

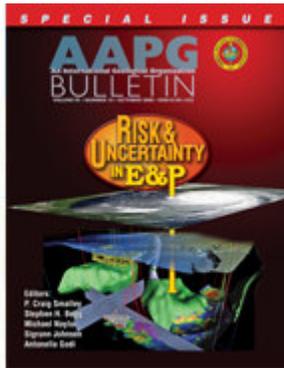
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### **The effect of methodology on volumetric uncertainty estimation in static reservoir models**

The methodology for estimating volumetric uncertainty in static reservoir models introduces significant uncertainty, affecting both the determined mean volume and standard deviation, and must also be considered during assessment. [Read more...](#)

### **I would rather be vaguely right than precisely wrong - a new approach to decision-making in the petroleum exploration and production industry**

Many exploration and production projects fail to deliver promised performance. A holistic, integrated approach to assessing uncertainty integrates the technical and business aspects of decision making, improving the quality of choices made with respect to allocation of resources. [Read more...](#)

### **Using value of information to determine optimal well order in a sequential drilling**

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During sequential offshore drilling, wells closest to the platform are typically drilled first. However, a value of information approach, when used proactively, may reveal conditions under which a longer offset well may inform the strategy for subsequent wells and should be drilled first.

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## Studies of United Kingdom Continental Shelf fields after a decade of production: How does production data affect the estimation of subsurface uncertainty?

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Guidelines based on the decade of new subsurface knowledge improve the uncertainty assessment of future field developments. [Read more...](#)

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An analog from the movie industry, prediction of opening day ticket sales compared with actual sales, is used to determine whether averaging a number of independent appraisals of prospect value is preferable to relying on the assessment of a few top experts. [Read more...](#)

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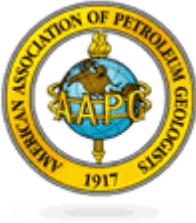
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