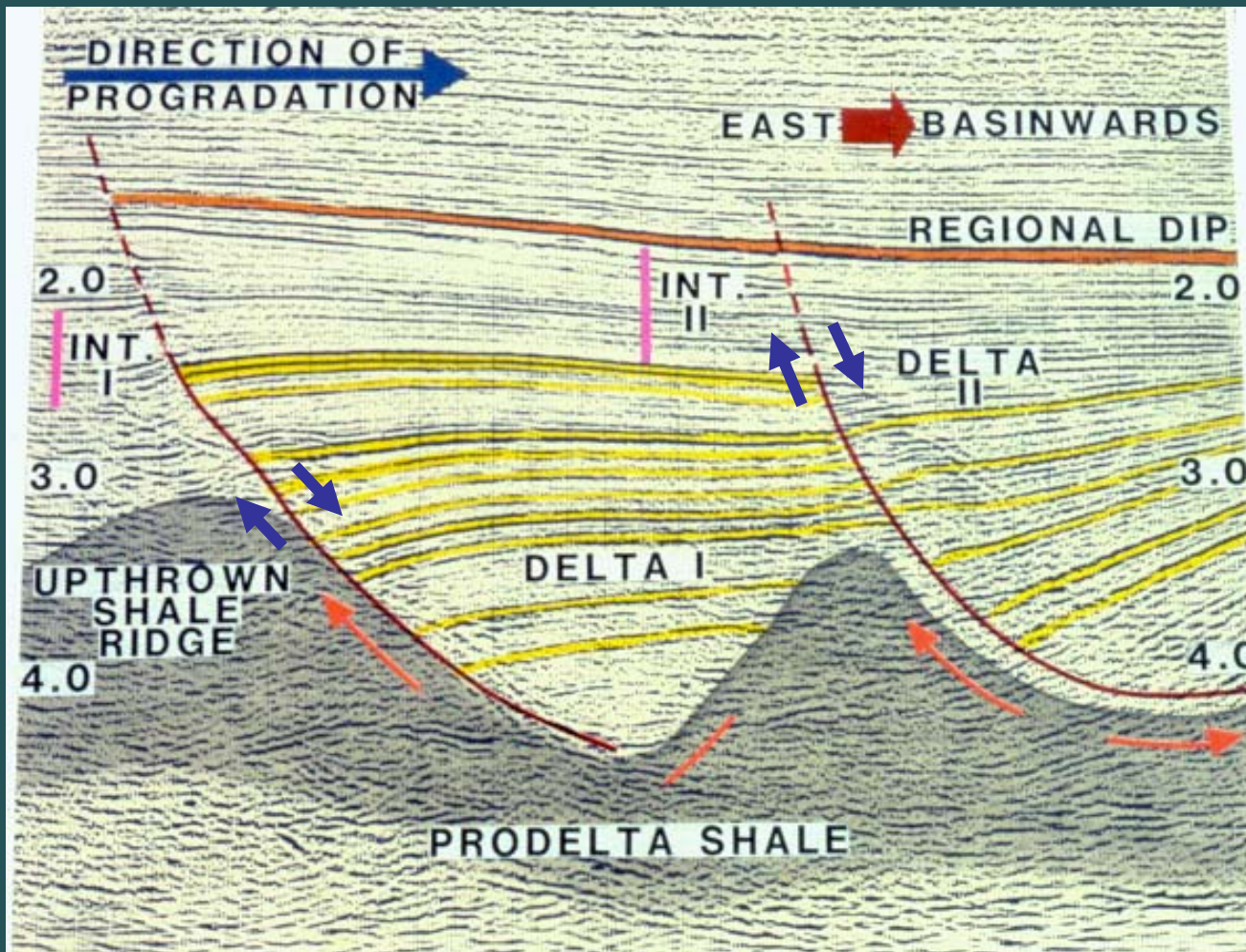


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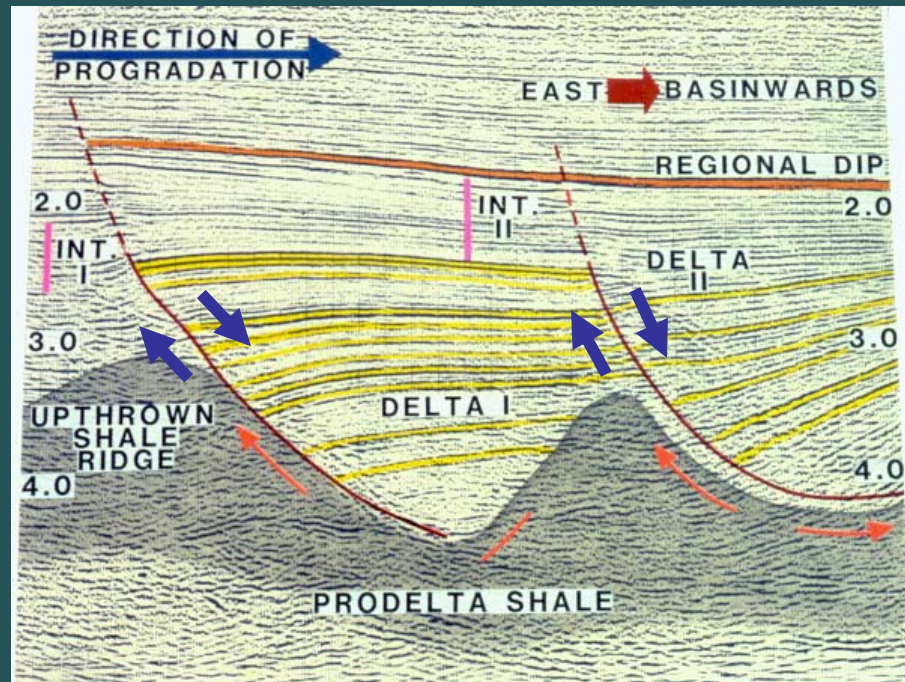
