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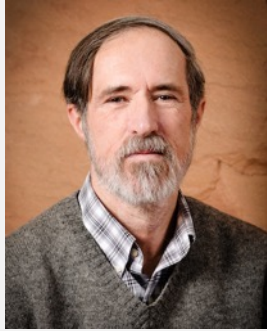
Energy Fluids & Minerals

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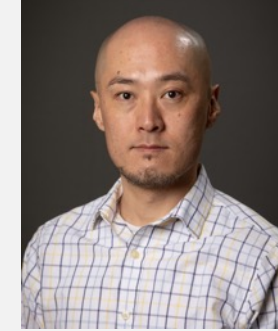
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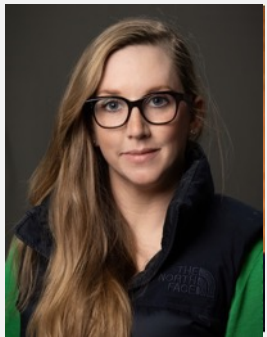
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Sedimentology
Sequence/Seismic
Stratigraphy

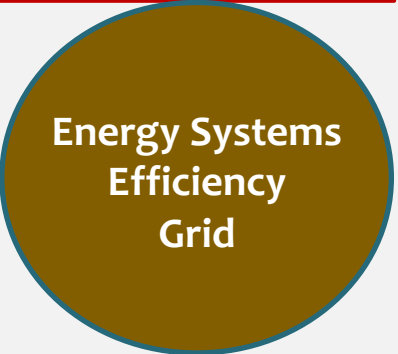
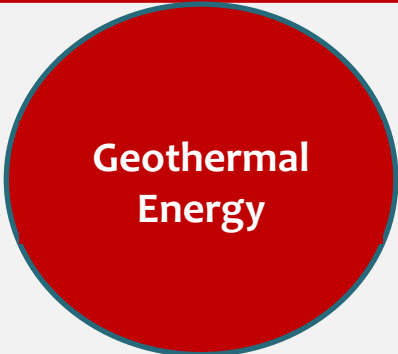
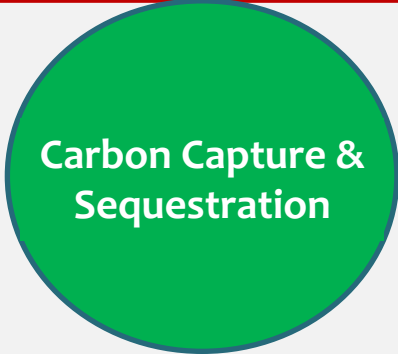


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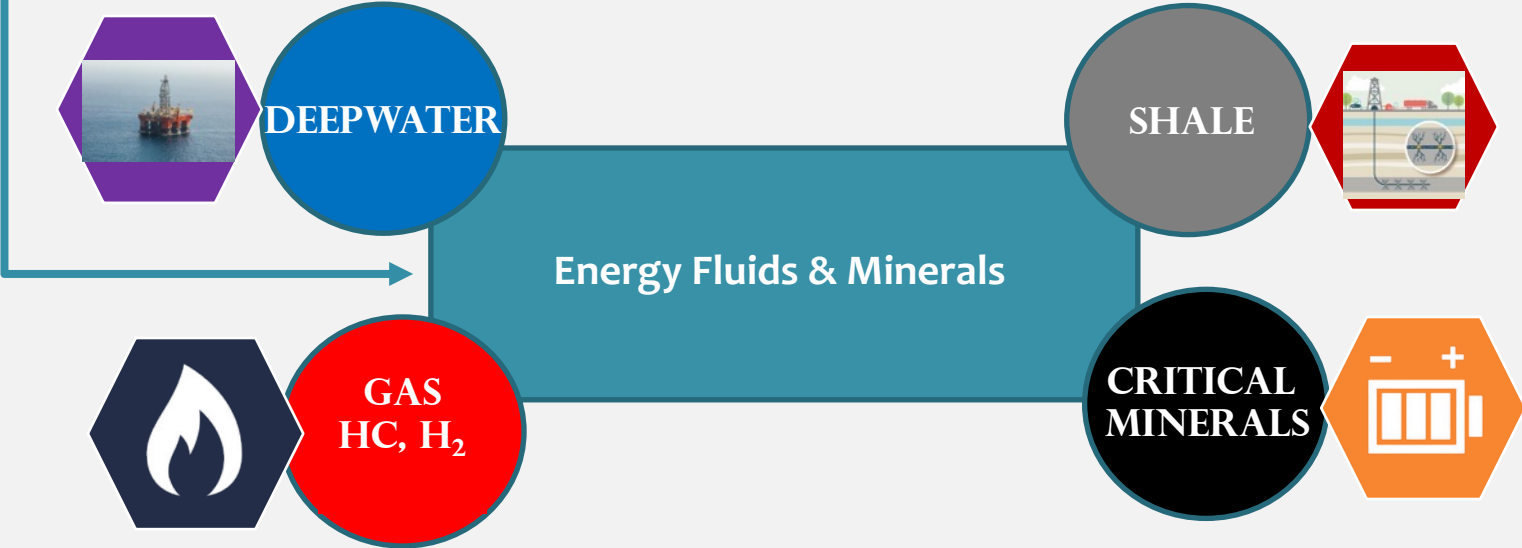
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collaborations

- Chemical Engineering
- Civil & Env. Engineering
- Materials Sci & Eng.
- Geology & Geophysics



Outline of Presentations

- 8:30 – 8:35 **Introduction** to EGI Energy Fluids & Minerals
- 8:35 – 8:55 **EGICONNECT**: Online Global Database for EGI Corporate Associates / Christopher Kesler
- 8:55 – 9:15 **iCORDS Offshore**: Cloud-based Data Analytics / Thomas Cook
- 9:15 – 9:35 **Natural Hydrogen** / Eiichi Setoyama
- Break
- 9:45 – 10:05 **Critical Minerals** / Bobby Mohanty
- 10:05 – 10:25 **Hyperspectral Imaging & Critical Minerals** / Bryony Richards
- 10:25 – 10:45 **Petroleum Exploration Studies** / Rasoul Sorkhabi
- 10:50 – 11:50 **Panel Discussion**: Petroleum Industry Leadership in Energy Transition
Tony Dore, Sid Jones, John Baza, Bill Gould , Kristie McLin, Sidney Green
- 11:50 – 12:00 **Service Award Presentation to John Baza** / Alan Walker

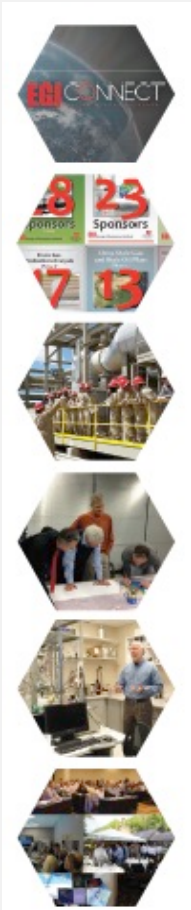
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EGI CA Program

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- **EGIconnect: Access to Online Global Database**
- **Research Consortia & New Research Studies: Cost-shared and discounts for CAs**
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- **Analytical and Lab Services. Discounts for CAs**
- **Monthly Technical Webinars**
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EGI CONNECT
ONLINE GLOBAL DATABASE

Online Global Database for Corporate Associates

Christopher Kesler, Eiichi Setoyama &
Rasoul Sorkhabi

EGICONNECT: Online Global Database

Value: > \$850 million of research
available for a fraction of the cost

 > 900 Completed **EGI** Reports

 > 18,000 Technical Documents

 > 4,000 Well Logs

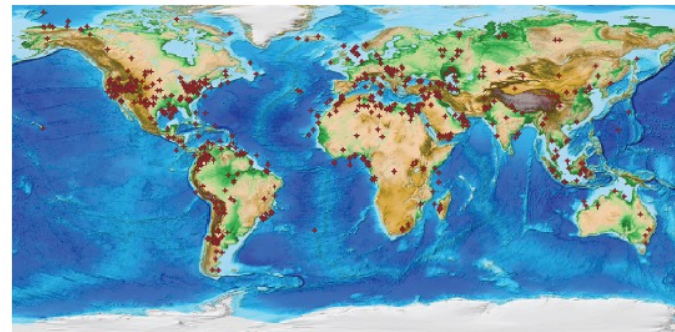
 > 350,000 km 2D Seismic Data

+ maps, theses, and more

Access knowledge and data
only available through **EGICONNECT**

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*Oil & Gas,
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**Southern Papuan Basin
Integrated Petroleum Systems
Petroleum Geochemical Study**



John Conolly, Ph.D., David J. Thul, M.Sc.,
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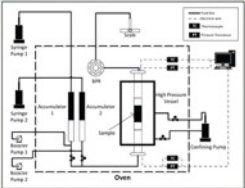
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**Gas Injection Study
for Continental Resources**




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**Petroleum Systems Atlas
of Mexico
An Arc GIS Folio**



David Thul
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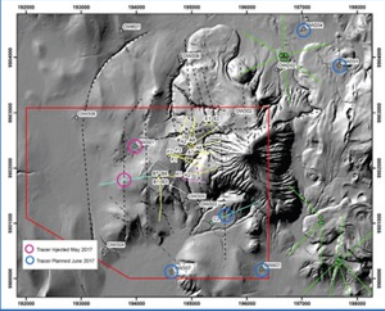
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**Research Project at the
Olkaria, Kenya Geothermal Field,
2017**



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Revamping EGI CONNECT

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Milestone 1 (in progress)



Update location keywords

- EGI reports
- Thesis



Add new thematic and method keywords

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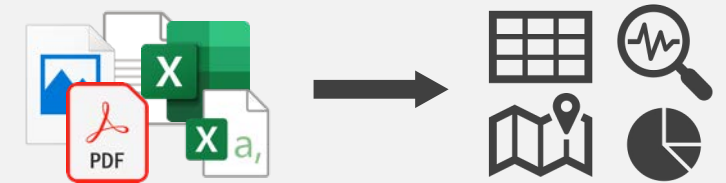
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Milestone 2

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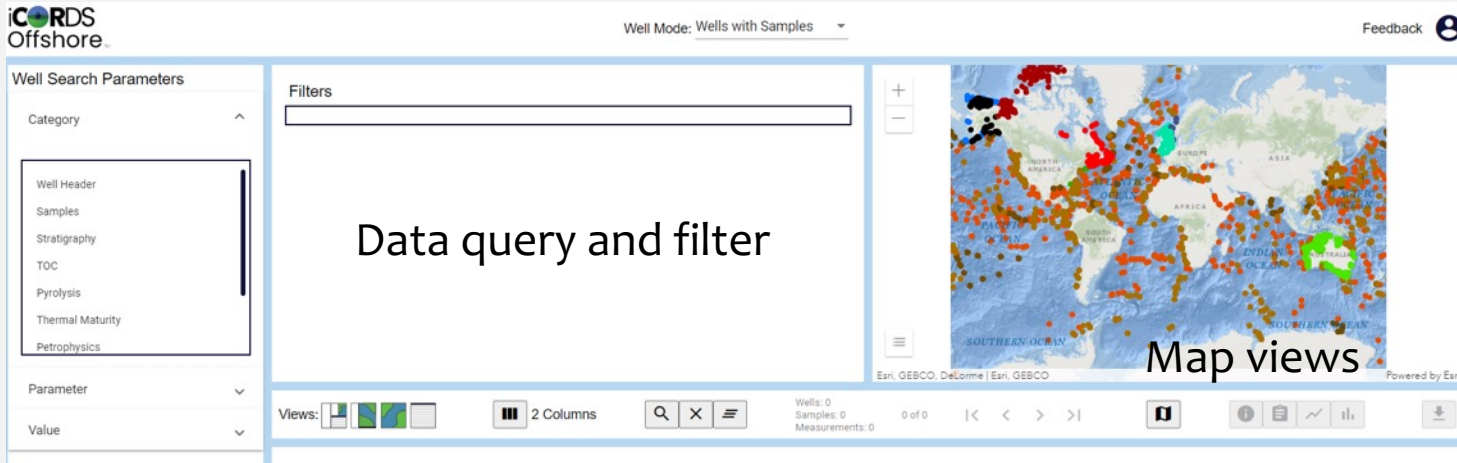


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iCORDS Offshore (Integrated Continent-Ocean Database)

