

SOUTHEAST OFFSHORE STORAGE RESOURCE ASSESSMENT (SOSRA)

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FEASIBILITY OF ALABAMA'S GULF COAST FOR OFFSHORE CO₂ GEOLOGIC STORAGE AND ENHANCED OIL RECOVERY

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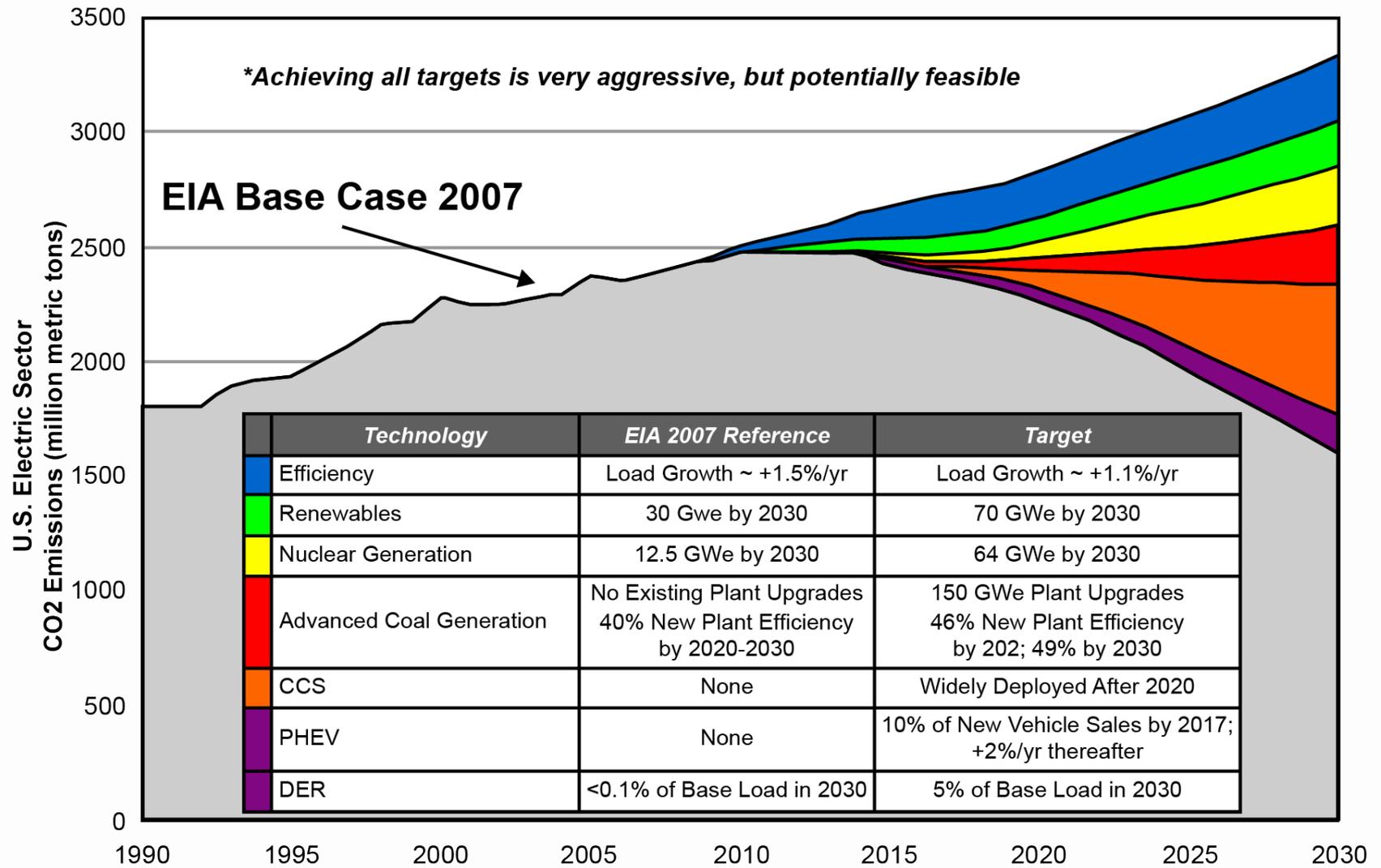
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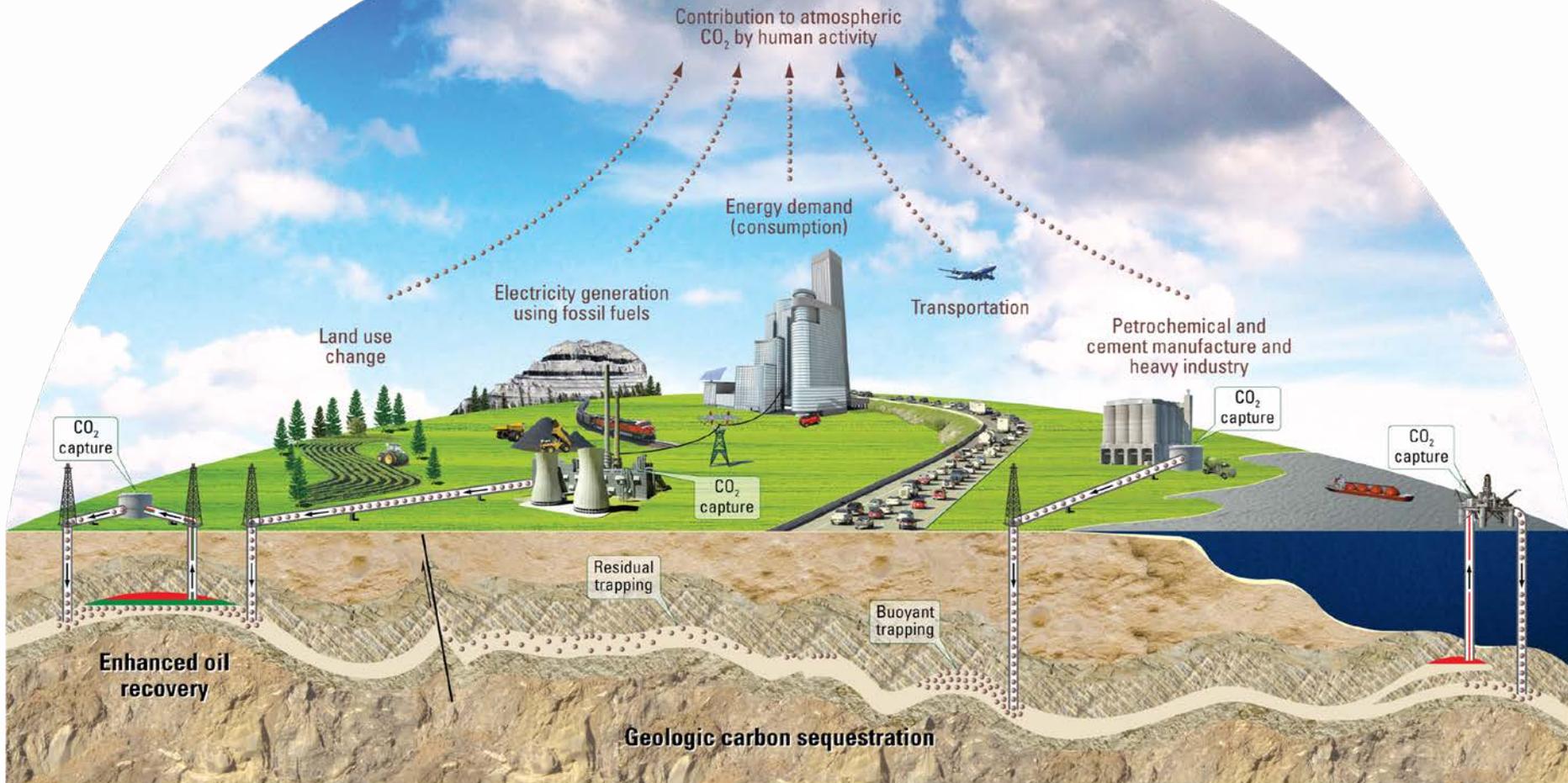
WHY CCUS?



EPRI "Prism" report: <http://mydocs.epri.com/docs/public/DiscussionPaper2007.pdf>

WHAT IS CCUS?

The Concept of Geologic Carbon Sequestration



NOT TO SCALE

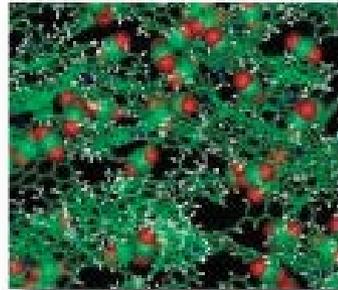
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EXPLANATION

- CO₂ storage volume
- CO₂ flow
- Fault—Arrow indicates relative movement
- Gas flow
- Oil and gas flow
- Gas
- Oil
- Seal formation
- Storage formation

GEOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Molecular scale



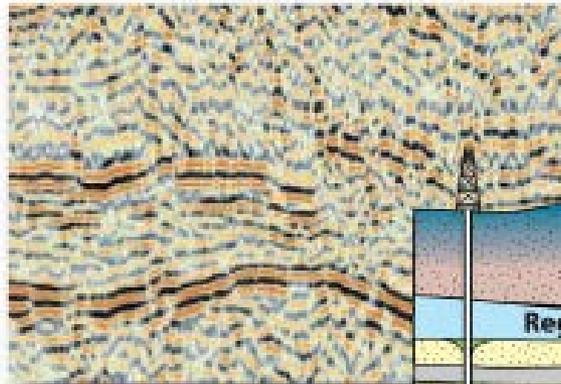
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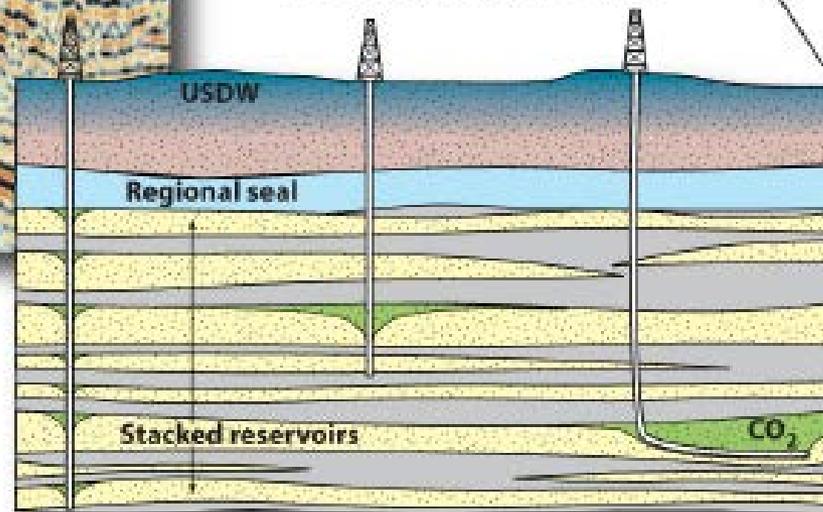
Well scale



