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# Stranded Fields in the Netherlands- Opportunities for New Development



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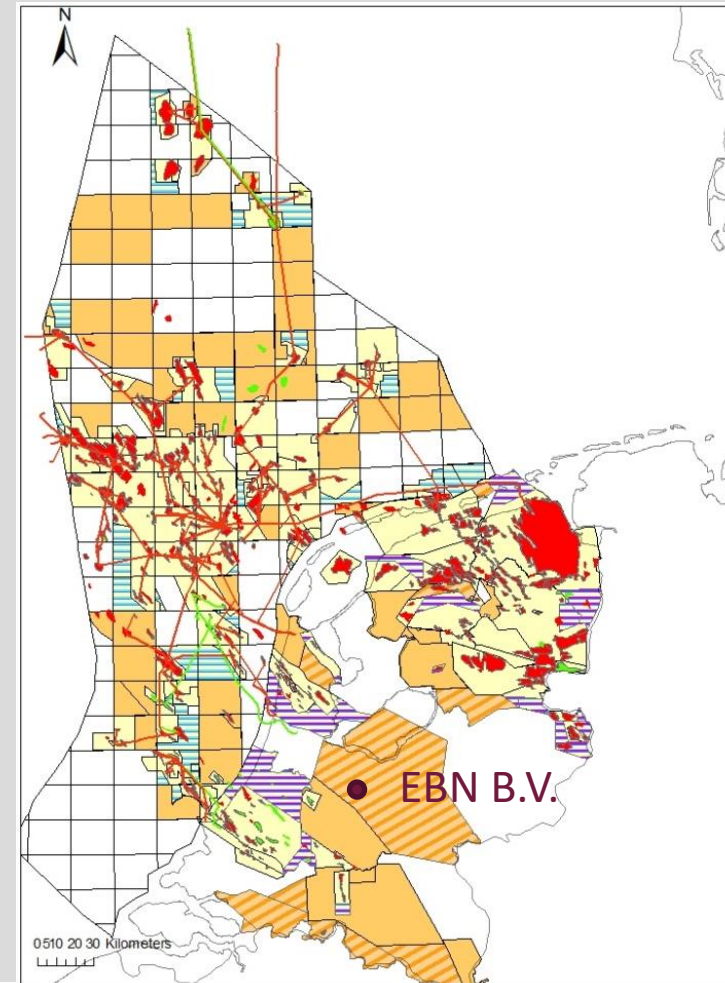
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**EBN B.V.** State participant (~40%)  
in exploration & production in the  
Netherlands

### Key Numbers 2012

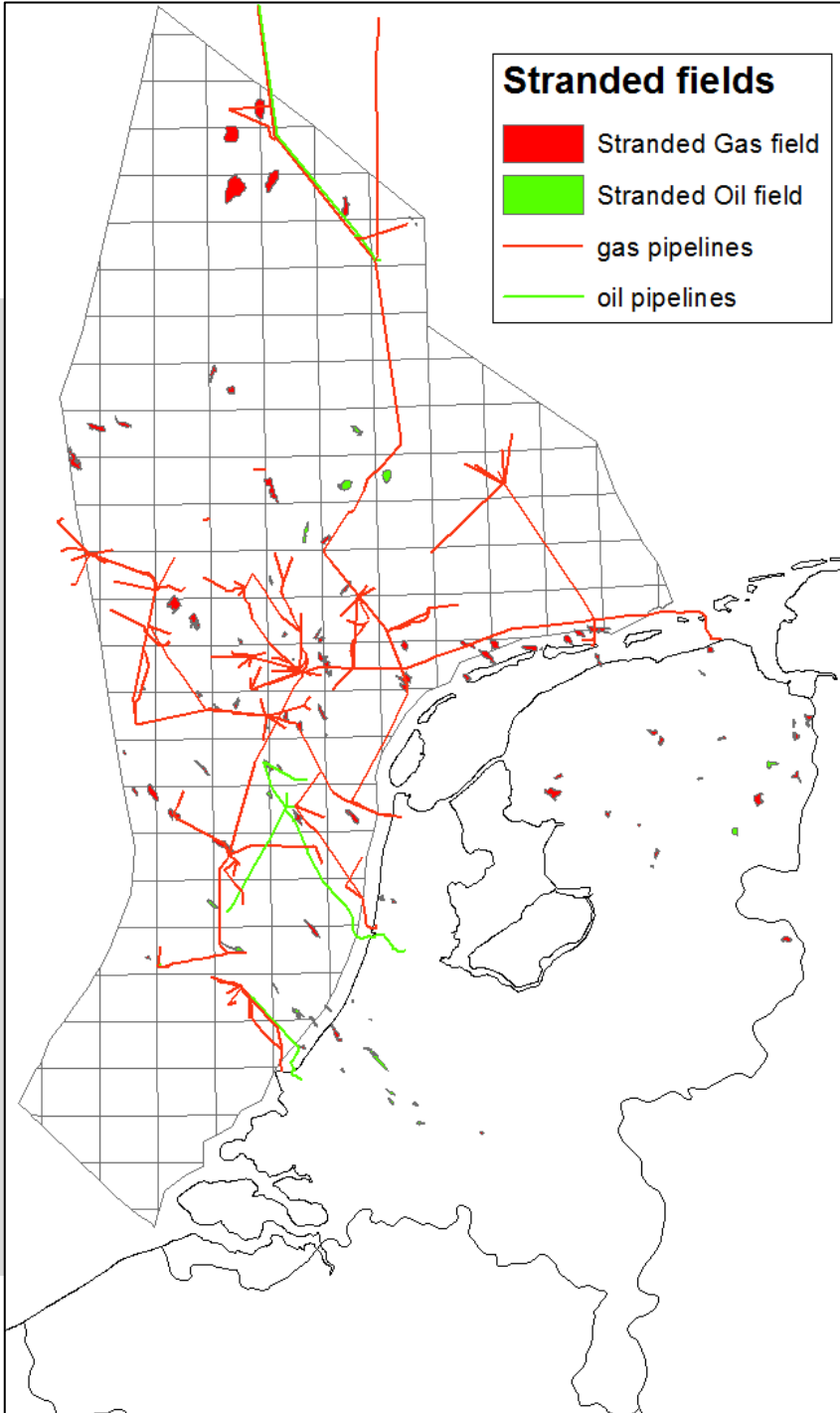
- 0.5 mln BOE/day
- 265 natural gas fields & 4 oil fields
- 187 participations as of 1<sup>st</sup> of December
- 33 wells drilled
- 11 new fields under development



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# Stranded fields in the Netherlands

- why are they of interest?



