Newfoundland Labrador

... it's happening here.



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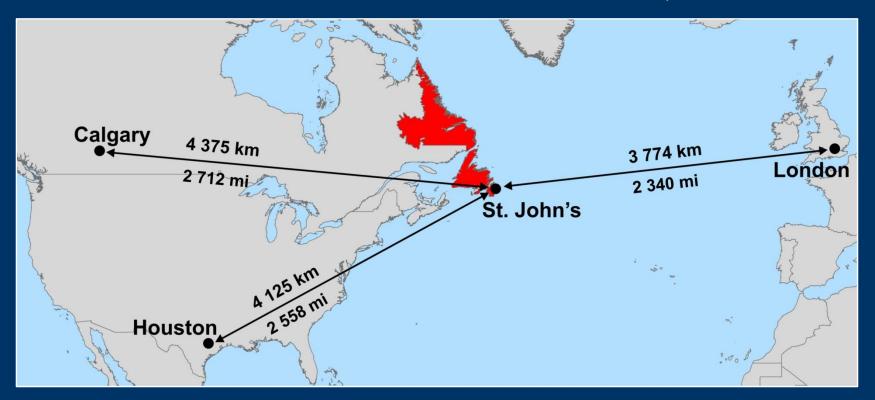


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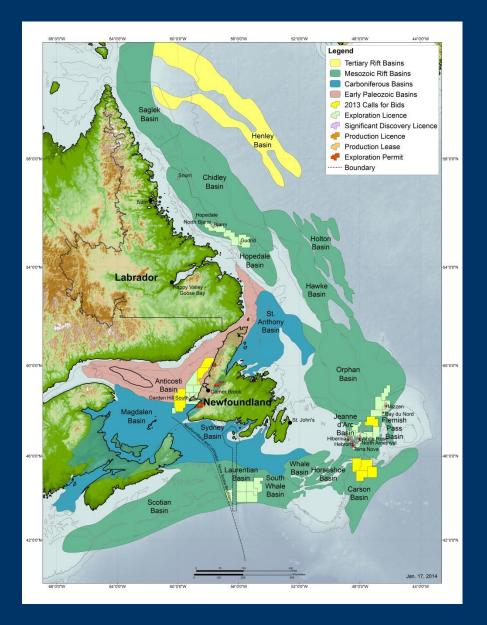


- ✓ Most easterly Province in Canada
- ✓ More than 4000 km of coastline and water depth up to 4000 meters
- ✓ Population ~ 500,000

- ✓ Financially and Politically Stable
- ✓ Adjacent to Northeast US energy market
- ✓ Access to EU markets



Energy Warehouse



- ✓ Home to some of the largest unexplored basins in the world
- ✓ Area of petroleum potential greater than 1 million km²
- ✓ Four offshore projects producing
 ~ 25% of Canada's conventional light crude oil
- ✓ Light crude production of ~100 million barrels annually
- ✓ Total cumulative oil production in excess of 1.4 billion barrels
 - < 6% held under licence



Regulatory Framework

OFFSHORE



- ✓ Administered by joint Federal / Provincial Board
- ✓ Canada Newfoundland & Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB)
- ✓ Office St. John's, NL
- Maintains Data Repository, Core Storage Facilities, etc.
- ✓ Web: www.cnlopb.nl.ca





ONSHORE



- ✓ Administered by Province
- ✓ Department of Natural Resources(DNR) Energy Branch
- ✓ Office St. John's, NL
- Maintains Data Repository, Core Storage Facilities, etc.
- ✓ Web: www.nr.gov.nl.ca/nr





