

# Eisenach Water Well Gas Source Investigation

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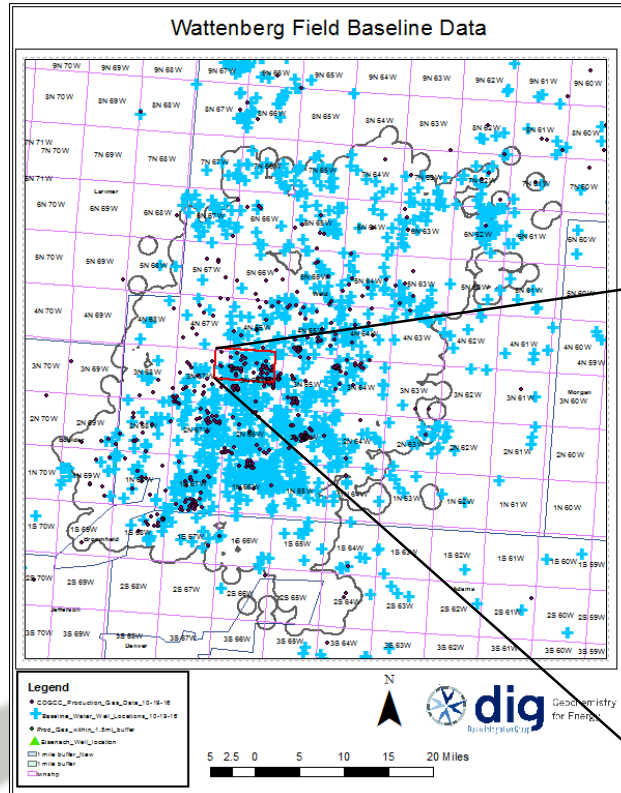
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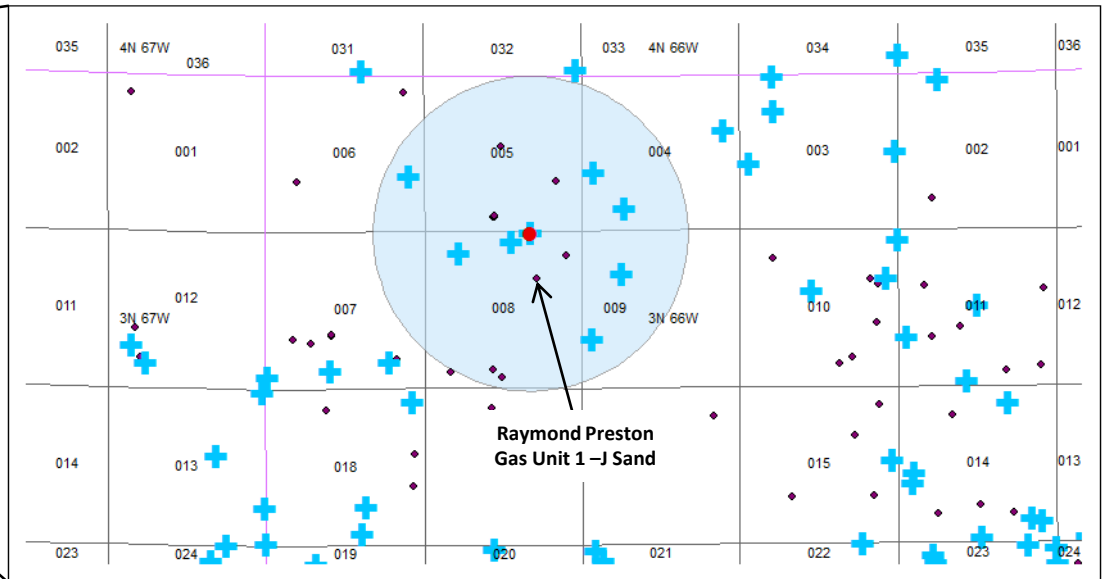
