



Un-conventional Miocene Reservoirs (Low Resistivity Pay) Success Story, El-Morgan Field, Gulf of Suez, Egypt.

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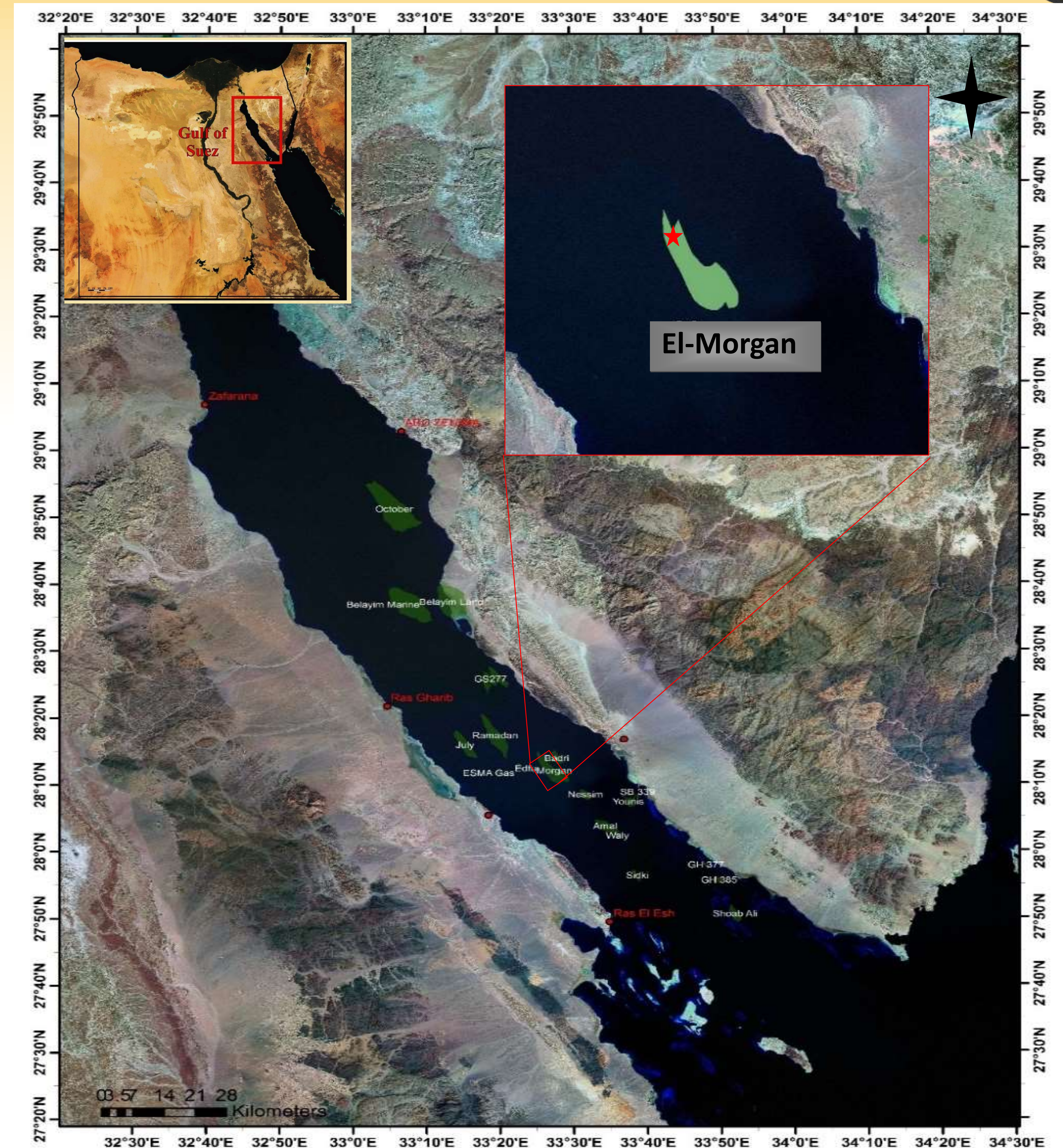
□ Summary & Conclusions

Introduction



□ EL-Morgan Field

- Southern part of the GOS, 13 Km NW of El-Tor.
 - Covers area 46 Km² (Belayim, Kareem & L. Rud).
 - Discovered in 1965 and start production in 1967.
 - El-Morgan field STOIP of 2.7 BBO.
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- Paper presents successful wells produced from LRP of Miocene clastics, Gulf of Suez.
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- The traditional petrophysical calculations indicated that they are highly saturated with water.



1- Conventional reservoirs:

TOPS_IDM2	Unknown CALCFM GR1CFM qAPI		MD (ft) 1:200	TVDSS (ft) 1:200	Sand - Scale (ND)	DRHFM Baseline	DRHFM -0.8 q/cm ³ 0.2	DREHM 0 b/c 20	NICKLFM disc shf 0.45 ft ³ /ft ³ -0.15	RPCLM ohm.m 2000	BQCFM 1.95 q/cm ³ 2.95	RPCBM ohm.m 2000	KINT_GEO mD 10000	SUWI #3/#3 0	PIGN #3/#3 0	Fm. Pressure psi 8371.6 51	+ Mobility + 100000	NET FL 0 wellbore 2	NET FL 2 wellbore 0	Scale	Matrix	Quartz	Unwater	JOLI
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The image displays a geological profile of the Hammam Faroun area, showing stratigraphic columns for B2 and B3, and a detailed cross-section with various geological units and measurements.

Stratigraphic Columns:

- B2 (Hammam Faroun):** Shows a sequence of units including "Formation Zonation" and "Interval Zonation". The "Interval Zonation" column lists units: "G1", "G2", "G3", "G4", "G5", "G6", "G7", "G8", "G9", "G10", "G11", "G12", "G13", "G14", "G15", "G16", "G17", "G18", "G19", "G20", "G21", "G22", "G23", "G24", "G25", "G26", "G27", "G28", "G29", "G30", "G31", "G32", "G33", "G34", "G35", "G36", "G37", "G38", "G39", "G40", "G41", "G42", "G43", "G44", "G45", "G46", "G47", "G48", "G49", "G50", "G51", "G52", "G53", "G54", "G55", "G56", "G57", "G58", "G59", "G60", "G61", "G62", "G63", "G64", "G65", "G66", "G67", "G68", "G69", "G70", "G71", "G72", "G73", "G74", "G75", "G76", "G77", "G78", "G79", "G80", "G81", "G82", "G83", "G84", "G85", "G86", "G87", "G88", "G89", "G90", "G91", "G92", "G93", "G94", "G95", "G96", "G97", "G98", "G99", "G100".
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Geological Profile:

- The profile shows a cross-section of the area, with a vertical axis representing depth (m) and a horizontal axis representing distance (m).
- The profile includes a detailed stratigraphic column on the left, showing units from "G1" to "G100".
- The profile includes a detailed stratigraphic column on the right, showing units from "G1" to "G100".
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❑ Definition of Low Resistivity Pay (LRP)

Low resistivity pay is a reservoir which exhibits low electrical resistance (high calculated S_w) and can produce hydrocarbon associated with low water cut ([Austin, et al, 1995](#)).

Reasons:

- 1) Presence of clays and their distribution.
- 2) Fine grained (silty) sand.
- 3) Presence of conductive minerals.

Traditional Evaluation:

Traditional petrophysical calculations will reflect high water saturation which will result in errors in STTOIP calculations.

Solution:

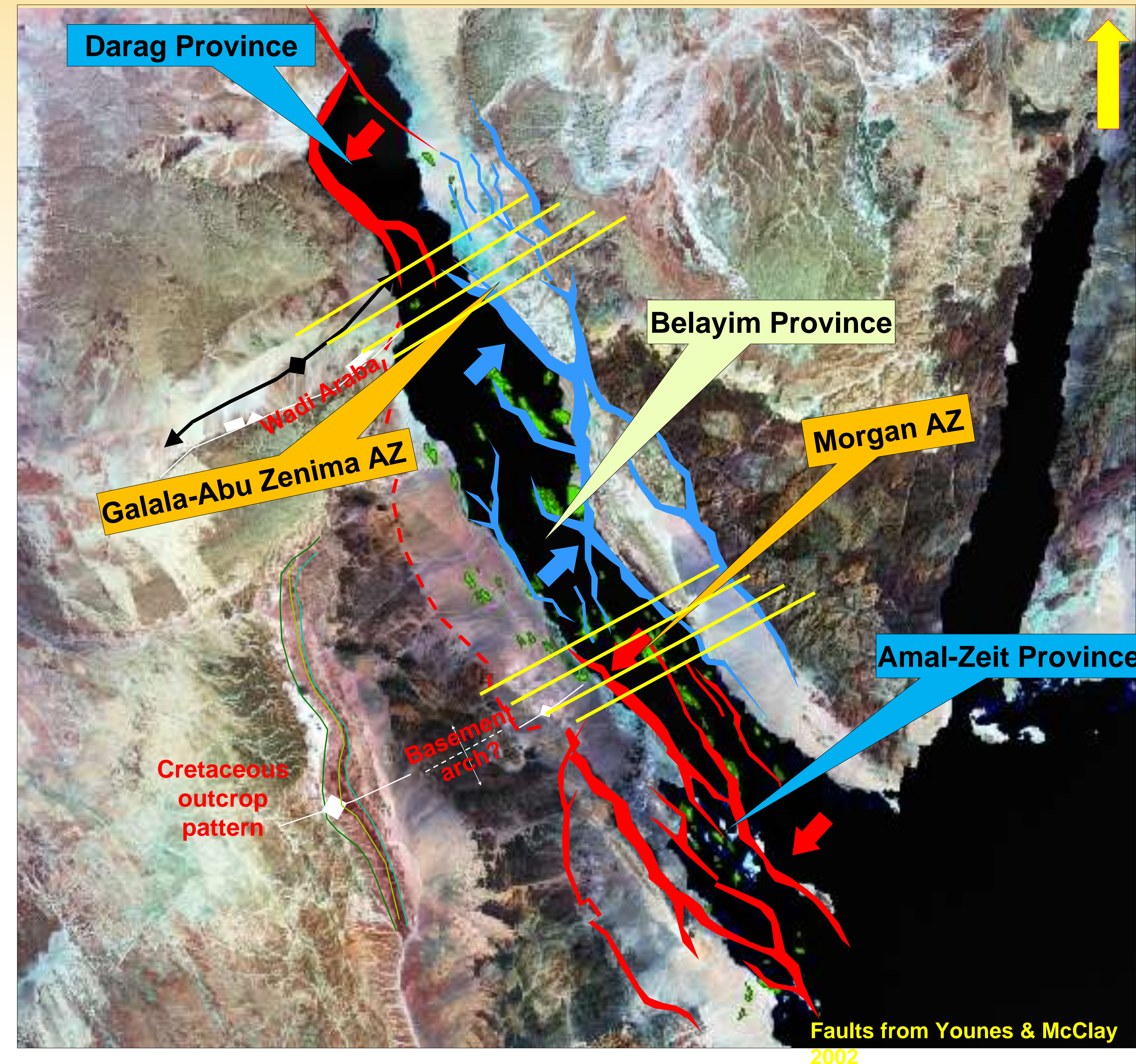
Acquire high technology logging tools such as NMR ,ADT , 3 dimensional resistivity (RT scanner), ECS.....etc. In addition to Core/Side-Wall Core.

Geologic setting



□ Structural Framework of the Gulf of Suez

- Three major tectonic dip provinces are defined within Gulf of Suez
 - Darag Province. (SW Dipping)
 - Belayim Province. (NE Dipping)
 - Amal-Zeit Province. (SW Dipping)
- These provinces are separated by two Northeasterly trending accommodation zones:
 - Galala-Abu Zenima accommodation zone.
 - Morgan accommodation zone.





Stratigraphic Framework of Morgan Field (Miocene)

- Belayim Formation Stratigraphy
 - Baba Member
 - Sidri Member
 - Feiran Member
 - Hammam Faraun Member

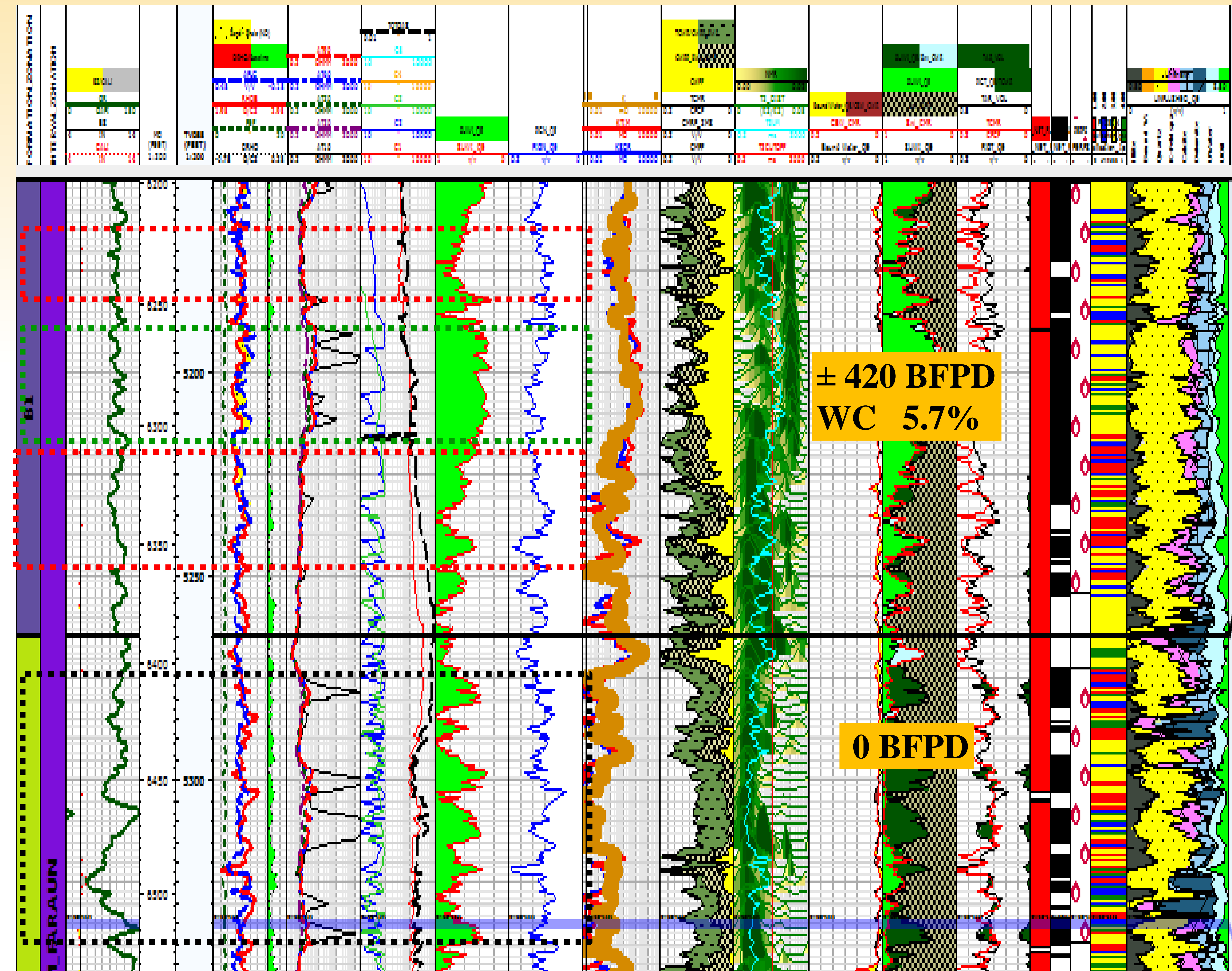
Zones	Lithology	Description	Environments
B1		Upper reservoir, good quality and main production zone	Upper fan delta complex
B2		Intermediate reservoir, less quality than B1, separated from the upper reservoir by impermeable shale streak	Lower fan delta complex, separated from one above by marine transgressive phase.
B3		Lower reservoir, Low quality and poorly facies	Distal portion of the fan delta

Problem explanation



□ Low resistivity pay challenges

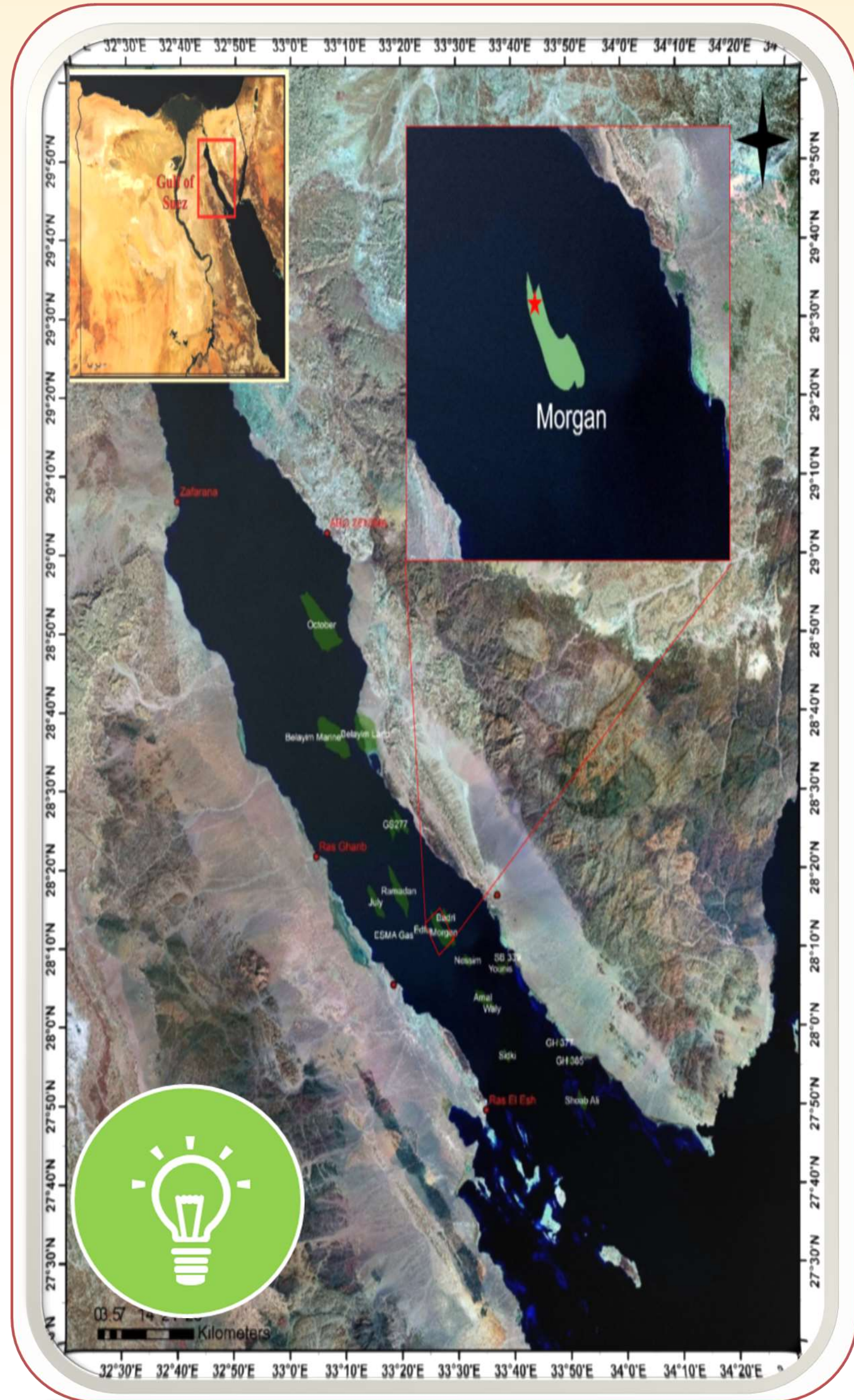
- **In-situ hydrocarbon underestimation**
 - $S_w \text{ computed} > S_w \text{ real}$
- **Bypassed pay**
 - Computed high S_w true but water is not moveable
- **Uncertainty which intervals to perforate and test**
 - Shoot everything? Plug & abandon?



