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Technology & business drivers for the upstream oil & gas industry in Australia: implications for working with Africa

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Presenter's background

- Geoscientist - former executive with Esso, Exxon and Woodside
- Roles included head of Global Studies for Exxon, and Executive Vice President Exploration for Woodside
- Executive Director, Strategic Engagement, Curtin Business School
- Managing Director, Norris Strategic Investments P/L
- Chair, Earth Science Western Australia
- Chair, Curtin Graduate School of Business
- Non-Executive Director, Central Petroleum Ltd



Curtin University's interests in Africa

- History of working with Africa:
especially in minerals area through WASM
(Western Australia School of Mines)
- Keen to assist in the development
of the region via education and
research
- Strong in oil and gas:
 - Largest university in Western Australia
(>60,000 students)
 - Largest Engineering School in WA
 - Largest Business School in WA
 - Australia's only MBA in Oil & Gas
 - Strong links to Australian industries



Engineering building 215, main campus, WA



Curtin Graduate School of Business, Perth, WA

Global considerations for Africa

- Global energy demand remains high
- Continued dominant role of oil and gas
- Global energy mix evolves
- Transformational role of “unconventionals” – including the current oil price collapse and flow-on to gas pricing



Very strong competition in the marketplace

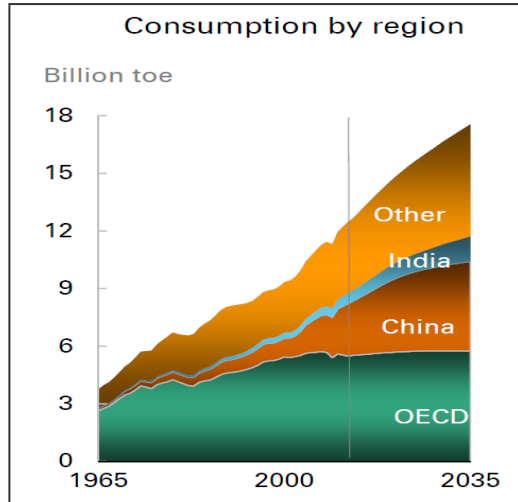
- **Cost will need to come down**
- **Quality opportunities will remain in demand**
- **Only best opportunities will be funded**
- **Technology and outstanding talent will be critical to success**



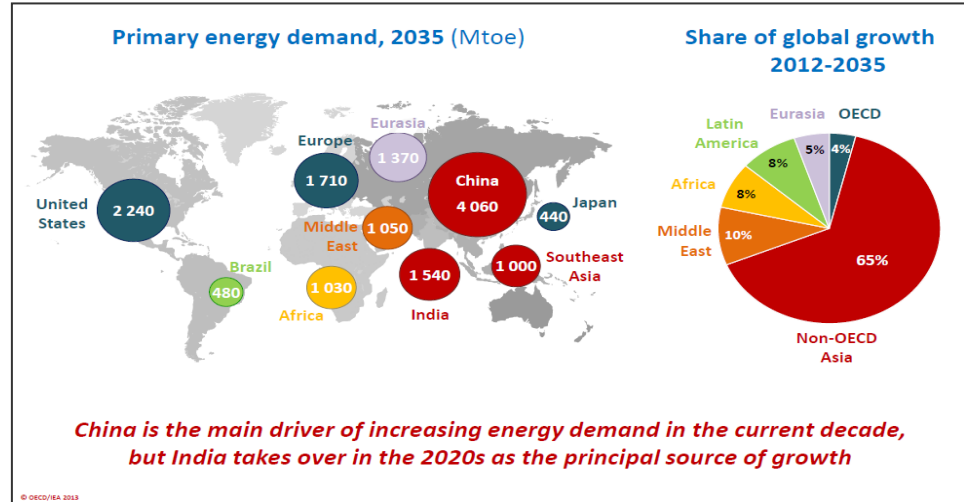
North Rankin A and B production platforms, WA.
Image: Woodside

Global energy demand driven by SE Asia

Oil is globally traded, although US light crude from shale gas has reduced their need for Nigeria crude
 Gas is increasingly being moved globally as LNG
 For gas, Africa is well placed to pursue various growing markets



