

**Re-thinking the Goliat reservoir models:**

**History matching and identifying infill targets  
using an ensemble based method**

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# Agenda

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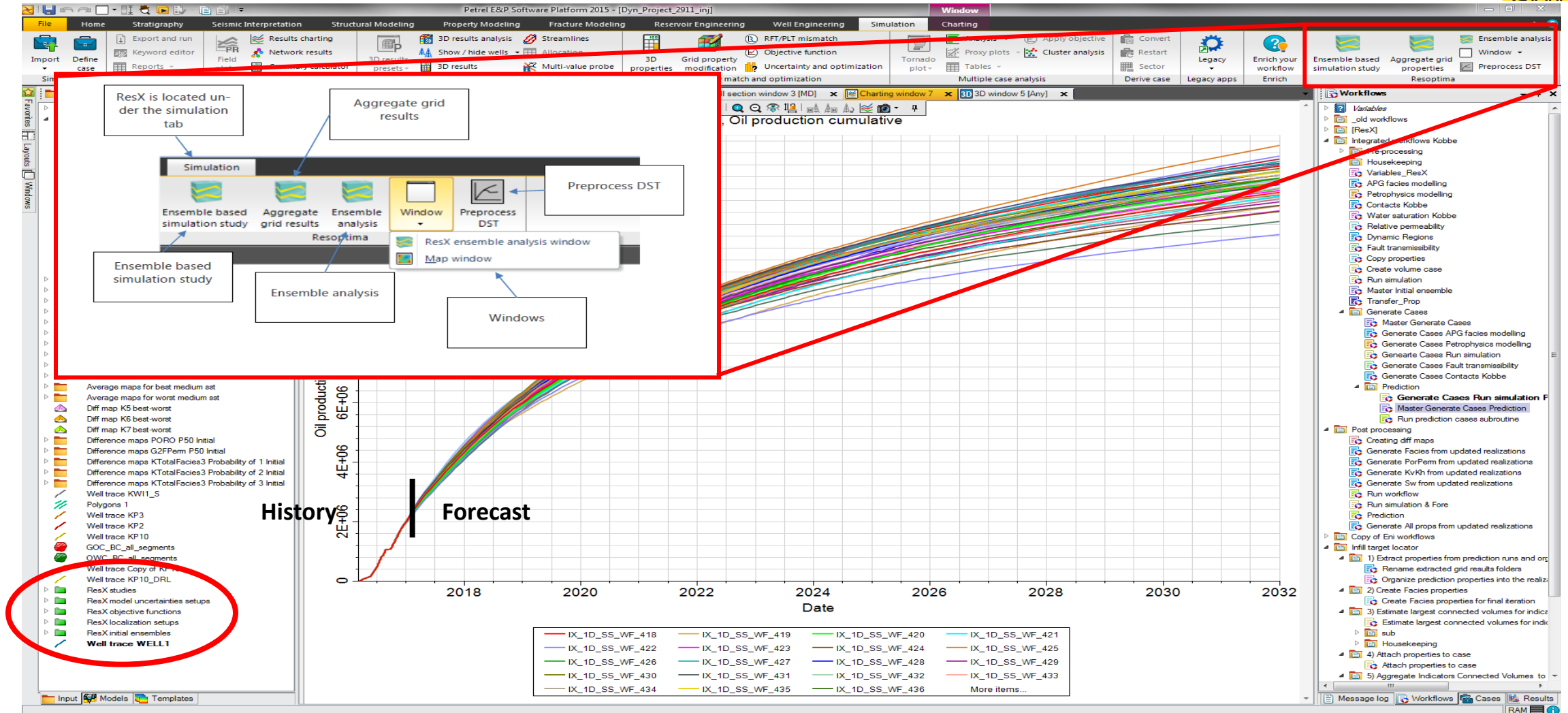


- *Method*
- *History matching and forecasting results*
- *Identification of infill targets*
- *Conclusion and way forward*



# METHOD

# ResX as a plugin to Petrel



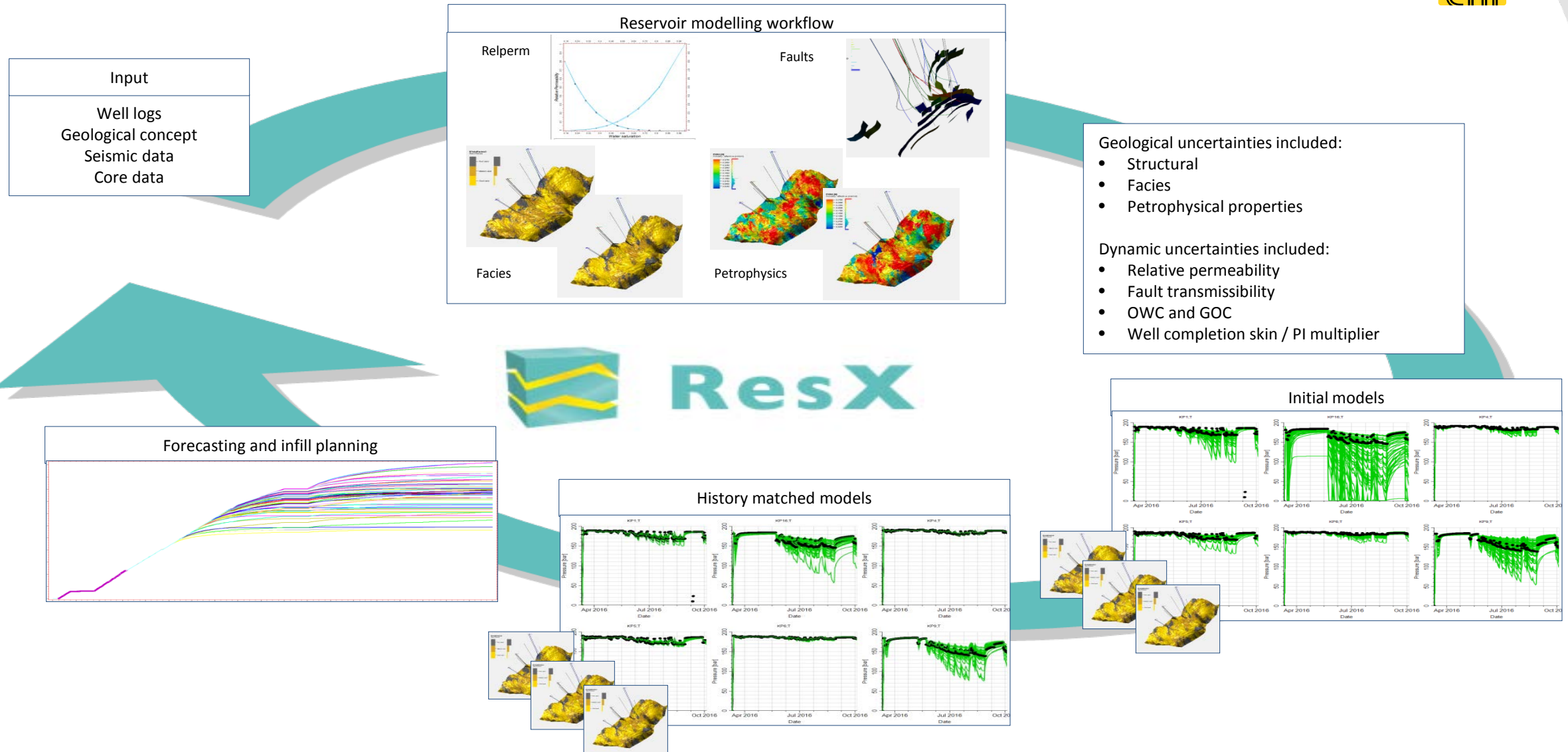
# Ensemble modelling concept

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- *ResX consistently conditions reservoir models to both static and dynamic data*
- *The ResX History Matching workflow includes updating of geological properties as well as dynamic parameters on cell by cell level*
- *Matching a full range of geological uncertainties, not just a base case*
- *Taking into account the effect of the subsurface uncertainties and generates P10, P50 and P90 statistical results*

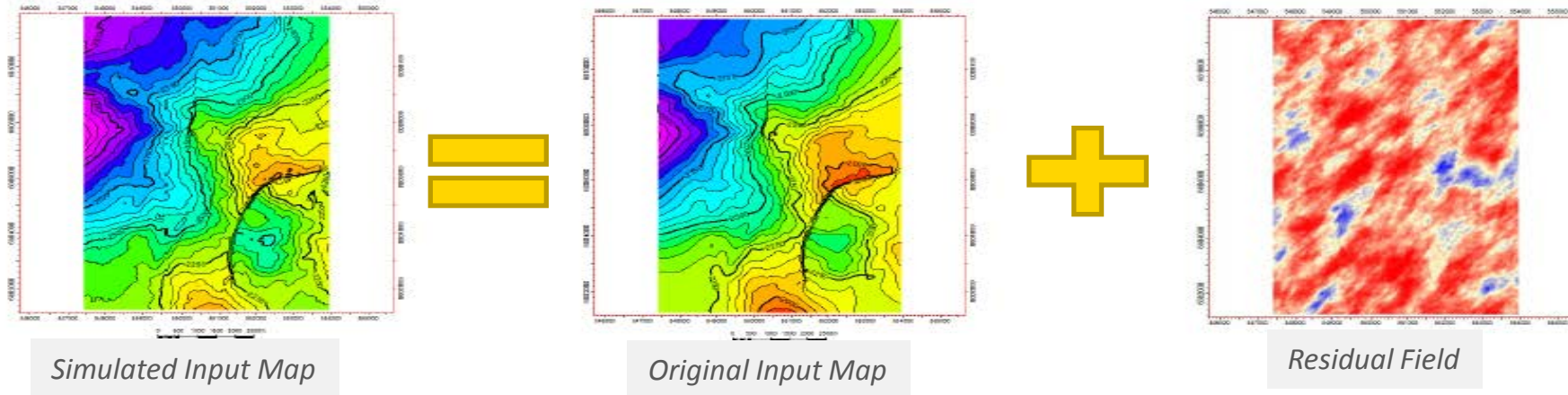
# Ensemble-based reservoir modelling



# Structural uncertainty

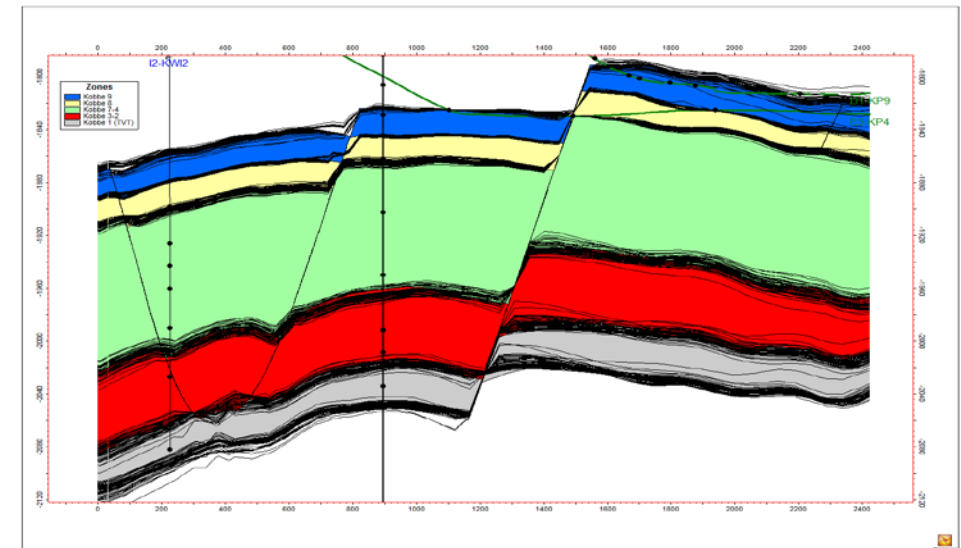


*TOP and BOTTOM maps are added a Gaussian random field*  
*horizon/isochore = original + residual*



