

# Planning a Drilling Campaign in a Petroleum Province Using High Resolution 3D Seismic Data – IODP Proposal 909

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- IODP Proposal 909 aims to drill 7 sites across the NW Greenland continental shelf to study the evolution of the Greenland Ice Sheet.
- A geohazard assessment workflow was conducted to identify numerous drilling hazards associated with a frontier petroleum province and glaciated margin.
- The assessment was used to fine-tune sites that were originally selected on regional 2D seismic data to superior and safer locations.

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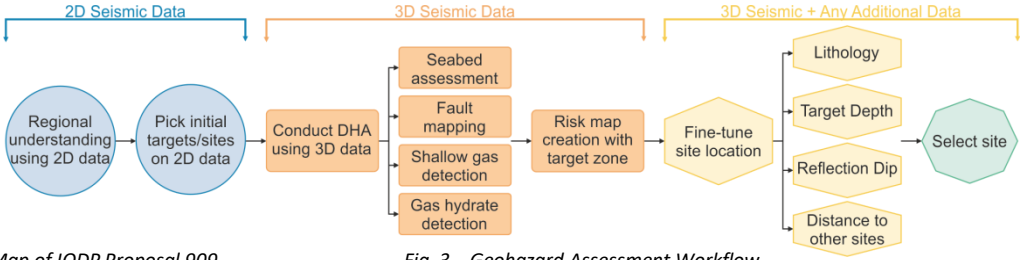


Fig. 1 – Location Map of IODP Proposal 909

Fig. 3 – Geohazard Assessment Workflow

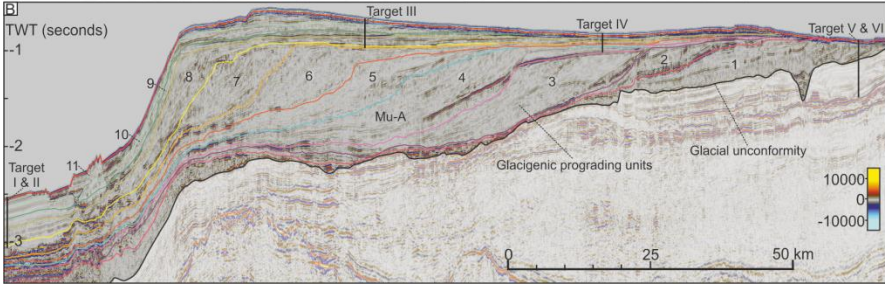
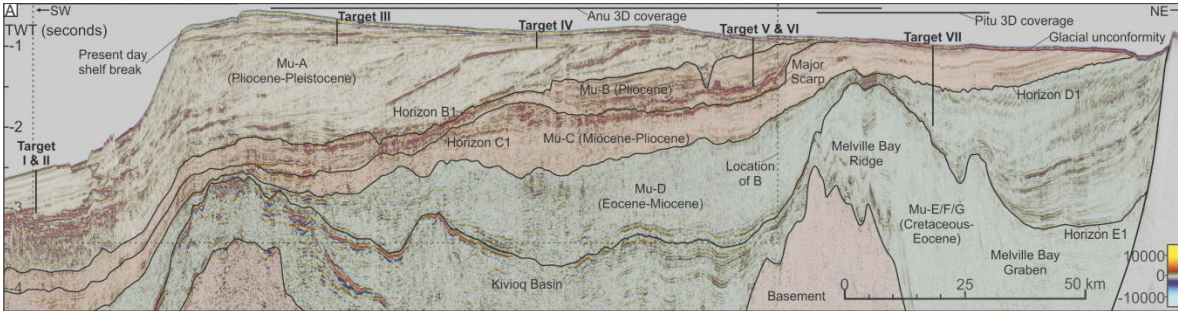
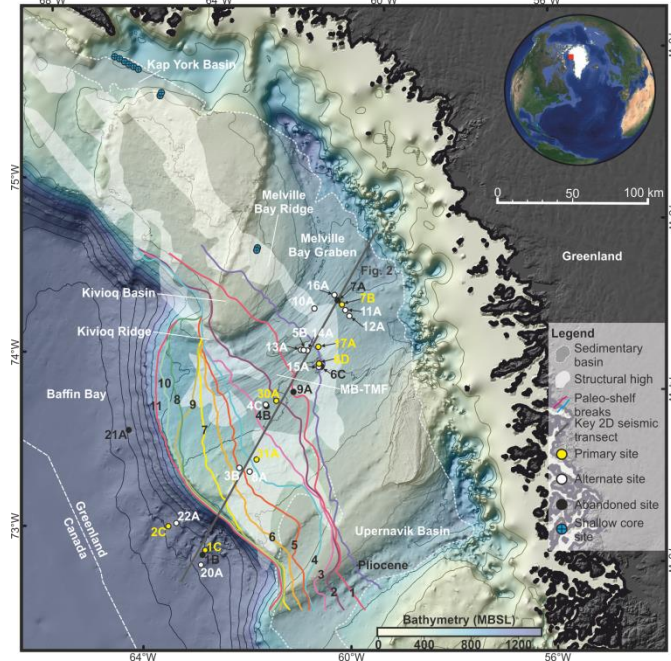


