

# THE PROSPECTS FOR UNDERGROUND GAS STORAGE IN BRAZIL

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# Introduction

- **UGS Goals**

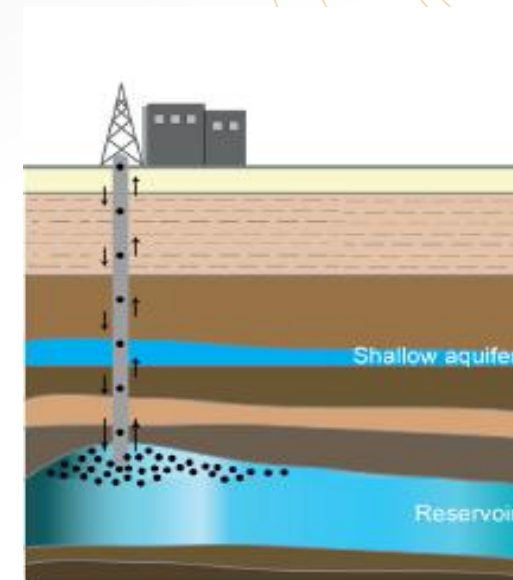
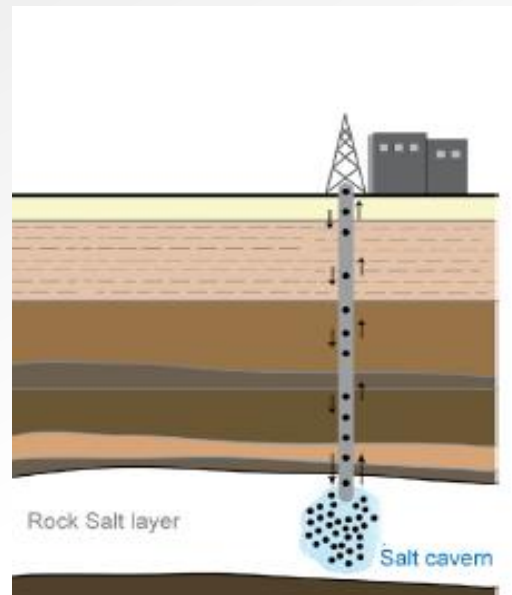
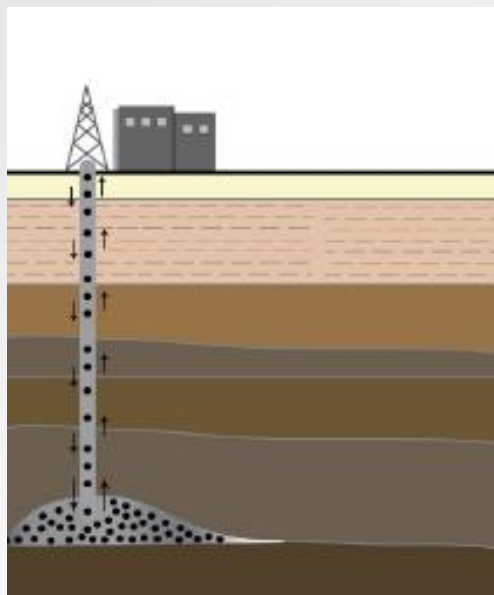
- ➔ Flexibility at peak demand times;
- ➔ Security of natural gas supply;
- ➔ Maintenance of operational flexibility and balance of the pipeline network;
- ➔ Tool to mitigate price volatility.

- **UGS in Brazil**

- ➔ UGS activity is very incipient in Brazil;
- ➔ Greater diversity of agents and greater risk sharing of pipeline network operation may leverage the need to use UGS;
- ➔ Security of supply and balancing of the pipeline network.