Reservoir scale

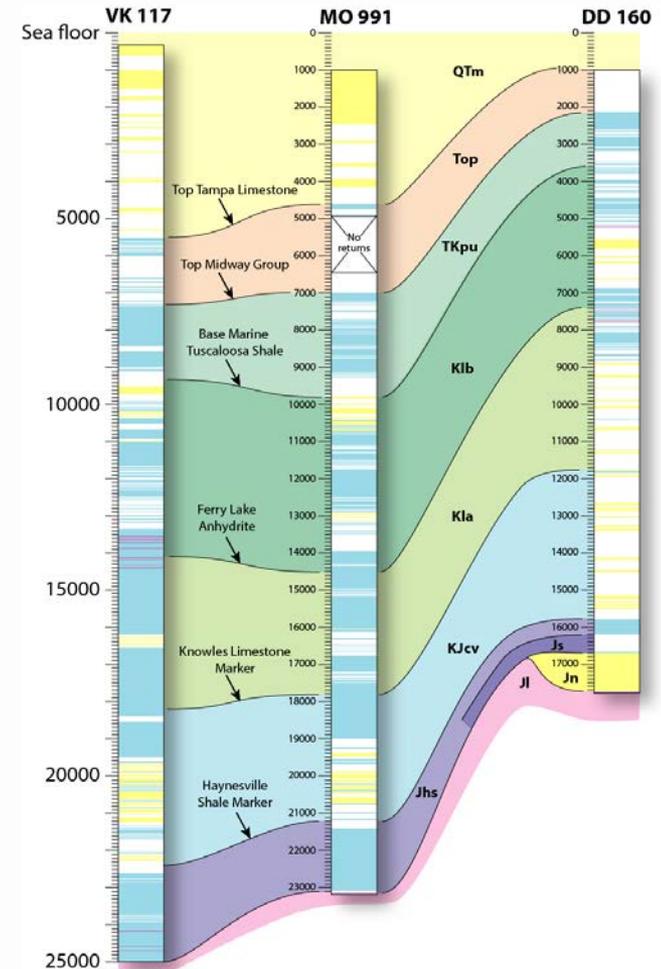
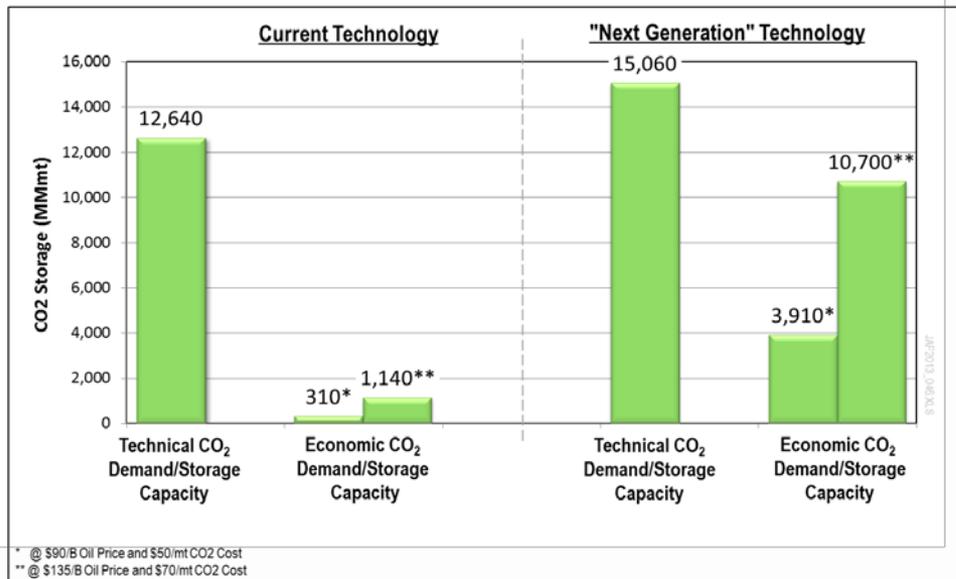


Development scale



WHY OFFSHORE RESERVOIRS?

- Potentially giant CO₂ capacity
- Abundant stacked saline formations and depleted oil and gas reservoirs
- Significant infrastructure in place
- Proven offshore sequestration technology
- Favorable ownership and access

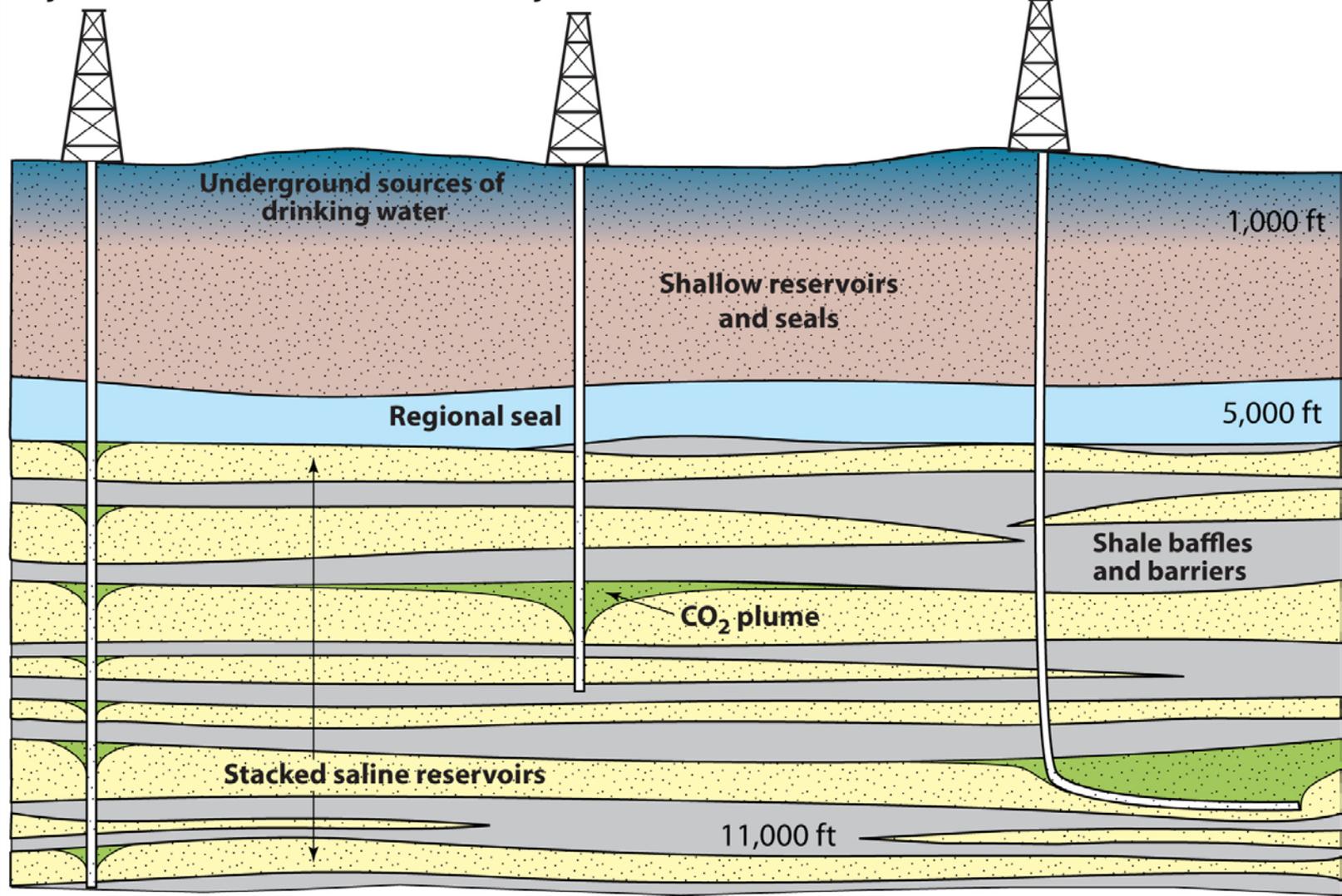


How Do We Adapt Proven Storage Strategies?

