TRENTON- BLACK RIVER HTD RESERVOIRS OF THE MICHIGAN BASIN

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ONTARIO ORDOVICIAN POOLS AND RECOVERABLE RESERVES







General Stratigraphic Section for SW Ontario





Isopach (metres) of the Black River Group. Data from Ontario Geological Survey (2011)



Isopach (metres) of the Trenton Group. Data from Ontario Geological Survey (2011).





Crinoidal Ramp Facies Model showing the ramp dynamics and resulting facies distribution (Aigner 1985)



Core Photos 1A, B: Note the sharp boundary between facies 4c within the Cobourg and facies 2 at the top of the Sherman Fall Bioclastic. A) 2238 - 2238.5 feet in British American #19, Malden 4-67-VI, and B) 789.65 - 790.0 mKB in Consumers' et al Mersea 3-12-I.



Core Photos 2 A, B: Facies 3 observed in the Coboconk Formation from A) 1012.06 to 1012.30 mKB and from B) 1017.60 to 1017.70 mKB. Note the partly open fracture (core photo B) that is lined with dolomite rhombs and partly filled with clear to white calcite cement.



Dolomitization from relatively hot, Mg-rich fluids migrated through the regional porous Cambrian sandstone and upwards into Trenton / Black River strata, along a complex network of faults and fractures. The migrating fluids had the ability to dissolve and dolomitize the limestones and to precipitate porosity-occluding saddle dolomite, calcite and sulphides. The most pervasive dolomitization is developed in the Sherman Fall Bioclastic member because of its higher primary porosity.



A) Photomicrograph of stained thin section under plane light. Dolomite rhombs occur interstitial to bioclastic material within the matrix. B) Photomicrograph of stained thin section under polarized light of planar-E dolomite. Note the gradation from porous planar-E dolomite (E) to finer-grained planar-S dolomite (S). C) Photomicrograph of stained thin section under plane light of nonplanar-A dolomite (A). Coarse-grained nonplanar dolomite crystals show rare development of intracrystalline porosity. D) Photomicrograph of stained section under plane light of coarse-grained, euhedral saddle dolomite (S.D.) cement (white; extinguishing grey) lining a large vug filled with equant blocky calcite (Cal) cement (red).



E) Photomicrograph of stained thin section under plane light. This example illustrates the replacement of saddle dolomite crystals to calcite with the complete infilling by calcite cement within the centre of a large vug. F) Photomicrograph of stained thin section under plane light. The coarse quartz grains increase in size toward the centre of the vug. G) Cathodoluminescence photomicrograph of a large saddle dolomite (S.D.) crystal within equant, blocky calcite (Cal) cement. H) Photomicrograph under ultraviolet fluorescence showing the boundary of earliest saddle dolomite (S.D.) cement within a fracture and fluorescence of hydrocarbons (yellow) in fluid inclusions. (U = up direction in core, CV = centre of yug, CF = centre of fracture).

		Diagenetic
Limestone Diagenesis		Stage
Early Diagenetic Pyrite		I
Nonplanar-A Dolomite		
Planar-S Dolomite		п
Planar-E Dolomite		
Silicification		
Saddle Dolomite		
Hydrocarbon Emplacement		ш
Dedolomite/Calcite	—	
Fracture-Filling Cements		
Anhydrite (An-2)		
Silicification		
Marcasite/Pyrite		IVa
Sphalerite		
Dog-Tooth Calcite		
Pyrite/Celestite		
Vug-Filling Cements		
Anhydrite (An-1)		
Marcasite/Pyrite		IVb
Equant Blocky Calcite		





Rochester North, A-A' longitudinal cross-section showing dolomite distribution













Dover 7-5-VE Oil Pool Dover Township, Kent County 1983 – E.P. Rowe and Ram Petroleum 1.35 mmbbls oil and 10.3 bcf gas

