

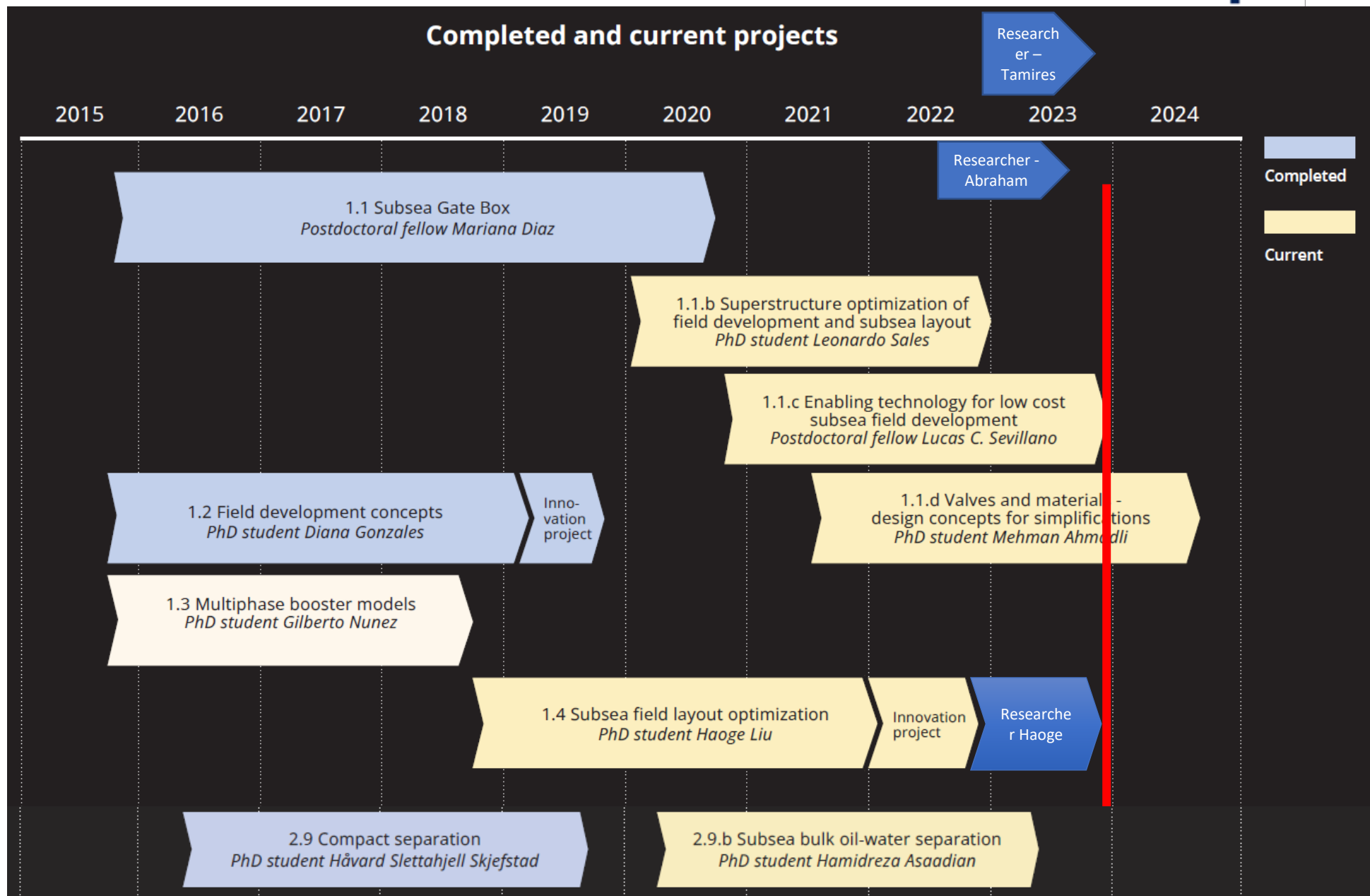
Concluding 8 years of research in Field Architecture (FA)

Sigbjørn Sangesland / Milan Stanko, Nov 27, 2023

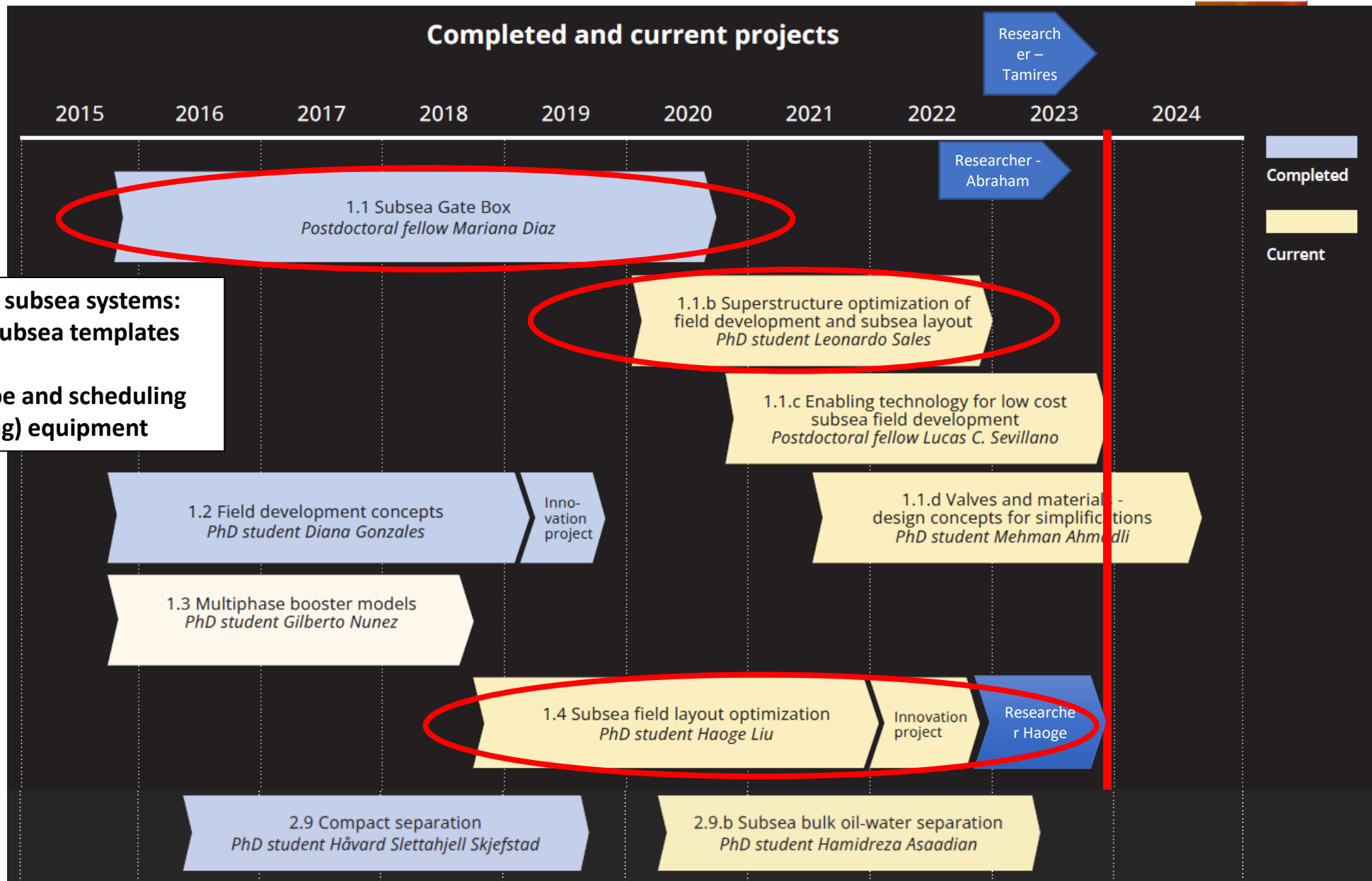
Goals and objectives

Develop methods, models, technologies and alternative architectures to improve subsea field development

