

ONSHORE GUAJIRA BASIN



High potential
lightly
explored basin

Colombia
2005
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Petroleum System

■ **The Onshore Guajira Basin:** Covers an area of 12,600 km² (3,110,000 acres) is located in the northermost part of Colombia. The Lower Guajira Basin is the result of a releasing stepover of Cuisa–Oca transcurrent fault systems, thus generating a transtensional basin. North of the Cuisa fault, the Upper Guajira is structurally related to rifting that occurred north of Maracaibo lake. Exploratory drilling started with the Rancheria-1 well, spudded in 1948. To date, only 18 wildcats have been drilled with two gas fields discovered. The Ballena and Riohacha fields, with reserves of 1,315 and 86.5 of GCFG. Drilling density is 695 km²/well (172,000 acres/well).

■ **Hydrocarbon evidence:** Proven by the two gas fields discovered in the basin. Turbiditic sandstones with average porosities of about 17%.

■ **Reservoirs:** Siliciclastics and Carbonates are important reservoirs in the basin. Neogene limestones of the Uitpa and Jimol formations, with average moldic porosity of up to 20% and net pay thickness up to 100 ft. In addition, fractured basement can also be considered as a potential reservoir. (e.g. Venezuela, La Paz-Mara fields).

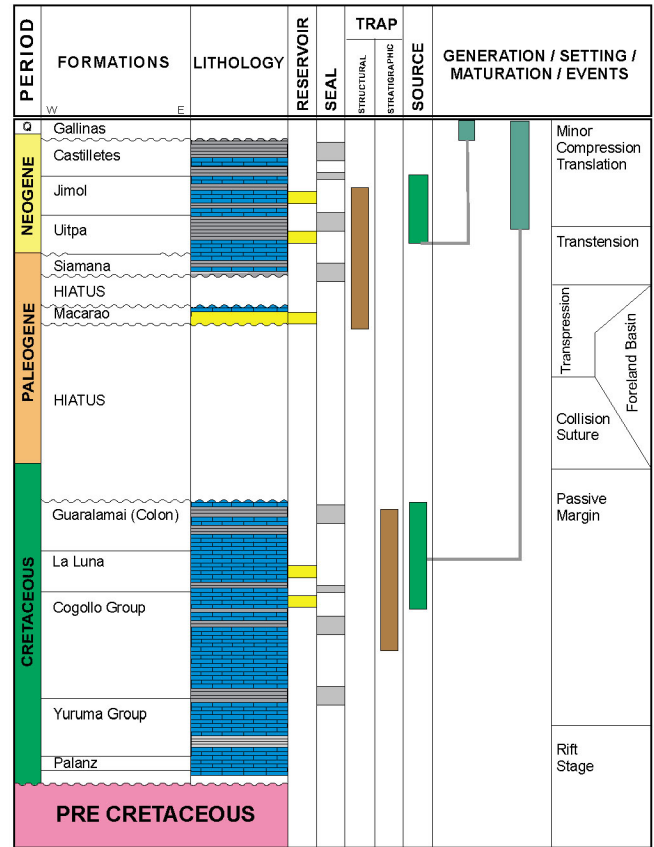
■ **Traps:** Several potential structural traps of Neogene age are the result of deformation generated by the Cuisa and Oca faults. Main stratigraphic traps are onlaps and truncations against basements highs. Carbonate mounds are very important trapping geometries.

■ **Sources:** Cretaceous Colon, La Luna and Cogollo shales contain kerogen type II and are considered good oil source rocks. Organic matter of Paleogene–Neogene source rocks is strongly gas-prone. The Neogene Castilletes formation has TOC values ranging from 1.5–2.0 % and kerogen type II and III.

■ **Seals:** Top and lateral seal for Cretaceous reservoirs in the Guajira is adequate where Paleocene and lower Eocene shales are present. Bed seal for Paleogene–Neogene reservoirs is variable.

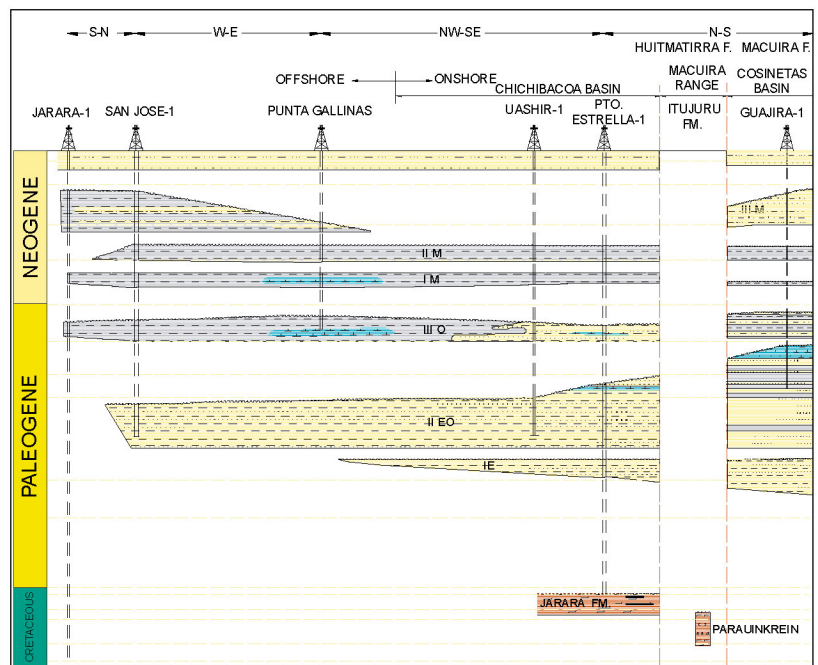
■ **Migration and Timing:** Most of the structures were formed during Late Paleogene–Early Neogene. Secondary migration of hydrocarbon most likely occurred soon after the first phase of structuring by Late Neogene.

Petroleum System Chart



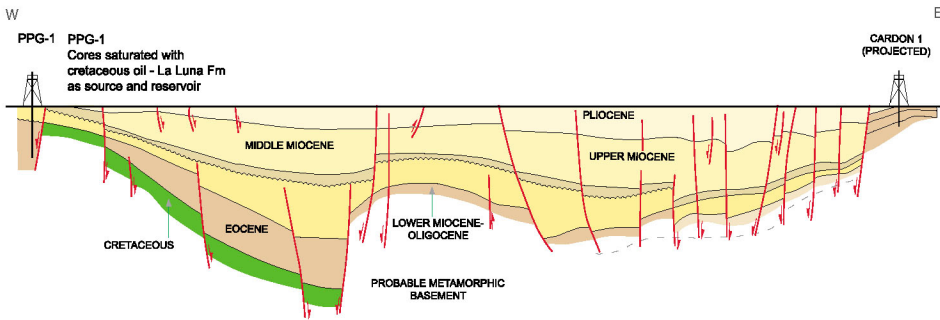
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Chronostratigraphic Chart



