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Current and Future Developments of Gas Production

IGU – WOC 1 – Report of Study Group 2

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Current and Future Gas Developments

CONVENTIONAL AND COMPLEX PROJECTS

UNCONVENTIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

FINAL REMARKS

IGU MESSAGE

Natural Gas Cares for the World



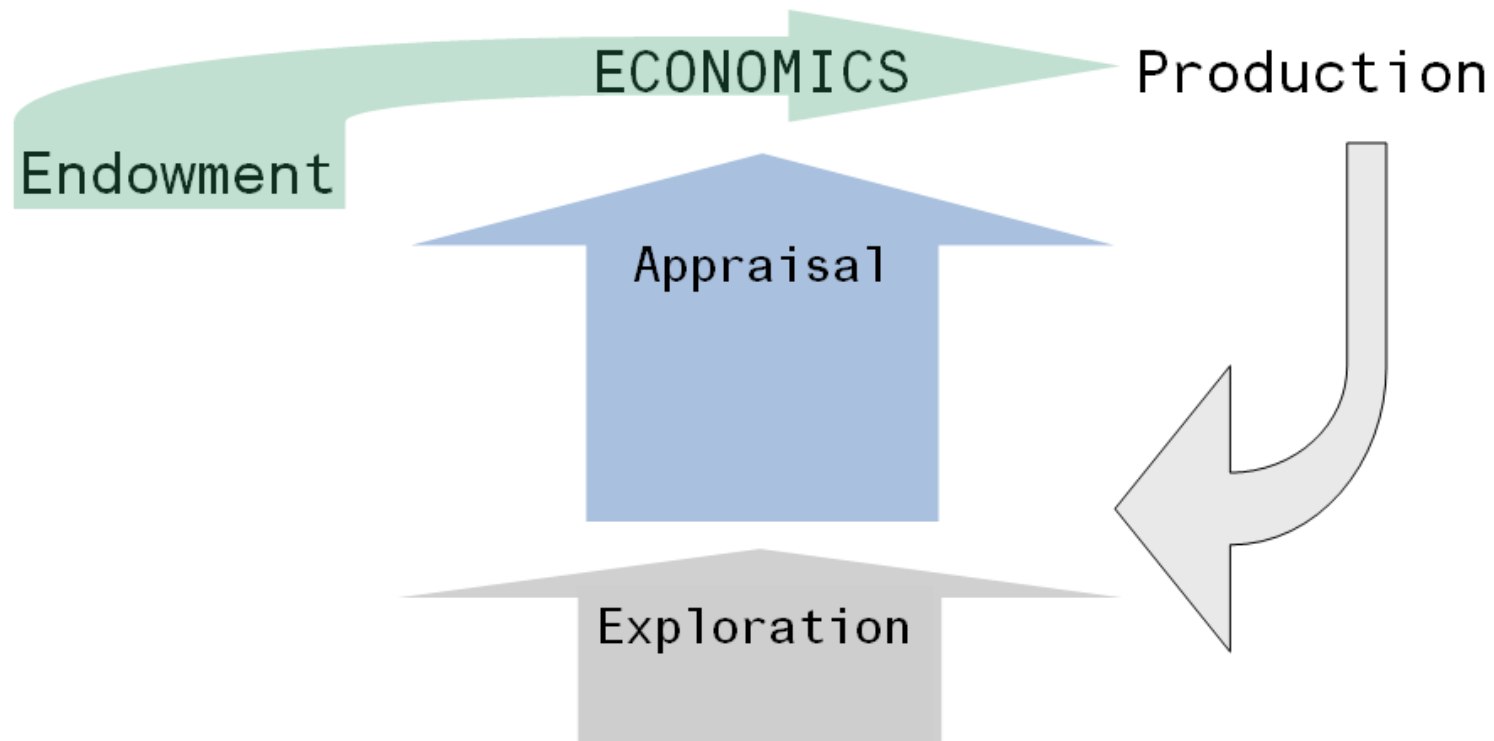
IGU → Natural gas is a clean, affordable, reliable, efficient and secure energy source.

- WOC 1 EXPLORATION → Natural gas endowment is abundant and diversified.
- WOC 1 PRODUCTION → Global production will increase up to 2020 and well beyond, with growing supplies from a wide range of alternatives, both geographically diversified and with a variety of technical challenges and different degrees of geological risks.

