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The background is a collage of images related to the oil and gas industry. It includes a 3D geological cross-section of rock layers, an offshore oil rig on the ocean, a close-up of a red circular seal on a document, a group of business professionals in a meeting, a large globe showing the Americas, and a man in a white shirt and red tie kneeling on a large, colorful seismic map of a landscape.

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Introduction to
Incorporating Uncertainty in Resource Estimates

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Uncertainties in the Oil and Gas Industry



Geology & Engineering

- Volumes in Place
- Recovery of in Place Volumes
- Production Rate/Volume forecasts
- Cashflow Projections

Product Market

- Volatility in oil and gas prices
 - Lower project revenue
 - Longer development period
 - Higher economic limits and lower reserve volumes
 - Lower shareholder value and return on investment
- Operations
 - Blowout, casing or tubing collapse, loss of wellbore
 - Equipment breakdown, availability
 - Weather delays
- Monetary Risk
 - Inflation / Foreign currency exchange rates
 - Capex
 - Opex
 - Creditors

- With lower oil prices it is critical to incorporate the uncertainties into business decisions
- Of all decisions that executives make, choosing between optional investment opportunities is often the most difficult
- Important to use consistent evaluation techniques that provide a better understanding of potential outcomes of investment decisions
 - Which one provides the greatest return for the amount of risk?
 - How do you determine how much risk is in an opportunity?
 - How can you determine the most critical elements?
- **Deterministic** or **Probabilistic** method

