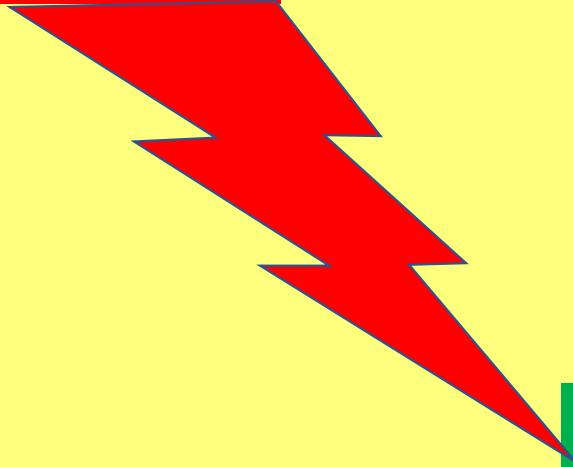


Fracking



Fraccing

Gecko Speaks

Protect the Bush Alliance

Advocating for increased protection of wildlife habitat in Queensland

Pelicans, Channel Country, Queensland. Image by Richard Kingsford.

Prevent Gas Fracking in Western Queensland

The Queensland Government continues to ignore its commitment to protect the Channel Country. Unconventional gas fracking can still occur on fragile floodplains and wetlands. This will damage vast areas of natural habitat, threatening the survival of millions of birds.

It's time for Queenslanders to speak up.

Sign our petition and tell the Queensland Government we need urgent protection for the Channel Country.

[Sign the Petition](#)

<https://ptba.net.au/our-work/channel-country/>

Gecko (Lock the Gate Groupies) CLAIM:

The **Code Red** report from the IPCC has stated we cannot proceed with any new extractions of gas. or other fossil fuels, if we are to leave the planet liveable for our children (**Greta Speak**).

Gas is just as bad as coal & oil in emissions of greenhouse gases

Fracking for gas destroys our water supplies

Birds and wildlife are already under severe threat

Unconventional gas fracking involves drilling into the earth and directing large volumes of high-pressure water and toxic chemicals at the rock to release the gas inside.

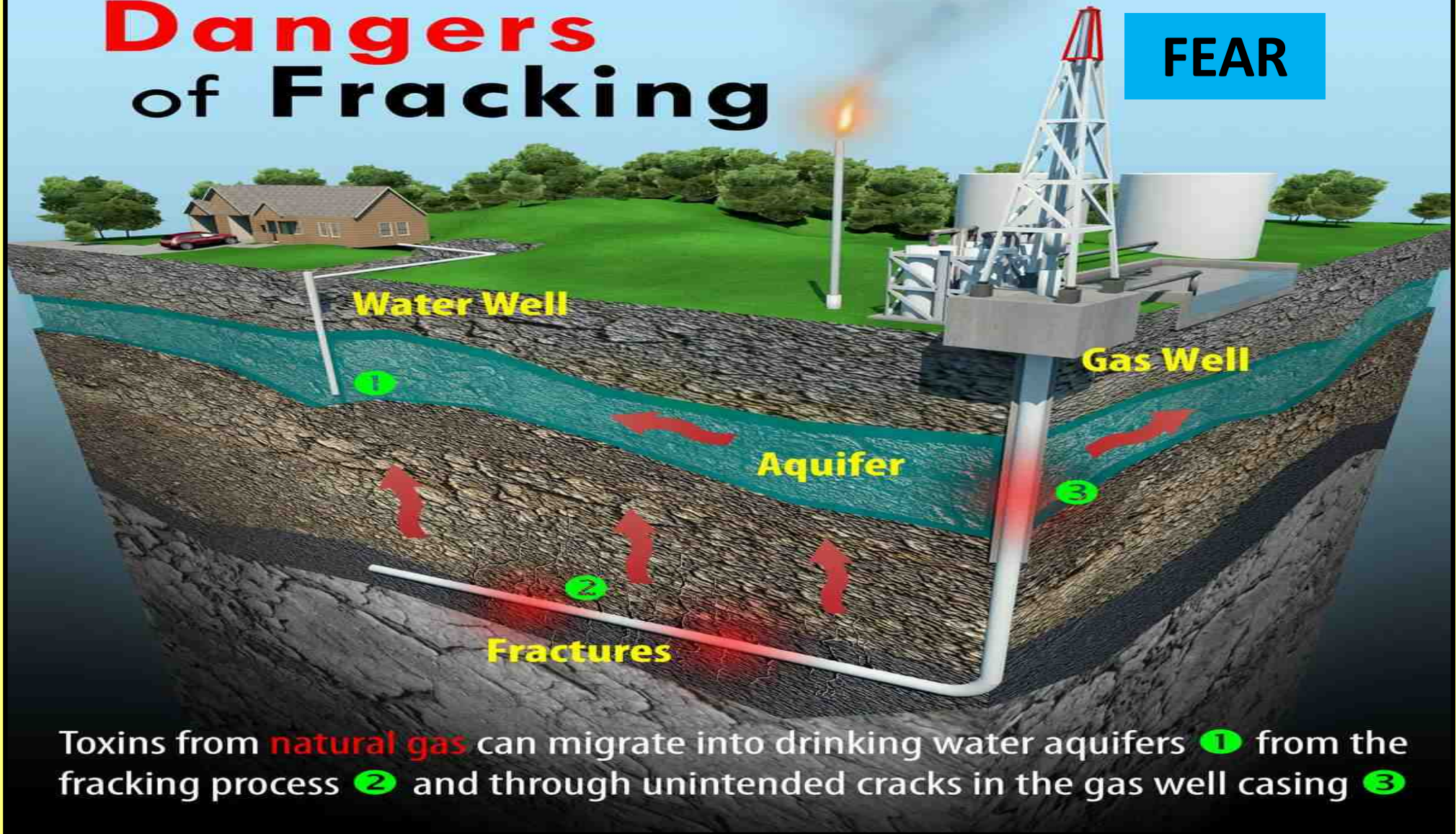
WRONG:

Not even Science 101

<https://ptba.net.au/our-work/channel-country/>

Dangers of Fracking

FEAR



Toxins from **natural gas** can migrate into drinking water aquifers ① from the fracking process ② and through unintended cracks in the gas well casing ③

Gasland Film: Colorado 2010

► Natural Gas in Well Water

FIRE

BIOGENIC METHANE CH_4
From bacterial action on
decaying vegetation $<50^\circ\text{C}$

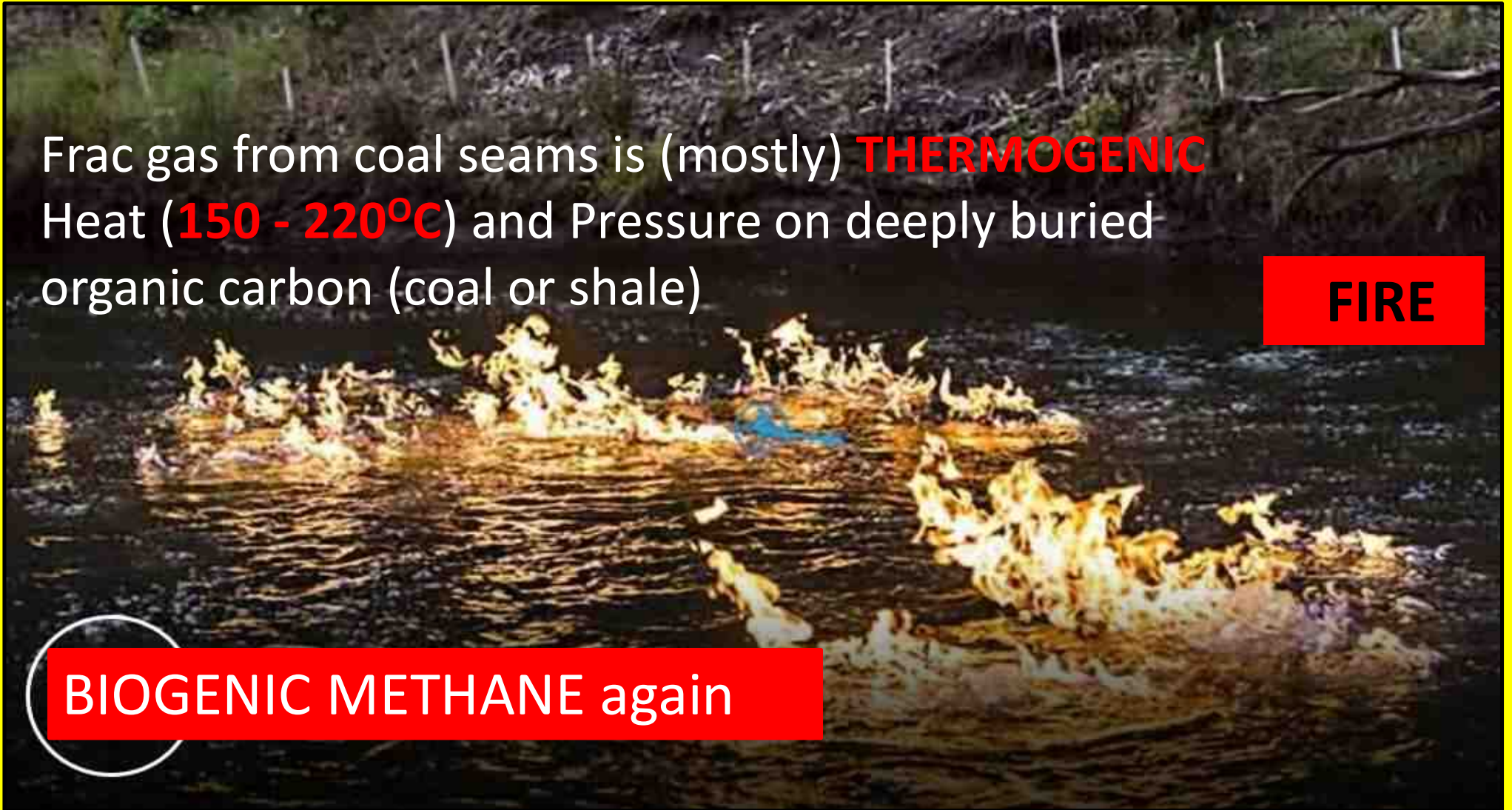


Natural Methane Gas Fire in Condamine River 2016:

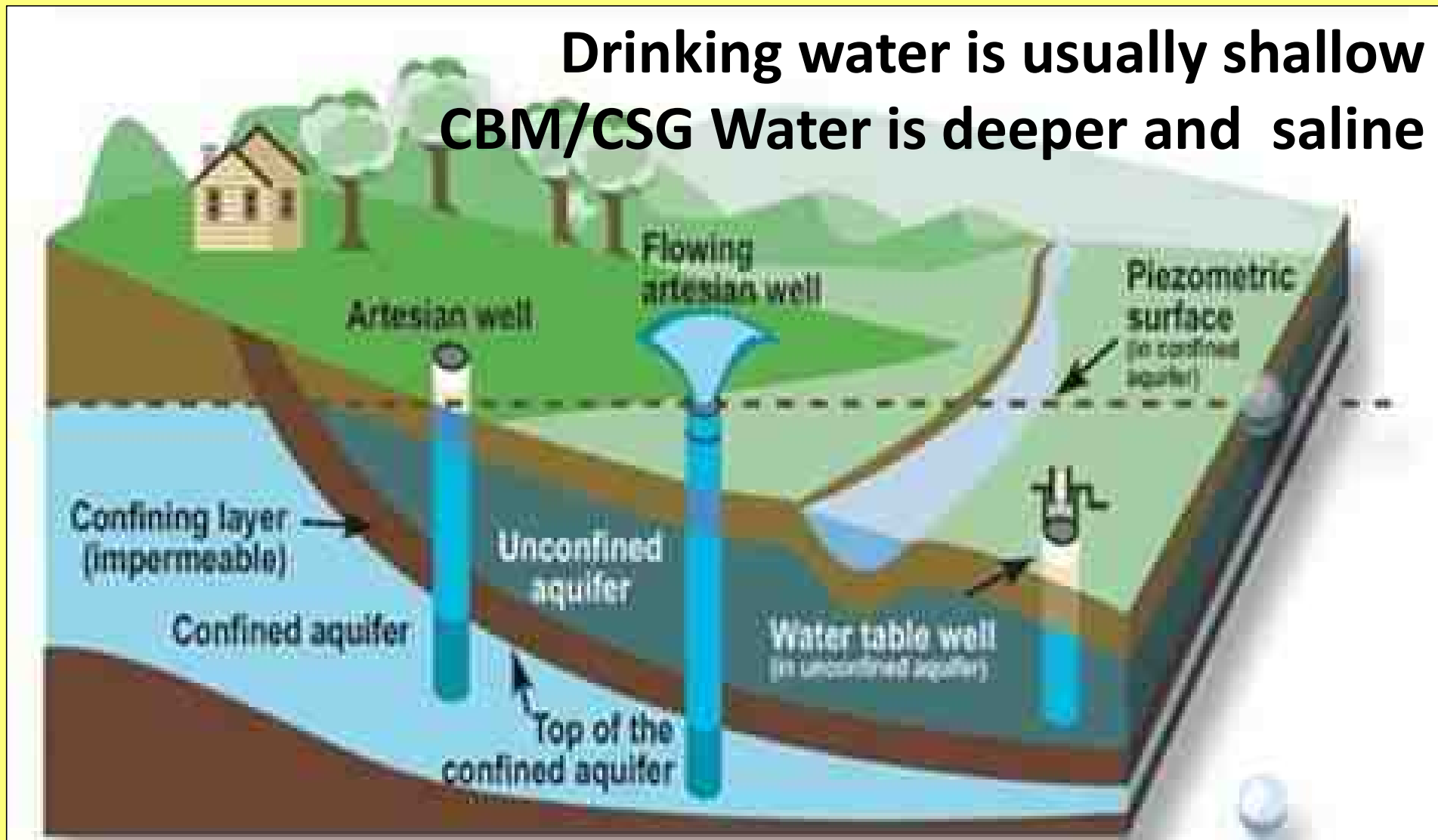
Frac gas from coal seams is (mostly) **THERMOGENIC**
Heat (**150 - 220°C**) and Pressure on deeply buried
organic carbon (coal or shale)

FIRE

BIOGENIC METHANE again



**Drinking water is usually shallow
CBM/CSG Water is deeper and saline**



Water quality degrades with depth and can be 100 deg C



FEAR



FEAR



CHILDISH FEAR

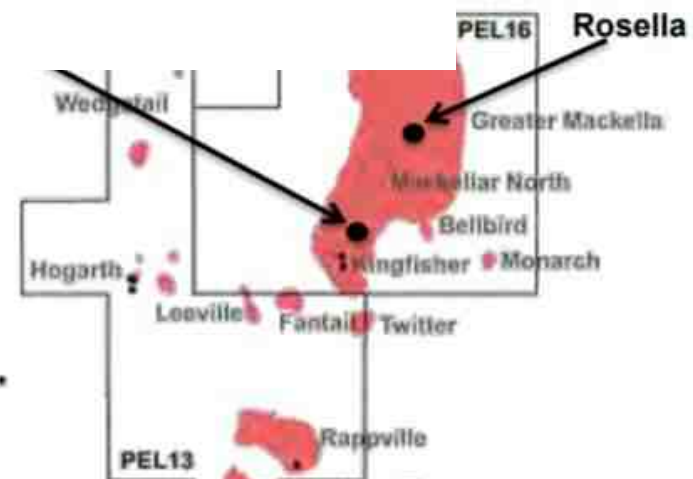
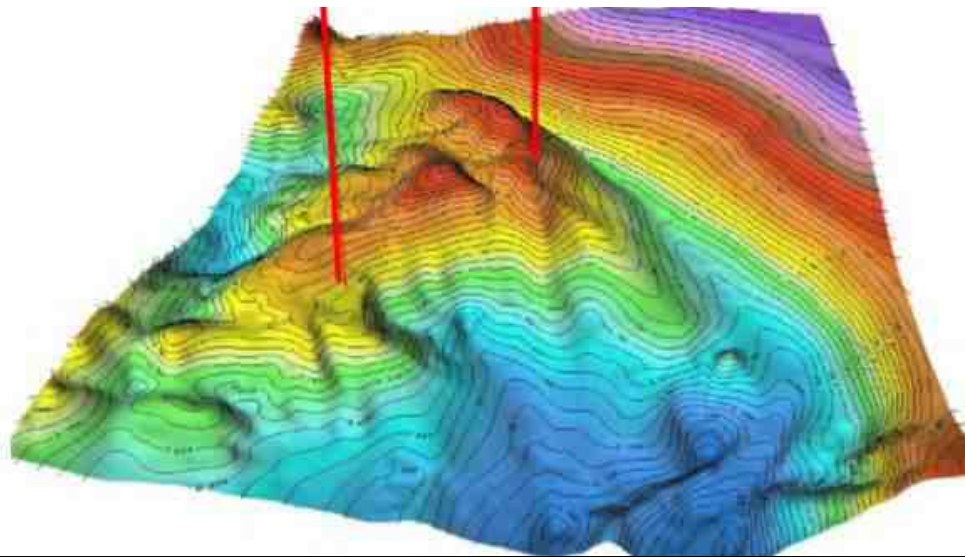


LOATHING

Rosella to test Greater Mackellar structure

- 2009 Conventional Gas discovery near Casino NSW
- Greens said Rosella 1 was a polluting fracker. NSW Govt took license away - \$25m comp for \$75m spent
- **Never let facts get in the way of a good story**
- **Metgasco moved to QLD**

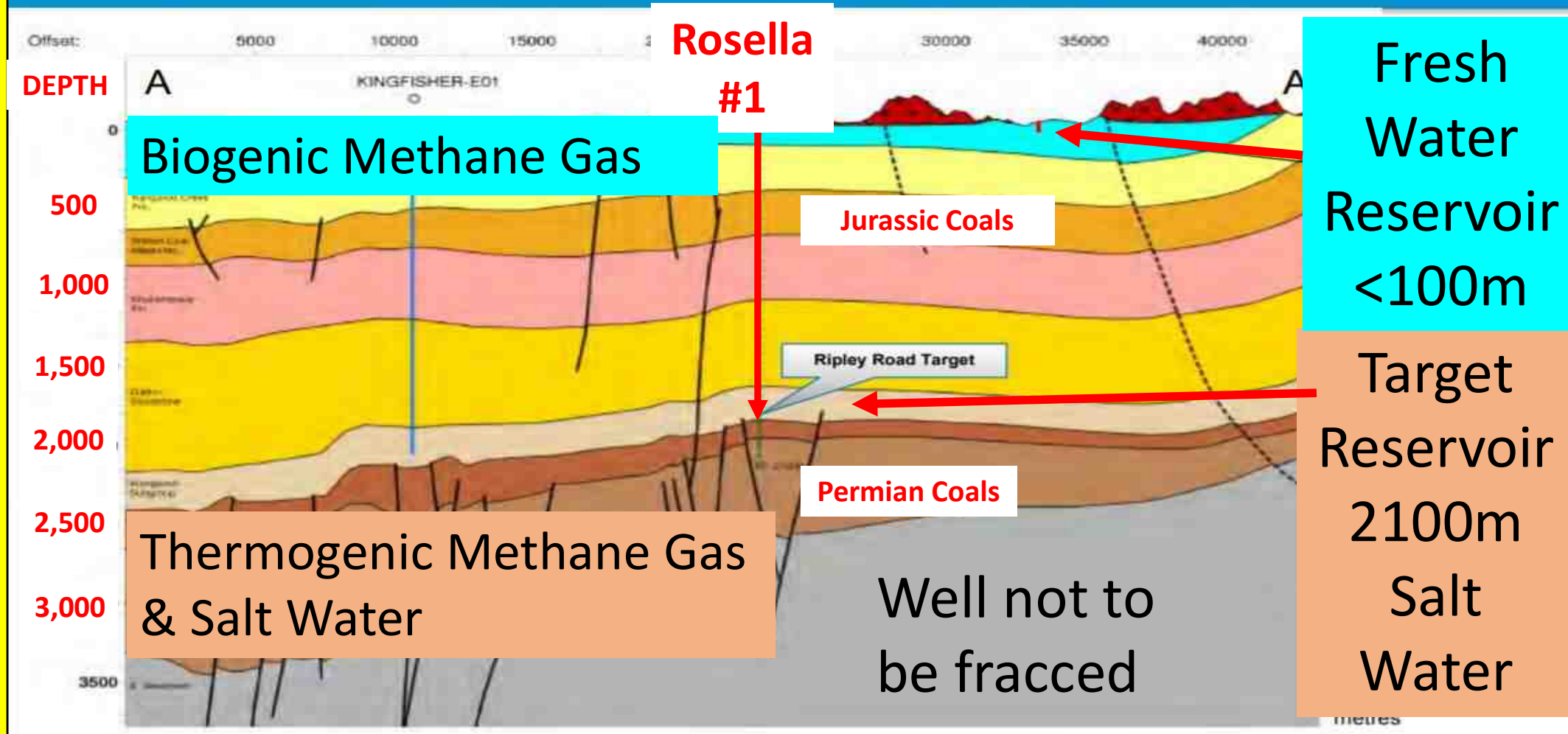
**EFFECTIVE
LOATHING**



2013 Exploration

Rosella geology

FOOLISH FEAR & LOATHING



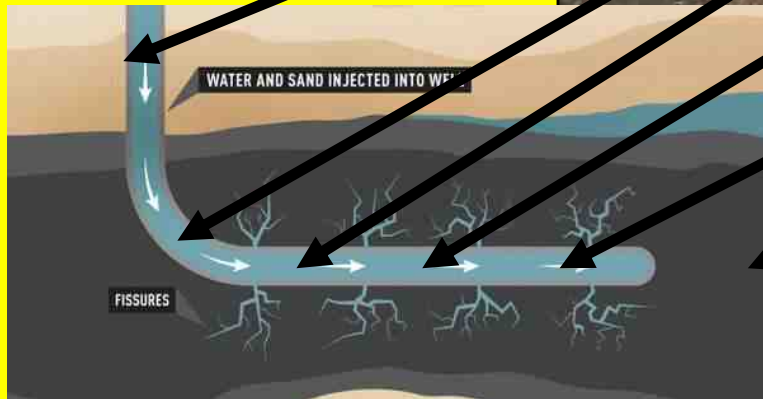
Lock the Gate **Hoorah: Future Gas Exploration
and **Fracking Banned in NSW**
So keep burning coal - till renewables take over**

HAPPY UNINFORMED FEAR & LOATHING



Early
CBM/CSG
Development
too many
wells

UNDERSTANDABLE FEAR



Early Solution
Horizontal wells

<https://www.melaniephillips.com/real-western-civilisation-emergency/>

Extinction Rebellion's Aim

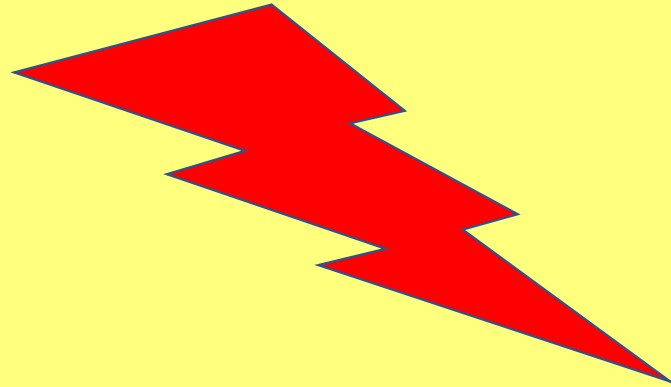
**To build structure,
community and test
prototypes in preparation
for
the coming structural
collapse of the regimes of
western 'democracies'.**



