

# **Petroleum Systems and Thermal Modeling of the Western Iberian Margin – From the Onshore Lusitanian Basin to the Deep Offshore Peniche Basin\***

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## **Abstract**

The Lusitanian Basin is one of the Western Iberian Margin's basins, all related with the opening of the North Atlantic and having their counterparts in eastern Canada's Jeanne D'Arc and Whale Basins. In the Lusitanian Basin, pre-rift, rift and drift phases, with its associated deposits, may be studied in detail, including a whole range of lithofacies, from continental proximal infills to distal deep-marine condensed sections. In addition, the structural style and the importance of basement, diapiric structures and other evolutionary aspects can also be investigated. This paper deals with the sedimentary and thermal evolution of the mainly onshore Lusitanian Basin and its petroleum systems, establishing an analogue for the nearby offshore Peniche Basin, aiming to contribute to a better regional framework for exploration in this region. Petroleum systems of the Lusitanian Basin are well known from outcrops and wells, with abundant data about the elements and processes of its petroleum systems. In the Peniche Basin, a seismo-stratigraphic approach, based on the analysis of 28 seismic lines (courtesy of PETROBRAS), allowed the identification of broadly the same sedimentary packages and some extrapolation about its petroleum systems. Subsidence and thermal maturation modeling (PetroMod) has been conducted on 10 wells of the Lusitanian Basin and 13 pseudo-wells of the Peniche Basin. A comparative analysis shows that both Jurassic potential source rocks - marine lower Jurassic shaly marls and lagoonal upper Jurassic marly limestones - reached oil-window in both basins. The lower SR entered the oil-window between late Jurassic and early Cretaceous times, whereas the upper SR entered the oil-window mainly in late Cretaceous to early Tertiary times. However, some lateral variations may be identified in regional maps, related with the

inner/outer position of each basin, as well as with each basin's depocenters. Several thick reservoirs, including late Cretaceous and Tertiary siliciclastics, may have accumulated oil, migrated along faults and diapiric structures, related with Mesozoic extension and with Alpine compression. These reservoirs are well sealed by clayey units, expected to thicken distally towards the outer basins. Alpine inversion structures may have promoted good trap geometries, but also seriously affected seal-integrity. All these interpretations are still to be validated by a wildcat well, constraining stratigraphic and thermal assumptions.

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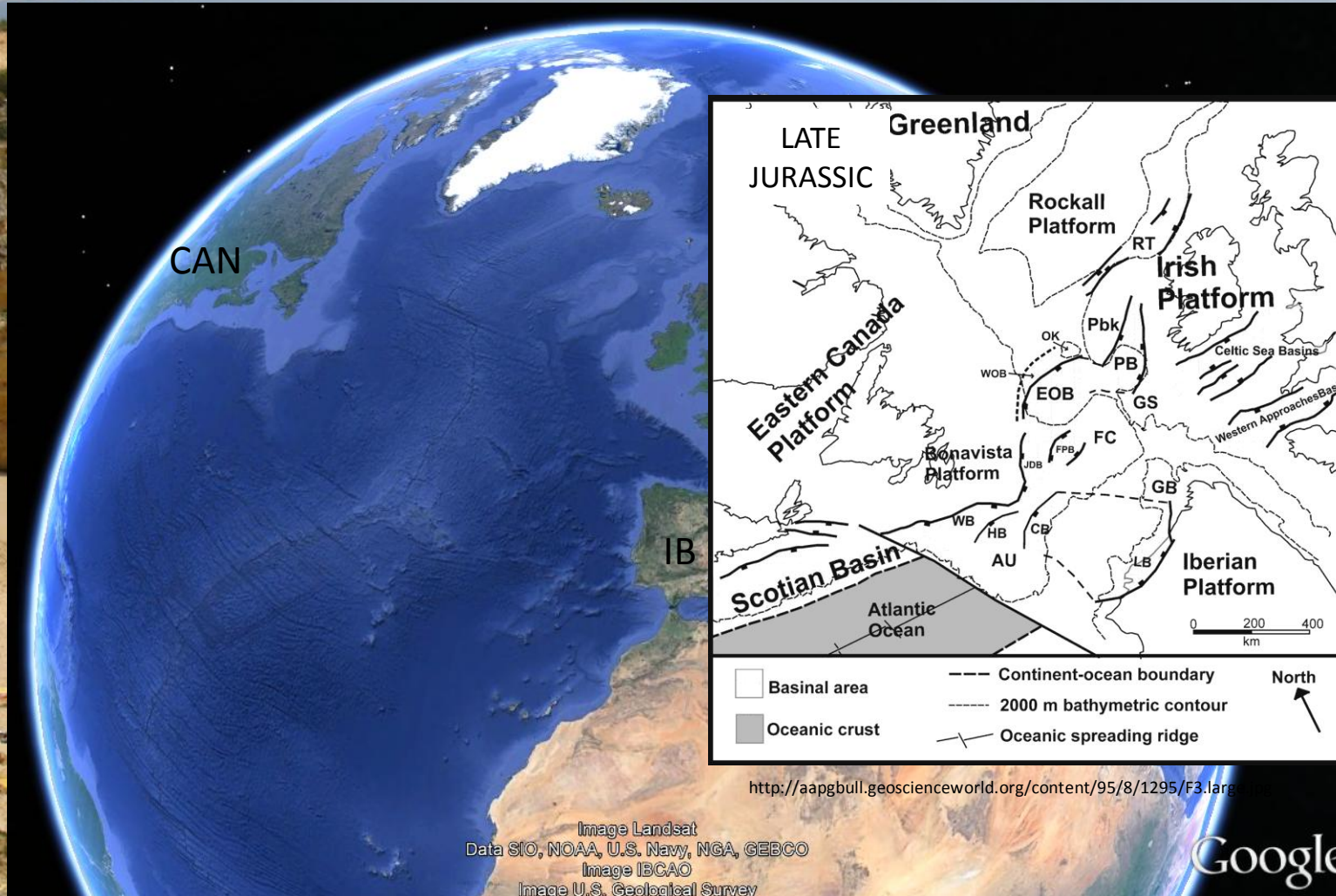
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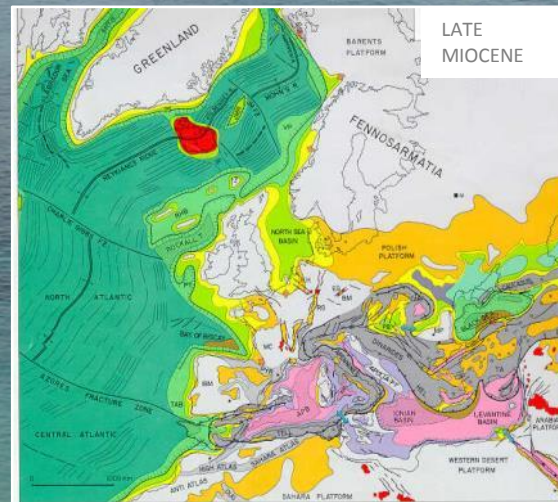
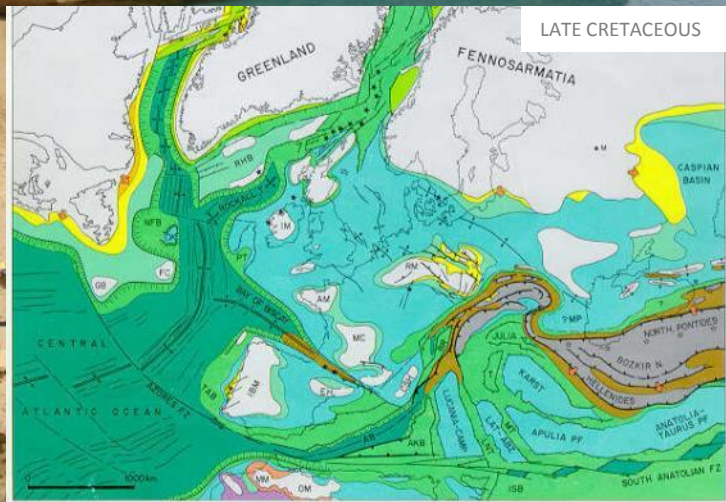
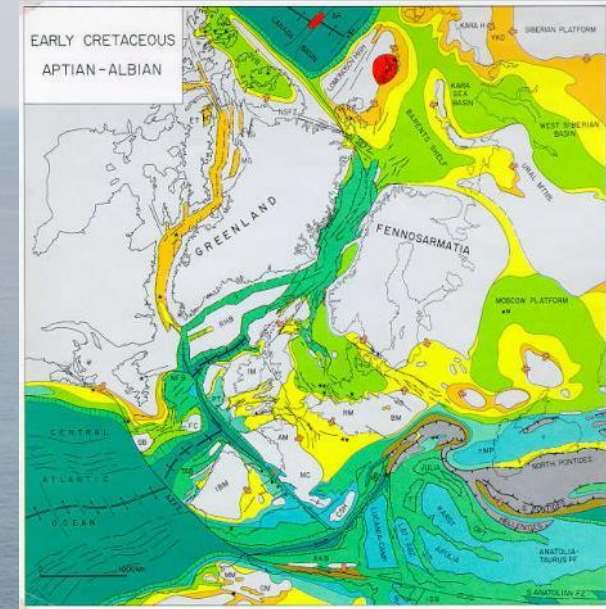
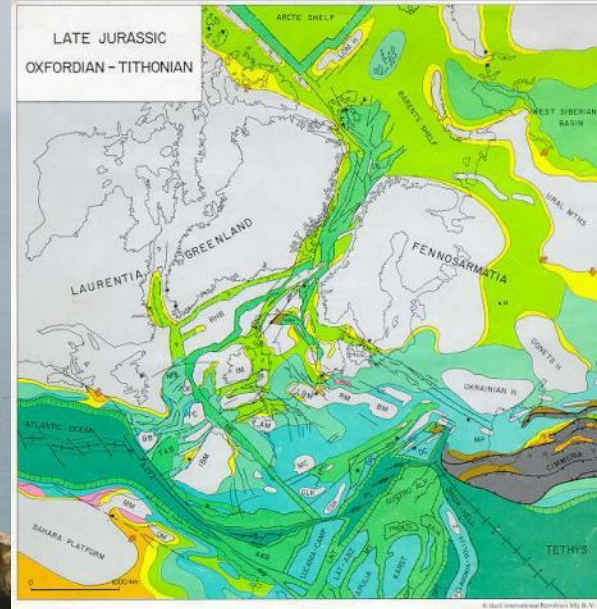
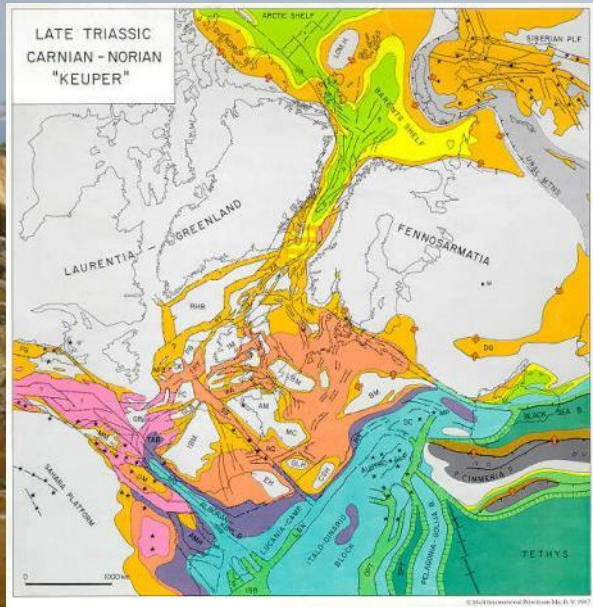
## 1. WESTERN IBERIAN MARGIN (WIM)



