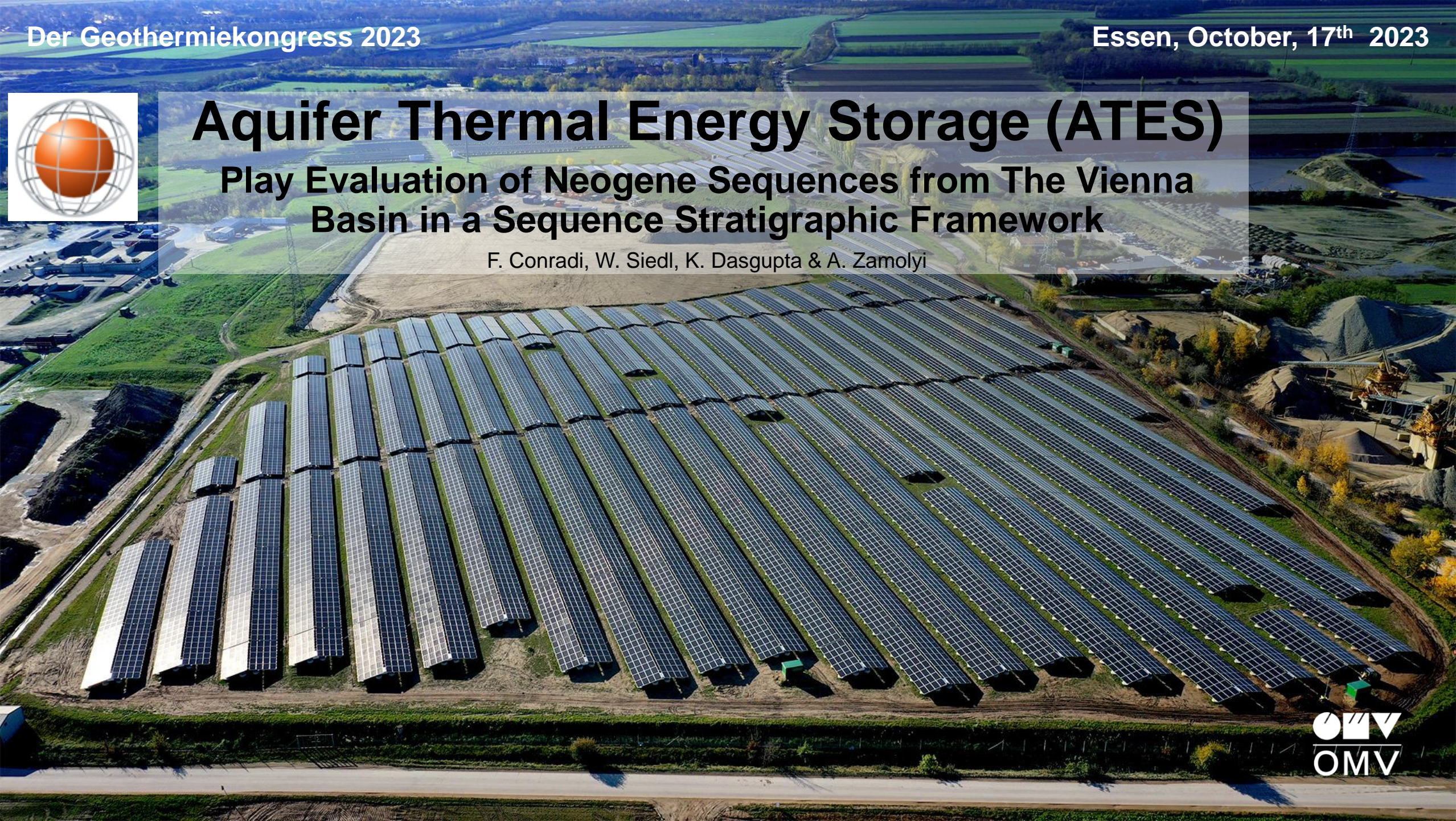




Aquifer Thermal Energy Storage (ATES)

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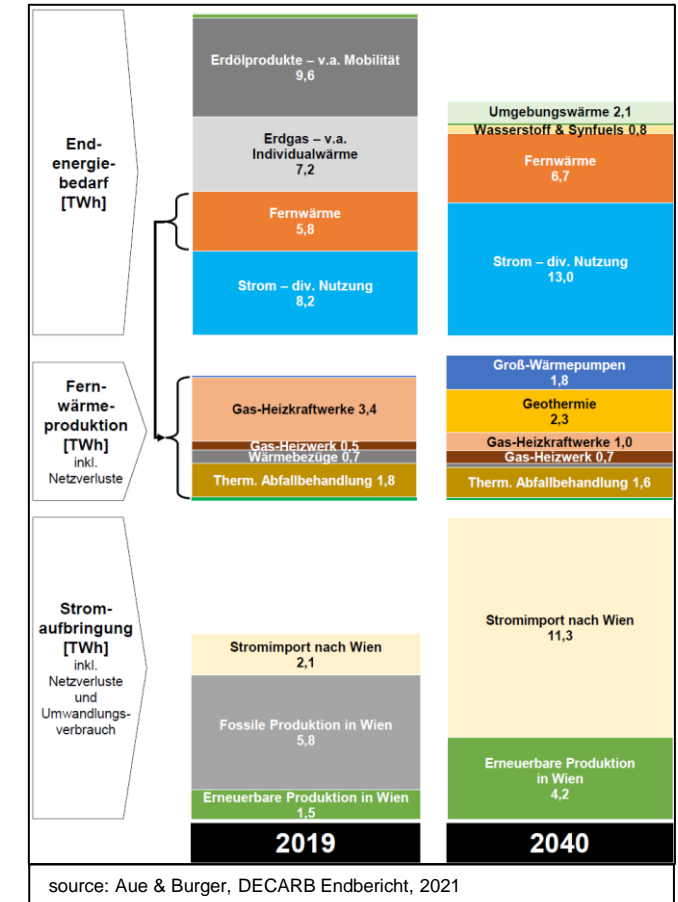
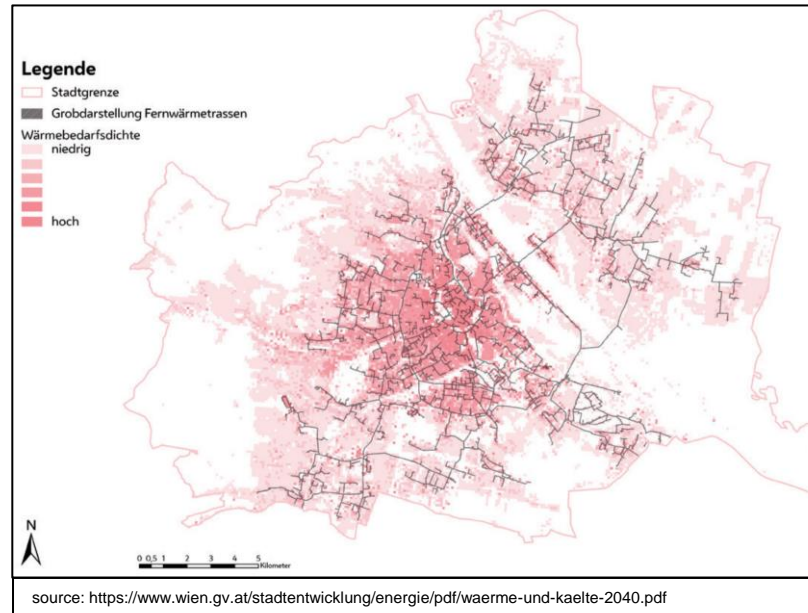


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Context & Framework

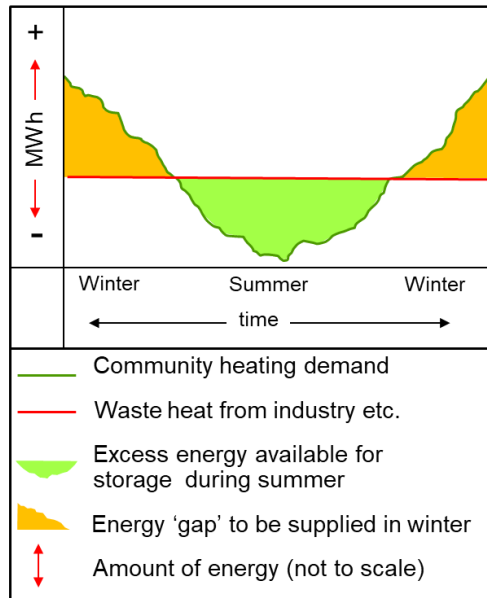
- In 2020 Vienna City Council has set the goal for the city to become *climate-neutral* by 2040.
- DHC:
 - Energy production 2019 = 6.4 TWh
 - District heating network: 1300+ km
 - 400,000+ households connected
 - 50% of energy demand in heating sector
- Geothermal and Heat Pumps should replace/reduce fossil fuels in the heating sector

„ATES is deemed as an important building block in the decarbonization process, as it can make use of excess energy that otherwise would be wasted“

