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HigherEducation@wiley.com for more information. Advances in Sequence Stratigraphy, Volume Two covers current research across a wide range of stratigraphic disciplines, providing information on the most recent developments for the geoscientific research community. Chapters in this volume include Sequence Stratigraphy – Oman, Sequence Stratigraphy and diagenesis, Sequence Stratigraphy of Siliciclastic Systems, Upper Devonian Biostratigraphy, Event Stratigraphy and Late Frasnian Kellwasser Extinction Bio-events in the Iowa Basin: Western Euramerica, Sea-level change and Sequence Stratigraphy, Sequence Stratigraphy: A Material-based Approach Versus A Time-Based Approach, and Anisian-Ladinian marker horizon: Implications for sequence stratigraphy and intra-tethyan correlation. This fully commissioned review publication aims to foster and convey progress in stratigraphy, including geochronology, magnetostratigraphy, lithostratigraphy, event-stratigraphy, isotope stratigraphy, astrochronology, climatostratigraphy, seismic stratigraphy, biostratigraphy, ice core chronology, cyclostratigraphy, palaeoceanography, sequence stratigraphy, and more. Contains contributions from leading authorities in the field Informs and updates on all the latest developments in the field Aims to foster and convey progress in stratigraphy, including geochronology, magnetostratigraphy, lithostratigraphy, event-stratigraphy, and more This book discusses the geology, hydrogeology, and water quality/geochemistry of karst systems in geologically young terrain, using the state of Florida as an example. Also discussed are sinkhole-development models; sinkhole risk; eogenetic karst features developed in rocks as young as 125,000 years and as old as 65 million years; and karst landscapes of Florida, including regional geology and geomorphology with important

examples of karst features, such as springs, sinkholes, caves, and other karst landforms. The eogenetic karst of Florida is largely covered and this book extensively discusses the interactions of karst processes with sand- and clay-rich cover materials. Over the last ten years, seismic and sequence stratigraphic studies have emphasized the role of worldwide fluctuations in sea level in controlling patterns of sedimentation. Widely recognized cycles of coastal onlap are thought to have been caused by such global changes. This postgraduate and reference text contains contributions from an international team of specialists. The book is based upon an IAS meeting which focused attention on the situation at active plate margins, covering three major themes: the underlying mechanics and rates of relative sea-level change at active plate margins; the interaction of eustatic and tectonic processes at modern margins; recognition of the products in the sedimentary record and possible criteria for distinguishing global eustatic from local tectonic effects. This book is intended for those studying and working in sedimentology, basin analysis, exploration geophysics and petroleum geology. Carbonate platforms are increasingly being studied using sequence stratigraphic concepts and models borrowed from the study of siliciclastic shelves in passive margin settings. The direct transposition of the stratigraphic model for a siliciclastic shelf to its carbonate counterpart, the carbonate shelf, assumes that the two systems respond in a very similar way to changes of relative sea-level, the interpreted major control upon depositional stacking patterns. Current models depicting the sequence stratigraphic evolution of carbonate shelves are and have been frequently applied without regard for the differences between the siliciclastic and carbonate shelf depositional systems. It is the purpose of this study to test the current sequence stratigraphic model and its assumptions for a carbonate shelf. Carbonate shelves do differ quite fundamentally from their siliciclastic equivalents. The carbonate shelf has the capacity to respond in quite different ways to changes in relative sea-level, compared to siliciclastic systems, as a result of the strong physio-chemical control upon carbonate sedimentation and the potential high rates of carbonate production at the shelf margin in comparison to rates of relative sea-level rise. Carbonate sedimentation rates are also differential across a shelf and highly sensitive to slight environmental changes such as nutrient upwelling and temperature increases or decreases. This can lead to abrupt changes of sedimentation rate not necessarily related to changes of relative sea-level. Because of these differences carbonate shelves can develop stratal patterns similar to siliciclastic settings, but in the majority of cases they are very different. In direct contrast to siliciclastic systems the lowstand systems tract is normally impoverished on the flanks of carbonate shelves. Two different end-members of lowstand sedimentation are distinguished for carbonate shelves and these reflect the inherited morphology of the slope: low angle, mud-dominated slopes are characterized by basin-floor slides and debrites during times of falling relative sea-level