FRIGHTENING

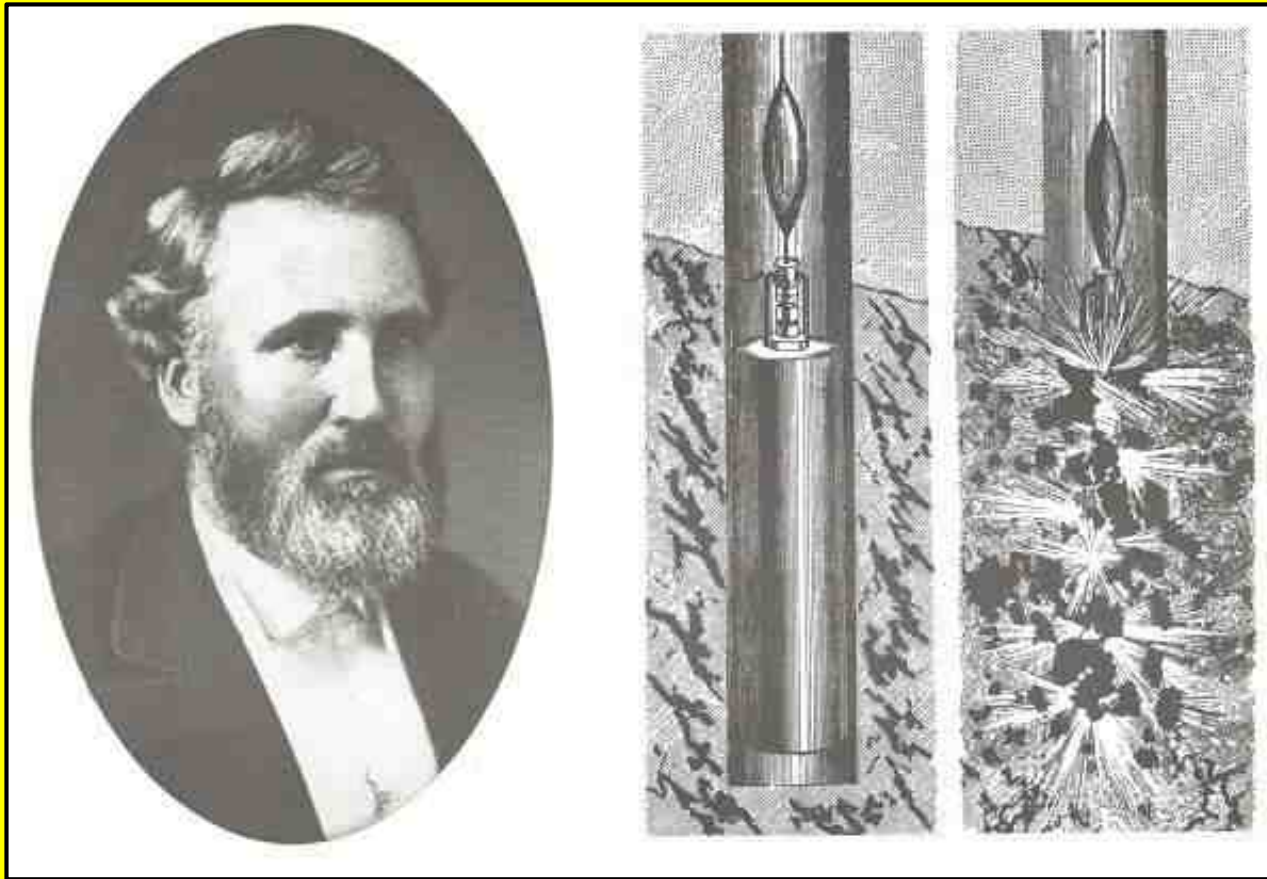
<https://www.breitbart.com/europe/2019/08/03/delingpole-exposed-soros-on-list-of-mega-rich-extinction-rebellion-backers/>

Myth

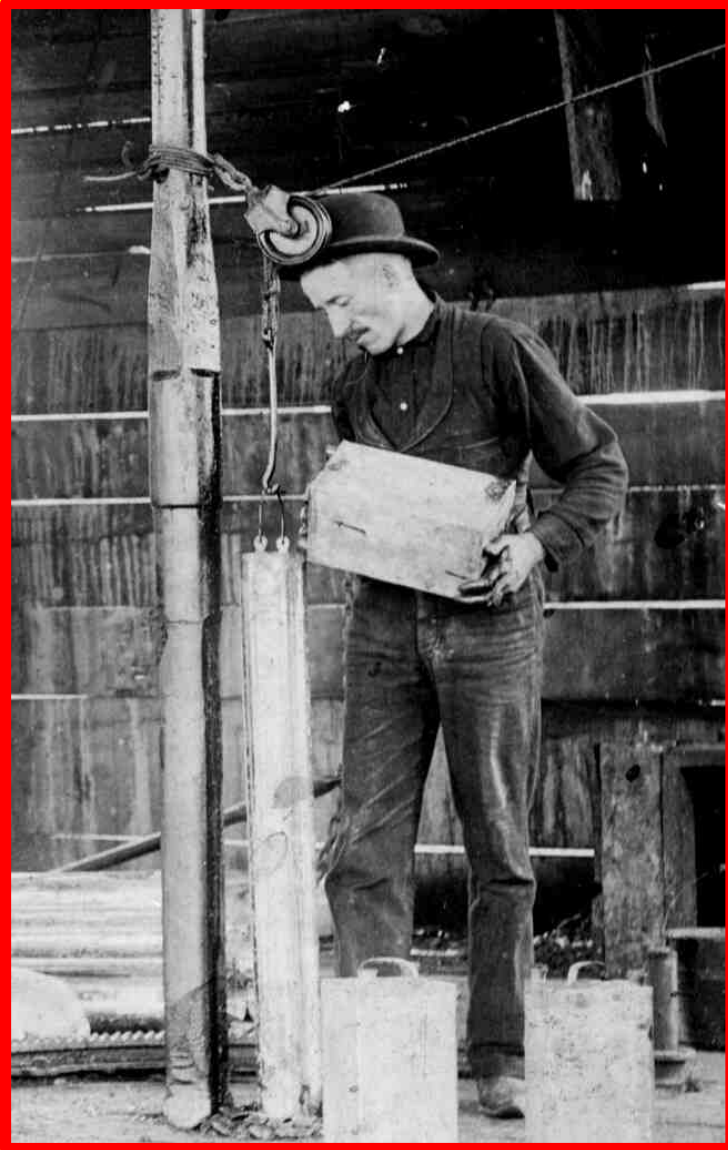


Reality

Fracking is old technology



1862, E.A.L.
Roberts Lt Col
Union Army had
“idea of opening
the veins and
crevices in oil-
bearing rock by
exploding an
elongated shell or
torpedo therein.”



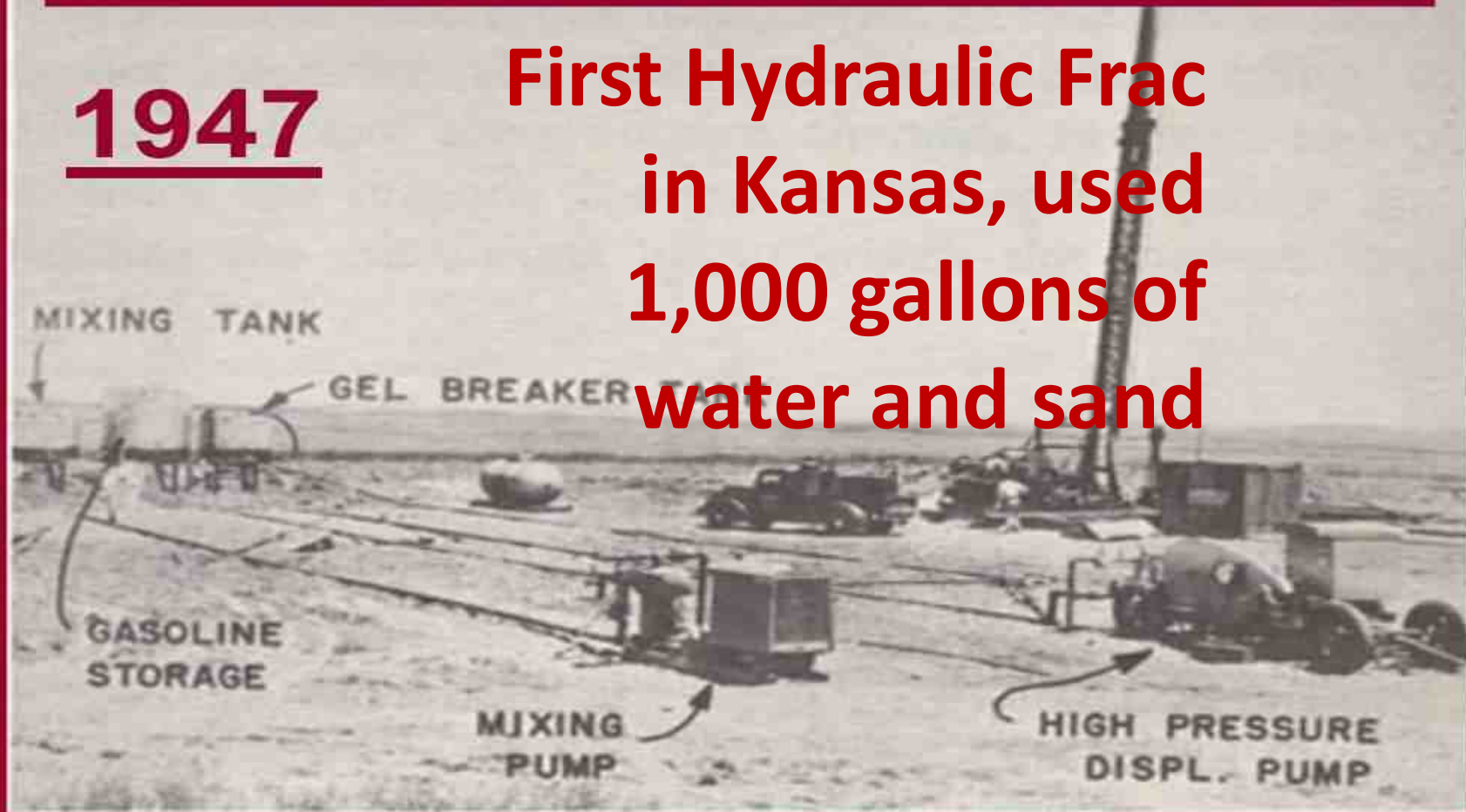
1868: Liquid nitroglycerine preferred to gunpowder, pouring nitro was risky and doing it for an illegal well “shoot” at night led to the term “**moonlighting.**”

1875 More stable Gelignite or Jelly, invented by Alfred Nobel

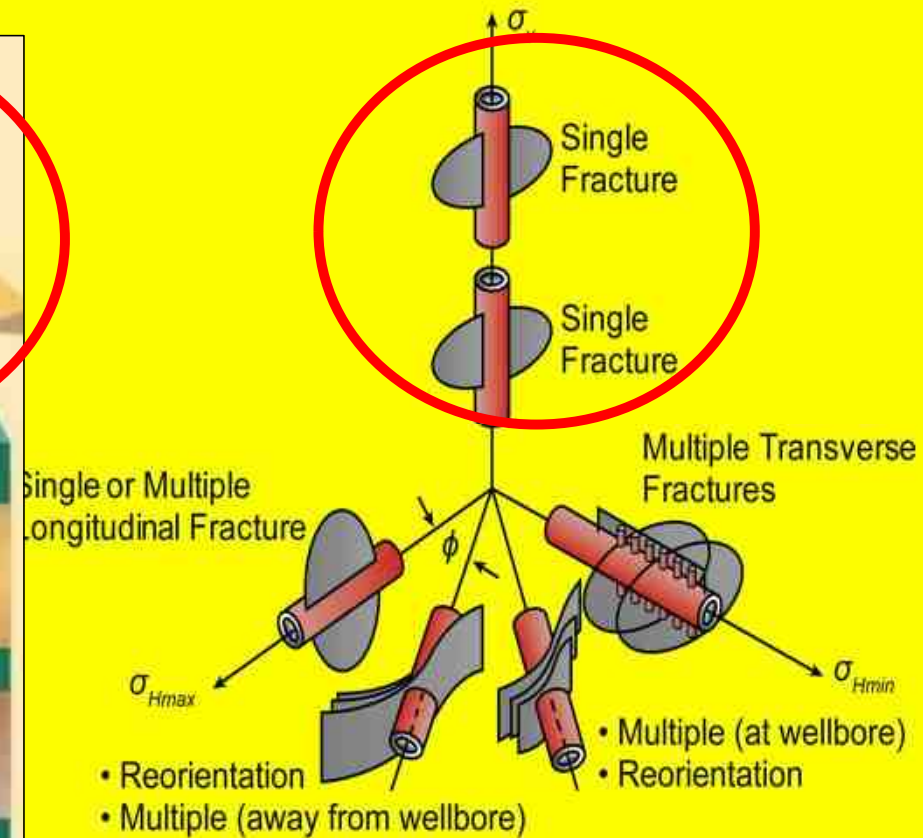
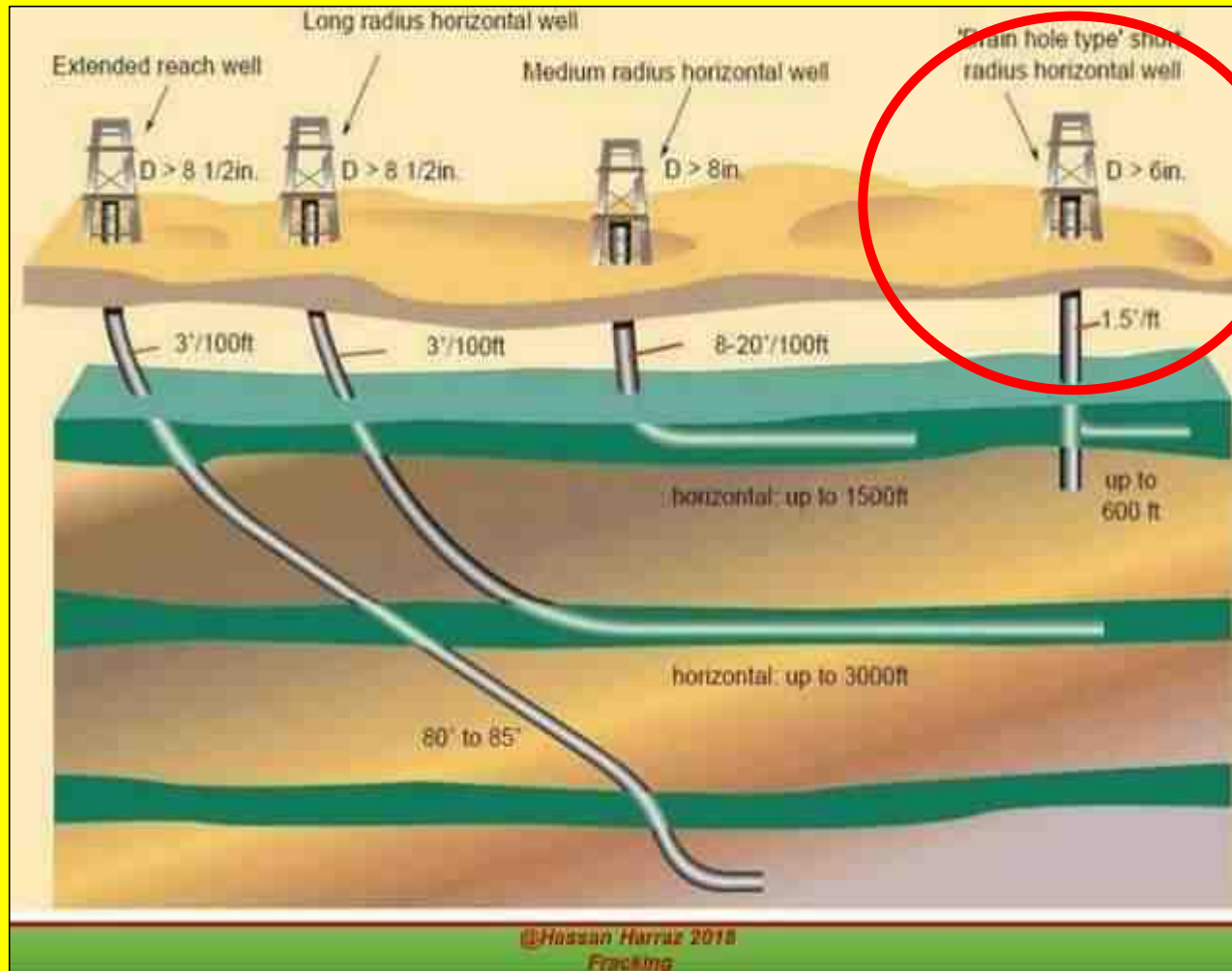
Klepper Gas Unit No. 1, Hugoton field, Kans.
The first well to be hydraulically fractured to
increase well productivity. (SPE Monograph Vol. 2)

1947

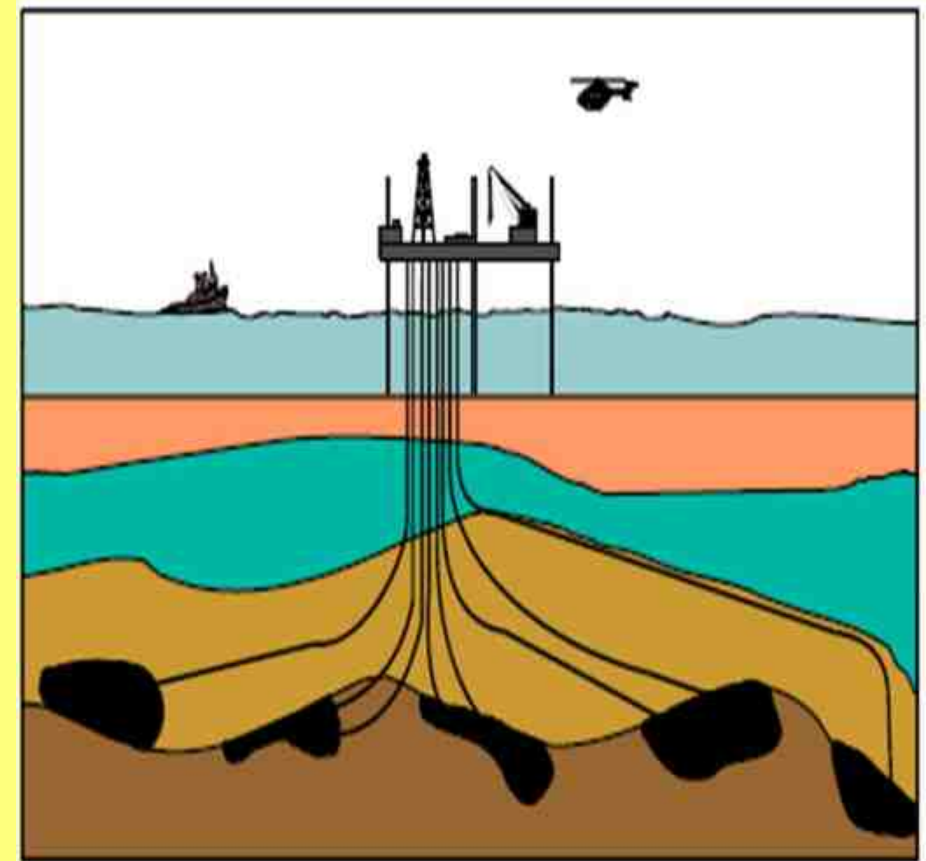
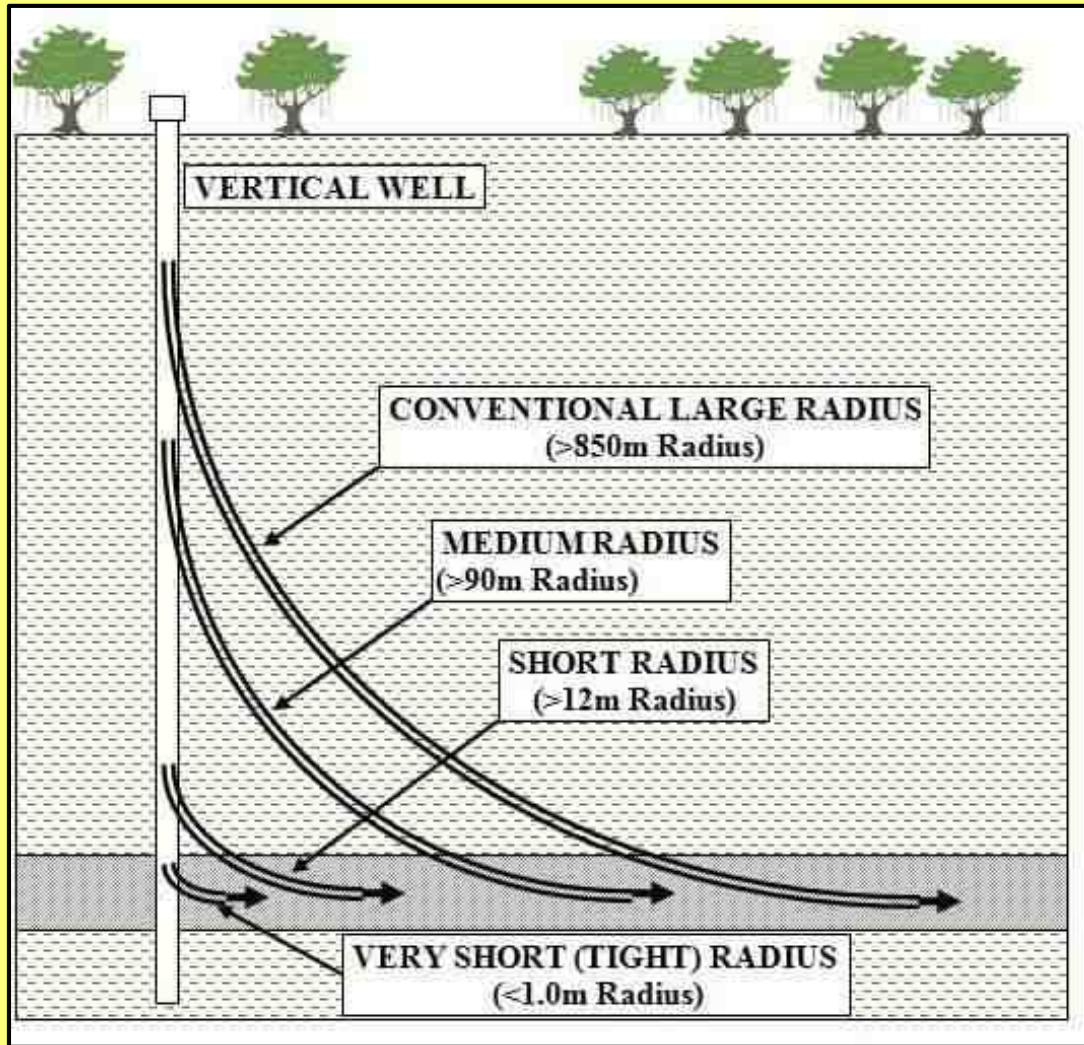
**First Hydraulic Frac
in Kansas, used
1,000 gallons of
water and sand**



