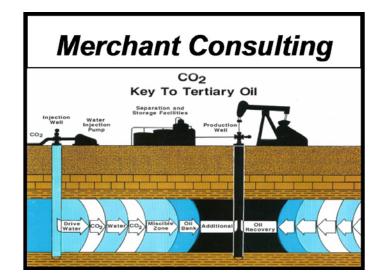
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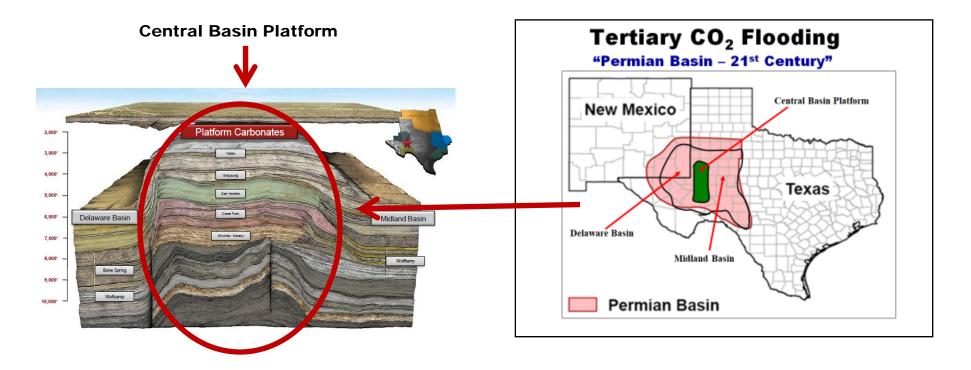
Permian Basin

Welcome to the Permian Basin?



A Truly Great Water Wonderland.....

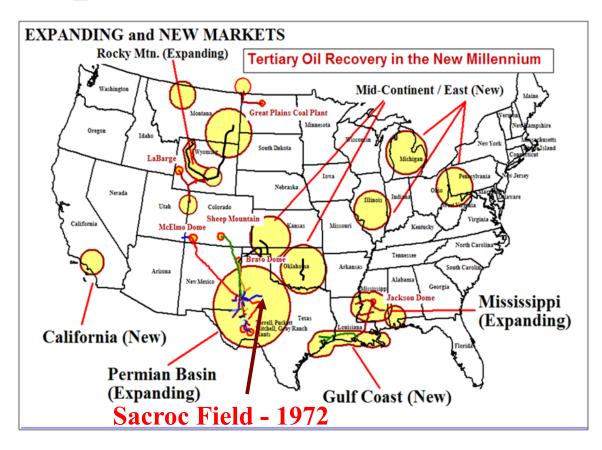
Permian Basin Conventional Oil/EOR Recovery



Central Basin Platform:

Billions of Barrels of Oil exist within the Central Basin Platform Carbonates

Conventional Tertiary CO₂ Flooding "CO₂ Flood History since 1972"

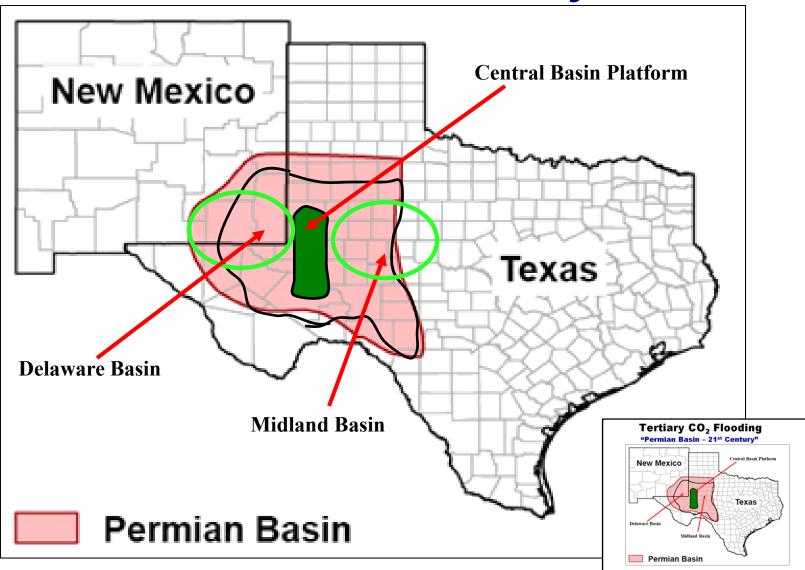


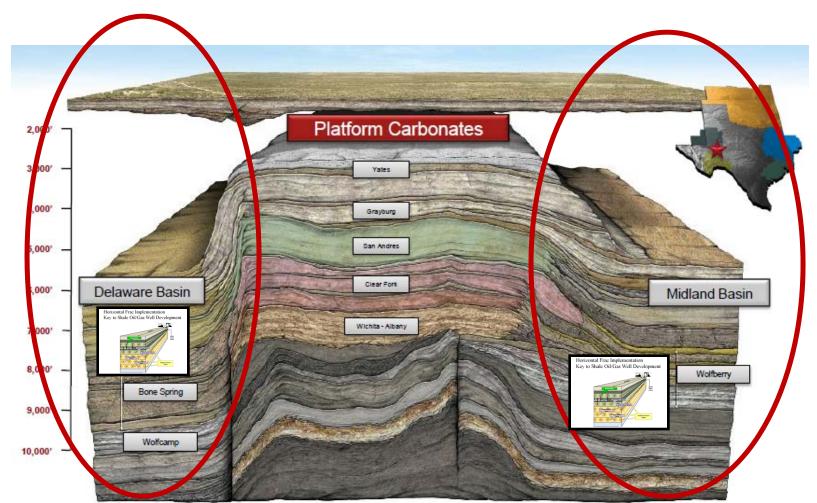
Since 1972 over 130+ CO₂ Tertiary Projects have been implemented in the United States.

