

# Apex Spectral Technology, Inc

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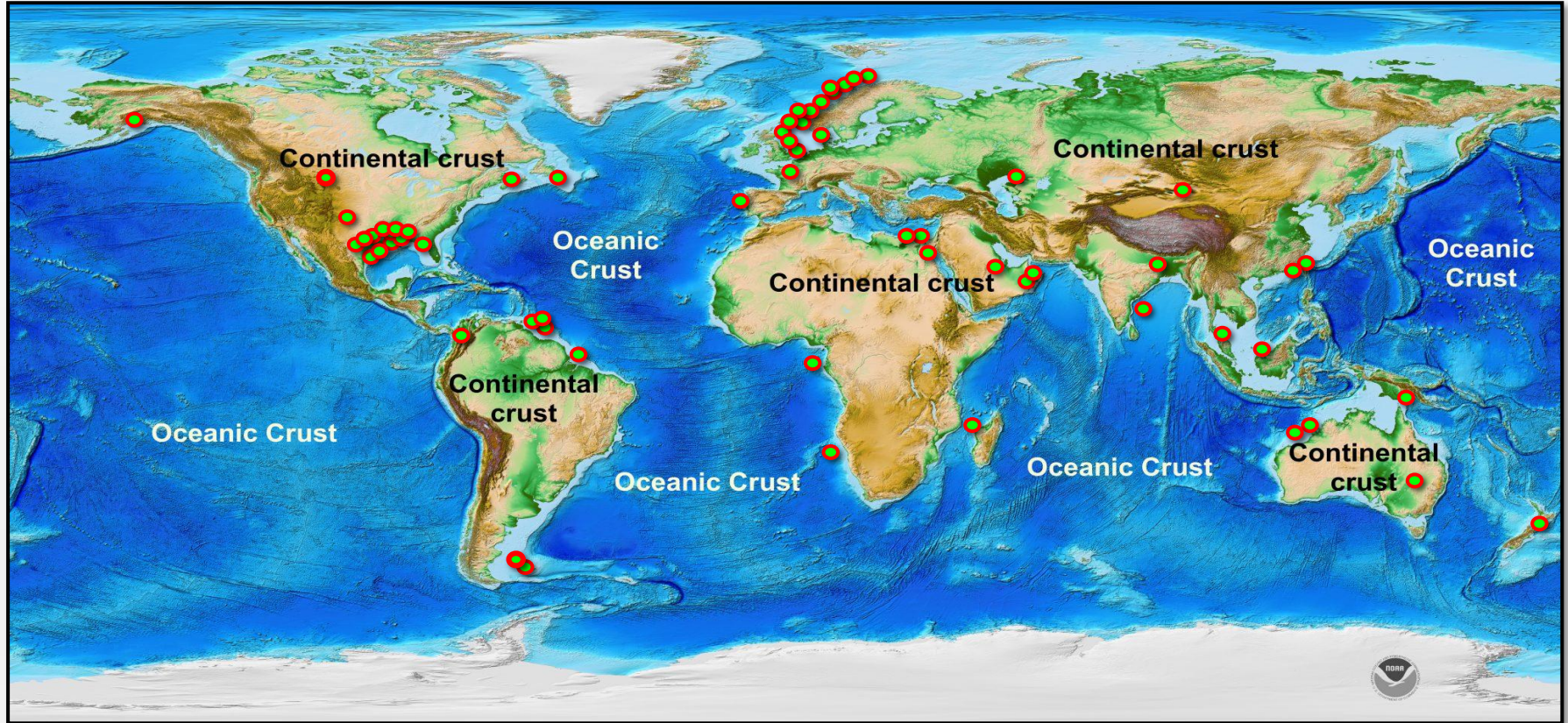
**Imaging KH from Seismic  
to Leverage E&P Success**



# Apex Spectral Technology

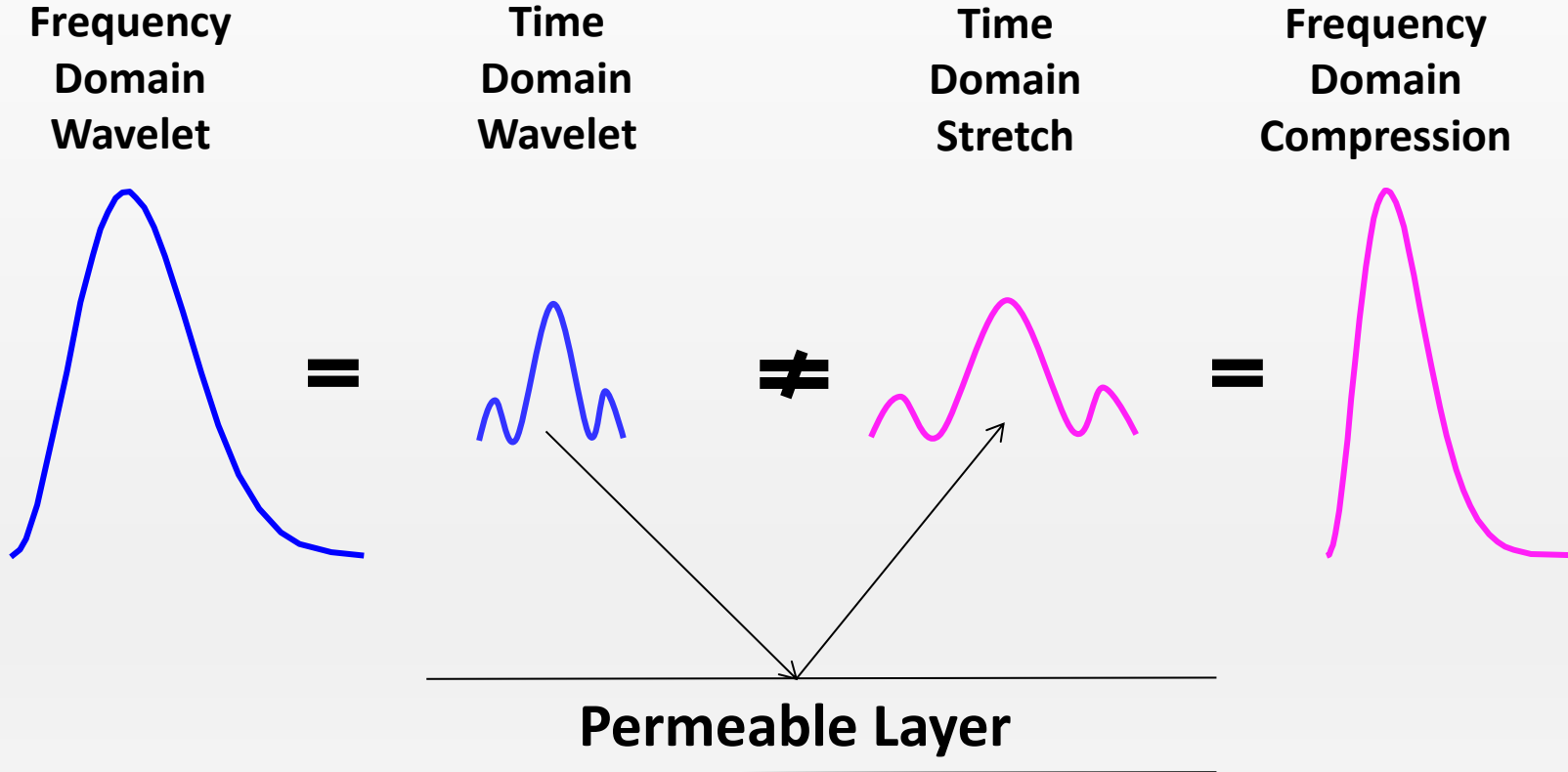
- ❖ **Founded in 2002**
- ❖ **Invented ADF® KH imaging from seismic data**
- ❖ **Performed ADF® projects worldwide**
- ❖ **Published blind test ADF® results in a paper sponsored by Shell at 2021 EAGE**
- ❖ **Published the science that explains the KH frequency effect at Image 2024**

# ADF® KH Imaging Projects

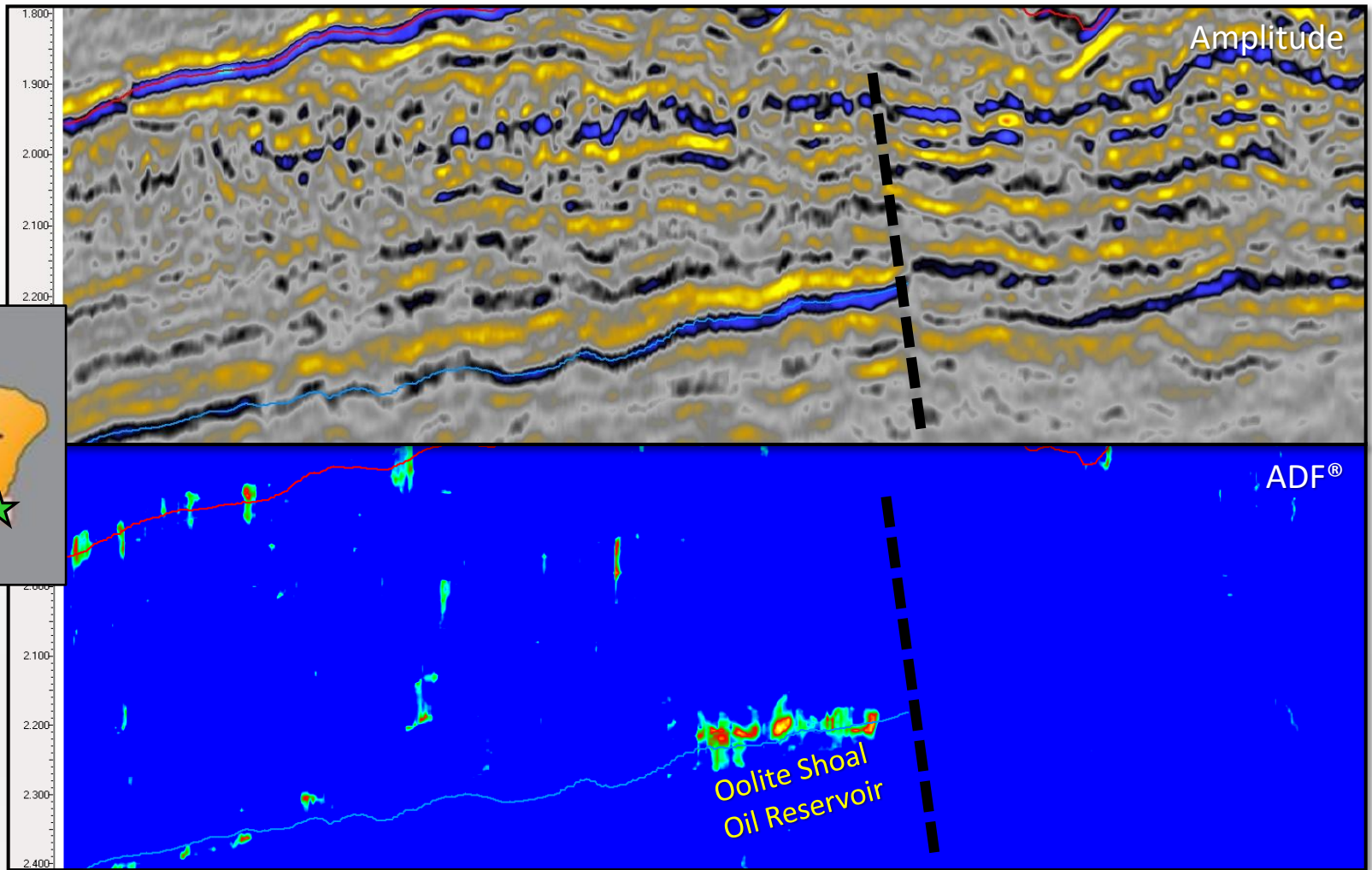


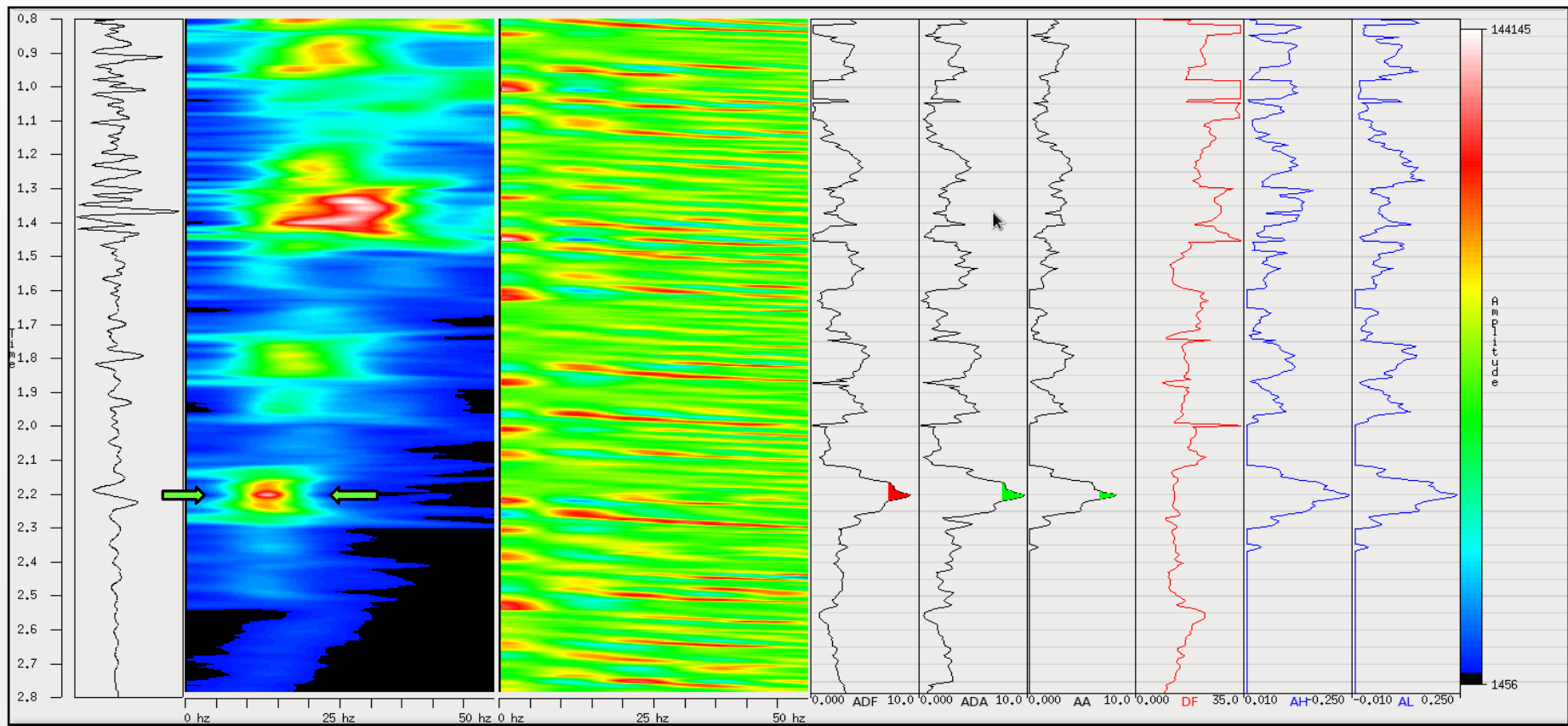
**The end is the beginning – where we are going...**

## KH causes time domain stretch which is frequency domain compression

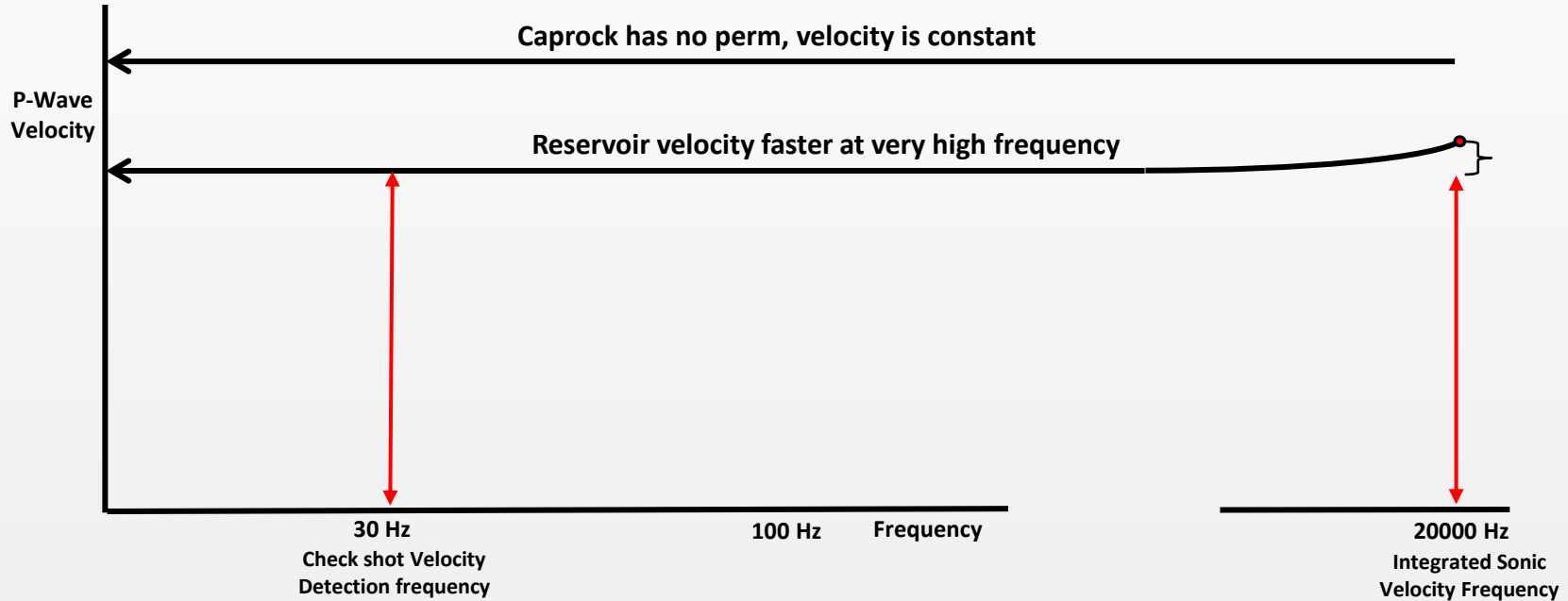




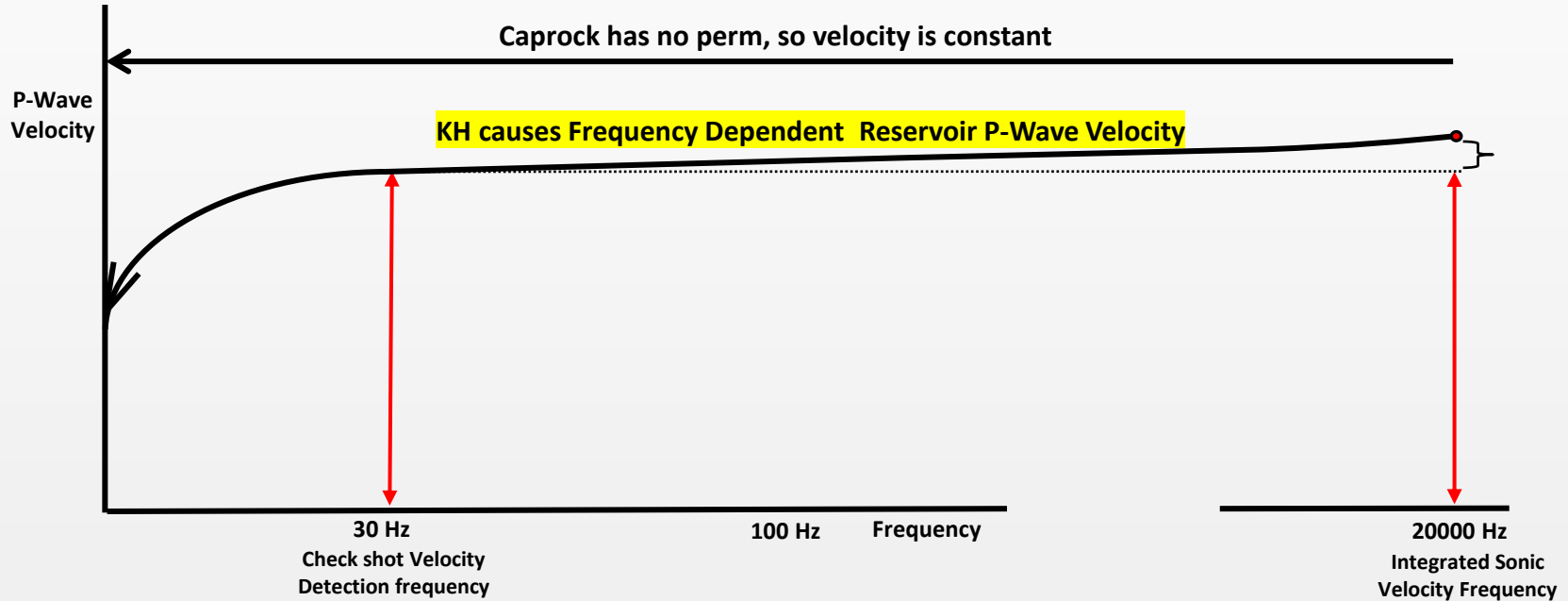




# 1975 first principal over simplification



# 2025 Understanding

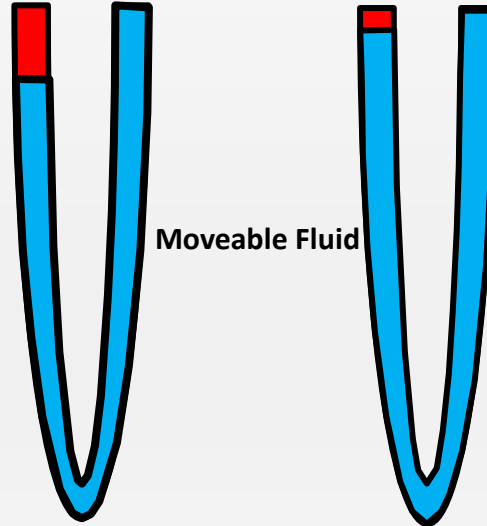


# What causes lower frequencies to travel slower?

**Darcy's Law: A longer pressure transient will cause more fluid movement**

A 10 Hz sine wave has a  
100 ms cycle which  
causes a  
50 ms  
pressure transit

