# THE LEBANESE NATURAL GAS POTENTIAL

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## OUTLINE

- The regional status
- Available data
- Studies performed and collaboration
- Petroleum systems offshore Lebanon
  - Concept
  - Prospects
  - Volumes
- Markets
  - Local
  - Regional

### **REGIONAL ACTIVITY**



## **REGIONAL EXPLORATION**



- Zohr was a pradigm shift in the exploration cycle
- Carbonate reservoirs are as important as sand reservoirs

## **AVAILABLE MULTICLIENT DATA**

- Spectrum 2D lines (5172 km)
- **PGS 2D lines** (5000 km)
- GeckoPrakla 2D lines (508 km)
- PGS 3D seismic data (9700 km<sup>2</sup>)
- Spectrum 3D
  seismic data
  (5360 km<sup>2)</sup>
- NEOS airborne geophysical (6000 km2)
- Onshore 2D lines (100 km)





- Interpretation of the 2D and 3D seismic data 2012 to present
- Mapping petroleum system elements
- Locating structures capable of holding petroleum -> prospects

- 3D basin modelling
  2012 with BeicipFranlab
- Quantify amount of hydrocarbon expelled and trapped
- Locate important areas in the basin for exploration



- Advanced geophysical characterisation studies
- Locate reservoirs of oil and gas
- Reduce uncertainties
- Point to likely drilling targets



- Analysis of the carbonate potential offshore
   Lebanon following the
   Zohr discovery
- Assessment of likely discoveries in carbonate reservoirs
- Recent discovery in Onisiforos 1 tcf



- Play Fairway Analysis to rank blocks and areas of exploration
- Ranking from most prospective to least prospective
- Calculate volumes in potential prospects



# ACADEMIC PROJECTS

- Memorandum of understanding (MOU):
  - University of Aberdeen (UK): 2 PhD projects proposed

#### University Collaboration

- Imperial College
- UPMC Paris VI
- RWTH Aachen
- Lebanese University
- NDU Louaize
- NTNU

#### PhD projects

- Hawie, 2014: stratigraphy of the Levant Basin
- Ghalayini, 2015: Structures and traps in the Levant Basin
- Bou Daher, 2015: Source rocks characterisation offshore and onshore
- Inati, 2017: Crustal structure of the Levant Basin



# PETROLEUM SYSTEM OFFSHORE LEBANON

## THE CONCEPT OF PETROLEUM SYSTEM



## THE PETROLEUM SYSTEMS OF LEBANON

4 petroleum systems identified

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- Consist mainly of gas in the deep Basin
- Liquid oil expected onshore and along the margin



# **OIL VS GAS IN LEBANON**

- Oil is generated at specific depth, in temperature between 60 and 120 C
- Gas is generated at temperature >120 C
- Gas is also biogenic, produced by bacteria who degrade the rocks



# MARKETS

## **ENERGY DEMAND IN LEBANON**



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Electricity Demand App. 32 TWh in 2030



Volume of Gas Needed App. 0.26 TCF per year in 2030

# **REGIONAL MARKETS**

- Lebanon holds friendly relations with Syria, Turkey, Cyprus, Egypt, Jordan and the EU.
- Lebanese Natural Gas can easily reach Syria, Jordan and Egypt through the Arab Gas Pipeline.
- Turkey can be reached by an extension of the Arab Gas Pipeline or through a short offshore shallow water pipeline.
- The EU markets can be reached through Turkey.
- Lebanon can tie-in to any regional collaboration passing through Cyprus.



## CONCLUSIONS

- Available data and studies performed at the LPA indicated the presence of large quantities of natural gas offshore Lebanon
- Natural gas can be used in the Lebanese local market
- Export options to neighbouring countries and the EU are also likely





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