



SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM

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• INTRODUCTION TO SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM Table of Acronyms



Acronyms Description		Acronyms Description	
ASD	Acoustic Sand Detector	PCS	Process Control System
CCR	Central Control Room	PHPU	Production Hydraulic Power Unit
CIU	Chemical Injection Unit	ΡT	Pressure Transmitter
E SCM	Electrical Subsea Control Module	SCM	Subsea Control Module
EFL	Electrical Flying Lead	SDA	Subsea Distribution Assembly
EP	Erosion Probe	SDU	Subsea Distribution Unit
EPU	Electrical Power Unit	SHS	Subsea Instrumentation Interface Standardization
ESD	Emergency Shut Down	SIS	Safety Instrumented System
FL	Flying Lead	SPCU	Subsea Power and Communication Unit
HFL	Hydraulic FL	SPFM	Single Phase Flow Meter
ICSS	Integrated Control and Safety System	TT	Temperature Transmitter
JB	Junction Box	TUTU	Topside Umbilical Termination Unit
MCC	Motor Control Centre	UPS	Uninterruptable Power Supply
MCS	Master Control Station	UTA	Umbilical Termination Assembly
MPFM	Multi Phase Flow Meter	UTH	Umbilical Termination Hub
OFL	Optical Flying Lead	VSD	Variable Speed Drive
		XT	Christmas Tree

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Subsea Controls Interface with other disciplines



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Overview of Subsea Production System (SPS)





• INTRODUCTION TO SUBSEA CONTROL SYSTEM Overview of Subsea Production System (SPS)





- A subsea production system comprises wellhead, XT equipment, Manifold and piping system, flowlines etc
- In many instances, a number of well have to be controlled from a single location
- SPS enables a safe and controlled transfer of hydrocarbon from subsea to the host facility for further processing

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Overview Of Woodside Senegal Project SPS

Sengamore Subsea Production System

- 780-1400m water depth
- 23 x XT & wellheads:
 - 11 x Prod
 - 10 x WI
 - 2 x GI (1 capable of backflow)

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- 100km looped rigid flowlines
- 20km flexible flowlines
- 50km electro-hydraulic umbilical's
- 2 x dynamic umbilical's
- 8 x risers:
 - 4 x 8" Prod Risers
 - 2 x 10" WI Risers
 - 1 x 4" GL Riser
 - 1 x 8" GI Riser
- 46 x Subsea structures,
- 25 year design life me



LOOPED PRODUCTION FLOWLINES

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ELECTRO-HYDRAULIC UMBILICALS

• INTRODUCTION TO SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM What is the Purpose of Subsea Production Control System?



- A subsea control system is part of subsea production system, and proper performance of the control system is the critical factor in ensuring its reliable and safe operation
- The fundamental purpose of a control system is to open and close subsea valves. However, other properties, such as instrumentation, provide chock control and important diagnostics.

Subsea Power/Com Topside Subsea Unit Gateway Control (SPCU) Unit Master Hydraulic (SCU) Control Power unit Station (HPU) Subsea (MCS) Distribution Unit Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPS) UTH - HDM- EDU **Chemical Injection** SCM **Topside Umbilical** Unit Termination (CIU) Assembly (TUTA) Electric Subsei Flying Leads Umbilical Hydraulic and (EFL) **Chemical Lines** HFL/SFL Hydraulic Actuators Umbilical Cross Section Well Jumper

Subsea Production Control System

• INTRODUCTION TO SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM Analogy – human body has a control system ...



Human heart and circulatory system

Human brain and nerves system



Hydraulic Pumps, Umbilical and Distribution Equipment

Subsea Controls system, Controller, Power and Communication lines, Instruments



• INTRODUCTION TO SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM Typical Subsea Controls Equipment



• INTRODUCTION TO SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM How Subsea Controls System fits in the host facility's integrated control and safety system?

