

Could the Himalaya be Self-Sufficient in Conventional and Unconventional Hydrocarbon Resources

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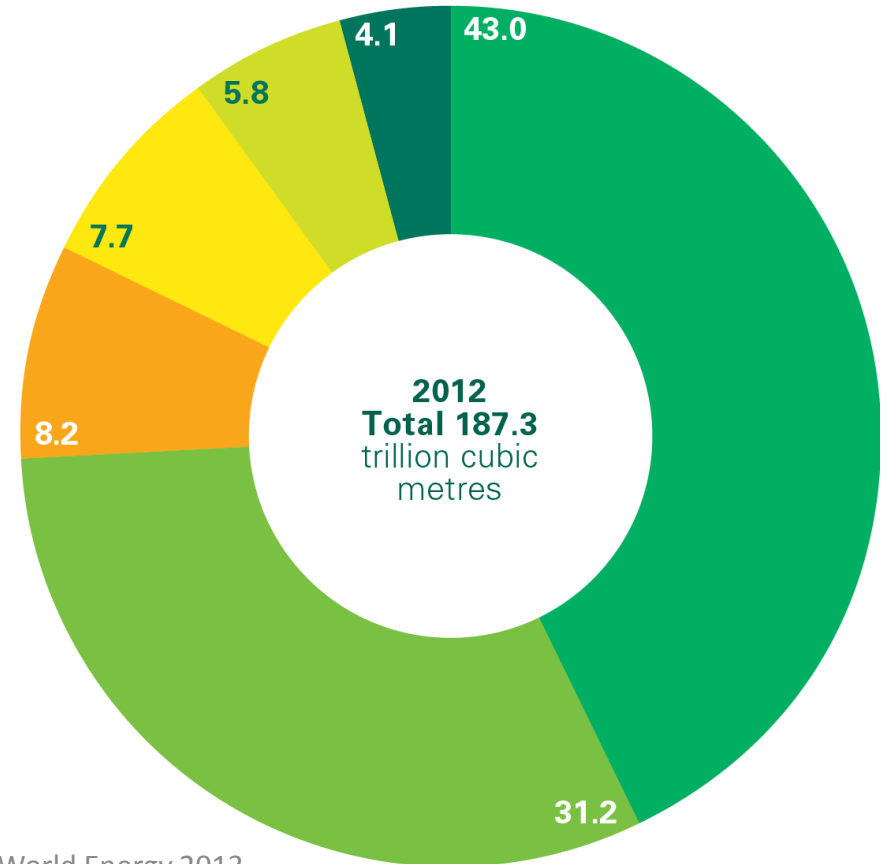
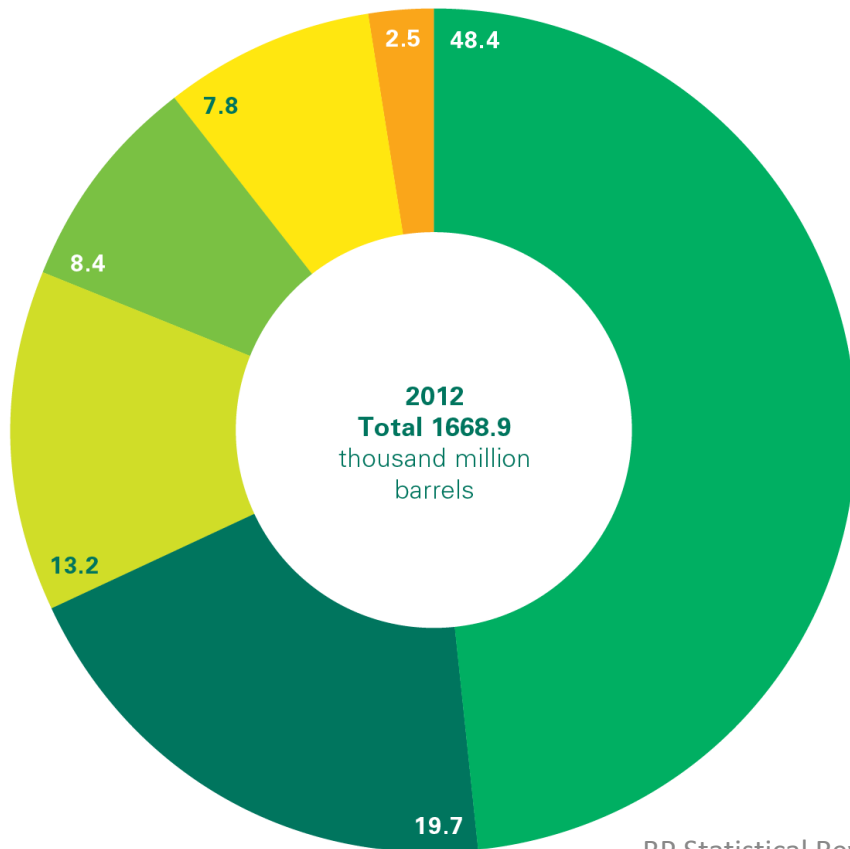
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Distribution of proved oil and gas reserves in 2012 (Percentage)



- Middle East
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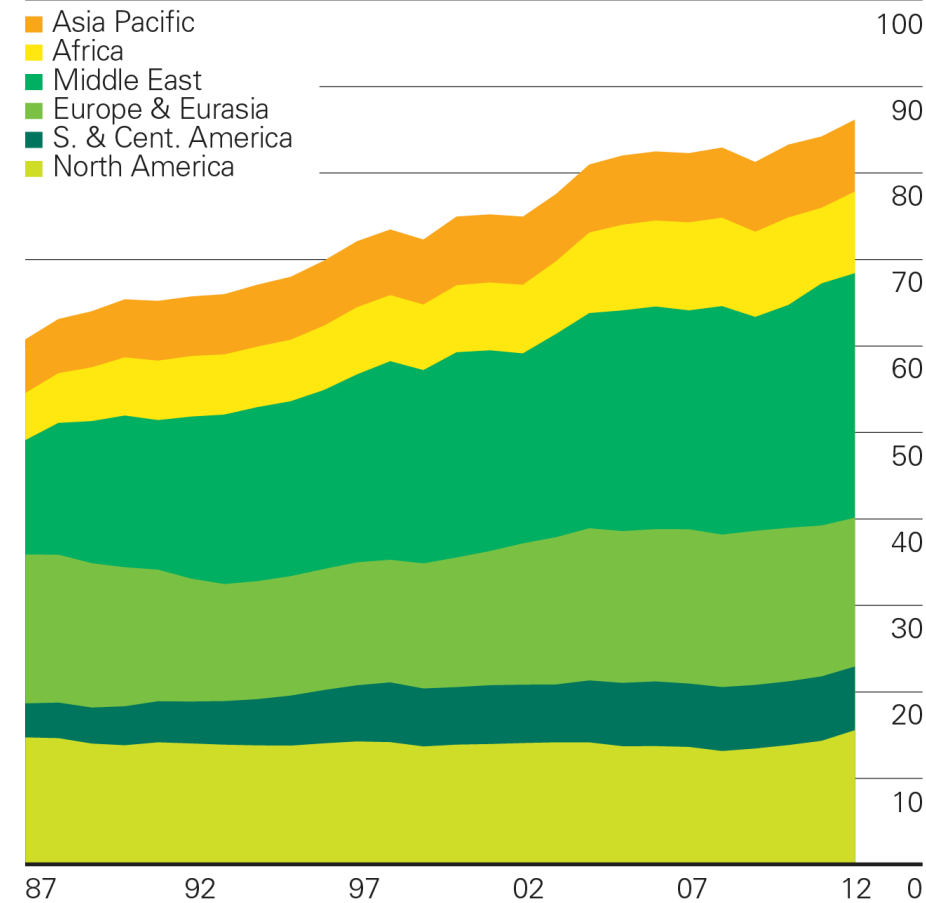


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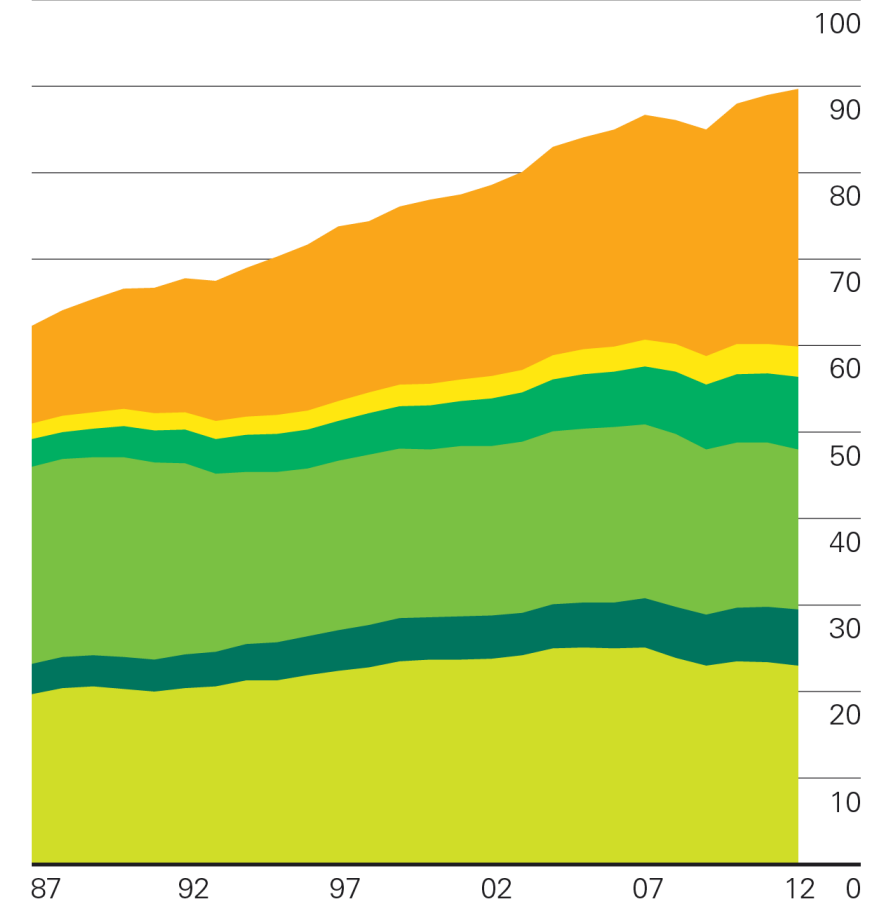


