

# The Brief Exploration History and Petroleum Geology of the Mergui-North Sumatra Basin, Thailand

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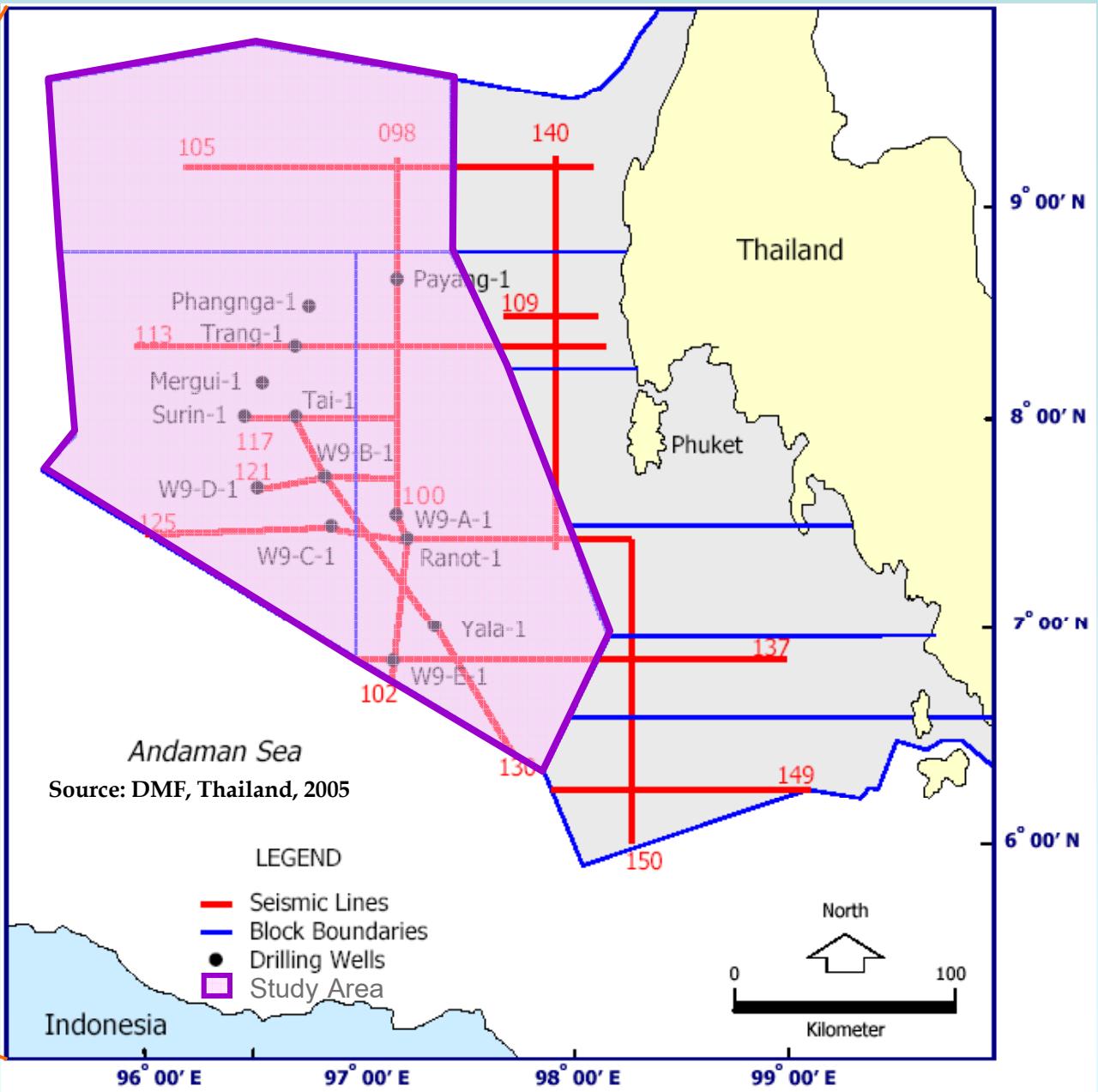
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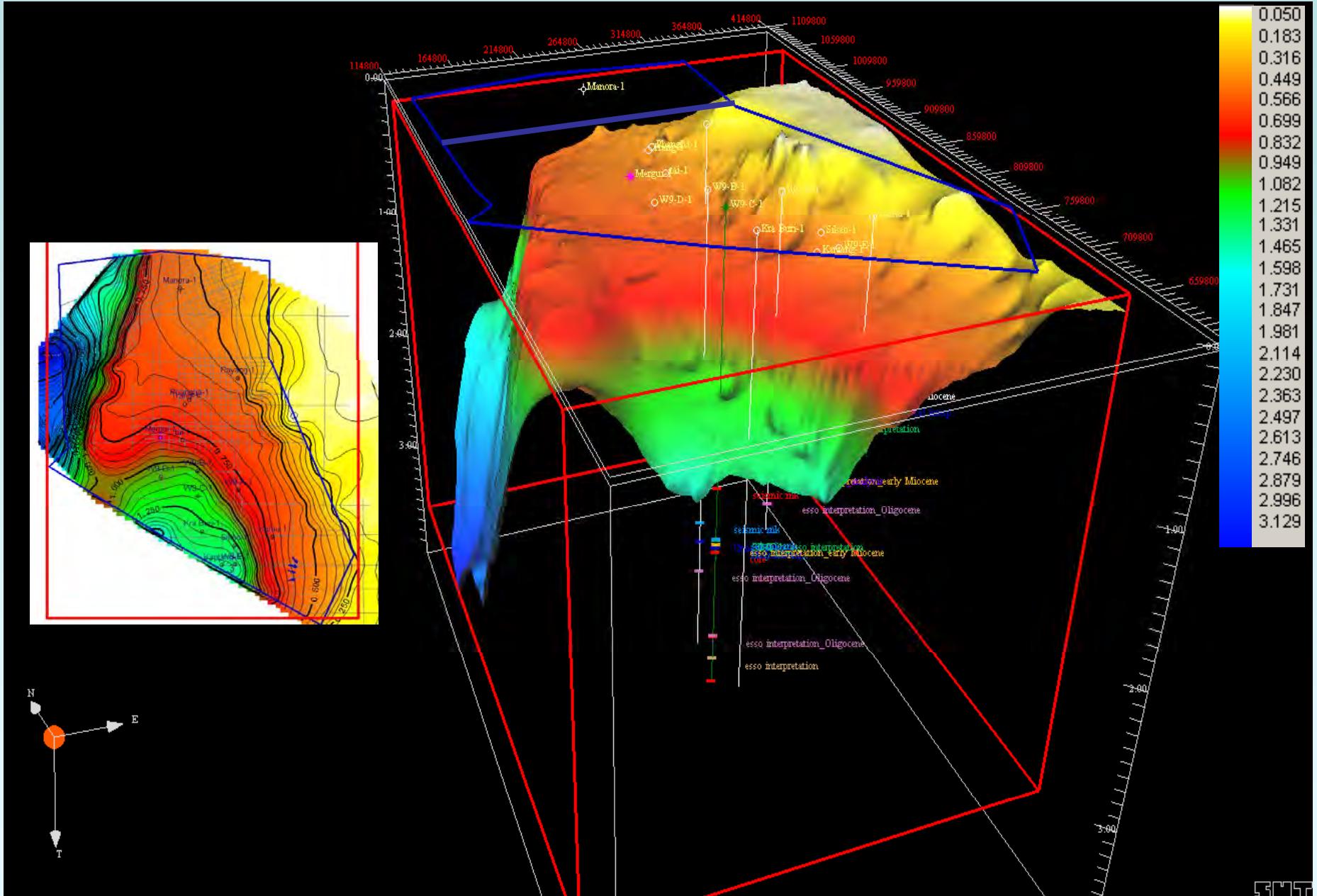
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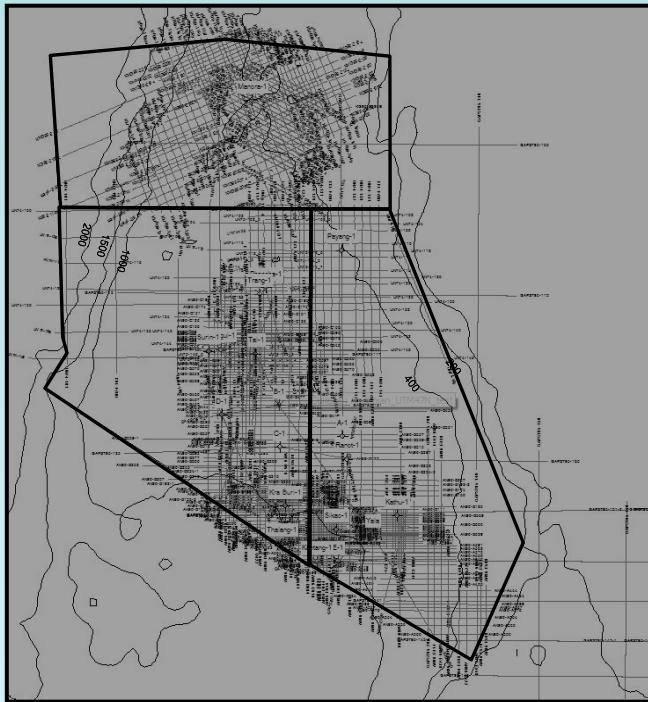
## Location Map of the Study Area



