

A man and a woman are standing on a dark, rocky shore. The man is wearing a blue jacket and the woman is wearing a red top. In the background, there are steep cliffs and a body of water under a cloudy sky.

# **THE CHESTNUT FIELD**

## **OPPORTUNITY AMID UNCERTAINTY**

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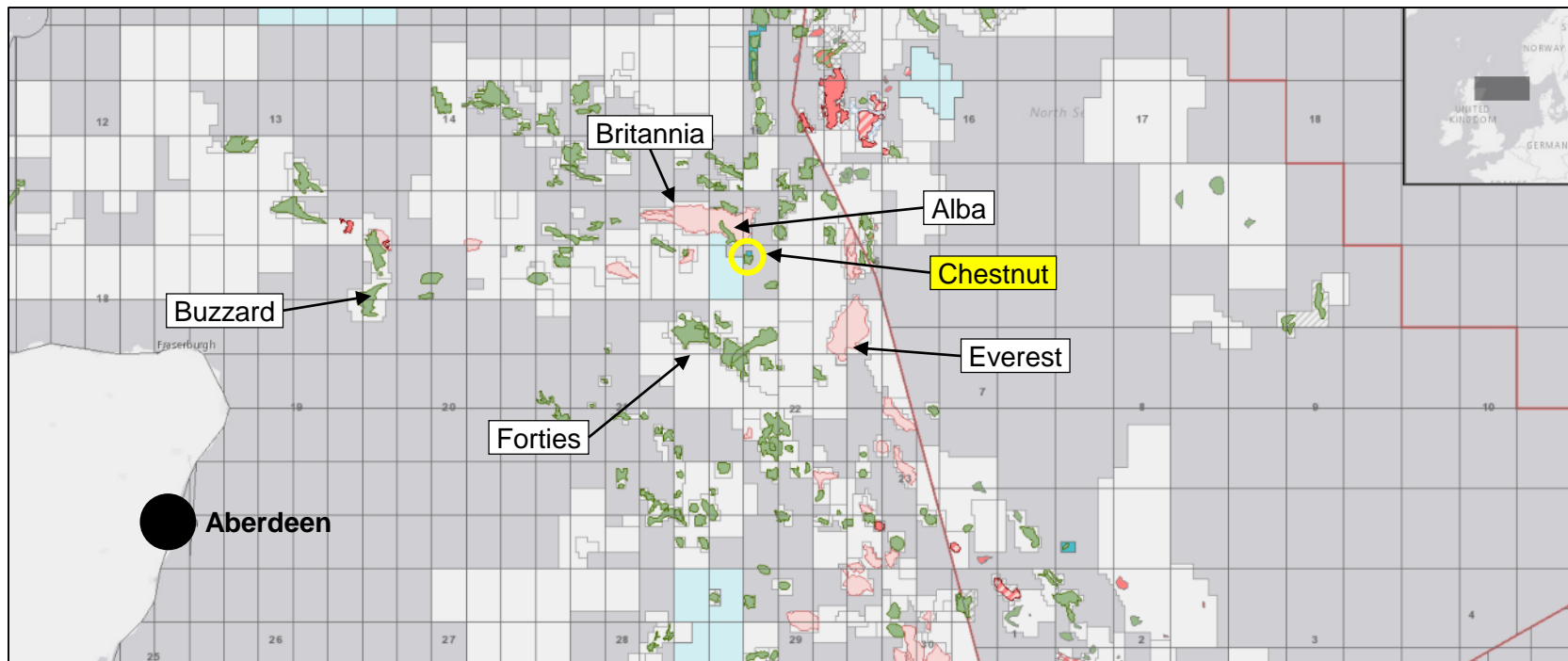
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# OUTLINE

- Field background - opportunity amid uncertainty
- Subsurface overview of Chestnut injectite field
- Reservoir imaging challenges and improvements
- Iterative reservoir modelling - where is the sand?
- Unlocking new resources through progressive infill drilling

# LOCATION

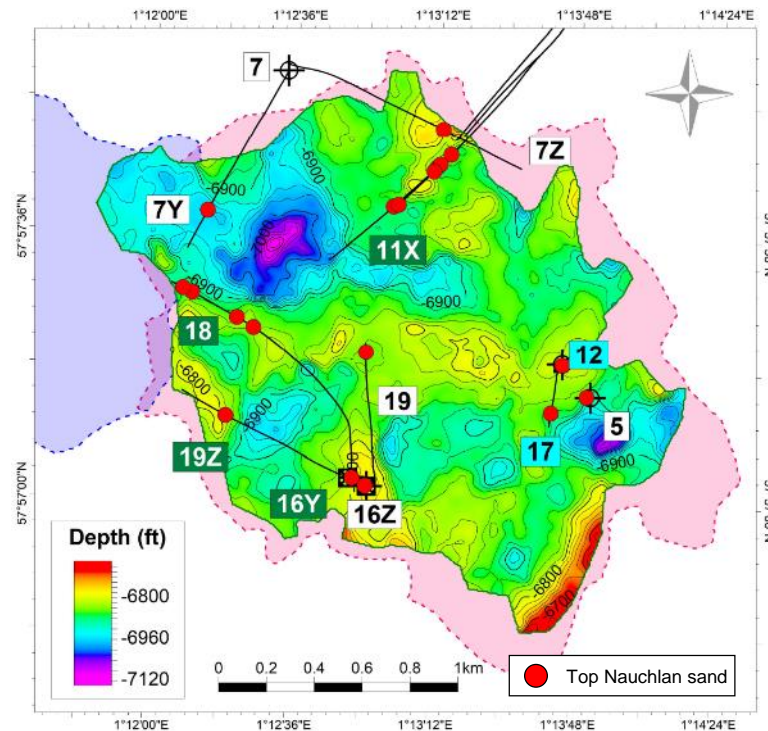


**Chestnut field is ~220 km northeast of Aberdeen in 390 ft of water**

# FIELD BACKGROUND

Block No (Licence)	22/02a (P354)
Partnership	Spirit Energy 82.206% Dana Petroleum 17.794%
Export Route	Oil produced through FPSO
First oil	September 2008 (EWT 2001)
FDP resources	7 mmbbls
Cum. production (August 2020)	26.1 mmbbls
Wells	13 wells + sidetracks (4 producers, 2 injectors)
Reservoir	Nauchlan sands (injectites)

