

Predicting pressure and fluid saturation changes using 4D seismic attributes, production data and simulation model

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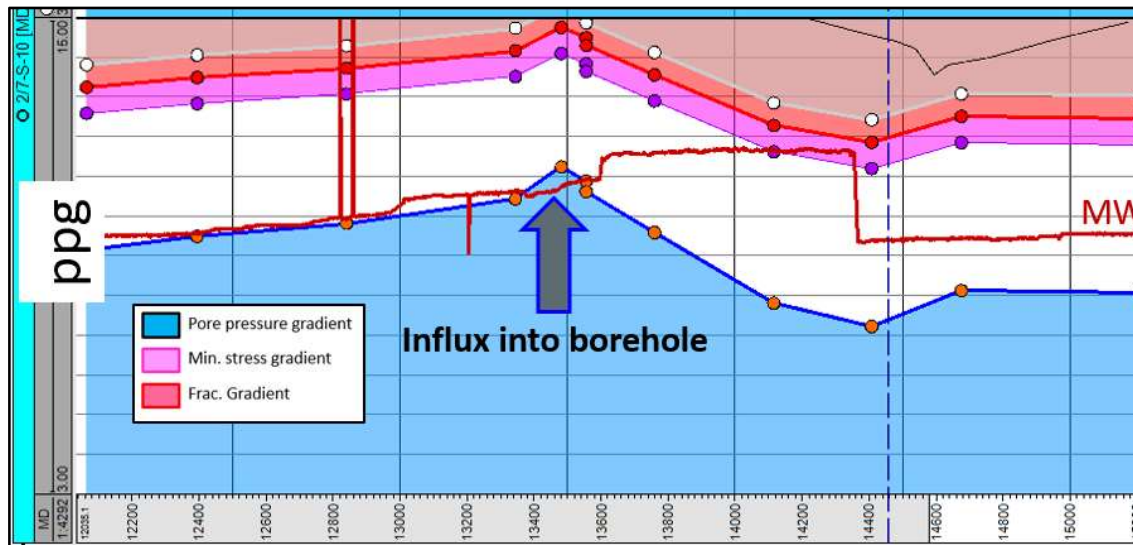
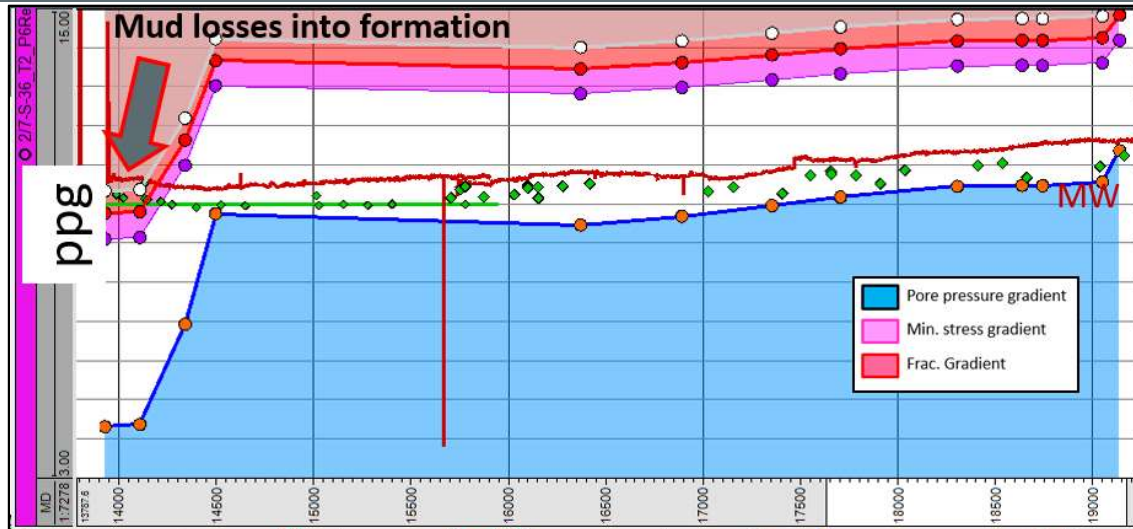
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Outline

1. Why use 4D seismic to assist well planning prognosis?
 - Optimize infill target locations with respect to remaining oil
 - Characterize and mitigate drilling reservoir risks related to pressure
2. Chalk sensitivity to pressure and corresponding 4D seismic attributes
 - Chalk Water Weakening Compaction
 - Dry Rock Effective Stress Sensitivity
3. Seismic Assisted Pressure Prognosis Workflow using 4D Rock Physics Inversion & Model
4. 4D Seismic inversion for pressure and fluid change estimates along planned well paths
 - Expected pressure profile
 - Uncertainty: High/Low pressure profiles

Drilling Reservoir challenges: Pressure differential, loss vs influx



- High Pressure Differential: Due to production and injection PP can vary from ~1000psi to ~7000 psi.
- Experience Rule of Thumb: “we can drill with Pdiff<2500 psi.”
- Modeling: PP+2500 is approximately equal to Fracture propagation pressure and close to breakdown pressure

Mitigations:

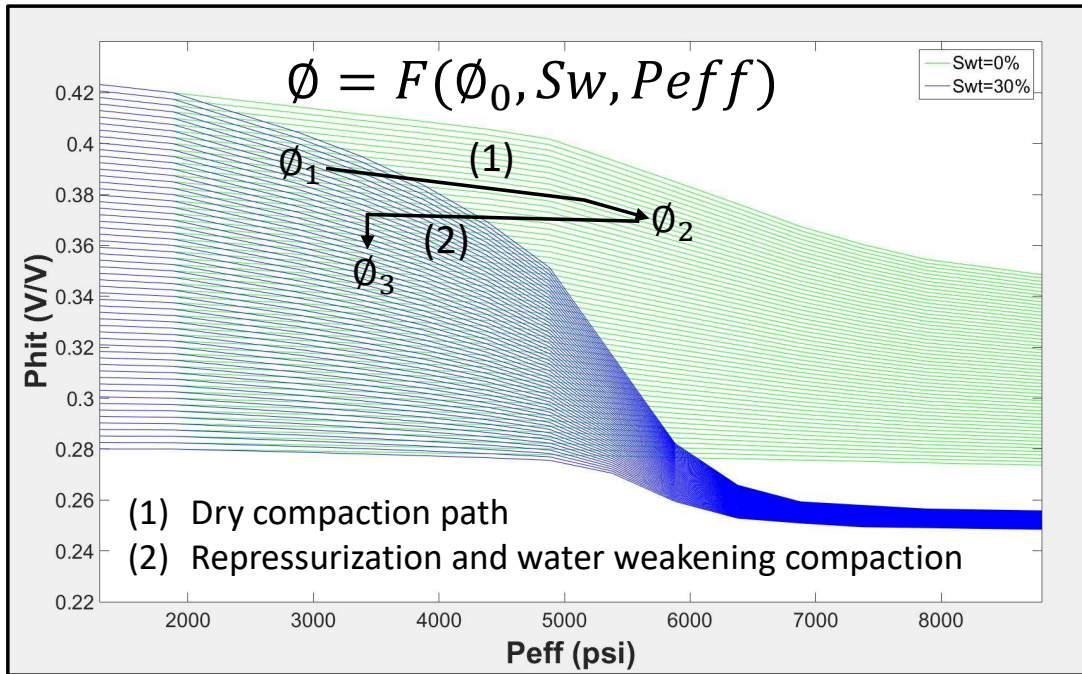
- Accurate reservoir pressure modeling
- Avoid planning wells with high Press Diff
- Stay within safe window, rule of thumb is good estimation
- *FracCem* to mitigate losses
- Contingency liners for pressure differentials