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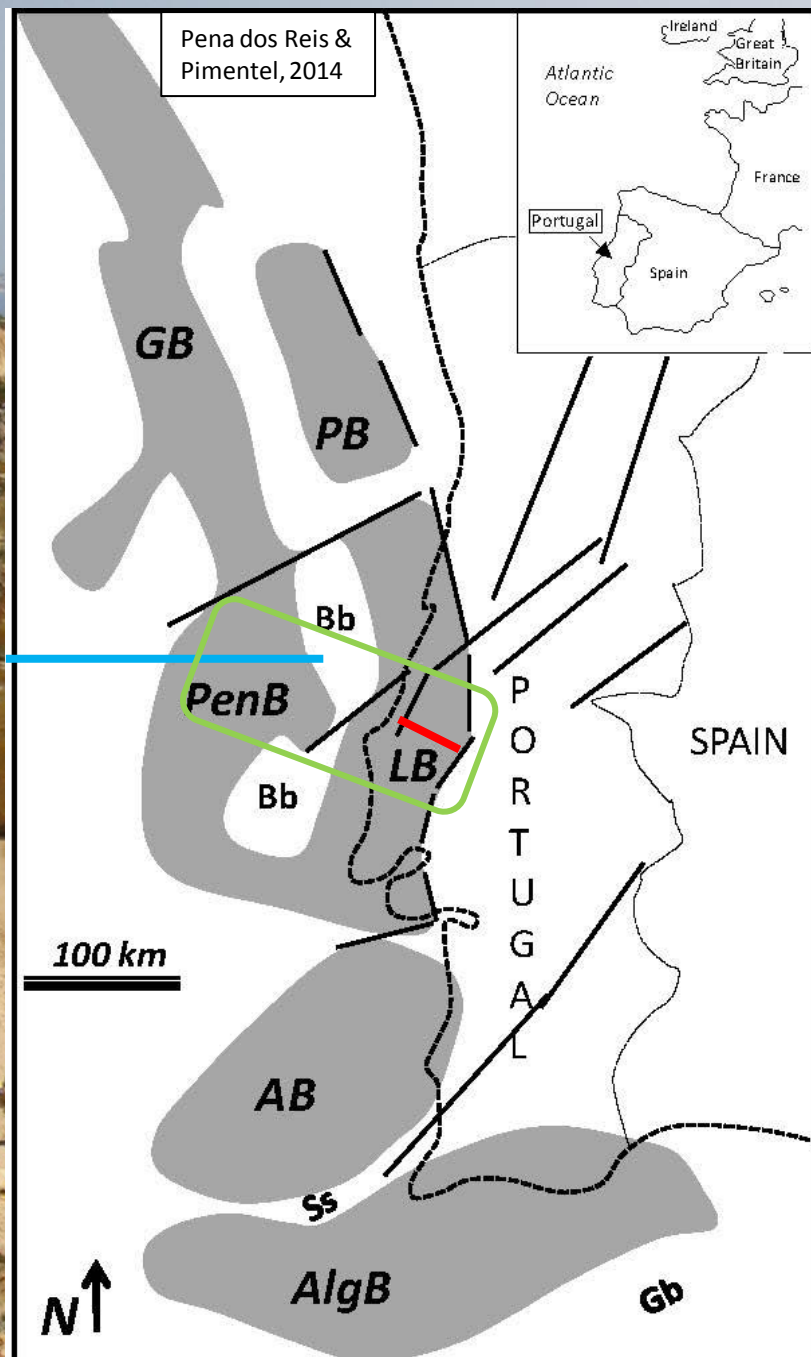


## 2. GEODYNAMIC EVOLUTION



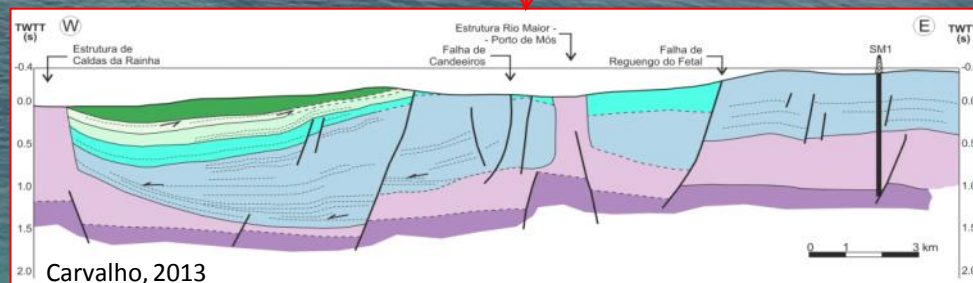
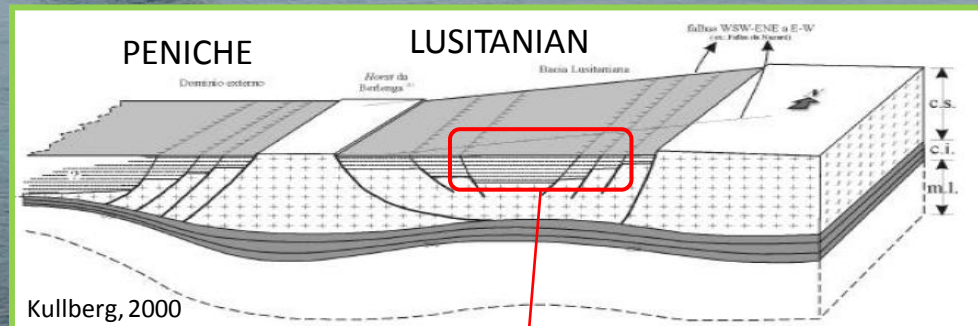
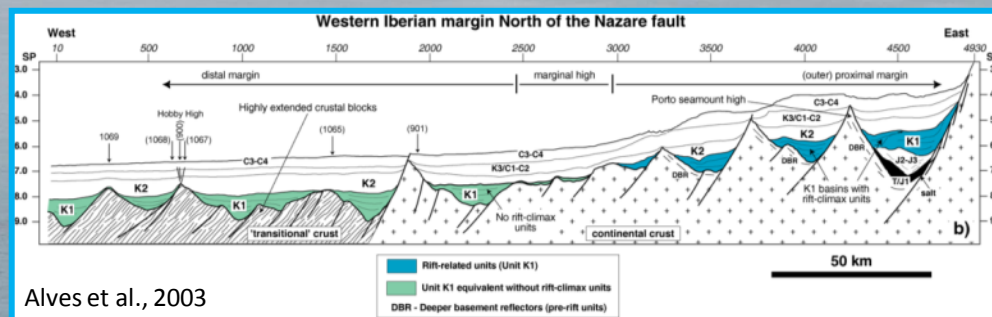
The WIM is related with the Western Tethys closure and opening of the North Atlantic, followed by the Alpine compression.