- **Stranded fields are proven hydrocarbon accumulations that have not been developed for a variety of reasons.**
- **Proven means: hydrocarbons flowed to surface**
- **Significant volumes**

# Stranded fields in the Netherlands

## - why are they of interest?

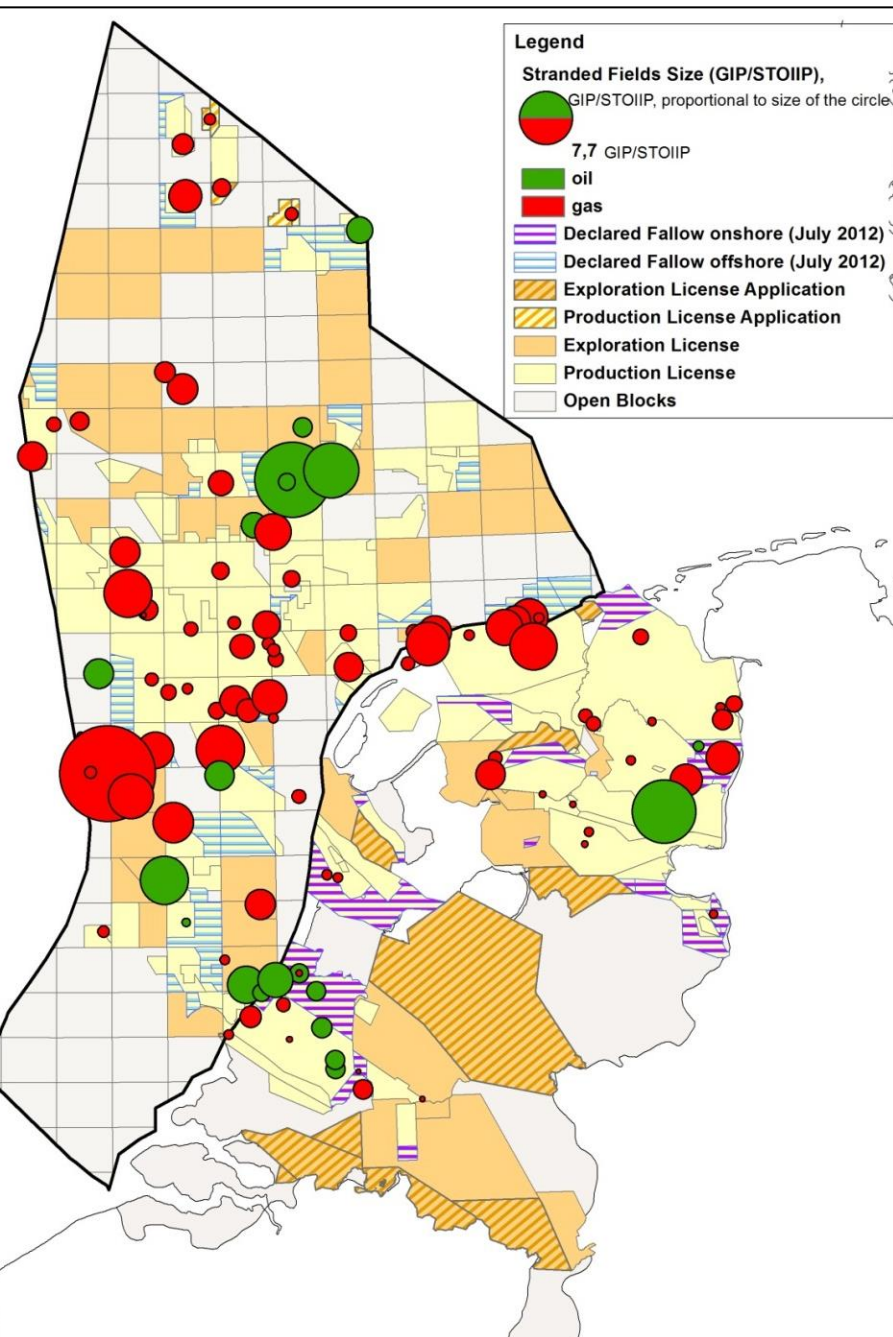
**Portfolio analysis is necessary to understand what is holding back the development of this class of assets.**

- **Technical improvements**
- **Change in economics/ commercial climate E&P**

**-> factors that can get a stranded field to become commercially interesting to develop.**

# Stranded fields in the Netherlands

## Size of the portfolio



~ 120 stranded fields

- 22 oil fields, ~ 55 mln m<sup>3</sup> (STOIP)
- 95 gas fields, ~ 180 BCM\* (GIIP)
- 2.2 BCM: average size offshore gas field
- 1 BCM: " " onshore " "

status per: 2013		# Stranded Fields	
		Gas	Oil
Licensed	Offshore	52	9
	Onshore	24	8
Fallow	Offshore	-	1
	Onshore	11	2
Open	Offshore	6	2
	Onshore	2	-

