

# The Southern Lamu basin, offshore Kenya: evolution; structure; and hydrocarbon plays.

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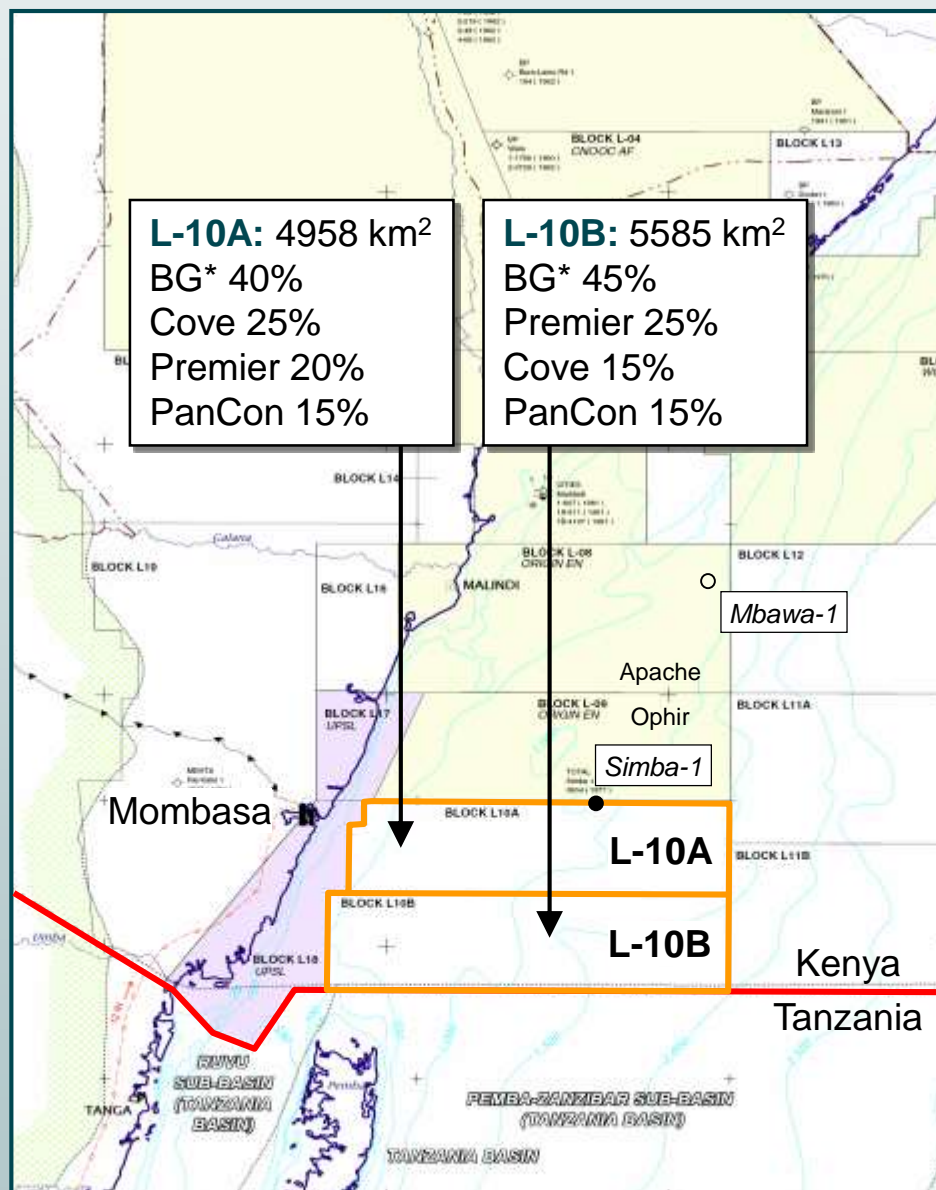
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# Presentation agenda

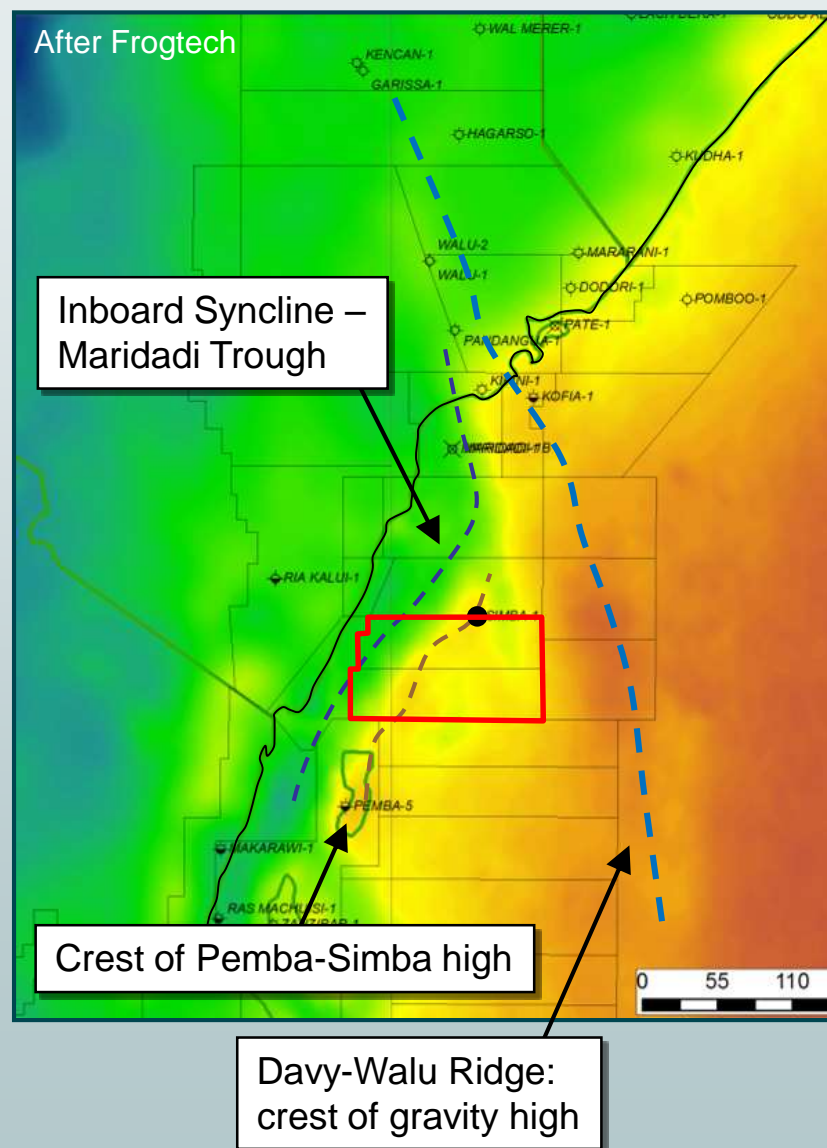
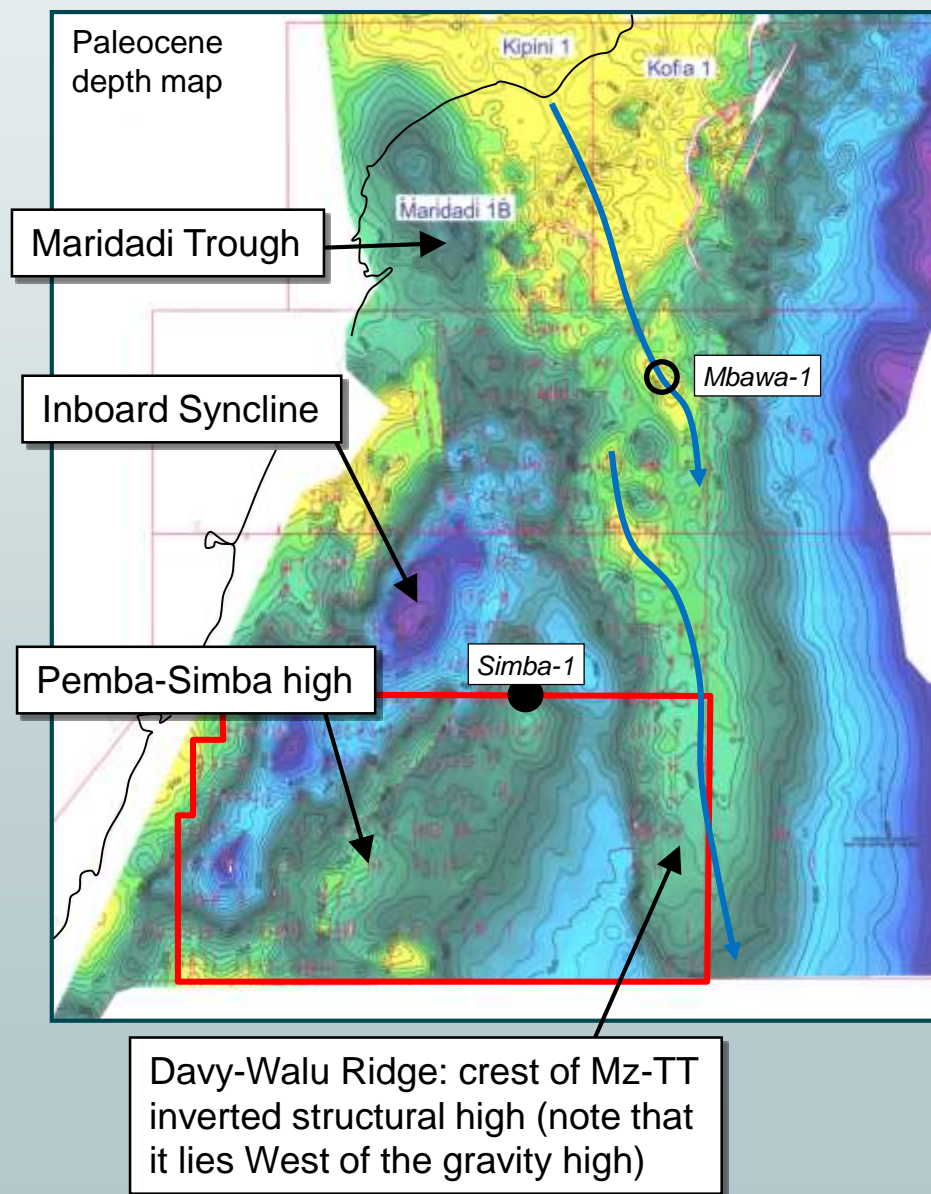
- Structural setting and tectonic evolution
- Stratigraphy and HC systems
- Post-drill analysis
- L-10 plays: initial ideas
- L-10 plays: as seen on new seismic

