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Leverage E&P Success by Imaging KH from Seismic

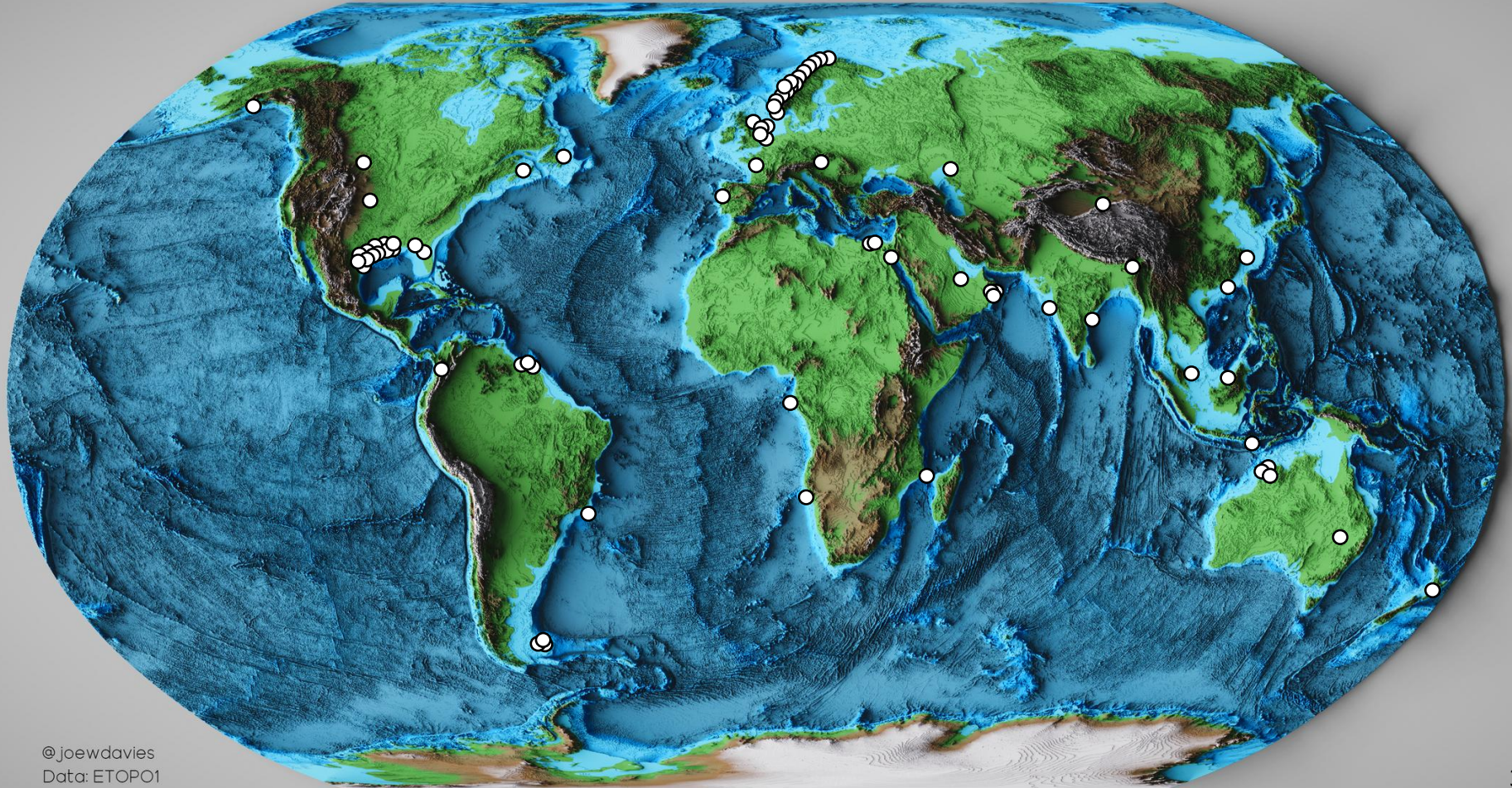


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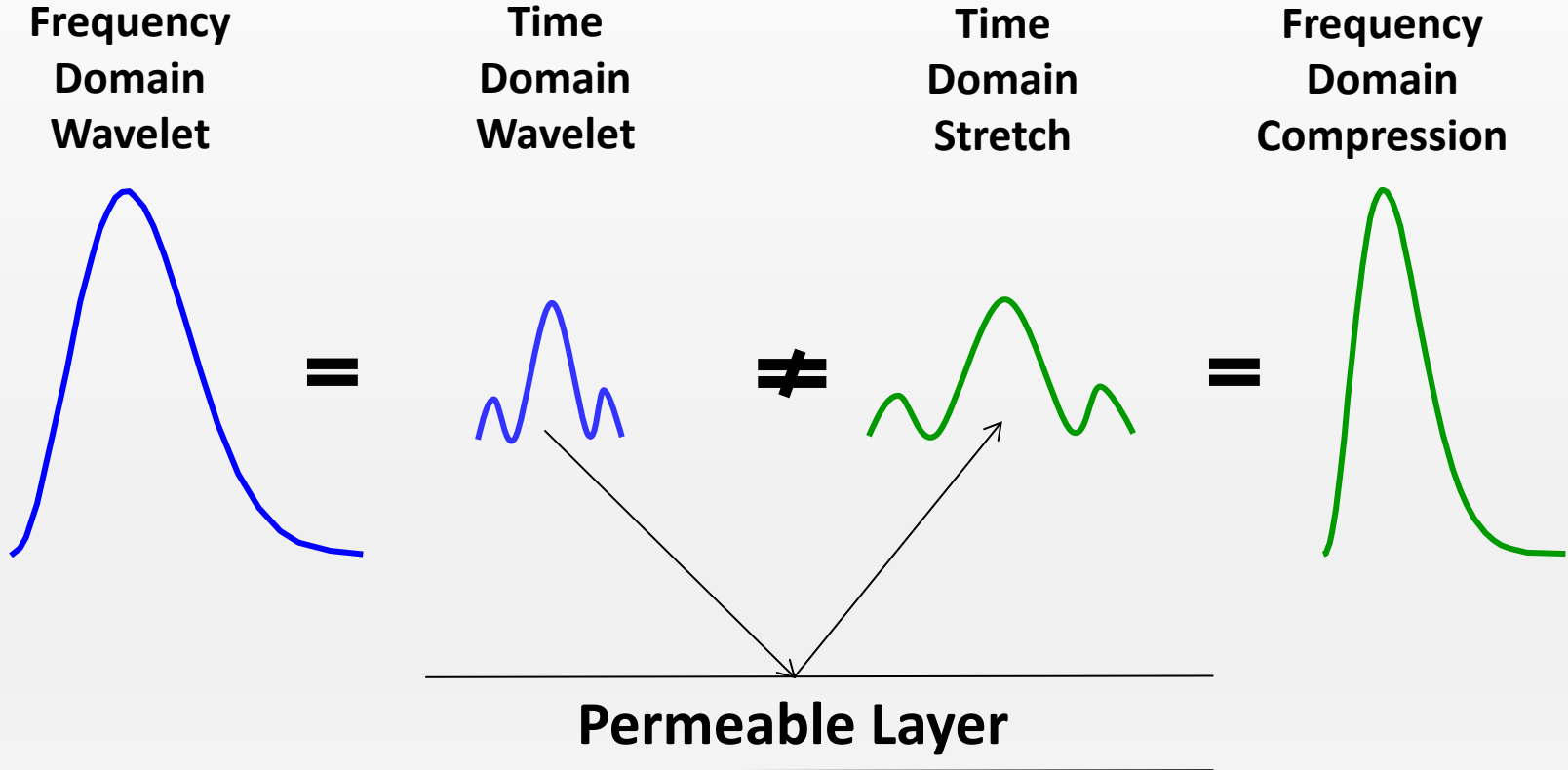
- ❖ **Founded in 2002**
- ❖ **Invented ADF® KH imaging from seismic data**
- ❖ **Performed ADF® projects worldwide**
- ❖ **Published blind-test ADF® results in a paper sponsored by Shell at 2021 EAGE**
- ❖ **Published science explaining the KH effect at Image 2024**

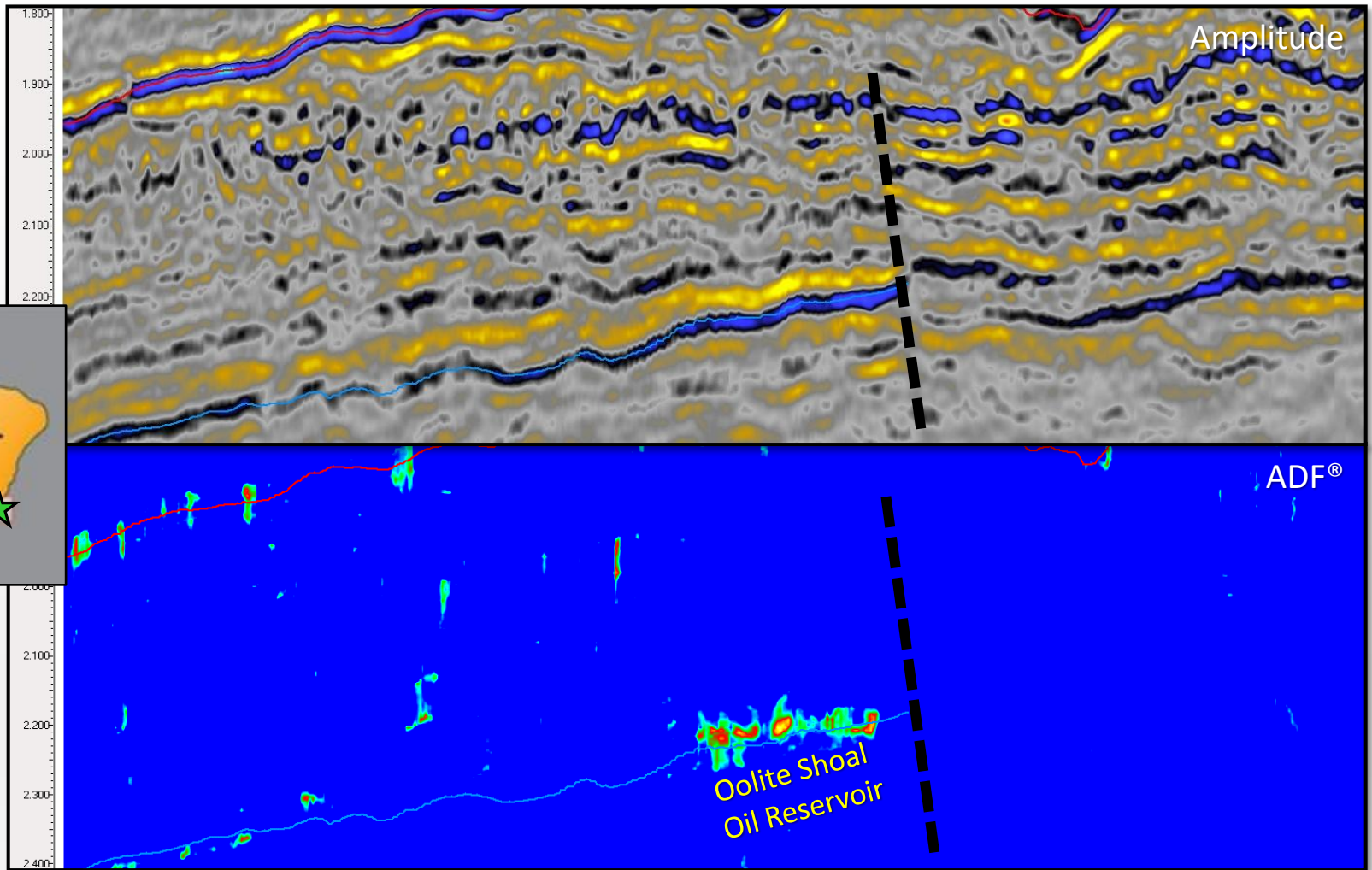


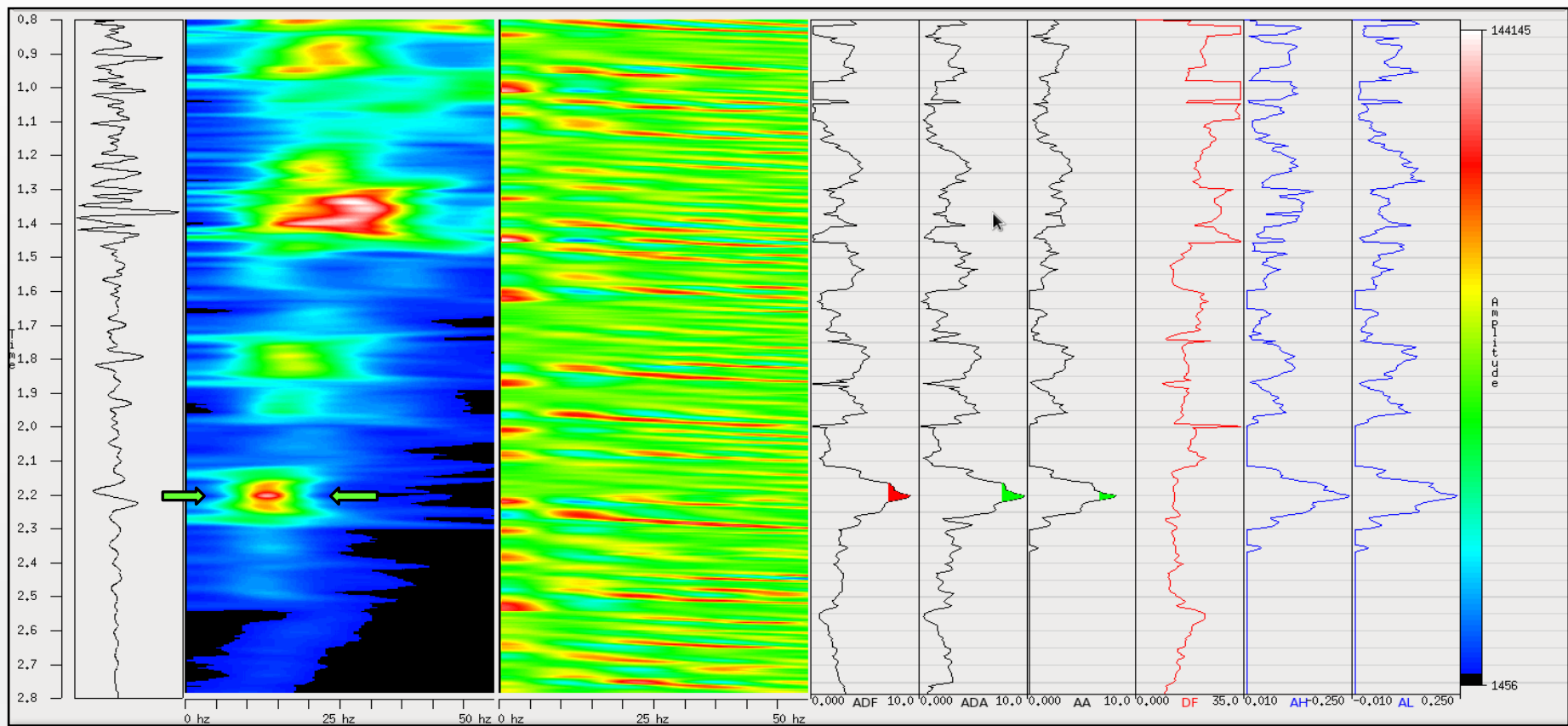
Apex ADF® KH Projects



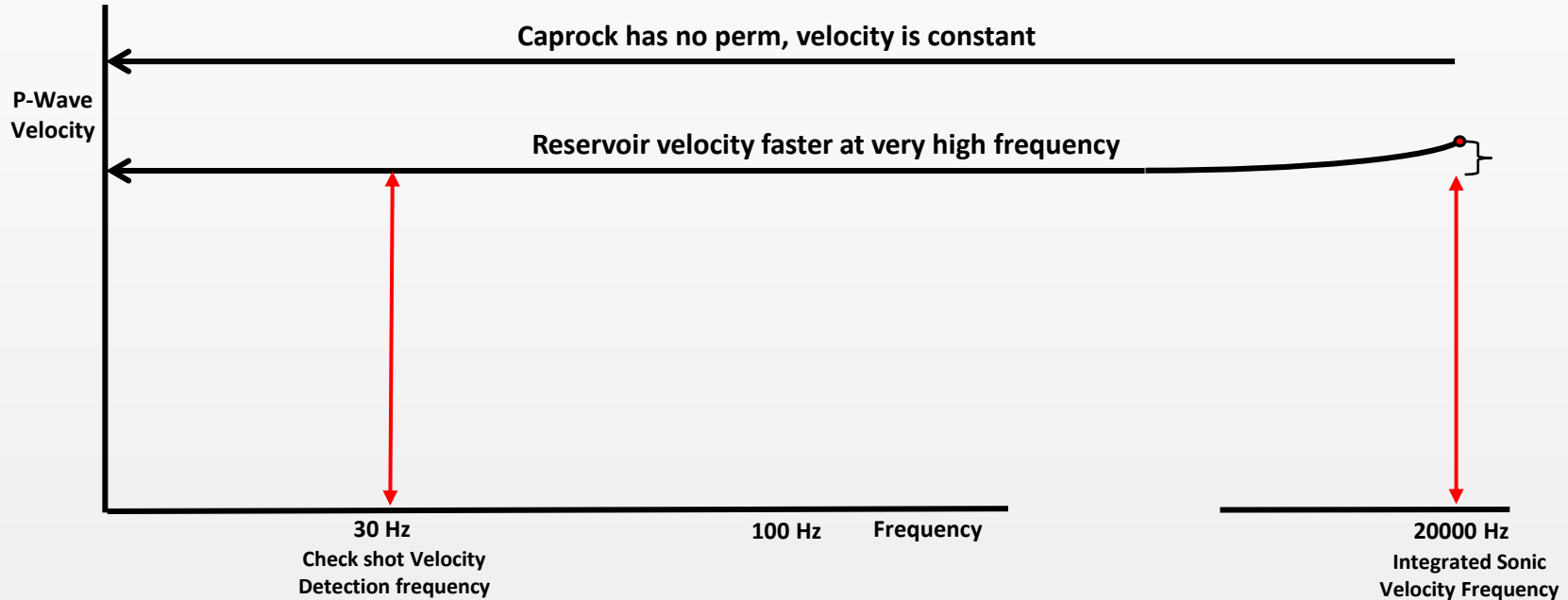
KH causes time domain stretch which is frequency domain compression



