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Outline

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1. Technological risks and challenges in the Upstream industry

How are hydrocarbons explored ?



What are the main difficulties ?

Is oil or gas the same everywhere ?

How much does it cost to find oil ?

What are the main stages of hydrocarbon exploration ?

How much oil and gas we have left and for how long?

2. Energy Transition and Global changes affecting the E&P industry



What are the drivers for decarbonizing the upstream industry ?

What and where are the sources of emissions?

Solutions for emissions and strategic options already ongoing within the companies ?

What future for oil and gas companies ?

Oil production and oil prices in the future ?

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PART 1:





















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Source rocks

- Source rocks are sedimentary rocks that are, may become, or have been able to generate petroleum
- Sedimentary rocks commonly contain minerals and organic matter with the pore space occupied by water, bitumen, oil and/or gas.







Algae = Hydrogen rich = Oil-prone

Wood = Hvdrogen poor = Gas-prone



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Reservoir



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Reservoir



Spherulitic Microbialite



Coquina



Early diagenesis

- Dolomite
- ✓ Mg-clays concentration
- Silicification

Late diagenesis

- ✓ Silica replacement and cementation
- ✓ Fracturing, hydrofracturing
- ✓ Late cementation



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Seal

- Seal: An interface that supports a (fluid) pressure difference on either side of the seal !!
- ✓ Hydrocarbon densities have a big effect on trap fill. Same seal quality will give different trap fills for oil or gas.
- ✓ Seal failure is the single most important factor in exploration. Data from SIS Survey of 20 companies shows that the cause of failure is about 45%.





Figure 1.1 – Histogram of failed prospects in the Gulf of Mexico, the Bonaparte Basin of Australia, and the North Sea Central Graben (compiled from Houston Geological Society, 2000, 2003).

> Low permeability Low porosity

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Reservoir Pressure











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Fluid properties and field development

API

The American Petroleum Institute gravity, or *API gravity*, is a measure of how heavy or light a petroleum liquid is compared to water.

If its API gravity is greater than 10, it is lighter and floats on water; if less than 10, it is heavier and sinks. API gravity is thus a measure of the relative density of a petroleum liquid and the density of water, but it is used to compare the relative densities of petroleum liquids.

For example, if one petroleum liquid floats on another and is therefore less dense, it has a greater API gravity. Although mathematically API gravity has no units (see the formula below), it is nevertheless referred to as being in "degrees".

Light crude oil is defined as having an API gravity higher than 31.1 °API

Defined as having an API gravity between 22.3 °API and 31.1 °API

Heavy oil is defined as having an API gravity below 22.3 °API.

Extra heavy oil or bitumen is crude oil with API gravity less than 10 °API.Bitumen derived from the oil sands deposits in the Alberta, Canada area has an API gravity of around 8 °API. It is 'upgraded' to an API gravity of 31 °API to 33 °API and the upgraded oil is known as synthetic crude.



H2S content

Crude is considered "sweet" if it is low in sulphur content (< 0.5%/weight), or "sour" if high (> 1.0%/weight). Generally, the higher the API gravity (the "lighter" it is), the more valuable the crude.

Also, for health reasons it is very dangerous. The limits are....

CO2 content

The presence of CO2 will react with water and create carbonic acid. This in turn will corrode the pipes and other metal structures.



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Fluid properties and field development

- Carbon dioxide is one of the most common non-hydrocarbon gases found in petroleum reservoirs.
- However, petroleum accumulations with CO2 >20% can be considered relatively rare.
- The most important source of the large volumes of CO2 found in petroleum accumulations is the mantle.
- Nevertheless, contribution from inorganic CO2 after carbonate corrosion cannot be ruled out to eventually occur
- Commonly, areas with major CO2 risks are associated with "hot basement" (GG > 30° C/km), deep seated faults, igneous intrusions and basin rifting.



Rock fluid interaction

- Carbonates reactivity
- Mineral scaling
- Porosity enhancement
- Mineralogical changes
- Changes in oil and water production



Materials and integrity management (Corrosion Control and Fatigue)

- Corrosive environment for metallic materials (CO2)
- Compatibility of non-metallic materials with CO2
- Interaction of corrosion and dynamic loads in risers



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Drilling horizontal wells
through salt
Geomechanical problems

(salt and carbonate)

- Long term wellbore integrity (cementing)
- ✓ Strategy for well stimulation
- Well geometries to provide high productivity (vertical vs. horizontal)
- ✓ Interval selectivity

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Well Costs







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...so what about the Success Rate?







