



# E&P in the Netherlands; challenges and opportunities

facts, figures and futures.

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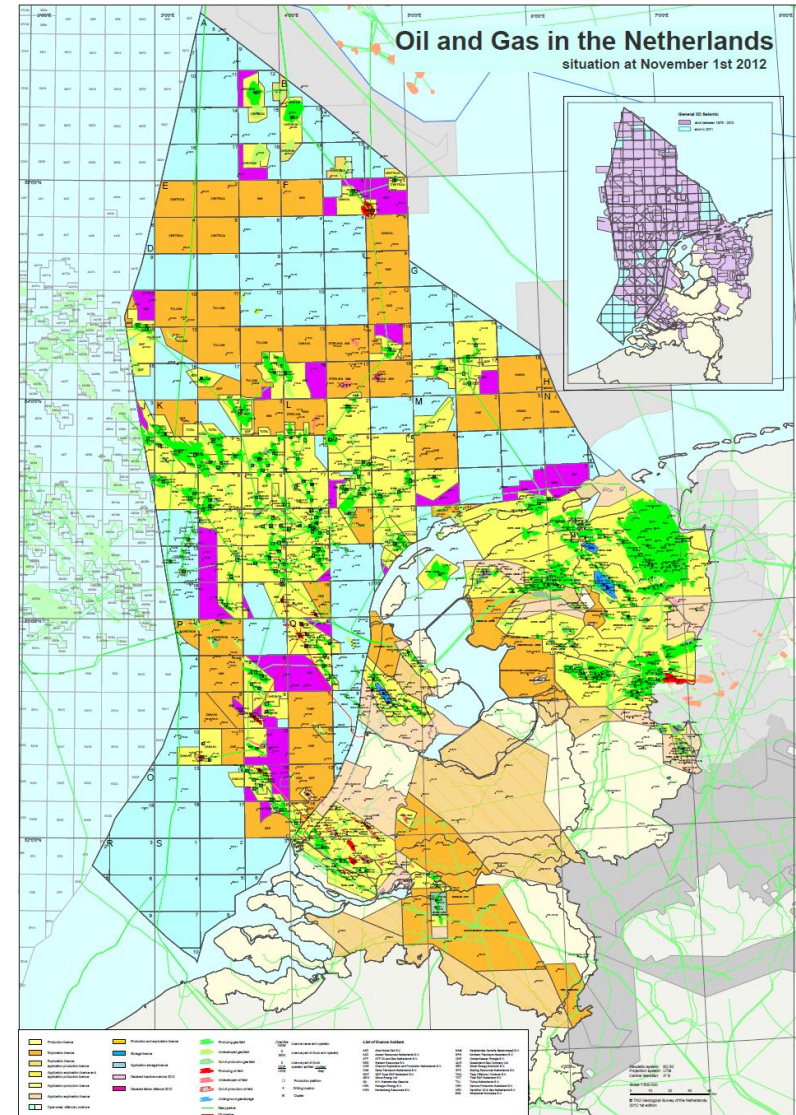
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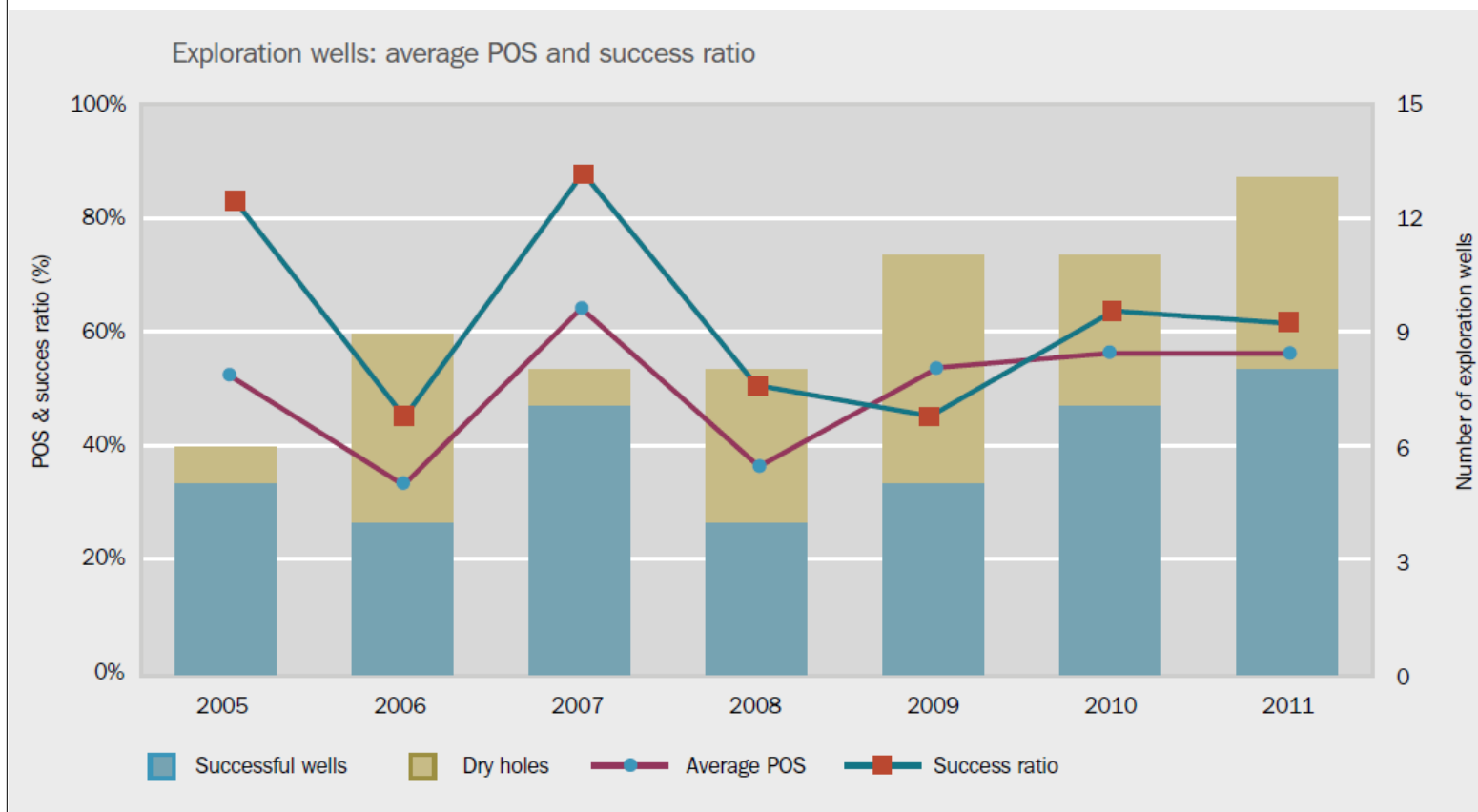
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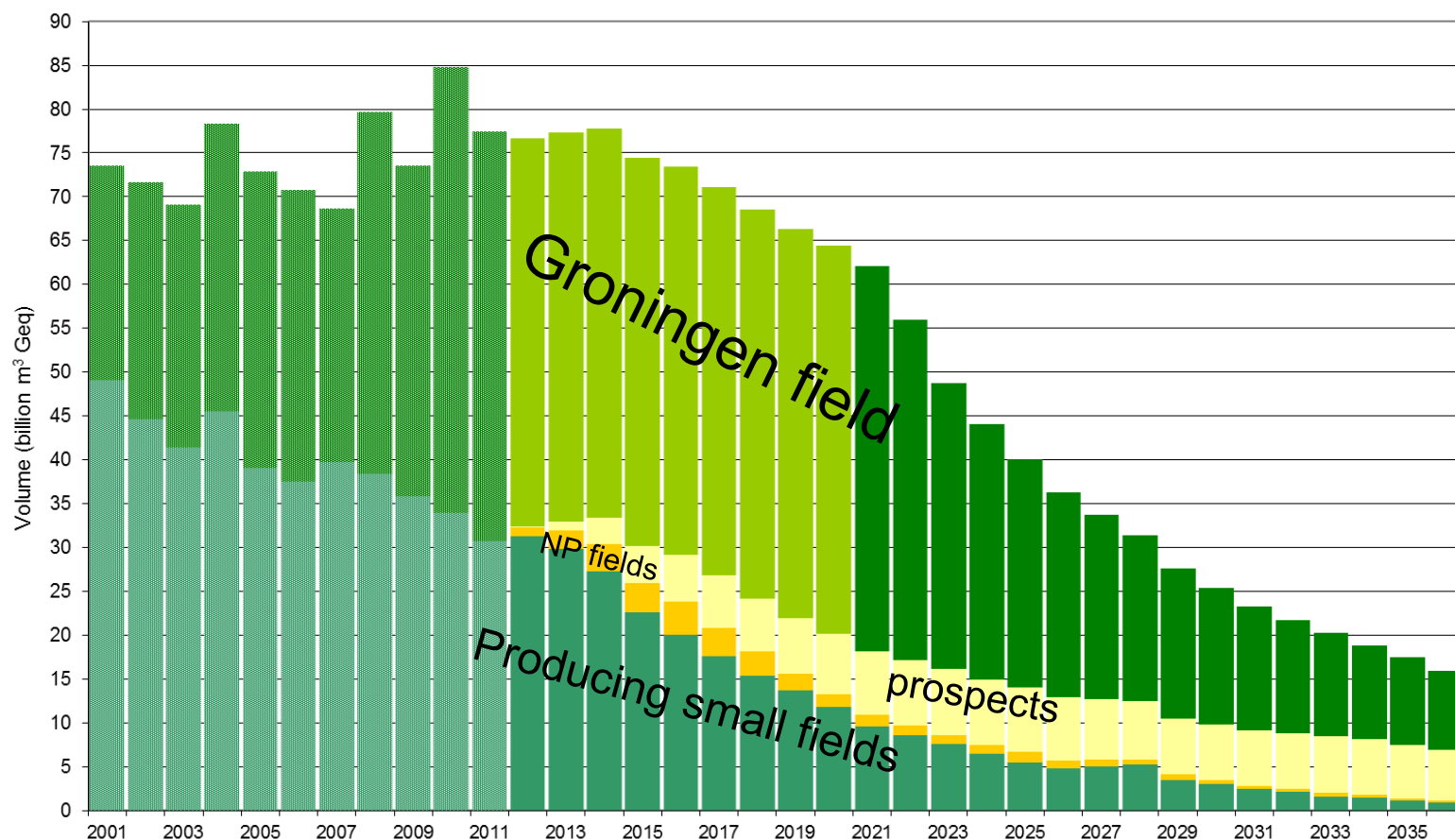


