

# Petrophysical and seismic signature of a heavy oil sand reservoir: Manitou Lake, Saskatchewan

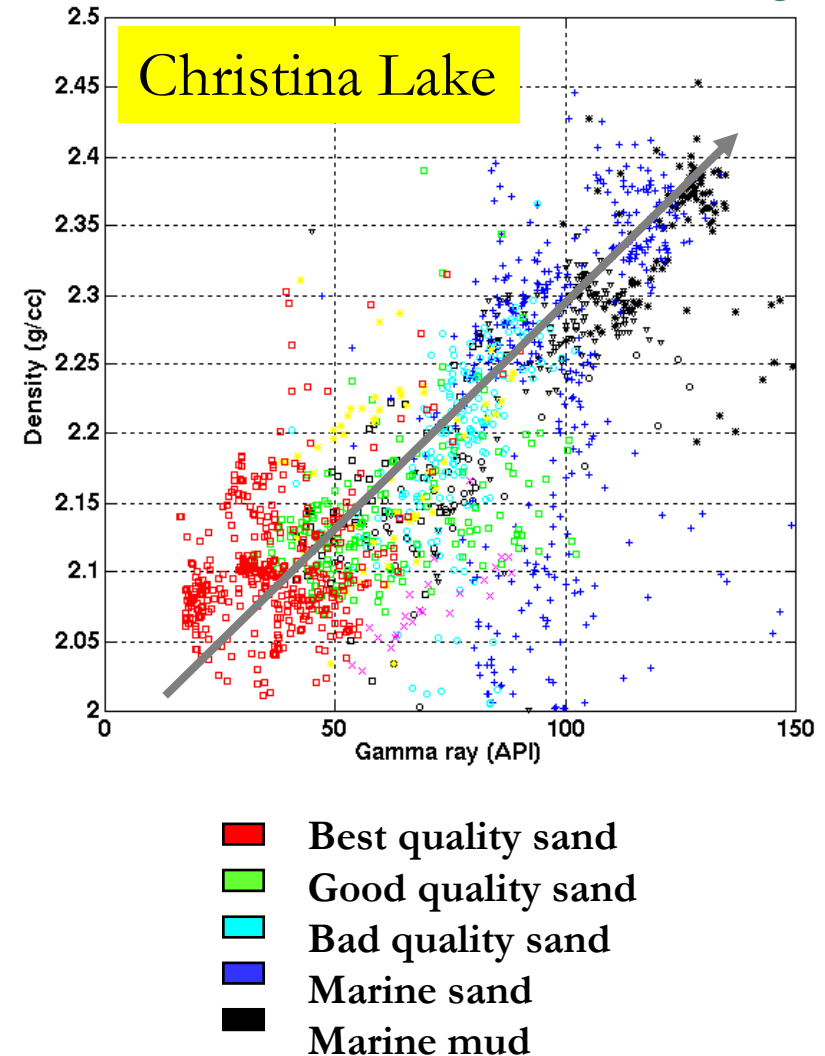
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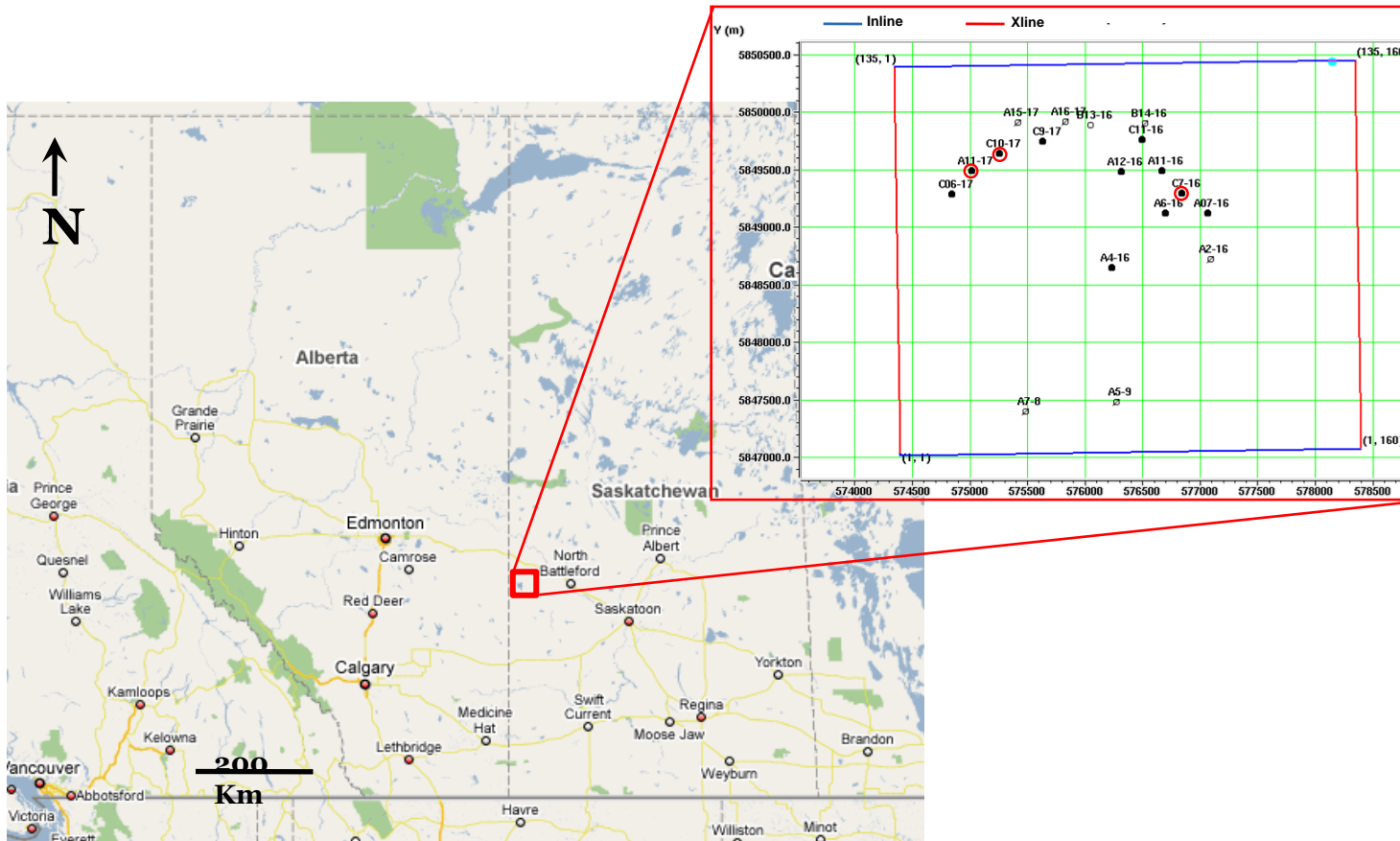
- ◆ Introduction
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- ◆ Log analysis and rock properties
- ◆ Log modelling
  - ◆ Log response
  - ◆ Kuster-Toksöz
- ◆ Synthetic seismograms
- ◆ Model based inversion
- ◆ Conclusions

- ◆ How to relate elastic properties to rock properties
  - ◆ Lithology
  - ◆ Fluid saturation
  - ◆ Porosity
- ◆ Additional information from PS data
- ◆ Improve interpretation using different log modelling approaches.

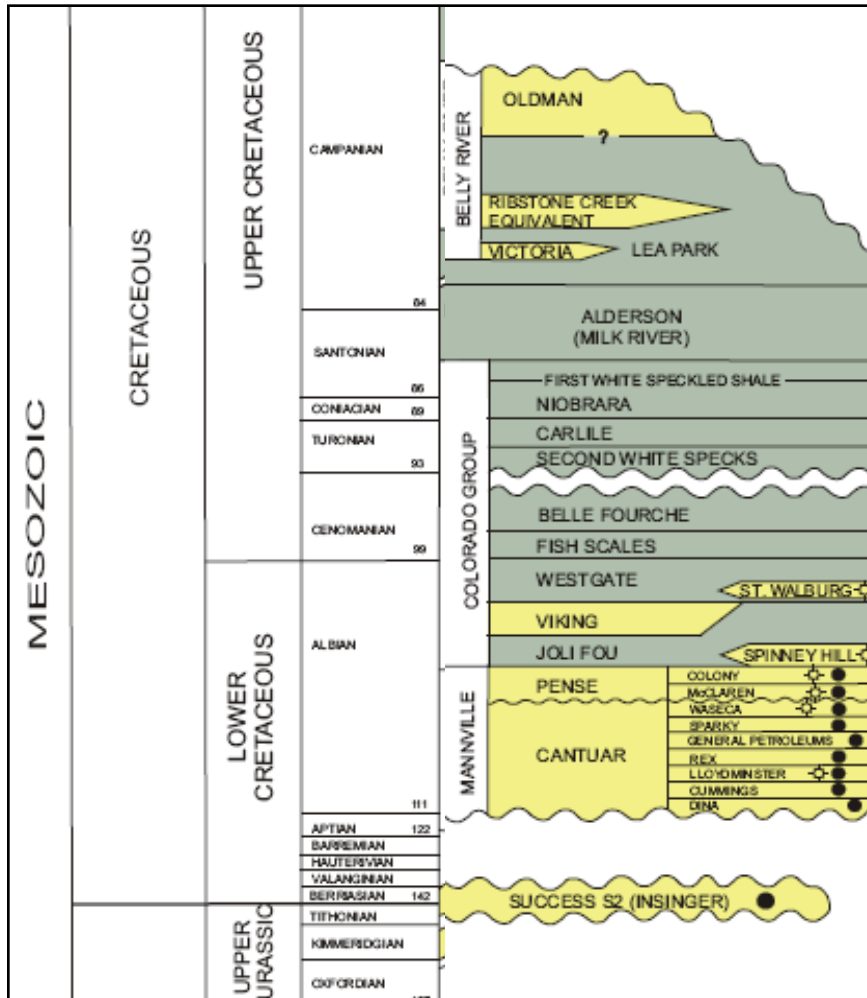
From Xu, Yong



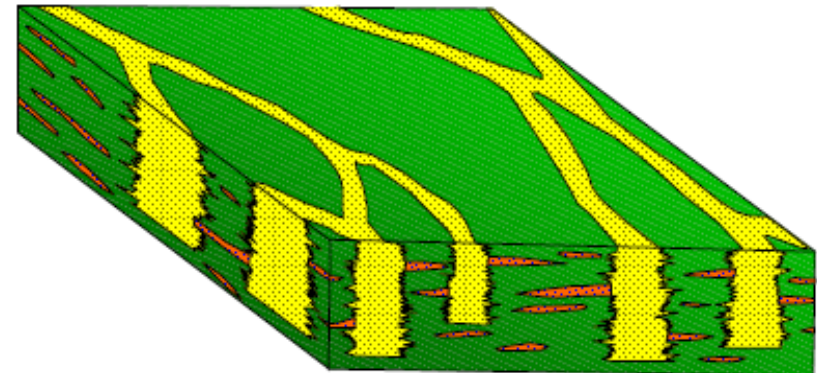
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Kilometers

- Channel facies (A)
- Crevasse splay facies (B)
- Interchannel wetland facies (C)

Depositional model for the Colony sand member after Putnam and Oliver (1980) (From Royle, 2002)

