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Presentation outline:

## Palaeogeography of Zechstein

- Southern Permian Basin and Northern Permian Basin
- Correlation of carbonate units between SBP and NPB

## Zechstein Limestone (Brońsko Gas Field)

- Hydrocarbon Play.
- Pattern Recognition from Seismic.

## Main Dolomite (BMB and LMG oil & gas fields)

- Hydrocarbon Play.
- Pattern Recognition from Seismic.
- Analysis of Seismic Attributes.
- Seismic Modeling.

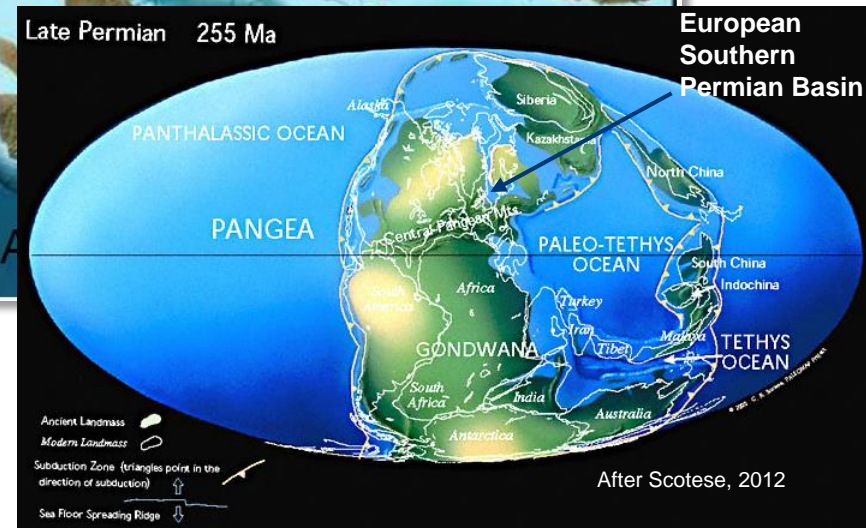


# Late Permian Paleogeography from Blakely (2014)

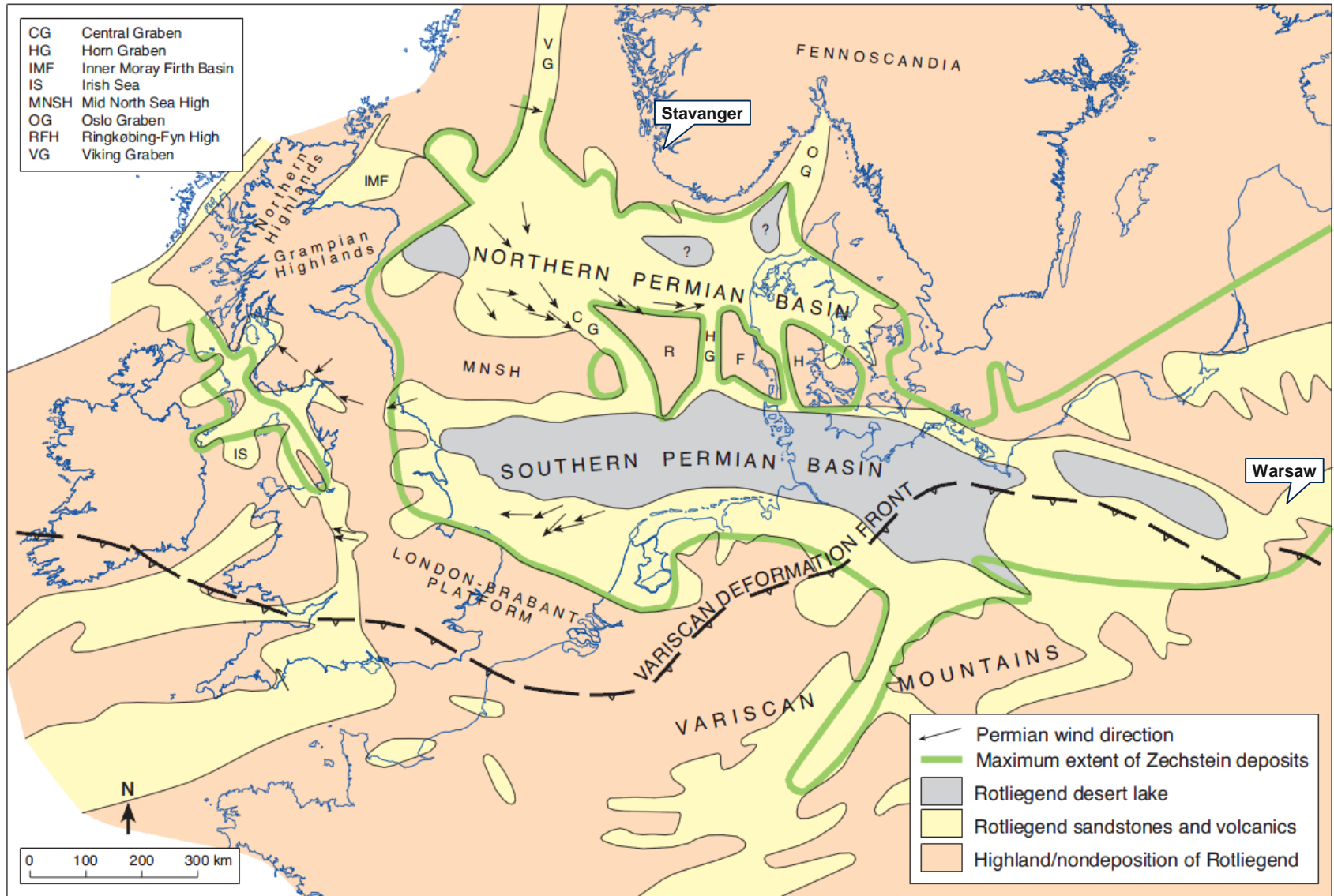
Tucker, 2016



Zechstein Sea Connected to Pantalassa Ocean 2000km to N/NE.  
Possible connection to Paleo-Tethys through the Polish Sub-Basin  
to the SE ?? Palaeo-latitude: 10-20°. Climate extremely arid.



# Sketch map of Permian sedimentary basin in north-west Europe





# Polish Zechstein Basin ....stratigraphy

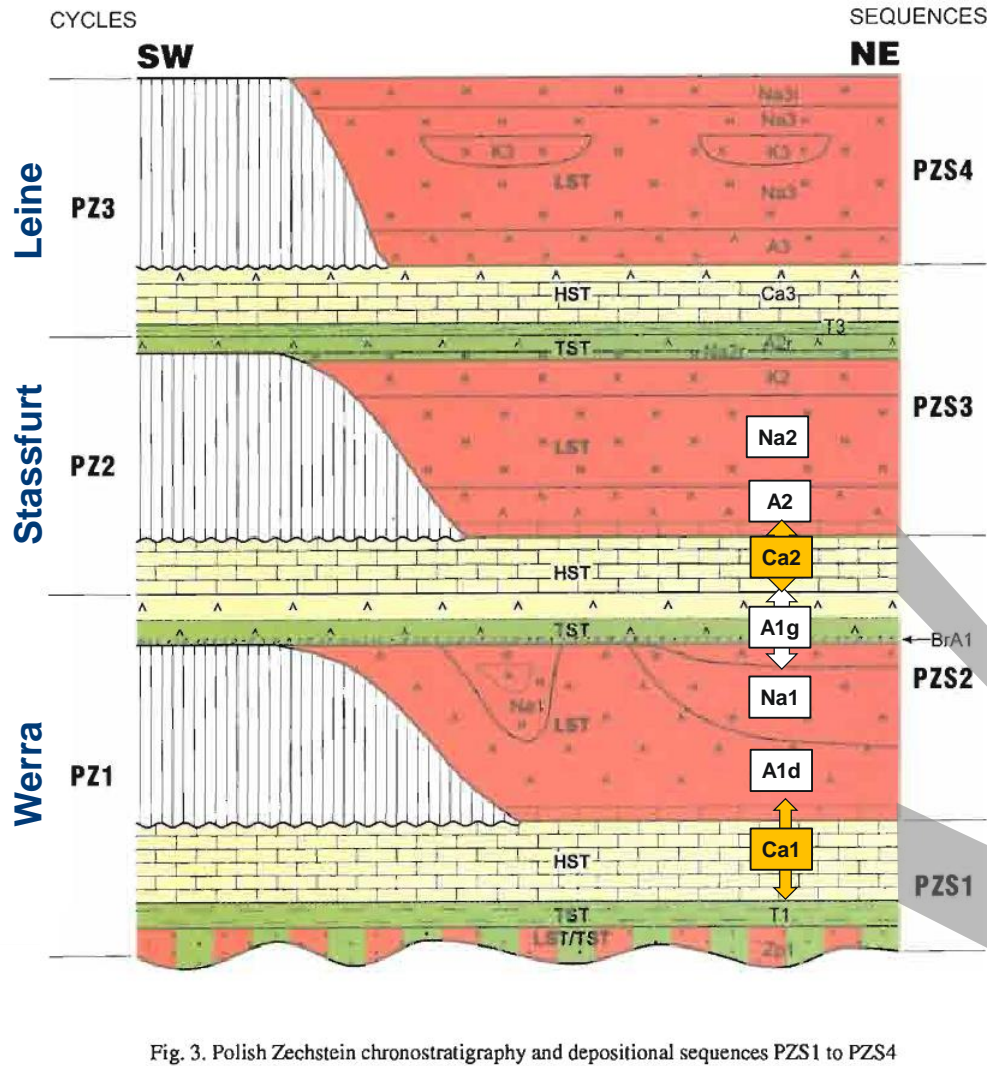
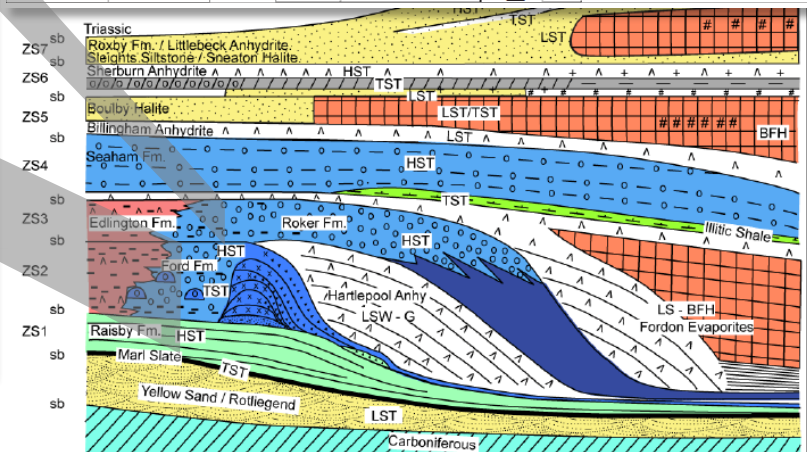
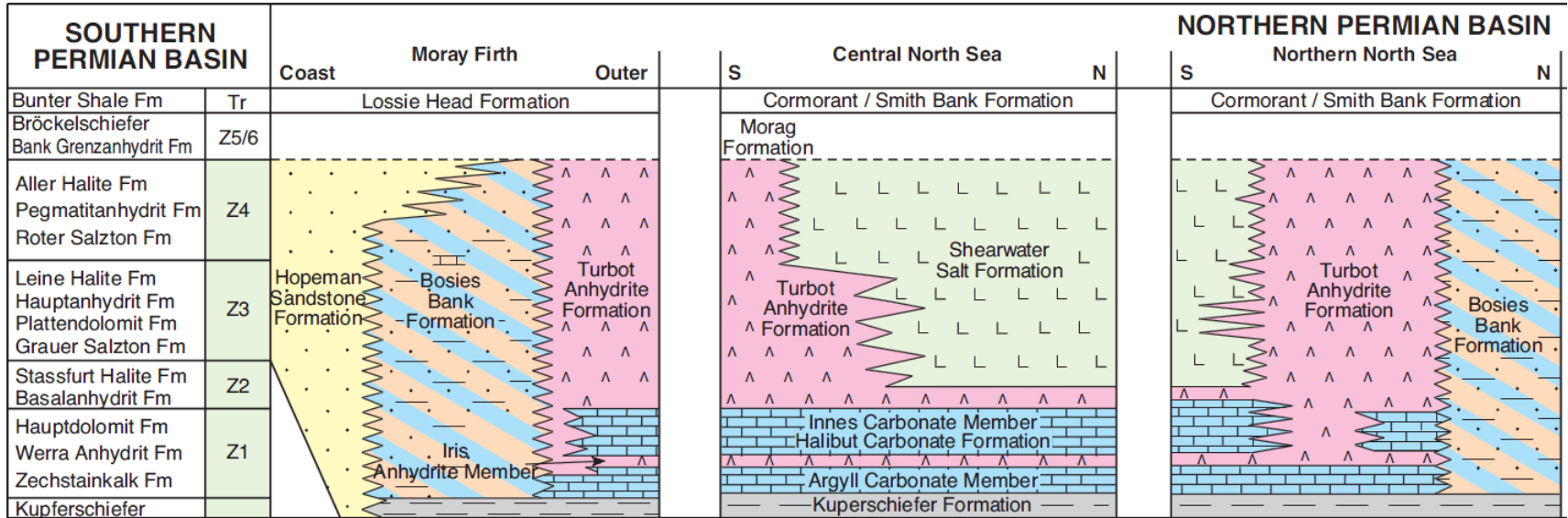


Fig. 3. Polish Zechstein chronostratigraphy and depositional sequences PZS1 to PZS4

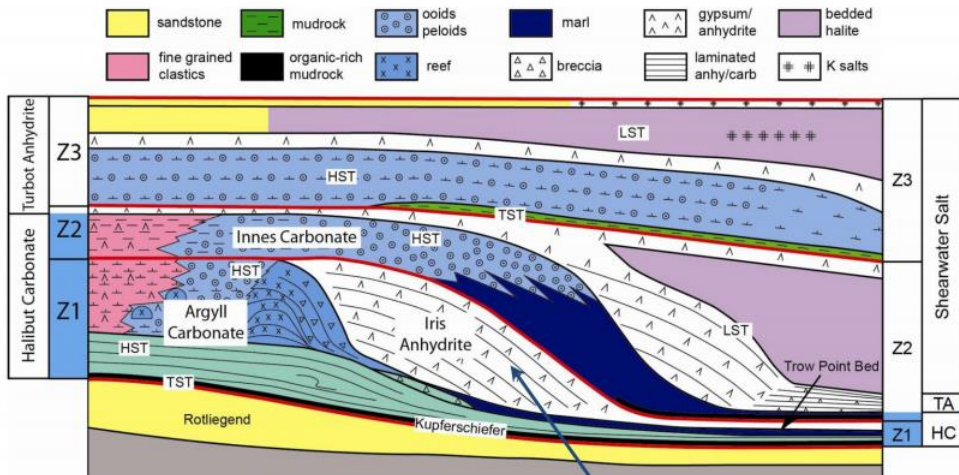
| Age [Ma]             | GLOBAL TIME SCALE |                |                | POLISH ZECHSTEIN BASIN |                                     |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                      | SYSTEM            | SERIES         | STAGE          | LITHOSTRATIGRAPHY      |                                     |
| 251.0                | TRIASSIC          | EARLY          | INDUAN         | BUNT-SANDSTEIN         | Lower Tp <sub>1</sub><br>Baltic Fm. |
| 255.0                | PERMIAN           | LOPINGIAN      | P <sub>3</sub> | CHANGHSINGIAN          | Zechstein 4<br>PZ4                  |
|                      |                   |                |                |                        | Zechstein 3<br>PZ3                  |
| 258.0<br>or<br>260.4 | PERMIAN           | LOPINGIAN      | P <sub>3</sub> | WUCHIAPINGIAN          | Zechstein 2<br>PZ2                  |
|                      |                   |                |                |                        | Zechstein 1<br>PZ1                  |
|                      | GUADALUPIAN       | P <sub>2</sub> | CAPITANIAN     | ROTLEGEND              | Upper<br>Notec Subgroup             |



# Comparison of the Zechstein development of the NPB with the classic SPB



## Lower Zechstein architecture in Southern Permian Basin



## Halibut Carbonate Formation

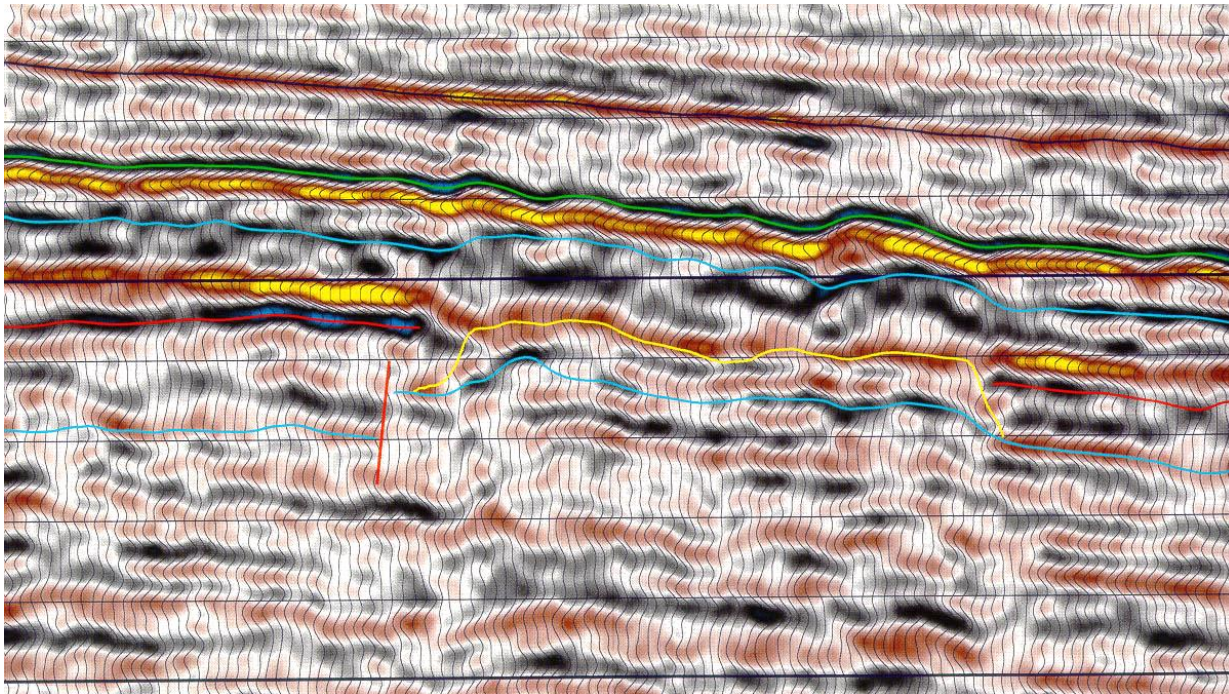
Two carbonate sequences of the Halibut Carbonate Formation (Figure 8.1) were deposited at times of free circulation of sea water during the first two Zechstein cycles. The intervening Iris Anhydrite Member represents restricted marine conditions, possibly that of a sabkha late in cycle Z1. The Z1 Argyl Carbonate Member and Iris Anhydrite Member (Figure 8.19) correlate with the classical German Zechsteinkalk and Werraanhydrit respectively in the Southern Permian Basin. The upper carbonate correlates with the Innes Carbonate Member of the Hauptdolomit (Cameron, 1993a; Taylor, 1998). The

Evans et al. 2003  
Madeleine et al. 2018



# Zechstein Limestone – Ca1

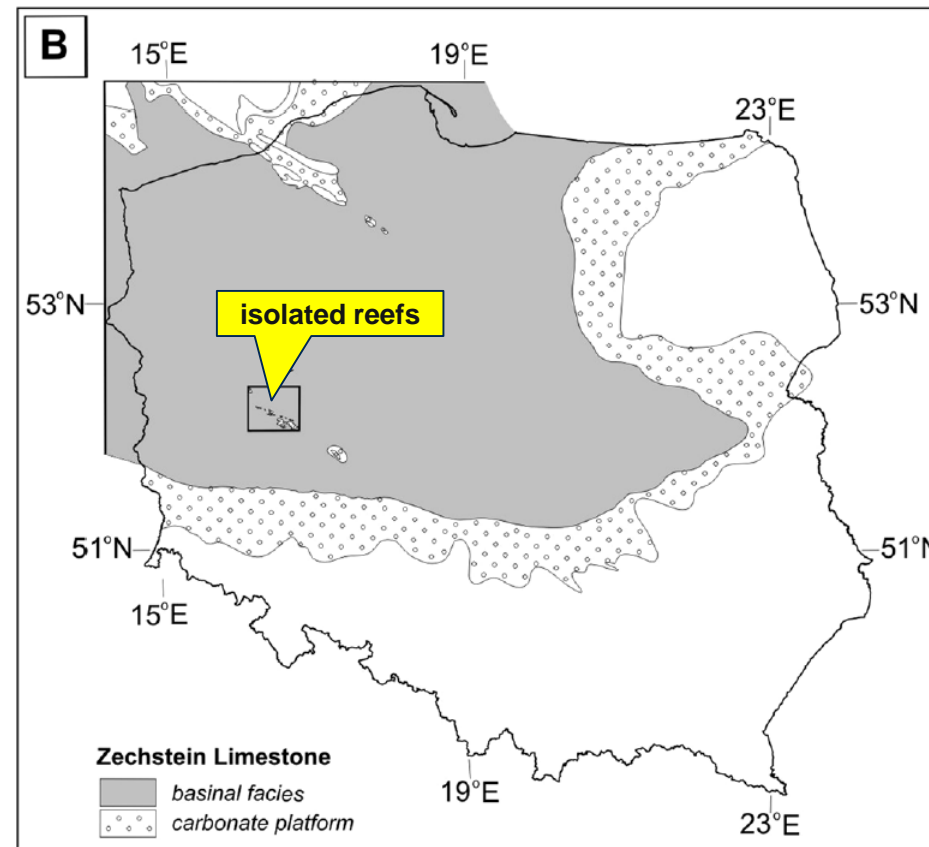
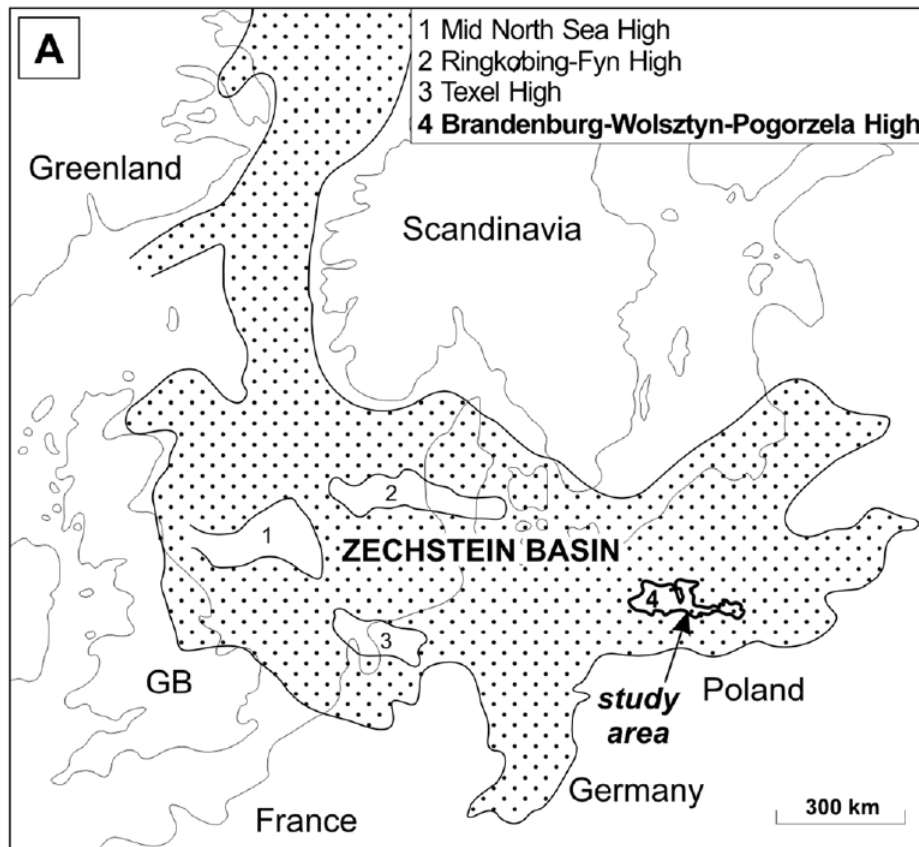
(≈ *Argyll Carbonate Member*)





# Zechstein basin, showing the position of the Brandenburg-Wolsztyn-Pogorzela palaeo-High

Basin facies of the Zechstein Limestone in Poland, showing the occurrence of isolated reefs related to the Brandenburg-Wolsztyn-Pogorzela palaeo-High.