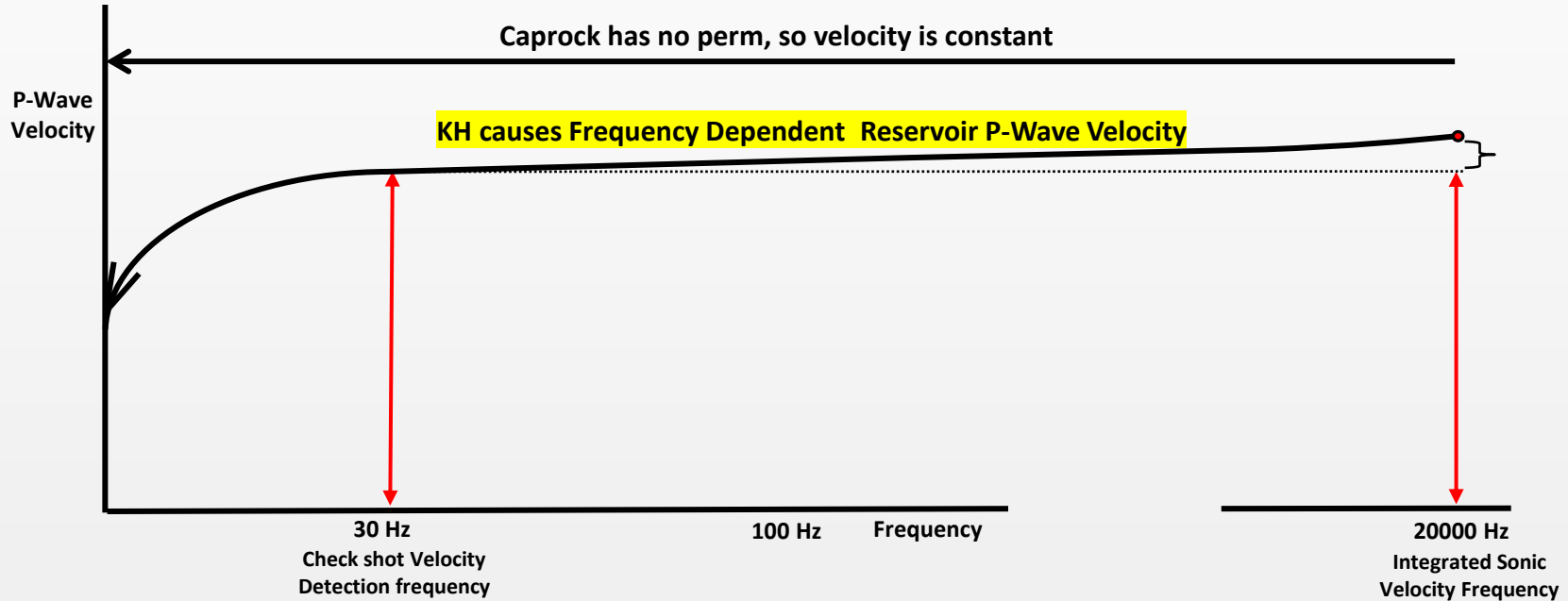




1975 first principal over simplification



2025 Understanding

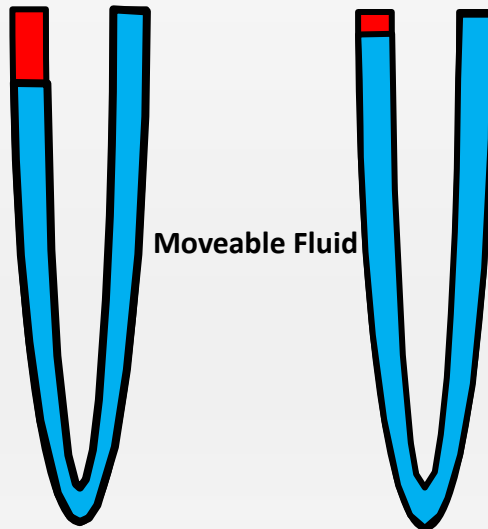


What causes lower frequencies to travel slower?

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

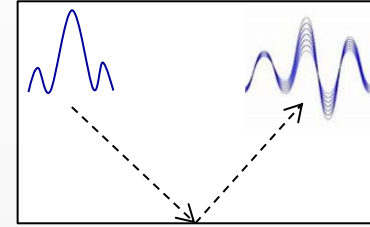
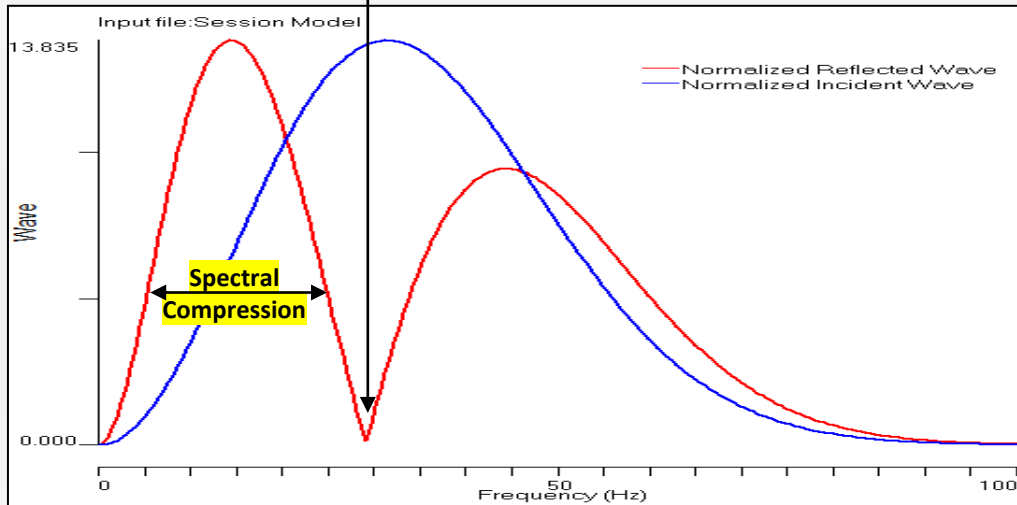
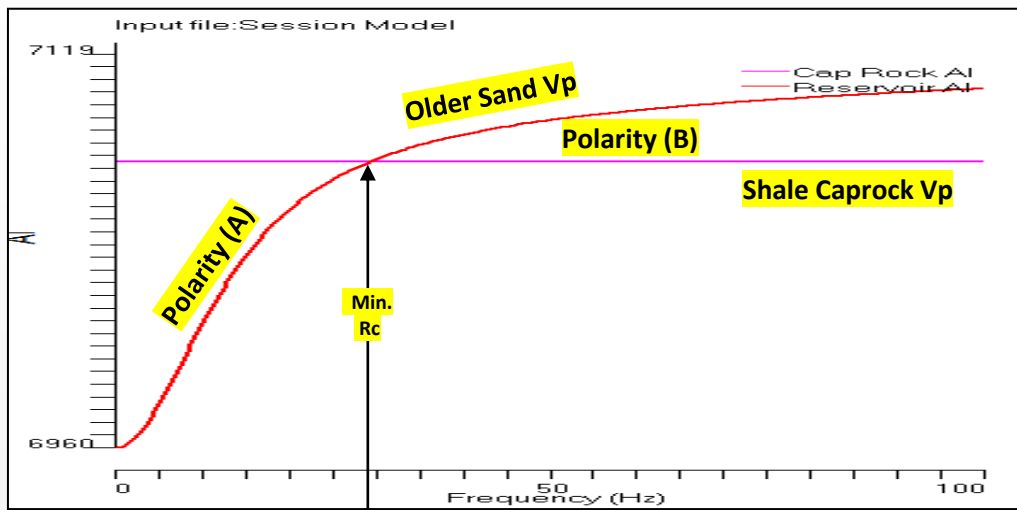


**Reflection Coefficients are frequency dependent
because reservoir velocity is frequency dependent**

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

Frequency Dependent Rc

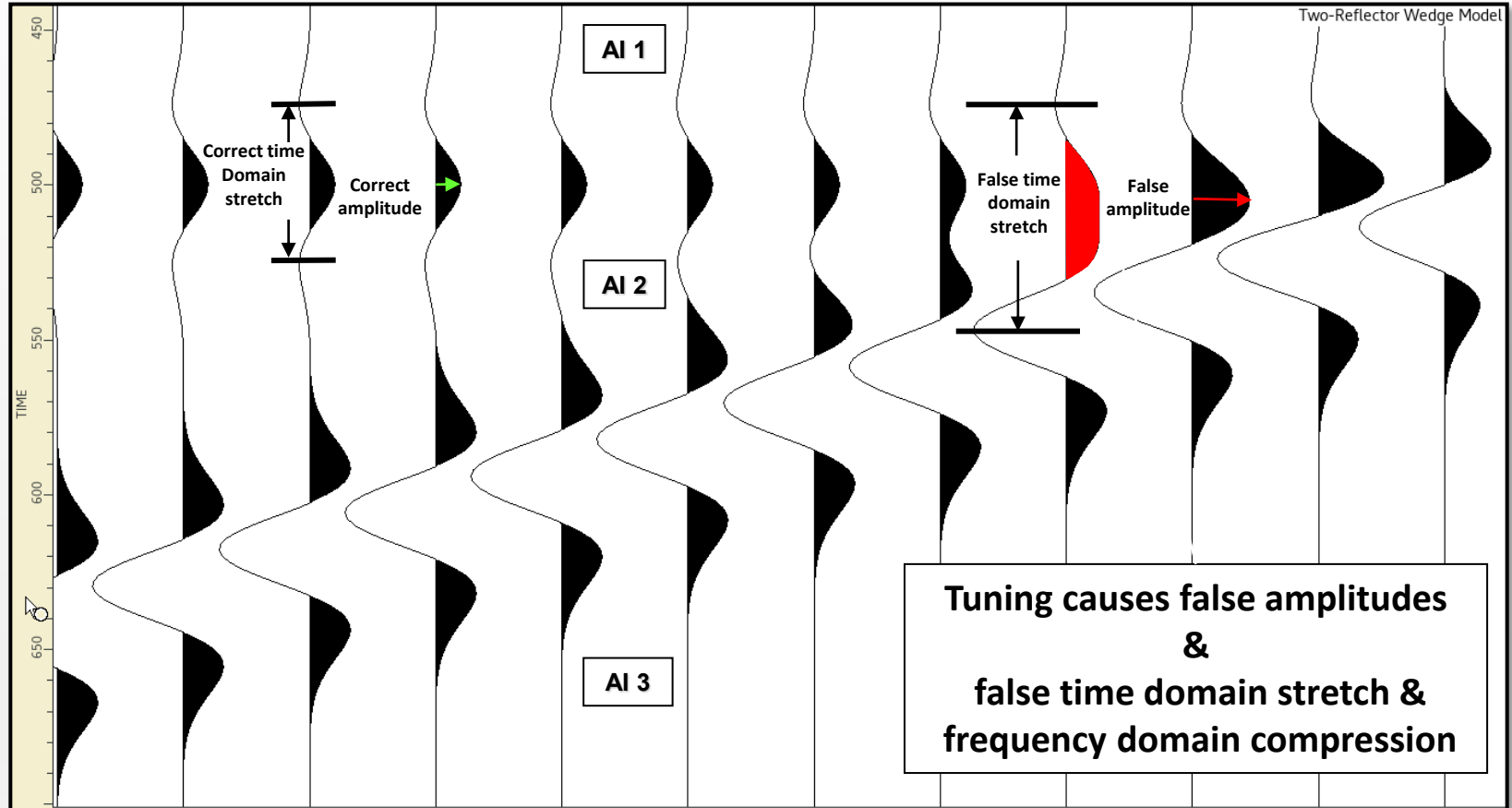
D1 is density above
D2 is density below
V1 is velocity above
V2 is velocity below
Rc is reflection coefficient



KH Causes Spectral Compression

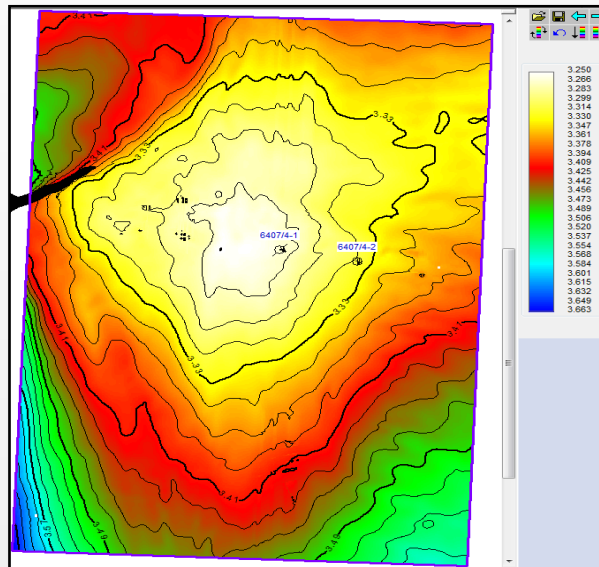
ADF[®] Measures that Compression

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

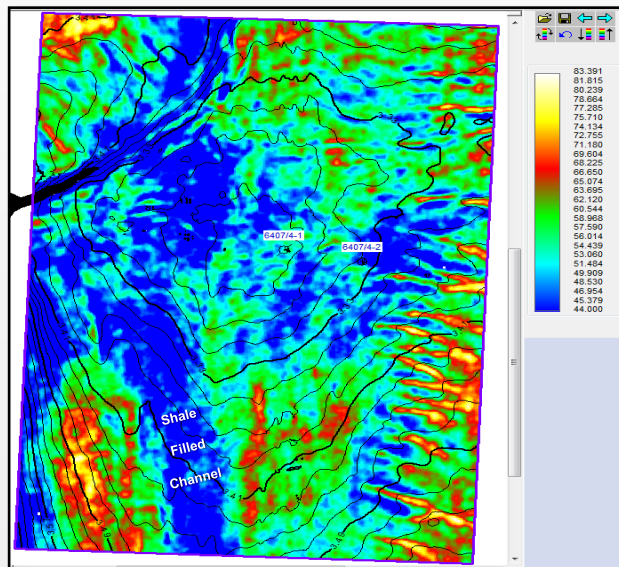


Acoustic Impedance ("AI") = P wave velocity * density

Time Structure

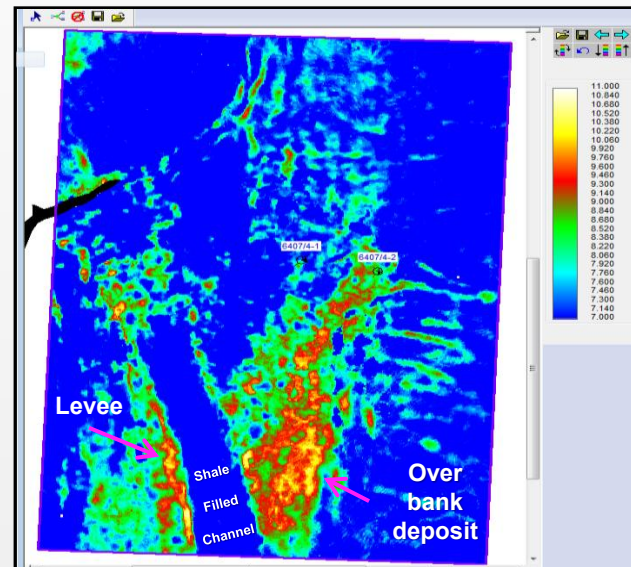


Amplitude is replete with tuning



Tuning blurs geology on amplitude

ADF® is measured after tuning is removed



ADF® clarifies geology



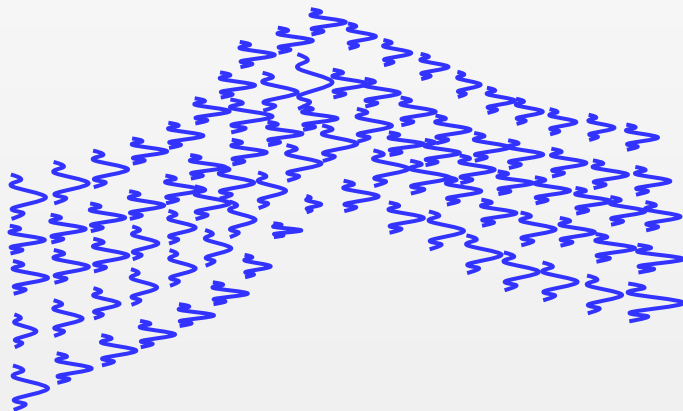
ADF® is the opposite of inversion

Inversion calculates a
wavelet using well data



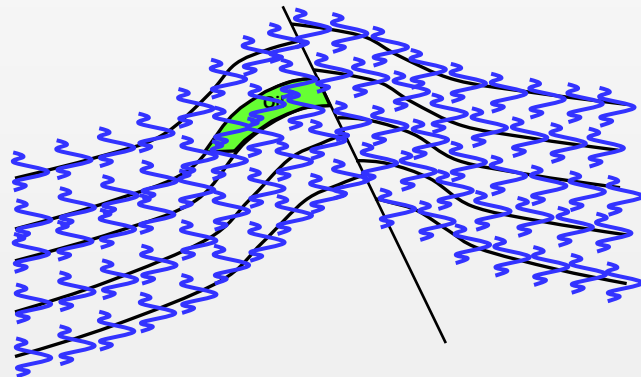
Or

ADF® calculates wavelets
without using well data



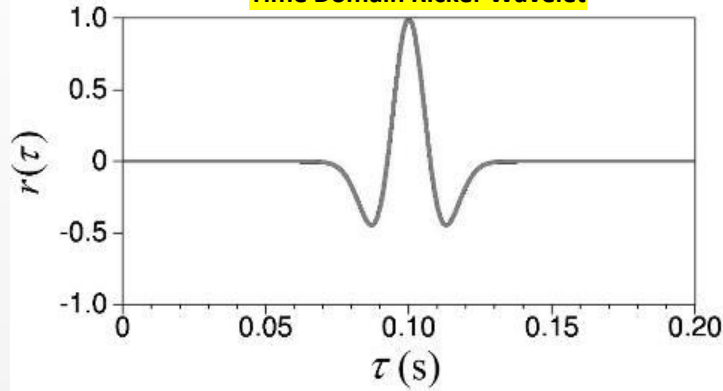
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Geology

