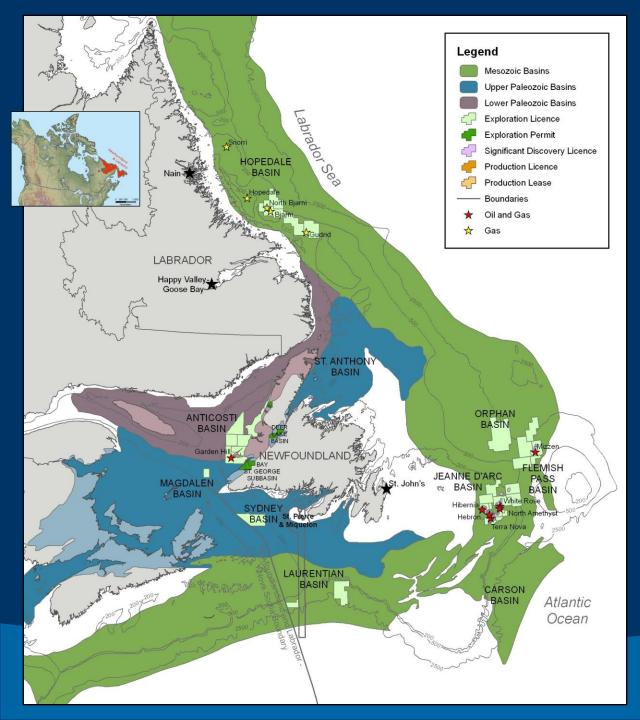
## Shale Oil Potential of the Anticosti Basin

## Western Newfoundland, Canada

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#### **Regulatory Framework**

#### **Onshore** Western Newfoundland

Department of Natural Resources (DNR)



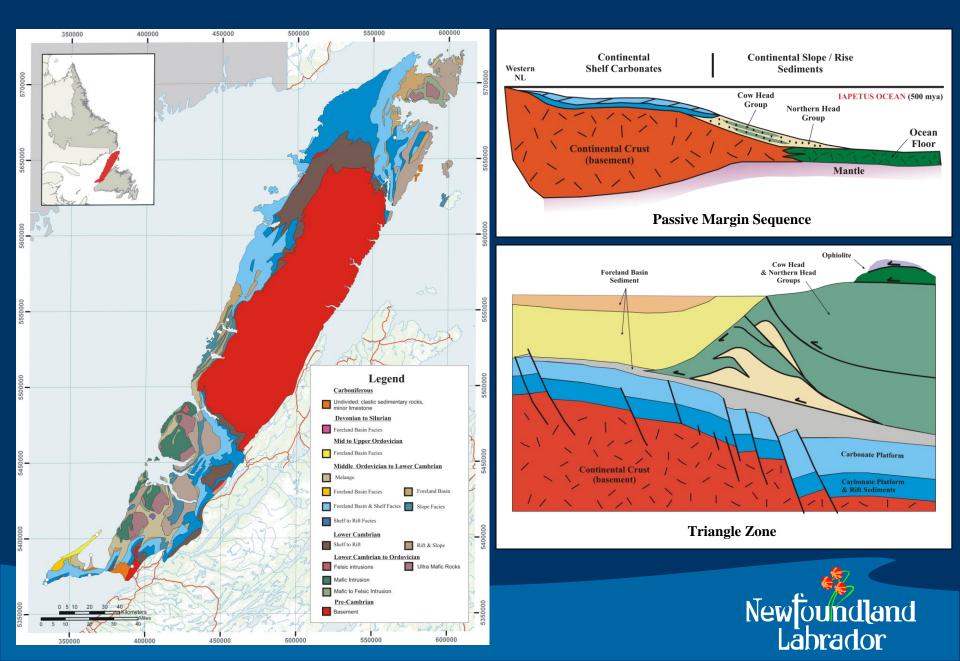
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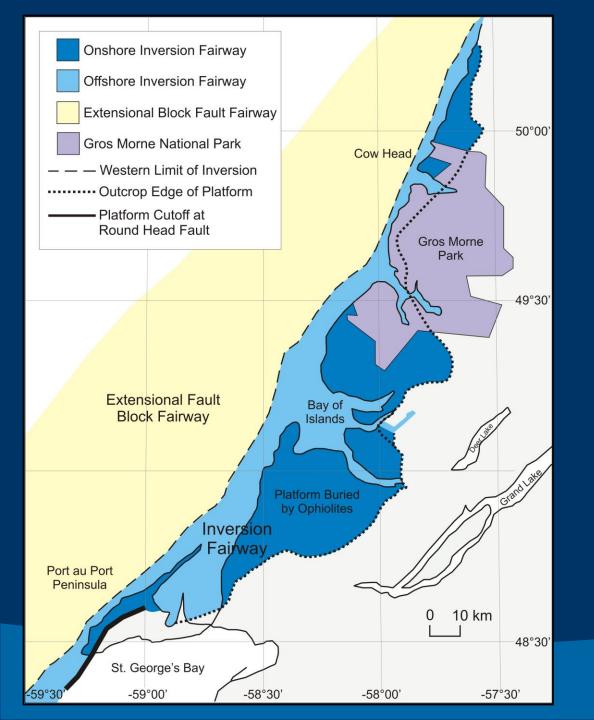
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### **Geological Evolution – Anticosti Basin**

