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Comparing and Contrasting Exploration and Play Potential in the North versus the rest of Offshore Mauritania

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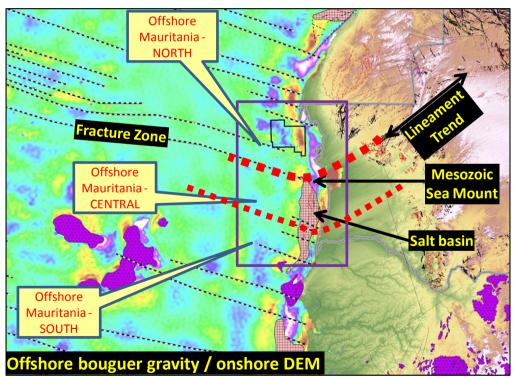
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Offshore Mauritania

- Geologically Segmented



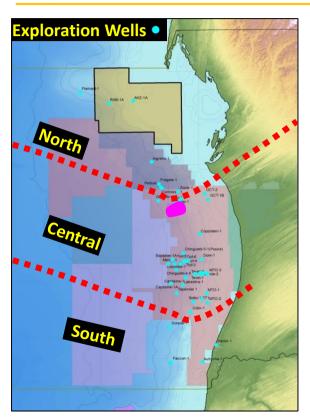


- Oceanic Fracture Zones link to continental lineaments
- Continental margin is segmented
- Offshore NORTH;
 - Tectonically separate province
 - No salt basin
 - Structured hinterland

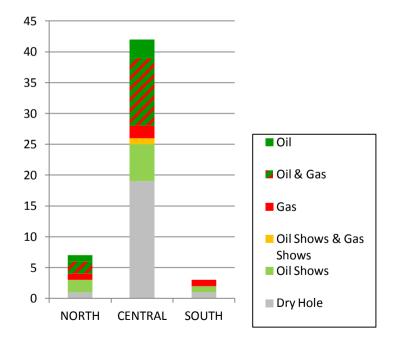
Offshore Mauritania

- Highly Variable Intensity of Exploration





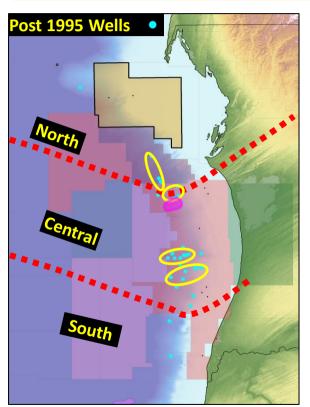
Offshore Mauritania – 52 exploration wells drilled to date



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Offshore Mauritania **Exploration is very Localised, Few Themes**



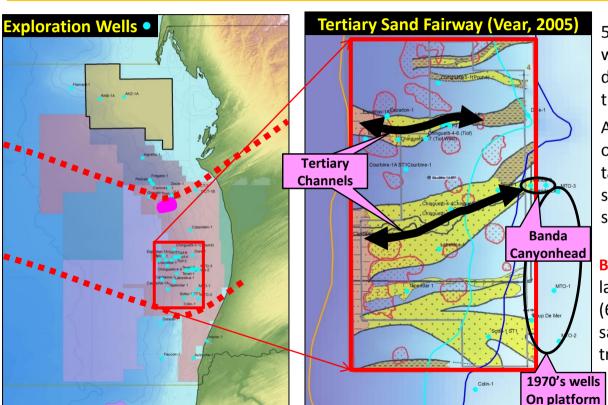


Since 1995 drilling has focussed on a few specific areas and trap types, partly driven by 3D seismic "patchwork":

- Tertiary channel systems in structural / combination traps around salt structures
- Combinations traps around structure provided by seamount
- Structural traps at Cretaceous level provided by low relief foot of slope ridge
- Exploration focus has been very localised and driven by structure trap components although largest trap found is stratigraphic (Banda)

