

# Subsea Technical Challenges in a Tough Environment

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## Agenda

### Setting the Stage

Energy Supply & Demand

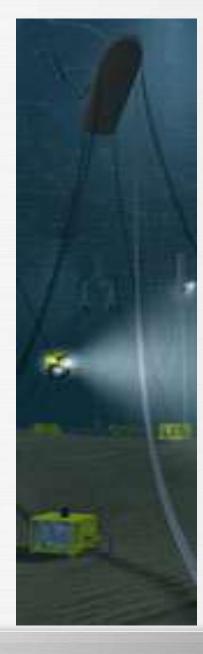
### Subsea

- Market & Environment
- Key Challenges
- System Integration
- Next Generation Systems
- Intervention Alternatives

### Reliability

- Survivability
- Accelerated Life Testing
- Robust Design





# Setting the Stage: Energy Supply & Demand

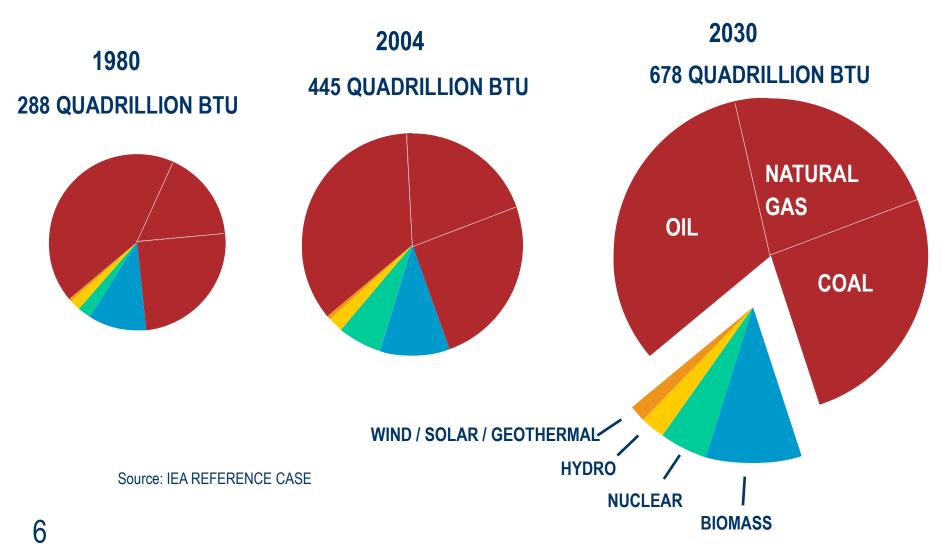
The world consumes over 400 Quadrillion Btu/Year

## 400,000,000,000,000,000 Btu/yr !!!!! (~380,000,000,000,000 kJ/yr)

....and this is anticipated to grow by 50 to 60% by 2030



# Projected Energy Sources Fossil Fuels are indispensable



## Will the World "Run Out" of Oil?



Is the world running out of energy resources?

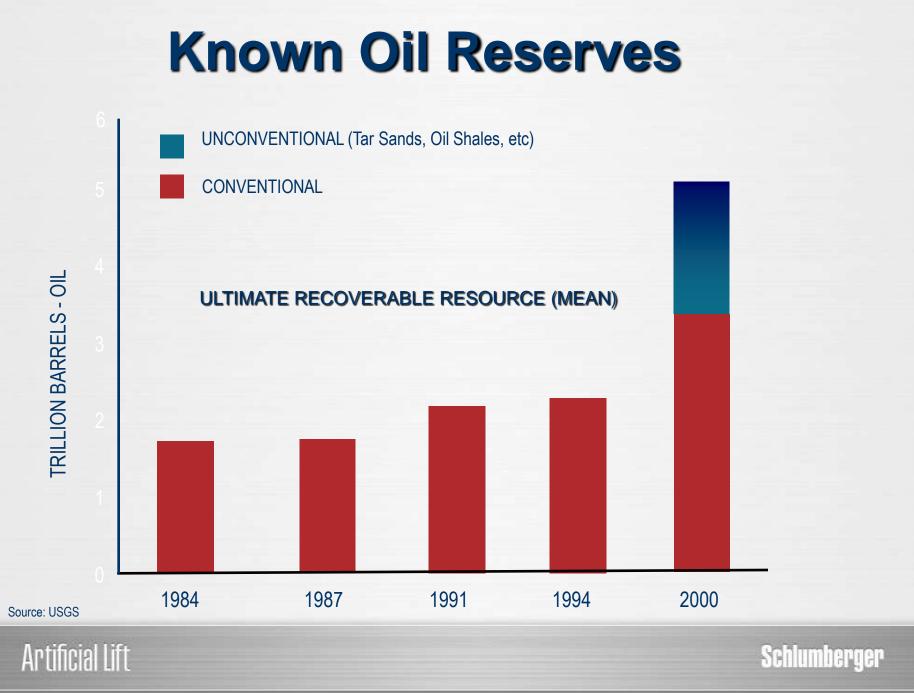
## NO!!!

