



# REPORT

**PETRAD – CCOP – PETROVIETNAM - VASI**

**Workshop  
on**

# **GAS HYDRATES**

**1-3 March 2011**

**Halong Pearl Hotel,**

**Halong Bay, Vietnam**

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# INTRODUCTION

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The seminar will discuss gas hydrates, understanding on how they are formed, where and how they can be located, and what are the benefits and impacts in exploiting gas hydrates. The challenges for identifying and exploitation of gas hydrates would also be discussed as well as future capacity building activities in CCOP related to gas hydrates. Experts from US, Russia, India and from the CCOP Member Countries are invited as speakers and resource persons for the seminar.

The request for the seminar was jointly made by Dr. Sc. Phung DinhThuc, President and CEO of PetroVietnam, Permanent Representative of Vietnam to CCOP, and Ass. Prof. Dr. Sc. Nguyen Van Cu, Director-General of VASI. The main objective is to conduct a seminar that will enhance the understanding of the CCOP Member Countries about gas hydrates and its potential as an energy resource.

The seminar will focus on:-

1. Overview of Gas hydrate exploration results in the world and the region.
2. Gas hydrate research program in some CCOP member countries: lessons learned.
3. Gas hydrate indicators.
4. How the geographical and geological conditions affect the conservation or destruction of accumulated Gas hydrate, illustrative examples.
5. The role of stratigraphy and geological structure to the distribution of Gas hydrate zone, illustrative examples.
6. Gas hydrate exploration tools, methods and technologies; reserves/potential assessment methodology of Gas hydrate.
7. Exploration drilling for Gas hydrate, coring program and monitoring/ and core analyses, Logging program and Logging interpretation.
8. Gas hydrate production methods and technologies.
9. What is needed for a special laboratory for Gas hydrate studies (Lab equipments: Physical properties, sedimentology, PVT...).
10. Environment Impacts and Policies.
11. Experiences in development in human resources for Gas hydrate exploration.
12. Success stories and lessons learned.



## Summary Report

<b>Project number:</b> 200485	<b>Title of workshop:</b> Workshop on Gas Hydrates	<b>Date:</b> 1-3 March 2011
<b>Total number of participants:</b> 45	<b>From which countries:</b> Vietnam, Malaysia, Korea and CCOP T/S	<b>Number of female participants:</b> 7

**Venue:** Halong Pearl Hotel, Halong Bay, Vietnam

**Organisers:** PETROVIETNAM, Vietnam Administration of Sea and Islands (VASI), PETRAD, and CCOP Technical Secretariat

**Sponsors:** Cost Sharing by PETROVIETNAM, VASI and PETRAD

**Involvement of Norwegian institutions (Embassies, Innovation Norway, Intsok etc.):**  
University of Bergen, Norway

### Goal achievement:

The workshop was requested by PETROVIETNAM with cost sharing by PETROVIETNAM, VASI, and Norwegian Government through PETRAD, in cooperation and co-organized by CCOP Technical Secretariat. The Official Welcome and Opening Ceremony Address was given by *Associate Prof. Dr. Sc. Nguyen Van Cu*, Director-General of VASI, *Dr. Nguyen Van Minh*, Deputy Permanent Representative of Vietnam to CCOP, Vice President of PETROVIETNAM, *Dr. Øystein Berg*, Managing Director, PETRAD, and *Prof. Dr. He Qingcheng*, Director, CCOP Technical Secretariat.

The Welcome Speeches from the Distinguished Guests focused on the long and close cooperation between Vietnam, PETRAD-Norway, and CCOP and ASCOPE members. The sharing of knowledge and technology on Gas Hydrates Research Project in different countries was the core of discussions, exchange experiences as well as establishing net working amongst researchers and scientists. The Key Note Address on Overview Research and Investigation of Gas Hydrate Potential in Vietnam was presented by *Dr. Vu Truong Son*, Director of Marine Geological and Mineral Center (MGMC), VASI with focus on the prospect on Gas Hydrates in the sea of Vietnam, research and investigation on gas hydrate potential.

The Workshop was held at Halong Pearl Hotel, Halong Bay, Vietnam from 1-3 March 2011, with a total of 45 participants. There were 9 Guest Speakers from different countries such as University of Bergen from Norway, Naval Research Laboratory from USA, Chinese Academy of Science from China, Institute for Geo-Resource & Environment, ASIT/GSJ from Japan, Gas Hydrate Department, KIGAM from Korea, Pacific Oceanological Institute Far Eastern Branch of Russian Academy of Sciences from Russia, Hydrocarbons Section of GNS Science from New Zealand, and National Gas Hydrate Programme (NGHP), Directorate General of Hydrocarbons under Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas from India.

Through the workshop on Gas Hydrates, participants had the opportunity to share their research experiences with the Guest Speakers. The overview of presentations which provided the predicted methane hydrate deposits in different coastal regions and the advantages of combining different parameters in the evaluation, and also provided an overview of the benefits and issues with the interpretation of deep sediment hydrate deposits by using different approaches for the fields survey.

The research on continental margins and permafrost areas were also presented, the energy trapped in gas hydrates rivals that in all known conventional petroleum and coal fields, and could provide energy power to many parts of the world where conventional petroleum is nonexistent or has been consumed. The offshore hydrate production is today focus of geophysical surveys and drilling operation in India, Japan, Korea, and China and the east coast of USA. The Gas Hydrate Research Development Programme and Exploration was presented and overviewed by Japan, China, Korea, New Zealand and India. The Gas Hydrate indicator and outcomes in Okhotsk Sea, and Extract Methane from Gas Hydrate areas in the sea was presented and emphasized by Russia. The Analysing Sand-Dominated Channel system for Potential Gas Hydrate Reservoir using an AVO Seismic Inversion Technique on the Southern Hikurangi Margin in New Zealand was also presented and sharing experiences.

The last part of the workshop was the Certificate Ceremony presented by Dr. Øystein Berg, Managing Director, PETRAD to representative from each country organizations, and followed by the Words of Appreciation to all Guest Speakers, Organizing Committee and Host Country, Vietnam for the wide range in potential sharing and integration of research plans through the workshop and it will establishing fruitful relationships within CCOP countries as basis for collaborations in further developments in this area of unconventional energy source which receives increasing interest worldwide. The Official Closing Remark was delivered by Dr. Nguyen Van Minh, Deputy Permanent Representative of Vietnam to CCOP, Vice President, PETROVIETNAM. Dr. Minh took this opportunity to express deep appreciation and sincere thanks to PETRAD, Norway to bring Guest speakers to this Workshop, and also congratulated to Dr. Øystein Berg for having developed very comprehensive and fruitful workshop contents.

