The background of the slide is a photograph of an offshore oil rig at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange glow that reflects on the water. The rig is silhouetted against the bright sky. In the distance, other rigs and land are visible.

Introduction to Drilling & Petrophysics

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- Well Types
- Costs & Values
- Rig Types
- Phases of a Well
- Formation Evaluation

It's ALL about Drilling!



Drilling Through Time

- 1000 BC salt drilling China, 800 ft by 300 AD
- 1264 mining oil seeps Baku
- 1594 oil wells hand dug (115 ft)
- 1859 1st oil well in USA (70 ft)
- 1989 vertical well : 40,230 ft (Kola, Russia)
- 2018 directional well : 49,250 ft (Sakhalin, Russia)

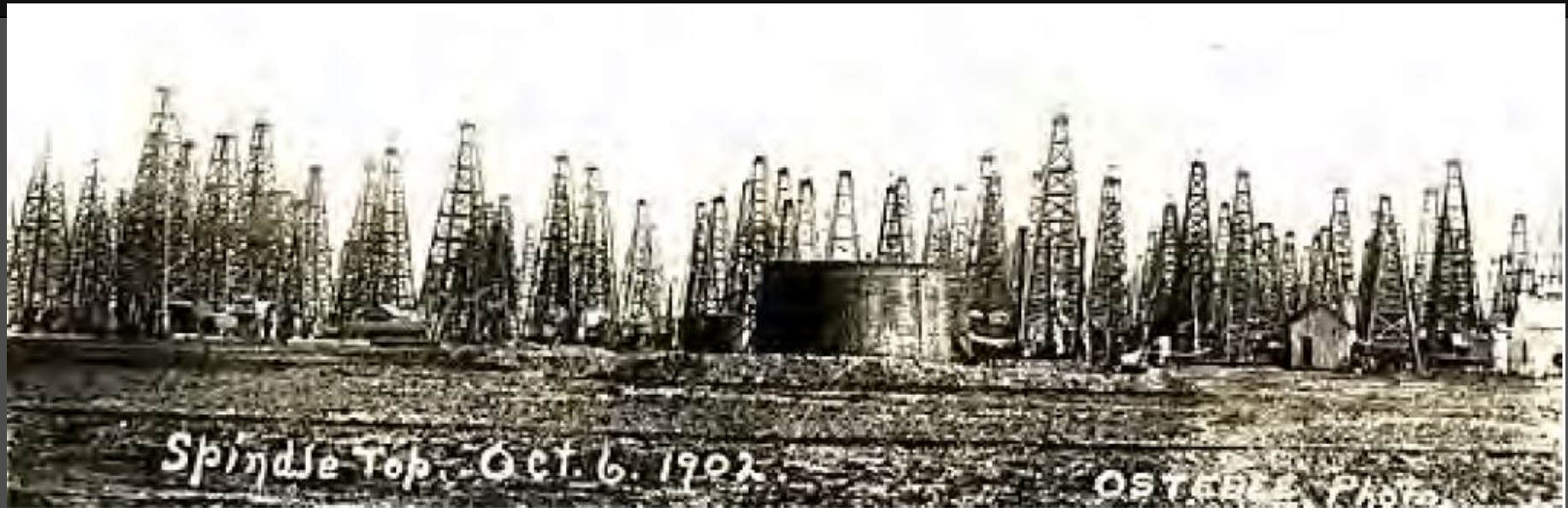


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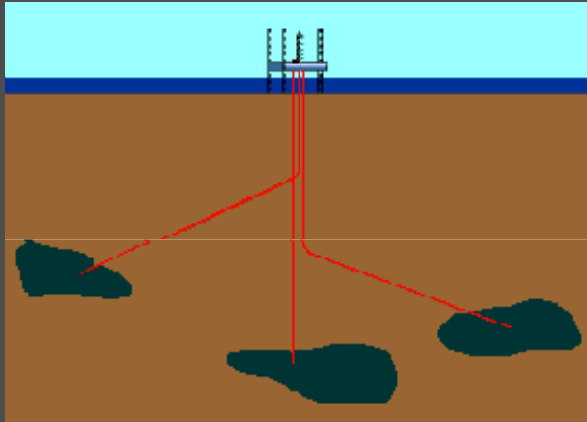
- Exploration
 - Anything there (success rate 1:5)
- Appraisal
 - How much is there?
- Development
 - Production : makes the money
 - Injection : keeps it coming



