



# AREAS ADVERTISEMENT 2022

**Study of an Upper Cretaceous Source Rock  
Interval in the Middle Magdalena Valley  
Basin**

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This presentation summarizes some results of an investigation by an interdisciplinary group of geoscientists with funding and leadership between the ANH and the SGC.

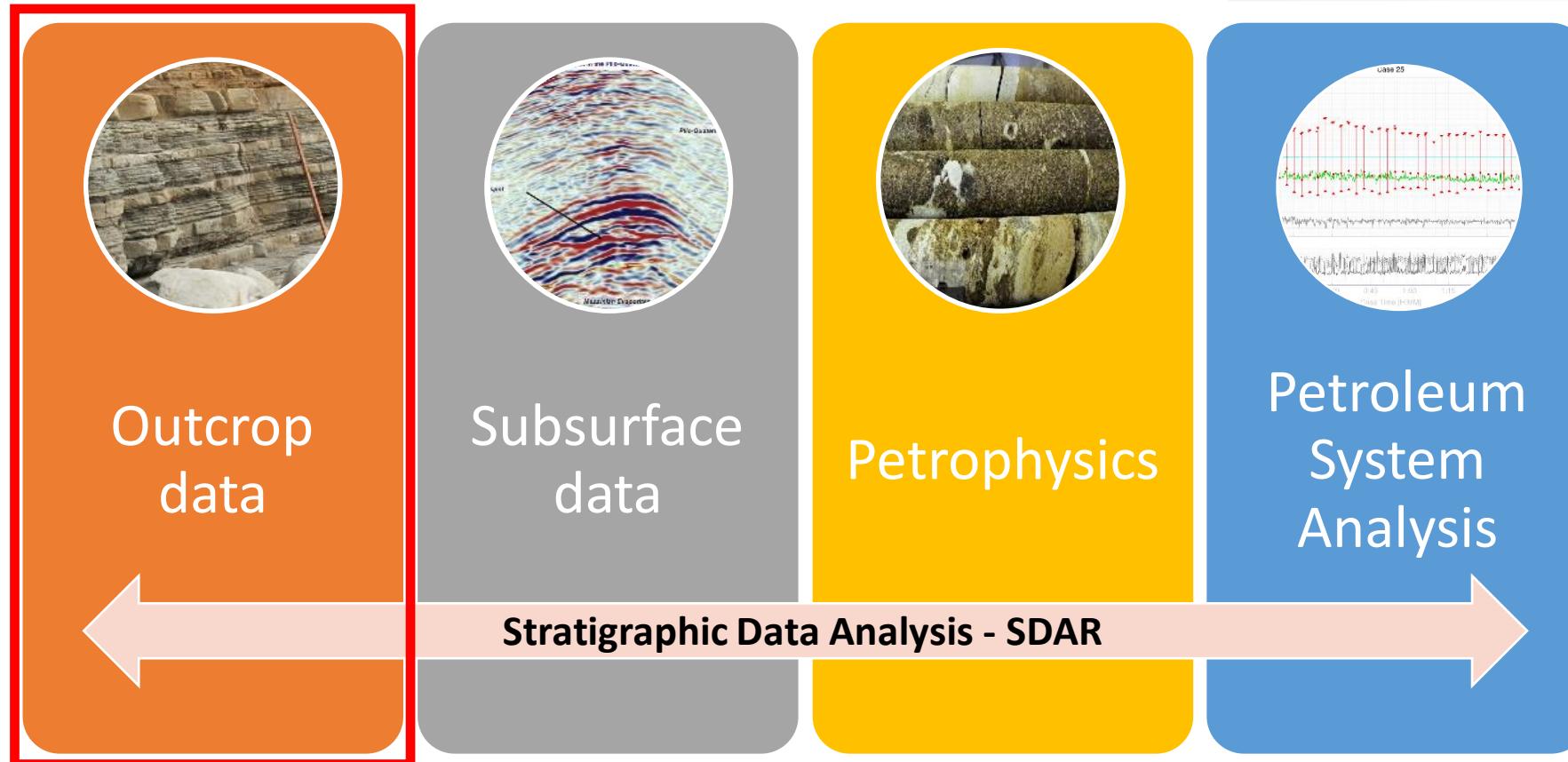
This list of participants from different research areas made important contributions to the results of this work (presenters are highlighted in bold letters).

Several sample analysis results were performed by laboratories from:



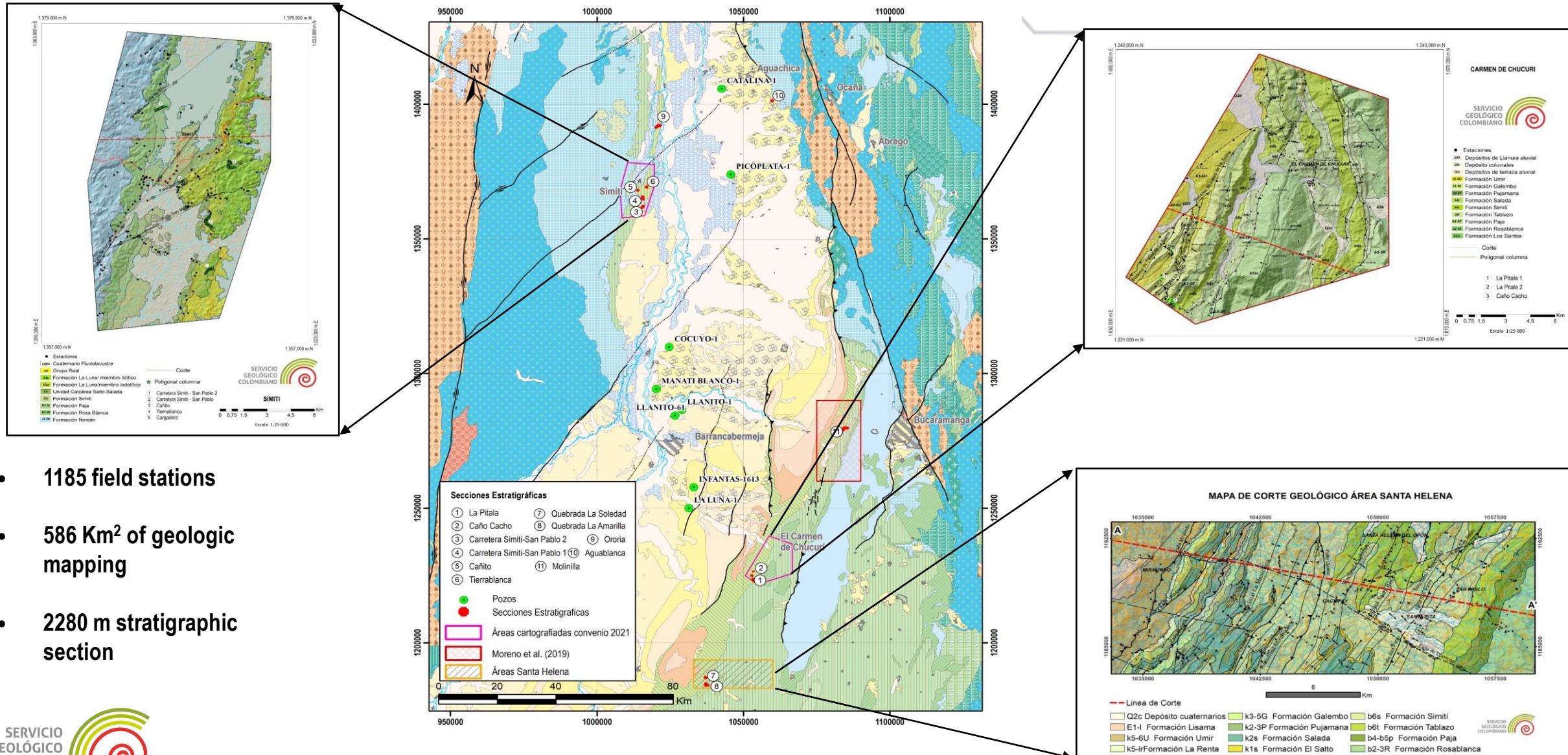
## The goal of this study is to:

- Determine the stratigraphic intervals that show the best potential as unconventional plays in the northern part of the MMV basin based on geological information from outcrops and the subsurface
- Describe the structural and stratigraphic features of the northern part of the basin based on subsurface and outcrop data
- Propose a sweet spot concept based on geologic parameters and volumetric estimations for the unconventional resources of the Salada, Pujamana, and Galembo-La Renta formations



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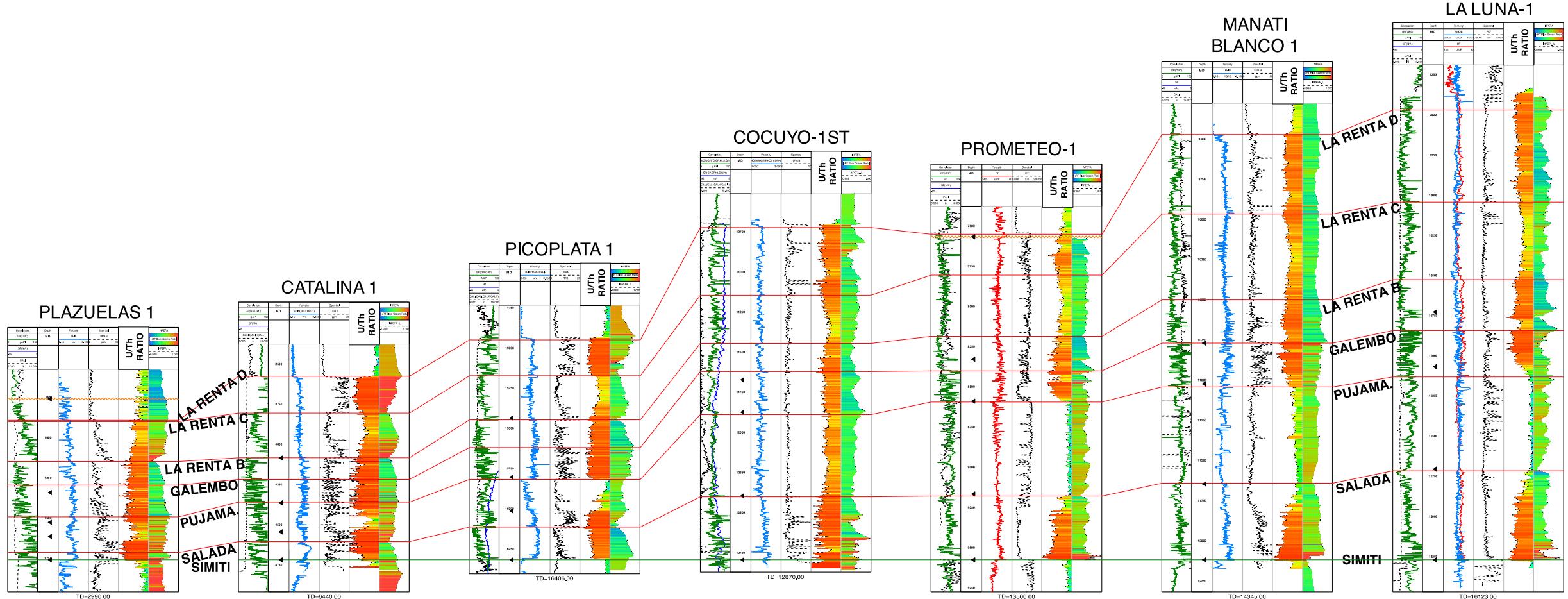
# Geological Framework 1



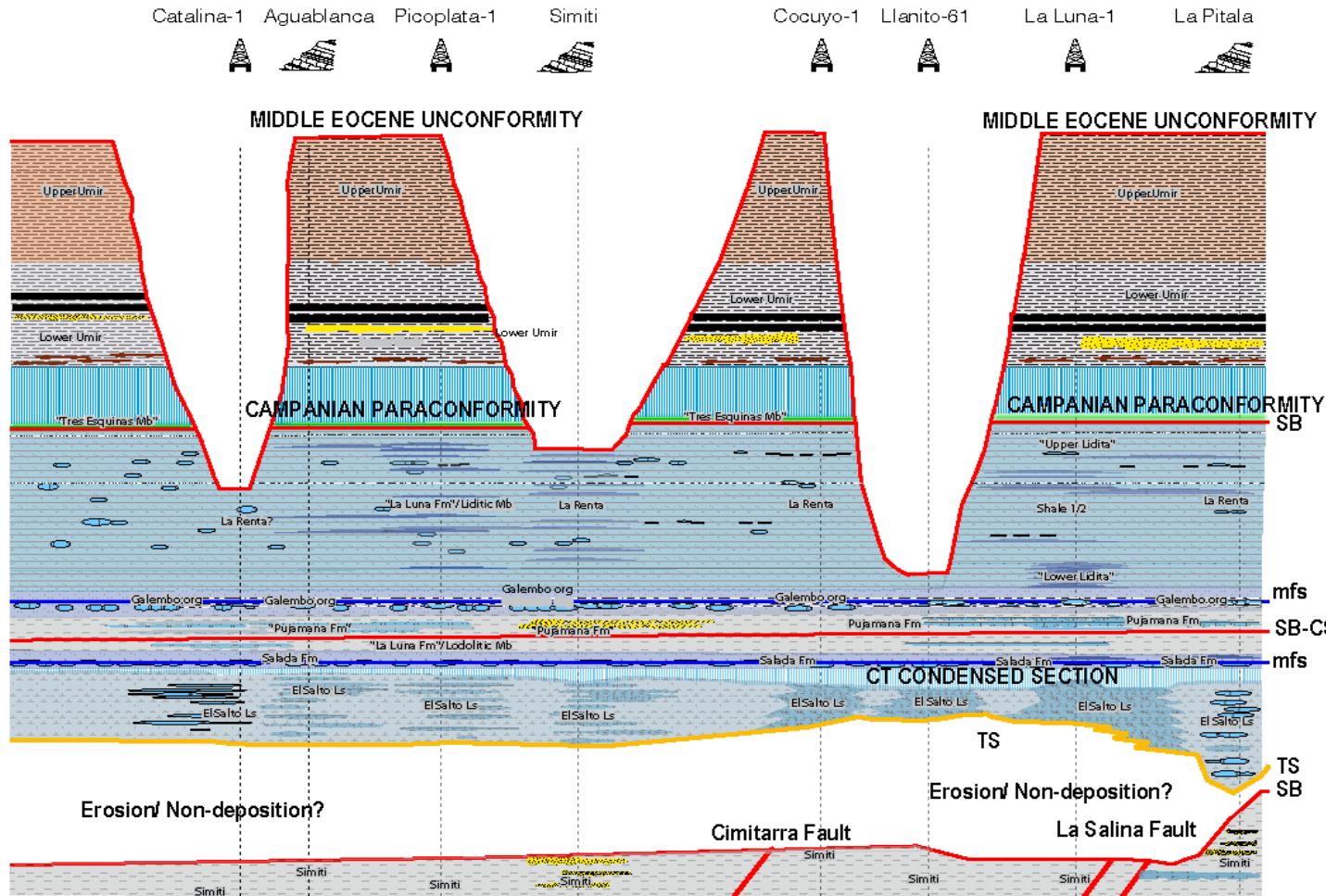
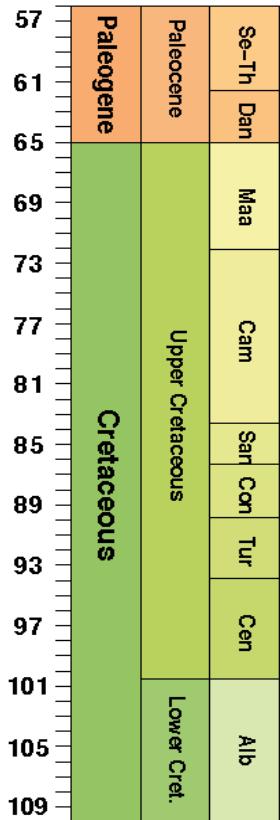
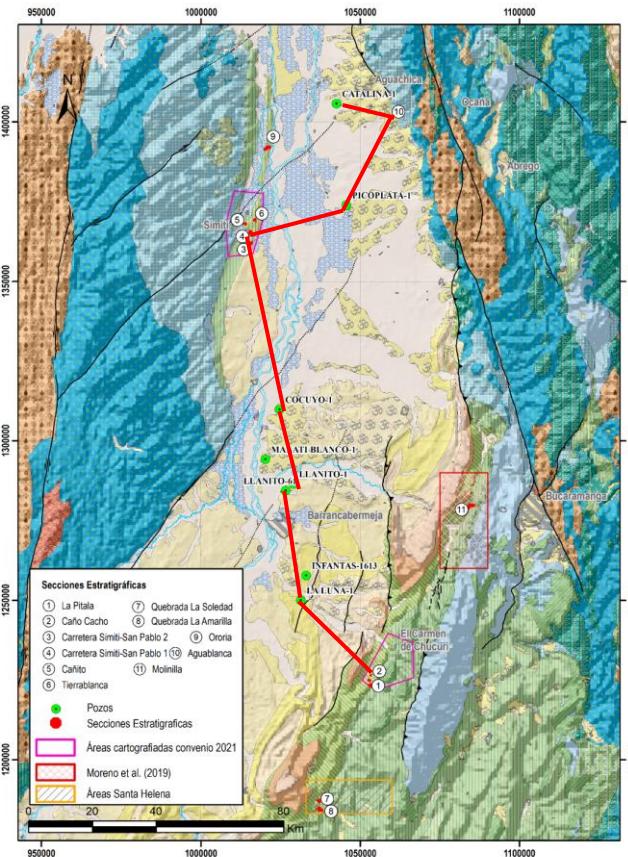
# Correlation – Using well-log information for regional correlations in fine-grain rocks

