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Barents Sea exploration seminar

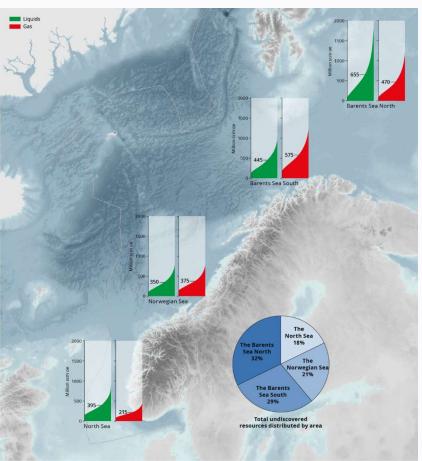
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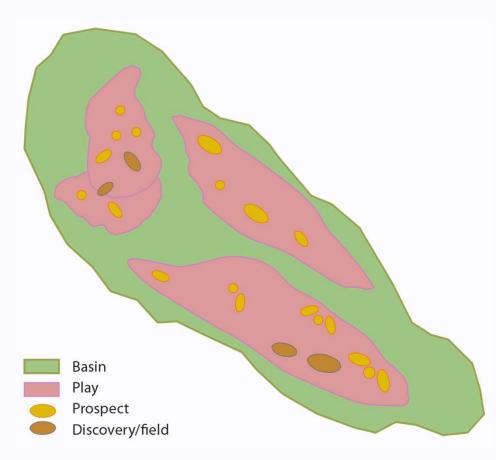
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### NOD's estimates of undiscovered resources

- Includes resources in areas opened for petroleum activities as well as those areas not opened but where mapping has been done
- Includes all resources that, if found, would be technically recoverable. No commercial tresholds has been applied.
- No assumptions has been made as to whether resources will actually be found or found within a certain time limit.