MCS (Master Control Station)





DCS (Distributed Control System)

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• INTRODUCTION TO SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM Subsea Controls System Function



The Control of the component of a subsea production system is managed by the subsea production controls system . Control functions include:

- Function subsea valves
 - Production ,annulus, cross over valves
 - Chemical injection valves
 - Manifold, flowline, riser base and pigging valve
 - Adjusting choke position
- Monitor pressure, temperature, and other data from subsea mounted instrumentation
- Distribute chemicals to subsea production system
- Execute subsea emergency shutdown upon shutdown demand

SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM EQUIPMENT

Basic Demonstration: Remote Opening of a Subsea Valve



Hydraulic Control System

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• INTRODUCTION TO SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM Legislation, Codes and Standard

- To ensure reliable and safe operation of the subsea system, the design, operation and testing of a control system are regulated by industry, national and international standards
- The systems are subjected to stringent quality review processes like failure modes, effects and criticality analysis, RAMs, FAT, eFAT and so on
- Subsea Production Controls System design and verification follows API 17F





International Organization for Standardization



American Petroleum Institute



INTRODUCTION TO SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM Subsea Controls System Vendors





• INTRODUCTION TO SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM Topside Controls and Automation Company





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• SUBSEA CONTROL SYSTEM TYPE







• SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM TYPE Direct Hydraulic Control System

Direct Hydraulic



Subsea Hydraulically Actuated Valves

- How it works?
 - Single hydraulic line from topsides per valve, directly to valve actuator
 - When the operator sets the control valve to open, the direct hydraulic pressure control fluid flows to the actuator. To close the valve, the operator sets the wellhead control panel valve to the closed position, venting hydraulic fluid from the actuator back to the reservoir.

Pros:

- Simple to use, design and maintain
- Low cost
- Reliable
- Cons:
 - Extended ESD Response
 - On/Off Control (doesn't suit remote choke actuation)
 - Large umbilical with many tubes/hoses required
 - Very limited step-out distance (Max 5Km)



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Direct Hydraulic : Remote Opening of a Subsea Hydraulically Actuated Valve



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Direct Hydraulic : Remote Closing of a Subsea Hydraulically Actuated Valve





Hydraulic Control System

• SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM TYPE Multiplexed Electro Hydraulic Control System



- How it works?
 - The multiplexed electrohydraulic system allows several SCMs to be connected to the same communications, electrical, and hydraulic supply lines
 - Single hydraulic supply line in Umbilical shared for all actuators
 - Communication signal supplied to SCM (normally superimposed on power supply)
 - Electric operated Directional Control Valves (DCVs) dedicated to each valve within SCM directs the flow from single hydraulic supply to individual valve actuator
 - DCVs allow for single hydraulic lines to supply multiple valves, while still allowing for the individual control of multiple valves
 - Modem in SCM interprets signal from topsides and routes signal to correct DCV
- Pros:
 - Full, independent control of a large number of valves
 - Minimized umbilical cross-section
 - Good oversight of valve position and production temperature and pressure
 - Quick response times
- Cons:
 - Complicated SCM containing electronics
 - Less reliable comparing to direct hydraulic



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E-H Multiplexed: Remote Opening of a Subsea Hydraulically Actuated Valve



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E-H Multiplexed: Remote Closing of a Subsea Hydraulically Actuated Valve



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• SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM TYPE All Electrical Control System





Subsea Electrically Actuated Valves

How it works?

• The all-electric control system is an all-electric–based system without the conventional hydraulic control of subsea components. The main feature of this system is that the operation of the electric motors in valve actuators is performed by locally stored power from rechargeable batteries.



- The tree contains dual, all-electric subsea control modules (SCM), which supply power and signal to individual actuators
- The elimination of hydraulics means that any control system commands are sent in rapid succession without the usual retardation time required for accumulators to charge.

• Pros:

- Rapid response time
- Suitable for long step out
- higher degree of flexibility when expanding an existing system and when introducing new equipment into the system
- Erases environmental and economic problems related to the leakage of hydraulic control fluids and the complexity of working with hydraulics.
- Cons:
 - Further concern in Australia given our history of premature subsea electrical cable/connector failures. Less reliable comparing to direct hydraulic due to electronic components of the system
 - Delivery of Chemicals, SPS requires fluid conduit from host facility to subsea
 - SCSSV developed but in infancy

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• SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM EQUIPMENT



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• INTRODUCTION TO SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM Topside Located Equipment- Motor Control Centre (MCC)

Motor Control Centre (MCC): Controls the hydraulic pump's motors through electrical supply to a VSD or direct drive motor system.



SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM EQUIPMENT Topside Located Equipment – Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPS)





- UPS and Battery bank to supply power for the SPCU /MCS/EPU.
- Must be able to maintain a steady supply, even when the main source fluctuates or fail
- Normally supplied by facilities and are project specific



• INTRODUCTION TO SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM Topside Located Equipment- Process Control System (PCS)



Mining, Chemical, offshore and onshore gas plant and other manufacturing facilities could be dangerous places to work due to the presence of the risk. Risk due to fire explosion, gas release or chemical exposure

- In order to minimize these risk, process control system are in place to maintain a controlled and safe operation of the plant assisted by robust alarm detection and reporting system which is operated by trained qualified personnel
- Alarms are configured to allow the operator to react to abnormal conditions and take corrective actions before a risk become an accident
- The basic process controls system is installed with instrument controls and monitoring logic to allow the facility to be operated within the safest ranges of pressure temperature and flow rate
- Regardless of types of risk , the basic process control system , alarm and operator intervention provides the first layer of protection for the process

The PCS has the following functionality:

- Provides human machine interface (HMI) to topside operator(s).
- Monitors the wellhead instrumentation and valves via the SPCU/SCM communications and displays their status/readings to operator(s).
- Communications and integration of subsea system into the existing platform control room.
- Perform Well and manifold valve and SS choke operation
- Provide safe operation with logic interlocks of subsea valves and PHPU skid. Interlocks ensure valves are not operated until a given set of conditions are met













• INTRODUCTION TO SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM Topside Located Equipment- Safety Instrumented System (SIS)



- PCS assist with operating of a safe system. But often these measures alone cannot reduce the risk of injury environmental impact, fire explosion gas release to a tolerable level. Even with all layers of protection in place as explained in prev slide the risk may still be too great to prevent an accident from happening
- The way functional safety would be addressed in a plant in order to reduce functional risk was to install a separate well-designed safety instrumented system (SIS)
- SIS represent an additional layer of protection above the first three layer discussed before
- A safety instrumented system (SIS) consists of an engineered set of sensor logic solver final control element for the single purpose of taking the process to a safe state when a pre-determined condition is violated
- A SIS is engineered to perform "specific control functions" to failsafe or maintain safe operation of a process when unacceptable or dangerous conditions occur.
- Safety Instrumented Systems must be independent from all other <u>control</u> <u>systems</u> that control the same equipment in order to ensure SIS functionality is not compromised.
- SIS Function:
- SIS interfaces with both topside and subsea Controls systems.
- Initiates the Process Shutdown (PSD), Emergency Shutdown (ESD) and Total Platform Shutdown (TPSD) sequences, which all close valves in a required sequence to isolate the subsea and topside infrastructure.
- Normally will send PSD/ESD shutdown commands directly to the SPCU. The SPCU then sends valve shutdown sequence commands to the SCMs.





Subsea Control







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• SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM EQUIPMENT Topside Located Equipment – Electrical Power Unit (EPU)



- The EPU provides a redundant power supply for the subsea control equipment.
- The EPU is a self-contained fully enclosed standard design cabinet, which contains converter, transformers, voltage and current monitoring, short circuit protection, Line Insulation Monitoring (LIM) for each subsea line
- Subsea comms on power Output : Comms being super imposed on power



• SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM EQUIPMENT Topside Located Equipment - Master Control Station (MCS)



- The unit that controls and monitors the subsea production system (SPS), Ref API 17F The control console is the primary interface to subsea production controls system obtaining all subsea instrument data and communicating with subsea.
- The MCS provides control and monitoring for the complete subsea production control system, covering both the surface and subsea installed equipment interface. Data acquired from this equipment is displayed to the user on the MCS' Human Machine Interface (HMI) to allow monitoring and control
- The MCS enclosure consists of:
 - ✤ Server
 - PLC and network infrastructure
 - NTP clock
 - ✤ Additional interface or 3rd party servers (optional)
- Depending on the Operational philosophy, subsea production controls system can be controlled and monitor via MCS or PCS



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Topside Located Equipment – Subsea Power and Communication Unit (SPCU)

