

### **Screened Opportunities in Regional Context**

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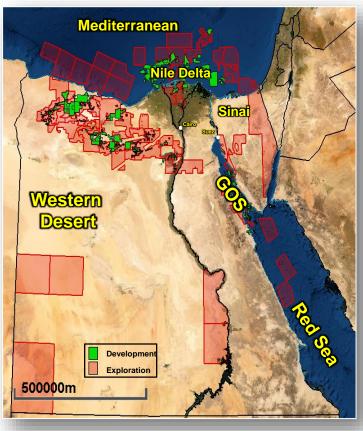


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### Introduction

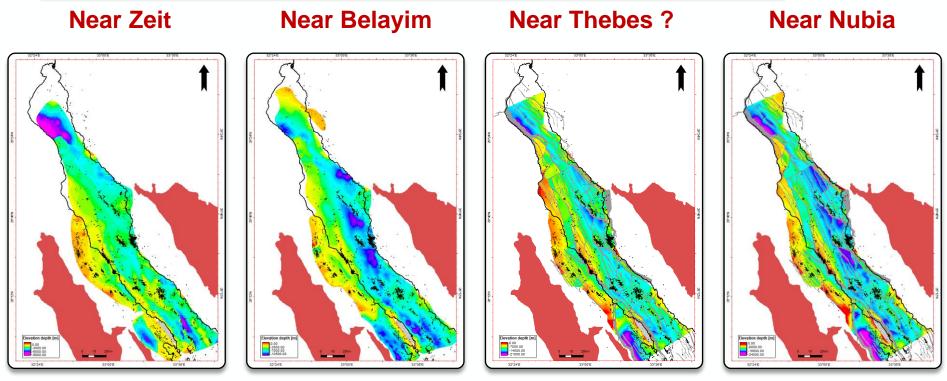


- Oil was first found as a surface seepage in Gemsa area, GOS in 1868
- Gemsa D-1 was the first exploratory well in 1886
- Drilled wells > 15K wells
- Maximizing the reserves and production requires new Ideas



### GOS Depth Structure Maps





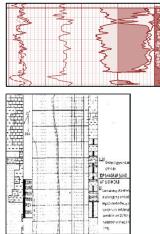
• GOS Regional Maps Showing major Fault trends & Depocenters.

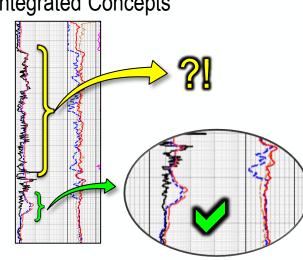
# Unlocking Potentiality of Brown Fields



### **Re-Evaluation of Brown fields**

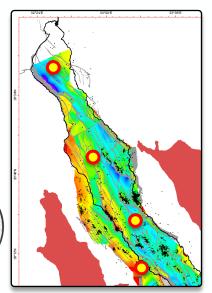
- Wells screening
- Petrophysical re-evaluation
- Modern techniques
- Updated integrated Concepts

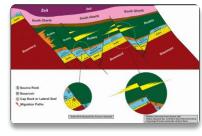


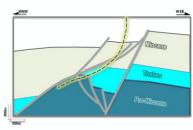


### NFE and discoveries in Brown Fields

- Subtle Structural Traps
- Different trap type

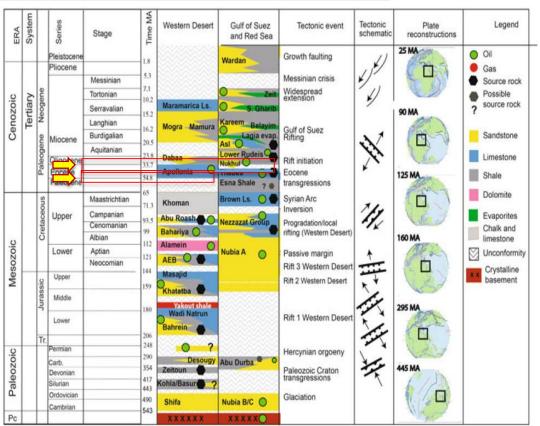






# Stratigraphic Column for GOS and WD

- Gulf of Suez and Western Desert includes wide range of reservoir and source rock units
- Many Reservoirs producing conventionally but the subtle hydrocarbon exists in the unconventional reservoirs
- Screening out via surgical selection for two main unconventional HC bearing rock units concluded in Abu Roash F and Brown Limestone
- Low Resistive Pay also considered as a vital concept that could not be ignored to maximize the reserve and finding new discoveries



