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# **An Uncertainty-Driven Well-Pairing Strategy to Deliver Domestic Gas Supply and Full-Field Recovery in Late-Life Gas-Condensate Assets**

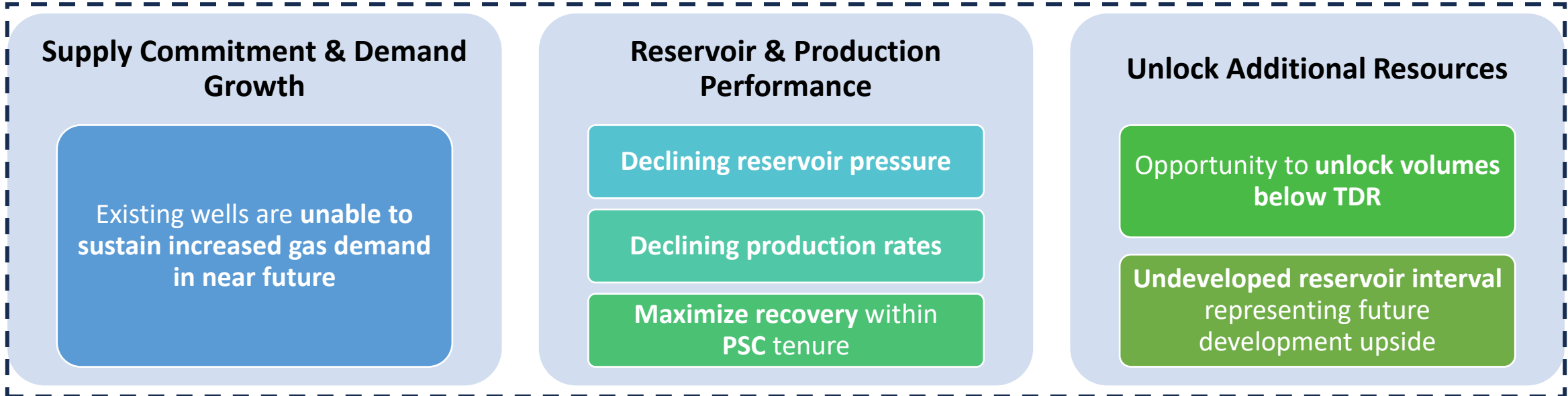
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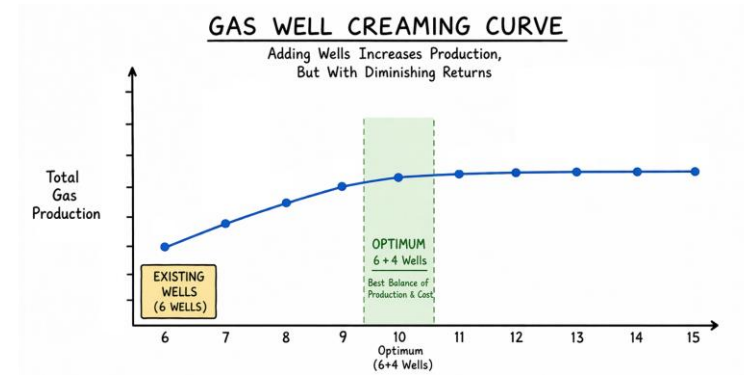
# Problem Statement



