



# Introduction to strategic decisionmaking in energy companies

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## Outline of the course

# Overall objective – understand how senior management use economic models to make investment decisions

- 1. Oil and gas company decision-making during the energy transition
- 2. Introduction to financial modelling as a management tool
  - 1. Understanding some key concepts
- 3. Building the asset estimating costs
- 4. Generating revenues production and prices
- 5. Operating costs running the plant and paying the government
- 6. Calculating a discounted cashflow
  - 1. Why is it important
  - 2. How is it used to make decisions
- 7. Testing the investment decisions: running some numbers under different assumptions
- 8. Answering your questions



#### Assessment

#### **Overall objective – demonstrate understanding of cashflow models and output**

- 1. Create a simple cashflow model, given set assumptions
- 2. Generate NPV and other results
- 3. Provide an analysis of simple scenarios
- 4. Write up results in short review (one page)



# Primary energy consumption since 1990 (mmtoe)

World Consumption (Exajoules)

Share by Fuel (%)



- Overall energy demand has been growing by around 1% per annum
- The key primary fuels have been hydrocarbons, which account for 80%+ of total energy consumption
- Renewables are growing fast but from a very low base

# Primary energy regional consumption by fuel (2020, %)



• Fuel split is very different by region, and is generally driven by indigenous supply





### CO2 emissions – will they ever peak?

#### A familiar pattern

Annual global fossil emissions, billion metric tons of  $CO_2$ 



- Economic crises the main brake on carbon emissions (2008, 2014 2020)
- Otherwise the increase continues, led by China and India
- Decline in the USA driven by economics (coal to gas switch) not policy



#### Air pollution is becoming an almost more important short-term issue



by source, 2015

Figure 2.10 >> Estimated anthropogenic emissions of the main air pollutants Figure 2.12 Premature deaths attributable to global air pollution in the New Policies and Clean Air Scenarios, 2040

- Air pollution is a more immediate social and political issue than carbon emissions
- China is well known for its poor air quality in many cities, but even in Europe • a number of regions are well below acceptable levels
- Governments are aware that a failure to react on a key health issue could lead to a violent backlash
- Air pollution could therefore be a key driver towards a cleaner energy economy



New Policies Scenario

Clean Air Scenario

## Key drivers of energy consumption



#### GDP, year-over-year average in percent 5 4 3 - ncome 2 1 Population n 80,415 25-40 25-40 15-25 90,45 15-25 OECD Non-OECD

#### Non-OECD leads economic expansion

- Global population currently 7.3 billion, expected to reach 9.1 billion by 2040
- Population mainly in non-OECD countries, in many of which the alleviation of energy poverty is a huge issue
- Economic growth is another key driver, leading to increased personal wealth and greater use of energy intensive products
- Again non-OECD countries dominate growth, with their share of global GDP set to rise from 35% to 50% by 2040



# The growth in oil reserves and the regional split



- Oil is not running out proved reserves are up by 50% since 1995
- Middle East continues to dominate, but other regions are growing the Americas in particular



## Economic impact of COVID 19 the worst since World War 2



Figure 1.1 > Share of global population under containment measures, 2020



#### Rate of change in global primary energy demand, 1900-2020

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- This market balancing mechanism works in "normal" conditions
- However, a major economic or social shock creates an uncontrollable outcome
- The COVID 19 pandemic is a classic example of this containment measures dramatically reduced travel and caused a sharp decline in overall energy demand
- This affected all forms of energy consumption, but the most immediate impact was on oil demand



## The outlook for the global economy



- A key question was whether the global economy would recover rapidly or over an extended period
- Initial estimates were quite optimistic, and China led the way by experiencing something of a V-shaped recovery
- Overall the global economic impact was not as bad as expected, and forecasts look stronger for 2021 and 2022



