Porosity-Conservative, Burial-Related Diagenesis and Reservoir Quality: Upper Jurassic Hadriya Reservoir, Berri Field, Saudi Arabia*

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Abstract

Hadriya reservoir quality is controlled by sequence stratal geometry, by depositional facies, by widespread preservation of primary porosity, and importantly, by burial-related microporosity enhancement and concomitant macroporosity cementation near the field's structural crest. Burial-related diagenetic processes are largely porosity conservative but are permeability destructive. The altered reservoir volume is definable as an upward-pluming, "sail-boat-keel", 3-D-geometry with the sailboat keel oriented parallel to the long axis of the Berri Field structure. The altered low-permeability reservoir volume crosscuts the Hadriya Reservoir sequence architecture and depositional facies patterns indicating a post-depositional origin. The orientation of the altered volume and close association with the structural crest of the field suggests formation after the onset of structural growth in Late Cretaceous time. Tilting of the Berri Field structure has caused the structural crest of the field to migrate southward from its Late Cretaceous-Pre-Neogene position to its current post-Paleogene position. The 3-D geometry of the altered reservoir volume most closely corresponds to the paleo-structural crest of the field suggesting that the processes associated with the creation of the altered reservoir volume occurred in pre-Neogene time.

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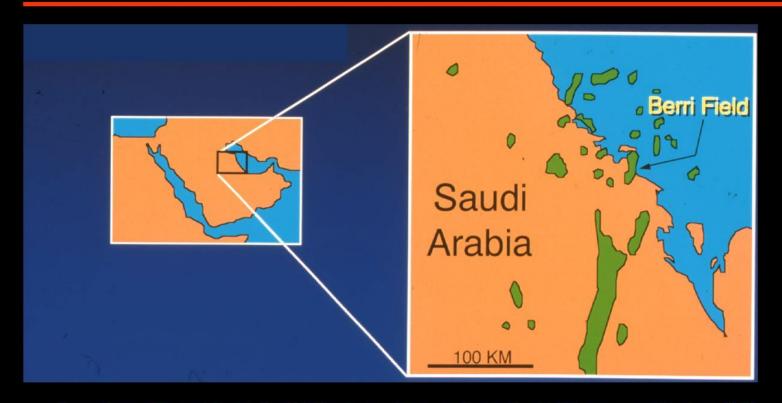
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Presentation Outline

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Depositional Environments and Sequence Stratigraphy

