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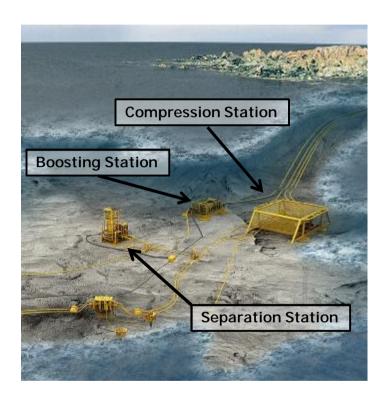


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# **Subsea Processing**



- Largest contributor to Increased Recovery
- Enabler for difficult production regimes:
  - Long distance tie-back's
  - Low pressure reservoirs
  - Arctic Developments long distance, under ice
  - Cost efficient handling of increased water production
- Enabler for next generation Subsea
   Developments (Less Topside More Subsea)

Subsea Processing = Separation, Boosting, Compression and Power Transmission



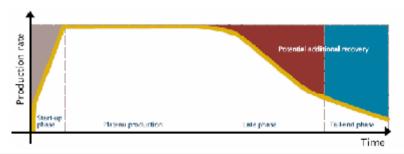
## FMC is focusing on the IOR Opportunity

#### **IOR Drivers**

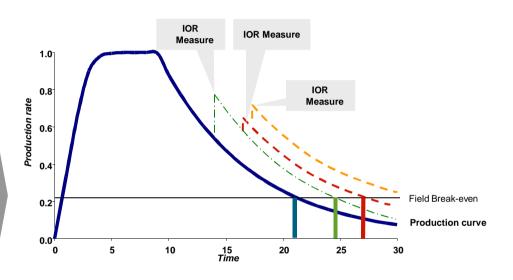
- Increased demand for oil
- Need for increased production from existing fields
- Extended life-time for existing fields
- OPEX reduction on existing production
- Increased environmental friendliness

#### Subsea IOR: Great untapped Potential

Increased Oil Recovery defined as the application of technology that can improve recovery beyond what is expected with current plans and methods



#### **IOR Implementation**



- Complements continuous production optimization
  - Optimized uptime and production
- Implementation of measures to shift production curve upwards to increase recovery
- Combination of technologies and services

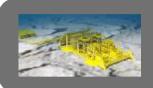


# **Subsea Processing Development**



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Development continues along established Roadmap



Åsgard- Statoil

- First Subsea Gas Compression

2011



#### Marlim - Petrobras

- First heavy oil deep water
- Four-phase separation
- Water injection for pressure support

2011



#### Pazflor - Total

- First Deepwater
- Gas/Liquid separation
- Hydrate mitigation & pressure support

2007



#### Tordis – Statoil

- First Commercial System
- Four -phase Separation
- Bulk water removal with injection + boosting

2001



#### **Troll Pilot- Statoil**

- First Pilot
- Three phase Separation
- Bulk water removal with injection



# Subsea Processing

Enhancing brownfield oil recovery and enabling greenfield development

- Brownfield challenges:
  - Declining oil & gas production
  - Increasing water production
  - Constrained topside facilities
- Greenfield challenges:
  - Heavy oil
  - Low reservoir pressure
  - Hydrate formation
- Subsea processing solutions:
  - Gas/oil/water
  - Gas/Liquid
  - Sand separation
  - Boosting
  - Gas compression





## Why Subsea Processing

- Increased recovery
- Accelerate production
- Reduced Capital Expenditure
- Makes it possible to:
  - connect satellite fields to existing infrastructure
  - exploit fields that are normally inaccessible
  - exploit costly infrastructure fully throughout the systems operational period
  - depressurize system as a hydrate strategy
- Influence on the environment will decrease
- Reduces water disposal to sea
- Enhances flow management







## What influence selection of separation technology?

#### Drivers for subsea processing station

- System considerations, not only component considerations
- Flexibility over the life of field, need to cover changes in conditions and uncertainties
- Robust and reliable systems

### Fluid properties

 Density, viscosity, mixed viscosity, inversion point etc at operational conditions, asphaltenes, creation of foam, emulsions etc.

## Production profile

- Water cut (WC), gas volume fraction (GVF) as function of time
- Pressure, temperature profile as function of time

### Sand production

- During "normal" conditions and "worst case" conditions (e.g. screen failure)

## Field layout

- Field layout of wells/drilling centers/existing infrastructure
- Sizes of pipelines
- Location of processing station compared to wells





## Some operational issues

- Condition change during the field life
  - Flexible and robust system
- Operate outside the design conditions
  - Fail safe systems and training of personnel
- Failure of equipment due to operational errors
  - Fail safe and protection of equipment, e.g. CPM
- Failure of equipment due to mechanical failure
  - Robust design and testing



# **Future Solutions**

# Moving from bulk gravity separation .....







# .....to slimmer and more compact solutions.....





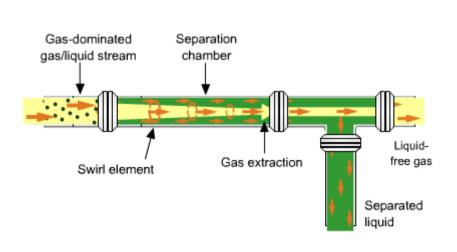




# .....to inline, ultra-compact solutions

- Proven topside technology
- Ongoing qualification for subsea use









## **Questions on Subsea Processing**

- Do oil companies know what is out there?
- Is the full potential recognized?
- What can we do to increase awareness?
- What will it take to make this a common used technology?
- Economic models demonstrate the benefits, but the risk is considered to high?
- What can we do to reduce risk and increase the confidence?
- Why wait until the added value is less?

# The Vision