Pressure Sensitivity of Ekofisk Chalk: Compaction and Dry Rock Contacts

1) Chalk Water Weakening Compaction Curves

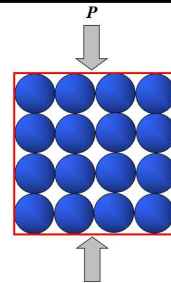
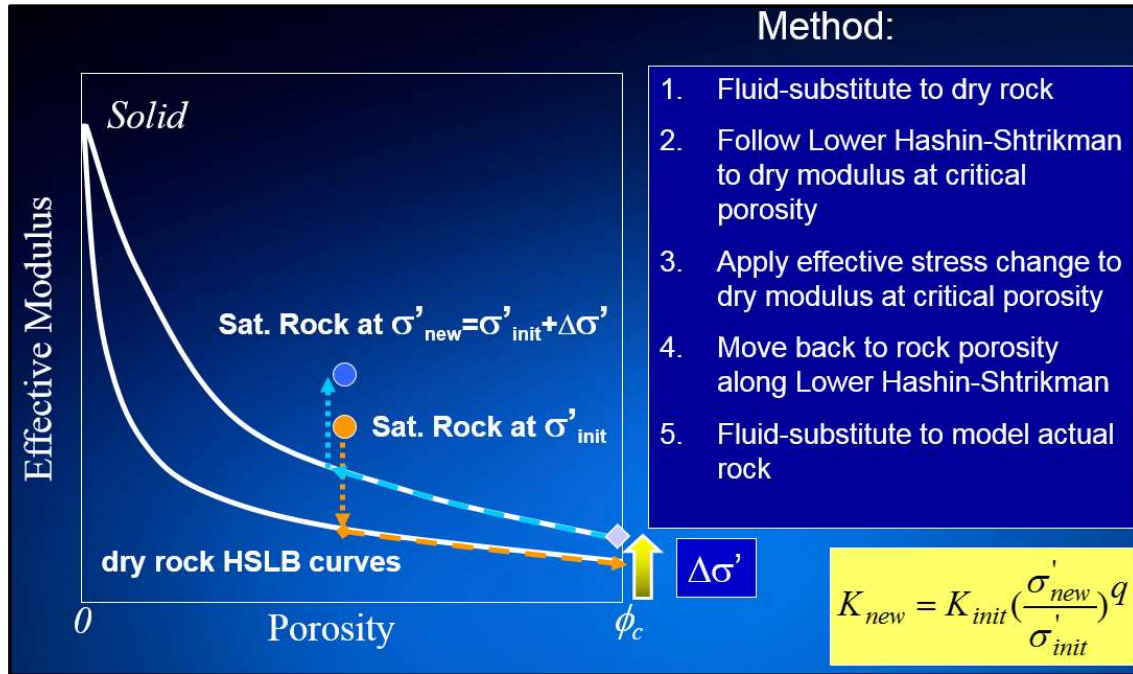


2) Hertz-Mindlin Dry Rock Effective Pressure Model



Porosity decreases with both increase in Peff and Sw

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \rho_b &= \rho_b(\phi) \\ V_p &= V_p(\phi) \\ V_s &= V_s(\phi) \end{aligned} \right\} AI$$



Hertz-Mindlin Contact Theory

Effective Moduli of a packing of spherical grains depend on

- grain properties
- packing geometry
- confining pressure

$$V_p = \sqrt{\frac{K + \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)\mu}{\rho}}$$

$$V_s = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho}}$$

4D Seismic Attributes around Injector A (pressure increase, no fluid sub)

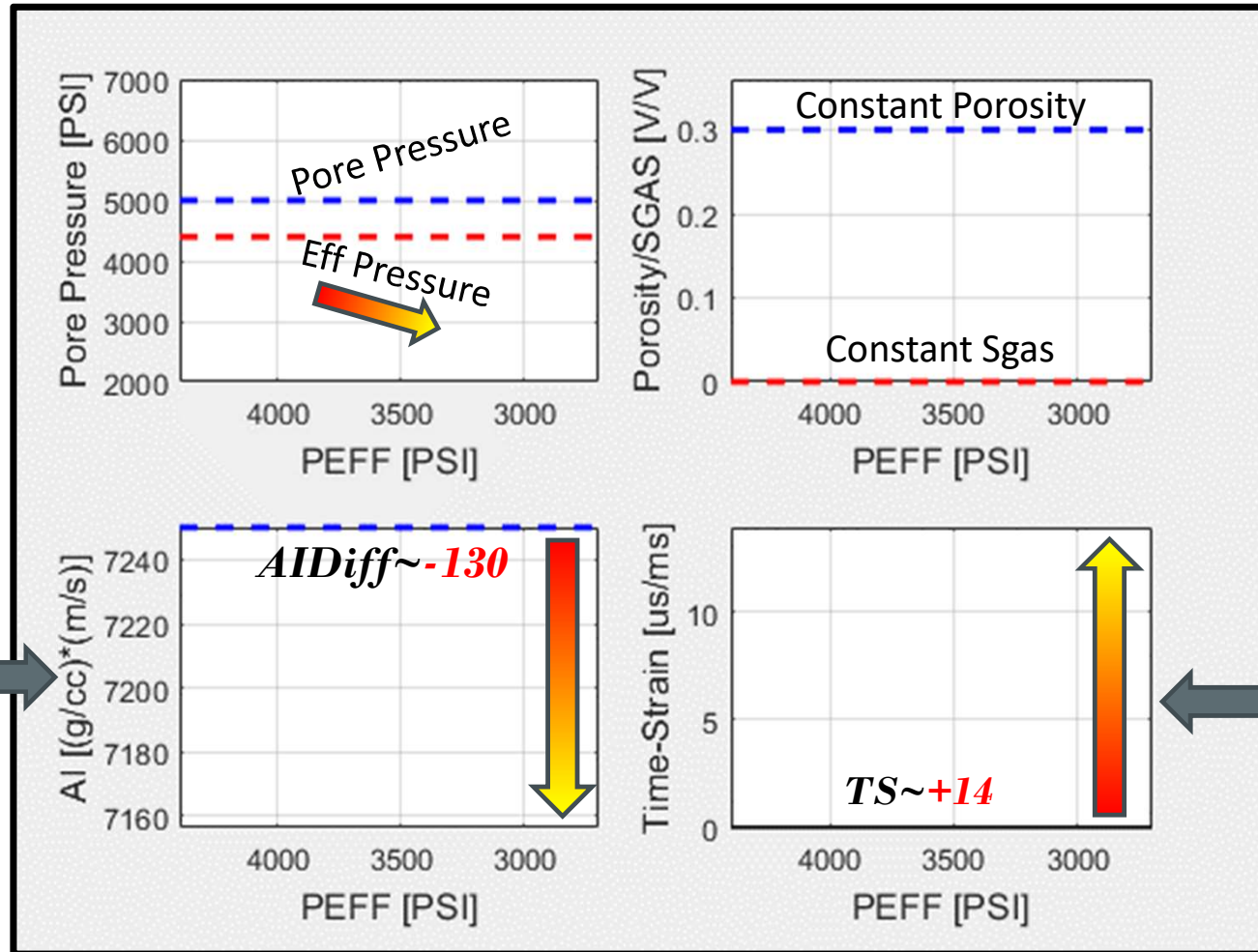
$$\Delta P_{press} > 0$$

$$\Delta S_g = 0$$

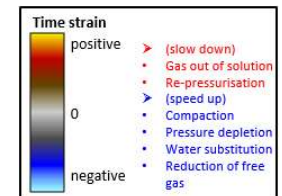
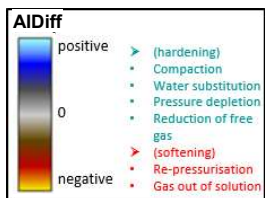
$$\Delta S_w = 0$$

$$\Delta \phi = 0$$

Dynamic Simulation
Model Properties



Acoustic Softening



Slow down or
positive time delay

4D Seismic Attributes around a producer well (pressure depletion)