# Palaeogeomorphology of the basal Zechstein across the Wolsztyn High

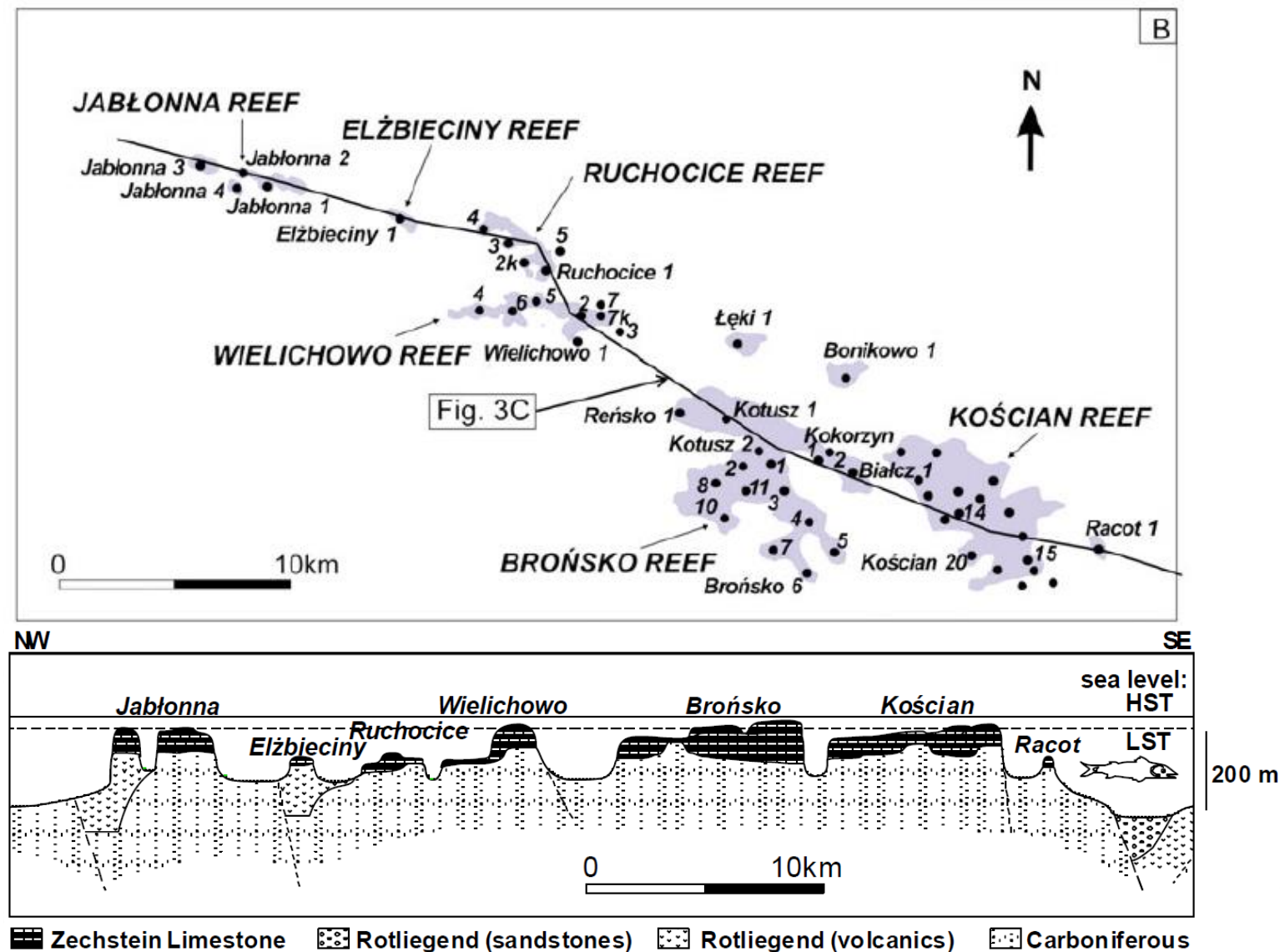


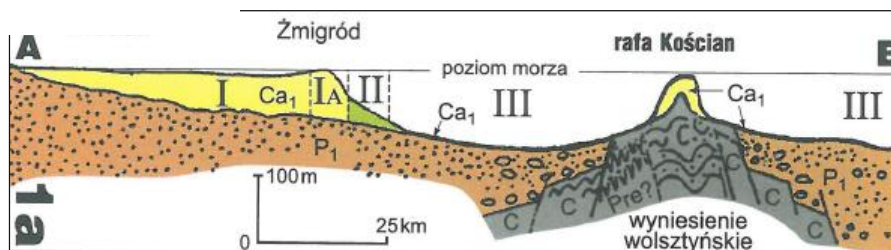
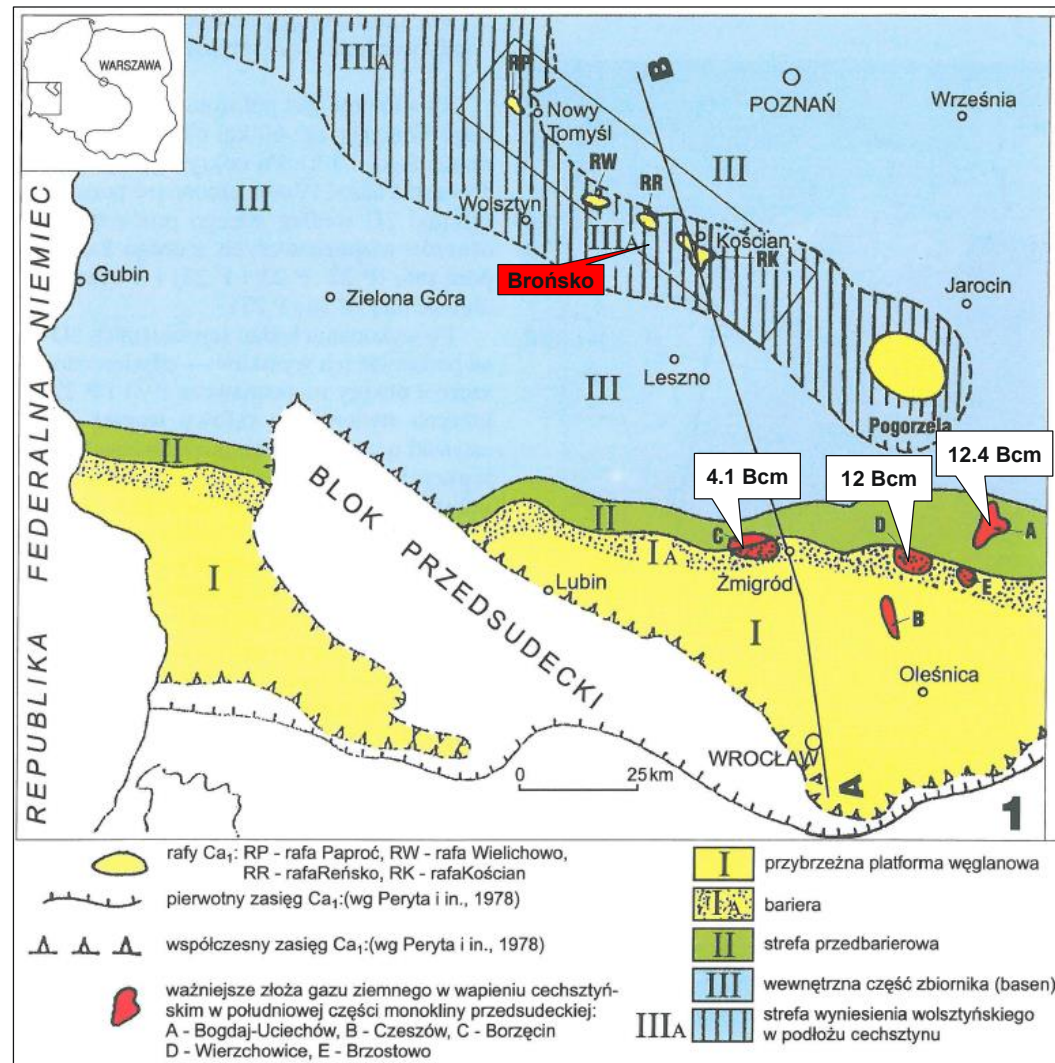
Figure 3. (A) Palaeogeomorphology of the basal Zechstein across the Wolsztyn High along the line shown in Figure 2 (after Hryniv and Peryt, 2010); A1d—Lower Anhydrite, A1g—Upper Anhydrite, A2—Basal Anhydrite, Ca2—Main Dolomite, Na1—Oldest Halite, Na2—Older Halite; r—reefs of the Zechstein Limestone; the Z1 evaporites are dotted; (B) Location map showing the distribution of reefs and the wells drilled; (C) Cross-section (along the line shown in Figure 3B) showing a reef complex developed on various facies, in terms of age and lithology, of basement blocks associated with Wolsztyn High area (after Kiersnowski *et al.*, 2010, figure 6B). This figure is available in colour online at [wileyonlinelibrary.com/journal/gj](http://wileyonlinelibrary.com/journal/gj)

# Palaeogeography of the Ca1 HC play – source rock

The Zechstein Limestone (Ca1) belongs to the same petroleum system as the Rotliegend sandstones (with Carboniferous source rocks).

Late Carboniferous bituminous shales (Lower Namurian (?) and Westphalian A to C) coal-bearing sequences are the source rocks for the gases in the Rotliegend/Ca1 reservoirs.

III type of kerogen with admixture of I/II type





# Harz Mts. outcrops of the Ca1 reefs



**Westerstein reef**  
*Stromatolitic reefs of Ca1*



**Top of the Ritterstein**  
*High Energy facies of Ca1*



## Kotusz-2 (Brońsko Reef)

*Horridonia* biofacies,  
lower part of biofacies



## Kotusz-2 (Brońsko Reef)

Branched and columnar  
bryozoan zoaria - bryozoan bafflestone



## Kościan-19 (Kościan Reef)

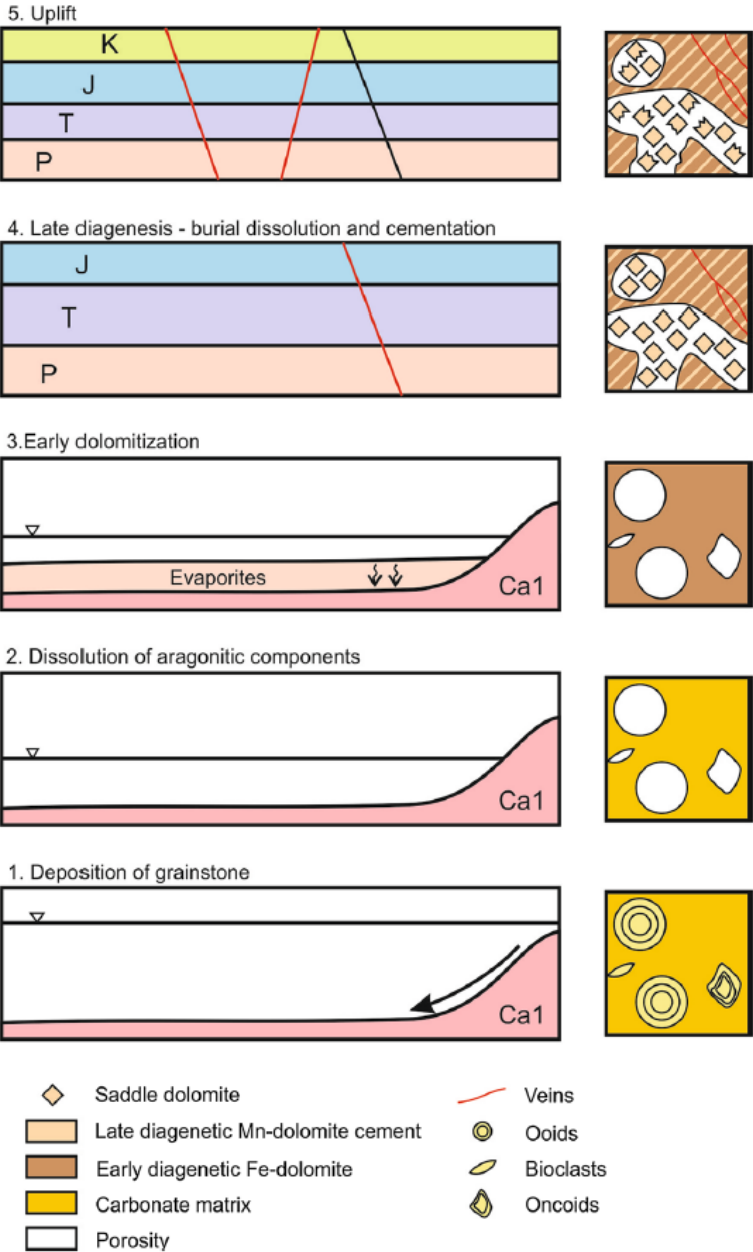


Five Zechstein units can generally be recognised below the Werra Anhydrite, the evaporite which caps the Zechstein Limestone, in the Wolsztyn Ridge area:

1 - breccia; 2 - bioclastic grainstones with extraclasts; 3 - bioclastic grainstones and packstones with abundant anhydrite; 3 - bioclastic wackestones-grainstones with intraclastic; 4 - breccia and carbonate crusts; 5 - stromatolitic-pisolitic carbonates.

# Origin of porosity in the Ca1 reefs

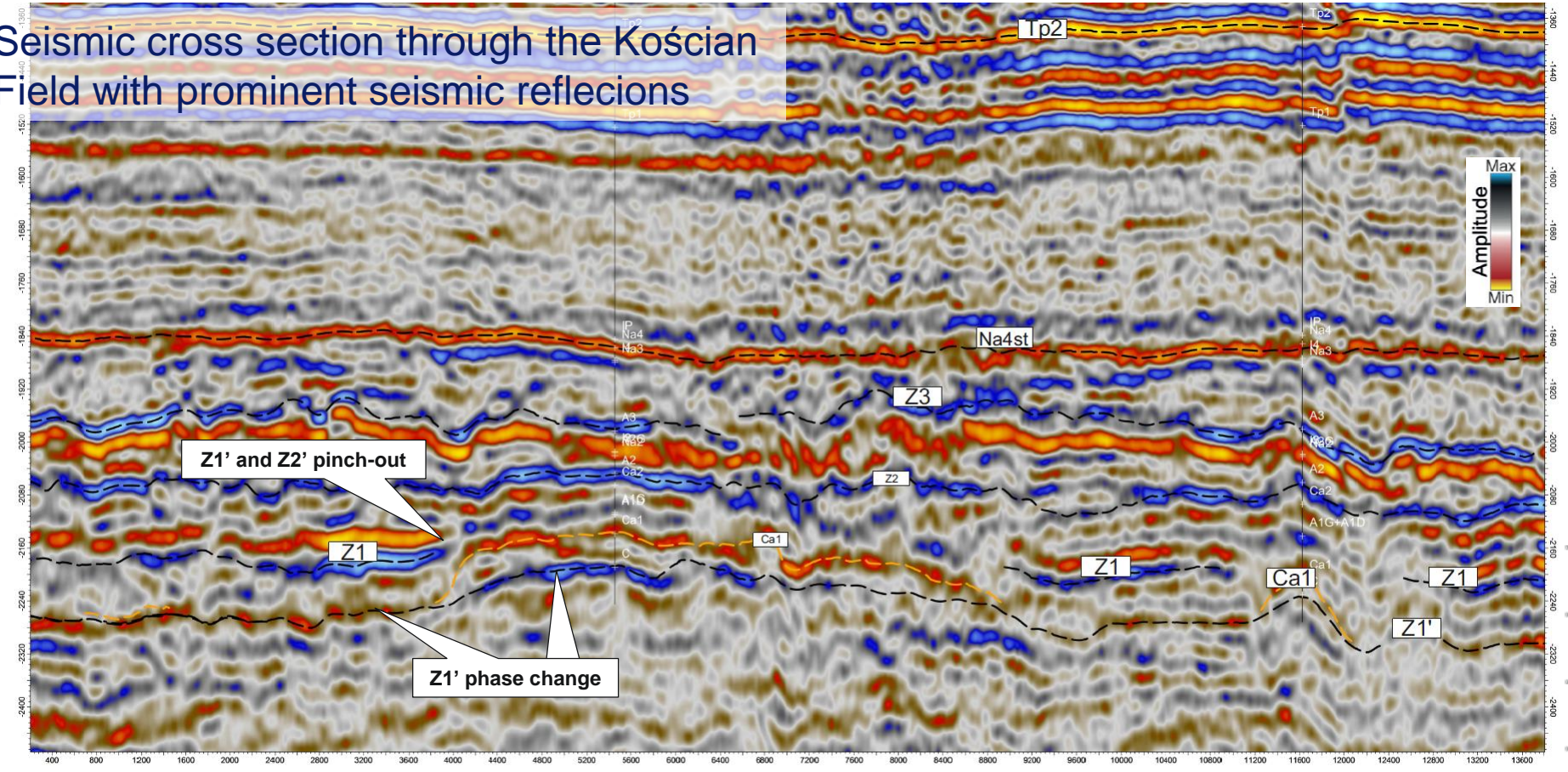
According: Poszytek & Suchan, 2015



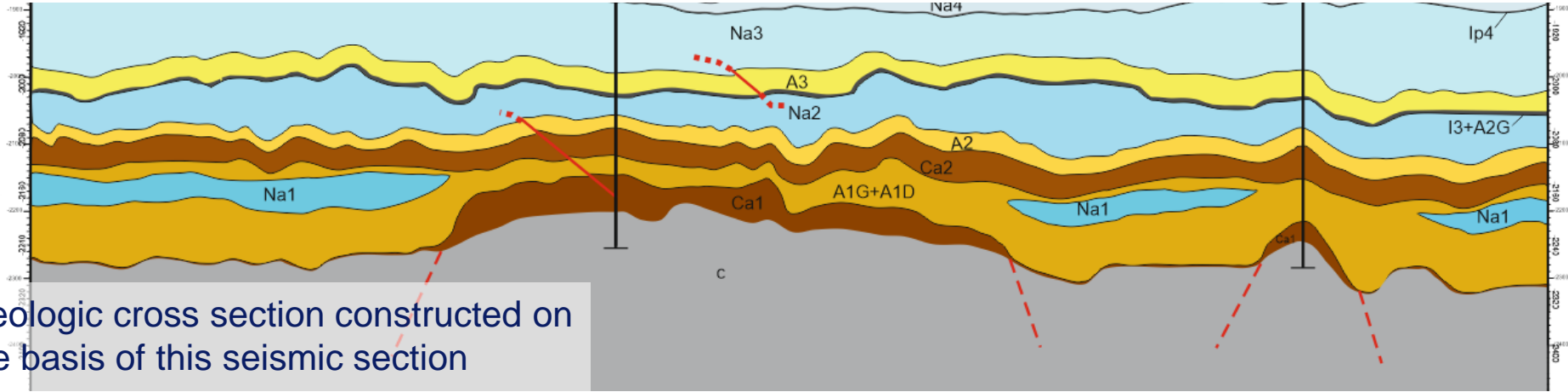
**Fig. 8** Five stages in the origin of porosity in the tight-gas reservoir horizon. **1** Formation of grainstone by redeposition of unconsolidated sediment from carbonate platform, **2** dissolution of aragonitic components—formation of vugs increasing porosity, **3** early dolomitization and recrystallization by evaporitic waters during deposition of anhydrite and salts—increasing intercrystalline porosity, **4** during burial dissolution and cementation of grainstone by Mn-rich dolomite—the main stage of porosity and tight-gas rock formation, **5** partial dissolution of dolomite and formation of fractures filled by anhydrite



# Seismic cross section through the Kościan Field with prominent seismic reflections



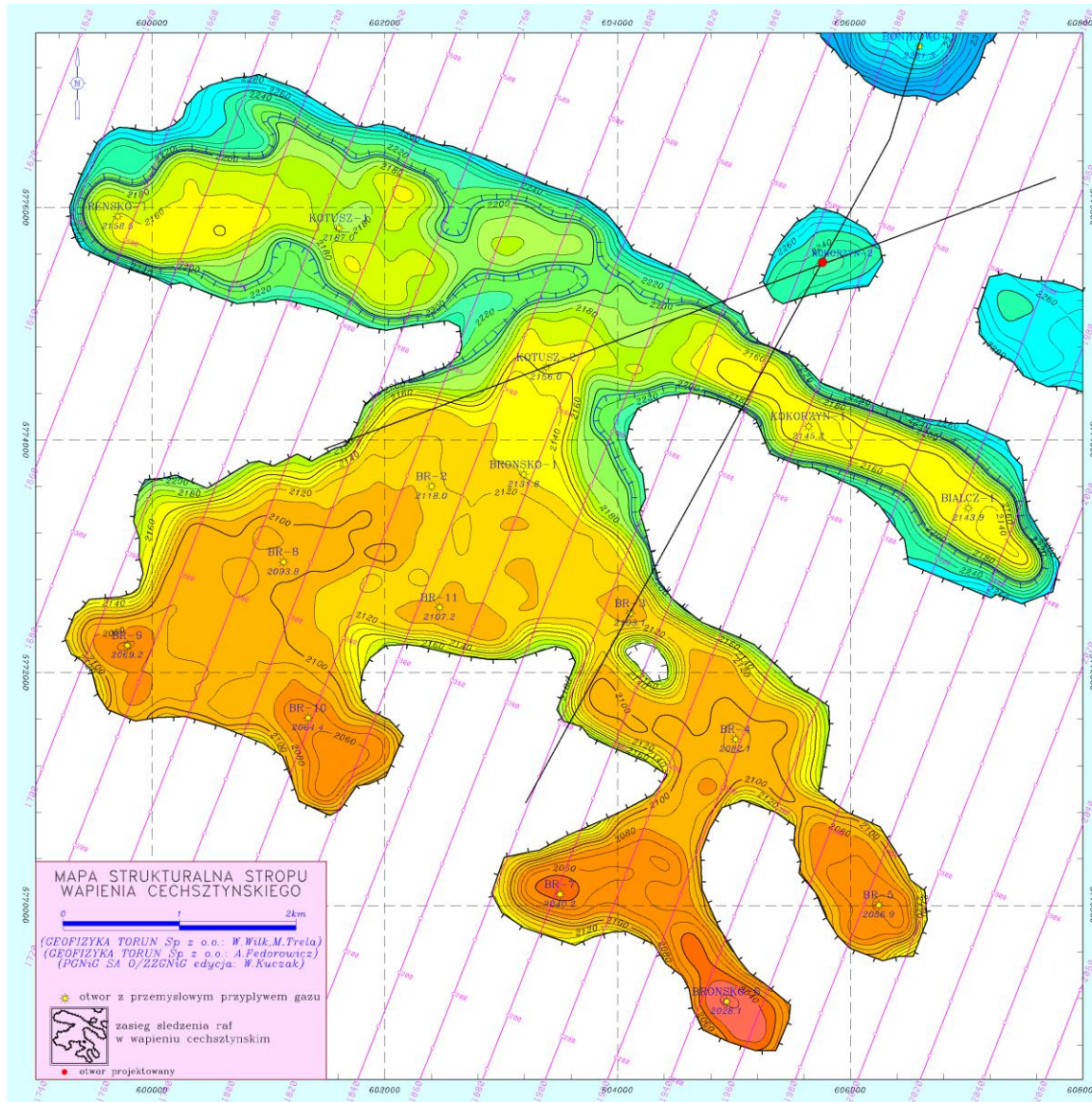
## INTERPRETOWANE HORIZONTY SEJSMICZNE wg Geofizyki Totuń :



Geologic cross section constructed on the basis of this seismic section



# STRUCTURAL MAP OF the Ca1 TOP THE BROŃSKO FIELD

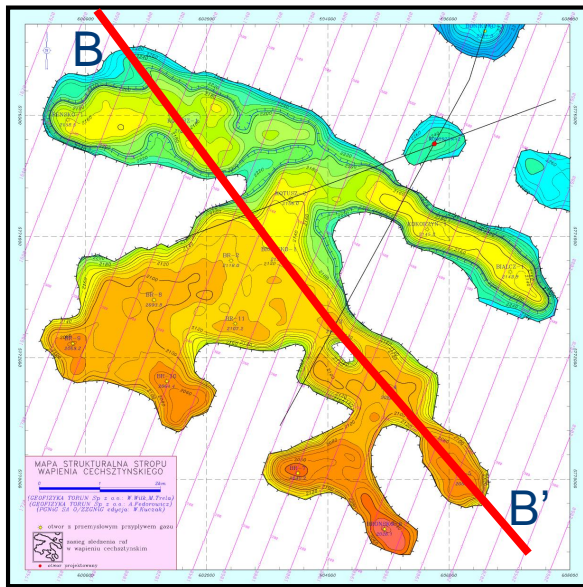


Discovery – 1998  
 Start of production - 2001  
 Area – 29.6 km<sup>2</sup>  
 Gas in place: 28 Bcm  
 Reserves: 23.8 Bcm  
 RF: 0.85  
 Annual production: 780 MMcm  
 Column height – 176m

Gas composition [%vol]:  
 C1 – 75.14%  
 C2 – 0.94%  
 C3 – 0.05%  
 ...  
 N2 – 23.29%  
 CO2 – 0.4%  
 He – 0.14%

Ca1  
 Porosity: 10-20%  
 Permeability: 0-400mD (av. 42mD)

Reservoir pressure - 24.61 MPa.

