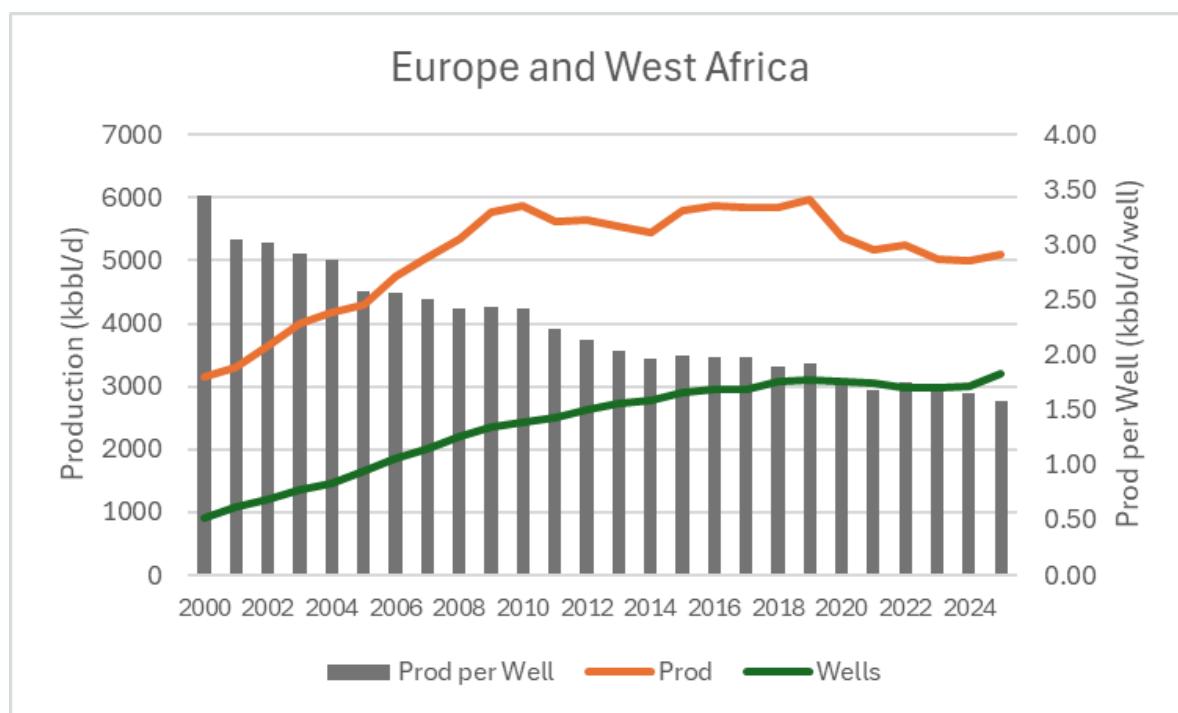
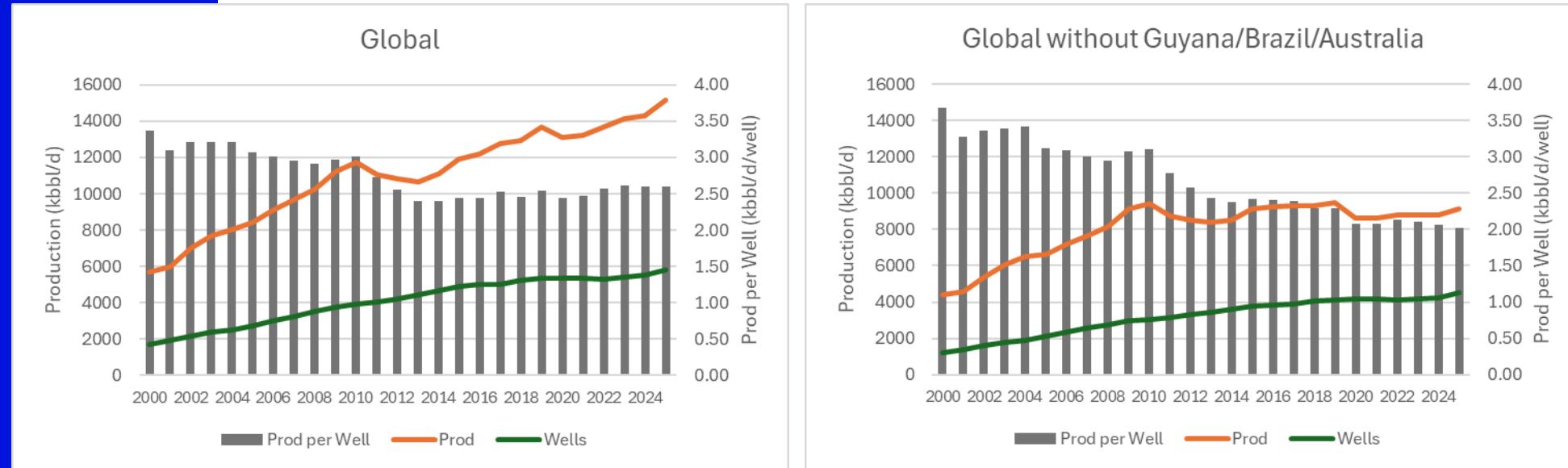