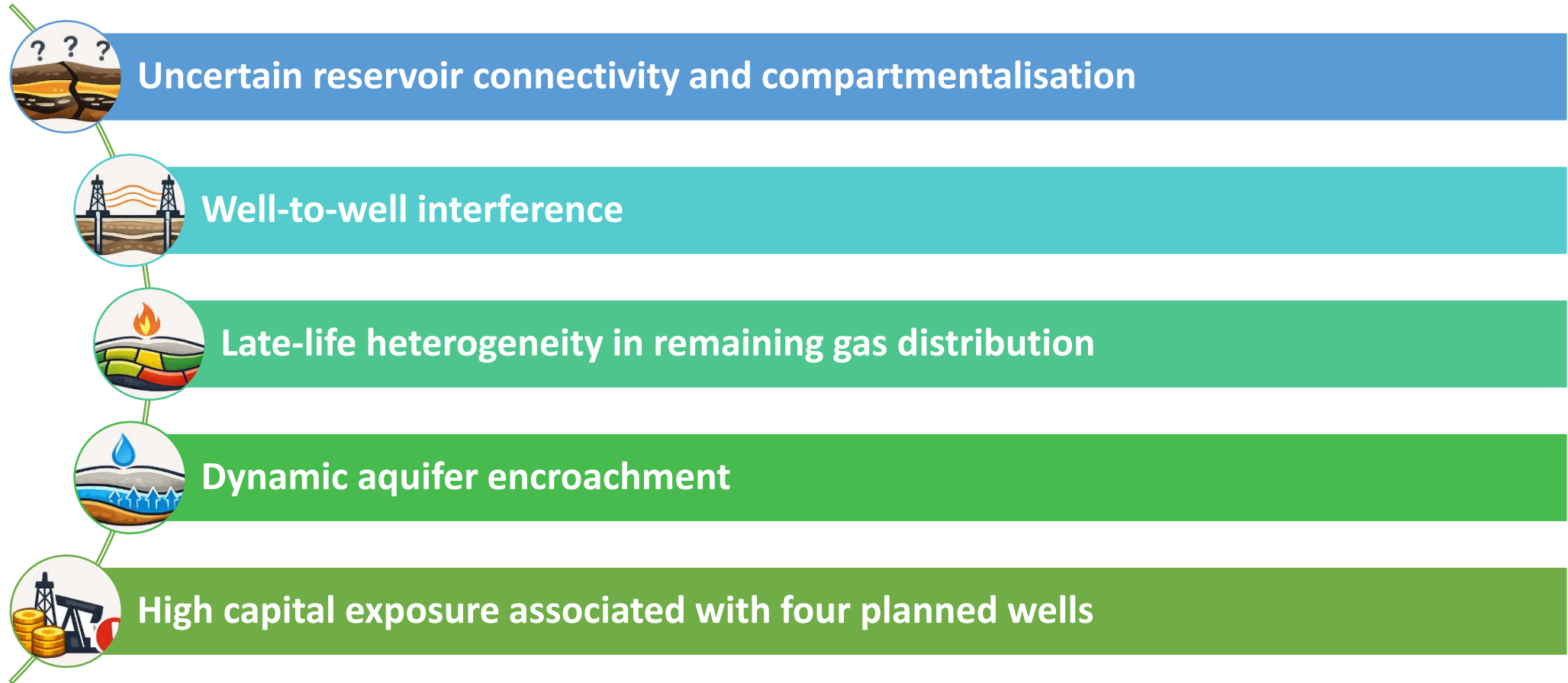
## Current Development

### Operational & Rig Constraints – Phased Execution Strategy

- The infill drilling campaign has been structured to align with cross-asset operational constraints, particularly limited rig availability during the target window.
- Synergies with nearby assets executing concurrent drilling programs have resulted in a two-phase execution strategy (Phase A and B).
- Thus, it necessitates the evaluation of well sequencing and combinations to enable early gas delivery in line with demand requirements



# Key Challenges





# Methodology & Best Practices

## 1. Scenario Generation and Probabilistic Mapping

- **Multiple probabilistic realizations** capture the full spectrum of subsurface uncertainty and potential reservoir behavior.
- **Key uncertainties incorporated:**
  - Inter-reservoir connectivity (undeveloped reservoir focus)
  - Inter-fault block communication (undeveloped reservoir focus)
  - Aquifer size and strength
- **Deterministic cases (Low, Base, High)** are anchored to the probabilistic distribution, ensuring consistency and transparency:
  - **Base Case:** undeveloped reservoir is **isolated**; no inter-fault block or inter-reservoir connectivity.
  - **Low Case (Pessimistic):** undeveloped reservoir is **connected across fault blocks and between reservoirs** and uses **lower in-place volume**, representing worst-case production potential.
  - **High Case (Optimistic):** undeveloped reservoir is **isolated** (like Base Case) but uses **higher in-place volume**, representing favorable volumetrics.

Anchoring deterministic cases to probabilistic outcomes ensures a **robust, transparent, and risk-informed development strategy**, enabling confident decision-making under uncertainty.

# Methodology & Best Practices (Continued)

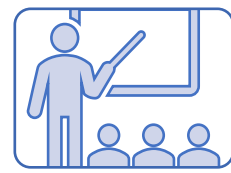
## 2. Multi-Criteria Well Ranking Framework for Gas Field Development

- Qualitatively establish the priority and phasing strategy of current development wells by integrating geological uncertainties, dynamic values, and business requirements.


