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simulação para estimar
fator de recuperação

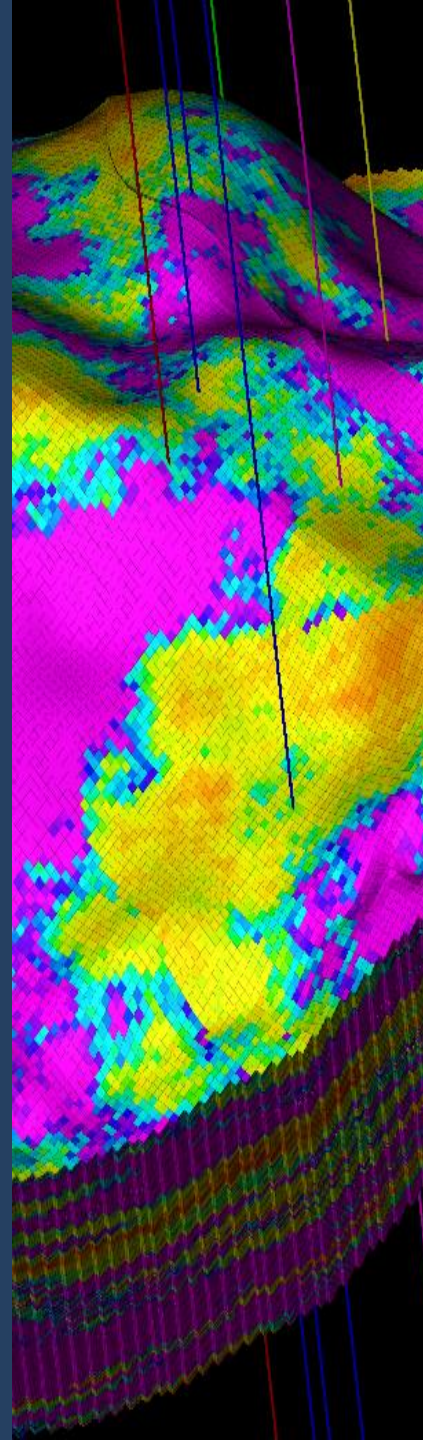
Use of reservoir
simulation models to
estimate recovery factor

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Outline



- 1) Recovery factor (RF) study
 - literature review
- 2) Model based decisions
 - Closed loop
 - NPV x RF (performance indicators)
- 3) Importance of R&D

Recovery factor study

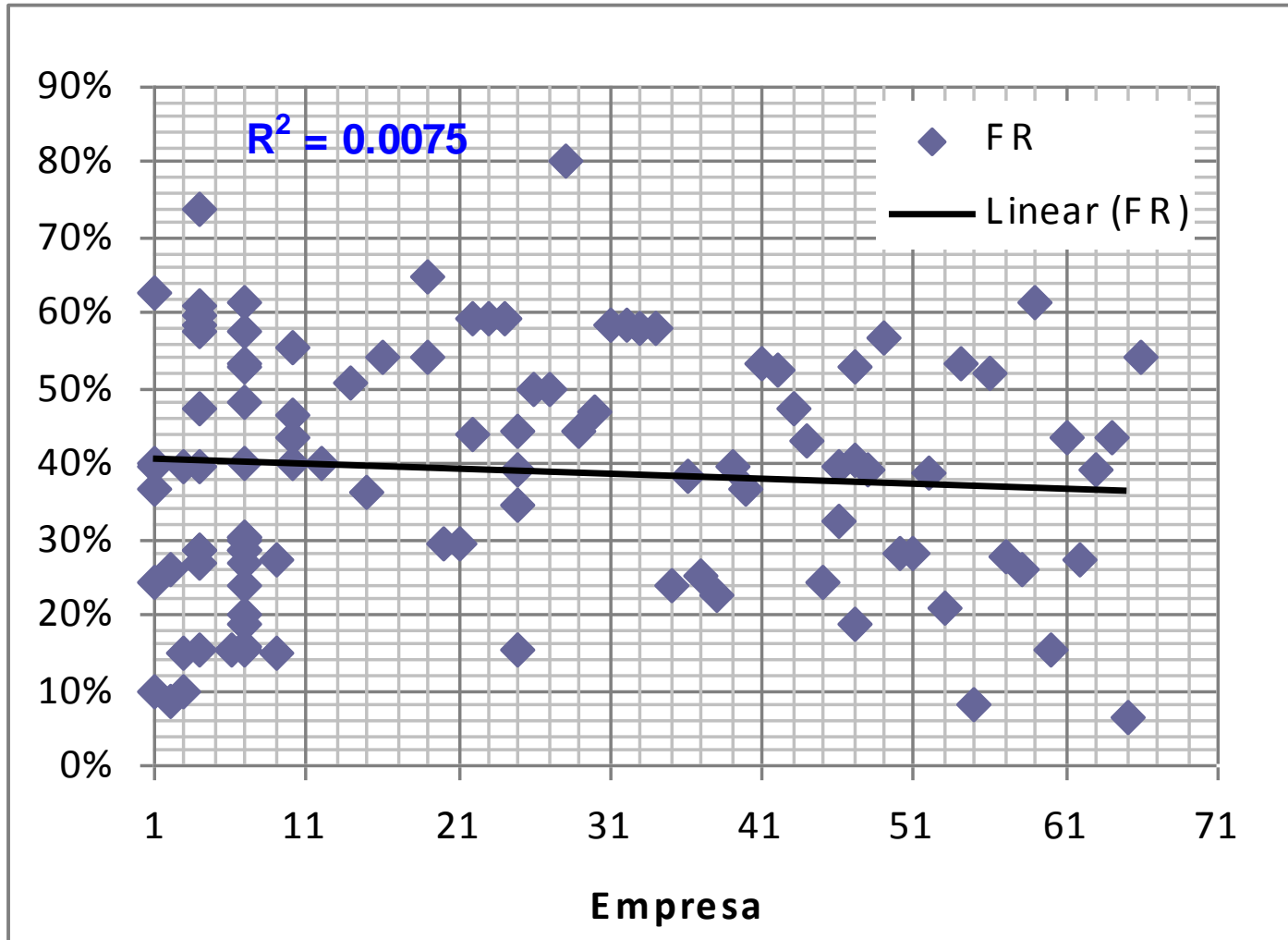


- Based on study - literature review
- Hard to find reliable data
 - Partial description of reservoir characteristics (specific places/regional/ missing data)
- Definition RF
 - $RF = N_p / VOOIP$
 - $RF_{max} = (N_p + \text{Expected production}) / VOOIP$