Step change in Wireline Subsea Intervention Lubricator Performance

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Subsea Production Macro

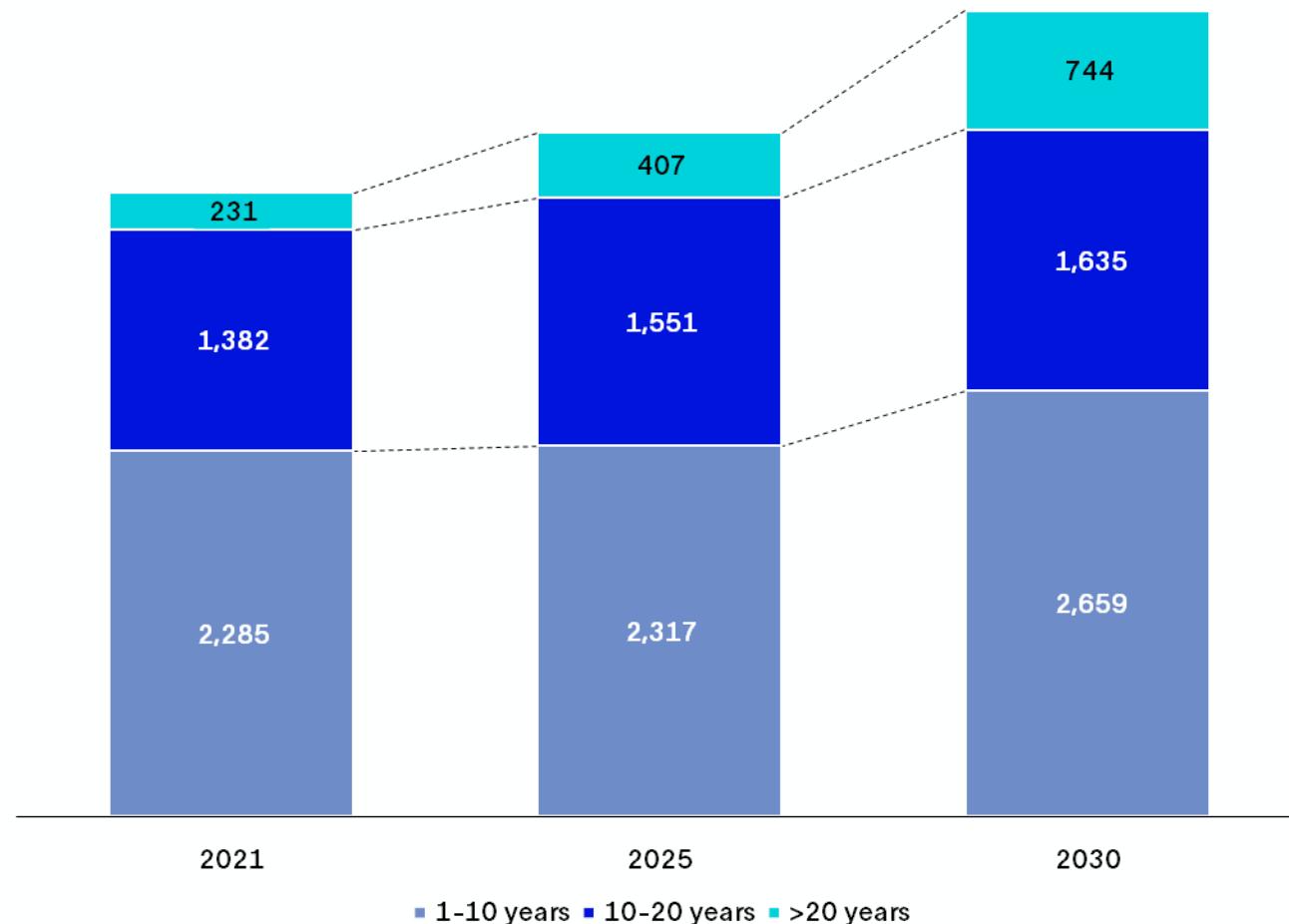


The Need for Subsea Intervention

By 2030 ~48% of the active wells will be more than 10 years old and ~15% more than 20

Subsea intervention is costly (in UKCS in one year 11% of activity but 50% of spend on interventions)

Subsea wellcount split by well age



Subsea well – Offshore > 125m depth + Wellhead type: Wet and Producing/under development/to be discovered (future) Source: Rystad March 2025

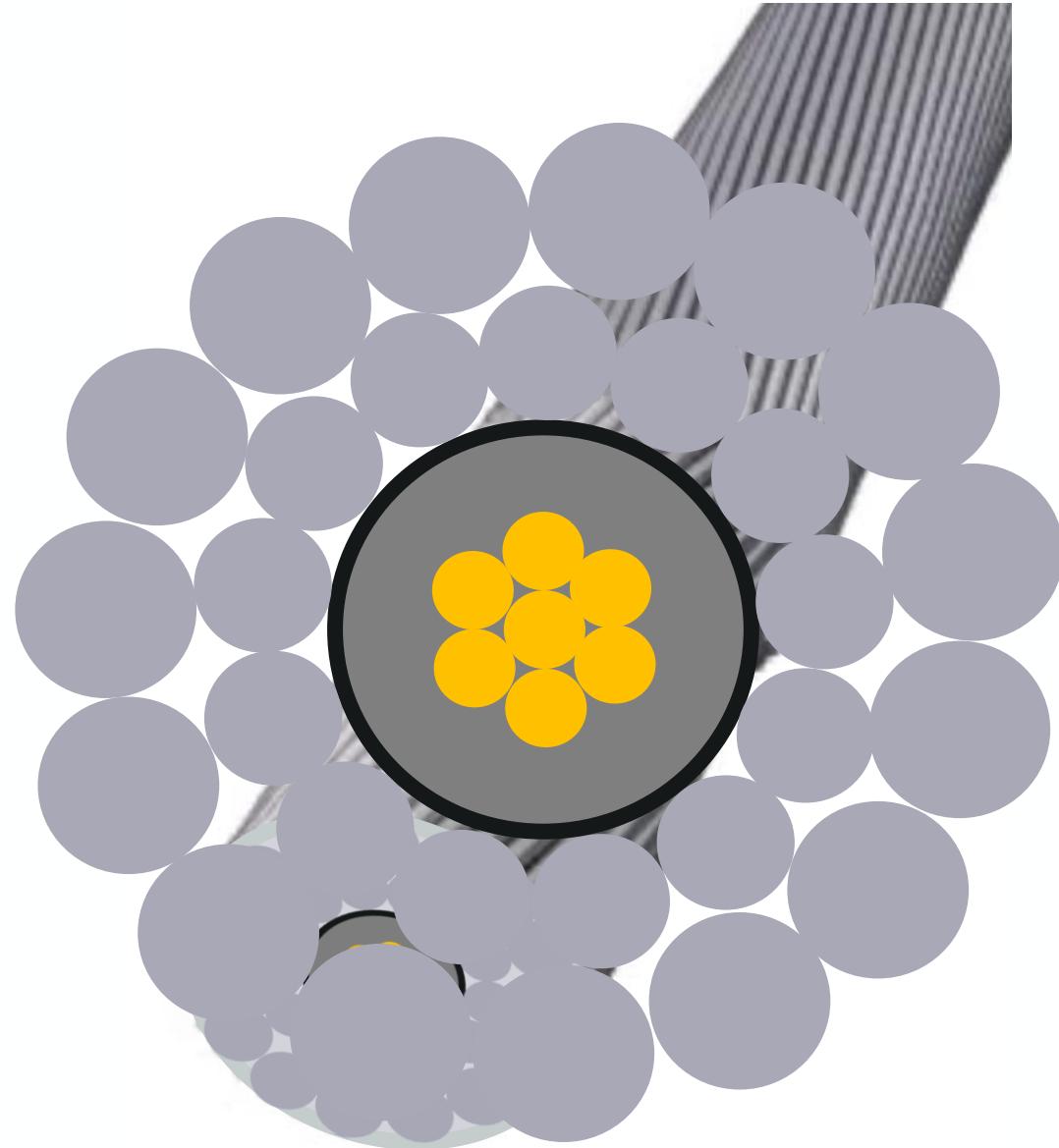
Conventional Wireline Cable Construction

