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### **Unlocking Future UK Production**

- Setting the scene a reality check
- Corporate landscape who holds the value?
- How much discovered but unproven potential exists?
- Can exploration drilling add sufficient future resources?
- Conclusions





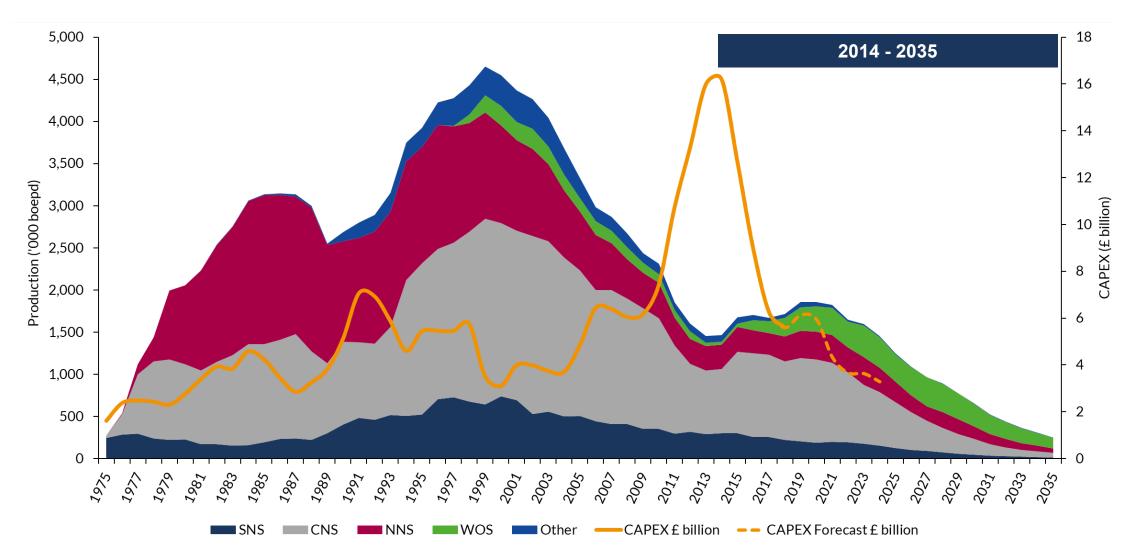
## **Setting the Scene - A Reality Check**

## **UK Production and Capex**

Riding the third wave of production



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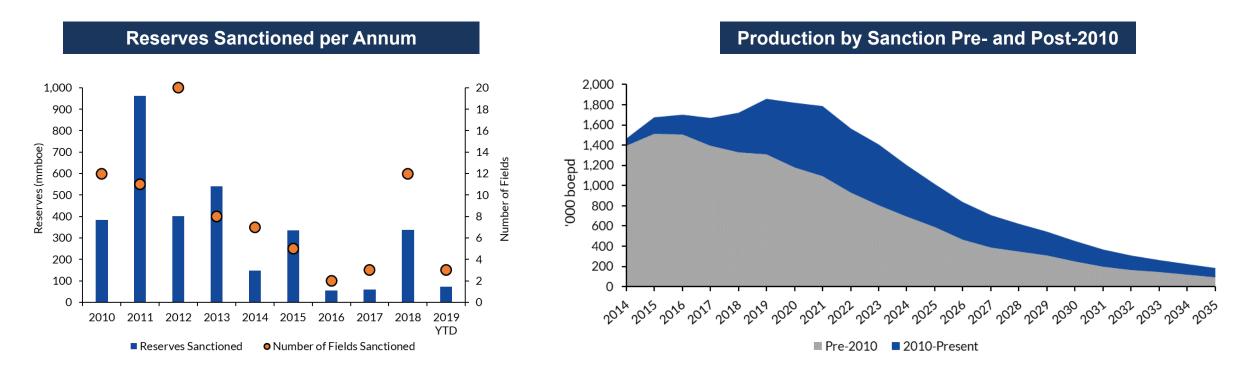
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Source: HMRC and OGA. Production forecast post 2018 from Westwood Atlas

