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TARSIUT-AMAILIGAK FAULT ZONE, BEAUFORT SEA ULTIMATE OIL AND GAS RESOURCES

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The Beaufort Sea has a large resource of discovered oil and gas and a very significant potential for future undiscovered oil and gas. The Tarsiut-Amauligak Fault Zone play is one of the more important plays in the Beaufort Sea, with discovered resources of 378 MMB of recoverable oil and 3,298 BCF of recoverable gas. The undiscovered potential is estimated to be 846 MMB of recoverable oil and 6,785 BCF of recoverable gas.

The Tarsiut-Amauligak Fault Zone play includes all pools and prospects within delta front sandstones of the Kugmallit sequence. The reservoirs at Amauligak are proximal delta front sandstones which become more distal to the west towards Tarsiut. The play is bounded to the south by the facies boundary with the delta plain facies of the Kugmallit sequence (Netserk play), and to the east and west by the disappearance of a potential reservoir at the fringes of the delta. To the north the play is bounded by the Kugmallit shelf edge and the deeper water sandstones of the Kopanoar play.

The play area is entirely offshore in water depths between 12 and 35 metres. The delta front facies of the Kugmallit sequence is characterized by upward-coarsening sandstones, with overall net sand content between 20 and 30 per cent. Reservoir sandstones are between 5 and 15 meters thick, with an average porosity of 22 per cent. The larger fields contain numerous stacked pools. Thick interbedded shales and the overlying Mackenzie Bay shale succession provide a good seal.

The majority of traps in the play are structural, created by major post-depositional movement on long, sinuous east-northeast trending faults of the Tarsiut-Amauligak Fault Zone. Major post-depositional movements on faults of the Tarsiut-Amauligak Fault Zone have resulted in the development of large rotated fault blocks. Pinchout of the sandstone/siltstone packages adds a stratigraphic component to trapping.

Exploration began with the spudding of Dome et al Tingmiark K-91 in the summer of 1976. During the years 1976 to 1989 a total of 32 wells were drilled on 18 structures in the play, resulting in the issue of 11 Significant Discovery Licences, for a success rate of 61%. The last well drilled was the gas discovery Gulf et al Amauligak O-86.

The only production is from Gulf et al Amauligak I-65B, which was production tested in the summer of 1986. Combined drill stem tests and extended flow tests produced a total of 422 thousand barrels of oil, of which 302 thousand barrels was shipped via tanker through the Bering Sea. The well flowed at a maximum rate of 18,060 barrels per day.

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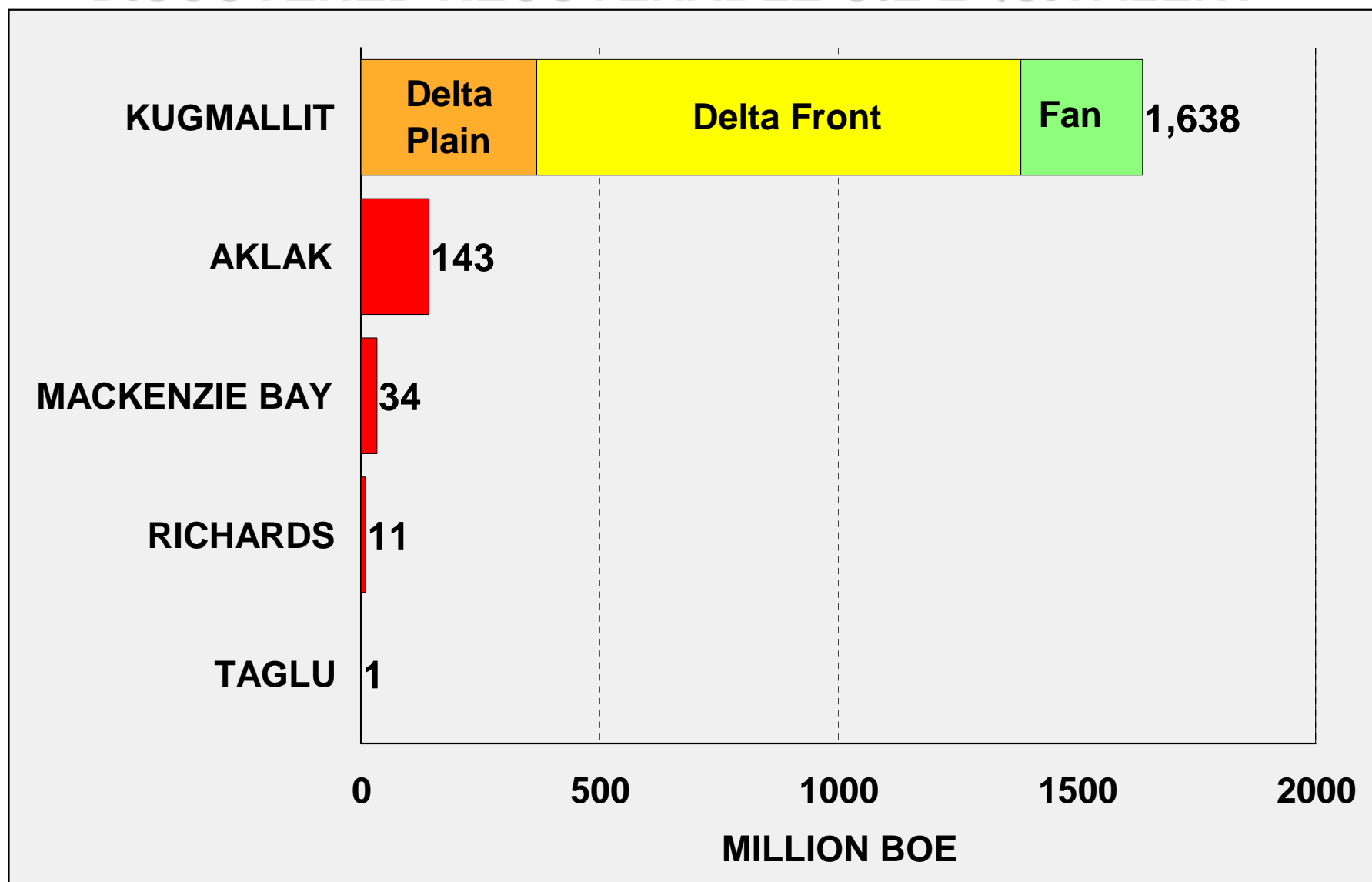
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AGE		SEQUENCE
QUAT.	Holocene	Shallow Bay
	Pleistocene	
TERTIARY	Pliocene	Iperk
	Miocene	Akpak
		Mackenzie Bay
	Oligocene	Kugmallit
		Kugmallit Submarine Fan
	Eocene	Richards
		Taglu
		Aklak
		Fish R.
	Paleocene	

BEAUFORT SEA STRATIGRAPHIC SECTION

BEAUFORT SEA - STRATIGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION DISCOVERED RECOVERABLE OIL EQUIVALENT

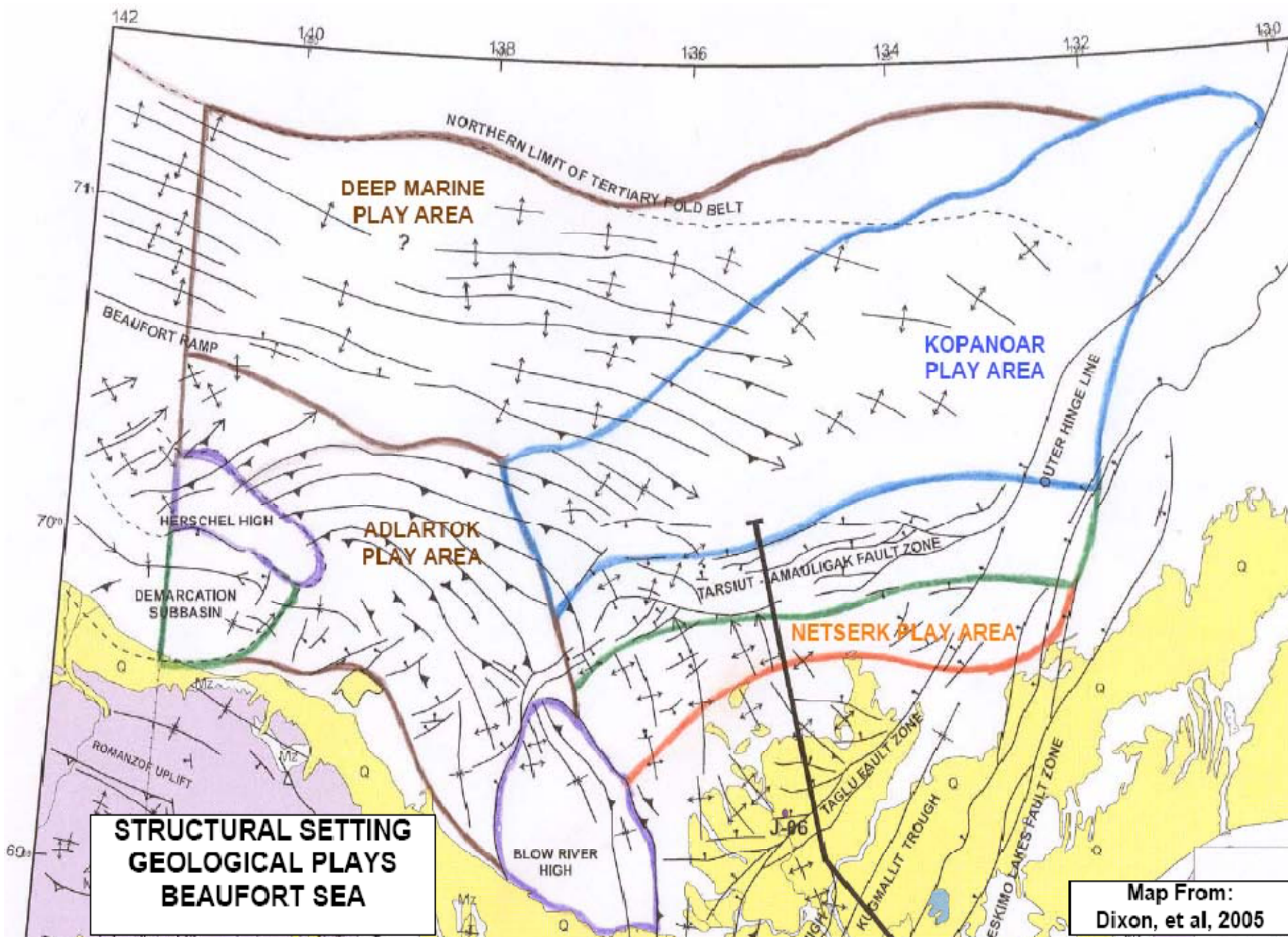


Tarsiut-Amauligak Fault Zone Play

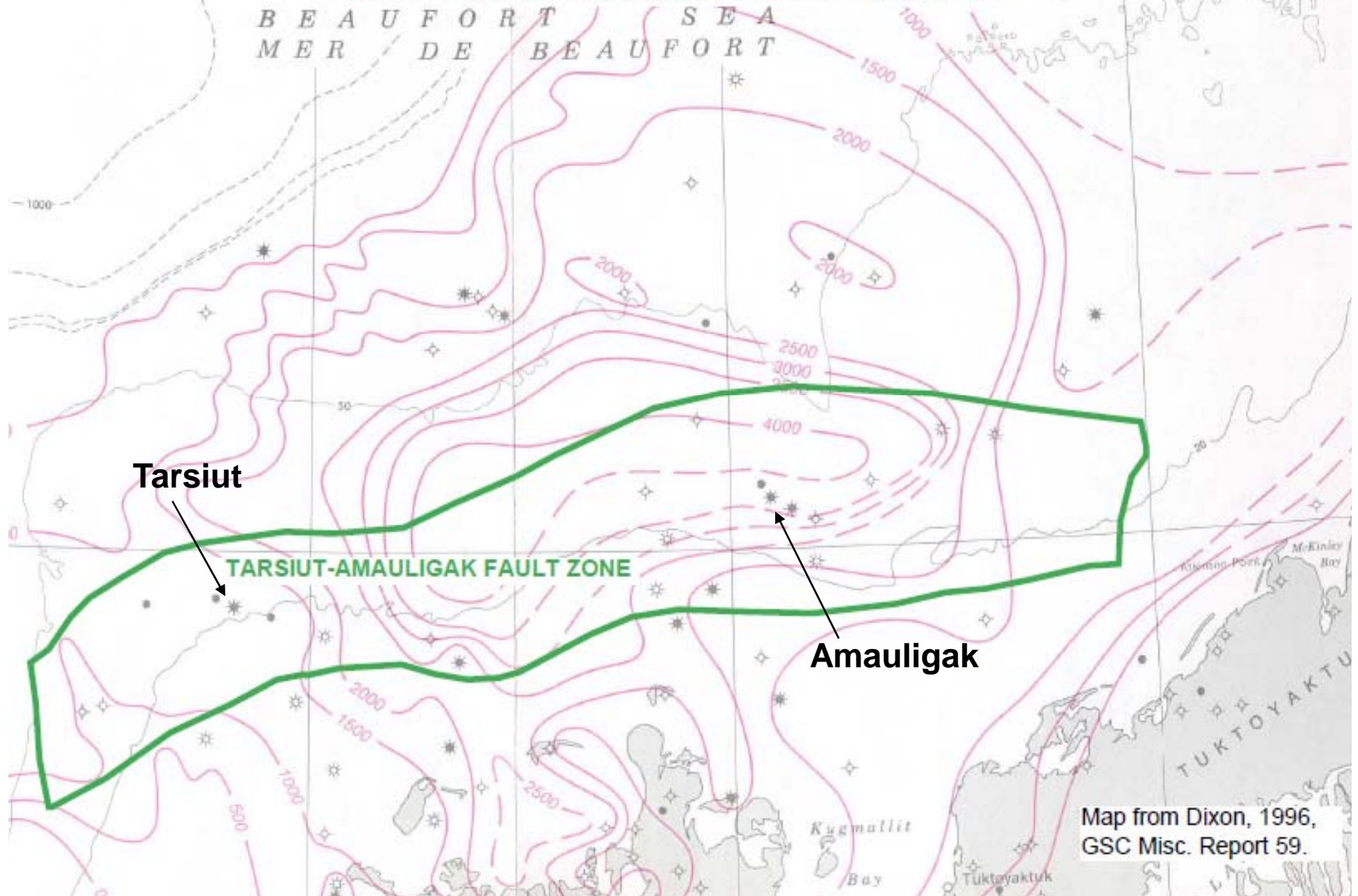
Mainly Kugmallit Delta Front sandstones, proximal at Amauligak, becoming more distal towards Tarsiut.