# Seafloor Geometry



# Exploration History



## Seismic Data

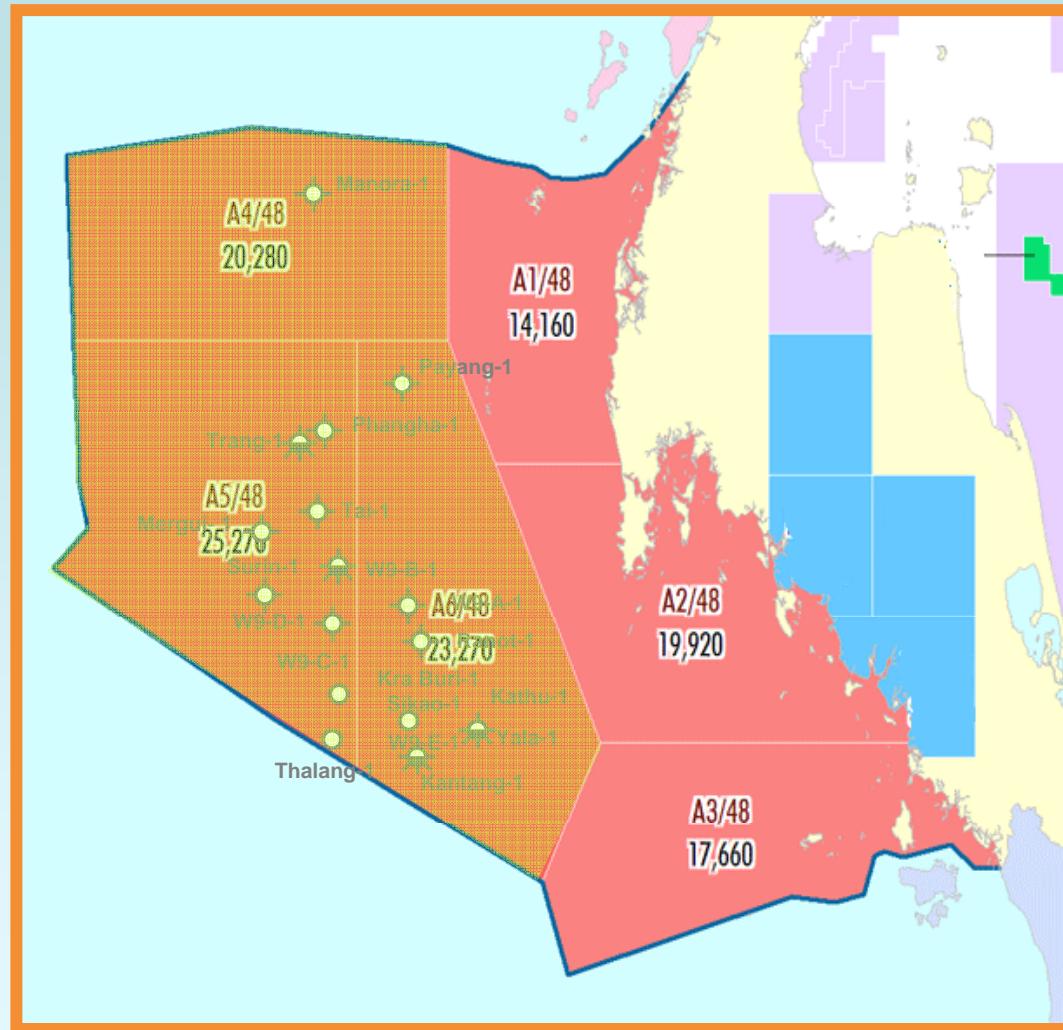
The seismic data consist of more than 1,000 seismic lines, with total length of about 45,000 km, covering the area of Block W7/38, W9/38 and A4/43 (W8/38).

Seismic Surveys in the Andaman Sea			
Operator	Block	Duration	2D (km)
Amoco	W2	1974	452.00
DMR	Andaman Sea	28 Apr-23 May 1995	3,298.00
ESSO	W9	1974-1975	11,785.00
Kerr-McGee	W7/38	19 Apr - 10 May 1998	3,875.50
		9-19 Feb 1999	1,332.30
Oceanic	W7	1974	2,097.00
Pan Ocean	W3,W4	1970, 1972	1,390.00
Placid Oil	W8	1985	834.00
Union Oil	W8	1973	7,163.00
Unocal	W8/38, W9/38	29 Nov 1996-11 Feb 1997	11,737.00
Weeks	W1	1973	910.00
Shell			
<b>Total</b>			<b>44,873.80</b>
Magnetic Survey in the Andaman Sea			
Kerr-McGee	W7/38	1998	3,820.40