## L-10 A+B summary

- Effective date 15<sup>th</sup> August 2011
- Water depths ~350 – 2000m
- ~ 10,300 km<sup>2</sup>
- Previously licensed to Woodside, who recorded 2D seismic (~12 x 8 km grid) across entire area
- Relinquished in 2005 (Woodside retained northern area and drilled Pomboo-1)
- Simba-1 well drilled on L-09, L-10 border in 1978 by Total
  - P&A dry, with weak gas shows
  - Found Palaeogene and Cretaceous turbidite sand reservoirs

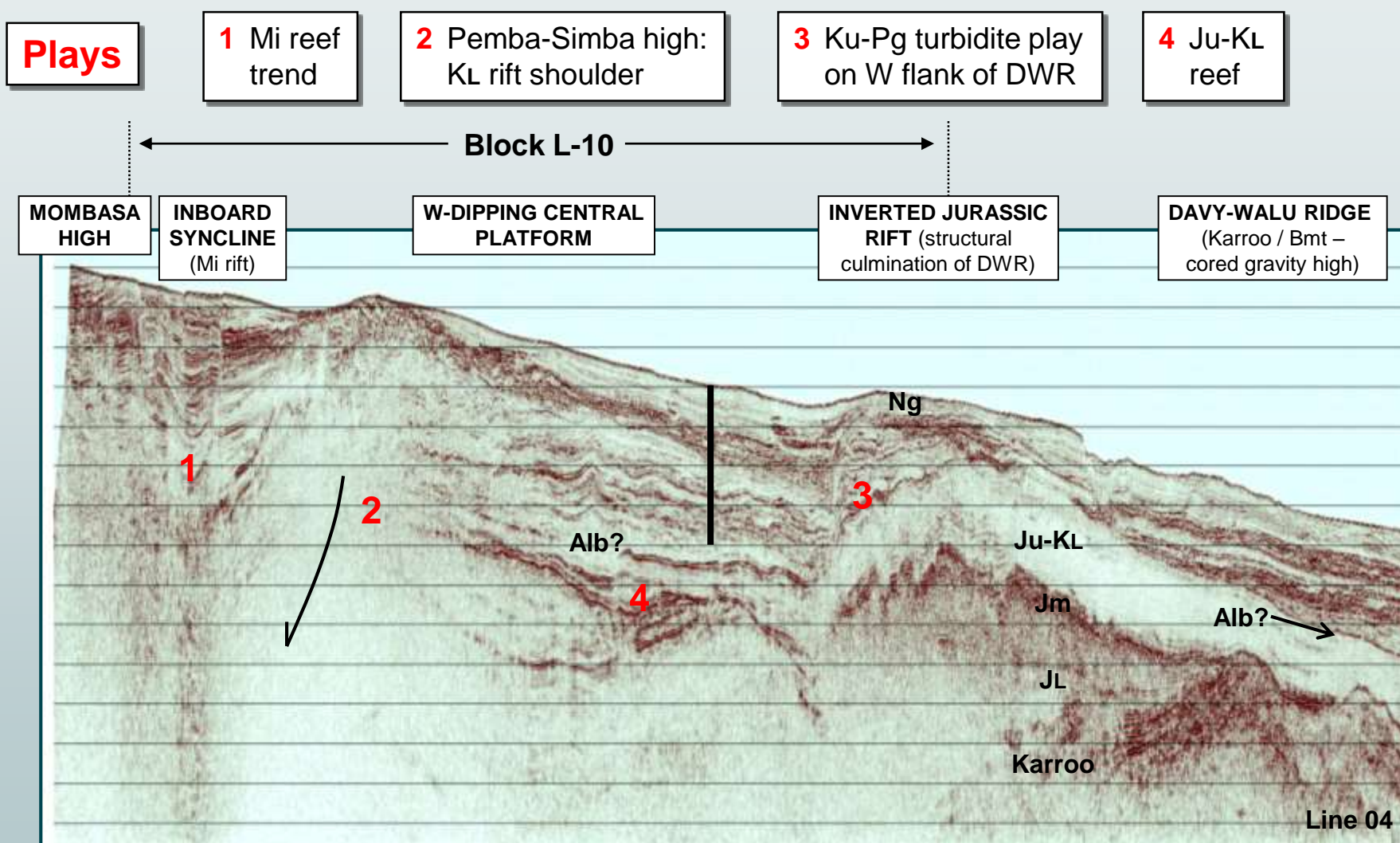


# Bouguer gravity map vs seismic depth map





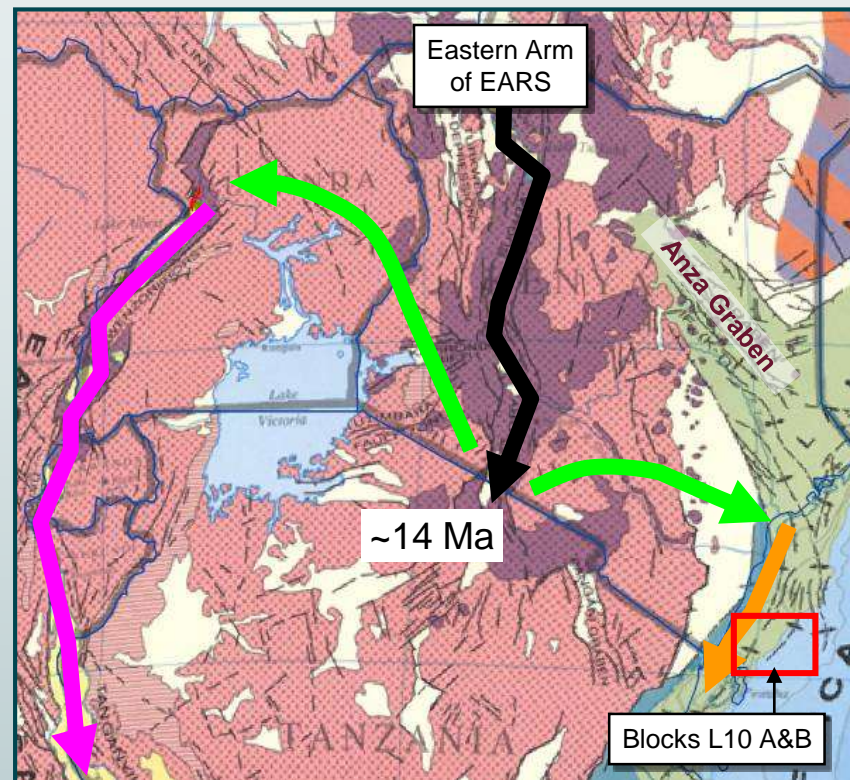
# Regional seismic line: L-10 (A+B) play fairways



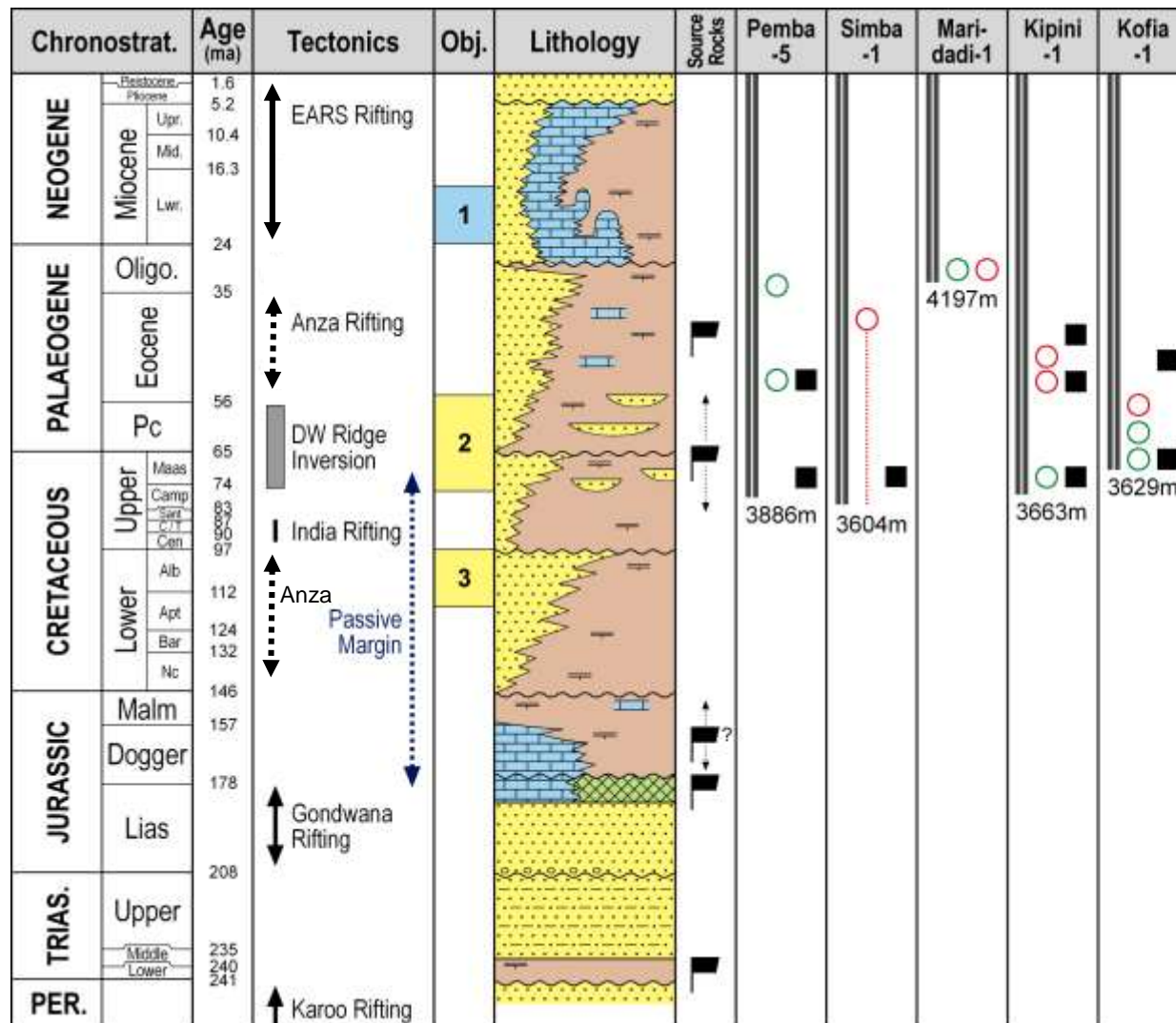
| = Sequence drilled by Simba-1 (TD in Camp.)

# Regional tectonic setting

- Earliest rifting is Karroo (Carb - P<sub>L</sub>)
  - post rift (TrL) source rocks
- Kenya margin results from Jurassic rifting and the oblique drifting of Madagascar/India
  - syn-rift (J<sub>L</sub>) and post-rift (J<sub>M</sub>-J<sub>u</sub>) source rocks deposited
- K<sub>L</sub> and P<sub>g</sub> Anza Basin rifting
  - does it extend south into L-10 area?
- Upper Cretaceous - Palaeogene uplift / inversion of the Davie Ridge: created a restricted depo-centre inboard
  - potential deposition of Ku-P<sub>g</sub> source rock
- Neogene East African Rift
  - Rifting commenced in East African Rift System (EARS) in Oligocene (~36 Ma)
  - Gregory Rift propagated (north and) south, until the edge of the Tanzanian Archaean craton was encountered at ~14 Ma. Effective rifting terminated in Gregory Rift (Calais et al, 2006; Le Gall et al, 2004)
  - rifting jumped W, initiating the Albert rift and, slightly earlier (Olig - MiL we claim) also jumped E, causing rifting in offshore coastal Kenya / Tanzania
- Development of pinnacle reef fairway, and subsidence of Inboard Syncline.