Deterministic

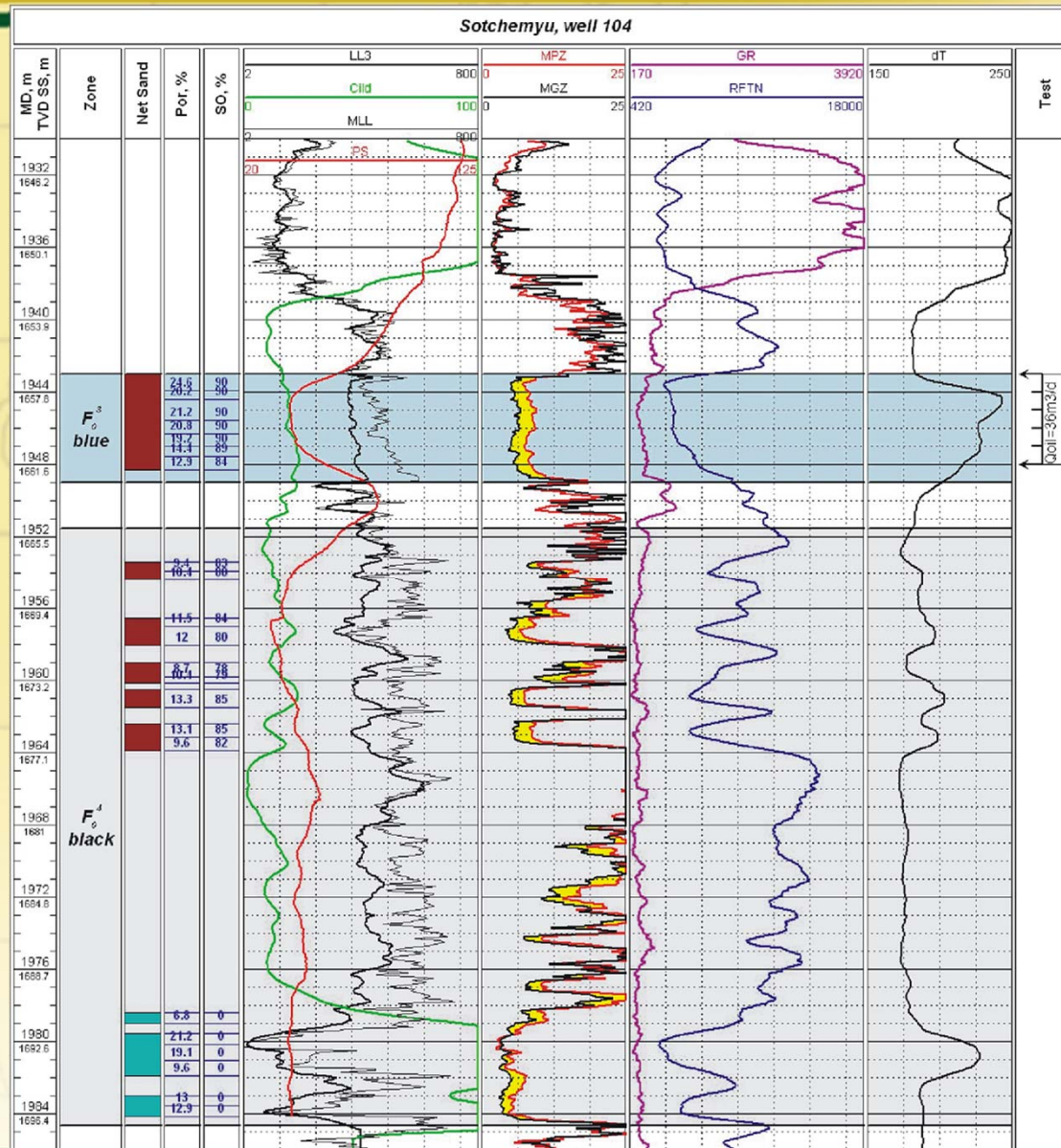
Most common method used in the industry

- Evaluate petrophysical attributes (porosity, thickness, saturations, permeability, skin, etc.)
 - Logs, core
 - Pressure transient analysis
 - Flow tests