# Exploration History

OPERATOR	WELL NAME	BLOCK	SPUD DATE	RELEASE DATE	RESULT
ESSO	W9-A-1	W9	15-Dec-75	01-Mar-76	DRY
ESSO	<b>W9-B-1</b>	W9	04-Mar-76	22-Mar-76	GAS&OIL SHOWS
ESSO	W9-C-1	W9	01-Jun-76	01-Sep-76	DRY
ESSO	W9-D-1	W9	03-Aug-76	02-Sep-76	DRY
ESSO	W9-E-1	W9	05-Sep-76	13-Nov-76	DRY?
UNOCAL	<b>TRANG-1</b>	W8	11-Mar-76	28-May-76	GAS&OIL SHOWS
UNOCAL	TAI-1	W8	28-May-76	28-Jun-76	DRY
UNOCAL	PHANGHA-1	W8	30-Jun-76	13-Jul-76	DRY
UNOCAL	<b>MERGUI-1</b>	W8	16-Jul-76	02-Sep-76	OIL SHOWS
UNOCAL	PAYANG-1	W8	04-Sep-76	17-Sep-76	DRY
UNOCAL	SURIN-1	W8	20-Sep-76	02-Oct-76	DRY
UNOCAL	THALANG-1	W9/38	11-Oct-97	29-Oct-97	DRY
UNOCAL	KANTANG-1	W8/38	25-Oct-97	05-Nov-97	DRY
UNOCAL	KRA BURI-1	W9/38	06-Nov-97	23-Nov-97	DRY
UNOCAL	SI KAO-1	W8/38	05-Nov-97	03-Dec-97	DRY
UNOCAL	KATHU-1	W8/38	06-Dec-97	10-Dec-97	DRY
PLACID	<b>YALA-1</b>	W8	20-Sep-76	20-Oct-76	GAS SHOWS
PLACID	RANOT-1	W8	28-Jan-87	18-Feb-87	DRY
KERR-McGEE	MANORA-1	W7/38	22-Feb-00	13-Mar-00	DRY

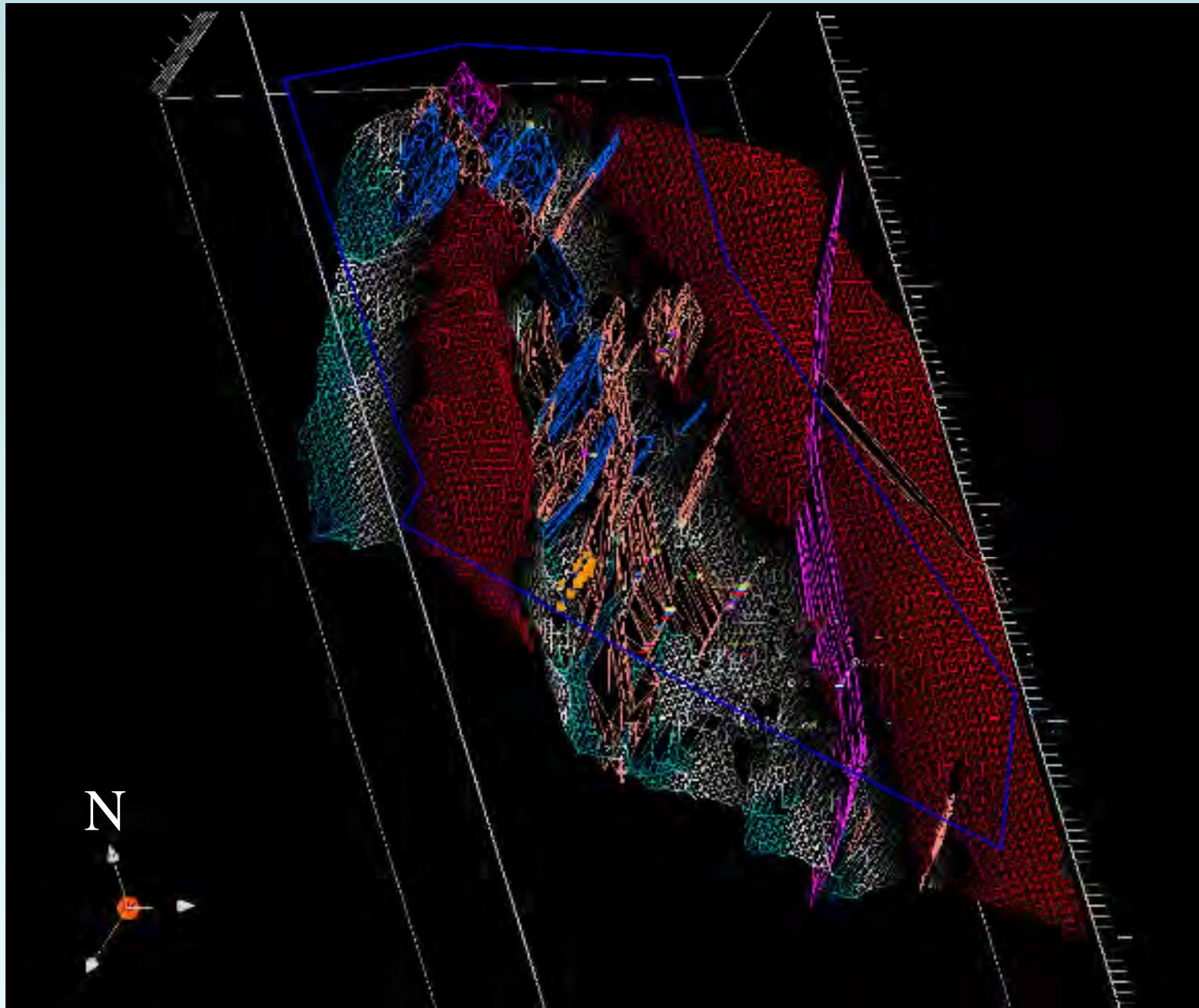
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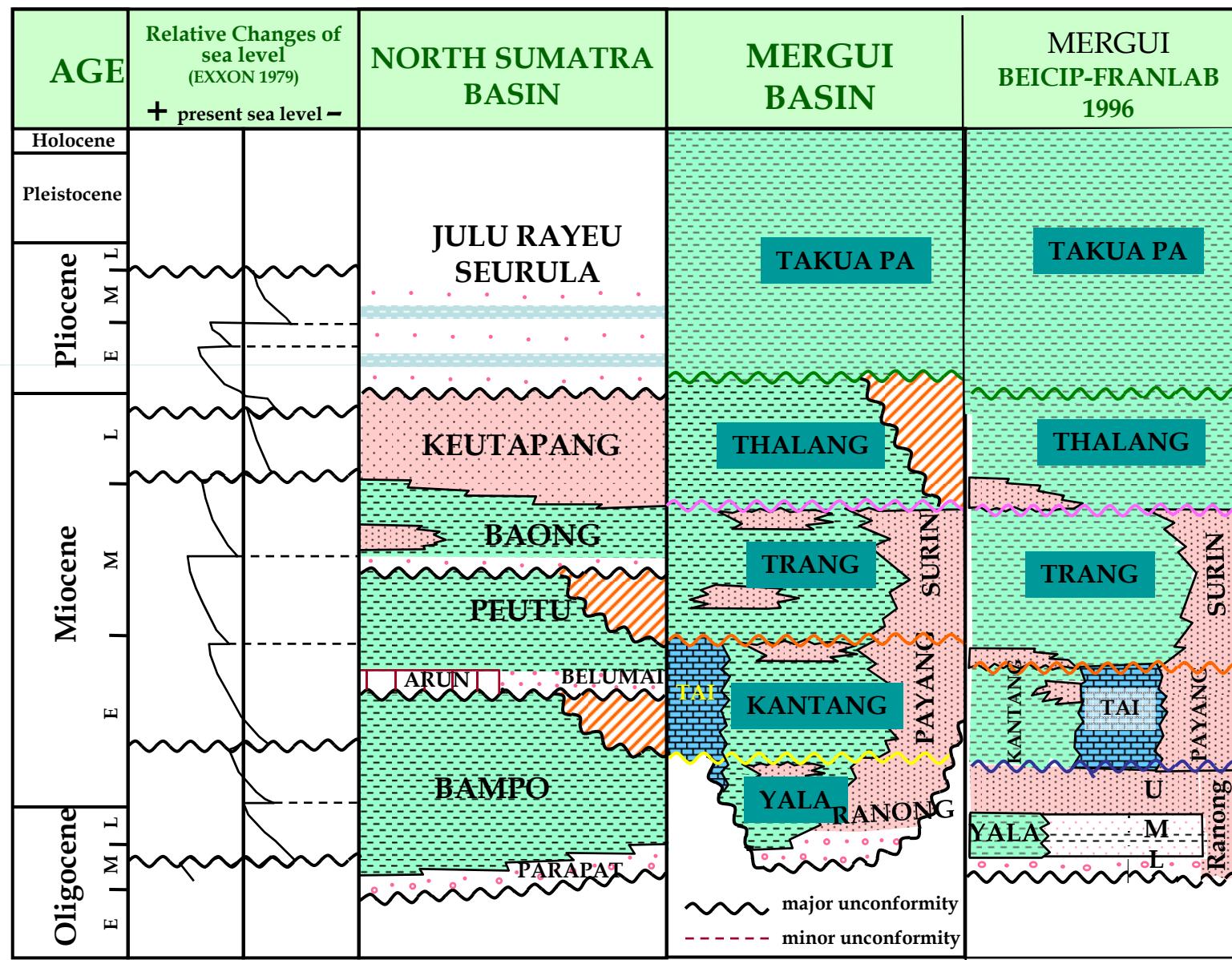
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# Basin Architecture