Also may include clastics of the Mackenzie Bay, Richards and Taglu sequences.

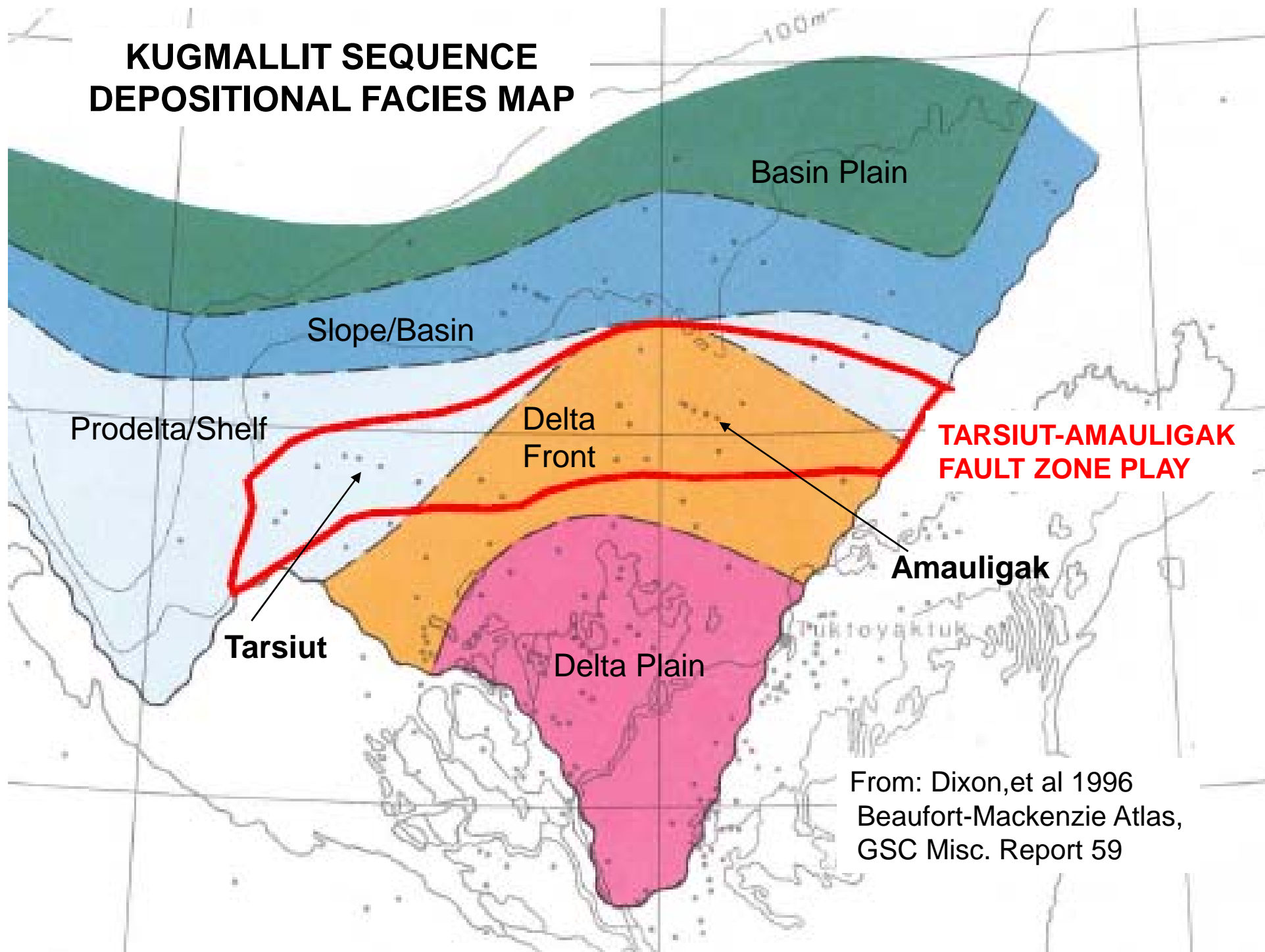
East-West trending listric growth faulted, rotated anticlinal structures.



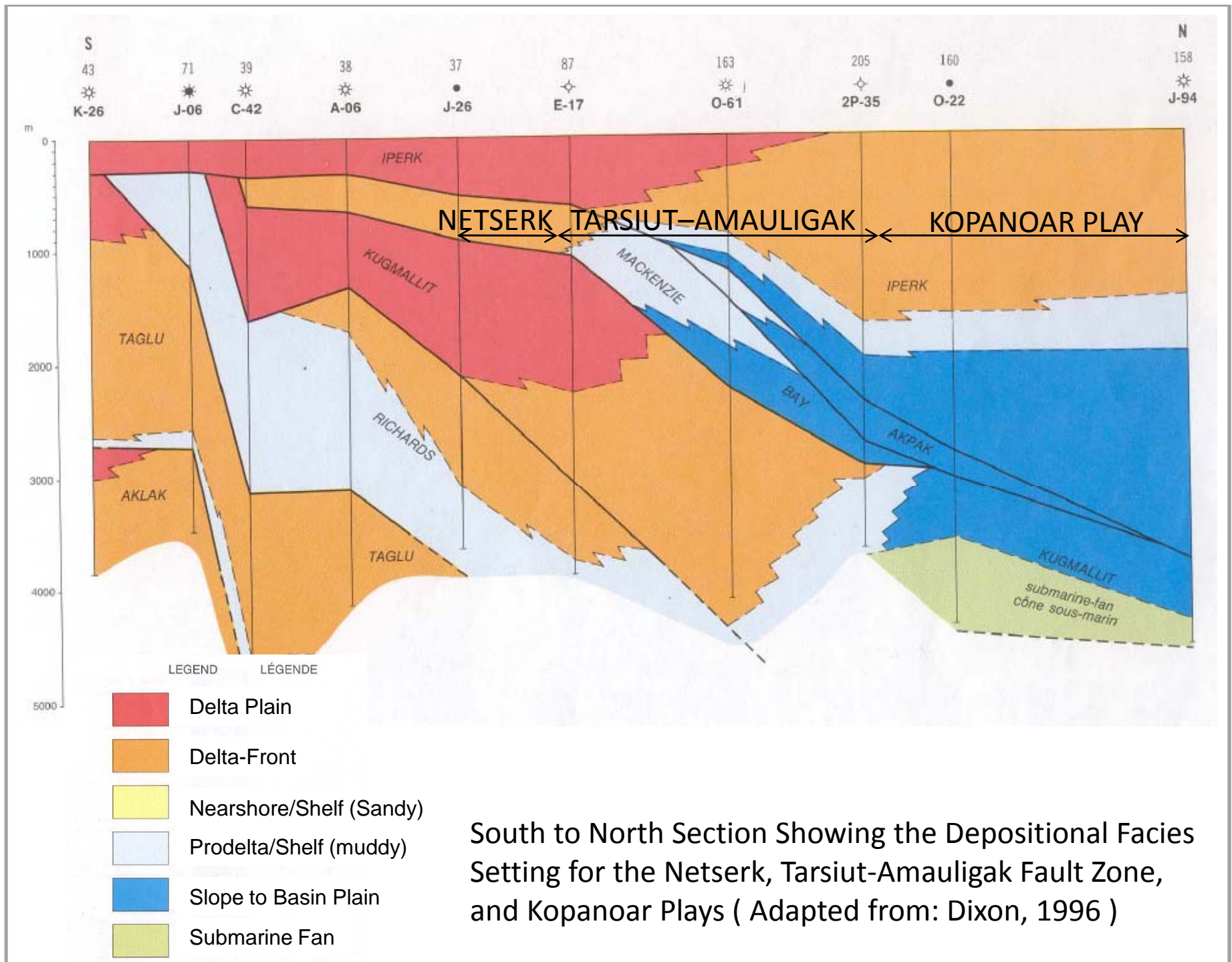
TARSIUT-AMAILIGAK FAULT ZONE PLAY KUGMALLIT SEQUENCE ISOPACH MAP



KUGMALLIT SEQUENCE DEPOSITIONAL FACIES MAP



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Beaufort-Mackenzie Atlas,
GSC Misc. Report 59

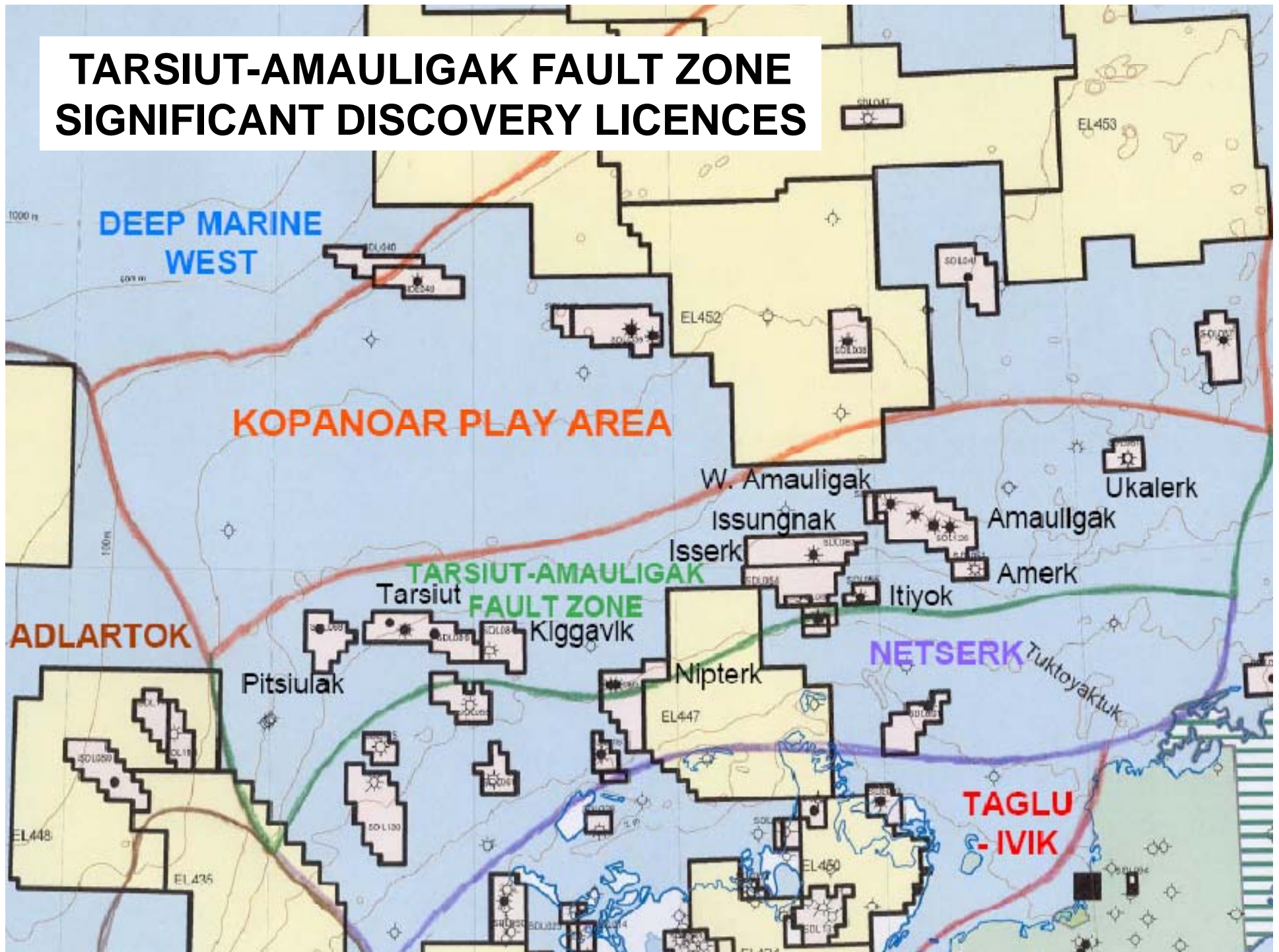


TARSIUT-AMAILIGAK FAULT ZONE PETROLEUM GEOLOGY

TIME			SEQUENCE OR SYNTHEM	LITHOLOGY	SEISMIC MARKER	PETROLEUM GEOLOGY	TECTONICS
TERTIARY	QUATERNARY	HOLOCENE			A		Thermal Subsidence Stage
		PLEISTOCENE			B		
	NEOGENE	PLIOCENE	IPERK		C		
			Nuktak		IMU		
		MIOGENE	AKPAK (Beaufort)				
	PALEOGENE		MACKENZIE BAY			SEAL	
		OLIGOCENE			TK		
			KUGMALLIT				
		EOCENE	RICHARDS			SOURCE	
PALEOCENE		REINDEER					
LATE CRETACEOUS			MOOSE CHANNEL				

