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## **SEISMIC & WELLS ACHIEVEMENTS (September 2018)**

## **Seismic Acquisition:**

#### **Onshore**

2D Seismic: 56 131 Km
 3D Seismic: 2 096 Km²

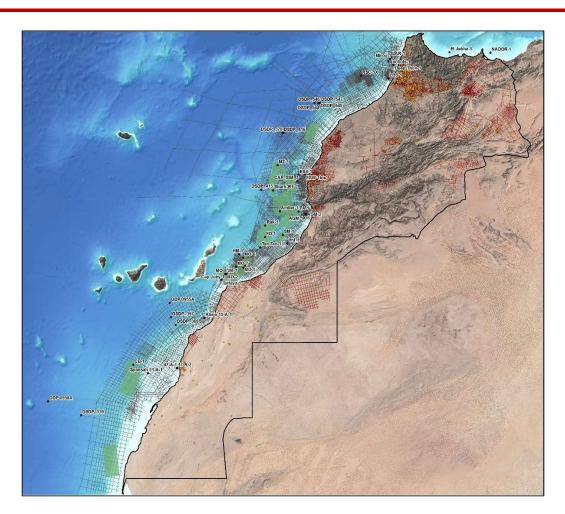
#### Offshore

2D Seismic: 174 267 Km
 3D Seismic: 68 103 Km²
 2D Multi-clients seismic:

 Additional 2D & 3D seismic acquisition is ongoing onshore and offshore

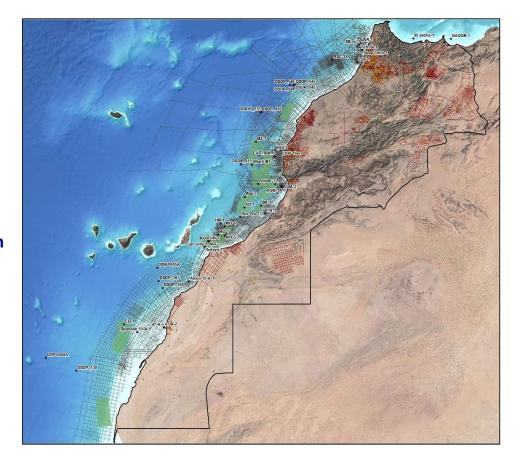
## **Exploration Drilling:**

- 44 wells offshore (42 in the Atlantic & 2 in the Mediterranean)
- 305 wells Onshore



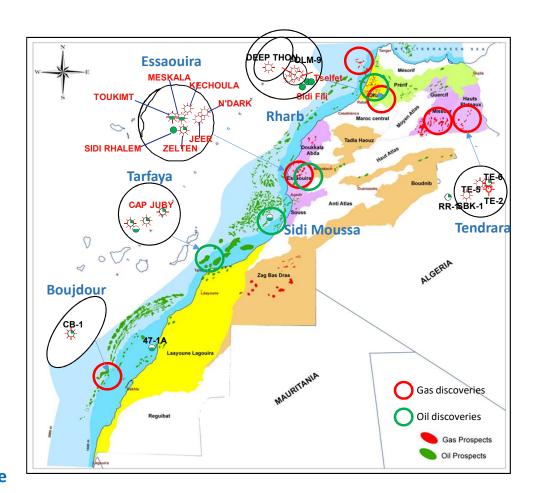
#### **ONGOING WORKS**

- ONHYM Internal basins evaluations
  - Regional and local petroleum evaluation projects
  - Regional geochemical modeling
- Seismic reservoir characterization of an offshore segment
  - ongoing
- Multi-client long offset 2D seismic interpretation and margin evaluation
- Morocco-Nova Scotia margins restoration (MOU between
   ONHYM and OERA of the province of Nova Scotia)
  - Data sharing agreement
  - Joint effort to explore geology and petroleum opportunities in both margins



#### TO DATE EXPLORATION RESULTS

- More than 800 prospects & leads of various plays have been identified in the onshore and the offshore. Some of these prospects were tested successfully
  - Pre-Salt Play
    - Gas and condensate fields
    - Paleozoic Source Rocks
  - Salt Related Play
  - Jurassic carbonate Platform Play
    - Oil fields and sub-commercial accumulations
    - Jurassic Source Rocks
  - Turbidite Play
    - Gas and condensate shows and sub-commercial accumulations
  - Thrust and Sub-thrust Play
    - Oil fields and numerous oil seeps
    - Jurassic Source Rocks
- Still considerable number of mature prospects deserves to be drilled.



