



Taking A Stochastic Approach to Reserve Estimation.

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Give An Estimation

Estimate the number of corn candies?

- A single number?
- An estimated range?

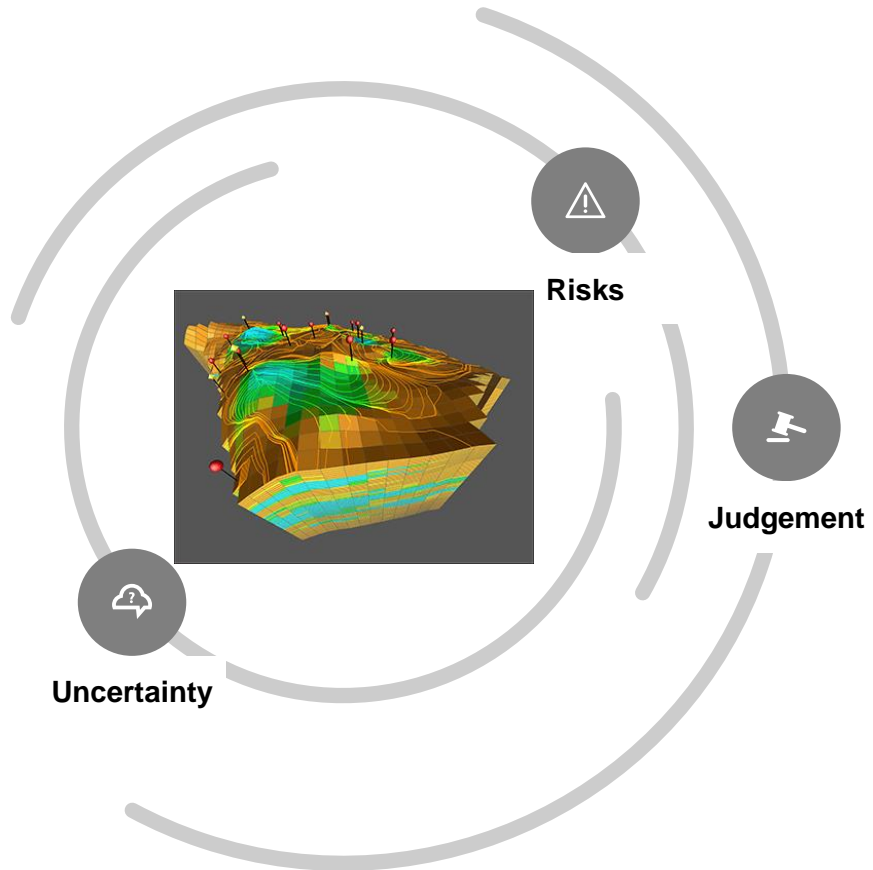
How do you estimate that?

- “Volumetric” method?
- Have you consider the uncertainty?

762 corn candies



The Problems



- **The Oil & Gas industry is a risk-based business**
- **Reserve Estimation is one of the most essential tasks in the industry**
- **No industry standard exists for stochastic reserve estimation**
- **Industry’s “recommended practice”?**

Why Stochastics?

- Adopted by SEC and PRMS Guideline
- The “best-estimate” value from Deterministic Approach
 - An estimate based on a single value for each parameter (from the geoscience, engineering, or economic data)
 - *“The temptation to use only the low-case input values for 1P, or only the high-case input values for 3p, should be resisted to prevent gross underestimation and overestimation, respectively”**



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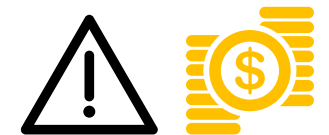
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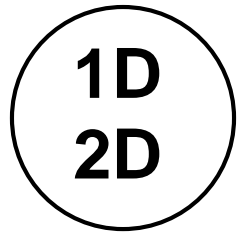
* Quoted from Ferruh Demirmen, Reserve Estimation: The Challenge for the Industry, JPT, May 2007

Why Stochastics?

- “...when the **full range of values** that could reasonably occur from each unknown parameter (from the geoscience and engineering data) is used to generate a **full range of possible outcomes** and their **associated probabilities** of occurrence.”*
- It provides a good understanding of uncertainties and potential rewards.



Where Are the Uncertainties?

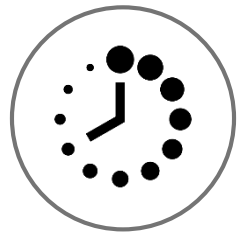


One Dimensional Data

Porosity, S_w , FVF, Logs, etc.

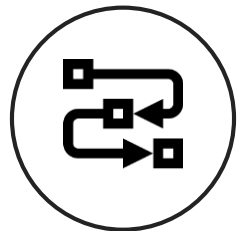
2D and 3D Data

Reservoir Continuity, Seismic Inversion, etc.