Recovery factor study



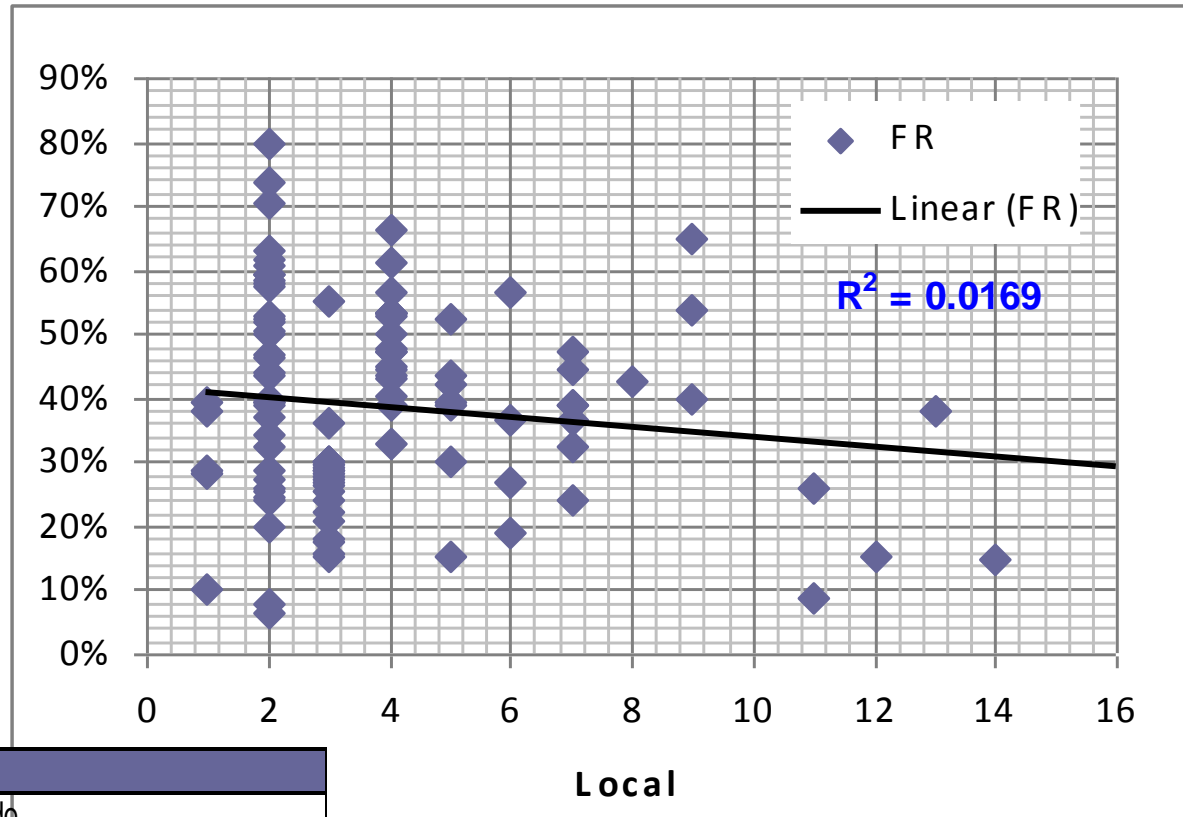
- 66 companies



Recovery factor study



■ Place

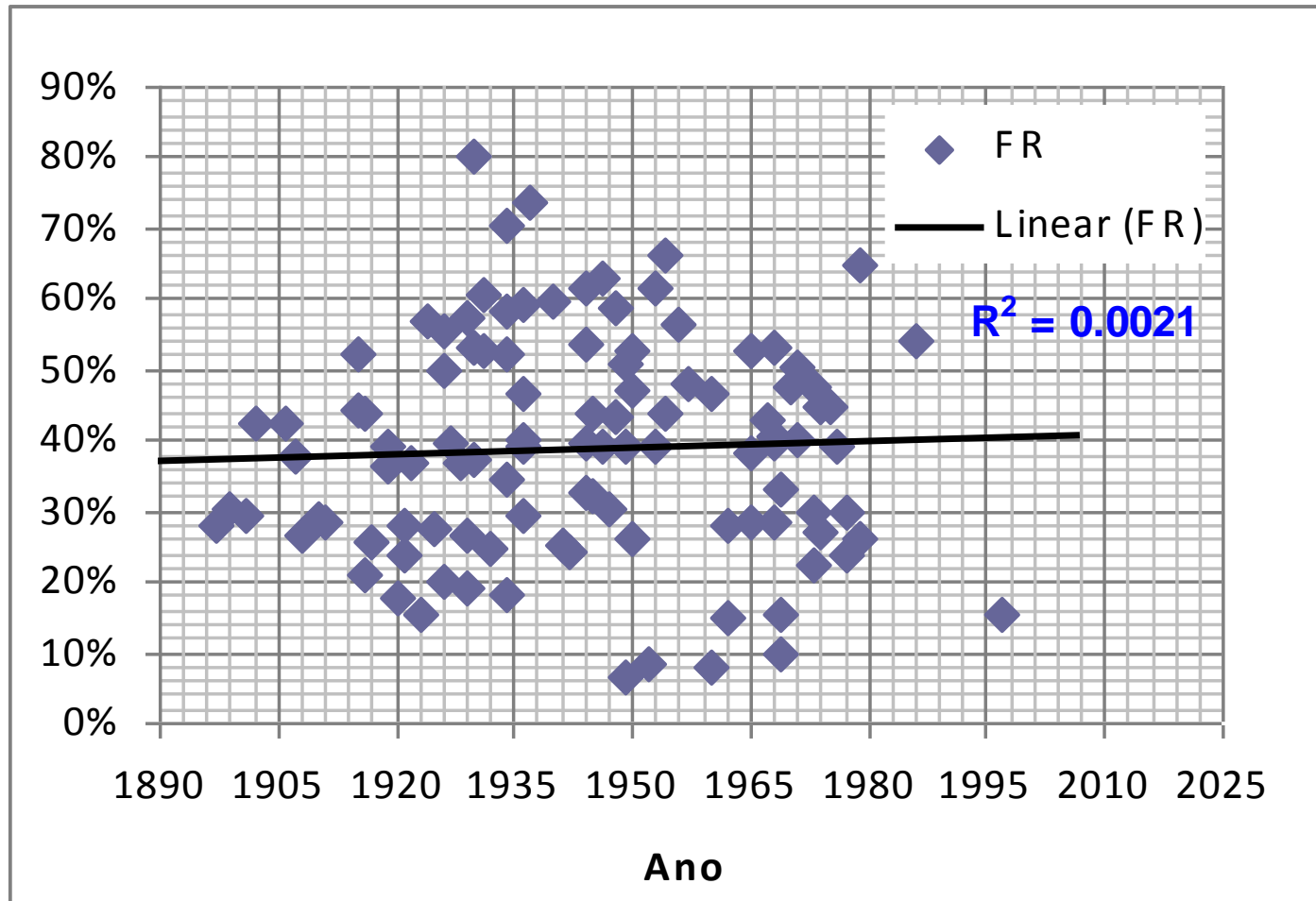


	Código Local(Região)	
1	Alaska	8 Colorado
2	Texas	9 Mar do Norte/Noruega
3	Califórnia	10 Golfo do México
4	Louisiana	11 México
5	Wyoming, Montana	12 Canadá
6	New México	13 Illinois
7	Arkansas	14 Argélia
7	Florida, Alabama, Kansas, Mississipi	15 Angola
7	Oklahoma	16 Nigéria