#### **UK Developments Sanctioned 2010 - 2019**

Drop in material project sanctions post-crash



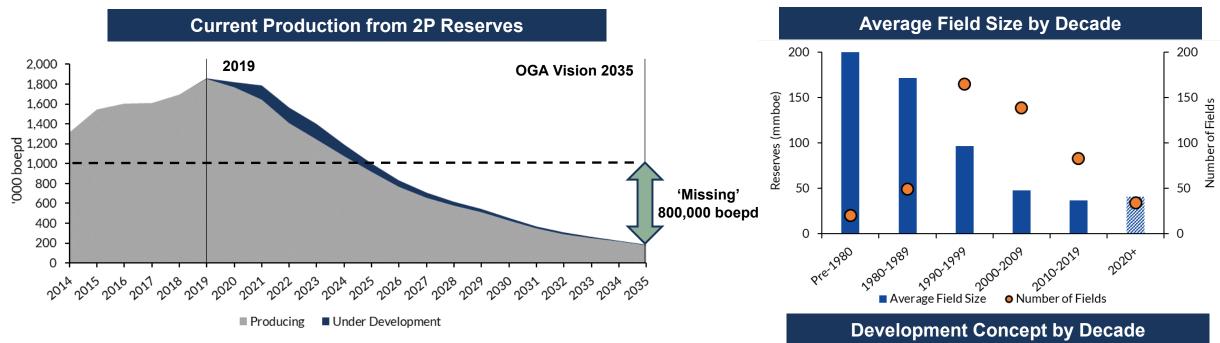


- 2.4 bnboe reserves sanctioned 2010 2014 has driven the recent production uptick
- A lack of material projects since the price crash means output will fall rapidly from next year

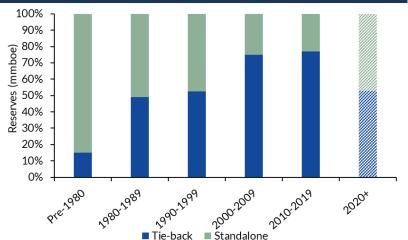
#### **UK Production and Reserves 2014 - 2035**

Production will decline as field size drops and reliance on tie-backs increases





- 'Do nothing' delivers c. 180,000 boepd in 2035. 'Missing' c. 800,000 boepd additional production will need to come from a combination of:
  - MER but who is responsible and where is the value?
  - Moving contingent resources to proven reserves how much discovered but unproven potential exists?
  - Exploration drilling can this add sufficient future resources?