Streaming Data

Production Data, Pressure data, etc.



The Estimation Process itself

Compounded with imperfections in the reservoir model and limited data

What Cause the Uncertainties ?

Subjectivity of reference data

Sampling



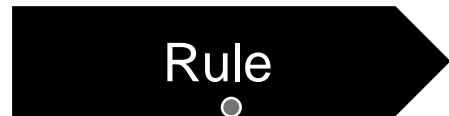
Inconclusive judgment

Measuring

Principle and Rules

Principle

Clearly understanding what factors contribute to reserves estimation process and reduce the uncertainties to an acceptable level



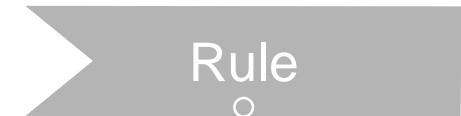
Conceptual Framework

Input Distribution
Value Ranges
Raw Data Optimization



Look-Back Analysis

Actual Results vs. Stochastic Results
Assessment of bias



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USData (1) - GIN NORTH

Form Set: UnitedStates

Asset Description | Asset Options | Production Forecast | Price and Prod Tax | Operating Expenses | Ownership

Partnerships 1-15 | Capital Investments | Federal Tax | Monthly Historical Data | Daily Historical Data | Type Curves | **Volumetric** | Multi Sensitivity

Run Volumetric Model

Reservoir Data

Major Phase: [Dropdown]

Water Saturation: 60.00 %

Net Pay: 15.00 ft

Porosity: 25.00 %

Area: 114.00 acre

Bulk Volume: [] acre-ft

Use Volumetrics: No

PVT Gas Data: Normal

Normal

Normal P10 P90

Lognormal

Lognormal P10 P90

Triangular

Triangular P10 P90

Uniform

Logical

Free Gas %: [] %

Volumetric Data

Oil

Oil Recovery Factor: [] %

OOIP: [] Mbbl

Oil Ult Recoverable: [] Mbbl

Save Ultimates: No

Distribution

Normal

Mean: 3.8221542296 %

Std Dev: 0.9555385574 %

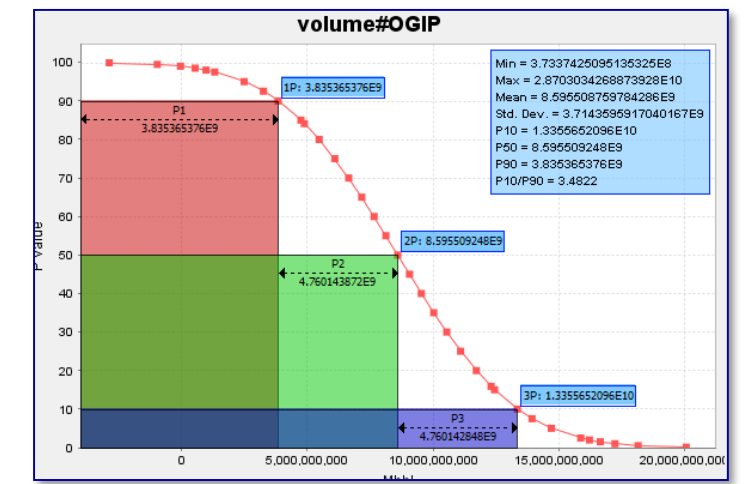
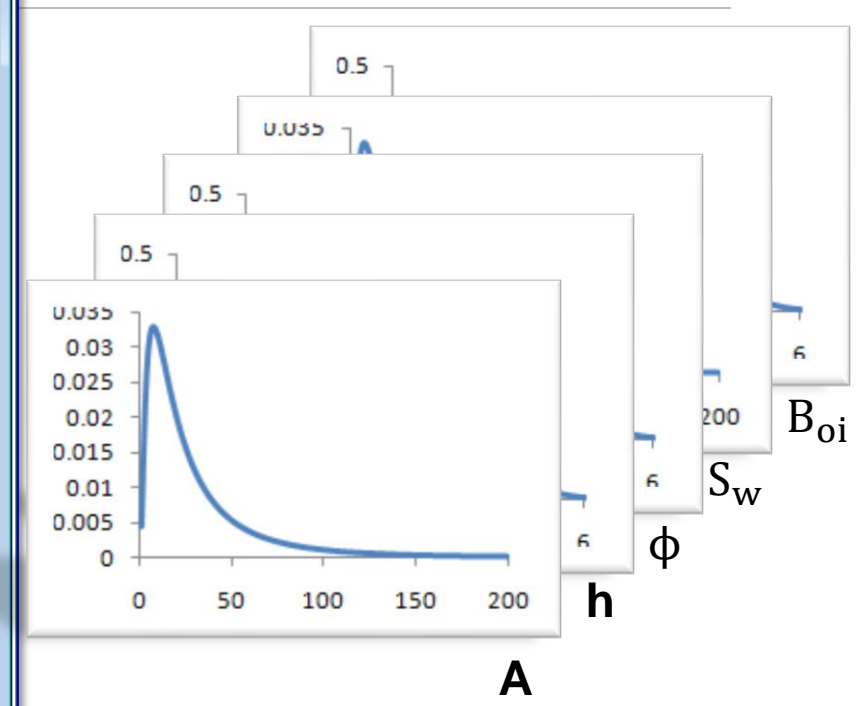
Lower Bound: [] %