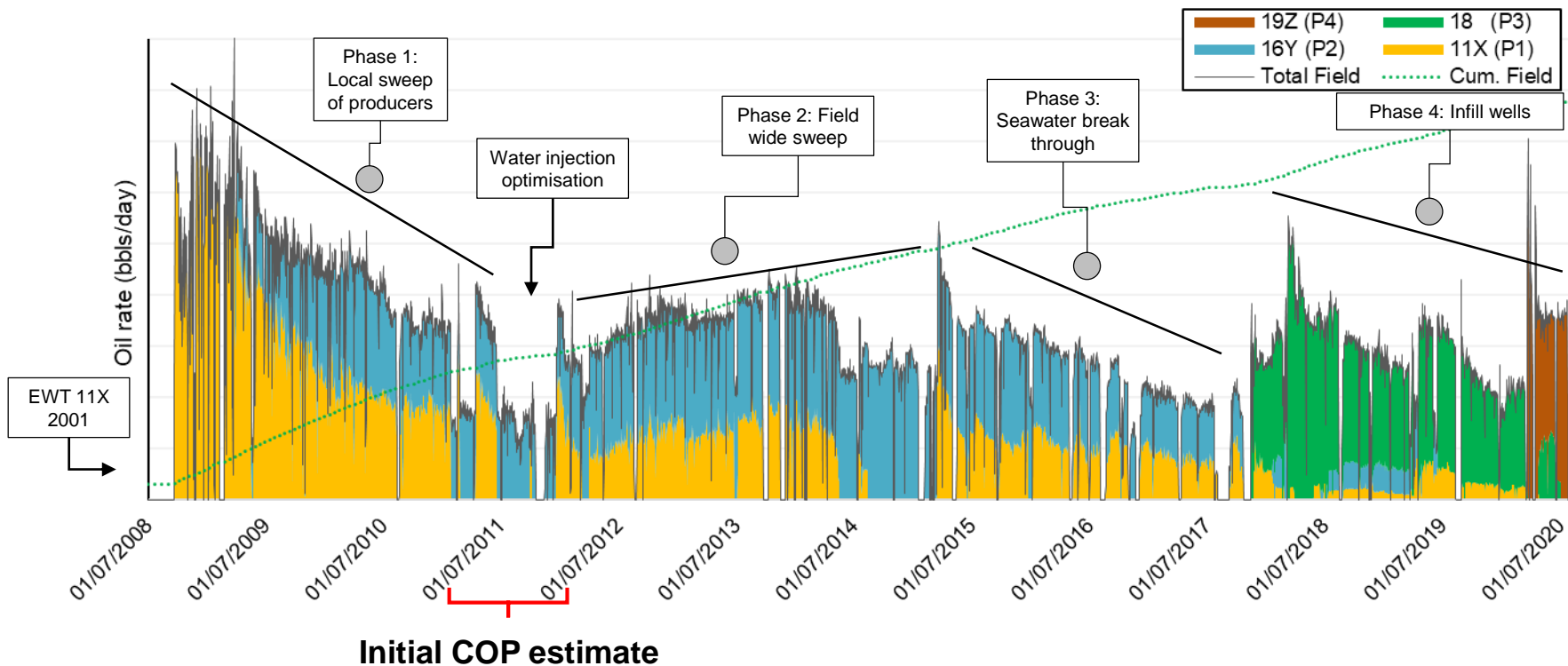
Top Nauchlan depth map



**13 reservoir penetrations in a field with small areal extent and complex sand geometry**

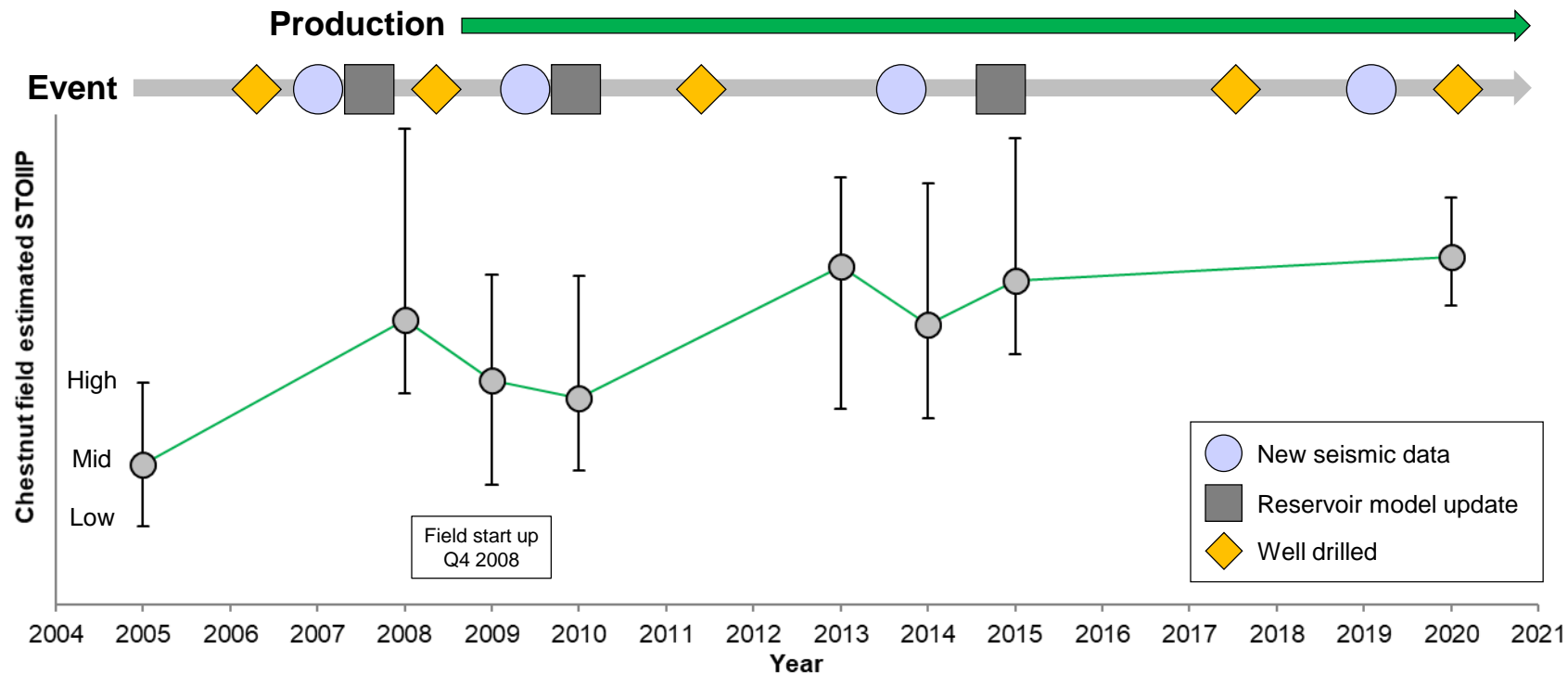
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Sanctioned resources at FDP: 7 mmbbls  
Expected field life: 2-3 years