WOC 1 - Overarching Message

E&P Business Dynamics

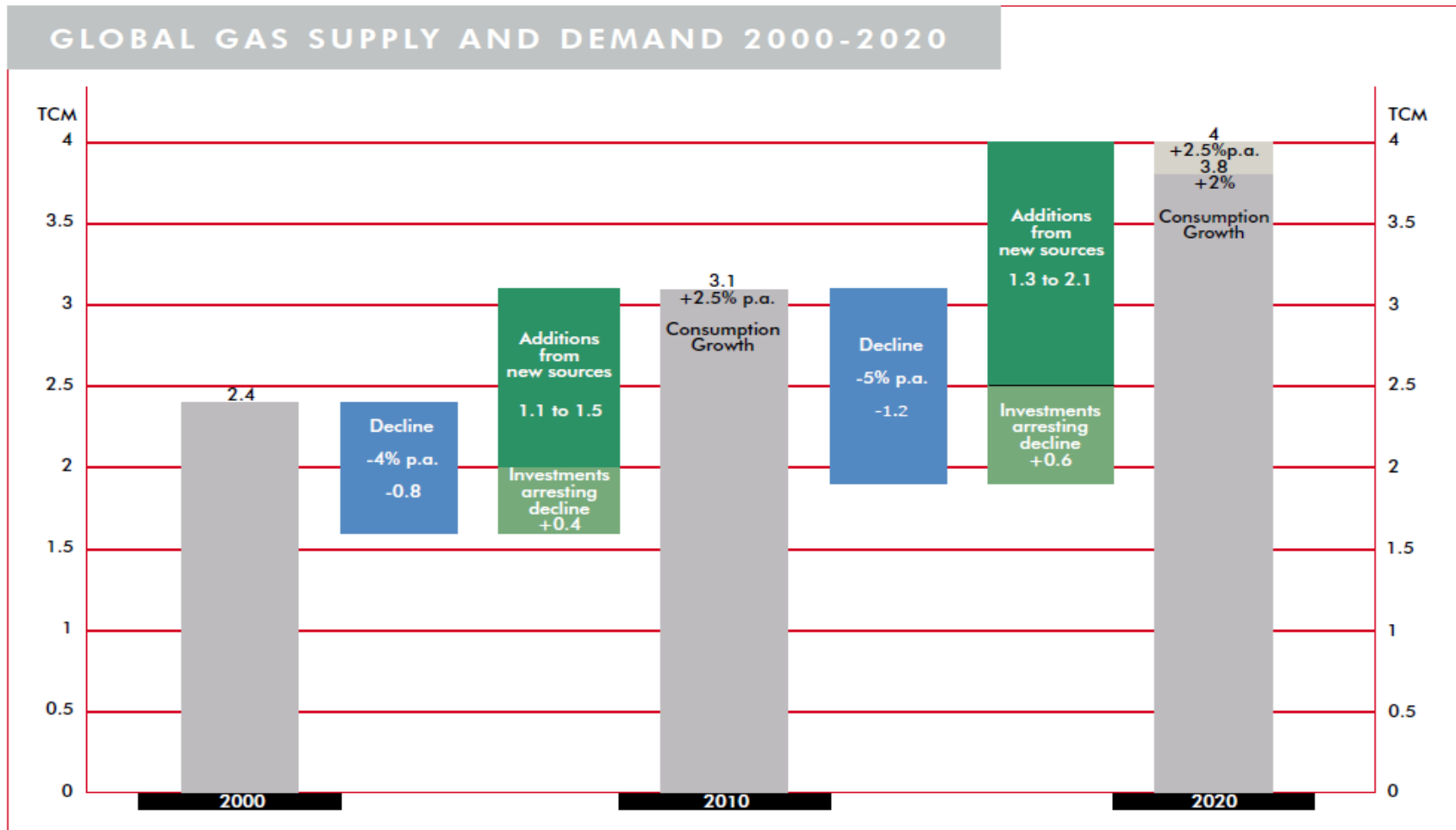
Massive Endowment → Economically and Environmentally Viable Production



WOC 1 - Overarching Message

E&P Increasing needs of new gas

Increasing needs of new sources of production, in the range of 1.3 to 2.1 TCM/y up to 2020



WOC 1 - Production Report

Two groups of developments

1. “Conventional and complex” projects

- geologically conventional targets; and
 - in harsh environments or remote areas, and/or
 - those that face new technical challenges, and/or
 - those on a scale requiring ad-hoc solutions

2. “Unconventional” developments

- specific exploration techniques, and
- extensive appraisal

Are continuous conditions for estimating economics properly.