Recovery factor study



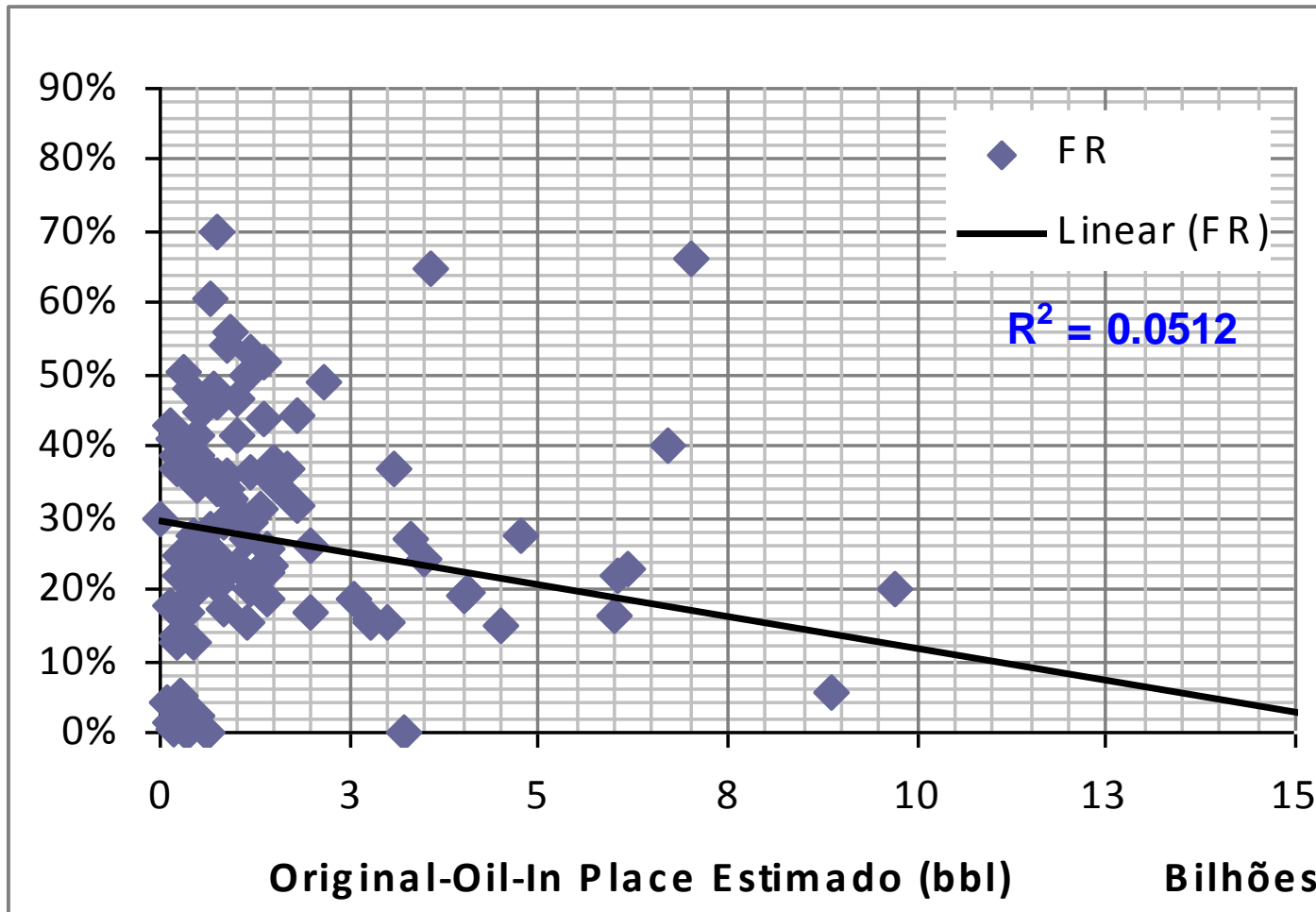
■ Year of initial production



Recovery factor study



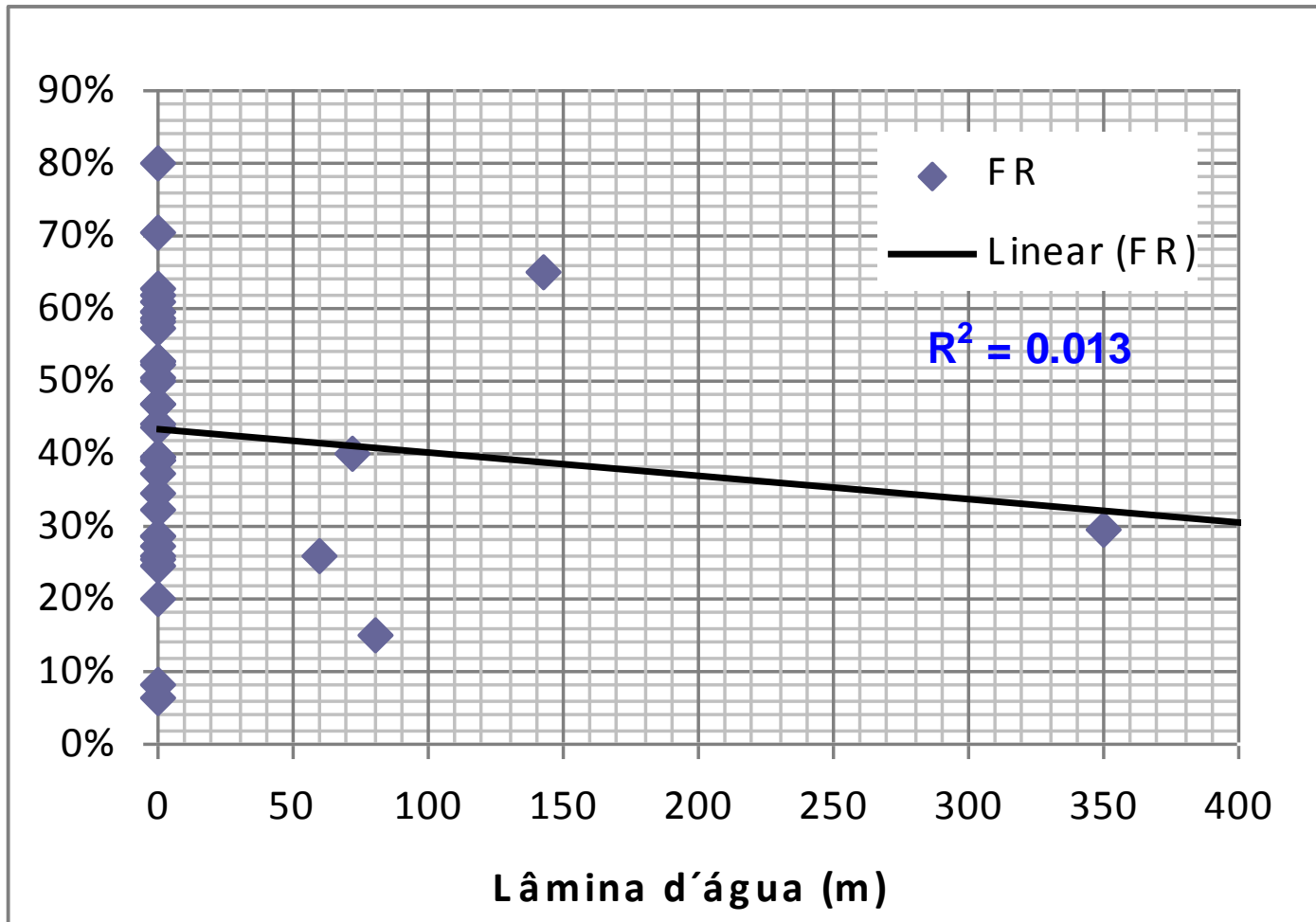
- Reported original oil in place



Recovery factor study



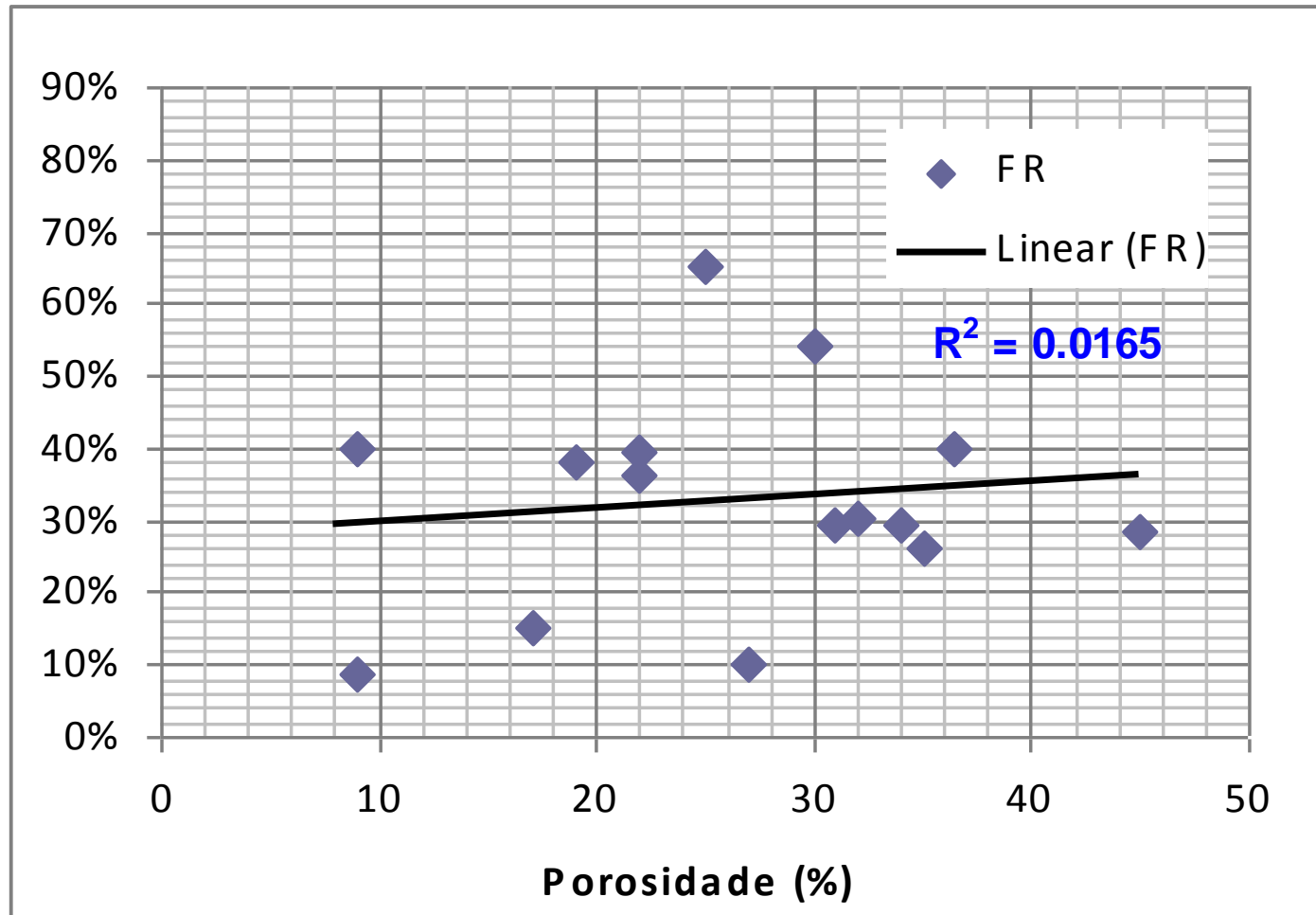
- Onshore / Offshore (water depth)



