



# Unlocking the shale gas of the Beetaloo Sub-basin

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- Largest independent operator in the Beetaloo Sub-basin
- Listed on the ASX (Code:EEG)
- Operates all its permits

**Asset Status: Appraisal**

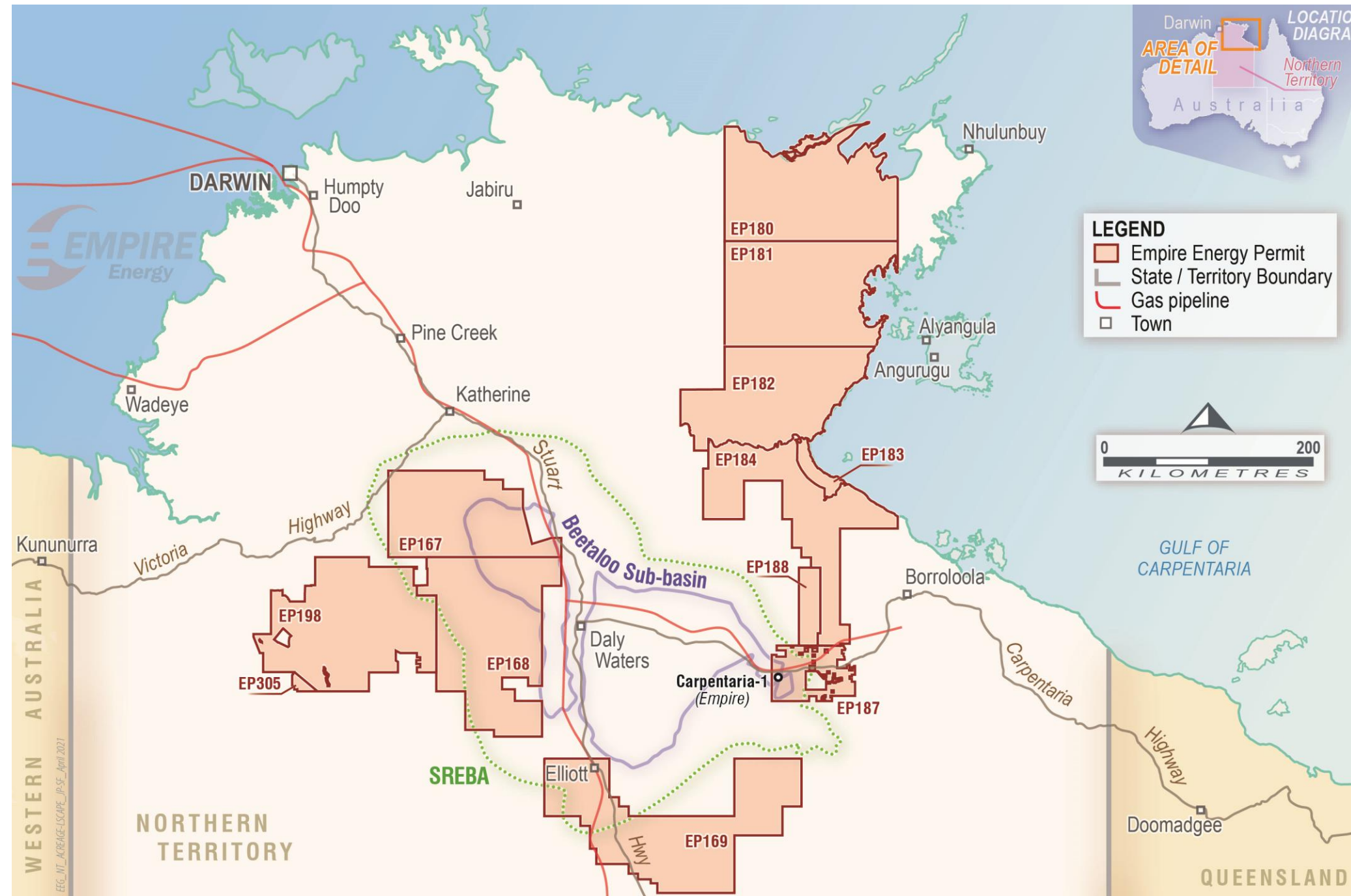




# Key Messages

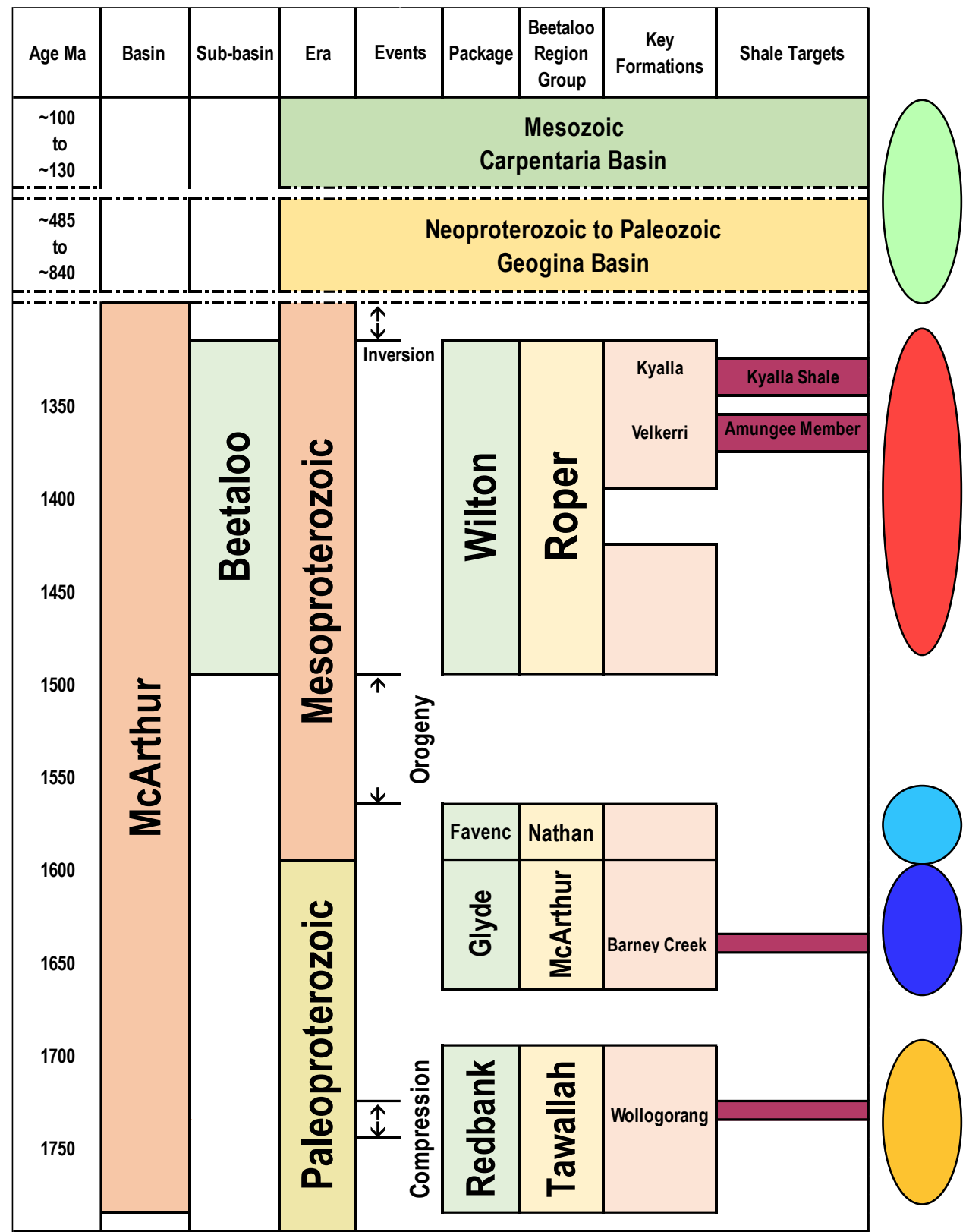
1. Eastern boundary of the Beetaloo Sub-basin shown to extend further east than previously mapped
2. Liquids rich mud gas observed in Carpentaria-1 places more focus on more accurately measuring thermal maturity

