



Navigating the Changing World of Reserves and Resources in the Context of the PRMS

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Conventional Field – Prospective Resources (PRs) to Reserves per PRMS 2018

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- "Upside in the 3P" versus "Upside outside the 3P"
- Example
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- Comply with PRMS?
- Questions?





Example examines PRs -> CRs -> Reserves per PRMS 2018 for Conventional resources using the Scenario method ...

- ■One Entity, no "Government take"
- ■Starts with a "good" conventional prospect "Field X" (offshore gas condensate)
- Size range dependent on structural, reservoir thickness and fluid limit uncertainty
- Initially Low, Best and High scopes vary
- ■Example is a discovery at the larger end of range, and is matured through CRs to Reserves -> Justified -> Approved -> On Production (7 Effective Dates, ED1-ED7)
- ■3 Options after Discovery presented Issue: which comply with PRMS 2018?
 - (1) Keep as 1 project; appraise first, then decide to develop
 - (2) Split into 2 projects; develop one, appraise for second, then decide to develop
 - (3) Keep as 1 project; develop and appraise as one as part of a single investment decision





Key PRMS Guidance



Key PRMS 2018 guidance (1/3)



General:

- •CRs and PRs can have different scopes (e.g. well count, development spacing and facility size) as development uncertainties and project definition mature (2.1.3.4)
- ■For Reserves, the production forecast reflects a specific development scenario under a specific recovery process, a certain number of wells and particular facilities and infrastructure.
- ■For PRs and CRs low, best and high scenarios may vary in scope (eg #wells and facilities. Reserves must have reasonable expectation to develop the project for the best estimate case (Glossary Production Forecast, 2.1.3.7.4)



Key PRMS 2018 guidance (2/3)



General:

■Possible Reserves that are located outside of the 2P area (not upside quantities to the 2P scenario) may exist only when the commercial and technical maturity criteria have been met (that incorporate the Possible development scope) (2.2.2.8 C.)

ie Reserves can have different scopes for the low, best and high estimates **BUT only if** the extra scope is included in the defined project and meet all Commerciality Criteria of 2.1.2.1

Important in this Example, and even MORE IMPORTANT for Unconventionals Example (later topic)



Key PRMS 2018 guidance (3/3)



General:

- There may be different pathways to commerciality and development
 - discretion of the Entity,
 - one or more projects each with their own Project Maturity Sub-class and Pc (=Pd) after discovery

But do all options comply with PRMS requirements?

For PRs specifically:

 ■Recognition of PRs via the Full Distribution or Truncated portion of the Full Distribution – Full Distribution is used per AG22 errata





Extent of discovery – practical guidance

Extent of discovery – practical guidance (1/6 workshop

Discovery implies a Pg of 1. What does that mean in the context of distance away from the discovery well or control point?

A simple guide in relation to development wells (and appraisal wells), based on notional well locations – based on COGEH:

Extract from COGEH...

