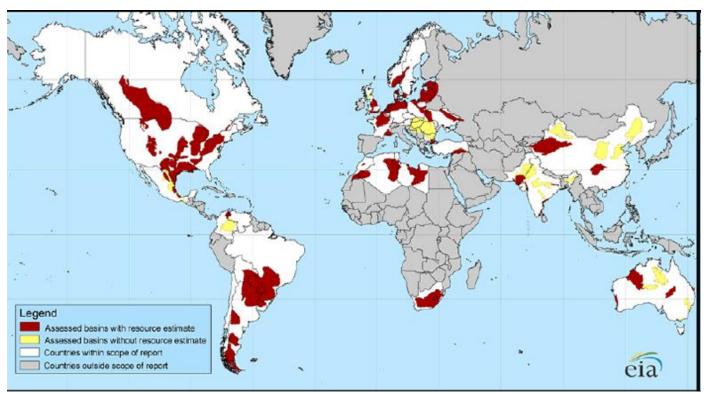
Applying lessons from the Bakken, Marcellus and Utica to Shale Plays Worldwide

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Marcellus & Utica Shale Plays

- Platte River Associates, Inc. has been developing Petroleum System software since 1985, which is an extremely useful tool for evaluating key qualities of shale gas formations.
- These tools have been used to complete an evaluation of the Utica and Marcellus shales of New York.
- The method of study can be used to aid in evaluating gas-prone organic-rich shale plays worldwide.
- Platte River has expanded its shale gas evaluation into Pennsylvania using a similar approach.
- Results from the study have been organized in both Petra and ESRI ArcMap databases and are now being offered as a comprehensive tool for companies working the Marcellus shale.





Bakken Shale Play

- Platte River Associates (PRA) has also released their extensive Bakken/Three Forks study with an in-depth evaluation of the Bakken Shale.
- While the study details the geochemistry and thermal history as related to the Bakken Shales, the method of study can be used to aid in evaluating liquid-prone organic-rich shale plays worldwide.
- Within the study, PRA has developed a 3-D model that was used to evaluate these organic-rich shales with respect to hydrocarbon potential through geologic time.
- For one PRA client the study led directly to the acquisition of 70,000 acres which has since become a major producing field in the Bakken shale play.





Why The Utica Shale?

- The Utica is considered the source rock for most of the east's Cambrian through Silurian reservoirs.
- The shale has been described as being "sub-bituminous", and fresh samples can be **ignited**.

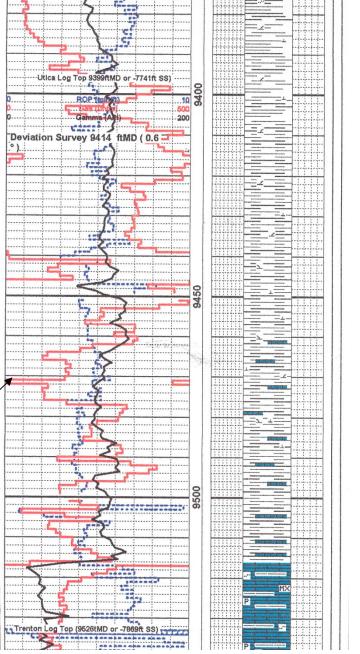






Why The Utica Shale?

- Early success:
 - Forest Oil in Quebec
 - Range Resources in Pensylvannia (4.4 MMcf/day)
- Rich Organic Content: Eastern NYS,
 2-15% (present day)
- Excellent Gas Quality: 90% to 97% methane (Eastern New York)
- Notable shows of gas through the Utica section, Lobdell #1, Chenango Co., the Leslie #1, Delaware Co., Konstantinides #1, Chemung Co., Maxwell #1, Steuben Co., and the Puskarenko #1, Herkimer Co.







PI/Dwights PLUS on CD Well Summary Report

General Information State Final Status : UNKWN NEW YORK HERKIMER Drill Total Depth : 700 County Field. UNKNOWN Log Total Depth True Vertical Depth Operator Name UNKNOWN Lease Name C WADELL Well Number Spud Date : JAN 01, 1921 API Number 31043000020000 Comp Date : JAN 01, 1921 Regulatory API 31039010360000 Init Lahee Class D Hole Direction : VERTICAL Final Lahee Class U Reference Elevation Permit Number Ground Elevation : 1220 Geologic Province ADIRONDACK UPLIFT KB Elevation Formation at TD 253VRNN VERNON /SH/ Oldest Age Pen 253 SILURIAN CAYUGAN WINFIELD Township District Lot Section or Equiv Ref Latitude 42.9166666 Ref Longitude : -75.1666666 Map Quad Name WINFIELD

------ Additional Location Information

Footage Location : 19600 S 6450 W LAT/LONG
Latitude : 42.8628900 Latitude (Bot)

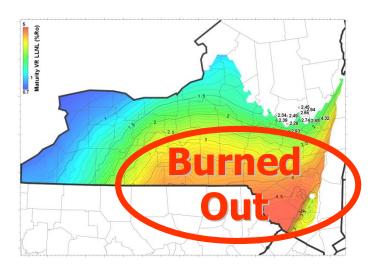




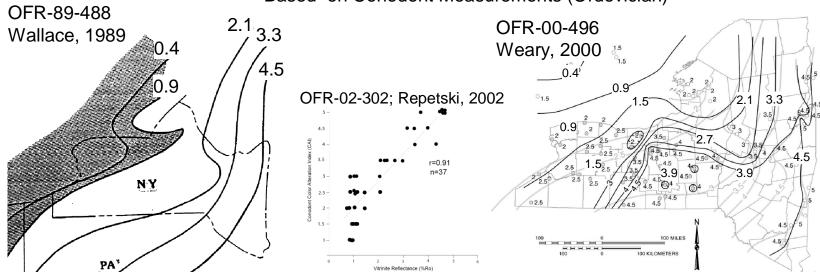




Utica Shale: Present Day Maturities (%Ro)



Based on Conodont Measurements (Ordovician)







Why does this highly mature (burned out) Utica Shale have significant gas shows throughout New York?

- Over the last 7 years Platte River Associates has developed the software technology, expertise and successful track record to answer such questions for shale plays worldwide.
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