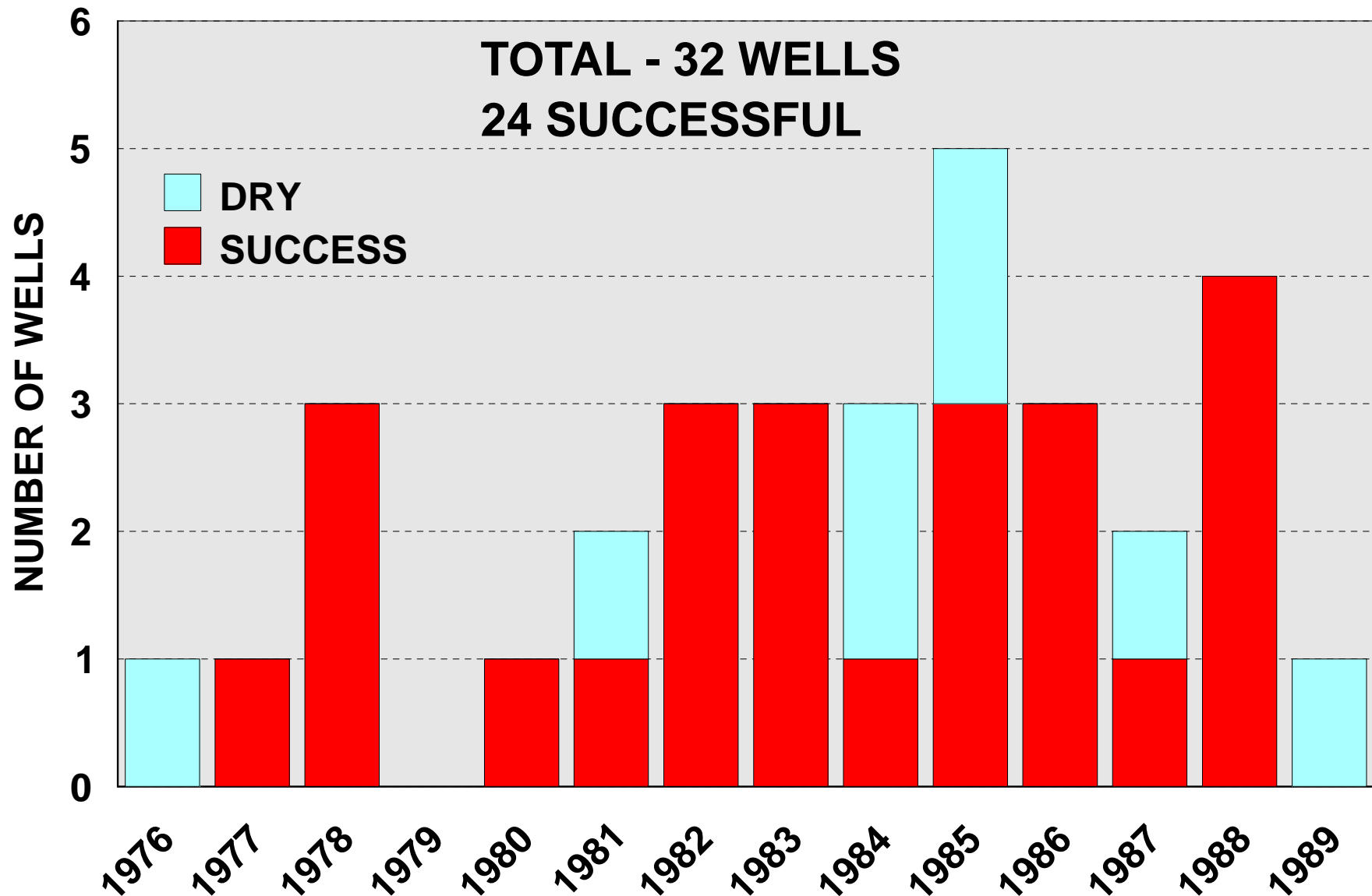
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TARSIUT-AMAILIGAK FAULT ZONE SIGNIFICANT DISCOVERY LICENCES



TARSIUT-AMAILIGAK FAULT ZONE

WELLS DRILLED BY RIG RELEASE



TARSIUT-AMAILIGAK FAULT ZONE

HIGH SUCCESS RATE

	DRILLED	SUCCESSFUL	SUCCESS %
TOTAL WELLS	32	24	75%
STRUCTURES DRILLED	18	11	61%
STRUCTURES DRILLED SDL's + SHOWS	18	12	67%

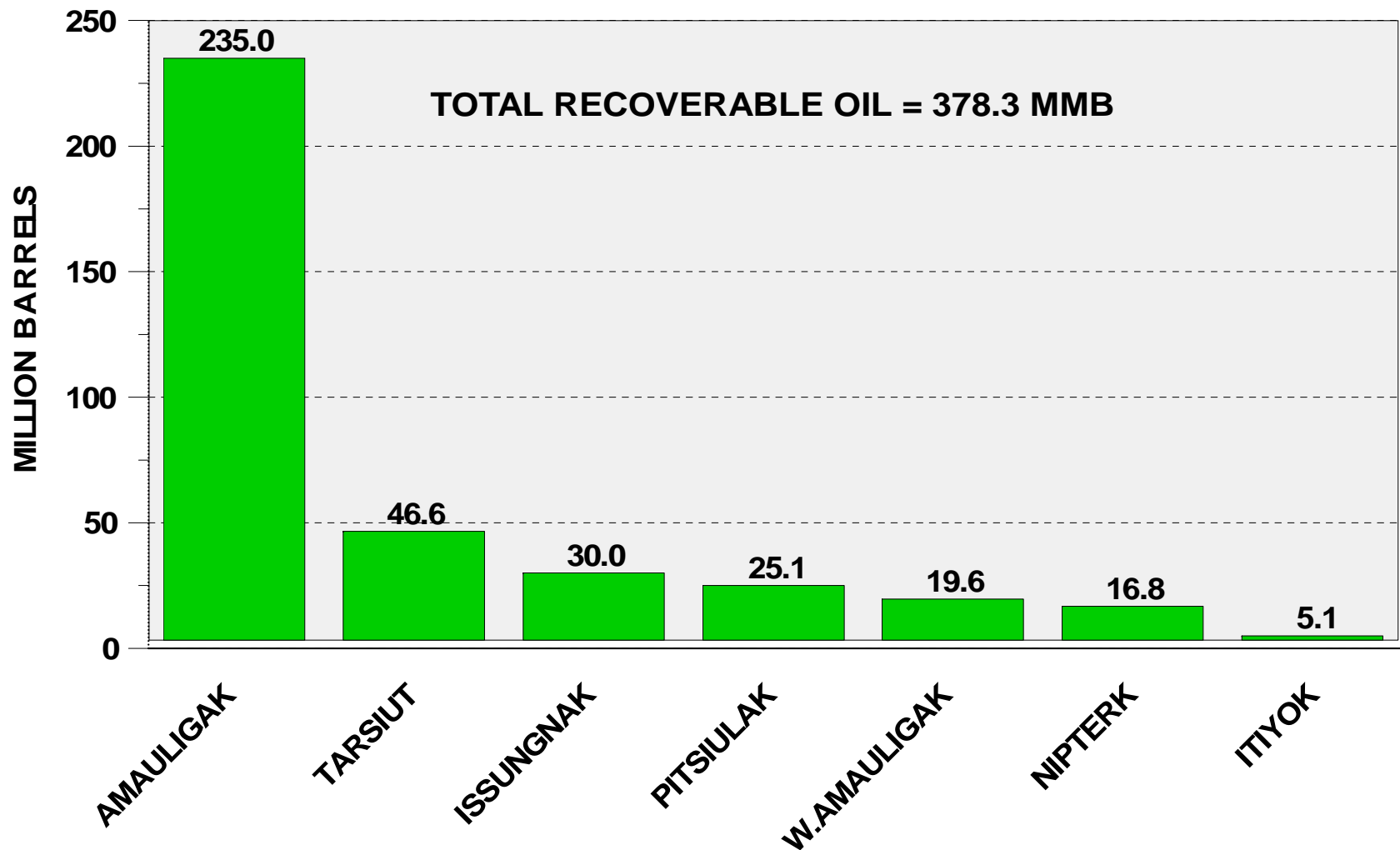
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DISCOVERED OIL & GAS FIELDS

RECOVERABLE RESOURCES

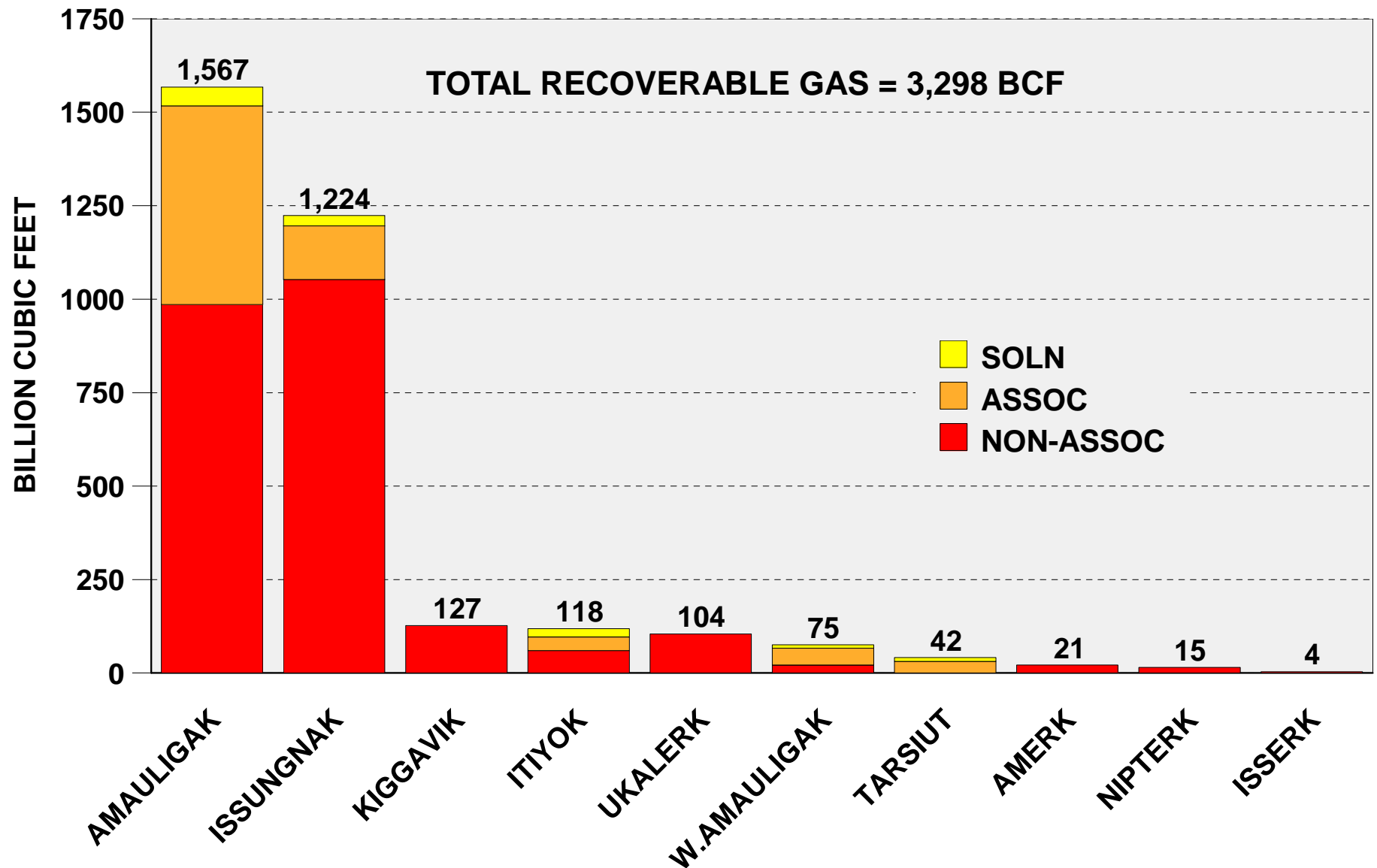
FIELD	OIL (MMB)	GAS (BCF)	MMBOE
AMAULIGAK	235.0	1,567.4	496.2
ISSUNGNAK	30.0	1,223.7	235.3
TARSIUT	45.6	41.6	53.5
WEST AMAULIGAK	19.6	75.2	32.3
PITSIULAK	25.1	0.0	25.1
ITIIYOK	5.1	118.5	24.8
KIGGAVIK	0.0	127.1	21.2
NIPTERK L-19	127.1	14.9	19.3
UKALERK	0.0	104.4	17.4
AMERK	0.0	21.4	4.0
ISSERK E-27	0.0	3.6	0.6
TOTAL	378.3	3,297.7	929.8