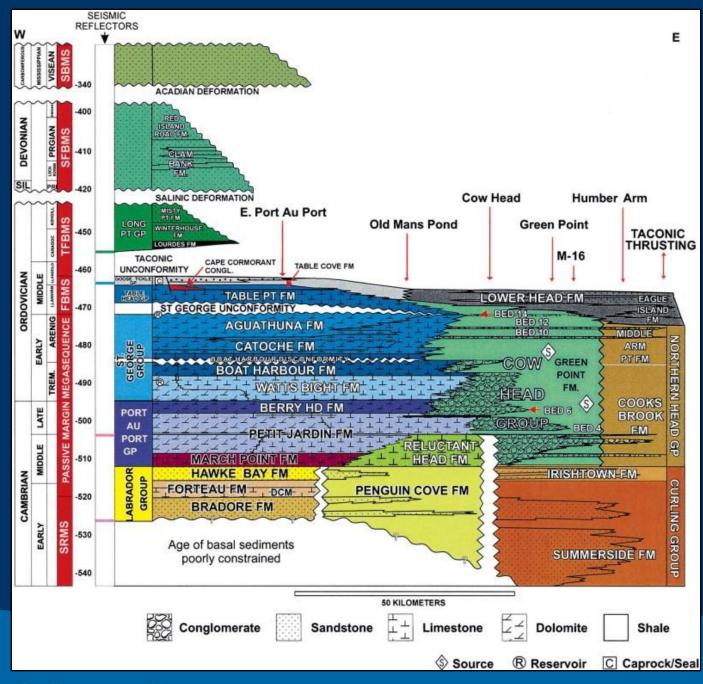




# Anticosti Basin

# Extensional / Inversion Fairway