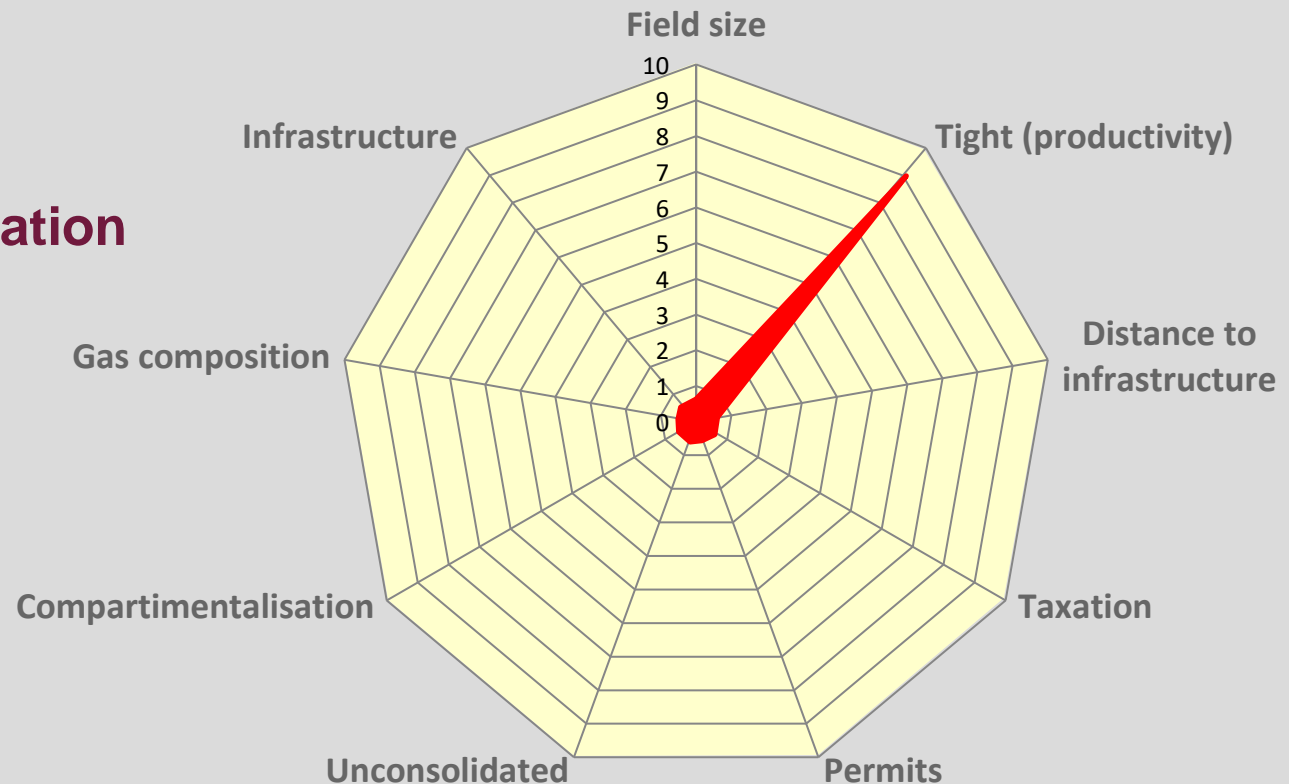
\* 180 BCM ≈ 6.5 TCF



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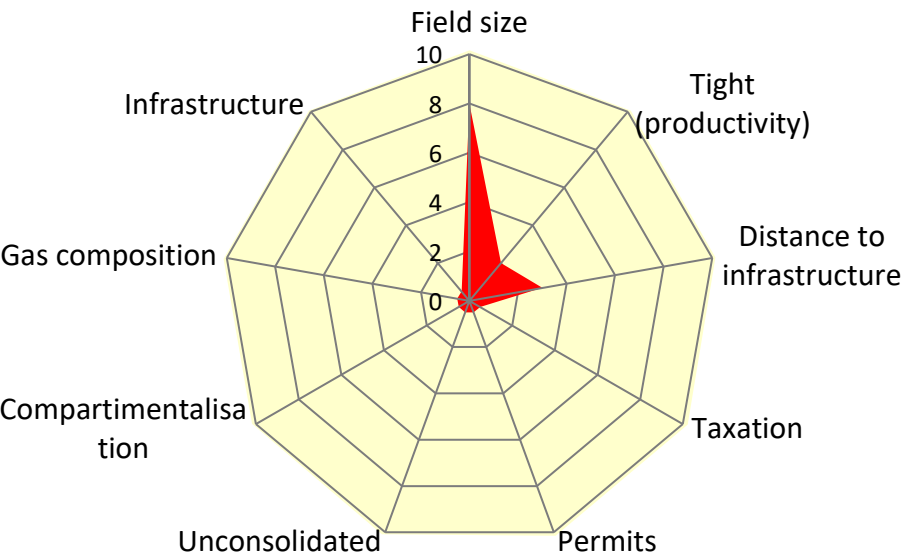
1. Fieldsize
2. Productivity
3. Compartmentalisation
4. Unconsolidated
5. Gas composition
6. Distance
7. Infrastructure
8. Taxation
9. Permitting



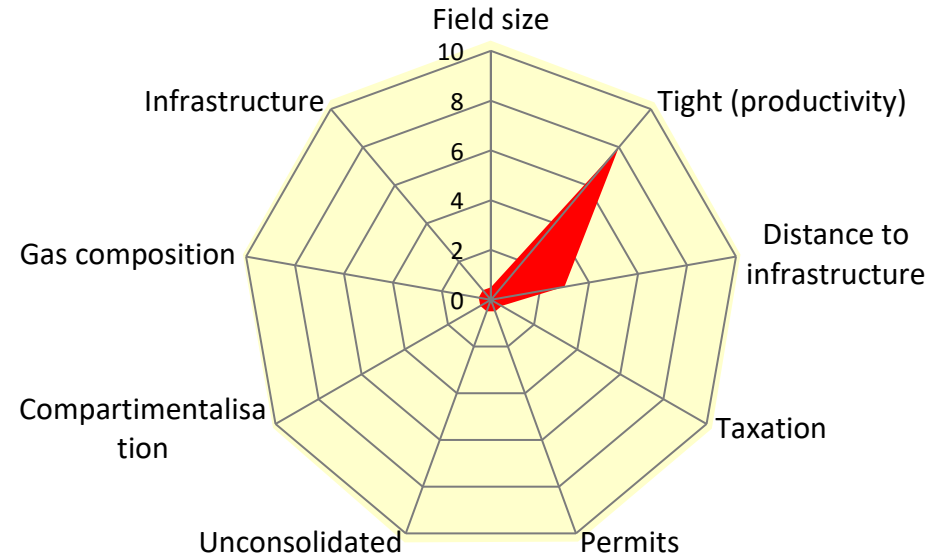
# Portfolio analysis - blockers

Scaling Factor	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1) Size Field, offshore, BCM (GIIP)	> 3										<0,1
2) Tight (productivity, m <sup>3</sup> /day) Offshore	Non Tight										Tight<10000
3) Distance to infrastructure (km)	< 1 km										> 30
4) Taxation	Not MOR										MOR
5) Permits	Non wadden										Wadden
6) Unconsolidated	Consolidated										Unconsolidated
7) Compartmentalisation	Comp. Not an issue										Highly compart.
8) Gas composition	No problems										High levels of problemgas
9) Quality of Infrastructure	EOFL →	2021									2013
	Capacity ↘	Yes									No capacity