# Where the Beetaloo Sub-basin is

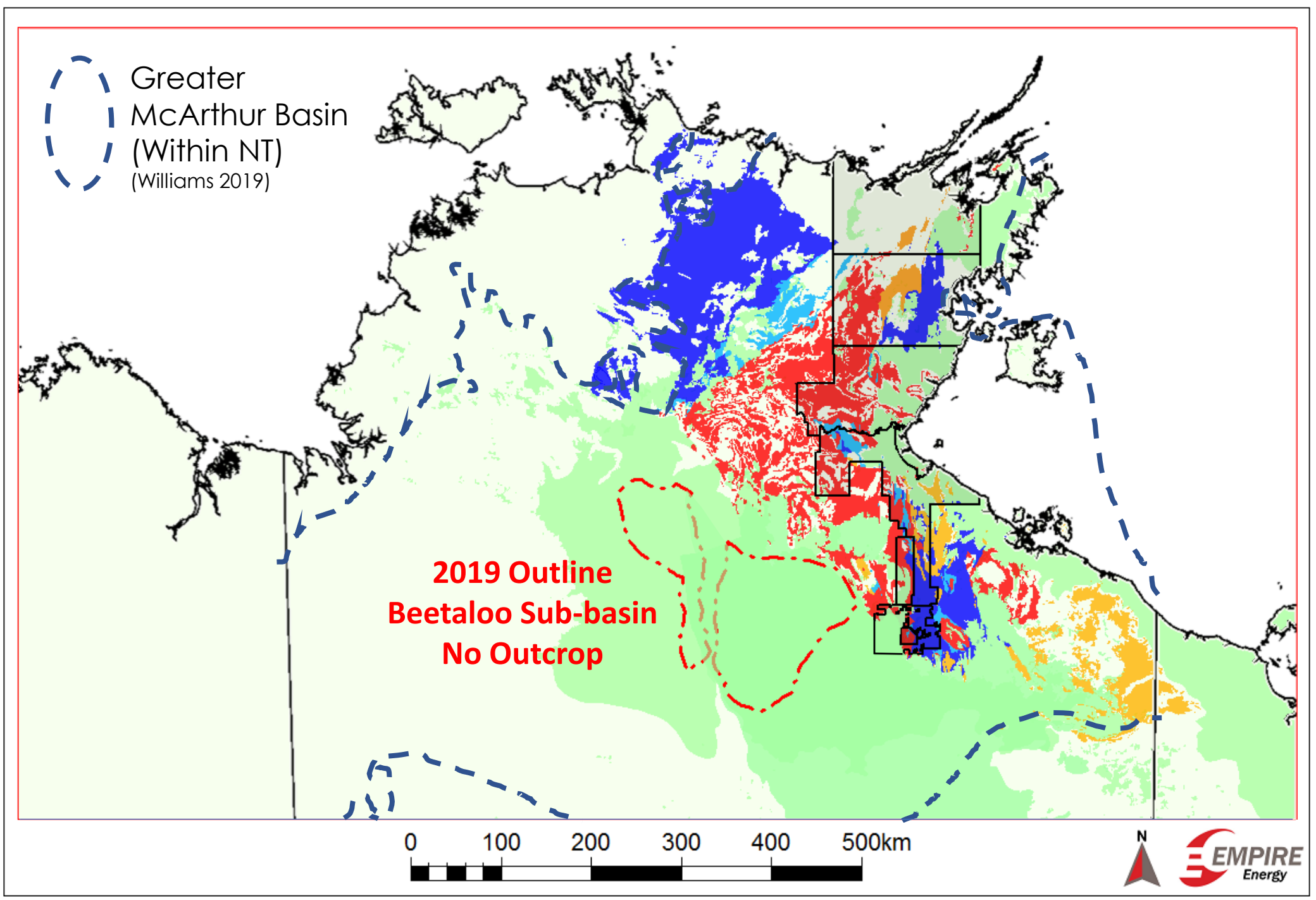


# Beetaloo Sub-basin Location

Simplified Stratigraphic column

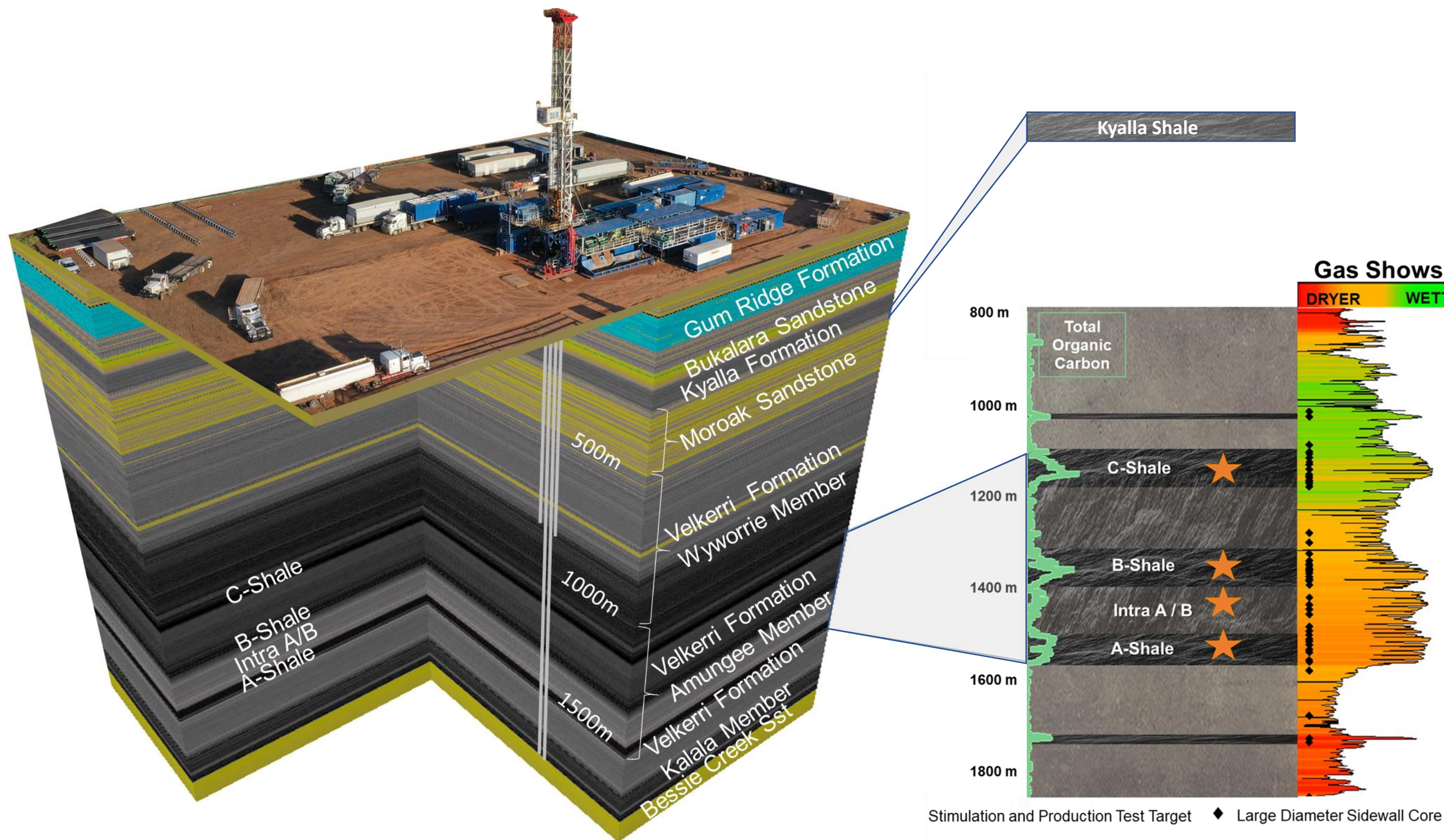


Outcrop Map colour coded by Package





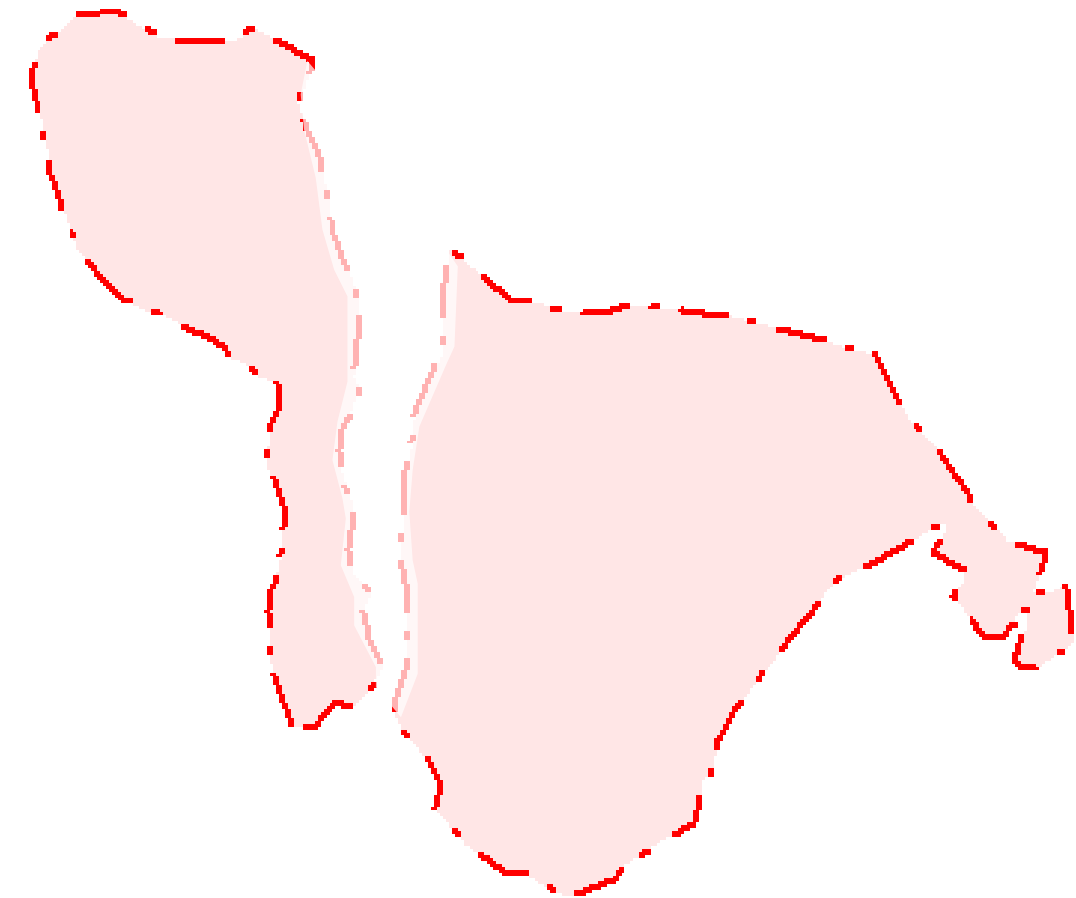
# Shale Targets in the Beetaloo Sub-basin



- Shales are the source of the hydrocarbons
- Shales are the reservoir of the hydrocarbons
- As the shales are buried and heated they generate hydrocarbons
- The shales generate oil first, with greater heat gas is generated
- Some escapes to conventional targets, but some is retained in the shale.