Oil production/consumption by region Million barrels daily

Production by region



Consumption by region



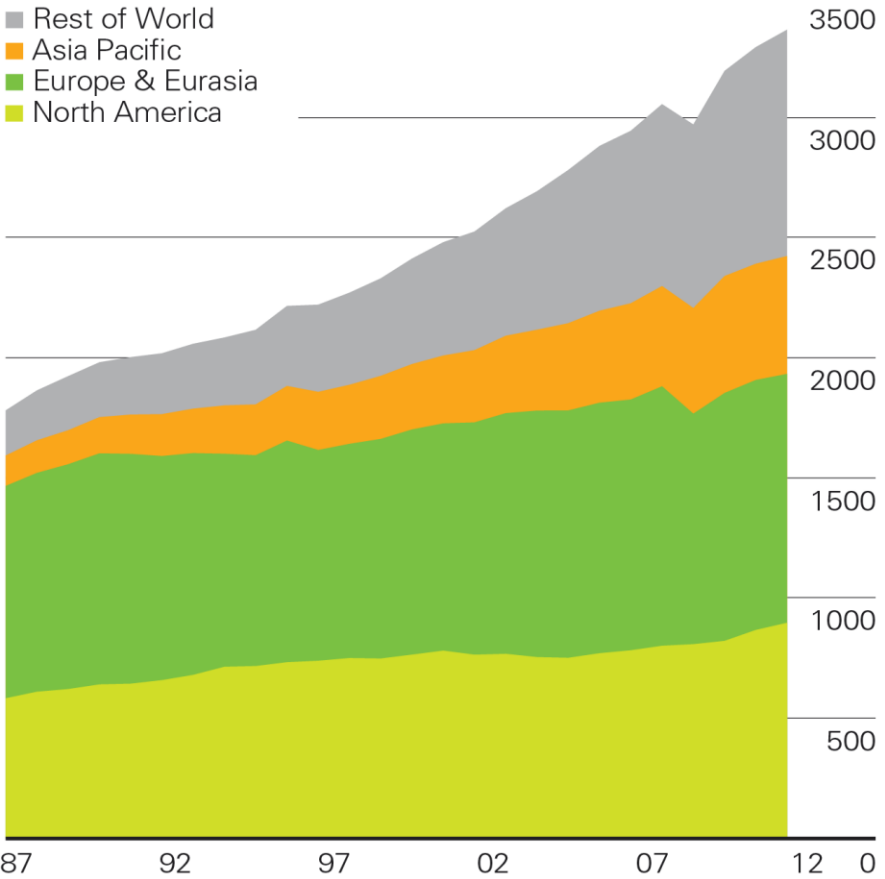
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Gas production/consumption by region

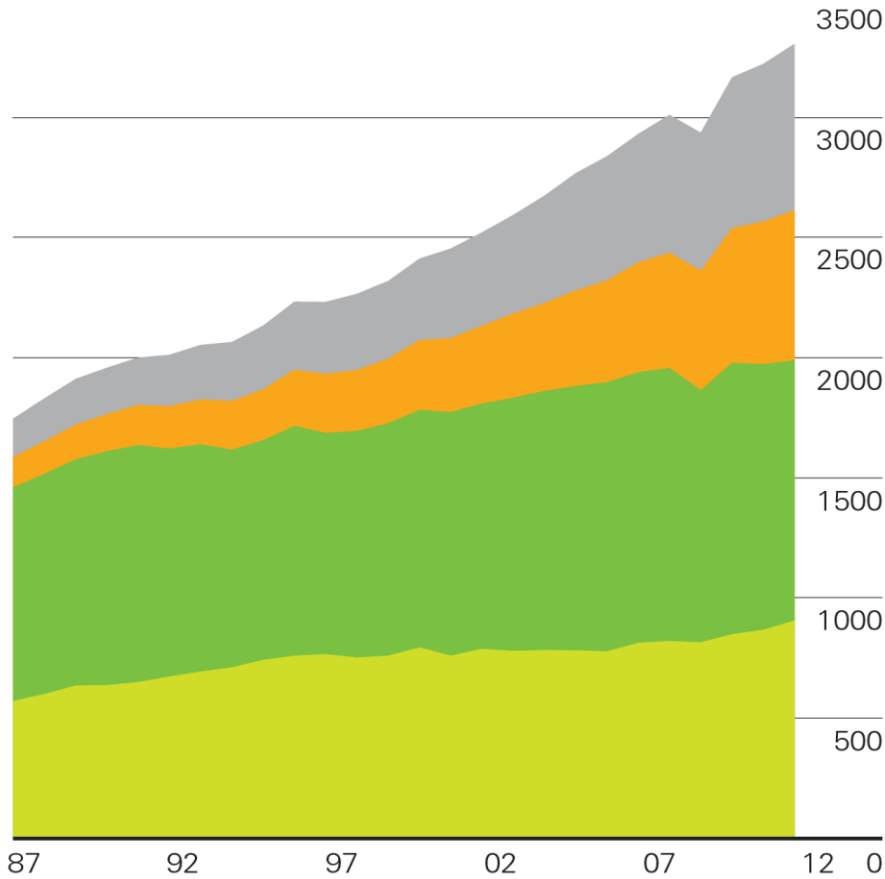
Billion cubic metres



Production by region



Consumption by region



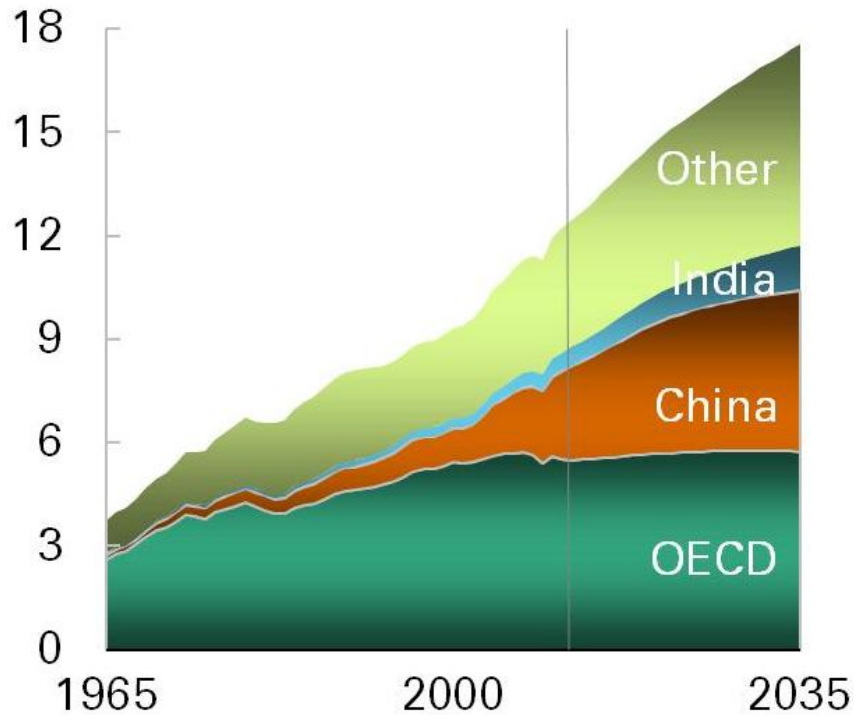
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Primary Energy Consumption