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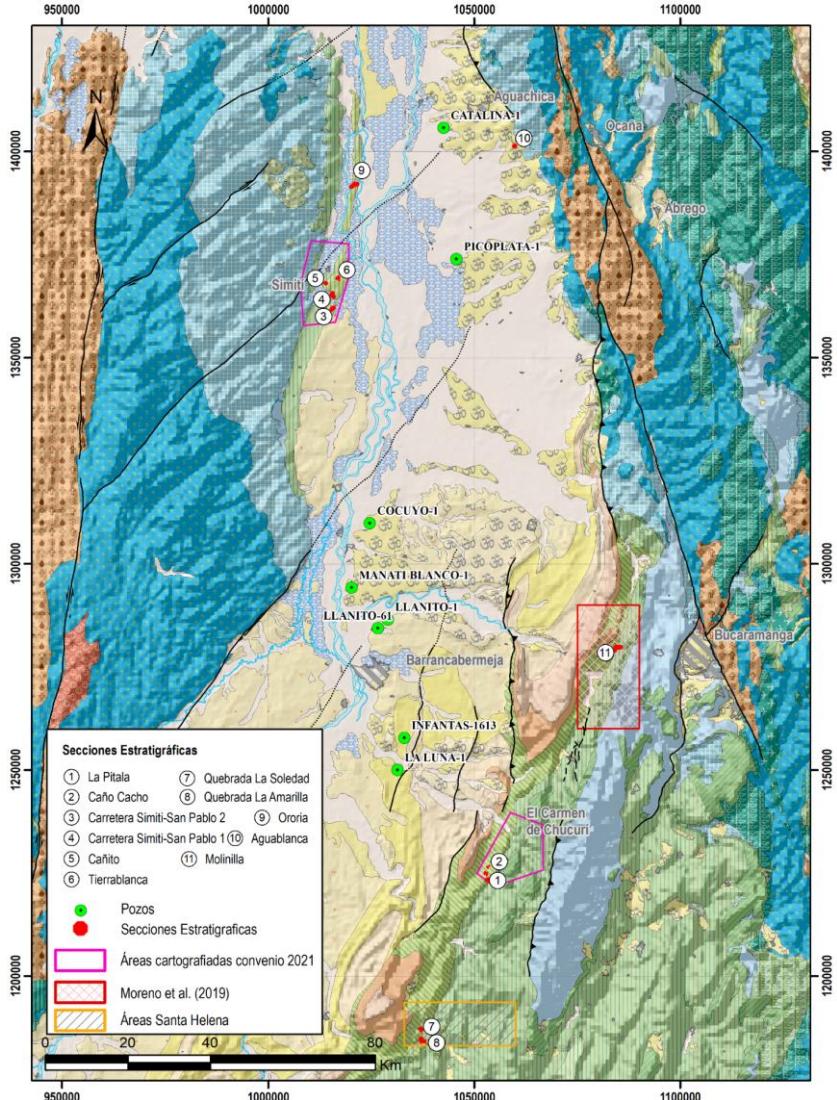
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20 km



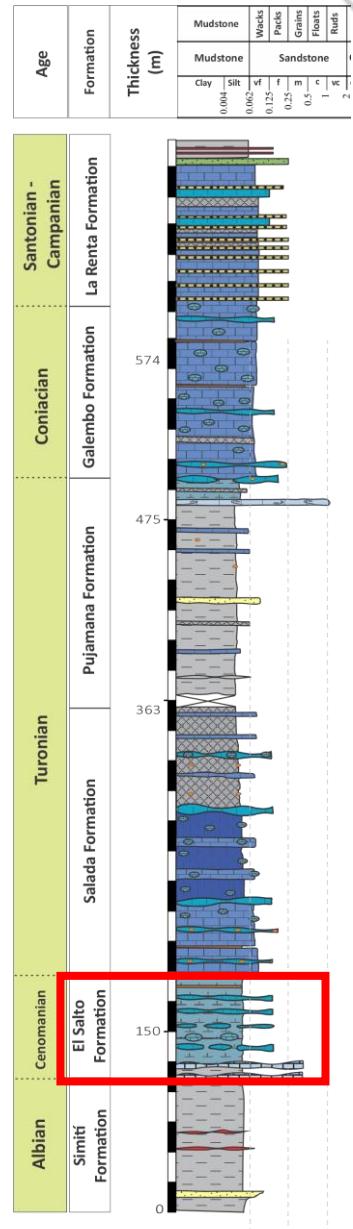
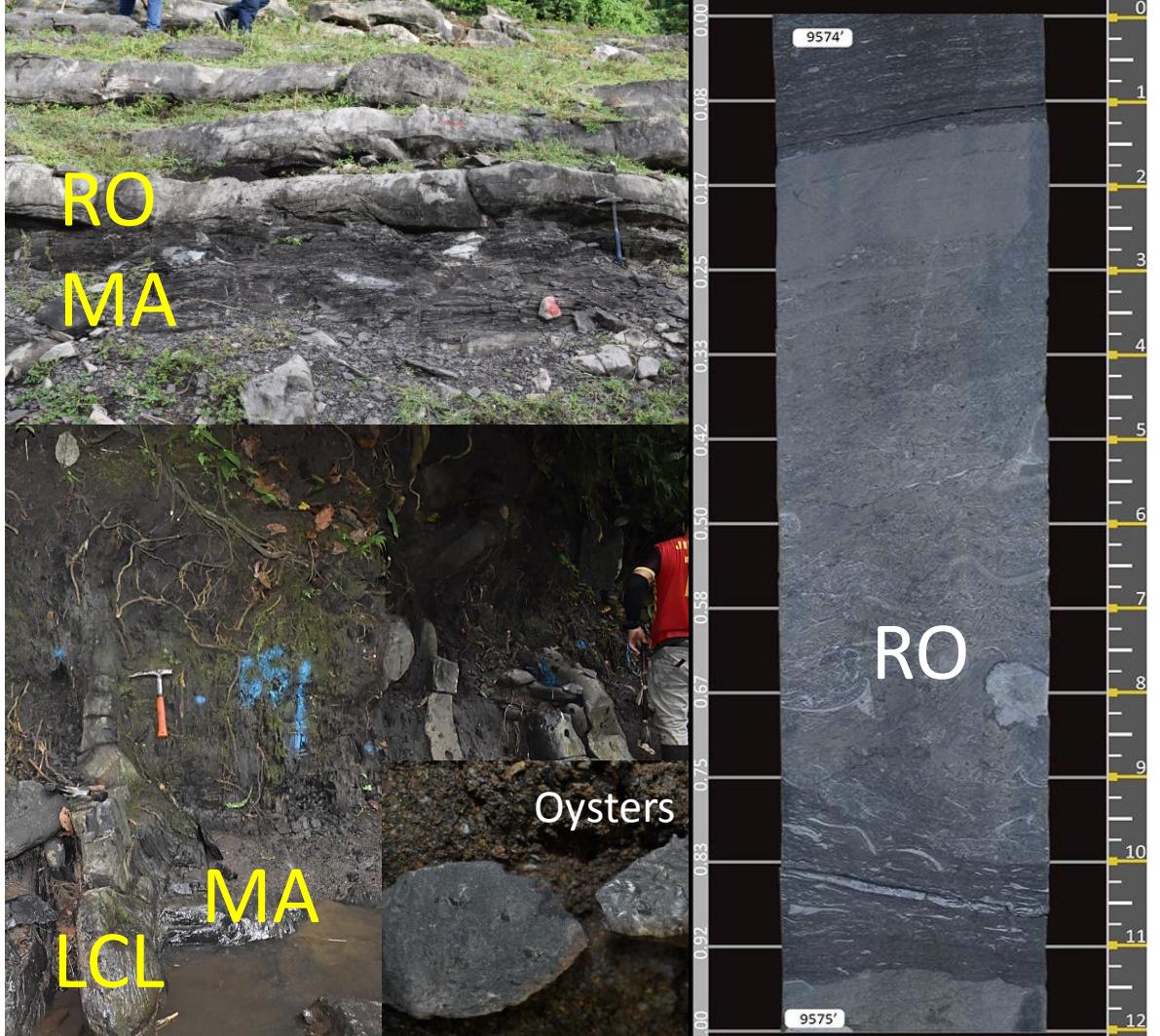
# Stratigraphic information from outcrops and outcrops



Wells: 2.160 feet

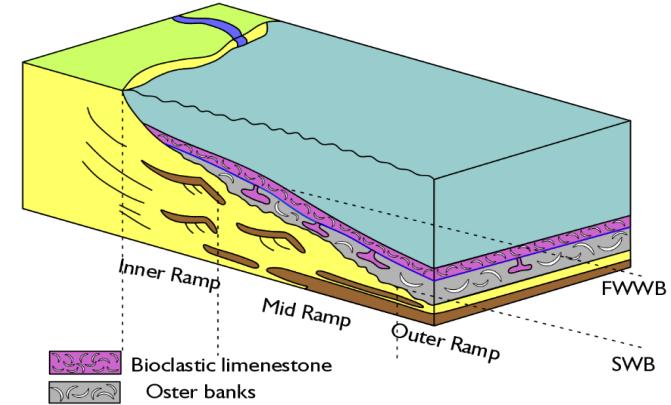
Stratigraphic sections: 2.280 meters

# El Salto Formation (Middle Cenomanian)



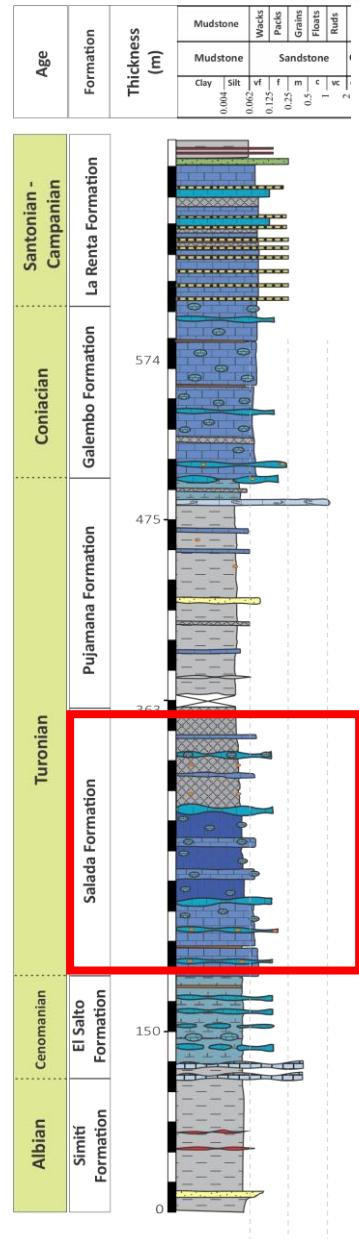
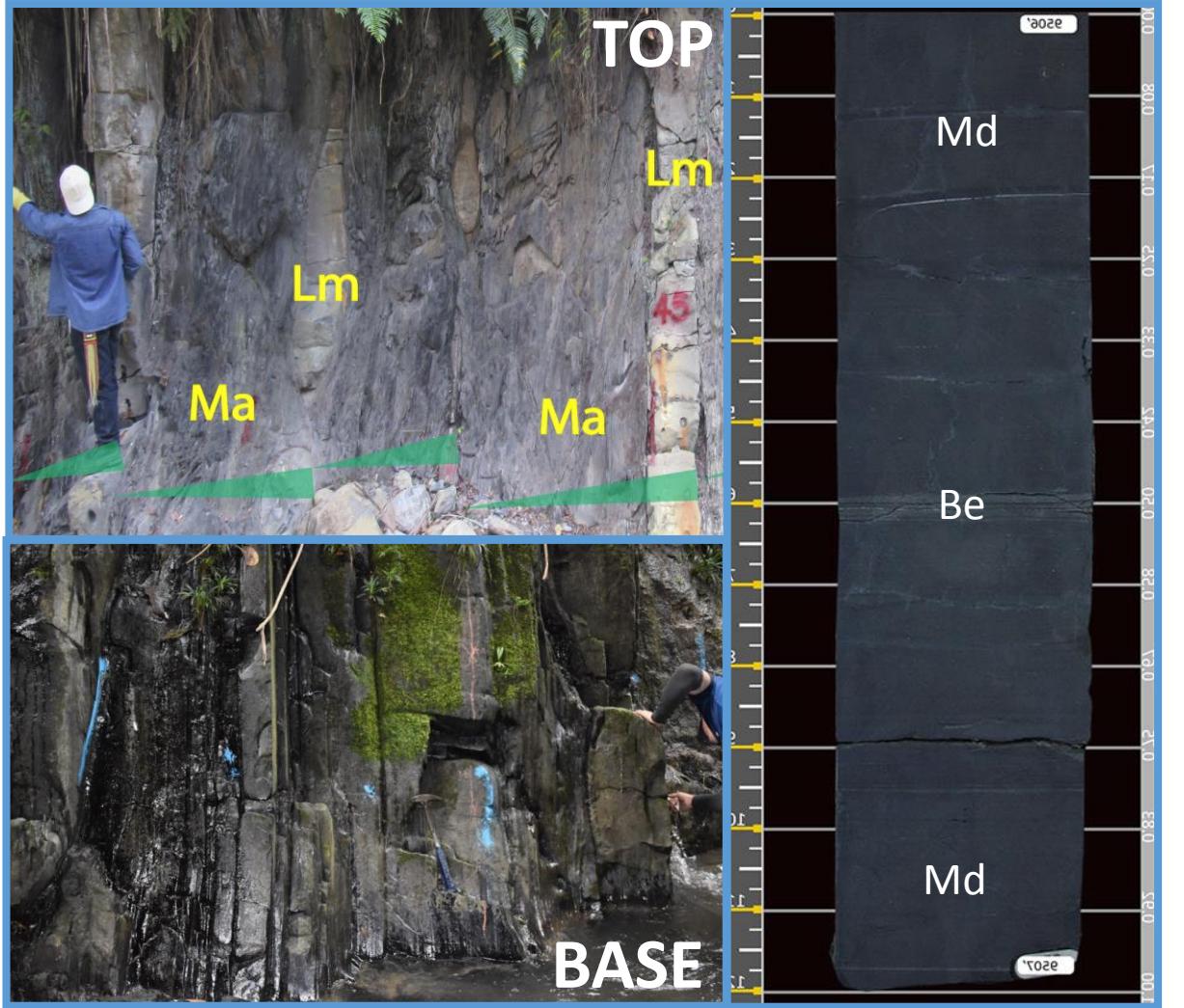
## CENOMANIAN

El Salto Formation  
(Mixed Ramp)



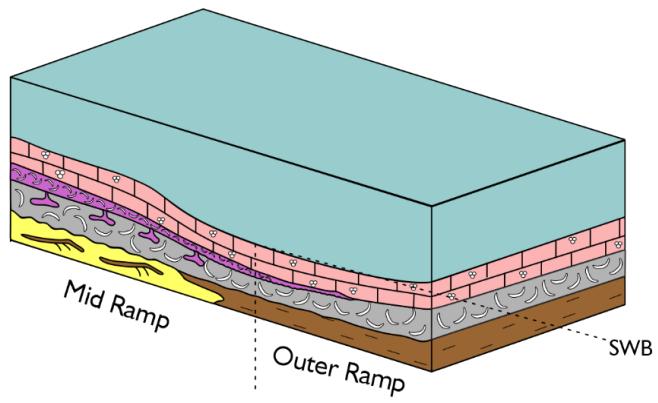
FWWB: Fair weather wave base  
SWB: Storm wave base

# Salada Formation (Lower Turonian)



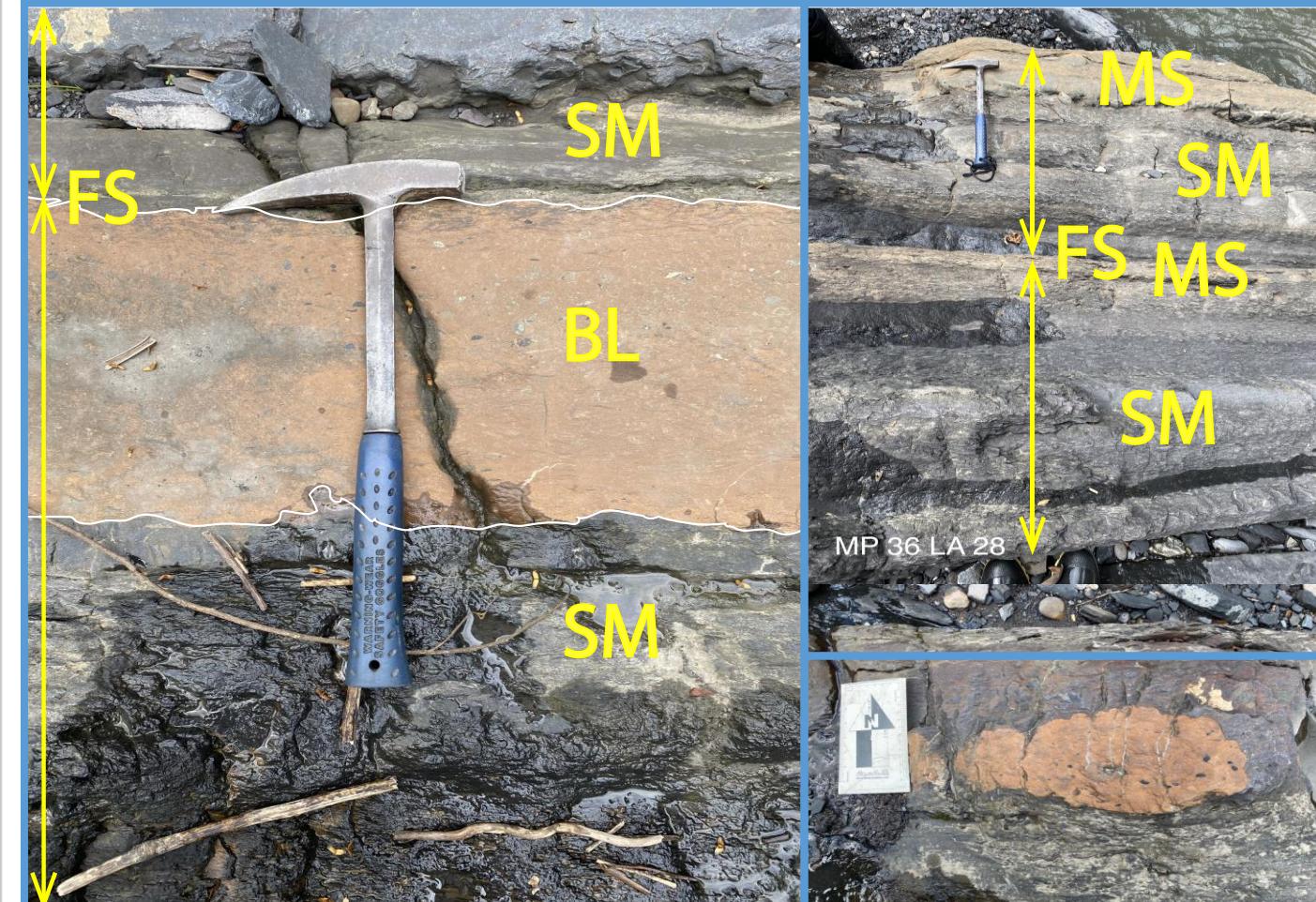
**LOWER TURONIAN**

Salada Formation  
(Mixed Anoxic Ramp)