## **Licensing status**

## **Exploration permits**

41 offshore 62 158,87 km²
 28 onshore 45 830,43 km²

## **Reconnaissance licenses**

• 1 offshore 7 989,90 km<sup>2</sup>

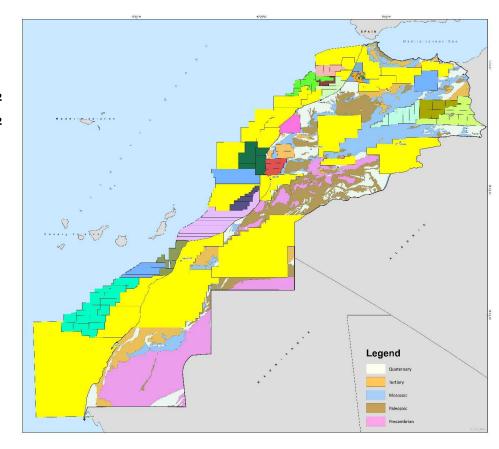
## **Exploitation concessions**

• 9 Exploitation 162,40 km<sup>2</sup>

• 1 ONHYM 38.7 km<sup>2</sup>

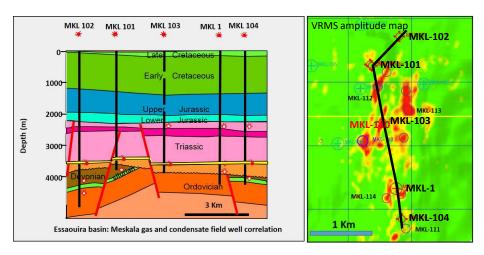
## **Open blocs**

- 13 offshore
- 13 onshore

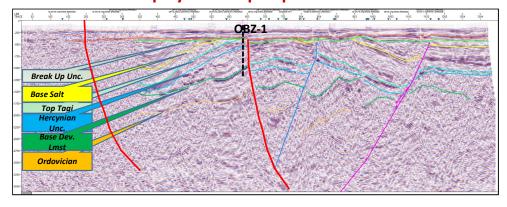


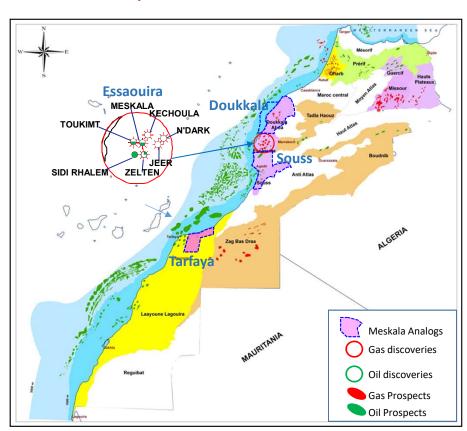
# **UNTESTED PRESALT PROSPECTS/LEADS AND ANALOGS**

## Positevely tested presalt play (Meskala gas and condensate field in Essaouira basin)



## Untested Presalt play related prospects in the Dokkala basin

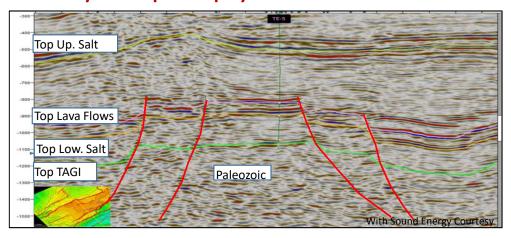




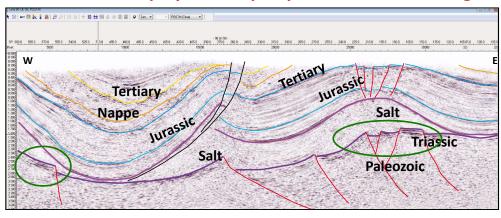
Presalt Play in the Atlantic Rift Basins

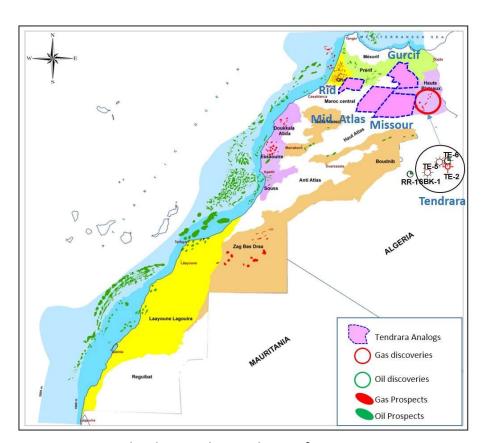
# UNTESTED PRESALT PROSPECTS/LEADS AND ANALOGS

