



Lessons Learned While Drilling the Cana Woodford

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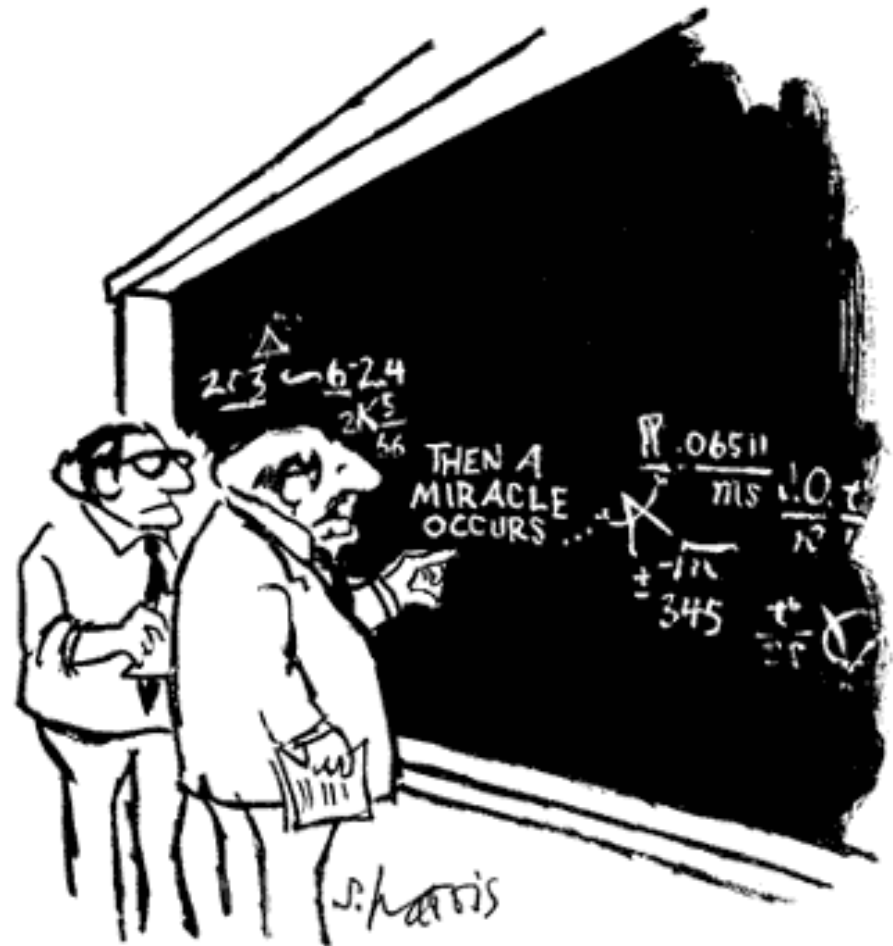
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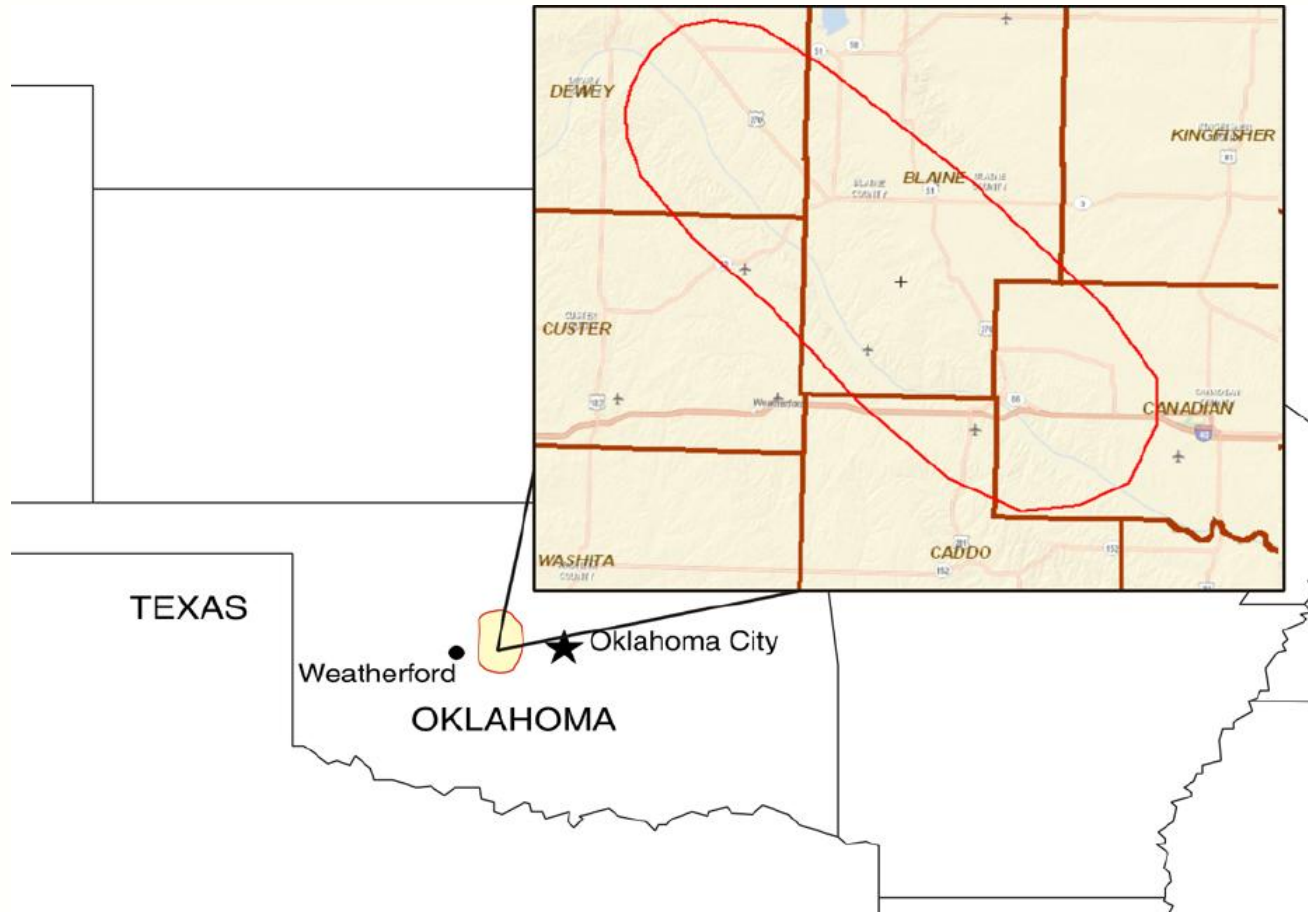