Mesogenetic Reservoir Alteration

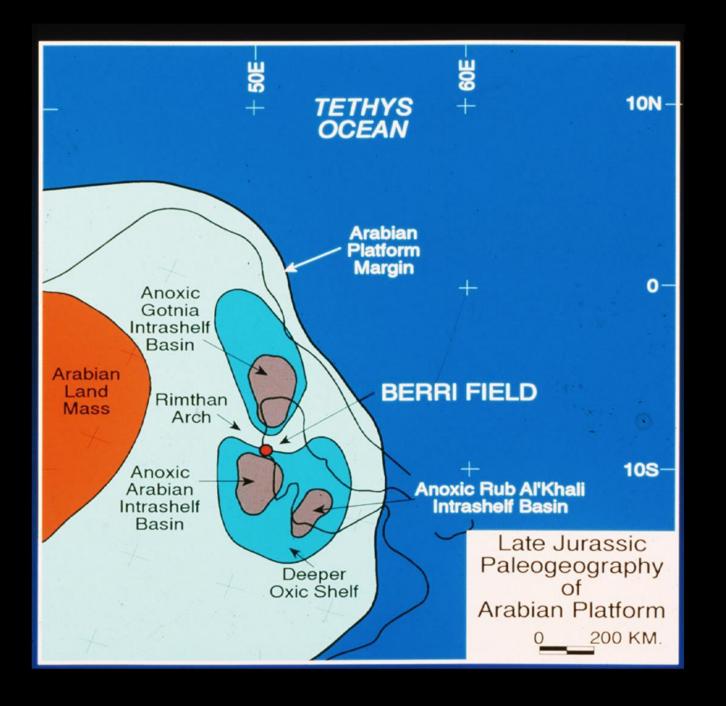
Reservoir Performance

Distribution of Mesogenetic Alteration relative to the Berri Field Structure

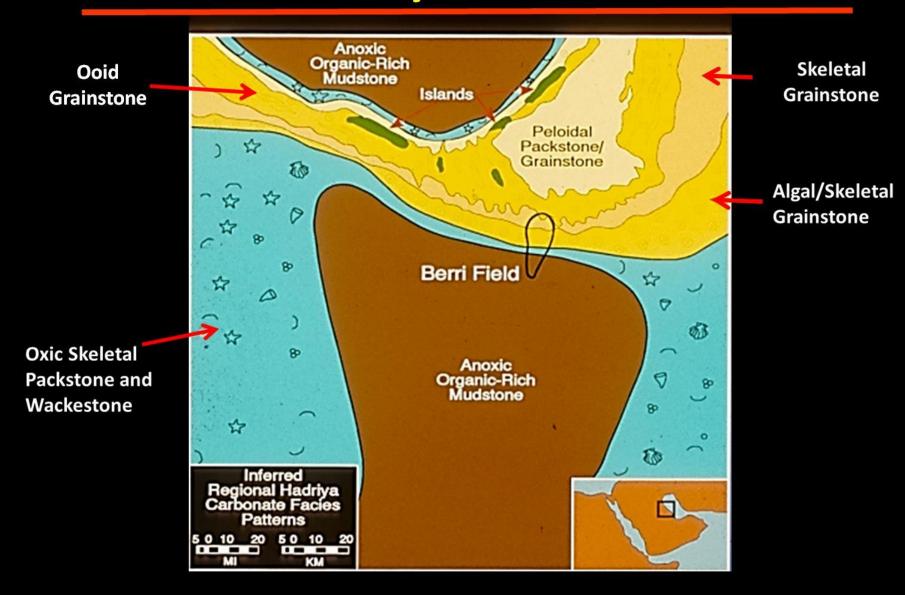
Conclusions

Berri Field Stratigraphy

AGE	FORMATION	RESERVOIR	LITH	COASTAL ONLAP LANDWARD SEAWARD
Tithonian	Hith		^ ^	
	Arab	Arab A	^ ^ ^	
		Arab B	^ ^ ^	
		Arab C	^ ^ ^	
Kimmeridgian		Arab D		
	Jubaila	REAL PROPERTY.		
	Hanifa	Hanifa		
Oxfordian	Tuwaiq Mountain	Hadriya		
Callovian	Dhruma	Fadhili		



Inferred Hadriya Facies Distribution



Hadriya Characteristics

Reservoir Thickness—A wedge: 230 ft. to 50 ft.

Low Relief Prograding Ramp (0.06º Dips)

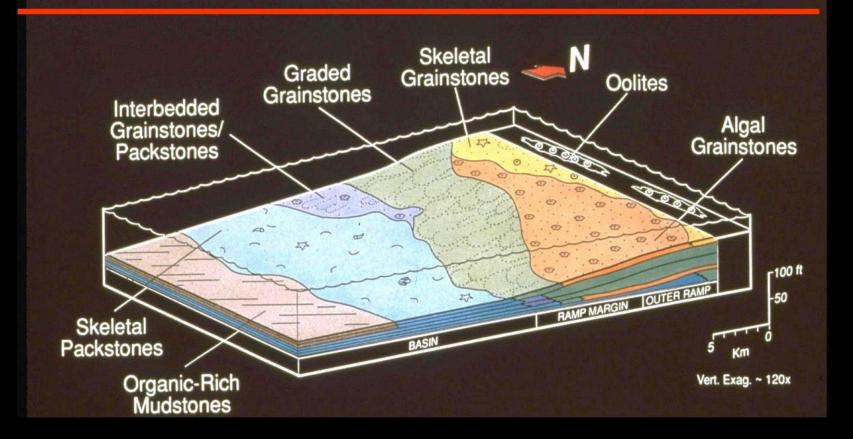
Algal/Skeletal Grainstones

Coarsening/Shallowing Upward Parasequences

No Evidence of Exposure (Type 2 SB)

