



## Unconventional Workflow: A Holistic Approach to Shale Gas Development

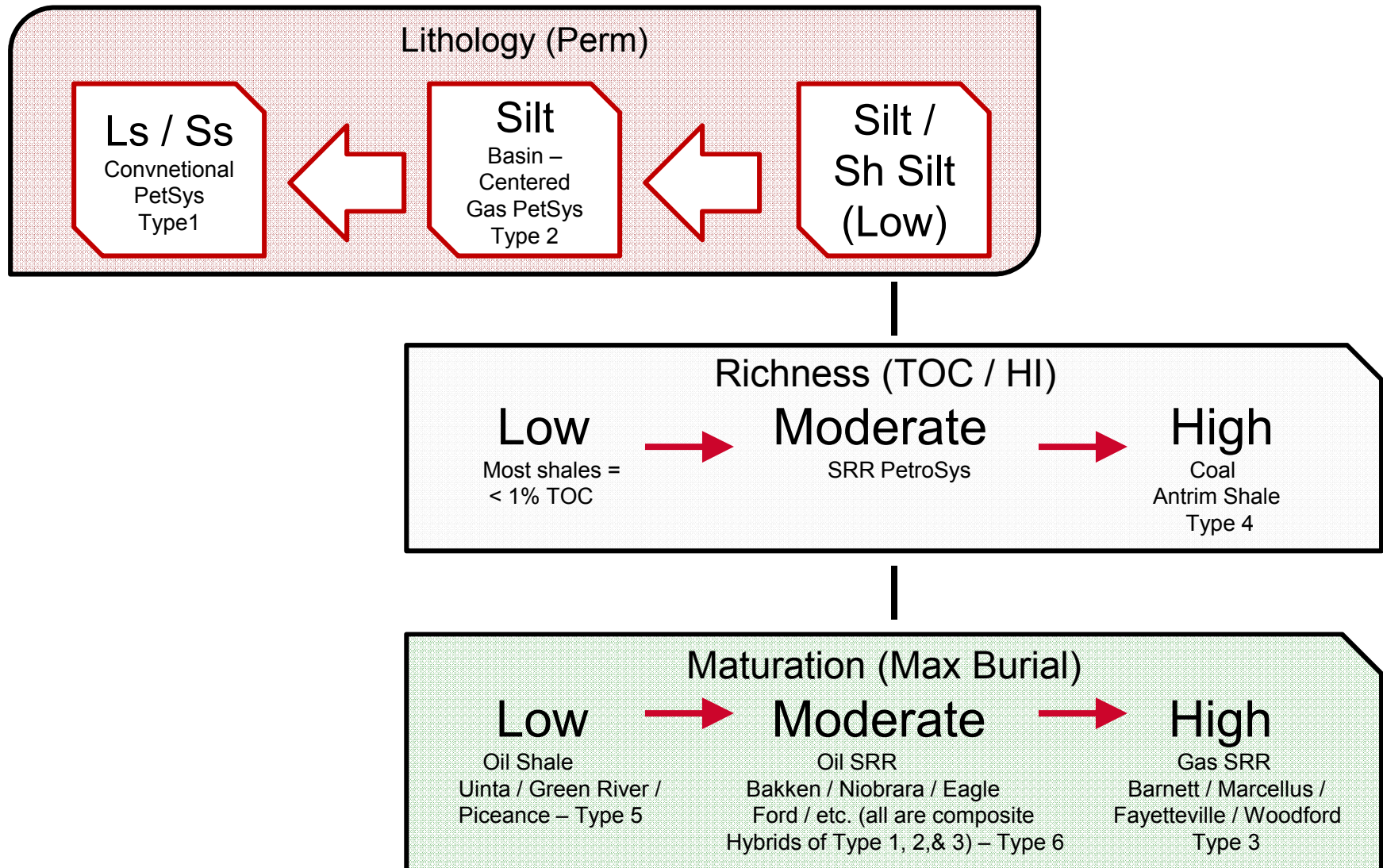
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# Hydrocarbon Reservoir Type Classification



Ls – Limestone, Ss – Sandstone, Sh Silt – Shaly Silt, TOC – Total Organic Content, HI – Hydrogen Index

