



NORWEGIAN PETROLEUM  
DIRECTORATE

**Leads,  
Prospects,  
Plays and  
Resource estimation**

**Why should the  
government  
know?**

# Key questions:

from the President, politicians, media,  
oil companies, NGOs.....

- **How much oil and gas ?**
- **Where are the resources ?**
- **When will they be found ?**
- **When can they be produced?**

## Can YOU answer?



# **I need to know the Petroleum Resource volume in order to:**

- **make national financial strategies and budgeting**
- **make legislation and tax regulations**
- **facilitate promotion,**
- **initiate licensing**
- **negotiate contract terms**
- **formulate investment strategies**

# What resource class do you need to know?



SPE PRMS 2007	
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<b>SPE/WPC/AAPG 2000</b>		
<b>PRODUCTION</b>		
<b>RESERVES</b>		
<b>Proved</b>	<b>P</b> roved <b>P</b> robable	<b>P</b> roved <b>P</b> robable <b>P</b> ossible
<b>CONTINGENT RESOURCES</b>		
Low estimate	Best estimate	High estimate
Unrecoverable		
<b>PROSPECTIVE RESOURCES</b>		

**I want to know the  
Proven oil reserves!  
In 2 minutes!!!!**

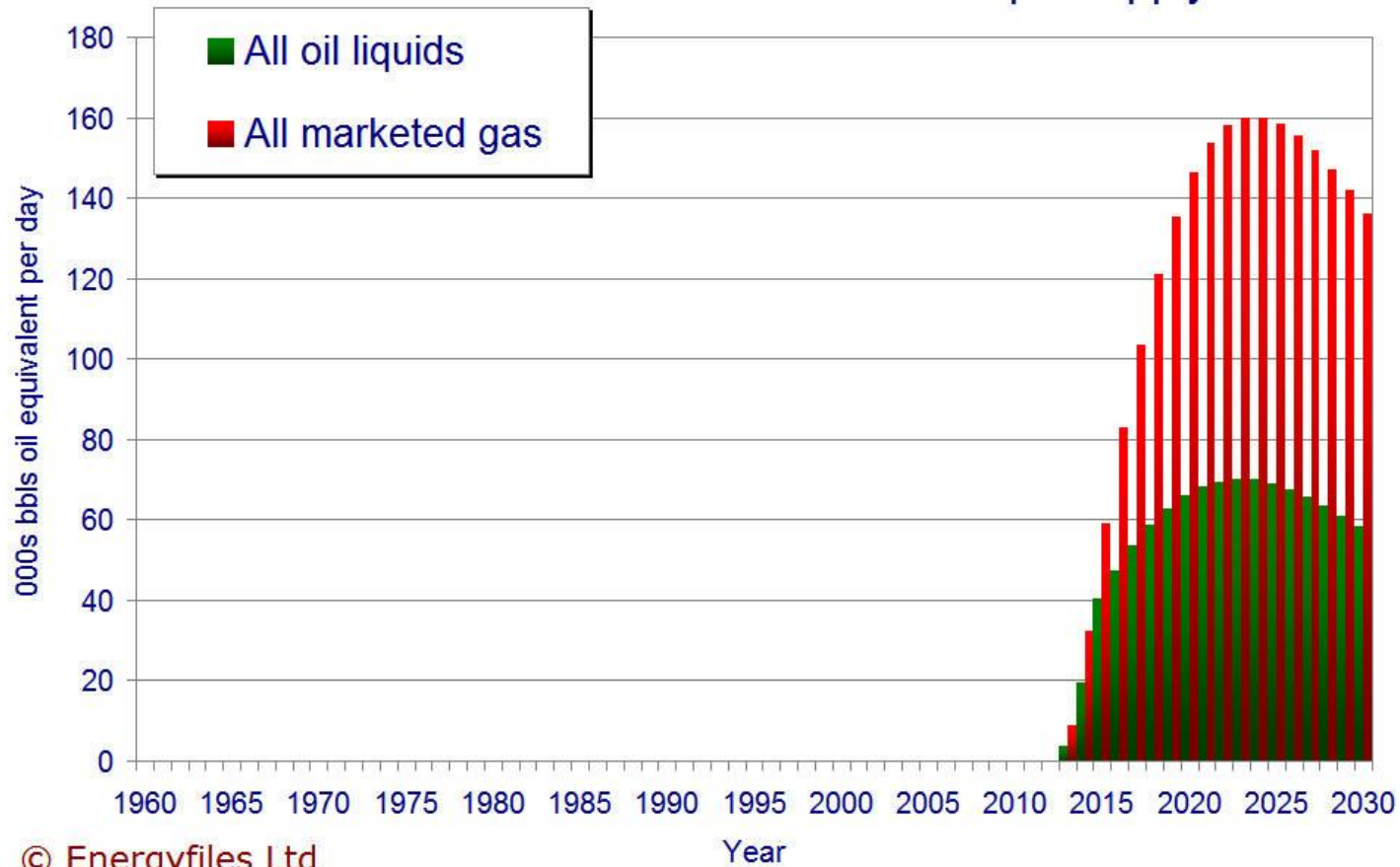


# Proven oil reserves (million barrels)



	OIL (MMbbl)	(GAS BCM)
<b>CAMBODIA</b>	<b>45</b>	
<b>CHINA</b>	<b>?????</b>	
<b>INDONESIA</b>	<b>3500</b>	<b>17 bcf</b>
<b>KOREA</b>		<b>0.4 tcf</b>
<b>MALAYSIA</b>	<b>3000</b>	<b>400 tcf</b>
<b>PHILLIPINES</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3 tcf</b>
<b>THAILAND</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>11 tcf</b>
<b>TIMOR LESTE</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>14 tcf</b>
<b>VIETNAM</b>	<b>150</b>	

