

Subsea Control Systems



- CIU Chemical Injection Unit
- COE Centre of Excellence
- DCS Distribution Control System
- DCV Directional Control Valve
- DH Downhole
- EFL/HFL Electric/Hydraulic Flying Leads
- EH MUX Electro Hydraulic Multiplex
- EPU Electrical Power Unit
- ESD/FGS Emergency Shutdown/Fire & Gas System
- HPU Hydraulic Power Unit
- IWOCS Installation Workover Control System

| MCC | Motor Control Center |
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| MCS | Master Control Station |
| PETU | Portable Electronic Test Unit |
| SAM | Subsea Accumulator module |
| SCM | Subsea Control Module |
| SCSSVs | Surface Controlled Subsurface Safety Valve |
| SDU | Subsea Distribution Unit |
| TUTA | Topside Umbilical Termination Assembly |
| UPS | Uninterruptible Power Supply |
| UTA | Umbilical Termination Assembly |
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The Subsea Production System (SPS)

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The Subsea Control System (SCS) design







To Control & Monitor the entire SPS including all associated Topside Equipment

- Actuate Tree / Manifold Valves & Chokes
- Control Downhole Safety Valve





- Distribute & Control Chemicals (Methanol / Scale Inhibitors etc)
- Perform Shutdowns (Production Shutdowns/Emergency Shutdowns)
- Control & Monitor Topside Equipment



ISO 13628 Part 6 (API 17F) Specification For Subsea Production Control Systems





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Controls COE Aberdeen, UK Controls division was Kværner FSSL until 2008



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Controls COE Kongsberg, NO was Kongsberg Offshore until 1993 Was FMC until early 2017



Controls COE Bristol, UK was Vetco International until 2007 was ABB Vetco Gray until 2004





Controls COE Celle, DE was Cameron Controls until 2013



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Controls COE Aberdeen, UK was Weatherford International subsea controls business until 2012





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Direct Hydraulic

Direct hydraulic system

No SCM

EH MUX, comms on power

- Electro-Hydraulic Multiplex System
- Most common system deployed





All Electric System

- No hydraulics, no batteries
- High reliability and availability
- Environmentally friendly
- High operational flexibility and performance feedback

EH MUX, Broadband

- Open architecture communications via TCP/IP
- Fibre optic subsea Ethernet switch



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Types of Control Systems





Types of Control Systems







Typical factors affecting control system selection:

- Step-out distance
- Field architecture / layout of development
- Number & type of subsea wells
- Water depth / hydrostatic head
- Operating pressure and temperature
- Future expansion & tie-ins (phased development)
- Existing subsea infrastructure
- Instrumentation
- Maintenance philosophy
- Reliability, availability and maintainability targets

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Direct Hydraulic Control System







Video, basic operations of Direct Hydraulic Control System







Advantages

- Few system components, low cost
- Simple operation
- Reliable

Limitations

- Hydraulic response times increase with distance
- Increase umbilical cost with distance & size
- Sensor & Instrumentation limitations with distance

Applications

- Used for Production Control System over short distances (< 3Km)
- Often used for Intervention Control Systems (from a boat above a well)

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Electro-Hydraulic

- Uses electricity to send command signals over a long distance.
- Signal converted into hydraulic power which then actuates valves & chokes

Multiplex

- Relating to or being a system of simultaneous communications of two or more messages on the same wire or channel
- Suitable for tie-back over great distances without loss of response
- Subsea data monitoring via the communications line

Various Options

- Discrete Power and Communication channels
- Combined Power & Signal channels (CPS)

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Electro-Hydraulic Multiplex Control System





Electro-Hydraulic Multiplex Control System







Advantages

- Instantaneous response for valve commands
- Reduced Umbilical size
- High level of system flexibility
- Suitable for tie-back over greater distances without loss of response

Drawbacks

- Higher level of system complexity
- Increase number of surface and subsea components

Applications

Standard for Subsea Production Control Systems

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Advantages

- Only two pairs for all SCMs (typically up to 6 SCMs per pair)
- Low cost Electrical Distribution Unit
- Suitable for tie-back typ. up to 40km

Drawbacks

- Subject to limitations due to noises and signal attenuations
- Typically limited to approx 40 km step-out
- Limited bandwidth, typ. 9.6 kBits/s

Applications

Standard for Subsea Production Control Systems with up to 40km step out (typ.)