and by a relatively large volume autochthonous slope wedge. In direct contrast, high angle slopes are characterized by basin-floor megabreccias and volumetrically very small or even absent autochthonous slope wedges. The carbonate transgressive systems tract can also develop a wide variety of stratal patterns, a reflection of the often complex interplay of variable sedimentation rates and rates of relative sea-level rise. Two different types of geometric stacking pattern are distinguished: type 1 geometries, developed when sedimentation rates are less than rates of relative sea-level rise, and type 2 geometries formed when sedimentation rates are equal to or greater than rates of relative sea-level rise. The highstand systems tract is the time of maximum carbonate production potential and is normally associated with rapid basinwards progradation. For the highstand systems tract two different types of foreslope progradation are distinguished, slope aprons and toe-of-slope aprons. These differences between carbonate and siliciclastic

depositional models suggest that simple application of the previously published models can lead to incorrect interpretation of systems tracts, sequences and therefore relative sea-level curves. Sequence stratigraphic models and concepts are tested by application to the spectacular seismic scale exposures of the mid-Cretaceous Urgonian platform, SE France. The platform is divided into a lower 'regressive' part, the Glandasse Formation and an upper 'transgressive' part the Urgonian Limestone Formation. These are dominated by progradational outer-shelf grainstone facies and aggradational shelf-lagoonal facies respectively. Criteria are developed to identify key surfaces and stratal packages upon the Urgonian platform. On the shelf sequence boundaries are readily defined and are marked by sub-aerial exposure surfaces associated with meteoric diagenesis. Lowstand sedimentation is generally absent, but can be represented by lacustrine facies. Strong erosional truncation is only developed on the shelf if siliciclastics are introduced during lowstand of sea-level. Thus, the transgressive and highstand systems tracts dominate shelf sedimentation but can only be distinguished if a clear flooding surface is developed, and this is not always the case. On the slope large-scale erosional surfaces developed by sedimentary bypass and/or slope collapse can develop at any stage of a sequence and make identification of the sequence boundary more difficult. Similarly, on the basin-floor allochthonous debris derived from slope collapse and/or bypassing is not restricted to times of falling relative sea-level. From the criteria developed for identification of key stratal surfaces and packages a sequence stratigraphy for the Urgonian platform is built. This is placed within the time scale of Haq et al. (1987), and relative sea-level curves for the platform are constructed. These are compared to the eustatic sea-level charts from which they differ significantly. Minimum aggradation rates are also compared to other well known ancient carbonate platforms, from which the Urgonian is shown to have very high sedimentation rates. A lithology-based, sequence stratigraphic framework and depositional model for mixed siliciclastic-carbonate Lower Cretaceous sediments of the North Carolina coastal plain (southeastern U.S.) is proposed. Twenty-five lithofacies are recognized. Ten recurring facies associations are defined, and are merged into siliciclastic - and carbonate-dominated depositional profiles, comprising coastal plain to deep shelf depositional environments. Parasequences are recognized from the well data, and are grouped into parasequence sets indicating progressive progradational or retrogradational (highstand and transgressive systems tracts, respectively) stacking patterns. Lowstand deposits are not recognized, although they probably occur in more basinward positions lying to the east. Seismic reflectors guided correlations between wells, and typically coincided with key sequence stratigraphic surfaces. Three third-order sequences are defined, which are dominated by siliciclastic depositional processes. The late highstand deposits of Sequence 1, however, are carbonate rich. The low relative sea-level conditions during late highstand likely favoured climatic aridity, facilitating carbonate-dominated sedimentation. The Norwegian Continental Shelf (NCS), focus of this special publication, is a prolific hydrocarbon region and both exploration and production activity remains high to this day with a positive production outlook. A key element today and in the future is to couple technological developments to improving our understanding of specific geological situations. The theme of the publication reflects the immense efforts made by all industry operators and their academic partners on the NCS to understand in detail the structural setting, sedimentology and stratigraphy of the hydrocarbon bearing units and their source and seal. The papers cover a wide spectrum of depositional environments ranging from alluvial fans to deepwater fans, in almost every climate type from arid through humid to glacial, and in a variety of tectonic settings. Special attention is given to the integration of both analogue studies and process-based models with the insights gained from