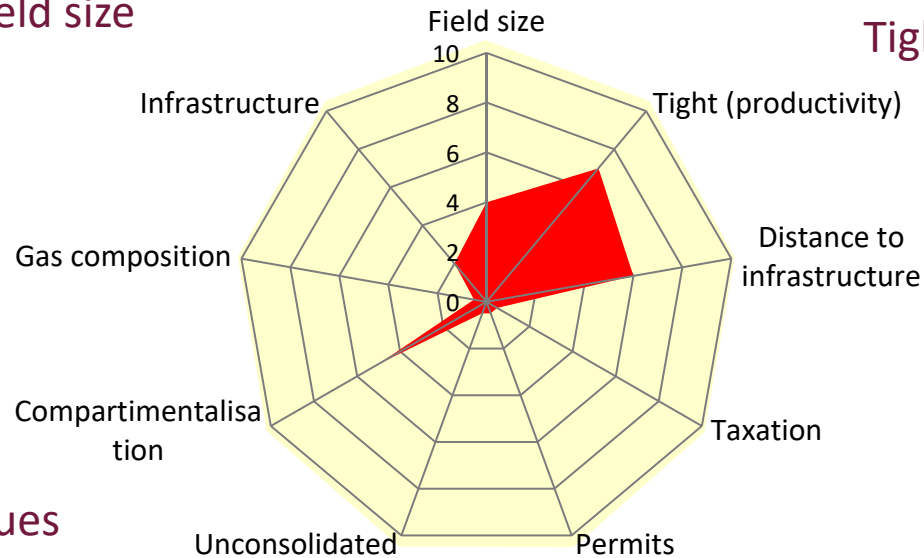
# Portfolio analysis - examples



Small Field size



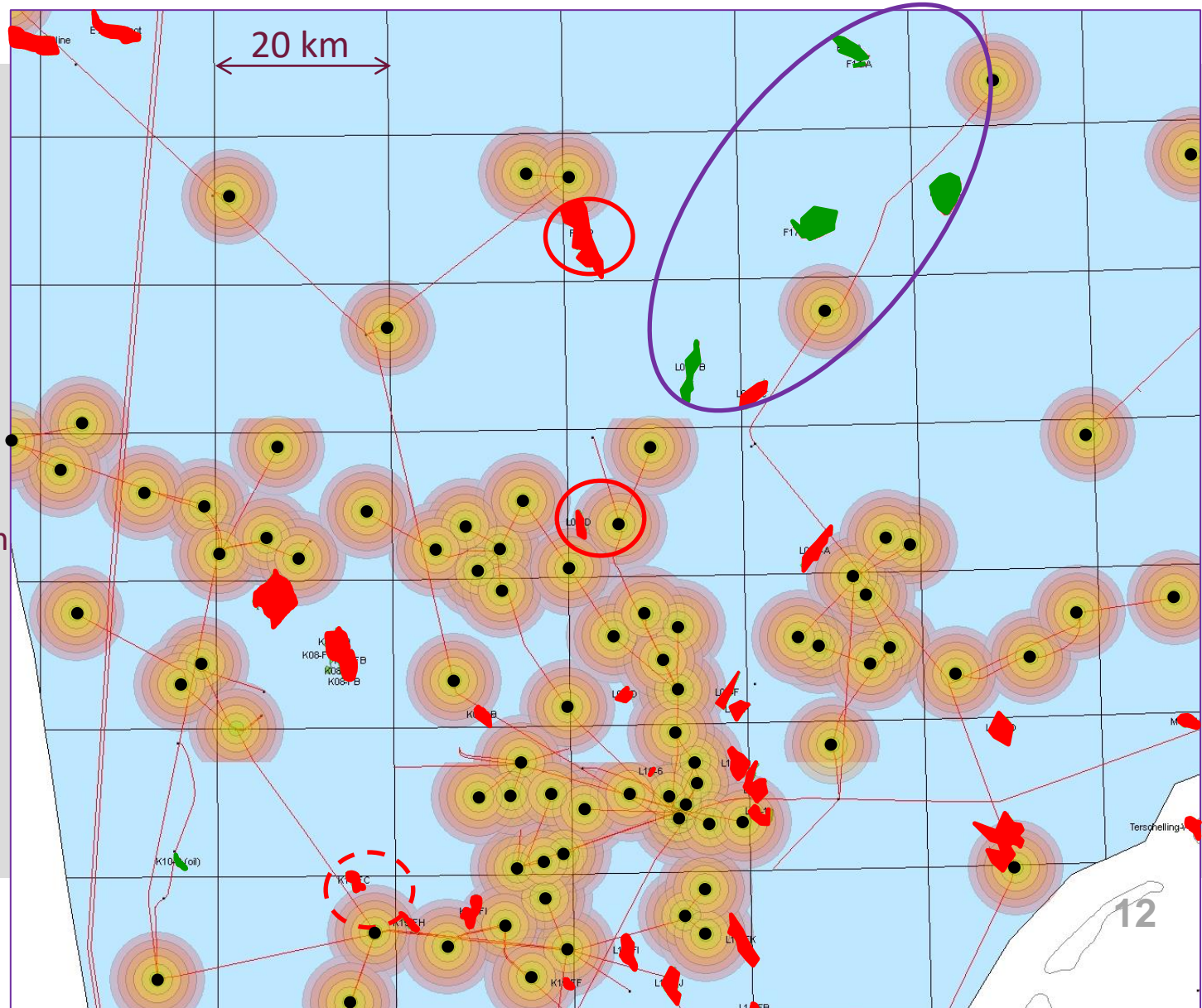
Tight Field



Field with several issues

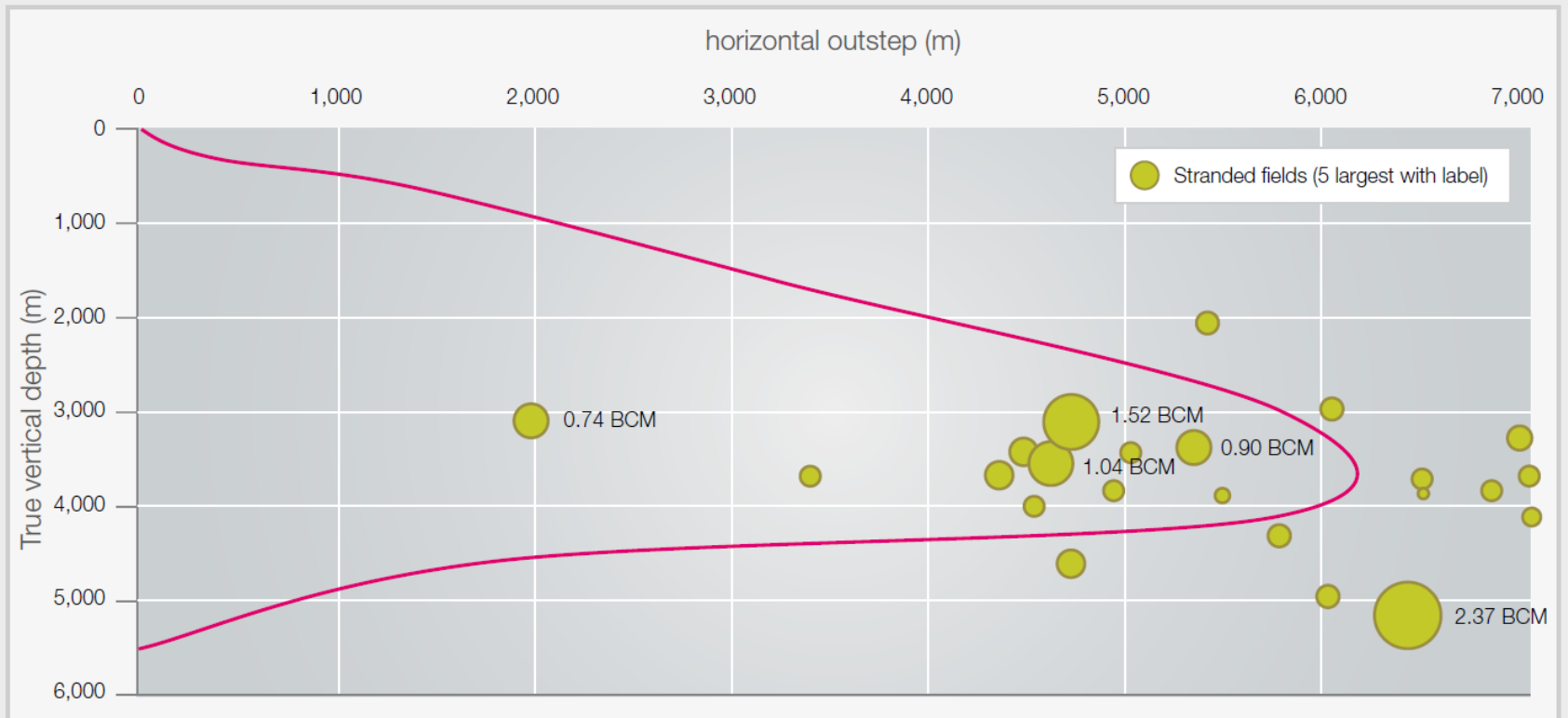
# Blocker Analysis

*Examples How to Deal With Small Field Size*



- Platform
- 
 Each circle represents 1 km  
 6 km
- 
 ERD
- 
 Cluster development