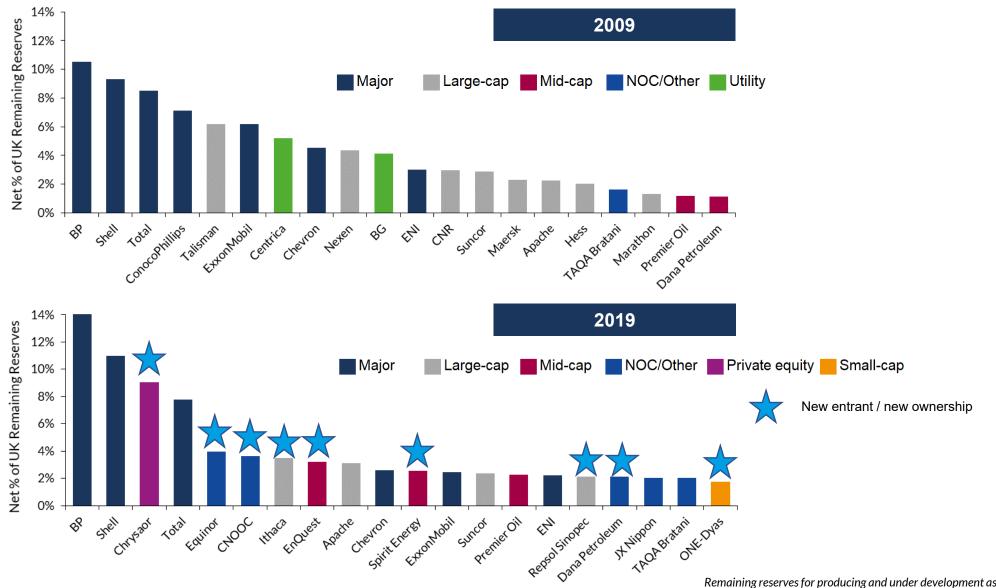




#### **Corporate Changes**



#### Changing of the guard with five new entrants to the top ten in the last decade



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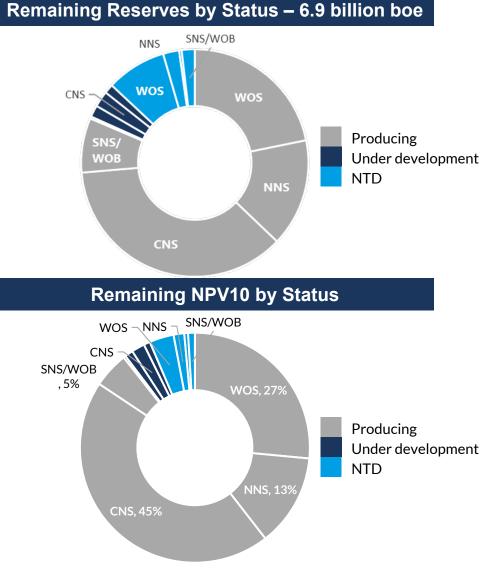
Remaining reserves for producing and under development assets only

#### Where is the Remaining Value?

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CNS holds the highest value but short-lived; West of Shetland holds the long-term value

Remaining Pre-tax Cashflow US\$ million



#### Pre-tax Undiscounted Cashflow by Area



- 89% of remaining pre-tax value lies in producing fields
- Basin will generate 60% of this value (undiscounted) within five years
- By 2030 West of Shetland will hold >80% of remaining pre-tax value (undiscounted)
- Long term value eroded by increasing abandonment activity in the North Sea

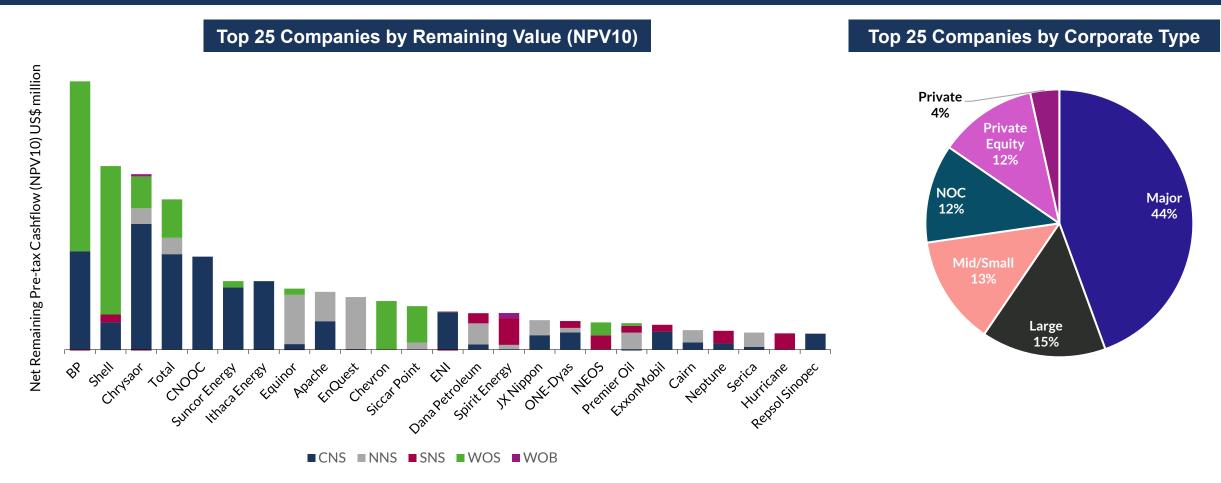
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#### Who Holds the Remaining Value?