extensive subsurface datasets. Pursuing an innovative, global approach, this unique book provides an updated review of the geology of Iberia and its continental margins from a geodynamic perspective. Owing to its location close to successive plate margins, Iberia has played a pivotal role in the geodynamic evolution of the Gondwanan, Rheic, Pangea, Tethys and Eurasian plates over the last 600 Ma of Earth's history. The geological record starts with the amalgamation of Gondwana in the Neoproterozoic, which was succeeded by the rifting and spreading of the Rheic ocean; its demise, which led to the amalgamation of Pangea in the late Paleozoic; the rifting and spreading of several arms of the Neotethys ocean in the Mesozoic Era and their ongoing closure, which was responsible for the Alpine orogeny. The significant advances in the last 20 years have increasingly attracted international interest in exploring the geology of the Iberian Peninsula. This volume focuses on the Cenozoic basins of the Iberian Geology and consequently the most recent sedimentary features in the Iberian Geology apart of the active ones. In this book, you will find a detailed explanation of the alpine foreland basins, the extension of the west Mediterranean as well as the latest magmatism in Iberia. Deep-water (below wave base) processes, although generally hidden from view, shape the sedimentary record of more than 65% of the Earth's surface, including large parts of ancient mountain belts. This book aims to inform advanced-level undergraduate and postgraduate students, and professional Earth scientists with interests in physical oceanography and hydrocarbon exploration and production, about many of the important physical aspects of deep-water (mainly deep-marine) systems. The authors consider transport and deposition in the deep sea, trace-fossil assemblages, and facies stacking patterns as an archive of the underlying controls on deposit architecture (e.g., seismicity, climate change, autocyclicity). Topics include modern and ancient deep-water sedimentary environments, tectonic settings, and how basinal and extra-basinal processes generate the typical characteristics of basin slopes, submarine canyons, contourite mounds and drifts, submarine fans, basin floors and abyssal plains. Recent studies revealed that carbonate slopes can have similar architectural elements as their siliciclastic counterparts. This study uses a large regional 3D seismic dataset to map and quantify carbonate and mixed carbonate-siliciclastic slope architectural elements to generate an updated model of these slope systems. The research area of this project is the upper slope to toe-of-slope region of Miocene carbonates in the Browse Basin of the NW Shelf of Australia covering a total of over 25,000 km² in area. This slope can be divided into three components: (1) a low angle transition between carbonate platform margins and the upper slope; (2) a steep upper slope riddled with low-sinuosity, line-fed canyons; and (3) a low angle lower slope with a mix of sinuous channel-levee systems, mass transport deposits, and slope fans. The slope channels were sourced from large carbonate platforms along the shelf. Slope architectural elements, such as canyons, channel-levee systems, mass transport deposits, and fans, were imaged to extract geomorphic data such as length, gradient, aspect ratio, and sinuosity. Canyons are defined as channels between 0.5 to 1.5 km wide and 80 to 250 m deep that are relatively straight (sinuosity of 1.00-1.14) and set upon the steeper gradients of the upper slope (2.4° - 11°). Some canyons transformed downstream into channel-levee systems, which are narrower and shallower and more sinuous (1.05-1.30), developing on a slope angle of 1.2° - 4.6°. In many cases, the evolution of canyons into channel-levee systems can be clearly observed in seismic data in the middle-outer slope. The development of the channel-levee systems in the lower slope is controlled by slope gradient and concavity. The channel-levee system can be eroded by large mass transport deposits. This high-resolution regional 3D seismic dataset provides an excellent example of a carbonate slope to toe-of-slope morphology that can be used to generate an updated model of such systems and provide a new