Cable Torque: The Good

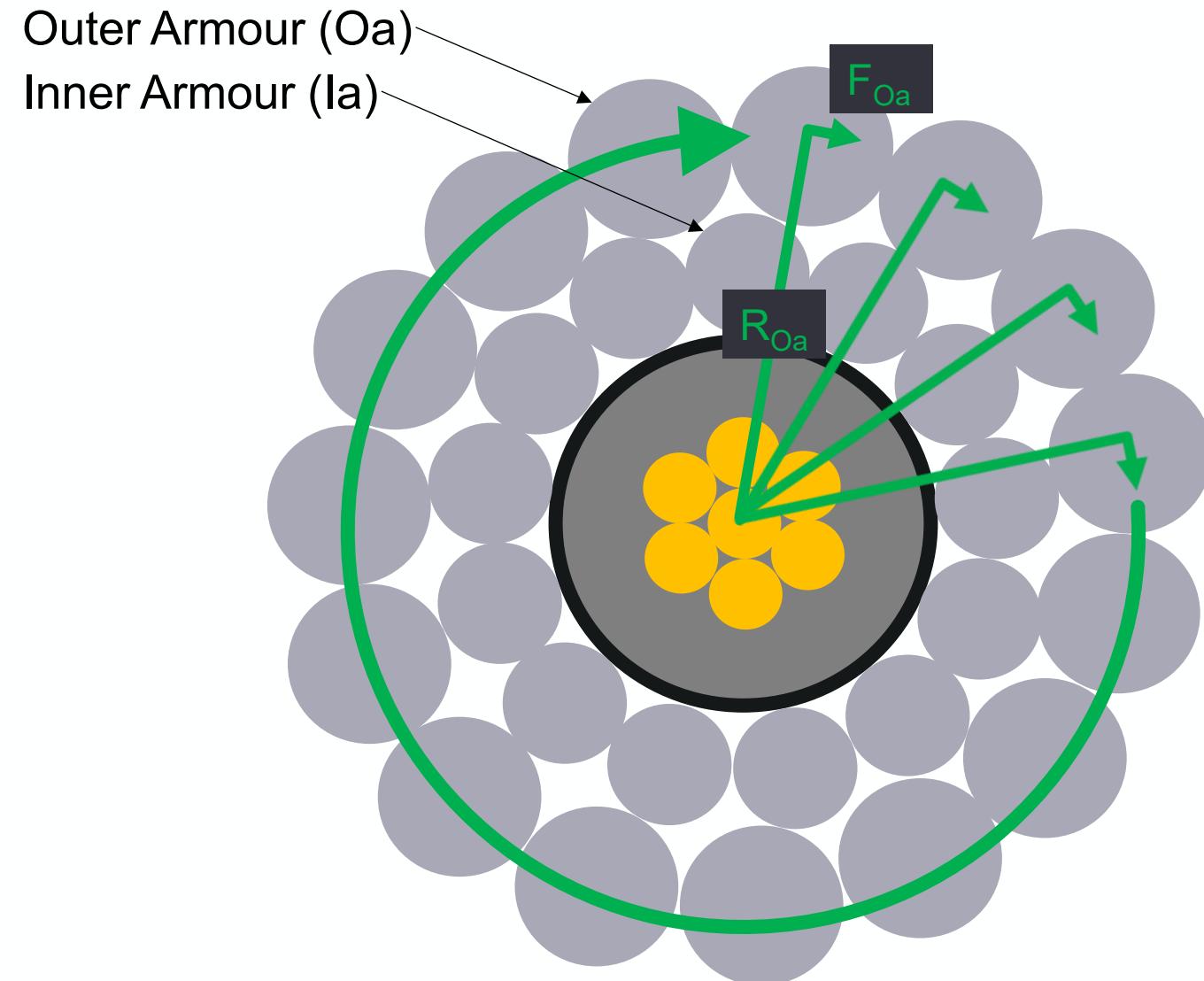
The opposing wrap directions mean the cable binds up on itself and has mechanical strength