# Types of UGS



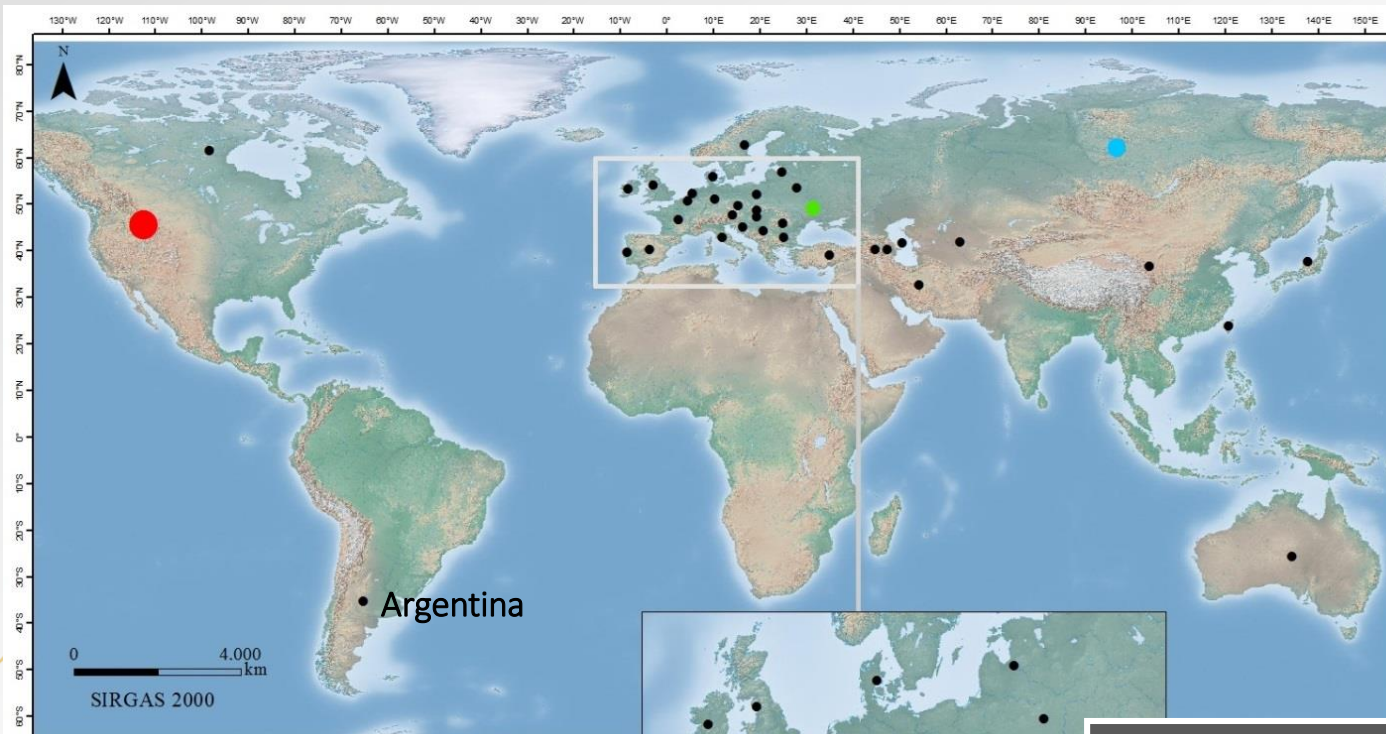
	Depleted Reservoir	Salt Cavern	Aquifer
Major Use	Seasonal Cycling	Peaking Services	Seasonal Cycling
Description	Low deliverability, low cycling, high capacity	High deliverability, high cycling, low capacity	Low deliverability, low cycling, high capacity.
Injection	120-200 days	20 days	120-200 days
Withdrawal	60-120 days	5-20 days	60-120 days

Source: Procesi (2013) and EDI (2016)