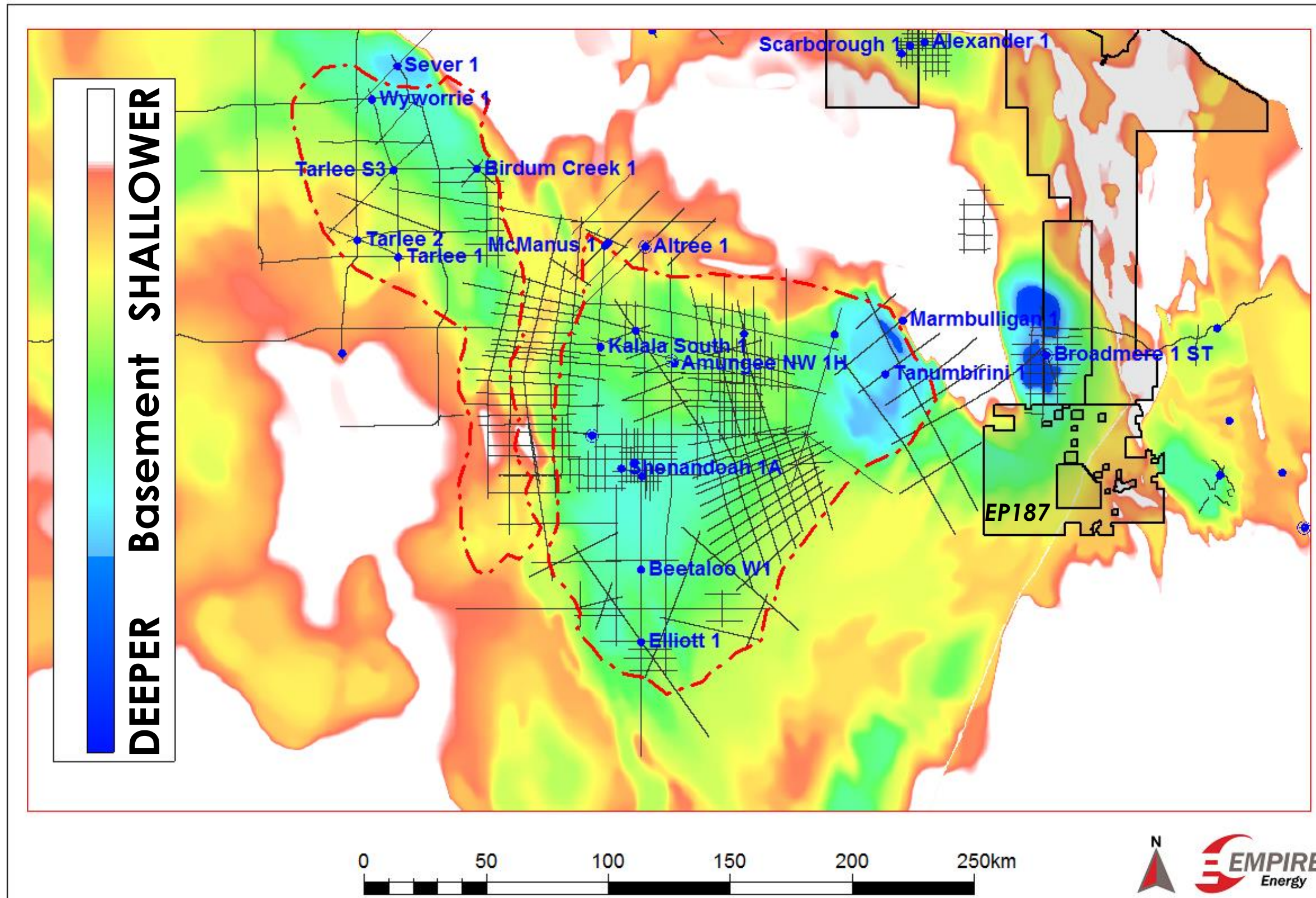
Beetaloo  
Sub-basin  
Eastern  
Extent





# 2019 Beetaloo Sub-basin Boundary

2019 Beetaloo Sub-basin Boundary over SEEBASE depth to Basement



2019 Criterion

Outline constrained by

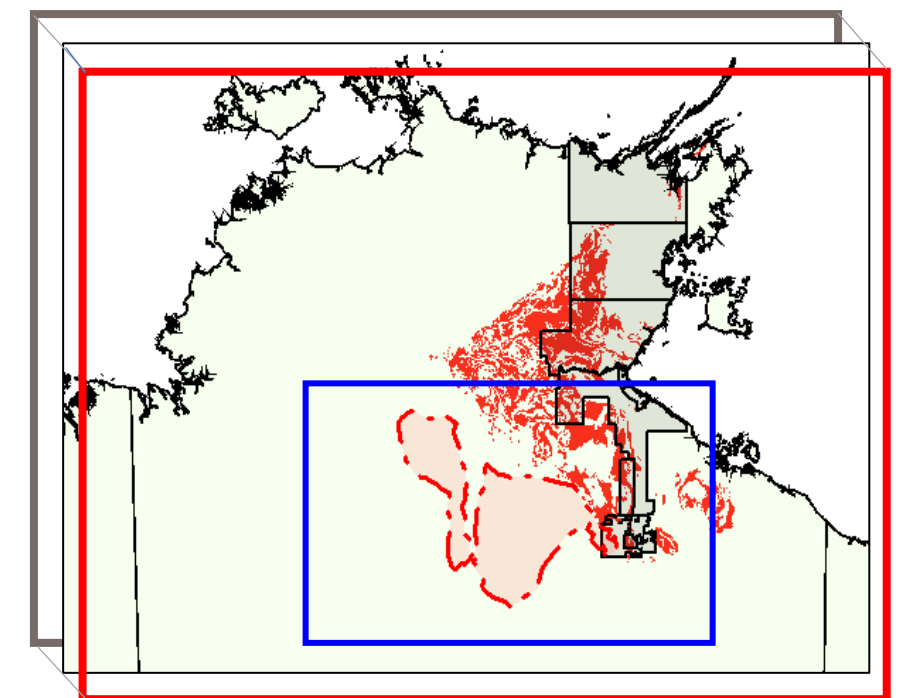
- 26 wells
- 96 seismic lines

Geological Criteria

- Contains Kyalla Formation
- Contains Velkerri formation

Measurement Resolution Criteria

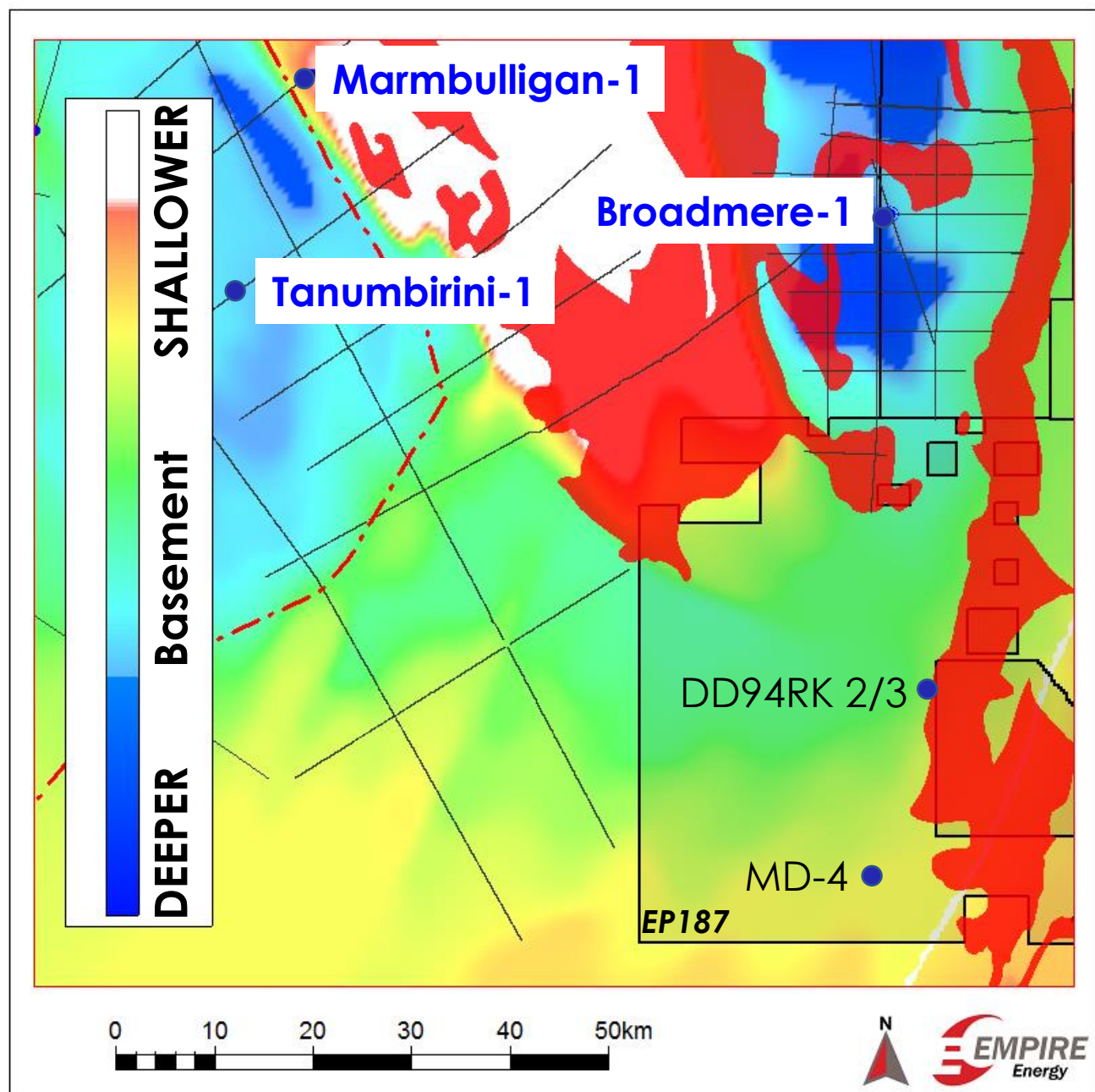
- Top Kyalla Formation 400 m below surface