Thomas Cook, Rasoul Sorkhabi & Eiichi Setoyama



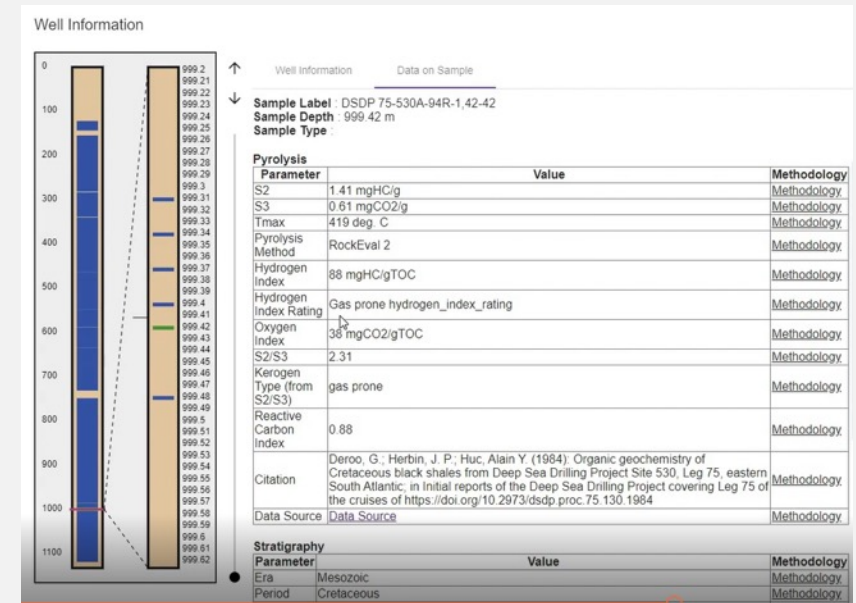
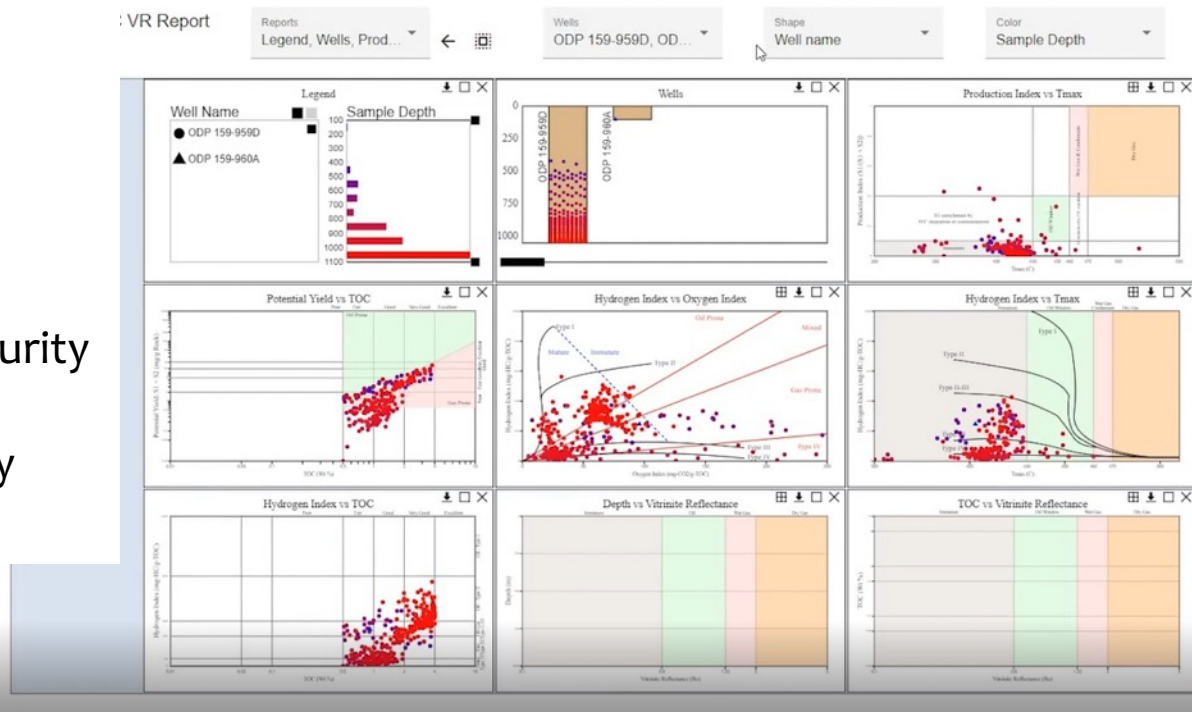
Databank and Data Analytics
 ~14 million data points
 thousands of wells

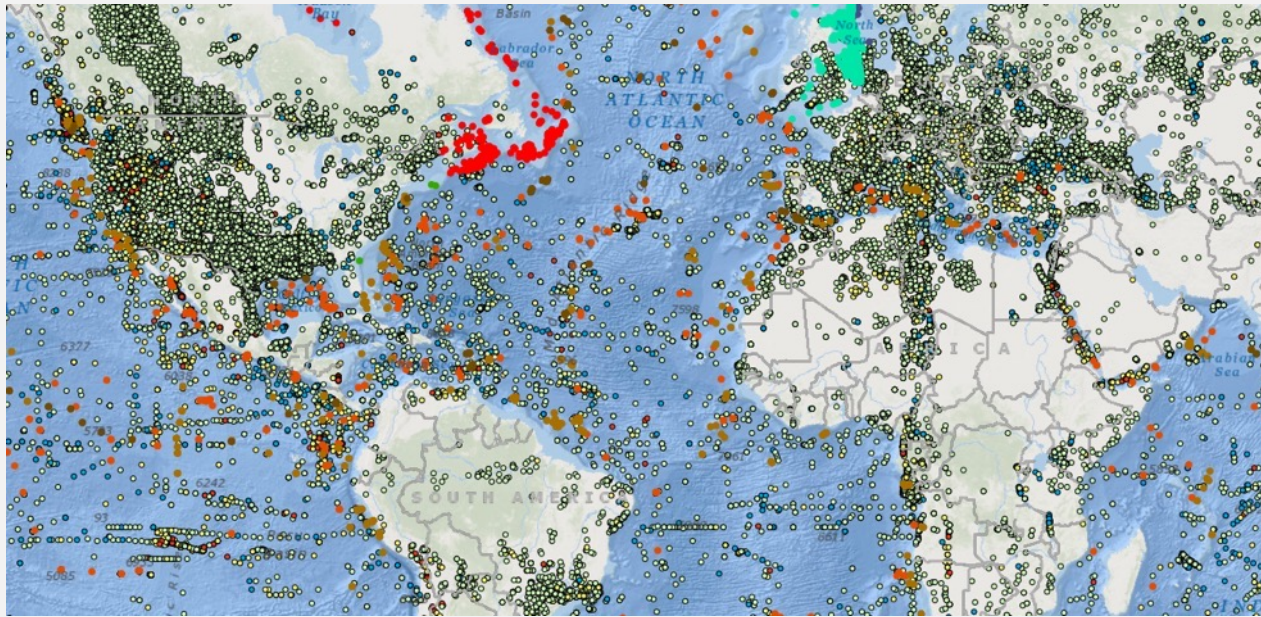


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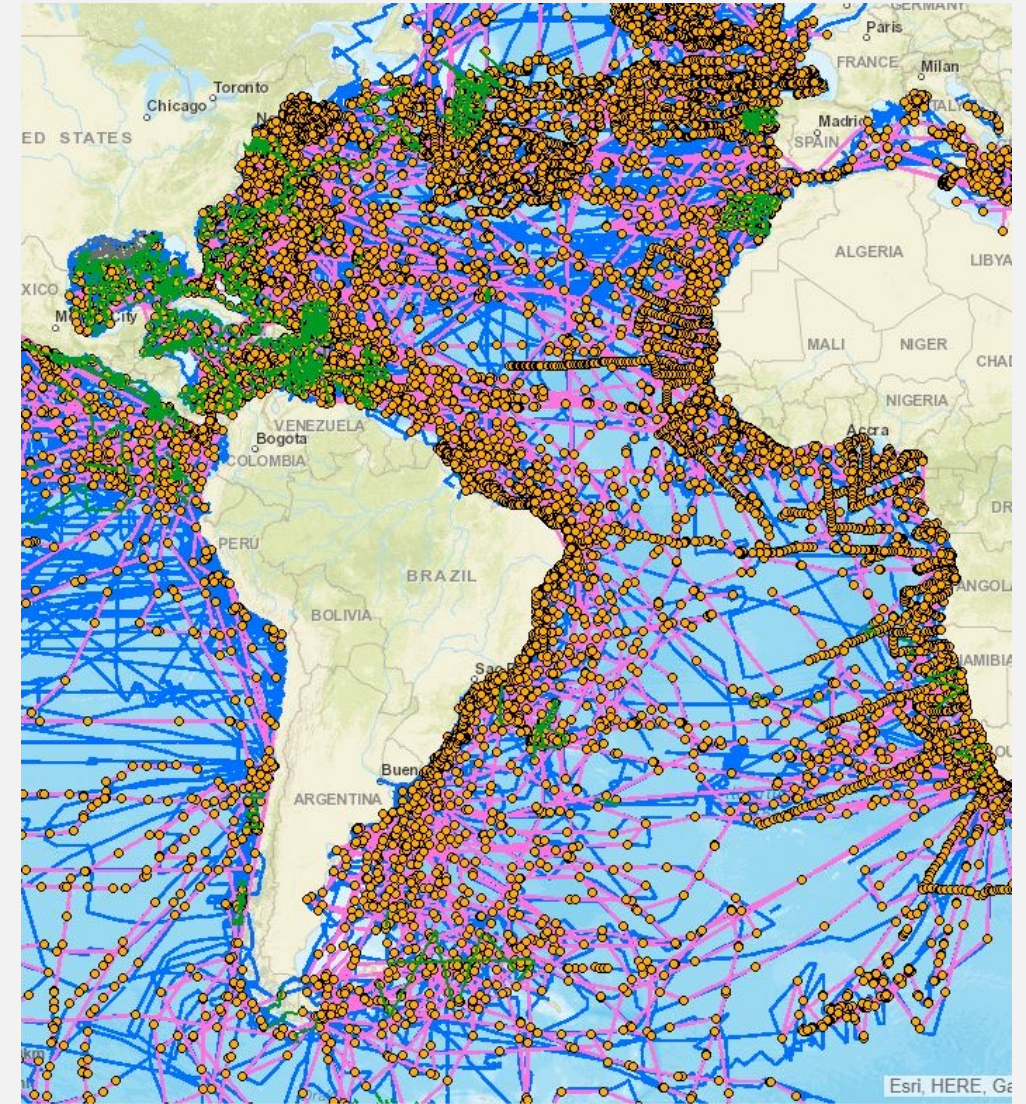
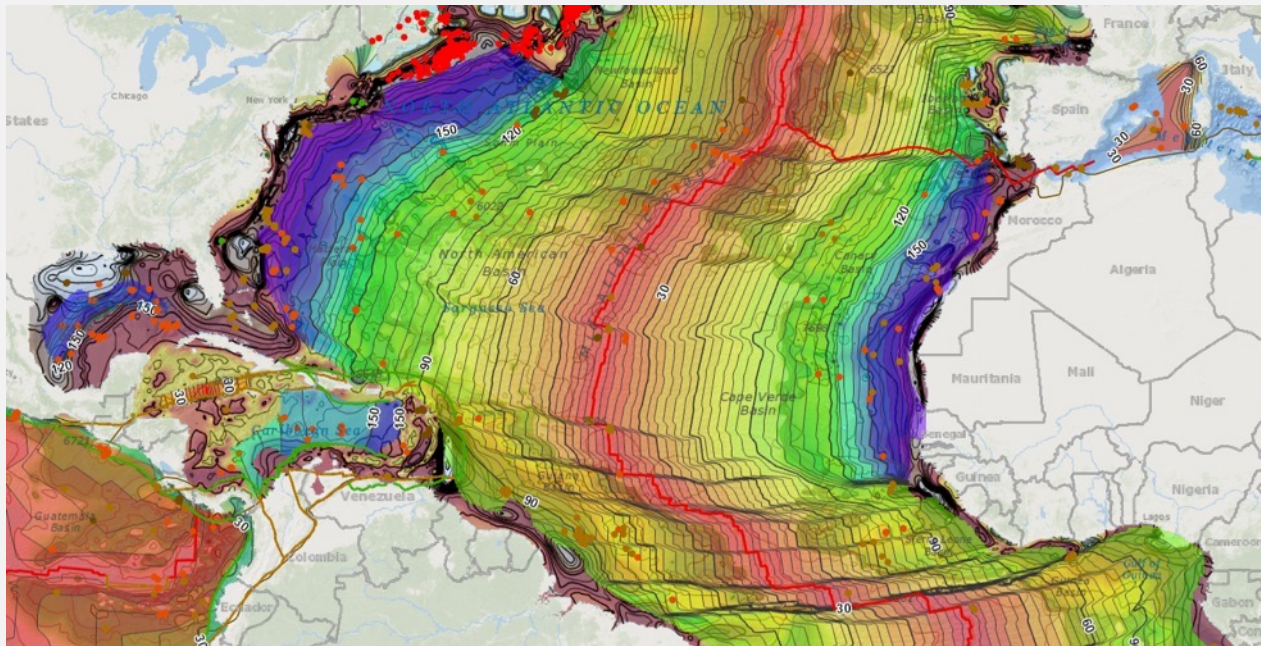
- Well header
- Sample Info
- Stratigraphy
- TOC
- Pyrolysis
- Thermal Maturity
- Petrophysics
- Sonic velocity
- Gas Analysis

Data table display and export





**5 million km Seismic data
60,000 heat flow data
+ supportive geologic maps**



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- *Direct web access &*
- *Analytics ready tools*
- *Annual subscription to our clients*



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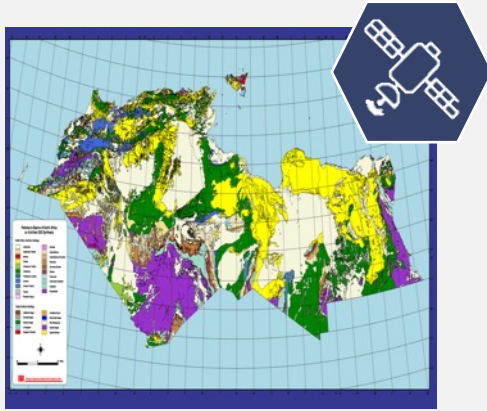
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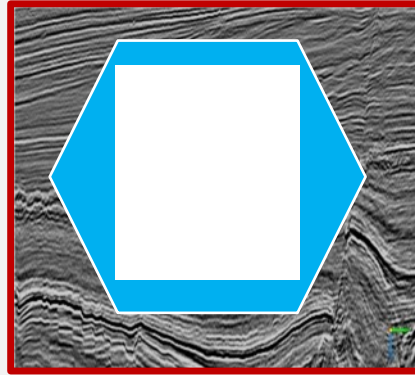