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UnConventional Shale Oil Recovery

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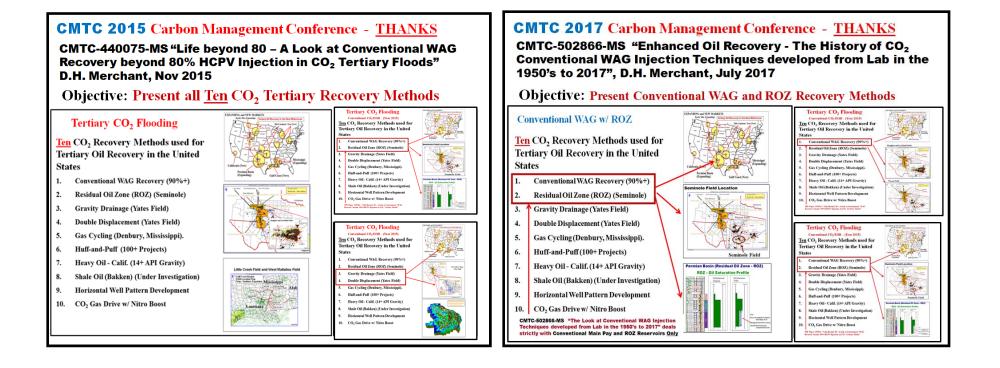




Delaware Basin - Central Basin Platform - Midland Basin

Today, the introduction of Horizontal Frac Drilling in the Permian Basin Shale Oil Basins has provided a resurgence <u>not</u> seen since the expansion of major CO_2 projects in the mid-1980's

Tertiary CO₂ Flooding "CO₂ Flood History since 1972"



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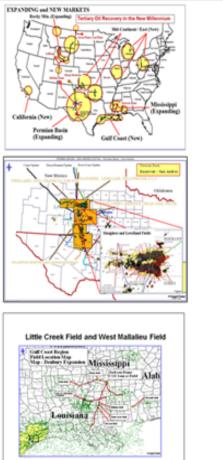
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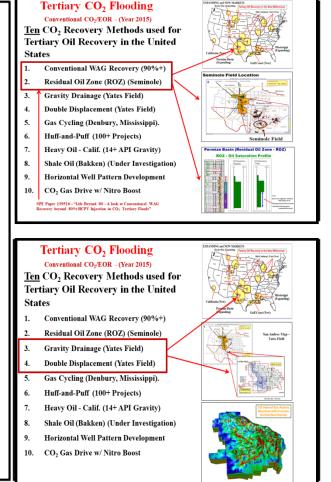
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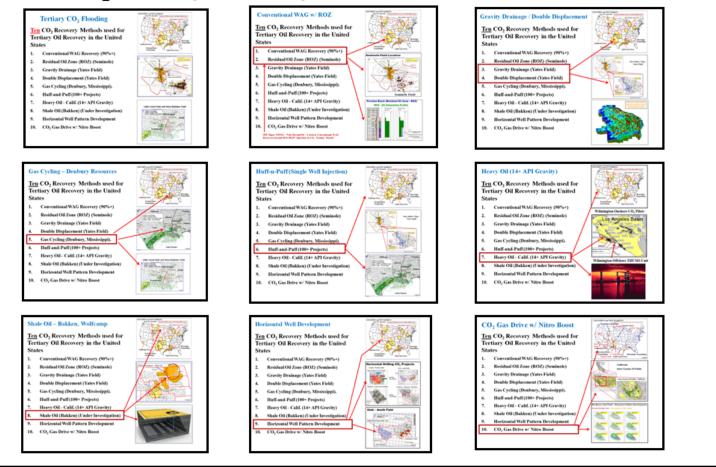
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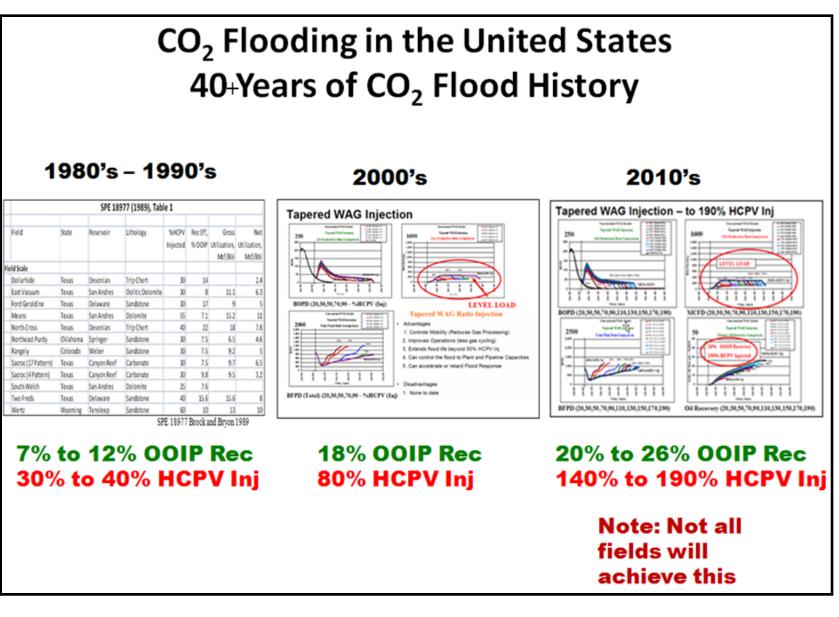


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Look at how far we have come?

