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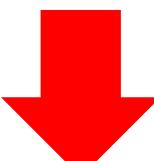




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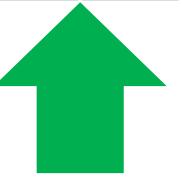




## Present P and A practices and Barrier materials

Application of MCDM for solving emerging P and A challenges in HPHT scenario

Alternative Resin solutions

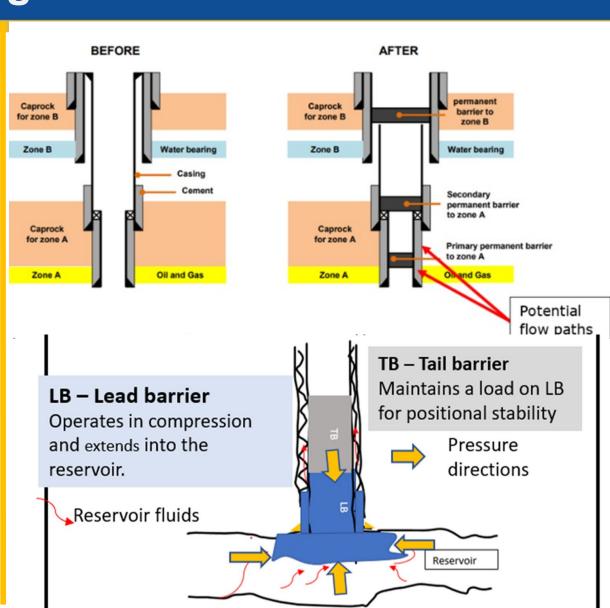


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# Present Abandonment Practices and Challenges

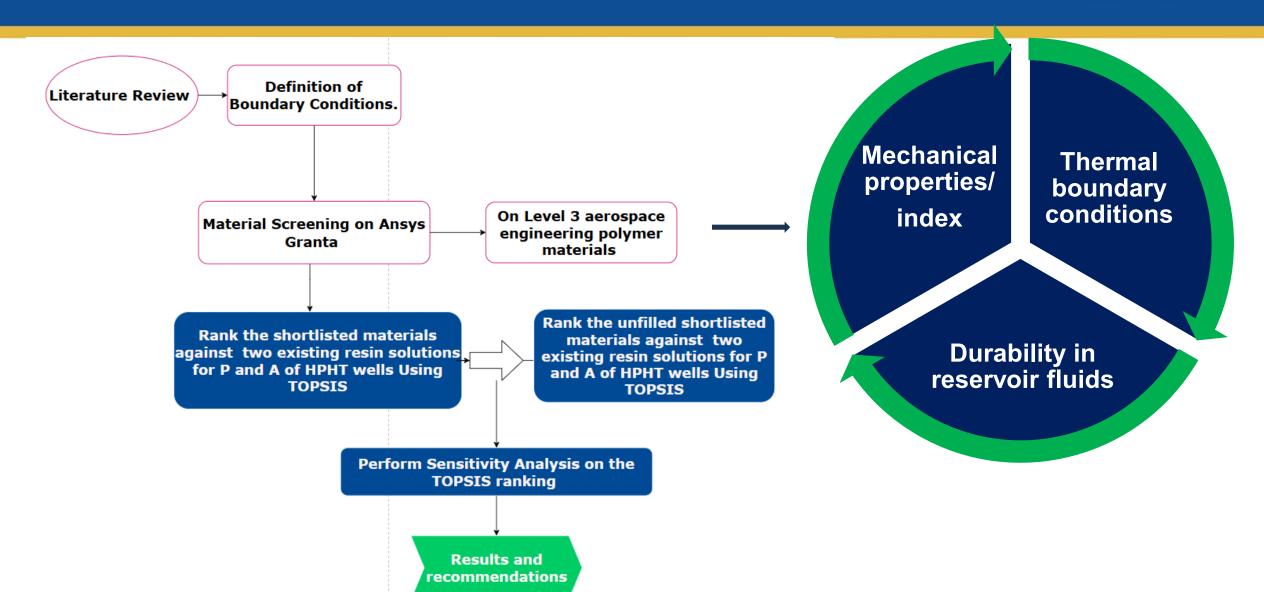


Regulatory Cost Risk of failure uncertainties & constraints Lack of/Poor A fluid driving Well records force source and A leakage path A Field level Approach