Research area chronologic overview



Research area chronologic overview



Researcher - Tamires

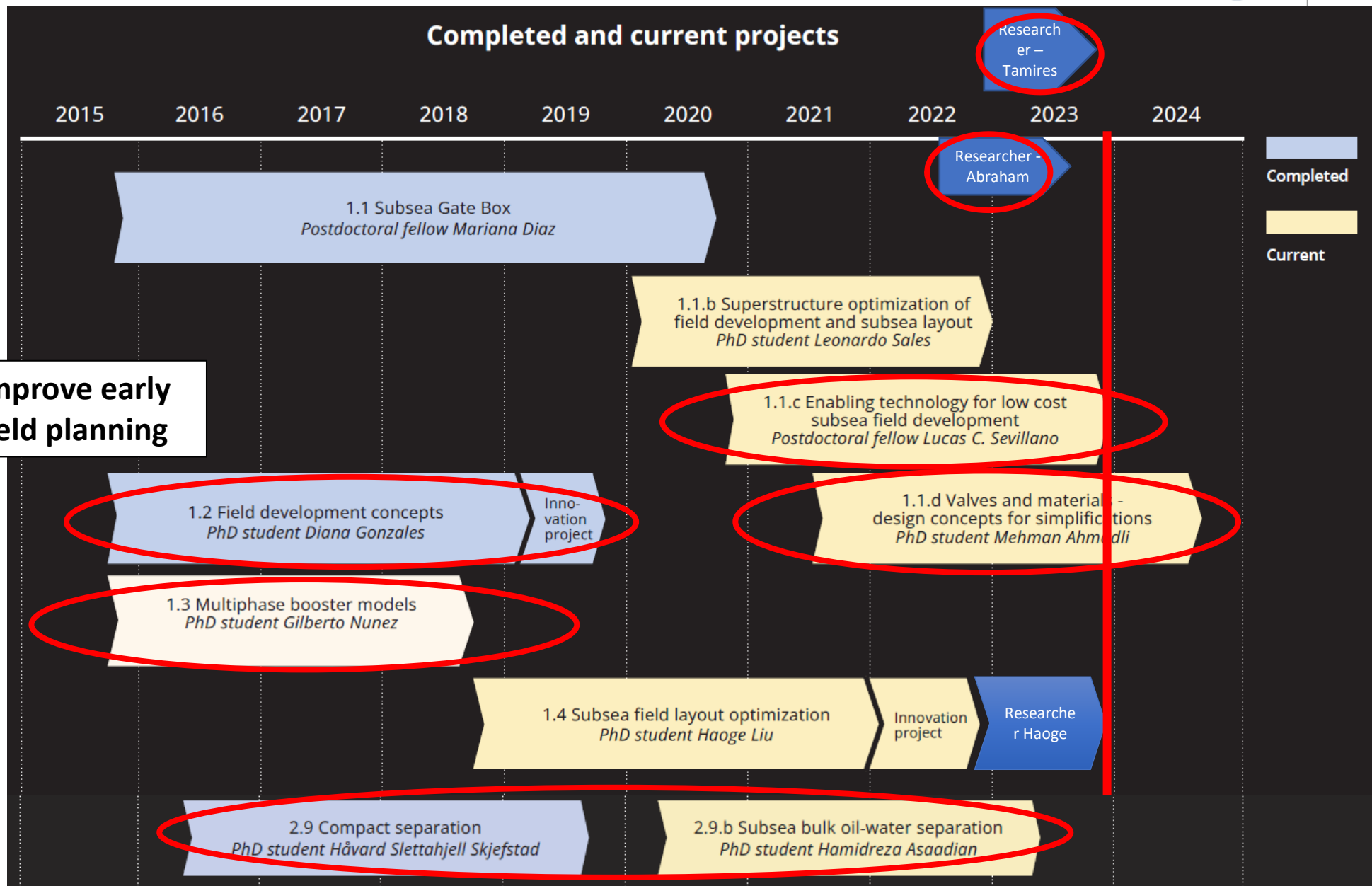
Researcher - Abraham

Researcher - Haoge

Innovation project

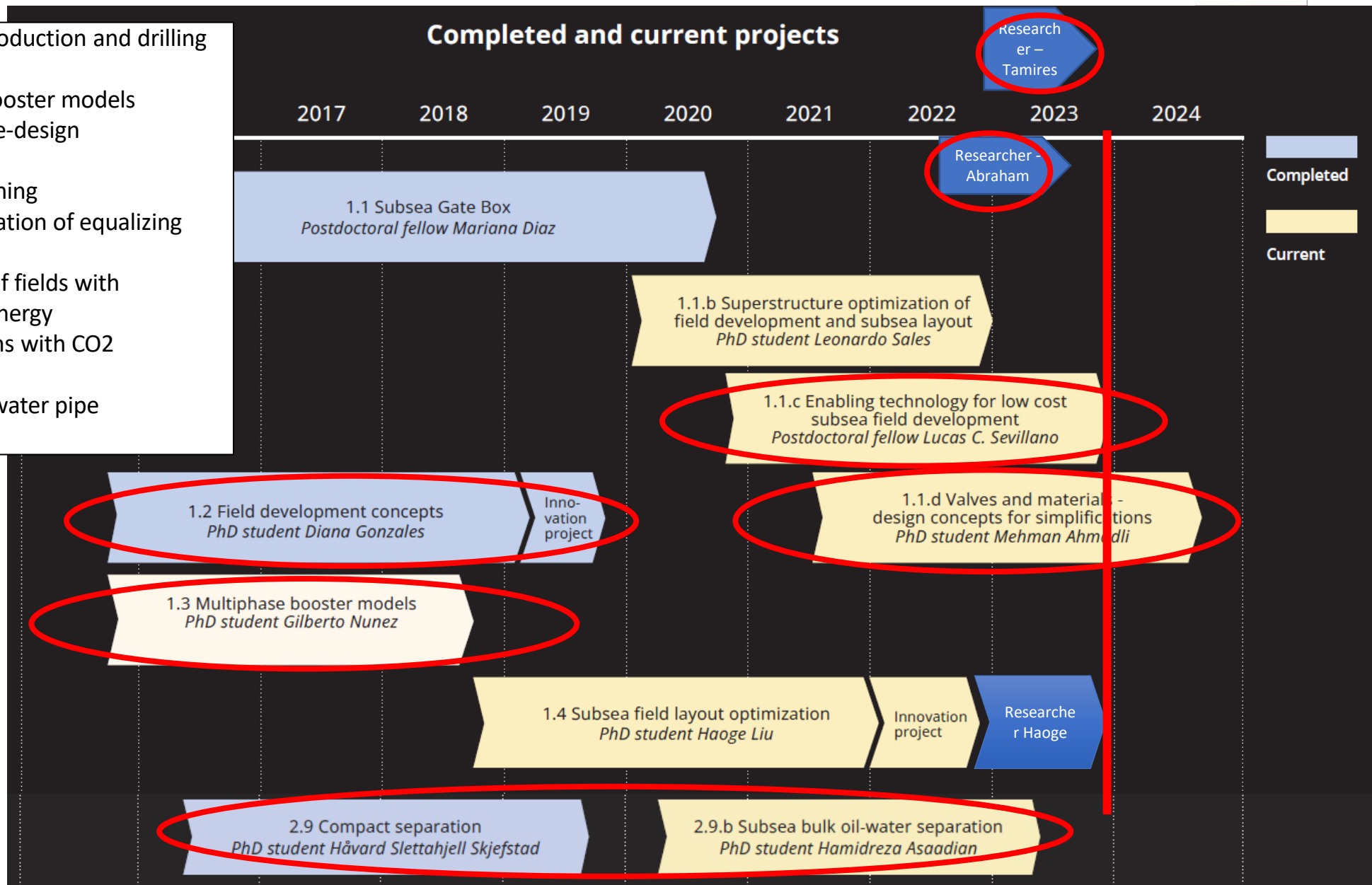
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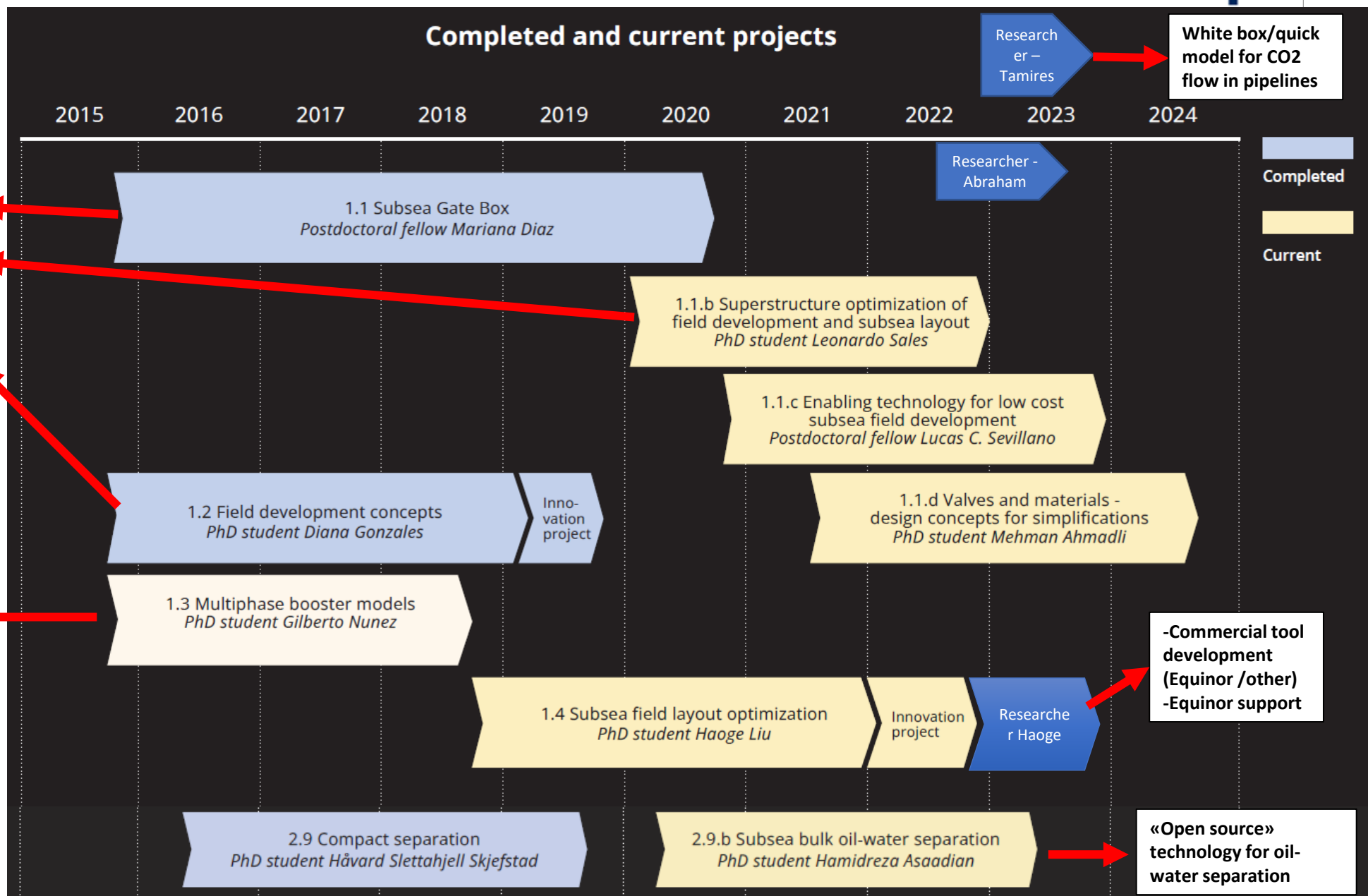


Research area chronologic overview

- Designing production and drilling schedule
- Simplified booster models
- X-mas tree re-design
- Gate valves
- Efficient flushing
- Better estimation of equalizing chemicals
- Integration of fields with renewable energy
- Better designs with CO2 injection
- Efficient oil-water pipe separation