Offshore Mauritania Exploration - The Tertiary Play





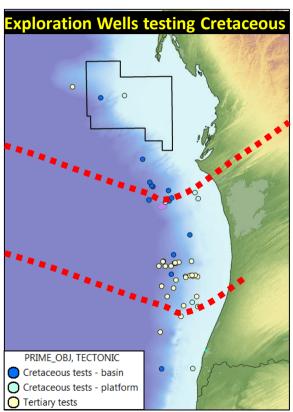
52 exploration wells drilled to date, 33 (64%) in this area

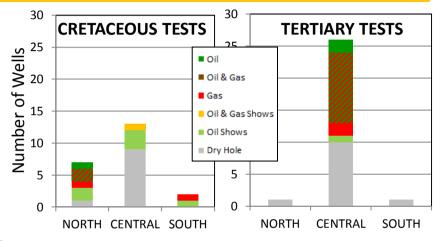
Approximately 27 of 33 (82%) wells targetted Tertiary sands around salt structures

Banda Field is the largest trap found (60km²); a non-salt "canyonhead" trap

Offshore Mauritania Drilling Outcomes by Play







Cretaceous

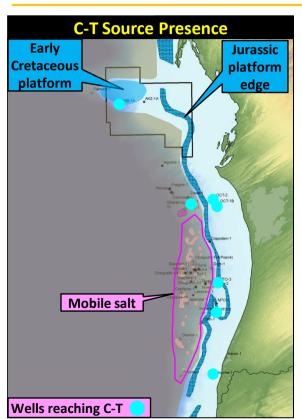
- North; 4 discoveries from 7 wells, multiple reservoirs
- Central; Oil and gas shows, lack of reservoir
- South; Gas (deep source?)

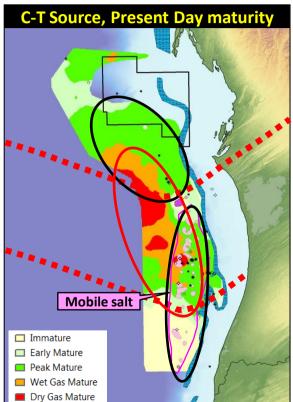
Tertiary

- North; one (carbonate) test
- Central; Oil and gas fields, C-T and deep source access via salt diapirs?

The Principal Source System -Cenomanian-Turonian Source Rocks





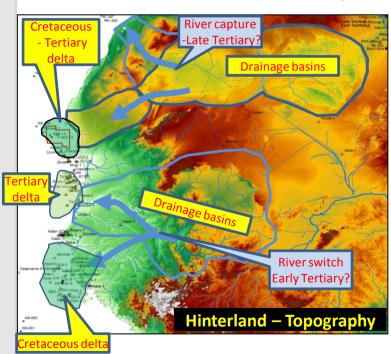


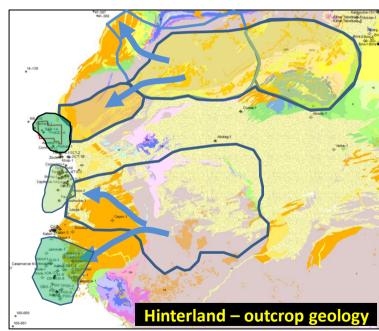
C-T (Cenomanian to Turonian) source widely developed in the basin Fetch areas small in complex salt area – charge limiting Fetch areas large in Northunlimited charge Areas with gas risk (overmature C-T and deep charge access)

Reservoir Development Rivers, Drainage and Hinterland Geology



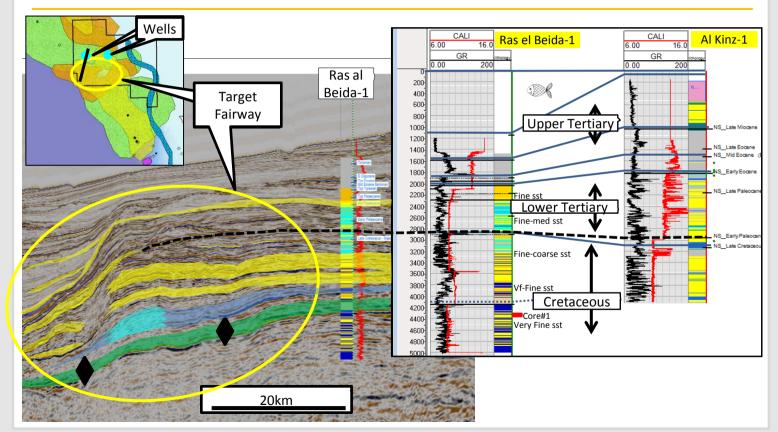
Well developed drainage basins – higher rainfall in past