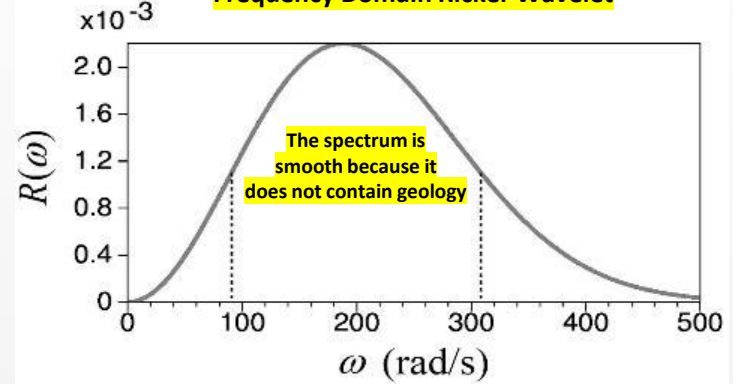


Removing Tuning Effects

Time Domain Ricker Wavelet

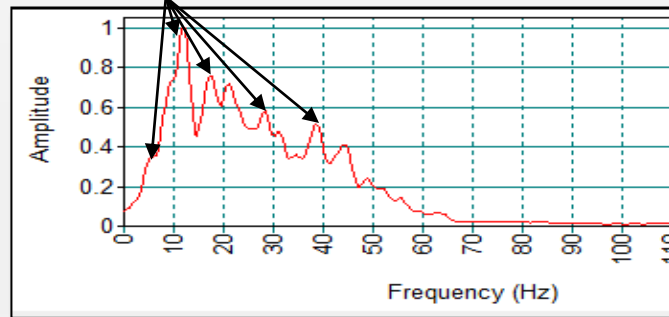


Frequency Domain Ricker Wavelet



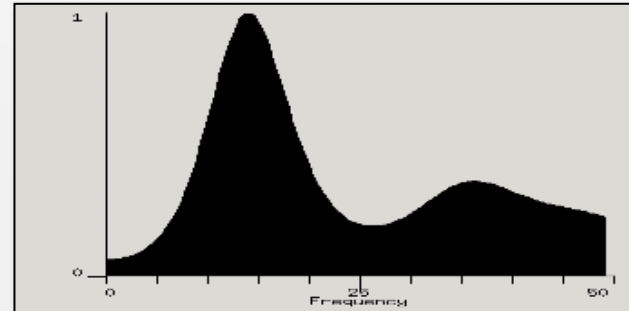
Geology

Typical spectrum



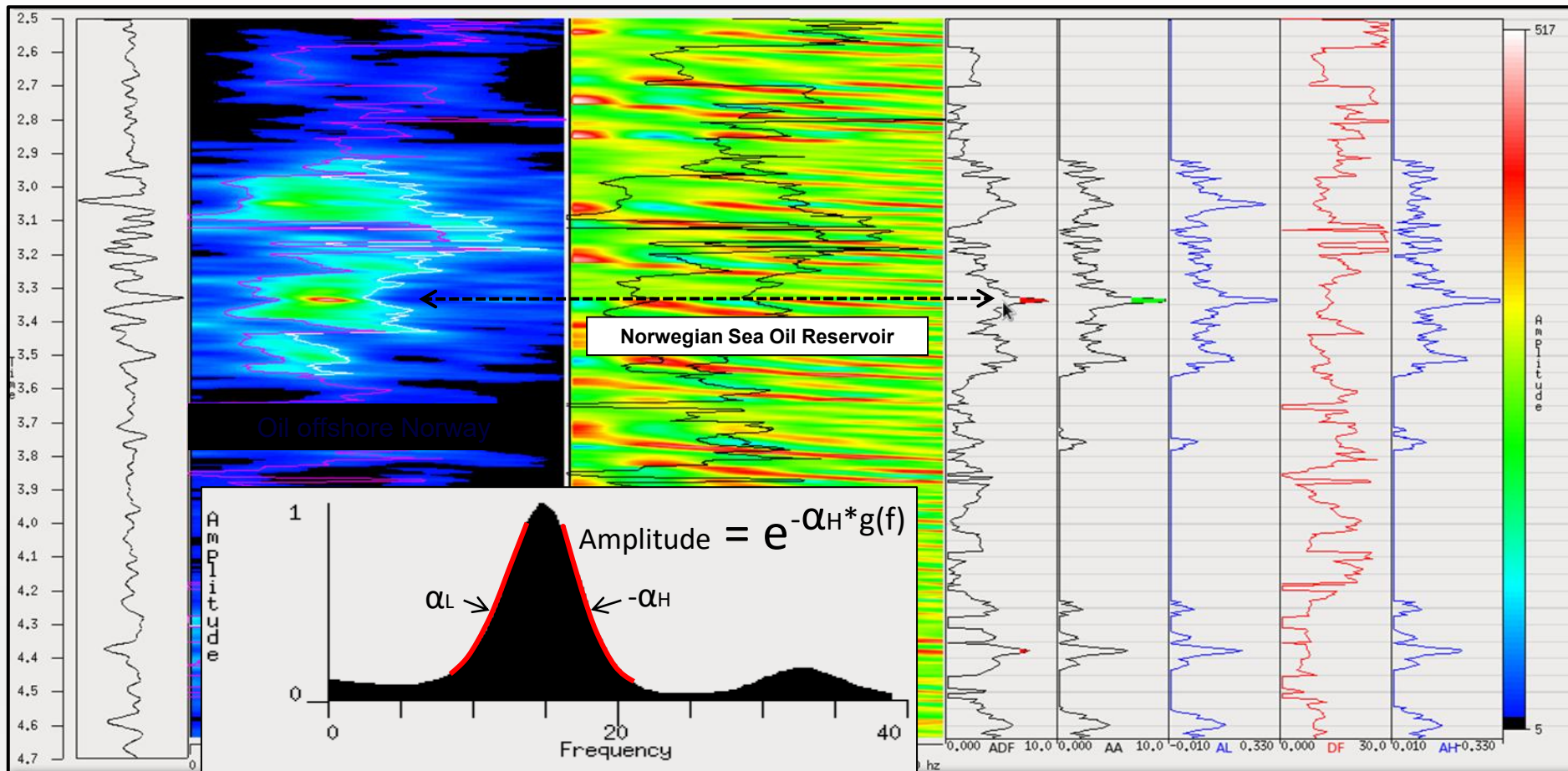
Geology prevents accurately measuring compression

Apex Spectrum

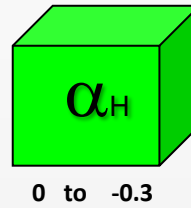
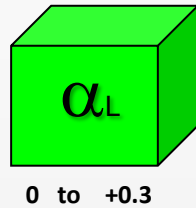


Apex transform removes geology allowing for accurate measurements of compression

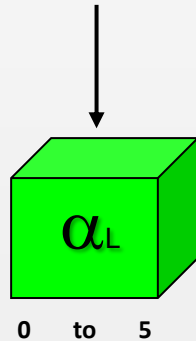
KH Causes Spectral Compression; ADF® measures Spectral Compression



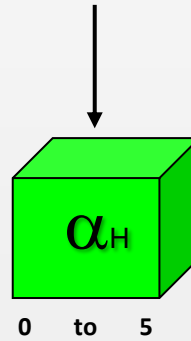
ADF® KH Cubes



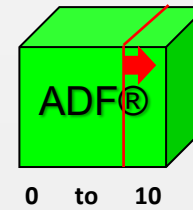
Normalize cubes so that:
Rapid α_L decay = 5.0
Rapid α_H decay = 5.0



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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

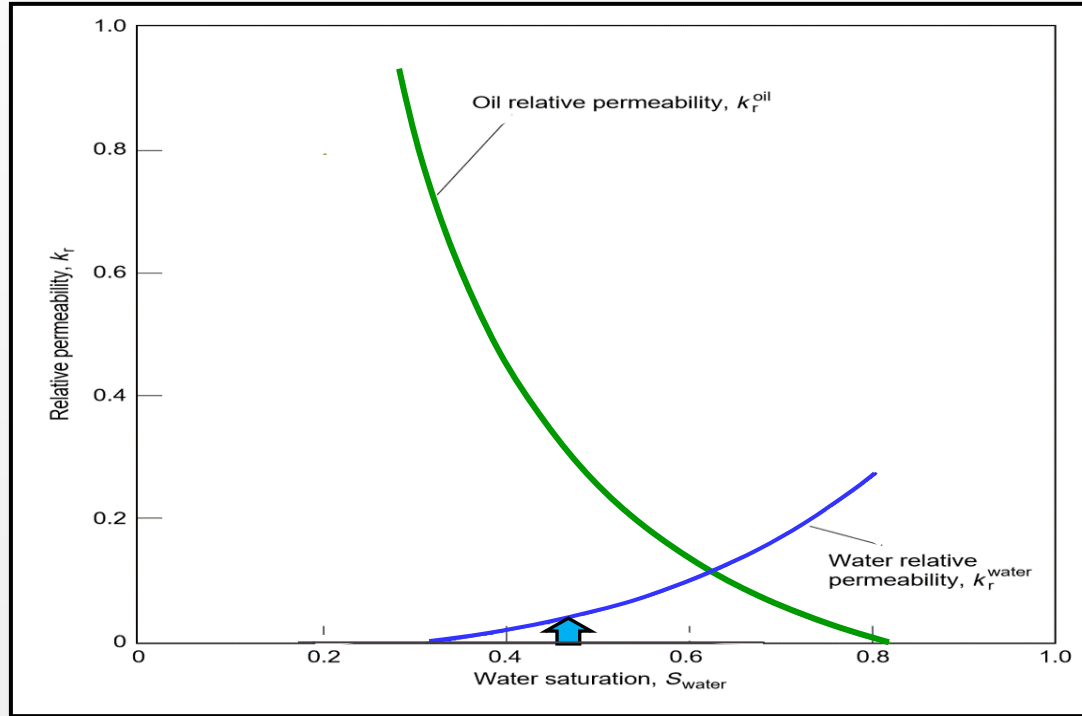
- ❖ **Spiking & Gap Deconvolution**
- ❖ **Amplitude Q compensation**
- ❖ **Whitening**

ADF[®] Summary Points

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

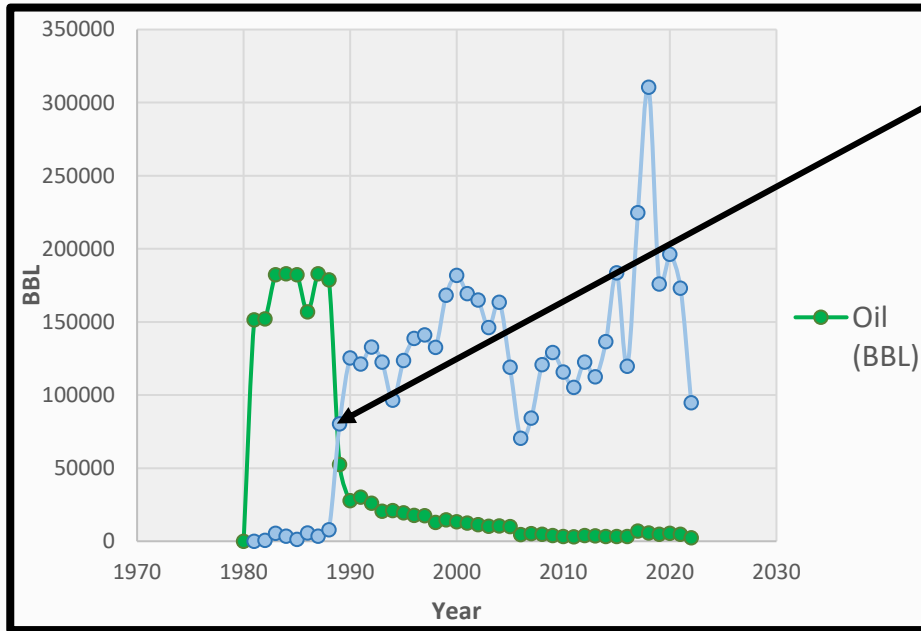
ADF[®] Shows 4D Effects

Relative permeability drops as a reservoir is produced causing *an* ADF[®] 4D effect

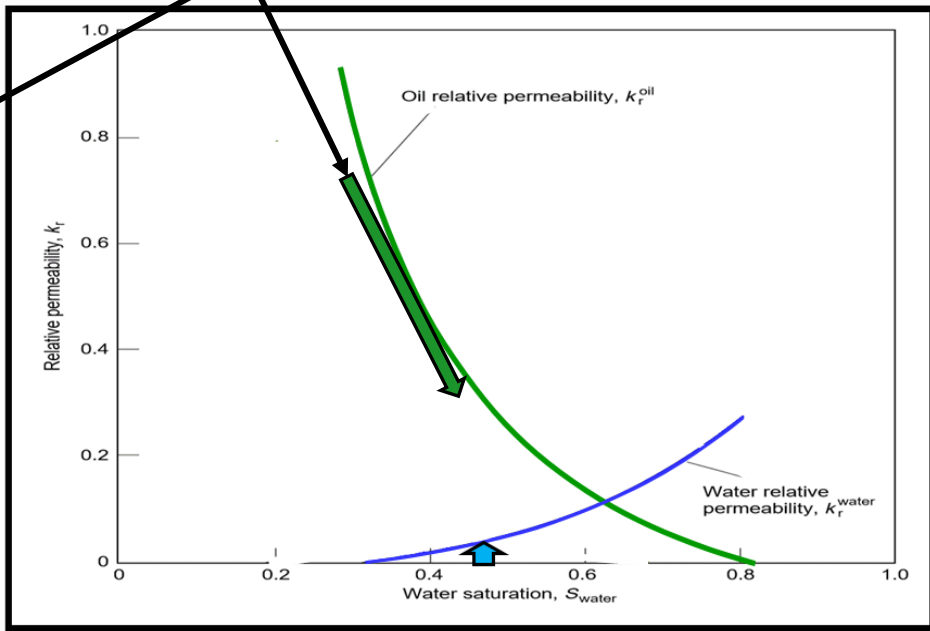


Toward Improved Prediction of Reservoir Flow Performance; John J. Buckles, Randy D. Hazlett, et al