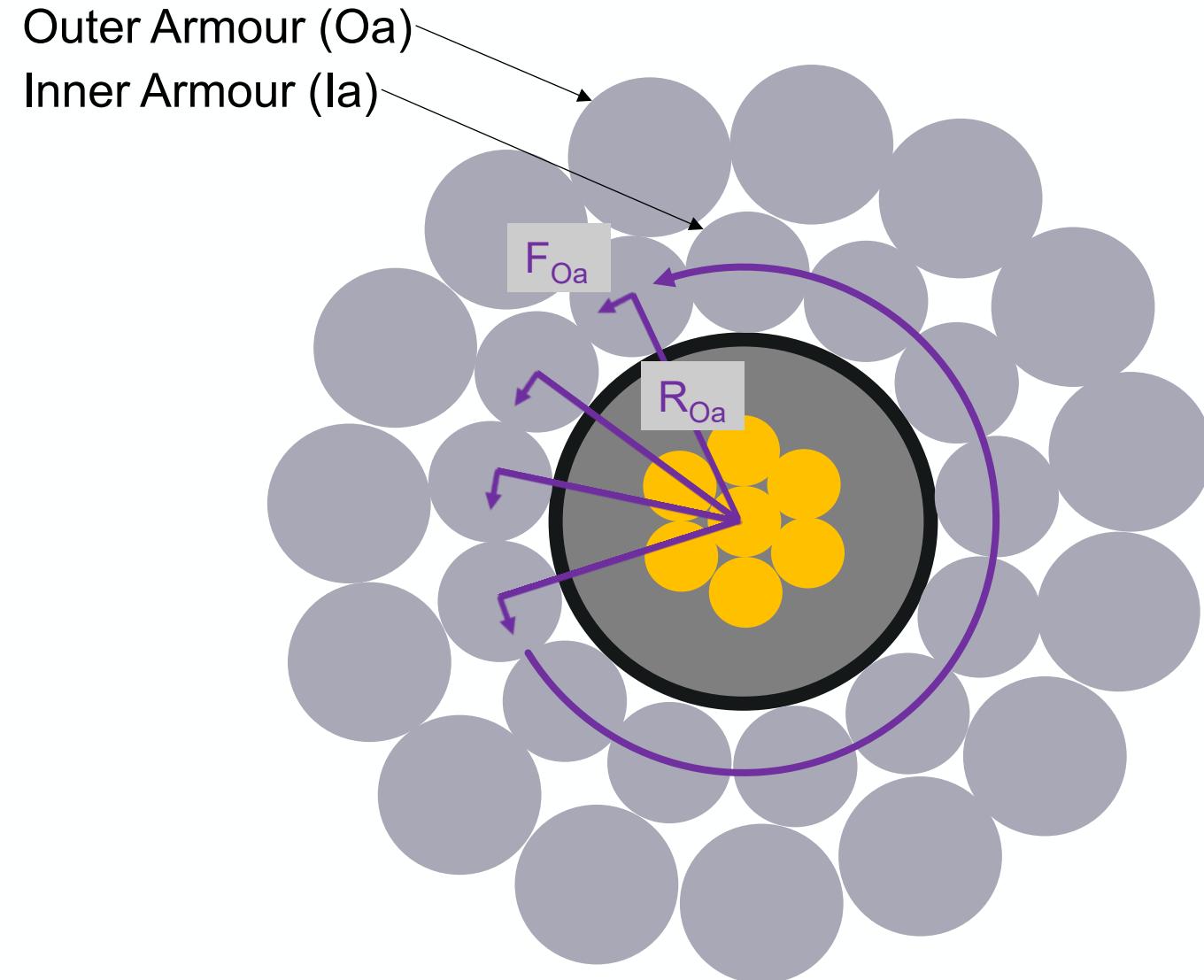
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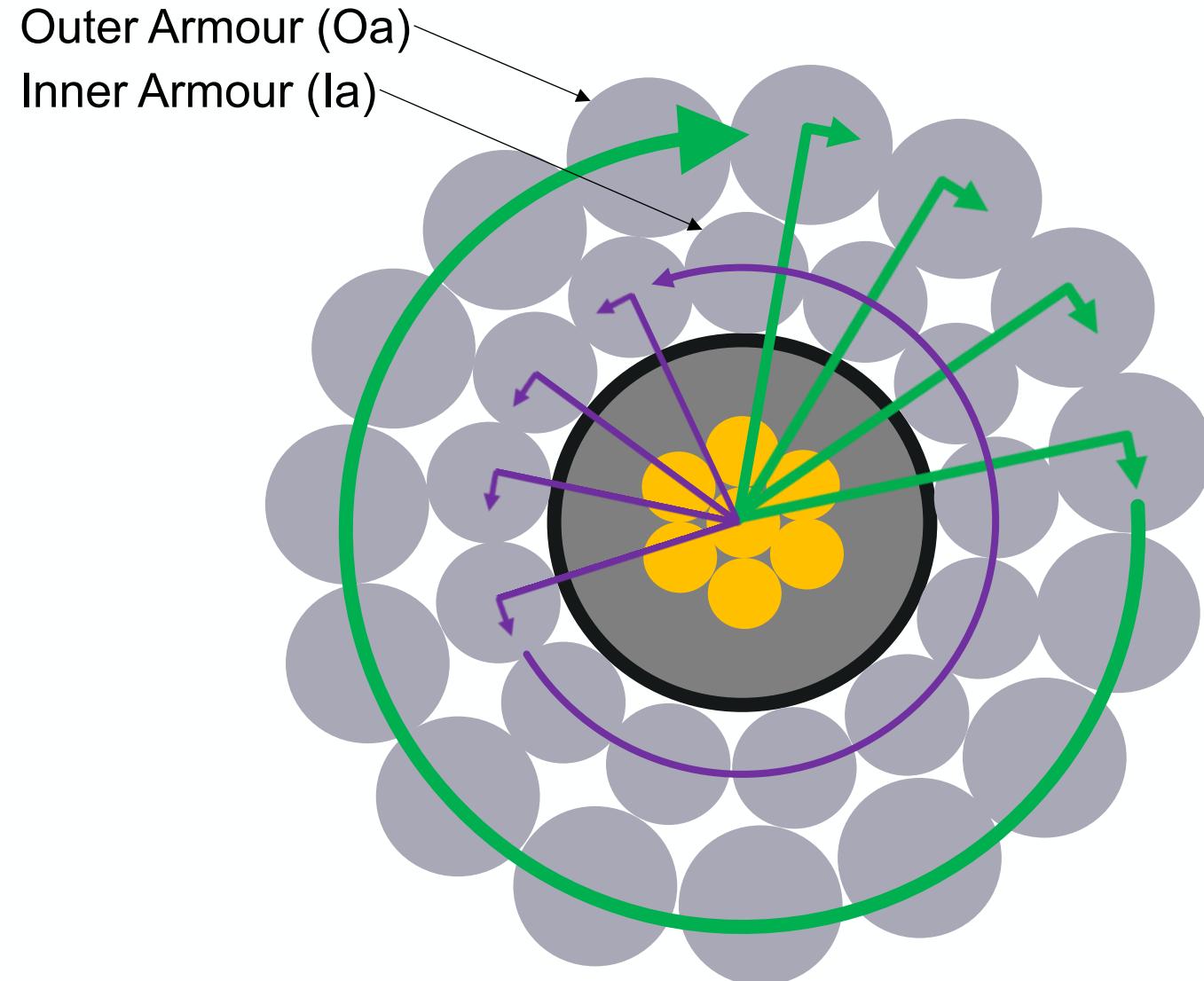


Cable Torque: The “Not so Good”