#### COVID impact on oil demand



- The impact on transport was immediate, as economies locked-down and people were forced to stay at home
- Oil demand collapsed immediately and the oil price fell from around \$70 to around \$20 per barrel
- There has now been a partial recovery to c.\$40 per barrel, but the outlook remains very unclear



#### The outcome was rather more positive



Brent oil price (US\$/bbl)

OPEC output restraint a key factor in 2020 but now a problem

- Oil price has rebounded to \$120 per barrel, but this has recently been driven by the war in Ukraine
- OPEC cartel (plus Russia) had reduced supply to balance the market
- With economic growth and a rebound in demand this led to higher prices
- Cartel members now being asked to increase production again, due to the risk to Russian oil exports, but there is a question as to what is possible



#### Gas reserves by region (2000, 2010, 2020)



- The Middle East also contains huge amounts of gas, although Russia is the main exporting country
- Gas reserves have grown dramatically as it has increasingly become an important fuel for power generation



# Gas production and consumption by region (bcm)

#### Production

Consumption



- Europe and North America have traditionally been the largest consumers of gas
- Major infrastructure in both regions facilitates indigenous production and imports
- Asia, the Middle East and Latin America are growing fast, however





#### Global consumption declined 3.5% in 2020, bounced back 4% in 2021



#### Source: OIES, Nexant WGM



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**IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON GAS MARKETS** 

Asia and Middle East lead the growth post 2021

3.5% decline in gas demand on 2020 – return to 2019 levels in 2021

Largest declines in 2020 in Europe, North America and Russia

Across the board rebound in 2021 – Europe sluggish growth

Demand grows 2.5% a year to 2025 almost reaching the pre-COVID-19 projection

Sources: Historic - IEA Projections – OIES, Nexant WGM

NATURAL GAS PROGRAMME

#### Long-term outlook for gas consumption is positive

#### Natural gas consumption



- The outlook for gas is relatively positive compared to other hydrocarbons
- In Europe and the US there may be decline as decarbonisation strategies take priority, but growth is expected in Asia, the Middle East and Africa
- Net zero strategies present a threat, unless gas can offer a decarbonised alternative such as hydrogen



#### Key issues for Gas in the longer term





Source: CHINA METEOROLOGICAL ADMINISTRATION STRAITS TIMES GRAPHICS



- Gas demand can continue to rise as it displaces coal in the energy mix
- In Asia, air quality is a key issue, and gas can have a major role to play
- In Europe, net zero CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is a major theme gas is part of the long-term problem unless it finds a pathway to decarbonise

#### Security of supply is now the main short-term issue

Share in EU natural gas imports, 2021





- Concern over gas supply is now the critical issue for the EU
- Russian gas exports are now threatened by politics and by contractual issues
- Replacing Russian imports to Europe would be very challenging in the shortterm
- Europe's attempts to diversify are affecting the global gas market as prices everywhere have risen

## The EU and IEA plans for diversification could accelerate the **Energy Transition**



demand by some 10 born a year.



can, over time, loosen the strong links between natural gas supply and Europe's electricity security. Real-time electricity price signals can unlock more flexible demand, in turn reducing expensive and gas-intensive peak supply needs.

# Gas prices have rebounded dramatically after sharp fall in 2020



- Gas price collapsed during the pandemic but then spiked ahead of winter 2021/22 as storage levels were very low
- In 2022 the market has been scared by the war in Ukraine and falling Russian gas flows to Europe
- Uncertainty has meant that gas prices are very volatile and the long-term outlook is very uncertain



#### Gas prices in Asia have also surged as competition for gas increases



- European gas price surged due to a cold winter in 2021, economic rebound, low wind in Q3 and low storage levels at start of winter 2021/22
- Demand for LNG increased, dragging gas from Asia and increasing prices there as demand has also risen due to COVID rebound
- US price remains low because of shale gas, but increased exports has seen prices more than double since Q1 2021