## Drilling envelope vs stranded gas fields around offshore platforms



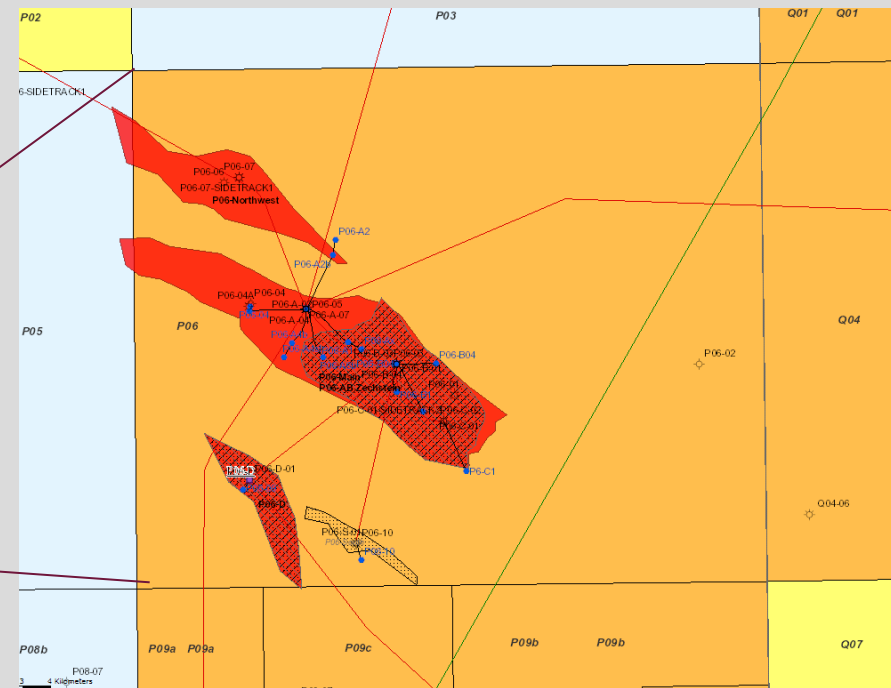
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# Stranded fields are moving indeed

Field name	Discovery year	In production	Comments
L4-D	1981	2012	ERD
B13	1987	2011	Shallow gas field (unconsolidated)
D18-A	1997	Under development	Cross border field
Q13-A	1962	Under development	Oil
K4a-Z	1974	Under development	Marginal field allowance
A18-A	1987	Under development	Shallow gas field
<b>P6-A</b>	<b>1968</b>	<b>Under development</b>	<b>Tight gas field</b>

## P6-A

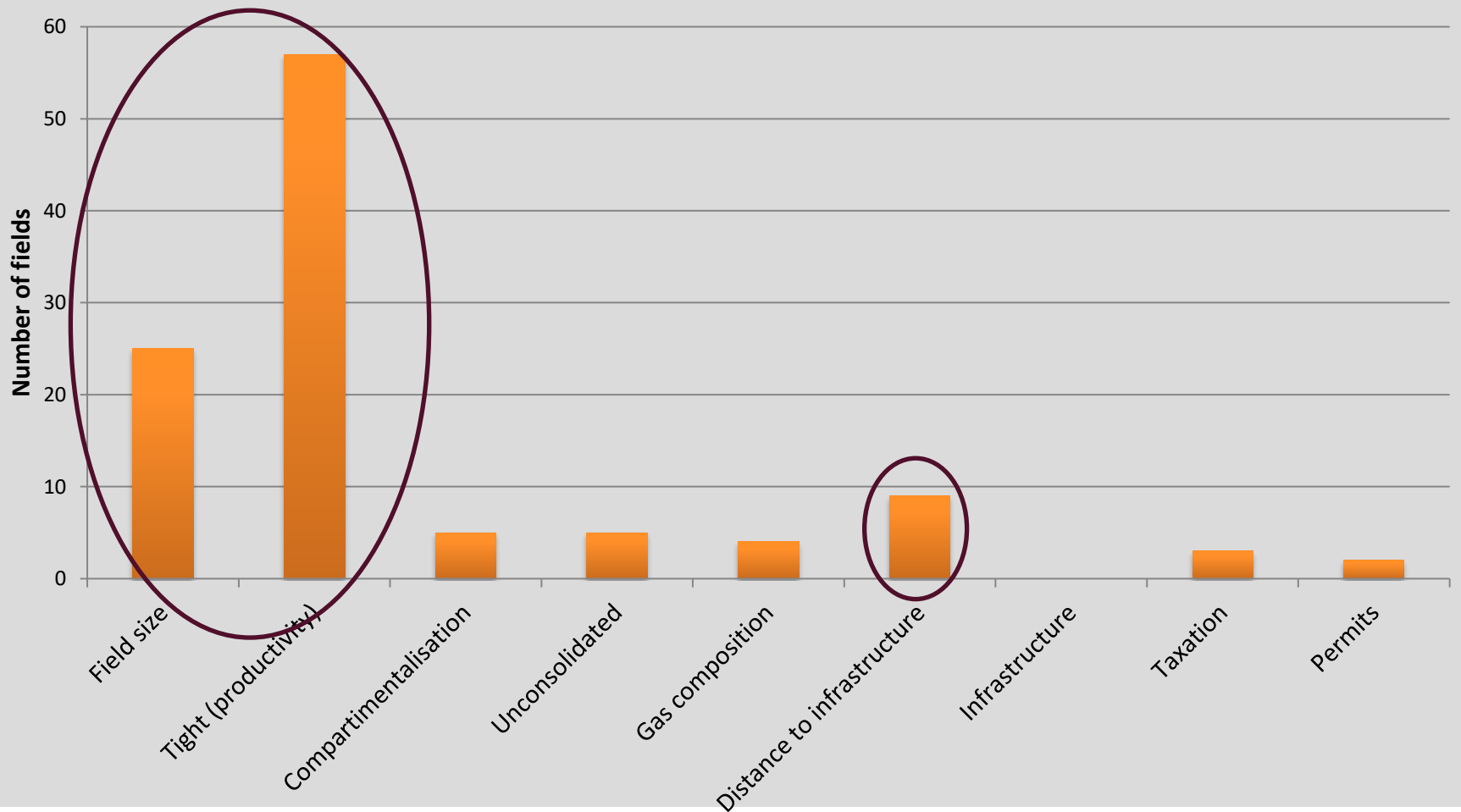
- Discovered in 1968 (tested in 1997)
- One of the largest stranded fields
- Well test showed tight reservoir
- -> Stranded field
- Operations are taking place right now