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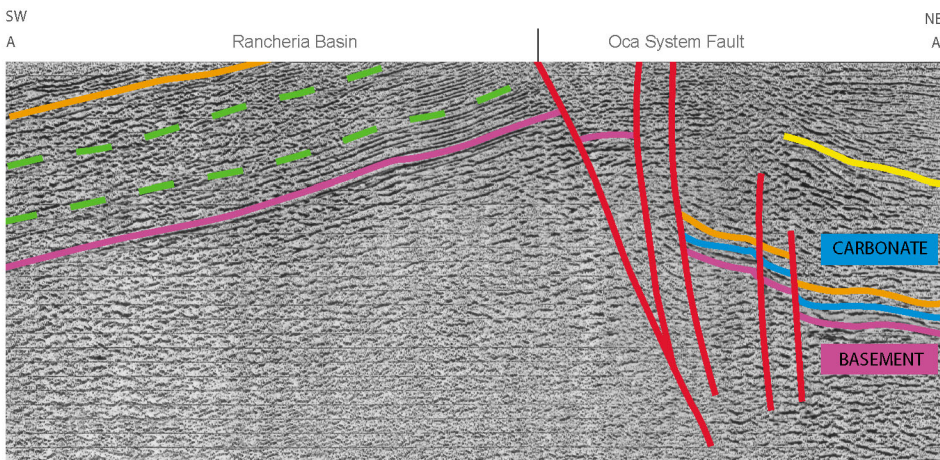
Regional Structural Cross Section



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Fracture Carbonate Play

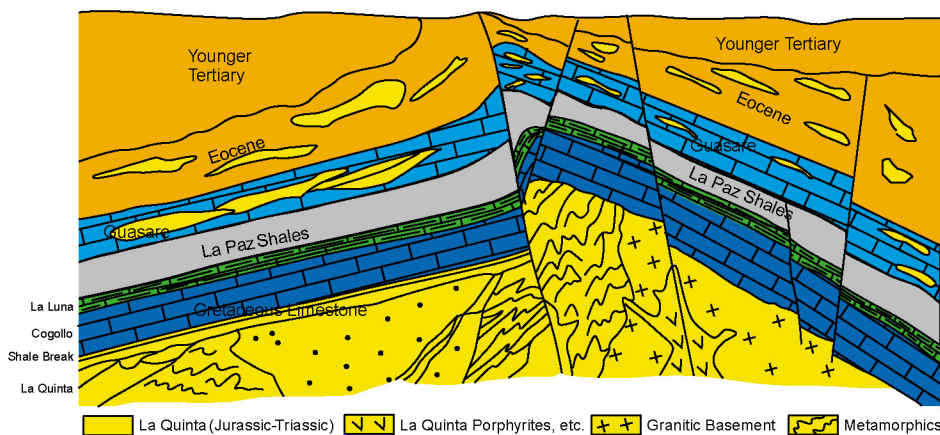
OLIGOCENE CARBONATES STRONGLY FRACTURED BY THE OCA WRENCH SYSTEM



From Barrero, D., 1998

Analog Example

FRACTURE CARBONATE AND BASEMENT PLAY (VENEZUELA, LA PAZ OIL FIELD)



Modified from Smith, J.E., 1956



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Prospectivity

The PGG-1 Well (Venezuela) drilled carbonates of La Luna formation saturated with oil, thus documenting the existence of a hydrocarbon system in the south-eastern corner of the Upper Guajira. The generation pod is located to the east of the well in the Cosinetas basin. Highly prospective structural traps exist in the western flank of the Cosinetas basin in the Upper Guajira. Structural and stratigraphic traps in the Lower Guajira have good exploration potential.

Oligocene carbonates, fractured by the Oca wrench system, are the main exploratory target.

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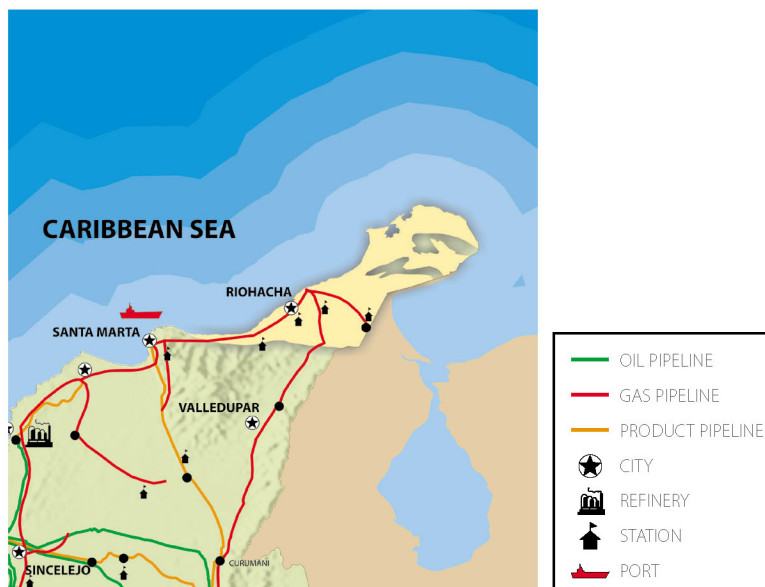
Analog Example:

La Paz and Mara fields in western Venezuela. Oil is found in Cretaceous fractured limestones of the La Luna and Cogollo formations (recovery factor of 45%). Hydrocarbons are also found in faulted basement rocks as well as in metamorphic and igneous fractured basement.