### **Comments:**

- basic understanding about GH as a new energy for future, very good international overview
- exchange of knowledge and understand more and clear detailed of GH
- understand the basic knowledge of GH and current program of other countries
- the most important, the biggest value of the workshop was net working, meeting scientists & representatives of GH from all over the world
- obtained knowledge is useful and applicable
- a cooperative in future development project on GH between CCOP members and cooperating countries is helpful for capacity building of GH in CCOP and ASCOPE members
- improve capacity in researching and investigation of GH
- very good status of GH programs/research in countries present
- to know the future energy in the hungry status of the energy demand in the world, that's good for the long term infrastructure of big energy supply
- good to understand current GH programs initiated by India, Japan, Korea, China and other
- preparing to apply a national program on GH in Vietnam
- a tailor made workshop should be introduced to local participants who are in a very first step of GH study & research survey

- detailed procedure for GH survey & exploration that can be applicable in Vietnam in the future
- there are a lot of information about GH for a hundred of Vietnam scientists at least
- this kind of workshop will useful for many researcher, scientists and students in many research institutes and universities

### **Future work:**

#### **Suggestions of topics to other PETRAD tailor-made seminars or Workshops:**

- Joint Research and Study in GH: “South China Sea and Methodology to Produce GH in practice”
- Standard/Appropriate Procedures for GH Survey & Exploration
- Environmental Challenges and Impact Related to GH Survey, Exploration, Production Activities
- Carbon Capture Storage (CCS)
- Cost Benefit Analysis is GH Production
- Deepwater Exploration and production / E&P Deepwater Zones
- Method to Extract Methane Hydrates from GH, Technology Exploitation GH
- Training on GH Module
- Training the Human Resources
- Climate Change, Energy Focus, National Security and Local Impact
- VASI is taking the lead in implementing a government on GH, including a sub-project on capacity building for this field. It would be much helpful if PETRAD/CCOP can help to arrange a series of seminars and workshops for different target audiences: management, managers, technicians, and researcher of different levels
- Seminars / Workshops should be followed-up and focused on:-
  - Hydrate fundamentals, an easy & important area to establish collaboration on and important in education of staff for concerning generation
  - More focus on exploitation and technologies for different types of hydrates including clay hydrates
  - Mechanism for creating real collaboration

### **Supporting Documents:**

- 1) Programme
- 2) Speaker – Short CV
- 3) List of Distinguished Guests, Speakers, and Participants
- 4) Summary Evaluation
- 5) Pictures from Workshop

# PROGRAMME

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## **Tuesday 1 March**

**12:00** Lunch hosted by PVN

**13:00** Registration

**14:00** Opening Ceremony of Seminar

**Introduction** by Mr. Pham Van Huy, Secretary of CCOP Vietnam, Deputy General Manager, Science & Technology Division, Vietnam Oil and Gas Group, PETROVIETNAM

**Welcoming Address & Remark:**

*By Associate Prof. Dr. Sc. Nguyen Van Cu, Director-General, VASI-Vietnam Administration of Seas and Islands*

*By Dr. Øystein Berg, Managing Director, PETRAD*

*By Prof. Dr. He Qingcheng, Director, CCOP Technical Secretariat*

**Official Opening Address:**

*By: Dr. Nguyen Van Minh, Deputy Permanent Representative of Vietnam to CCOP, Vice President of PETROVIETNAM, Vietnam Oil and Gas Group, PETROVIETNAM*

**Present Token of Appreciation and Official Group Photo Session**

**14:30** Overview on the Research and Investigation of Gas Hydrates in Vietnam

*Speaker: Dr. Vu Truong Son, Director of Marine Geological and Mineral Center, VASI*

**15:00** Shallow Sediment Geochemical Surveys of Deep Sediment Methane Hydrate Deposits

*Speaker: Dr. Richard B. Coffin, USA*

**16:00** Coffee/Tea

**16:30** Multi-scale nature of hydrate dynamics and implications for hydrate production and geo-mechanical stability

*Speaker: Prof. Bjørn Kvamme, Norway*

**17:15** Gas Hydrate System and Numerical Investigation of Gas Production Strategy in Shenhu Area, South China Sea

*Speaker: Dr. Nengyou WU, China*

**18:00** Close of day

**18:30** Welcome Dinner hosted by Petrovietnam

## **Wednesday 2 March**

**08:30** Present status of Japanese methane gas hydrate research and development program

*Speaker: Dr. Manabu Tanahashi, Japan*

**09:00** Korea Gas Hydrate R&D Program

*Speaker: Dr. Jong-Hwa Chun (KIGAM)*

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**10:00** Coffee/Tea

**10:30** Gas Hydrate is Indicator to Search Oil-Gas Deposit in the Okhotsk Sea

*Speaker: Professor Anatoly Obzhirov, Russia*

**11:15** Gas Hydrates in the Sea of Okhotsk 1998-2010: Outcomes of Geological, Geophysical and Ecological Research

*Speaker: Dr. Renat Shakirov, Russia*

**12:00** Lunch hosted by PVN

**13:30** Natural Gas Hydrates as an Energy Resource and New Developments in Gas Hydrate Exploration

*Speaker: Dr. Miko Fohrmann, New Zealand*

**14:15** Overview of the Gas Hydrate Exploration Program in India

*Speaker: Mr. Malcolm V. Lall, India*

**15:00** Coffee/Tea

**15:30** One of the methods to extract methane from gas hydrate area in the Sea

*Speaker: Professor Anatoly Obzhirov, Russia*

**16:15** Analysing sand-dominated channel systems for potential gas-hydrate-reservoirs using an AVO seismic inversion technique on the Southern Hikurangi Margin, New Zealand

*Speaker: Dr. Miko Fohrmann, New Zealand*

**17:00** Certificate Ceremony

*By Dr. Øystein Berg, Managing Director, PETRAD*

**Closing Remark**

*By Dr. Nguyen Van Minh, Deputy Permanent Representative of Vietnam to CCOP, Vice President of PETROVIETNAM, Vietnam Oil and Gas Group, PETROVIETNAM*

**17:30** End of day

**18:30** Farewell Dinner hosted by VASI

## **Thursday 3 March**

**Excursion by boat in Halong Bay and Lunch on boat hosted by VASI**

**07:30** Check-out and Assembly at hotel main lobby

**08:00** Leave hotel for boat berth

**08:30 – 12:30** Halong Gulf tour by boat (duration 4 hour), visit of Sung sot cave, Titov Island, Lucnh on board. There will be English speaking tour guide.