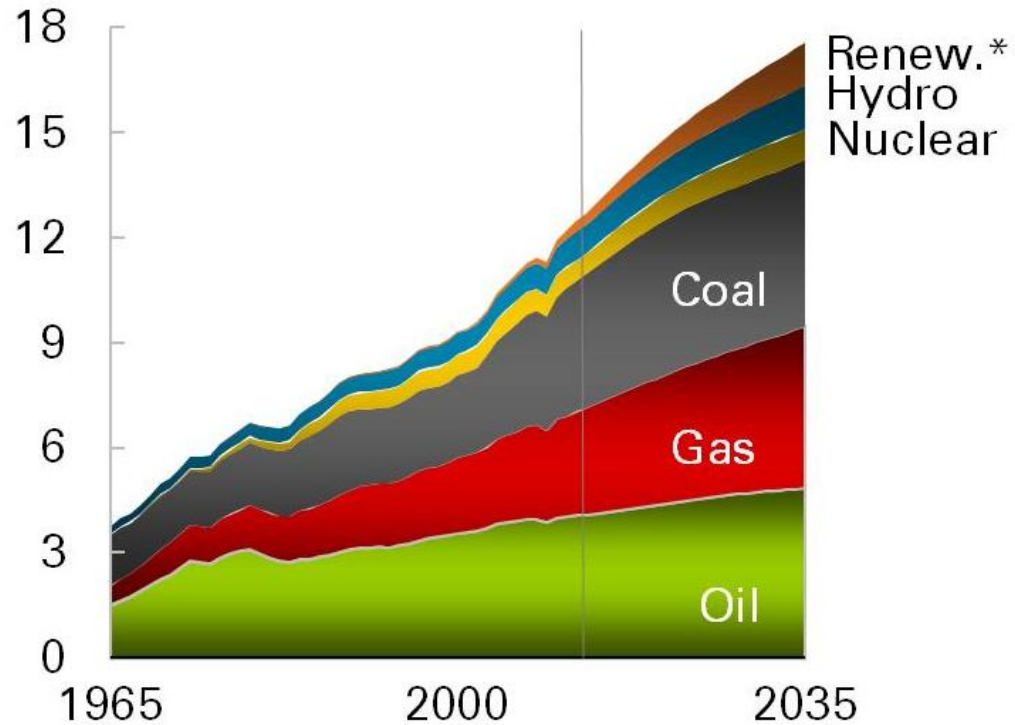
Consumption by region

Billion toe



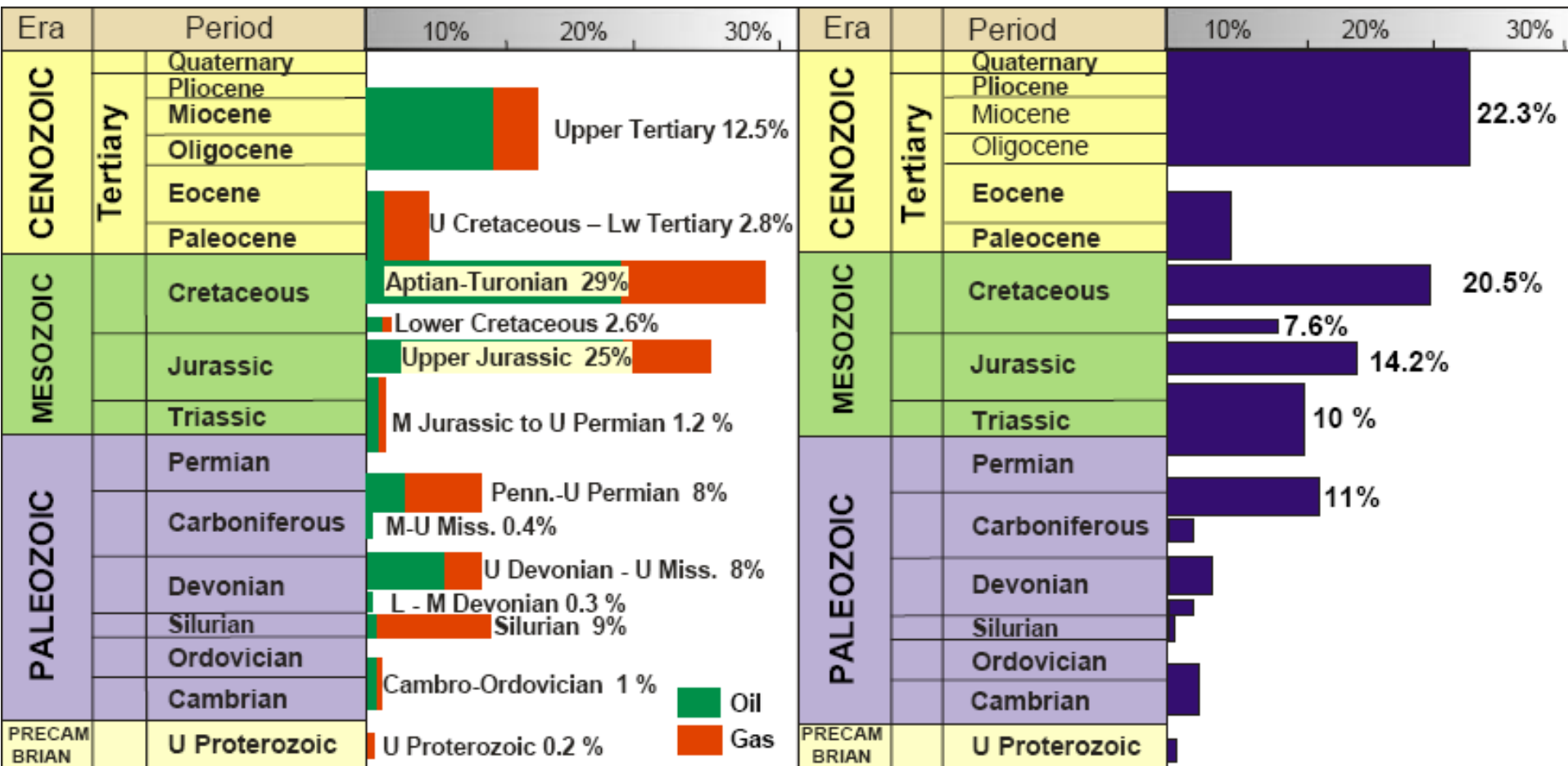
Consumption by fuel

Billion toe



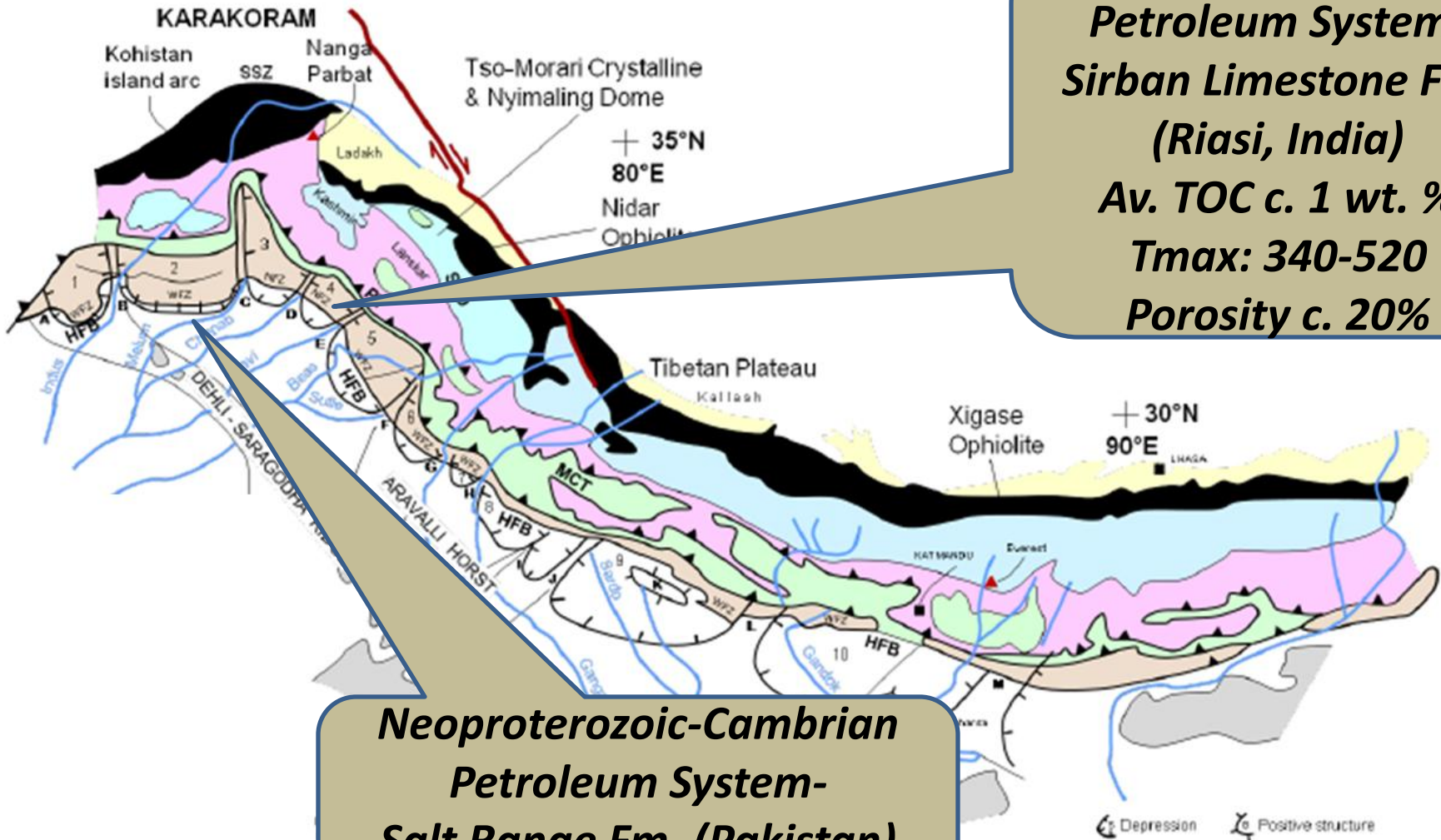
Energy Outlook 2035

Hydrocarbon Source and Reservoir Rocks through Geological Time



Kendall et al., AAPG Search and Discovery Article #40472 (2009)
 Originally from Ulmashek and Klemm, 1990

