Upstream Uncertainty and Gas Field Development

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Risk & Uncertainty

WHEN: Projects characterized by financial risk and uncertainty

> WHAT: Basis for Decision Making

Risk – Confidence that something is happening

Uncertainty – What is going to happen and how often?

- ➢ WHY: Direct resources to maximize value
 - ✓ To approximate certainty in an uncertain world
 - \checkmark Improve quality of decisions





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Production Rate



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Fundamentals of Risk Analysis

- Isolate key variables
- Quantify the variables
- Understand the uncertainty for each variable
- Understand the model
- Search for reality checks
 - ✓ Analogies
 - ✓ Correlation





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Petrophysical Heterogeneity



Intergranular / Intercrystalline



Vuggy



Intercrystalline & Moldic



Micro-fractures

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Faults & Fractures

- Fractures & faults compartmentalize most fields
- Sealing vertical faults create the "mystical" permeability barriers encountered in field development
- Vertical faults often localize micro-fractures that enhance production in close proximity
- Reactivated vertical faults act as migration pathways for hydrocarbons throughout the stratigraphic column



Blue: Lowest 75% Cum Gas Production Red: Highest 25% of Gas Production

Facilities Planning Process

- P10 / P50 / P90 Forecasts
 - ✓ Reserve Estimates
 - ✓ Base Production Forecasts
- Future Projects
 (New Drills, Sidetracks, Workovers)
 - ✓ P10/P50/P90 Reserves
 - ✓ P10/P50/P90 Initial Rates
 - ✓ P10/P50/P90 Production Start Month
- Additional Information
 - ✓ Facility Capacity
 - Downtime (Historical Unscheduled, Planned, Storm)





Understand Upstream Uncertainty

Quantify the variables

- ✓ Understand the "ROCK"
 - Lithologic description of cuttings and cores
 - Core analysis
- ✓ Outcrop and Field analogs
- ✓ Geophysical imaging
 - Seismic
 - Potential fields
- Iterative interaction between geologists and engineers
- > Apply uncertainty to the variables
 - ✓ Base production forecasts
 - ✓ Future projects