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Objective: Present Conventional WAG and ROZ Recovery Methods

Conventional WAG w/ ROZ

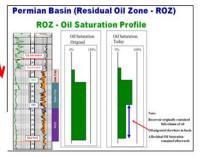
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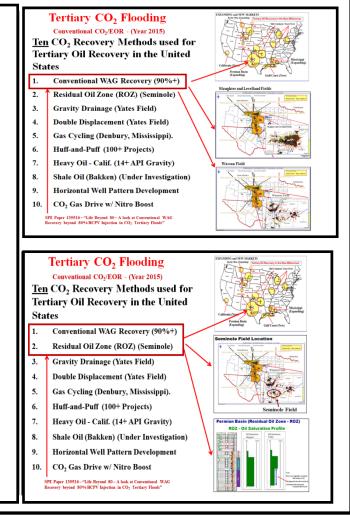
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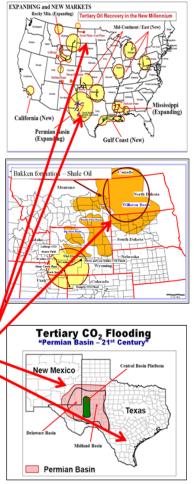
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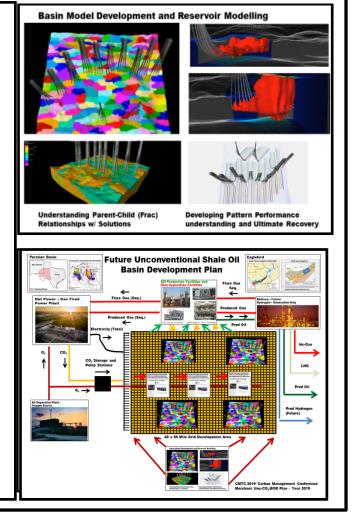
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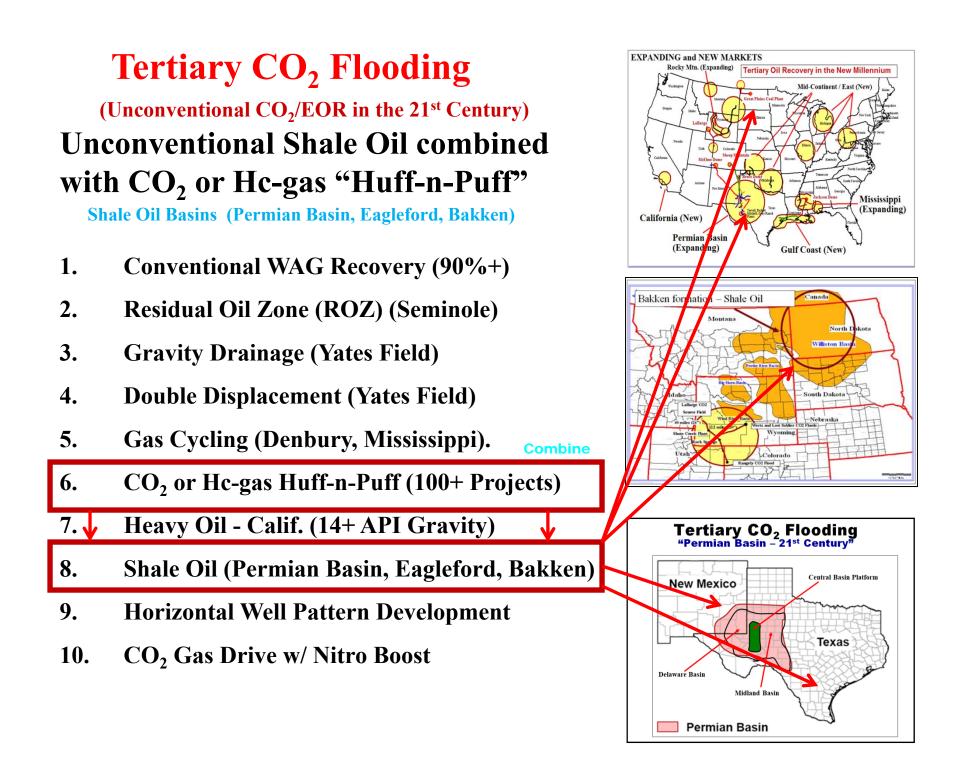
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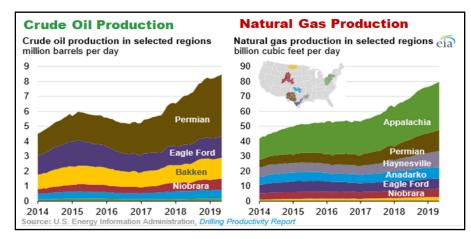
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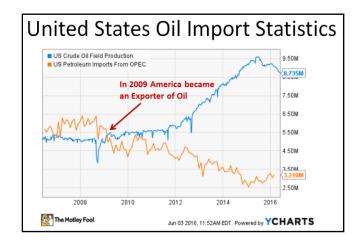






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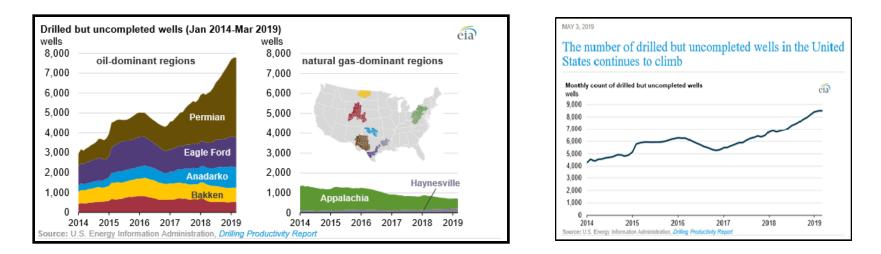


From a United States perspective, the U.S. currently holds the title of <u>Global leader in Recoverable Oil Resources.</u>

With 293 billion barrels of recoverable oil resources, the U.S. beats out both Saudi Arabia and Russia by 20 billion barrels and 100 billion barrels, respectively.

Permian's tight oil plays hold 100 billion barrels of recoverable oil. Recently, with the stabilization in oil prices, oil companies have been focusing more on core development and cash flows rather than new exploration.

Shale Oil Revolution: The Good...... (DUC's)

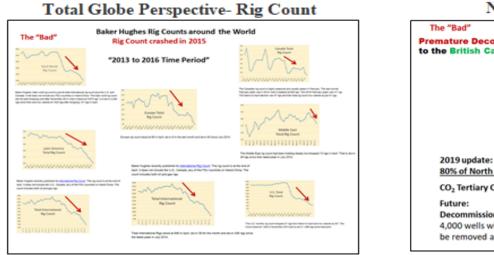


The Permian Basin along with the remaining six regions contains a record number of DUC's (Drilled but Uncompleted wells).