Outer Armour Torque
 $T_{Oa} = F_n (F_{Oa} \times R_{Oa})$

Inner Armour Torque
 $T_{Ia} = F_n (F_{Ia} \times R_{Ia})$

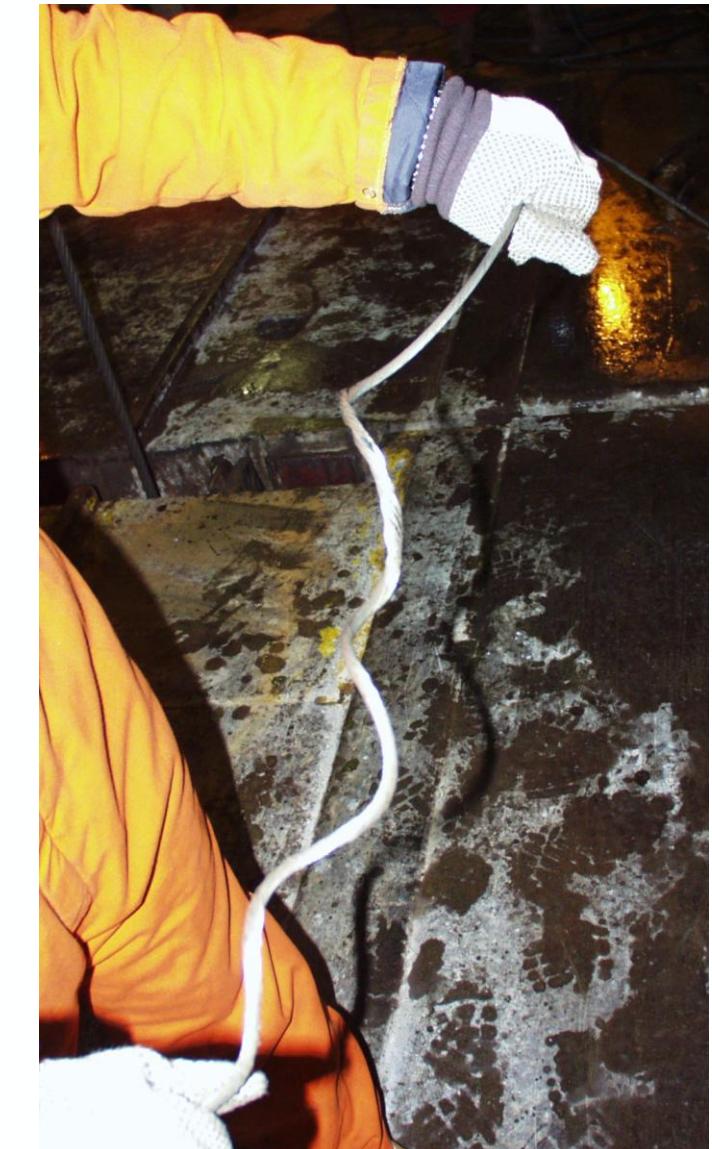
$T_{Oa} > T_{Ia}$ = Unbalanced



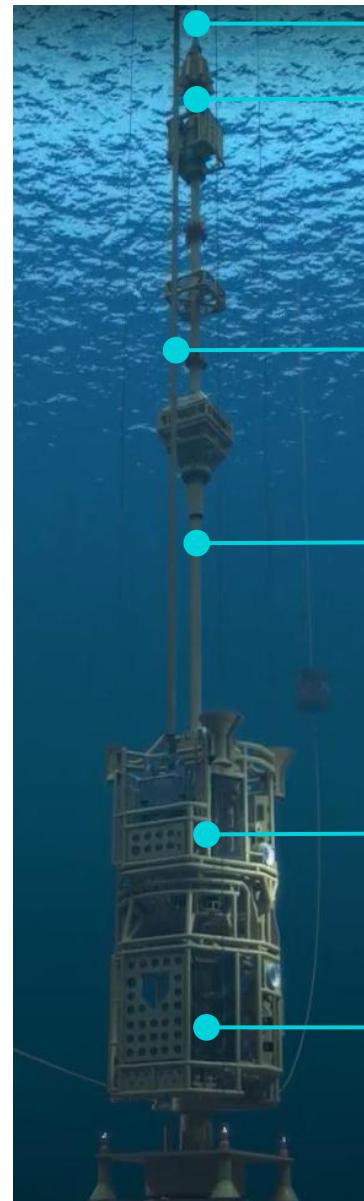
The Real Consequences of Unbalanced Cable Torque

UK North Sea 2002

Cable cut at seabed
to recover



Sealing Against Wirelines in Live Wellbore



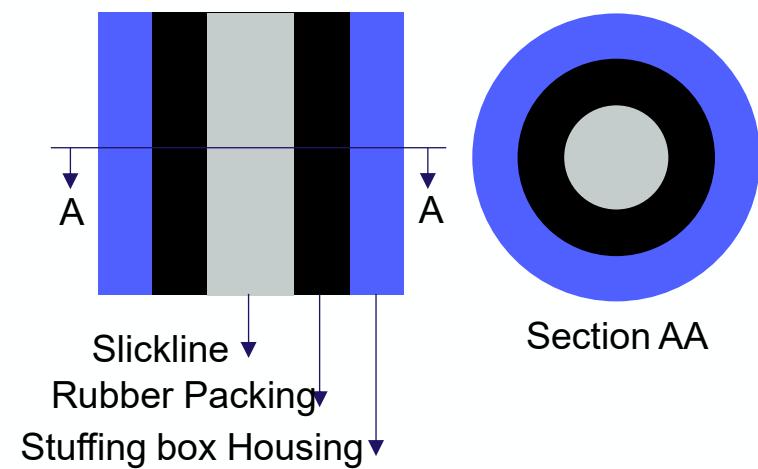
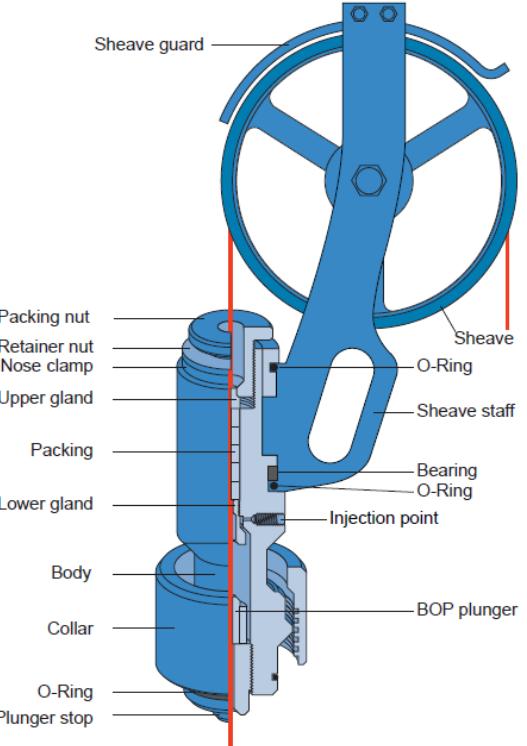
Wireline to surface
Seal against wireline from sea hydrostatic and wellbore pressure

Umbilical from vessel to subsea lubricator

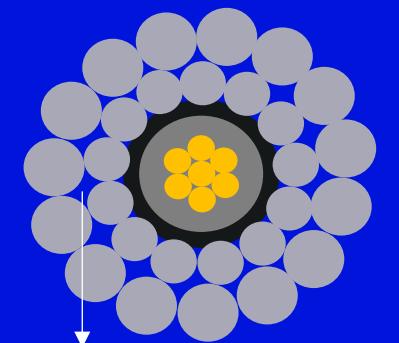
Lubricator (facilitates tool deployment into live well)