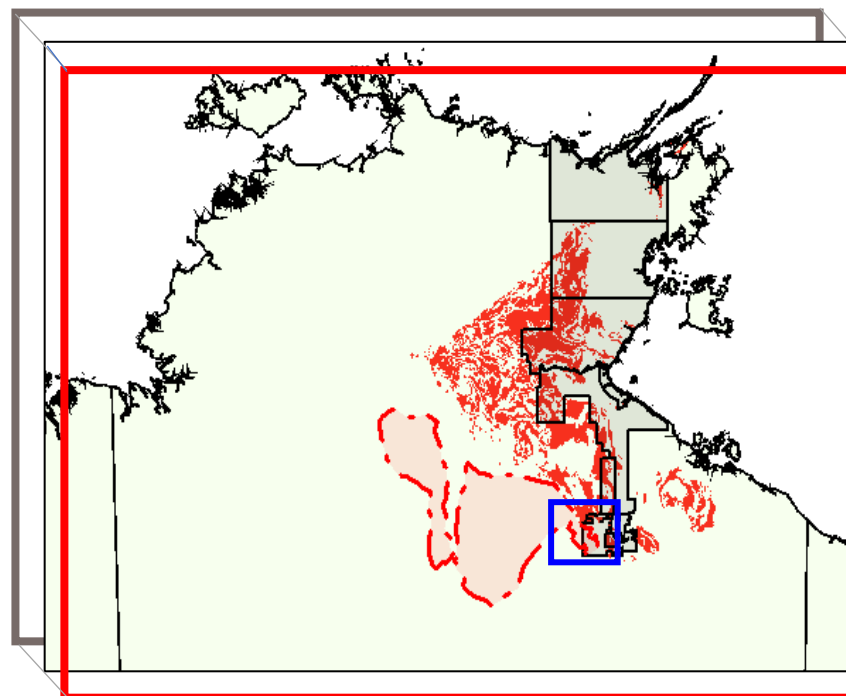
# 2021 Beetaloo Sub-basin boundary

2019

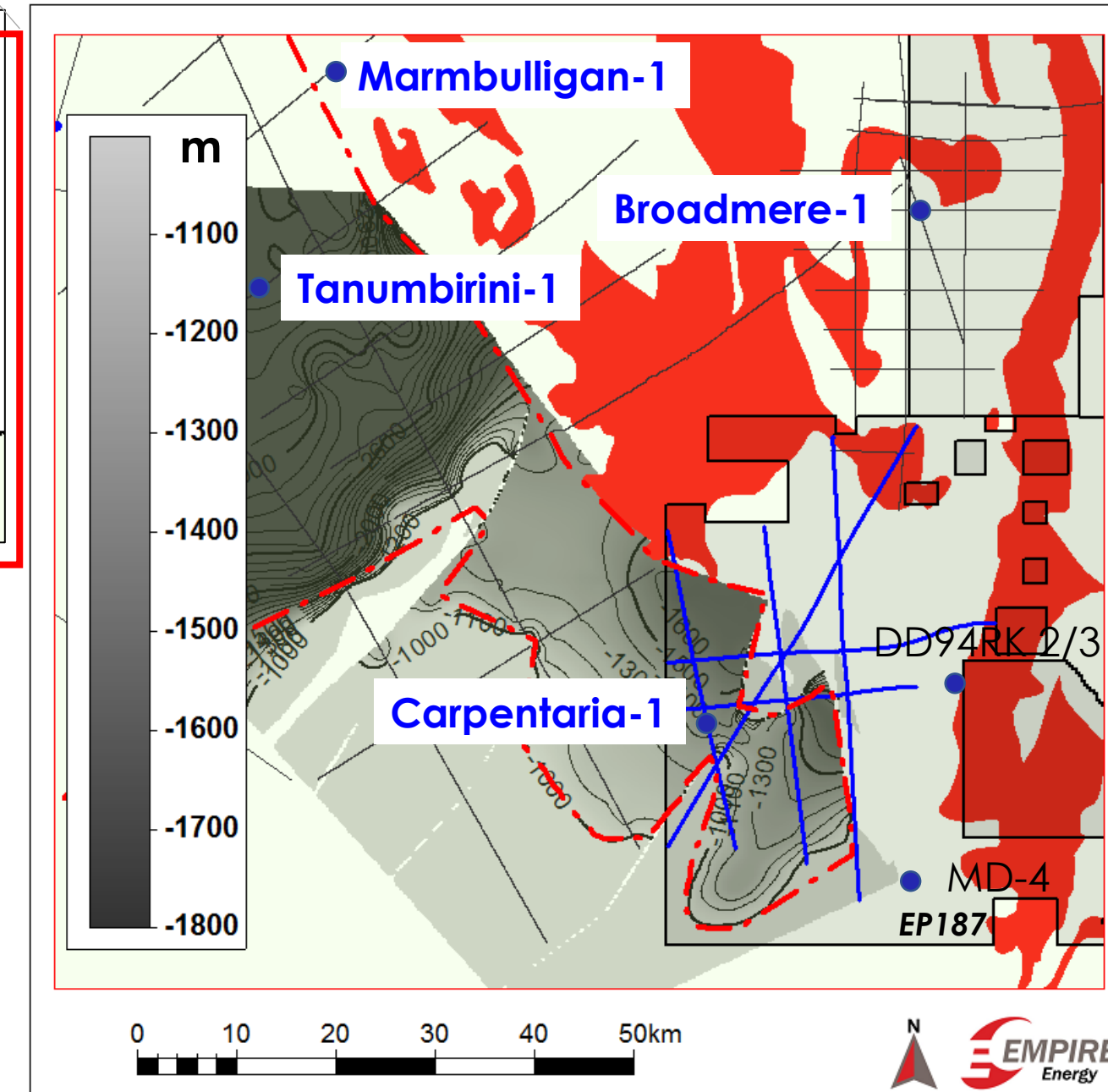


**SEEBASE Map**

2021



Acquired 2D Seismic  
Drilled Carpentaria-1

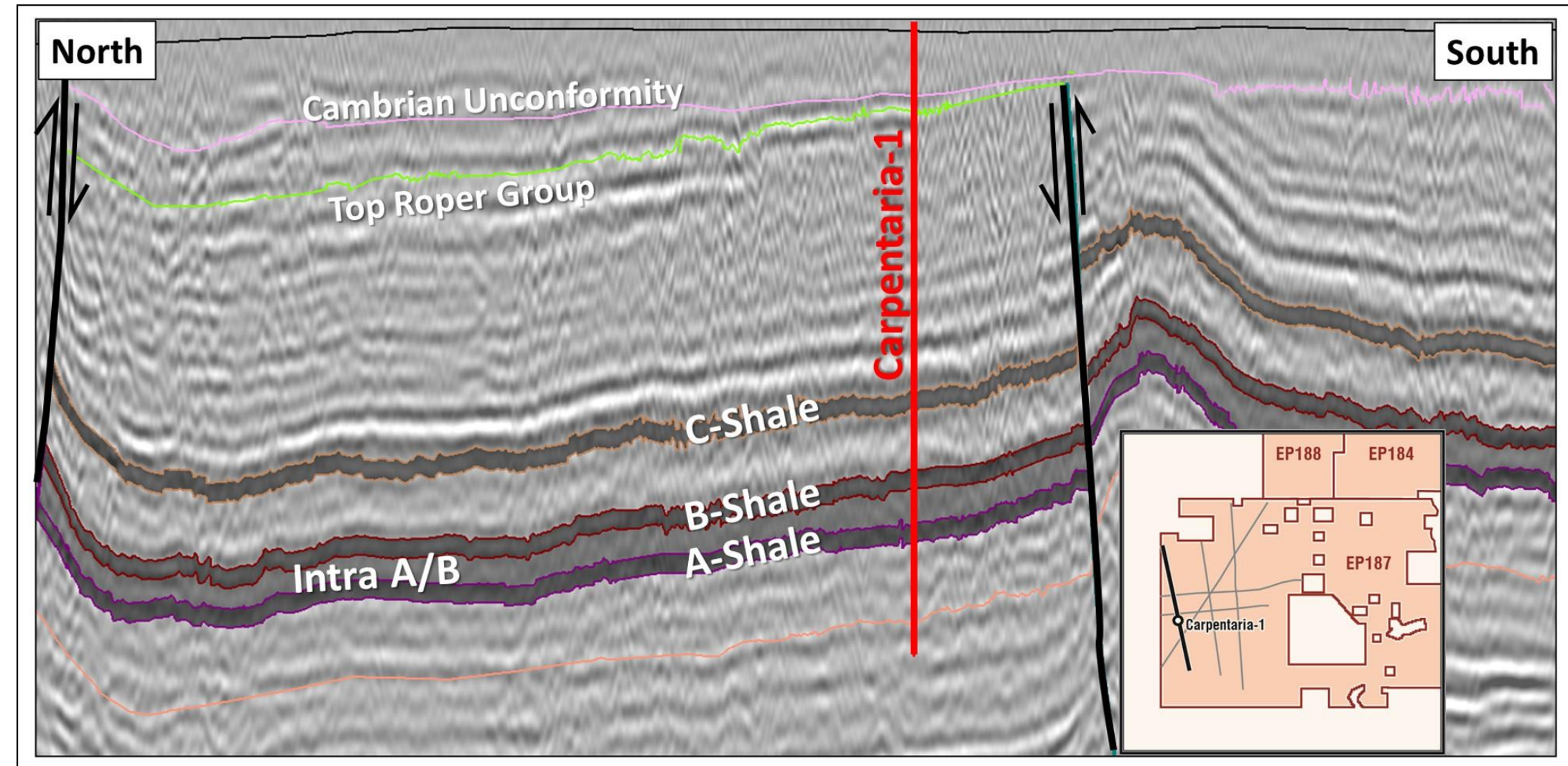
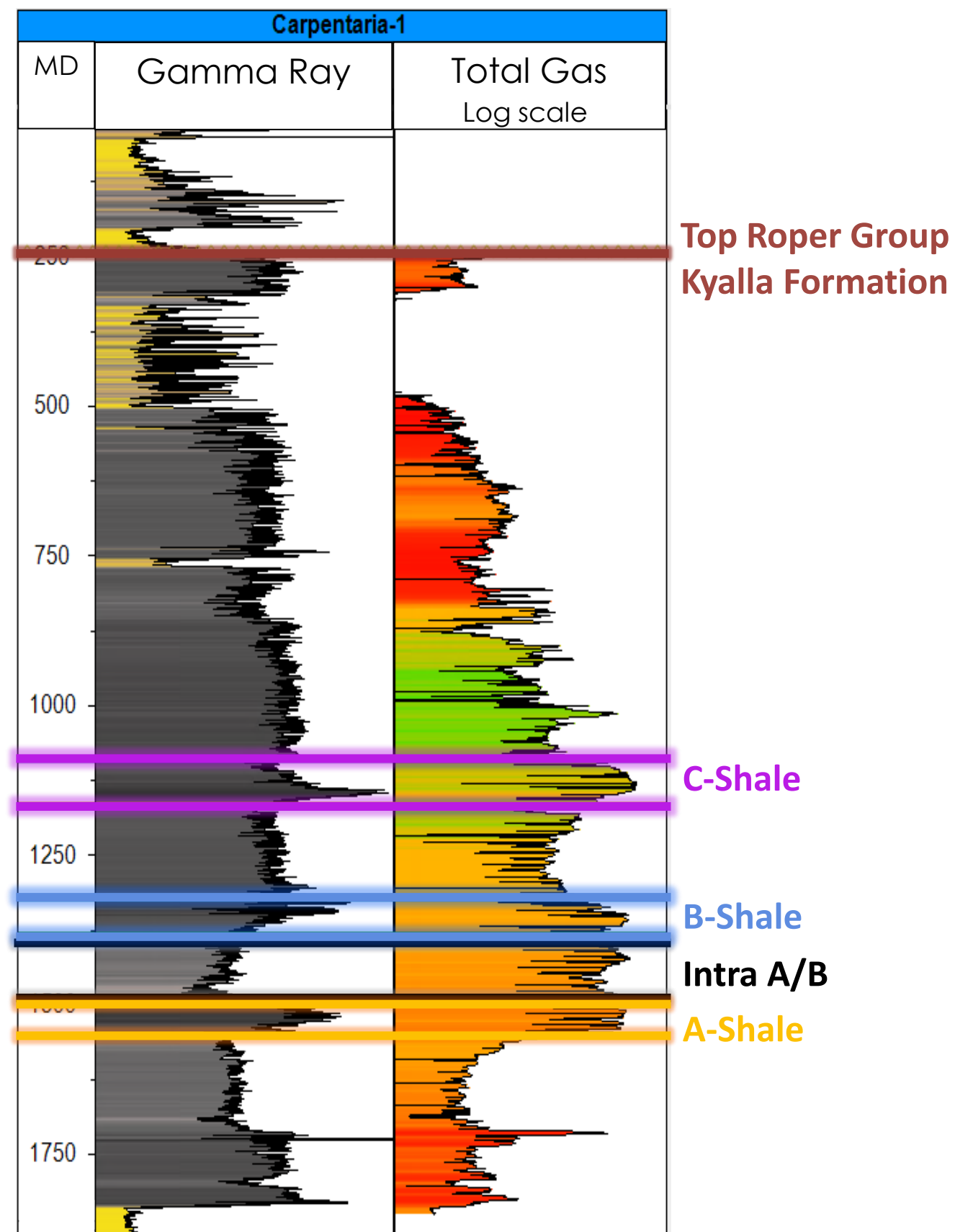