TARSIUT - AMAULIGAK FAULT ZONE DISCOVERED OIL FIELD SIZE DISTRIBUTION



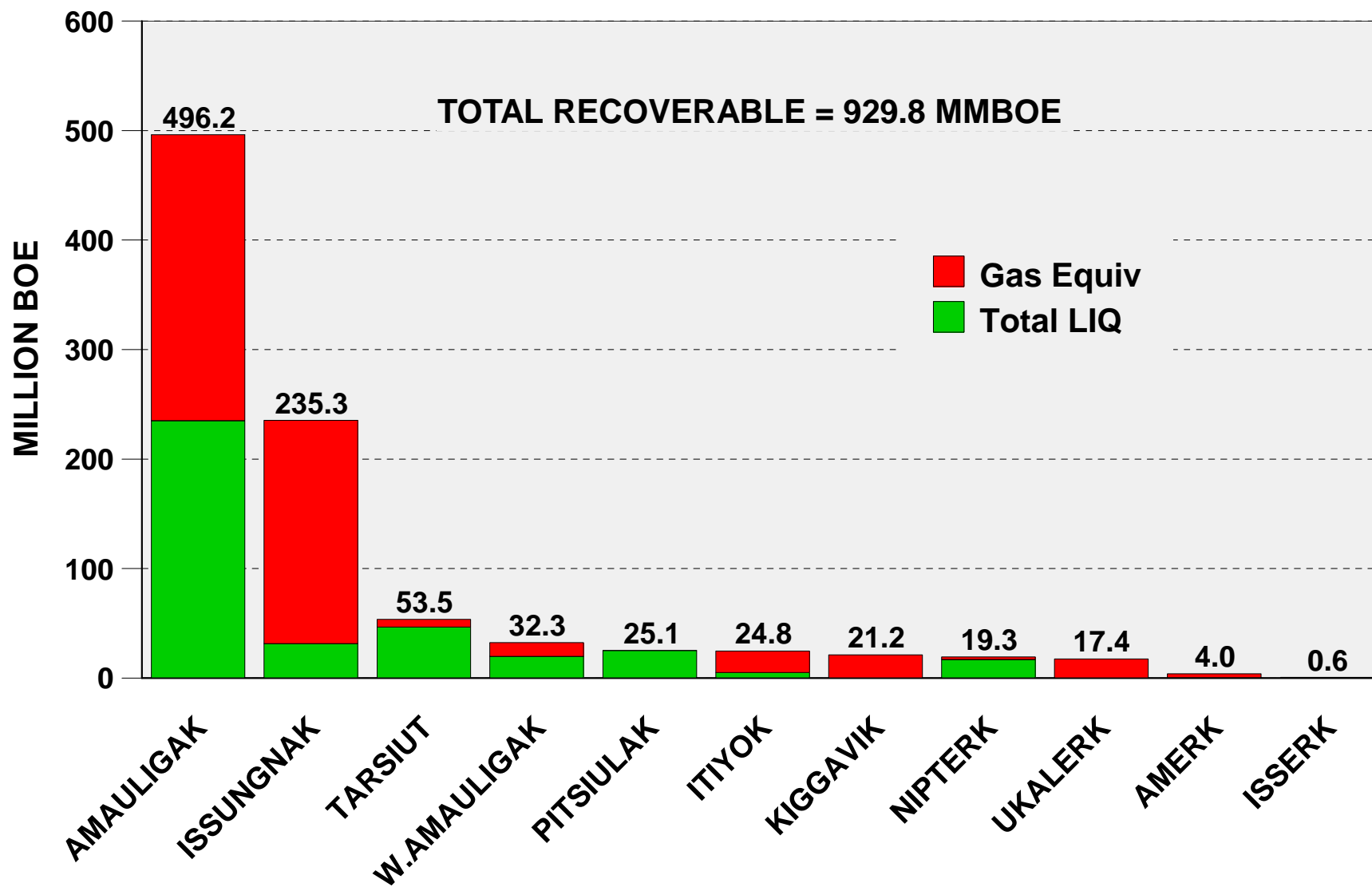
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DISCOVERED GAS FIELD SIZE DISTRIBUTION



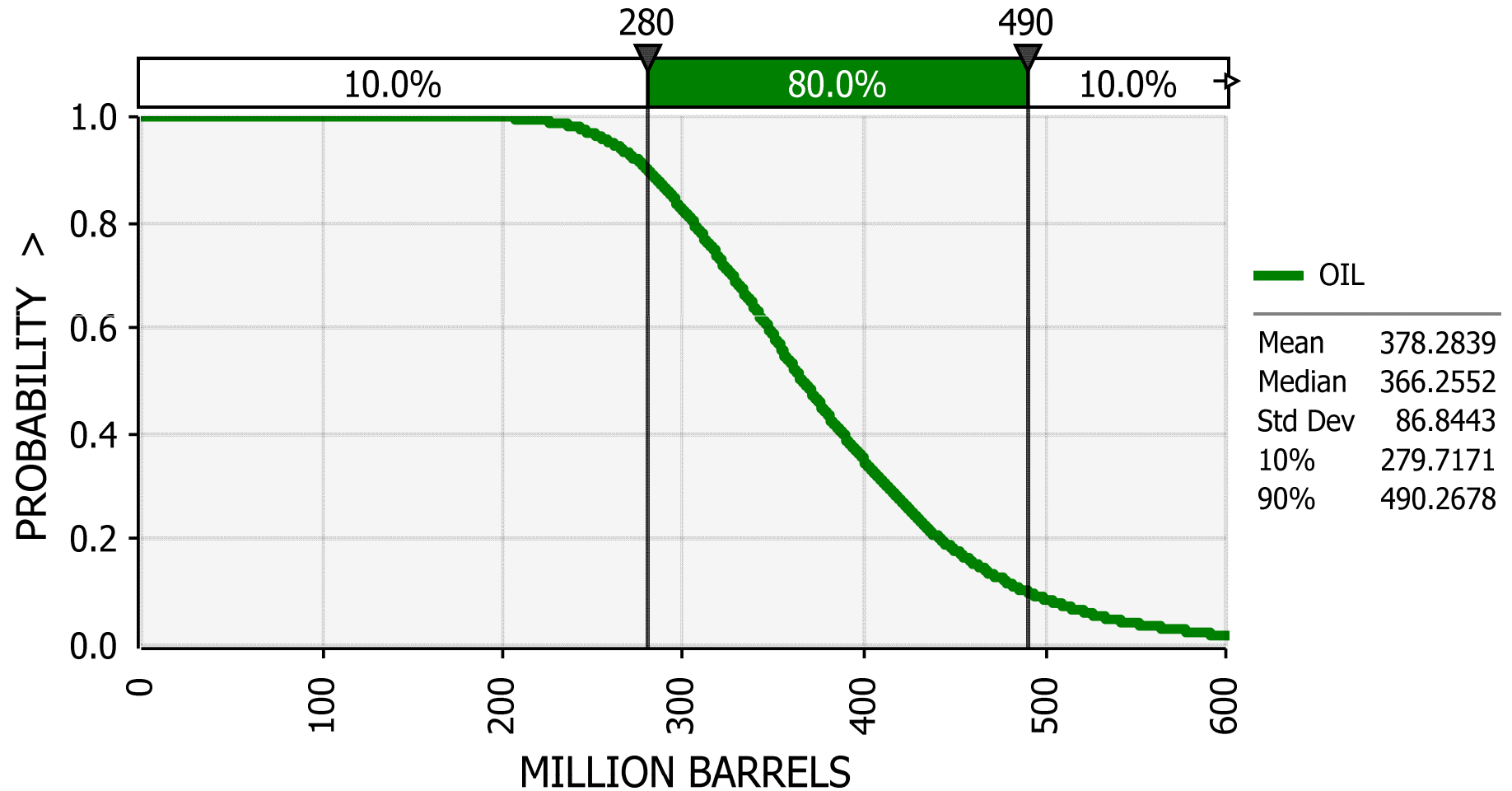
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DISCOVERED BOE FIELD SIZE DISTRIBUTION