Emergency disconnect package

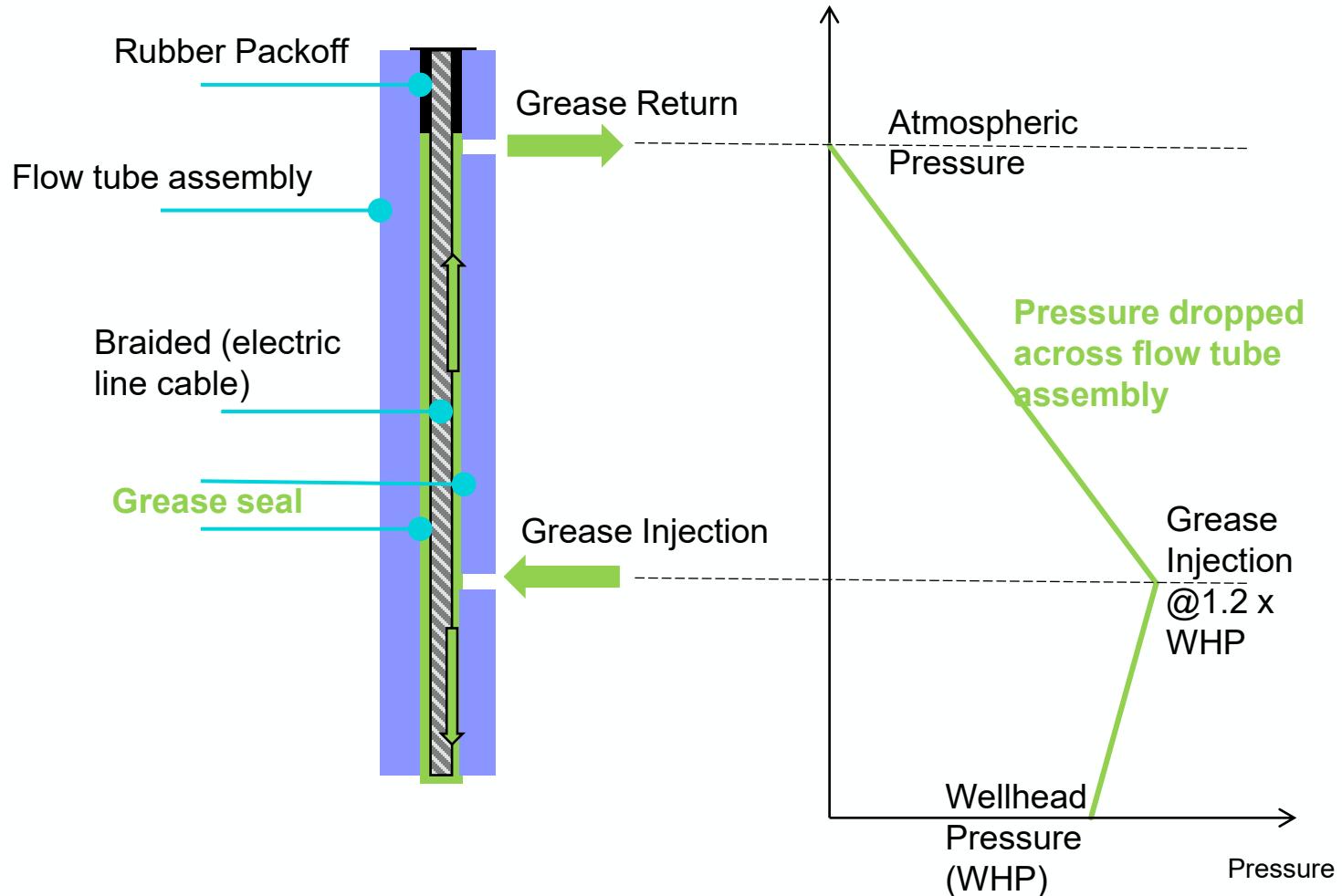
Lower riser package



Sealing Against Wirelines in Live Wellbore



Interstitial void or leak path



COUETTE'S EQUATION

$$\Delta P = \frac{6 L u Q}{R c h^3}$$

P_2 = grease injection pressure @ flow tube

P_1 = grease outlet pressure @ flow tube

L = Length of flow tube

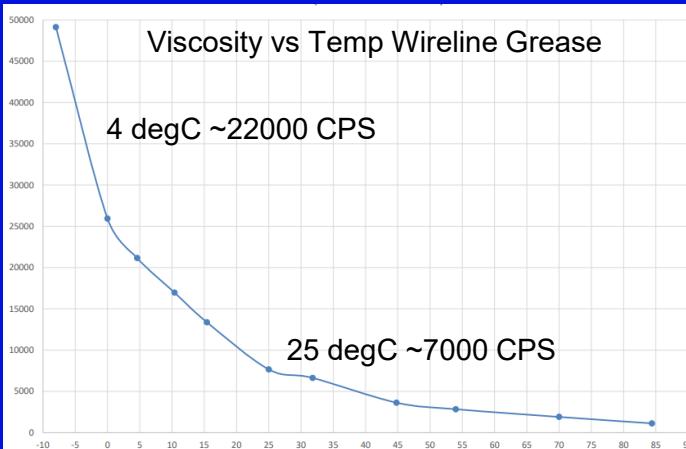
u = grease viscosity

h = clearance between Flowtube & cable

R_c = cable radius

Q = quantity of grease injected

Wireline Grease Supply to Subsea Lubricator



Many variables to control:

- Water depth
- Temperature profile
- Wellhead pressure
- Cable running speed

Surface pumping of wireline grease limited to approx. 600/800m

Deeper requires subsea grease storage with own limitations



Pressure loss pumping along a hose – Darcy Weisbach

$$\Delta P = f \times (L/D) \times (\rho v^2/2)$$

- ΔP = pressure loss
- f = friction factor (dimensionless) = $f_n(Re)$
- **L** = length of the hose
- D = internal diameter of the hose
- ρ = fluid density
- v = average fluid velocity

Highly viscous fluid, laminar flow, use Hagen Poiseuille's law

$$\Delta P = 8\mu L Q / \pi R^4$$

- Q = volumetric flow rate
- R = pipe radius (m)
- μ = dynamic viscosity

A challenge at 2000m+ water depth where considerable length is at low temperatures with a large volume of grease with a high viscosity

Reducing Risk in Subsea Interventions

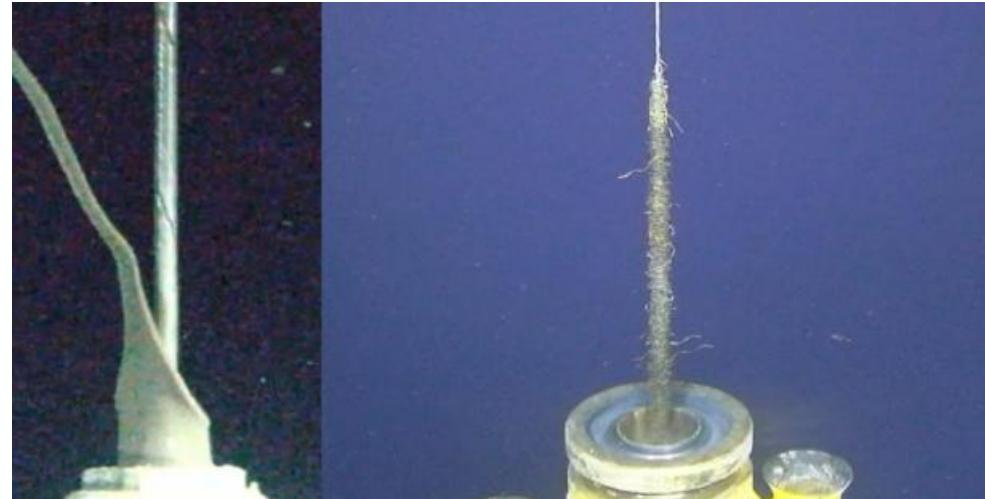
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**The Evolution of Riserless
Wireline Subsea Intervention
in Deepwater Gulf of Mexico,
Doing More with Less**