Workflow

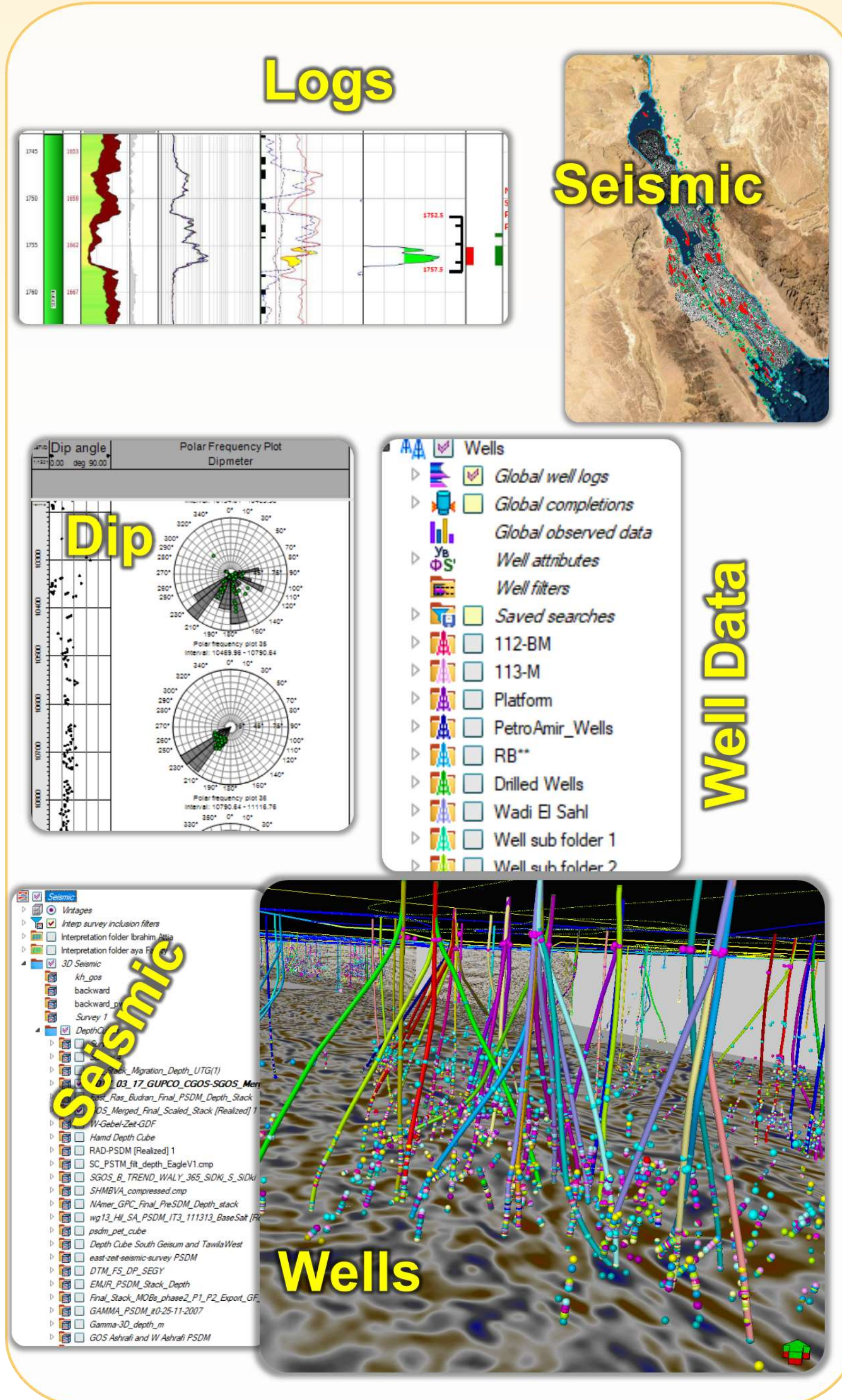
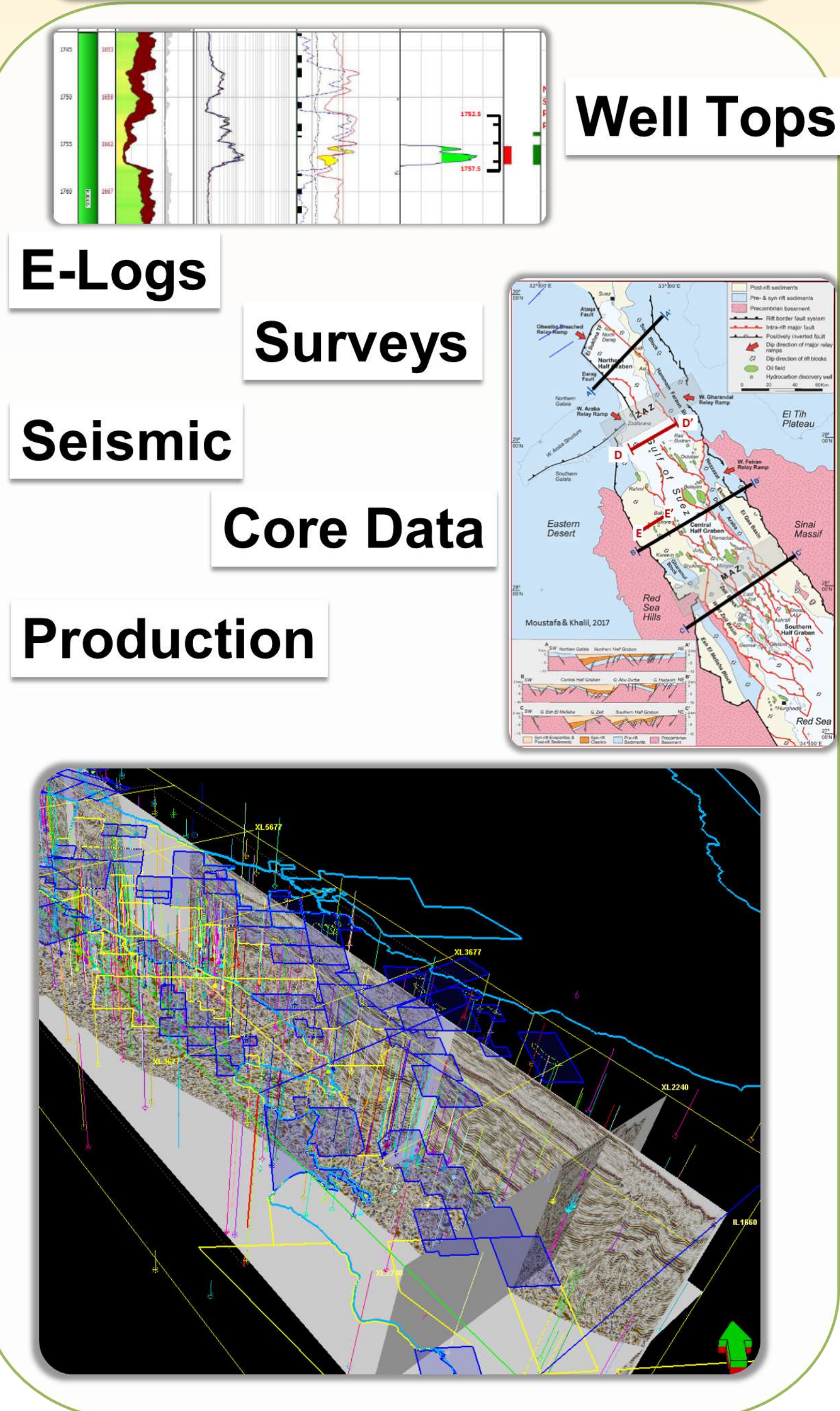


Study methodology & workflow



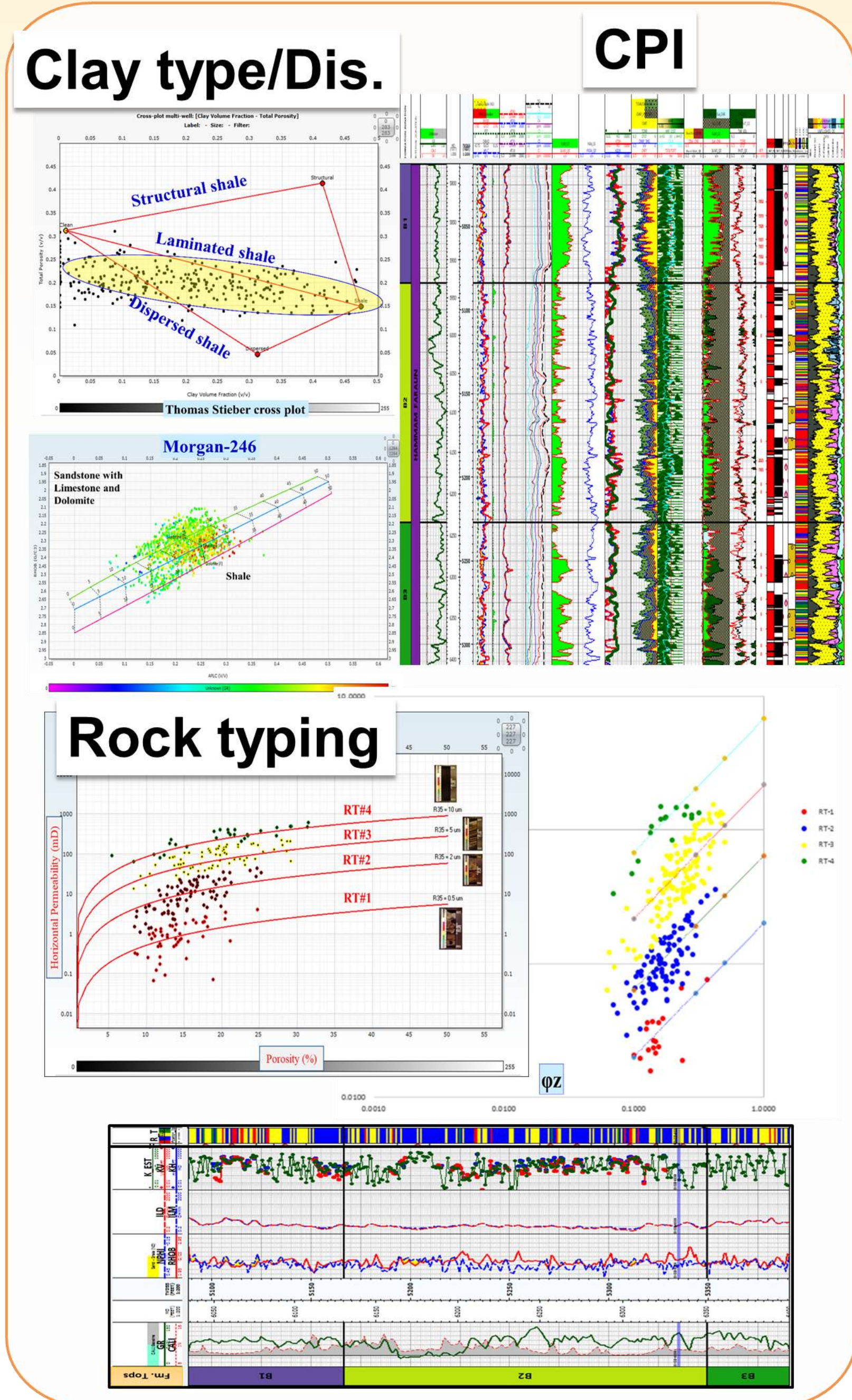
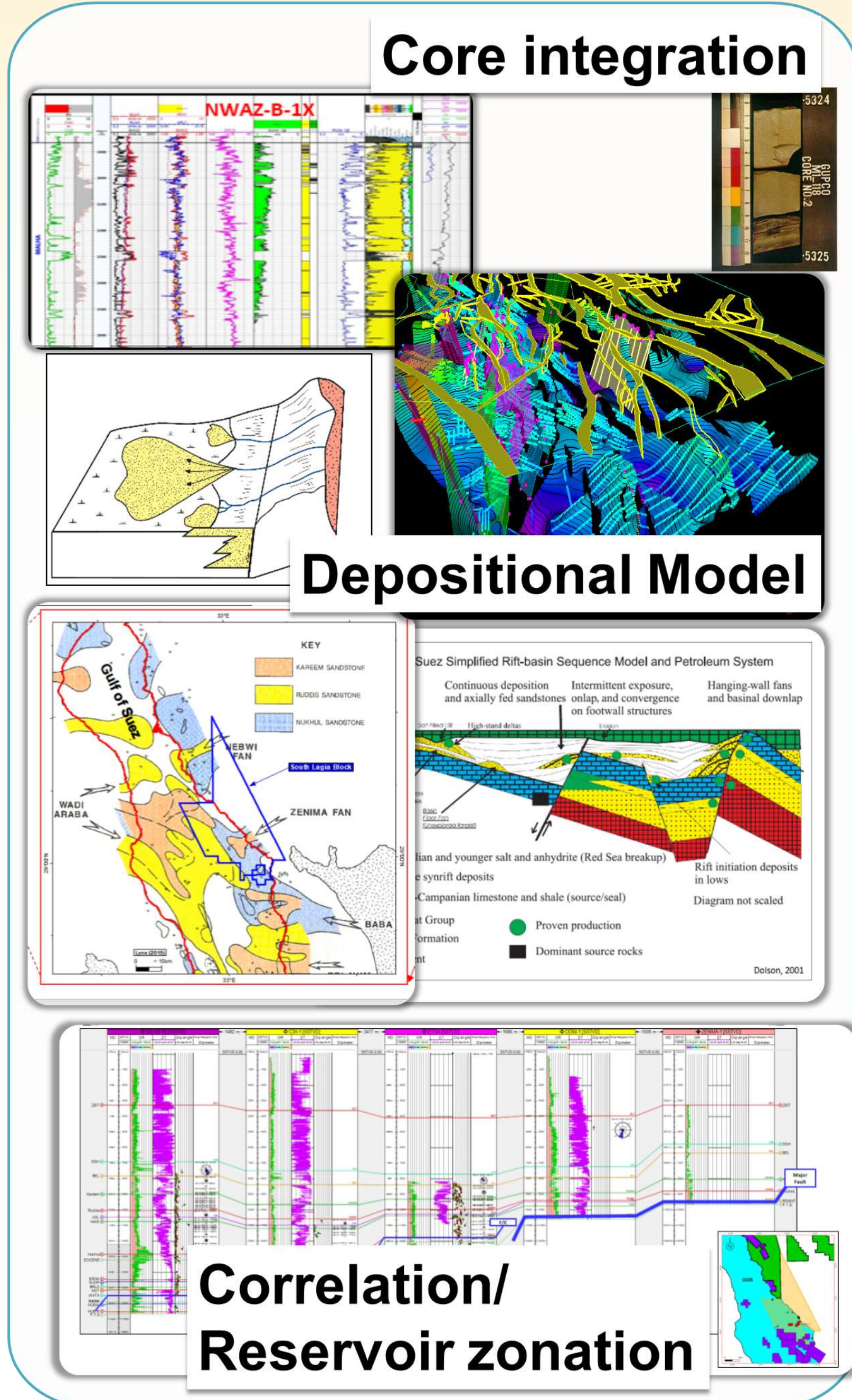
Definition of Study Area in a Regional Context

Data Gathering / Review previous work and literatures
Building Database



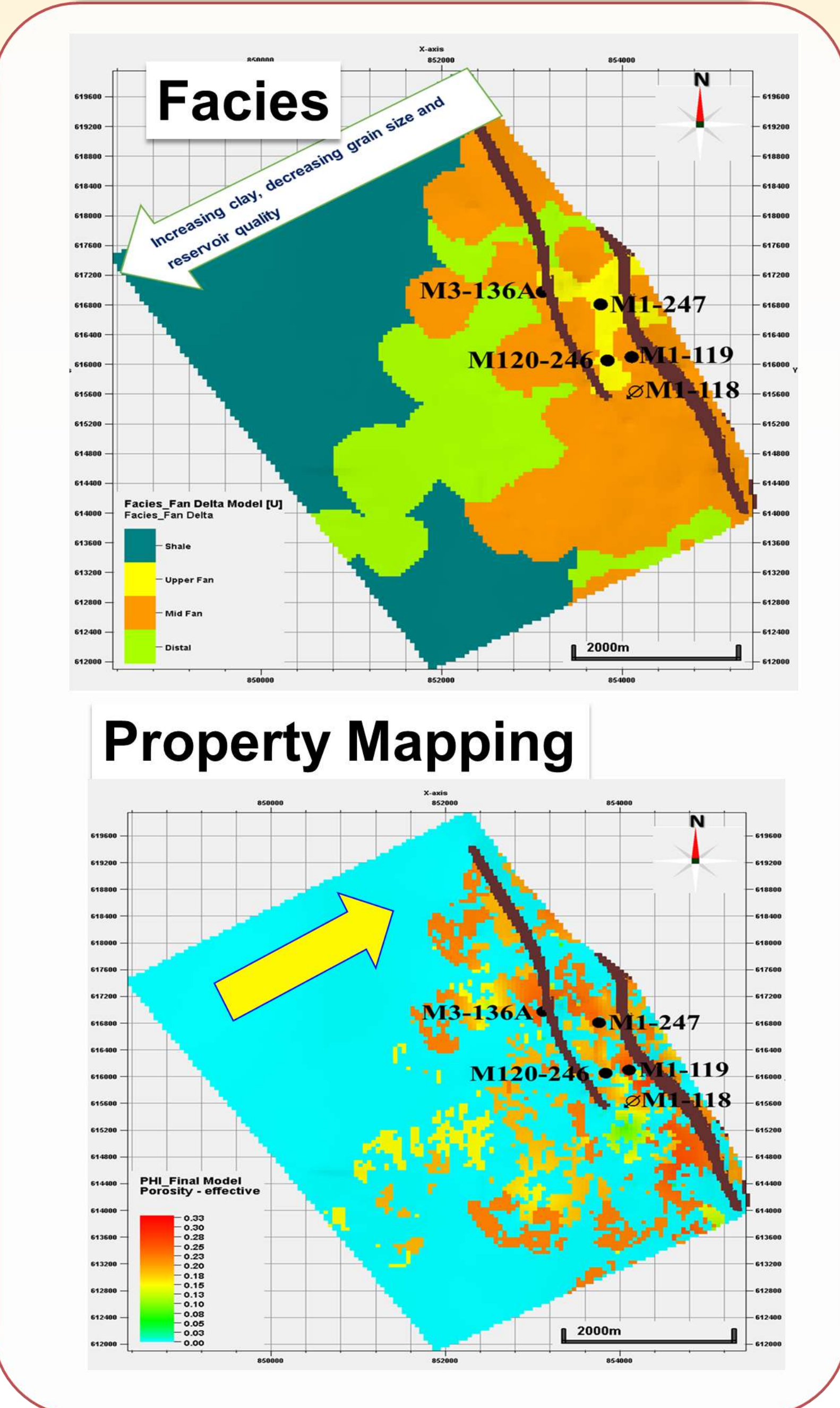
Data loading/conditioning /challenging & Reservoir analysis