- “A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.”
-Albert Einstein

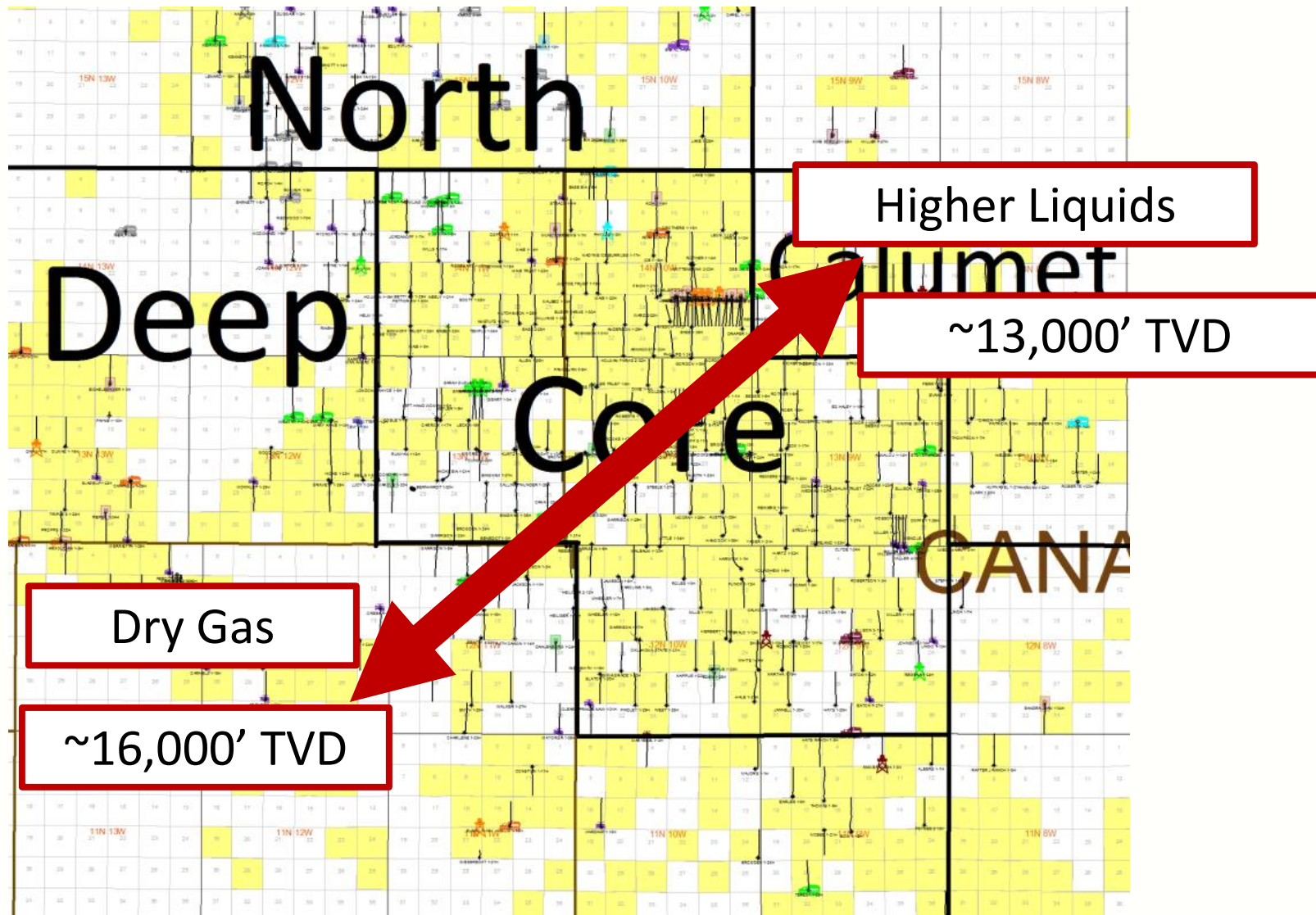


“I think you should be more explicit here in step two.”