Activity Summary

Wells Drilled Offshore

Exploration 155

Delineation 57

Development 186

Discoveries

Oil 18

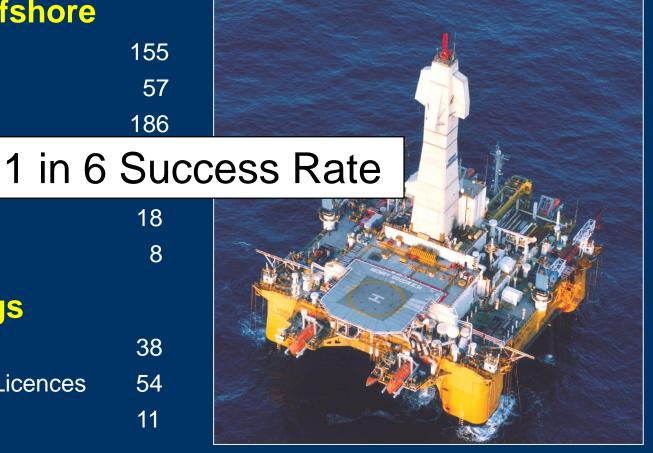
Gas 8

Current Holdings

Exploration Licences 38

Significant Discovery Licences 54

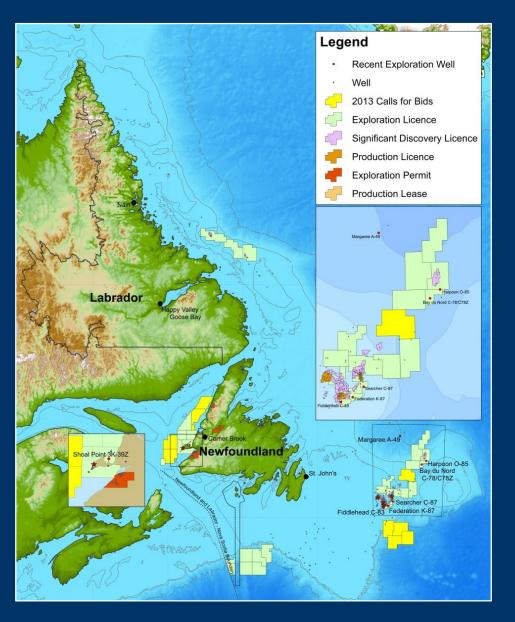
Production Licences 11



(to December 31, 2013)



Recent Exploration Activity

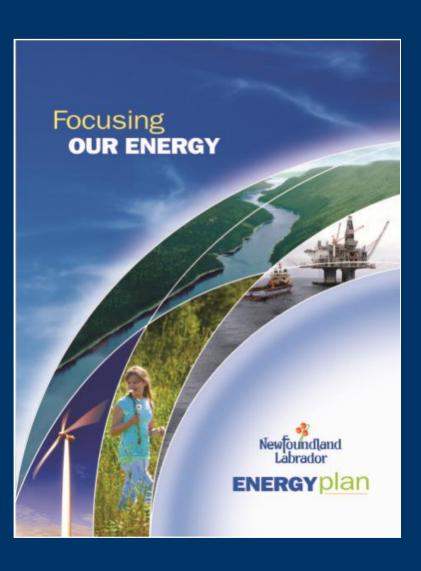


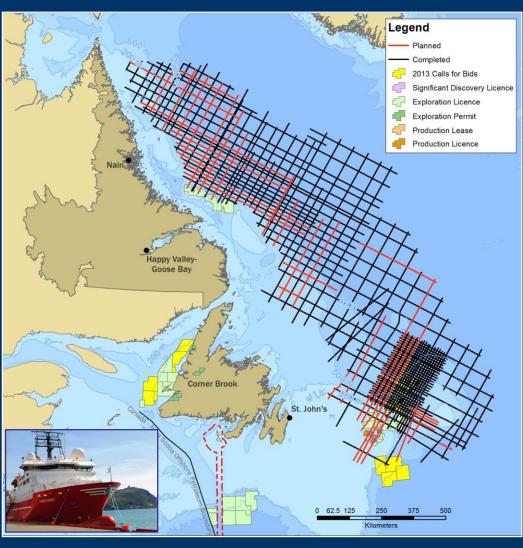
- ✓ Large scale 2D & 3D seismic programs completed (2013)
- ✓ Significant exploration drilling activity (5 wells in 2013)
- ✓ Avg. of \$272 million/year spent for exploration over past 5 years, ending 2012
- √ \$1.2 billion in outstanding work commitments
- ✓ Recent discoveries (2013) in the Flemish Pass Basin (Harpoon & Bay du Nord)



Offshore Geoscience Data Program

\$20 Million Government Funded Program





New Basin Discoveries



Seismic survey results:

- ✓ Discovery of three new basins: Henley, Chidley and Holton
- ✓ Also significantly increased the size of the Hawke Basin



Current Offshore Licensing Round (Parcel Descriptions)