These wells provide a "Nest" full of locations already drilled, but waiting to be completed, providing that safety net to fall back into when oil prices fall.

Since this technology provides a quick entrance back into the Oil Market, the response time utilizing DUC's is much better and quicker to fill the Energy Gap between Supply and Demand when compared to other recovery methods

Shale Oil Revolution: The Bad.....



North Sea Abandonment



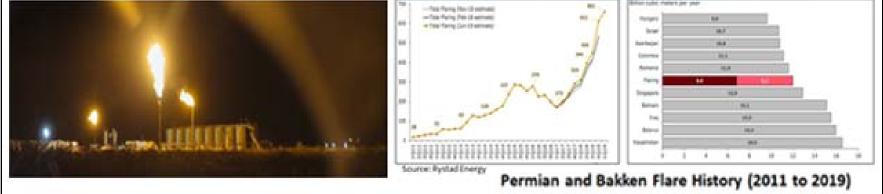
From a **Total World perspective**, this impact of the **Shale Oil Revolution** has been felt all over the World. This is shown below by Baker Hughes Well Rig Count reports over the period 2013 to 2016.

In 2015, Total Rig Count dropped on a Global Basis, impacting the total Global Market. In 2019, WTI oil price settled in between \$50 to \$60 dollars per barrel.

This impact also had an effect on North Sea Carbon Capture efforts to recover oil not recoverable under Primary Recovery. As of 2019, North Sea Primary Oil Recovery has recovered 80% of its ultimate Primary Oil Potential. Tertiary CO_2 Recovery would have saved the Oil Industry in the North Sea.

Today, **decommissioning** will plug 4,000 wells, along with the removal of 300 platforms, and 20,000 Km of pipelines at a cost of 35 Billion Pounds.

Shale Oil Revolution: The Ugly.....

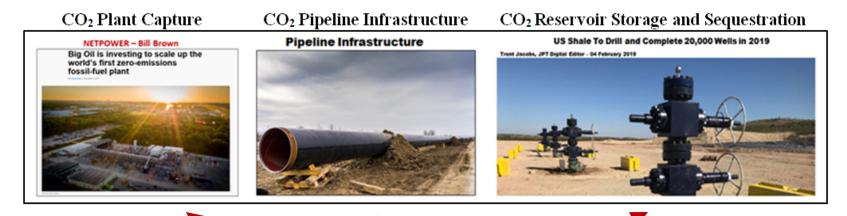


Flare History across America

In every new basin across the World, the amount of associated gas not available for market is flared. This occurs when rising oil production outstrips processing plant and pipeline production capacity, thus the associated hydrocarbon gas produced with the oil is flared.

The volume of natural gas flared in the Permian basin MMCF/day (million ft3/day) has raised sharply since early 2017. More than half of the total comes from the Permian, which has surpassed the Bakken by more than tripling the volume of gas burned per day since early 2017.

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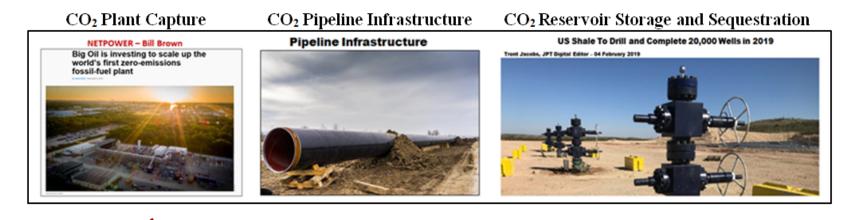


The Three Elements of Carbon Capture in Unconventional Shale Oil Reservoirs

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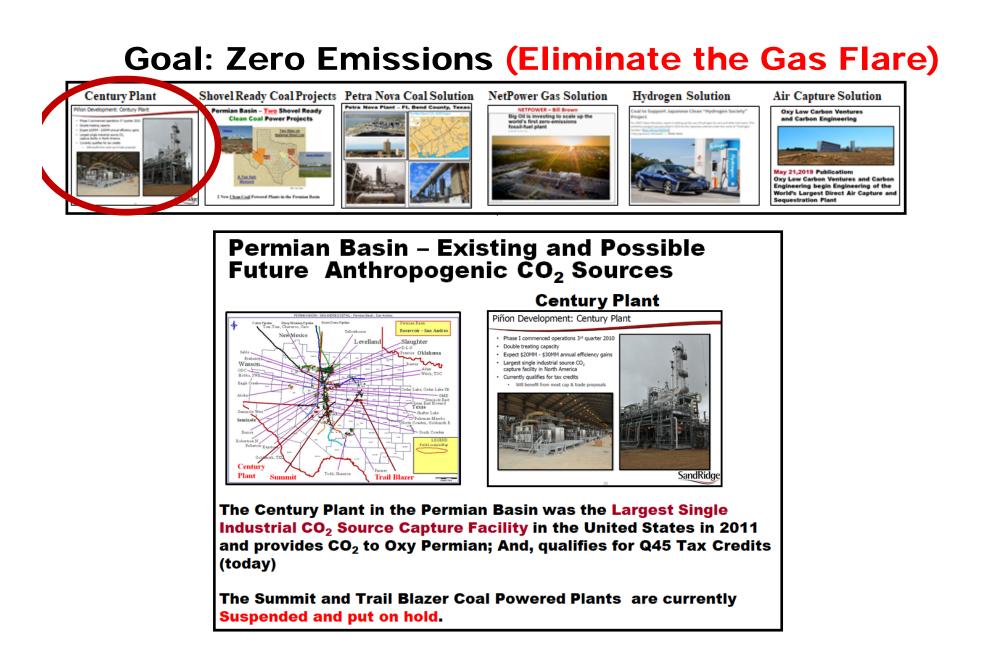
Question is "How do you put out the Flare?"