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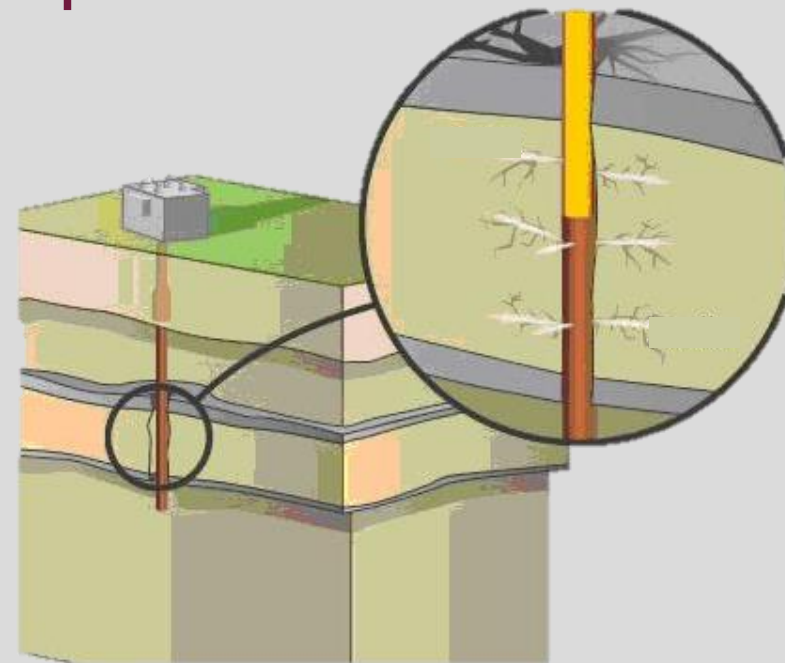
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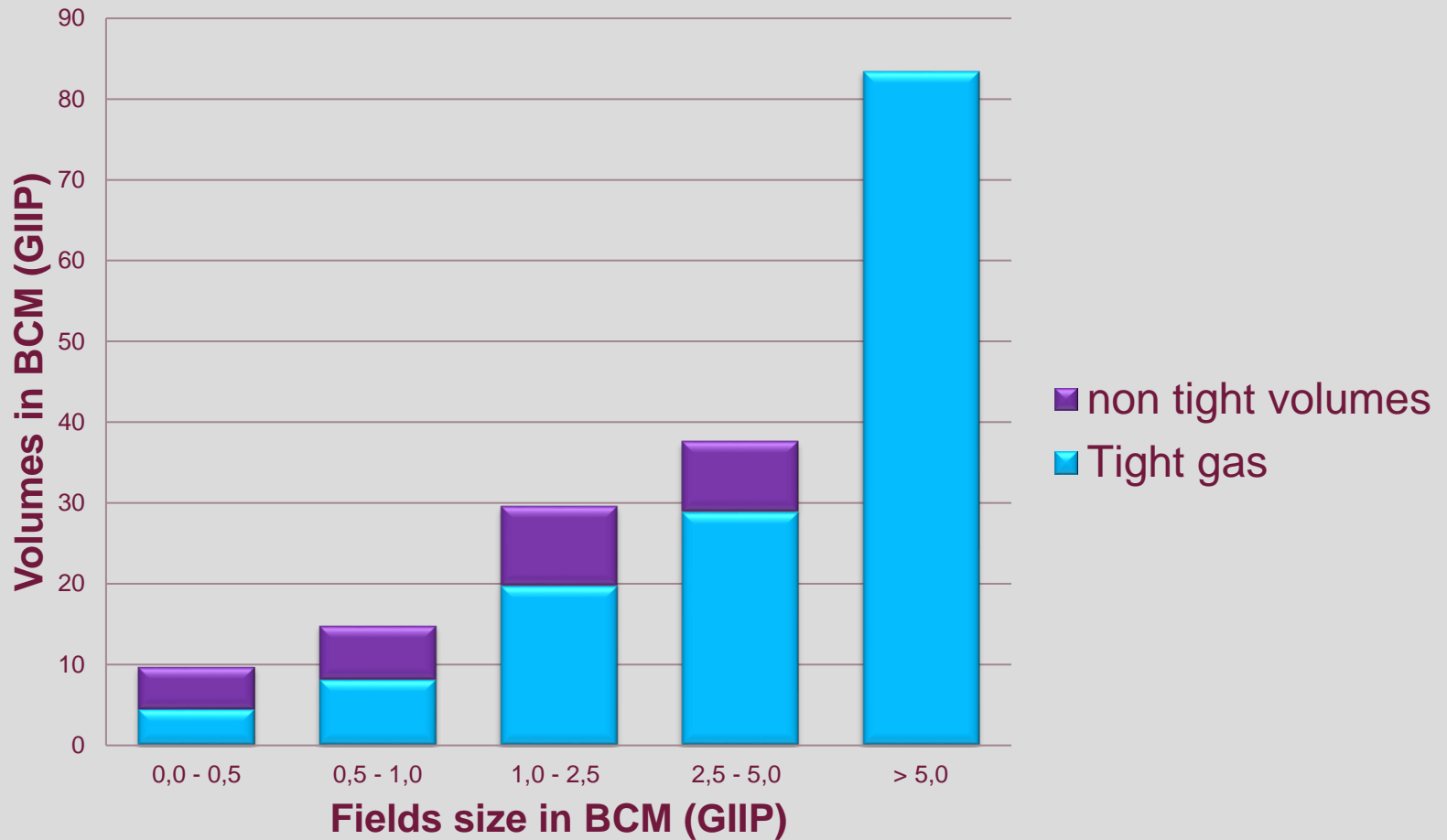
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Definition *tight field*:

Reservoir with reduced productivity due to low permeability, such that it cannot be economically developed without applying stimulation techniques