## **Study Methodology**

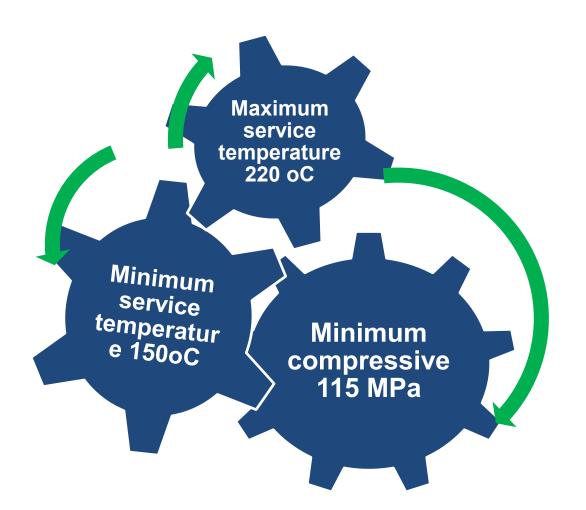


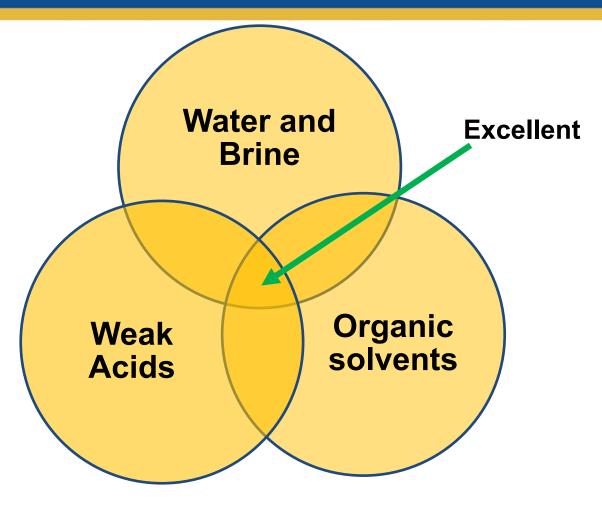


## Boundary Conditions for Materials Screening



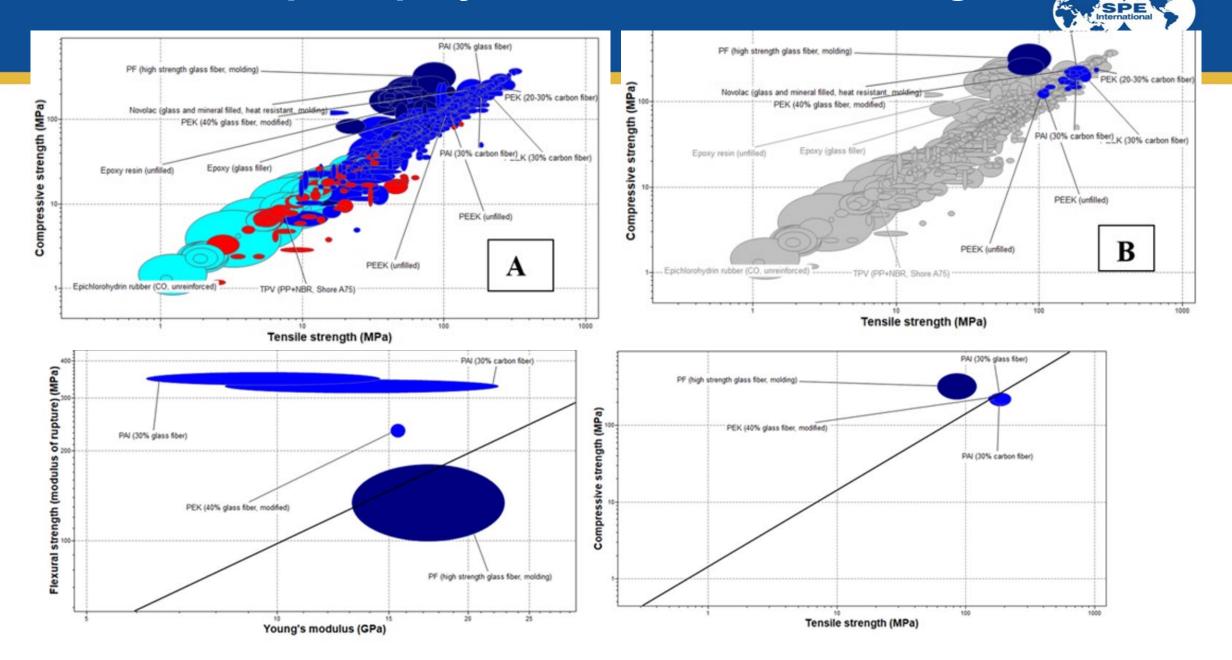
#### Mechanical and thermal boundary conditions