S. E. Townsend, J. Duenas,
and L. W. Ramnath, BP
America Inc 2025

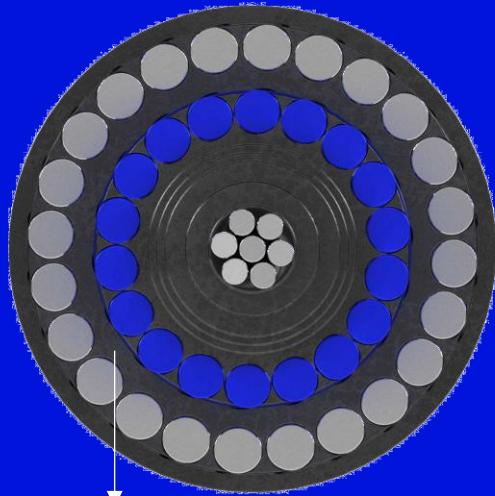
Key Challenges Observed

1. Loss of grease seal primarily related to grease supply
2. Stranded Wireline



Use of a polymer encapsulated wireline can eliminate need for a grease seal and eliminate stranded wires

Polymer locked electric line cable technology



NO Interstitial voids or leak paths



Cable armours are locked together with a polymer coating

Brings the following benefits:

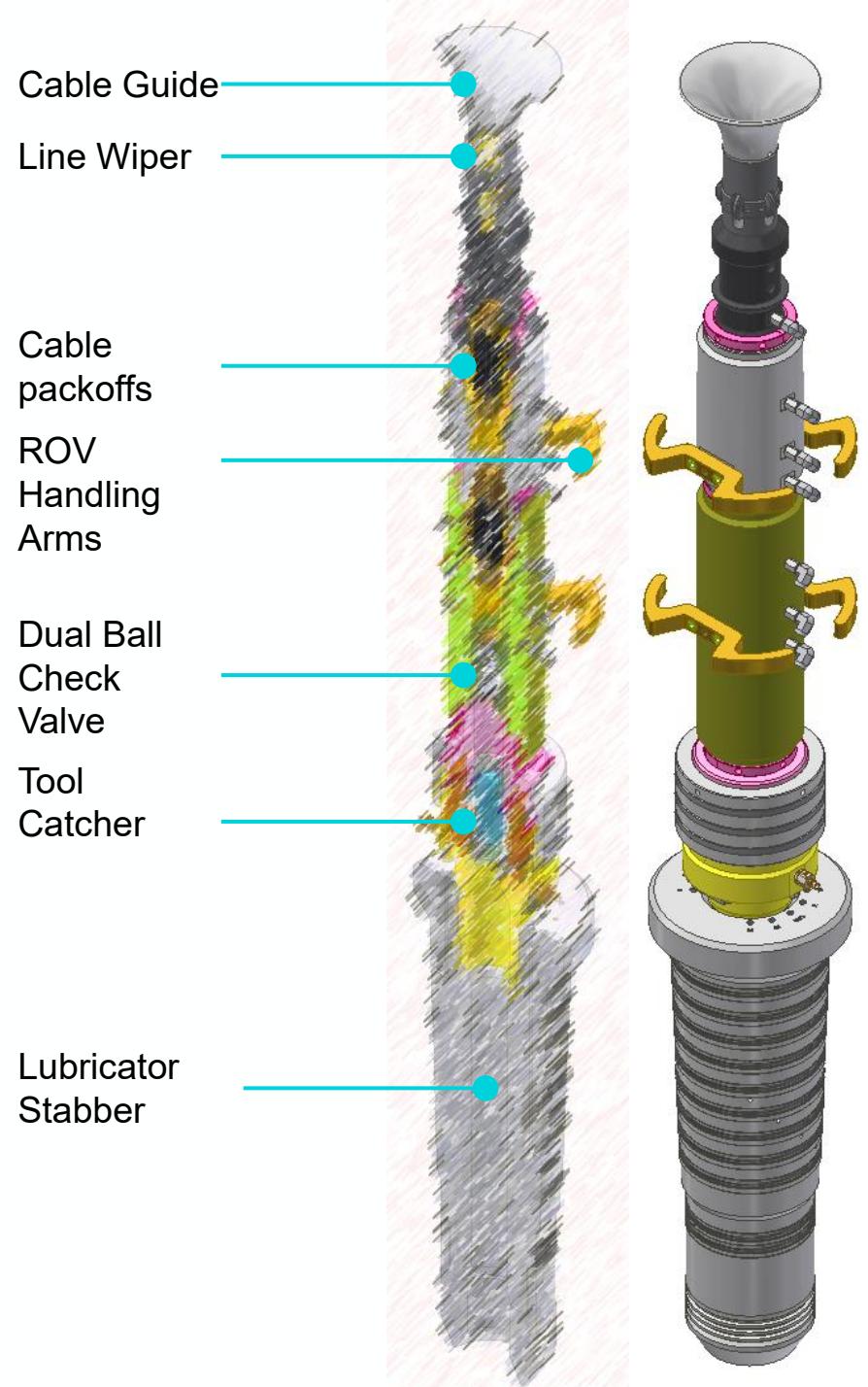
- No need for grease injection to seal against well bore pressure
 - Shorter pressure control head
 - Simpler pressure control
- Cable torque eliminated as armours locked together meaning no stranded lines
- Lower friction between cable and wellbore
- Lower weight meaning higher effective pull on BHA

Commercial for many years **but a subsea pressure control device to enable well access had not been developed**

Subsea Wireline Packoff

Intensive Field Input to Design

- 12.5kpsi working pressure rating
- Grease injection for pressure control eliminated
- Polymer locked cables only
- Redundant packoffs with 3 total
- Dual ball check valves
- Low friction due to low actuation pressure
- Split packers, inserts, & bushings for quick and easy line redress
- Can be configured with different stabbers/SIL connections