- Evaluate geophysical data (reservoir size and limits)
 - 2D, 3D seismic
 - Other prospecting data
- Construct structure and isopach/isochore maps
- Planimeter volumes
- Assign Recovery Factor

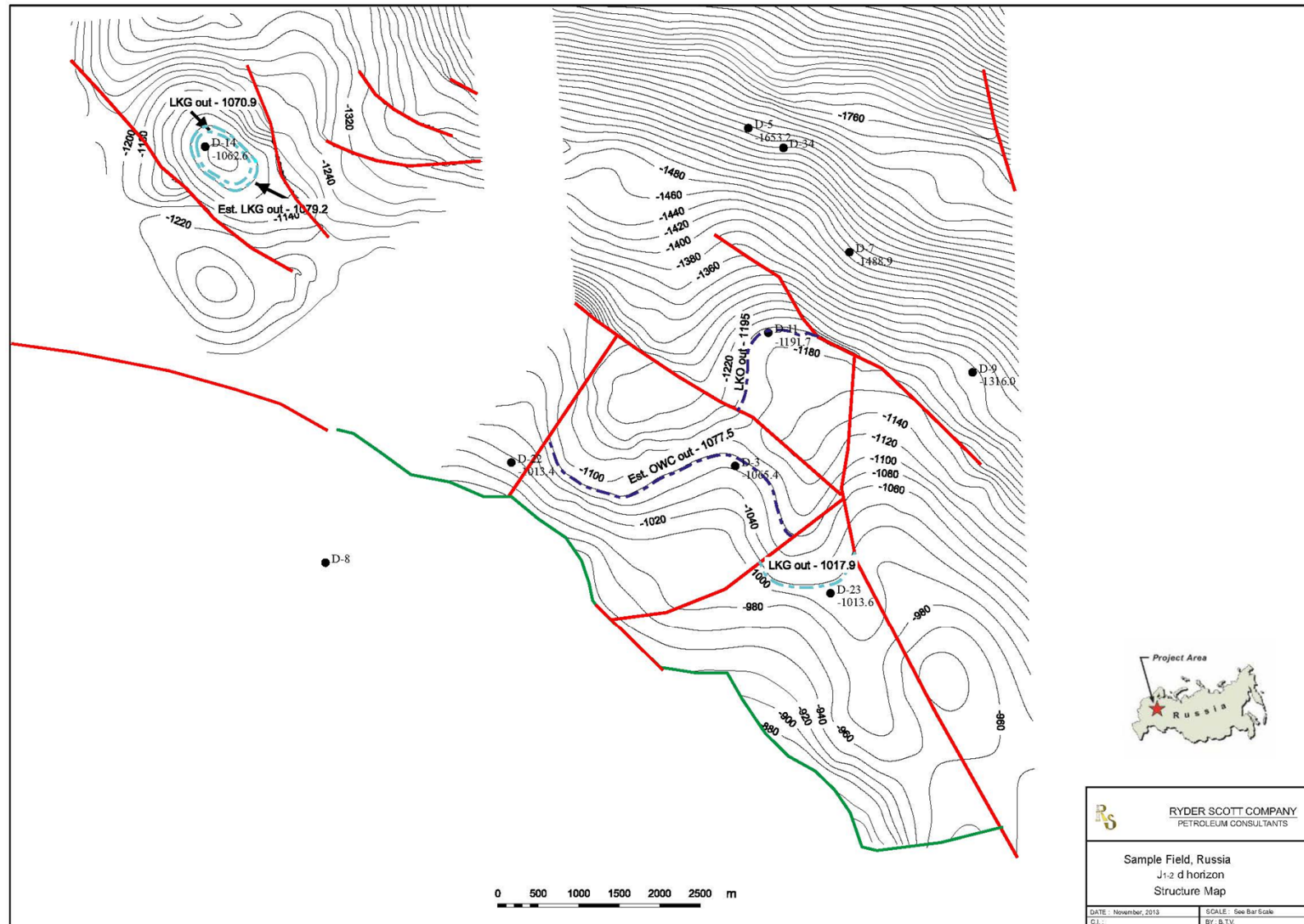
Easily understood and widely accepted.