Boundary conditions for material durability in selected reservoir fluids

## Level 3 aerospace polymer materials screening results



## **Material ranking by TOPSIS**



- Decide and assign weights to individual criterion
- Calculate normalized and weighted normalized values criteria
- Determine the positive and negative ideal material solutions
- Calculate separation measures of each material from the positive and negative ideal solutions
- Calculate each material's similarity to the positive ideal solution.
- Rank the materials based on their distances from the positive ideal solution

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**Compressive strength - 0.2** 

Flexural strength - 0.1

Tensile
Strength 0.1

**E modulus - 0.125** 

Durability in brine & weak acids - 0.225

Durability in organic solvents - 0.25

## TOPSIS Ranking of polymer resins for well abandonment



PAI (30% glass fibre)

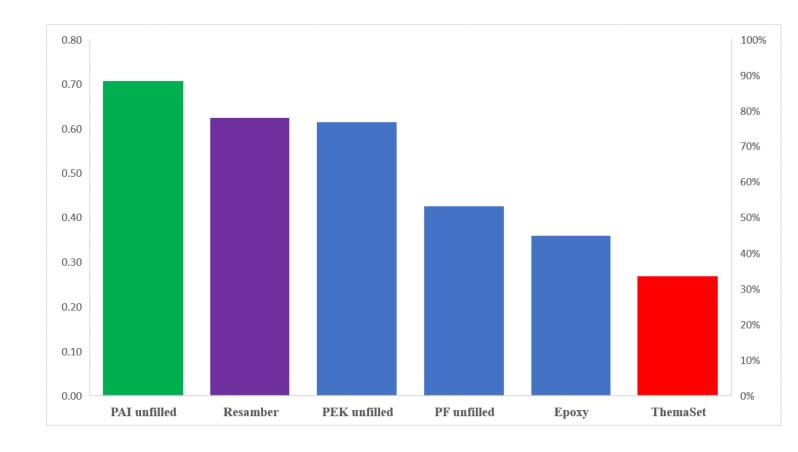
PAI (30% carbon fibre)

PF (high strength glass fibre M)

PEK (40% glass fibre, modified)

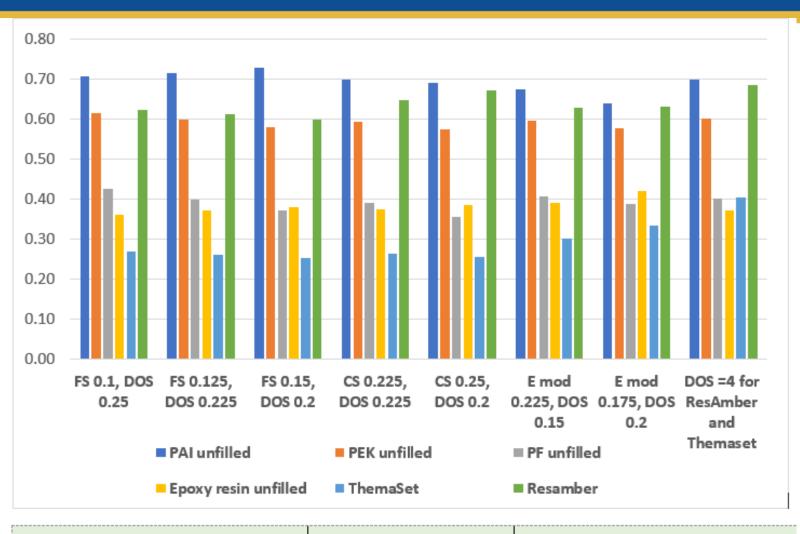
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## Sensitivity Analysis of the Ranking Process.





Compressive strength (CS)

Flexural strength (FS)

Durability in organic solvents (DOS)

#### Conclusion.



 Well abandonment and decommissioning are the reality of our industry's future.

- Polymer resins are promising alternative barrier materials to cement.
- MCDM is a viable tool for the assessment and selection of barrier materials for P and A

- P&A presents a huge challenge but also and amazing opportunity if we plan.
- Shortlisted materials are recommended for further laboratory studies.

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