Normal pressure well with a strong water drive

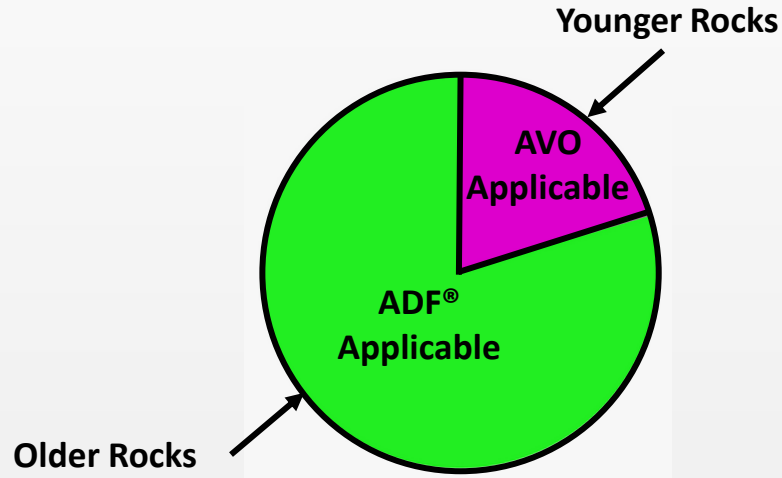


The drop in oil production is due to the drop in relative permeability



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

AVO is effective In young rocks



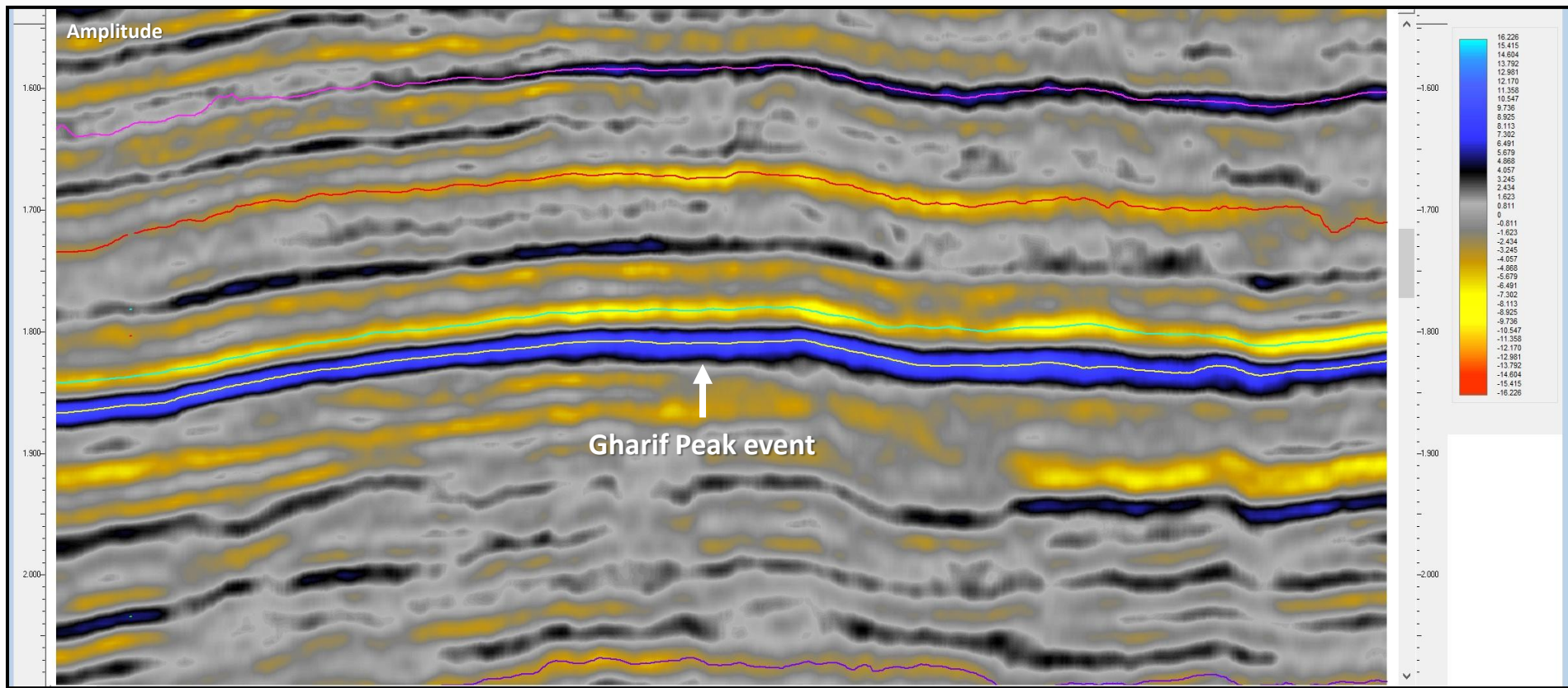
ADF® is more effective in older rocks

Shell/PDO Oman Blind Test Proof of Concept Project

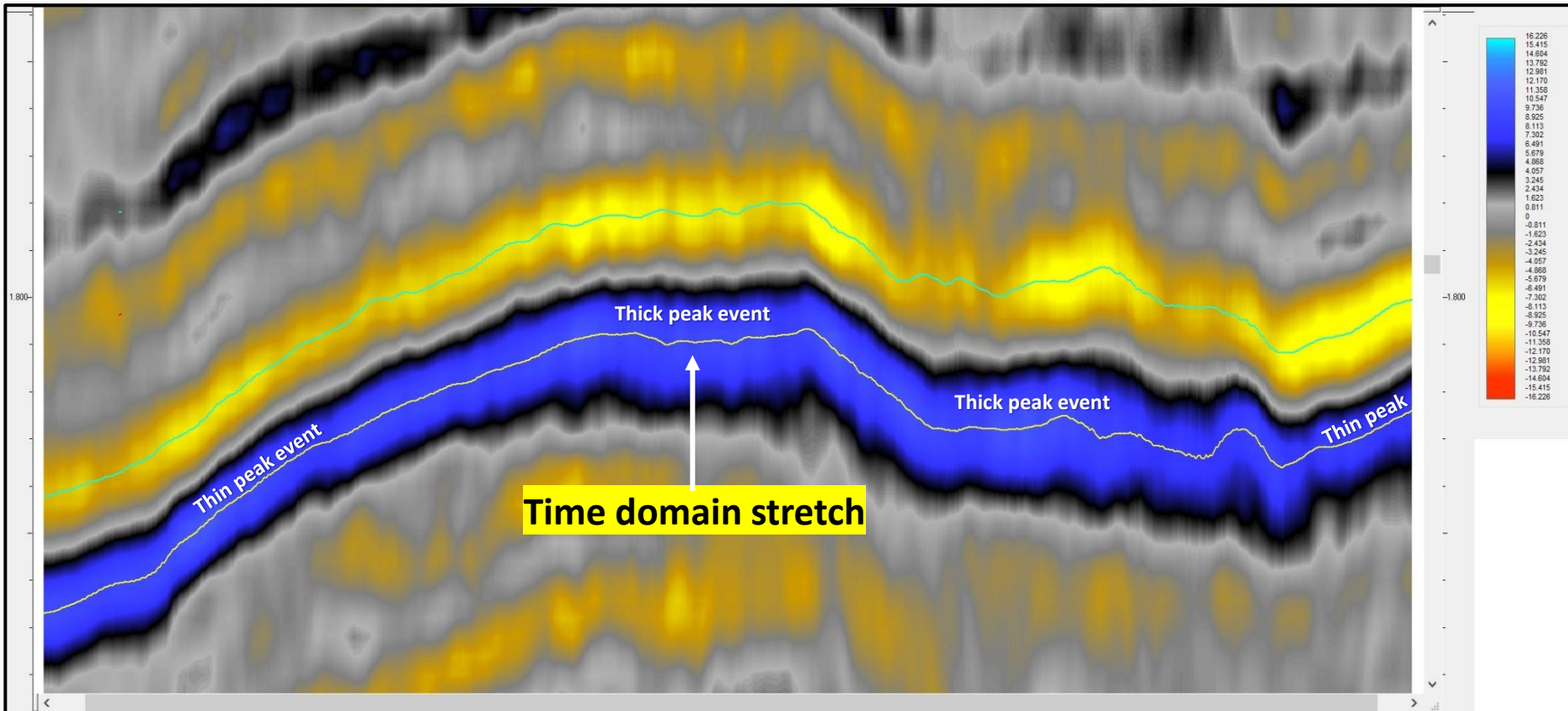


**“Dispersion Imaged Field
with No Amplitude DHI”**

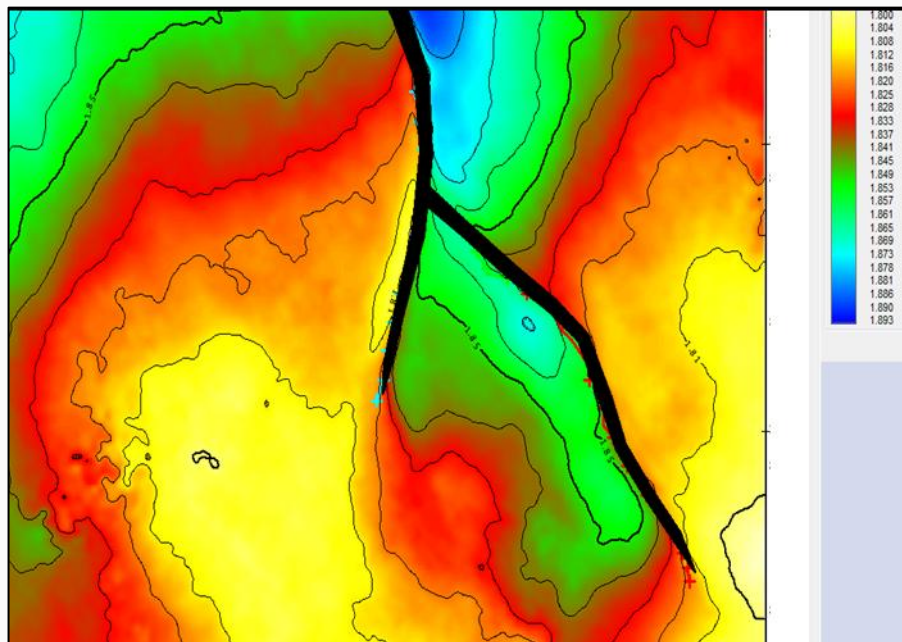
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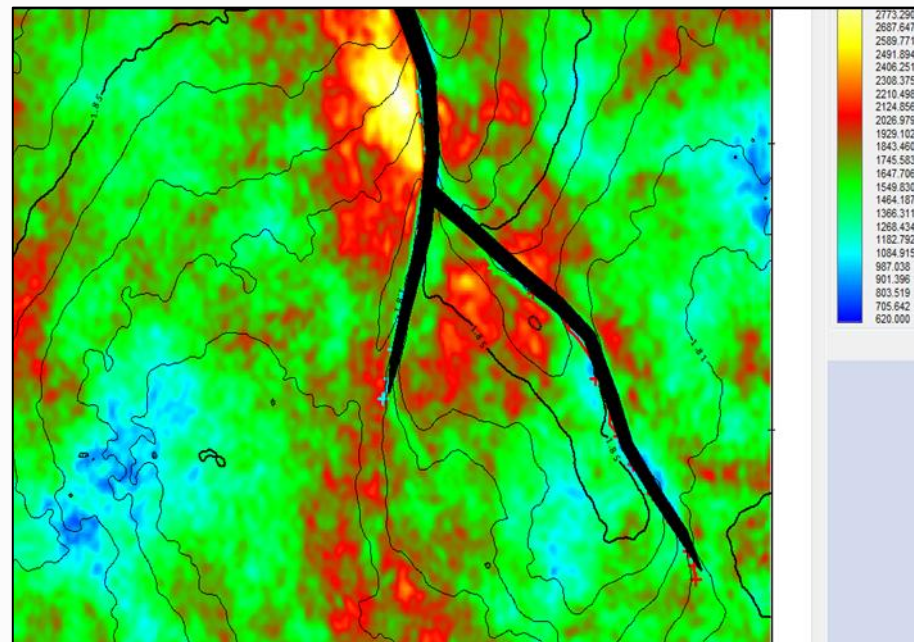
Zoom-In of Previous Slide



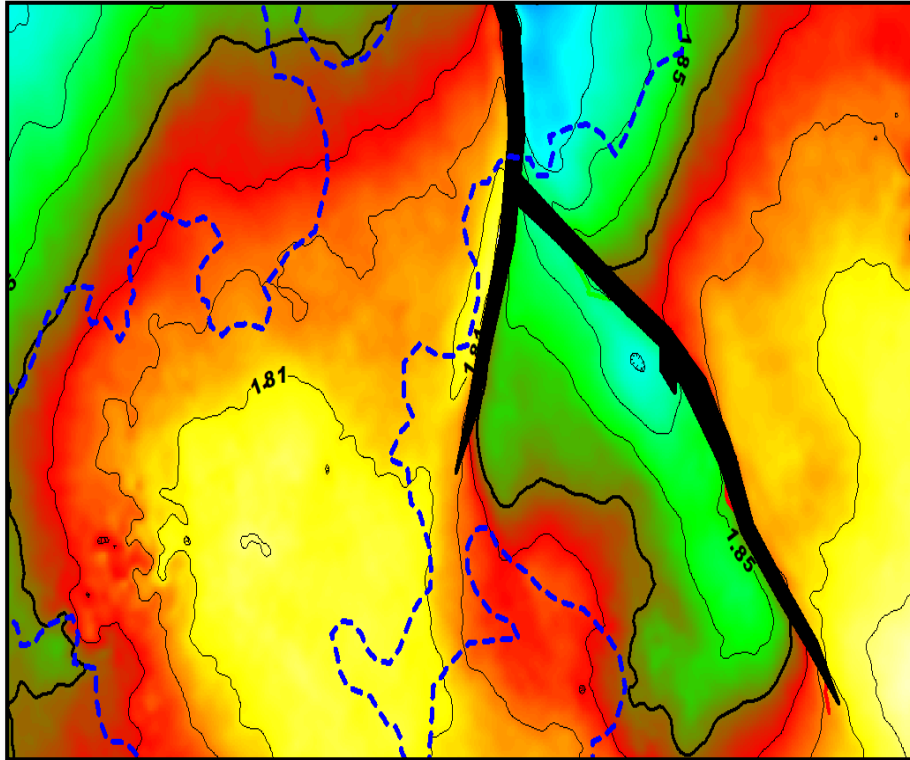
Gharif Structure Map



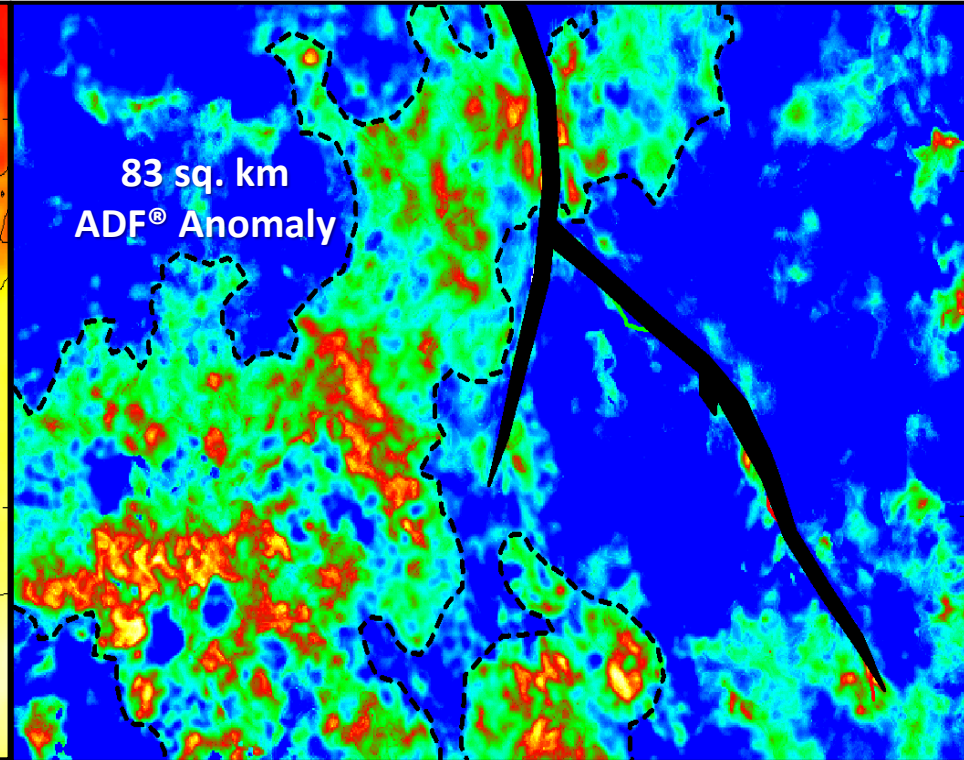
Gharif Peak Amplitude



Gharif Structure Map

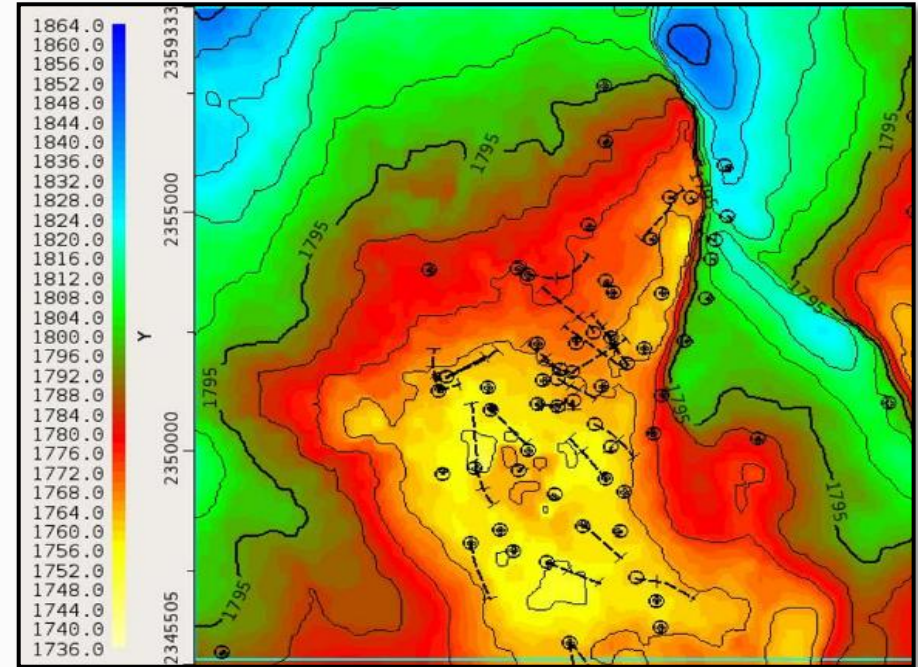
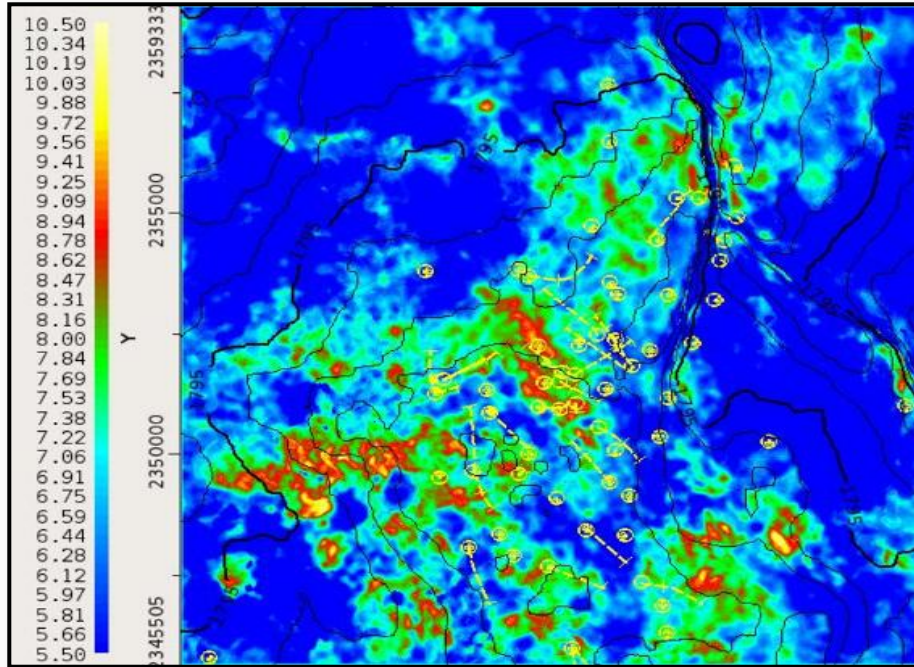