Does not incorporate uncertainty, only presents a single potential outcome based on fixed input variables.

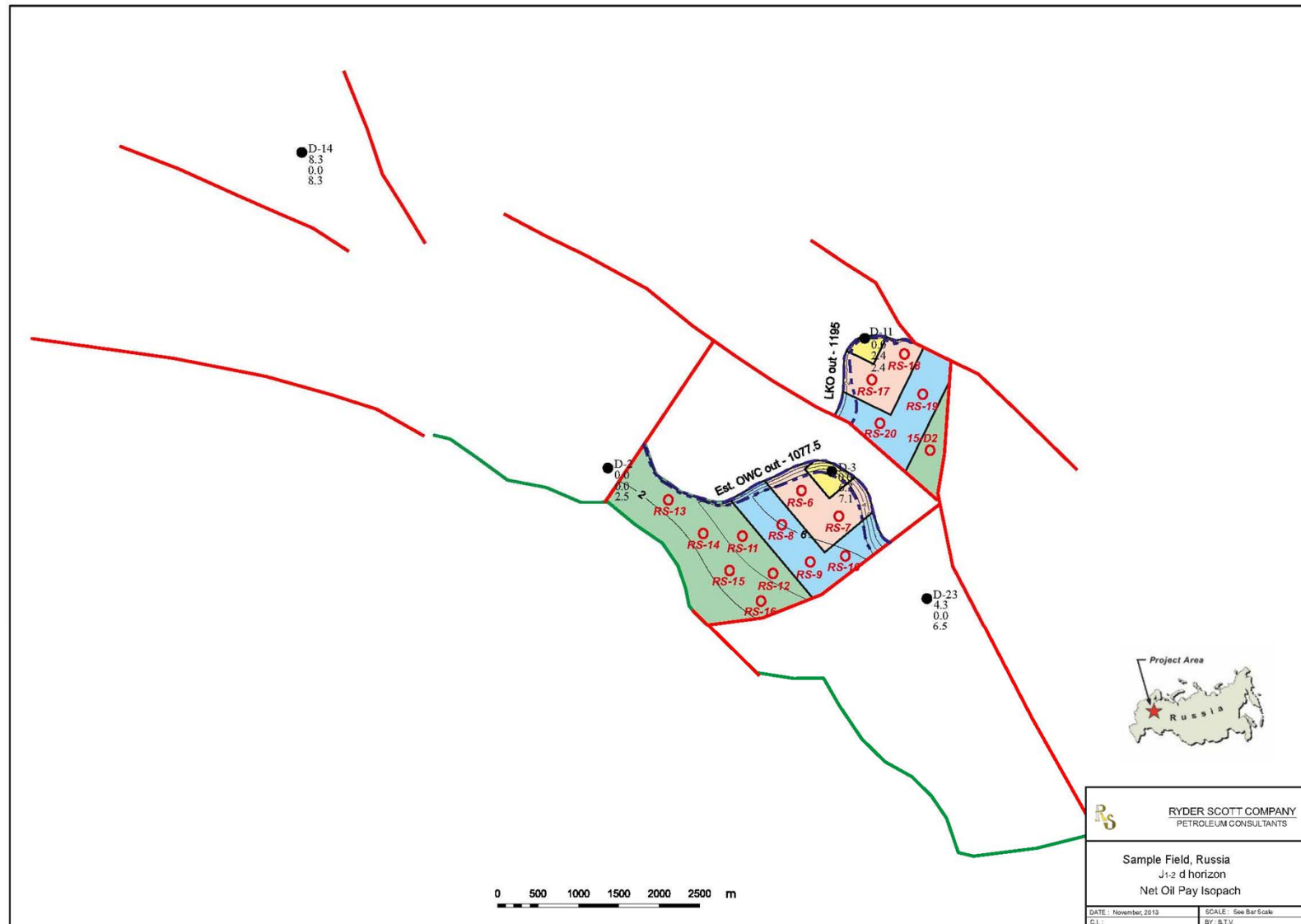
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Advantages of Deterministic Methodology

- Well known methodology
- Widely accepted
- Easy to apply and understand

Disadvantages

- Does not fully or correctly incorporate uncertainty
 - Could create high case and low case using different input parameters
 - too optimistic on high case
 - Too pessimistic on low case
 - **Just not correct**

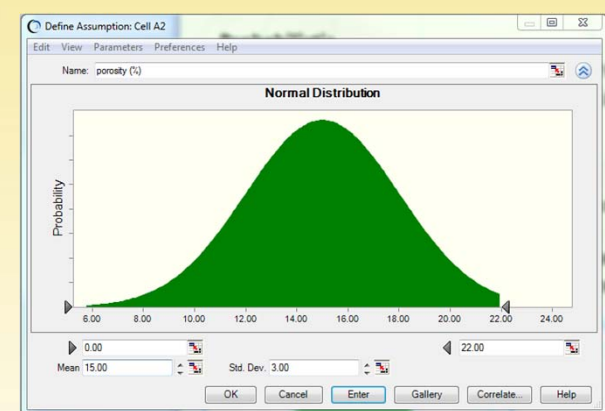
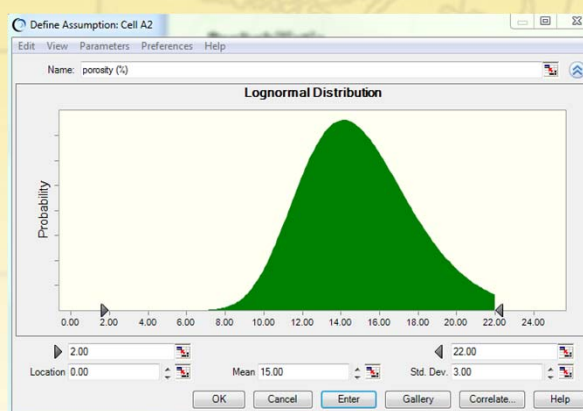
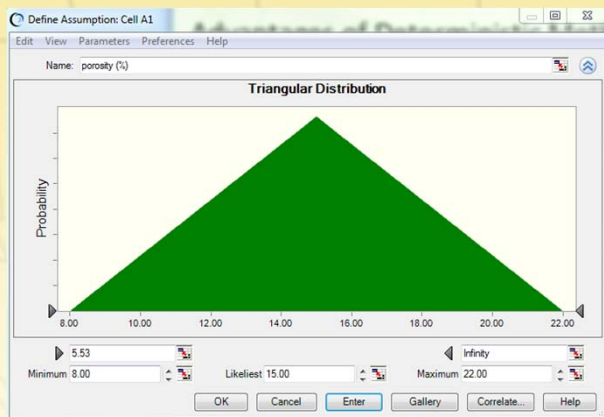
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Probabilistic