**Depth to Base Velkerri B Shale**

--- Basin Outline  Beetaloo Sub-basin units (Roper) outcrop — Empire 2D Seismic



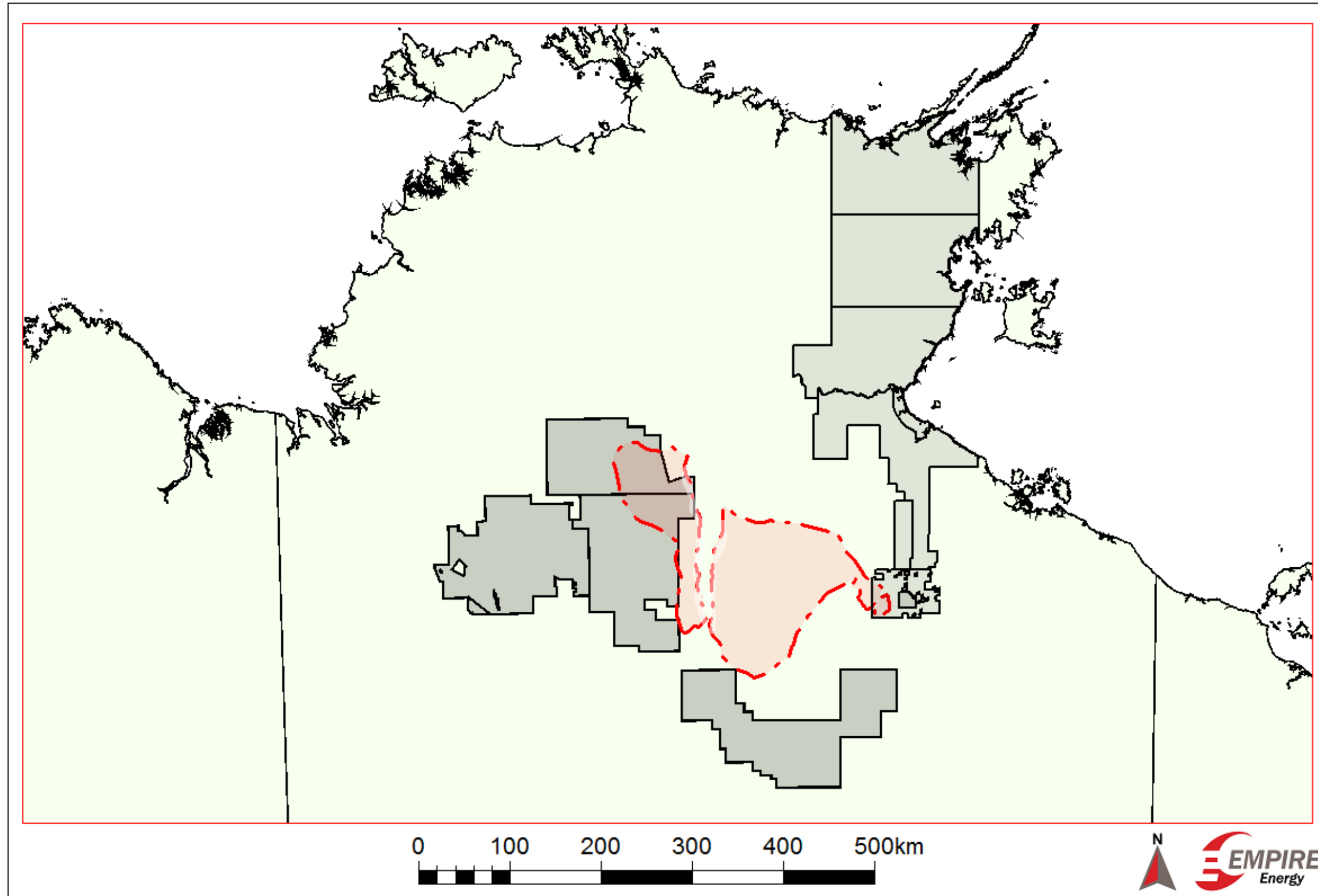
# Beetaloo Sub-basin Eastern Extension



Seismic line 2019-04



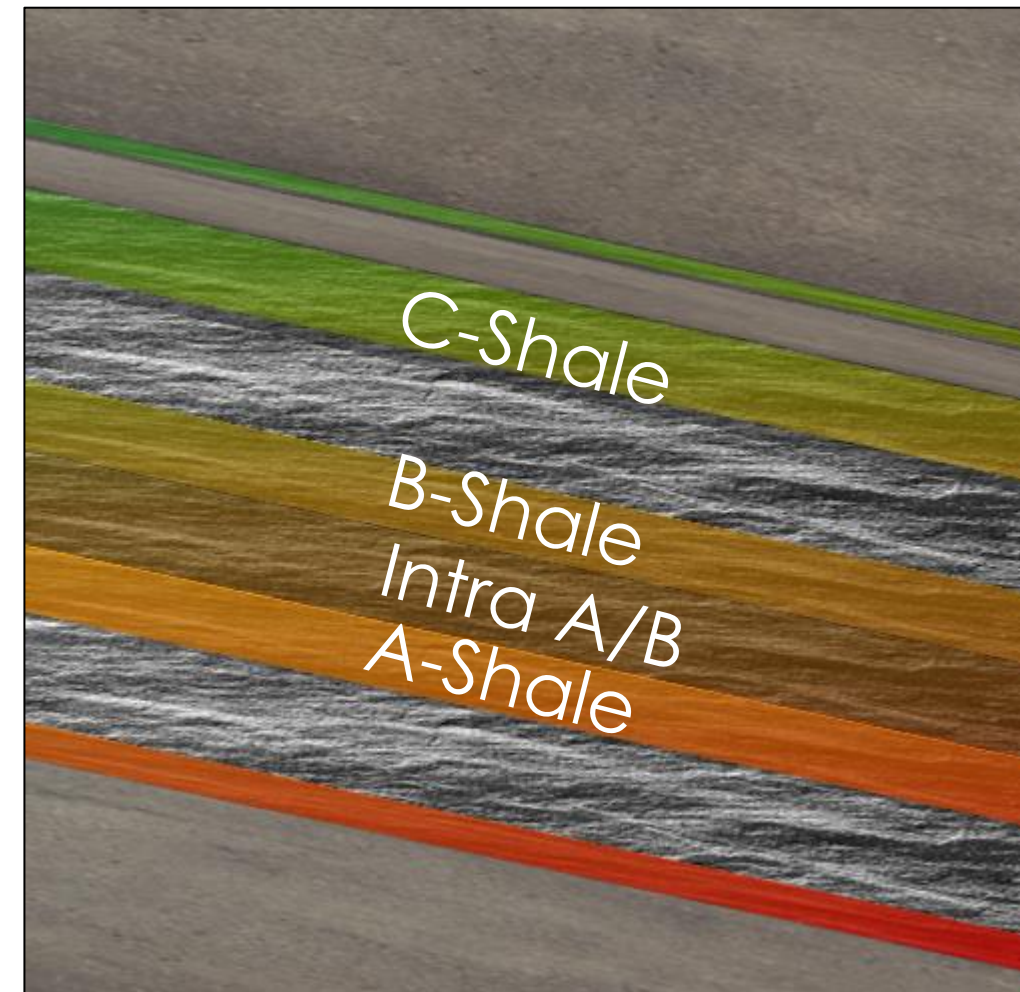
# 2021 Beetaloo Sub-basin



EP198, EP305, EP167, EP168 and EP169 will be acquired through acquisition of Pangaea Resources Northern Territory assets

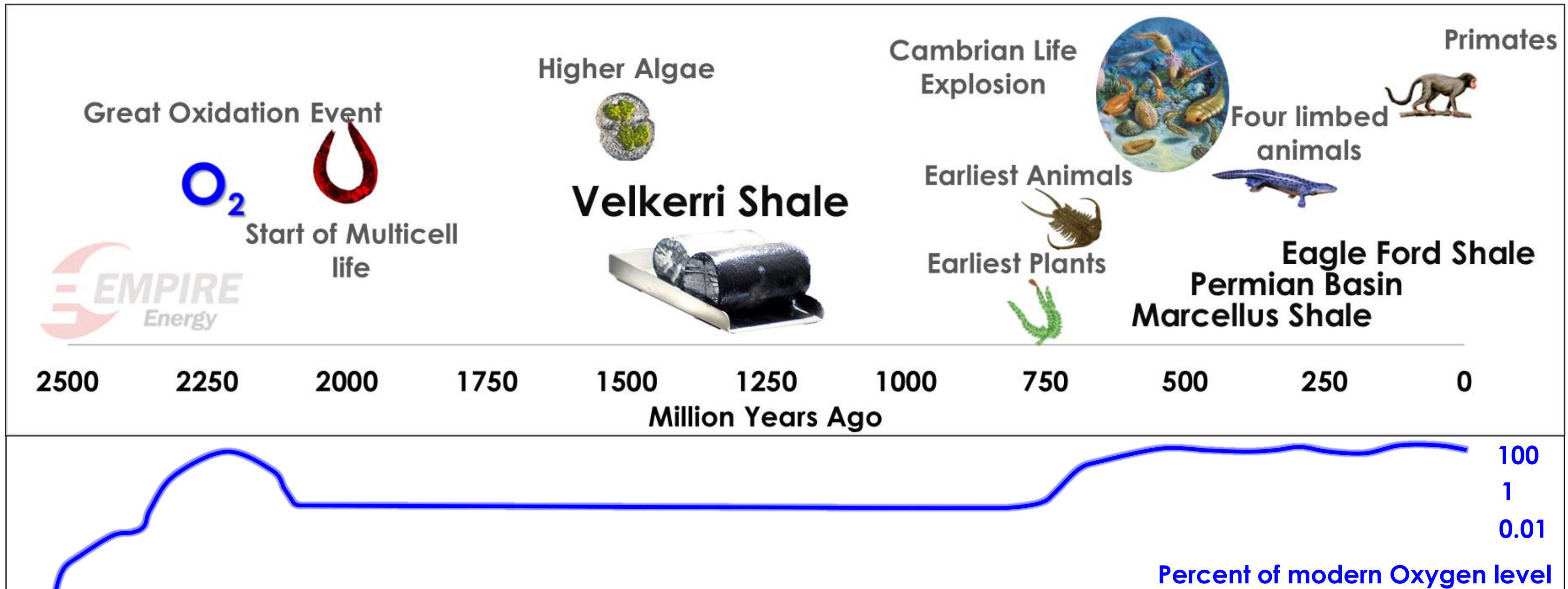


Thermal  
Maturity  
Gas or Liquid  
Hydrocarbons  
or both





# Age of the source Rocks



- Velkerri Shales much older than United States Analogues
