# PERMEABILITY CORRELATIONS FOR CARBONATE & OTHER ROCKS

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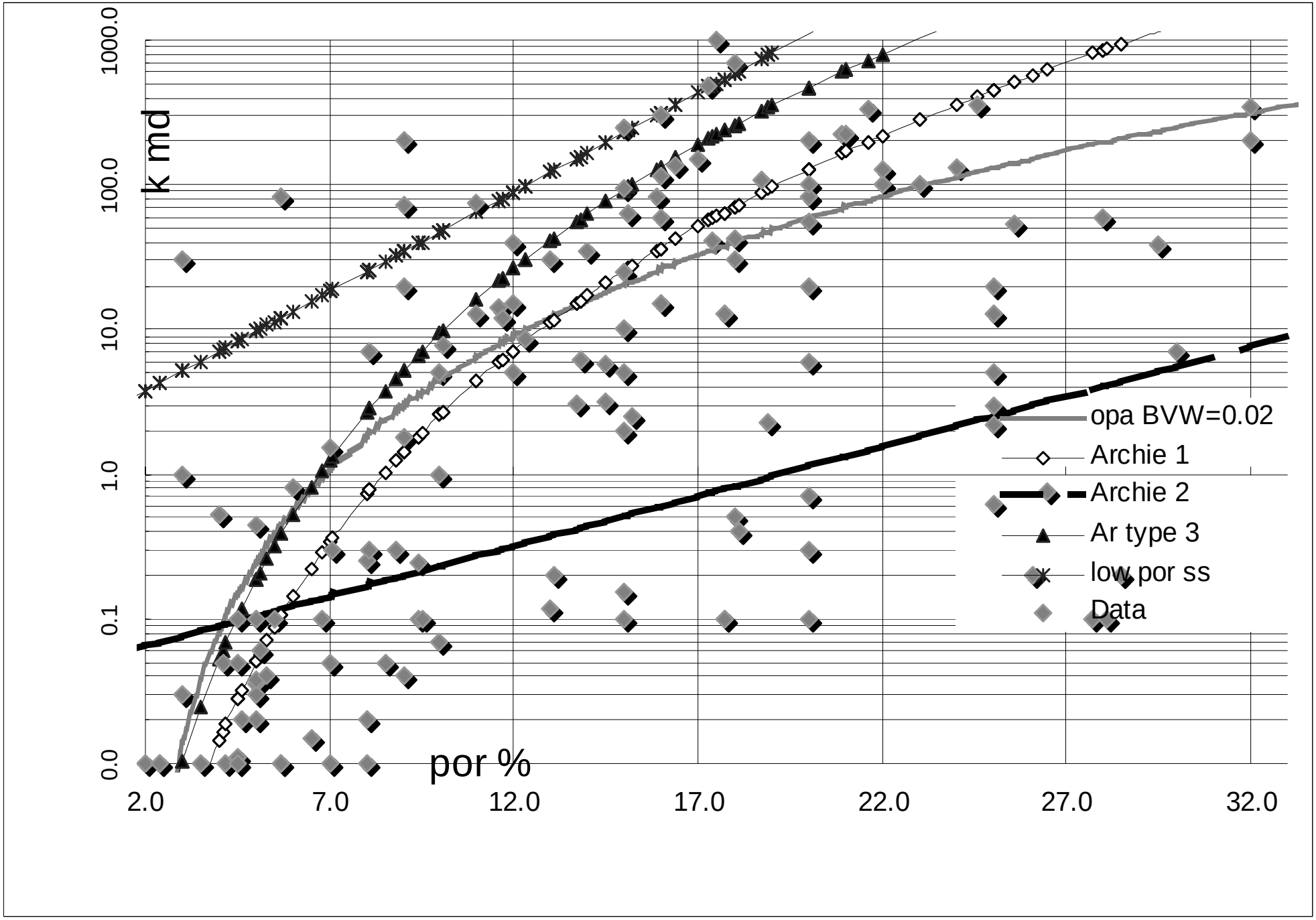
The form: $k\ (md) = 10\phi^{1.5}(1/Sw\text{-}c - 1)^{1.9}$
(if k calc > 200, use 1, not 10)

It is presented to improve description of potentially productive zones of carbonates.