Nearly half the remaining value is held by four companies



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• Top 25 companies hold 90% of the value. A long tail of 30+ companies make up the remainder

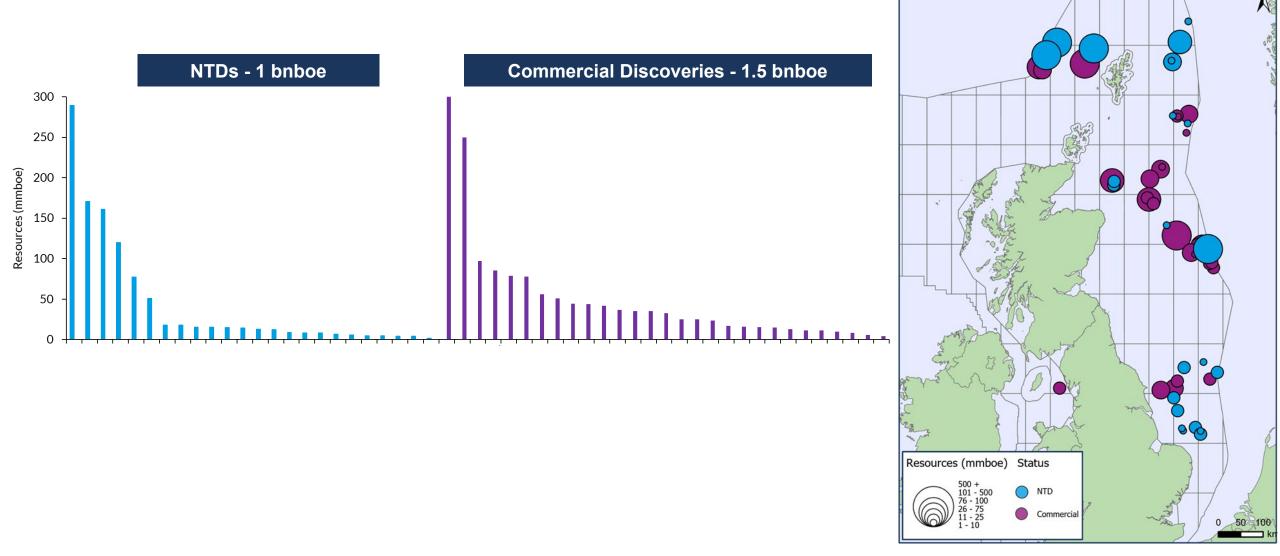


# Contribution from Undeveloped Discoveries

### **Commercial Discoveries**

2.5 bnboe of pre-sanction commercial resources

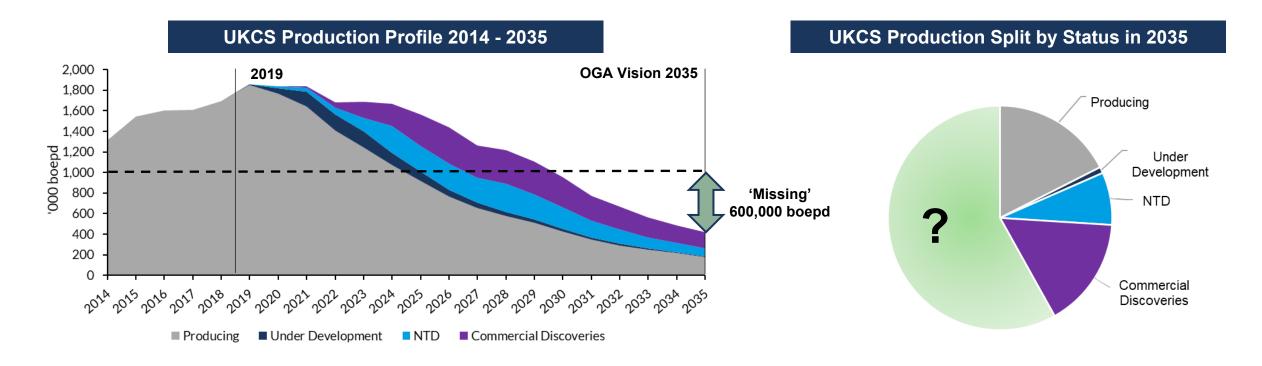




#### **Current Production Forecast**

Vision 2035 is unachievable based on current projections



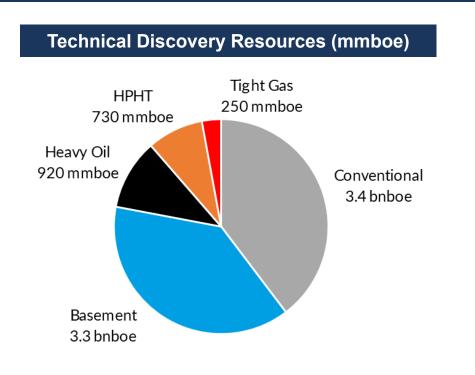


- NTDs and commercial discoveries could add c. 230,000 boepd in 2035
- This potentially reduces the gap to c. 600,000 boepd of additional production required to meet the 2035 target

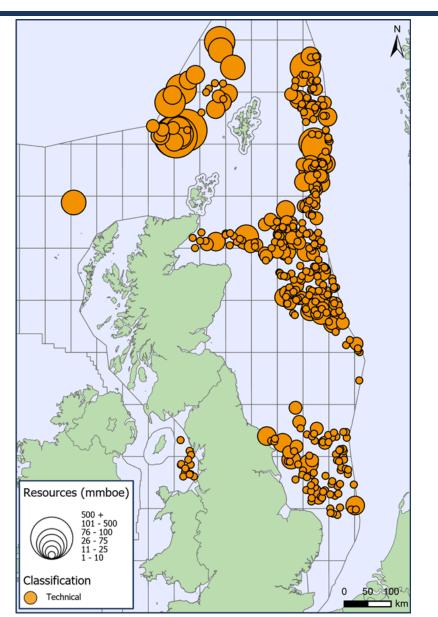
#### **Technical Discoveries - Summary**

8.5 bnboe discovered resources in over 400 discoveries



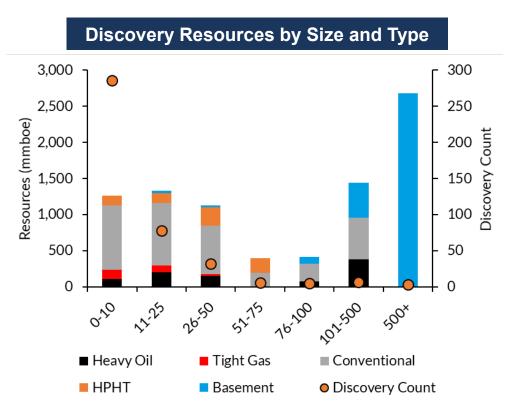