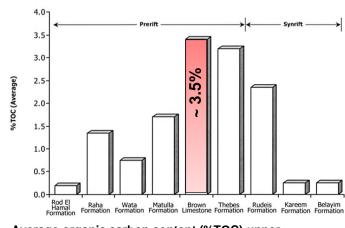
Main stratigraphic units in GOS and WD prolific Basins (modified after Dolson 2020)



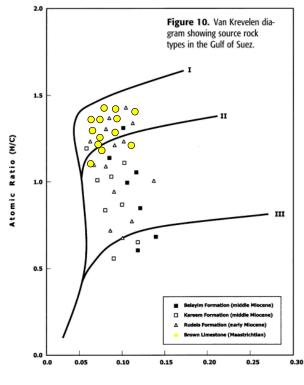
### Brown Limestone (Gulf of Suez)



- Late Campanian
- Marine outer sublittoral
- Conformably overlies the Matulla Formation
- Limestone with interbeds of highly calcareous shale. Cherty i/p and argillaceous i/p, with high organic matter
- TOC ~ 3.5% (up to 11%)



Average organic carbon content (%TOC) upper Cretaceous, Eocene, and Miocene formations in GOS



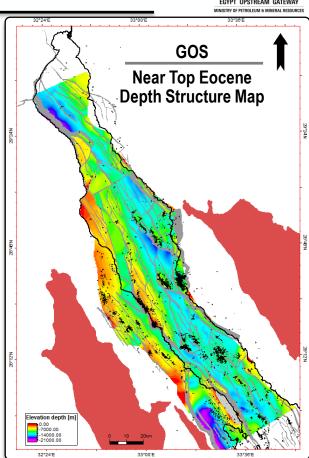
Atomic Ratio (0/C) Van Krevelen diagram showing source rock types in the GOS Alsharhan, 2003

## Brown Limestone (Gulf of Suez)

- Brown Limestone considered the main source rock in GOS
- It plays an important role in the petroleum system of the GOS
- It is characterized by uncertainty due to the complexity of various lithologies, and lateral facies variations.

#### **Challenges in Evaluation:**

- Resistivity is very high due to organic matter so the calculated water saturation is very low.
- Limited number for conventional cores and sidewall cores.
- No enough data about the cementation (m), saturation exponent (n), and grain density.
- Absence of advanced tools such as image and NMR in most cases.

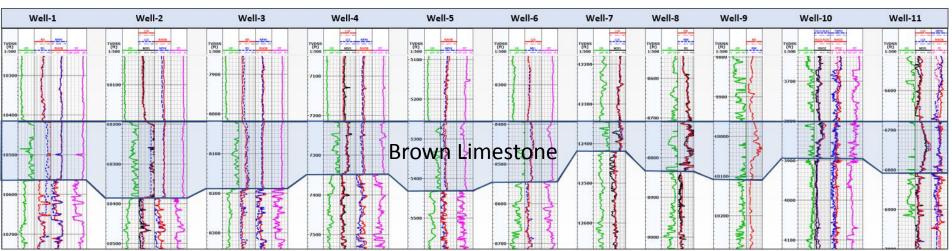




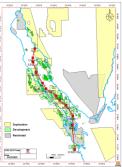


## Stratigraphic Correlation for Brown Limestone

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- Eleven wells in one correlation from north to south Gulf of Suez.
- Brown Limestone was penetrated in several wells.