Upper Bound: [] %

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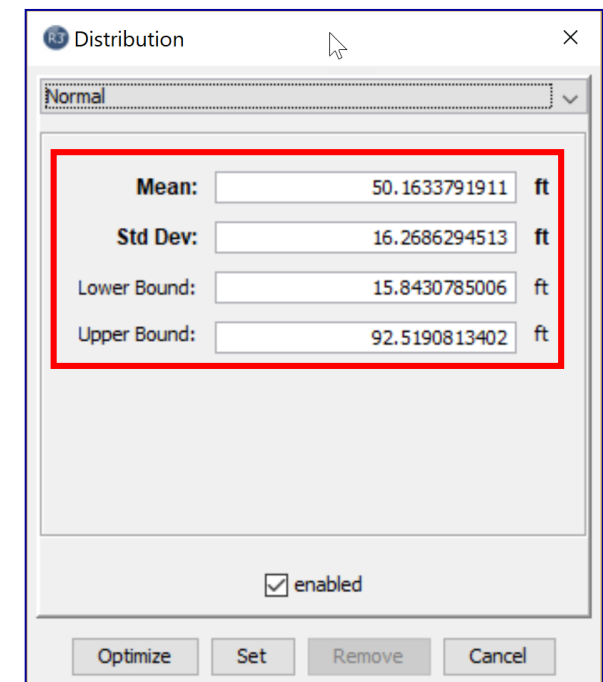
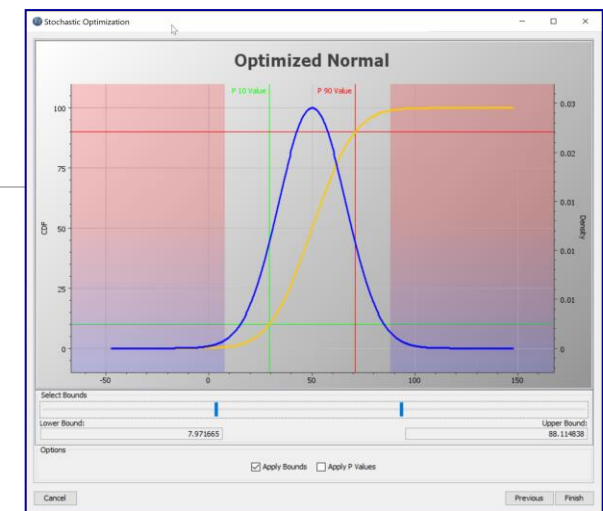
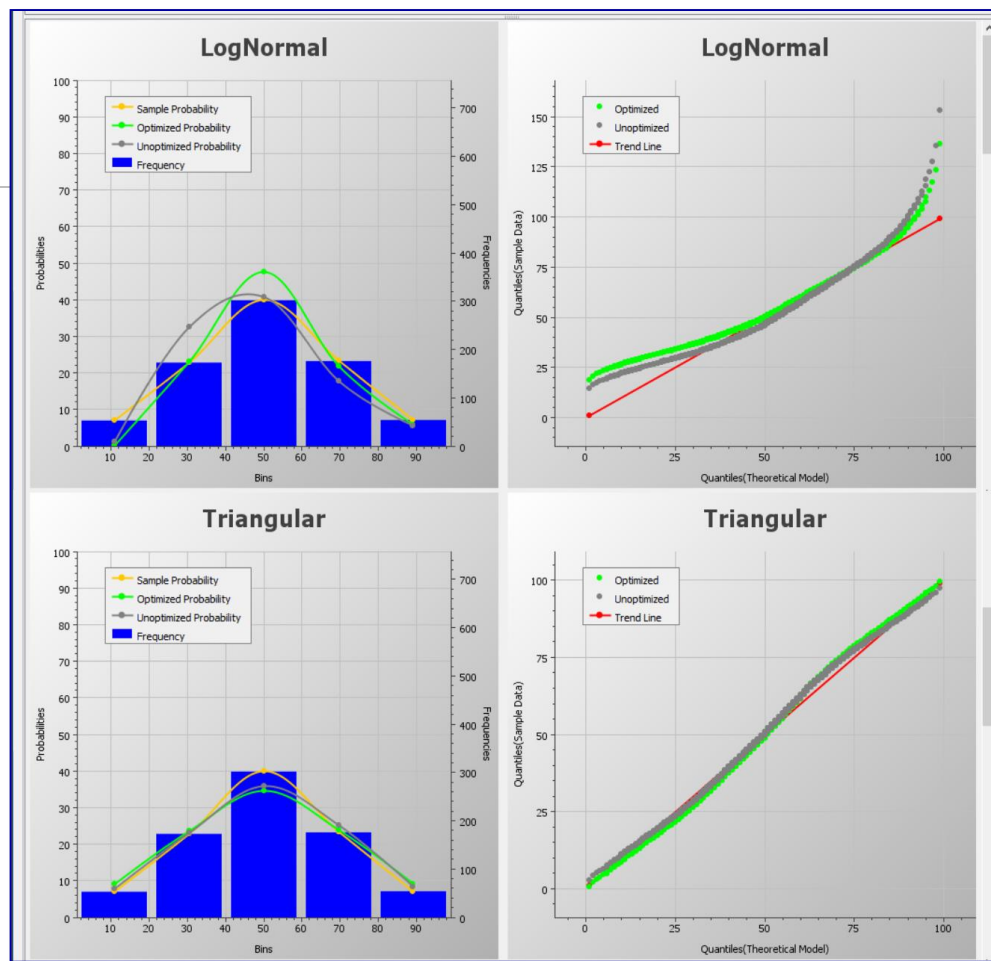
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$$N = 7758Ah\phi(1 - S_w)B_{oi}$$