## E&A wells 2005-2011



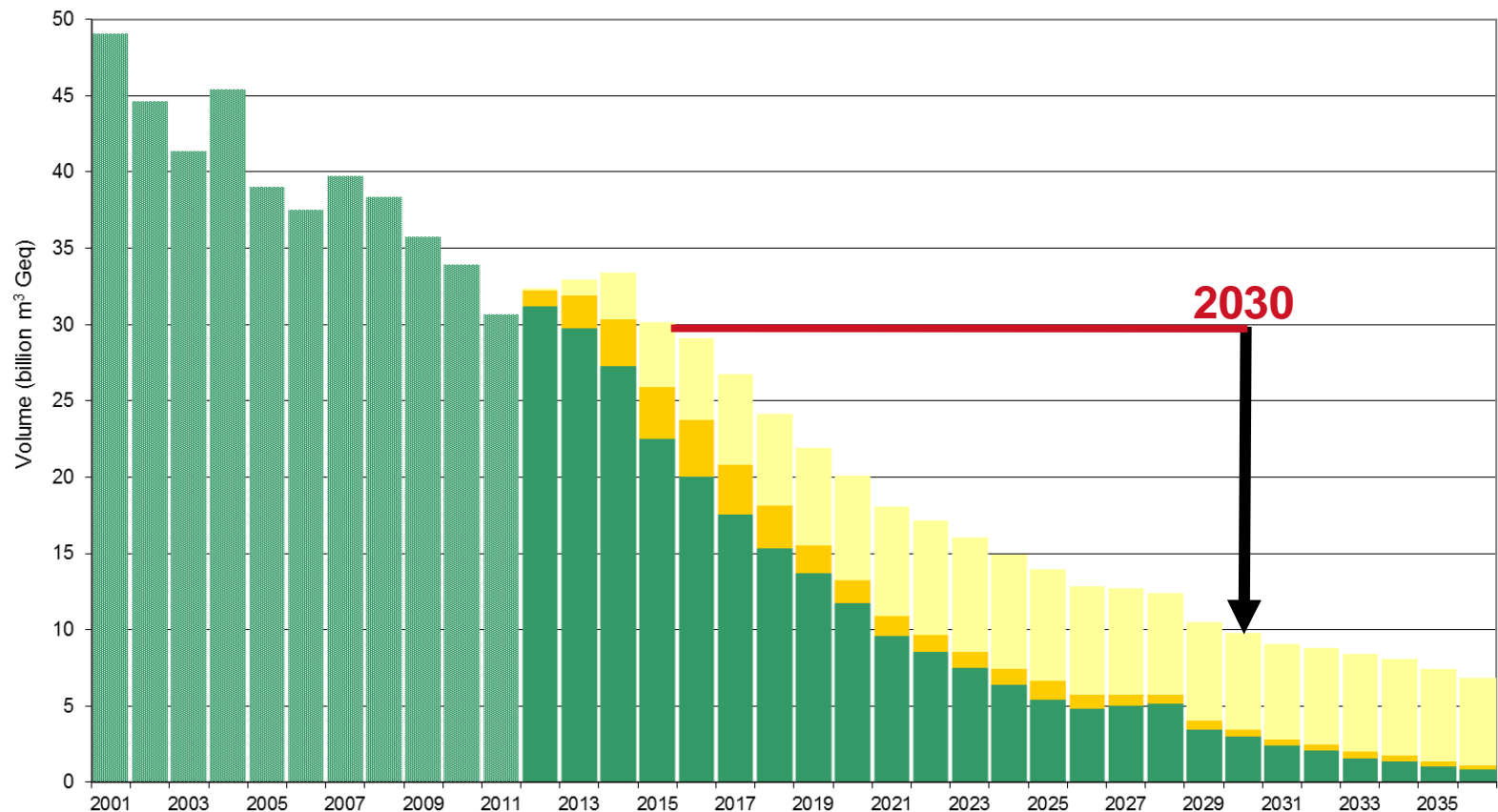


# Documented Dutch resources





# Ambition for small field production: Maintain yearly production @ 30bcm till 2030





## How to reach the ambition

- › Tax incentives
- › Gas in under-explored areas
- › Gas in new plays
- › Challenging reservoirs
  - › Tight reservoirs
  - › Shallow gasreservoirs
- › Unconventional reservoirs
  - › Shale gas
  - › CBM
- › Tail end production



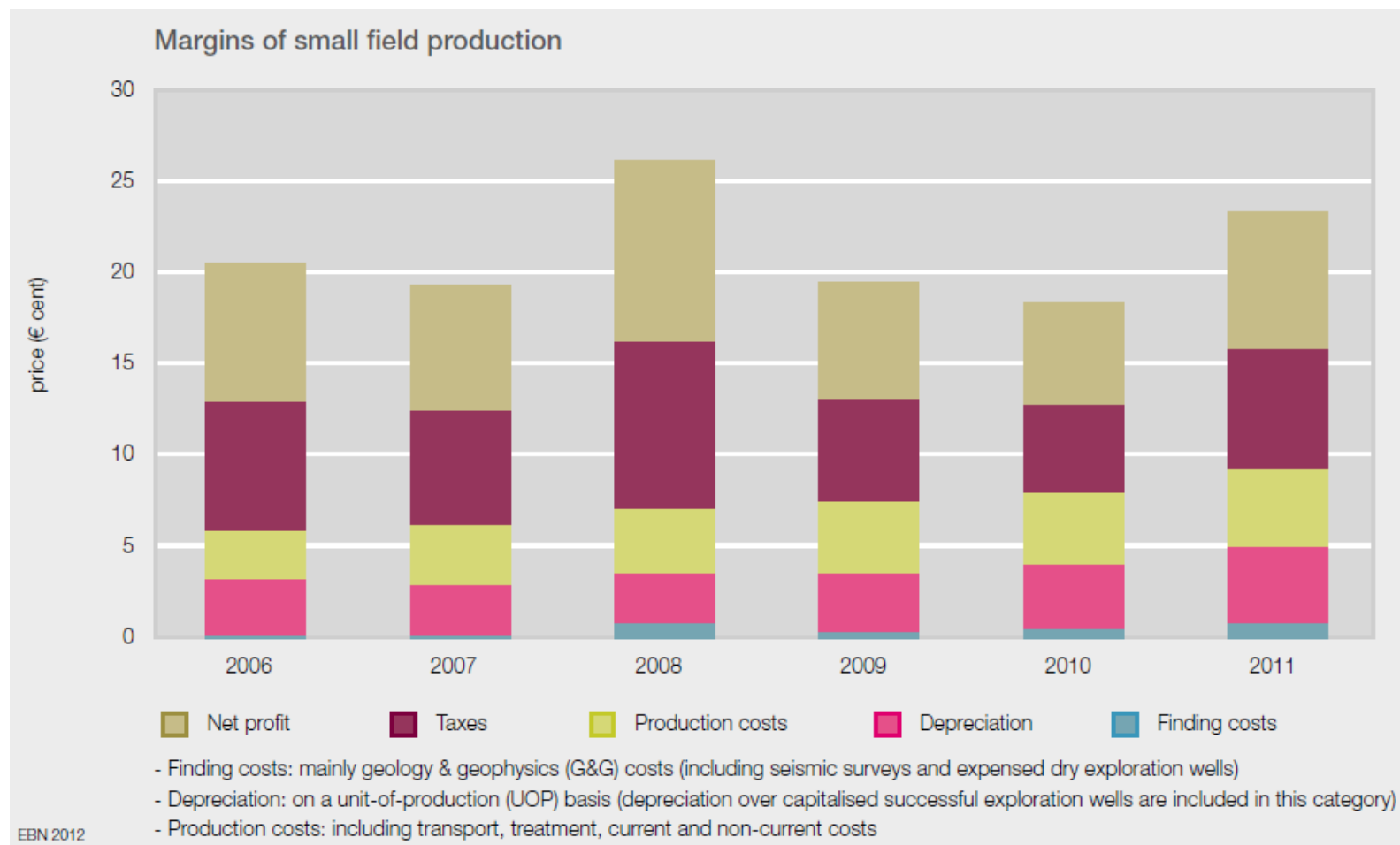


## **Fiscal and regulatory incentives and framework**

- › Marginal fields and prospects incentive (2011)
- › Research & development incentive (2012)
- › Small fields policy (long standing successful strategy)
  - › Guaranteed off-take (GasTerra)
  - › Guaranteed transport (Gas-Transport-Services)
- › 40% Participation of EBN in exploration (2000) and production (1973)
- › New mining act (2003)
- › Fallow acreage incentive (2011)