Well	Geological Confidence	Resource Potential	Plateau Impact	Learning Value	Water Risk	Ranking
W1	● Medium	● Highest	● Highest	● High	● Low	1
W2	● Medium	● High	● Medium	● High	● Low	3
W3	● High	● Lowest	● Lowest	● Low	● High	4
W4	● High	● Medium	● High	● Medium	● Low	2

**Legend:**

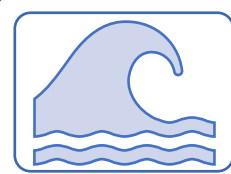
- Low Risk / High Value / Strong Performance
- Medium Risk / Medium Value / Moderate Performance
- High Risk / Low Value / Weak Performance



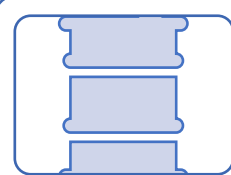
**W1 – Primary Value Driver**  
Highest EUR and strongest plateau impact; drilled near an appraisal well with proven DST flow, providing higher confidence and critical early learning to de-risk follow-on wells.



**W2 – High Upside, Dependent Well**  
Strong resource potential but higher uncertainty; located in a separate fault block with uncertainty in inter-fault block and inter-reservoir communication—best drilled after W1 to reduce risk.



**W3 – Lower Value, Higher Risk**  
Limited upside with elevated water breakthrough risk; lowest priority and more suitable for later-phase development.



**W4 – Low Risk, Plateau Supporter**  
More certain reservoir with moderate upside; effective for sustaining production and balancing overall development risk.



## Methodology & Best Practices (Continued)

### 3. Well-Pairing and Interference Assessment

- **Dynamic simulation sensitivities** - to determine the **optimal pairing** in terms of cumulative recovery (EUR) and plateau sustainability.

Dynamic ranking under multiple well sequence combination indicates :

- **W1** consistently ranks highest
- **W3** consistently ranks lowest

Pairing Sensitivity Analysis shows **Scenario C** maximises plateau duration, while **Scenario A** delivers the highest incremental EUR

Scenario	Well Pairing	Incremental EUR	Plateau Duration	Key Insight
A	W1 + W2	Highest	Moderate	Maximises recovery potential
B	W1 + W3	Low	Low	Least favourable case
C	W1 + W4	Moderate	Highest	Maximises production stability

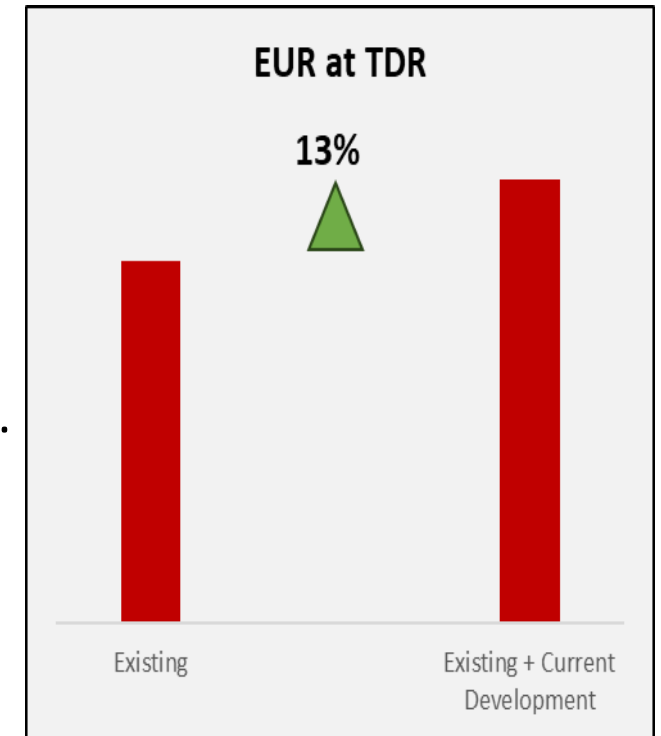
### 4. Phased Execution with Surveillance-Driven Learning

- Drill **highest-value pair** in Phase A to maximise early production and subsurface learning
- **Decouple W1 & W2**: Outcome from W1 to guide W2
- **Risk-based decision tree** ensures gas delivery



# Impact of Current Development

- 1** Increases gas production (up to 3X) to meet rising demand, sustaining a ~3-year production plateau
- 2** Accelerates production, bringing TDR forward by ~1 year and unlocks 2% of initial gas in place earlier within the PSC timeframe.
- 3** Maximises recovery and value realisation prior to PSC expiry





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## Conclusion

### Cross-Asset Synergy & Value-Uncertainties Driven Well Pairing

- Leveraged cross-asset collaboration to secure a constrained rig window
- Aligned drilling schedule with neighbouring asset's infill campaign
- Applied value & uncertainties management driven in well pairing to optimise sequencing within the limited window
- Maximised rig efficiency, accelerated early value delivery (Current Development – Phase A), and **supported increased gas demand**

### Key Takeaway

Integrated cross-asset planning — enabled by strategic well pairing — ensured timely execution, **supply continuity**, and value delivery despite rig constraints.



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