Select distribution for reservoir parameters

	A	B
1	Porosity	Netpay Thickness
2	15.89	37.49
3	33.76	56.59
4	3.58	35.92
5	34.8	47.5
6	29.3	40.28
7	14.66	55.18
8	2.22	48.48
9	43.93	36.29
10	46.31	35.55
11	45.37	53.3
12	6.49	44.58
13	31.11	40.69
14	37.92	58.47
15	15.27	29.6
16	7	33.69
17	46.76	30.84
18	13.18	44.7
19	30.21	42.42
20	6.81	33.34
21	5.2	58.62
22	53.2	27.24
23	22.78	30.22
24	40.12	35.66
25	50.31	23.45
26	34.44	33.62
27	17.4	27.05
28	47.06	38.64
29	38.15	59.09
30	35.68	43.97
31	30.41	45.54
32	33.41	37.04
33	15.84	36.43
34	52.65	48.37
35	13.75	50.18
36	40.64	51.09
37	11.65	36.15
38	36.62	38.35



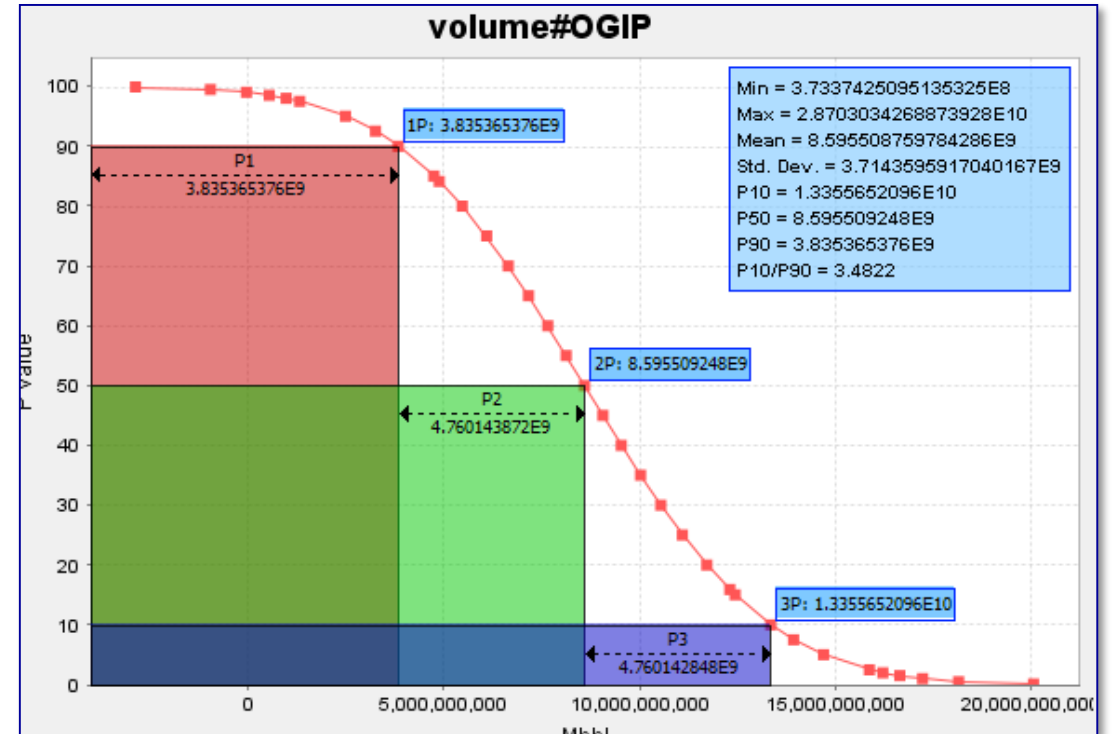
1. Import raw data
2. Optimize and identify the best fit distribution
3. Auto-generate the distribution parameter
4. Execute the Monte-Carlo Simulation with certain numbers of iterations