### 3. WIM ATLANTIC BASINS

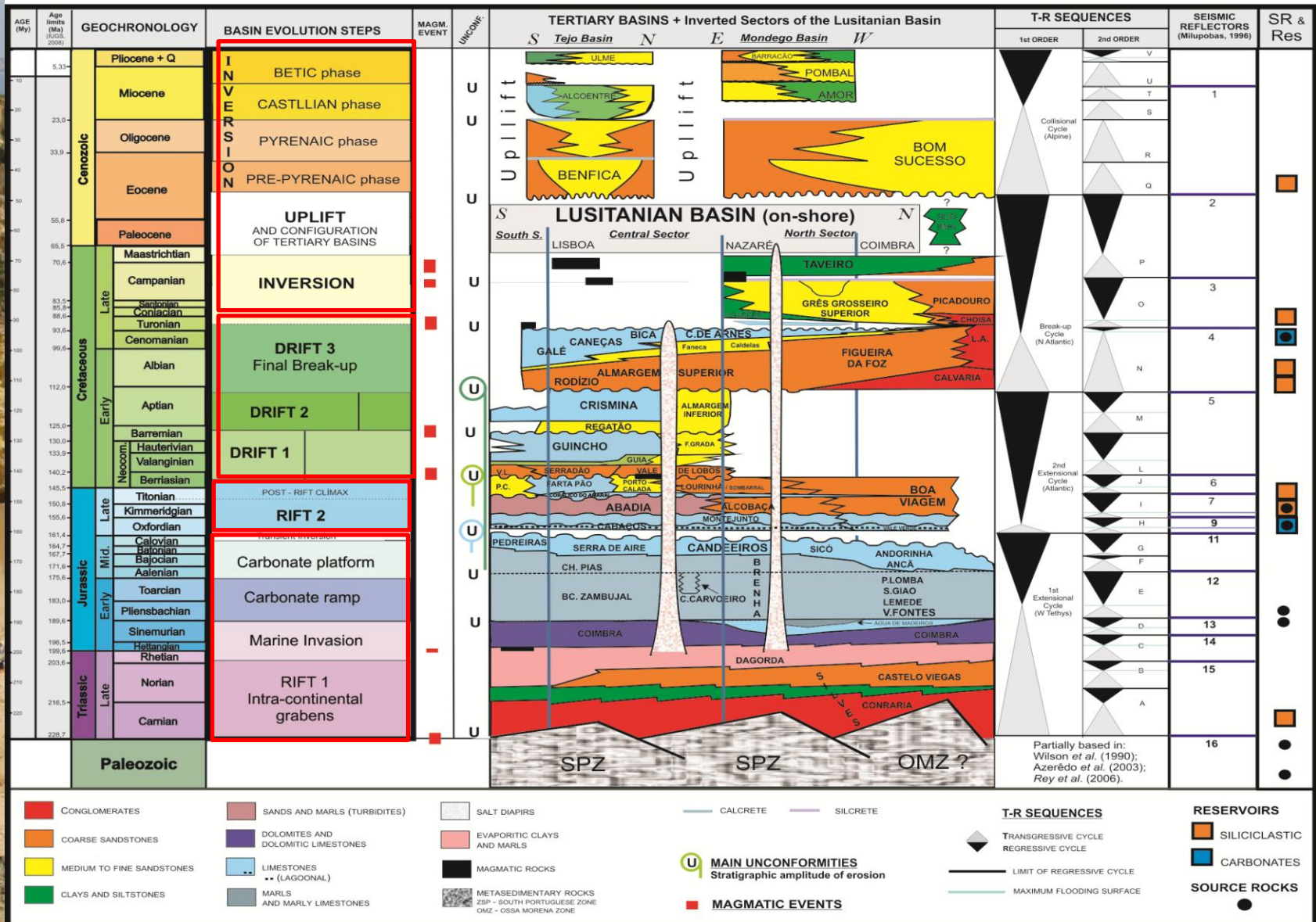
From the onshore to the deep offshore, contiguous basins reflect the margins Mesozoic evolution.





# 4. STRATIGRAPHIC CHART

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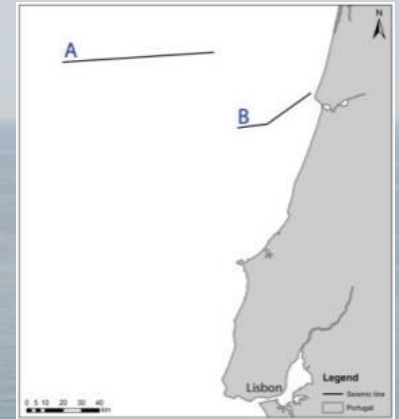


# 5. SEISMOSTRATIGRAPHY

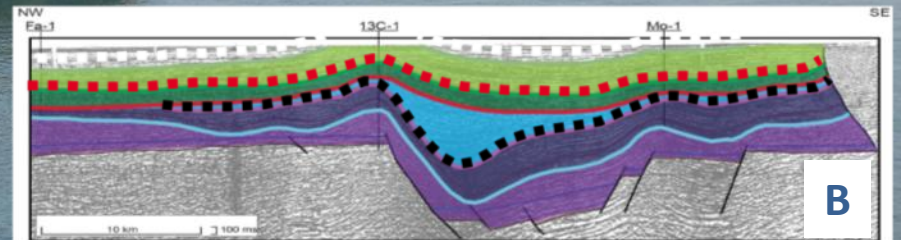
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	TERTIARY
	Cretaceous
	Up. Seno./Turonian
	Cenoman.
	Lower Albian/Aptian
	Barrem./Necom.
	Portland
	Upper Kimmeridgian
	Oxford
	Upper
	Lower
	Jurassic
	Middle
	Callovian
	Bathonian
	Bajocian
	Aalenian
	Lower
	Toarcian
	Pliensb.
	Sinem.
	Upper
	Lower
	Hettangian
	Trias.
	Middle
	Upper
	Paleozoic

Peniche Basin ← Lusitanian Basin

The main unconformities identified in the Lusitanian Basin may be also identified in seismic lines of the Peniche Basin.

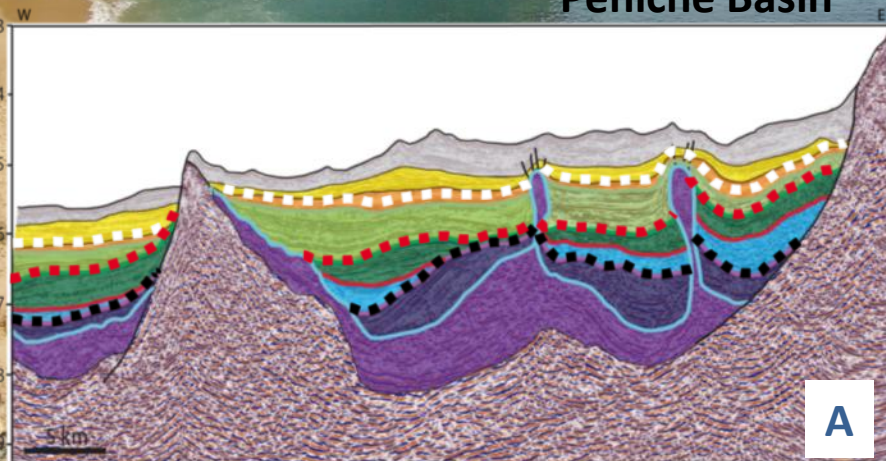


Lusitanian Basin

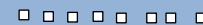


Rasmussen *et al.* 1998

Peniche Basin



TGS-NOPEC seismic line courtesy from PETROBRAS



Campanian unconformity



Aptian unconformity



Callovian unconformity



# II. PETROLEUM SYSTEMS

Petroleum systems of the Lusitanian Basin are well known from outcrops and wells, with abundant data about its elements and processes.