- The modest contribution from commercial discoveries means future production is partially reliant on the technical pool of discoveries
- Based on the pool of undiscovered resources, the UK does not appear to be opportunity constrained...
- One third of resources are 'conventional'



#### **Technical Discoveries - Challenges**

Pool of discoveries is either small or is technically challenged



- Size is greatest barrier to development. Nearly 300 discoveries are <10 mmboe •
- Much of the material volumes are technically challenging •
- Success of the basement play West of Shetland will have by far the biggest • impact on the pool of technical discoveries

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Resources (mmboe)

Reservoir Type

Basement Heavy Oil

Tight Gas

HPHT



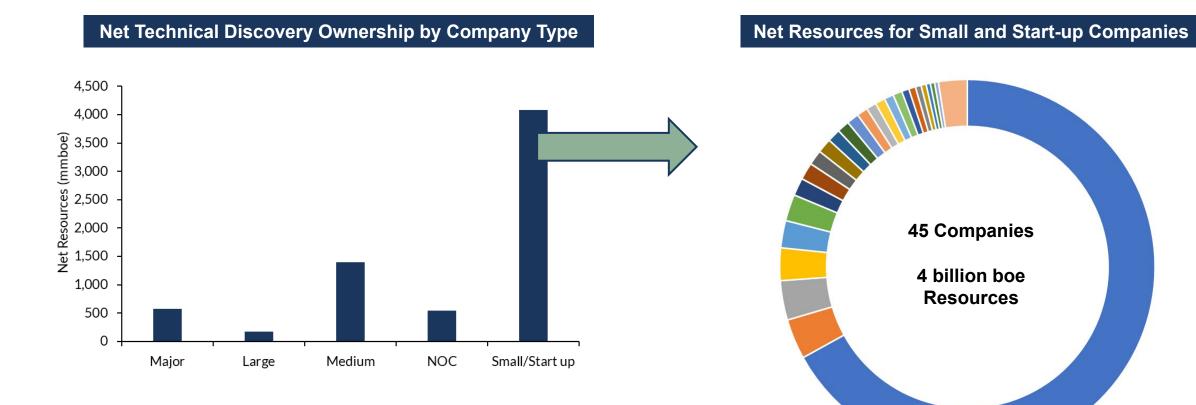
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#### **Technical Discoveries - Ownership**

