

# “ A New Approach to Optimizing Recovery” PRTISP Process

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## What if

- ▶ You combine 4 proven technologies (Pulse, Thermal, Solvent Gas Injection, Steam) into 1 process?
- ▶ Make the process controllable to maximize productive?
- ▶ Maximize Energy potential, capture and capitalize?



# What would this technology be worth to any Oil producer?

## ▶ Why:

- ▶ Increase oil production by a minimum of 7-10%, lab tests identify up to 76% in some cases, expecting field results to exceed 30%
  - ▶ Changes to reserves ratings, Proven, probable and possible
- ▶ Increasing oil mobility by changing the phase permeability
- ▶ Capturing energy potential, capitalization of any loss energy and applying it either back into the project or turn it into capital, (Putting power into the Grid)
- ▶ Activating old fields/abandonments and producing those fields with secondary recovery, little capital cost
- ▶ Capitalization of production, taking wet field gas, stripping it of it's wet gases, Captures them for production and then uses only waste gas for the process.



# Who has been involved with the Development of PRTISP

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  - ▶ Head of the Enhanced Oil Recovery
  - ▶ Co-designer of THAI,
  - ▶ Author of many [EOR](#) papers
- ▶ Dr. Kenny Adegbesan, [KADE](#) technologies Technical Advisor
- ▶ Geologists, Petroleum and Mechanical Engineers



# Building a better Mouse Trap

Current heavy and conventional Oil Recovery Technologies.

- ▶ THAI & CAPRI
- ▶ SAGD
- ▶ Solvent Injection
- ▶ Electrical energy
- ▶ Water flooding
- ▶ Gas Injection

# The Concept & Benefits to you

- ▶ When effectively implemented, we believe our process may be
  - ▶ the most efficient way to accelerate fluid flow and disperse liquids through oil-bearing geological material.
  - ▶ Increase oil production
  - ▶ Economically efficient production, thanks to better oil mobility and anticipated well efficiency
  - ▶ Cheaper Facility due to less steam being generated
  - ▶ Power generation exceeds tool requirements thus putting power back into the grid system

- ▶ The process of the present invention is adaptable for use in reservoir contexts including but not limited to the following:
  - ▶ Reservoirs with high viscosity bitumen or heavy oil
  - ▶ Reservoirs with mobile bottom water
  - ▶ Reservoirs with difficulty cap rock integrity issues
  - ▶ Reservoirs with depths not over 4500m(14,763ft.) / dependant on power usage for reheating gas.
  - ▶ Reservoirs with narrow or restricted net pay over 6 meters
  - ▶ Reservoirs with depletion drive mechanisms for heavy oil extraction and Light oil as well.
  - ▶ Reservoirs for conventional oil production

# WHAT IS PRTISP?

- ▶ Pulse
- ▶ Resonance
- ▶ Thermal
- ▶ Injected
- ▶ Syn-gas
- ▶ Process





# Pulse

- The process is a pulsing drive system that causes penetration within the reservoir through pressure gradient changes, development of elastic pressure waves, (P-WAVES)
- Controllable above surface for maximum productive
- Each segment is controllable,
- Maximum benefit supersedes any known enhanced oil recovery program developed.
- The pulsing mode is adjustable based on design and exhaust port length. (Lifeview Pulsation Tool)
- Continuous application

# Velocity of Common Rock Types

[Jump up](#) ^ "[Acoustic Logging](#)". epa.gov. 2011-12-12. Retrieved 2015-02-03 •

Rock Type	Velocity {M/S}	Velocity {ft./s}
Unconsolidated Sandstone	4600 - 5200	15000 - 17000
Consolidated Sandstone	5800	19000
Shale	1800 - 4900	6000 - 16000
Limestone	5800 - 6400	19000 - 24000
Dolomite	6400 - 7300	21,000 - 24,000
Anhydrie	6100	20000
Granite	5800 - 6100	19000 -20000
Gabbro	7200	23600



# Resonance

- The **Sonic Resonance Frequency** generated by the pulse and tool would be regulated based on both temperature and amplitude for the regulation of the wave's magnitude of oscillation.
- Causes penetration to within the reservoir and will generate flow to the production well.
- The sonic frequency is calculated to ensure cap rock integrity and reservoir structure is maintained by Geomechanical methods and testing.