Offshore Rights Issuance

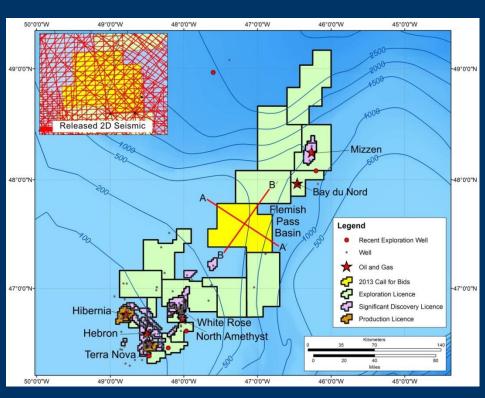


- Managed by the Canada Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB)
- ✓ Federal and Provincial Entity



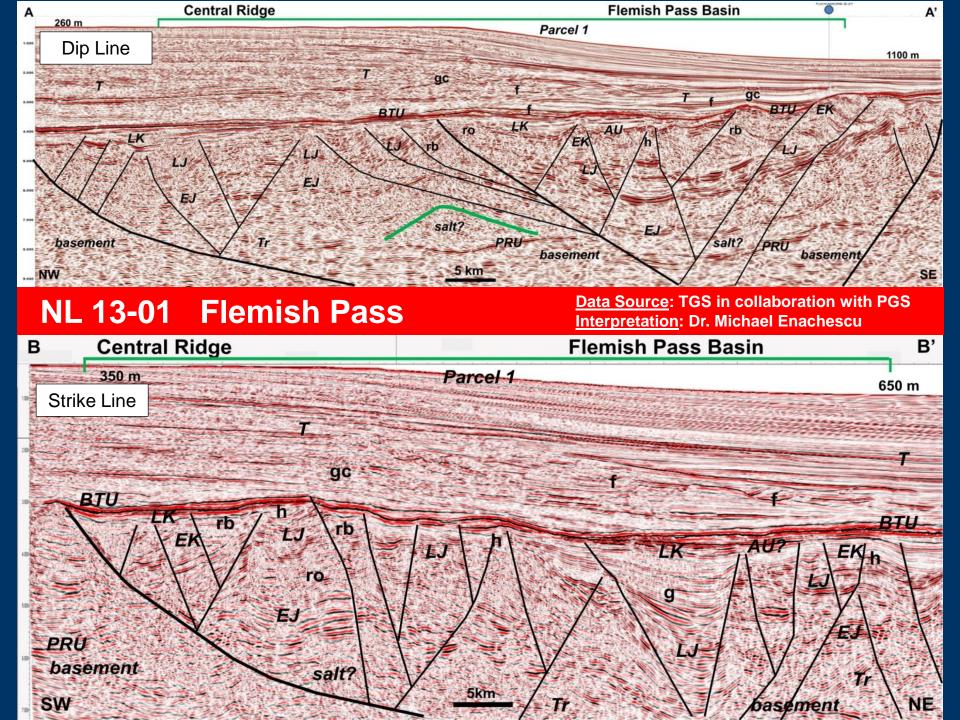


NL 13-01 Flemish Pass



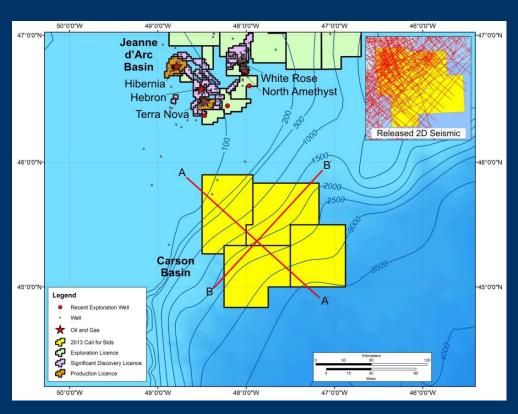
- ✓ One large parcel totaling ~266,000 hectares
- ✓ Water depth ranging from 240 to 1150 meters
- ✓ Proven Late Jurassic source; situated between producing Jeanne d'Arc basin and recent oil discoveries in the Flemish Pass basin