Used in the industry but not as common in conventional, very popular in unconventional

- Evaluate petrophysical attributes (porosity, thickness, saturations, permeability, skin, etc.)
 - Logs, core
 - Pressure transient analysis
 - Flow tests
- Evaluate geophysical data (structure size)
 - 2D, 3D seismic
 - Other prospecting data
- Construct distributions for each variable
 - More common: triangular, normal, lognormal



Probabilistic

- Calculate volumes using stochastic volumetric model
- Assign distribution to Recovery Factor
- Calculate the Geologic Chance of Success

Presents a range of expected outcome
Incorporates uncertainty

Probabilistic

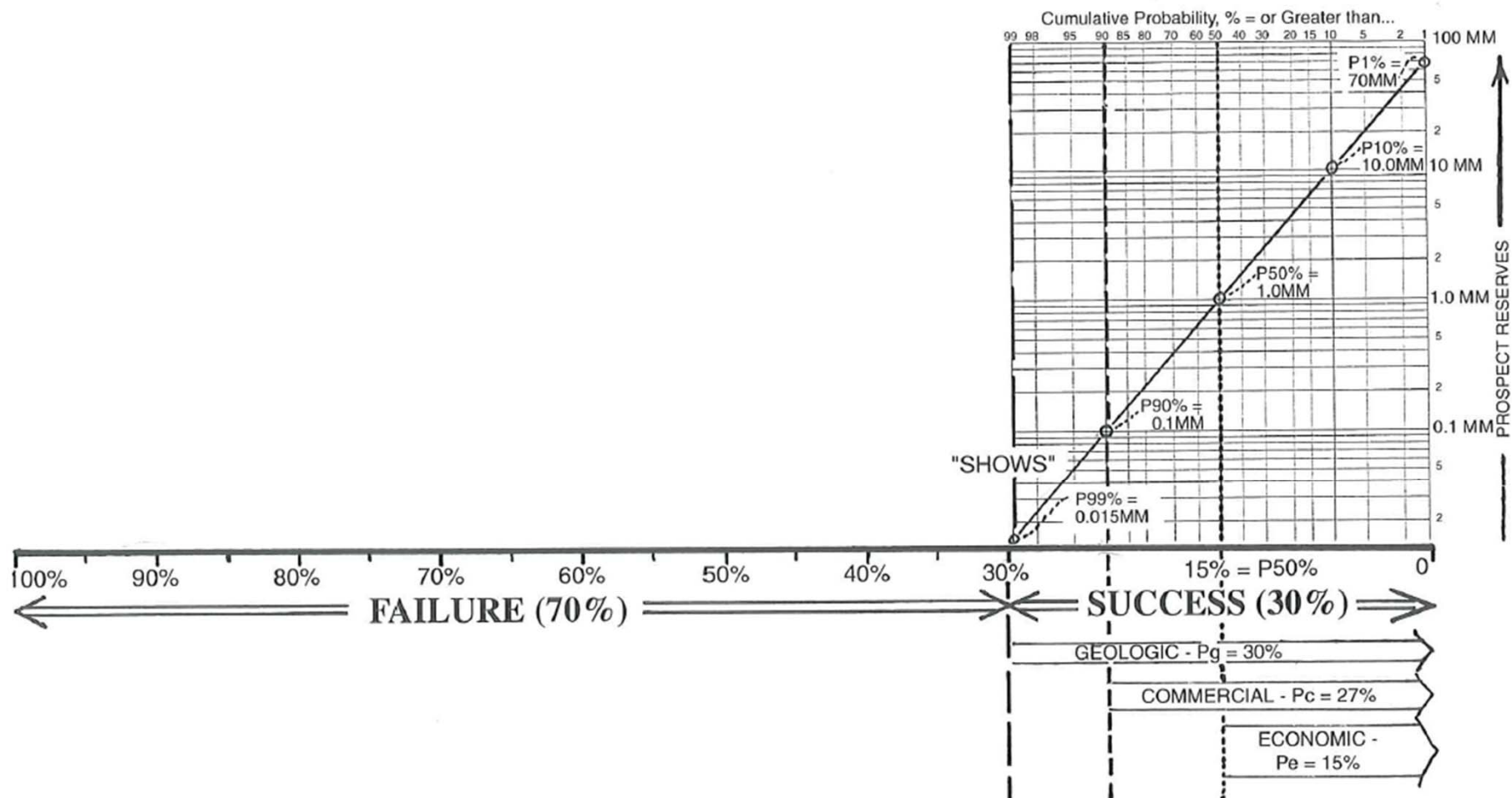
- Estimate the Geologic Chance of Success
 - Conventional reservoirs
 - Source Rock = .85
 - Timing and Migration = .8
 - Trap = .7
 - Reservoir = .62
 - **Total COS = 30%**
 - Unconventional reservoirs
 - Presence of shale = 1.0
 - Organics – proper Total Organic Content = 1.0
 - Thermal Maturity – vitrinite reflectance = .7
 - Brittle Lithology – low clay content – high silica = .8
 - Continuity of oil shale = .8
 - **Total COS = 45%**