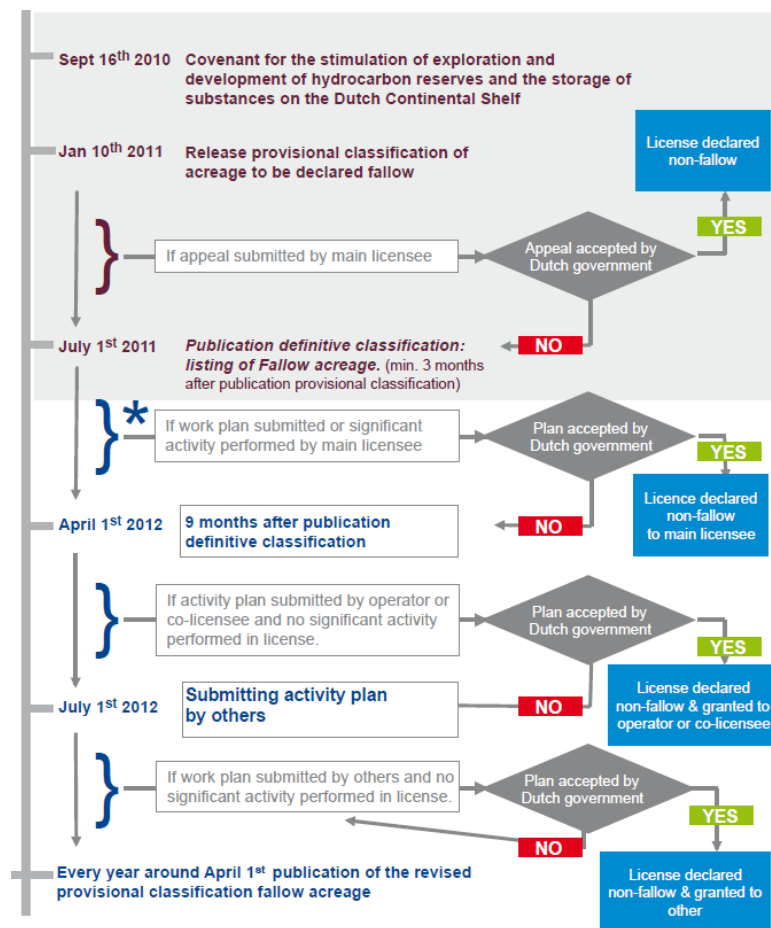
# Margins of small field production





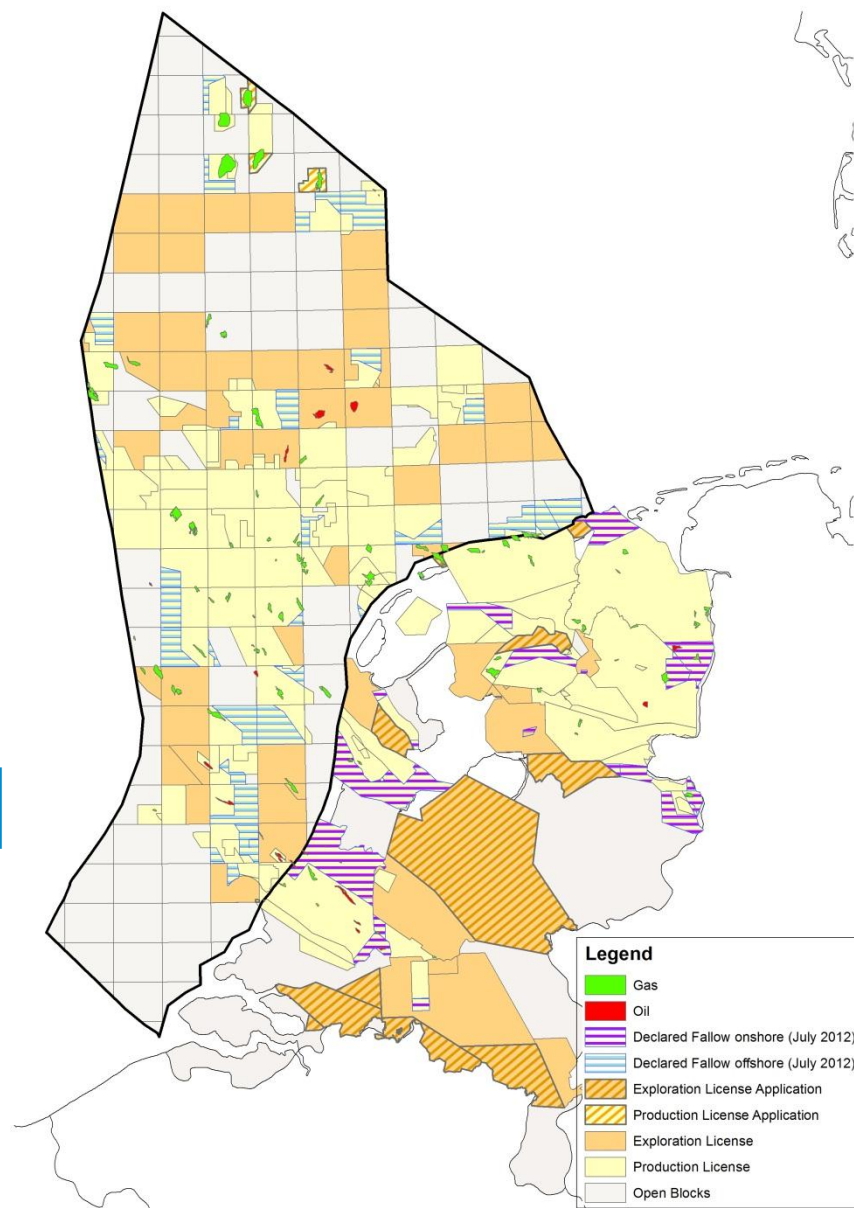


# Fallow acreage incentive



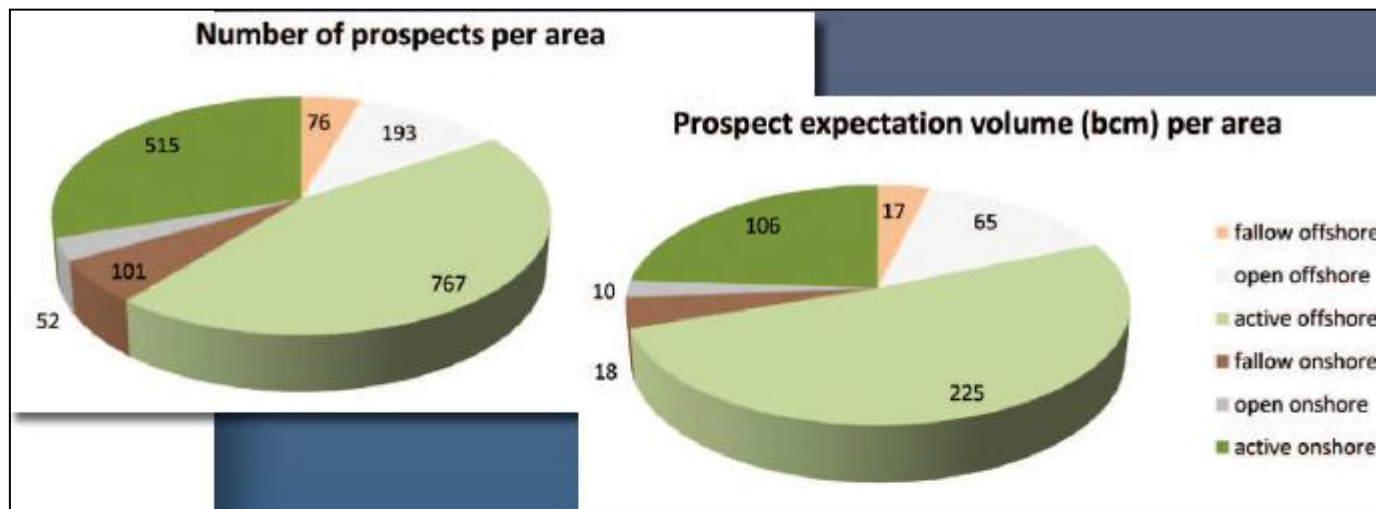
If "NO" then it means that the license remains with the current main licensee

\* If license is transferred in this period then a 3 month extension is granted for submission work plan all subsequent terms are postponed accordingly.