# World Outlook

## UGS facilities by working gas capacity



### Working Gas (bcm)

- 0 - 30
- 30 - 60
- 60 - 90
- 90 - 150

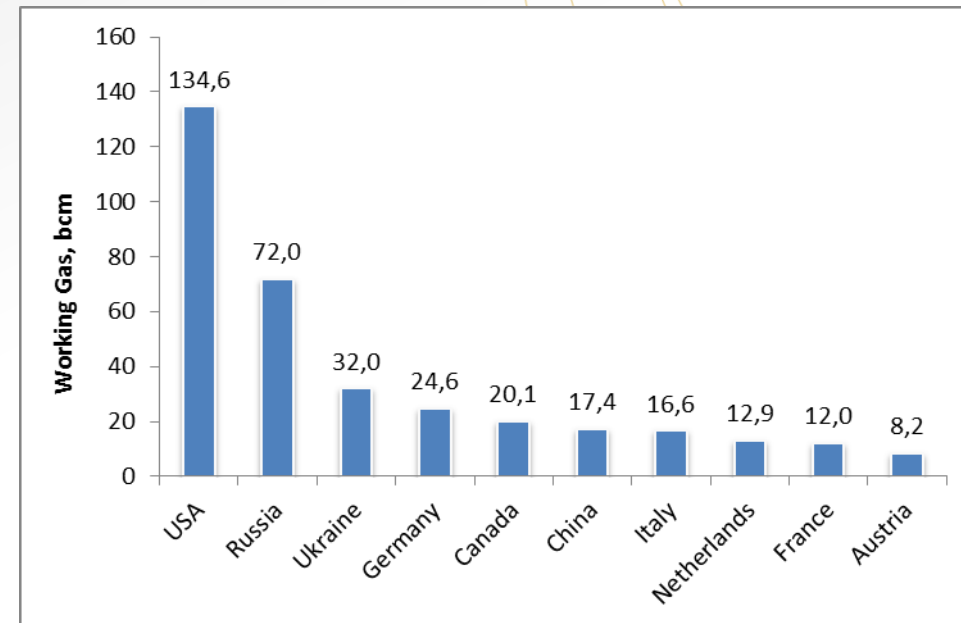
Sources:  
- Cedigaz (2017)  
- World Relief:  
Arcgis Map Service



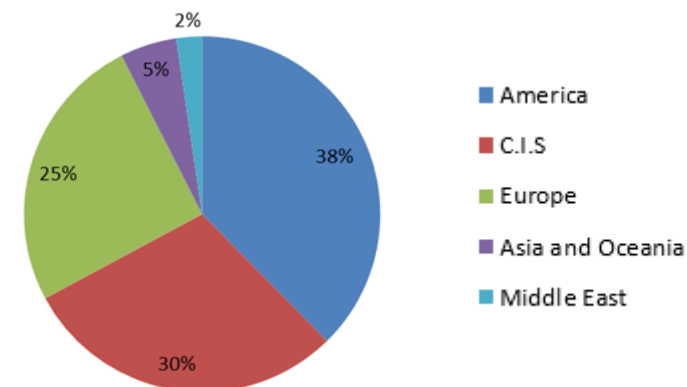
In 2016:

672 facilities  
424 bcm of working gas

