Shale Gas Resources: "Each well could be a PhD thesis"

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Outline

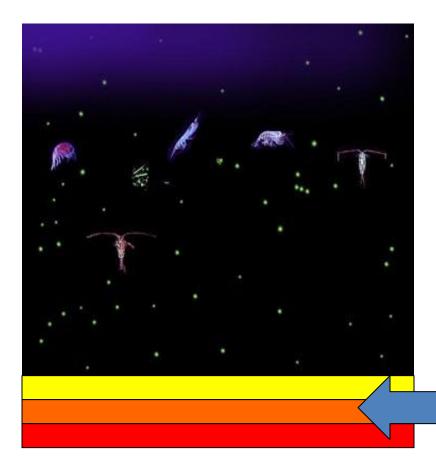
- Complexity of formations
- Uniqueness of individual field formations
- Re-fracturing required to maintain production





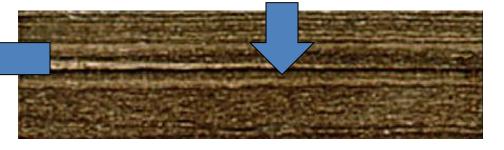


Organic Shale



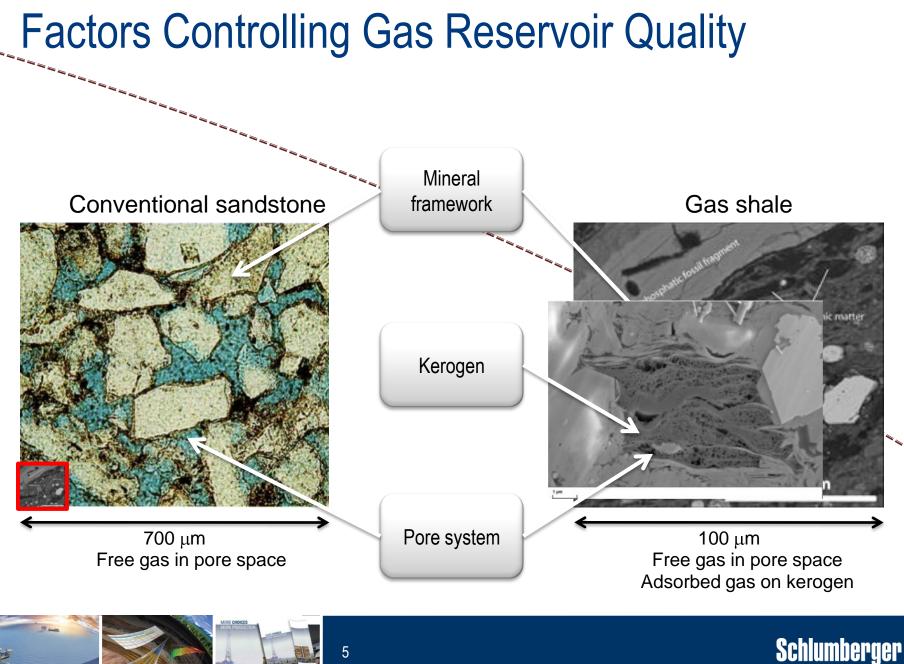
• Deposited in environment with little or no oxygen. Animals can't survive and organic mush accumulates

 Where sediment contains more than 5% organic matter (by volume), it eventually forms a rock known as a Black Shale



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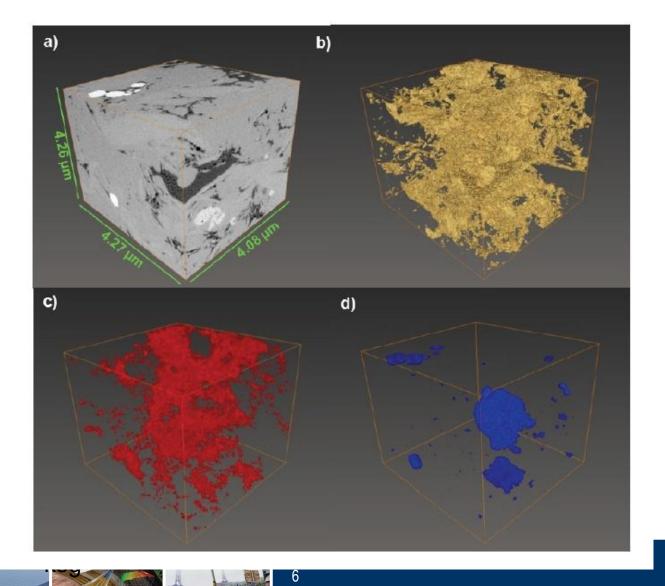