# Stratigraphic summary – Offshore Kenya



## Objective 1

Miocene carbonate platform, with reef development along outboard margin, sealed by deep-water shales (main objective)

Palaeogene source rocks

## Objective 2

Pg-Ku turbidite sands (Simba-1)

## Objective 3

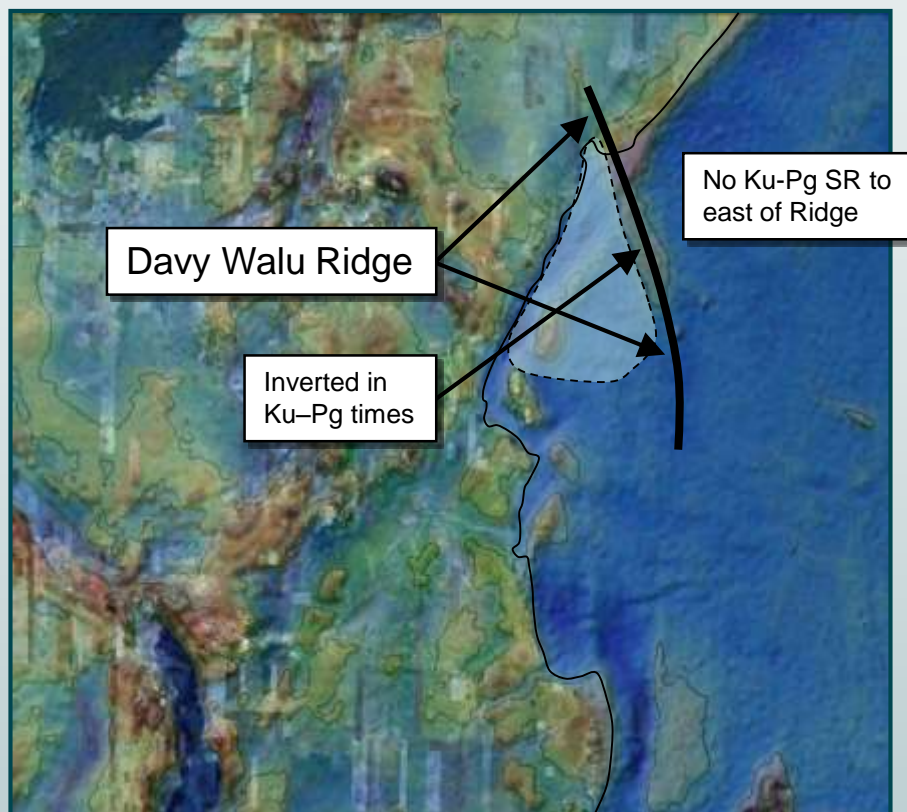
Albo-Aptian sands (Songo-Songo reservoir)

Jurassic source rocks (predicted in this area)

- Weak oil show
- Weak gas show
- Source rocks



# Analogue for possible Ku-Pg SR distribution in offshore Lamu Basin

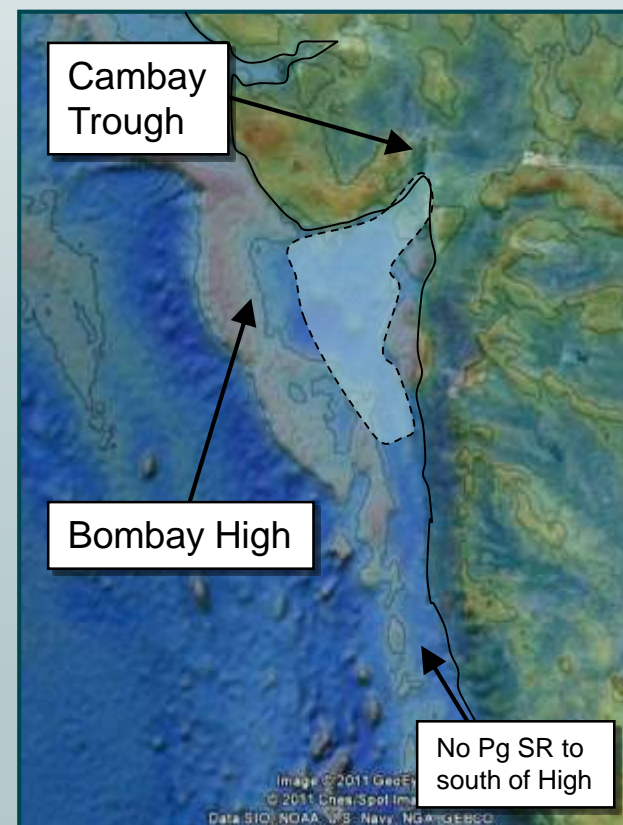


## Kenya:

Ku – Pg inversion of Davy Walu Ridge created area of restricted circulation to the west of it, in which Ku-Pg source rocks could be deposited. Inversion of the Ridge onshore probably diverted drainage away to the east, so the TOC was less diluted by clastic influx.

## India:

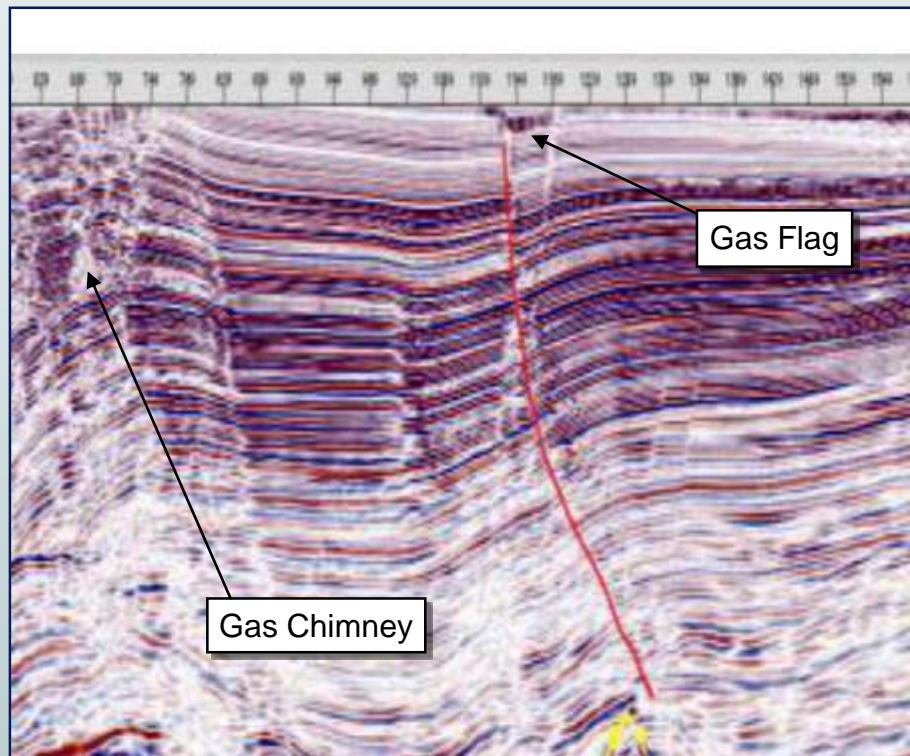
Ku growth of Bombay High created restricted conditions behind it and rich Pc-Eo source rocks deposited, which charged BH and Cambay fields. To the south of the High, no Pg source rocks found.