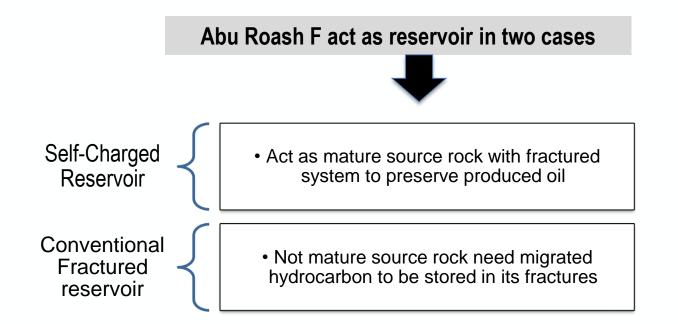


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### Abu Roash "F" (Western Desert)



- Abu Roash F member is the main source rock in Abu Gharadig basin.
- AR/F is a transgressive Carbonate cycle bounded by 2 regressive clastics cycles (AR/E above & AR/G below).



### Abu Roash "F" Characteristics

#### Source Rock

*Rich Mature -*Type I / II, High TOC (6 wt.%), High HI 750, widely distributed over Abu Gharadig basin

#### Microfacies

Packstone to wackstone with large amount of micrite matrix

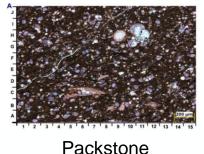
#### Reservoir quality

Average porosity 8 % up to 18 %.

Low matrix permeability (0.001-8 md).

Production is generally believed to be associated with the fracture system

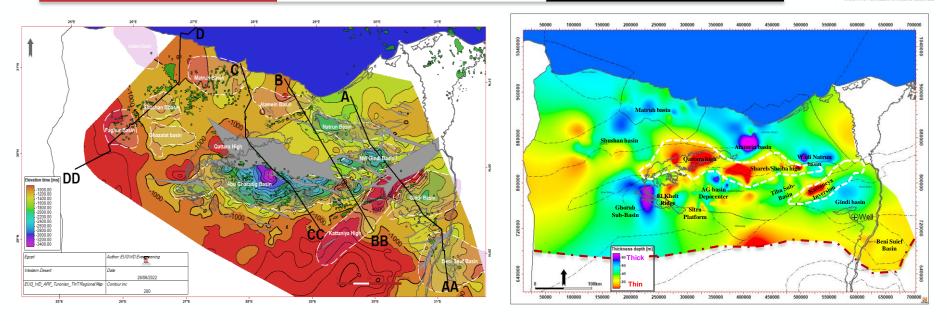
Wackstone





# Abu Roash (F) Depth Structure & Isopach Maps

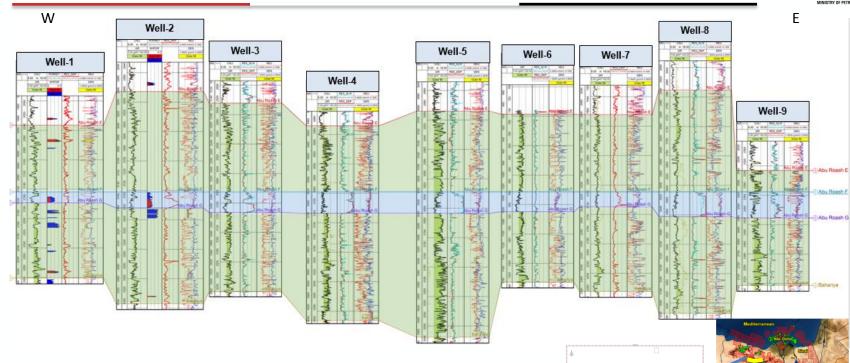




- AR/F almost covering whole North Egyptian Western Desert.
- Mapping for AR/F rock unit helps to recognize the depocenters of ARF and the areal distribution.
- Abu Gharadig and Alamein basin considered the most prolific basin contains thicker ARF.