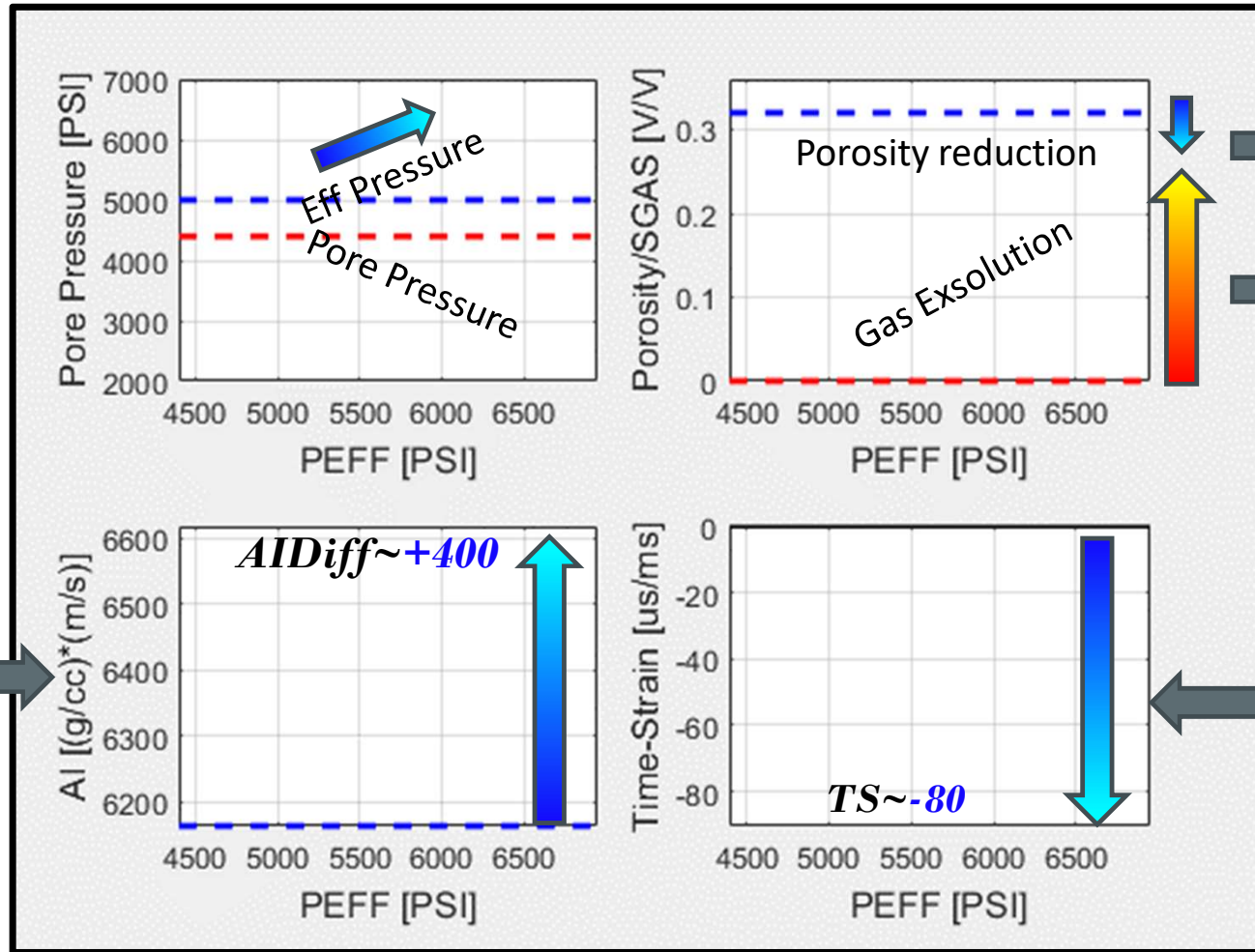
$$\Delta P_{press} < 0$$

$$\Delta S_g > 0$$

$$\Delta P_{bub} < 0$$

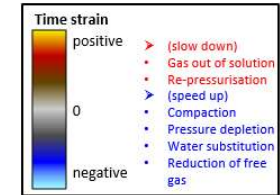
$$\Delta \phi < 0$$

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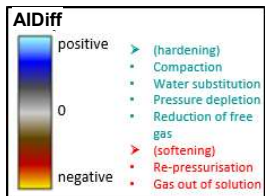
Porosity decrease because depletion

Gas increase as pressures sink lower than bubble point




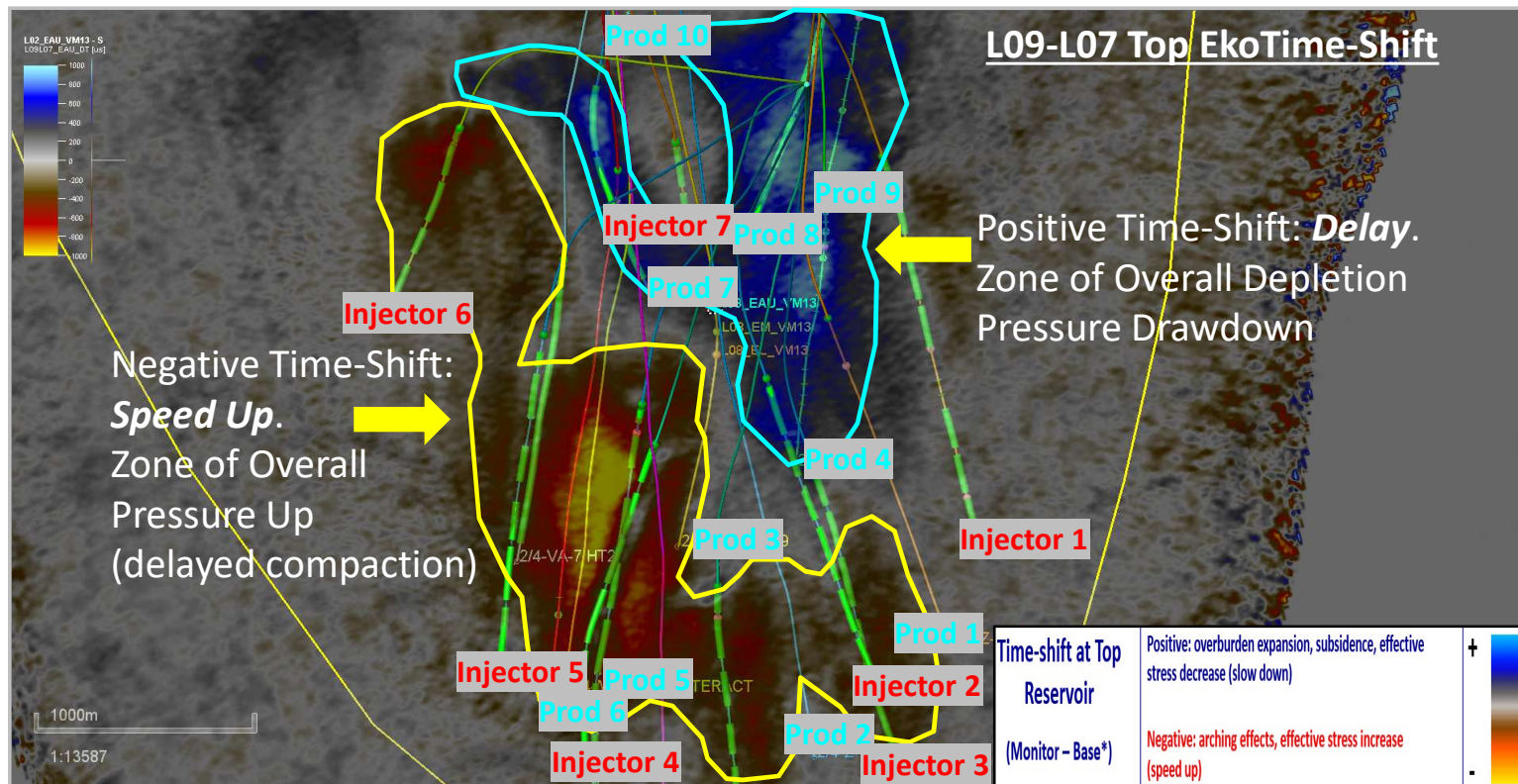
Speed up or negative time delay


Acoustic Hardening



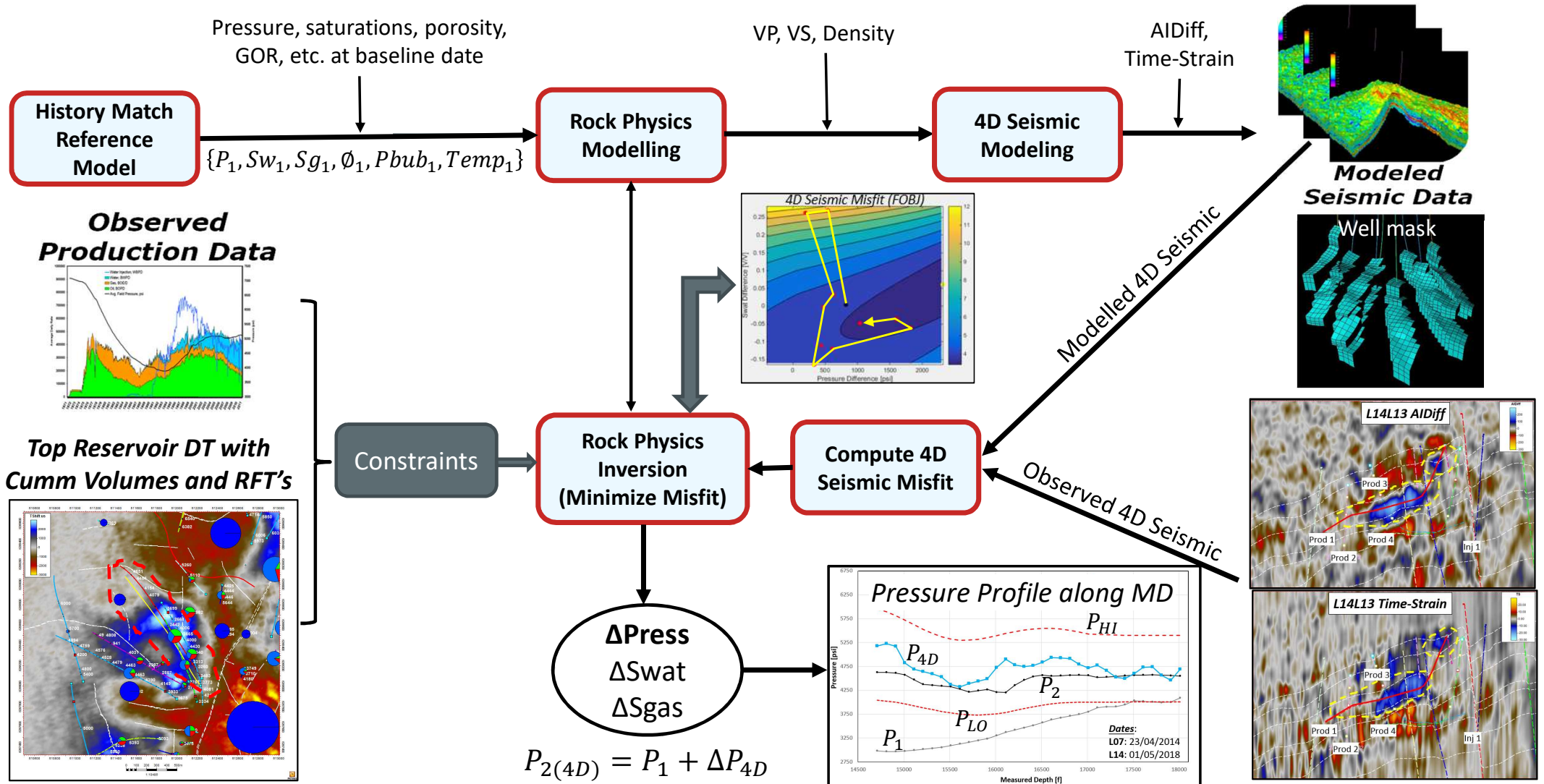
Overall Reservoir Pressure Regime from Top Ekofisk Time-Shift