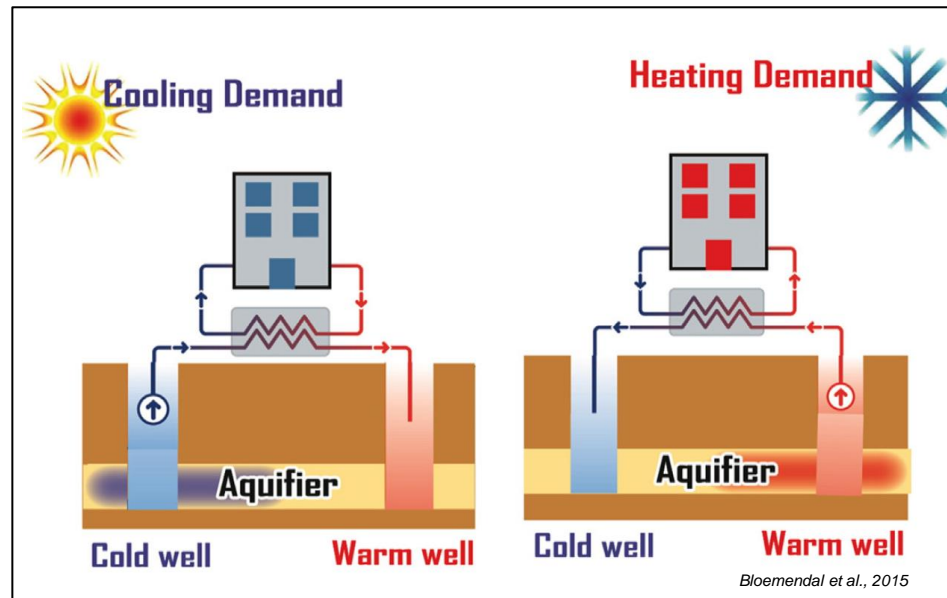


General Consideration

Rationale



Principle



Possible Scale

ATES Example			
	charge	discharge	unit
charge/discharge	4000	5000	m ³ /d
	46	58	l/s
period	7	5	months
	5110	3650	h
T_input / output	100	90	degC
T_output / input	50	50	degC
Delta T	50	40	degC
Power / Leistung	10		MW
Energy Output per period/per year	50	35	GWh/period
Total Efficiency per cycle (charge/discharge)	0,7		

This study

- Play Evaluation:
 - Subsurface focus
 - Regional reservoir presence
 - Reservoir properties

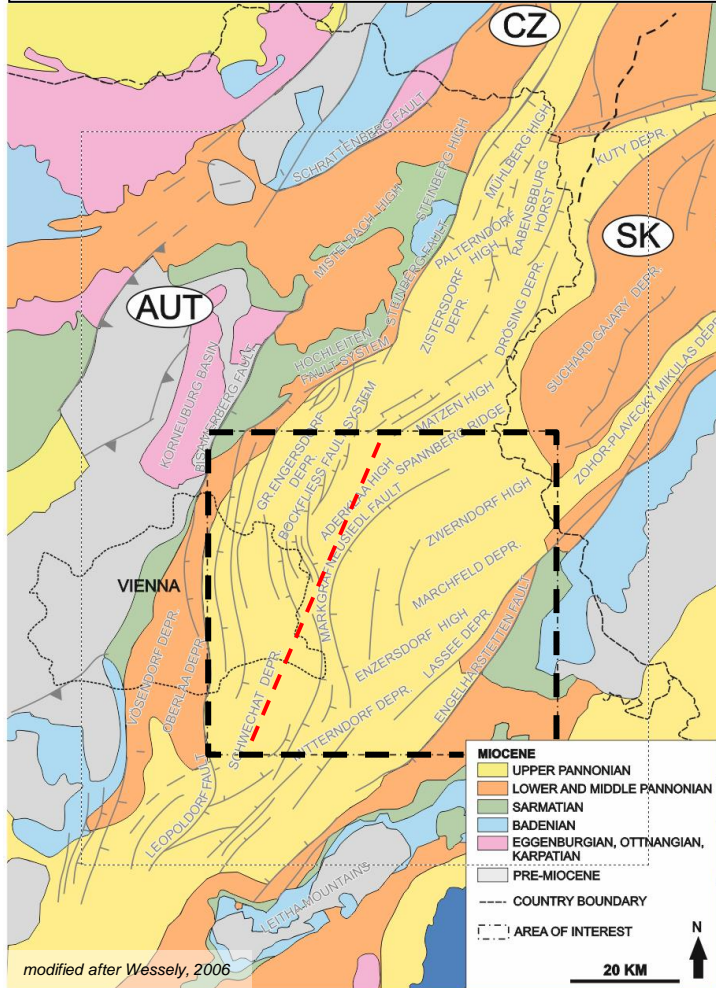
Beyond this study

- Lead Evaluation:
 - Evaluation of one (or more) specific lead(s)
- Prospect Evaluation:
 - Planning of Ates drilling project

Introduction

Study Area, Project Outline & Reservoir Overview

Study Area



Project Objective:

- ▶ To evaluate potential aquifers (reservoirs) of the Badenian, Sarmatian & Pannonian for **'Aquifer Thermal Energy Storage' (ATES)** on a Play level

Reservoirs:

- ▶ Badenian: clastic, marine fan-system ★
- ▶ Sarmatian: clastic, marine fan-system ★
- ▶ Pannonian: lacustrine delta system ★

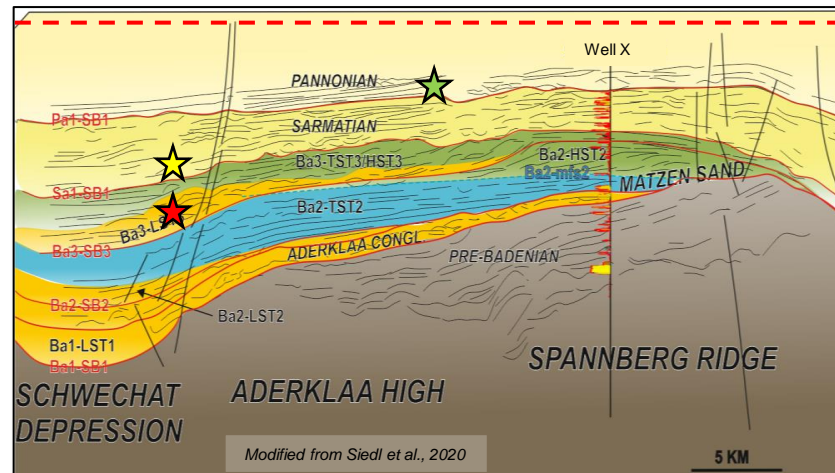
Project Objectives:



- ▶ Identify and characterize reservoirs
- ▶ Visualize reservoirs as GDE map

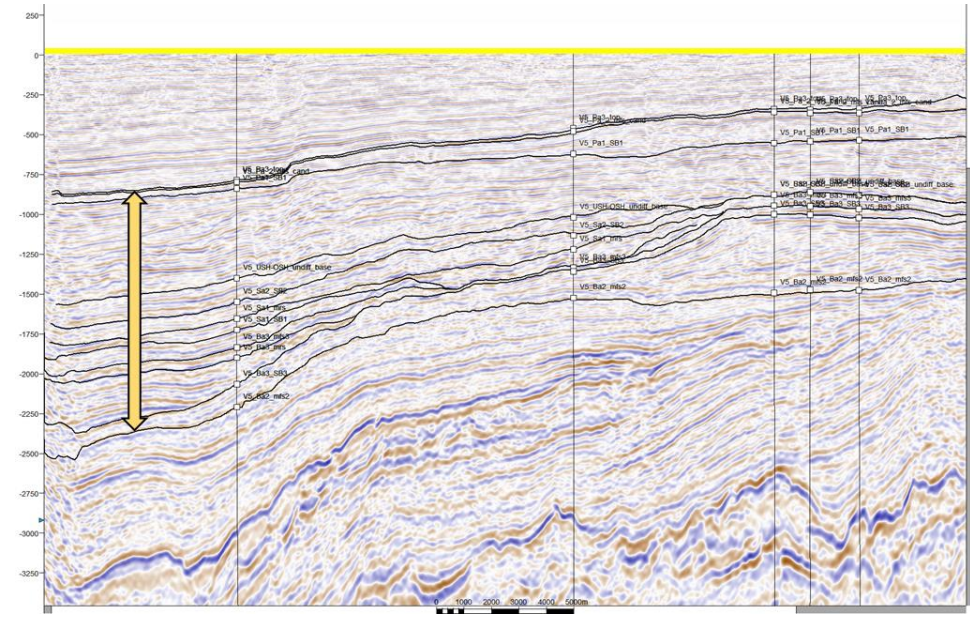
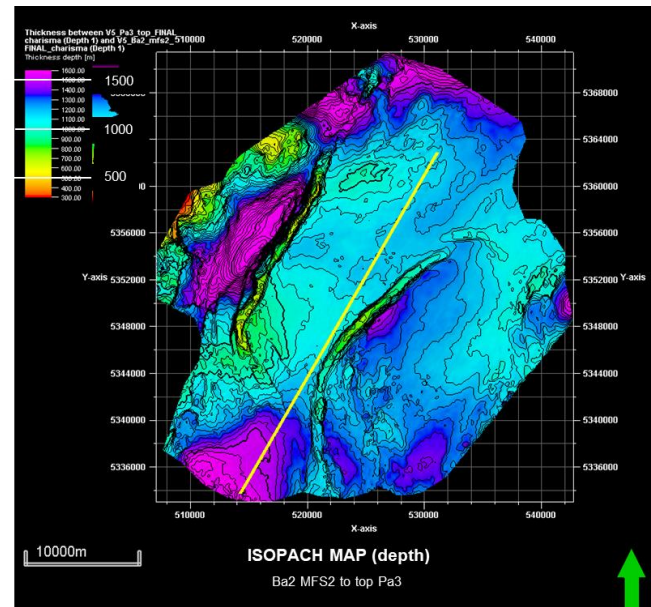
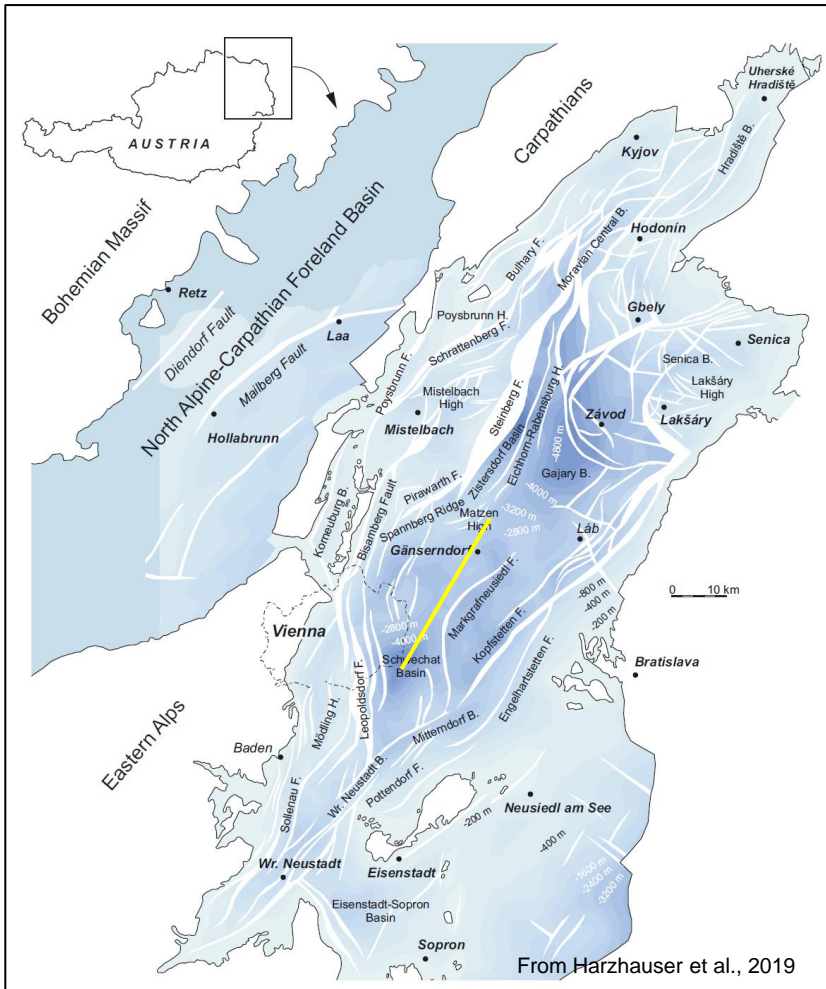
Methods:

- ▶ Well data preparation (Well logs, Cores, Cuttings, Well tops data, Check shots)
- ▶ Well-to-seismic tie-in
- ▶ Well cross sections of reference wells
- ▶ Seismic resolution improvement
- ▶ Seismic interpretation
- ▶ Depositional system interpretation
- ▶ Core and well log facies interpretation
- ▶ Assessment of reservoir properties using core and well log data
- ▶ GDE maps of all plays
- ▶ Sensitivity Study



Regional Geological Setting

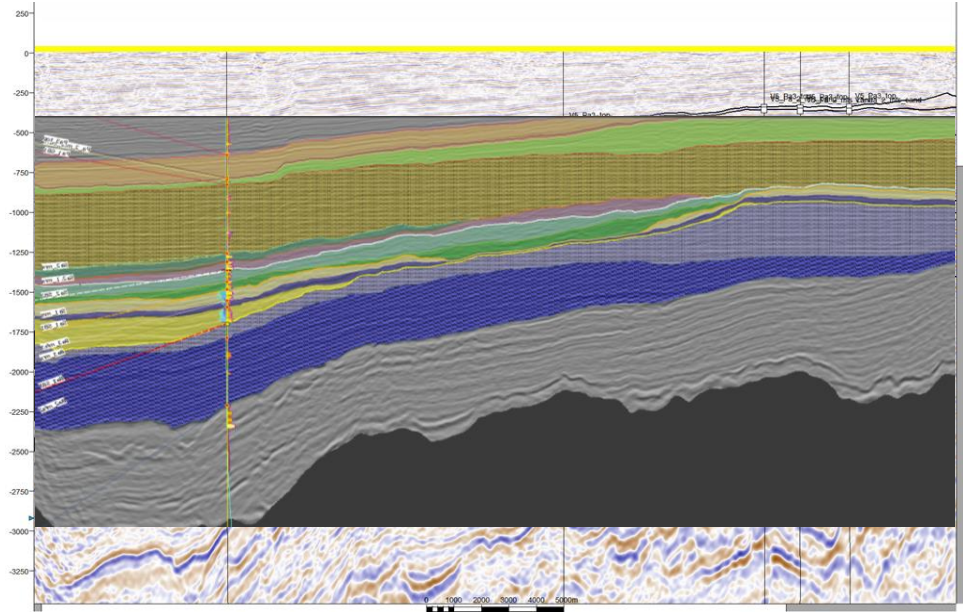
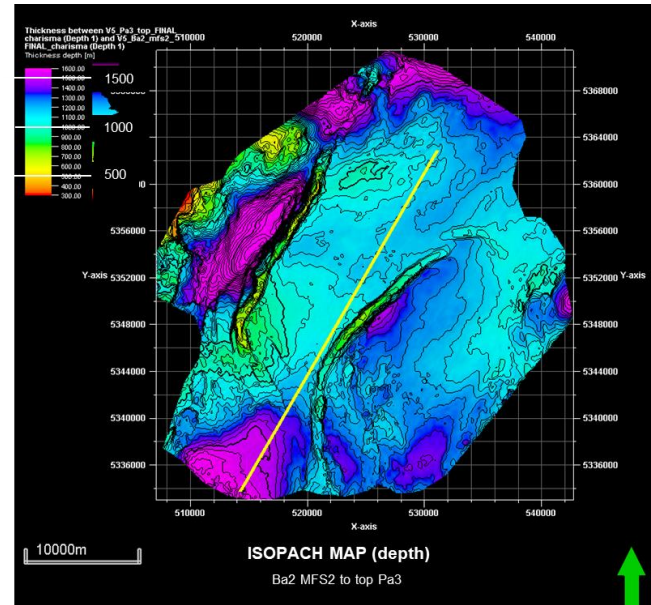
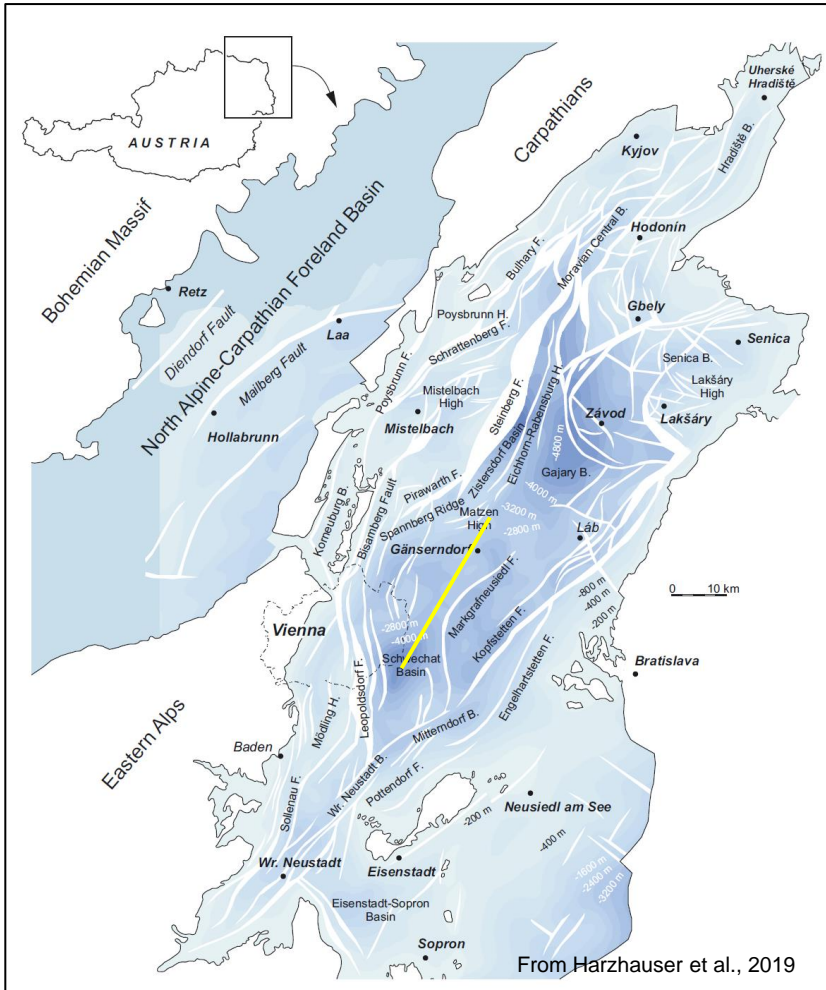
Basin Morphology