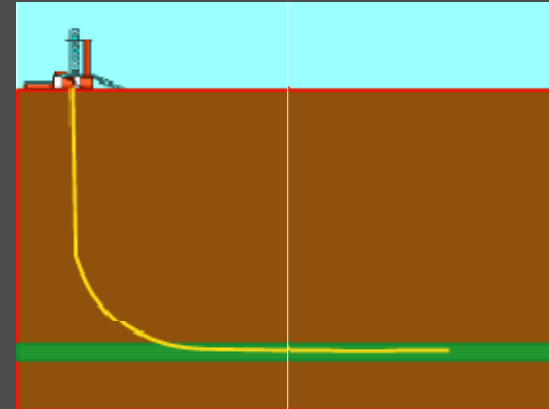
Vertical & Directional Wells



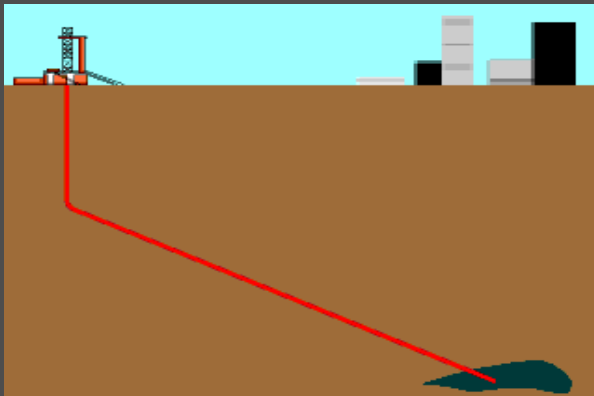
Directional Drilling



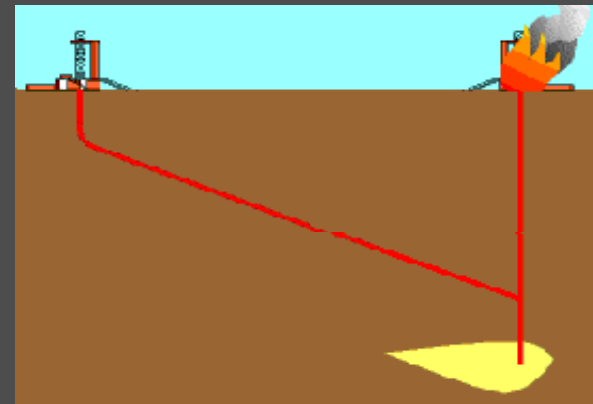
Platform or Pad



Drainage



Inaccessible Locations



Relief well

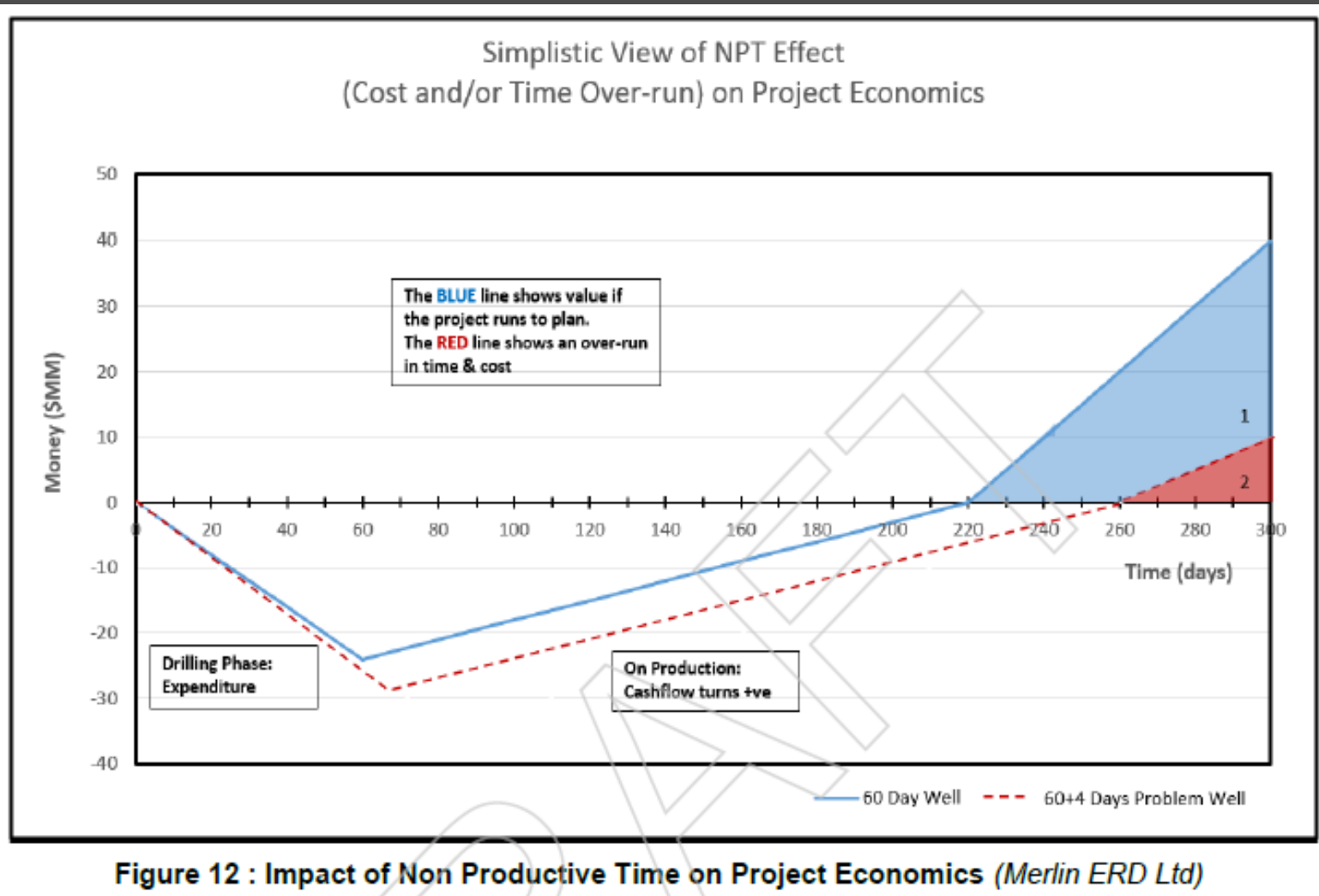


Well Time & Costs

- Drilling times
 - 5 to 500 days
 - Typical 20 – 50 days
- Drilling costs
 - US\$100k – US\$1Mn per day
 - Well : US\$2Mn to US\$100's Mn
 - Typical onshore US\$5Mn / offshore US\$30Mn
 - \approx 80% of costs are time dependent

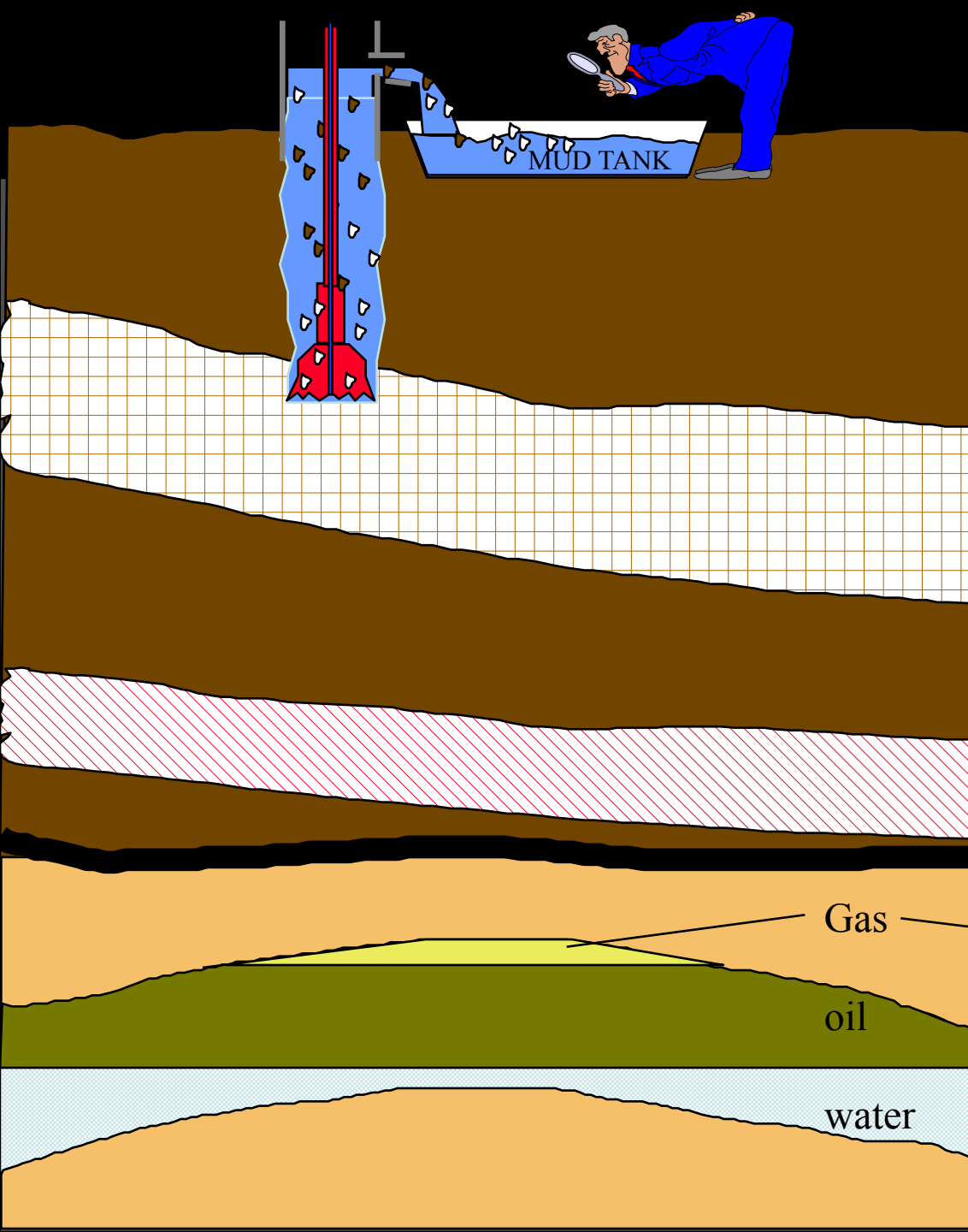


Value of Drilling Quickly!