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Shale Volume

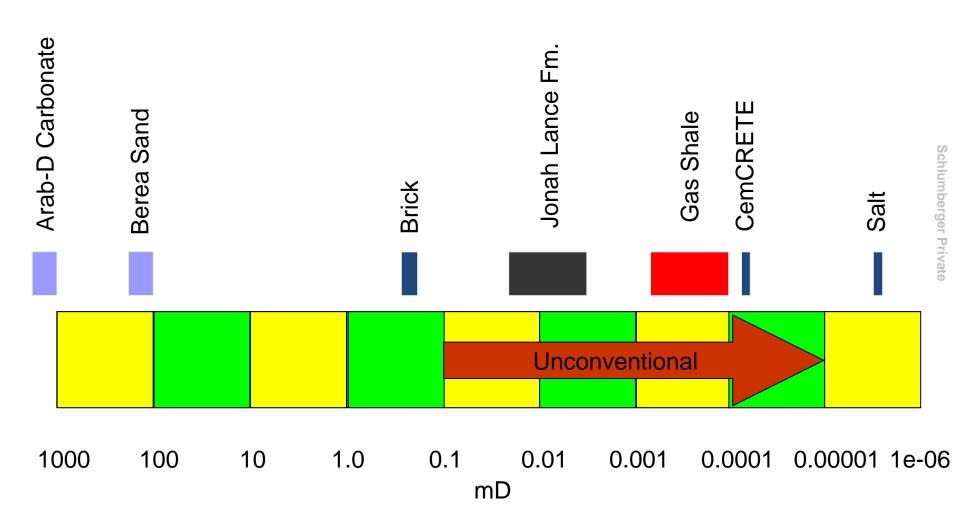
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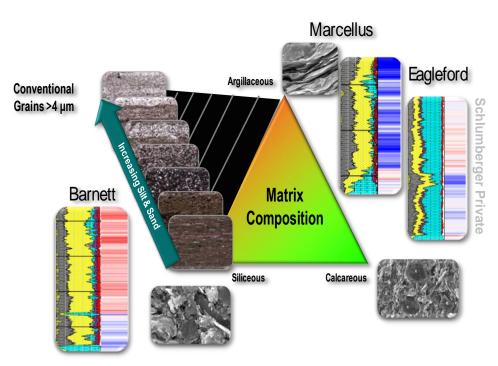
Shale in Perspective: Permeability



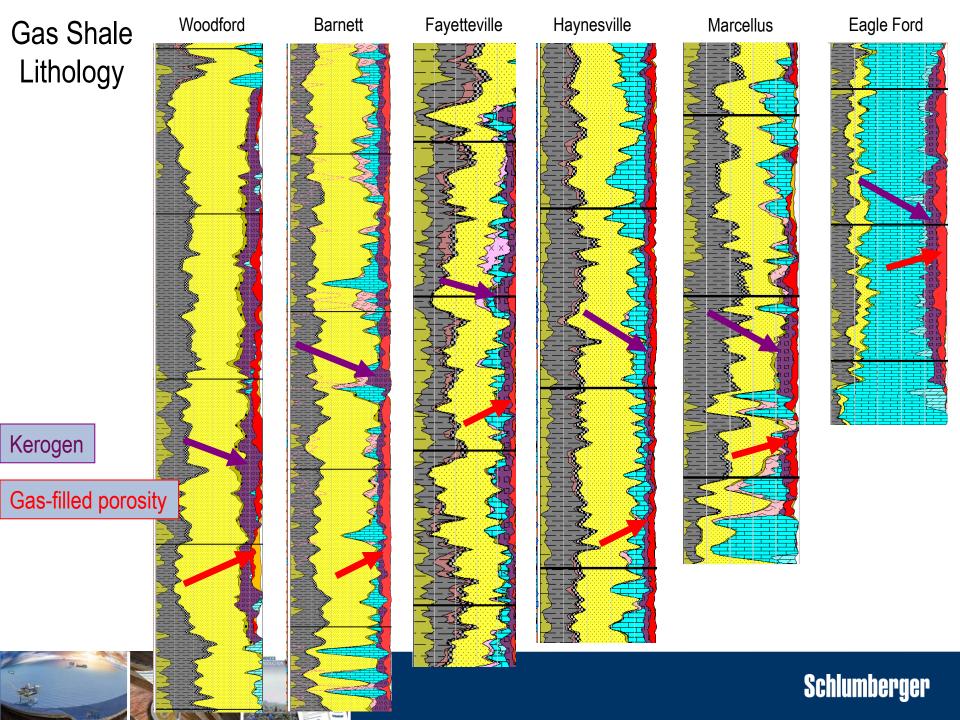


Understanding Shale Reservoirs

- All shales are different and complex
- Understanding of both reservoir quality and completion quality is critical
- Achieving efficiencies in all aspects of development is needed for success
- Technology requirements vary across plays
- Application of appropriate technology leads to improved production, improved efficiencies, and ultimately improved economic results