SECTION 1: “Conventional and complex” projects

- Harsh environments and/or Remote areas
- Technical challenges:
 - Deep gas
 - HP/HT
 - Sour gas
- Scale that requires ad-hoc solutions

**Trends in complexity are validated by reviewing
Current and Future Flagship Projects**

Section 2. “Unconventional” developments

- **Basics & Regulation:**

Definitions - Access to resources - Prices & Economic Infrastructure to market

- **Environmental issues:**

Land use - Drilling and fracturing - Well integrity -Water management – Methane Emissions

- **Risk Assessment:**

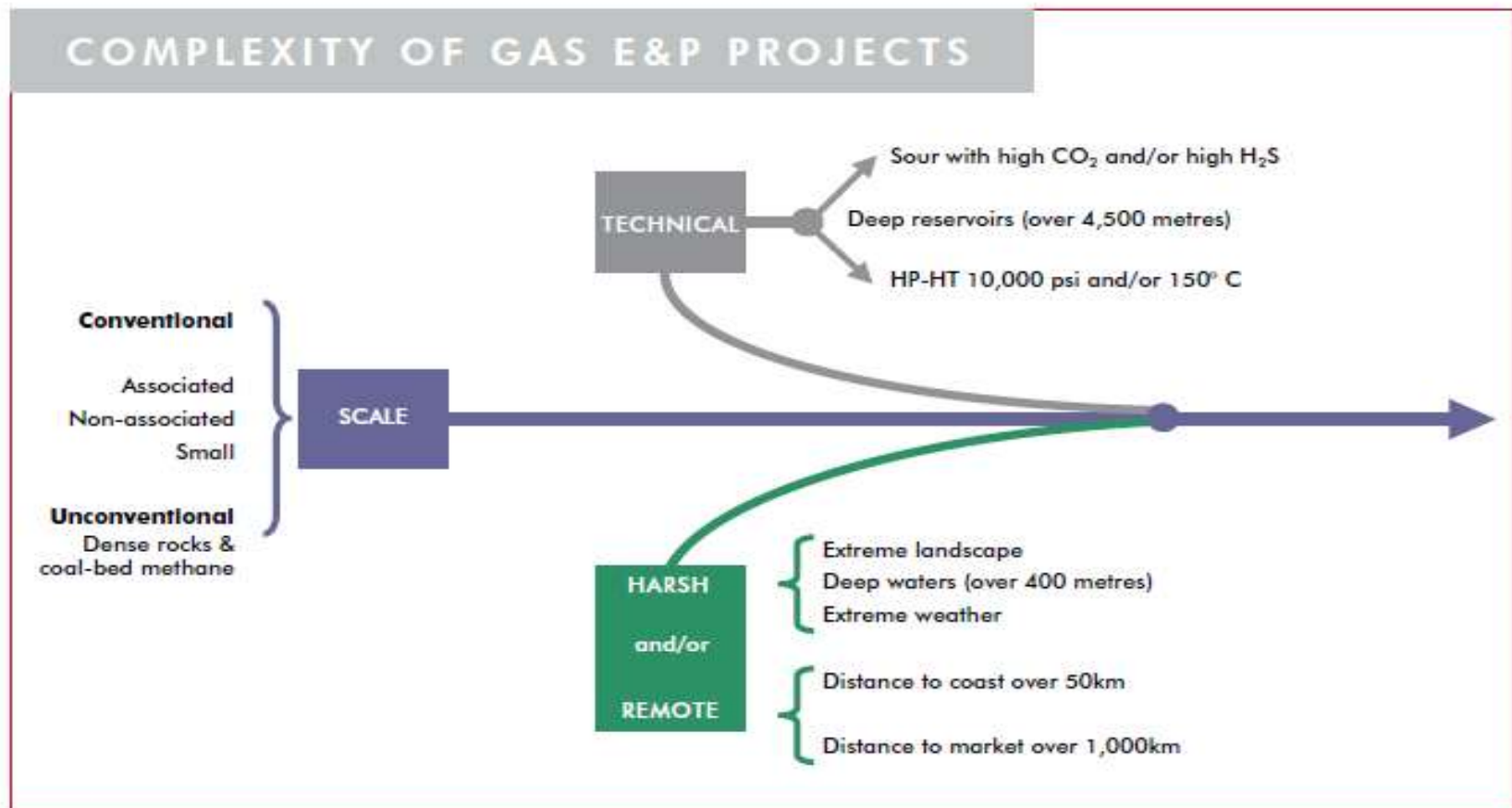
Development phases - Economic evaluation