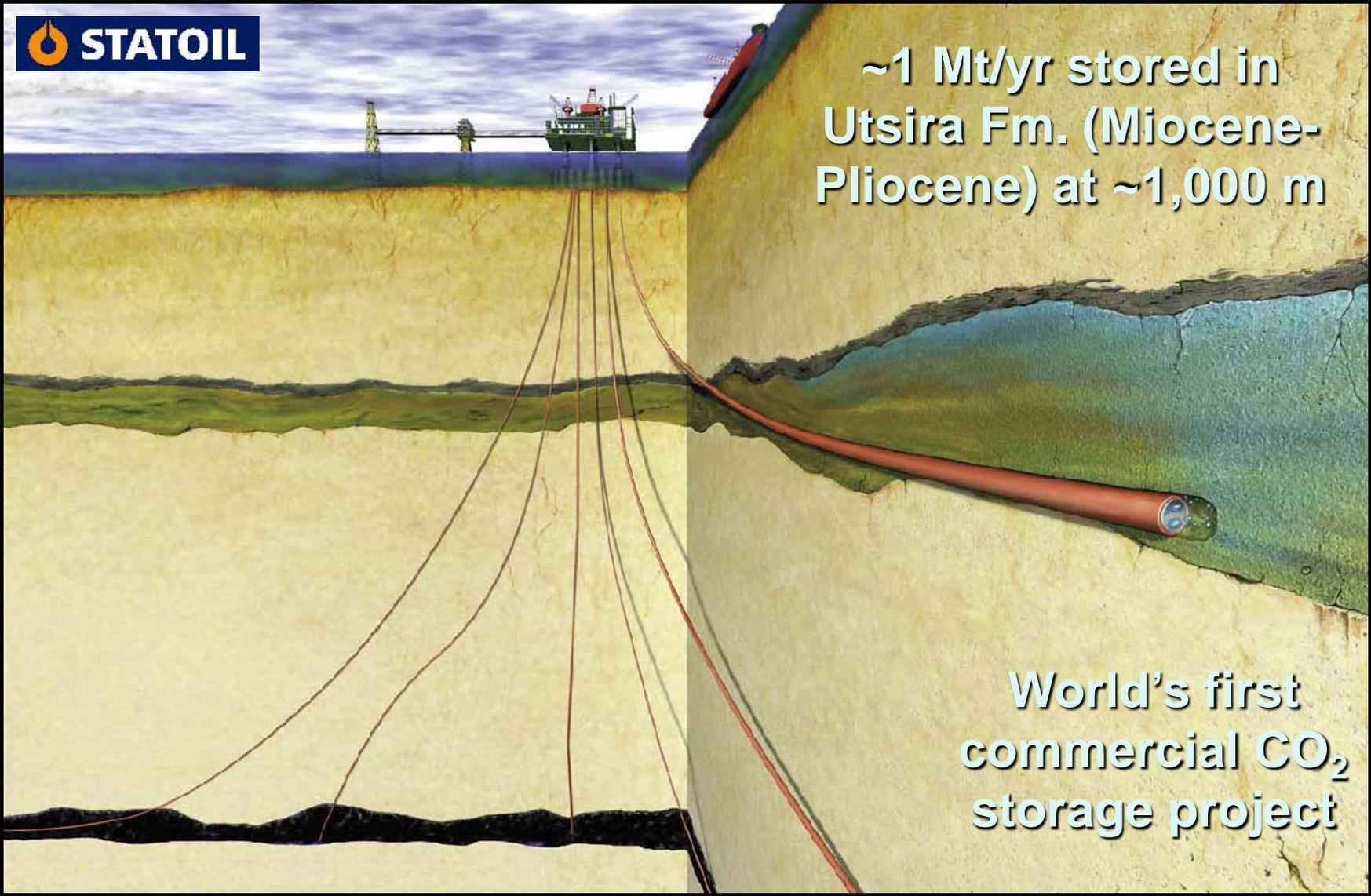
Multi-zone injection

Single-zone injection

Directional well

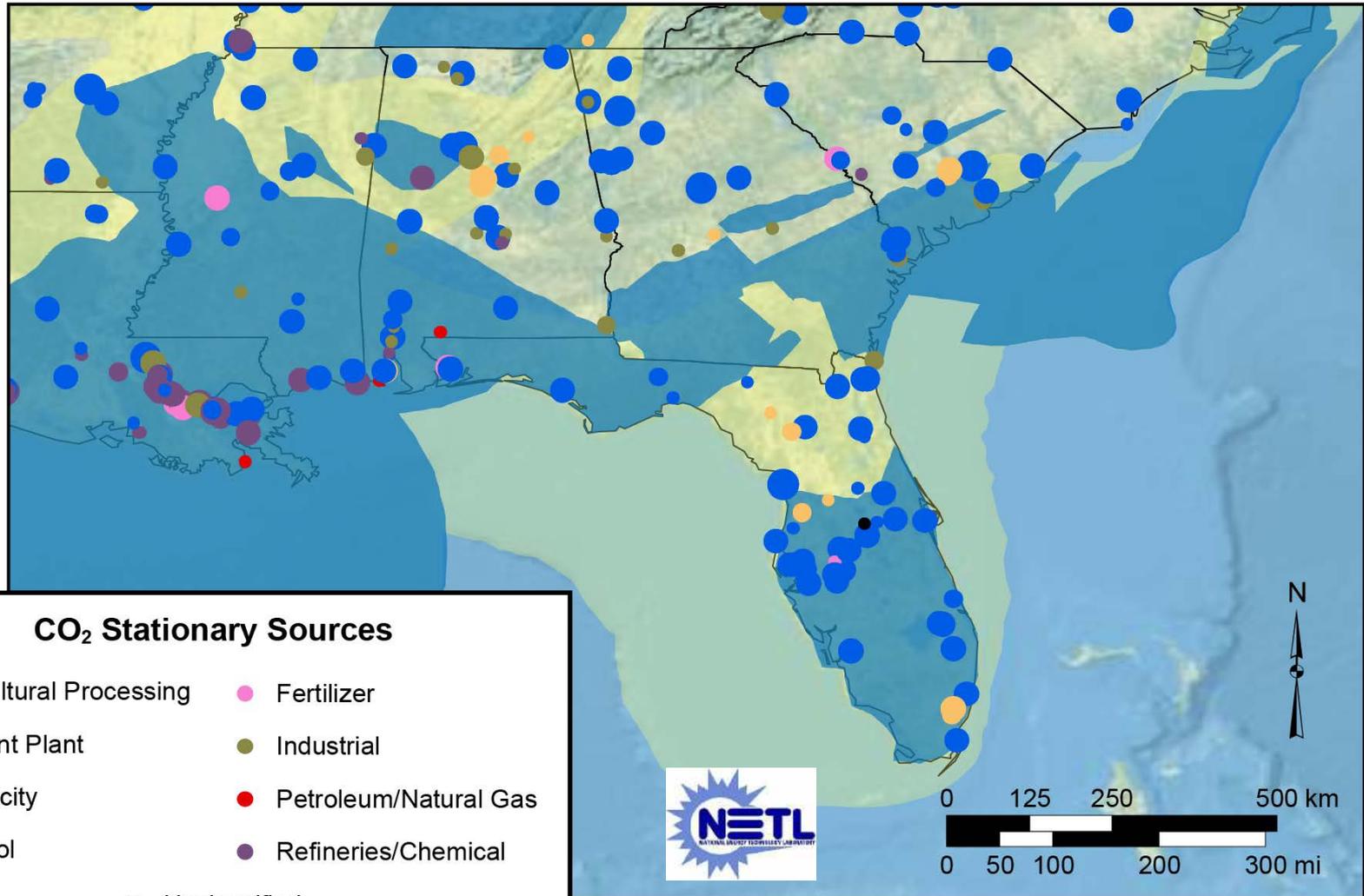


OFFSHORE CO₂ STORAGE: SLEIPNER, NORTH SEA

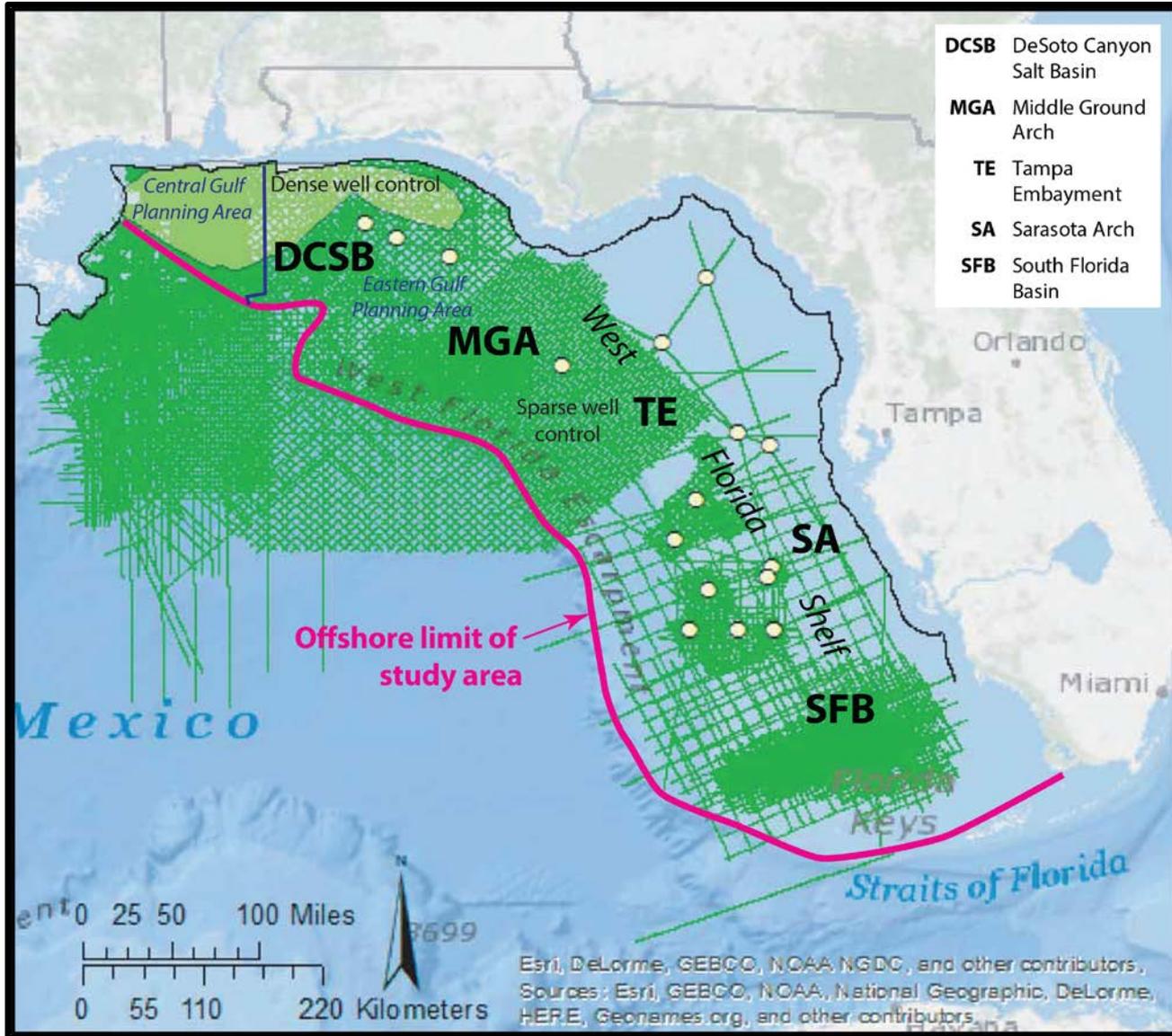


Kaarstad (2004)