Gharif ADF®

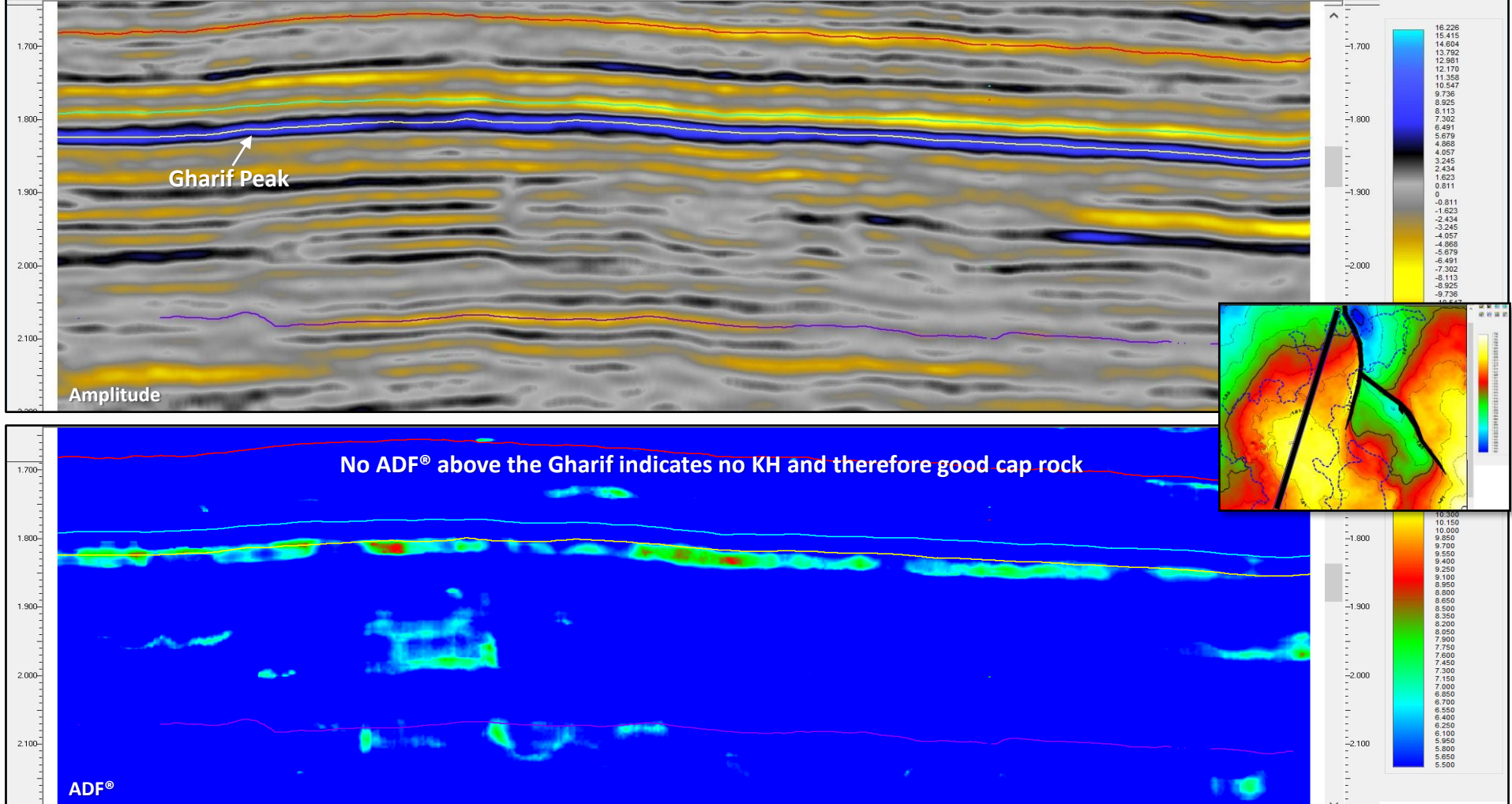


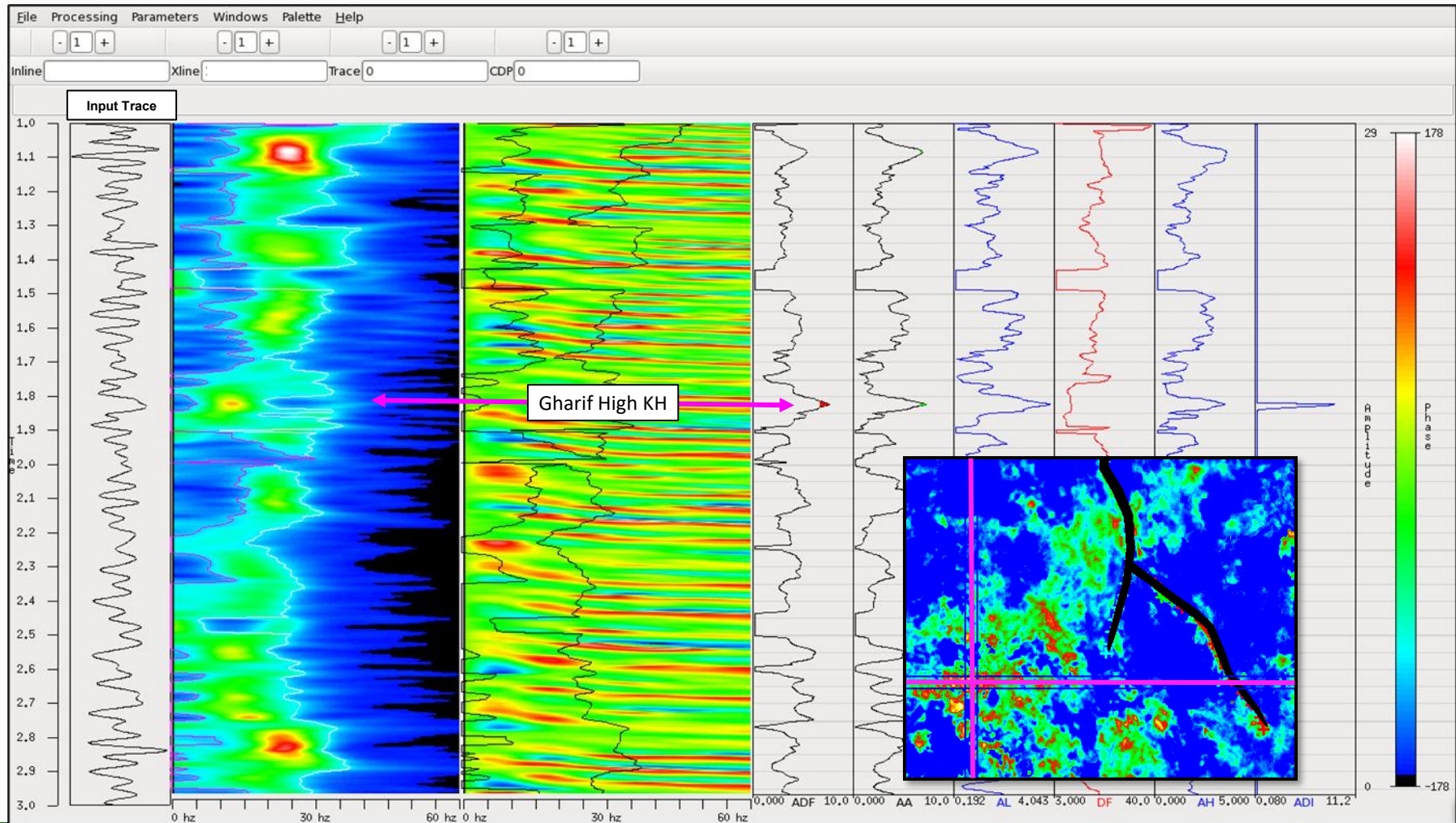
ADF® shows correlation to structure

After ADF® results were delivered PDO provided the wells



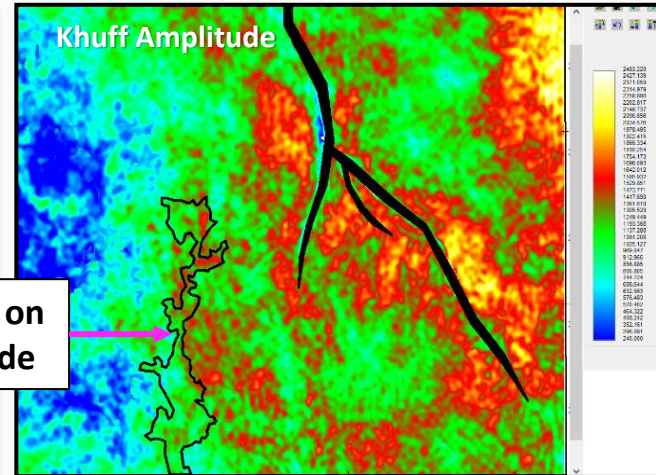
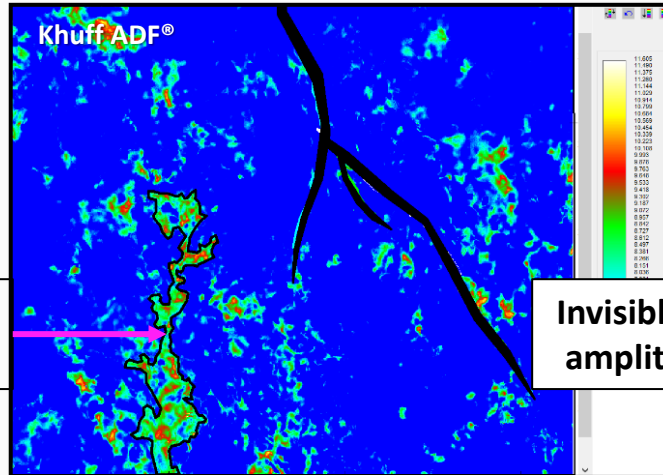
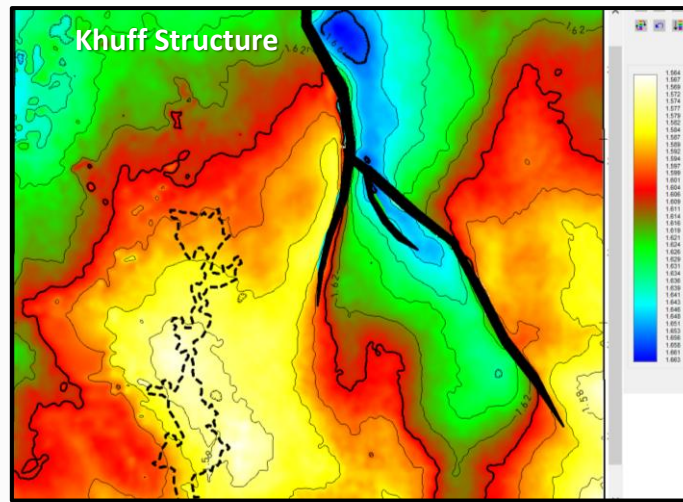
**ADF® correlates to the field because it correlates to KH
and early hydrocarbon migration helped preserve porosity and perm**





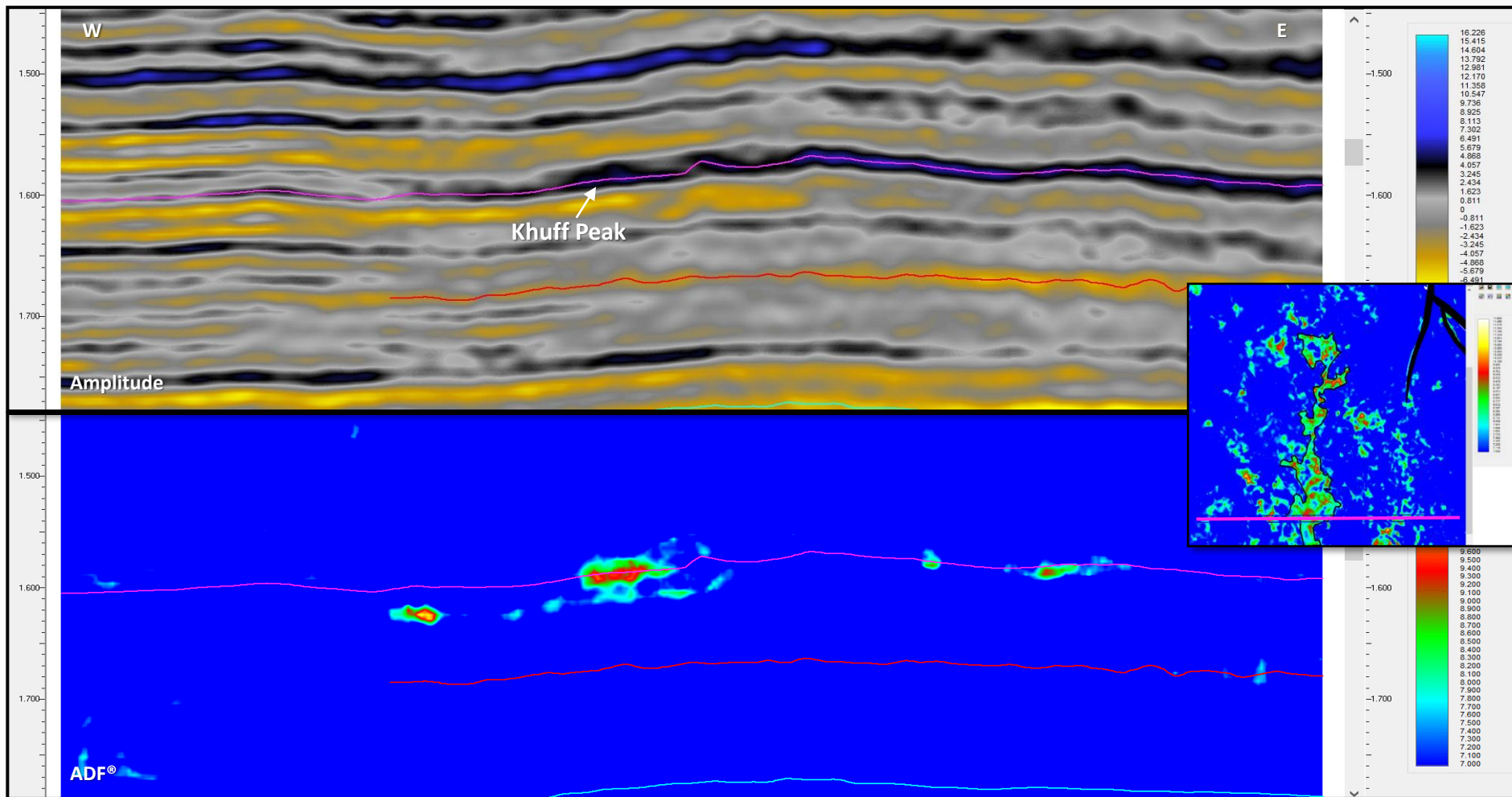
Courtesy of Petroleum Development Oman

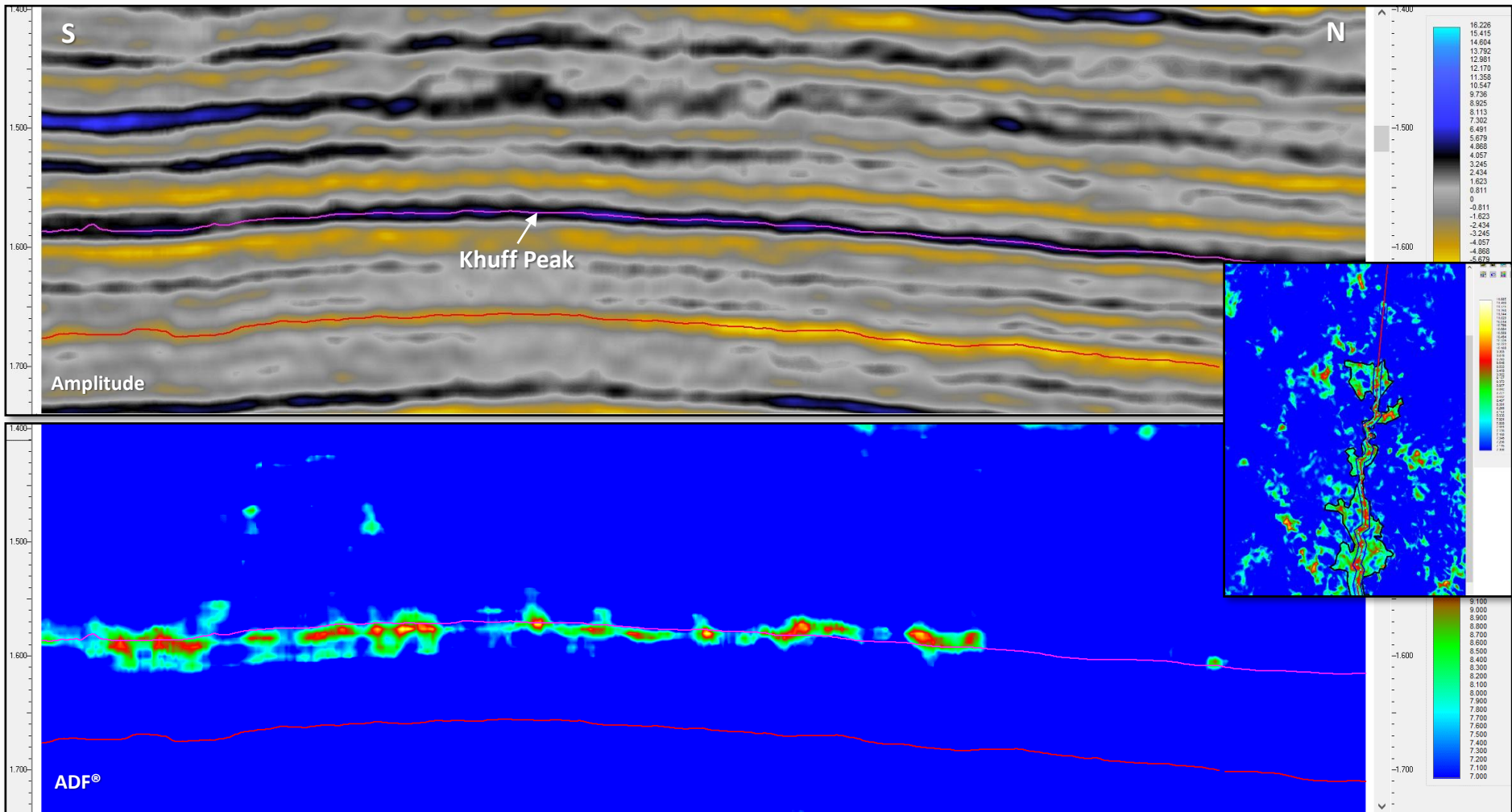
Khuff Carbonate ADF®



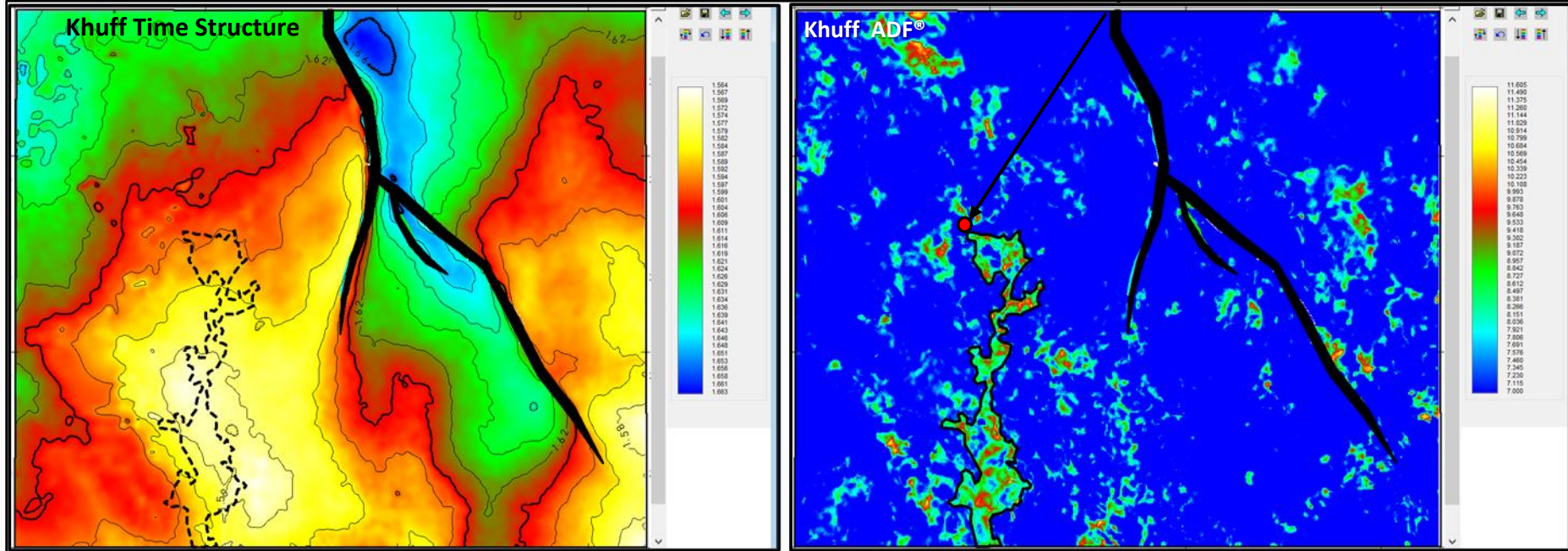
9 sq. km
ADF® Anomaly

Invisible on
amplitude





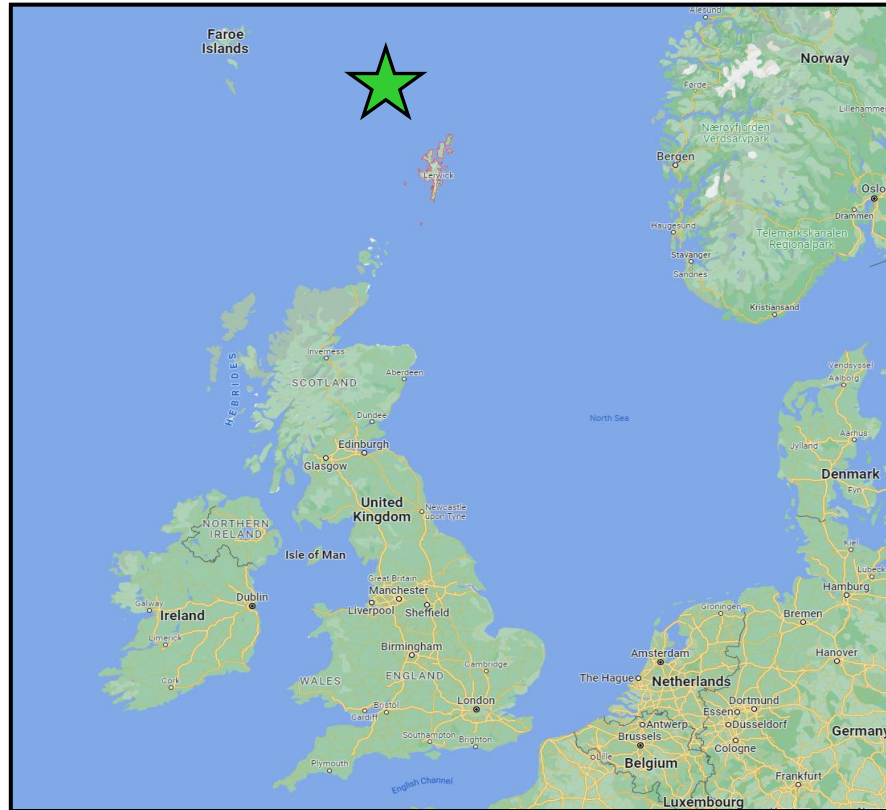
Well MBR35 was
interpreted to be
“Hydrocarbons at Khuff
level” by PDO