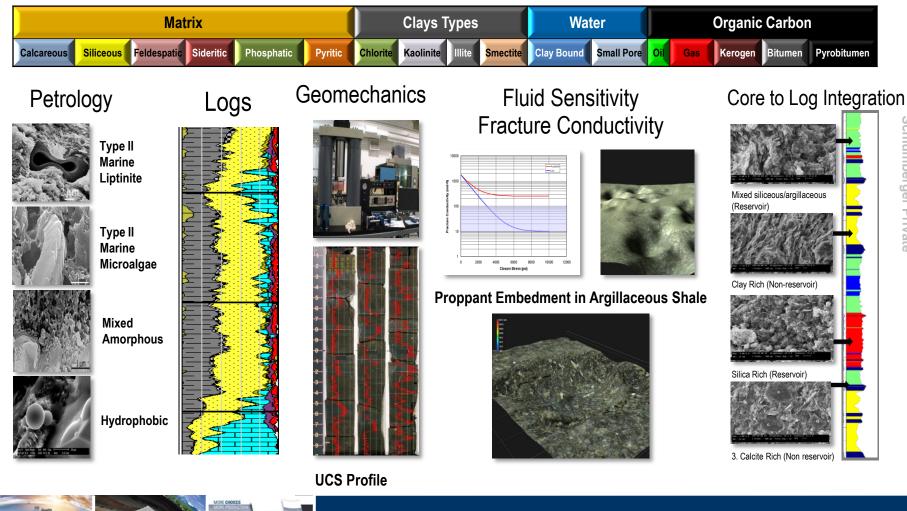




Understanding Reservoir & Completion Quality

Integration of Core, Log, and Laboratory data at all scales

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Vertical Heterogeneity

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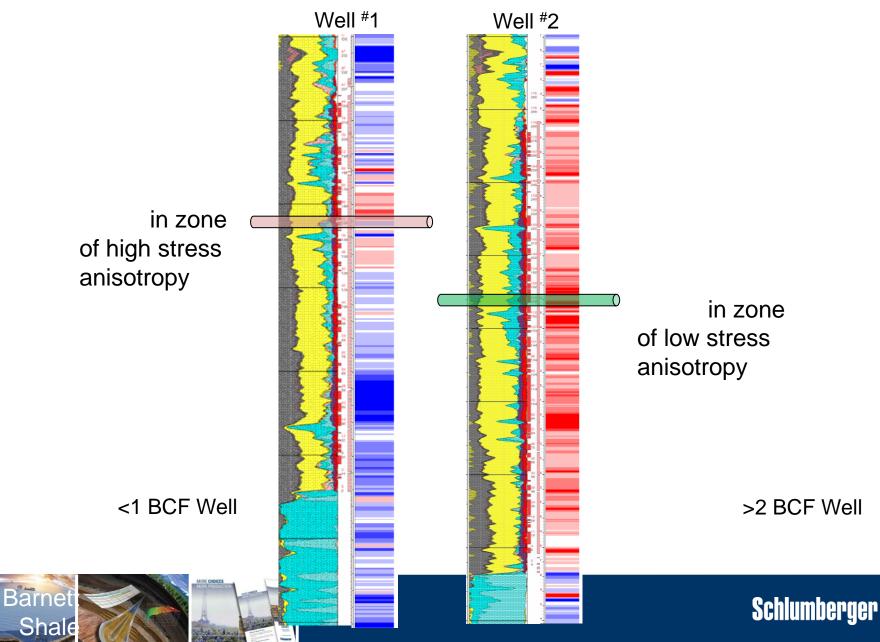
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Red – low stress Blue – high stress



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Optimizing Lateral Well Placement



Hydraulic Fracturing







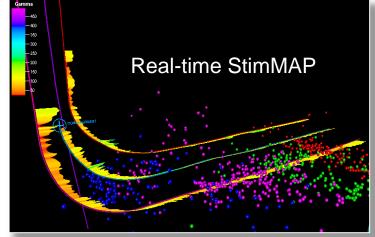


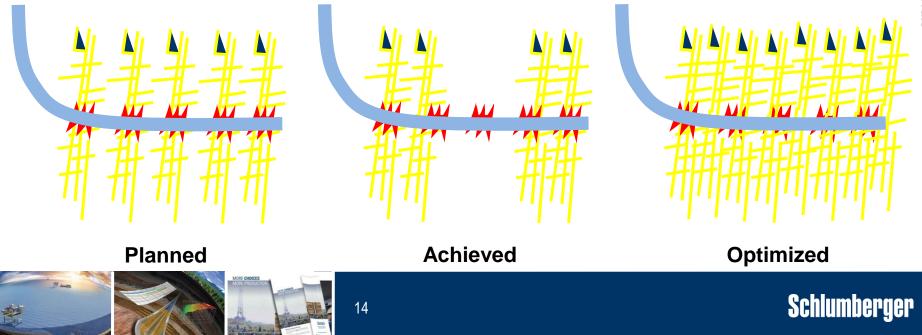
Controlling Fracture Placement

Real-time Fracture Monitoring has already changed the way we stimulate wells

The key now is to be able to use this real-time data and control the fracture propagation path

Requires an integrated approach; Simulation, Software, Measurements, Frac technology







Thank you