# Thermal

- The **thermal** temperature of the exhaust gases are regulated to meet the engineering working specifications as set forth based on reservoir perimeters
- Prior to exit point of the downhole pulsation tool, the gases will pass through a downhole heater (adjustable) thus increasing the temperature prior to being expelled through the downhole pulsation tool expulsion ports.
- Treated water/steam would be injected on the exhaust side. Steam Expansion (1700 times) Ideal Gas Law. An ideal gas can be characterized by three state variables: absolute pressure (P), volume (V), and absolute temperature (T). The relationship between them may be deduced from kinetic theory and is called the
- Ideal Gas Law:  $PV=nRT=NkT$

# Injected

- The **injection of water or steam** (treated) will be used to increase the mobility of the oil or bitumen flowing to the production well by applying wet steam or water downhole in direct contact with high temperature gaseous. (243degree C/ 469.4 Deg. F)
- Designed downhole pulsation tool. This will harness the steam expansion characteristics to pulsate movement of the oil by dilating the natural fractures without causing damage to cap rock integrity.
- Toe to heel configuration well will be used.
- This short- distance oil displacement will preserve the upgrading. This benefit has been demonstrated in other existing enhanced oil recovery processes and can be controlled to meet the required benefit.



# Syngas

- The use of propane or natural gas as a main fuel source along with other thermal operations to produce its by-products (**SYNGAS**) would be used as a solvent gaseous solution based on the reservoir requirements. (Treated Flu Gas)
- Re-cycle through an afterburner for complete burn removing all oxygen from the injection gas

# Process

- The key is upgrading underground by making changes to the carbon chain and thermal application
- With the drive systems being used downhole, production is maximized.
- Zero Emissions from the injector process
- **Green process**

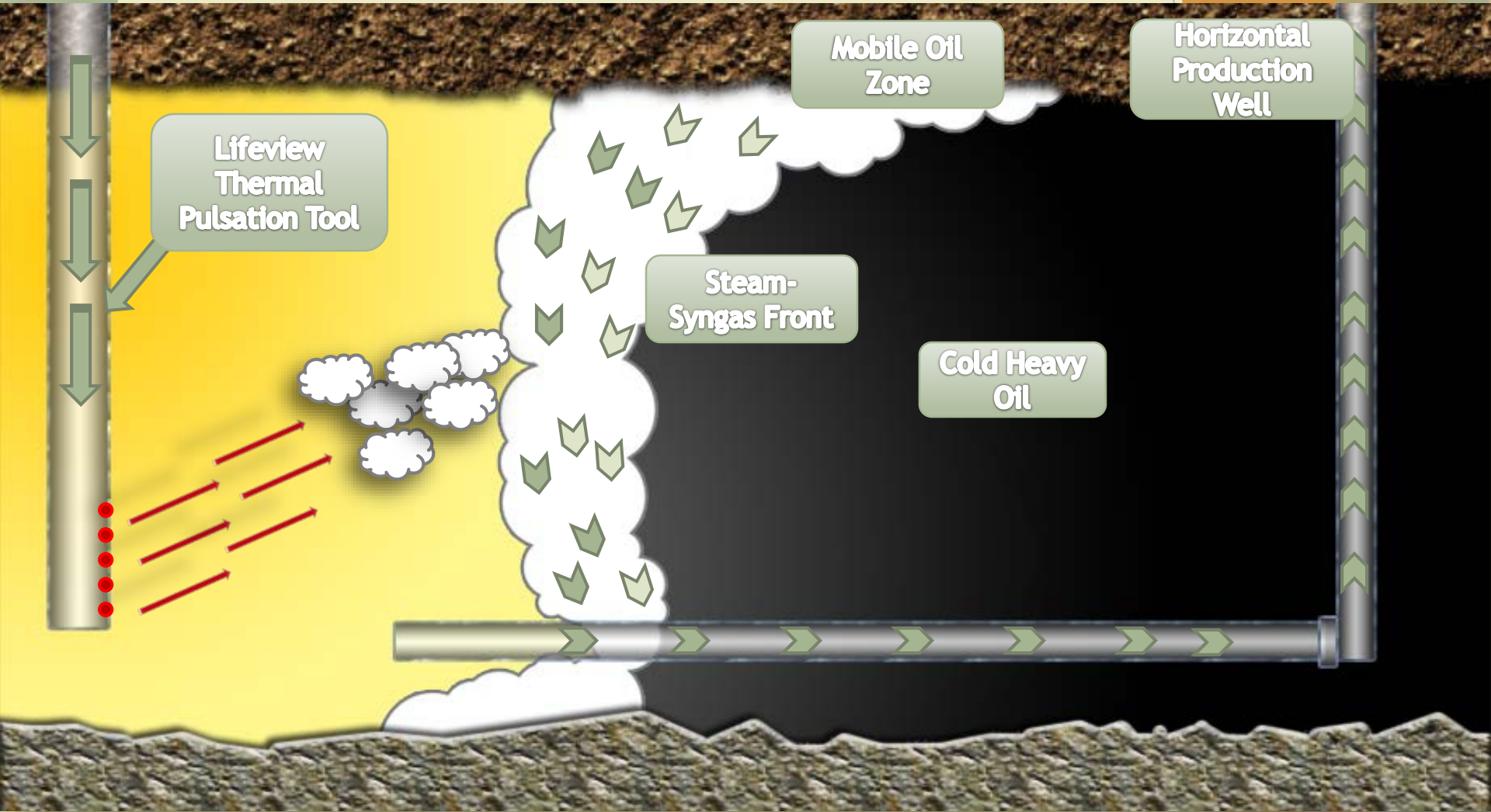
# Reservoir dependent information for process guidelines

