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UT Austin's [Bureau of Economic Geology](#) has completed an in-depth study of major U.S. shale plays – a nearly six-year undertaking involving a multidisciplinary team of geologists, engineers, statisticians, and economists. Overseen by Bureau director [Scott W. Tinker](#) and led by co-principal investigator [Svetlana Ikonnikova](#) and lead engineer [John Browning](#), researchers initially assessed the natural gas-producing Barnett, Fayetteville, Haynesville and Marcellus shale plays, followed by an examination of the oil-bearing Eagle Ford and Bakken plays. For each shale play, the team

integrated geologic and engineering analysis and economic insights to build a simulation model capable of generating a variety of detailed production scenarios. The resulting [Shale Production and Reserve Study](#) is widely considered to be the most comprehensive publicly available research on the subject. [Read more.](#)

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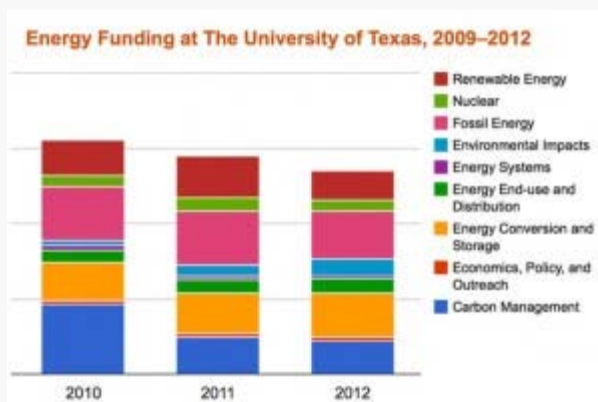
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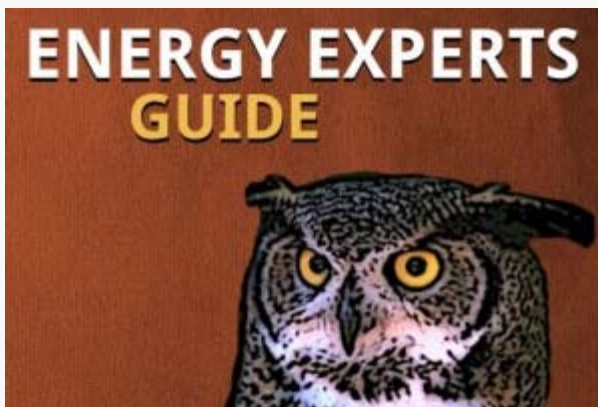
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