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EH MUX Comms – Broadband (FO / DSL)







Why did telecom companies opt for FO / DSL communication systems?

 transmit digital data using existing telephone network which uses the public switched telephone network. DSL service is delivered simultaneously with wired telephone service on the same telephone line.

Why did Subsea Controls opt for FO / DSL communication systems?

- Enable the use of the same electrical components (connectors and EFLs) from the CDU to SCM
- Field proven
- Lower costs

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Comms on Power vs. Broadband (FO / DSL)







Advantages

- Suitable for long tie-back
- Enable the use of standard electrical equipment (EFL, connectors) from CDU to SCMs
- Suitable for long step out from CDU to SCM
- Possibility to increase the amount of redundancy
- Low impact on the umbilical cross section (fibres are small...)
- FO communications are immune to noises

Drawbacks

- Higher cost, mainly due to FO connectors, OFL and CDU
- Two communication systems (FO Ethernet + DSL)

Applications

Standard for Subsea Production Control Systems with more than 40km step out (typ.)

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EH MUX Comms – Broadband (FO / Copper Ethernet)







Advantages

- Suitable for long tie-back
- Possibility to increase the amount of redundancy
- Low impact on the umbilical cross section (fibres are small...)
- FO communications are immune to noises

Drawbacks

- Prevent the use of standard electrical equipment (EFL, connectors) from CDU to SCMs
- Higher cost, mainly due to FO connectors, OFL, Copper Ethernet connectors and EFLs and CDU
- Limited step out from CDU to SCM (typ. 100m)

Applications

Suitable for Systems with tight drill centers (e.g. templates)

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EH MUX Comms – Broadband (FO / FO)







Advantages

- Suitable for long tie-back
- Possibility to increase the amount of redundancy
- Low impact on the umbilical cross section (fibres are small...)
- FO communications are immune to noises

Drawbacks

- Prevent the use of standard electrical equipment (EFL, connectors) from CDU to SCMs
- Higher cost, mainly due to FO connectors, OFL, and FO distribution Units

Applications

Suitable for those projects where cost optimization is not the priority

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Why All Electric?

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Subsea Production Systems, which have:

- Environmental demand for zero discharge
- High availability requirements
- Extreme offset and/or water depth

Subsea Processing which needs:

- Continuous valve actuation
- Ultra fast control
- Integrated control





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All Electric System

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Exercise, select the Control Systems type for the scenarios from the following options:

- 1. Direct Hydraulic
- 2. EHMUX
- 3. Broadband FO / DSL
- 4. Broadband FO / Copper Ethernet
- 5. Broadband FO / FO



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- 20km stepout distance
- 4 off Trees
- Low number of instruments

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- 2km stepout distance
- 1 off Trees
- Low number of instruments

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- 80km stepout distance
- 1 off Trees
- Low number of instruments

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Instruments







- 60km stepout distance
- 12 off Trees
- High number of instruments











- 20km stepout distance
- 14 off Trees
- High number of instruments

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- 60km stepout distance
- 15 off Trees
- Medium number of instruments





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Electro-Hydraulic Multiplex Control System





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Master Control Station



Instruments







Routes the supplies from the TUTU on the topside to the subsea equipment. Umbilicals typically contain lines for:

- Electrical power
- Hydraulic fluid (LP & HP)
- Communication
- Chemicals

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Distribution Equipment





Distribution Equipment

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Distribution Equipment







UTA and Bridge Jumper installation animation movie

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Distribution Equipment (UTA installation video)



UTA and Bridge Jumper installation animation movie





Hydraulic Interconnections & Stabplates









Hydraulic Flying Lead installation, clump weight method animation movie

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Hydraulic Flying Lead installation, deployment frame method animation movie

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Electrical & Fibre Optical Interconnections

















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SCM Overview







SCM Overview

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SCM Overview (instruments)





SCM Overview (video)



SCM Overview video







- originated with BP and Shell in 2003.
- standardisation of interfaces for greater reliability for subsea field developments and reduce risks to functionality and schedule.
- limited to subsea production system instruments interfacing directly to the SCM.
- three-level classification system for control system-to-sensor interfaces.