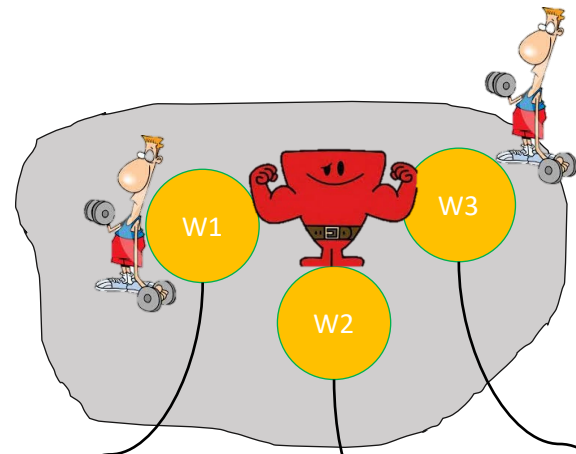
Innovation – knowledge transfer



PD Project: The Subsea Gate Box



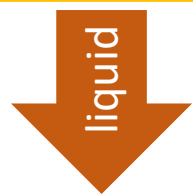
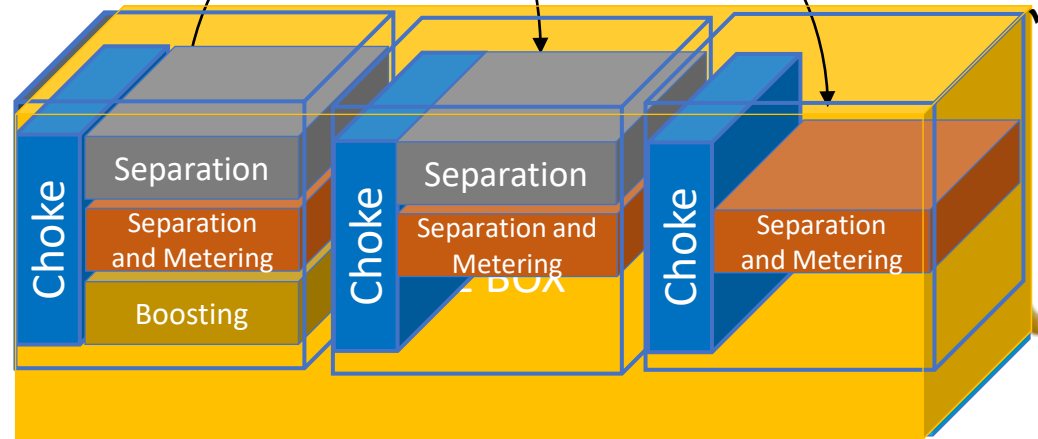
Postdoc: Mariana Diaz
Supervisors: Sigbjørn Sangesland
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Tailored solution of separation and boosting for each well

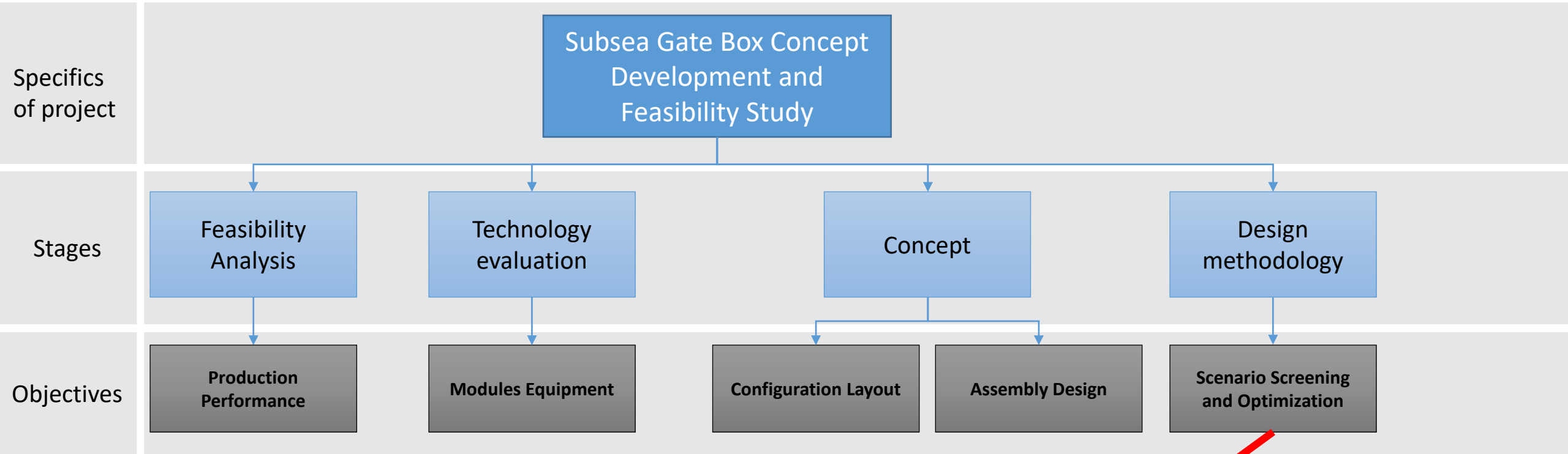
The Subsea Gate Box is a decentralized subsea processing approach

LEGO principle



- ✓ Template that accommodate individual well modules and compartments
- ✓ Retrievable individual well modules – smaller sizes, smaller intervention vessels
- ✓ Honor the reservoir strategy, increasing recovery
- ✓ Increase flexibility and efficiency.

Summary of activities



Tool development and implementation - OFFA (AkerBP) with MatLab and IPM (Petex)



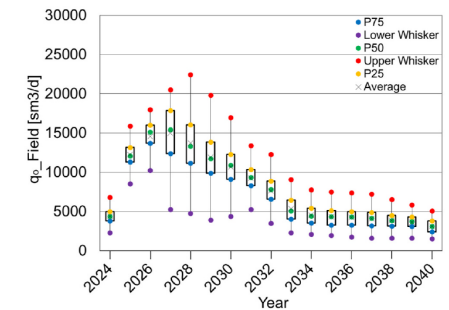
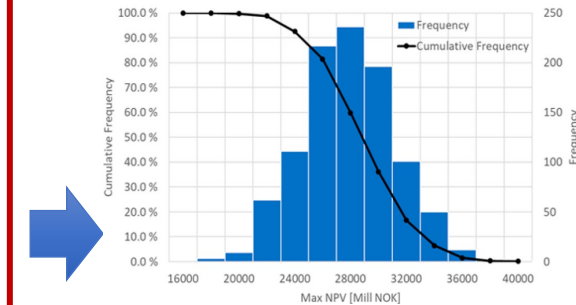
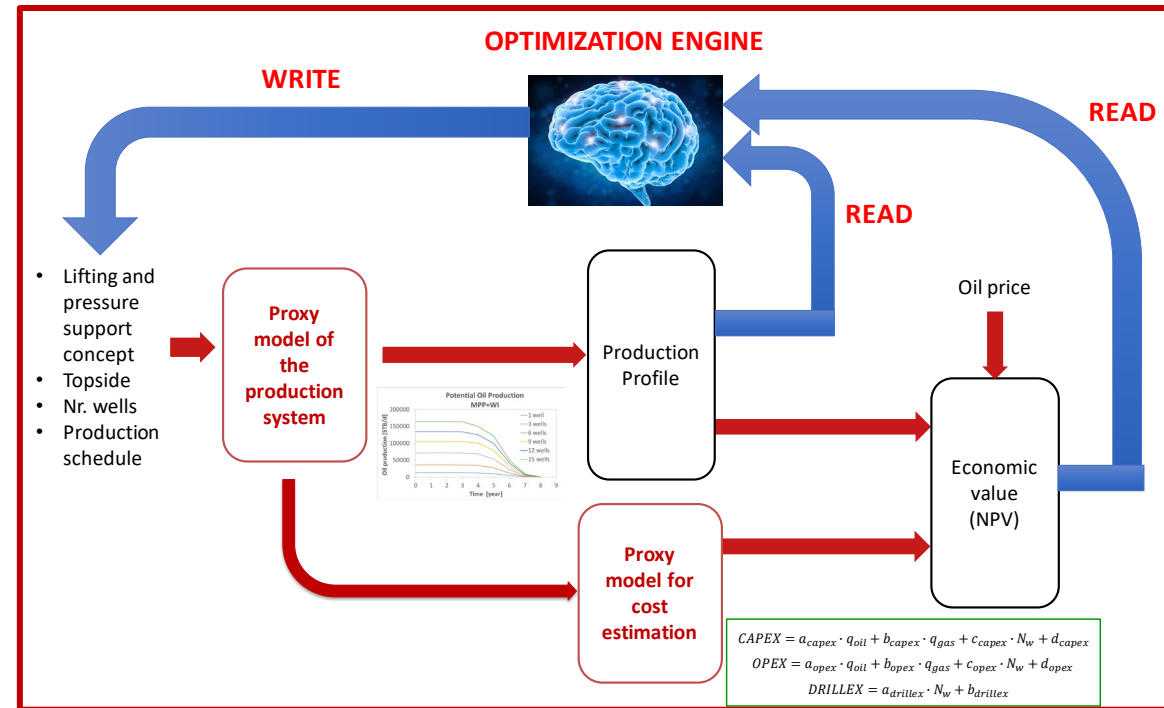
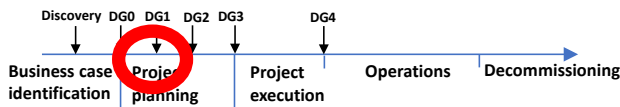
PhD project: Methods for early-phase field development