**Production continues well after initial COP estimate**

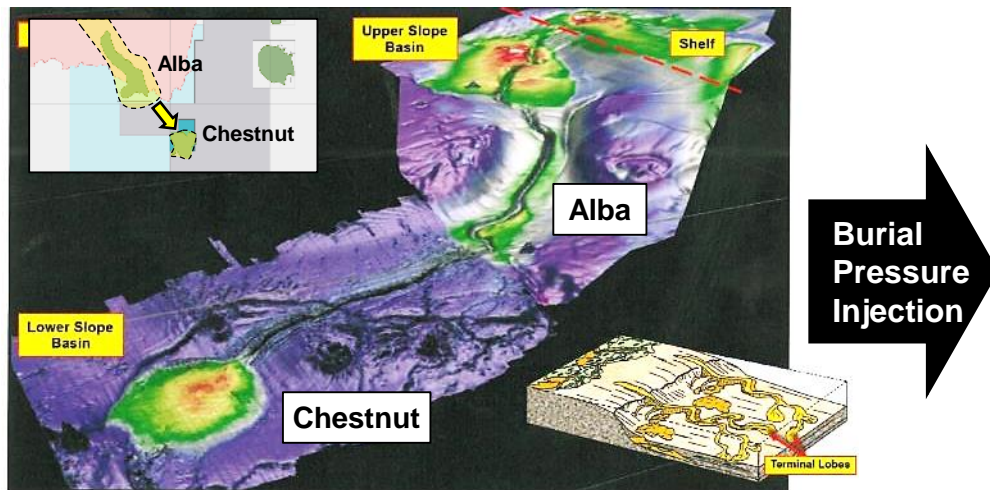
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**Increase in STOIP as datasets improved; seismic + wells/production**

# SUBSURFACE OVERVIEW

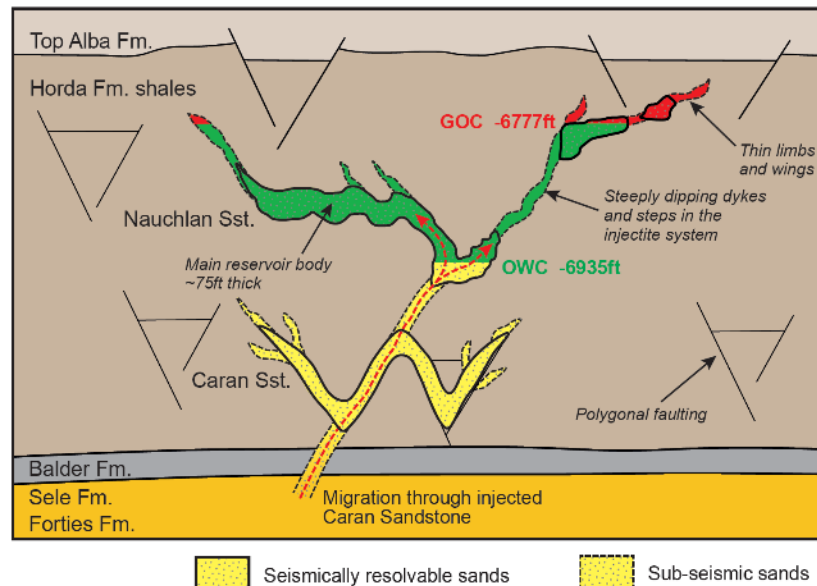
## Terminal lobe in a mud-rich turbidite system (Eocene)



Modified from Pirmez et al. 2000

- Nauchlan sand injectite: Porosity ~ 30%, permeability ~1-2 Darcy
- Hydrocarbons: Light oil (28.5° API, GOR 580-640 scf/stb)

## Remobilized and injected sands - complex geometry

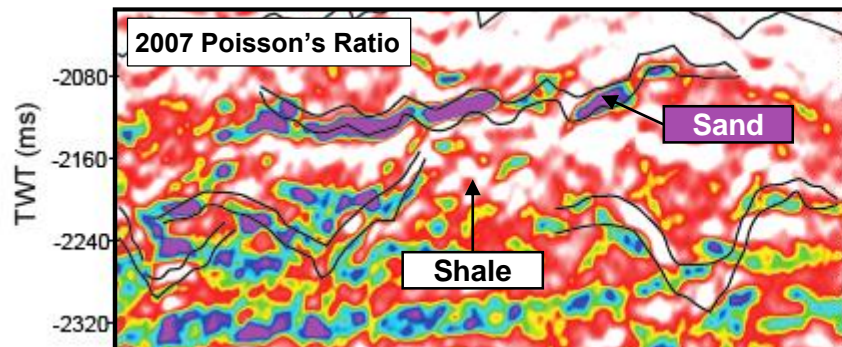
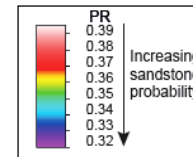