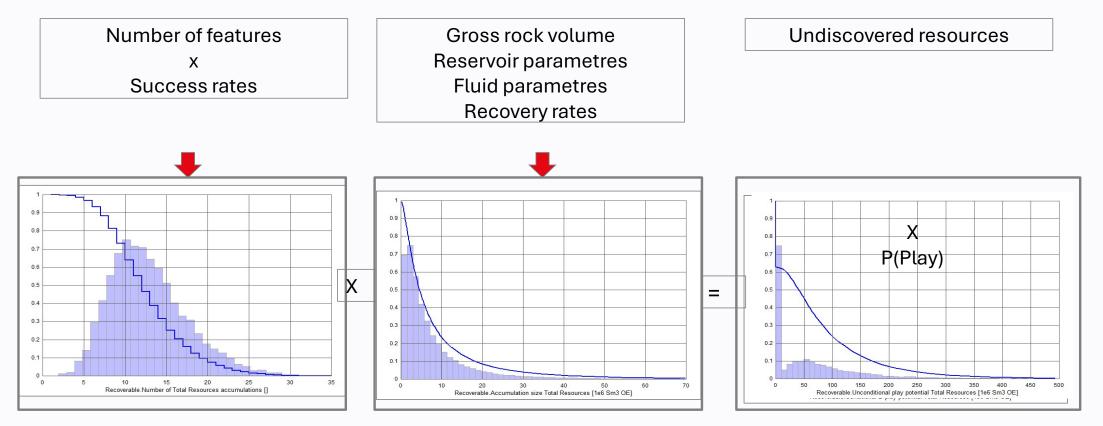
### Play analysis



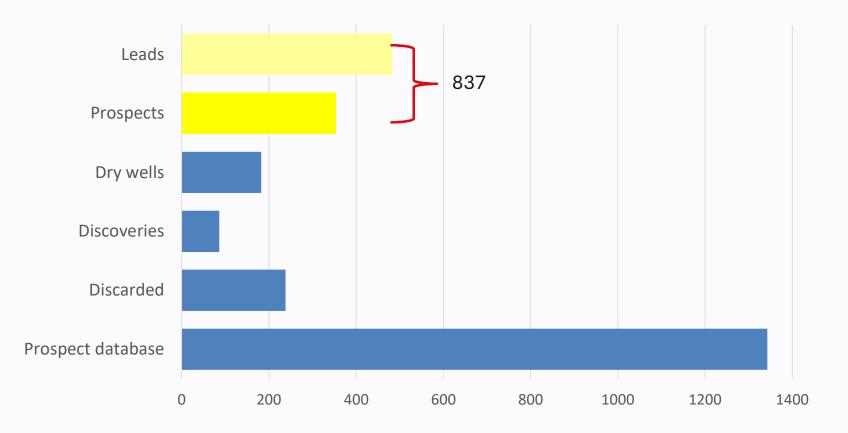
- A play is a group of fields and discoveries, prospects, leads, drilled dry features as well as unmapped (postulated) prospects.
- These are grouped based on common features with regards to one or more of the critical elements reservoir rock, trap and source rock.
- The play will be delimited both geographically and stratigraphically.