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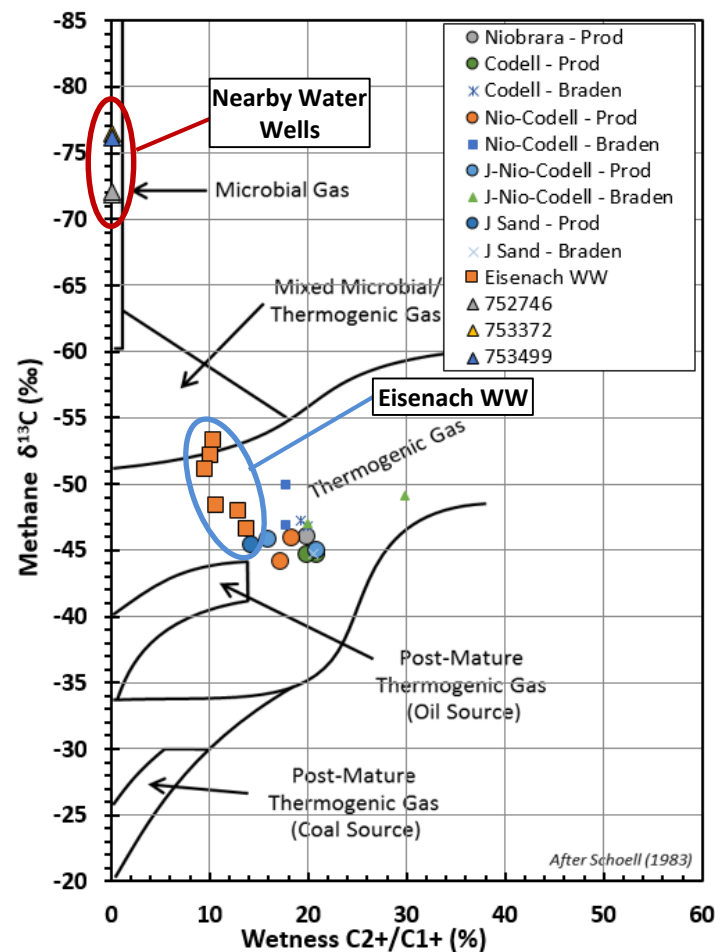
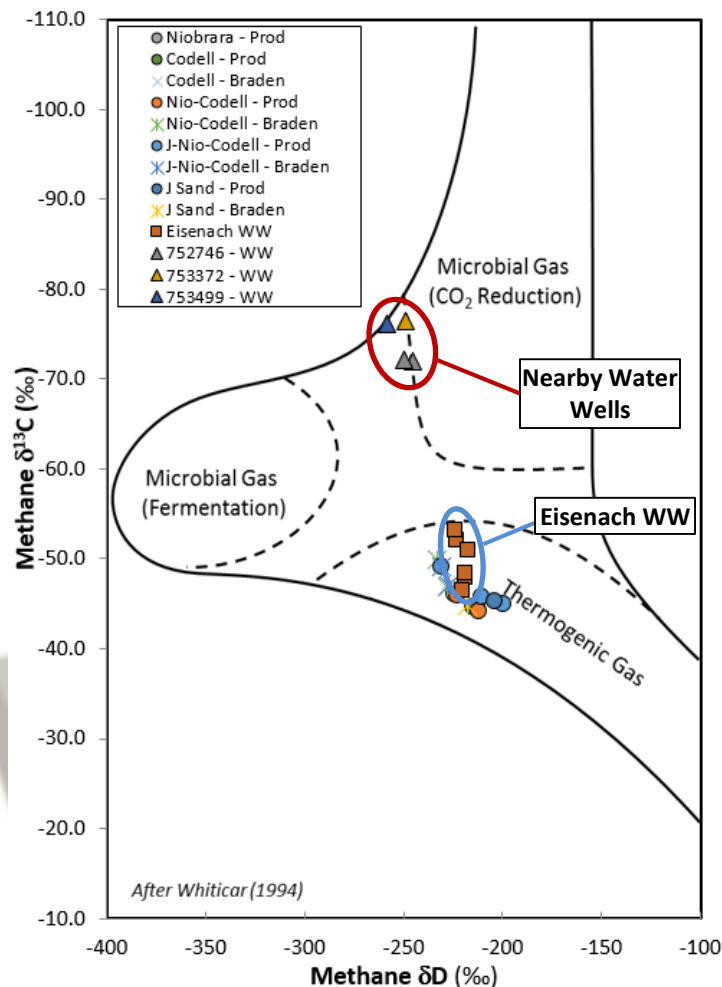
- Location of Eisenach WW and nearby producing wells. Water wells and producing wells within a 1 mile radius of the Eisenach WW were evaluated for this study.