- ▶ Reservoir depth, Structure
- ▶ Reservoir fluid characteristics
- ▶ Flu Gas Injection rate
- ▶ Water / Catalyst Volumes
- ▶ Horsepower requirements
- ▶ Compression rates and pressures
- ▶ Electrical requirements for process and downhole tool

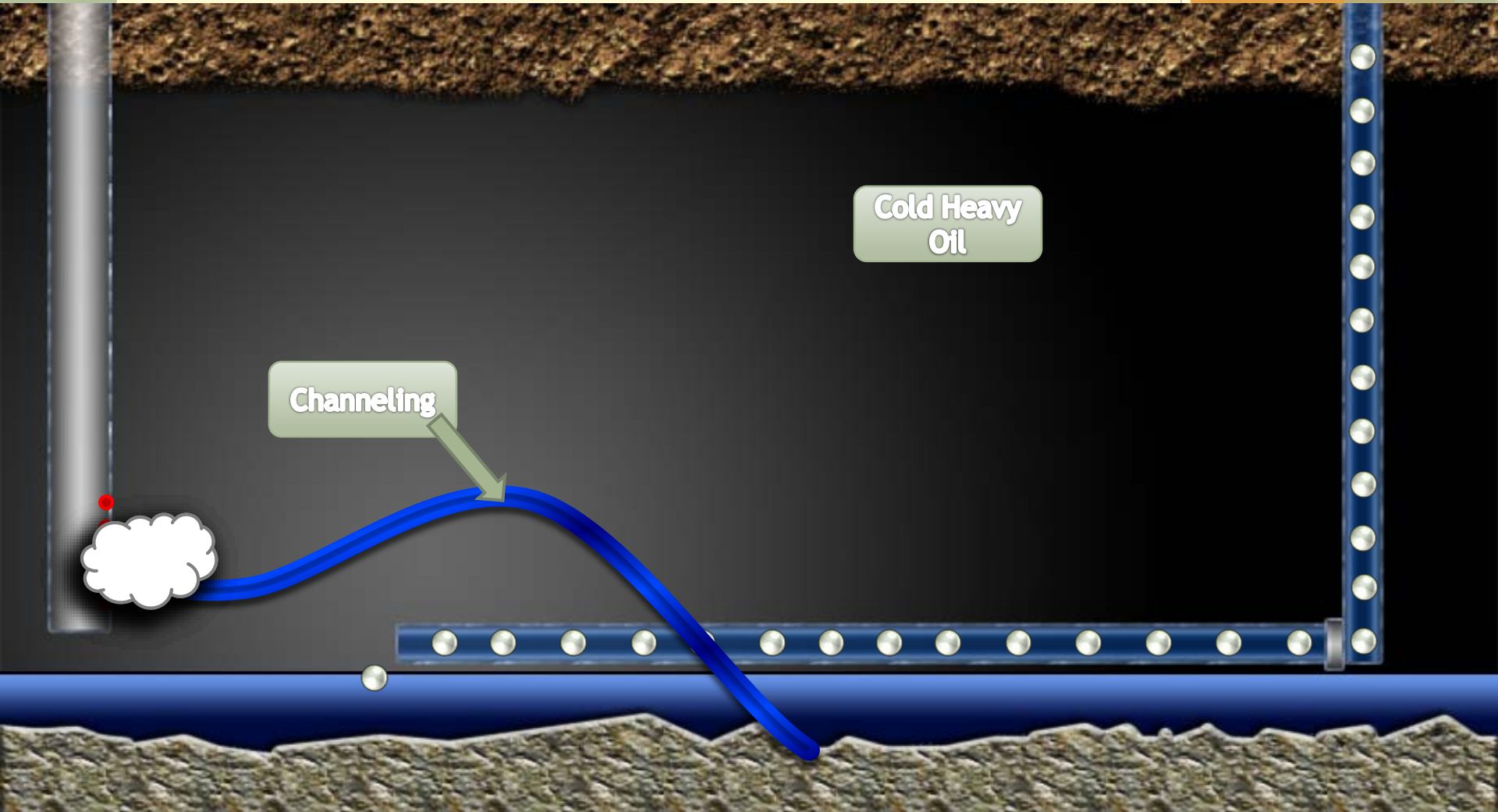
Once gathered we would be able to calculate the Mass and Energy Balance for effective production forecasting