Global energy consumption vs time.
 Source: BP Energy Outlook 2014

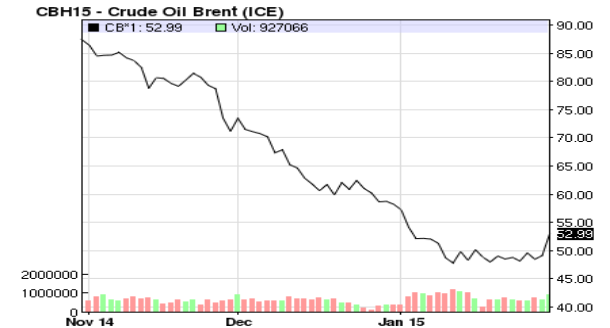
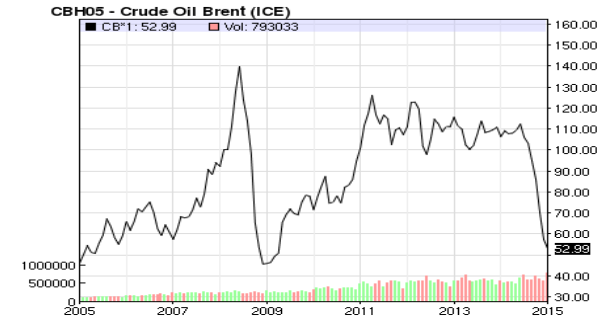


China is the main driver of increasing energy demand in the current decade, but India takes over in the 2020s as the principal source of growth

World energy demand and global energy growth versus time
 Source: IEA World Energy Outlook 2013

Oil price movements & impacts

- **Oil price fall attributed to a combination of events:**
 - US unconventional production adding > 1 MMbbl/day each year for the past 3 years
 - Softening demand from (a) weak economic conditions & (b) substitutions
 - OPEC failure to act as swing producer
- **Signs of a floor recently**
- **Uncertainty about timing and magnitude of recovery:**
 - OPEC response critical (next meeting June)
 - Continued growth in consumption
 - Uneconomic stripper wells first to stop
 - Uneconomic shale oil next
 - Reduction in exploration
 - Slowdown in marginal new developments



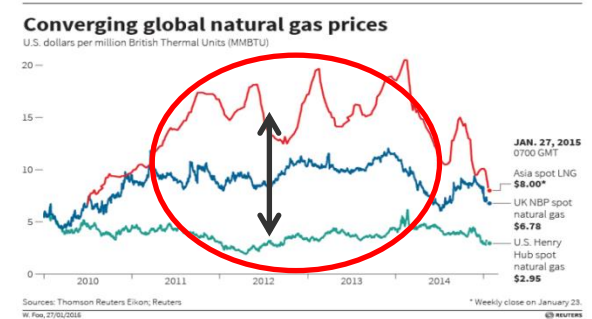
Brent crude oil prices: 10 years (top) and 3 months) bottom

Source: www.nasdaq.com

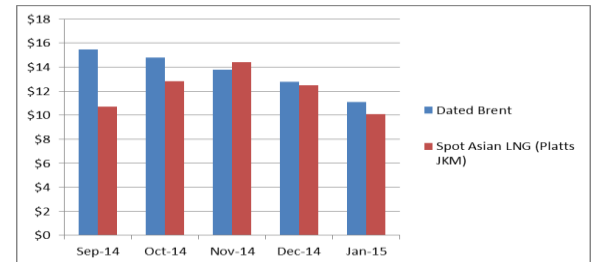


Gas price movements & impacts

- **Asian spot LNG prices have been falling due to trends that favours buyers:**
 - Mild temperatures, high inventories, soft economies
 - Growing production (PNG LNG; now QCLNG)
 - Indirect linkage to Brent crude prices
- **Most Asian LNG is sold under long term, oil-price-linked contracts:**
 - e.g. 14.5-15% slope to crude on a lagged '3-0-1' pricing formula (ie 3 mth averaging, 0 month countback, 1 mth being priced).
 - With time, if oil stays around \$50 vs \$100, Asian Contract LNG prices will fall from around \$15/Mmbtu to as little as \$7.50/Mmbtu, depending on the shape of the S curve and the contract price floor.
- **Arbitrage opportunities for US LNG into Asia are diminishing, given:**
 - Falling Asian LNG spot prices
 - Falling oil prices and assuming \$6.50 cost of liquifaction, shipping and re-gasification.



