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Abstract

Terraces on the modern seafloor are defined as topographically flat areas above the active submarine channel thalweg but within the confines of the channelbelt. They have been described from many modern submarine channels, but the controls on terrace distribution, evolution and stacking patterns are not well understood. In this study, we describe the architecture of the Mahin and Avon channel-belts and their associated terraces, located offshore Nigeria towards the northwest of the Niger Delta. The studied channel sections are less than 10 km apart up-dip and converge downslope. They are on slopes with similar gradients, Download English Version:

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