A 40 Hz sine wave has a  
25 ms cycle which  
causes a  
12.5 ms  
pressure transit





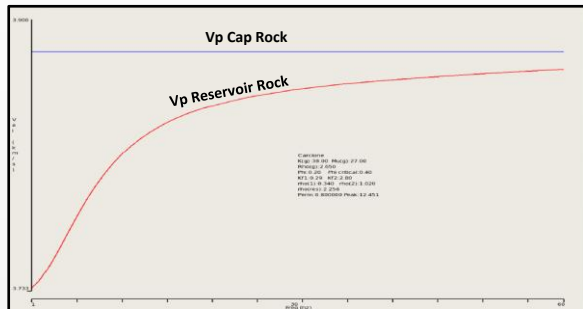
**Reflection Coefficients are frequency dependent  
because reservoir velocity is frequency dependent**

$$(D2 * V2) - (D1 * V1) / (D2 * V2) + (D1 * V1) = R_c$$

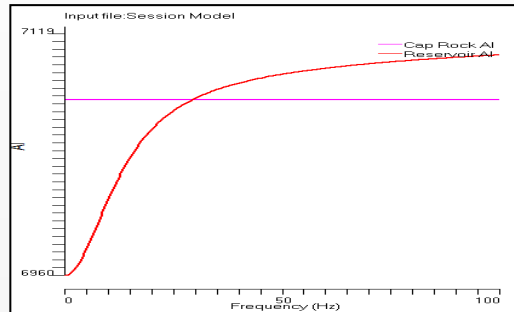
**Frequency Dependent  $R_c$**

D1 is density above  
D2 is density below  
V1 is velocity above  
V2 is velocity below  
 $R_c$  is reflection coefficient

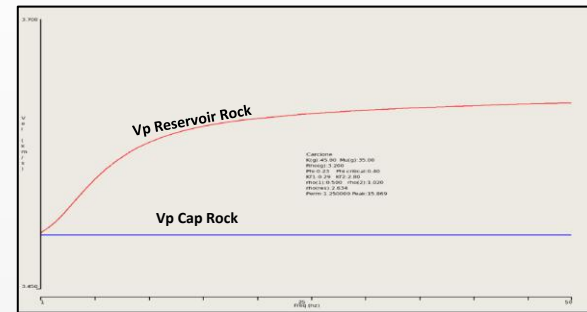
**Class III AVO – reservoir is slower than above layer**



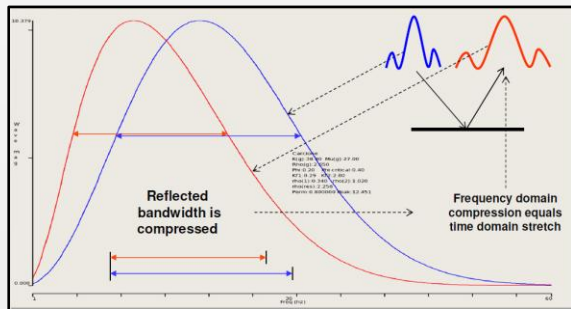
**Class II AVO – reservoir velocity is close to that of above layer**



**Class I AVO – reservoir velocity is faster than of above layer**

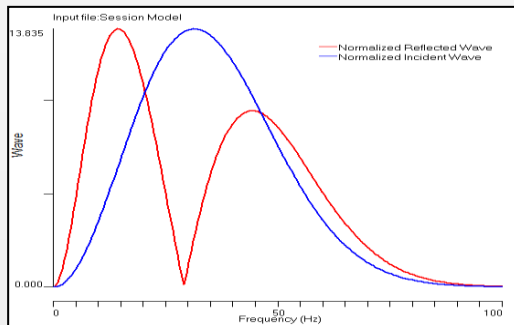


**DF decrease with dispersion**



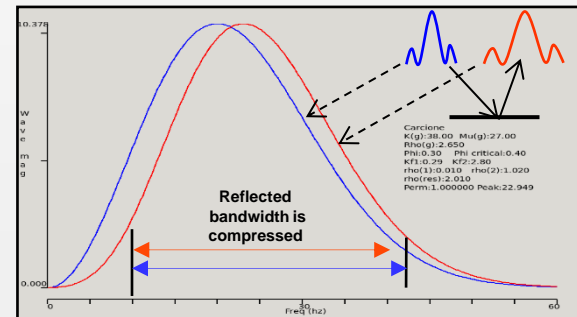
**Class C ADF®**

**Depending on crossover point the DF will increase or decrease**



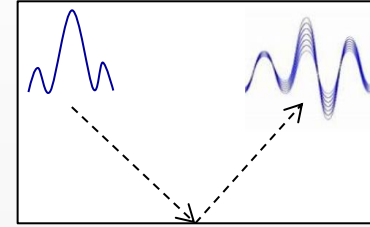
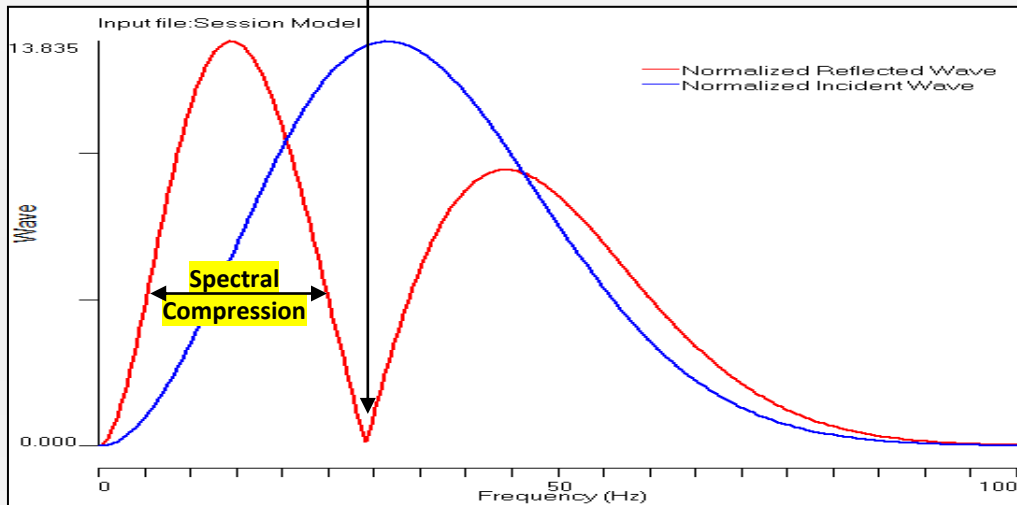
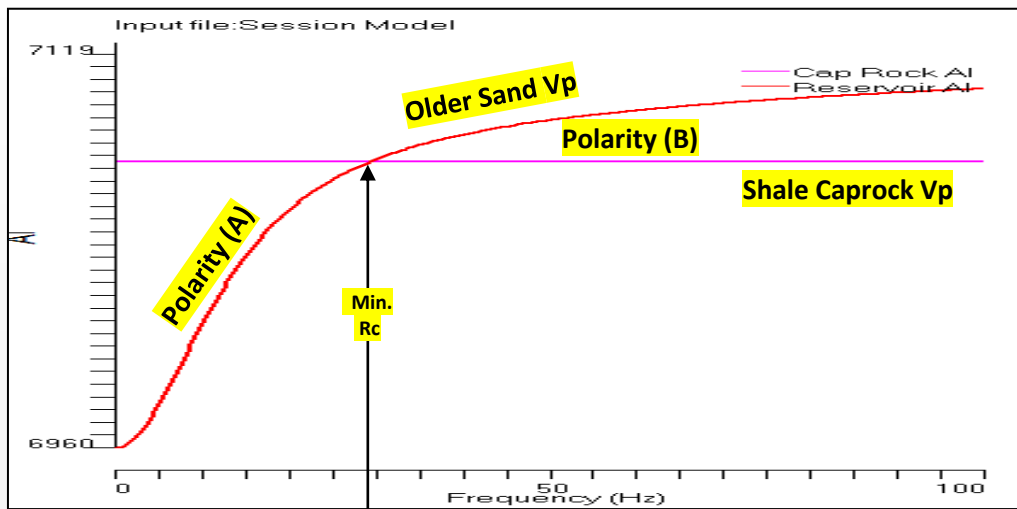
**Class B ADF®**

**DF increases with dispersion**



**Class A ADF®**

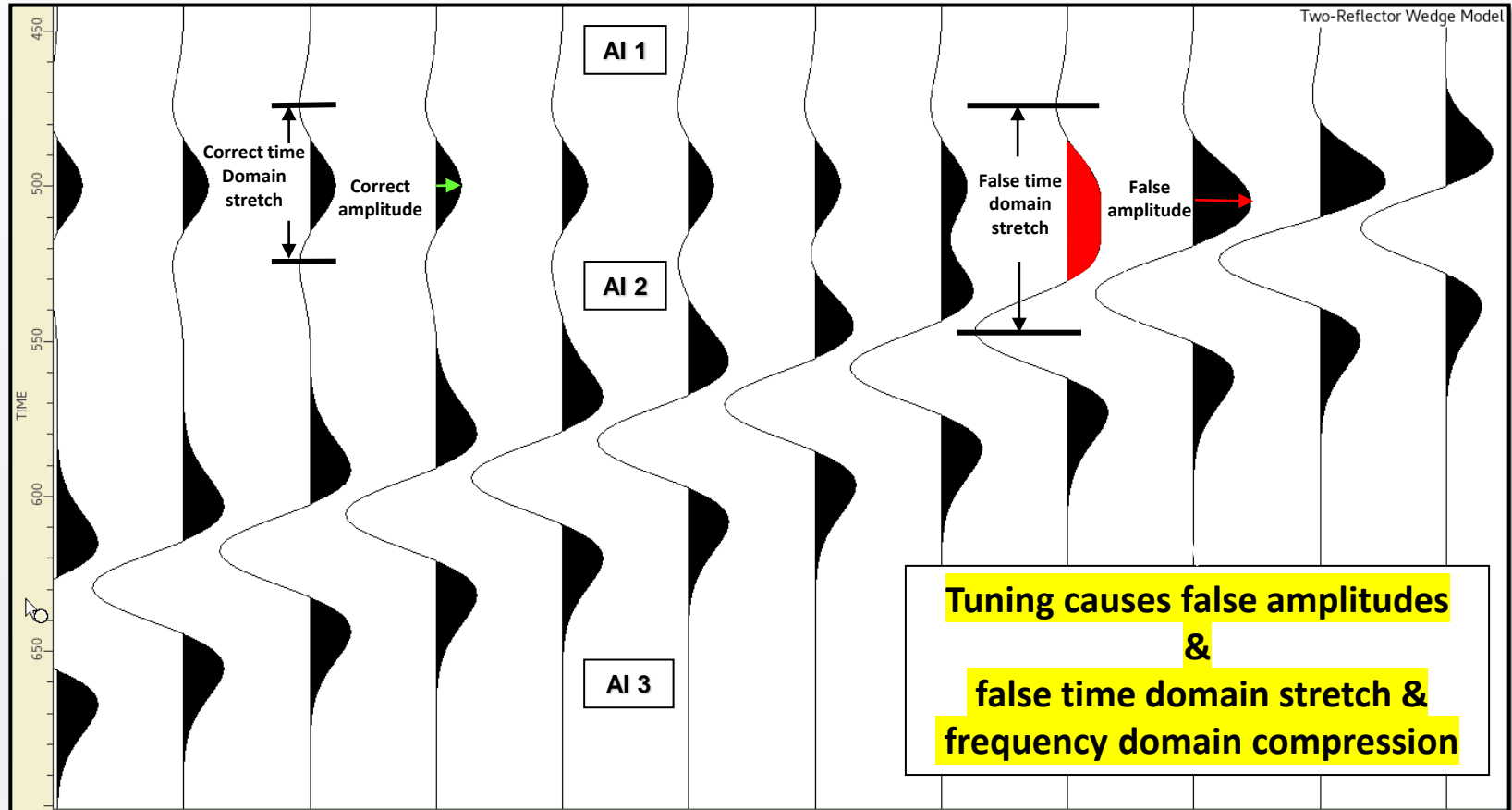




**KH Causes Dynamic  
Wavelets & Spectral  
Compression**

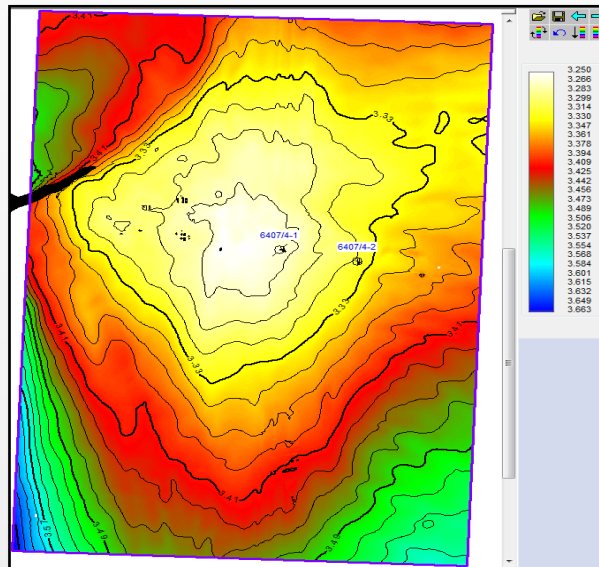
**ADF® Measures  
Spectral Compression**

# Similar to Amplitude, Tuning is a Challenge – the Wedge Model

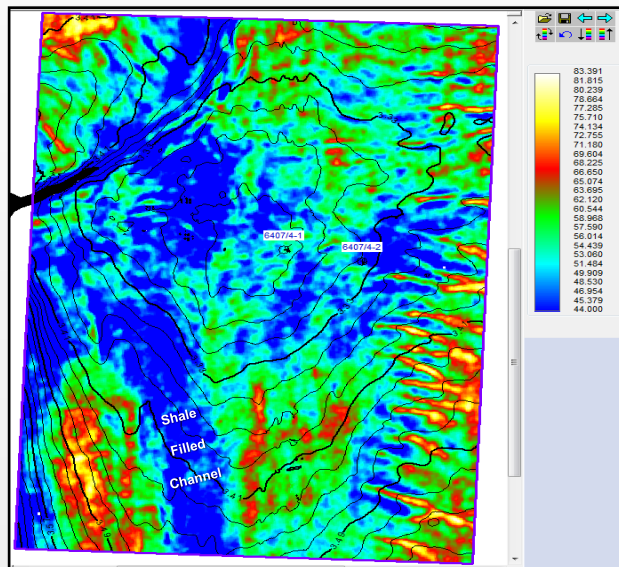


Acoustic Impedance ("AI") = P wave velocity \* density

Time Structure

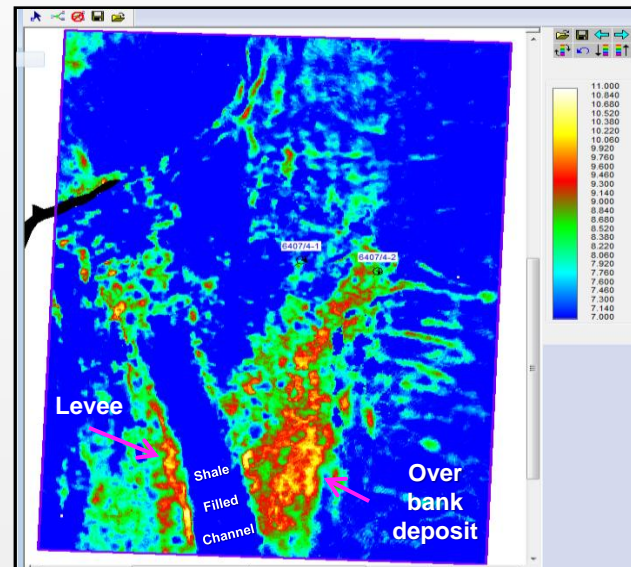


Amplitude is replete with tuning



Tuning blurs geology on amplitude

ADF® is measured after tuning is removed



ADF® clarifies geology





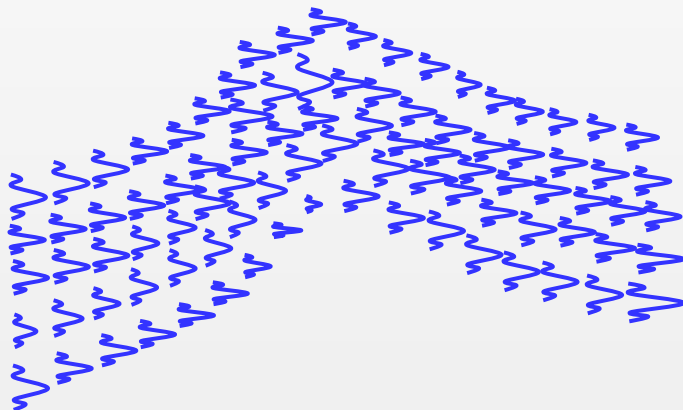
# ADF® is the opposite of inversion

Inversion calculates a  
wavelet using well data



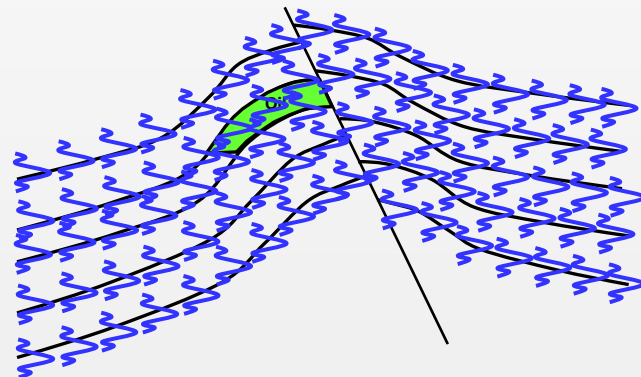
Or

ADF® calculates wavelets  
without using well data



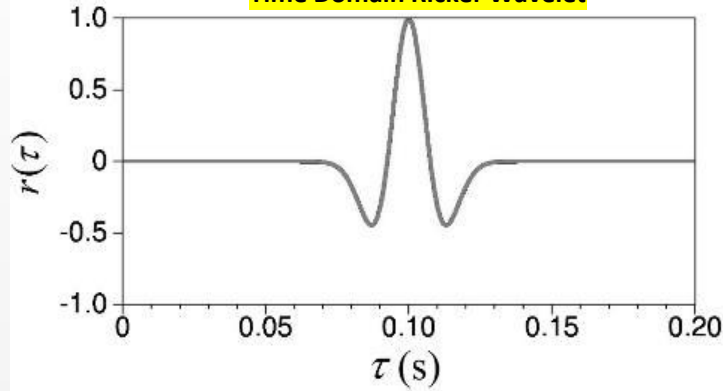
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Geology

