De-risking a Turkish Delight

Frontier exploration in an underexplored basin should always start with a single demand: “Show me the source rock”. In the double foredeep of the eastern Black Sea the first dense grid of multi-client data available in Turkish waters reveals the world-class Maykop source rock, up to 2,000m thick: an AVO type 4 TOC-rich shale buried perfectly to be at peak oil. These new data also reveal untested analogues to the East Black Sea Basin Polshkov-1 oil discovery, with oil trapped in large structural and stratigraphic closures, in reservoirs provenanced from the quartz-rich sand sources of the Russian Caucasus.
New data reveals the potential for a new super basin – an accessible oil play lying within the world-class Maykop oil source.

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