Candidate: Diana Gonzalez
Supervisor: Milan Stanko



- Develop and test a methodology to provide decision support during early field development using integrated models, optimization and quantifying uncertainty



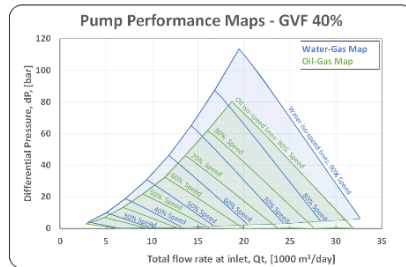
PhD project: Multiphase boosting models



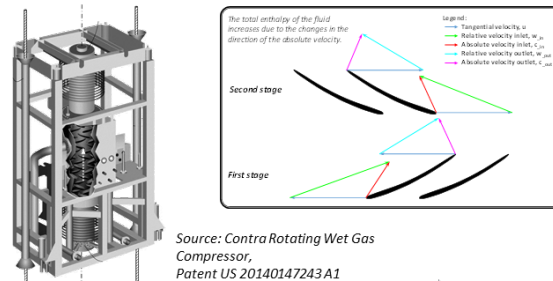
Postdoc: Gilberto Nunez
Supervisors: Sigbjørn Sangesland
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Simple **multiphase boosting models** to use in integrated modelling of subsea field solutions and production optimization.

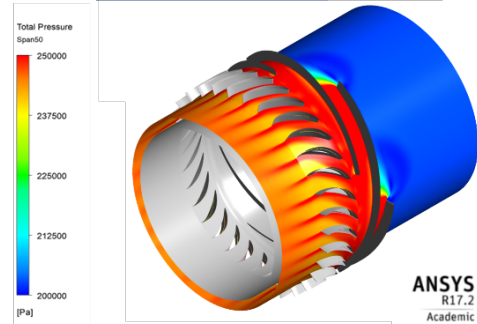
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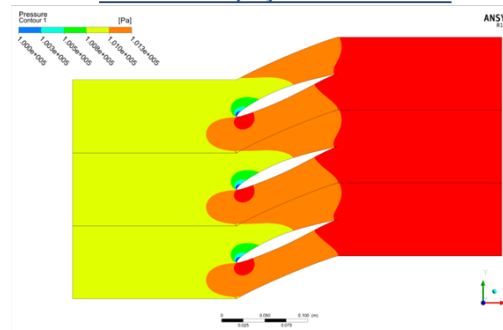
WGC Performance Model



3D CFD Study of HAP



2D CFD Study of blade cascades

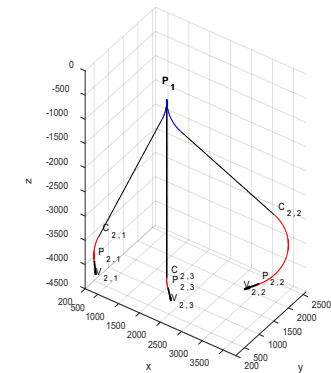
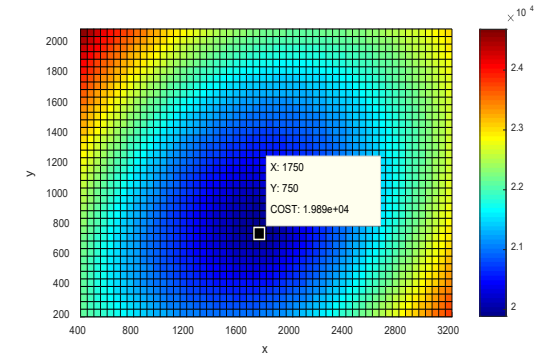


PhD project: Subsea Field Layout Optimization to Minimize Development Cost



Haoge Liu
(PhD 2018-2022)

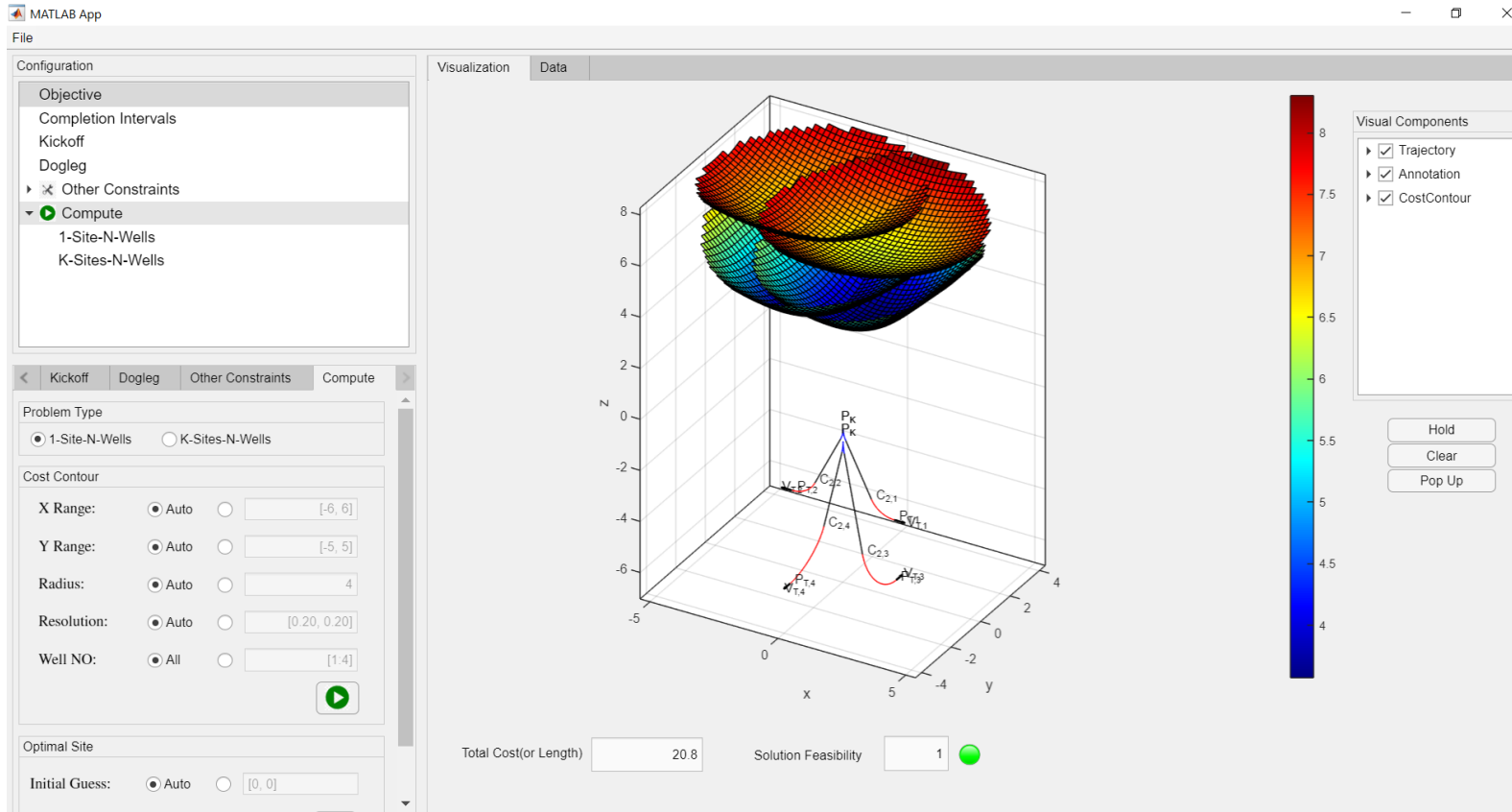
Supervisor: Tor Berge S. Gjersvik, NTNU
Co-supervisor: Audun Faanes, NTNU and Equinor