## 1. Lusitanian Basin's Petroleum Systems Chart

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Pimentel, 2014

PALEOZOIC				M E S O Z O I C						CENOZOIC		Penal dos Reis Pimentel, 2014		
Sil	Dev	Carb	Perm	Triassic			Jurassic			Cretaceous			Paleogene	Neogene
				E	M	L	E	M	L	E	L			
														SOURCE ROCK
														RESERVOIR
														SEAL
														OVERBURDEN
														TRAP
														MAT/MIGR/ACC
														CRITICAL MOMENT

PZ - Triassic

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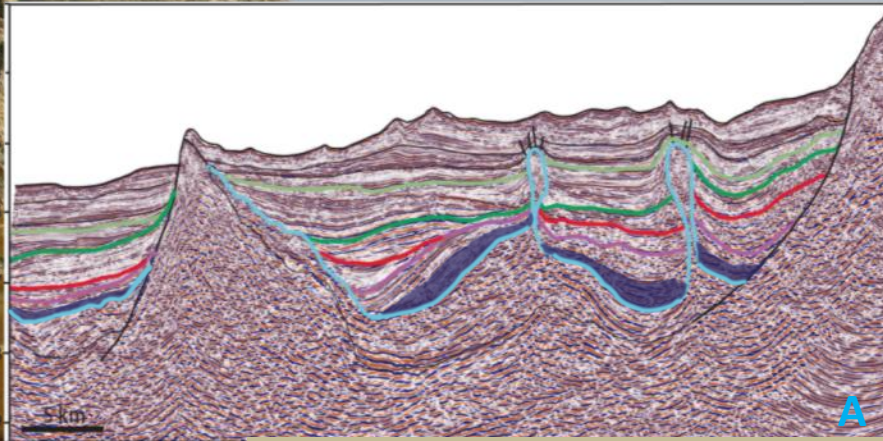
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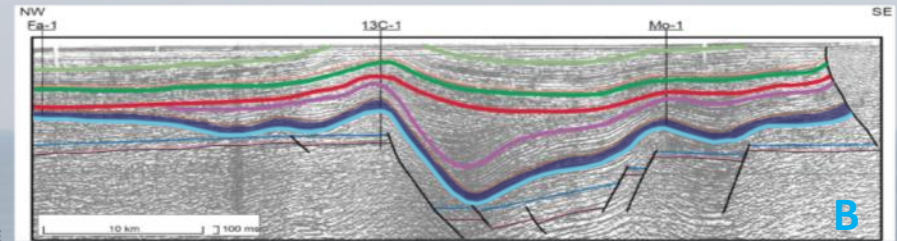
## 2. Lower Jurassic Petroleum System

### Peniche Basin



TGS-NOPEC seismic line courtesy from PETROBRAS

### Lusitanian Basin



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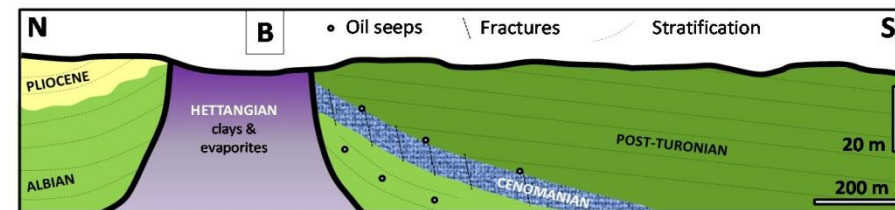
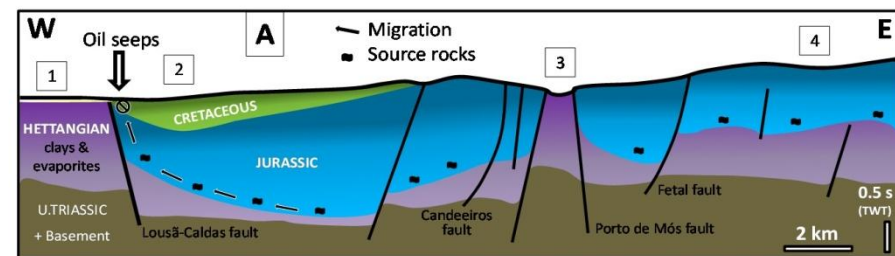
**SEAL: Maastrichtian Clays**

**TRAP: Salt Geometries**

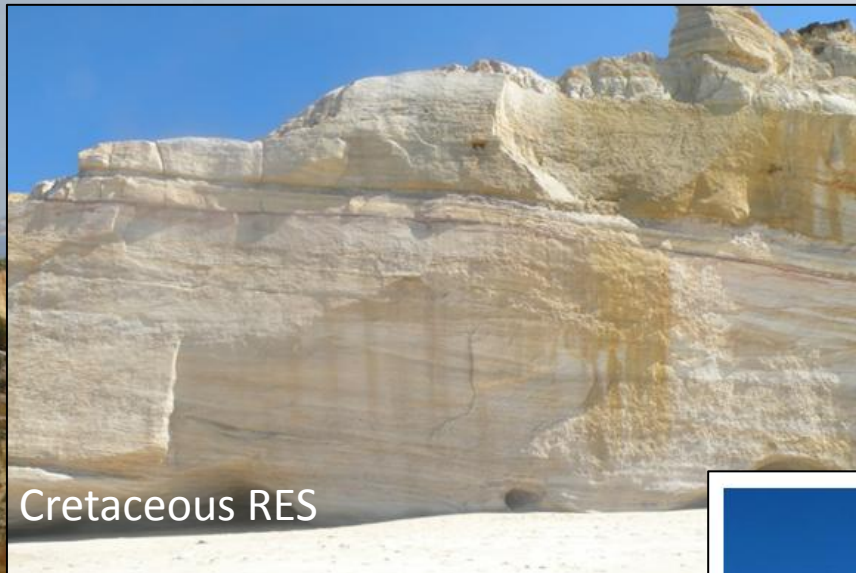
**RESERVOIR: Cretaceous Alluvial Sandstones**

**SOURCE ROCK: Pliensbachian Marls**

Pena dos Reis & Pimentel, 2013







Cretaceous RES



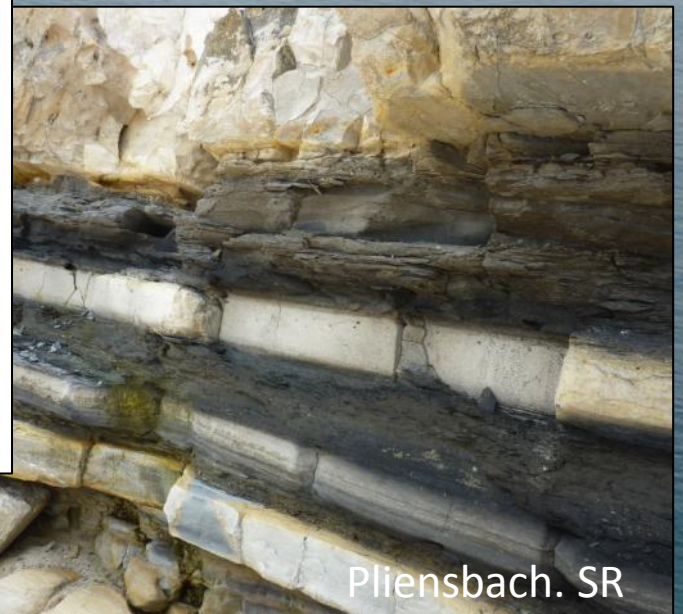
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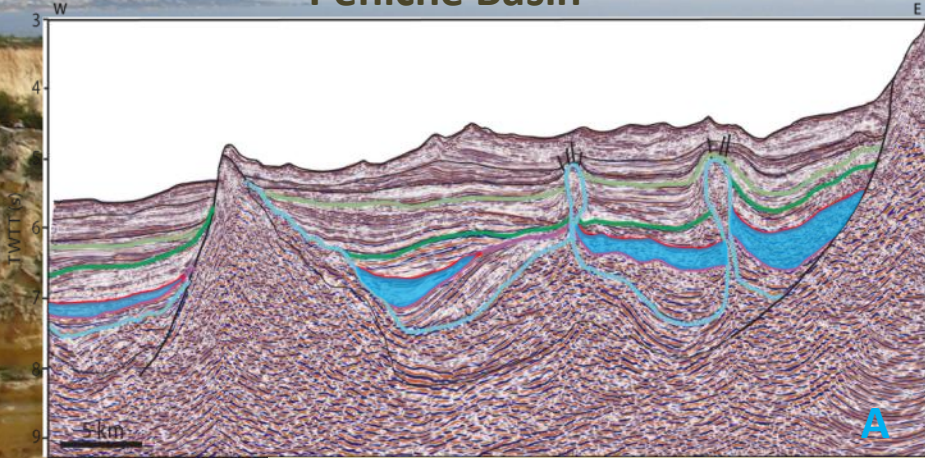