# Gas Reservoir Types



## Conventional Gas

- MilliDarcy range ( $>1\text{mD}$ )
- Fluid type varies
- Rock type varies

## Complex Gas

- Retrograde gas with high dew point
- MilliDarcy range (relatively low permeability  $\sim 1\text{mD}$  or less)
- Sandstone

## Tight Gas

- Micro darcy range
- Dry gas – wet gas
- Primarily sandstone

## CBM

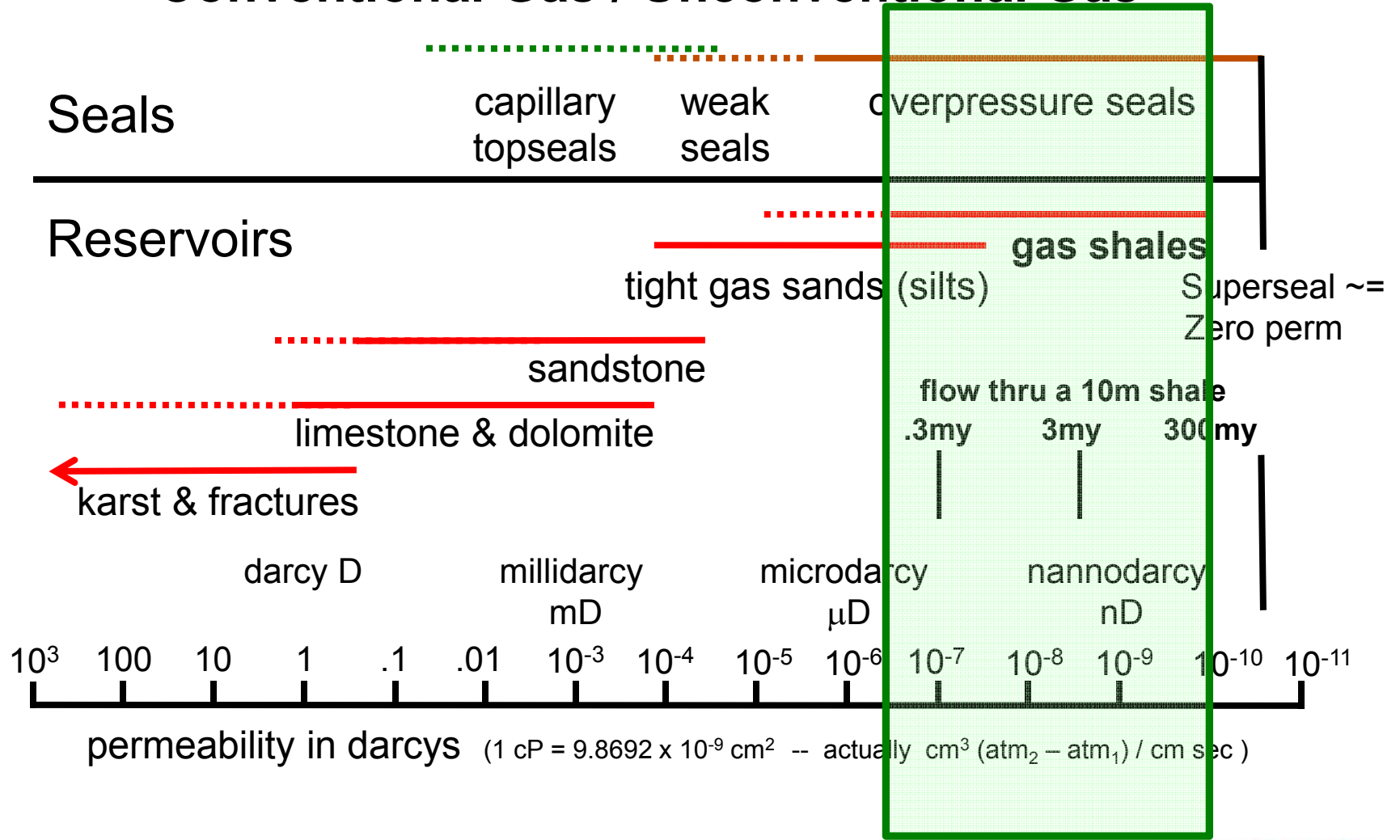
- Flow mostly through fractures (cleats)
- Adsorbed dry gas
- Coal

