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PlayStation 3 helps discover oil

Originally posted on [VoIP & Gadgets Blog](#), here: <http://blog.tmcnet.com/blog/tom-keating/technology-and-science/playstation-3-helps-discover-oil.asp>.

The technology used in the PlayStation 3 is being used to help explore and find oil much faster than before. Woohoo!

Using [IBM](#) technology, specifically the IBM ([News - Alert](#)) PowerXCell 8i, which was originally developed for the Sony Playstation, a Spanish Oil company reports that specialized "Cell" microprocessors are speeding the search for oil and natural gas reserves located 30,000 feet below the Gulf of Mexico up to 6 times faster than current technology. Repsol and the Barcelona Supercomputing Center are using a process known as Reverse Time Migration (RTM), a sophisticated subsurface imaging tool accepted by the oil industry. It has proven essential for imaging areas of complex subsurface geological structure, such as the rich hydrocarbon provinces of the deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico, offshore Brazil and West Africa. These basins are the new frontiers in oil exploration, where significant oil reserves are present below thick masses of salt that have made seismic imaging difficult. **But the new technology will accelerate and streamline oil and gas exploration** in these promising regions by several orders of magnitude compared to current industry methods.

Great! Now we just need to network up the millions of PS3s around the world to assist in oil exploration and we'll have this high oil price problem licked in no time!

Of course, just because we *find it* doesn't mean we can 'drill' for it. Darned extreme environmentalists! Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf of Mexico and last I checked not a drop of oil was spilled by any of the oil platforms in the Gulf. And don't get me started on ANWR and offshore oil drilling.

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Sounds too good to be true, especially with the Democratic party blocking

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oil drilling and **not** the U.S., which apparently is beholden to extreme enviro-wacko views even though the vast majority of Americans want us to drill. Heck, even the [Chinese will be drilling in the Gulf of Mexico](#). ABTUSACD (Anybody But The USA Can Drill) apparently. Well, if you believe oil is bad and causing global warming, I have news for you --- China and other countries are doing to drill off the coast of the U.S. anyway.

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