Colquhoun and Johnston, 2004



Production profiles for average Trenton-Black River oil wells at Rochester (Golder 2005) Rochester 1-17-II in Rochester South Oil Pool; Rochester 7-17-IV in Rochester North Oil Pool

Cumulative Oil Production (bbls) to 2015















2-D Line: 91-PPC-ROC-02



Seismic Data Quality Variations



Sample - Trenton Seismic Section





North and South Trend Comparison



Rochester West 3-D (In-line 37)

Rochester Model - Talisman 2004



ROCHESTER SOUTH AND NORTH OIL POOLS

- •Rochester South Oil Pool was discovered in 1992 by Paragon Petroleum Corporation
- •Rochester North Oil Pool was discovered in 1994 by Paragon Petroleum Corporation
- •Hydrothermally dolomitized (HTD) Trenton Black River Group carbonates
- •Both pools trend NW-SE, are up to 5 km long and are 300-600 m wide
- •Controlled by faults and fractures created by strike-slip movements
- •Rochester South and North Oil Pools have 26 producing wells
- •Both trends produce oil from the Trenton but the north trend produces oil from the Black River
- •Reservoirs: 840 m (2760') and 940 m (3080'); 7800 kPa (1130 psi) and 25°C
- •End 2015, cumulative oil production was 2.5 mmbbls
- •Estimated to be >92% of the recoverable reserves using a 15% recovery factor
- •Porosity: 3-15% (8%) matrix, 18-45% fractures; Permeability: 10–300 md (150 md) in matrix and 2-10 Darcies for fractures
- •Oil is sweet, 40° API, with solution gas; water saturation 15 to 40%, irreducible 15 to 20%
- •Typical decline rates between 15 and 25% per year



Isometric representation of a pull-apart basin (modified from Dooley and McClay, 1997) showing sag or "graben" structure.

Fracture pattern on an anticlinal form



Fracture pattern and geometry over an Anticlinal form; near vertical on top and high angle on sides



Conceptual model of a Trenton-Black River reservoir at Rochester North and oil and gas pools at Dover. Modified from Colquhoun and Johnston (2004).



Conceptual model of a Trenton-Black River reservoir at Rochester South and other oil pools located in Essex and Kent Counties. Modified from Colquhoun (2012).

EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT HISTORY AND FUTURE POTENTIAL

•Play has been active since the late 1800's, last discovery in 1992 and 1994 at Rochester •Hydrothermally dolomitized (HTD) Trenton - Black River Group limestones •Pools trend NW-SE and E-W, up to 15 km long and 300-1000 m wide (Goldsmith-Lakeshore) •Oil is sweet, $40 - 42^{\circ}$ API, with solution gas; typical decline rates between 15 and 25% per year •Reservoir: 650 m (2130') to 1050 m (3450'); 7800 to 8050 kPa or 1130 to 1170 psi at 25°C; •Net pay - up to 10 m or 30 feet; Porosity: 3-15% (8%) matrix, 18-45% fractures; Permeability: 10–300 md (150 md) in matrix and 2-10 Darcies for fractures •Source rock – Middle Ordovician carbonates and Upper Ordovician shale; carbonaceous •Seal – upper cap dolomite and overlaying shale; lateral seal is impermeable limestones •Play occupies approximately 120,000 km² •Potential oil recoverable: 40 mmbbls; 23 mmbbls recoverable; 17 mmbbls remaining (Golder 2005) •Potential gas recoverable: 281 bcf; 41 bcf recoverable; 240 bcf remaining (Golder 2005) •Oil production in Essex and Kent Counties; oil potential in northwest Lambton County where Cambrian sandstones are thick; gas production from fractured limestones in Lambton County over Arch •Gas prone from Elgin County east to Welland County and north over the Algonquin Arch •Historical success rates: 80's and 90's -- 67% for exploration wells and 80% for development wells •Seismically driven play, 2-D to locate test drill target, 3-D to explore and develop pool(s) 40



Map showing Ordovician oil and gas pools and future exploration potential

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

ANY QUESTIONS?