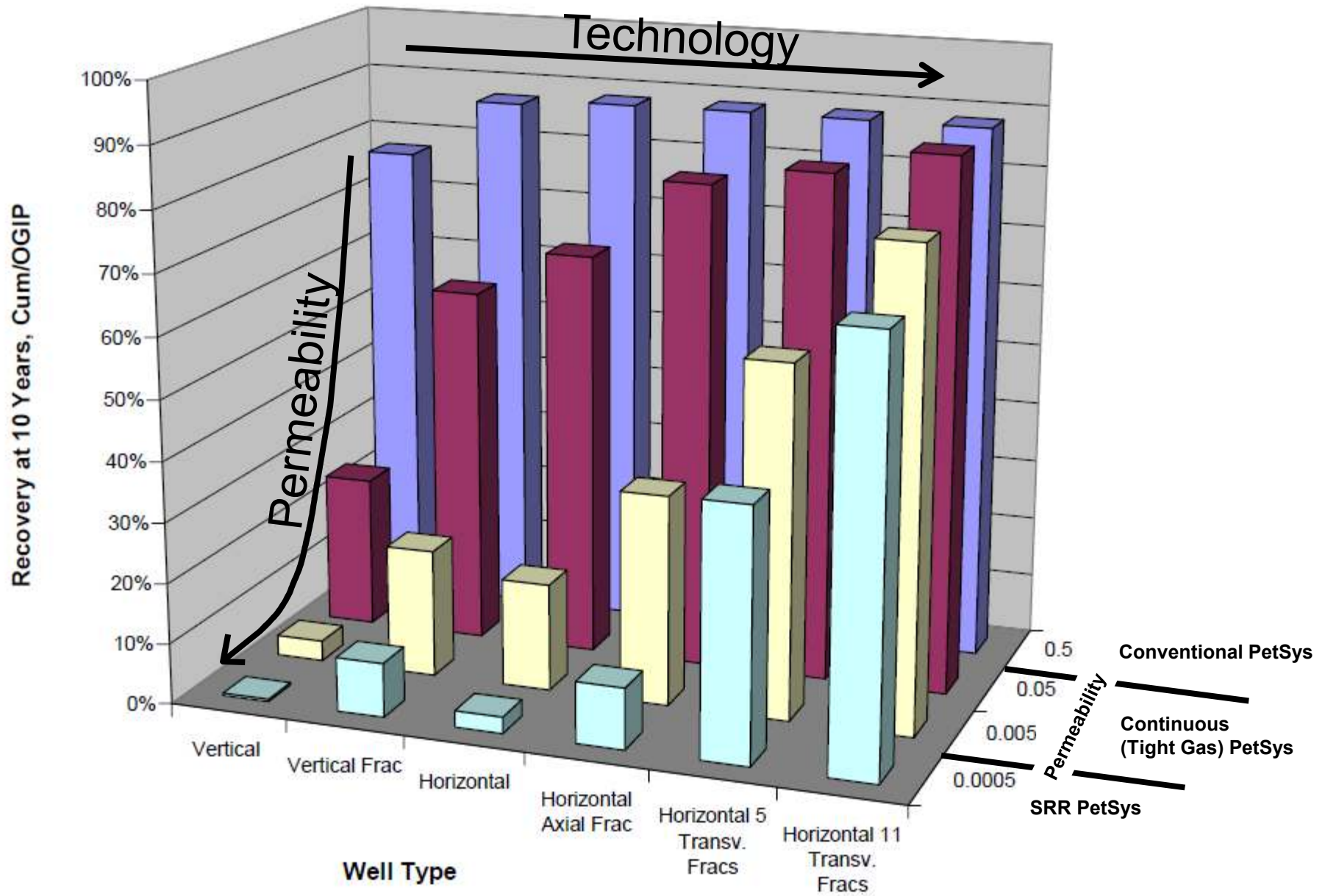
## Shale Gas - Source Rock Reservoir (SRR)