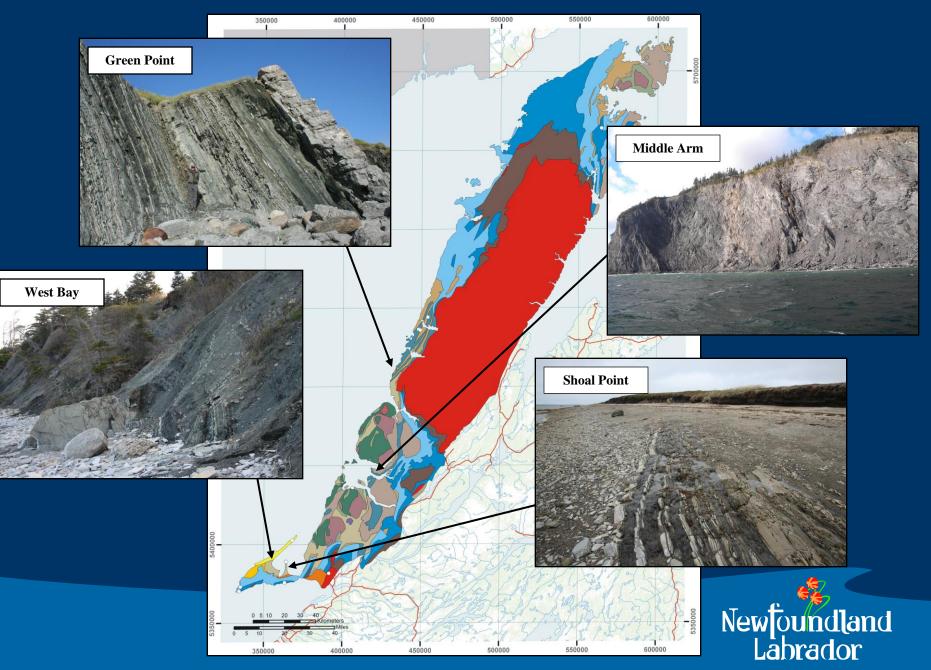


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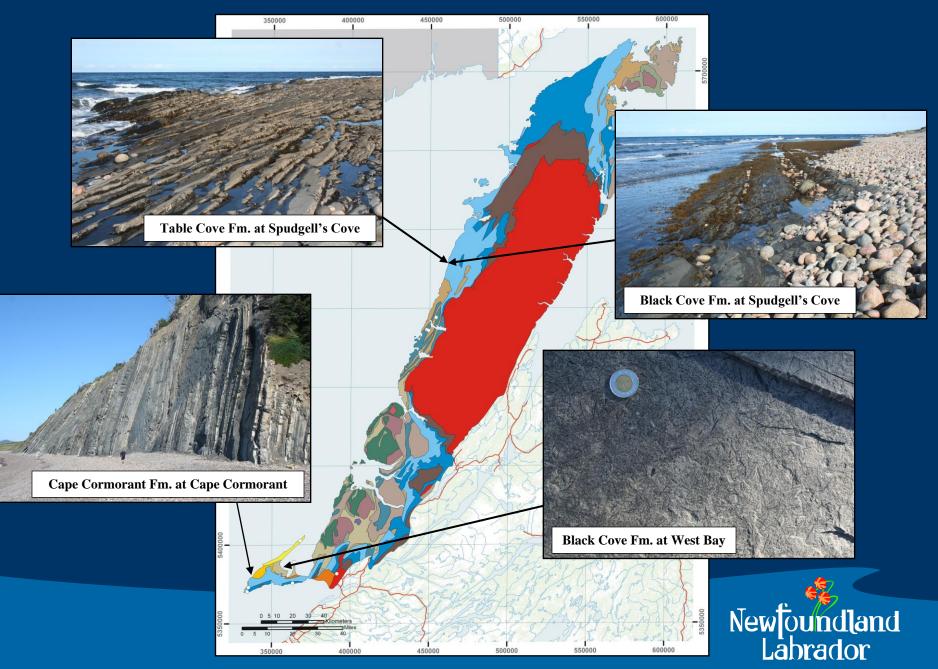