Petroleum Exploration Studies

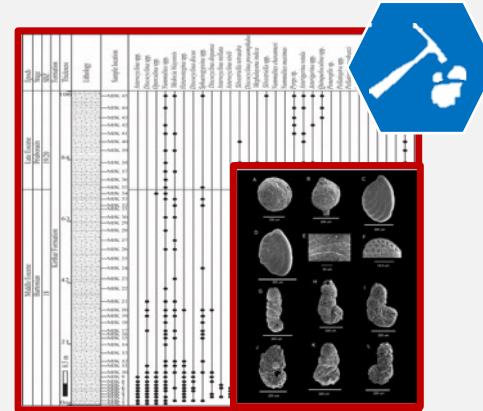
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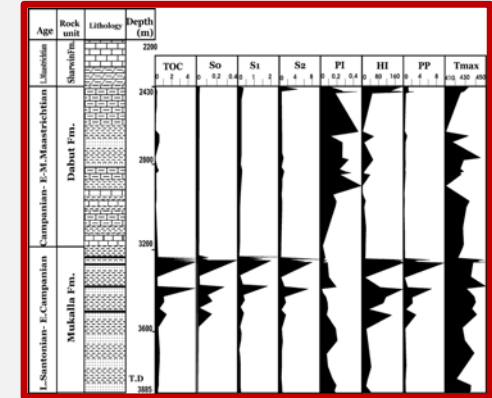
Geospatial Mapping



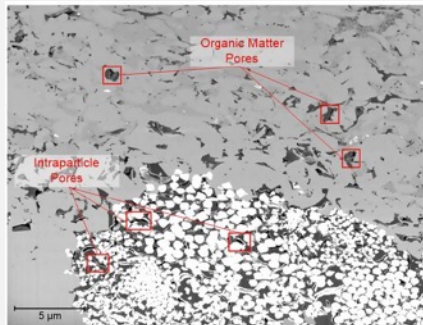
Structures & Tectonics



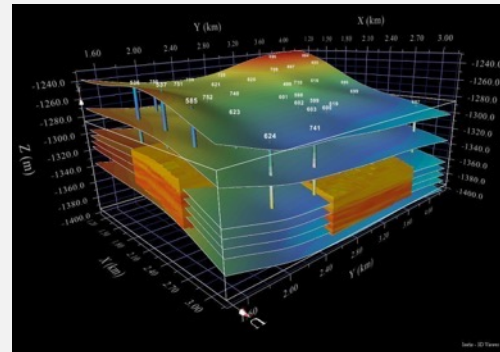
Chronostratigraphy & Paleoenvironment



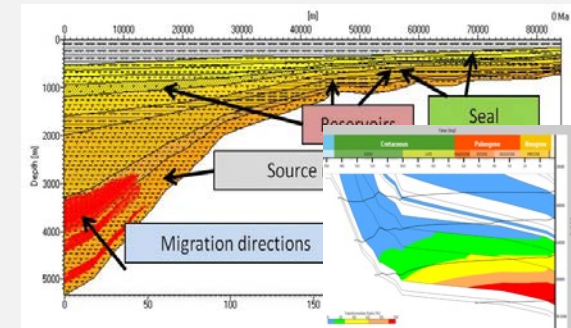
Geochemistry



Petrography & Imaging



Reservoir Modeling & Petrophysics



Basin and Petroleum System Modeling

Fields of Activities

CA PROGRAM
MEMBERSHIP
\$55K/YEAR

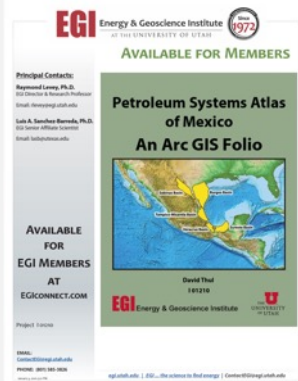
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STUDIES/
PROJECTS:
REGIONAL
THEMATIC

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SUBSCRIPTION



Current Studies & Projects

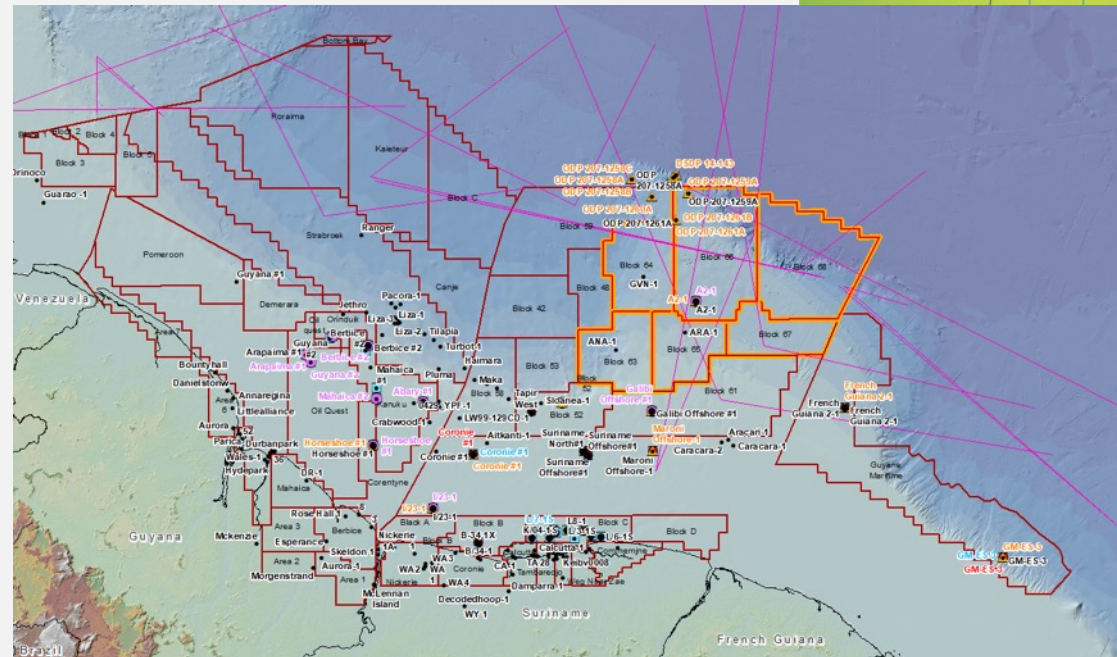
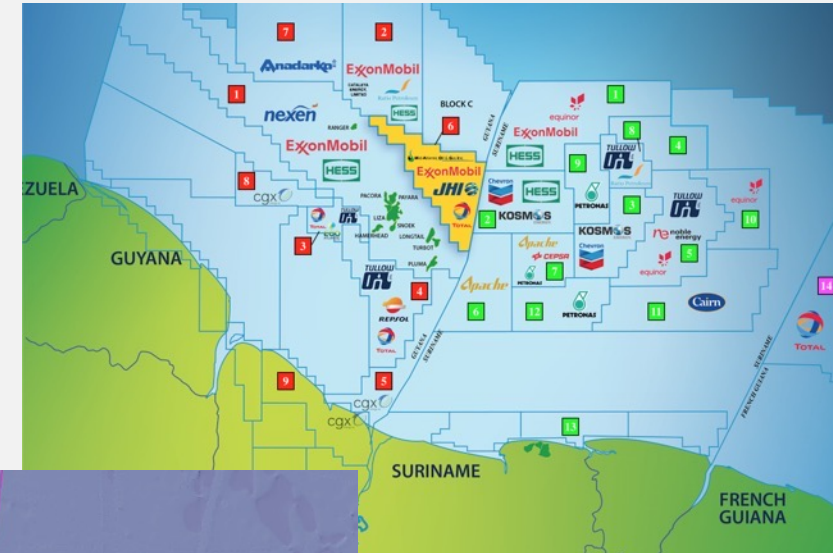
- 1) Guyana-Suriname Basin Study
- 2) Red Sea-Gulf of Suez Basins
- 3) East Africa Oil-Gas to Source Correlation
- 4) Ultra-deepwater Oil Fields: Petroleum Systems Atlas
- 5) Source-rock Organofacies Prediction using ML
- 6) Gas Basins of Africa
- 7) Shale Studies

Guyana-Suriname Basins Study

- ArcGIS package
- SR Geochemical Data
- Integrated Well Stratigraphy
- New Paleofacies Maps
- Other geologic maps

US \$40,000

US \$32,000 EGI CA Members
(20% discount)



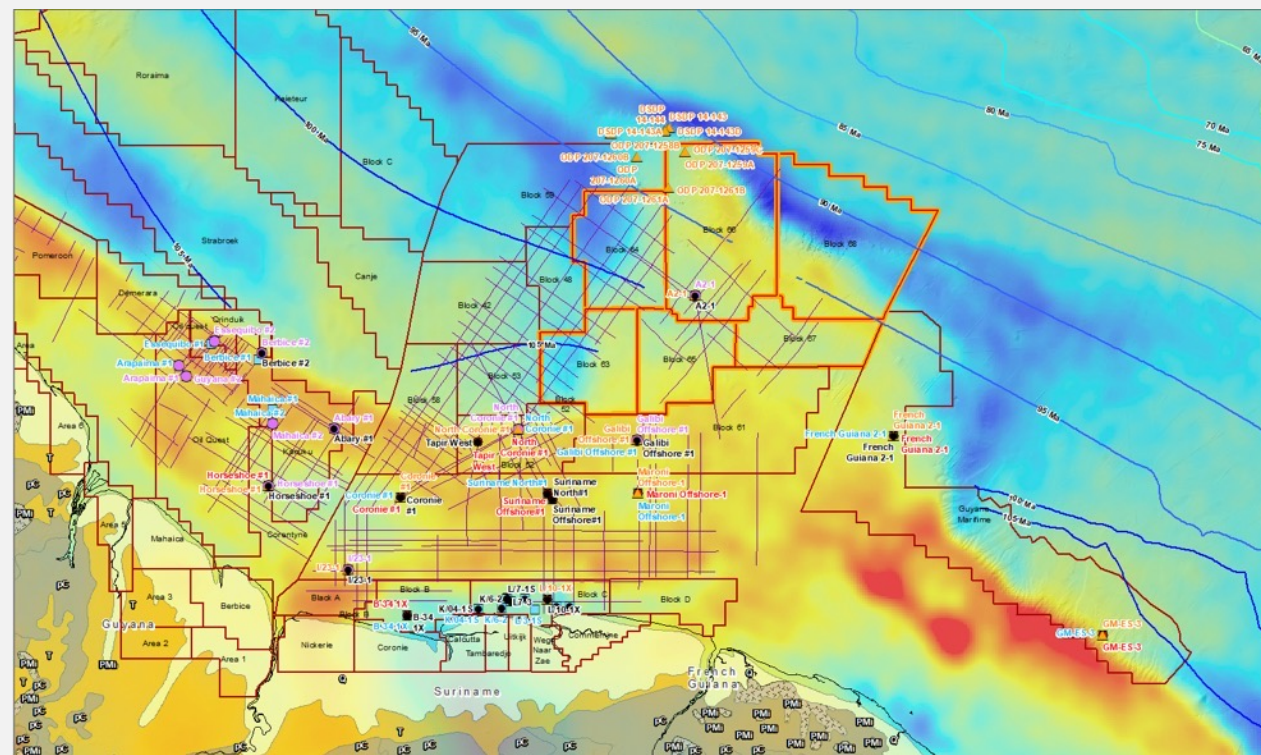
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Galibi Offshore-1
GM-ES-3
Guyana Offshore-2
Horseshoe-1
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Geochem: 29 Wells