## The ten countries with the largest working gas capacity in the world



## Working Gas Volume by Region (%)



Source: CEDIGAZ (2017).

# Novo Mercado de Gás / “New Gas Market”

## New Gas Market Pillars:

- To promote competition;
- To integrate gas industry to power and industrial sectors;
- To harmonize federal and states regulations;
- To reduce tax barriers;

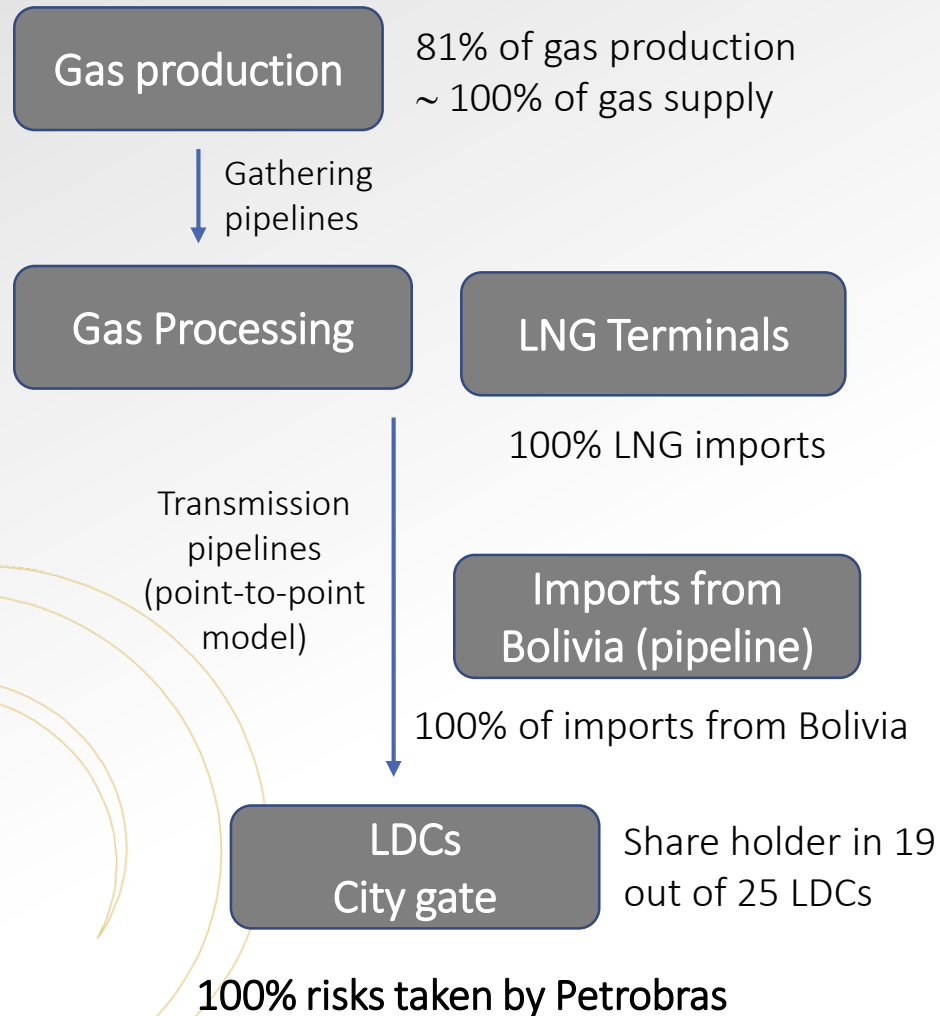
## Expected Results:

