

Reliability of Deepwater Technologies

Technical Risk Management during R&D

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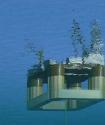
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Subsea Production System Reliability and Technical Risk Management

Framework for reliability management throughout the life cycle of subsea projects

Aim: "...effectively manage the risks from using <u>novel equipment</u> and standard equipment in <u>novel applications</u>"

"The achievement of <u>improved</u> subsea equipment <u>availability requires good engineering</u> and management processes, practices and behaviors at an organizational level to manage and <u>minimize the potential for **equipment failure**</u>"

Philosophy

"...to <u>prioritize</u> reliability and <u>technical risk management efforts</u> based on the level and source of technical risk in the project"

Objective of this presentation

To demonstrate the importance of properly managing technical risks related to new technologies, since the R&D phase, as a means of contributing to the increased reliability of deepwater developments

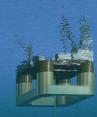


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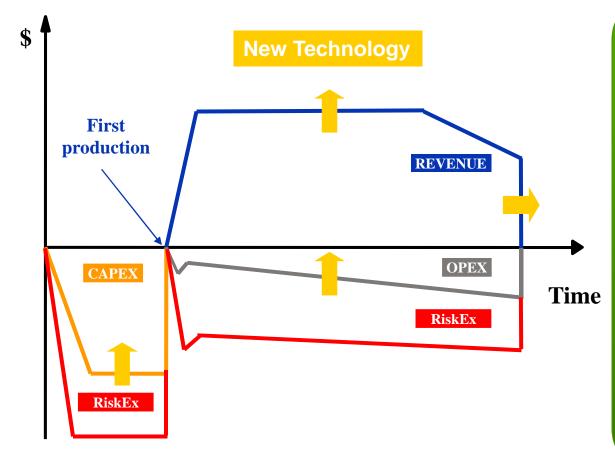
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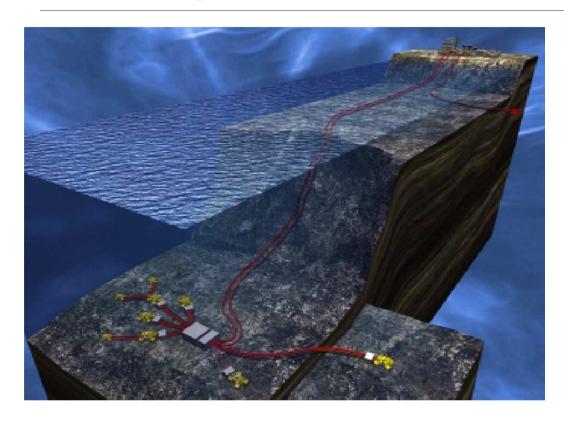
What to gain with New Technology



New **Technologies** introduce uncertainties to the project, which generally generate unforeseen Risk Expenditures (RiskEx)

Profit = NPV {Revenue - CAPEX - OPEX}

Common practices that increase uncertainty



- Failure modes and failure mechanisms not systematically identified
- Reliability targets not determined
- Lack of proper analytical models
- Design / qualification by "Trial and Error"

Schedule and budget overruns & poor reliability



What end users think?

Survey: understand perceptions from oil companies with respect to the uptake of <u>new</u> <u>technologies</u>

"Main barriers to the uptake of Subsea Processing"

- "Technology shortfalls"
- "The general lack of experience in the industry..."
- "The lack of familiarity with the technology and limited internal experience"
- "The lack of trustworthy reliability and performance data"
- "The view that the systems do not meet reliability requirements..."

