













S1-1. It is not atypical in the North Dakota Bakken Formation for an oil well to produce about 100 barrels per day from a depth of 1,500 meters. What is the change in potential gravitational energy in joules for a change in height of 100 barrels oil from 1,500 m below ground to the surface? Assume that a barrel of oil has a mass of 139 kg.

S1-2. (a) A pumpjack is a type of pump used to lift oil from an oil well to the surface. Assuming a pumpjack were 100% efficient in turning inputted energy into useful work (which it couldn't be, of course), how much energy would it take to lift 100 barrels from 1,500 m below ground to the surface?

(b) Is potential gravitational energy gained or lost in this pumping?





## Hydrocarbons

Hydrocarbons are molecules composed entirely of carbon atoms and hydrogen atoms.

A carbon atom is capable of bonding not only to hydrogen atoms but also to other carbon atoms, so there are essentially limitless varieties of hydrocarbons.

# Some types of hydrocarbons by chemical bonds

Alkanes - only single bonds, no rings Cycloalkanes - online single bonds, 1 ring Alkenes - at least one carbon-carbon double bond

Alkynes - at least one carbon-carbon triple bond





























#### Some types of alkanes by melting, boiling point

Gas - e.g., methane, propane Liquid - e.g., hexane, heptane, octane Wax - e.g., triacontane, pentacosane, heptatriacontane

C	1	$CH_4$	methane
	2	$C_2H_6$	ethane
	3	$C_3H_8$	propane
	4	$C_4H_{10}$	butane
	5	$C_{5}H_{12}$	pentane
	6	$C_{6}H_{14}$	hexane
	7	$C_{7}H_{16}$	heptane LIQUIDS
	8	$C_{8}H_{18}$	octane
	9	$C_{9}H_{20}$	decane
	20	$C_{20}H_{42}$	icosane
	30	$C_{30}H_{62}$	triacontane
	40	$C_{40}H_{82}$	tetracontane

































#### Example: Windchimes in Wendover on Wednesday

An economy with just eight people and one day:

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- Bonnie, who thinks windchimes are okay, and would pay \$15 for one.
- Chuck, finds windchimes uncharming, but he would buy one at \$10 just to have the option of annoying his neighbor, Darla, if Darla's incense burning was annoying him.
- Darla hates windchimes and she would only pay \$5 for one, which she could use for smashing with a hammer to let off steam. If the price were \$2, she'd buy two. For \$1, she'd get up to 5 and smash them all.
- Wendy, loves making wind chimes, and she's good at it. She can churn out <u>two</u> out for \$5 each.
- Xavier likes making things out of metal and clay. It would be worth it for him to make one set of windchimes if it could fetch \$10.
- Yvonne like playing video games and not working. It would only be worth it for her to make one set of windchimes if she got \$15 for it.
- Zendaya is a successful celebrity actor and singer. For it to be worth it to her to make windchimes, she'd have to be paid \$20 each, and even then she'd mostly do if for Instagram value. But she's a fast worker, so she could make four.

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#### Ad Coelum Doctrine

- The ad coelum doctrine provides that a real property owner owns the surface and the subsurface all the way to the center of the Earth bounded on sides extending from the surface boundaries to the center.
- "The owner of the surface own[s] all beneath." - Del Monte Mining & Milling v. Last Chance Mining & Milling
- If you tunnel under the property line into my subsurface and take my minerals, I can sue to get them back.











#### Doctrine of Correlative Rights The doctrine of correlative rights modifies the rule of capture by providing that a capturer is liable for waste or negligence that damages the common source of oil and gas. "due to the harsh consequences to neighboring land owners, Ohio law has evolved on this issue and the 'rule of capture' has been limited by the doctrine of correlative rights' - Barnes v. Res. Energy Expl. (Ohio App. 2016)

#### **Conservation Laws**

- Conservations laws use the state's police power to regulate drilling and production.
  - Examples:
    - Well-spacing rules
      - Well-spacing exceptions
    - Production regulation
    - Forced pooling
- In Texas, this regulation is done by the Railroad Commission.

#### **Conservation Laws**

"Petroleum conservation laws work hand in hand with the correlative-rights doctrine to limit the rule of capture, transforming it to a 'fair share' doctrine; each owner is entitled to a fair chance to capture the oil and gas under his or her property." " - John S. Lowe, Oil & Gas Law in a Nutshell, 6<sup>th</sup> Ed.

### Fair-Share Principle

- The fair-share principle modifies the rule of capture by providing that each mineralrights holder must have a fair opportunity to get the oil and gas under the owner's surface.
- "The right to have a reasonable opportunity to produce one's just and equitable share of oil in a pool is [a] common-law right ... "Wronski v. Sun Oil (Mich. App. 1979)
- Drilling too close to the property line "deprived plaintiff of the opportunity of claiming and taking the oil that was rightfully hers; and defendants must respond in damages for such conversion." Ross v. Damm (Mich. 1936)

#### Fair-Share Principle

"Within reasonable limits, each operator should have an opportunity equal to that afforded other operators to recover the equivalent of the amount of recoverable oil (and gas) underlying his property. The aim should be to prevent reasonably avoidable drainage of oil and gas across property lines that is not offset by counter drainage. ... This fair-share rule does not do away with the rule of capture, but rather acts to place limits on its proper application." - Wronski v. Sun Oil Co., (Mich. App. 1979) (quoting American Petroleum Institute)



