- NanoDarcy range
- Dry gas – wet gas
- Mostly free gas – some adsorbed gas

# Perspective – SRR

## Conventional Gas / Unconventional Gas





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# SRR Challenges

- Difficult-to-produce formations
- Larger amounts of data & engineering manpower
- Reservoir highly heterogeneous (faulted or fractured)
- Wide range of mineralogy
- Well bore rugosity, bore hole breakout
- Horizontal wells drilled parallel - shmin.
- Organic Shale:
  - Clay minerals < 40%
  - Fine-size (<0.06mm) quartz and feldspar,
  - Plus organic material
- Compartmentalized, stacked, or layered reservoirs
- Sensitivity to fluid damage and capillary pressure





# SRR – Unconventional Thinking

## Low Perm Gas Reservoirs

- Uplifts / traps
- Geological Risk
- Matrix density ( $\rho_b$ )
- Hydrocarbon saturation
- Marine shale (high clay content)
- Mineralogy
- Determine reservoir volume
- Pre-Frac reservoir analysis
- Reserves concentrated
- Planar fractures
- **\*HFSP - effective drainage area**
- Water conformance (shut-off)

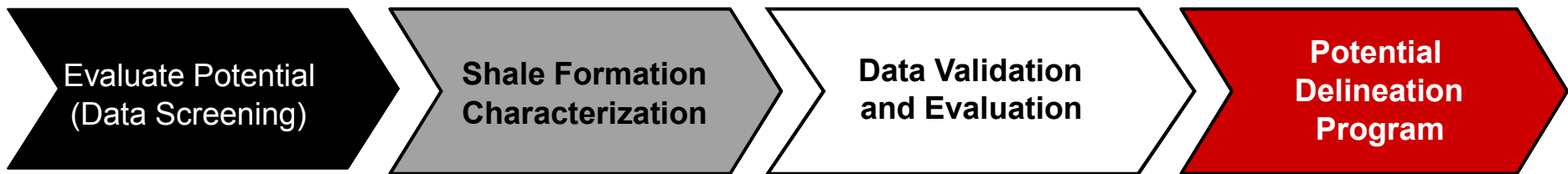
## Source Rock Reservoirs

- Continuous / naturally fractured
- Engineering Challenge
- Brittleness ( $E, \nu$ )
- TOC &  $R_o$
- Organic shale (low clay content)
- Particle size
- Stimulate reservoir volume (SRV)
- Post-Frac reservoir analysis
- Reserves across larger areas
- Degree of fracture complexity
- **\*HFSP - effective SRV**
- Water management

\*Horizontal Frac Stage Placement (HFSP)