First Vertical then Horizontal Hydraulic Fracturing



Deviated wells



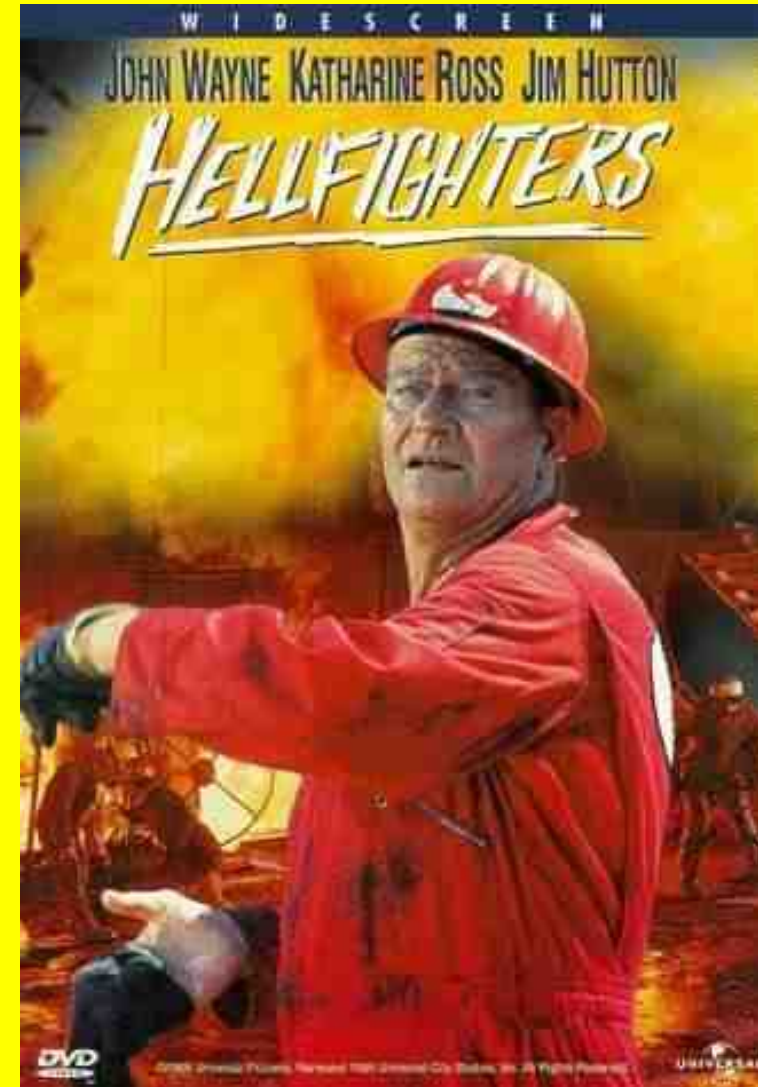
12km plus horizontally

A Fracking Good Well



1990 Last
nitro factory
burned down

Fracking now
by jelly



You ain't seen nuthin yet

1967

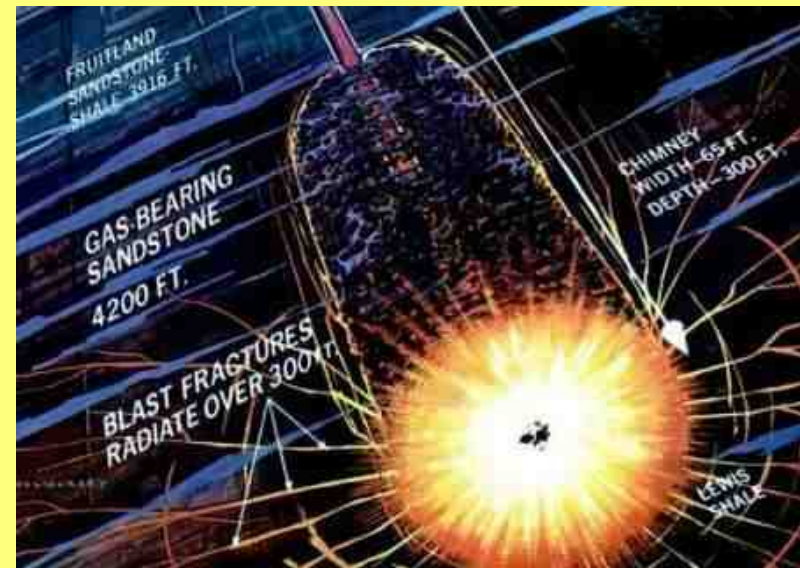
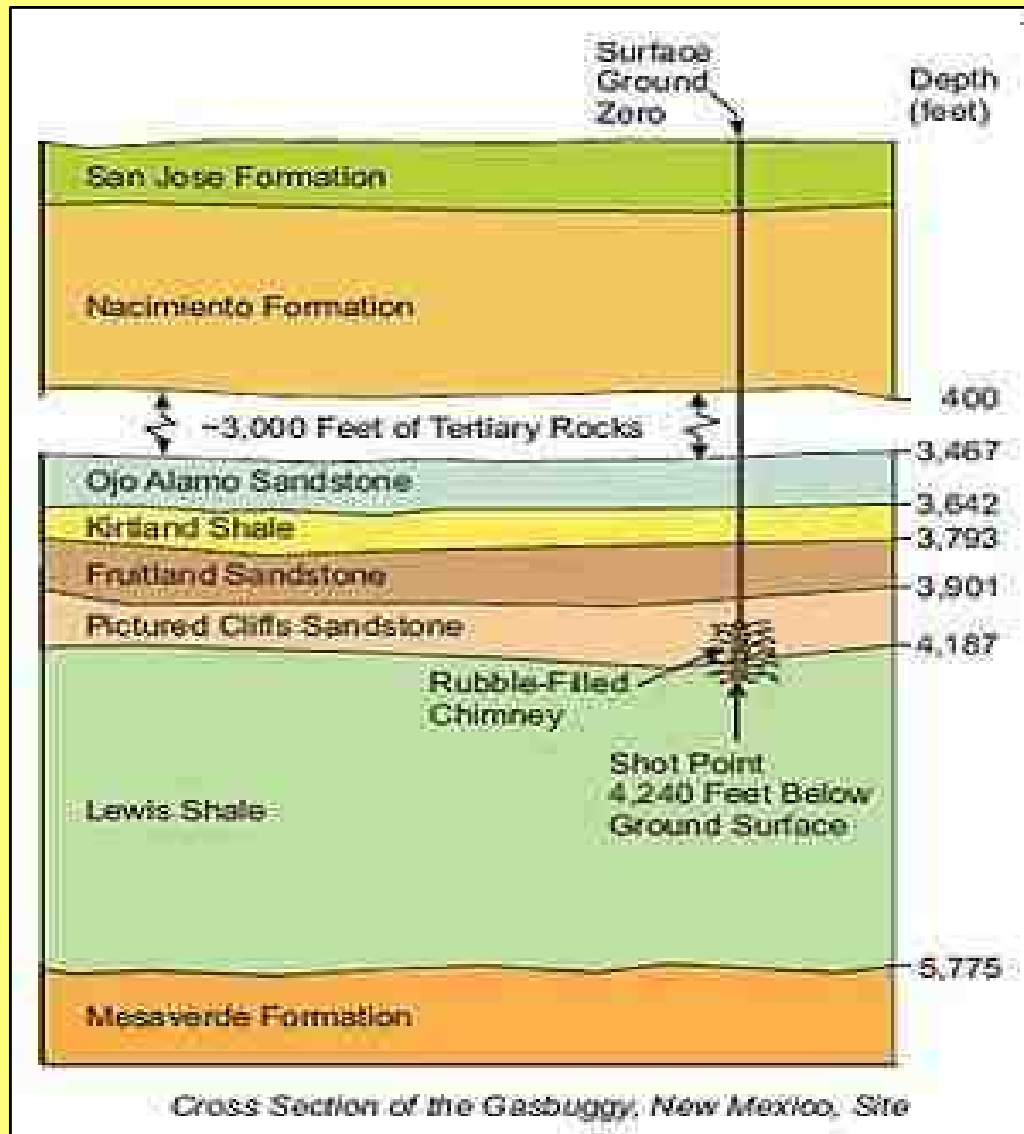
**13-ft 18-in 29 kilo-ton
nuclear device**

GASBUGGY

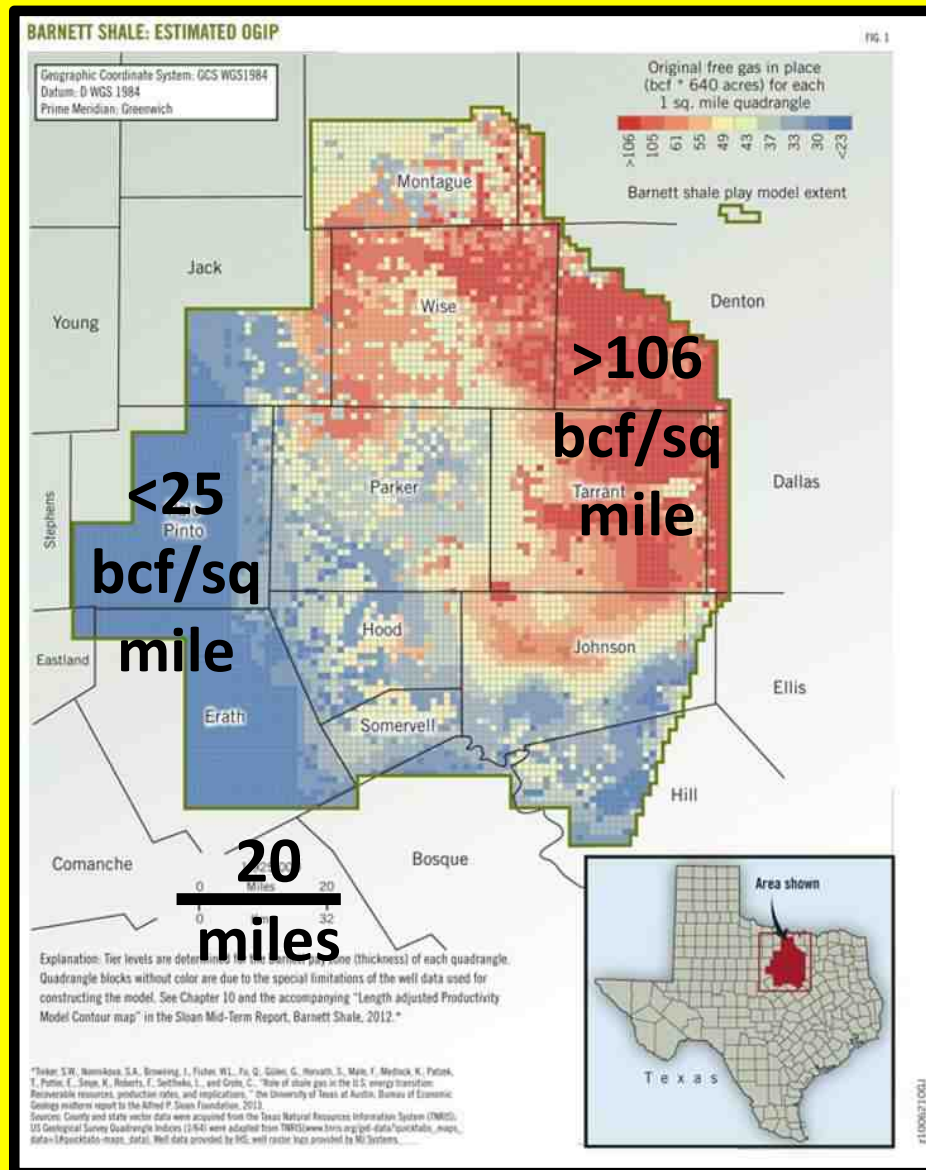
**lowered into a vertical
shale gas well**

**and detonated at
4,240 ft**



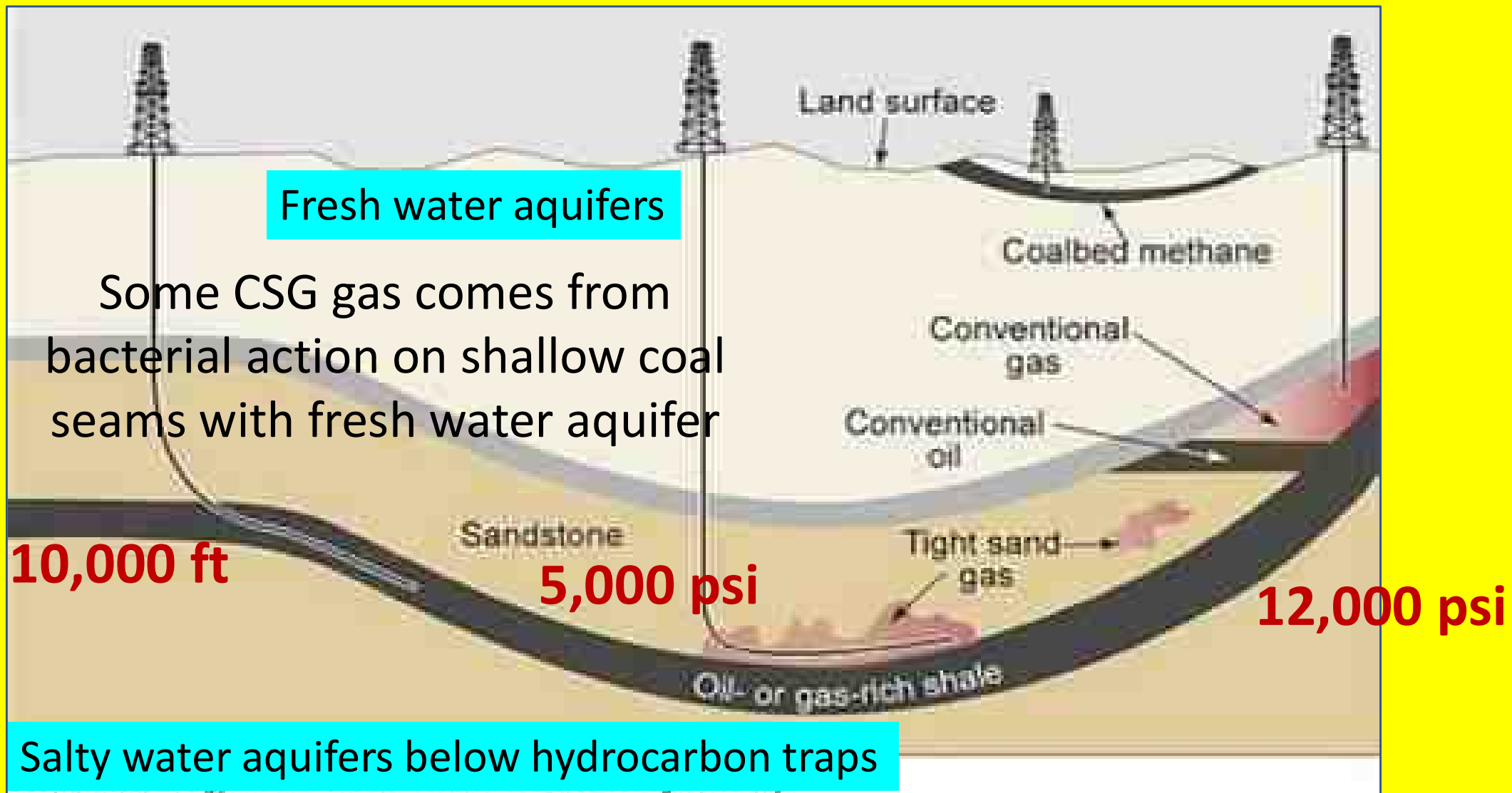


Oops!
Big glass lined
cavity and a handful
of tritium
contaminated gas



1997 Mitchel Energy carried out first 'slick water' frac in the Barnett Shale directly below Fort Worth Texas

800,000 gallons and 200,000 tons sand



Finding and extraction costs for shale gas are **\$2 to \$3** per unit, versus **\$5 to \$6** per unit for conventional onshore natural gas

Fresh water aquifers

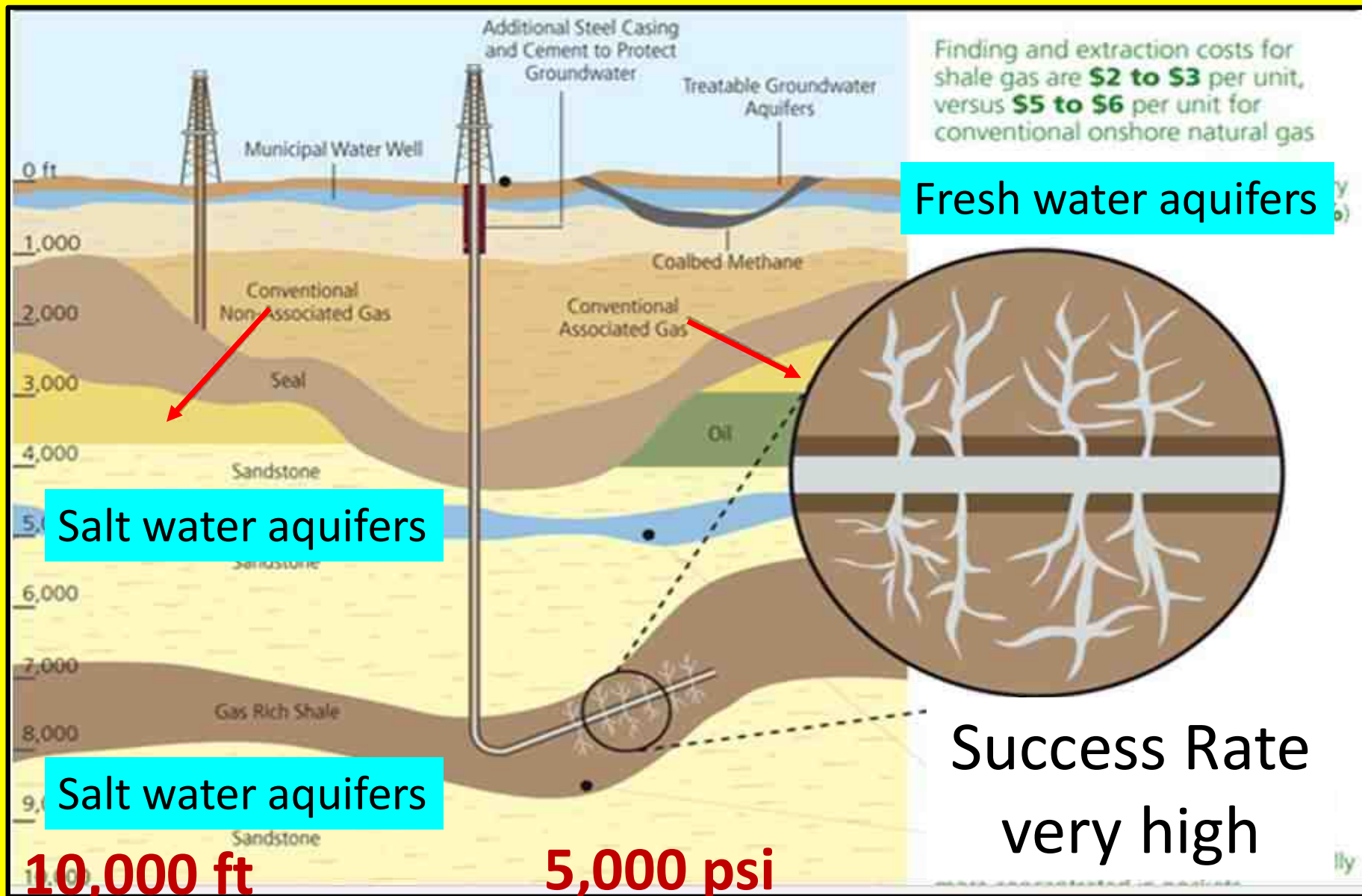
Salt water aquifers

Salt water aquifers

10,000 ft

5,000 psi

Success Rate
very high

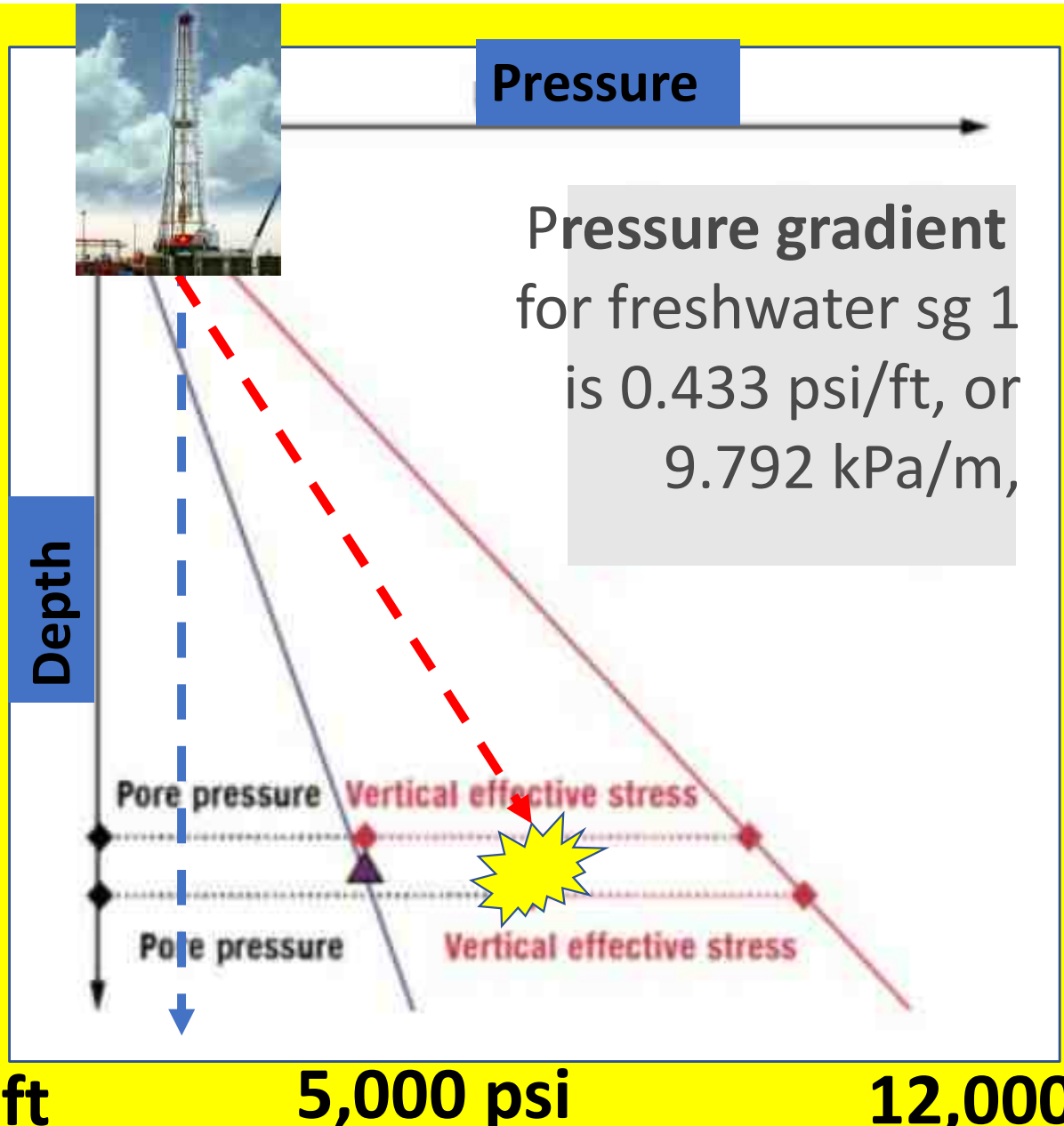


Water not compressible

GAS is
1 cc bubble
of gas will
double
volume as
pressure
halves

BLOWOUT

10,000 ft



Drilling fluid
can be water
diesel, gas or
air

Weight of
fluid stops
formation
fluid flow
into the
borehole and
losses into
the
formation