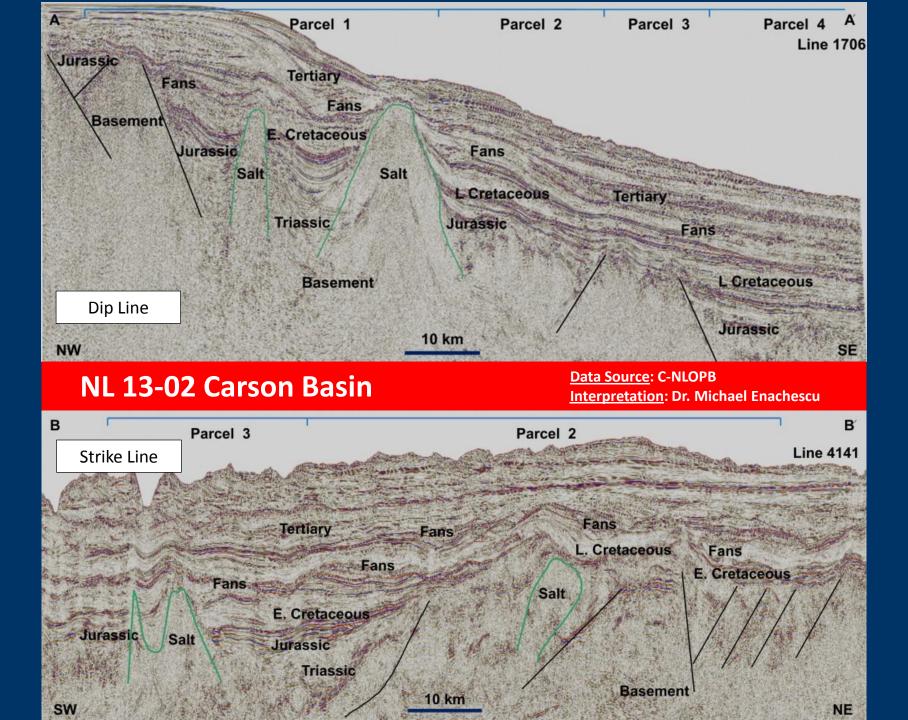


NL 13-02 Carson Basin



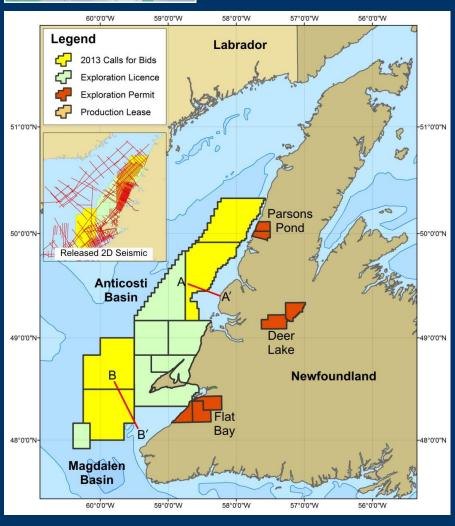
- ✓ Four large parcels totaling~1.1 million hectares
- ✓ Water depth ranging from 90 to 3600 meters
- ✓ No deepwater wells (only 4 shelf wells); based on seismic data, Jurassic section interpreted across all parcels