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- Interchangeably used for 'MCS and EPU'
- Integrated unit /cabinet that provides electrical power and communications to subsea controls system.
- Distribute electrical power and communication to the equipment in subsea control modules.
- Redundant System A and B are in separate cabinets.
- Each system has TEM rack. Communication signals from the TEM are mixed with electrical power on each subsea line.
- Key Components : Subsea output, Communication with SS via Modem (MRM), processor TPU/SGB, transformer, LIMs,
- Subsea vendor's design specific for power and communication supply : Technip FMC: integrated SPCU unit Aker Solutions, OneSubsea: standalone MCS and EPU units



• INTRODUCTION TO SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM Topside Located Equipment- PCS/SIS/MCS Interface





• SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM EQUIPMENT Topside and Subsea Communication : Subsea to Topside



CCR

• SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM EQUIPMENT Topside and Subsea Communication –PCS to Subsea

HOST FACILITY



LINK TO CCR

INTERFACE PROTOCOL



SPCU



Subsea Cables

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Close PWV



- PHPU provides the hydraulic power to the subsea system.
- The unit is generally constructed to provide an accumulated supply using a bank of accumulator bottles. A bank of filters for the hydraulic fluid is also included, with bypass redundancy in case of filter fouling and replacement.
- A reservoir is also needed to store fluid an to accept fluid back from the subsea system when the subsea is depressurized.
- Each hydraulic system, has redundancy to maintain the availability of the hydraulic system.



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- Hydraulic Fluid tank consisting of return (dirty) and supply (clean) sides.
- Circulation pump and filter allowing new fluid to be transfer from drum into the return tank. Allowing return hydraulic fluid to be cleaned (polished) and circulated into the supply side.
- Supply line filters to keep control fluid clean and prevent damage to the hydraulic system components, including SCM directional control valves (DCVs).
- Pressure regulators regulate (lower) pressure to the subsea supply pressure.
- Pressure transmitters (PT) monitor and provide digital pressure readings to SPCS & SIS.
- Relief valves (RV) also known as pressure safety valves (PSV). Set to vent pressure at the system design pressure.
- Return lines allowing for the return of hydraulic fluid from topside components to the return tank (dirty).
- Double block and bleed valves (DBBVs) Allowing for components to be safely isolated for maintenance activities, isolating supply lines, and troubleshooting issues.
- Emergency Shutdown (ESD) valves– Located on all hydraulic supply lines (LP/HP/SSIV). Solenoid actuated and used to vent the umbilical hydraulic lines when a PSD/ESD is unsuccessful. Controlled directly by the SIS system.







- Hydraulic Pumps dual redundant LP and HP pumps, which control the hydraulic system pressure. Can be VSD or direct drive controlled.
- Accumulators providing stored volume of pressurized hydraulic fluid to allow for the control of multiple valves, and to maintain system pressure
- Variable Speed Driver(VSD) : Allows hydraulic pumps to function at different speeds, allowing for fine control of hydraulic system pressure. VSDs are more expensive, larger and more complicated than direct drive. However they use less power, low pressure variation, low pressure cycle fatigue, low maintenance, low accumulation.
- Direct Drive Provides simple on/off control to motors which drive the hydraulic pumps. Simple, low cost. Usually higher accumulation required and more frequent pump starts



Topside Installed Equipment- Topside Umbilical Termination Unit (TUTU)

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- Topsides Interface/termination for Subsea umbilical
- Contains hydraulic, chemical and electrical lines
- Isolation, block and bleed valves provided for all hydraulic and chemical lines
- Panel design configured with the correct number of valves and connections for each specific umbilical
- Stainless Steel construction and valves as required
- Ex-rated Electrical Junction Boxes (EJB) for electrical Power and Communications cables.



Umbilical Electrical Cable Junction Box



Umbilical Tube Termination Unit



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• SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM EQUIPMENT Subsea Installed Equipment – Umbilical



- Power and signal cable
 - Transport of power and communication to the (SCM) computer and instrumentatic
- FO cable
 - □ Transfer/receive signals to/from the subsea control module
- Hydraulic lines
 - Transport of hydraulic fluids to operate valves (including safety valves) on x-mas tree/manifold
- Chemical lines
 - □ MEG
 - Wax inhibitor
 - Scale Inhibitor Injection
 - Corrosion Inhibitor Injection



Topside/Host



Subsea Installed Equipment- Umbilical Electrical and Fibre Optic Cable

Standard Range Cable



Designed for water depth up to 6000m with up to 144 fibres Maximum un-repeater transmission distance for single mode fibres approx. 300km and EX1000 fibres approx. 400km

Twisted Pair

Twisted Triad



Twisted Quad



Field proven for water depth up to 3000 m.



SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM EQUIPMENT Subsea Installed Equipment – Umbilical Termination Assembly (UTA)



Each subsea end of an umbilical is usually terminated into a UTA. UTA's allow for the umbilical termination to take place at the umbilical manufacturing facility. Terminations are completed in a controlled environment and connections are not exposed to subsea conditions, improving reliability.



Umbilical Termination Assembly (UTA)

Subsea Installed Equipment – Umbilical Termination Assembly (UTA)



UTA's are installed with the umbilical, and are designed to be stored within, and deployed from, the umbilical reel or carousel.





• SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM EQUIPMENT Subsea Installed Equipment- Subsea Distribution Unit (SDU)





Assembly between SDU Production UTA's and mudmat

• SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM EQUIPMENT Subsea Installed Equipment - Umbilical Termination Hub (UTH)





UTH MBH directly stabs in to the SDU stab plate for hydraulic connection

• SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM EQUIPMENT Subsea Installed Equipment- Hydraulic Flying Lead (HFL)



- Hydraulic flying leads are used to distribute hydraulic fluid and chemical services across subsea structures (UTA, SDU, Manifold, Xtree)
- Thermoplastic hoses with hydraulic connectors that are usually of the stab type where a male coupler seals against a female part.
- When unmated, flow is obstructed by a metal sealing device, this is pushed aside when the final mating of the couples is achieved



EXAMPLE OF FLYING LEAD - CONNECTED TO A SEABED UMBILICAL TERMINATION ASSEMBLY (UTA)



• SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM EQUIPMENT Subsea Installed Equipment- Hydraulic Flying Lead (HFL)



- HFL couplers have self-sealing design that avoids ingress of sea water and dirt when being mated.
- Correct design and manufacturing tolerances and proper installation of hydraulic flying lead will determine their success











Subsea Installed Equipment- Wet mate able Electrical and Fibre Optic Flying Lead (EFL & OFL)

 Electrical flying leads are used to distribute electrical services across subsea structures (UTA, SDU, Manifold, Xtree), and from the Xtree SCM to Xtree Instrumentation.









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• SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM EQUIPMENT Subsea Installed Equipment- Subsea Control Module





• SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM EQUIPMENT Subsea Installed Equipment- SCM mounted on XT



- Individual tree and manifold control is provided via SCMs.
- These Modules contain the valving and multiplexing software required for routing of hydraulic fluid to the various valve and choke actuators.
- All Monitoring of subsea systems status is accomplished in this module
- Each SCM contains two subsea electronic modules (SEM), SEM A&B. For redundant operation.
- These SEM's are continuously active and communicate with Master Control Station
- The SCM is supplied with pressurized hydraulic fluid, electrical power and control signals via the Umbilical
- The SCM controls the subsea valves by routing hydraulic fluid to the valve actuator via the Directional Control Valves (DCV's).
- The DCV's can be commanded to a return or close position which vents the hydraulic fluid from the valve actuators.
- The SCM's transmits data from the Xtree to the MCS via the communication channel in Umbilical and distribution system



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• SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM EQUIPMENT Subsea Installed Equipment- Subsea Control Module (SCM)







SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM EQUIPMENT Subsea Installed Equipment - Subsea Control Module's Component



SCM Components:

- Subsea Electronic Module
- Directional Control Valve
- Pilot Valve
- Changeover Valve/Shuttle valve
- Pod Housing
- Hydraulic couples
- Electrical Connectors
- Accumulator
- Hydraulic Couplers



Subsea Electronics Module (SEM)





SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM EQUIPMENT
Subsea Installed Equipment –Subsea Control Module's Component



Lockdown

Subsea Electronic Module :

- SCM contains typical two redundant SEM
- SEM can receive signal, analyzing them for proper addresses and selecting the correct function and activating and solenoid pilot valve or transducer and transmitting data to the surface.