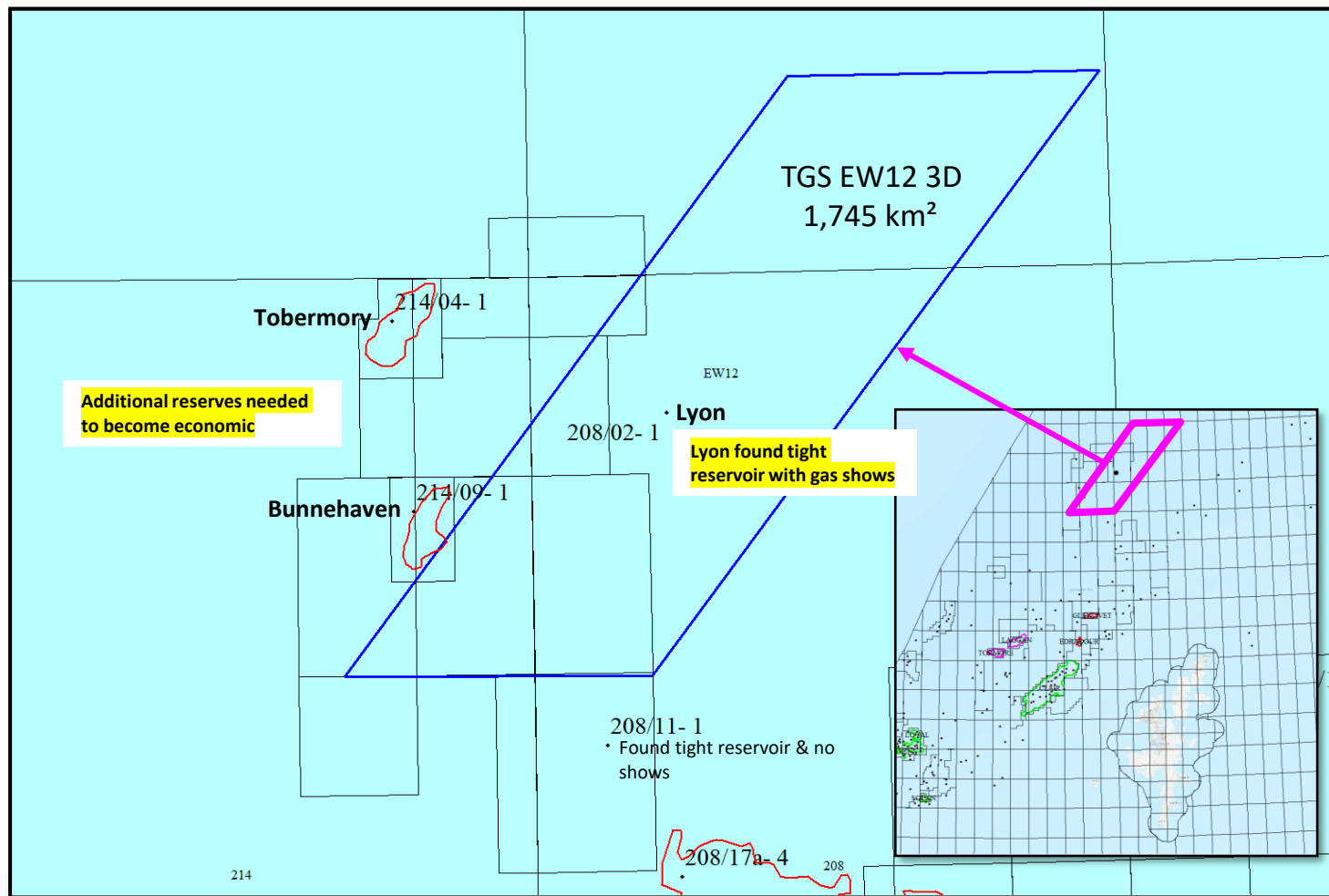


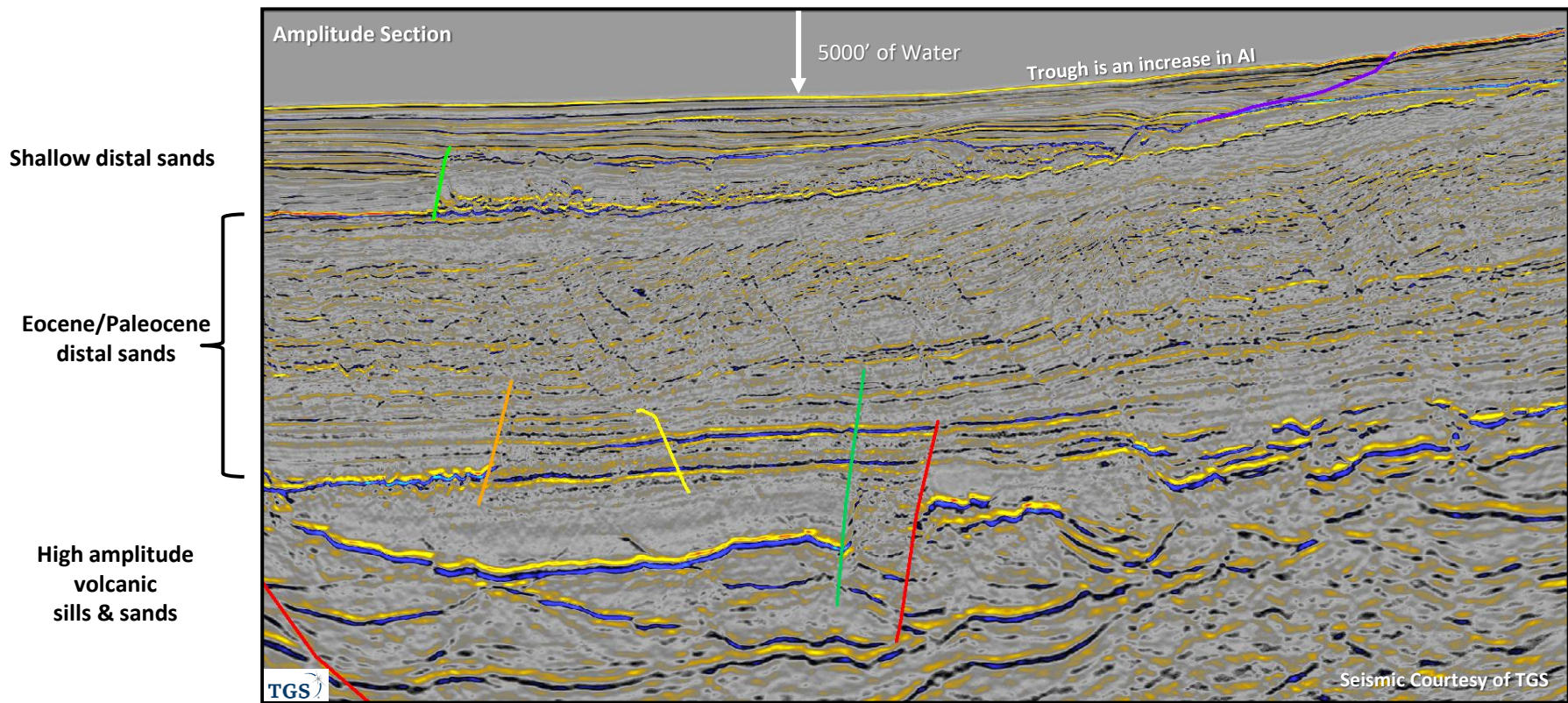
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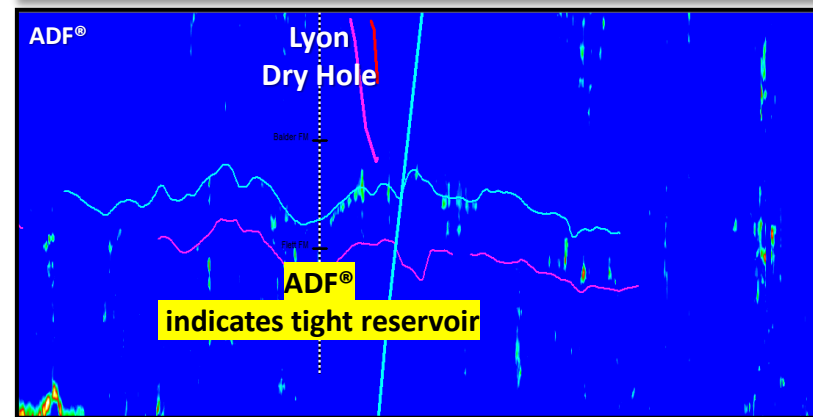
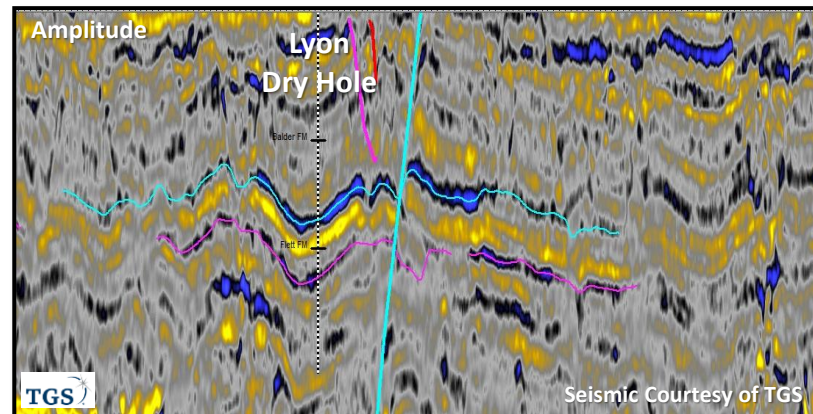
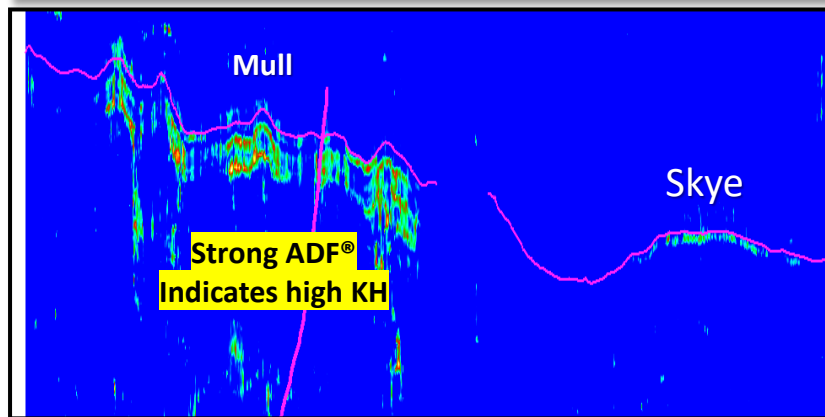
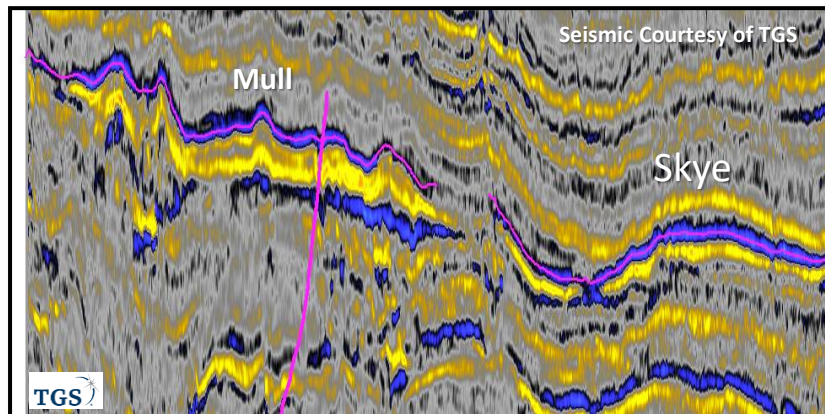
- ❖ **ADF® imaged KH corresponding to the Mabrouk Oil and Gas Field (a Gharif sandstone) due to early hydrocarbon migration preserving porosity and perm.**
- ❖ **ADF® imaged KH in the Khuff carbonate which as we learned was later drilled resulting in an oil discovery above the Gharif.**