One-sentence description:

Given *subsurface completion intervals, cost items/functions and engineering constraints*, optimize the subsea field layout so that the overall development cost can be minimized.

Demo app



Equinor has now awarded a software development contract with a SoW to supply a demo application with specified features.

“A first step towards commercialization”

1. Overview

2. Inputs

2.1 Define Completion Intervals

2.1.1 Number of Wells

2.1.2 Target Points (PT)

2.1.3 Entry Direction (VT)

2.2 Define Optimization Objective of Well Trajectories

2.2.1 Minimum Length

2.2.2 Custom Function

2.3 Define Kickoff Depth and Direction

2.4 Define Dogleg

2.5 Define Other Constraints (optional)

2.5.1 Define Drill Site Location Constraint

2.5.2 Define Max Turn Angle Constraint

2.5.3 Define Layers' Constraint (under development)

2.6 Compute

2.6.1 Problem Type

2.6.2 Cost Contour

2.6.3 Optimal Site (1-Site-N-Wells)

2.6.4 Cost Items (K-Sites-N-Wells)

2.6.5 Optimal Layout (K-Sites-N-Wells)

3. Output

3.1 Visualization

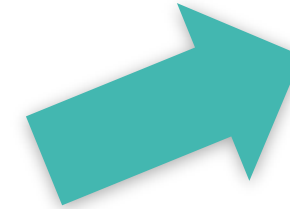
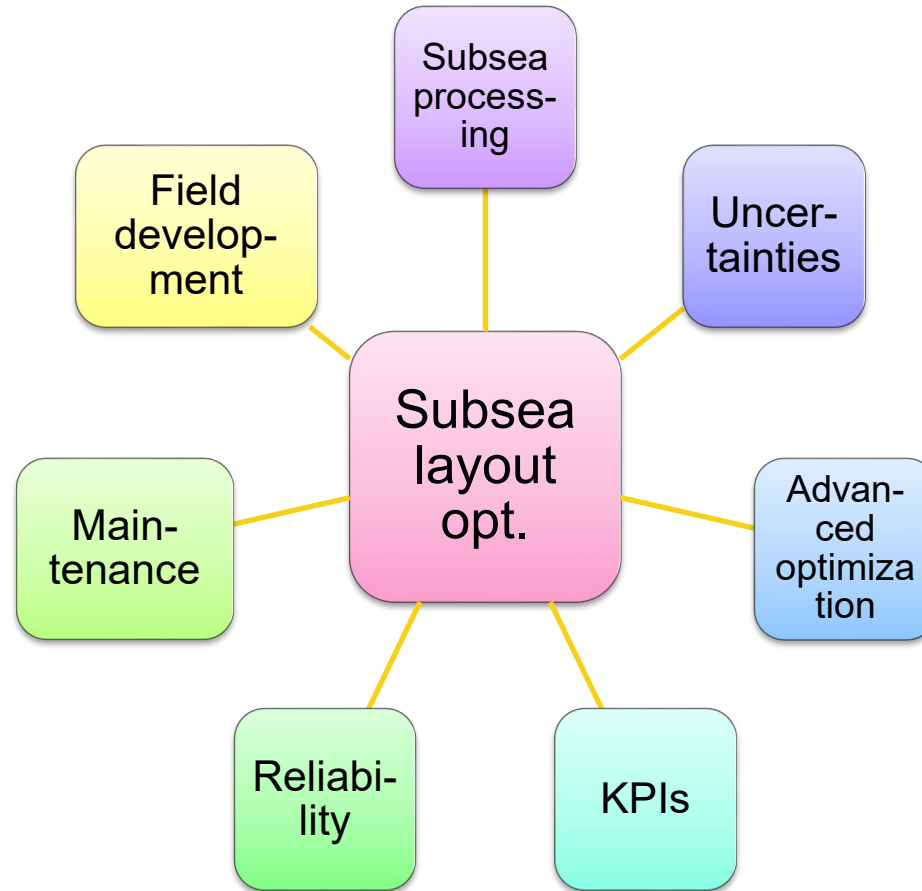
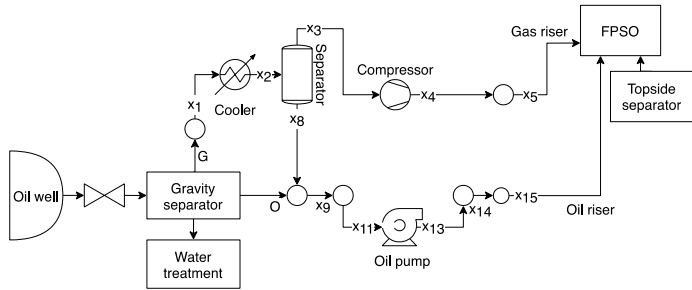
3.2 Data

3.3 Export Results

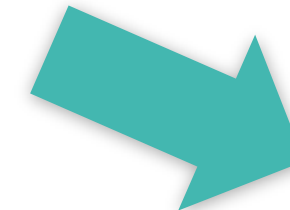
PhD project: Methods to design subsea systems with subsea processing