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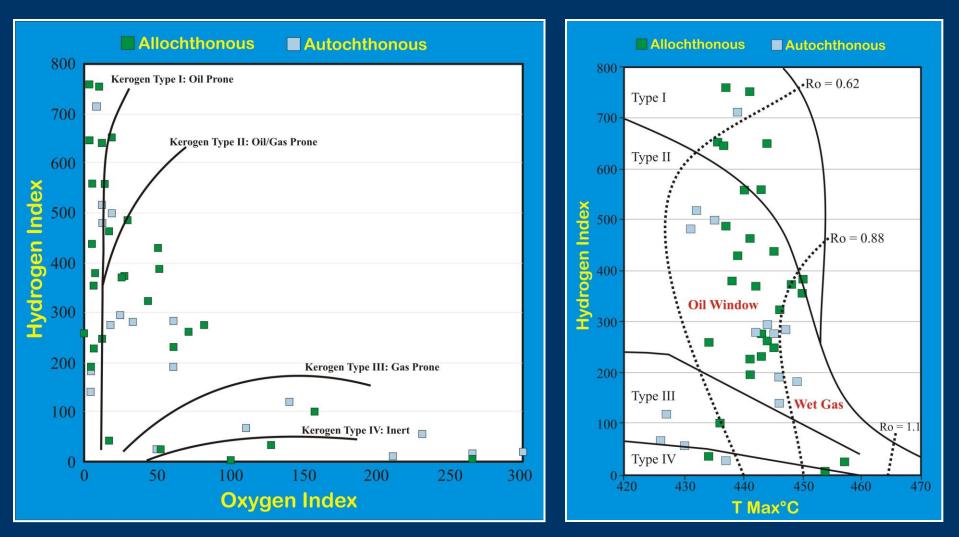
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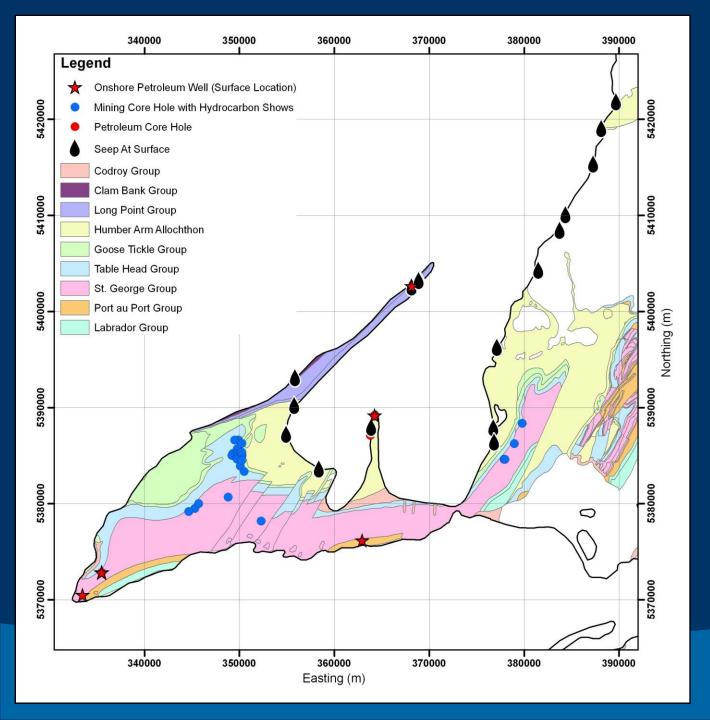