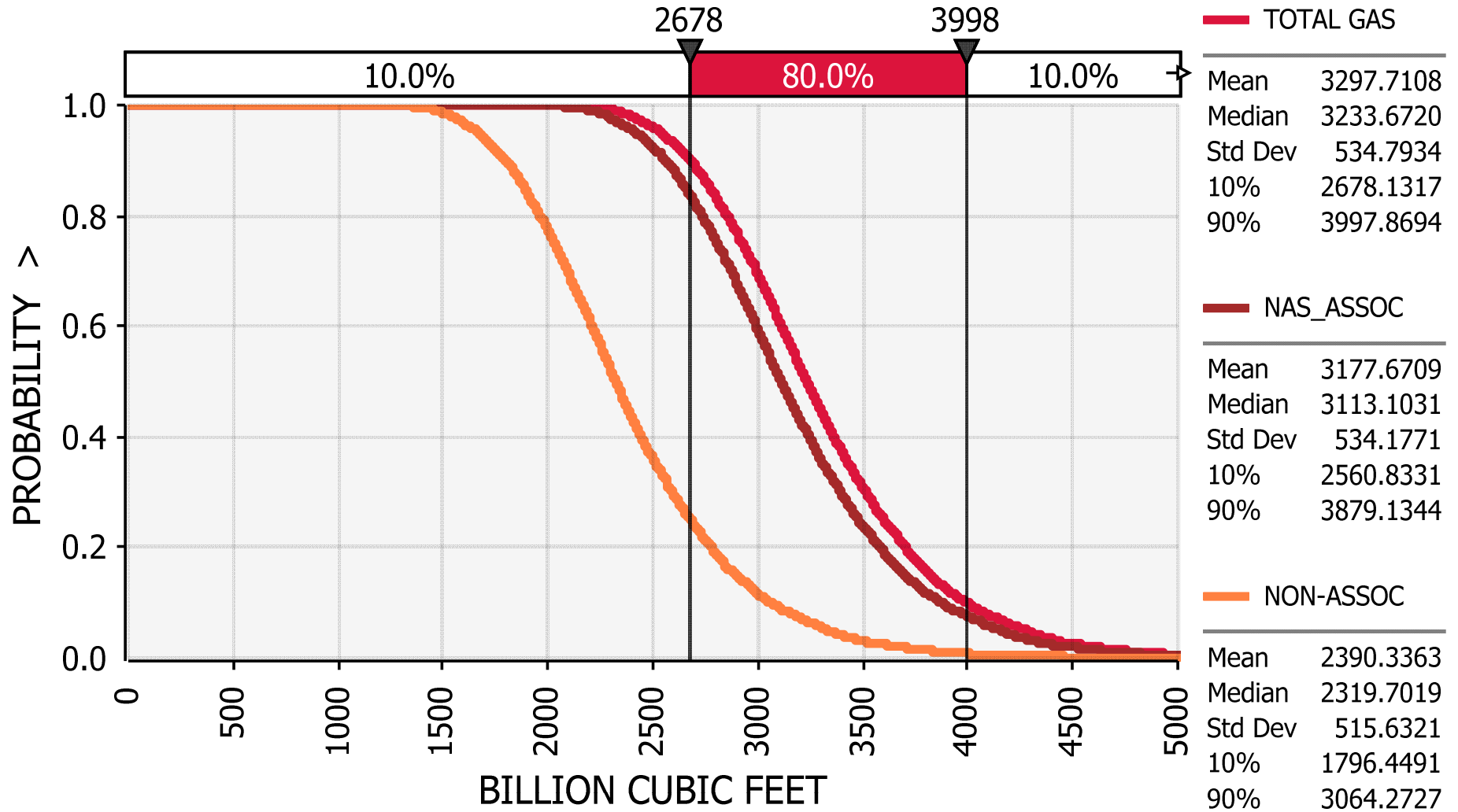
TARSIUT-AMAILIGAK FAULT ZONE PLAY

DISCOVERED RECOVERABLE OIL RESOURCE



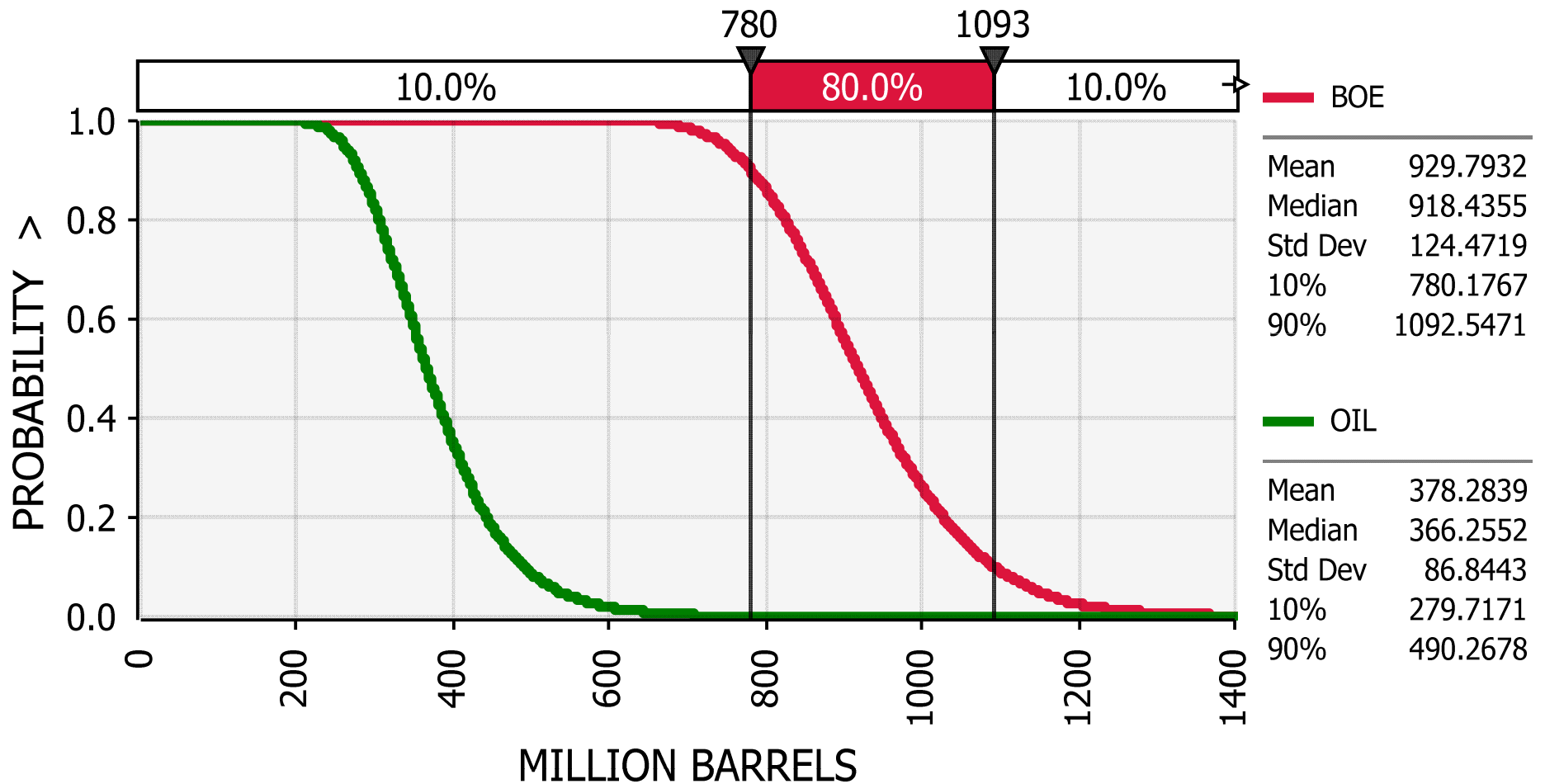
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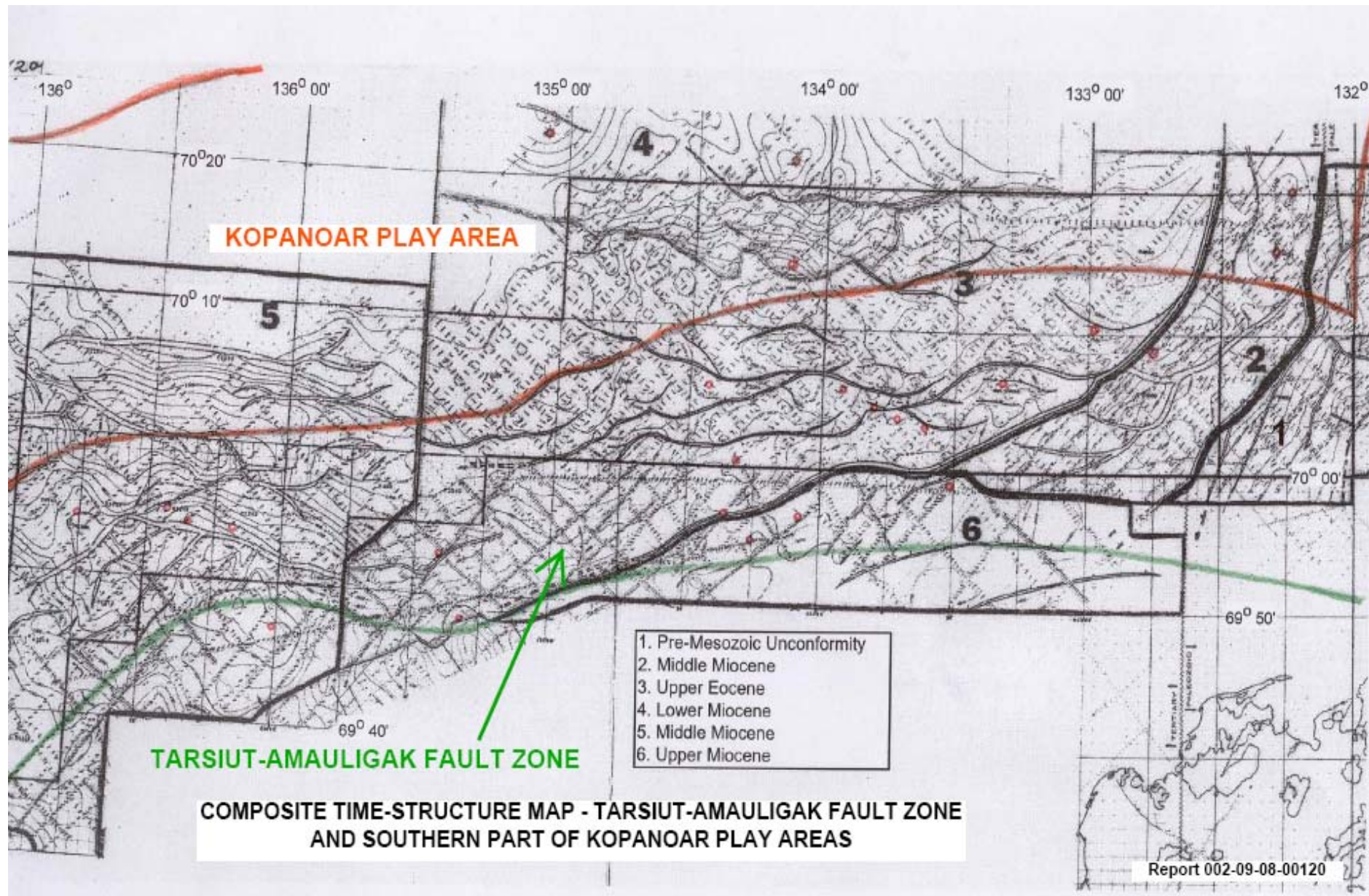
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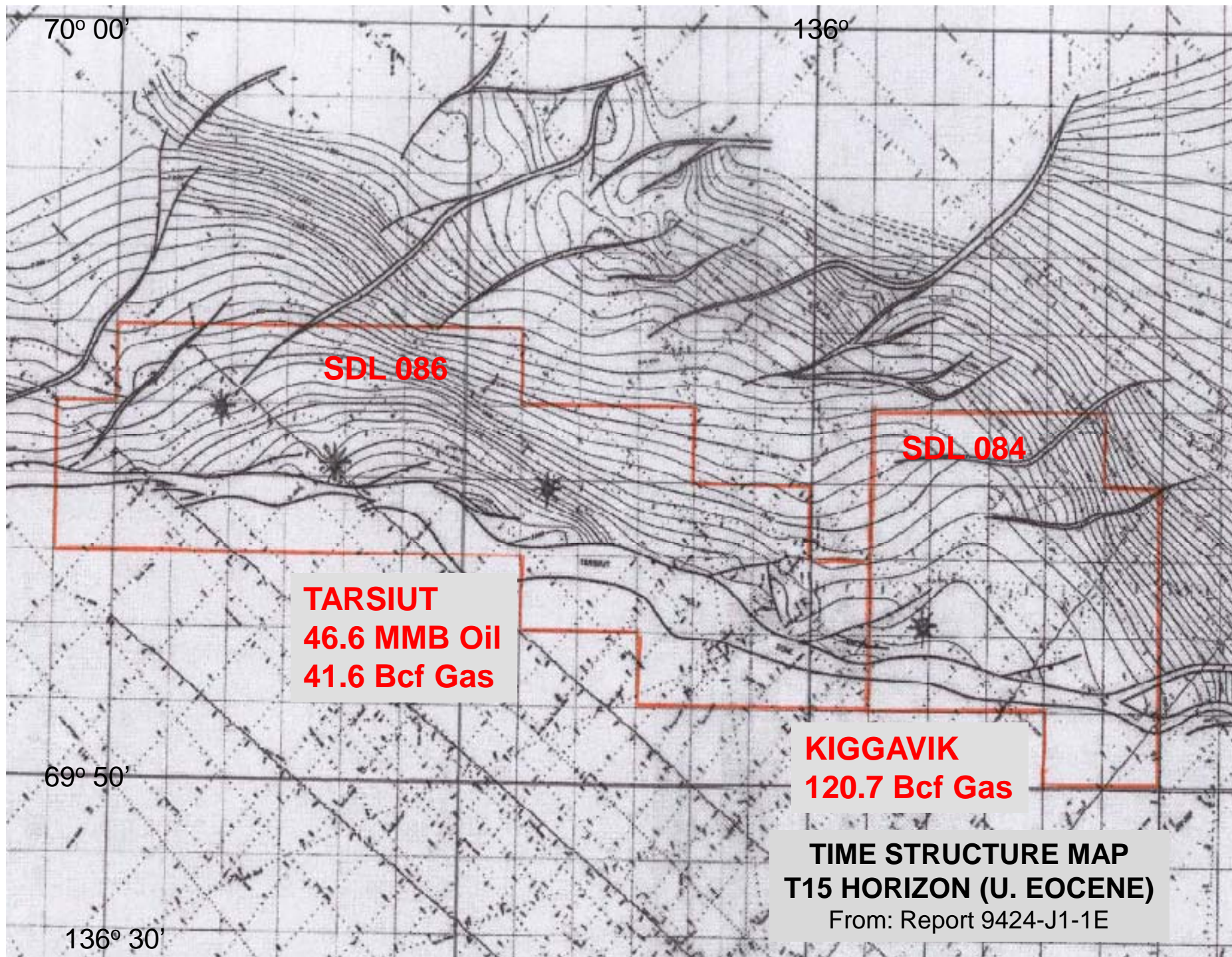


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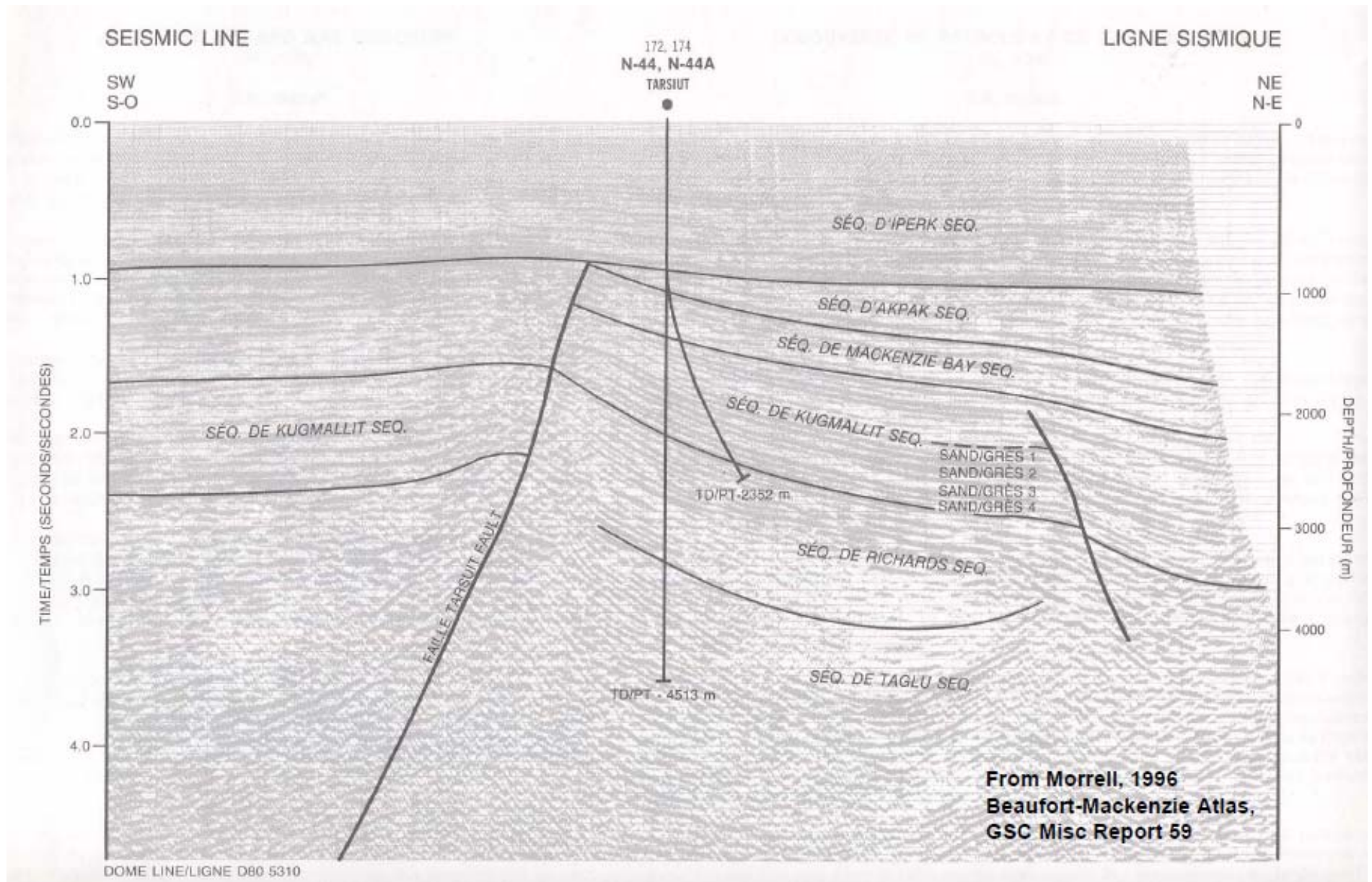
DISCOVERED RECOVERABLE OIL EQUIVALENT RESOURCE