Recovery factor study



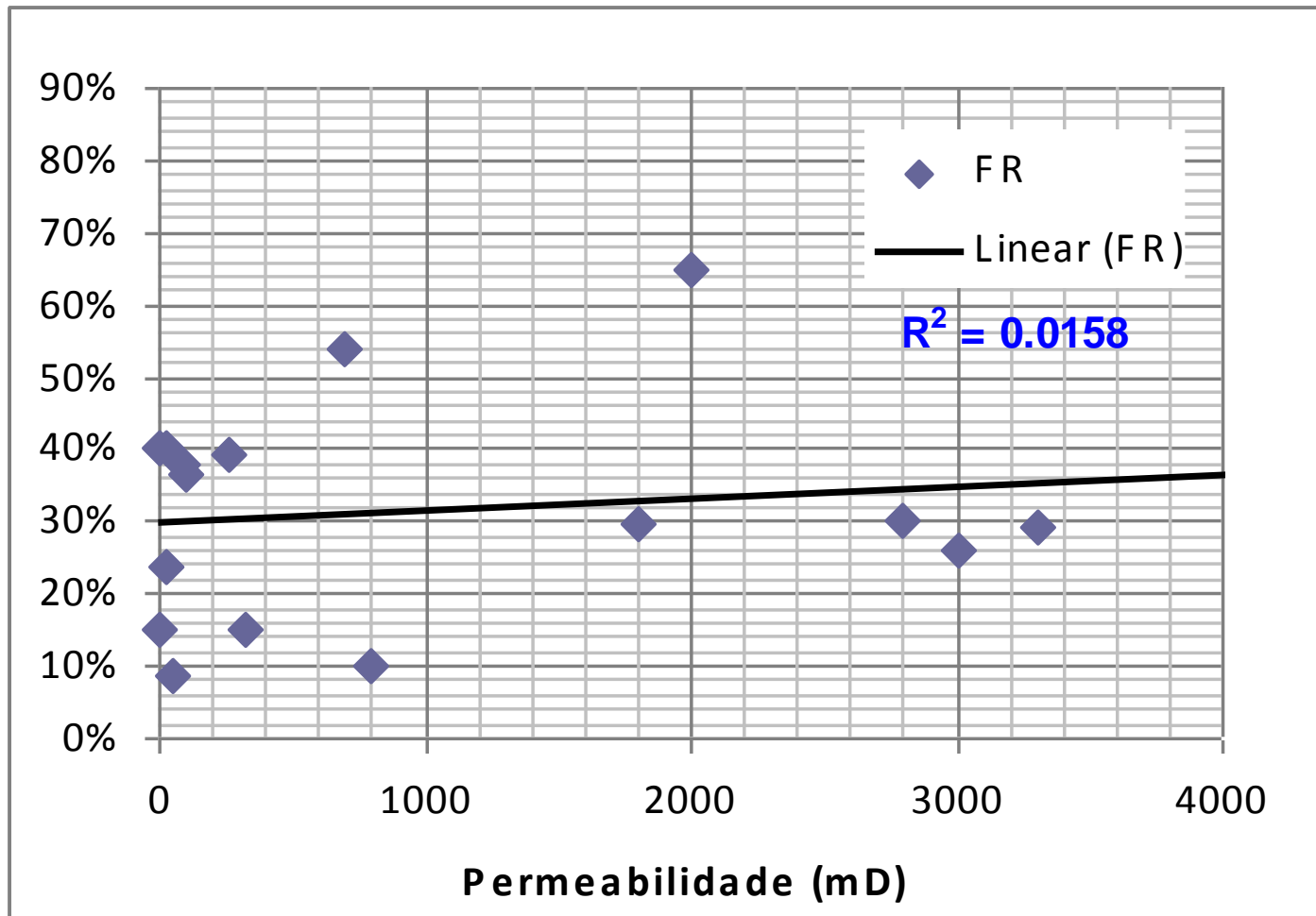
■ Average porosity



Recovery factor study



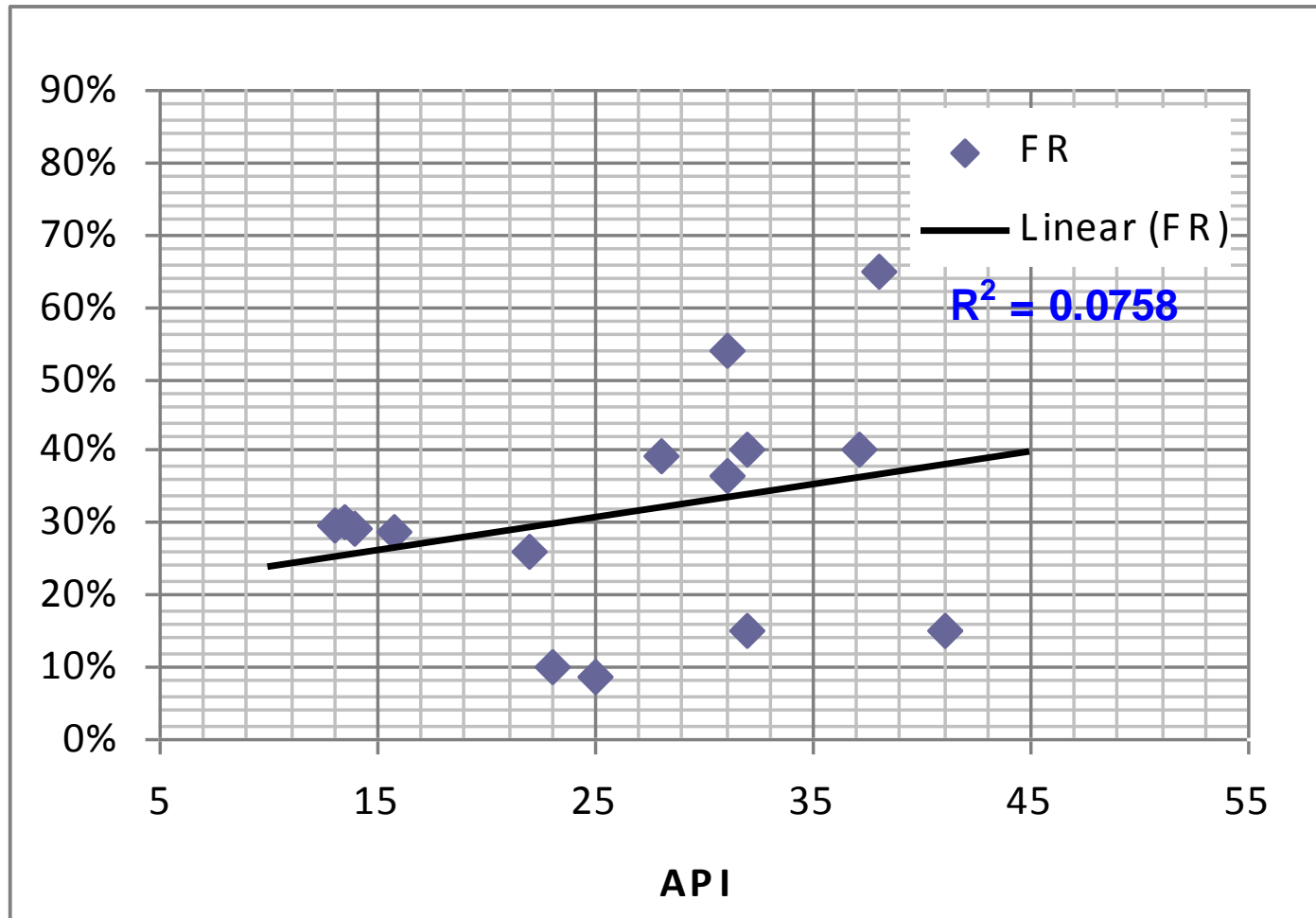
■ Average permeability



Recovery factor study



■ API gravity

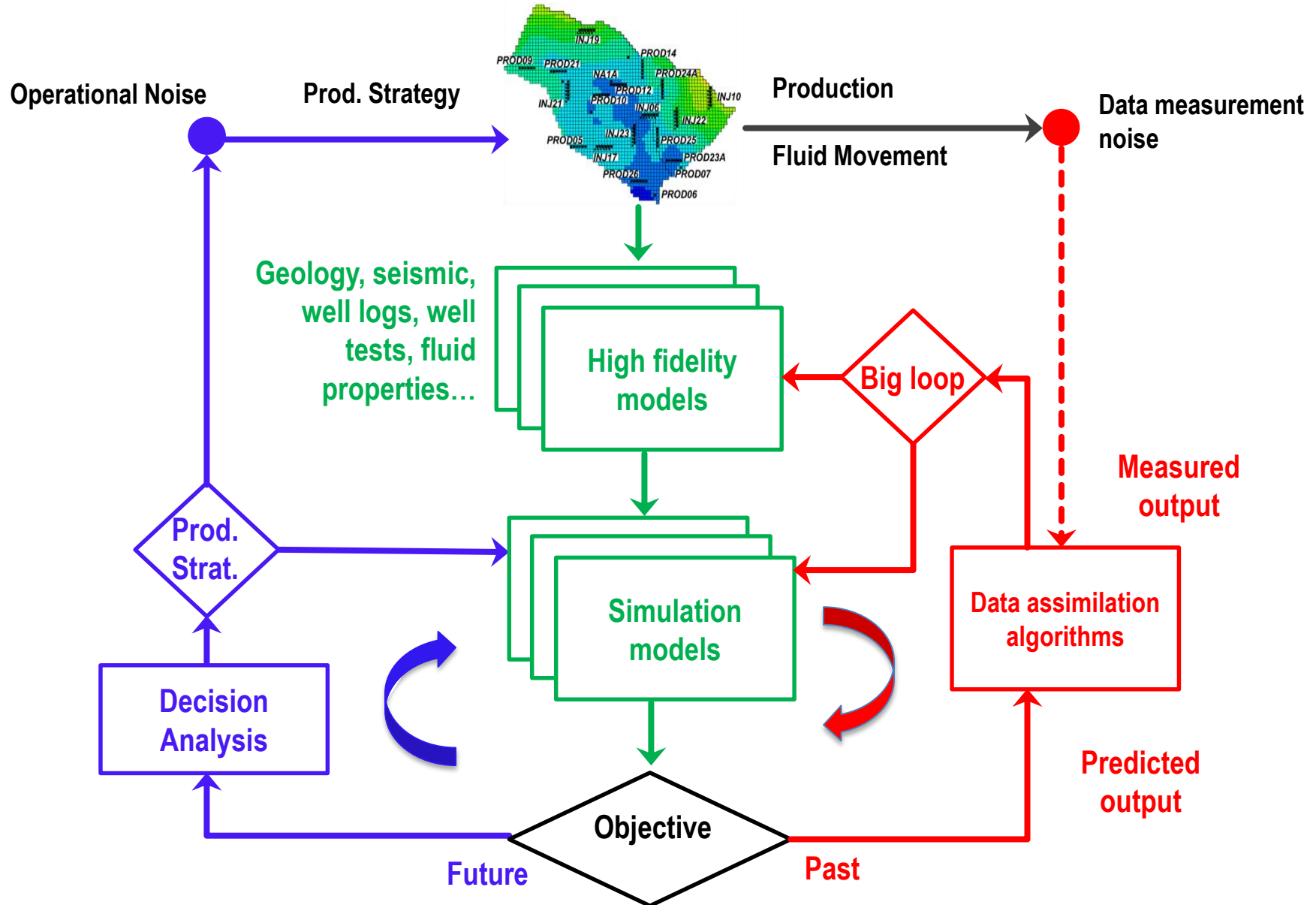


- Estimation of recovery factor is complex
 - Reservoir (rock/fluid) properties
 - Economic model
 - Tax regime
 - Investments / objective
- Literature examples:
 - high variability
 - hard to find strong correlations
- Important to consider particularities of each case

Part 2 – Model Based Decisions



Closed Loop Reservoir Management and Development (model based decisions)



- Objective (Objective-function)
- Project variables (G1)
 - Production system (platform, wells, ...)
- Control variables (G2)
 - Field Operation
- Field revitalization variables (G3)
 - IOR/EOR
- It is important to
 - IOR/EOR in the development phase
 - consider uncertainties (rock/fluid/economic/operational ...)
 - Integration with economic studies
 - Integration with production facilities (MIP)

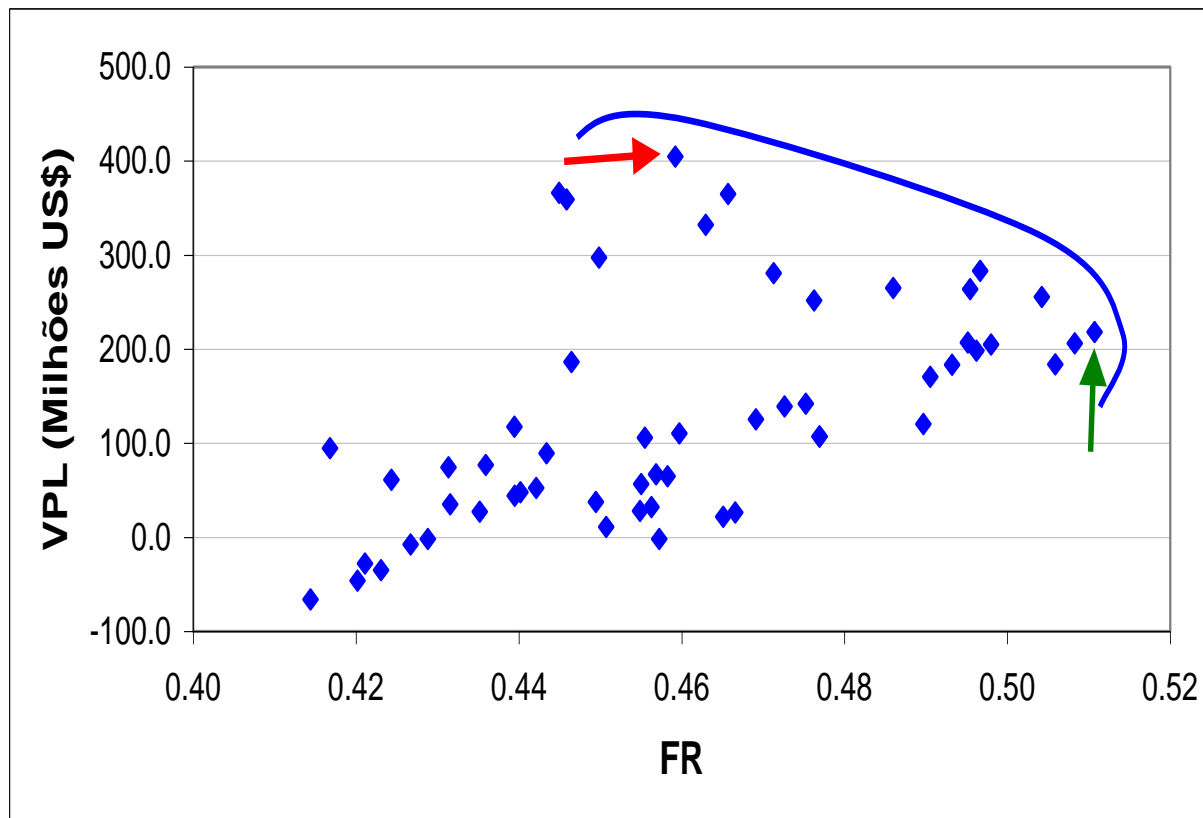
Example 1 – NPV vs RF



NPV x RF – average economic model

Best tested NPV strategy (14 wells)

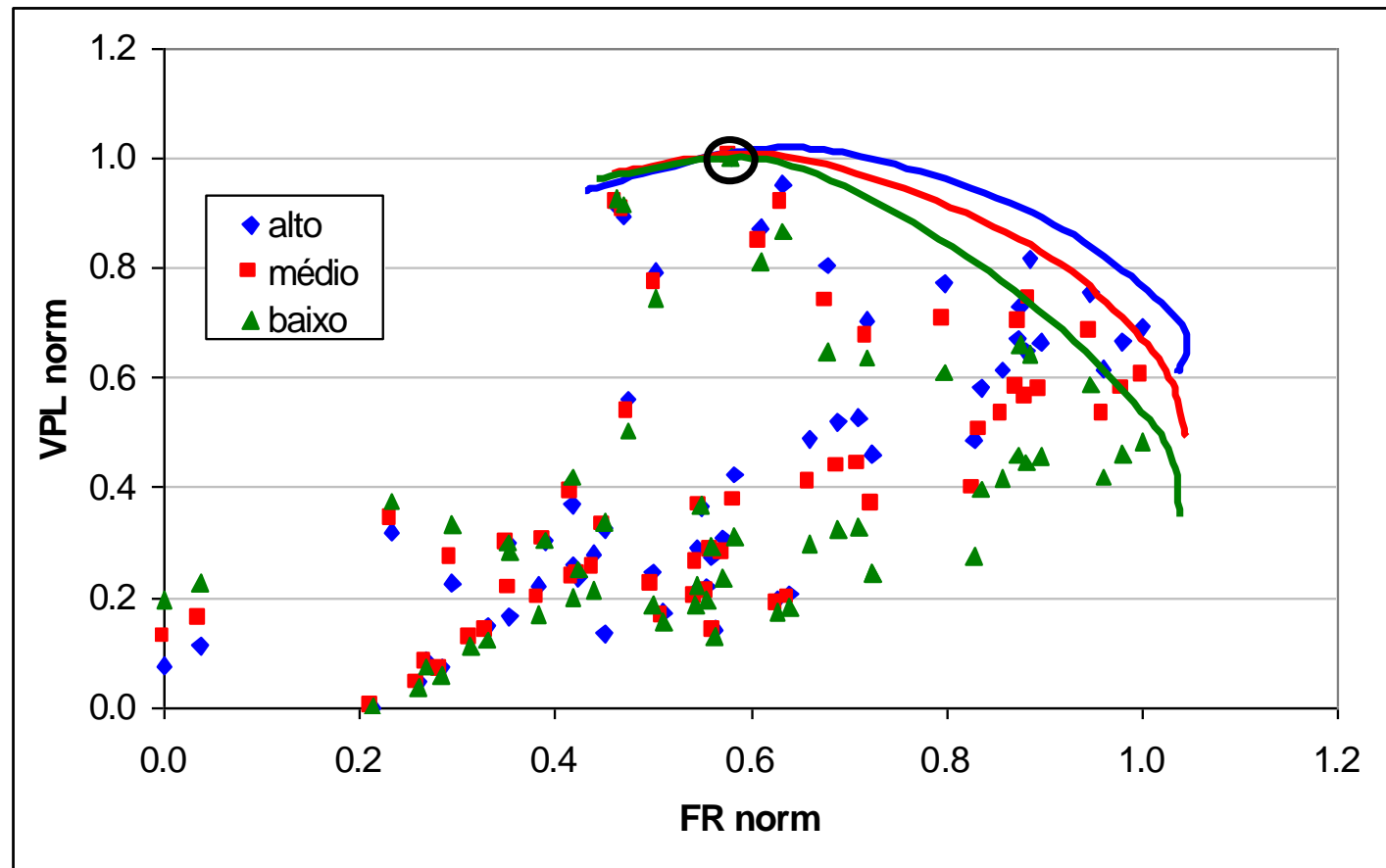
Best tested RF strategy (22 wells)



