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How to satisfy emissions and performance objectives from rotating plant with obsolete control systems in a declining market.

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Metron background

- An Engineering business
 - We support many issues where there is no alternative solution we work it out
 - Extensive offshore application knowledge
 - A lot of fire-fighting
- Improving condition & performance of offshore plant
 - Typically rotating equipment that is critical to production and environmental performance
- Improving connectivity and system modelling to improve insight for future improvement / risk management
 - Help to reduce the fire-fighting and heartache as well as meet environmental performance targets





Industry challenges

- Energy security
- Net-zero
- Mature basin
- Safe operation
- Investment stability
- All from existing plant



Typical factors in production & emissions performance

- Power generation
- Gas compression
- Rotating equipment control systems typically old / not working / not maintained
- Flare
- No working systems and data > no measurement > no understanding > no improvement
- Numerous AI based tools and analysis techniques now available, but much of the source data is missing, erroneous or only allows a high-level interpretation

How has the world changed?







- Changed operating regimes less boepd
- Loss of historical data acquisitions / mergers
- OEMs don't provide as much / any support for older and obsolete equipment
- Multi-national OEMs have refocussed efforts elsewhere
- Technology is of an age that isn't taught
- You can't take your 1970s Ford Cortina to a modern Ford garage and have repaired...

Why is this a problem?

- Offshore systems need to work effectively for:
 - Safety
 - Production
 - Environmental performance
- Two complementary approaches
 - Improve performance of plant so you emit less
 - Capture emissions and avoid them reaching the atmosphere
- > The industry needs to measure accurately in enough detail to affect change
 - Pointless knowing you are emitting large amounts of harmful emissions, if you are unable to identify the underlying cause in enough to detail to fix or modify
- Historically production efficiency has been ~60-70%
 - Environmental efficiency can be expected to be worse from ageing plant it is often not measured in enough granularity to know for sure

Where does Metron contribute?

- Offshore engineering support for fault finding & repairs and personnel training
- Sourcing, re-engineering and repairing of systems, control and instrumentation
- Leveraging technology and tools used for decades by the Defence Industries
 - MoD, DoD and others have to support much of their equipment decades beyond OEM support
 - Boeing 707 airframe flying in 2023
- Recycling of rare resources circular economy
- Improving reliability and increasing functionality to allow data analytics, AI tools etc to be applied to 'old' technology
 - Application of engineering and AI models
 - Aiding operational understanding to allow prioritisation of production, safety and environmental improvements





Where does this fit?

- Engineering improvements can be made
 - Re-wheeling of compressors, changed pump cartridges to suit current daily production
 - Only relevant if the plant is working effectively
- Supply chain and operators must work together
 - Upstream industry has always been less competitive due to licensing approach
- Industry groups setup to share spares, best practice etc
- Businesses such as Metron who can provide support and training for obsolete & aging control systems and link robust engineering / AI based analytics
- Collaboration and prioritisation is absolutely key as the industry transitions
 - We can not fix everything immediately

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