Building Geological understanding and conceptual model



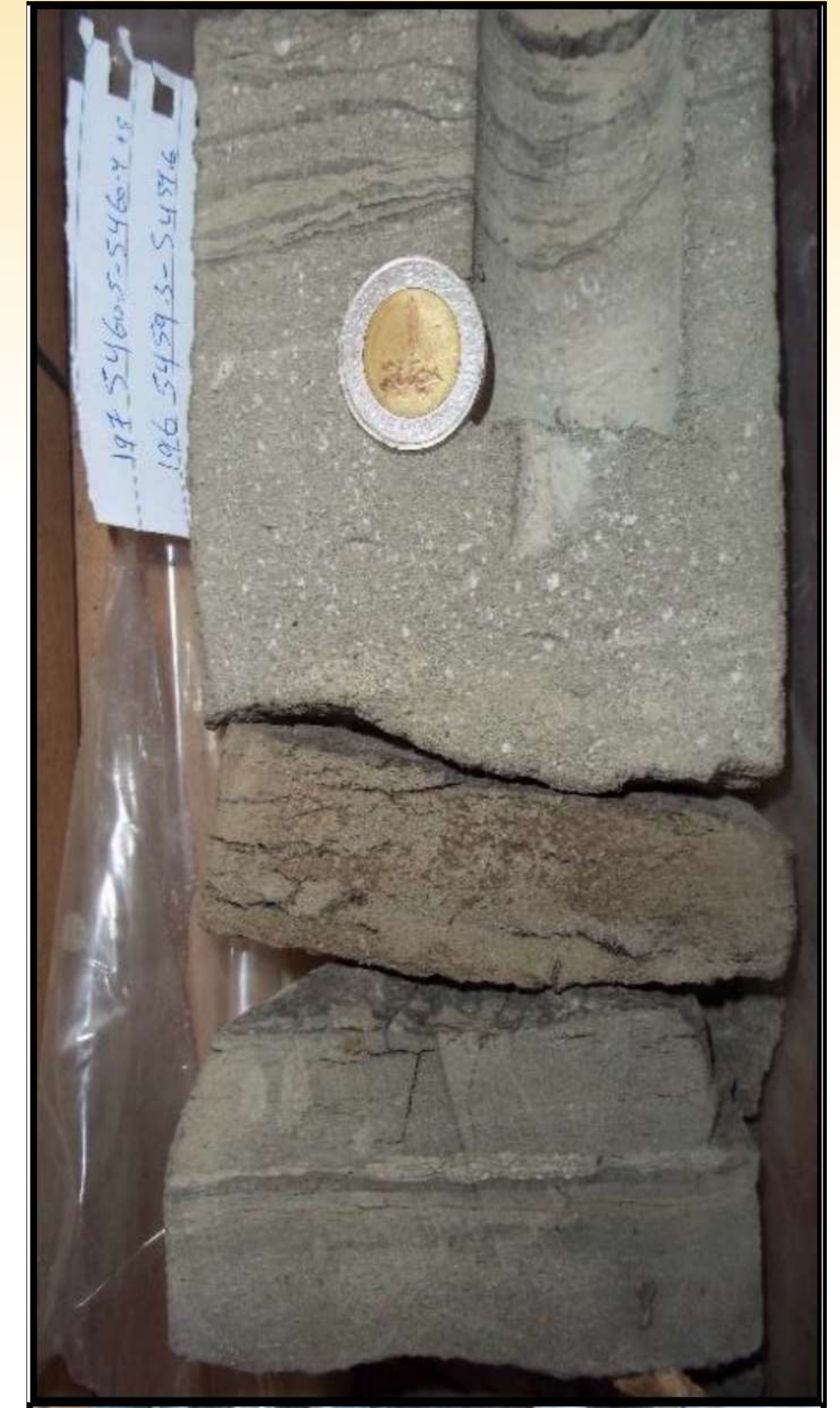
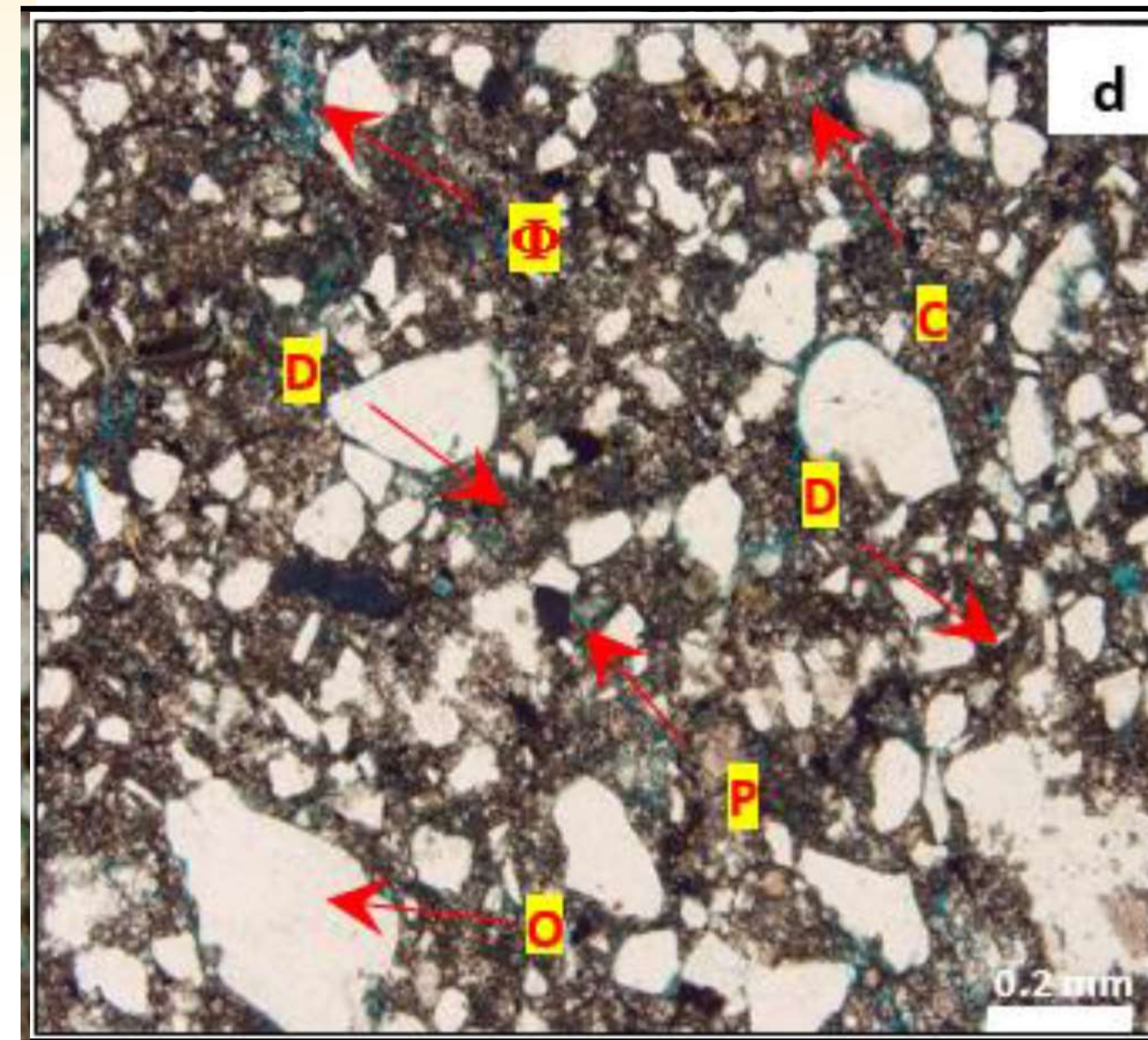
Petrophysical Evaluation
CPI for fluid and rock properties

Property & Facies Mapping



□ Hammam Faraun reservoir facies

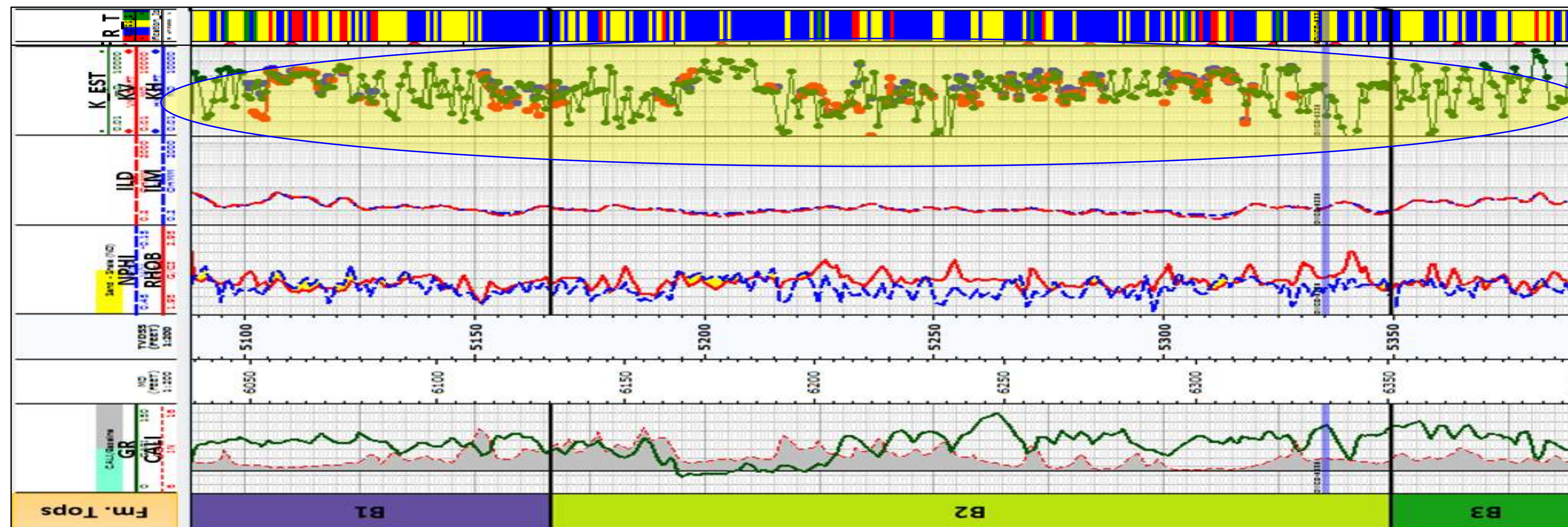
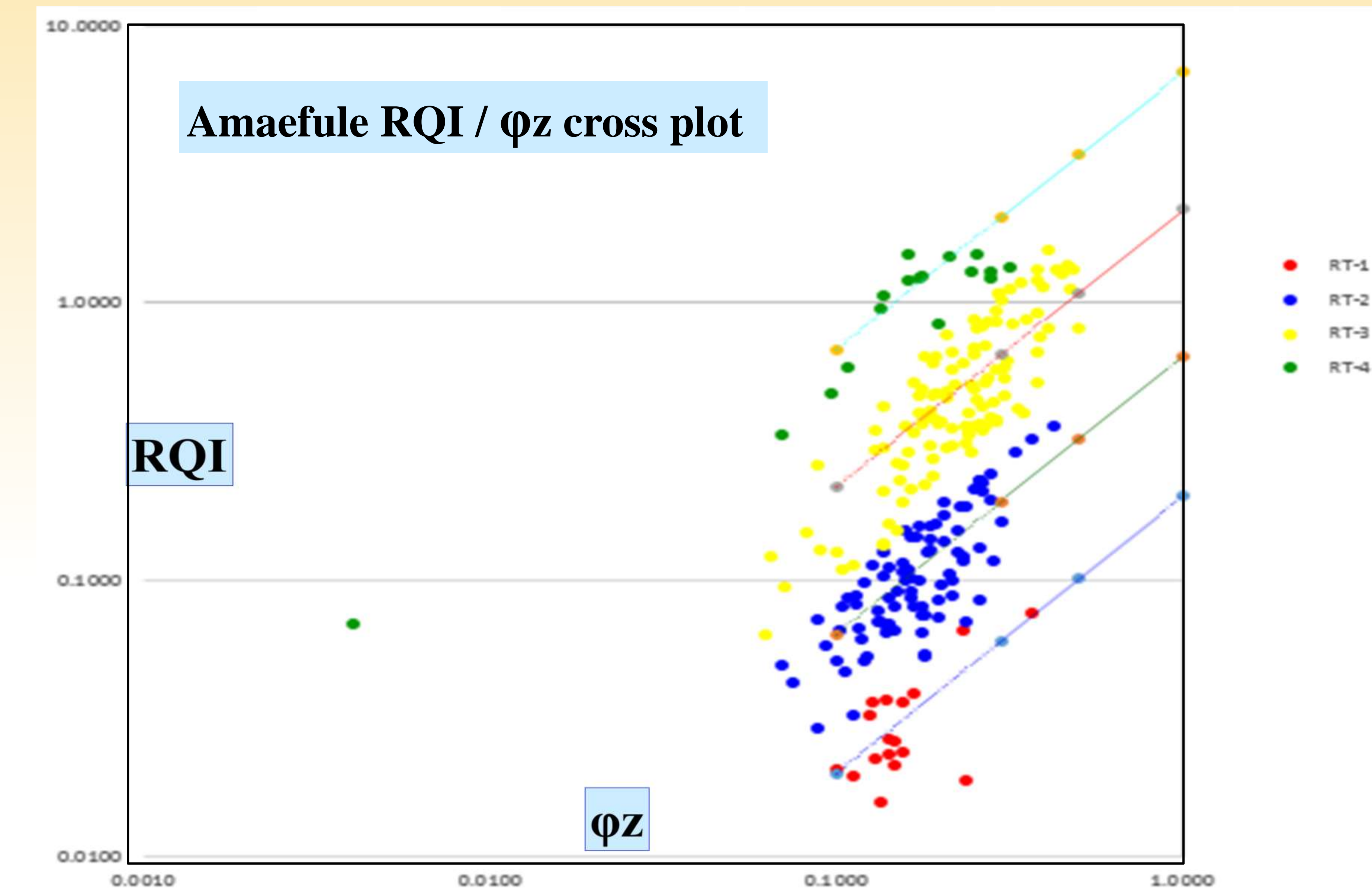
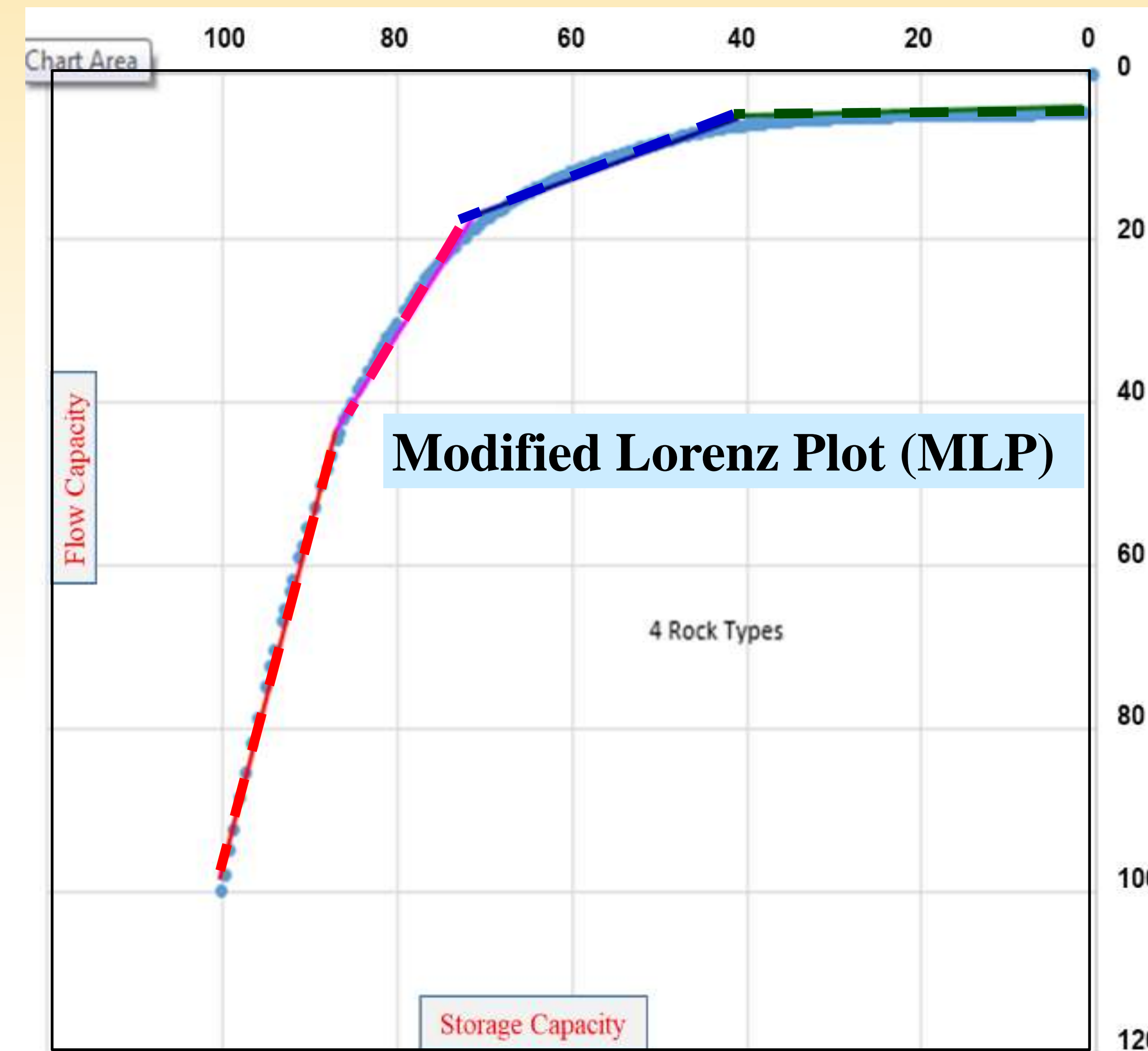
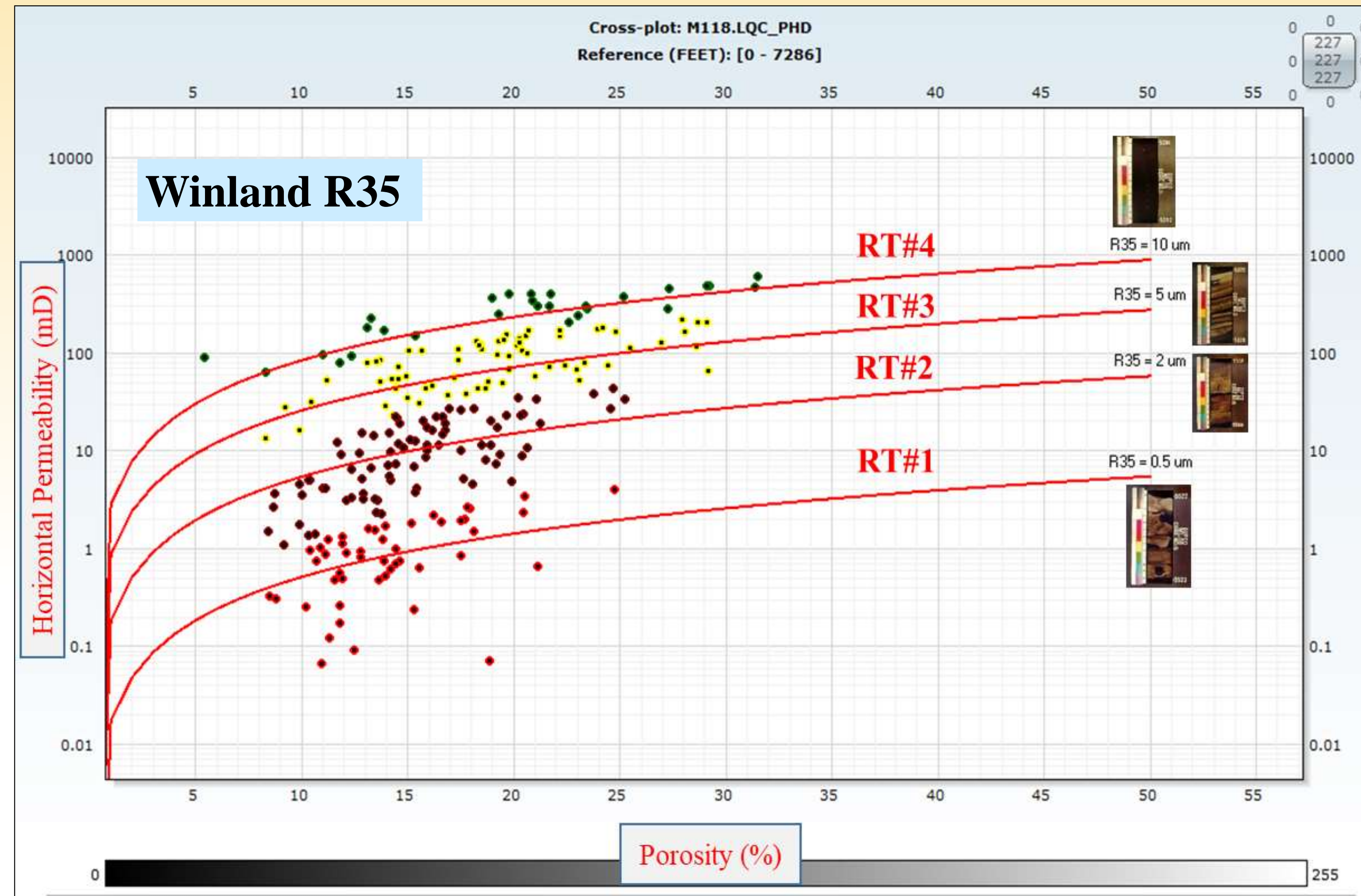
- **Sandstone facies (I);** Good reservoir quality and distributed along Hammam Faraun (B1) and some intervals in (B2) zone.
- **Sandstone facies (II);** Medium to good reservoir quality and distributed across Hammam Faraun (B2 and B1) zones.
- **Sandstone facies (III);** Medium to poor reservoir quality and common in Hammam Faraun (B3) and some intervals in (B2) zone.
- **Sandstone facies (IV);** Poor reservoir quality and common in Hammam Faraun (B3) zone