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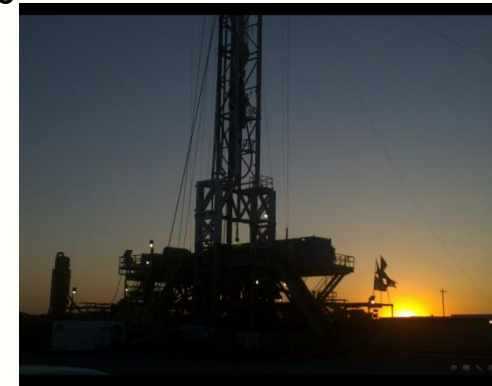
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- 120,000+ net acres (64,000 in the “Core”)
- 2011 drilling program drilled and completed 150 gross (40 net) wells through end of third quarter.
 - Focus on holding acreage
- Operating rig count from 9 to 13 in 2011 (despite rig lost to Tornado).
- 2012 drilling program will focus on infill development in the Core area
 - Pad drilling
 - 4-5 Tcfe net resource potential in the “Core”
- \$5- \$6 billion in future drilling capital
- Production averaged 139.2 million cubic feet of natural gas equivalents per day during the third quarter of 2011. (66% year over year increase)
- Production was 61% natural gas and 39% liquid hydrocarbons.



**Cactus 142 Drilling for
Cimarex in Custer Country**

Pay zone: Woodford Shale

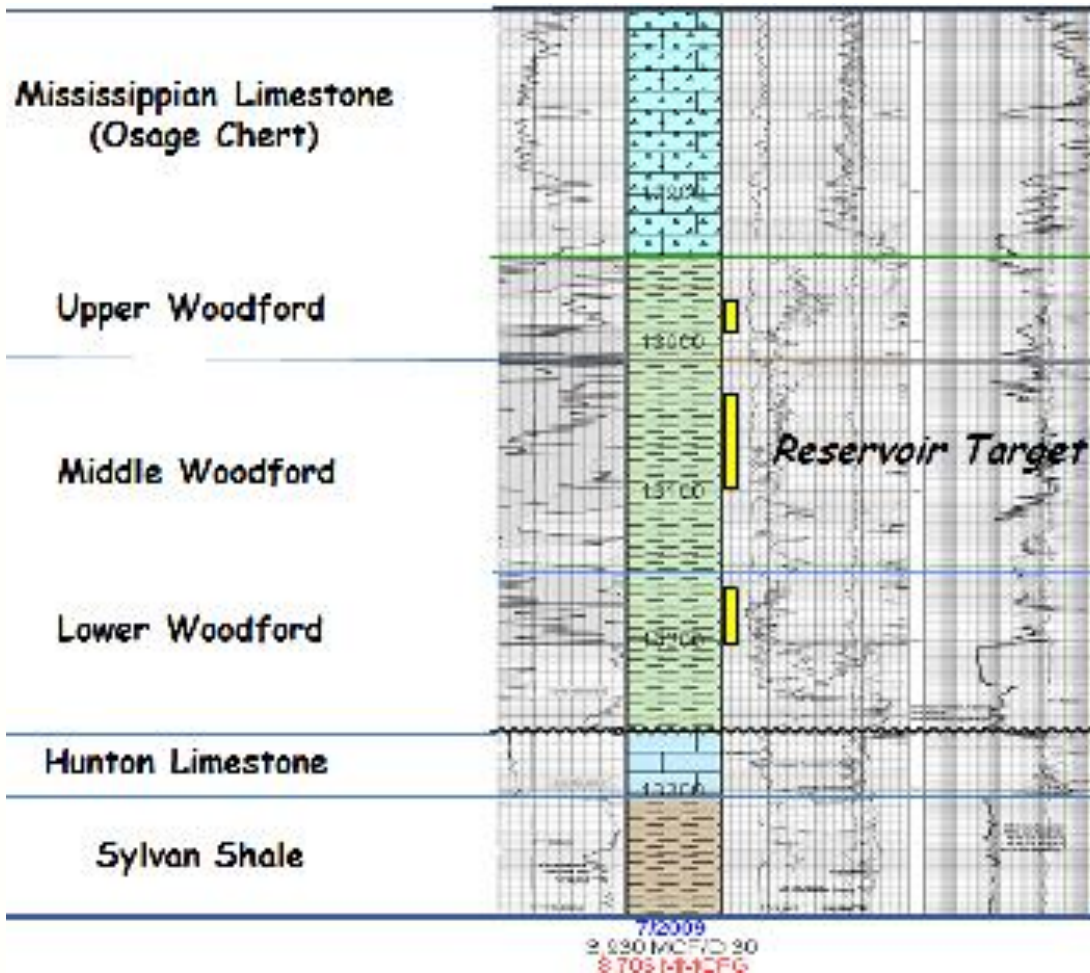


- Upper Devonian deposit containing abundant marine organic matter and large amounts of biogenic silica (SPE 143960)
- Between 120 and 300 ft. thick
- Roughly 11,000 to 16,500 TVD in our area of interest