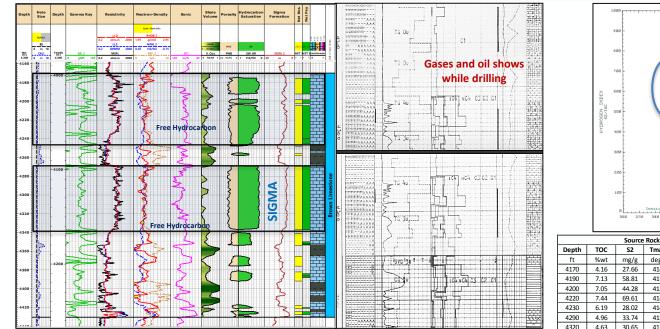
# Stratigraphic Correlation for Abu Roash (F), WD

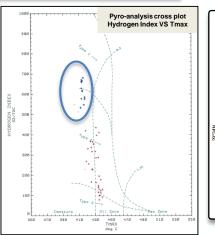


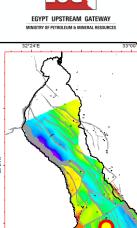


AR/F almost penetrated by all drilled wells in WD

### Well-1 (Brown Limestone)







Source Rock Evaluation							Free Hydrocarbon	
Depth	TOC	S2	Tmax	S2/TOC	S3/TOC	S3	<b>S1</b>	S1/(S1+S2)
ft	%wt	mg/g	degc	HI	01	mg/g	mg/g	PI
4170	4.16	27.66	414	665	70	2.91	3.1	0.1
4190	7.13	58.81	411	825	23	1.67	14.62	0.2
4200	7.05	44.28	413	628	45	3.19	8.02	0.15
4220	7.44	69.61	414	936	32	2.4	10.17	0.13
4230	6.19	28.02	414	614	47	2.88	5.68	0.13
4290	4.96	33.74	415	680	47	2.31	9.16	0.21
4320	4.63	30.65	413	662	47	2.16	9.12	0.23
4350	4.11	27.06	413	658	72	2.95	3.18	0.11

#### Free Hydrocarbons

Significant S1 values indicate the presence of very large quantities of **free hydrocarbons**.

#### **Maturity**

Both Tmax and vitrinite reflectance results indicate that the analysed interval is **immature** with respect to hydrocarbon generation.

FM	Br.LST		
Interval (ft.)	3997-4256 TVDSS		
Gross Thickness (ft)	258		
Net Reservoir (ft)	170		
Possible Net Pay (ft)	135		
Avg. PHIE (%)	22		
Avg. SW (%)	23		

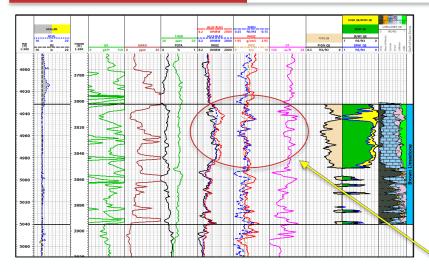
#### RST Sigma was run to determine the water saturation for the Pre-Miocene sand while

production, and SIGMA was recorded for Brown limestone (non-perforated) and indicated also the presence of hydrocarbon.

#### Brown Limestone (3997' TVDSS-4256' TVDSS)

- LST: Dk bn, lt bn, occ/crm-lt gy bn, sft-md hd,, mic--crypxln, very arg, pin point porosity cherty-hi cherty up to 40 %, dull yel fluor with slow to medium fast It yel strmg cut, lt brn yellow residual ring
- High gases while drilling.

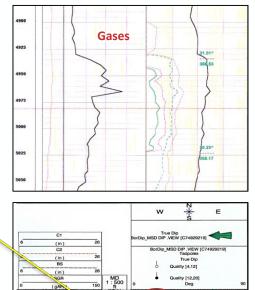
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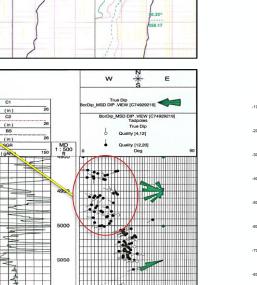


FM	Br.LST		
Interval (ft.)	3802-3895 TVDSS		
Gross Thickness (ft)	93		
Net Reservoir (ft)	55		
Net Pay (ft)	50		
Avg. PHIE (%)	19		
Avg. SW (%)	14		

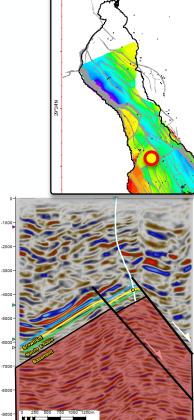
#### Brown Limestone (3802' TVDSS-3895' TVDSS)

- ✓ LST: Bn, dk bn, lt bn, occ/bn gy, md hd, occ/sft, fn-crypxln, arg, cherty-hi cherty, w/ostan@ pts, chert up to 40 %, bn-dk bn, occ/lt bn w/sharp edges.
- ✓ High gases while drilling.
- $\checkmark$  Deformation on the top part.