Applied techniques



□ Hammam Faraun reservoir rock typing

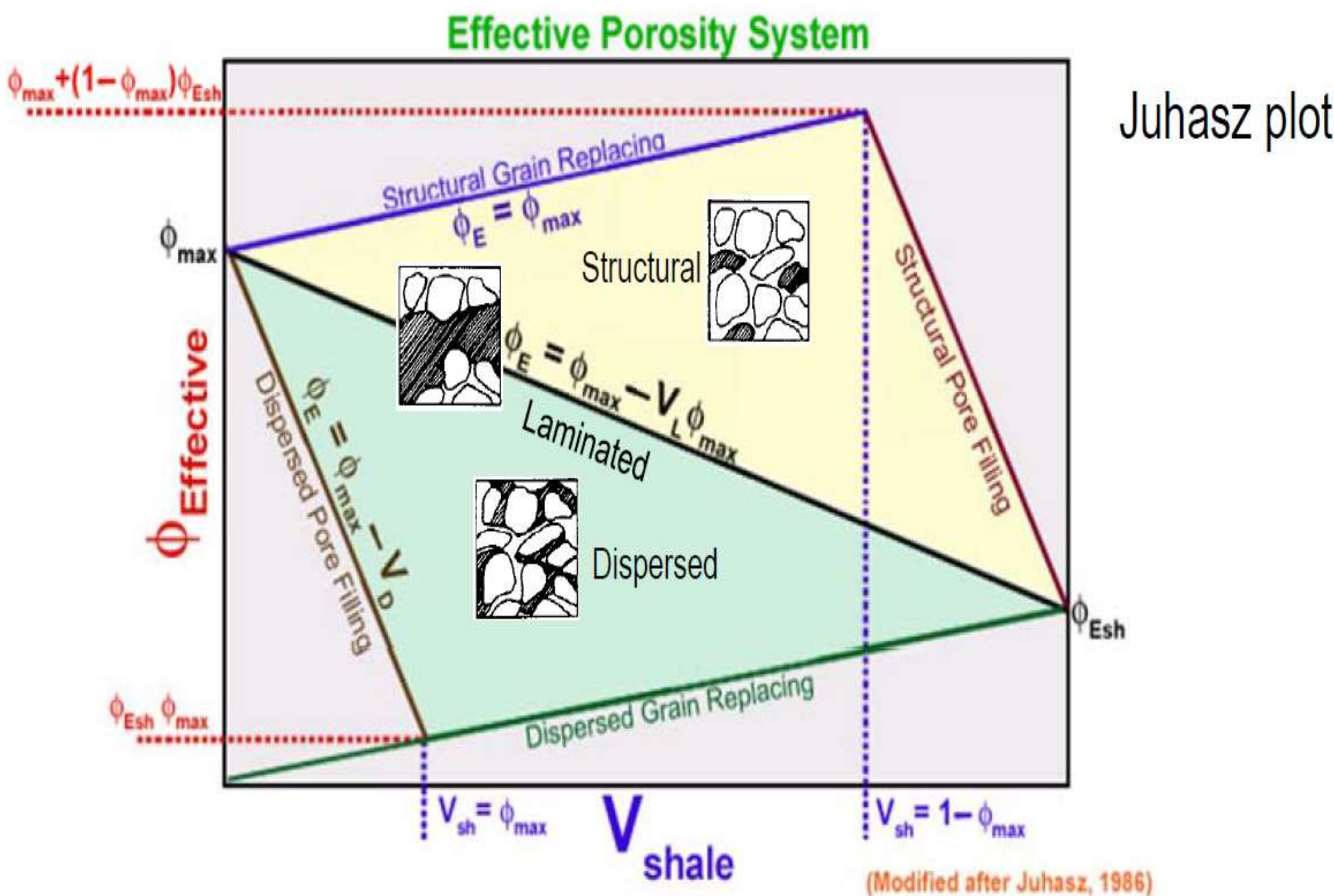
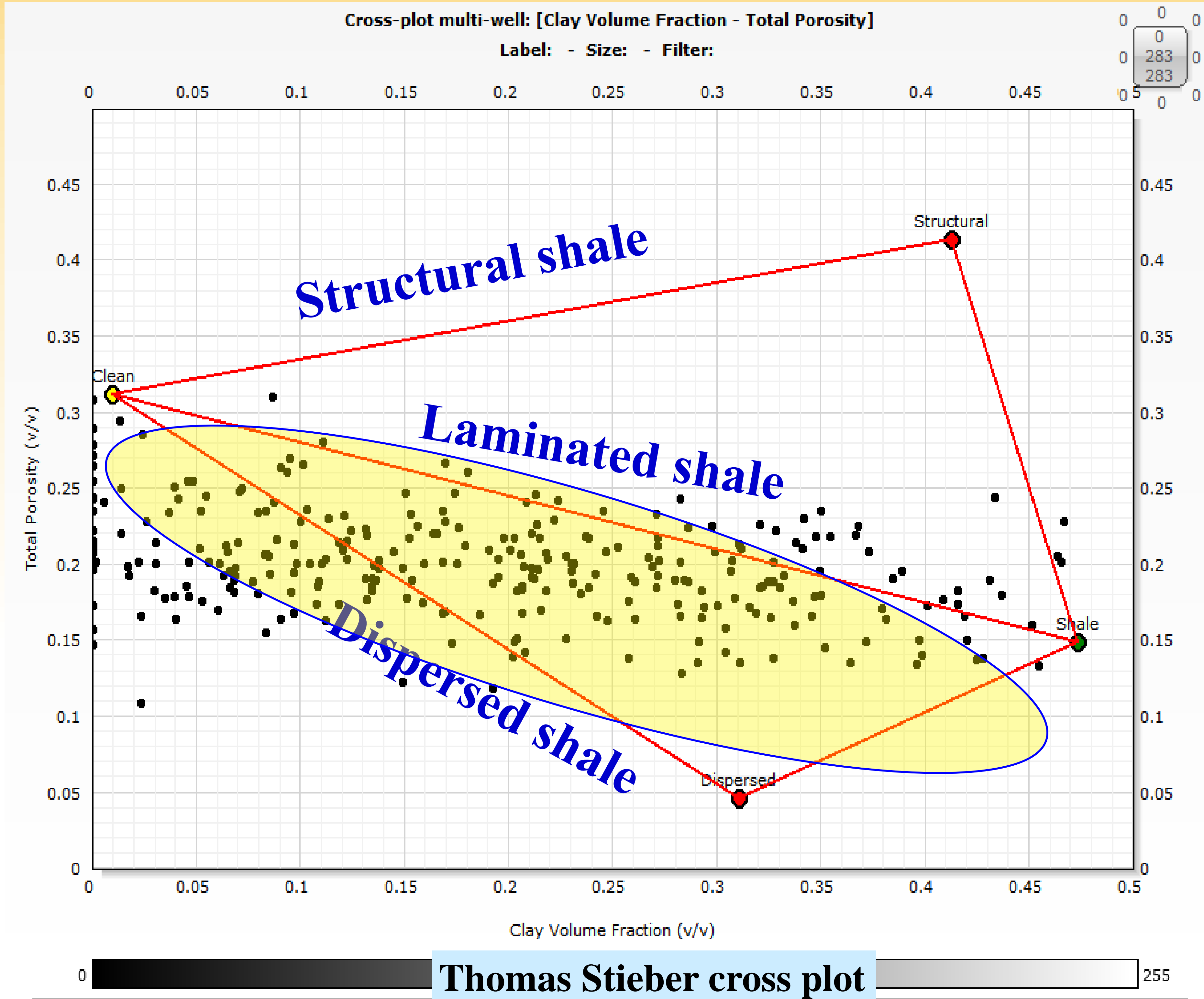
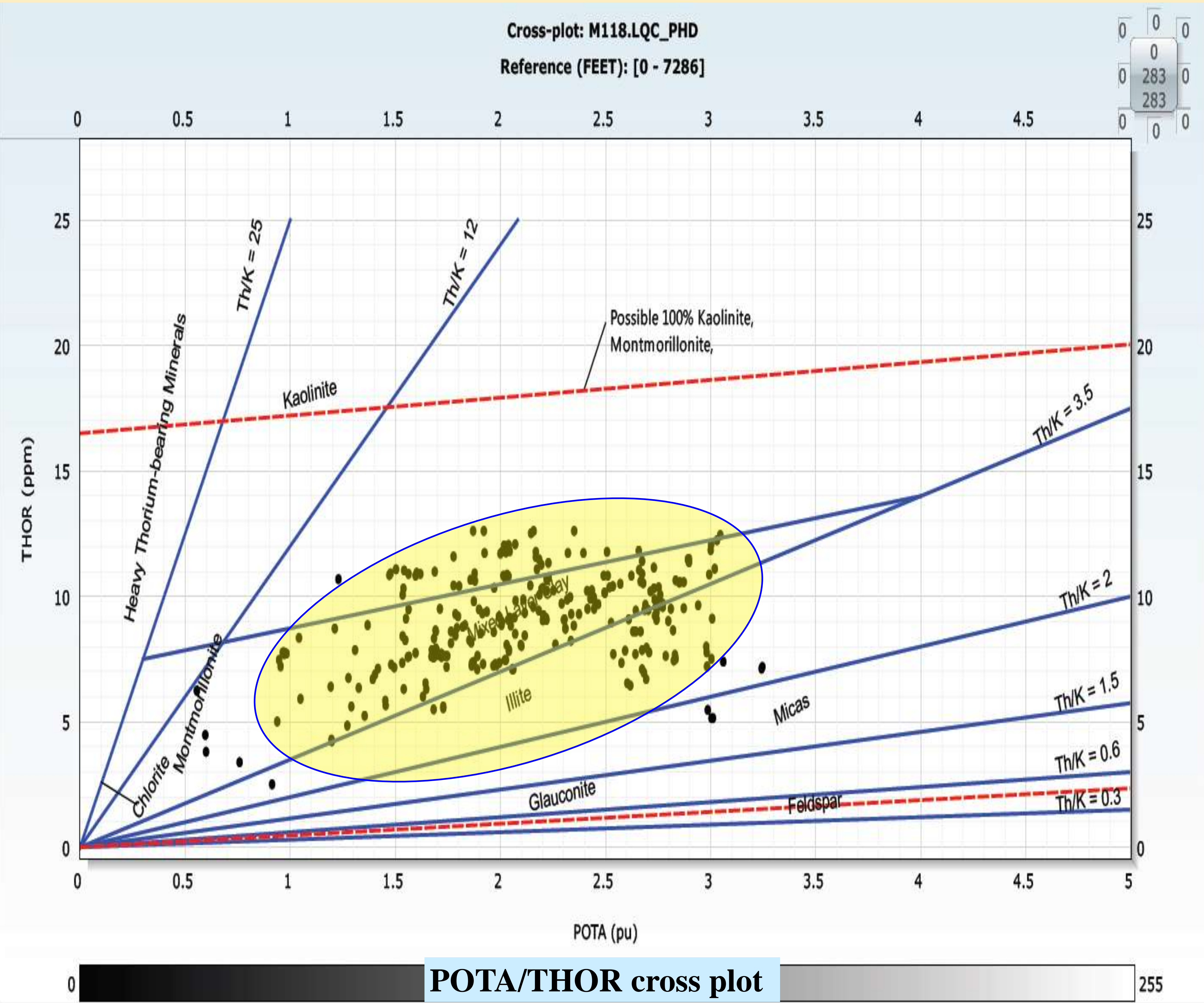