# Eisenach WW & Nearby Production Gas Data

Well Name	API	Lat	Long	Fm (checked 10/20/2016)	Facility ID	Sample Date	Sample ID	Sample Type	$\delta^{13}\text{C}_1$	$\delta^{13}\text{C}_2$	$\delta^{13}\text{C}_3$	$\delta\text{D}_1$	$\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CO}_2}$	C1 %	C2 %	C3 %	iC4 %	nC4 %	iC5 %	nC5 %	C6+ %	N2 %	O2 %	Ar %	CO2 %
RAYMOND PRESTON GAS UNIT 1	123-08242	40.2422	-104.7978	J SAND	240454	6/7/2007	456080	Production	-45.3	-27.9		-204	3.6	81.6	9.6	2.6	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.2		0.5	0.02		3.9
RAYMOND PRESTON GAS UNIT 1	123-08242	40.2422	-104.7978	J SAND	240454	6/7/2007	456079	Bradenhead	-44.8	-27.2		-218	8.9	78.2	13.3	4.3	0.7	1.2	0.3	0.3		0.4	0.03		0.9
EISENACH & PRESTON 8-1K	123-15092	40.2443	-104.7942	CODELL	247295	6/7/2007	456472	Production	-44.6	-28.3		-213	4.0	74.7	13.8	4.8	0.8	1.4	0.4	0.3		0.3	0.02		2.9
EISENACH & PRESTON 8-1K	123-15092	40.2443	-104.7942	CODELL	247295	6/7/2007	456471	Bradenhead	-47.2	-31.5		-228		75.4	10.9	4.8	0.7	1.1	0.3	0.3		4.6	1.39	0.07	0.1
HSR-CRAWFORD 9-5	123-16401	40.2511	-104.7955	J-NIOBRARA-CODELL	248603	6/7/2007	456509	Production	-45.0	-26.5		-200	3.8	74.2	11.7	4.0	0.8	1.5	0.8	0.8		0.6	0.10	0.01	3.1
HSR-CRAWFORD 9-5	123-16401	40.2511	-104.7955	J-NIOBRARA-CODELL	248603	6/7/2007	456508	Bradenhead	-49.1	-34.4		-231		69.3	15.2	10.1	1.4	2.0	0.5	0.3		0.6	0.03		0.2
HSR-CHAKNOVA 14-5	123-16634	40.2479	-104.8030	J-NIOBRARA-CODELL	248832	6/7/2007	456512	Production	-45.7	-28.7		-211	3.2	80.2	10.6	3.0	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.2		0.4	0.02		3.6
HSR-CHAKNOVA 14-5	123-16634	40.2479	-104.8030	J-NIOBRARA-CODELL	248832	6/7/2007	456511	Bradenhead	-47.0	-32.0		-227		79.2	11.7	5.4	0.7	1.3	0.3	0.3		0.7	0.03	0.01	0.1
UPRC FEDERAL 5-6K	123-16823	40.2544	-104.8020	CODELL	249021	5/21/1997	456514	Production						77.5	12.1	4.4	0.7	1.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2			2.7
UPRC FEDERAL 5-6K	123-16823	40.2544	-104.8020	CODELL	249021	9/5/1997	456515	Production						75.0	12.3	4.8	1.0	1.8	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.1			2.6
HSR-CREASON 11-5	123-18895	40.2479	-104.8028	NIOBRARA-CODELL	251092	6/7/2007	456551	Production	-44.1	-27.2		-212	3.8	71.5	10.9	2.8	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.1		8.6	2.66	0.13	2.1
HSR-CREASON 11-5	123-18895	40.2479	-104.8028	NIOBRARA-CODELL	251092	6/7/2007	456550	Bradenhead	-46.9	-32.0		-228		81.4	11.0	4.2	0.6	1.2	0.3	0.3		0.7	0.04	0.01	
HSR-BELL 12-5	123-18898	40.2480	-104.8028	CODELL	251095	6/7/2007	456553	Production	-44.7	-28.6		-215	4.1	74.9	13.8	4.8	0.8	1.4	0.5	0.4		0.3	0.03		2.7
HSR-BELL 12-5	123-18898	40.2480	-104.8028	CODELL	251095	6/7/2007	456552	Bradenhead	-46.8	-32.0		-224		79.1	11.8	5.4	0.7	1.3	0.3	0.3		0.6	0.02	0.01	0.04
BELLA FEDERAL 15N-7HZ	123-37551	40.2331	-104.8020	NIOBRARA	433223	6/4/2015	545537	Production	-46.0	-29.2	-25.9	-224		77.9	12.6	4.6	0.6	1.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.01	0.01	2.1
BELLA FEDERAL 15N-7HZ	123-37551	40.2331	-104.8020	NIOBRARA	433223	6/4/2015	545539	Bradenhead	-48.2	-32.0	-28.1	-230		75.4	10.7	5.1	0.8	1.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	1.2	0.01	0.01	0.01
MILLER ESTATE 8-14K	123-15349	40.2338	-104.8031	NIOBRARA-CODELL	247552	6/4/2015	545571	Production	-45.9	-29.0	-25.7	-223		79.6	12.3	4.2	0.5	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.01	0.01	1.7
MILLER ESTATE 8-14K	123-15349	40.2338	-104.8031	NIOBRARA-CODELL	247552	6/4/2015	545573	Bradenhead	-50.0	-32.5	-28.0	-233		78.8	9.1	4.9	0.9	1.3	0.5	0.3	0.5	3.5	0.12	0.02	0.01
Eisenach WW	40.24632	-104.79848			705016	5/24/2016	550848		-48.0	-27.5	-24.8	-219		60.9	6.0	2.3	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.02		25.5	3.2	0.5	0.9
Eisenach WW	40.24632	-104.79848			705016	10/13/2015	546510		-52.2	-27.8	-24.6	-224		61.3	4.6	1.7	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.01		29.5	1.0	0.5	0.7
Eisenach WW	40.24632	-104.79848			705016	4/13/2015	543742		-46.6	-27.7	-24.7	-221		78.0	8.2	3.1	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.03		8.8	0.3	0.2	0.2
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Eisenach WW	40.24632	-104.79848			705016	6/15/2007	473647		-48.4	-27.6		-219	-21.5	73.9	5.4	2.2	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.04		16.6	0.1	0.3	0.2
Eisenach WW	40.24632	-104.79848			705016	9/14/2006	473645		-51.1	-27.4	-24.4	-218		66.7	4.1	1.9	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.03		24.5	1.1	0.4	0.2
	40.236536	-104.791225			752746	7/15/2014	539444		-71.9			-246		28.6	0.01							61.9	7.8	1.1	0.6
	40.236536	-104.791225			752746	6/27/2013	534594		-72.1			-250		40.1	0.03							55.6	3.0	1.0	0.4
	40.24449	-104.80719			753372	5/28/2014	538458		-76.5			-249		28.8	0.04							59.3	9.8	1.1	0.9
	40.24544	-104.80085			753499	7/22/2014	539274		-76.2	-68.7		-259		41.6	0.05							54.9	2.1	0.9	0.4