 A positive (+) Time-Shift indicates a relative stretching (slow-down) of the overburden in response to overall reservoir depletion/compaction



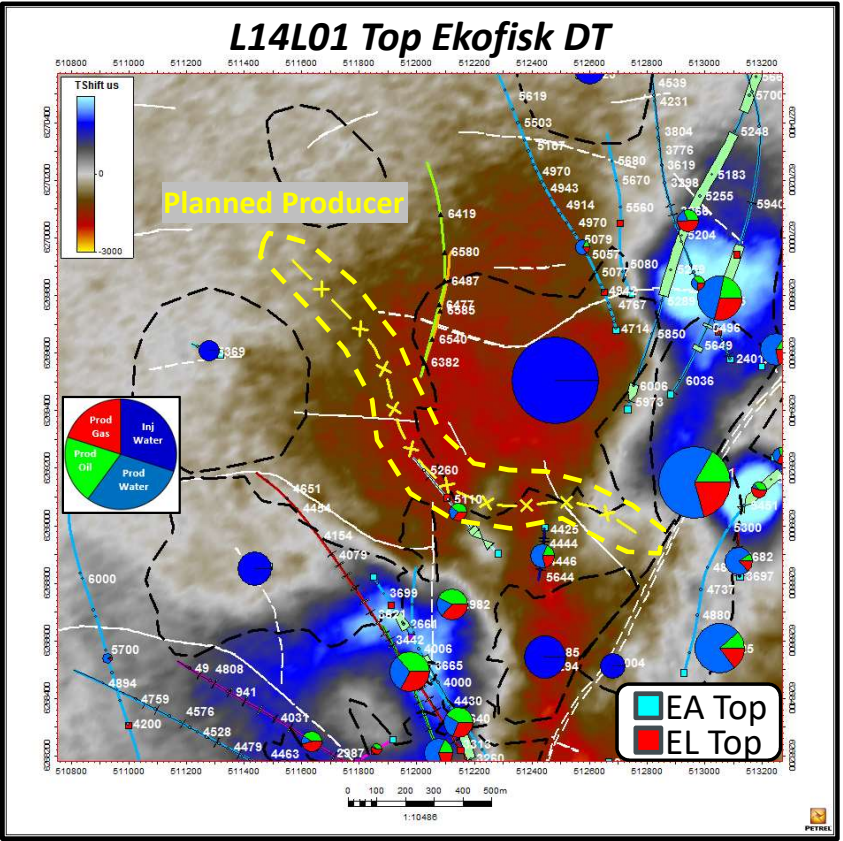
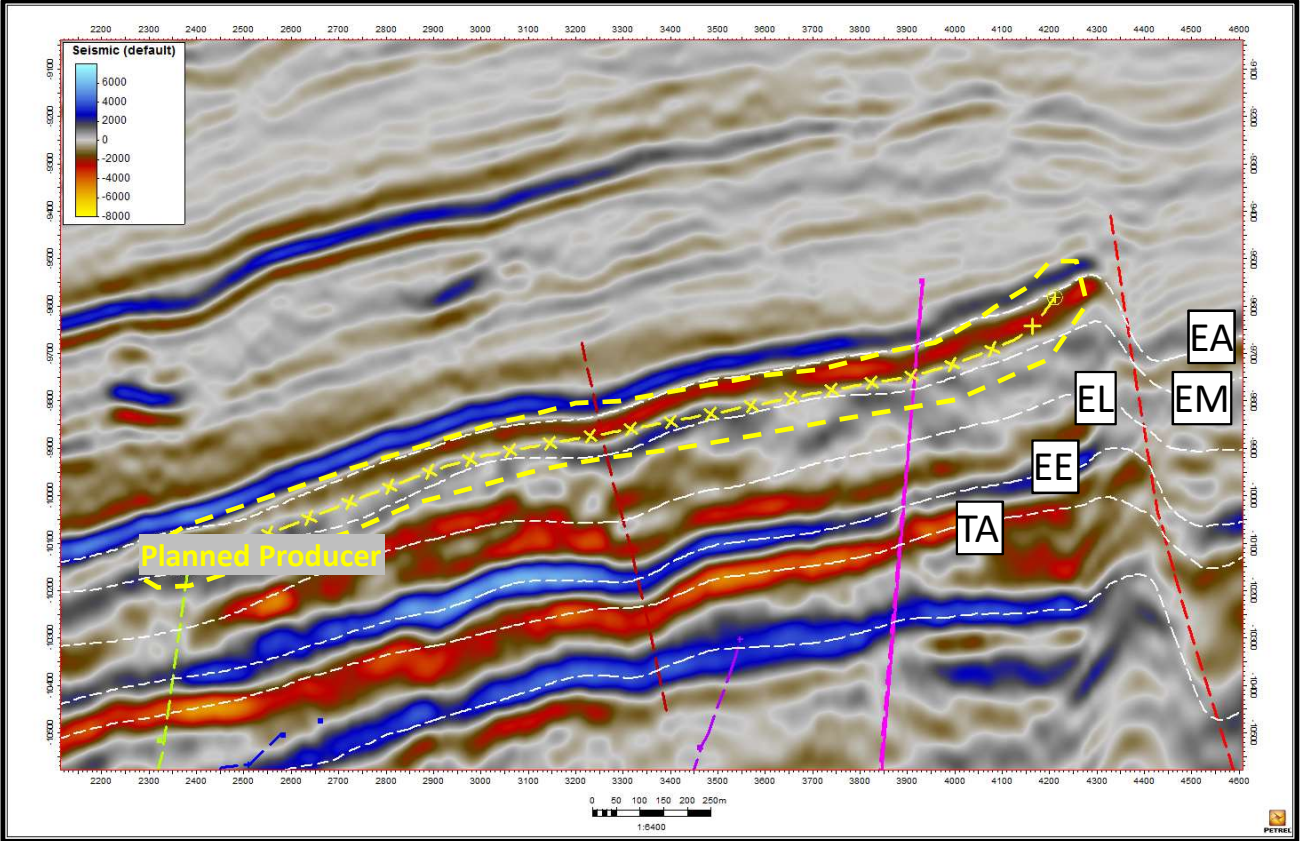
 A negative (-) Time-Shift indicates a tightening (speed-up) of the overburden in response to overall reservoir pressuring up (delayed compaction)