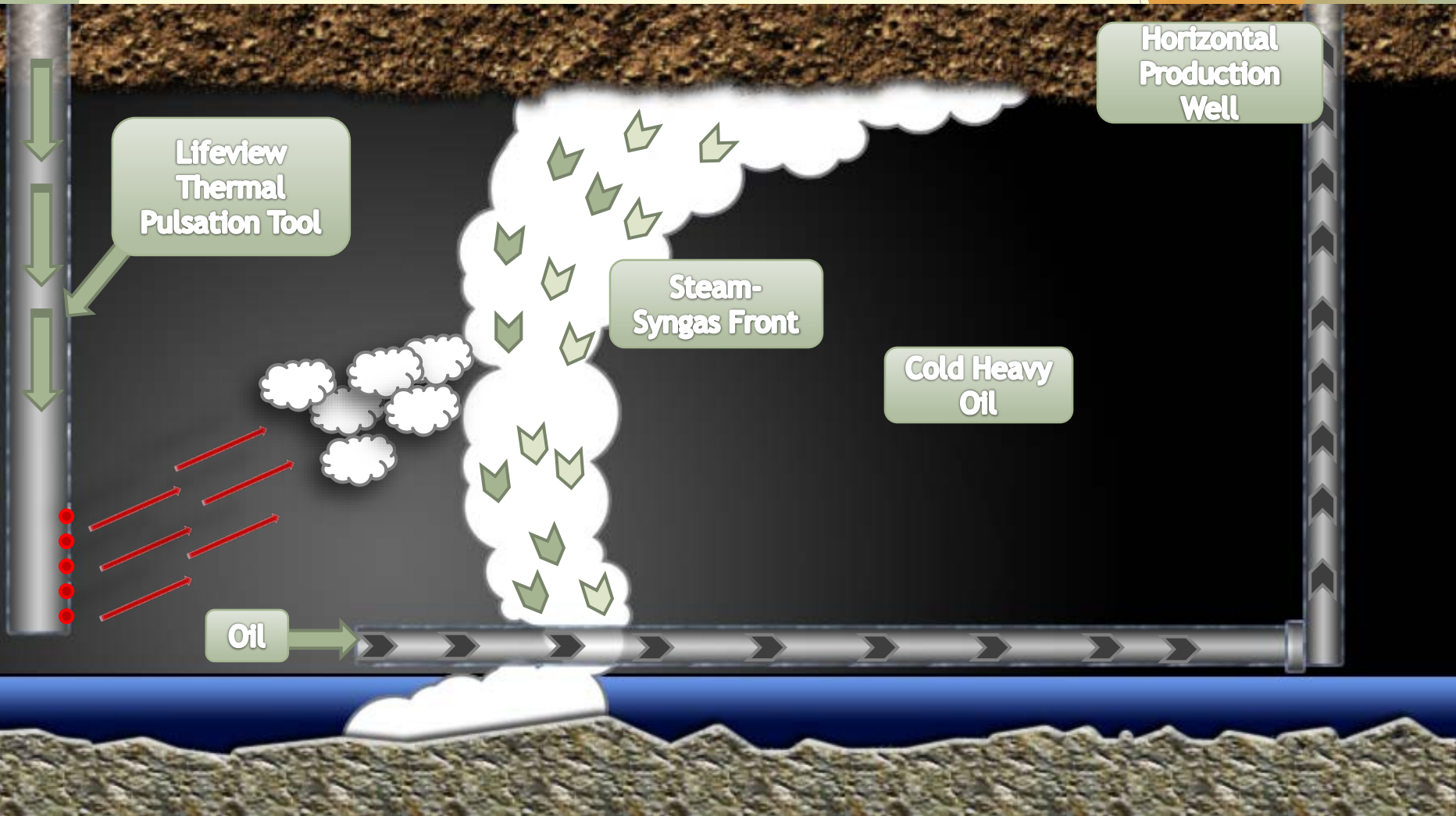
# PRTISP Process