## **Geochemistry Data**



Allochthonous / Autochthonous Source Rocks

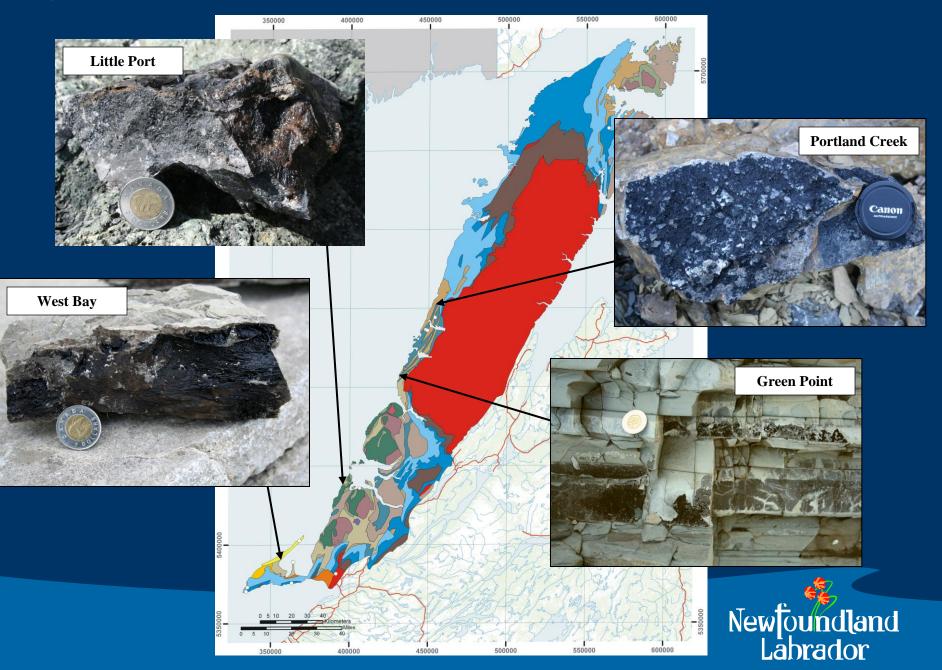




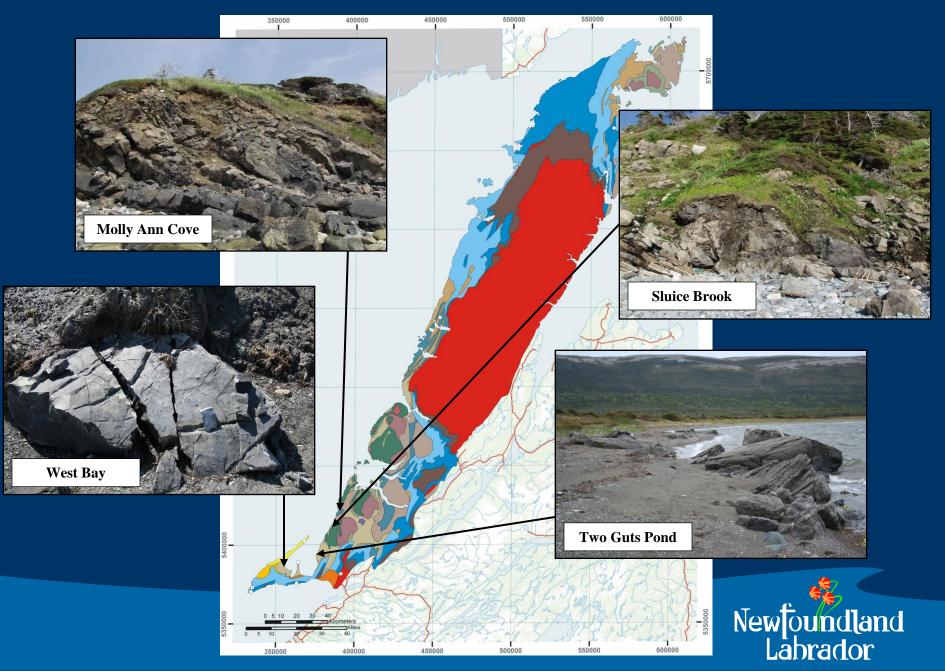
# Hydrocarbon Shows around Port au Port Bay