SIIS Level 1 - Analogue

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SIIS Level 1 Analogue Devices (typically for Choke Position Indicator)4-20 mA signal



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SIIS - Controller Area Network (CAN)





Developed by the Robert Bosch GmbH from 1983 to 1986

original area of application was the automotive.

- -Minimization of wiring effort (no screen required)
- -High error safety (fail-safe), robustness
- -Small latency time (i.e. time between desired start of sending and actual start of sending is as small as possible)
- -Distributed systems
- -Good extensibility
- -Priorization of messages
- -Lower-cost

• First cars from Mercedes-Benz used CAN network :

- -Reduced the vehicles wiring by 2km
- -overall weight was significantly reduced by at least 50kg
- -only half the connectors
- In 2006, over 70% of all automobiles sold in North America utilize CAN Bus technology.
- Beginning of 2008, the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) requires 100% of the vehicles sold in the USA to use the CAN Bus communication protocol while the European Union has similar laws.
- Airbus and Boeing opened the door for CAN bus in their superjumbo A380 and B-787.

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SIIS - Controller Area Network (CAN)





 Up until the release of CAN-bus, vehicles contained enormous amounts of wiring which was necessary to interconnect all of the various electronic components.





Before CAN-bus:

- -Numerous connections
- -highly knowledgeable installers, intensive labor
- -countless hours of lost time on troubleshooting
- -expensive claims for damaged OEM equipment

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- To assist the integration of downhole power & communication architectures, subsea control systems and topsides
- In 1996, the IWIS JIP was kicked off by BP, AGIP, ELF, STATOIL, SAGA, Norsk Hydro and Shell. 33 members to date.
- The IWIS Recommended Practice was finalised at the September 2007 workshop. IWIS-RP-A2 was released April 2011.
- This is now available to industry in support of ISO 13628 6.





SCM / CDU

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IWIS



IWIS video





Sensors & Flowmeters







- Enables accurate process measurements (Accuracy $< \pm 0.1\%$) to be made directly on trees and manifolds.
- Pressure, temperature and combined pressure/temperature transmitters.
- Specifically designed for long term use in subsea locations.
- Transmitter Type: Single or Dual redundant; Analogue or Digital









- The sensor measures corrosion with high accuracy and rapid response. Utilizing the ER (Electrical Resistance) measurement principle, this highly durable sensor measures the corrosion rate as an increase in electrical resistance of a corrosion-sensing element, exposed to in-line corrosion.
- The increase in resistance is proportional to the accumulated corrosion within the measurement period.
- Suggested locations:
 - -Subsea trees
 - -Pipeline Manifolds
 - -Risers



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Erosion Probe



- Used in order to detect sand production at an early stage
- Measures actual metal loss due to erosion with ER (Electric Resistance) principle elements facing flow
- Multiple elements
- Redundancy
- Cover entire pipe diameter
- Can quantify sand production using the Surface computer and software





- Keep sand production under control
- Optimize production
- Minimize sand removal cost
- Avoid erosion issues
 Safety, Maintenance cost, Environmental consequences
- Avoid reservoir damage or even well collapse?













Single Phase FlowMeter

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- Measures single phase (due to differential pressure across a venturi; temperature)
- Typically used for water or gas injection systems







MultiPhase FlowMeter

- Measures real-time flow rates of water, gas and condensate by measuring the dielectric properties of the fluid



Subsea Chemical Injection Valve



Why Subsea Chemical Injection through a Metering Valve?

- Provides accurate and reliable chemical delivery at the point of injection
- Multi Well Subsea developments supplied by one umbilical
- Provides accurate and adjustable injection of only the required amount of chemical
- Reduces over-dosing and therefore OPEX through:
- Reduced Chemical costs
- Reduced deck storage on platforms / FPSO
- Reduced umbilical costs
- Reduced size of recovery plant or recovery cost at refinery
- Reduces under-dosing and associated problems through:
- Reduced SPS down time





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