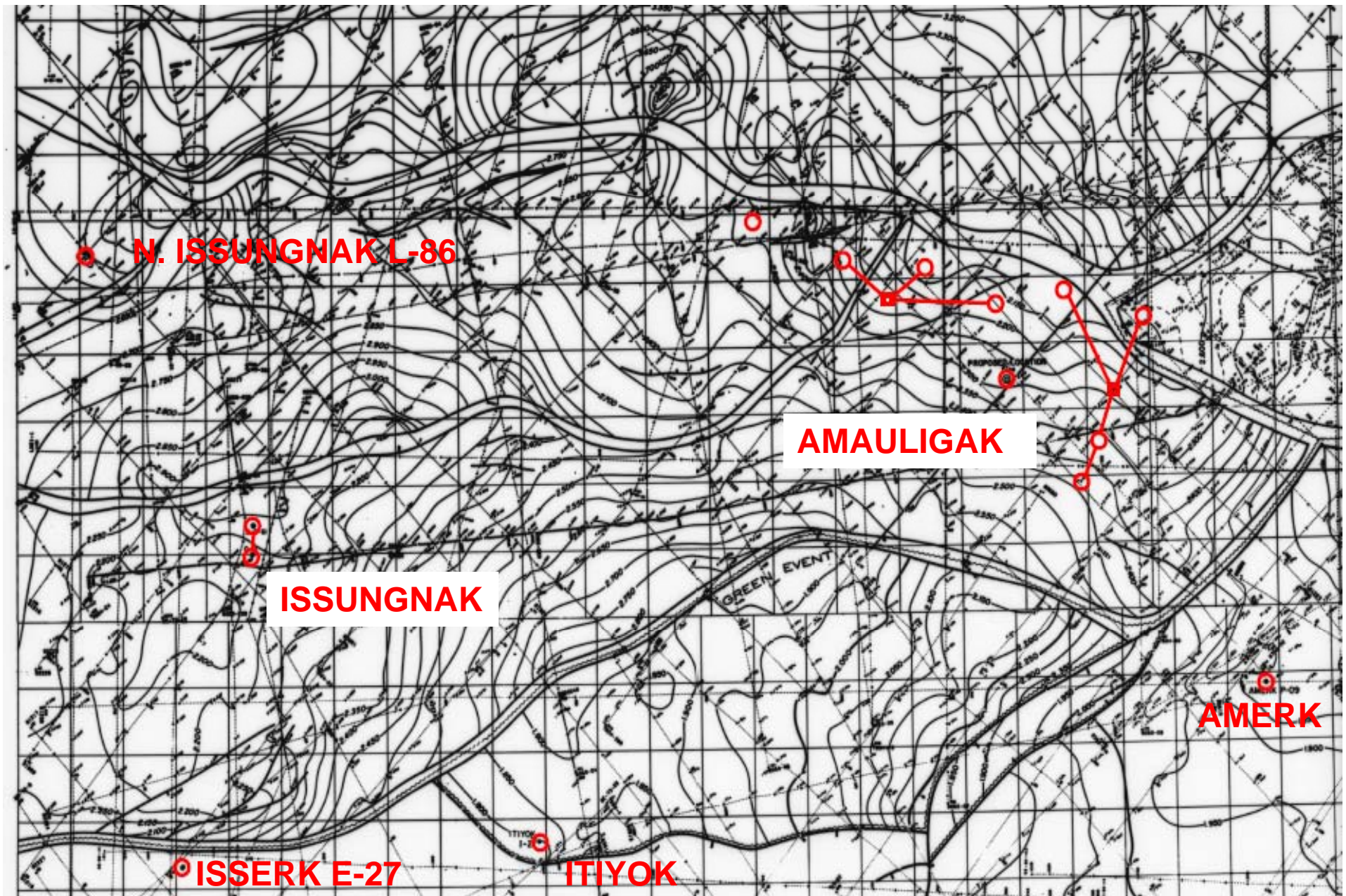


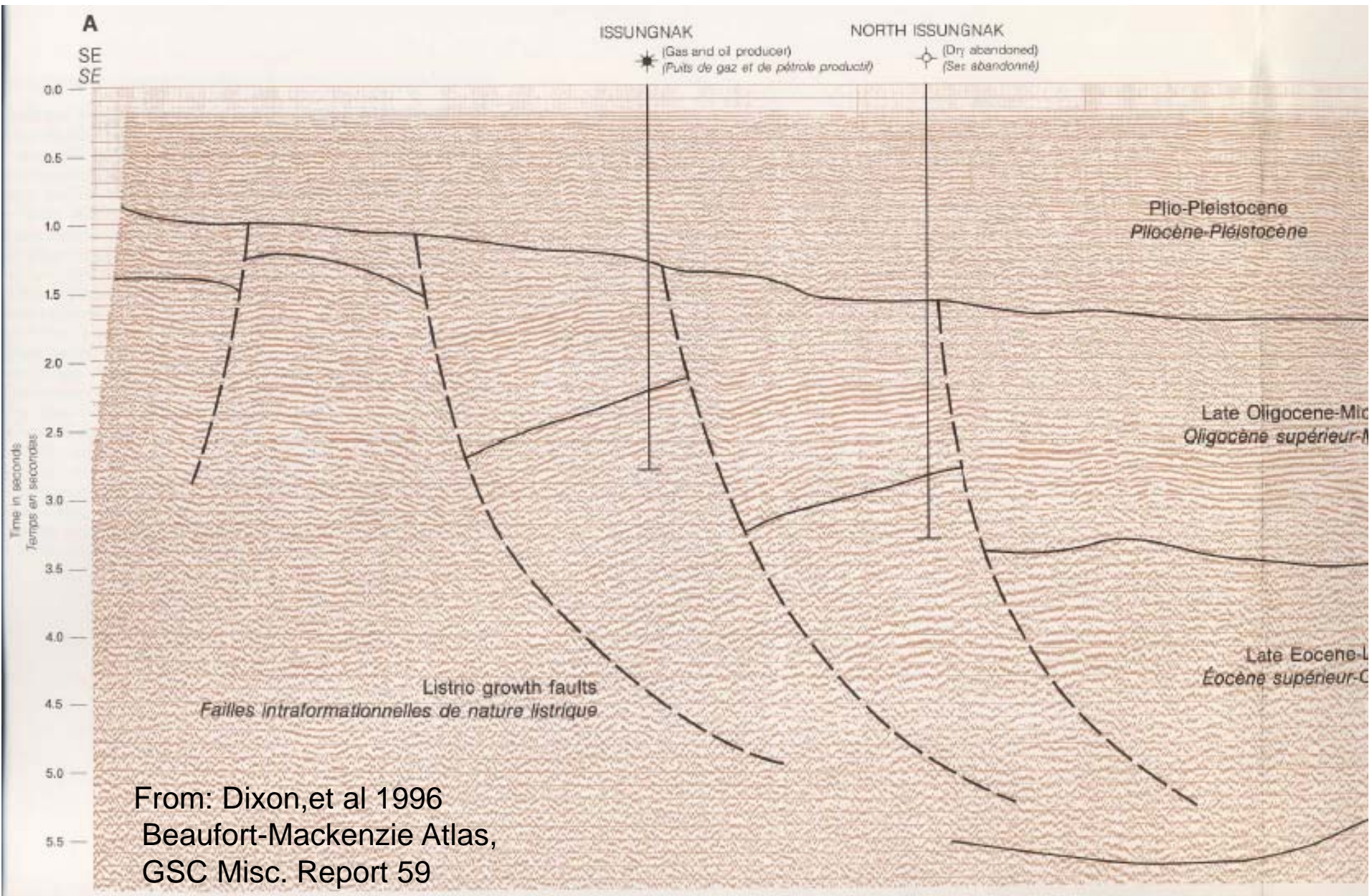


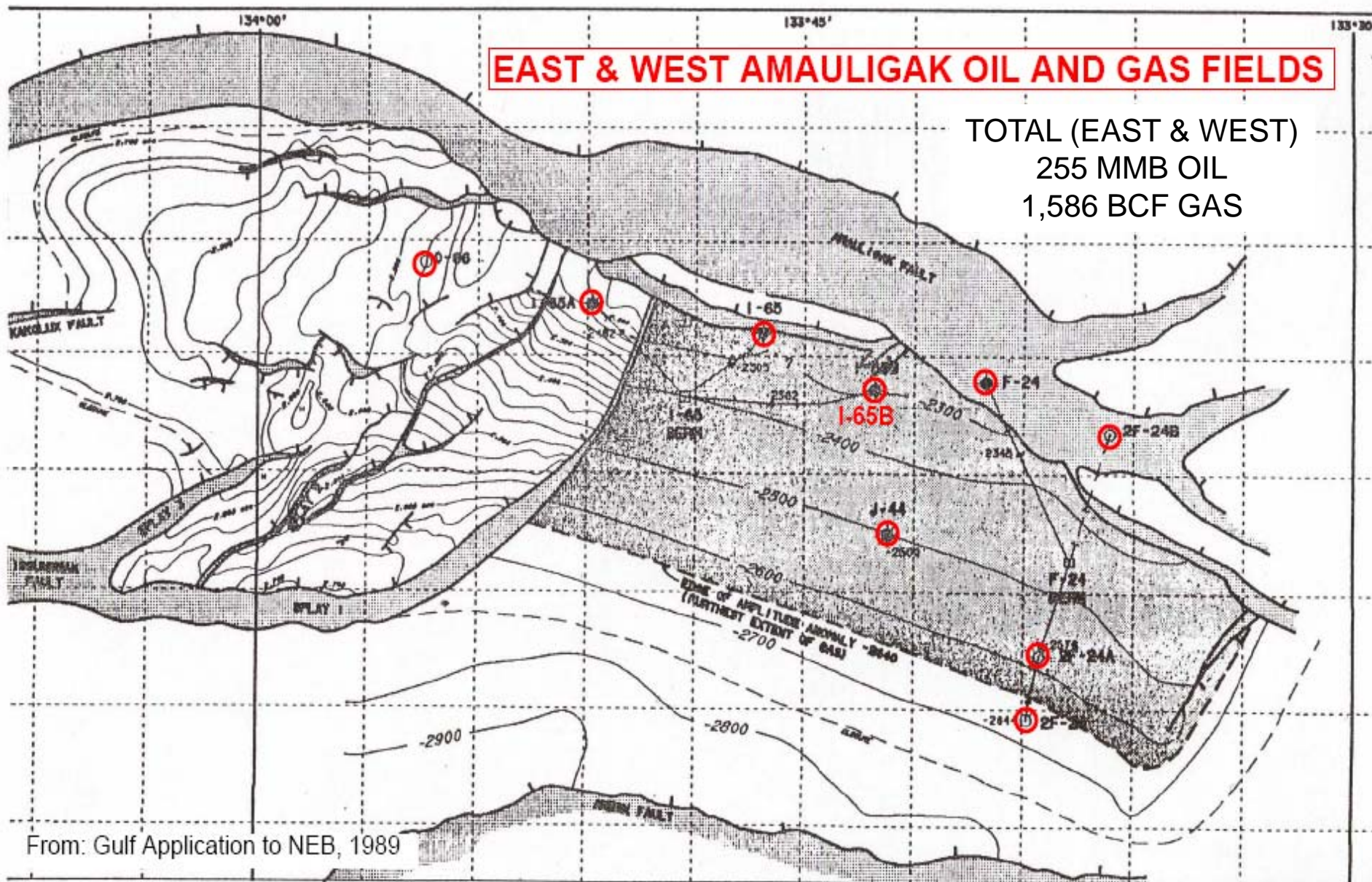
TARSIUT OIL DISCOVERY



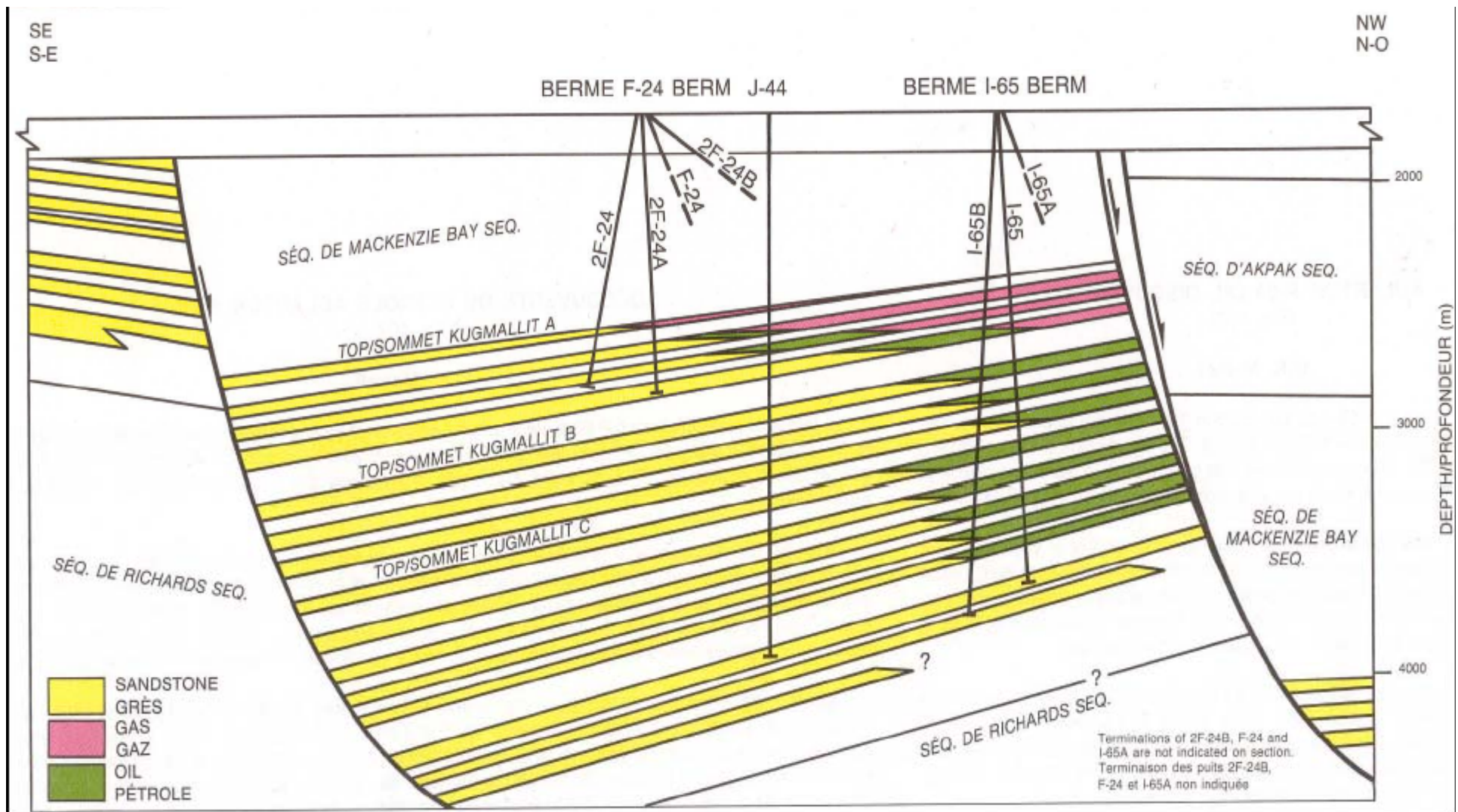
ISSUNGNAK-AMAILIGAK – TOP OF KUGMALLIT

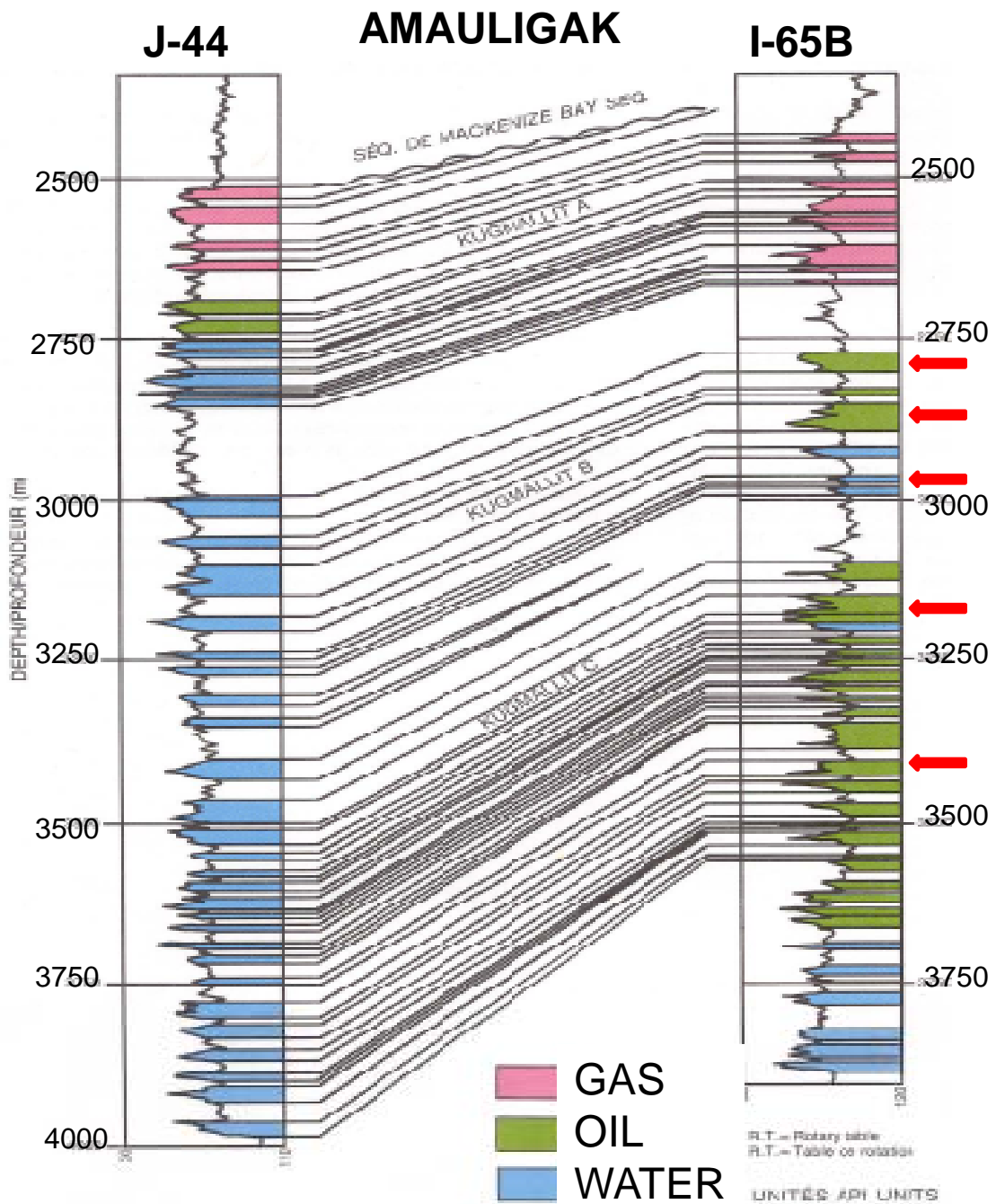






AMAILIGAK OIL AND GAS DISCOVERY





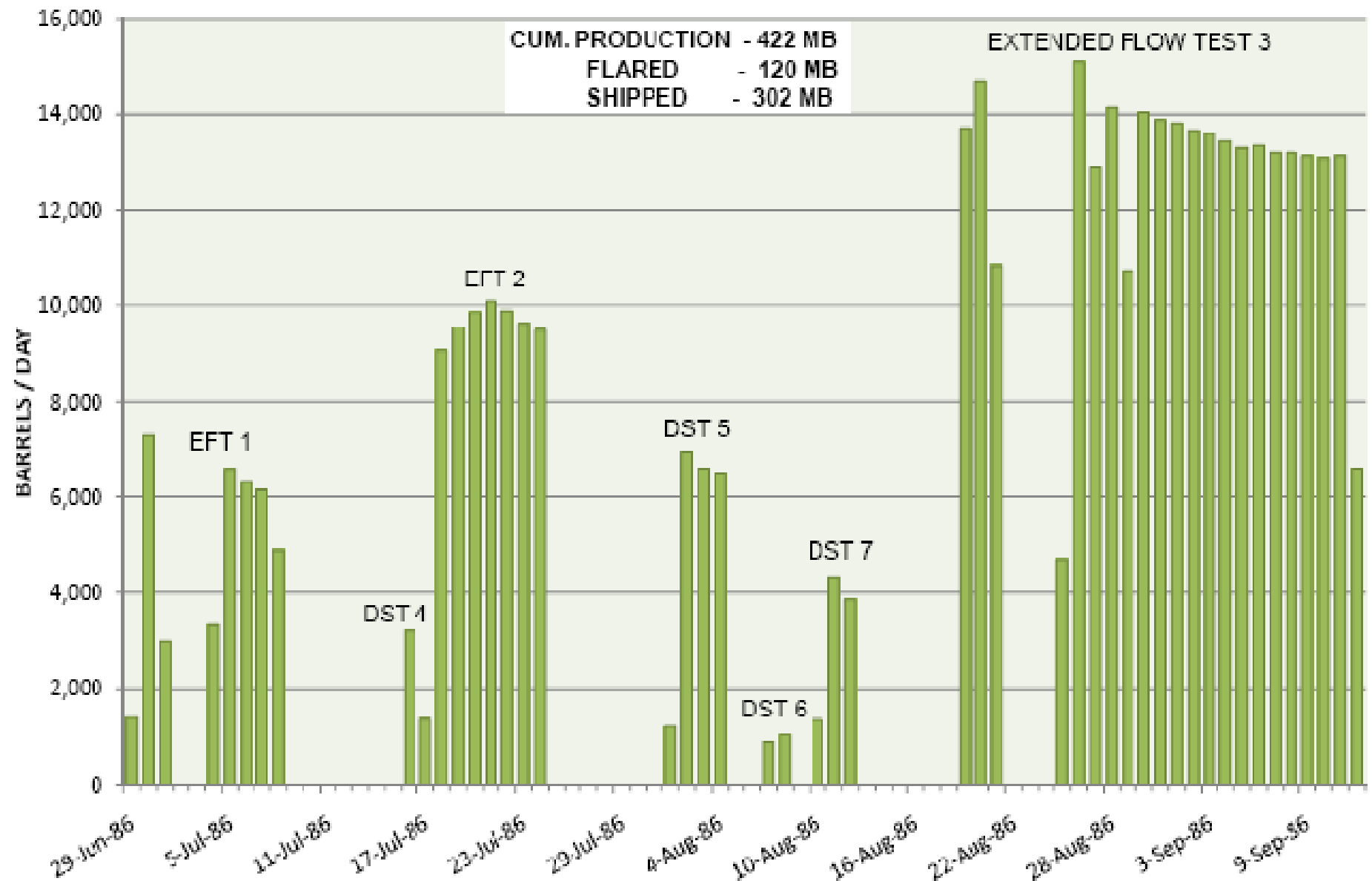
TEST ZONES AMAILIGAK I-65B

DST#7
 DST#6
 DST#5
 EFT#3
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GULF et al AMAULIGAK I-65B

OIL PRODUCTION - DST AND EXTENDED FLOW TEST

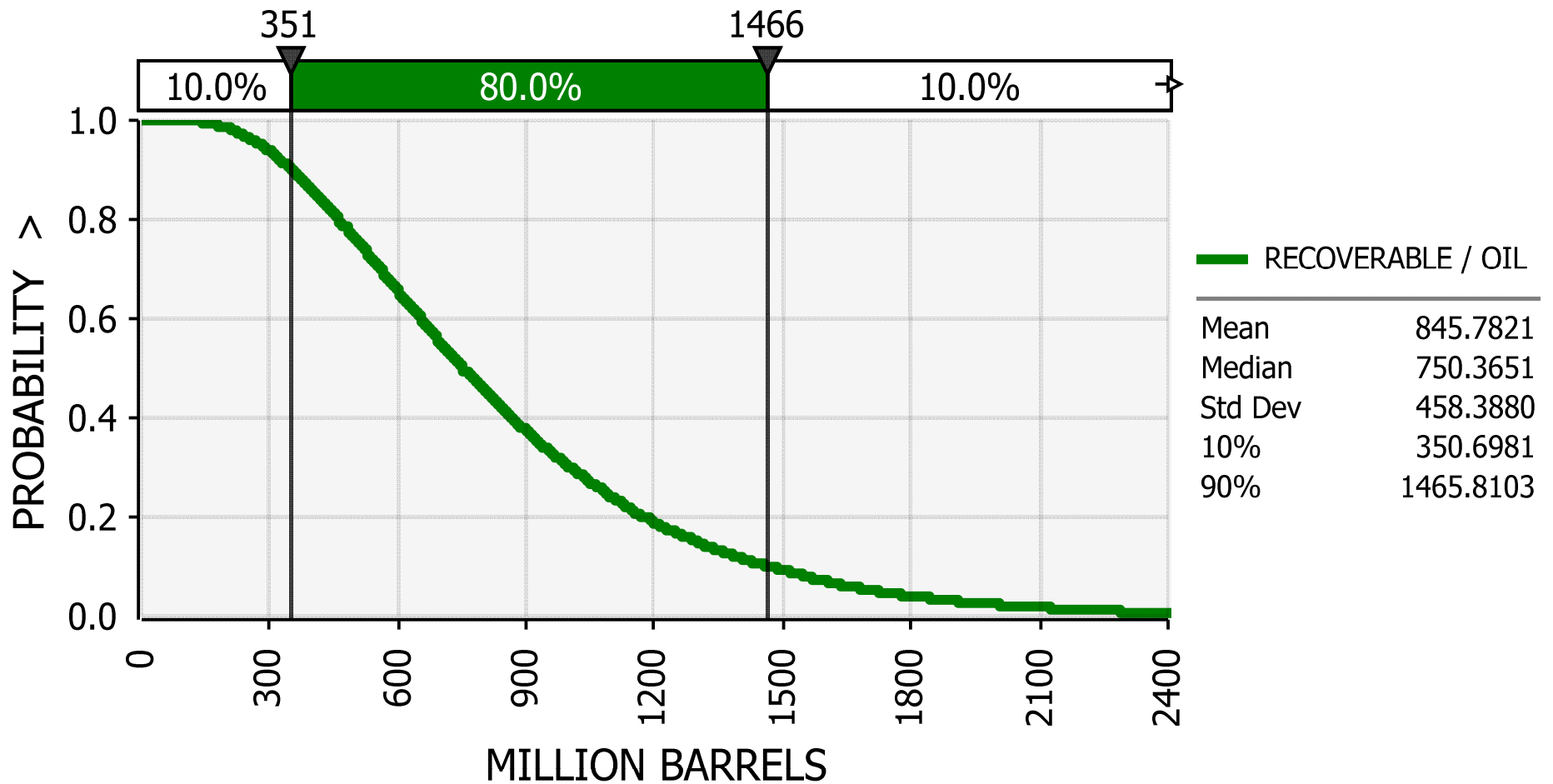