Global spot gas prices, 2010-2014
Source: <http://blogs.platts.com/2015/01/15/crude-price-lng/>

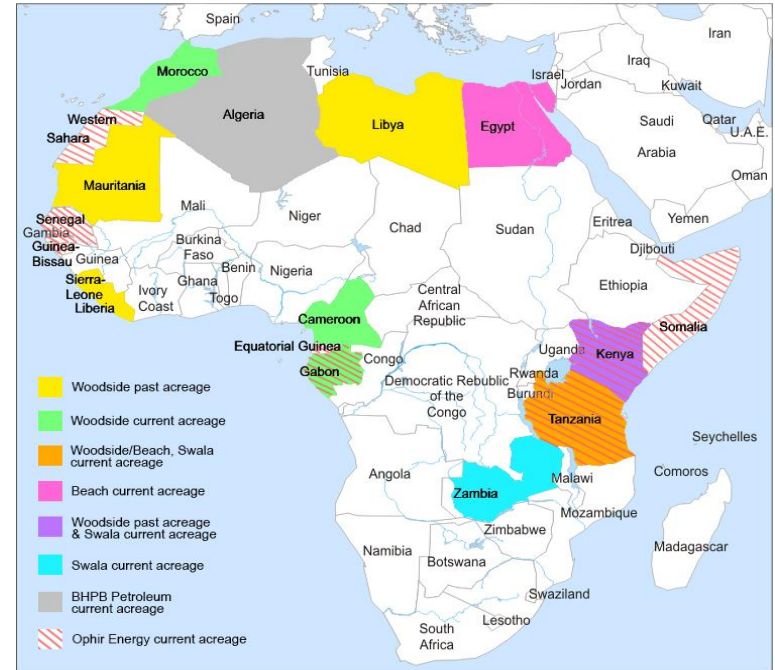


5 month price trend of Asian spot LNG and Japan/Korea contracted LNG

Data Source: <http://blogs.platts.com/2015/01/15/crude-price-lng/>

“Australian” oil & gas operators in Africa

- Solid history of working in Africa
- Woodside took lead role over ~2 decades from the late 1980s, & has recently re-engaged
- Other major player is Ophir: registered on London SX but with a major technical office in Perth



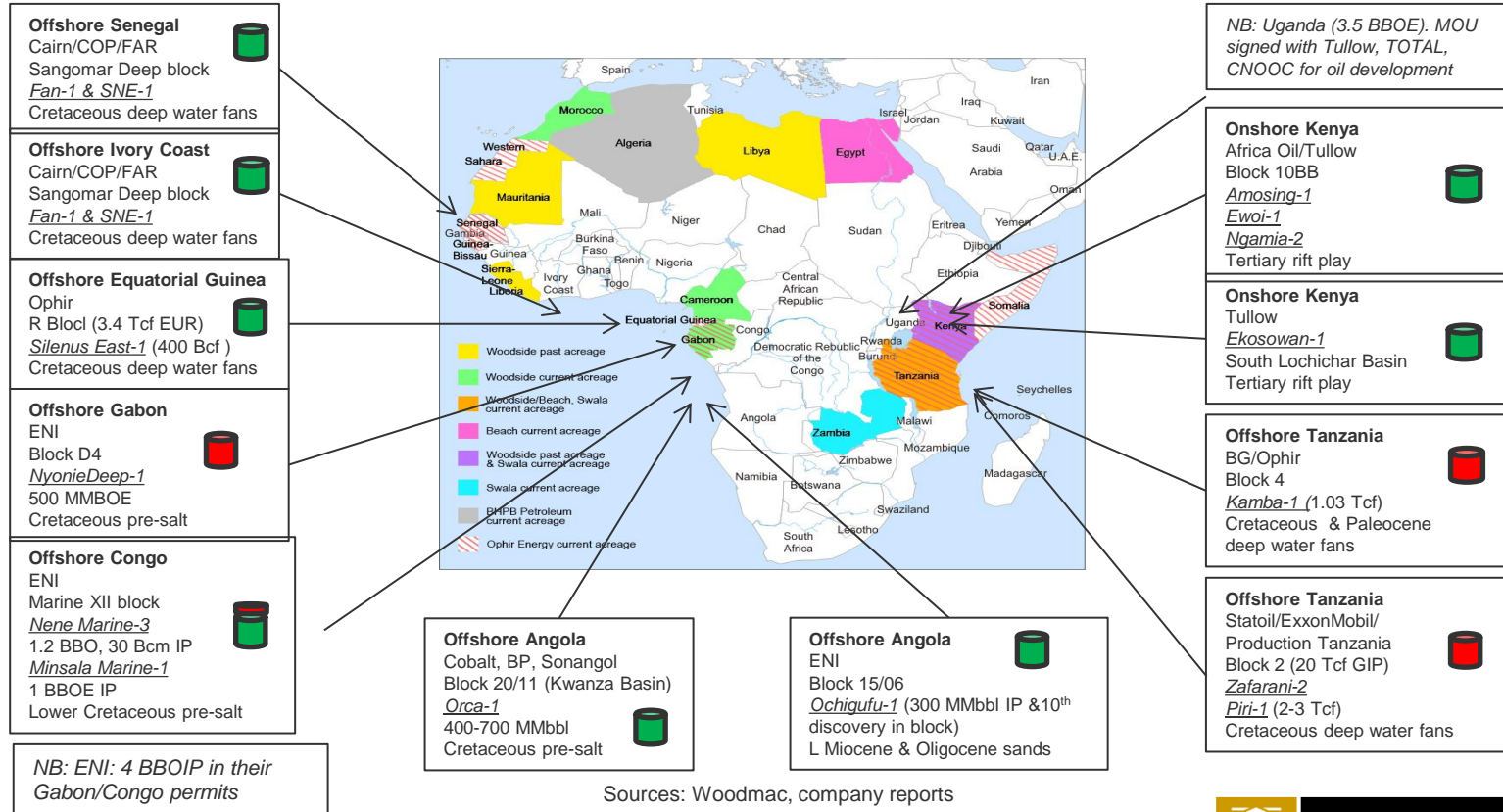
Major oil and gas operators, contractors and research institutions in Perth