Strats: 49 wells



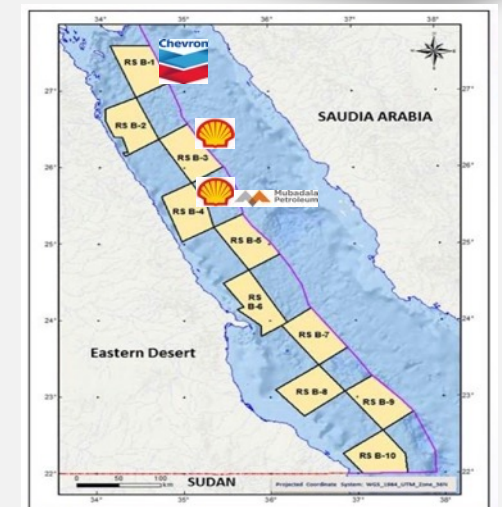
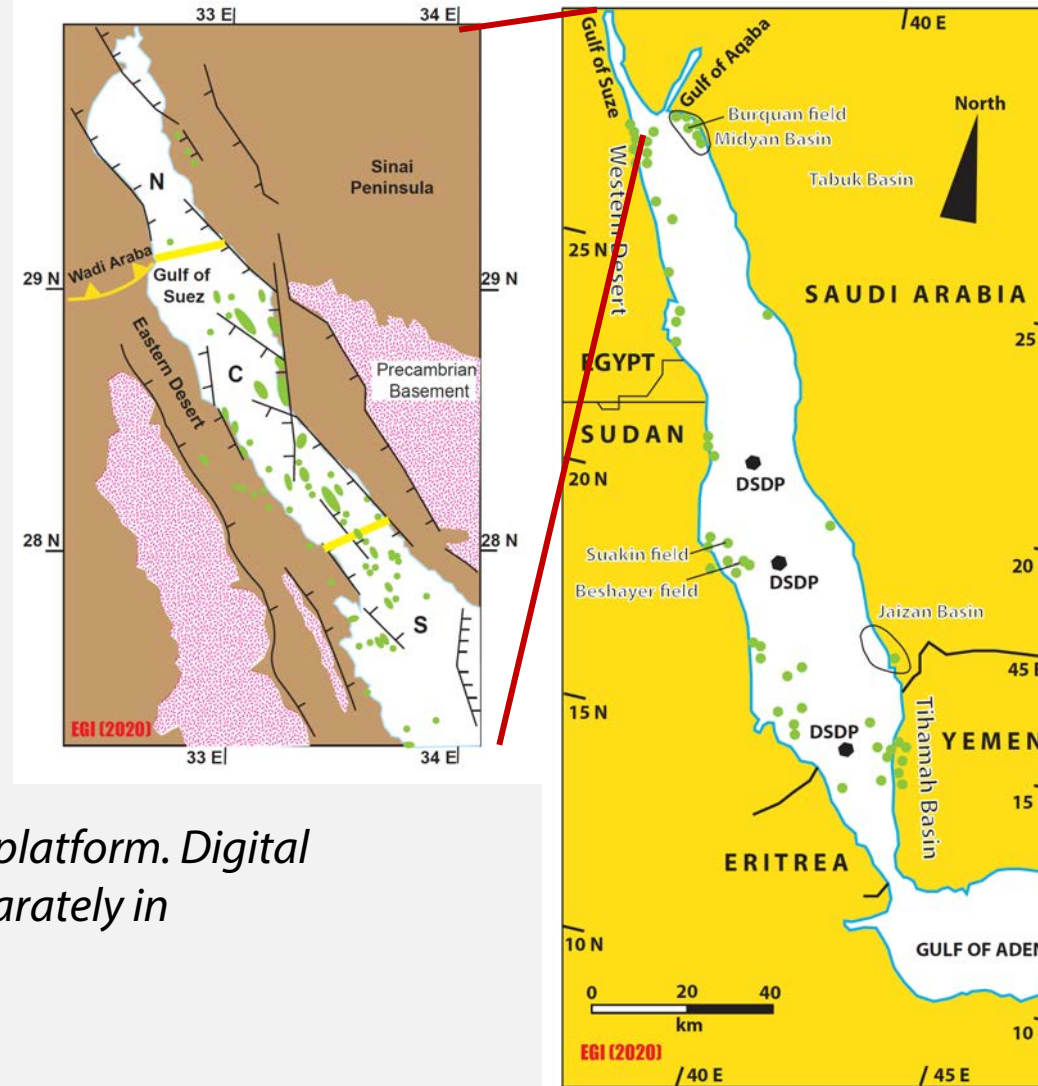
Red Sea-Gulf of Suez Basins

Two sets of deliverables:

- (i) EGI's processed seismic sections (>600 SGY files) and well logs (>400 LAS files) from Egypt and Gulf of Suez;
- (ii) ArcGIS database of regional maps, integrated stratigraphic charts of wells, geochemical data, and paleofacies maps of the Red Sea and Gulf of Suez basins.

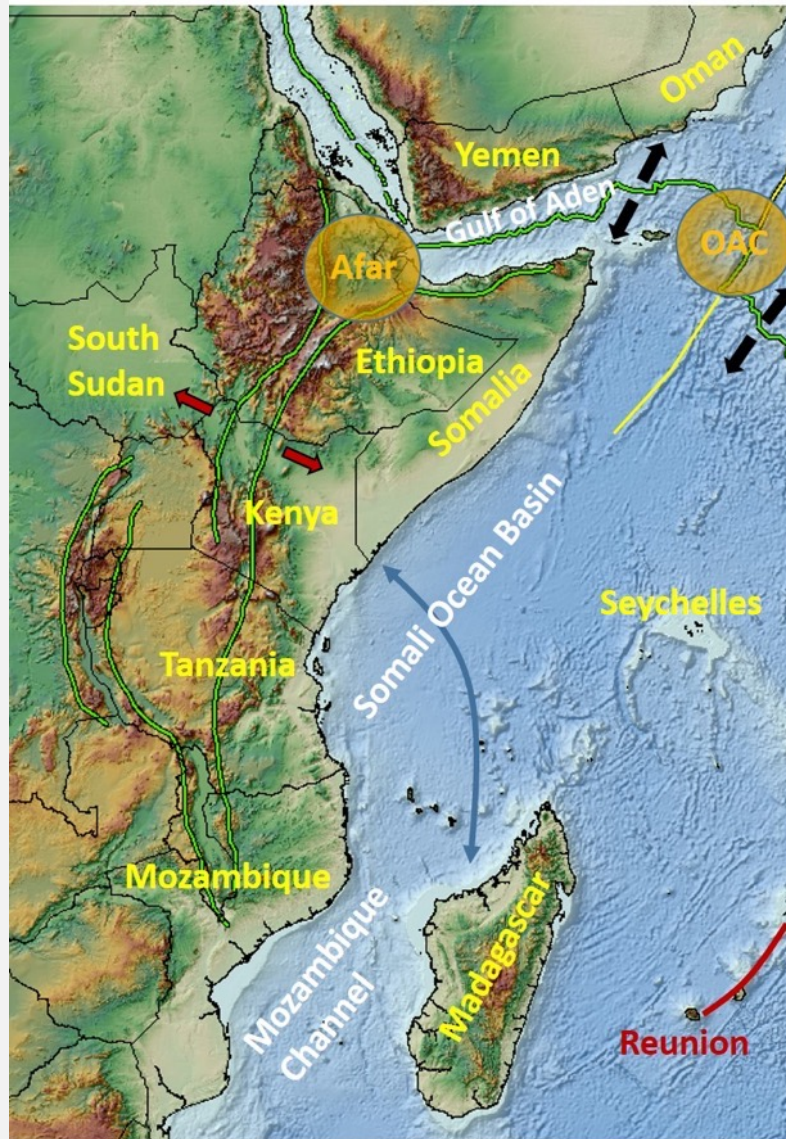
The Study Report is delivered on ArcGIS platform. Digital Seismic and Well Logs are delivered separately in association with EGI's seismic vender.

US \$120,000 EGI CA Members;
US \$140,000 non-CA Companies

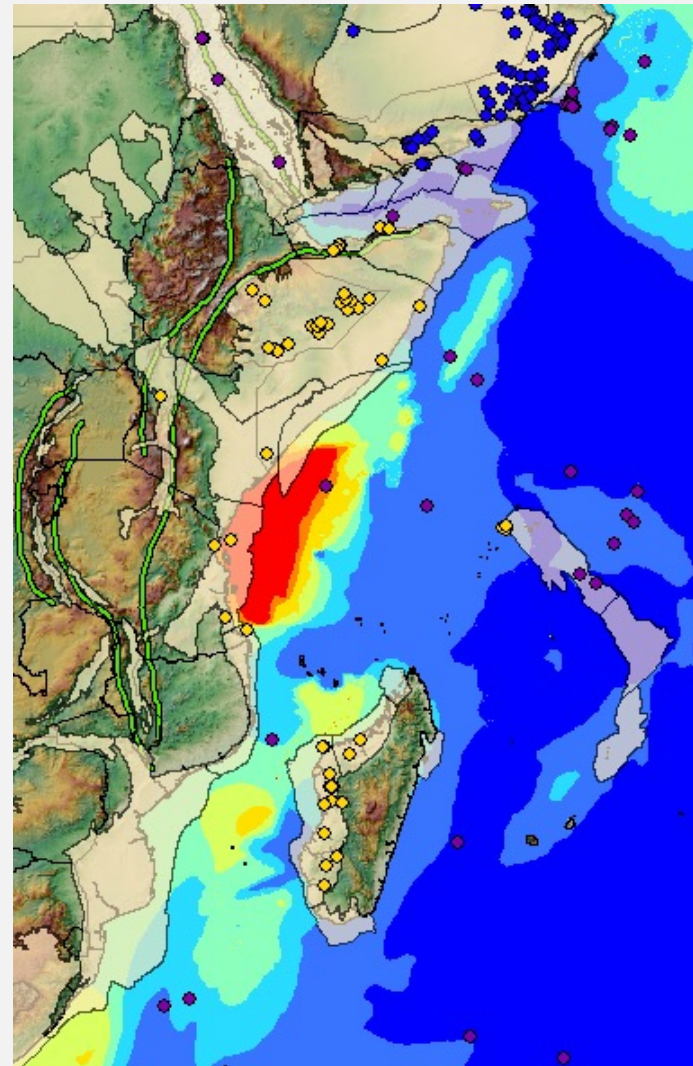


East African Basins & Petroleum Systems

Oil/Gas to Source Correlation



New Project Proposal



Deliverables

- 1) Stratigraphic Charts
- 2) Paleofacies Mapping (Permian-Pliocene)
- 3) Structural mapping of the region
- 4) Geochemical data
- 5) Petromod modeling
- 6) Seismic Images
- 7) Play concepts on cross sections
- 8) Regional correlation of basins

ArcGIS Report Package
Project meetings



Geographic Coverage

Southern Arabian Peninsula:
 Yemen, Oman
Gulf of Aden

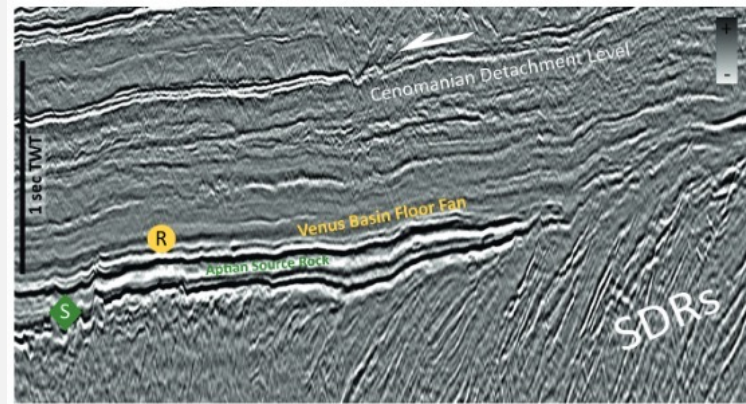
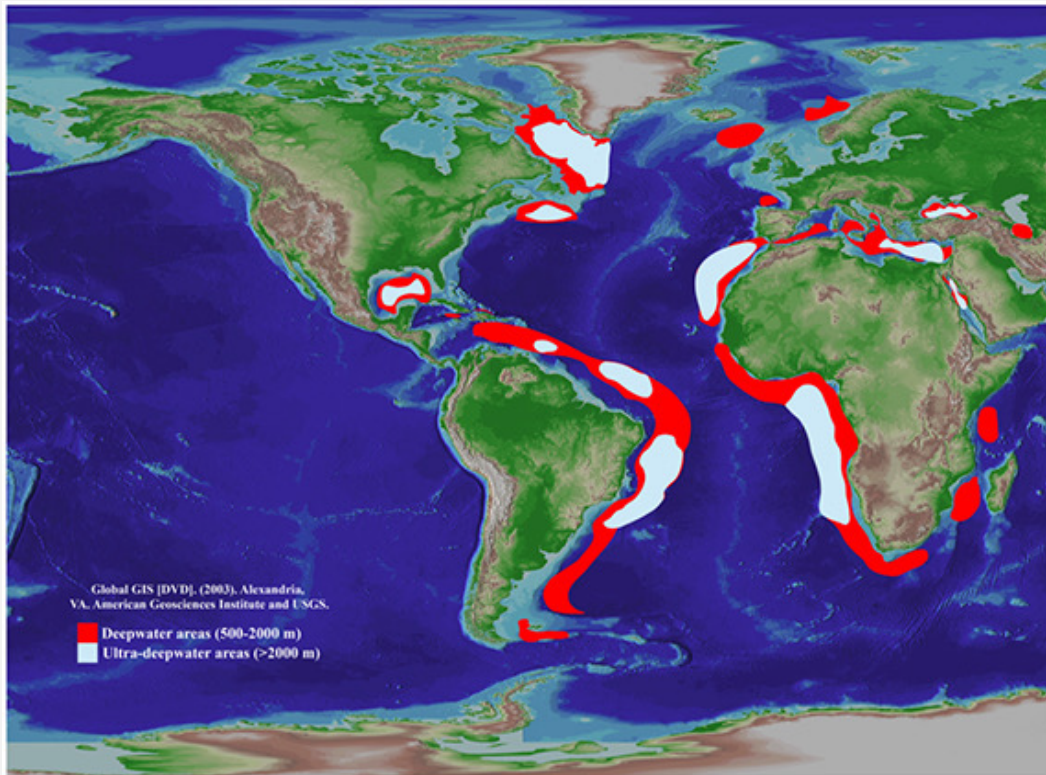
East Africa:
 Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan,
 Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania,
 Mozambique

Somali offshore basin
Mozambique channel

Madagascar
Seychelles

Ultra-deepwater Fields: Atlas of Petroleum Systems

*What makes ultra-deepwater fields work or fail?
Data synthesis and comparative analysis*



Hedley et al. (2022)