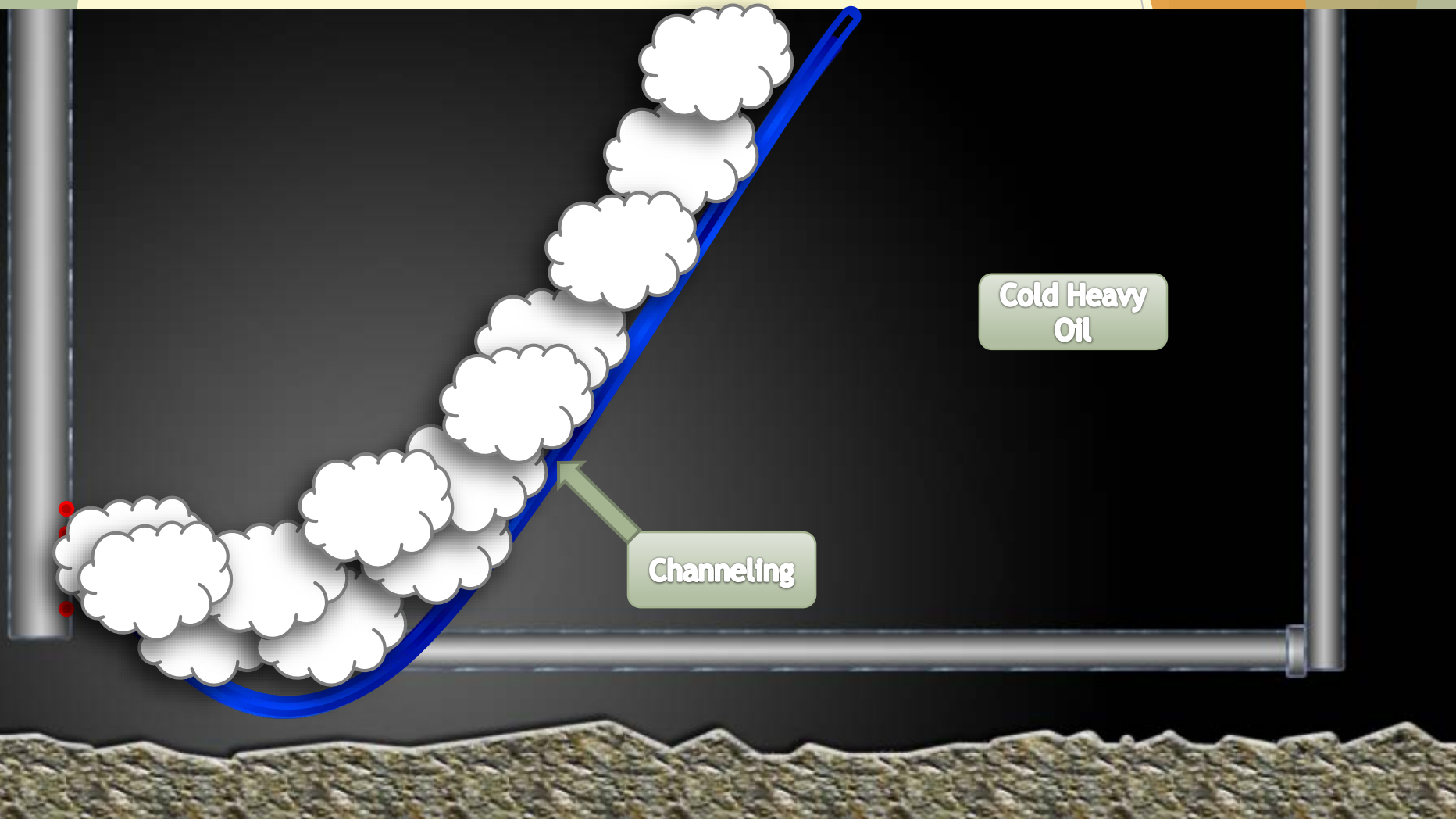
# Bottom water Problems with continuous steam injection

