

#### The Giant Old Harry Structure, an Ideal CSEM Candidate, Eastern Canada

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#### **Gulf of St. Lawrence**





#### **Conjugate Basin to the Southern North Sea Carboniferous**





500 miles

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# **Canada-North Sea Comparison**



**GULF OF St. LAWRENCE** 

#### SOUTHERN NORTH SEA







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### **Source - Reservoir - Seal**



- Source Rocks
  - > Thick, (light) oil-prone source rocks within the oil window
- Reservoir Rocks
  - Nearest well has 100' of 30 md Bradelle sandstones with capacity to produce 20,000 bbls/d from a vertical well
  - > Also has 550' of lesser quality Brian Island sandstones
- Seal Rocks
  - > 1,000' of shale overlies the Bradelle sands, in addition to the thick organic shales within the Bradelle

#### **Strike and Dip Lines**









# Bradelle Fm (Well **Projected**)



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### **CSEM Provides Subsurface Resistivity Measurements**





- CSEM Controlled Source Electro-Magnetic survey
- Recording instruments are placed on the seabottom and an electro-magnetic (EM) source is towed behind a vessel (see left).
- Signals from the EM source travel through the rock formations to the receivers.
  Anomalously resistive layers (hydrocarbons) will stand-out against a non-resistive background (see below and left).



#### **Two Examples of CSEM Hydrocarbon Anomalies**



High

Resistivity

Low







Note in the image at left that the two discoveries show CSEM anomalies, whereas the dry hole does not.

# **Old Harry is CSEM Compatible**



- CSEM works best in large, shallow, thick reservoirs with no resistive beds for false negatives
- Old Harry is:
  - Large 43,000 acres
  - Shallow Bradelle is between 2,400' and 4,400' below sea floor
  - > Bradelle sands are 100' thick and Brion Island are 550' thick
  - No resistive volcanics or carbonates occur within this clastic sequence
- CSEM can be used to validate DHI's (Direct Hydrocarbon Indicators)
  - EM anomalies that correspond to indicators such as amplitude and frequency anomalies and structural closure would be very powerful

### **Sensitivity Analysis Concludes that Old Harry is Well Suited**



Peak Sensitivity (ਗ਼ ਲ਼ ੑੑੑੑ

Peak Sensitivity (σ)

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300

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Area (km<sup>2</sup>)



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# **Bradelle Formation Amplitude Anomalies**

• Amplitudes are strongest within the Old Harry structure (purple) and absent off structure (blue)





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## **Frequency Attenuation Above Flat Spot**





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- Old Harry is a large undrilled structure in a basin with proven hydrocarbon system
- The structure has a number of overlapping direct hydrocarbon indicators
- A positive CESM anomaly would strengthen the validity of those DHIs
- Old Harry is ideal for the CSEM method as it is large, shallow, has thick reservoirs and lacks high resistivity carbonates or volcanics
- We are seeking a partner to pay for the CSEM and take a drilling option following the results of the survey



#### **BOOTH 67**

#### Billion bbl prospect showing bright reflectors that are coincident with the interpreted closure