# Source Rock Reservoir: Insite to Execution



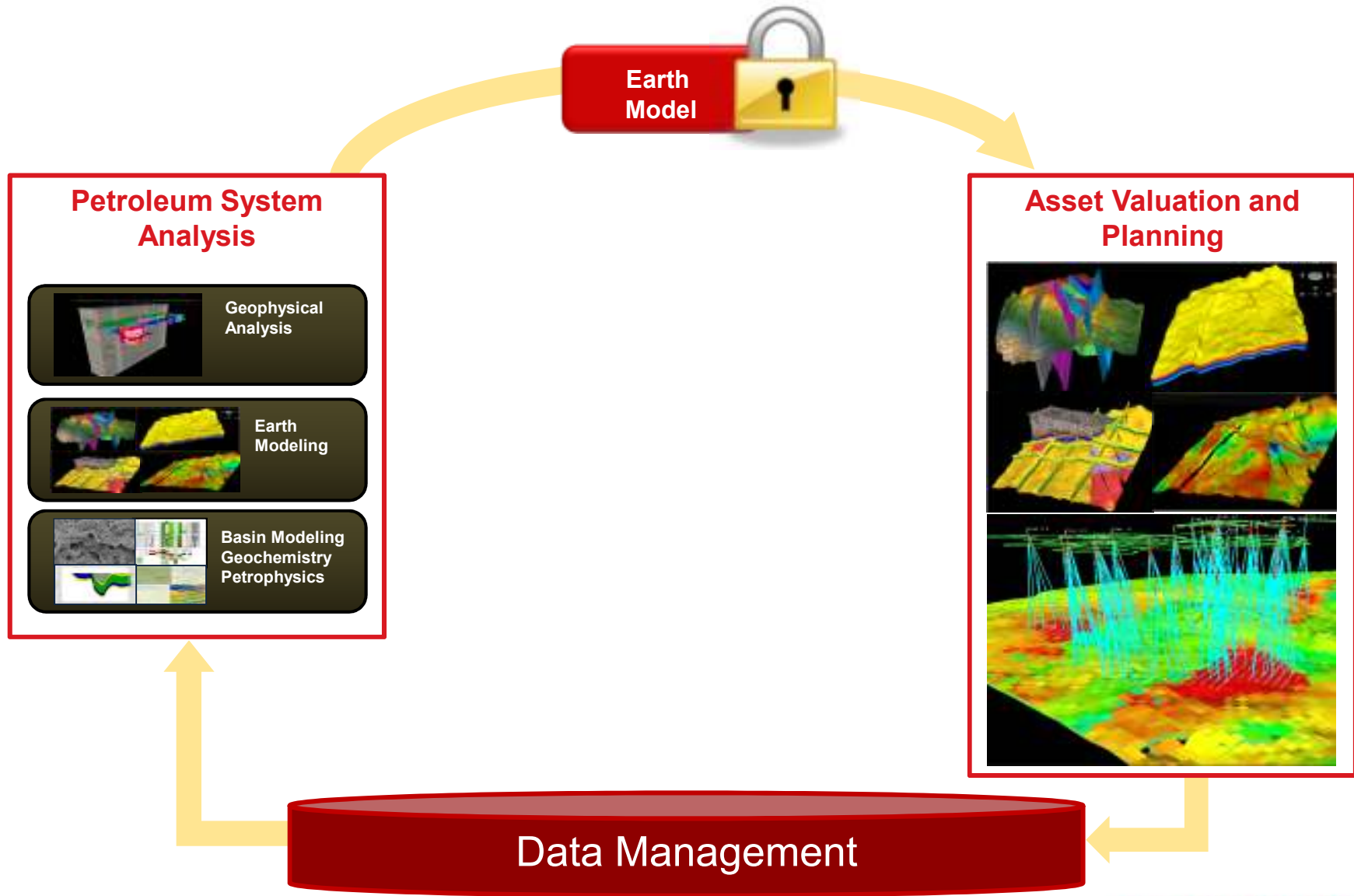
Organic Shale Interval  
 - Petroleum System  
 Review of data  
 - Seismic  
 - Geological  
 - Geomechanical  
 - Geochemical  
 Petrophysical  
 - Mineralogy,  $\Phi$ , TOC,  
 - Ro, Brittle, k  
 - Thickness  
 - Fluid typing  
 Identify data gaps  
 - Seismic, core, well log  
 etc.  
 First pass – SRR analogs  
 Hydraulic fracturing  
 - Wells  
 - Identify production  
 potential  
 Production Well Test  
 - Initial Production  
 - PTA & Decline Curve  
 analysis

Reservoir Extension  
 - Seismic Delineation  
 - Estimation of Mechanical  
 Properties  
 - Estimated Principal  
 Stress Directions  
 - Identification of Natural  
 Fractures  
 - Geochemical Properties  
 - Petrophysical Properties  
 - Estimated Mineralogy  
 - Geochemical log  
 - Chemostratigraphy  
 - Cores XRD  
 DFIT Analysis  
 Refine SRR Analog