analogue for exploring other carbonate slope and basin environments This is a presentation of some of the recent research activities and developments in the field of continental shelf geology. The book is organized around four major themes: stratigraphy and sedimentary geology of siliciclastic shelves; modern siliciclastic shelves - architecture, sea level, tectonics and sediment supply; nearshore and coastal environments; and new techniques in continental shelf research. This book presents an overview of techniques that are available to characterize sedimentary aquifers. Groundwater flow and solute transport are strongly affected by aquifer heterogeneity. Improved aquifer characterization can allow for a better conceptual understanding of aquifer systems, which can lead to more accurate groundwater models and successful water management solutions, such as contaminant remediation and managed aquifer recharge systems. This book has an applied perspective in that it considers the practicality of techniques for actual groundwater management and development projects in terms of costs, technical resources and expertise required, and investigation time. A discussion of the geological causes, types, and scales of aquifer heterogeneity is first provided. Aquifer characterization methods are then discussed, followed by chapters on data upscaling, groundwater modelling, and geostatistics. This book is a must for every practitioner, graduate student, or researcher dealing with aquifer characterization . The stratigraphic concept of a depositional sequence was introduced to the scientific literature by Peter Vail and his colleagues in the late 70s, building on the shoulders of giants like Chamberlain, Sloss and Wheeler. Since then, several papers compared and contrasted the original sequence-stratigraphic school published in the AAPG Memoir 26 in 1977 with other approaches to subdivide the geologic record, as well as, debating the model validity and impact on the community. At its core, the "model" is really a stratigraphic interpretation method, which was never explicitly documented in the literature. The objective of this book is to present the sequence stratigraphic method in its current form in an attempt to clarify its usage and application in diverse geologic data and depositional environments. This publication is the result of more than 3 decades of sequence stratigraphy research and application. The objective is to emphasize the most important aspects of Sequence Stratigraphy-a method to guide geologic interpretation of stratigraphic data (seismic profiles, well-logs, cores and outcrops) across scales (from local to regional and global) and depositional environments (from continental to deep marine). This book in an 11 x 17 format is designed to be easily used for teaching or self-learning experiences. In the second edition of the "Atlas", the book was divided in 2 volumes- Exercises and Solutions-to make it easier to use the publication as text book for sequence stratigraphy courses in universities. Also, a new exercise was added and several of the existing exercises went through major updating and editing. Hardcover plus Foldouts This publication is the result of the SEPM Research Conference on Sandy Microbial Mats (modern and ancient), which was held from May 21-23, 2010, at Dinosaur Ridge, Denver, Colorado, USA. It presents peer reviewed individual case studies on microbial mats and on sedimentary structures (often called 'microbially induced sedimentary structures - MISS') that occur in modern and ancient marine and terrestrial environments. The conference brought together sedimentologists, microbiologists, and paleontologists from 30 countries and all five continents. A comprehensive and richly illustrated overview of the Gulf of Mexico Basin, including its reservoirs, source rocks, tectonics and evolution. Understanding basin-fill evolution and the origin of stratal architectures has traditionally been based on studies of outcrops, well and seismic data, studies of and inferences on qualitative geological processes, and to a lesser extent based on quantitative observations of modern and ancient sedimentary environments. Insight gained on the basis of these studies can increasingly be tested and extended through the application of numerical and

analogue forward models. Present-day stratigraphic forward modelling follows two principle lines: 1) the deterministic process-based approach, ideally with resolution of the fundamental equations of fluid and sediment motion at all scales, and 2) the stochastic approach. The process-based approach leads to improved understanding of the dynamics (physics) of the system, increasing our predictive power of how systems evolve under various forcing conditions unless the system is highly non-linear and hence difficult or perhaps even impossible to predict. The stochastic approach is more direct, relatively simple, and useful for study of more complicated or less-well understood systems. Process-based models, more than stochastic ones, are directly limited by the diversity of temporal and spatial scales and the very incomplete knowledge of how processes operate and interact on the various scales. The papers included in this book demonstrate how cross-fertilization between traditional field studies and analogue and numerical forward modelling expands our understanding of Earth-surface systems. The Fort Worth and Midland Basins in central and West Texas are major petroleum-producing systems in North America. The provenances of the thick Paleozoic sedimentary rocks in both basins are poorly constrained, although they are important to the understanding of these petroleum systems. The siliciclastic grains of the upper Paleozoic in the two basins were proposed to be derived from local sources, including the basin-bounding Ouachita-Marathon orogen and crystalline basement-cored Ancestral Rocky Mountains, or distal source