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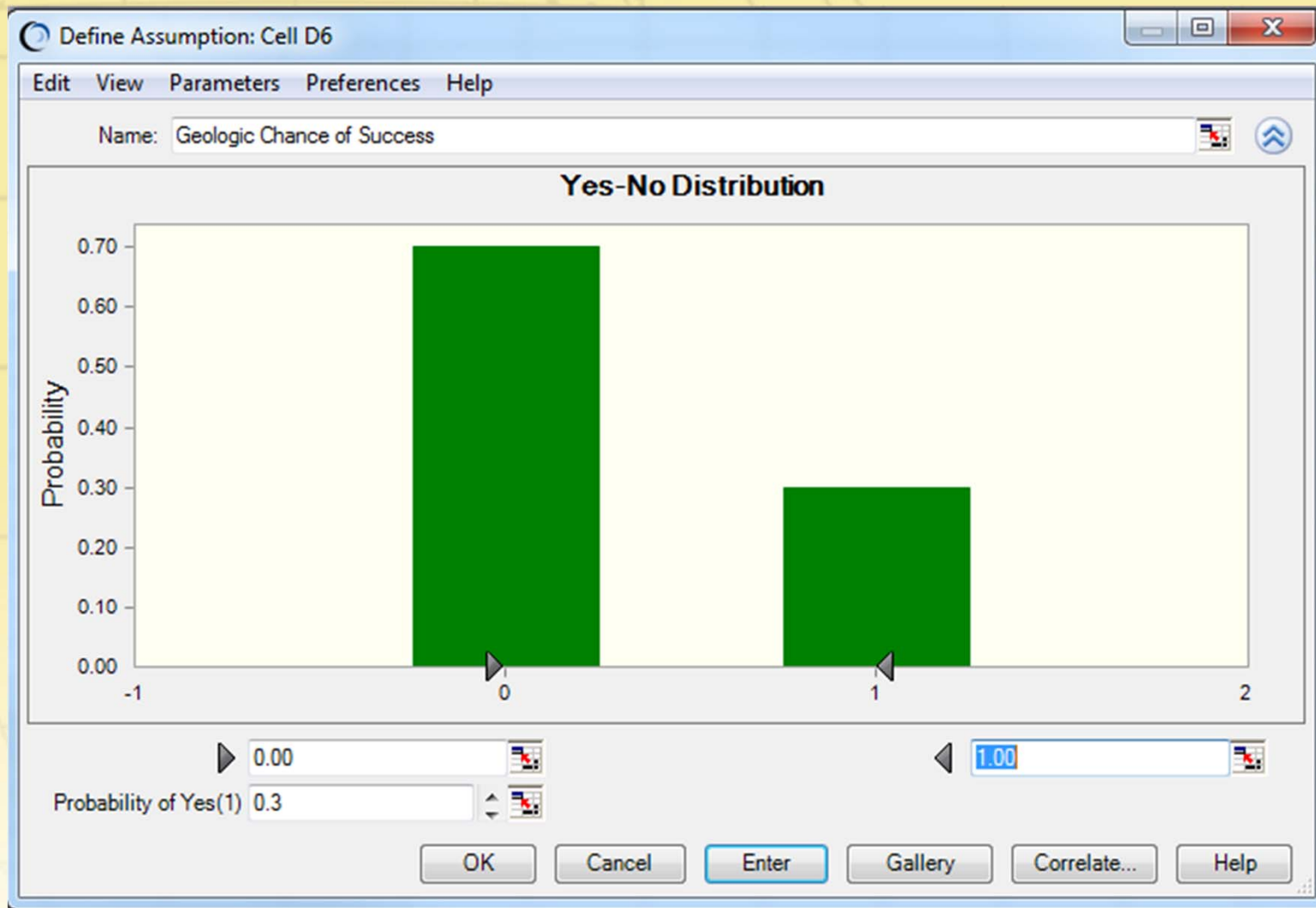