US CO₂ EMISSION SOURCES



STUDY AREA AND SUBREGIONS



DCSB DeSoto Canyon Salt Basin

MGA Middle Ground Arch

TE Tampa Embayment

SA Sarasota Arch

SFB South Florida Basin

A TALE OF TWO PLATFORMS

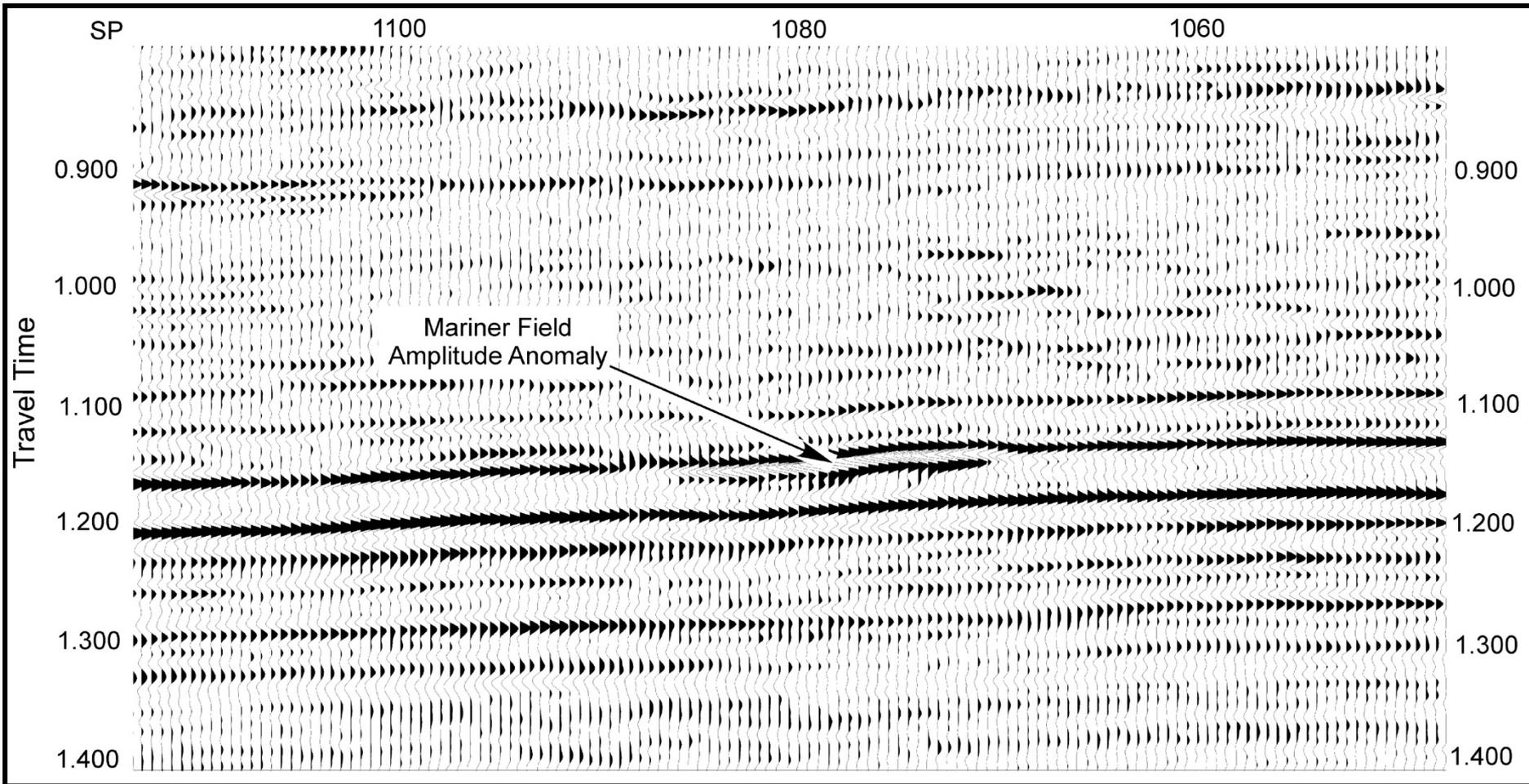
Ultradeep gas platform



Shallow gas well

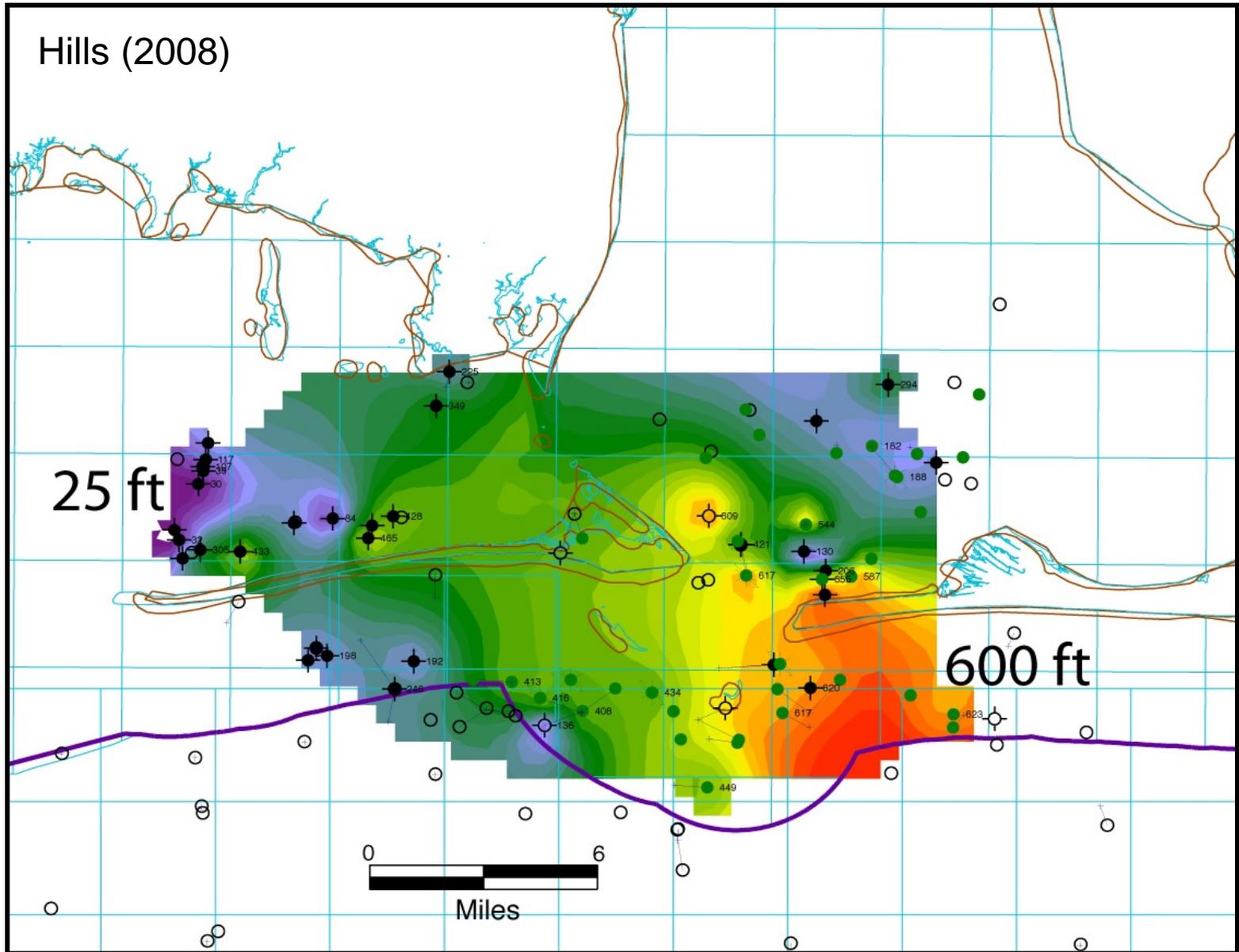


MIOCENE GAS SANDS



Handford and Baria (2003)

NET MIOCENE SAND > 2500 FT DEEP



NORPHLET SANDSTONE, MOBILE BAY AREA

West

East

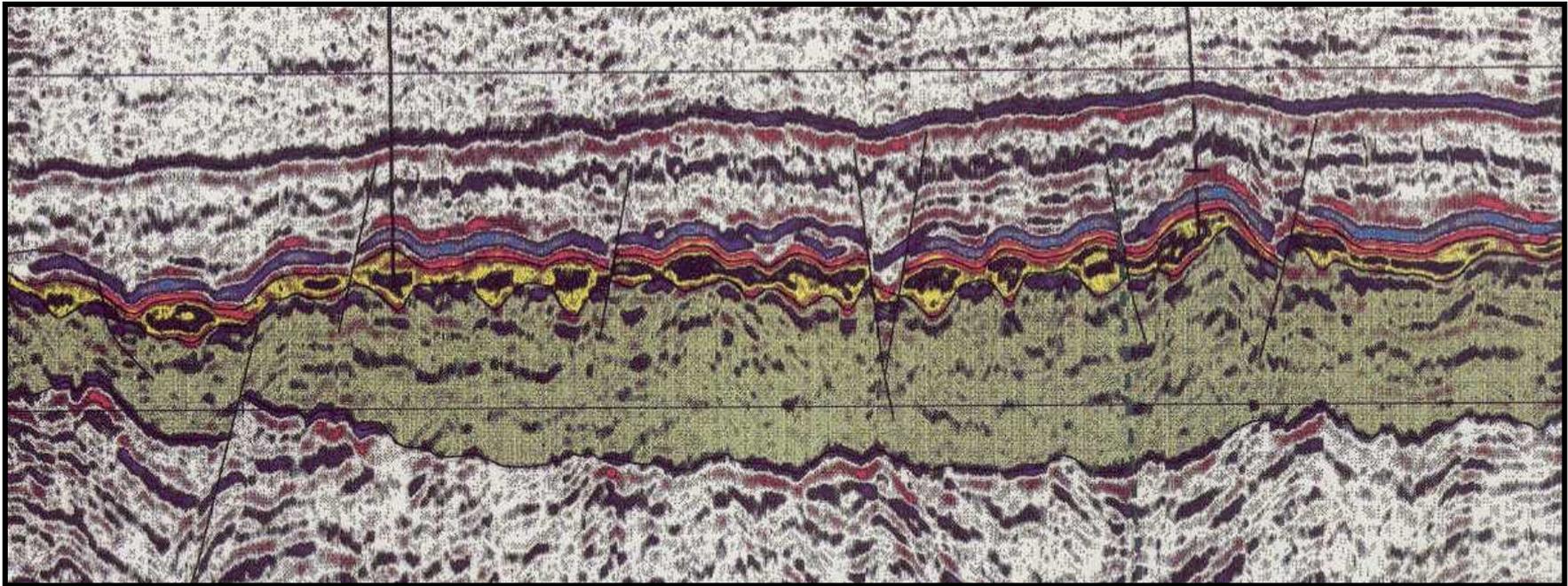
Sohio #1-111

Shell #1-113

3.5

TWT (s)