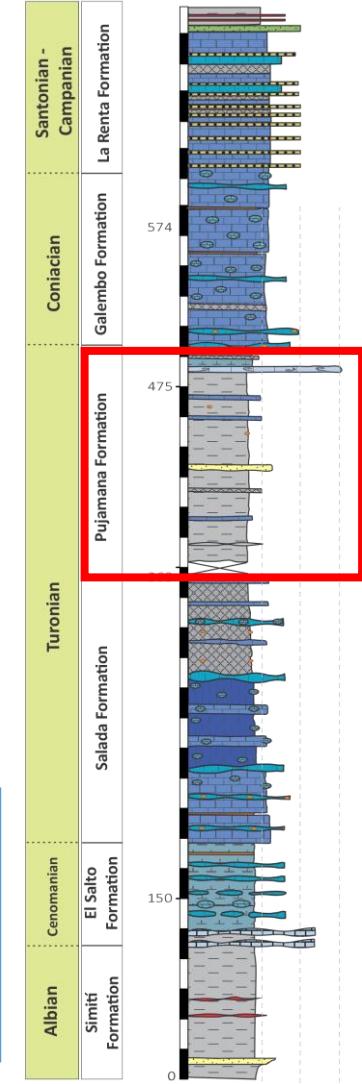


**SWB:** Storm wave base

# Pujamana Formation (Mid Turonian-Coniacian)

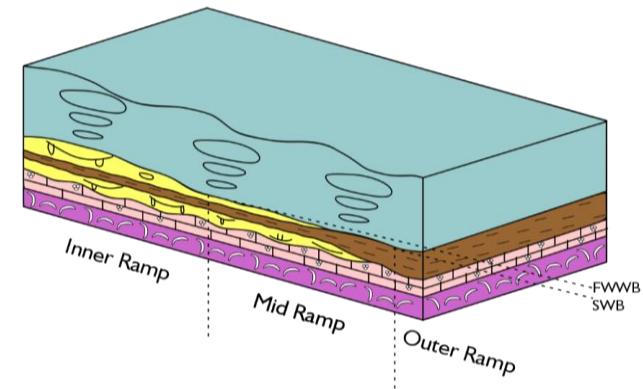


Age	Formation	Thickness (m)
Mudstone		
Wackes		
Packs		
Grains		
Floats		
Ruts		
Clay		
0.04		
0.10		
0.25		
0.5		
1		
2		
Silt		
0.04		
0.10		
0.25		
0.5		
1		
2		
Mudstone	Sandstone	
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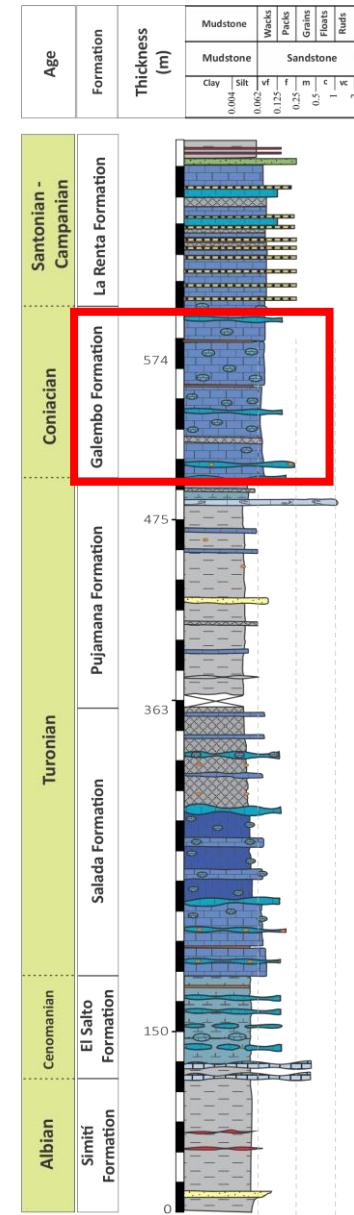
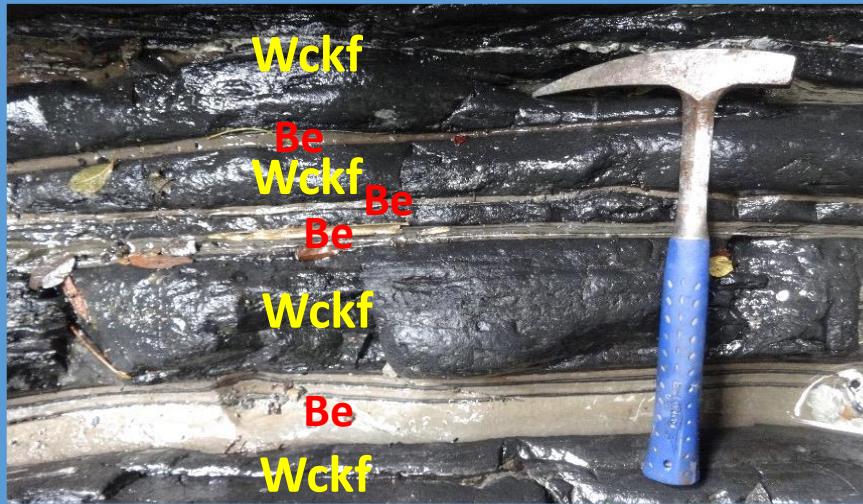
MIDDLE - UPPER TURONIAN

Pujamana Formation  
(Siliciclastic Ramp)



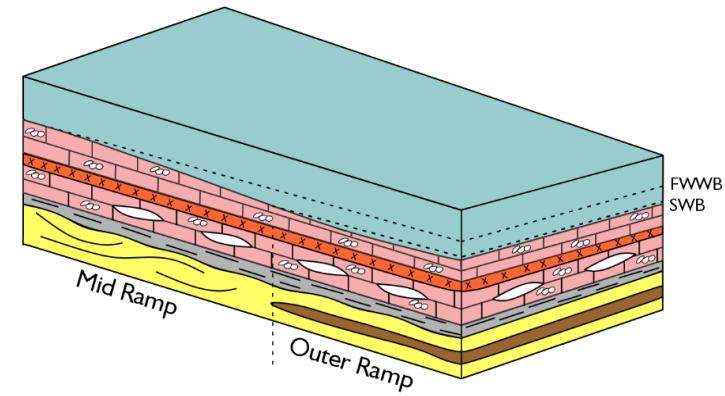
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# Galembo Formation - organic rich (Coniacian)



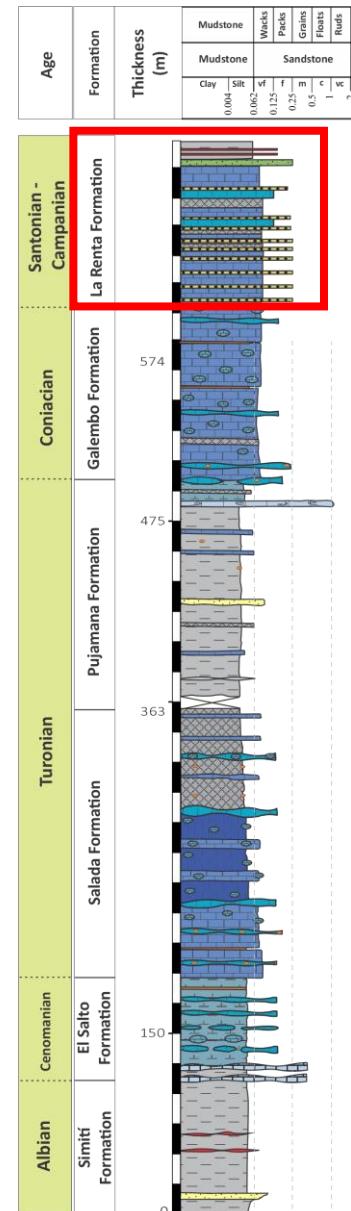
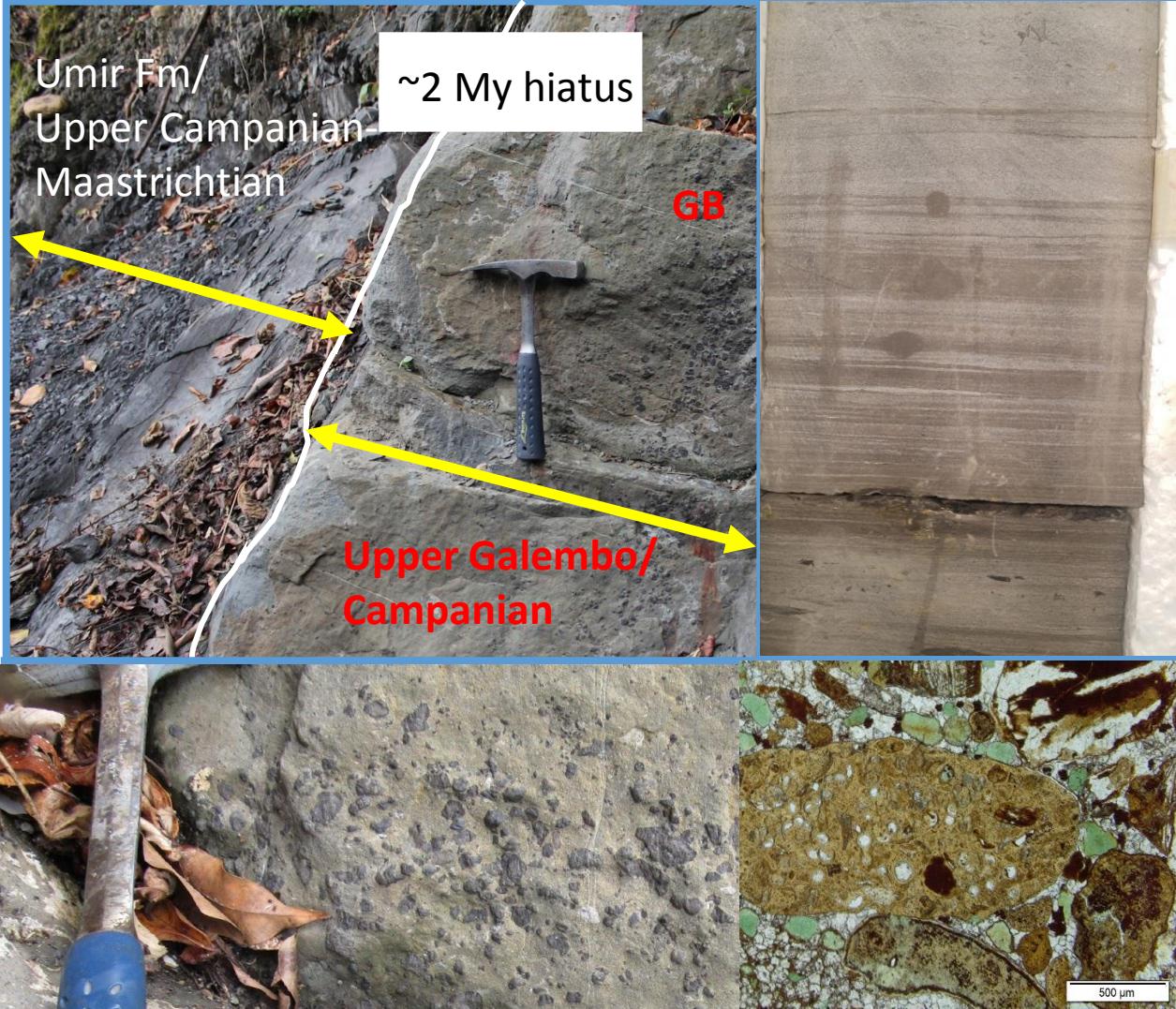
## CONIACIAN

Galembo Formation  
(Mixed Ramp)



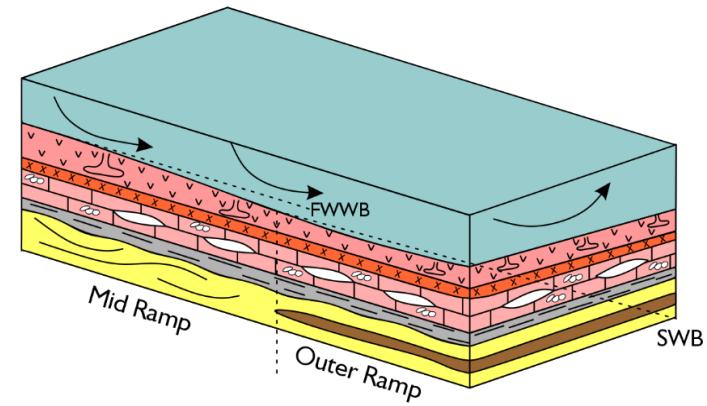
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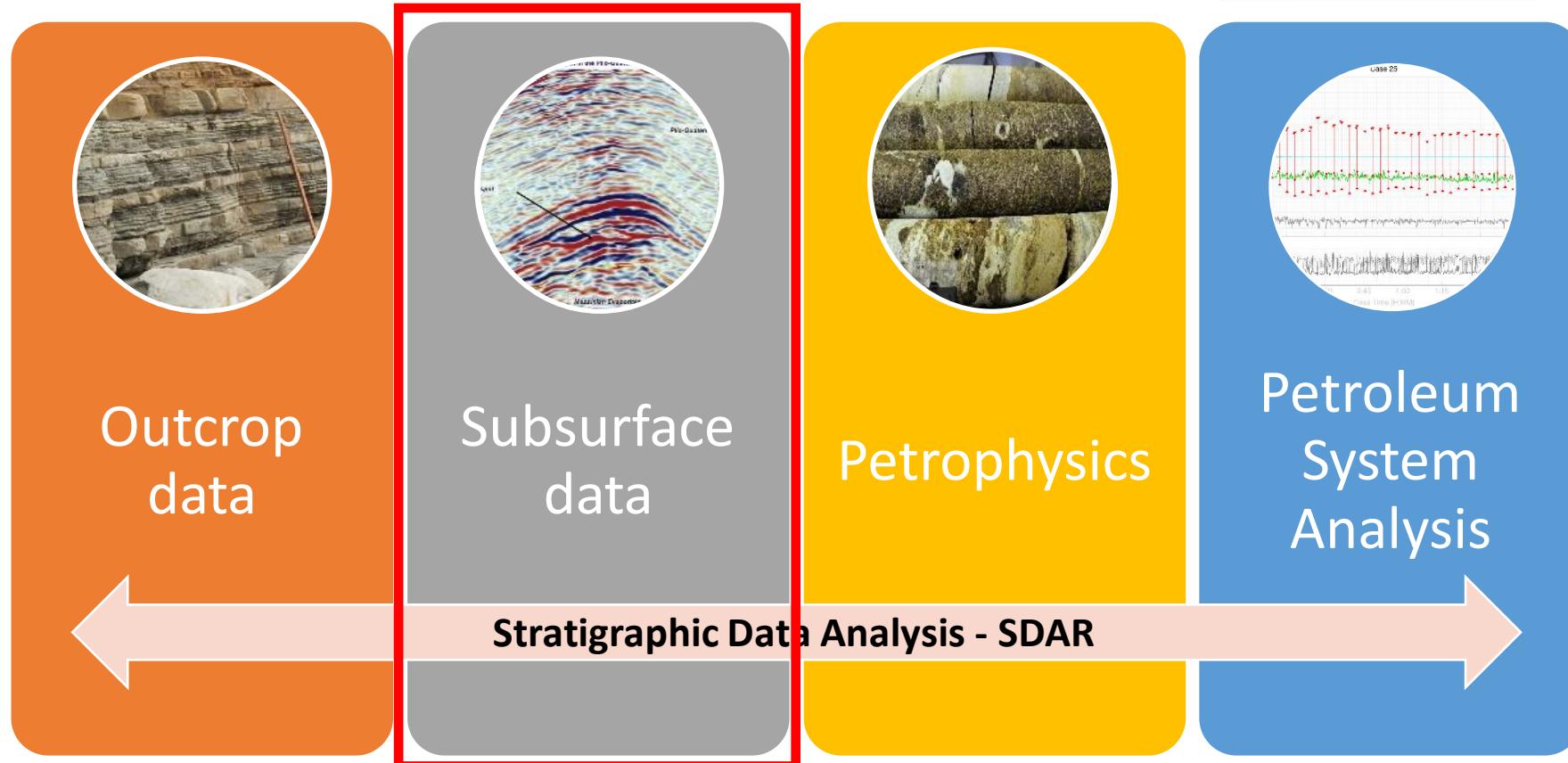
# La Renta Formation - phosphatic rich (Santonian/Campanian)



