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- Multiphase flow transportation

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Flow assurance

- HYSYS usage
 - Production enhancement techniques
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 - ESP
 - Gas Lift
 - Multiphase boosting (wet gas compression)
 - increase number of wells
 - stimulation
- before easter ↑
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- Optimization of production systems
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 - gas lift
 - ESP, routing

- Dynamics of marine structures
 - Problem class with Prosper and GAP
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Multiphase flow transport: if I have enough energy to produce the desired field rate

- longer transportation distances
- Low temperatures
- Accurate prediction of pressure and temperature drop in transportation pipelines


Flow Assurance

Ensure a successful transportation of hydrocarbons from the reservoir to the processing facilities

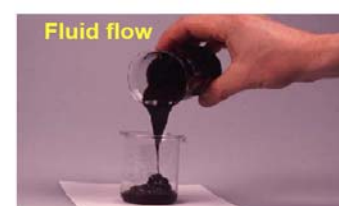
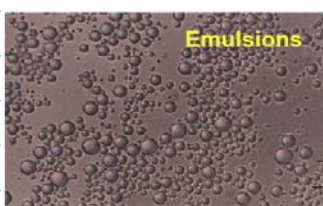
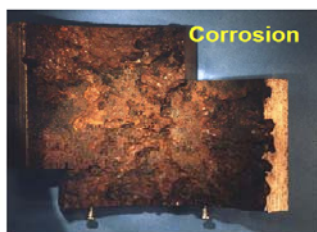
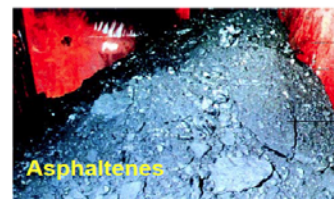
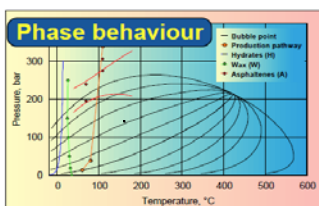
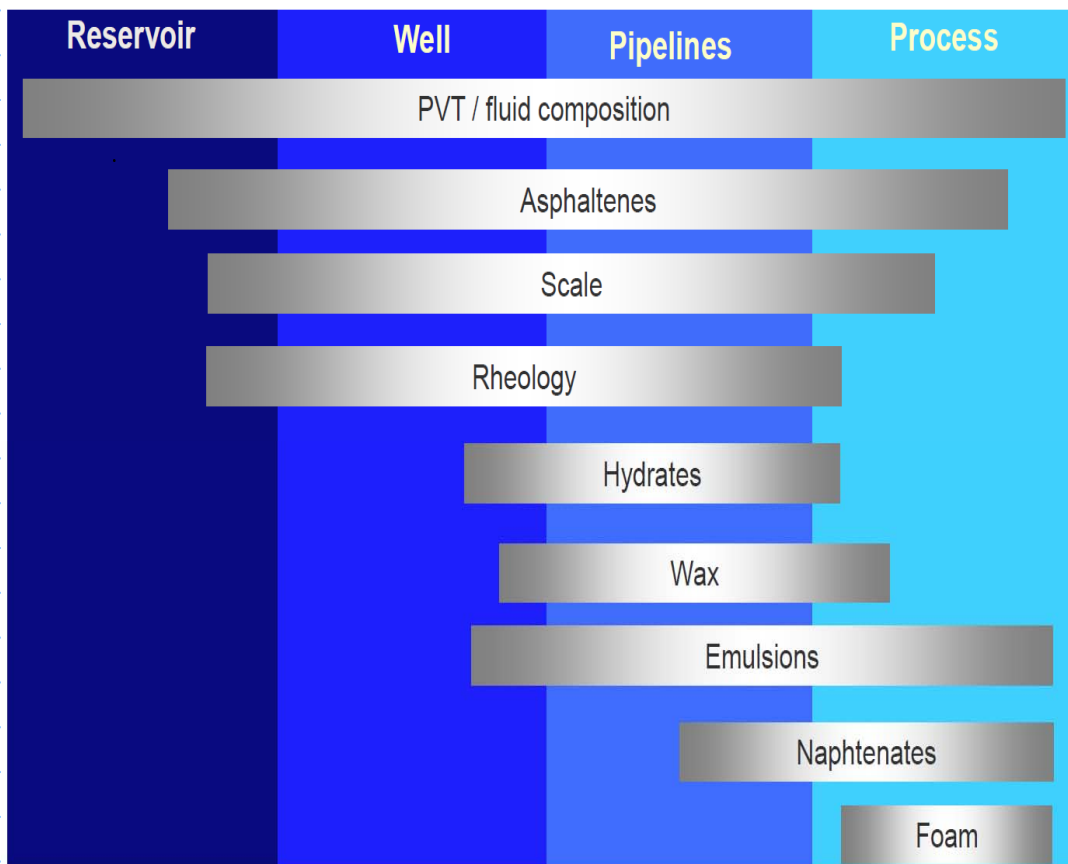
Main problem of transportation