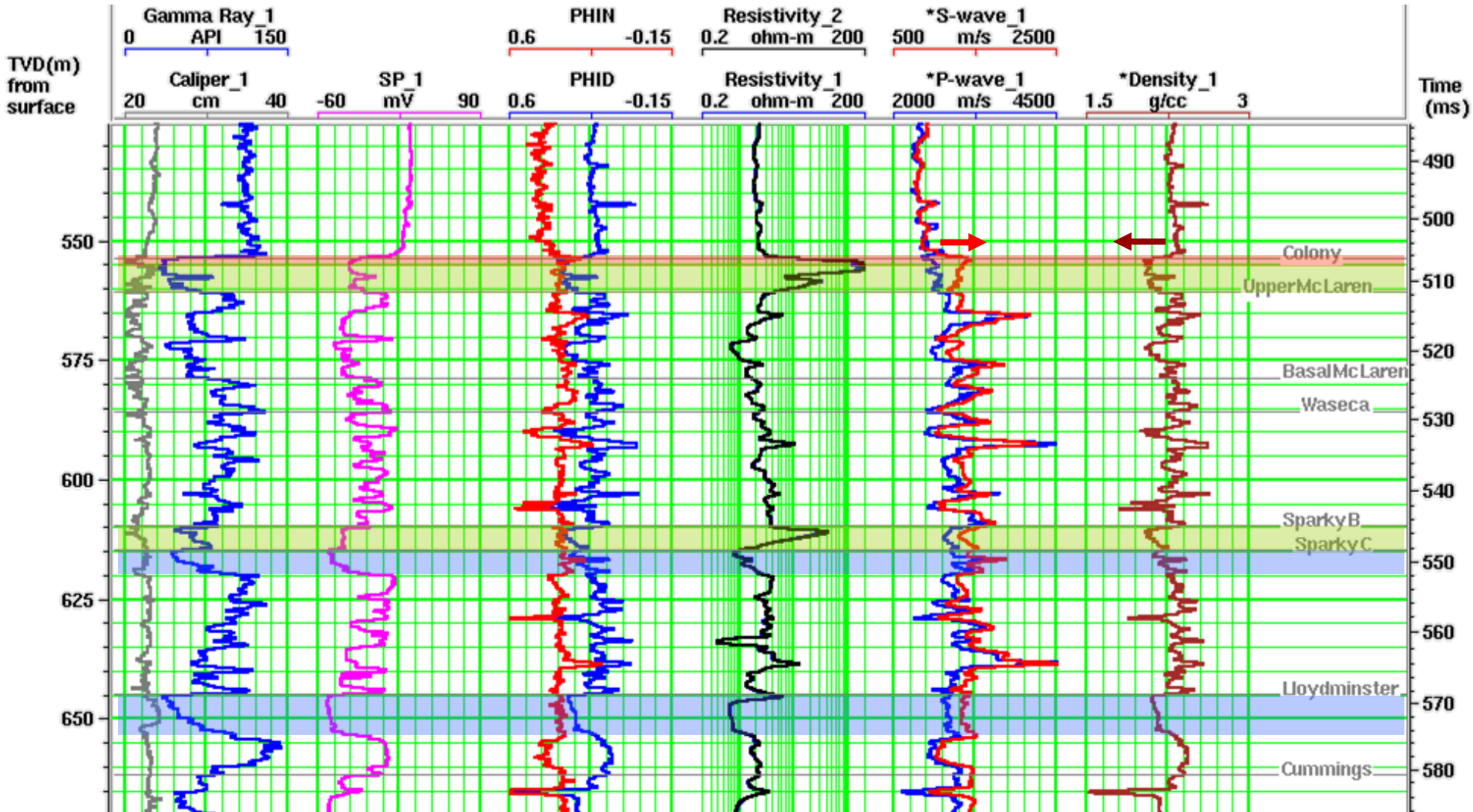
Colony } Targets  
Sparky }

## Lower Cretaceous Mannville Gr.

- ◆ Colony member: Fluvial deposition in an anastomosed river network
- ◆ Sparky member: Wave dominated shoreline environment

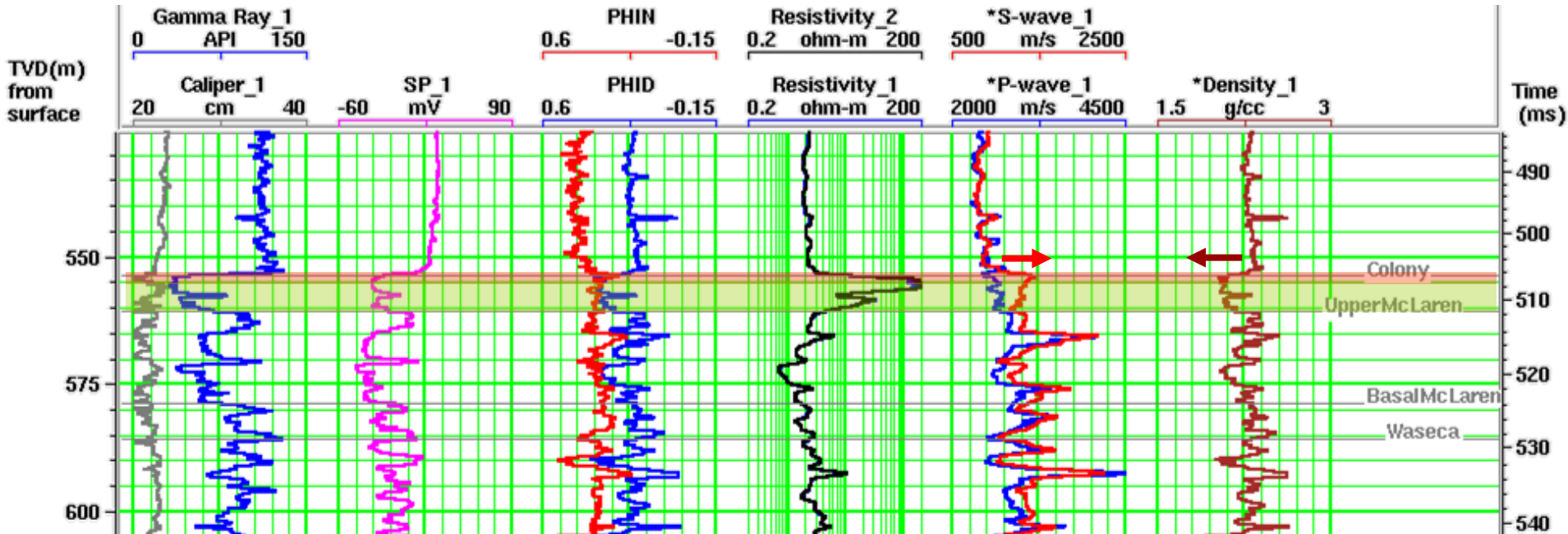
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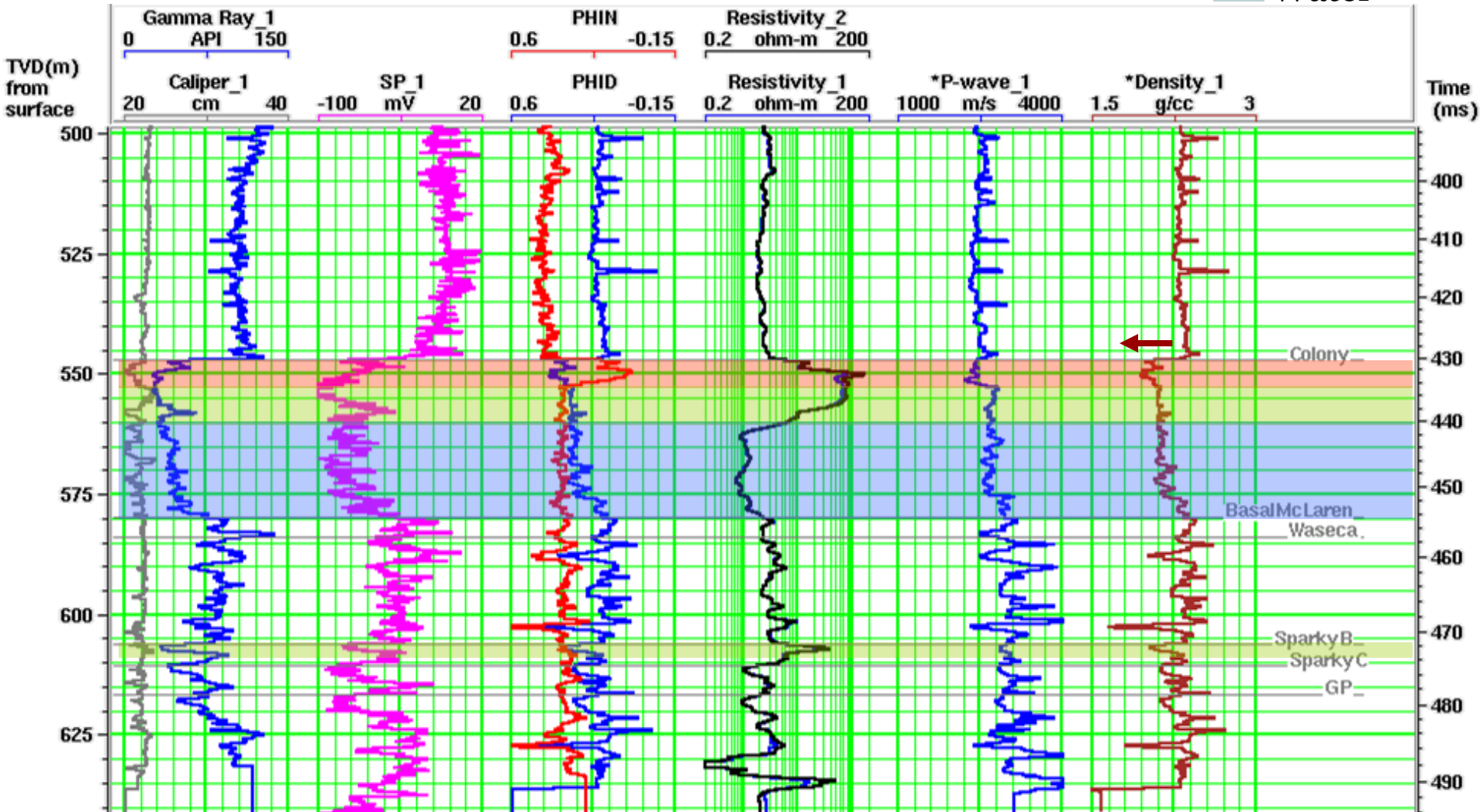


Top of the sands:

- Increase in S-wave velocity
- Decrease in density
- No change in  $V_p$

## Well Co7-16

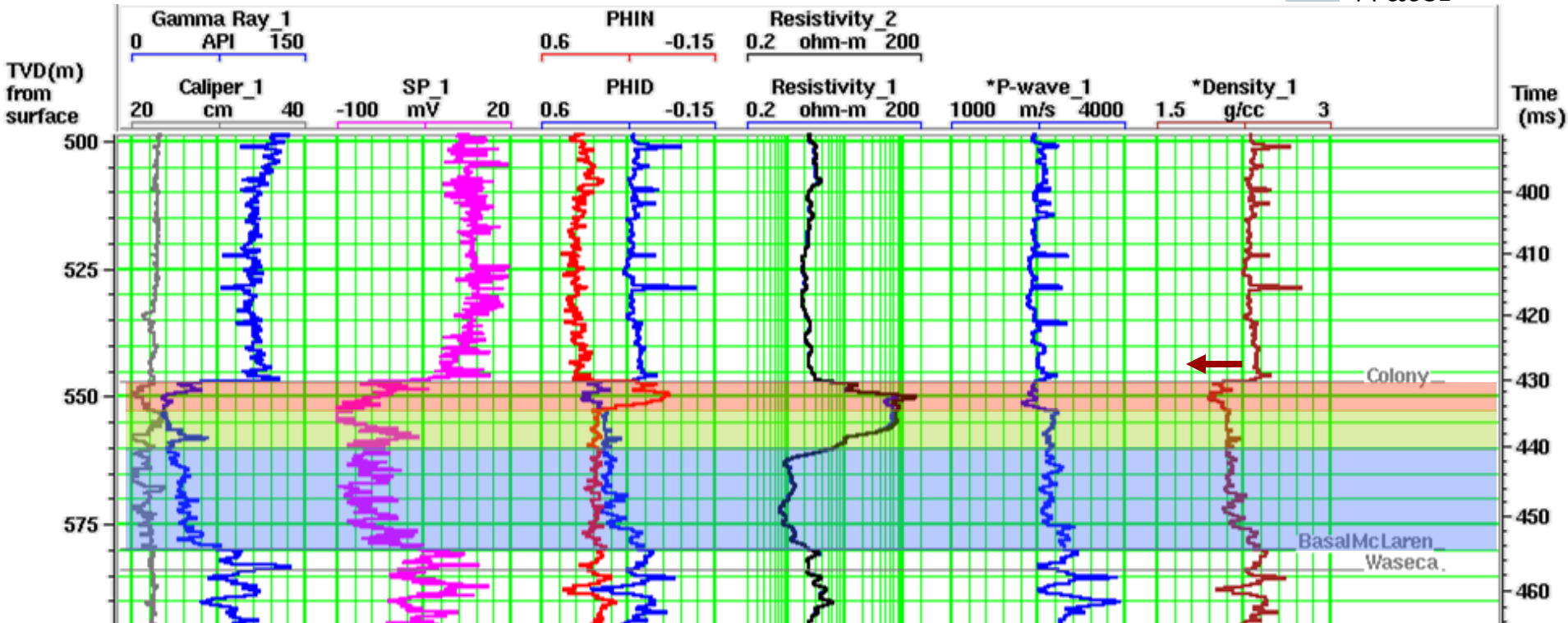
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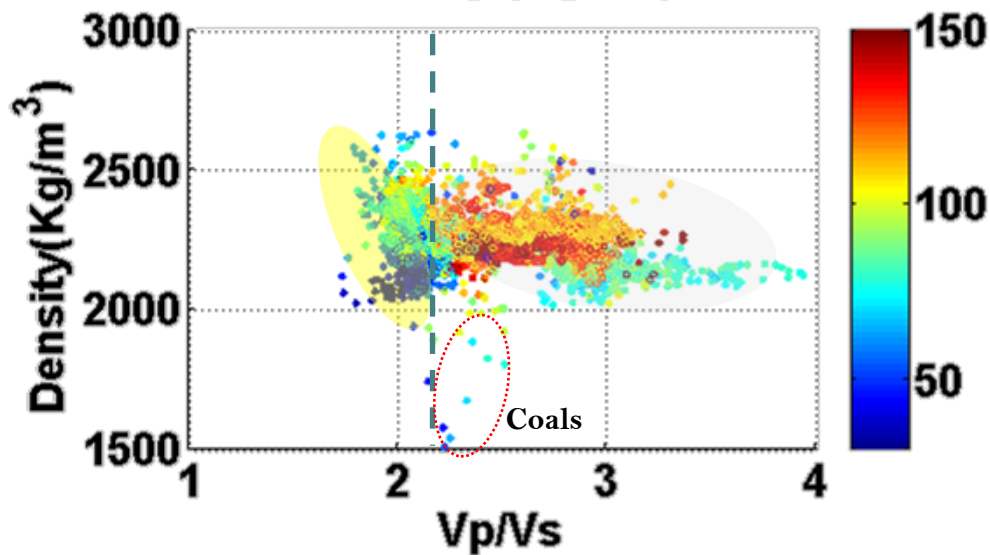
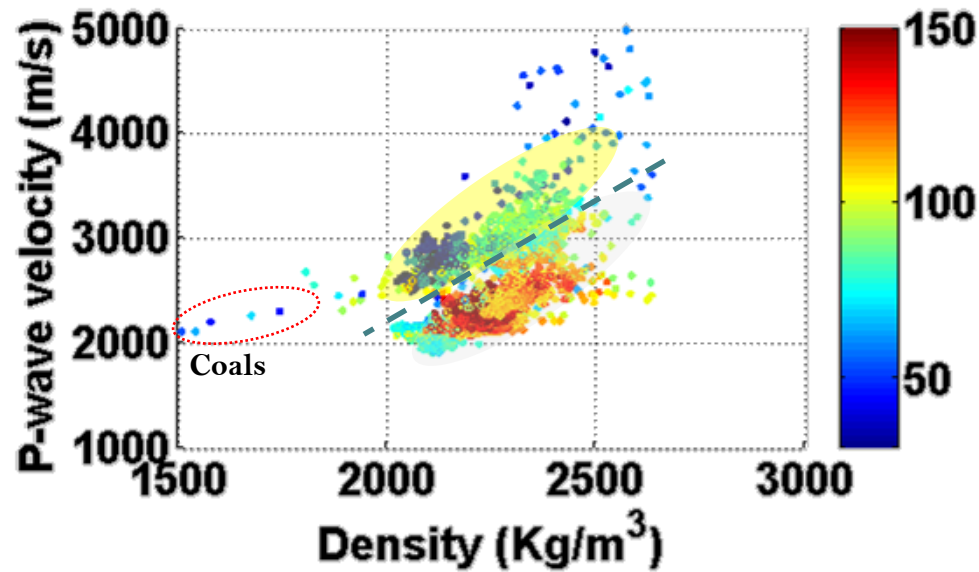
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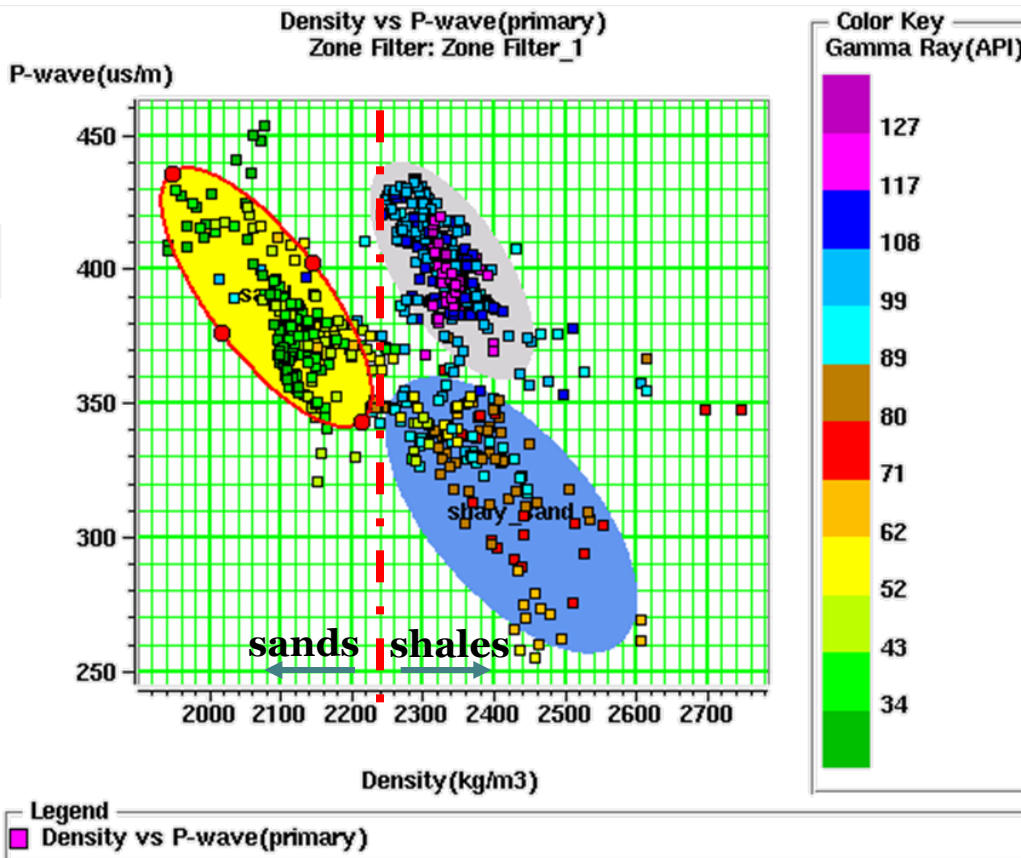


Top of the sands:

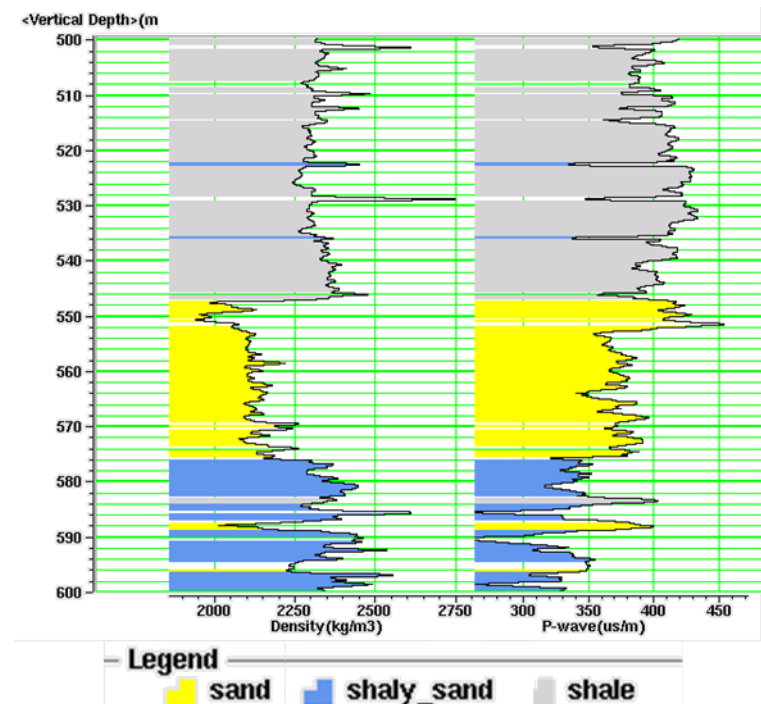
- Decrease in density
- Decrease in  $V_p$  → Gas effect



- ◆ Overlap in density for sands and shales over complete depth interval
- ◆ Good separation with Vp/Vs.



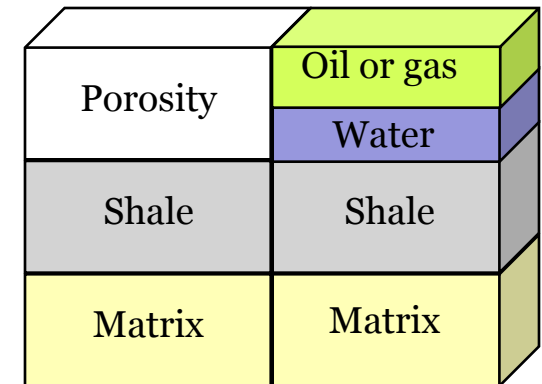
- ◆ Overlap in density for sands and shales over complete depth interval
- ◆ Good separation with Vp/Vs.
- ◆ Target interval: 500-600 m  
Densities lower than 2.25 g/cm<sup>3</sup> indicate sands



- ◆ Log response equation (Crain, 1986)

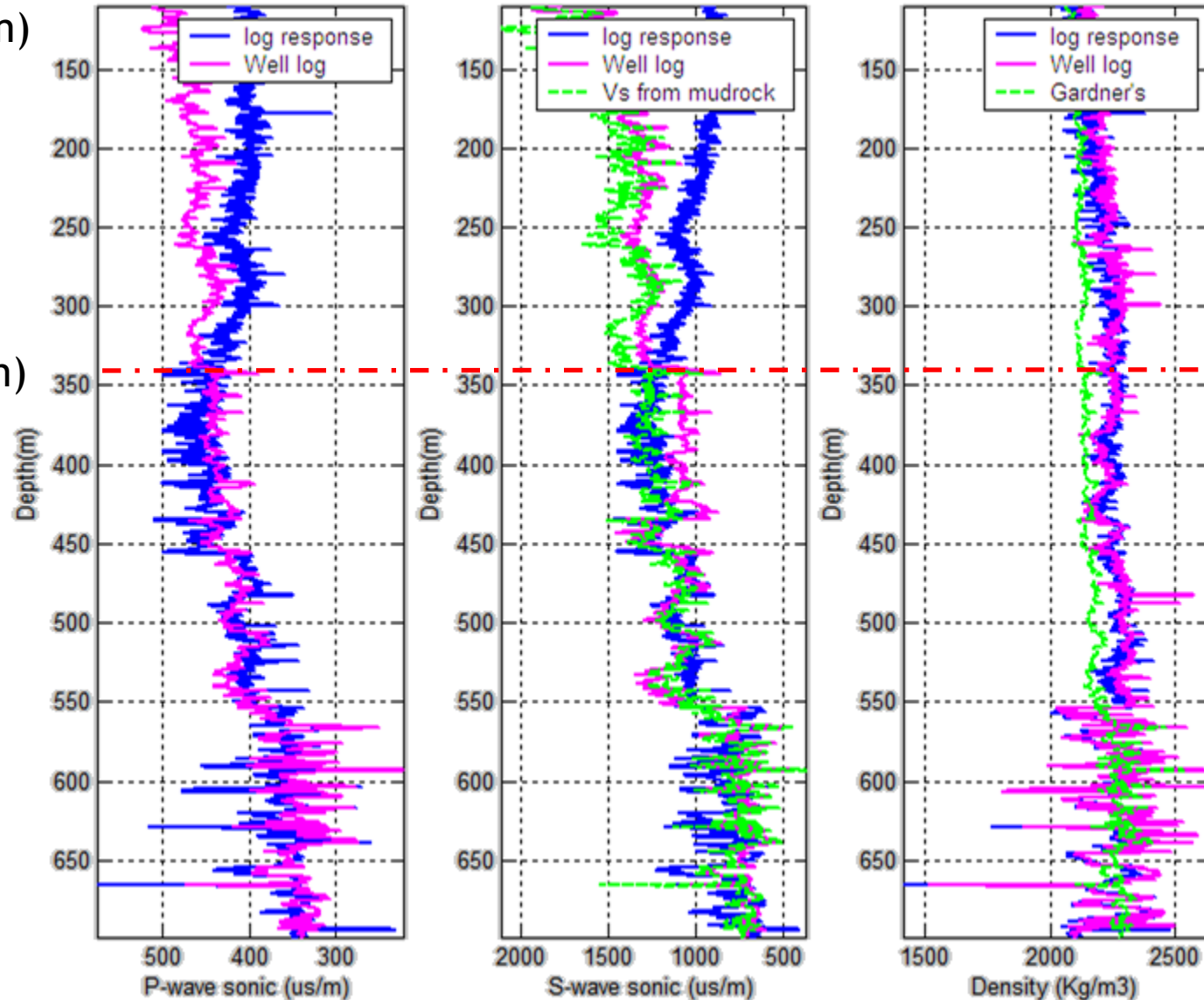
$$Model = \underbrace{(\phi_e * S_w * l_{water})}_{\text{water}} + \underbrace{(\phi_e * (1 - S_w) * l_{hydro})}_{\text{hydrocarbon}} + \underbrace{(V_{sh} * l_{shale})}_{\text{shale}} + \underbrace{((1 - V_{sh} - \phi_e) * l_{matrix})}_{\text{matrix}}$$