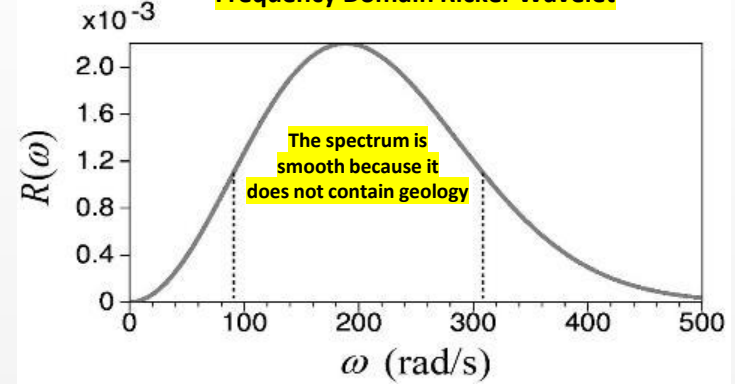


# Removing Tuning Effects

Time Domain Ricker Wavelet

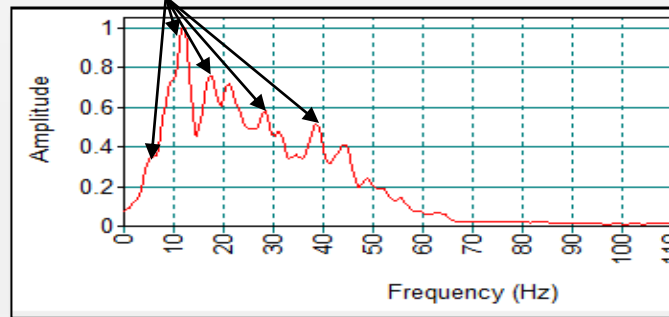


Frequency Domain Ricker Wavelet



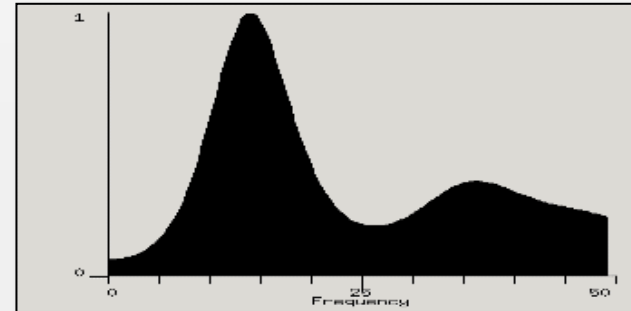
Geology

Typical spectrum



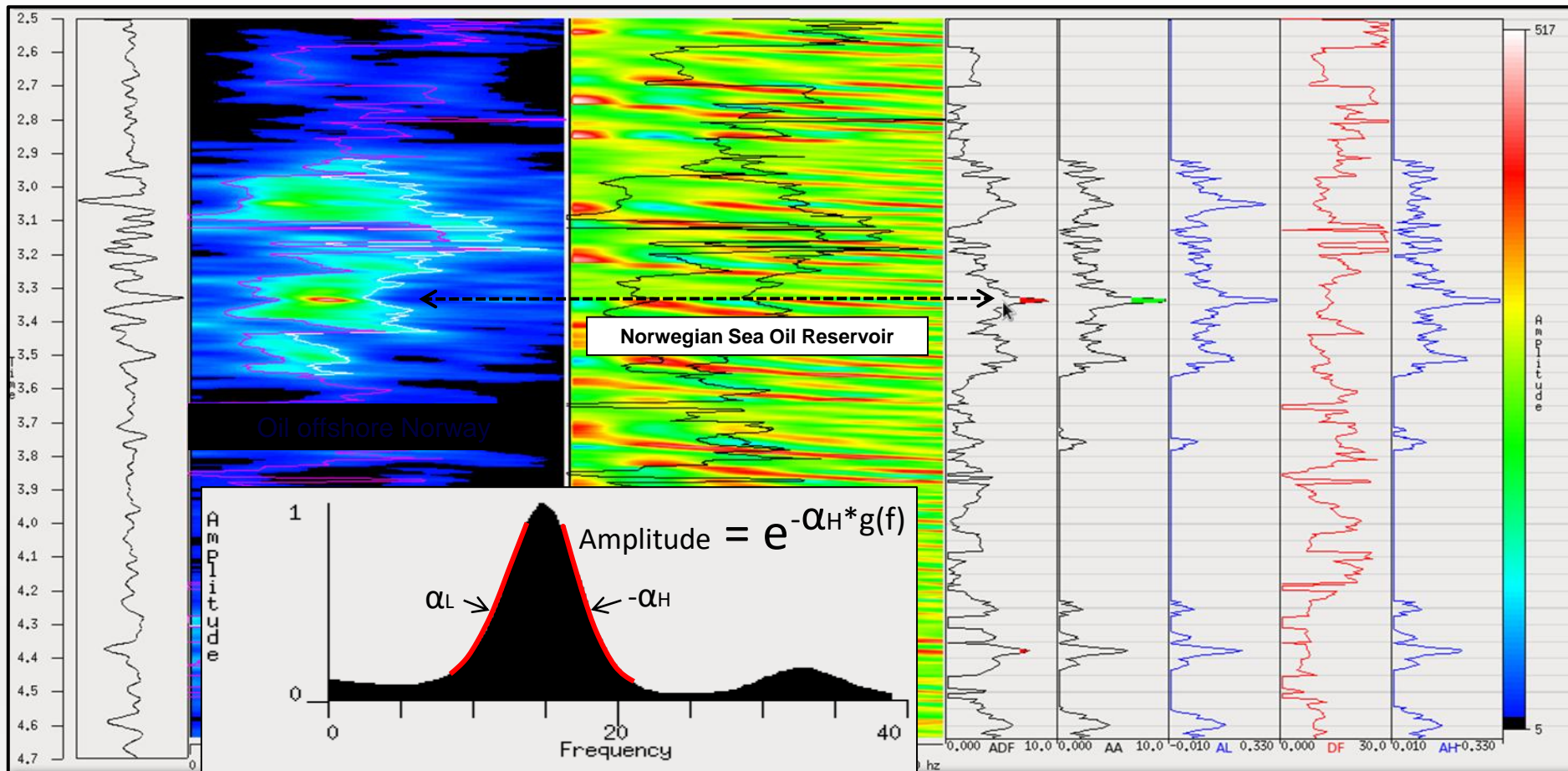
Geology prevents accurately measuring compression

Apex Spectrum

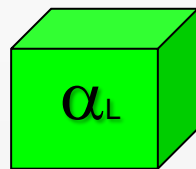


Apex transform removes geology allowing for accurate measurements of compression

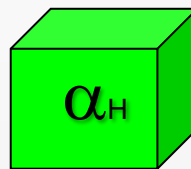
# KH Causes Spectral Compression; ADF® measures Spectral Compression



# ADF® KH Cubes

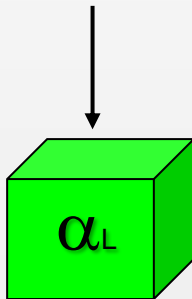


0 to +0.3



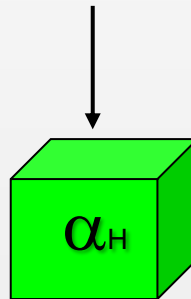
0 to -0.3

Normalize cubes so that:  
Rapid  $\alpha_L$  decay = 5.0  
Rapid  $\alpha_H$  decay = 5.0



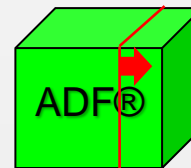
0 to 5

+



0 to 5

=



0 to 10

An ADF® cube is computed by summing the two alpha cubes to get one cube scaled 0 to 10

# Industry Tools that Remove the KH Frequency Effect

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- ❖ **Spiking & Gap Deconvolution**
- ❖ **Amplitude Q compensation**
- ❖ **Whitening**

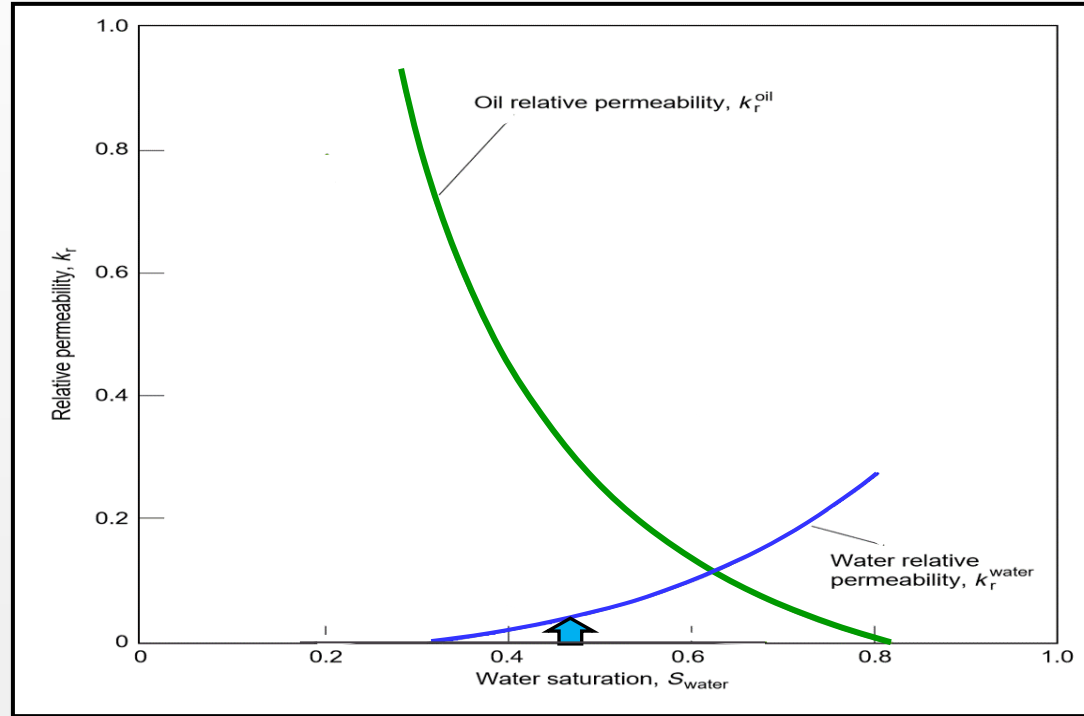


# ADF<sup>®</sup> Summary Points

- ❖ In sands, ADF<sup>®</sup> is largely a KH sand map
- ❖ In carbonates, ADF<sup>®</sup> shows where KH within the layer
- ❖ ADF<sup>®</sup> uses only seismic as input
- ❖ ADF<sup>®</sup> is independent of amplitude

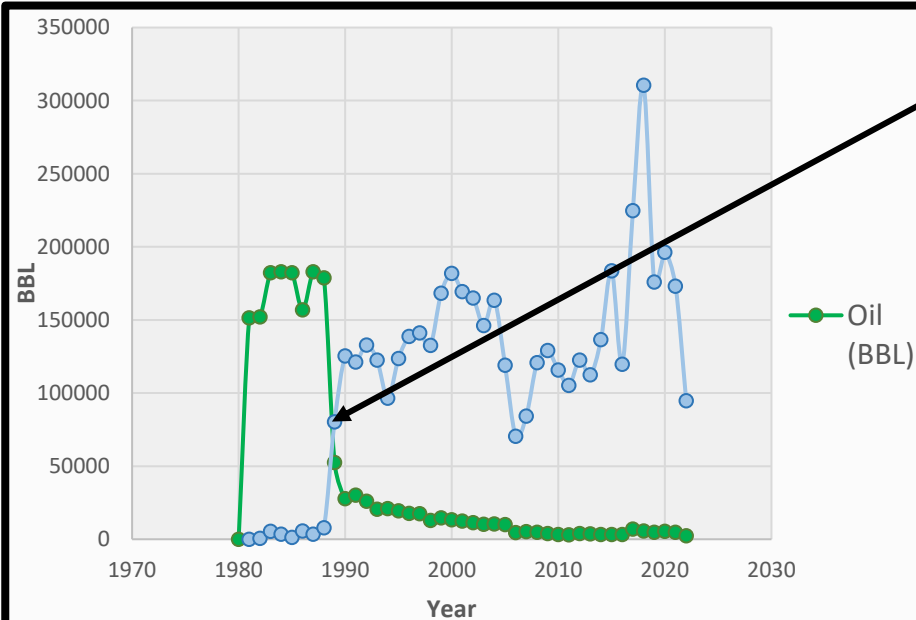
# ADF<sup>®</sup> 4D Effects

Relative permeability drops as a reservoir is produced causing an ADF<sup>®</sup> 4D effect

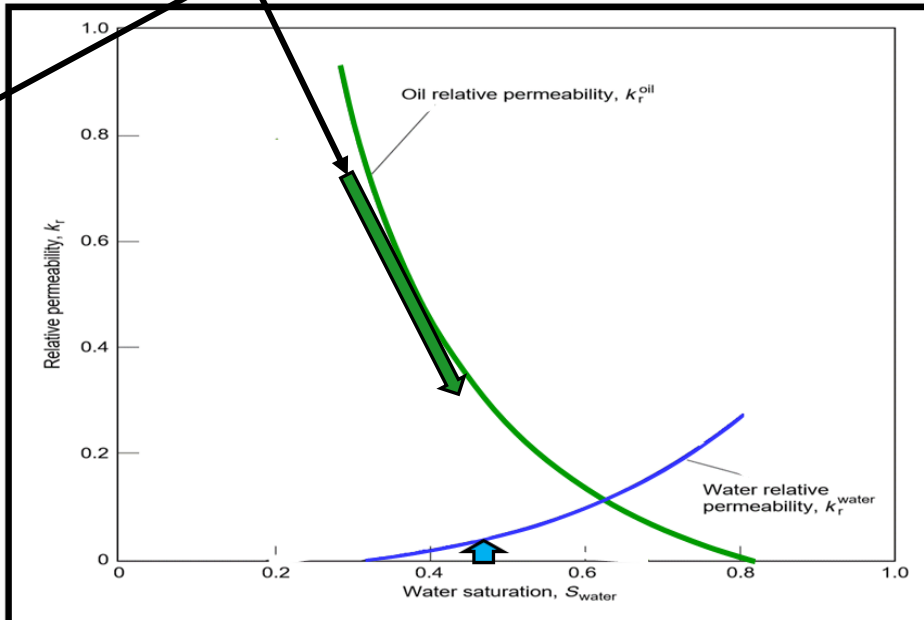


Toward Improved Prediction of Reservoir Flow Performance; John J. Buckles, Randy D. Hazlett, et al

Normal pressure well with a strong water drive

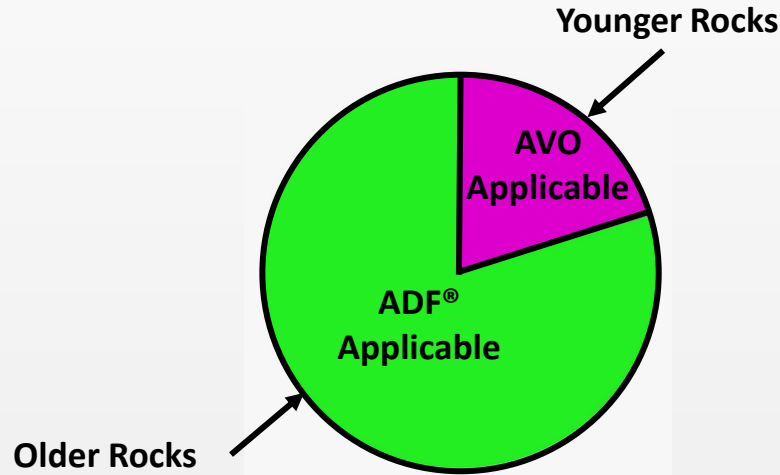


The drop in oil production is due to the drop in relative permeability



This causes a KH 4D effect and makes ADF® a weak DHI in some cases

## AVO is highly effective In young rocks



**ADF® is highly effective in older rocks like most reservoirs**

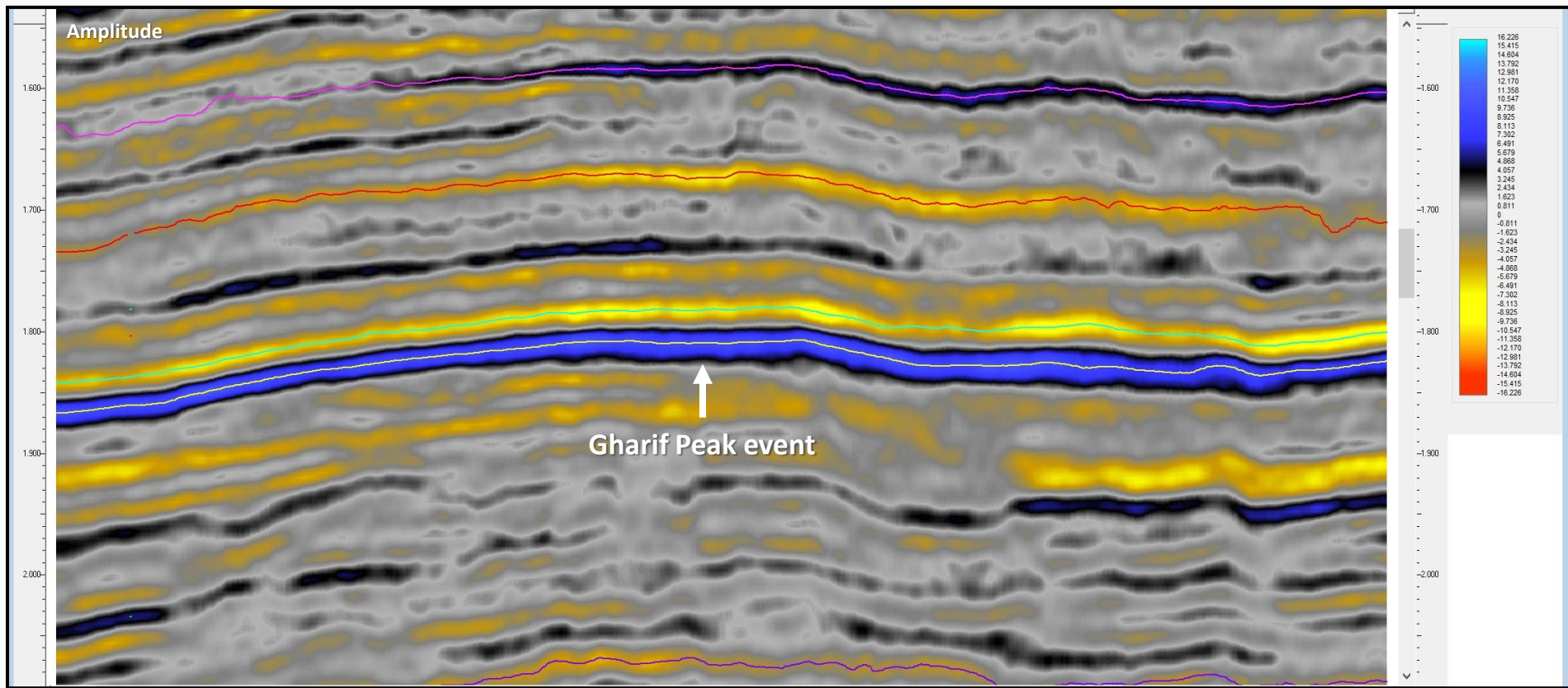
# Shell/PDO Oman Blind Test Proof of Concept Project