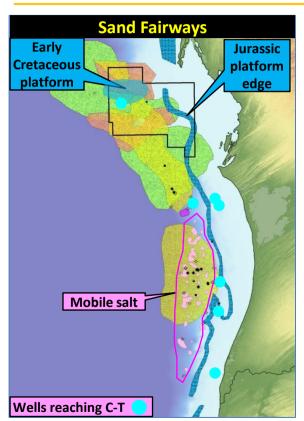
Northern Mauritania A Sand Rich environment, multiple levels

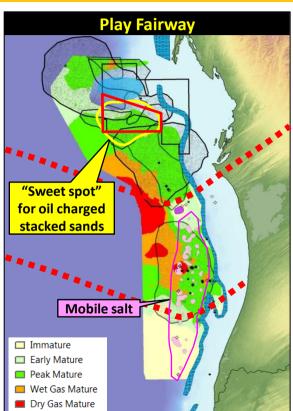




Reservoir Development and Play Definition



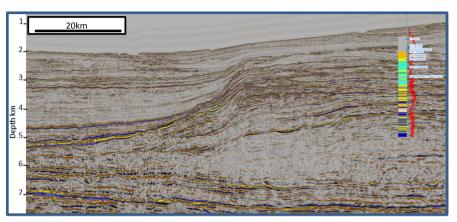




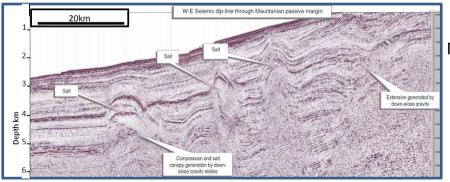
Location of Chariot 3D seismic survey shot in 2012

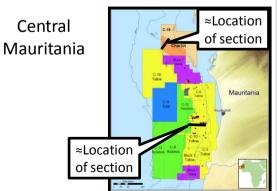
Comparison Sections (Same scales)





Northern Mauritania

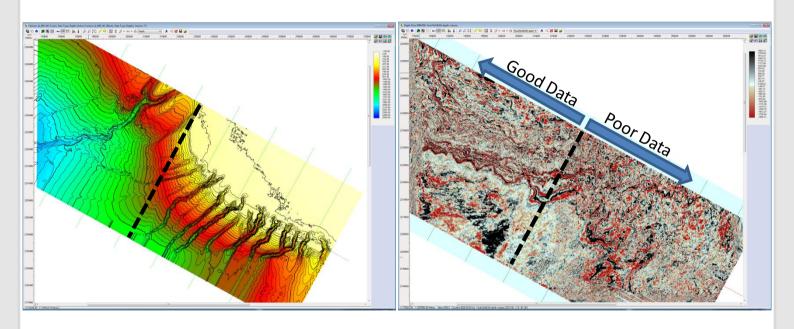




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Chariot 3D Seismic Processing Seabed canyons - The main imaging problem



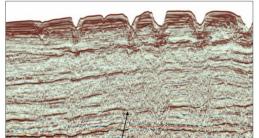


Chariot 3D Seismic Processing (3500km²)

- A Two Year Labour of Love!!

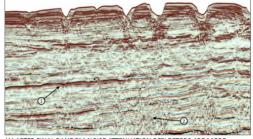


PSTM (6 MONTHS PROCESSING)



SIGNIFICANT DIFFRACTION PUSH DOWN AND NOISE THROUGHOUT THE DATA BELOW CANYONS

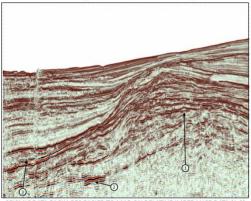
PSDM (12 MONTHS PROCESSING)