#### Hydrocarbon Shows in Allochthonous Cow Head & Northern Head Groups



#### Hydrocarbon Saturated Allochthonous Reservoir Rock

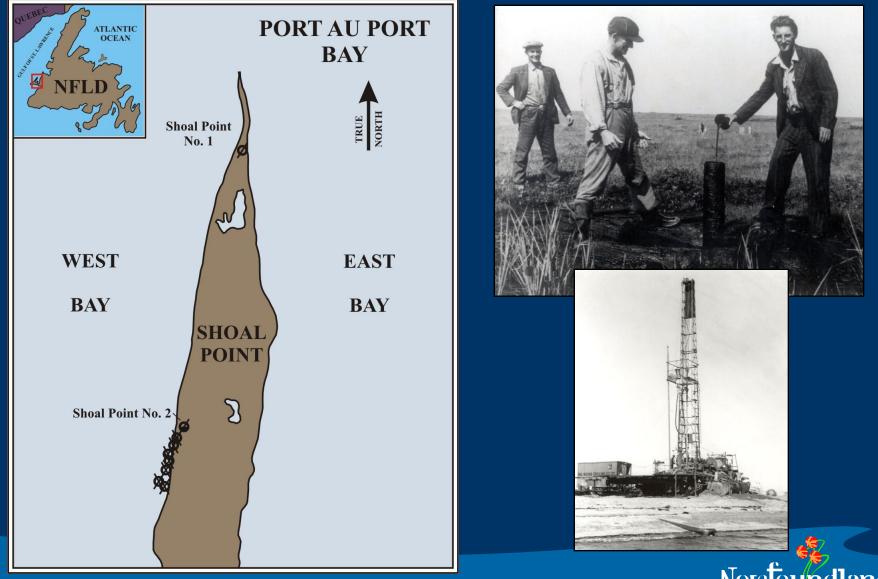


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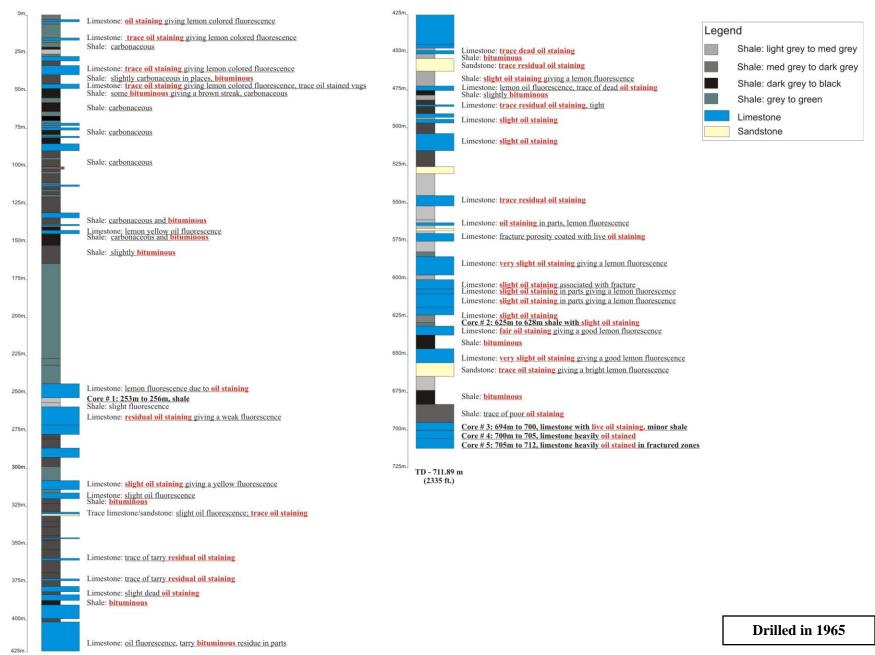


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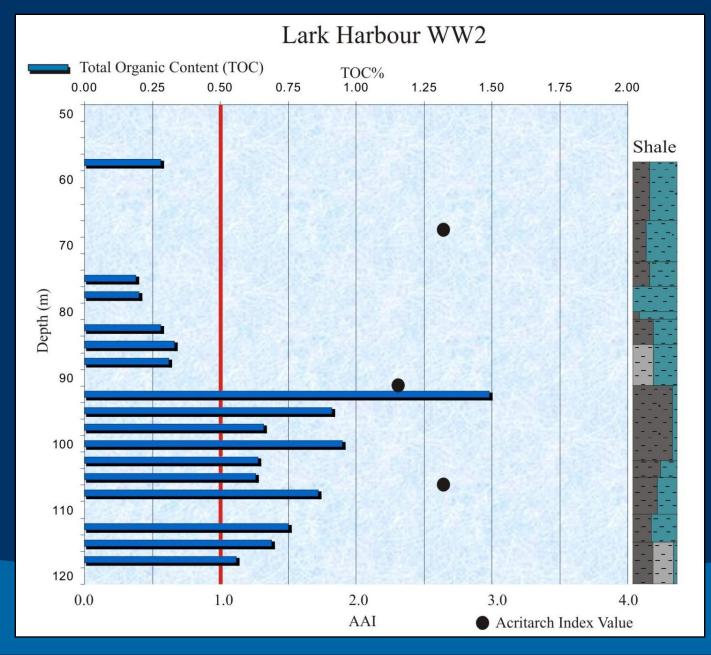


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#### **Golden Eagle Refining Co. of Canada – Shoal Point #2**