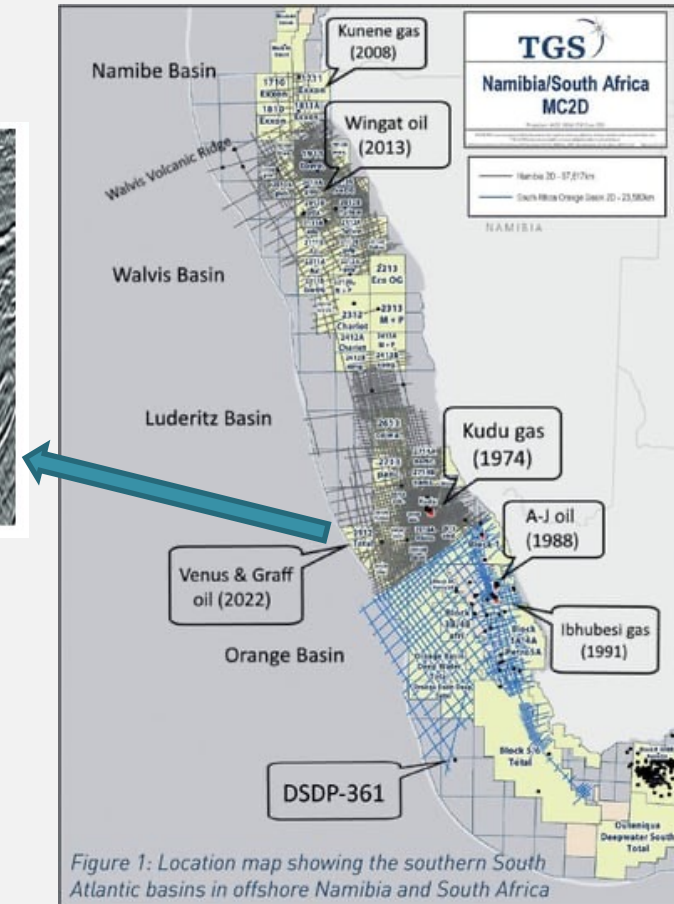


Figure 1: Location map showing the southern South Atlantic basins in offshore Namibia and South Africa

Methodologies

- Geophysical, structural, and thermal data
- Stratigraphic and geohistory analysis
- Geochemical data
- Paleotectonic and paleofacies mapping
- Petroleum system modeling & play fairway risking

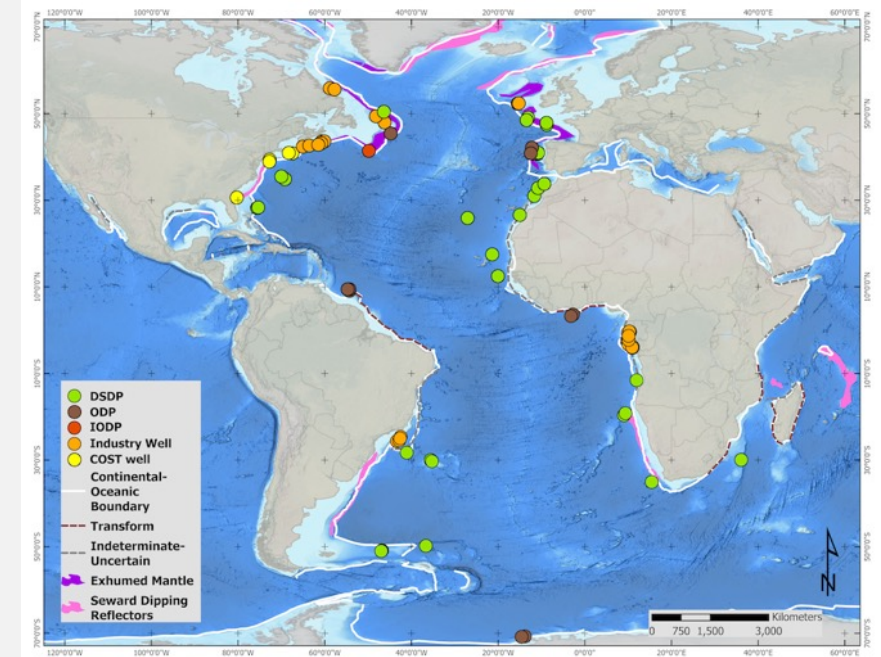
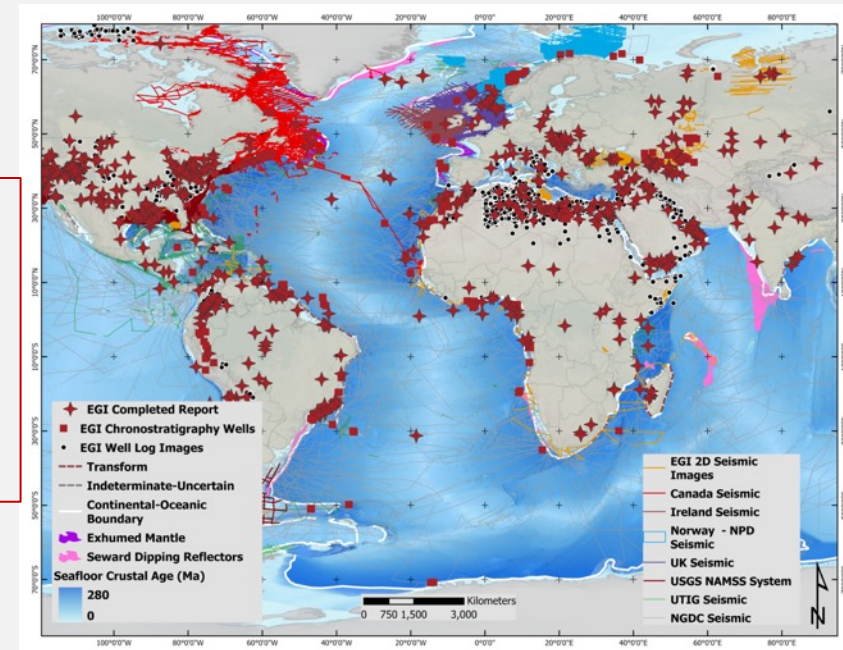


Key questions

- Impacts of continental margins and ocean floor structures for the development of ultra-deepwater petroleum systems
- Development of prolific source rocks in areas presently characterized by ultradeep water
- Source to reservoir migration and entrapment
- Comparison & evaluation of play concepts

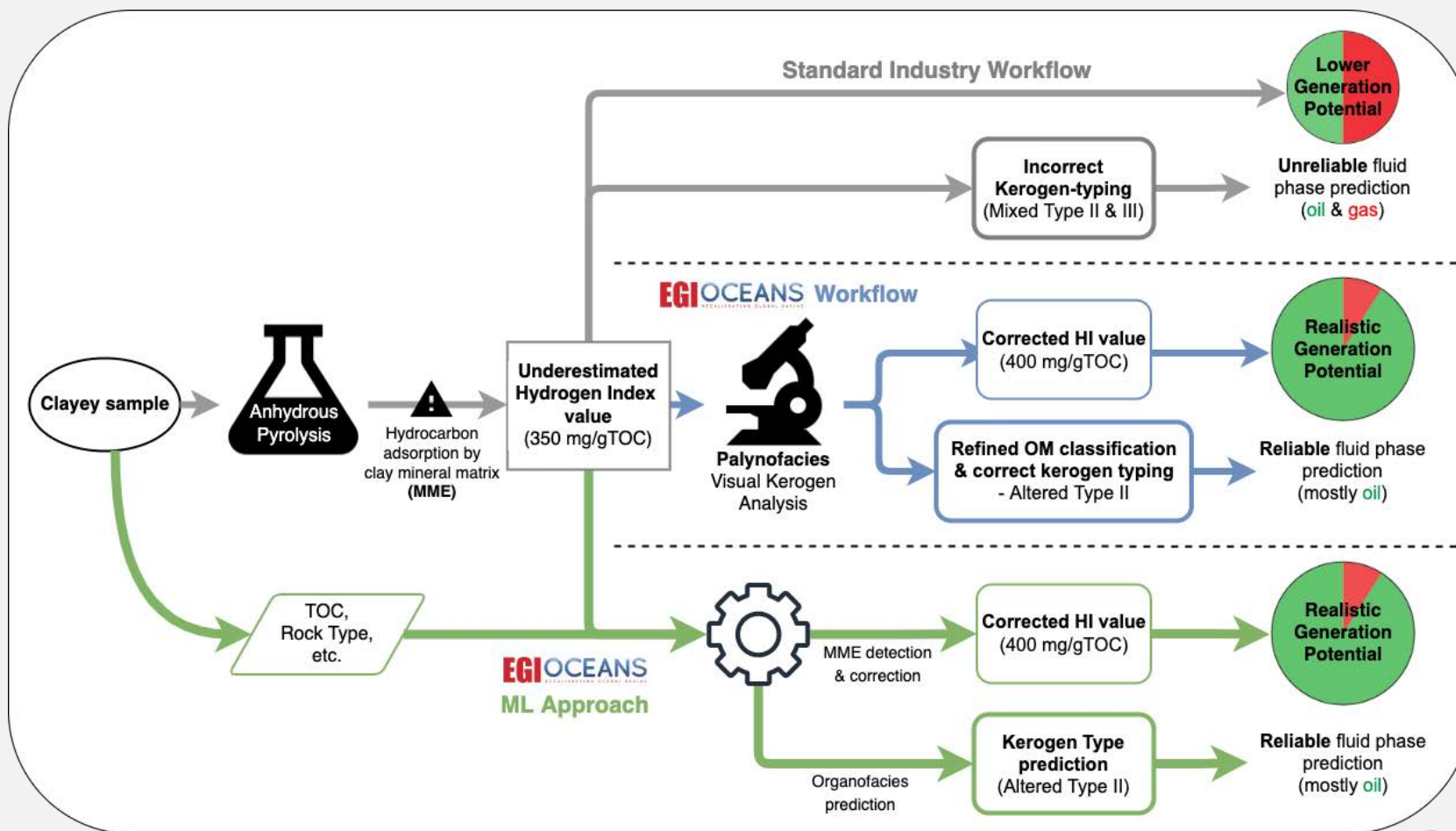


Plays



EGI Oceans Organofacies ML Model for Source Rocks

A unique, low-cost, and expeditious tool for assessing organofacies, generation potential, and phase, using existing data sets, without the need for additional detailed analyses



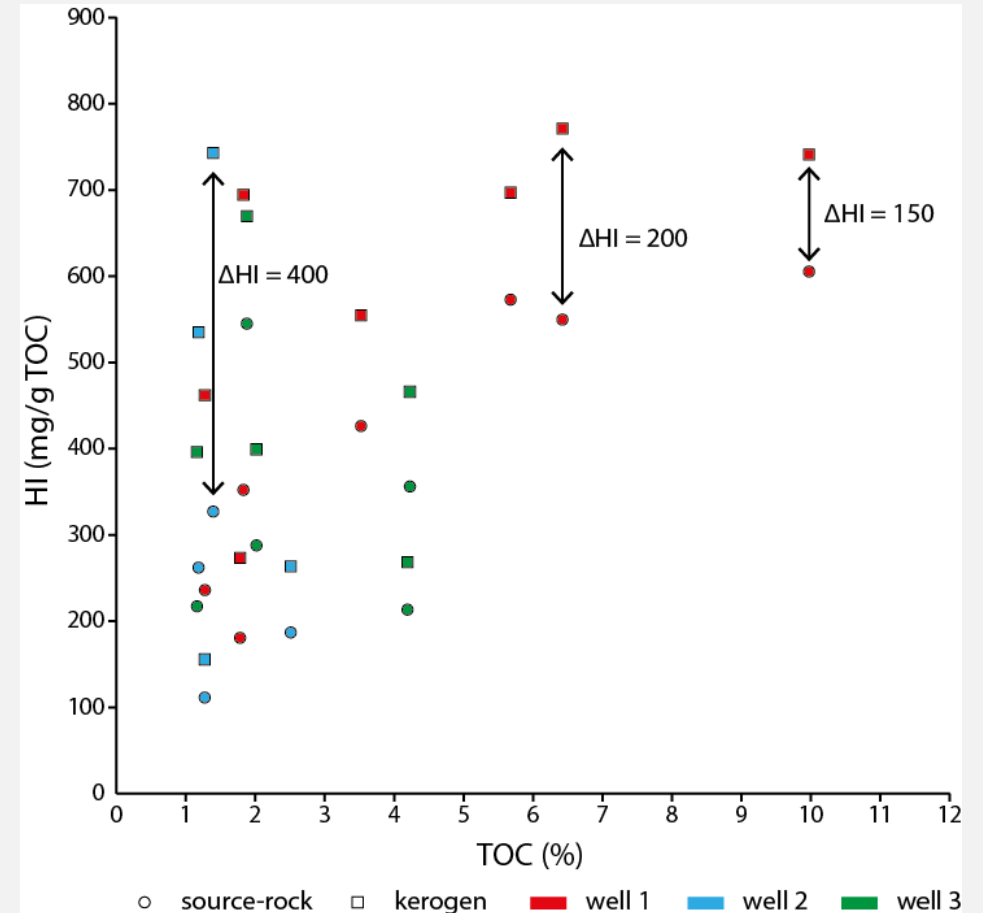
EGI Oceans: Mineral Matrix Effect

Mineral matrix effect (MME) = when pyrolysis is made on bulk rocks, the mineral matrix can retain hydrocarbons (clay) or produce more CO₂ (carbonate) especially when TOC is low (< 3%)

Generally, MME will lower HI values when TOC < 3 %. In some extreme cases, MME can lower HI values even at high TOC (≈ 8 %)