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How long does it take to put into production ?

Field	Basin	Water Depth (m)	Operator	Oil kb/d	Gas MMcm/d	Discovery	First Oil	Duration
Lula Central	Santos	2250	Petrobras	150	6	2006	2016	10
Lula Sul	Santos	2126	Petrobras	150	6	2006	2016	10
Papa Terra	Campos	1200	Petrobras	180	6	2003	2013	10
Lula NE	Santos	2130	Petrobras	120	5	2006	2013	7
Lapa (Carioca)	Santos	2140	Petrobras	100	5	2007	2016	9
Norte Parque das baleias	Campos	1399	Petrobras	180	6	2008	2014	6
Sapinhoá Sul	Santos	1800	Petrobras	120	5	2008	2013	5
Iracema (Cernambi) Sul	Santos	2210	Petrobras	150	8	2009	2014	5
Iracema (Cernambi) Norte	Santos	2010	Petrobras	150	-	2009	2015	6
Sapinhoá Norte	Santos	2300	Petrobras	150	6	2010	2014	4
Tartaruga Mestiça	Campos	934	Petrobras	180	3.5	2010	2018	8
Tartaruga Verde	Campos	976	Petrobras			2009	2017	8
Franco (Buzios) 1	Santos	1889	Petrobras	150	7	2010	2016	6
Franco (Buzios) SW	Santos	1889	Petrobras	150	7	2010	2016	6
Carcará	Santos	2160	Petrobras	_	-	2012	2018	6



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Exploration

Initial phase of testing commercial viability of a site. Boreholes to obtain core samples to analyse the rock structure and viability for oil or gas production. Seismic surveys may also be undertaken.

Horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing tests may be undertaken to test flow properties.

Appraisal

STAGE 2

Commercial viability of a site is explored further.

Concrete drilling pads and roads are built. Drilling rigs will be erected.

Additional boreholes are drilled accompanied by horizontal drilling.

Hydraulic fracturing tests may be undertaken to test flow properties.

Production

STAGE 3

If a site is suitable for production, more wells will be drilled and hydraulically fractured with accompanying site activity.

After around two years, the major on site activity will cease and will be replaced by routine maintenance, although some further wells may be drilled.

Decommissioning

STAGE 4

Site restored to original condition. Wells are plugged and abandoned. Surface infrastructure is removed.

Aftercare monitoring regimes put in place.

This work could take place at any stage of a development if site does not develop into the next one.

2-6 YEARS

APPROX. 15 YEARS

2-5 YEARS

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How much does it cost to find oil?



Break-even costs



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- Growth rate per annum is 1.5%
- Middle East kept the leadership
- S. C. America saw big increase due to Brazil pre-salt exploration
- Europe negligible role



Middle East 48% **Americ**a

Europe

1%

CIS

8%



Outline



PART 2:

Energy Transition and Global changes affecting the E&P industry



Decarbonization: the drivers



World emissions today

Net Zero 2050



billion tons greenhouse gases/year (carbon dioxide equivalents)



billion tons CO2/year billion tons CO₂/year



IPCC...





What are the big sources of upstream emissions ?

A great deal of energy is required to extract and process oil and gas – power needed to drill wells, so well depth and length are factors; artificial recovery for certain types of reservoirs, mature fields or heavy oil; and the quality of hydrocarbons – oil sands require a lot of processing before they can be sold into the market, as does LNG.



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Do emissions vary by region?

Total upstream emissions are driven by the big three producing regions: Middle East, North America and Russia/Caspian





What's the motivation to cut emissions?

The expectation of a modest (albeit potentially volatile) recovery for oil and gas markets in 2021 is good news for E&P investors and governments of hydrocarbon-producing states alike, but the outlook is not without serious above-ground risks.

- Shifting geopolitical dynamics
- climate change mitigation efforts
- energy transition pressures
- intensifying political, economic, and social challenges in a number of producing states will drive changes to the above-ground investment environment, creating new risks alongside the potential for new opportunities.

The upstream above-ground risk environment varies dramatically across the 118 countries rated by IHS Markit E&P Terms and Above-ground Risk.



Ultimately, the social licence to operate is at risk. It's already getting harder to access finance, and stakeholder pressure is intensifying.

LNG is the canary in the mine. A number of LNG buyers in the last year have started to insist sellers include detailed reporting of emissions, from wellhead to berth, for LNG cargoes. It's a trend that will become prevalent in LNG, and we expect all oil and gas operators will have to go down this path to make their production marketable.

...what about the future ?



Thank you !