Equations that do not use the form:
(1/Sw-c - 1) cannot accurately describe k at both low & high Swc, .i.e. at Swc=1, k must equal zero.

Following Graphs are comparisons: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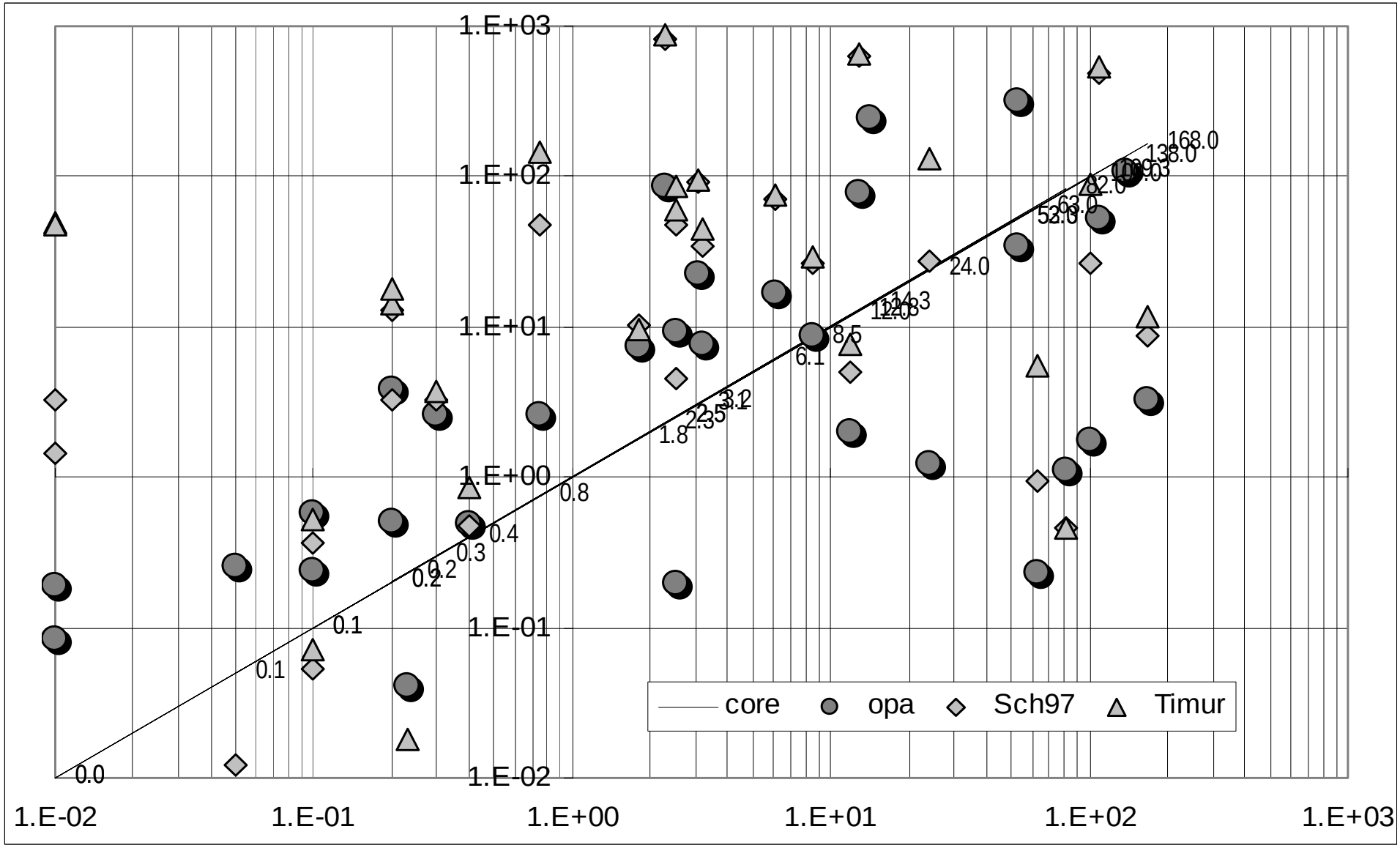