This definition suits the purpose of a play as a resource assessment unit

### Resources in a play

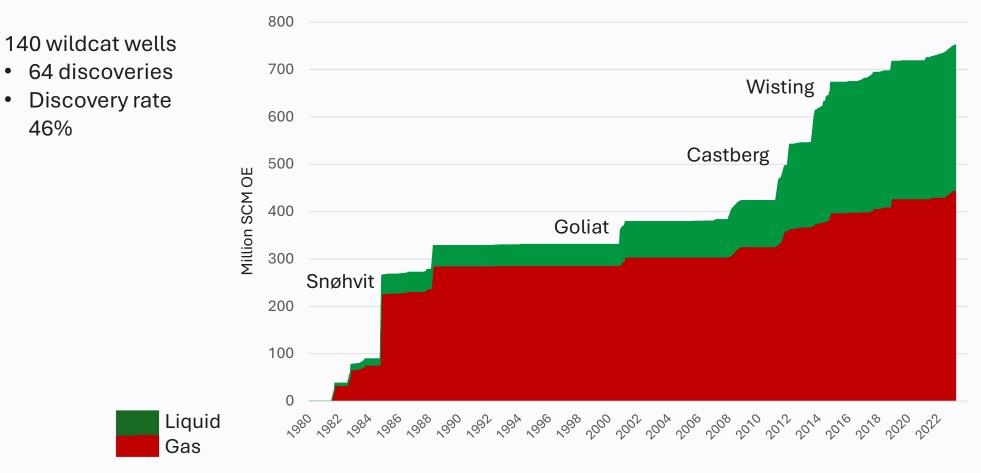


### NOD «Treasure Box» in the Barents Sea

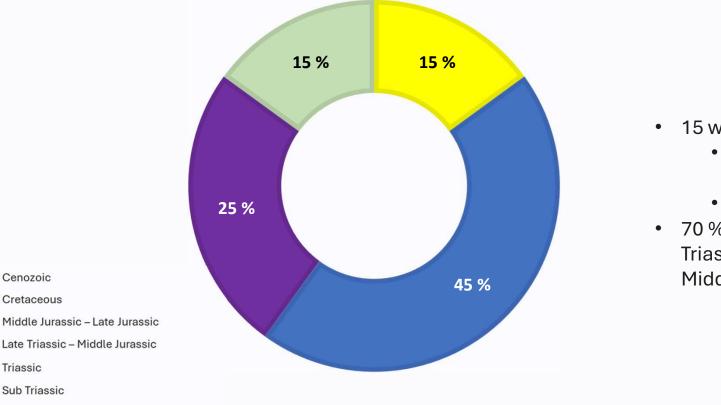


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### Wells and discoveries



### Barents Sea - drilled targets by stratigraphy (2021 – 2024)

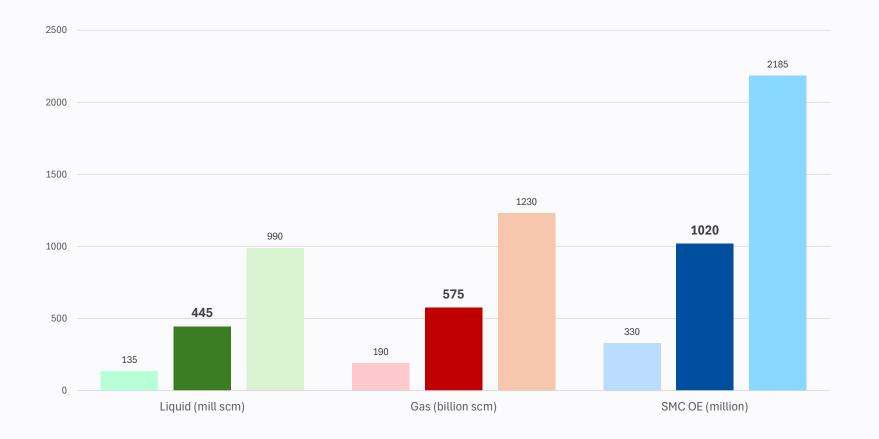


15 wells

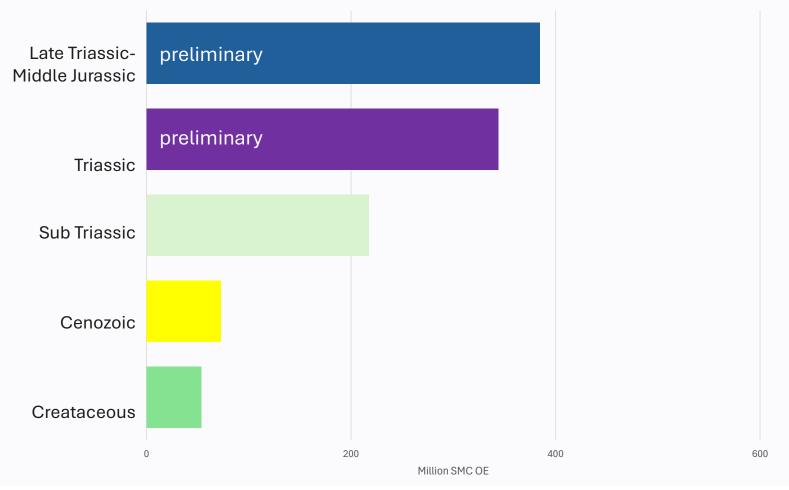
- 18 targets (3 targets not testet yet)
- 10 discoveries
- 70 % of targets are testing the Triassic and the Late Triassic – Middle Jurassic stratigraphy

Disclaimer: current estimates, can change during 2024

### Undiscovered resources Barents Sea south 1020 Million Sm<sup>3</sup> o.e



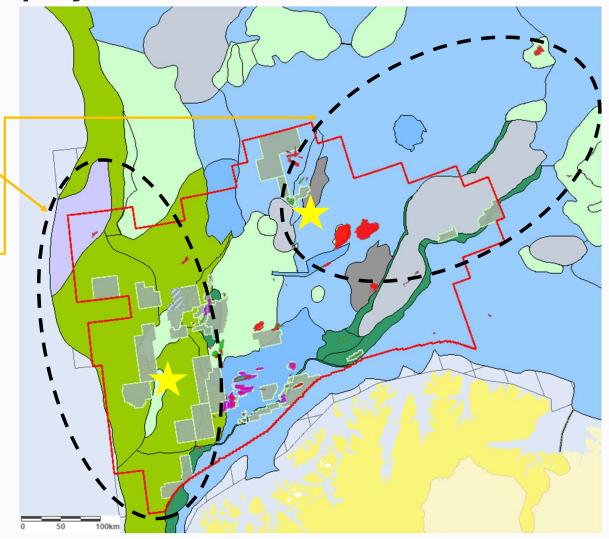
### Undiscovered resources by stratigraphy, Barents Sea south





### **Examples of underexplored plays in the Barents Sea**

- Paleogene plays in the western Barents Sea
- Gipsdalen play on the Bjarmeland Platform++