Basin Location



Infrastructure



HIGHLIGHTS

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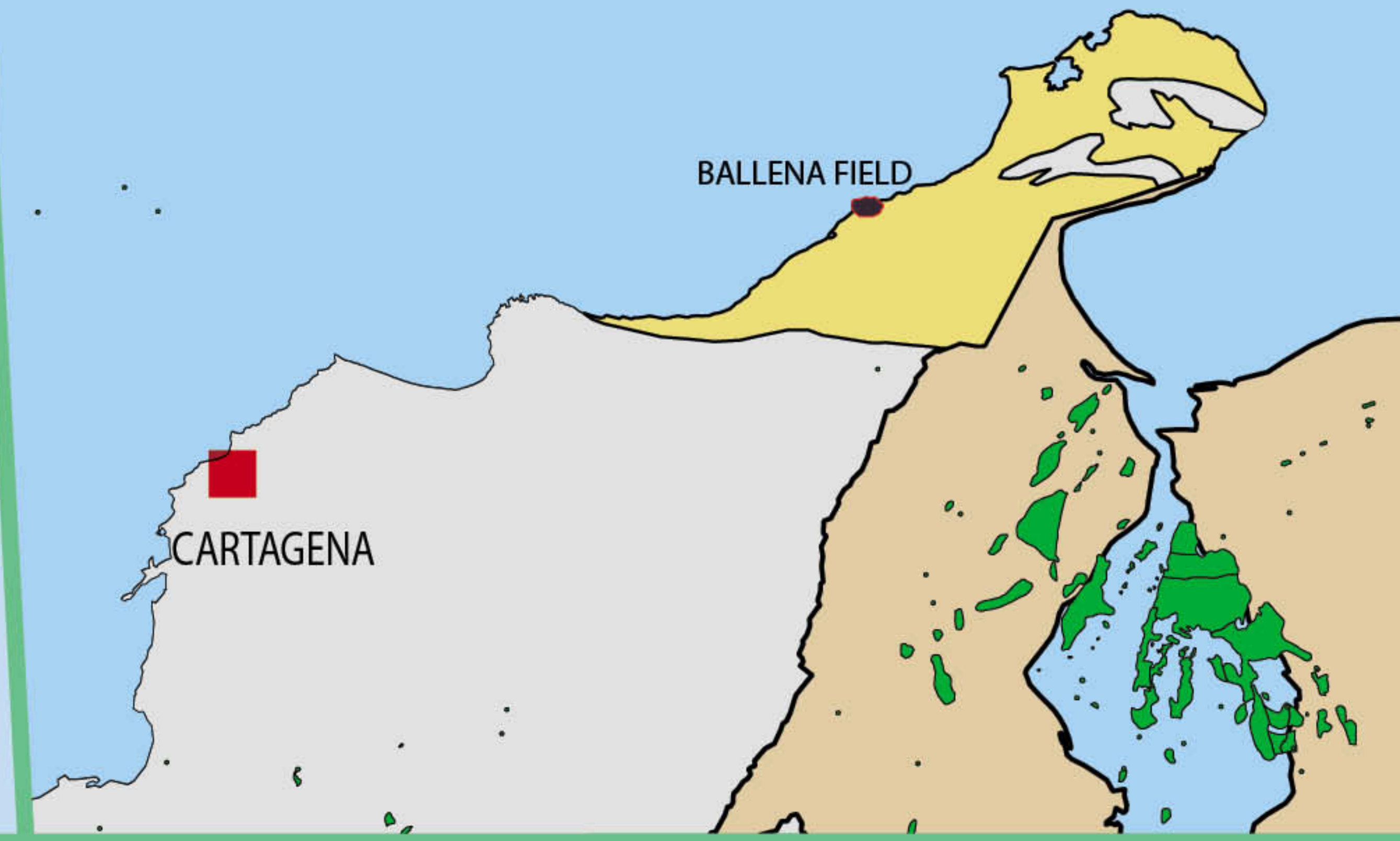