- Hammam Faraun member deal with Four main rock types

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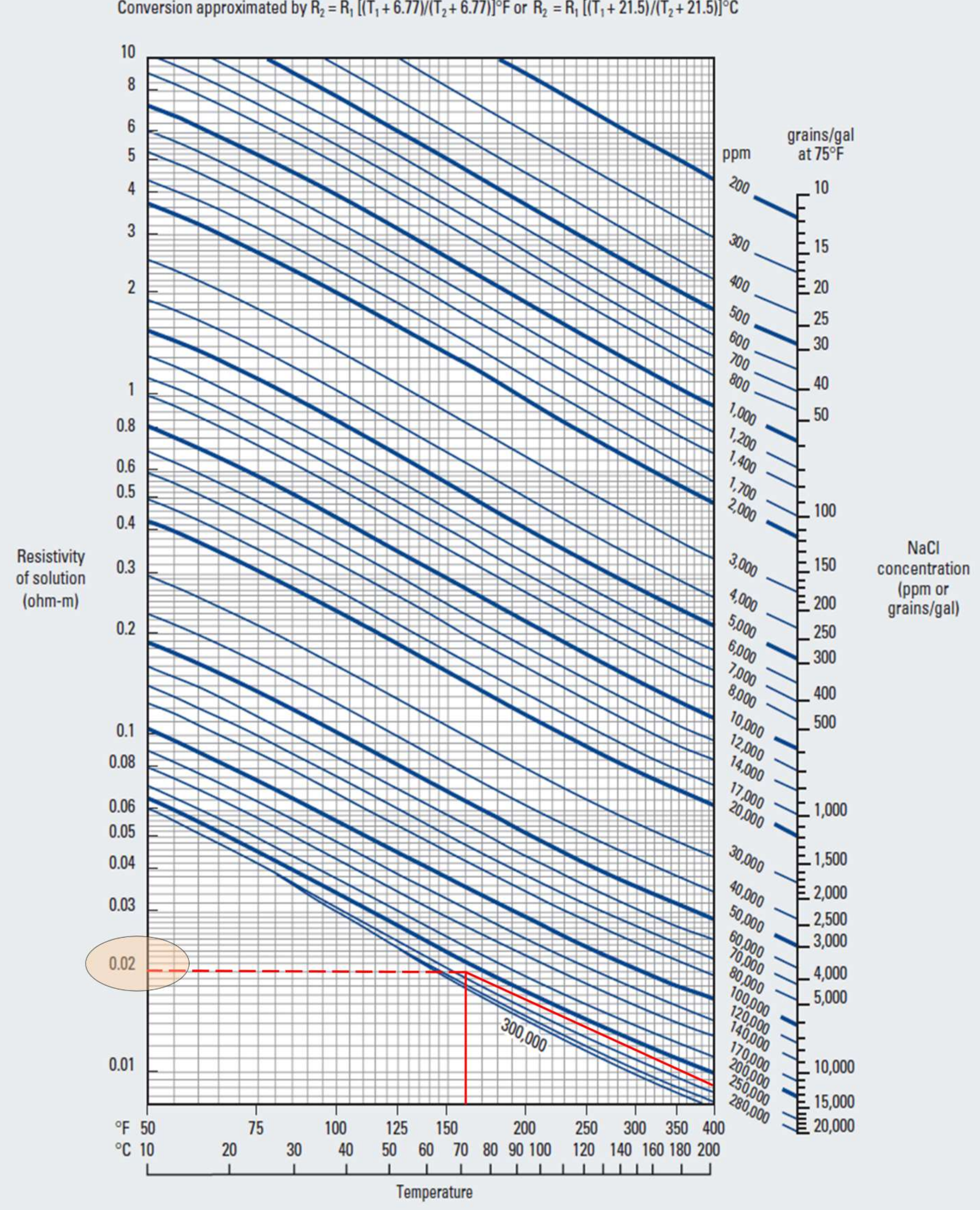
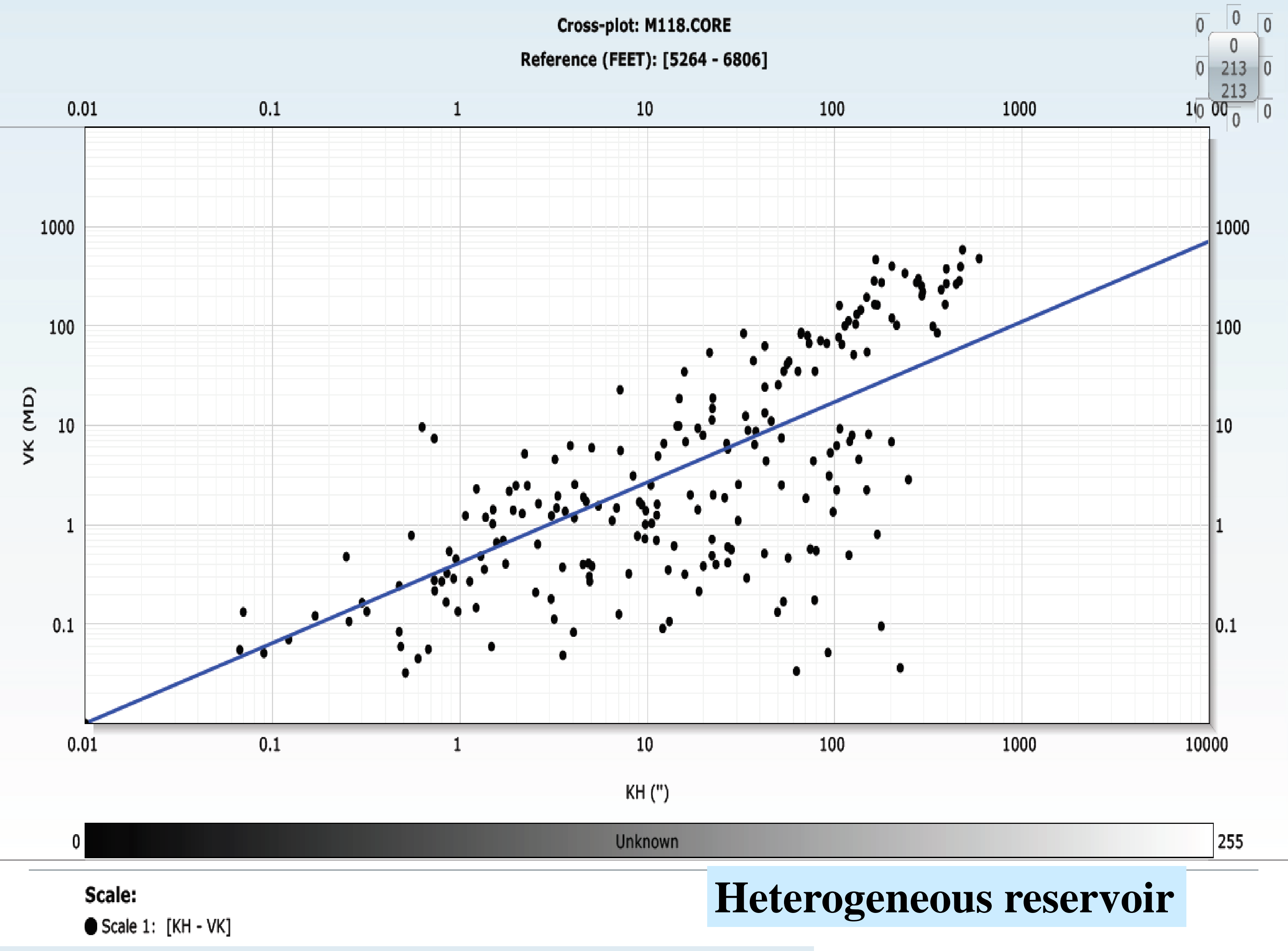
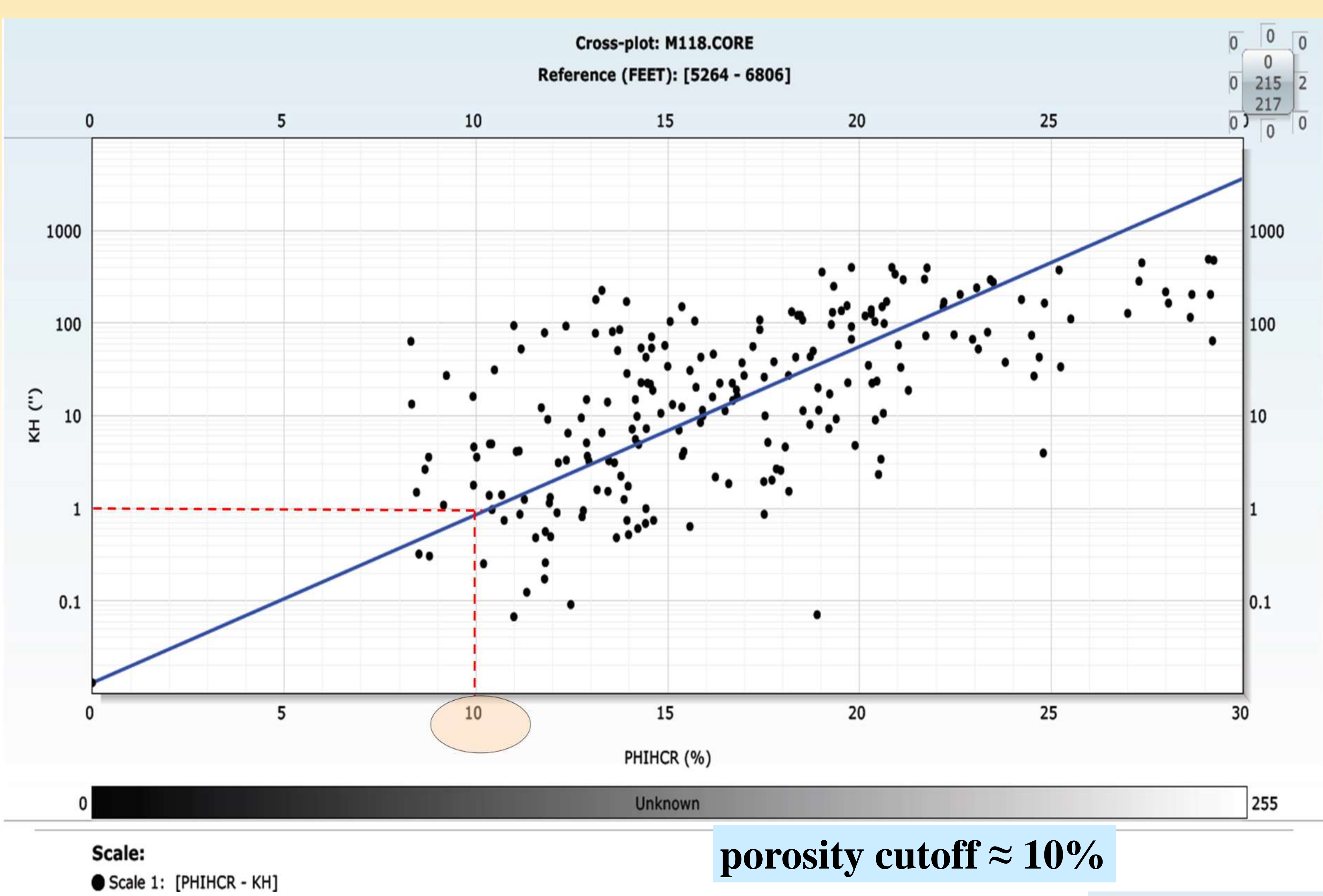
□ Hammam Faraun clay types & distributions



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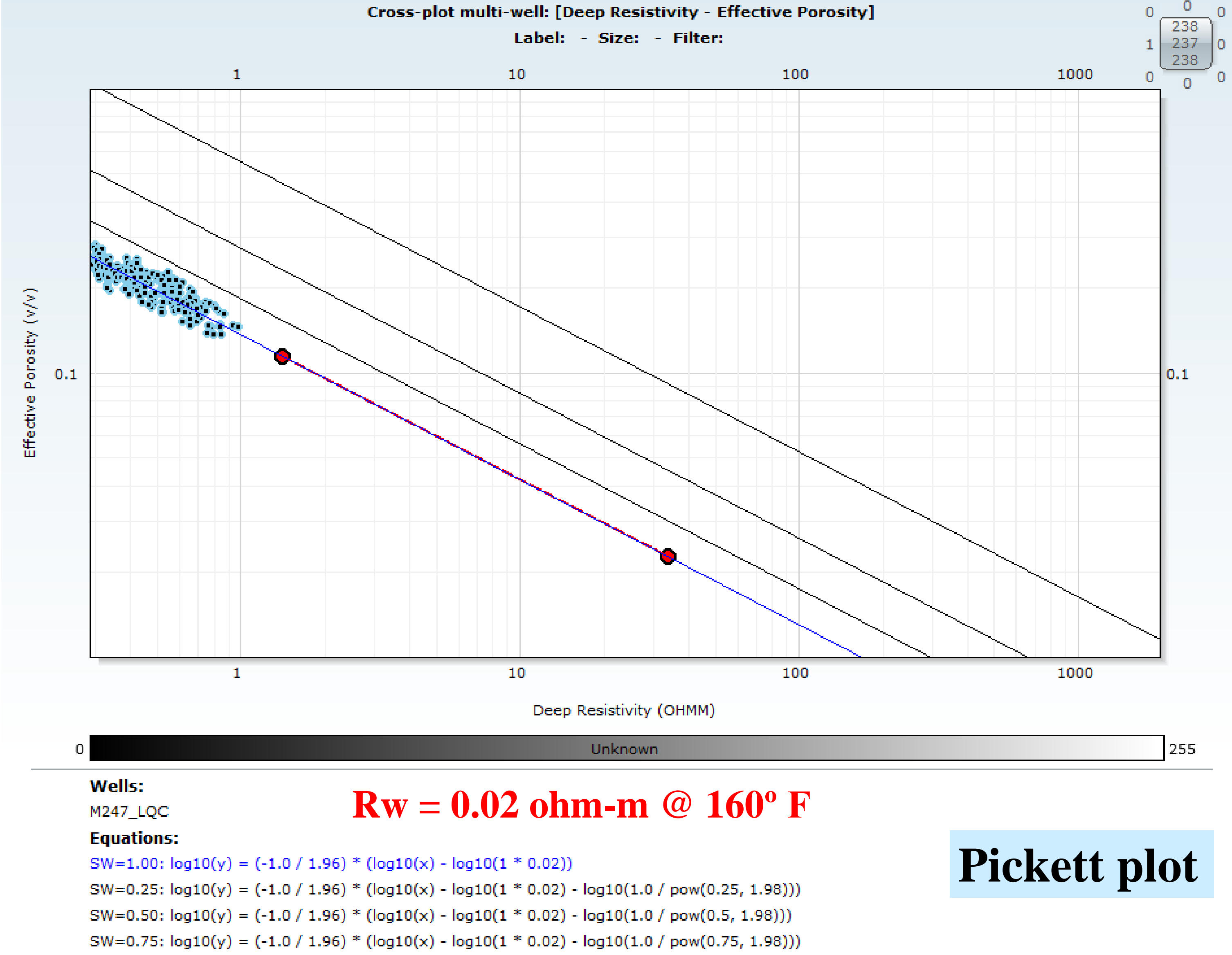


Hamмам Faraun petrophysical parameters



SCAL Electrical properties

$m = 1.96$
 $n = 1.98$



Average chloride (CL^-) from the wellhead sample analysis for different wells is around 140,000 ppm (the calculated TDS $\sim 231,000$ ppm).

$R_w = 0.02 \text{ ohm-m @ } 160^\circ\text{F}$

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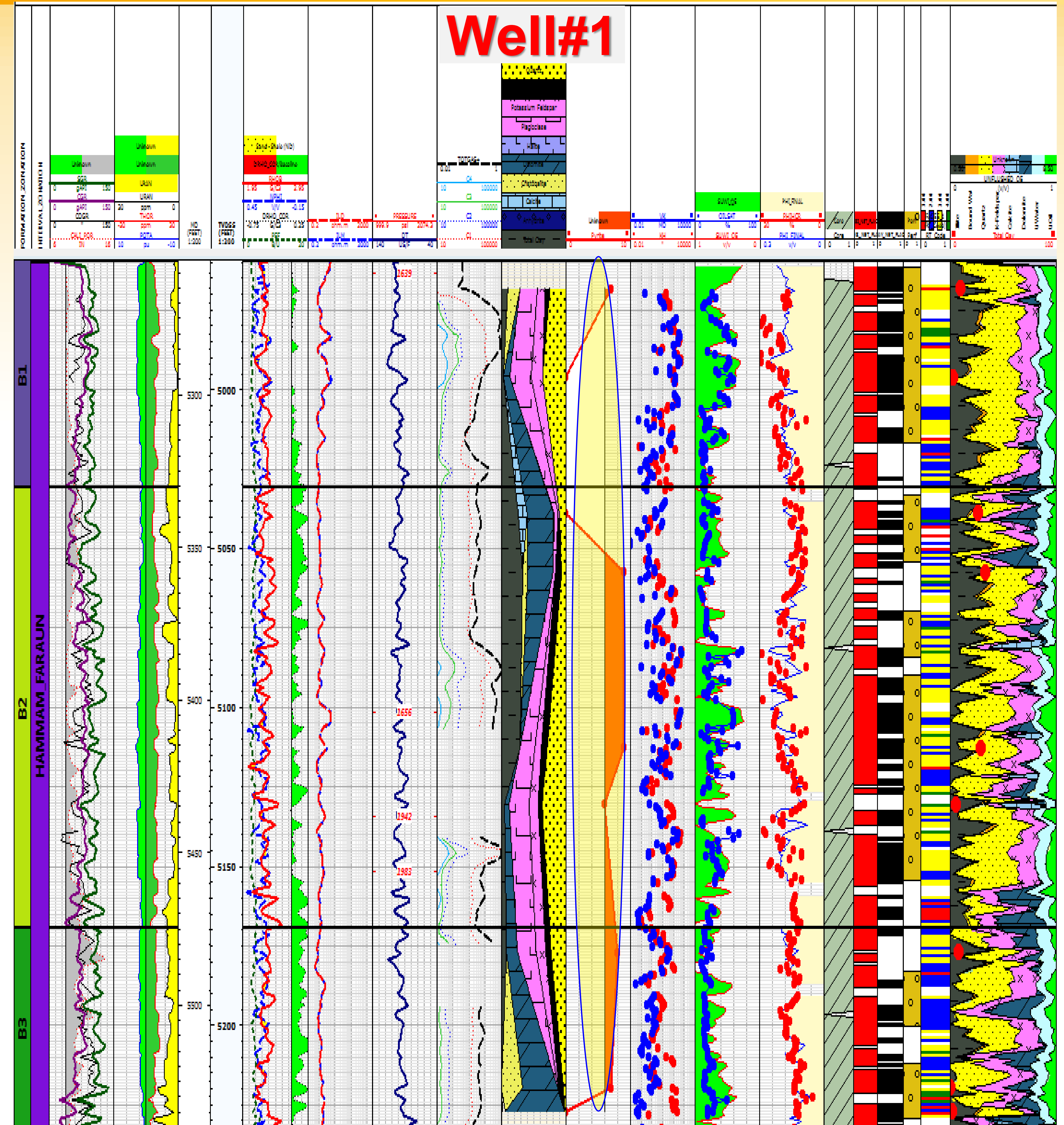
□ Hammam Faraun petrophysical evaluation

Hammam Faraun

- Net Pay : 141 ft
- Avg. POR. (Pay) : 18 %
- Avg. Sw (Pay) : 51 %

□ XRD analysis

SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	KAOLINITE	CHLORITE	ILLITE	SMECTITE	MIXED-LAYER ILLITE/SMECTITE	% EXPANDABLE LAYERS	TOTAL CLAY	QUARTZ	POTASSIUM FELDSPAR	PLAGIOCLASE	CALCITE	DOLOMITE	PYRITE	CRISTOBALITE	TRIDYMITE	CLINOPTILOLITE	CELESTITE	ANHYDRITE	HALITE
5265.2'		1	3	6			10	25	12	27			7	19		P			
5294.1'	1		1	1			3	36	18	33		10							
5338.9'	3	1	12		10	45	26	10	2	6	14	41	Tr					1	
5358.2'	7	3	4	17	2	20	33	7		4		39	9	8					
5415.7'	6	2	6	20	6	40	18	29	14	30			9						
5434.1'	1	1	1		2	75	5	37	14	31		7	6						
5482.7'	Tr	Tr	2	6			8	23	15	29		17	8						
5527.0'	Tr	Tr	Tr	Tr	Tr	40	Tr	4	1	1		54	7	33					
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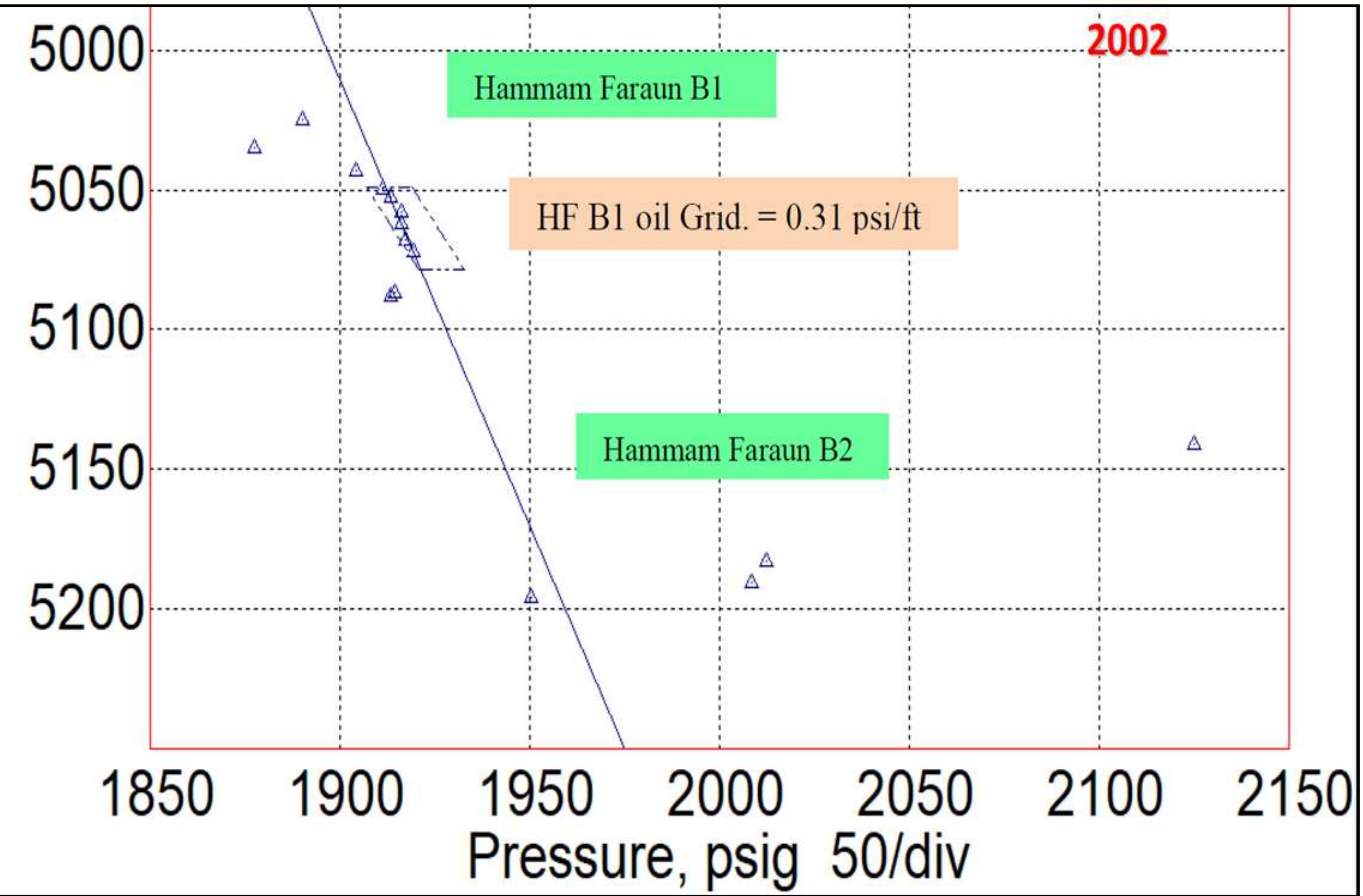
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Hamмам Faraun petrophysical evaluation