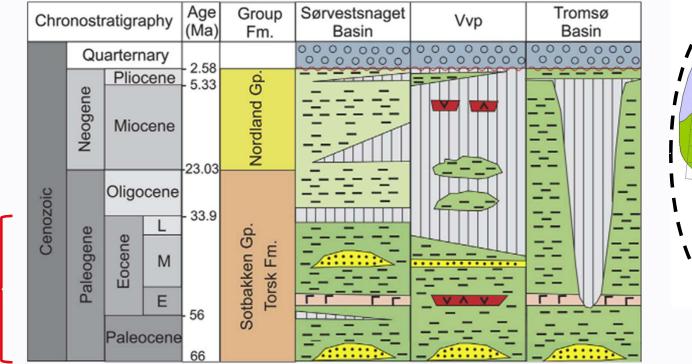


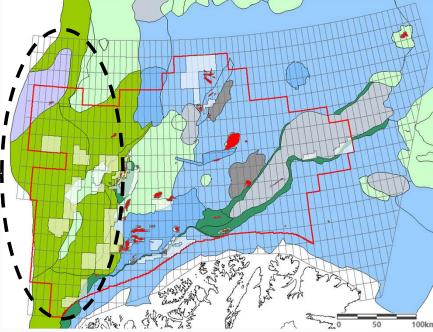


# Paleogene plays



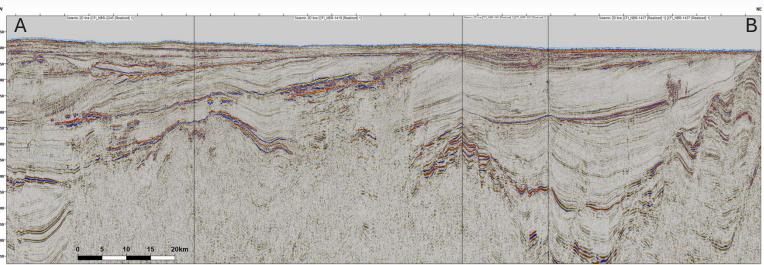
## Cenozoic lithostratigraphic units in the southern Norwegian Barents Sea

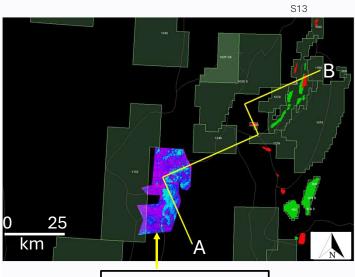




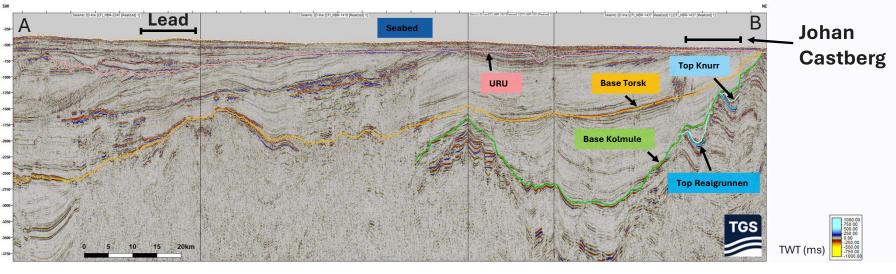
Modified from Lasabuda et al. (2018)