"Simplified" Workflow for Pressure Prognosis using 4D Seismic, Wells & Model



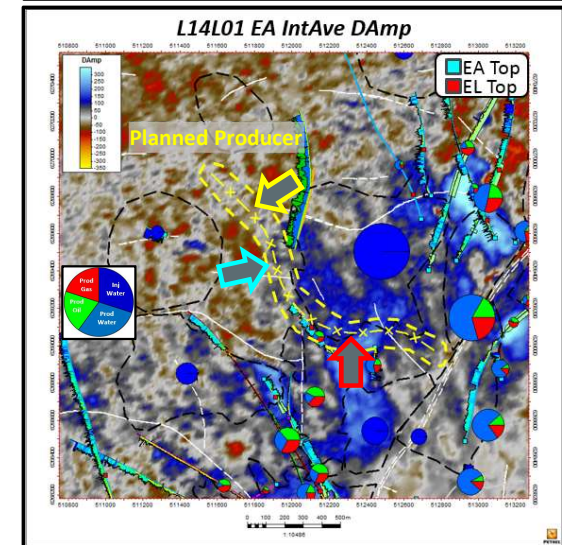
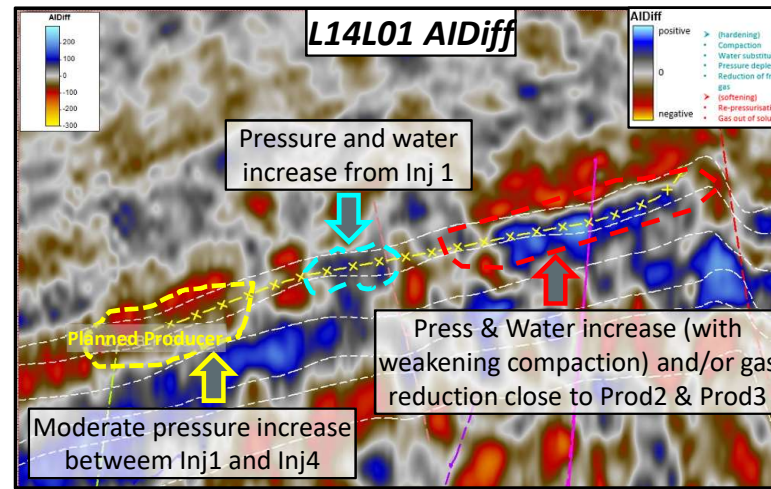
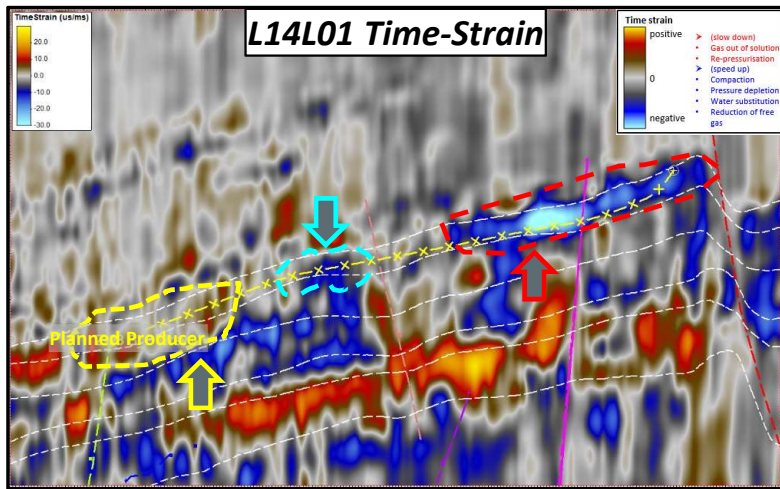
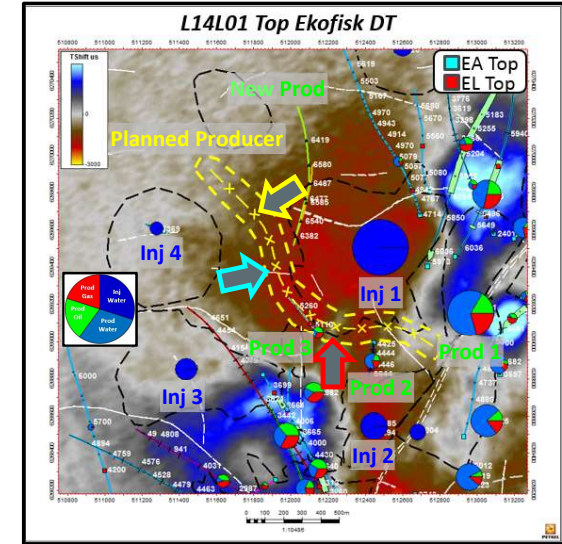
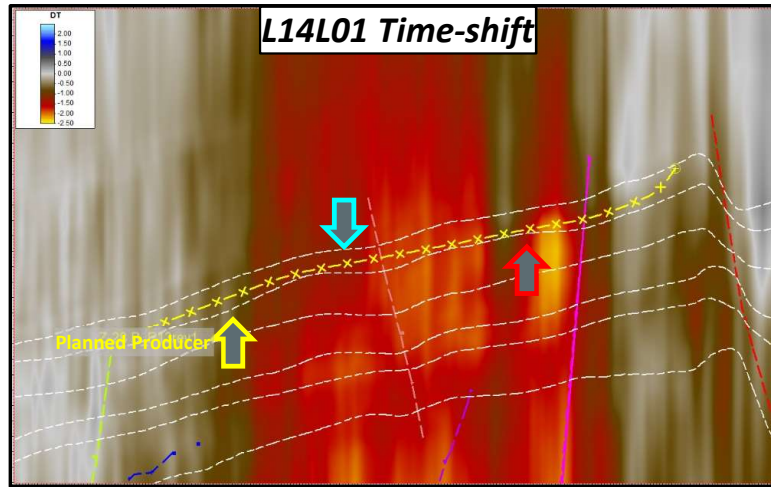
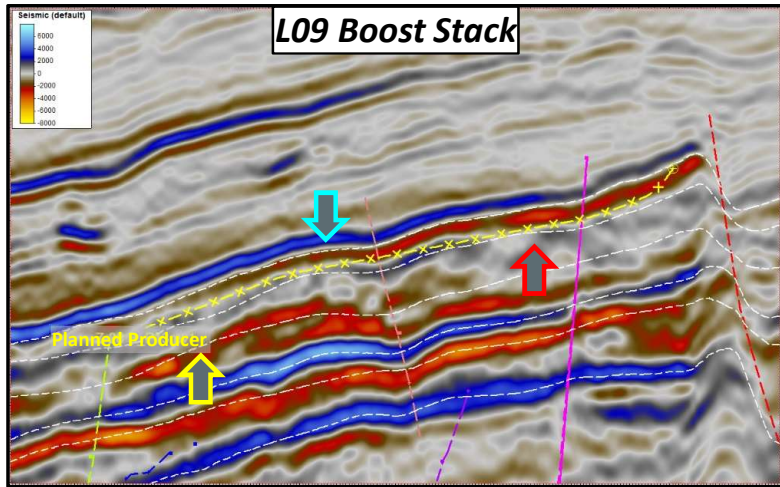
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Planned Producer 4D Prognosis : Well Location on Seismic and Overall Setting

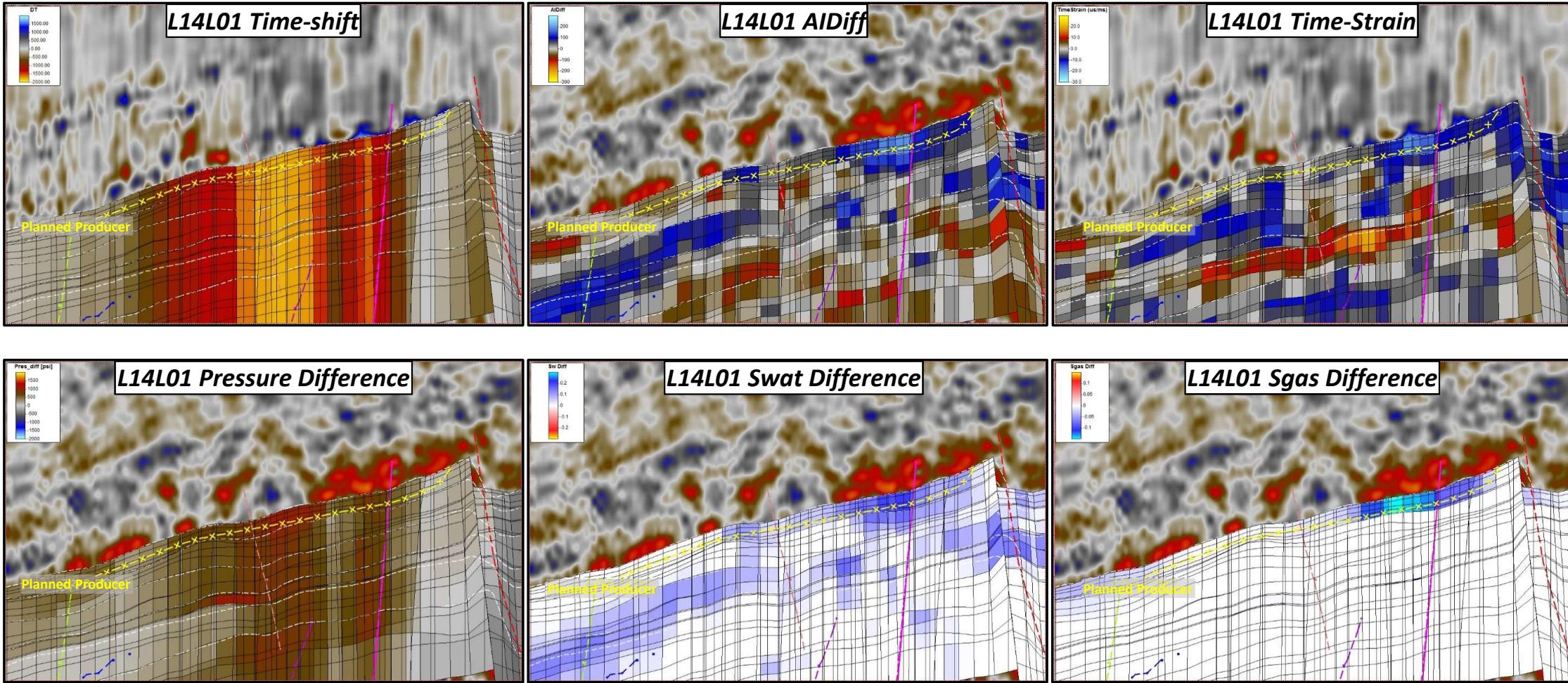


RFT pressure points are white annotations. EA Fm water front polygons are dashed black polygons. Produced and injected volumes per well in the period shown as pie/slice charts on middle perforation