Error w/ opa eqn is 10x's less than Sch97 and 20x's less Timur

Only 2 false negatives and 3 false positives at 1md cut point

# MOBILE HC VALUE

Provided, a min k can be established, mobile HC factor is simply a mapping of the Bulk Volume Water Term, BVW. More correct K forms, with $(1/Swc - 1)^n$ are just more complex. Below is a simple derivation & recall (N^a)(N^-b)=N^(a-b) but ((N^a)^b)=N^(a*b):

Sw-c =BVW / $\phi$ in Timor's equation gives:

$K_{min} = \{92.6(\phi)^{2.2} / (Sw\text{-}c)\}^2 \Rightarrow \phi_{min} = \{\sqrt{K_{min}} * BVW/92.6\}^{0.313}$

and using these terms in the movable HC formula:

$\phi(S_{wc}^{0.2} - S_{wc})7760 = 7760\{\phi(\phi\, S_{wc}/\phi)^{0.2} - BVW\} =$

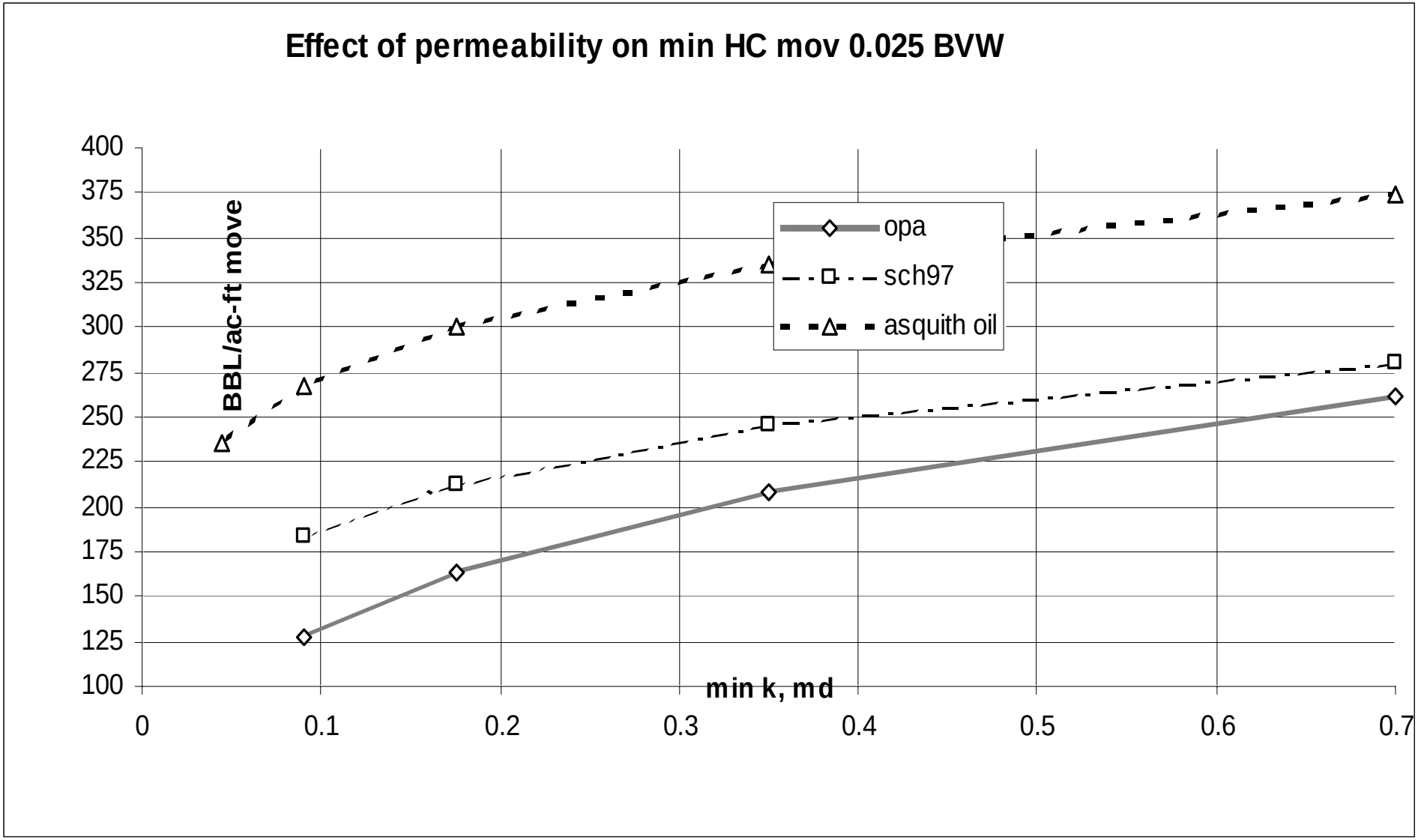
$BBL/AcFt = 7760\{\phi^{0.8}(BVW)^{0.2} - BVW\} \Rightarrow$