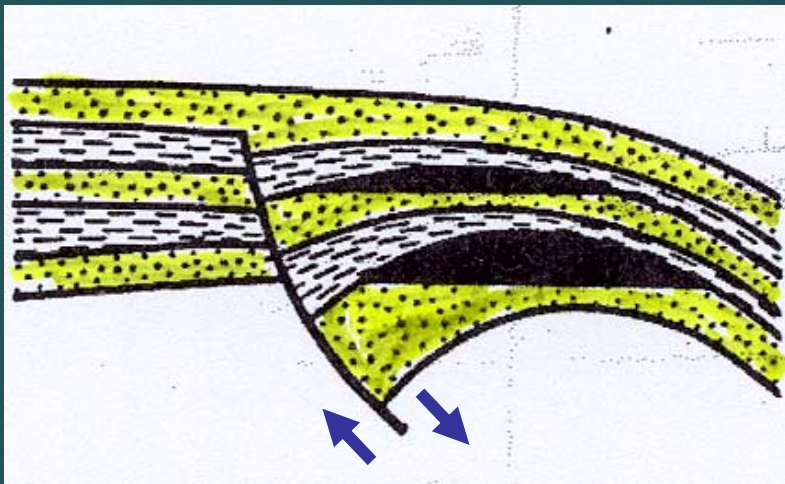
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**THEORY vs. REALITY**