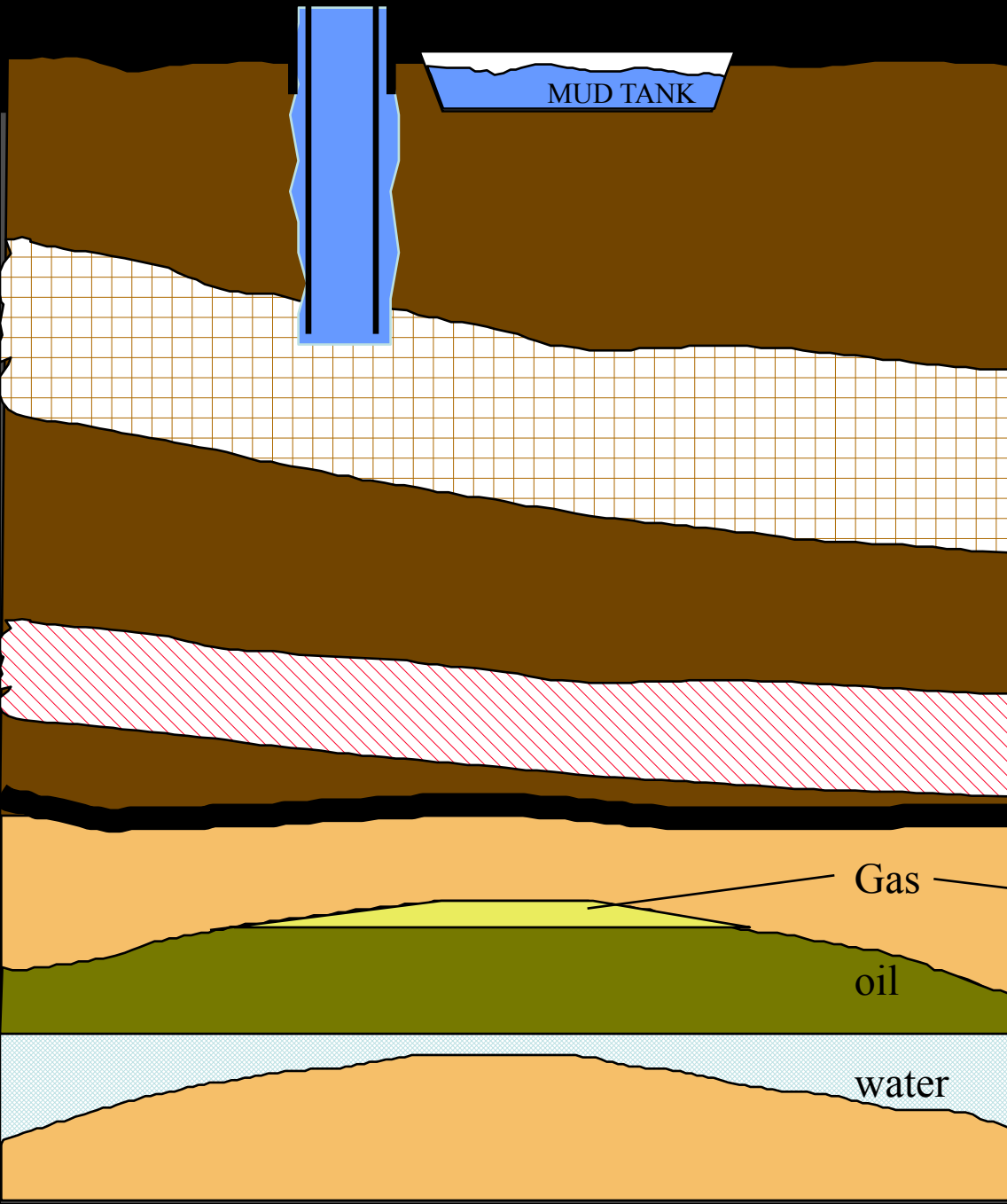
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2. Drill ahead
3. Drill to first casing seat



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4. Pull out of hole (trip)
5. Run first casing



liquid cement

MUD TANK

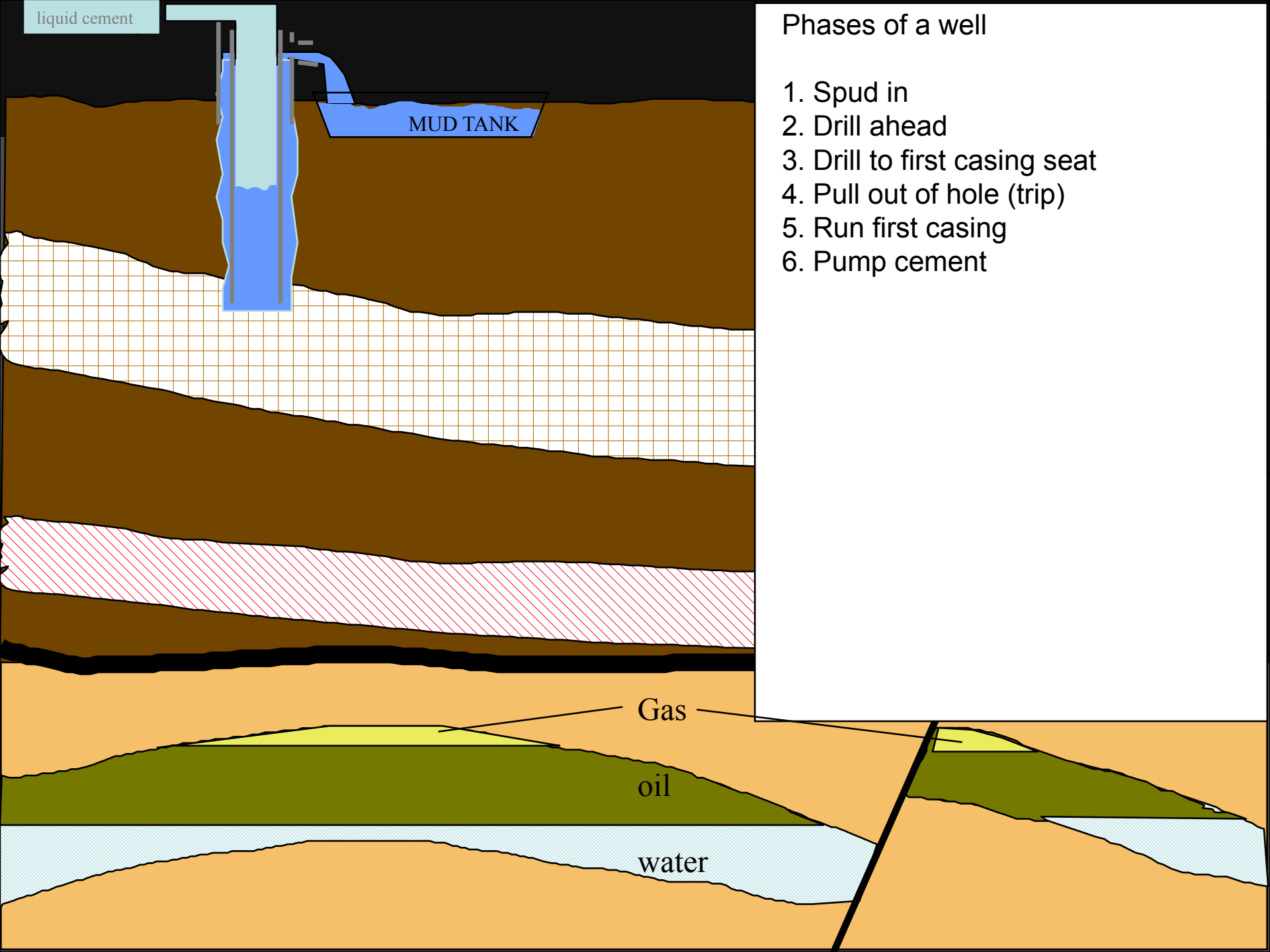
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6. Pump cement