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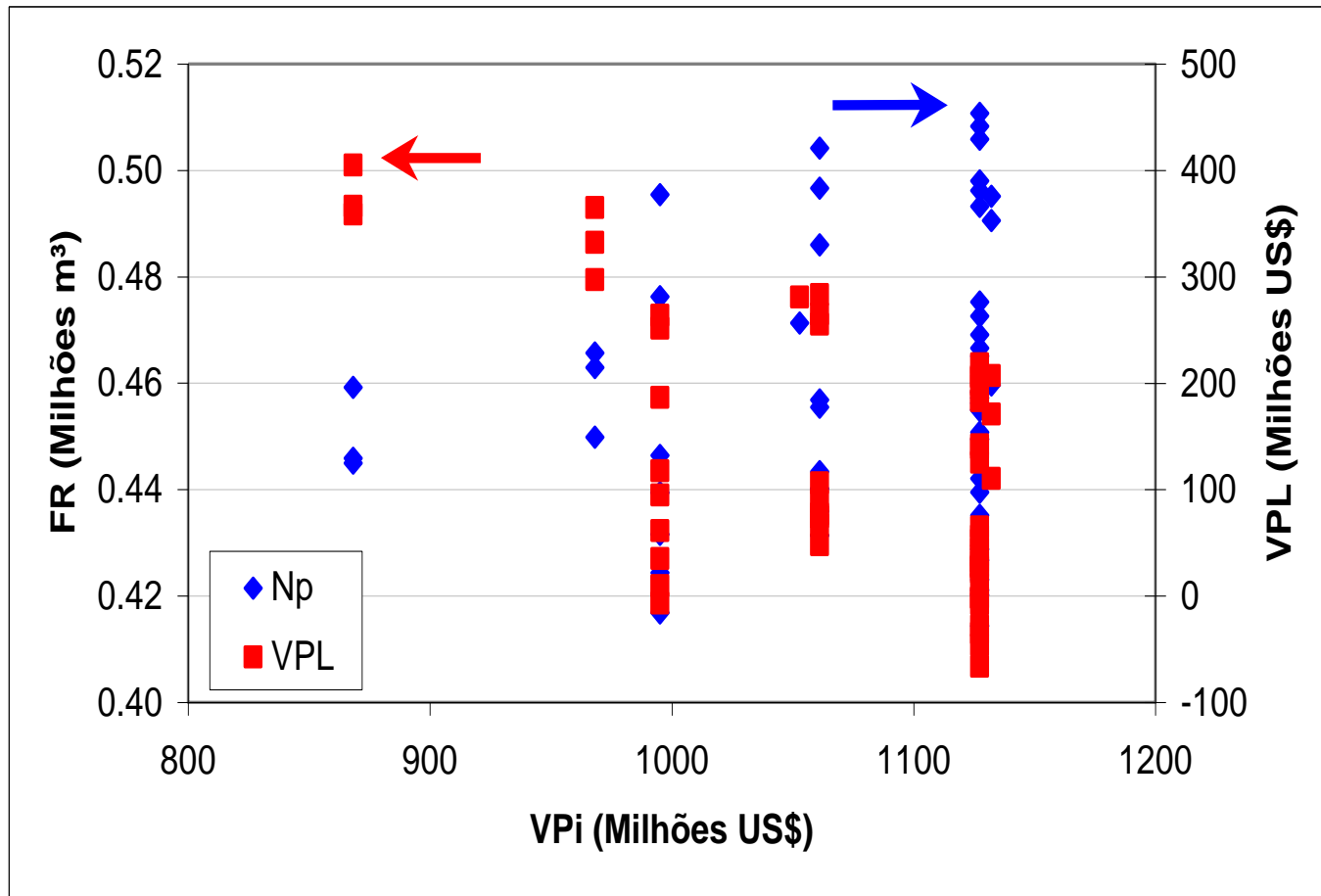
- 3 economic oil prices (normalized)



Example 1 – NPV vs RF



- Influence of Investment on NPV and RF



Example 2 – Polymer Flooding



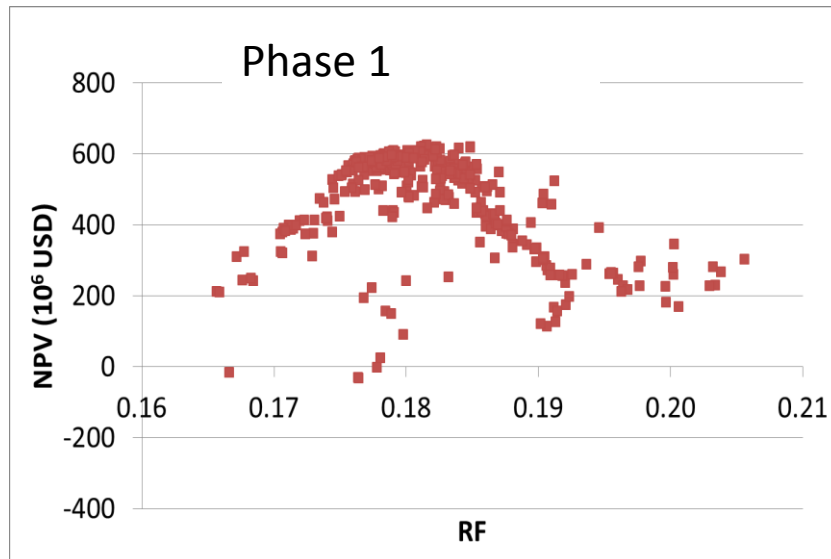
- Production strategy - polymer flooding
- Optimization considering 3 approaches
 - A. Using NPV as objective-function;
 - B. Using RF as objective-function;
 - C. Using NPV as OF to select Investments and RF to optimize production
- Optimization process divided in 2 phases
 1. variables with influence in investment (project variables)
 2. variables without influence in investment (control variables)

Study 2 – Polymer Flooding

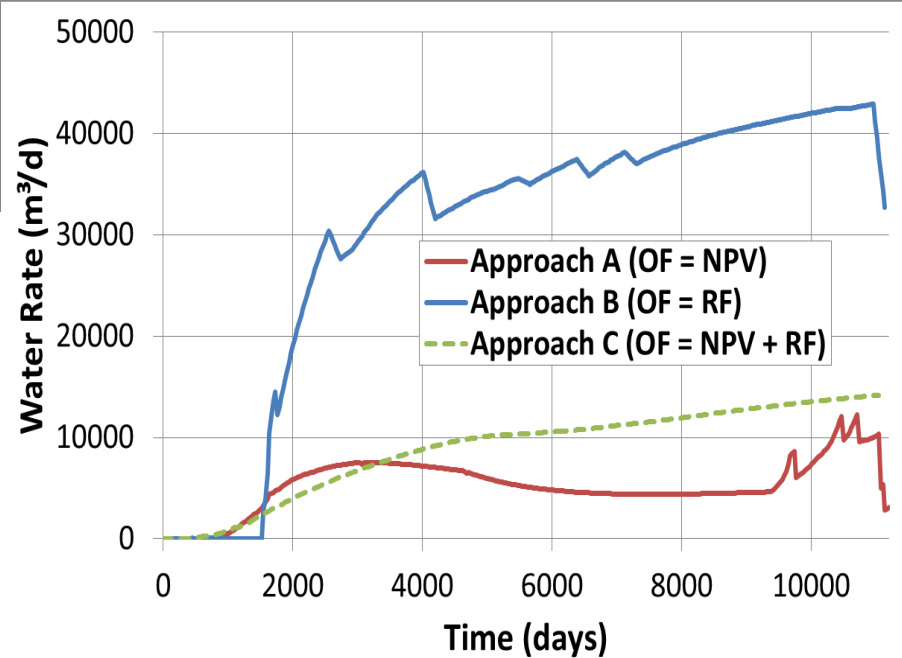
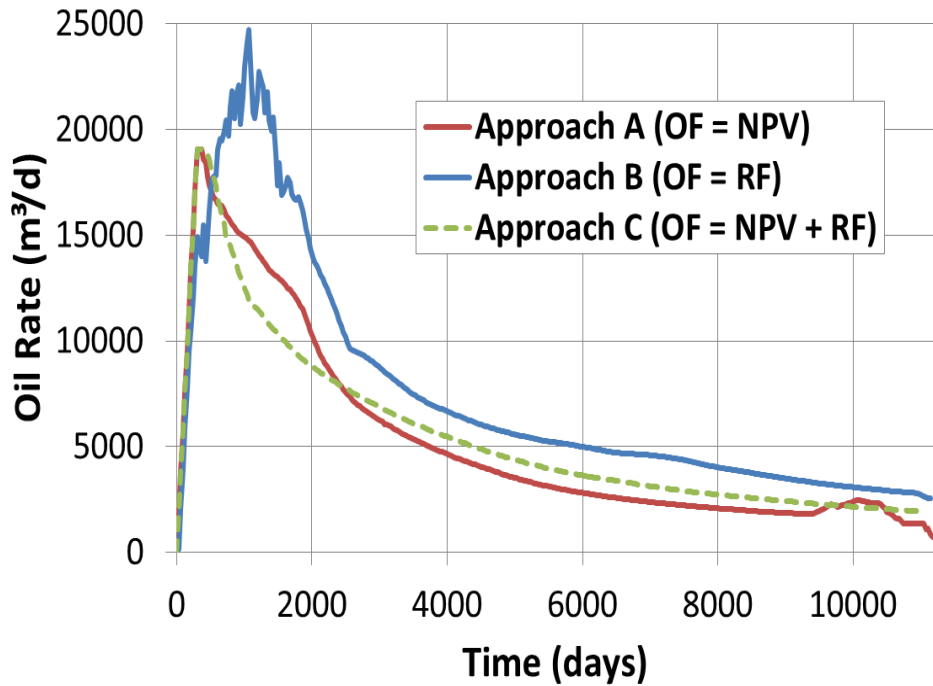