Example in Volumetric

- Conducting Monte-Carlo Simulation on optimized range of data
- Probability Density Function allows the visualization of the full range of possible results

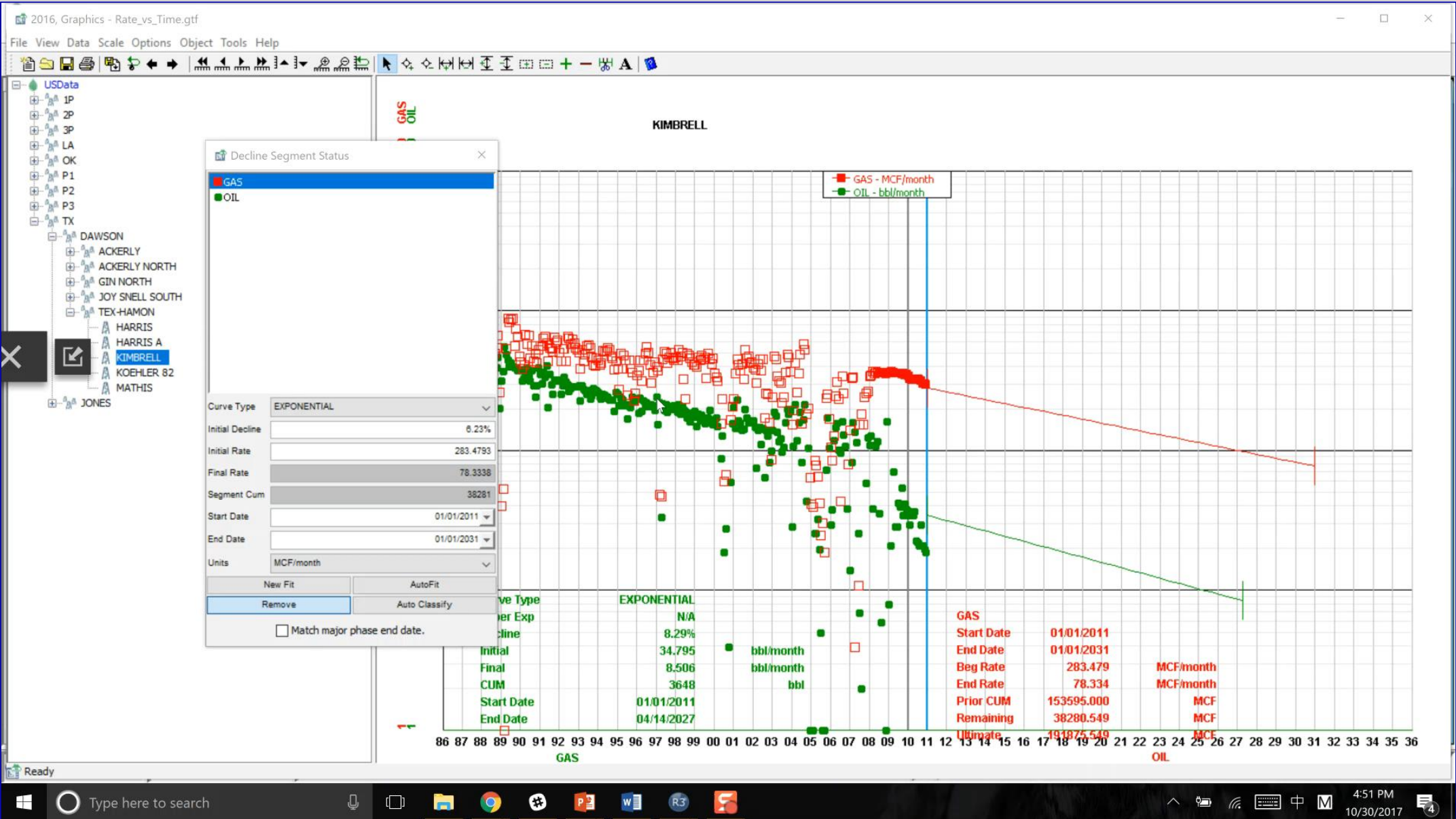
Summary:

- **Distribution** of parameters can be picked manually - Triangle, Uniform, Normal, and **Lognormal** are supported.
- Raw data can be **optimized** with an auto-generated Mean, Std Dev, Upper and Lower Bounds in order to mitigate **bias**.