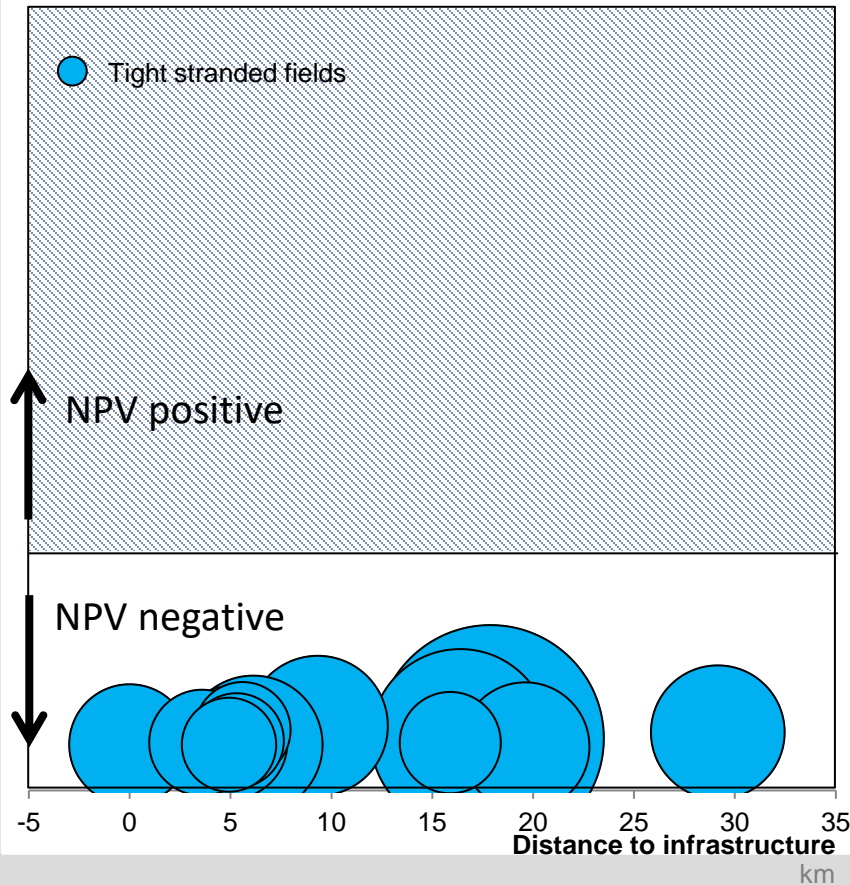


# Big stranded fields are often tight

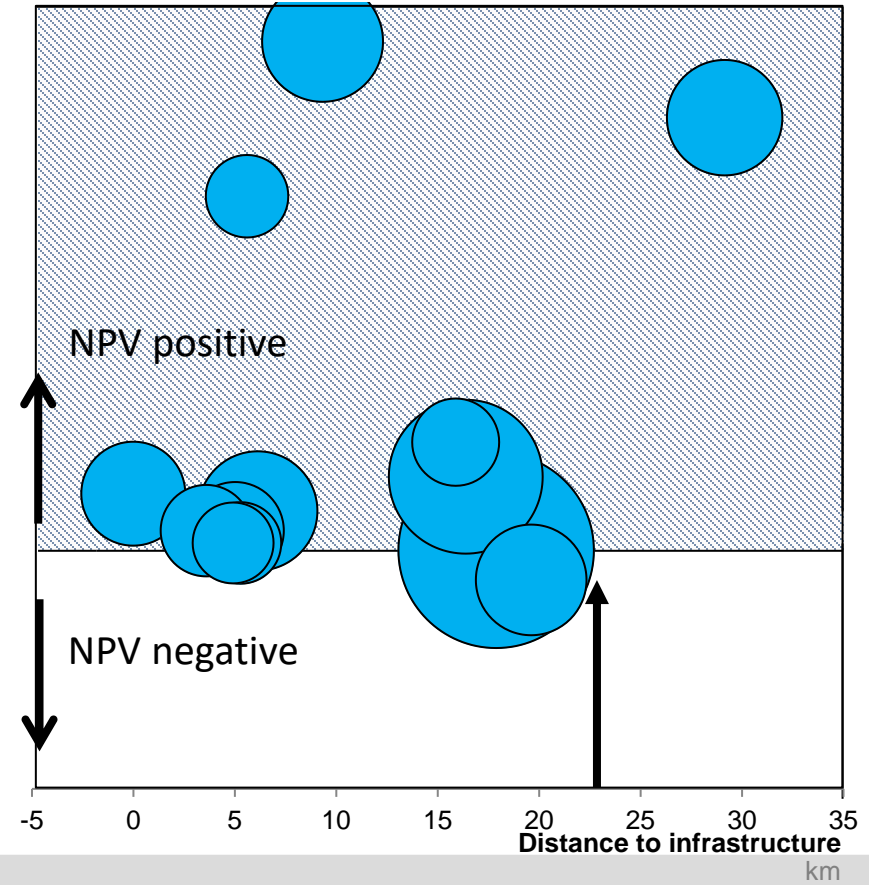


145 BCM Tight, 30 BCM other

**Without fraccing** – assuming low productivity for tight fields



**After fraccing** – assuming increased productivity for tight fields



Economic screening of offshore stranded fields (MSV > 1 BCM)\

Since tight gas is often at the dominant factor holding back development, EBN facilitates Joint industry projects around tight gas.

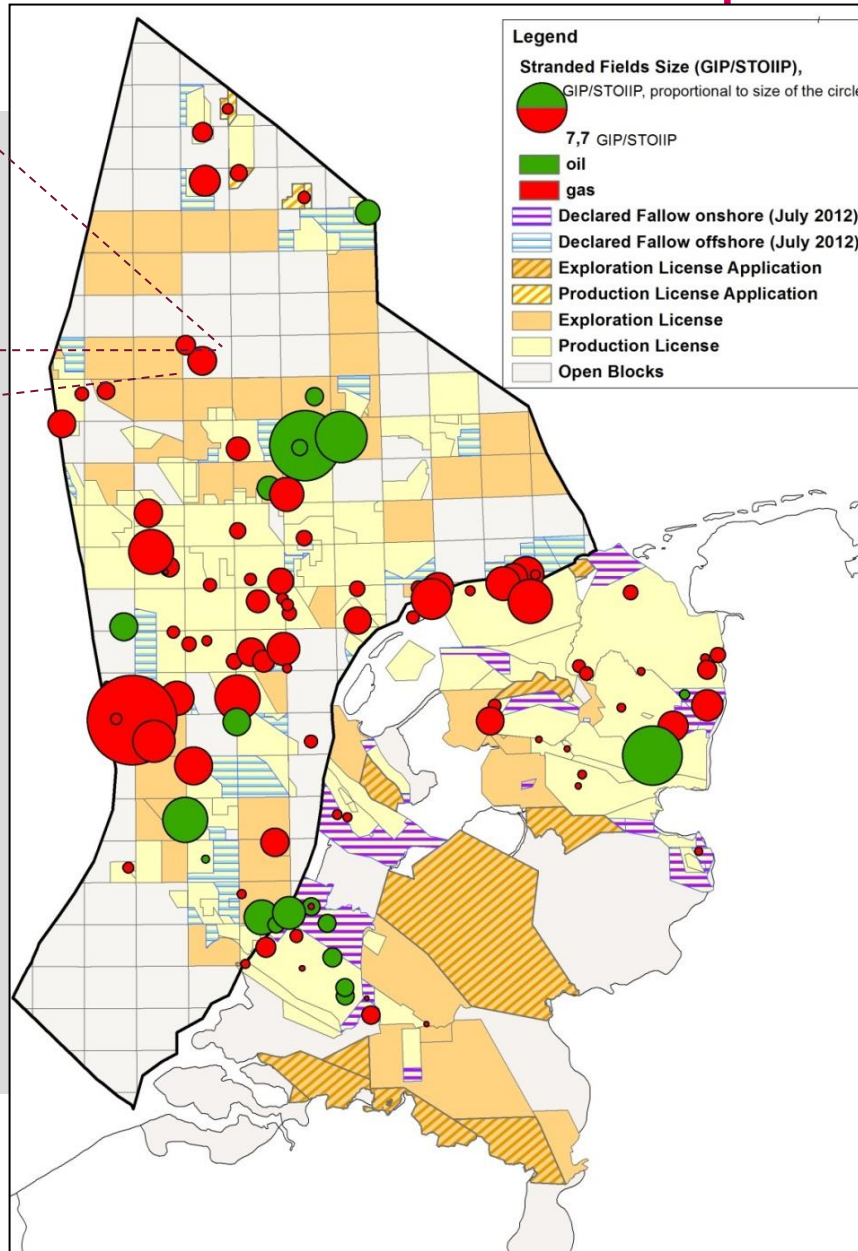
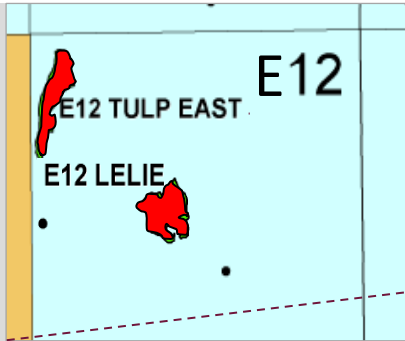
## Studies tight reservoirs:

- *ITF Petgas- I en II.* Petrophysics of tight gas
- *ITF FracGas* Frac modeling & microseismic monitoring
- *EBN Frac Forum* Fraccing status and knowledge sharing
- *Delft University* Uyuni Bolivia – Ten Boer potential evaluation
- *Fracture technologies* Frac-cleanup phase-III, improved understanding of clean-up process