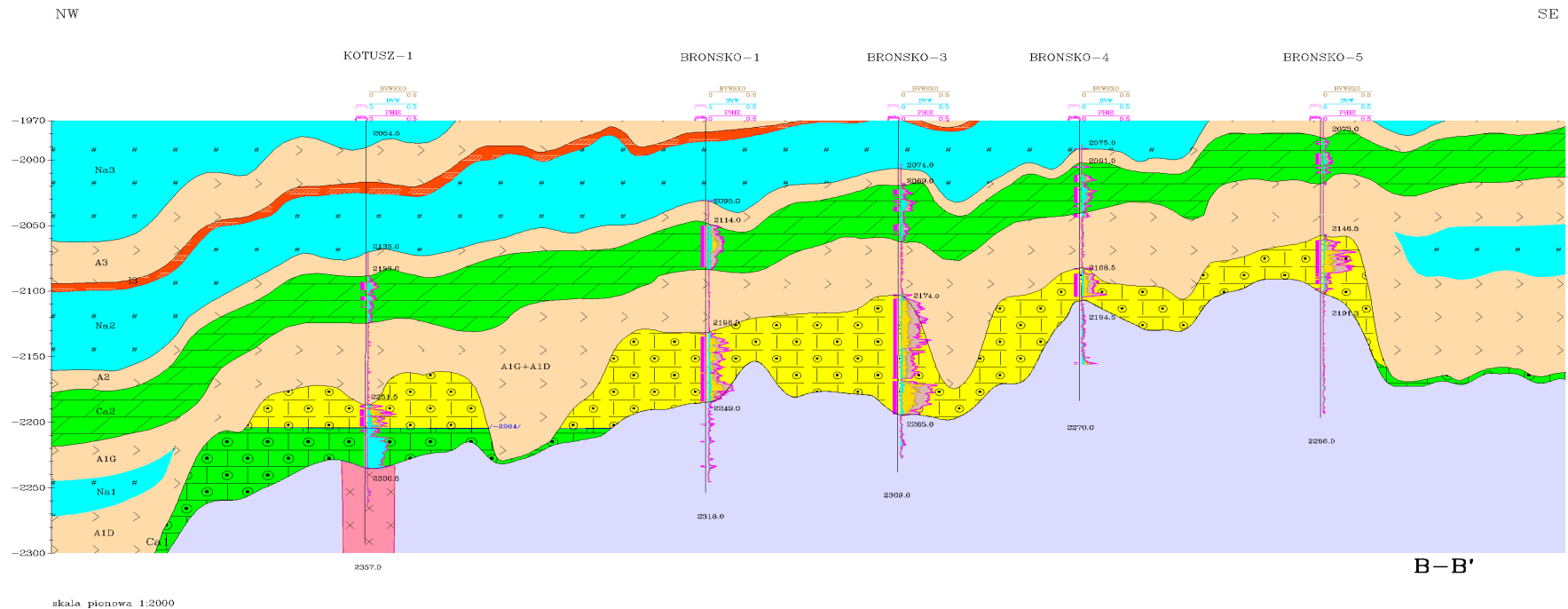


# Cross-section through the Brońsko Field

Carboniferous:  
 Gas in place: 2.6 Bcm  
 Porosity: 1.26%  
 Permeability: 0.01mD  
 Production: 30 m<sup>2</sup>/min



B—B'



B—B'



RENSKO-1  
h=62,5 m npm

**\* BRÓŃSKO FIELD - 3D SEISMIC PROFILE \***

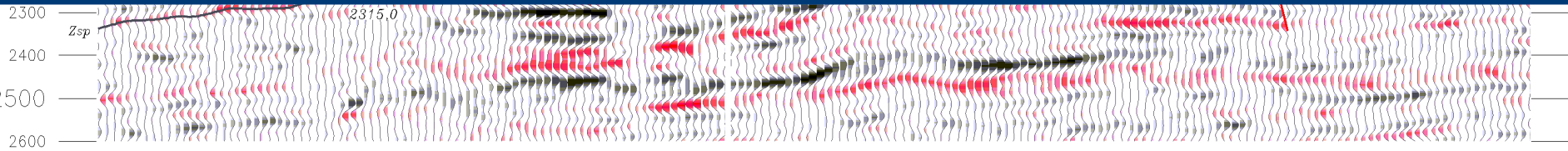
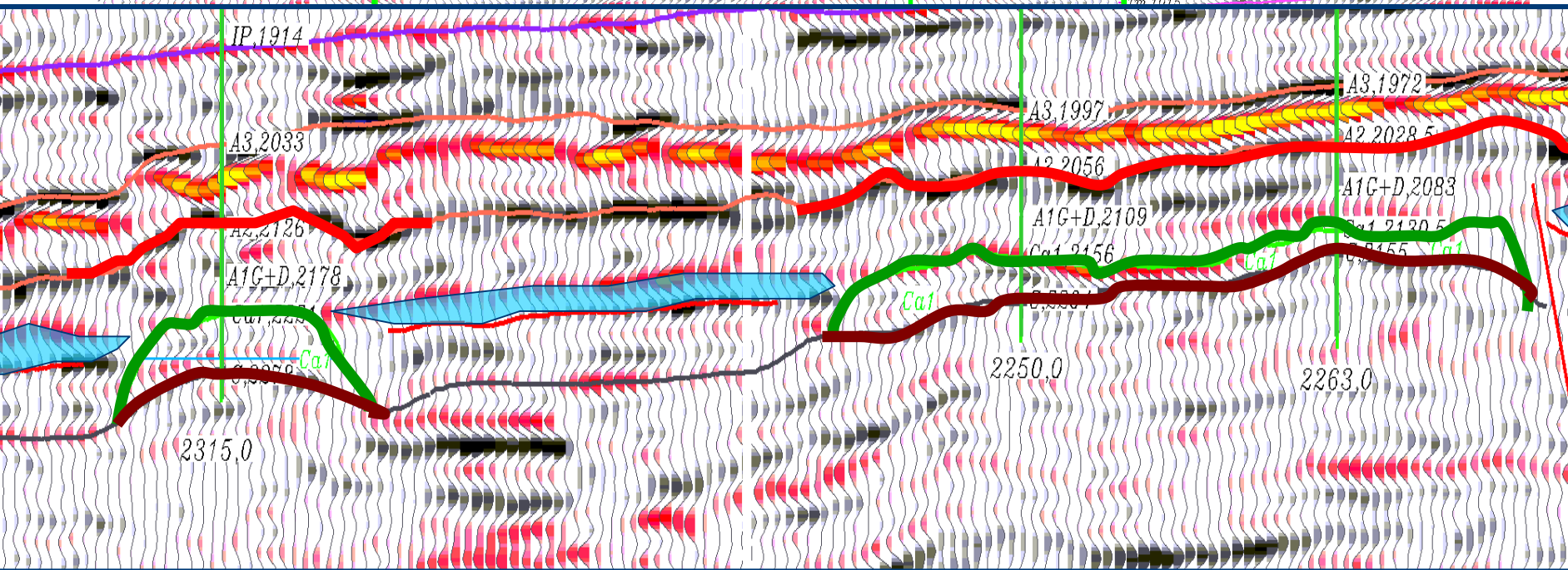
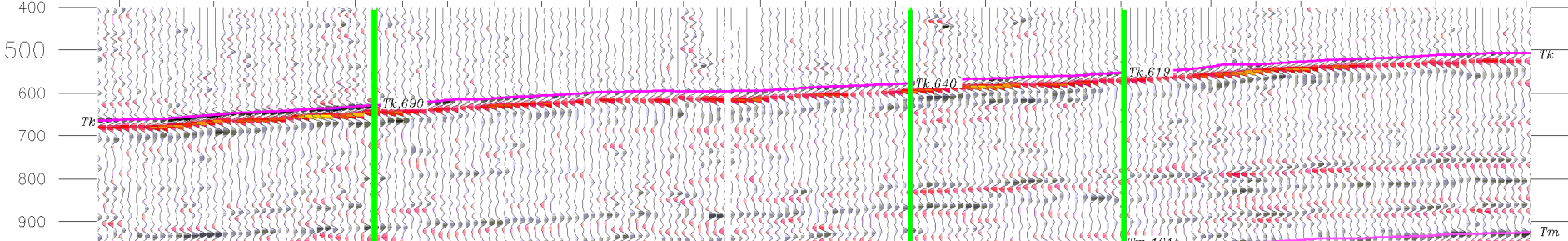
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62,7 m npm

BRONSKO-10  
66,1 m npm

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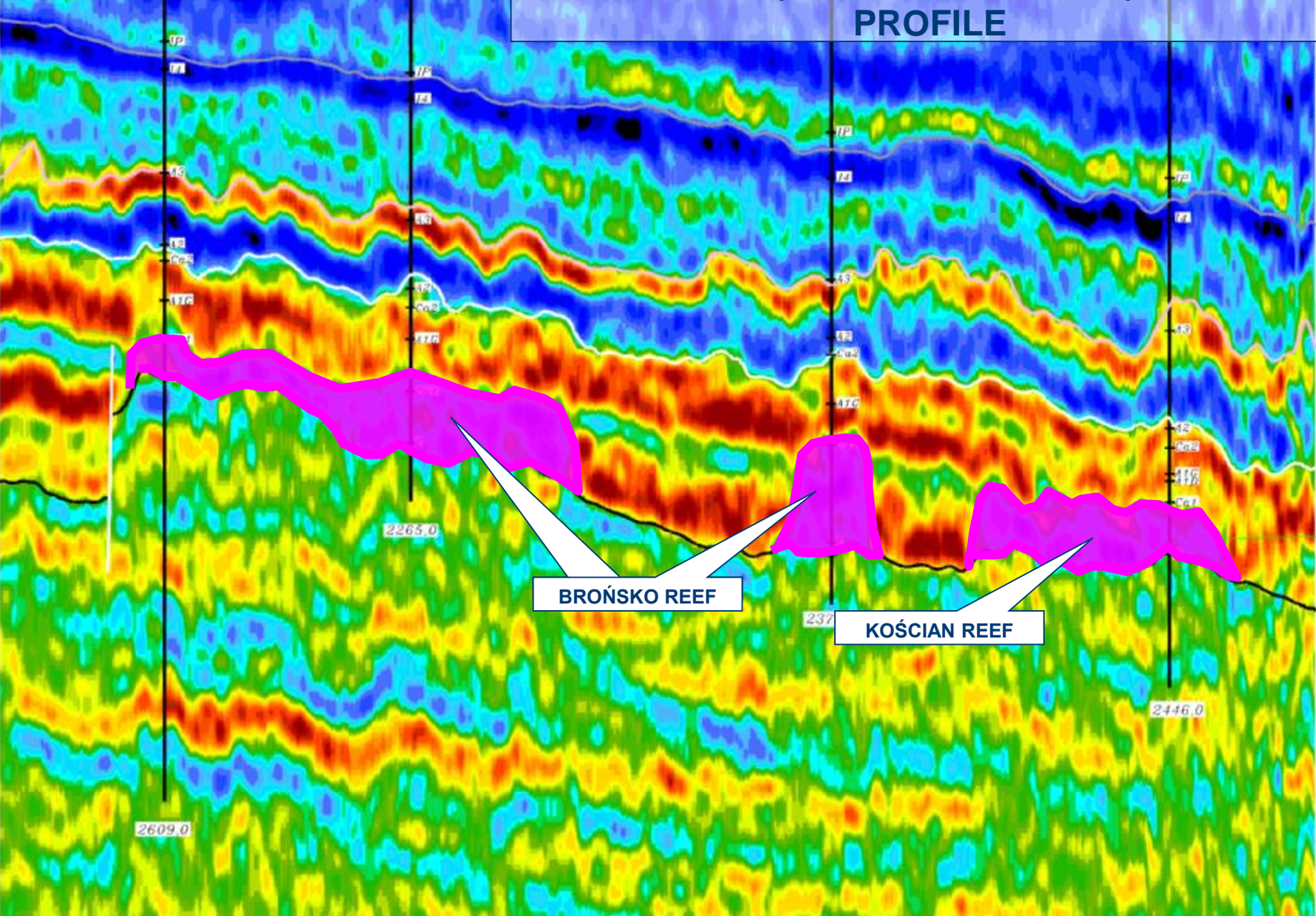
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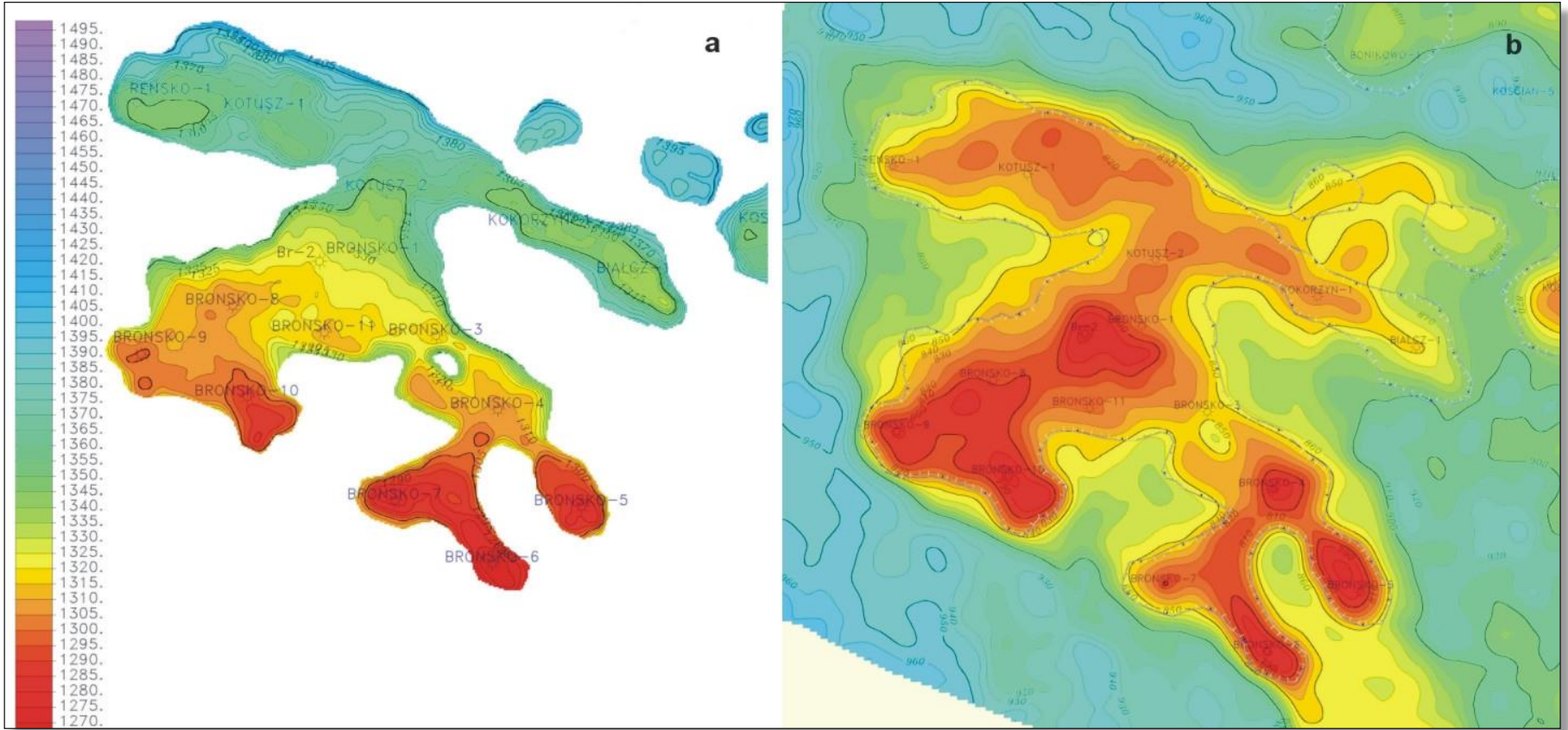
BRONSKO-9 h=62.8 m npm  
BRONSKO-11 h=63.3 m npm

**\* BRONSKO & KOŚCIAN FIELDS 3D INVERSION (Modelled VELOCITY) SEISMIC PROFILE**





# Brońsko Gas Field

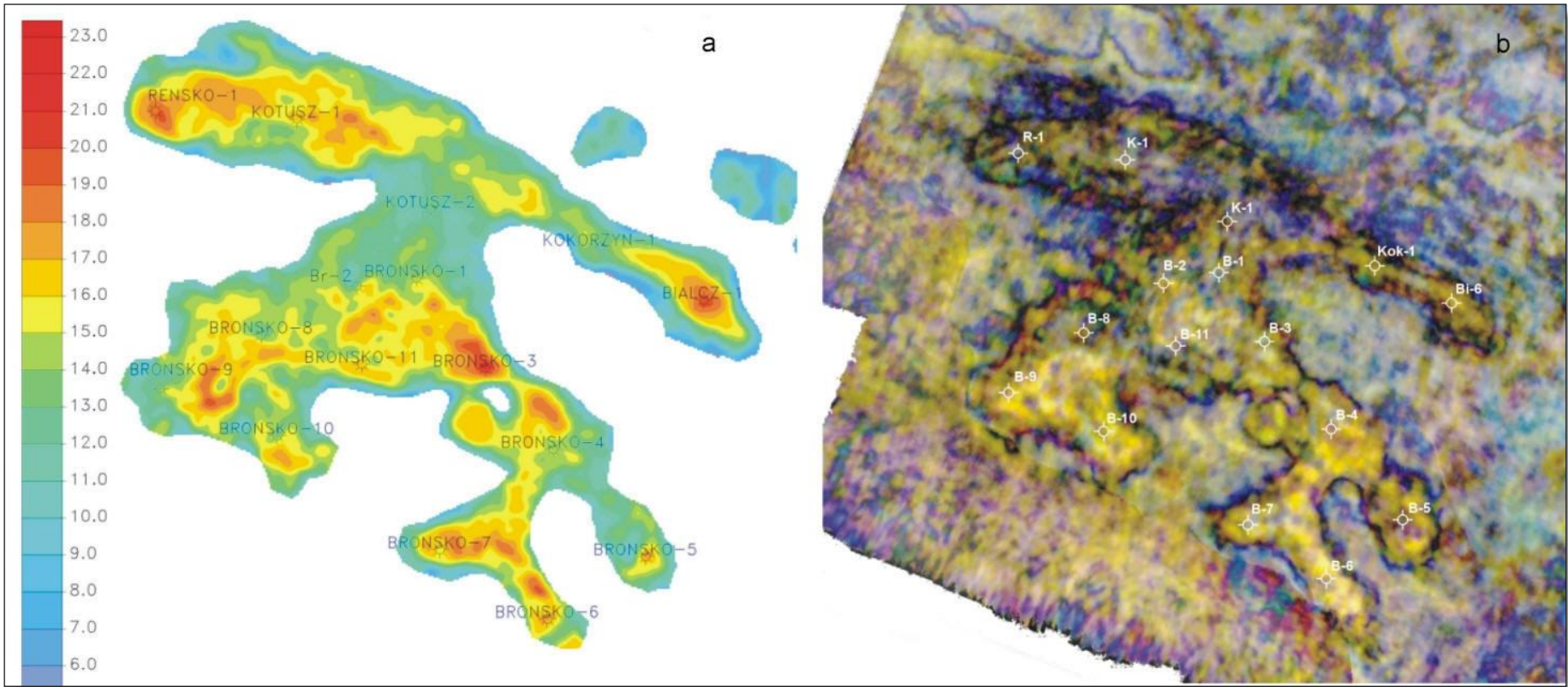


**a – depth structure map of top of Ca1 (basal limestone)**

**b – Z1'-Tp2 thickness map showing paleo-high in the basement below the reef**



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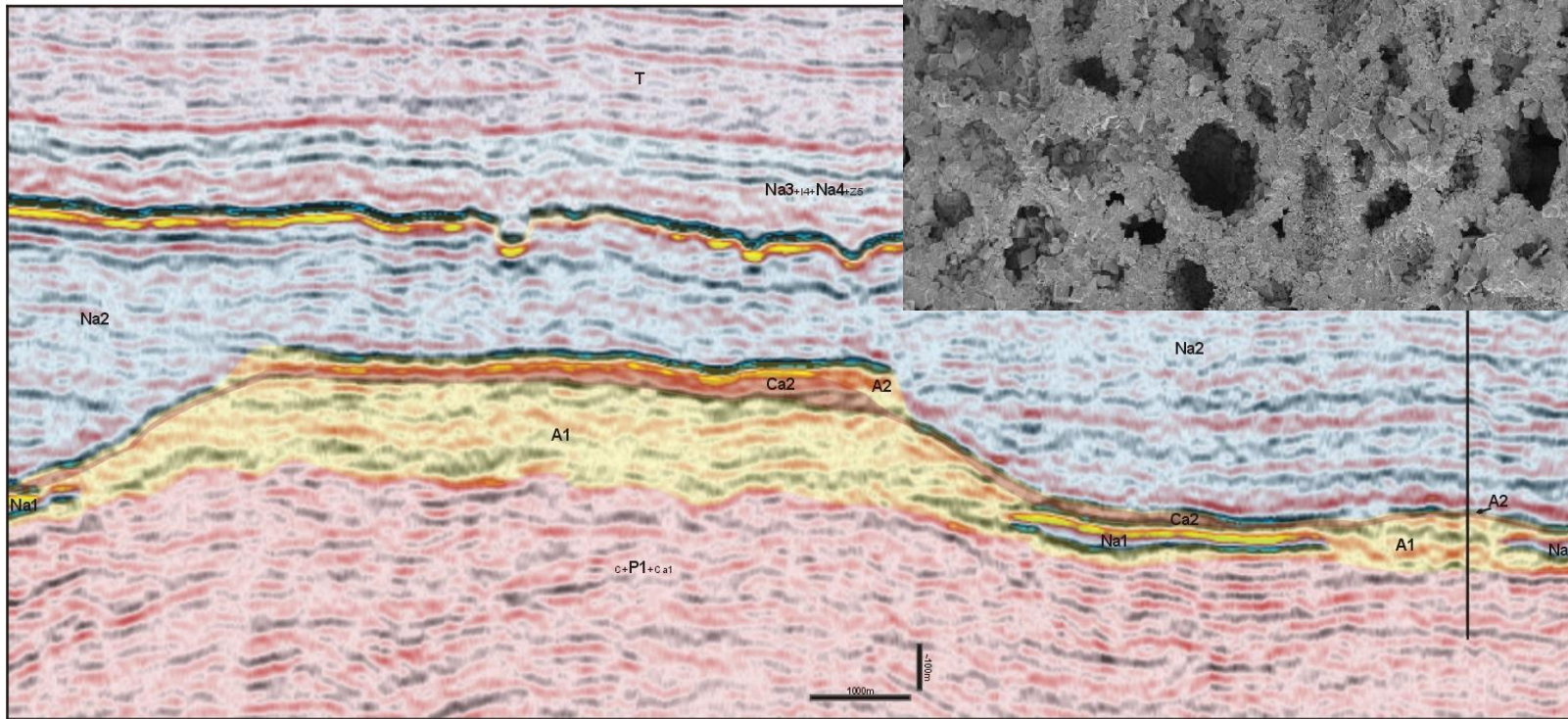
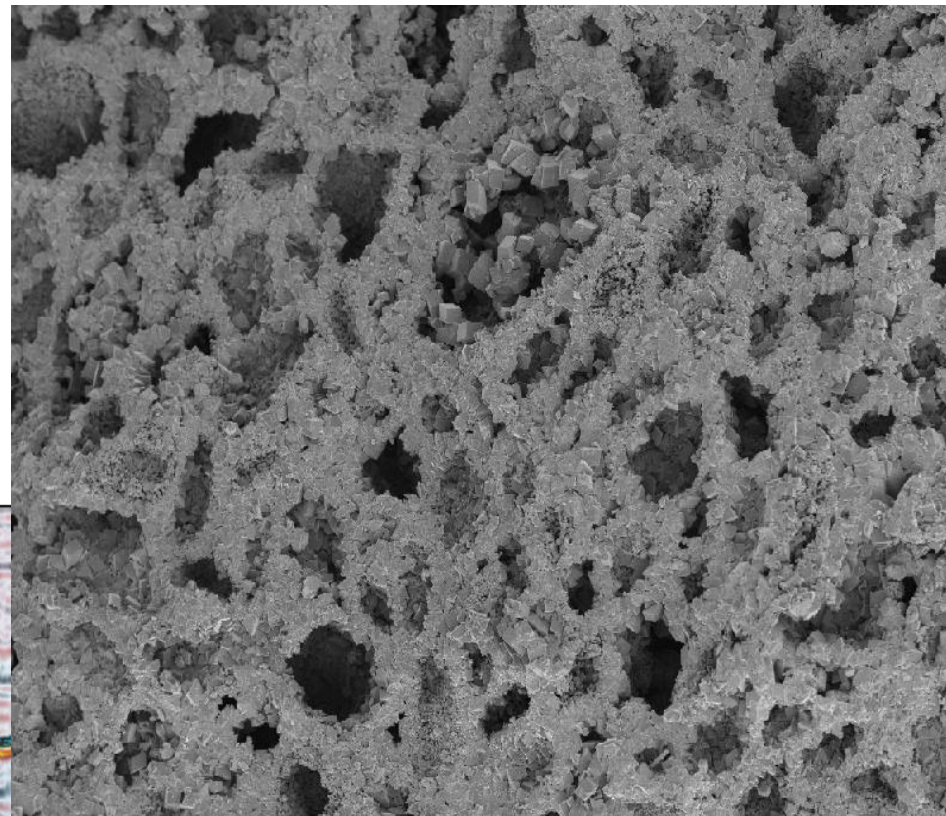


**a – inversion porosity**

**b – spectral decomposition – blend of 16, 18 and 28 Hz**

# Main Dolomite – Ca2

( $\approx$  Innes Carbonate Member)



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SW

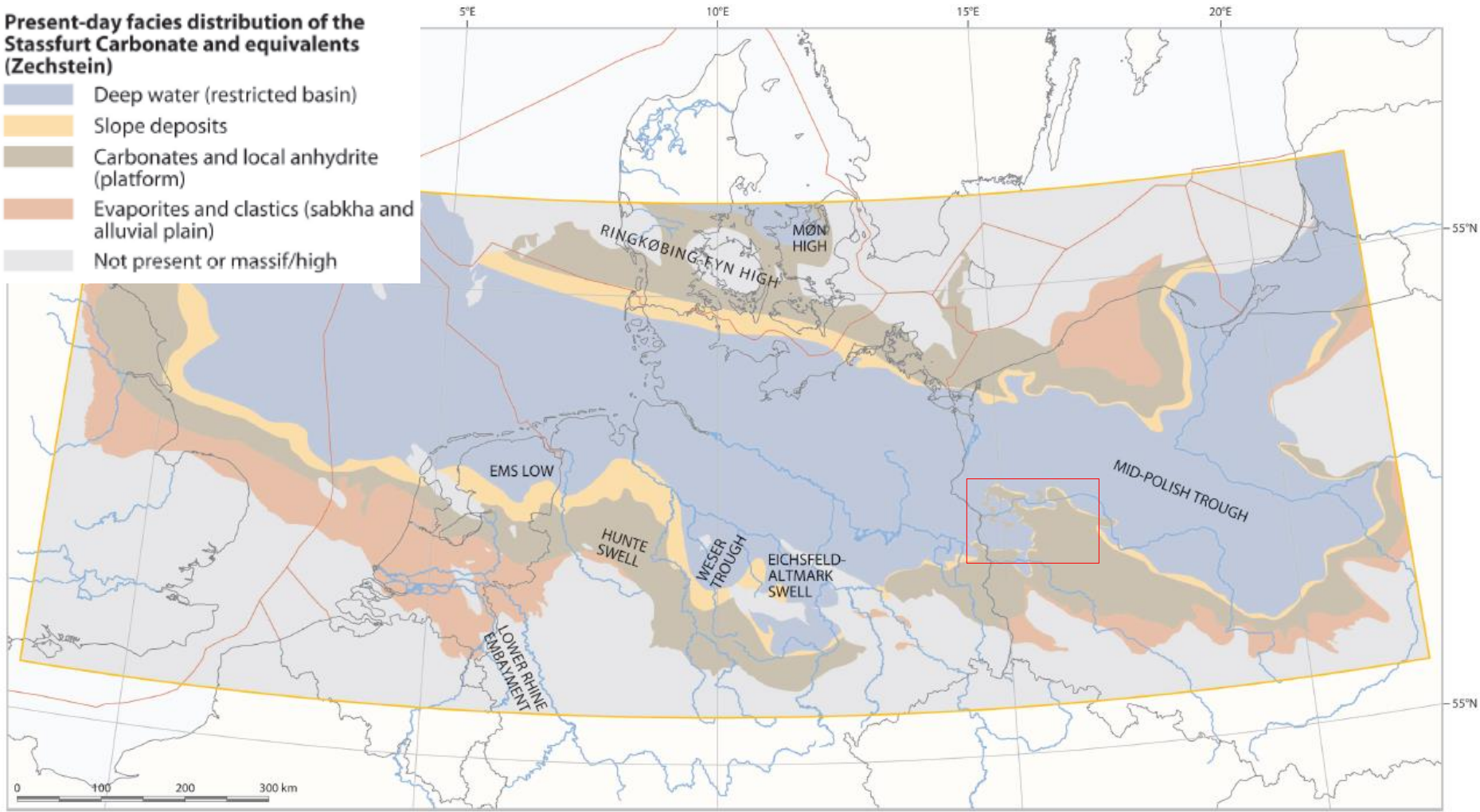
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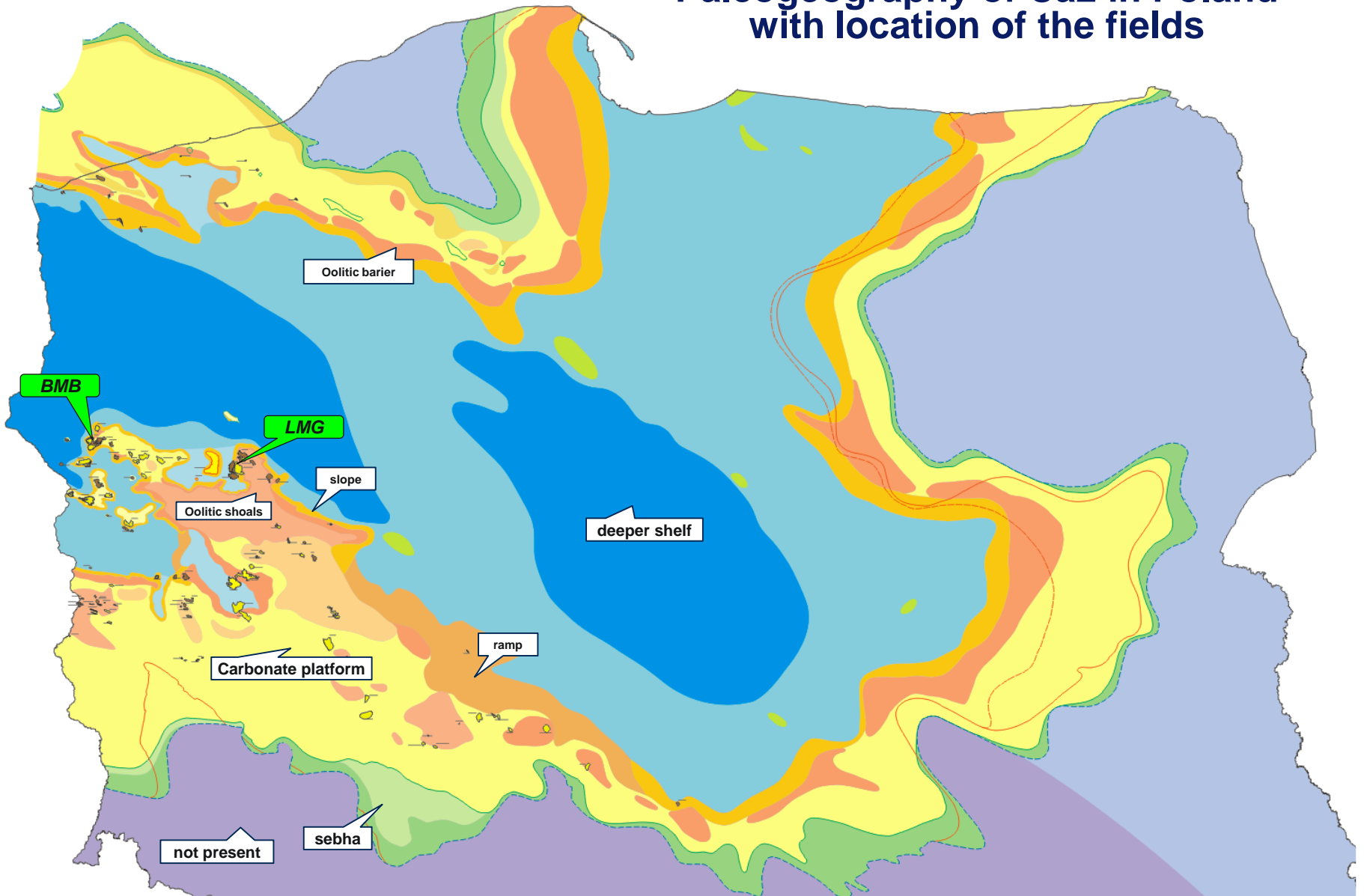
# Late Permian (Zechstein Z2) tectonic evolution. Wuchiapingian, 255 Ma