Blowout 1971: Darvaza, Turkmenistan, Gates of Hell



Blow Out Preventer BOP

Stops fluid escaping from well

Annular Preventer

Rubber seal closes on drill pipe

Pipe Rams

Metal seal closes on drill pipe

Shear Rams

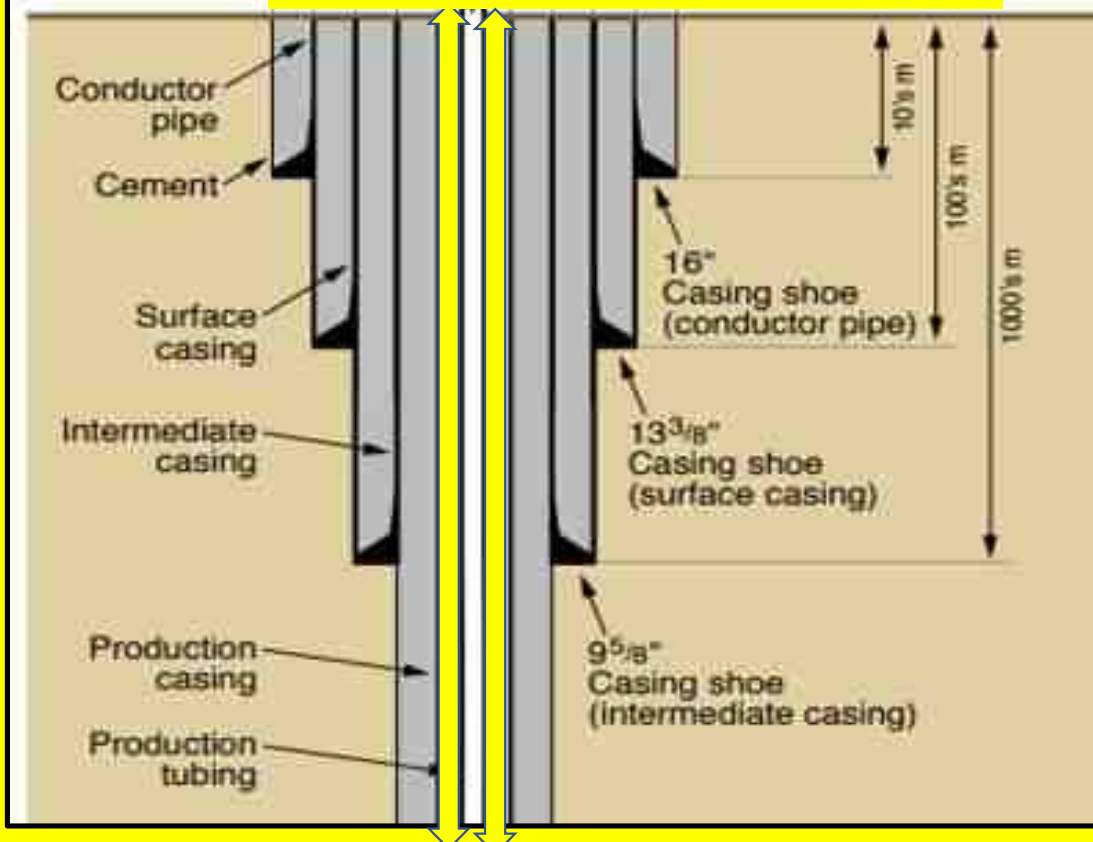
Metal blades cut drill pipe

Blind Rams

Seals when no drill pipe or cable



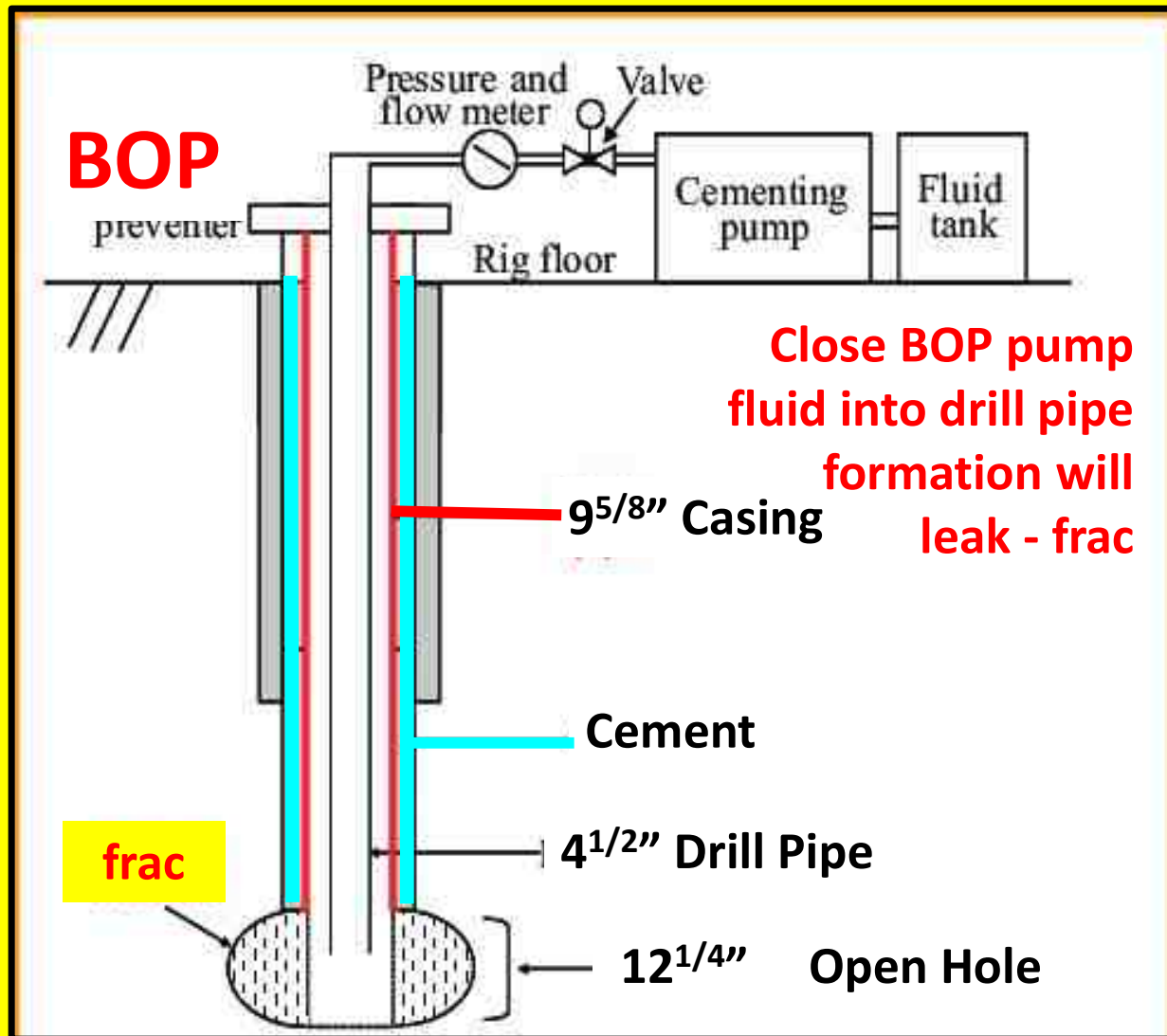
**Each casing string
cemented to
formation**



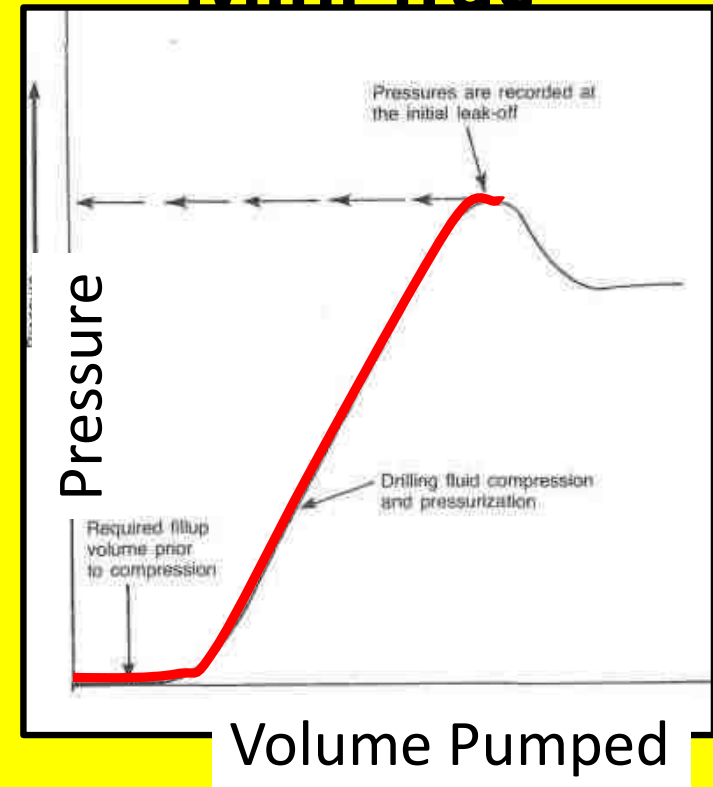
20" Top Hole
16" Conductor Csg
13^{3/8}" Surface Csg
9^{5/8}" Intermediate
7" Production Csg
4" Production Tubing

**Annulus filled
with cement
Fracking is through
Production Casing**

Casing integrity



Leak-off test Mini-frac



**Tests cement to
casing bond**

DRILLING
(Hydraulic Fracturing)

**Close BOP and pump fluid
drill pipe formation will frac**

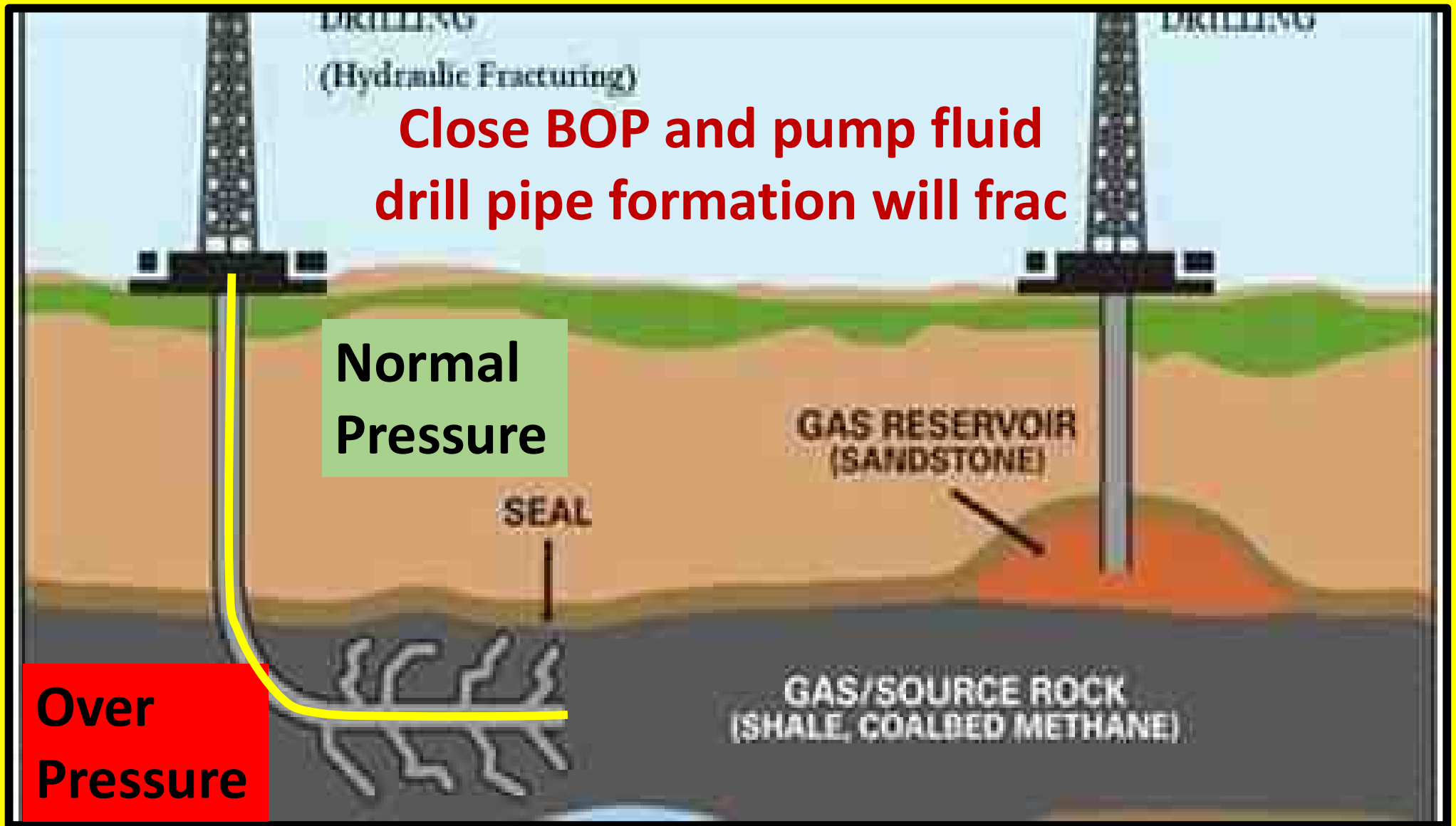
**Normal
Pressure**

GAS RESERVOIR
(SANDSTONE)

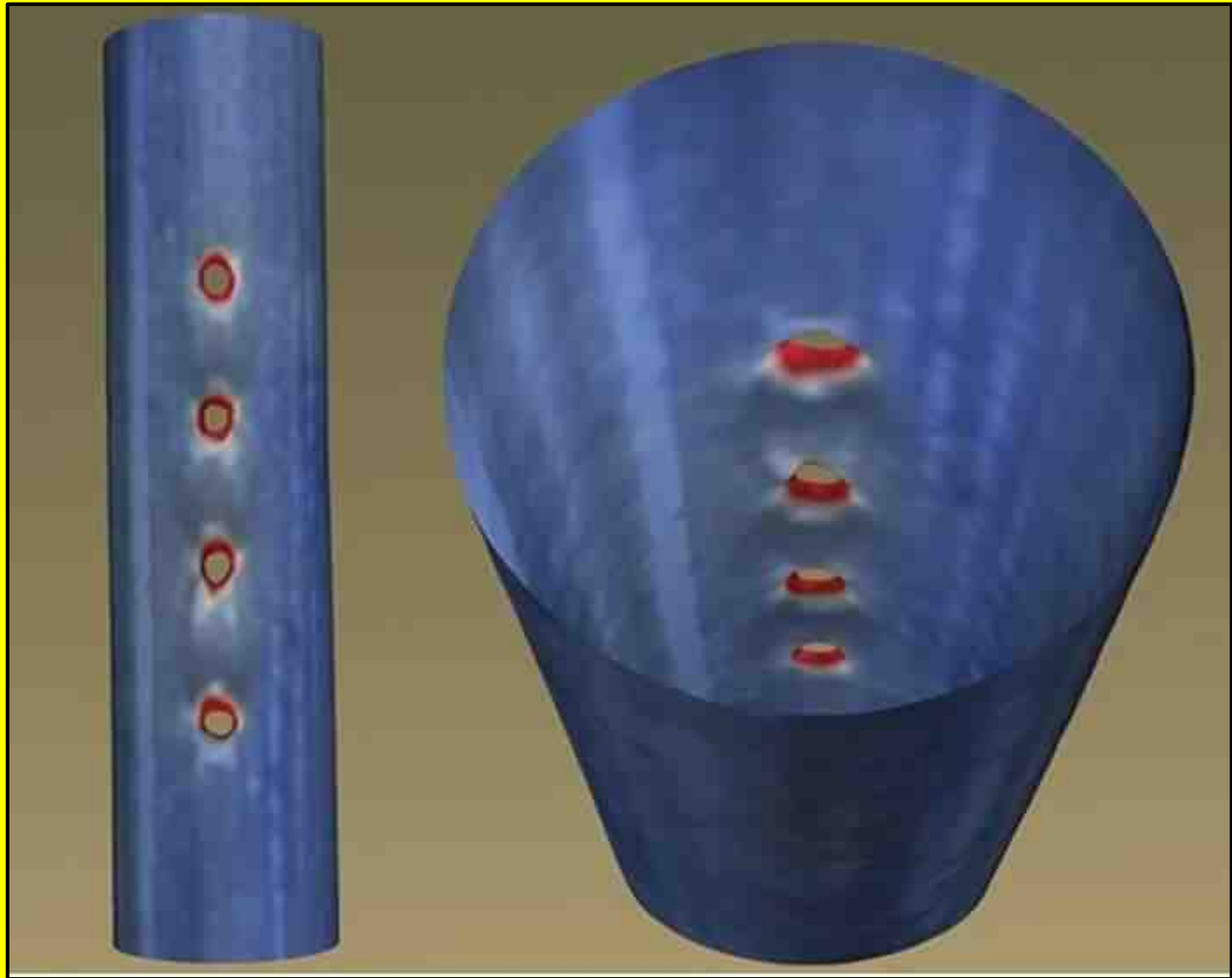
SEAL

**Over
Pressure**

GAS/SOURCE ROCK
(SHALE, COALBED METHANE)