## We have used ~ 1 trillion BBL of Oil To date

We have identified >5 trillion BBL recoverable reserves

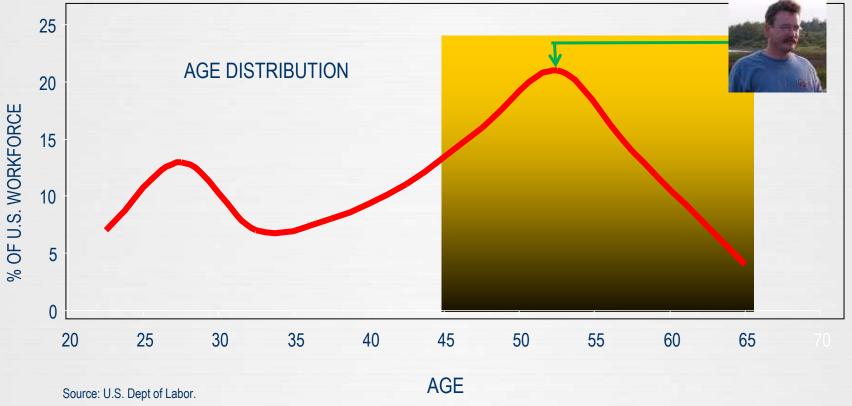
However....there are challenges





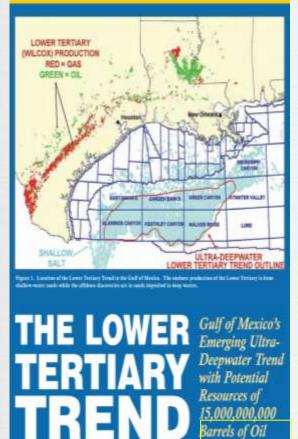
## Why is this "Your" Problem?

#### OVER HALF OF THE WORKFORCE ELIGIBLE TO RETIRE IN NEXT 10 YEARS



## **Subsea Integration – Gulf of Mexico**

#### **NEW DISCOVERIES**



10-25 BBOE recoverable is today's estimate (J. Dribus)

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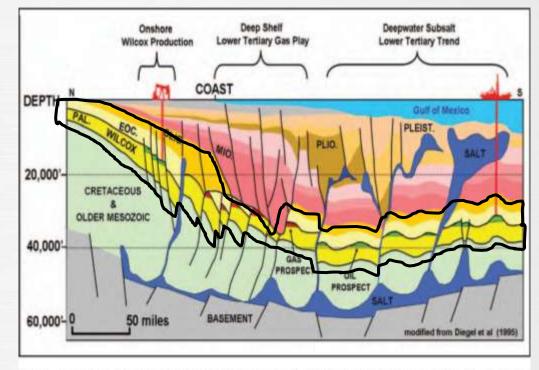


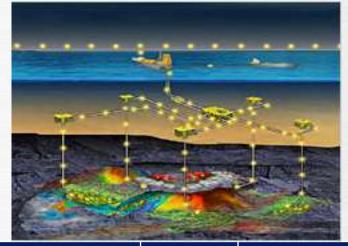
Figure 2. A generalized schematic of the relationship of the Lower Tertiary Trend (Oligocene, Eocene, Paleocene) sediments from onshore to deepwater offshore.

#### MMS Ocean Science Nov/Dec 2006

- The Lower Tertiary in the Gulf of Mexico presents the greatest opportunity for Subsea Integration
- Benefits from SS Integration extends well beyond GoM