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Six Plant Options





Note: The Century Plant generates CO₂ that is used in the Permian Basin today that helps "Put out the Flare"

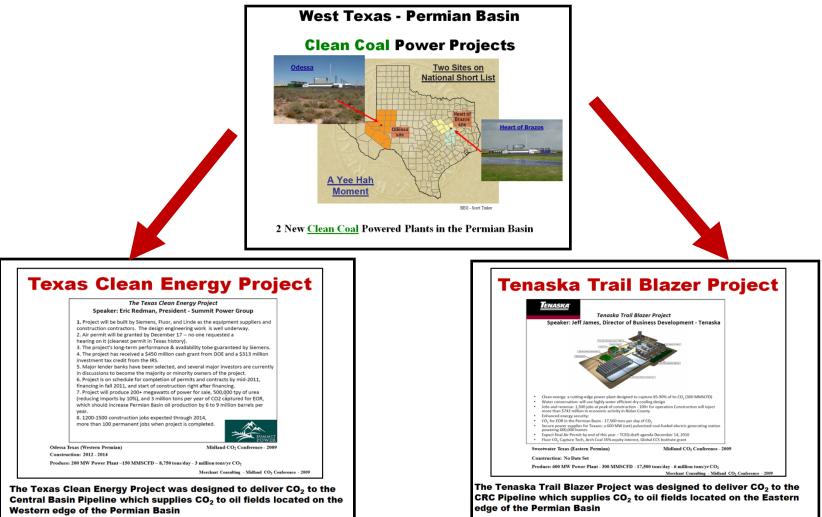


Permian Basin - <u>Two</u> Shovel Ready Clean Coal Plant Projects

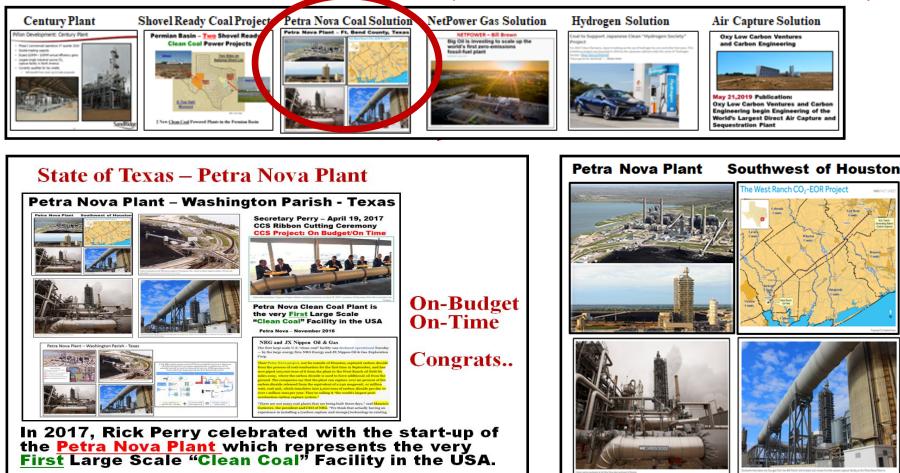


Between 2005 and 2015, two Permian basin Power Plant Projects utilizing Wyoming Powder River Coal as a source were designed, pursued, but later <u>SHELVED</u>.

Permian Basin – <u>Two</u> Shovel Ready Clean Coal Plant Projects



Note: These Projects would create jobs... jobs... jobs... in Texas and Wyoming, but would not "Put out the Flare"



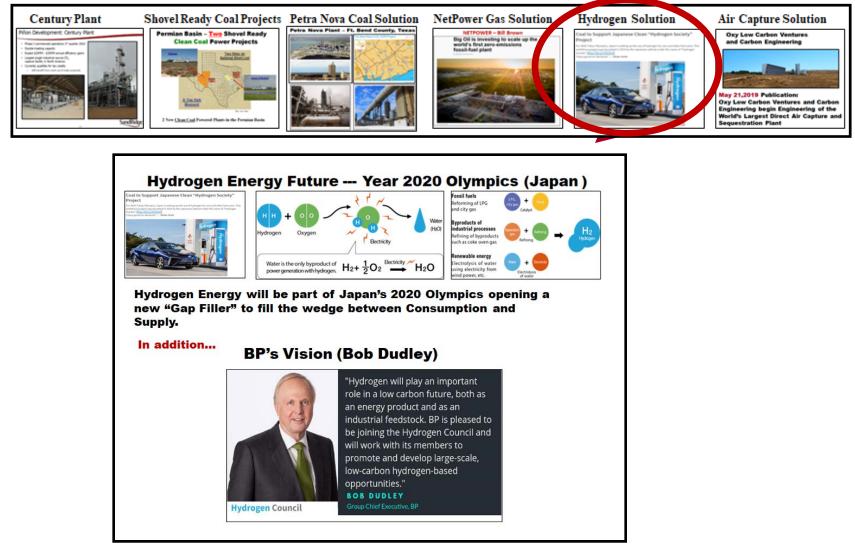
In 2017, Rick Perry celebrated with the start-up of the <u>Petra</u> <u>Nova Plant</u> which represents the very <u>First</u> Large Scale "Clean Coal" Facility in the USA.

Unfortunately, it doesn't solve the Flare Problem.

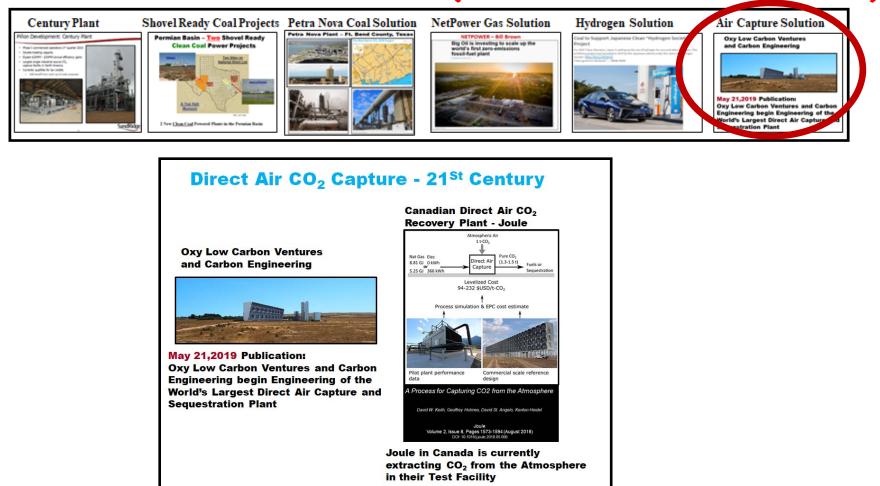


In May 2018, Bill Brown and his team "Fired-up" for the first time their <u>new</u> (Allam Cycle) CO₂ Capture Technology.