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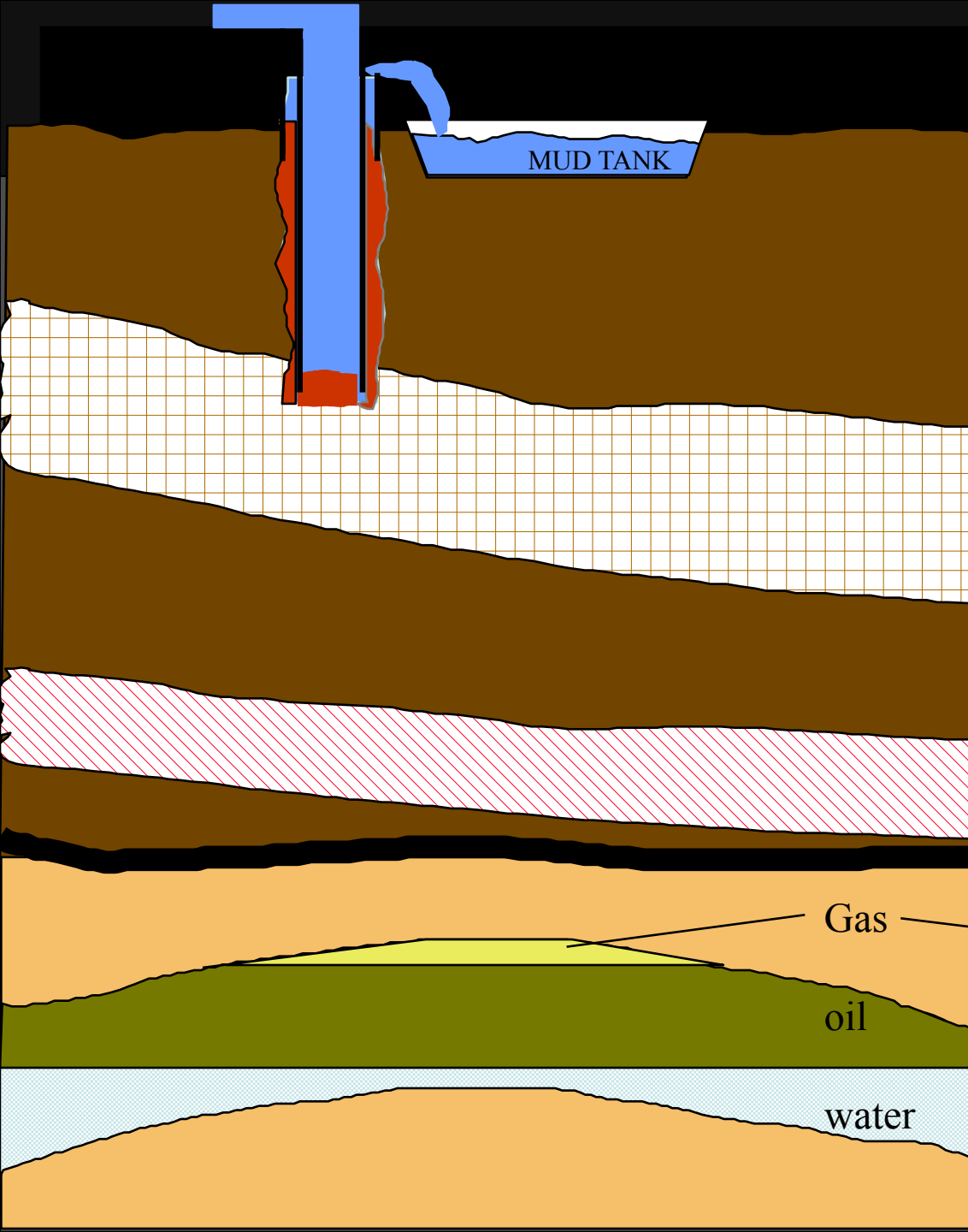
oil