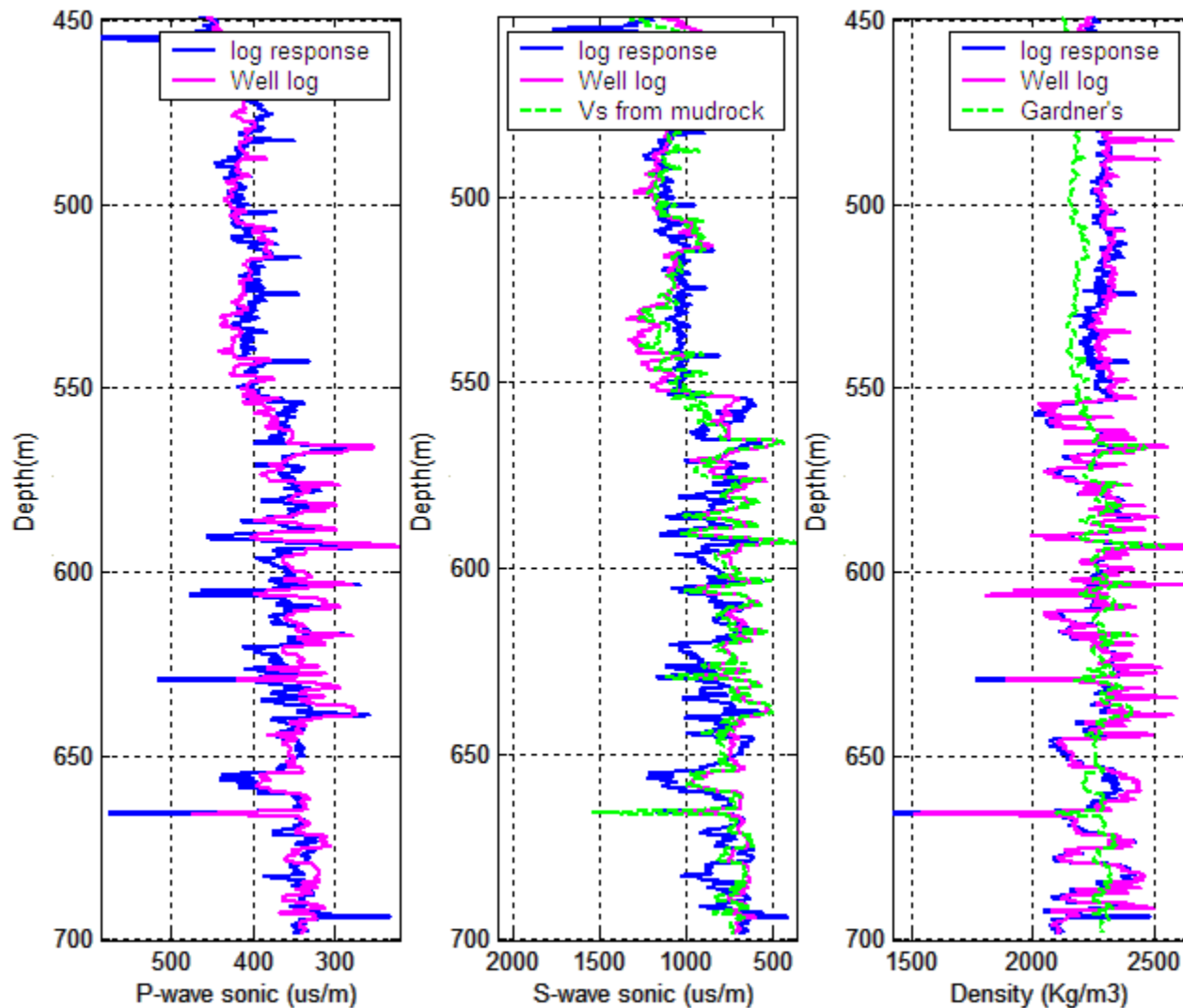
- ◆ Volume of shale calculated from GR log
- ◆ Water saturation using Archie's equation and default values for sandstone  
 $a=0.62$  ,  $m=2.15$ , and  $n=2$ .



- ◆ Effective porosity from the density-neutron complex lithology crossplot

- ◆ P-wave sonic ( $\mu\text{s}/\text{m}$ )
  - ◆ matrix=182
  - ◆ Water=616
  - ◆ Shale=500
  - ◆ Oil=664
  
- ◆ S-wave sonic ( $\mu\text{s}/\text{m}$ )
  - ◆ Matrix=292
  - ◆ Water=1200
  - ◆ Shale=1450
  - ◆ Oil=1200
  
- ◆ Density ( $\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$ )
  - ◆ Matrix=2650
  - ◆ Water=1000
  - ◆ Shale=2200
  - ◆ Oil=950



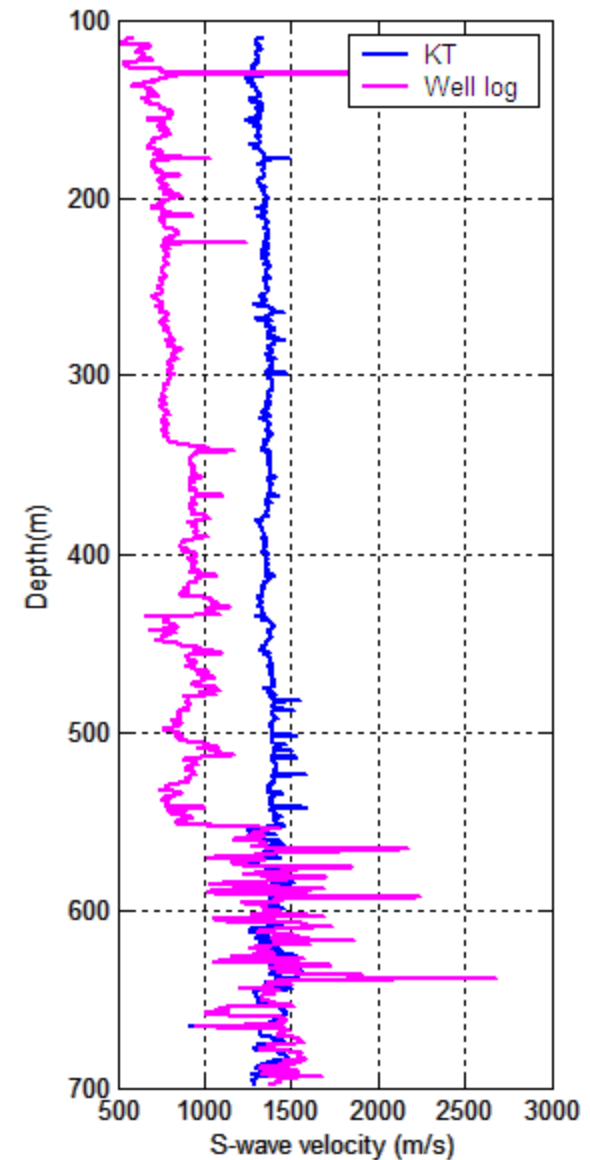
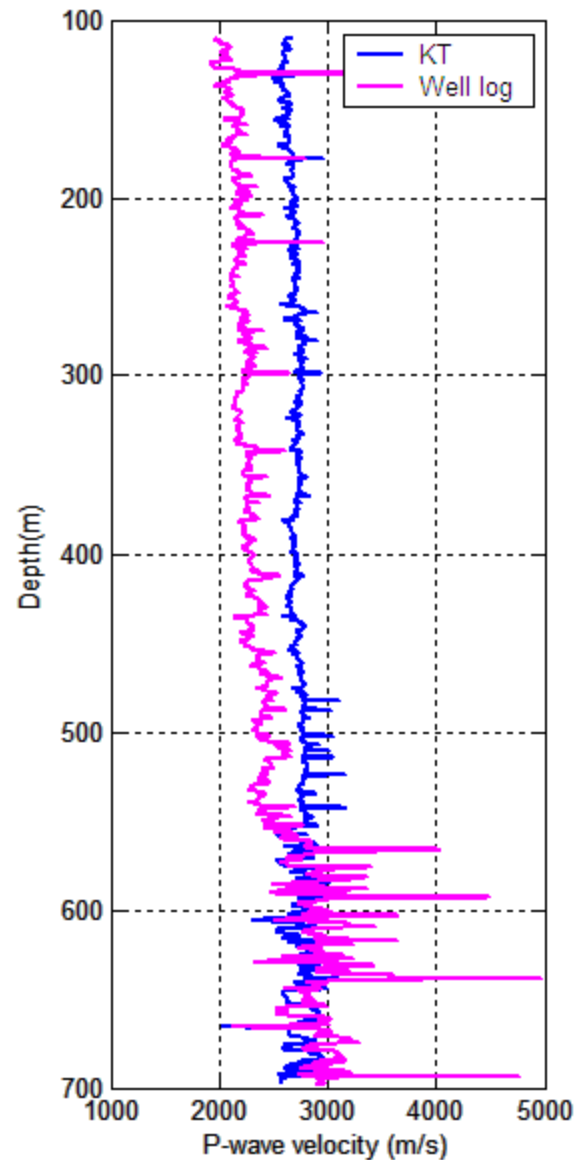


- ◆ Estimate  $V_p$  and  $V_s$  using a long-wavelength first-order scattering theory.
- ◆ Takes pore geometry into account
  - ◆ Spheres, needles, disks and penny cracks
- ◆ Inclusions must be randomly distributed
- ◆ Dilute concentration ( $\phi/\alpha \ll 1$ )
- ◆ Cavities are isolated with respect to flow
- ◆ At low frequencies it is better to find the effective moduli for dry cavities and then saturate them with the Gassmann low frequency relations (Mavko et al., 1998).

$$\frac{K_{sat}}{K_0 - K_{sat}} = \frac{K_{dry}}{K_0 - K_{dry}} + \frac{K_{fl}}{\phi(K_0 - K_{fl})}$$