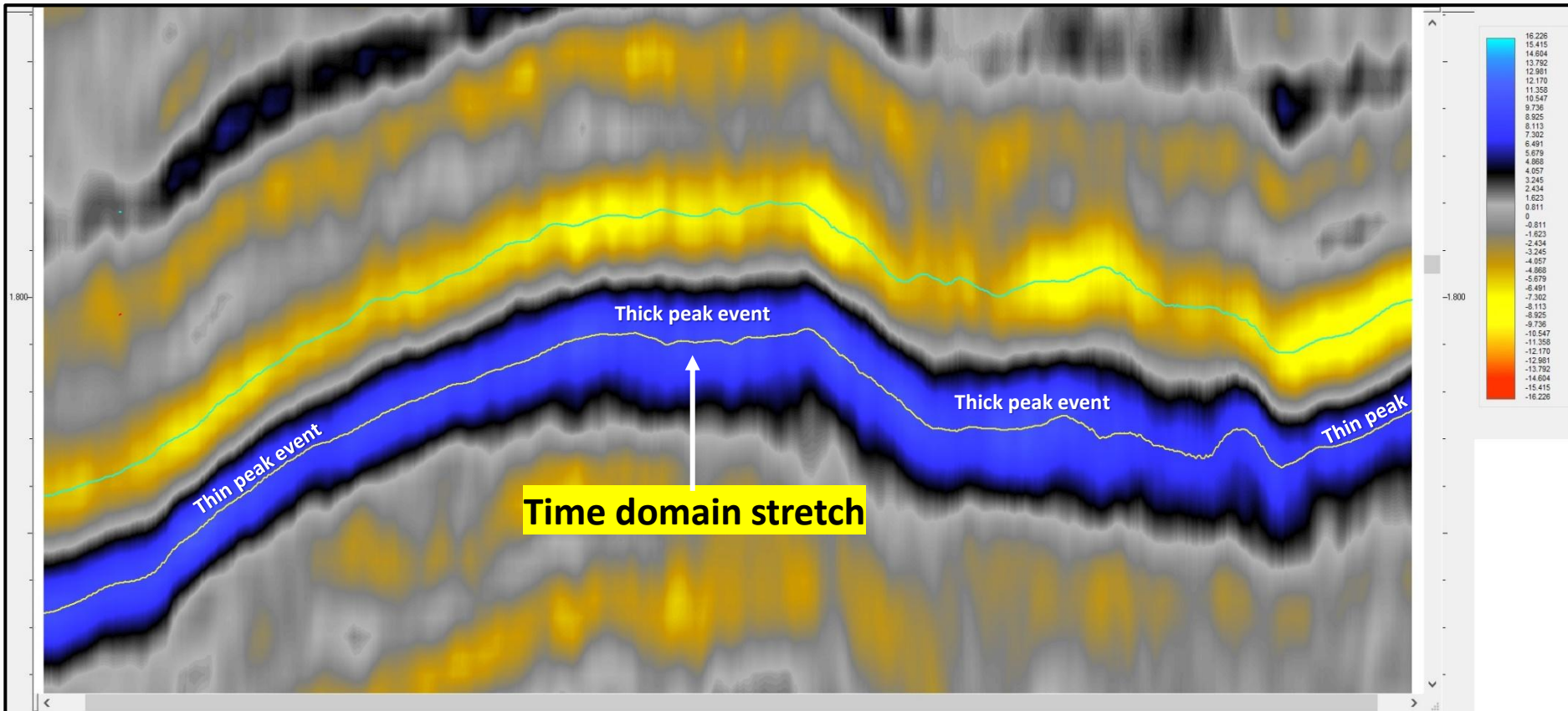
**“Dispersion Imaged Field  
with No Amplitude DHI”**

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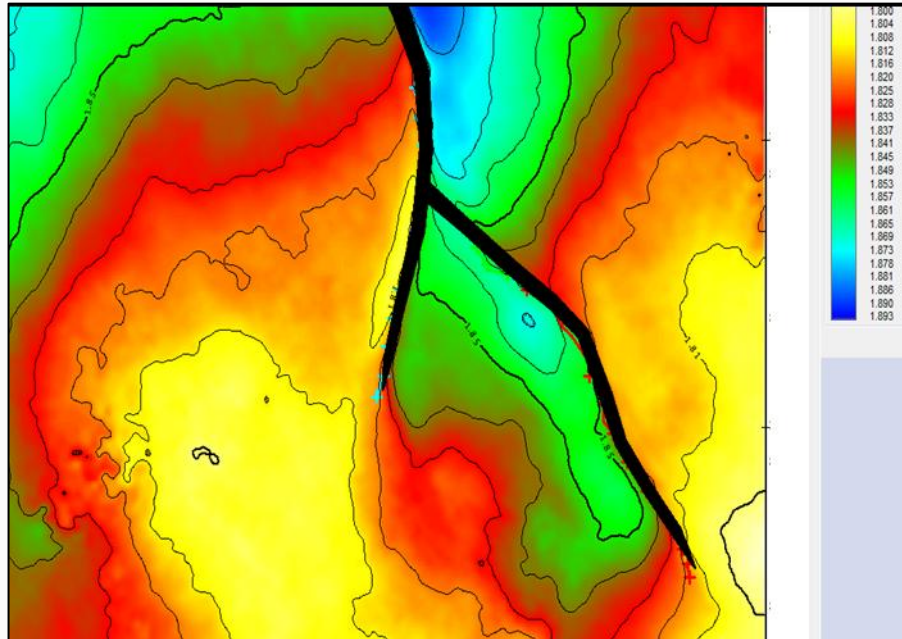


## Zoom-In of Previous Slide

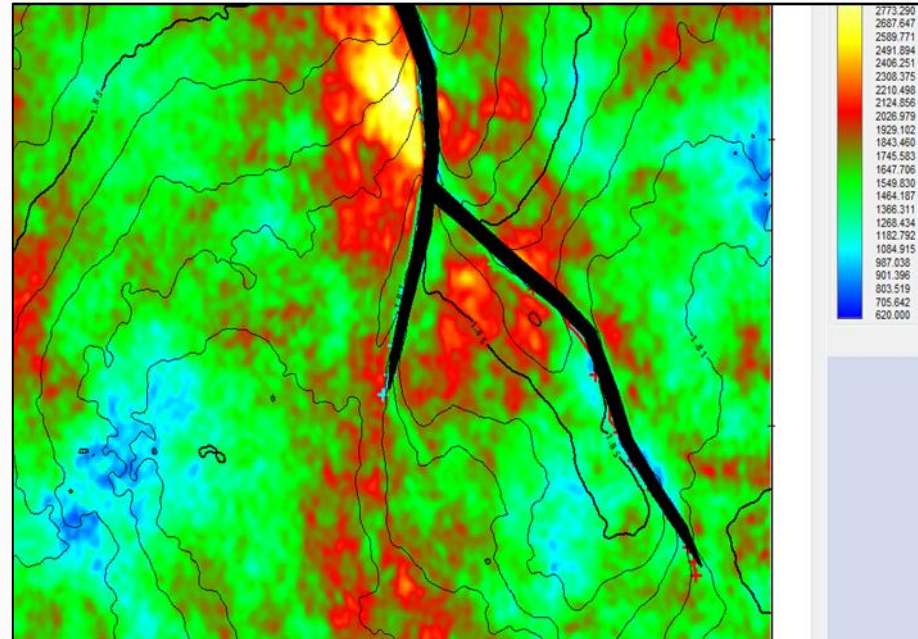




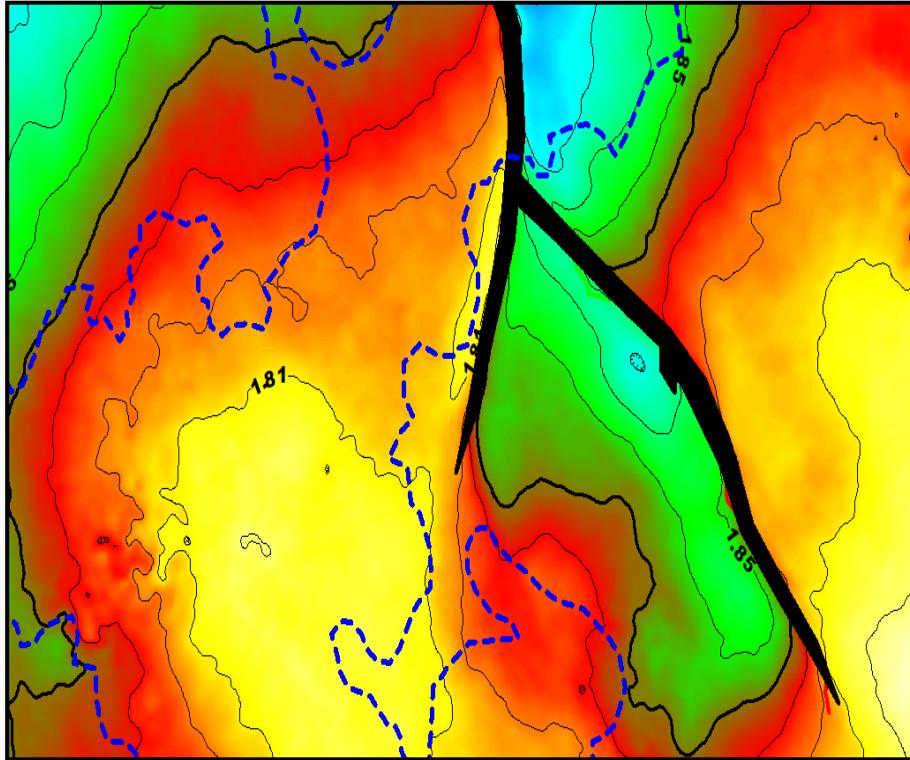
**Gharif Structure Map**



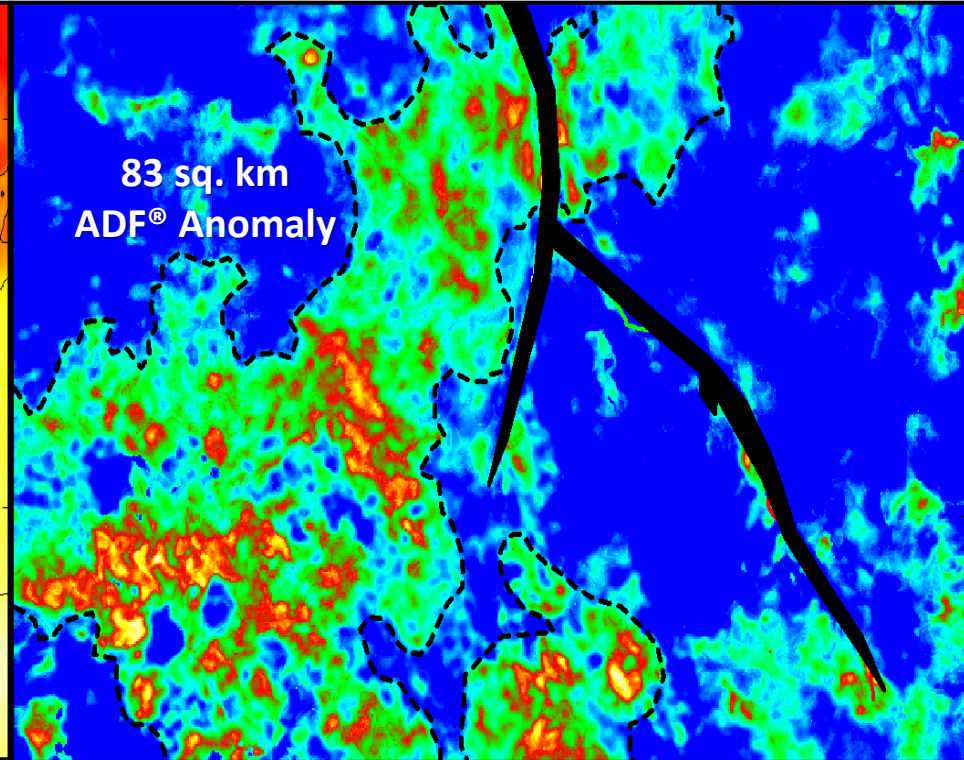
**Gharif Peak Amplitude**



**Gharif Structure Map**



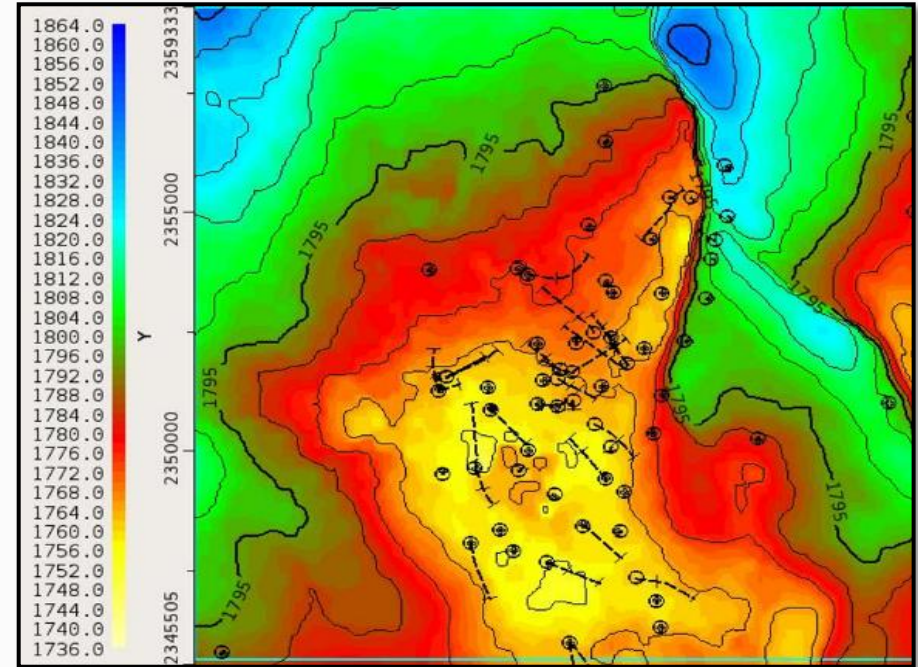
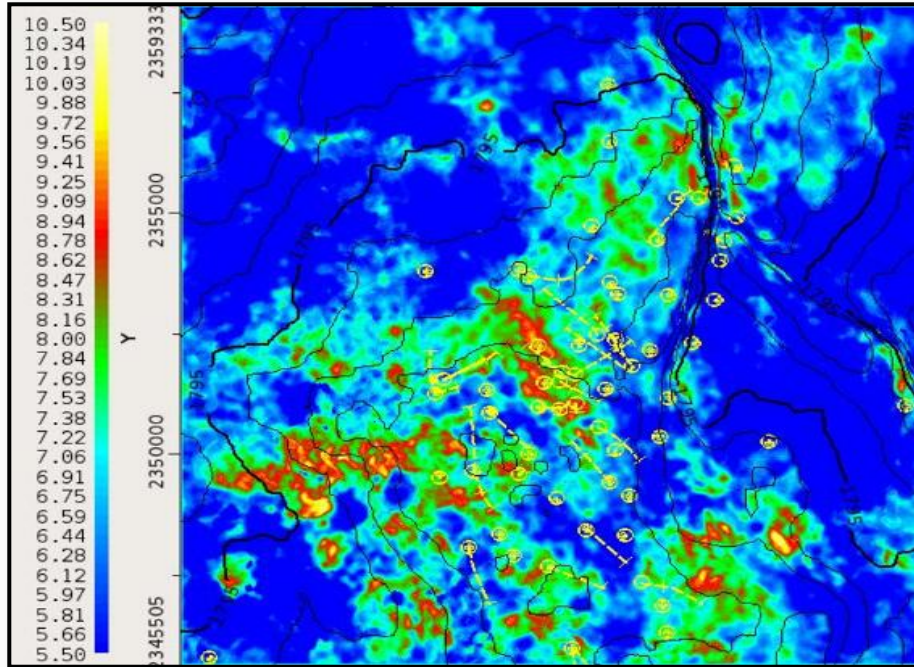
**Gharif ADF®**