- **Regional Undertakings**

CONVENTIONAL & COMPLEX PROJECTS

Conventional & Complex Projects Conceptual Categories

No precise parameters, but hurdles to overcome



Conventional and Complex Projects Harsh and/or Remote Environments

INDICATIVE PARAMETERS:

- Distance to coast longer than 50 km
- Water depths deeper than 400 m
- Distance to market longer than 1000 km, onshore
- Extreme weather and/or fragile ecosystems

MAIN HURDLES are **above-the-well**

- Logistic & Infrastructure
- Flow assurance (Deep water & Arctic)
- Limited seasonal window for operations (X conditions)
- Need to reduce environmental footprint (X conditions)

FLAGSHIP CASES

- Arctic: ANS - Snøhvit 2 - Shtokman
- Extreme conditions: Sakhalin
- Stranded: Kovykta (onshore) – Prelude/Concerto (offshore)

Conventional and Complex Projects

Technical

INDICATIVE PARAMETERS are usually **intertwined**

- Deep Reservoirs, over 4500 m (or 15000 feet)
- Sour, with CO₂ and or H₂S over pipeline specifications, usually 0.3% and 10 ppm, respectively.
- HP – HT, with pressure over 10000 psi and/or temperature over 150 °C

MAIN HURDLES are mainly (not exclusive) **below-ground**

- Well design and drilling operations
- Special materials for wells and processing plants
- Disposal CO₂ and or H₂S - Storage
- HSE challenges

FLAGSHIP CASES

- Deep: Shah Deniz II
- Sour: Gorgon - Shah
- HP - HT: San Alberto

MAIN HURDLES are mainly related with Planning and Marketing

- Size relative to infrastructure and markets
- Associated gas tied to oil
- Time elapsing from discovery to first production
- Clustering for small fields
- Flexible or modular designs for large fields

FLAGSHIP CASES

- Offshore: Shtokman
- Onshore: Unconventional

Conventional and Complex Projects Summing Up



Case by Case Solutions & Step by Step Evolution

UNCONVENTIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

Unconventional Developments Conceptual Categories

No precise parameters, but inherit characteristics

- Large accumulations not confined by geological discrete boundaries
- Low permeability; below 0.1 mD
- Low recovery factors; usually below 30%
- Dense rocks: tight-sands and shale gas
- Coal Bed Methane
- Methane Hydrates

Commercial success depends on finding the right interval by proper application of technology

Technology applied is conventional, but innovation by rapid pace of adopting and assembling different new features for specific purposes -> technology progressively more advanced and cost efficient

Beyond North America, incomplete regulatory frameworks are deterring developments

- Investment commitments according to risk-reward parameters for each different stages
- Total length of the licenses and sub-periods
- Rights to entitle reserves /resources
- Market conditions: infrastructure and prices
- Fiscal incentives

Certainty of rules & best practices across the entire chain

- Land use: flexible well spacing rules.
- Drilling and Fracturing: frac fluid disclosure.
- Well integrity: to eliminate the risk of the contamination of drinking water.
- Water management: 10 kb/fracture implies large quantities/well. Recycling.
- Methane emissions: green completions.