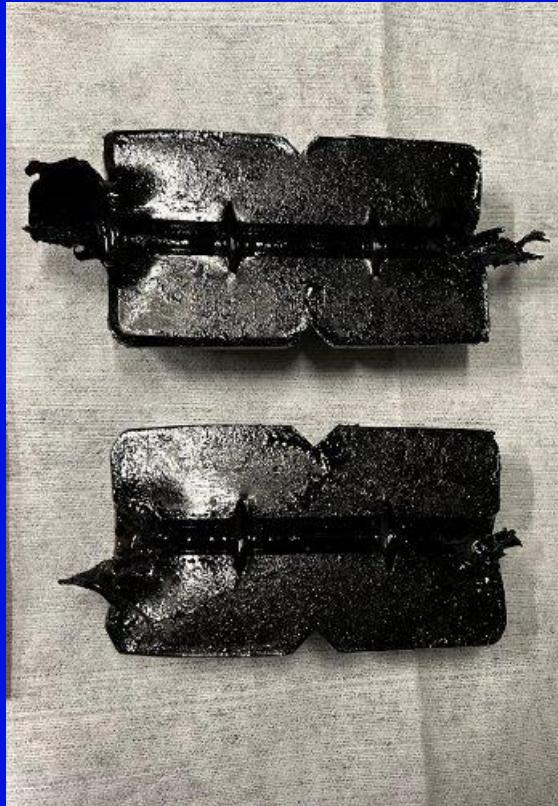


Engineering Qualification Plan

Huge focus on engineering qualification testing prior to going to field

Guidelines reference including API 16A, API 6A, API17D, API 17G

Look ahead to API 17G4 and API 16B



Photos from pack off testing – 200K ft over wheel at 8000 psi

Qualification Area	Description of Test	Qualification Standard	Status
Operational characteristics	Shaking suspension test	API 16A, Sec 4.7.2	Complete
New design temperature	Low temperature test	API 17G, Annex B	Complete
New design temperature	Continuous high temperature test	API 16A, Sec 4.7.2	Complete
Reliability	Fatigue test	API 16A, Sec 4.7.2	Complete
Apparatus testing	Hypothetical test	API 17G, Annex B	Complete
Tool catcher evaluation	Tool catcher evaluation test	SLR101	Complete
Theoretical validation	Theoretical validation test	SLR101	Complete
Shaking suspension	Shaking suspension test	SLR101	Complete
Crush resistance	Proof and crush test	SLR101	Complete
Ball Check Valve qualification	Internal and external pressure testing	API 16A, Sec 4.2	Complete
Gas holding capacity	Shaking test	SLR101	Complete
New design temperature	Continuous high temperature	API 16A, Sec 4.7.2	Complete
Assembly Assembly	Flexure Test		Complete
Calibration dynamic testing	Calibration dynamic test	SLR101	Complete
Calibration	Tool catcher evaluation test	SLR101	Complete
Recalibration	System integration test	SLR101	Complete
Dynamic testing spacer	Shaking suspension test	SLR101	Complete

Objective: Acquire Wellbore Acoustic and Temperature Data for Well Integrity Assessment

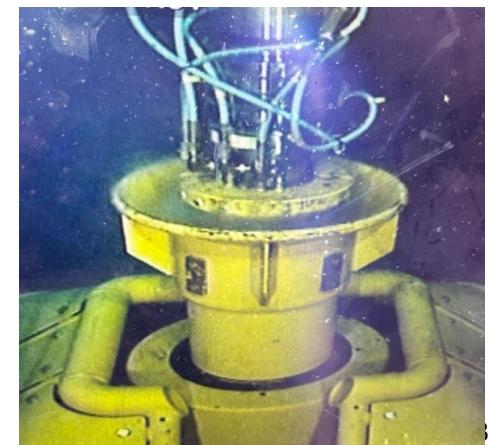


Success Factors

- Effective **collaboration** between TotalEnergies, SLB & field teams.
- Extensive **pre-job planning**, preparation covering; **risk assessment**, training, execution monitoring, and post job analysis.
- Equipment **inspected** after every run – minimal pack-off wear observed.
- Deployment and operational **lessons learned**.

Operations Overview:

- Deployed via LWI vessel in a riser-less configuration
- 1st operation: WD = 112m, TH = 136mMD
 - Planned in a low-risk well context.
 - 1st deployment: Camera investigation at HXT (LCP in place)
- 2nd operation: THP of 850 psi; WD = 112m , MD ~3350m
 - 1st deployment: Multi-finger caliper and corrosion survey
 - 2nd deployment: Noise survey
- Dual pack-off configuration on both operations.

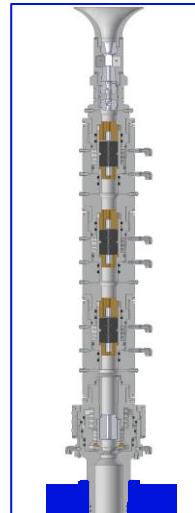


Successfully deployed in 2 x wells

Greaseless Wireline Subsea Intervention System

Subsea pressure control packoff

- Enables polymer locked cable operations on riserless light well intervention vessels



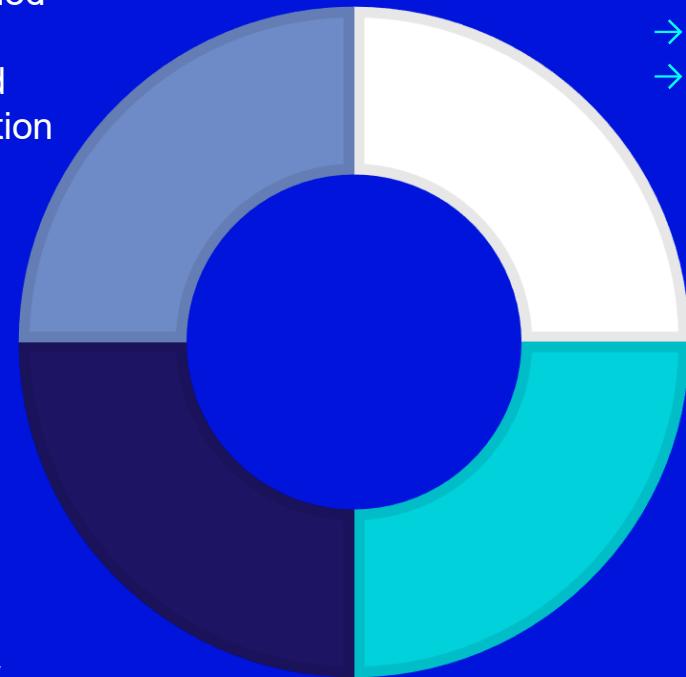
Efficiency increase

- Single conveyance method
- Avoid grease tank refill
- Increased tripping speed
 - 40% friction reduction

Operational flexibility

- Agnostic connection
- Single conveyance unit
- Reduced crew size
- Greater depth capability

12,500psi
pressure rating



-50%
footprint reduction
(single winch)

Reduced operational risk

- Eliminate stranded armor
- Reduced risk of pressure leaks

Environmental stewardship

- No grease injection
- Overall lowered CO₂ emissions with interventions

+50%
CO₂e reduction
LWIV vs MODU

Thank you to TotalEnergies, SLB
and Helix for enabling these first
field tests



Questions?