Major Operating Companies	Major Contractors	Major Research Institutions
Woodside	Schlumberger	Curtin University
Chevron	Clough	UWA
Shell	Worley Parsons	CSIRO
TOTAL	Chiyoda	Monash University
ConnocoPhillips	Thiess	Edith Cowan University
ENI	Transfield	Notra Dame University
BP	Aust Marine Complex	
BHPB	CB&I	
Inpex	KBR	
Murphy	GE Oil & Gas	
Hess	Weatherford	
Santos	Saipem	
	Subsea7	
	Wood Kenny	
	Fugro	
	Jacobs/SKM	
	Fluor	
	FMC Technologies	
	Baker Hughes	
	Oceaneering	
	Techniq	
	DNV GL	



Source: Wood Mackenzie, [in AAPG Explorer Jan 2014](#)

Africa: 2014 key discoveries



Sources: Woodmac, company reports

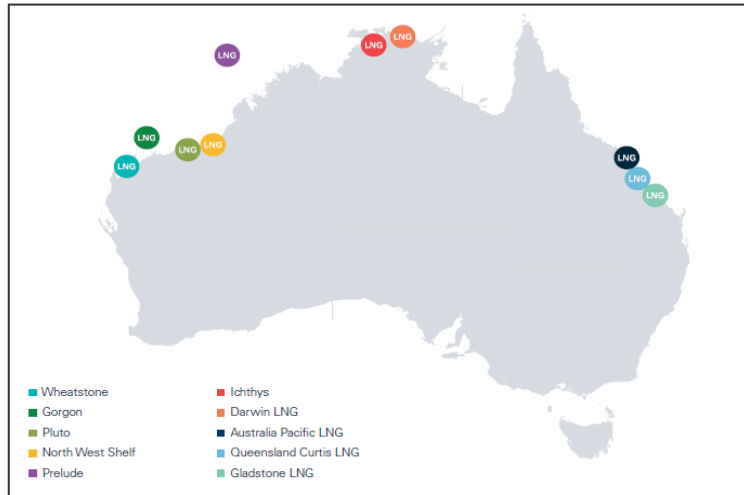


Lessons from Australia's gas industry

In Australia, over the last 50 years, exploration has uncovered world-scale gas resources.

These resources have allowed the growth of both domestic and LNG export markets.