Van Oorschot et al. 2019

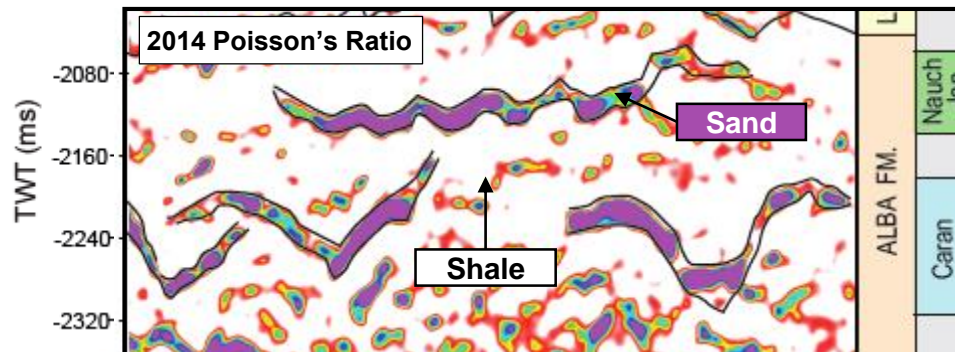
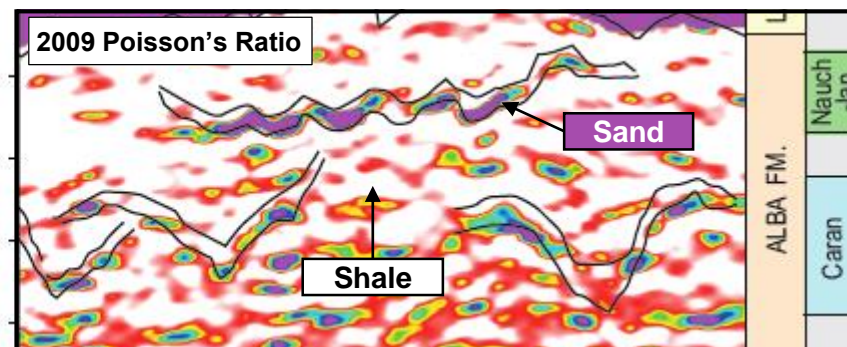
**Remobilization creates uncertainty in reservoir geometry**



# SEISMIC IMAGING CHALLENGES



*Modified from Van Oorschot et al. 2019*

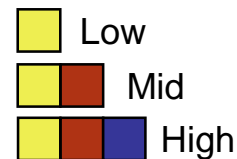


- Reservoir presents imaging challenges
- Different seismic vintages and inversions used over field life
- Each dataset gives a different picture of reservoir distribution and connectedness

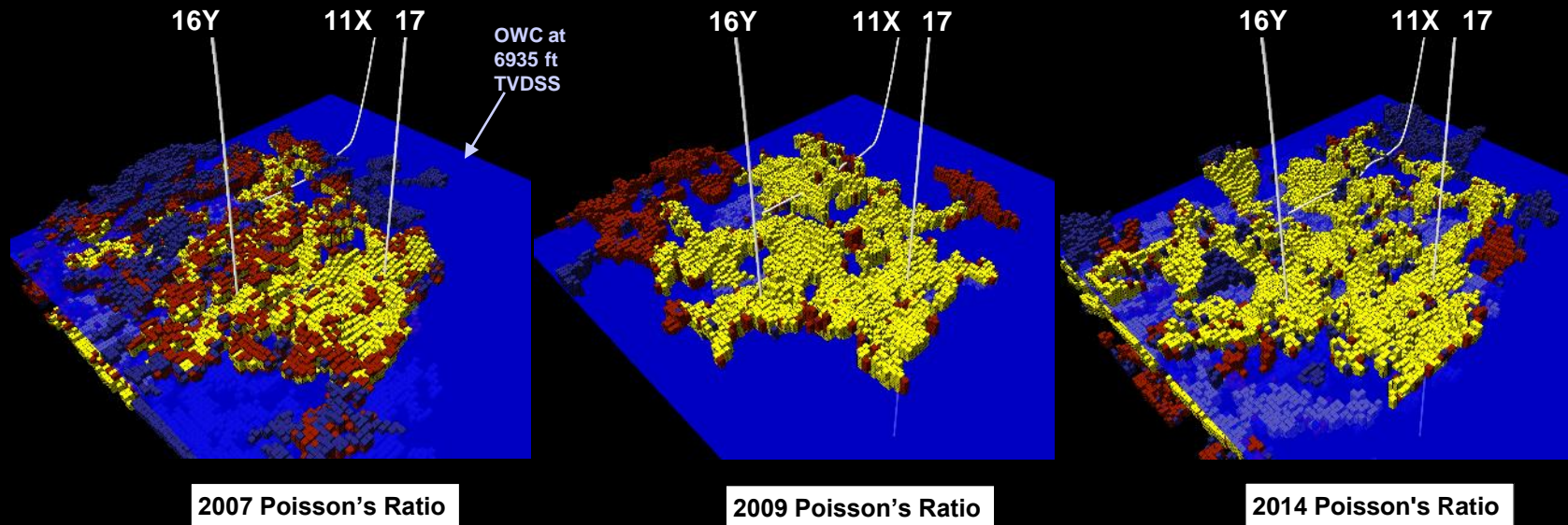
**Reservoir imaging challenges reflected in different seismic vintages**



# 3D GEOMETRY CHALLENGES



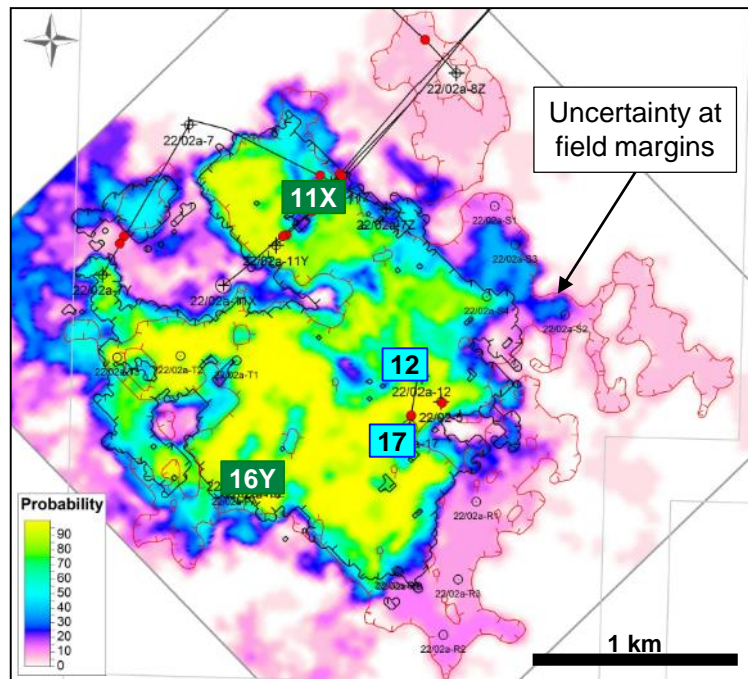
A sample set of images of sampled 3D geobody cubes from different seismic data:



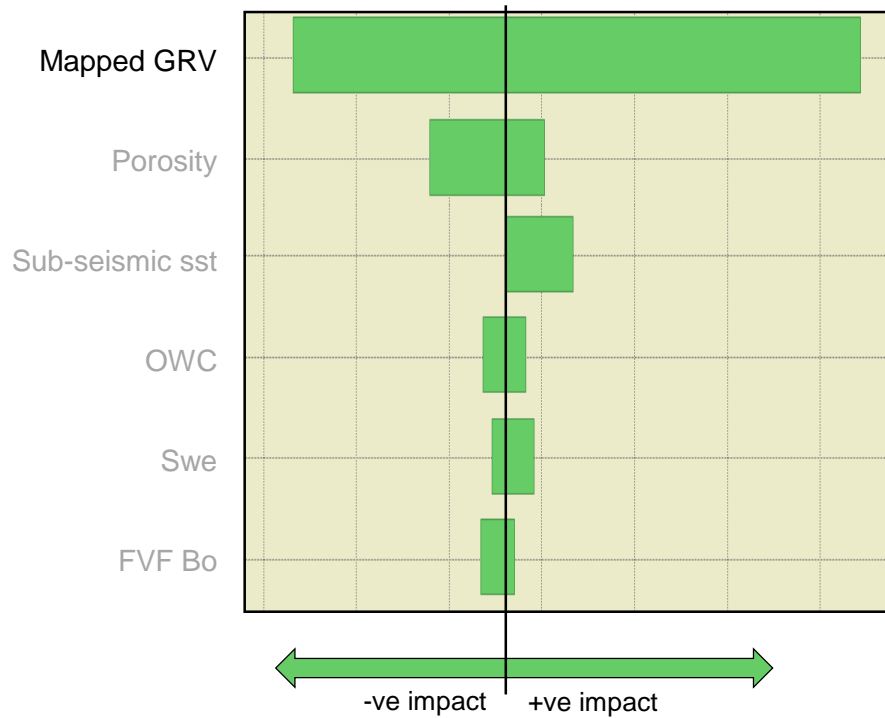
Alternative GRVs from different seismic data provides significant uncertainty

# DEFINING SENSITIVITY AND UNCERTAINTY

Sand probability map



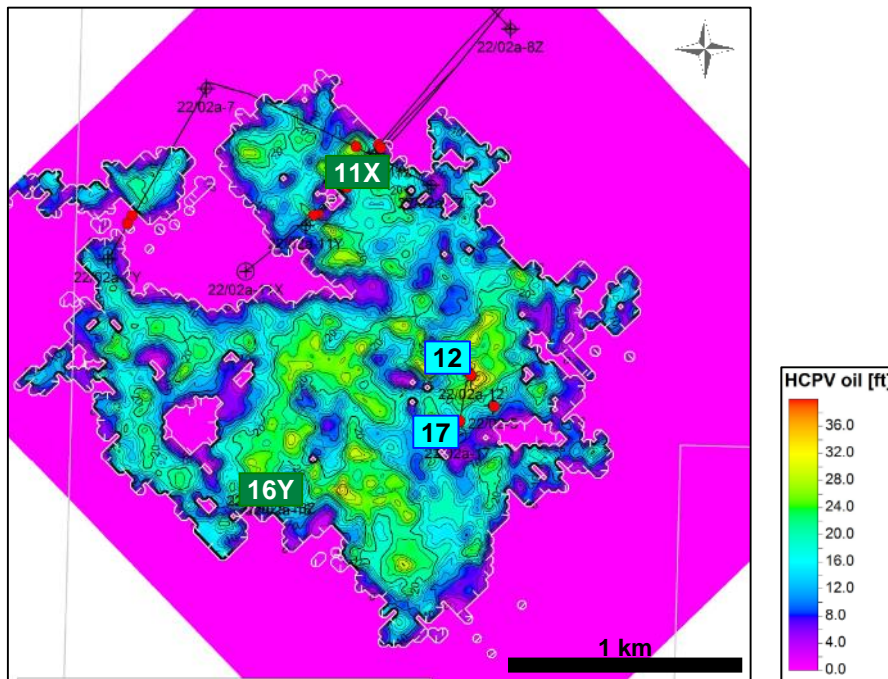
STOIIP sensitivity



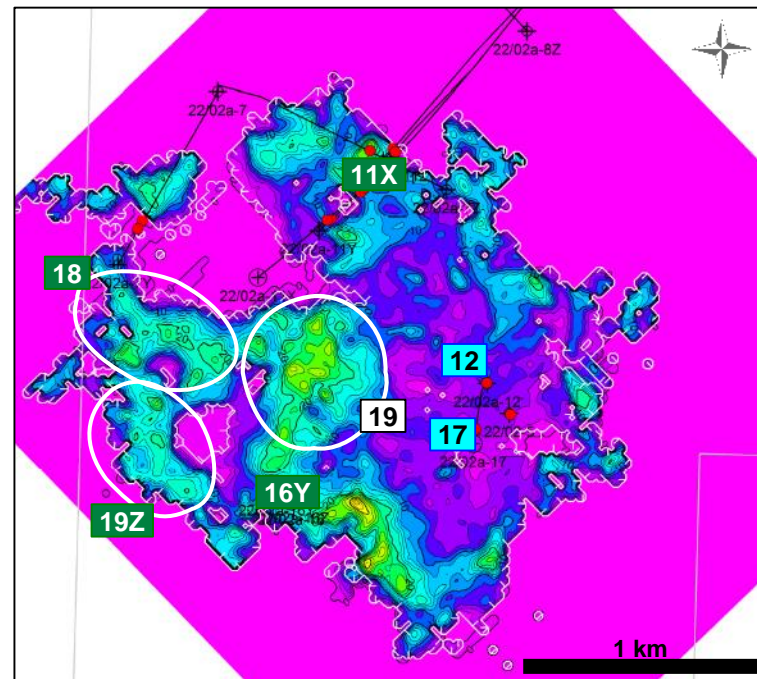
**GRV and geometry are highest remaining static uncertainties**