## **Key Deepwater Exploration and Production Plays**





Market Segment	Reservoir Characteristics	Target Horizon	Representative Projects	Wells Drilled	Boreholes Planned* (5 yrs)
Deepwater Mid-Lower Miocene	<ul> <li>20,000 to 30,000 feet</li> <li>180 to 250 degF</li> <li>15,000 to 20,000+</li> <li>psi</li> </ul>	■ Middle-Lower Miocene	<ul> <li>Tahiti (CVX)</li> <li>Thunderhorse (BP)</li> <li>Heidelberg (Anadarko)</li> </ul>	>1500	~500
Deepwater Lower Tertiary	<ul> <li>25,000 to 35,000 feet</li> <li>225 to 300 degF</li> <li>20,000 to 30,000+</li> <li>psi</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Oligocene (Frio)</li> <li>Eocene (Wilcox)</li> <li>Paleocene</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Jack/St Malo (CVX)</li> <li>Kaskida (BP)</li> <li>Cascade/Chinook (PBR)</li> </ul>	~30	~70
Deepwater Jurassic	<ul> <li>23,000 - 26,000 feet</li> <li>300 to 350 degF</li> <li>18,000 to 22,000 psi</li> </ul>	■ Norphlet	<ul> <li>Vito (Shell)</li> <li>Appomattox (Shell)</li> <li>Vicksburg (Shell)</li> </ul>	4	>20



## Subsea: Key Challenges

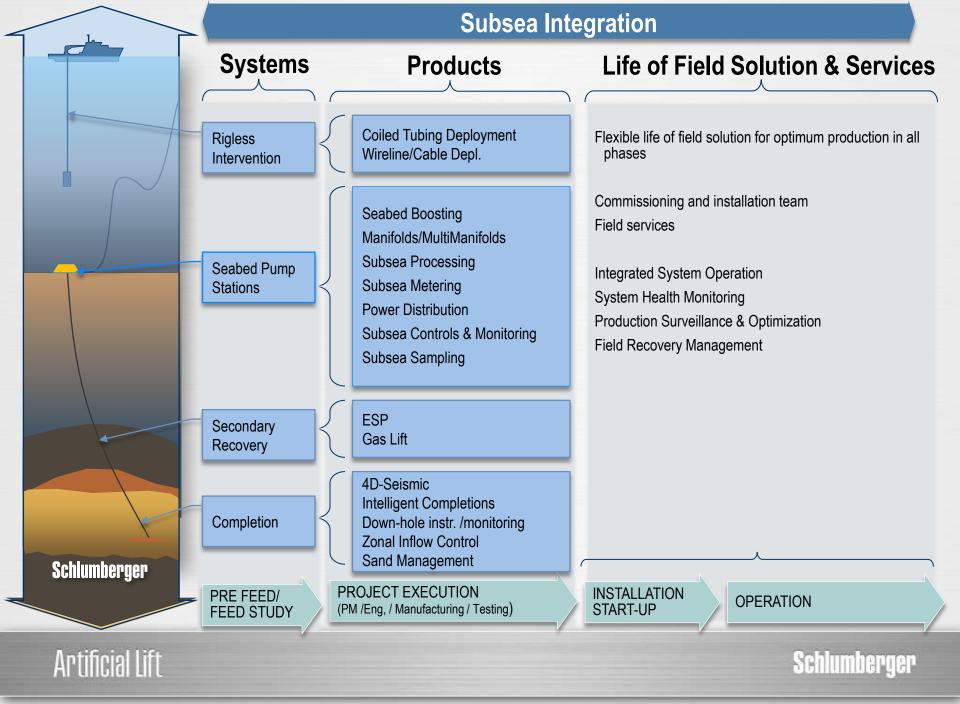
Health, Safety & Environment	<ul><li>Risk Management</li><li>Regulatory Compliance</li><li>Liability</li></ul>	ļ a
Operational Efficiency	<ul> <li>Rig TimeNPD</li> <li>Cost of Interventions</li> <li>High Cost of Lost Production</li> </ul>	c ii r
Demanding Environment	<ul><li>High Pressure</li><li>High Flow Rates</li><li>High Temperatures</li></ul>	a p C li
Life of the Well	<ul> <li>Monitoring &amp; Control</li> <li>Reconfiguring</li> <li>Secondary Recovery</li> </ul>	I

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### What is Needed:

A fully integrated, highly reliable and safe system that can be deployed efficiently that can intelligently monitor key reservoir parameters, and automatically adjust the producing configuration to yield optimized production over the life of the well.

Piece of Cake, Right?