of the Appalachian highland. The distal source requires a transcontinental river system routing along the Appalachian-Ouachita forelands. Here I applied several provenance-tracking methods, including detrital zircon U-Pb geochronology and Lu-Hf isotope composition, sandstone petrography, and mudstone rare-earth element compositions, to the Paleozoic strata in the Fort Worth and Midland Basins in order to reconstruct sediment dispersal patterns in the southern margin of Laurentia, and test the sediment routing hypotheses. The data show that during the Cambrian, sediments were transported by local rivers from basement rocks exposed on the Texas Arch to the northwest of the basins. During the Pennsylvanian-early Permian, sediments were transported by a transcontinental river from the Appalachians in the front of the Appalachian-Ouachita orogen and by local rivers draining the peri-Gondwana terranes incorporated in the Ouachita-Marathon orogen. The late Paleozoic sediment dispersal may be assisted by another transcontinental river linking the Midland Basin and Appalachians through the midcontinent area. These rivers may have brought abundant nutrients into the two basins, promoted algal bloom and contributed organic matter enrichment in the basins. "This memoir grew out of the 2 1/2-day symposium, 'Variations in Depositional Systems Within a Sequence Stratigraphic Framework: Applications to Exploration,' that we organized at the 1991 AAPG annual meeting in Dallas, Texas."--Preface. Regional Geology and Tectonics: Principles of Geologic Analysis, 2nd edition is the first in a three-volume series covering Phanerozoic regional geology and tectonics. The new edition provides updates to the first edition's detailed overview of geologic processes, and includes new sections on plate tectonics, petroleum systems, and new methods of geological analysis. This book provides both professionals and students with the basic principles necessary to grasp the conceptual approaches to hydrocarbon exploration in a wide variety of geological settings globally. Discusses in detail the principles of regional geological analysis and the main geological and geophysical tools Captures and identifies the tectonics of the world in detail, through a series of unique geographic maps, allowing quick access to exact tectonic locations Serves as the ideal introductory overview and complementary reference to the core concepts of regional geology and tectonics offered in volumes 2 and 3 in the series This book, dedicated to carbonate rocks, approaches sequence stratigraphy from its sedimentologic background. It

attempts to communicate by combining different specialities and different lines of reasoning, and by searching for principles underlying the bewildering diversity of carbonate rocks. It provides enough general background, in introductory chapters and appendices, to be easily digestible for sedimentologists and stratigraphers as well as earth scientists at large. Sequence stratigraphy has experienced a virtual explosion of applications in recent years. During that time, the concepts upon which sequence stratigraphy is based have been evolving to conform to new observations as well as new types of data. This volume summarizes the current status of this discipline as it applies to siliciclastic deposits. Its emphasis is on sequence stratigraphy as an 'approach' to geological analysis, rather than as a model to which all data sets must conform. Sequence stratigraphy is a powerful tool for the prediction of depositional porosity and permeability, but does not account for the impact of diagenesis on these reservoir parameters. Therefore, integrating diagenesis and sequence stratigraphy can provide a better way of predicting reservoir quality. This special publication consists of 19 papers (reviews and case studies) exploring different aspects of the integration of diagenesis and sequence stratigraphy in carbonate, siliciclastic, and mixed carbonate-siliciclastic successions from various geological settings. This book will be of interest to sedimentary petrologists aiming to understand the distribution of diagenesis in siliciclastic and carbonate successions, to sequence stratigraphers who can use diagenetic features to recognize and verify interpreted key stratigraphic surfaces, and to petroleum geologists who wish to develop more realistic conceptual models for the spatial and temporal distribution of reservoir quality. This book is part of the International Association of Sedimentologists (IAS) Special Publications. The Special Publications from the IAS are a set of thematic volumes edited by specialists on subjects of central interest to sedimentologists. Papers are reviewed and printed to the same high standards as those published in the journal *Sedimentology* and several of these volumes have become standard works of reference. Sequence stratigraphy has advanced considerably since the early applications of the concepts on seismic data. It attempts to discern the migration of facies resulting from changes in a combination of factors such as, sea level, tectonics, climate and sediment flux, and integrates it with a meaningful chronostratigraphy. The