Candidate: Leonardo Sales
Advisor: Milan Stanko



Manual design
to
Computer-aided
design



Insights about this
problem

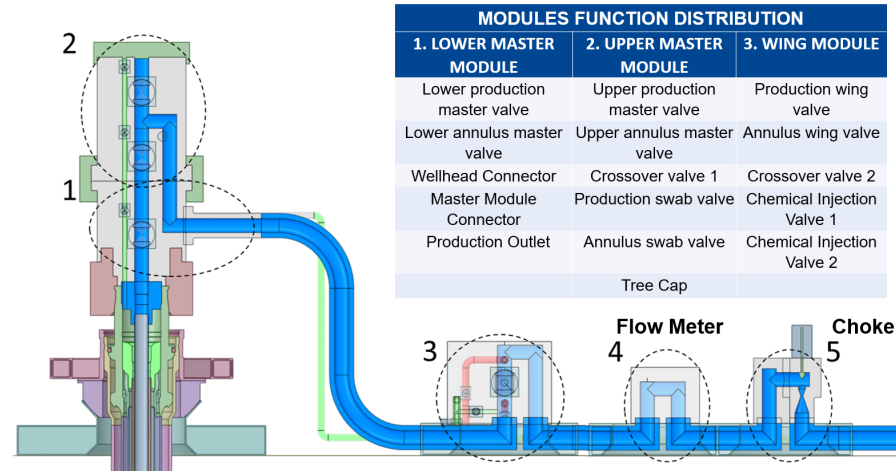
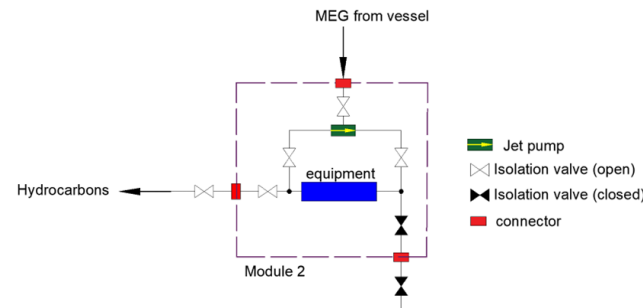
How should we select the best subsea layout, considering subsea processing, uncertainties and others?

PD Project: Enabling technology for low cost subsea field development

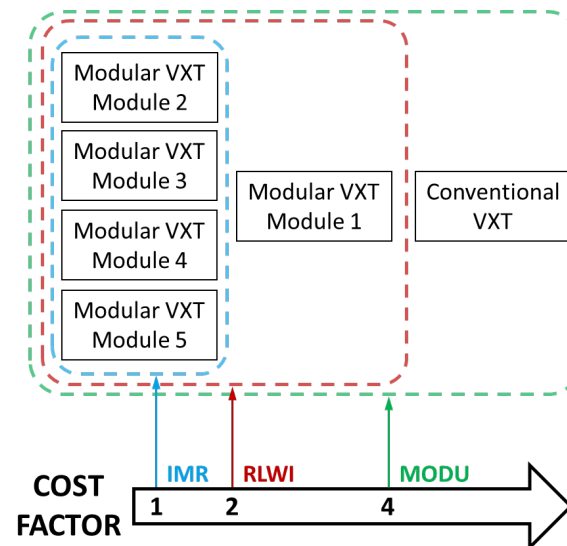
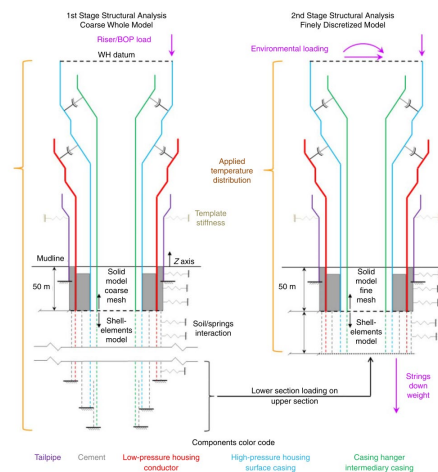


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Professors: Sigbjørn Sangesland,
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and Audun Faanes (NTNU / Equinor)



MODULES FUNCTION DISTRIBUTION		
1. LOWER MASTER MODULE	2. UPPER MASTER MODULE	3. WING MODULE
Lower production master valve	Upper production master valve	Production wing valve
Lower annulus master valve	Upper annulus master valve	Annulus wing valve
Wellhead Connector	Crossover valve 1	Crossover valve 2
Master Module Connector	Production swab valve	Chemical Injection Valve 1
Production Outlet	Annulus swab valve	Chemical Injection Valve 2
Tree Cap		



PhD project: Valves and materials – design concepts for simplifications



Mehman Ahmadli
(PhD 2021-2024)

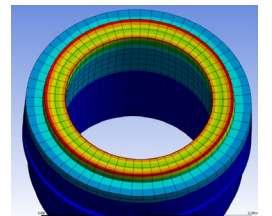
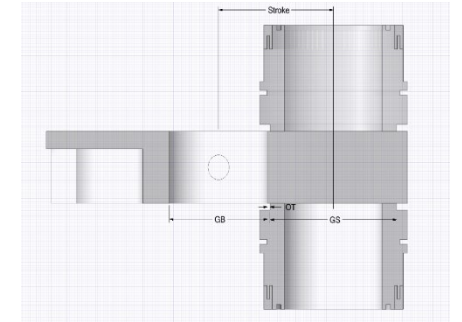
Supervisor: Tor Berge S. Gjersvik, NTNU
Co-supervisor: Sigbjørn Sangesland, NTNU
Industry supervisor: Christian Reynes, TotalEnergies

Goal:

To reduce friction force and power requirements in subsea valve operations

Activities:

- Investigate alternative coating materials
- Simulation of compatibility (Thermal expansion)
- Lab testing at Sintef, WC (Tungsten Carbide) and PDC (Poly crystalline Diamond Compact)



Results:

- Replacing WC with PDC material coating decreases the total friction force by approximately 15 -16%

Researcher Project: Operation and design of fields with power constraints



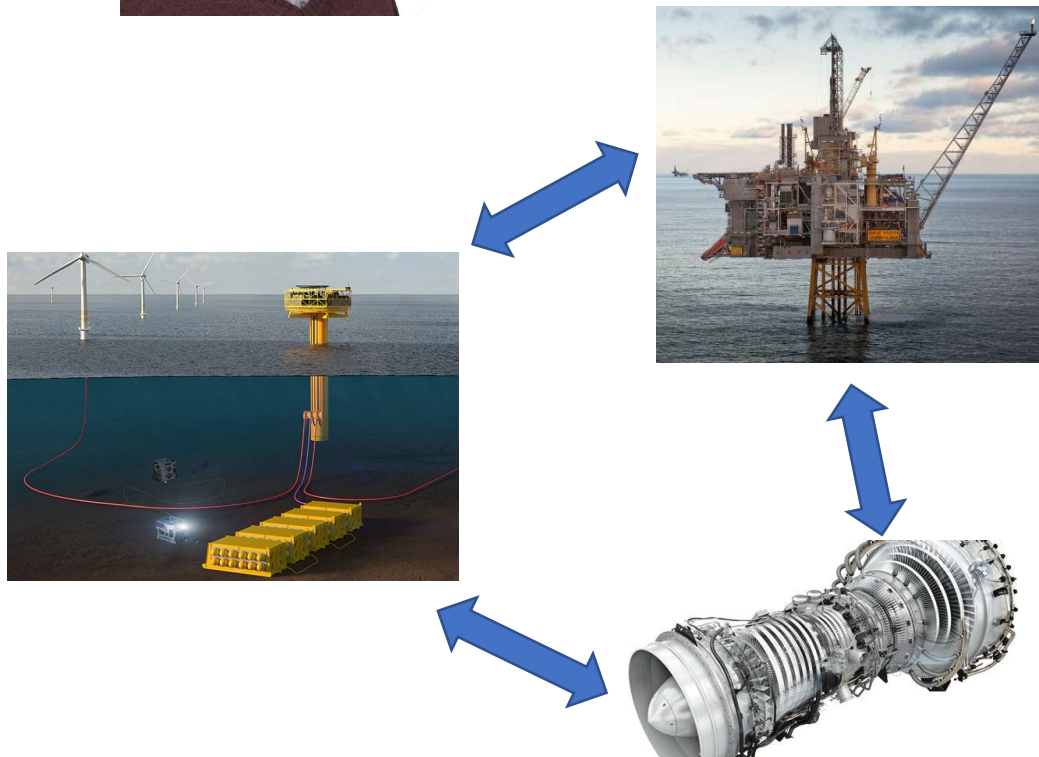
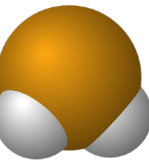
Researcher: Abraham Parra
Supervisor: Milan Stanko

How to integrate power from renewables with oil and gas offshore fields?