## **Next Generation Subsea Systems**



#### Fully Integrated Systems

- From Reservoir to Export Point
- Downhole & Seabed facilities
- Fully Monitored & Controlled
- Optimization & Answer Products



#### Subsea Systems

- 5+ Year Reliability
- Robust Design Principles
- Reliability Modeling
- Testing & Integration
- Enhanced Quality Control



#### Life of the Well

- Rigless Workovers
- Highly Reliable Artificial Lift
- (Gas Lift & ESP)
- Reconfigurable Completions
- Flow Assurance

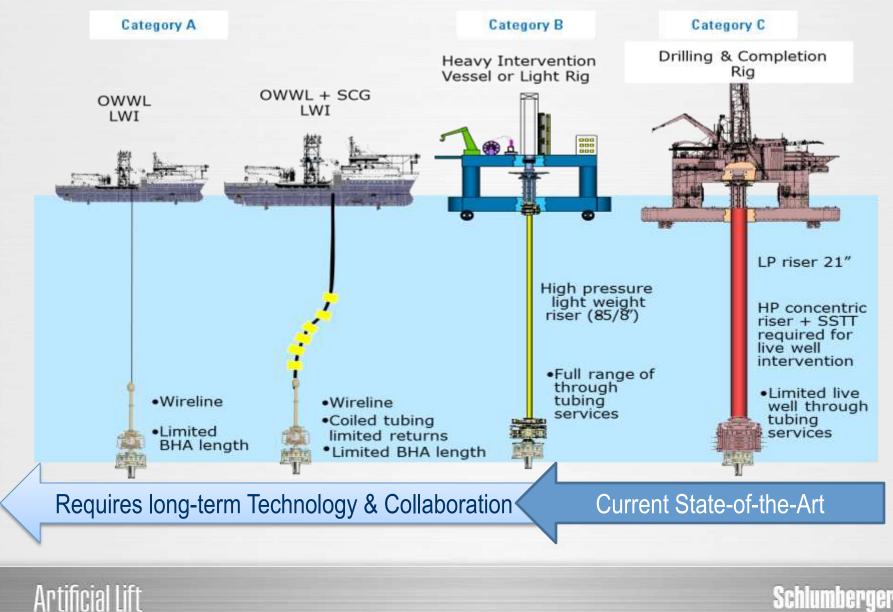
Integration

Reliability

#### Intervention

Schlumberger

## **Subsea Intervention Alternatives**



<u>Schlumberger</u>

## Schlumberger Approach to Reliability Engineering

Schlumberger Concurrent Lifecycle Management System requires Reliability to be designed into products and processes, using the best available science-based methods

- Knowing how to calculate reliability is important, but knowing how to achieve it is equally important. i.e. Robust design engineering
- Reliability program includes both probabilistic and deterministic approaches
  - Probabilistic approach utilizes probability and statistics theories
  - Deterministic approach utilizes root cause analysis



## What is Reliability?

## The probability of a product performing <u>without failure</u> for specified <u>functions</u> under given <u>conditions</u> for a given period of <u>time</u>.

Quality Control Handbook, Third Edition; McGraw Hill

 $R(t) = \Pr\{T > t\} = \int f(x) dx$ t





## **Reliability Factors**

System reliability depends on a multitude of factors:

- Equipment Design
- Technology Qualification
- Manufacturing & FAT
- Transportation
- Installation
- Operation
- Personnel Training
- Cost
- Accurate Well Conditions

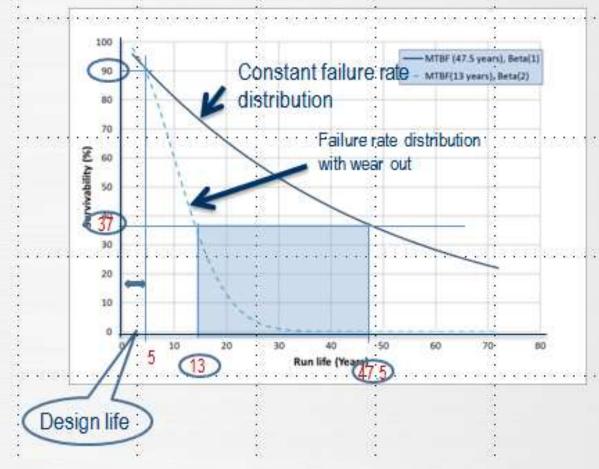


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# Survivability: A better metric

MTBF can vary based on the Beta value

<u>Survivability (%)</u> for <u>useful</u> <u>life</u> is a better metric



Test strategy

Demonstrate the reliability requirements for the useful life (i.e. 99.44% for 5 years at component level) rather than demonstrate the MTBF.