$K_{min}$ RULE : $7760[\{\sqrt{K_{min}}/92.6\}^{0.25}(BVW)^{0.513} - BVW]$

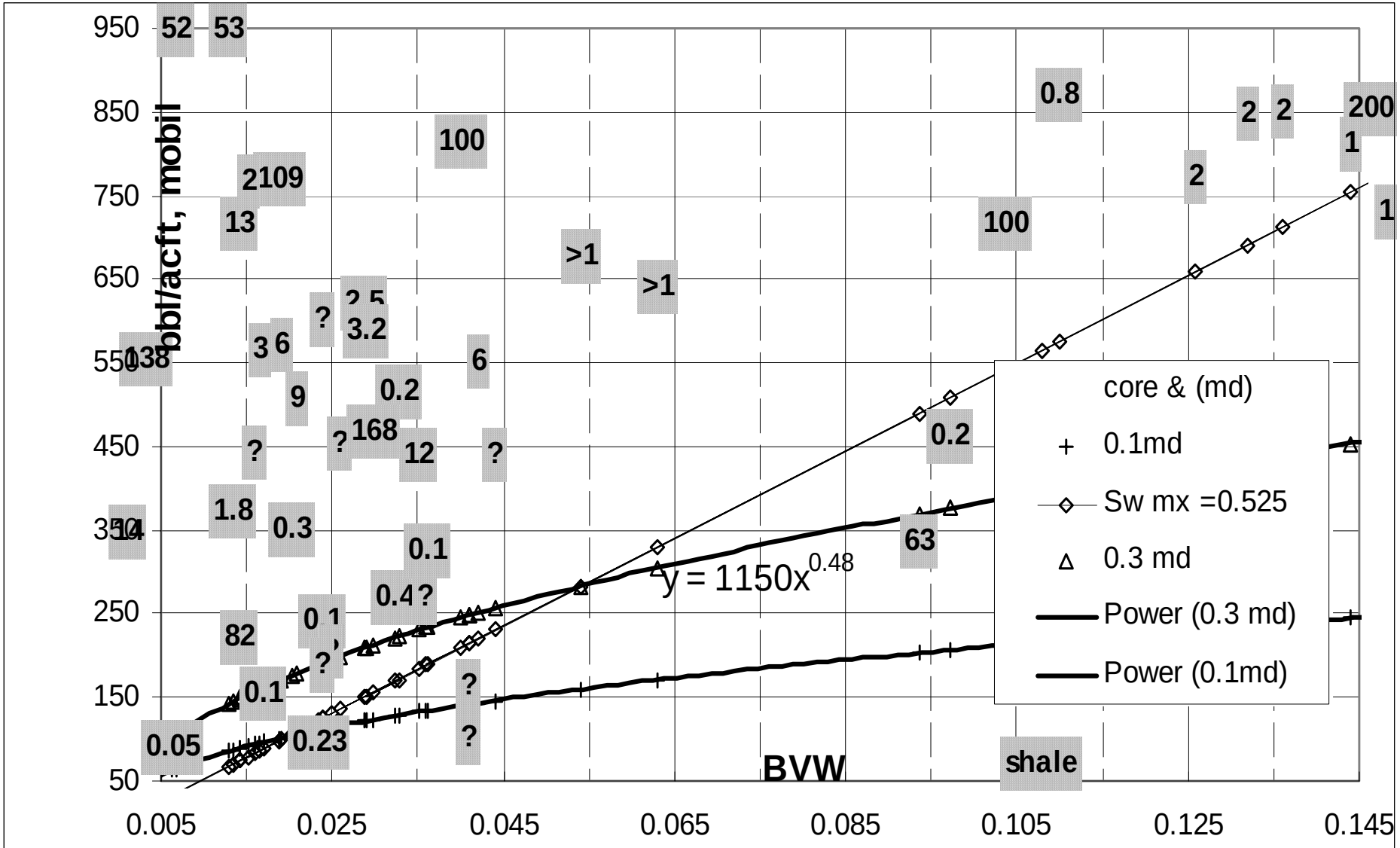
Other forms give similar results, but with limited range:

Max Swc RULE: $(BBL / AcFt)_{mo} = 7760(BVW)[(S_{wc})^{-0.8} - 1]$

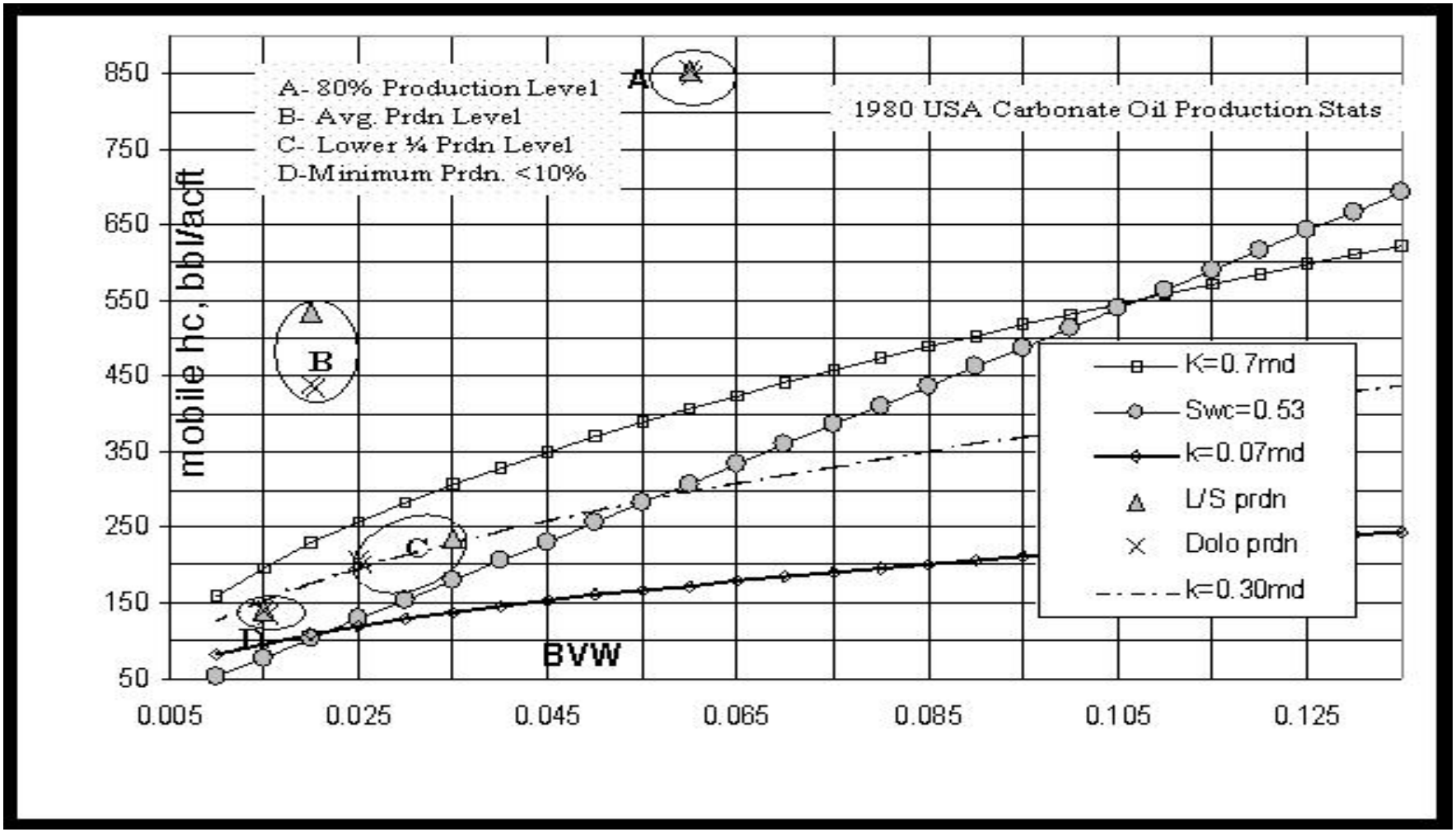
$\phi_{min}$ RULE : $(BBL / AcFt)_{mo} = 7760\{[\phi_{min}^{0.8}]BVW^{0.2} - BVW\}$