Note: Scale of both maps the same.

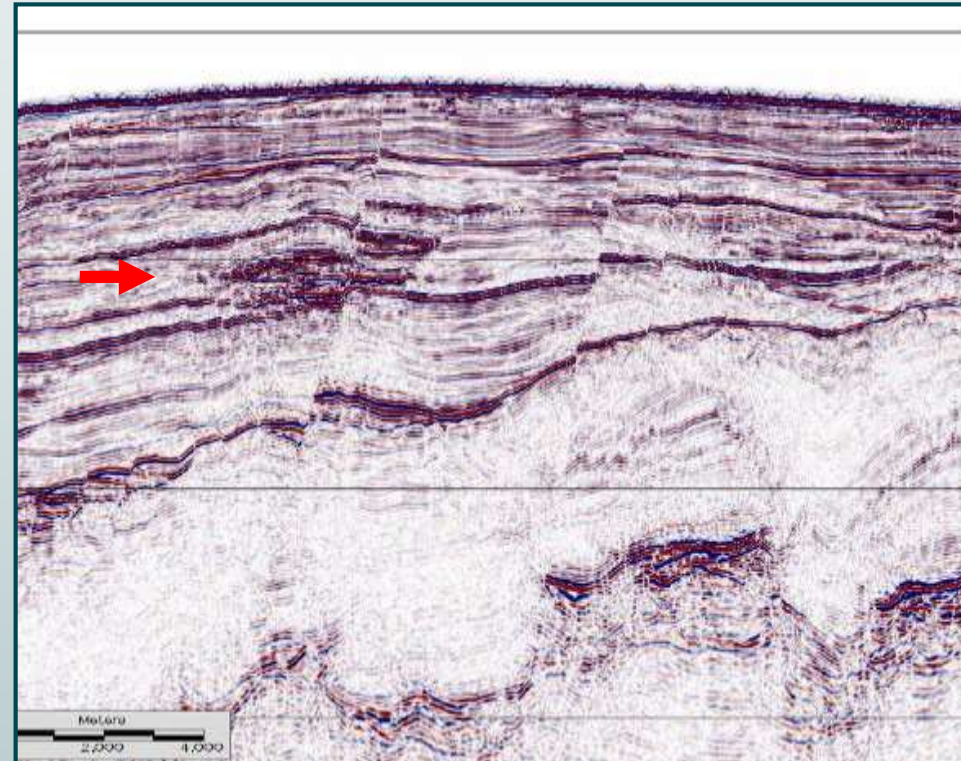
# L-10: Possible evidence of HC charge

## A. Inboard Syncline



Gas chimney, and gas flag on downthrown side of fault, close to seabed.

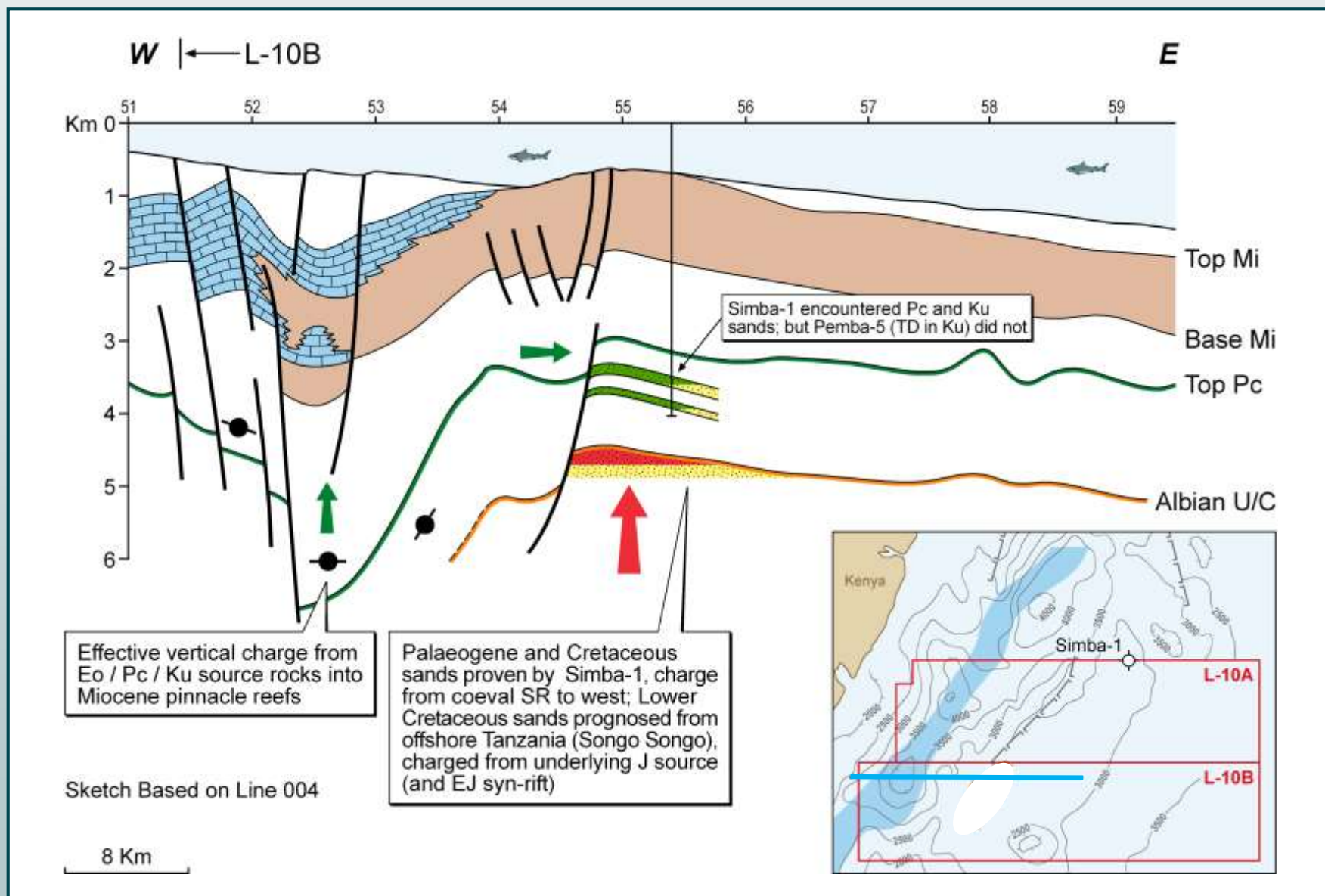
## B. Davy-Walu Ridge



Gas flags on up- and down-thrown sides of deep rooting fault, and possible GWC.