Approach	Objective Function	NPV (10 ⁶ USD)	N _p (10 ⁶ m ³)	W _p (10 ⁶ m ³)	RF	Winj (10 ⁶ m ³)	N _{Prod}	N _{Inj}	Total Investments (10 ⁶ USD)
A	NPV	1456	58	59	0.19	77	11	4	2457
B	RF	-607	84	337	0.27	398	45	8	5322
C	NPV+RF	1275	60	97	0.20	112	11	4	2491

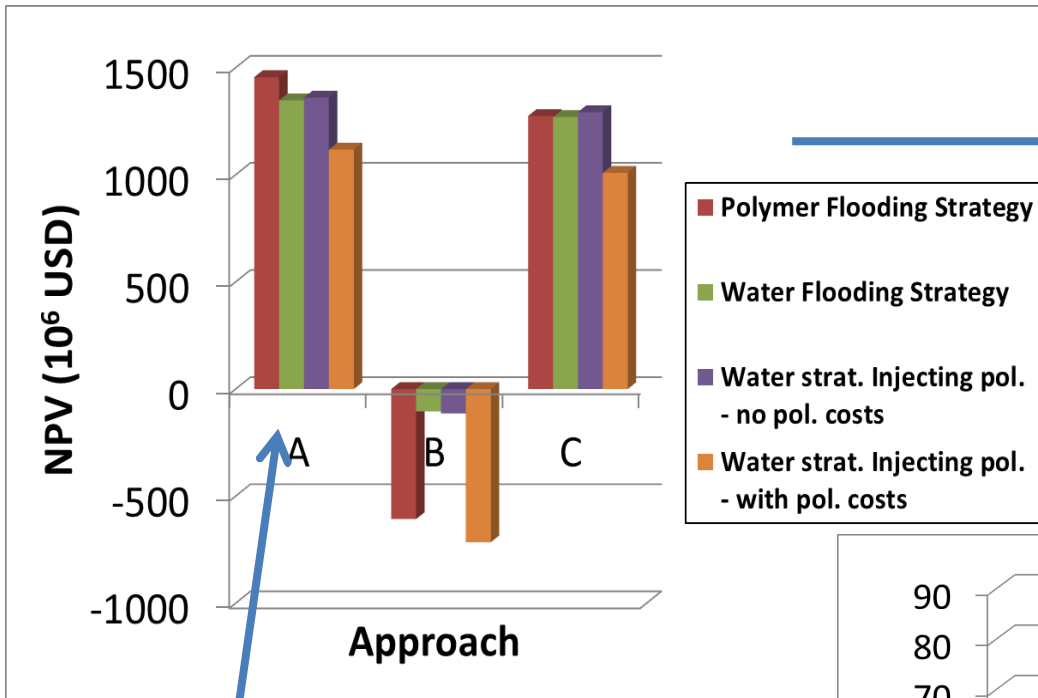
Approach A



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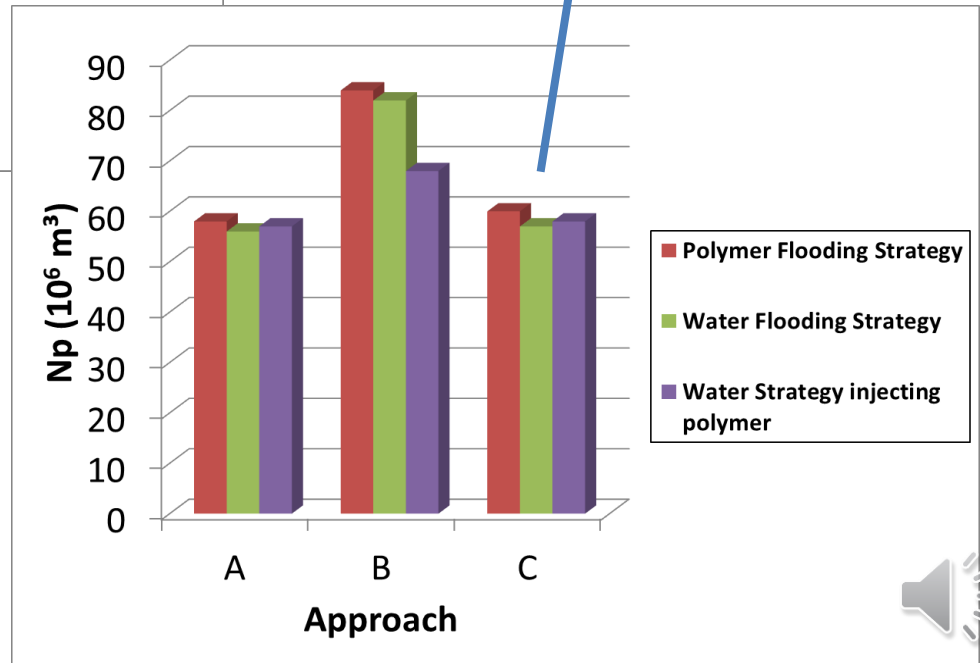


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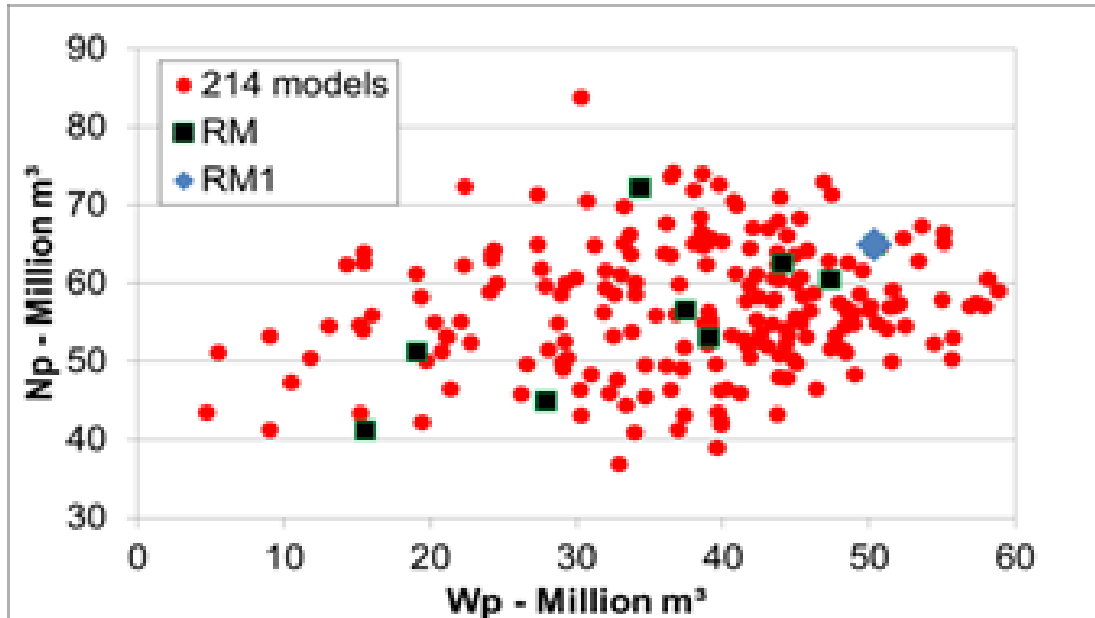


Very different solutions

Additional information
EOR planned since the beginning
yields much better results



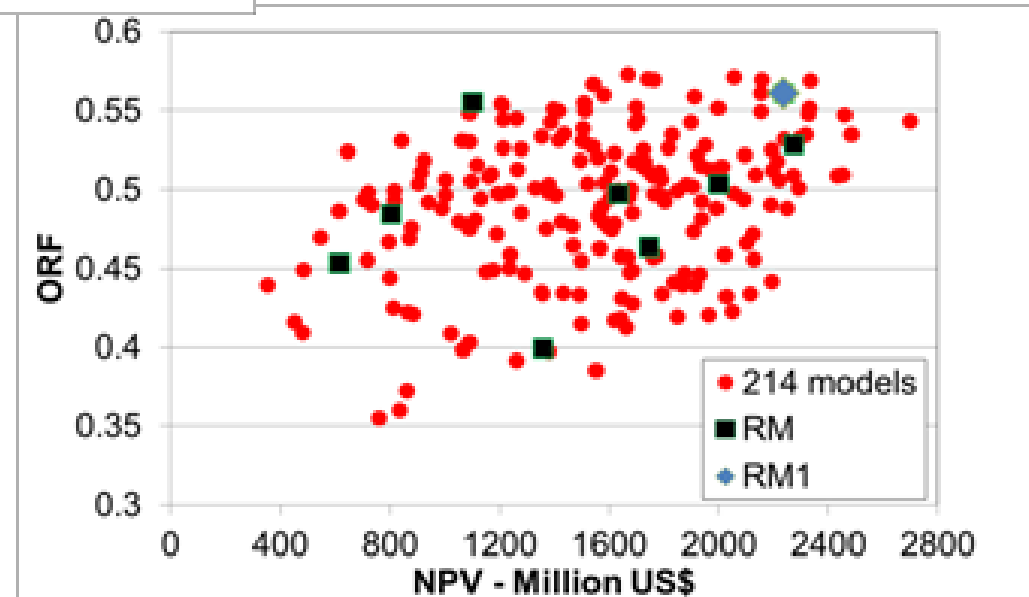
Example 3 - Uncertainties



Uncertainties 214 scenarios:

- Rock / fluid
- Economic
- Operational

Red – 214 possible scenarios
Blue – best strategy for base case
Black – representative models



Example 3 - Uncertainties



- 9 representative models (possible scenarios)
- 9 different strategies

	NPV (billions)								
	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7	E8	E9
RM1	<u>2.24</u>	1.91	0.79	1.33	1.42	0.96	1.48	1.32	1.72
RM2	1.64	<u>2.30</u>	0.78	1.84	2.01	0.87	1.54	1.77	1.67
RM3	0.80	1.04	<u>1.64</u>	0.97	0.65	1.14	1.06	1.05	0.57
RM4	2.00	1.61	1.10	<u>2.50</u>	1.99	1.24	1.18	2.19	2.01
RM5	1.36	1.70	0.82	1.68	<u>2.41</u>	0.87	1.31	1.55	1.72
RM6	1.10	1.07	0.9.3	0.51	0.39	<u>1.91</u>	0.91	0.71	1.04
RM7	0.62	0.74	0.26	0.62	0.60	0.53	<u>1.48</u>	0.54	0.40
RM8	1.75	1.82	1.25	1.82	1.95	1.23	1.25	<u>2.51</u>	1.69
RM9	2.27	2.18	1.08	1.67	2.07	1.56	1.24	2.13	<u>2.97</u>
EMV	1.54	1.56	0.97	1.52	1.53	1.14	1.27	1.47	1.60

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Example 3



- **Uncertainties**
 - Need to change production strategy (IOR)
 - Control variables (G2)
 - Revitalization variables (G3)
 - Concept of risk must be considered
- **Robustness (ex. G3 in advance)**
- **Flexibility (ex. ICV)**
- **Information (ex. 4DS)**
- **MIP (integration with production facilities)**

