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## MONETISING STRANDED GAS RESOURCES ONSHORE AND OFFSHORE

- The Palette Of Enabling Technologies, Their Comparative Merits And Challenges In Commercial Application

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### Monetising Stranded Gas Resources Onshore and Offshore

### **Presentation Overview**

- Stranded Gas- Origins and Opportunities
- Candidate Monetisation
  Technologies
- Drivers for Technology Selection
- Technology Maturity and Technology Risk
- Technical and Commercial Merits
- Case Study and Pathfinding Economics



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### Stranded Gas and Target Markets





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# Remote from markets and pipeline infrastructure



Flared from existing crude oil production operations



Captive gas solutions for new oil field development projects



### **Drivers for Monetisation**



- Oil company focus on environmental management and conservation of hydrocarbons
- Government/State oil company pressure for gas solutions as integral to development plans for petroleum extraction
- Adverse impact on reservoir recovery from long term gas injection strategies
- The remoteness of the associated gas source from conventional gas markets
- Emerging Markets for 'Clean' fuels (Legislation Driven)



### Stranded Gas Reserves – Barriers to Monetisation



### Candidate technologies and Maturity Status



**Commercial Viability** 

### Pathways to Monetisation



### Gas Value Chain





### Gas Monetisation – Distance to Markets



### **Technology Application Bands**



**Reserves (TCF)** 

### The LNG Value Chain



### LNG Liquefaction Technologies

### **Options Relative to Capacity**

- Single Expander Cycle
- NicheLNG (dual expanders, nitrogen + methane)
- Mustang Smart<sup>®</sup> LNG (open and closed loops)
- Dual Nitrogen Expanders BHP, Kanfa Aragon
- Single Mixed Refrigerant (SMR) -Linde, APCI
- Optimised Cascade ConocoPhillips
- Dual Mixed Refrigerant (DMR) Shell, APCI
- C3/MR APCI
- Mixed Fluid Cascade Linde, Liquefin - Axens





### Monetisation of Offshore Gas via LNG – West Africa



 Current status of monetisation of gas from shallow and deep water block developments

#### Nigeria:

- NLNG has been the principal vehicle for monetisation of offshore gas.
- Fields served include Bonga, Ofon, Usan, and Egina

#### Angola:

- Angola LNG implemented to similarly monetise gas from deep water offshore blocks
- Current start-up issues with this project has deferred monetisation.
- Sonagas actively pursuing parallel options for monetisation of offshore gas



### Offshore Gas Monetisation via FLNG





### Offshore Gas Monetisation via CNG





### Marine Transport of CNG – The Sweet Spot



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Modest infrastructure at gas field location and onshore delivery location

#### **Target Market Opportunities:**

- Gas Volume Rates of 200 500 MMScfd
- Distances of 500 2000 kms

#### CNG Fleet Size & Vessel Capacity function of

- Gas Rate
- Distance to Market

### Offshore CNG Transport – Technology options

LNG proponents have opted for three alternative technology approaches to maximise CNG stored for given weight of containment unit.

- Elevate containment pressure to store more gas
- Chill gas to take advantage of favourable compressibility factor
- Choice of lighter materials (e.g. use of composites)



CNG	Technology Proprietor	Туре
Coselle	SeaNG, Calgary	Pressurized, Ambient
Votrans	Enersea Transport, Houston	Pressurized, Chilled
GTM	Transcanada, Calgary	Composite Pressurized Storage

#### **CNG Containment Pressure Range:**

1500 – 4000 psi 



### FLNG and FCNG / Opportunities



Source: Flex LNG



Source: Sea NG

- Design maturation now attained for FLNG concepts for mid-scale production
- Flexible commercial models on offer for FLNG and FCNG (Capex and lease basis)
- FCNG is more economic for monetisation of a lower threshold of gas reserve
- FCNG scalability renders it suitable for gas fields where progressive production build-up envisaged
- Hybrid architecture feasible whereby initial field production commences with FCNG, followed by FLNG deployment

### GTL Core Process





### Typical Synthesis Gas Generation and Fischer Tropsch





### Barriers to GTL Application -Context of Stranded Gas



#### **Technical Complexity**

- Petrochemical type operations
- Multiple integrated operations

#### **Project Cost**

- Wide variation and less predictable
- Currently perceived spread
  \$120,000 to \$180,000 per bpsd
- Investment levels challenge economics

#### **Project Risk**

- Significant over-runs in reference plants
- Technical Complexity feeds schedule risk



### Offshore GTL – Export Options for FT Products



- Exported untreated as syncrude or blended with crude export
- Processed for pour point and exported separately from crude
- Processed for pour point and blended with crude export
- Processed and exported as distillate products (Naphtha, Kerosene, Diesel)



### Floater Based GTL Process Schemes

### **Offshore Design Considerations**



Vessel Motion and Impact on Process System Performance

Mechanical Stresses on Process Equipment Mounted on Deck due to:

- Flexing of Vessel Deck and Stresses on Piping Systems
- Large Number and Complexity of Equipment in Intensified Layout
  - Maintainability
  - Separation of Sensitive Air Intake/Vent Sources
- High Equipment Weight, Weight Distribution and Point Loads



### Capacity Implications for FT, Methanol and LNG Routes



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### Gas (Energy) Transportation by HVDC



Gas to Power – Long distance transmission to regional or international markets



### Criteria Based Assessment of Technology Options

#### **Onshore Monetisation-Applications**

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Mid-scale LNG							
Baseload LNG							
CNG							
DME	<b></b>	<b></b>	<b></b>		<b></b>		
Methanol							
GTL		<b></b>	<b>▲</b>			<b></b>	
Ammonia/ Urea							
Ethylene							
Gas to Power							



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FCNG							
Hydrates Transportation							



### Case Study- Monetisation of Offshore Stranded Gas



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#### LNG FPSO located at field centre

- Feed Gas from subsea wells: Rate : 350 MMscfd
- Feed Gas Prices (cases): Nominally priced at \$2, 3 and 5/Mscf at FLNG riser flange.
- LNG FPSO Production Life: 20 years
- Corporation Tax: 38%
- LNG price as delivered to Regasification terminal
- Required IRR: 12%
- Distance to market (cases): 3000 and 5000 km
- No credit taken for revenues generated by NGLs
- FLNG development costs exclude Subsea Capex.
- Nominal LNG production: 2.3 mtpa

### **Concluding Observations**

- Technology developments herald unprecedented opportunities for exploitation of stranded gas.
- Geography, size of gas reserves, distance to markets etc will determine the optimum mode of energy delivery
- Base load LNG remains a prime contender for large stranded gas reserves.
- Mid-scale LNG technologies are emerging as interesting options for mid-tier gas reserves.
- Ship transport of CNG has commercial potential for energy delivery to mid-markets & regional markets.



- Conventional Fischer Tropsch GTL offers key opportunities for gas monetisation but scale of investment and project risk are key co-determinants of application.
- Horizon technology such as hydrates transport will further expand an already impressive solutions portfolio.