## Positively tested presalt play in Tendrara Area



## **Untested Presalt play related prospects in the Prerif Ridges**





Presalt Play in the Tethys Rift Basins

# **UNTESTED SUBTHRUST PROSPECTS/LEADS AND ANALOGS**

## **Subthrust Play main drivers**

#### **Hydrocarbon occurrences:**

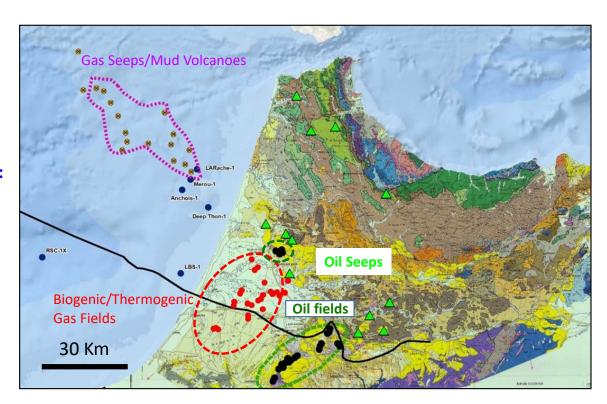
- Oil seeps
- Oil fields
- Biogenic and thermogenic gas
- Gas seeps associated with mud volcanos.

## Four (4) proven marine and organic rich source rocks :

- Miocene up to 10% Toc
- Cenomanian-Turonian 0.6 to 10.7%Toc
- Toarcian 0.5 to 2.5 % Toc
- Domerian 0.5 to 1.2 % Toc

## Four (4) proven reservoir intervalles:

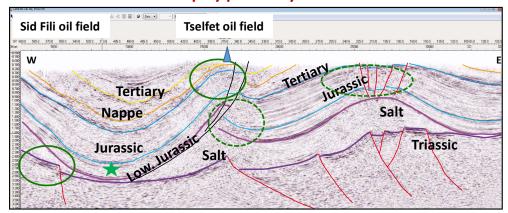
- Miocene turbidite sandstones
- Mid. And Up. Jurassic deltaic and turbidite sandstones
- Low. And Mid. Jurassic carbonates
- Triassic fluvial sandstones



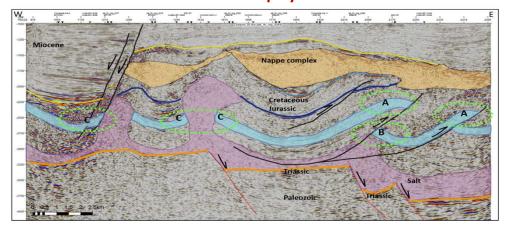
Hydrocarbon Occurrences in the Moroccan Alpine (Rif) folded and thrust belt

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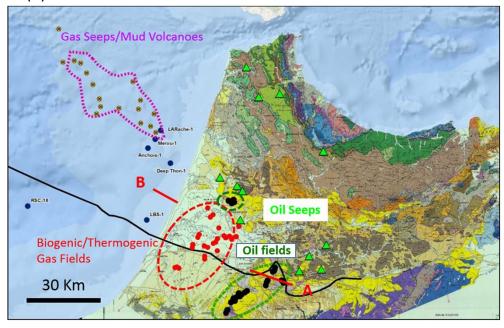
## Onshore Line A: Jurassic play positively tested in overthrust structures