Planned Producer 4D Prognosis: Summary of 4D Attributes along planned well path

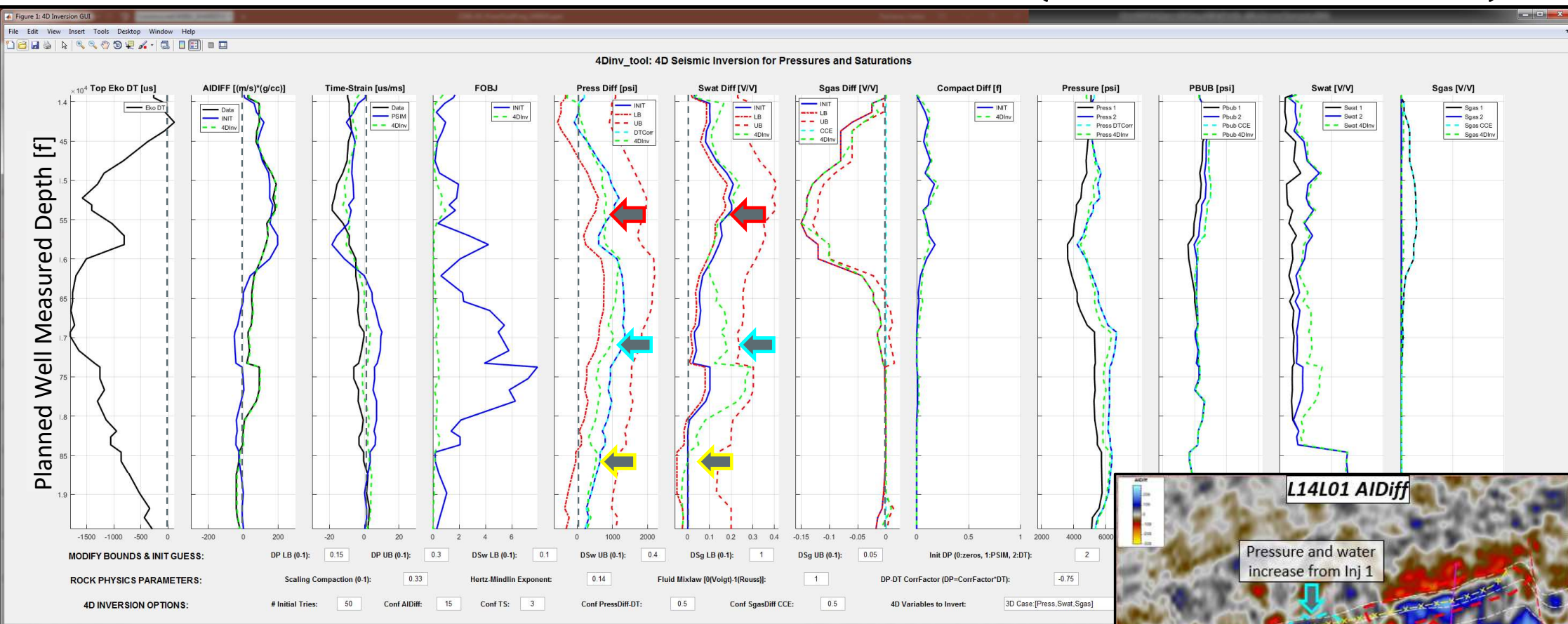


Planned Producer: Upscaled 4D Seismic and Flow Model Property Changes

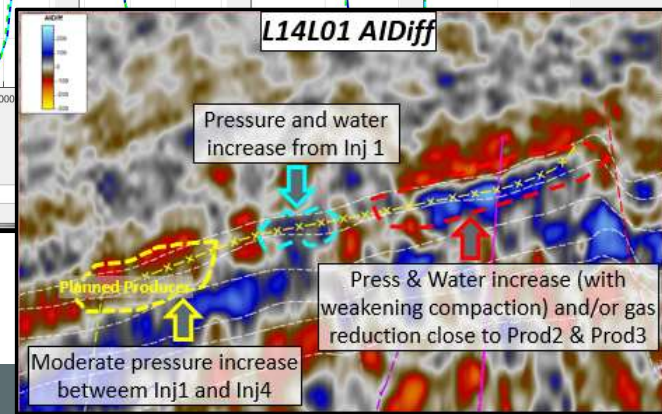


Planned Producer : 4D Seismic Inversion App along wellpath measured depth

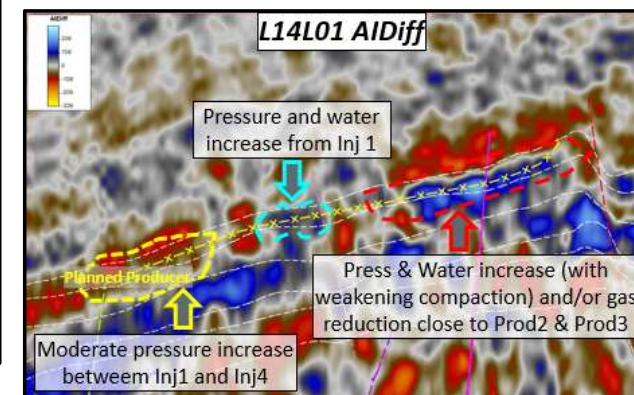
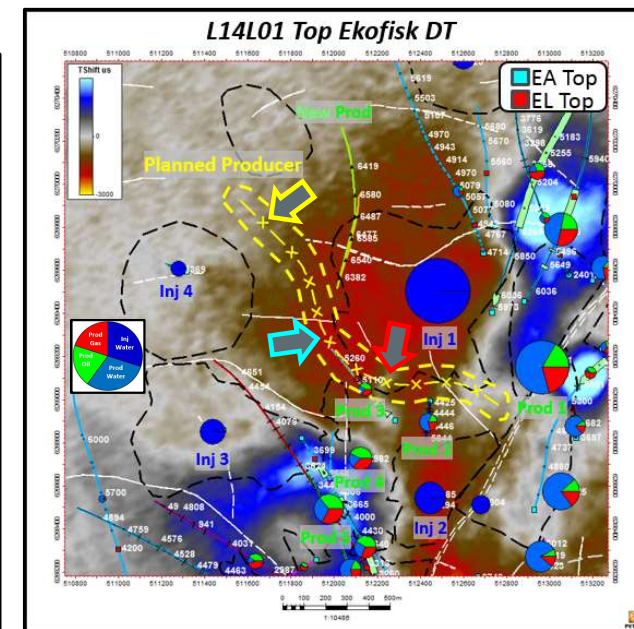
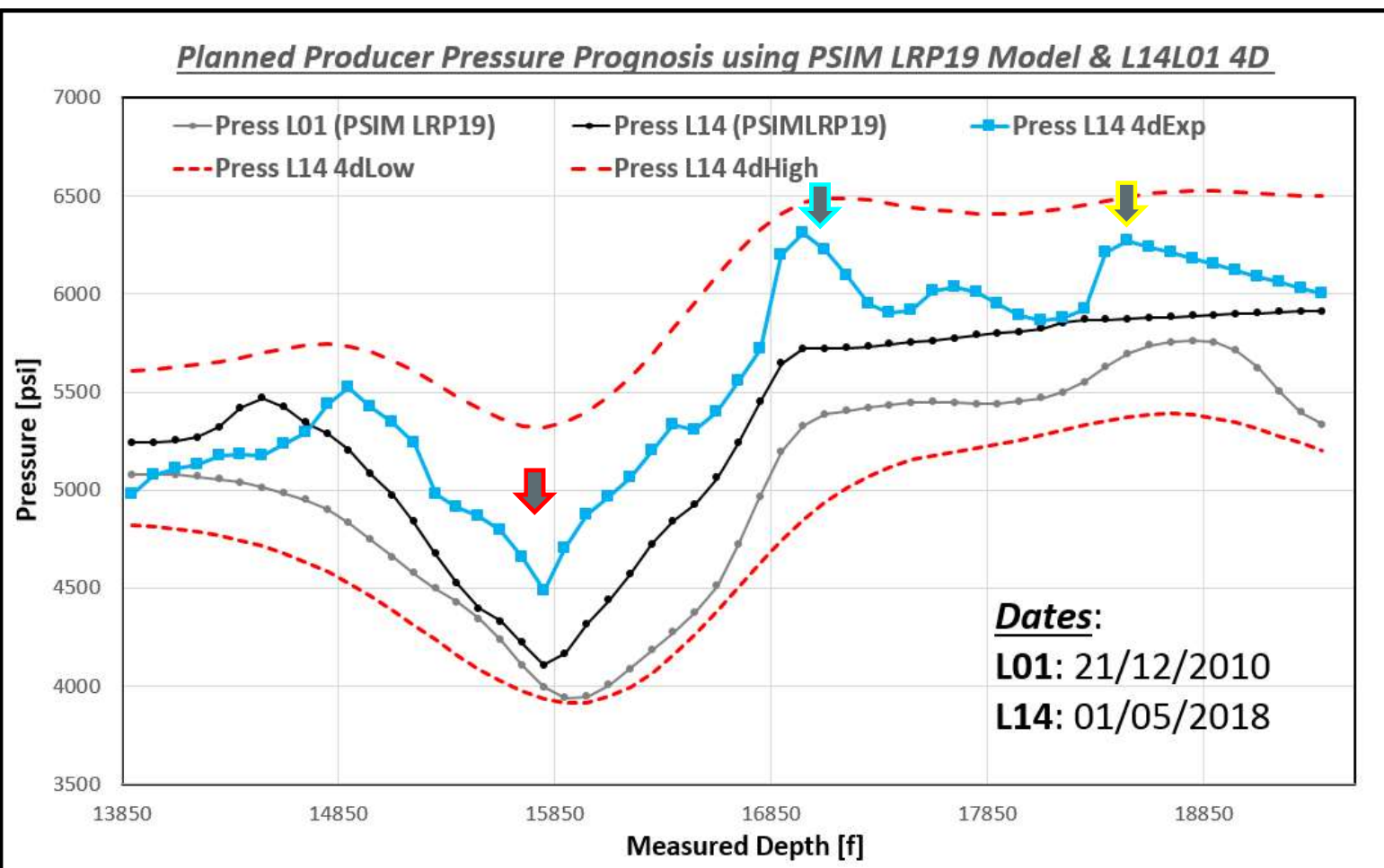
Absolute Reservoir Properties