# Fallow acreage incentive



		No. Gasfields		No. Oilfields	
		Abandoned	Undeveloped	Abandoned	Undeveloped
Fallow Acreage	Offshore	1			1
	Onshore	3	11	1	2
Open Acreage	Offshore	11	6		1
	Onshore		2		

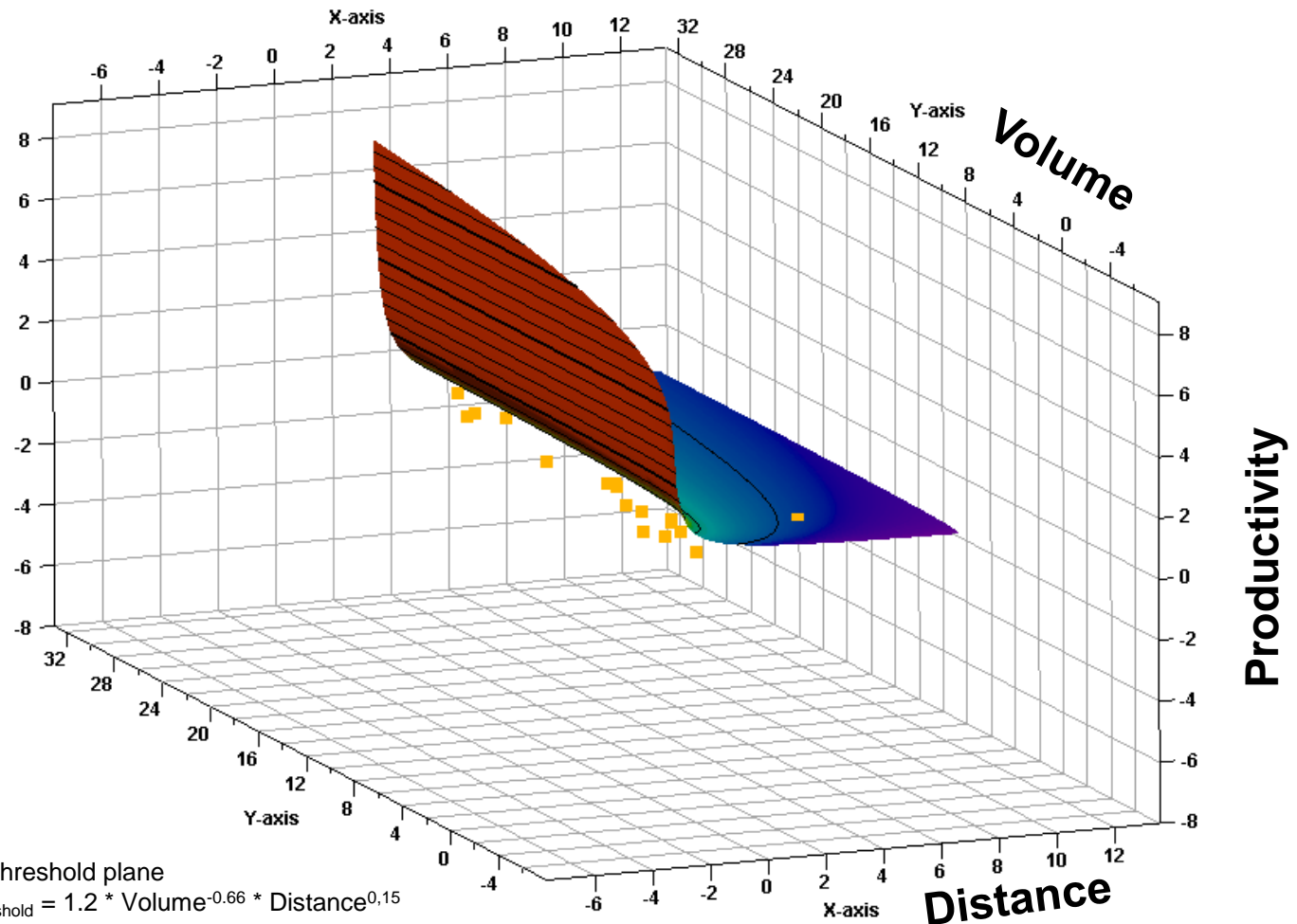


## Marginal fields/prospect incentive

- › A gas field or prospect is marginal when:
  - › Volume,
  - › Productivity and
  - › Distance to infra structureare below a threshold.
  
- › Then project screens for tax deduction of **25%** of the investment.



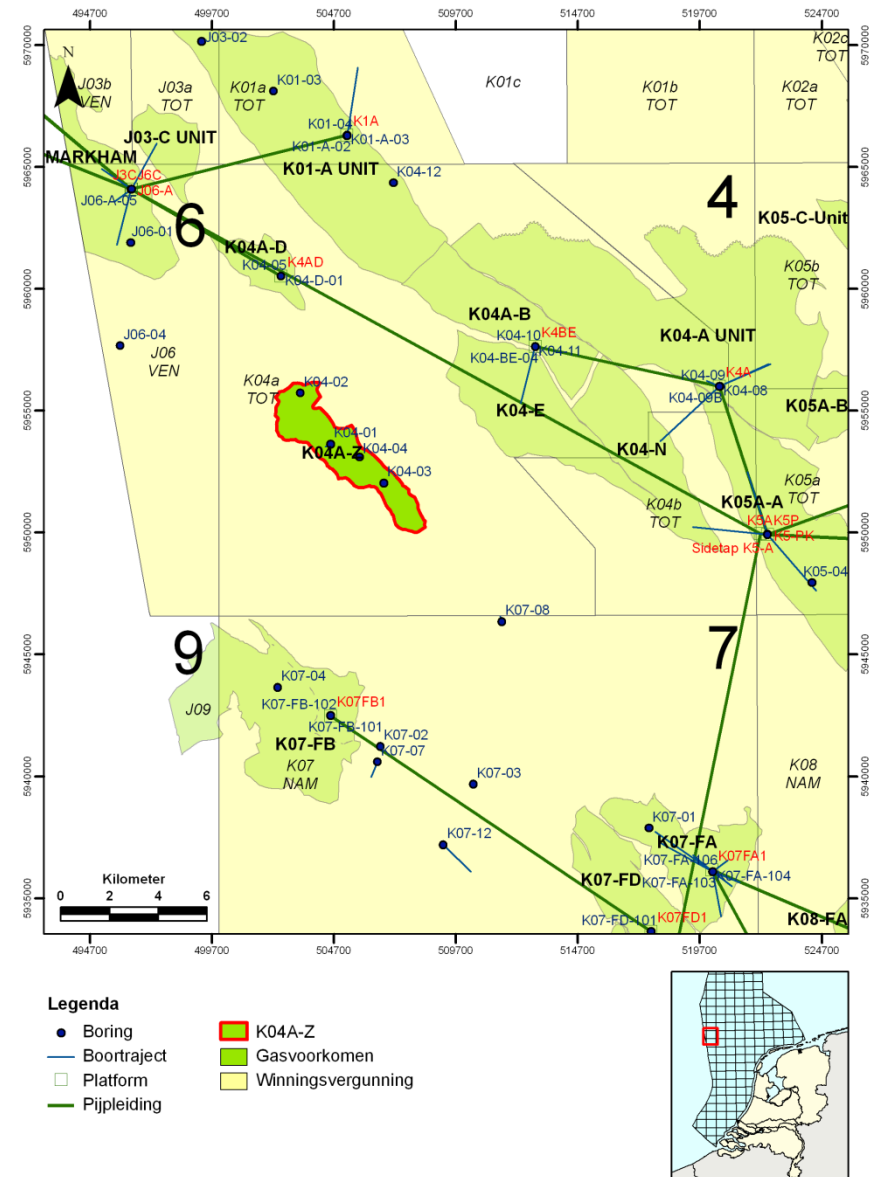
# This years results of the marginal fields/prospect incentive





## Example

- › Stranded field K4-Z
  - › Discovered in 1974
  - › 1 discovery well
  - › 3 appraisal wells
  - › Stranded for 37 yr
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- › Now being developed aided by the marginal field incentive





# Stranded Gas

	Number	GIIP (bcm)
Stranded Gas Fields	~80	~130

http://www.nlog.nl/en/reserves/reserves/stranded.html

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## Stranded (fallow) gas and oil fields

Within the Netherlands and the Netherlands sector of the Continental Shelf a number of oil and gas accumulations have been discovered which for a variety of reasons have not been taken into production. A brief analysis made in 2010 of 67 stranded fields showed that on average they contain 1.4 bcm of GIIP, resulting in an estimate of about 90 bcm in total. It is estimated that the corresponding total reserves could range from 40 to 50 bcm, given fair to good economic conditions for development.

More information on specific fields can be found in the fact sheets below. Once the relevant wells have been identified, the available well information can be downloaded or ordered from TNO (see [Boreholes](#)).

Since 2010 specific fiscal measures are in place to stimulate the production of marginal fields.

[Regeling investeringsaftrek marginale gasvoorkomens Nederlands continentaal plat \(Staatscourant 13093, 25 augustus 2010\)](#)

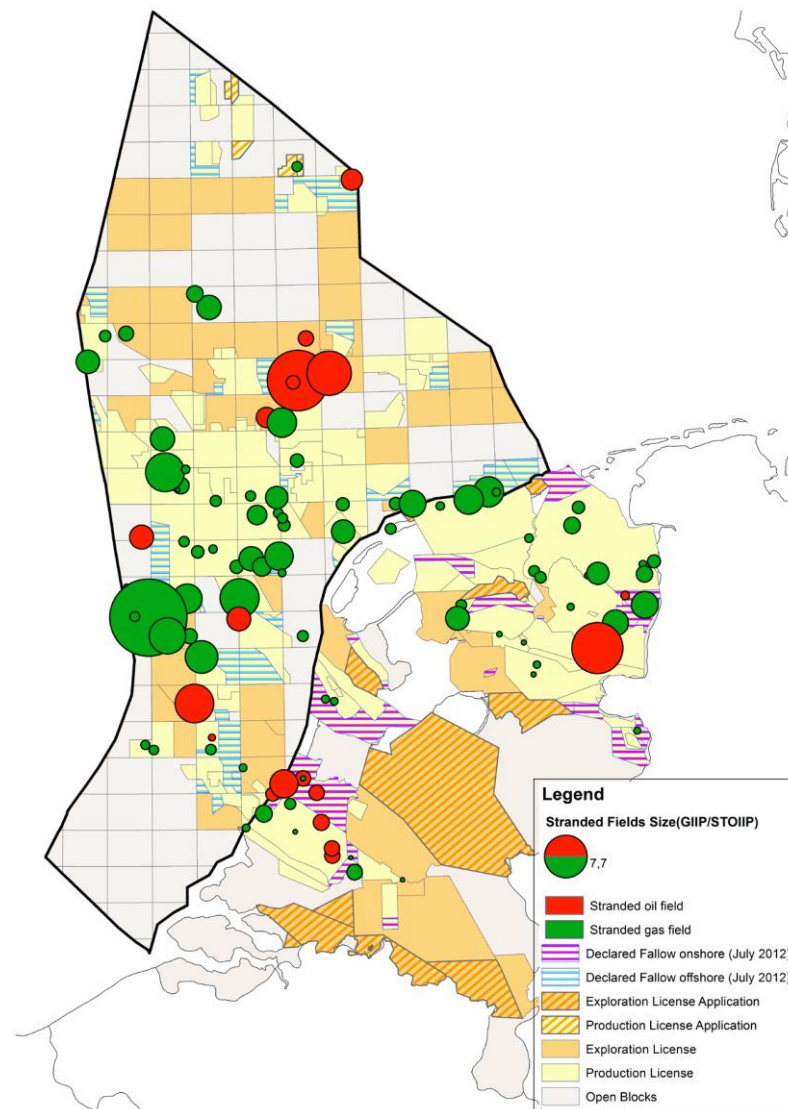
Fact sheets have been compiled on behalf of the Ministry of Economic affairs, Agriculture and Innovation. These fact sheets are to inform interested parties about the main characteristics of the accumulations.