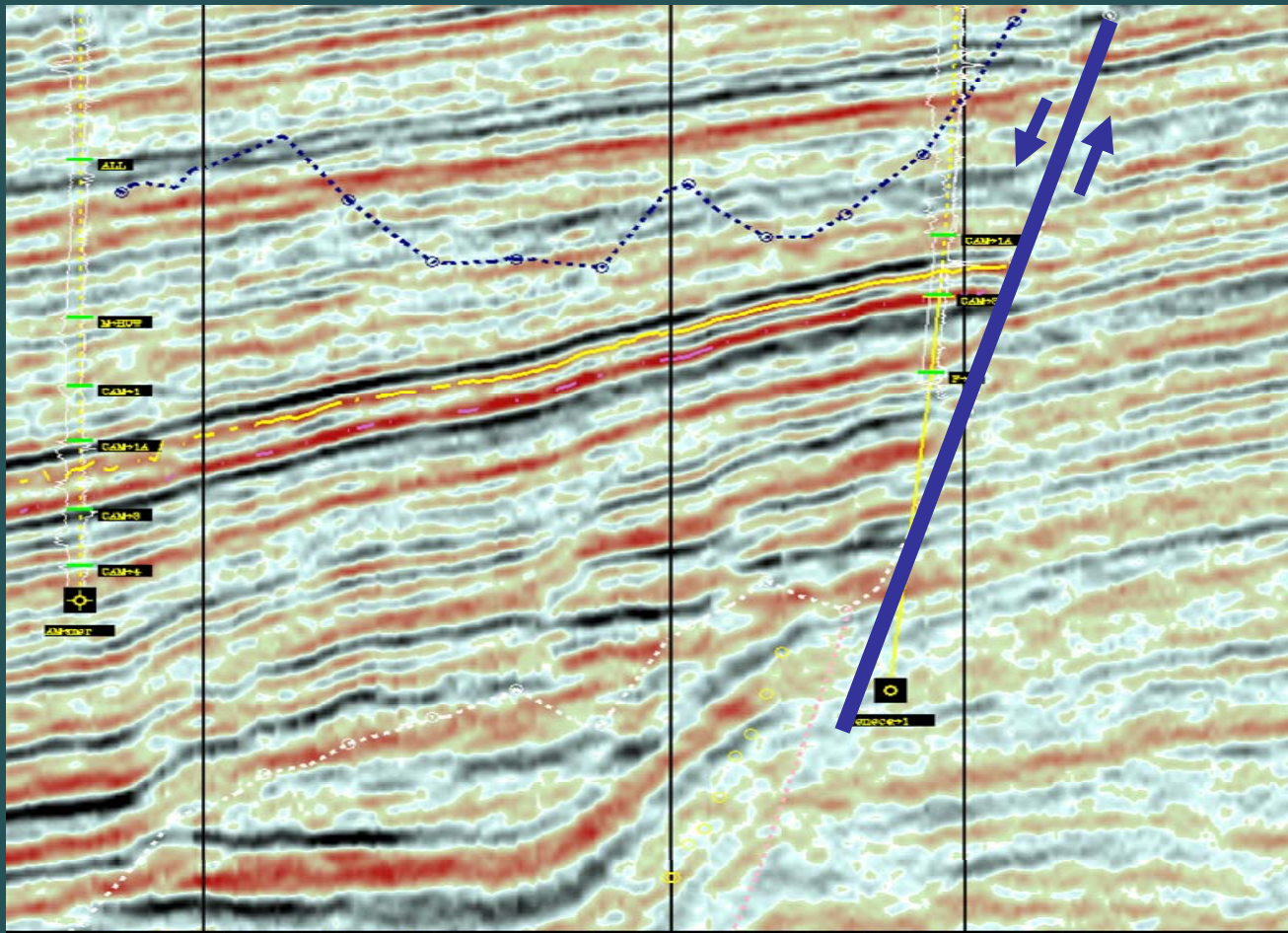


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**SEISMIC DATA, FAULT PICKING**



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MINERAL RIGHTS  
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**OIL AND GAS MINERAL LEASING**

**Q: What are mineral rights?**

A: The term “mineral rights” generally refers to the right to explore and develop property for the production of oil, gas, and other minerals occurring naturally in liquid or gaseous form and to reduce them to possession and ownership.

Ownership of land does not include ownership of such minerals, but the landowner or owner of a mineral servitude has the exclusive right to explore and develop the property for the production of minerals.”.

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Q: What might happen if an exploration company is interested in leasing the mineral rights on my property ?

A: Typically, a landman offers a per-acre amount to lease the mineral rights and a percentage of royalties from any production that is realized.