Proterozoic Petroleum Systems



**Meso-Neoproterozoic Petroleum System-
Sirban Limestone Fm.
(Riasi, India)
Av. TOC c. 1 wt. %
Tmax: 340-520
Porosity c. 20%**

**Neoproterozoic-Cambrian Petroleum System-
Salt Range Fm. (Pakistan)
“Source, Reservoir & Seal”**

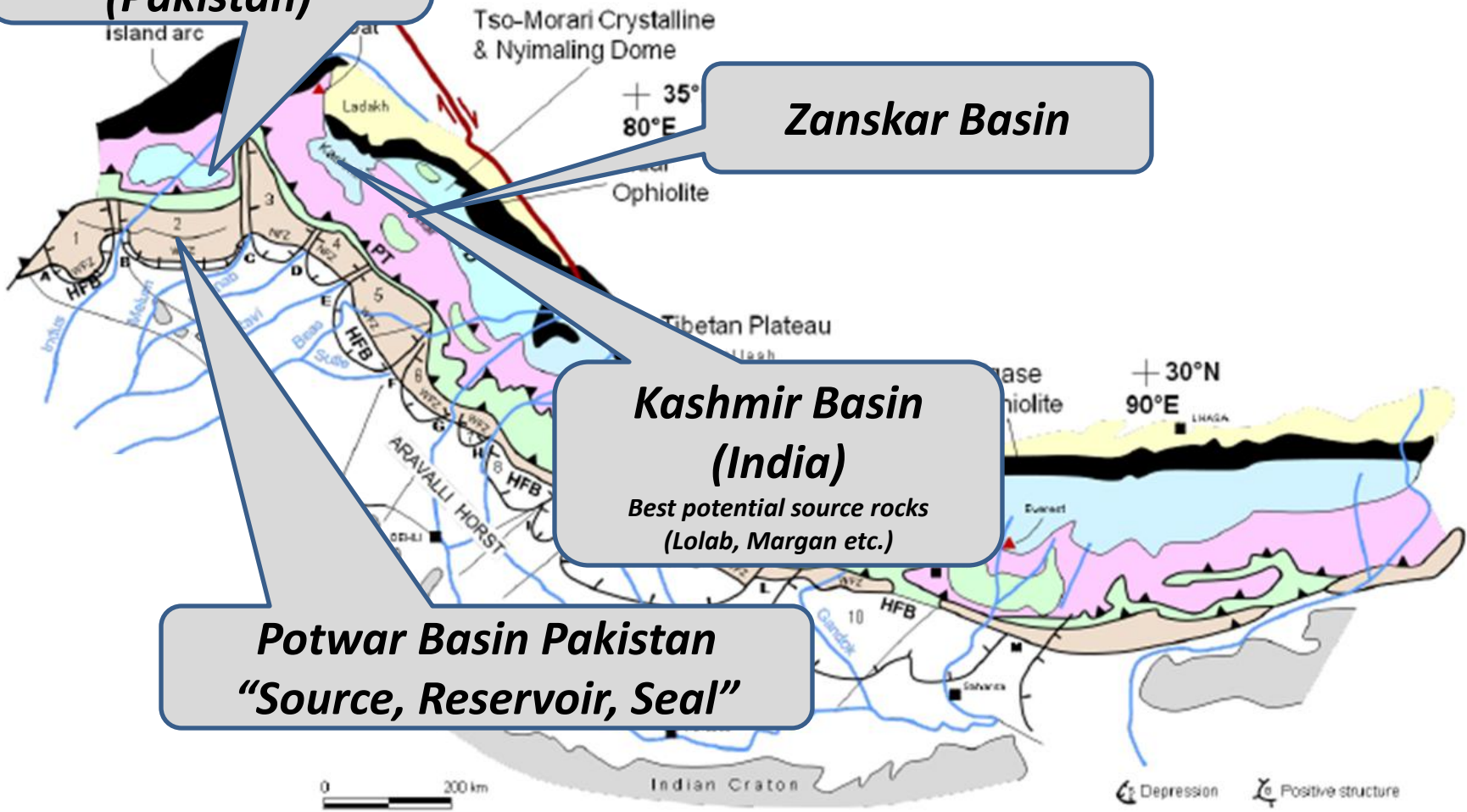
Palaeozoic Petroleum Systems

Eastern Peshawar Basin Inliers (Pakistan)

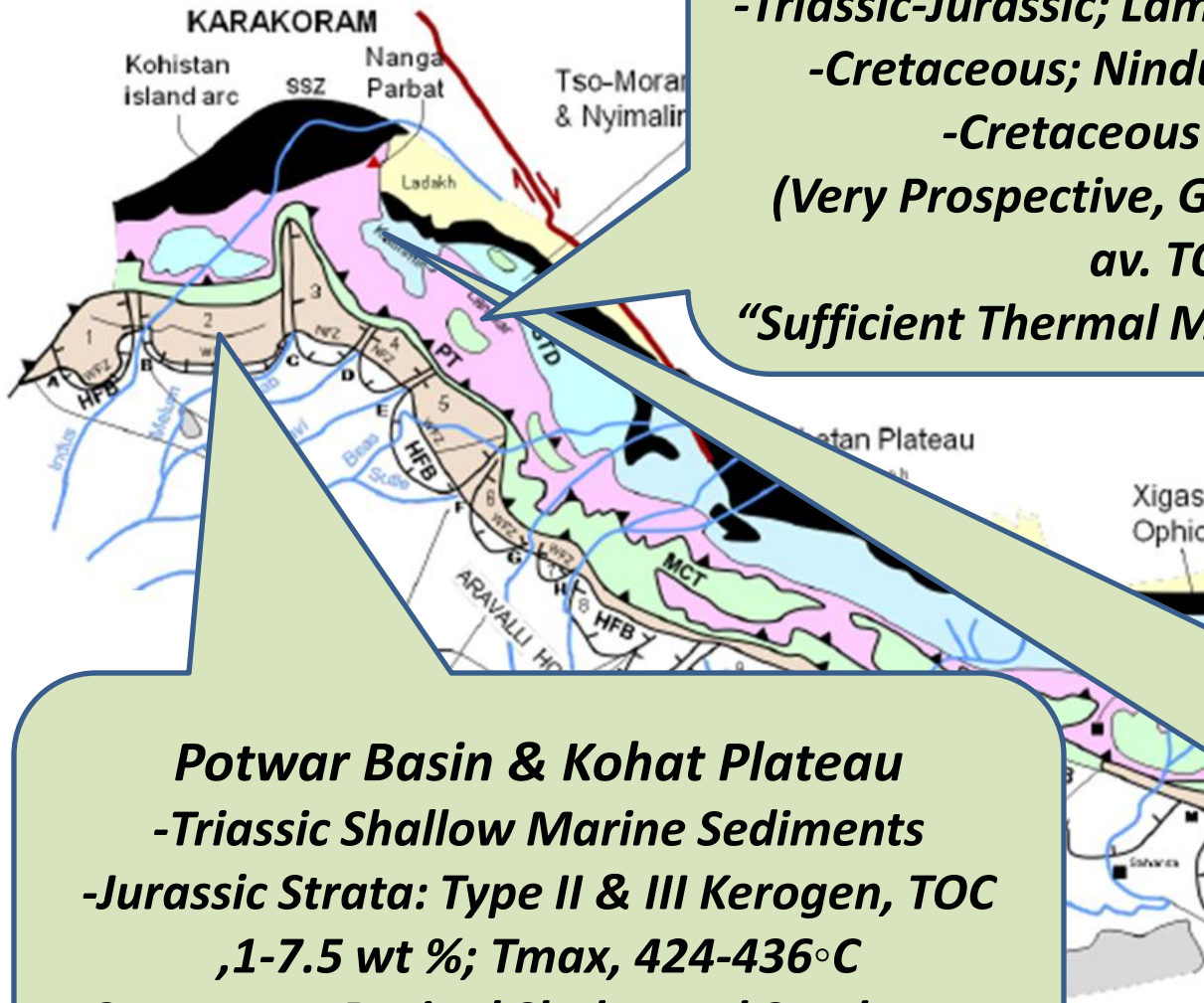
Zaskar Basin

Kashmir Basin (India)
Best potential source rocks (Lolab, Margan etc.)