## SANTONIAN - CAMPANIAN

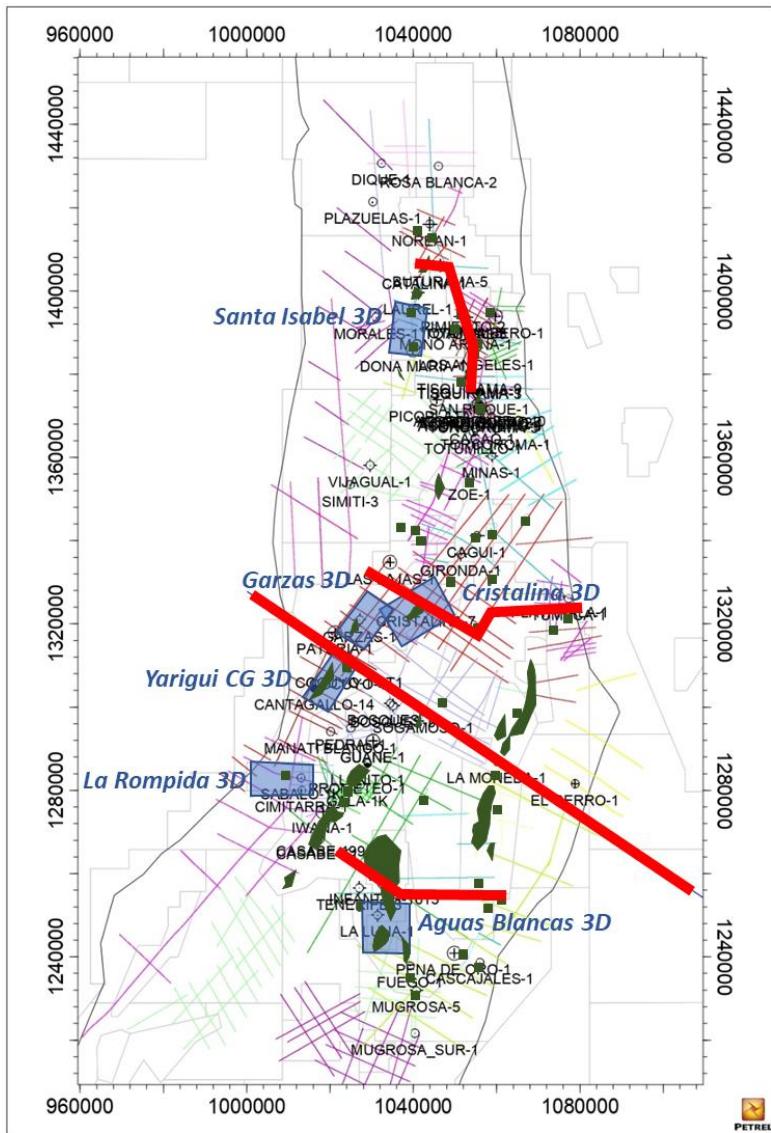
La Renta Formation  
(Carbonate ramp with bottom currents)





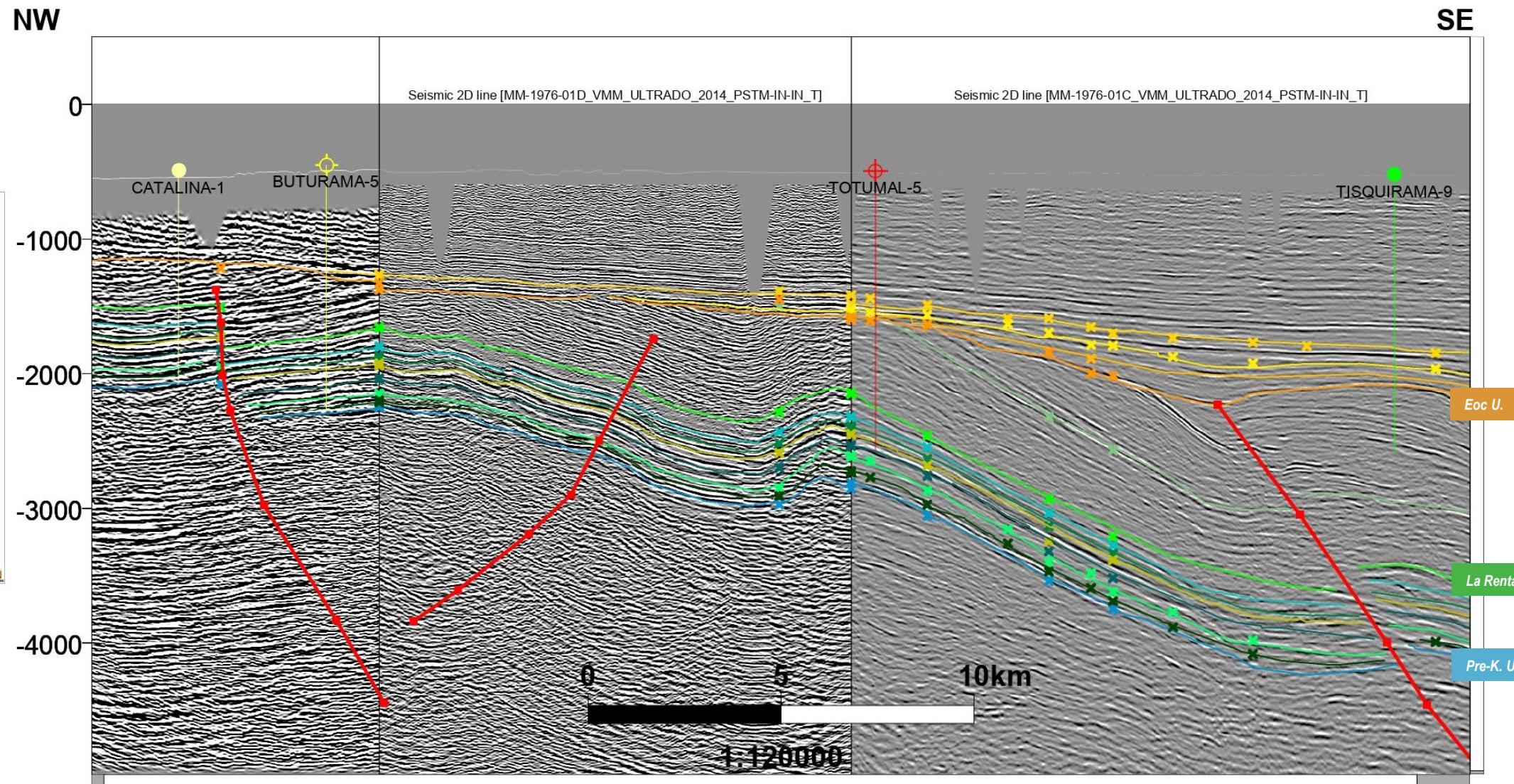
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# Seismic Interpretation - Data