Transgressive Drowning Surface

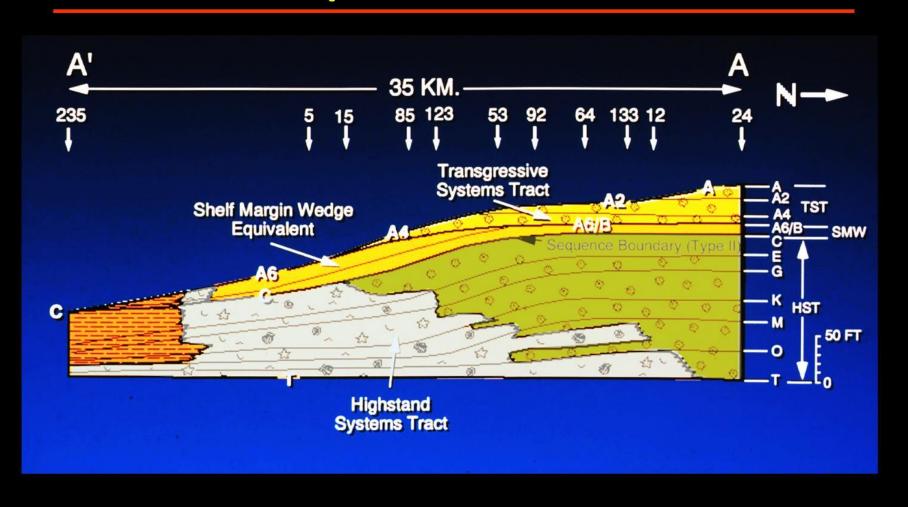
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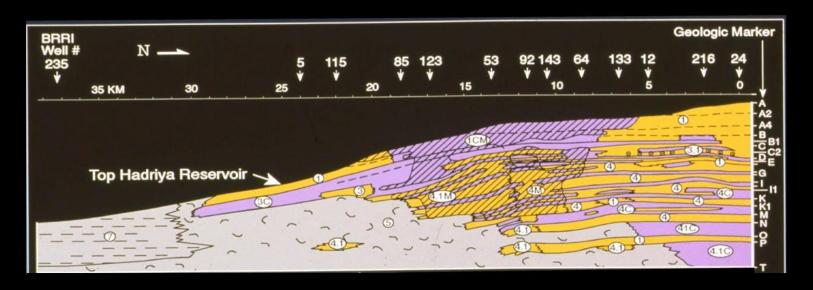
Macroporous Algal Grainstone