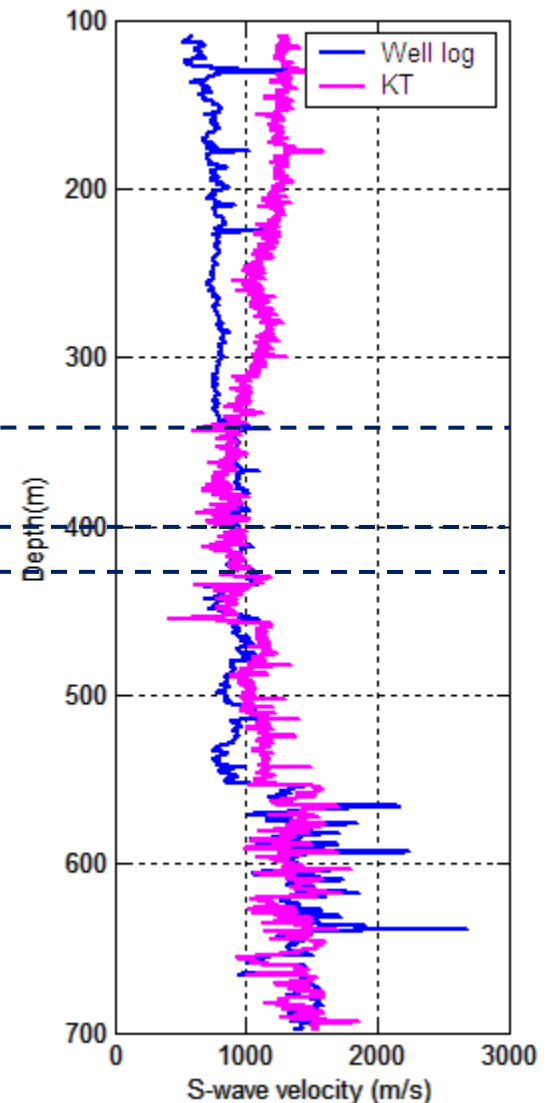
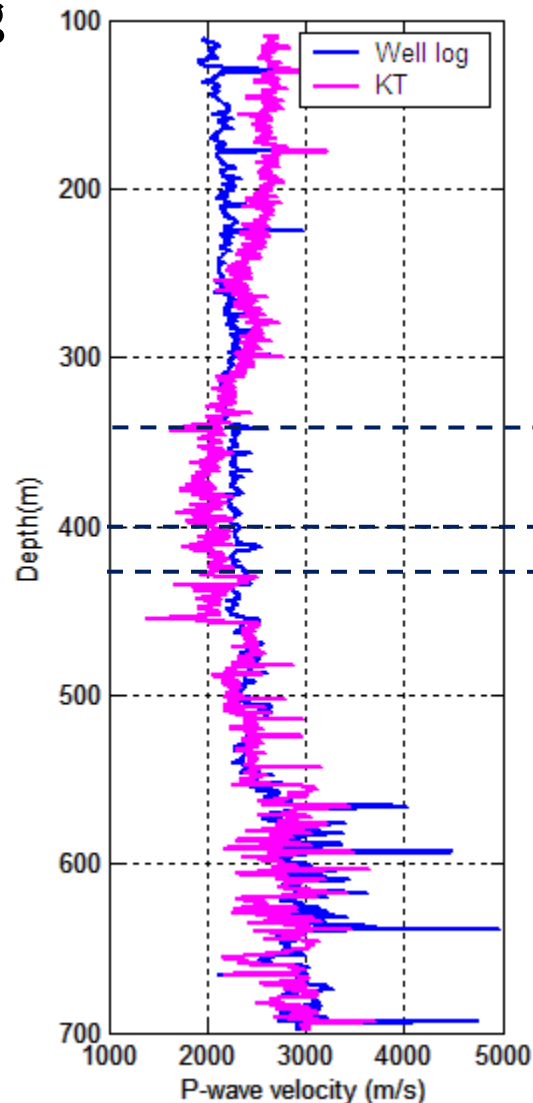
## ◆ Sphere pores

- ◆  $\alpha=0.3$
- ◆ Dens=2.65
- ◆  $V_p=3.2$
- ◆  $V_s=1.6$

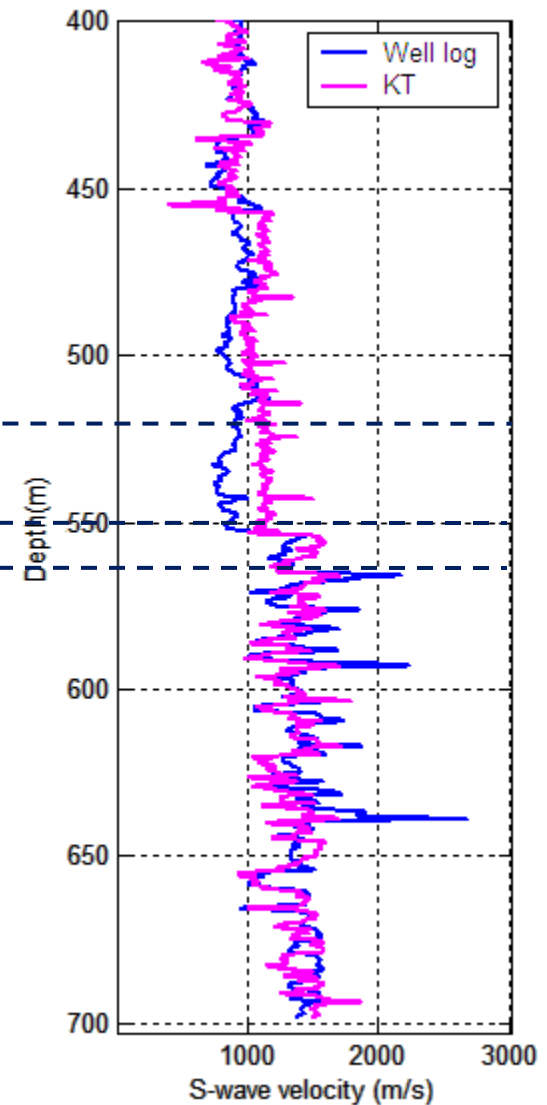
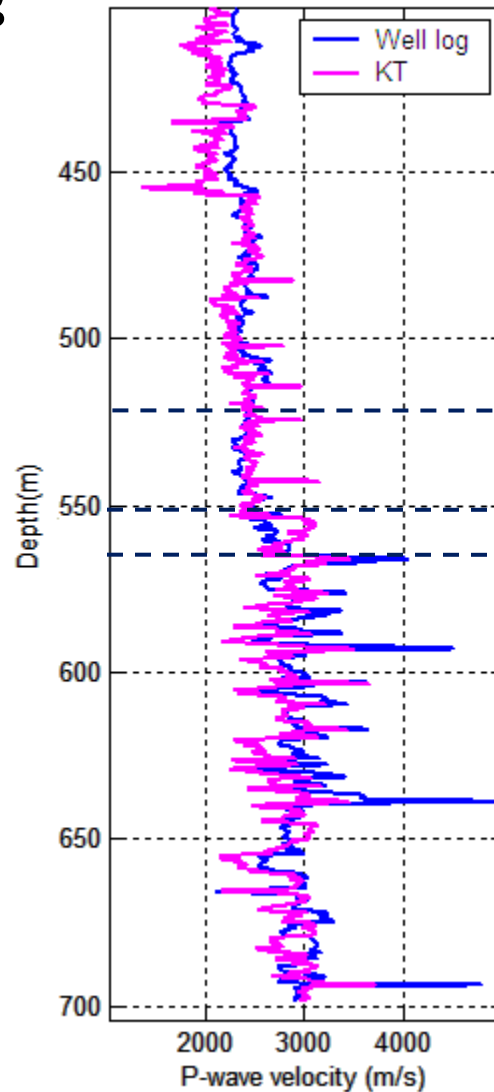




- ◆ Velocity linearly changing with shale volume
  - ◆  $Dens1=2.65$
  - ◆  $vp\_sand=4$
  - ◆  $vs\_sand=2$
  - ◆  $vp\_shale=2$
  - ◆  $vs\_shale=0.8$
- ◆  $Vp/Vs$  for sand=2
- ◆  $Vp/Vs$  for shale= 2.5



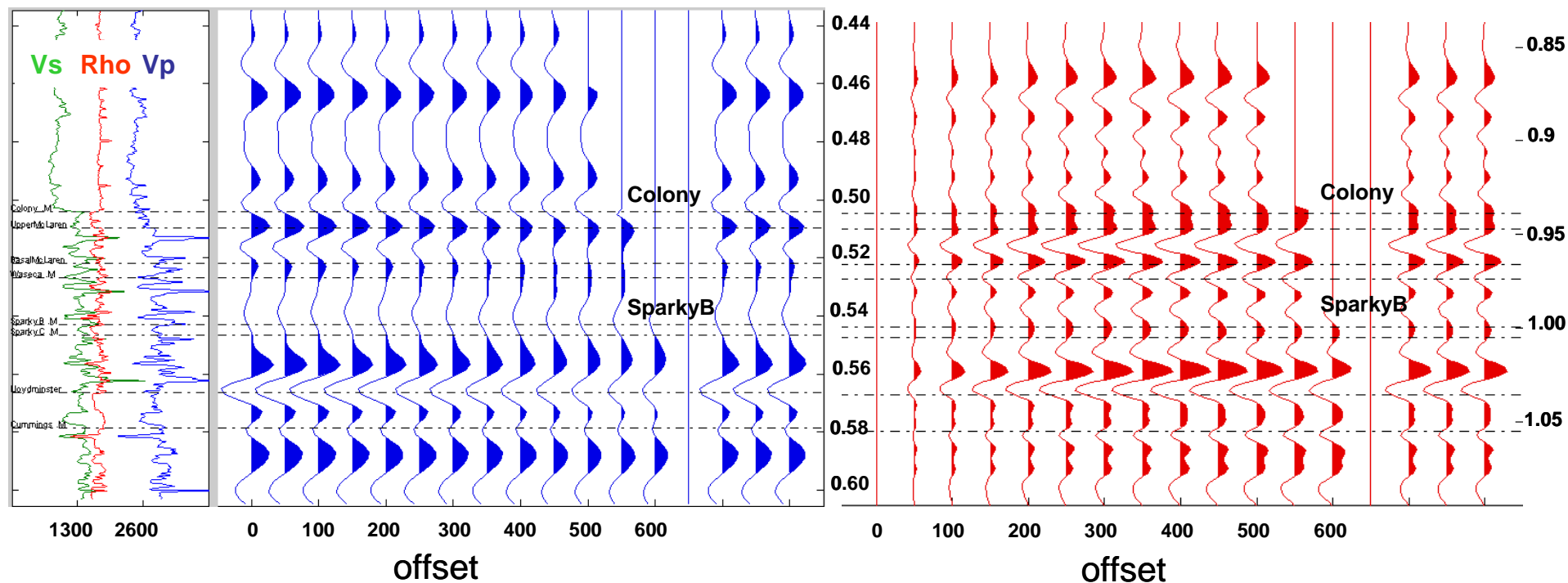
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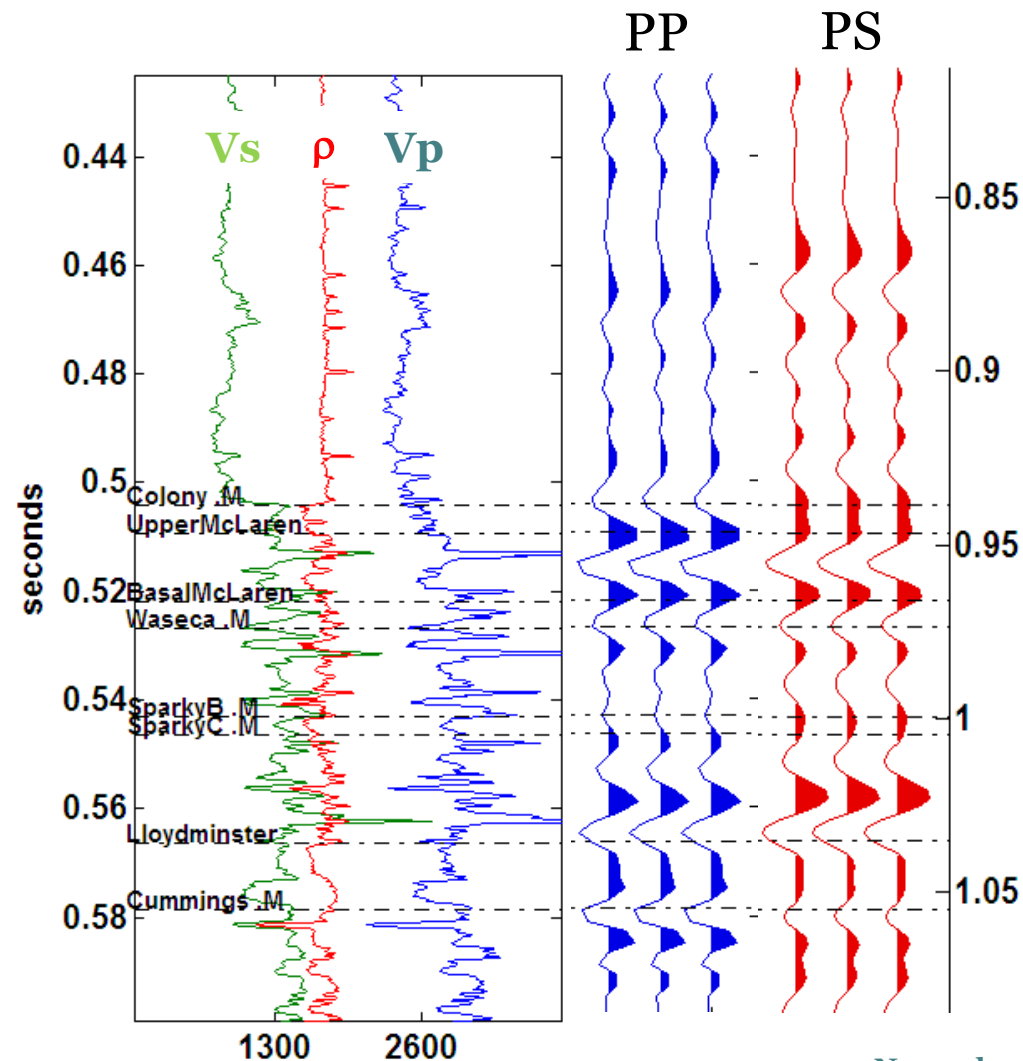
## Xu and White (1995) approach (clay-sand mixtures)