DMF, Thailand, EPPM-CCOP, 9-10 October 2008

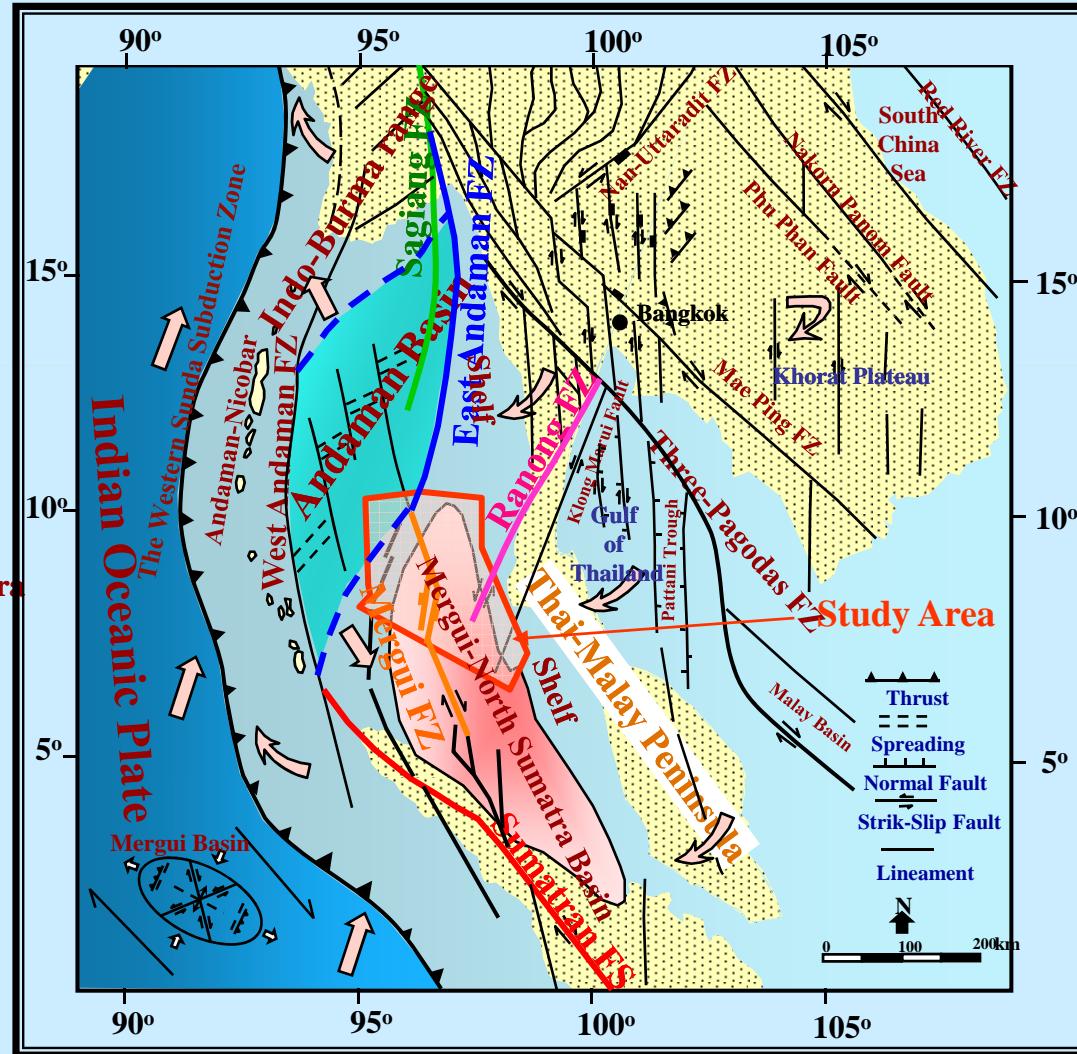
# Stratigraphic Correlation of the Mergui and N-Sumatra Basin



