Brent and WTI

- **Brent crude oil** originates from oil fields in the **North Sea** between the Shetland Islands and Norway, while **West Texas Intermediate** (WTI) is sourced from **US oil fields**, primarily in Texas, Louisiana, and North Dakota.
- **WTI with a lower sulphur content** (0.24%) than **Brent** (0.37%), is considered "sweeter".
- Both oils are **relatively light**, but Brent has a slightly higher API gravity, making WTI the lighter of the two.
  - **American Petroleum Institute (API) gravity** is an indicator of the density of crude oil or refined products.
- **Brent crude price** is the international benchmark price used by the **OPEC** while **WTI crude price** is a benchmark for **US oil prices**.
  - Since **India imports primarily from OPEC** countries, Brent is the benchmark for oil prices in India.
- **Cost of shipping for Brent** crude is typically **lower**, since it is **produced near the sea** and it can be put on ships immediately. Shipping of WTI is priced higher since it is produced in landlocked areas like Cushing, Oklahoma where the storage facilities are limited.