- ◆ Overcomes low porosity limitation
- ◆ Total number of pores divided into N sets
- ◆ Iterative process to calculate effective properties
- ◆ Different aspect ratios for sand and shale related pores.

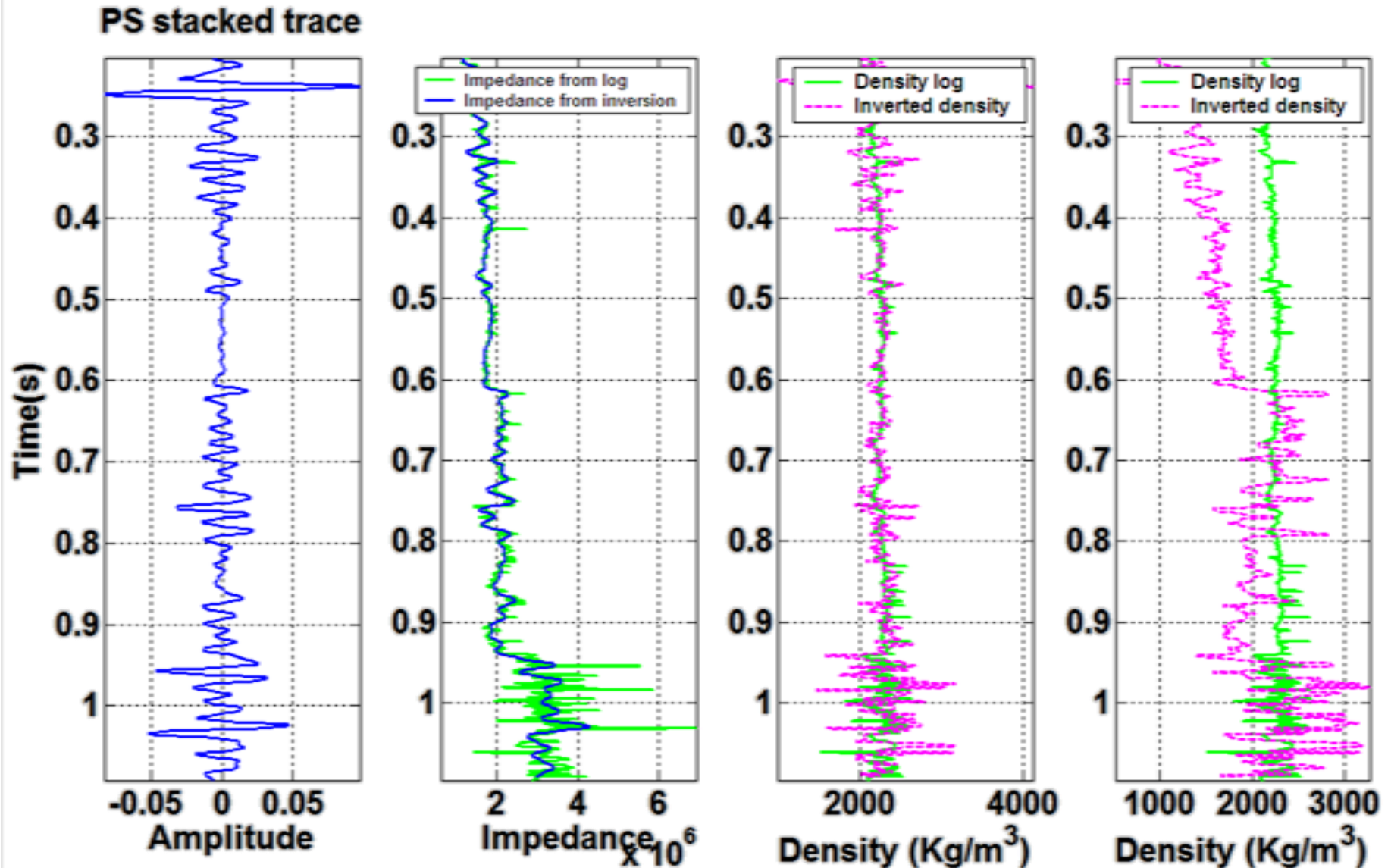
- ◆ 60 Hz Ricker wavelet for the PP section
- ◆ 40 Hz Ricker wavelet for the PS section

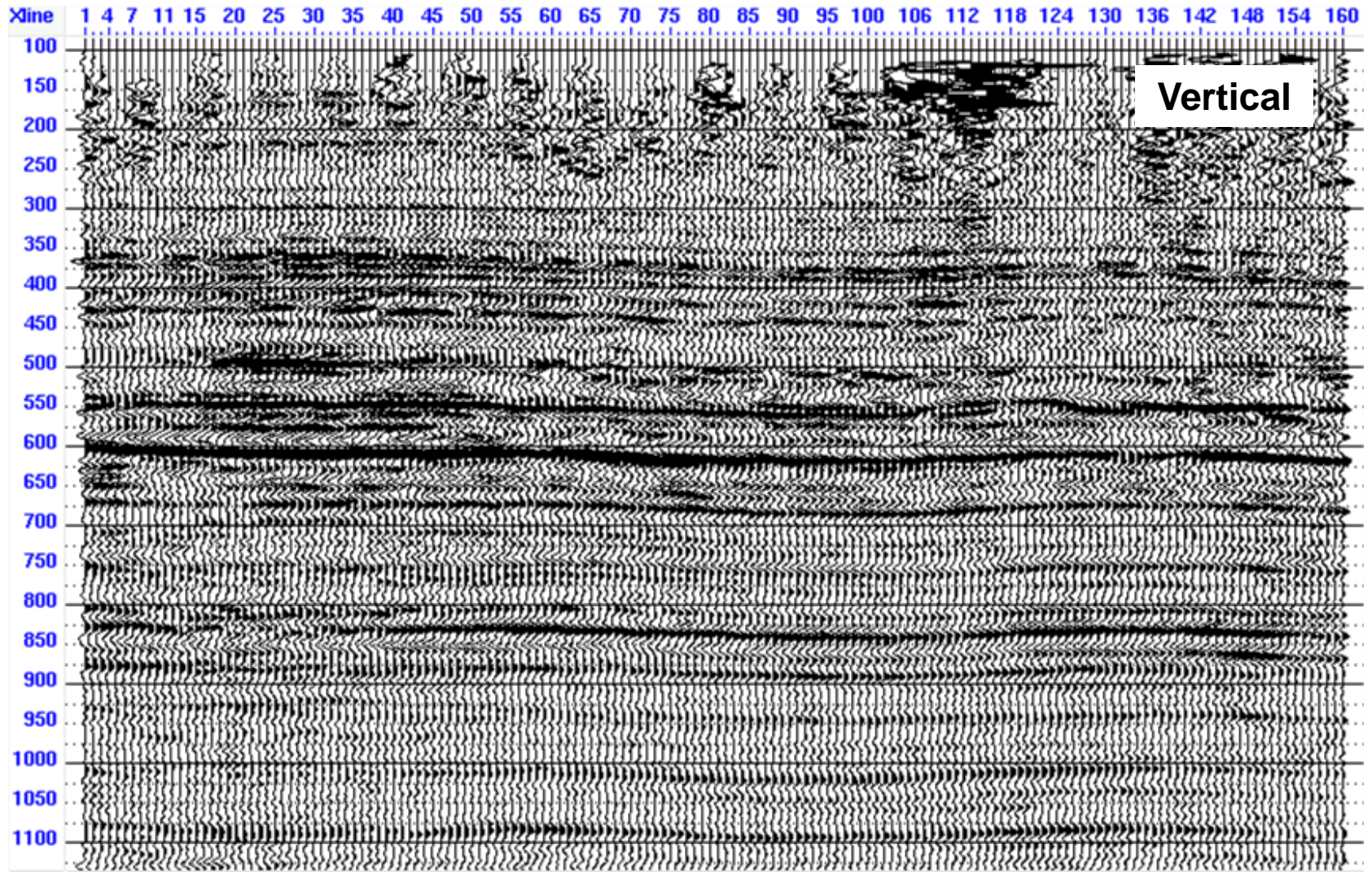


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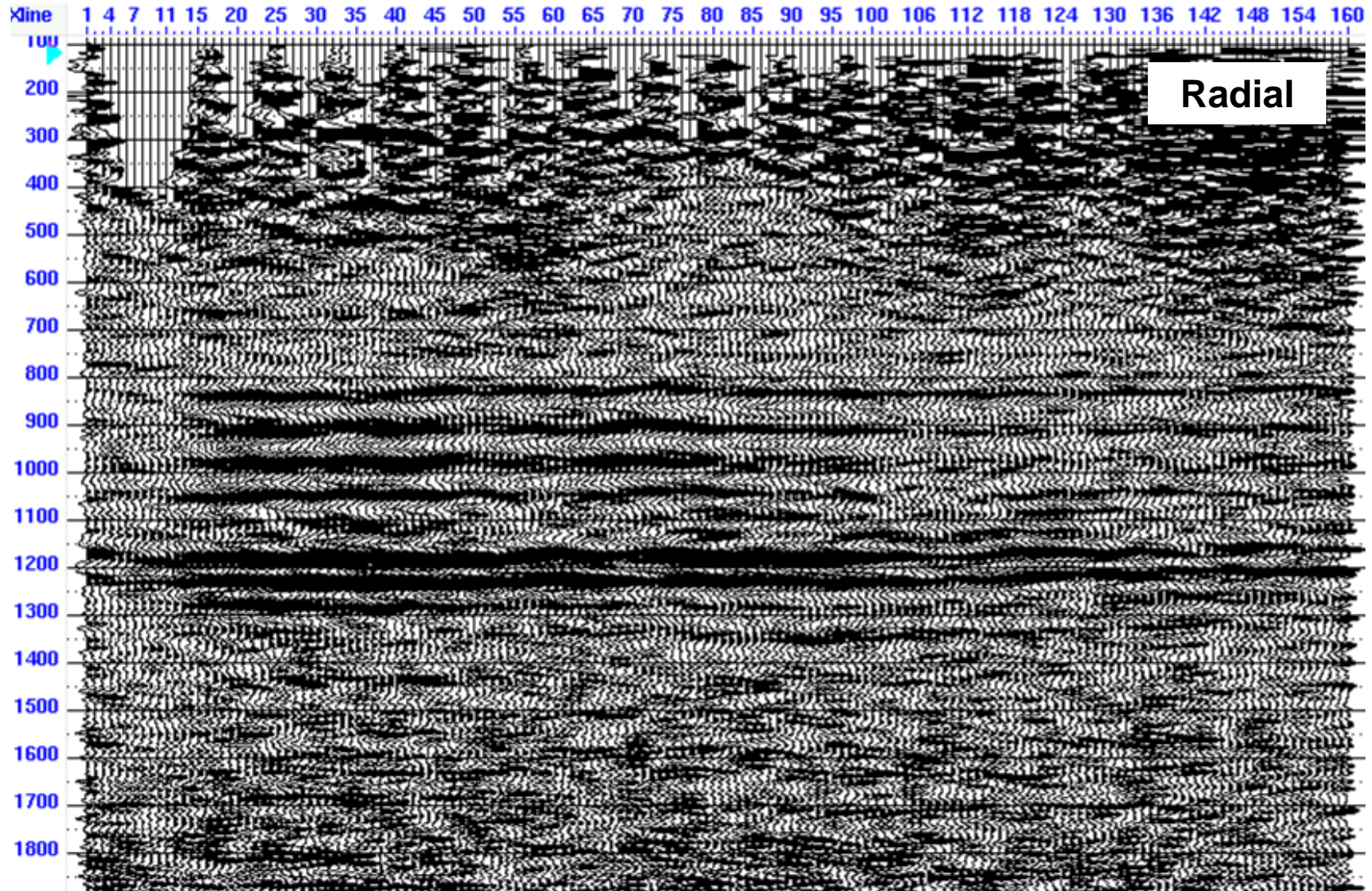
- ◆ Change in reflection polarity at the top of the Colony and Sparky members
- ◆ Bright spots on the PS seismic section