## Present-day facies distribution of the Stassfurt Carbonate and equivalents (Zechstein)

- Deep water (restricted basin)
- Slope deposits
- Carbonates and local anhydrite (platform)
- Evaporites and clastics (sabkha and alluvial plain)
- Not present or massif/high

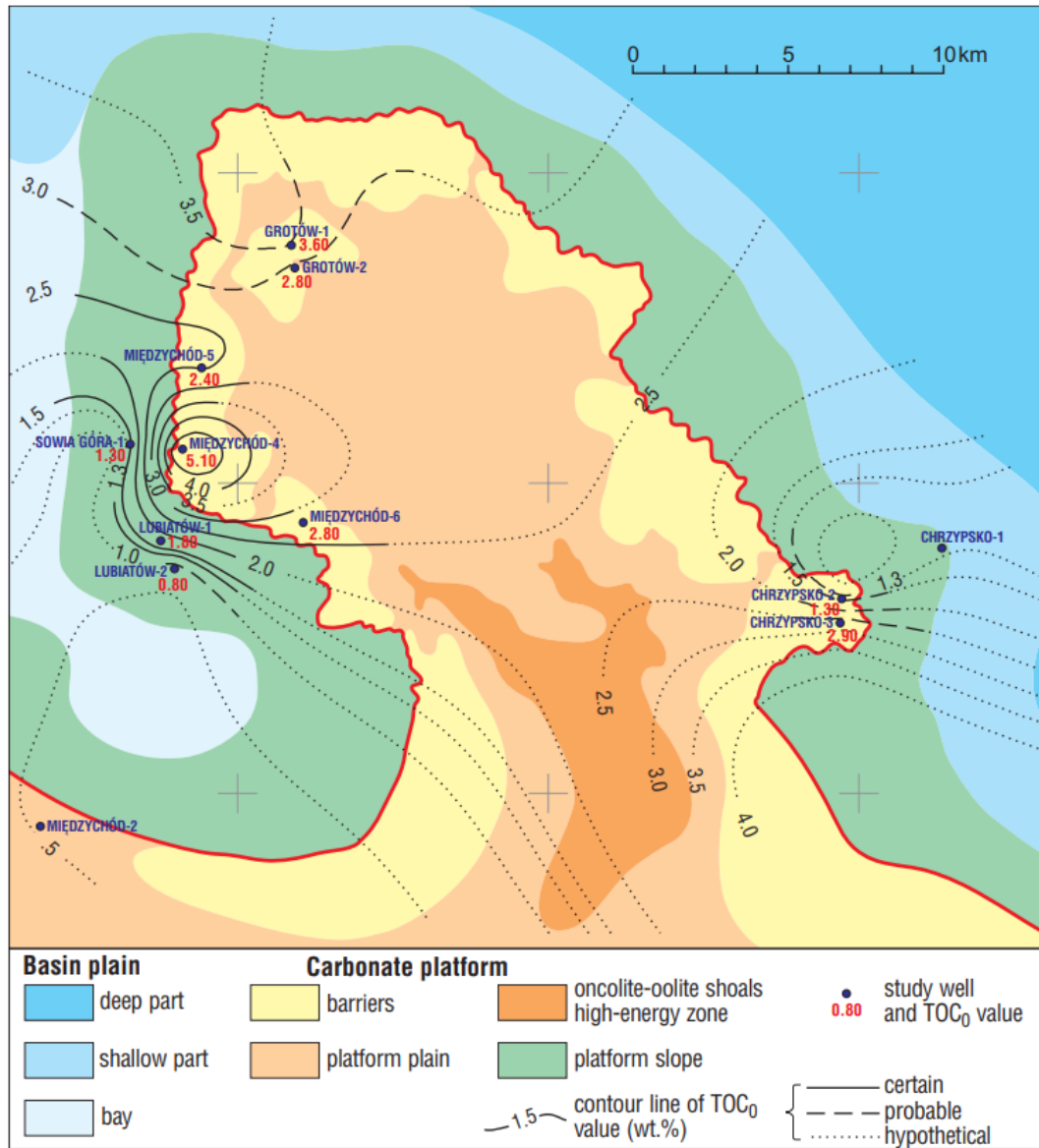


# Paleogeography of Ca<sup>2</sup> in Poland with location of the fields



**BMB** – Barnówko – Mostno - Buszewo  
**LMG** – Lubiatów - Międzychód - Grotów





**Fig. 10.** Map of original total organic carbon (TOC<sub>0</sub>) content in the Main Dolomite carbonates from the Grotów Peninsula

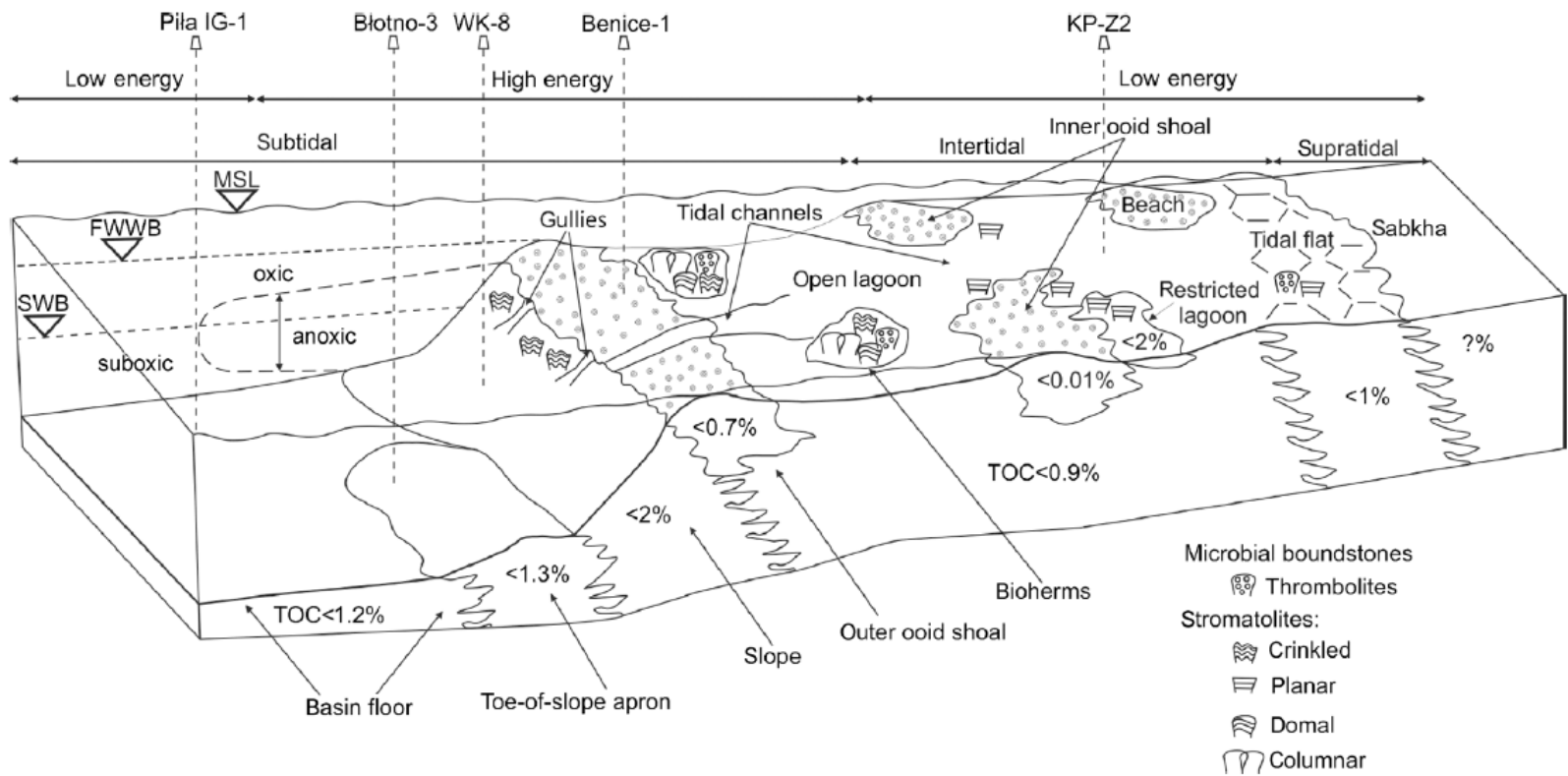
## Source rocks

of microbial-algal origin commonly occur in the Main Dolomite strata in the Gorzów Wielkopolski–Międzychód–Lubiatów area on carbonate platform slopes and on carbonate platforms. Total organic carbon (TOC) content varies from 0.01 wt.% to 1.0 wt.% (sporadically to 4 wt.%), and calculated original total organic carbon (TOC<sub>0</sub>) content from 1.0 wt.% to about 5.0 wt.%. Oil-prone type II kerogen dominates with occasional amounts of type III or type I kerogens. Hydrocarbon generation processes followed two pathways. In the first pathway, generation was a single-stage process with full generation of hydrocarbon mass in a continuous progression of organic matter transformation, in late Triassic time. In the second pathway, the generation took place in two stages. Eighty to ninety percent of hydrocarbon mass was generated from kerogen by the end of the Jurassic period and the remaining generation was completed during post-Cretaceous time. As a consequence, oil accumulated in traps at the turn of the Triassic-Jurassic periods, and gas saturation of oil accumulations took place by late Jurassic time, with the final gas generation in the Paleogene or Neogene time. Hydrocarbons migrated only a few kilometres from source rocks to reservoir rocks within the Main Dolomite strata.

*Kotarba & Wagner 2007*

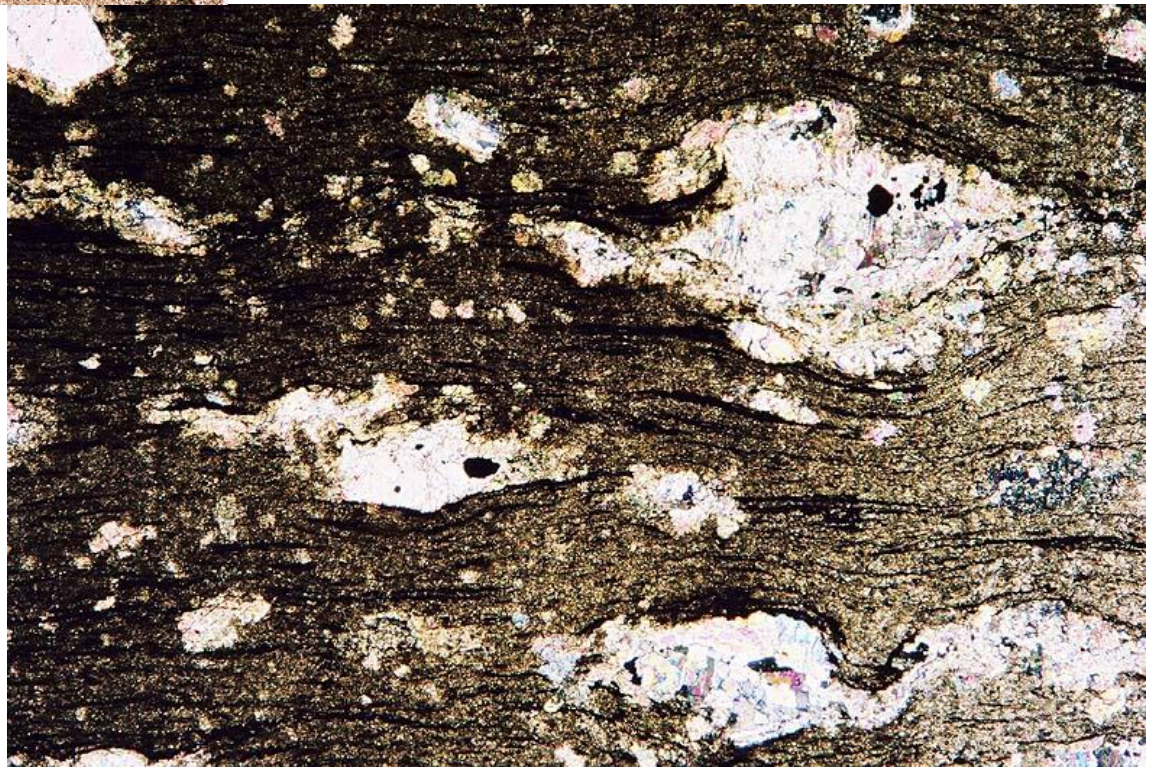
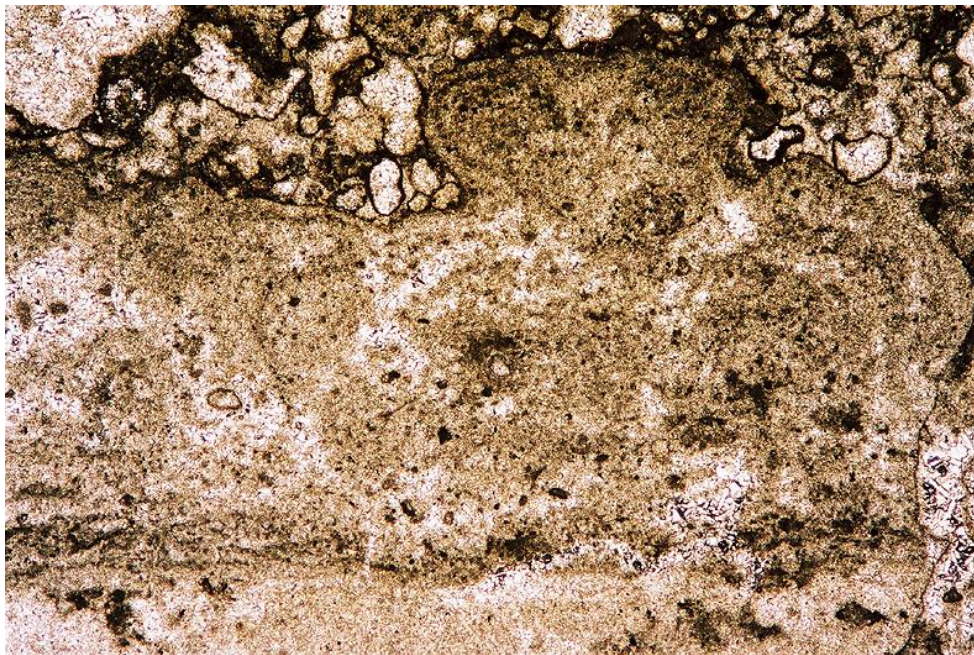
Microbialite lithofacies are represented by columnar, planar and domal stromatolites, clotted thrombolites and biolaminites developed in high-to-low energy environments within the upper slope, lower parts of oolitic barrier/shoal, restricted lagoon, and tidal flat and tidal channel zones.

*Słowakiewicz & Mikołajewski 2011*



**Figure 5.** Depositional model of the Z2 carbonate in the southern Permian Basin in Europe, with boreholes projected from northwest Poland. MSL = mean sea level; FWWB = fair-weather wave base; SWB = storm wave base (modified from Słowakiewicz and Mikołajewski, 2011; reproduced with permission from Elsevier). Total organic carbon (TOC) values represent the highest values per Z2C succession. Note that, for the Z2C basal facies, the maximum values of 1.2% TOC are rare and do not reflect high organic productivity because average TOC values are less than 0.3% and values in the range of 0% to 0.2% are most common (see Słowakiewicz and Gąsiewicz, 2013).







# BARNÓWKO-MOSTNO-BUSZEWO (BMB) OIL AND GAS FIELD – the Main dolomite – Ca2

Discovery – 1993 (Mostno-1)  
Start of production - 1998  
Area – 30 km<sup>2</sup>

Oil in place: 60 MMt (73 MMcm)  
Reserves: 12.6 MMt (15.4 MMc)  
RF: 0.21  
Gas in place: 28 Bcm  
Reserves of sulphur – 740 Mt

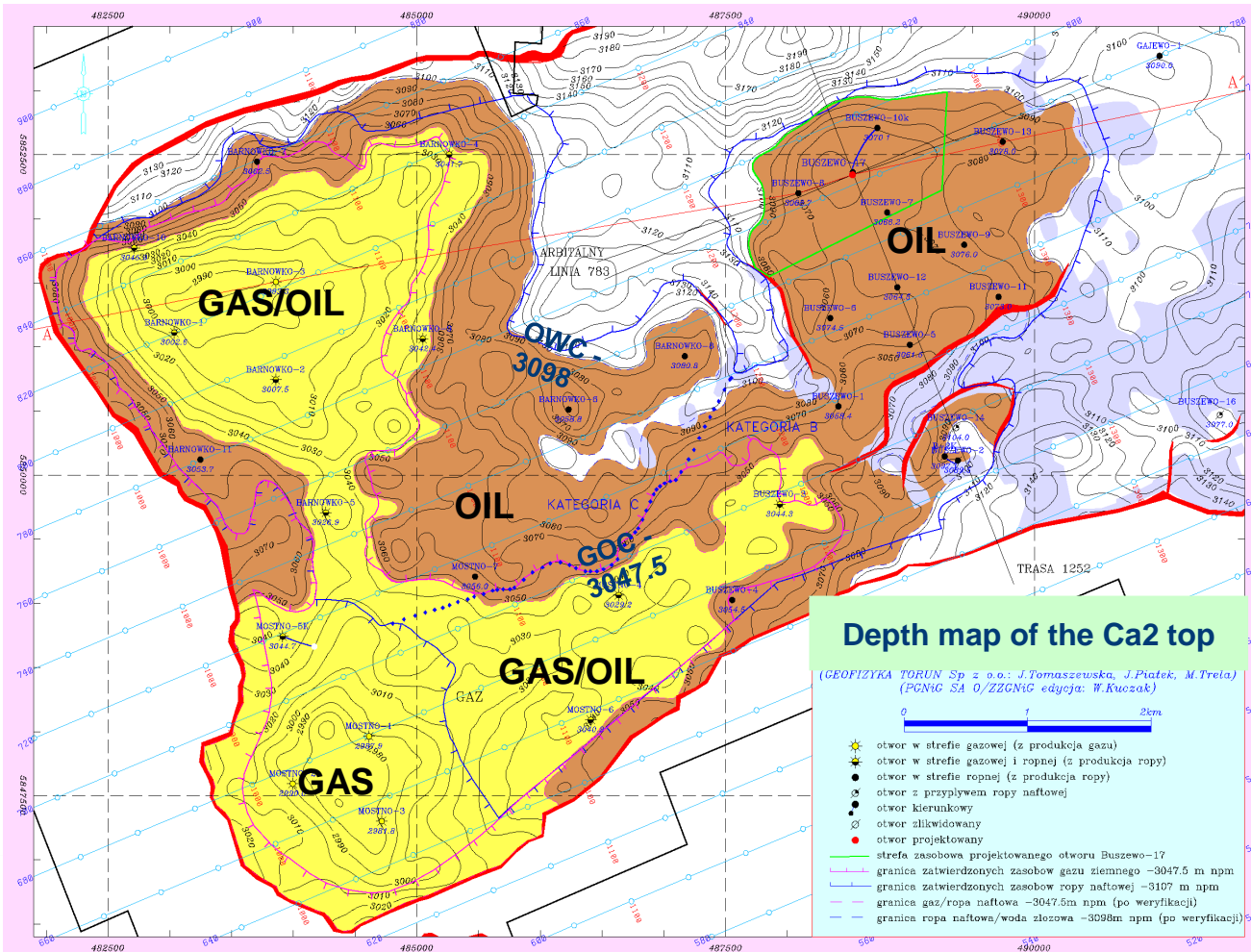
Annual prod. 2017: 302.5 Mt  
HC column height – 120m

Gas composition [%vol]:  
C1 – 35%  
...  
C1-n – 43.5 - 49.7%  
N2 – 52%  
H<sub>2</sub>S – 4.35%

Oil – 0.818g/cm<sup>3</sup>

Ca2  
Porosity: 17%  
Permeability: av. 10-12mD

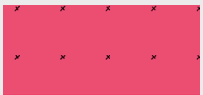
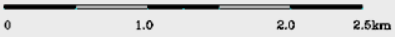
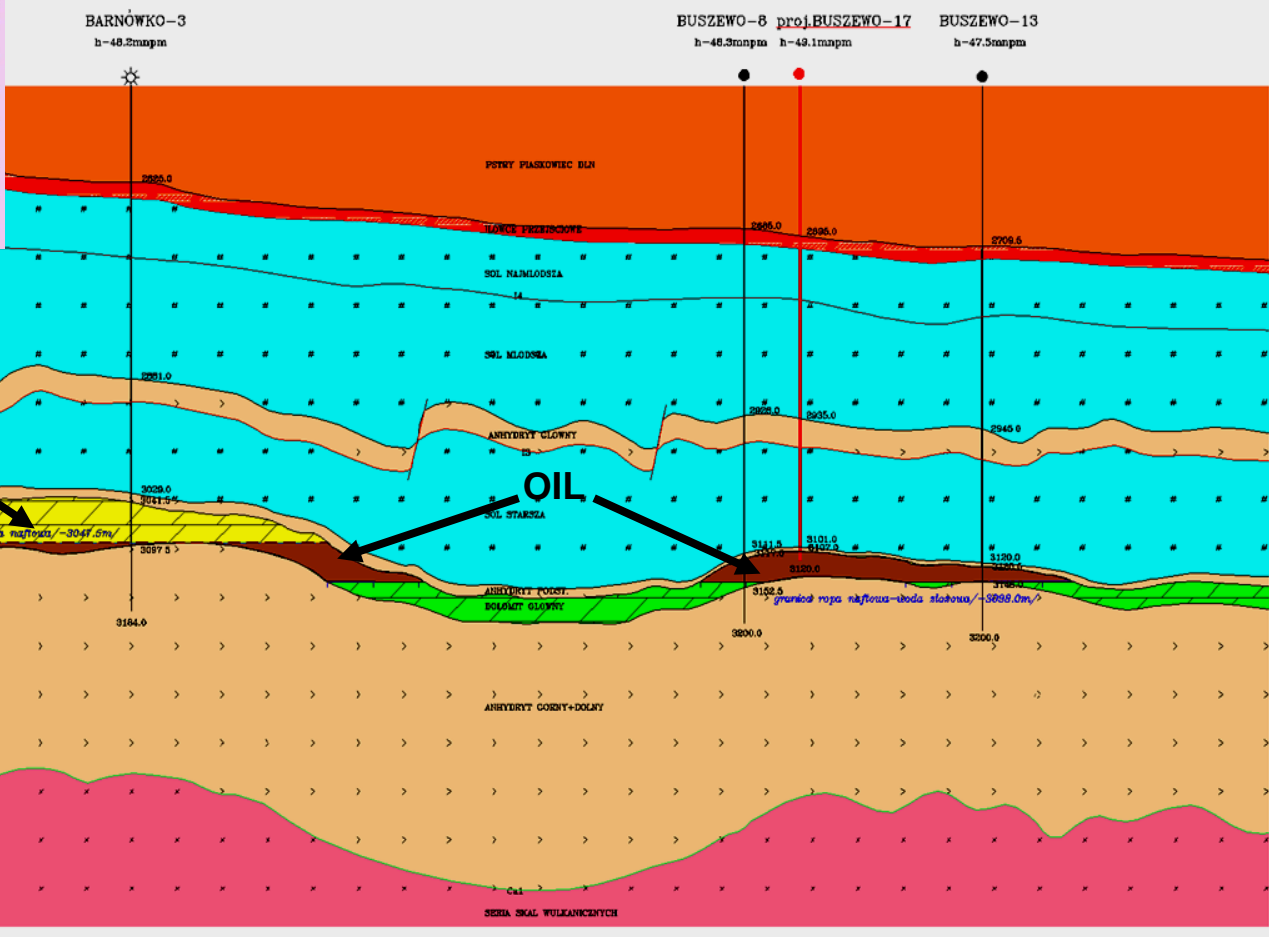
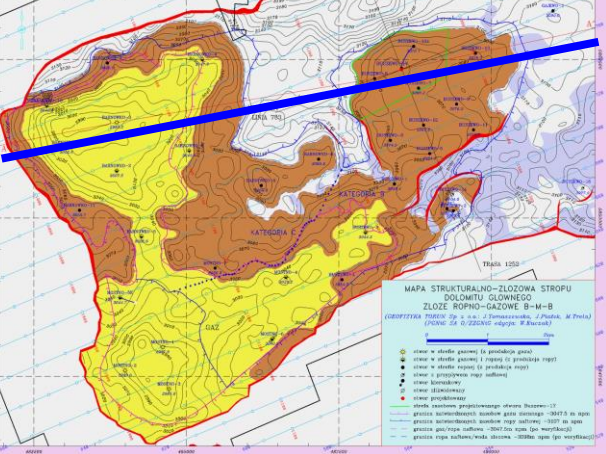
Reservoir pressure – 56 MPa.