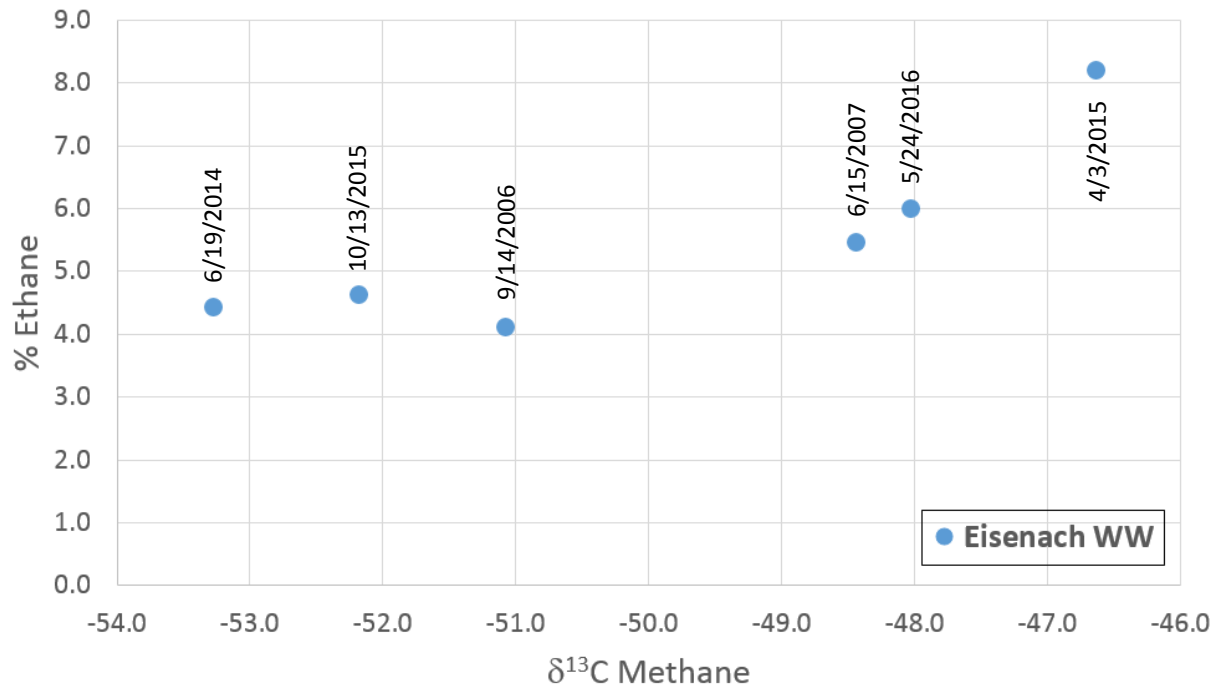
- The Eisenach WW has been analyzed for stable isotopes six times; an initial sample was taken in September 2006, with subsequent samplings in 2007, 2014, 2015, and 2016.
- Gas composition and stable isotope data was available for comparison from 9 nearby producing wells (produced and bradenhead gases) and 3 nearby water wells.