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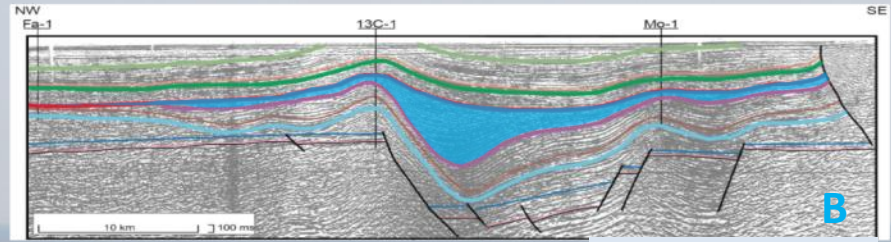
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## Lusitanian Basin



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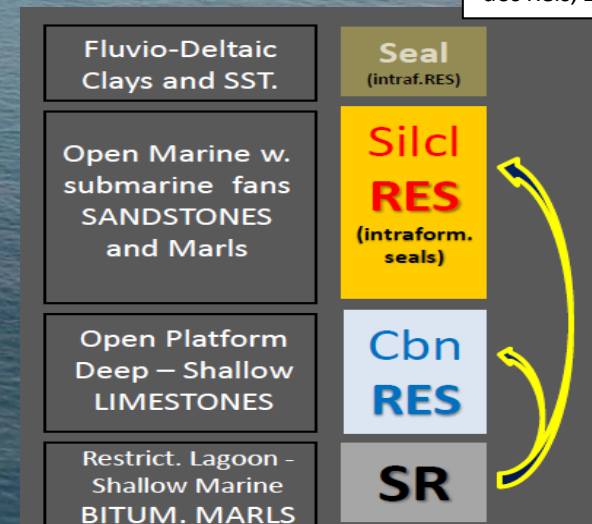
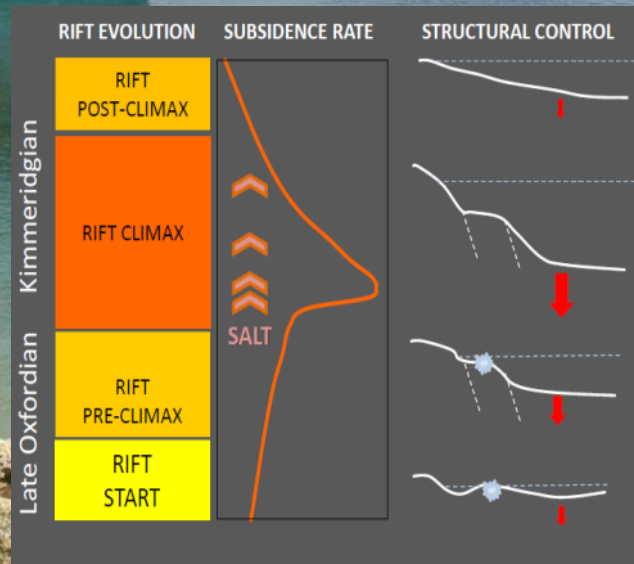
**TRAP:** Inversion Anticlines