Reverse Cumulative Probability Function Chart

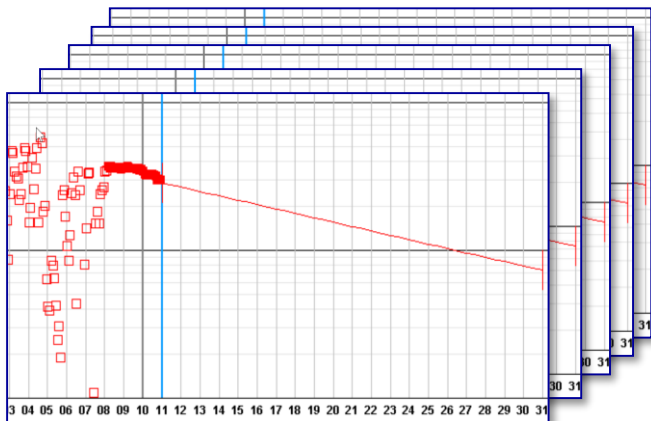
Example of Stochastic in DCA



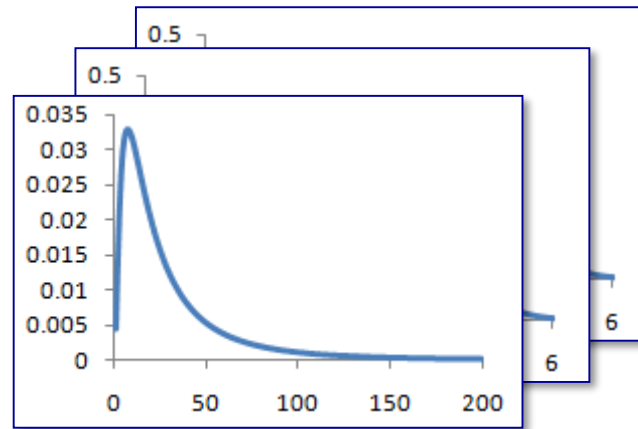
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The general practice in this specific DCA is

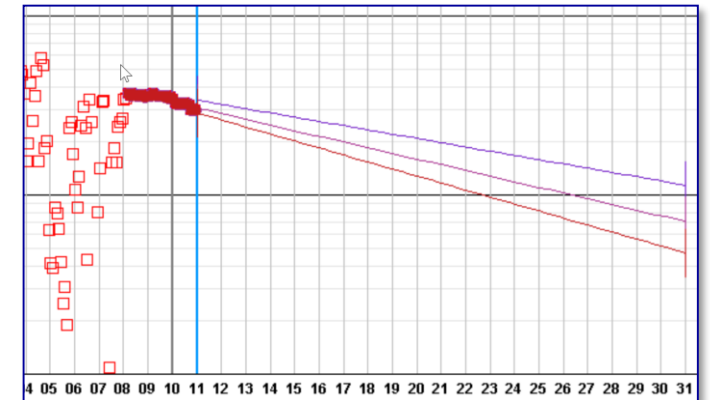
- Select the recent/relevant data – ***User selects the data***
- Program uses this data and under a guided-methodology to perform curve fitting
- Program will perform numerous iterations and utilizes the continuous probability density function to generate the P10, P50 and P90 reserve estimation.