# Plate Motions and Simplified Structural Framework of Cenozoic Basins in the Gulf of Thailand and the Andaman Sea

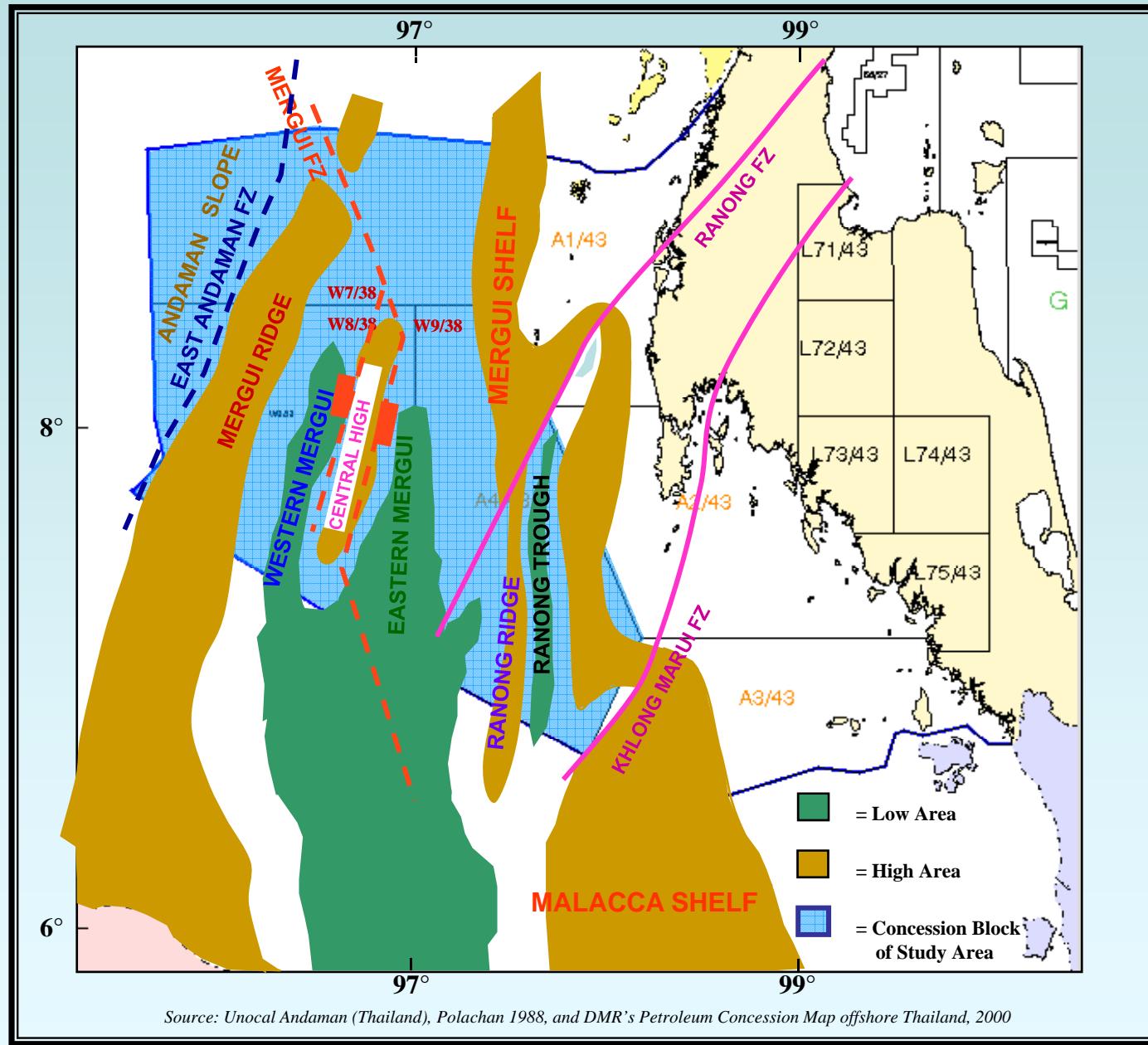
## Legend

- East Andaman FZ
- Sagiang FZ
- Sumatran FS
- Ranong FZ
- Mergui FZ
- Andaman Basin
- Mergui - North Sumatra Basin
- Study Area
- Indian Oceanic Plate
- Sunda Continent
- Offshore area
- ➡ Plate Motion