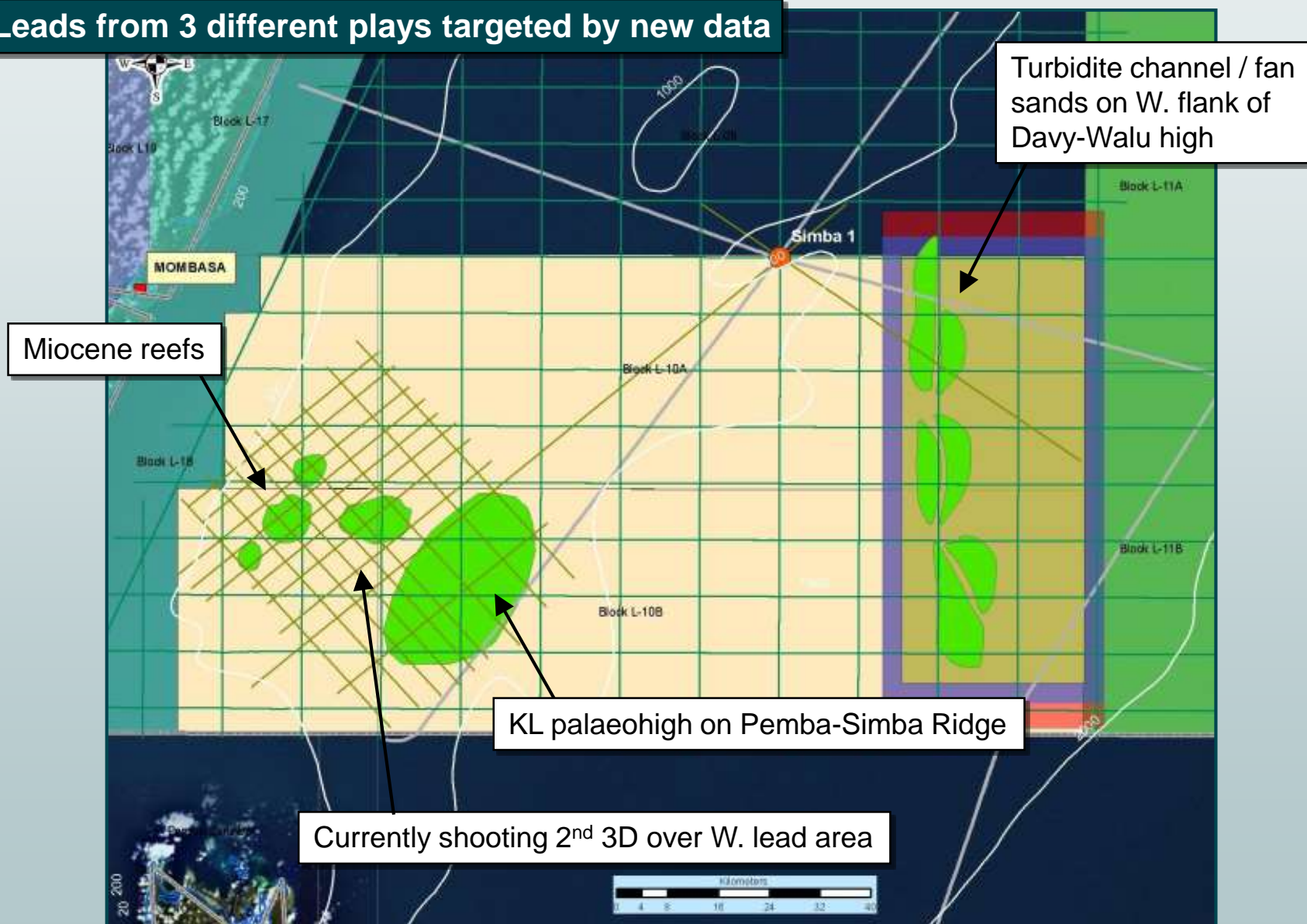


# Sketch cross-section 2: Miocene reef play and rift shoulder lead



# Kenya L-10A, L-10B: 2011-12 seismic programme

Leads from 3 different plays targeted by new data

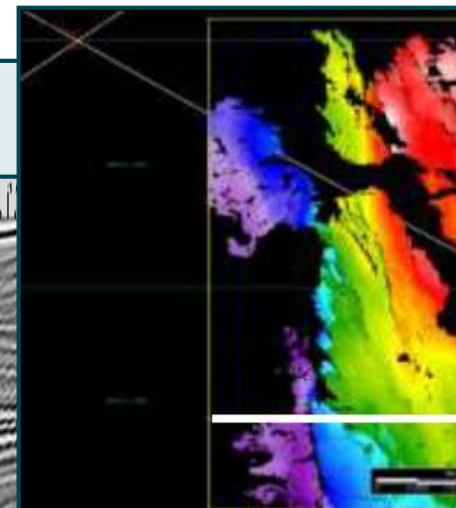
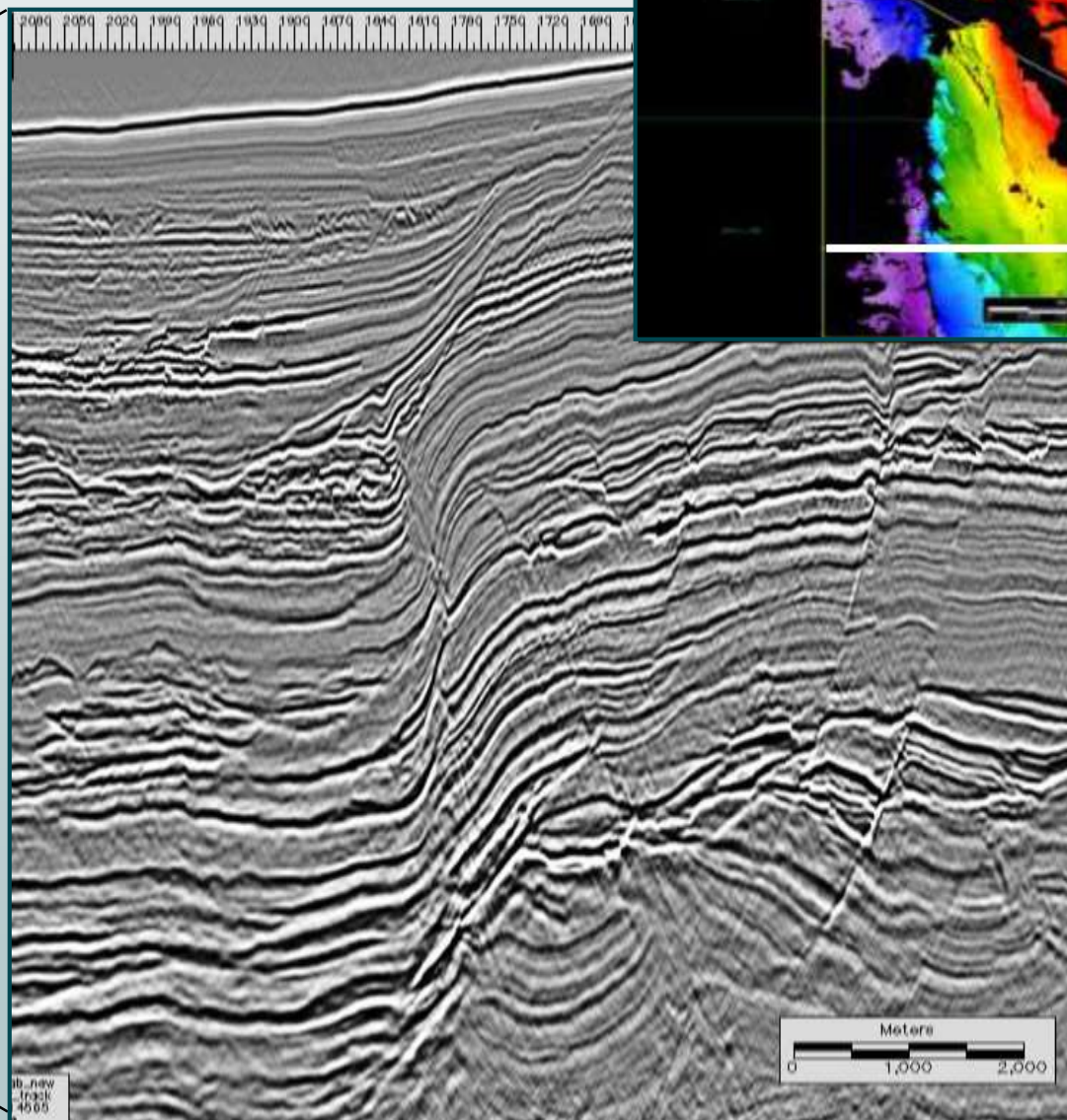
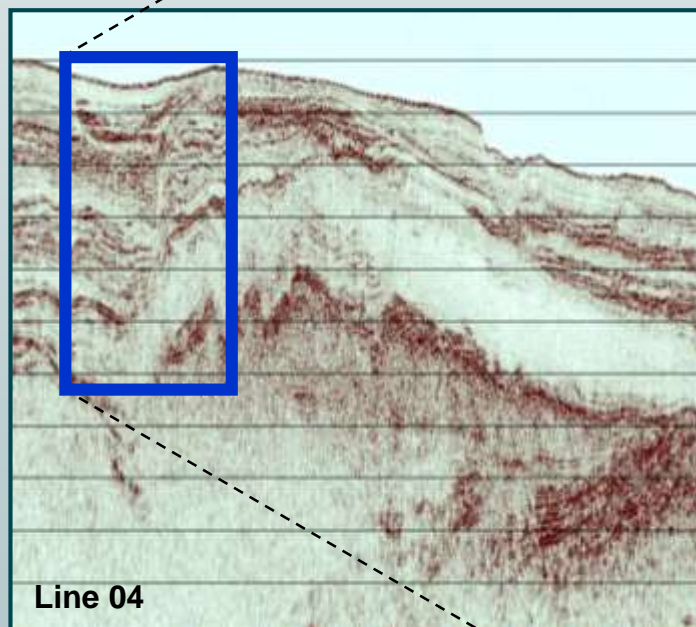