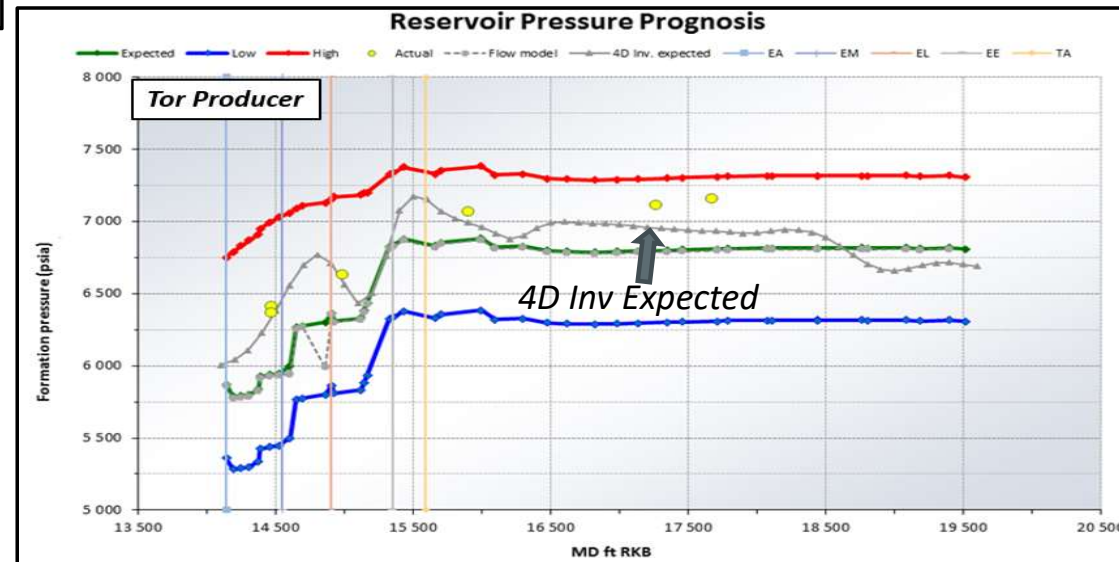
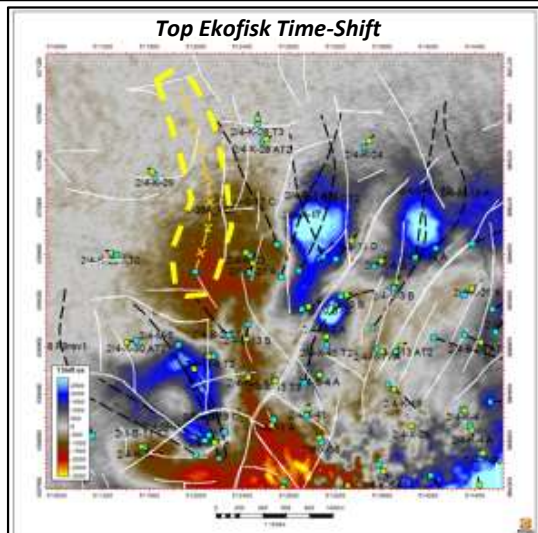
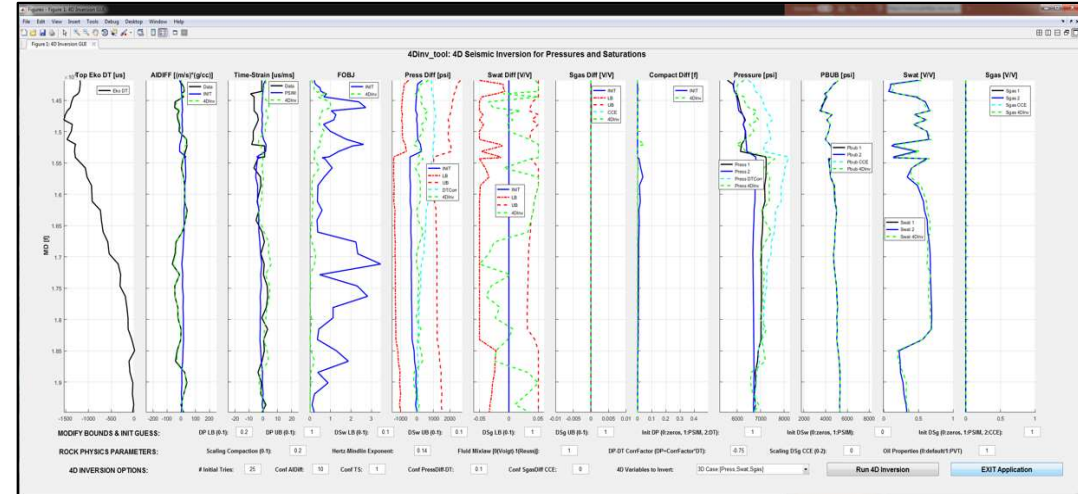
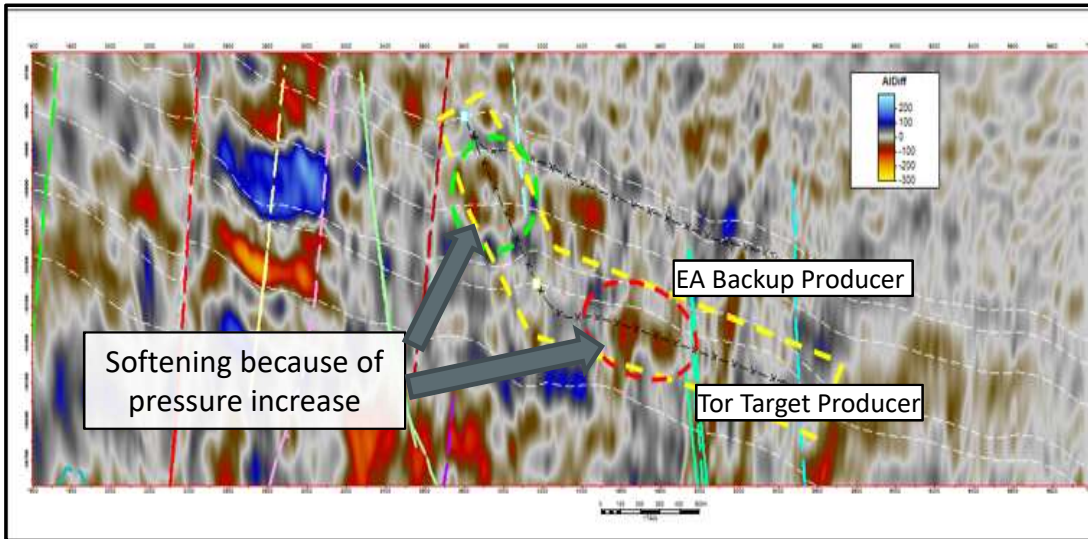
4D Seismic Attributes Misfit Function Inverted Reservoir Property Changes