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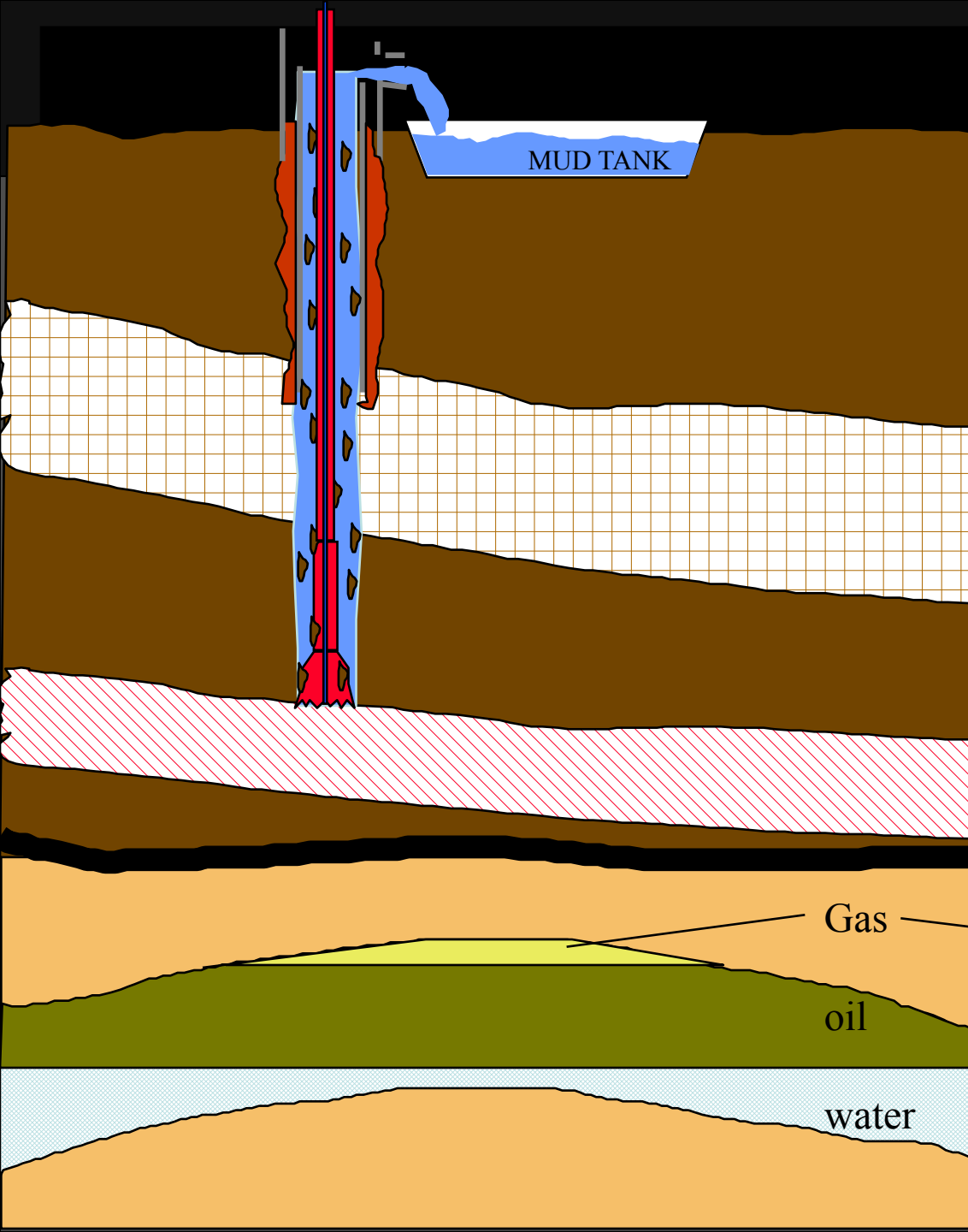
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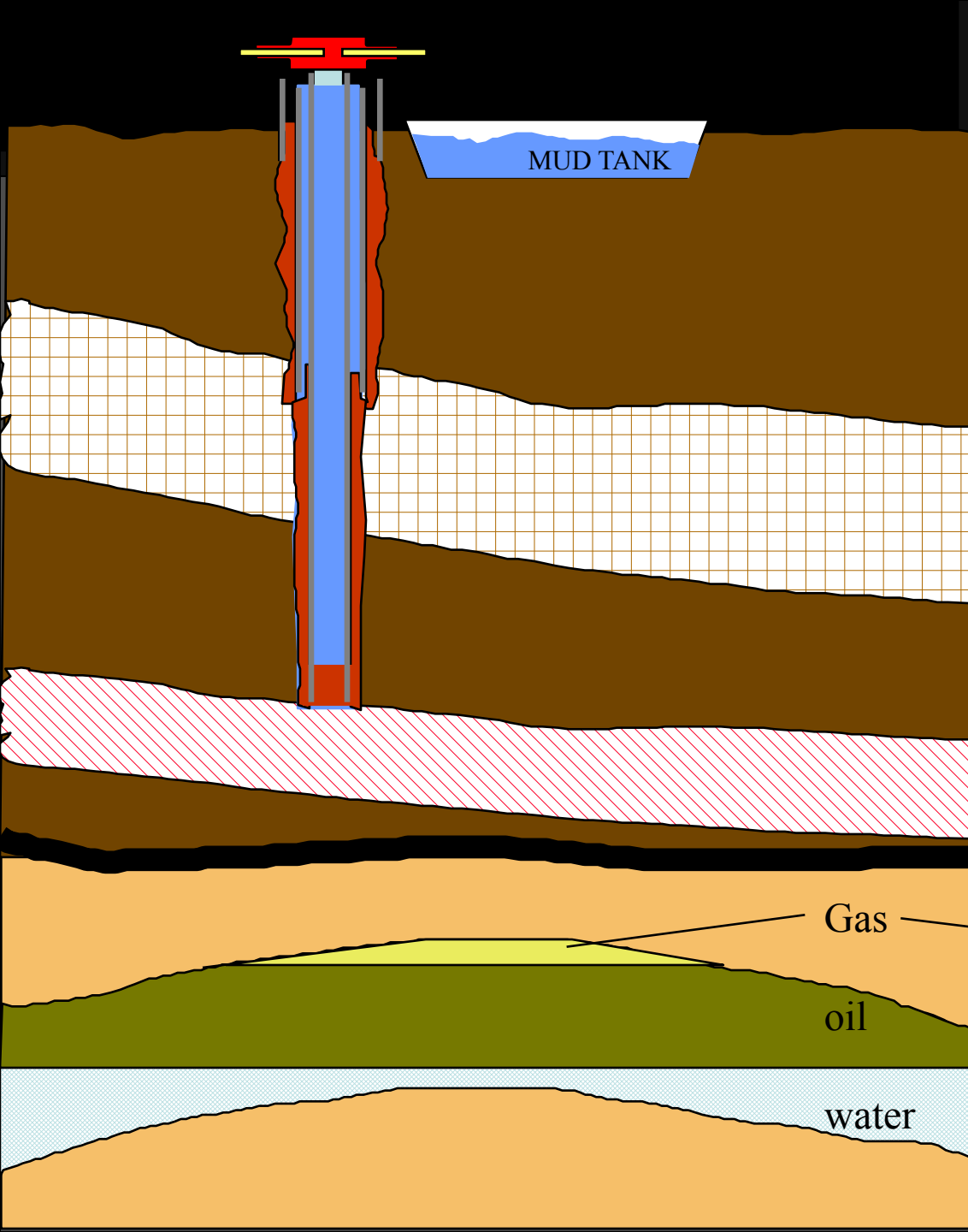
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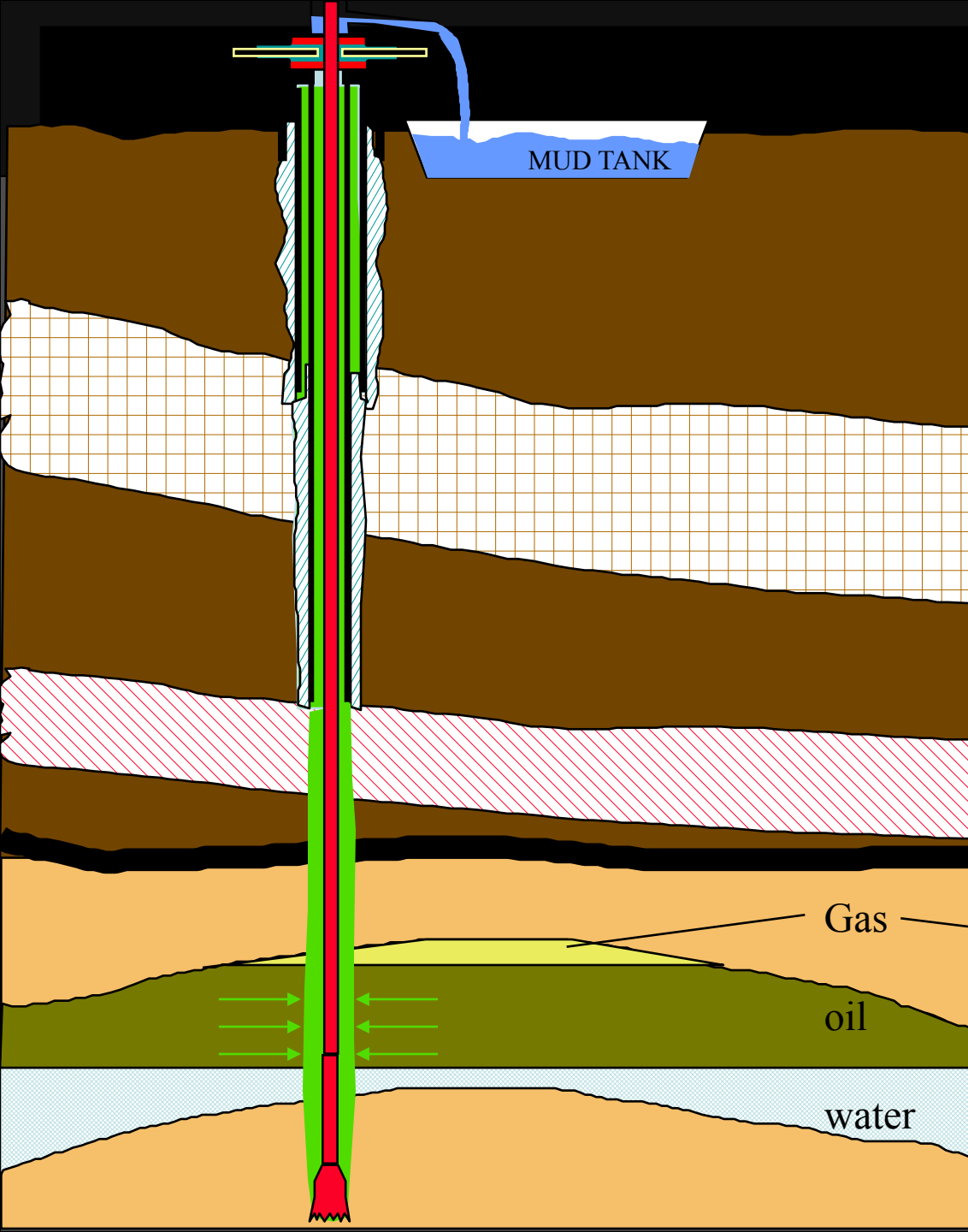
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8. Drill ahead to 2nd casing seat