West of Shetlands TGS EW12 3D Results

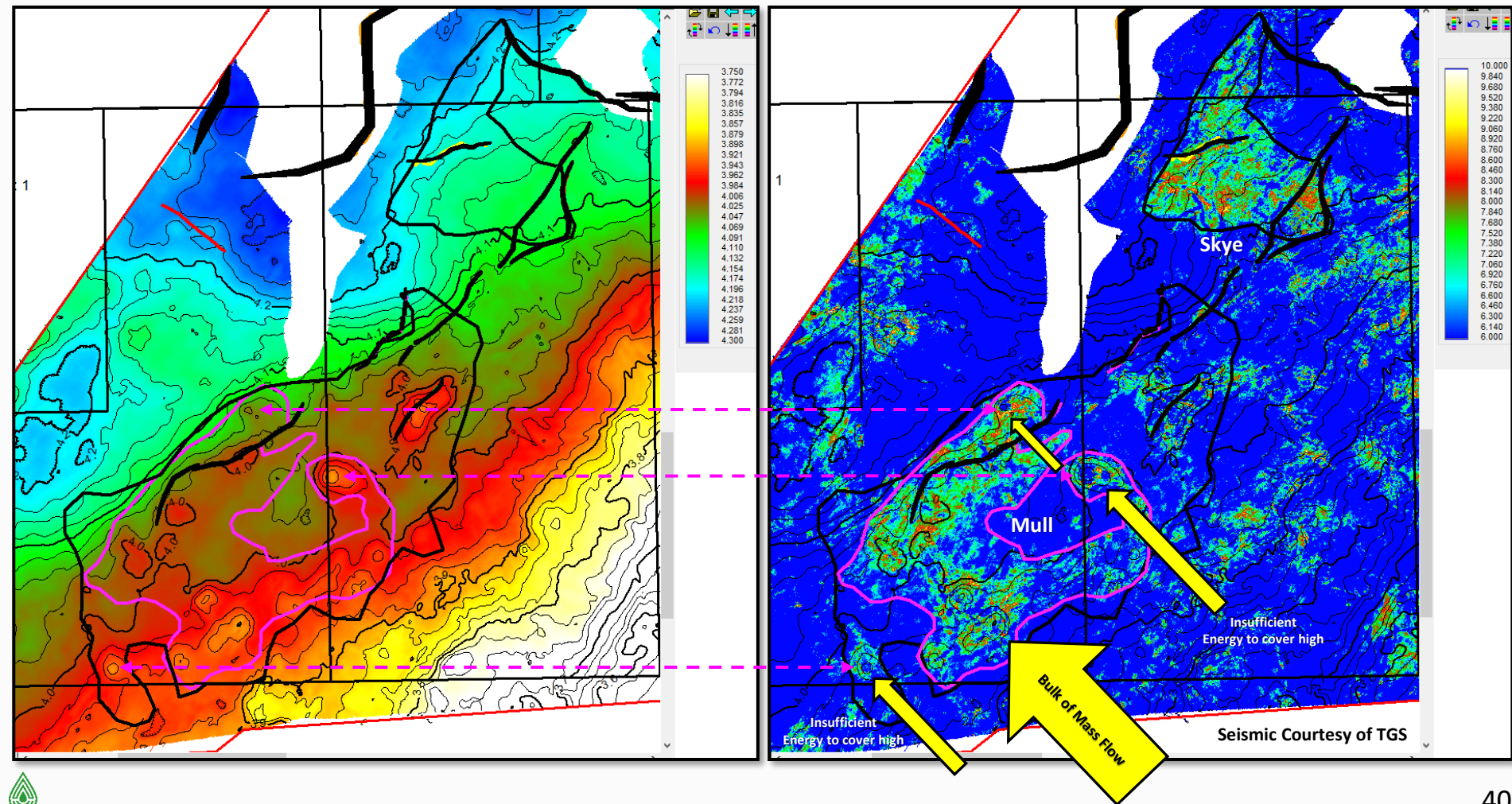


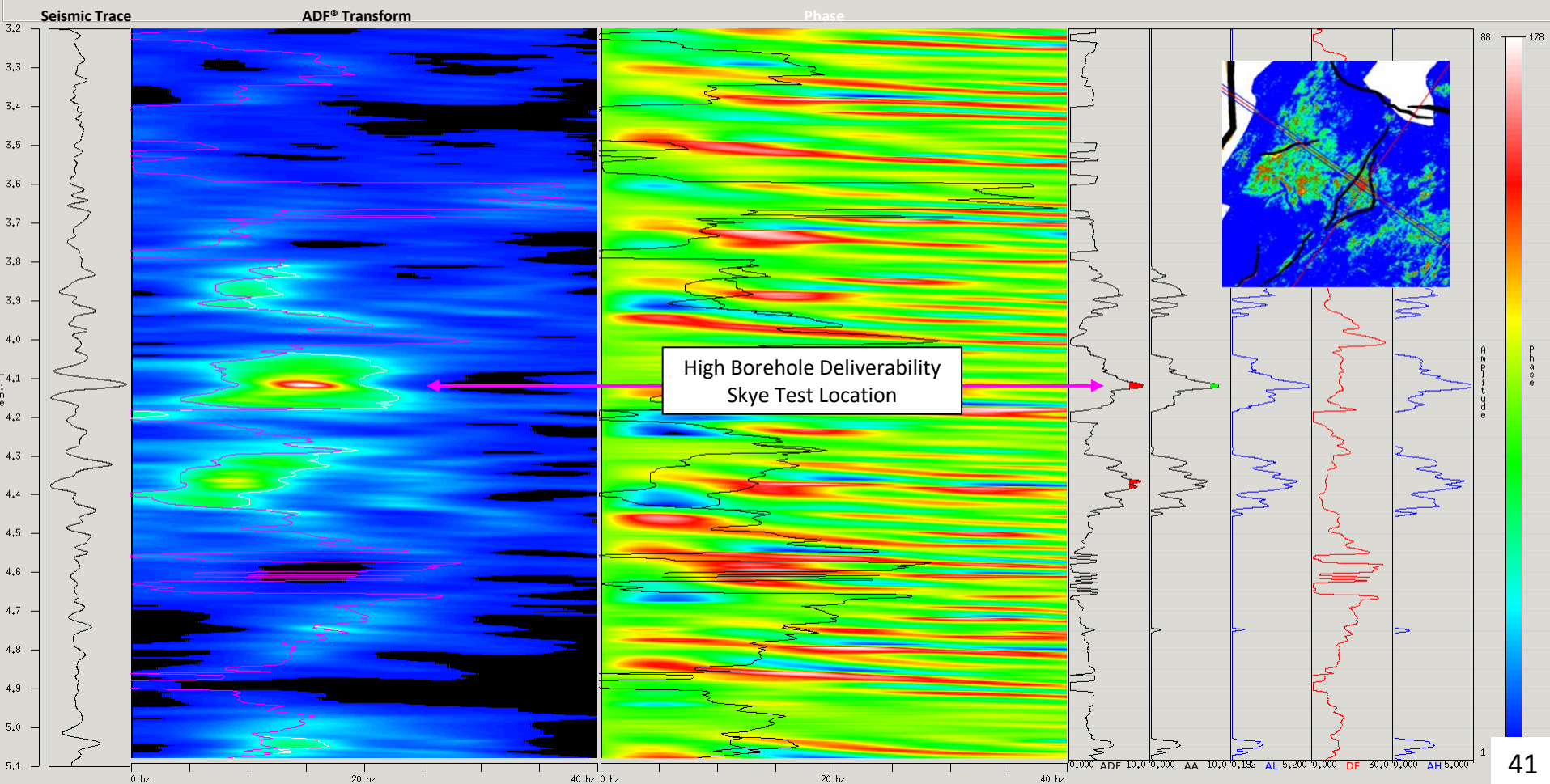


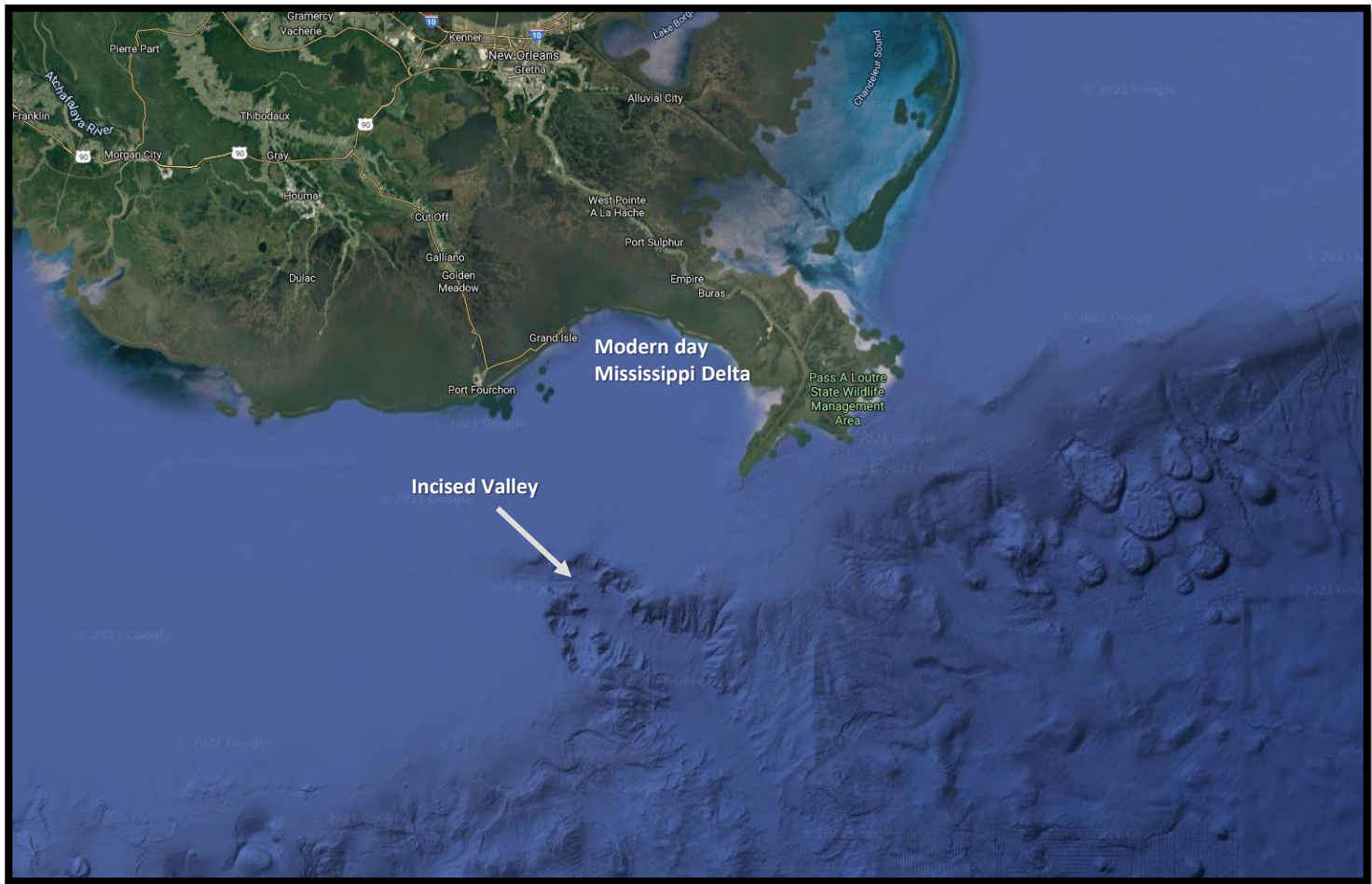


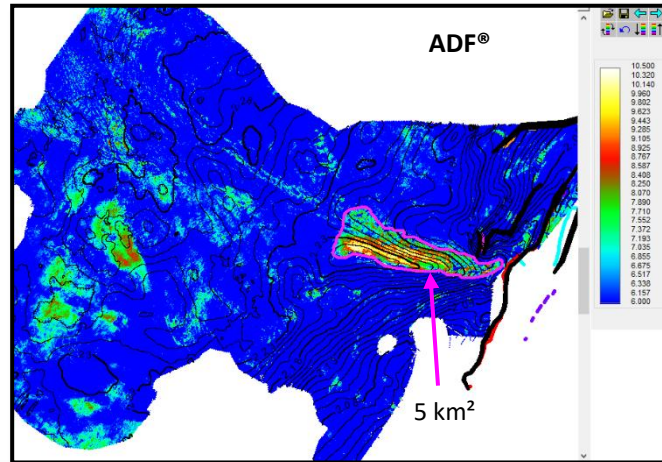
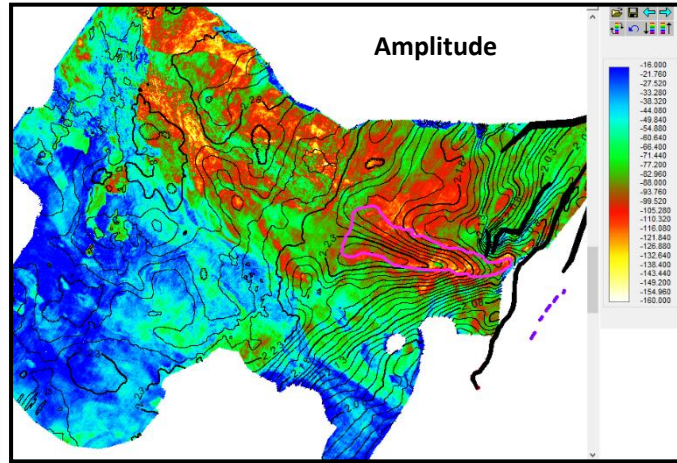
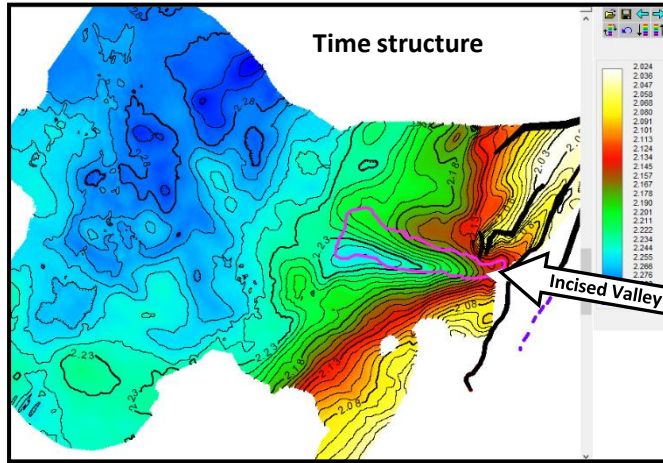


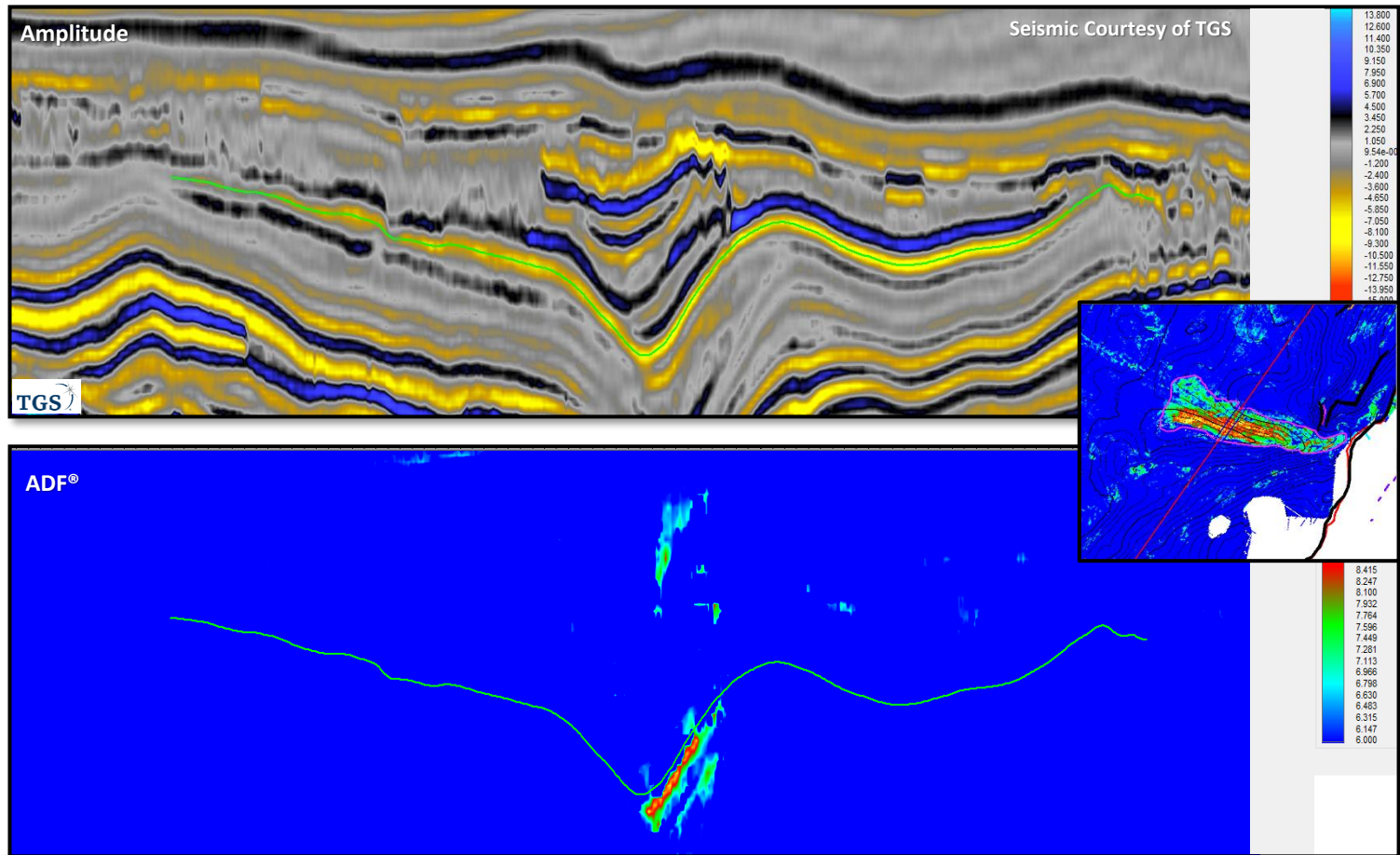
Strong ADF® in front of bald on top paleo highs where sands would stack up is consistent with ADF® measuring KH





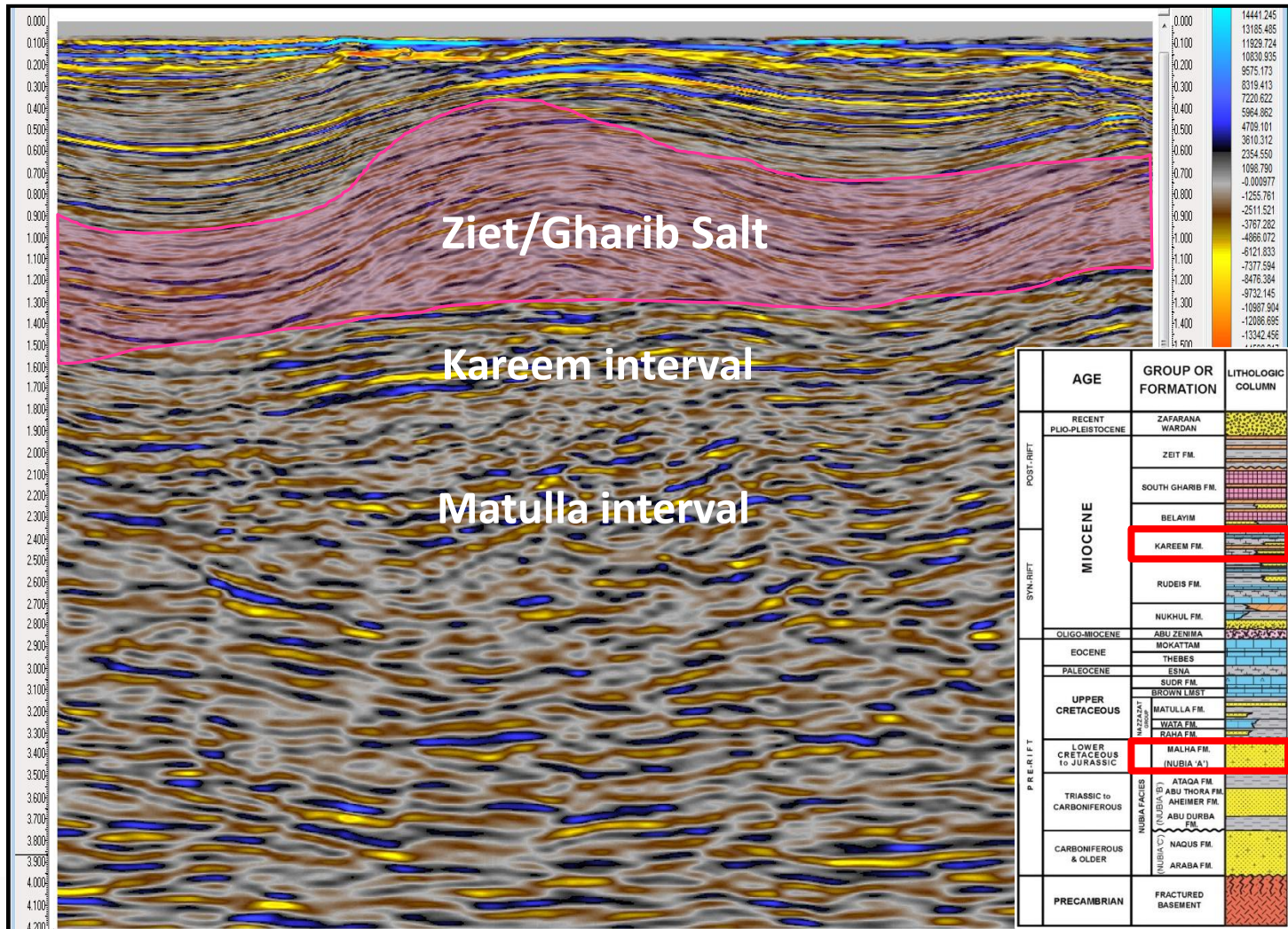


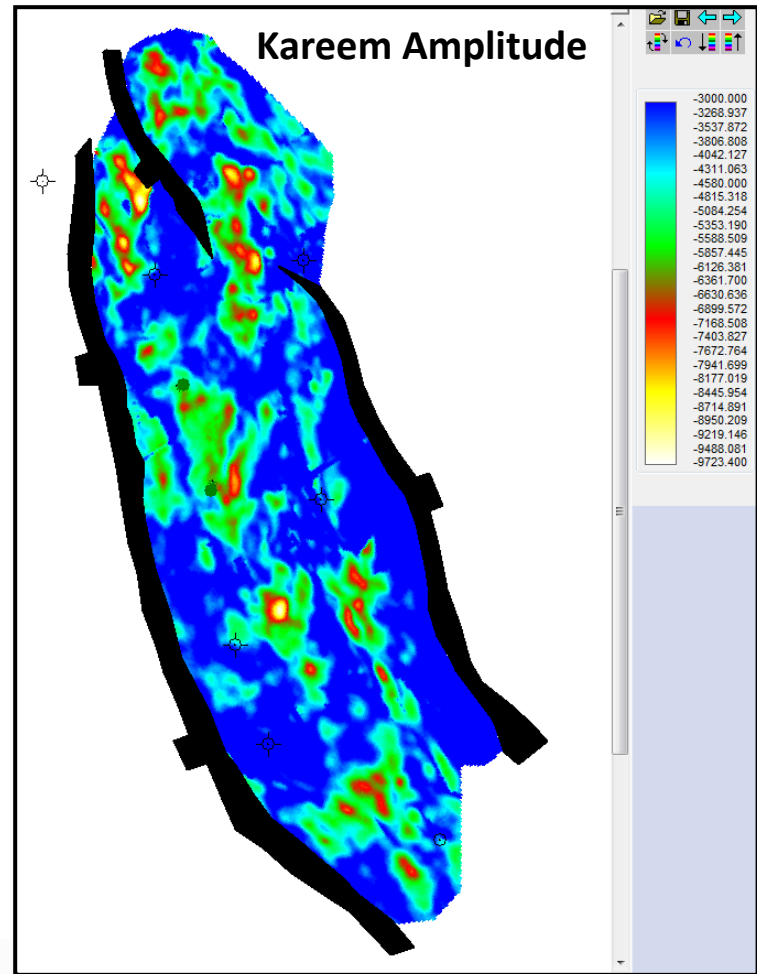
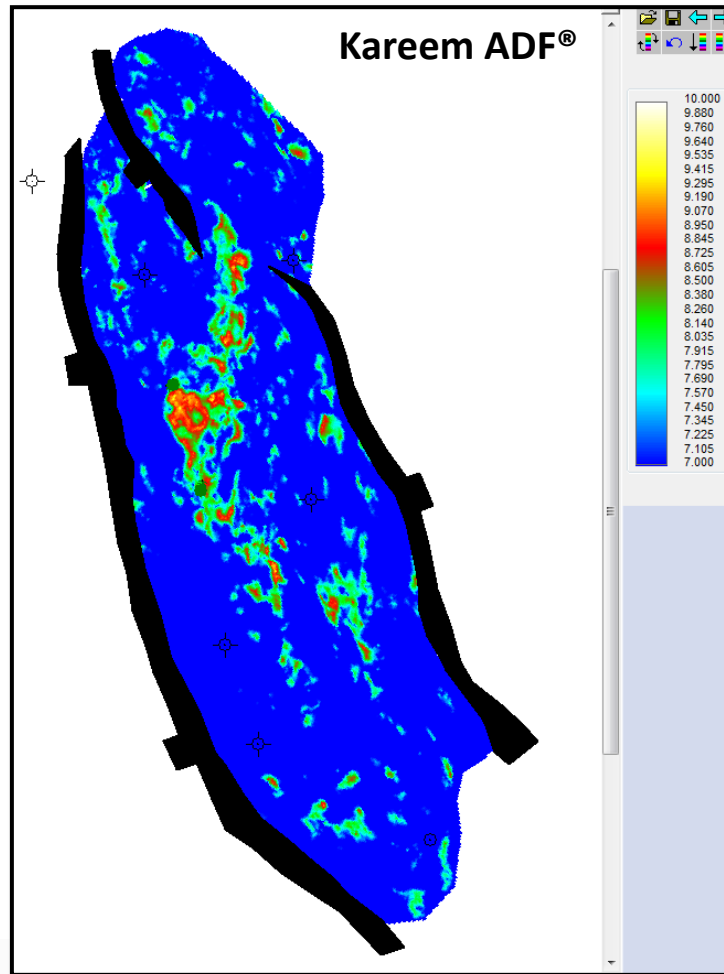


