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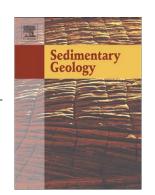
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**Abstract** 

Thin-bedded turbidites deposited by sediment gravity flows that spill from submarine

channels often contain significant volumes of sand in laterally continuous beds. These can

make up over 50% of the channel-belt fill volume, and can thus form commercially important

hydrocarbon reservoirs. Thin-bedded turbidites can be deposited in environments that include

levees and depositional terraces, which are distinguished on the basis of their external

morphology and internal architecture. Levees have a distinctive wedge shaped morphology,

thinning away from the channel, and confine both channels (internal levees) and channel-

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