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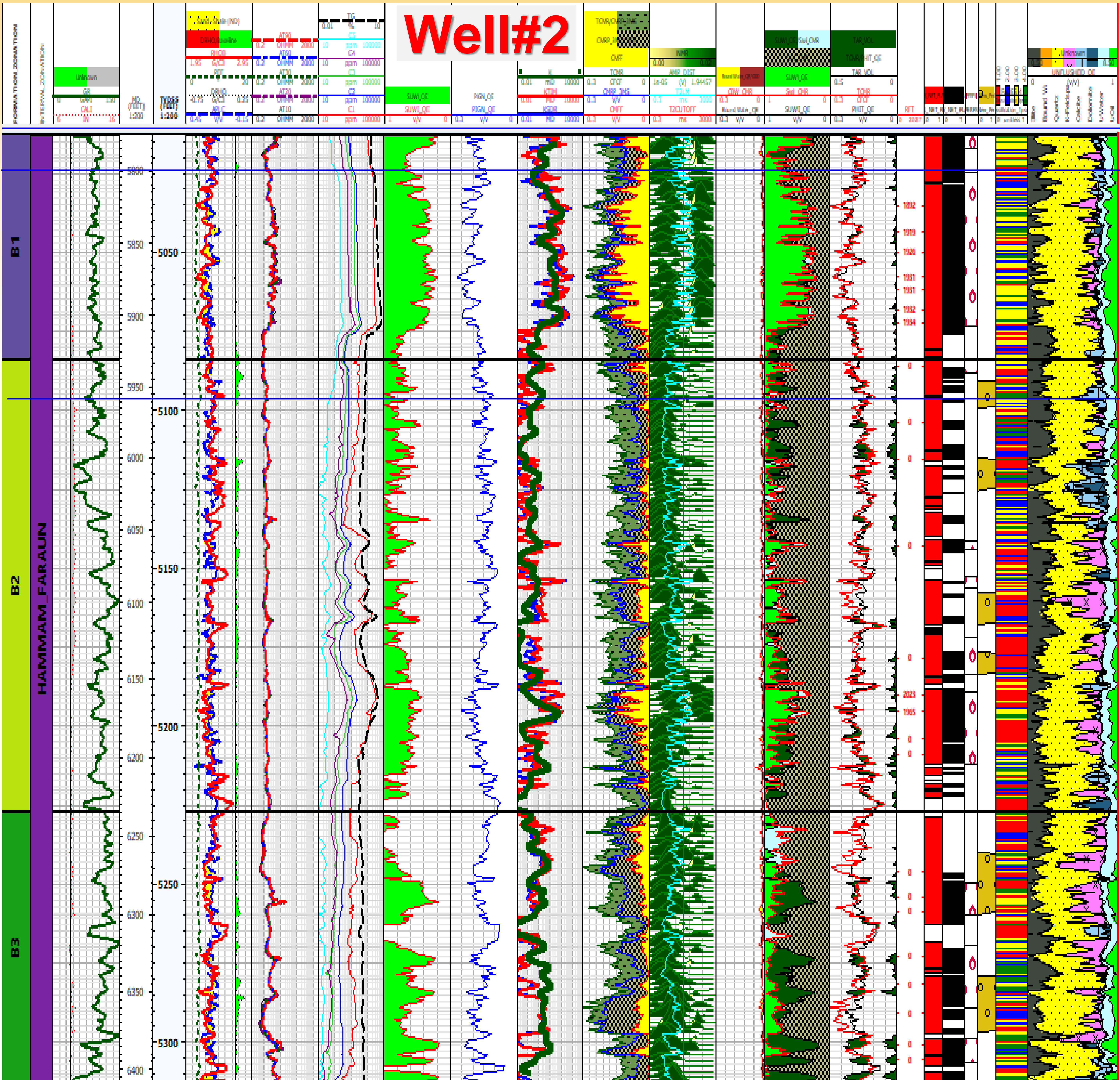
- Net Pay : 162 ft
- Avg. POR. (Pay) : 19 %
- Avg. Sw (Pay) : 47 %

902 BFPD W/ Traces W.C (1.2%)



Zone	Depth		PLT Oil Rate BOPD	Remarks
	From "ft"	To "ft"		
B1	5576	5785	± 54	With 1.2 % water cut
	5801	5908	± 846	
	5929	5940	± 846	
B2	6058	6063	0	
	6082	6089		
	6123	6146		
	6158	6204		
B3	6280	6300		
	6320	6360		
	6380	6395		

2002, Completed as Belayim producer



PLT_4-2002

± 54 BFPD

± 846 BFPD
WC 1%

0 BFPD

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PLT_4-2016

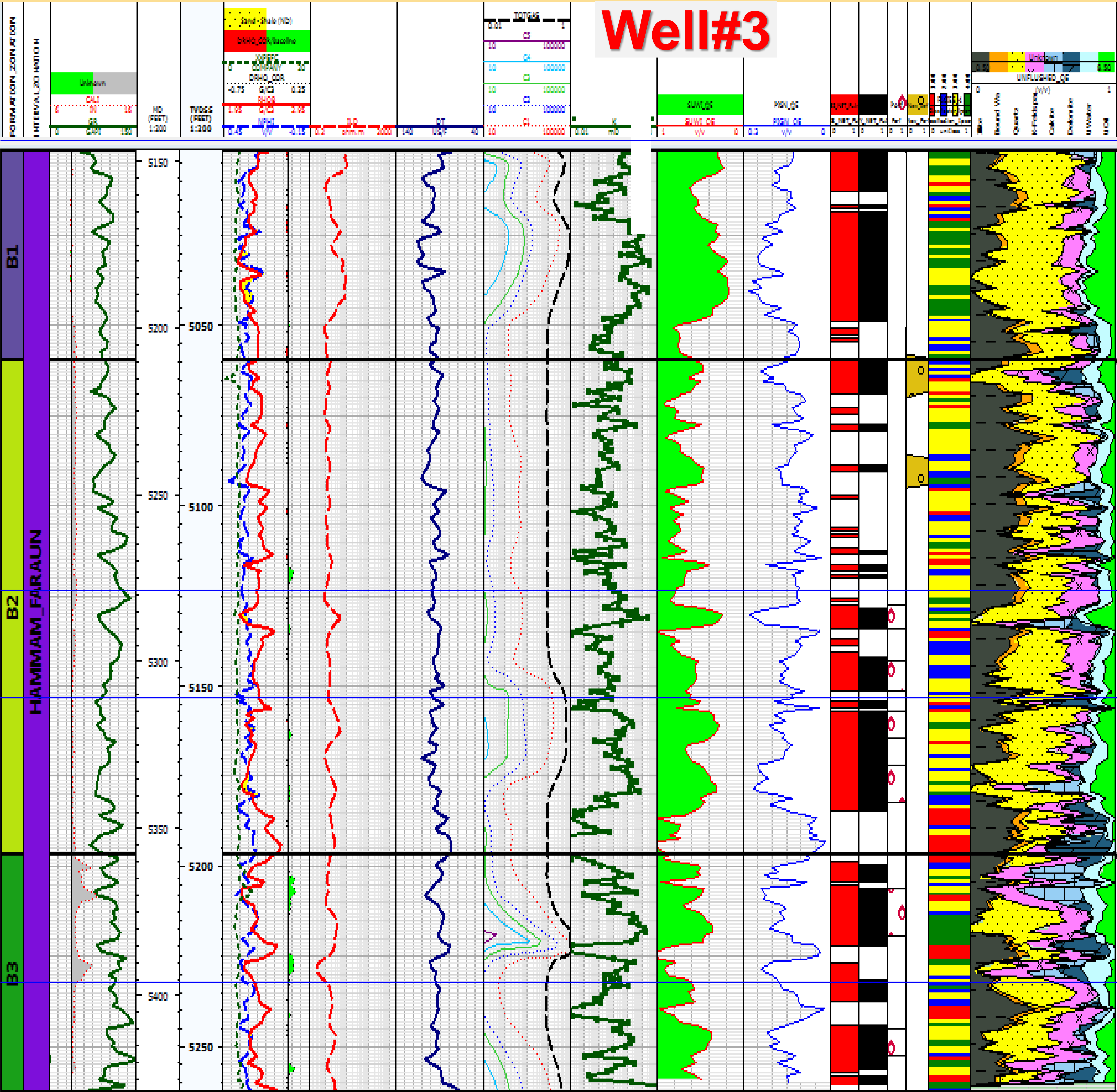
Hamмам Faraun petrophysical evaluation

Hammam Faraun

- Net Pay : 146 ft
- Avg. POR. (Pay) : 19 %
- Avg. Sw (Pay) : 42 %

1200 BFPD W/ Traces W.C (3%)
From LRP (Thinly Bedded Sandstone)

Zone	Depth		PLT	Remarks
	From “ft”	To “ft”	Oil Rate BOPD	
B1	5148	5154	-	Isolated between two straddle Packer (Closed intervals)
	5165	5172	-	
	5176	5198	-	
B2	5283	5289	± 300	
	5300	5308		
	5315	5322	± 300	
	5331	5341		
B3	5368	5381	0	
	5410	5417		



2015, Converted as Belayim producer

Applied techniques

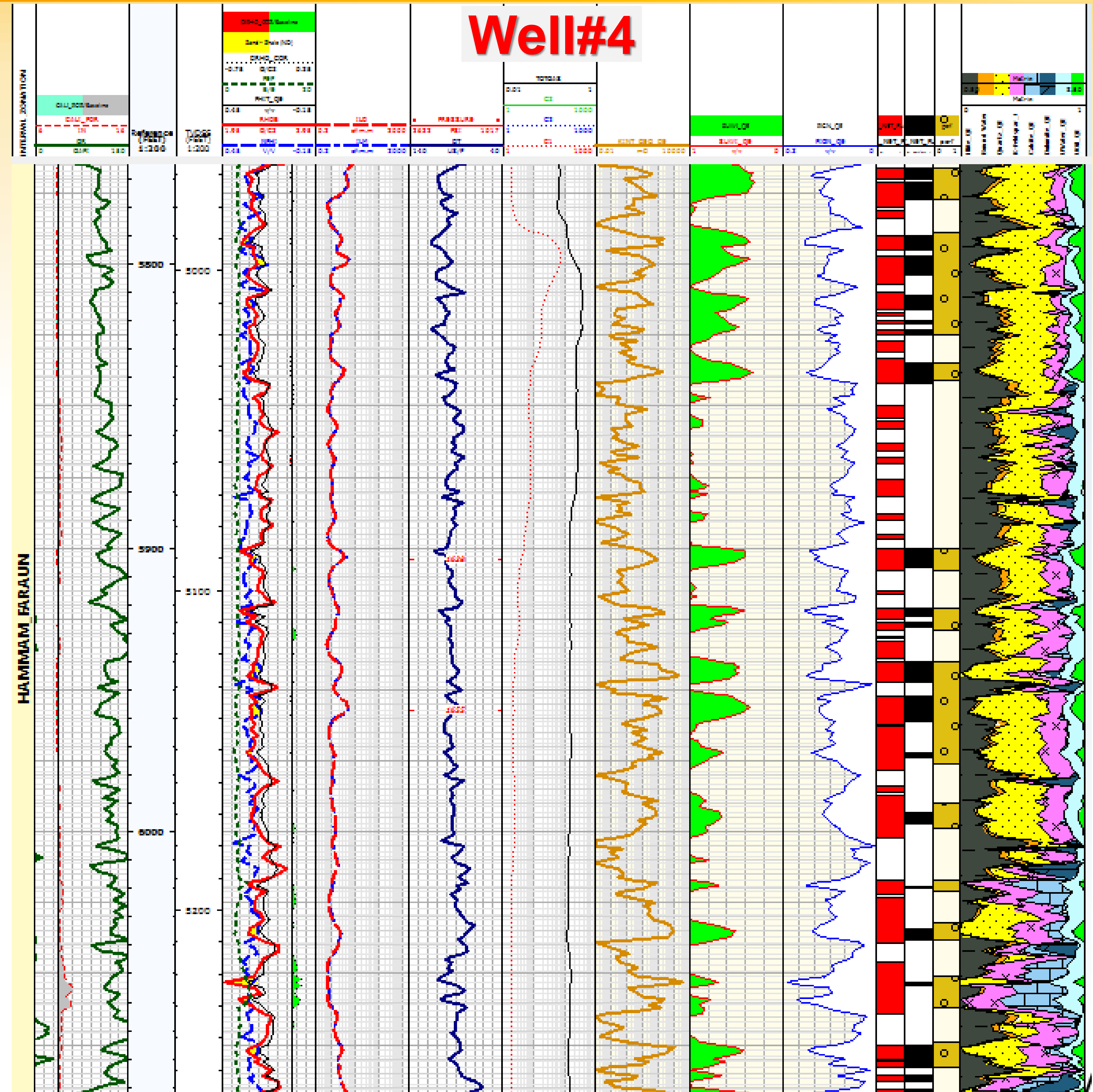


□ Hammam Faraun petrophysical evaluation

1600 BFPD W/ Traces W.C

- The LRP appear to be due to the fine grained sand which lead to presence of micro-porosity, Thin lamination and presence of conductive mineral (Pyrite).