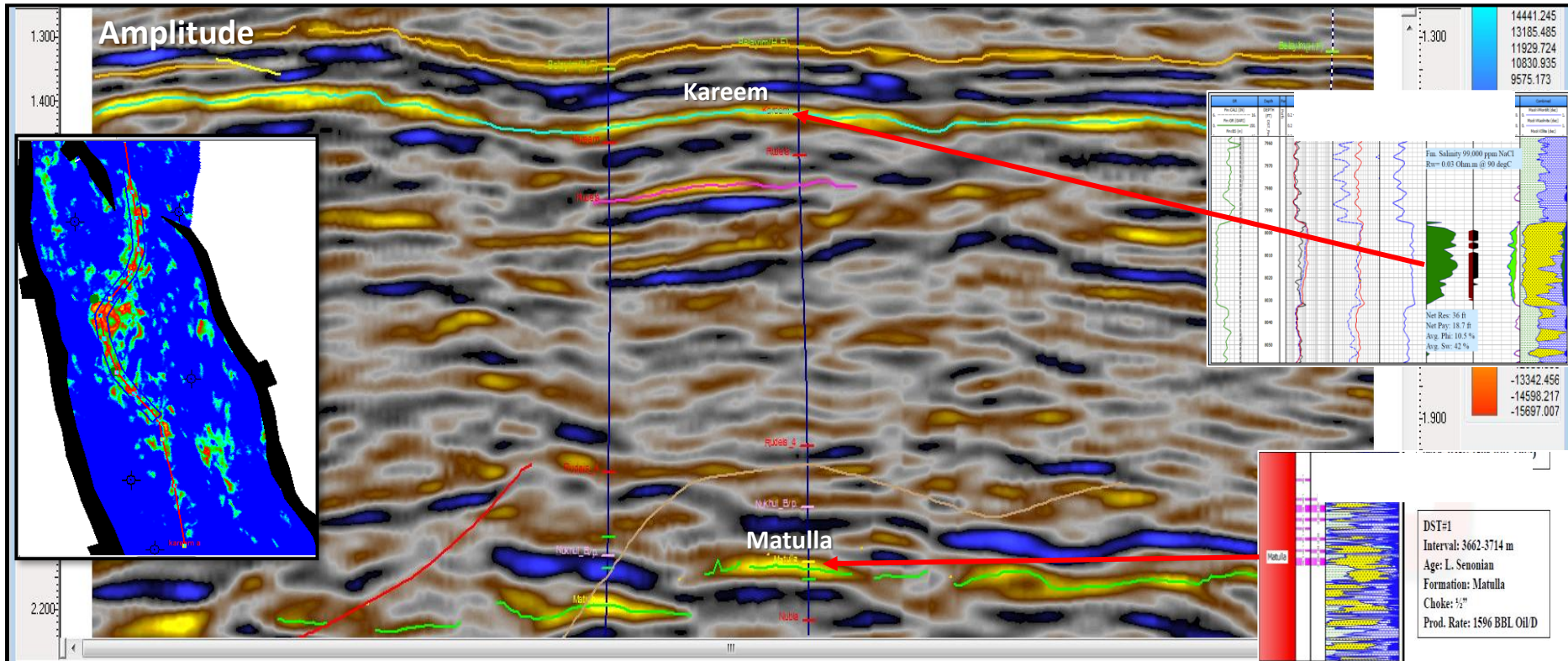


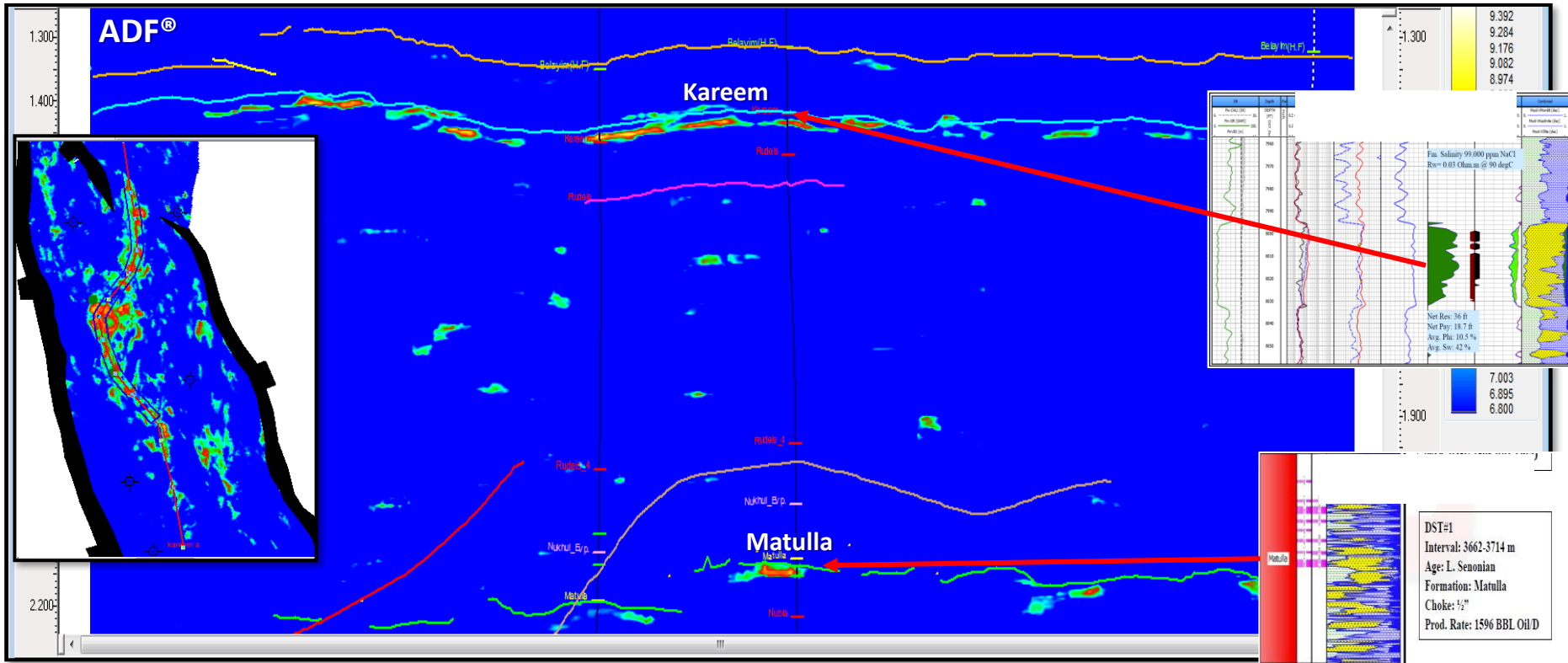
Subsalt Gulf of Suez ADF® Blind Test Results

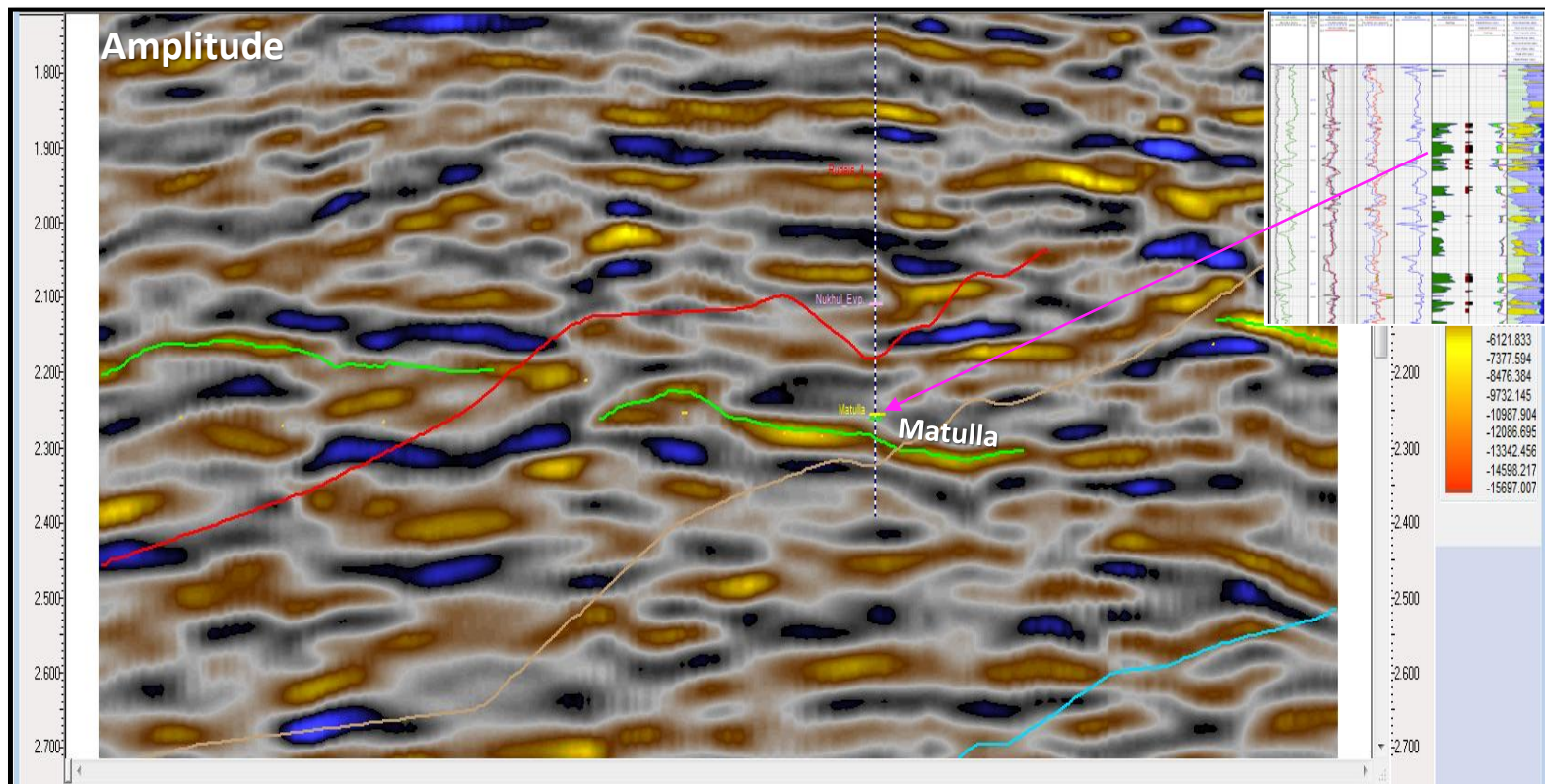


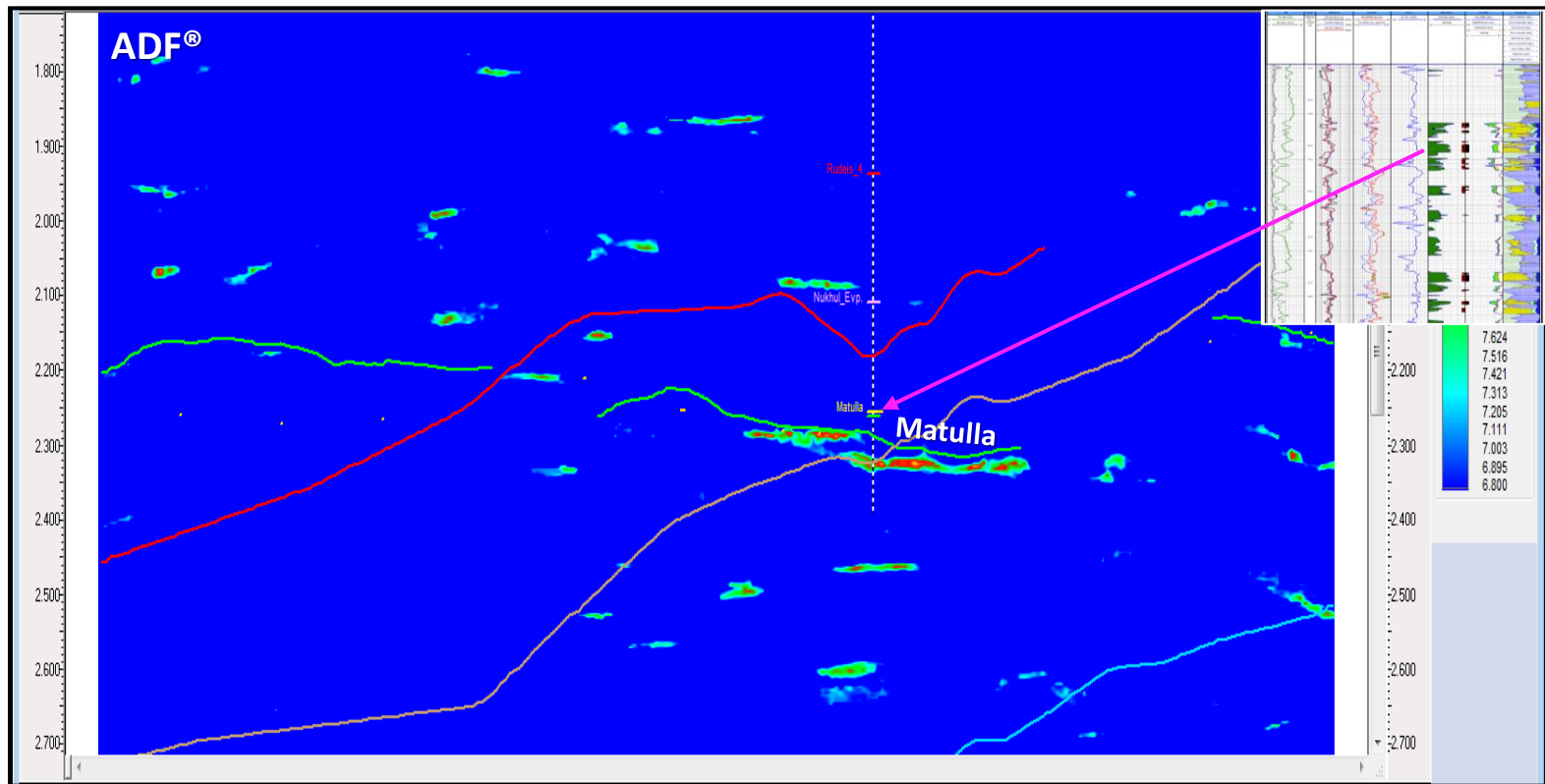








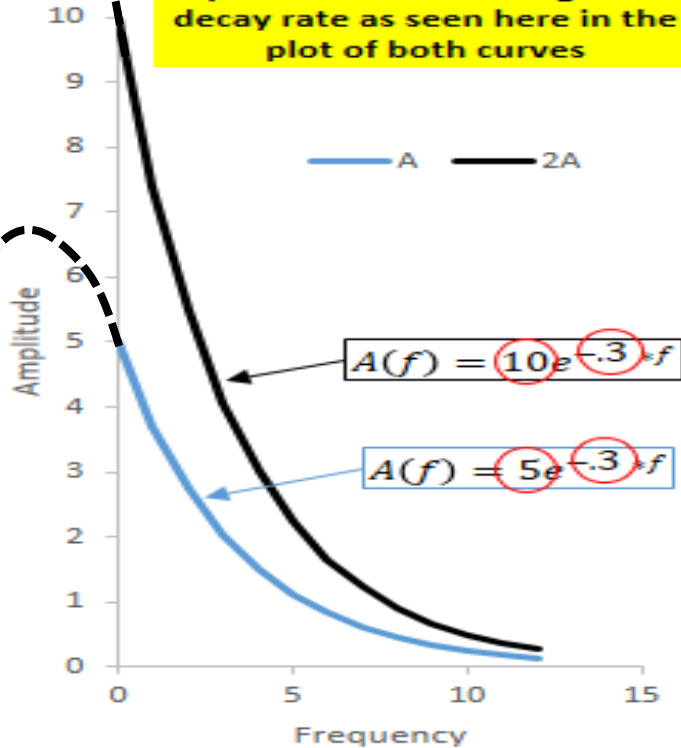




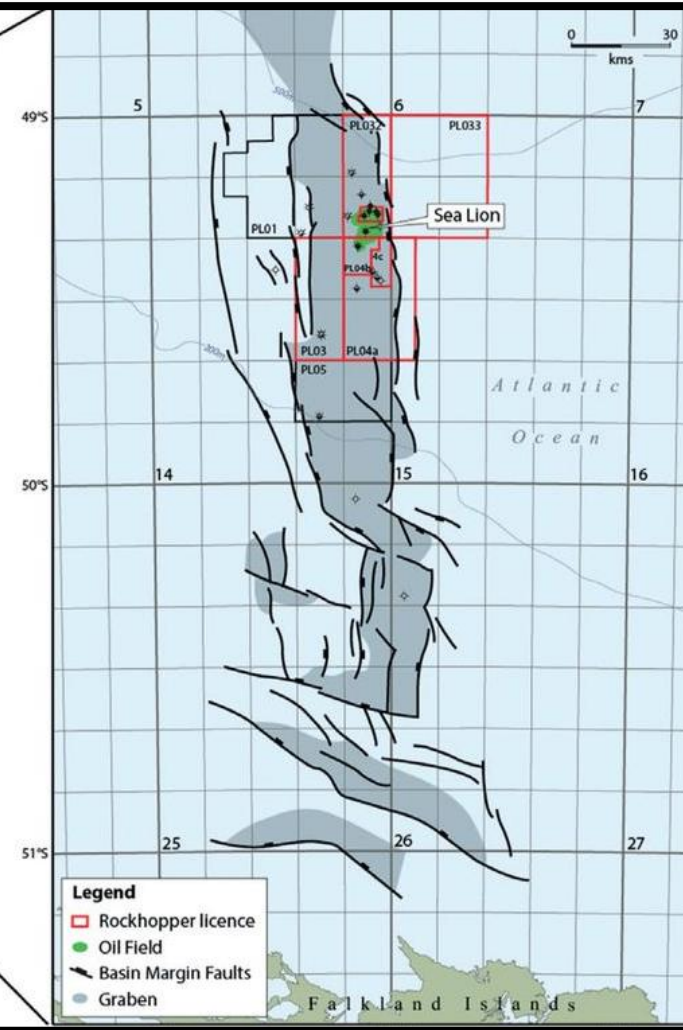
Appendix

ADF[®] is *Independent* of Amplitude

Given a wavelet, doubling the amplitude will not change the α 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	



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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