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**OIL & GAS MINERAL LEASE TERMS**

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UNITIZATION

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**OIL AND GAS UNITIZATION**

**Q: What is unitization of wells?**

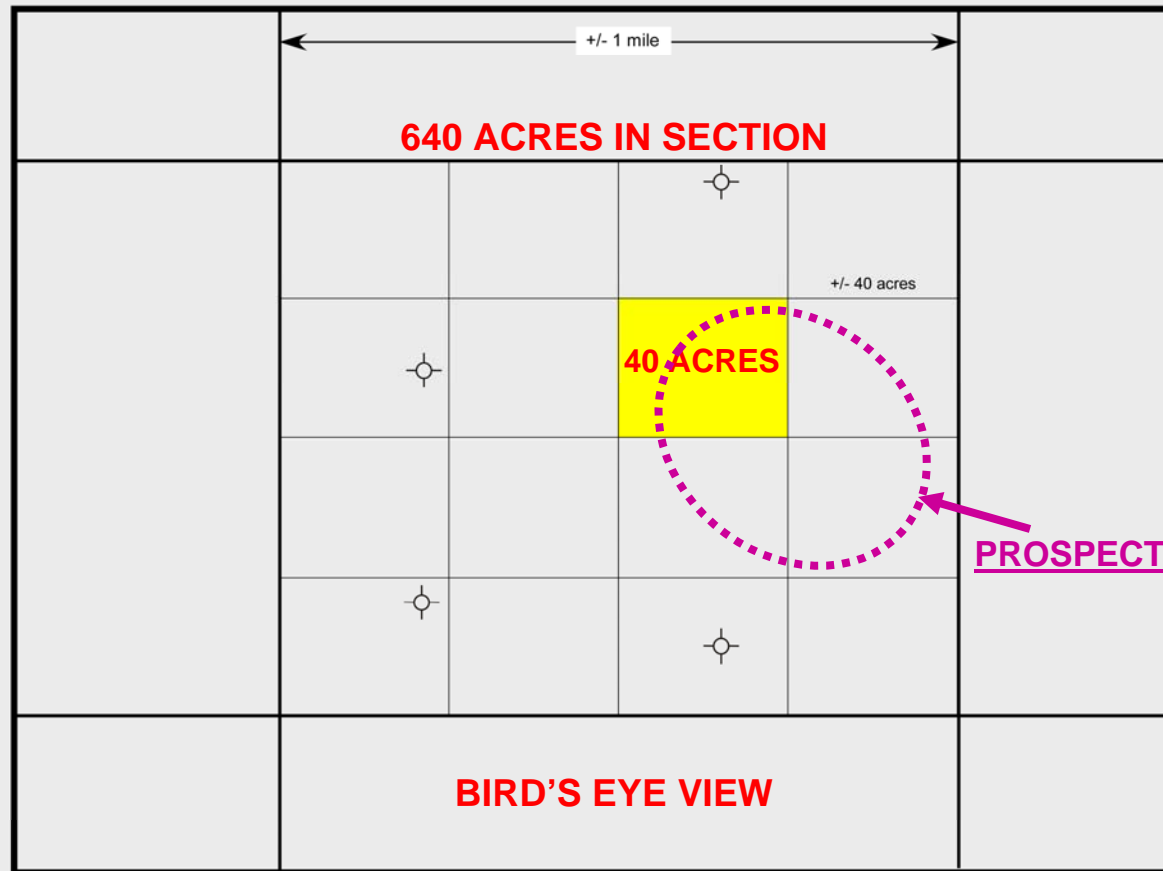
A: Unitization of oil and gas reservoirs in the state is a critical activity achieved by industry and state government working together. It is important to mineral rights owners because of the economic gain once a well is produced. At the request of an applicant or operator, an oil or gas unit is established for a sand, a zone, or a shale or formation.

Unitization allows maximal recovery of the resource, prevents drilling unnecessary wells, and protects the rights of the mineral owners.