# Coal production and consumption by region (mt)

#### Production

Consumption



- The majority of production and consumption is in Asia, and has grown rapidly
- China and India are the key players, as coal is both countries' major indigenous energy resource
- Decline in North America driven by the arrival of shale gas

#### Decline in US coal industry



#### Dow Jones US Coal Index 2018/19

- The US coal industry has collapsed over the past five years
- Although the environment has been a background cause, in fact it has been all about economics – cheap gas prices
- Ironically, US coal has been exported to regions where gas is more • expensive – Europe being a prime example



#### Nuclear Energy – A Relatively Stagnant Story



- 1.3%pa growth since 2015, but long-term trend is flat
- Trend is away from traditional regions of Europe and US towards Asia
- China is at the forefront of new nuclear growth, in the search for indigenous energy production



#### Hydro-electric – reaching its limits?



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- A similar story for hydro, with more growth
- 1% growth overall in 2015, held back by drought in South America and some parts of Central Europe
- Upside potential limited from here, other than in Asia



#### Renewable energy consumption by region and source

#### Consumption (MMTOE)

#### Source of Renewable Energy



- Growth in renewable energy has been dramatic it now accounts for around 9% of the global input to electricity
- Europe has been leading the way, catalysed by policy initiatives in Germany
- Growth in Asia accelerating, as search for indigenous energy continues

# The shifting global energy economy



Primary energy consumption by fuel

Shares of primary energy



- Rise of renewables now having a noticeable impact on hydrocarbons
- Incremental demand growth is increasingly being accounted for by non-fossil fuels, leading to oversupply and lower prices
- Are we seeing a new paradigm for oil, gas and coal pricing, with significant commercial and political consequences?

#### **Power Sector Trends**

# Growth in power generation

Contributions by region









- GDP growth and power demand are closely correlated
- Electricity demand continues to grow but mix of fuels is changing
- Renewables the largest growing segment, but hydrocarbons still playing a major role
- Existing capacity is cheap to use, even if new capacity is less welcome



## Natural gas demand growth driven by power and industry



- Industrial demand is key to gas growth, especially petrochemicals
- Demand from power sector also grows, although overall share falls



# Having said that, in the longer term global warming is the key issue, and things clearly need to change if we are to meet 2 degree target

Energy demand and CO2 emissions in different IEA scenarios



#### Emissions intensity from power sector





...and renewable output must

# Looking at the global carbon budget, the race is on to produce fossil fuels while you can



- This has vast political and commercial consequences, as countries and companies have to react to a fast changing energy economy
- The futures of Russia and the Middle East are closely bound up to the issue of whether this carbon budget will or can be enforced

#### World Energy Demand by Fuel and Scenario

			New Policies		Current Policies		450 Scenario	
	2000	2014	2025	2040	2025	2040	2025	2040
Coal	2 316	3 926	3 955		4 361	5 327	3 175	
Oil	3 669	4 266	4 577	4 775	4 751	5 402	4 169	3 326
Gas	2 071	2 893	3 390		3 508	4 718	3 292	3 301
Nuclear	676	662	888	1 181	865	1 0 3 2	960	1 590
Hydro	225	335	420	536	414	515	429	593
Bioenergy*	1 0 2 6	1 421	1 633	1 883	1 619	1834	1 733	2 310
Other renewables	60	181	478		420	809	596	
Total	10 042	13 684	15 340	17 866	15 937	19 636	14 355	14 878
Fossil-fuel share	80%	81%	78%		79%	79%	74%	
CO <sub>2</sub> emissions (Gt)	23.0	32.2	33.6	36.3	36.0	43.7	28.9	18.4

- The outcomes for hydrocarbons are very different in scenarios that look at current likely outcomes versus outcomes needed to meet climate targets
- In a world where we meet the 2 degree target, coal demand would halve from current levels and oil demand would fall by 25%
- However, fossil fuel share would still be 58% in 450 Scenario