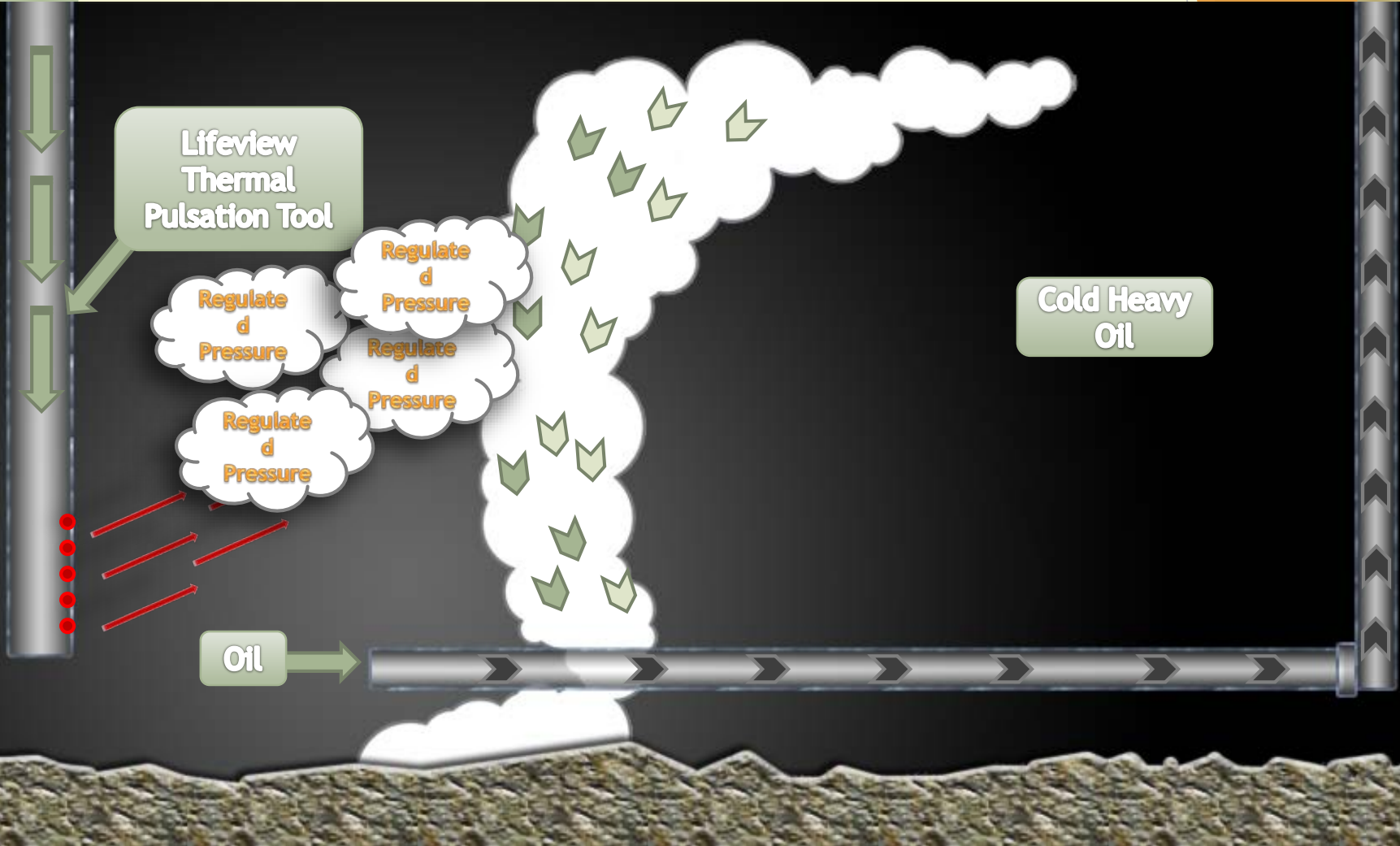


# PRTISP process in bottom water



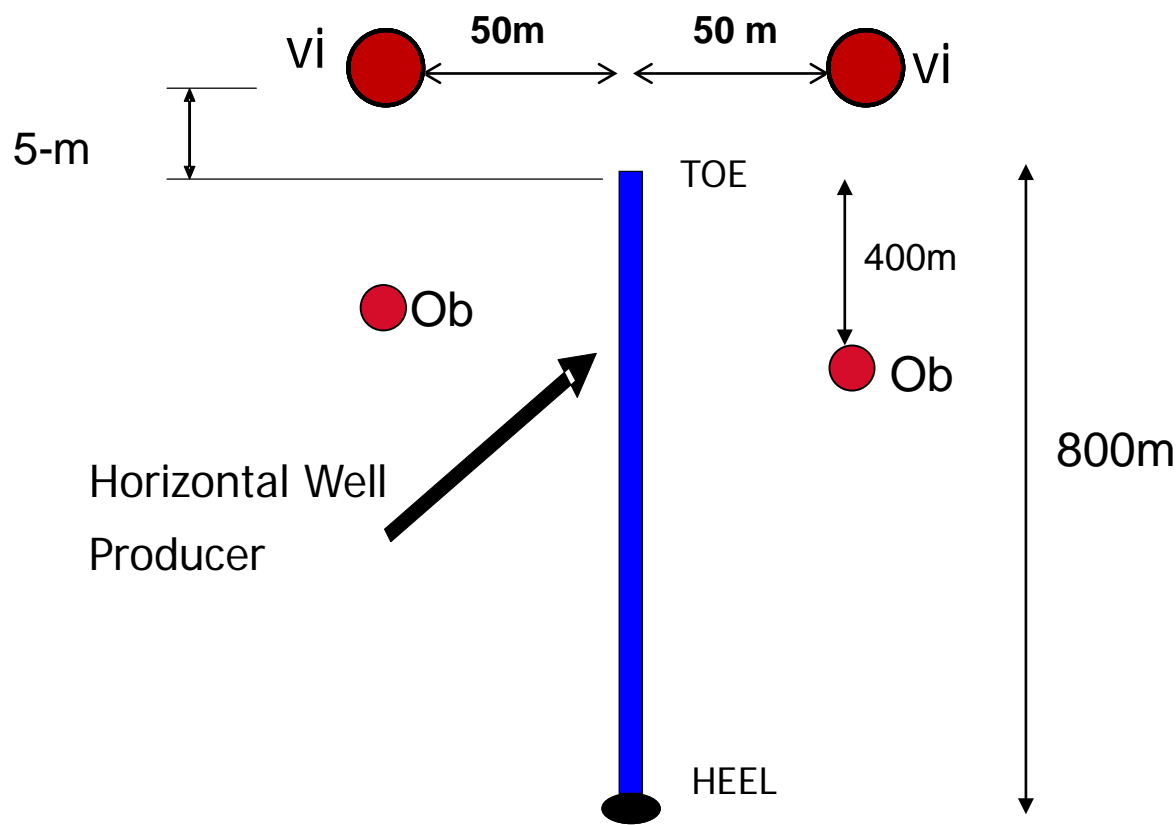
# Lack of Cap Rock Problems with Continuous Steam Injection





Bird`s eye view of the TTH(Toe to Heel) steam-syngas flooding process; well configuration.