Remarks - Part 2



- Different objectives: company – agency
- Many solutions in-between
 - Companies
 - Additional investments
 - IOR/EOR
 - Flexibilities (ICV, development in stages, ...)
 - Information (4DS, ...)
 - Additional production time
 - ANP
 - Tax relief / other benefits

- Field development and management is a very complex process
 - People
 - PRH / research projects
 - Technology
 - R&D → Innovation
 - Cooperation Companies/Universities
 - Investments
 - Information (4DS), flexibility (ICV), laboratory experiments, R&D
- Long term projects
- Investment in people and research is one way to increase the recovery factor of fields

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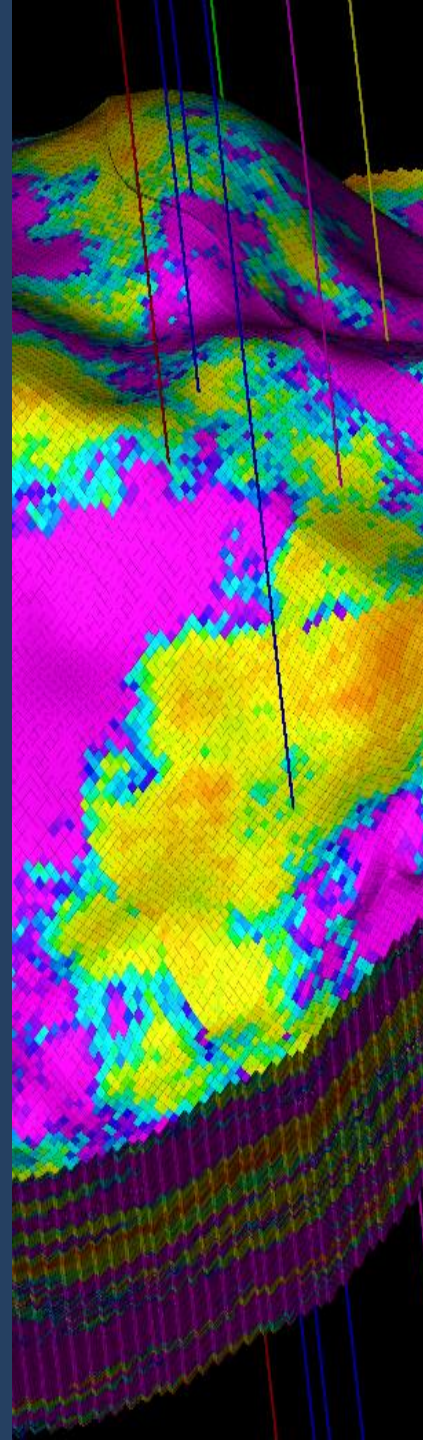
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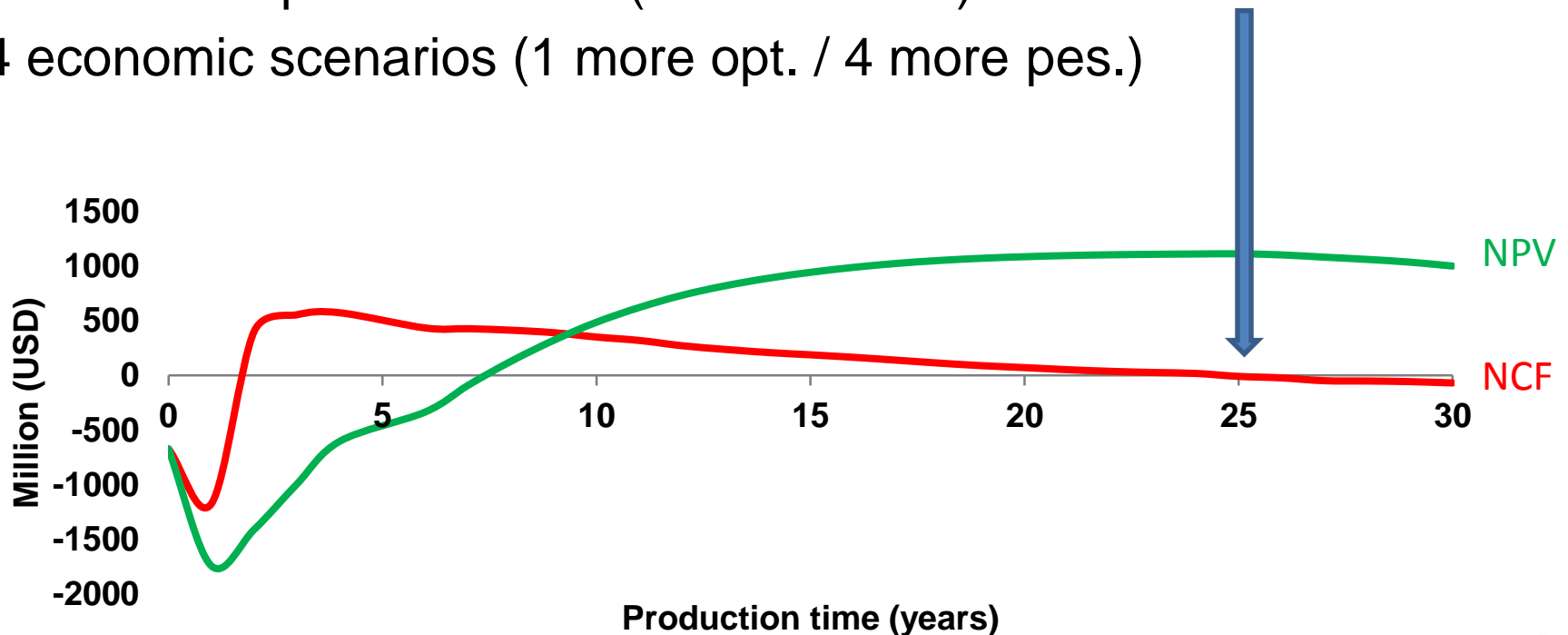
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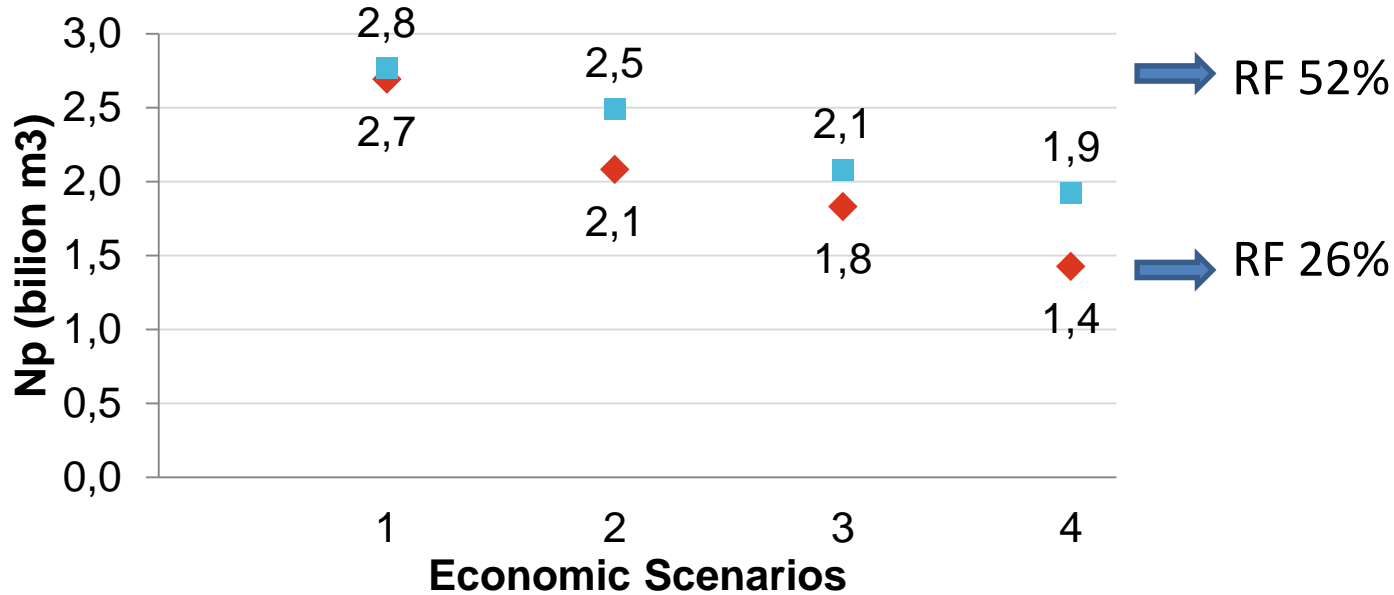
Reservoir simulation study 3



- Production Sharing (PS) vs Concession (Royalties&Income tax (R&T))
- Reservoir Example 5.4 billion m³
- 220 different strategies
- Production up to zero NCF (net cash flow)
- 4 economic scenarios (1 more opt. / 4 more pes.)