### **Conclusions from COP26**



- Future of hydrocarbons, especially coal but also oil and gas
- Future of transport zero emissions for all new vehicles by 2035/40
- Establishment of global carbon trading
- Agreement on limiting methane emissions
- Setting of net zero targets how serious are these?
- Removal of energy price subsidies impact on hydrocarbon demand?
- Technology neutrality for reducing carbon emissions can carbon capture and nature-based solutions play a role and what is impact on hydrocarbon demand?
- Funding for developing nations impact on pace of transition



# Capital Spending in the Energy Sector

	2010-15*	New Po	licies	Current P	olicies	450 Scenario	
	Per year	Cumulative	Per year	Cumulative	Per year	Cumulative	Per year
Fossil fuels	1 112	26 626	1 065	32 849	1 314	17 263	691
Renewables	283	7 478	299	6 130	245	12 582	503
Electricity networks	229	8 059	322	8 860	354	7 204	288
Other low-carbon**	13	1 446	58	1 259	50	2 842	114
Total supply	1 637	43 609	1 744	49 098	1 964	39 891	1 596
Energy efficiency	221	22 980	919	15 437	617	35 042	1 402

\* The methodology for energy efficiency investment derives from a baseline of efficiency levels in different end-use sectors in 2014, the annual figure for energy efficiency in this column is the figure only for 2015. \*\* Includes nuclear and CCS.

- Uncertainty creates a reluctance to invest, but huge amounts of capital will be required to provide energy for a growing population
- Two interesting questions emerge:
  - Will sufficient capital be found to maintain growth in renewables, especially is subsidies start to be removed?
  - Will there be sufficient incentive to invest in the hydrocarbons that will still be needed, if competition drives prices down?
- How much should be left to markets and how might governments intervene?


## Key Questions for Company Management

- How much profit can I generate?
- How can I grow the business?
- Where can I grow the business?
- What are the long-term prospects for my industry?
- What are my competitors doing?
- What rules must I abide by?
- What government support can I expect?
- What do my owners / shareholders want out of their investment?
- Have I got enough money to invest in my business?
- How do I stay competitive?
- How important is public opinion and how do I keep it on my side?



# Managements have a broad range of responsibities

Figure 1: KPIs should provide a balanced view of the business to give a complete picture of a company's health and performance





# Which scenario are we heading for?



#### Primary energy consumption by fuel

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

- What level of overall energy demand will there be?
- How much policy implementation will there be to achieve climate targets?
- What will the energy mix be?
- Many of these questions will be answered by politicians, not the market



### Strategic thinking for the Energy Transtion





# What are the key signposts to tell us which scenario we may be facing?

#### Understanding the signposts allows us to identify common no-regret actions and future decision points



Note: Represents possible impact on our portfolio if no action is taken to mitigate against risks or seize opportunities. Themes are not mutually exclusive or exhaustive, outcomes from one theme could impact our view on severity, timeframes, or strategic considerations for other themes.

#### Strategy briefing 22 May 2019



- Key differences in timescale and potential cost to the business
- For example, EVs are a relatively short-term risk to the oil business with a fairly significant impact



BHP

# Net zero target now a major company objective for BP



- What will this do to investor returns?
- What are the priorities for key shareholders?



# Equinor is slightly more nuanced – keep production growing while shifting business model

#### Key messages

#### Growing production, cash flow and returns

- Around 3% annual production growth 2019-2026
- Organic cash flow around USD 30 billion 2020-2023
- RoACE around 15% in 2023

#### Driving long term value creation, in line with the Paris Agreement

- · Industry leading carbon efficiency
- Value driven growth in renewables
- Reducing net carbon intensity by at least 50%

#### Delivering competitive capital distribution

- Quarterly dividend of 27 cents per share
- Second tranche of share buyback around USD 675 million



- Equinor is rather between BP and Exxon use current business to fund transition strategy
- Logical but could cause conflict of interest over capital allocation