Fig. 2 – Regional stratigraphy  
Seismic data courtesy of TGS.

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Target	Stratigraphy		Priority	Depth Target (m)	Seismic Data Coverage			Result of Geo- hazard Assessment	Notes
	Targeted	Site Name (MB-)			2D	3D	UHR		
I	Mu-A	23A	Primary	422			✓	-	Primary due to high reflection continuity
	(su. 9, 10 & 11)	1C	Alternate	473	✓		✓	-	
		20A	Alternate	450	✓		✓	-	
		1B	Abandoned	-	✓		✓	-	Ab. to avoid amplitude anomaly at TD
II	Mu-A	2C	Primary	522	✓		✓	-	
	(su. 8)	22A	Alternate	611	✓		✓	-	Ab. considered due to lithology concerns
		21A	Abandoned	-	✓			-	Ab. due to location on lower fan wedge
III	Mu-A	31A	Primary	282	✓	✓	✓	Confirm	
	(su. 6, 7 & 8)	8A	Alternate	370	✓	✓	✓	Confirm	
		3B	Alternate	375	✓	✓	✓	Confirm	
IV	Mu-A	30A	Primary	303	✓	✓	✓	Confirm	
	(su. 4, 5 & 6)	4C	Alternate	305		✓	✓	Confirm	
		4B	Abandoned	-	✓	✓	✓	Abandon	Ab. due to amendment to MB-30A
		9A	Abandoned	-	✓	✓	✓	Abandon	
V	Mu-A (su. 1)	17A (Op 1)	Primary	224	✓	✓	✓	Select	Superior site to original primary
	and -B	5B	Alternate	520	✓	✓	✓	Confirm	Old primary
		13A	Alternate	540		✓		Select	
		14A	Alternate	510		✓		Select	
VI	Mu-B and -C	6D	Primary	561	✓	✓	✓	Amend	Plan to drill before Target V
		17A (Op 2)	Alternate	411	✓	✓	✓	Select	Additional depth to Target V primary
		15A	Alternate	648		✓		Select	
		6C	Abandoned	-		✓	✓	Abandon	Ab. due to potential gas anomalies
VII	Mu-C and -D	7B	Primary	978	✓	✓	✓	Amend	
		16A	Alternate	1089		✓		Select	
		11A	Alternate	1200		✓		Select	
		12A	Alternate	1186		✓		Select	
		10A	Alternate	1288	✓	✓		Confirm	
		7A	Abandoned	-	✓	✓	✓	Abandon	Ab. due to several reasons

*Table 1 – Site information table for IODP Proposal 909, highlighting the results of the geohazard assessment workflow. The ticks indicate the seismic data coverage at each site while the red coloured ticks denote which data was used primarily for initial site selection.*



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