# BMB field cross section

NE



Rotligend



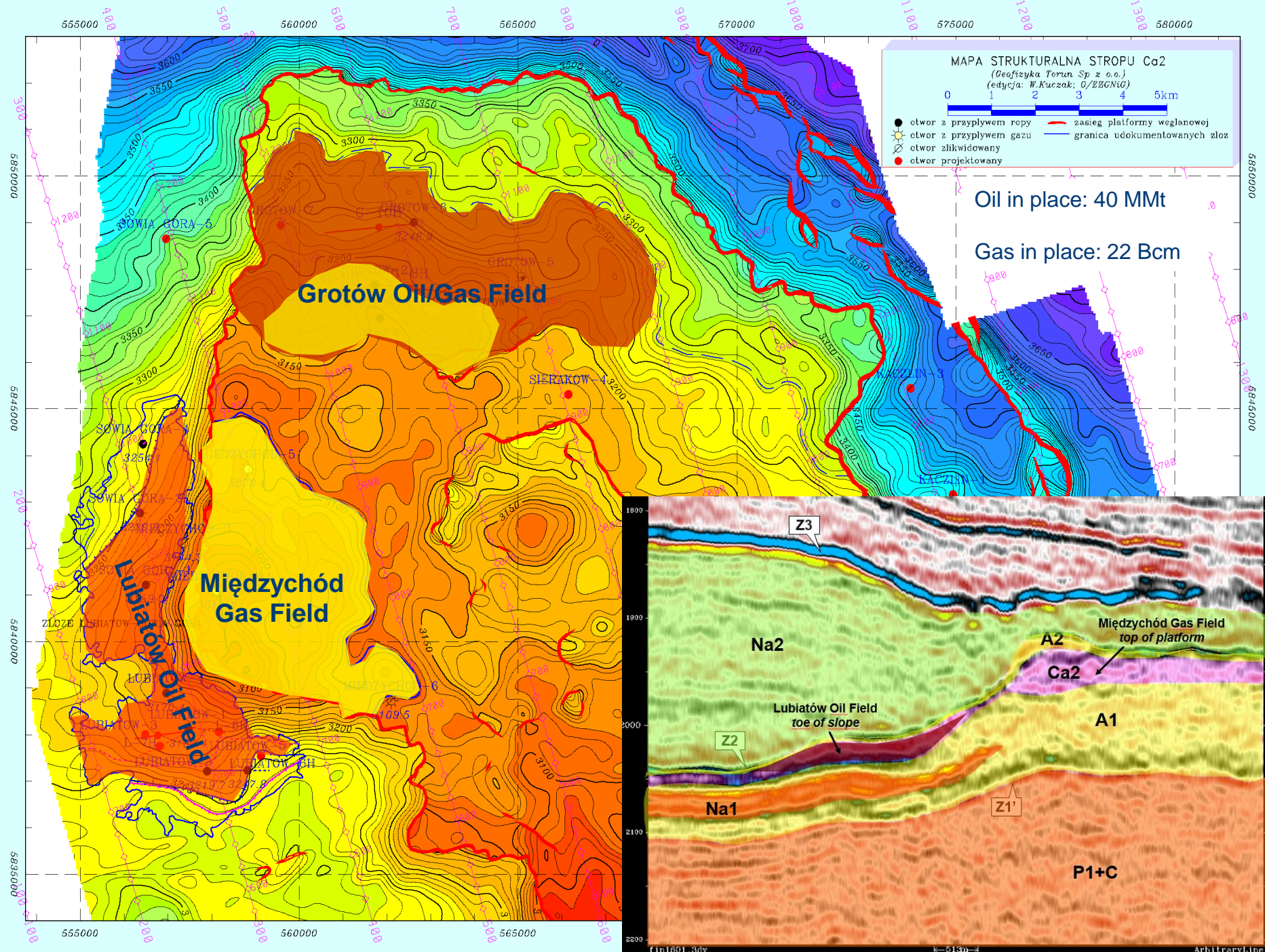
Anhydrite (A1,A2,A3)



Salt (Na1,Na2,Na3, Na4)

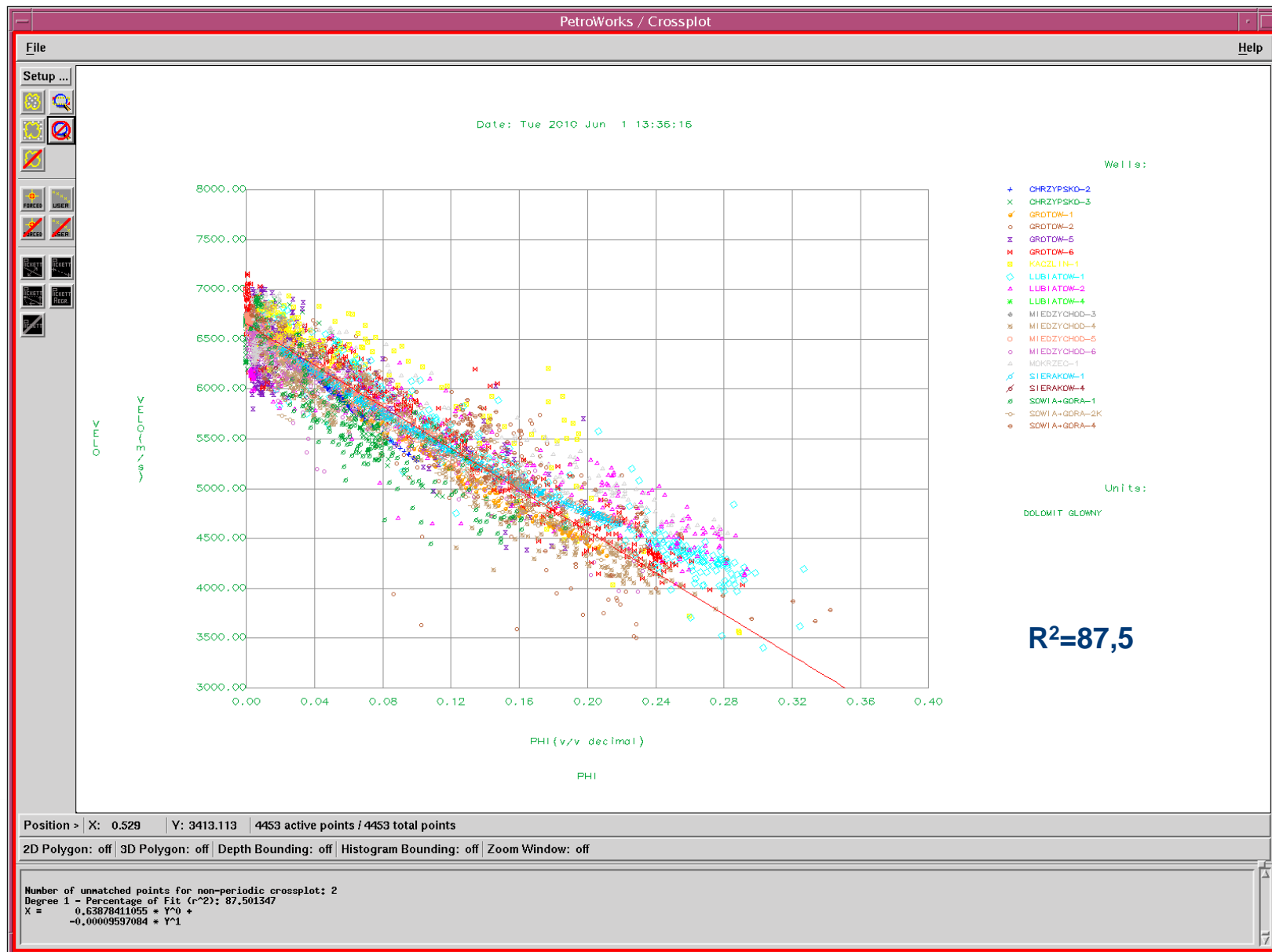


Main Dolomite – gas/oil/water

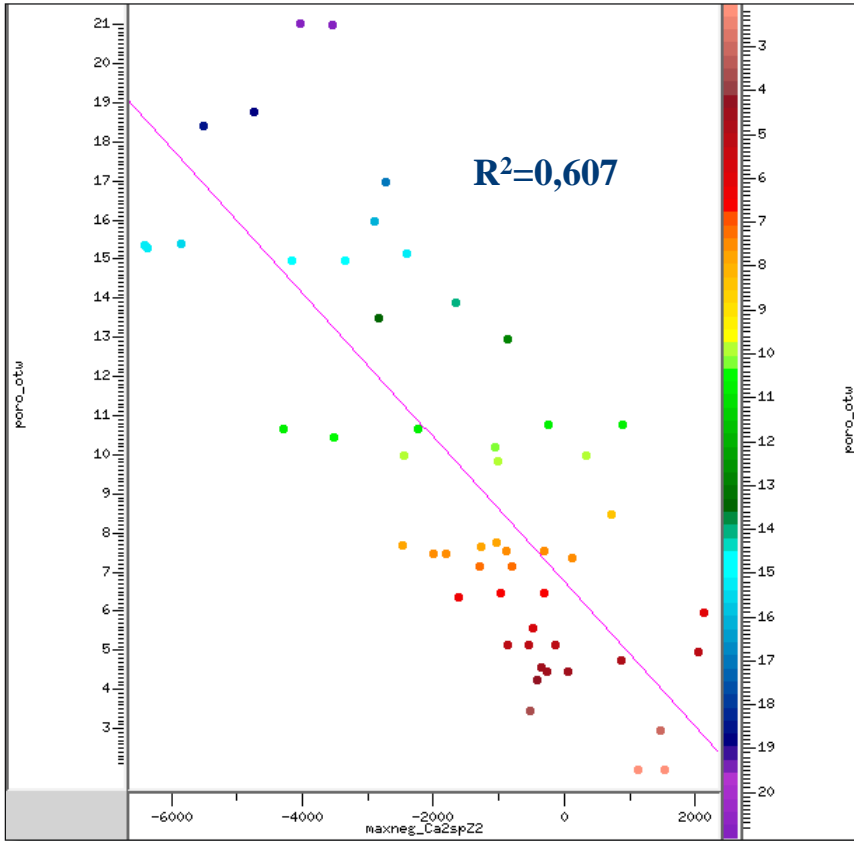




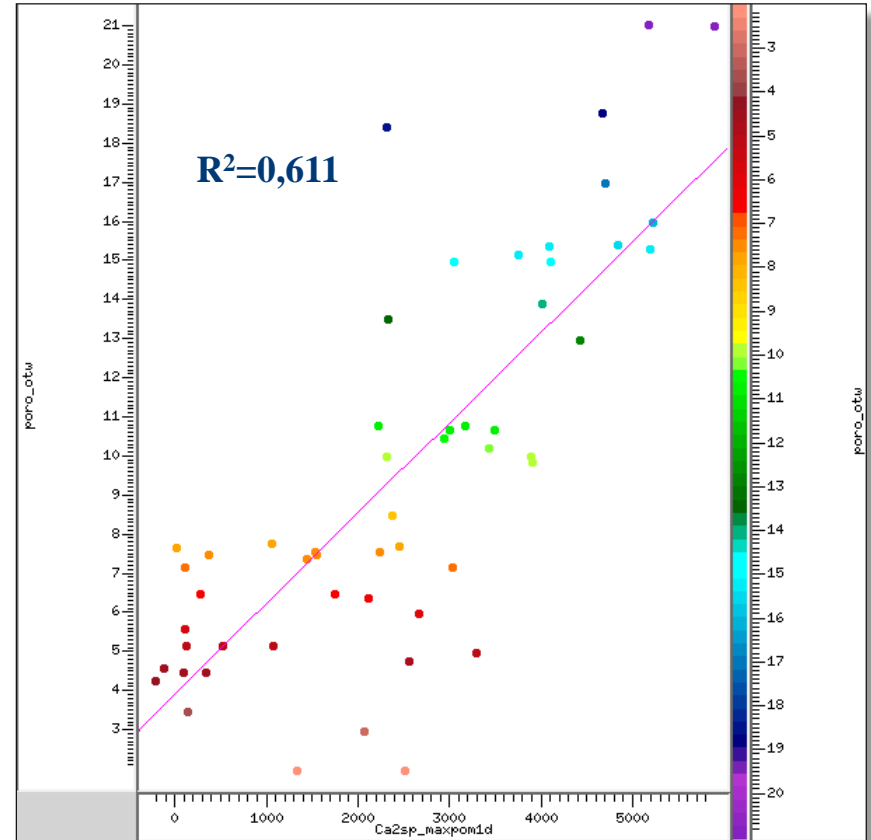
# P-velocity versus porosity (based on the logs from 20 wells in Międzychód-Sieraków area)



# Relationship between porosity and seismic amplitudes



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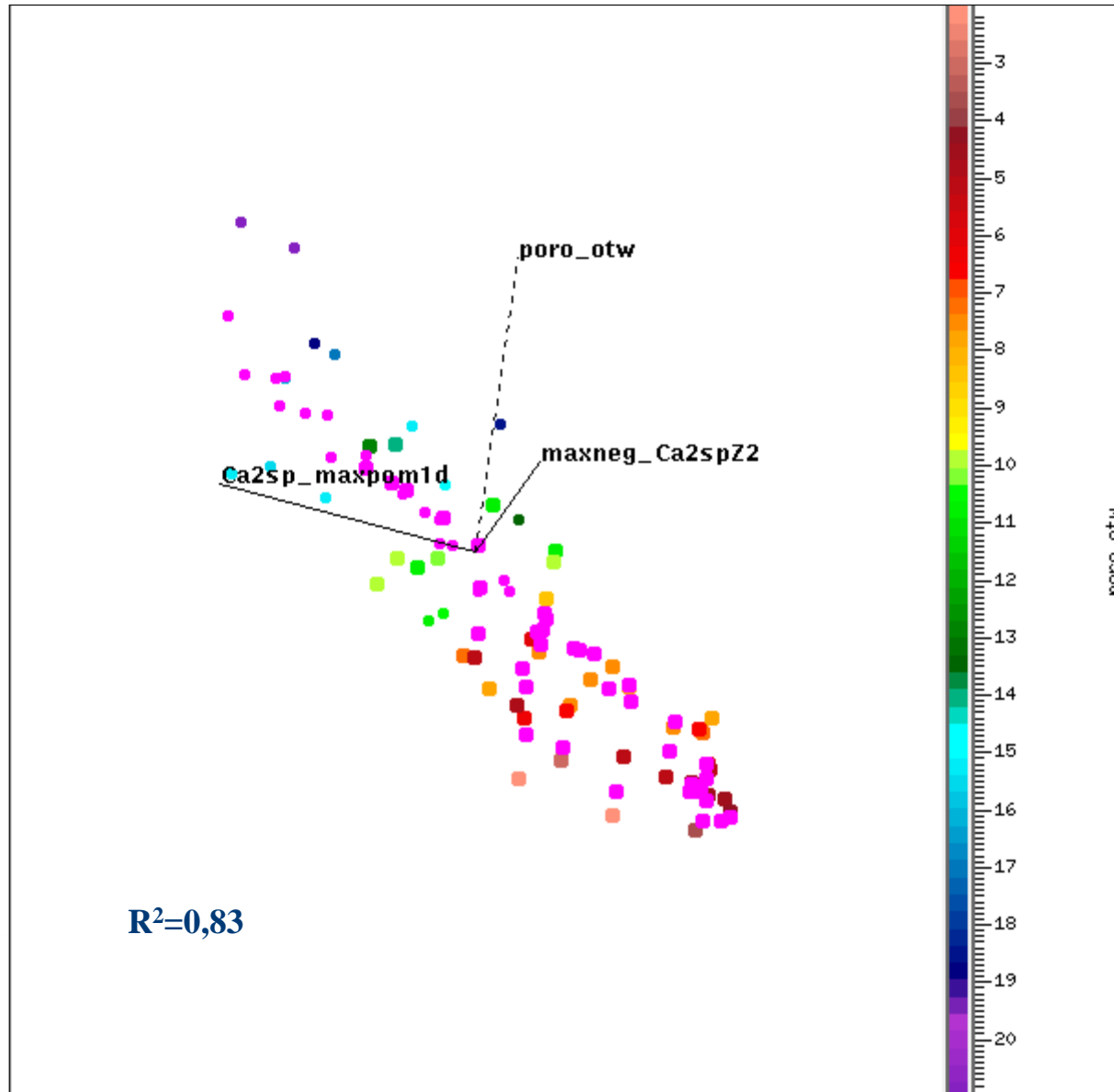


**Ca2<sub>base</sub>**

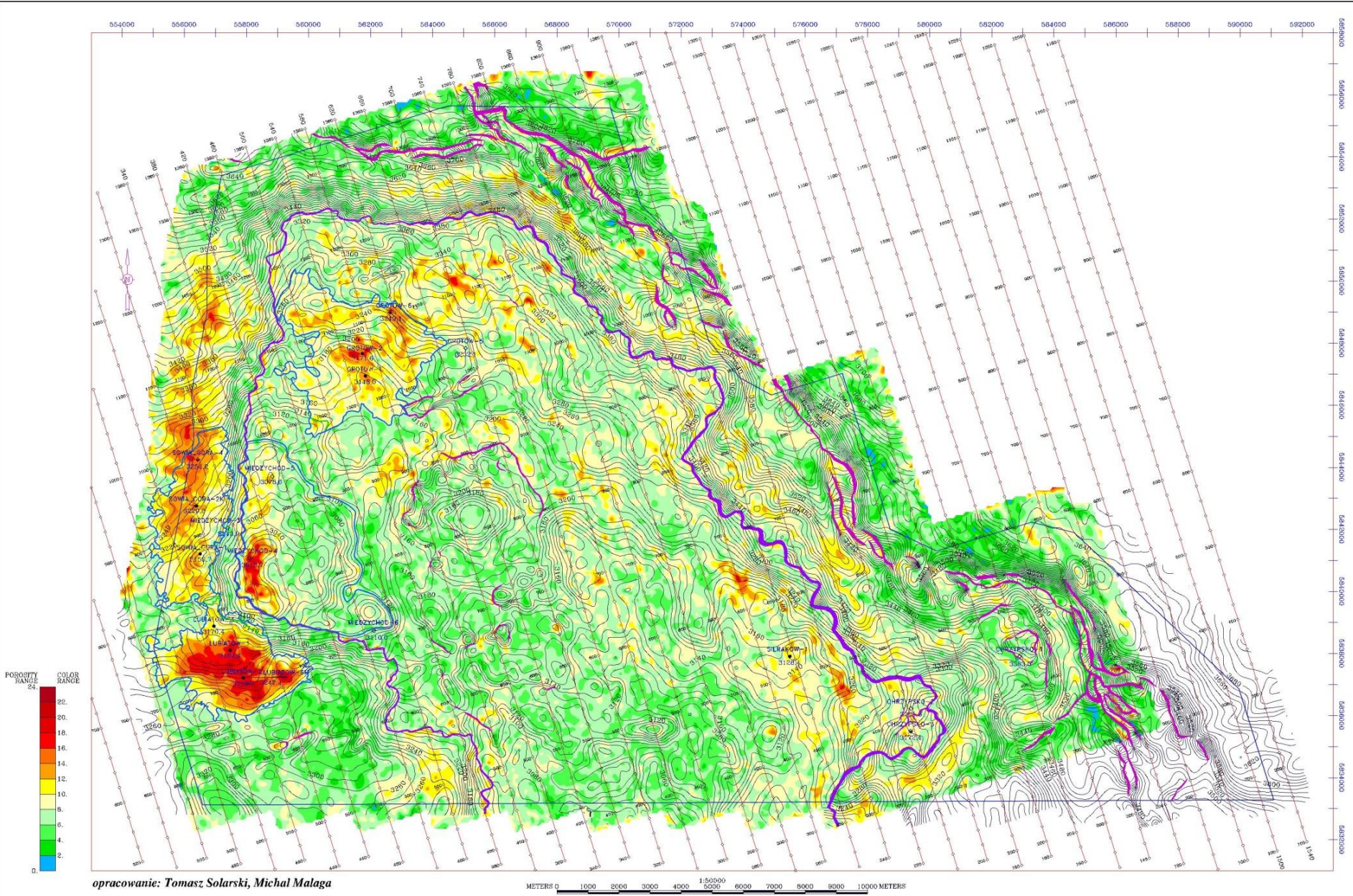




# Relationship between porosity and group of 3 seismic attributes (ampCa2<sub>top</sub>, ampCa2<sub>base</sub>, rfls4d12)