	Distribution	Mean	Std	Min	Max
\$MeanRes	Truncated Normal	0	8	-15	15
\$StdRes	Truncated Normal	3	2	0.5	8
\$MajorRes	Truncated Normal	2000	1000	1000	4000
\$Scalar	Truncated Normal	0.75	0.25	0.5	1
\$AzimuthRes	Truncated Normal	-50	20	-90	-10
\$MinorRes	\$Major x Scalar				

- MEAN Residual accounts for the velocity model uncertainty
- STD residual accounts for the mapping uncertainty
- Distance from wells: 300 m

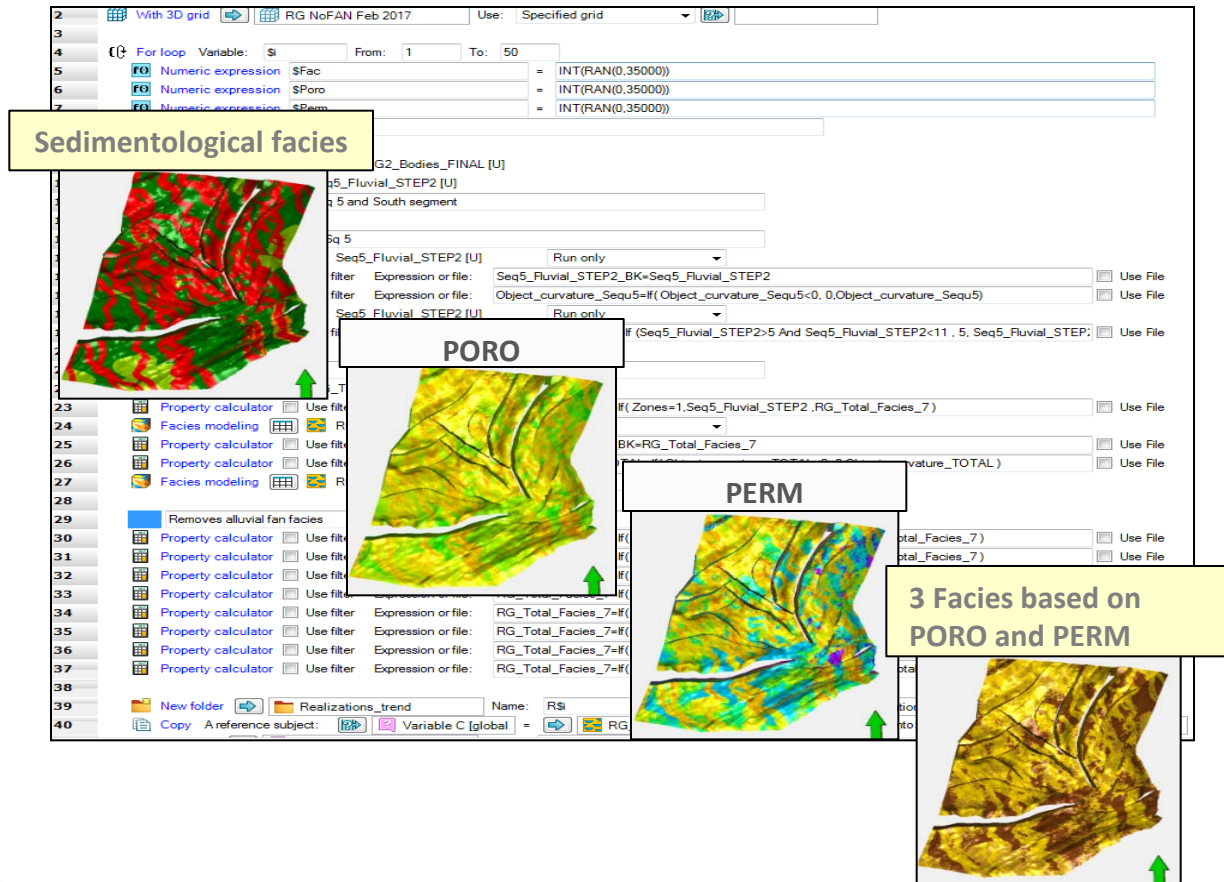




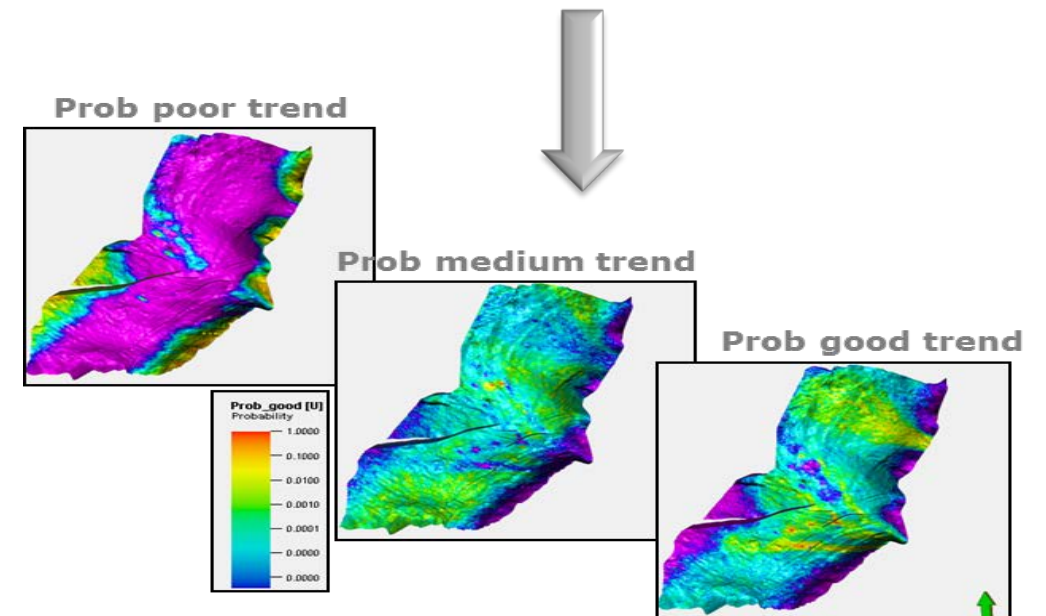
# Facies uncertainty (1/2)



## Step 1: Creating facies trend maps from the geological conceptual model



1. Running 50 realizations on original workflow (including sedimentological facies, porosity and permeability)
2. Aggregate the **three facies types based on rock quality index** into probability maps for each facies (poor, medium and good)

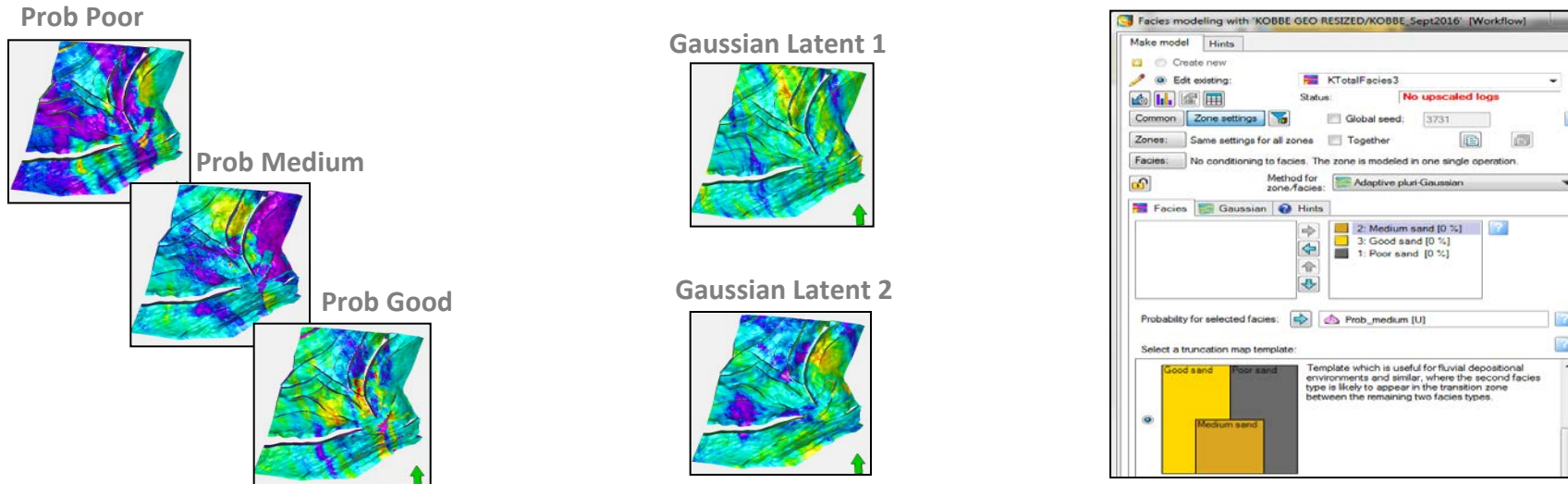




# Facies uncertainty (2/2)



## Step 2: Three facies types distributed using an ADAPTIVE PLURI-GAUSSIAN TECHNIQUE



### Facies Probability Maps

Probability for each facies resulting from a weighted compromise between well logs probabilities and geological conceptual model

### Generate Gaussian (latent) variables

Controls the spatial continuity of the generated facies realizations

- Enables conditioning facies realizations to dynamic data

### Adaptive pluri-Gaussian simulation

Generate facies realizations honoring the conceptual model and the logs, and adding the Gaussian latent variables

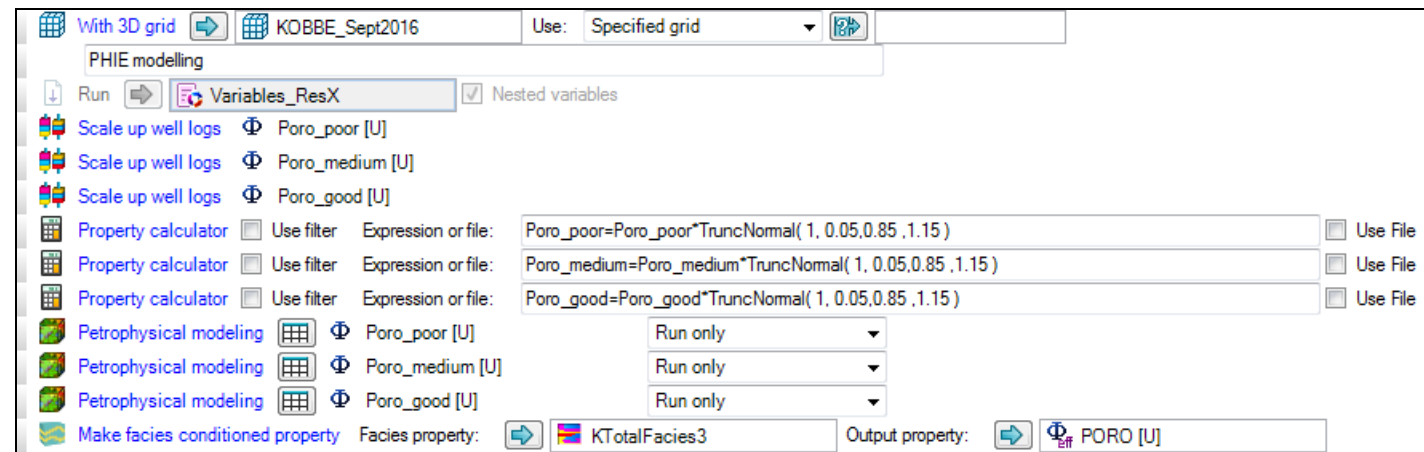
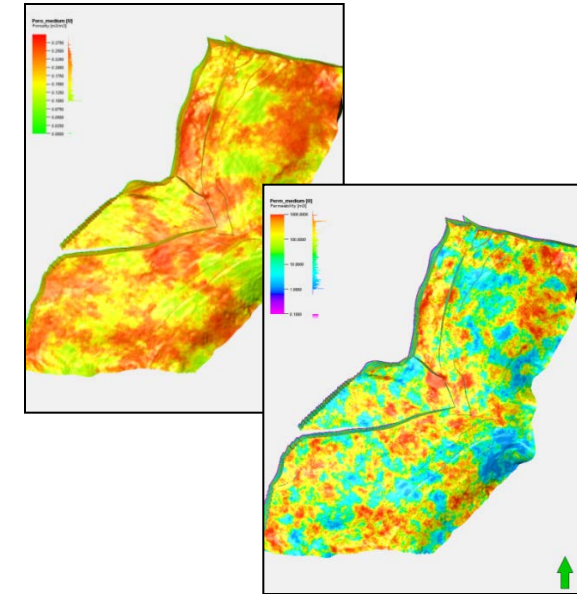
### Ensemble based simulation study