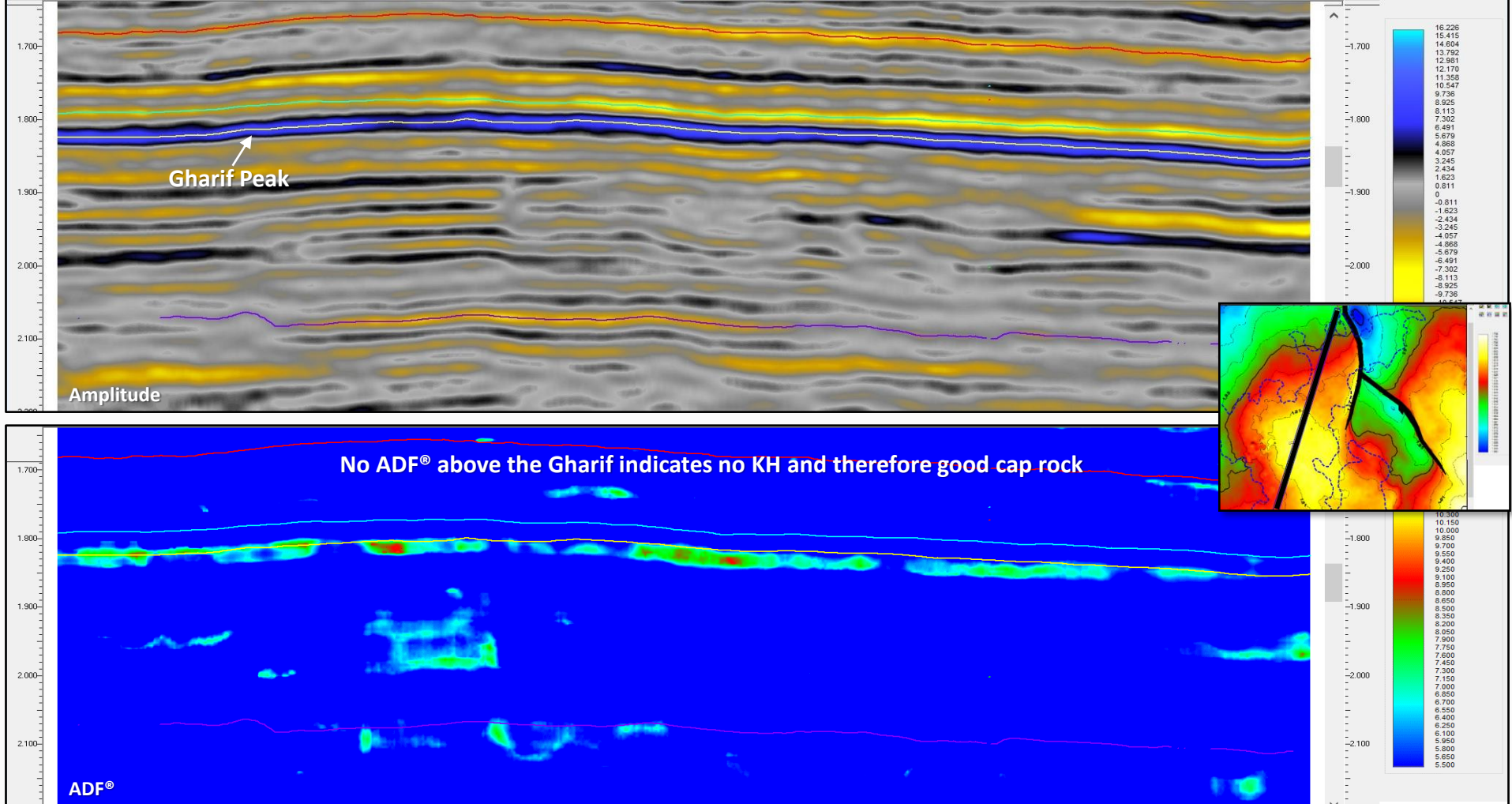
**ADF® shows correlation to structure**



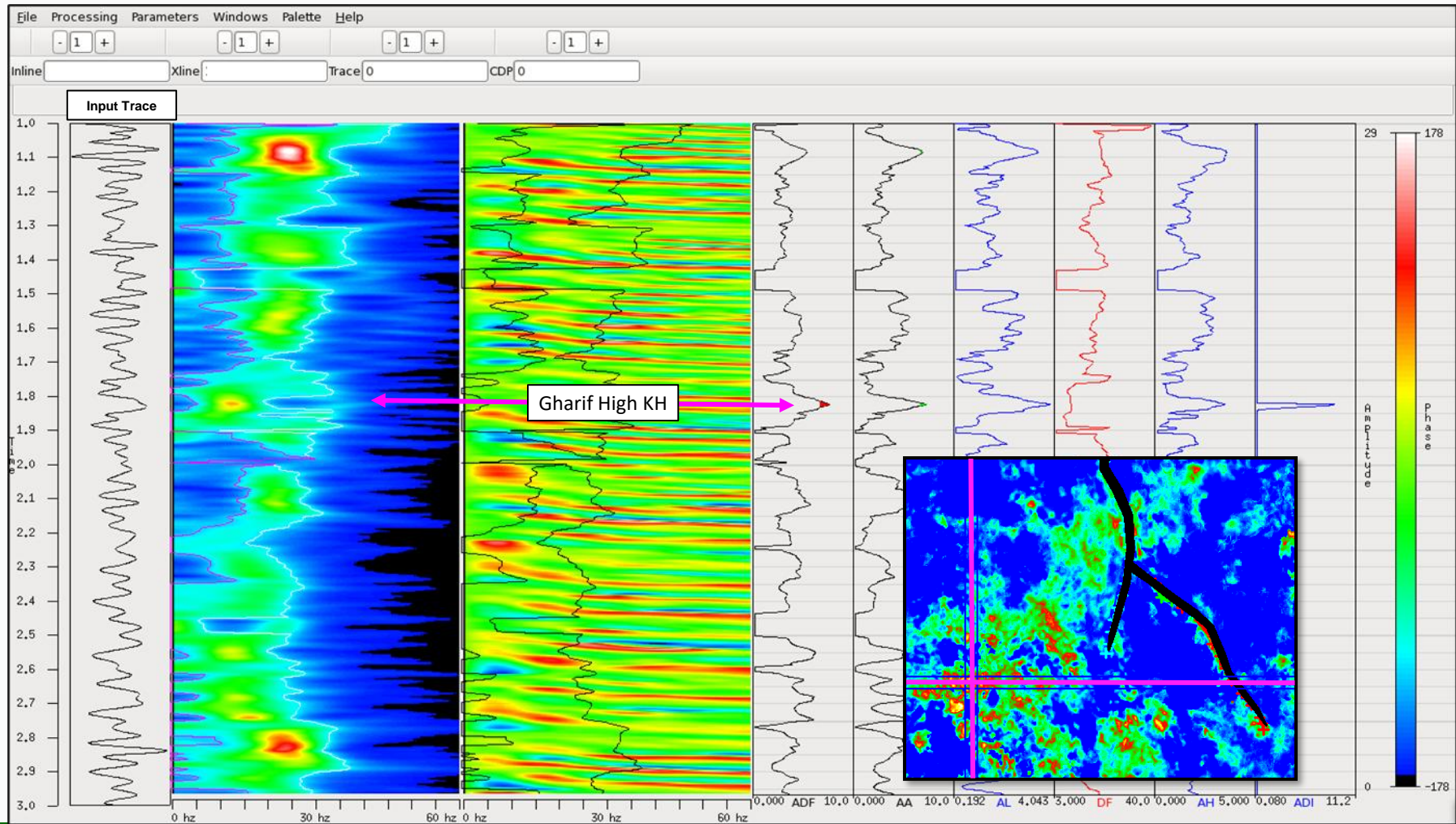
# After ADF<sup>®</sup> results were delivered PDO provided the wells



**ADF<sup>®</sup> correlates to the field because it correlates to KH  
and early hydrocarbon migration helped preserve porosity and perm**

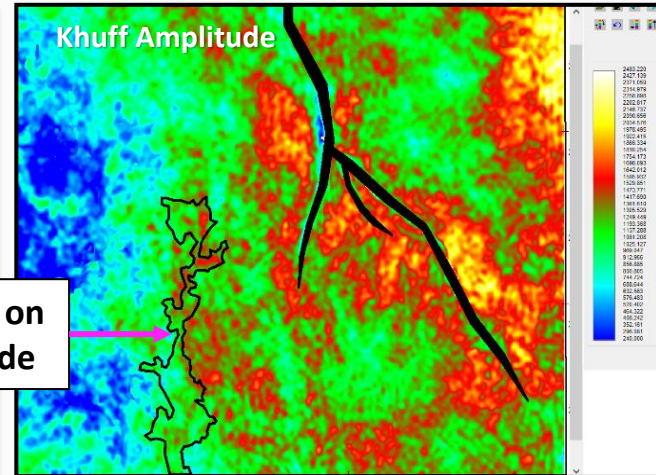
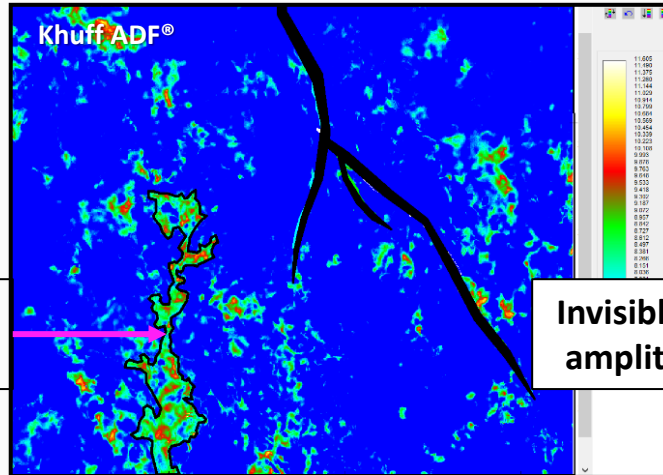
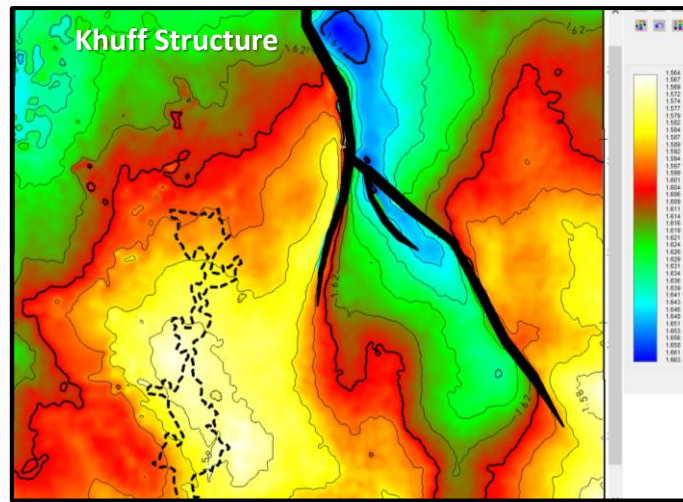