  - Both productive USA and Velkerri shales are marine origin
- More simple organic material in the Velkerri shale source rocks due to age
- Velkerri Shales are well persevered due to lower oxygen levels at the time

# Thermal Maturity And Tomatoes



Burial ↓ Heating

Generating Liquid Hydrocarbons  
difficult to produce in tight shales

Burial ↓ Heating

Generating lighter Liquid Hydrocarbons

Burial ↓ Heating

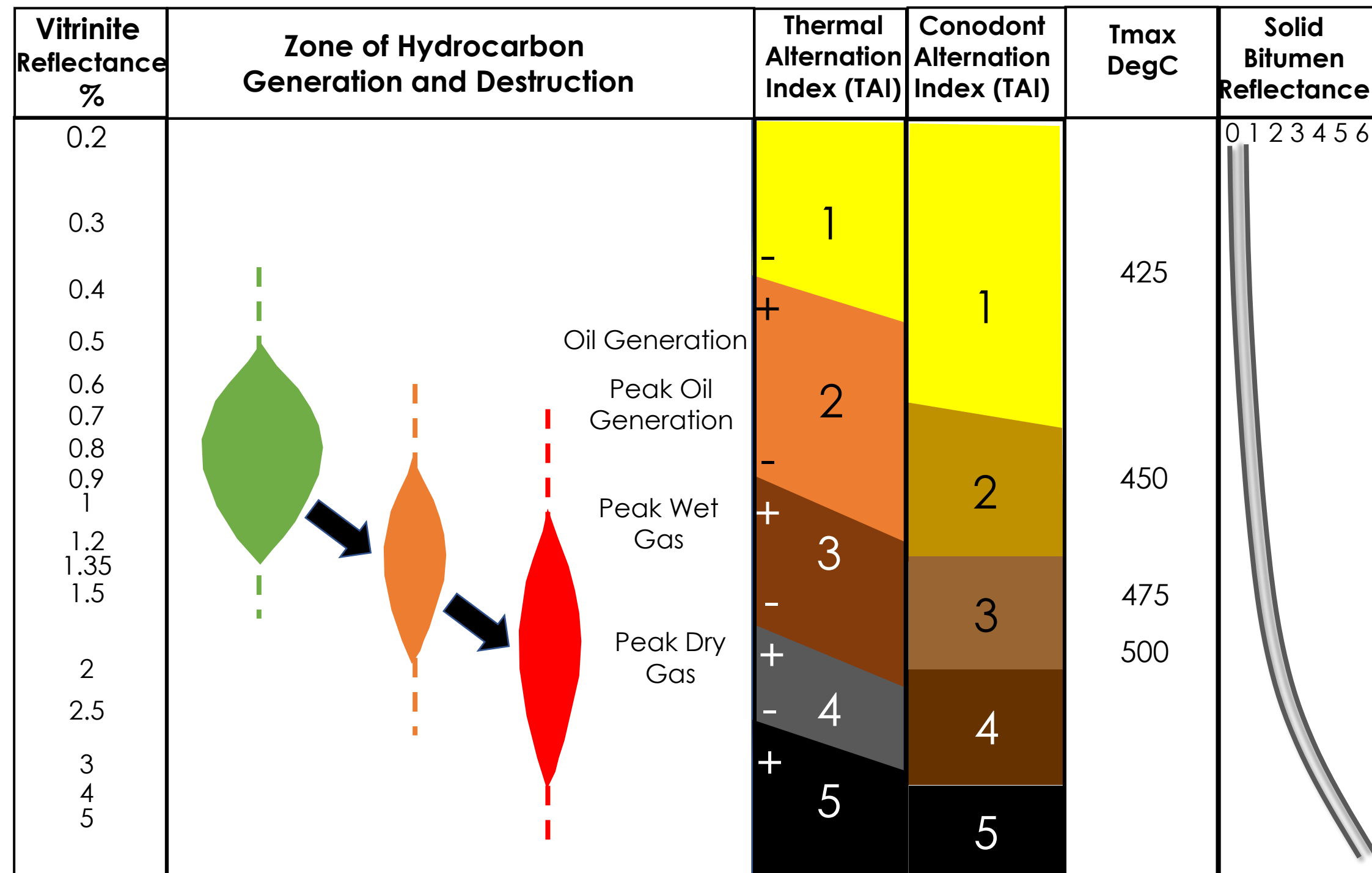
Generating mix of gas and liquid Hydrocarbons  
Gas aids production with liquids improving economics  
***Focus is to determine the optimum ratio of gas and liquids***

