# Energy-Price Volatility and Data Availability The Financial Risk Management Angle

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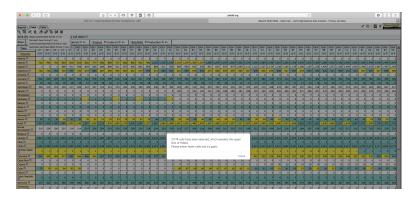
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## Production Data Ease of Access (Lack Thereof) via Website

- jodidata.org website allows:
  - Simple interactive plots online, not useful for data analysis
  - Download .csv file unreadably large
  - Download .ivt file requires B20/20 browser (Windows only)
  - Use B20/20 browser in Web Data Server, download piecemeal!



Using other-provider API servers? Some good and bad news

# Positive: Jodi Data Easy To Import Directly via API Queries

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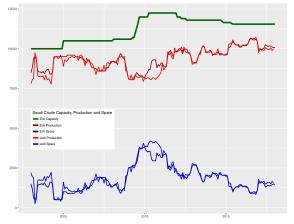
# Negative: Production Data Do Not Match with EIA Data

Also, Capacity Data Is Not Available From Jodi

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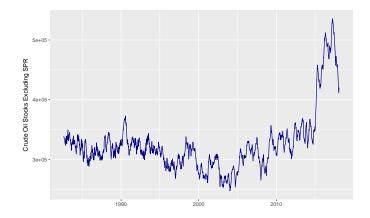
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#### Other Needed Data

- U.S. inventory data is available weekly, need it for other countries
- Shale blurs line between capacity and inventory ... need both!



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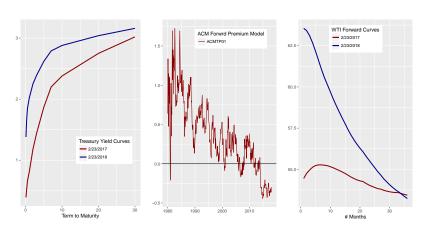
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# Crude Futures As One of Many Overpriced Financial Assets

- Much of the volatility in energy prices is driven by financial markets
- Low yields, negative term premium 

   overvaluation in all asset markets 

   contributes to steeply backwardated WTI forward curve



#### How Much of The Backwardation Is Financial? What Next?

- Historical data from CFTC must be imported from four different Excel spreadsheets! (http://www.cftc.gov/MarketReports/CommitmentsofTraders/index.htm)
- (For MM & SD) "The computed amount of spreading is calculated as the amount of offsetting futures in different calendar months or offsetting futures and options in the same or different calendar months."