**14:00** End of excursion and leave for Hanoi.

(after the excursion at 14:00, a big coach will going direct Noi Bai Int'l Airport / Hanoi downtown / Hilton Hanoi Opera Hotel)



# LIST OF DOCUMENTS

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Document No. 6	<b>Korea Gas Hydrate R&amp;D Program</b> <i>Speaker: Dr. Jong-Hwa Chun (KIGAM)</i>
Document No. 7	<b>Gas hydrate indicators to search gas hydrate and oil-gas in the Okhotsk Sea</b> <i>Speaker: Professor Anatoly Obzhirov</i>
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## **GUEST SPEAKERS SHORT BIODATA & ABSTRACT**

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**Presentation: Overview research and investigation of gas hydrate potential in Viet Nam**

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### **Short Bio Data:**

Dr. Vu Truong Son is a doctor of Geochemistry. He received B.Eng. degree in Geochemistry from Ivan Franko National University of Lvov in 1985 in Ukraine and Dr. degree in Geochemistry at Viet Nam National University in 2004. Now, he is the leader of Marine Geology and Mineral Resources Center (MGMC), VASI, MONRE. He is the author/co-author of dozens reviewed publications and proceedings contributions. Topics include sea tin prospects, environment geology characteristic, geochemical environment characteristic, geology and minerals, Holocene evolution and so on. He is also the chief editor of projects; subject matters; programs on marine geology - minerals, environmental geology, geo-hazards and environmental geochemistry.

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### **Abstract: Overview research and investigation of gas hydrate potential in Viet Nam**

Gas hydrate has been aware and noticed since the last years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century by Vietnamese scientists. However investment in research and investigation on this resource has just been strengthened in recent years. The mission of research and preparation for investigation of gas hydrate was assigned for two main agencies, i.e. Vietnam Administration of Seas and Islands (VASI) of MONRE and Vietnam National Oil and Gas Group (PVN). These agencies have early conducted several researches on gas hydrate, with focus on enhancement of human capacity and equipment capacity to serve the research, investigation and exploration of gas hydrate resource. Spontaneously, they are active to collect and synthesize available publications over the world on gas hydrate world.

Through these studies, some prerequisites, indications and conditions of gas hydrate have revealed as to scientific base to value generally on the prospects on gas hydrate in the sea of Viet Nam.

Research and investigation on gas hydrate potential is an important mission of Vietnam. Vietnamese scientists determined that programs of research and investigation are generally conducted via three main steps as follows:

- Step 1: Basic research and investigation on gas hydrates in potential areas.
- Step 2: Zoning of areas with high potential of gas hydrate; Drilling test.
- Step 3: Studying and developing techniques of gas hydrate exploration and production test.

Major methods used in investigation of gas hydrate include:

- \* Collecting and processing of available documents on the researched, investigated or explored gas hydrate.

- \* Geological methods: Studies on structure and tectonic; Studies on geodynamics; Studies on geological stratigraphy; Studies on sedimentology; Studies on lithology; Sampling methods.

- \* Geochemical methods: Aquatic geochemistry; Pore water geochemistry ; Sedimentary geochemistry; gas geochemistry.

- \* Geophysics: Sub-bottom high-resolution seismic; Multibeam Echosounder; Side Scan Sonar; Marine Magnetic Surveys; Electro- Magnetic Surveys.

- \* Analytical methods

- \* Informatics

- \* Deep sea drilling

In sum, the above mentioned methods have been used in research and investigation of gas hydrate in many countries over the world for more than 40 years. These manifest scientific advance, effectiveness and feasibility in research of gas hydrate in Viet Nam.



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**Short Bio Data:**

Richard Coffin is the Marine Biogeochemistry Section Head at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington DC. Rick is a NRL leader for international development of methane hydrate research. His primary research focus is biogeochemistry related to sediment and water column methane cycling. There is strong experience in applying geophysics and geochemical approaches to studying the flux of sediment methane to shallow sediment and water column carbon cycling. Field work, as a chief and co-chief scientist, has been conducted off the mid Chilean Margin, Hikurangi Margin off New Zealand, Cascadia Margin, along the mid-Norwegian coast, on the Texas-Louisiana Shelf in the Gulf of Mexico, and most recently, off the coast of Alaska in the Beaufort Sea. Currently plans are being set for the Kara Sea during August 2011. This research addresses climate change and alternate energy exploration. Rick received his Ph.D. in oceanography in 1986 from the University of Delaware.

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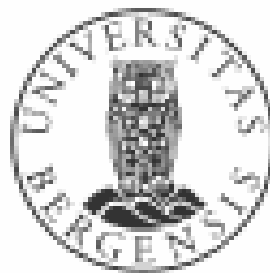
**Abstract:** Shallow Sediment Geochemical Surveys of Deep Sediment Methane Hydrate Deposits

Methane hydrates are recognized to exist in high concentrations in coastal oceans around the world. The Japanese are exploring the potential for hydrates in the Nankai Trough, off the coast of Tokyo Japan, for development as a dominant national energy source. This investigation has lead to Arctic tundra hydrate energy evaluation in the Mackenzie Delta and Prudhoe Bay by international governments, universities and industry. Exploration of for the hydrates depends on data from seismic profiling and deep sediment drilling. This approach to hydrate exploration is expensive. Recent studies have combined seismic profiles, shallow sediment geochemistry, heatflow and controlled source electromagnetics to predict deep sediment hydrate deposits. This approach provides a more thorough, less expensive, investigation prior to deep sediment drilling.

NRL has been involved in methane hydrate exploration of the coasts of New Zealand, Chile, Canada, in the Beaufort Sea and the Gulf of Mexico. These studies have shown a wide variation in the prediction of deep sediment methane hydrate deposits within and between the locations. General findings of these studies are the need for a thorough geochemical evaluation.

Strong seismic blanking indicative of high vertical methane migration off the coast of Chile was observed to have a low vertical methane flux through the deep sediment. High vertical methane migration on Atwater Valley in the Gulf of Mexico was observed to be coupled with a high vertical chloride flux in the porewaters, which suggest deep sediment salt diapirs caused unstable sediment methane hydrate deposits. Bottom simulating reflection, coupled with seismic blanking were believe to indicate high vertical methane fluxes on the Hikurangi Margin off the coast of New Zealand. However, shallow sediment geochemical data taken through this region suggested very low deep sediment hydrate deposits.

This presentation will provide an overview of predicted methane hydrate deposits in different coastal regions and the advantages of combining different parameters in the evaluation. Work will include data from expeditions in the Gulf of Mexico at Atwater Valley and Alaminos Canyon, on the mid Chilean Margin, west of Concepcion, on the Alaskan coast in the Beaufort Sea and on the Hikurangi Margin, northeast of New Zealand. The approach will provide an overview of the benefits and issues with the interpretation of deep sediment hydrate deposits using different approaches for the field survey. This presentation supports combining a variety of parameters for these surveys.