Iterations and populate
IP, D_i parameters

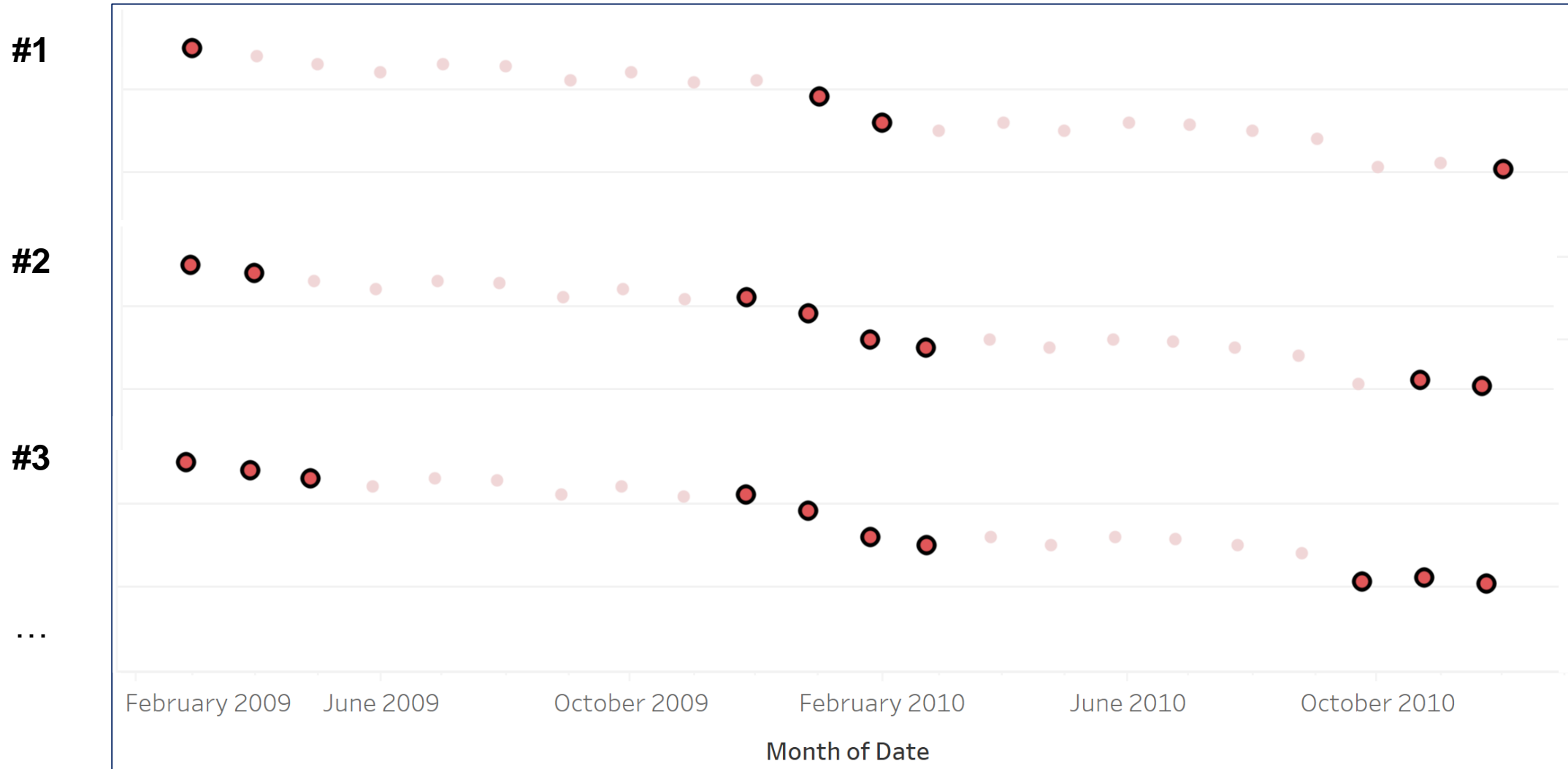


Create distributions for IP, D_i , etc. and
find P90, P50, P10 value of them

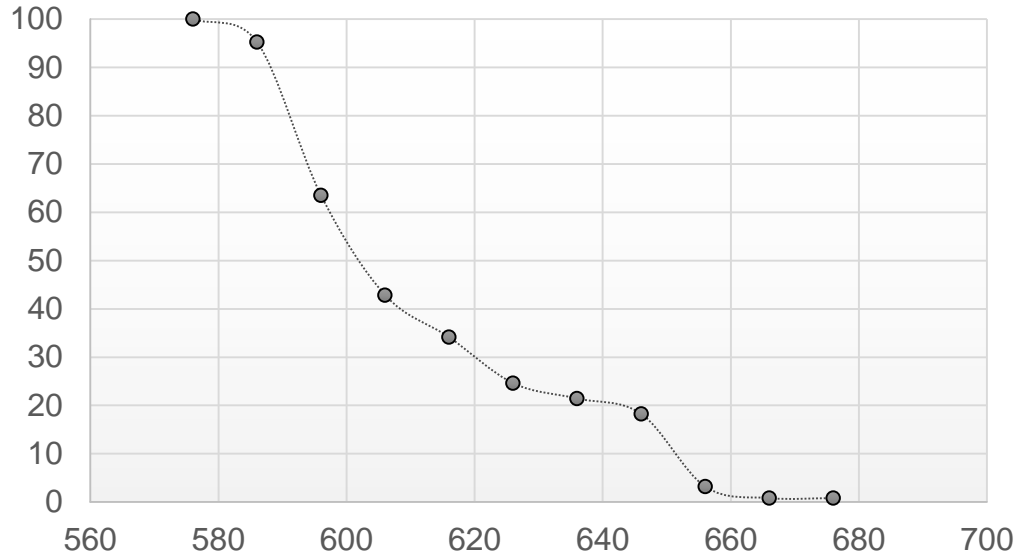


Based on the statistical results and
create P10, P50 and P90 cases

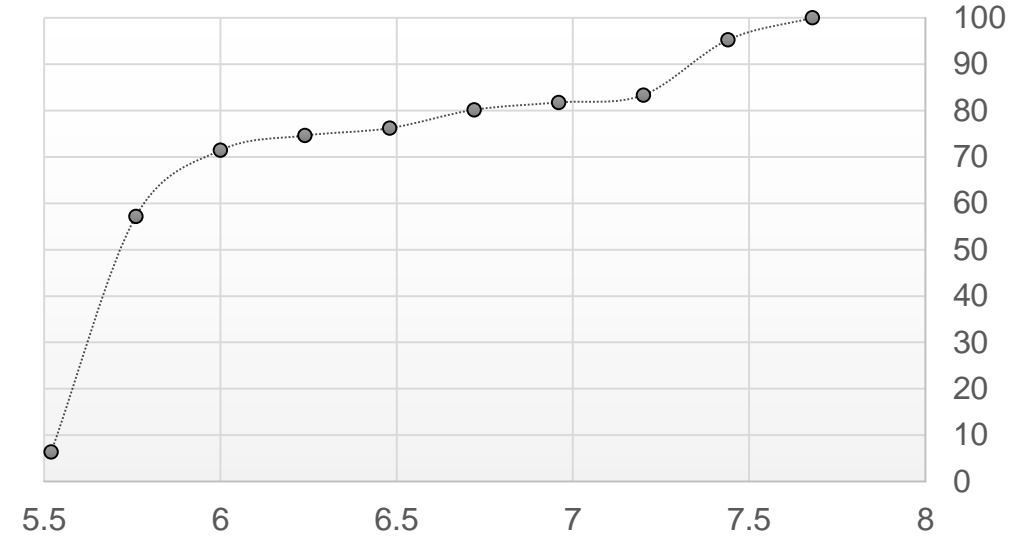
Production Data Picking Examples



Approach Procedures



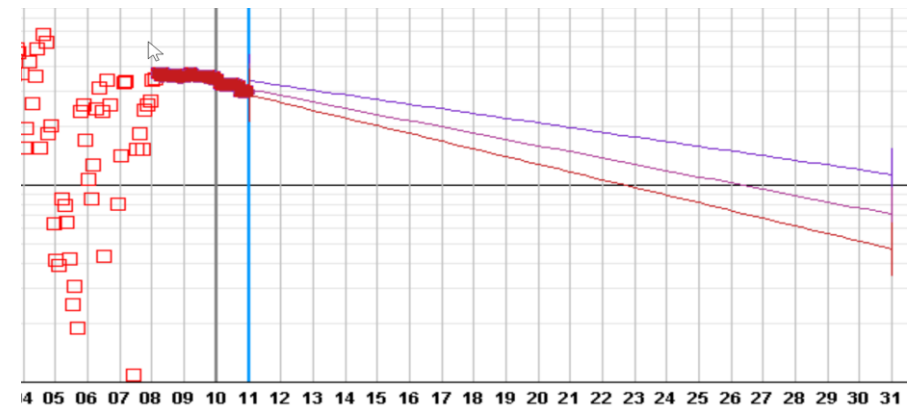
Reverse Cumulative Probability Function for IP



Cumulative Probability Function for D_i

Probability	IP	D _i
%	bbl/day	%
P90	584	7.3
P50	600	5.7
P10	650	5.54

Statistical Results for IP and D_i



P10 P50 P90 Case for Single Assets

Evaluate the Economics

USData OVERRIDES

- USData
 - 1P
 - FEDERAL 23 9_1P
 - FEE AT_1P
 - FEE AW_1P
 - 2P
 - FEDERAL 23 9_2P
 - FEE AT_2P
 - FEE AW_2P
 - 3P
 - FEDERAL 23 9_3P
 - FEE AT_3P
 - FEE AW_3P

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 Tight Field Study USData

Reserves and Economics

As of January 01, 2010

Asset	Gross Production		Net Production		Oper. Cash Flow, M\$	DDA M\$	Taxable Income, M\$	Taxes Payable, M\$	Cash Flow ATAX, M\$	10.0 Pct.
	Oil MBBL	Gas MMCF	Oil MBBL	Gas MMCF						Cum. Disc. ATAX, M\$
FEDERAL 23 9_1P	2.042	0.000	1.787	0.000	-237.420	0.000	0.000	0.000	-686.520	-475.213
FEDERAL 23 9_2P	8.011	0.000	6.642	0.000	237.090	0.000	0.000	0.000	-212.010	-262.441
FEDERAL 23 9_3P	18.452	0.000	12.865	0.000	858.170	0.000	0.000	0.000	409.070	15.738

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- **Batch processing of wells into 1P, 2P and 3P scenarios**
- **Conduct economic analysis and generate reports**
- **Economic parameters can be assigned with distribution and value ranges as well**

Summary

This stochastic approach allows you to

- **Clearly understand what factors contribute to reserves estimation and reduce the uncertainties to an acceptable level**
- **Provide a good understanding of uncertainties and potential rewards.**
- **Utilize a reliable technology to create reasonable certainty in your reserve estimation process**



THANKS

Questions?

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