

## Risk Analysis

### Designed for:

The course is designed for staff in engineering and commercial functions, who already have an understanding of petroleum economics (discounted cashflow, NPV, EMV) and are involved in the quantification of risk for either exploration or production projects.

### Duration (days)

1 2

### Learning Level:

Skills ☒ ☐ ☐  
Knowledge ☒ ☐ ☐  
Awareness ☒ ☐ ☐

By the end of the course participants will be able to:

- Distinguish risk from uncertainty
- Apply a systematic approach to identifying uncertainties
- Describe uncertainty using probability distributions
- Combine technical and commercial uncertainties
- Incorporate technical and commercial uncertainties in decision making
- Describe methods for reducing risk
- Evaluate the benefit of risk reduction methods
- Understand how portfolio theory applies to E& P companies
- Discuss the human behavioural aspects of risk and uncertainty estimation

### Identify relevant parameters

### Estimate their uncertainties

### Express uncertainties in suitable form

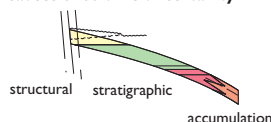
### Combine uncertainties

### Analyse uncertainties using suitable tools

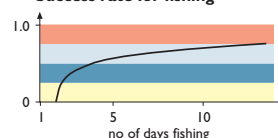
sensitivity analysis  
decision tree analysis  
simulation

### Make recommendation based on analysis

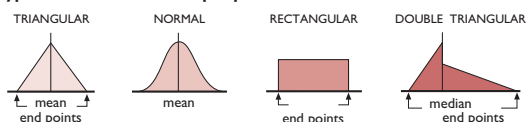
### Main causes of volume uncertainty



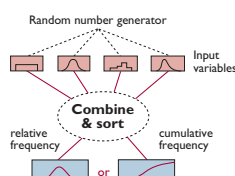
### Success rate for fishing



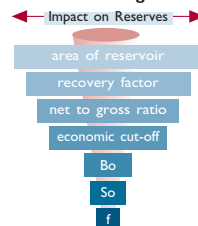
### Types of distribution for input parameters



### Monte Carlo Simulation



### Tornado Diagram



## Risk Analysis continued

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### Course Content:

#### Introduction

- Defining risk and uncertainty
- Identifying uncertainties in the E&P business
- Expressing uncertainty
- Combining uncertainties
- Dependent and independent variables
- The Monte Carlo method
- The Parametric method
- Three point distributions

#### Tools for quantifying risk

- Sensitivity analysis
- Decision tree analysis
- Simulation

#### Technical uncertainties and their management

- Exploration
- Appraisal and feasibility studies
- Development planning
- Production

#### Commercial uncertainties and their management

- Market factors
- Human factors

#### Portfolio Management

- Overview
- The budget line
- Indifference curves
- Market and taste combined
- The efficient frontier with respect to risk and value
- Impact of diversification on total portfolio risk

### Course Duration:

Duration is 1 - 2 days.

### Courses available from this series:

Strategy & Performance Management  
Petroleum Economics  
Oil and Gas Business Decisions  
Risk Analysis  
Petroleum Economics and Risk Analysis  
Oil and Gas Risk Management  
E&P Business Simulation (Panacea)  
Asset Trading Game  
Petroleum Risk and Portfolio Management

### Course Tutors



**Mark Cook** BSc, MBA

**Main Series tutoring:** Early Development, Business & Risk, Reservoir Engineering

**Industry experience:** 40 years, reservoir engineering, economics and risk analysis

**Career background:** Shell, TRACS (Director) and AGR (VP)

**Personal:** Author, 'Hydrocarbon Exploration and Production' (Elsevier 2008), 'Petroleum Economics and Risk Analysis' (Elsevier 2021), SPE distinguished lecturer on Risk Analysis



**Mark Bentley** PhD

**Main Series tutoring:** Reservoir, E&P Overview, Open Air and Master Class

**Industry experience:** over 25 years, geoscience

**Career background:** Shell, AGR and TRACS

**Personal:** Author 'Reservoir Model Design', SPE and EAGE distinguished lecturer, AGR & TRACS Training director, associate professor Heriot-Watt University



**Richard Oxlade** MEng

**Main Series tutoring:** Reservoir, Early Development, Master Class (business)

**Industry experience:** over 30 years, commercial, reservoir engineering

**Career background:** BP, AGR and TRACS

**Personal:** Global advisor, business planning & economic analysis