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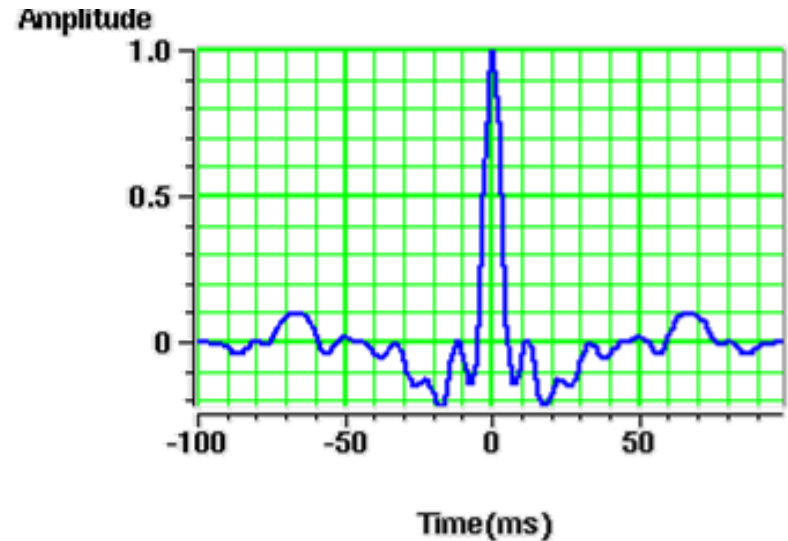


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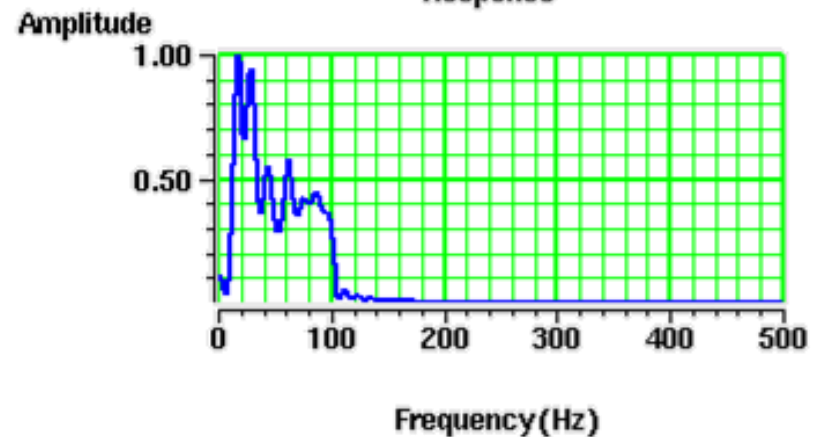
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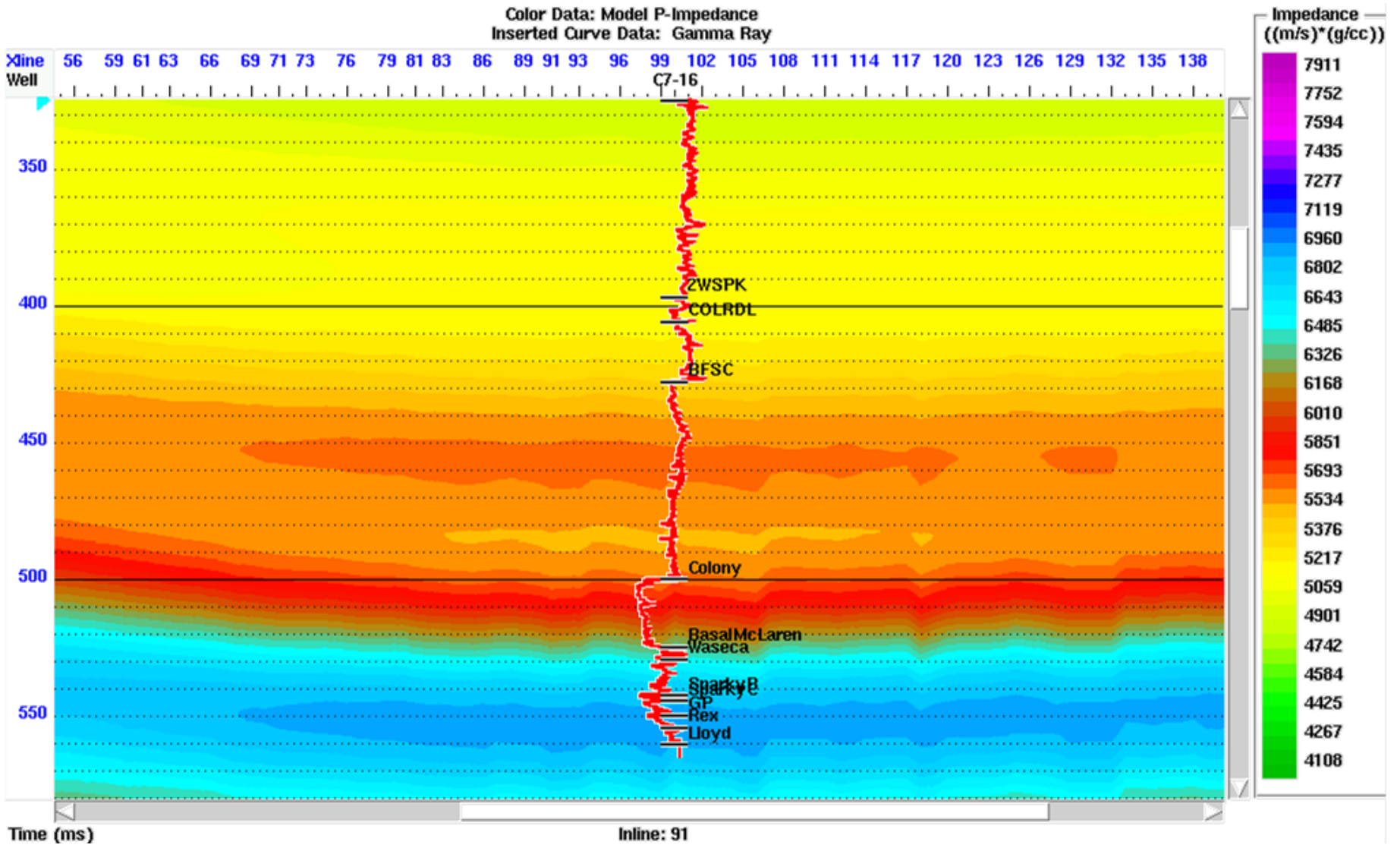


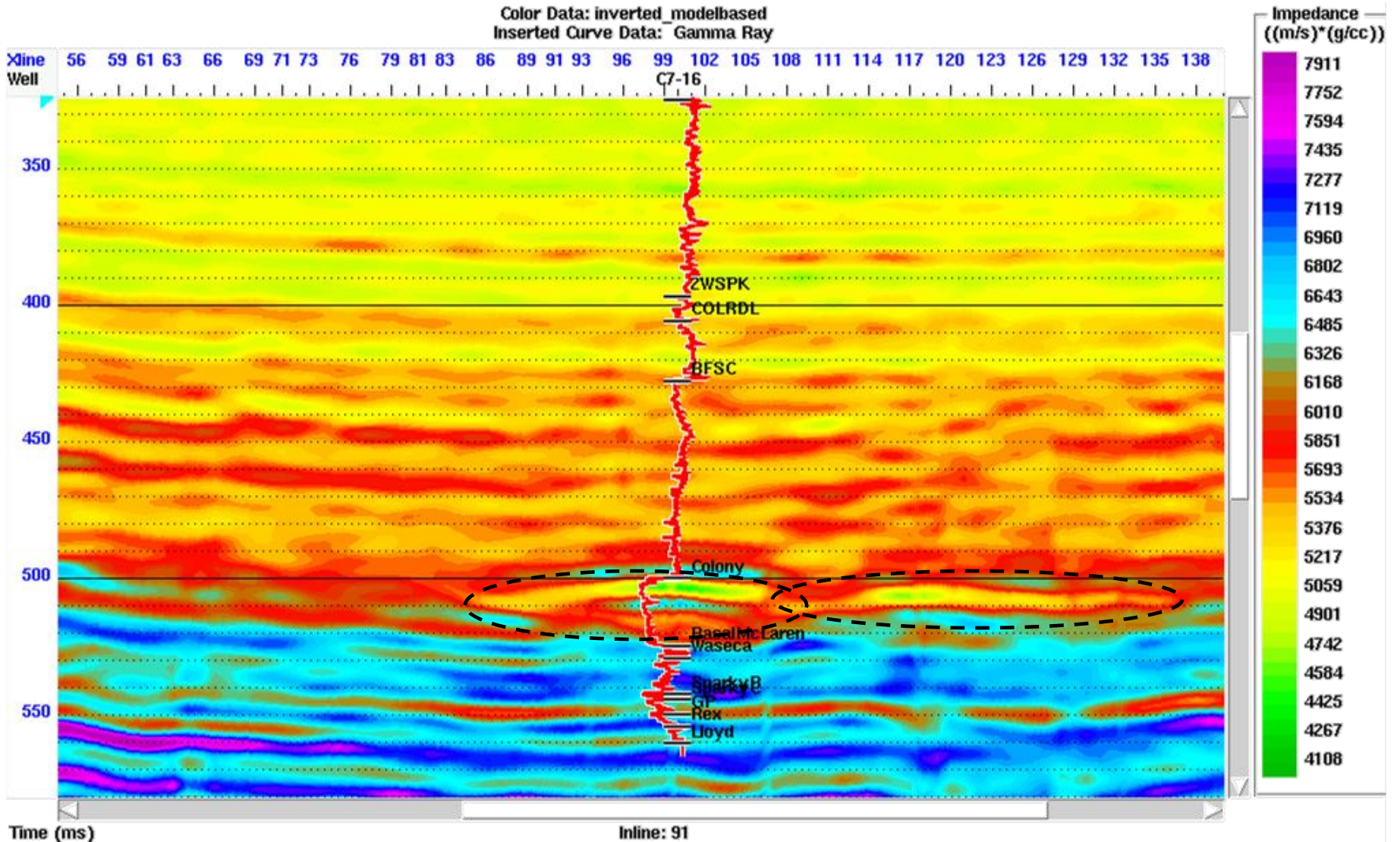
- ◆ Initial model using impedance from 2 wells and high cut filter at 10/15 Hz, guided by horizons
- ◆ Wavelet extracted from the seismic, between 400 and 650 ms (Target zone)
- ◆ Hard constrain, 100 % change in impedance