## Overview stranded fields

[Stranded gas and oil fields in the Netherlands \(April 2010\) \(excel sheet\)](#)

## Listing fact sheets of stranded fields (April 2010)

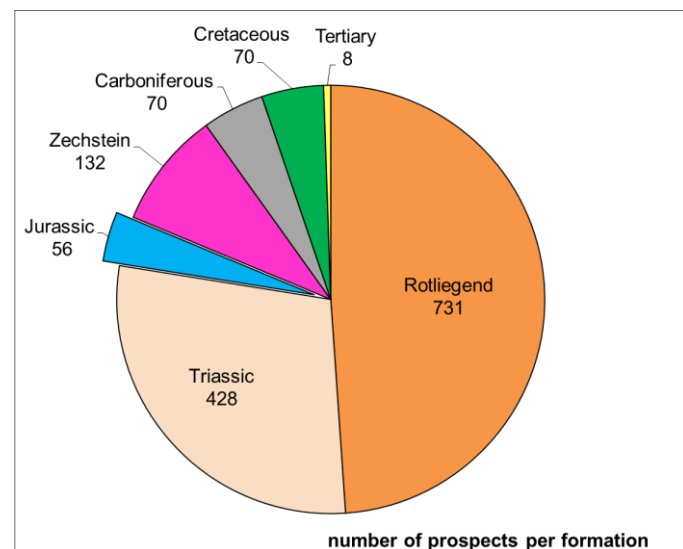
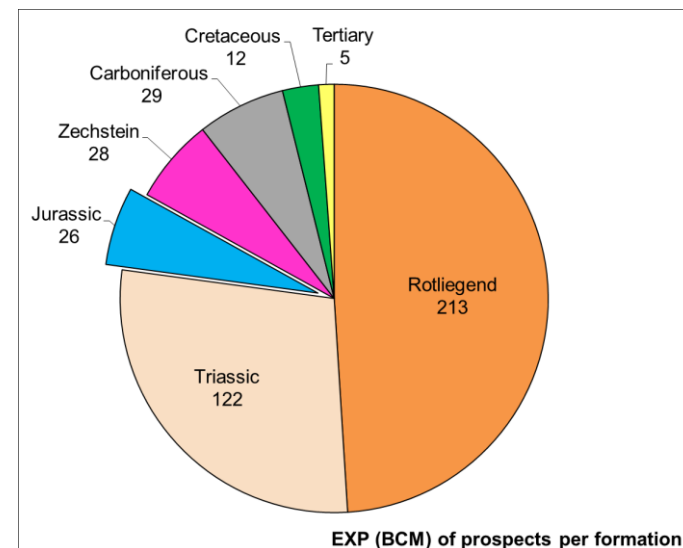
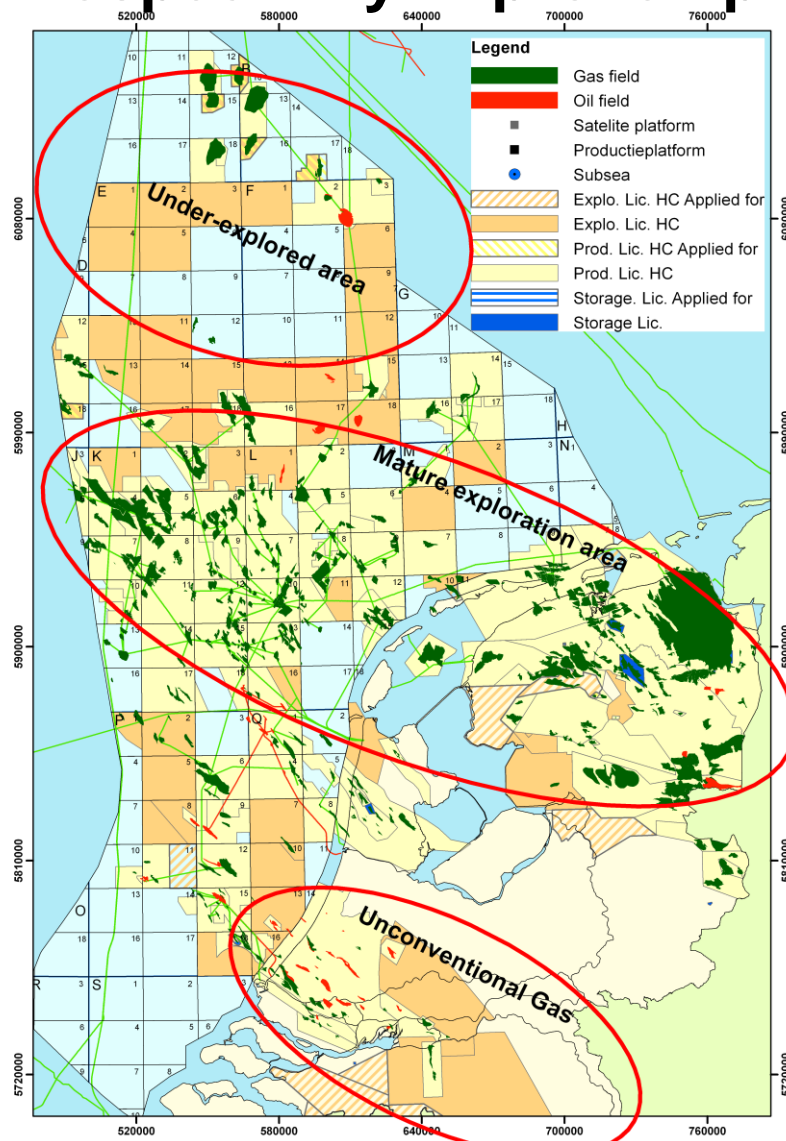
Onshore		Offshore	
Field	Licence type	Field	Licence type
<a href="#">Alblasserdam</a>	Production licence	<a href="#">B10-FA</a>	Production licence
<a href="#">Beerta</a>	Production licence	<a href="#">E12 Lelle</a>	Open area







# Prospectivity in proven plays

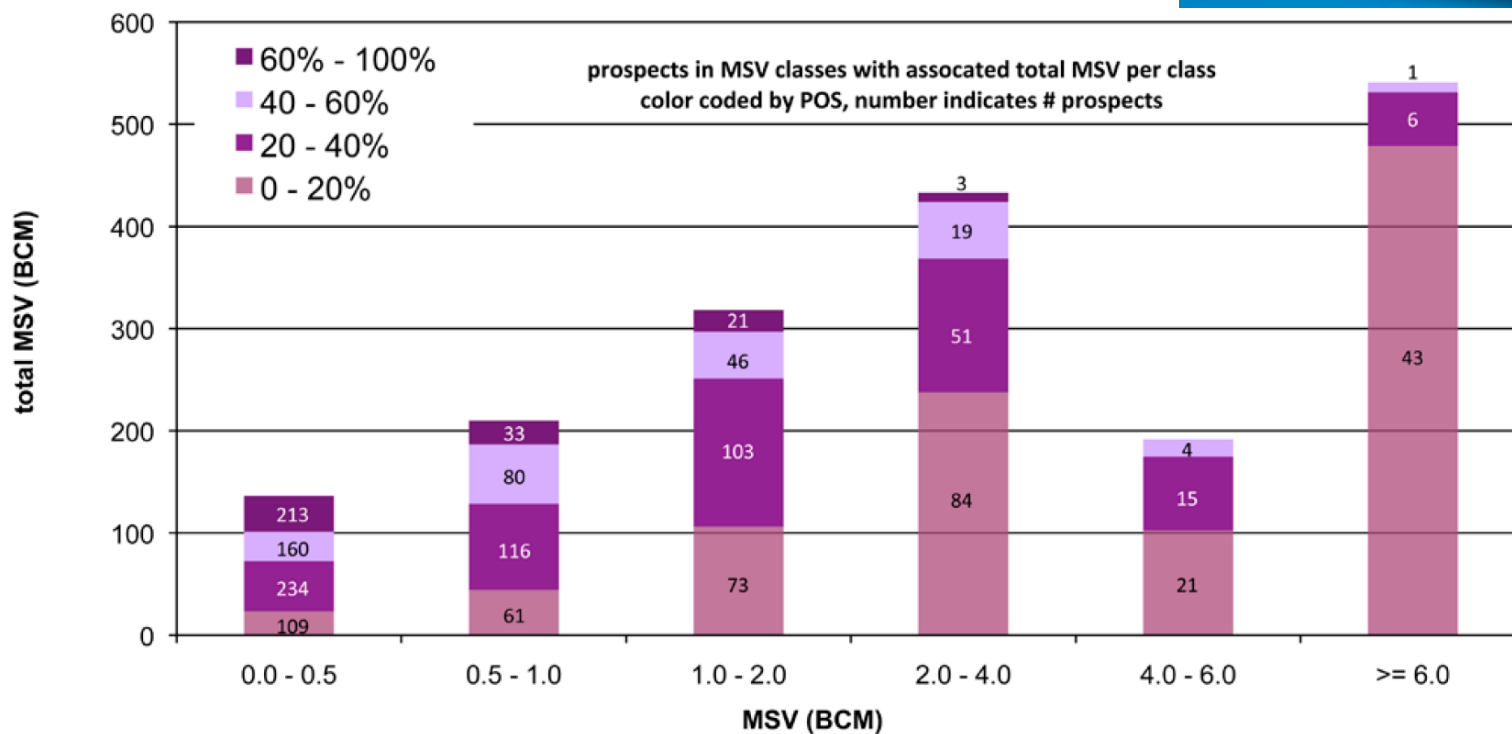
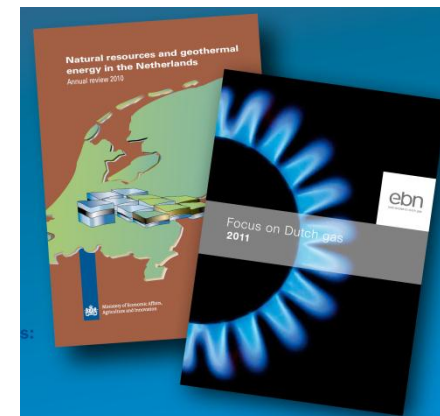