## CAMBODIA: Simple supply forecast

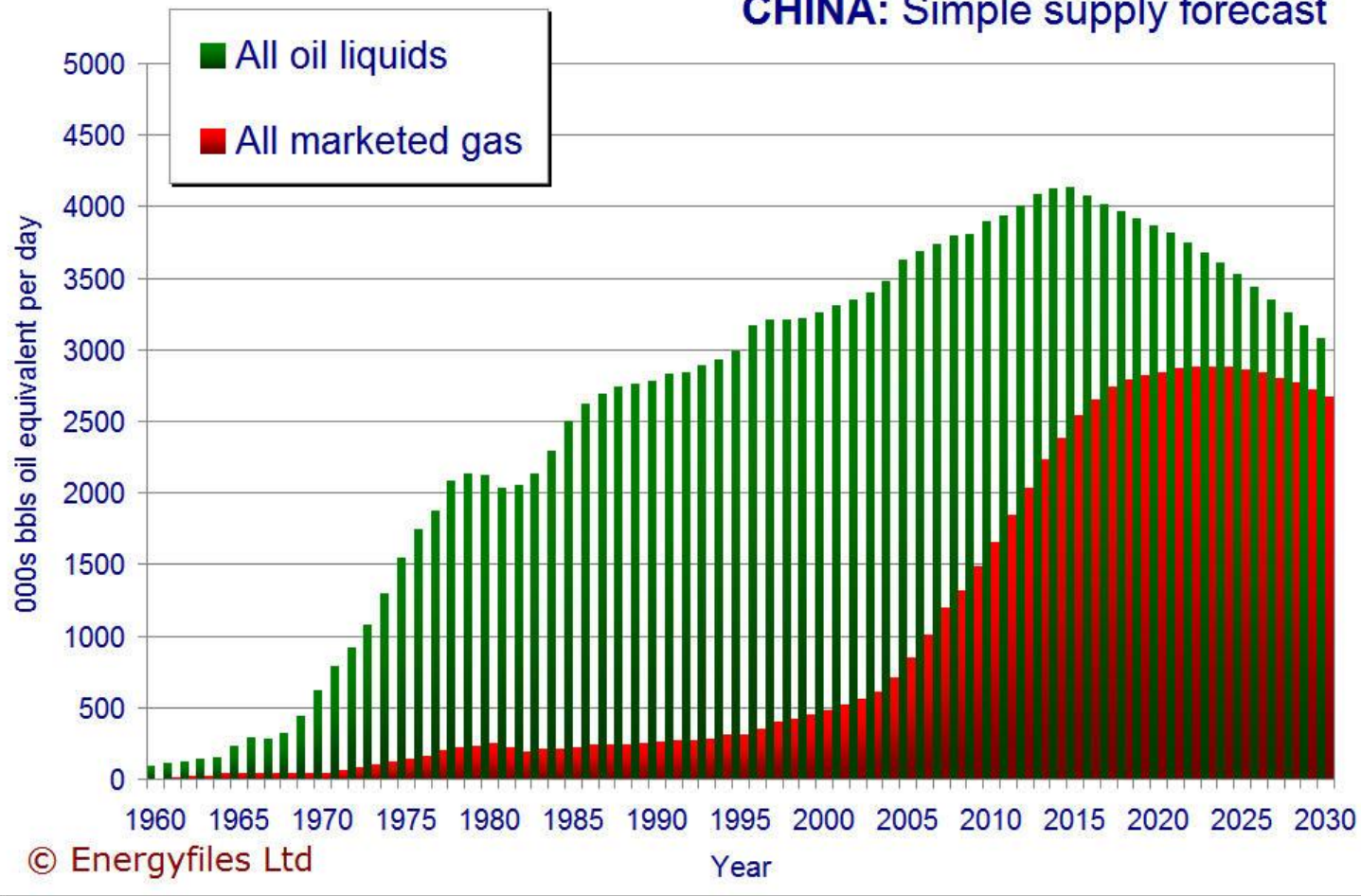


**Proven Reserves:**

**BP: -**

**CIA: 0 million barrels oil, 0 billion m<sup>3</sup> gas**

## CHINA: Simple supply forecast



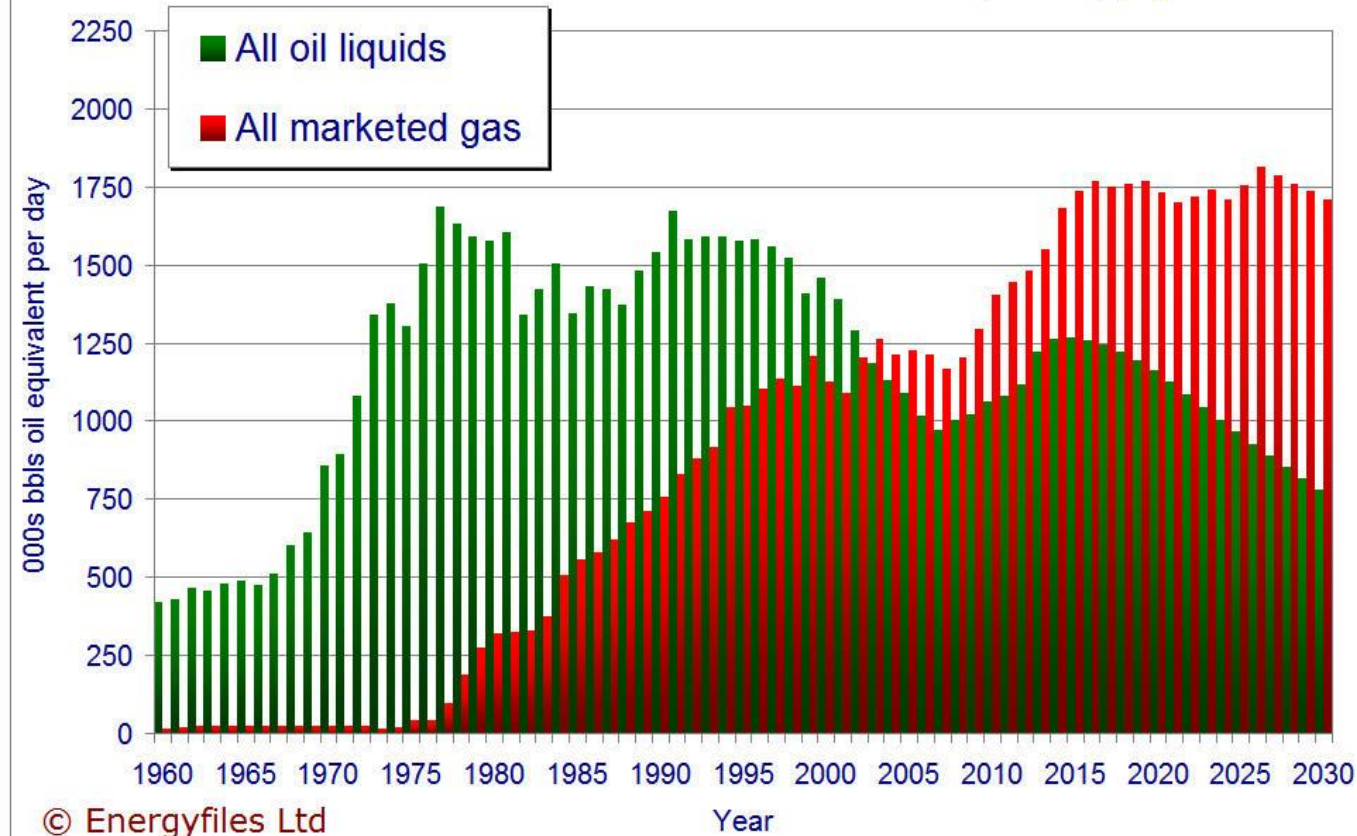
**Proven Reserves:**

**BP: 14 800 million barrels**

**CIA: 20 350 million barrels oil, 3030 billion m<sup>3</sup> gas**



## INDONESIA: Simple supply forecast

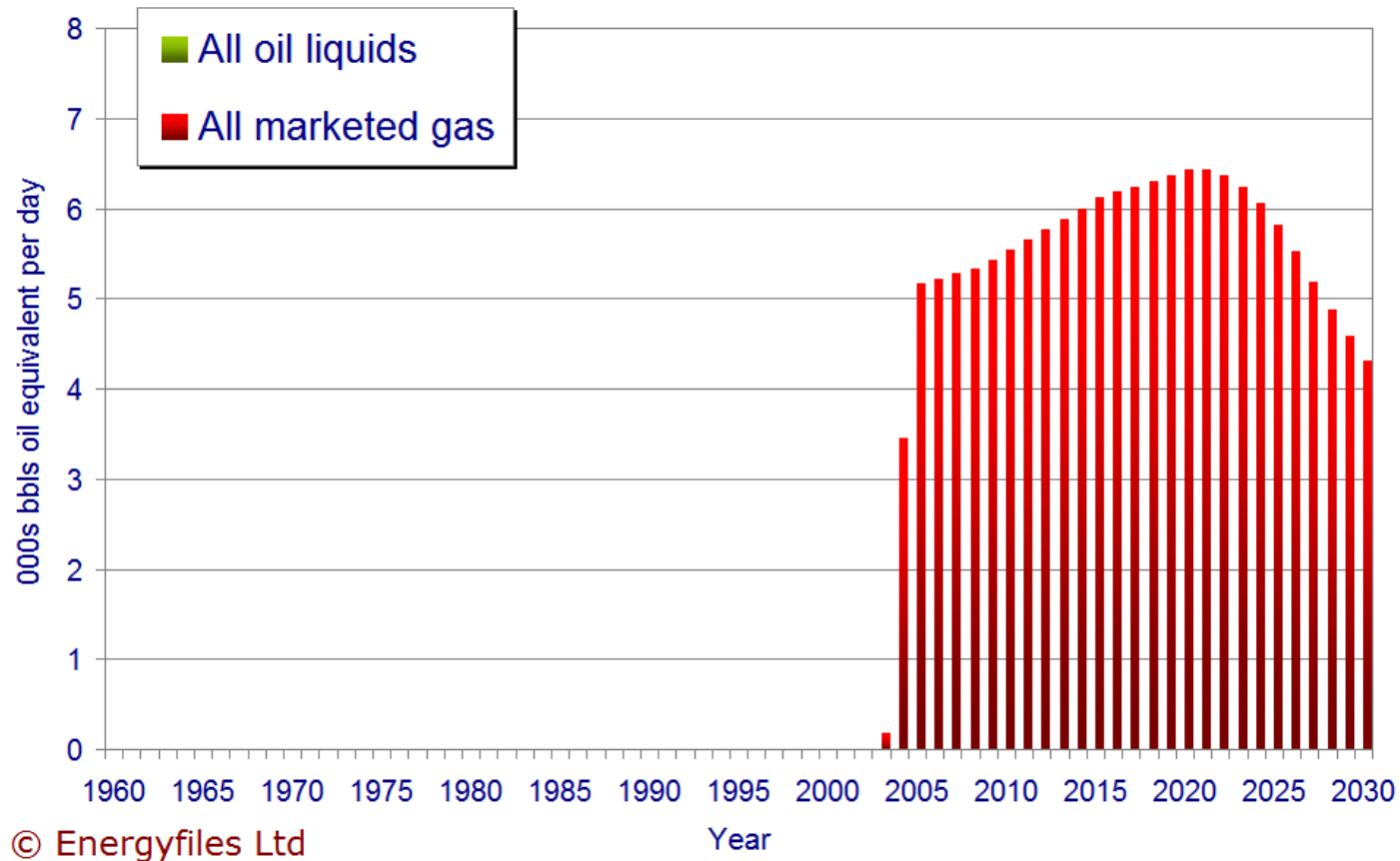


### Proven Reserves:

**BP: 4 200 million barrels**

**CIA: 3 990 million barrels oil, 3000 billion m<sup>3</sup> gas**

## KOREA, SOUTH: Simple supply forecast

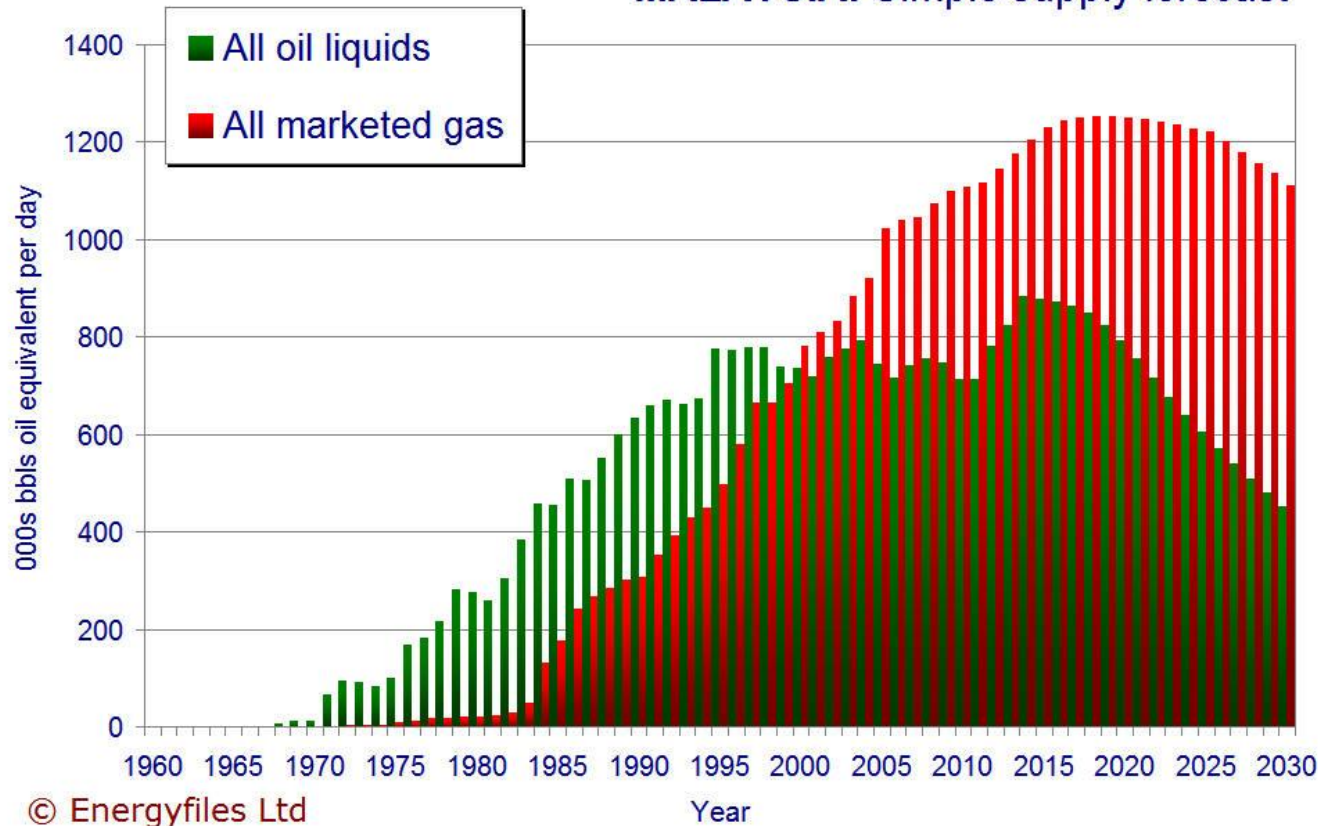


**Proven Reserves:**

**BP: -**

**CIA: 0 million barrels oil, 50 billion m<sup>3</sup> gas**

## MALAYSIA: Simple supply forecast

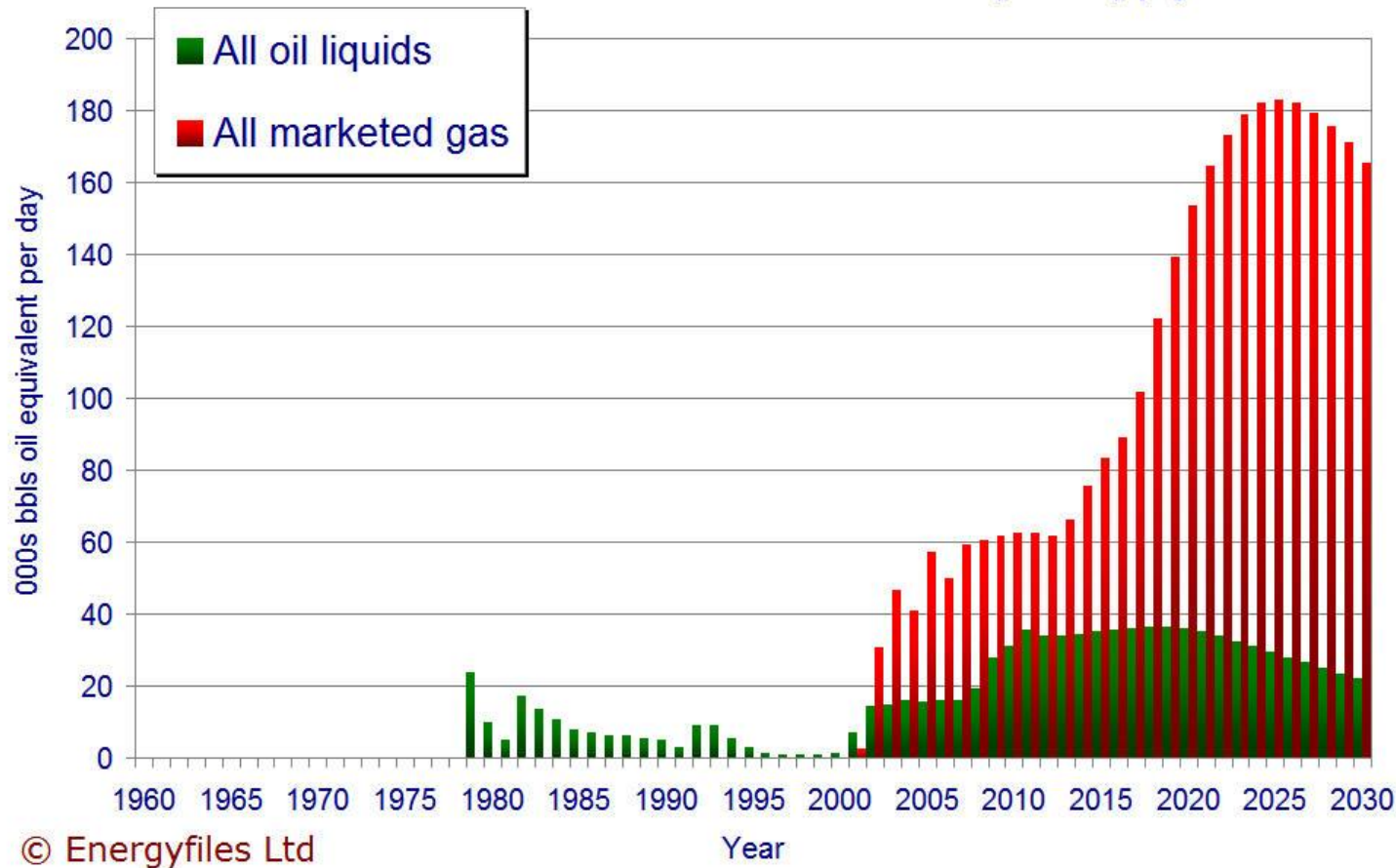