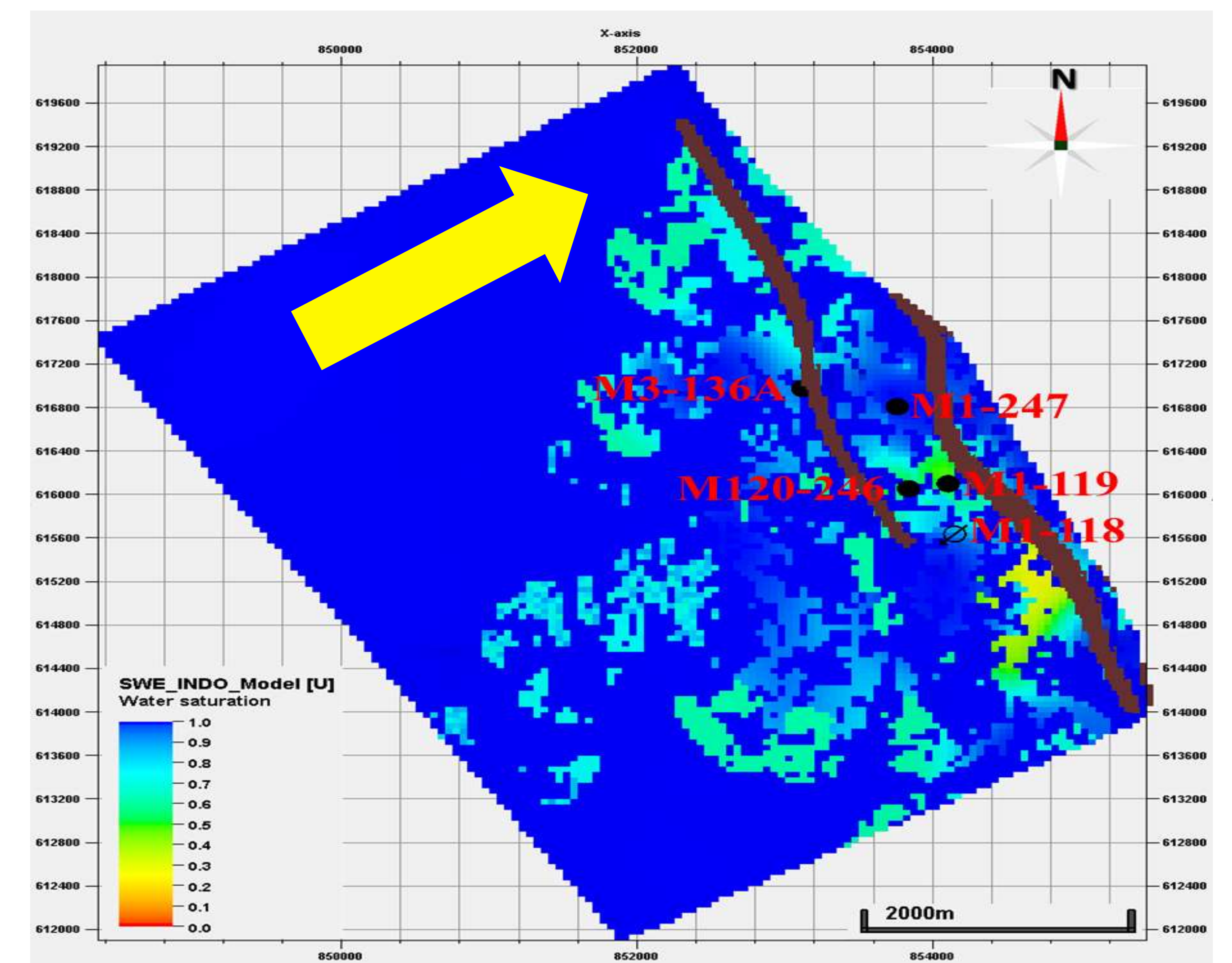
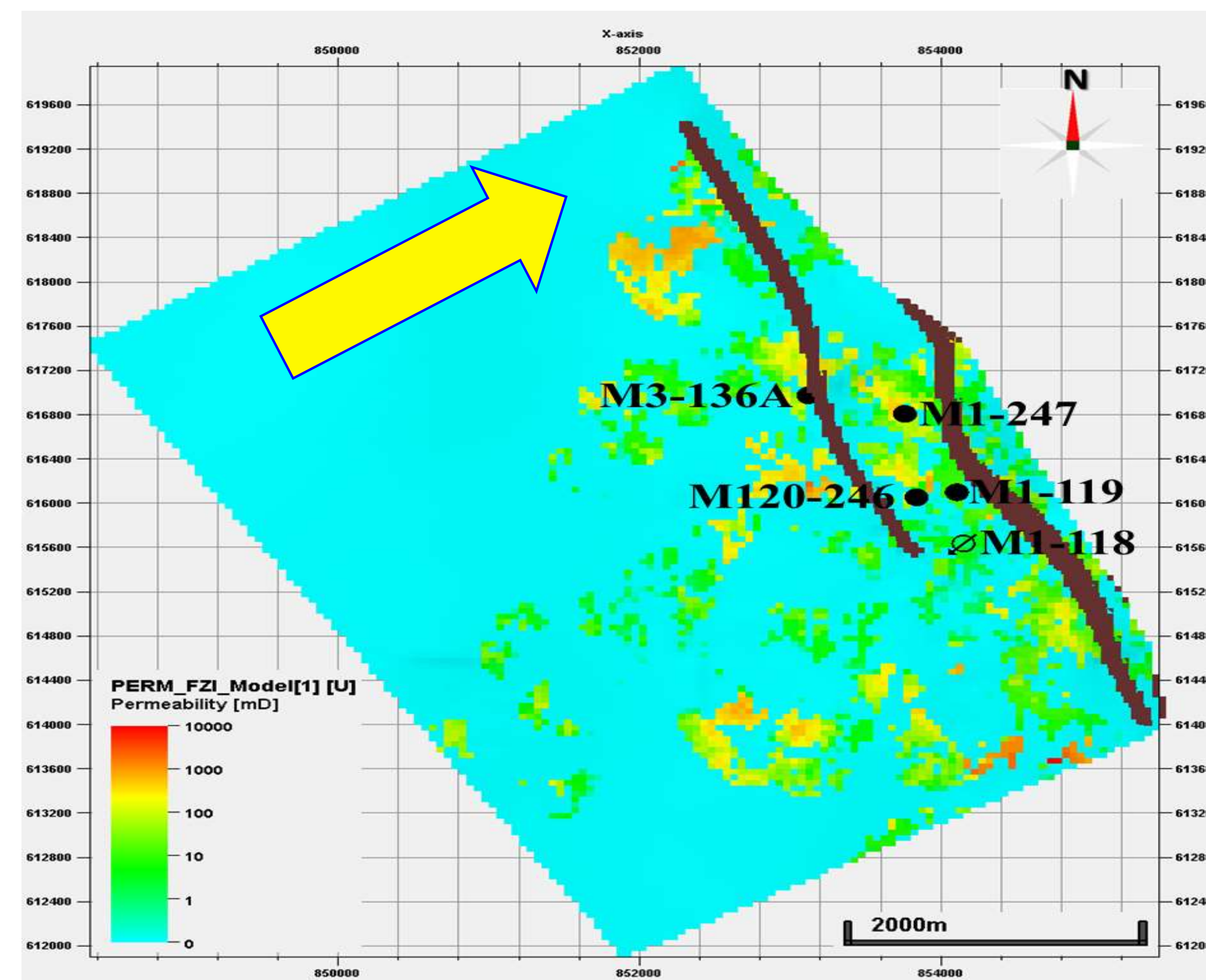
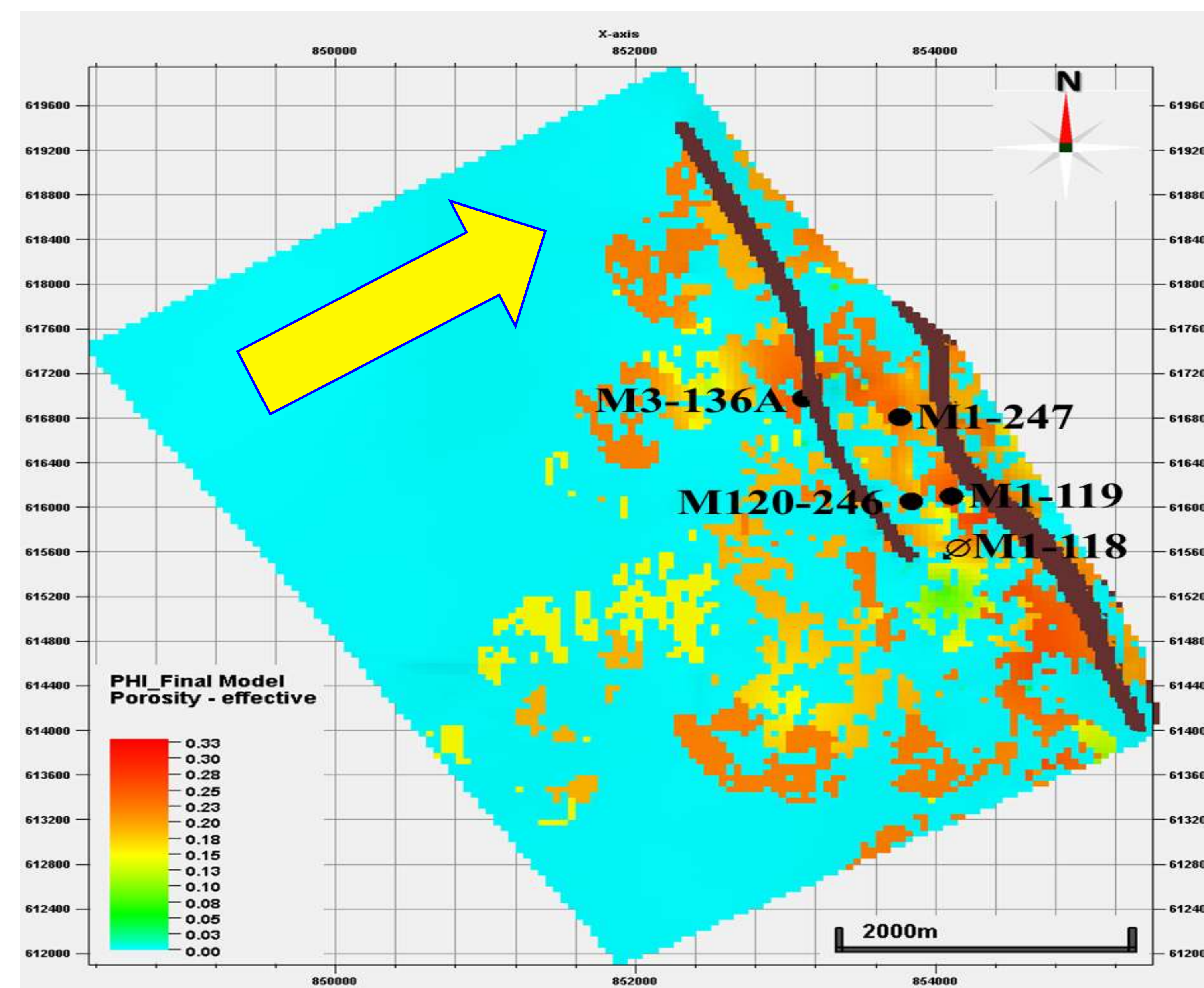
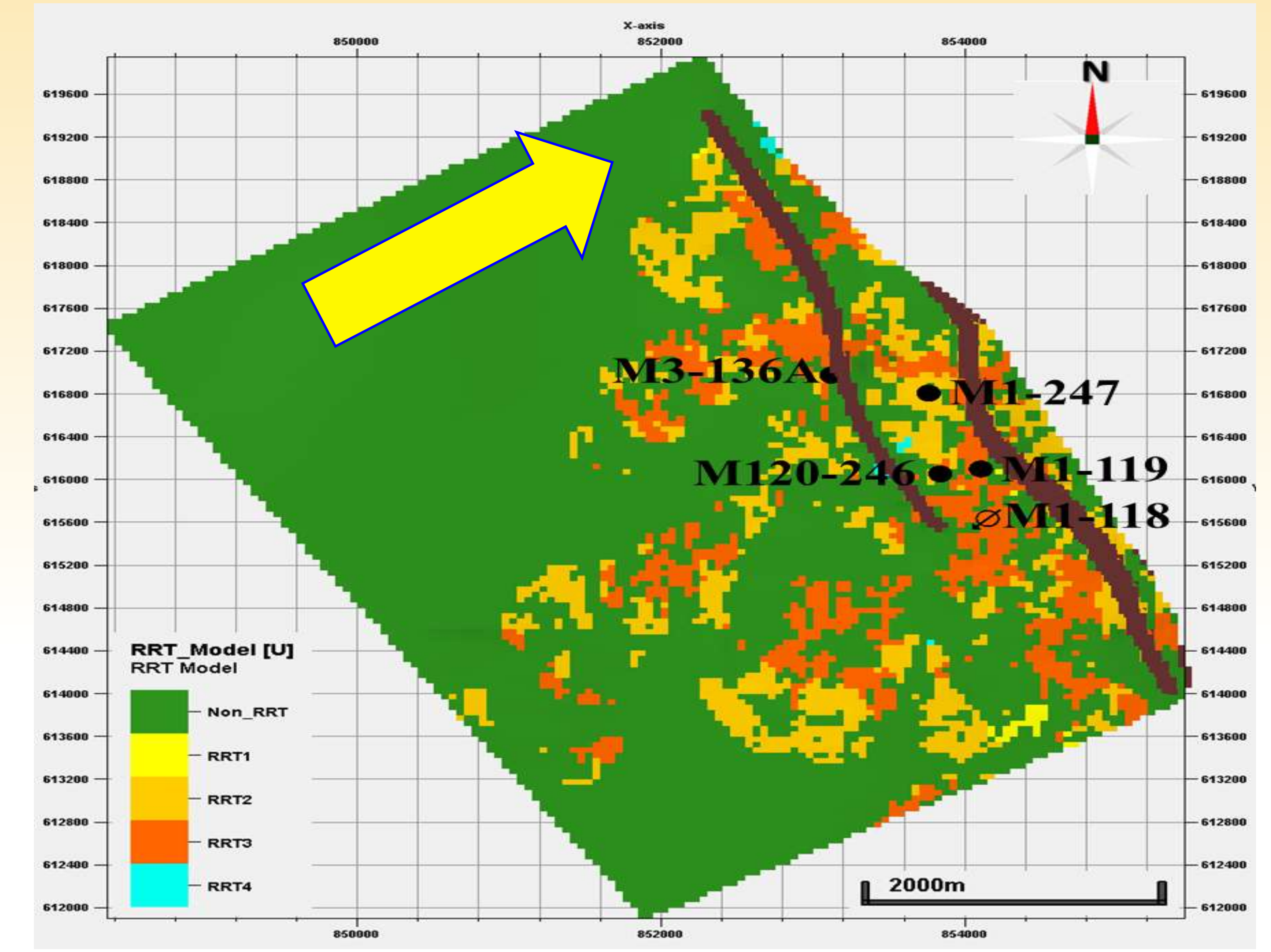
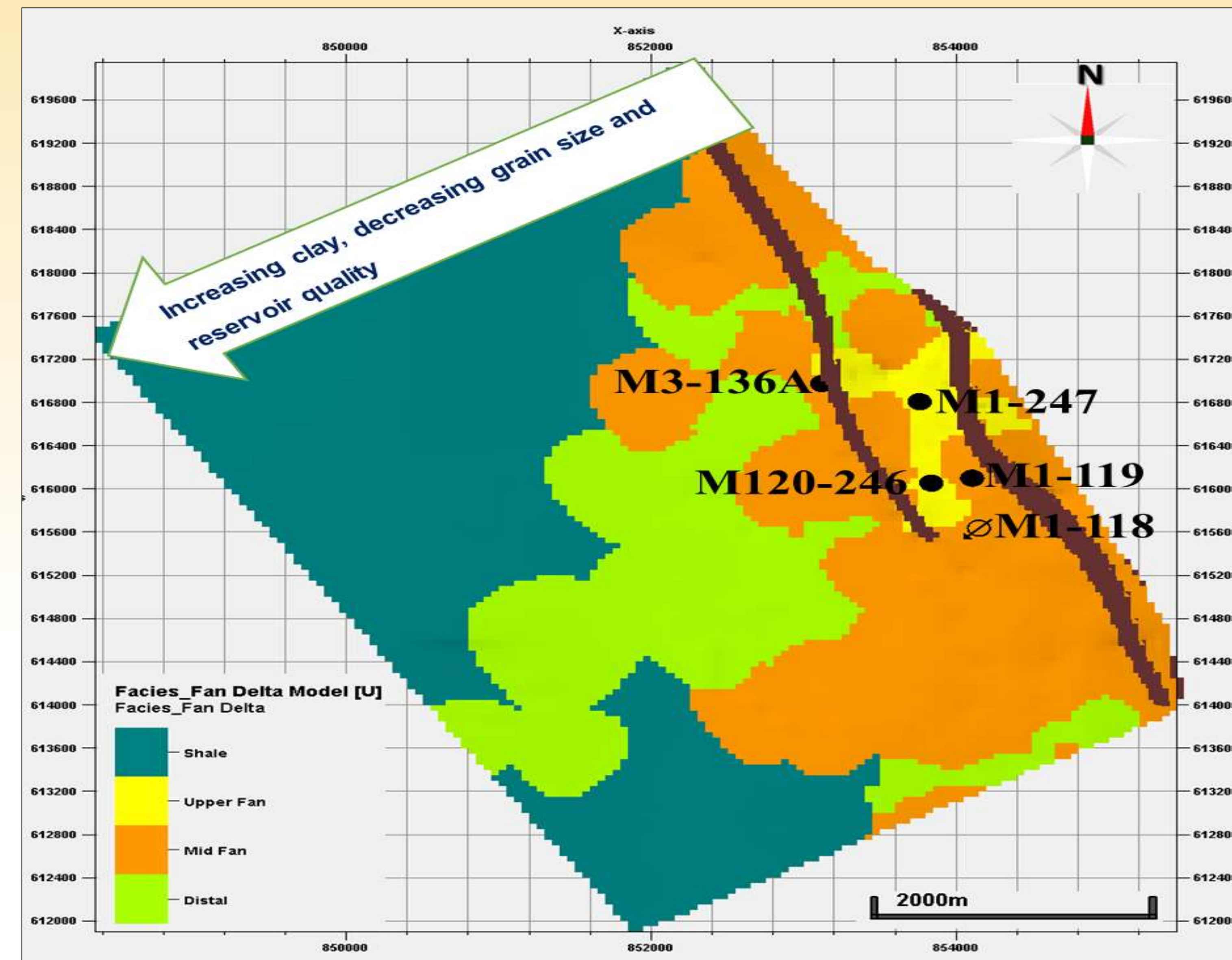
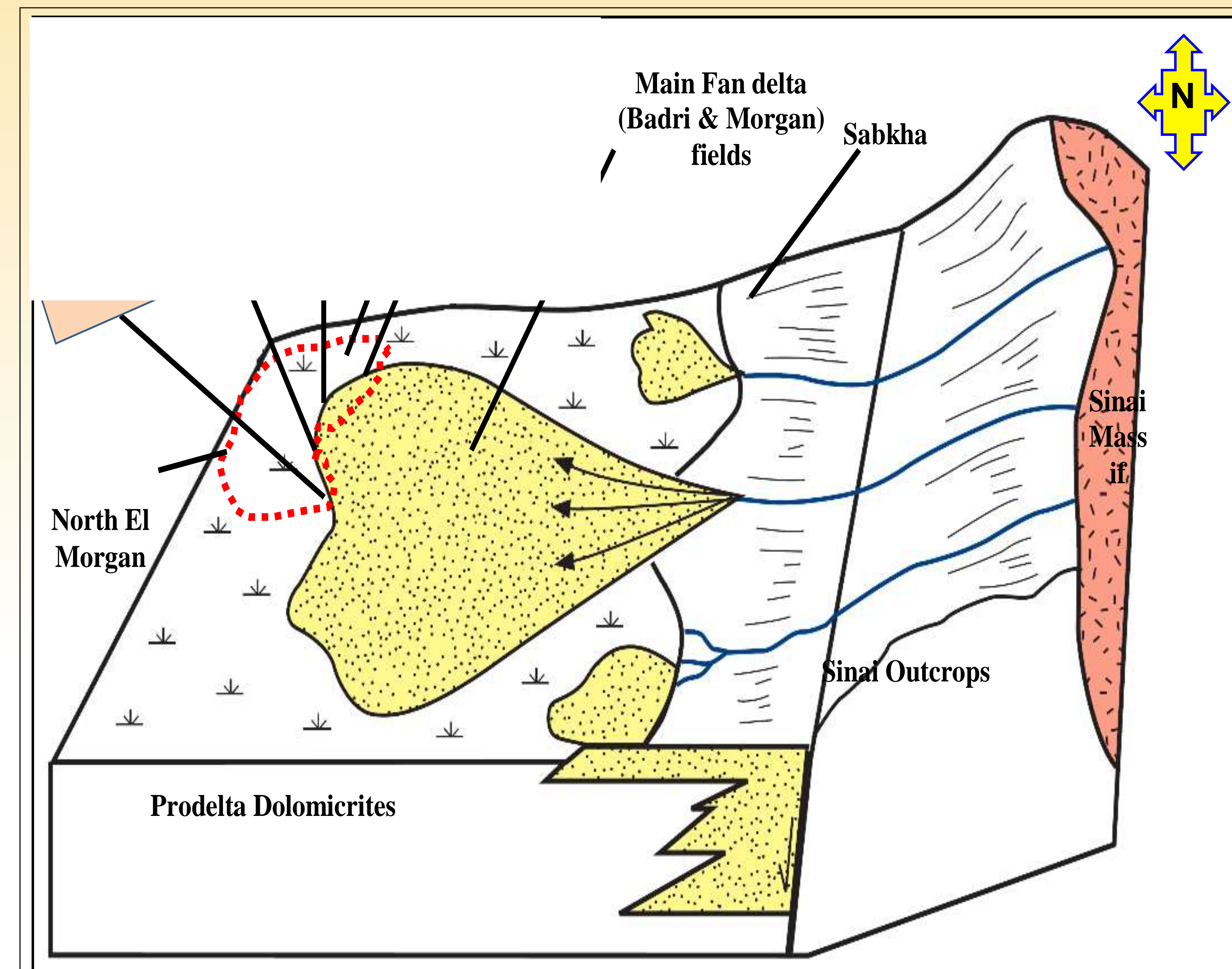
2018, Completed as Belayim producer