Dominated by small and start-up companies





- Mix of funding levels amongst the small companies. Many focused solely on individual developments/niche project scoping
- 1.5 bnboe resources is currently unlicensed an opportunity?





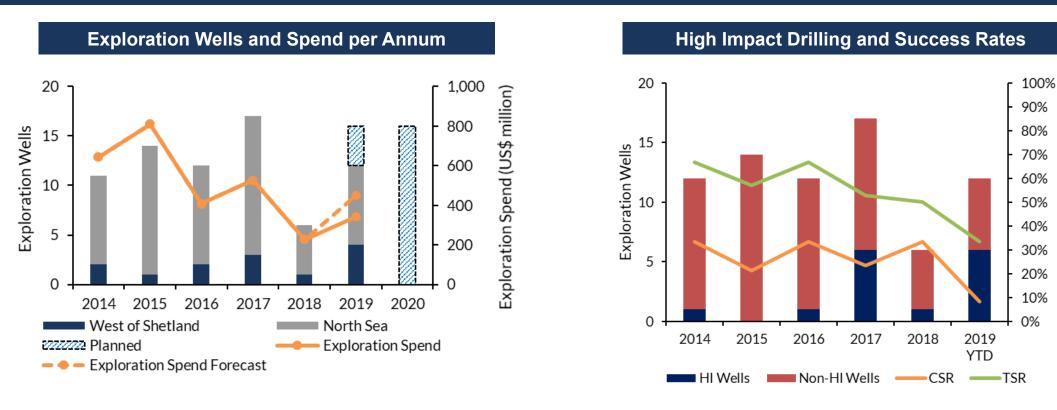
#### **Exploration Activity & Performance 2014 - 2019**

Increased activity but reduced performance as ILX drilling has dropped-off



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Success Rate



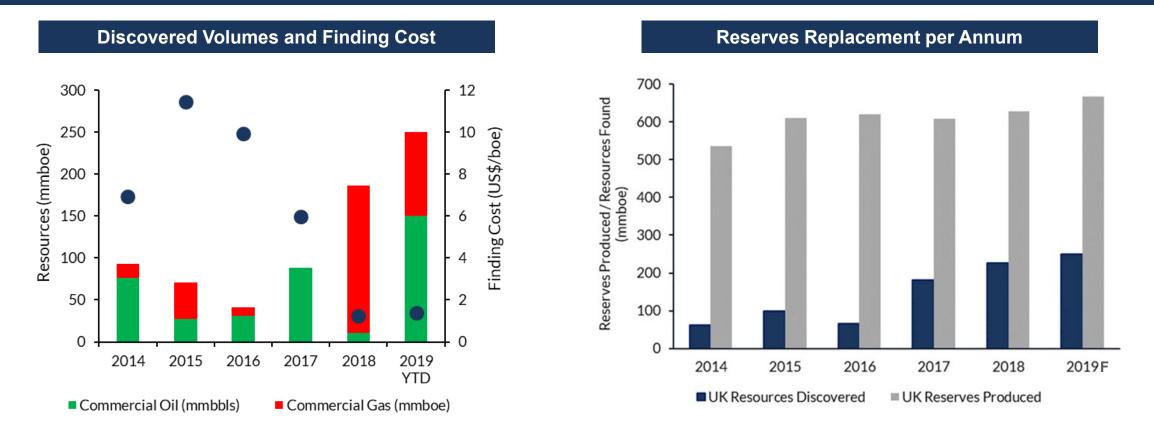
- Activity is up on 2018 with increased West of Shetland and high impact drilling
- Activity levels expected to be maintained in 2020
- However, performance in 2019 has been poor <10% CSR</li>