Burial ↓ Heating

Generating and converting liquids to dry gas



# Measure of Thermal Maturity - shale



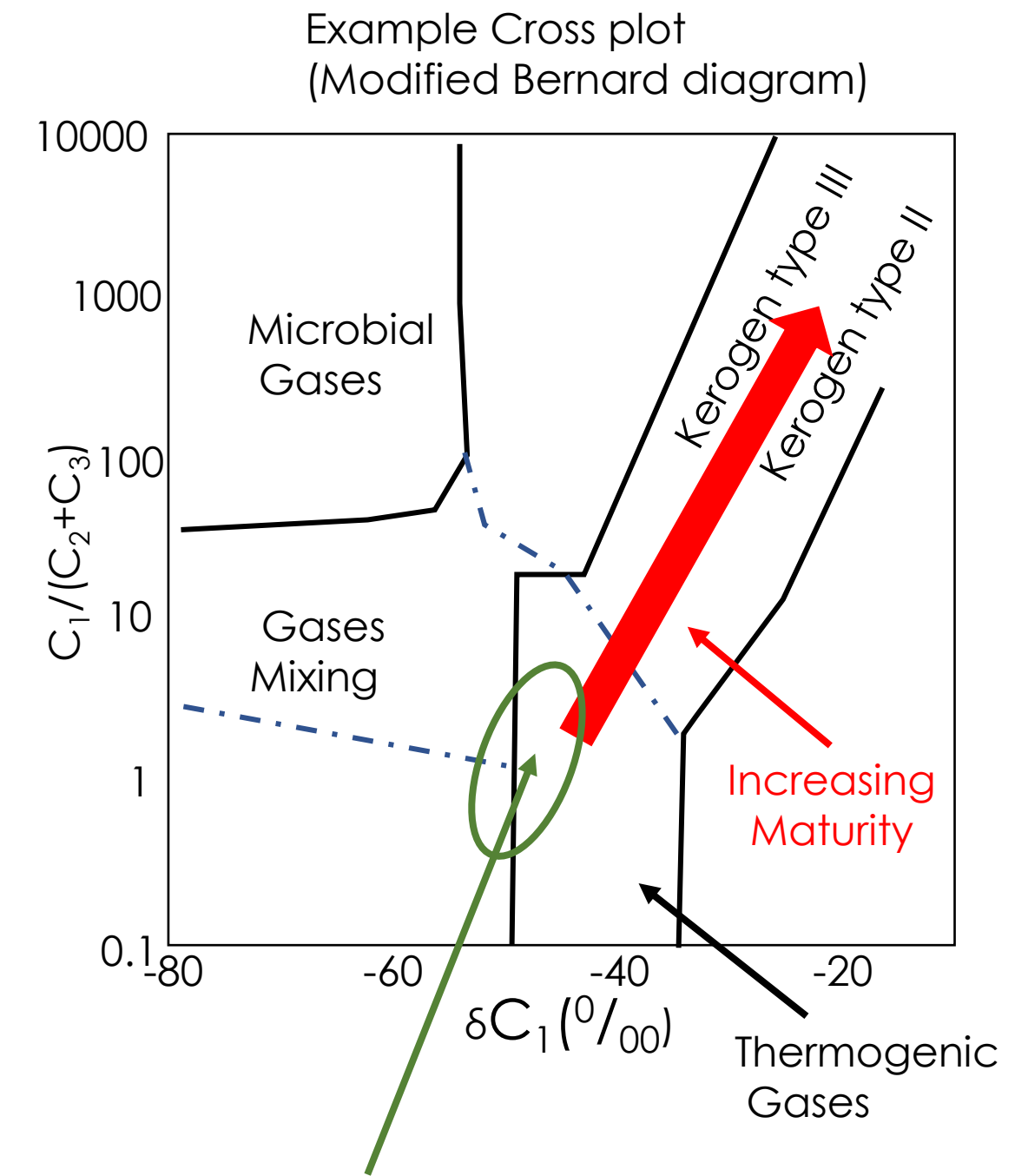
- Measures the rocks directly
- Methods proxy to Vitrinite Reflectance
  - plant based source rock
- Calibrated on limited datasets 1 billion years younger than the Beetaloo Sub-basin



# Measure of Thermal Maturity - gas



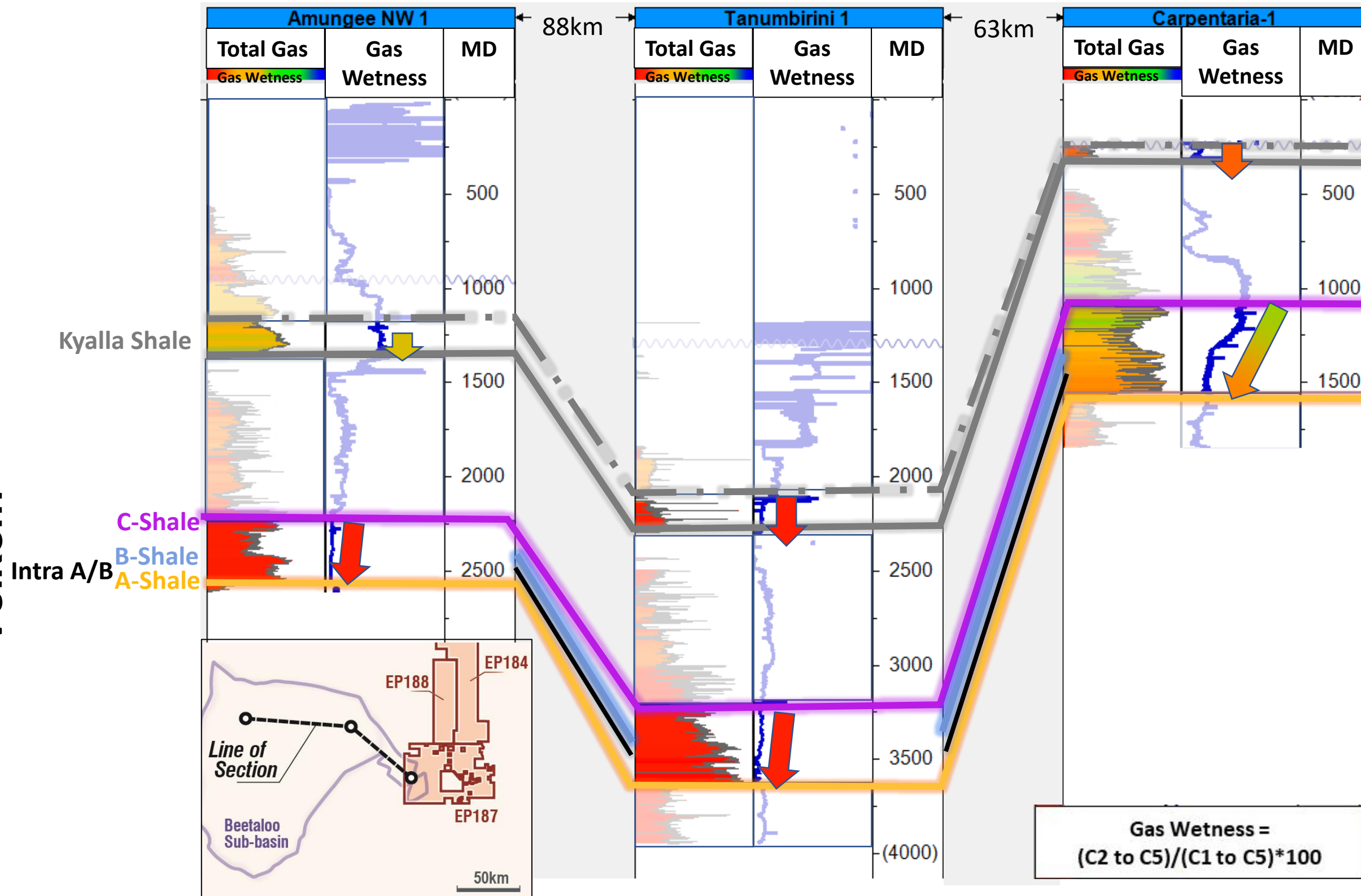
- Method measures the gas directly for thermal maturity
- Captures mudgas samples whilst drilling over regular depth intervals
- Analysis of carbon isotopes provides a proxy for thermal maturity
- Tied back to direct rock measurements
- Calibrated on limited datasets 1 billion years younger than the Beetaloo Sub-basin