4.0



Story (1998)

CRETACEOUS FACIES

SOSRA REGION

NETL EOR TEST
SECARB ANTHROPOGENIC TEST

SW

NE

~100 mi (160 km)

Continental margin

Citronelle area

Lower Cretaceous reef trend

Platform lagoon

Shore zone

Coastal plain

Sea Level

Foreslope

Pine Island, James, and Rodessa carbonates

Donovan sand



Limestone



Aggradational sandstone

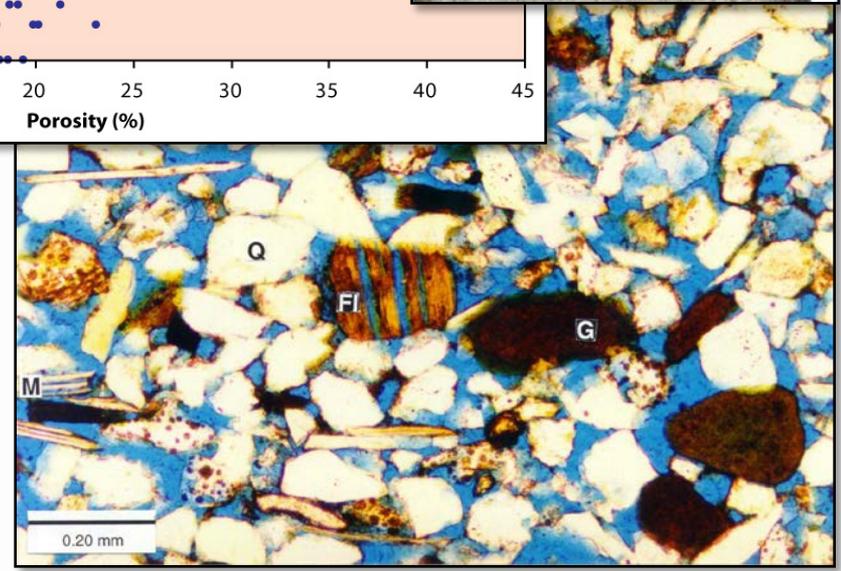
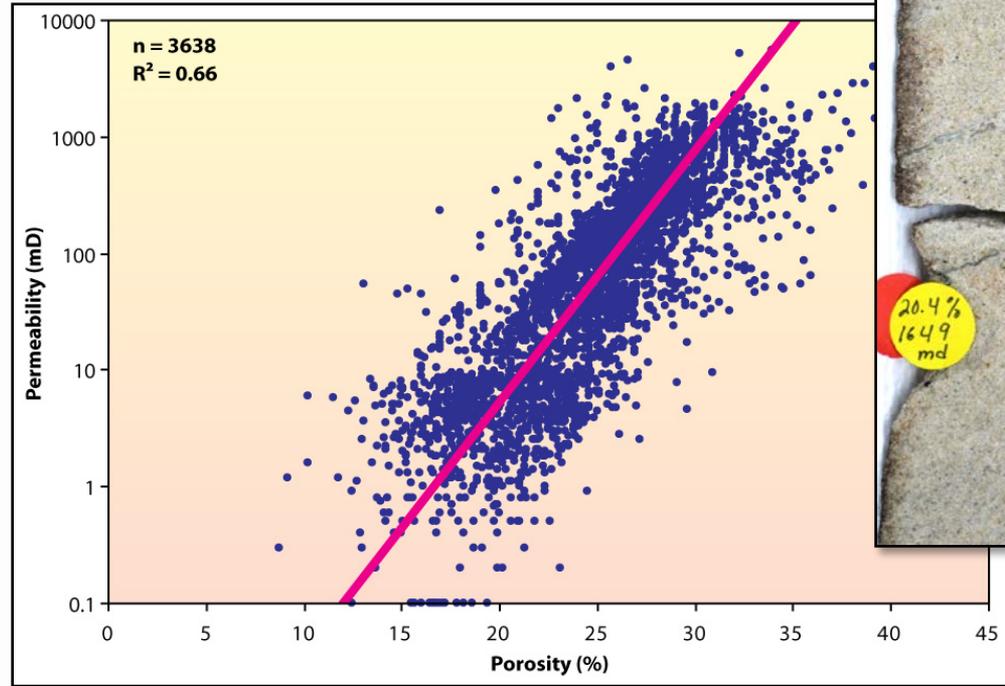
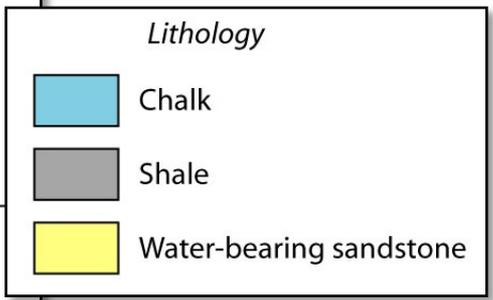
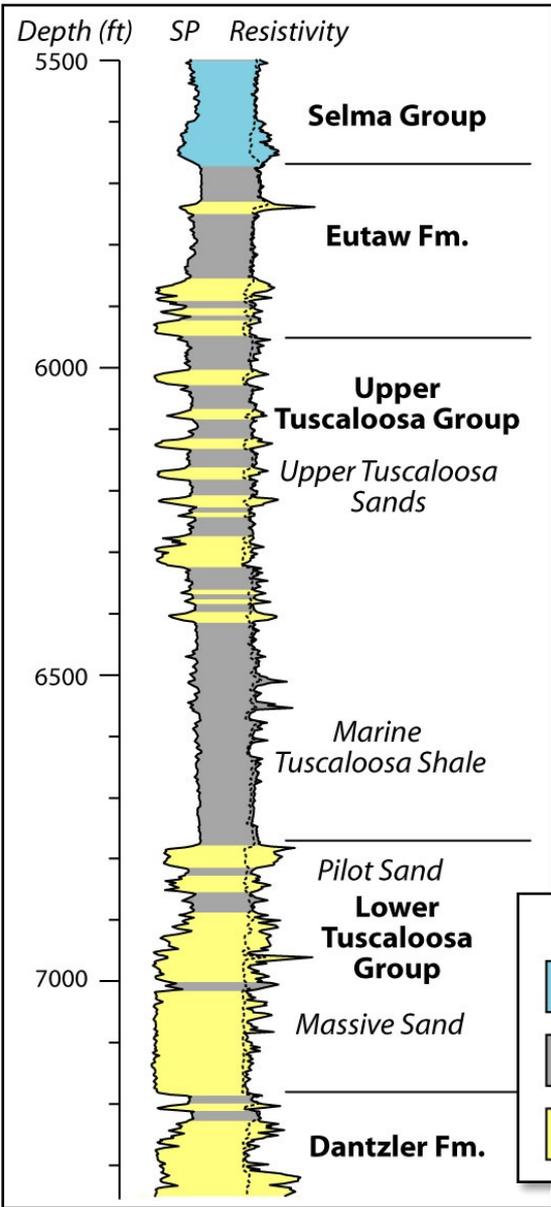


Variegated shale

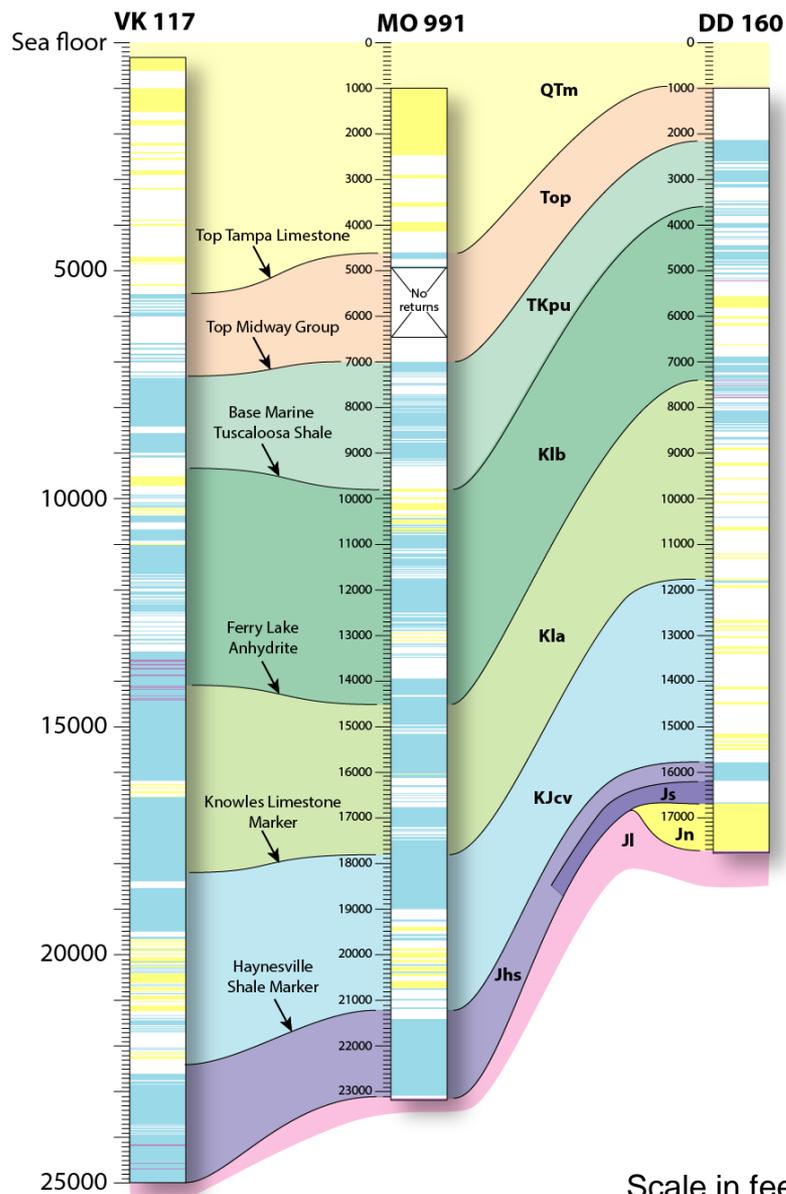
1,000 ft
(300 m)