Courtesy of Petroleum Development Oman

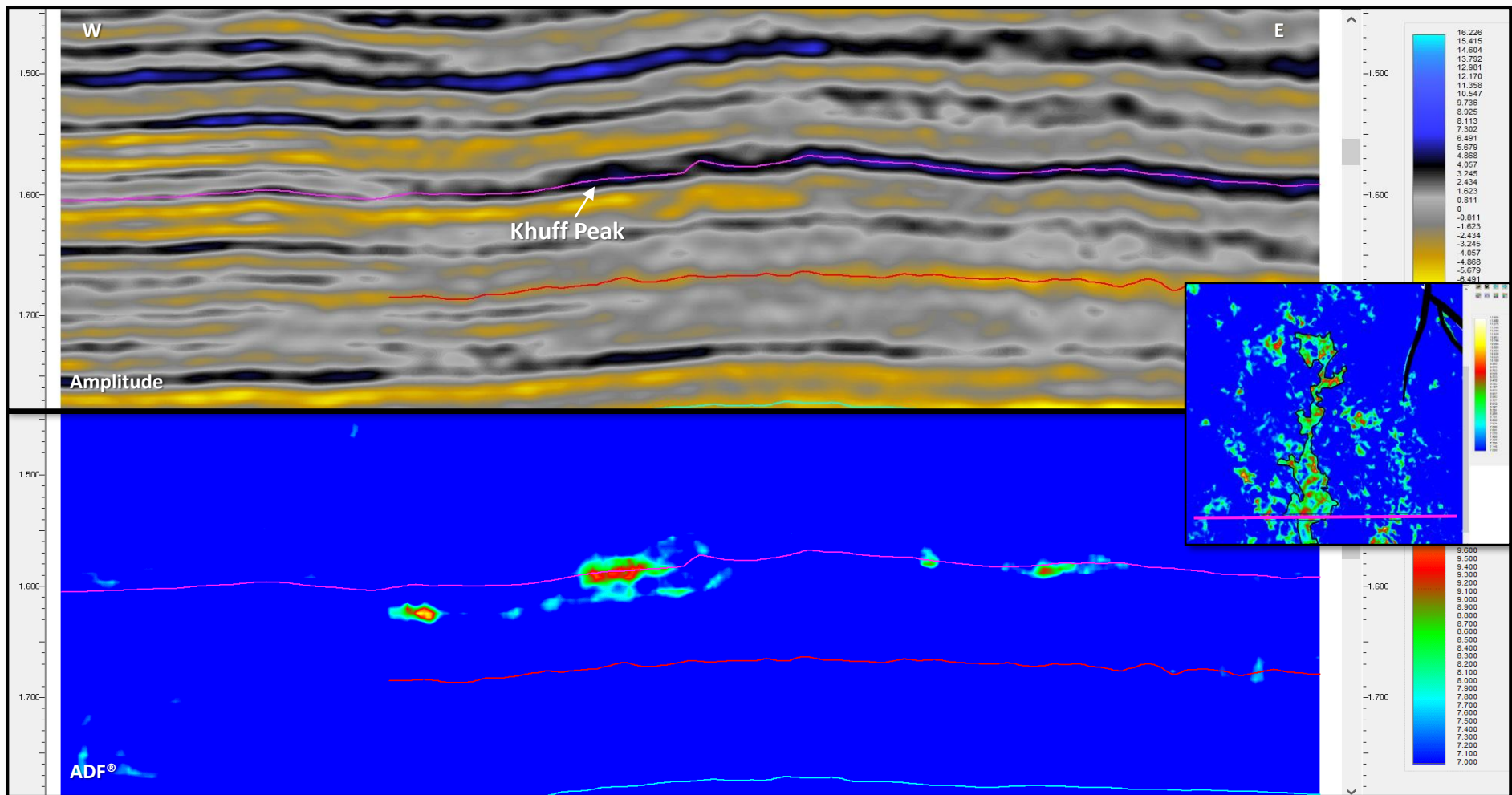
# Khuff Carbonate ADF®

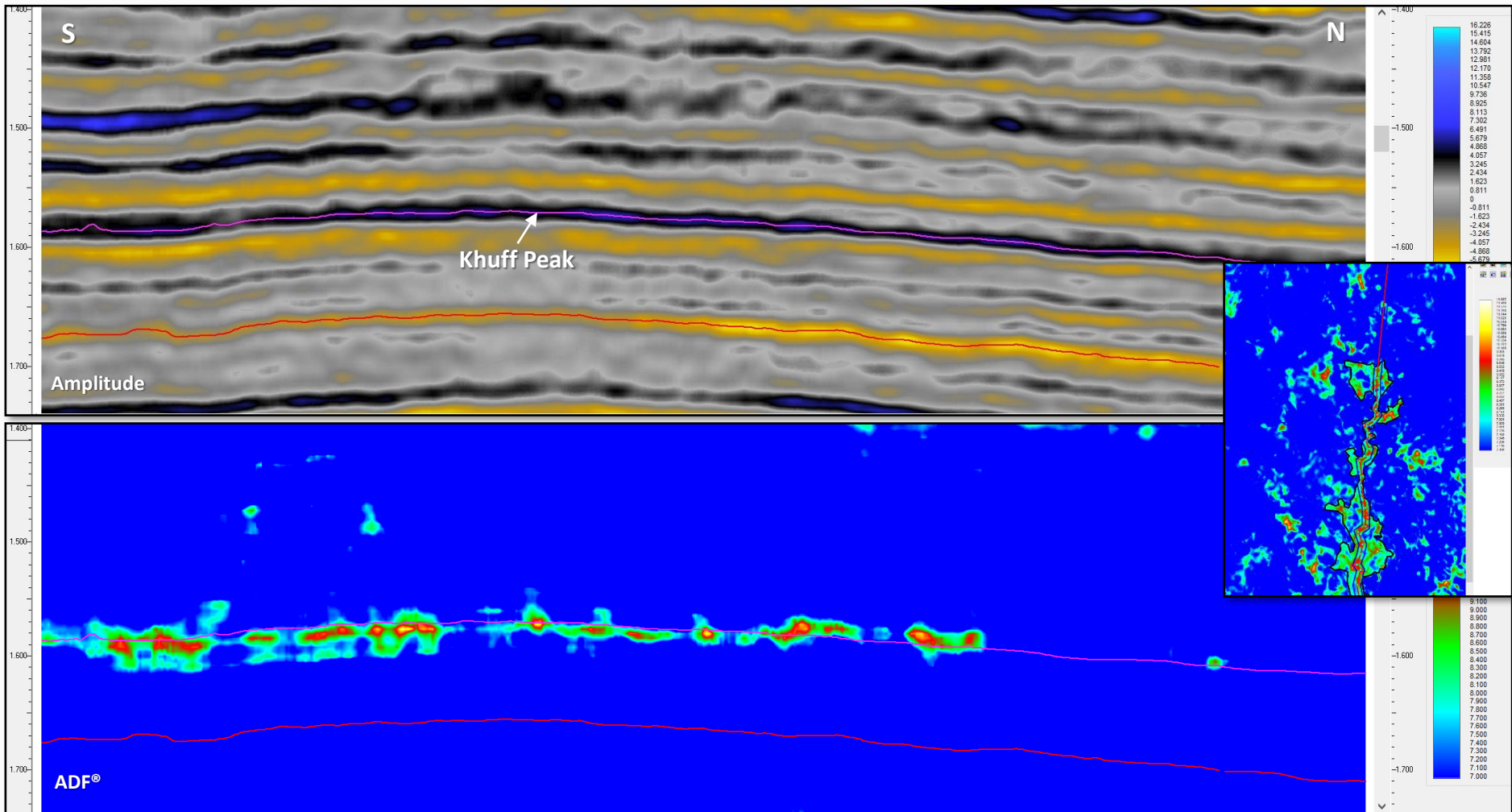


9 sq. km  
ADF® Anomaly

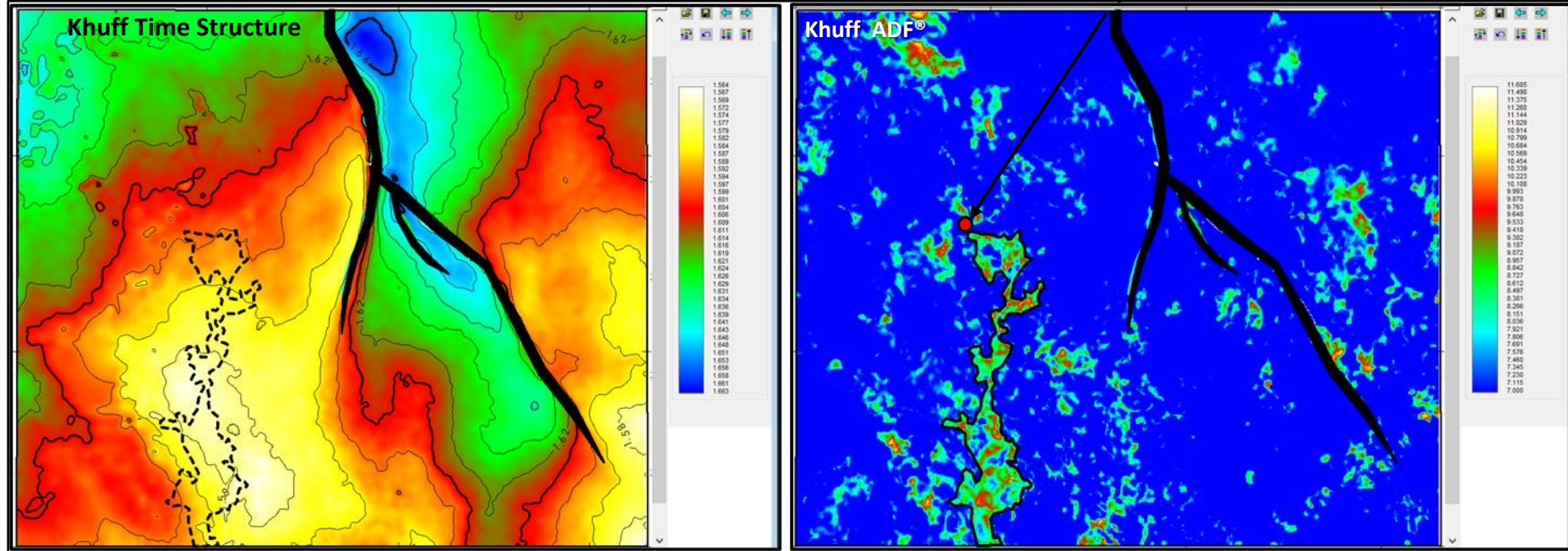
Invisible on  
amplitude







Well MBR35 was  
interpreted to be  
“Hydrocarbons at Khuff  
level” by PDO



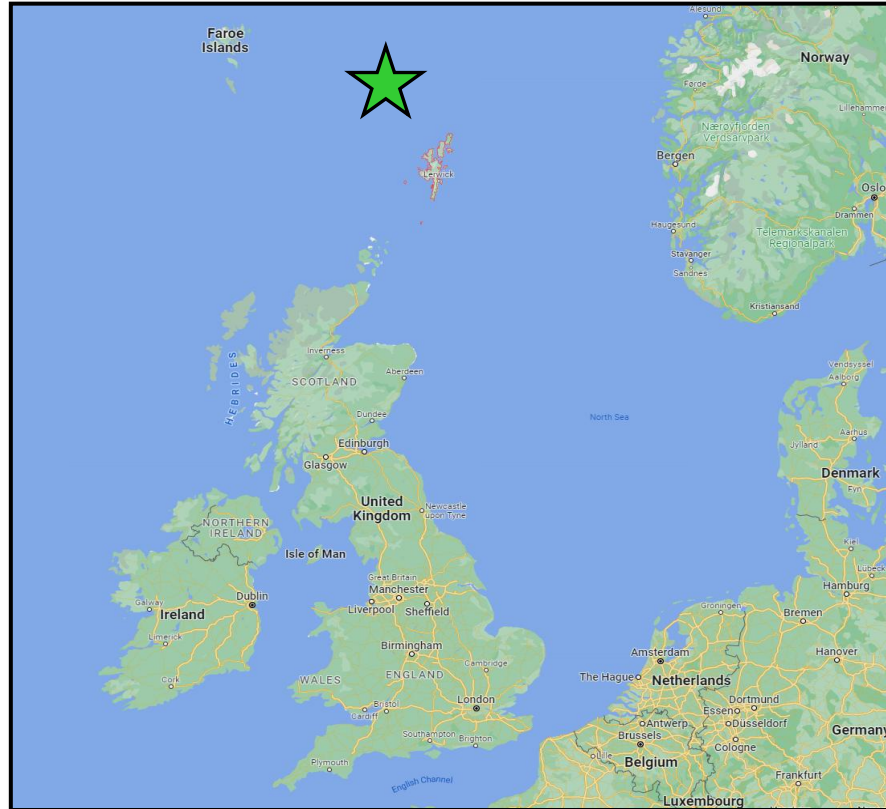
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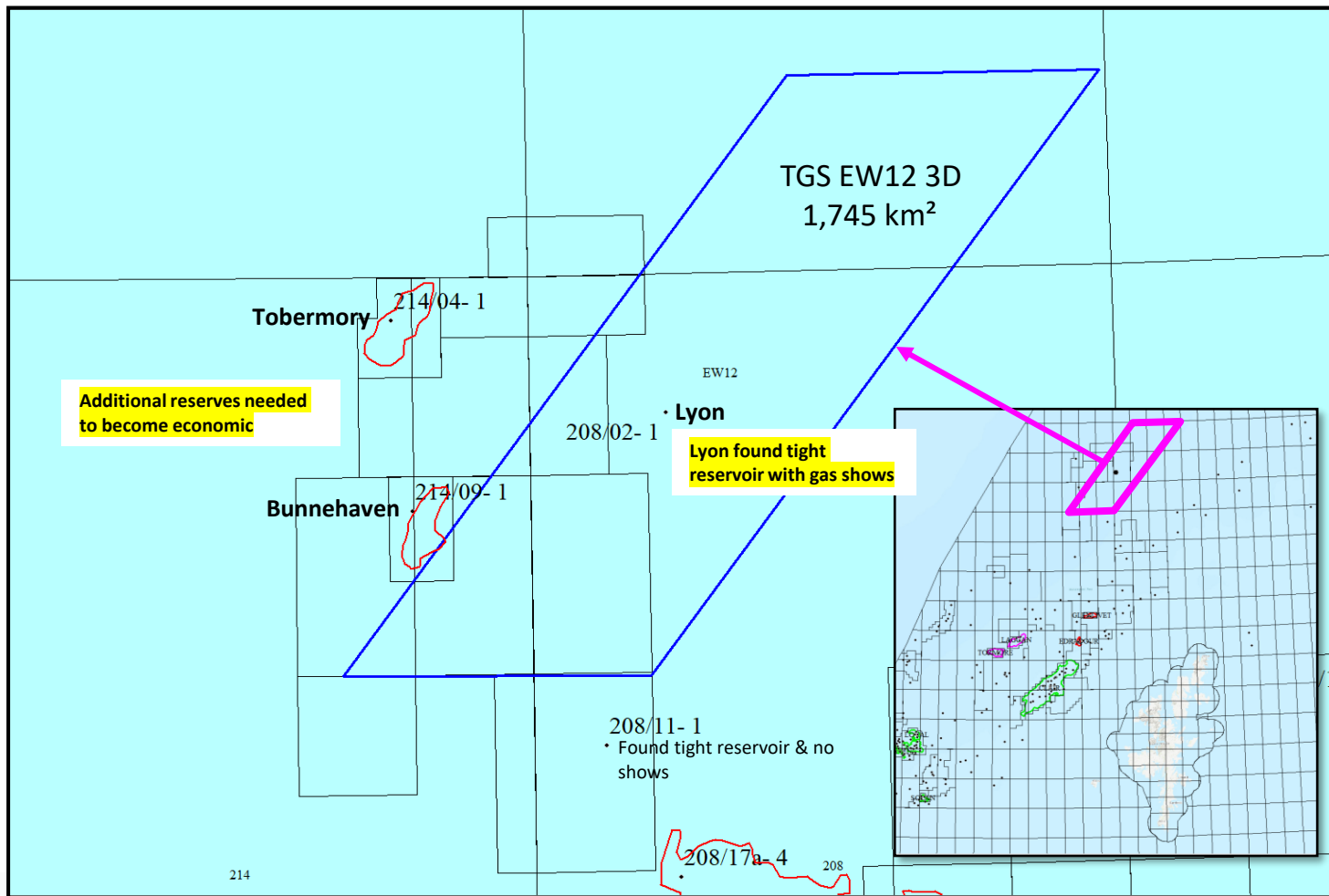
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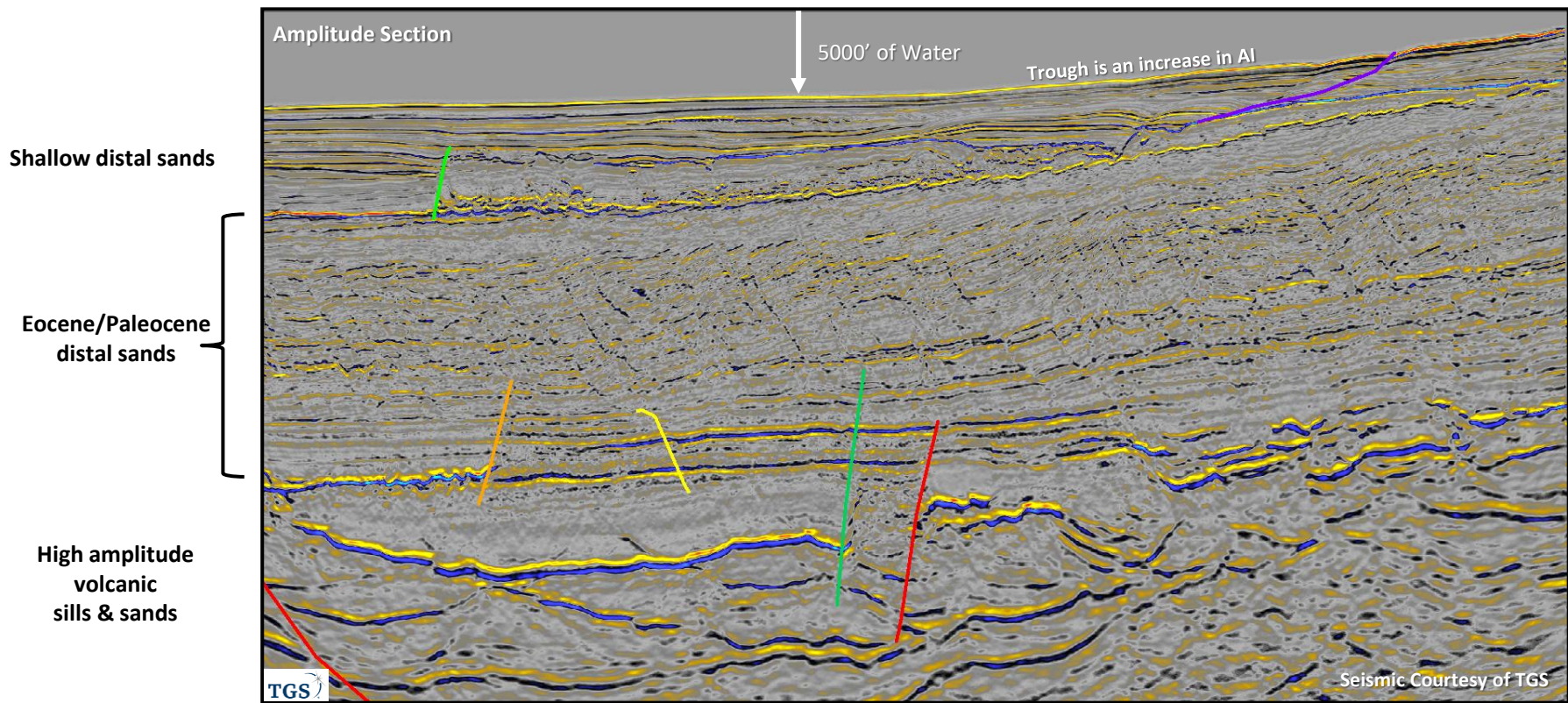
- ❖ **ADF® imaged KH corresponding to the Mabrouk Oil and Gas Field (a Gharif sandstone) due to early hydrocarbon migration preserving porosity and perm.**
- ❖ **ADF® imaged KH in the Khuff carbonate which as we learned was later drilled resulting in an oil discovery above the Gharif.**



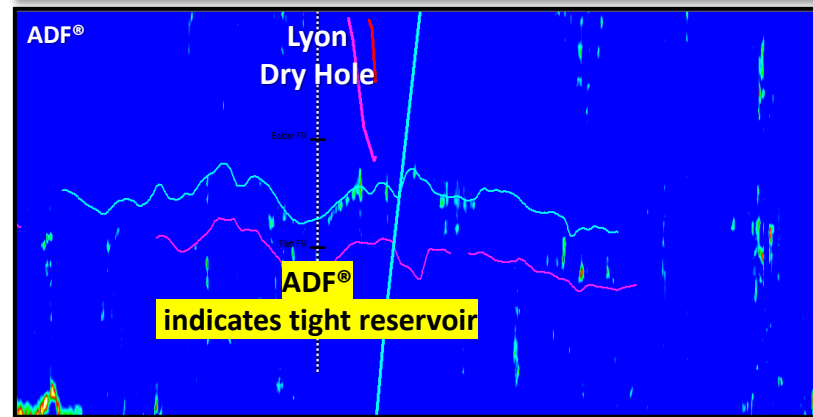
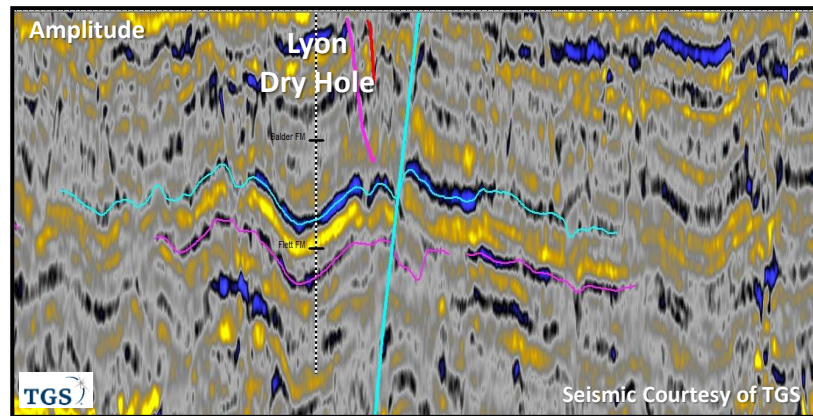
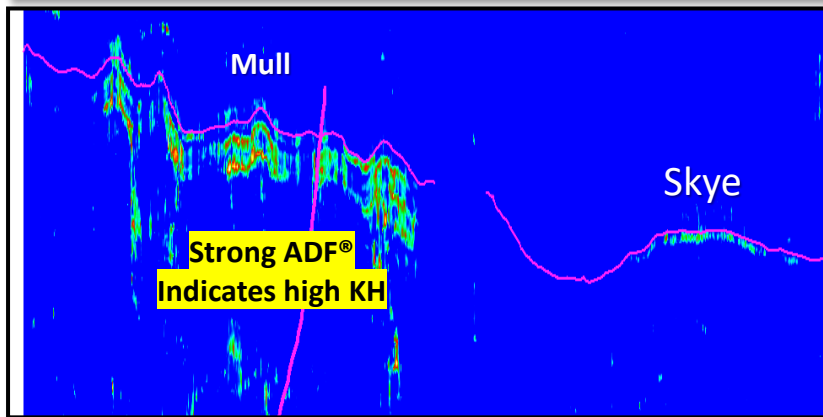
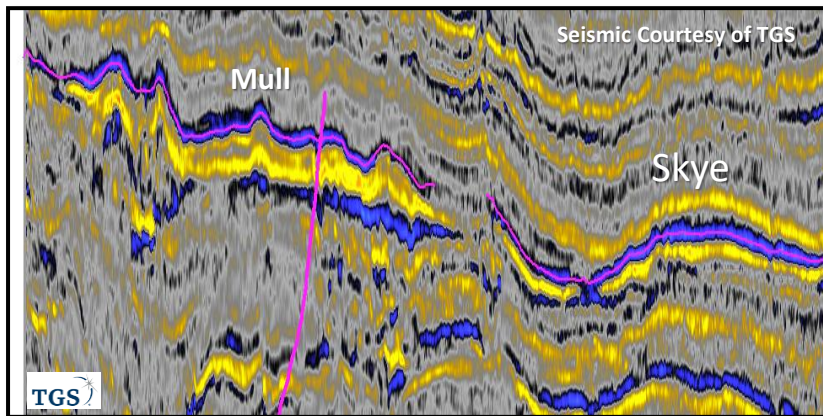
# West of Shetlands TGS EW12 3D Results