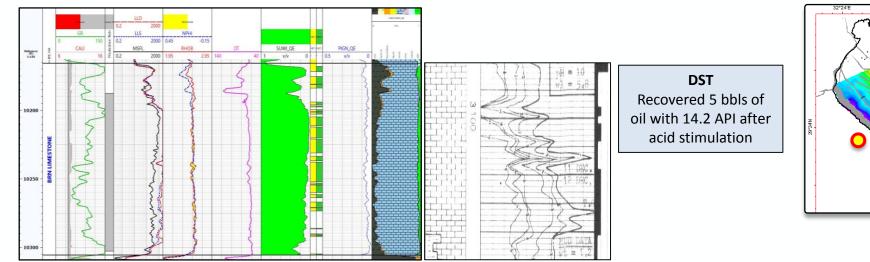






### Well-3 (Brown Limestone)





The well was drilled on 1989.

#### Brown Limestone (10165'-10305' TVDSS)

 LST: Dk bn-brn, lt brn-lt creamy wh, md hd-hd, v f xln, w arg. mat, w/tr chrt, Dark brown, very heavy oil droplets.

#### **Geochemical Analysis:**

- Indicated the presence of migrated hydrocarbon.
- The kerogen is immature to marginally mature, based on vitrinite reflectance measurements ranging from 0.54 % to 0.62 %.

#### Log Analysis

Avg. porosity 8 % and avg. SW 12 %

Total Organic Carbon Results and Gross Lithologic Descriptions Depth Sample TOC\* (m) Type Gross Lithologic Description (wt 8) 3117 (10226')ctgs 3.21 60% mdst-sh; dk brn, dk gy-brn, y calc, carb. hd-frm, mod fss, ostn 40% ls; brn blk, wh, mic xln, occ chky, arg, occ carb, hd-frm, ostn 3135 (10285') ctgs 1.67 Ls; dk gy-brn, brn blk, m-dk gy, mic xln, occ chky, arg, carb, ang, hd-frm, ostn Pres-sh; dk gy-olv, dk gy, mica?, occ sl pyr, occ sl slty, calc, sl fos?, hd-frm, mod fss-fss; cht; dk brn, ang, trnsl-op, hd; mdst-sh; dk brn, dk gy-brn, v calc, carb, hd-frm, mod fss, ostn

### Well-4 (Brown Limestone)



32°24'E

#### Brown Limestone (7960' TVDSS-8225' TVDSS)

- LST: It bn, dk bn, dol i/p, cherty i/p arg.
- Oil shows: Lt bn, oil stain, pale yellow fluor.

#### **Geochemical analysis suggested that:**

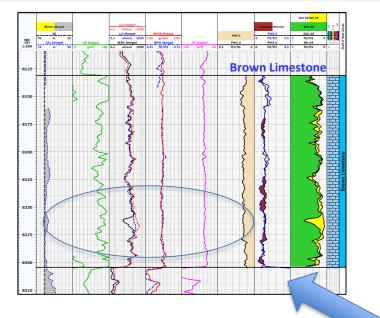
- The Brown limestone is mature
- The source quality of the brown limestone is excellent (oil-prone)
- Vitrinite Reflectance 0.73 %
- TOC: 2.9-4.2 %

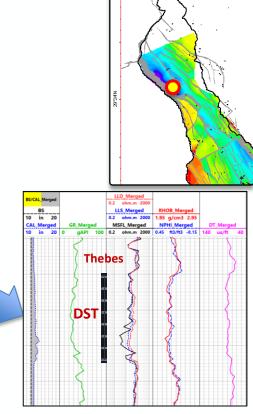
#### RFT Data

- Two RFT Point in Brown Limestone-Tight Formation
- Nine RFT in Thebes-Tight Formation

#### <u>DST</u>

 Thebes formation was tested and recovered 1100 BOPD with acid stimulation.