ULTIMATE RECOVERABLE RESOURCES OF THE BEAUFORT SEA

	DISCOVERED RESOURCES		UNDISCOVERED RESOURCES		ULTIMATE RESOURCES	
PLAY	OIL (MMB)	GAS (BCF)	OIL (MMB)	GAS (BCF)	OIL (MMB)	GAS (BCF)
NETSERK	269	659	599	5,046	868	5,705
TARSIUT-AMAILIGAK	378	3,298	846	6,785	1,224	10,083
KOPANOAR	234	822	1,866	7,044	2,100	7,866
ADLARTOK	129	88	1,605	6,435	1,734	6,523
DEEP WATER WEST			793	7,113	793	7,113
HERSCHEL			172	692	172	692
DEMARCATON			93	446	93	446
TOTAL	1,010	4,867	5,974	33,561	6,984	38,428

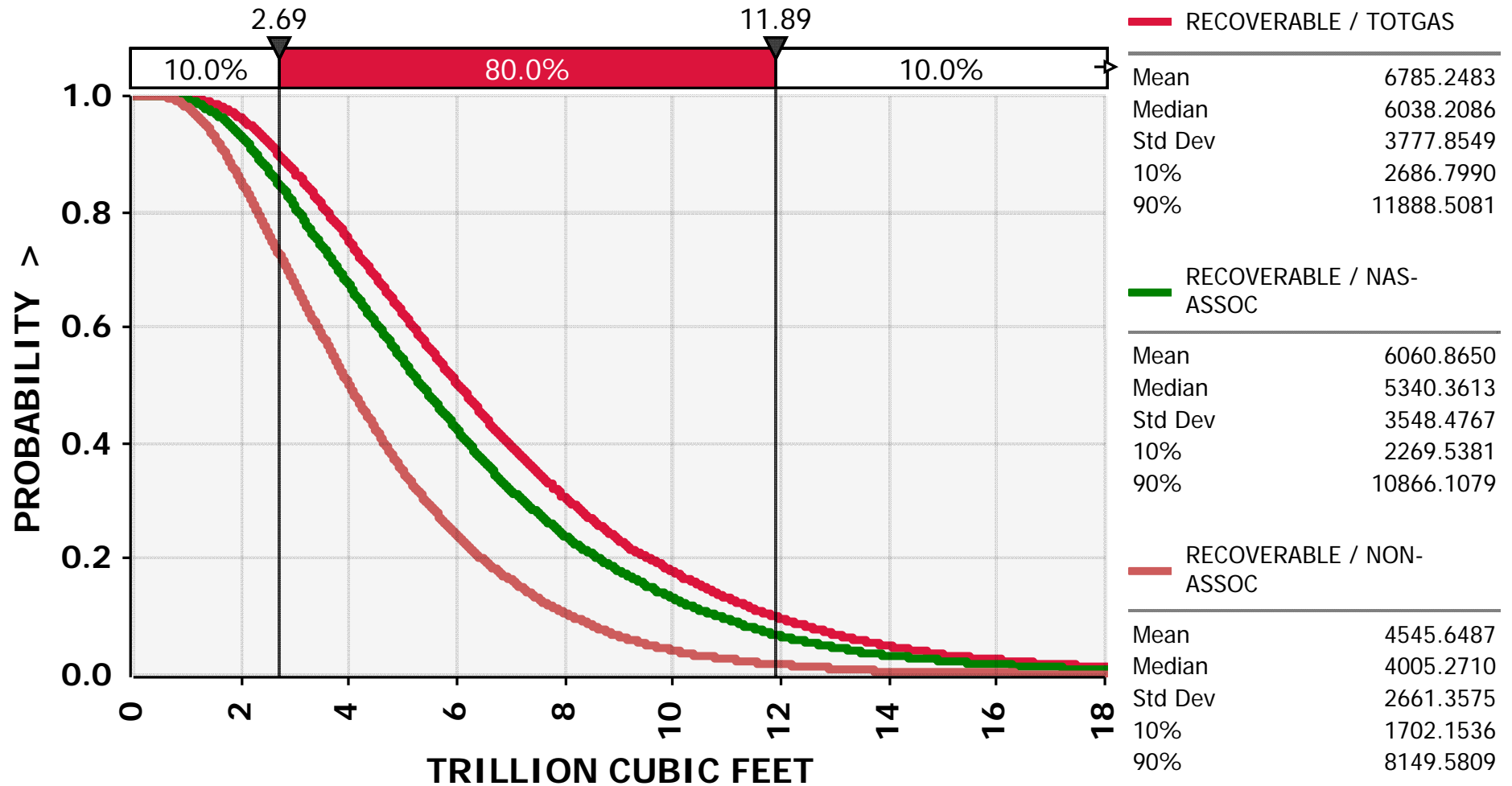
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DISTRIBUTION OF UNDISCOVERED RECOVERABLE OIL



