



## **Deliverable report 18**

### **AI and IAGEN Application Use Case**

#### **Construction and installation - Design of the production process - Optimization of Production Processes in Vaca Muerta, Neuquén**

##### **I. Introduction**

The Vaca Muerta Technology Park, in the province of Neuquén, Argentina, is positioned as a center of innovation in the energy industry. Generative Artificial Intelligence (GENA) emerges as a tool with the potential to optimize production processes in sectors such as oil, natural gas, and wastewater treatment.

of the water.

Vaca Muerta, one of the largest shale formations in the world, has vast unconventional hydrocarbon reserves. The exploitation of these resources has boosted oil and gas production in Argentina, contributing to the reduction of imports. However, the complexity of operations in Vaca Muerta presents challenges in terms of efficiency, safety and environmental sustainability.

Feature	Traditional Processes	IAGEN
Planning	Manual, based on the experience	Automated, based in data
Design	Model-based static	Optimized by dynamic simulations
Execution	Subject to errors humans	Supervised and automated
Adaptability	Limited	High
Security	Dependent on the human intervention	Enhanced with analytics predictive
Efficiency	Subject at times dead	Optimized with AI

This technical report analyzes the application of IAGEN in Vaca Muerta, exploring its benefits, implementation challenges, and use cases. Technologies will be examined IAGEN such as GPT-4 Turbo and Auto-GPT, and a workflow for its implementation will be described. implementation.

II. Use Case Context

Operations in Vaca Muerta are characterized by their technical and logistical complexity. The extraction of unconventional hydrocarbons requires precise planning, efficient infrastructure design and meticulous execution. The difficulties in These stages can generate economic losses, delays and an increase in the

incidence of operational accidents.

Traditional methods, based on human experience and manual processes, They present limitations in the capacity to adapt to changing conditions and in the error prevention. IAGEN, on the other hand, allows for the integration of real-time data, automate the generation of protocols and perform virtual simulations to optimize operations and minimize risks.

The Vaca Muerta Sur oil pipeline project, with an estimated investment of USD 3,000, million and a capacity of up to 550,000 barrels of oil per day, illustrates the scale of operations in the region and the need to optimize processes.

### **III. Application of IAGEN in the Activity**

Generative Artificial Intelligence (GENI) is a branch of artificial intelligence that focuses on the creation of new content, such as models, images, code, or text, from existing data. This technology uses advanced algorithms to analyze large amounts of information, identify patterns, and generate new and original that is often indistinguishable from that created by humans.

IAGEN can be applied in various areas of productive activity in Vaca Dead:

- Generation of operating protocols: GPT-4 Turbo can develop and update precise operating protocols, including instructions, safety measures and emergency procedures.
- Predictive analysis: Auto-GPT, adapted to the energy industry, can analyze real-time data to predict potential failures, optimize performance of the equipment and adjust processes according to conditions.
- Virtual simulations: Generative simulation systems allow the creation of replicas virtual operations, identifying potential problems and optimizing the infrastructure design.
- Smart Forecasts: IAGEN can be used to predict events and

future trends in the industry, such as energy demand, oil prices and resource availability. This allows companies to take more informed and strategic decisions to optimize their operations and ensure its long-term profitability.

- Supply and demand chain optimization: IAGEN can analyze supply chain data, such as supplier performance, price fluctuations and demand patterns, to optimize logistics, inventory management and production planning. This can help companies reduce costs, improve efficiency, and respond more efficiently to market needs.
- Environmental reclamation and remediation: IAGEN can contribute to the restoration of lands affected by oil and gas extraction by analyzing environmental data, identification of contaminated areas and planning of remediation strategies. This can help minimize environmental impact of operations and promote sustainability in Vaca Muerta.

#### **IV. Geological and Geophysical Applications of IAGEN**

IAGEN could revolutionize exploration and analysis of reservoirs in Vaca Muerta. Through geospatial analysis and exploration, IAGEN can:

- Analyze geological data: Interpret seismic data, well logs and other geological information to identify patterns and characteristics of the subsurface.
- Identify potential drilling sites: Predict the location of oil and gas fields more accurately, optimizing drilling site selection.
- Optimize exploration strategies: Simulate different exploration scenarios and evaluate its viability, maximizing the efficiency of operations.