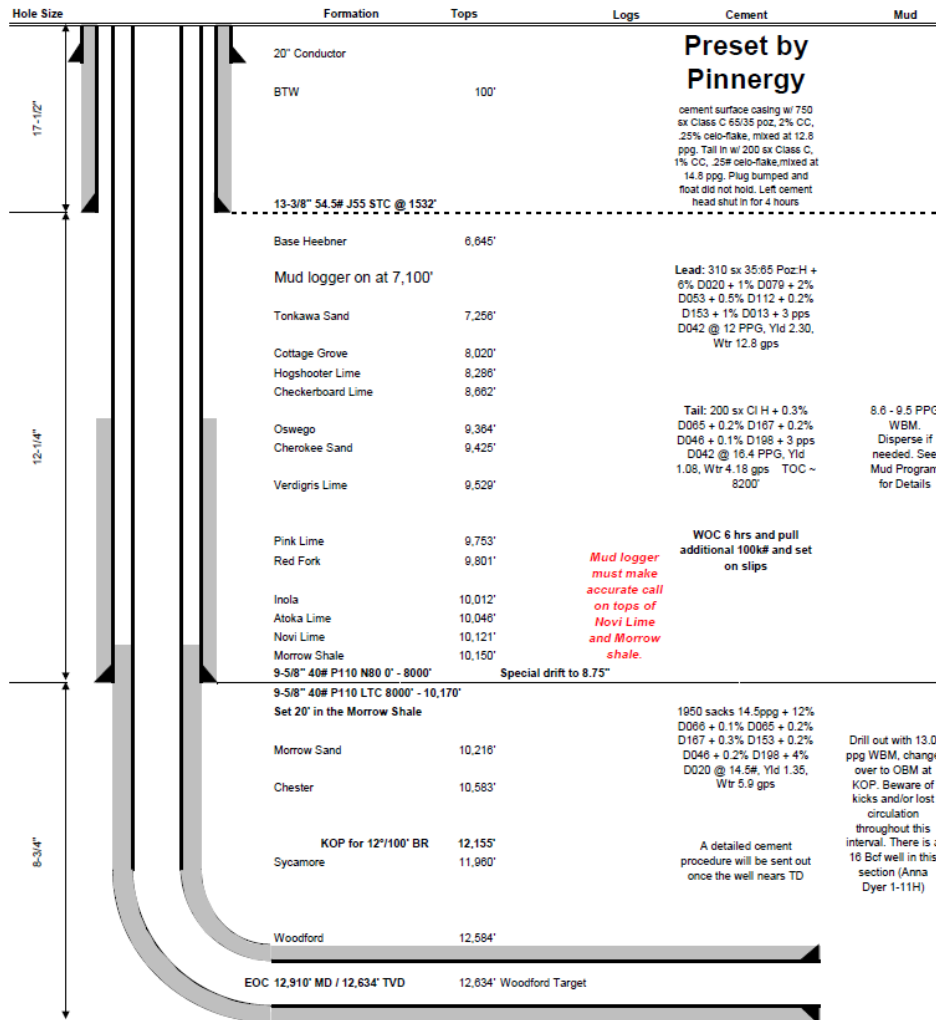
Woodford Shale Outcrop

Woodford Lithology



- Upper Woodford is high in silica (Cherty)
- Lower and Middle sections are much thinner in some sections of the field
- Completions concern: high clay content and fracture conductivity