Guajira Basin - Onshore

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CARIBBEAN SEA

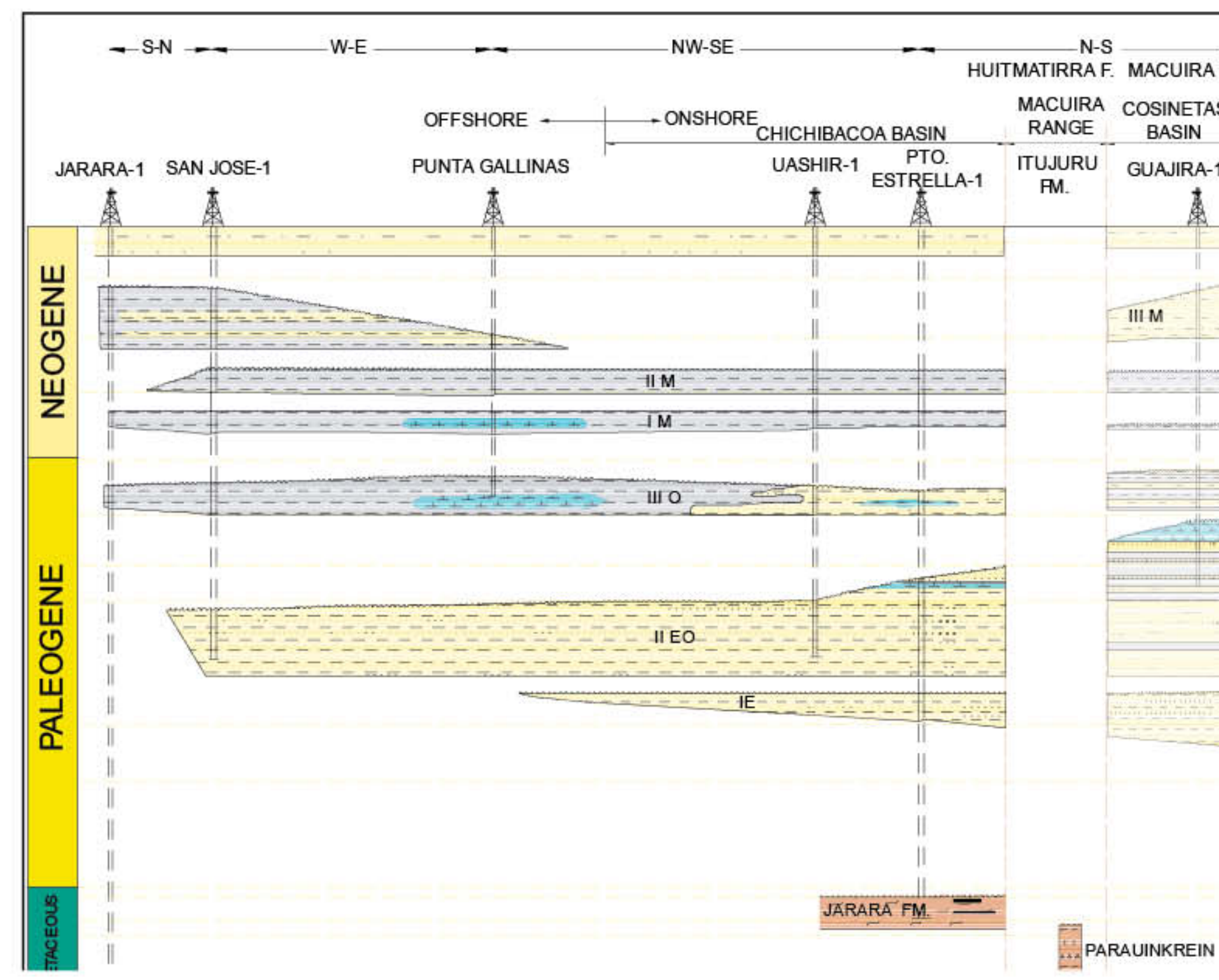


Wildcats and Oil Fields



ECOPETROL 1996

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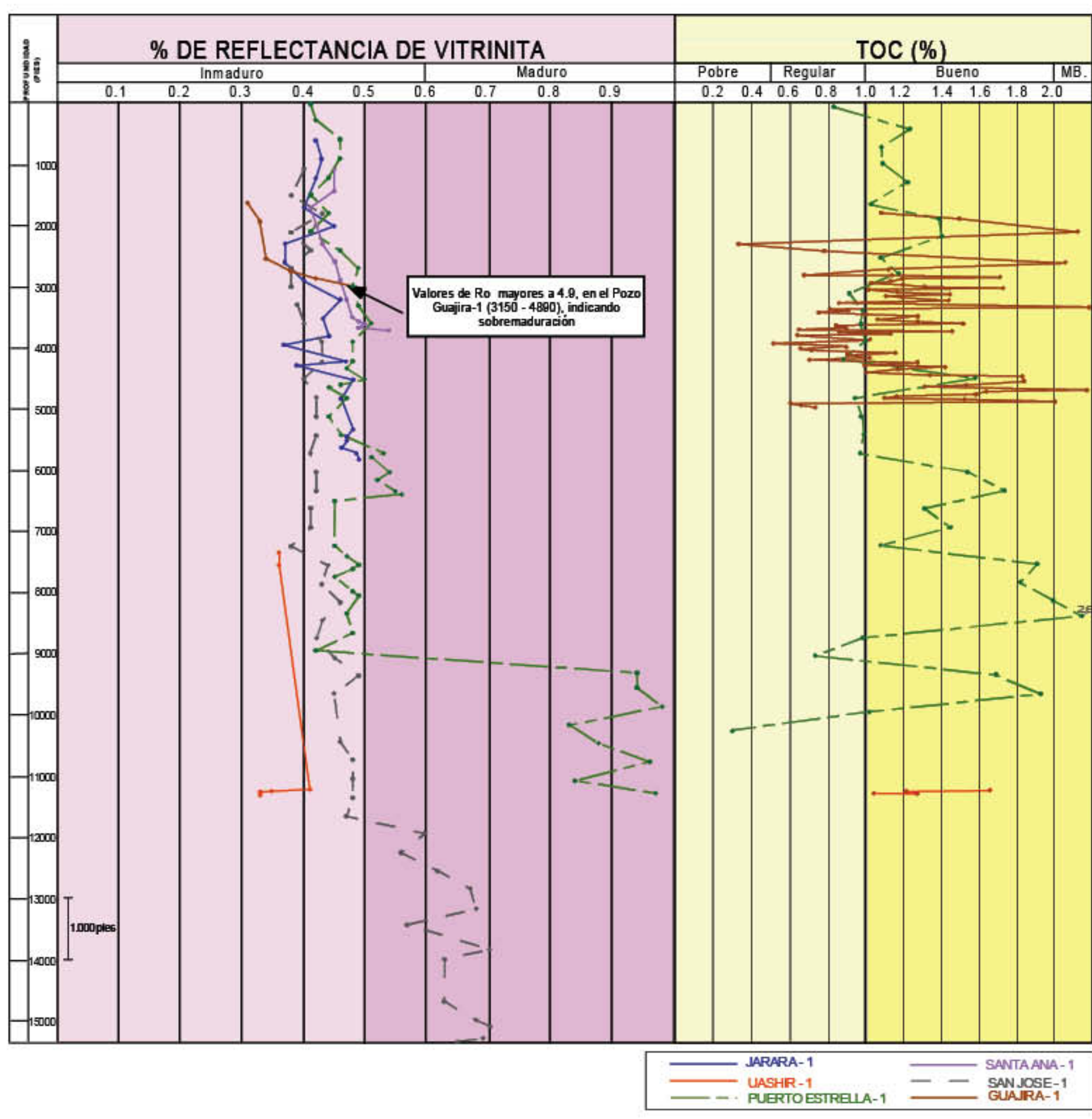
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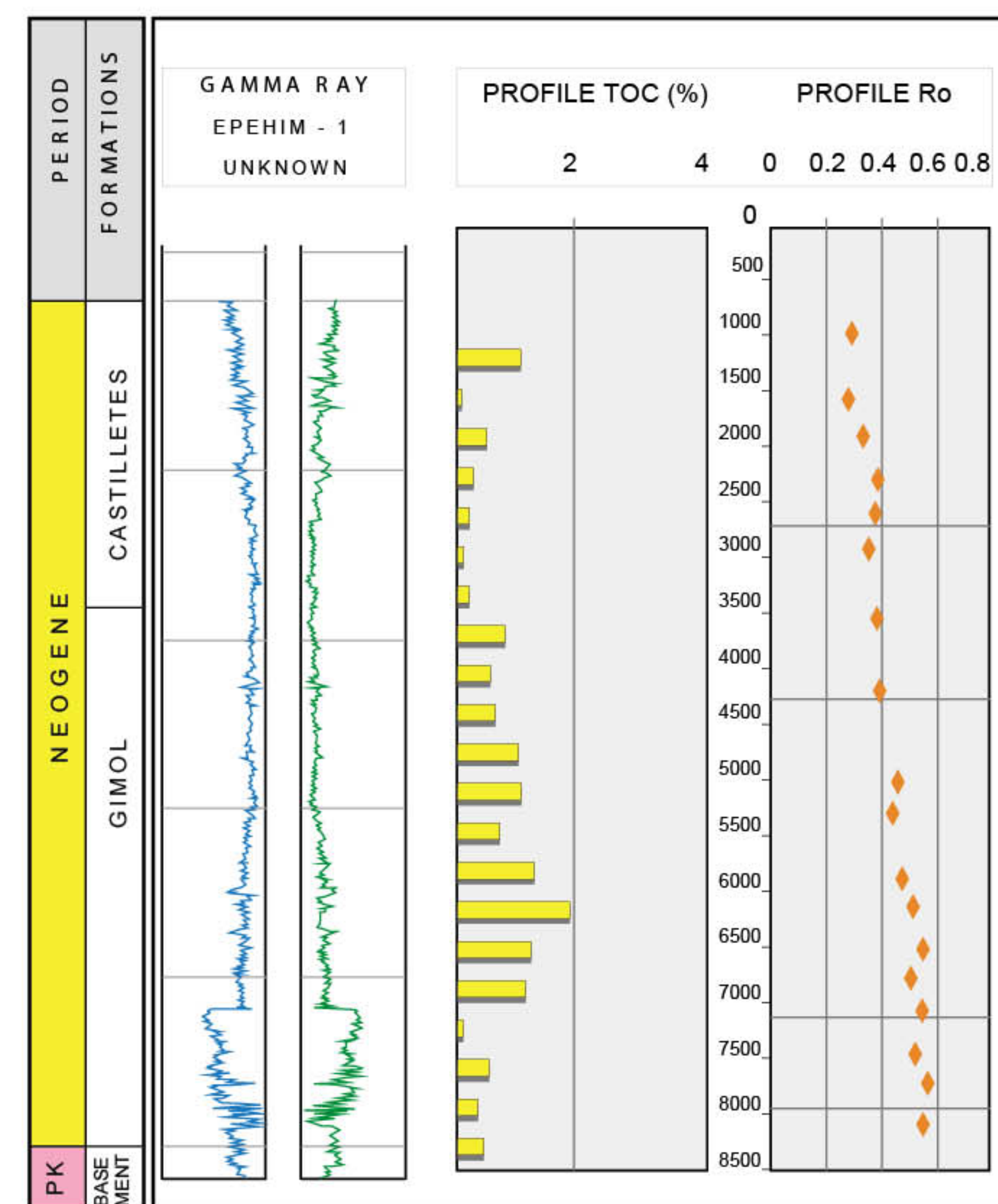
Geochemical Data