At each BVW, a MINIMUM mobility of BBL/AcFt is defined using a parametric of Porosity or Connate Water or k.




Plot of Core Data as BVW & Mobility Ratio: BBL/AcFt Minimum Proposed at 0.2md line or $780BVW^{0.44}$




Increased mobility ~ increased chance depo is economical 90% of all USA crb prdn from depo >130bbl / acft. US data shows: prospecting in low ϕ Siluran & older rocks; success rates 2-4x's higher if dolomites are tested compared to developing simular age & ϕ limestone rocks.

| Lithology | Min bvw | max bvw | min bbl/AcFt | mx bbl/AcFt |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| vug carb | 0.005 | 0.015 | 76 | 123 |
| vug & IX carb | 0.015 | 0.025 | 123 | 154 |
| .Intr gran crb. | 0.025 | 0.040 | 154 | 189 |
| Chalk carb | 0.050 | 0.100 | 189 | 283 |
| $780BVW^{0.44}$ | <=crb | | | |

$2^{nd}$ $\phi$ &Vug Carbs: =>bimodal pores

In logging terms: movable HC is:

$BBL/AcFt = 7760[\sqrt{a}]*[\sqrt{(Rmf/Rxo)} - \sqrt{(Rw/Rt)}]$

at irreducible H2O= $7760\{\sqrt{(Rw/aRt)}\}[S_{wc})^{-0.8} - 1]$

Where a is term to make $F = (a/\phi^2)$ , typically a=1 in carb.

# Summary

- Typical conditions, production < 900 & >130 bbl / ac-ft.
- Mobile HC expressed as BBL / Acft is a handy way to evaluate deposit, provided lithology is understood
- The closer values are to litho-minimums, the less the chances of economic HC extraction
- Low mobility values also indicate low permeability, w / o bimodal pores
- Higher values indicate higher effective porosity
- Watch for chalk & silt porosity types as they have higher min's
- Rocks with <140 bbl/AcFt = cap rocks unless Vug or coarse ss porosity types
- USA prdn data show Vug type more often dolomite, more brittle & dolomites more often in Siluran & older formations.

Upper Ordovician Zone, Clean Carbonate, Western Latvia

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| movable | HC | | |
| 36 wells | W. Latvia | | |
| bbl/acft | bbl/acft | | |
| | 200 | 235 | max |
| | 94 | 131 | avg |
| | 60 | 90 | std |
| | | 36 | n |
| IX LS | clean | | |

Indication in 36 wells: this zone is a Cap Rock, typically <140 & does not contribute to oil flow, remove this zone in Htests.

# Well J-E6

| Horner Analysis | Compare |
|---|---|
| *Danish* | *OPA* /core |
| t, m *10* | *0.62* |
| por % *11* | 17.4 |
| k, md *2.5* | 40.5 |

Horner gives md-m
Geol. Factors = thickness
cores show ~1m sucrosic LS

Indications are: oil flow is from thin lower sucrosic LS/Dolo

Thanks for hearing my considerations. A more detailed Discussion is available by email request.

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