Australia's LNG operators and contractors have an abundance of experience



Location of existing and under-construction LNG projects in Australia

PROJECT	TRAINS	PRODUCTION CAPACITY (mtpa)	CAPEX (A\$B)	START DATE
A. Operating				
North West Shelf	5	16.3	60*	1989
Darwin LNG	1	3.7	1.6**	2005
Pluto	1	4.3	15.3	2012
	7	24.3	66.8	
B. Committed / Under Construction				
Qld Curtis LNG	2	8.5	20.4	2014
Gladstone LNG	2	7.8	18.5	2015
Aust Pacific LNG	2	9	24.7	2015
Gorgon	3	15	54	2015
Ichthys	2	8.4	34	2016
Wheatstone	2	8.9	29	2016
Prelude FLNG	1	3.5	13	2017
	14	61.1	193.6	

* In 2012 dollars

** In 2006 dollars

Capacity of existing & under-construction LNG trains in Australia

The first QCLNG train is now in Operation

WA's experience: the last decade (1: LNG)

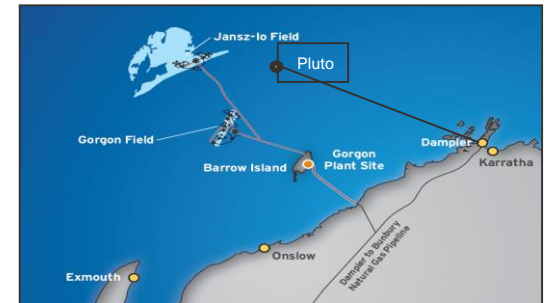
- 2005: Pluto discovery (~5 tcf)
 - Woodside 100%
 - FID 2007, On production 2013
 - One train, 4.3 mtpa, \$15B
- 2009: Gorgon FID (~37 tcf)
 - Chevron/Shell/Exxon 50%/25%/25%
 - Discovered in 1981 (Gorgon) and 2000 (Jansz-lo)
 - FID 2009, RFSU 2015+
 - Three trains, 15.6 mtpa, 100 TJ/d, \$54B



Gorgon LNG construction on Barrow Island, WA. Image: Chevron



Pluto LNG plant, Burrup Peninsula, Karratha, WA
Image: Woodside



Location of Pluto, Gorgon & Jansz-lo discoveries
Image: Chevron

WA's experience: the last decade (2: LNG)

- 2004: Wheatstone discovery (~8 tcf)
 - Chevron 64.14% Operated JV
 - FID 2011, On production 2016
 - Two trains, 8.9 mtpa, 200 TJ/d, \$29B
- Browse Basin: Ichthys / Prelude
 - Ichthys LNG development
 - Inpex/TOTAL
 - Discovered 2000, FID 2012
 - 2 trains, 8.4 mtpa and 100K BCPD \$34B, RFSU 2016
 - Prelude FLNG development
 - Shell 100%
 - 1 train, 3.5 mtpa
 - ~\$13B, RFSU 2017



Wheatstone LNG plant construction, Onslow, WA. Image: Chevron



Shell's Prelude FLNG vessel under construction. Image: Shell

WA's experience: the last decade (3:domngas)

- 2011: Devils Creek domestic gas production
 - Apache 55% (Op), Santos 45%
 - Development of Reindeer Gas Field, discovered in 1997
 - Design capacity 200 MMscf/d (delivering 100 MMscf/d)
 - FID 2009, Cost A\$1.1B
- 2013: Macedon domestic gas production
 - BHPB 71.5% (Op), Apache 28.5%
 - Development of Macedon Gas Field, discovered in 1992
 - Design capacity 200 MMscf/d
 - FID 2011, Cost US\$1.5B
- 2013: Red Gully domestic gas production
 - Empire Oil 76.39% (Op), ERM 23.61%
 - Development of Gingin West and Red Gully Gas Fields, discovered in 2009 & 2011
 - Design capacity 10 MMscf/d
 - FID 2011, Cost A\$39M



Devil Creek domestic gas plant, Cape Preston, WA.

Photo courtesy Apache Corporation



Macedon domestic gas plant, Onslow, WA

Image: BHPB

Eastern Australia today

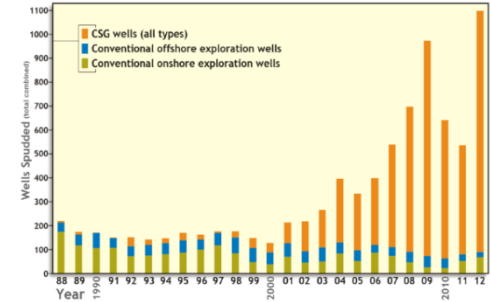
- **World's first coal-seam-gas (CSG) to LNG**
- **3 projects, 6 trains LNG, A\$70B investment**
- **Investment seen as very positive to Australia**
- **Has revitalised many struggling communities**
- **Stakeholder engagement critical**