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### **Abstract:**

#### **Multiscale couplings of hydrate dynamics in porous media and implications for hydrate instability**

Research on continental margins and in permafrost areas have shown that the energy trapped in gas hydrates rivals that in all known conventional petroleum and coal fields, and could provide energy power to many parts of the world where conventional petroleum is nonexistent or has been consumed. Previous opinions were that methane clathrates are unreliable as reservoirs and

uneconomical to exploit, but feasibility studies at the Mallik test well in Arctic permafrost and drilling offshore Gulf of Mexico and India are changing this conservative attitude.

Recent drilling by an US governmental agency and industry consortium in the Gulf of Mexico confirmed gas hydrate energy targets with potential for gas production. Commercially viable offshore production is considered achievable within 5-10 years depending on reservoir assessments and technology developments [1].

Onshore hydrate production has existed since the seventies [e.g. Messoyakha field] while offshore hydrate production is today the focus of geophysical surveys and drilling operations in India, Japan, Korea and China and the east coast of USA. These geophysical surveys have successfully predicted the location and concentration of gas hydrate deposits using reprocessed industry 3-D seismic data and multi-component seismics [2, 3]. Despite these efforts, offshore production demonstration sites are lacking behind by several years testing at land-based production sites in the Arctic [US Department of Energy]. The U.S. Department of Energy (2008) signed agreements for cooperative research efforts with representatives from three countries with gas hydrate research programs: India, Korea and Japan.

There are essentially four classes of exploitation methods for hydrates: 1) Pressure reduction, 2) Thermal stimulations, 3) Injection of chemical like inhibitors or salt solutions and 4) Injection of CO<sub>2</sub>. Injection of salt or inhibitors is generally expensive due to price of chemicals and extra processing of the produced water that follows along with the production of hydrocarbons. Limiting heating, at least locally, is required with option 2) but option 3) as separate alternative is expensive and involves useless heat losses to minerals. Options 1), 2) and 3) all involve roughly 10% reduction in volume and it seems unlikely that the released pore space can be replaced sufficiently rapid to avoid rearrangement of sand and corresponding geo mechanical implications, at least for options 1) and 2). In addition to the rearrangement and compaction of unconsolidated sand there is always the risk of producing sand with the fluid flow, which may have even more severe implications for geo mechanical instability. Since 1970 roughly 6 billion cuft of gas have been produced from the Messoyakha field and the Tundra above have indeed been sinking substantially during these years.

Despite the above pressure reduction have been the primary method in Mallik and Mallik II test productions. It is also the primary method for the Nankai Through test planned for 2012. ConocoPhillips and DOE is planning a test on CO<sub>2</sub> injection in Alaska in 2012. The wells are yet being drilled and will be plugged until 2012. The advantages of this option is of course the win-win situation by simultaneous storage of CO<sub>2</sub> and release of natural gas as well as the fact that the net volume change is practically zero and as such geo mechanically feasible.

The kinetics rates of hydrate dissociation involved in options 1), 2) and 3) are implicit coupled functions of mass transport, heat transport and kinetics of the phase transition itself. Pressure reduction is often limited by heat transport since the heat for dissociation have to be supported from the surroundings after the pressure have been reduced to outside stability for the hydrate front. Heat addition obviously also requires understanding of the heat transport kinetics involved. The degree of thermodynamic control of the kinetics of phase transition itself is not adequately described in any simulators today. Most of the relate to some empirically fitted data from PVT cell experiments of Kim and Bishnoi in the 1980's and have no relevance for realistic reservoir conditions. Injection of CO<sub>2</sub> is a mass transport controlled process in which the entropy changes dominate the thermodynamics of the phase transition.

Another challenge is that practically all hydrate systems in nature are non equilibrium systems. Many of them even as given by Gibbs phase rule and other simply because only a number of the theoretically possible number of phases are stable at the given temperature and pressure locally

in the reservoir. The typical situation is therefore that one phase or at least some few phases dominate the progress of the system inside the pores at any time. Solid mineral surfaces have a dual effect as the water adsorbed directly on the surface have lower chemical potential than "bulk" pore water and as such might dissociate hydrate. On the other hand the solid mineral surfaces with adsorbed water may serve as adsorption sites for hydrate formers so hydrate formation slightly outside the mineral surfaces can be facilitated. In addition hydrate will dissociate towards any phase which is under saturated with respect to water or hydrate formers. Hydrates can reform on hydrate former/interfaces are even form solutions of hydrate formers in water. Hydrate formation from water in gas is less important due to the low content of water in gas.

Existing hydrate simulators are normally using pressure versus temperature stability curve and neglecting kinetics of phase transition, or use the aforementioned equation due to Kim and Bishnoi. The incorporated equation for heat transport contains different sets of approximations that makes them rather questionable for the complex system of phase transitions subject to varying fluid flow inside pores.

In view of the above there is a need for a new type of hydrate simulator which is capable of handling competing phase transitions under varying regimes of flow surrounding the hydrate (and corresponding rates of dilution of surrounding fluids). Reactive transport simulators do have the logistics in place for this. RetrasoCodeBright (RCB) [4 - 8] is to our knowledge the only reactive transport simulator which also offers the implicit description of geo mechanics for every element of a grid system at any time step. Another advantage of a reactive transport simulator is the couplings between different reactions which open up for couplings between CO<sub>2</sub> hydrate phase transitions and mineral reactions with CO<sub>2</sub> when all hydrate phase transitions (formation and dissociation) are treated as "pseudo" reactions.

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**Abstract:**

**Gas Hydrate System and Numerical Investigation of Gas Production Strategy in Shenhu Area, South China Sea**

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## ABSTRACT

Shenhu Area, one of the most favorable locations for gas hydrates in the north slope of South China Sea, is located in the Pearl River Mouth Basin. The geological setting, temperature and pressure conditions are favorable for the formation of gas hydrate. Analysis of the geochemistry of sediments from large piston cores showed that the sulfate-methane interface (SMI) is from 10 to 27 mbsf in the research area. Methane was the dominant hydrocarbon gas in all gas analyses. The  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CH}_4}$  values of headspace gases from the gravity piston core sediments ranged from -74.3‰ to -46.2‰, with the majority being less than -55‰. It is likely that the methane of gas hydrate originated from in-situ microbial activity.

The drilling recovered high concentrations of hydrate (maximum 26-48%, with the gas composition of >99%  $\text{CH}_4$ ) in a disseminated form in foram-rich clay sediments. The wire-line log showed a very distinctive positive anomaly in resistivity and sonic velocity in the interval of the hydrate layer. It was also interesting that the caliper log was smoother through this interval and the density log also showed a small decrease. From the combined well-log and geochemical data, the hydrate-bearing sediments were determined to range from 10 meters to 25 meters in thickness, and to concentrate just above the base of the gas hydrate stability zone (BGHSZ).