### **Overview Paleocene/Eocene plays**



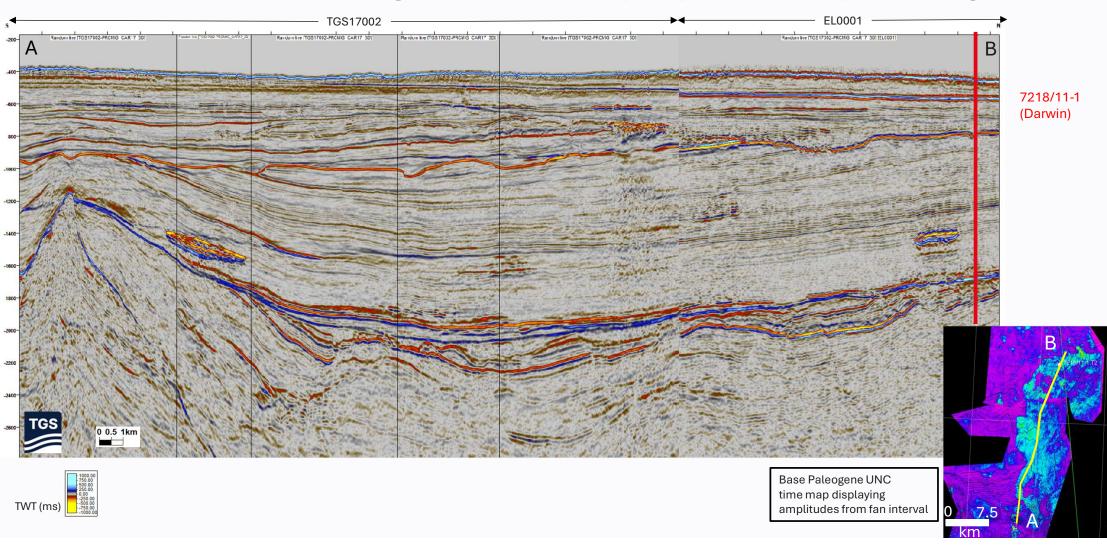


Base Paleogene UNC time map displaying amplitudes from fan interval





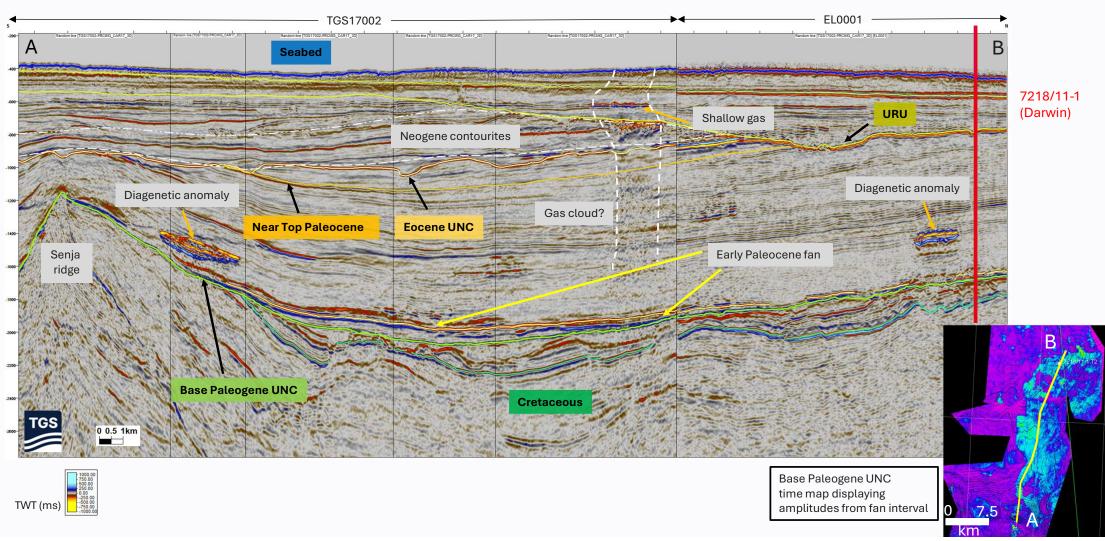
### Seismic random line showing early Paleocene prospectivity in open acreage



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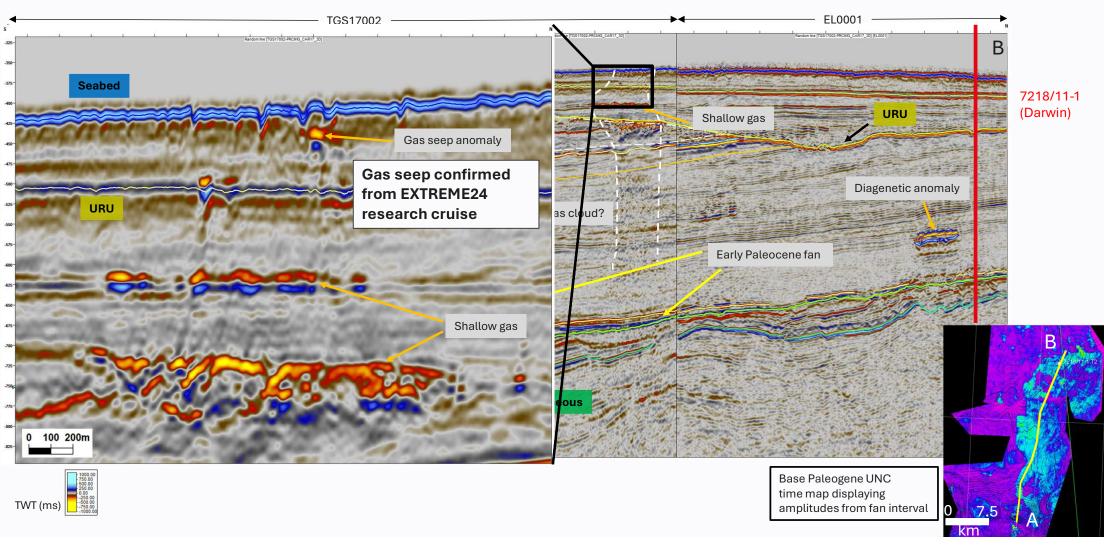