# REMAINING OIL FROM DYNAMIC MODEL(S)

Initial STOILP

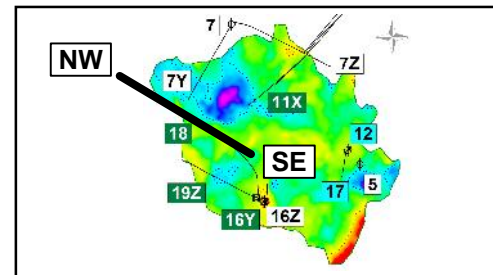
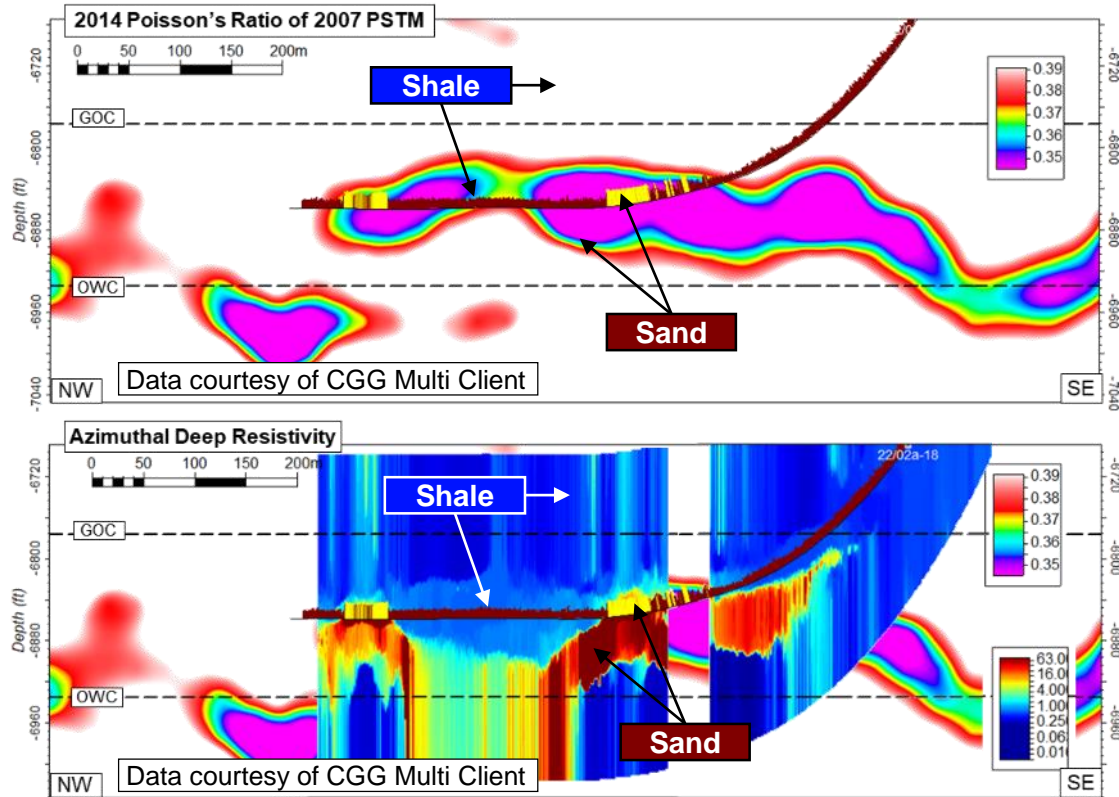


Remaining oil - April 2015



Water behaviour and sweep largest remaining dynamic uncertainty

## 22/02A-18 (2017 PRODUCER)

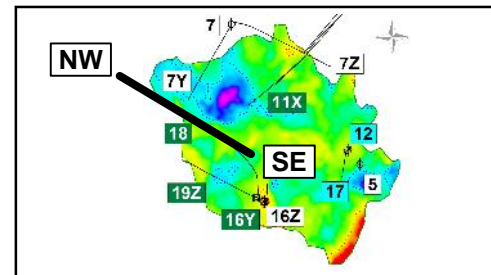
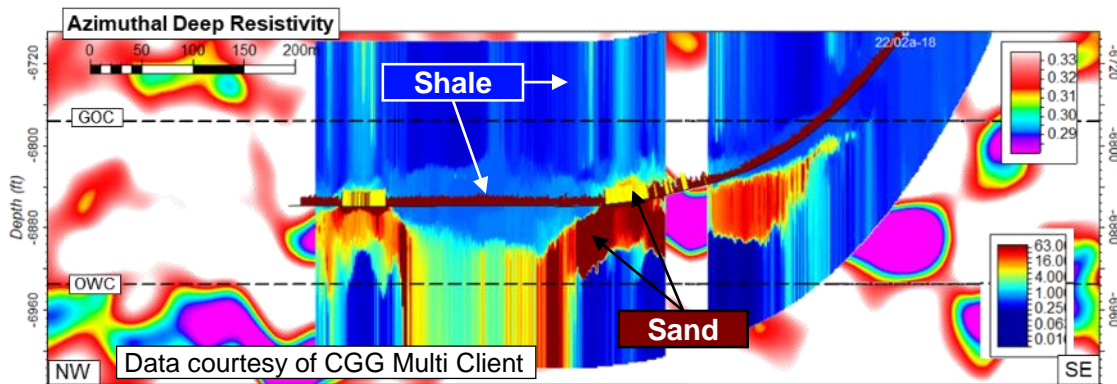
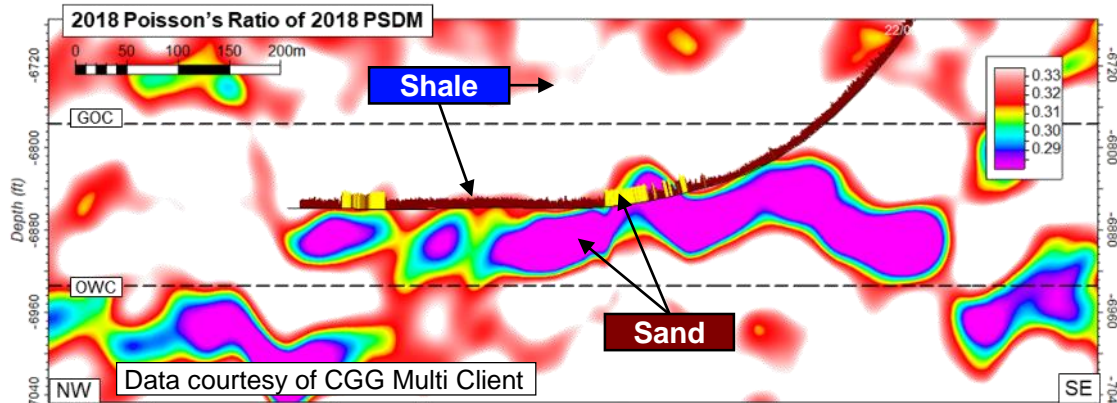