#### **Exploration Volumes 2014 - 2019**

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Failing to replace production despite an increase in discovered volumes

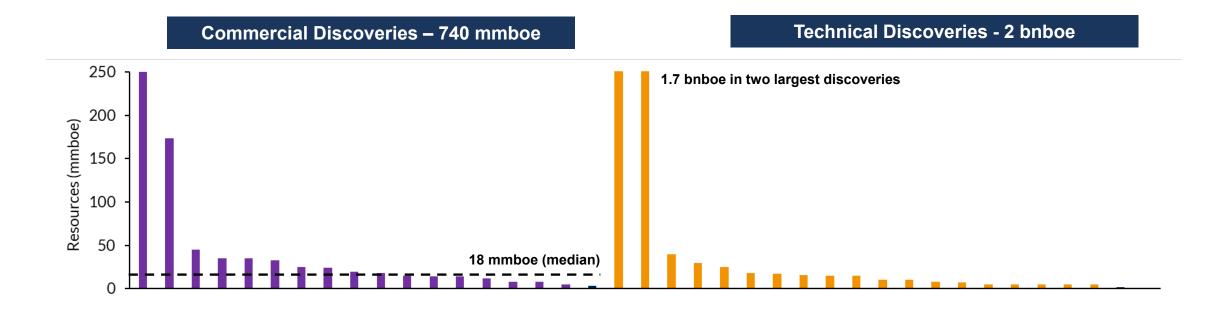


- Most discovered volumes for a decade. However, recent resources dominated by Glengorm (2019) and Glendronach (2018)
- 2014 2019 average reserves replacement is c. 25%
- Improvement in volumes found in the past three years increases average to c. 33% since 2017

## **Exploration Contribution 2014 - 2019**

Near-field exploration has delivered mainly small discoveries





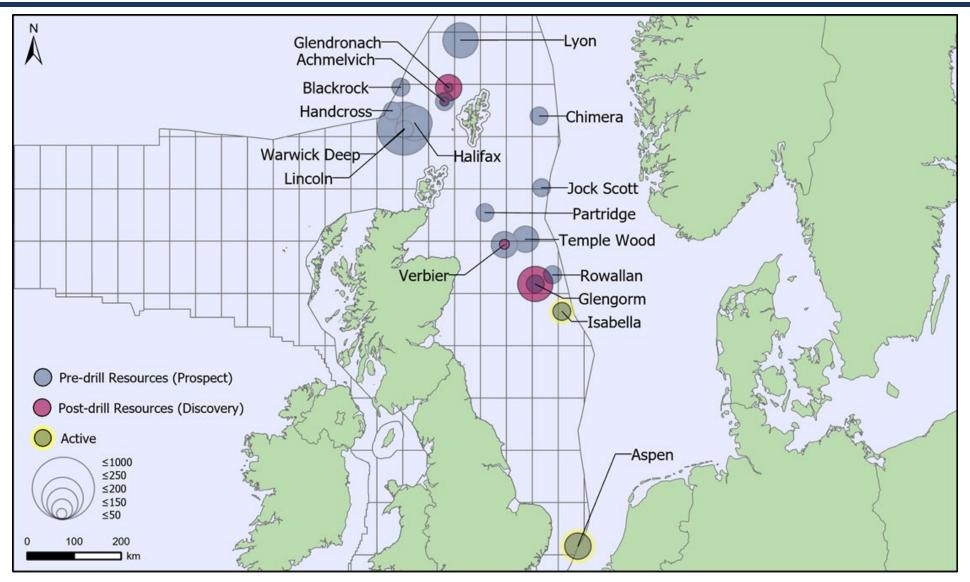
- 2.7 bnboe resources discovered since 2014 dominated by basement. Of this, c. 740 mmboe is considered commercial
- Average (median) commercial discovery size is just 18 mmboe as a result of a focus on ILX drilling
- Exploration is delivering near-field value, but few material discoveries

#### 2014 - 2019: Has High Impact Drilling 'Moved the Needle'?



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Increased risk/volume appetite has resulted in lower exploration success rates