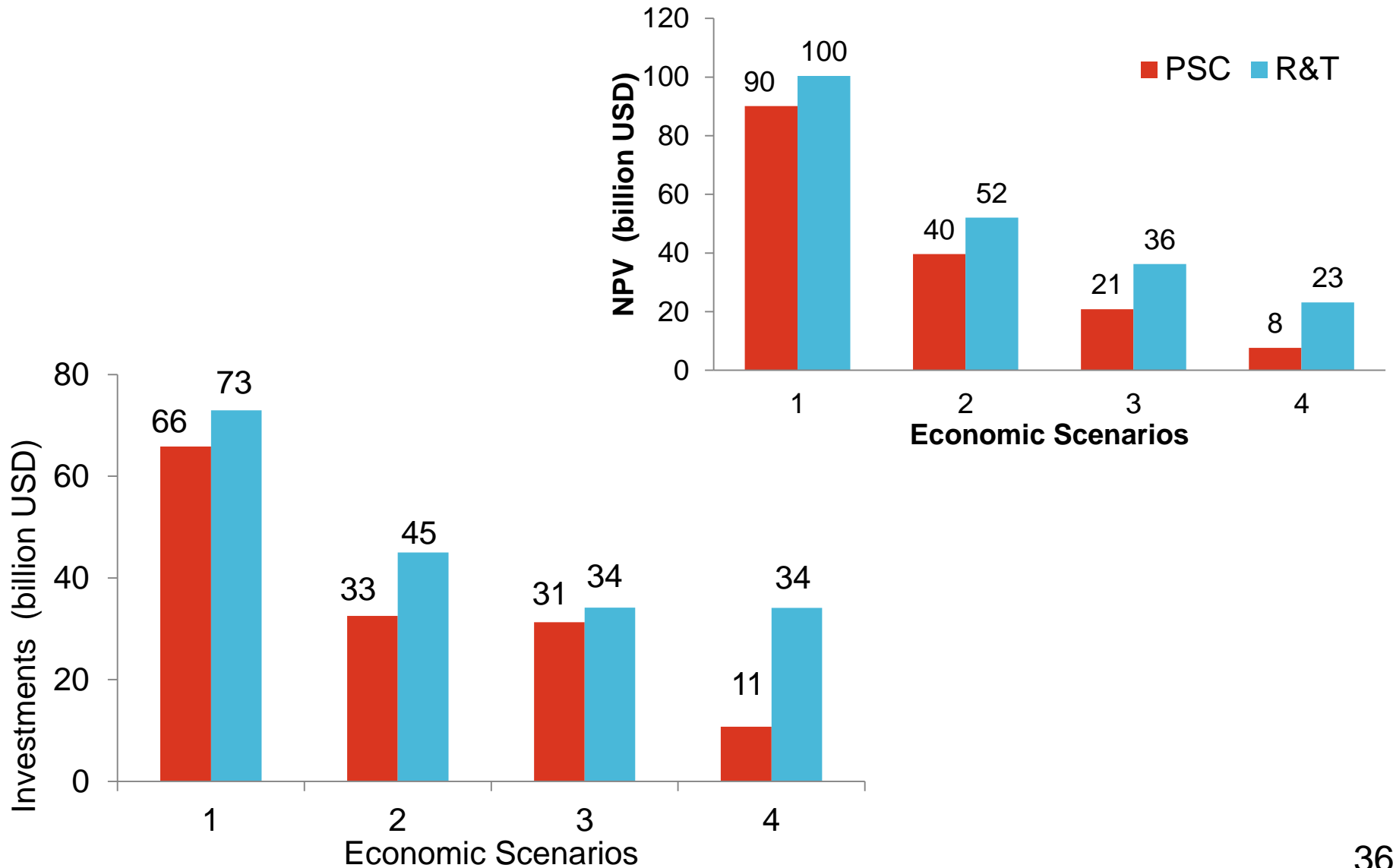


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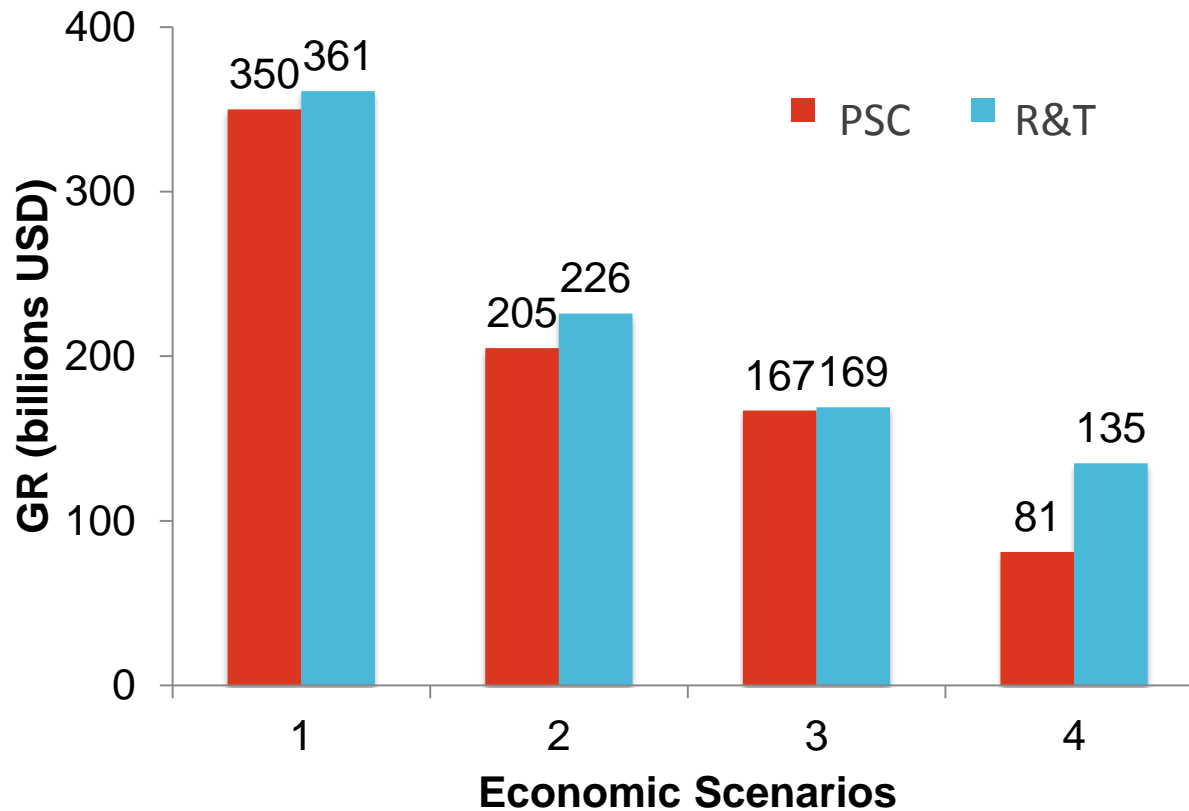


Total Number of Wells	Scenarios			
	1	2	3	4
Production Sharing	625	221	221	60
Royalty and Tax	625	255	221	221

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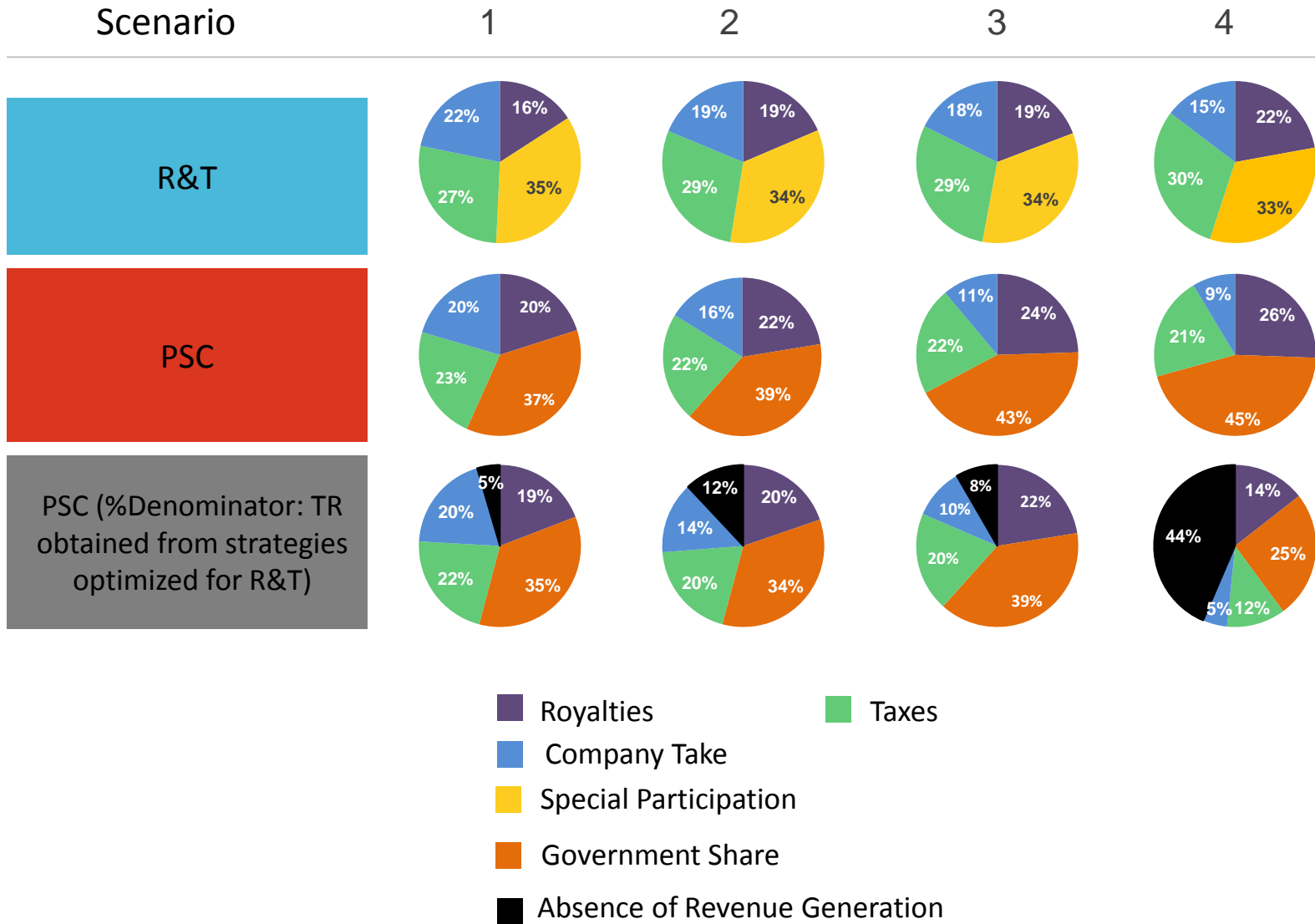


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GR – govern revenue

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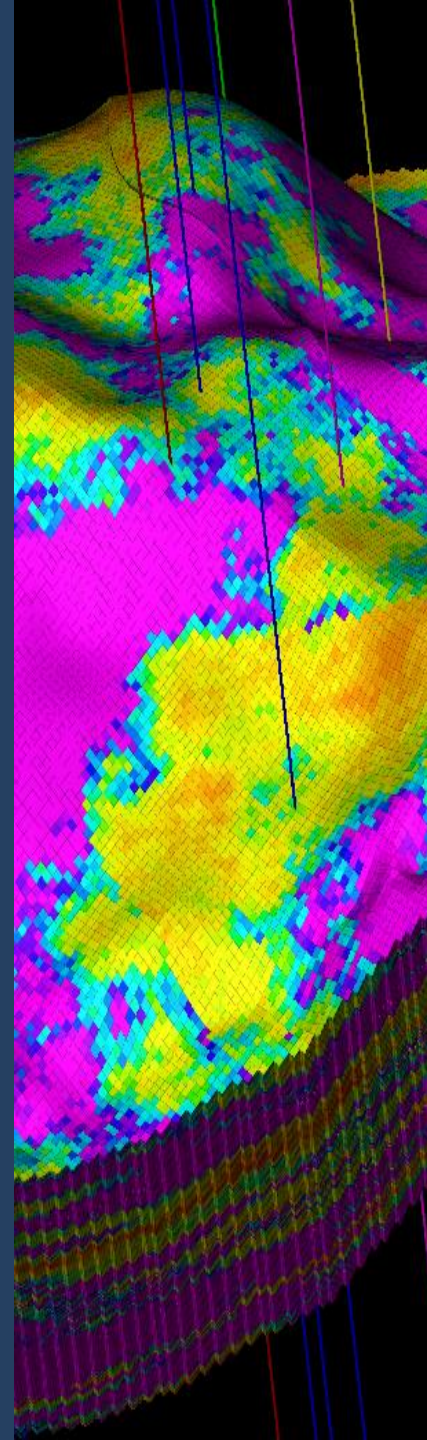
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Final Remarks



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 - Reservoir (rock/fluid) properties
 - Economic model
 - Tax regime
 - Investments / objective
- Literature examples: high variability – hard to find strong correlations
- Numerical Examples
 - 1 and 2) Maximum NPV x Maximum RF
 - 3) influence of tax regime
 - 4) influence of uncertainties