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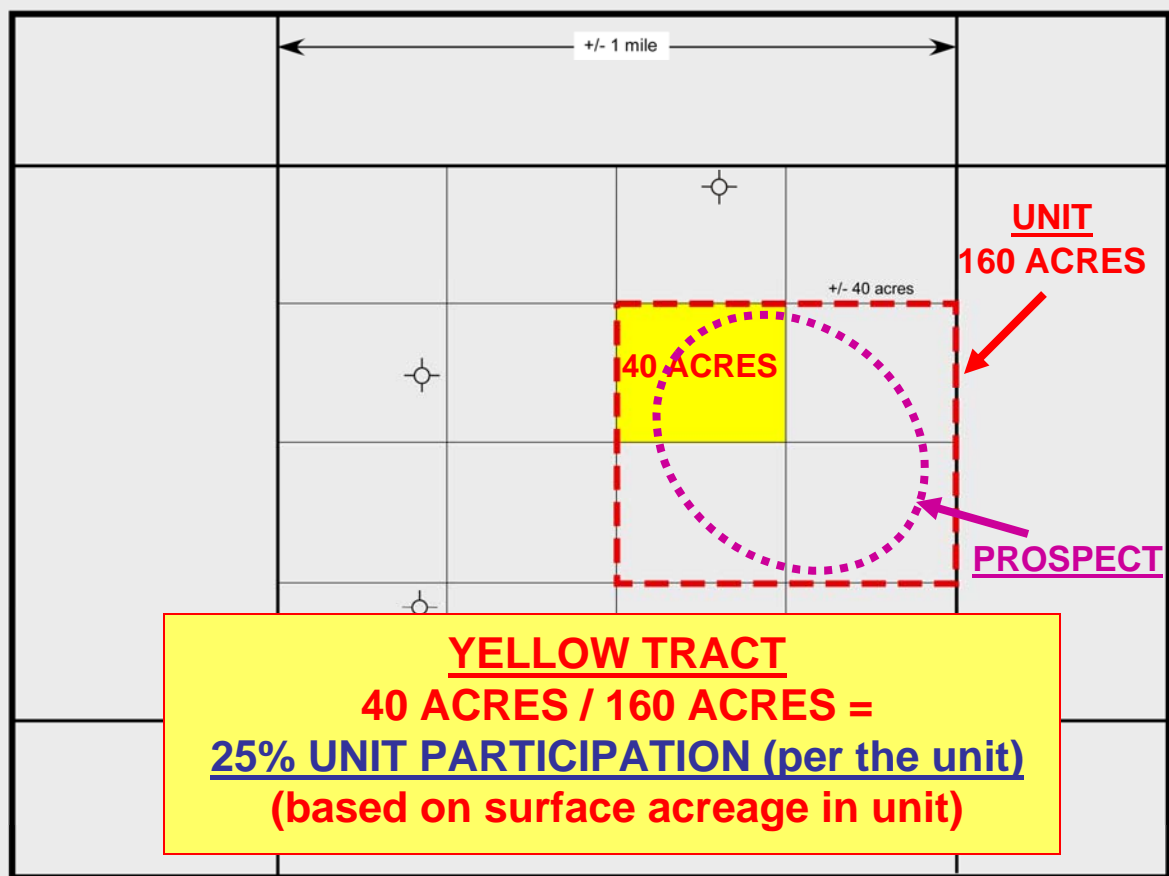
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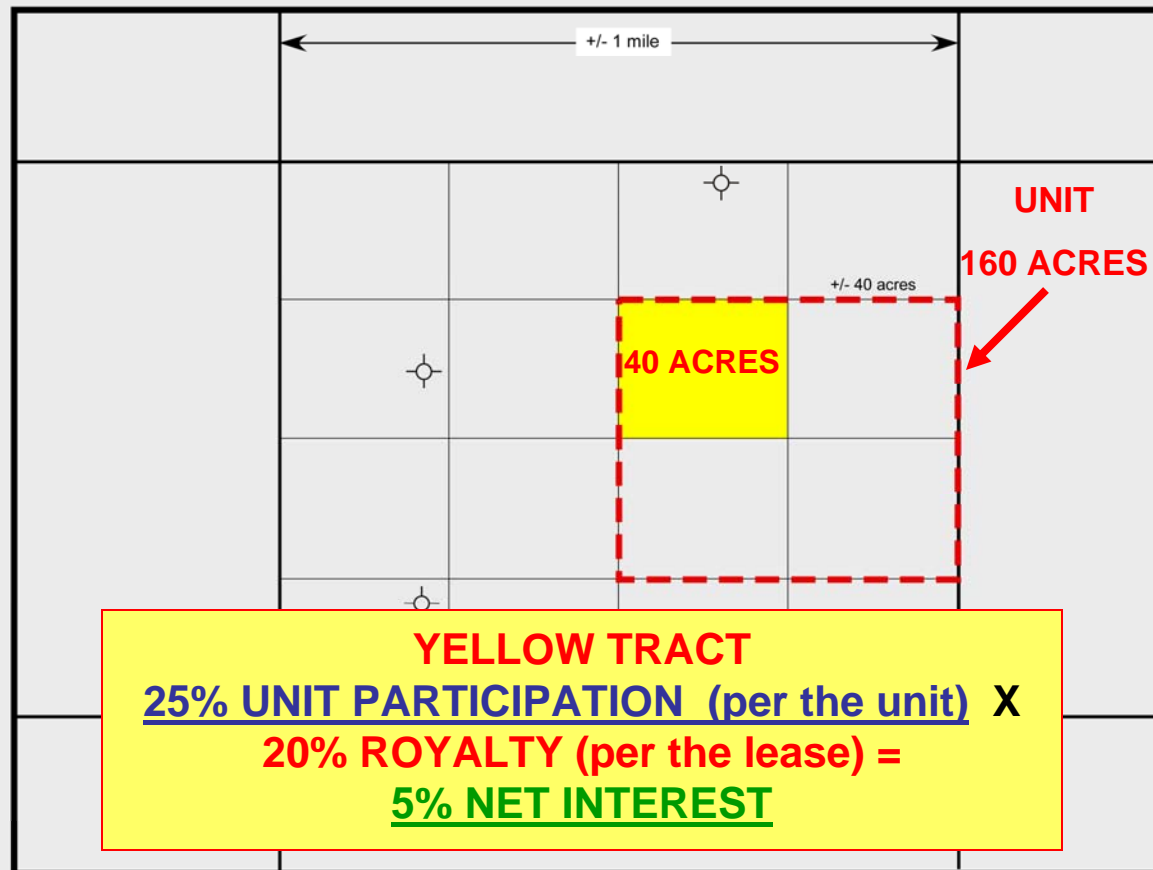
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# **OIL & GAS UNITIZATION PROCESS**

*Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation*

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INFORMATION



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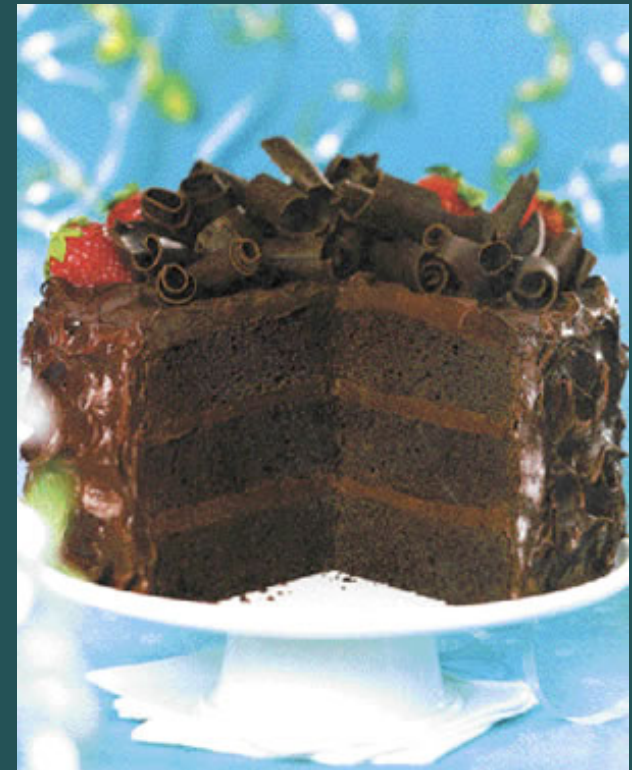
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- **LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, SONRIS O & G DATABASE**  
<http://sonris-www.dnr.state.la.us>
- **ENERGY INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION, U. S. GOVERNMENT O & G DATA**  
<http://www.eia.doe.gov>
- **LOUISIANA OIL AND GAS ASSOCIATION, ISSUES AFFECTING LA. O & G INDUSTRY**  
<http://www.loga.la>
- **CNN, OIL AND GAS PRICES**  
<http://money.cnn.com>
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**Drill here...**



