Department of Petroleum Engineering

Research and Education



University of Stavanger



Universitetet i Stavanger

- Ca 1000 Employees
- Ca 8000 students
- 3 faculties + Archeologic museum
- 17 departments
- 8 PhD programs
- Collaboration with research institute IRIS





University Structure, Petroleum engineering and Petroleum Geosciences

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As a new university, state funding is still as a university college, therefore external funding is required for institutional development and research





Department Research Philosophy

- Focus on the integration of petroleum activities from geosciences to engineering
- Increase expertise in a broad range of applications, from the study and modeling of reservoirs in the field and in subsurface data to the process of making decisions
- Conduct theoretical and applied research in key areas to increase competence and reduce the risk in the exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons and other natural resources



Organisasjon - IPT

- Administrative staff
 Scientific staff
 Scientific II-positions
 Engineers
 11
- Research fellows, PostDocs & Ass 21





Laboratories

- 11 Engineers
- 29 different laboratories
- Form a "supporting beam" in research and education at the institute







Study programs

3 year Bachelor Petroleum Engineering Petroleum Geosciences engineering

2 year Master of Science Drilling Engineering Reservoir Engineering Natural gas technology engineering Petroleum Geosciences

PhD



MSc in Petroleum Reservoir Engineering: 2 Year Course Load

1 Fall	Reservoir and geological engineering (10 sp)	Directional drilling and flowing well engineering (10 sp)	Computationa l reservoir and well modelling (10 sp)
2 Spring	Geostatistics and Decision analysis (10 sp) Or Reservoir chemistry (10 sp)	Improved recovery methods (10 sp)	Core scale modelling and interpretation (10 sp)
3 Fall	Reservoir simulation (10 sp)	Reservoir geomechanics (10 sp)	Formation evaluation and well testing (10 sp)
4 Spring		Master thesis (30 sp)	



MSc in Petroleum Geosciences Engineering: 2 Year Course Load

1 Fall	Depositional systems and sequence stratigraphy (10 sp)	Structural styles and basin analysis (10 sp)	Seismic reflection methods (10 sp)
2 Spring	Geostatistics and Decision analysis (10 sp)	Seismic interpretation (10 sp)	3D reservoir modeling (10 sp)
3 Fall	Applied geosciences methods (10 sp)	Petrophysics and seismic analysis (10 sp)	Thesis seminar (10 sp)
4 Spring	Master thesis (30 sp)		



Field trips

Two introductory

- Introductory excursion to understand and observe basic structural geology and different types of rocks (Oslo graben)
- Earth history and introduction to sedimentology (Bornholm (DK), Harz (DE). Location may vary from year to year).



Understanding an orogen and petroleum plays
(Central Iberia, Cantabrian mountains, Italy,
Pyrenees; Location may vary from year to year).

 Understanding hydrocarbon-bearing rock successions in the geological context(Central Iberia, Cantabrian
 mountains, Italy, Pyrenees; Location may vary from year to year).

- **From rock to model**: Understanding modern analogs of rift structures in the field followed by reservoir modeling (Corinth's Gulf, Greece)









Research proejcts, strenght areas



Research areas within Reservoir Engineering

- Wettability: smart water, low salinity injection
- **Modelling**: simulation models, pore network modelling, dynamic wettability alteration, geochemistry, etc
- **Rock Mechanics**: water weakening of chalk, rock fluid interactions
- **Upscaling**: submicron scale molecular forces, pore scale, Darcy scale, reservoir scale, increase recovery



Increased recovery: Corec

- Co-operation between IRIS and UiS
- Reawarded NPDs IOR-price 2010
- The research shall contribute to reach the goal of a mean recovery equal to 55%
- Corec has contributed to increase the intended recovery at the Ekofisk field
- Publications and 8 PhD-dissertations





Joint application: National IOR Centre



- Research Centre for improved recovery of petroleum resources on the Norwegian Continental Shelf
- Announced by the Research Council of Norway, deadline for application is May 29, 2013
- Strategic priorities
 - Cooperation, also internationally
 - Implementation of best practice and new technology
 - Openness
 - Recruiting, education
 - Environmental aspects
- Thematic priorities
 - > Immobile oil and EOR-technologies
 - > Mobile oil: Reservoir characterisation for better volumetric sweep



Research areas within Geosciences

- Regional to reservoir scales studies using surface and subsurface data
- Subbasalt geophysics and multicomponent seismology
- Geographic information systems
- Provenance studies and paleoclimate
- Structural modeling



 Decision analysis, resource managment, geostatistics and uncertainty modeling



Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Applications and Research. Lisa Bingham (MSc)

Seismic and Well Data Compilations

Plate reconstructions







Standard research



Suitability analysis for energy resources





Lower Cretaceous clastic wedges – an under-explored play in the Arctic. LOCRA

UiS and UNIS in cooperation with UTIG, UiO, UiB, MSA, MSU, CPH

Built in close cooperation with FORCE

Main project goal : to improve the basin configuration and fill of the Lower Cretaceous basins in the high Arctic as input to prediction of coarse grained siliciclastic wedges as plays on the Norwegian Continental Shelf.







Seismic Imaging of Fault Zones

A framework to study fault related deformation and its impact on seismic, as well as the seismic acquisition and processing parameters required to image fault zones. (NFR)

In cooperation with NORSAR and University of Barcelona



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Research in hydrocarbon-related topics Udo Zimmermann

•Chalk and chert successions in eastern Italy and Northern Ireland as equivalents of the Chalk Group in the North Sea

•High resolution heavy mineral stratigraphy and reservoir characterisation on undeformed and unmetamorphosed selected sandstone successions on Bornholm (Denmark)

•Sandstone provenance





Exploring beneath basalt cover:

A challenge!

Jim Brown

Improving seismic imaging