- Open, dynamic and competitive natural gas market
  - New market access and developments
- Monetization of the natural gas (including pre-salt)
- Attract investments and promote industrial activity



# MARKET SITUATION

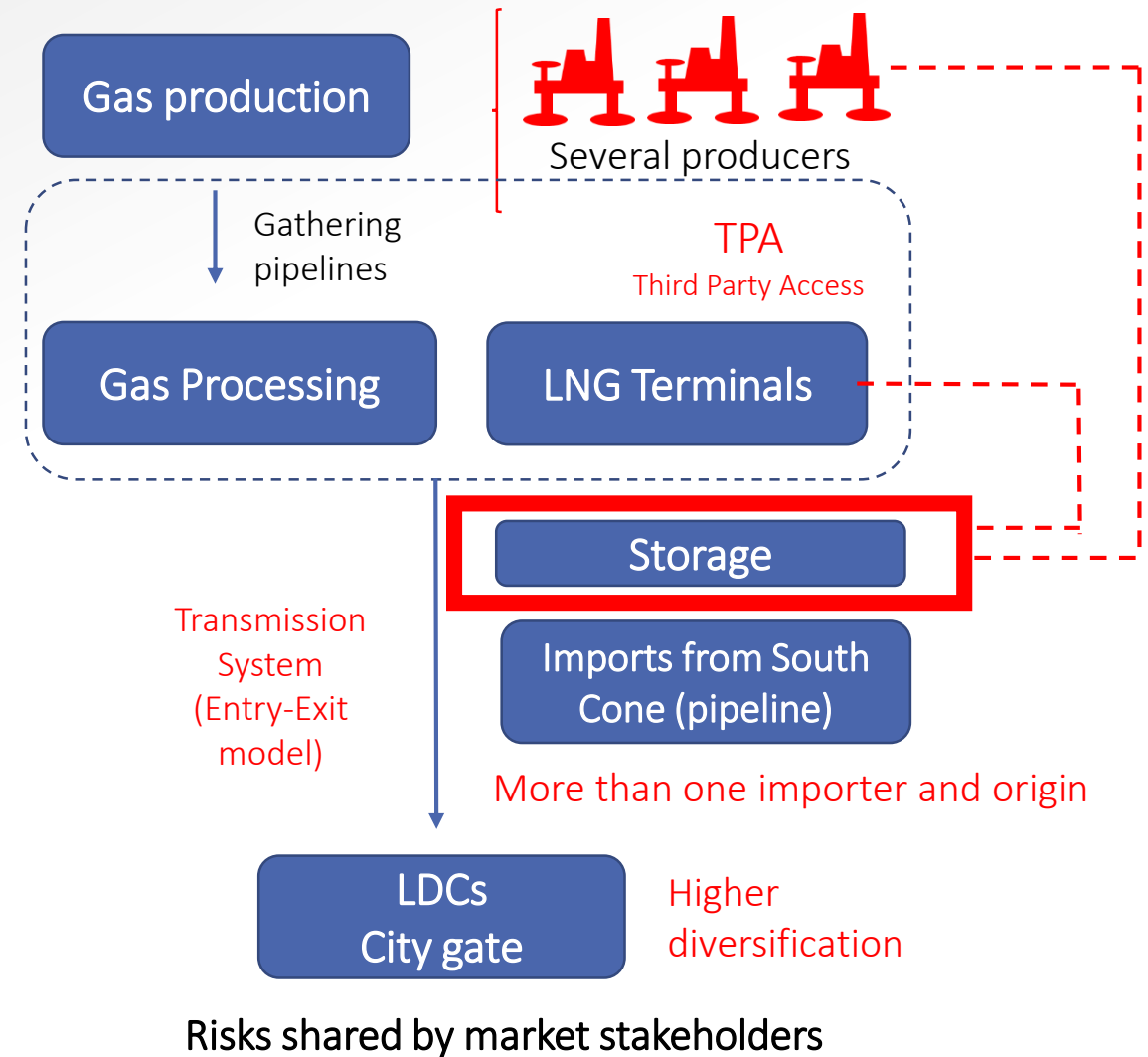
Before disinvestment, Petrobras coordinates and supplies the market