#### **V. Specific Models and Technologies**

Specific models and technologies that can be applied include:  
the following:

- **GPT-4 Turbo:** This language model can generate high-quality text, such as operational protocols and technical reports, with precision and consistency. Its ability to understand and answer complex questions makes it a valuable tool for the oil and gas industry, where information precise and clear communication are essential.
- **Adaptive Auto-GPT:** A specialized version of Auto-GPT, trained with data of the energy industry, can automate complex tasks, such as production planning and risk analysis. Its ability to learn autonomously and adapt to new situations makes it a ideal tool for process optimization in dynamic environments such as Dead Cow.
- **Generative simulation systems:** Platforms such as NVIDIA Omniverse or Unity Industrial Collection allows you to create realistic simulations of operations, including equipment interaction, fluid flow, and operating conditions. These simulations allow engineers and operators to test different scenarios, optimize designs and anticipate potential problems before the physical implementation, which reduces risks and costs.

## **VI. Agentic Workflow for Implementation**

### **1. Concept of IAGEN agents**

In recent years, generative artificial intelligence (GAI) has revolutionized the way we interact with technology, enabling the development of systems capable of generating content, answering complex questions and assisting with tasks high-demand cognitive skills. From this capacity, a new architecture emerges Technological: IAGen-powered agents. These agents are not simple conversational interfaces, but autonomous systems that can interpret instructions, make decisions, execute tasks and learn from their interactions with the around.

An IAGen agent combines large language models with components

additional features such as external tools, memory, planning and autonomous execution. This allows them to operate in complex environments, with the ability to break down objectives in steps, coordinate multiple actions, interact with digital systems (such as databases, APIs or documents) and adapt to changes in context in real time. These qualities distinguish them from traditional chatbots, and open up a spectrum of more sophisticated and customizable applications.

At the organizational level, these agents are being used to automate processes, generate data analysis, assist in decision making and improve the user experience, both internally and externally. For example, they can assume human resources, legal, financial or logistical tasks, and even those linked to the technical areas of production processes, acting as intelligent assistants that collaborate with human teams. This ability to integrate knowledge and execute tasks autonomously transforms the way organizations can scale your operations without losing quality or control.

In addition, agentic workflows—structures where multiple agents collaborate with each other to solve complex problems—allow responsibilities to be distributed between different agent profiles, each with specific functions. This generates Hybrid work environments where humans and agents coexist, optimizing times, costs, and results. The ability to connect agents with tools such as Google Drive, CRMs or document management platforms further expands its capabilities.

The development of IAGen-powered agents represents a crucial step towards a new era of intelligent automation.

Among the benefits of authentic workflows driven by business models generative artificial intelligence, the possibility of automating processes is found complete, end-to-end production systems, and even add value from the leveraging the skills of language models based on these technologies.

However, its implementation also poses technical, ethical and legal challenges, from responsible design to human oversight. Therefore, understanding your architecture, its operational logic and potential impacts are essential for its effective and safe adoption in diverse professional contexts.

## **2. Proposal for an IAGEN Intelligent Agent for Process Design and Optimization Productive**

### **a. Requirements Identification**

- **Objective:** To understand in detail the functional and operational needs of the process to be optimized.
- **Tool:** GPT-4 Turbo
- **Agent actions:**
  - Analysis of technical documents, interviews and operational data.
  - Automatic extraction of functional, technical and business requirements security.
  - Classification by criticality, impact and dependency.
  - Generation of a hierarchical list of requirements for the new process.

### **b. Generation of the Operational Protocol**

- **Objective:** Design an efficient and safe operational flow based on the requirements defined.
- **Tool:** Auto-GPT
- **Agent functions:**
  - Integration of requirements with industry best practices and literature specialized.
  - Drafting a detailed operational protocol: steps, resources, initial conditions, checkpoints.
  - Machinery configuration recommendations, times and sequences.

### **c. Virtual Simulation of the Process**

- **Objective:** Validate the protocol in a simulated environment to detect inefficiencies or risks.

- **Tools:** Digital twins + industrial simulation engines (e.g. Siemens Tecnomatix, AnyLogic).

- **Agent capabilities:**

- Translation of the protocol into a simulated model.
- Performance analysis under different scenarios (maximum load, errors, maintenance).

Generation of reports with suggested areas for improvement.

#### **d. Supervised Physical Implementation**

- **Objective:** Bring the optimized protocol to the real production environment.

- **Agent actions:**

- Assistance in configuring systems and equipment.
- Generation of step-by-step instructions for operators.
- Integration with SCADA or MES systems for monitoring.

#### **e. Real-Time Monitoring**

- **Objective:** Evaluate the behavior of the process once implemented.

- **Components:**

- IoT sensors and SCADA systems for data capture.
- Smart dashboard with key performance indicators (KPIs).
- Predictive alarms in the event of deviations.

#### **f. Feedback and Continuous Adjustment**

- **Objective:** Adjust the IAGEN model and protocol based on performance observed.

