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**Capabilities**

- Depositional geological setting interpretation
- Hydrocarbon migration path identification
- Prioritization of potential exploration and production areas within a geologic basin
- Reservoir characterization
- Seismic stratigraphy
- Integrated sequence stratigraphy
- System track concepts
- Tectonic and structural control on basins development
- Hydrocarbon maturation history
- Source rock analysis
- Geologic and geophysical modeling

**3D Visualization**

A rear-projection flat wall display is available for depth collaborative analysis by teams of researchers as well as presentations of data to large groups. Several tracking devices can be used to interact with the projected 3-D images.

**GIS Database Design**

ESRI-SC’s geographic information system (GIS) is used for managing large spatially-oriented databases and modeling diverse geographic data. ESRI-SC uses ArcGIS, MapObjects, ArcIMS, and MOIMS for modeling and analysis, for development of GIS databases and development of Web-based GIS applications in its petroleum-related projects.

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