**SEAL:** Kimmeridgian Marine Marls

**RESERVOIR:** Oxfordian/Kimmeridgian  
Fract. Limestones & Deltaic Sandstones

**SOURCE ROCK:** Mid. Oxford. lagoon. Limest.

Pimentel & Pena  
dos Reis, 2012





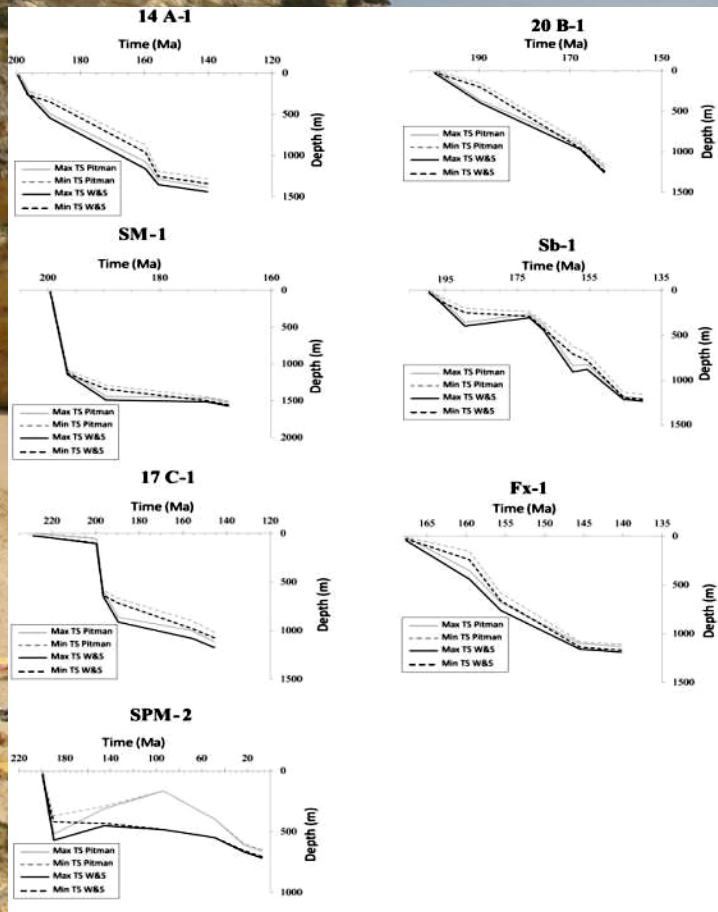




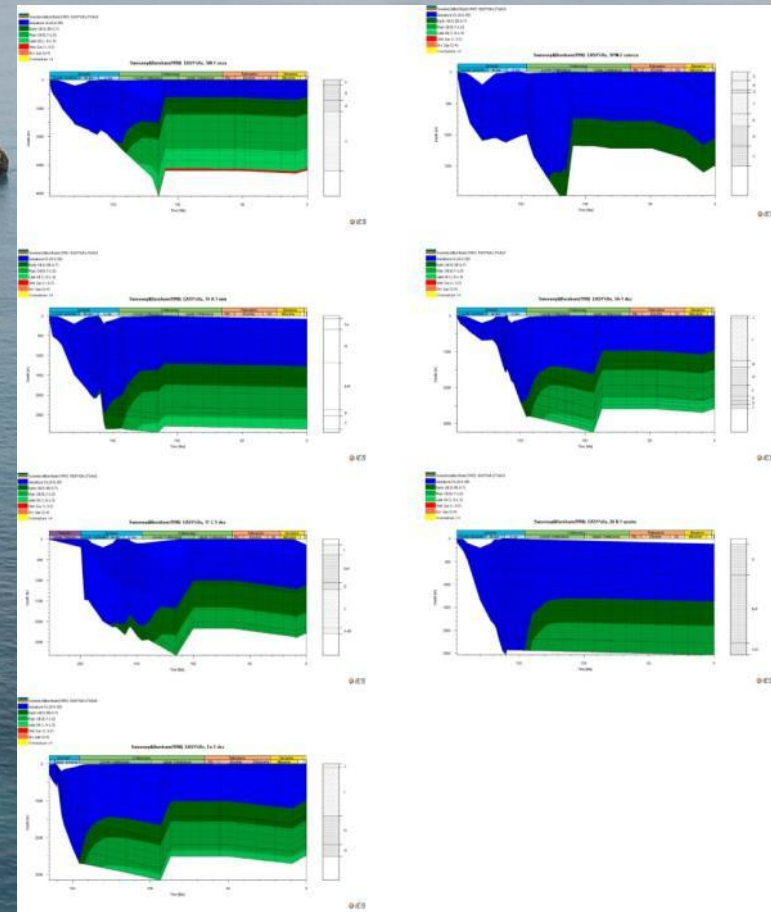
# III. THERMAL MODELING

## 1. Lusitanian Basin

Backstripping



PetroMod



Pena dos Reis & Pimentel, 2013

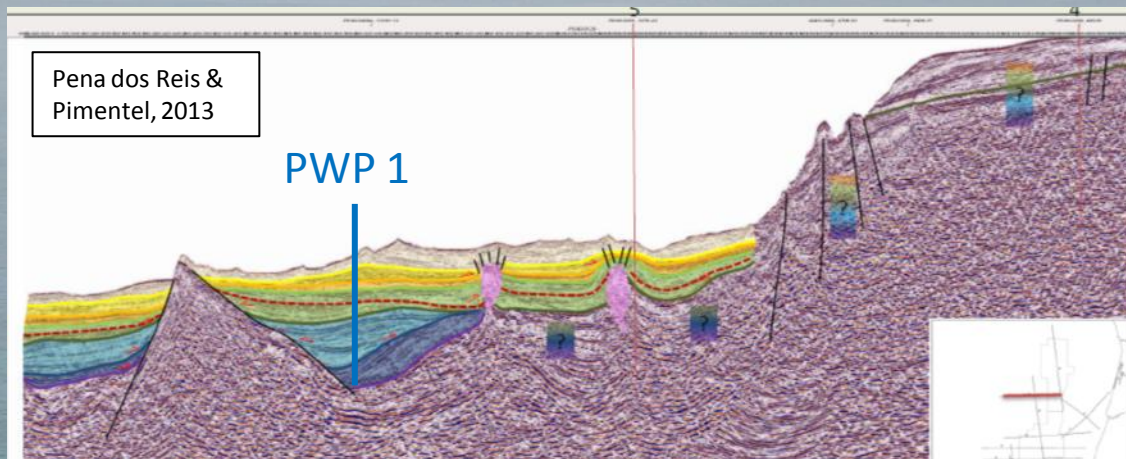
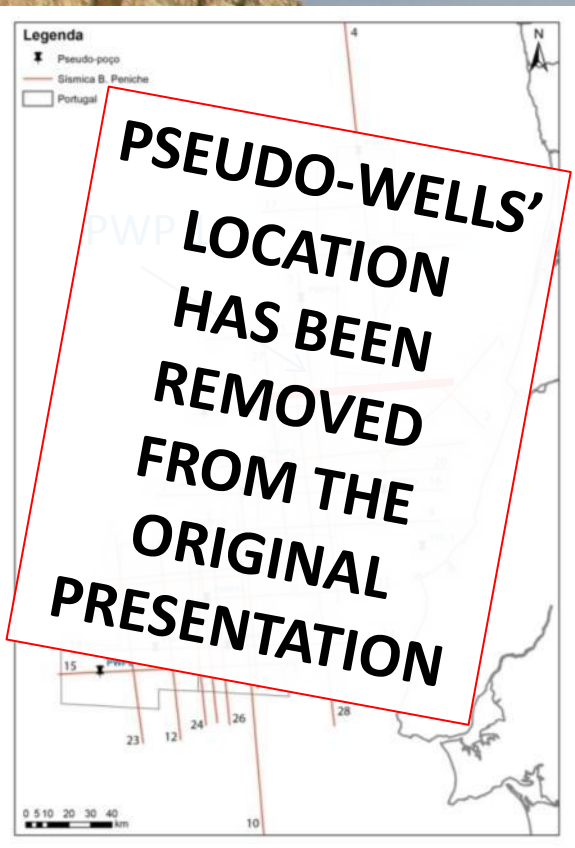
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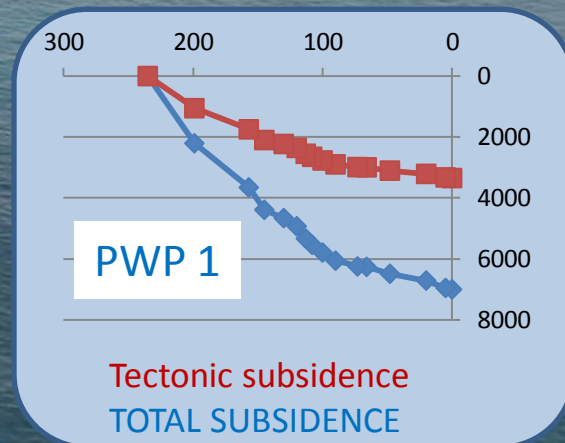
# 2. Peniche Basin

## a) SEISMIC LINES & PSEUDO-WELLS

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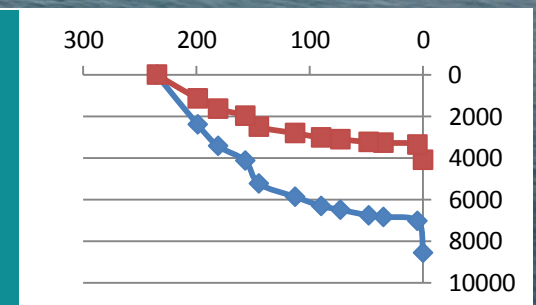
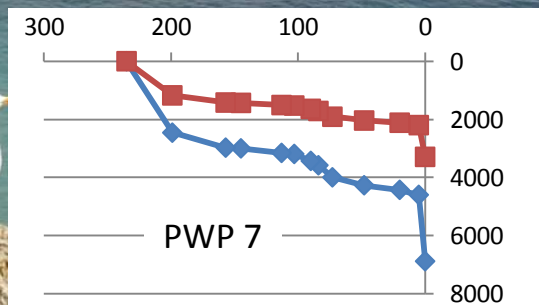
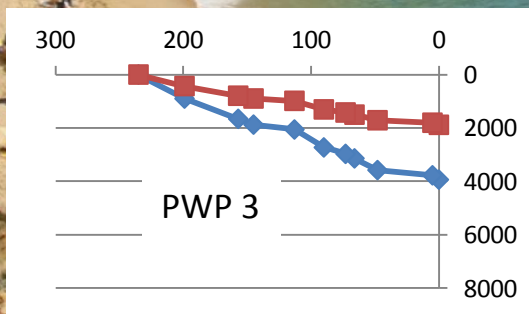
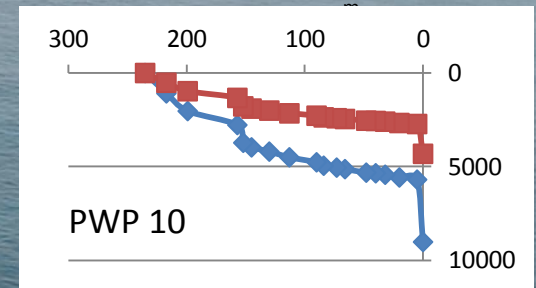
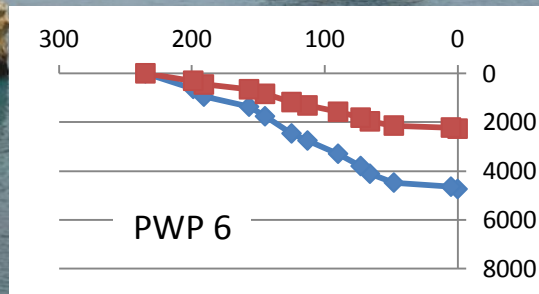
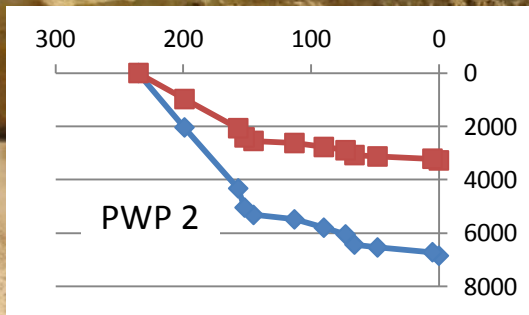
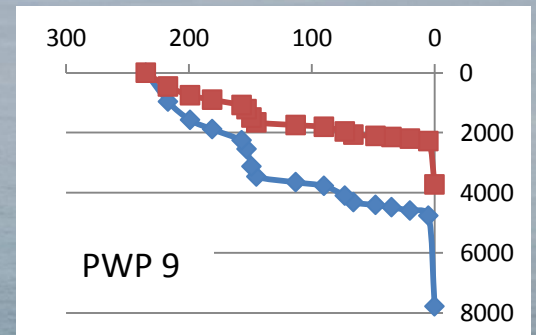
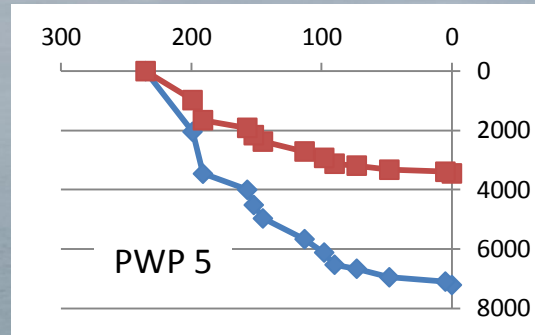
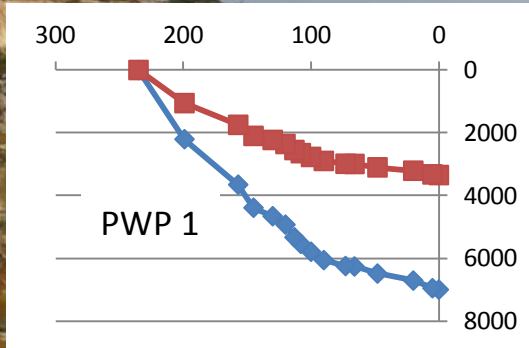
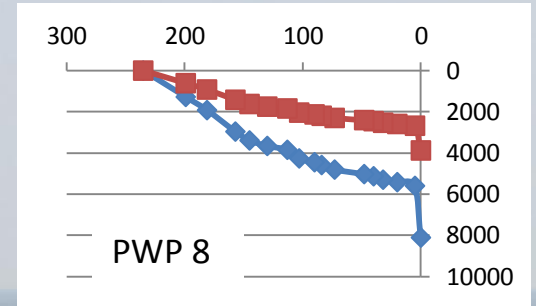
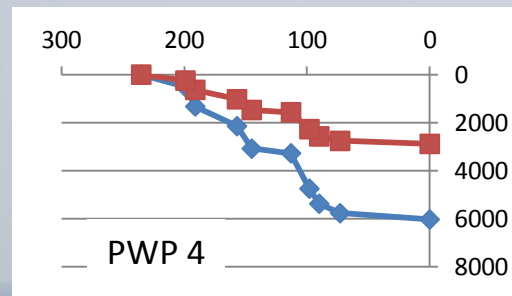