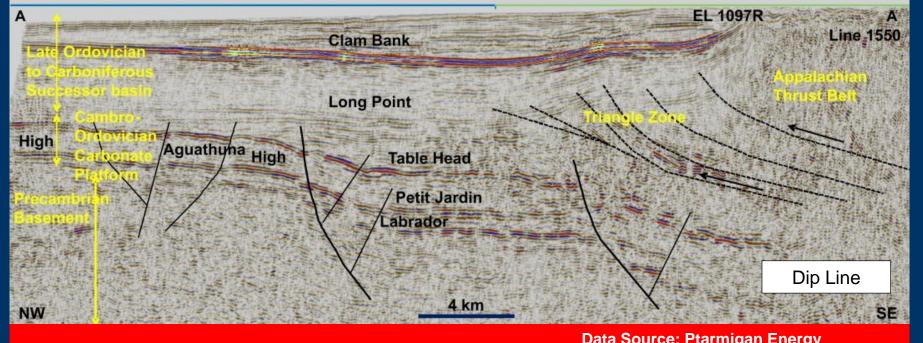


NL 13-03 Western NL



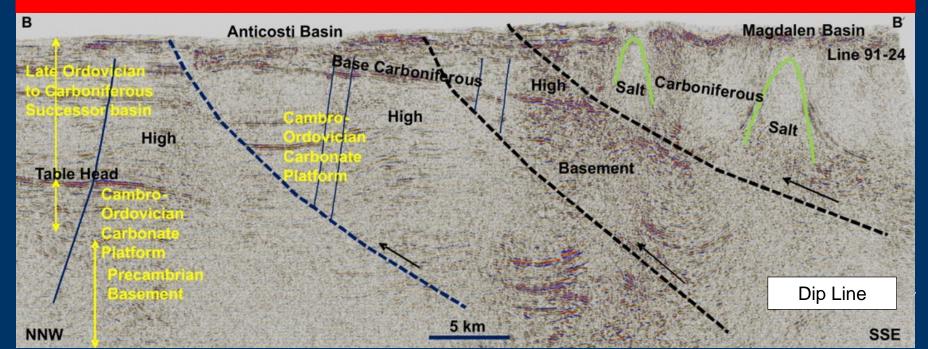
- ✓ Four large parcels totaling ~1.0 million hectares
- ✓ Water depth ranging from 90 to 330 meters
- ✓ Northern parcel spans boundary between Anticosti foreland basin & west NL triangle zone
- ✓ Southern parcel spans boundary between Anticosti basin and Magdalen basin.



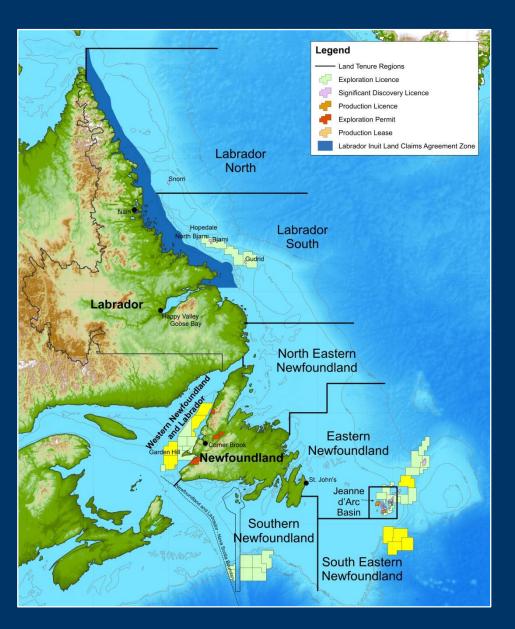




<u>Data Source</u>: Ptarmigan Energy <u>Interpretation</u>: Dr. Michael Enachescu



New Scheduled Land Tenure



Divided into 8 Regions

- ✓ Labrador North (LA)
- ✓ Labrador South (LA)
- ✓ North Eastern Newfoundland (LA)
- ✓ Eastern Newfoundland (HA)
- ✓ Jeanne d'Arc (M)
- ✓ South Eastern Newfoundland (LA)

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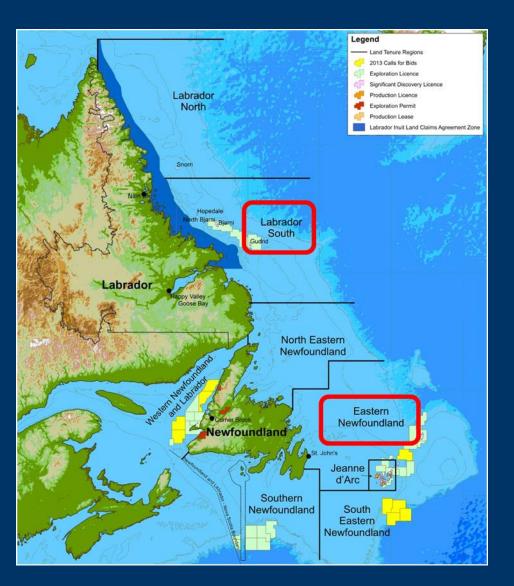
- ✓ Southern Newfoundland (LA)
- ✓ Western Newfoundland (LA)

Low Activity (4 yr. cycle)

High Activity (2 yr. cycle)

Mature (1 yr. cycle)

C-NLOPB New Land Tenure System



- ✓ Two regions had <u>Areas of</u>
 <u>Interest open for nominations</u>
- ✓ Nominations closed on March 17, 2014
- ✓ C-NLOPB currently assessing nominations (AOI's) in prep. for April/May sector ID
- ✓ Once completed, sector nomination process opens leading to a Call for Bids



Summary



What we have to offer:

- ✓ New modern seismic data availability
- ✓ New discoveries proving excellent prospectivity
- ✓ New opportunities with offshore Calls for Bids
- ✓ New flexible scheduled land tenure system





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