This is done by test to failure, degradation testing and accelerated testing

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# Bridging the Gaps

### Current product reliability

- ~ 75% for 3 years
- Standard Operating environment
- Data set of ~2000 units (across geographies and diverse well conditions)

#### Challenges ahead for Subsea

#### 90% for 5 years

- HPHT environment
- High intervention costs
- 2 year test window

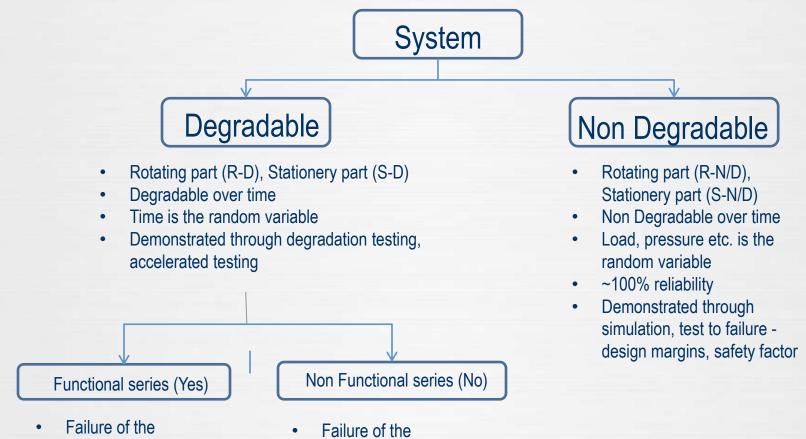
## How do we get there?

# **Robust Design**

- Higher design margins
  - Trade off (performance vs. reliability)
- Build in Redundancy
  - Add components in parallel
- De-couple functions
  - Axiomatic design principles
- Process rigor
  - In-depth understanding of life cycle profile
  - Concurrent life cycle management system



# **Typical Component Classification**



component leads to system failure

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 Failure of the component does not lead to system failure

## **Reliability Testing**

Accelerate dominant stress level(s) which would cause product failure in the long run, e.g.:

- Operating temperature (for electronics)
- Amount of abrasives produced (mechanical system)

Test at multiple accelerated stress levels

Most no. of DUTs at stress level closest to use condition

Use the appropriate life-vs.-stress relationship to analyze the data:

- For thermal stress (temperature, humidity): Arhenius, Eyring
- For non-thermal stress (voltage, mechanical, fatigue): Inverse Power Law
- Graph of data may also readily show life vs. stress relationship



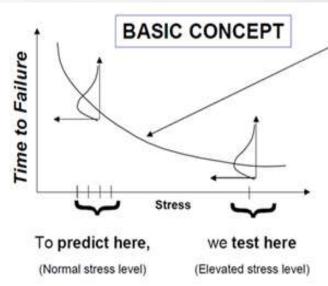


## **Accelerated Life Testing (ALT)**

#### Purpose:

- Estimate life expectancy at a stress level seen in operation up to its rating
- Verify whether product reliability meets requirement





- Test to Failure Operate multiple samples on accelerated stress level(s) until failure
- Degradation Testing to enable extrapolating expected lifetime based on test
- or until total runtime of all samples reach the calculated equivalent at operating condition
- Utilize life data analysis technique to calculate life expectancy at a stress level (operational condition) below test stress levels

# **Component Testing Program**

- Reliability tests are applicable to components in functional series
- Typical assemblies have hundreds of parts in functional series
- All components in functional series would be subjected to different test regime such as Accelerated tests, Degradation tests, test to failure wherever applicable (to understand time to failure distribution)
- Components not in functional series and non-degradable components would be subjected to qualification tests

Sub-system level test and SIT to supplement

Destructive Erosion test to determine design margins





## **Reliability Testing Facilities**

Component level testing
Sub-assembly testing
System Integration Test







## System Integration Testing

## Subsea Testing Facility

Horsoy, Norway







# Conclusions

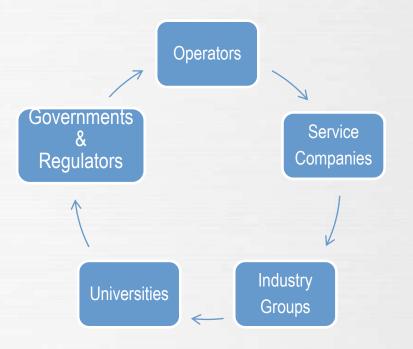
The Challenges are Immense The Risks are High, The Investments are Enormous.

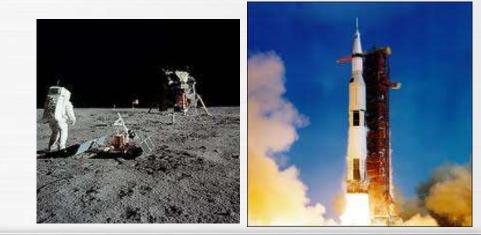
Why Do it? Because we MUST....

We need our best...and our brightest We MUST make safe, We MUST make it work, It will take a team to do it right.

I'm from Houston, so don't tell me it can't be done.....

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## **Questions / Comments?**