Multi well production.
Image: Santos



Well head production, gathering, stabilisation. Image: Santos



Australian exploration wells vs time.
Image: APPEA Annual Report 2012-13



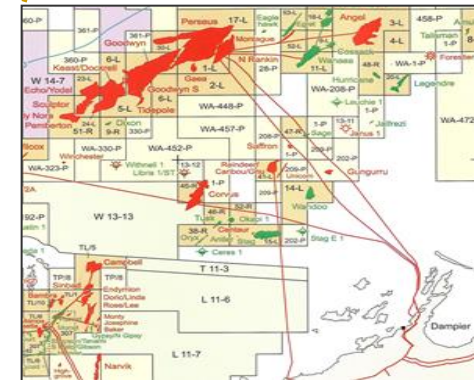
3 projects & 6 trains LNG, Gladstone, Qld.
Image: Santos

Origin of a gas industry in WA: the NW Shelf

- **Woodside-led JV makes multi-tcf gas discoveries:**
 - Scott Reef (1971) in Browse Basin
 - North Rankin (1971) and Goodwyn (1972) in Carnarvon Basin. Also smaller gas find at Angel (1972).
- **North Rankin and Goodwyn form basis of NW Shelf gas development**



Location of Woodside-operated acreage & gas discoveries in 1971-2
Image: Fifty years of Woodside's history. Woodside



2014 acreage map of NW Shelf area, showing discoveries & pipelines

NW Shelf Venture LNG development

- **1971-2:** initial discoveries
- **1976:** JV adjusts: Woodside (operator), Shell, Chevron, BP, BHP
- **1980:** signing of domestic gas supply contract with state government
- **1984:** Japanese (MIMI) joins. JV forms 1/6th equal shares
- **1985:** LNG export sales agreement
- **1989:** First LNG shipment to Japan
- **2001:** Expansion to 4th train
- **2002:** 25 year contract to China to underpin Train 5 expansion
- **Today:** 5 trains, 16.3 mtpa, capex in 2012 A\$ estimated at ~\$60B



North West Shelf LNG plant at Karratha, WA

Image: Fifty years of Woodside's history. Woodside



Northwest Shelf LNG development on Burrup Peninsula, Karratha, WA

Image: Woodside Energy Ltd.

Government policy matters

Strong support for E&P overall

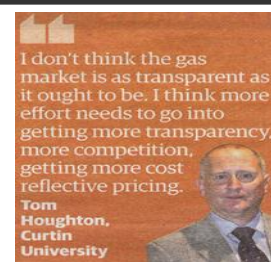
- **Strong relationships with governments**
- **Government support at startup**
- **Strong government support for exports**
- **Exploration support** e.g. transparent awarding and granting of permits; Retention Lease policy
- **Clear and stable laws & legislation**
- **Transparent Regulator**
- **Reasonable fiscal terms**

Debate around domgas reservation



Reservation is holding the State back by the fact that industries and businesses that would otherwise be major users of gas are not making those investments because of lack of certainty around supply.

Nev Power,
Fortescue
Metals Group



I don't think the gas market is as transparent as it ought to be. I think more effort needs to go into getting more transparency, more competition, getting more cost reflective pricing.

Tom Houghton,
Curtin
University



We'd like to see more transparency in the policy so we can determine when we think and how gas will come to market.

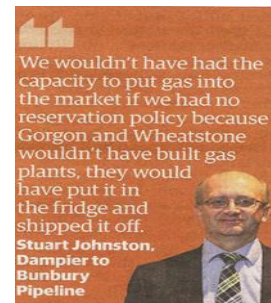
Chris Campbell,
Alinta

Curtin Business Outlook Series
The West Australian, November 2014



The domestic gas reservation policy is significantly and economically suboptimal ... if there are short-term gains to be made in terms of lower prices potentially for consumers and users, they are far more outweighed by a longer-term detriment.

Steve Edwell,
ERA



We wouldn't have had the capacity to put gas into the market if we had no reservation policy because Gorgon and Wheatstone wouldn't have built gas plants, they would have put it in the fridge and shipped it off.

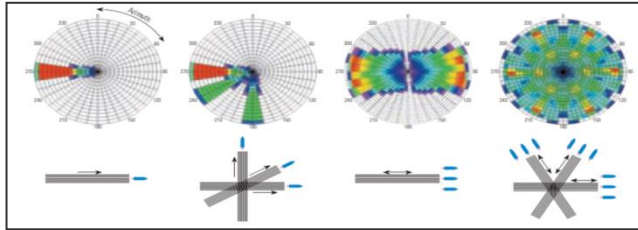
Stuart Johnston,
Dampier to
Bunbury
Pipeline



There is a concern the reservation policy is not providing sufficient certainty around the timing and the magnitude of gas supplies into WA. Indeed, it could be having the reverse effect.