Perforated casing



Multi stage Frac

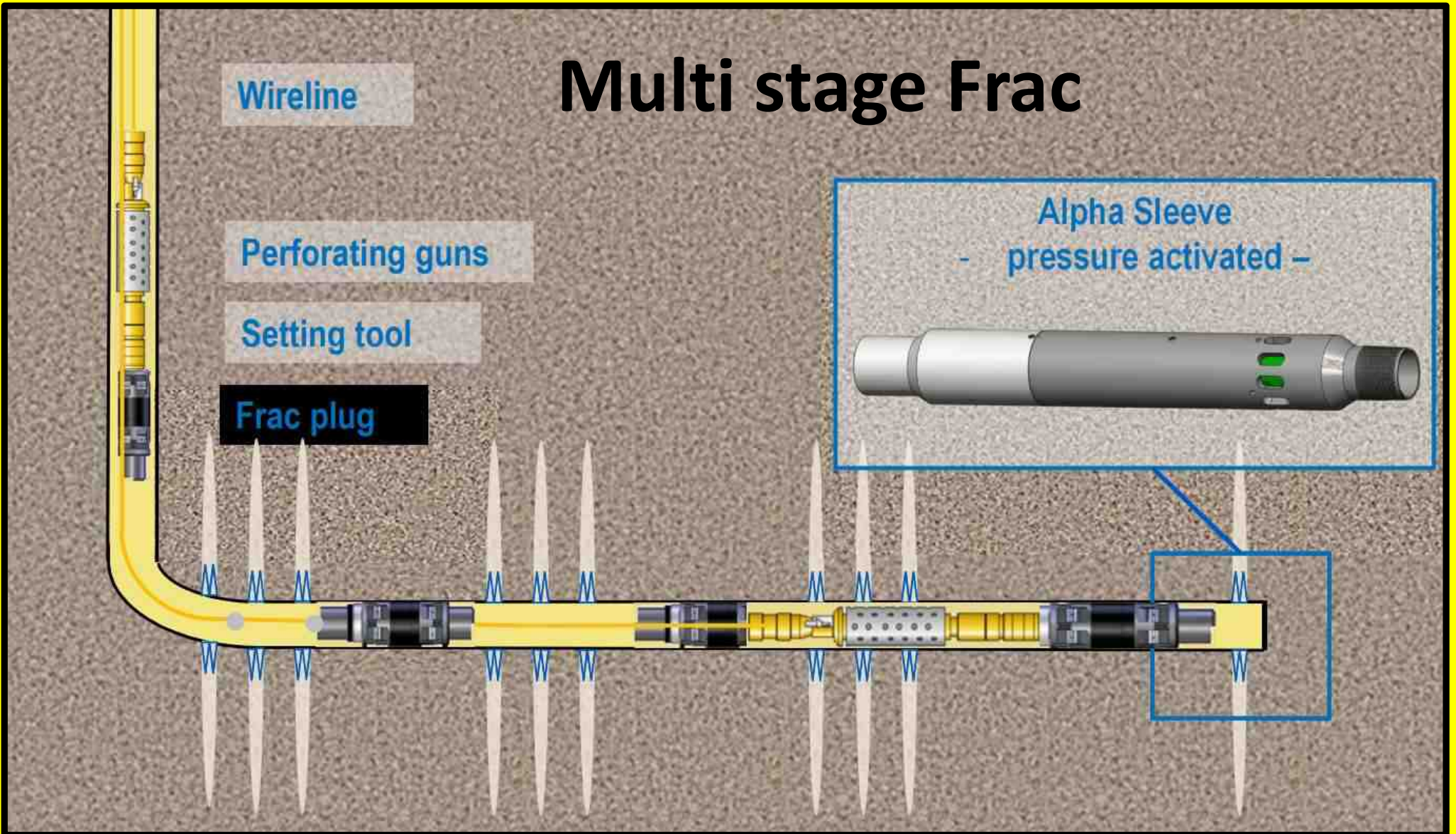
Wireline

Perforating guns

Setting tool

Frac plug

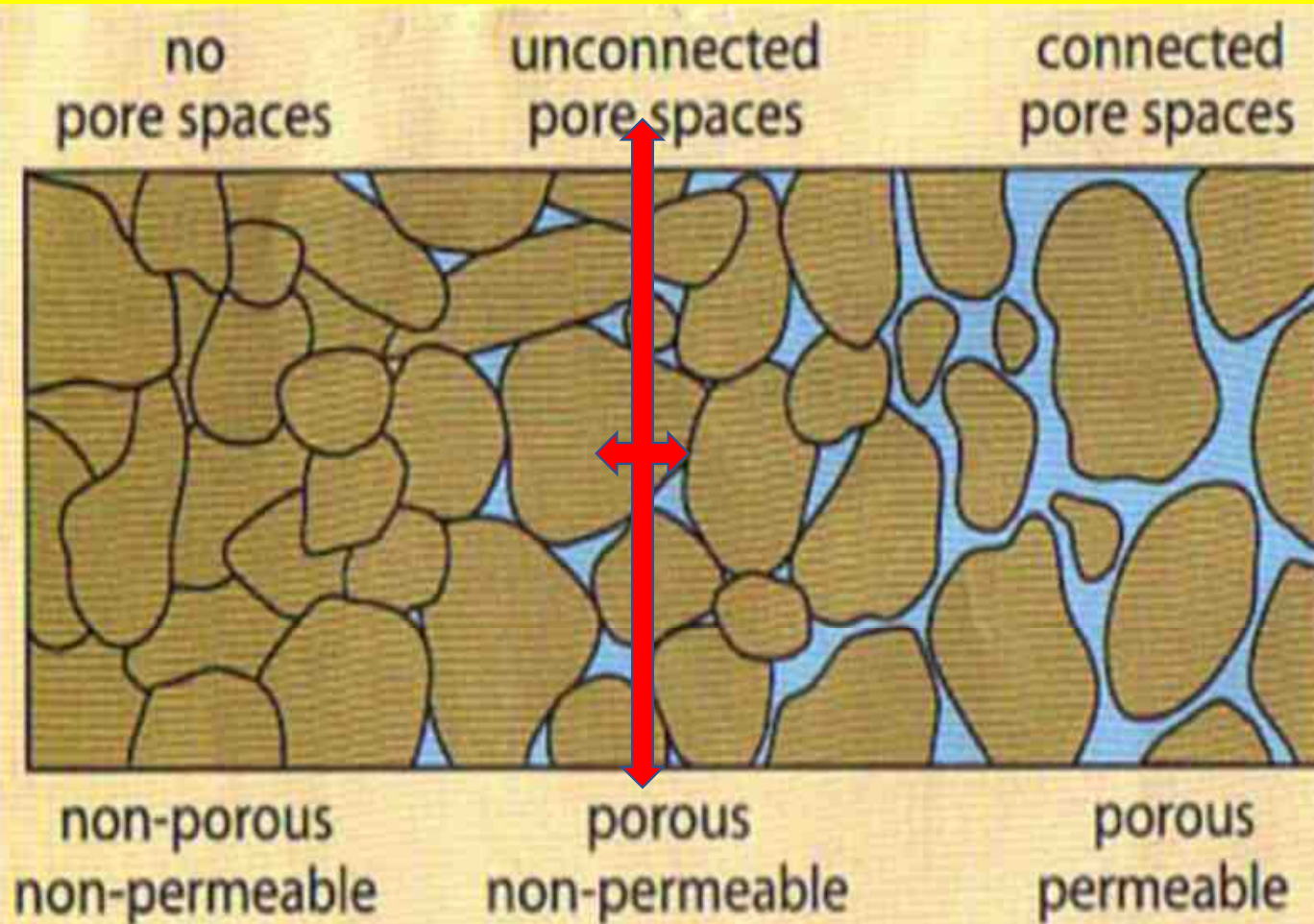
Alpha Sleeve
- pressure activated -



0% - 5%

5% - 20%

25% - 40%

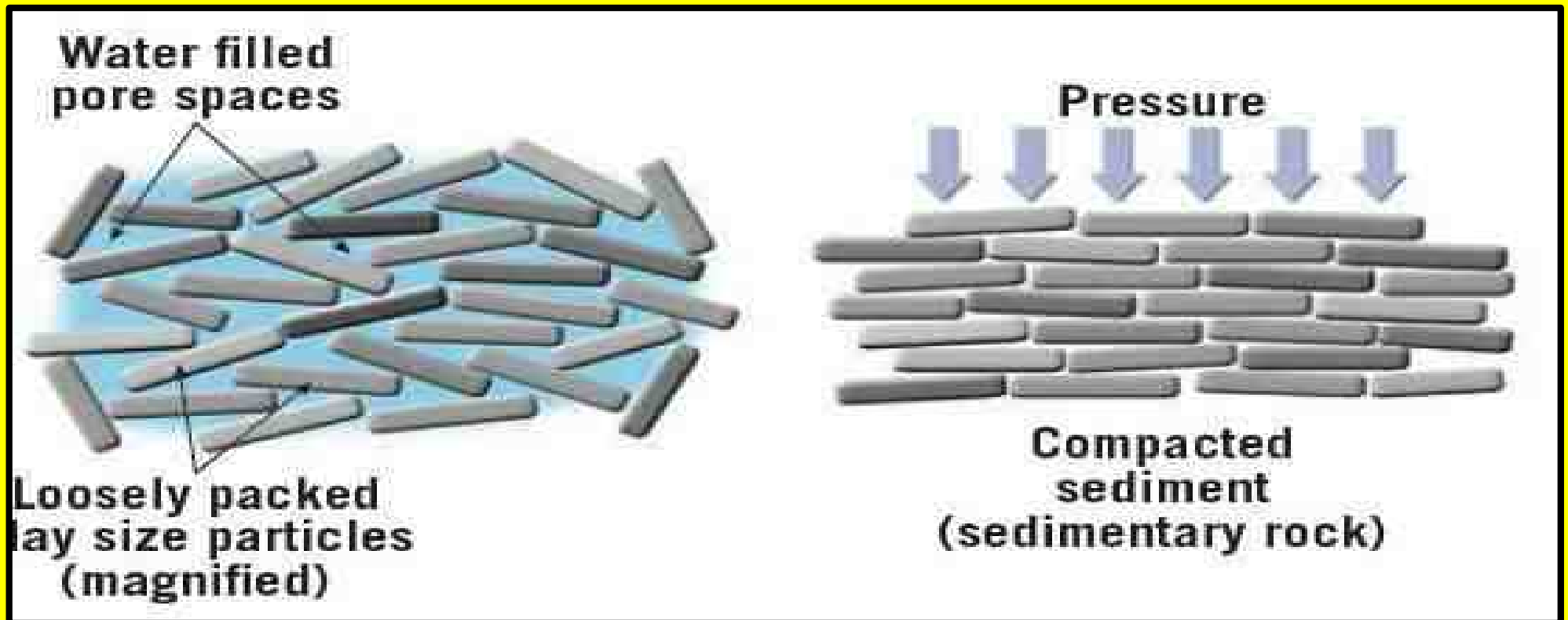


Hydraulic Fracking, inject water and sand

**45%
Porosity
High
Permeable**

**Low Porosity
Low Perms
Shale & Coal
Frac**

**0% Porosity
Nil Perm
Seal**



Burial
Compaction
&
Cementation

J₂

J₂

J₂
J₁
Dewatering
&
Folding

Fracking is natural and happens all the time

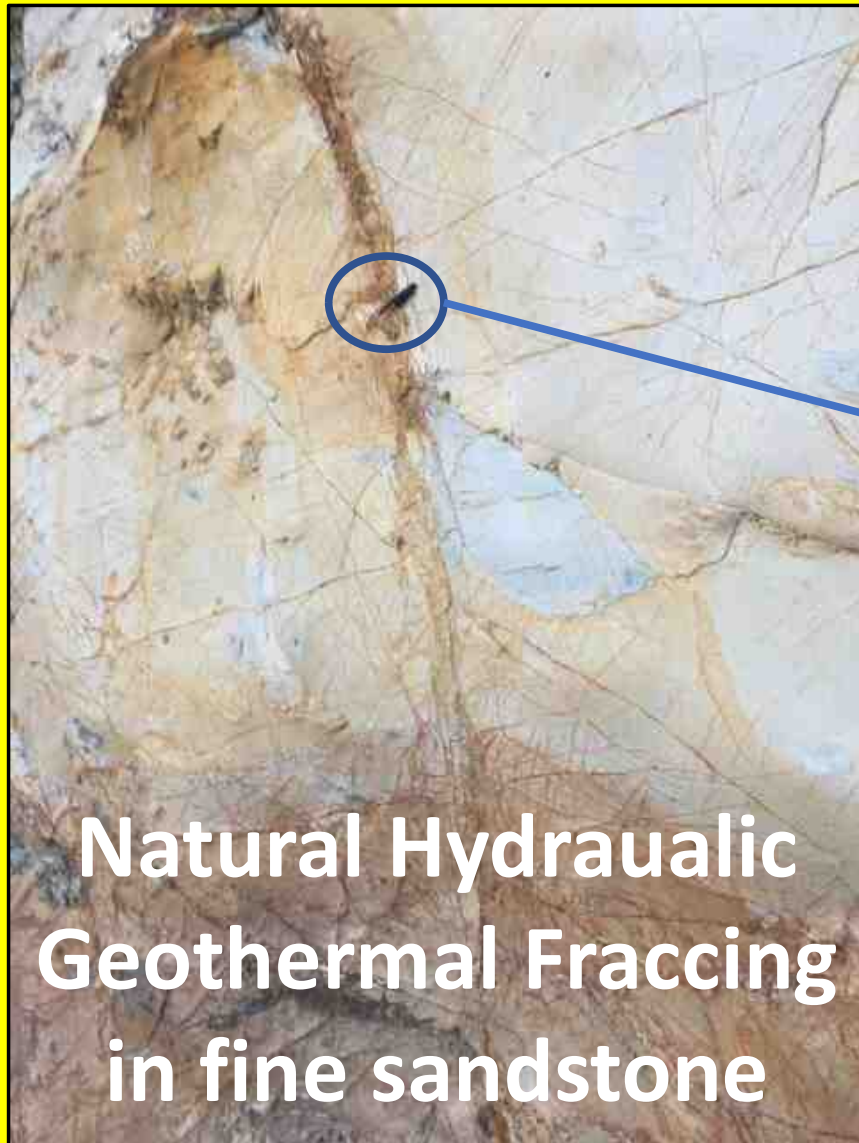


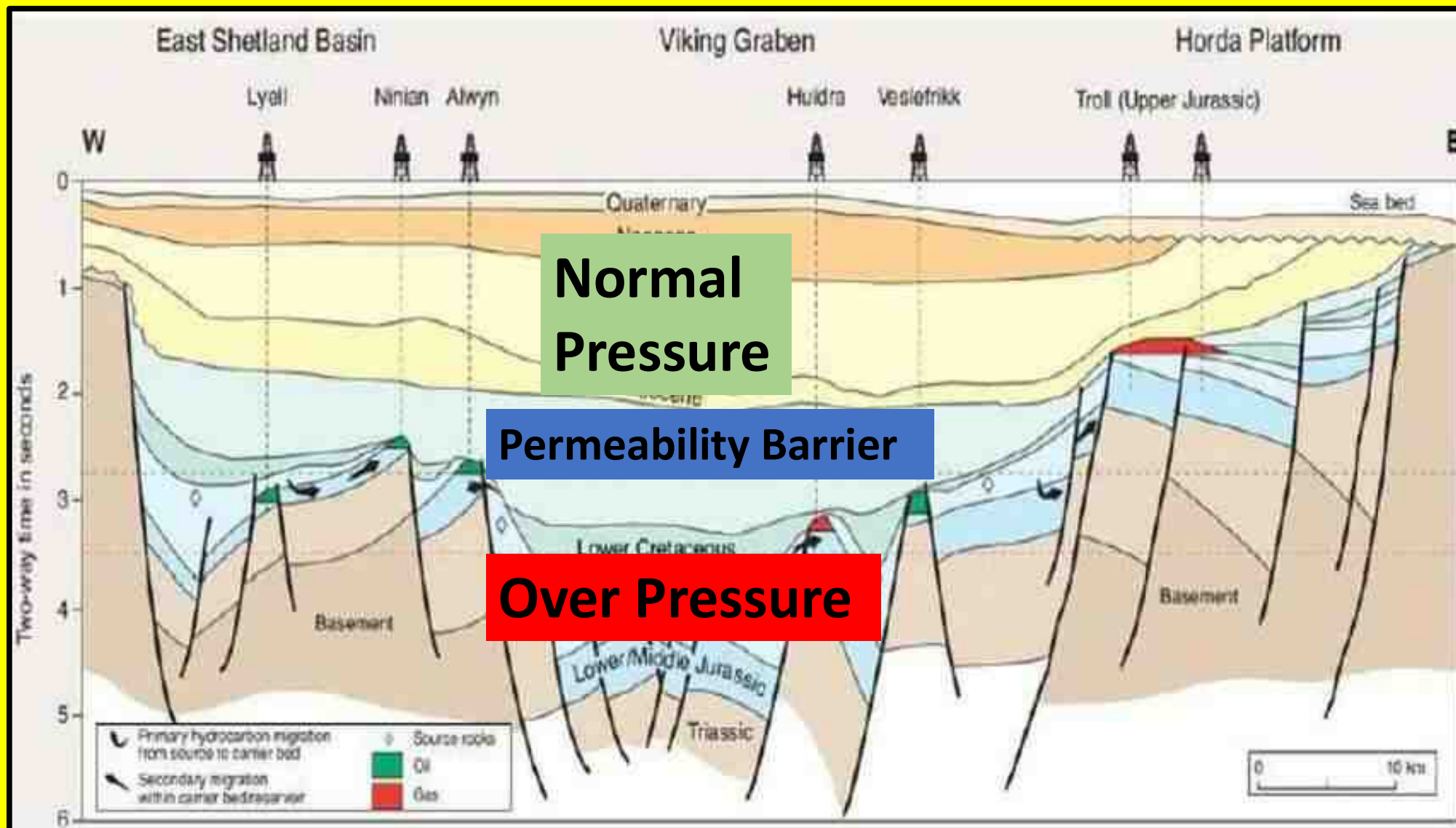
Figure 9: Polished section of HQ (61 mm) core showing structure. Vertical dots at 2.5 mm spacing, horizontal dots at 5 mm spacing

**Fracking is
natural
and
happens
all the
time**

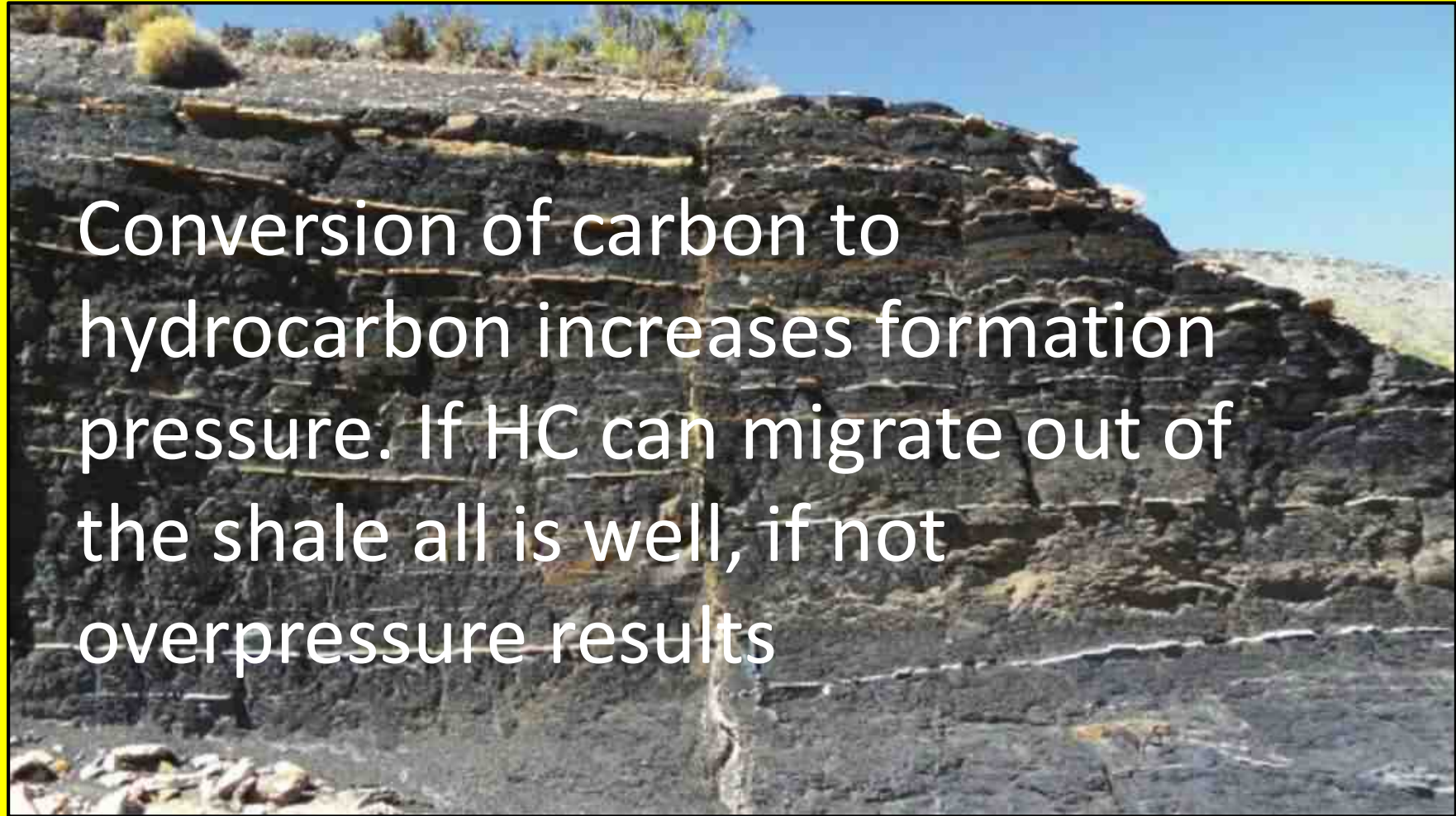
Coal

Spasmodic Fraccking Burleigh Heads



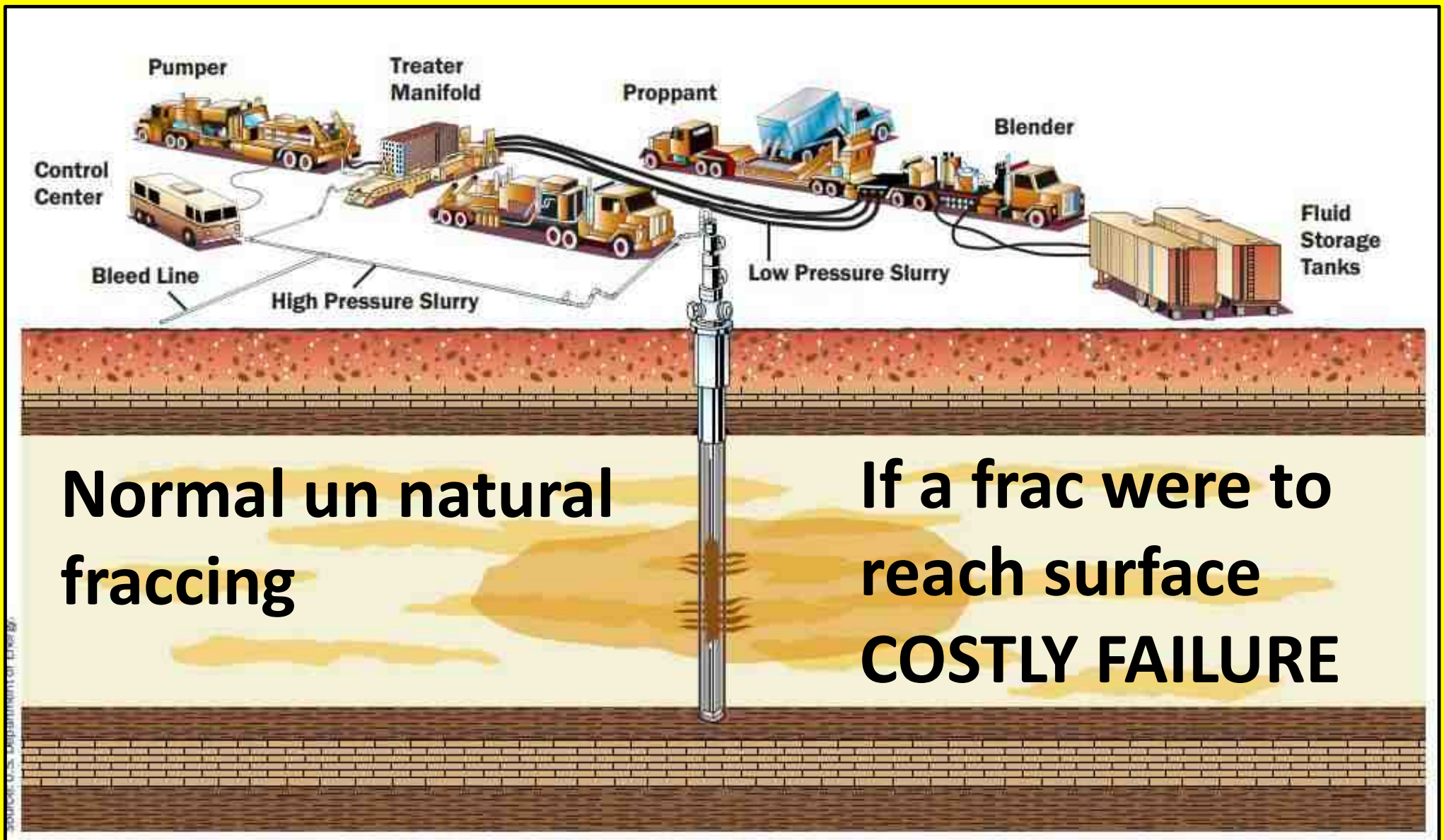


Natural Hydraulic Frac in shale source rock



Conversion of carbon to hydrocarbon increases formation pressure. If HC can migrate out of the shale all is well, if not overpressure results

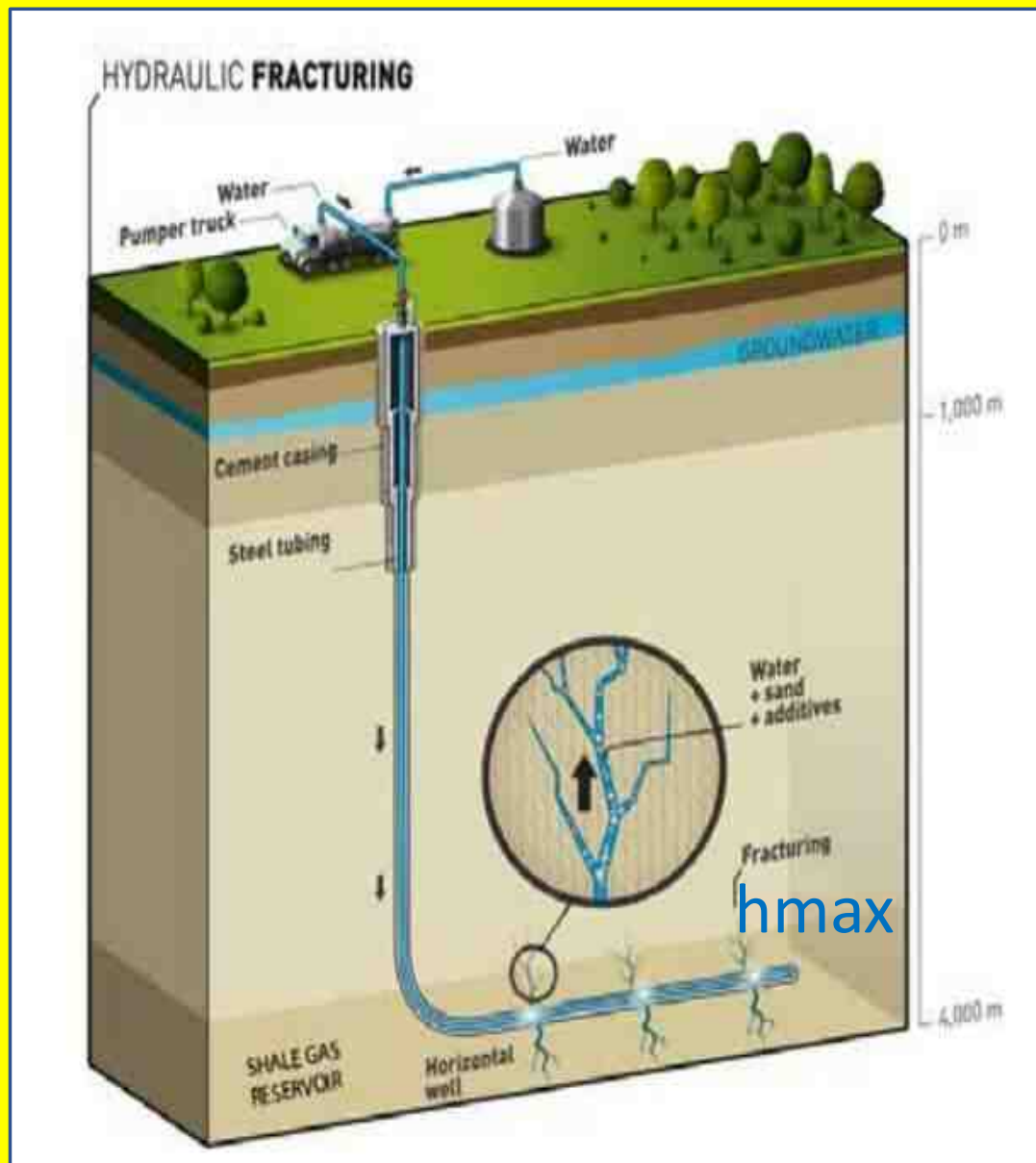
Once deeply buried and over-pressured shale source rock