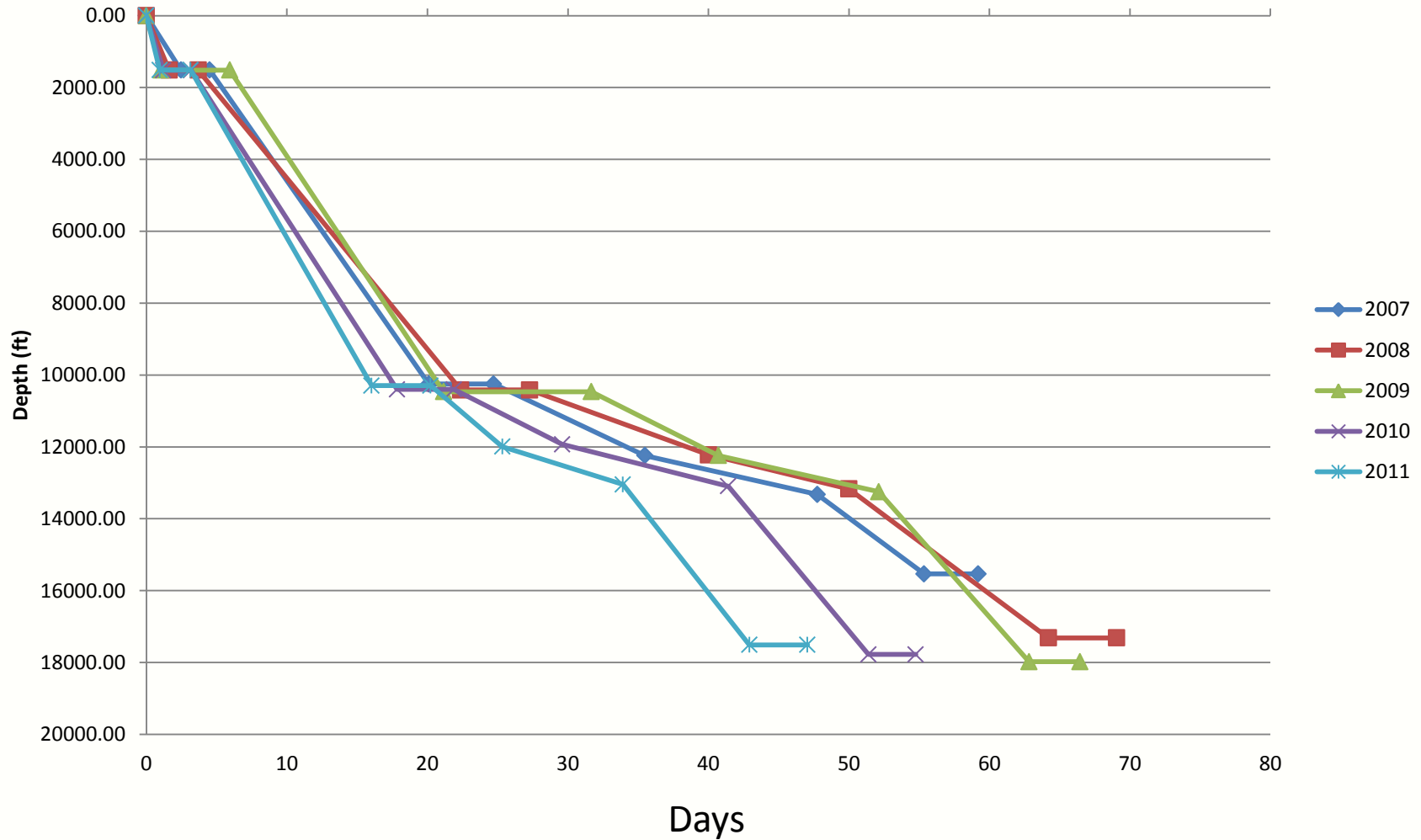
Wellbore Schematic



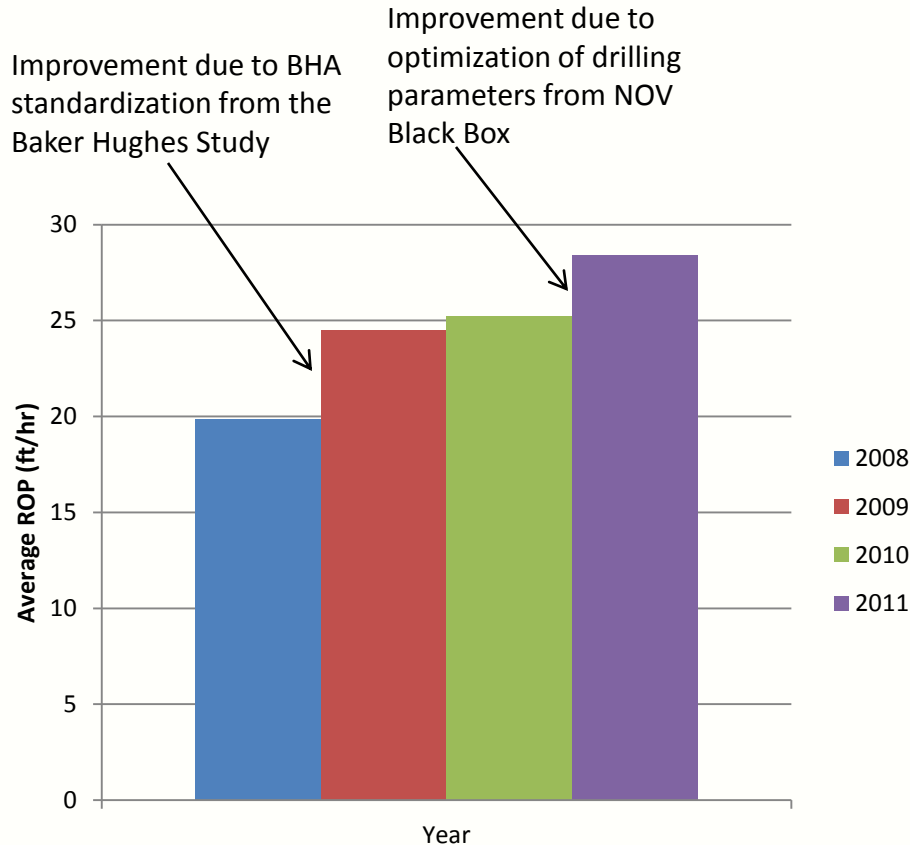
Typical Well design

- 17 1/2" surface hole cased with 13 3/8" string
- 12 1/4" intermediate hole cased before Morrow sand with 9 5/8" string
- 8 3/4" curve and 8 1/2" lateral cased with 5 1/2" string