# Plots of Eisenach WW and Nearby Production Gas Isotope and Composition Data



- Gas composition and stable isotopes show the Eisenach WW gas to be primarily thermogenic in origin.
- Methane gas in nearby water wells is bacterial in origin.

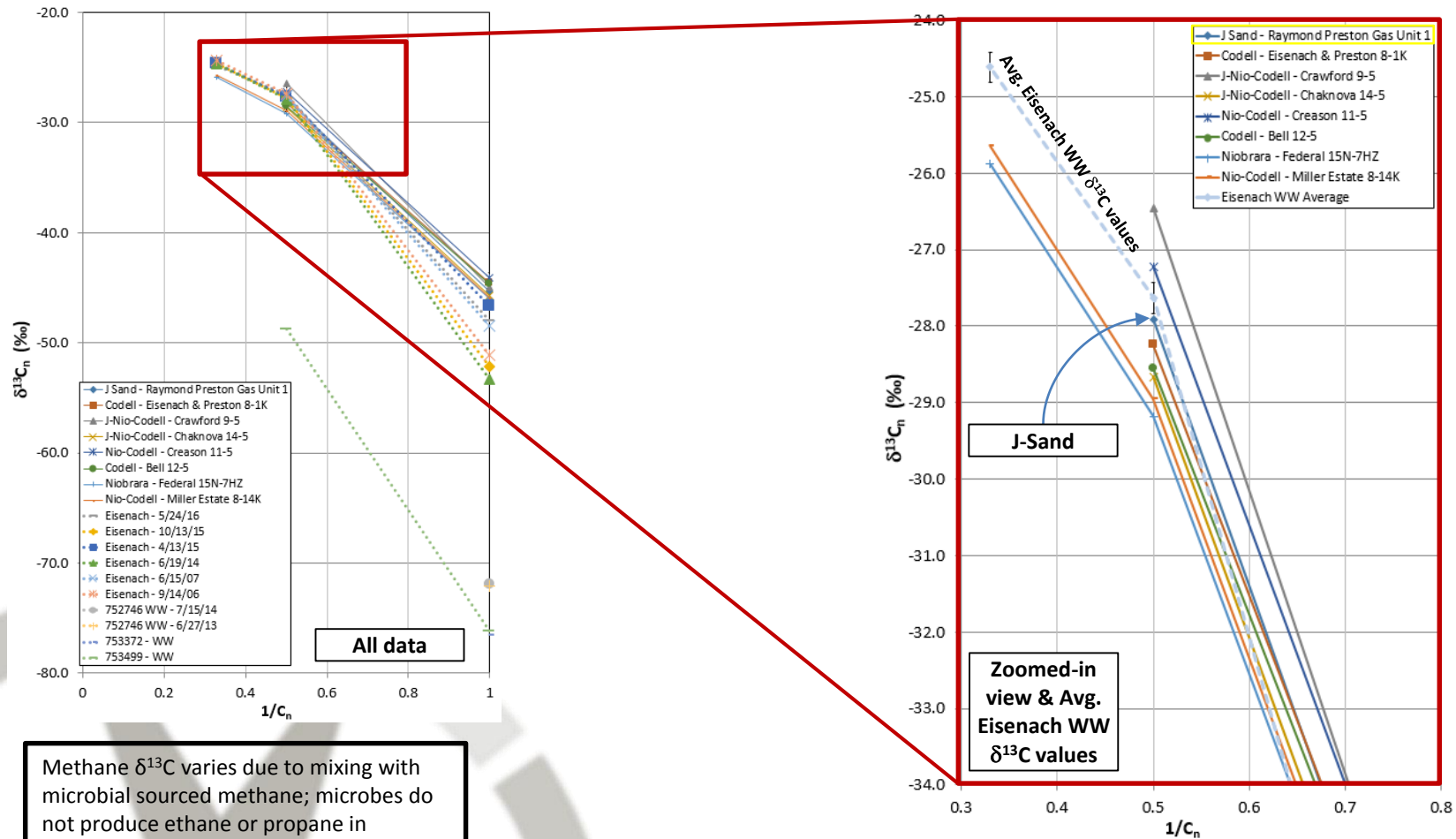
# Evidence for Mixing of Thermogenic/Bacterial Gas



- Methane carbon isotopes and gas composition (e.g., % Ethane) in the Eisenach WW suggest various degrees of mixing with thermogenic gas over the 10 years of sampling.