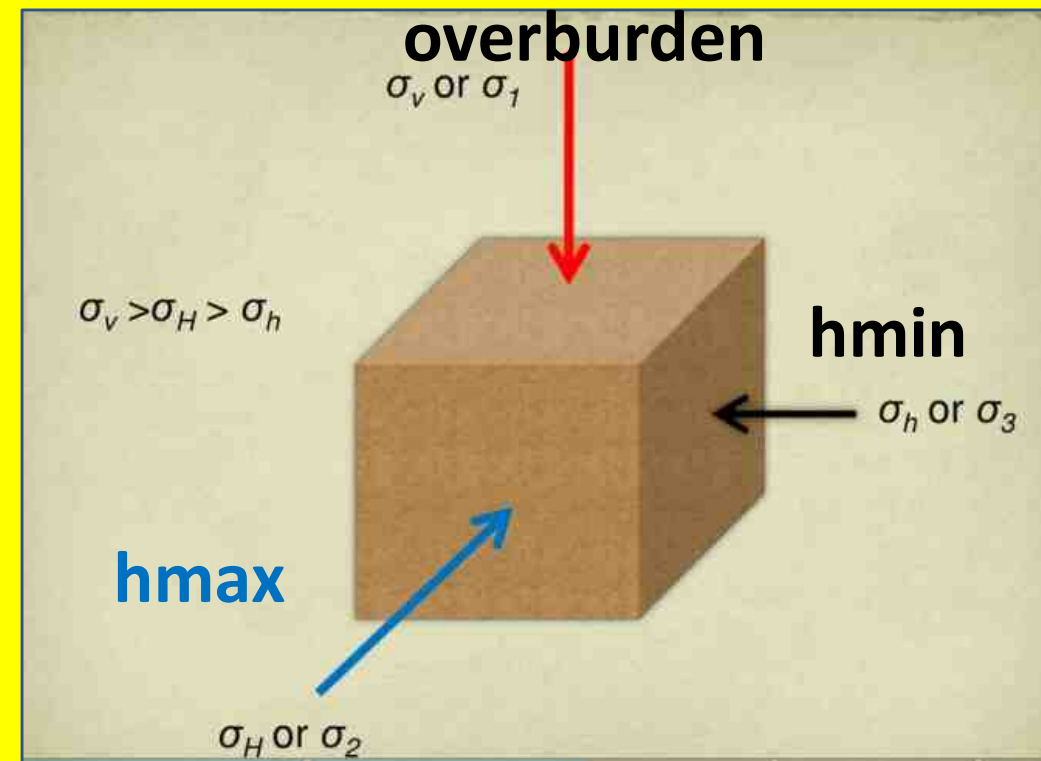
**A BIG
FRAC**

BOP





Principal (Vertical) Stress

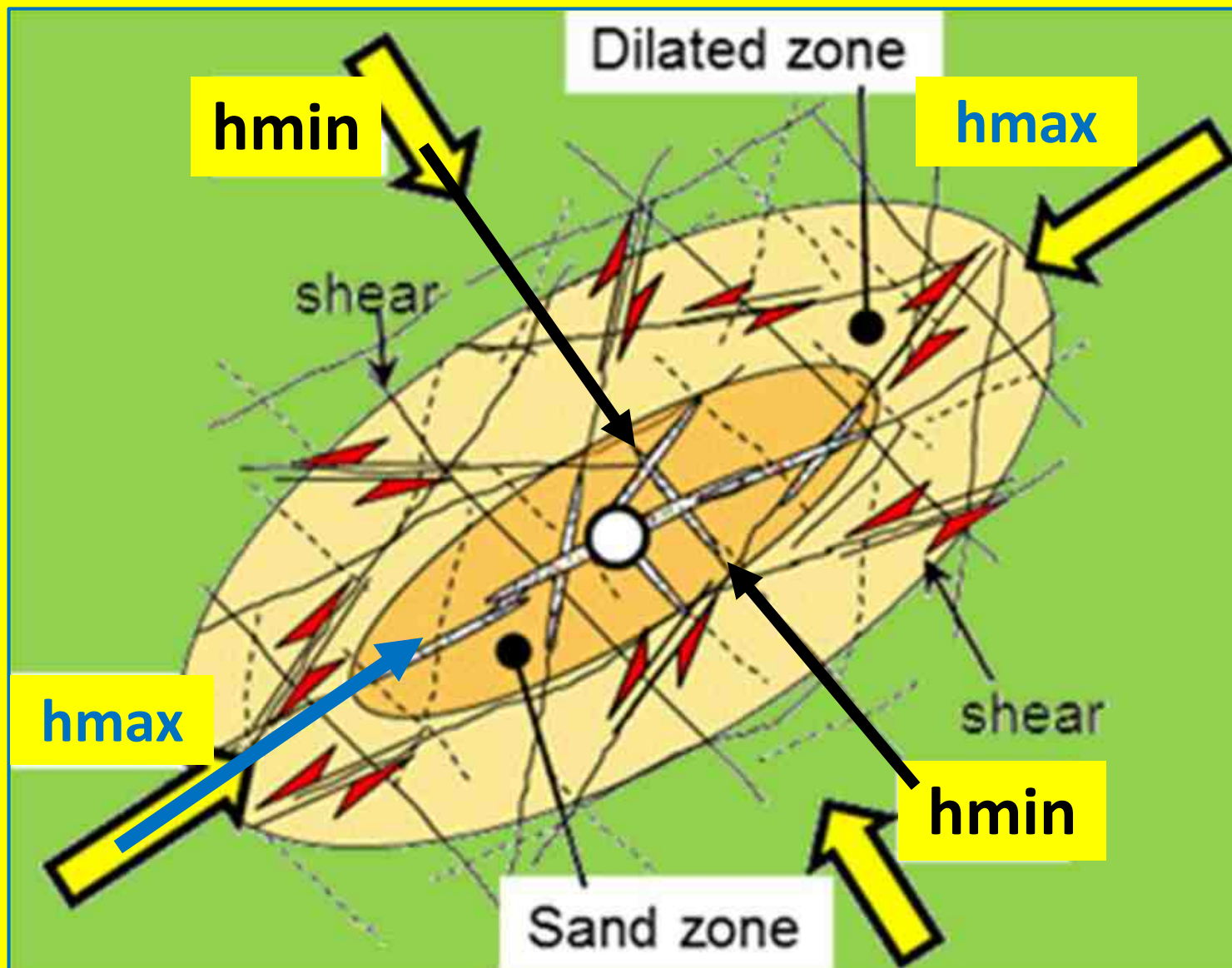


Horizontal Stress

In linear elastic, homogeneous, isotropic, and intact rock, the hydraulic fracture is expected to be vertical and **perpendicular to the minimum horizontal stress (σ_{hmin})**.

Vertical
well Frac

Develop
at right
angles to
 h_{min}



HYDRAULIC FRACTURE
DIRECTION

LEAST PRINCIPAL
STRESS

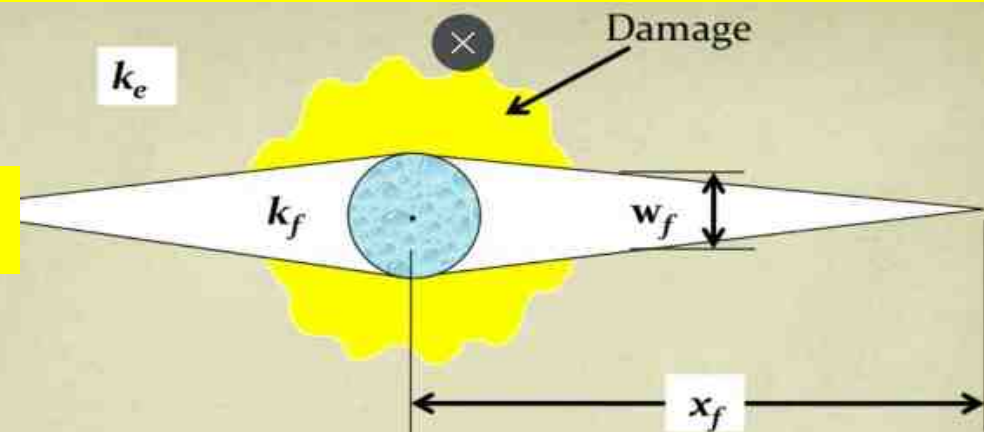
k_f = Fracture permeability
 k_e = Formation permeability
 x_f = Fracture half-length
 w_f = Fracture width

Vertical well

h_{max}

Vertical
fracture

h_{min}



h_{min}





Proppant

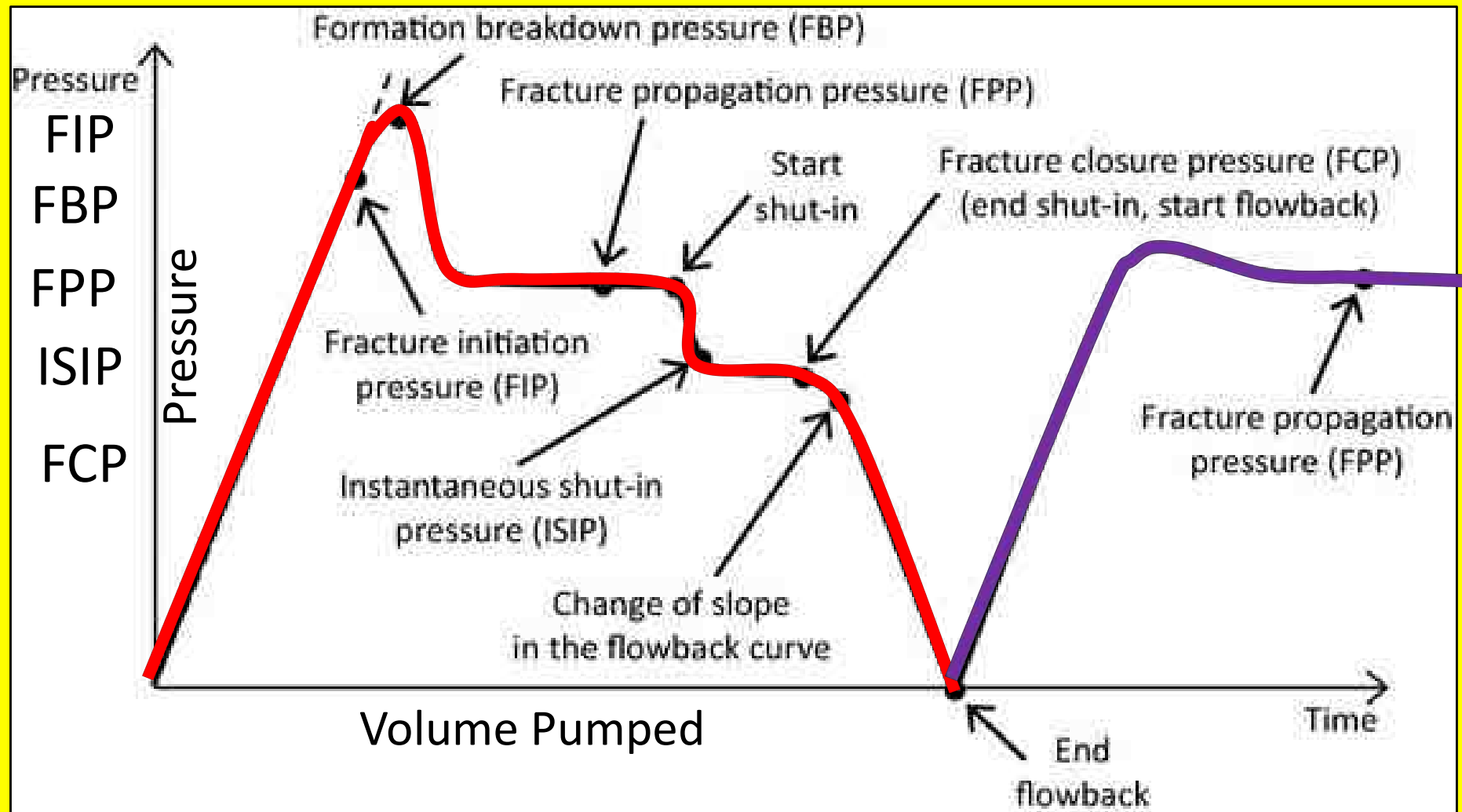
Frac Sands

A geological and industry overview



Frac sand added to fracturing fluids to keep fractures open to allow production

Hydraulic Fraccing Initial Leak-off then FRAC



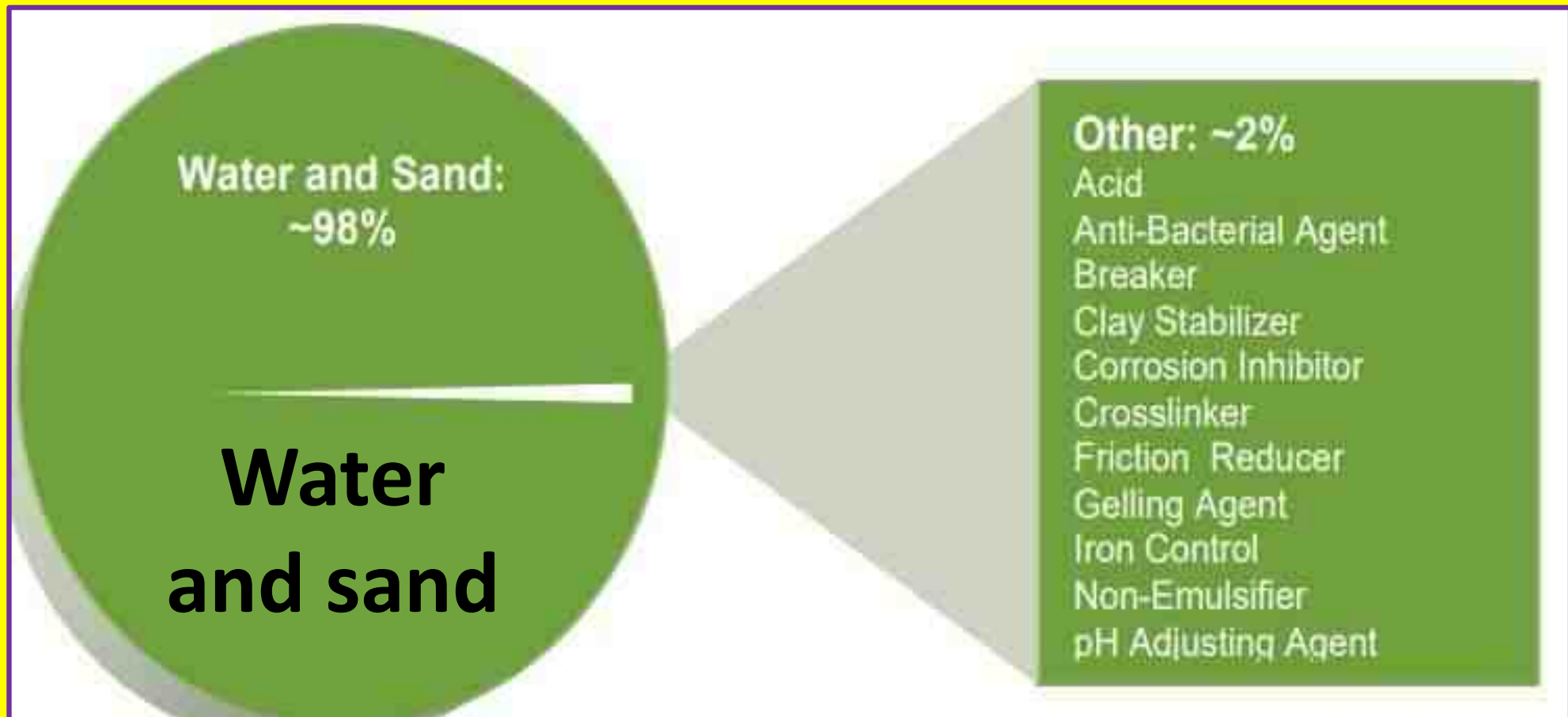
Typical
Proppant
Squeeze
Volumes
900 tons
sand
2.8 million
litres H2O

1.8 Million lbs proppant
600,000 lbs 100 mesh
1,200,000 lbs 20/40 sand

18,000 barrels fluid

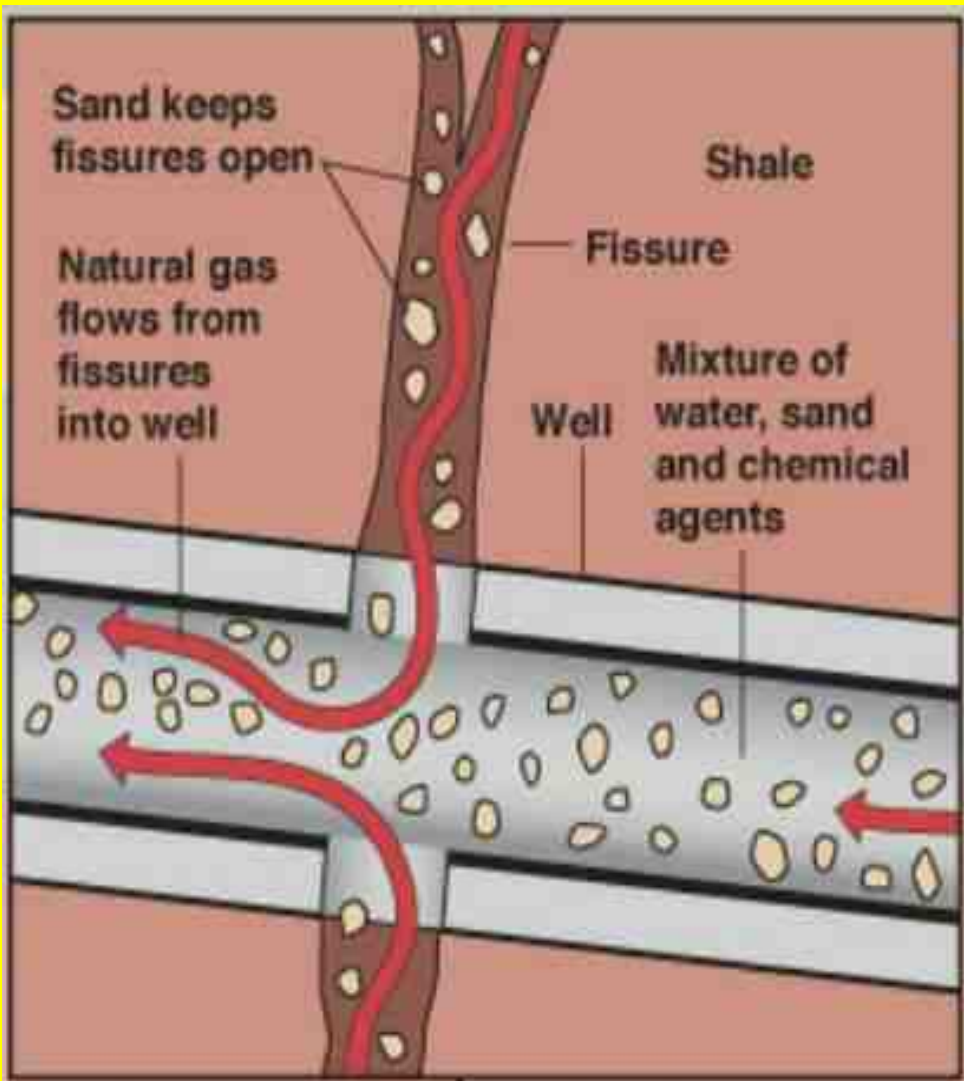
30-40 BPM 4,770 – 6,360 LPM

Continuous 10-12 hrs. pumping



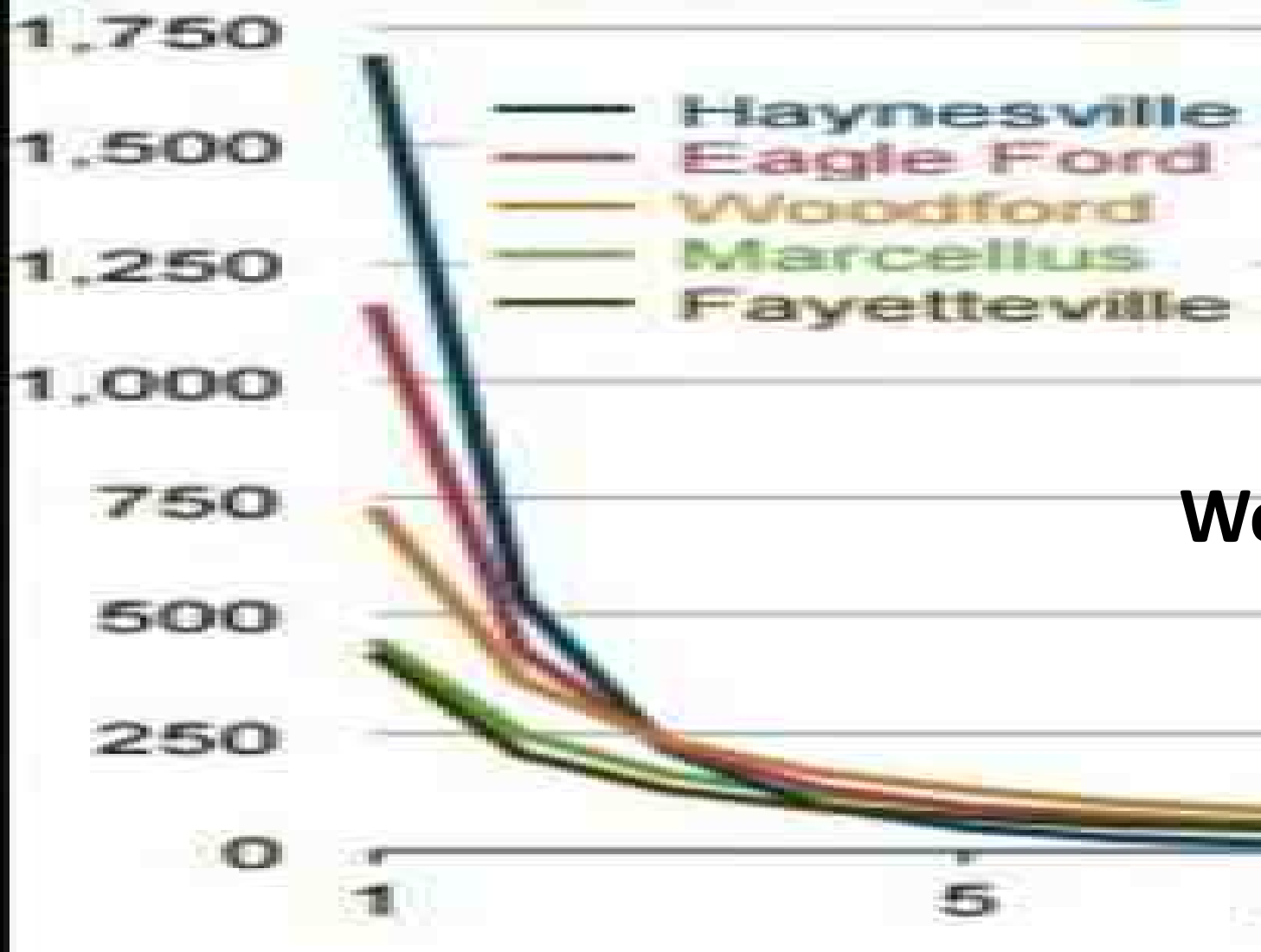
FEAR Claims > 40,000 chemicals per frac, 600 carcinogens, 30-50% of fluid recoverable and reused, rest goes into ground water which we drink.