%Vitrinite Reflectance and Total Organic Carbon UPPER GUAJIRA



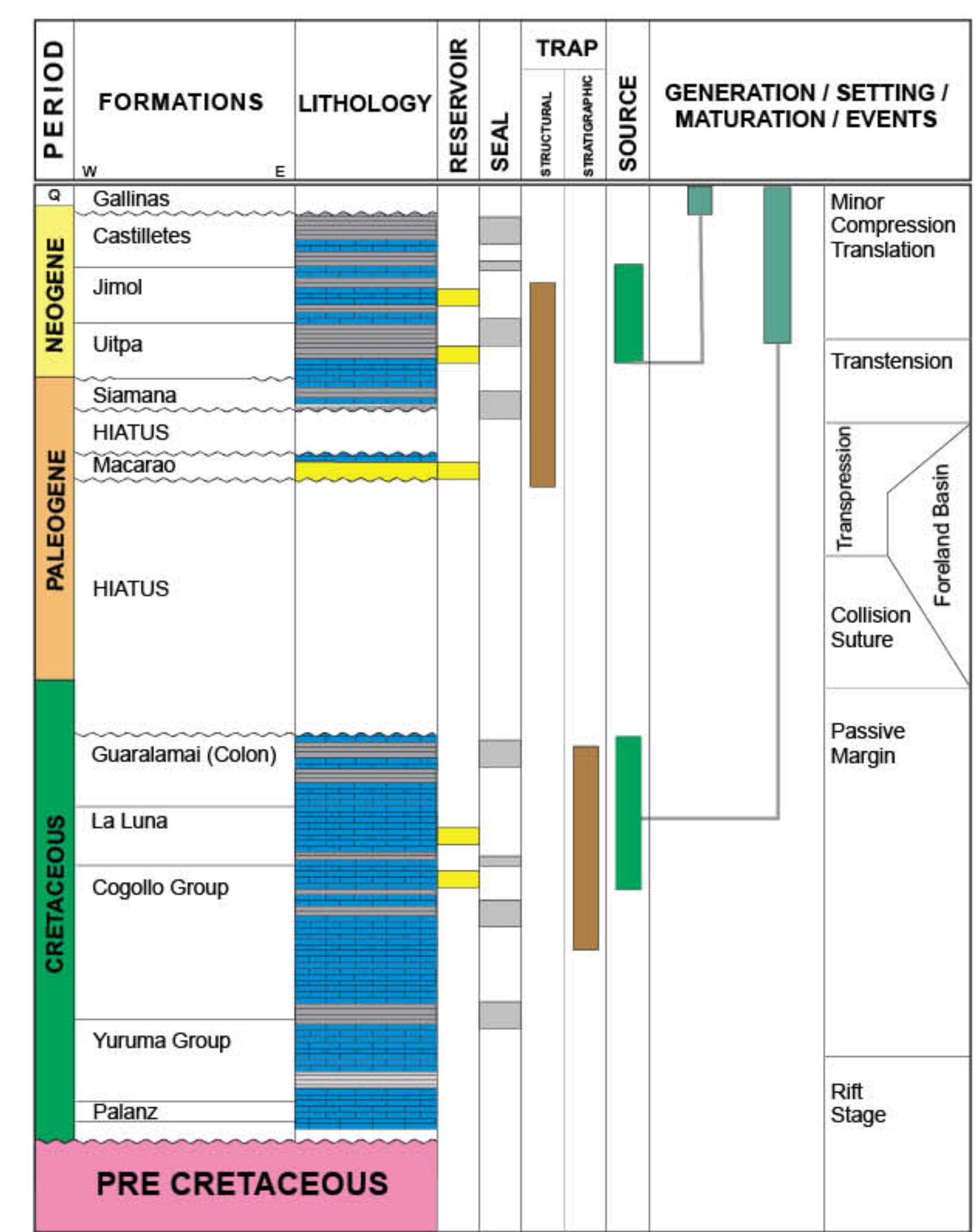
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EPEHIN-1 WELL