Latent (Gaussian) variables are updated by ResX to condition the generated facies realizations to dynamic data

# Petrophysical uncertainty



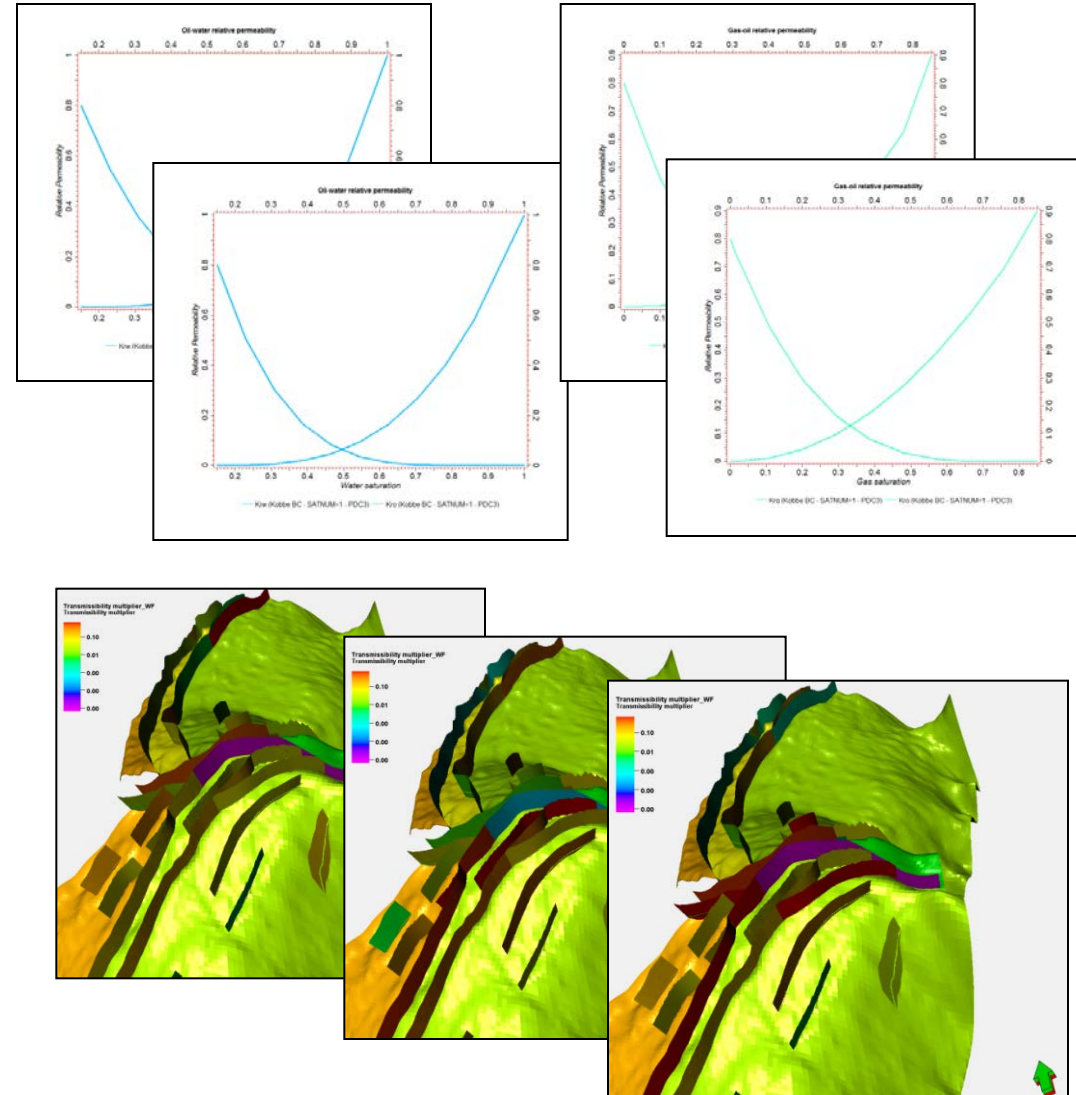
- Porosity and permeability as a random pick of the log values for each facies plus truncated Gaussian multipliers
- Vertical permeability based on shale volume content or field analogues plus by truncated Gaussian multipliers
- Water Saturation based on J-functions and risked by variability ranges of the coefficients for each facies.



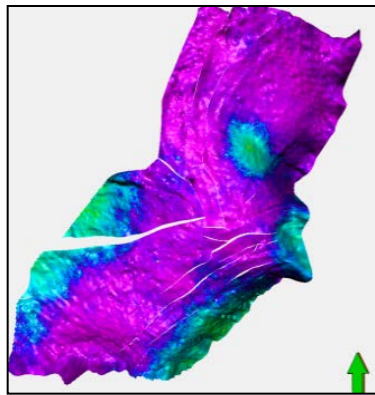
# Dynamic uncertainty



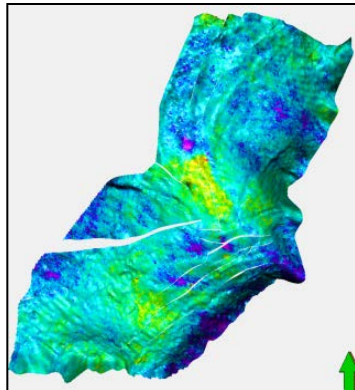
- Relative Permeability
  - End point and Corey exponent uncertainty for both water/oil and gas/oil
- Fault Transmissibility
  - Transmissibility multipliers across faults
- OWC and GOC
- Completion skin / PI multiplier



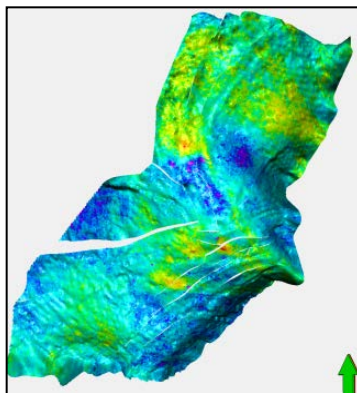
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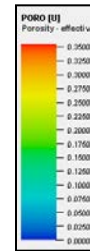
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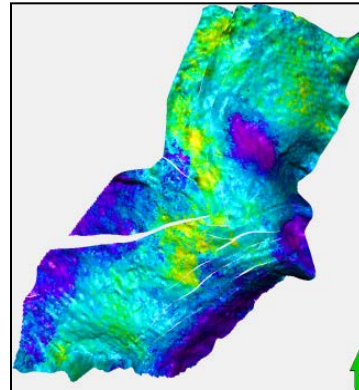
Probability of medium sand



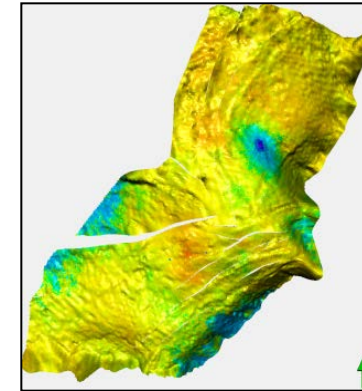
Probability of good sand



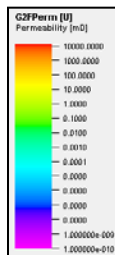
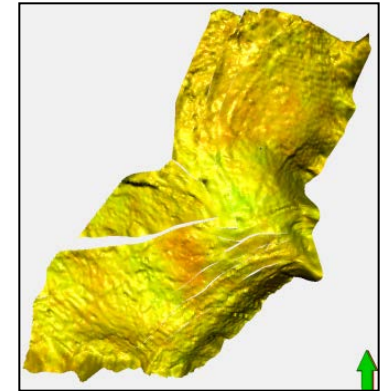
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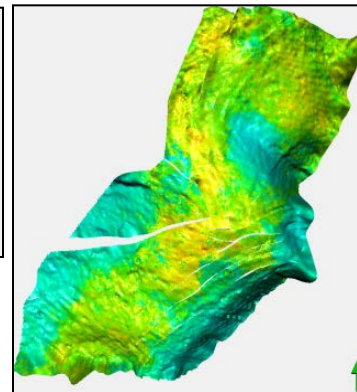
P50 Porosity