- ▶ “Pull-apart / piggy-back basin developed on top of the northward moving allochthonous Alpine-Carpathian units”
- ▶ Up to ca. 5 km Neogene sediment infill since Early Miocene
- ▶ Development of several distinct ‘mini-basins’

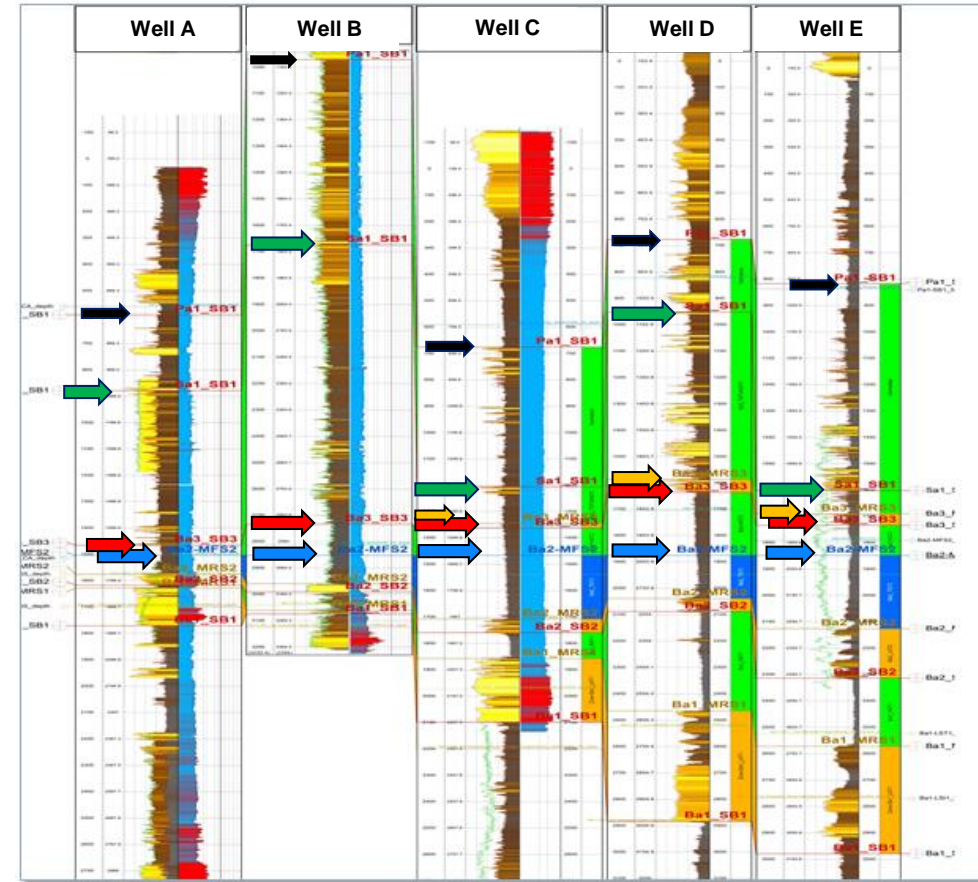
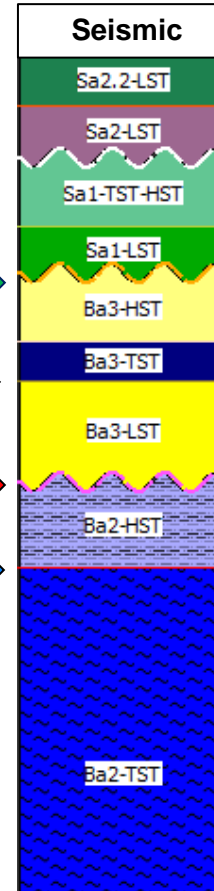
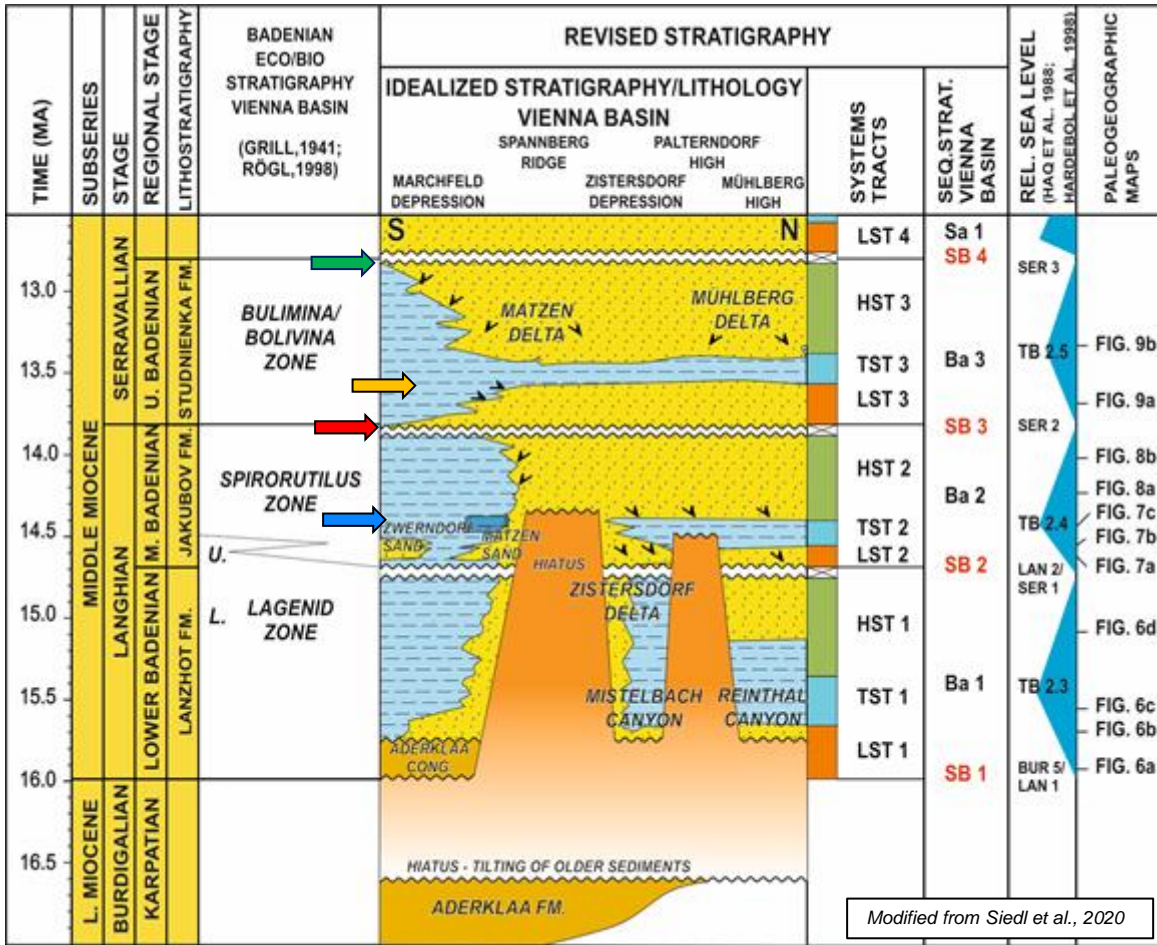
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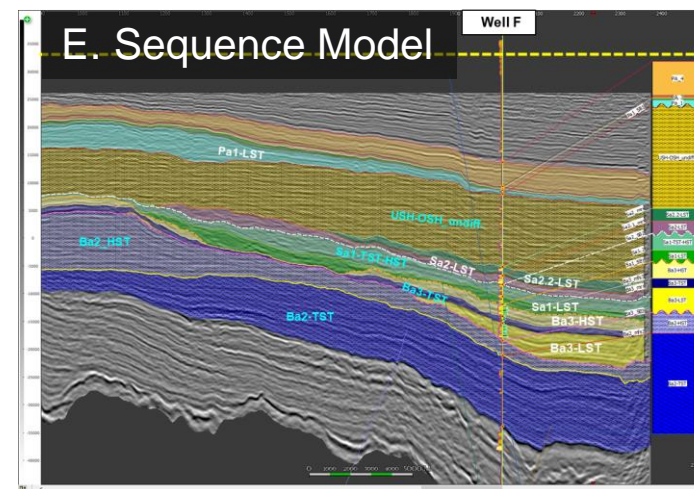
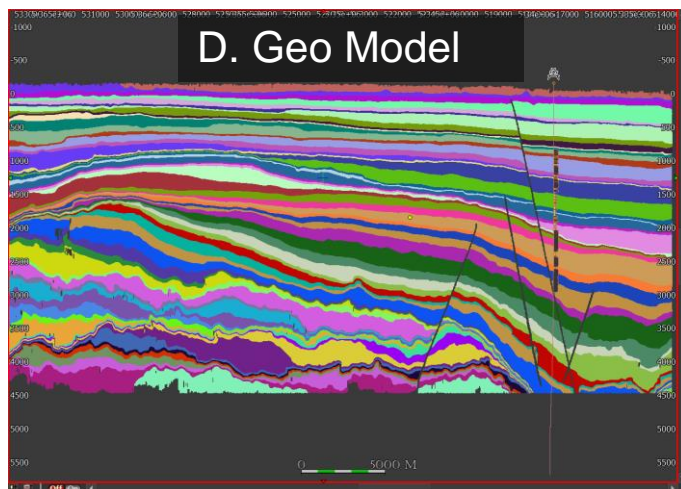
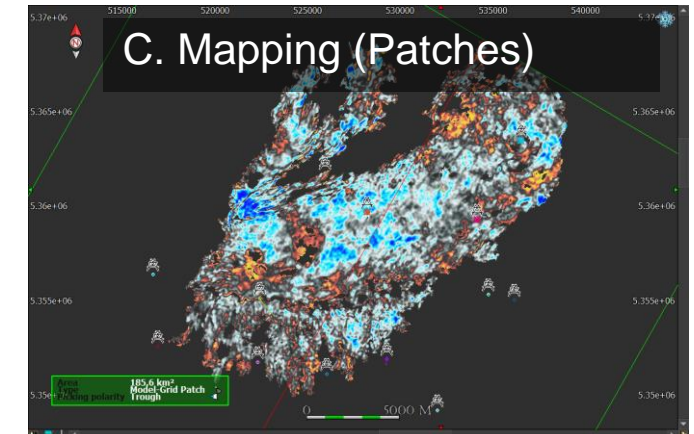
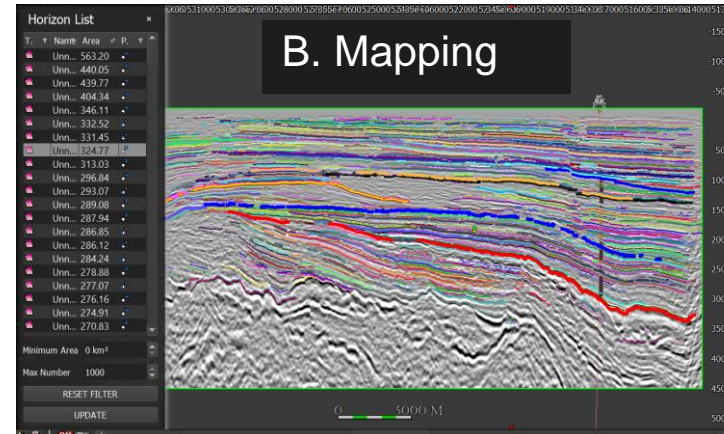
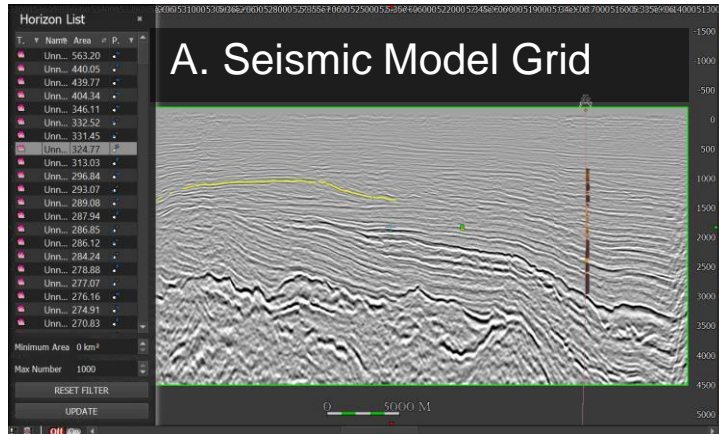
Workflow – Badenian Example