Source: ANP

# NEW GAS MARKET

Competition vision



# Underground Gas Storage in Brazil

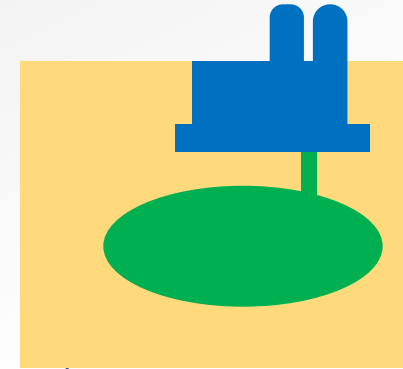


To promote competition

Several producers of natural gas

Several actors in transmission pipeline

Risk shared by market stakeholders



UGS could guarantee security of natural gas supply in the event of supply difficulties on the part of producer or shipper agents.

UGS facilities could provide peak-shaving services at peak production times for the various producers that operate in an open and competitive gas market.

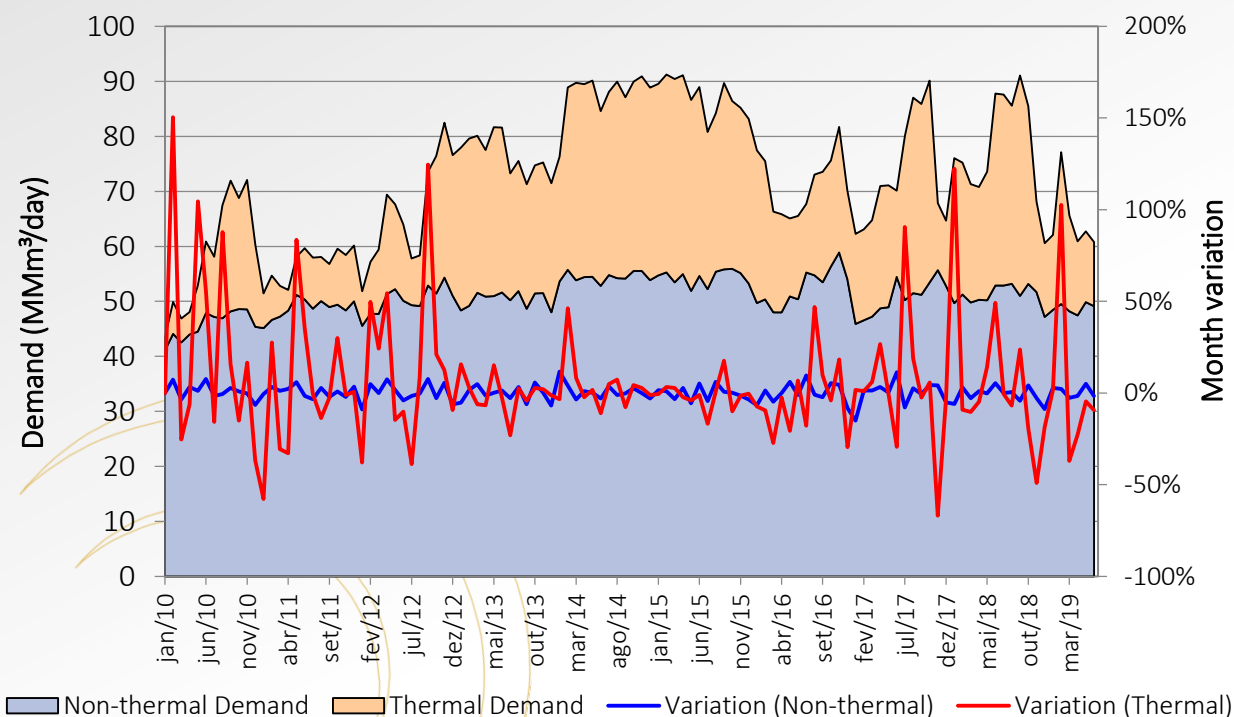


# Underground Gas Storage in Brazil



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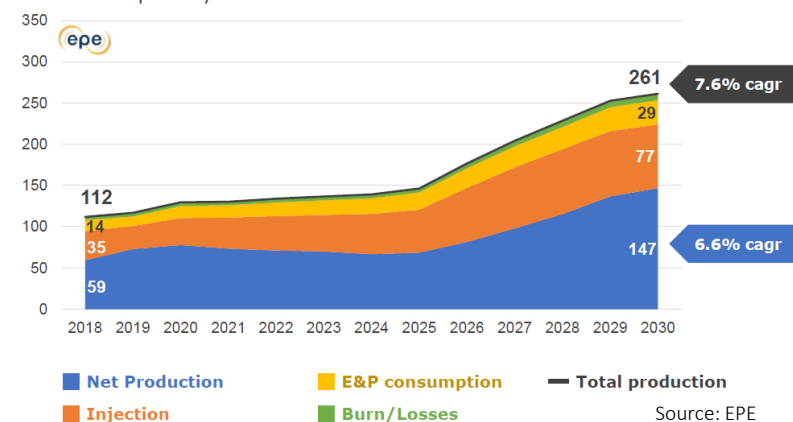
- Natural gas tends to occupy an increasingly relevant space in electric generation, mainly for peak demand hour;
- Need for flexibility in the supply of natural gas to these projects;



Source: ABEGAS, MME.

Natural Gas Gross Production

Millions m³ per day



With a larger supply of natural gas from Pre-Salt and Post-Salt areas, UGS could be used as a strategy for balancing flows and providing flexibility in supply.

# Underground Gas Storage in Brazil

## Exploration



Onshore



Offshore

## Outflow



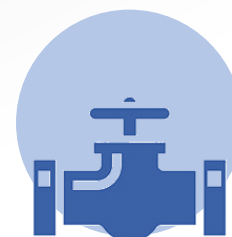
Outflow  
Pipeline

## Processing



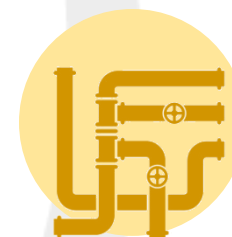
Natural Gas  
Processing  
Plant

## Transmission



Transmission  
Pipeline

## Distribution



Distribution  
Companies



Non-  
thermalpower  
demand



Thermalpower  
plant

Complementarity



Renewable Energy

# Implementation challenges of a UGS in Brazil

- The concession regime is still used for the installation of a new UGS. The authorization regime would be the most appropriate to encourage the development of the activity in Brazil.

Law Project N° 6.407, de 2013  
Apensado PL nº 6.102/2016

Today  
Concession regime (**Law 11.909/2009**)