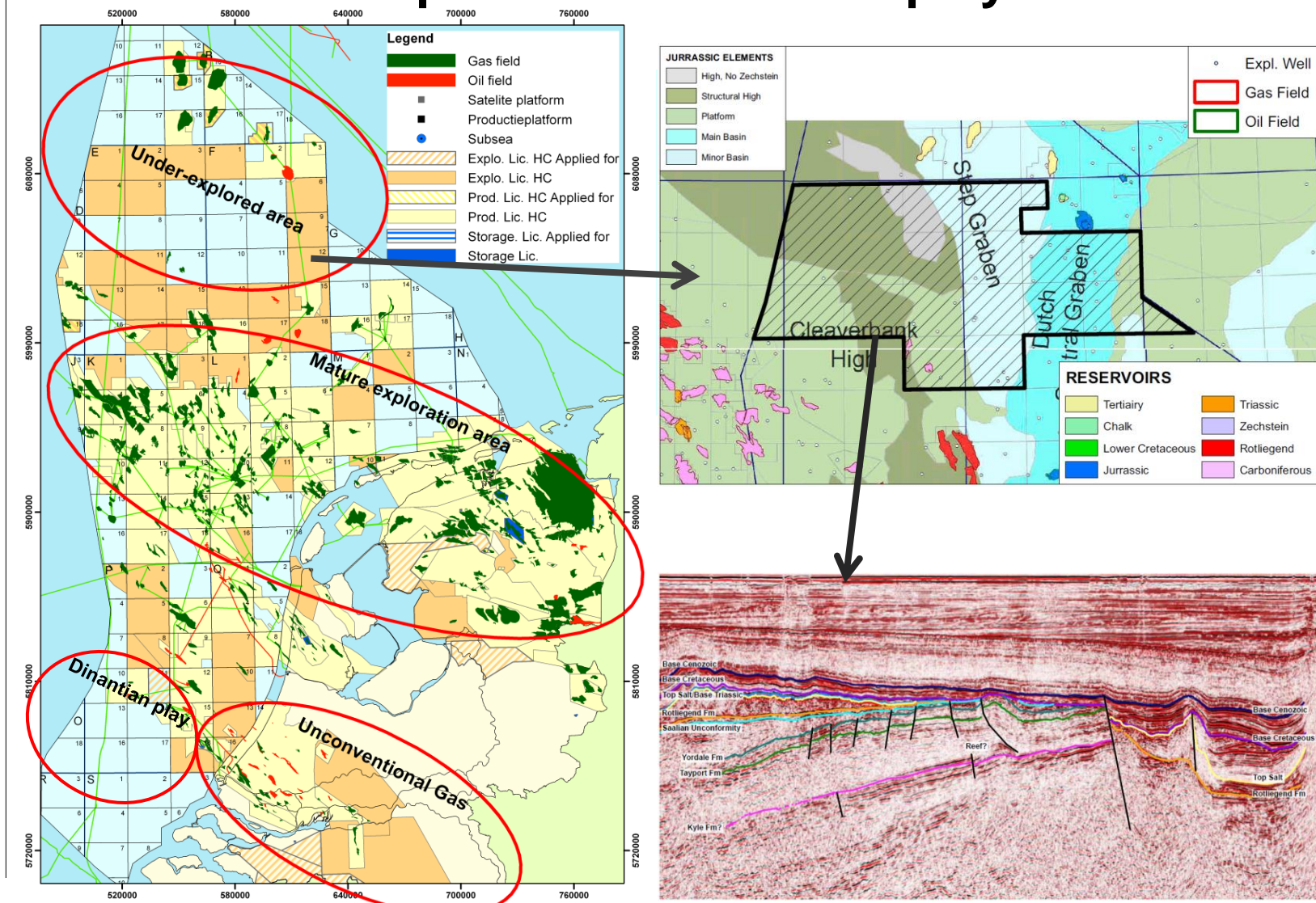
# Prospectivity in proven plays

› Prospect portfolio fingerprint as reported =>





# Gas in under-explored areas & new plays



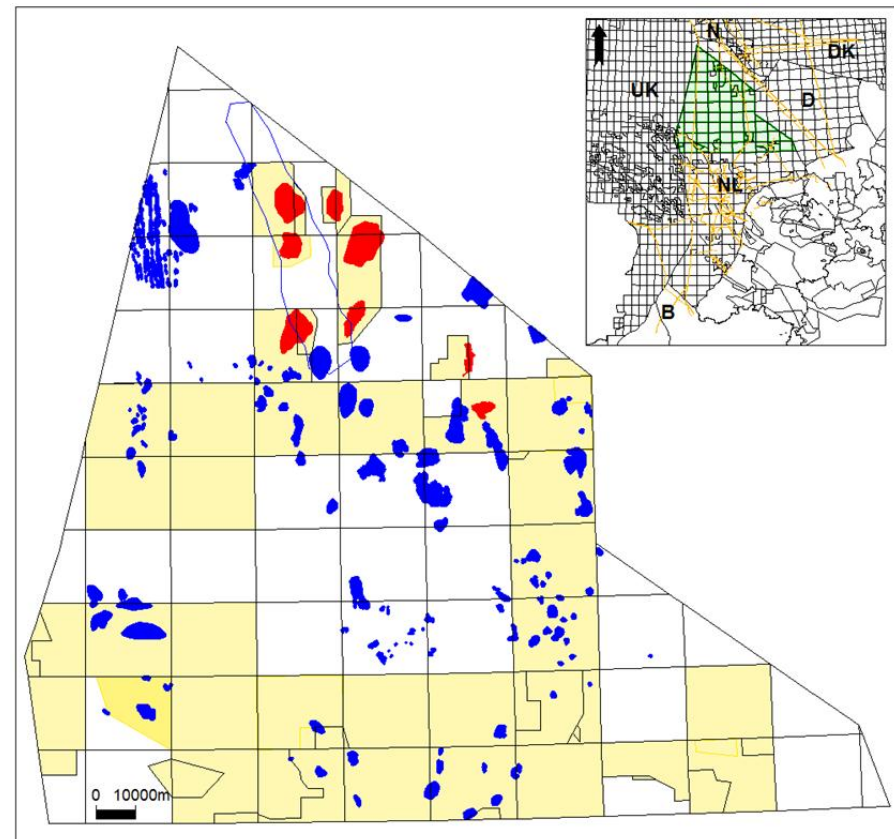


# Shallow Gas

Shallow Gas: gas in Tertiary  
unconsolidated strata at max 1000m  
depth

Why now?

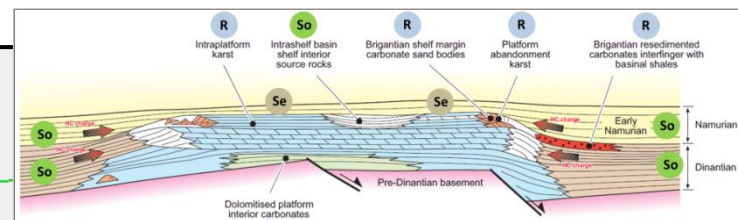
- First shallow gas fields in production
- New 3D seismic 2012
- Marginal field tax incentive always applicable
- Significant shallow gas potential in northern offshore