Key seismic Horizon: → Ba2 mfs2 → Ba3 SB3 → Ba3 mrs3 → Sa1 SB1 → Pa1 SB1

Methodology

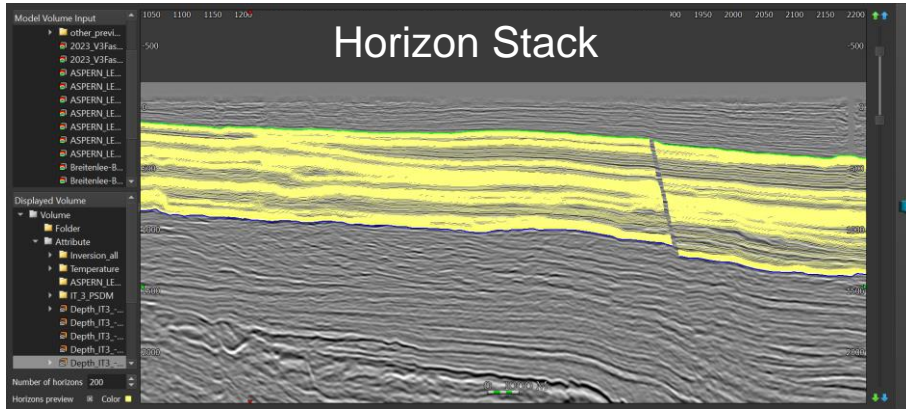
Seismic Workflow: Model-Grid → Sequence - Model



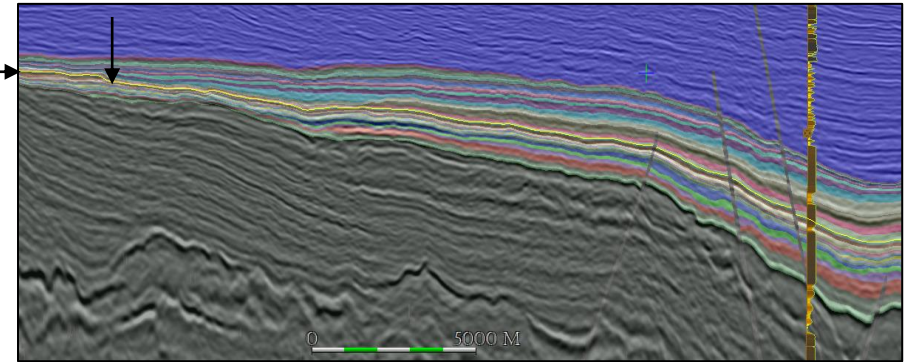
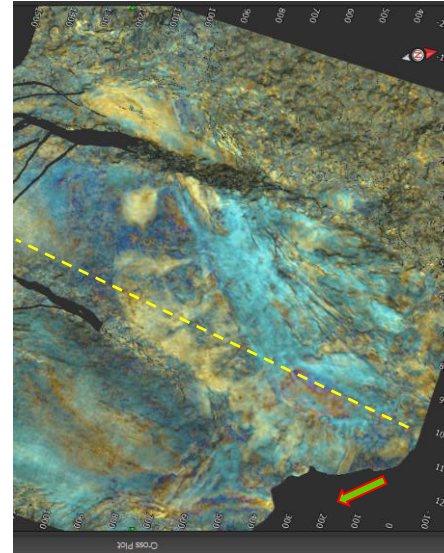
- A. Seismic 'Model-Grid' with polarity-consistent patches for whole 3D volume
- B. Mapping on Model-Grid by using automatically tracked patches in a geological meaningful way
- C. Data mapping with attributes (e.g. Rel AI, RMS) can support correlations/interpretations
- D. First-pass Geo-Model provides geological time-consistent units in 3D
- E. Adoption of 'Sequence Model' allows for truncation of strata (i.e. unconformities, pinch-outs, erosional features...), thus definition of seismic sequence stratigraphic units.