# Liquids Rich Gas at Shallower Depths

Velkerri

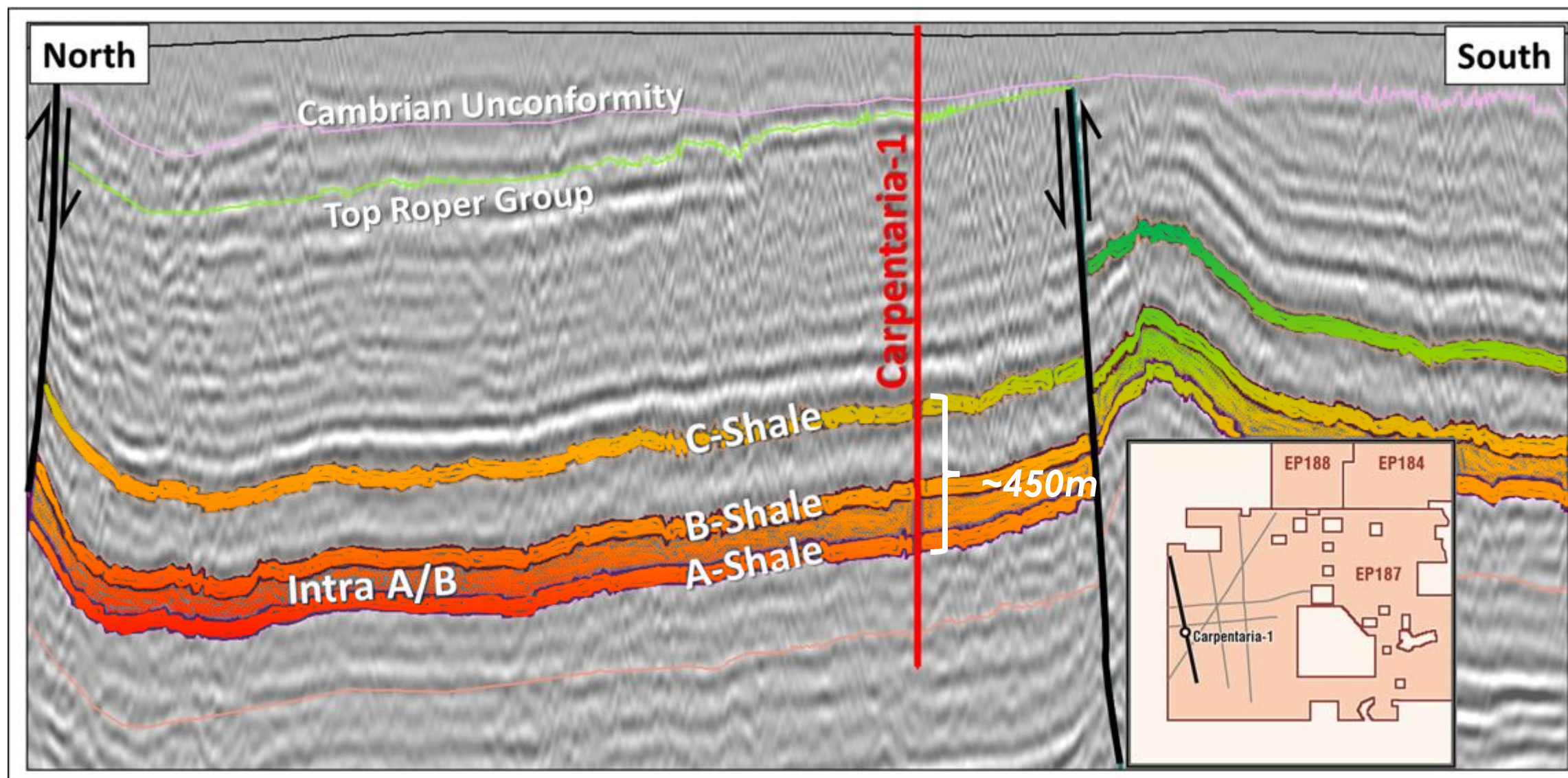


- Mudgas wetness ratios displayed
- Future production testing required to calibrate the interpretation
- With depth and thermal maturity gas becomes dryer with depth
- Liquids to gas gradient is observed in the Carpentaria-1 well
- This gradient likely changes spatially with different burial histories and temperature

Colour scale of gas wetness, although based on actual gas ratios, is illustrative only.

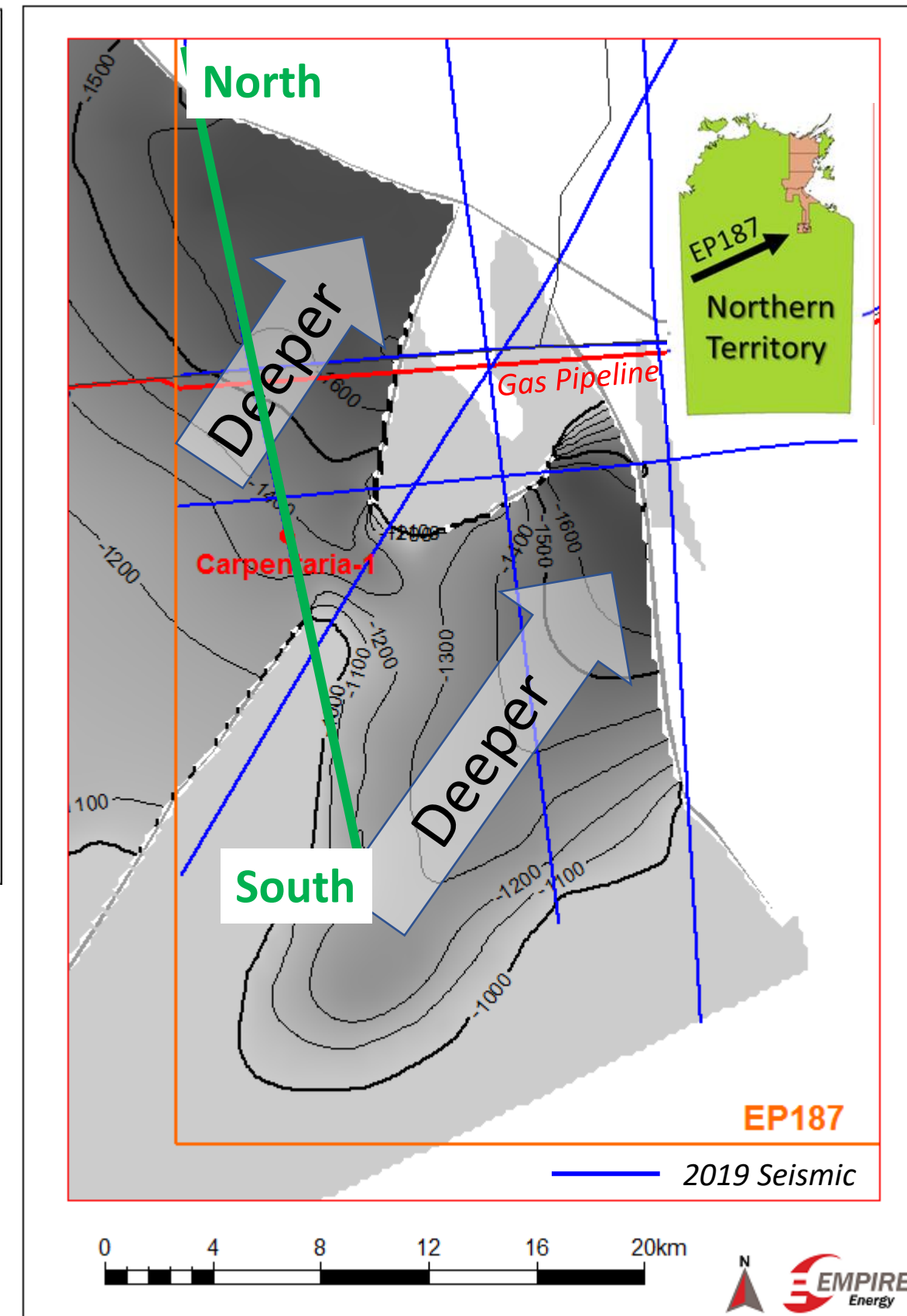


# Why we want to know thermal maturity?



**DRYER**  $\longleftrightarrow$  Hydrocarbons  $\longleftrightarrow$  **LIQUIDS**

- Velkerri stacked Shale play
- We need to come up with a method of predicting gas and liquids ratios away from well control
- Shopping list of liquids rich gas targets





# Key Takeaways

1. Eastern boundary of the Beetaloo Sub-basin shown to extend to the east
2. Liquids rich mud gas observed in the stacked Velkerri shale at Carpentaria-1 provides multiple target options





Exploring the Future  
in the Territory Today

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