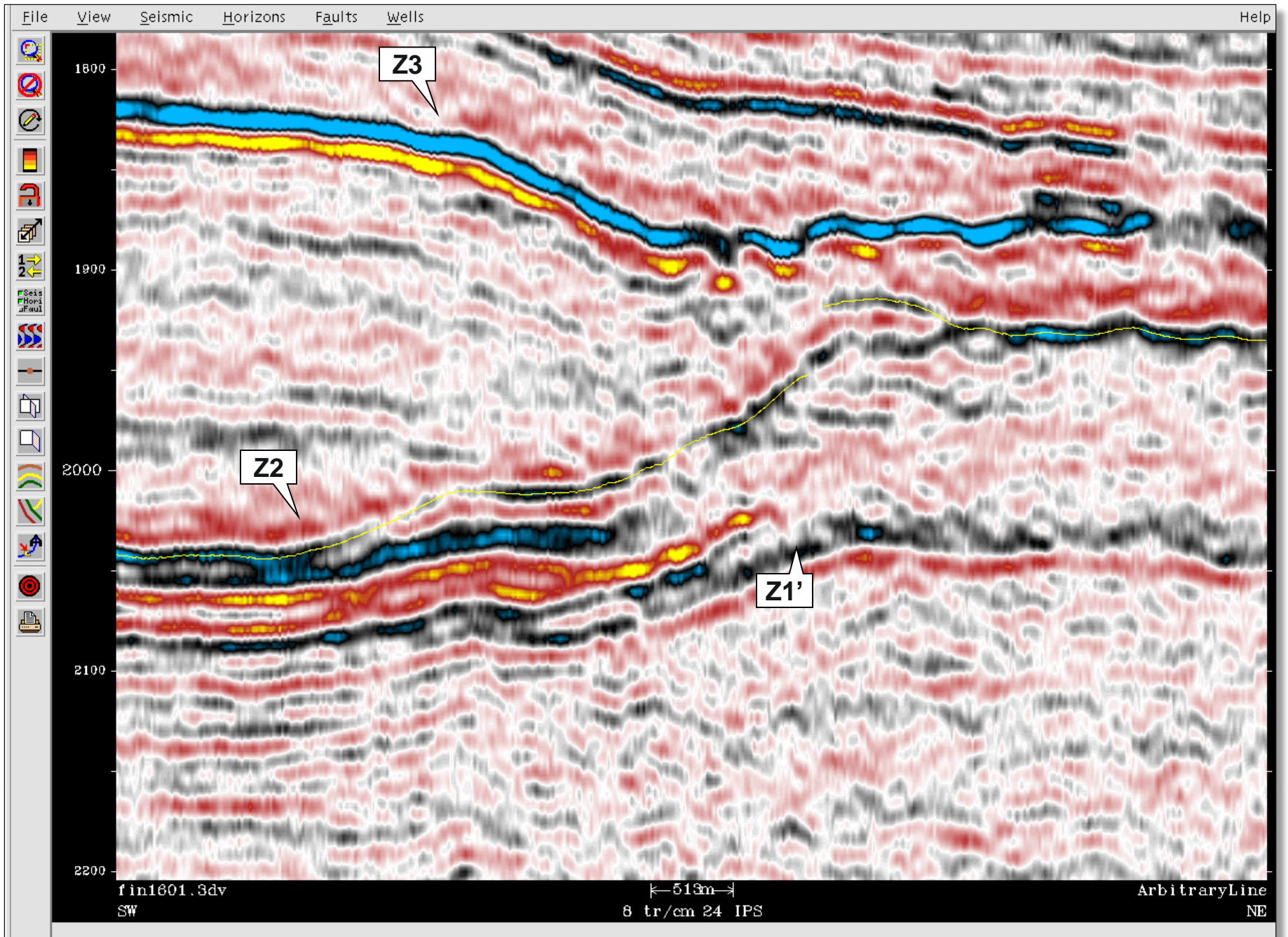


# Lubiatow Oil Field – porosity map derived from seismic attributes

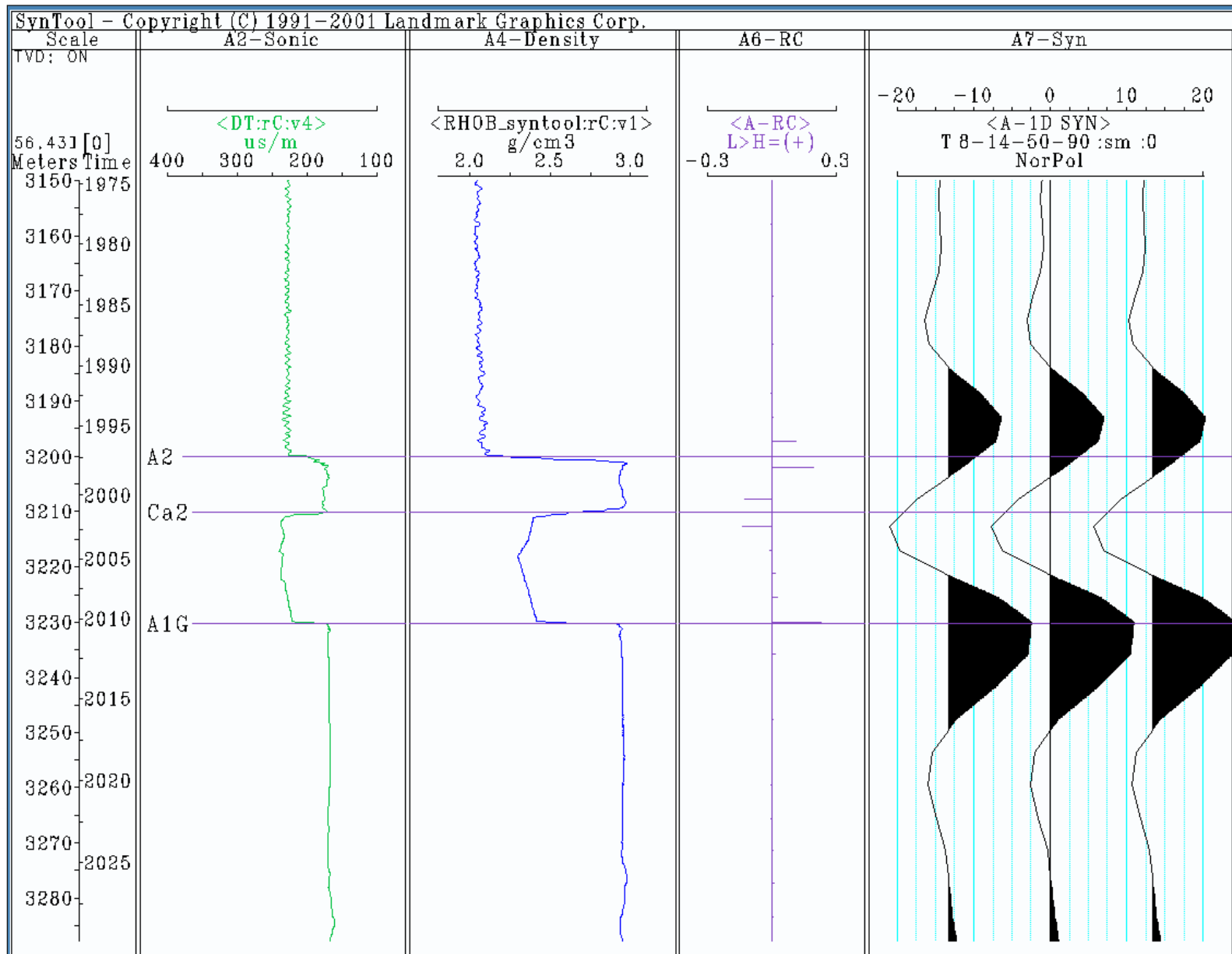




# LMG - 3D seismic line



# 1D modeling - 20 m of porous dolomite below 10 m of anhydrite

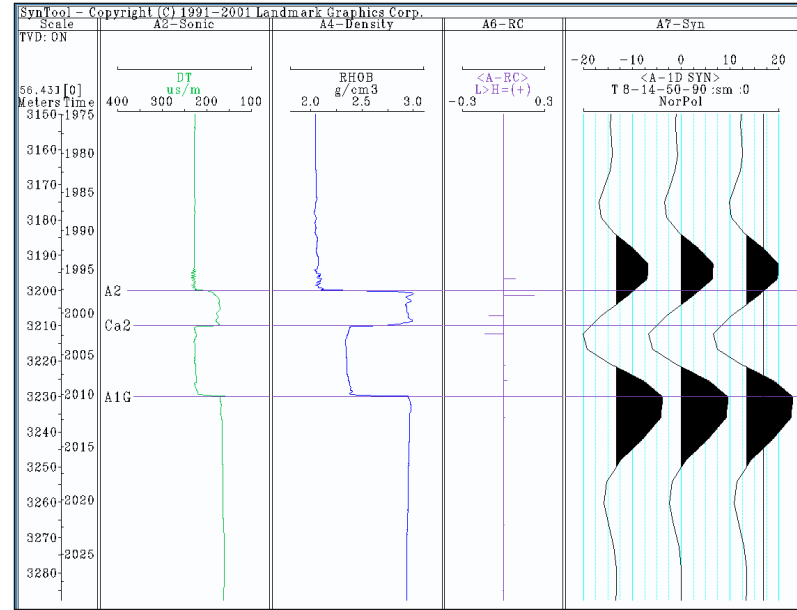
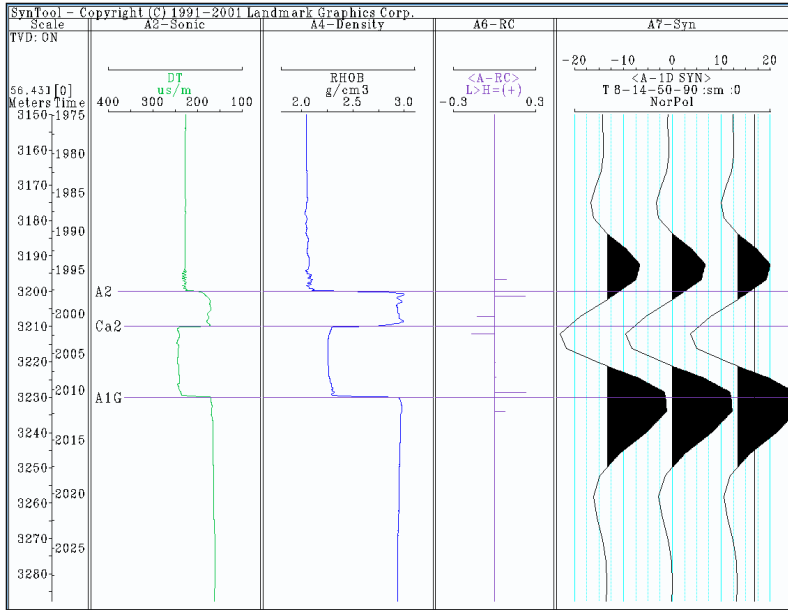




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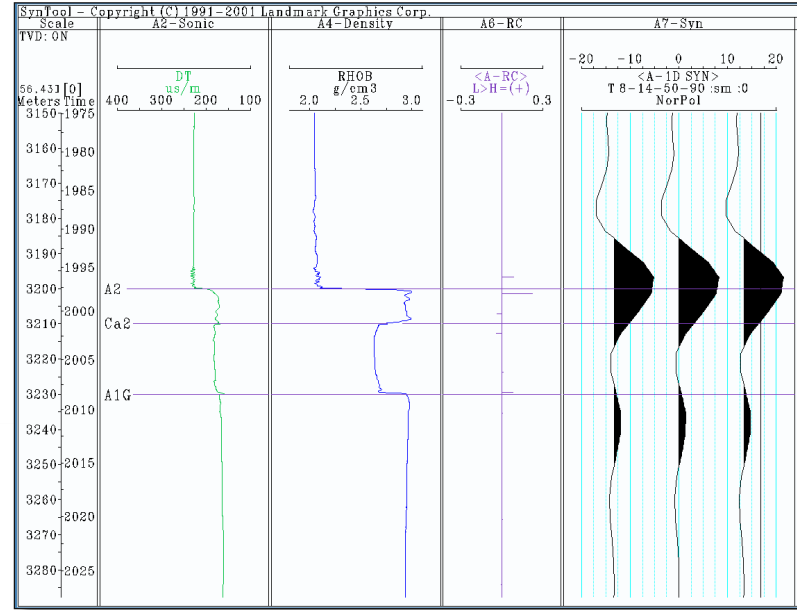
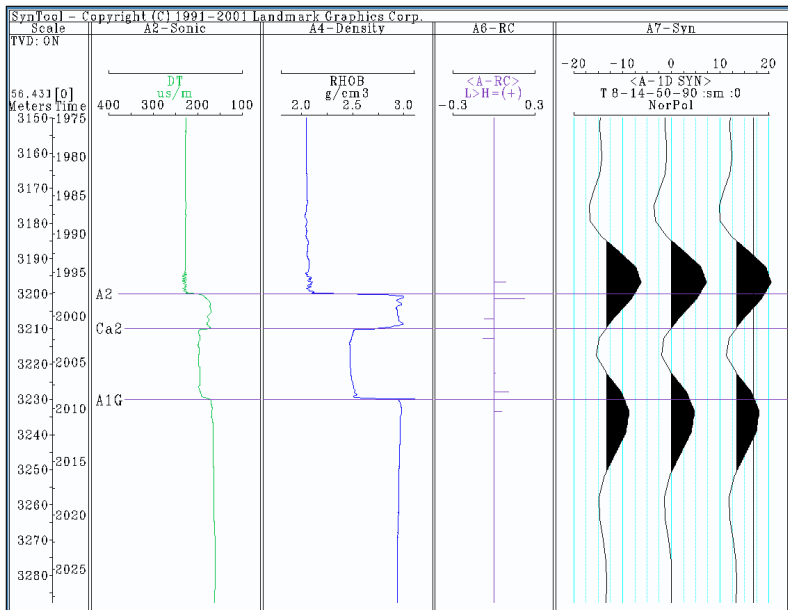
## Effect of porosity variation

High



Medium

Low

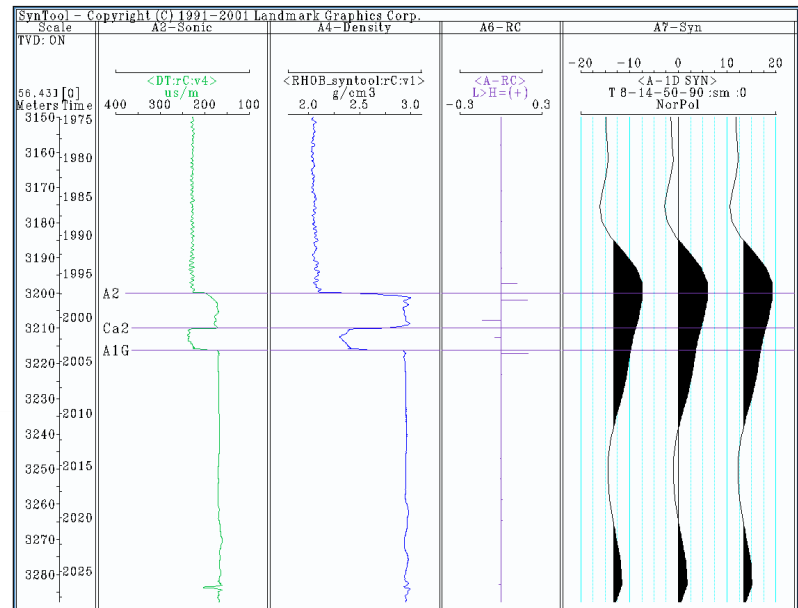
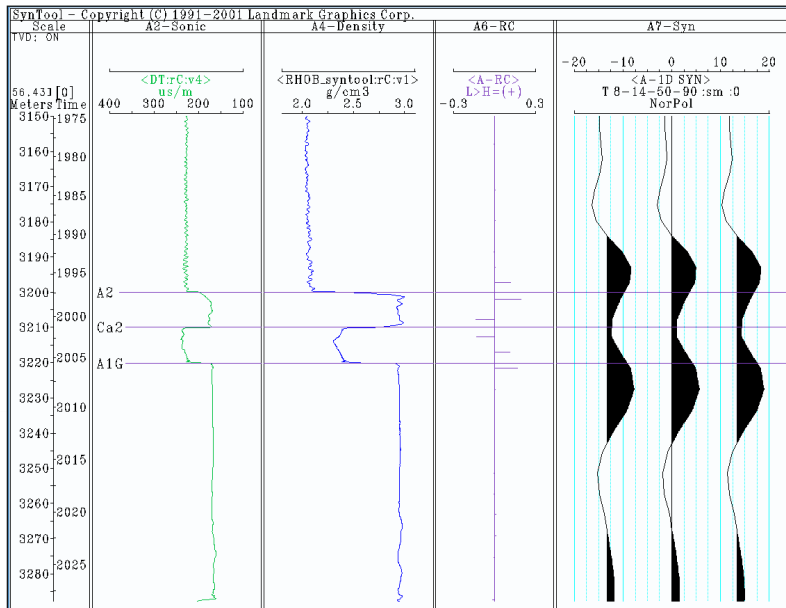
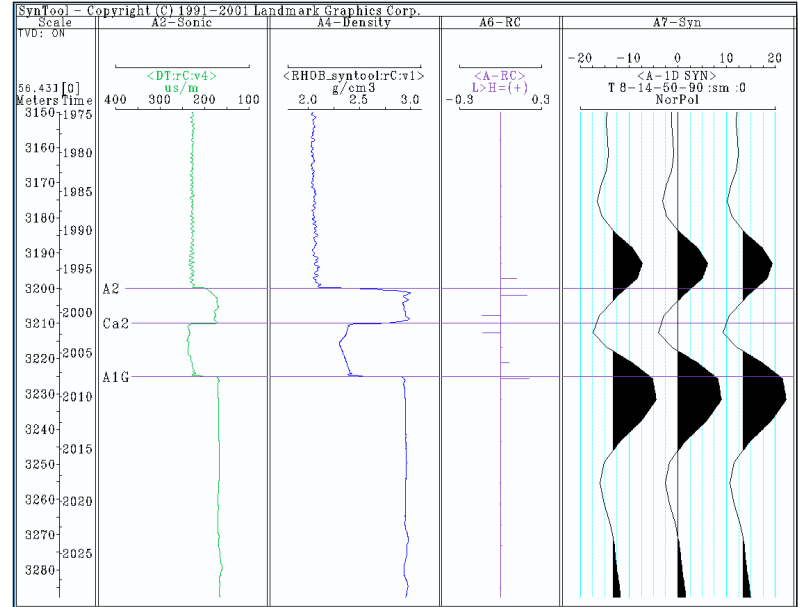
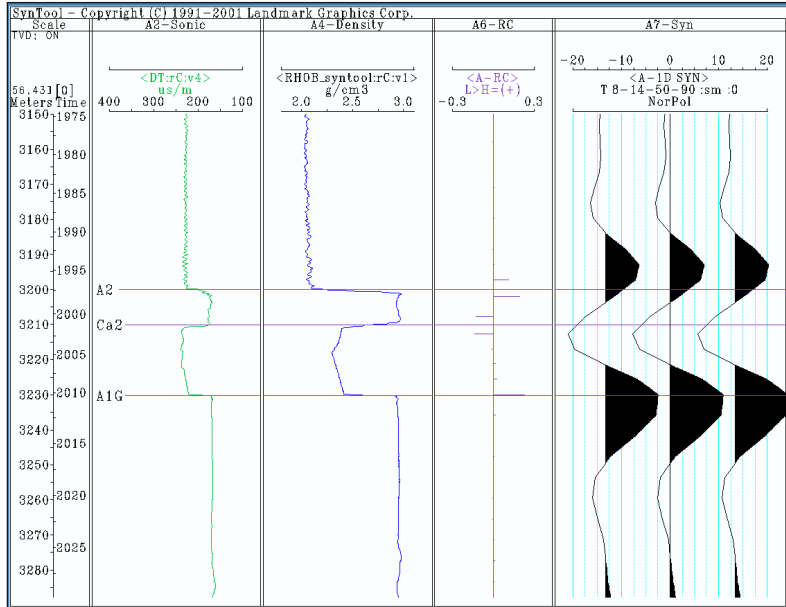


Very low



# 1D modeling - porous dolomite below 10 m of anhydrite

## Effect of thickness variation



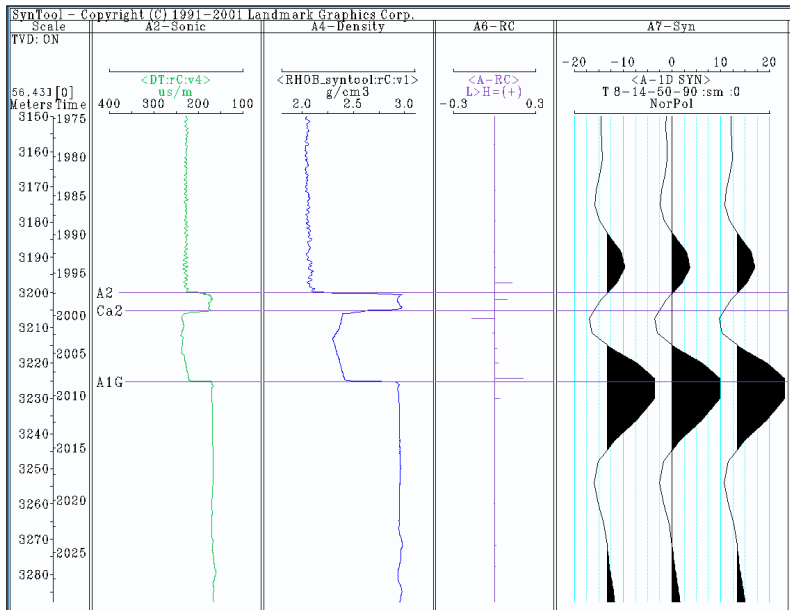
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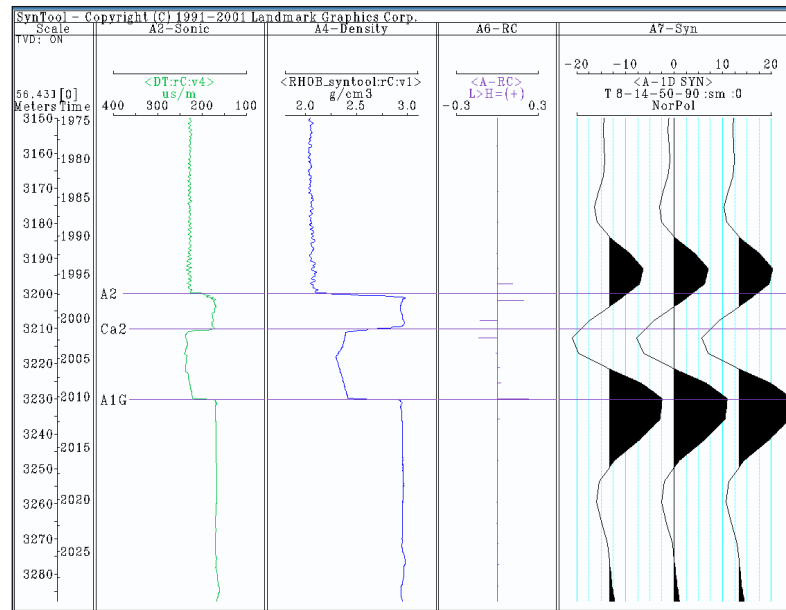
# 1D modeling - 20 m of porous dolomite below anhydrite

## Effect of the anhydrite thickness variation

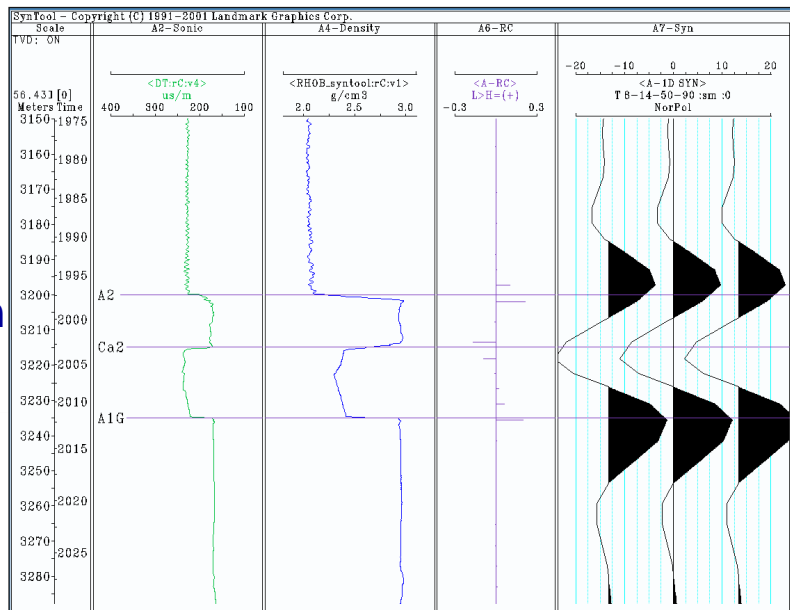
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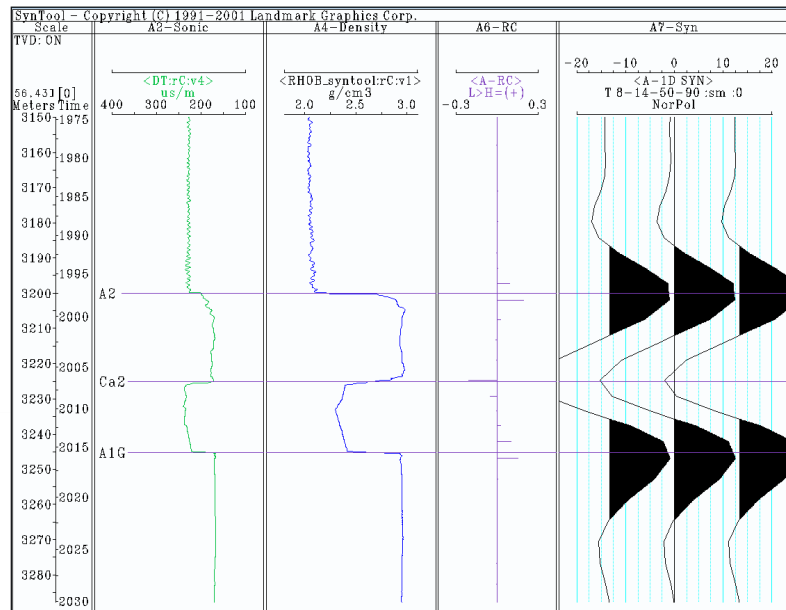
10 m



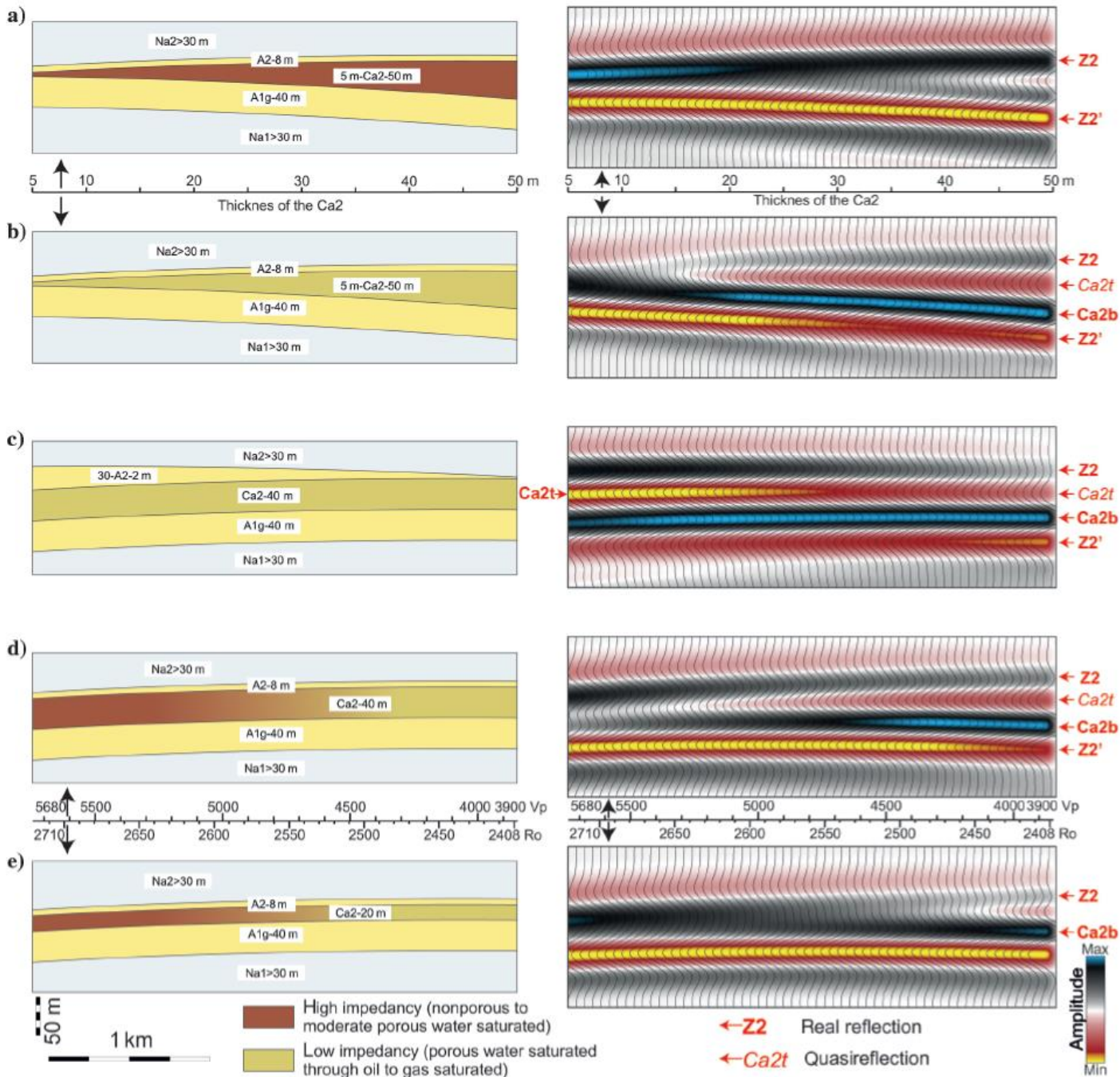
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25 m



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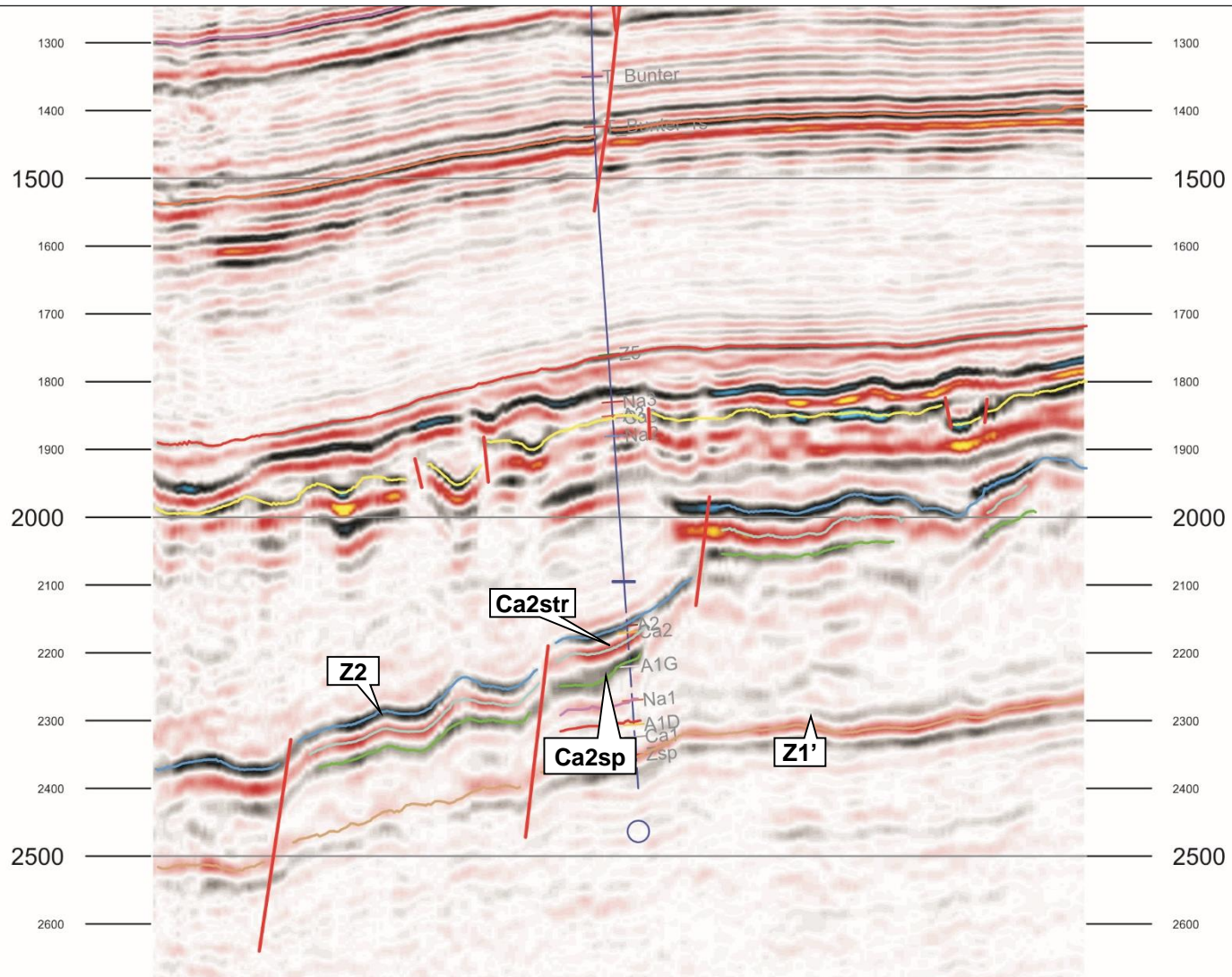


Theoretical models with thickness and physical parameters of units typical for toe-of-slope of sulfate-carbonate platforms in the Gorzów Wielkopolski area.