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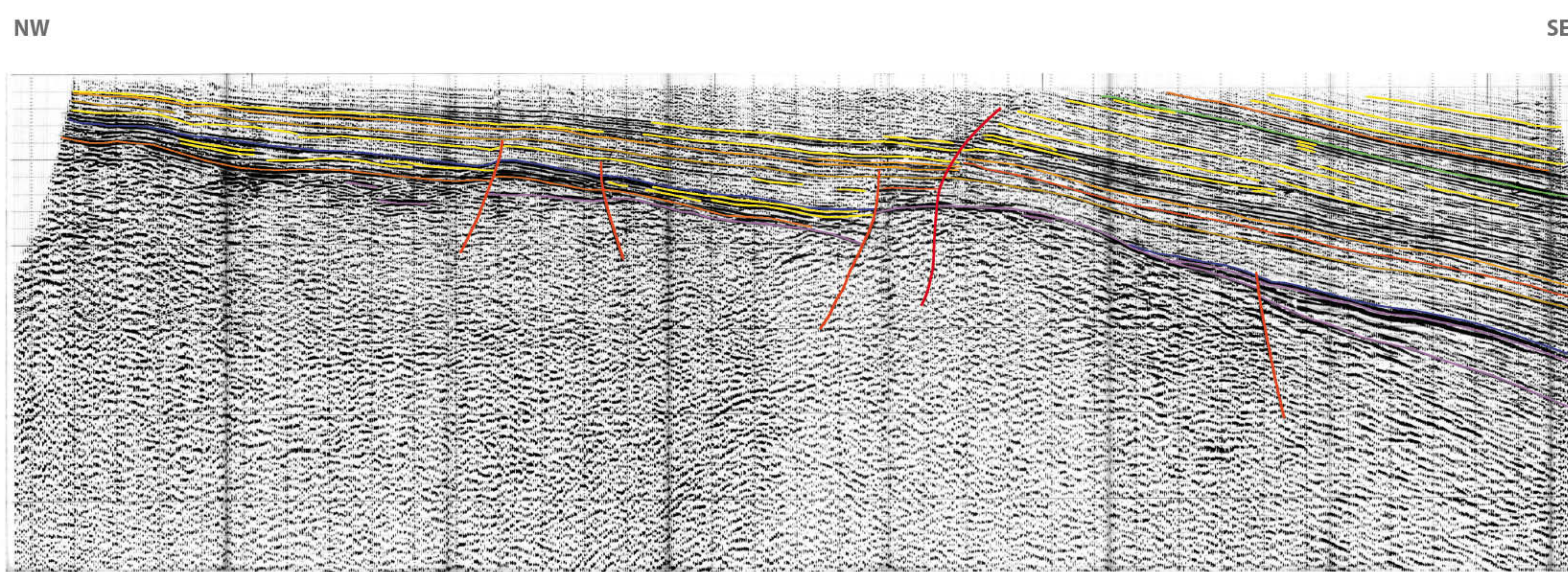
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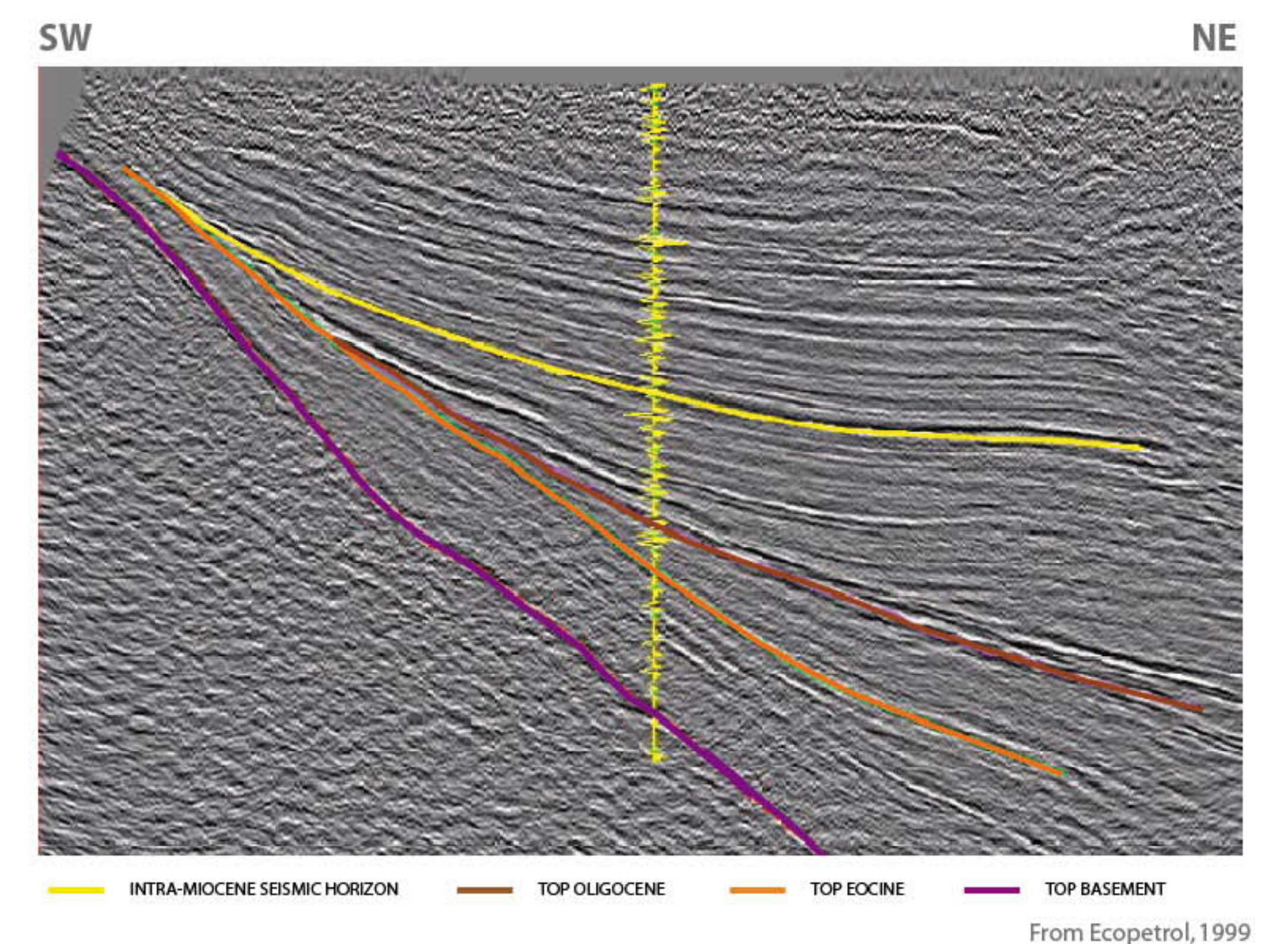
Structural and Stratigraphic Plays

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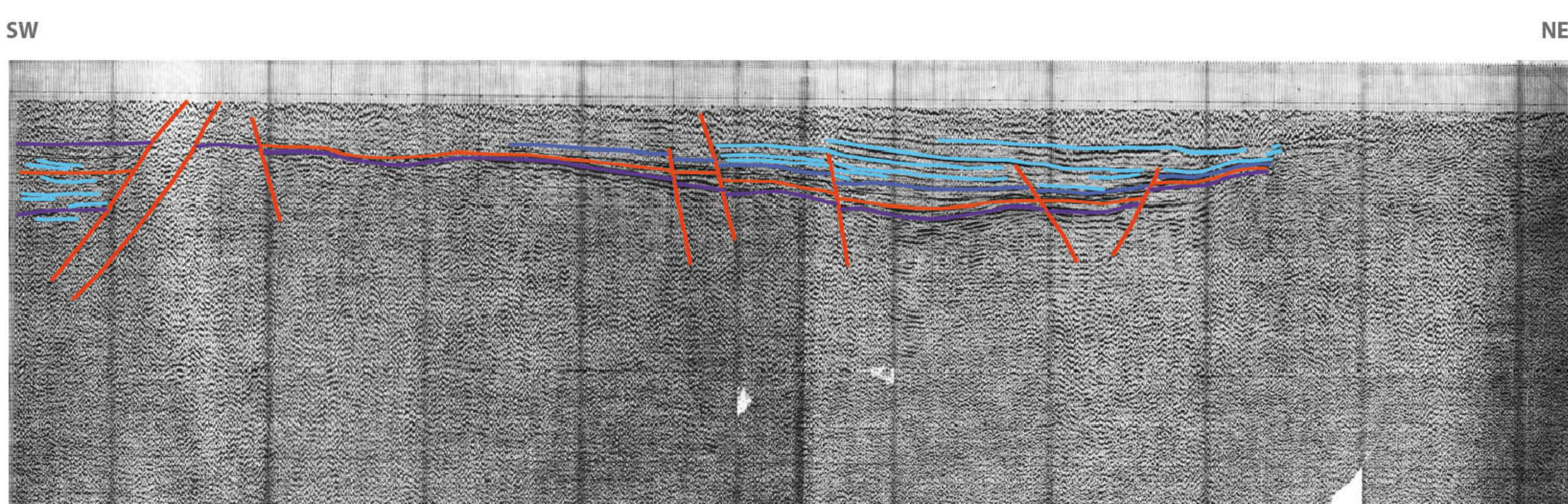
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Line 2. Stratigraphic Onlap Onshore CHIMARE AREA