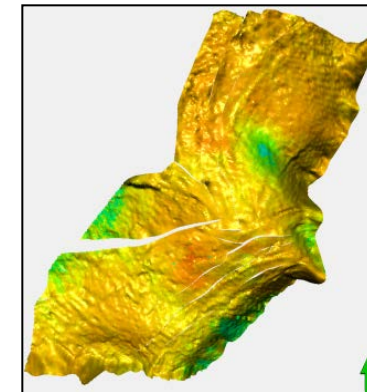
P90 Porosity



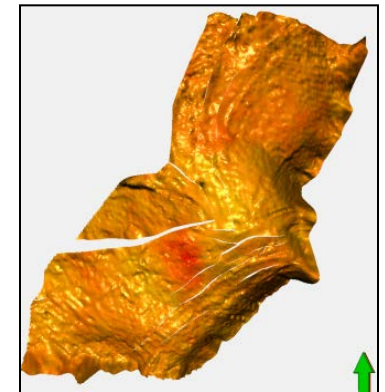
P10 Permeability



P50 Permeability



P90 Permeability

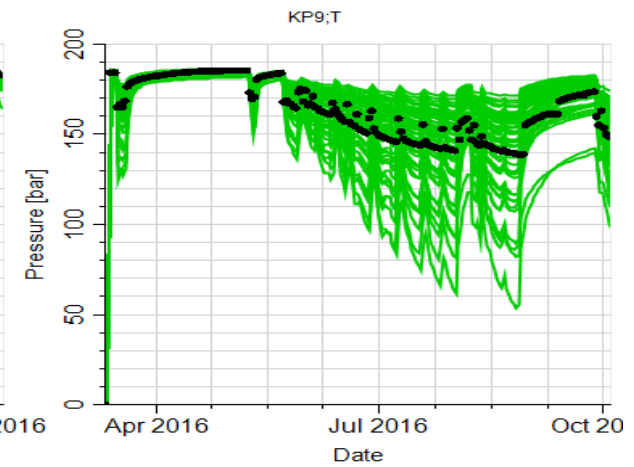
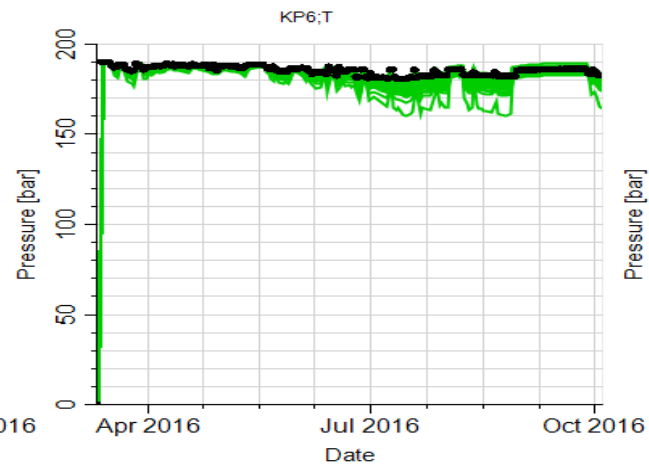
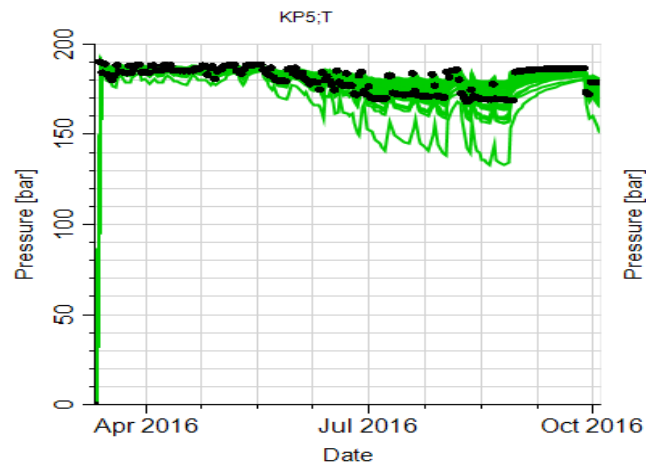
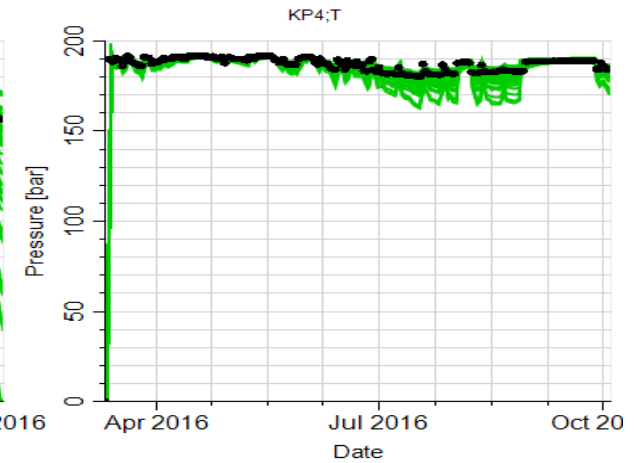
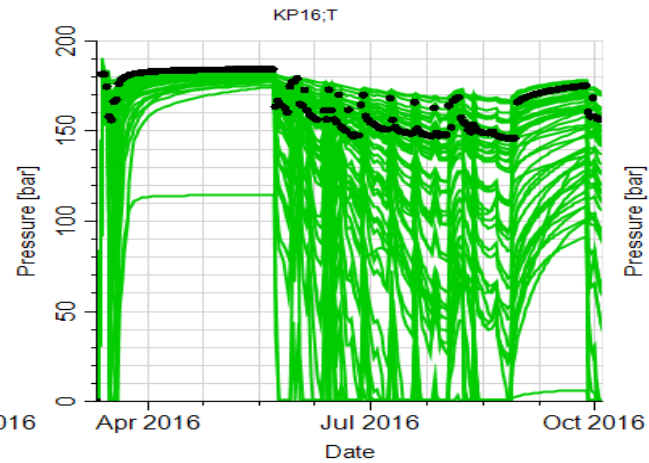
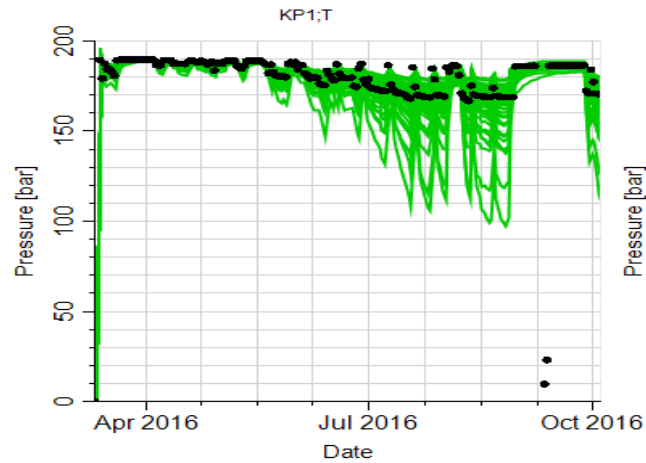




# Initial ensemble coverage/variability check



## Bottom Hole Pressure



# Definition of the objective function



## ■ Selection of production data to be part of the objective

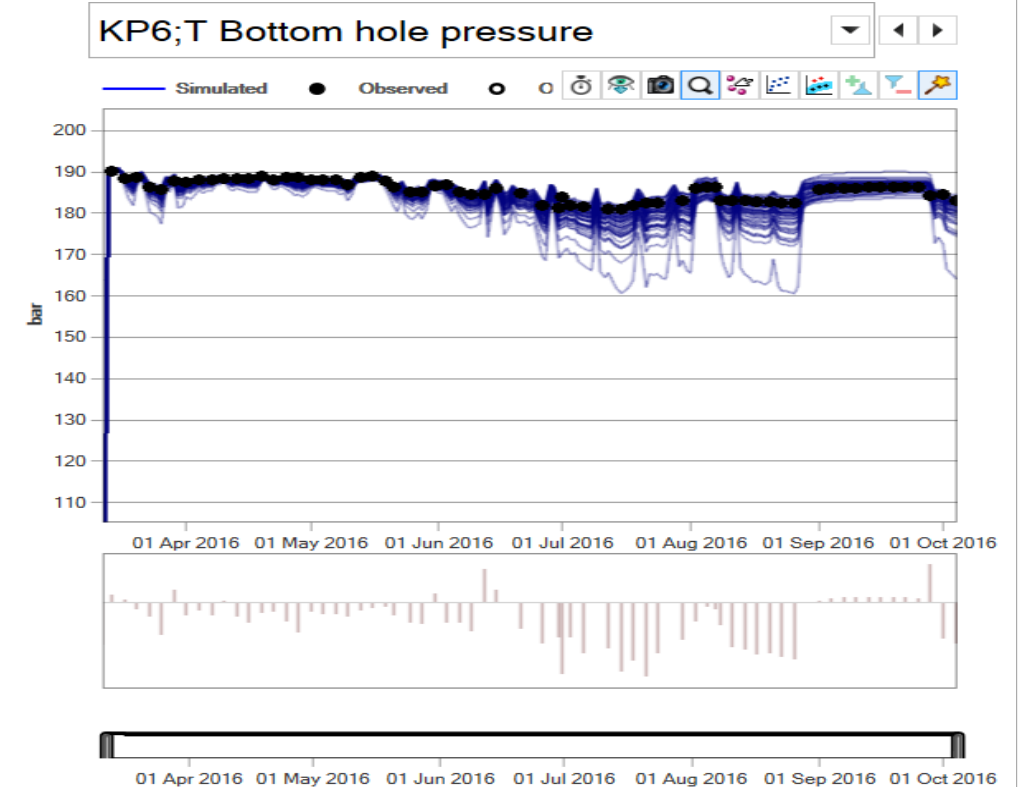
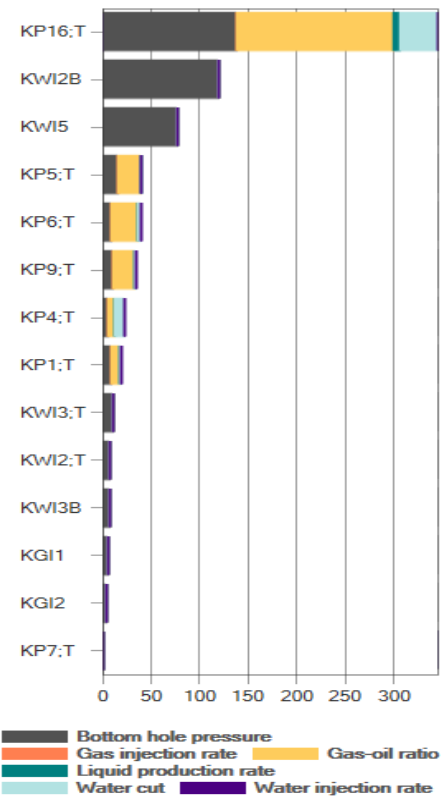
- Liquid production rate
- Bottom hole pressure
- GOR
- WCT

## ■ Specification of the tolerance

- 10 bar for pressure
- 10% for others

## ■ Ensemble analysis process

- Screening tool to analyze the initial ensemble





# Model uncertainties and localization



- Specify the history matching variables and boundaries

- facies probability
- porosity & permeability
- shale volume
- fault transmissibility
- relative permeability
- well connection multipliers

Grid properties		Scalars						
Drag a field here to group by that field								
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- Constrain the area of influence

- radius around the wells
- zones
- segments

Grid properties		Scalars				
Drag a field here to group by that field						
Identifier	Property	Type	GaussianLatent1	GaussianLatent2	Perm_good	Perm_m...
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KG11	Bottom hole pressure	Production data	r=2000 m	r=2000 m	r=2000 m	r=2000 m
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KP1;T	Bottom hole pressure	Production data	r=2000 m	r=2000 m	r=2000 m	r=2000 m
KP4;T	Bottom hole pressure	Production data	r=2000 m	r=2000 m	r=2000 m	r=2000 m

Values:

☒ Impact near well

Radius:  m

☐ Near perforations only

☐ Impact all cells

☐ No impact

☐ Custom localization property

☒ Filter property

- ☒ 0: Kobbe 9
- ☒ 1: Kobbe 8
- ☒ 2: Kobbe 7
- ☐ 3: Kobbe 6
- ☐ 4: Kobbe 5
- ☐ 5: Kobbe 4
- ☐ 6: Kobbe 3
- ☐ 7: Kobbe 2
- ☐ 8: Kobbe 1

# Data assimilation for history matching



Ensemble based simulation study

Initial ensemble Define objective function Define model uncertainties Define localization setup History matching Forecasting Settings Hints

Study name: RG\_HM\_62\_22122016

Input:

Ensemble: init\_62\_21122016

Objective function: Objective function NoFan Grid

Model uncertainties: Model uncertainties NoFan grid

Localization: Localization\_noKRELinSouth\_NoFAN\_grid

Generate cases workflow: Master Generate Cases

Study options:

Iterations (count / resume from):