Applied techniques



□ Hammam Faraun reservoir facies and property maps



Summary & Conclusions

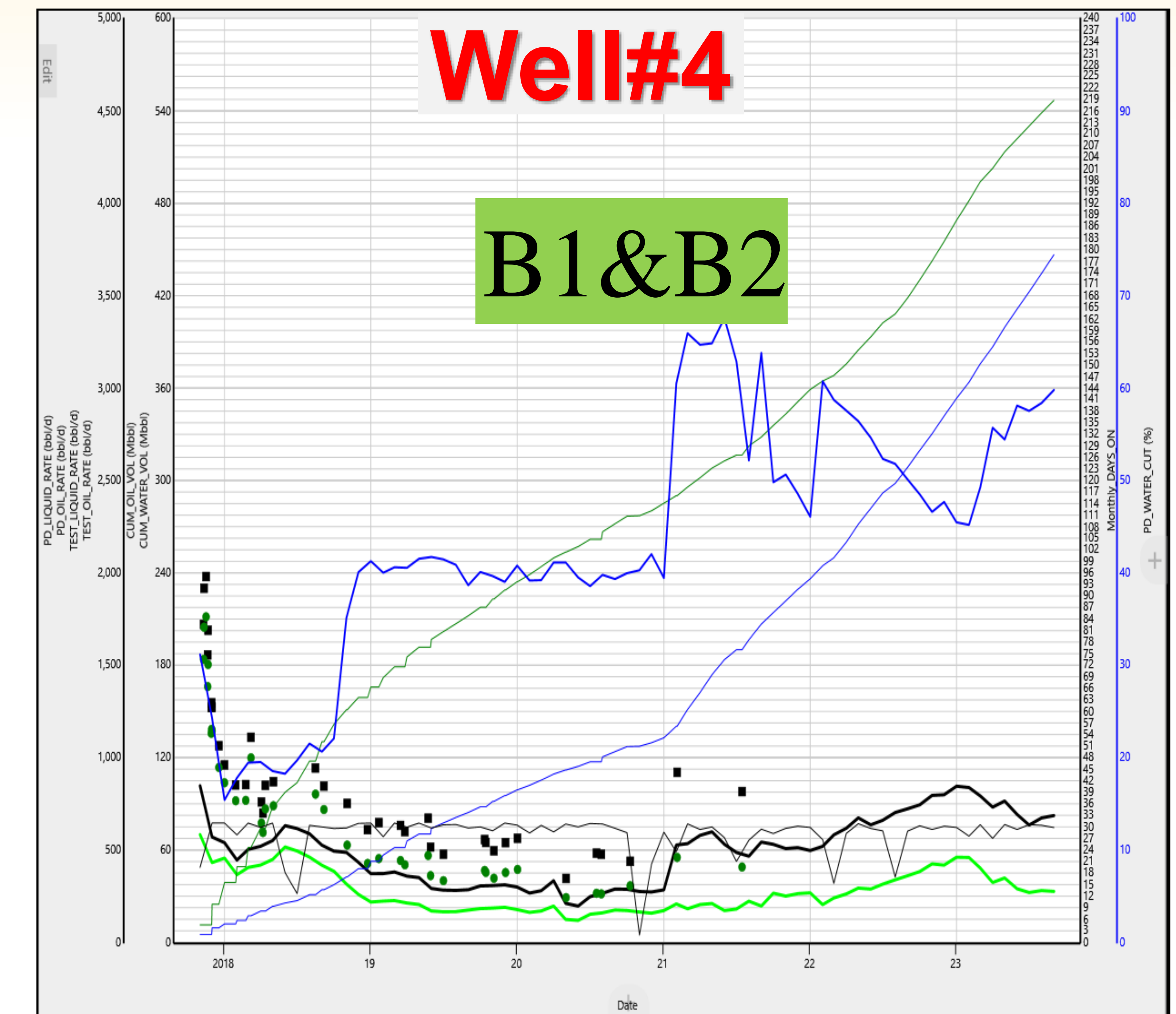
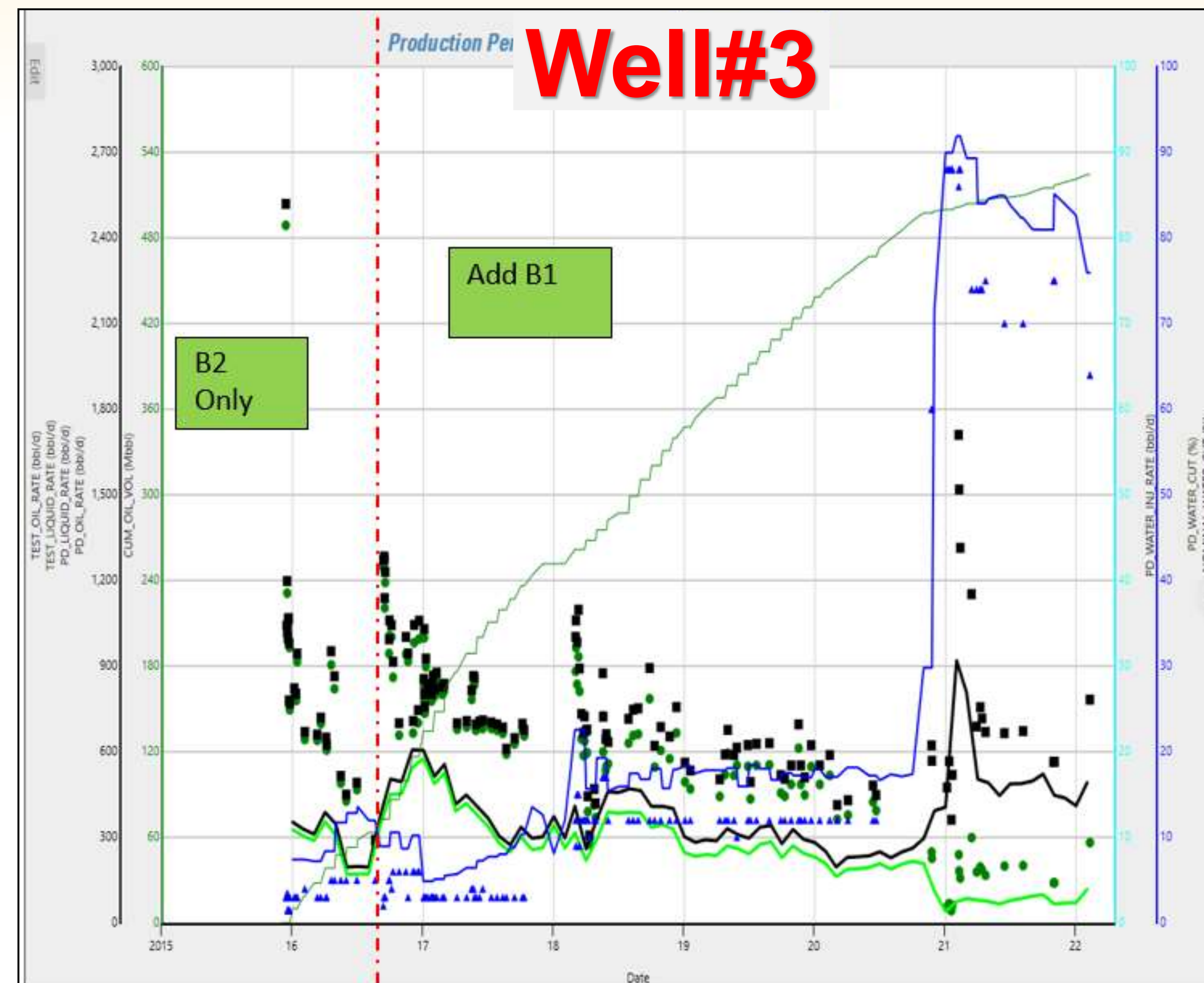
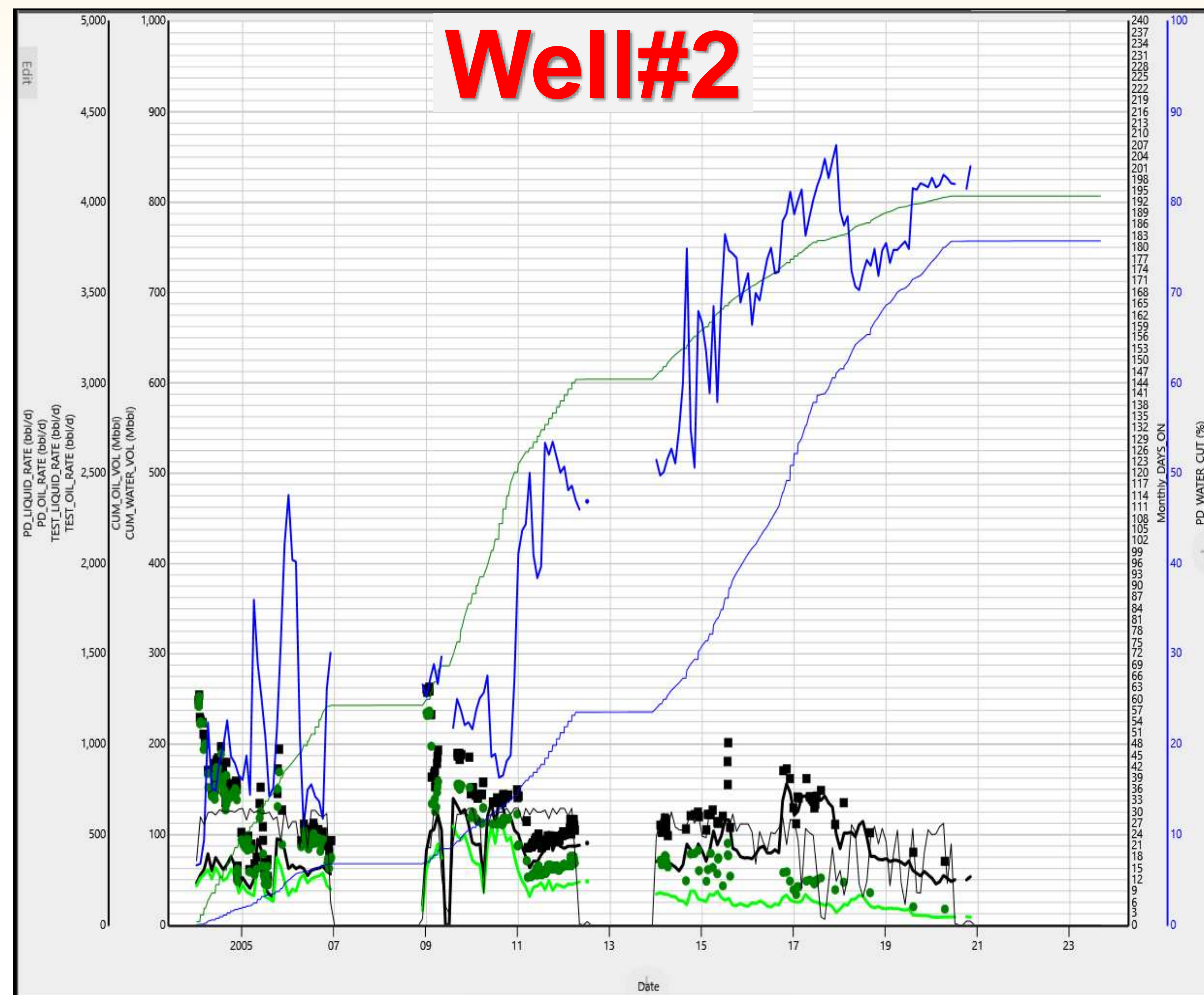
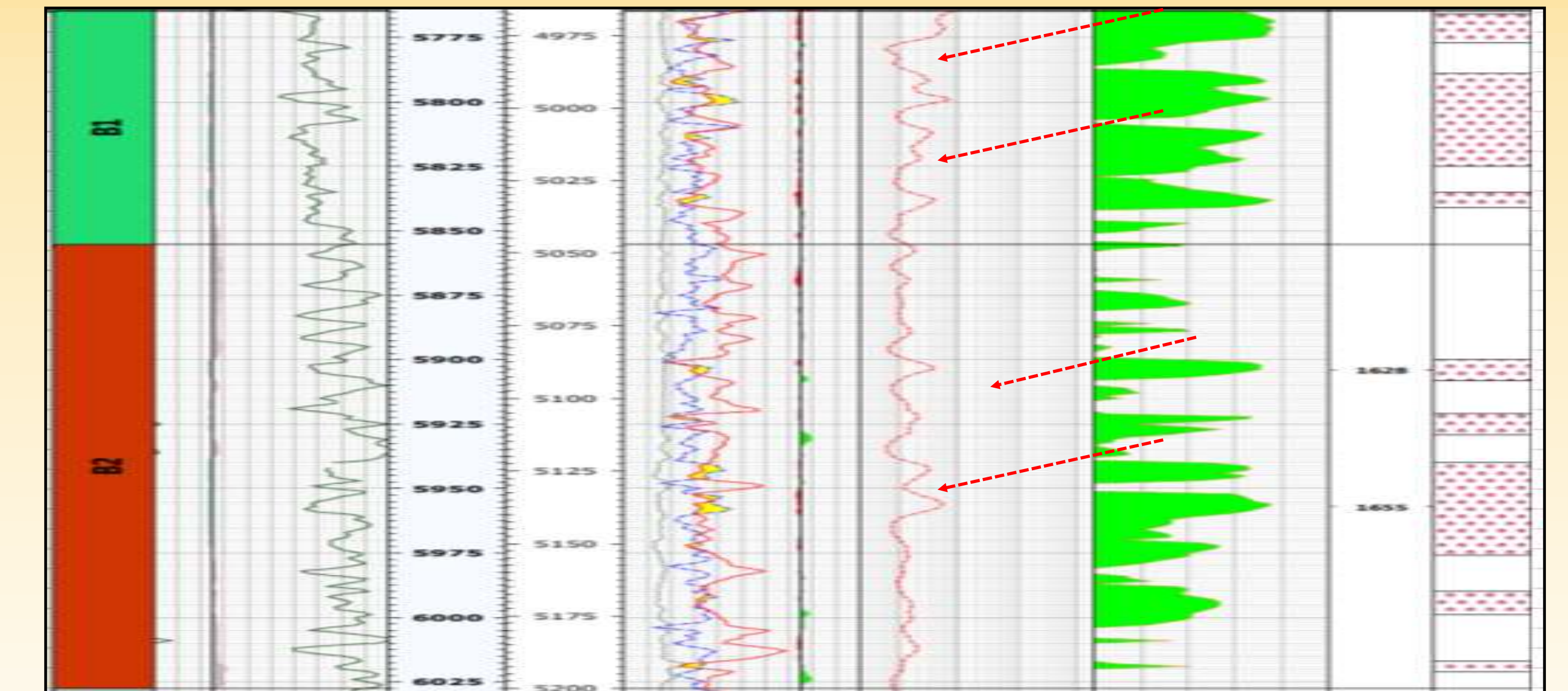
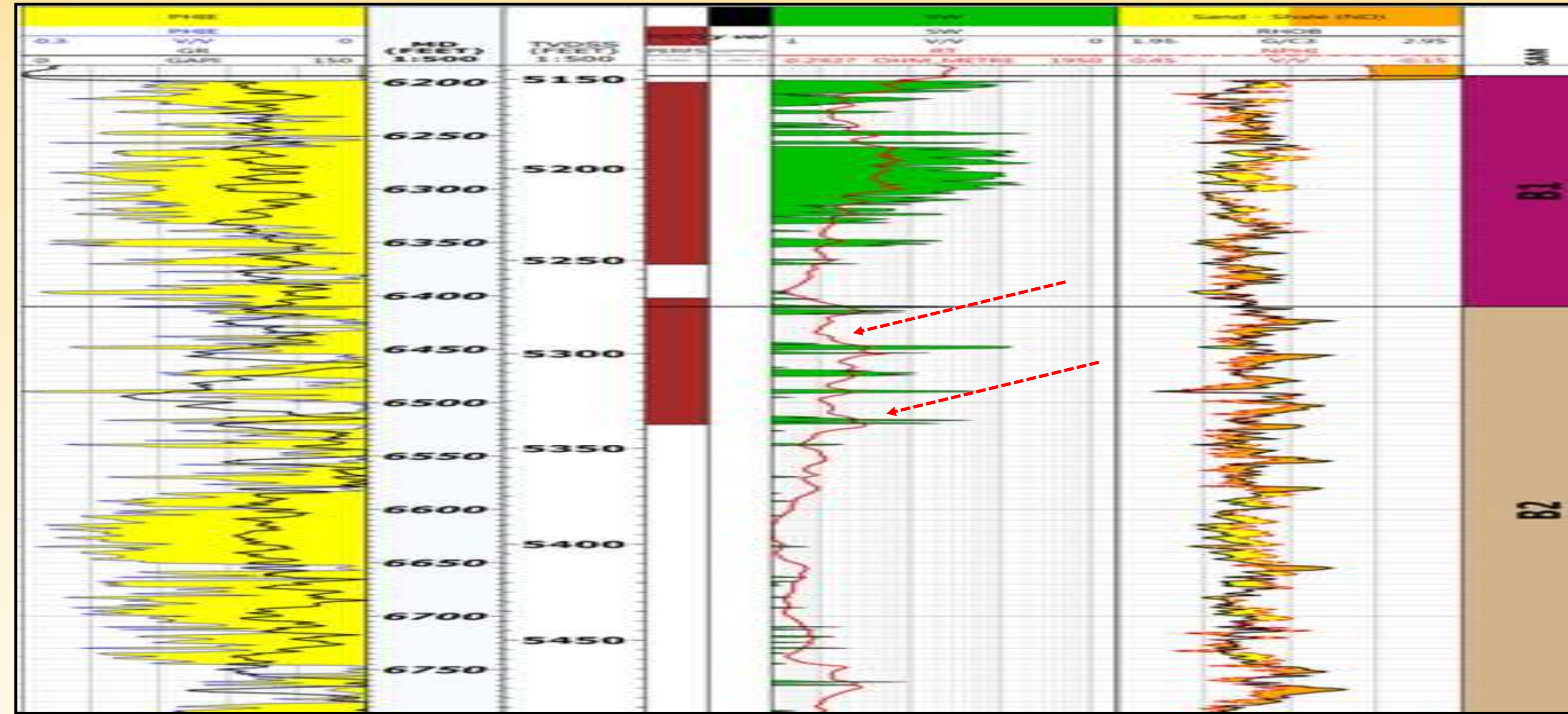


- Hammam Faraun reservoir clay distribution is a mixed-type in form of laminated and dispersed based on Thomas-Steiber's triangle plot which are one of causes for low resistivity pays.
- Based on Winland (R35), Amaefule rock typing method and petrological core description; Hammam Faraun reservoir divided into four different rock types: RT#1, RT#2, RT#3 & RT#4.
- Good matching between core & processed; porosity and water saturation in addition to the predicted permeability using rock typing technique matching with core & Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) permeability's.
- Hammam Faraun reservoir well test results recovered oil with traces water cut confirmed by production logging tool (PLT) data proved the validity of low resistivity pay concept.
- New development wells are recommended to be drilled in order to increase, enhance the sweep efficiency and recovery factor.

A stylized illustration of a roll of paper, tied with a dark red ribbon, positioned diagonally on the left side of the image.

Thank You

El-Morgan Belayim LRP Performance



- Well#2 Started with traces WC% commingled in B1&B2.
- The well showed a stable performance.

- Well#3 Started with traces WC% in B2 then when perforated in B1 showed traces WC% as well.
- The well showed a stable performance

- Well#4 Started with traces WC% commingled in B1&B2.
- The well showed a stable performance