- **Functions:**

- Automatic analysis of production data.
- Identification of bottlenecks, downtimes or frequent errors.
- Iterative protocol updating and model retraining.
- Recording of improvements and impacts achieved.



VII. Specific Benefits of the Application

Benefit	Description	Potential Impact
Reduction of times	Automation of tasks and optimization of processes.	30% reduction to 45% in times of design and implementation.
Cost savings	Optimizing the use of resources, reduction of energy consumption and minimization of losses due to failures operational.	Savings of 25% to 35% in operating costs.
Increase in the security	Automation of tasks criticism, early detection of risks and generation of alerts.	Decrease of up to 60% in errors humans.
Greater adaptability	Data analysis in real time and adjustment of processes according to the conditions.	Effective response to fluctuations in the demand, changes climatic or variations in the composition of

		hydrocarbons.
Management of price fluctuations	Data analysis of market and trends historical to predict price movements.	Allows companies take decisions informed about pricing strategies, coverage and management of inventory.

VIII. Implementation Challenges and Strategies

1. Technical Challenges

- Integration with pre-existing infrastructures: The integration of IAGEN can require adaptations in the technological infrastructure.
- Data availability: Training IAGEN models requires data accurate and up-to-date. •

Computational efficiency: Advances in AI efficiency could reduce the demand for natural gas to power data centers, which implies the need for continuous adaptation and innovation in IAGEN technologies.

2. Strategies to Overcome Challenges

Technical Strategies

- Phased implementation: Start with small-scale pilot projects.
  - Staff training: Provide training on the use of IAGEN.
  - Data management: Implement efficient data management systems.
  - Short-term investment in AI agent implementation teams
- Technology and training: Investment in proof of concept and testing is required

pilot. The focus here has to be on training the talent to implement, since There is a trend towards cost reduction in systems that allow “no code” and “low code” automation. For the first stage, we also recommends using teams with experience in design and implementation AI agents. Finally, it is key to form an in-house team for the accompaniment and appropriation of an agentic culture that redefines the human-computer interaction.

### Regulatory and Cultural Strategies

- Communication and awareness: Inform about the benefits of IAGEN.
- Collaboration with regulatory entities: Establish a regulatory framework for the use of AI.
- Leadership and innovation culture: Promote innovation and the adoption of new technologies.

### **3. Ethical Considerations for the Implementation of IAGEN**

It is crucial to implement IAGEN responsibly in Vaca Muerta, considering the potential social and environmental impacts. This includes:

- Minimize environmental impact: Use IAGEN to optimize energy consumption water and energy, reducing emissions and promoting sustainability.
- Protect the health and safety of workers: Implement safety measures safety to prevent accidents and ensure a safe working environment.
- Promote social development: Ensure that IAGEN benefits communities local and contribute to the economic development of the region.

### **4. IAGEN and Environmental Sustainability**

IAGEN can contribute to environmental sustainability in Vaca Muerta in various ways. ways:

- Optimizing water consumption: IAGEN can help reduce water consumption in fracking operations, a crucial aspect in a region with

water shortage.

- Emissions reduction: IAGEN can optimize combustion in plants gas processing, minimizing greenhouse gas emissions greenhouse.
- Environmental monitoring: IAGEN can be used to monitor the real-time environmental conditions, detecting leaks, spills and other events that may affect the environment.
- Flare gas usage: Companies like Unblock are using flare gas from oil production to power computing solutions in the AI-related cloud technologies. This initiative reduces emissions and promotes the use resource efficient.

## **IAGEN and the Future of Energy in Argentina**

IAGEN has the potential to contribute to the energy transition in Argentina by:

- Optimize renewable energy production: IAGEN can be used to improve the efficiency of solar, wind, and other renewable energy sources.
- Reduce dependence on fossil fuels: By optimizing the production of oil and gas, IAGEN can help reduce dependence on fossil fuels and facilitate the transition to a more clean.
- Promote innovation in energy technologies: IAGEN can boost the research and development of new energy technologies, such as carbon capture and storage and green hydrogen.

## **IX. Conclusion**

The IAGEN has the potential to transform the energy industry in Vaca Muerta, optimizing processes, improving efficiency, safety and sustainability.

Strategic implementation of IAGEN, along with a comprehensive approach that addresses technical, regulatory, cultural and ethical challenges, will enable companies in the sector

achieve higher levels of competitiveness and technological leadership. IAGEN does not can not only optimize current hydrocarbon production, but can also contribute to Argentina's energy transition by promoting energy development renewables and innovation in energy technologies.

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