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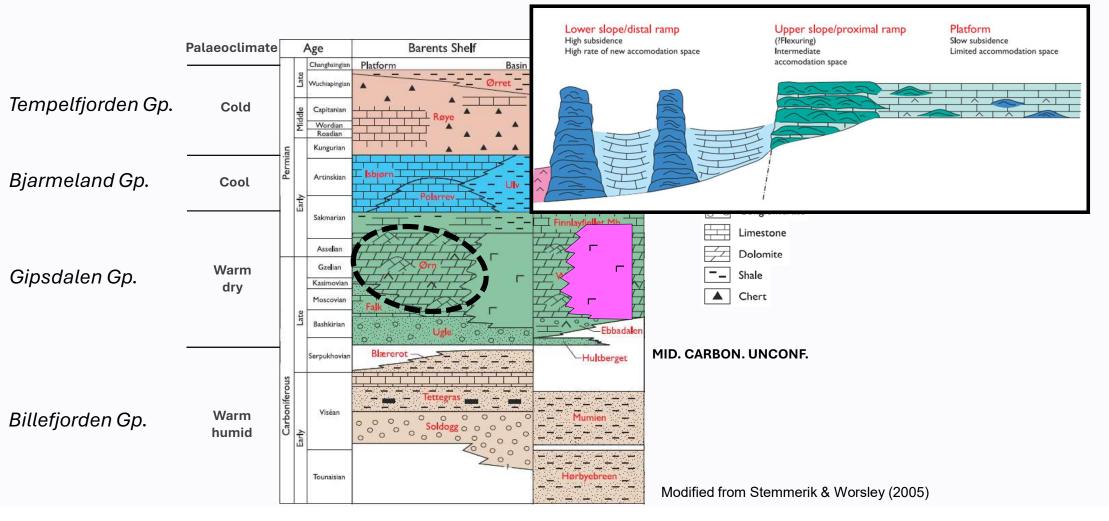