- Specifically, higher concentrations (>5%) of wet gas components (e.g., ethane) correspond to more positive methane δ<sup>13</sup>C values, consistent with an increasing contribution from a thermogenic source.



# Comparison of Eisenach WW Carbon Isotopes with Nearby Produced Gas



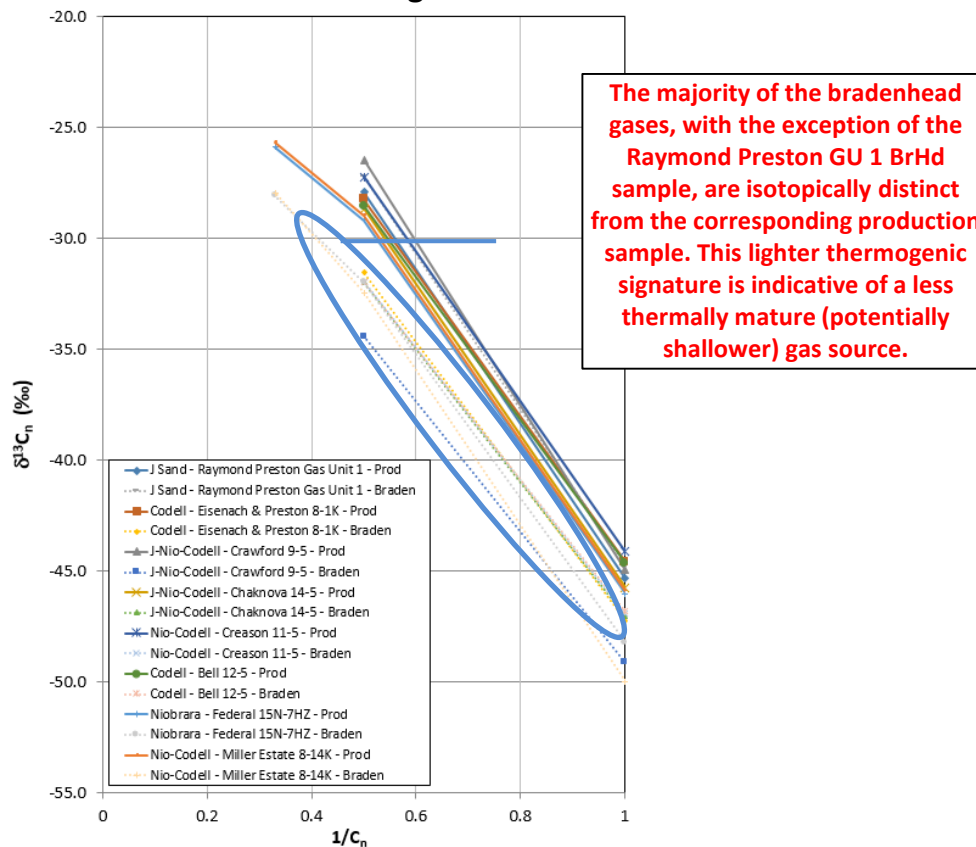
Methane  $\delta^{13}C$  varies due to mixing with microbial sourced methane; microbes do not produce ethane or propane in abundance; as such those values reflect the thermogenic source.