Proppant Perm



100% Non-Toxic

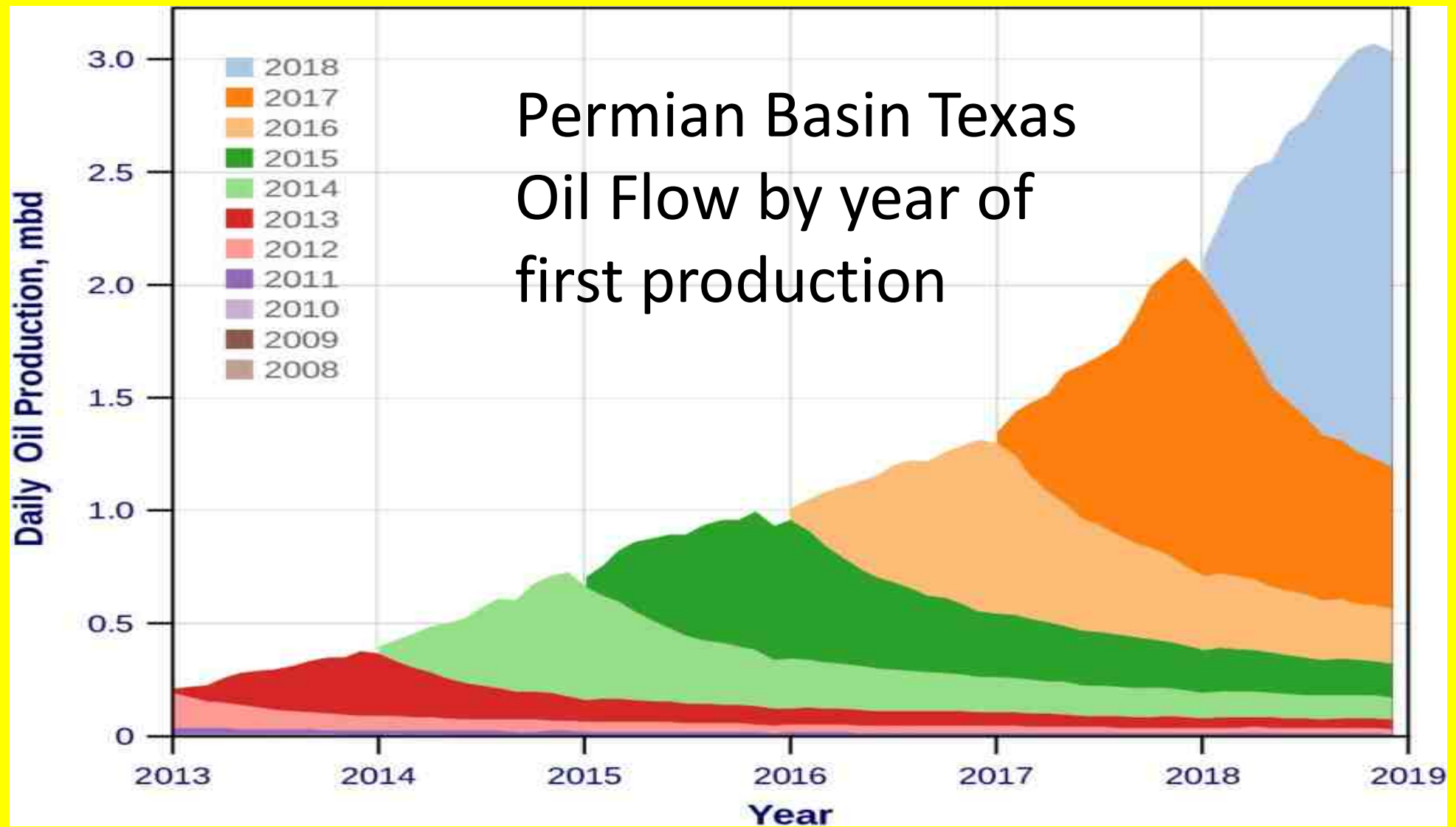
Guar	Ice Cream
Bentonite	Cat Litter
Borate	Hand Soap
Ammonium Persulfate	Oxidiser
Enzyme Breaker	Meat Tenderiser
Surfactant	Dishwashing soap
Acetic Acid	Vinegar
Triethanomaline	Fabric Softener
EDT Acid	Food Preservative



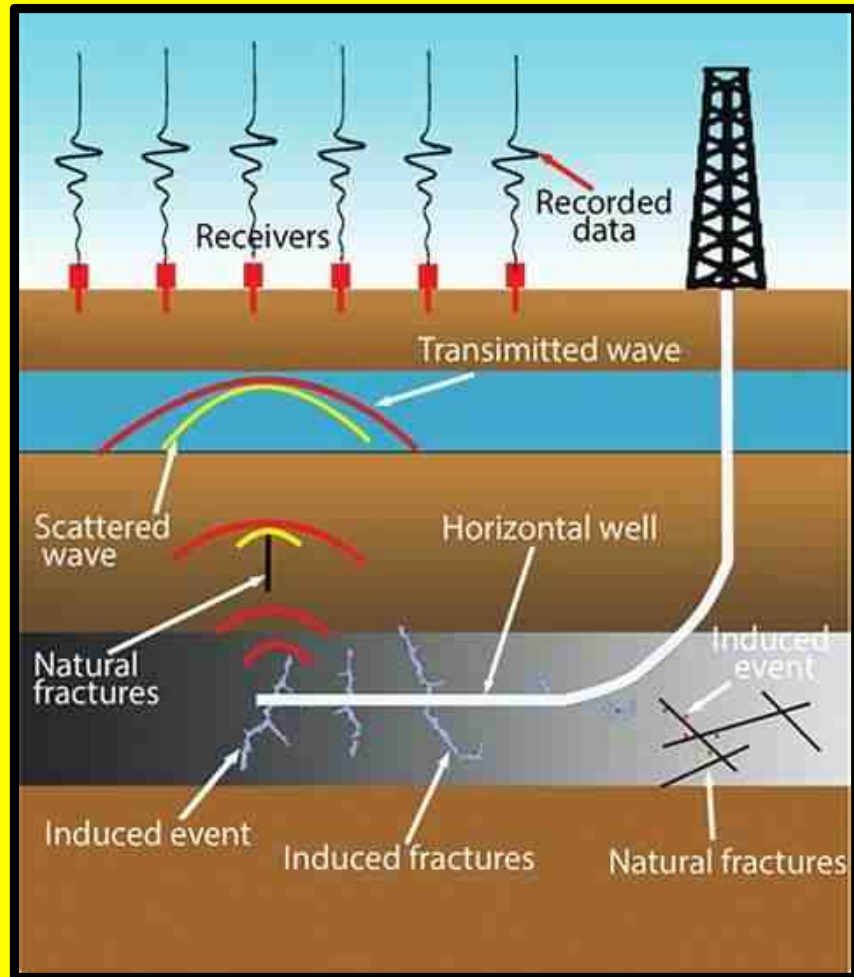
**Average
initial well
productivity
in mcf/yr**

**Wells may then
be re-fraced**

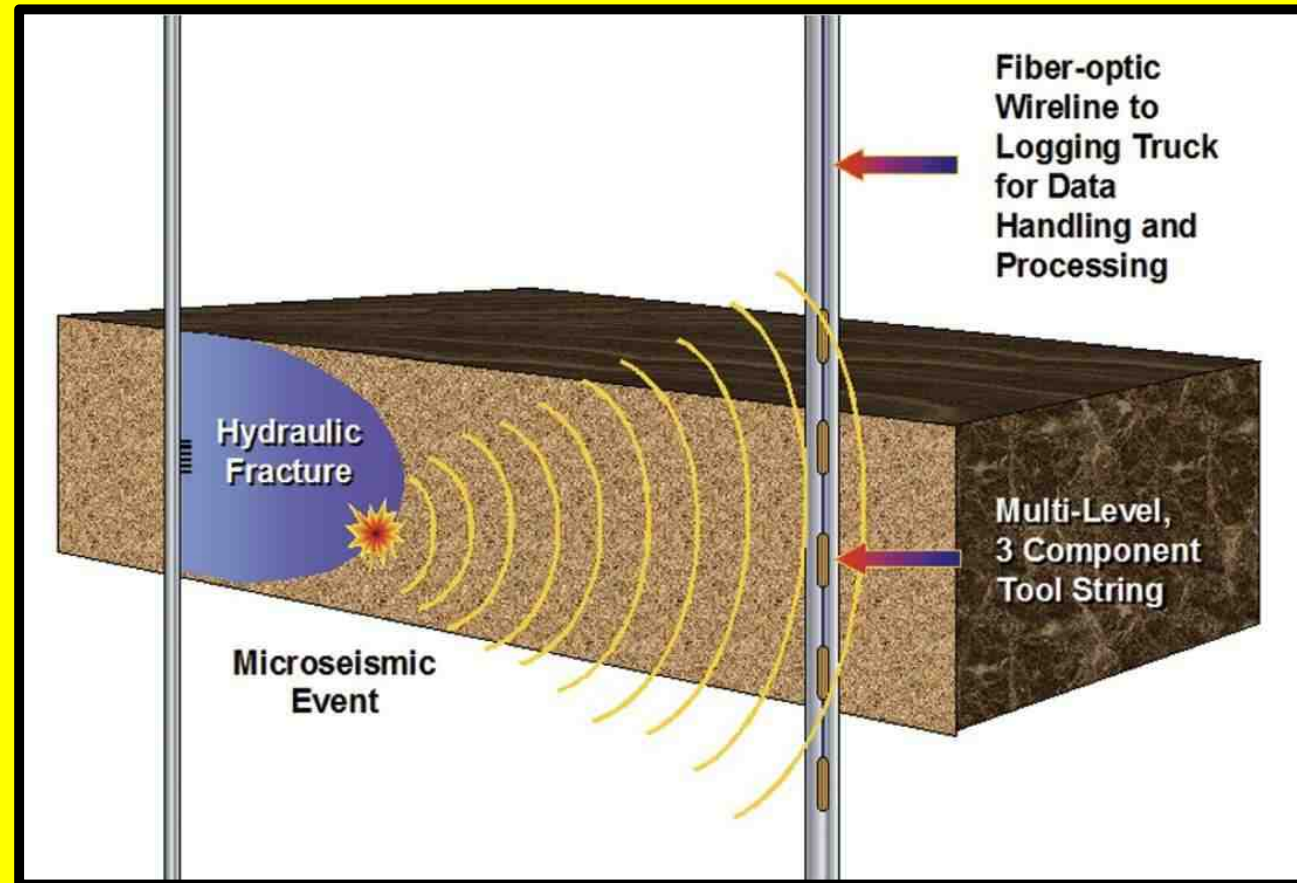
Permian Basin Texas Oil Flow by year of first production



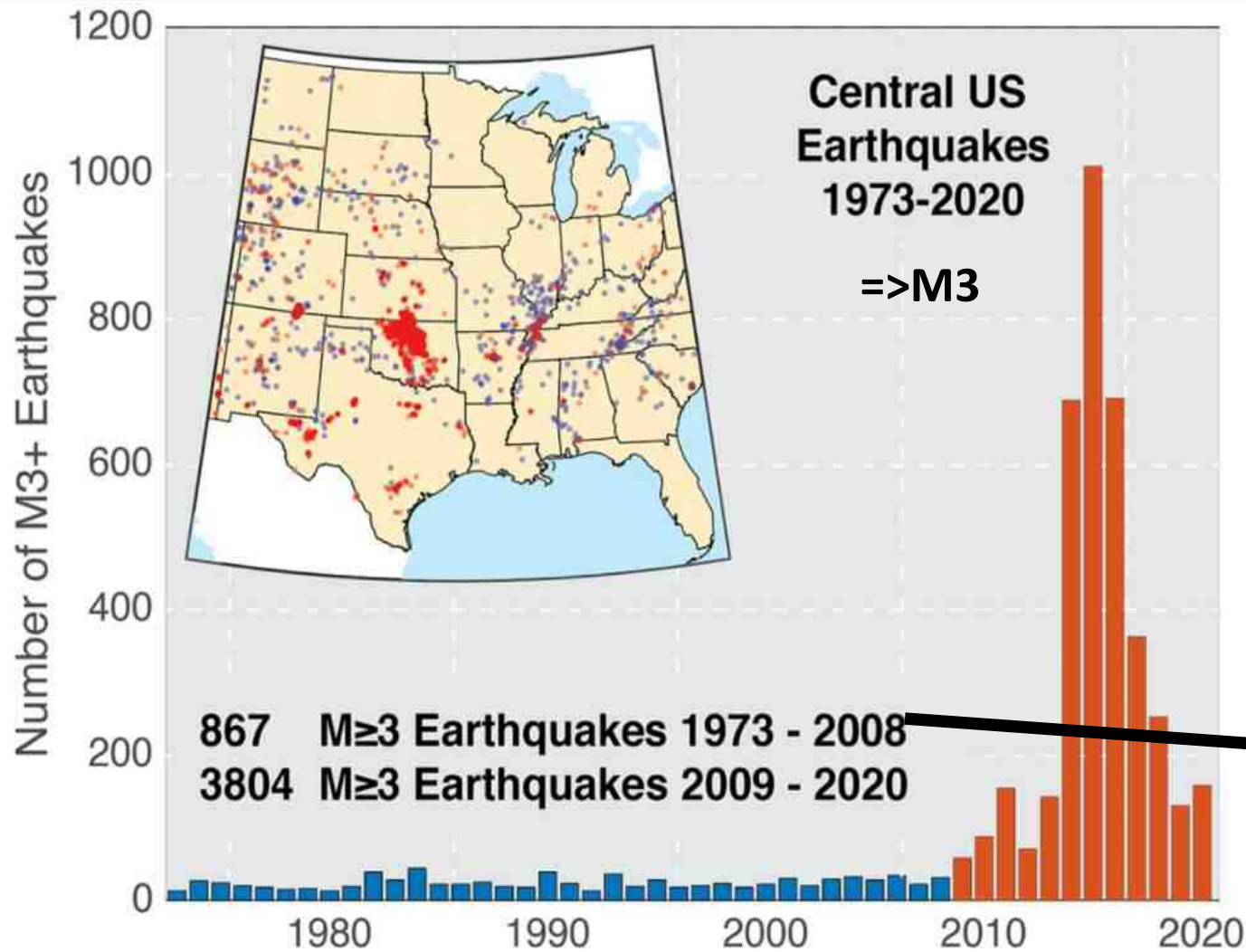
Horizontal Monitoring



Vertical Well Frac Monitoring



Fracking does not cause earthquakes. Disposal/injection of waste fluids does



Annual number of earthquakes with a magnitude of 3.0 or larger in the central and eastern United States,

1993 World Trade Center Bombing,



1993

1200-pound bomb in parking garage created
hole 200 by 100 ft several stories deep

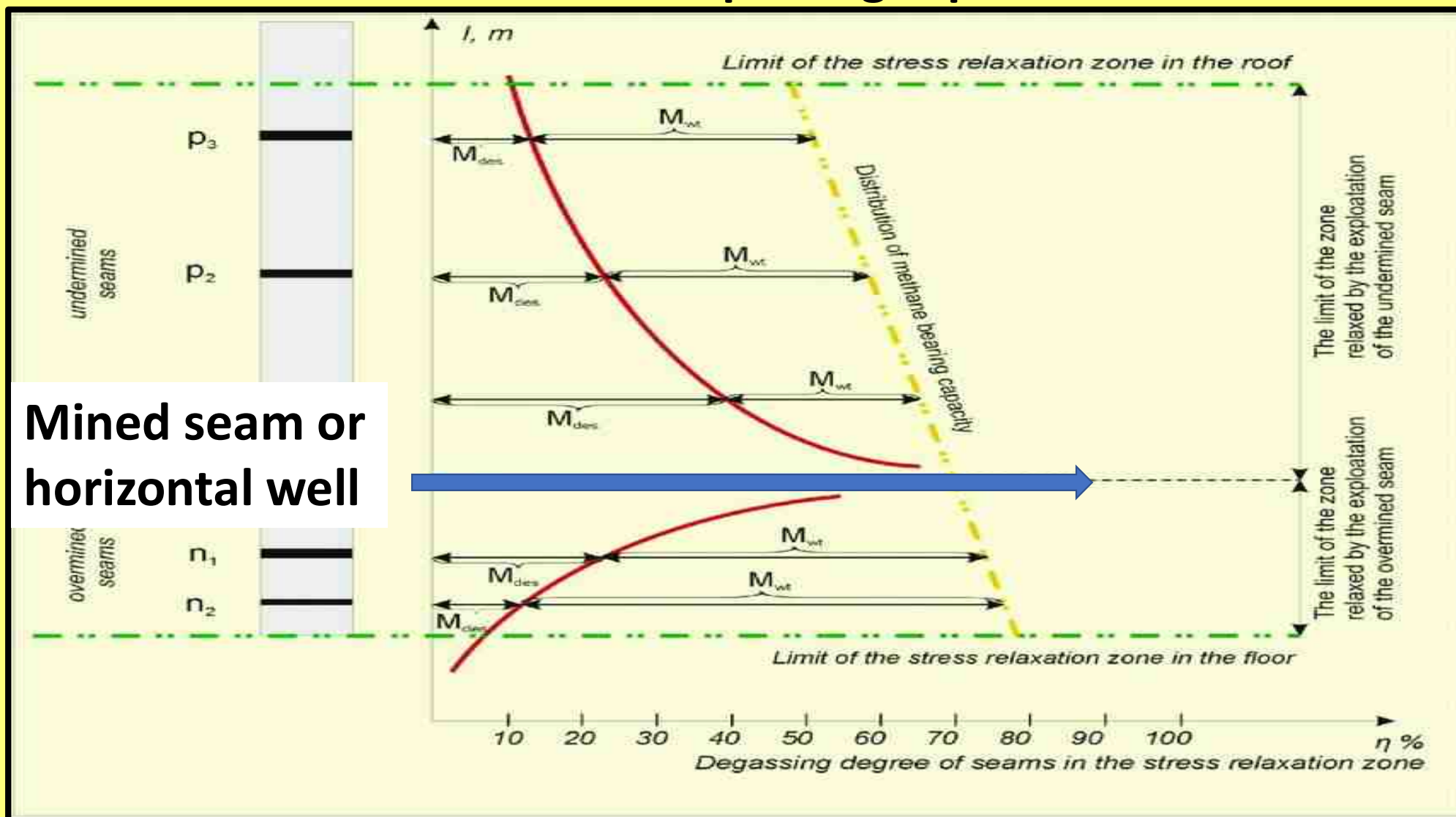
But did not fracture the building

Fraccing isn't always violent



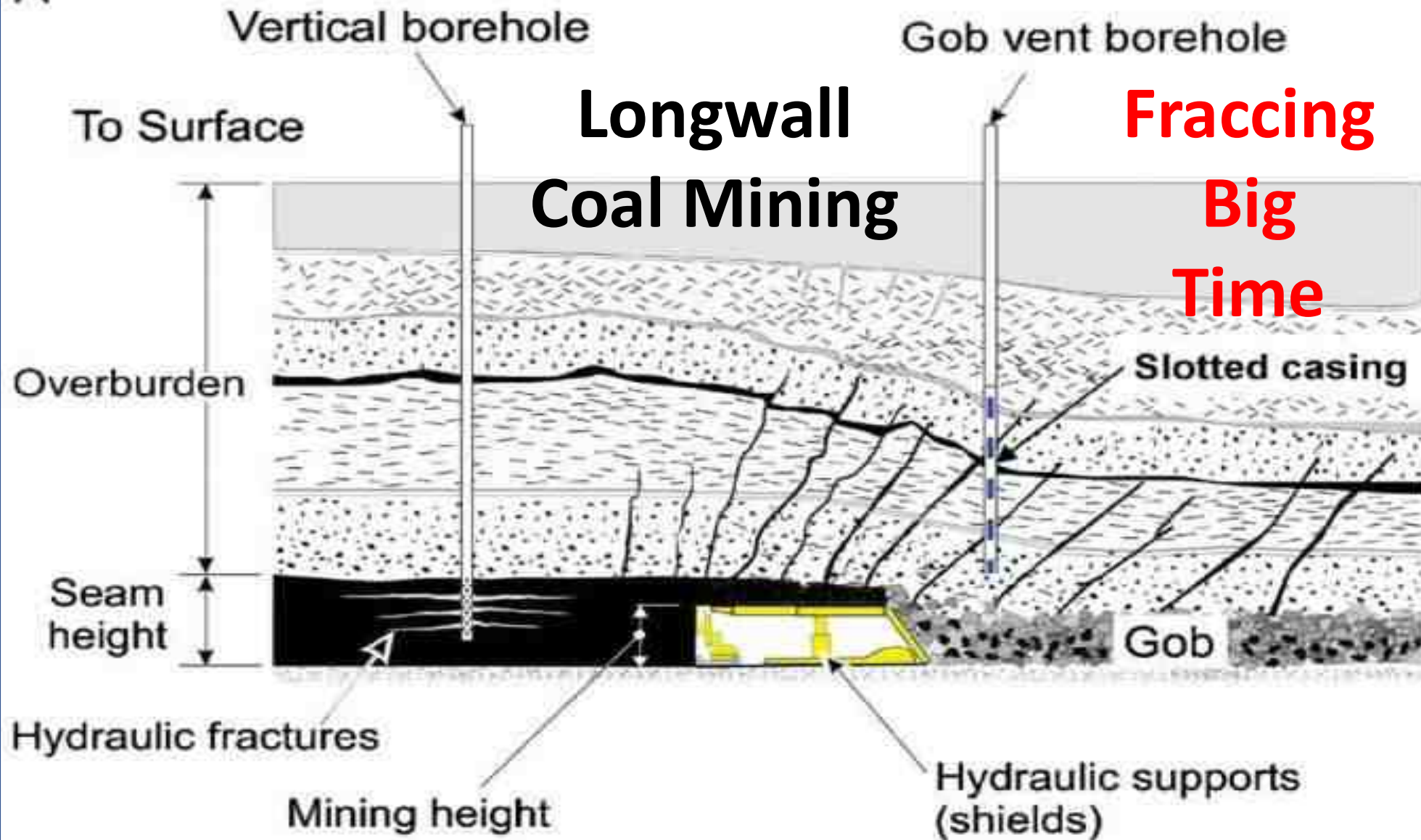
**Hydrocarbon production from fraccing
Lowers formation pressure**