- pressure drop \rightarrow gas liberation
liquid condensation

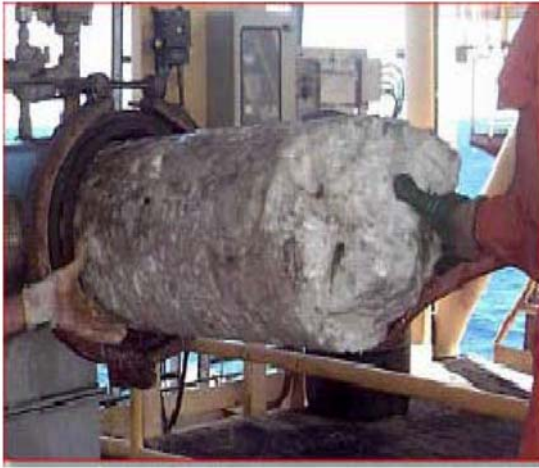
liq accumulation \rightarrow extra press drop
difficult to transport

- Temperature drop \rightarrow \uparrow liq viscosity
liq dropout of gas 
- intermittent flow {
 - processing facilities
 - structural damage: jumper, pipe connections, risers
(flow induce vibration)
 - Causes extra pressure drop

Usually for long transportation distances, multiphase flow we use transient multiphase simulators → OLGA, LEDA

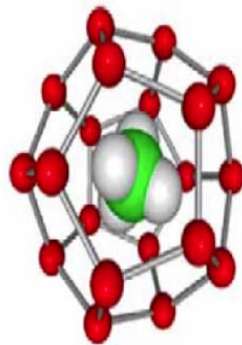


Wax 'slug' in pig trap at Statfjord B

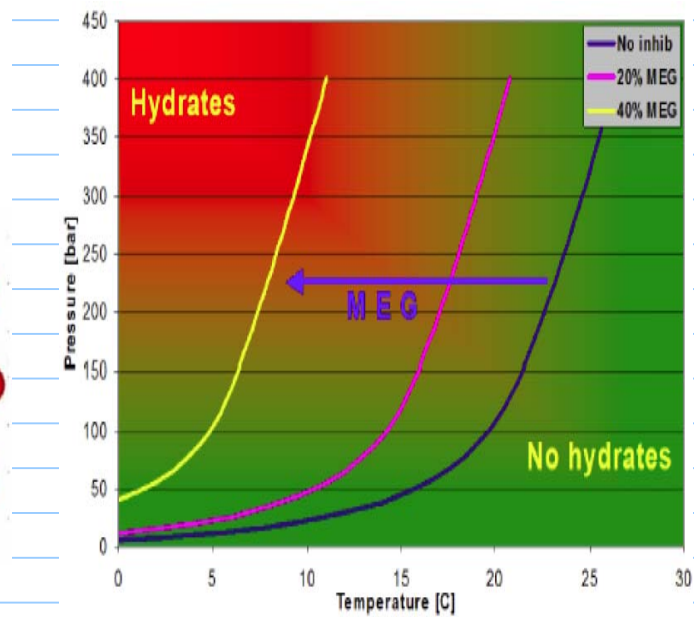


Hydrates

- Hydrate is water in a solid structure with small gas molecules in cavities
 - Much like snow/ice
 - Water freeze at 0°C, what about hydrates?
- Requirements for hydrate formation
 - Free water
 - Small gas molecules (N_2 , CO_2 , CH_4 , C_2 , C_3 , ...)
 - Low temperature
 - High pressure

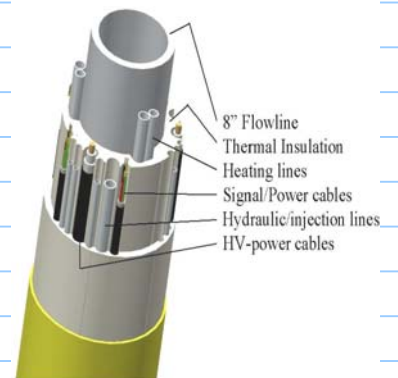
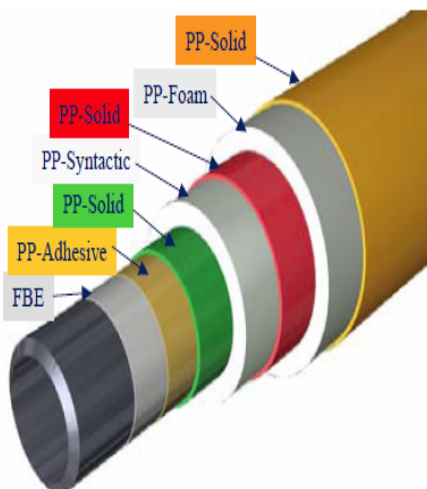


Inhibitors: Methanol, mono ethylene glycol



Hydrate equilibrium line: correlations, measurement, EOS equilibrium calculations

Injection of chemicals: costly!
Conserve heat, avoid high temperature drop



Wax: regular pigging

Anti slugging measures:

- gas lift in riser base
- choking at platform

How did I calculate molar flow to input in hysys?

$$\dot{n}_g = q_g \rho_g$$

$$\dot{n}_o = q_o \rho_o$$

$$\dot{n}_T = \dot{n}_g + \dot{n}_o$$

$$\frac{\dot{m}}{MW} = \dot{n}$$

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$$MW = \sum x_i M_i$$