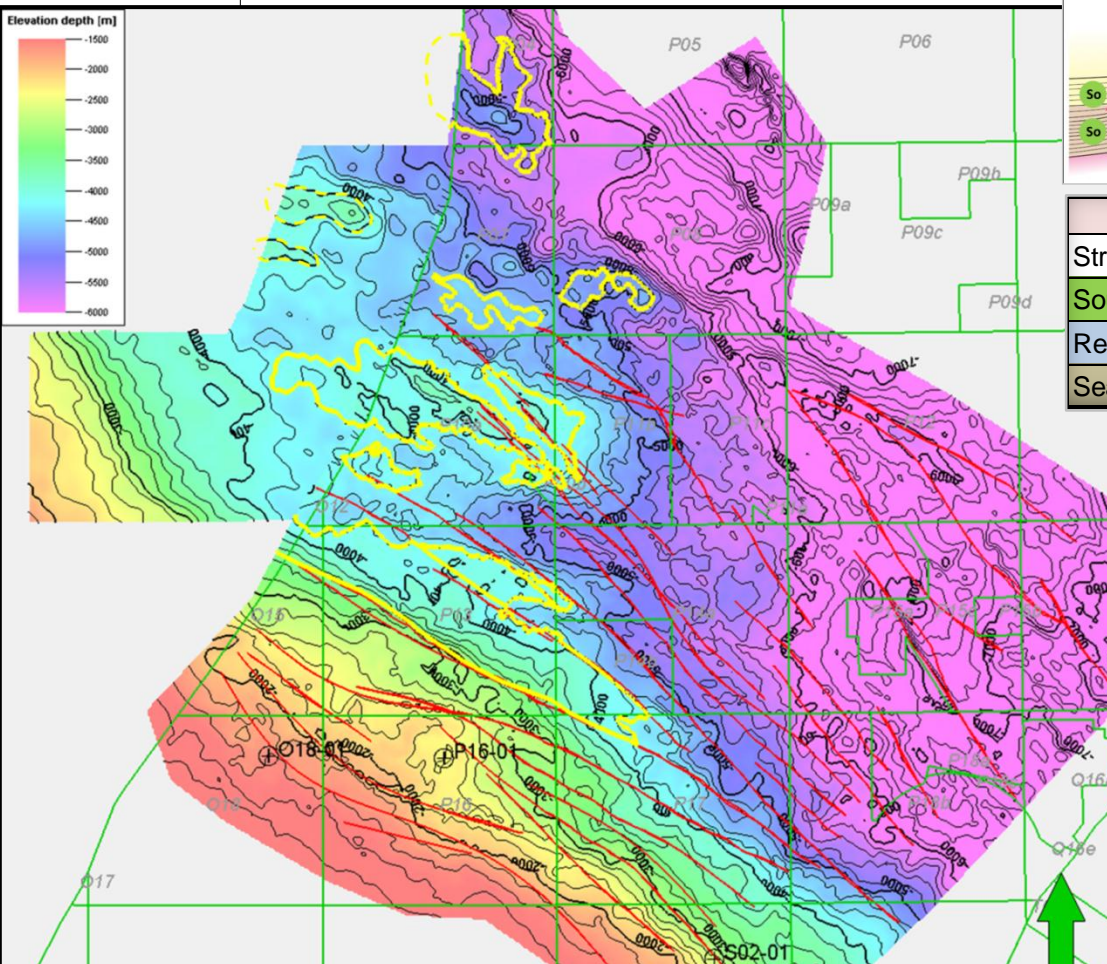
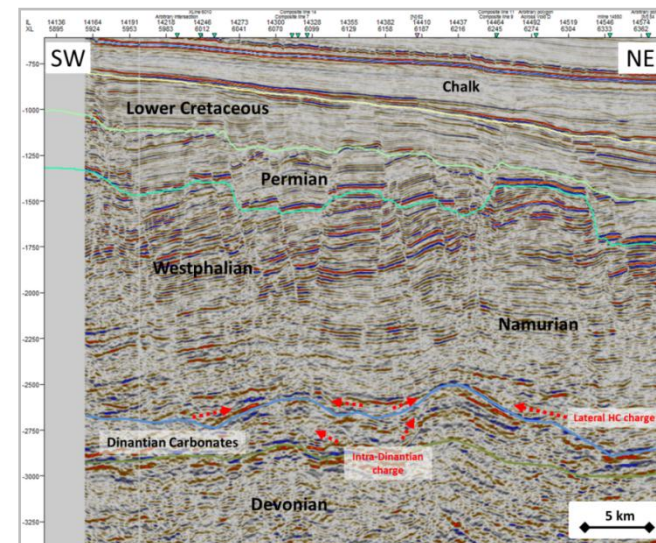


# Dinantian Carbonate play review NL



## Play elements of the Dinantian carbonate play

Structure	(faulted) carbonate platform
Source	Namurian / Dinantian shales (lateral migration)
Reservoir	karstified / fractured (Visean) limestone
Seal	Namurian shales (top / side seal)

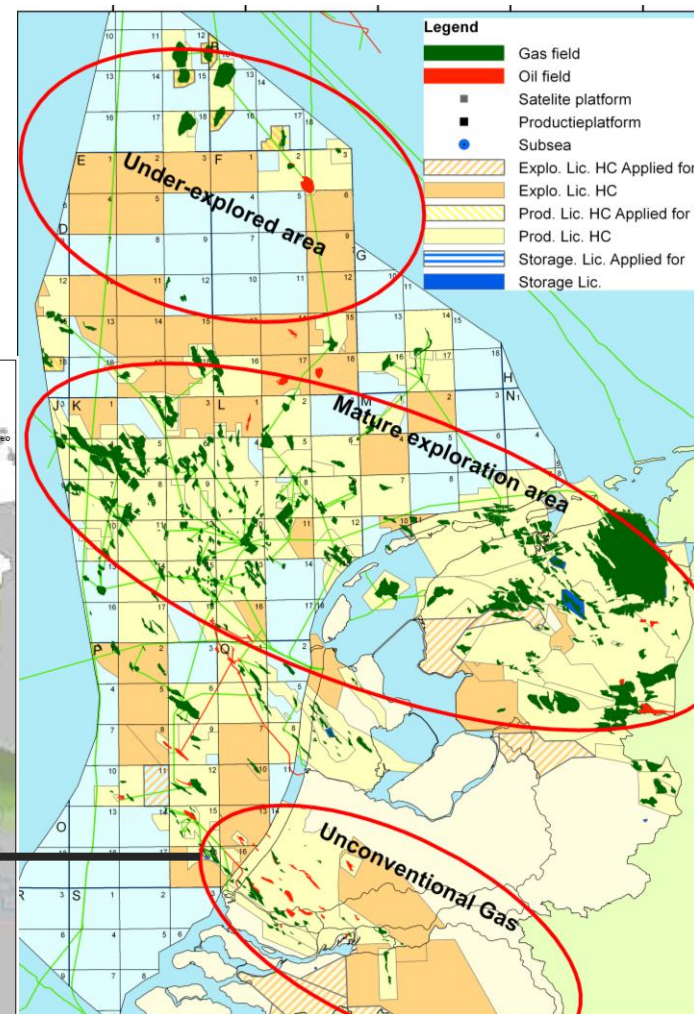
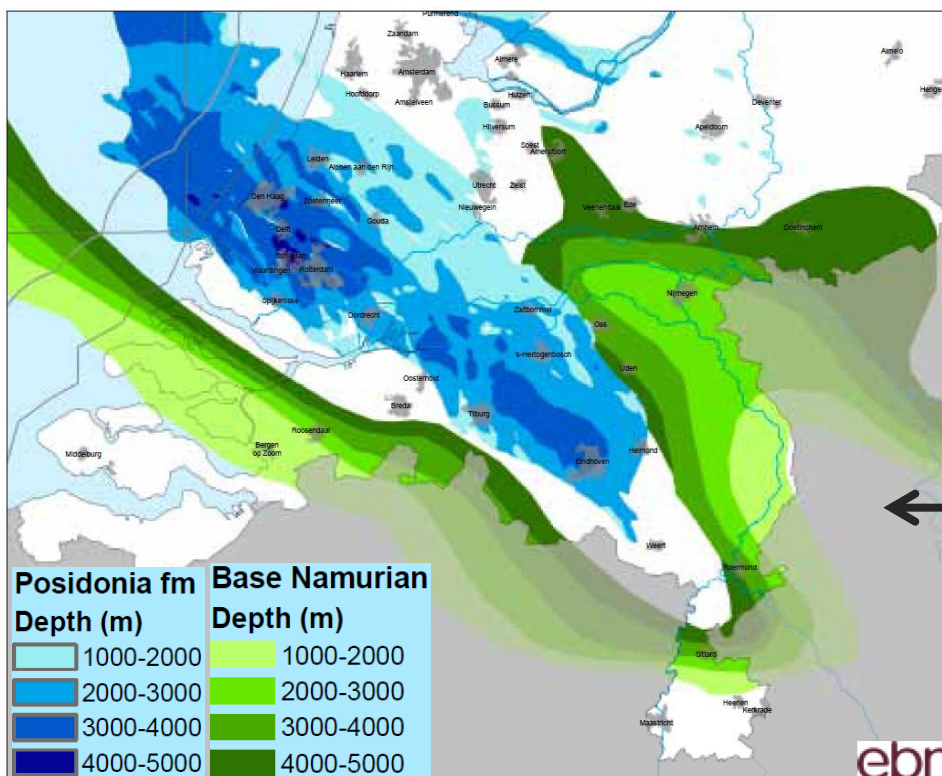






# Unconventional reservoirs

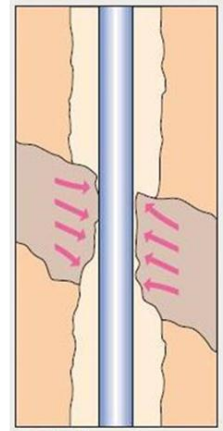
- › Shale gas in:
  - › Posidonia
  - › Basal Namurian hot shales



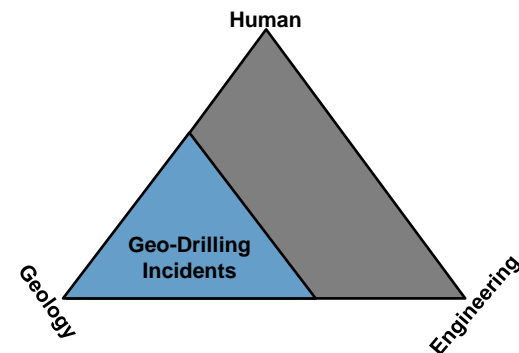


## Drilling Hazards JIP – Pilot Project

- › To provide a pilot proof of concept for an **integrated Drilling Hazards Information System (DHIS)** for the onshore and offshore Netherlands.
- › The establishment of such an information system will enable oil & gas (and e.g. geothermal) drilling Operators to be aware of significant geological drilling incidents which have occurred in the past, and thereby lead to **safer and cheaper drilling operations** in the future.