Stress relaxation Pressure drop and gas production



Longwall Coal Mining

**Fracking
Big
Time**



Wind Farm Footprint

**Horse Hollow Wind Farm in
Texas, is a 735.5MW facility
from an area of 47,000 acres**



Kwinana WA gas-fired
co-gen **power station**

Capacity **320 MW**

Half of Horse Hollow

**Footprint ~4 ha
or 10 acres**

compred to 47,000



Compared to 7 Kwinanas 70 acres

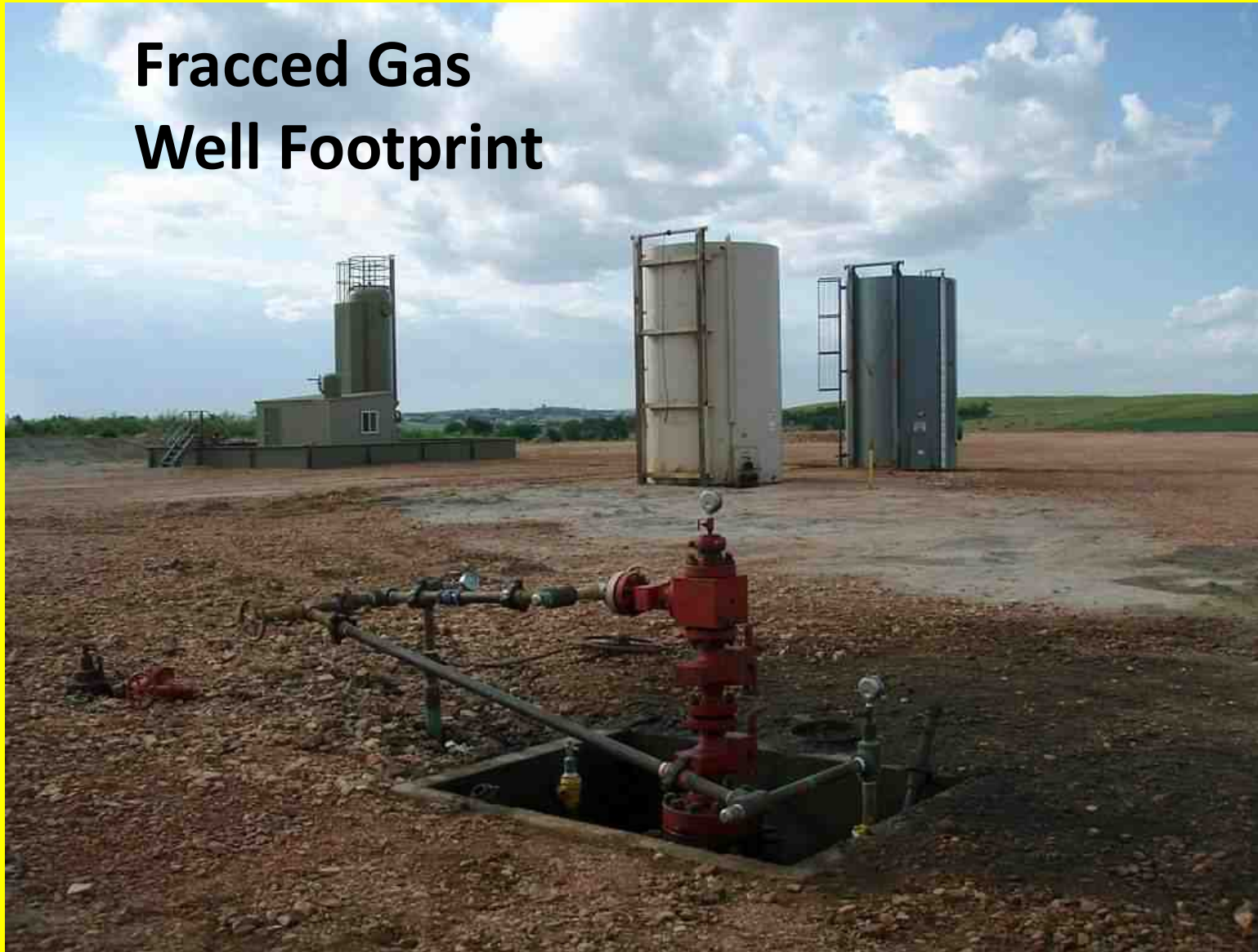
**Solar Farm
170,000
acres
Footprint**

**Pavagode
India**



**53 square kilometres
Capacity: 2,050 Megawatt**

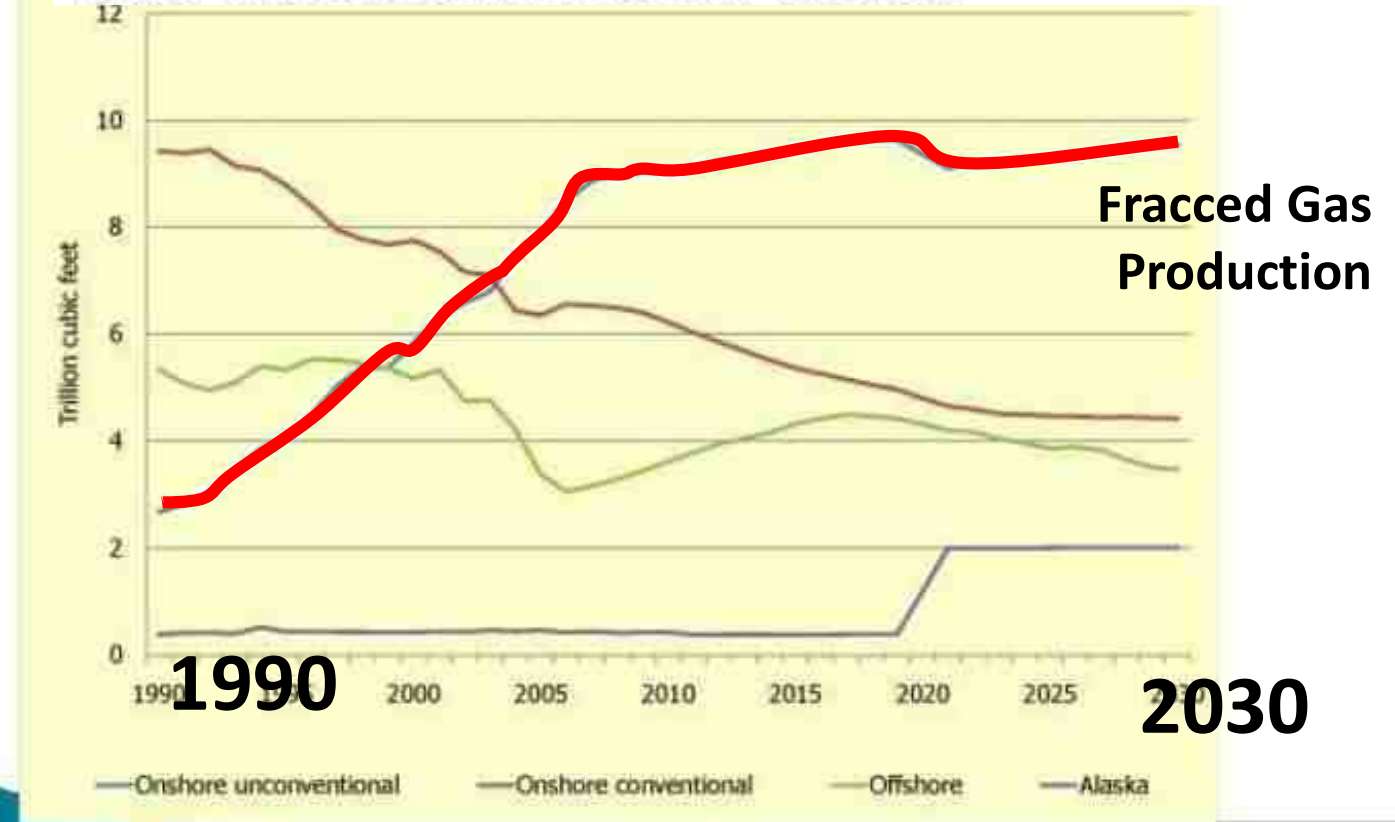
Fracced Gas Well Footprint



**1990 USA a net
importer of
hydrocarbons
Now the
world's biggest
oil & gas
producer**

**Thanks to
Fracking**

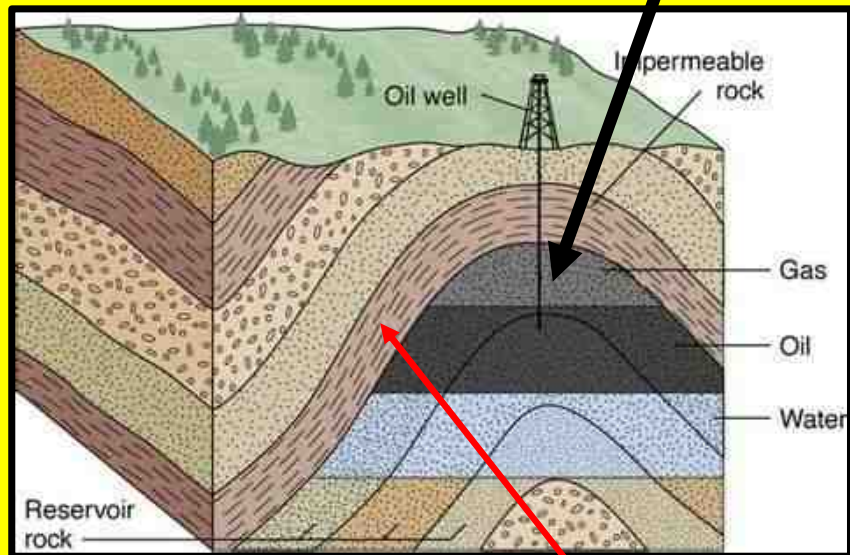
• Since 2003 15,675 gas wells drilled and fracked in North Texas



C BISHOP LAW PC
Law, Science, Reason™

How is this possible?

Conventional
Oil/Gas only in
Anticline
Small Volume



Shale Reservoir

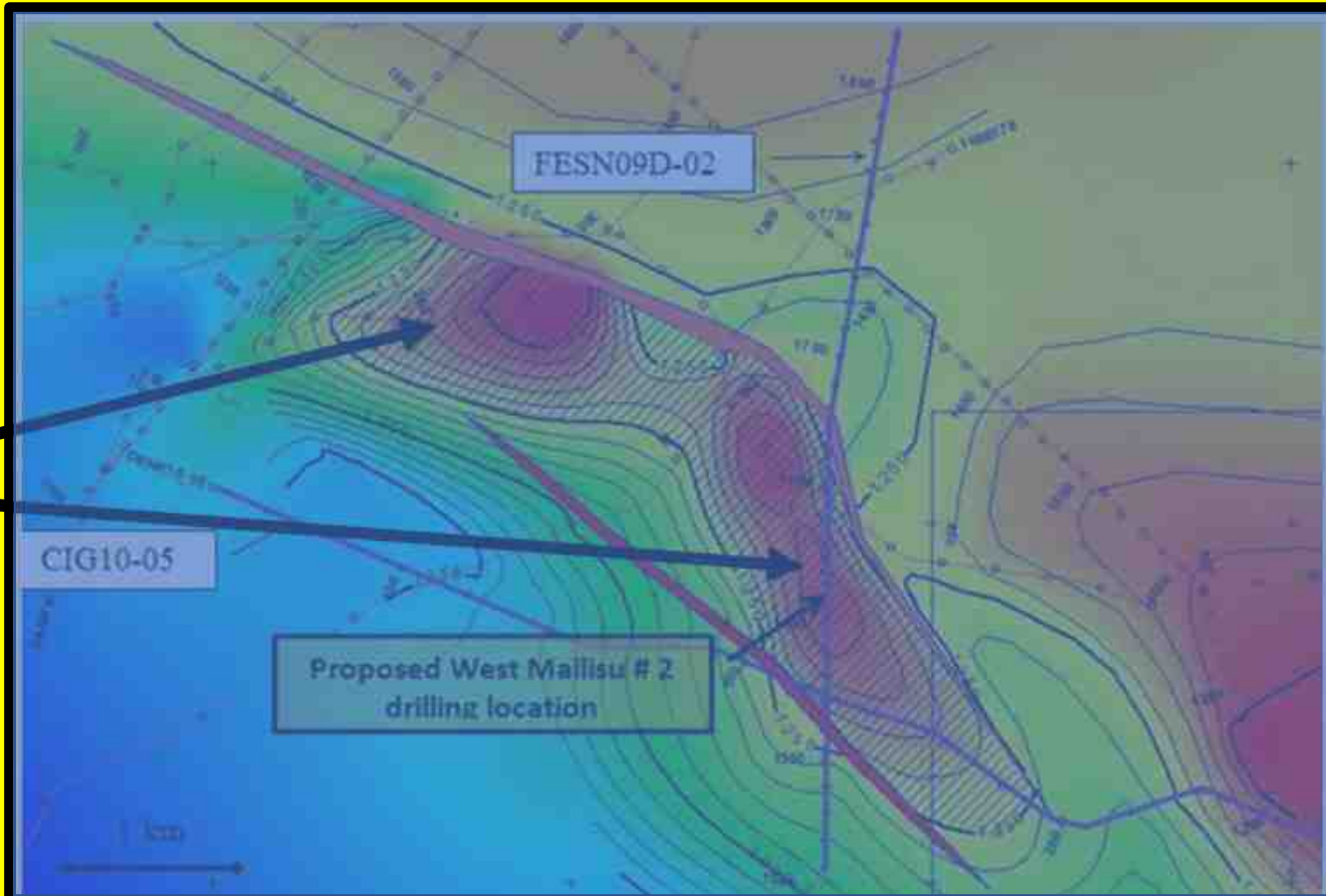


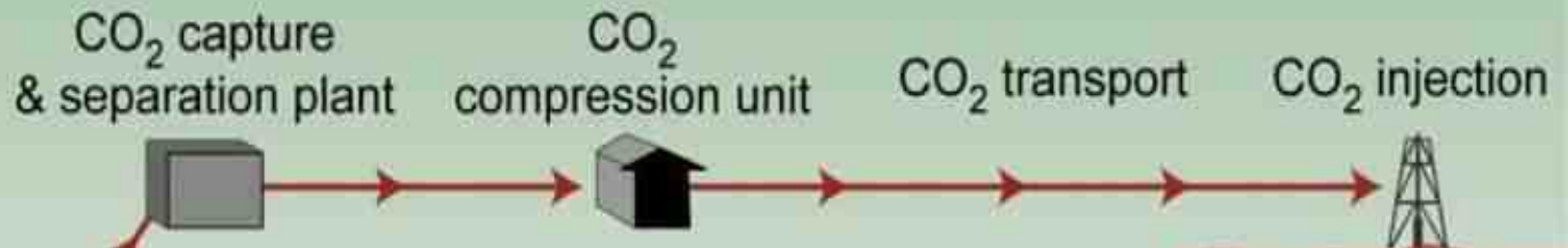
Figure 1 - Time structure Map top Eocene Carbonates

Shale Reservoir oil and or
gas present everywhere

CO₂ Geosequestration & Water Disposal

CC, for Greenhouse Gas Technologies
© 2008

Unlike Fracking to release hydrocarbons
Pumping water or CO₂ back into the ground increases
formation Pressure and the risk of earthquakes



And how long must it stay there?

For ever!

Nuclear waste has a half life

Fracking bans

WA
allowed
on
existing
Permits
ONLY

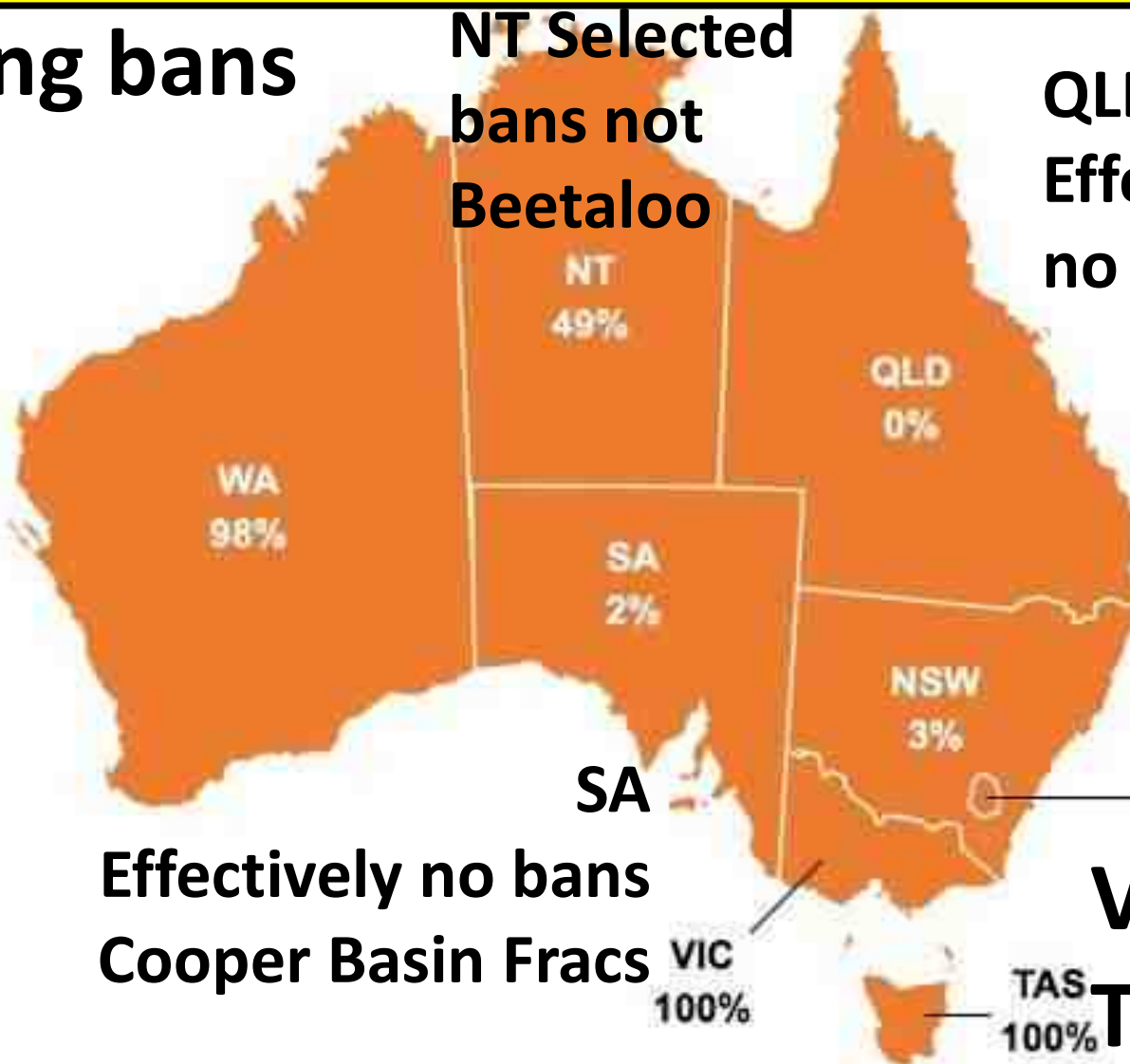
NT Selected
bans not
Beetaloo

QLD
Effectively
no bans

NSW Metgasco \$25
million comp after
spending \$75 million

SA
Effectively no bans
Cooper Basin Fracs

VIC TAS
Total Ban



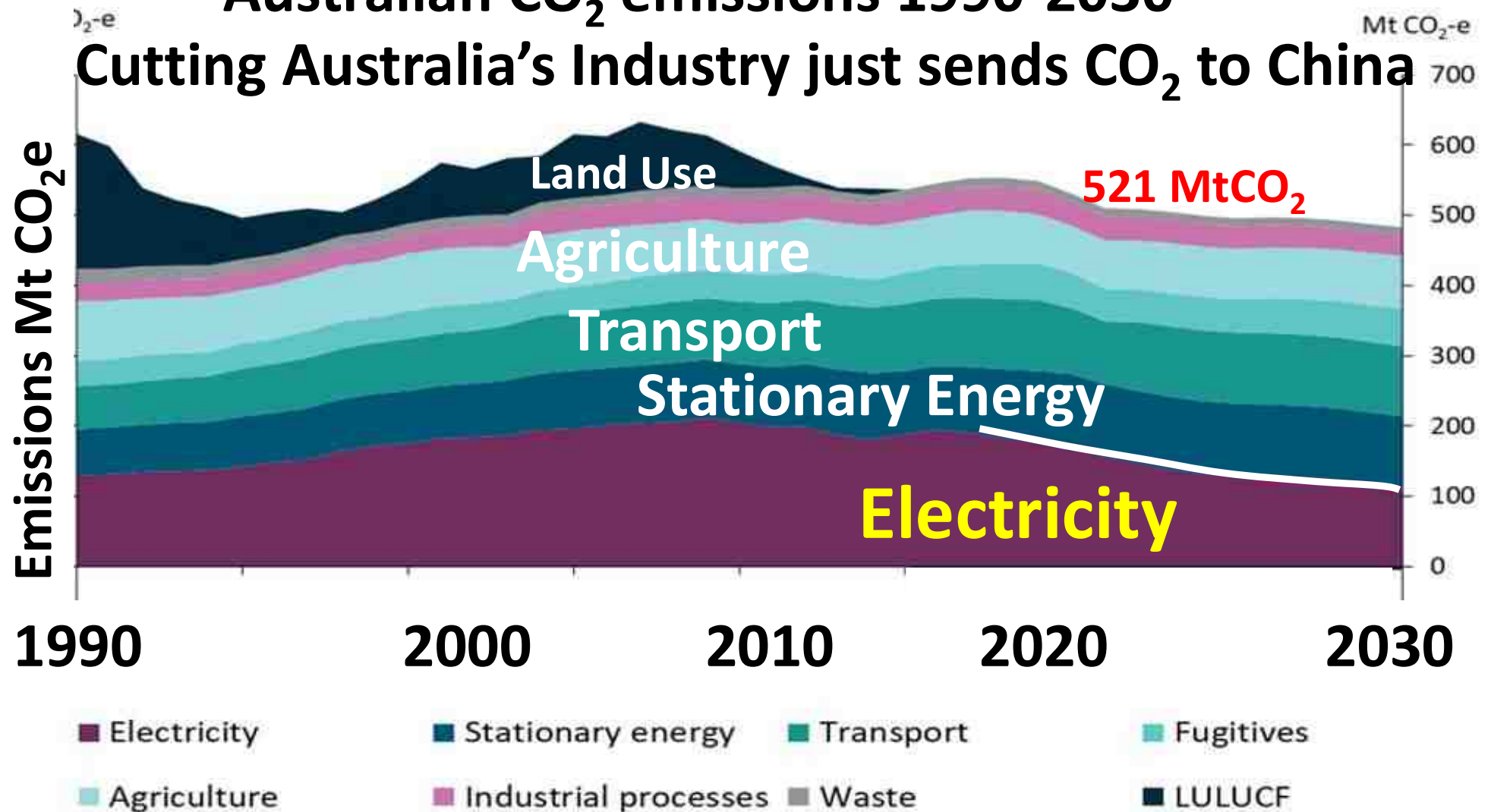
**Banning Fracking and all fossil fuels may reduce
atmospheric CO₂ but ONLY
IF renewables & batteries can replace them**

HAPPY UNINFORMED FEAR & LOATHING



Australian CO₂ emissions 1990-2030

Cutting Australia's Industry just sends CO₂ to China



**Replacing and Reducing Fossil Fuel Energy
will only reduce Global CO₂ emissions
IF &
ONLY IF**

**1: The following retailers close down or cease
importing:**

**Bunnings, Big W, K Mart, JB HiFi,
Harvey Norman, IKEA**

2: All imported Motor Vehicles are banned



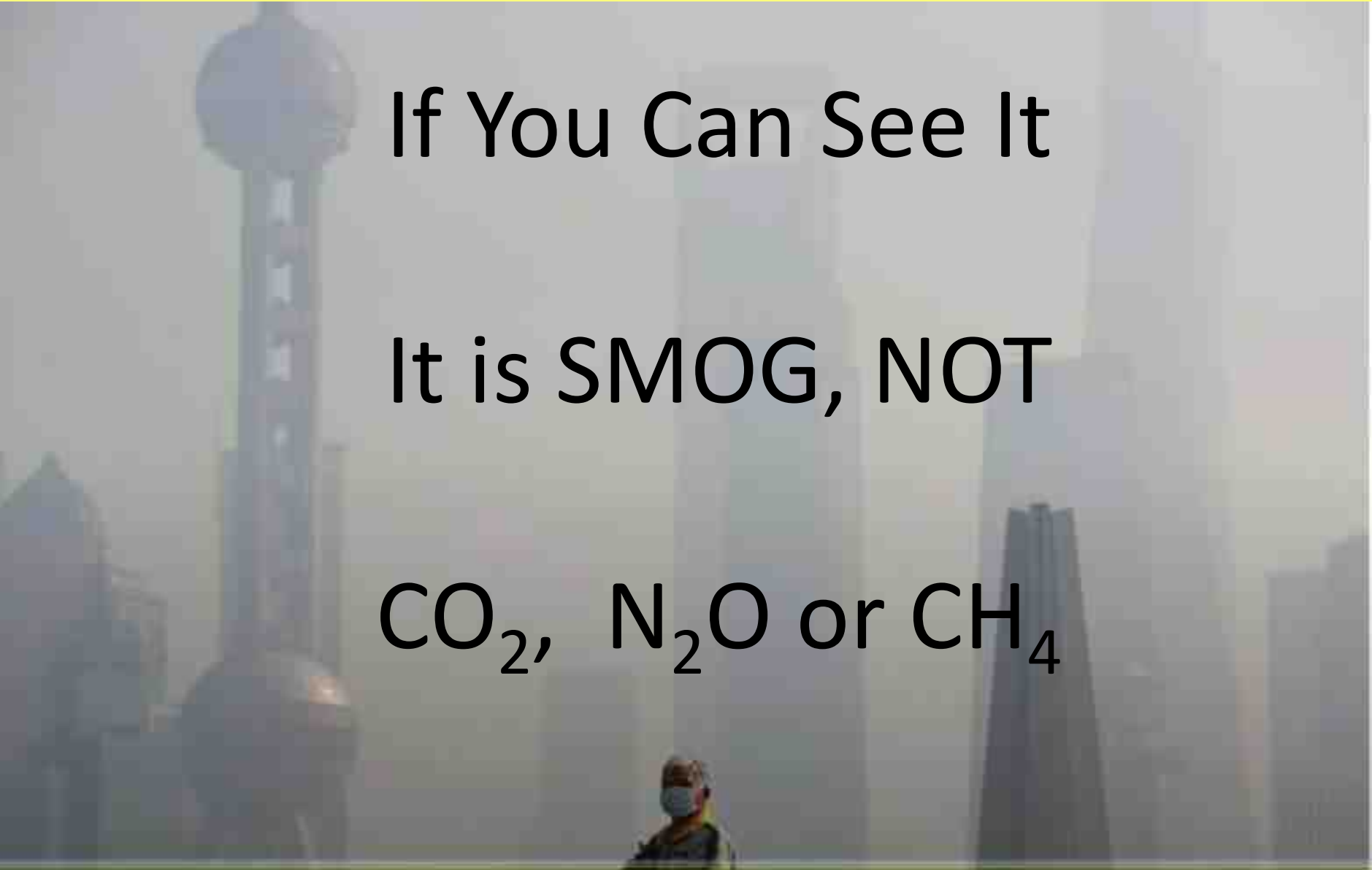
A fire at a bus depot in Hanover, Germany, destroyed five e-buses and four other vehicles along with the building and charging station. Similar event in the Chinese city of Baise,



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A photograph of a city skyline, likely Shanghai, with the Oriental Pearl Tower visible on the left. The sky is filled with a thick, greyish haze, representing smog. In the foreground, a person is visible wearing a blue surgical mask. The entire image is framed by a yellow border.

If You Can See It

It is SMOG, NOT

CO_2 , N_2O or CH_4

Old Reliables or Unreliable Renewables