Chung, H. M., Gormly, J. R., & Squires, R. M. (1988). Origin of gaseous hydrocarbons in subsurface environments: theoretical considerations of carbon isotope distribution. *Chemical Geology*, 71(1-3), 97-104.

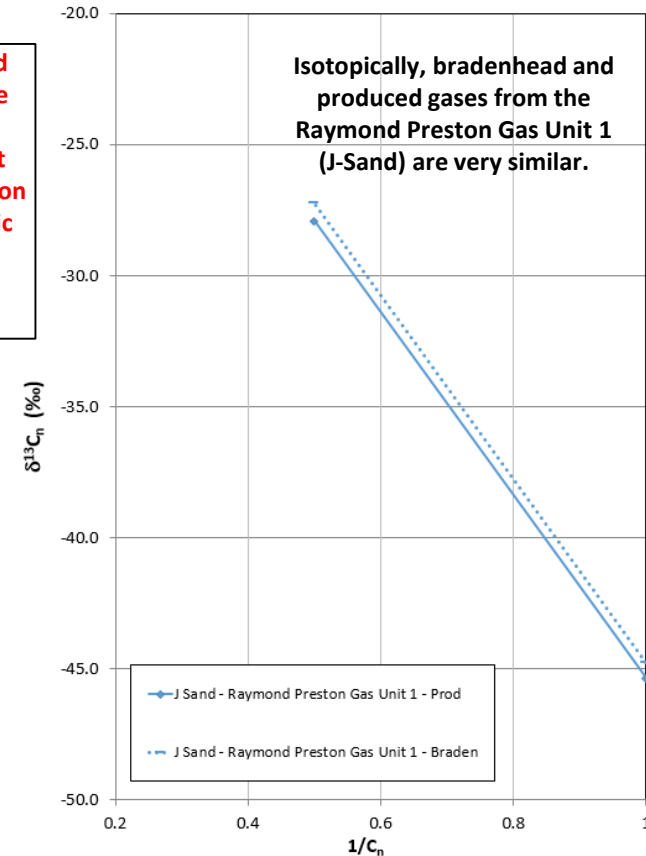
- Using a natural gas plot (Chung et al. 1988) to compare production gas stable isotopes we found that the average  $\delta^{13}C$  values of ethane from the Eisenach WW most closely match J-Sand gas from the nearby Raymond Preston Gas Unit 1 well.
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# Production vs. Bradenhead Gases – Well Bore Integrity

Natural gas plot of nearby production and bradenhead gases



Natural gas plot of production-bradenhead gas pair from the Raymond Preston Gas Unit 1



- Bradenhead and produced gas stable isotopes from the Raymond Preston Gas Unit 1 well (J-Sand) are **very similar**. Other bradenhead-production gas pairs in the vicinity of the Eisenach WW do not show this high degree of similarity.
- Bradenhead gas from the Raymond Preston Gas Unit 1 well (J-Sand) has the highest concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> (9300ppm) compared to all other bradenhead gases in the investigated area.
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