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Un. 3 (Oxfordiano-Berriasiano) Top = H 6
Un. 2 (Sinemuriano-Caloviano) Top = H 11
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## Pseudo-wells Peniche Basin

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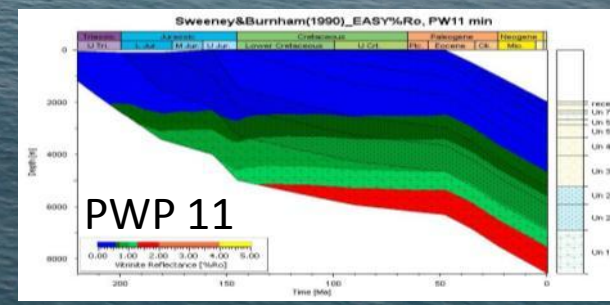
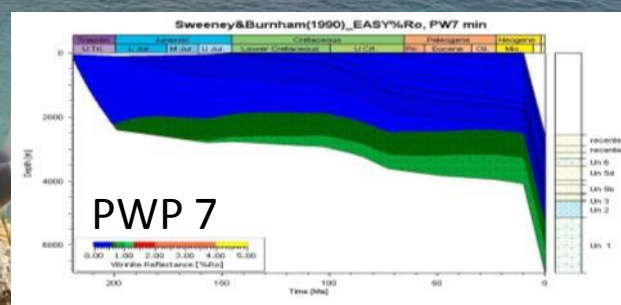
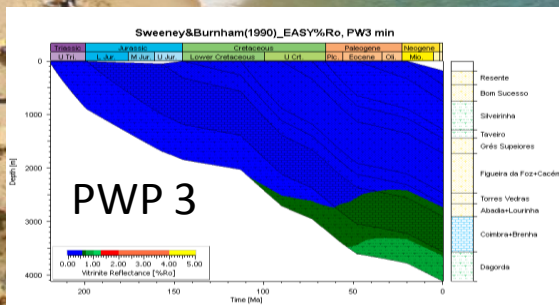
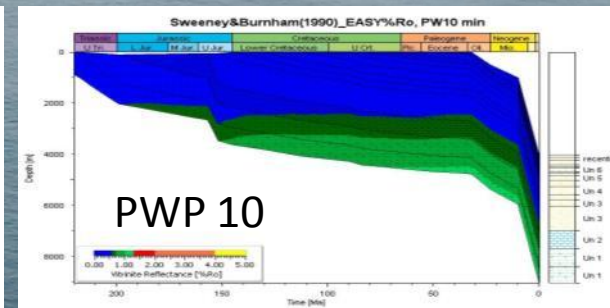
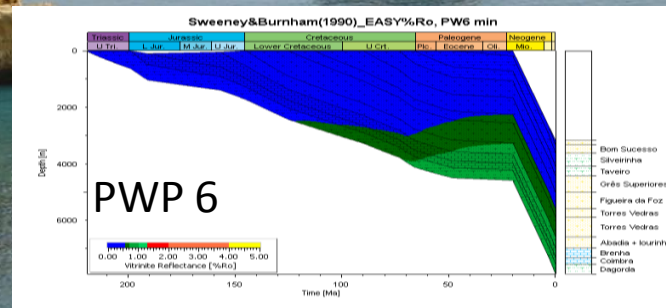
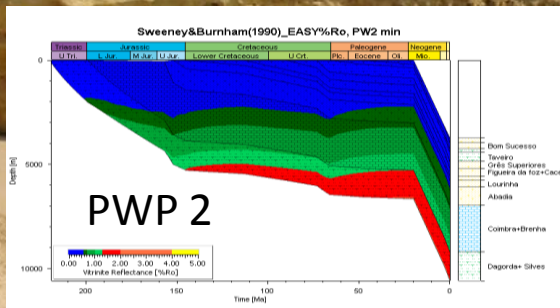
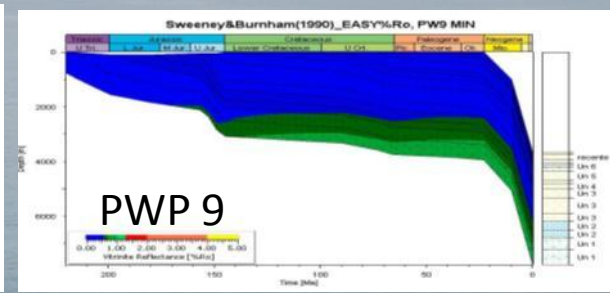
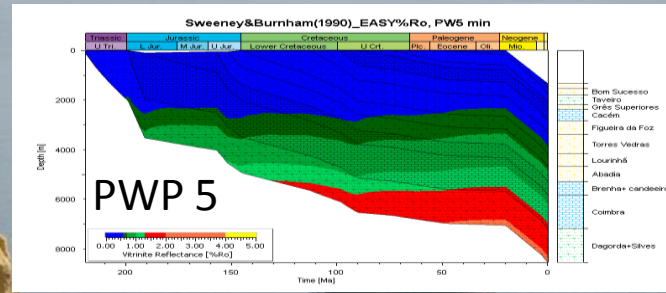
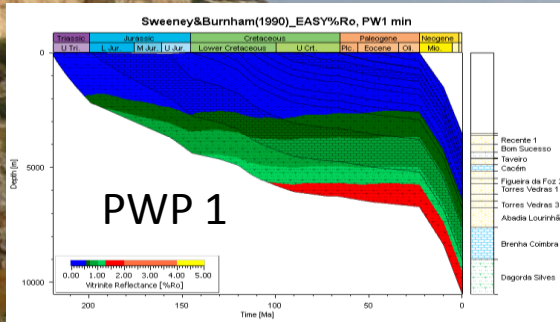
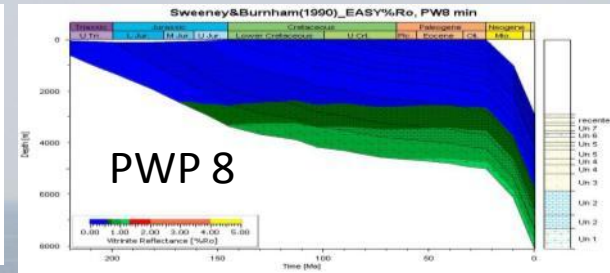
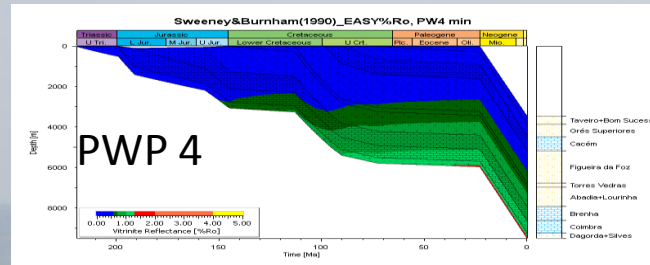