**Proven Reserves:**

**BP: 5 800 million barrels**

**CIA: 4 000 million barrels oil, 2 350 billion m<sup>3</sup> gas**

## PHILIPPINES: Simple supply forecast

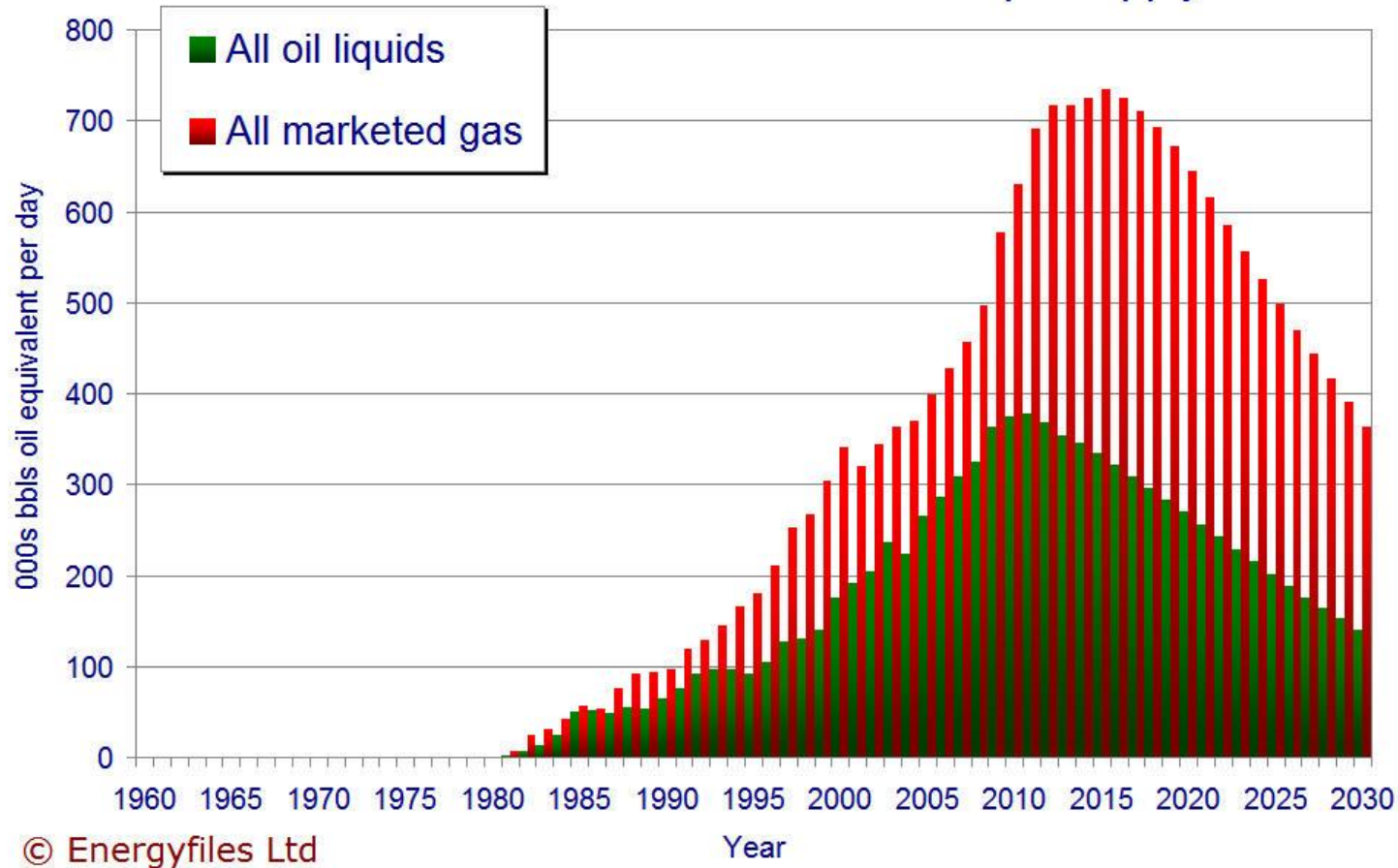


**Proven Reserves:**

**BP: -**

**CIA: 138 million barrels oil, 98 billion m<sup>3</sup> gas**

## THAILAND: Simple supply forecast

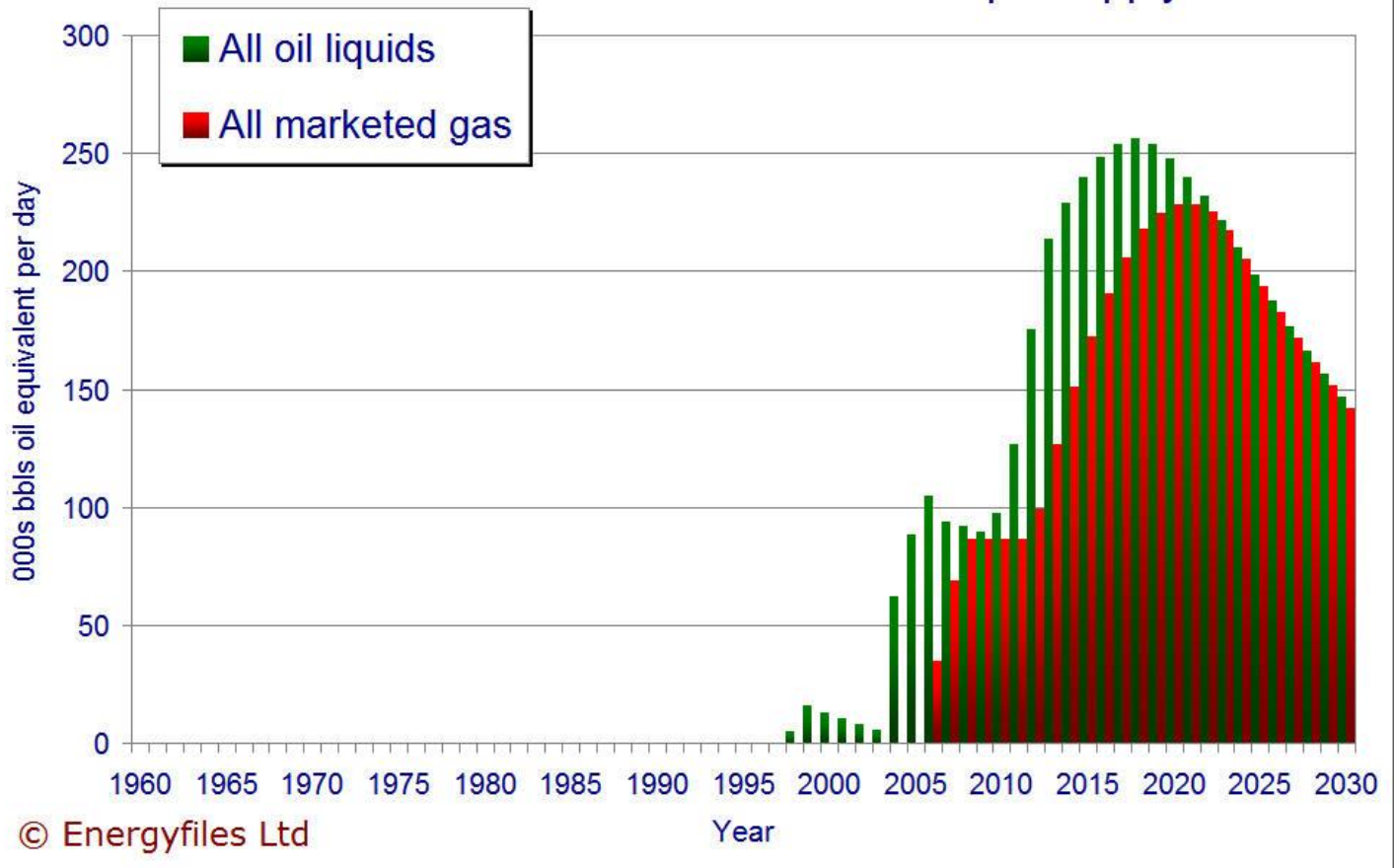


**Proven Reserves:**

**BP: 400 million barrels oil**

**CIA: 435 million barrels oil, 312 billion m<sup>3</sup> gas**

### TIMOR LESTE: Simple supply forecast



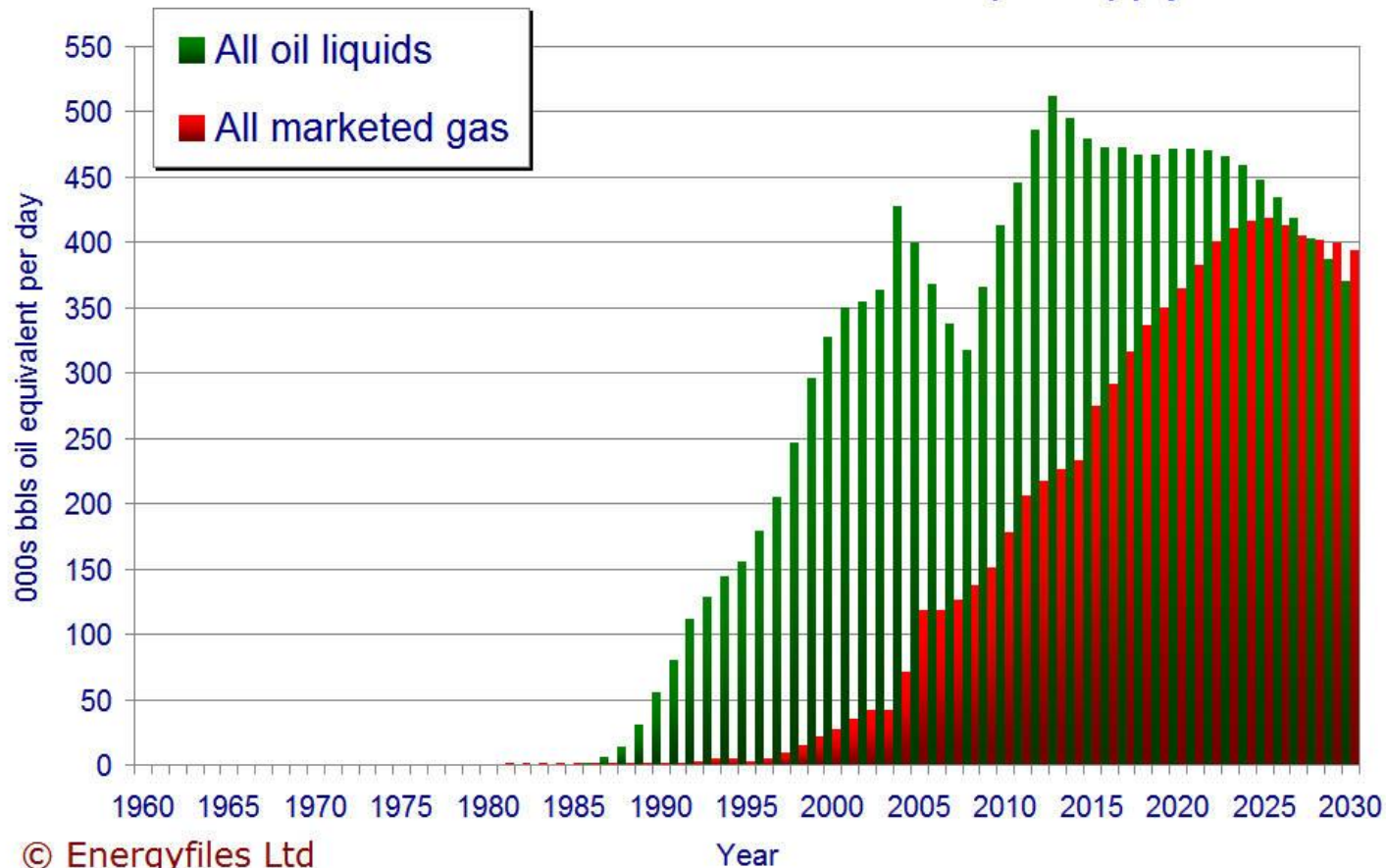
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**Proven Reserves:**

**BP: -**

**CIA: 553 million barrels oil, 200 billion m<sup>3</sup> gas**

## VIETNAM: Simple supply forecast

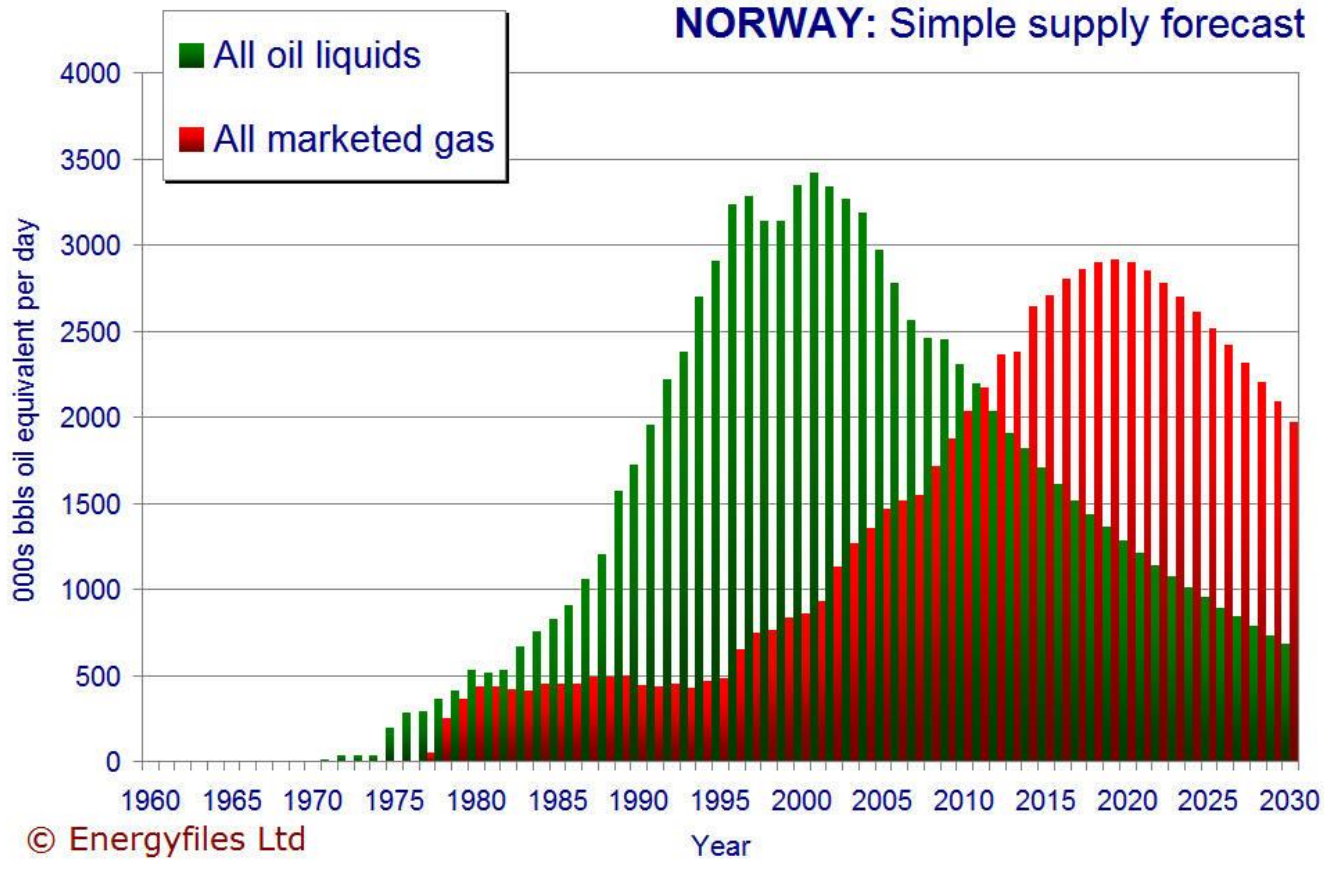