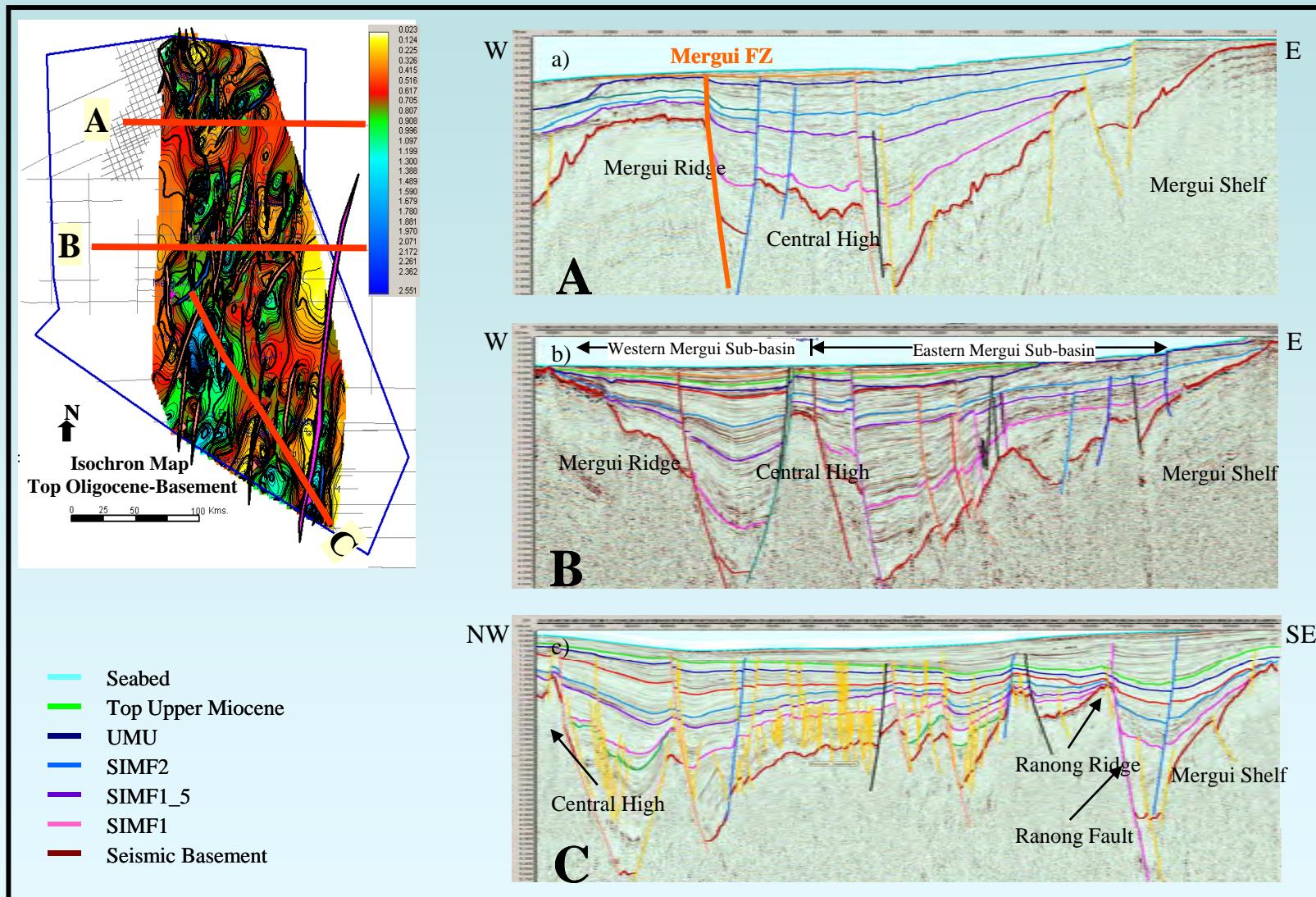


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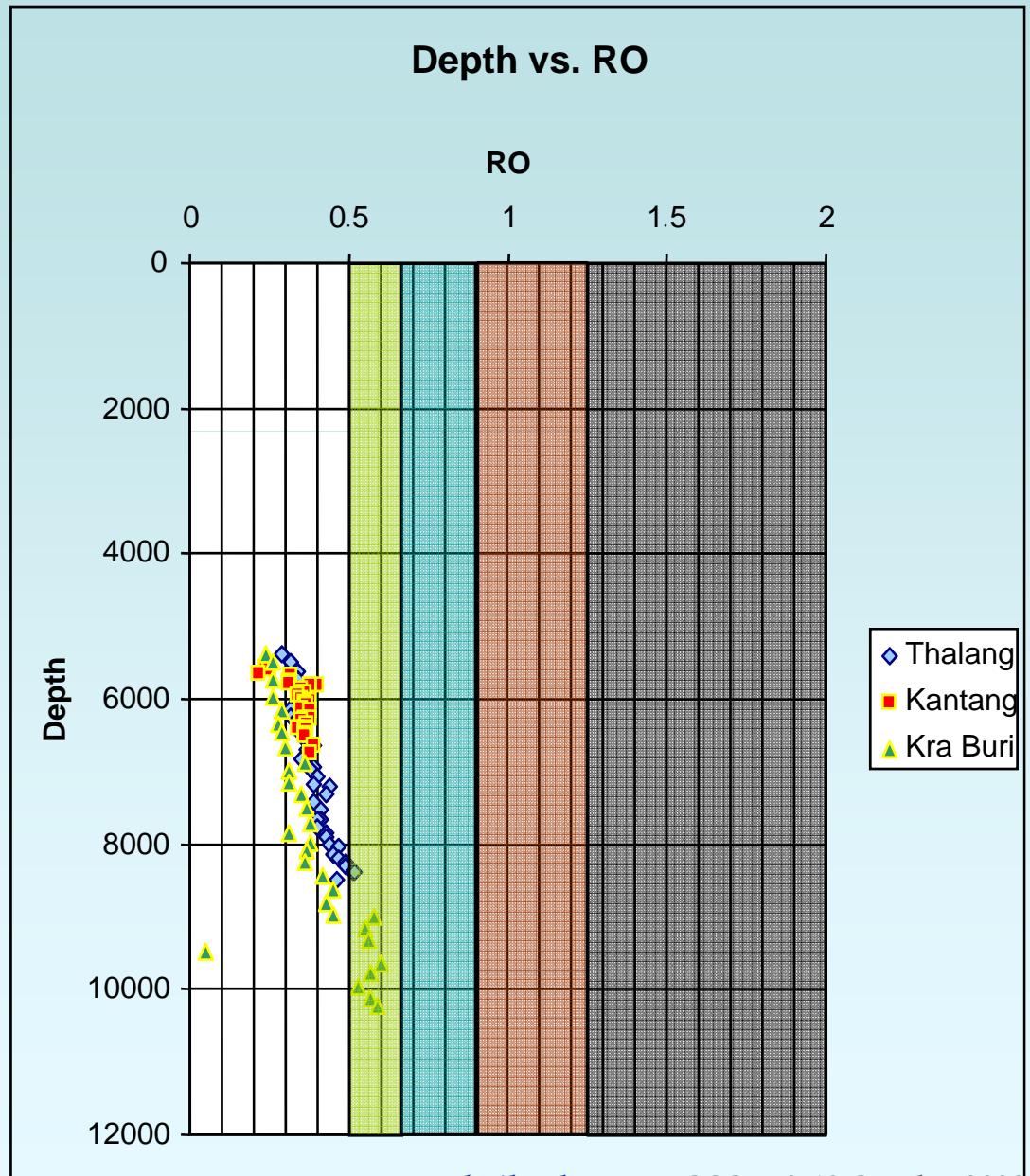
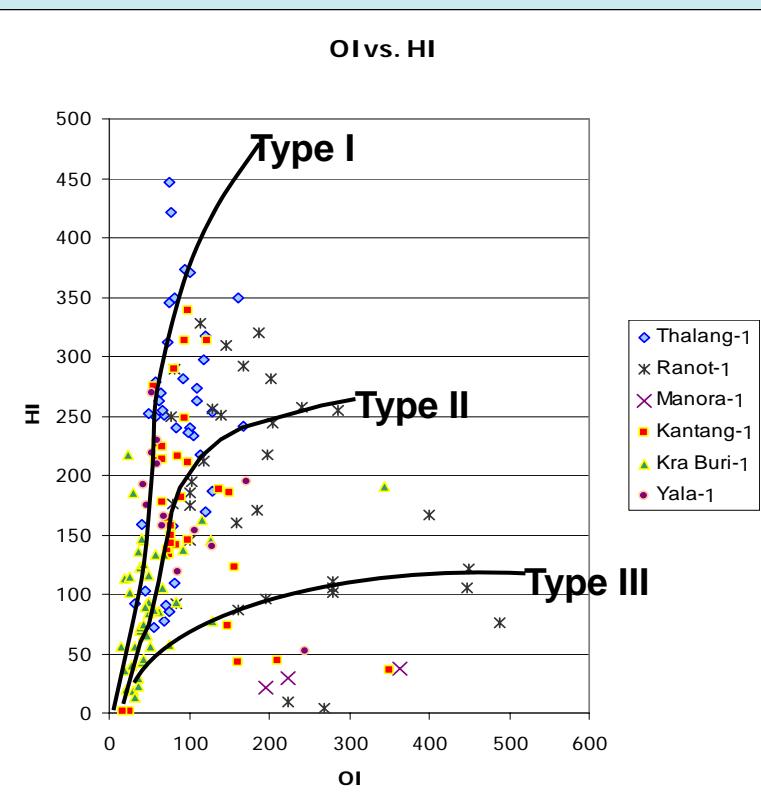
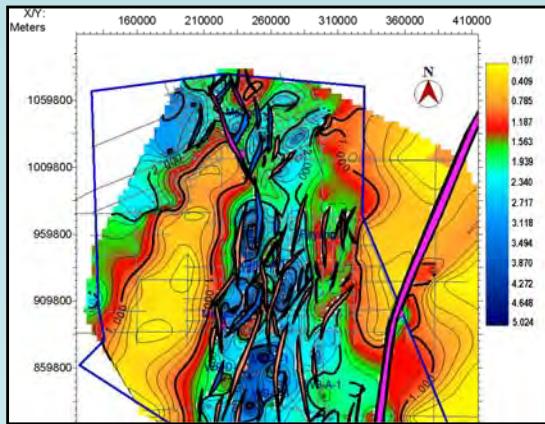
# Physiographic Map of the Mergui Basin, Andaman Sea



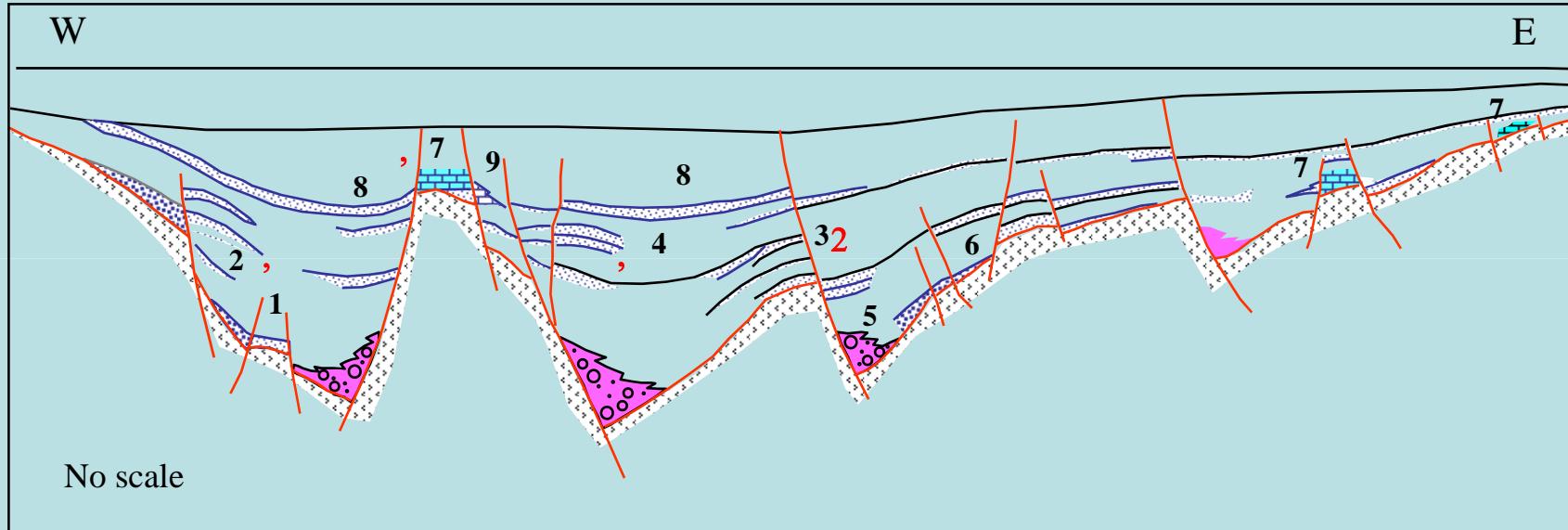
# Seismic Vertical Sections across the Northern, the Central, and the Southern areas.



