# Insights into the Geology and Prospectivity of the Joint Development Zone (JDZ)

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#### **Executive summary – JDZ MC3D prospectivity review**



3. Quantative Interpretation work shows that hydrocarbon charge of reservoirs can be identified & calibrated.







4. The study shows that there are undrilled leads calibrated to 8 drilled wells



#### The JDZ and the JDA



- In 2001 a treaty was signed between Nigeria and São Tomé & Principé which defined the Joint Development Zone (JDZ).
- The Joint Development Authority (JDA) was established to manage the activities relating to exploration for and exploitation of the resources of the JDZ, including the issuance of permits and licenses.





#### **Wells and Fields**





**Regional Geology** 



#### **Niger Delta tectonic setting**



#### Thrusting in JDZ study area

Frontal Deformation Zone Zone of Complex Thrusting & Diapiris





- JDZ lies on 2 depobelts Shale swelling and Frontal toe trust zones
- The Shale Swelling Zone is typically associated with E-W trending toe thrusts, apparent within the Agbada Formation and detaching within the Akata mobile shales
- Akata shales have been injected up the fault planes isolating fault blocks
- The Frontal Toe Trust Zone is associated with NE–SW fault trends controlled by thrusting to the north





### **Regional stratigraphy of the Niger Delta**

The Tertiary section of the Niger Delta is divided into 3 diachronous formations, representative of broad depositional setting:

- Benin Formation representative of alluvial deposits
- Agbada Formation representative of deltaic deposits
- Akata Formation representative of deep water muds

The area of the JDZ MC3D dataset is located in a delta front to deep water setting and is dominated by Agbada Formation delta front deposits that is detached from underlying Akata shales





From Freddy et al., 2005

## **PGS Data Package**



### Available data package





### Well Log processing workflow for JDZ





#### Well Log interpretation workflow for JDZ



#### Well sequence and depositional environment interpretation – Kina-1XR





Biostrat data	
Operator shows	V
H/C from CPI	Gas @ 2575m, 2940m, 3120m, 3480m,
Check shot	X



#### Well to seismic tie - Enitimi





#### **Build and interpret sequence framework in 3D dataset**







#### **Example time and depth structure maps**



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### Play analysis - an example of a structural lead



#### **Structural Lead:**

Closure within a toe thrust, very bright amplitudes at crest

Reservoir: likely to be Lower Shoreface sands Seal: likely to be intraformational TST transgressive muds.







#### Play analysis - an example of a stratigraphic lead







#### Stratigraphic Lead:

Sand prone body pinching out against thrust fault.

**<u>Reservoir</u>**: likely to be Offshore Transition mass flow or Lower Shoreface **<u>Seal</u>**: likely to be intra-formational TST transgressive muds.



## **Quantitative Interpretation**

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#### **Reservoir analysis - quantitative interpretation workflow**



Rock physics shows elastic attributes can discriminate shale – brine sand – HC sand



Well log elastic attributes discriminate lithology & fluid (shale – brine sand – HC sand). This pattern is consistent with the seismic elastic attributes (Ip and Vp/Vs)



Seismic sections of elastic attributes clearly show the difference between – shale, brine sand & HC sand with strong changes at hydrocarbon water contacts



We have mapped the top or base of anomalies in leads and discoveries to understand the relationship between HC fill and structural closure / fill



With such a clear pattern in elastic attributes we can auto-detect areas of specific values (low Ip and/or Vp/Vs) as 'geobodies'.

These are calibrated to well log reservoir properties and identify many untested leads

#### **Example well tie with seismic elastic attributes**





#### 3D view of wells and leads: Geo-bodies extracted from Ip & Vp/Vs





## **Basin Modelling**

## Sub Akata Prospectivity

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The South-eastern front – sub-Akata opportunities





#### Conclusions



- JDZ is significant hydrocarbon prone area. All the elements of working petroleum system have been identified and evaluated
- 8 wells have been drilled with both oil and gas discovered
- Depositional sequence interpretation shows that reservoirs are lowermost shoreface sands and pro-delta mass-flow sands (channels, fans and lobes)
- The sub-Akata section may be provide a secondary petroleum system
- Quantitative interpretation is an important tool for derisking
- Opportunities to develop discoveries and drill stacked reservoirs



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