Data inflation scheme: Slope

Data inflation coefficients: 13.4, 8.7, 4.7, 1.7

Max simulation time: ☒  minutes

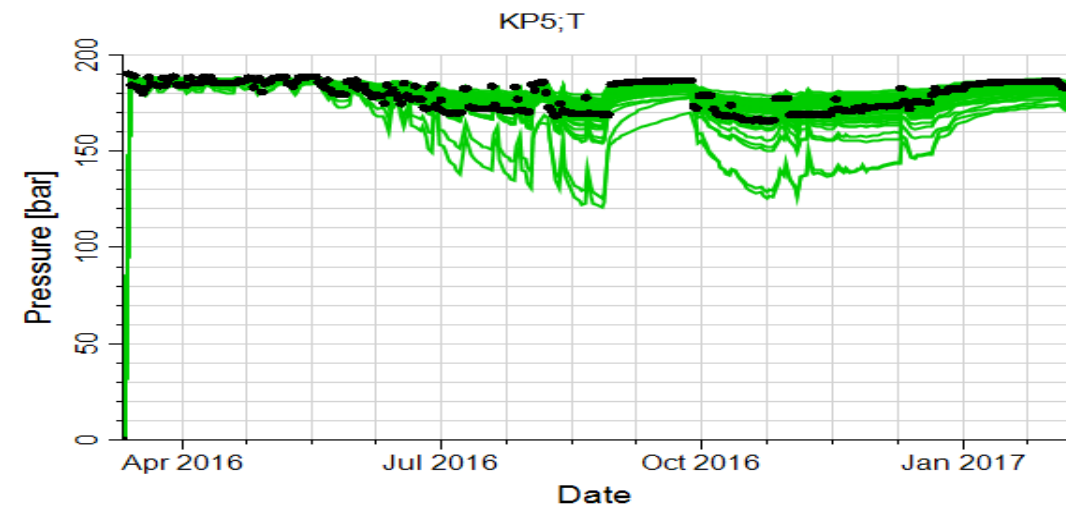
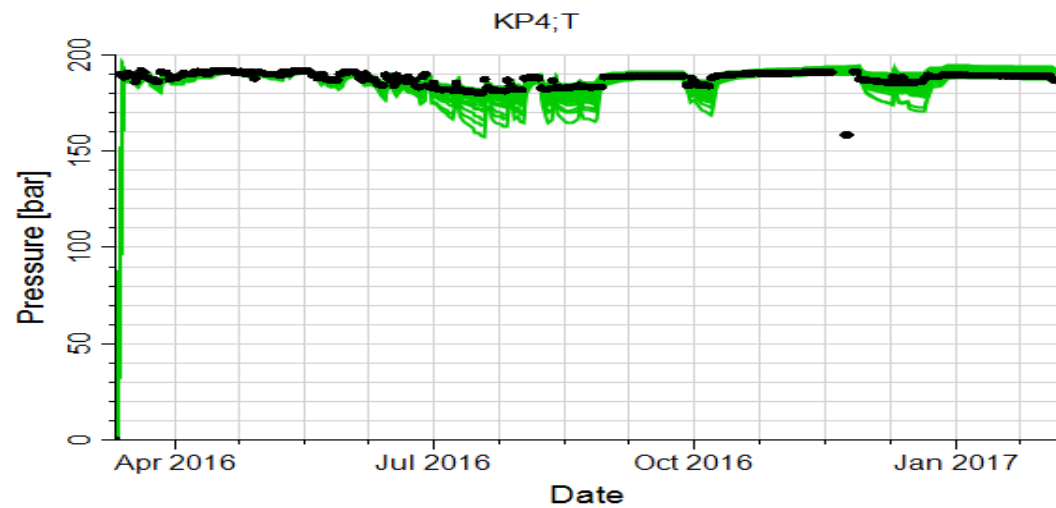
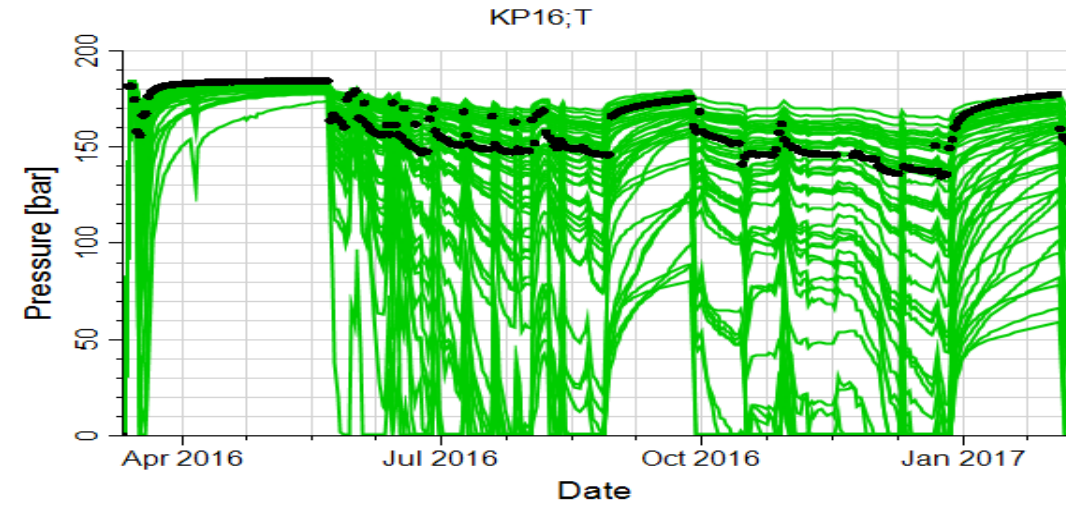
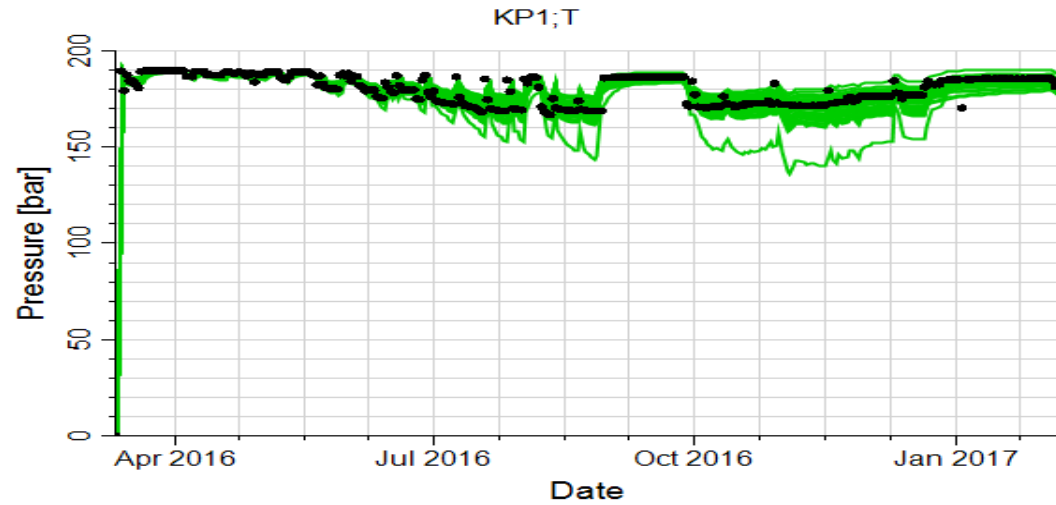
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Load results: ☐ Grid properties (Simulation)   
☐ Production data  
☐ RFT/PLT

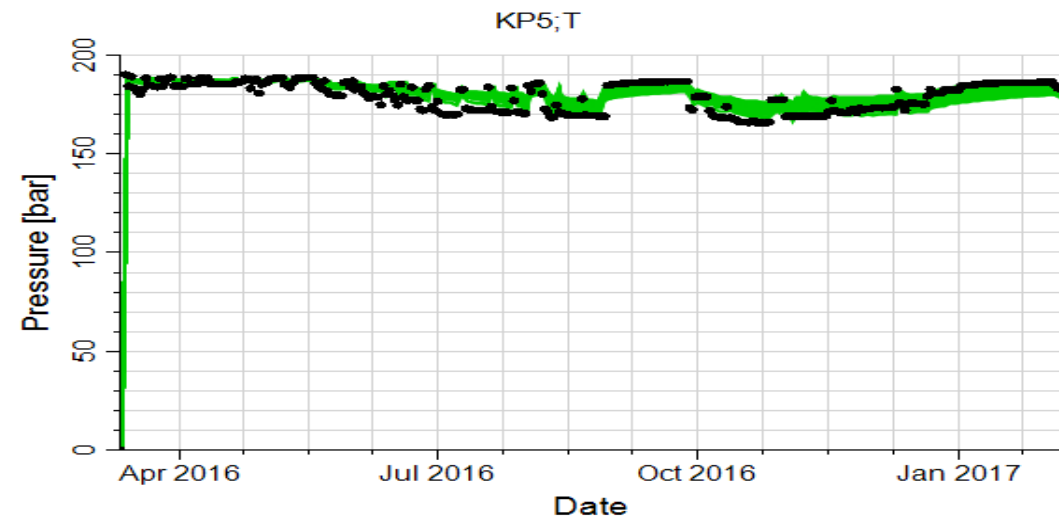
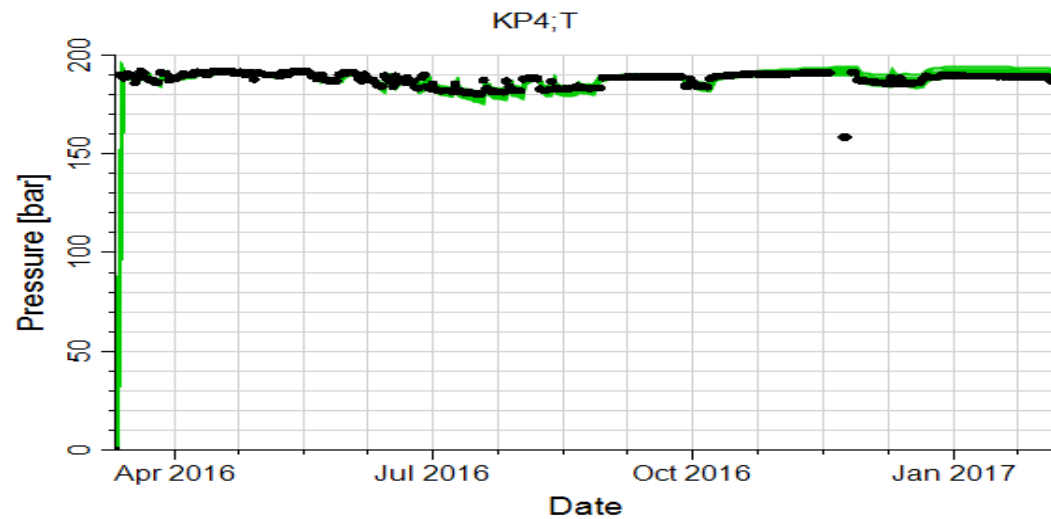
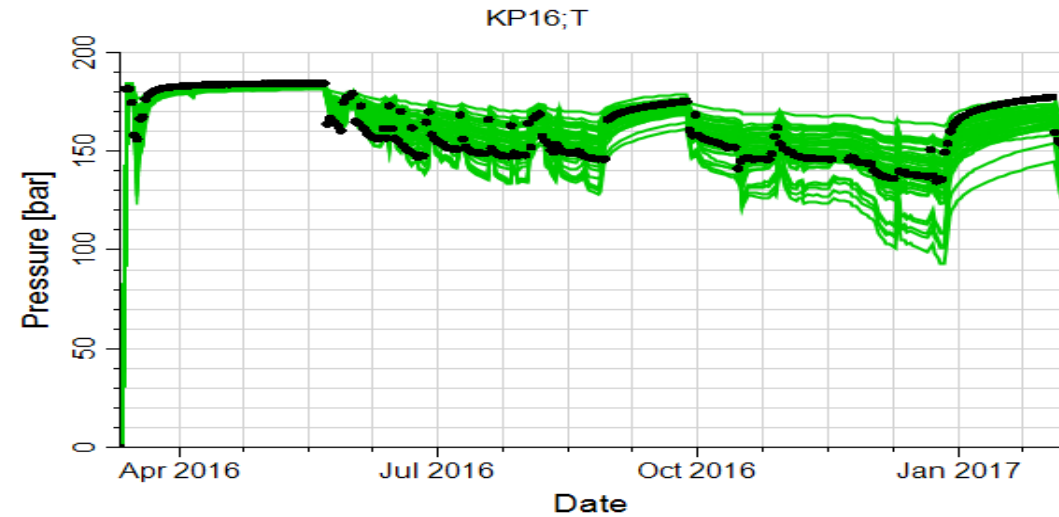
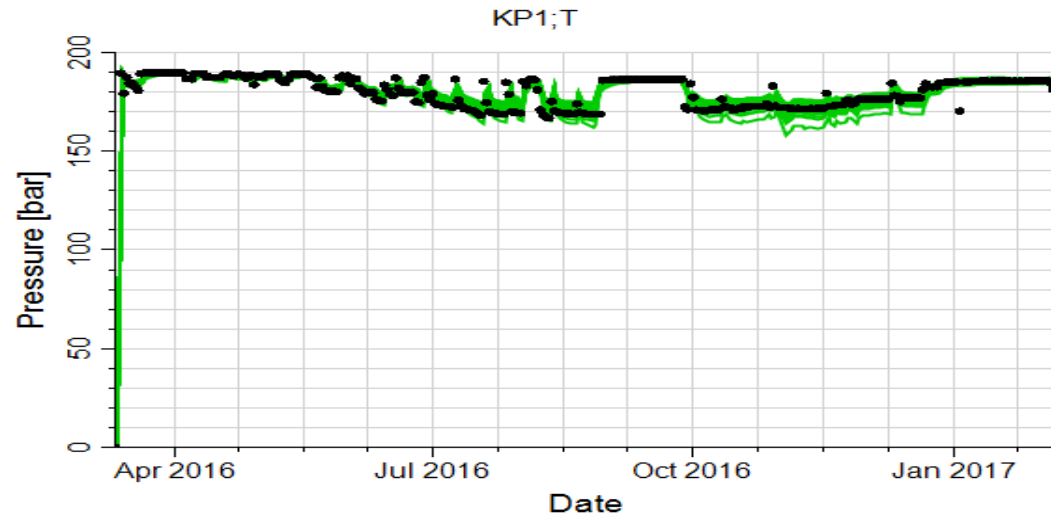
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# HISTORY MATCHING AND FORECASTING RESULTS