stratigraphic record is envisioned as a framework of repetitive packages of genetically-related strata, formed in response to the shifting base level, in which the locus of deposition of various sediment types may be anticipated. This attribute is rapidly promoting sequence stratigraphy as an indispensable tool for prediction of facies in exploration and production geology. In hydrocarbon exploration the application of sequence stratigraphy has ranged from anticipating reservoir- and source-rock distribution to predicting carbonate diagenesis, porosity and permeability. The capability to anticipate vertical and lateral distribution of facies and reservoir sands in the basinal, shoreface, incised valley-fill and regressive settings alone has been a great asset for exploration. In frontier areas, where data are often limited to seismic lines, sequence-stratigraphic methodology has helped determine the timing and of types of unconformities and anticipate transgressive- and regressive-prone intervals. In production it is aiding in field development by providing improved source and seal predictions for secondary oil recovery. A recognition of stratigraphic causes of poor recovery through improved understanding of internal stratal architecture can lead to new well recompletions and enhanced exploitation in existing fields. The sequence-stratigraphic discipline is in a state of rapid expansion. The *Sedimentary Basins of the United States and Canada, Second Edition*, focuses on the large, regional, sedimentary accumulations in Canada and the United States. Each chapter provides a succinct summary of the tectonic setting and structural and paleogeographic evolution of the basin it covers, with details on structure and stratigraphy. The

book features four new chapters that cover the sedimentary basins of Alaska and the Canadian Arctic. In addition to sedimentary geologists, this updated reference is relevant for basin analysis, regional geology, stratigraphy, and for those working in the hydrocarbon exploration industry. Features updates to existing chapters, along with new chapters on sedimentary basins in Alaska and Arctic Canada Includes nearly 300 detailed, full-color paleogeographic maps Written for general geological audiences and individuals working in the resources sector, particularly those in the fossil fuel industry The book presents a new and comprehensive model for the development of phosphate sediments. Starting with geochemistry and including new methods in sedimentology (sequence stratigraphy), it results in an interdisciplinary approach to a resource system covering all fields of phosphate geology. For researchers, teachers and students alike the book offers a complete overview of the whole field including case studies of major deposits. This unique textbook describes how past changes in sea-level can be detected through an analysis of the sedimentary record. In particular, it concentrates on the current sequence stratigraphy model. It explains this model from basics and shows how the model can be applied to both siliciclastic and carbonate successions. Designed for undergraduate and graduate courses in sequence stratigraphy, as well as for professional courses within the petroleum industry, this full-colour textbook includes numerous features that will aid tutors and students alike. These include detailed case studies demonstrating the practical applications of sequence stratigraphy and set-aside boxes providing supplementary and background information. Bulleted questions and answers are interspersed throughout the text, encouraging students to test their understanding of the material. The book is supported by a website hosting sample pages from the book, selected illustrations to download, and worked exercises. "The stratigraphic concept of a depositional sequence was introduced to the scientific literature by Exxon Production Research Company (EPRco) in the late 70s, building on the shoulders of giants like Chamberlain, Sloss and Wheeler. Since then, several papers compared and contrasted the original Exxon (and later, ExxonMobil) sequence] stratigraphic school with other approaches to subdivide the geologic record, as well as, debating the ExxonMobil model validity and impact on the community. At its core, the Exxon] Mobil gmodel h is really a stratigraphic interpretation method, which was never explicitly documented in the literature. The objective of this book is to present the ExxonMobil sequence stratigraphic method in its current form in an attempt to clarify its usage and application in diverse geologic data and depositional environments. This publication is the result of more than 3 decades of sequence stratigraphy research and application at EPRco and at the ExxonMobil Upstream Research Company (URC). The objective is to emphasize the most important aspects of Sequence Stratigraphy . a method to guide geologic interpretation of stratigraphic data (seismic profiles, welllogs, cores and outcrops) across scales (from local to regional and global) and depositional environments (from continental to deep marine)." -- from the SEPM website.

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