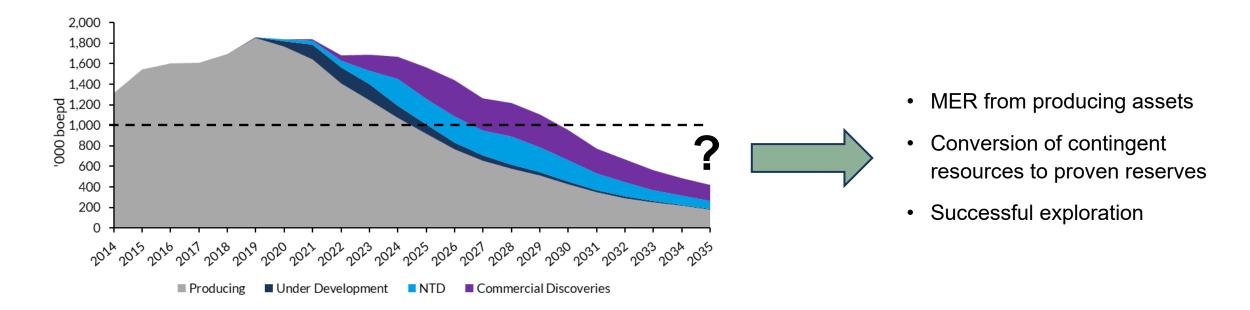


#### Conclusions



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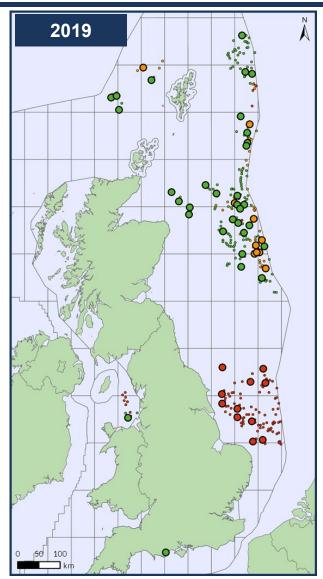
#### If we start now, Vision 2035 becomes potentially achievable

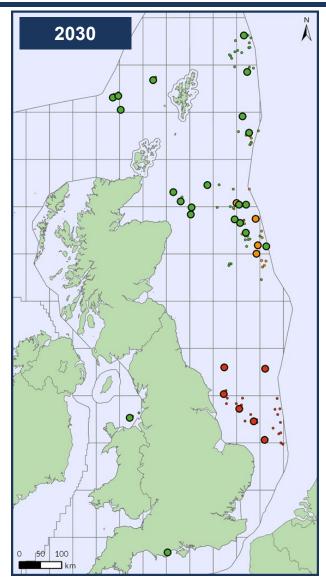


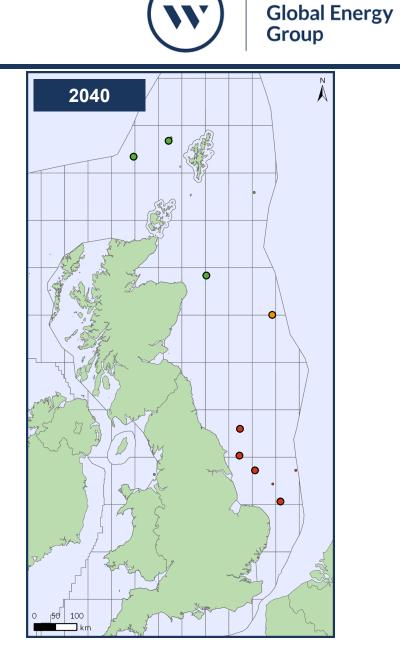
- A combination of the above will be needed to fill the gap of c. 600,000 boepd to meet the Vision 2035 target
- Main players are not capital constrained, but are they reinvesting enough?
- The small players hold a high proportion of the undeveloped discovery pool. Can they progress it?
- Infrastructure access will be critical to commercialising technical discoveries and influencing future exploration activity to help meet the Vision 2035 target

#### **Infrastructure Access**

Capturing future potential is becoming a race against time







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