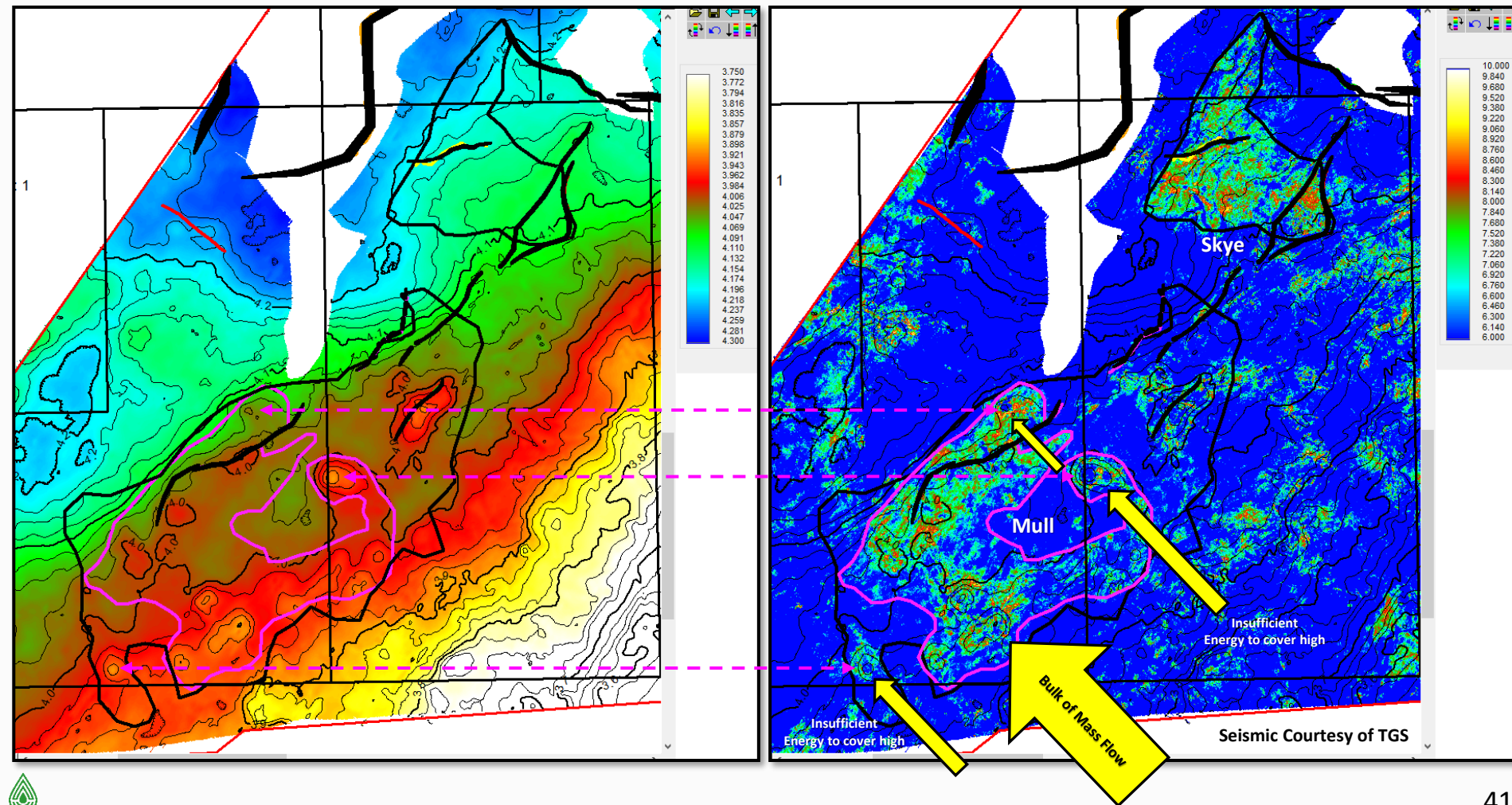


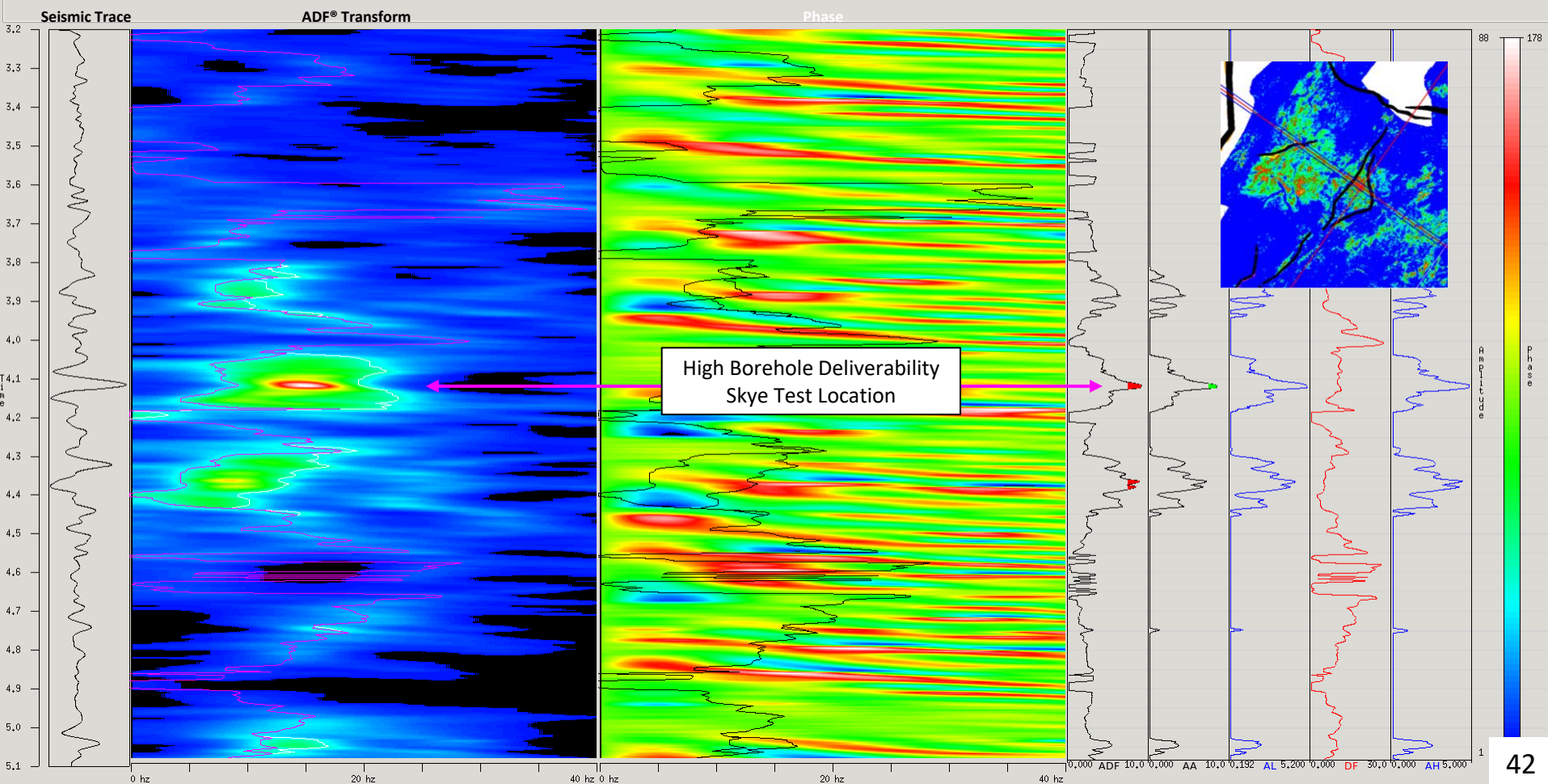


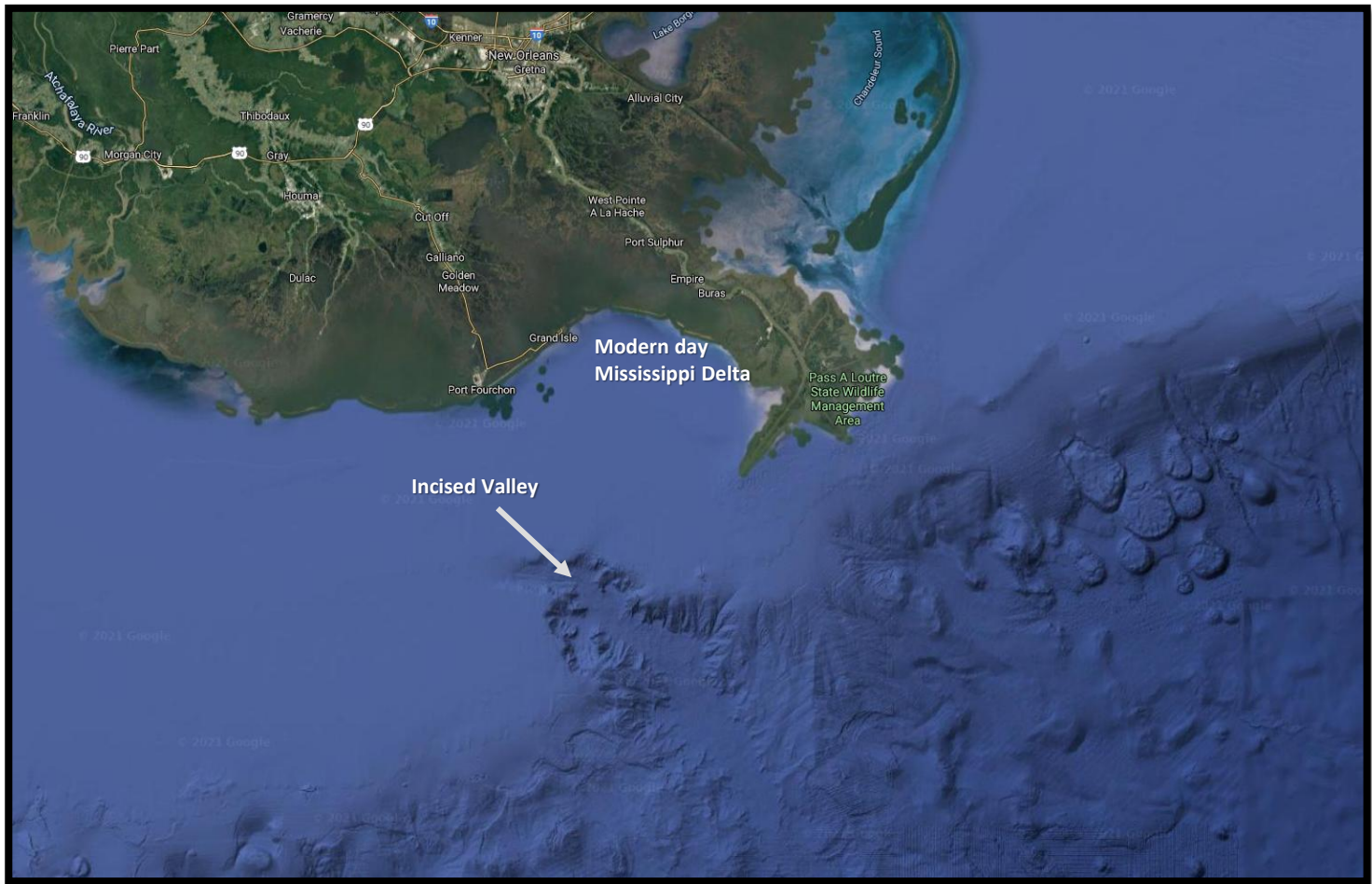




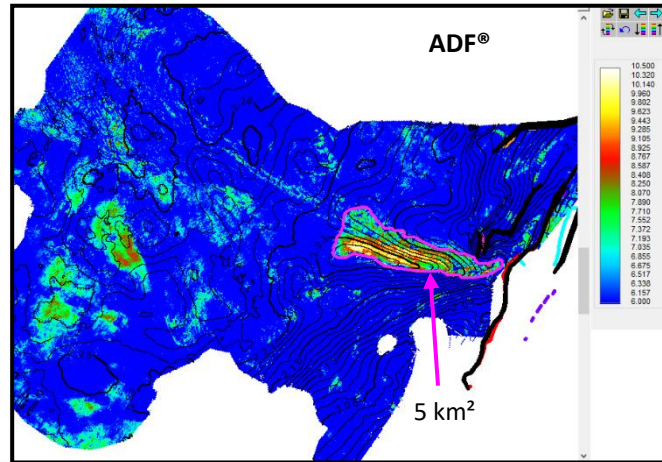
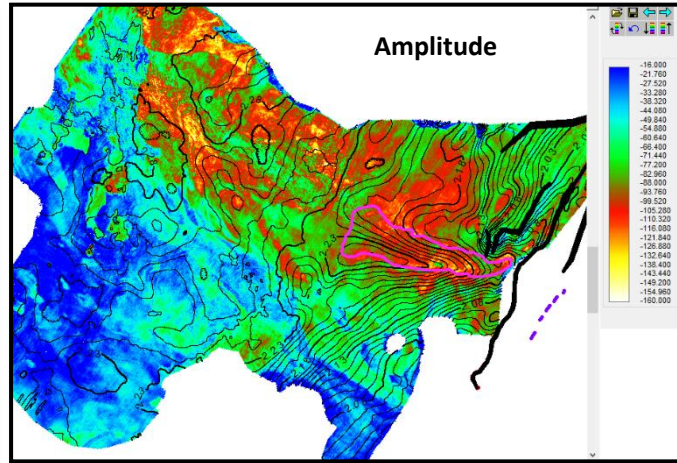
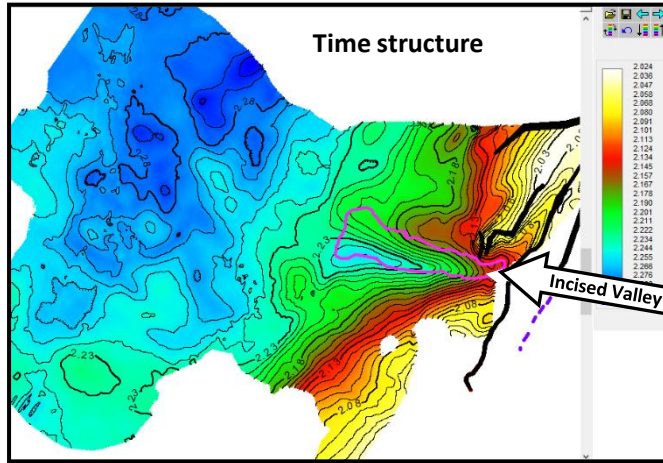
Strong ADF® in front of bald on top paleo highs where sands would stack up is consistent with ADF® measuring KH