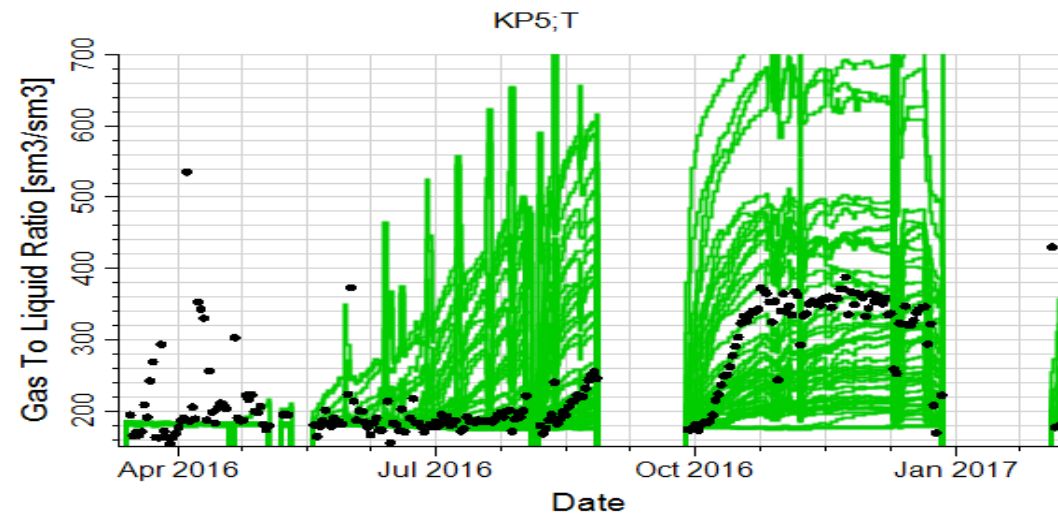
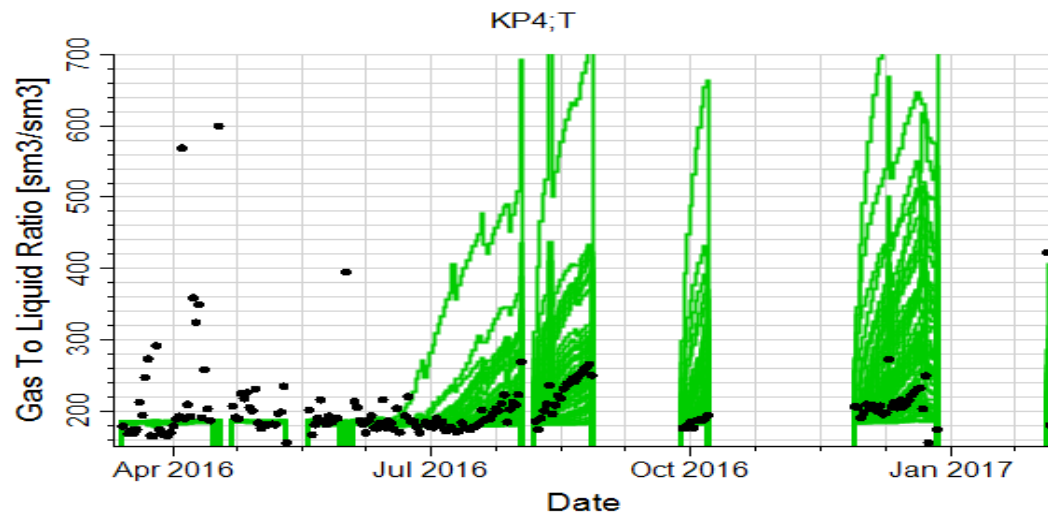
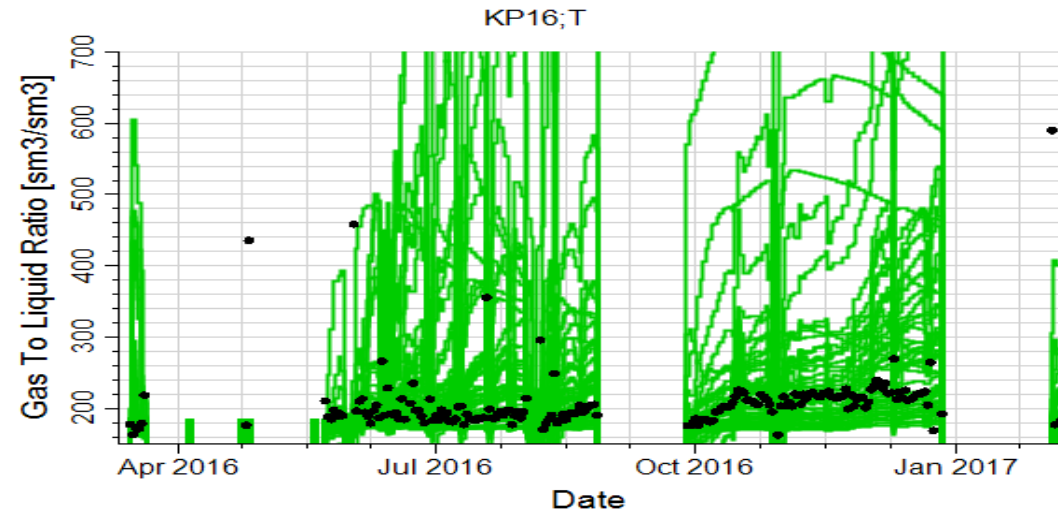
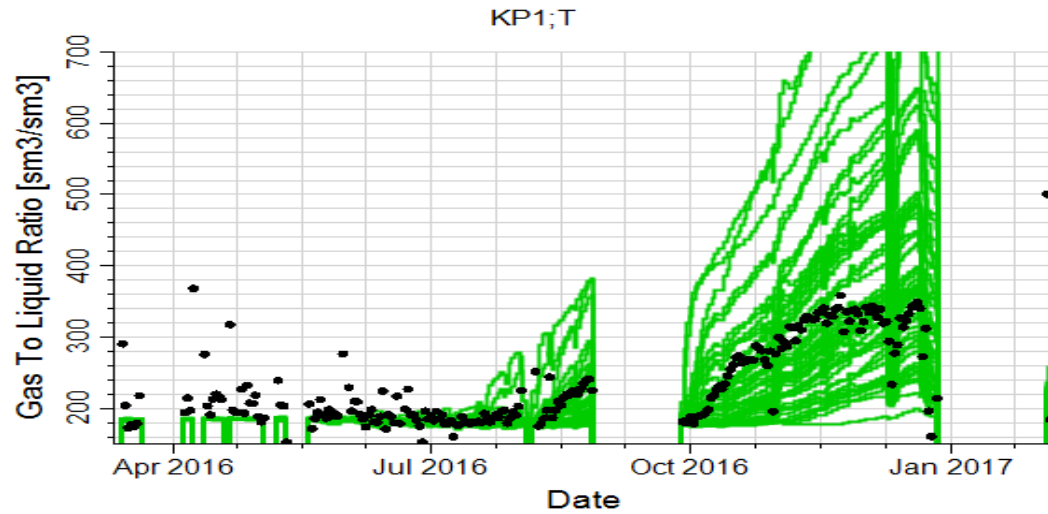
# Initial ensemble - BHP