1.4.7.1.2.3 ESTIMATION OF DISCOVERED PETROLEUM INITIALLY-IN-PLACE

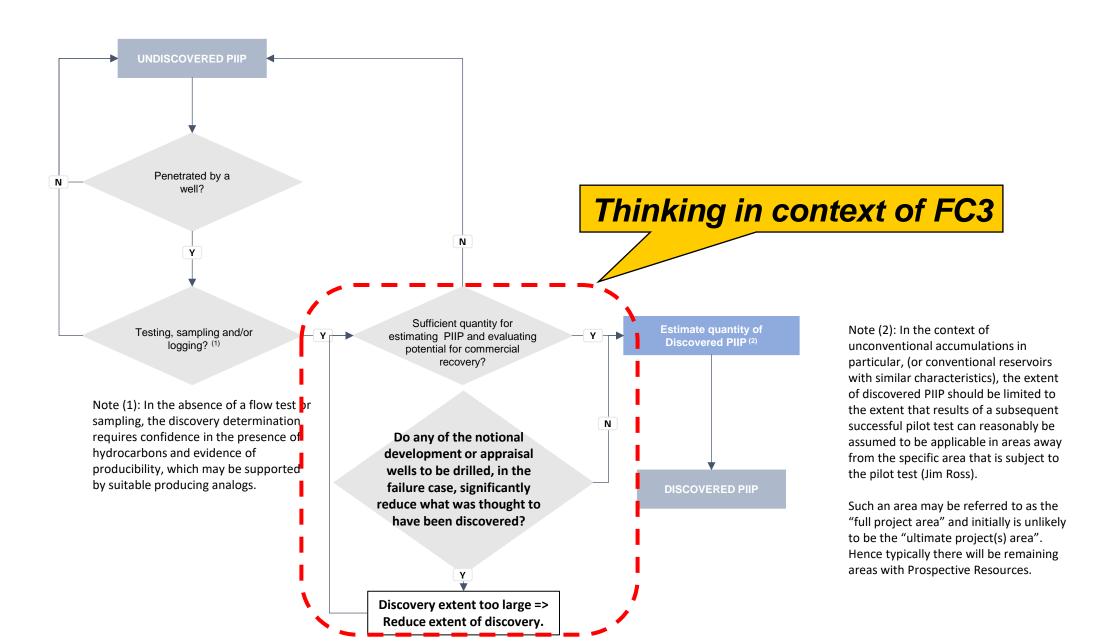
...because Contingent Resources are evaluated using the same technical due diligence as Reserves, the evaluator must facilitate an orderly conversion of Resources to Reserves as risks and contingencies are removed. As a practical test, a known accumulation and its associated Discovered PIIP should not carry significant risk whereby the outcome of a development well might result in a significant revision to the interpreted size of the known accumulation and its estimated Discovered PIIP.

Extent of discovery – practical guidance (2/6 workshop

The evaluator asks themselves: "if any development (or appraisal) well was to be drilled and in the failure case would significantly reduce what was thought to have been discovered, then in fact that area of the accumulation has not been discovered".

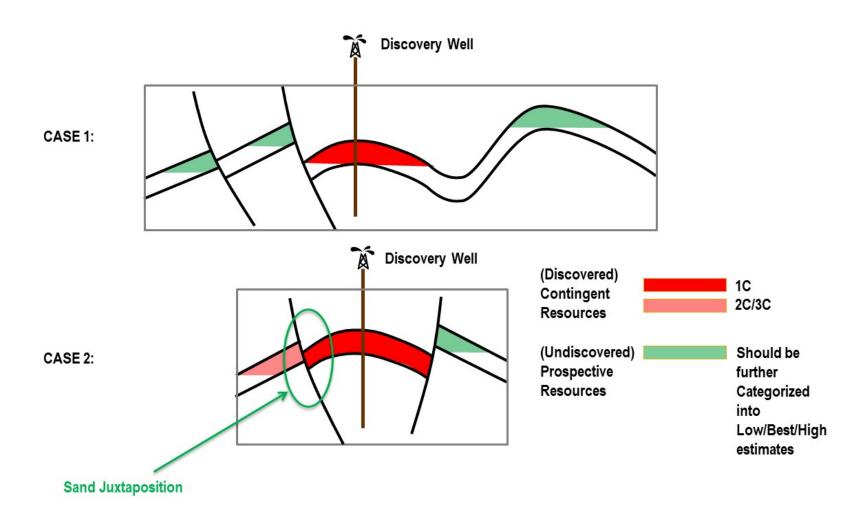
- That area would have a Pg < 1 -> discovered extent should be reduced.
- Includes "Appraisal" wells
 - appraise what has been discovered (ie uncertainty), not whether something is there or not, so also have a Pg = 1.
- "Step out" wells address what has NOT been discovered
 - -> have a Pg < 1 by definition.
 - They should **not** be thought of as "appraisal" wells, they are "exploration wells".

FC3: DISCO Extent of discovery – practical guidance (3/6)



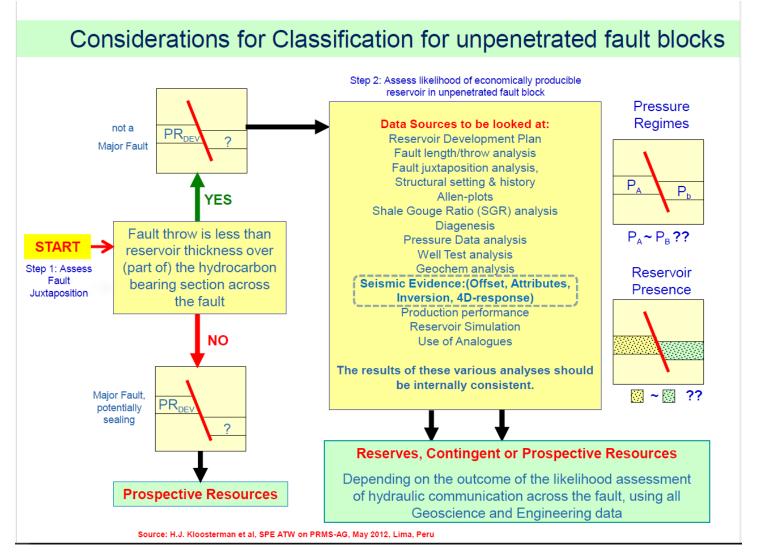


Examples:



Extent of discovery – practical guidance (5/6 workshop)

Examples (ctd):



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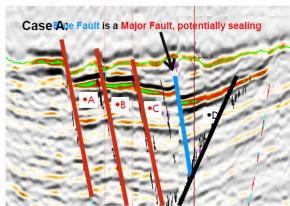
Extent of discovery – practical guidance (6/6) workshop

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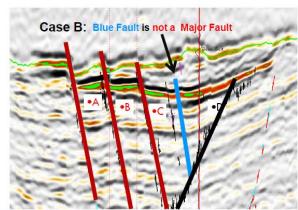
PRMS-AG Guidance – unpenetrated Fault Blocks



- Example 1 Unpenetrated Fault Blocks
 - FID taken on Full Field Development
 - Field with 4 fault blocks
 - Only Block D penetrated by E&A well
 - · Commercial flow rates demonstrated in D-well
 - 3 Development wells committed for in A,B & C blocks
 - Blue fault separates Block D from other blocks



If blue fault is a major fault, potentially sealing: only Prospective Resources can be assigned to Blocks A, B & C



If blue fault is a not a major fault: Reserves, Contingent or Prospective Resources can be assigned to Blocks A, B & C, depending on the likelihood assessment of hydraulic communication across the fault, using all Geoscience and Engineering data.

Source: H.J. Kloosterman et al, SPE ATW on PRMS-AG, May 2012, Lima, Peru





"Upside in the 3P" versus "Upside outside the 3P"



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ie high-case scenario evaluated to assess "upside opportunity" (2.1.2.2)

Management always wants to know what the "upside potential" is!

2 types of "upside":

- 1) Upside within the project as defined and achieving all commerciality criteria and commitment => ok for 3P
 - If all commerciality criteria are not met and not committed to, then such upside must be treated as a separate project => not ok for 3P
- 2) Upside outside the project as defined.
 - Such upside will be in a separate project(s) typically CRs or even PRs.
 - => not ok for 3P





Example





 Pd, Chance of Development, must reflect all commercial risks not just "economic" – this is done in this example but not specifically discussed – see later topic

- In this example it is assumed:
 - No contractual limit
 - Minimal difference between the Economic Limit and Technical Limit
 - Significant differences -> Entity may choose to recognise the difference as a separate project(s).



Example with 3 Options



Pathway over 7 EDs

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ED1: PRs "full" vs "truncated" distribution workshop