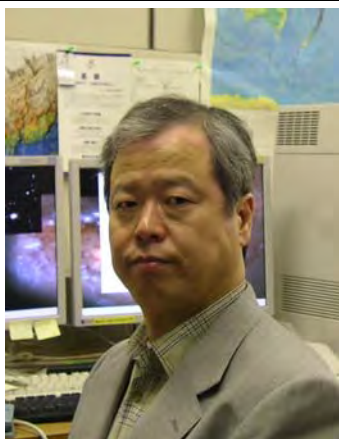
The estimate of the total amount of methane trapped in the drilling-confirmed 15  $\text{km}^2$  extent of the Shenhu hydrate deposit is about  $160 \times 10^8 \text{ m}^3$ . Given the size of this accumulation, the Chinese government and industry have a keen interest in the commercial development potential of the resource.

By means of numerical simulation, we assess the production potential of hydrate accumulations at the SH2 drilling site of the Shenhu area. We simulate the hydrate dissociation and the corresponding gas production induced by depressurization at a single vertical well. We also test the gas production potential by alternately producing fluid and injecting hot water (huff-and-puff) at the well. To minimize gas losses through the overburden and excessive water production through proximity to the permeable, water-saturated zones, the production (perforated) interval is limited to the middle 1/3 section of the well within the hydrate layer.

Production from depressurization-induced dissociation based on a constant well pressure does not appear to be a promising approach in deposits characterized by the low hydraulic diffusion. This approach allows the production of hydrate-originating gas at decreasing rates ( $<463 \text{ m}^3/\text{d}$  for the permeability  $k=10\text{D}$ ) in the reference case. The production is invariably lower than would have been attainable in the presence of impermeable boundaries. The intrinsic permeability of the HBL is considered as the most insensitive parameter to enhance the gas production from the deposits. Huff-and-puff results in very low production rates ( $50\text{-}140 \text{ m}^3/\text{d}$ ) that are orders of magnitude much lower than generally acceptable standards of commercial viability of gas production from oceanic reservoirs. The study provides a first insight into the production potential of the Shenhu hydrate accumulations, and a basis for the analysis of the economic feasibility of gas production from that area.

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#### **Abstract:**

##### **Present status of Japanese methane gas hydrate research and development program**

Present activities of methane gas hydrate research and development in Japan will be presented.

Agency of Natural Resources and Energy of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (ANRE/METI) organized MH21 (Research Consortium for Methane Hydrate Resources in Japan) comprising JOGMEC, AIST, ENAA, and many industrial and scientific organizations for the research and development of natural gas hydrate as natural gas resources in 2001.

MH21 program completed its 8 years Phase 1 activities in March 2009. Main research results of Phase 1 are 1) Success of gas production from natural hydrate deposit with reservoir depressurization technique in Canadian Arctic, 2) Discovery of pore-space filling type hydrate deposits in sand layer which is controlled sedimentologically, 3) Petrophysical understanding of hydrate deposit by seismic and well logging analysis, 4) Understanding of dynamic physical properties of hydrate deposits in-situ and production conditions with laboratory measurement and computer simulation. The resource potential of the pore-space filling type hydrate deposits, which is developed within the sand interval of turbidite sedimentary sequences in Nankai Trough forearc basin area, is assessed and confirmed by JOGMEC hydrate research team.

MH21 program moved in present 7 years Phase 2 (FY2009-15) in April 2009. New Project Leader of MH21 is Associate Professor Yoshihiro Masuda, Tokyo University. JOGMEC and AIST are the main components of the MH21 R&D in Phase 2. Main research objective of Phase 2 is the R&D for the gas production in offshore methane hydrate field in Eastern Nankai Trough region. Two production tests in offshore area are planned during Phase 2. First test will be carried out in fiscal year 2012. JOGMEC is planning to start drilling for production test well and some monitoring wells in fiscal year 2011 and completed the shallow part of the test well. They will re-drilled and test the productivity of the gas from the methane hydrate deposits in fiscal year 2012.

Tokyo University and AIST/GSJ have surveyed the fracture filling shallow methane gas hydrate deposits in eastern margin of Japan Sea with the conventional surface core sampling and geophysical methods for ten years. As the geological character and the resource potential of this type of methane gas hydrate are still not well known, we conducted the deep piston coring in 2010 as a part of MH21. The recent progress with the deep piston core sample analysis will be presented.

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**Abstract:**

In 2007, natural gas hydrates was successfully recovered in the Ulleung Basin during the Ulleung Basin Gas Hydrate Expedition 1 (UBGH1). UBGH1 was funded by Ministry of Knowledge Economy of Korea (MKE), Korea National Oil Corporation (KNOC), and Korea Gas Corporation (KOGAS). The scientific aspects and technical decisions were made by the Korea Institute of Geoscience and Mineral Resources (KIGAM) and the Korea Gas Hydrate R&D Organization (GHDO). Conventional and pressure coring confirmed gas hydrates within a “fracture-filling” type clay-dominated sediments up to 150 meters below seafloor. The thick gas hydrate accumulation within a “pore-filling” type sand-dominated sediments was discovered in the Ulleung Basin during the Ulleung Basin Gas Hydrate Expedition 2 (UBGH2) in 2010. Post-expedition gas hydrates studies are ongoing for the research and potential resources from the Ulleung Basin, East Sea, Korea.



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**Presentation: 1) Gas hydrate is indicator to search oil-gas deposit in the Okhotsk Sea**

**2) One of the method to extract methane from gas hydrate area in the Sea**

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### Abstract:

#### 1) Gas hydrate is indicator to search oil-gas deposit in the Okhotsk Sea

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Laboratory Gas Geochemistry POI FEB RAS is studying natural gas distribution on the sediment, column water in the Okhotsk Sea and atmosphere since 1984. Gas (mostly methane) used like indicators to search oil-gas deposit, gas hydrate, prognosis seismo-tectonic activity (including earthquake and tsunami) and examine local and global ecology. In Okhotsk Sea methane and heavy hydrocarbon anomalies are formed in sediment and bottom water over oil-gas structures and gas hydrate area in zone fault. Gas hydrate was discovered due to flux of gas is formed where gas hydrate destroyed in zone fault. Bubbles of gas (mostly methane) from decomposition gas hydrate is going from surface sediment to up to water column and to atmosphere. They created hydro-acoustic anomaly in echogram like flare 200-300 m long (fig. 1). Methane concentration inside flare was more than 10000 nl/l. It sharply decreased outside flare and zone fault. Over gas hydrate field without fault methane concentration in bottom water was like background about 40-50 nl/l. It is because layer of gas hydrate is good cap that keep gas to go out from oil-gas deposit and support to form oil-gas deposit in geological period when sediment thickness grows and gas hydrate layers is going down in the warmer zone unstable gas hydrate. So, gas hydrate and oil-gas deposit relationship and gas hydrate can help to search oil-gas deposit.