Hadriya Sequence Stratigraphy and Depositional Facies

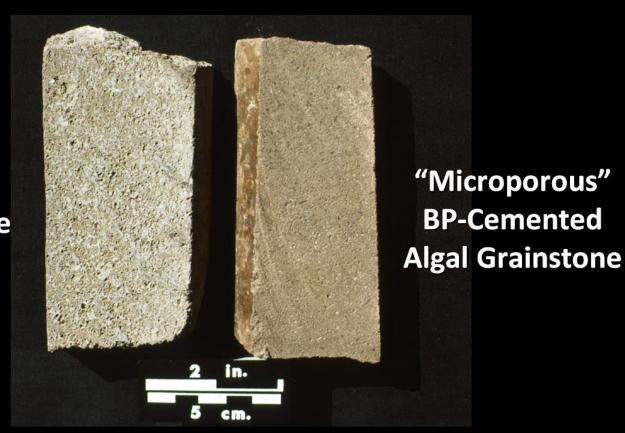


Berri Reservoir Facies Distribution



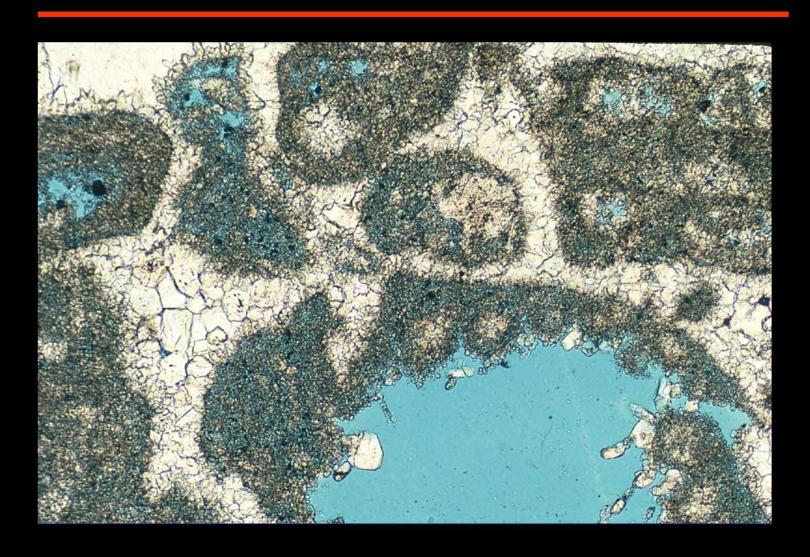


Cross-Cutting Burial-Related Diagenesis

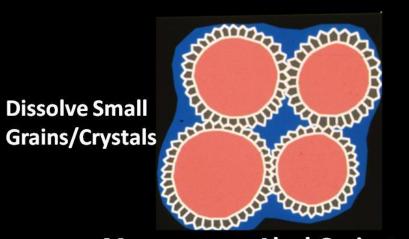


Macroporous Algal Grainstone

"Microporous" BP-Cemented Algal Grainstone

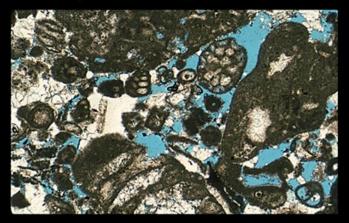


Burial-Related Diagenetic Transformation

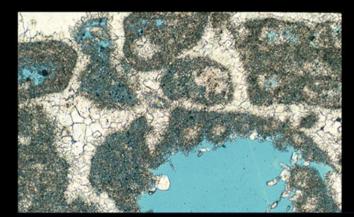


Precipitate
Large Crystals

Macroporous Algal Grainstone



"Microporous" Algal Grainstone



Avg. Φ = 19%

Avg. K = 342 md

Avg. Φ = 17%

Avg. K = 10 md

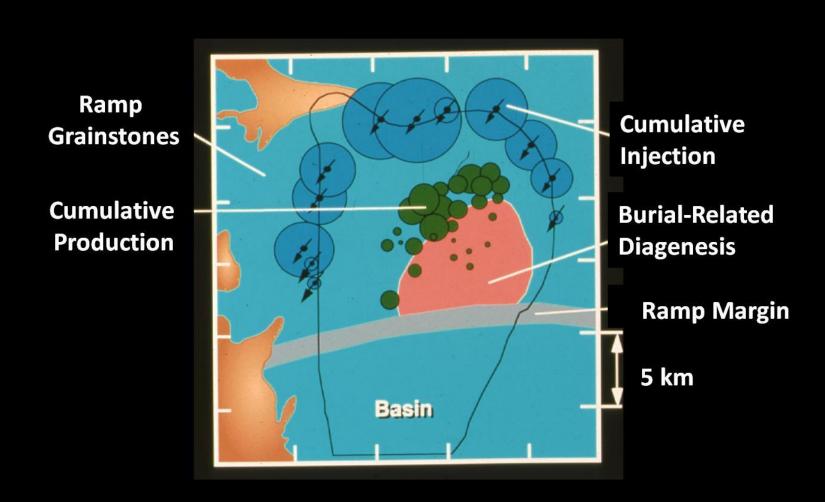
Diagenetic Attributes

Post-Dates Deposition

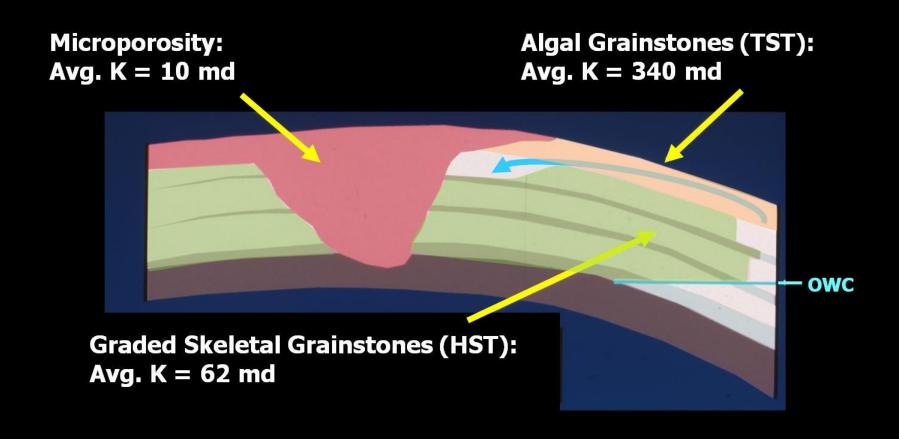
Occurs Late in Paragenetic Sequence (Cross-Cuts Stylolites)