Since this technology burns Hc-gas + O_2 to make CO_2 , this Carbon Capture technology provides the best solution to address the Flare Problem in the Permian Basin.



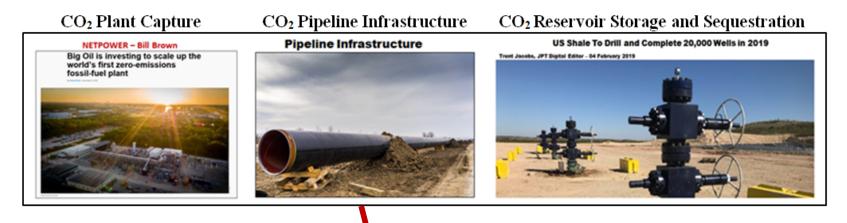
In the future as we deplete our conventional oil and gas reserves, hydrogen will be the new standard. Since the goal is to be carbon free, the Hydrogen Age is right around the corner. Since this technology creates no emissions, this Carbon Capture technology provides one of the best solutions to address the Flare Problem in the Permian Basin.



CO₂ Capture Technology from Direct Air is new and currently expensive when compared to other CO2 Capture Technologies in 2019. However, as the technology advances, the cost of capture will come down.

In May 2019, Occidental Petroleum (Oxy Permian) teamed up with Carbon Engineering to advance this technology in the 21st Century.

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Pipeline Options



Permian Basin and Eagleford Pipelines to Gulf Coast



According to Wood Mackenzie in July 2019, between now and 2022, pipeline operators should add approximately 4 million barrels per day of new production capacity bound for the Gulf Coast with 2 million barrels per day flowing into Corpus Christi for export over seas.

Carbon and Capture Benefits:

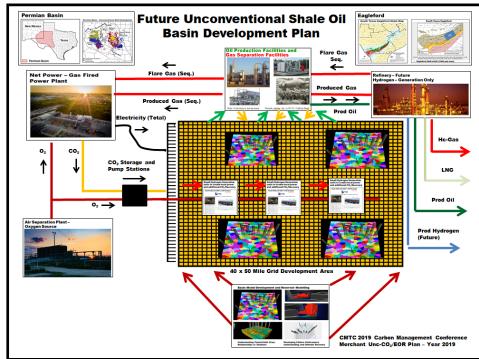
First, it will allow the United States to sell NGL to Europe and the rest of the World, thereby allowing the conversion of existing "Coal Powered Plants" in other Countries to newer "Gas fired Generator Plants", thus making the World Greener.

Negative:

It doesn't provide CO₂ /EOR Technology to advance in the Permian Basin or Eagleford and unfortunately, it doesn't solve the Flare Problem in the Permian Basin.

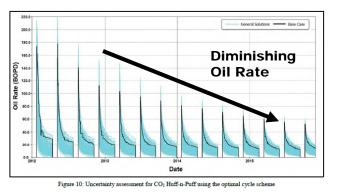
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Options

Permian Basin – Unconventional Shale Oil What is Huff-n-Puff Tertiary Oil Recovery?



What is Huff-n-Puff?

The Huff-n-Puff Recovery process is a single-well process that has been successfully implemented in conventional reservoirs for several decades.

The injecting fluid can be Methane (C1), Ethane (C2), Propane (C3), CO_2 , H_2S , or a combination (C2+C3) of components.

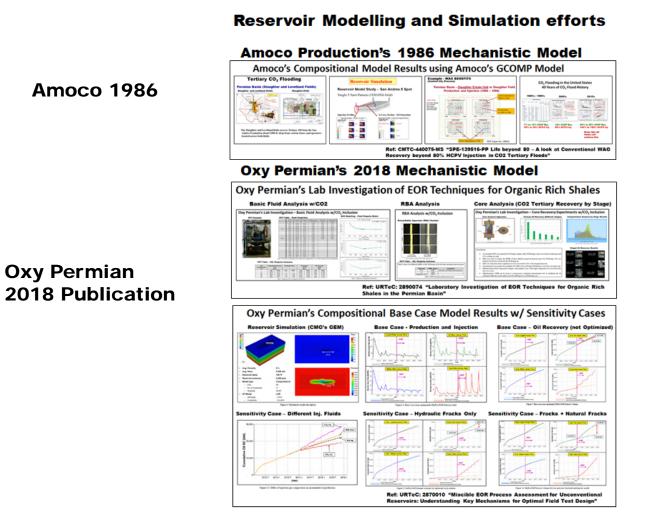
CO₂ Huff-n-Puff for an individual well is a three-step process

Step 1: CO_2 is injected in the production well.

Step 2: The well is shut in for a predetermined time called the "soak period." Step 3: The well is returned to production, and oil flows toward the wellbore because of a pressure sink.

The process repeats itself until an economic limit is reached.