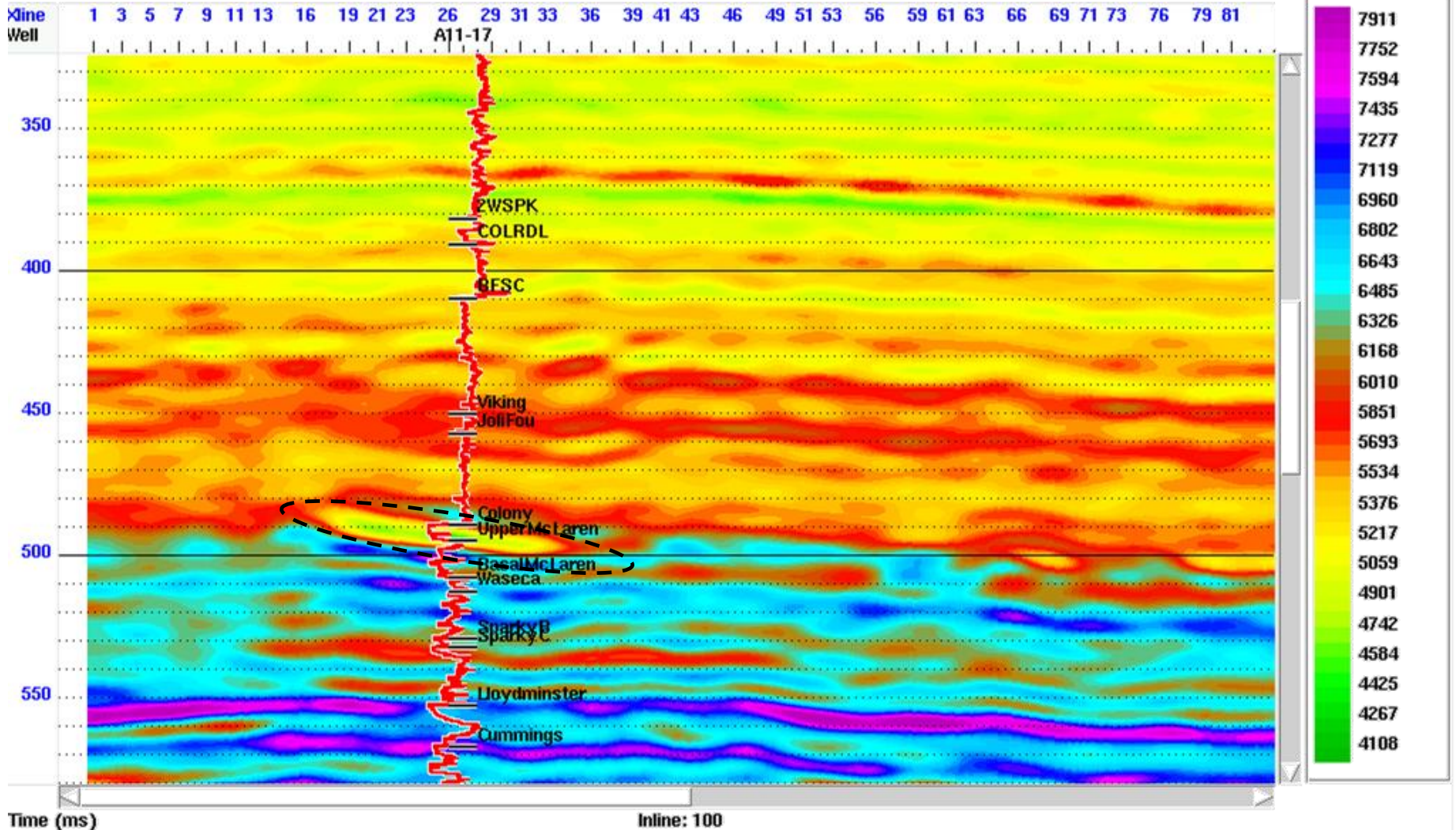
Wavelet Amplitude and Phase Response

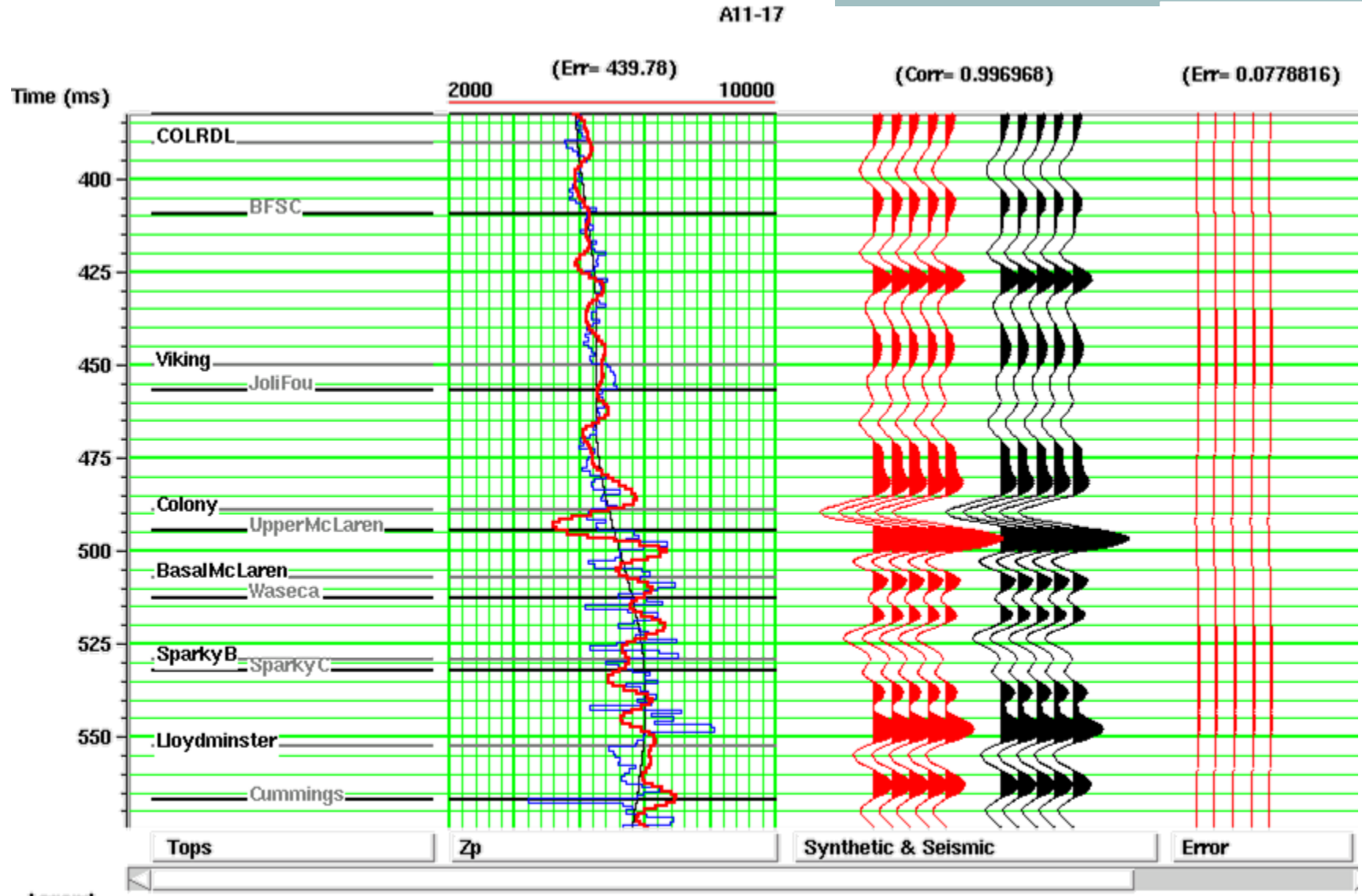






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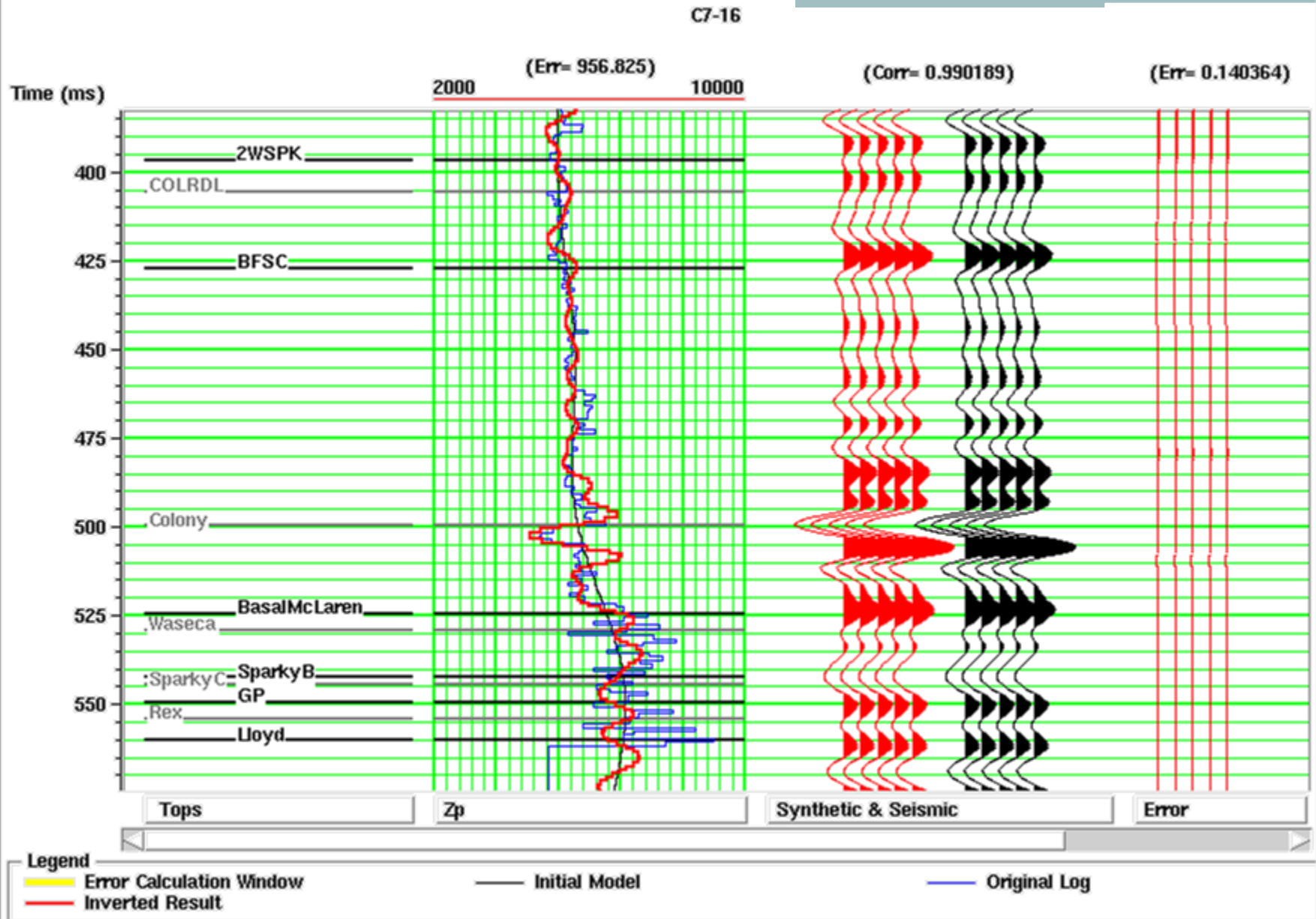


Legend

█ Error Calculation Window  
█ Inverted Result

— Initial Model

— Original Log



- ◆ Shear-wave velocity is the best lithological indicator in the area, showing a change of 500 m/s at the sand/shale interface (Top of the Colony sands).
- ◆ Variations in density are more complex, showing effects of fluid content and lithology. Within the target interval densities below 2.25 g/cm<sup>3</sup> indicate sands.
- ◆ Velocity estimations using Kuster-Toksöz are very sensitive to the choice of pore-aspect ratio. Local geology is a significant issue.

Work in progress:

- ◆ Effective media approach.
- ◆ Density estimations using Emerge.

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