Potwar Basin Pakistan
"Source, Reservoir, Seal"



Mesozoic Petroleum Systems



Zanskar-Spiti Basin

- Triassic-Jurassic; Lamayuru Fm, av. TOC 1.24 wt %
 - Cretaceous; Nindum Fm, av. TOC 0.94 wt %
 - Cretaceous – Eocene; Indus Fm
(Very Prospective, Gas Prone, Type III Kerogen),
av. TOC 1.91 wt %
- “Sufficient Thermal Maturation – Gas & Some Oil”**

Potwar Basin & Kohat Plateau

- Triassic Shallow Marine Sediments
- Jurassic Strata: Type II & III Kerogen, TOC
1-7.5 wt %; Tmax, 424-436°C
- Cretaceous Basinal Shales and Sandstones
- Production from Early Jurassic (Datta Fm)

Kashmir Basin

- Triassic Formations
Khrew Sandstones, Zewan
Shales and Limestones
“Potential Source and
Reservoir Rocks” Butt, 1968.
- Jurassic Limestones,
Sandstones and Shales

Cenozoic Petroleum Systems

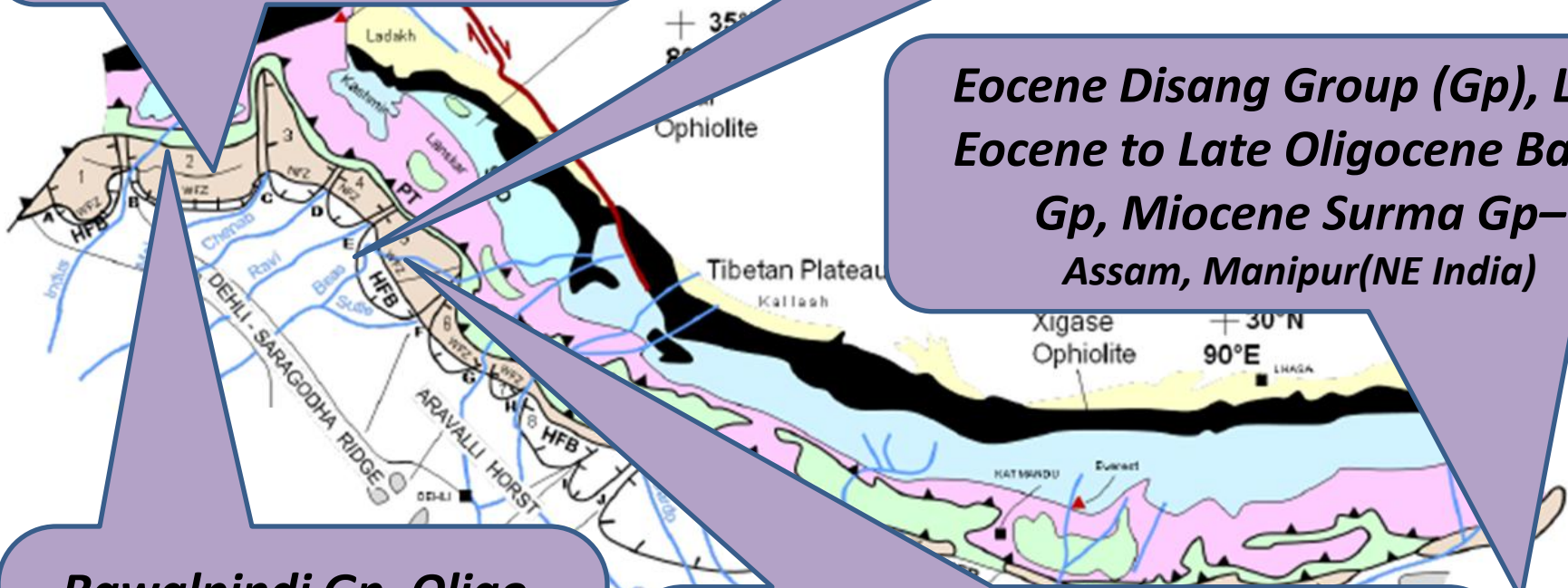
**Potwar; Palaeocene
Patala and Nammal Fm's**
"Principal Source Rocks"
"Fractured carbonate reservoirs"

**Subathu Group –
Latest Palaeocene to Md. Eocene**
(Himalayan Foreland Basin)

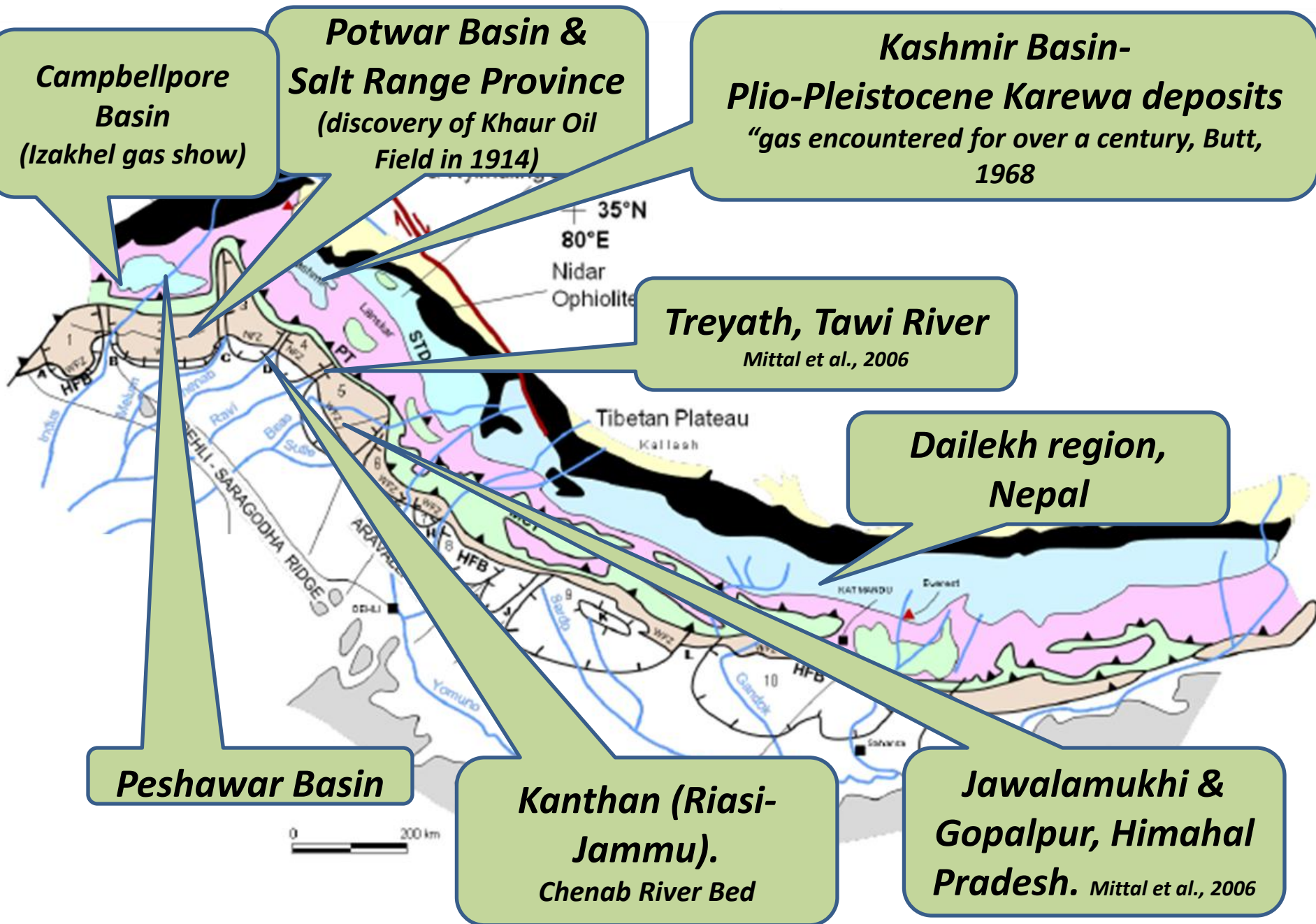
**Eocene Disang Group (Gp), Late
Eocene to Late Oligocene Barail
Gp, Miocene Surma Gp–
Assam, Manipur(NE India)**

**Rawalpindi Gp, Oligo-
Miocene of Pakistan**
Murree Fm (Sandstones and
Shales), youngest oil
producing horizon

Dharamshala Fm.
(Murree, Dagshai & Kasauli
Oligocene to Lwr. Miocene
-VRo, 0.49%; Tmax, 425-441°C; TAI, 2.5-2.75
"Oil Generation Window, beginning 10 Ma"