From finding remaining large traps to finding viable conditions to produce

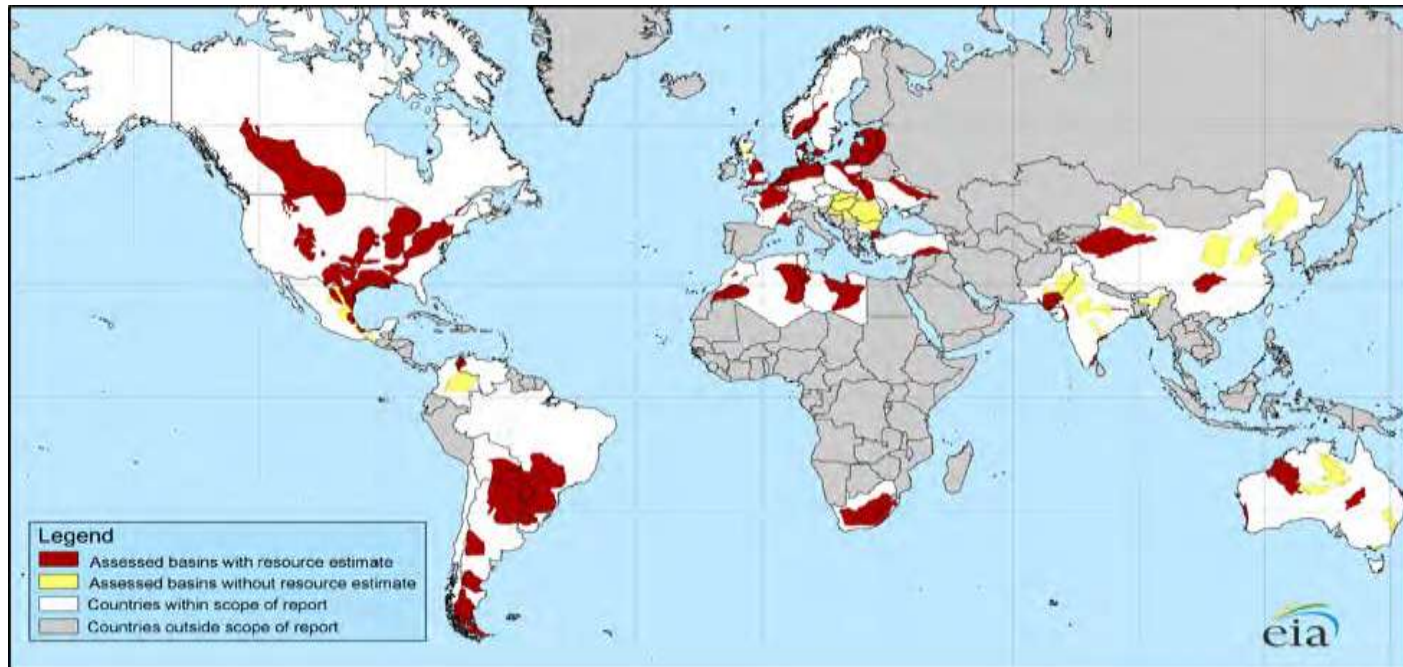
- Phases to mitigate specific uncertainties and/or risks.
- Drilling approach: Manufacturing or establishing targets (sweet spots) selectively.
- **Learning curve:**
 - Barnett reached 0.5 BCF/d, in more than 20 years
 - Fayetteville reached 0.5 BCF/d, in 3 years
 - Marcellus: increased 4 BCF/d, in 3 years
- Economic evaluation: different approaches

United States could become a net exporter of gas by 2020 subject to shale developments large enough to exceed domestic needs

- To fulfill domestic demand by 2020, it is estimated that shale production should increase by 130 BCM/y, volume similar to the production of shale gas in the United States reached in 2010.
- It is estimated that the increase of shale gas production by 2020 could exceed 200 BCM/y.

Unconventional developments Beyond United States - Endowment

Massive Resources: U. S. DOE Initial Assessment of only 14 Regions outside U. S.



70 shale formations = 5700 TCF assessed.

Minimum level of near-term promise & sufficient G&G data

- Oil windows could be developed first due to economics.
- Regulation has to be in place.
- Developments as rapid as U.S. are not likely.

Flagship Developments & Drivers

Canada -> LNG to Asia

Australia -> CBM to LNG

China -> tight sands already developed; demand pull

Poland -> diversified source for Europe

Far East -> demand pull & replacing decline

Argentina -> replacing decline & demand pull subject to prices.

PORTFOLIO OF OPTIONS implies different avenues to translate resources into marketed production.

LARGE DEVELOPMENTS from diversified sources are expected to add production up to 2020, materially.

600 BCM/y OF NEW PRODUCTION FROM ONLY 20 FLAGSHIP PROJECTS are referenced in the report.

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