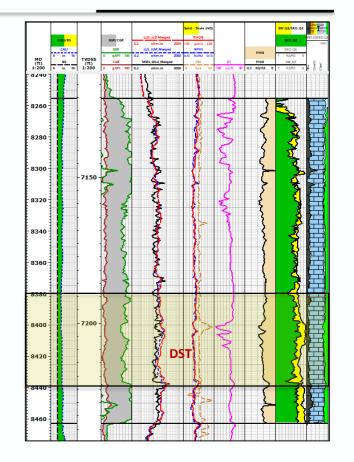


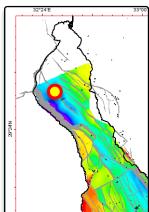
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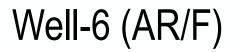


#### Brown Limestone (7122' TVDSS-7234' TVDSS)

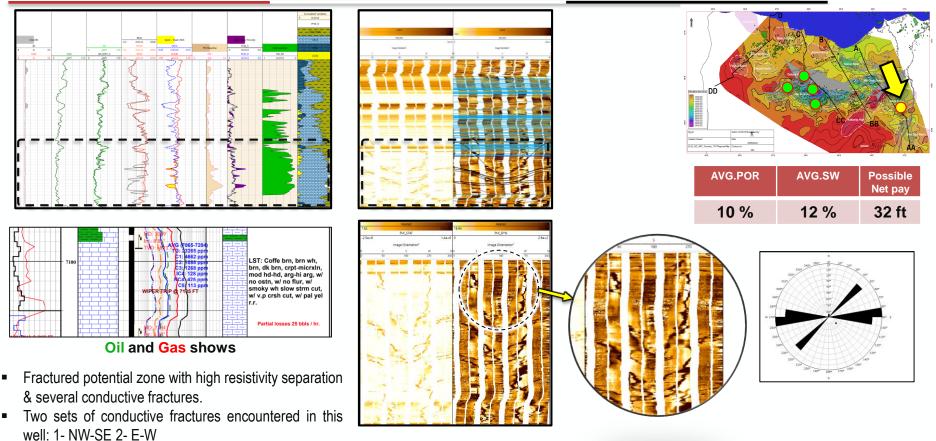
- LST: Lt-dk bn, frm, arg., kerogenous, oil shows from 8280' to 8460': 50 to 100 % very dull gold fluorescence, trace patchy oil stain.
- The well was drilled on 1989.
- From log analysis, avg. PHIE 20 % and avg. SW 25%.
- Brown limestone was tested and recovered only 10 gallons oil after acidized with estimated 20-25 API.











### Well-7 (AR/F)

MSE

g/cm3

AVG.SW

15 %

PHI SHIFT

TVDSS (ft) 1:200

5440

5460

5480

5500

5520

5540

5560

AVG.POR

14 %

teferen (ft) 1:200

5960

5980

6000

6020

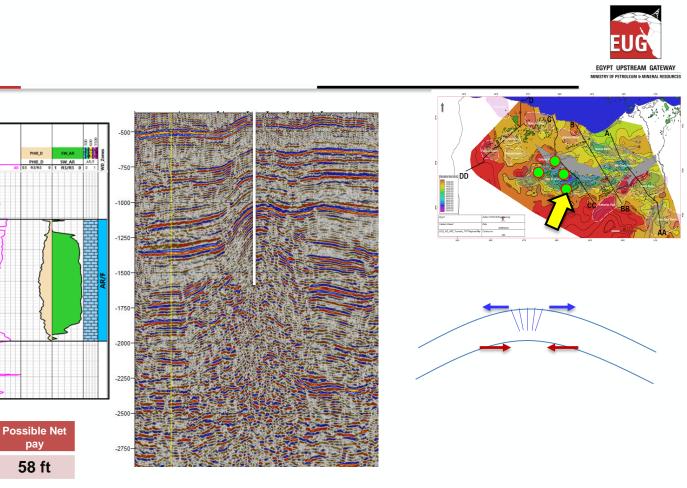
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6060