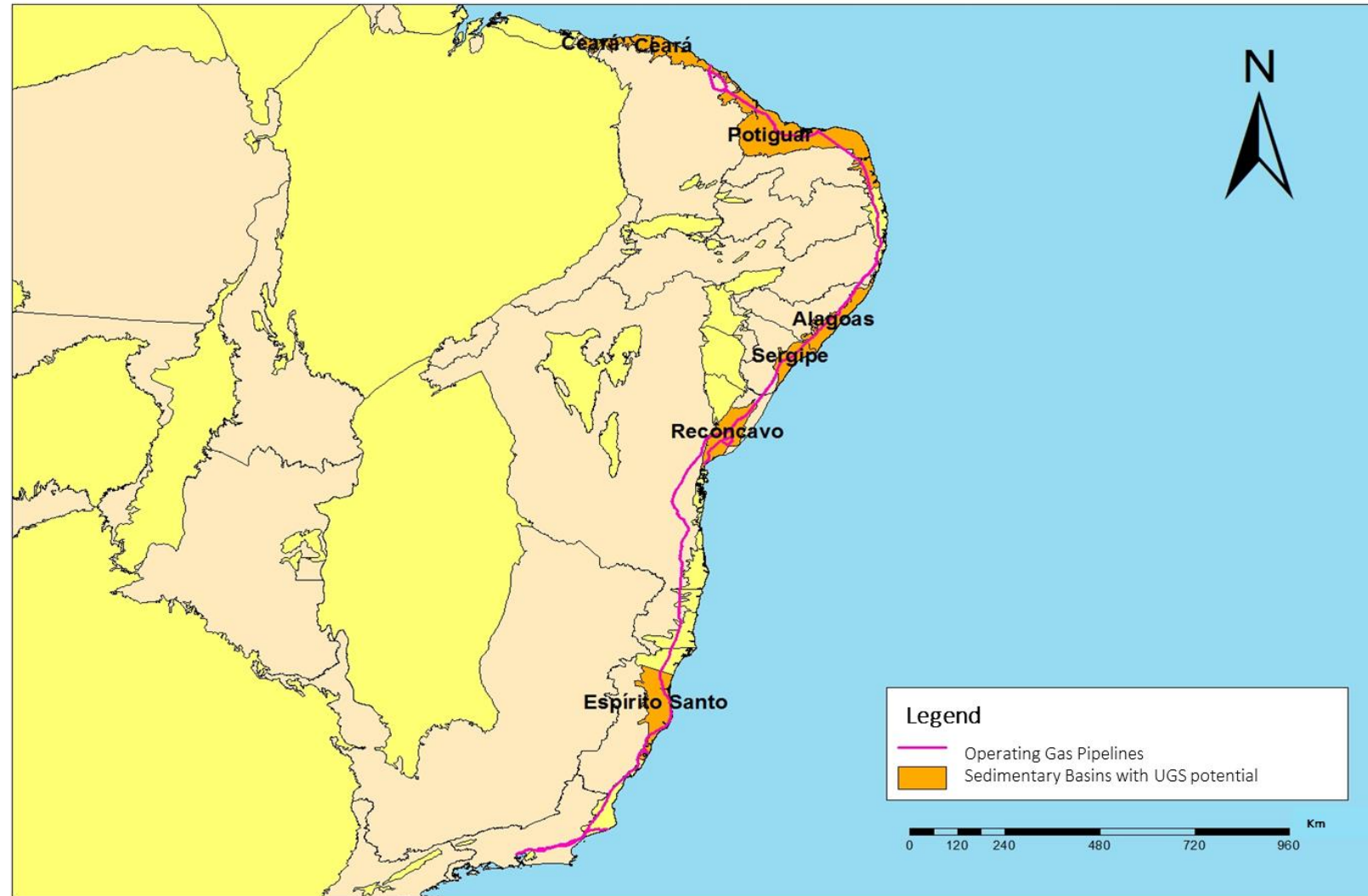


The Law Project proposal  
Authorization regime

## Principal Changes

- ANP will make available to interested parties the geological data on areas with potential for storage.
- Third party access in accordance with regulated terms defined by ANP.
- Natural gas stored in geological formations is not the property of the Union.

# Potential Opportunities in Underground Gas Storage - BRAZIL



Source: adapted from ANP interest consultation, 2016.