Pashin et al. (2014)

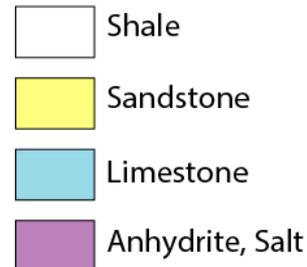
CRETACEOUS SANDSTONE



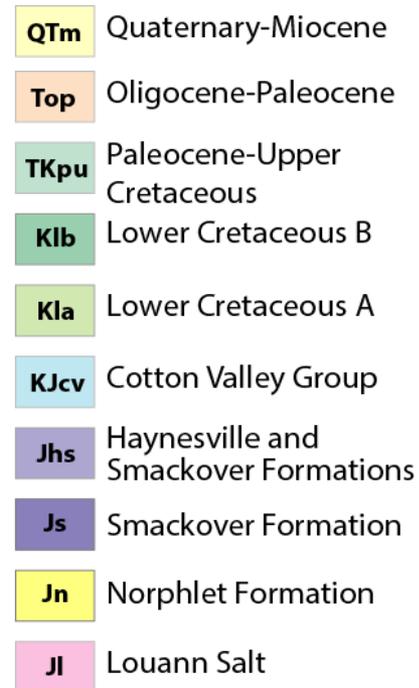
DESOTO CANYON SALT BASIN - LITHOLOGIC COLUMNS