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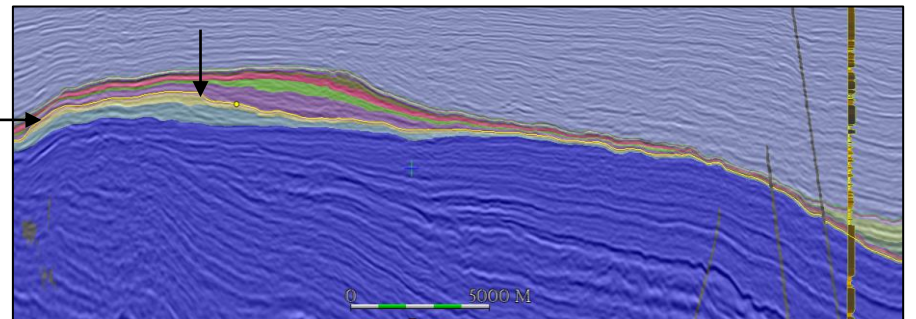
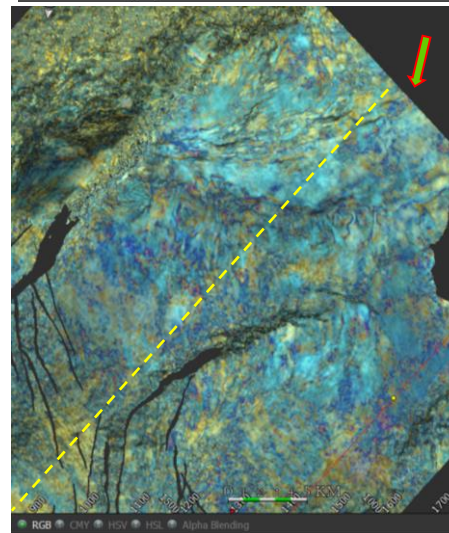
Seismic Geomorphology – Examples




- ▶ Horizon stack consists of a series of geological time-equivalent horizons, according to geo-model.
- ▶ Spectral decomposition data (and other seismic attributes) mapped on horizon slices used to illustrate seismic features that are interpreted as architectural elements from the depositional system of each sequence



Aggradational, continuous reflector pattern with a clear 'line of marine onlaps'. Small-scale gravity-displaced frontal splays' with no or very short 'feeder channels' present.
Transgressive System Tract (TST).

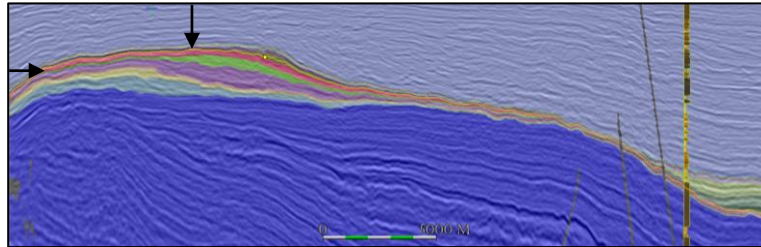
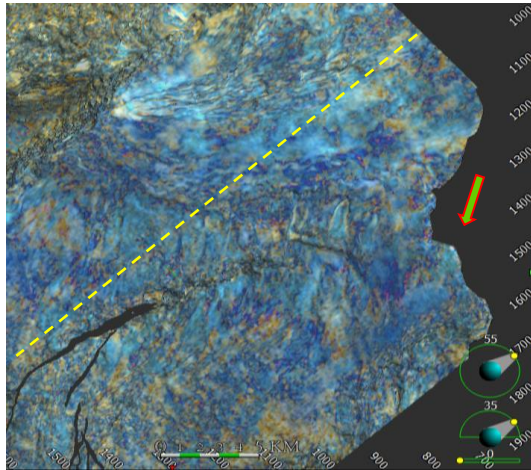


Aggradational to progradational, semi-continuous reflectors showing clinoforms. Shelf margin evolves. Numerous small, rel. short, mostly straight channels feeding into cone-like feature 4-9 km distal from margin.
Late TST - Early Highstand System Tract.

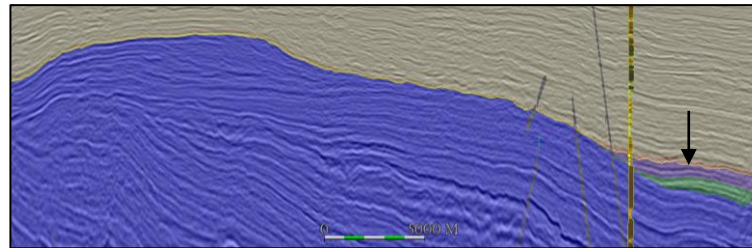
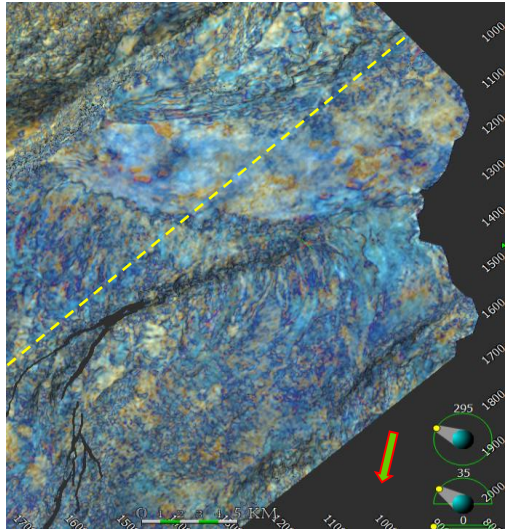
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Methodology


Seismic Geomorphology – Examples

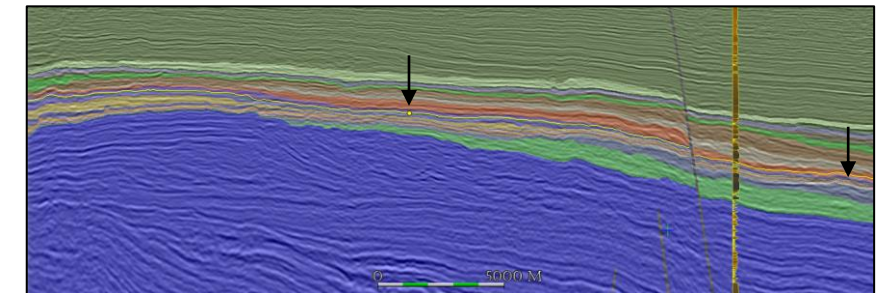
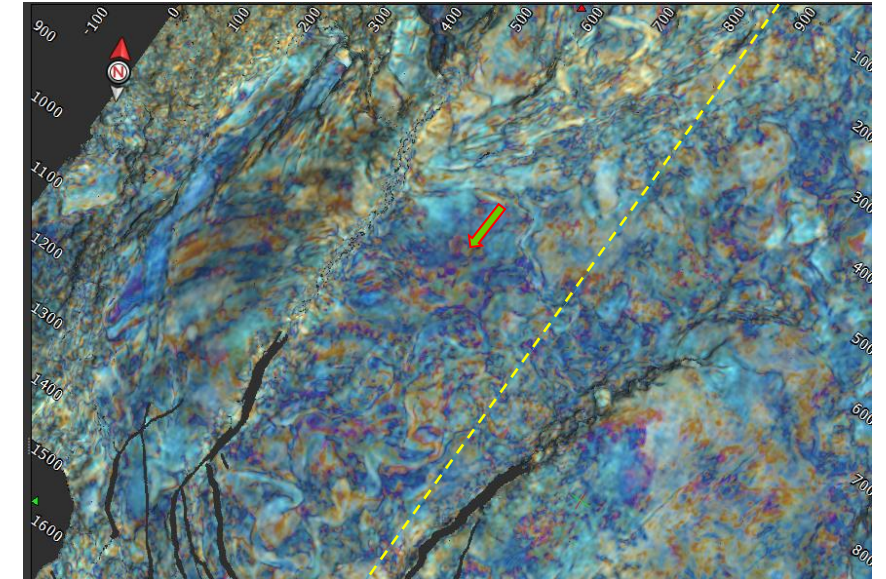


Progradational & aggradational, semi-continuous reflector pattern. Straight to slightly sinuous, mid-sized 'slope channel' present. No significant fan development in distal areas.
Late Highstand System Tract.



Shelf edge marked by slump scars. Sinuous, non-meandering erosional, tributary slope channels present. At point of transition to distributary channel arrangement marine fan-systems develop.
Lowstand System Tract