## The ExxonMobil View

#### ENERGY **EVOLUTION**

Scale and infrastructure requirements limit pace of energy transition



- Evolution of energy system will require time given scale, complexity, and society's needs
- · Availability and affordability critical for wide-scale adoption

Source: 1800 - 1960 from Smil; 1970 - 2000 from IEA and ExxonMobil analysis; 2010 - 2040 from IEA World Energy Outlook STEPS scenario 'Other includes geothermal and hydro See supplemental information

- Oil and gas demand are in natural decline from existing assets
- Demand still needs to be met, even if it does start to fall
- The most efficient and low cost companies can prosper

- The world is going to continue on a similar path
- Energy demand will rise and hydrocarbons will continue to have a vital role
- Change will be slow and incremental

#### LIMITED ALTERNATIVES SUPPORT INVESTMENTS

Depletion drives level of investments



- Significant new supplies needed across range of demand scenarios
- IEA estimates approximately \$20 trillion<sup>1</sup> of oil and natural gas investment needed by 2040

# NOCs in Asia also see growth to fuel developing economies

#### **ONGC: Growth Pursuits**



- India's ONGC is very keen to find new hydrocarbons to reduce the country's import bill and to supply growing domestic demand
- In addition, gas to replace coal and also improve the environment



# RWE is diversifying its asset base away from hydrocarbon-fired power

#### Business model fully aligned with our strategic focus on the energy transition



- RWE manages a significant part of Germany's lignite-fuelled power fleet
- However, it is gradually reducing its exposure and selling off nuclear assets
- Renewables becoming a the main focus of the business, but trading activity is also growing in order to offset volatility and intermittency risks



# ENEL, Italy's main power company, has committed to leadership in renewable power



- Global renewables business
  model
- Operates across the electricity value chain
- Rapid increase in capacity and output



#### Key Management Driver = The Share Price



 Management incentives often driven by the share price as one key objective



#### Share price relative to Peer Group



- In the shorter term, BP has outperformed its major European and US competitors
- BP has been in recovery mode, but the final settlement of US court action has provided a boost



#### Credit Agencies and Banks also have to be convinced



- Any project has to pass the scrutiny of banks who may be involved in financing it or lending to the company as a whole
- Credit Agencies can influence the cost of debt, and will also test the robustness of a company and its investments



#### The DCF Calculation as a foundation



- Management thought process is encapsulated in the DCF model
  - Key assumptions include price, cost, tax, long-term outlook, short-term cashflow and the value of money
- Management must ensure at all times that the combined value of their assets remains NPV positive, and should aim to maximise the return on their assets

What is the management thought process?

**Development of an oil discovery** 





#### Key Issues

- Size of discovery
- Location / access to infrastructure
- Tax regime
- Local content requirement
- Development cost
- Net present value
- Future oil price expectation
- Future oil demand expectation
- Local politics
- Legal and institutional framework
- Type of financing
- Partner credit-worthiness
- Time to cost recovery
- Breakeven oil price



#### Oil price forecasting – an imprecise art largely based on optimism

- Consensus is normally that prices will rise from current levels
- Companies plan using a "worst case" scenario assumption – any project must be viable at "US\$xx/bbl
- Scenario planning attempts to create alternative outcomes
- Safest assumption is that the consensus will always be wrong

#### Various US oil price forecasts



## **Topics of interest**

- Impact of new technology
- Cost inflation/deflation and the oil price
- Changing tax regimes
- Political risk
- Partner risk
- Oil companies and their local responsibilities
- Health and Safety
- Shareholder responsibilities
- Corporate and social responsibility
- Oil spill risk
- Electric and gas-fuelled cars



#### What is the management thought process?

#### **Development of a gas field**







#### Key Issues

- Access to market
- Export technology
- Total cost
- Outlook for medium and longterm gas demand
- Outlook for coal demand and price
- Competing sources of gas supply
- Breakeven gas price
- Associated liquids
- Length of sales contract available
- Price formation mechanism
- Securing finance
- HSE issues



