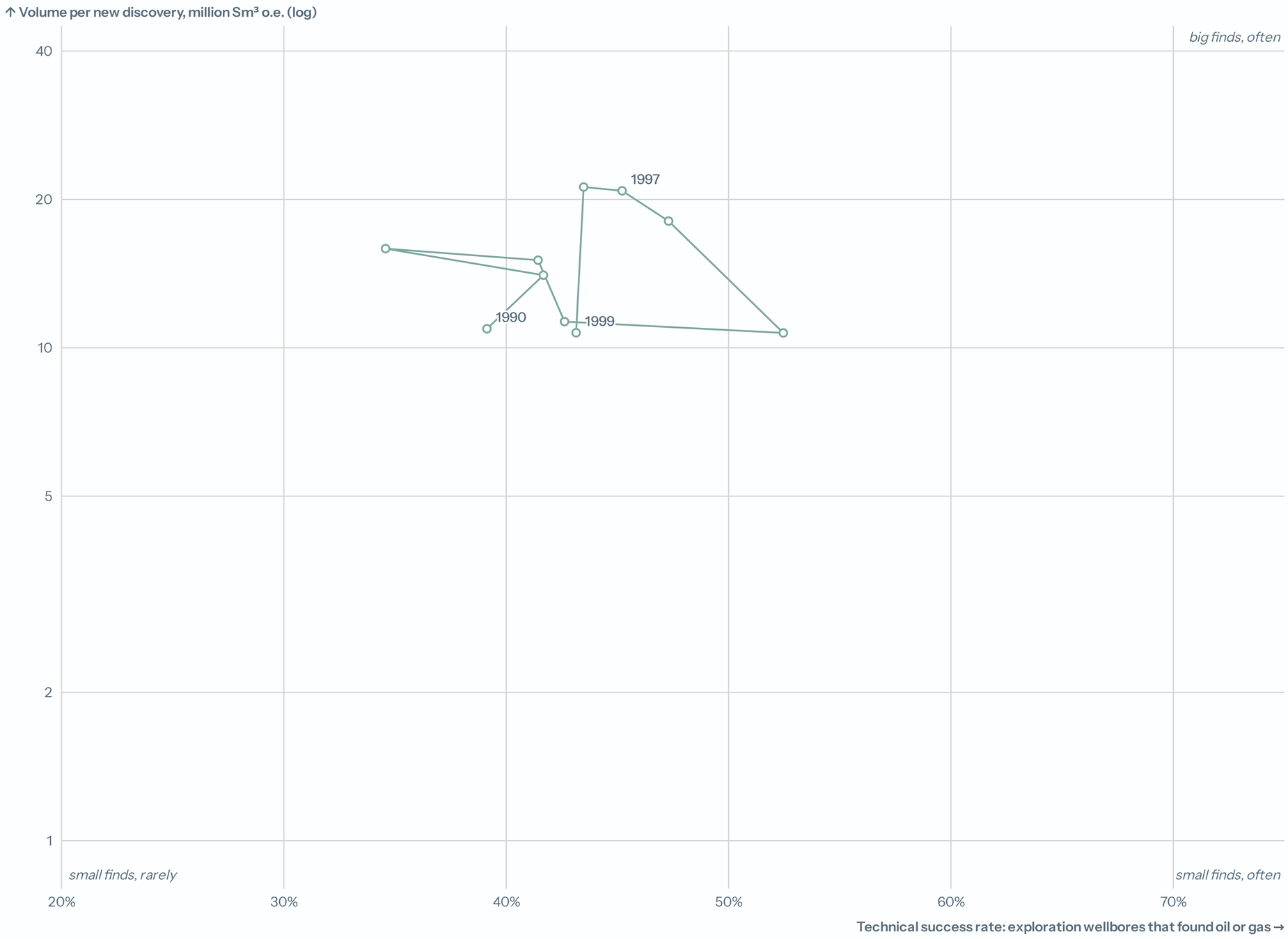
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Exploration wellbores find oil or gas about as often as ever; each find holds far less

Technical success rate against volume per new discovery, three-year averages, 1990–2025



NOTES

Success from Sodir's wellbore results (oil or gas proven; shows count as dry). Volumes are Sodir's gross resource growth for each year divided by new discoveries that year.

DECLARED EXCEPTION

log-scale. Volume per discovery spans more than an order of magnitude; a log axis keeps the last decade readable. Gridlines are labelled with real values.

CONFIDENCE

Derived: our calculation from observed data; the method is stated.

SOURCE Sodir, gross resource growth and exploration wellbores completed, 1990–2025 (norskpetroleum.no), 2026-11-07 UNITS share of exploration wellbores; million Sm³ o.e. per discovery CONFIDENCE Derived PLATE 2026-11-09 · ad501ba

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