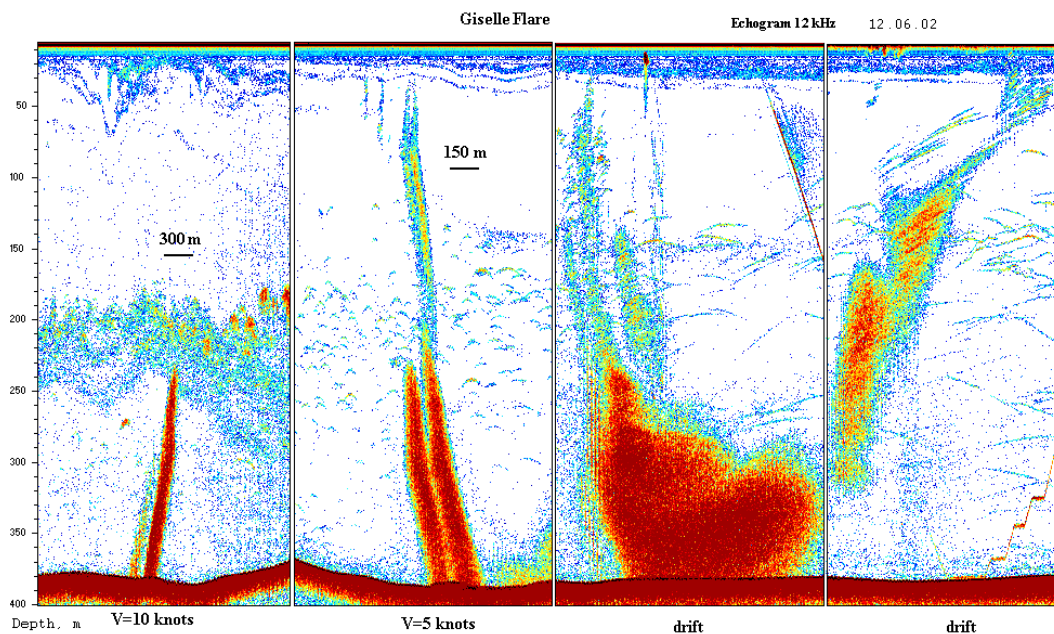


Fig. 1. Hydroacoustic image (echogram) in gas hydrate area of Gizella Flare in Okhotsk Sea. Almost vertical structure is flux of methane bubbles from sediment to water column and atmosphere like flare.

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**Abstract:**

**2) One of the method to extract methane from gas hydrate area in the Sea**

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To extract methane from gas hydrate and methane flux we will be use methane for commerce and reduce to put it in atmosphere. One of the possible to extract methane from gas hydrate and methane flux we proposal the next model (fig. 1). Bubbles of methane are covering many traps and gas is going up by special gas-storage device. When it will be full device with gas come up in ship. Ship will be take gas in order each trap (for example 50 traps) and come back in first after last trap. It will be continue. So, untraditional sources hydrocarbon (methane) that may use in the national economy and to decrease prolusion of environment and atmosphere are gas hydrate with methane flux in the Okhotsk Sea. It is important to take methane from its to use in commerce and preserve ecology.

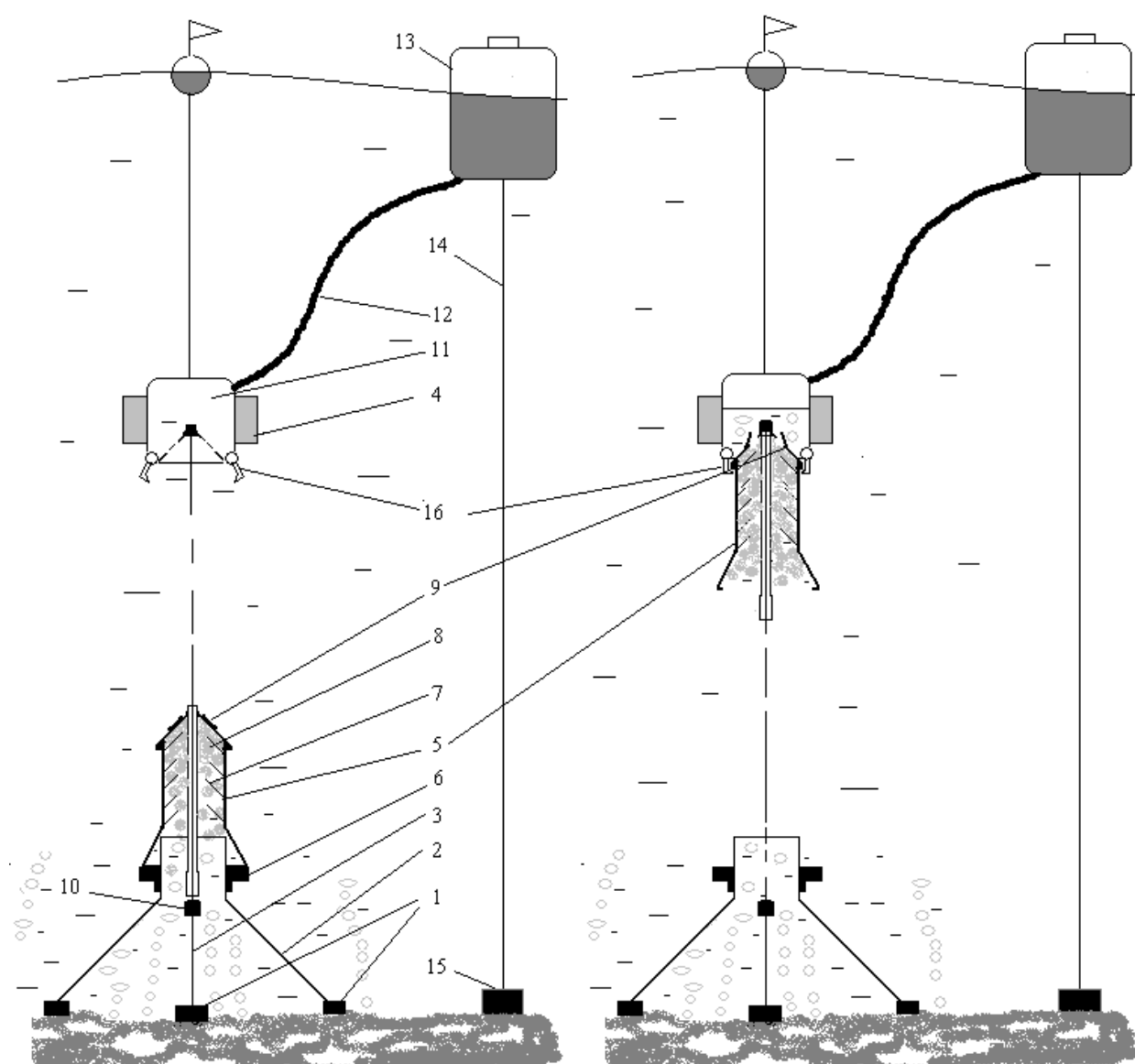
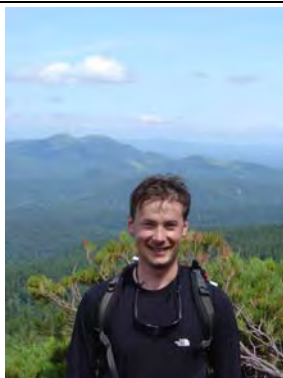