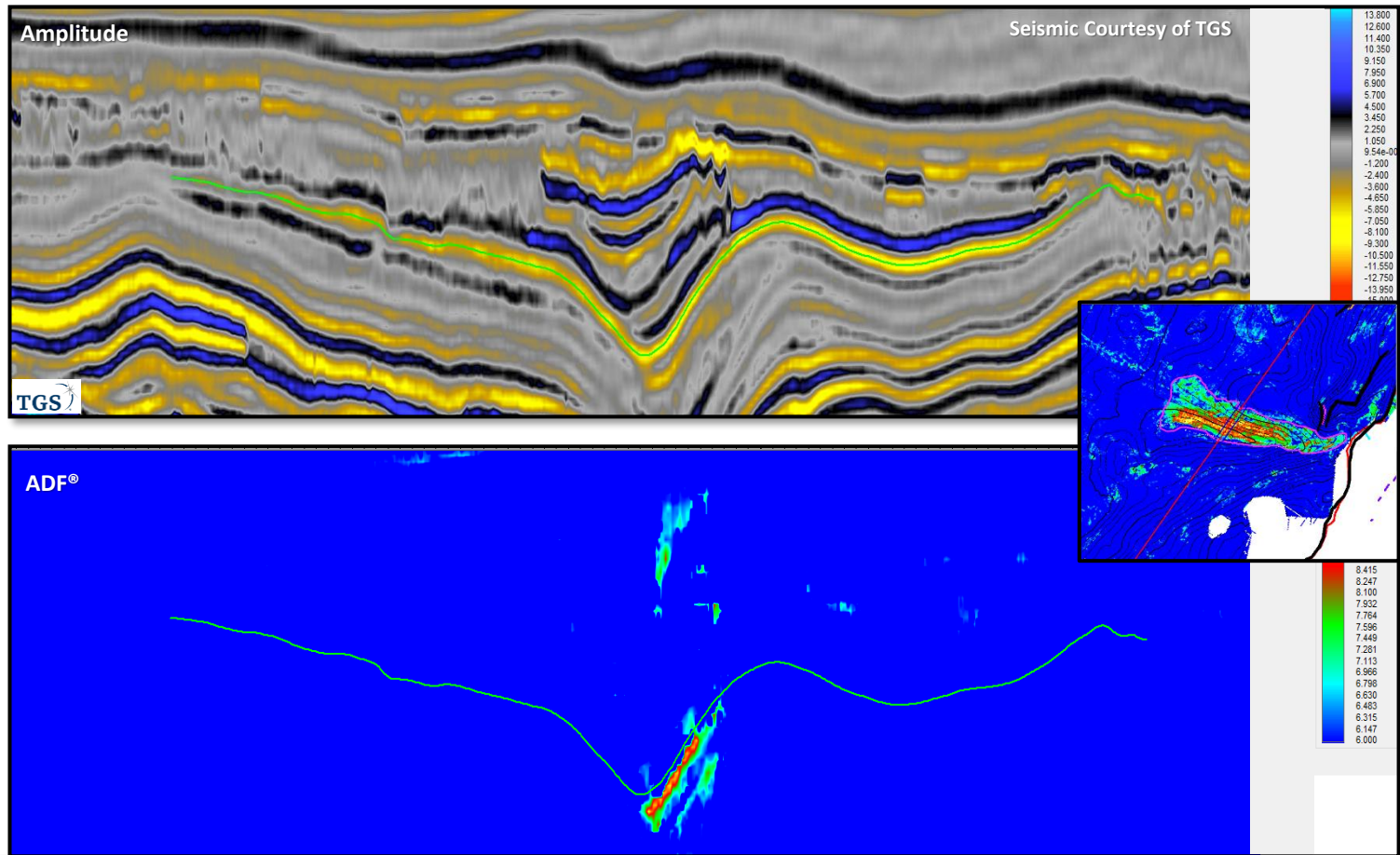




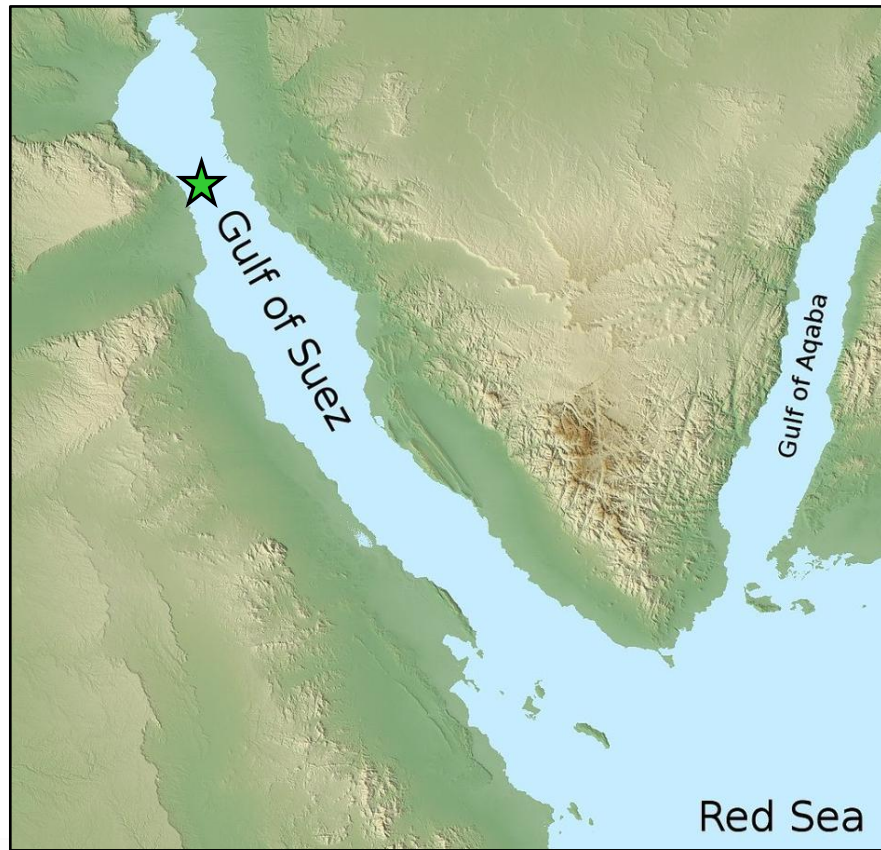




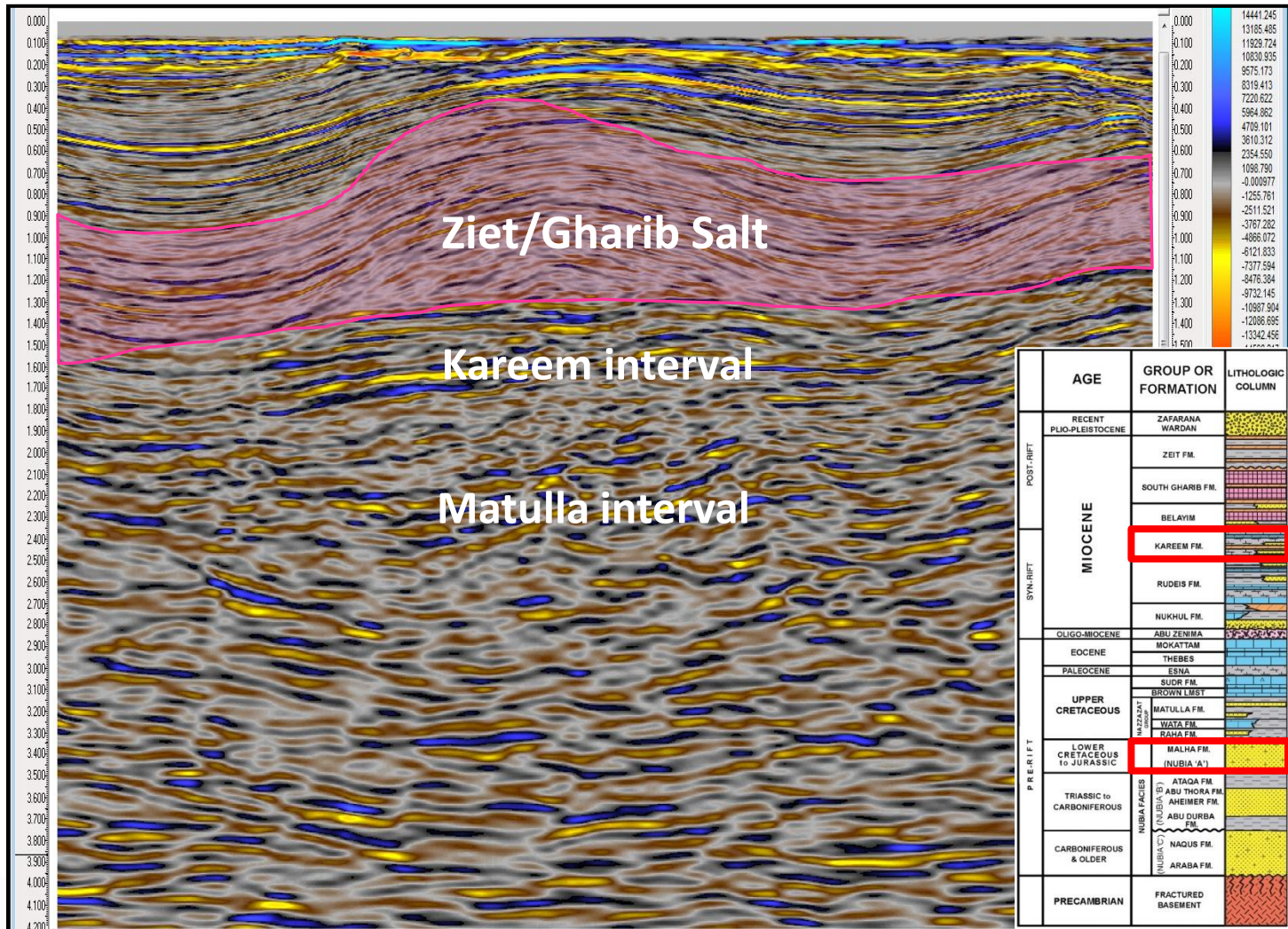


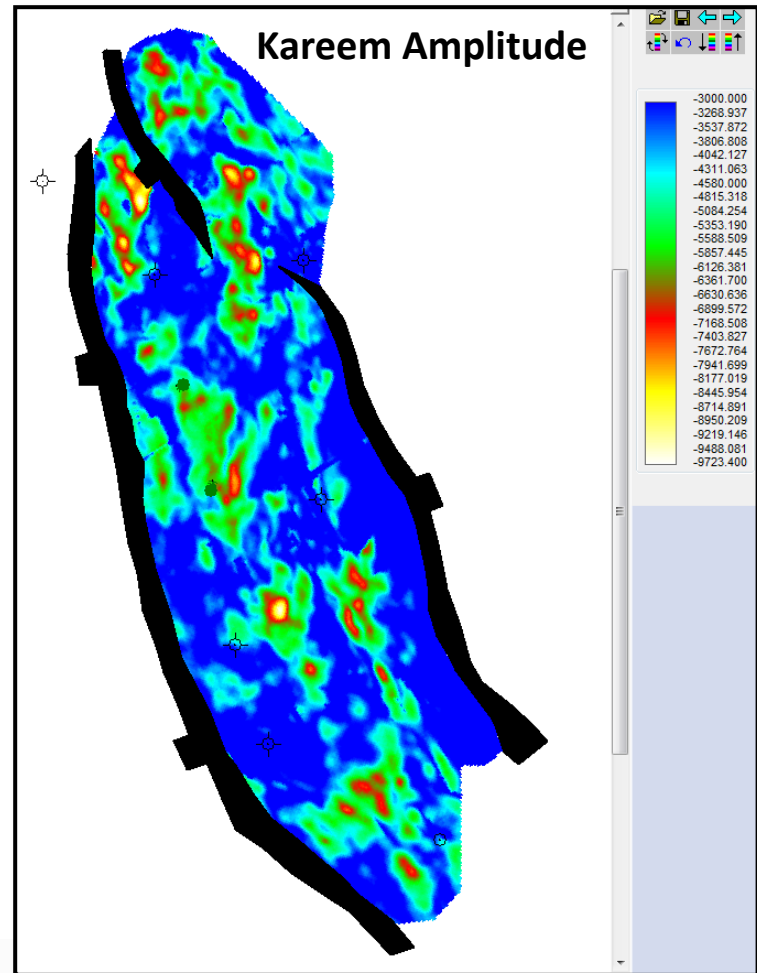
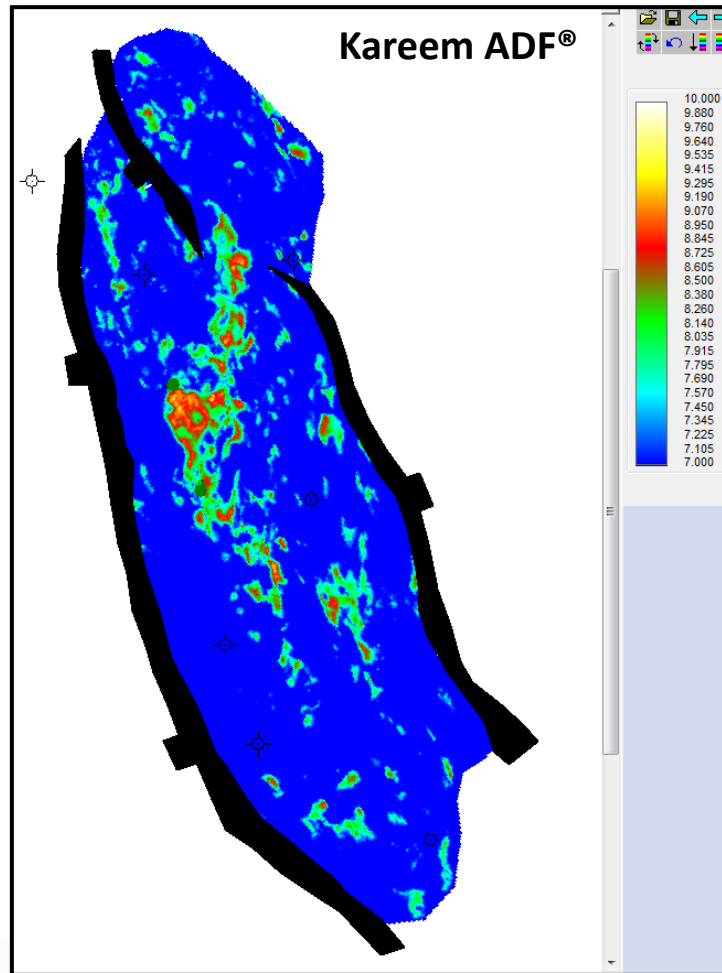


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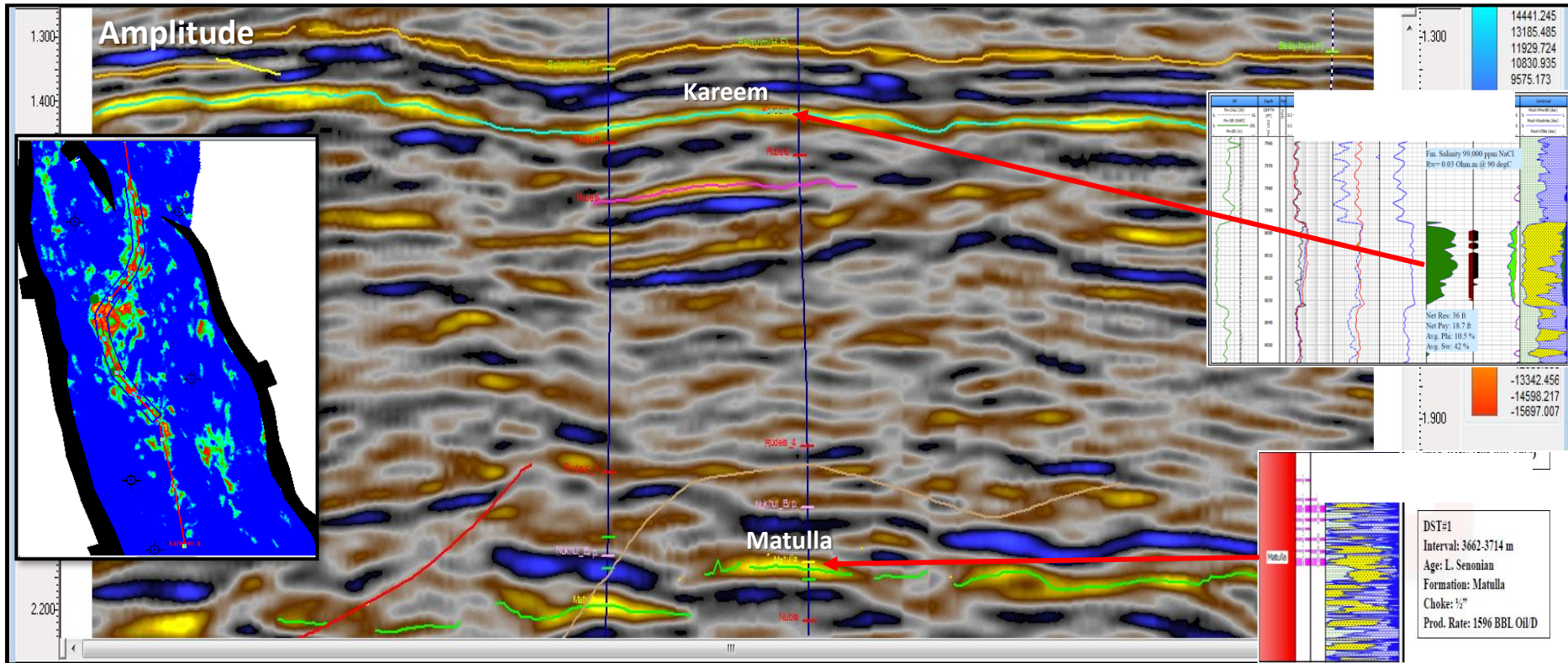


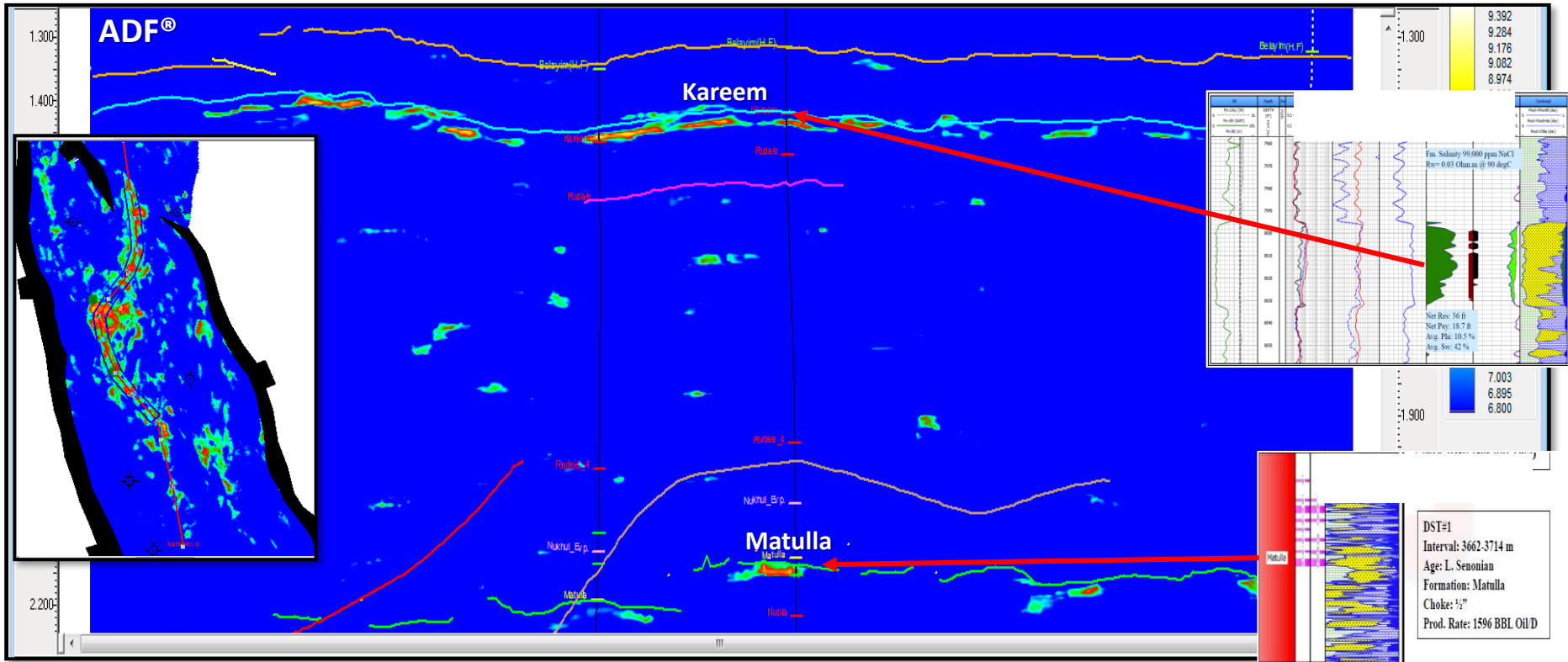




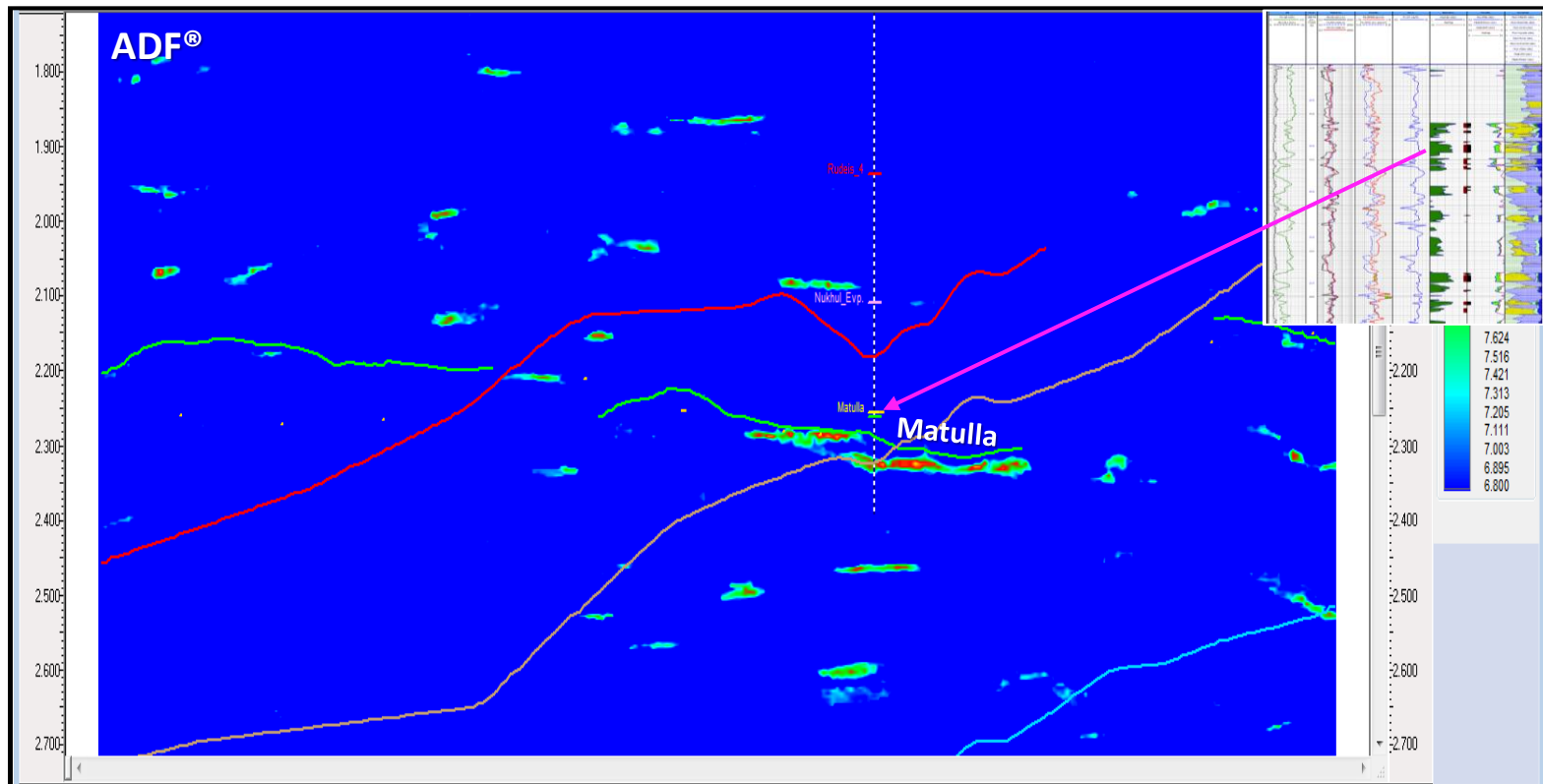




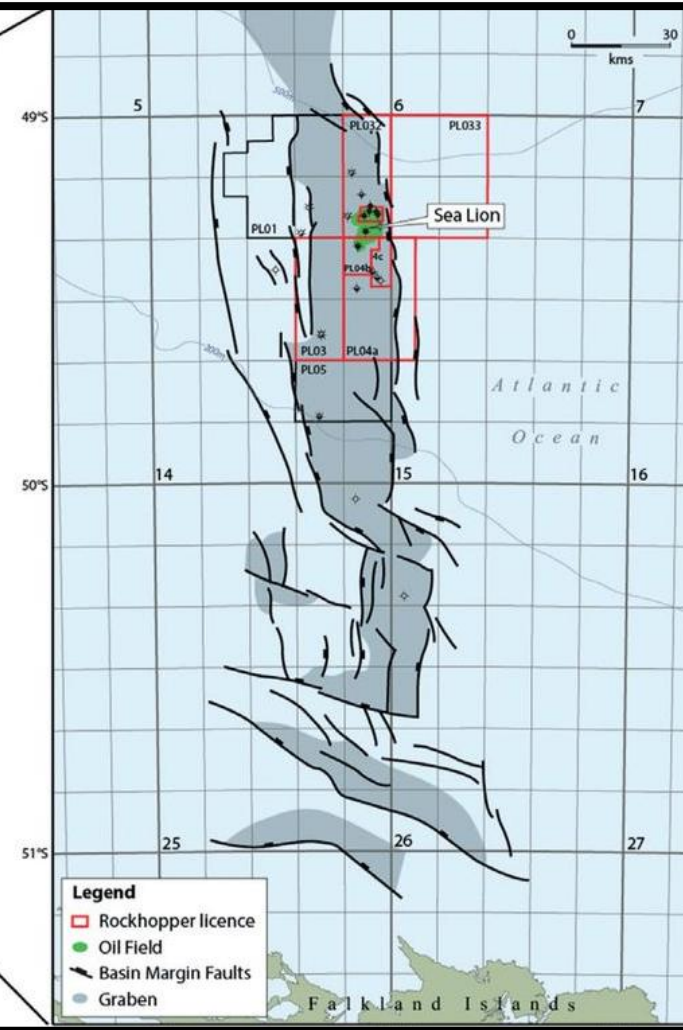












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## **Sea Lion Field as an Exploration Analogy for PL001**

*Apex Spectral Fluid Mobility Studies in the North Falkland Basin*

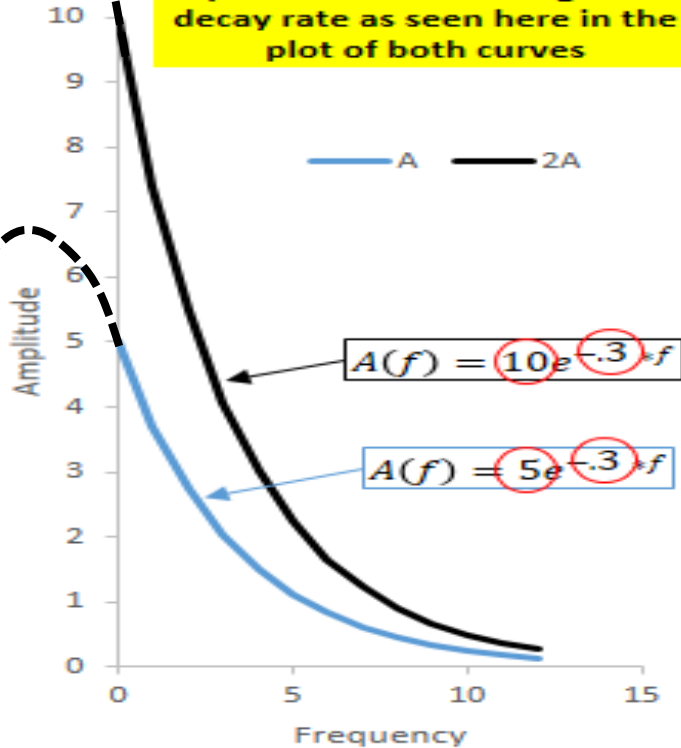
The Sea Lion ADF® field study demonstrated that this technique correctly identified seven appraisal wells that contained oil pays while also showing that two dry holes (14/5-1 and 14/10-1) might have been avoided by relying on the ADF® response at these locations. However, one false anomaly was indicated, related to the 14/10-8 well which exhibits an anomalously thick stacked sand section which is water wet but has very high permeability.

Based on the results of the Sea Lion field study, JHI extended the ADF® analysis across the eastern portion of PL001. The results of this work indicate that ADF® could have been used to avoid the drilling of two dry holes by the previous operators in PL001 (14/9-1 and 14/9-2) while redirecting exploration attention to other potential hub-class prospects not previously identified using conventional amplitude analysis. These undrilled prospects tie into oil shows observed in the previous dry holes and now target up-dip locations in the same formations that will soon be put into production at the Sea Lion Field.

**ADF® imaged 7 pay sands, would have avoided 4 tight dry holes and imaged 1 thick KH wet sands**

# ADF<sup>®</sup> is *Independent* of Amplitude

Given a wavelet, doubling the amplitude will not change the  $\alpha$  decay rate as seen here in the plot of both curves



$A(f) = A_0 e^{-\alpha \cdot f}$		$\alpha =$	0.3
f	A	2A	
0	5	10	
1	3.7	7.4	
2	2.7	5.5	
3	2.0	4.1	
4	1.5	3.0	
5	1.1	2.2	
6	0.8	1.7	
7	0.6	1.2	
8	0.5	0.9	
9	0.3	0.7	
10	0.2	0.5	
11	0.2	0.4	
12	0.1	0.3	

**END**

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