**...or maybe here...**





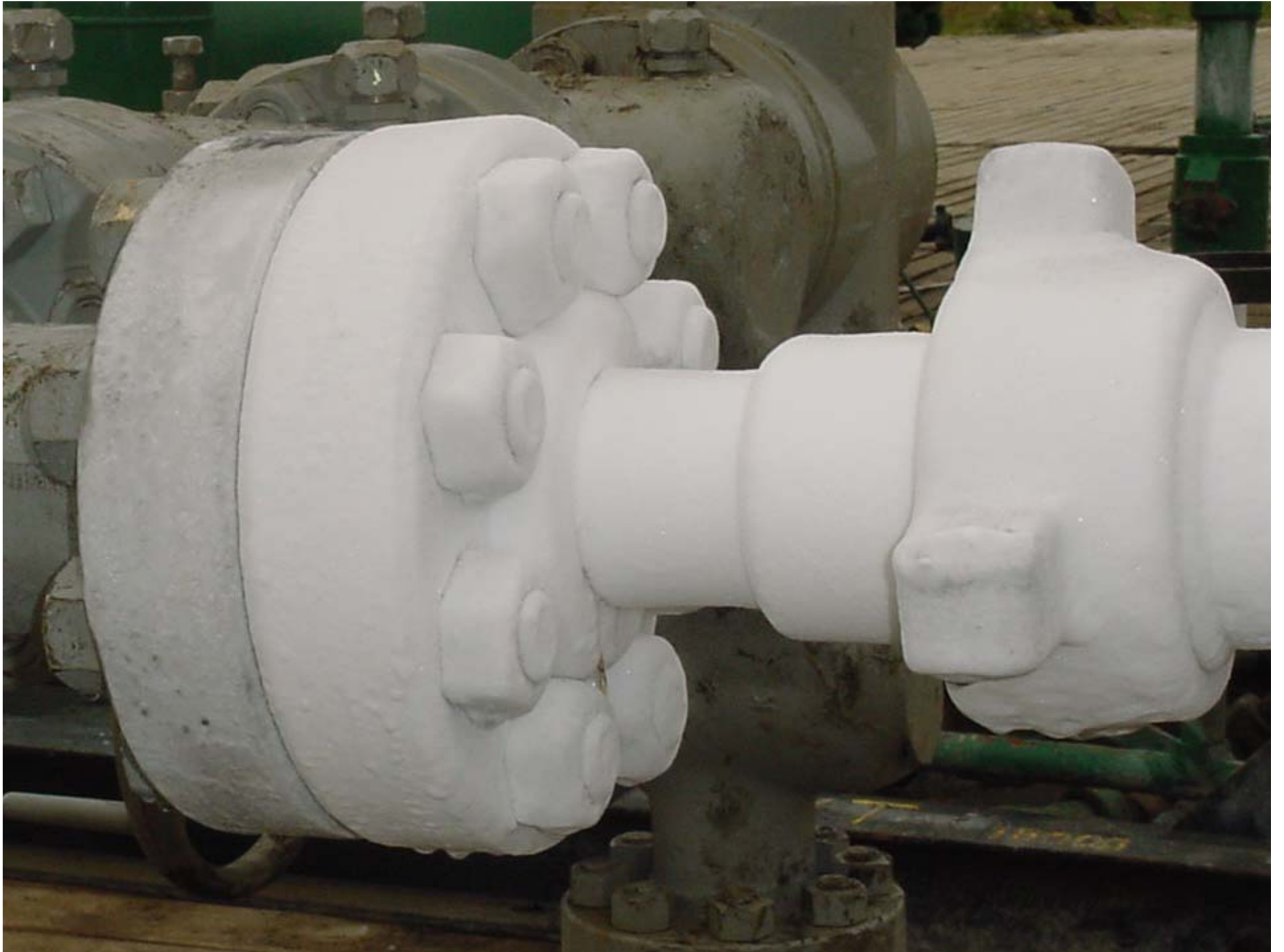


















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