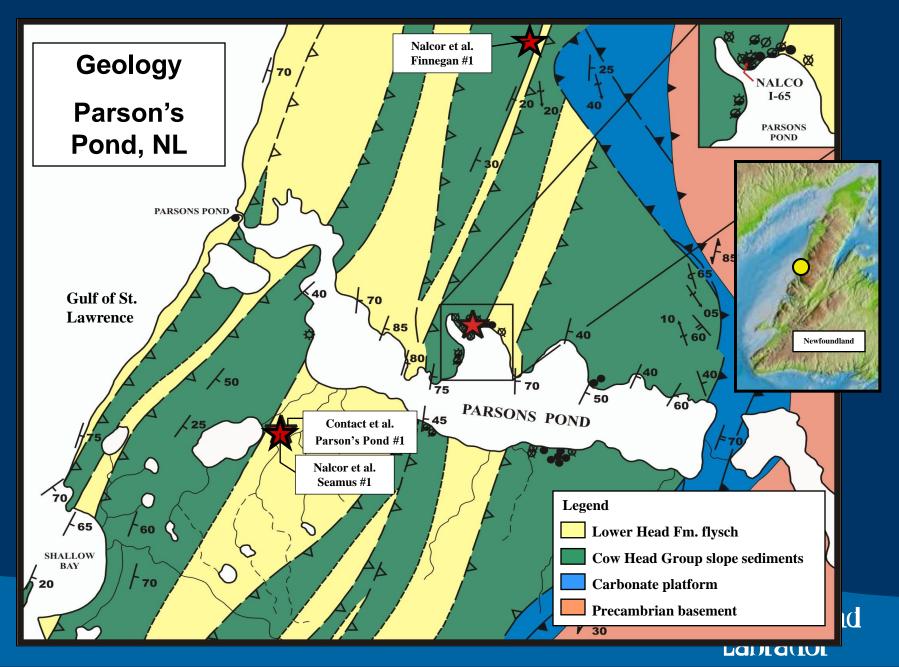
### Petroleum Activity at Bay of Islands (1996 – 97)







#### Historic Exploration Activity at Parson's Pond (1867 – 1965)



### **Current Exploration Activity at Shoal Point, Port au Port Peninsula**



Green Point Formation, Cow Head Group <u>Shale Oil Play</u> at Shoal Point, Port au Port Peninsula



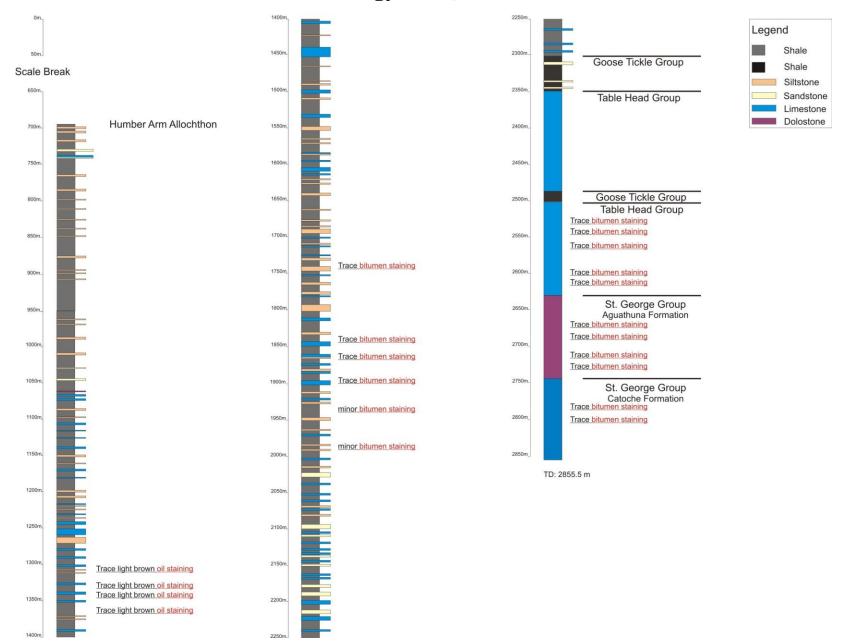
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#### Shoal Point Energy et al., Shoal Point 2K - 39



### Shoal Point et al., 3K – 39 Well



Oil fluorescence distinctly highlights natural fracture patterns in the core

Core exhibits petroliferous odour upon extraction from core barrel





Core bottoms over time (days) exhibit faint to good oil staining

Heavily fractured core



### Summary – Lower Paleozoic Anticosti Basin

- Unconventional & Conventional resource plays
- Multiple, organic rich <u>source rocks</u> variable maturity
- Multiple play types & associated reservoir rock
- Large land parcels (onshore up to <u>40,000 ha</u>; offshore – up to <u>80,000 ha</u>)
- > DNR finalizing details for a 2012 land sale
- Two onshore Upper Paleozoic basins (with proven petroleum systems)