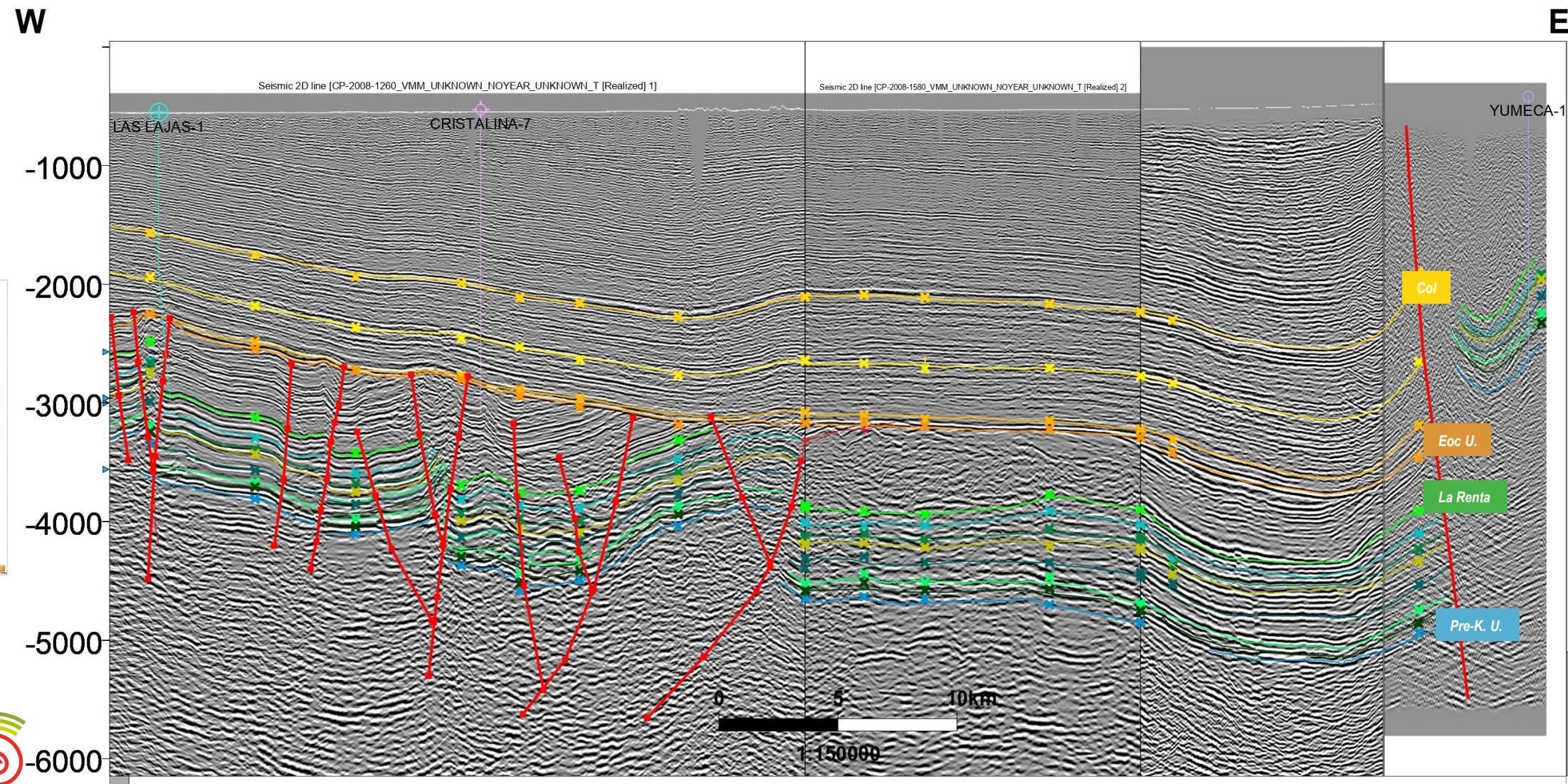


- 15.000 km 2D seismic lines
- Six seismic volumes
- 69 wells

# Seismic Interpretation - Results



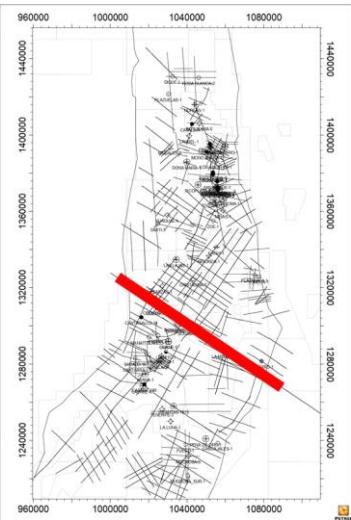
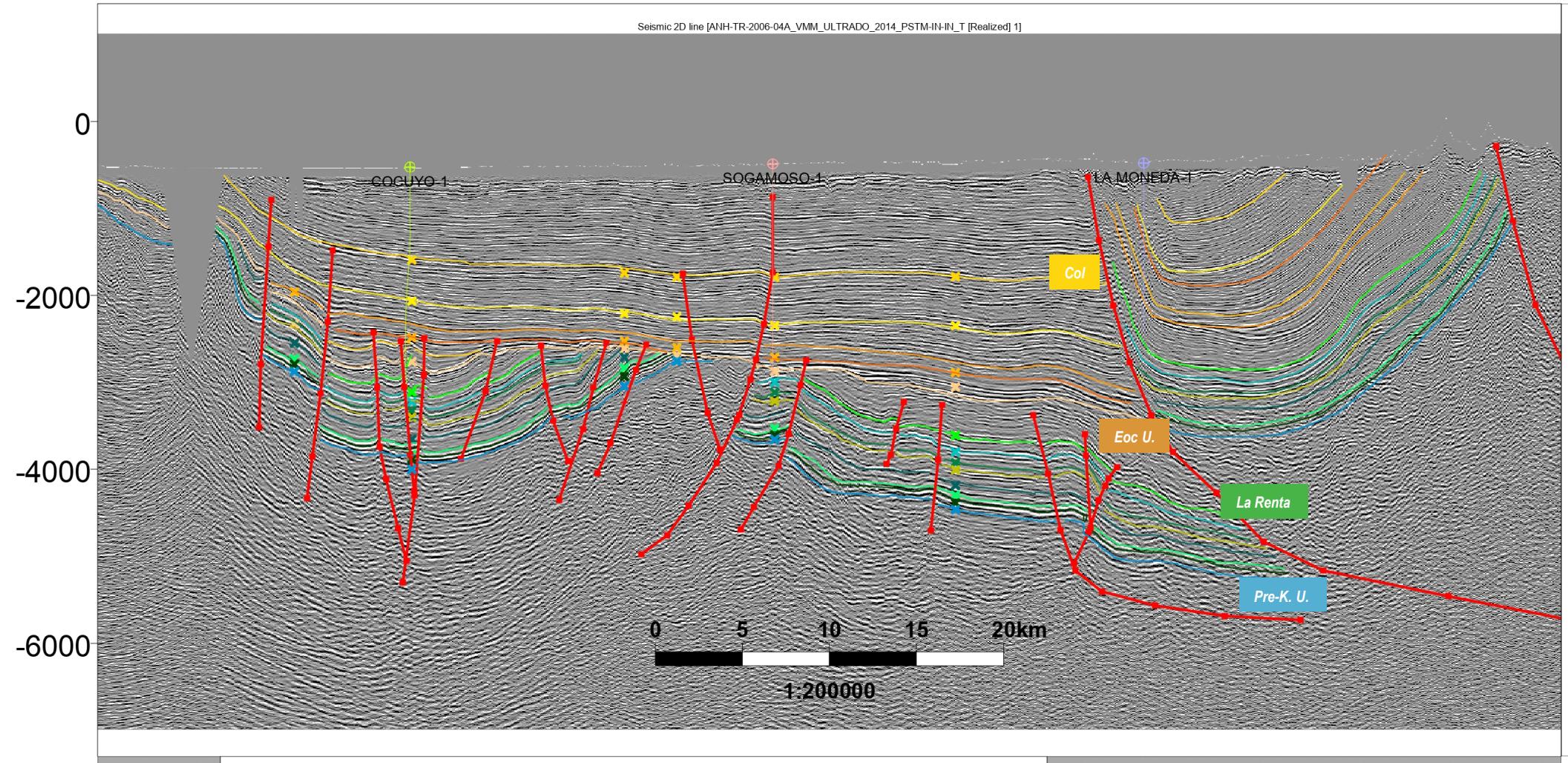
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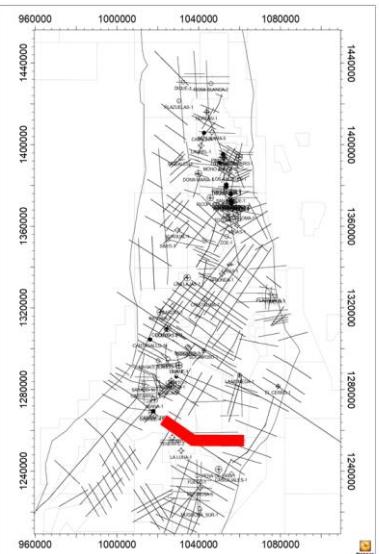
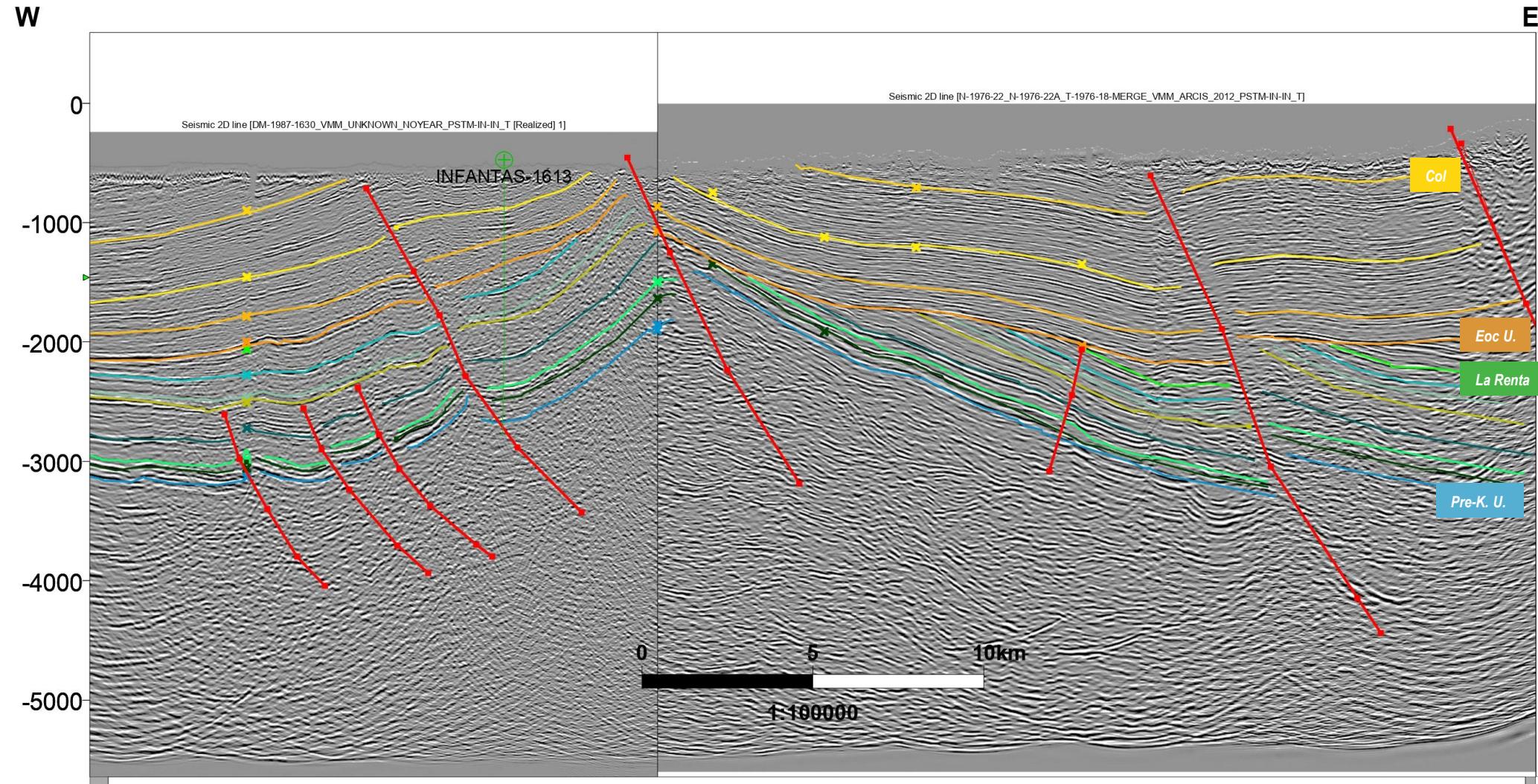
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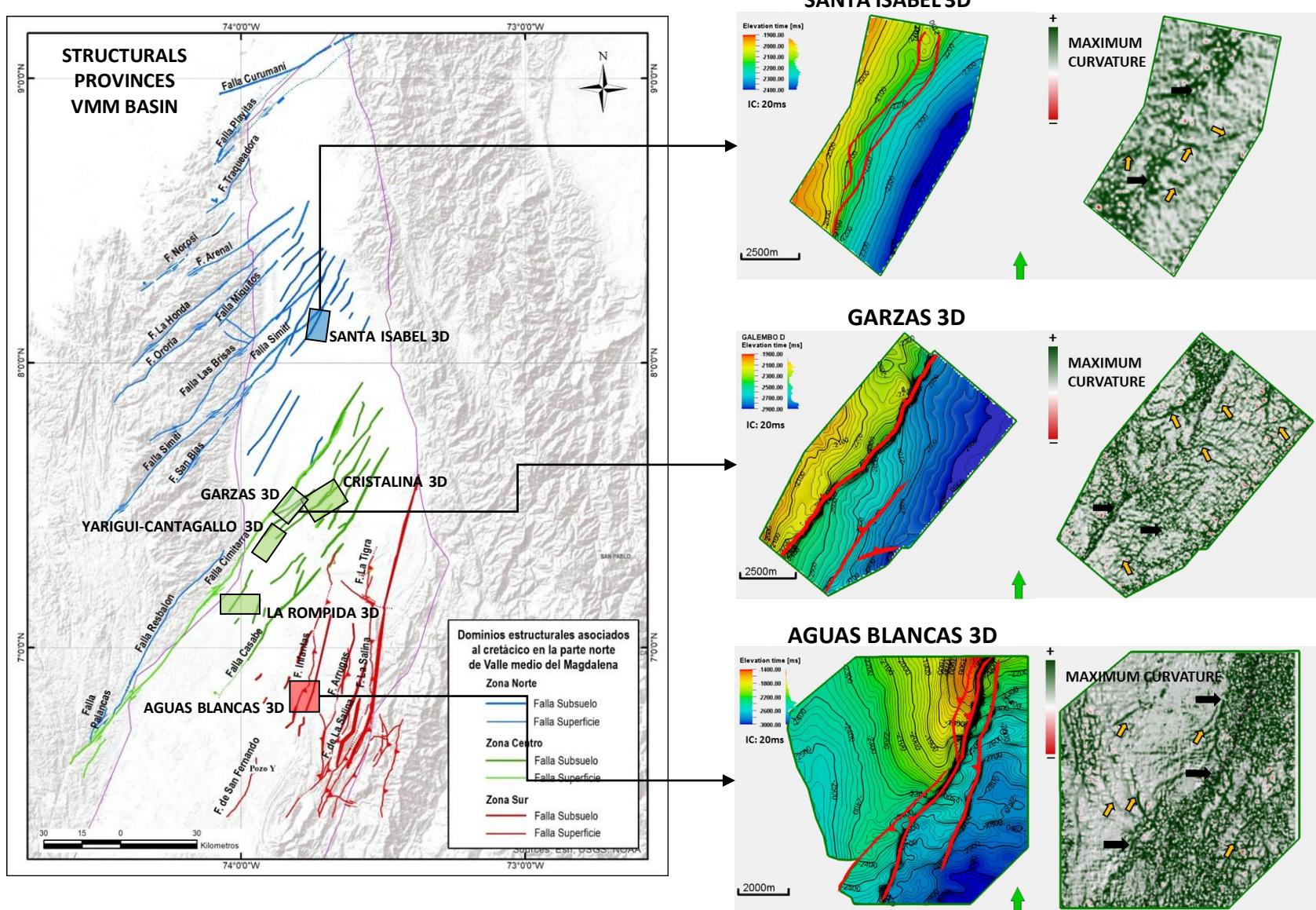
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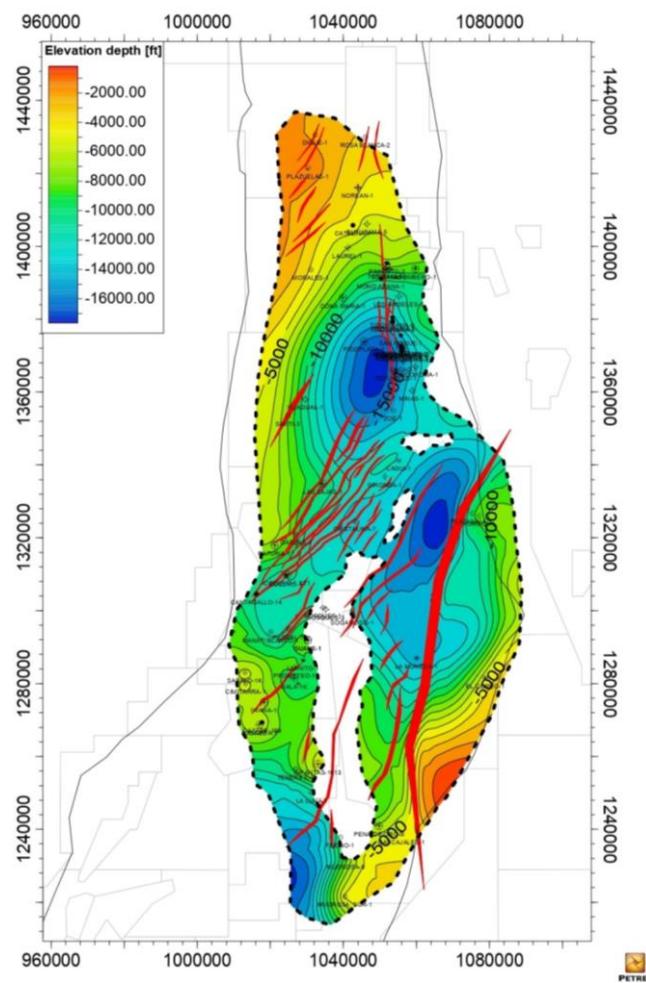


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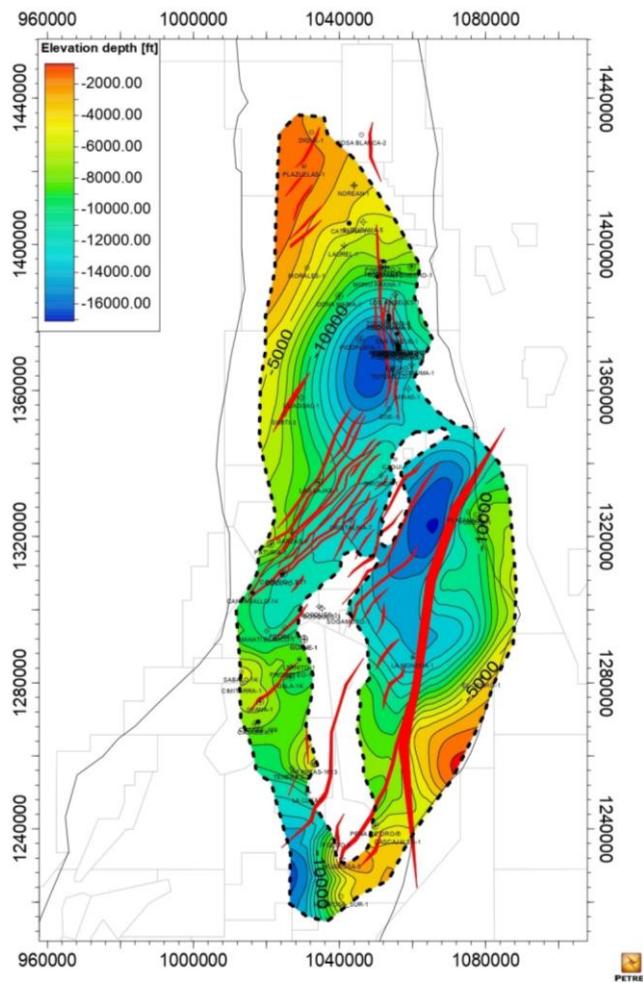


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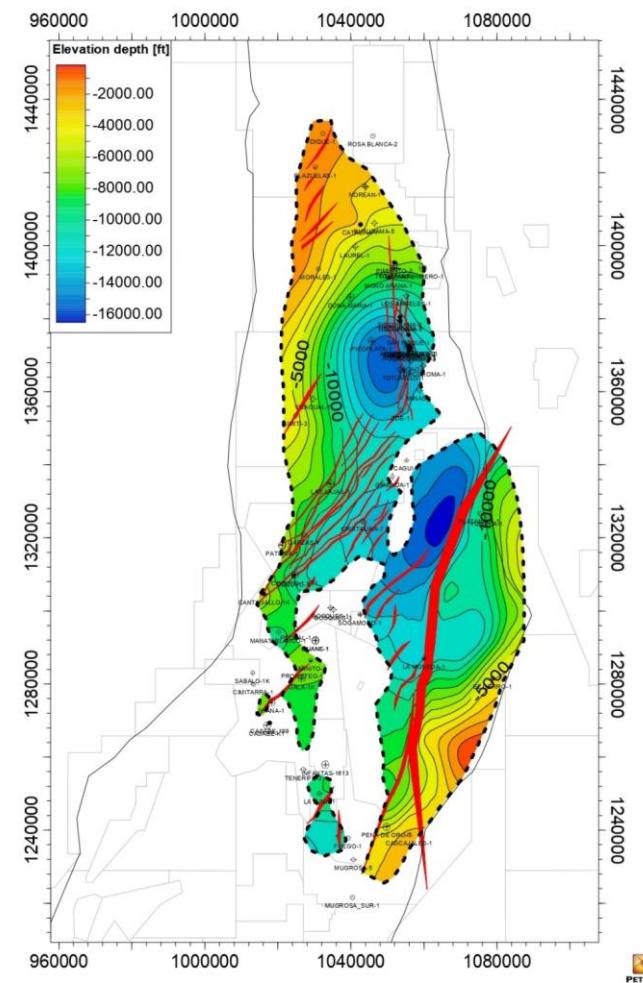
## Structural maps