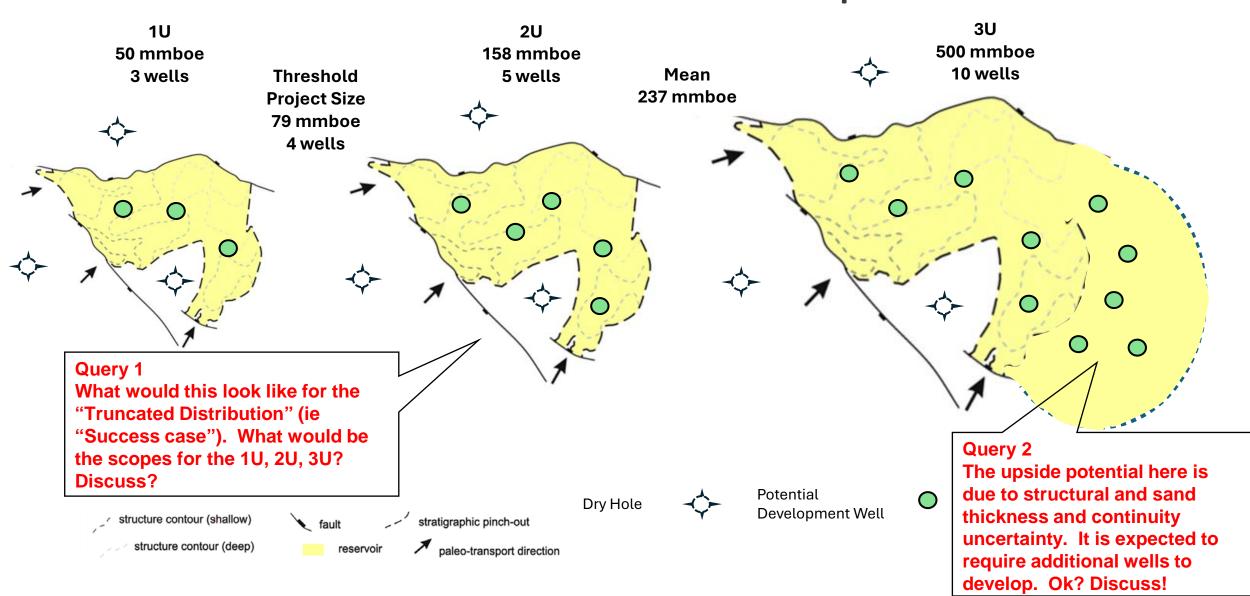
Effective Date		Low _{Full}	Best _{Full}	High _{Full}	Mean U _{Full} (ie Mean of full distribution of PRs)	TPS/Best _{Full}	TPS	Comment	Low _{Trun}	$Best_Trun$	High _{Trun}	Mean U _{Trun} (ie Mean of truncated distribution of PRs)
		1U	2U	3U					1U	2U	3U	
	mmboe	50	158	500	237	0.5	79	In this example the TPS is the MEPS and is 50% of the P50	98	203	566	289
ED1	Pre Discovery Scope	3	5	10	^ `	-	P _{D(Full)} (Mean U _{Trun} x P _{D(Trun)}) Mean U _{Full}	Ely analogy there is a range of scopes (represented by # wells) for the project given the large range in size of potential discovery	3	5	10	P _{D(Trun)} 78%

Note as the example goes forward the *PRs are from the Full Distribution*





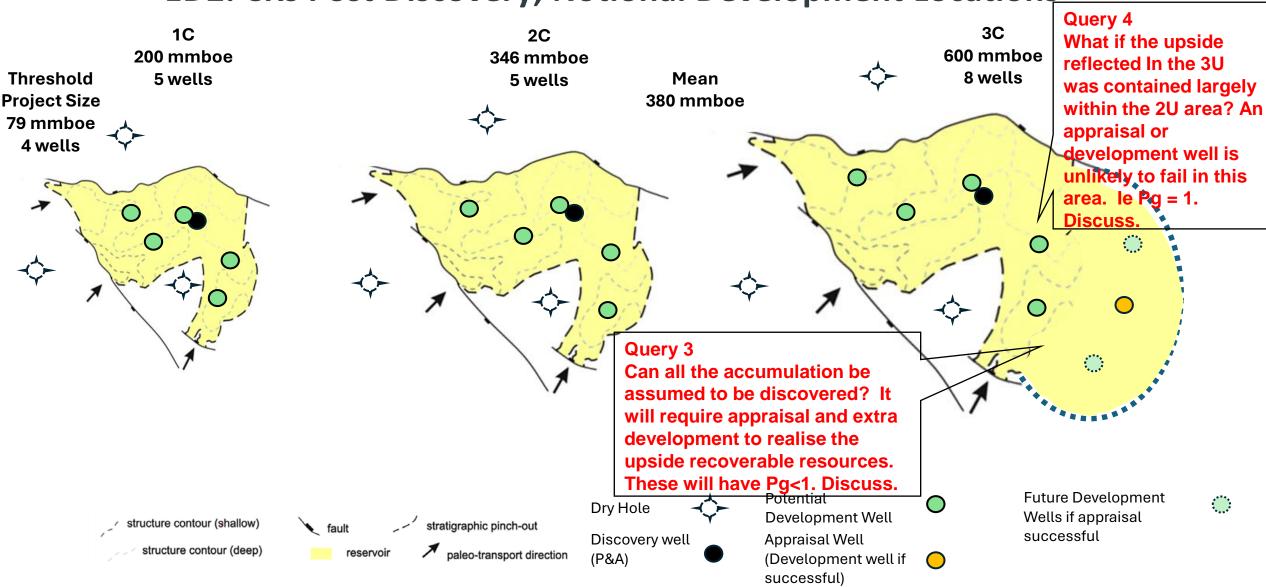
ED1: PRs "Full Distribution" Notional Development Locations