# Petroleum Source Rocks



# Conceptual Play Types in the Mergui Basin



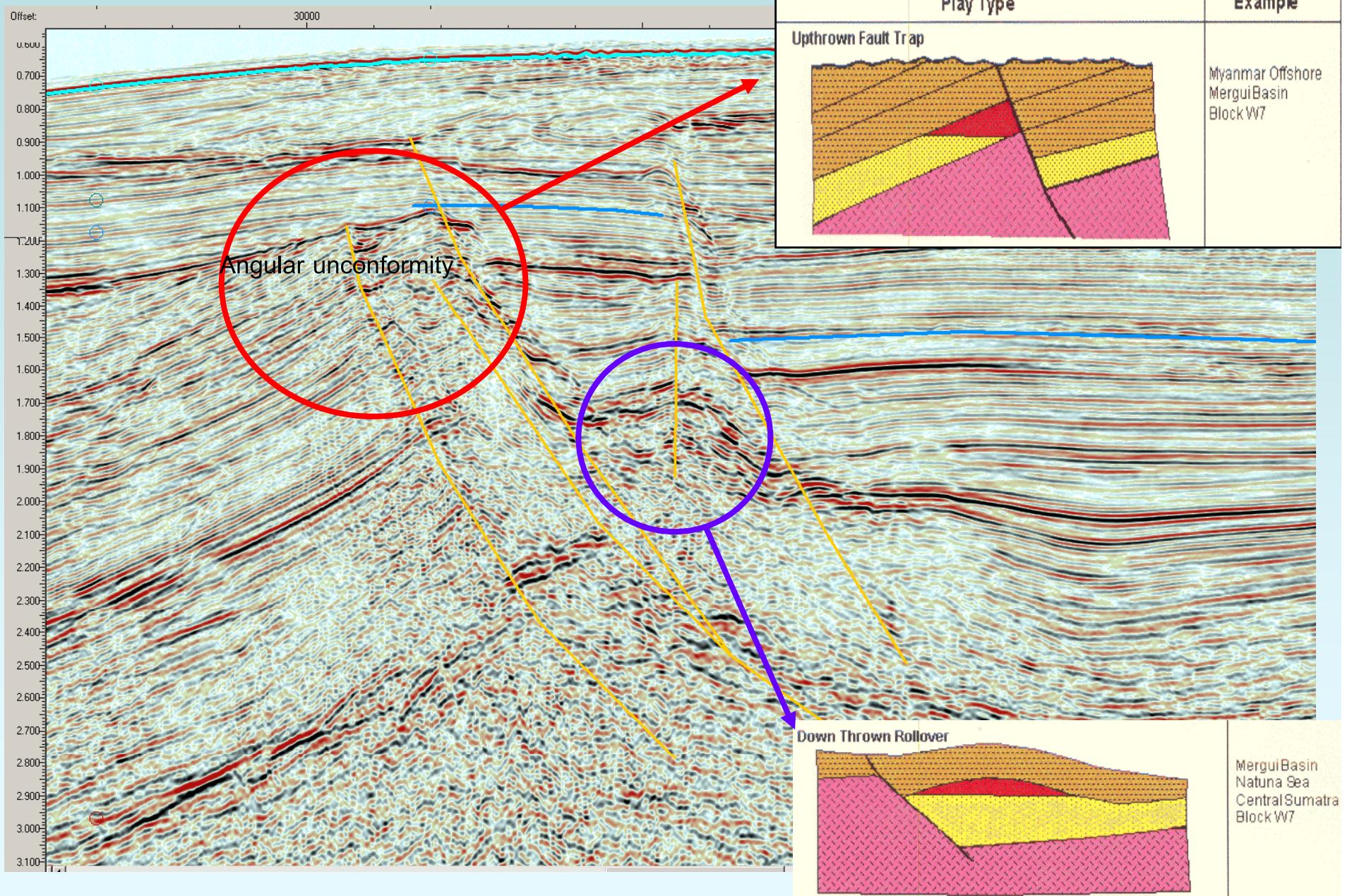
## Structural Traps

- 1) Drape over Basement High of Lower Oligocene Deltaic sand
- 2) Roll-over of Upper Oligocene sand
- 3) Crest of block of Oligocene sand
- 4) Drag fold of Lower Miocene sand

## Stratigraphic Traps

- 5) Oligocene Basin Floor Fan
- 6) Pinch-out of Lower Oligocene Deltaic sand
- 7) Lower Miocene Carbonate Buildups
- 8) Mid-fan Turbidite of Lower Miocene sand
- 9) Miocene Conglomerate reef