# L-10: Ku-Pg listric faults, rollovers, and channels on western flank of DWR

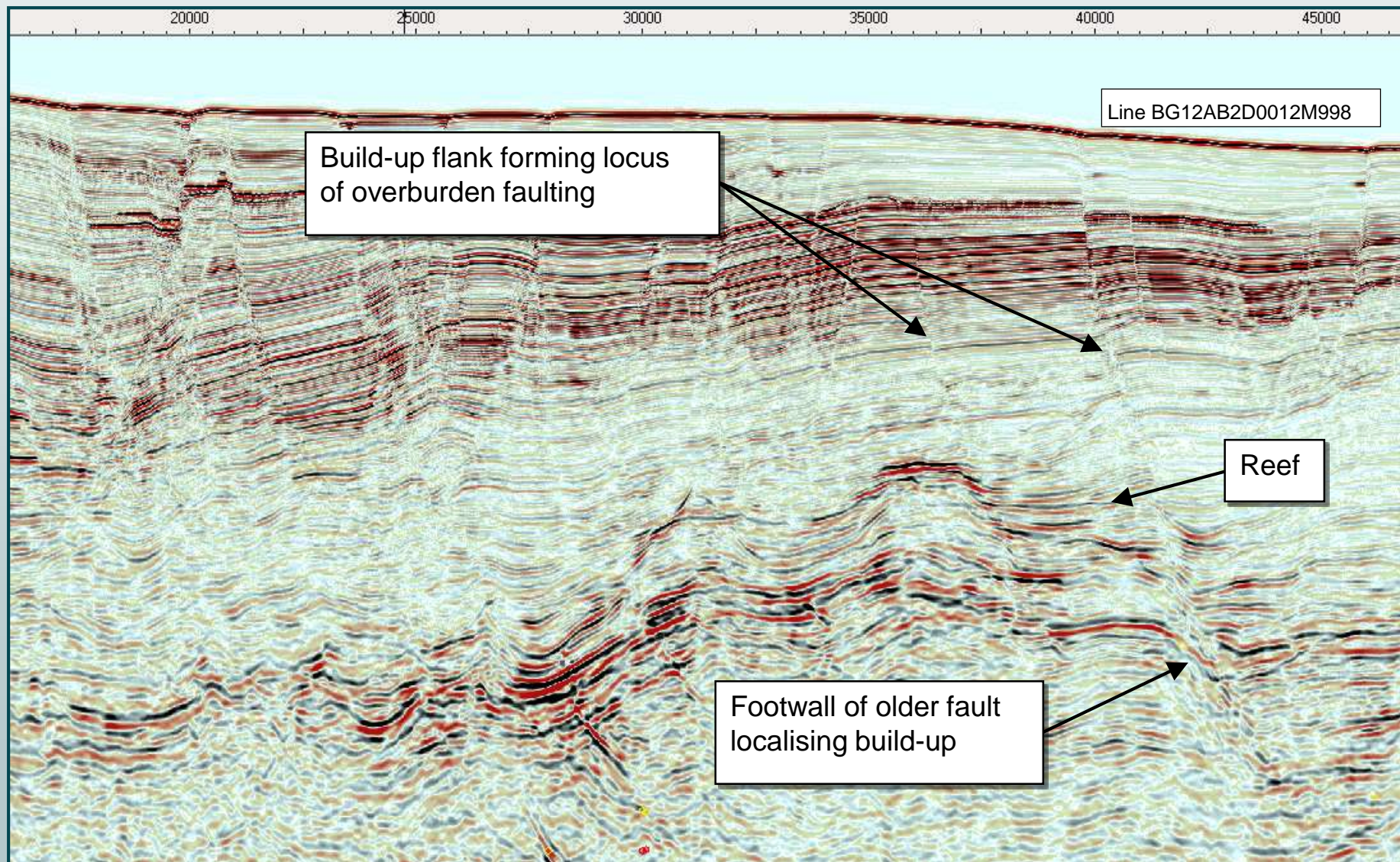
Crest of DWR has high charge risk: JJ-KK source rocks frozen by Ku-Pg inversion.

But L-10 western flank play has direct access to continuously subsiding KL-Ng trough.