- > 300 ft high quality net pay encountered
- Deep resistivity highlighted seismic positioning uncertainty
- Geo-steering required to maximise sand penetration
- Prompted a new seismic reprocessing and inversion study undertaken in 2018

**Successful infill producer, seismic positioning uncertainty was key learning**



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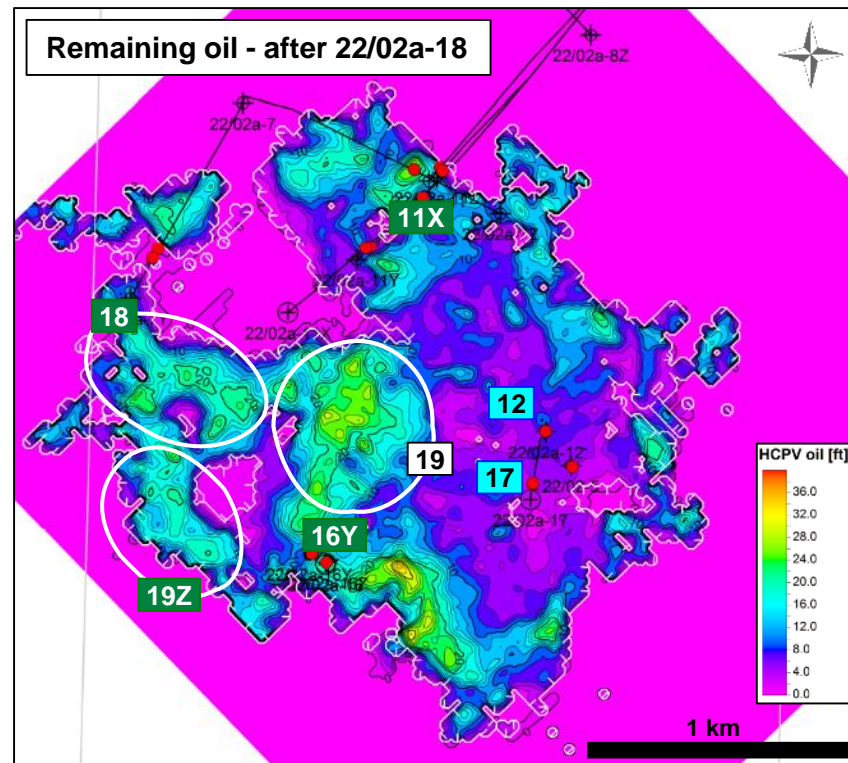


- High resolution PSDM reprocessing and Poisson's Ratio inversion completed
- Detailed velocity model built including multiple shallow gas layers
- Better imaging with reduced lateral and vertical positioning uncertainty seen through improved well ties

**Seismic reprocessing to PSDM improved imaging and well ties**

# 22/02A-19 CAMPAIGN DRILLING STRATEGY

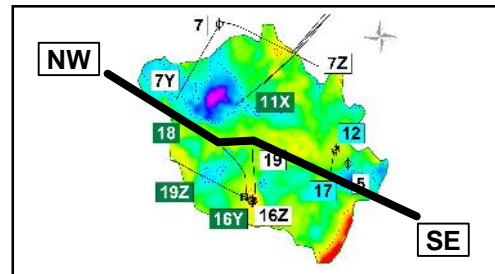
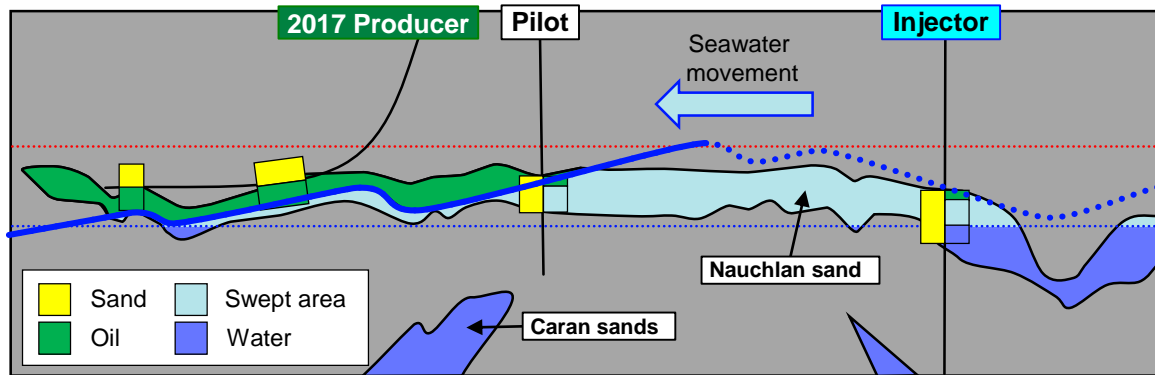
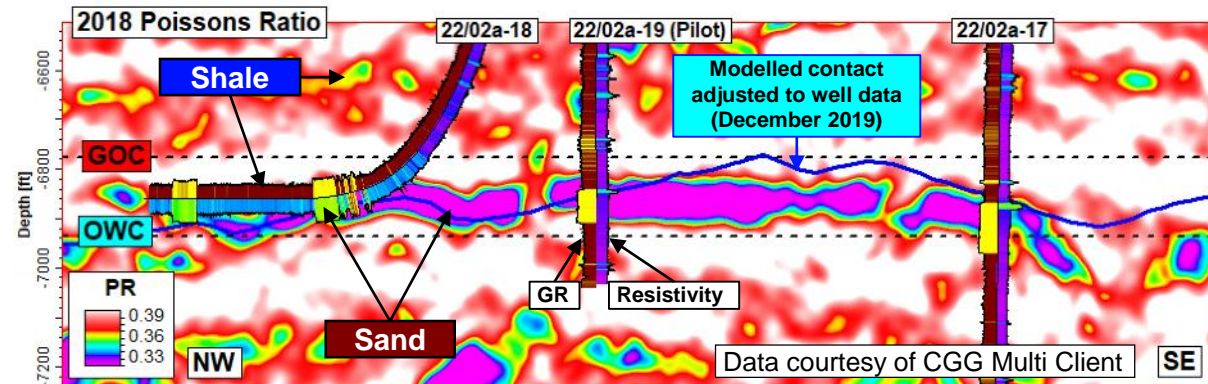
- Further targets identified for drilling infill well
- Main target; Central area (19)
  - Potential unswept area of the field with relatively high dynamic risk
- Sidetrack option; Southwest area (19Z)
  - Area on field margin
- Central target tested with a pilot well and encountered swept central area - proceeded to planned sidetrack at 19Z location