Overall Drilling Time Improvement in the Core area

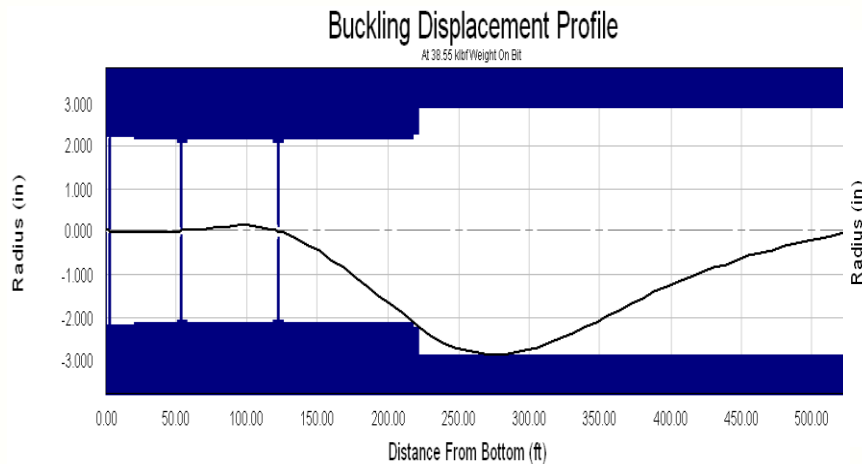


Improvement in 12 1/4" Hole

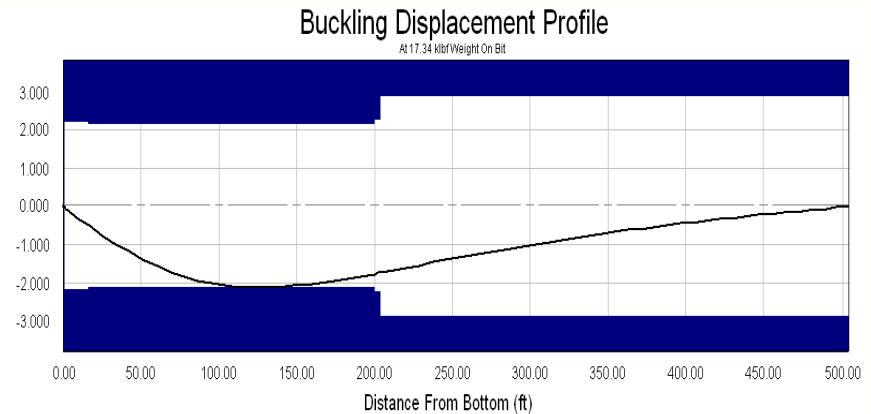


- Single toughest challenge drilling 12 1/4" hole is the hard formations below 7000'
 - Slow p-rates
 - Short bit runs
 - Stick slip problems
- Work done to combat this problem
 - Baker Hughes BHA study
 - Schlumberger drilling parameter study
 - NOV black box drilling parameter study
 - New bit technology

Baker Hughes BHA study (03/09)



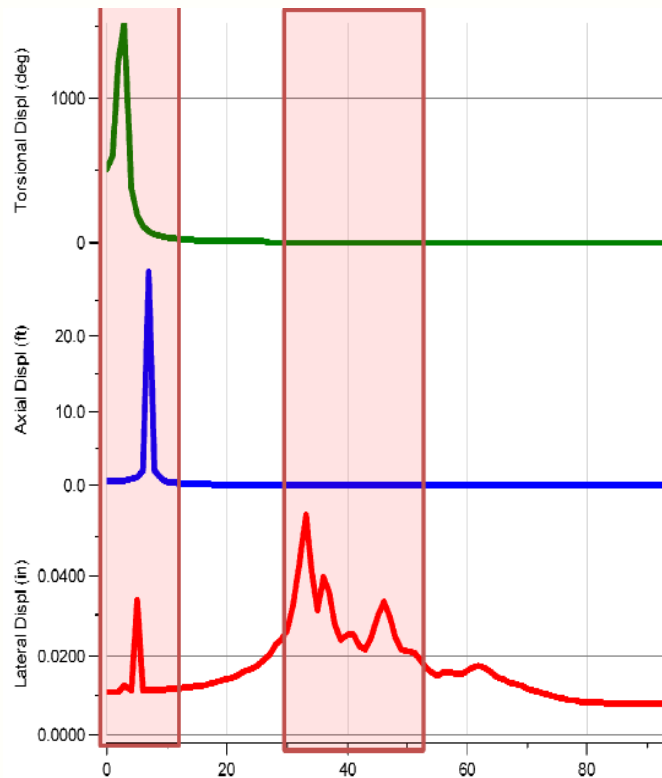
Buckling displacement profile for a packed BHA



Buckling displacement profile for a slick BHA

- Compared different packed BHA configurations to a slick BHA configuration to determine which was best
- Led to the standardization of packed BHA

Schlumberger BHA study (11/09) and NOV Black Box (10/10)



- In hole sensors monitored drill string vibrations, downhole RPM, torsional vibration, and stick slip for different drilling parameters
 - Determined optimum drilling parameters
- NOV experiment in particular showed that turning at higher RPMs actually minimized vibration energies.
 - Led to higher RPMs in 12 1/4" and 8 3/4" hole

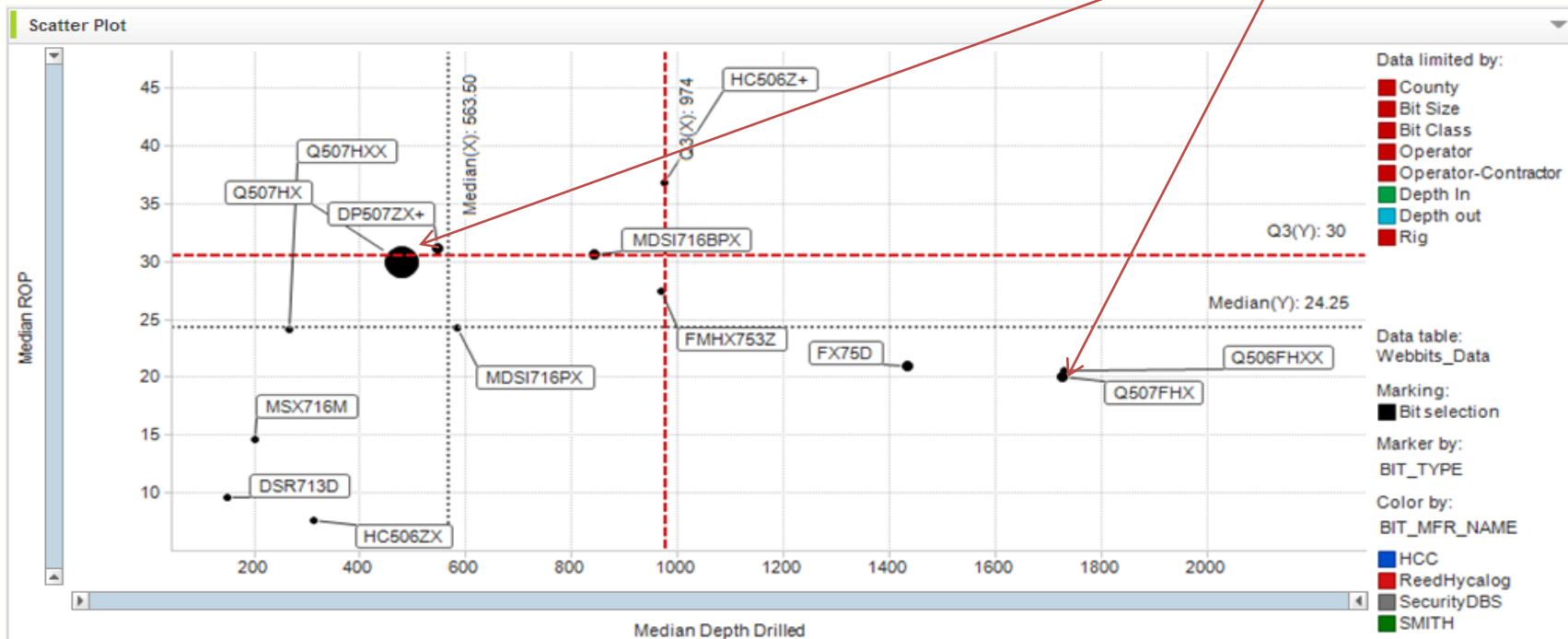
Vibrational Displacements of the packed BHA at different RPM values for the Schlumberger Study