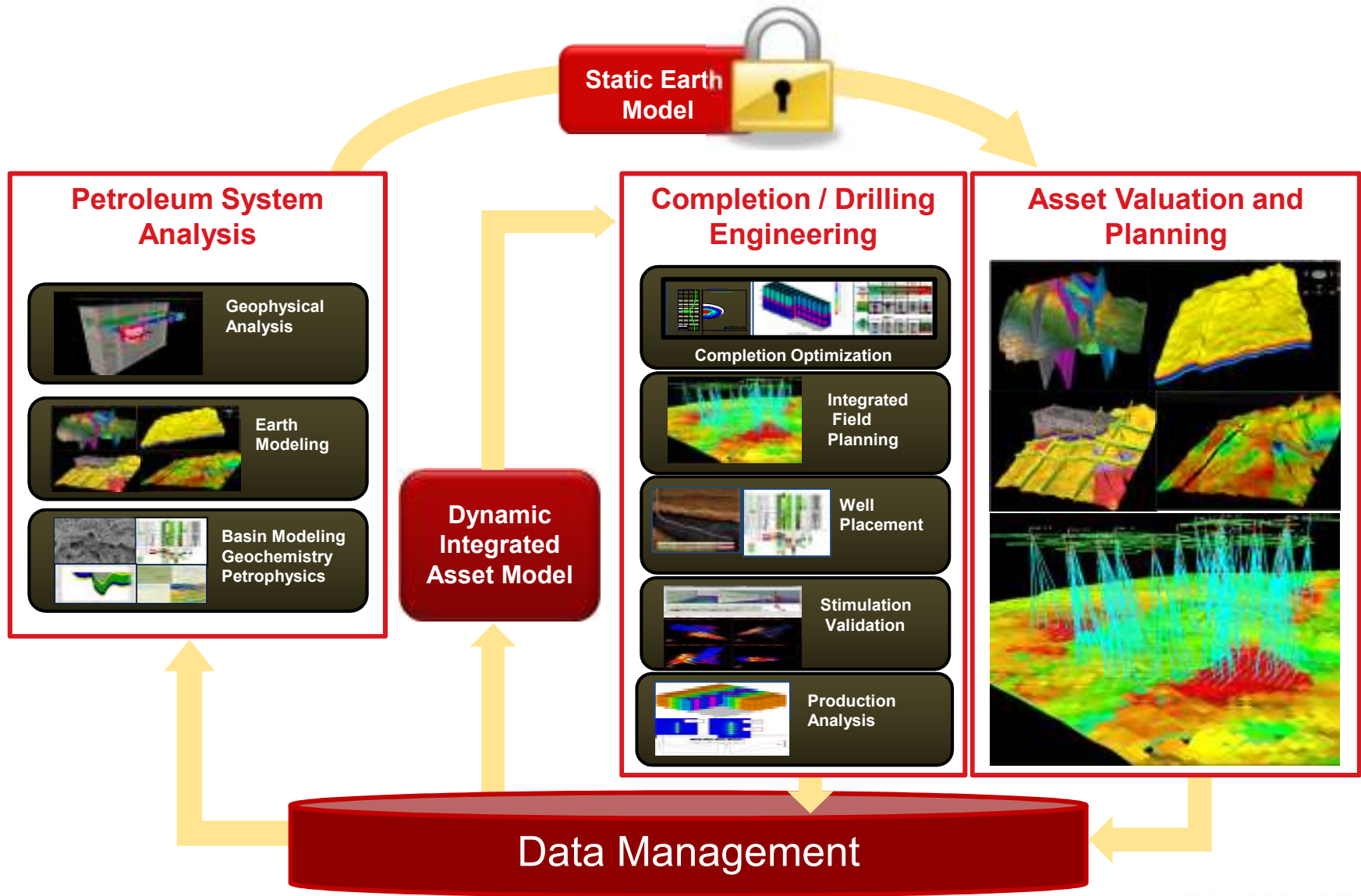
Sweet Spot Selection  
 - Thickness > 200'  
 - TOC > 1%,  
 - Free porosity > 4%  
 - Ro (Gas Chromatograph)  
 - Permeability > 100nD  
 - Brittleness index > 25%  
 - Pressure gradient  
 Hydraulic Fracturing  
 - Completion  
 - Perforation Strategy  
 - Operational Execution  
 - Material Selection  
   • Fluids & Proppant  
 - Stimulation Design  
   • Job Size, HHP  
   • Logistics  
   • Environmental Impact  
 Evaluation  
 - Production Potential  
 - Frac Monitoring  
 Production History Match  
 - Flowing Tubing Pressure  
 - Production Rate  
 - Fluid Production

Lessons Learned / What works  
 Aerial Continuity and extent  
 - Seismic  
 - Pilot Wells  
 Evaluation  
 Production History Match  
 Fine tune field development  
 analog  
 Well Placement  
   - Reservoir drainage  
 Well architecture to maximize  
 production  
   - Vertical / high angle  
   - Horizontal  
   - Multilateral  
 Water Management  
 Logistics  
 HSE