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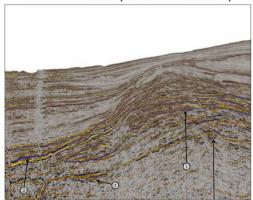
(2) CANYONS ARE STILL CAUSING SOUND DISTURBANCE AND NOISE IN THE DATA

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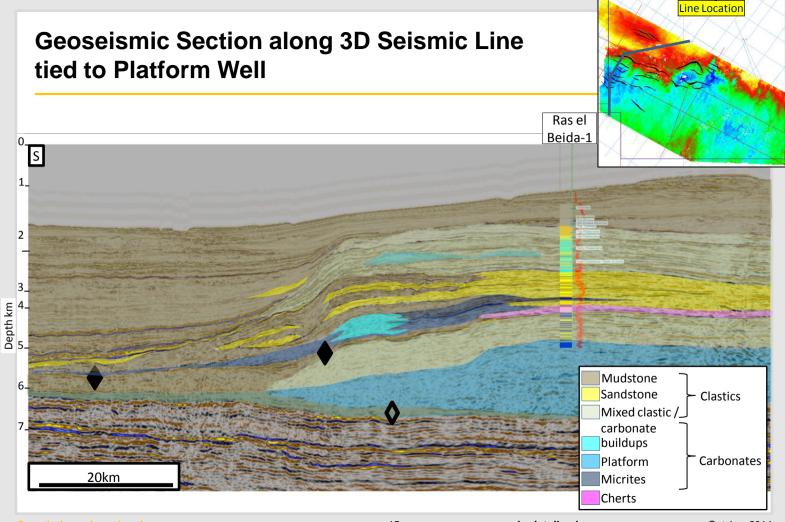


SEISMIC DATA PACKAGES EASIER TO MAP ON RELATIVE IMPEDANCE DATA (1-3)

RELATIVE IMPEDANCE (18 MONTHS PROCESSING)

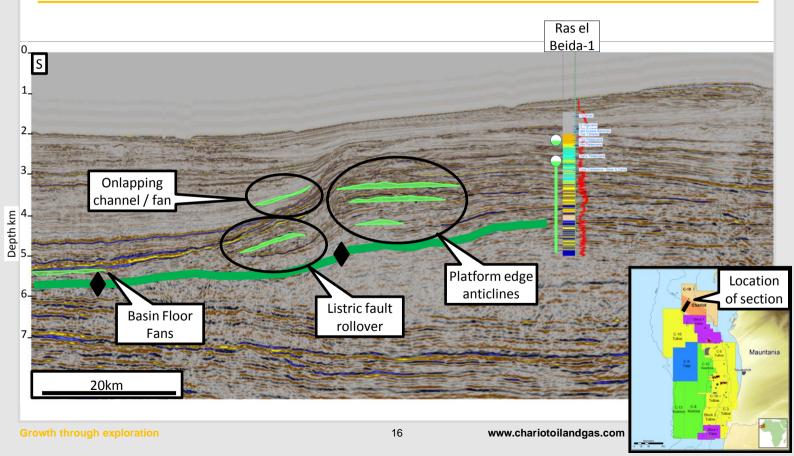


REFLECTORS ARE MORE CONTINUOUS IN RELATIVE IMPEDANCE DATA



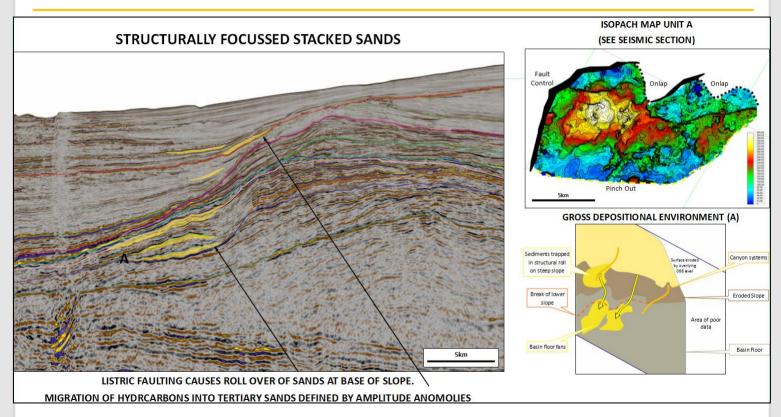
Geoseismic Section, Northern Mauritania Showing Main Source Rock with Lead and Prospect Locations