#### Offshore Line B: Untested Jurassic play

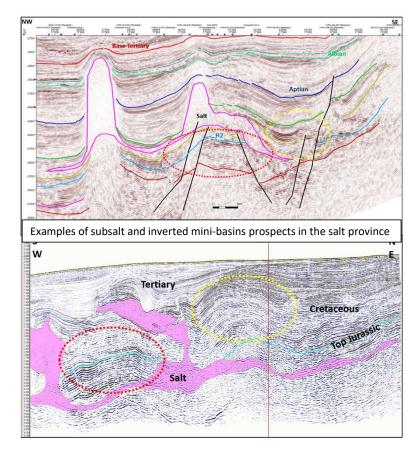


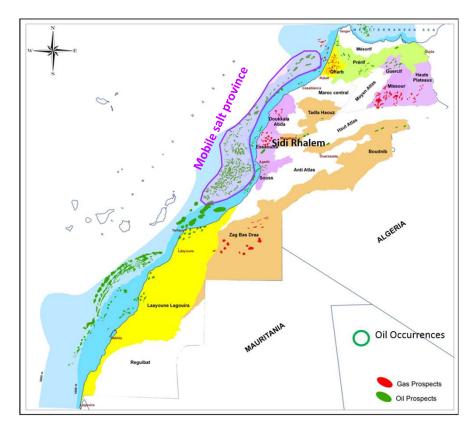
- Onshore overthrust structures positively tested: Tselfet, Bou Draa, Ain Hamra, Baton etc...
- Source Rock: is lower Jurassic black shales (TOC up to 8%)
- Offshore Overthrust (A), subthrust (B) and salt related structures
   (C) remain untested



# **UNTESTED SUBSALT AND INVERTED MINI BASINS**

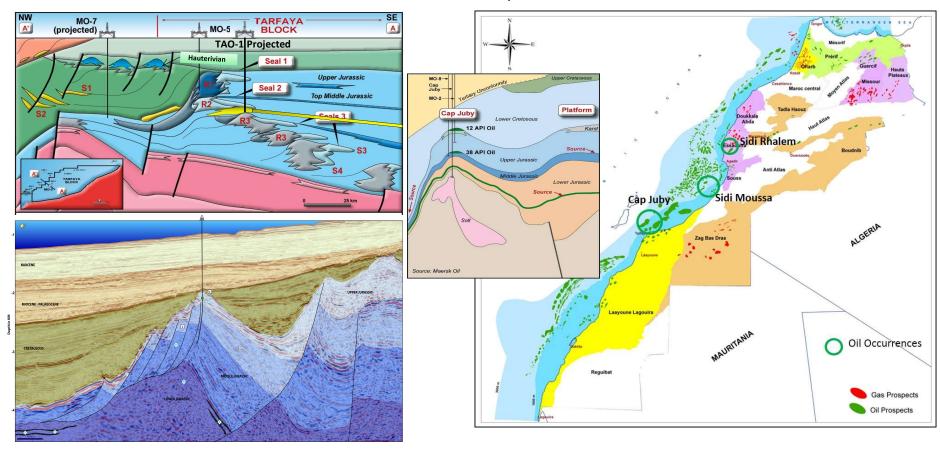
- Previous exploration targeted and tested lower Cretaceous at tops and flanks of salt diapirs.
- Only thin bedded sandstone intervals with oil or gas shows.
- New focus on Jurassic and Lower Cretaceous inverted mini basins and subsalt





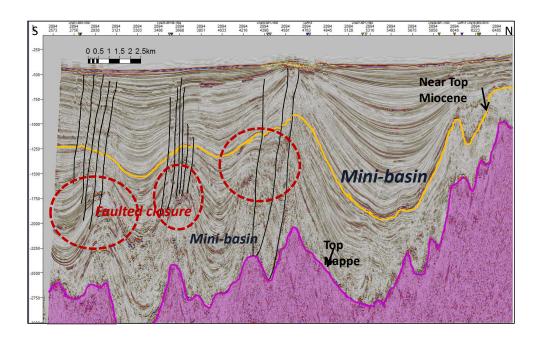
# **JURASSIC PLATFORM PLAY**

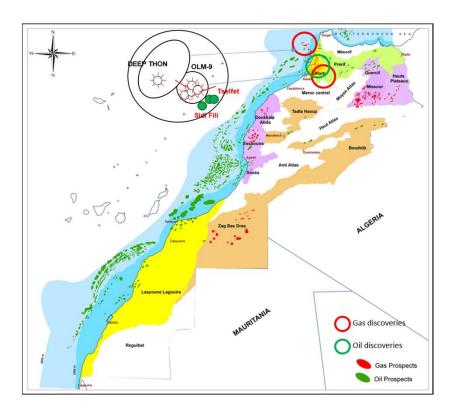
- Oil field (Sidi Rhalem), heavy and light oils accumulations (Cap Juby and Sidi Moussa) are associated with the Jurassic platform play and give strong evidence of working petroleum systems.
- New focus on down faulted blocs, reefs and oolite shoals sealed by Cretaceous shale.