ED2: CRs Post Discovery; Notional Development Locations





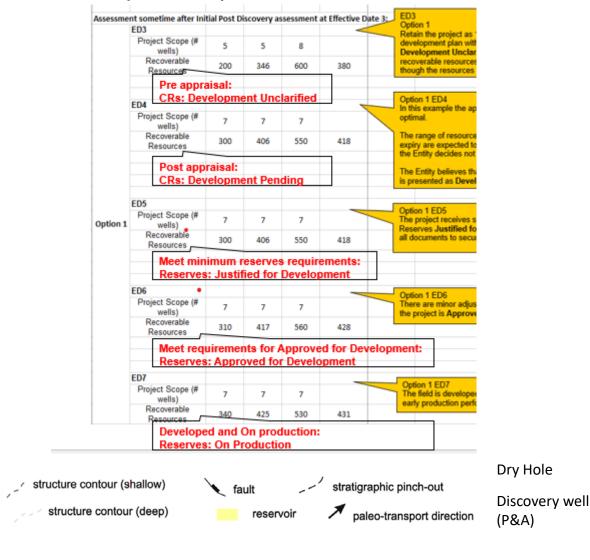


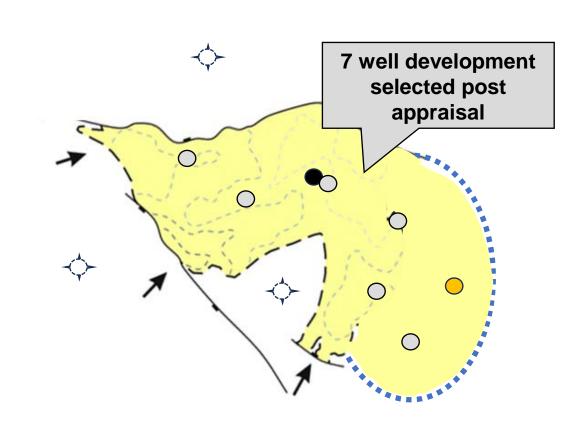
Option 1

Keep as 1 project; appraise first then decide to develop

Option 1: ED4->ED7: CRs — Post-appraisal; 7 well developm workshop — Reserves Developed and On Production

Example – Option 1: ED3 – ED7





Development Well

(Development well as

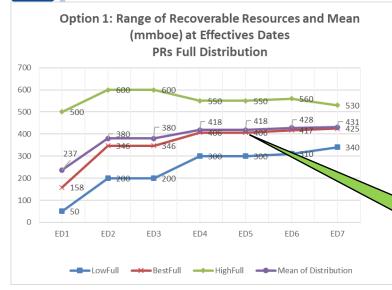
Appraisal Well

successful)

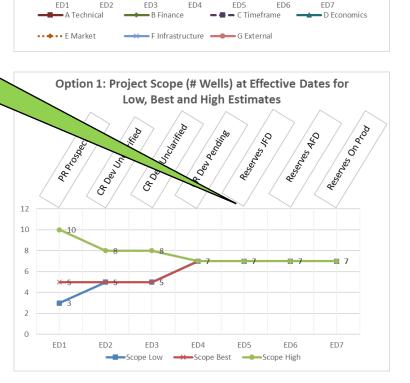
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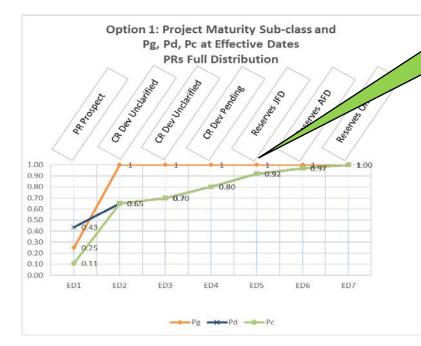