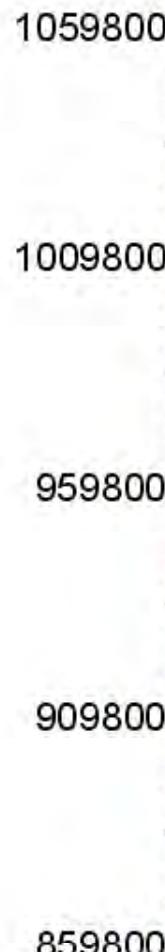
# Petroleum Play Type



X/Y:  
Meters

160000 210000 260000 310000 360000 410000

## Tertiary Isochorn Map of the Mergui Basin



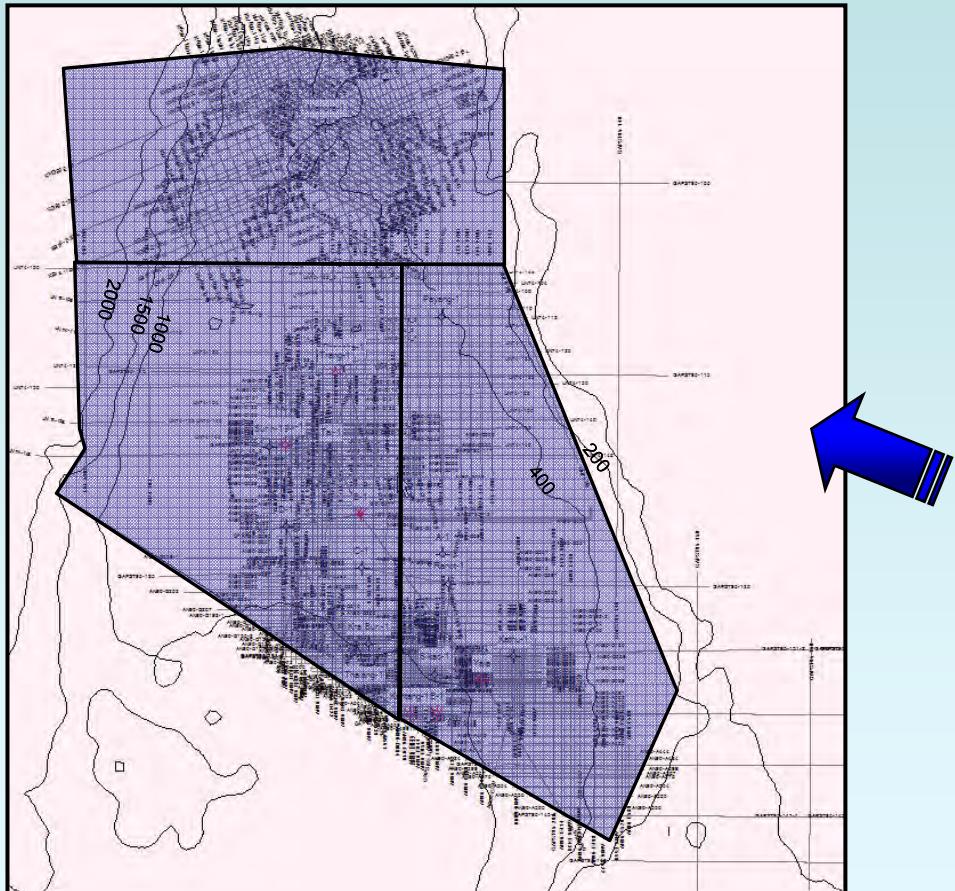
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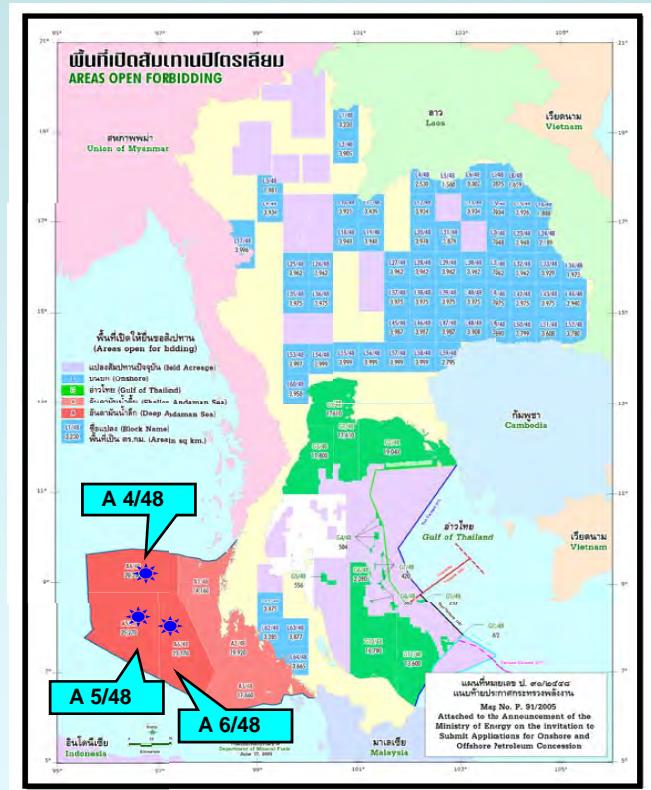
# Exploration Activities Block A4, A5 & A6/48

- Acquiring 2D Seismic
- G&G studying
- Prospect area ranking

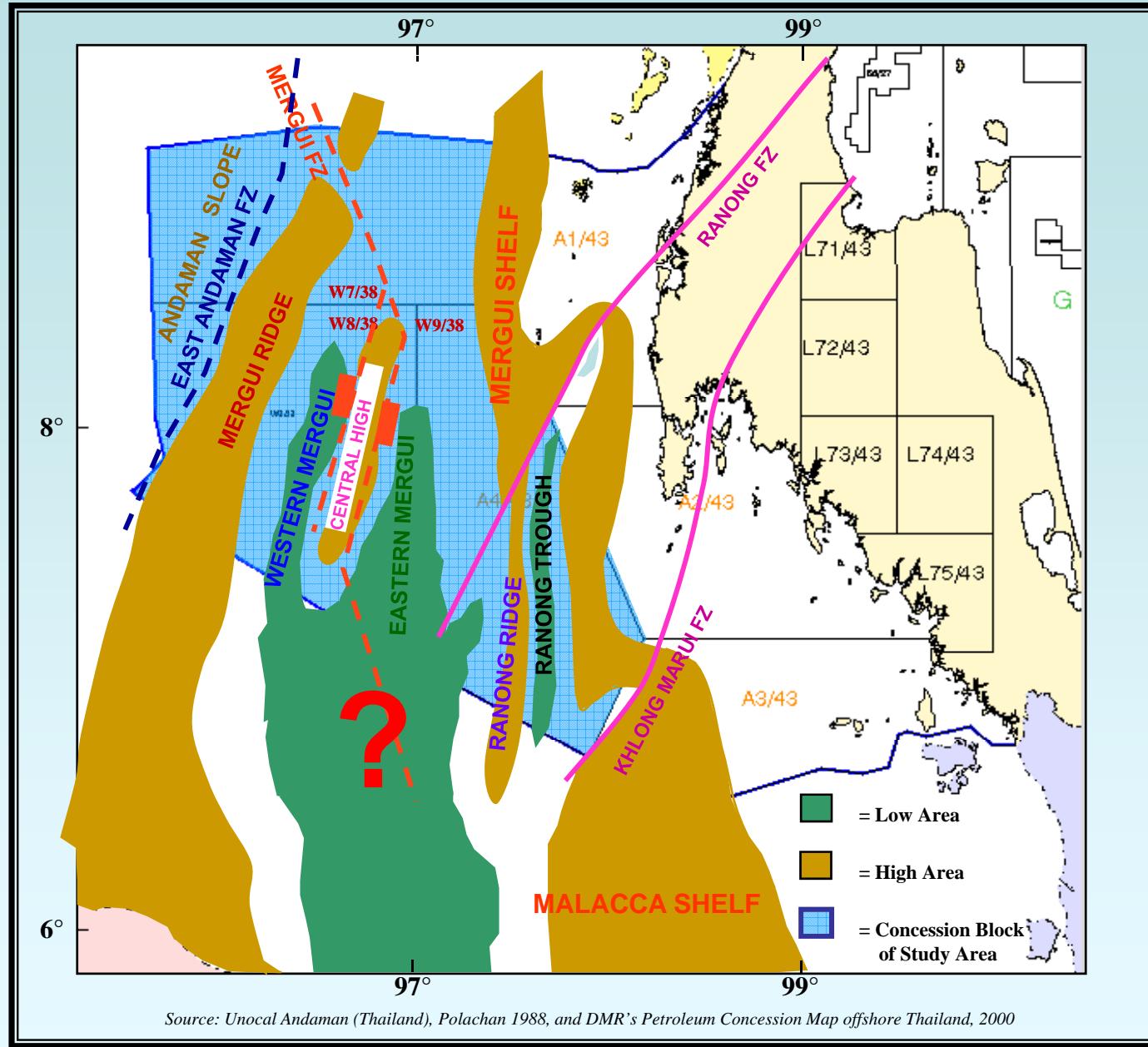


- Feasibility Studying

Block	Area (Km2)
A 4/48	20,280
A 5/48	25,270
A 6/48	23,270



# Physiographic Map of the Mergui Basin, Andaman Sea



# Challenges

1. Quantitative Petroleum potential assessment
2. Additional Resource in the north
3. Strengthen academic connection among geo-scientists
4. New exploration technology in deep water and New Oil Era

# Conclusions

1. Reviewing of exploration history indicates petroleum potential in this area
2. Outstanding petroleum reservoir was noticed by amount of sedimentary supply
3. Petroleum charging from source to traps is expected and needed to be carried on the study
4. Challenging in petroleum field development