

Subsalt plays II: subsalt vs. presalt

Part I of this pair of *PGSG* pages explained why subsalt plays have become attractive in recent years. This page refines what we mean by “subsalt” in its general sense by distinguishing

between “presalt” and “subsalt” in a more specific or strict sense. The distinction is that, as salt deforms, older sediments below the original position of the salt are

called “presalt”, whereas younger sediments over which salt has been squeezed are more narrowly called “subsalt”.