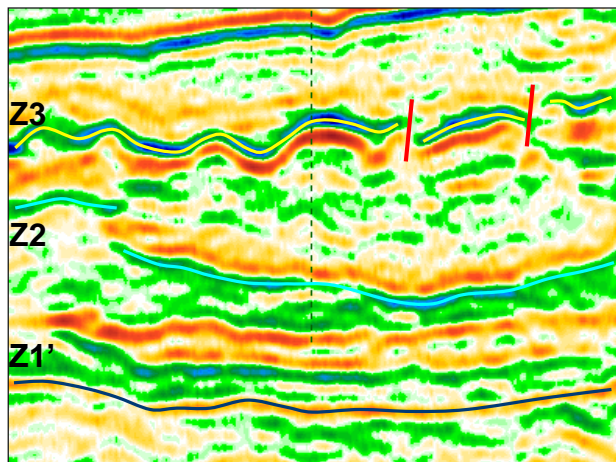
Zdanowski & Górnjak, 2014



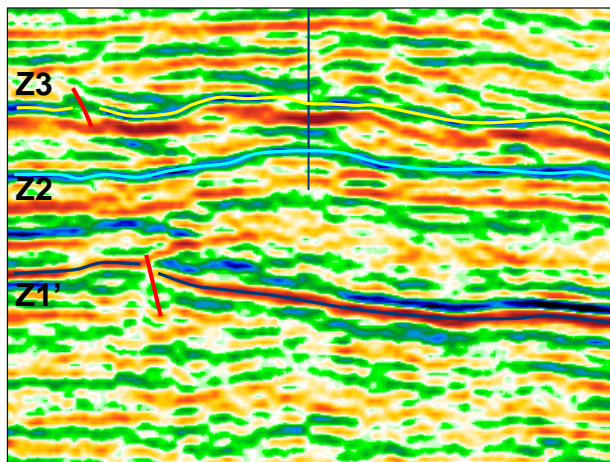
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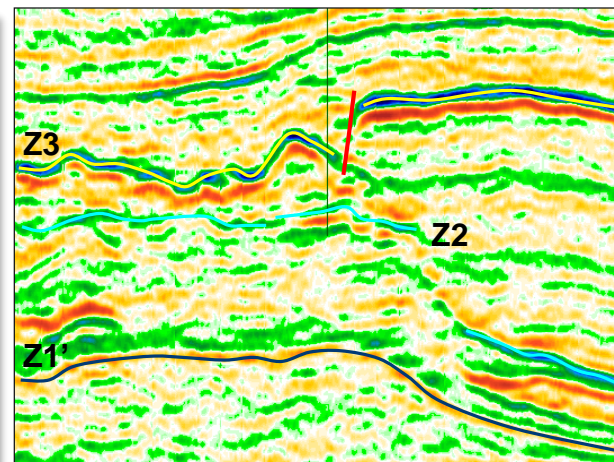
# Variety of main dolomite seismic images



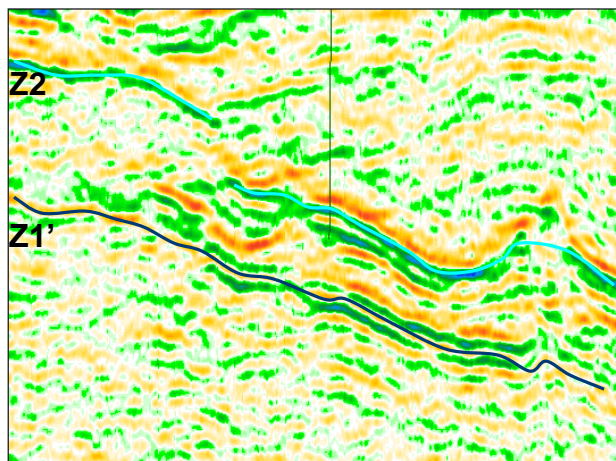
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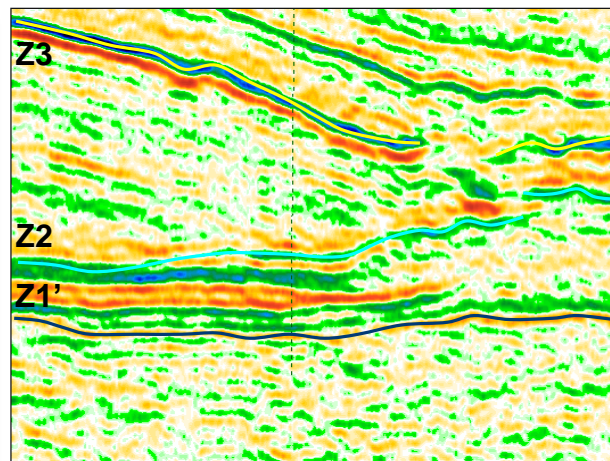
Opalenica-1



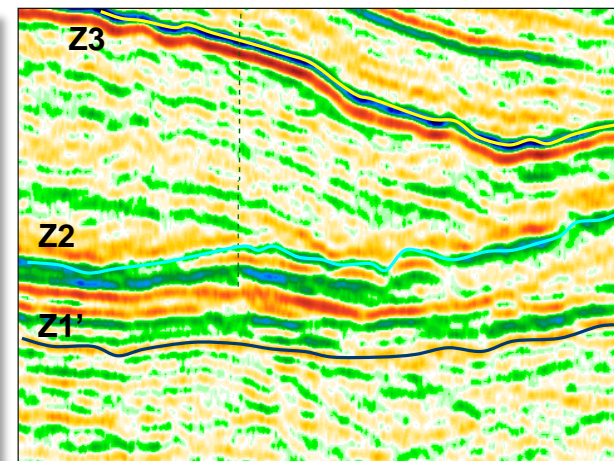
Krobielewko-5



Kaczlin-1



Lubiatów-1

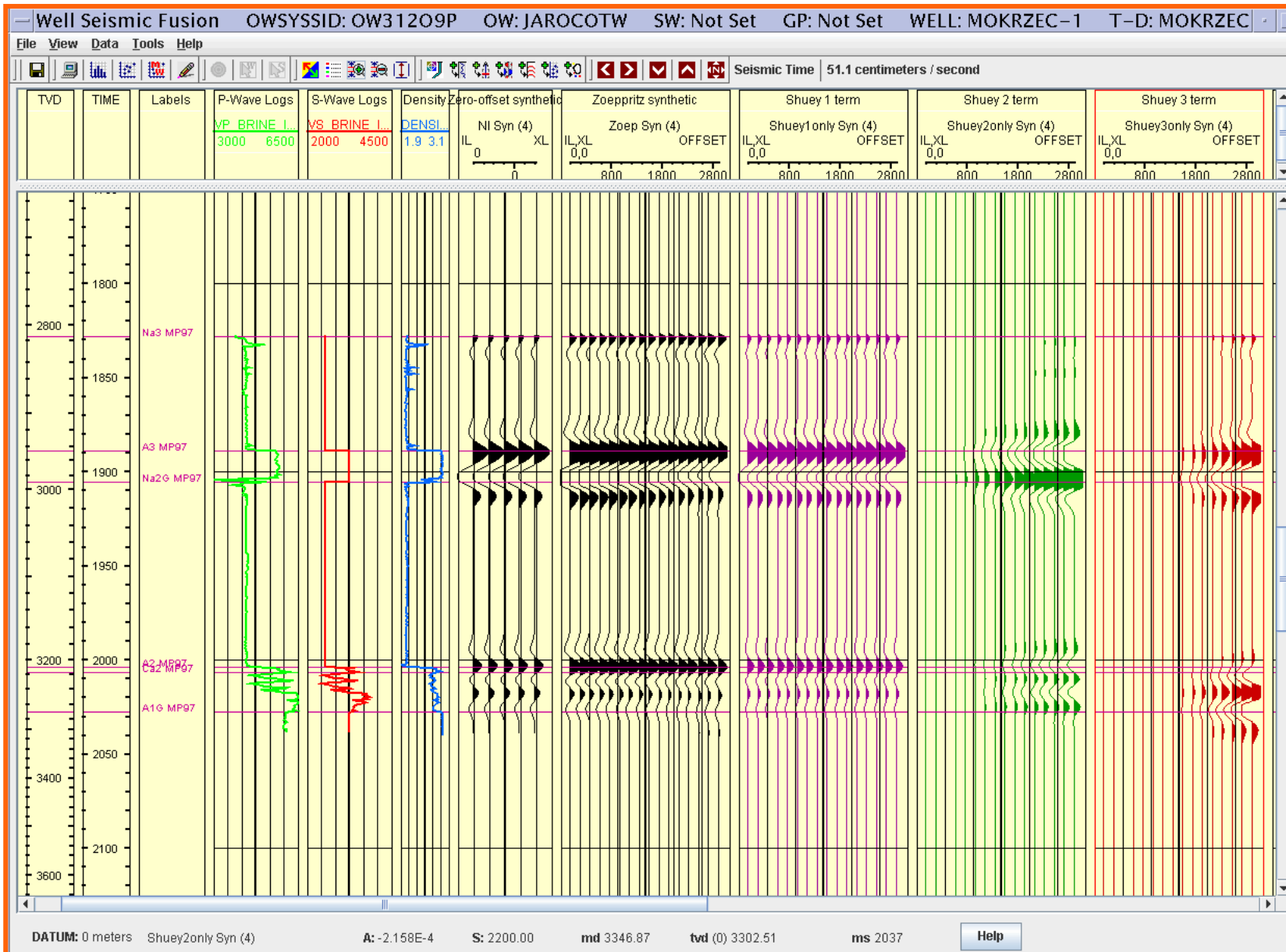


Lubiatów-2



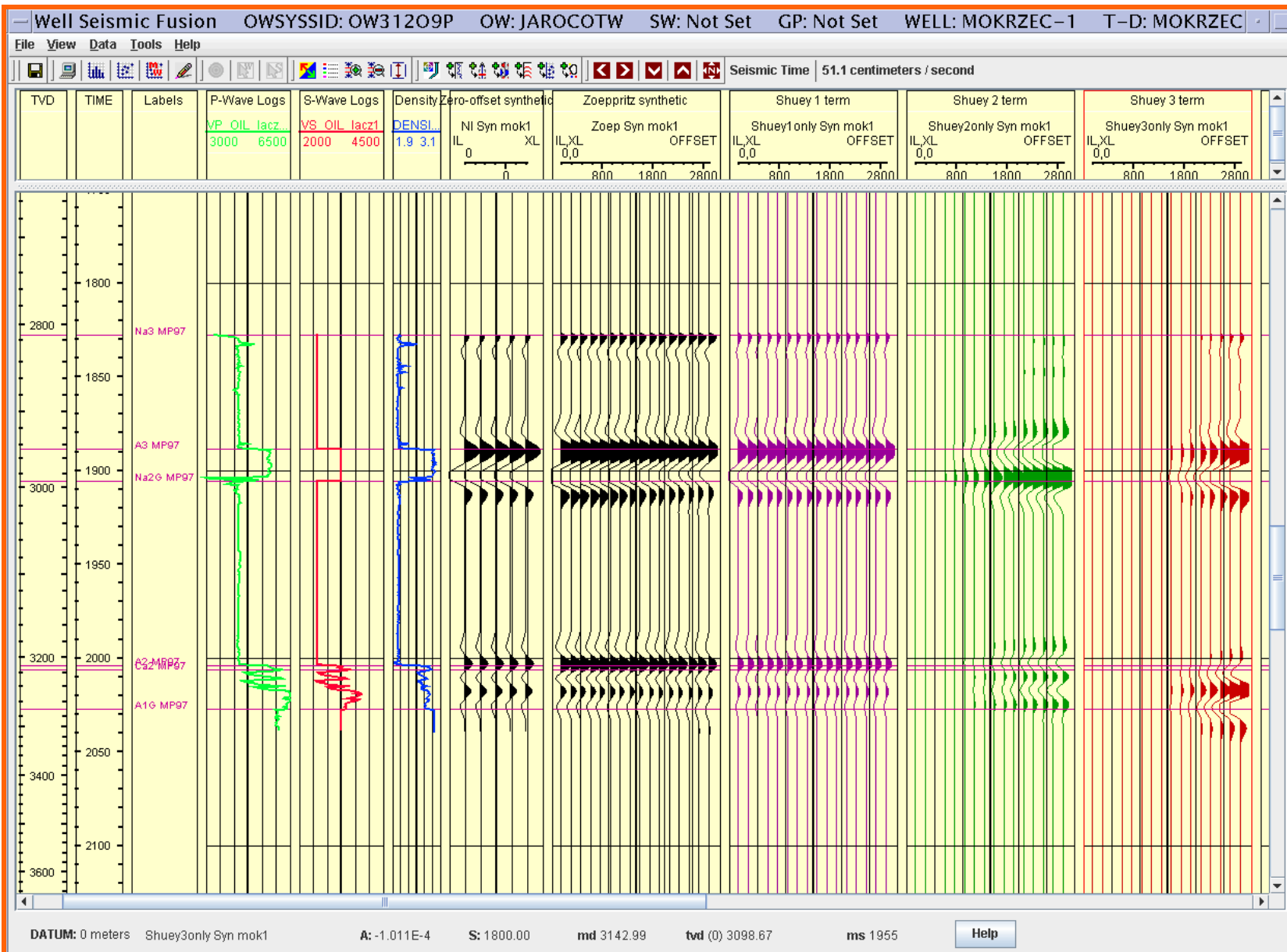
# Brine saturation

# Mokrzec-1



# Oil saturation

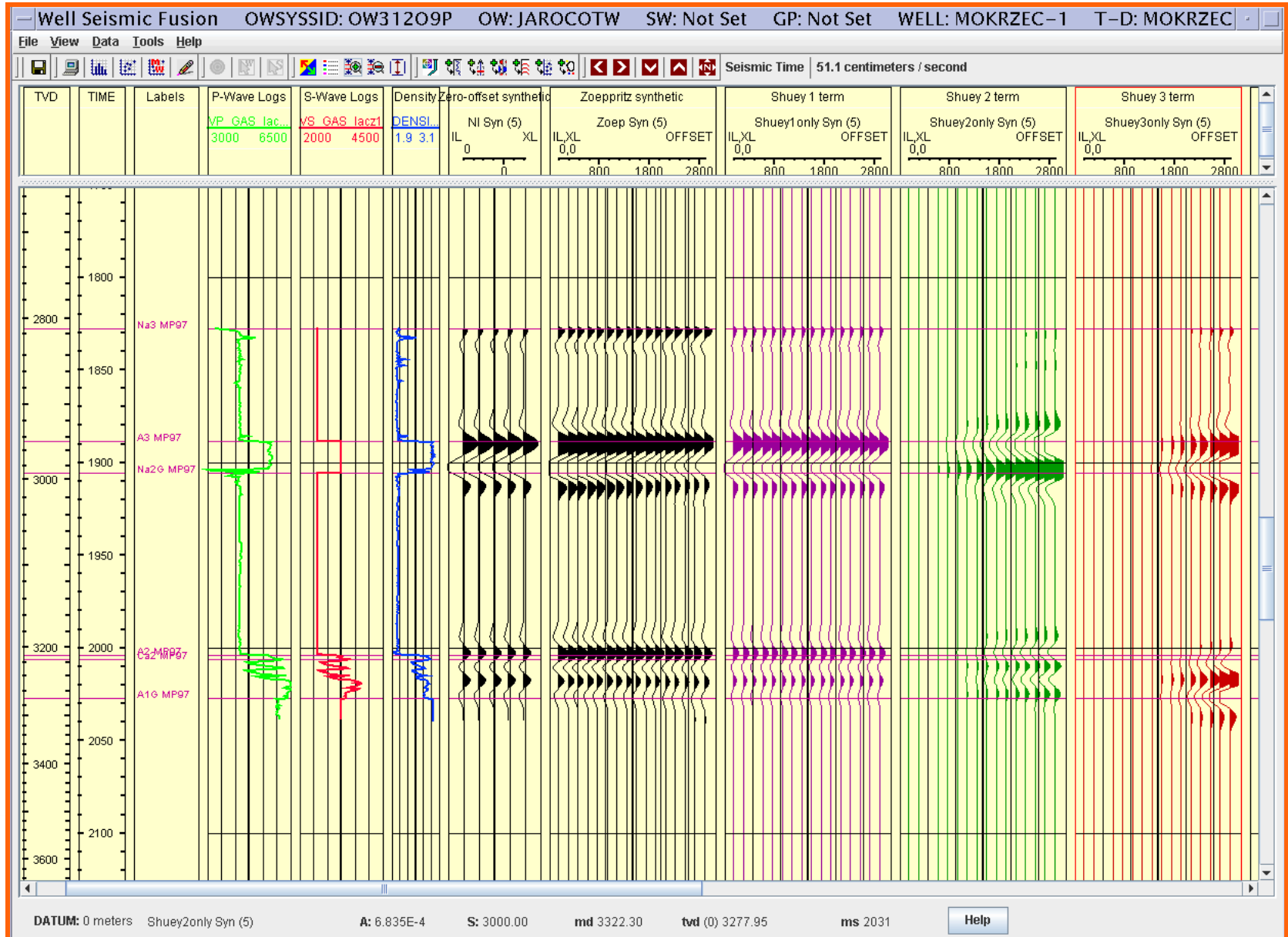
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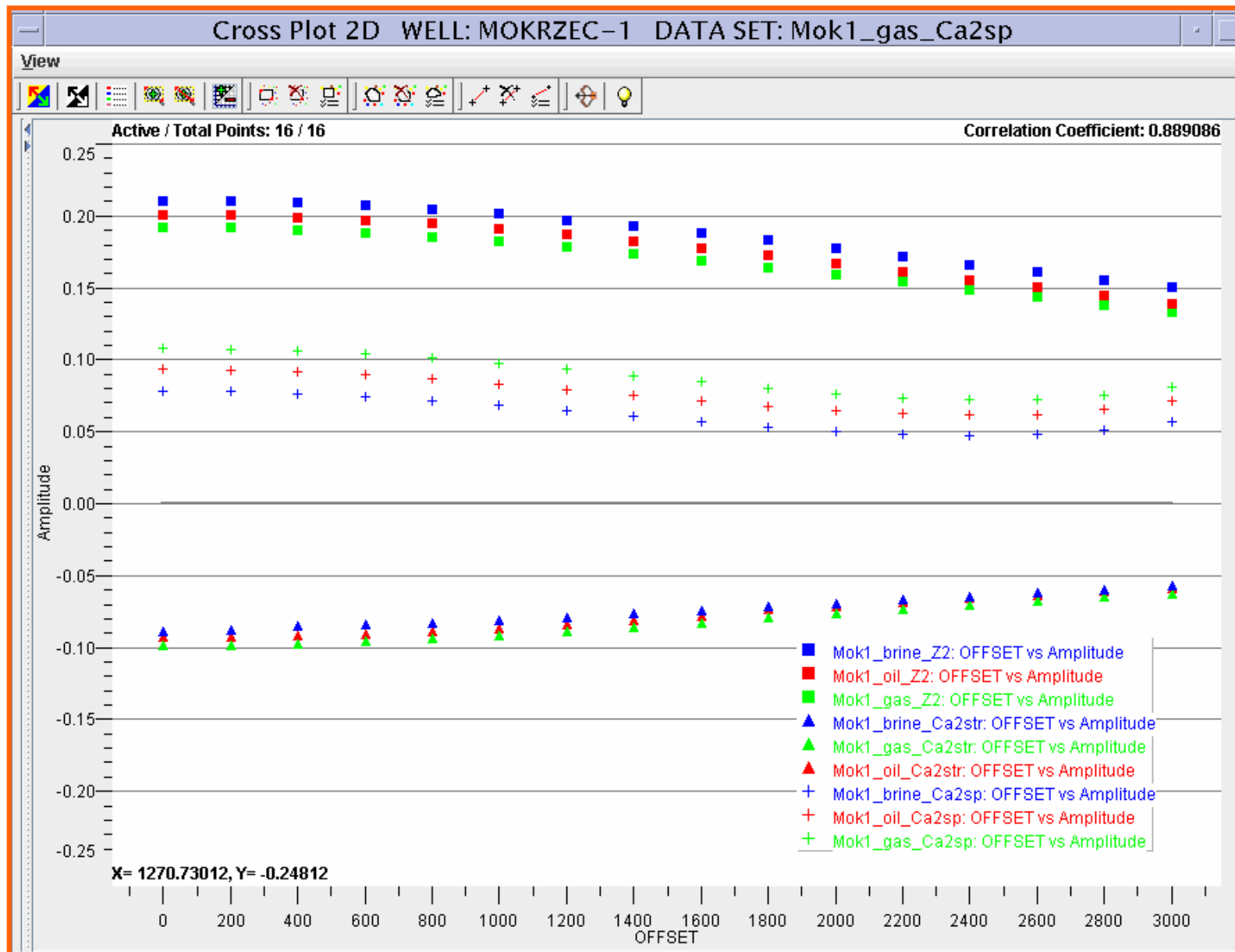
# Gas saturation

Mokrzec-1



# Changes of amplitudes with offset

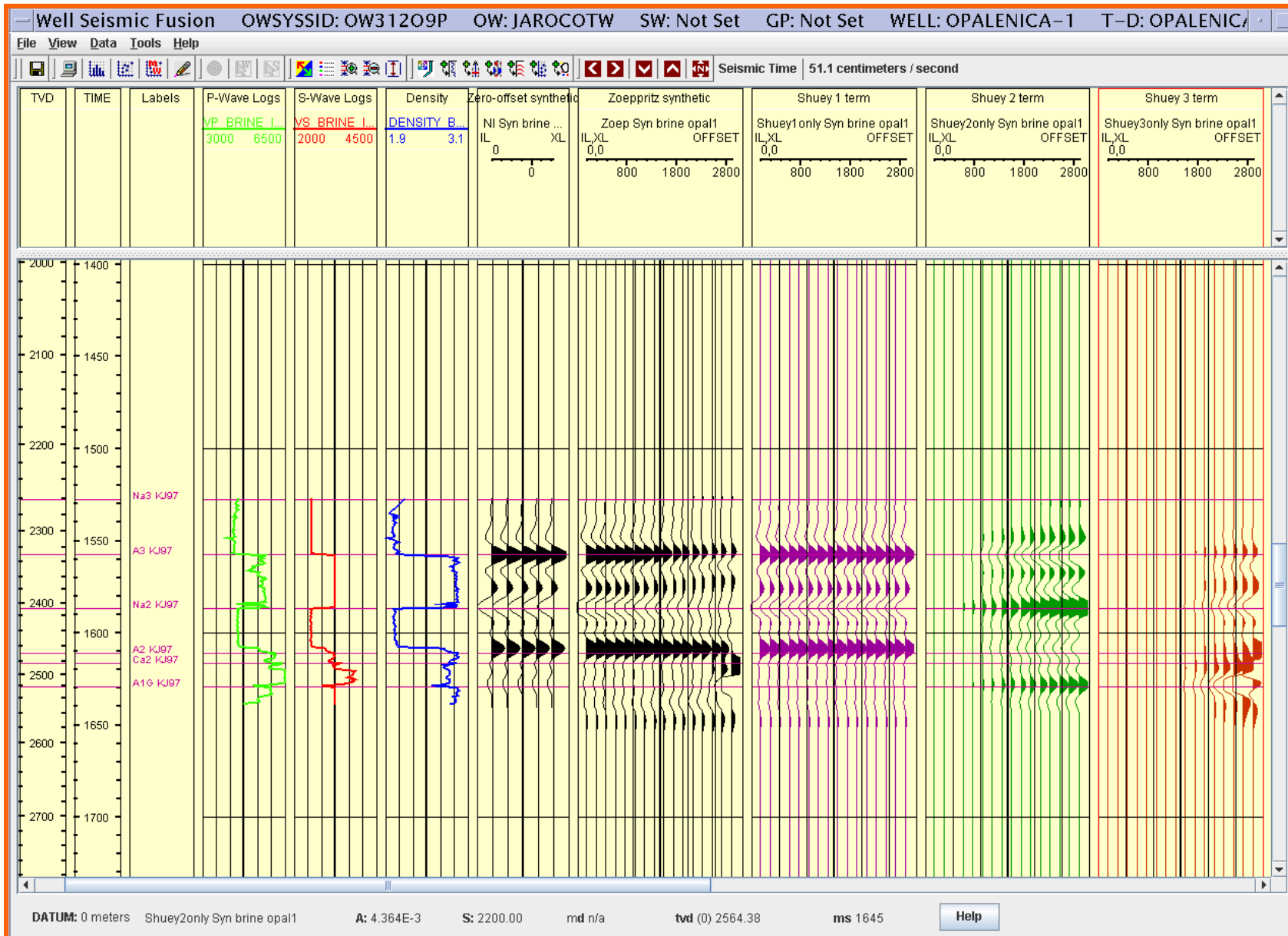
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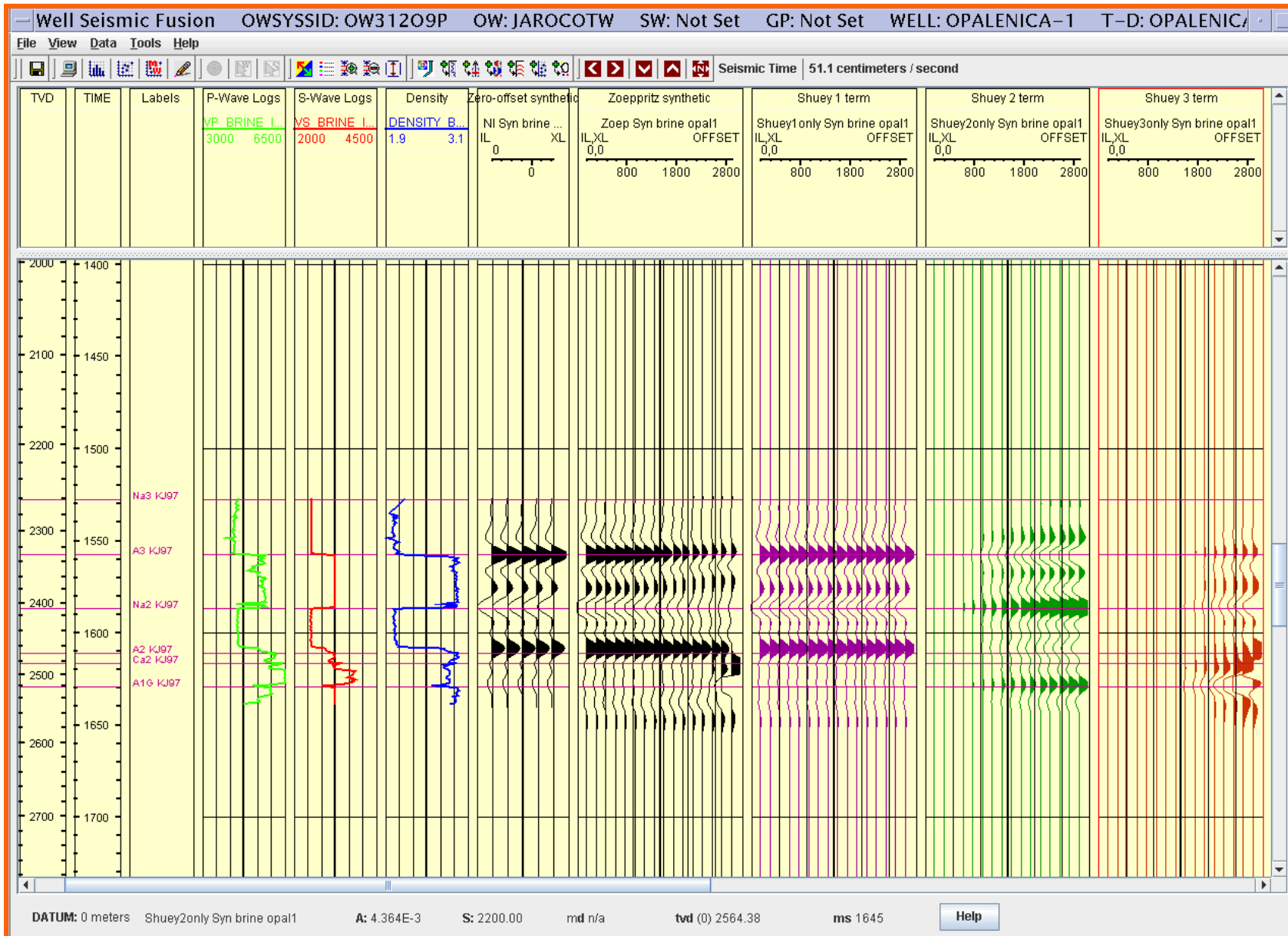
# Brine saturation

