#### **Data Driven Woodford Shale Risk Characterization**

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#### **Mission and Motivation**

Quickly provide a predictive production risk map using reservoir attributes that demonstrate a tangible impact on hydrocarbon production.
 Map is used to direct rig placement.



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#### **Woodford Shale Overview**



#### • Woodford Shale:

- •Late Devonian Early Mississippian
- •Thinly bedded black marine shale
- •50'-500' thick
- •Rich in silica
- •Organic (2%-8% TOC)



### **Woodford Shale Overview**



Three cores collected by MRO

•From basinal to upper slope environment of deposition

 WDFD is subdivided into three members:

Upper

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Middle

Lower

•Variation in lithofacies and fabric type reflected in log character





•Play Fairway map was needed

•Prioritize future drill locations and leasing (re-leasing) opportunities

•Needed early on in the Woodford appraisal process

•Prior to creation of a large resource database

Mapped attributes required

•Extend trends beyond well locations

Quick turnaround requested









•Map geological / petrophysical attributes

•Gross thickness, OGIP, Neutron/Density Convergence thickness, PHIT, RHOB, etc.

•Compile primary phase gas EUR data

•Un-shrunk

Not normalized

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- Use geo and petro attributes to model EUR
- •Results of the analysis
  - •Identify the key *geologic and petrologic* attributes
  - •Provide a linear regression equation to model EUR



Plug data into software to generate multivariate linear models







#### Three key attributes

1. Woodford Gross Thickness







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- 2. N/D Convergence Thickness



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#### •Three key attributes

- 1. Woodford Gross Thickness
- 2. Convergence Thickness
- 3. OGIP









#### Gross Thickness Play Fairway Risk Map

Generate fairway risk maps for each key attribute
Low, Moderate, High Risk cutoffs based on qualitative production / key attribute observations







#### N/D Convergence Thickness Play Fairway Risk Map

 Generate fairway risk maps for each key attribute
 Low, Moderate, High Risk cutoffs based on qualitative production / key attribute observations







#### OGIP Play Fairway Risk Map

•Generate fairway risk maps for each key attribute

•Low, Moderate, High Risk cutoffs based on qualitative production / key attribute observations







#### Composite Play Fairway Risk Map

•Combination of all three risk maps





•Resulting predictive multivariate linear model for EUR using:

- •Gross Thickness
- •N/D Convergence
- Thickness

•OGIP







•EUR ranked probability curves •Grouped by fairway risk designation

#### Well performance indicates based on location in fairway:

Low Risk outperform Moderate Risk Moderate Risk outperform High Risk

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### Conclusions

• The Woodford Play Fairway concept:

- •Quick and practical method to predict economic risk early on in unconventional play
- •Assumption is that key reservoir attributes impact Woodford production

#### **Gross Thickness**

- Relationship to EoD
- OM content deposition / preservation

#### OGIP

- Incorporates organic richness, PHI, Sw
- Determine overall gas potential of reservoir

#### **N/D Convergence Thickness**

- Relationship to shale petrology and mineralogical properties
- Siliceous/cherty sub-facies
- Predominately brittle (ideal target)
- Typically fractured with elevated K and PHI



#### Conclusions

• Future Work

•To provide a high resolution assessment of fairway risk, additional multivariate work is needed that includes a more robust set of attributes that <u>may</u> impact production

- •Completion style and success
- Wellbore targeting / orientation
- Seismic attributes (tectonic stress / faulting / fracturing)
- •Petrophysical character and quality
- •Wellbore parent / sister relationship
- Normalized EUR dataset (by effective lateral length)
- •The list goes on...

Fractures confined to the more competent, chert sub-facies of Woodford Shale





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