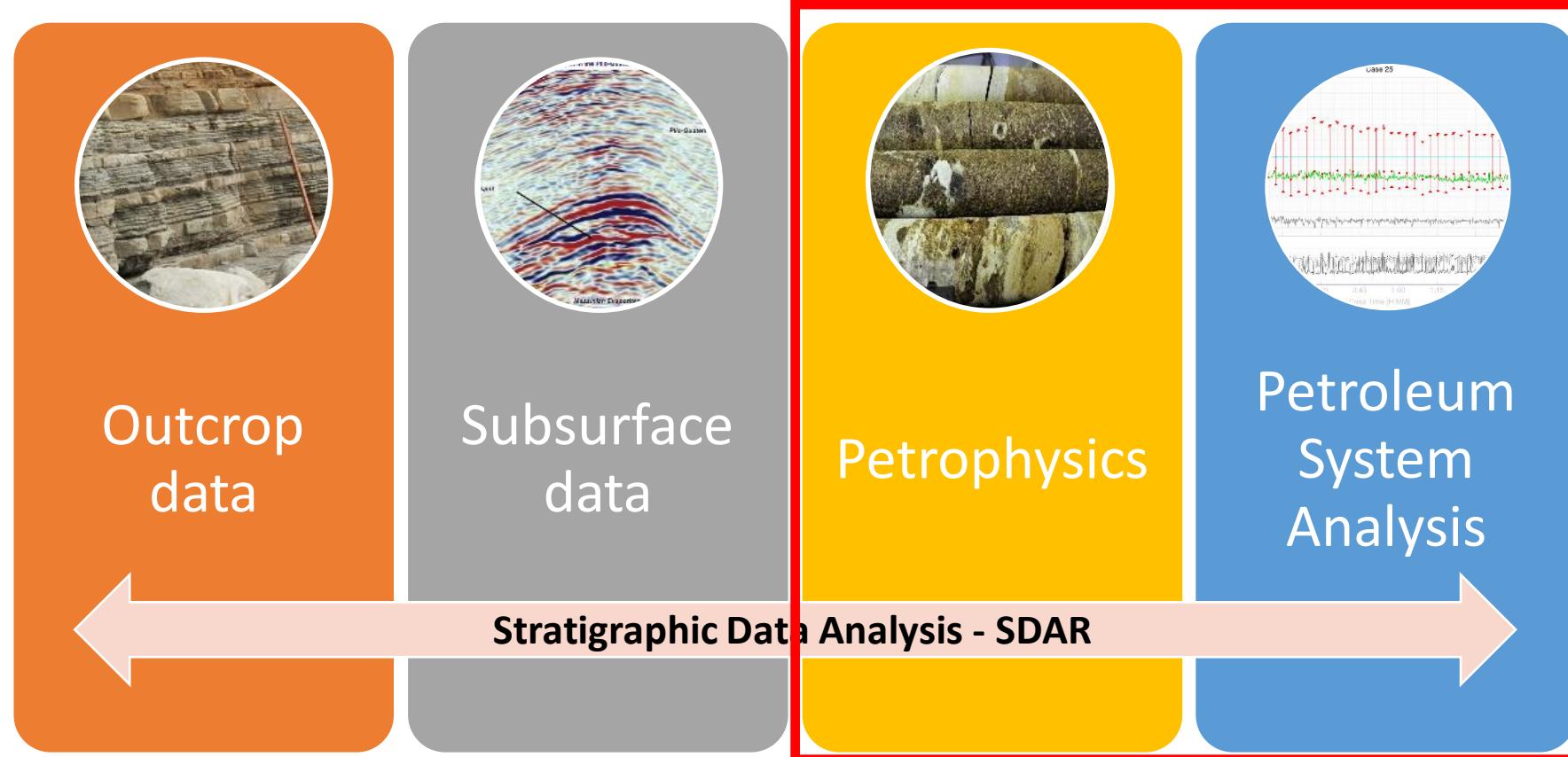
## **Salada Formation**



## Pujamana Formation

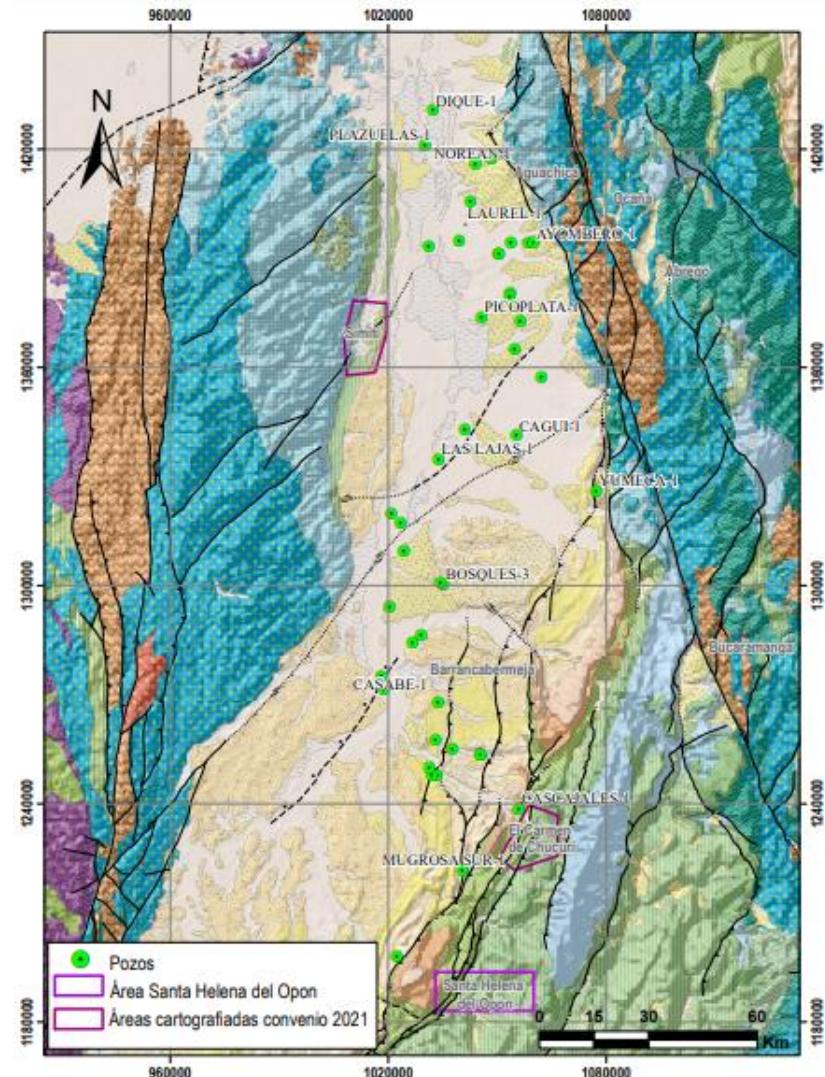
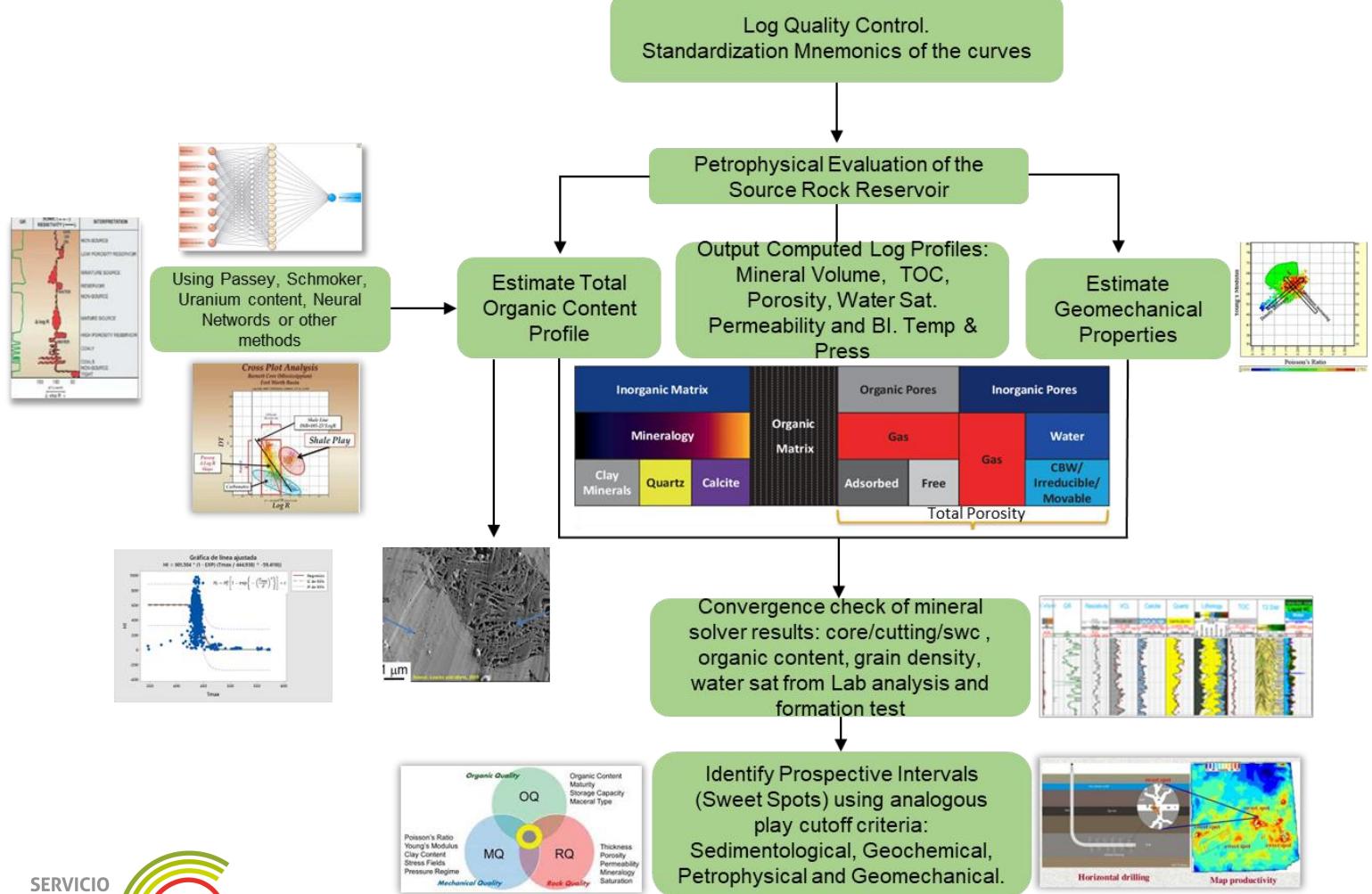


## La Renta Formation

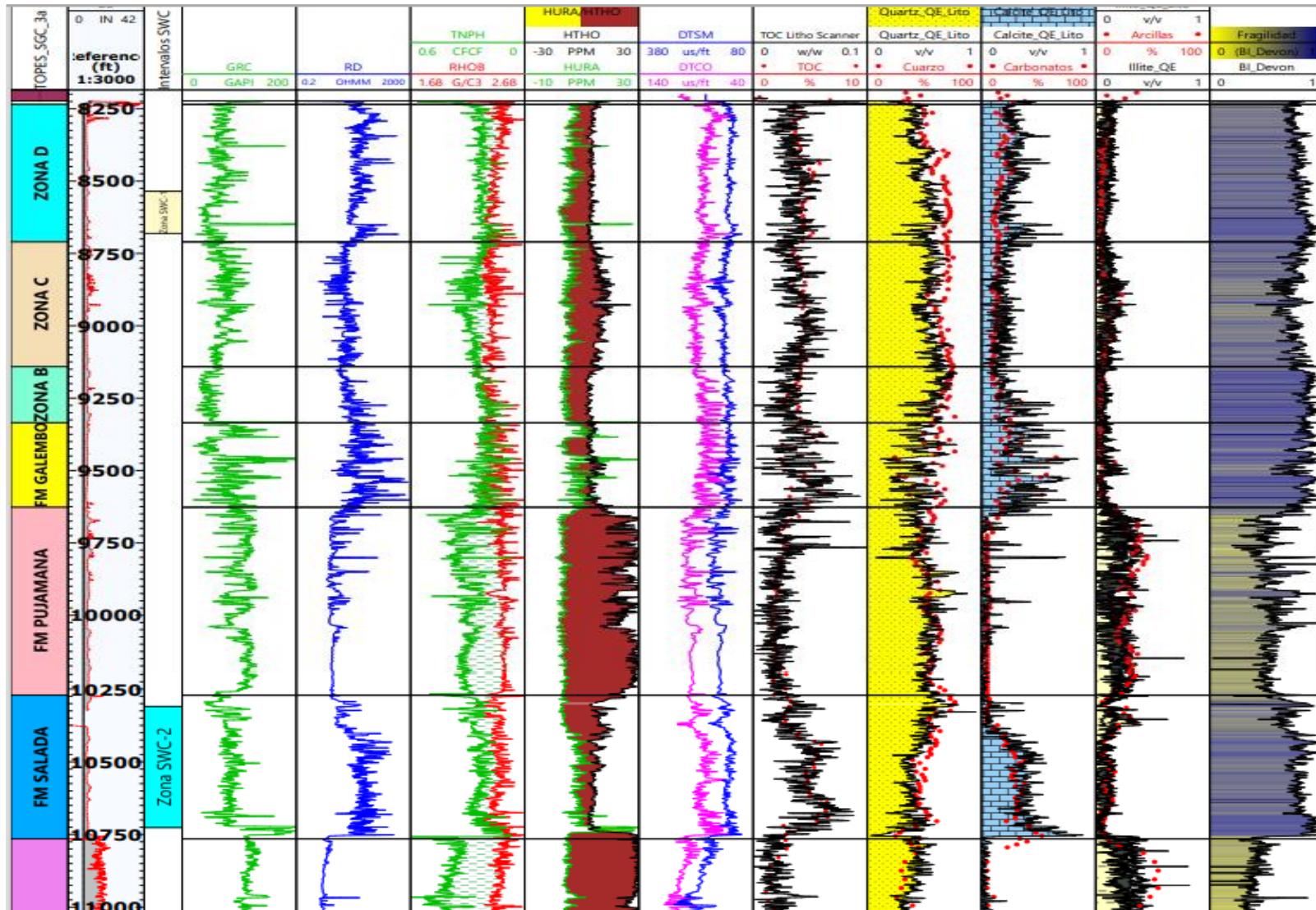


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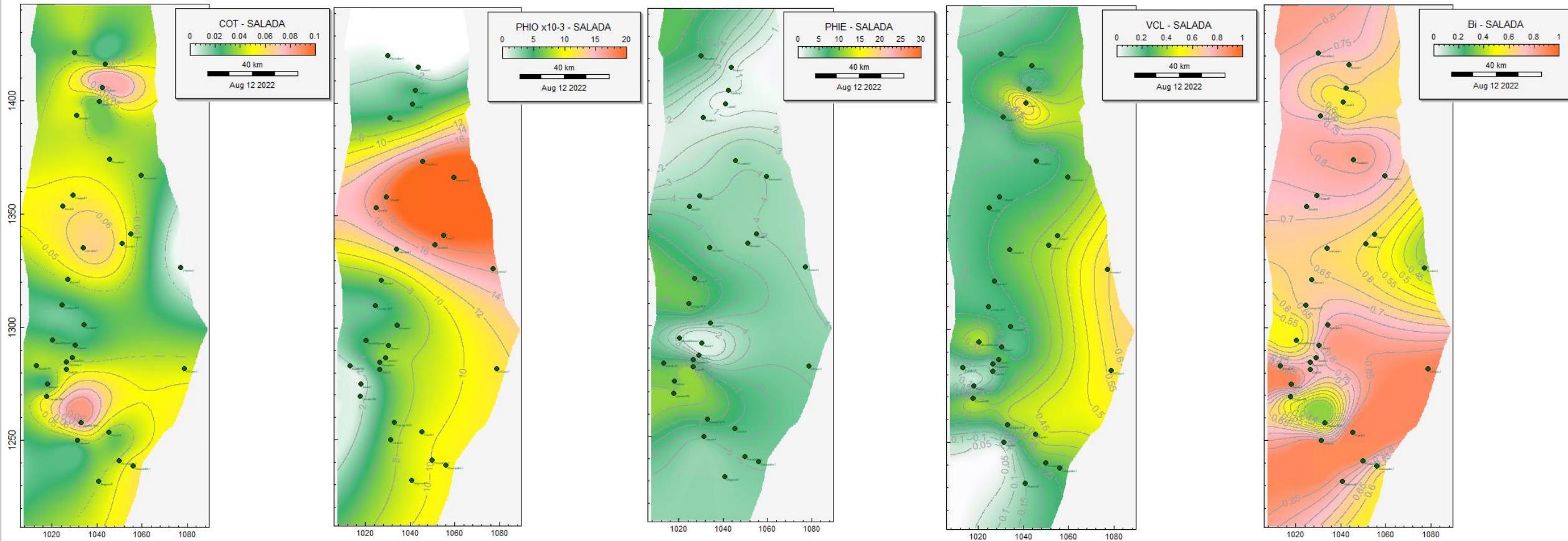
40 evaluated wells in three Upper Cretaceous rocks (so-called “La Luna Formation”): Salada, Pujamana and Galembo-La Renta formations

Adjustments with lab measurements: XRD, TOC, Pyrolysis, Porosity, Permeability, Grain Density

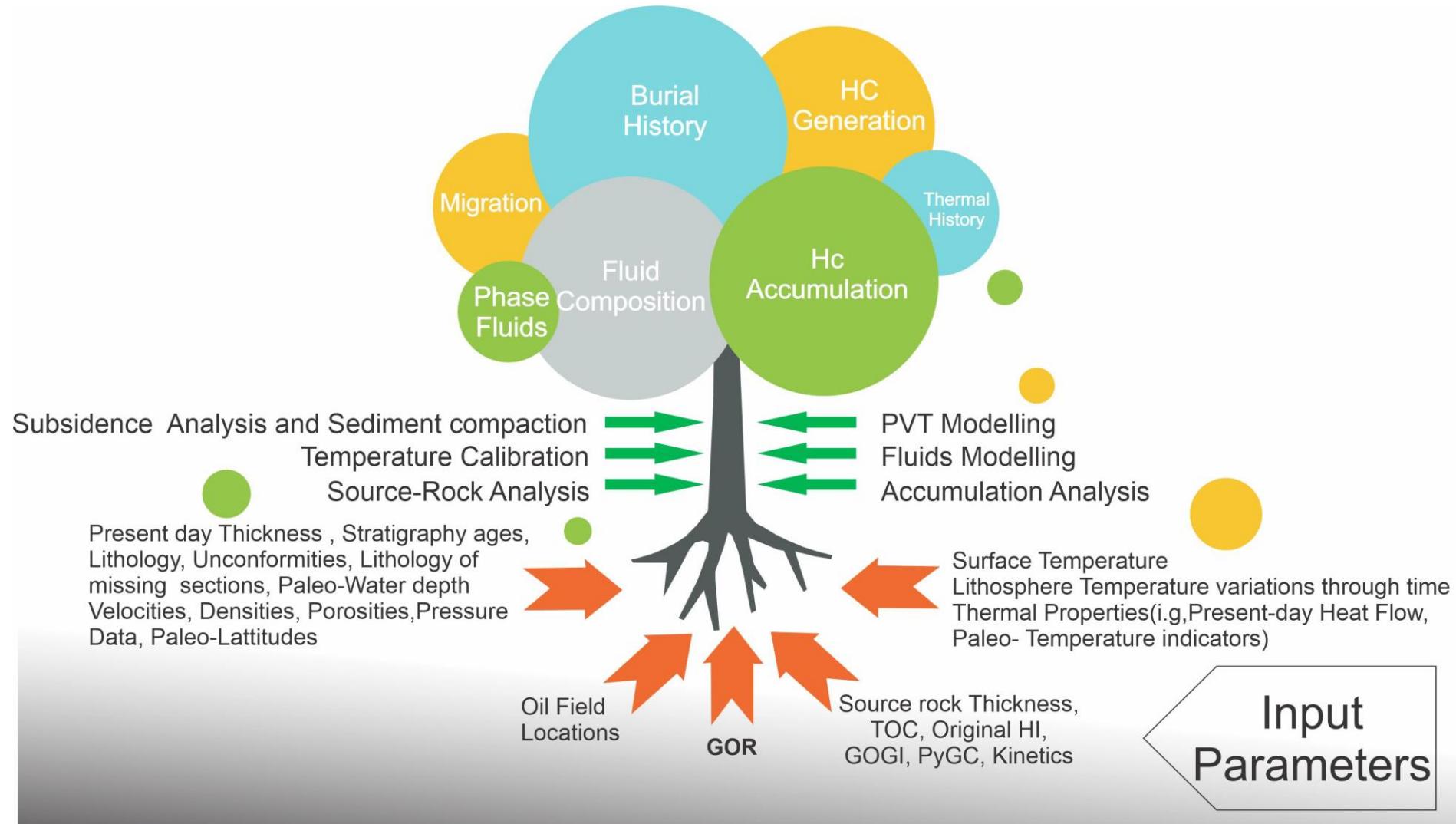
XRD: Database with 1.400 analysis from wells and outcrops

Pyrolysis: Database with 5.000 analysis from wells and outcrops

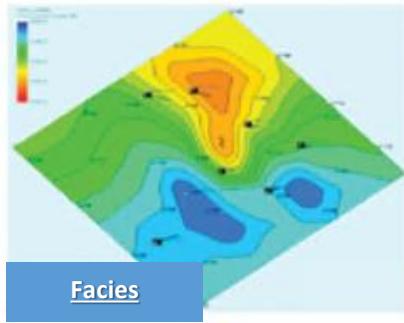
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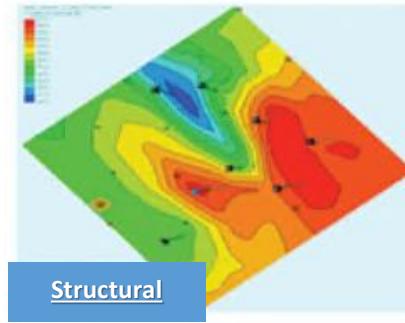
# Petroleum Systems Analysis - Methodology