Permian Basin Unconventional (Permian Lab and Well Simulation Results) Oxy Permian - Unconventional CO₂ Learnings



Reservoir Modelling provides an understanding of Reservoir Performance under different scenarios

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Reservoir Simulation (Single Well Predictions)

Compositional Reservoir Modelling is predicated on the ability to properly match field historical performance and lab data. The compositional model developed by Oxy Permian utilized an 11 component description based on the Peng-Robinson Equation of State (PR EOS). The primary recovery history match (Base Case) was calibrated to match Wolfcamp primary performance using assisted history matching techniques. The cycle scheme for the non-optimized (base case) Huff-n-Puff forecast assumed a schedule of 10 days of injection at 1.0 MMSCFD, 7 days of soaking, and 180 days of production. **The incremental oil realized under the un-optimized base case was around 23% over a period of 2 years with a gross utilization of around 22 MSCF/Bbl.**

Cycle Scheme Optimization (Sensitivity Case Runs)

Optimizing the injection-soak-production design greatly influences CO_2 Huff-n-Puff performance. The optimized cycle scheme involved 22 days of injection at 1.0 MMSCFD, 2 days of soaking, and 80 days of production.

The Optimized Huff-n-Puff oil recovery oil recovery wedge was <u>81% higher than primary</u> <u>production</u> (compared with 23% for the non-optimized case. In addition, the gross utilization calculated was 25 MMSCF/BBL (Compared with 22 MMSCF/Bbl for the non-optimized case).

Effect of Natural Fractures on Process Performance

The presence of hydraulic and natural fractures provides a large contact area for injected gas to penetrate into the lowpermeability matrix to improve recovery. Therefore, the effect of natural fractures on Huff-n-Puff process performance was incorporated into the model. The Huff-n-Puff cycle scheme modeled involved 30 days of injection at 1.0 MMSCFD, 2 days of soaking, followed by 40 days of production.

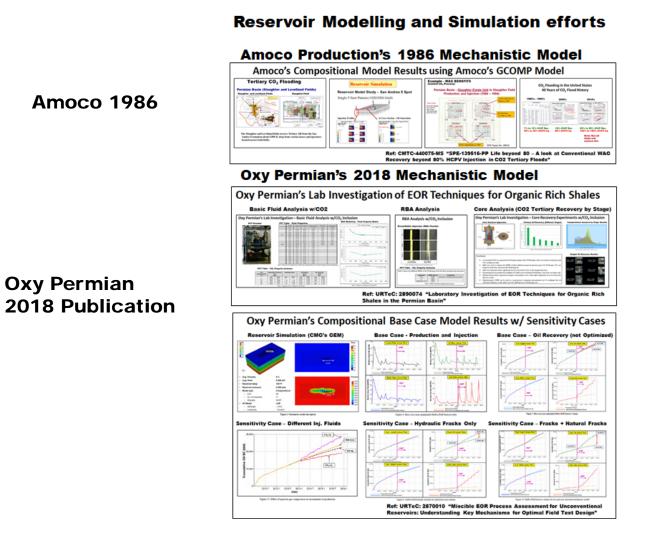
The Huff-n-Puff wedge was <u>250% higher than primary production</u> for the naturally fractured reservoir, compared to 81% higher for the optimized Huff-n-Puff hydraulically fractured case.

In addition, the calculated gross utilization was 18 MMSCF/Bbl for the naturally fractured case, compared to 25 MMSCF/Bbl for the optimized hydraulically fractured case.

Conclusion

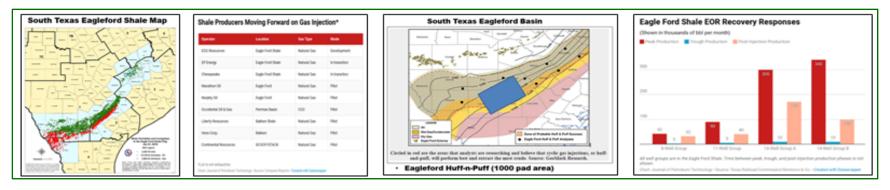
Oxy Permian <u>proved</u> through lab and Reservoir Simulation, the Huff-n-Puff CO_2/EOR process could recover significant additional oil with additional cycles for Permian organic rich shales. The multi-cycle incremental recovery – even at the small core plug scale-suggests the significant potential for multiple huff-n-puff cycles for a future

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Eagleford Unconventional (Proven Hydrocarbon Gas Huff-n-Puff Projects) EOG and Others - Unconventional CO₂ Learnings



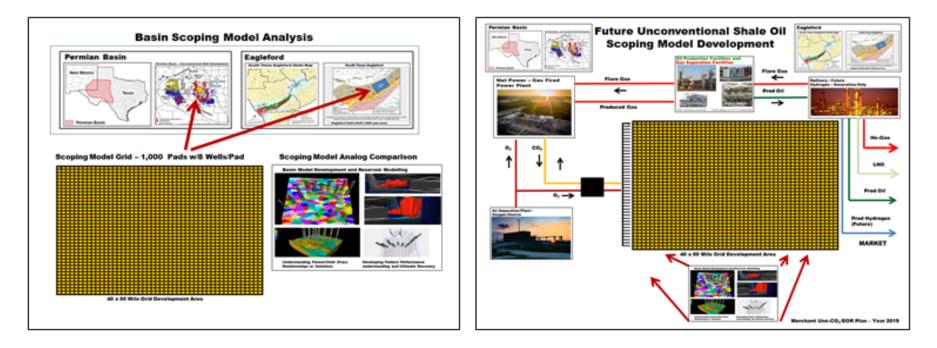
John Watson, a senior research analyst put together a report late last year that highlighted production details of "Shale Oil Hc-gas Huff-n-Puff" projects in the Eagleford.

He found dozens of pad wells that saw a combined 10-fold rise in production above their trough. Among the standouts, a group of 11 wells that reached a combined peak production rate in December, 2011 of about 90,000 bbl a month. By August 2017, these wells were pumping out only 5,000 bbl a month. After gas injections began, the group produced 40,000 bbl a month—an average increase from about 15 BOPD to 117 BOPD per well. Another case involved 14 wells that peaked at 330,000 bbl a month in 2013, and then dropped to 10,000 bbl per month. Post injection, output increased to 170,000 bbl a month.

Pilot Response Proof:

A comparison of Oil Recovery for the different pattern areas is shown above, proving the Huff-n-Puff process works with actual proven results.