Option 1: Commerciality Criteria at Effective Dates

PRs Full Distribution

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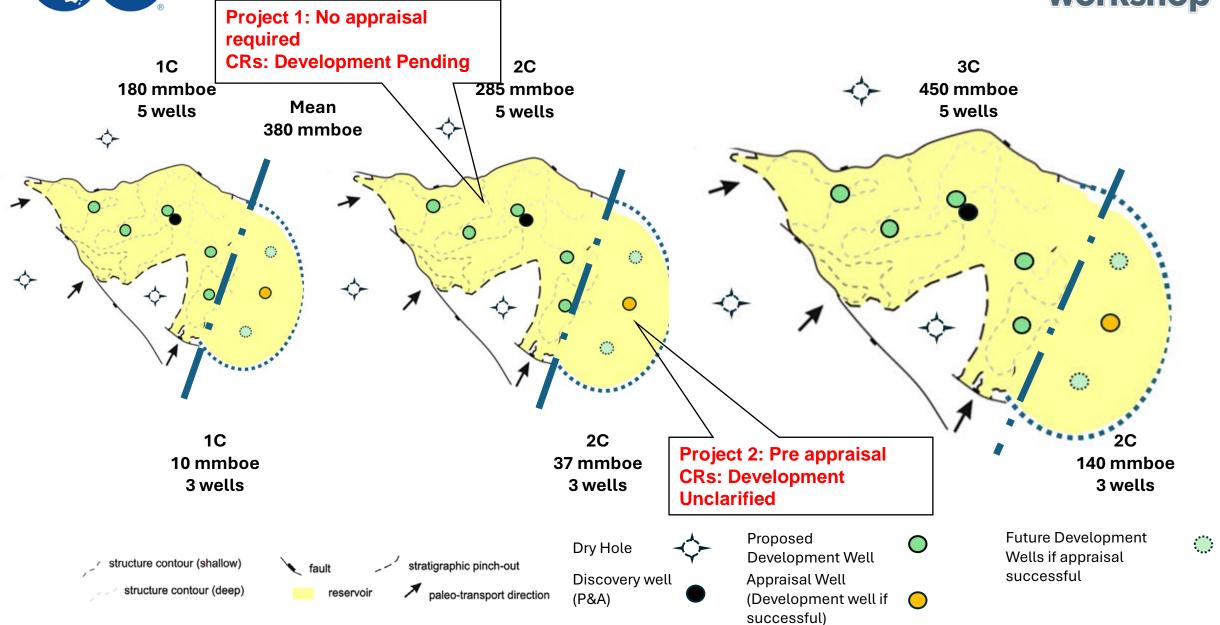
Option 2

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Option 2: ED3: CRs – Split into 2 Projects



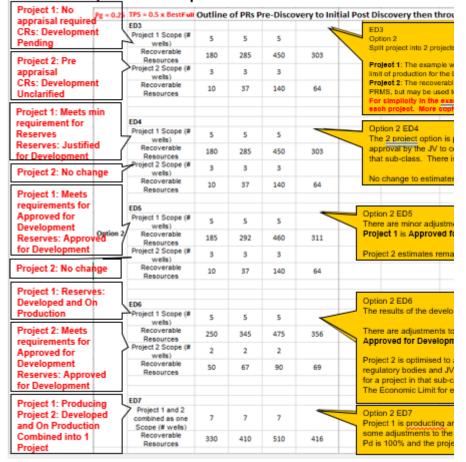


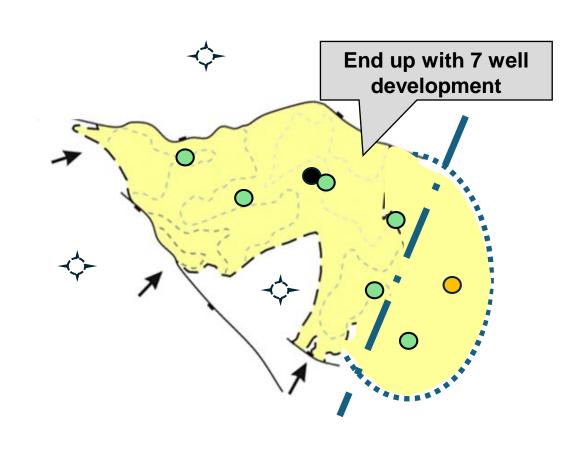
Option 2: ED4-ED7: CRs – 2 Projects; Project 1: 5 wells->

Reserves; Project 2: Post-appraisal 2 wells-> Reserves -> Combined 7 workshop well project On Production