Reinforces the need for Technical Risk Management

Source: Douglas Westwood



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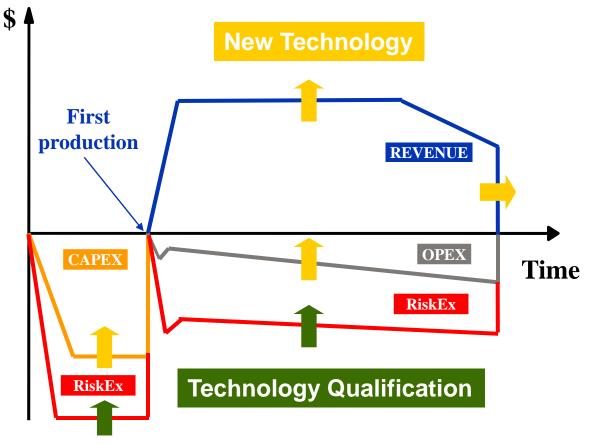
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The role of Technology Qualification



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Technology Qualification eliminates the uncertainties related to new technologies and, therefore, associated RiskEx



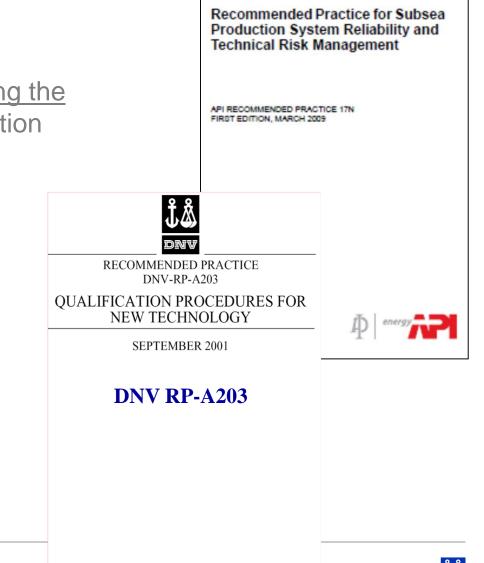
Qualification Procedure For New Technology

Definition:

Qualification is the process of <u>providing the</u> <u>evidence</u> that the technology will function <u>within specific limits</u> with an <u>acceptable level of confidence</u>.

Objective:

To provide a <u>systematic</u> <u>risk based approach</u> ensuring that the technology <u>functions reliably</u> within specified limits

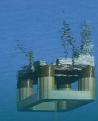


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<u>Subsea 7:</u> BuBi[®] Mechanical Lined Pipe To address corrosive medium

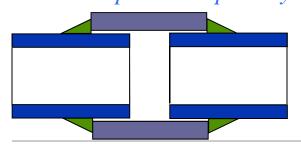
Subsea 7:

Electrically Heat-Traced Pipe-in-Pipe To address flow assurance





<u>Statoil:</u> *Remote Pipeline Repair System*

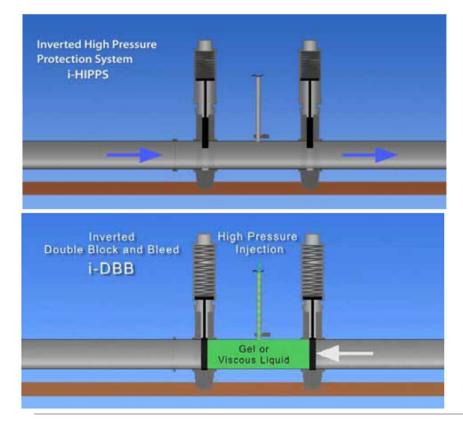


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DNV's X-Stream:

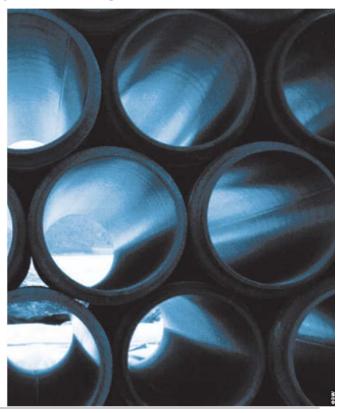
Ultra-deep pipeline concept Internal pressure protection during installation and shutdowns - i-HIPPS and i-DBB



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DNV's High Strength Steel:

Qualification of X80 pipes Develop guidelines considering the effect of 'sour service' on fracture toughness