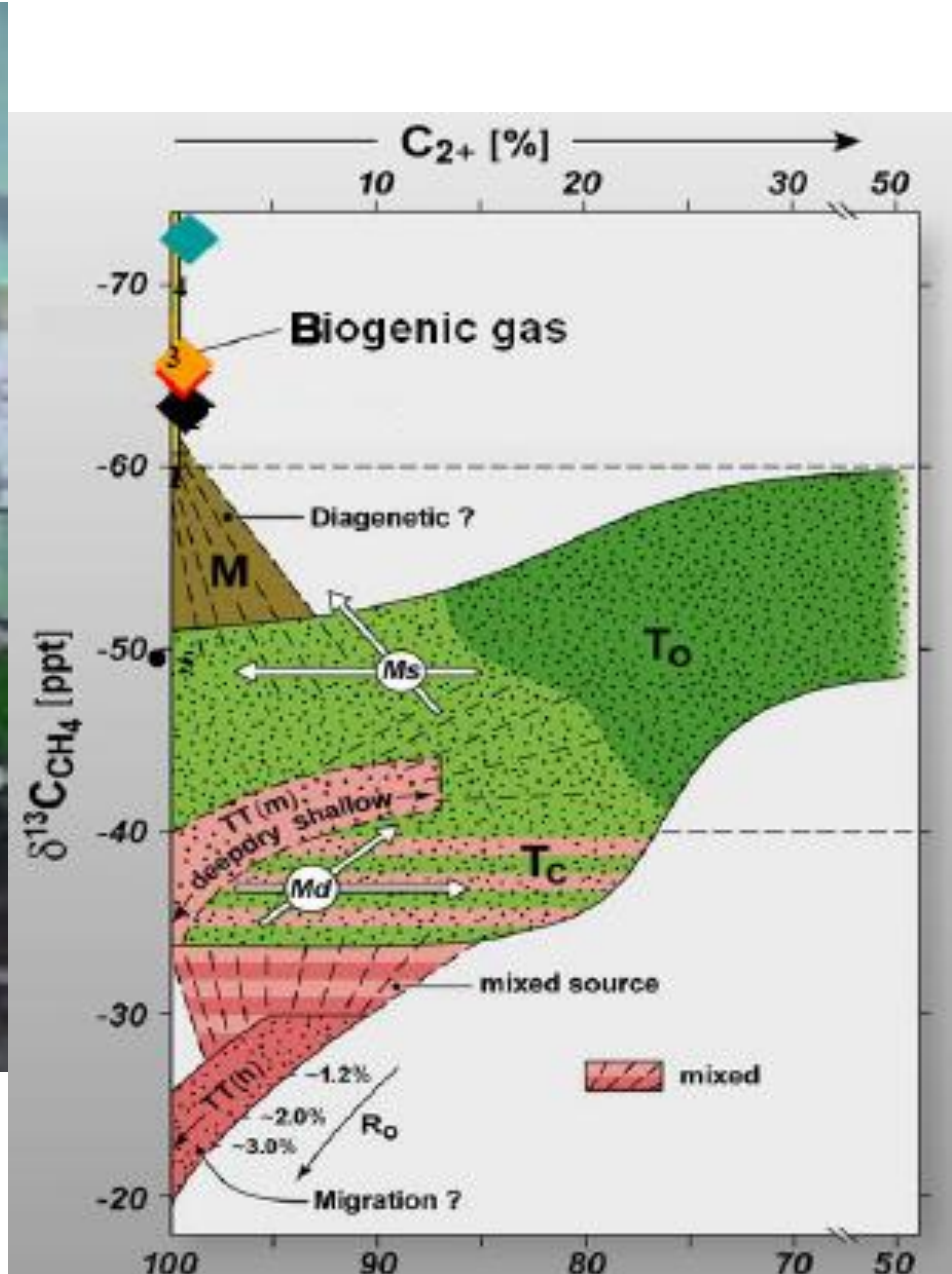
Oil and Gas Seeps; Main Drivers for the Early Exploration





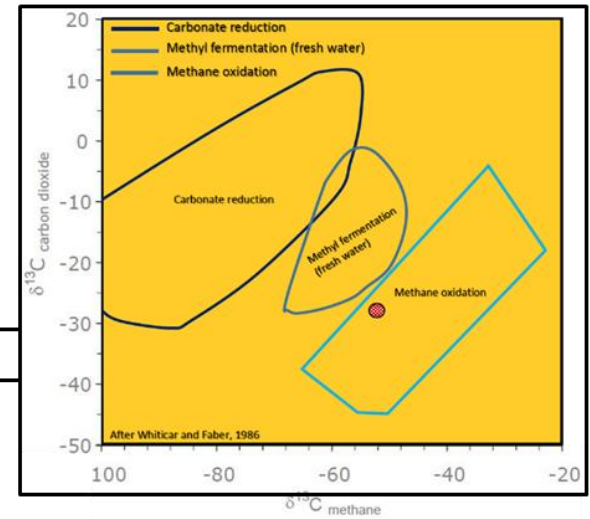
Households in Sadr-E-Kot (Sopore, Kashmir, India) use gas encountered in the Karewa Formation for Cooking

Craig et al., In Prep



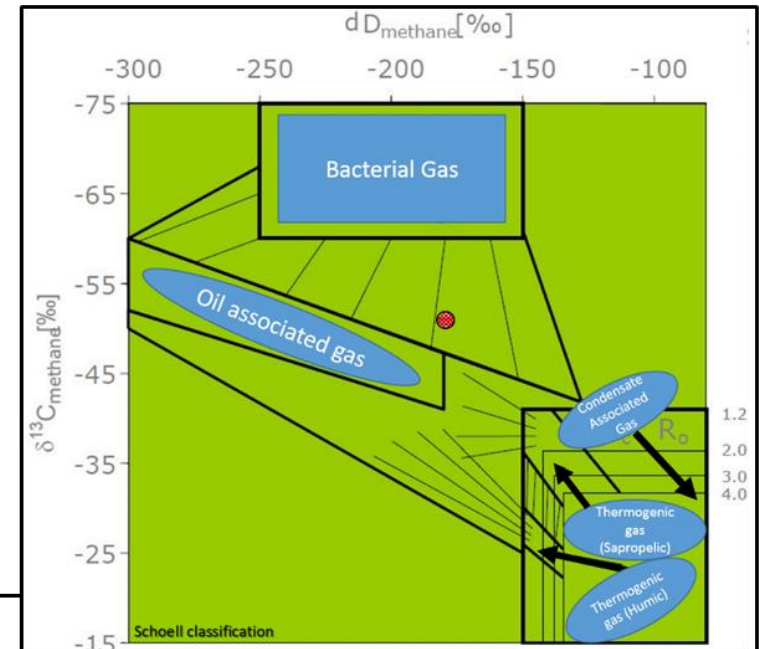
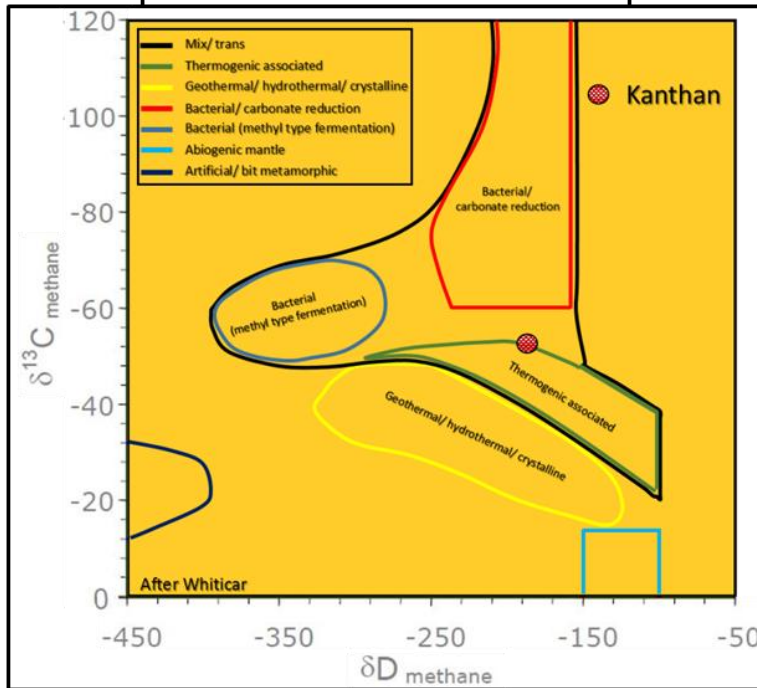
Isotopic Characterization of Kashmir Gas Occurrences

Sample	%CH ₄	%CO ₂	%N ₂	δ ¹³ C CH ₄	δ D CH ₄	δ ¹³ C CO ₂
Kanthan I	16.2	0.6	83.2	-51.46	-182.0	-24.9
Source		Origin		Results		
Subathu? (Shallow source)		Mixed (Thermo+Bio)		CH ₄ enriched (Dry) Gas		