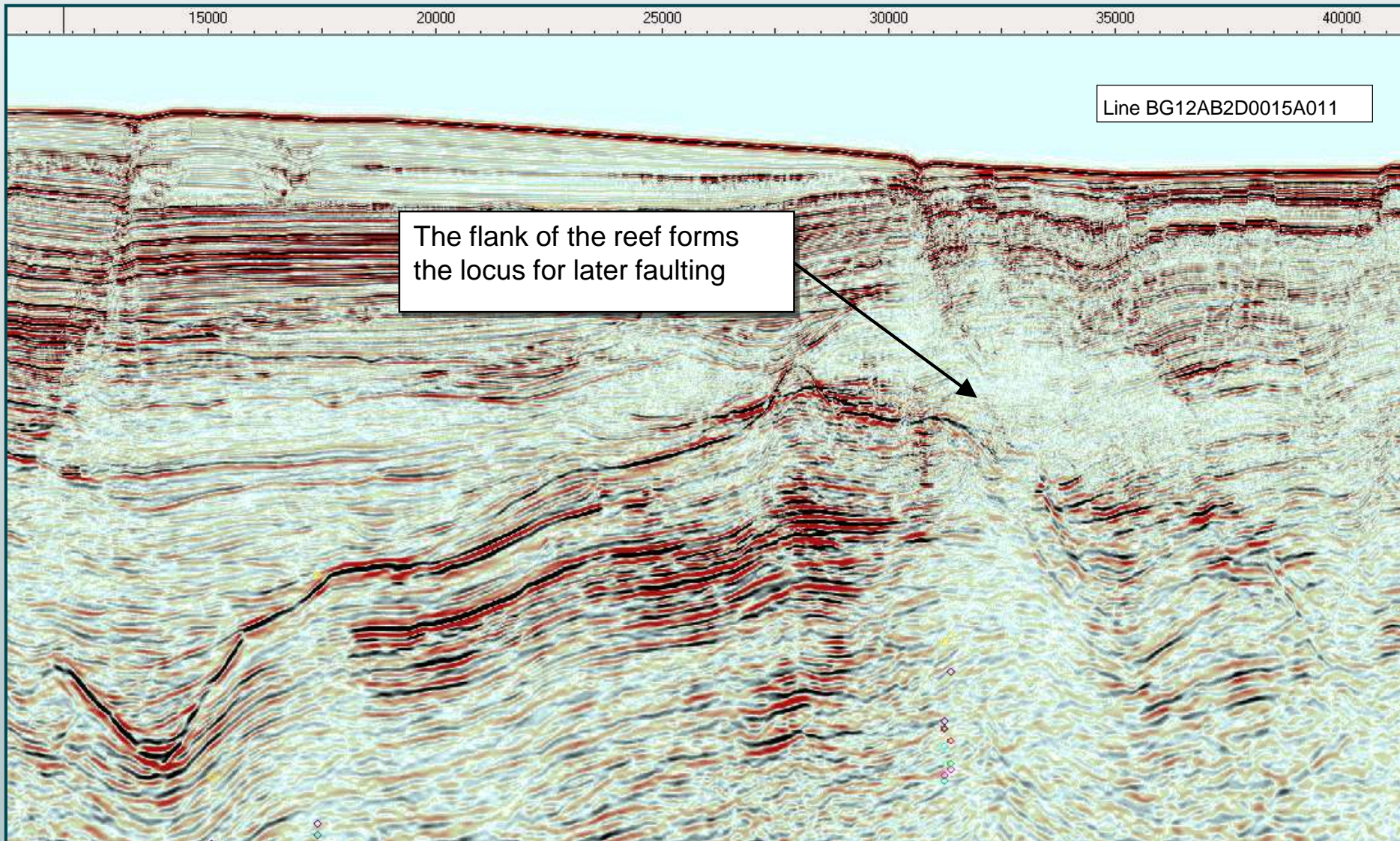


# L-10: Miocene reef play (1)



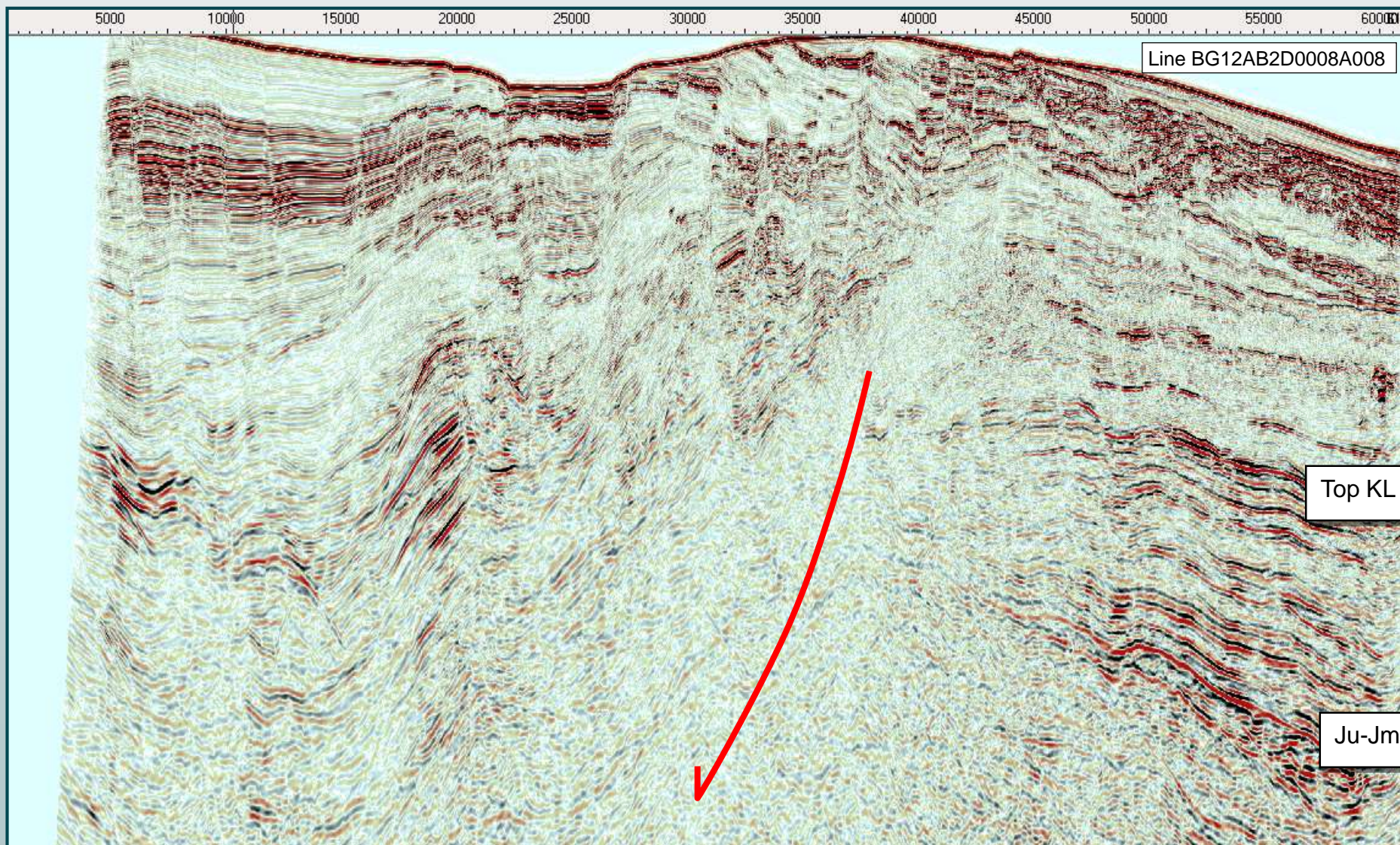


## L-10: Miocene reef play (2)





# L-10: Lower Cretaceous - Jurassic fault-dip closure





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