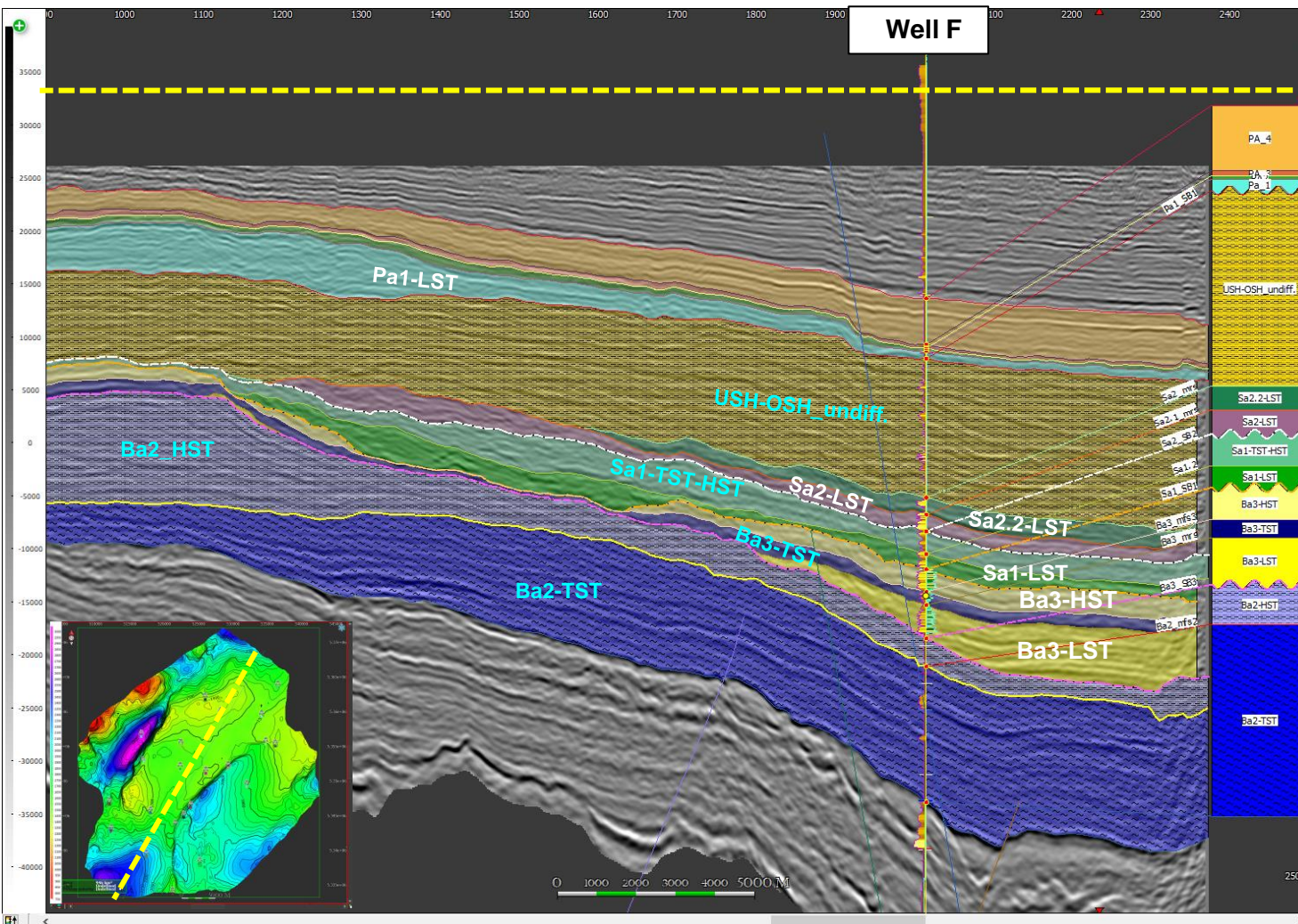
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Aggradational, discontinuous to semi-continuous reflector pattern, strongly meandering channels of marginal-marine origin. Presumably tide-dominated delta environment.
Lowstand conditions of higher order during overall transgression.

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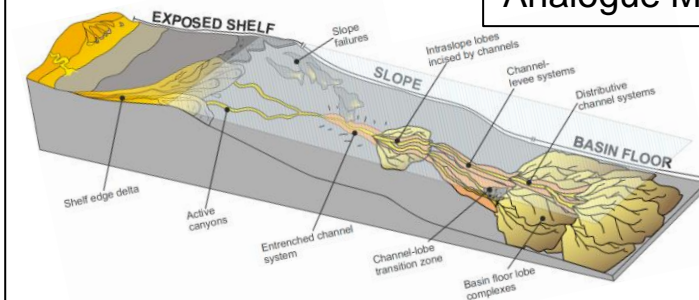
Seismo-Stratigraphic Model



Construction of GDE map

- ▶ Overlay of nearby time equivalent horizons within single sequence illustrate change / evolution of depositional features
- ▶ Spectral Decomposition slices from Horizon Stacks 'tool of choice'
- ▶ Depositional system analogue chosen needs to be consistent with all interpretations (seismic, core & logs)
- ▶ Drawing or seismic extraction of depositional features → abstraction
- ▶ Grouping of features, 1st pass interpretation of Gross Depositional Environments
- ▶ QC of intermediate product with well data (cross sections, well logs, core)

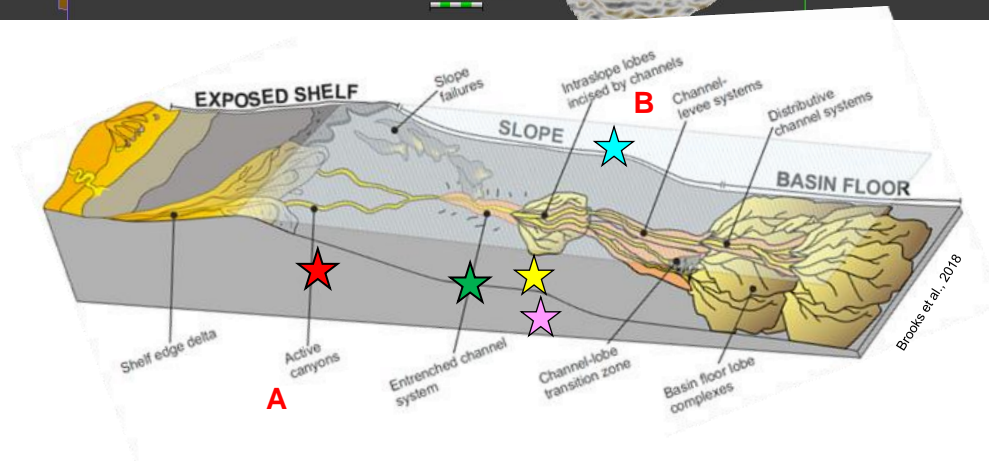
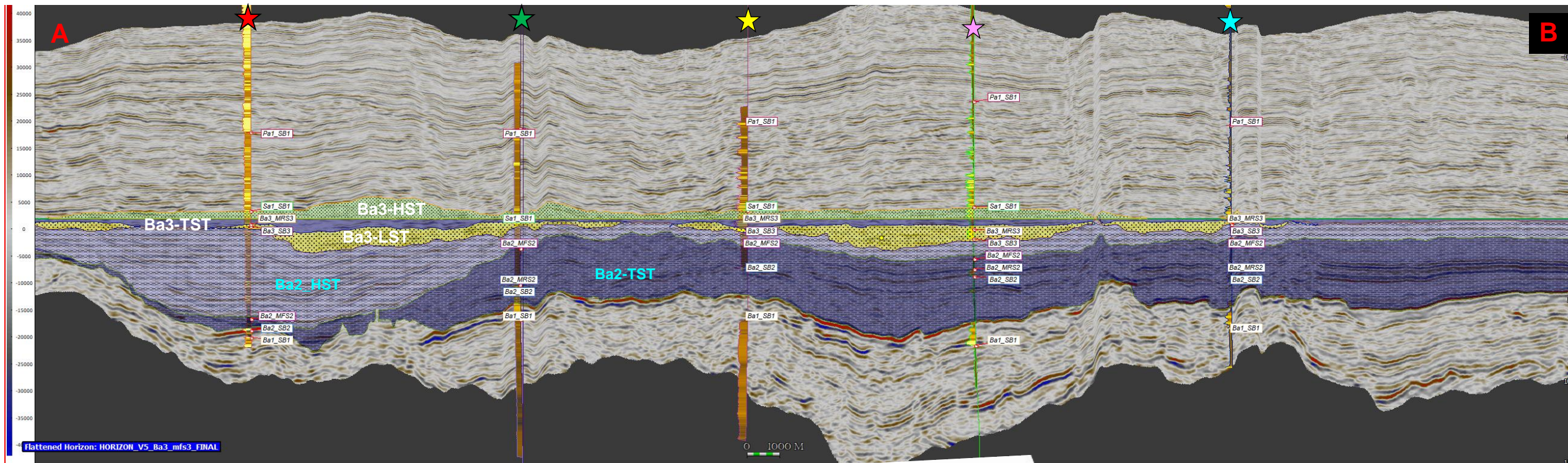
Analogue Model