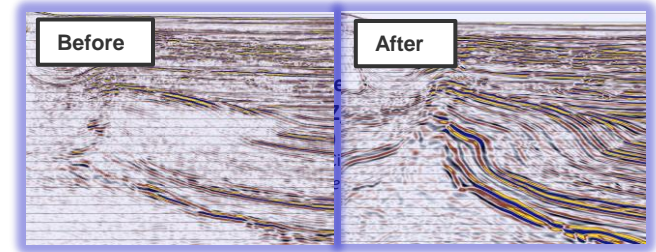
Peter Moore,
Curtin
University

Technology matters: exploration & development seismic



Acquisition techniques (standard, MAZ, WAZ, RAZ)

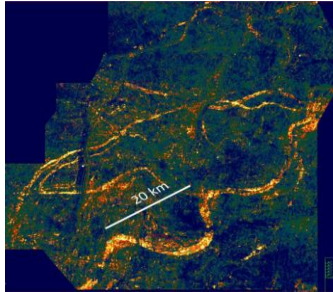
Image: Moore (2013) Beijing ITC, from "Shooting Seismic in Circles",
Buia, et al. *Oilfield Review*, 2008



Acquisition & processing: standard vs RAZ

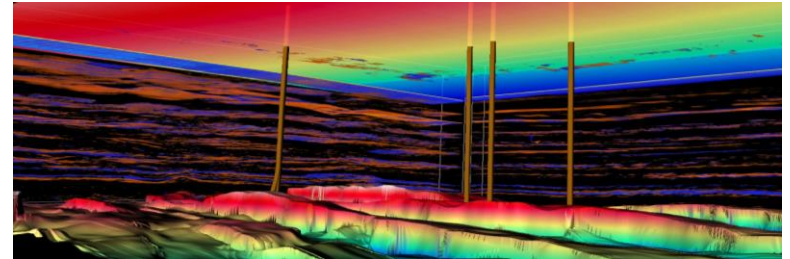
Image: Neptune Field, from Moore (2013) Beijing ITC

Best practice tools and people



Processing & display

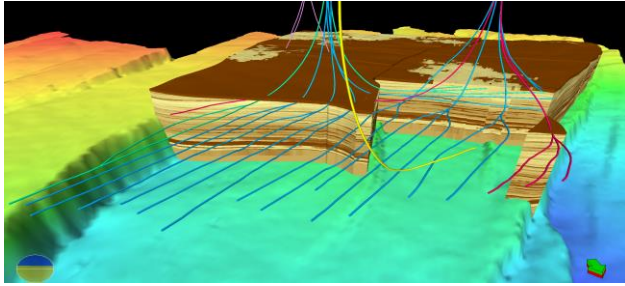
Image: Carnarvon Basin 3D, from Moore (2013) Beijing ITC



3D visualisation

Image: From Moore (2013) Beijing ITC

Technology matters: development engineering



Multilateral, long-reach drilling

Image: Vincent oil field, from Moore (2013) Beijing ITC



Transporting module to Pluto LNG site

Image: Woodside

Best practice capabilities



One of 7 FPSOs off the W & N coasts of Australia

Image: Woodside

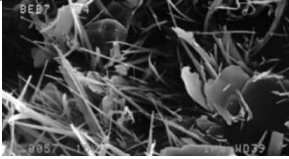


Model of Prelude FLNG ship, with offloading tanker

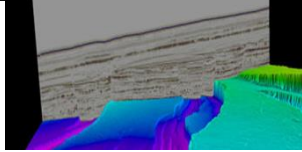
Image: Shell

Research matters

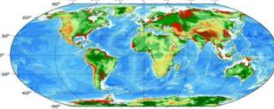
Petroleum Geology



Petroleum Geophysics



Spatial Sciences



Chemical Engineering



Petroleum Engineering



Petroleum Geochemistry



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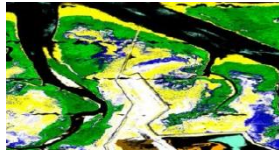
**Curtin University:
petroleum fields of expertise**