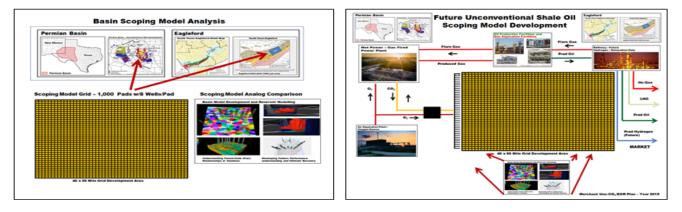
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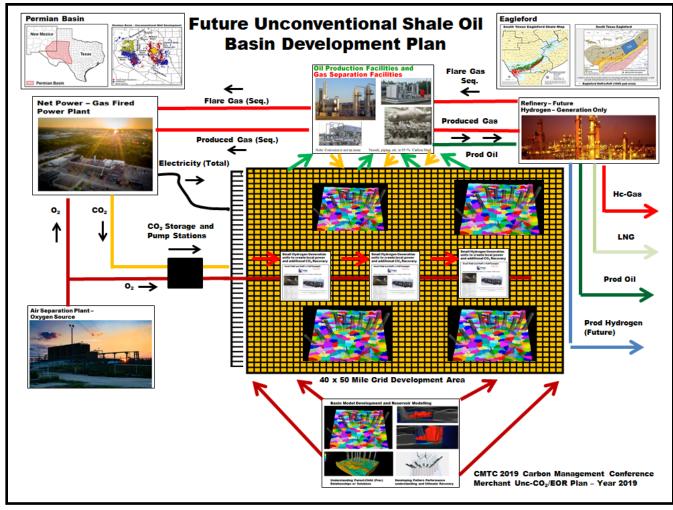
The Scoping Model Prediction of CO₂ Storage and Sequestration was built on the following: Assumptions

- Assume that 1000 drilling PADS in the Eagle Ford Formation would be available for future CO₂ sequestration or 1,000 PADS would be located within the Wolfcamp zones A and B, which have similar CO₂ sequestering potential and CO₂/EOR Recovey characteristics, but over a much larger area in the Midland Basin.
- 2. Assume that each Drill Pad (PAD) was 1 mile by 2 miles in drainage area with 8 horizontal Eagle Ford wells per PAD
- 3. Assume that 5% of the active Huff-and-Puff (HnP) EOR gas injectant (in this case CO₂, not Rich gas) would be retained during 5 gas injection cycles per well
- 4. Assume that that 80% of the removed reservoir bbls could be refilled with sequestered CO₂ gas and the wells on each PAD would be abandon (with monitoring) to sequester about 4.5 Bcf per well PAD
- 5. Assume a conservative 1000 PADs (8000 wells) would be used for CO₂ sequestering at final abandonment (Fifth Cycle wth Huff, but no Puff(Storing CO₂ in Reservoir)

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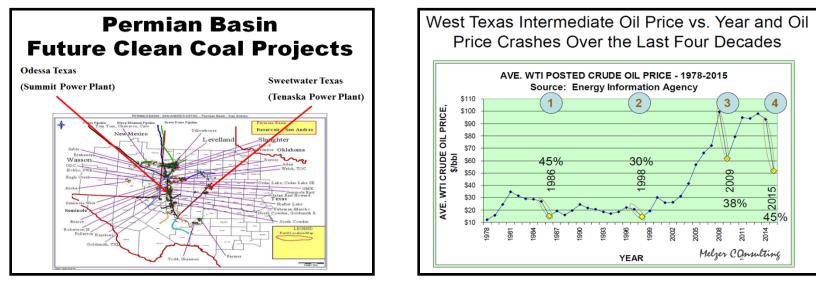
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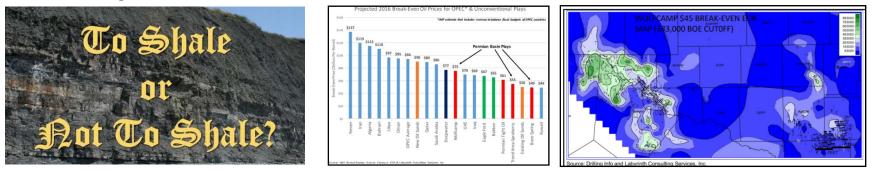
The Question Becomes How do you Pay for it?



In the 1980's the Permian Basin Infrastructure was built and in 1986 oil price collapsed by 45%, just like in 2014. All major EOR projects still went forward and still continue today after many oil price adjustment periods through time. Today, over 90% of the Oxy's <u>Major CO₂ Field Projects</u> in the Permian basin still produce Tertiary Oil even in a challenging \$40to\$50 dollar oil price environment (Date: Jun, 2019).

Today, <u>Who</u> is the Competition?

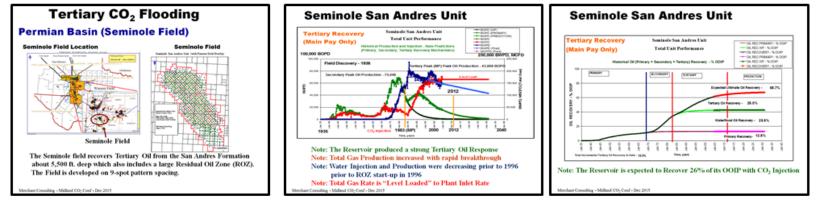
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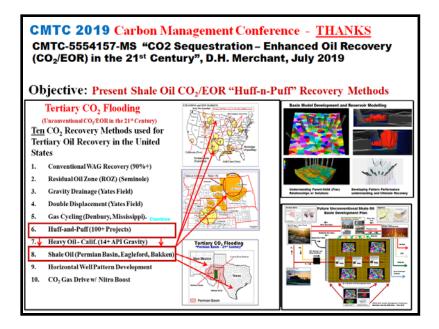
Versus

San Andres formation - Seminole Main Pay EUE Projection estimated at 26% of Original OOIP of 968 MMBO (Decline Curve)

Seminole field – Main Pay Only



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Questions Today or Future Questions?



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