### Proven Reserves:

**BP: 4 400 million barrels**

**CIA: 600 million barrels oil, 192 billion m<sup>3</sup> gas**

## NORWAY: Simple supply forecast



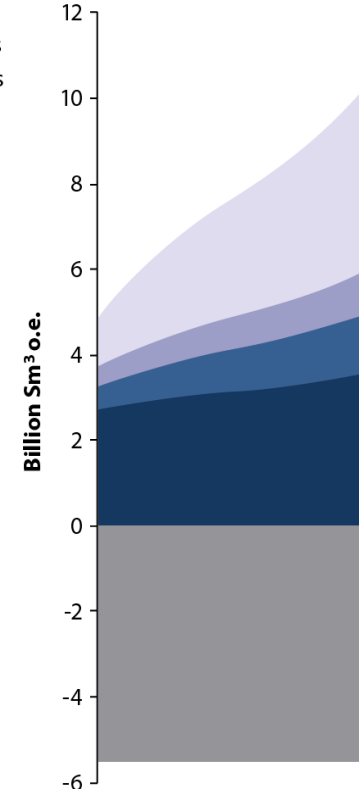
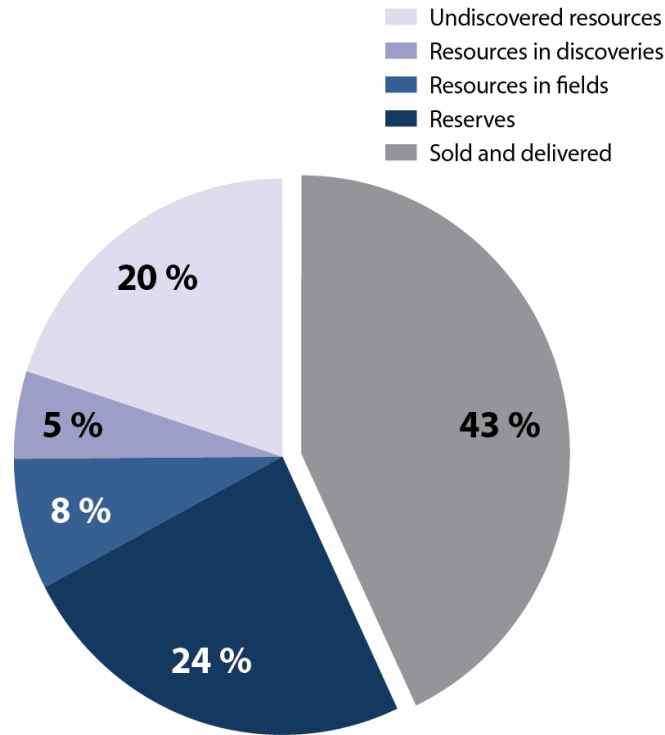
## Proven Reserves:

**BP: 6 700 million barrels**

**CIA: 5 670 million barrels oil, 2 039 billion m<sup>3</sup> gas**

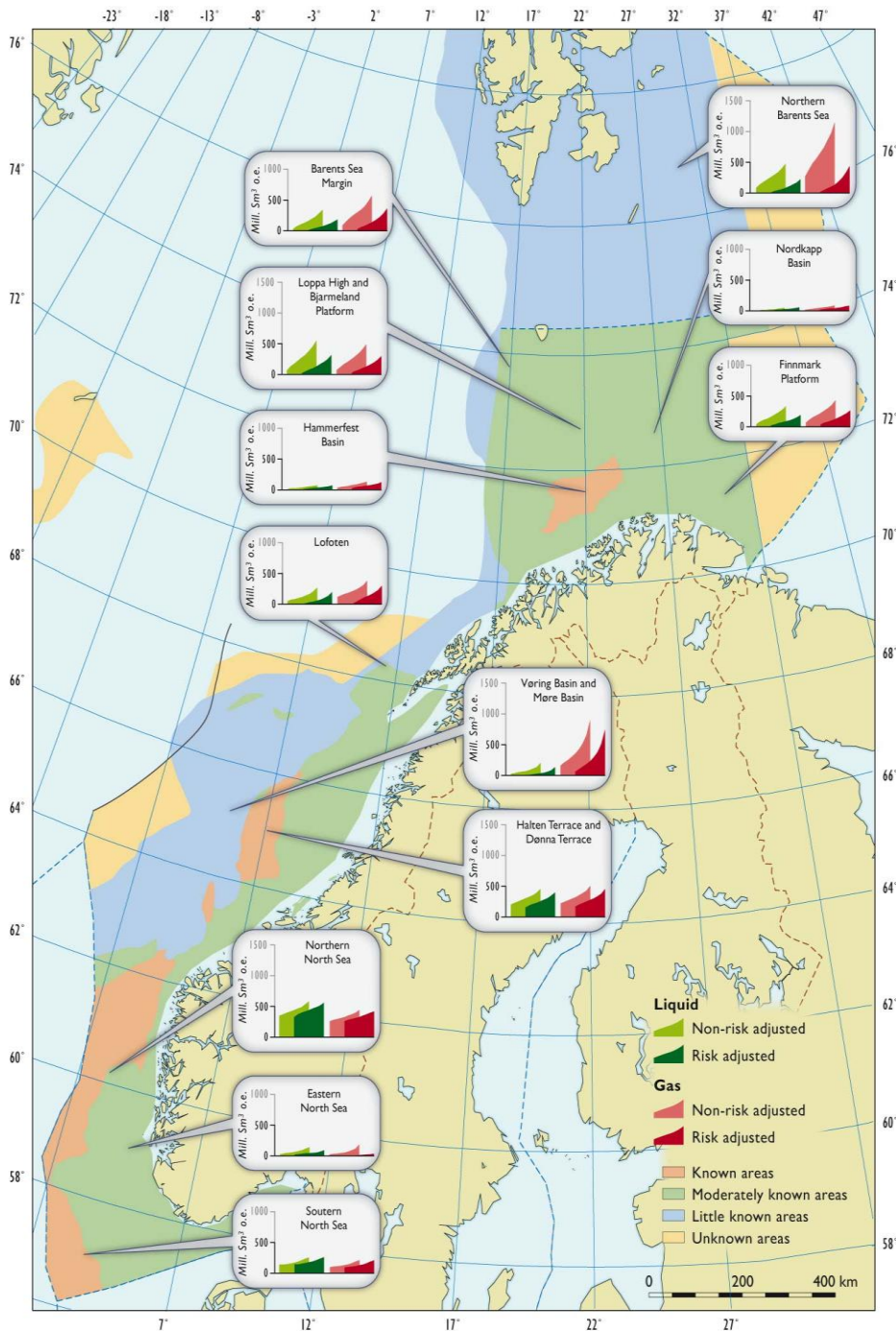


# Norway



## Total recoverable resources:

- ~ 13 billion Sm<sup>3</sup> o.e.
  - 5.5 billion Sm<sup>3</sup> o.e. Produced
  - **3.1 billion Sm<sup>3</sup> o.e. Reserves**
  - 1.7 million Sm<sup>3</sup> o.e. Contingent resources in fields and discoveries
  - 2.6 billion Sm<sup>3</sup> o.e. Undiscovered resources