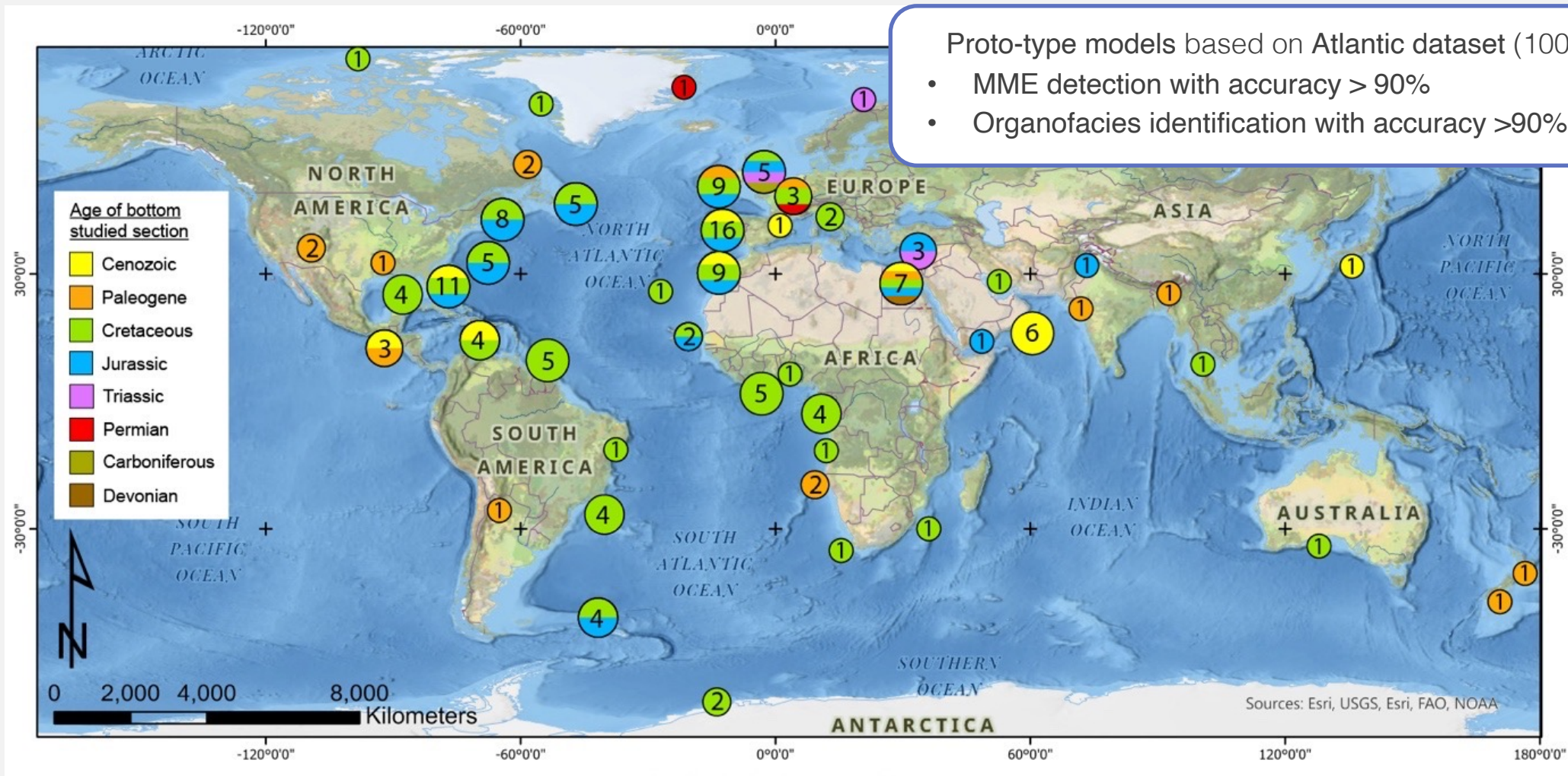
High risks of underestimating source rock potential



Comparison of bulk source rock and kerogen HI values of lacustrine samples

EGI Oceans Training Data Location

> 2000 samples from EGI Oceans (South, Central and North Atlantic) + Literature



EGI Oceans Organofacies ML Model: Summary

Deliverables

- ML models to:
 - identify samples with the MME,
 - correct their HI values, and
 - determine organofacies
- A user-friendly interface for applying the ML models to new data sets (web app)
- The global training dataset

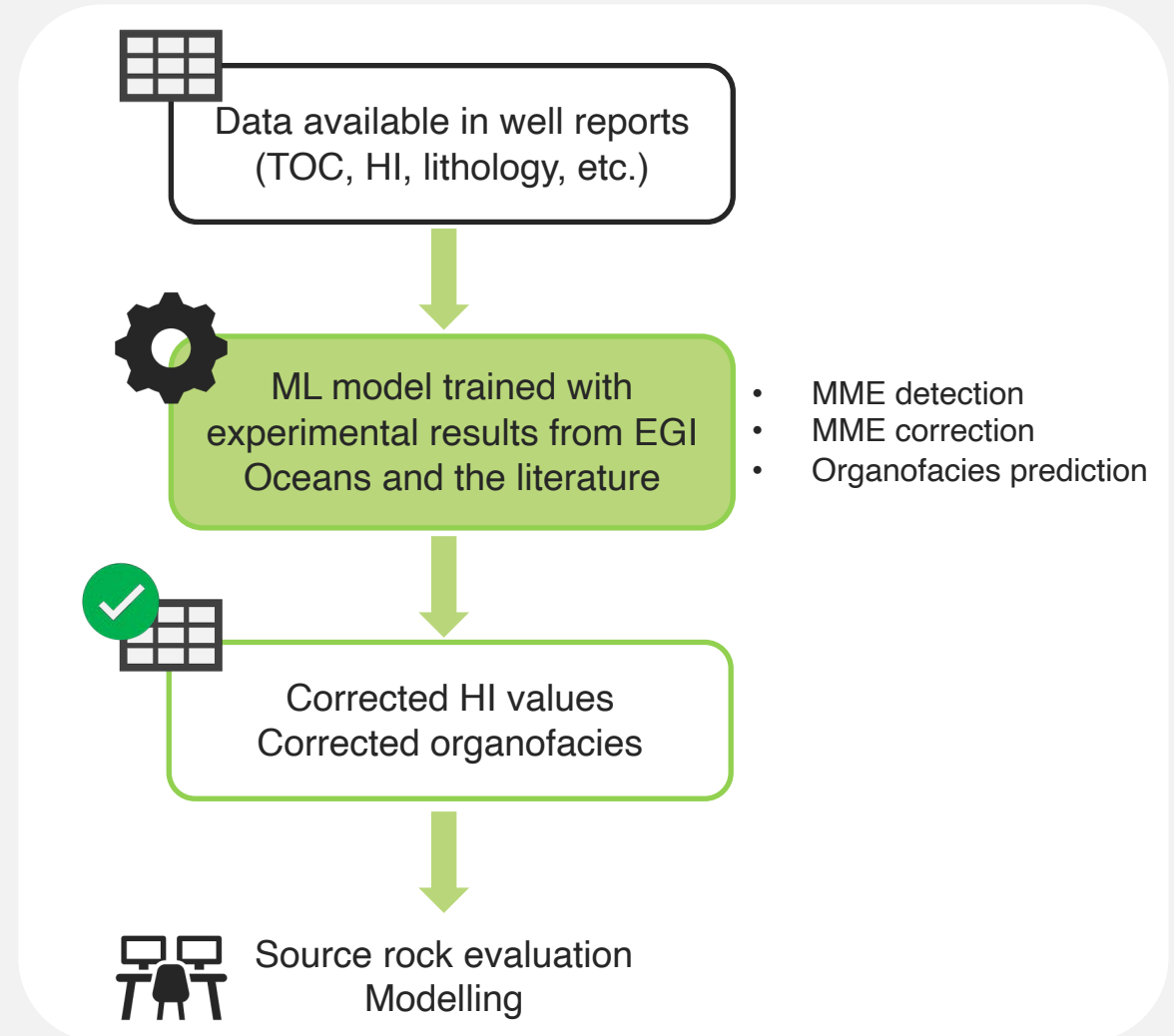
Duration

9 months

Cost

32k USD for CA members

40k USD for Non-CA members



EGI Gas Basins of Africa: The Energy Transition Bridge

Research premise

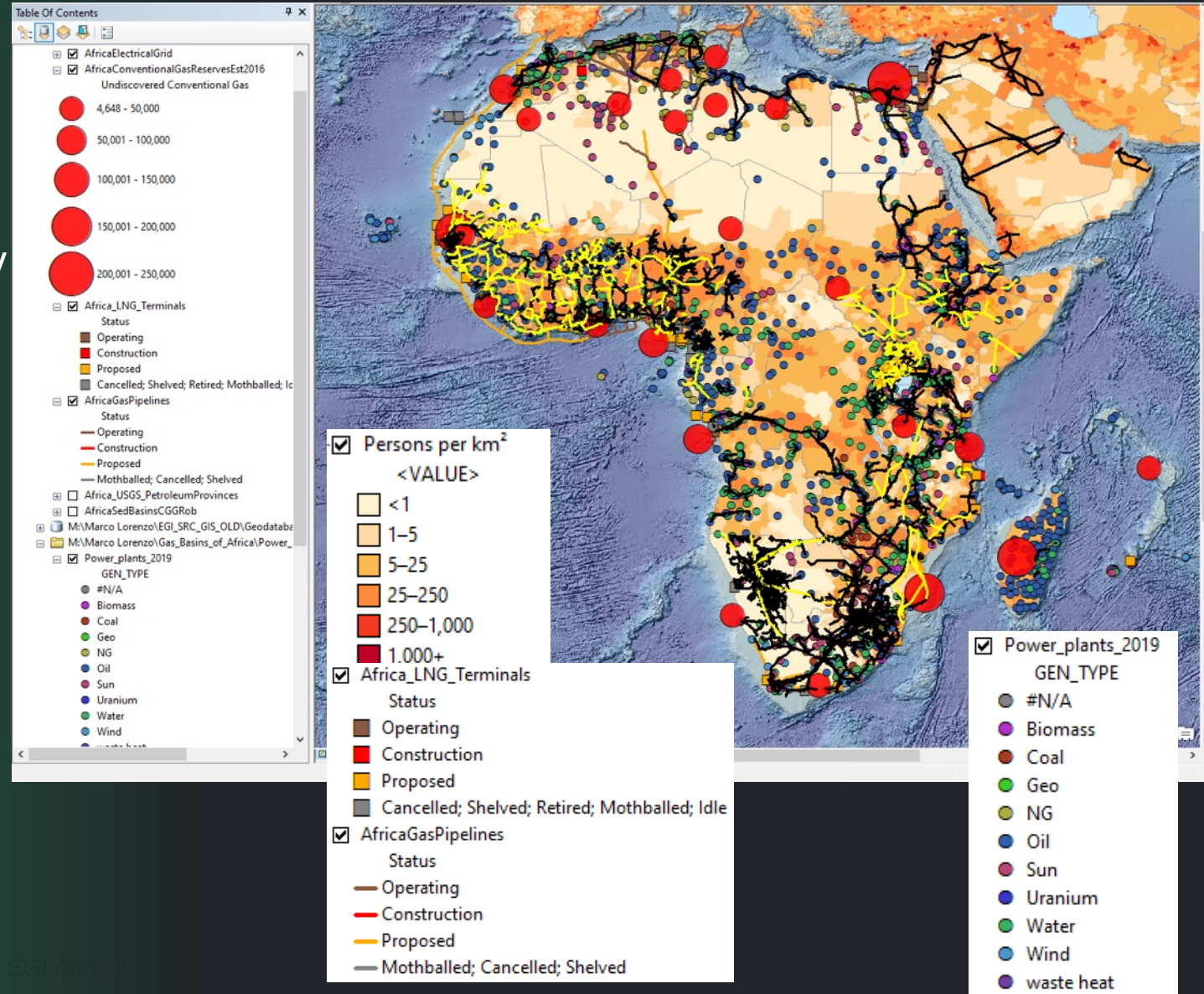
Assessment of access to affordable, reliable, sustainable natural gas to support the development and implementation of green energy