Subsea Installed Equipment - Subsea Control Module's Internal Component

Directional Control Valve:

- The SCM contains directional control valves (DCV).
- The DCVs are used to pressurize and bleed the function lines to Manifold and X-Tree valves.
- DCVs are 3 way, 2 position, electrically pulsed, solenoid operated, dual coils.
- The DCV is hydraulically latched with spring return to vent position at loss of Hydraulic supply pressure.
- Each DCV is designed to leak hydraulic fluid at 0.1ml/min, which keeps the DCV internals lubricated





• SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM EQUIPMENT Subsea Installed Equipment – Subsea Valve Actuation



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SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM EQUIPMENT Subsea Installed Equipment - Subsea Valve Actuation





Valve Closing

Wood


SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM EQUIPMENT
Subsea Installed Equipment- Subsea Valve Hydraulic Actuator





• SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM EQUIPMENT Subsea Installed Equipment- Subsea Valve Actuation Video



Subsea Hydraulic Directional Control Valve (HCV) | Oceaneering - YouTube



Tree & Manifold Mounted Controls





Subsea Instrumentation Interface Standardisation (SIIS): Defines the communication protocols between Subsea Sensors and the SCM







Analog Devices - SIIS Level 1

- Simple sensing devices, single-measurement
- 2 Wires, positive and negative terminals
- Voltage: 12 27V; Output Current: 3.8 20.5mA
- Calibrated over 4 20mA range
- Fault defined by reading outside of output range
- Resolution limited to 4096 bits (steps)
- Typical for choke position indicators









Electric Actuator



- Distributed System
- Default bit rates of 50 kbits/s
- Transparent links can be established for recalibration or software download
- High resilience to noise, low cost, reliable and simple wiring
- Prioritization of messages
- Latency time minimal







Erosion Probe



Ethernet Devices - SIIS Level 3



Figure G.1—SIIS Level 3 Overview



IWIS Interface Card



- IP/Ethernet interface, 12 pins required
- Minimum 115 kb/s data rate
 - Having multiple ISDs can drive requirement for fibre-optic backbone to facility
- Example applications:



Multiphase pump



Future technology

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• SUBSEA CONTROLS SYSTEM EQUIPMENT Controls Fluid



Hydraulic fluid is assessed based on the following:

- □ Thermal stability
- Compatibility (with metals, seawater, thermoplastics, other control fluids, completion brines)
- □ Lubrication & wear
- Environmental rating
- Additives (hydrate inhibitor, corrosion inhibitor,etc)
- Compressibility

Mineral oil base control fluid:

- Improved lubricity, anti-corrosion and anti-freezing properties.
- Higher compressibility (slower long distance pressure response).
- Lower density than water, will cause seawater ingress at leak due to pressure differential.

Water based control fluid:

- Cost effective.
- Lower compressibility (better pressure response).
- Equal/higher density than water, will cause fluid ingress at leak.
- Fire resistant.
- More compatible with seawater.
- Better environmental compliance.





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• OPERATIONAL CHALLENGE Subsea Controls Degradation



- Operational Impact : Production lost
- Intervention : Multiple ROV interventions
- Production Loss and Intervention = OPEX





• OPERATIONAL CHALLENGE Operational Downtime





• OPERATIONAL CHALLENGE Subsea Controls Integration to the Host Facility





Improvements – Learnings/interfaces

- PCS / Subsea interface
- SIS / Subsea interface
- PHPU Operation and Maintenance
- Obsolescence Management API17F
- Operational Technology OT
- Gas mitigation in Junction Boxes

• OPERATIONAL CHALLENGE Marine Growth and Calcareous Deposit





Subsea

• OPERATIONAL CHALLENGE Line Insulation Monitoring System



 Cables are purchased with a design life of 25 years. However, in shallower waters, they usually fail after 10 years, resulting in expensive interventions in order remediate the issues and maintain high system availability.



• OPERATIONAL CHALLENGE Subsea Connector Termination











Quality / Interface failure in Connector /Cable Termination

Improvement :

All Subsea Connectors must be terminated by the original subsea connector manufacturer using their most up to date procedures and processes.







• OPERATIONAL CHALLENGE Connector Corrosion and failure





Figure 26 – Corrosion to plug body

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Figure 41 - Corrosion on internal surface and screw threads of back shell