**Resource account for Norwegian shelf**

**Systematic analysis based on all data acquired**

**Published on paper and internet**

# We are going to talk about Prospective Resources



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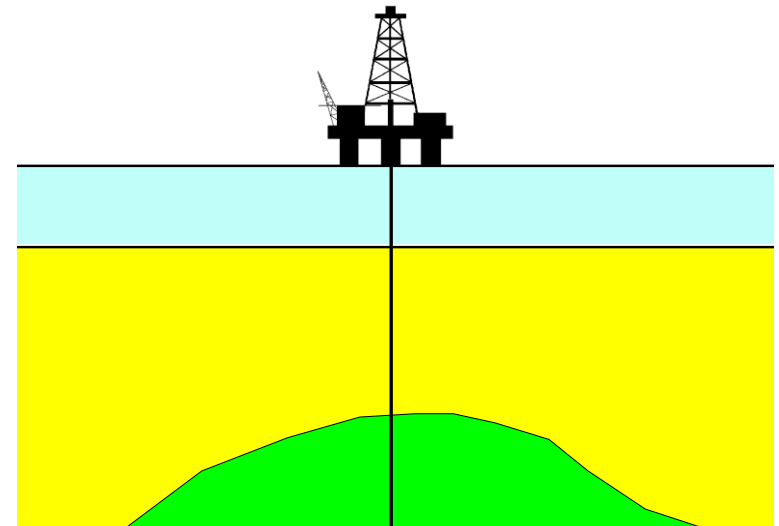
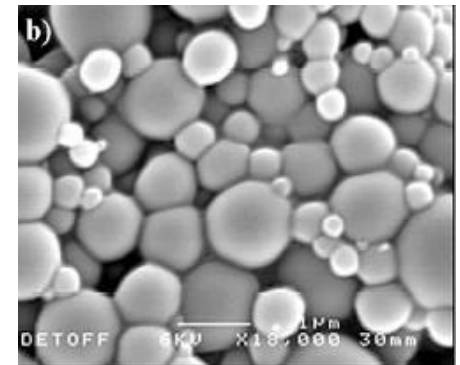
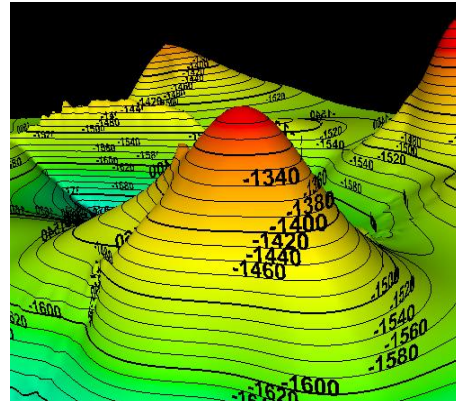
# Definitions

- Petroleum system.
  - A group of plays within a given geographical area having a common source rock.
- Play.
  - A geographically and stratigraphically delimited area where common geological factors exist in order that petroleum accumulation can occur.
- Prospect.
  - A potential petroleum trap.
  - With a mappable reservoir rock volume.

# Prospect Volume



Producible oil volume =  
Gross Rock volume x  
N/G ratio x  
porosity x  
Hydrocarbon saturation x  
Formation volume factor x  
Recovery factor



# Methods for resource assessment



- **Analogue**
- **Petroleum Systems**
- **Areal yield**
- **Volumetric yield**
- **Geochemical material-balance**
- **Historical methods**
- **Prospect and play analysis**
- **Direct or combinations of methods**



# Level of Knowledge (LOK)

<b>LOK</b>	<b>Basin Description</b>	<b>Methodology</b>
<i>Very High</i>	<p>The basin is very well explored and has a multitude of discoveries in all plays. Most plays are regarded as mature but some will be regarded as emerging. A large proportion of the basin is covered by 3D seismic.</p> <p>The success rate is on a decreasing trend</p>	<p><b>Mature fields</b>            Material balance            Decline analysis  <b>New fields and discoveries</b>            Quantitative Reservoir Simulations.            Probabilistic volumetric calculations  <b>Play and Prospects</b>            Probabilistic prospect analysis            Play analysis level A</p>
<i>High</i>	<p>The basin is well explored and has several discoveries. Most of the plays are confirmed, but some are still unconfirmed. Some 3D seismic surveys exist outside of the discoveries and the 2D grid is dense.</p> <p>The success rate is on an increasing trend</p>	<p><b>New fields and discoveries</b>            Probabilistic volumetric calculations  <b>Plays and Prospects</b>            Probabilistic prospect analysis            Play analysis level B</p>
<i>Moderate</i>	<p>The basin is moderately explored. At least one play is confirmed, but most plays are unconfirmed. Only 2D seismic data exists outside of the discoveries</p>	<p><b>Plays and Prospects</b>            Probabilistic prospect analysis            Play analysis level C</p>
<i>Low</i>	<p>Little exploration has taken place. No plays are confirmed. Only a few regional seismic lines or a very coarse grid of 2D seismic exists</p>	<p><b>Plays</b>            Play analysis level C</p>
<i>Very Low</i>	<p>None or very little exploration has taken place in the basin. No or little seismic exists.</p>	<p>Delphi and Analogue methods</p>

## **Analogue – *when you know little about the basin***

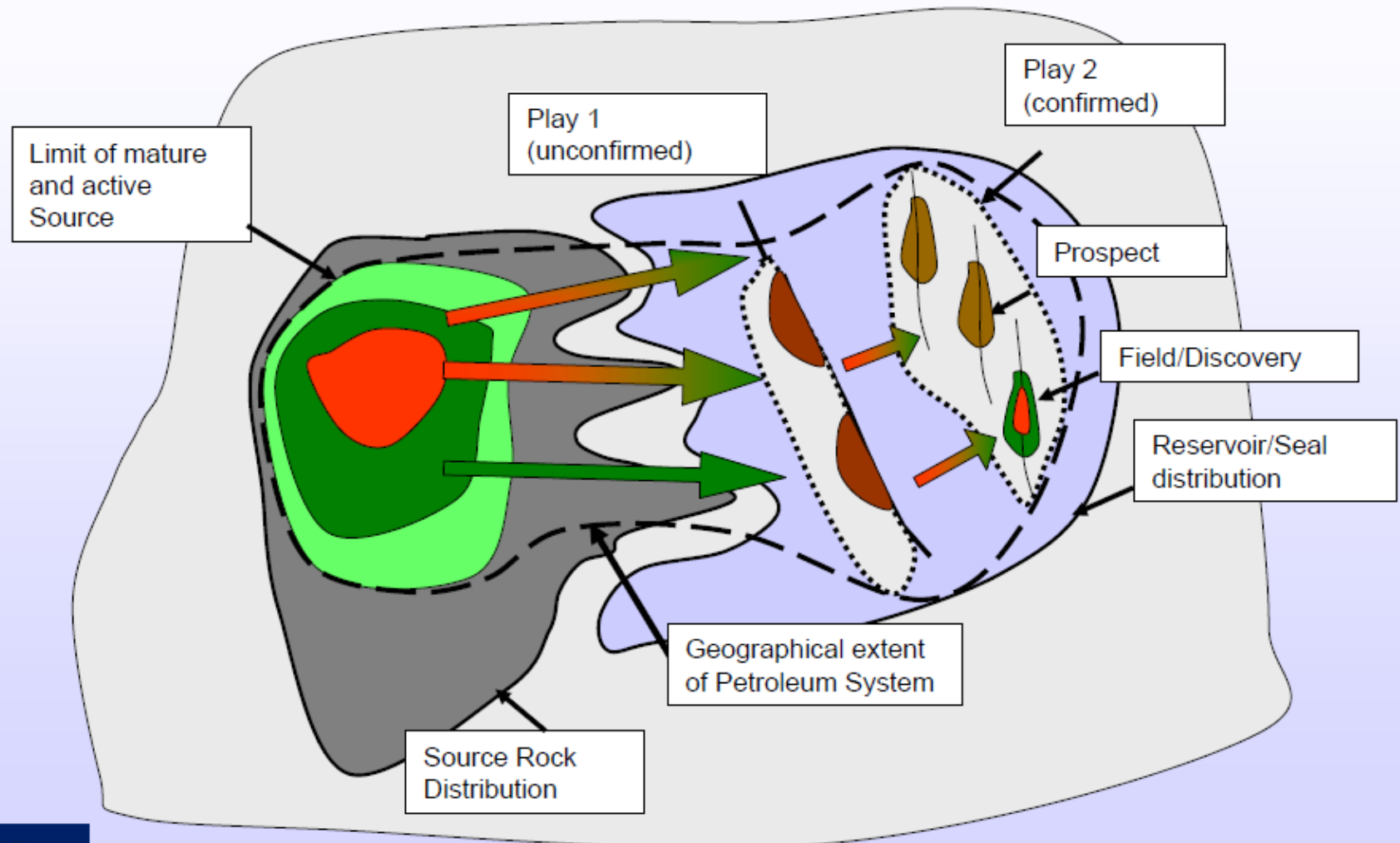
- Sedimentary basins with no or little exploration and with very little data/information about geological evolution and prospectivity.
- Compare the basin with other known explored basins anticipated to be of similar geological evolution where information is available
- Require good analogue database