Decision support system

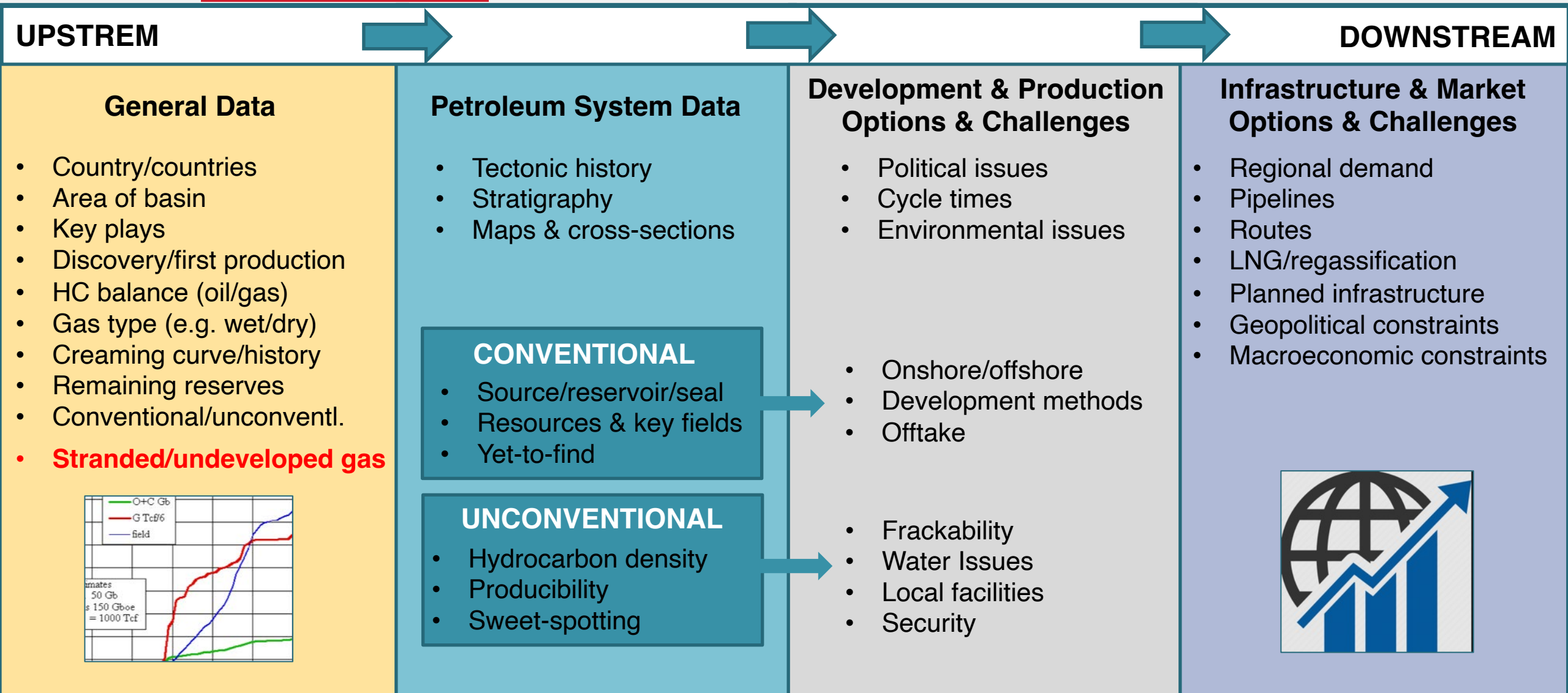
- Geospatial visualization
- Holistic evaluation (Geoscience, Infrastructure, Environment, Socioeconomics) with a unified ranking scale

Deliverables

- Report (chapter for each basin and country)
- ArcGIS project with database used for analysis



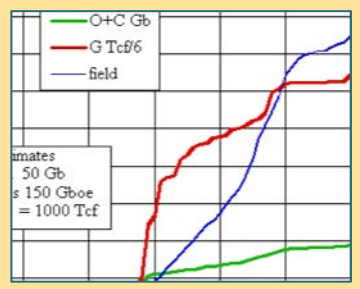
EGI Gas Basins of Africa



UPSTREAM

General Data

- Country/countries
- Area of basin
- Key plays
- Discovery/first production
- HC balance (oil/gas)
- Gas type (e.g. wet/dry)
- Creaming curve/history
- Remaining reserves
- Conventional/unconventl.
- **Stranded/undeveloped gas**



Petroleum System Data

- Tectonic history
- Stratigraphy
- Maps & cross-sections

CONVENTIONAL

- Source/reservoir/seal
- Resources & key fields
- Yet-to-find

UNCONVENTIONAL

- Hydrocarbon density
- Producibility
- Sweet-spotting

Development & Production Options & Challenges

- Political issues
- Cycle times
- Environmental issues
- Onshore/offshore
- Development methods
- Offtake
- Frackability
- Water Issues
- Local facilities
- Security

DOWNSTREAM

Infrastructure & Market Options & Challenges

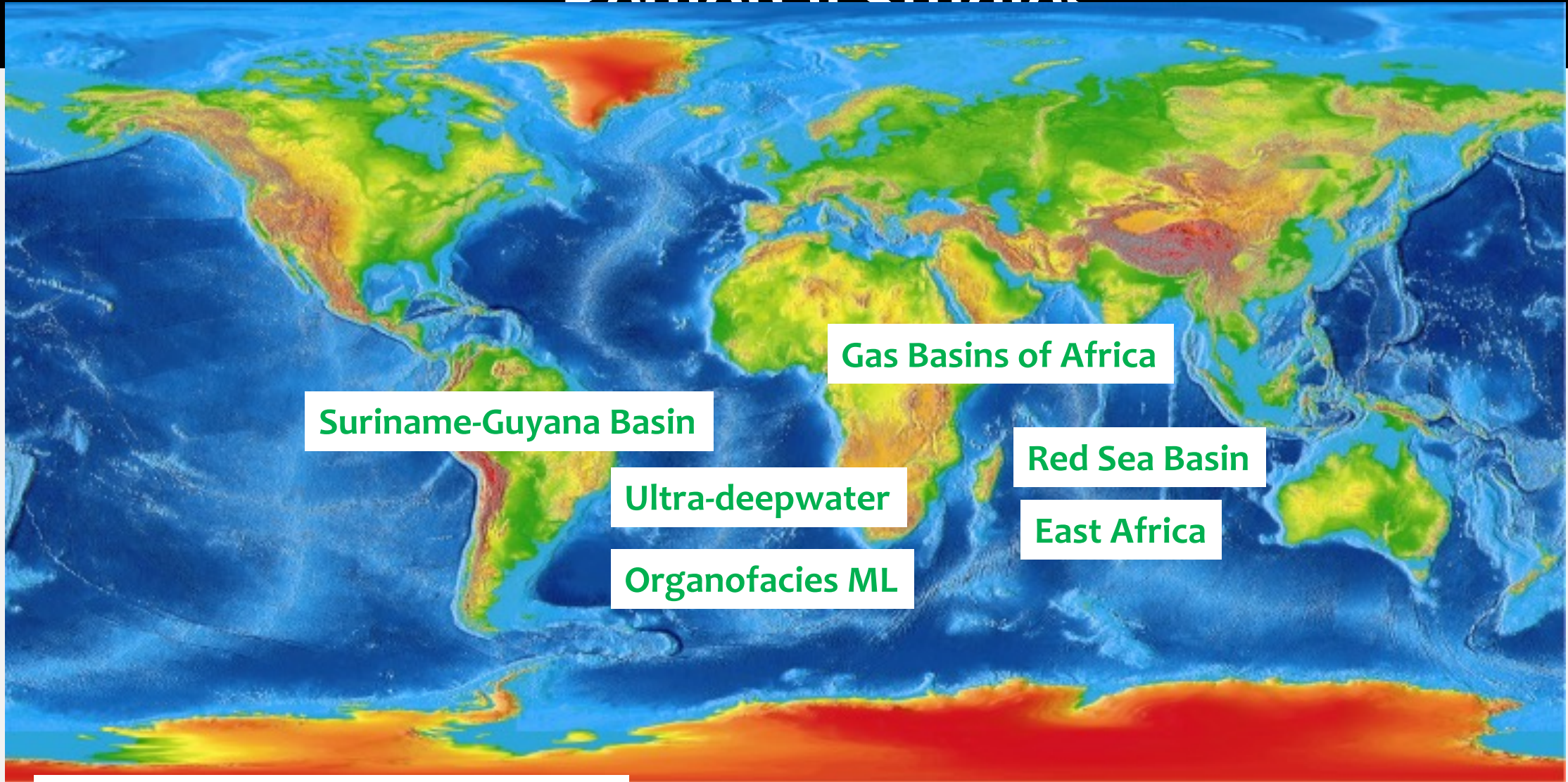
- Regional demand
- Pipelines
- Routes
- LNG/regassification
- Planned infrastructure
- Geopolitical constraints
- Macroeconomic constraints