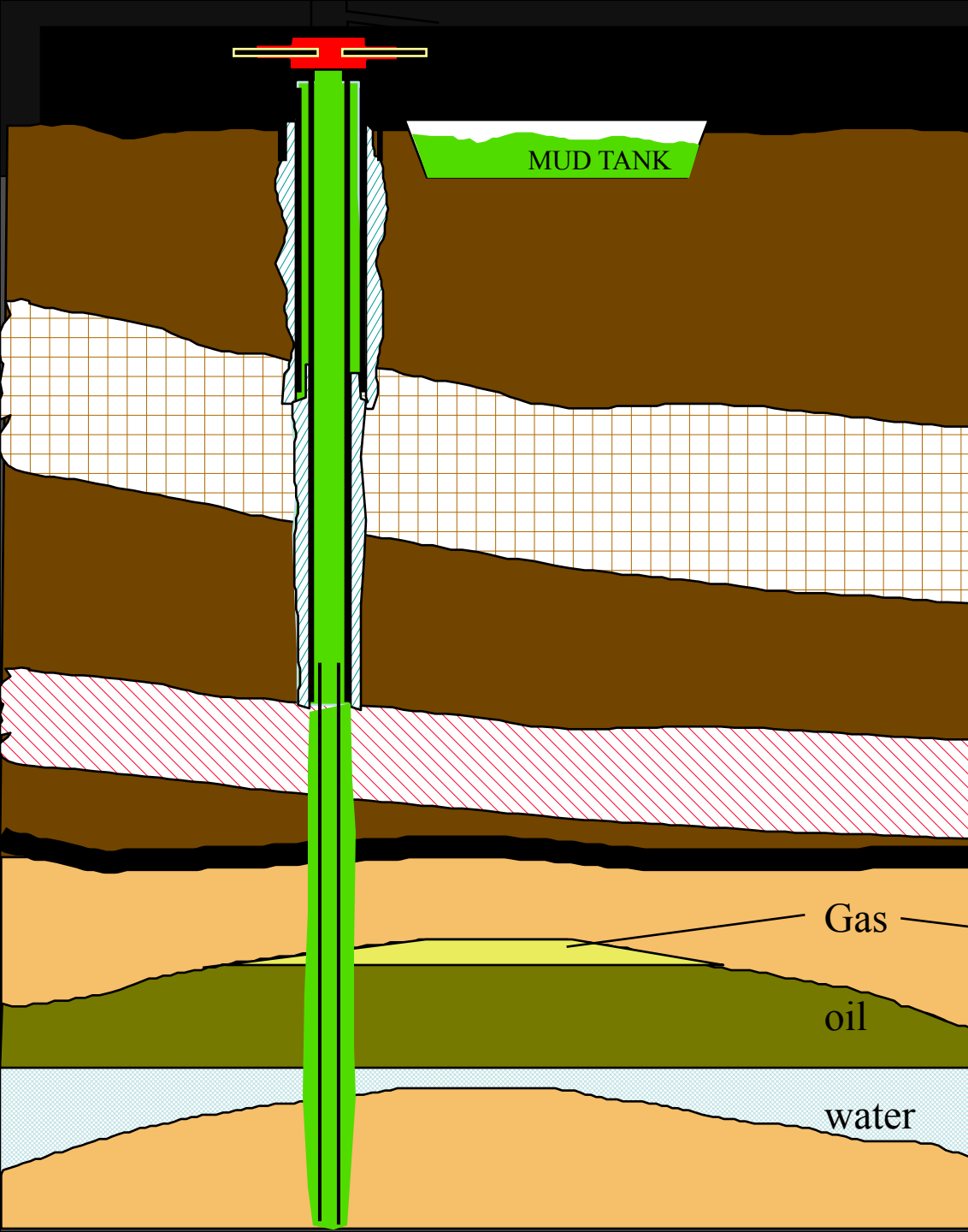
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10. Pump and displace cement "behind" casing and install Blow Out Preventer (BOP)



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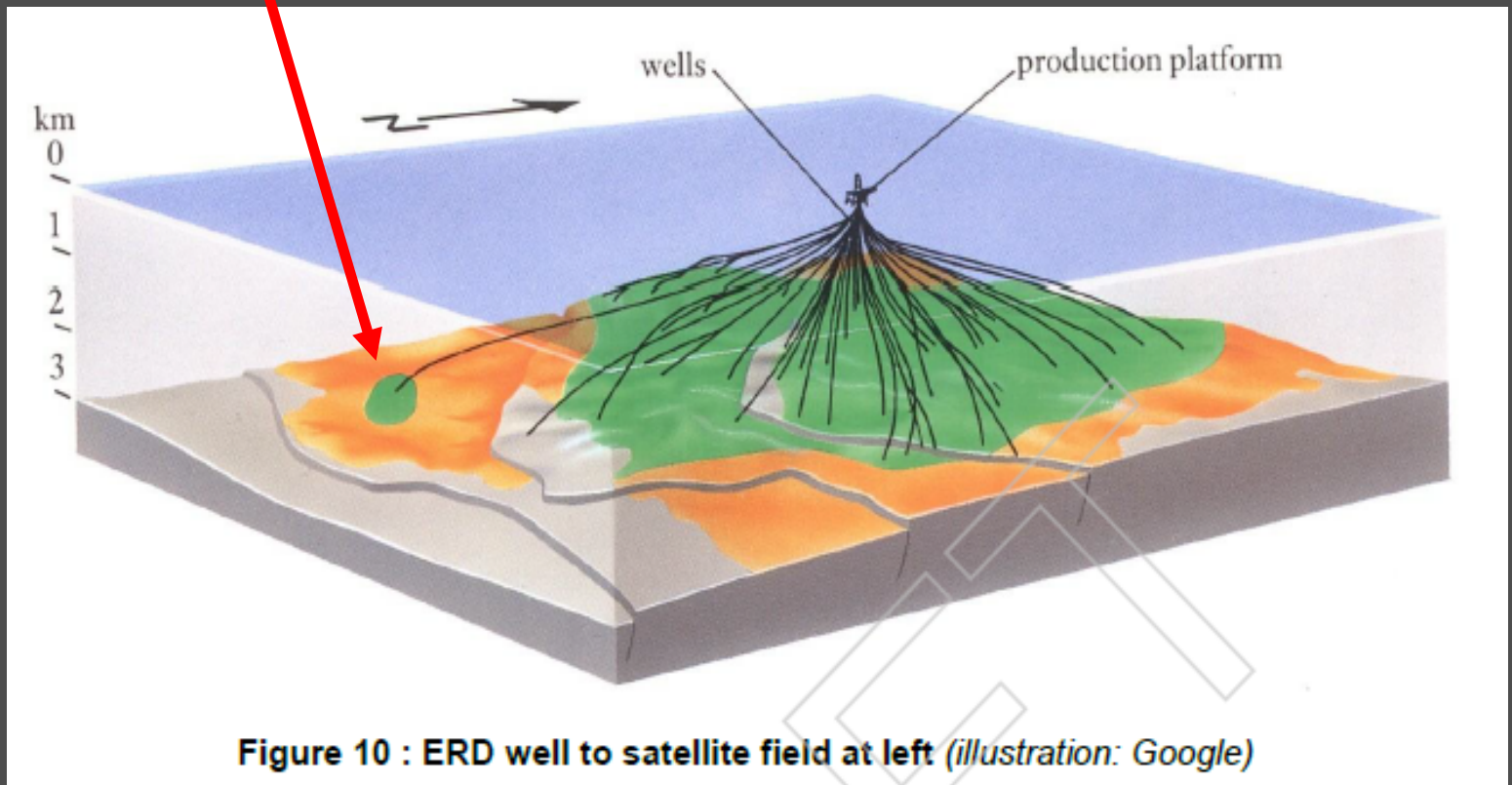
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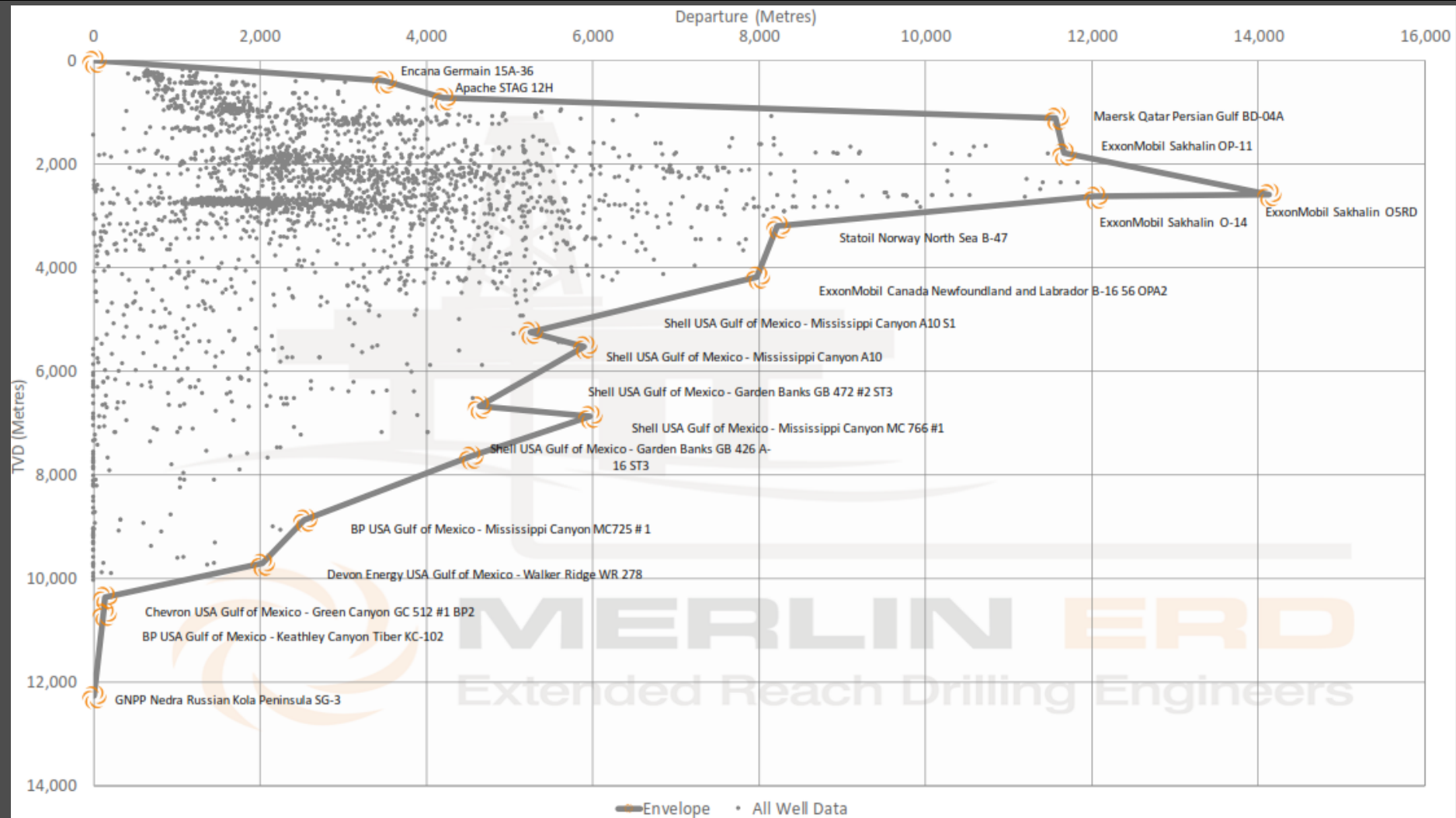
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11. Drill to TOTAL DEPTH (TD)
12. POOH, and run electric logs
13. Run Production "liner"
14. Test the well
15. Complete the well
16. Plug and abandon (P&A) the well