Example - Option 2: ED3 - ED7



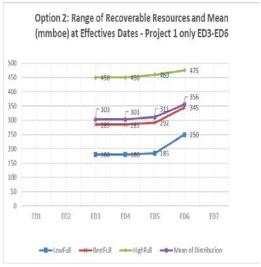


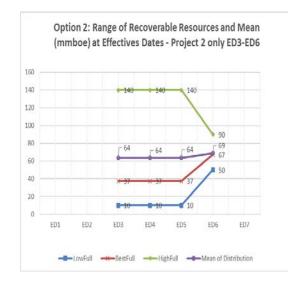


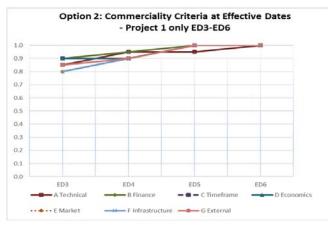


Option 2: Split into 2 projects; develop one, appraise for second, workshop

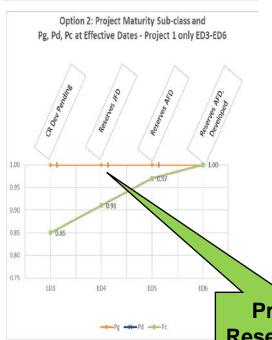




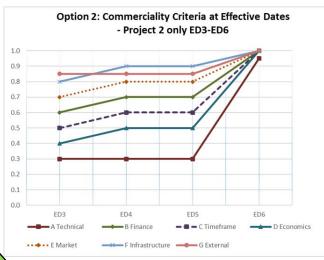
















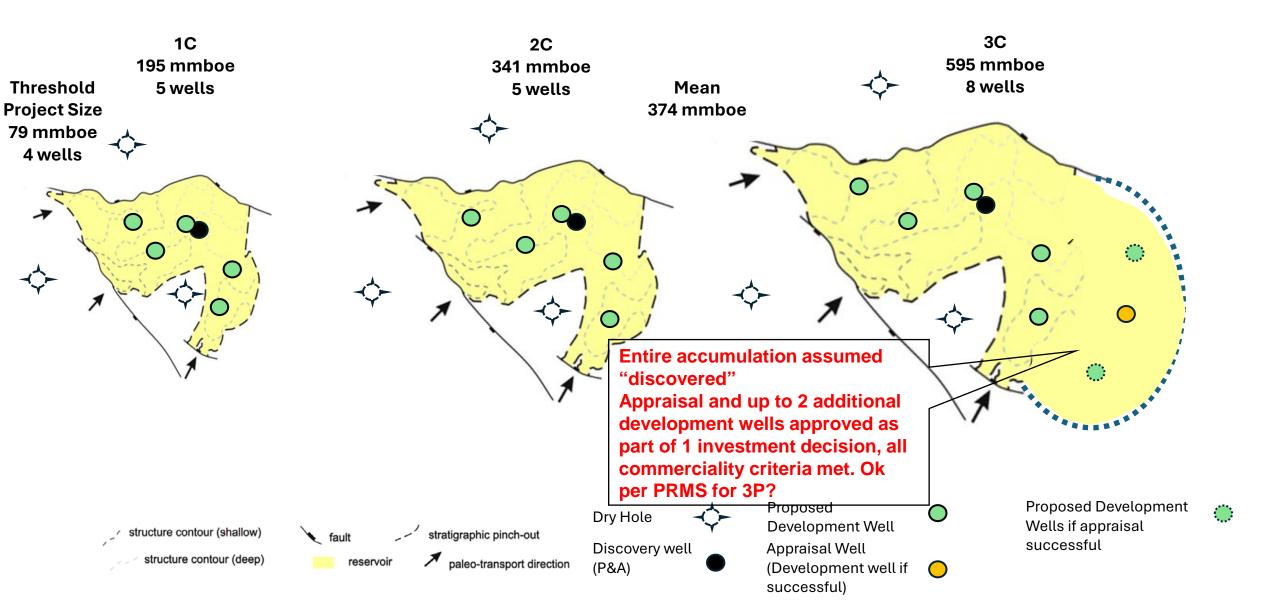
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Option 3: ED3: Reserves: Justified for Development with appraisal and development to be undertaken together – Economic Limit truncations made