6080

PHIE D

pay

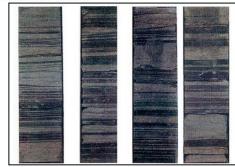


- Structural related Reservoir Enhancement
- Test >400 BBL after acid stimulation without applying modern technologies like Fracking

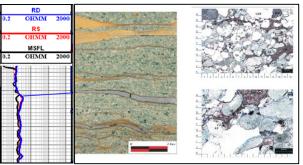
## Low Resistivity Pay (LRP)



- LRP: Low resistivity formation is defined as having an apparent deep resistivity value of less than 5 ohm-meters (Gandhi et al 2011).
- A number of factors have found to act on the logging to produce low resistivity or low contrast pays. In Moore (1993), Darling and Sneider cite the following causes:
  - 1. Bed Thickness
  - 2. Grain Size
  - 3. Mineralogy
  - 4. Clay Distribution
  - 5. Water Salinity
- The problems with Low Resistivity reservoirs is firstly the resistivity data interpretation of the formation evaluation shows high water saturation but in reality even water free hydrocarbon can be produced from the well.
- Evaluating low-resistivity pay requires interpreters to discard the notion that water saturations above 50% are not economic.



A core through a laminated interval. (Source: IHRDC)

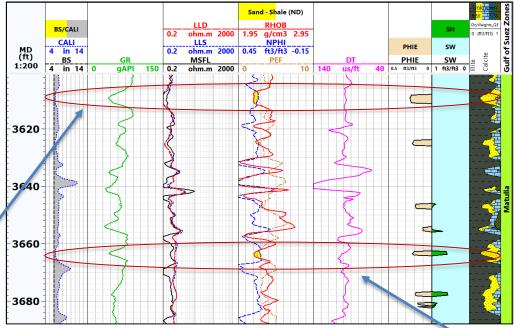


Images show that the framework grains are mainly quartz [Qz], with subordinate glaucony [GI]. K-feldspar [KF], granitic rock fragments [GRF].

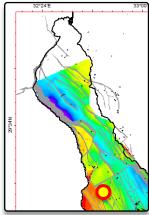
#### • The well was drilled on 1996.

- Only oil shows in Matulla fm while drilling.
- Two RFT fluid sample were recovered in Matulla fm.
- SS: wh, cls, off wh, rndsbrnd, v. fn-fn grnd, w srtd, glauc i/p, w/ argl. cmt, occ sli calc cmt, w/tr of spotty dead oil.
- RFT sample (3610') recovered water and gas.

# Well-1 (LRP-Matulla Fm)







- RFT sample (3664') recovered only oil and gas.
- The maximum resistivity 0.8 ohmm

### Well-2 (LRP-Kareem Fm)



Sandstone, tannish grey, with

massive oil staining highly at

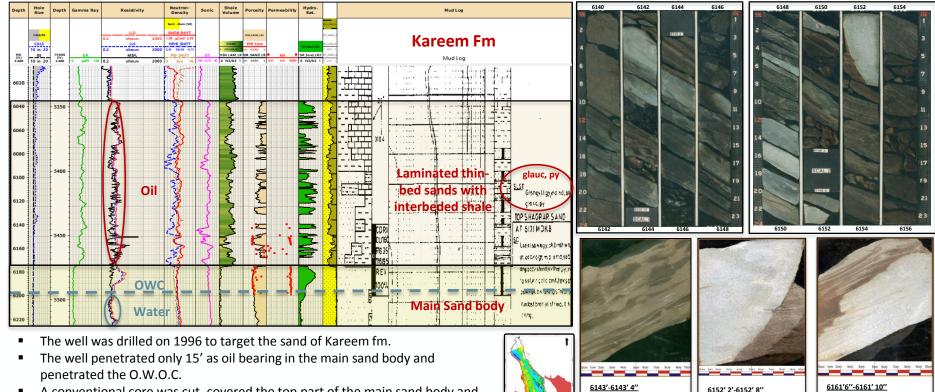
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Sandstone, brownish grey,

non-calcareous massive

highly oil stained



Highly bioturbated

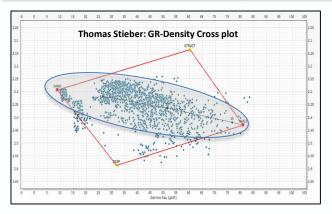
oil stained sandstone

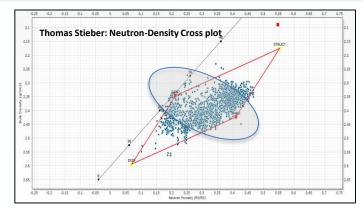
interbdded brownish grey

interlaminated to

- A conventional core was cut, covered the top part of the main sand body and the lower part of low resistive and thin laminated sand.
- The well completed as water injector