# Opalenica-1



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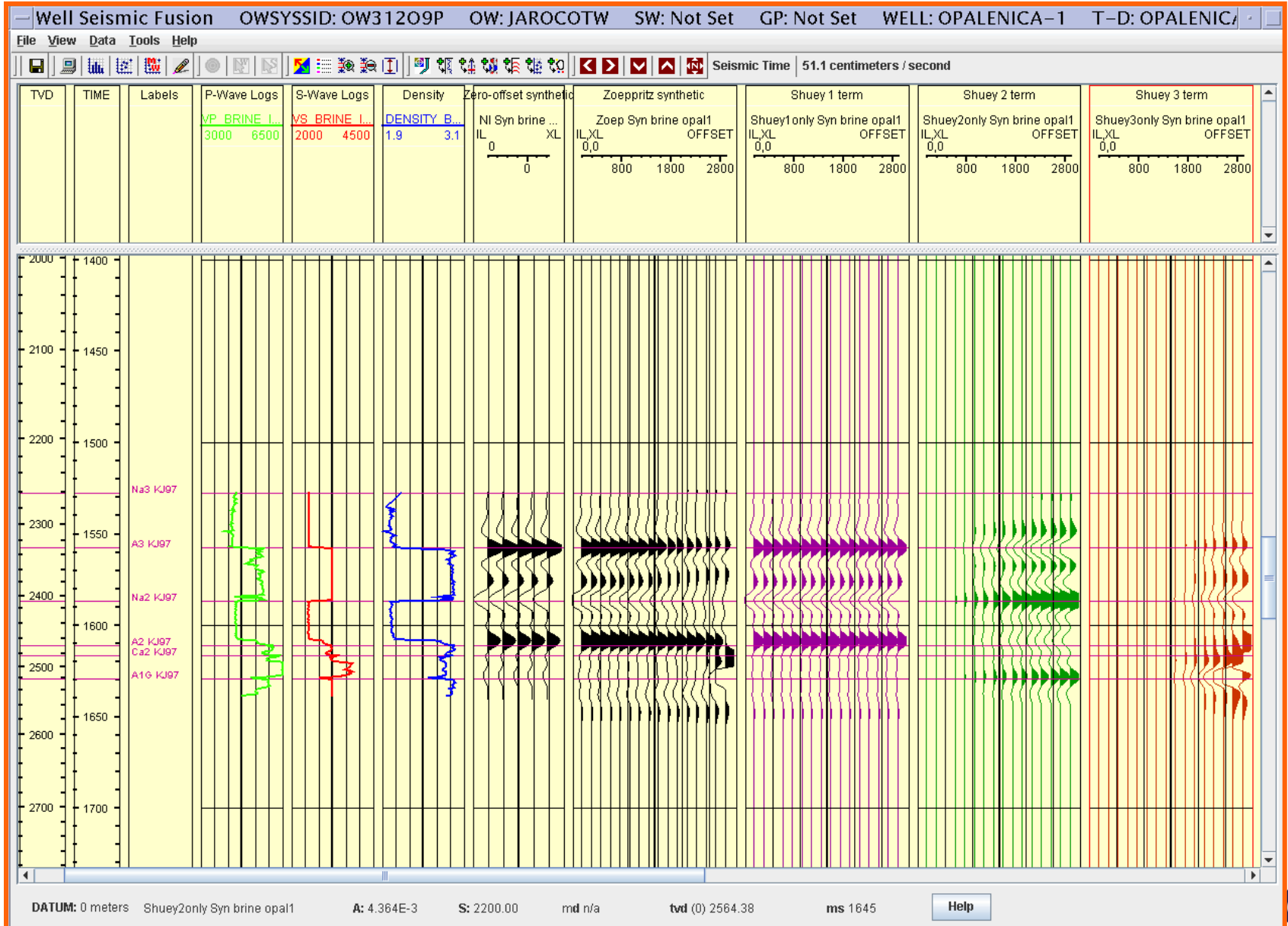
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# Gas saturation

# Opalenica-1







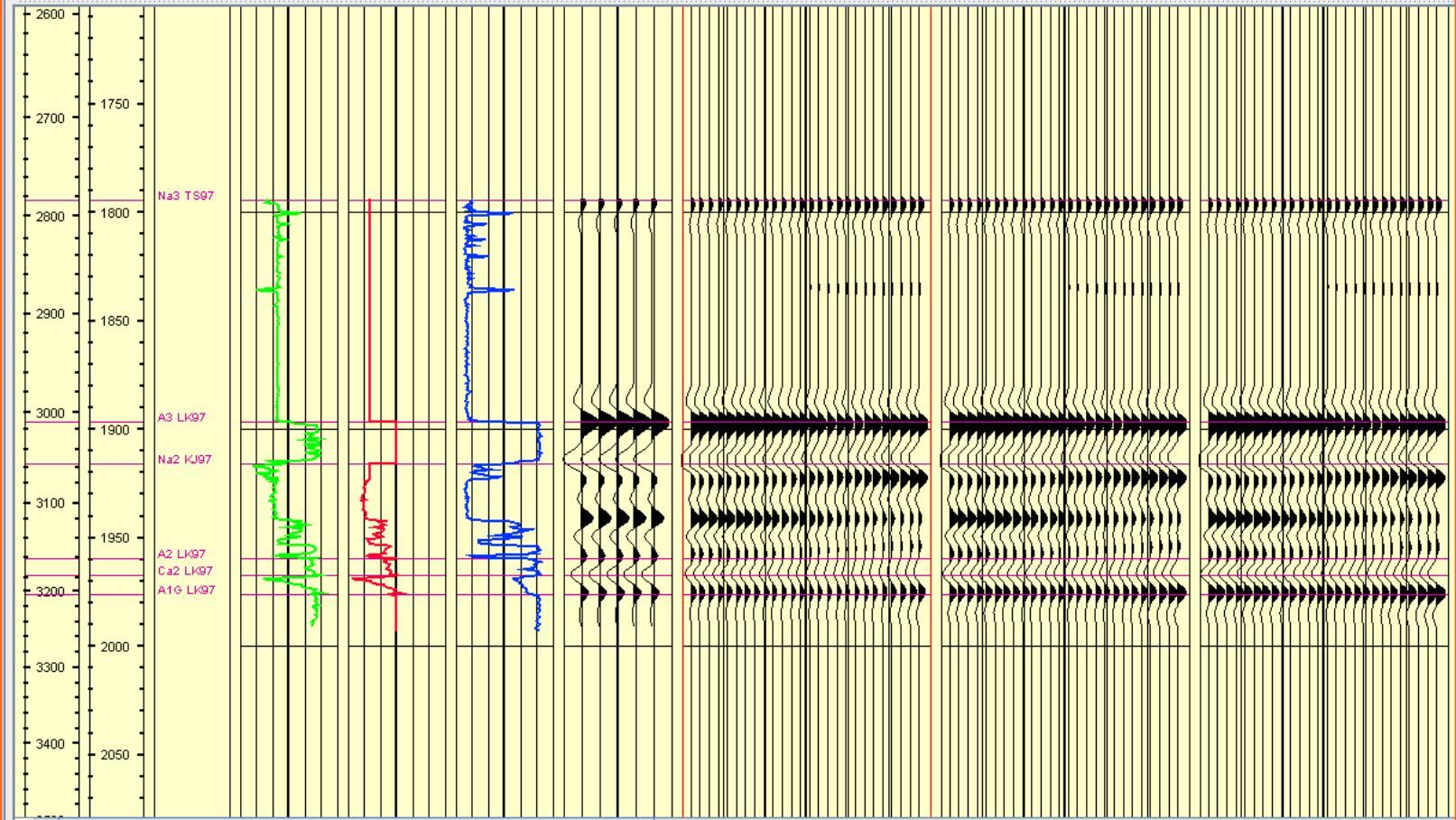
# Krobielewko-5

Well Seismic Fusion OWSYSSID: OW31209P OW: JAROCOTW SW: Not Set GP: Not Set WELL: KROBIELEWKO-5 T-D: KROBIE

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Seismic Time 51.1 centimeters / second

| TVD | TIME | Labels | P-Wave Logs              | S-Wave Logs              | Density               | Zero-offset synthetic              | Zoepritz far offsets brine   | Zoepritz far offsets oil   | Zoepritz far offsets gas   |
|-----|------|--------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|--|
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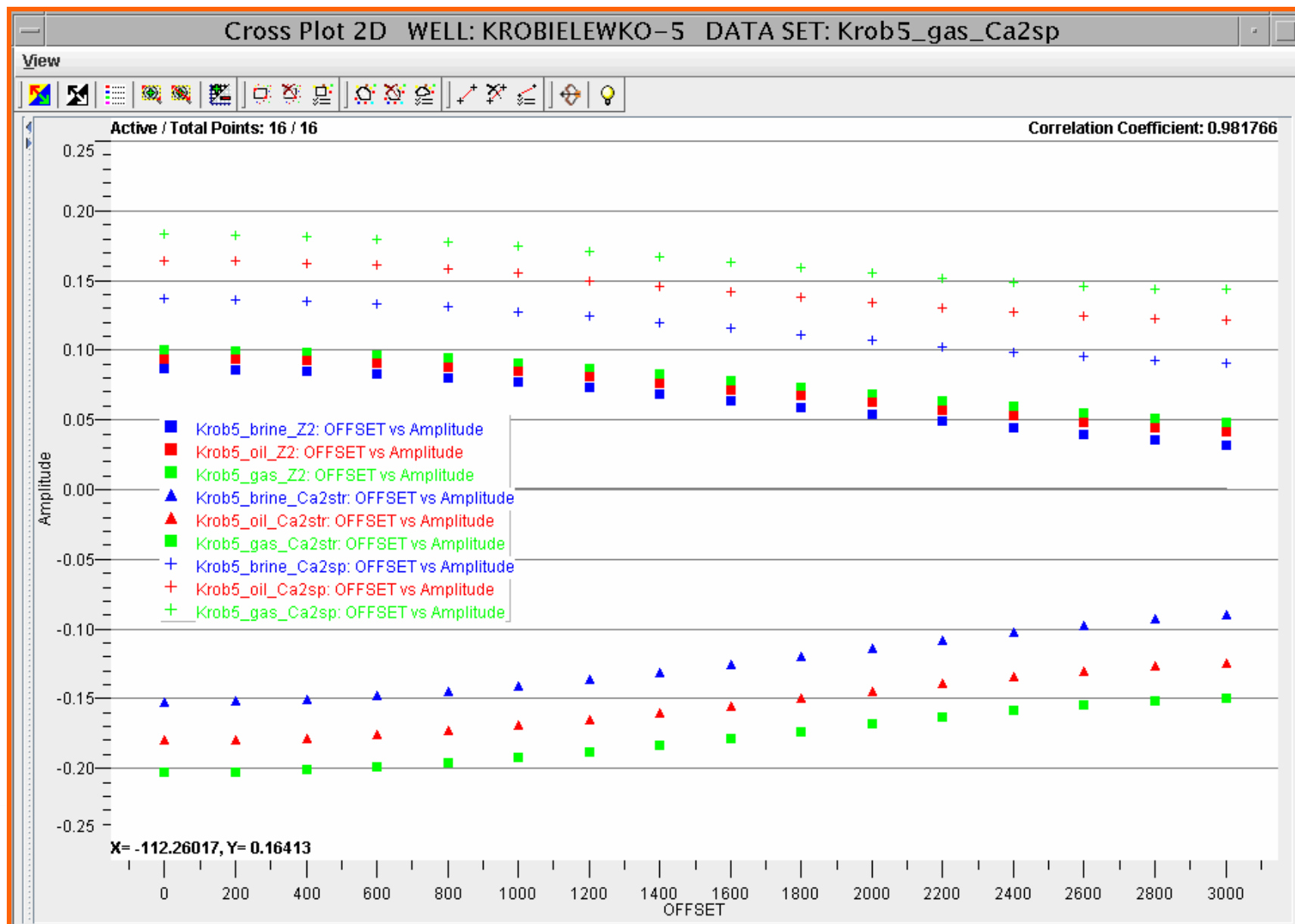


DATUM: 0 meters Zoep Syn gas krob5 5000off A: -3.732E-37 S: 2400.00 md n/a tvd (0) 3474.55 ms 2071 Help



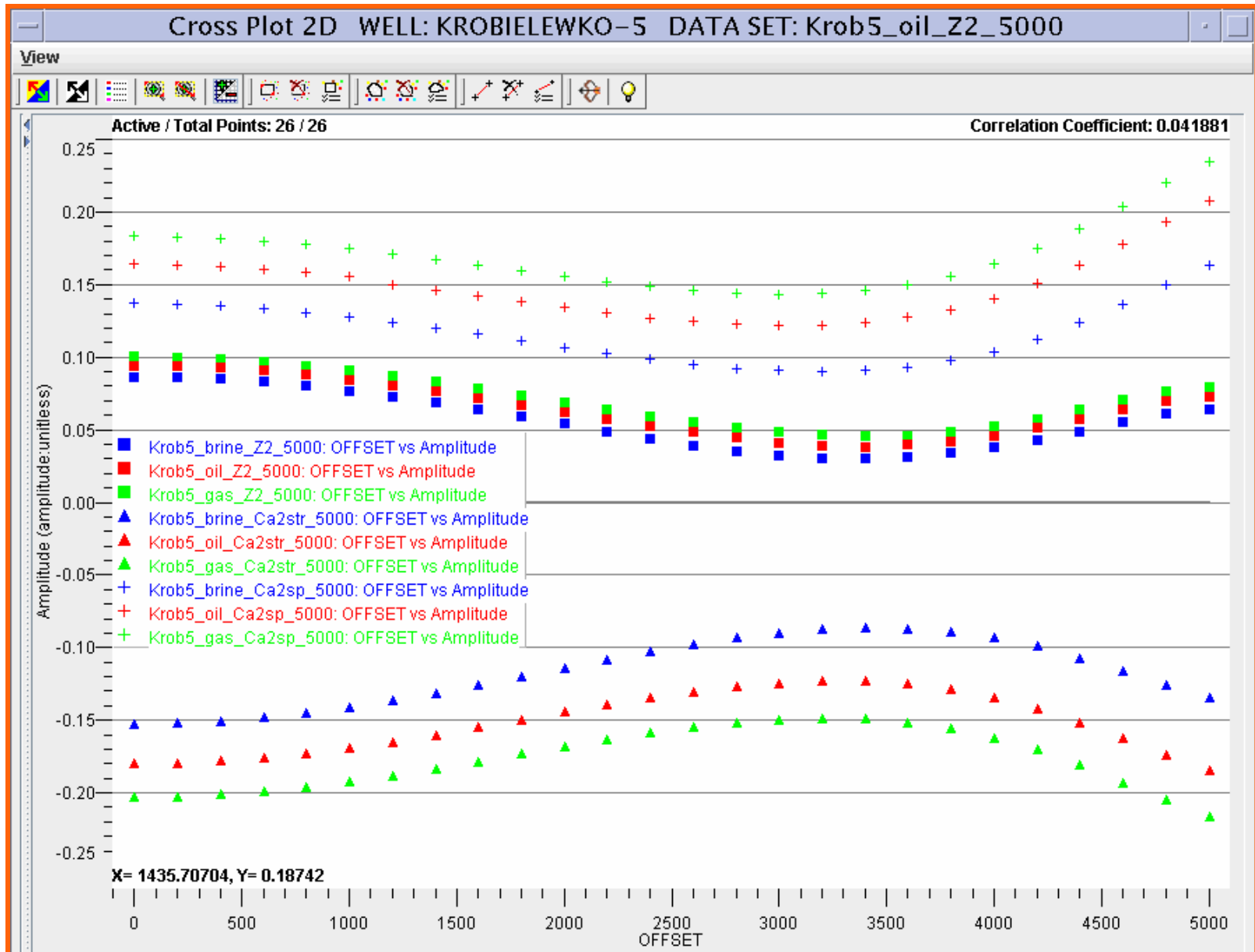
# Changes of amplitudes with offset

Krobielewko-5



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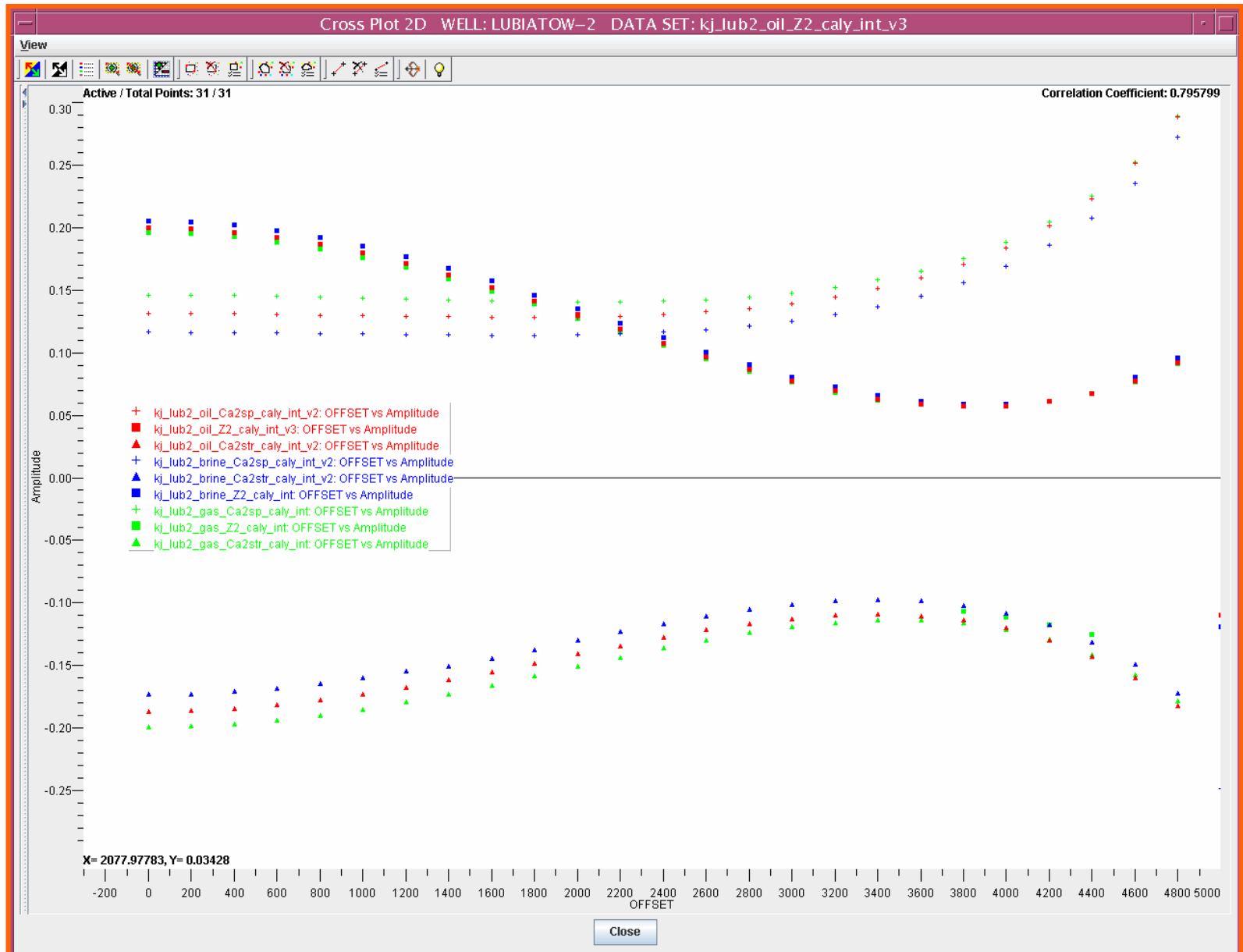
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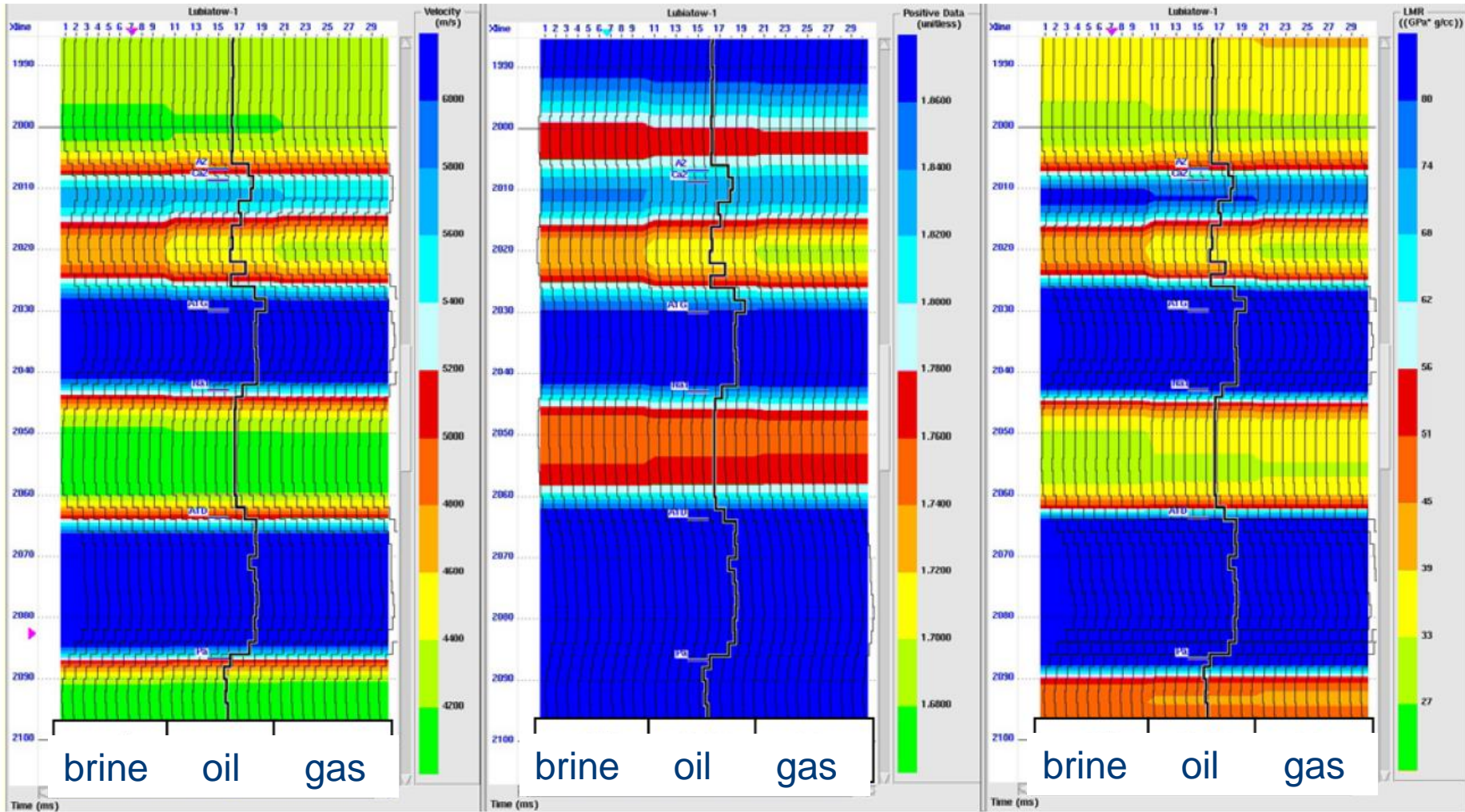
# Changes of amplitudes with offset

Lubiatów-2



# Simultaneous inversion of synthetic data

Lubiatów-1



Vp

Vp/Vs

LMR



**Thank you for your attention**