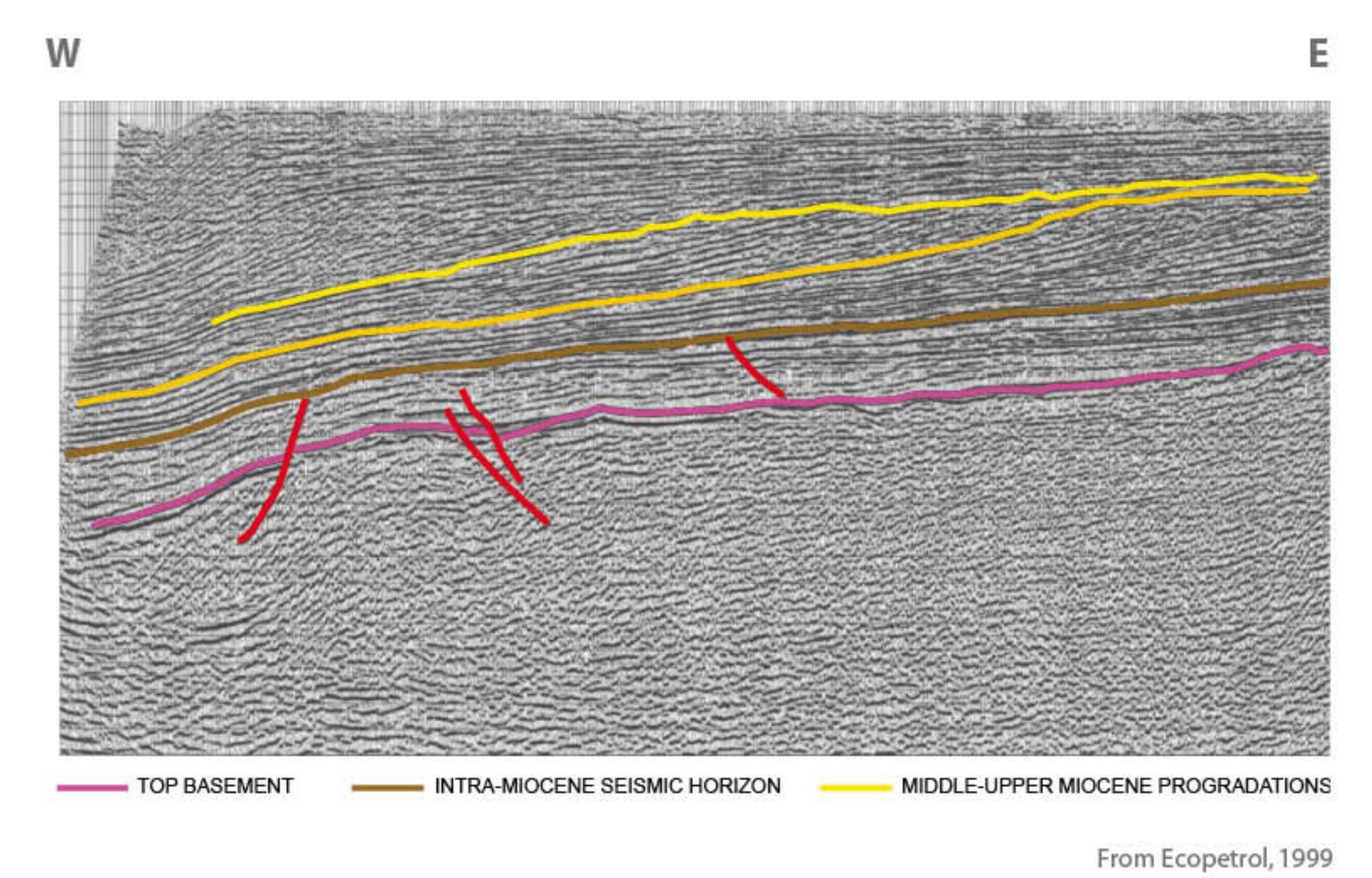
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Line 3.



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Line 4. Middle Miocene Turbidites