Probabilistic – incorporating the Chance of Success

32 Risk Analysis of Exploration Prospects



Probabilistic – incorporating the Chance of Success



Probabilistic

- Calculate volumes using stochastic volumetric model
 - Distributions assigned for input parameters:
 - Area
 - Gross Thickness
 - Net to Gross Ratio
 - Porosity
 - Fluid Saturation
 - Formation Volume Factor
 - Recovery factor
 - Covariance between variables
 - Porosity ~ Water saturation
 - Area ~ Net thickness
 - Recovery Factor ~ Net to Gross thickness

Probabilistic

- Project Recoverable Volumes using Arps decline equations
 - Distributions assigned for input parameters:
 - Initial rate
 - Decline rate
 - Hyperbolic b factor
 - Minimum decline rate
 - Secondary product yields (Gas – Oil ratio) or (condensate – gas ratio)
 - Covariance between variables
 - Initial Rate ~ Decline Rate
 - Initial Rate ~ Net Thickness
 - Initial Rate ~ Pressure

Probabilistic

- Calculate economic value using stochastic model
 - Distributions assigned for input parameters:
 - Product prices
 - opex
 - capex
 - Covariance between variables
 - Product prices $\sim$ opex
 - Product prices $\sim$ capex
 - Capex $\sim$ Initial Rate