# After history match - BHP

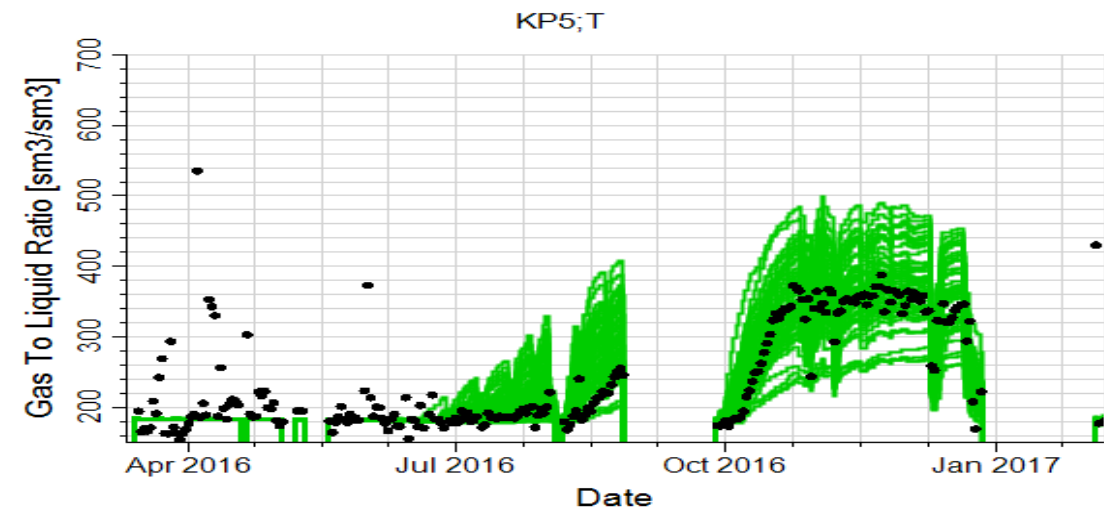
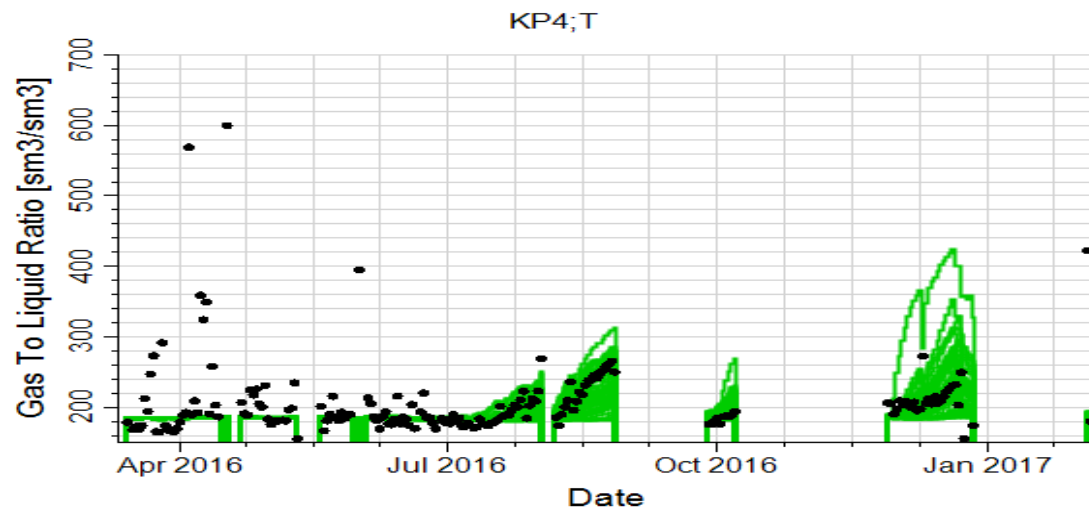
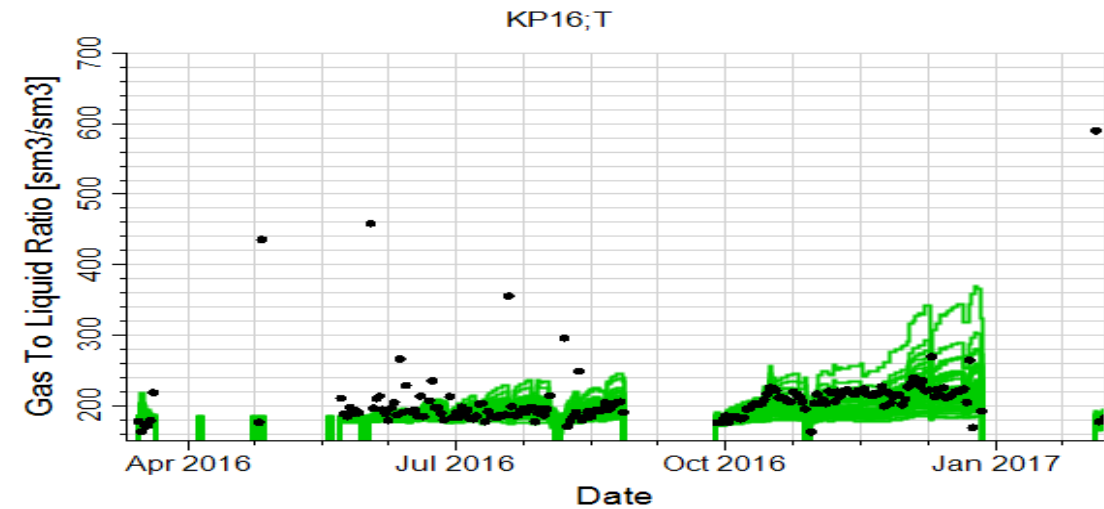
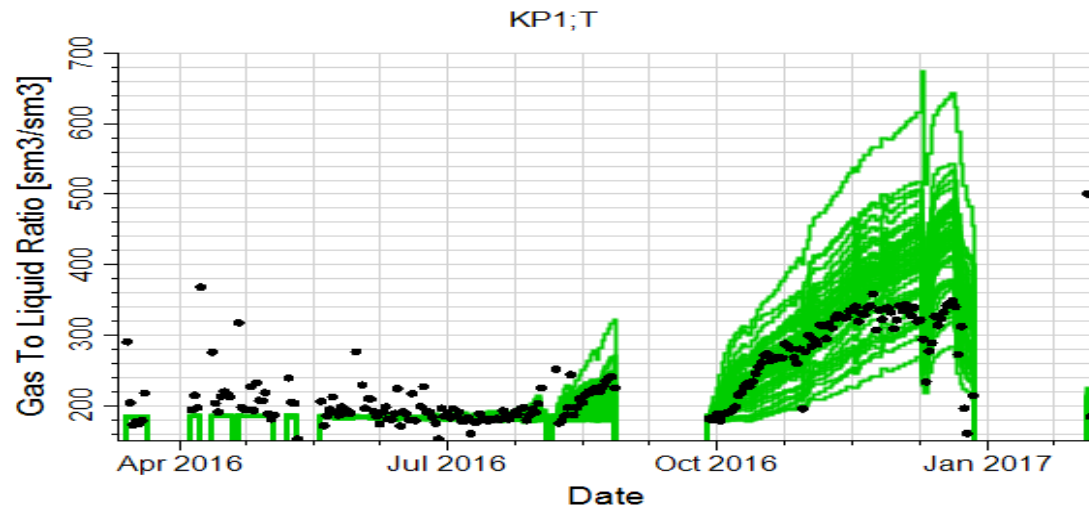


# Initial ensemble - GOR





# After history match - GOR



# Forecasting set-up



Ensemble based simulation study

Initial ensemble Define objective function Define model uncertainties Define localization setup History matching Forecasting Settings Hints

Forecast name: RG\_INFILL\_RMP6\_RMwi7\_INCREASED\_BHP

Input:

Study: RG\_HM\_62\_22122016

Cases:

- Initial ensemble
  - Iteration 4
    - ☒ RG\_1343
    - ☒ RG\_1344
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Workflow: Master Generate Cases Prediction

Max simulation time: ☒ 600 minutes

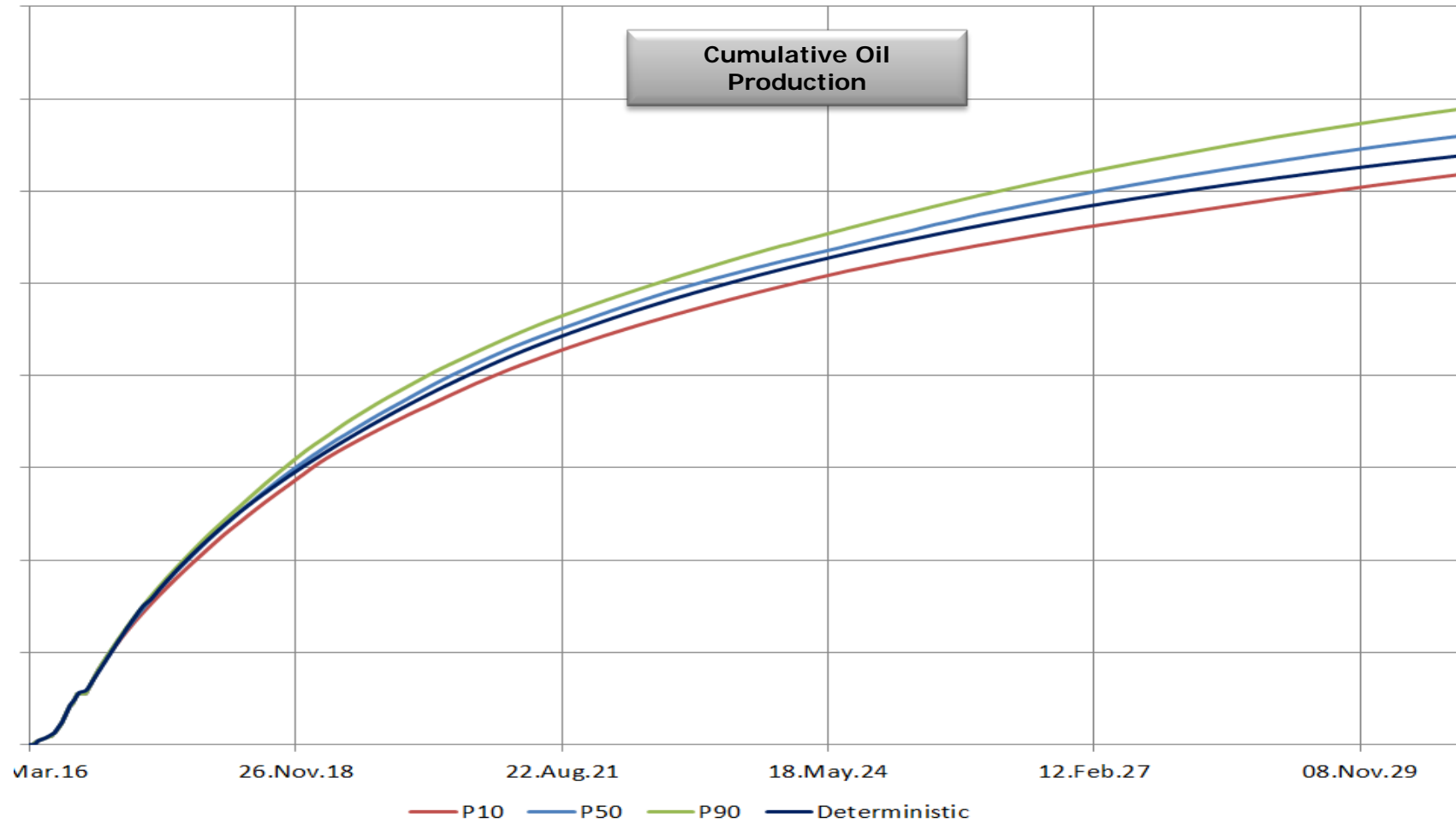
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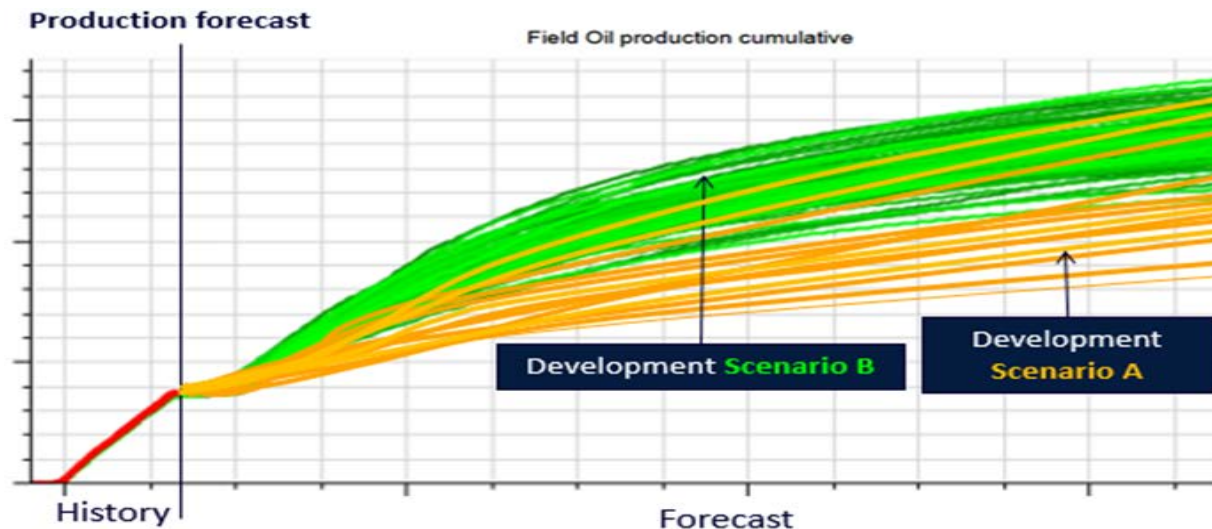
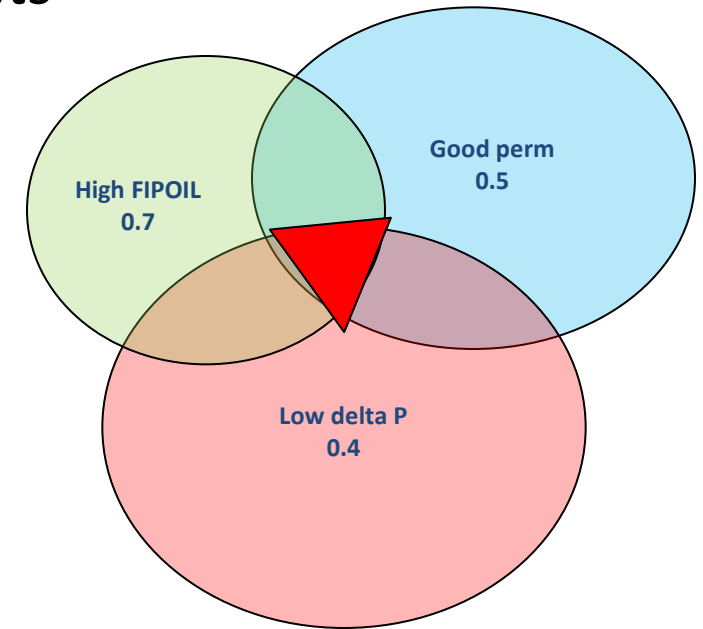