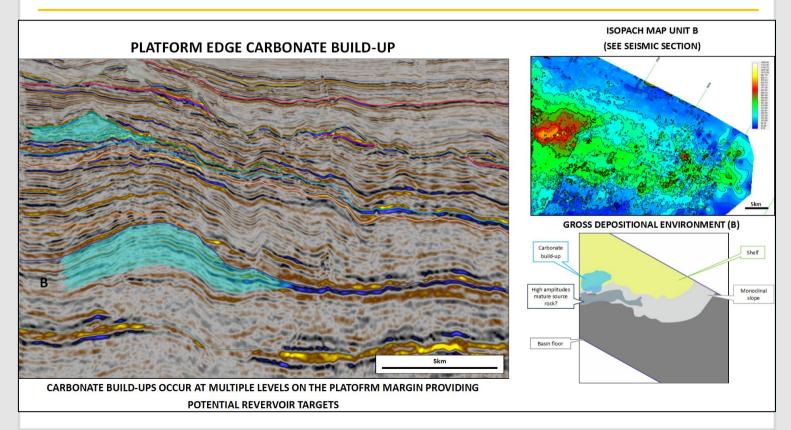
Northern Mauritania, Block C19 Example Prospects – Rollover with Clastics





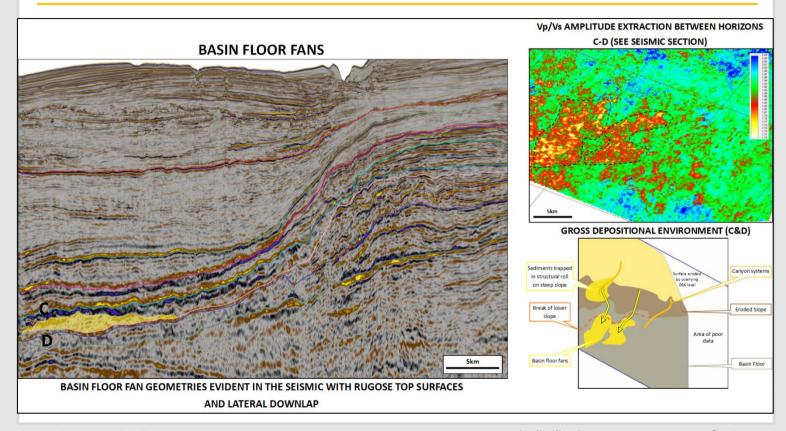
Northern Mauritania, Block C19 Example Prospects – Cretaceous Buildup





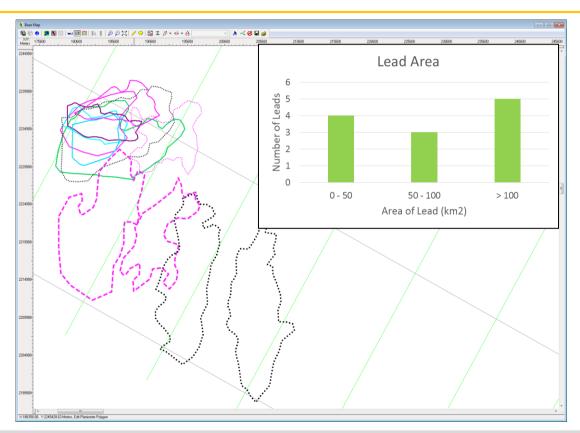
Northern Mauritania, Block C19 Example Prospects – Basin Floor Fans





Northern Mauritania, Block C19 Lead & Prospect – Areal Sizes





Summary



- Offshore Mauritania exploration is localised and play specific
- —The Northern Offshore has only been explored with modern data in one part (Fregate / Cormoran / Pelican area) which is vulnerable to gas charge
- —The potential for oil charged sands with good sand development and large fetch cells is best in the area of Block C19 in Northern Mauritania
- —Chariot has shot a large, 3500km² 3d seismic survey over the sweet spot and is preparing for the first exploration wells to be drilled in this area