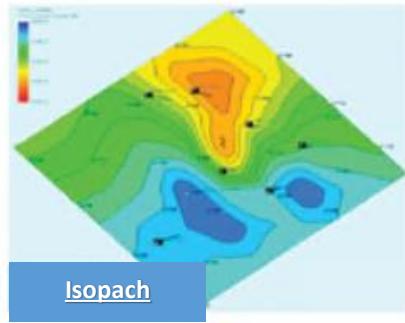
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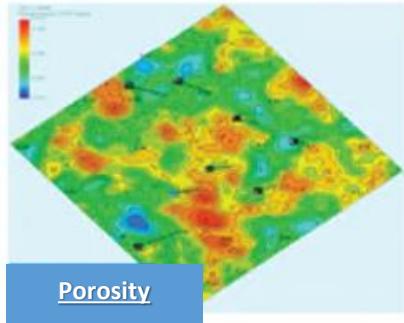
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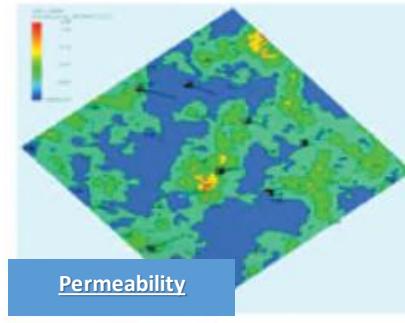
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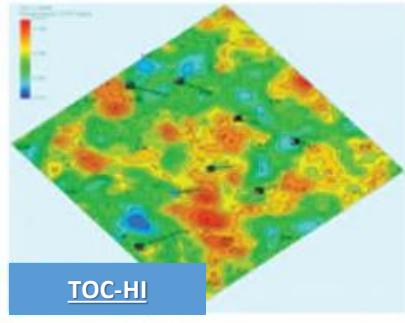
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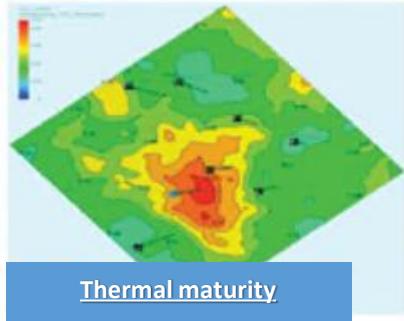
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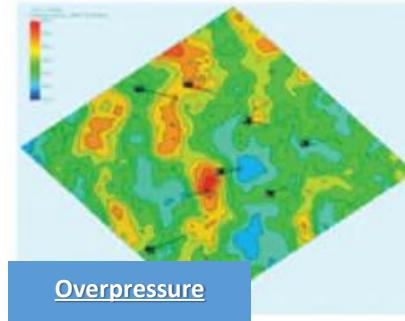
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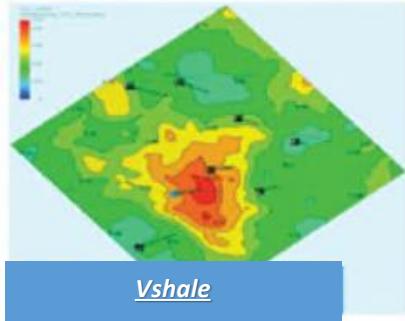
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Thermal maturity



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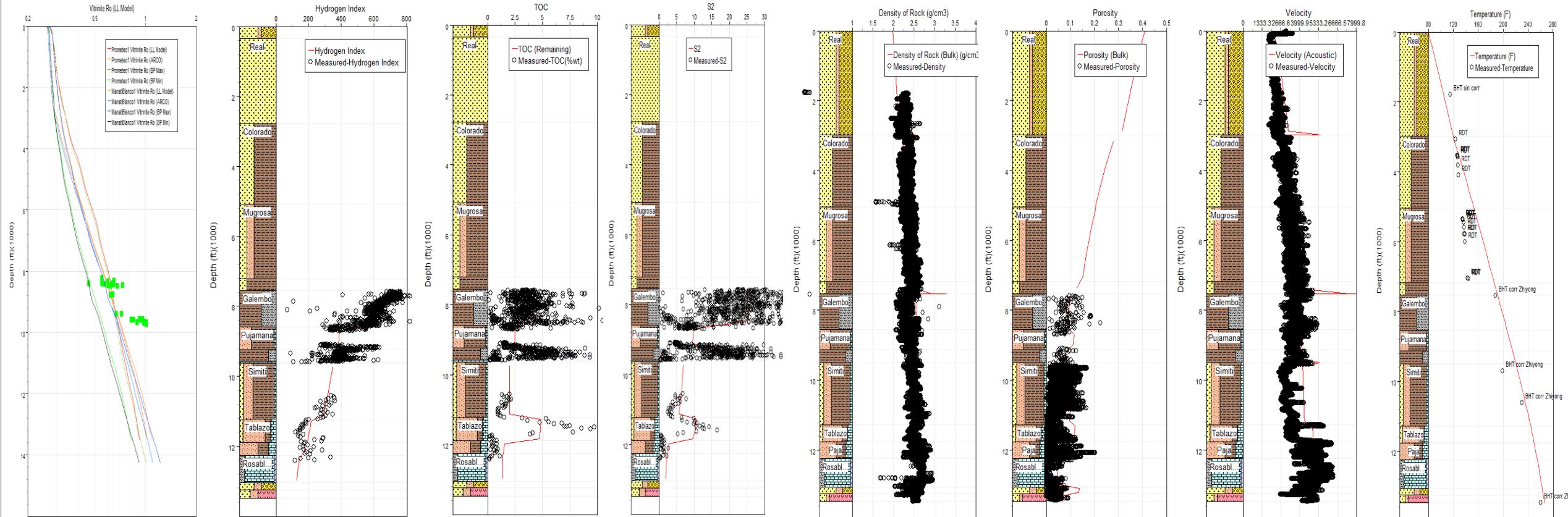


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Analysis of three Upper Cretaceous rocks (so-called "La Luna Formation"): Salada, Pujamana and Galembo-La Renta formations

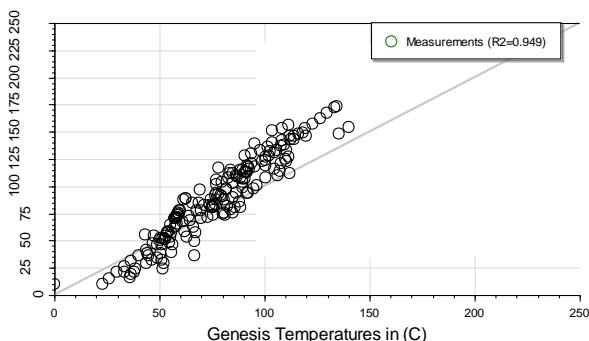
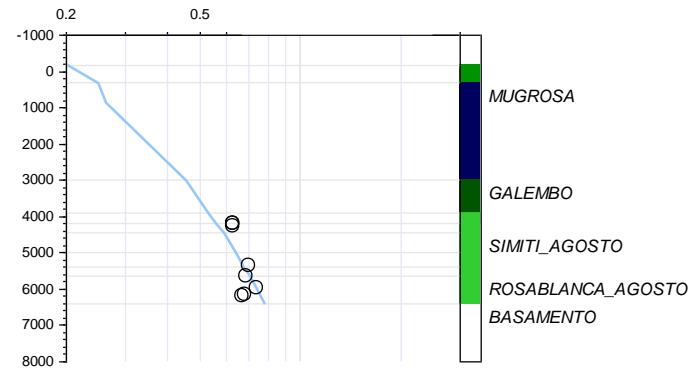
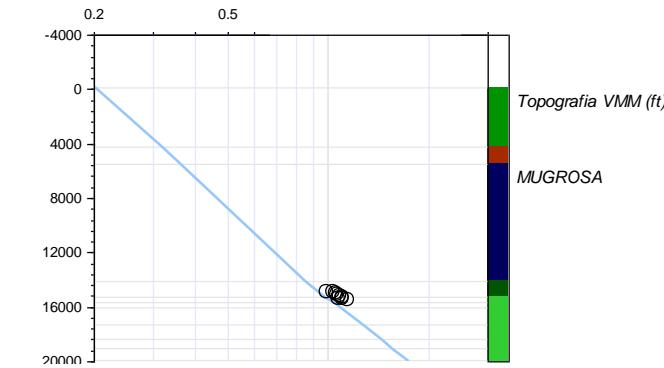
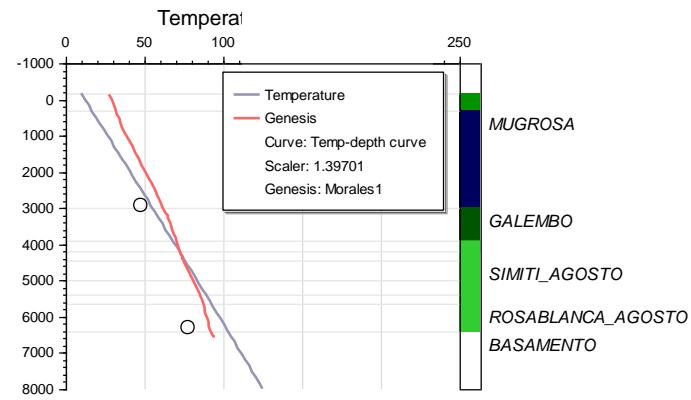
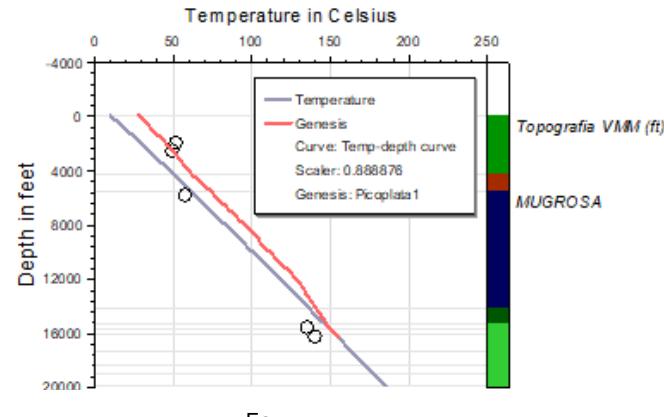
Twelve input maps for each source rock

# Petroleum Systems Analysis – 1D Calibration



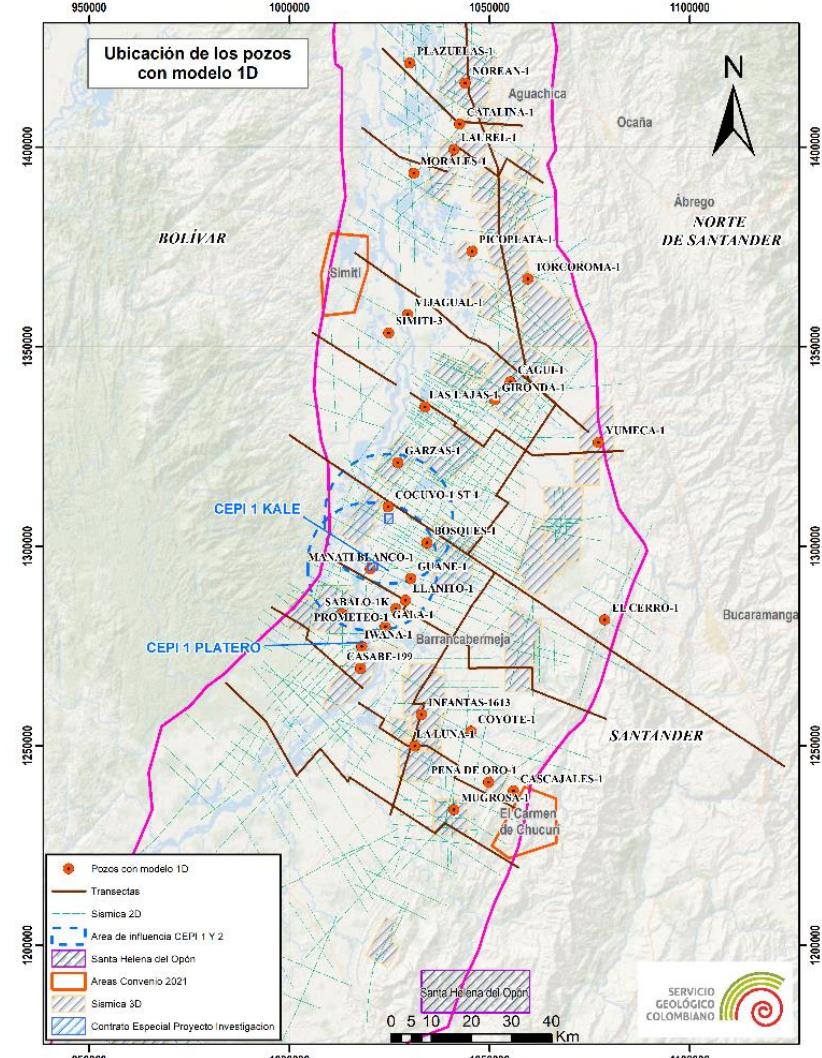
31 wells included in Petroleum Systems Analysis

# Petroleum Systems Analysis – 3D Model Calibration

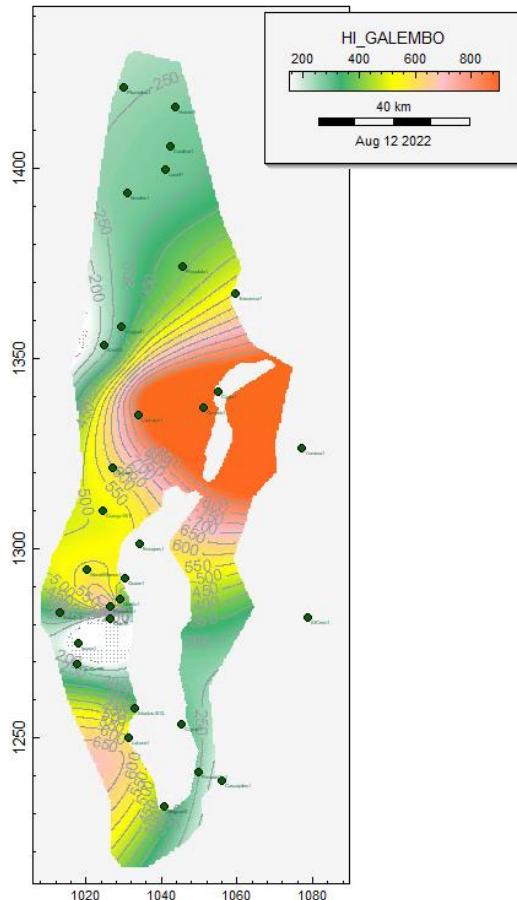


Strong correlation with measured data and 1D models

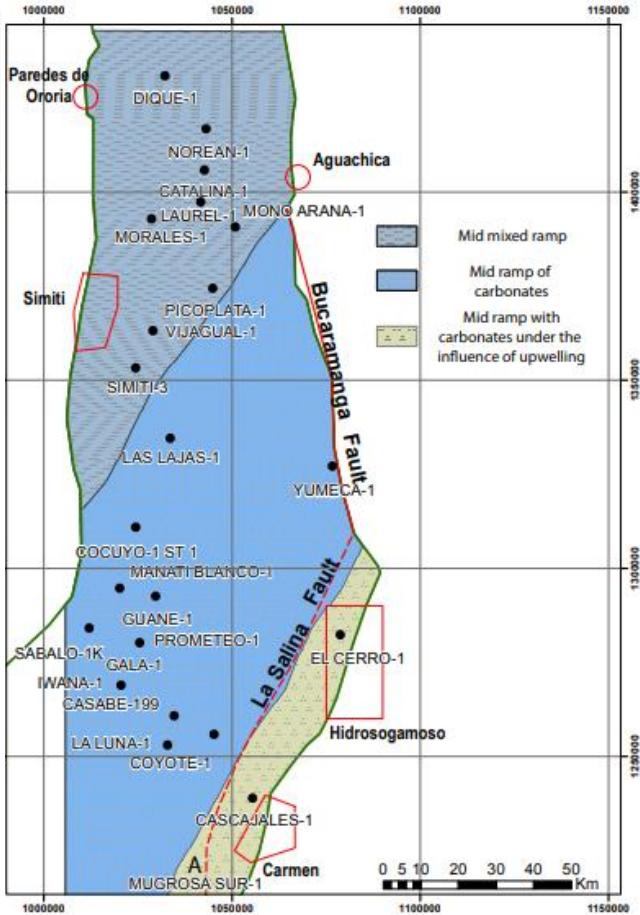
31 wells-1D models along basin (red dots)



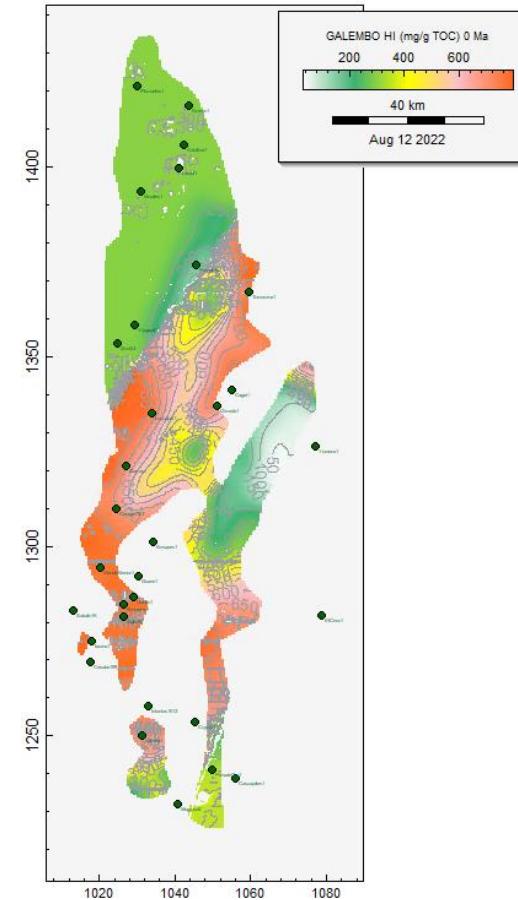
# Petroleum Systems Analysis – 3D Model Calibration



Well data map



Paleo-facies map



3D model map

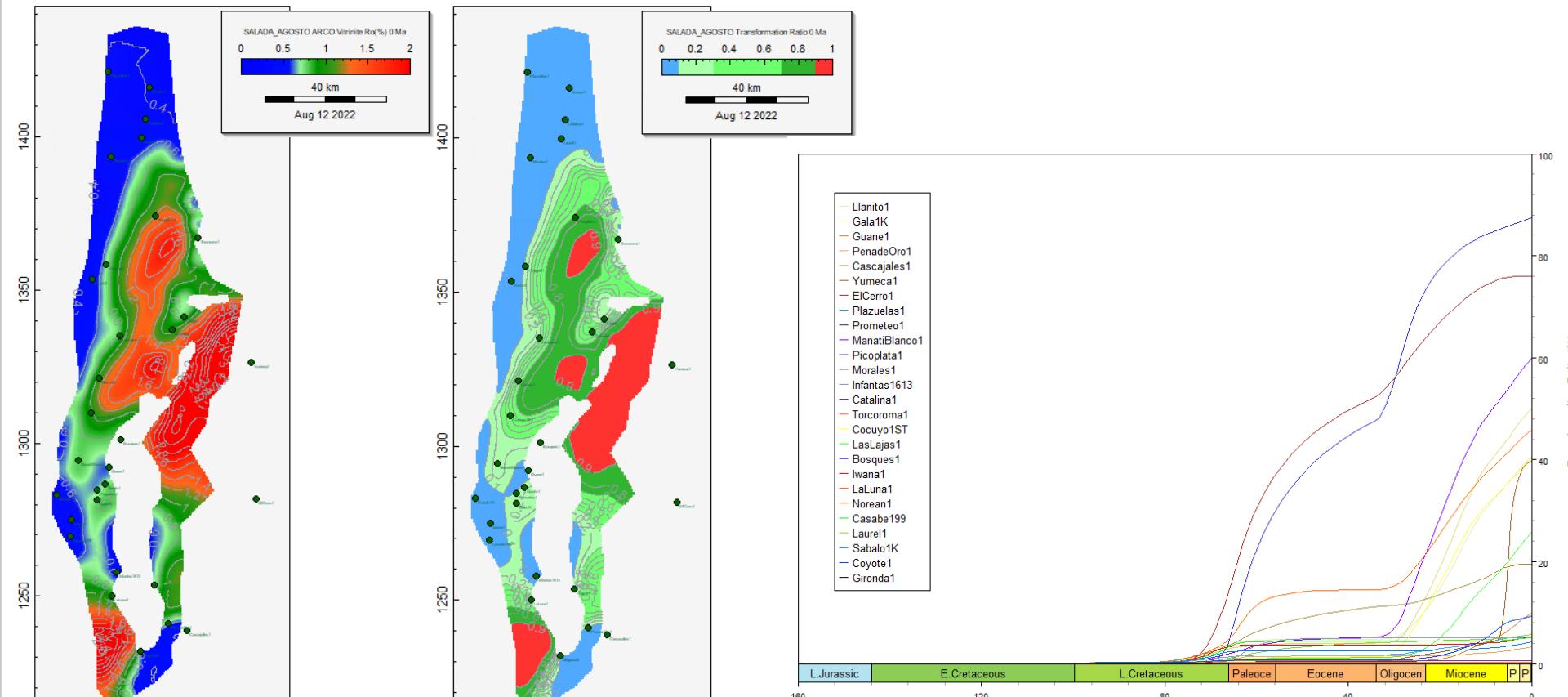
Cross validation with lab measurements, paleofacies, petrophysics, isopach, structural and other maps (brittleness, TOC, Ro, etc.).