Geochemical characterization CH₄

Geochemical characterization CO₂



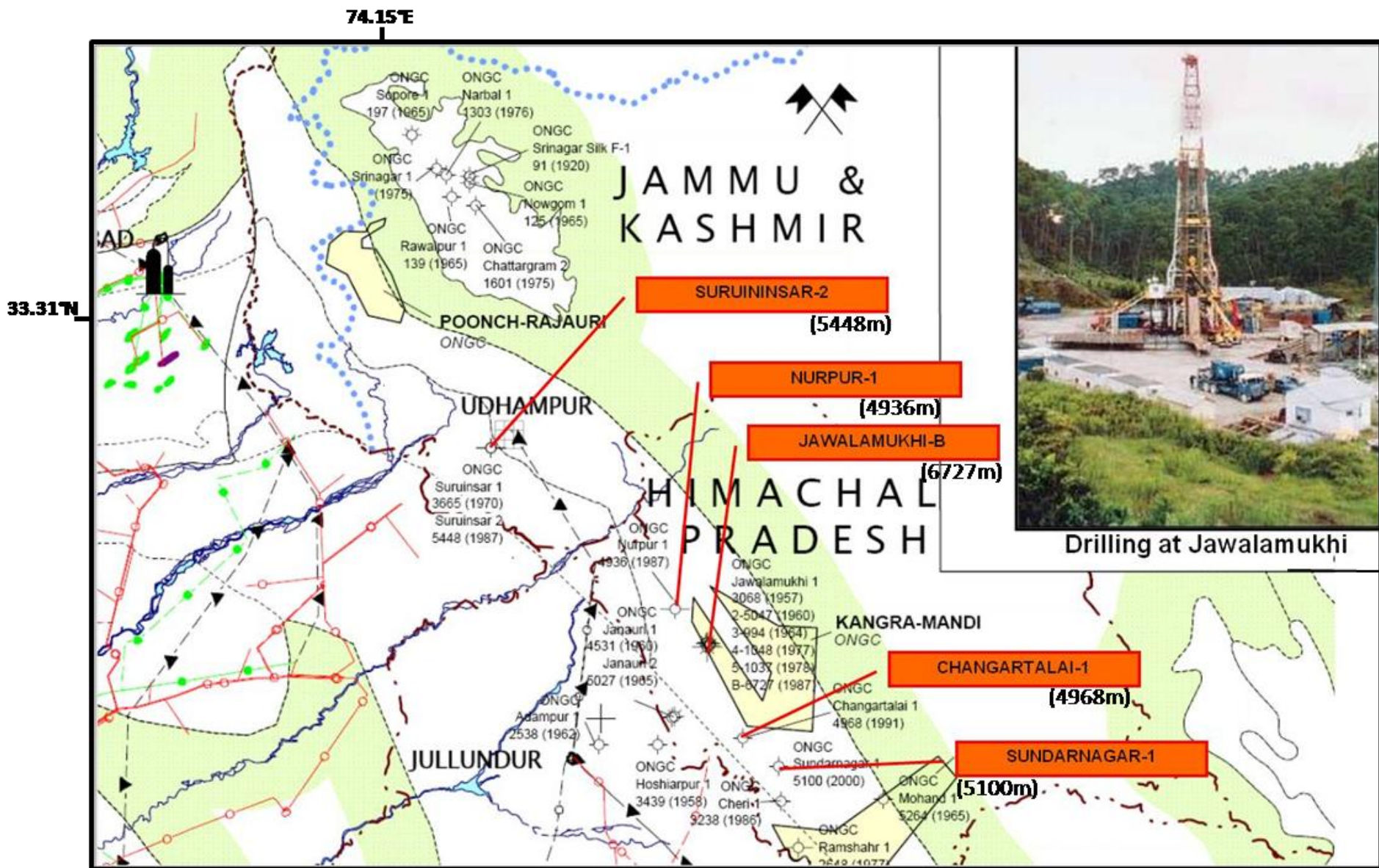
Geochemical characterization, CH₄ origin

Details of Exploration in NW Himalaya (Craig et al., in prep.)

Operator/ Company	Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC)
Wells Drilled	34
1950-1960	2
1960-1970	10
1970-1980	5
1980-1990	10
1990-2000	4
2000-2010	3
Oil and Gas Shows	9 wells only
Maximum depth penetrated	6727m, Jawalamukhi

Subathu Group not penetrated in any of the wells

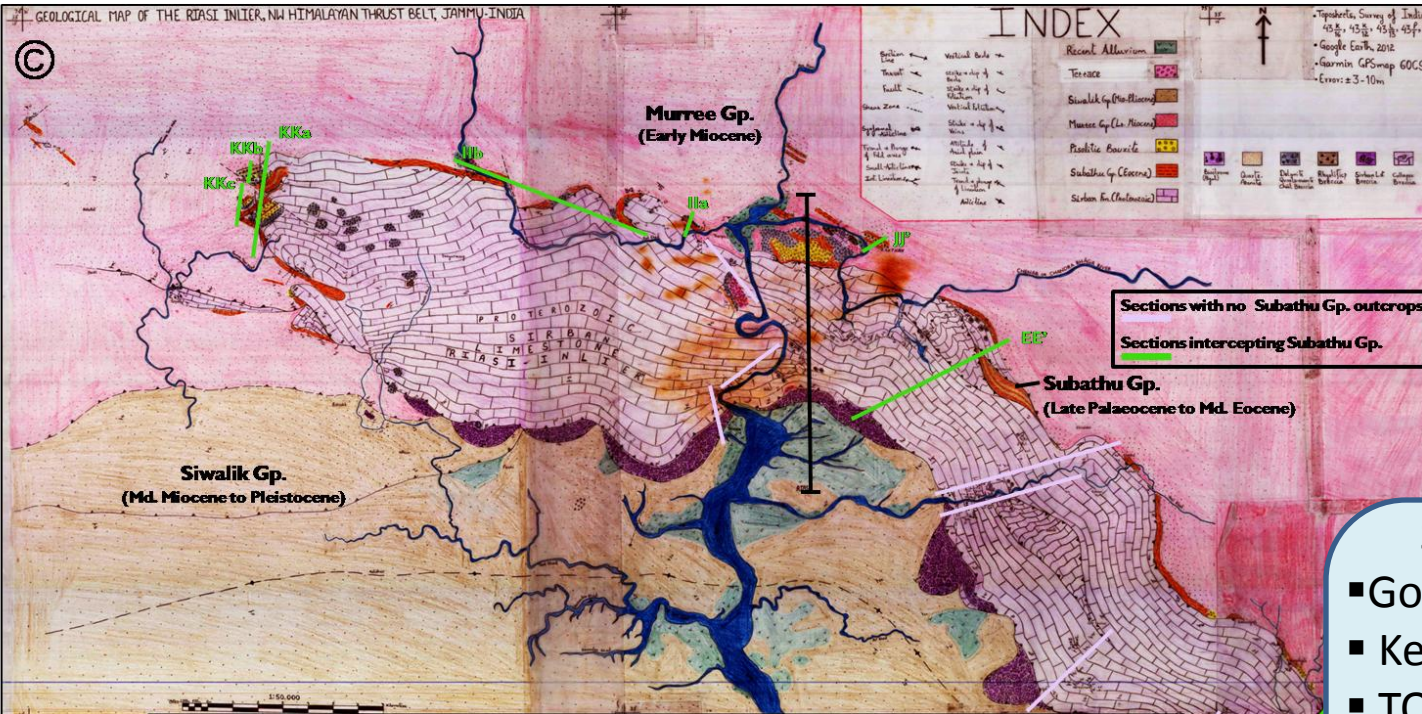
Wells drilled in the NW Himalaya, India



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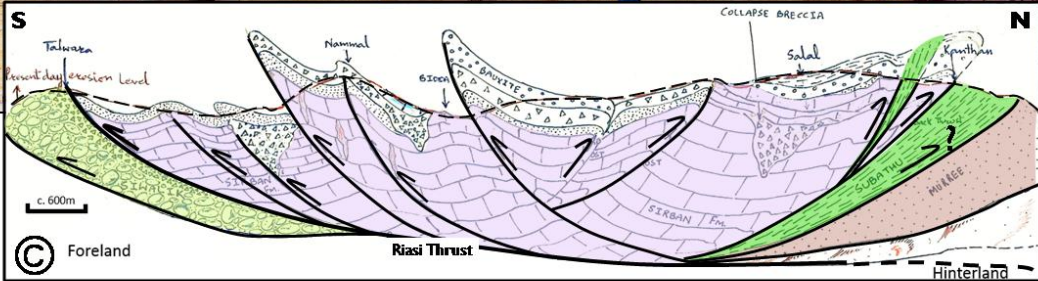
Research has focused on Neoproterozoic and Cenozoic (Eocene), Conventional (True and Hybrid) and Unconventional Petroleum Systems in the Himalayan Foreland Basin- Frontal Fold Thrust Belt.

Neoproterozoic Sirban Limestone Formation and Subathu Group



Sections with no Subathu Gp. outcrops
 Sections intercepting Subathu Gp.