# IDENTIFICATION OF INFILL TARGETS

# Approach

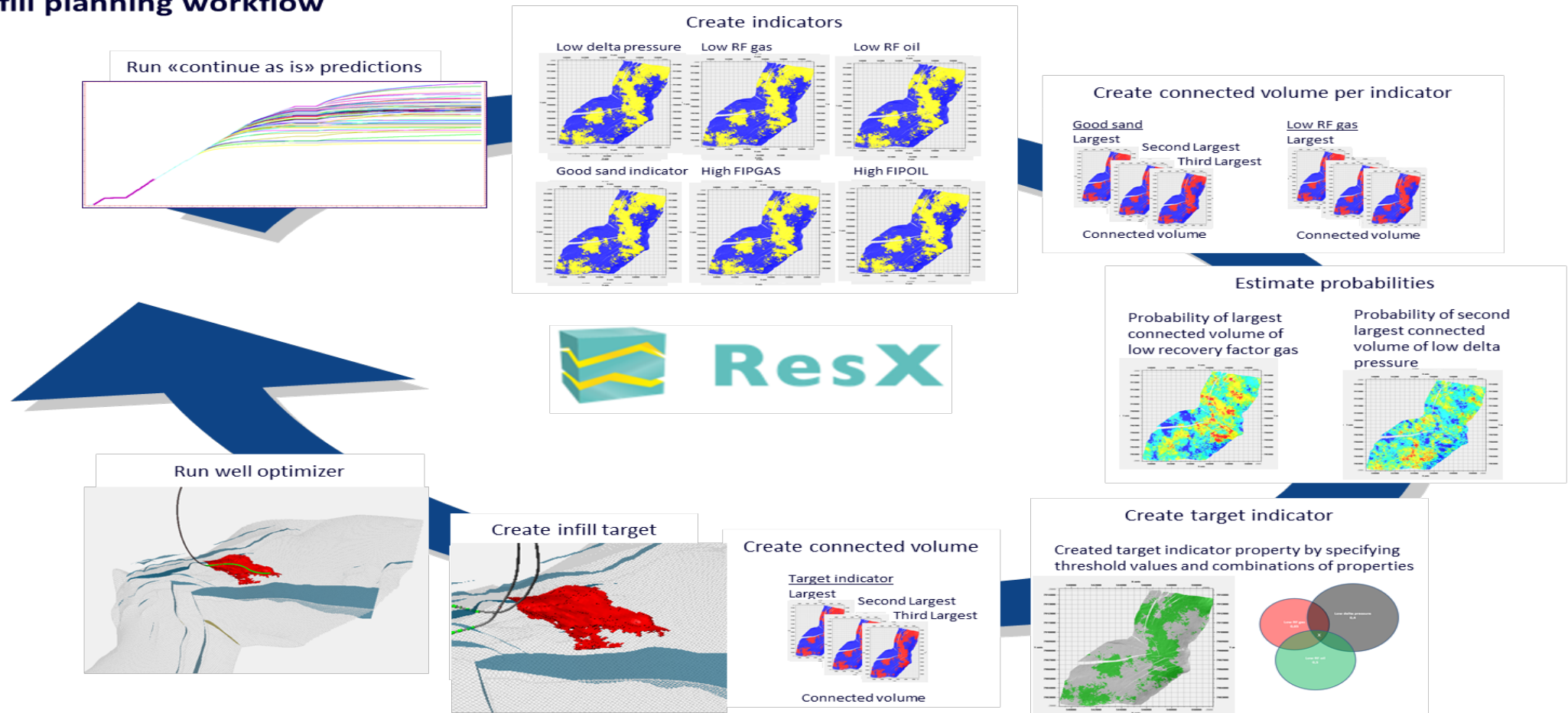


- *Analyze the ensemble of models to identify robust infill targets*
  - Identify **connected volumes** combining:
    - High probability of good perm sand
    - High probability of high in-place volumes
    - High probability of small pressure depletion
- *Evaluate the different development scenarios*



## History matching and robust infill drilling

### Robust infill planning workflow





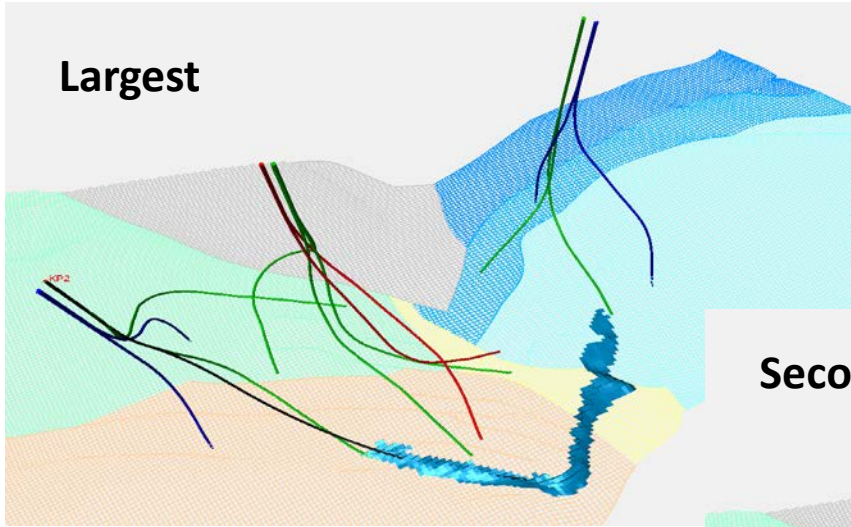
# Connected volumes – Reservoir 1



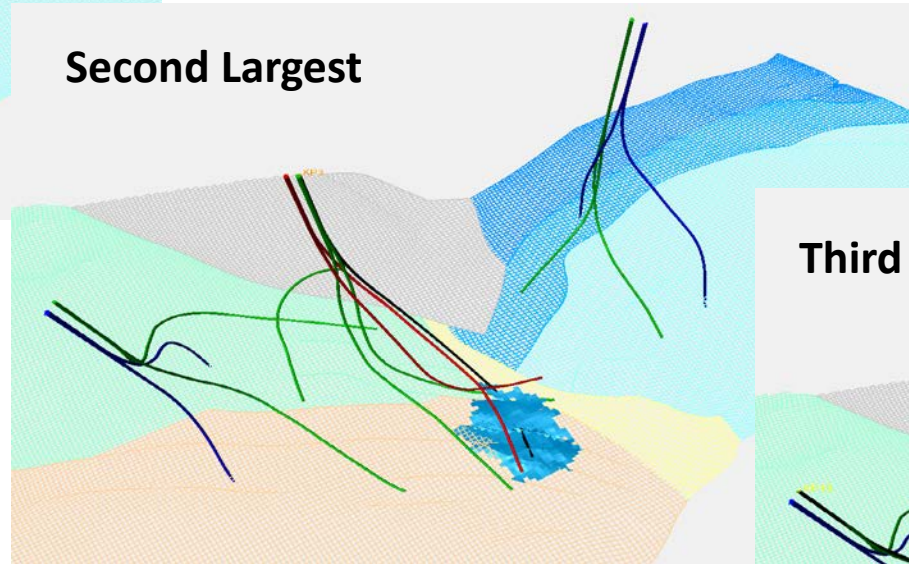
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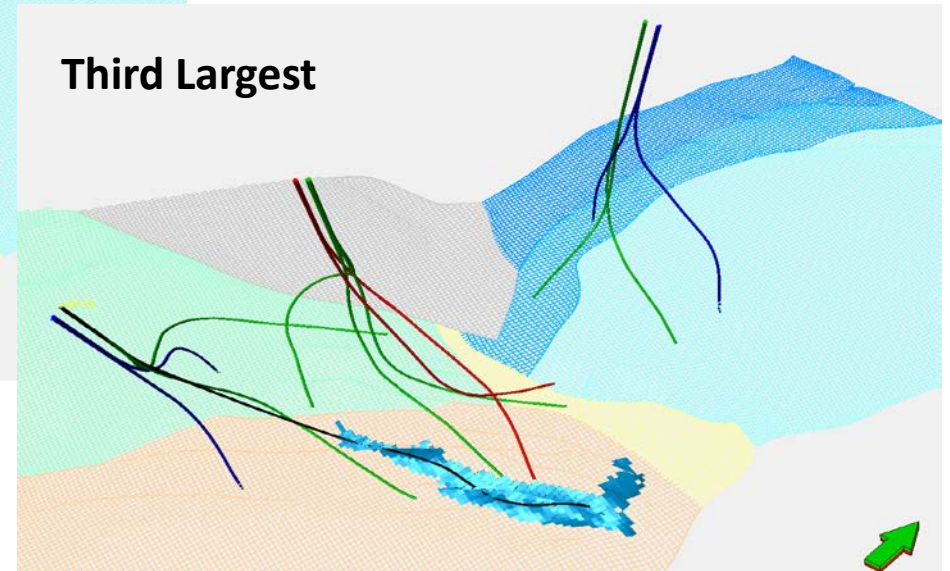
**Largest**



**Second Largest**



**Third Largest**





# CONCLUSION

## ■ *PROS*

- *Close cooperation between the geologist and the engineer*
- *Less constrained geological concept more adaptable to the observed dynamic data*
- *The workflows are easily updated with the historical data*
- *A better understanding of the residual uncertainty after history matching*
- *Infill targets can be identified based on the prediction from the entire history matched ensemble*

## ■ *CONS*

- *The workflows create large models occupying a lot of disk space, and a lot of computing power is needed*
- *Analysis of the data is time consuming*
- *Software/computing infrastructure issues*

## ■ *Way forward*

- *Apply ResX for production optimisation*



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