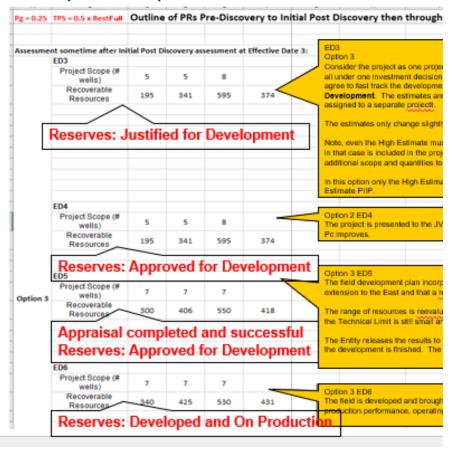




Option 3: ED4-ED6: Appraisal well successful and 6 development wells drilled for total development of 7 wells workshop



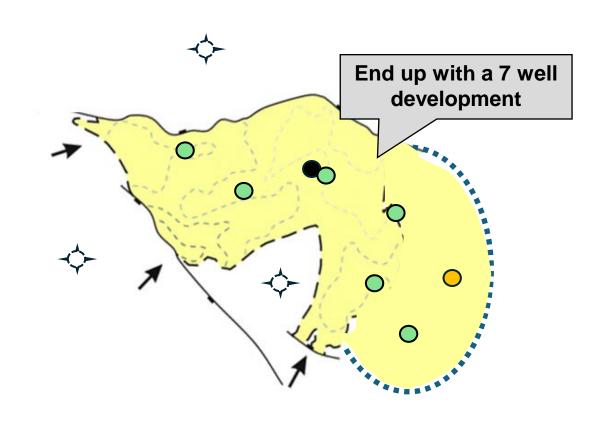
Example – Option 3 – ED3 – ED6



stratigraphic pinch-out

structure contour (shallow)

structure contour (deep)

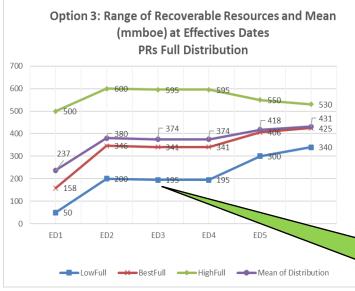


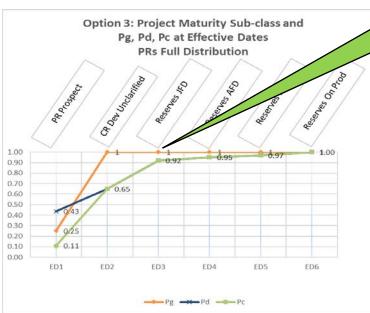




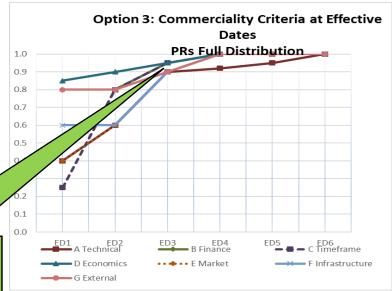
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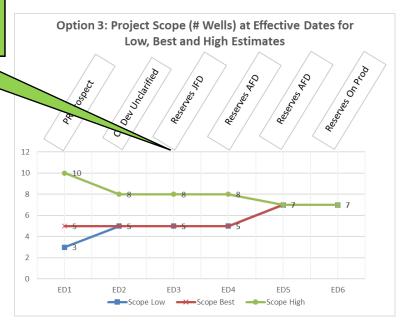














Comply with PRMS? (1/2)



2 main issues: All discovered? Extra scope in high side dependent on successful appraisal? Or perhaps "step out"?

- Is the accumulation "all discovered" by the discovery well since the extension to the east has "Pg < 1"
 - a failure of the appraisal well would significantly reduce what was thought to be discovered (ie is it an appraisal well)?
- => split into 2 projects with "west" either kept as CRs or promoted to Reserves; and
- should the "east" be retained as PRs until **step out** well is successful and converts PRs to CRs or perhaps Reserves?
- Option 3 includes development that is dependent on successful "appraisal" or "step out" so is it really made up of 2 separate investment decisions?



Comply with PRMS? (2/2) Discuss!



Option	Prudence!	NPV	Reserves Claimed	Comply with PRMS?
1: Appraise then develop	Highest	Lowest	Latest (ED5)	Yes, if can claim discovery of whole accumulation
2: Split into 2 projects	Middle	Middle	Middle (ED4)	Ditto
3: Claim Reserves and appraise and develop	Lowest	Highest	Earliest (ED3)	It depends and only if appraisal and subsequent development in East meets all CC requirements and commitment





Questions?