## **Topics of interest**

- Is the gas market becoming like the oil market
- Is gas the cleanest fossil fuel?
- Will methane demand be displaced by other forms of gas?
- Can CCUS be developed in time?
- The impact of Russia on security of supply concerns
- Shale gas a good or bad thing?
- Can anywhere else replicate US shale gas success?
- Pipeline gas versus LNG which to choose?
- Domestic versus export markets
- Subsidised prices



#### What is the management thought process?

#### **Construction of a fossil fuel power station**







## Key Issues

- Economics of project
- Pricing mechanisms
- Likely plant utilisation
- Availability of government support
- Security of supply for fuel input
- Expected cost of fuel input
- Availability of renewable energy at zero marginal cost
  - Domestic
  - Imported
- Grid infrastructure requirements
- Country plan for power generation mix to 2050
- Possible carbon capture technology
- Development of off-grid power sources



#### **Topics of interest**

- Biogas as an alternative power source
- Carbon capture and storage will it ever be viable?
- Coal versus gas power the energy trilemma
- Is gas-fired power the ideal back-up for renewables?



#### Carbon capture and storage



Figure 3: Technology CO<sub>2</sub> capture pathways in fossil fuel conversion and industrial processes (Courtesy of Gupta and Pearson, NRCan)

#### Carbon capture and storage



#### What is the management thought process?

#### Major truck fleet owner or shipping magnate







# Key Issues

- Relative fuel prices (short and long-term)
- Distance driven before re-fill / re-charge
- Environmental legislation
- Customer demands (public opinion)
- Cost of changing technology
- Re-fuelling infrastructure
- Commitment of truck/car/ship manufacturers
- Longer term technology advances
- Competitor activity (what is everyone else doing?)
- Social responsibility



## Topics of interest

- Maritime shipping emissions legislation (IMO)
- Power of engines (LNG trucks versus electric vehicles)
- Trucking fleets with own infrastructure and standard routes
- Commitment of vehicle manufacturers when does the market demand change
- Battery technology a key constraint
- Fuel efficiency versus change in fuel
- Impact of lower oil prices reduces incentive to change
- Status quo effect no-one ever got fired for choosing IBM



# IMO Worldmap for ECA's (Emission Control Areas)



#### LOWER GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS



Based on Natural Resources Canada's GHGenius model, version 3.15. Assumes use of Westport Innovations 15 litre HD engine system.

The environmental case is relatively clear....

...but is only of interest to companies if the oil and gas price differential is wide



What is the management thought process?

#### **Construction or maintenance of a gas pipeline**





## Key Issues

- Sources of throughput
- Long-term future of fuel
- Payback timescale
- Government support (regulated prices)
- Alternative uses for pipeline
- Security of gas producing company
- Security of gas buyer
- Availability of finance
- Cost of dismantling asset



## **Topics of interest**

- Alternative uses for gas pipelines
  - Hydrogen (electrolysis or methane conversion)
  - Biogas (local grids)
  - CO2 (if CCS works)
- Pipeline networks are major national assets with strategic implications
- Pipeline tariffs may rise if the assets useful life shortens
  - Need to recover cost sooner



# Conclusions

- The Energy Trilemma Price versus Environmental Impact versus Security of Supply
- Economics normally trumps everything else
- Uncertainty creates a disincentive to invest, which creates its own security of supply risks
- Government support beyond renewables is almost inevitable what does this say for free markets?
- As fossil fuels near the end-game, declining prices will affect energy companies but will also affect consumer choices
- Government revenues will also be significantly affected, with potential serious geo-political impacts
- Shareholders of energy companies have some interesting choices to make what returns do they want from their investments?
- Renewables are causing huge disruption to the global energy economy they are necessary to reduce global warming, but have potential security of supply implications