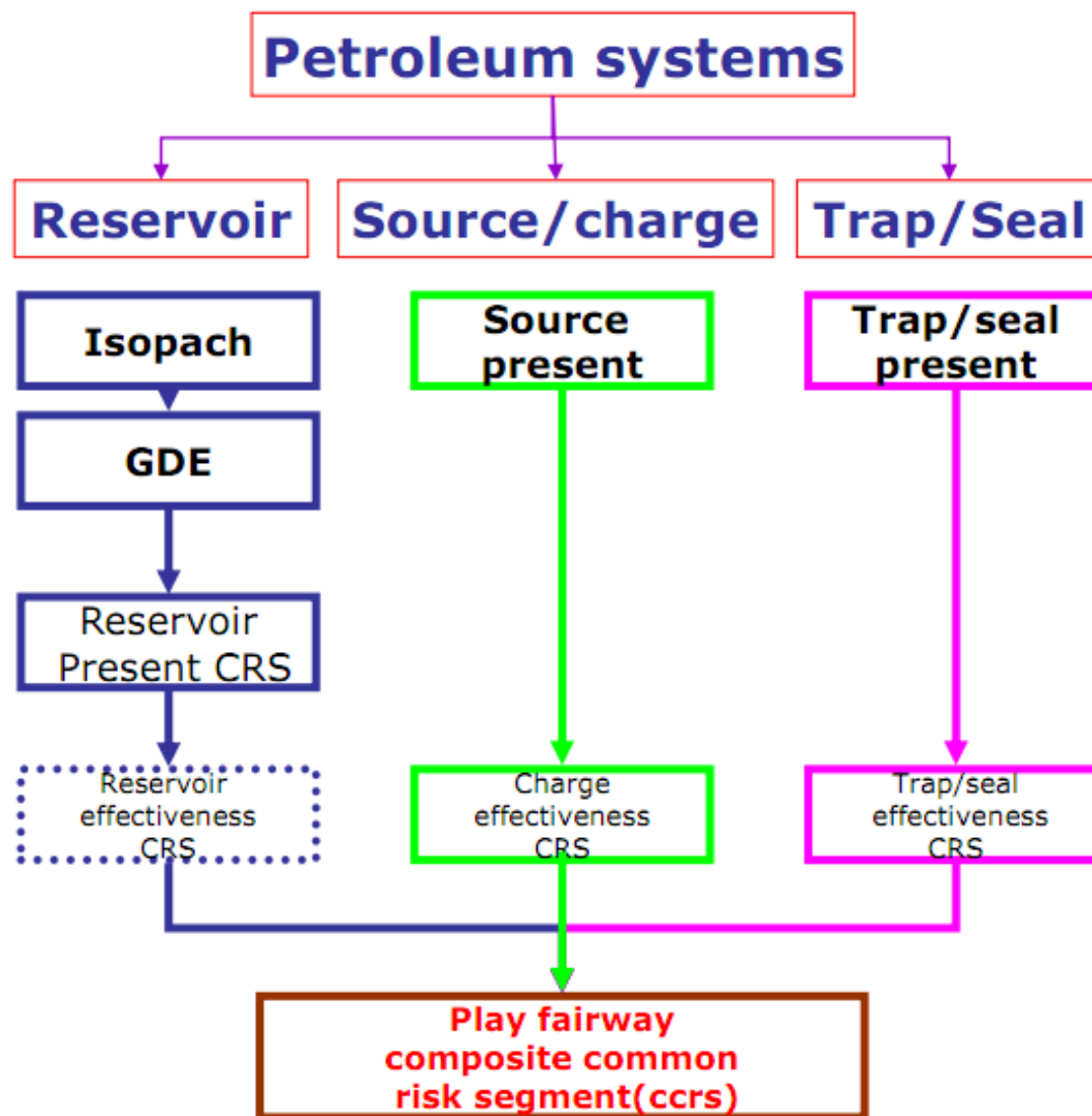
## Petroleum system (PS)

- The petroleum system is the essential elements and processes as well as all genetically related hydrocarbons that occur in petroleum shows, seeps, and accumulations whose provenance is a single pod of active source rock.
- Source rock is basis for PS

# Petroleum system



# Play fairway analysis



# Total Petroleum System TPS (USGS)



The TPS is a naturally occurring hydrocarbon-fluid system in the lithosphere that can be mapped, and includes the essential elements and processes needed for oil and gas accumulations to exist.

Assessment based on probability for

- 1. Charge** (source rock and thermal maturity)
- 2. Rocks** (Reservoir, trap and seal)
- 3. Timing** (relative ages of migration, traps and preservation)

# Circum-Arctic Resource Appraisal: Estimates of Undiscovered Oil and Gas North of the Arctic Circle

In the Circum-Arctic Resource Appraisal (CARA), 33 provinces were examined, of which 25 were judged to have a 10-percent or greater probability of at least one significant undiscovered petroleum accumulation in any constituent assessment unit (AU) and were therefore quantitatively assessed. Shown in these three maps are the relative probabilities for all assessment units assessed and the estimated relative potentials for undiscovered oil and gas in the assessed provinces.

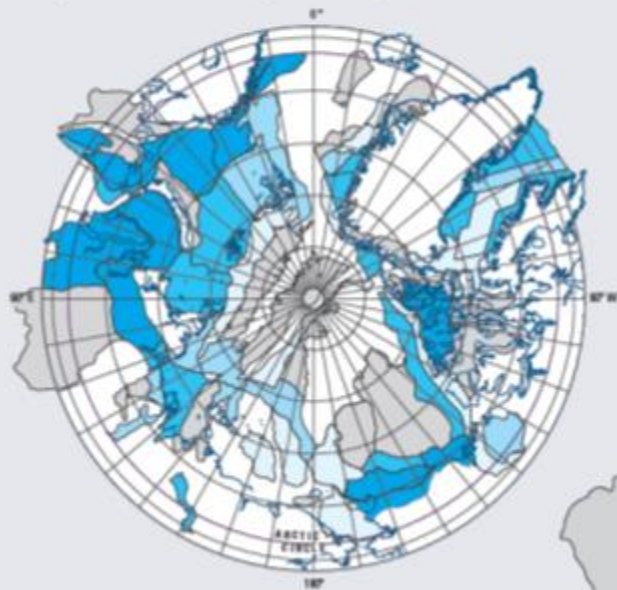


Figure 1. Assessment units (AUs) in the Circum-Arctic Resource Appraisal (CARA) color-coded by assessed probability of the presence of at least one collectible oil and/or gas field with recoverable resources greater than 50 million barrels of oil equivalent (MBOE). Probabilities for AUs are based on the entire area of the AU, including any parts south of the Arctic Circle.

**PROBABILITY**  
(percent)

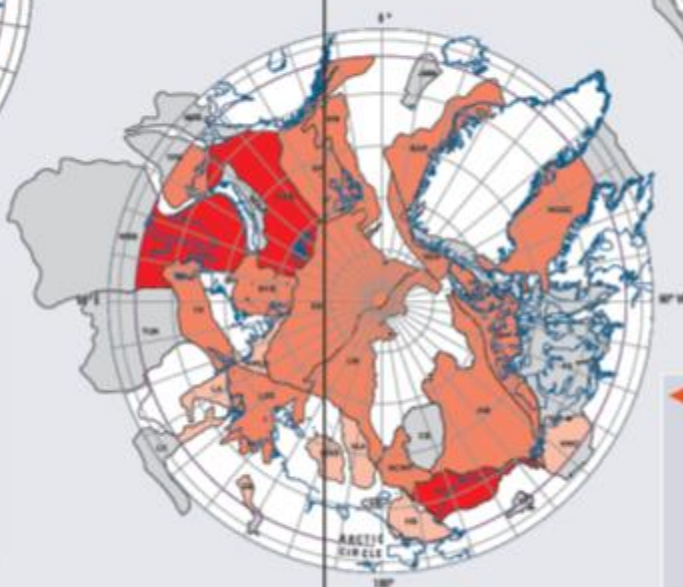


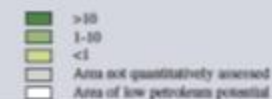
Figure 2. Provinces in the Circum-Arctic Resource Appraisal (CARA) color-coded for mean estimated undiscovered gas. Only areas north of the Arctic Circle are included in the estimates. Province labels are the same as in table 1.

**UNDISCOVERED GAS**  
(trillion cubic feet)



Figure 3. Provinces in the Circum-Arctic Resource Appraisal (CARA) color-coded for mean estimated undiscovered oil or oil fields. Only areas north of the Arctic Circle are included in the estimates. Province labels are the same as in table 1.

**UNDISCOVERED OIL**  
(billion barrels)



# Assessment Unit (AU) within the Total Petroleum System (TPS)



- The assessment unit (AU) *is a volume of rock* within the TPS that encompasses fields, discovered and undiscovered, sufficiently homogeneous in terms of geology, exploration strategy and risk characteristics to constitute a single population of field characteristics with respect to criteria used for resource assessment.
- TPS may consist of several AU.

## Arial yield

Potentially productive area \* Yield

A simple, “quick and easy” method

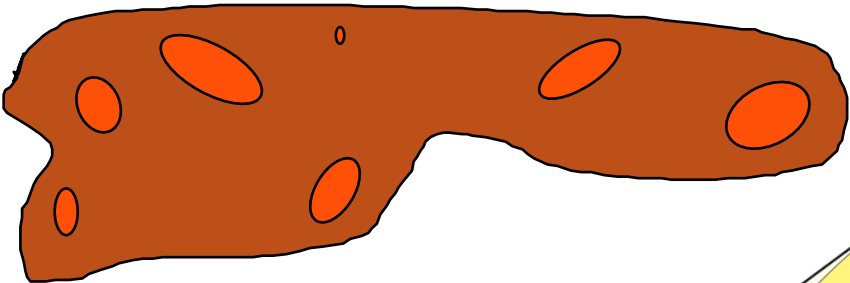
Problem:

Does not take into account variations in depth!

## Volumetric yield

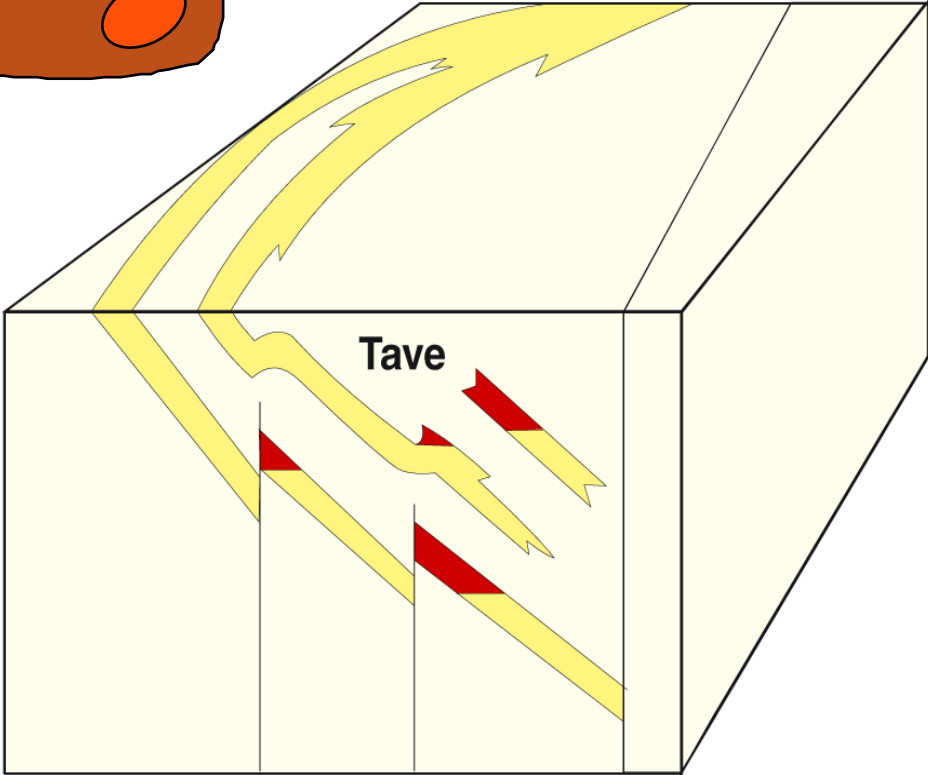
Potentially productive area \*  
Average net pay thickness \*  
Yield