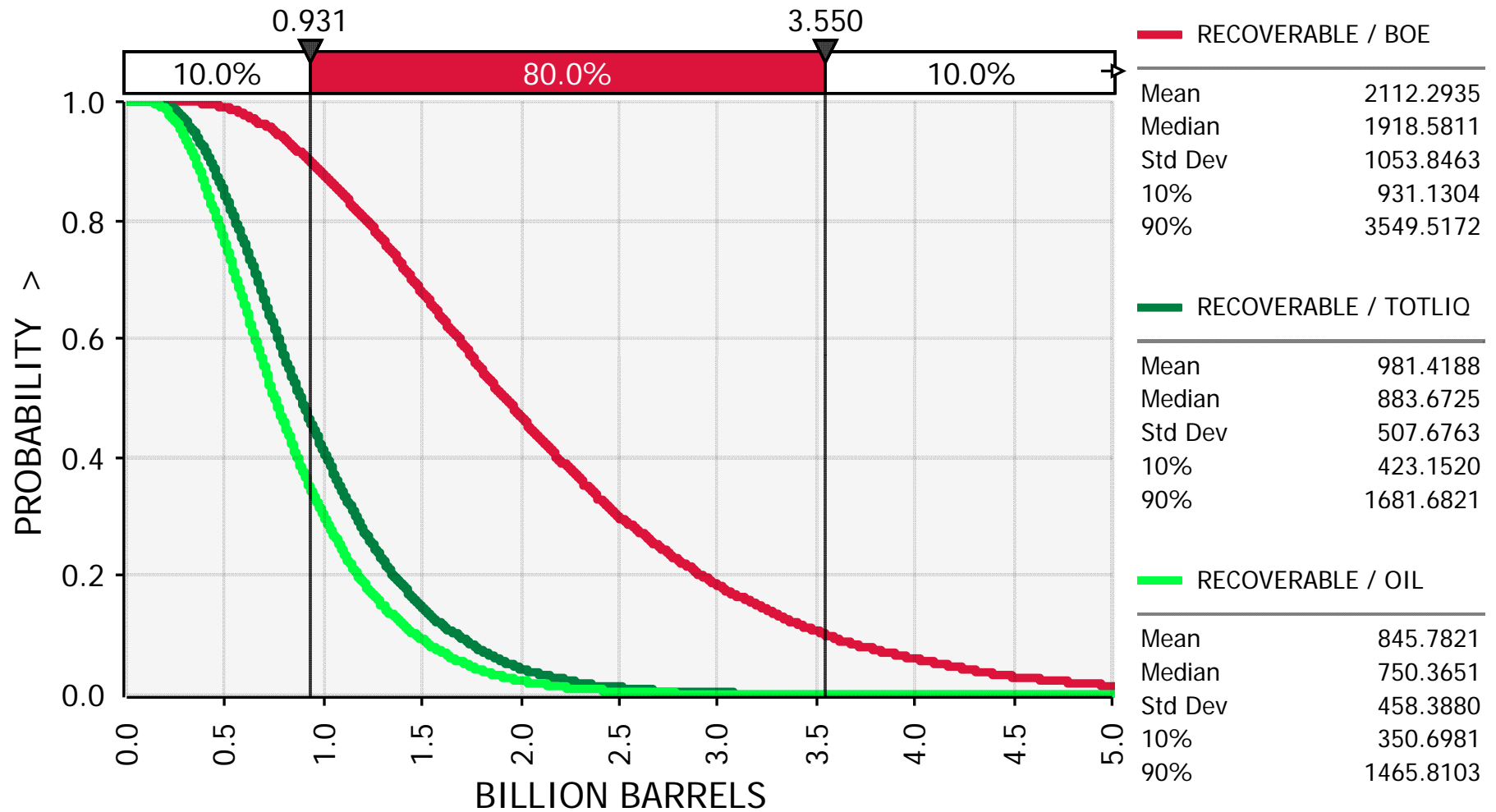
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DISTRIBUTION OF UNDISCOVERED TOTAL RECOVERABLE GAS



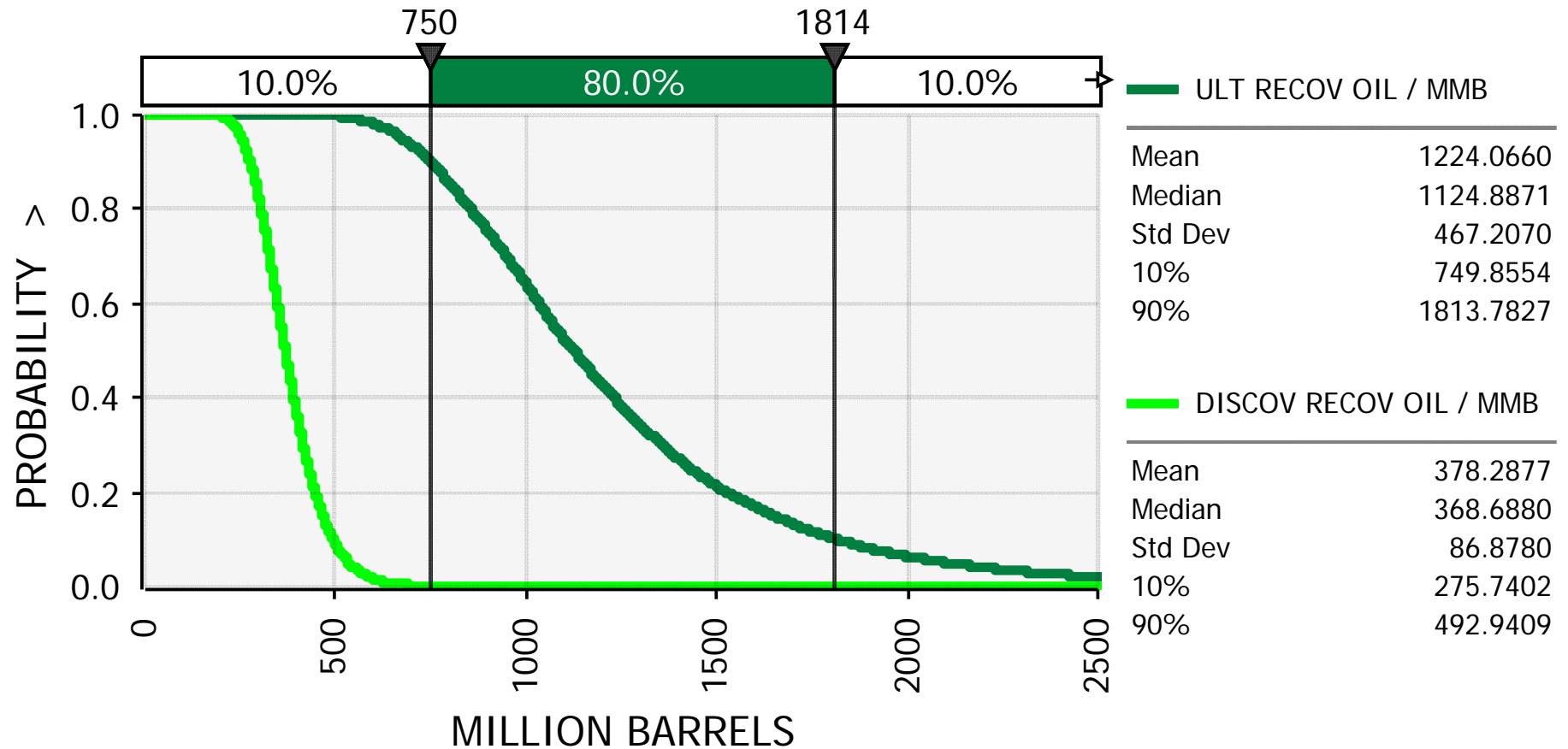
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DISTRIBUTION OF UNDISCOVERED RECOVERABLE BOE RESOURCE



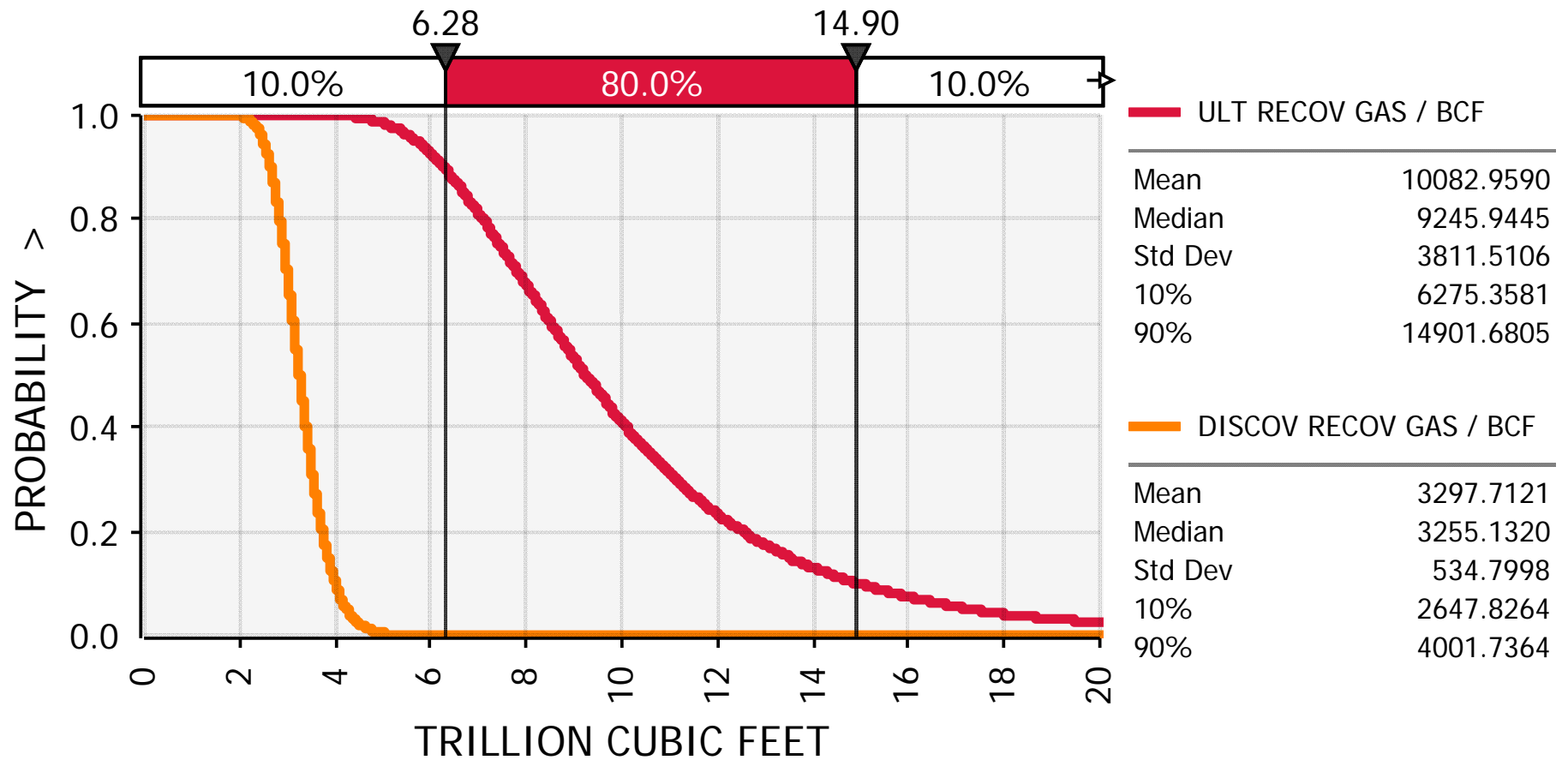
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ULTIMATE RECOVERABLE OIL RESOURCE



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ULTIMATE RECOVERABLE GAS RESOURCE



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ULTIMATE RECOVERABLE RESOURCE

1.2 BILLION BARRELS OF OIL

0.4 DISCOVERED

0.8 UNDISCOVERED

10.1 TRILLION CUBIC FEET OF GAS

3.3 DISCOVERED

6.8 UNDISCOVERED

3.0 BILLION BOE

0.9 DISCOVERED

2.1 UNDISCOVERED

CONCLUSIONS

**THE TARSIUT-AMAILIGAK FAULT ZONE PLAY HAS A
LARGE DISCOVERED OIL AND GAS RESOURCE**

**SUCCESS RATE IS HIGH WITH 11 SIGNIFICANT
DISCOVERIES WITH 32 WELLS**

**THERE IS EXCELLENT POTENTIAL FOR SIGNIFICANT
VOLUMES OF UNDISCOVERED OIL AND GAS IN THE
TARSIUT-AMAILIGAK FAULT ZONE**