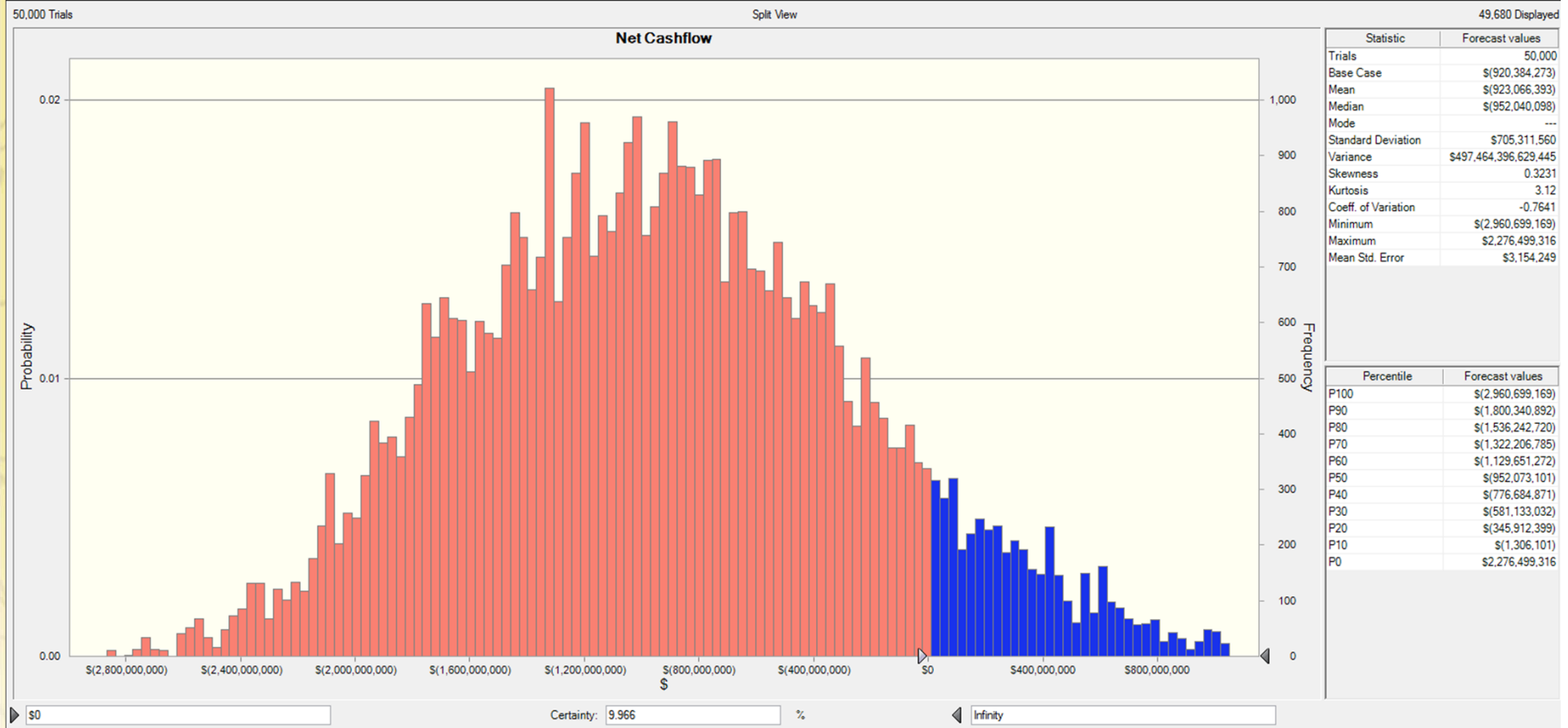
Probabilistic

- Results in a range of outcomes
 - Original Volumes in Place
 - Recoverable Volumes
 - Economic Value – Net Present Value
 - Opex
 - Capex
- Allows Managers to understand and incorporate uncertainties
 - Better decisions
 - Positions company for better profitability

Probabilistic

- Where can you use it?
 - Determine most likely outcome of a workover campaign
 - Which is the most cost efficient workover
- Shale Prospect Analysis
- Undiscovered Conventional Reservoir Prospect Analysis
- Exploration of Undrilled Acreage
- Infill drilling

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Background Info