**19 pilot tested sweep model - pre-defined criteria not met, proceeded to 19Z**



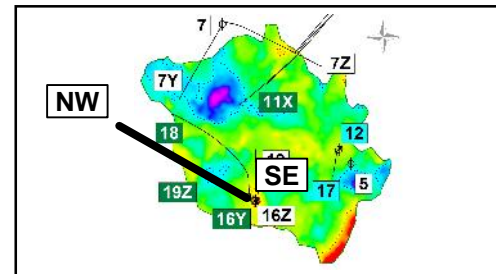
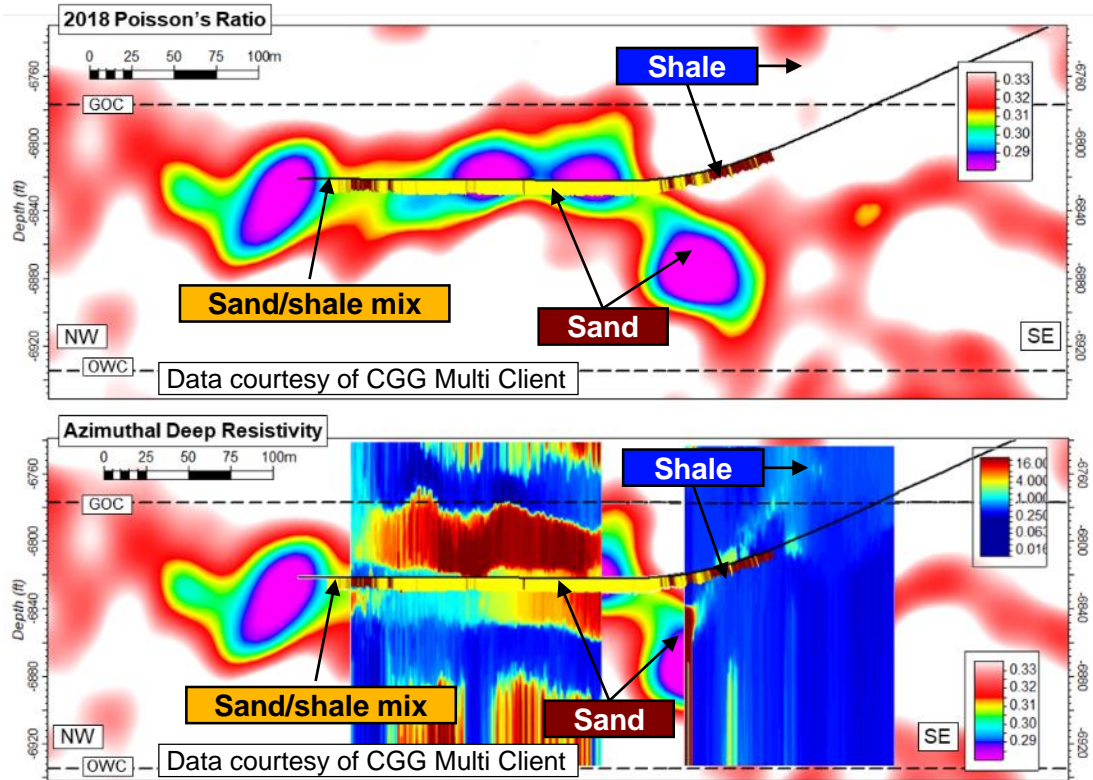
# 22/02A-19 (PILOT)



- Significantly improved well ties with 2018 reprocessed data
- Seismic inversion products (including Poisson's Ratio) resulted in higher confidence reservoir mapping
- Pilot well (22/02a-19) in central area proved good quality sand but water swept - volumes at low end of expectation
- Proceeded to planned sidetrack location (22/02a-19Z) in southwest on field margin

**Estimated remaining oil in 19 well area at low end of expectations - proceeded to SW**

## 22/02A-19Z (2020 PRODUCER)



- >650 ft high quality net pay encountered
- Good reservoir prognosis and no geo-steering or further side-tracks required due to improved 2018 seismic data
- Deep resistivity tool indicates some sub-seismic reservoir complexity at field margin - being evaluated for further infill targets
- Pilot well strategy resulted in a success drilling of infill producer

**Longest net pay interval encountered through drilling well strategy**

## SUMMARY

- FDP assumed field life of 2-3 years but continues to produce 12 years after first oil
- Iterative seismic reprocessing and inversion, new wells and integrated reservoir modelling has increased confidence in STOIIP
- Opportunities identified for 2 agile infill well campaigns
- New wells and field production optimisation have arrested production decline and maximised value from the field

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## QUESTIONS?