Fig. 1. Gas-extracted device of bubbles methane in the gas hydrate field.





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**Abstract:**

Our research aim is to investigate methane hydrates induced by different geological conditions in the second largest marginal sub arctic sea of the Pacific Ocean - Okhotsk Sea. Coring, hydroacoustic, seismic profiling, GC and MS technologies et cet. were applied. Methane hydrates was explored for 1998-2010. Active methane emission within the thick Cenozoic sediment basins (up to 10 km thickness) are linked to multiple hydrocarbon accumulations: mainly oil and gas deposits, and gas (methane) hydrates – proved for the Okhotsk Sea. The distribution of gas hydrates on NE Sakhalin slope (7000 sq. km) are related genetically with hydrocarbon accumulations, spatially with local structures, and controlled particularly by active faulting belongs to transform plates border. Modern high seismic activity cause fault's activities that break through the sea floor and create a favourable gas-permeable state along shear zones. Anomalously ambient methane concentrations in the water column (up to 30.000 nl/l above gas hydrates) and in sediments reflect that situation geochemically. For the Okhotsk Sea we classified when gas saturated fluids migrate through the upper sediments and penetrate the sea floor, particularly via the fault systems, deformations of the BSR, mud volcanoes, gas-geothermal springs, and pockmark-like structures are originates. Mineralogical and biological features are brightly marks the gas hydrates in sediments also. Submarine gas seepage usually accompanied by contrast acoustic anomalies in the sediments and water column (up to 500 gas “flares” prior to 2010 indicates gas hydrate accumulation off NE Sakhalin). High hydrocarbons were found as well, but methane is dominated. We recovered gas hydrates up to 35 cm thick pieces by coring. Lithology and stratigraphy, presumably have a less significance comparably to active tectonic mode. Methane origin discussed as mixture of thermogenic and biogenic. Methane resources trapped in gas hydrates estimated up to  $2 \times 10^{12}$  cubic meters.



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**1) Natural Gas Hydrates as an Energy Resource and New Developments in gas Hydrate Exploration**

**2) Analysing sand-dominated channel systems for potential gas-hydrate-reservoirs using an AVO seismic inversion technique on the Southern Hikurangi Margin, New Zealand**

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**Abstract:**

1) Gas hydrates have the potential to become an economically viable source of energy within a decade. As a result, significant effort is being spent internationally on developing techniques for gas hydrate exploration. Similar to conventional hydrocarbon exploration, gas hydrates are increasingly being investigated as part of a petroleum system, including gas sources, migration paths, emplacement mechanisms, and reservoir rocks. Such a petroleum-system approach currently appears to be most promising for discovering and characterising gas hydrate fields. In the absence of borehole information, gas hydrate exploration is largely based on analysis of seismic data in particular for seismic velocity and amplitude anomalies caused by gas hydrates and the character of bottom simulating reflections. Resistivity anomalies from electromagnetic surveys appear to be another promising geophysical indicator for gas hydrates. Results from geophysical data are often augmented by geochemical data from sediment cores to determine possible sources of gas (e.g. thermogenic vs. biogenic) and methane flux rates. It also appears that many concentrated gas hydrate deposits are associated with seafloor vent sites that can be detected from multibeam data. Gas hydrate exploration is guided by potential exploitation of gas hydrate reservoirs. It is currently thought that gas will be produced most economically from hydrates by depressurization, in which case production of hydrates is most efficient from deeper layers close to the base of gas hydrate stability. However, flushing out CH<sub>4</sub> from hydrates by sequestering CO<sub>2</sub> may become a viable production method. In that case, reservoirs need to be located within the stability range of both CH<sub>4</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> hydrates.

2) The Hikurangi Margin, a subduction-zone margin east of New Zealand's North Island, contains gas hydrates in a very variable geologic environment. Significant gas hydrate saturations have been inferred in particular from controlled-source electromagnetic data collected in 2007. However, little is known so far about the quality of the host rock for gas hydrates. Like conventional hydrocarbon fields, gas hydrate need to be hosted by high-quality reservoir rocks, usually high-permeability sands. Identification of sand layers is therefore an important first step for discovering commercially viable gas hydrate fields. On the Hikurangi margin, sands may be deposited through submarine channel systems in slope basins on the accretionary wedge and in the Pegasus Basin.

Extensive canyons are present in the southern part of the margin. We have identified high-amplitude reflections in 2-D seismic data that cross bottom simulating reflections with a polarity reversal.

We suggest these reflections may be caused by high-permeability layers, probably sand-dominated, containing a significant gas column beneath the gas hydrate stability zone and gas hydrates within it. Results from high-resolution velocity analysis on a 2D seismic dataset in combination with AVO attribute analysis and AVO inversion supports our interpretation and facilitates the delineation of the gas hydrate zone.