Subathu Gp.
 (Late Palaeocene to Md. Eocene)

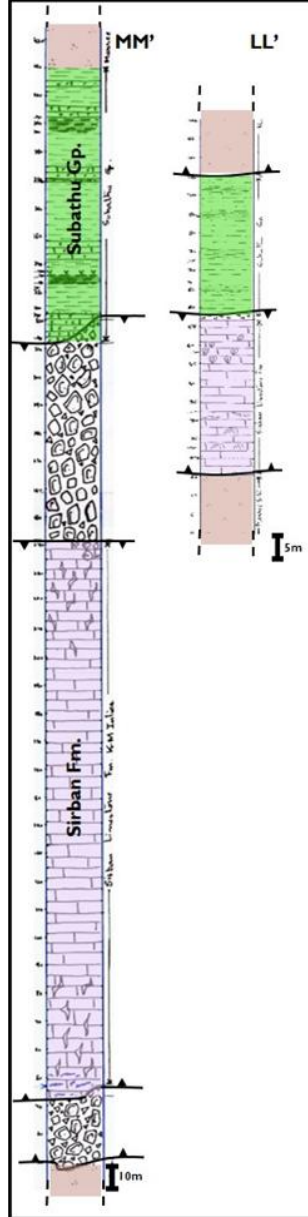


Schematic cross-section through the central part of the Riiasi Inlier Naveen Hakhoo, 2013 (Unpublished Thesi

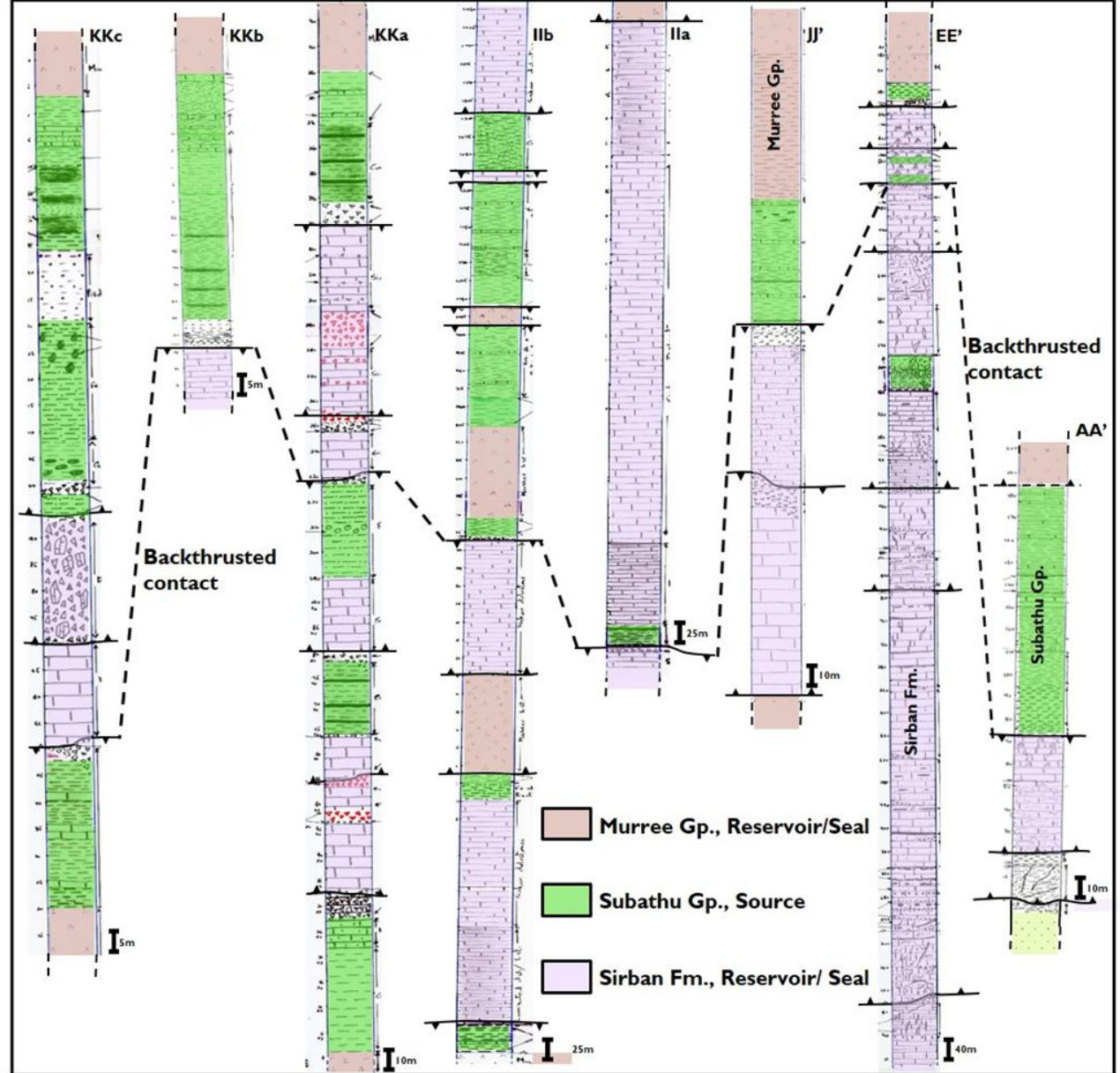
- Subathu Gp Shales
- Good source rock quality
 - Kerogen Type II & III
 - TOC, 4-5%
 - Tmax, 480-520°C
 - Ro, 1.41
 - Silica rich (Fracable)
 - With nano-porosity

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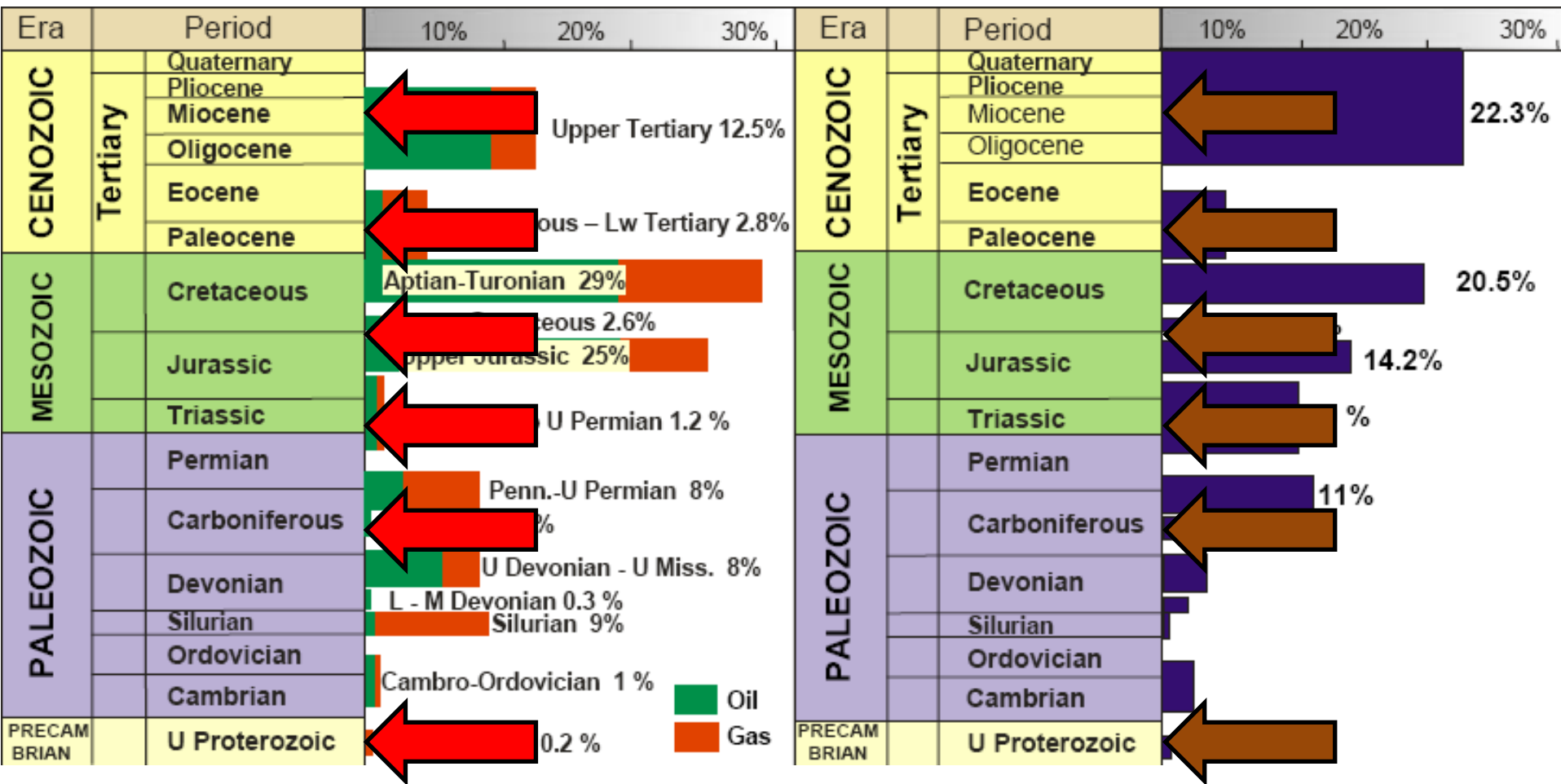
a. Kalakot-Mahogala Inlier



b. Riasi Inlier



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Summary and Conclusions

- Presence of the essential petroleum system elements at multiple stratigraphic levels through Neoproterozoic to Neogene
- Subathu Gp., Type III Kerogen, productive dry gas window, excellent source quality (Thickness: 80-100m, TOC: 4-5%, Ro: c. 1.41)
- Thrust tectonics cardinal to the maturity of shales, expulsion & retention of hydrocarbons
- Thick shales in inner belt with structures (triangle zones, pop-ups and duplex) > 3 Ma; prospective drilling targets
- Himalaya merits further hydrocarbon exploration albeit against some, environmental, technical, Socio-economic & political challenges

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Thank you!