Lean Construction



Woodside W-Tag

Remote Sensing



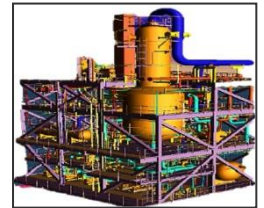
Marine Sciences



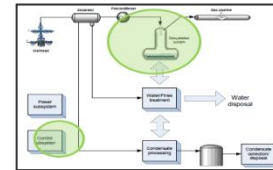
Supercomputing



Corrosion Engineering



Subsea Engineering



Research partnerships matter e.g. WAERA



Towards the future: the Internet of Everything

'The Internet of Everything (IoE), with over 50 Billion devices to be connected to the Internet by 2020, will have five to 10 times the impact on society as the Internet itself' Cisco

'Less than 2%, of what can be connected to the internet, is connected today' Cisco

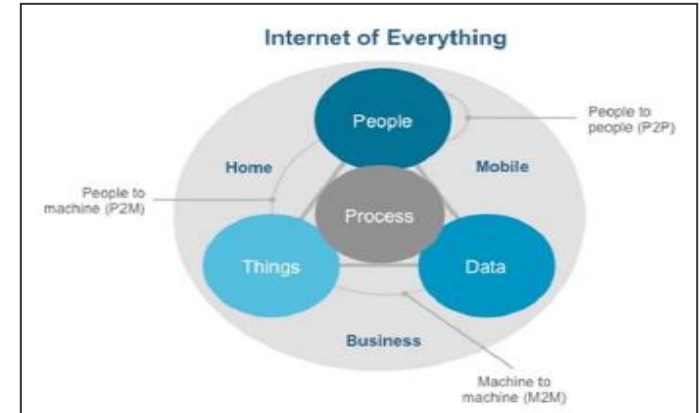
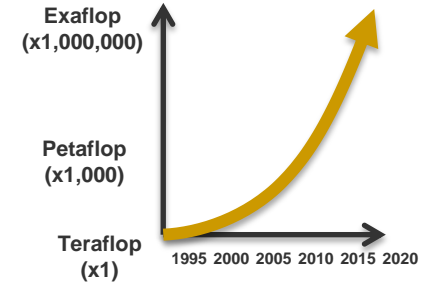
Australia is an early adopter of high-technology:

- **#1 cloud adopter**
- **#1 sales revenue per capita (#8 total sales revenue)***

Google spent \$3.2 billion to acquire smart thermostat and smoke detector company Nest in 2014

*Cisco – See CNET Article for Summary: <http://www.cnet.com/news/how-much-is-the-internet-of-everything-worth-cisco-says-19-trillion/>

*Cisco Global Outcomes by Revenue



Data > information > knowledge > performance



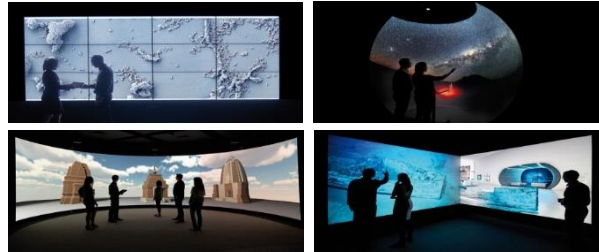
Smart buildings



The ability to analyse:
Big data & data analytics
e.g. Pawsey Supercomputer



Superior performance



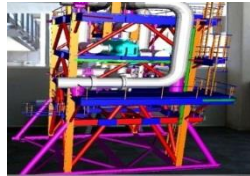
The ability to visualise:
e.g. Curtin University HIVE



“Dumb” meters



Smart meters



Smart facilities

Some insights for Africa to consider

- There is a new reality with falling oil prices
 - Costs will have to decrease to provide an adequate return on investment
 - Only the economically most robust projects will proceed until prices increase & stabilise
 - The investment hurdle is lowest for the countries that are the most stable
- Significant capex differences and hence economics exist between settings
 - Onshore / shallow offshore WD<500m / deep water 500-1500m / ultra-deep >1500m
 - Discovery to FID or RFSU times can be considerably extended passing into deep and ultra-deep water
- Large conventional gas fields offshore are vastly different from CSG fields onshore
 - While costs are higher, the development is more predictable
- Even Australia struggles with immature domestic markets – the challenge shouldn't be underestimated
- The best way to find oil and gas is to promote exploration via appropriate terms
 - GA, Acreage Release Programme & Retention leases have all encouraged exploration within Australia
- Australia has a wealth of experience and capabilities
 - Especially in Perth, where the major operators and contractors are
 - Perth is a centre of oil and gas expertise in the various research institutions