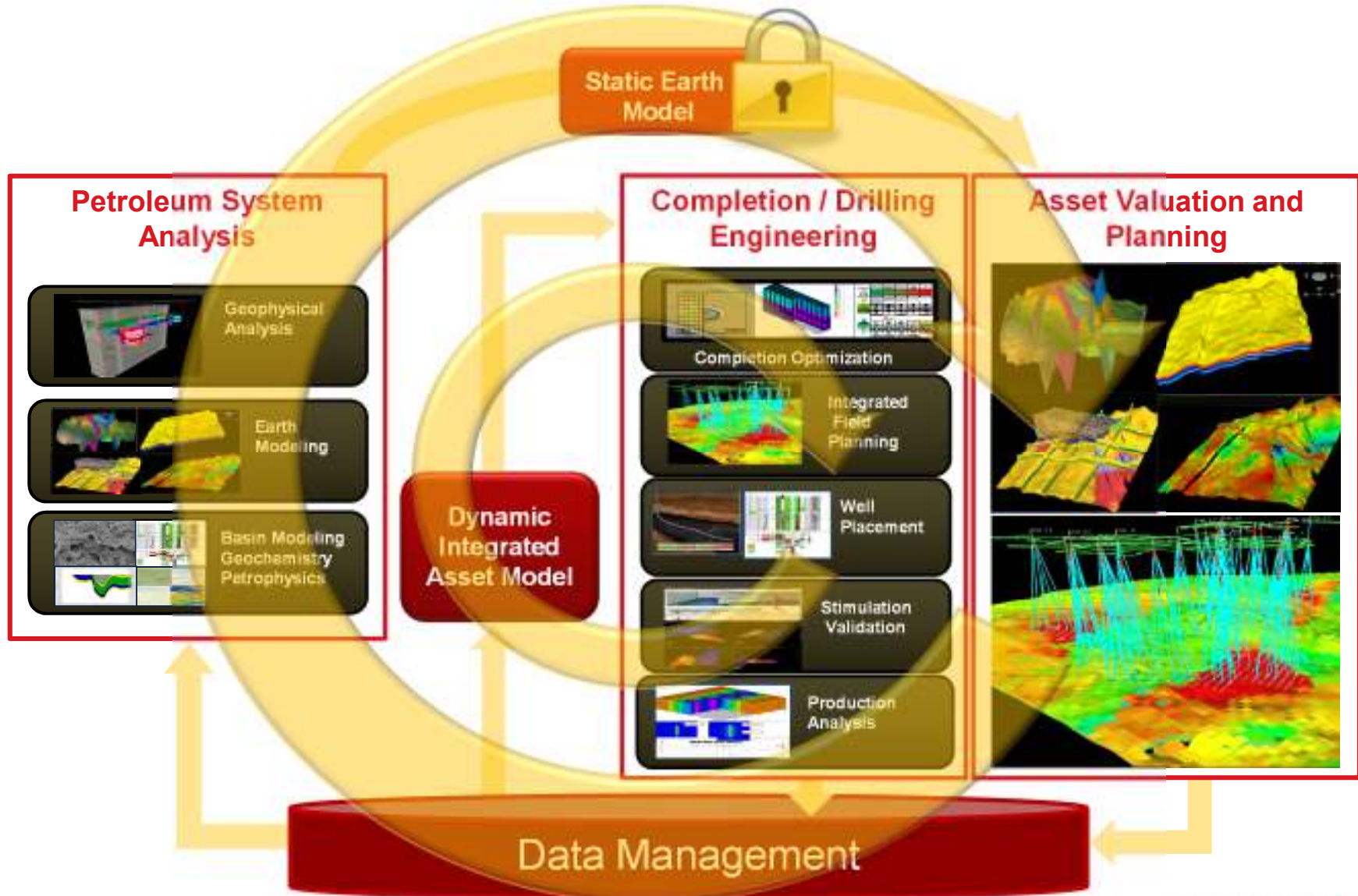
# Customer Reservoir Modeling



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# Summary

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- Shale reservoirs are complex petroleum systems
  - Cross discipline approach is necessary
- Transitioning from vertical to horizontal wells with stimulation requires improved modeling to properly place and stimulate wells
- The Field Development plans should take into consideration continuous learning and improvement:
  - Well placement
  - Stimulation Effectiveness
  - Reservoir Contact
- Maximized Recovery Factor and Optimize Asset Performance