# BASIN ASSESSMENT BY VOLUMETRIC YIELD



## NC VOLUME FACTORS

BASIN AREA,  $Mi^2$  (A)  
X  
AVERAGE TOTAL-SEDIMENT  
THICKNESS,  $Mi$  (T)  
X  
POTENTIAL BBL/ $Mi^3$



## POTENTIAL FIELDS IN BASIN





# Geochemical material balance

**Calculate the amount of hydrocarbons generated from the source rock, migrated and entrapped.**

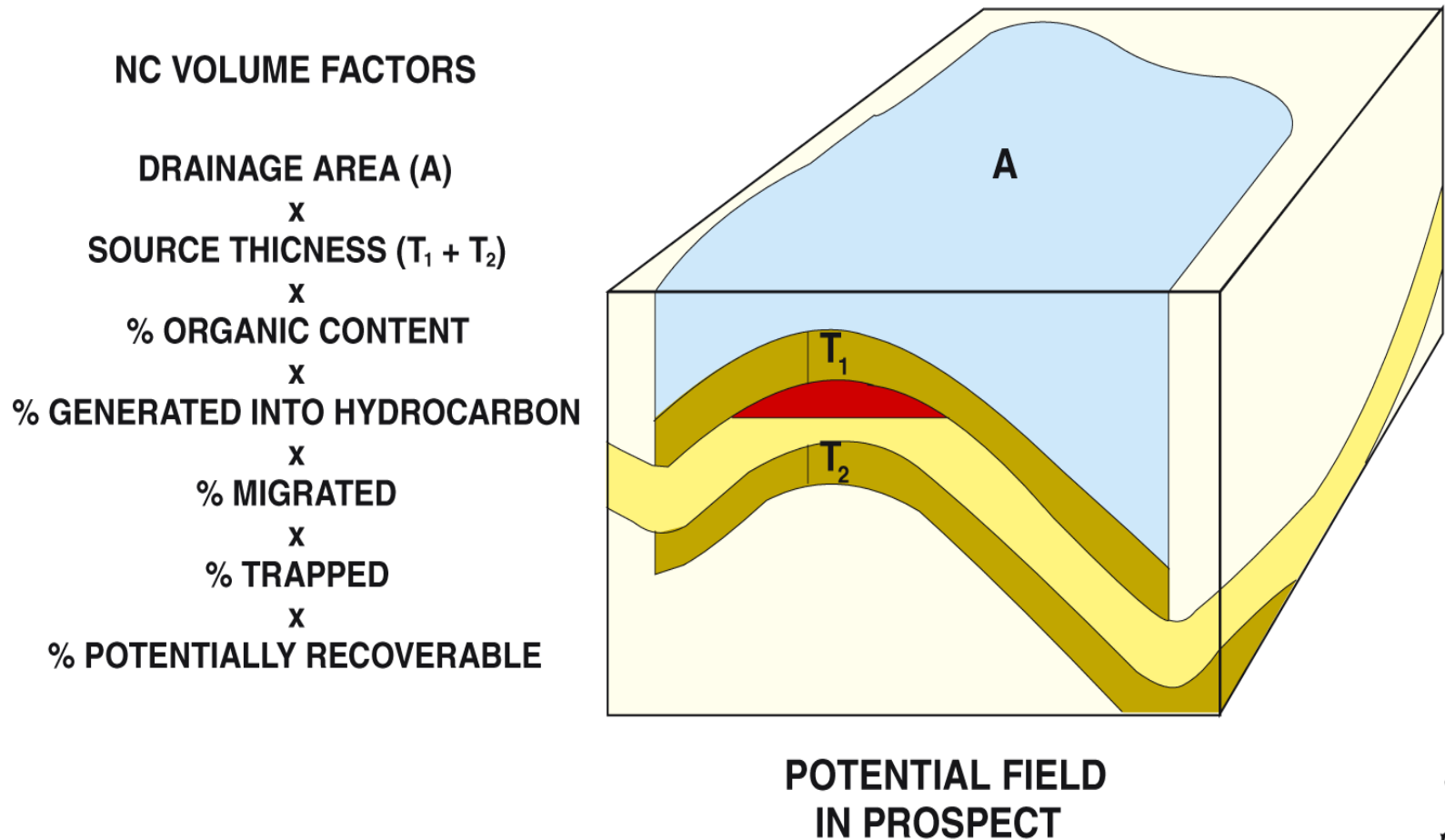
**Important factors:**

- **drainage area**
- **thickness of source rock above and below reservoir bed**
- **generated amount of hydrocarbons**
- **migrated amount of hydrocarbons**
- **entrapped amount of hydrocarbons**

**Problem:**

**The level of understanding of the basic processes and the ability to reconstruct the geological history.**

# PROSPECT ASSESSMENT BY GEOCHEMICAL MATERIAL BALANCE



# Historical method

- Field number and size

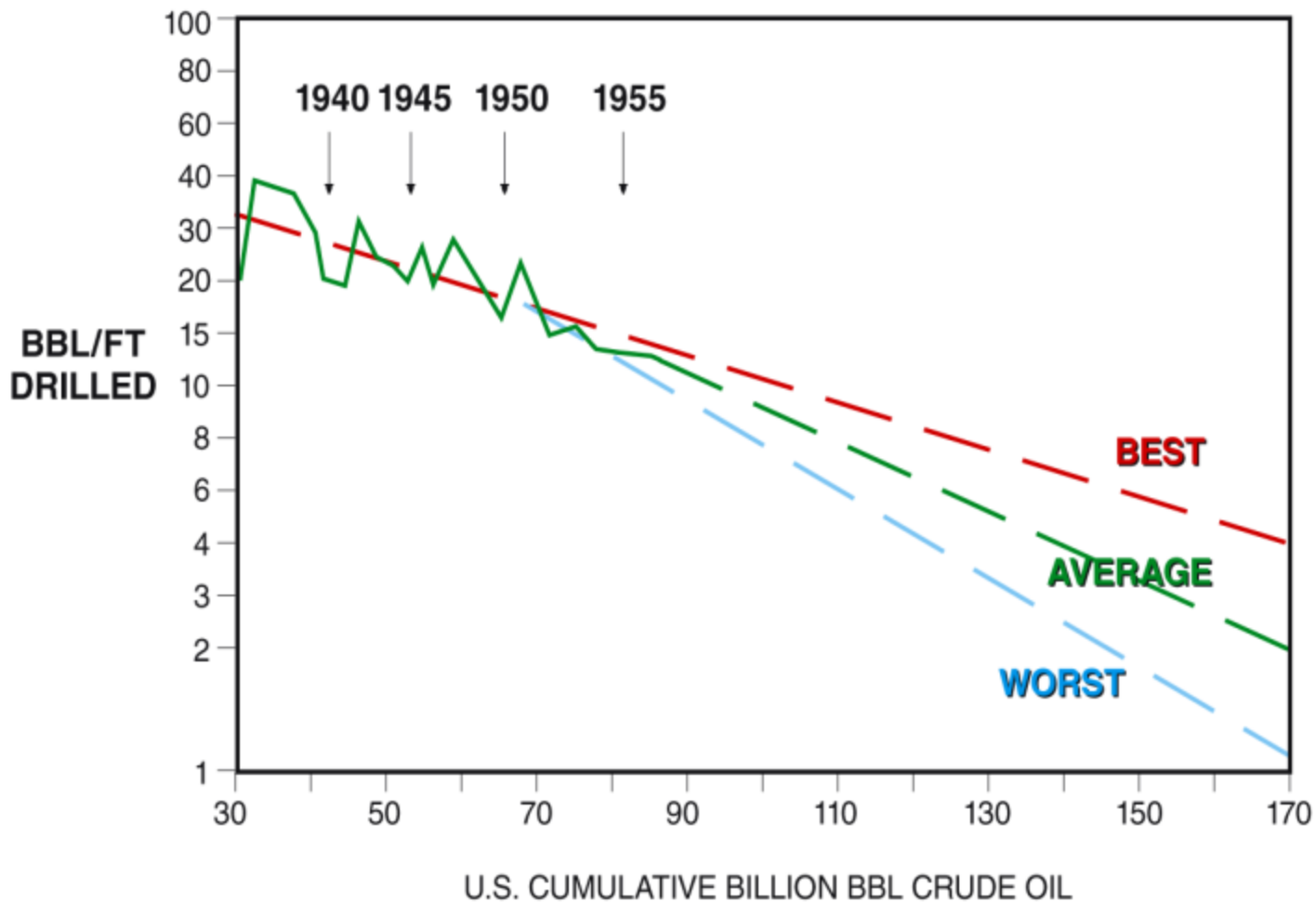
**Extrapolate known prospect sizes and discovery rates from drilled prospects to undrilled prospects.**

Problem:

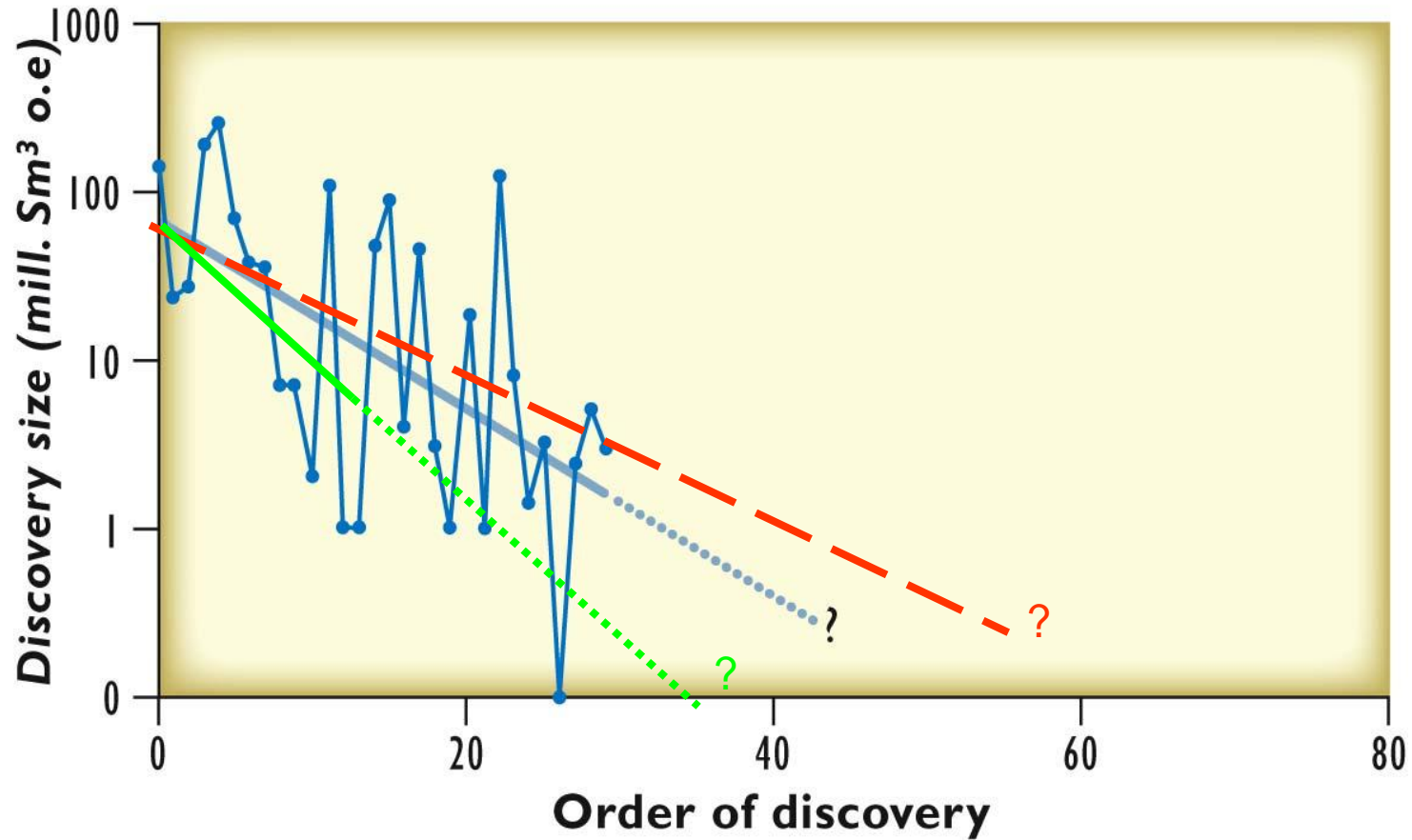
Based on areas where all relevant prospects are mapped.