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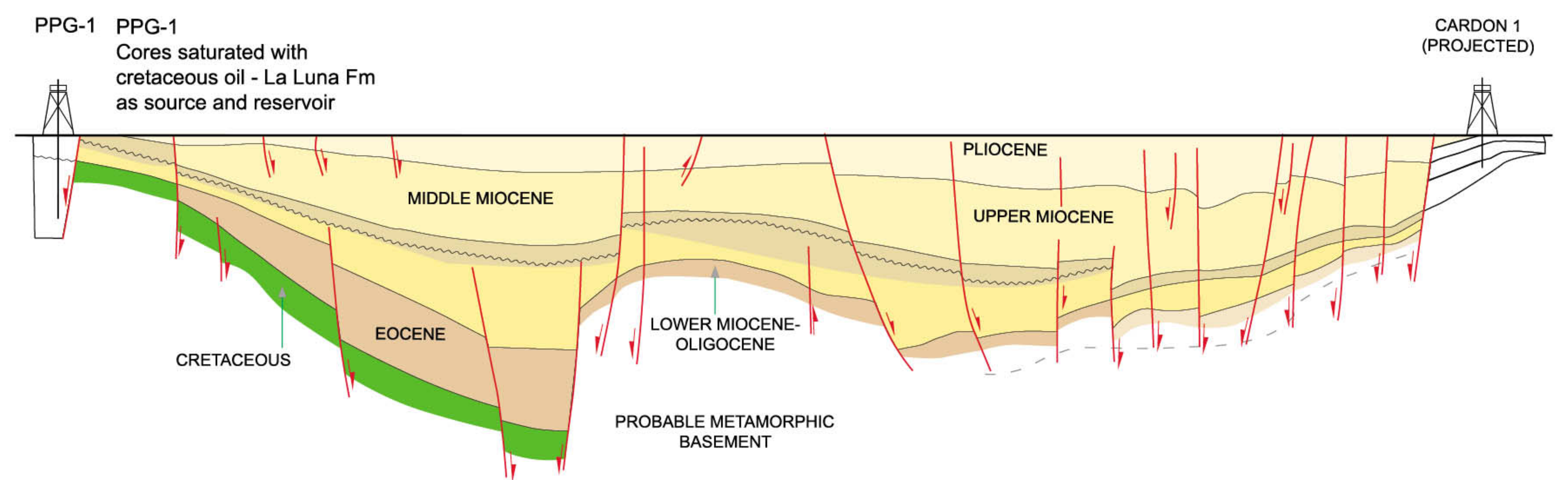
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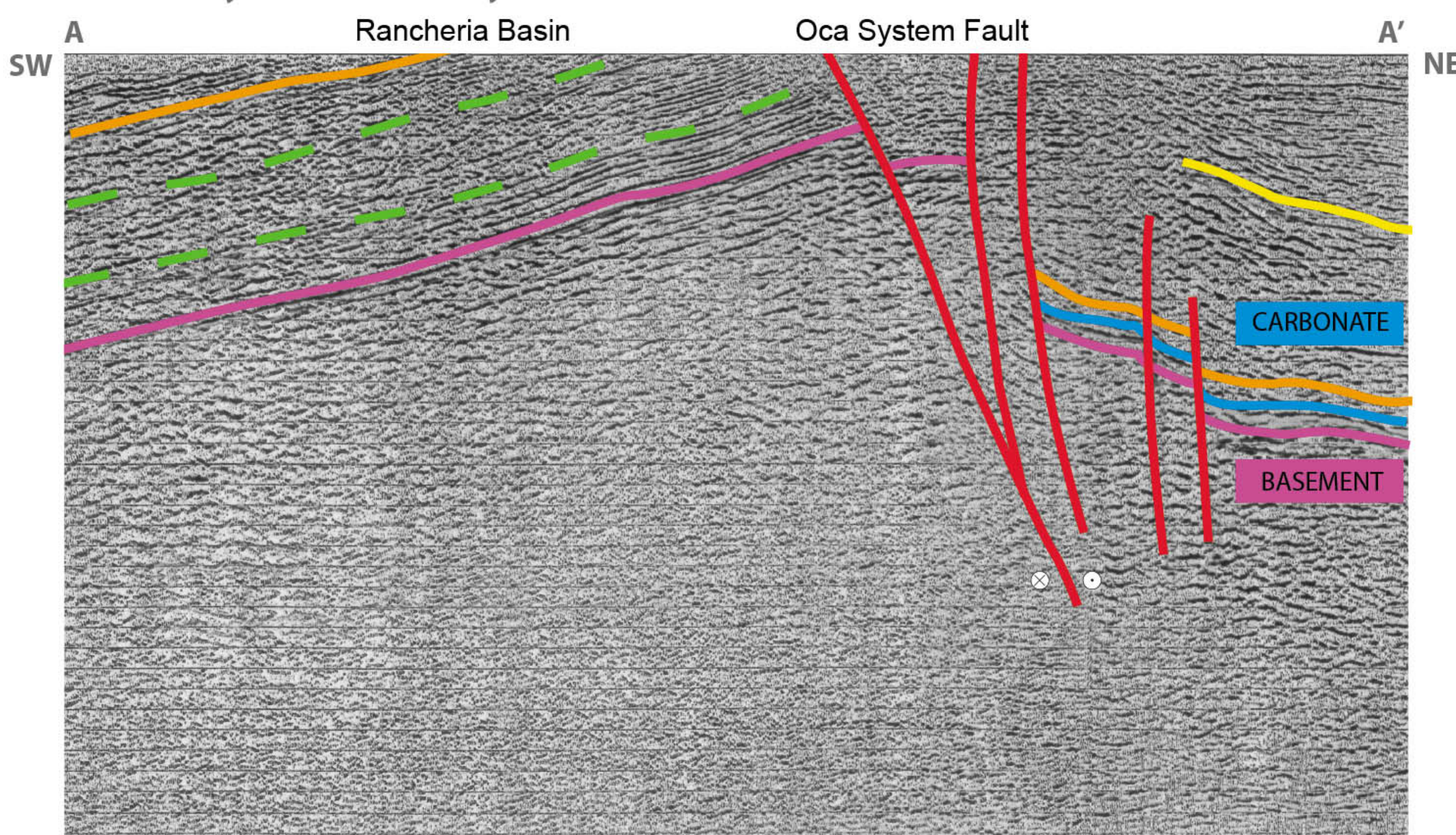
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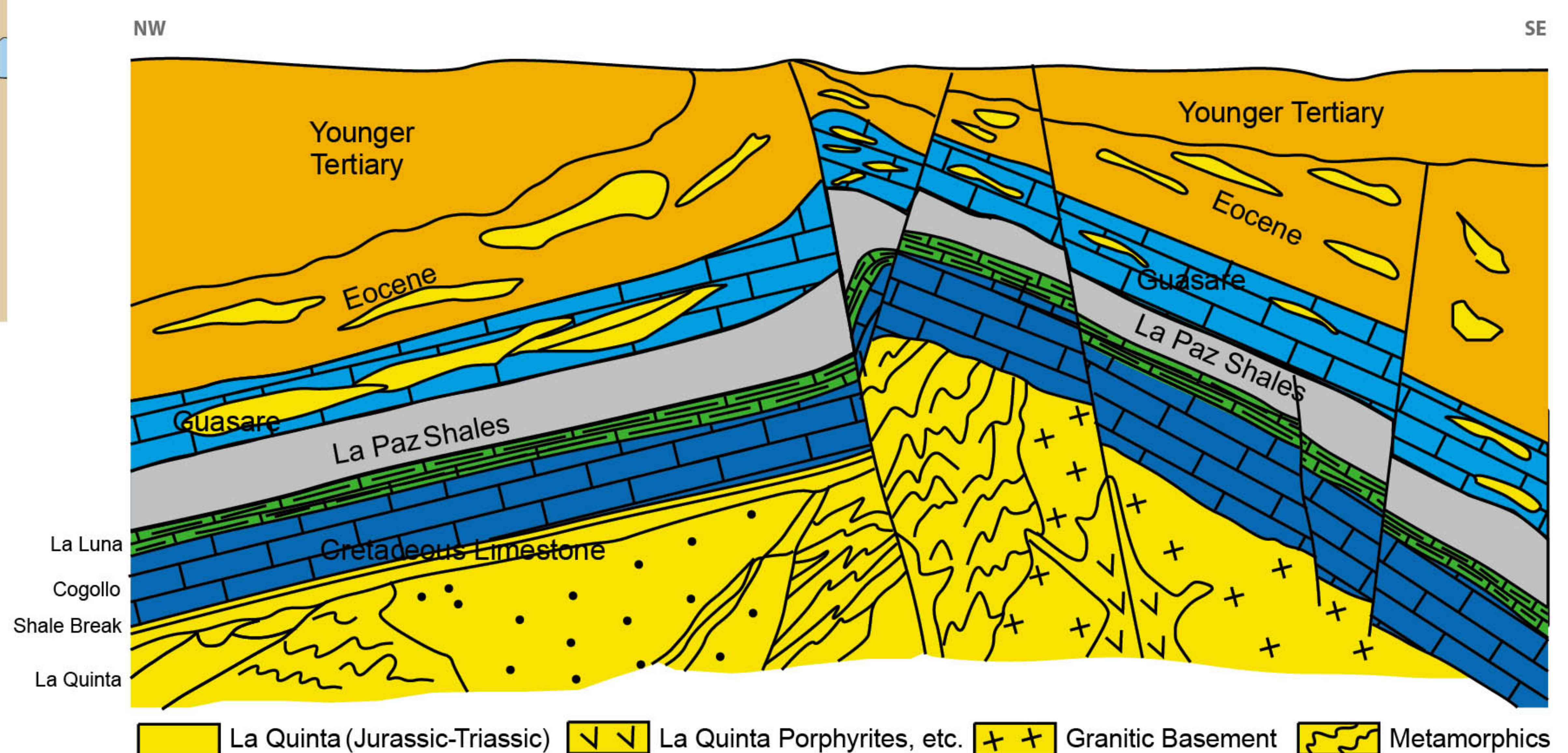
Analog Example



La Paz oil field of Western Venezuela is a super giant oil producer from fracture carbonates and granitic basement.

Fractured Carbonates and Basement play

LA PAZ OIL FIELD



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