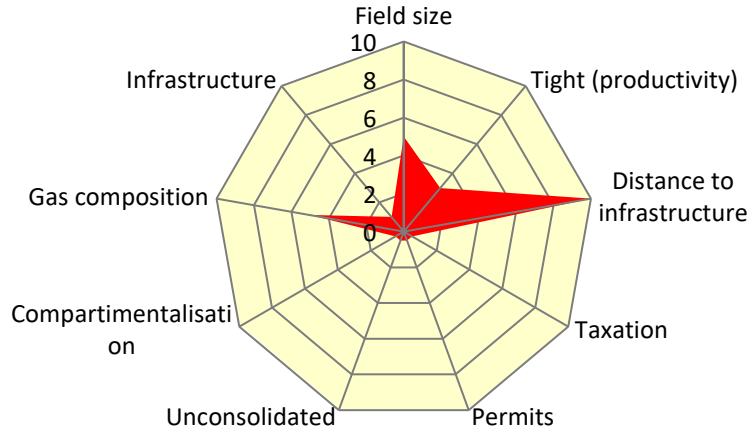
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# Opportunities for new development – an example

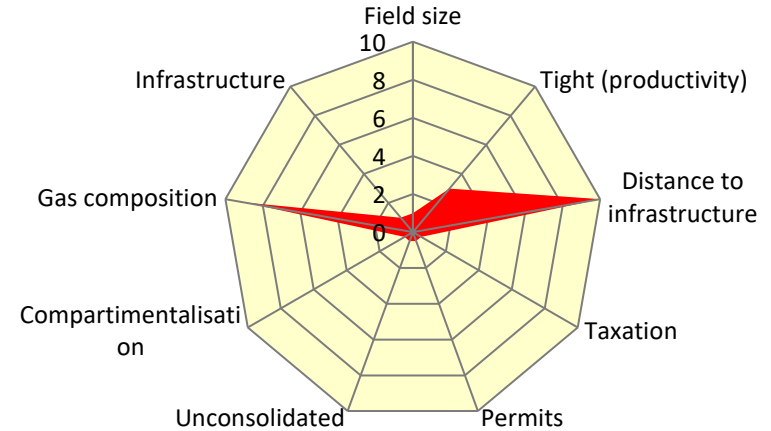


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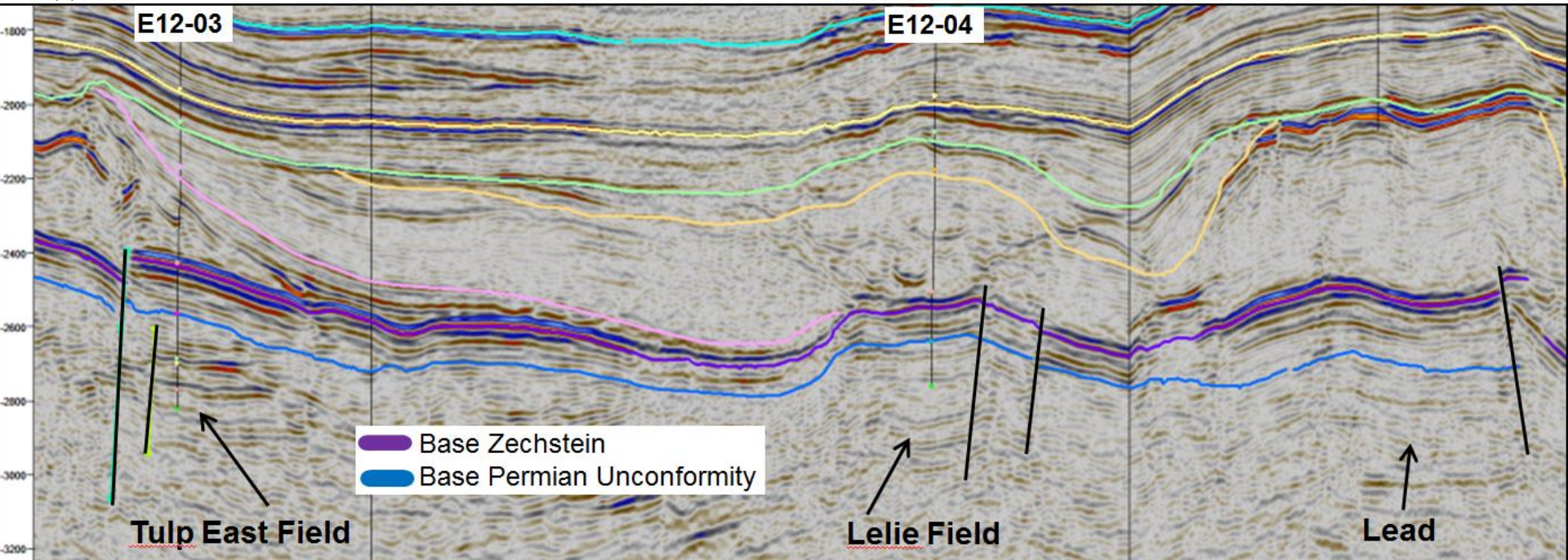
**E12 Tulp East**



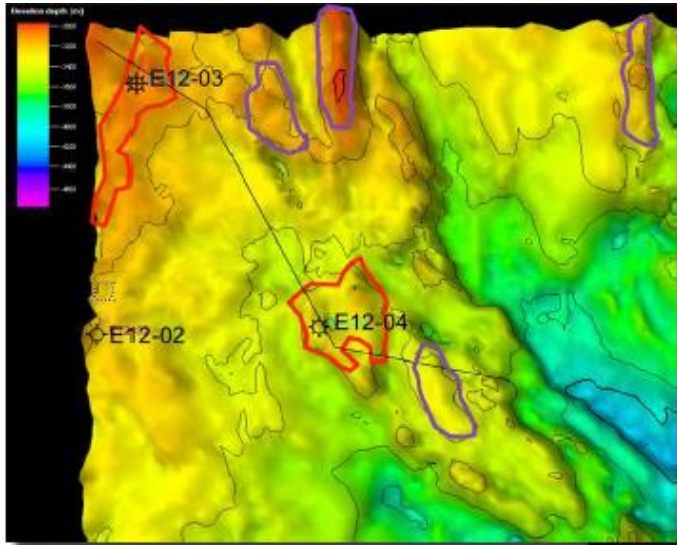
**E12 Lelie**



TWT (s)



# Opportunities in open acreage – an example



Fields	Lelie	Tulp East
Well	E12-4	E12-3
Exp. GIIP	2.54 BCM	1.17 BCM
UR	1.91 BCM	0.68 BCM
Reservoir	Slochteren Fm? / Millstone Grit Fm	Millstone Grit Fm
Porosity	11.5%	9-13 %
Hydrocarbon specifications	CH <sub>4</sub> : 32% CO <sub>2</sub> : 3% N <sub>2</sub> : 65%	CH <sub>4</sub> : 64% CO <sub>2</sub> : 3% N <sub>2</sub> : 33%

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- **Classification methodology has been developed to help understanding the Stranded Fields portfolio.**
- **Tight fields represent the largest part of the stranded fields portfolio**
- **Understanding tight reservoirs is essential**
  - Tight gas reservoir research is expected to help future development, i.e. Joint Industry Projects
- **The stranded fields await creative solutions for development**