Planned Producer Example: Integrated Model and 4D Seismic Pressure Prognosis

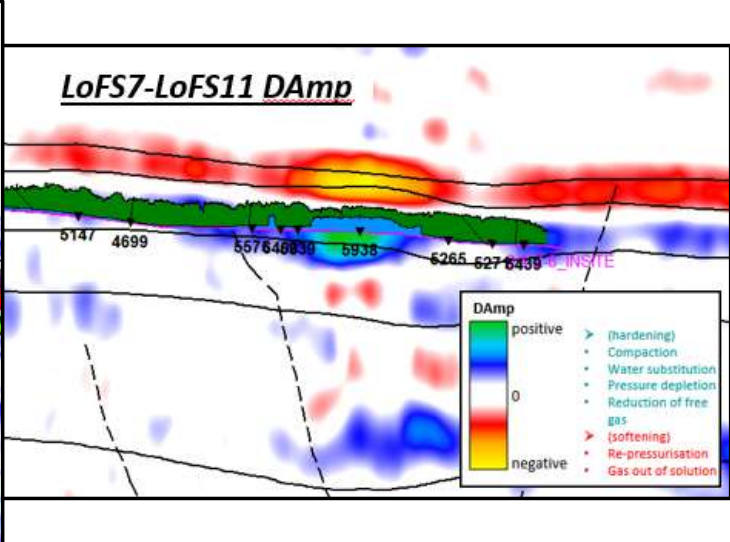
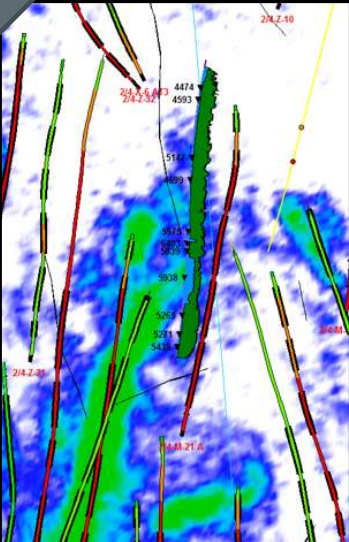
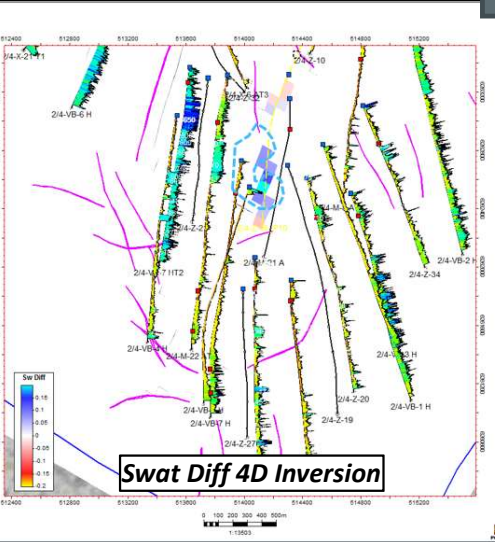
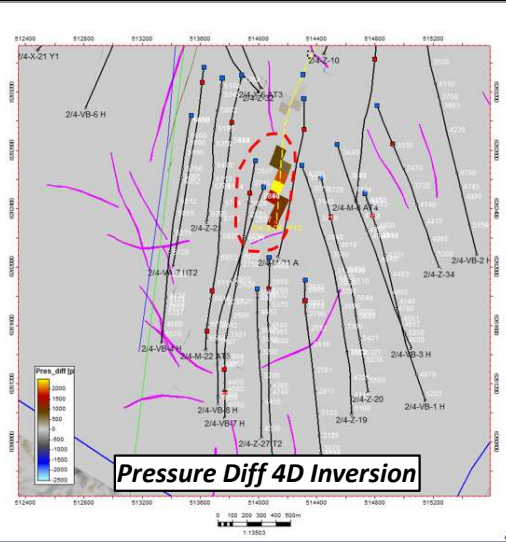
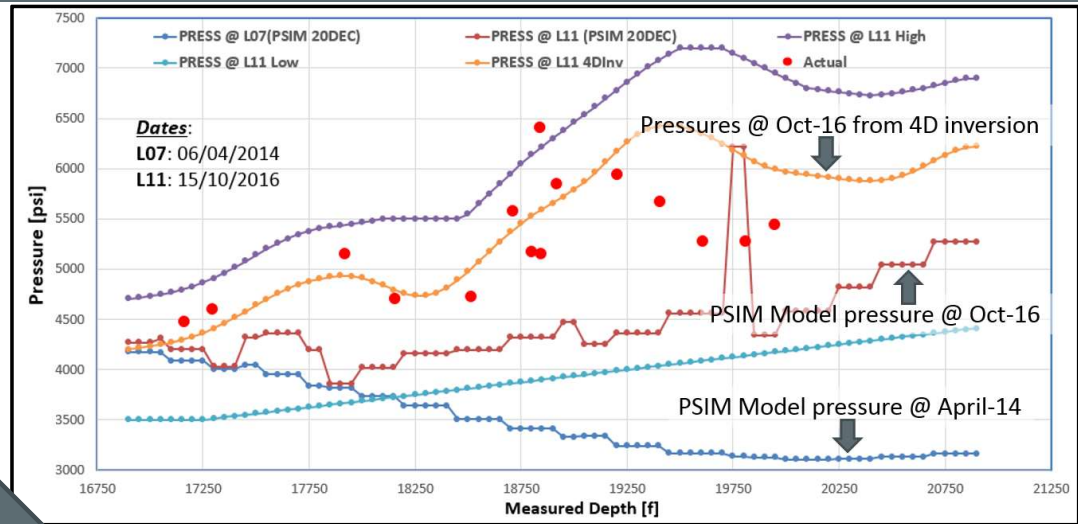
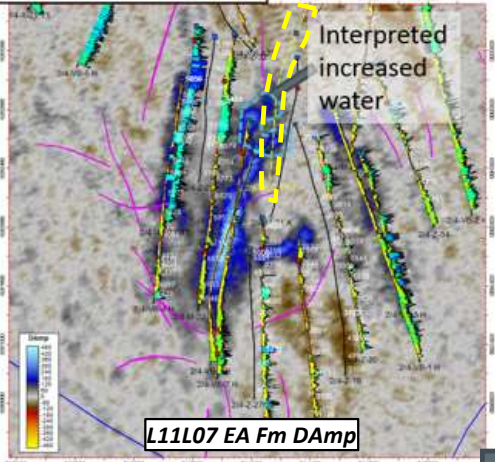
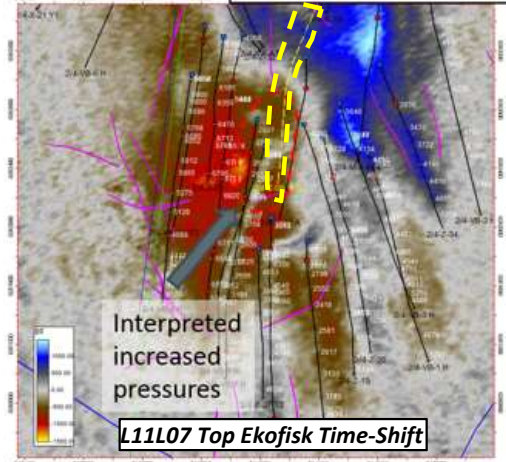


Pressure Prognosis Post Well Results: Tor Fm Well in NW Region



Pressure Prognosis Post Well Results: EA Fm Producer approaching injectors

Note: Blue colors indicate hardening, red: softening



Conclusions

- ❑ Seismic 4D data attributes have been incorporated routinely in the evaluation of infill well locations and their pressure profiles
- ❑ The 4D seismic inversion methodology along planned well paths provides a quick and interactive way of assessing both the 4D seismic attributes and the simulation model
- ❑ Pressure prognosis uncertainty and low/high case scenarios can be estimated by integrating simulation model results and the different solutions obtained by modifying the local constraints and bounds on the 4D inversion
- ❑ Caveat: Rock Physics Inversion is both non-linear and non-unique.
 - Need to constrain solution space
 - Include additional data such as AVO or seismic angle dependent elastic properties

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