New Bit Technology

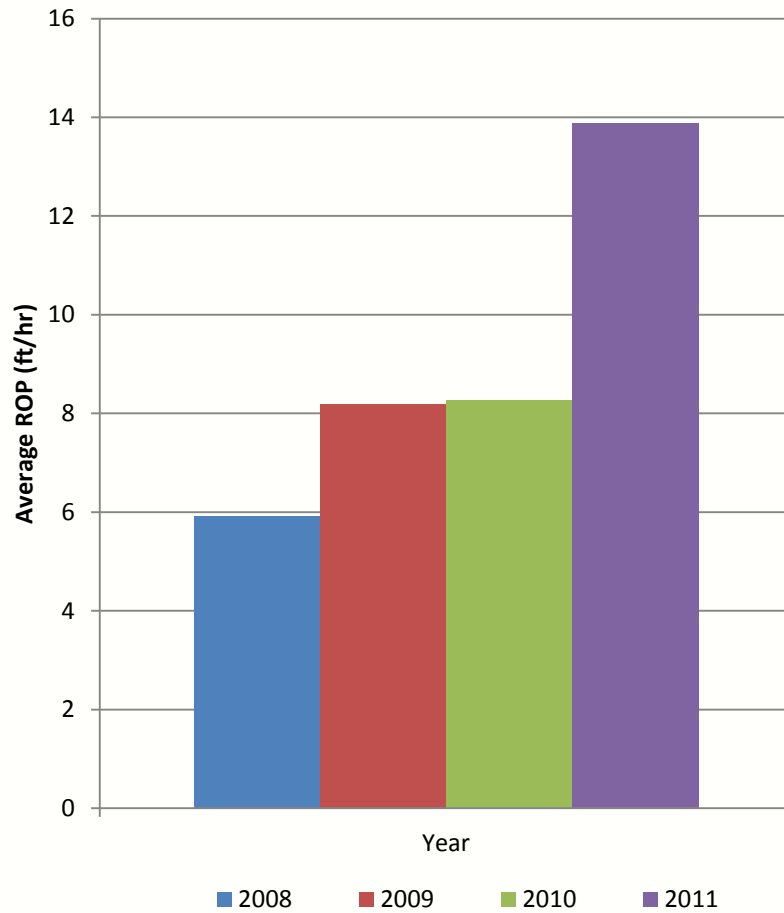


- More efficient cutters

Same bit design except the bits with the new “Force” (Q507FHX) cutters lasted 3.5 times longer on average at only a little less p-rate