Analysis for the Salada, Pujamana, Galembo-La Renta formations.

3D model maps considers geologic parameters as basin geometry, depth and compaction than maps from well data and contour gridding.

# Petroleum Systems Analysis – Results

Thermal maturity and transformation ratio from 3D modelling



Thermal maturity from Ro (%)

Transformation ratio (%)

Transformation ratio (%) from wells data and 1D modelling

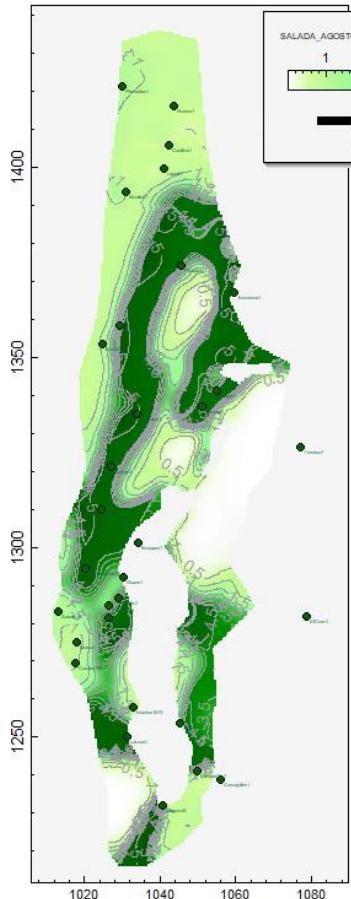
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Wells data and 1D modelling reveals no higher TR values than 90%. For example, Picoplata-1 reached 87% of transformation ratio in the Salada Formation.

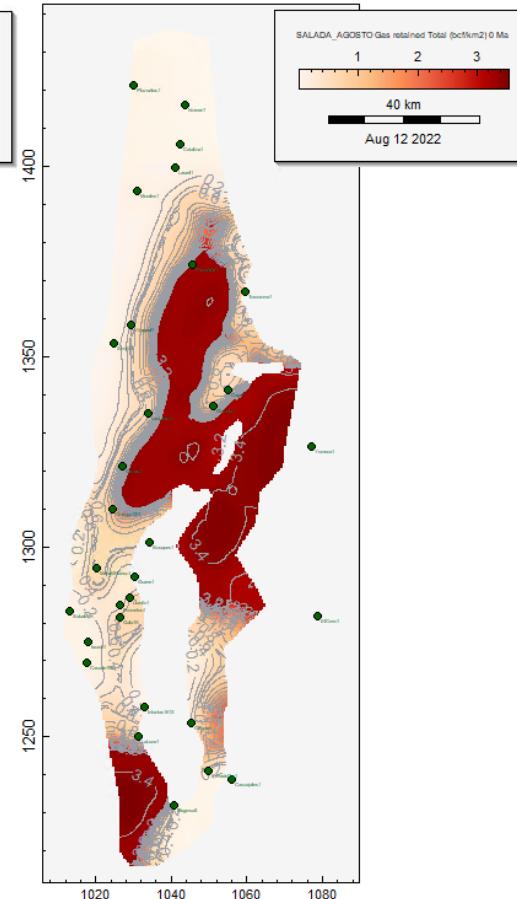
Most of drilled wells in the basin, were drilled in structural high areas.

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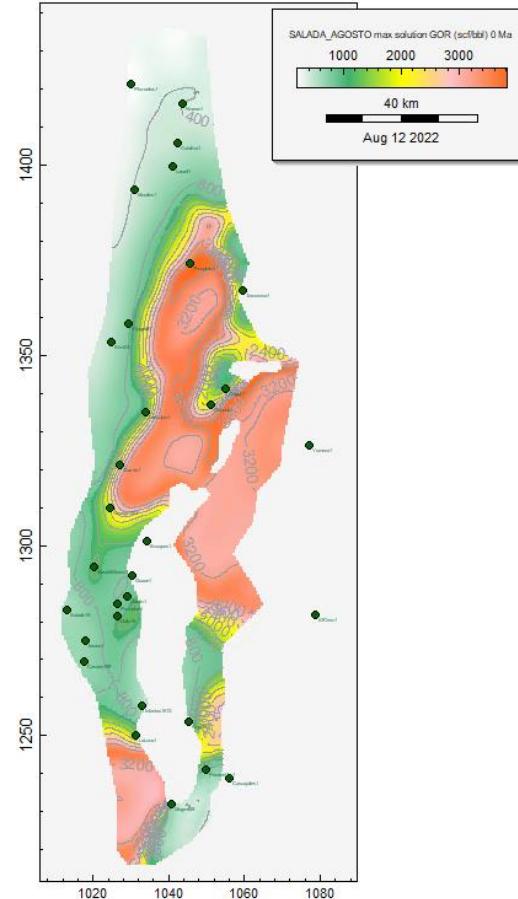
## Gas-oil ratio (GOR) from 3D modelling



Retained oil (mmstb/km<sup>2</sup>)



Retained gas (bcf/km<sup>2</sup>)



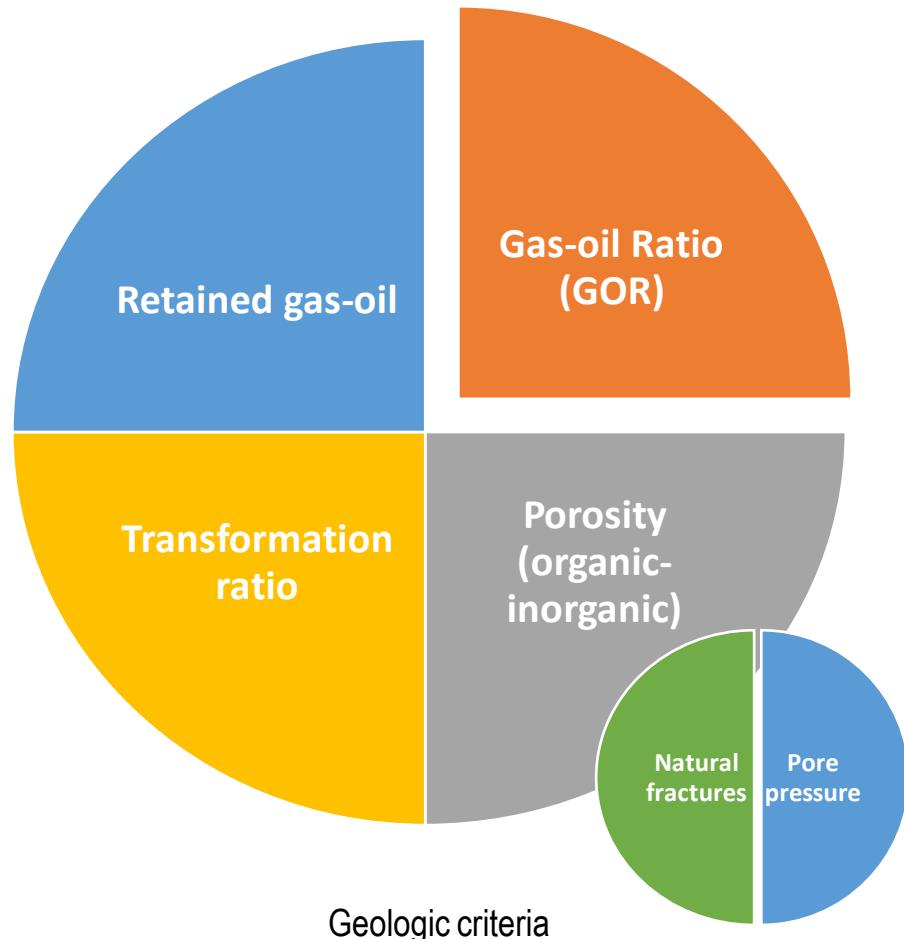
Gas-Oil Ratio (scf/bbl)

Analysis for the Salada, Pujamana and Galembó-La Renta formations.

GOR also indicates that a solution gas cap is the drive mechanism for producing liquid hydrocarbons

Usually, GOR  $\geq 1.000$  considered attractive in several basins (e.g., Western Gulf Basin – Eagle Ford Shale)

## Sweet spot definition and geologic criteria



Criteria	Low (0)	Fair (0.5)	Good (1)
Porosity (%)	$\leq 2\%$	$2\% - 5\%$	$\geq 5\%$
Transformation ratio (fraction)	$\leq 0.2$	$0.2 - 0.5$	$\geq 0.5$
Gas-Oil Ratio - GOR (scf/bbl)	$\leq 1000$	$\geq 1000$	
Retained oil (mmstb/km <sup>2</sup> )	$\leq 1.0$	$1.0 - 5.0$	$\geq 5.0$
Retained gas (bcf/km <sup>2</sup> )	$\leq 0.5$	$\geq 0.5$	

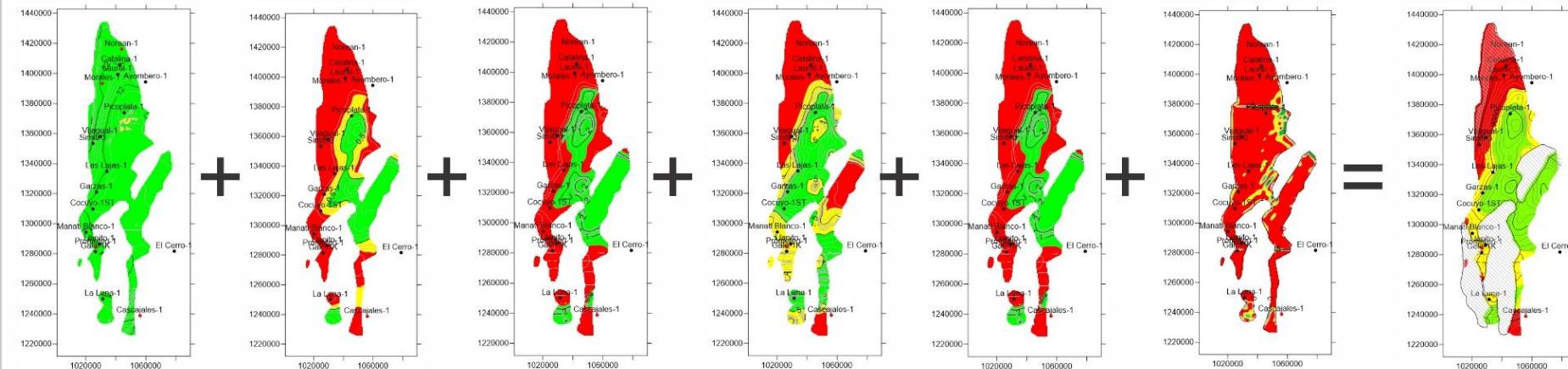
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## Sweet spot definition and geologic criteria



PHIE (%)

Transformation ratio (fraction)

GOR (scf/bbl)

Retained oil (%)

Retained gas (%)

Curvature prediction (optional)

**Sweet spot map**

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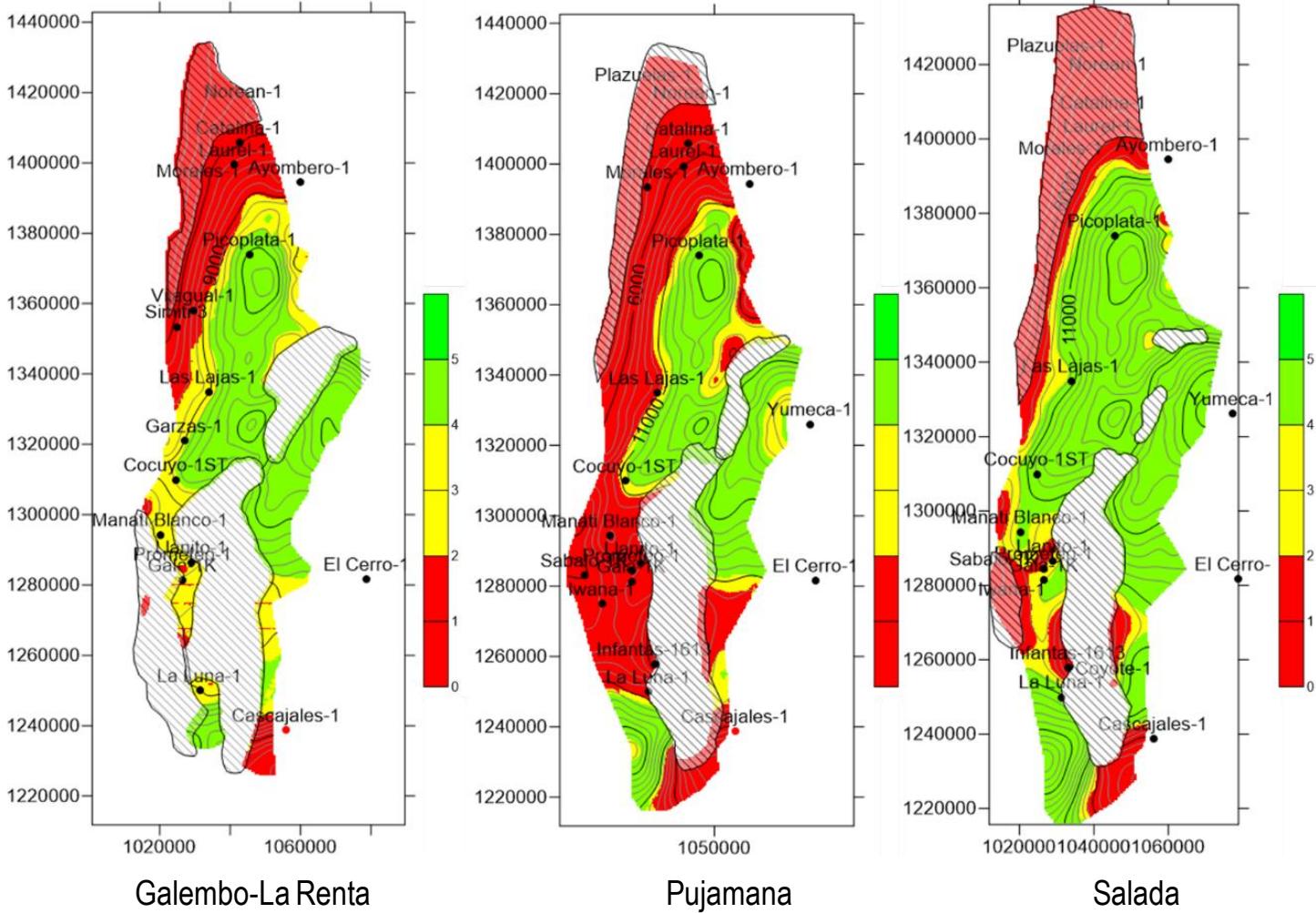
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Curvature prediction: screen areas with high or low natural fractures probability

Sweet spots also help in conventional oil and gas play definition (e.g., tight sands, naturally fractured reservoirs)

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## Sweet spot maps and resources estimation



	Salada	Pujamana	Galembo-La Renta	Total
Gas Retained Total (unrisked)	10 TCF	5,8 TCF	4,8 TCF	20,6 TCF
Oil Retained Total (unrisked)	15,5 Bbls	8,8 Bbls	20,5 Bbls	44,8 Bbls
Gas Total Retained*	1,5 TCF	0,87 TCF	0,72 TCF	3,09 TCF
Oil Total Retained*	2,32 Bbls	1,32 Bbls	3,07 Bbls	6,71 Bbls

\*After 15% RF