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**Abstract:**

**India Gas Hydrate Program: An overview & Future plans**

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India is an energy hungry country and with the rapid progress and Industrialization the gap between the Demand and Supply of the Conventional Hydrocarbons in the country is ever increasing. The best efforts to reduce the gap through a very aggressive New Exploration & Licensing policy have yielded positive results by way of the spurt in the E&P activity in the Country in the last few years but has this has not been able to curtail the gap. Understandably therefore, India is keen to explore the possible unconventional hydrocarbon resources to help meet its demand and therefore the very optimistic Gas hydrate program has been launched with the sole objective of utilizing the same as an energy fuel in the years to come

It was with this objective that the National Gas Hydrate program (NGHP) of India was launched. With the Secretary Petroleum & Natural Gas himself steering the body and Director General, Directorate General of Hydrocarbons as its Technical Head, the primary goal of the NGHP is to explore and establish the Gas Hydrate potential of the country and explore the appropriate technology for commercial exploitation of these resources. With this objective in mind the NGHP carried out the Expedition 01 the results of which were released in the International Conference on Gas hydrates held in February '08 at Noida India. It was through this expedition that the presence of Methane hydrates was established in the Krishna Godavari, Mahanadi and the Andaman offshore. Many scientific studies ranging from Structural, Geochemical, Sedimentological, Microbiological, Paleontological, cavity occupancy, dissociation characteristics, X-ray CT, permeability, Flow properties, etc. were carried out.

The studies revealed that Gas hydrates occur in grayish green fine sediments, gray medium sands, and white volcanic ash as pore-filling hydrate, while visible gas hydrates developed in black fine sediments, especially at Site NGHP 1-10. The structures of the gas hydrates in the studied samples are all S1, with methane as the dominant guest.

The occupancy of methane in large cage is almost complete, while it is variable in the small cage (0.75 to 0.99). The hydration number is  $6.10 \pm 0.15$  for most of the hydrates in the samples studied. The SEM studies suggest a near perfect crystalline form of these hydrates at Site 10 a feature which is not readily available in field conditions. India now boasts of the presence of the World's Richest (Krishna Godavari – 132m of massive hydrate) and the world's deepest (Andaman 613 mbsf) occurrence of Methane Hydrates. Having reached thus far the 2<sup>nd</sup> NGHP Expedition in 2011-12 would focus on locating sand bodies within the Gas Hydrate Stability Zone in an already established Gas Hydrate area particularly the Krishna Godavari and Mahanadi deep water areas on the east coast of India. The objective of this expedition would be to locate not only the sand bodies but also the occurrence of free gas below the hydrate if any. Three areas in the Krishna Godavari and Mahanadi deep waters have been identified from the sand providence point of view and evaluation of the 30 odd locations is ongoing. These locations after prioritization would be taken up for drilling in the last quarter of 2011-12. Finally the 3<sup>rd</sup> NGHP Expedition would commence the Pilot Production testing Plan and schedule of which would largely depend on the results of the Expedition-02.

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**WORKSHOP ON GAS HYDRATES**  
**1-3 March 2011, Halong Bay, Vietnam**

## SUMMARY EVALUATION

	Excellent			Unsatisfactory	
Description	5	4	3	2	1
1) Were the Lecturers well prepared?	27	18			
2) Were the Lecturers knowledgeable?	32	13			
3) Workshop presentations	29	16			
4) Did the Lecturers, Workshop help you with needs&requirement?	24	17	4		
5) Was there a good mixture of theory and practice?	22	21	2		
6) Were the examples good?	24	18	3		
7) Was the Workshop relevant to your job?	33	12			
8) Overall Workshop assessment.	35	8	2		
9) Did you enjoy the Workshop?	32	13			
10) Did the Workshop meet your expectations?	34	11			

**11) Please clarify if you missed something.**

- equipments for GH research
- environmental impact and regulations
- posters exhibition area for further discuss
- possible environmental impact related to GH survey, exploration and extraction activities
- analysing 2D, 3D seismic profile, such as how the way to draw bottom simulation reflects and other sequence stratigraphy

**12) How many people in your institution/company/organization will benefit from the seminar? (please give an estimate)**

- staffs in Research Institutes, Organizations and University students (M.Sc.&Ph.D)
- there are a lot of information about GH for a hundred of Vietnam scientists at least
- this kind of workshop will useful for many researcher, scientists and students in many research institutes and universities

**13) What changes do you think could be made to improve the Workshop? (quality of workshop content , venue, facilities, etc.)?**

- workshop is very good, but participants want to have handout before the workshop, if it is possible
- some lectures should talk slowly to make more attractive presentation and participants can capture all important details
- more examples in the term of studying GH in theory as well as in practical
- more time for dedicate discussions in breakout groups could have been very valuable to identify some areas for collaboration
- workshop duration was unfortunately too short time
- more participation from petroleum industry could attend and sharing to make value add to the workshop
- quality of workshop contents, especially in practical aspects



**14) Perspectives after the Workshop. How would you put value to the knowledge learned?**

- basic understanding about GH as a new energy for future, very good international overview
- exchange of knowledge and understand more and clear detailed of GH
- understand the basic knowledge of GH and current program of other countries
- the most important, the biggest value of the workshop was net working, meeting scientists & representatives of GH from all over the world
- obtained knowledge is useful and applicable
- a cooperative in future development project on GH between CCOP members and cooperating countries is helpful for capacity building of GH in CCOP and ASCOPE members
- improve capacity in researching and investigation of GH
- very good status of GH programs/research in countries present
- to know the future energy in the hungry status of the energy demand in the world, that's good for the long term infrastructure of big energy supply
- good to understand current GH programs initiated by India, Japan, Korea, China and other
- preparing to apply a national program on GH in Vietnam
- a tailor made workshop should be introduced to local participants who are in a very first step of GH study & research survey
- detailed procedure for GH survey & exploration that can be applicable in Vietnam in the future

**15) Comments on the food, accommodation and the venue for the Workshop?**

- simply excellent but unfortunately unstable internet
- enjoy very much and minor problem in hotel room; noises from the next door (noise prevention needed)
- it could be better if all participants can stay in the same place
- excellent & easy, made workshop focus good

**16) Suggestion of topics to other PETRAD Seminars or Workshops.**

- Joint Research and Study in GH: "South China Sea and Methodology to Produce GH in practice"
- Standard/Appropriate Procedures for GH Survey & Exploration
- Environmental Challenges and Impact Related to GH Survey, Exploration, Production Activities
- Carbon Capture Storage (CCS)
- Cost Benefit Analysis is GH Production
- Deepwater Exploration and production / E&P Deepwater Zones
- Method to Extract Methane Hydrates from GH, Technology Exploitation GH
- Training on GH Module
- Training the Human Resources
- Climate Change, Energy Focus, National Security and Local Impact
- VASI is taking the lead in implementing a government on GH, including a sub-project on capacity building for this field. It would be much helpful if PETRAD/CCOP can help to arrange a series of seminars and workshops for different target audiences: management, managers, technicians, and researcher of different levels
- Seminars / Workshops should be followed-up and focused on:-
  - Hydrate fundamentals, an easy & important area to establish collaboration on and important in education of staff for concerning generation
  - More focus on exploitation and technologies for different types of hydrates including clay hydrates
  - Mechanism for creating real collaboration

# PICTURES FROM WORKSHOP













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