## c) PETROMOD

### Pseudo-Wells Peniche Basin

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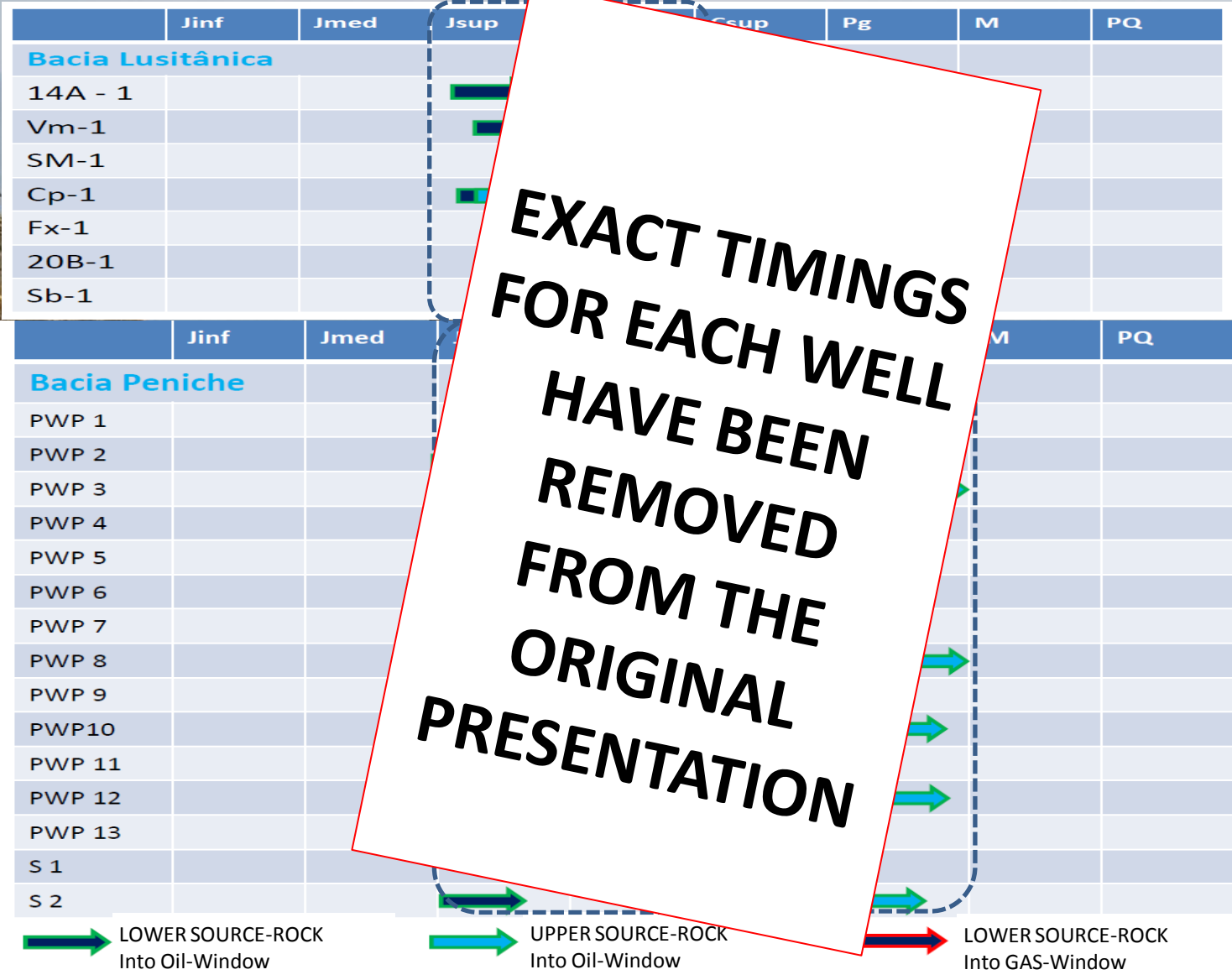
# 3. MATURATION

## a) Timings


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LUSITANIAN  
BASIN  
(Onshore)

PENICHE  
BASIN  
(Offshore)







**TWO SLIDES HAVE BEEN  
REMOVED  
FROM THE ORIGINAL  
PRESENTATION**

**i) REGIONAL  
MATURATION EVOLUTION  
MAPS, FROM LATE  
JURASSIC TO RECENT;**

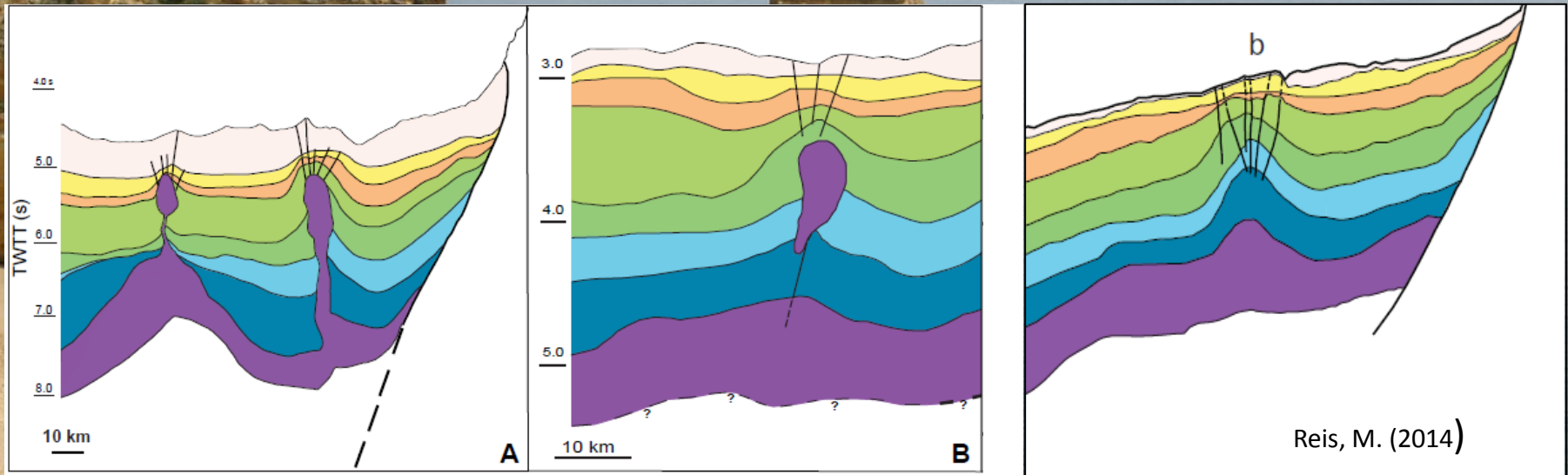
**ii) OVERLAPPED  
RESERVOIRS vs.  
MATURATION MAPS**

## 4. TRAPS & SEALS

Several thick reservoirs, including late Cretaceous and Tertiary siliciclastics, may have accumulated oil, migrated along faults and diapiric structures, related with Mesozoic extension and also with alpine compression.

These reservoirs are well sealed by clayey units, expected to thicken distally towards the outer basins.

Alpine inversion structures may have promoted good trap geometries, but also seriously affected seal-integrity, specially in the southern offshore areas (Estremadura Spur).





# CONCLUSIONS

- Thermal modeling along the West Iberian Margin shows that maturation has been attained by both major Jurassic source-rocks:
  - – Pliensbaquian marine marls and Oxfordian lagoonal marls.
- Subsidence and overburden has varied with time and space, originating different “kitchens”.
- Maturation of both potential source-rocks has been begun in Late Jurassic but occurred mostly during Cretaceous times.
- In the onshore Lusitanian basin, maturation occurred earlier (Late Jurassic to Early Cretaceous) and concentrated in depocentric sub-basins.
- In the offshore Peniche Basin maturation occurred later (mostly Early to Late Cretaceous) and has been more widespread.
- Looking at the distribution of the main identified reservoirs, and correlating it with the maturation maps, it can be suggested that:
  - i) the Upper Jurassic petroleum system is possibly restricted to the onshore sub-basins;
  - ii) the Lower Jurassic SR – Cretaceous Reservoir petroleum system is expected to be more widespread, particularly offshore.
- All these interpretations are still to be validated by a wildcat well, constraining stratigraphic and thermal assumptions.



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