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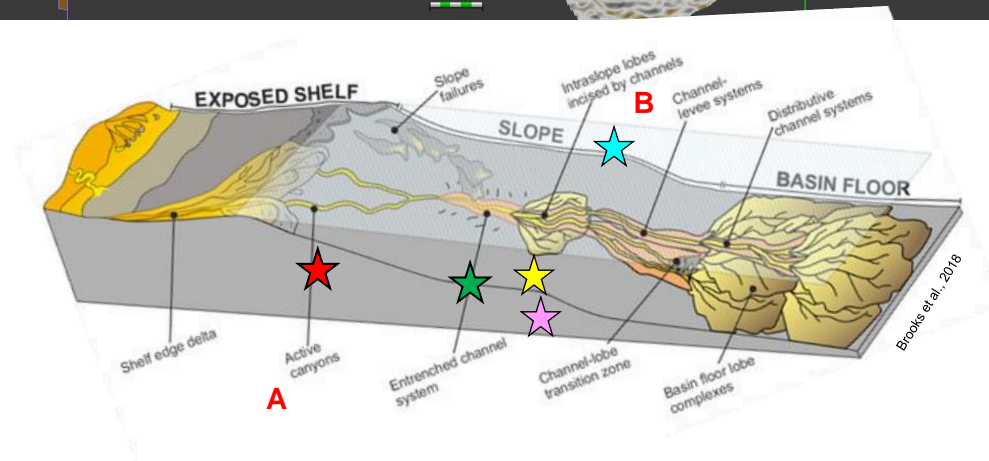
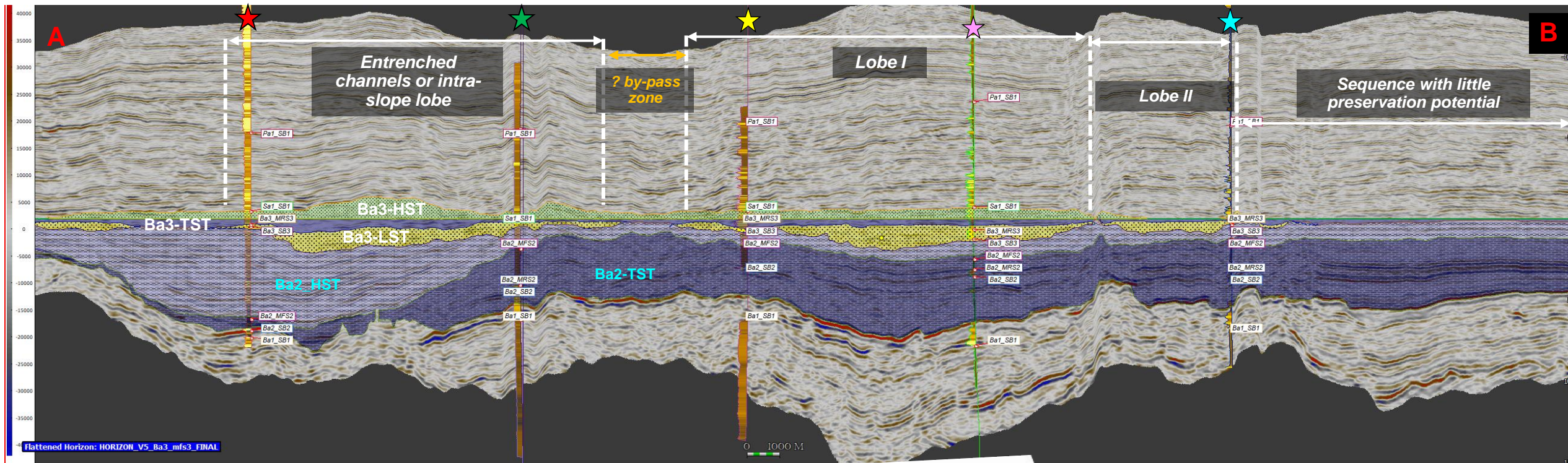
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Badenian Seismic Cross Section



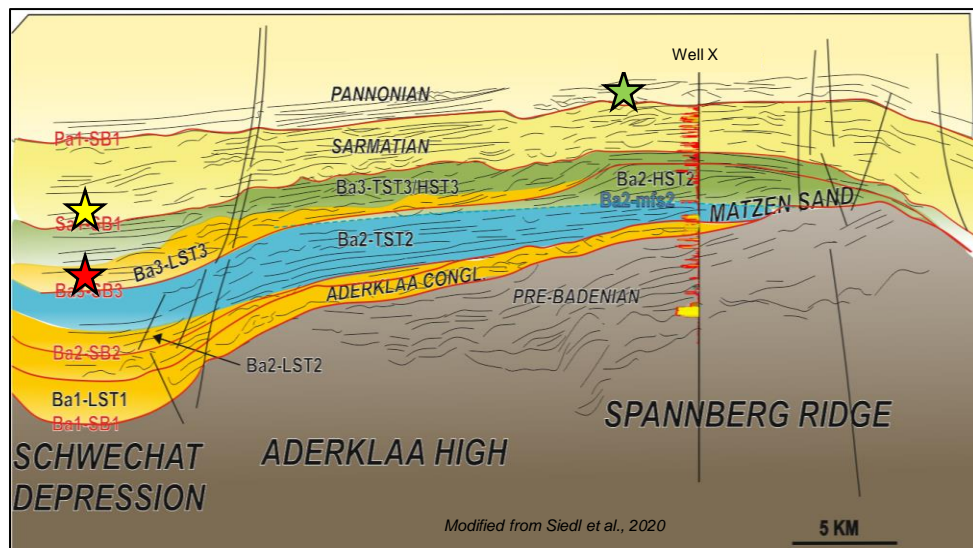
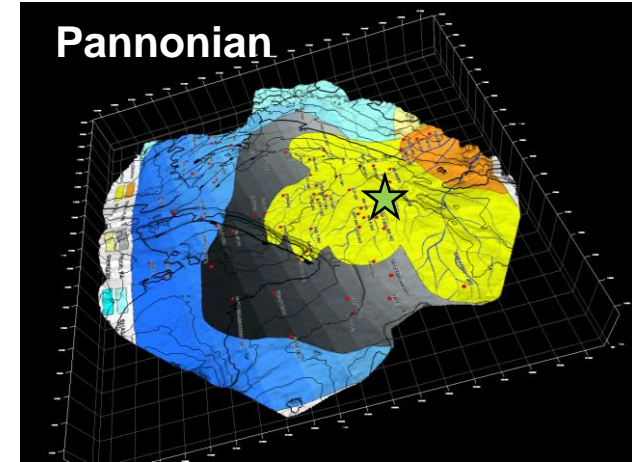
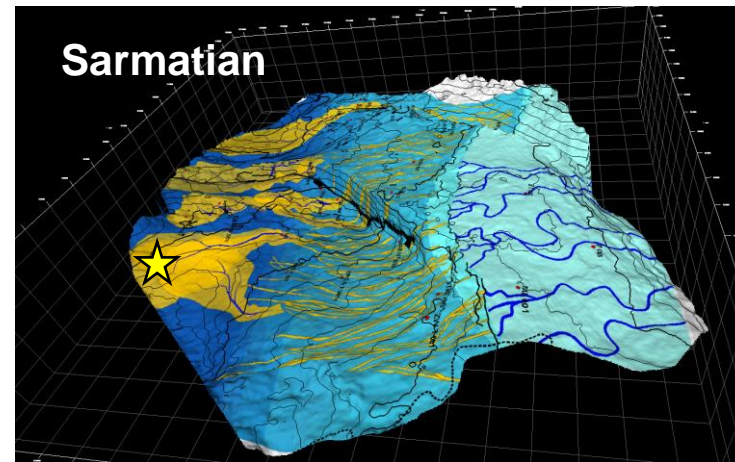
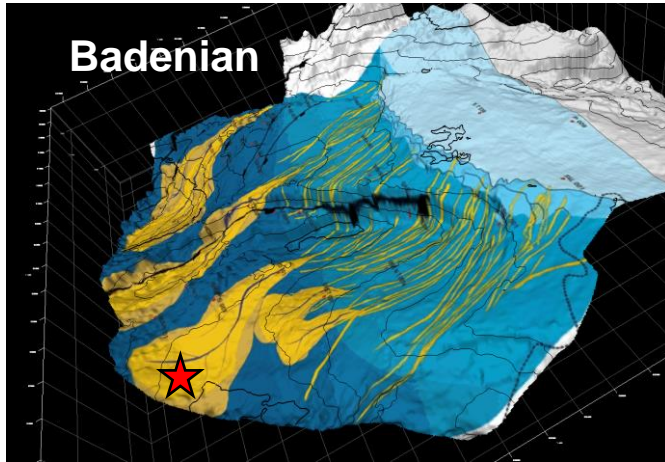
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Badnian Seismic Cross Section



Results

Gross Depositional Environment Maps



Key Reservoir Parameter

Sequence / Interval	Badenian	Sarmatian	Pannonian
Area cumulative (km)	ca. 150	ca. 130	ca. 850
Schwechat lobe / fan area / GrossEngersdorf lobe (km)	68	60	65
Thickness Gross (m)	92-301	206-467	100-264
Max. net thickness drilled (m)	199	224	186
AVG_PHIE_eff_after cut-off	21	28	25
Nr. of wells	9	5	23
Temperature range (deg C)	50-80	40-70	30-50

Summary

Summary & Future Outlook

Play Evaluation Summary:

- ▶ Definition of several plays of pre-defined chronostratigraphic Neogene intervals in AOI in vicinity of the City of Vienna.
- ▶ Sensitivity Analysis performed to provide framing parameter for ATEs application in Neogene of the Central Vienna Basin
- ▶ Reservoir parameters of selected intervals match pre-requisites from 'Sensitivity Study'
- ▶ Depositional model & GDE map for each play provided
 - ▶ Various methodologies based on seismic, well log & core analysis in-line with proposed geological depositional models

Lead Definition (next phase):

- ▶ Selection of Leads from Play area – according to customer requirement
- ▶ Risk Management for each Lead
 - ▶ Subsurface including hydrogeochemistry
 - ▶ Surface
 - ▶ Economics
- ▶ Maturation of Lead to Drilling Project

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