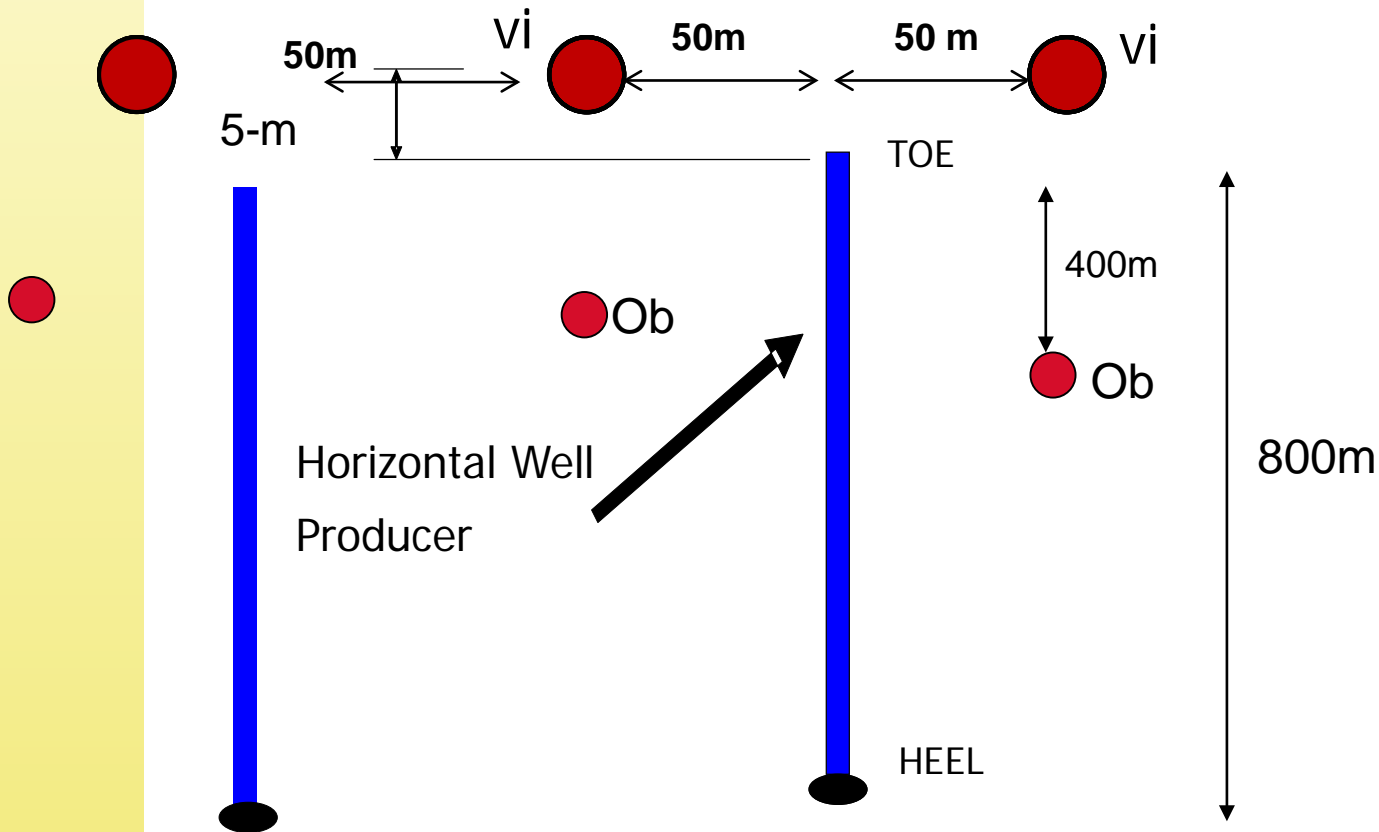
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Legend: Ob – Observation well, future VI  
VI - vertical injector

# Bird`s eye view of the TTH steam-syngas flooding process for Commercial Application

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# Field development implementation

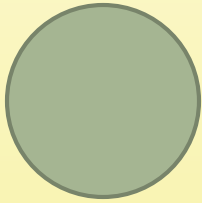
- ▶ Existing oil fields that have pressure depleted reservoirs
  - ▶ Reestablish reservoir drive
  - ▶ Increasing oil mobility by changing the phase permeability
- ▶ Heavy Oil Enhanced Oil Recovery program
  - ▶ Thermal application
  - ▶ Increase oil mobility by using pressure gradient
  - ▶ Chemical injection using Syngas / enriched
- ▶ Bitumen fields with bottom water
  - ▶ Worm hole problems,
  - ▶ Steam oil ratio high, not economical



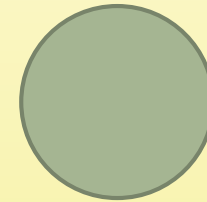
# PRTISP Process for Heavy Oil Recovery and Conventional Oil

New deployment technique in areas with cold flow production, depleted production in mature fields

# Conventional Heavy Oil / Carbonate Light Oil spacing per Section



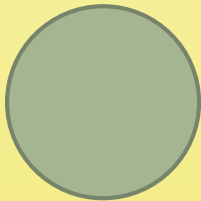
Vertical Production wells



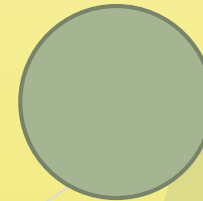
Vertical Production wells



Vertical Thermal Injector well



Vertical Production wells



Vertical Production wells

# Current development Status

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