### Well-2 (LRP-Kareem Fm)





#### Core Data

Avg. PHI 16%

Permeability range from 0.01-409 mD

➢ Grain Density, 2.67 gm/cc

#### **Petrophysical Evaluation**

- Net Sand: 70'
- Avg. PHI 14.5%
- Avg. SW: 55 %

#### **Core Description**

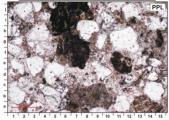
@ 6142', SS: Whsh, C-v F gr, v hd, Subang-Subrrd, p std, w cmtd, calc, py.

@6143', SS: Lt gy, M-v F gr, fri, Subang-Subrrd, mod std, mod cmtd, calc, glauc.

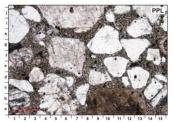
**@6147'**, SS: Dk gy, v C-M gr, mod hd, Subang-Subrrd, mod std, mod cmtd, calc, py patches



#### **Petrographic Description**



Sample Type: Core @ 6150' Quartz (h-12), feldspar (1-13) and lithic fragments (b-9) set in a carbonate cement (g-10).

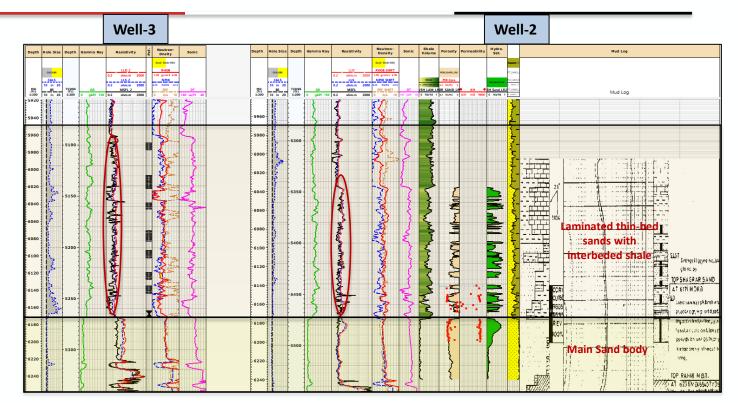


Sample Type: Core @ 6158'4" Quartz grains (h-10), fresh feldspars (b-1) and altered feldspar grains (b-19) associated with foram tests (f-2) and set in carbonate microspar (e-9).

#### What is the impact of these low resistive zones on production?

### Well-2 (LRP-Kareem Fm)

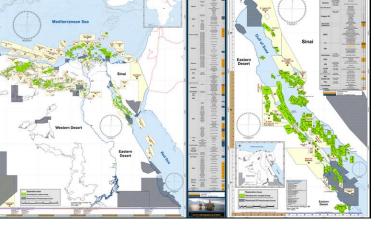




- On 2012, 75' of low resistive zones were perforated in Well-3 after the main sand body was watered out.
- The initial production for these low resistive zones was 300 BOPD with nil W.C.
- The well produced 540,000 MSTB as a cumulative production from low resistive zones.

#### Maximizing the reserves and production requires new Ideas.

- Being restricted to classical exploration concepts may result in losing high reserves.
- Unlocking the hydrocarbon potentiality for unconventional reservoir is a challenge.
- Hydrocarbon potentialities of Brown limestone and AR/F still unestimated.
- Bore-hole image is mandatory for the evaluation of Brown Limestone and AR/F.
- Petrophysical evaluation should be integrated with Core, XRD and NMR due to the presence of the organic matter.





### Summary





### EGYPT UPSTREAM GATEWAY

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