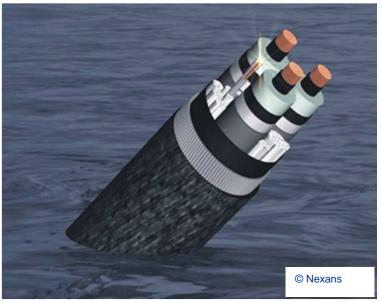




Subsea electrification

JIP:

Electrical power cables Recommended practice for design of power cables in Subsea dynamic applications





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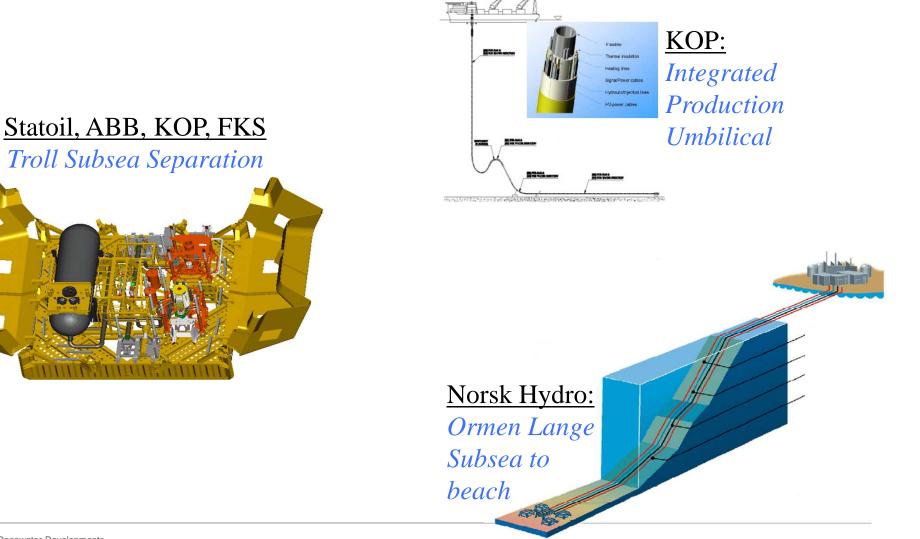
HVDC cables

Design issues related to Dynamic Riser Cables load conditions and load effects from design up through installation and service

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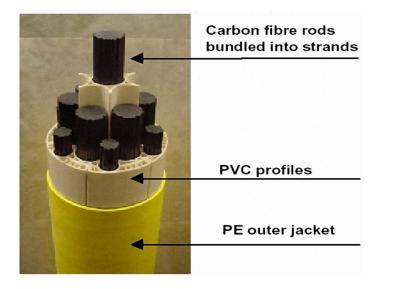
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Integrated approach

ConocoPhillips:

Carbon fiber composite Tethers Kværner's CompTether



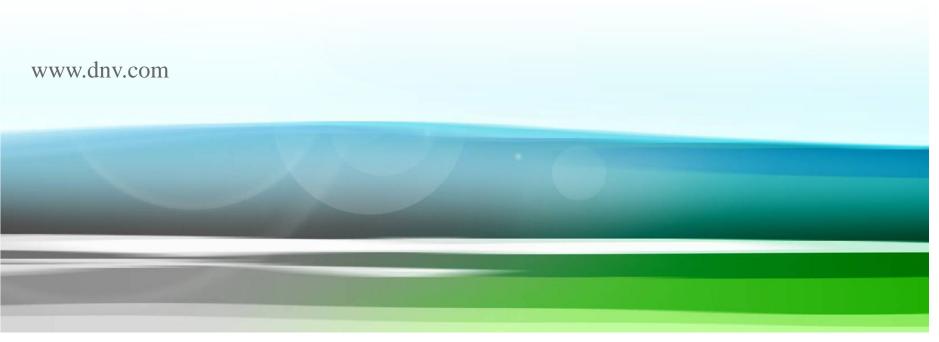


Kværner's CompRiser :

Carbon fiber composite Risers multiple layers of carbon fiber and epoxy resin composite wound around a thin-walled titanium liner



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