Example of drilling hazard:  
mobile formation





## Research & development incentive (2012) Upstream Innovation Programme

To find innovative solutions to get maximal recovery of gas from the Dutch subsurface.

Total Budget 2013:  
6.2 Million Euro, of which  
50% is private funding







## E&P and Geothermy

- › 5 doublets drilled in the Netherlands
- › 4 have seen hydrocarbons=> very low saturations
  - › 3 gas
  - › 1 oil
- › Anticipated flow 150m<sup>3</sup>/h
  - › Solution gas: 1 -1.5 Nm<sup>3</sup>/m<sup>3</sup> of gas => 3600m<sup>3</sup> gas/d
  - › Traces of oil: 0.00005m<sup>3</sup>/m<sup>3</sup> of oil => 0.18m<sup>3</sup> oil/d ≈barrel/day
- › Interesting opportunity for win-win situation
  - › Economic project evaluation with upfront risk-integration
  - › One system two energy carriers
  - › Shared investors
  - › Tail-end production from the start

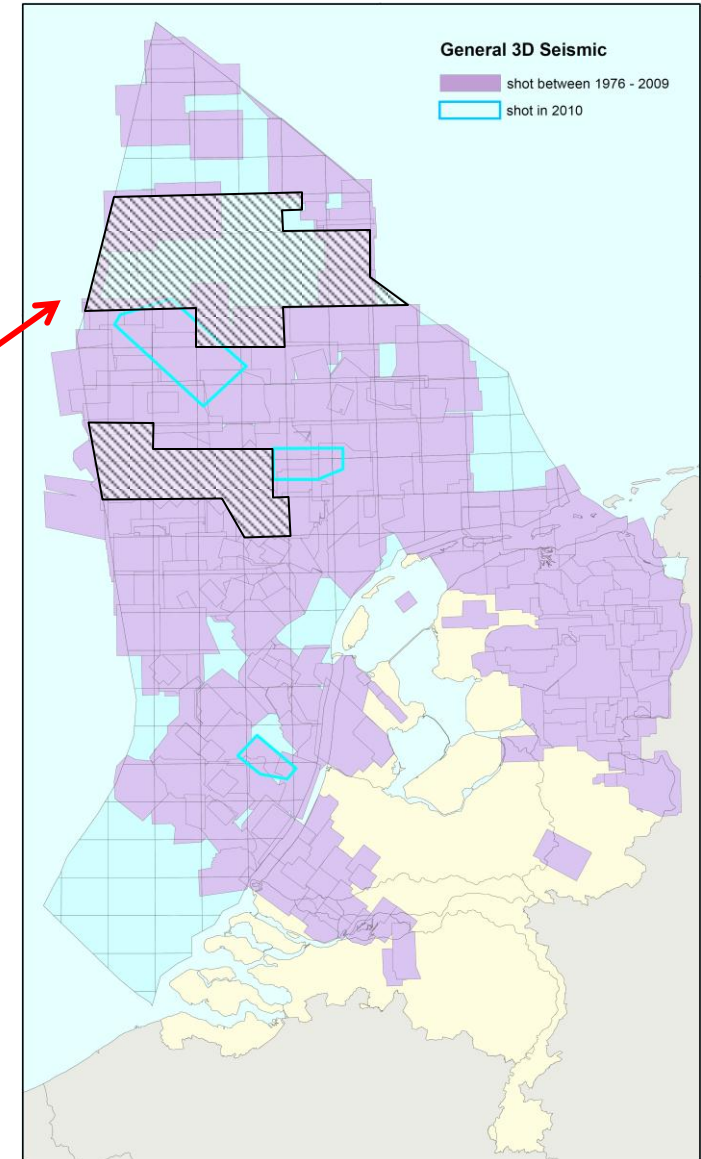


## Subsurface Data



## Seismic Data

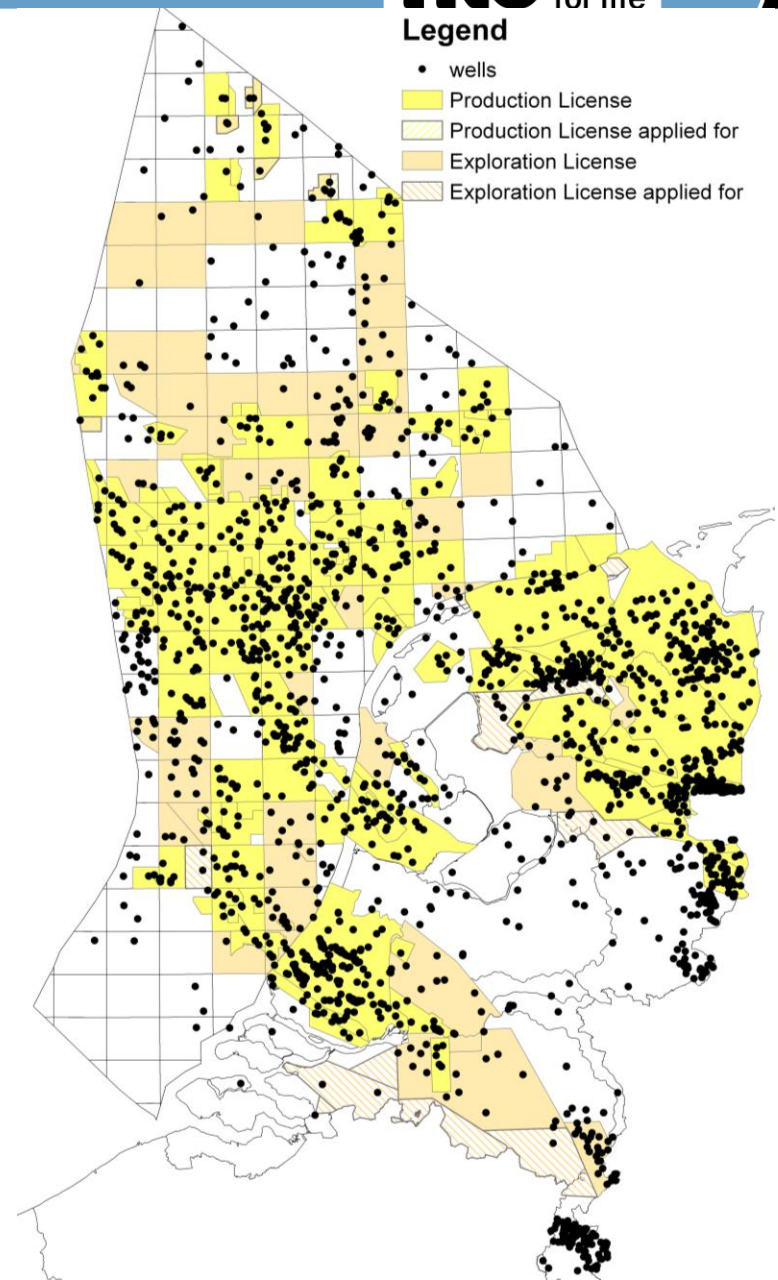
- › 3D-seismic coverage
  - › 75% of the offshore
  - › 40% of the onshore
- › Still improving
  - › eg DEF spec survey of FUGRO





## Well Data position

- › Some 4500 wells
- › of which 1452 exploration wells





# Data availability

- › All public domain data freely available through:
  - › The Dutch (NL) Oil & Gas Portal
  - › **www.nlog.nl**

The screenshot shows the 'Welcome to the NL Oil and Gas Portal' website. The browser window title is 'Welcome to the NL Oil and Gas Portal - Windows Internet Explorer'. The address bar shows 'http://www.nlog.nl/en/home/NLOGPortal.html'. The page features a navigation menu with links to Boreholes, Seismic surveys, Fields, Production, Infrastructure, Licences, Publications and Data sets, Legislation, Administrative procedures, Fees, taxes and state participation, Seismicity and subsidence, and Contacts. There are also links to Home, Disclaimer, and Contact. The main content area includes a welcome message, a description of the site's purpose, and a list of recent changes and other topics. The TNO logo and 'innovation for life' tagline are visible in the bottom left corner.

**Welcome to the NL Oil and Gas Portal**

This site provides information about oil and gas exploration and production in the Netherlands and the Dutch sector of the North Sea continental shelf.

It aims to help users access information furnished by the Dutch government in an easy, comprehensible fashion.

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**News**

- 05-12-2011 | [The English Translation of the Dutch "Mijnbouwregeling" has been updated \(December 2011\)](#)
- 24-11-2011 | [Text version of NW-European Gas Atlas \(1998\) online](#)
- 14-11-2011 | [Letter on the Progress Report Dutch gas hub 2011 by Minister Verhagen \(in Dutch\)](#)
- [The English translation of the Dutch "Mijnbouwbesluit" has been updated \(October 2011\)](#)
- [The English translation of the Dutch "Mijnbouwwet" has been updated \(September 2011\). The document will be followed within the next few weeks by an update of the translation of the Mining Decree \("Mijnbouwbesluit"\).](#)



## Conclusion

- › Lot of exploration and production potential in the Netherlands
  - › Stable fiscal and regulatory environment
  - › Fit for purpose tax incentives
  - › Extraordinary data-position
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- › Visit us in booth 10