# **CURRENT PLAYS**

- Biogenic and thermogenic gas in the Miocene turbidite sandstones.
- Alpine tectonics related structures, involving Mesozoic strata within the accretionary wedge "Nappe" and underneath, show up on adequately reprocessed 3D seismic, to constitute new play in the area.

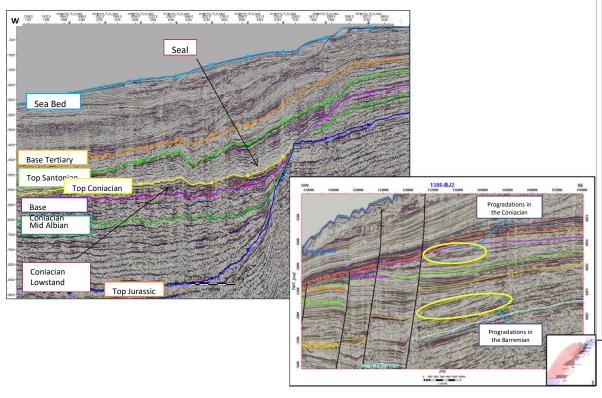


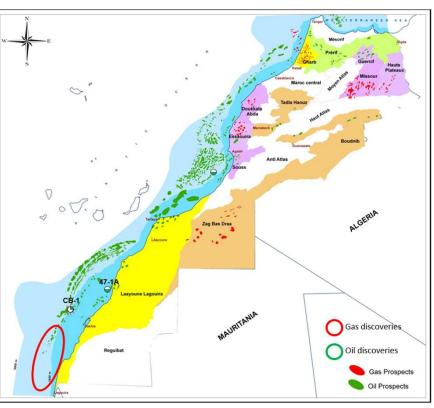


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## **Upper Cretaceous Turbidite Play**

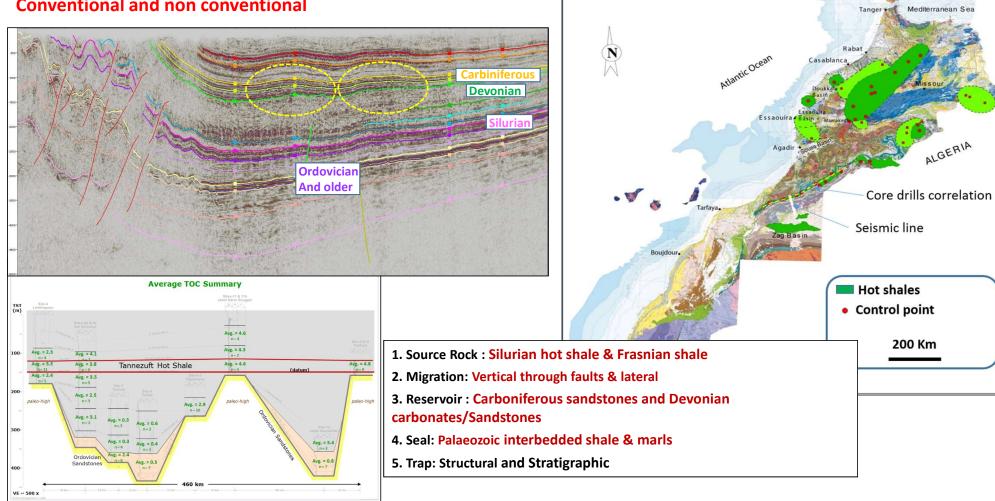
• Stratigraphic traps and slope tectonics related structures involving the Upper Cretaceous (Coniacian) turbidite sandstones to be sourced from underlying organic rich Cenomanian Turonian source rocks.





# **CURRENT PLAYS**

## **Conventional and non conventional**



## **CONCLUSION**

- The Moroccan geology is, by its sedimentary and tectonic diversity, considerably favorable for oil and gas generation and production
- Strong evidences for the existence of several working petroleum systems, through producing fields, oil and gas accumulations or shows and oil or gas seeps;
- Myriad of play concepts are developed in different sedimentary basins and different geological times in Morocco;
- The so far drilled wells have tested two plays and encountered modest hydrocarbon
   or
  - shows even though some did not penetrate thick reservoir intervals;
- The flagship exploration plays are driven by hydrocarbon occurrences in their neighborhood and their analogies with successful cases in Morocco;