Distribution Related to Paleostructure

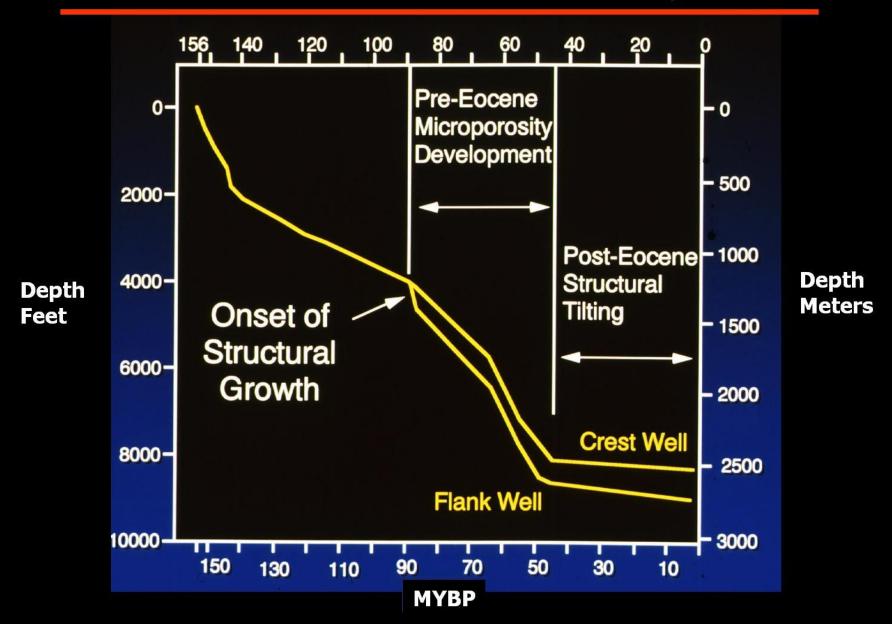
Hadriya Performance Circa 1987



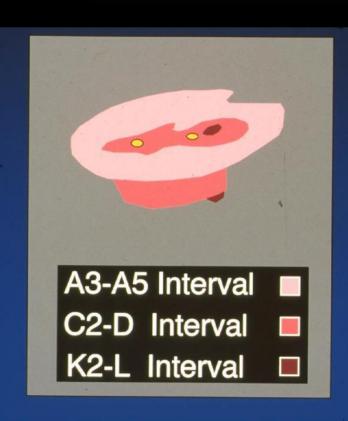
Hadriya Reservoir Facies and Water Encroachment Pattern

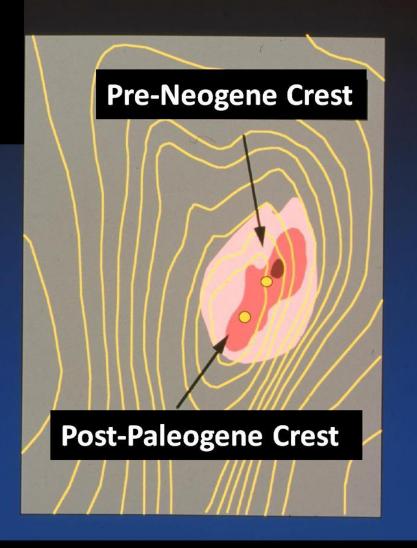


Berri Field Burial History



Distribution of Burial-Related Diagenesis





Conclusions

Porosity-conservative diagenesis: an apparent mesogenetic processes linked to the pre-Neogene structural crest of the field.

Performance controlled by facies, systems tract geometry, and porosity-conservative, burial-related diagenesis.

High flow rate & waterflood advance in algal grainstones of TST (Avg. K = 340 md).

Moderate flow rate & waterflood advance in skeletal grainstones of HST (Avg. K = 62 md).

Low flow rate in rock volume affected by burial-related diagenesis (Avg. K = 10 md).