Viabile? How to tell / prove it?

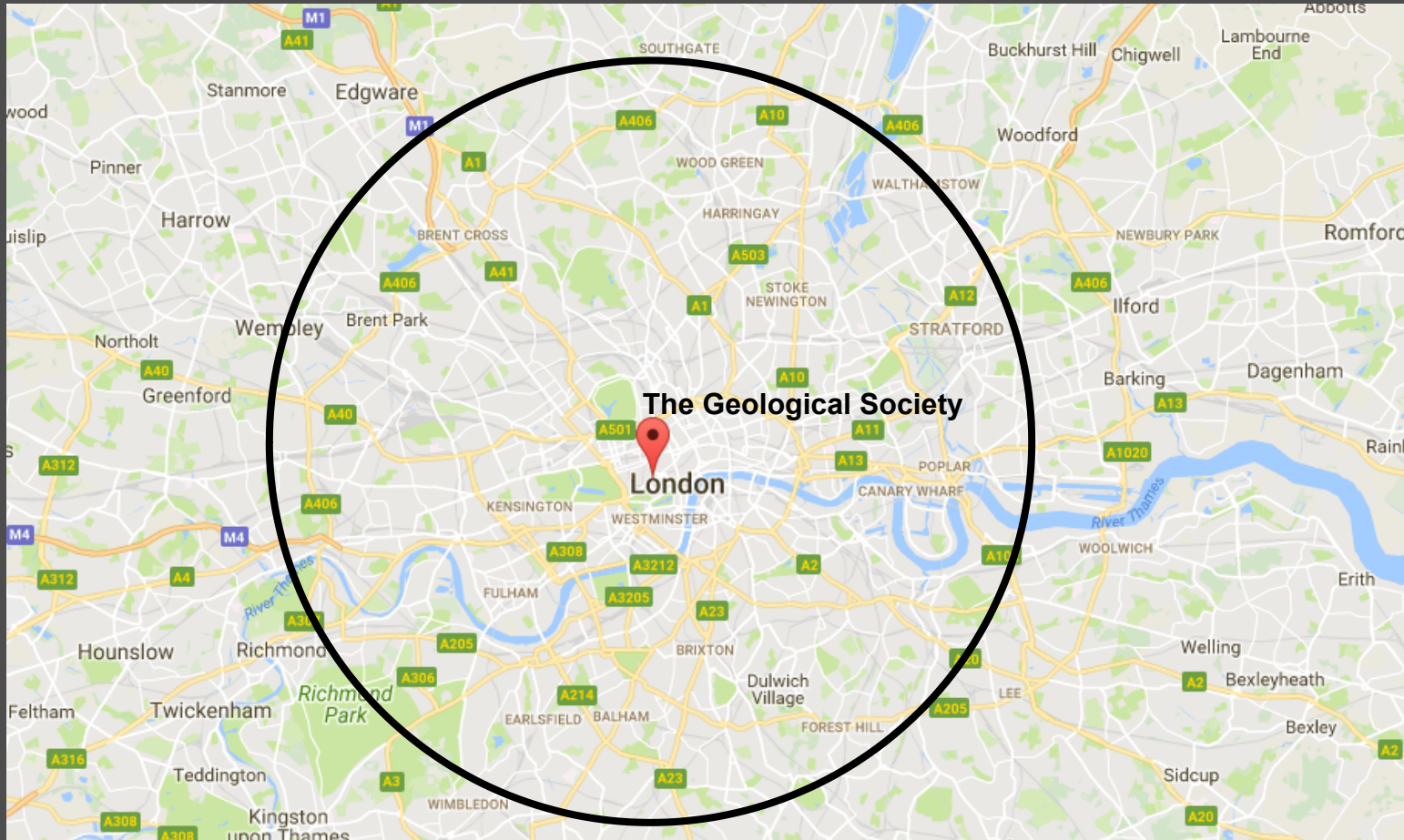


Industry Drilling Envelope



Deepest Well - Departure

- Longest Step-Out – Chayvo O-5 - 41,338ft (12,600m)