Link: <http://www.anp.gov.br/wwwanp/consultas-audiencias-publicas/concluidas/3178-consulta-de-interesse-2016-areas-para-estocagem-subterranea-de-gas-natural>

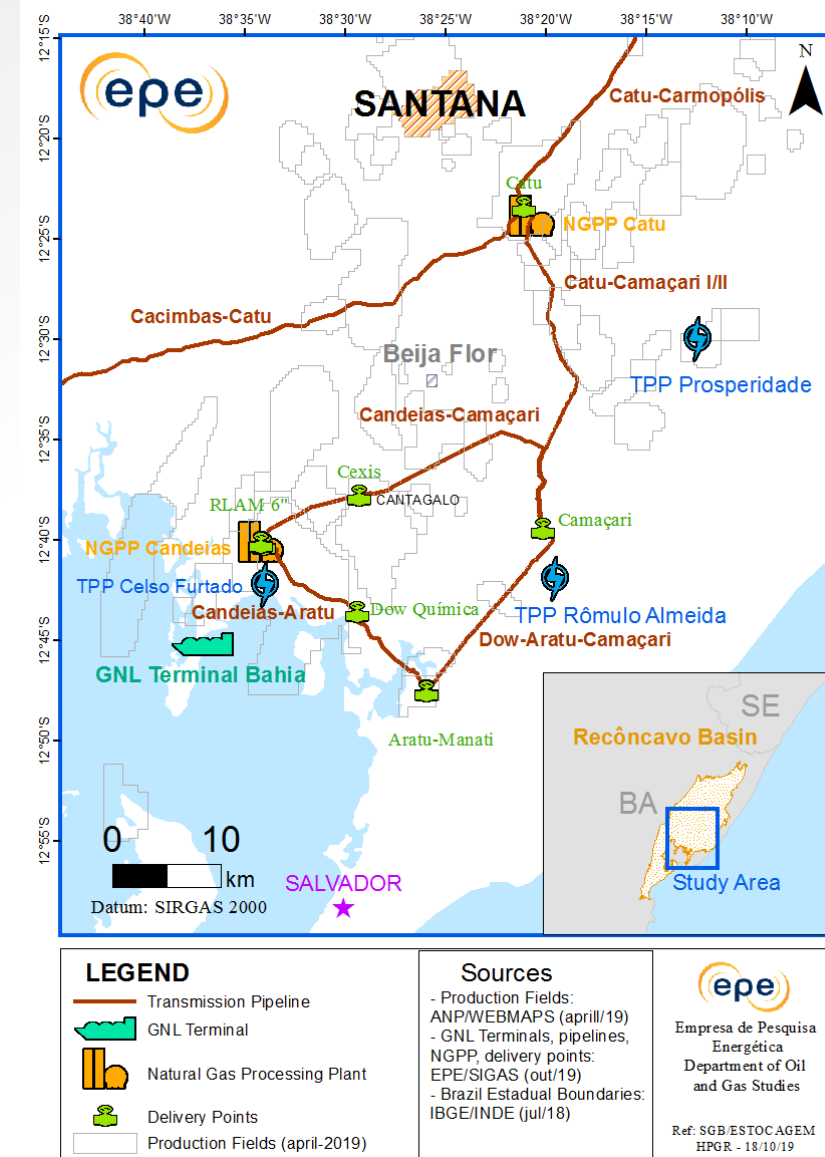
# Brazilian Case – Santana Field (Bahia)

*Plano de Desenvolvimento Aprovado  
Reunião de Diretoria nº 823 de 28/10/2015  
Resolução nº 863/2015*

Santana	
Nº do Contrato:	48000.003692/97-80
Operador do Contrato:	Santana Exploração e Produção Ltda.
Estado:	Bahia
Bacia:	Recôncavo
Localização:	Terra
Lâmina d'água:	-
Fluido Principal:	Óleo
Área:	26,93 km²
Situação:	Em produção
Descoberta:	12/1962
Declaração de Comercialidade:	Não há – Rodada Zero
Início de Produção:	01/1963
Previsão de Término da Produção:	2025 (término do contrato)

➔ Concessionary company: Santana Exploration and Production of Oil and Gas Ltda (STOGAS Group);

➔ The Development Plan (PD) presented by the company included storage activity, which was evaluated and authorized by the ANP through this document at the end of 2015.





# Final Remarks

- The Brazilian gas market is undergoing significant changes :
  - 17 new shippers in GASBOL auction;
  - TCC Petrobras/CADE;
  - Energy Auction A-6;
- UGS can help achieve “New Gas Market” objectives mainly in promoting competitiveness and integrating the gas natural industry to power.
- One of the major challenges for the development of UGS facilities in Brazil is that the current regime is still concession.

# Technical Report About UGS



An introduction to the subject, besides an hydraulic thermal fluid simulation study and economic feasibility case study for an hypothetical UGS case (depleted field) in Brazil.



Technical report available on the EPE website.



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