Lithology

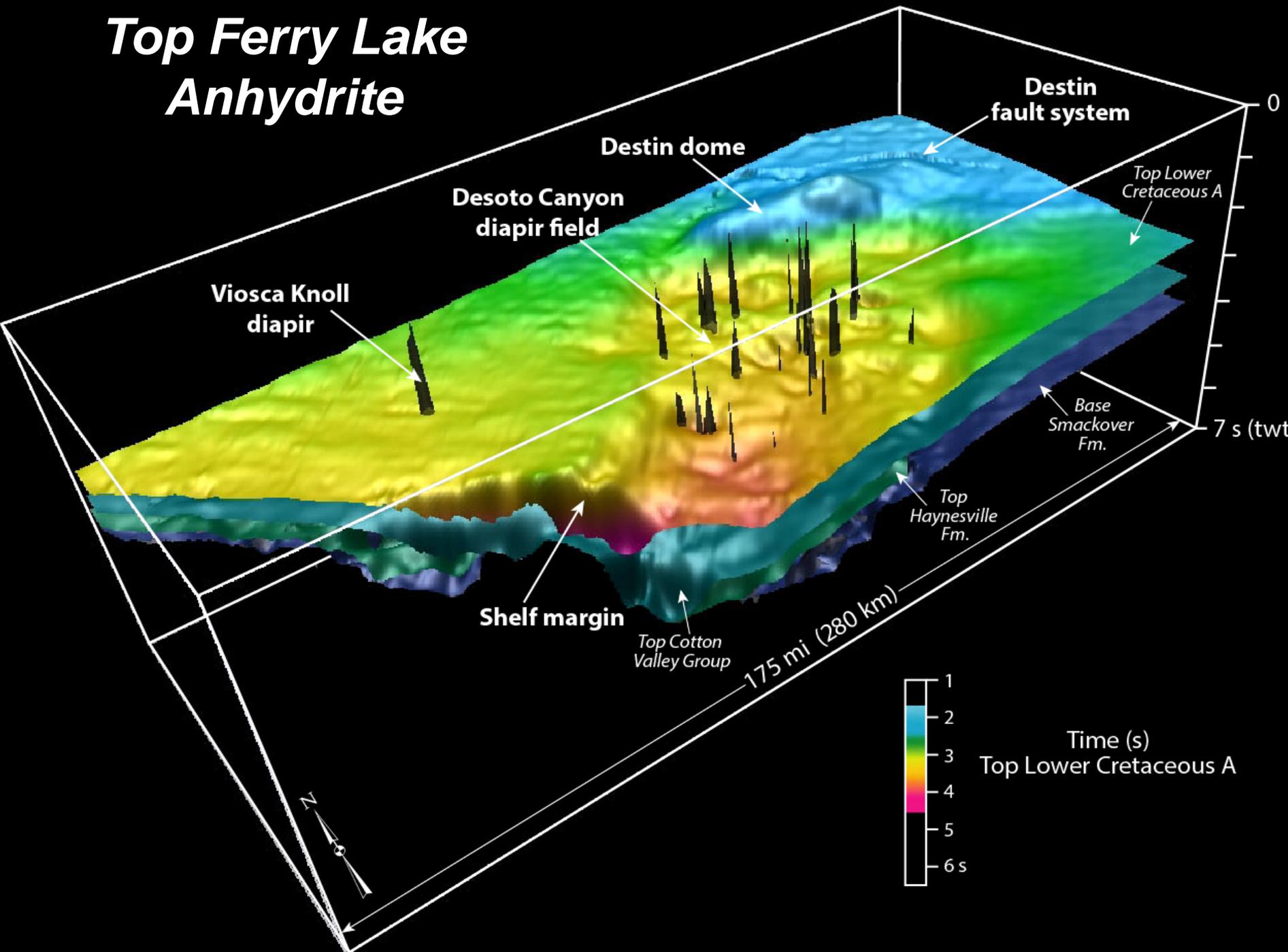


Stratigraphy

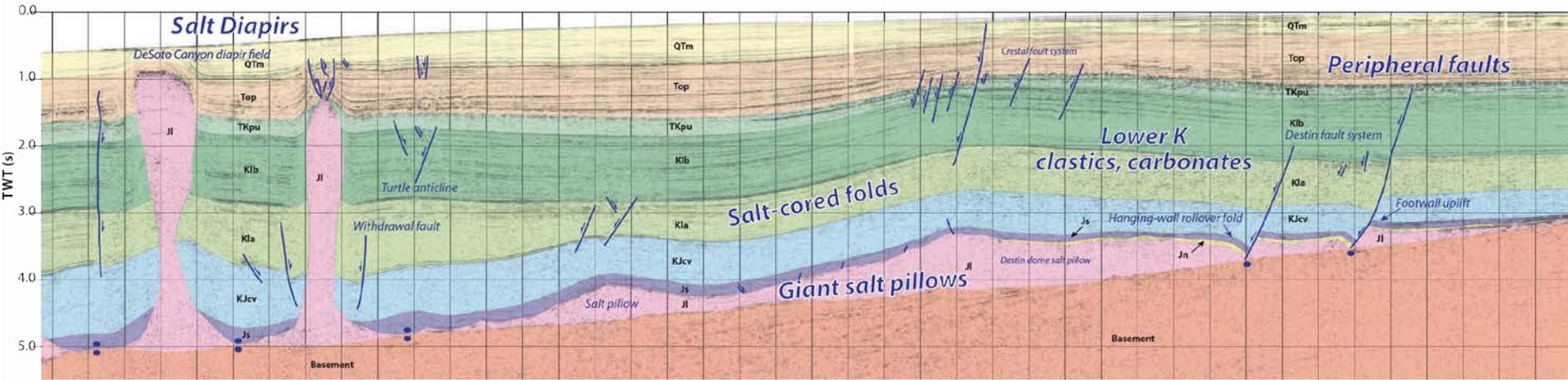


Scale in feet

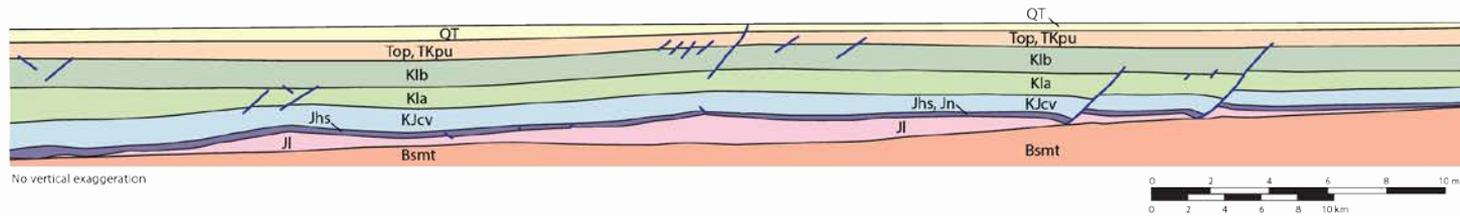
Top Ferry Lake Anhydrite



DCSB DESTIN DOME

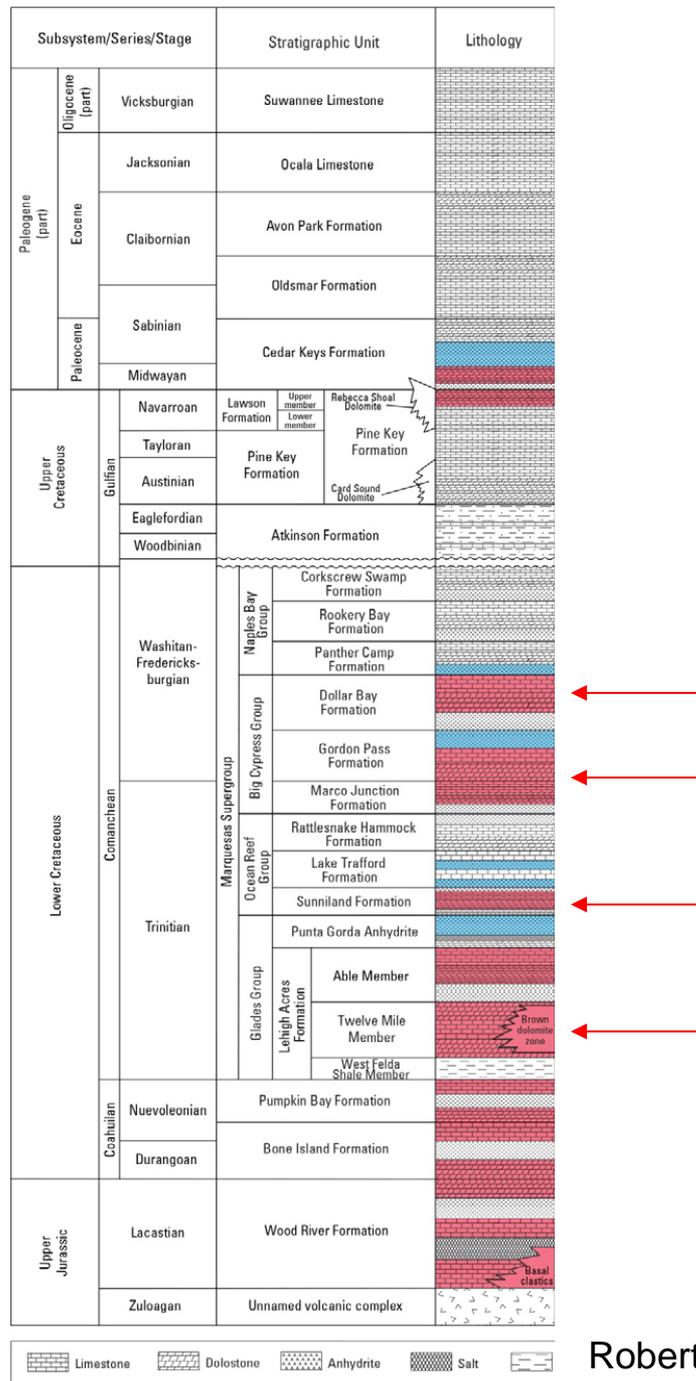


Interpretation	
QTm	Quaternary-Miocene
Top	Oligocene-Paleocene
TKpu	Paleocene-Upper Cretaceous
Klb	Lower Cretaceous B
Kla	Lower Cretaceous A
KJcv	Cotton Valley Group
Js	Smackover Formation
Jn	Norphlet Formation
Jl	Louann Salt
Base-ment	Paleozoic and Mesozoic basement
	Normal fault; arrow indicates relative motion
	Horizontal weld
	Line weld

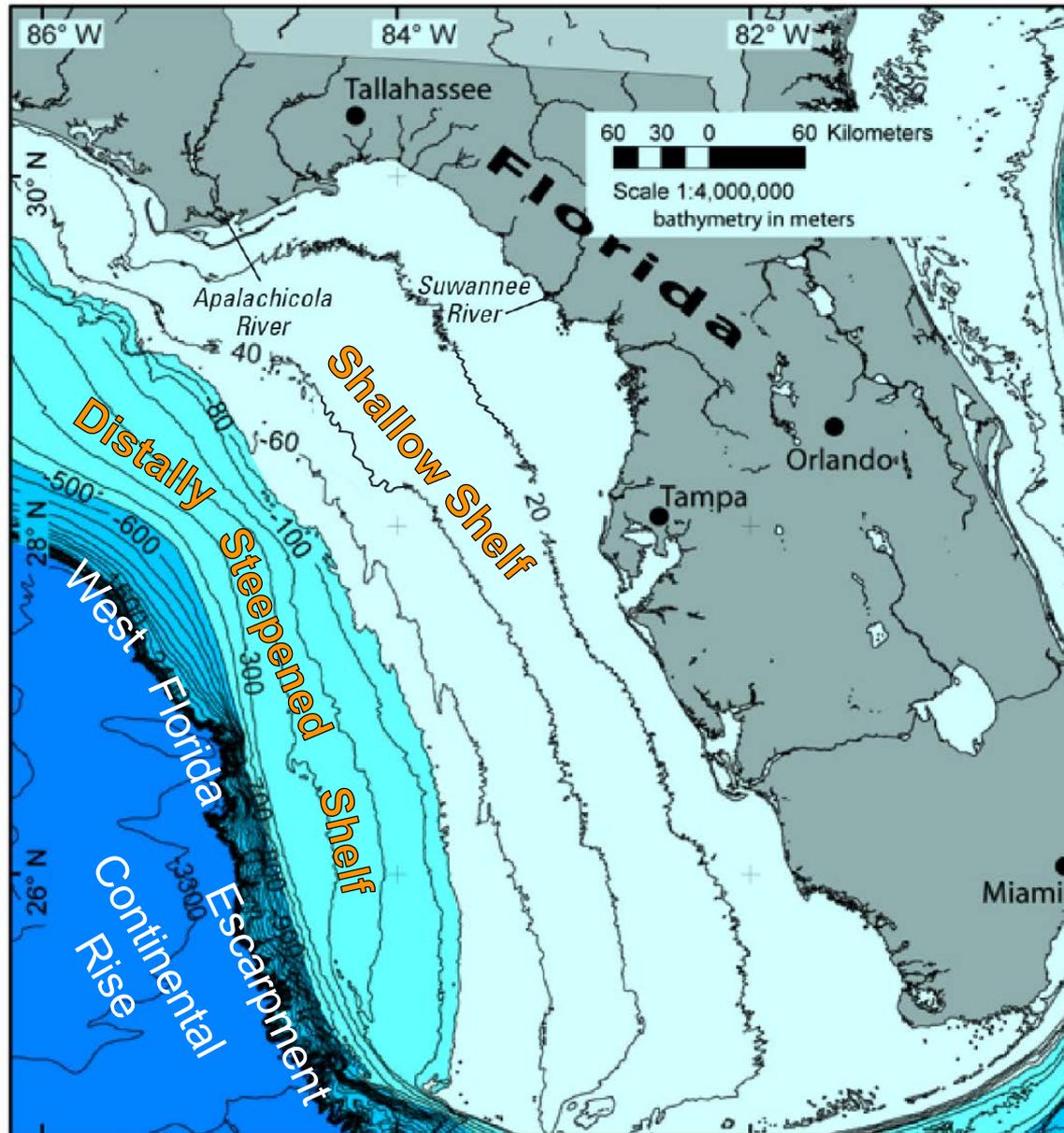


FLORIDA — LITHOLOGIC COLUMN

*Blue - Seal
Red - Sink*

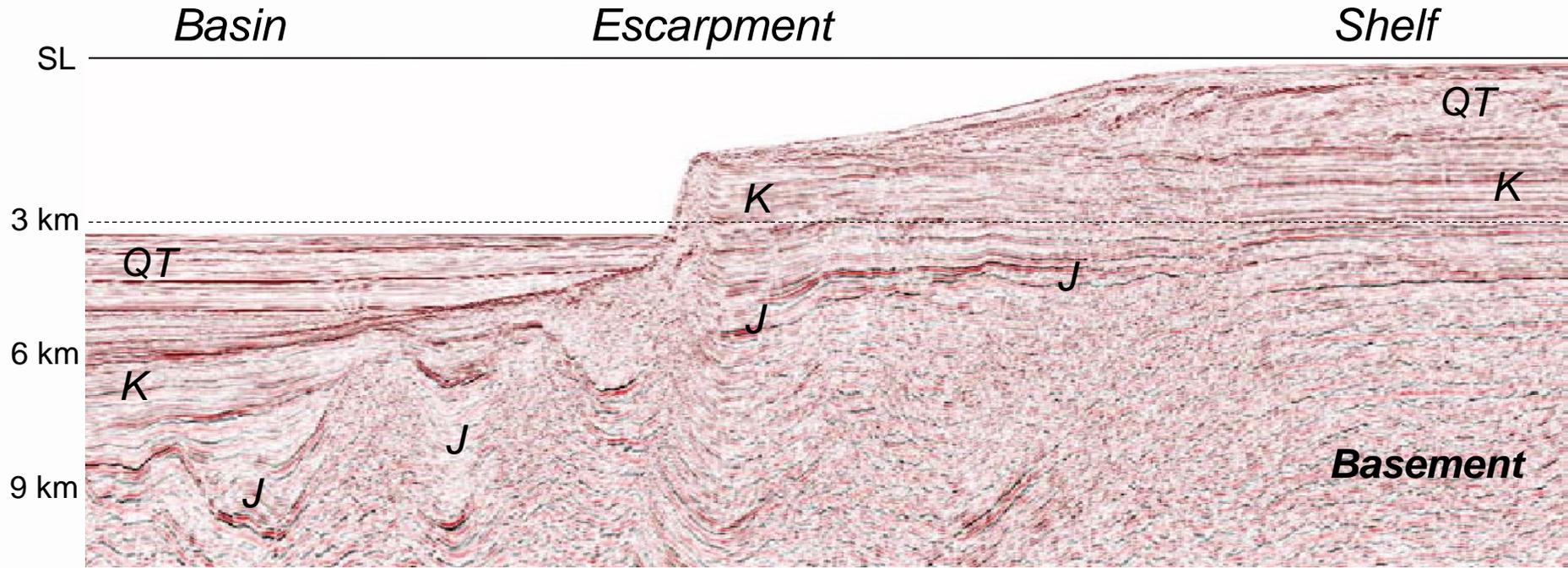


WEST FLORIDA SHELF BATHYMETRY



- Broad, shallow, region near shore (NE of 80 m contour).
- Distally steepening outer shelf leading to West Florida Escarpment.