Geoscience Analysis

Engineering Analysis

Regional Studies



Suriname-Guyana Basin

Gas Basins of Africa

Ultra-deepwater

Red Sea Basin

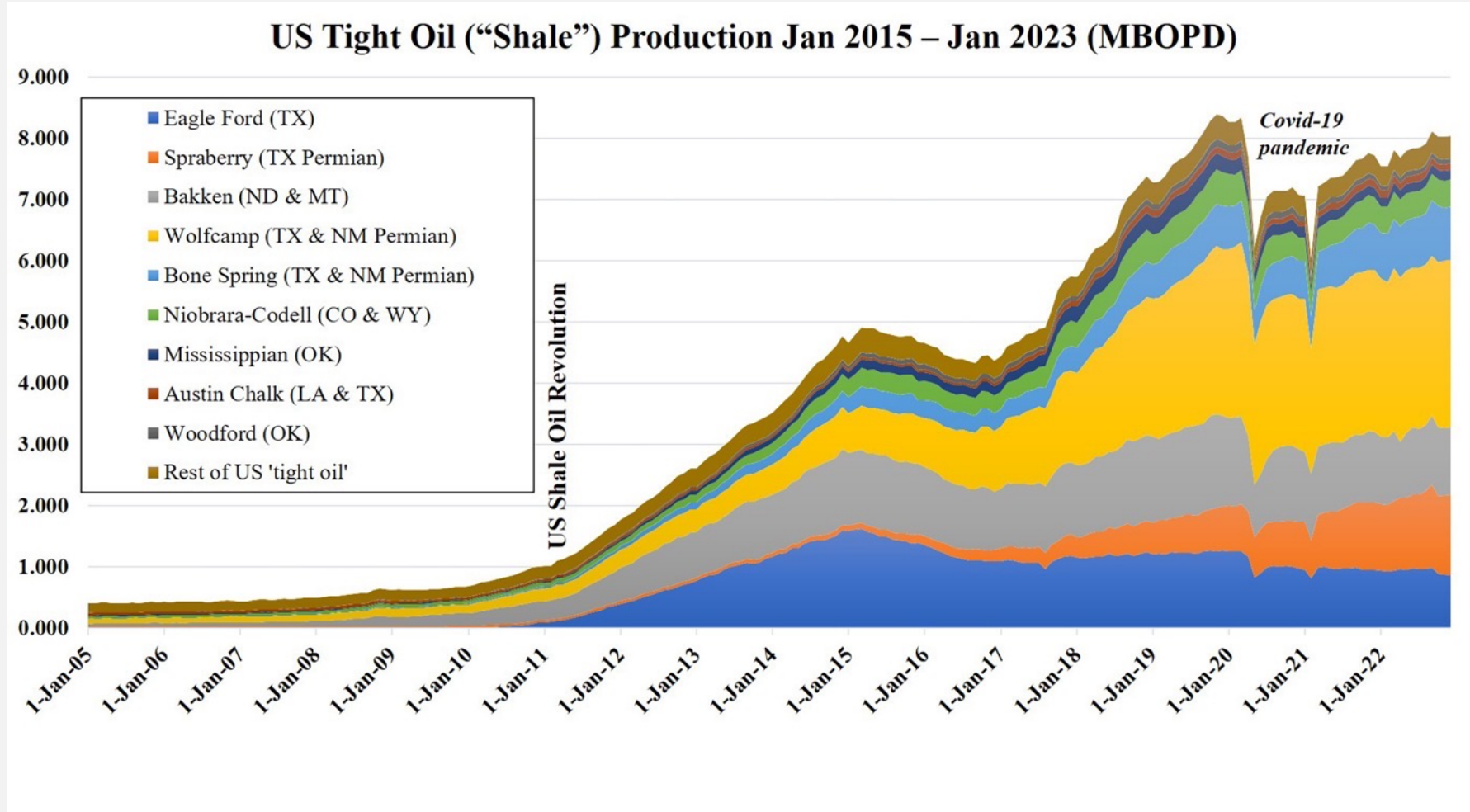
East Africa

Organofacies ML

Suggestions are welcome

Shale Studies

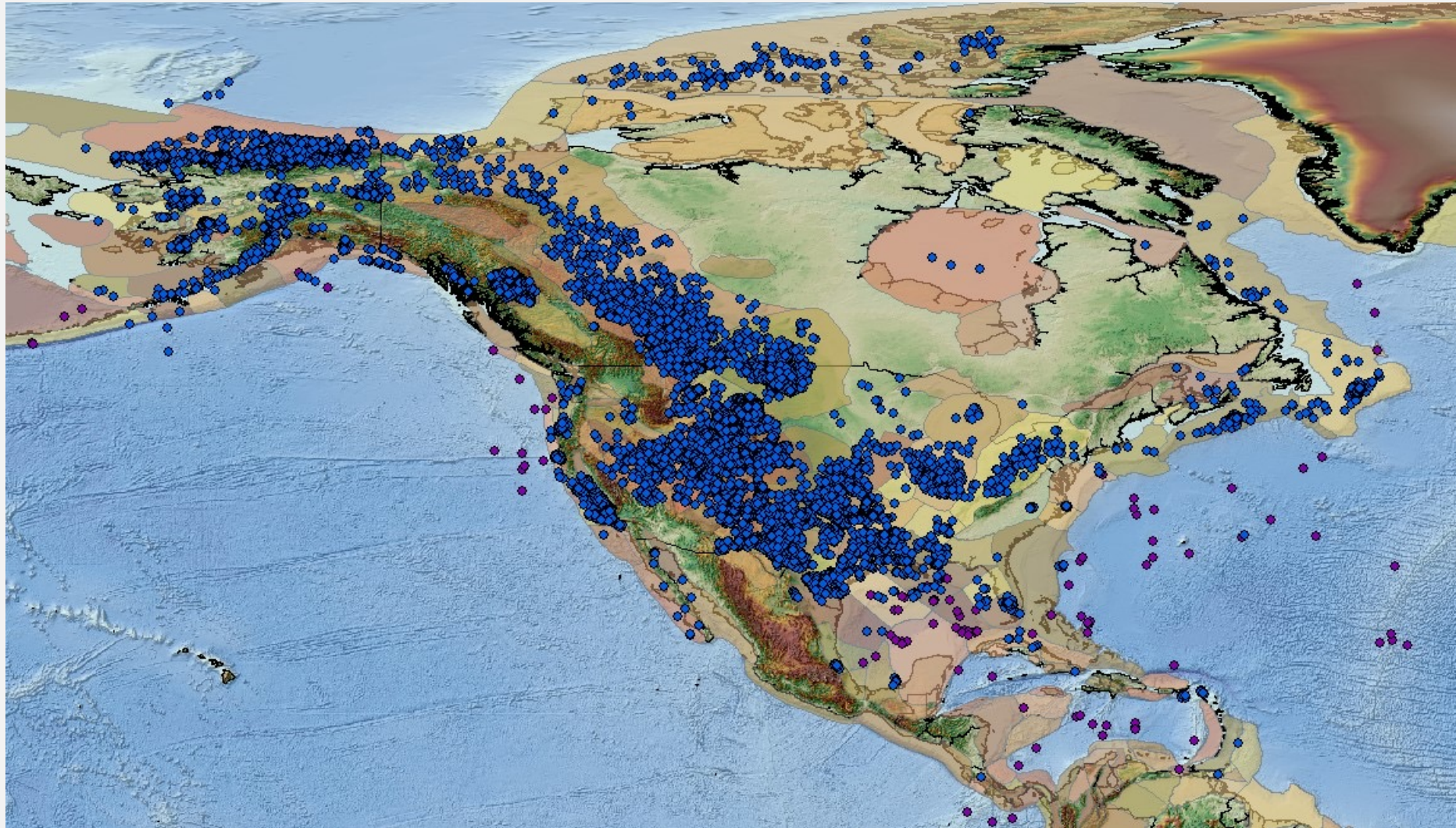
The US Shale (Tight Oil) Revolution



2010 Total US production
5.9 MBOPD 10% of US Total

2023 Total US production
12.4 MBOPD 70% of US total

Source Rocks of North & Central American Basins



ArcGIS Database

- source rock formations
- USA, Canada, Mexico & Caribbean basins
- Conventional (migrated) and unconventional (self-sources) plays
- >20,000 wells
- Geospatial info
- Formations, stratigraphic age, lithology, depositional facies
- Geochem data (TOC, pyrolysis, kerogen type, thermal maturity, source rock quality)

Reverse Engineering and ML Techniques to Characterize Shale Sweet Spots

Production Data



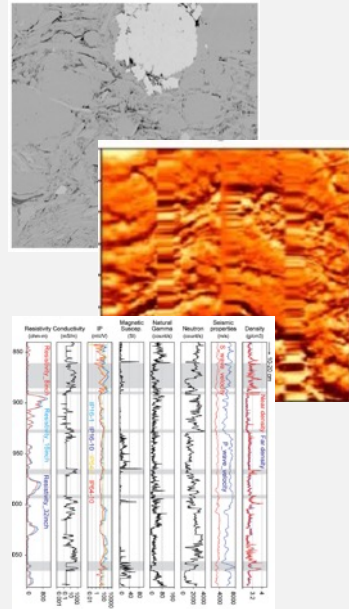
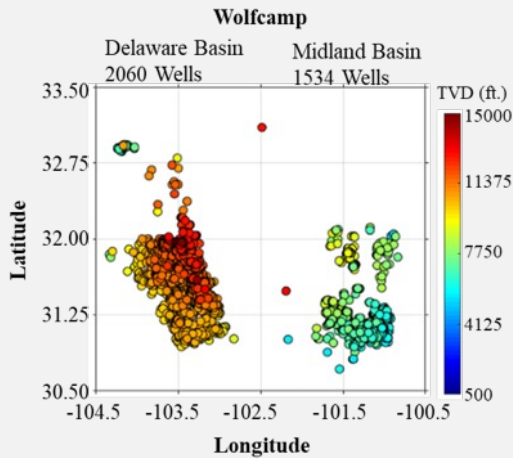
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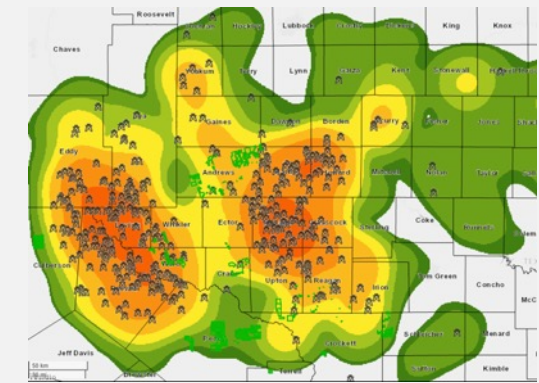
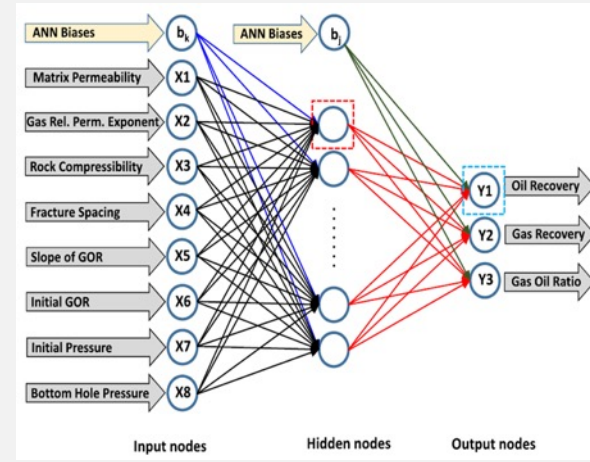
ML Algorithms



Oil Sweet Spots



$$Y = \sum (\text{weight} * \text{input}) + \text{bias}$$



Input Nodes

Output Nodes



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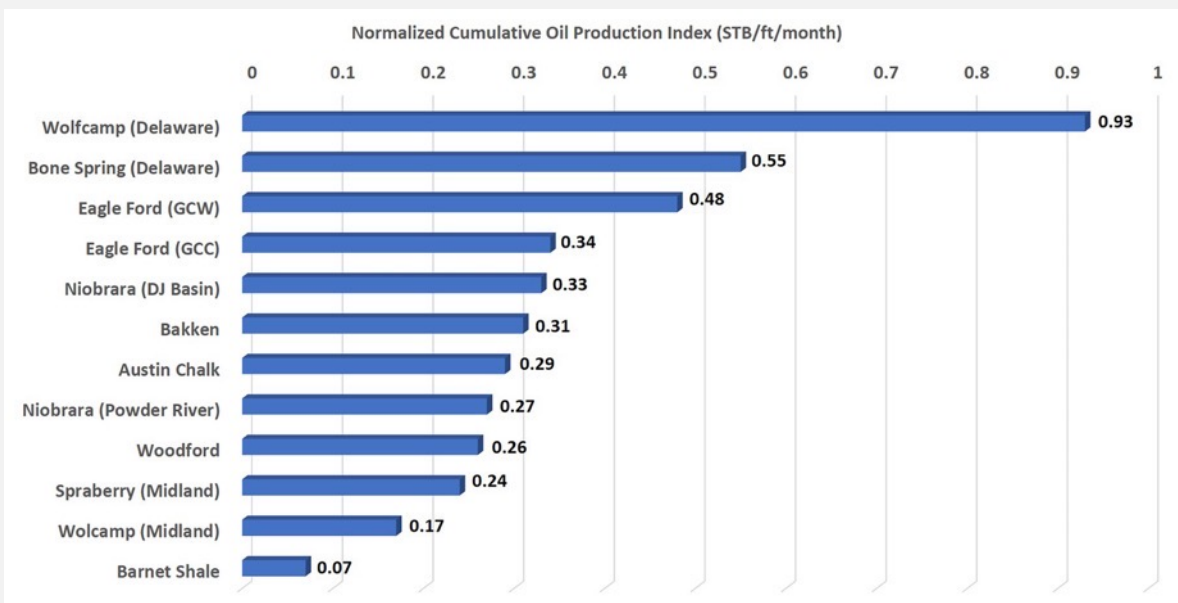
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Which Are the Best Shale Plays in the U.S.?

August 2023 [David Brown, Explorer Correspondent](#)

What are the highest-ranked shale oil plays in the United States? Here's an easy answer:

It depends on who's doing the ranking.

More to the point, it depends on the evaluation criteria and ranking methodology applied.

A new analysis from the University of Utah's Energy and Geoscience Institute ranks 12 U.S. tight-oil shale formations based on data from almost 37,000 producing horizontal wells, using a specially designed software package.

"We should not view [shale plays](#) as simply an engineering issue – that is, simply frac them irrespective of their geological conditions. We believe that geological parameters have huge

Shale Smart Web App

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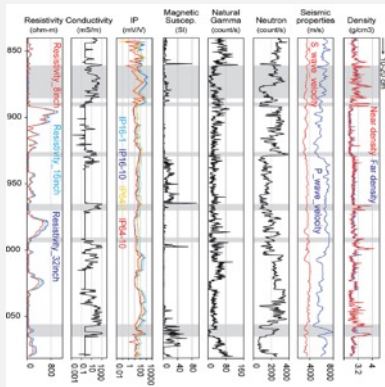
Core Method

Inputs

Reservoir Characterization

Log interpretation / Material Balance method

Log, production data, PVT, initial conditions

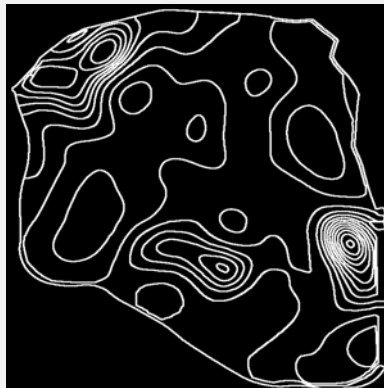


- TOC
- Porosity
- Water saturation
- Permeability

Reserve Estimation

Digitization of image

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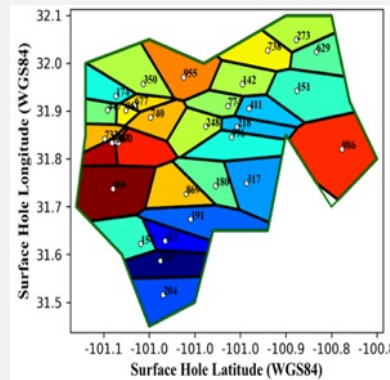


- Area of contour
- Rock volume
- User defined zone
- Initial hydrocarbon

Field Development

Voronoi diagram / spatial distribution

Well locations and data



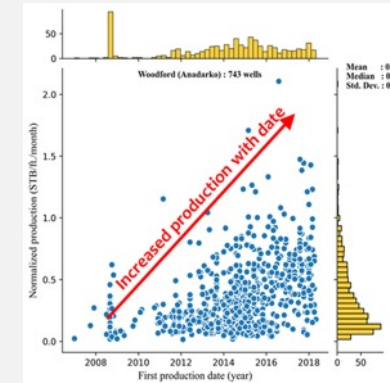
- Averaged properties
- OOIP, recovery, EUR
- New wells placement
- Field development

Data

Analytics

Python Libraries and visualization tools

Production, completion and well Data

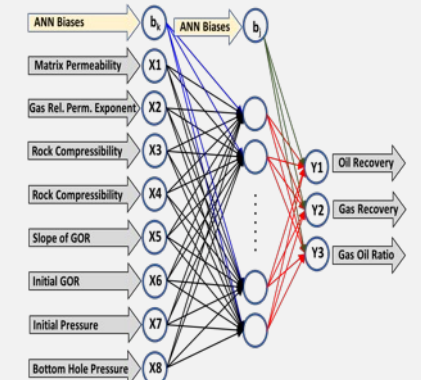


- Production Decline
- Sweet Spot
- Impact of completion
- Impact of technology

Production Forecast

Surrogate models

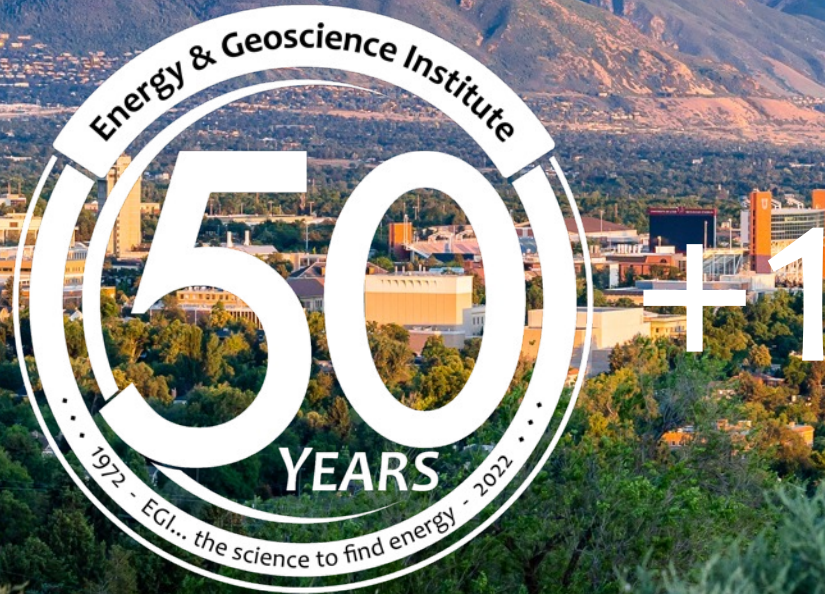
Geologic, completion, operational parameters



- Rate and recovery
- Sensitivity study
- Uncertainty analysis
- Time series prediction

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