Drilling Rigs - Land



Drilling Rigs - Offshore



Drilling Rigs - Offshore



Drill String - Bits

- \$400 - \$100,000+
- Durability matched with ROP



Gouges



Scrapes



- Best bit = cheapest bit in terms of overall cost = cost/foot



Crushes



Wears

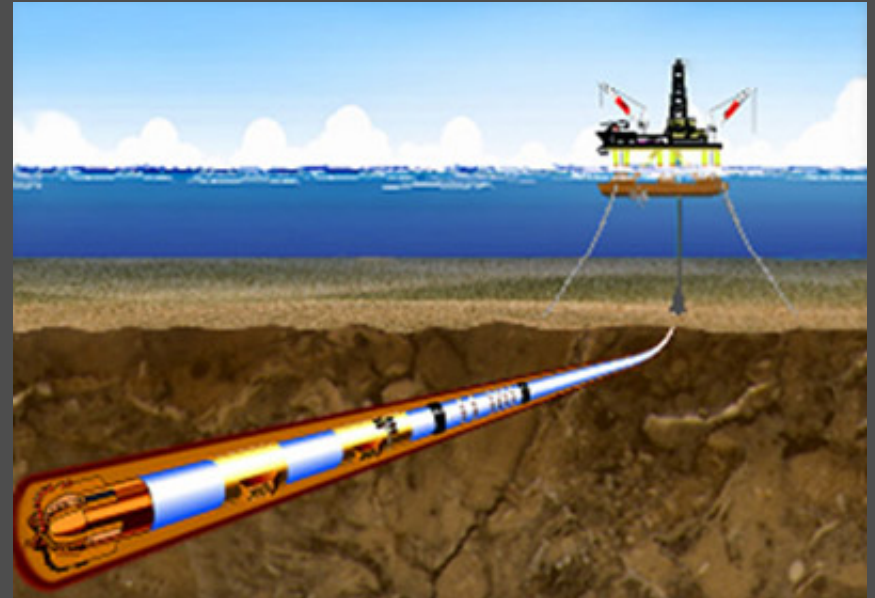
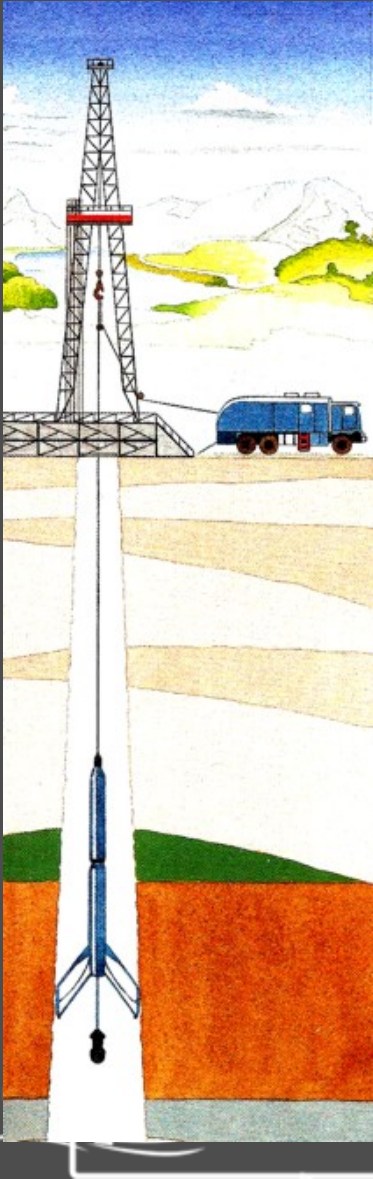
Drilling – Core Sampling

- Core – direct samples of the formation



Formation Evaluation

Wireline Logging (post drilling)



Logging While Drilling (LWD)

Need to knows

- Porosity
 - Voids which hold fluids/gas
- Saturation
 - Volume of each fluid present in voids
- Permeability
 - How easy the fluid will move through the formation
- Fluid Properties
 - What is it?

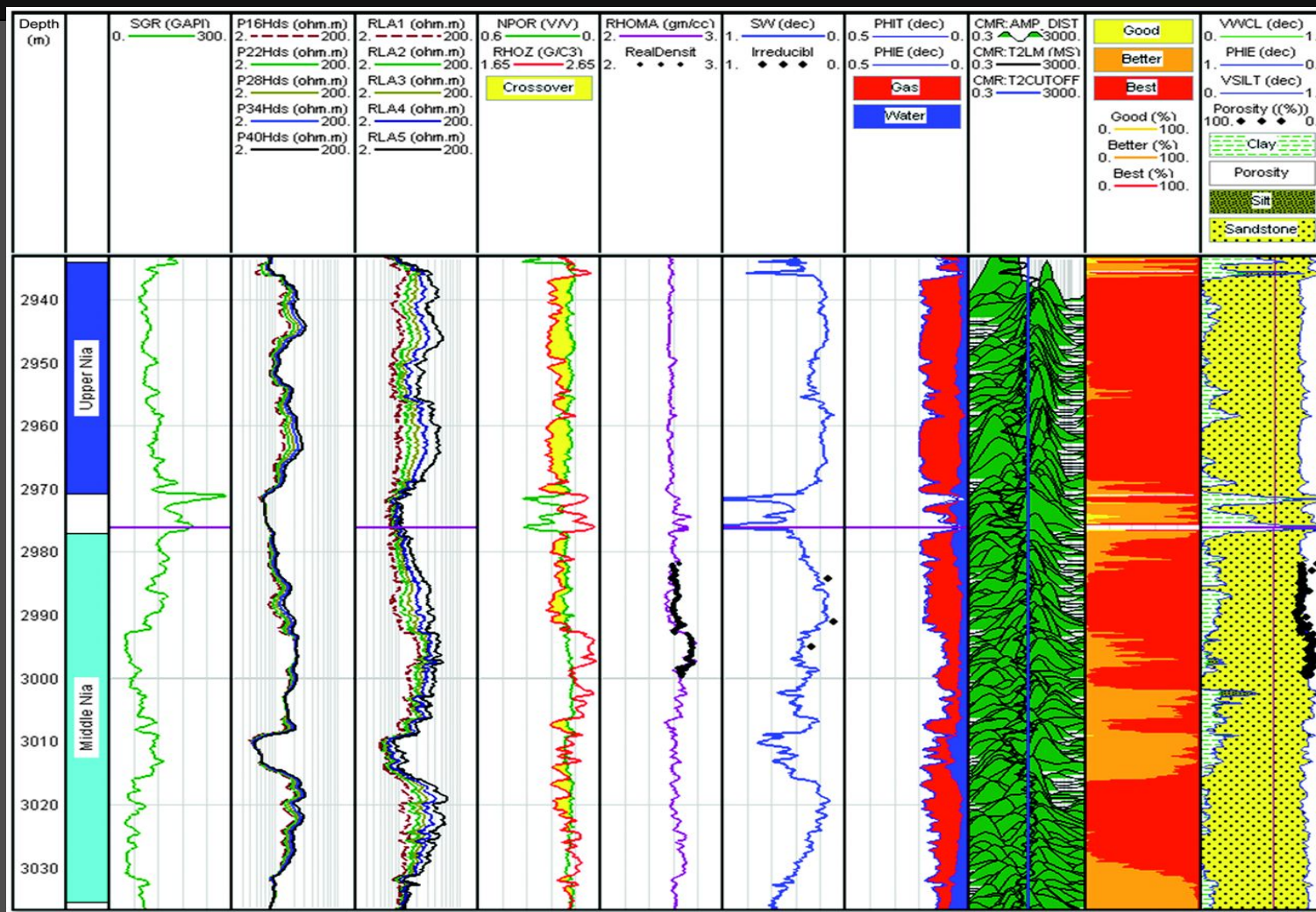


“Basic” Logging Measurements

- Resistivity Logs
 - Salty Water vs Hydrocarbon filled pores
- Porosity Logs
 - % of pore volume in the rock - porosity
- Density Logs
 - Bulk density of the formation, guide to porosity
- Sonic Logs
 - % of pore volume in the rock – porosity
- Gamma Ray
 - Natural Gamma Radiation – Sand/Limestone or Shale



Log Example



In Summary



Increasing value through Drilling :

- Further, faster, cheaper
- Trouble-free
- More Wells Sooner!

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