WEST FLORIDA SHELF-ESCARPMENT

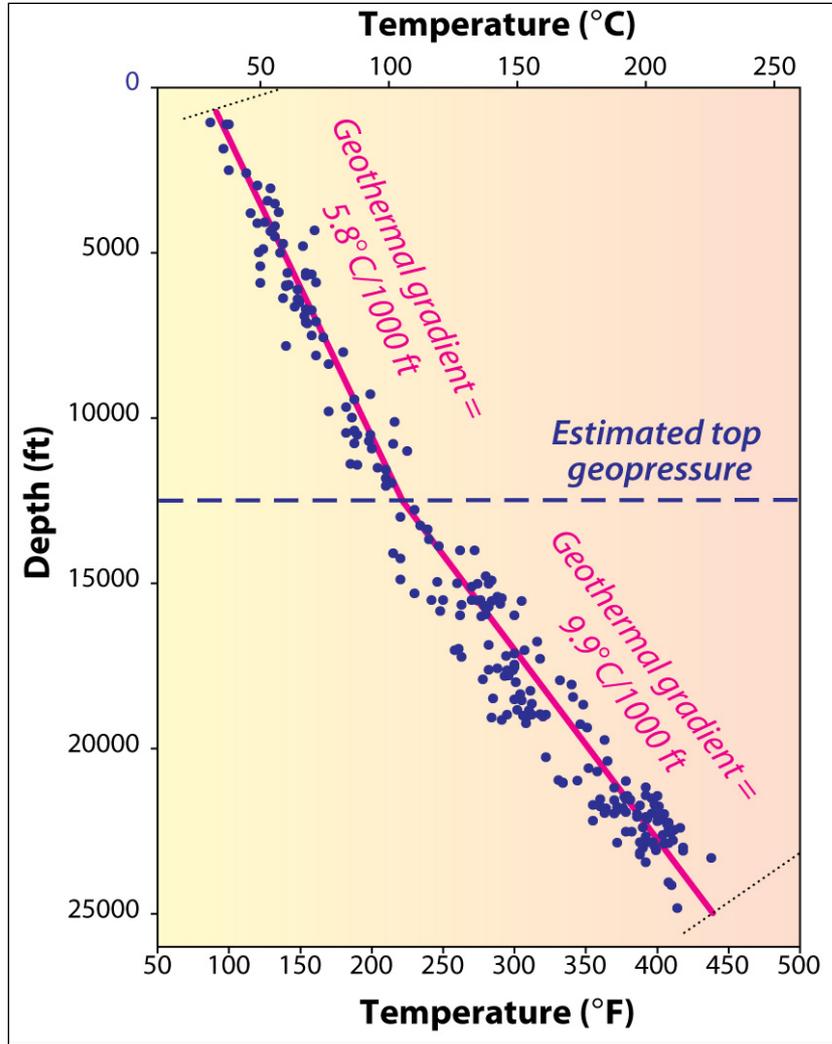


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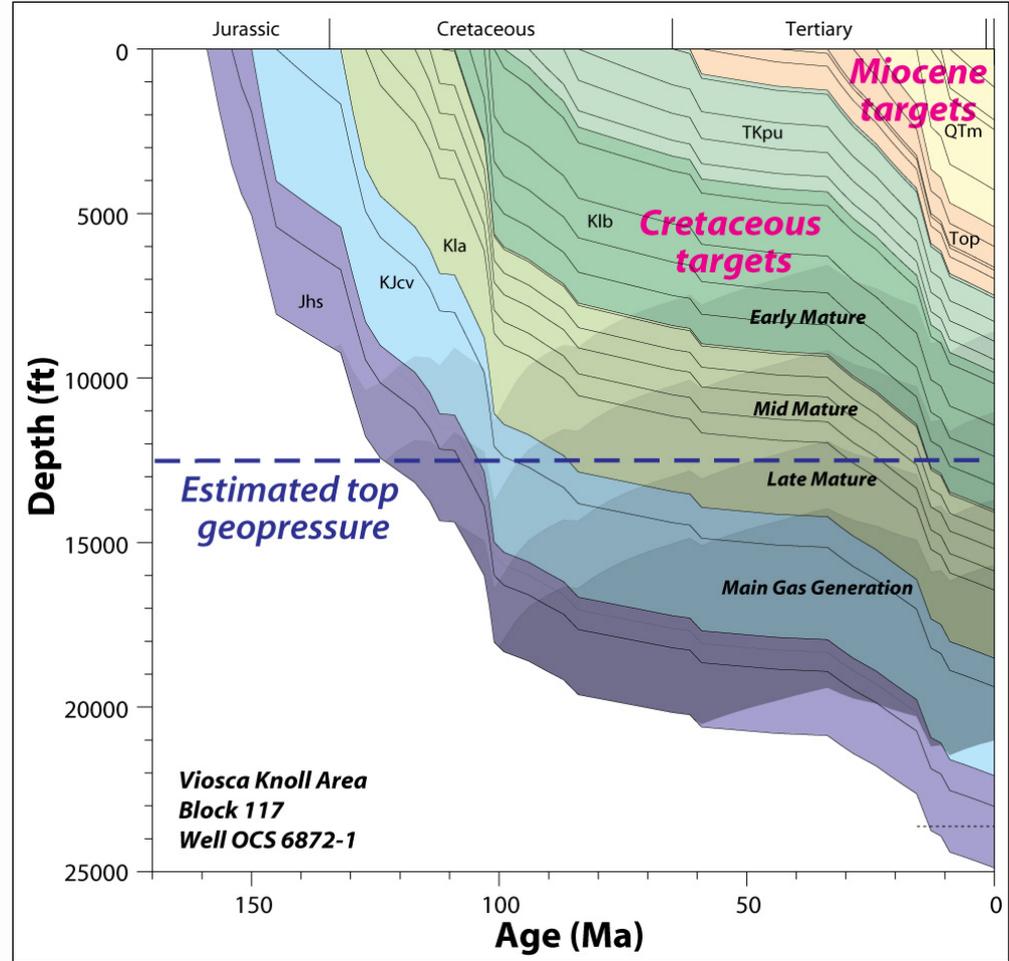
Roberts and Erickson (2009)

GEOTHERMAL AND BURIAL DATA

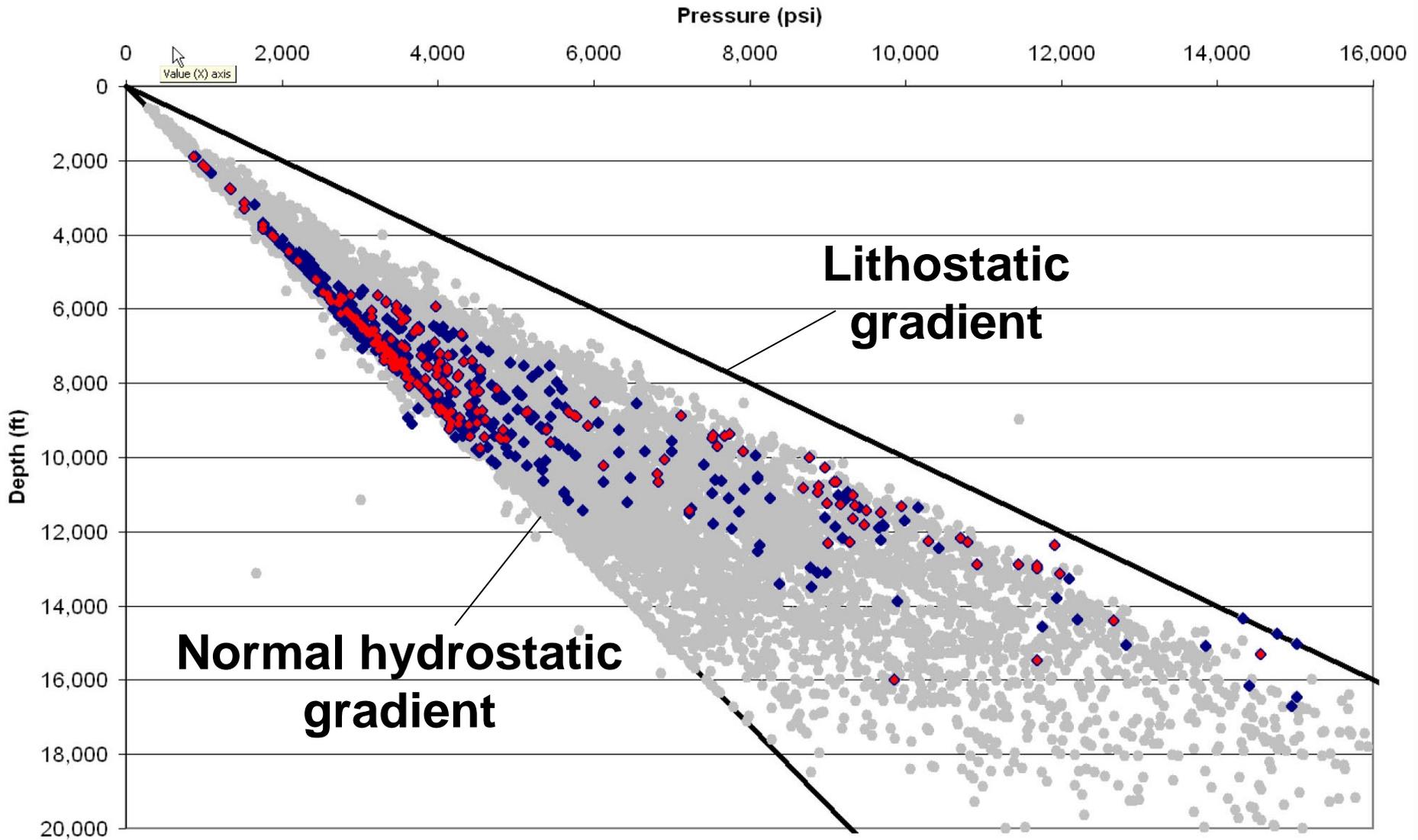
Temperature-depth profile



Burial history curve



MIOCENE PRESSURE-DEPTH PROFILE, OFFSHORE TEXAS



OBSERVATIONS AND ISSUES

- Large portfolio of potential sinks and seals in eastern Gulf of Mexico region.
- Seismic and well data being compiled.
- High-quality public 2D seismic data available.
- Geophysical log coverage spotty above Jurassic.
- Complex structural chronology, stratigraphic architecture in DeSoto Canyon Salt Basin.
- Relatively simple Cretaceous carbonate platform and distally steepened Cenozoic shelf in West Florida.
- Geopressure >12,000 ft; main storage prospects in Cretaceous-Miocene section.
- Is sufficient porosity, permeability available in carbonate units to support commercial offshore storage?
- Are robust reservoir seals developed above Miocene sand units?