# Gipsdalen play

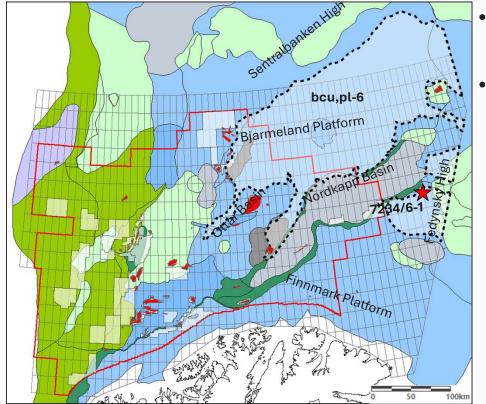


## Upper Palaeozoic lithostratigraphic units in the southern Norwegian Barents Sea and on Svalbard

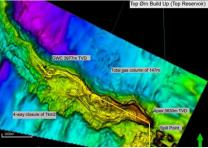




### bcu,pl-6 : Gipsdalen Gp play on the Bjarmeland Platform++

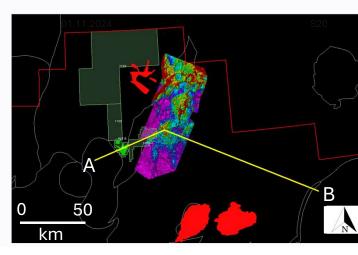


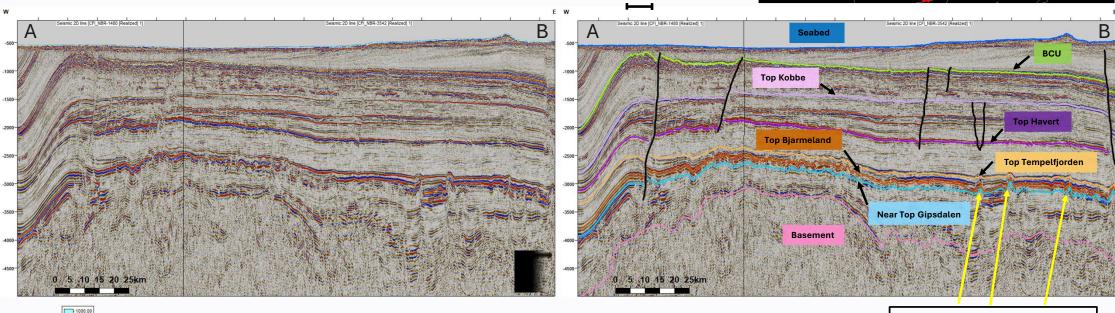
- Main reservoir is the warm-water Palaeoplysina buildups (carbonate reefs).
- Confirmed play by 7234/6-1 (Stangnestind) drilled in 2021:
  - $\circ~$  Small gas discovery.
  - Filled to spill (147 m gas column)
  - Karstified and totally dolomitised
  - o Porosity: 14%
    - Surprisingly high considering apex at 3830 m + uplift/erosion.





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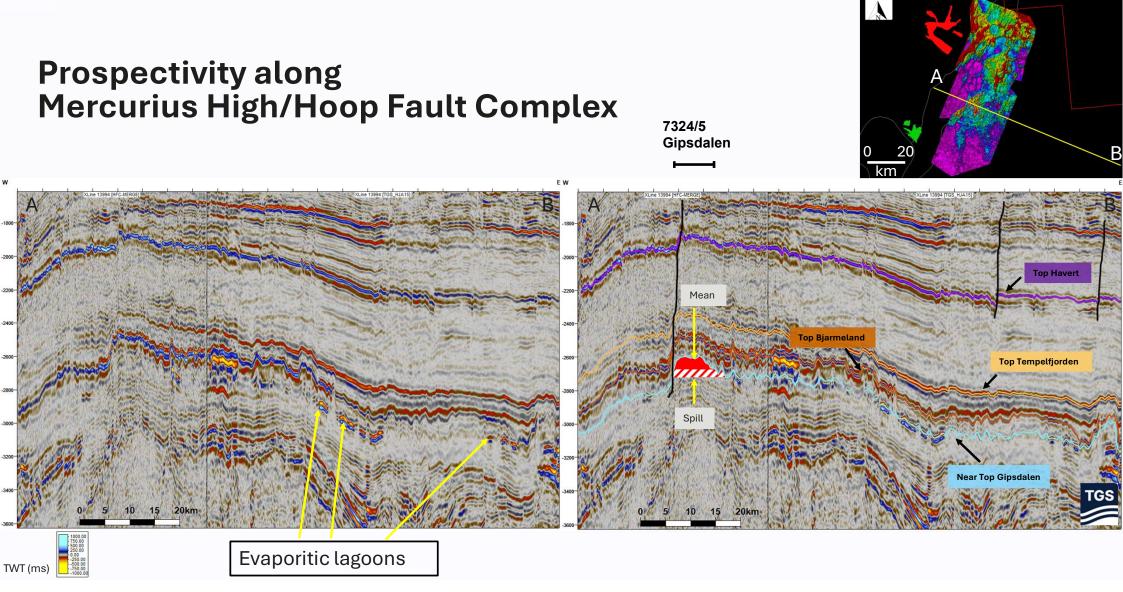


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TWT (ms)

Carbonate buildups





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## Key takeaways

- Large undiscovered resources in several plays
- Potential in underexplored plays within open APA acreage
- Turn every stone!



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