Prospect types which are not easily recognised, as stratigraphic traps are a problem.

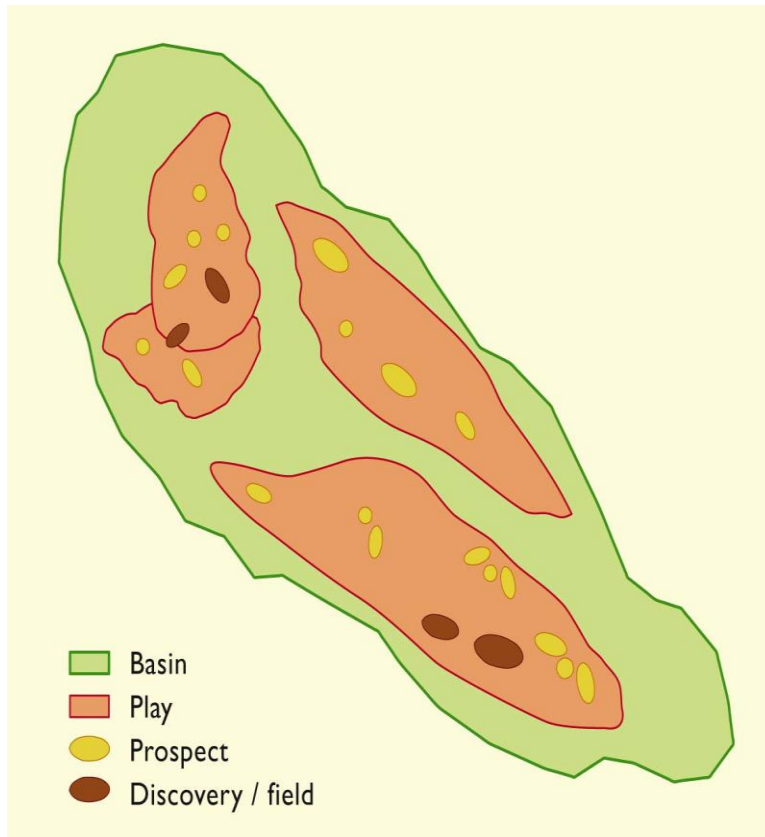
# EXTRAPOLATION OF DISCOVERY RATE EXPRESSED AS BARRELS DISCOVERED PER FOOT DRILLED



# Discovery Process Modelling



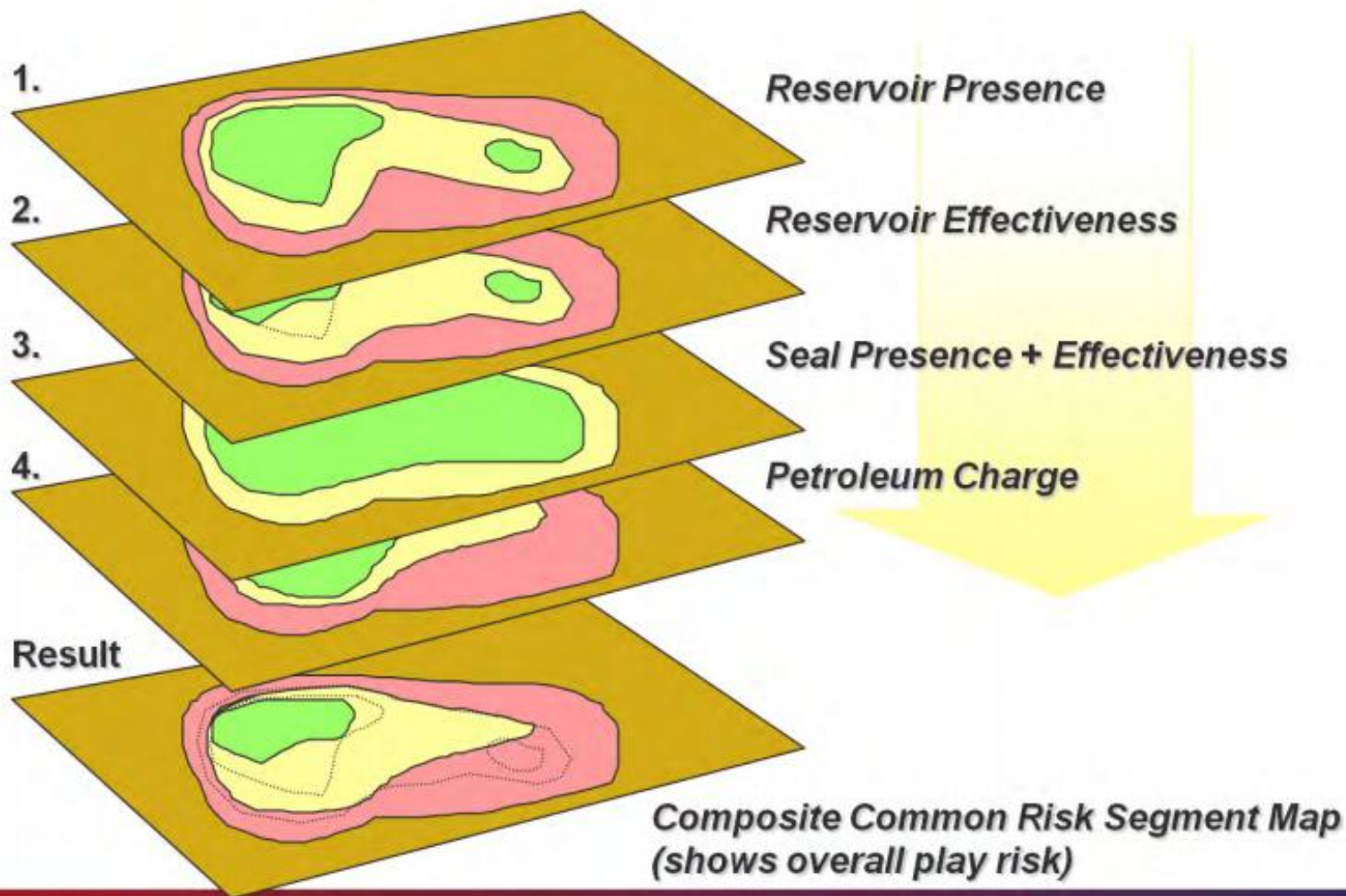
# Estimating undiscovered resource volumes by statistical methods – play modelling



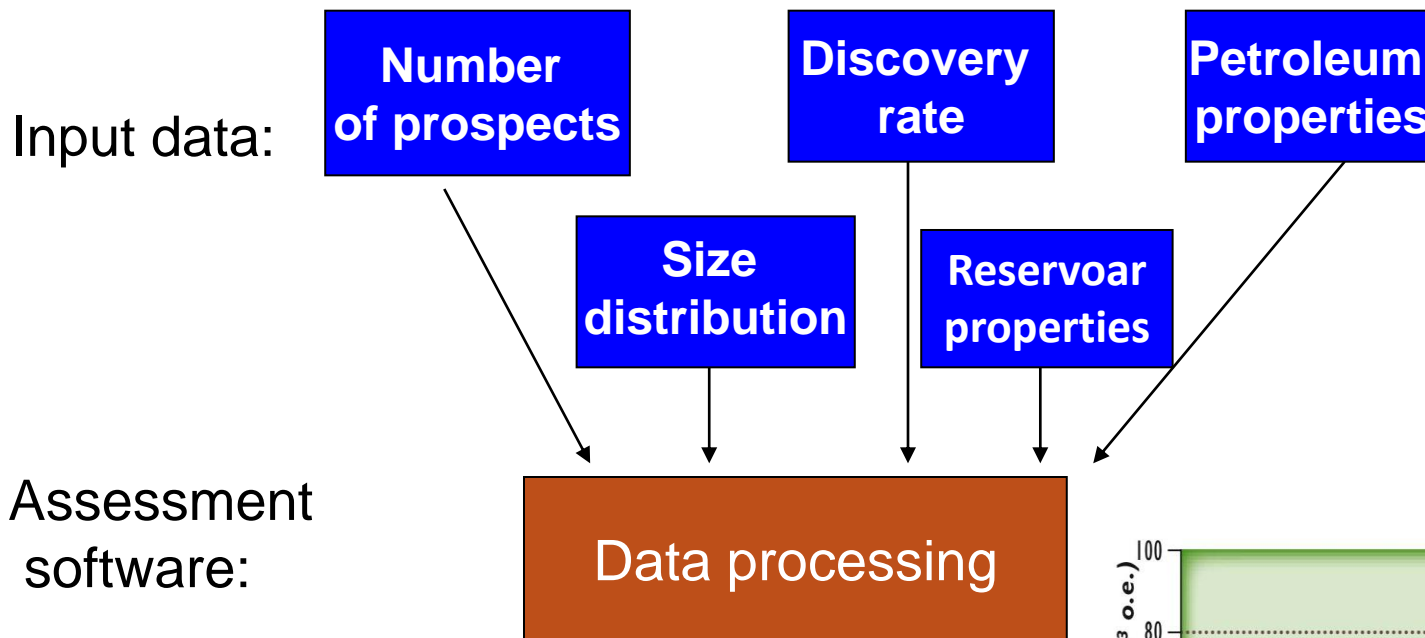
## A Petroleum play is:

- Geographically and stratigraphically delimited area.
- Specific set of geological factors; reservoir, trap, source.
- Confirmed play: discovery.
- Unconfirmed play: no discovery.
  - The play is risked.

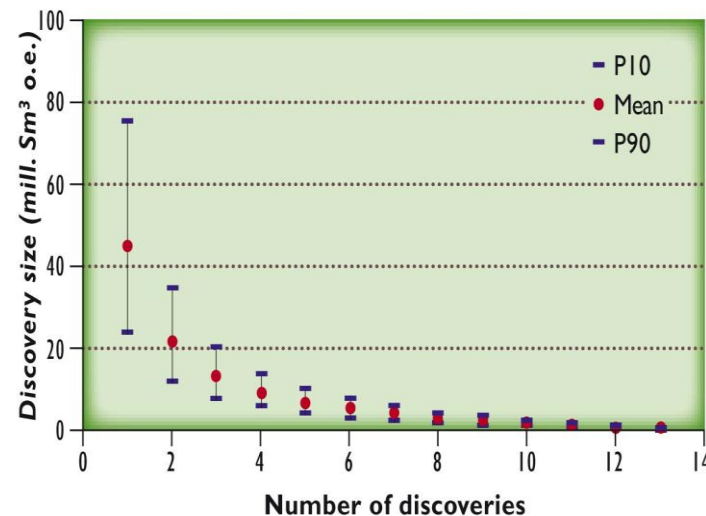
# Common Risk Segment Overlay Process (to get the Composite Risk)



# Statistical modeling



Results: Number and size distribution of future discoveries, volume of oil, gas and condensate.





## Reliably assessing the resource base takes:

- 1. Hard work**
  - 2. Skilled civil servants**
  - 3. Functional government institutions**
- **May require assistance from cooperating countries**
  - **May require use of independent consultants**