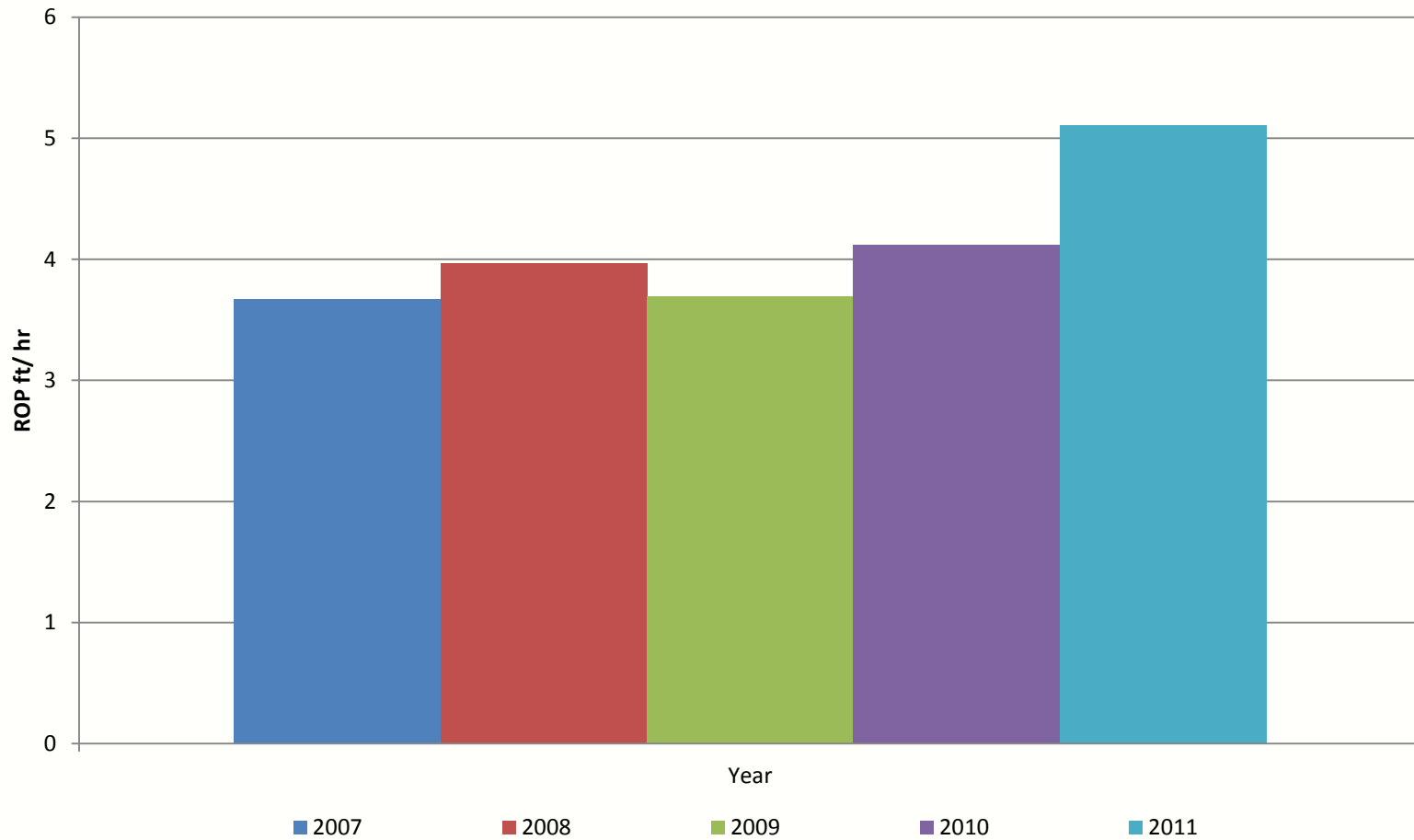


Improvement in 8 3/4" vertical hole



- Shows same major improvements in 2009 and 2011 as 12 1/4" hole
- Going forward: Is it economic to run a straight-hole mud motor in the lower 12 1/4" hole and/or the 8 3/4" vertical hole?

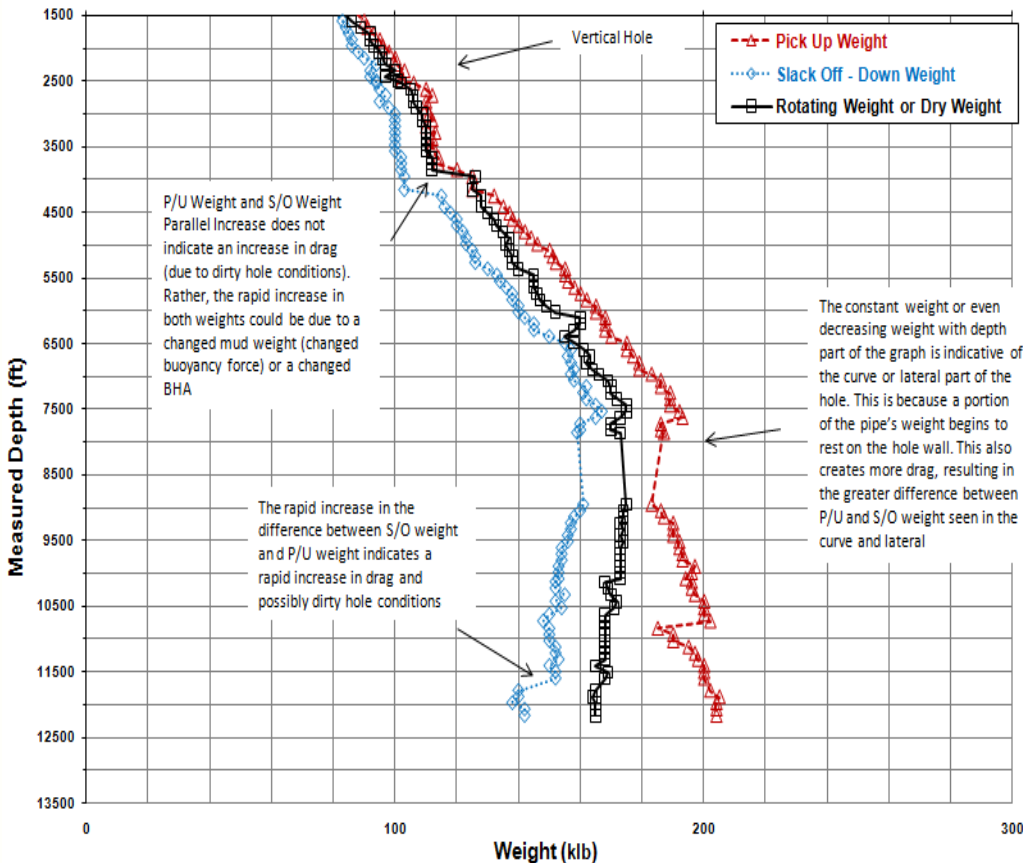
8 3/4" Curve



Lateral: Horizontal Hole Cleaning



Depth vs PU, SO, ROT



- Proper horizontal hole cleaning has lowered the number of stuck pipe situations
- Pipe rotation is extremely important
- Torque and drag sheets have proven effective and continually earn field buy-in

Going Forward



- Bi-fuel energy
 - Installed on 4 rigs currently
 - Plan to install on 3 more rigs
 - Roughly 30%-50% of rig energy is provided by natural gas
- Infill Development Project
 - Two well pads
 - Utilizing walking and skidding capability
 - 8 additional wells per section
 - Currently in development
- 10,000 ft lateral
 - Anticipating ECDs and T&D
 - Completion Challenges