- New fields → design considerations
- Existing fields → operational considerations

Issues:

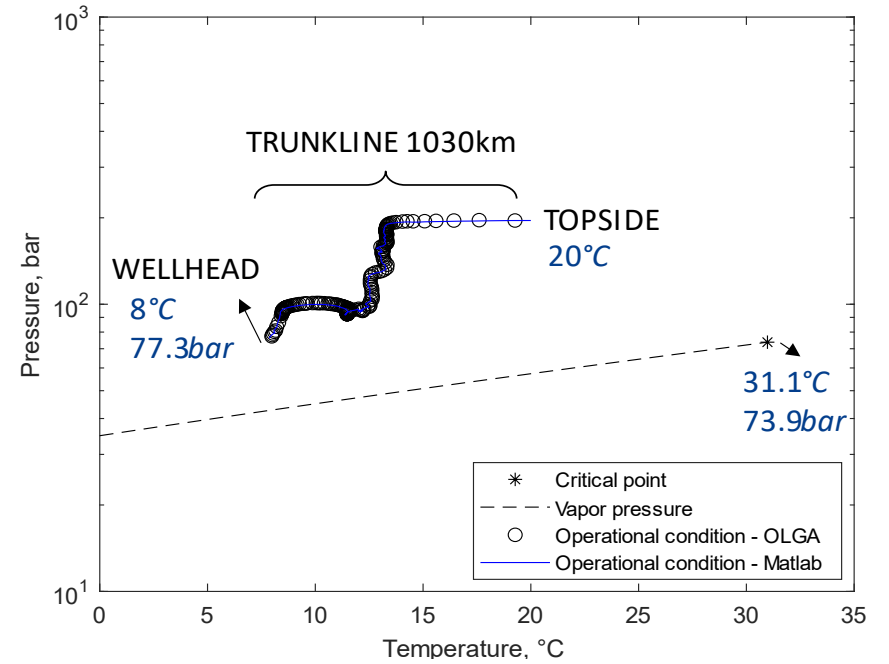
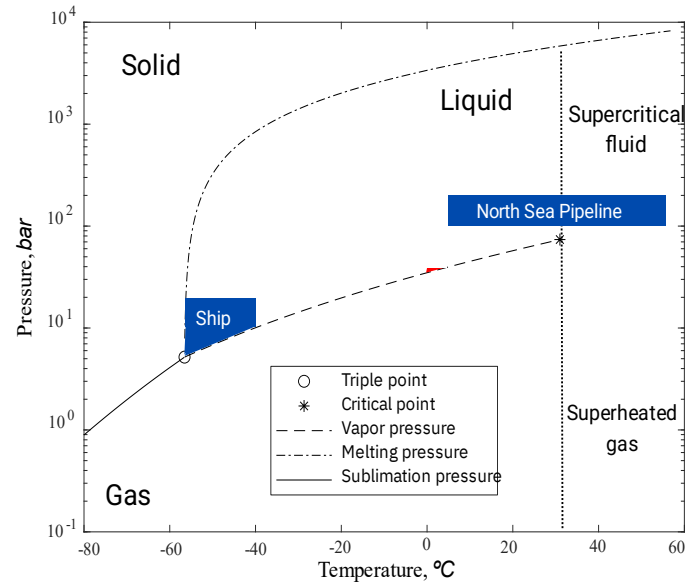
- Quantify technical, economical feasibility
- Integration of power storage (hydrogen, ammonia)
- Fluctuating production
- Gas line-pack management



Research Project: Simplified model for subsea CO₂ transport in pipelines



Tamires de Souza Alves da Silva



SUMMARY

- Easy-to-use tool for studying CO₂ transport
- Simplest model in agreement with benchmark Software (OLGA)

Supervisors:

Sigbjørn Sangesland

Audun Faanes

Milan Stanko

2 PhD projects: Bulk oil-water separation in pipes

PhD candidates:

Håvard Skjefstad

Hamidreza Asaadian



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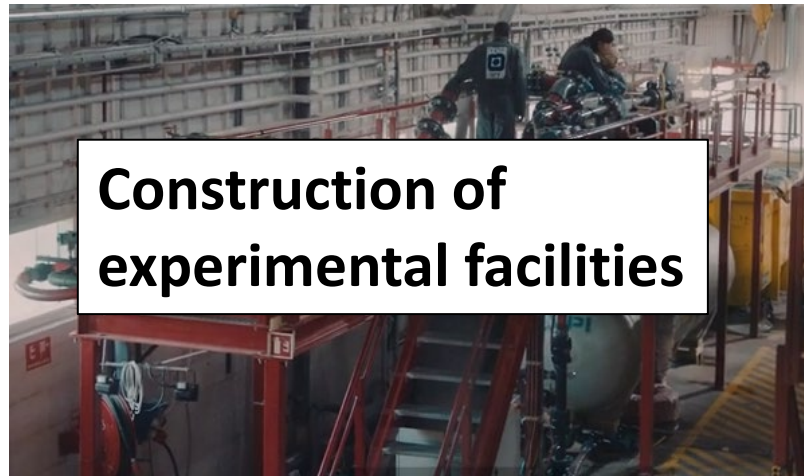
Supervisors:

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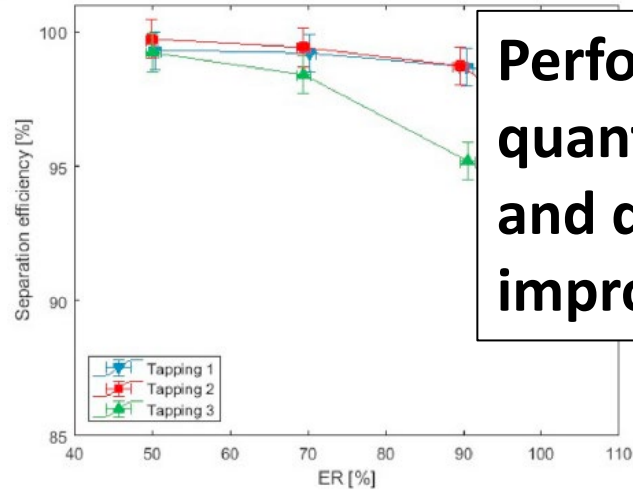
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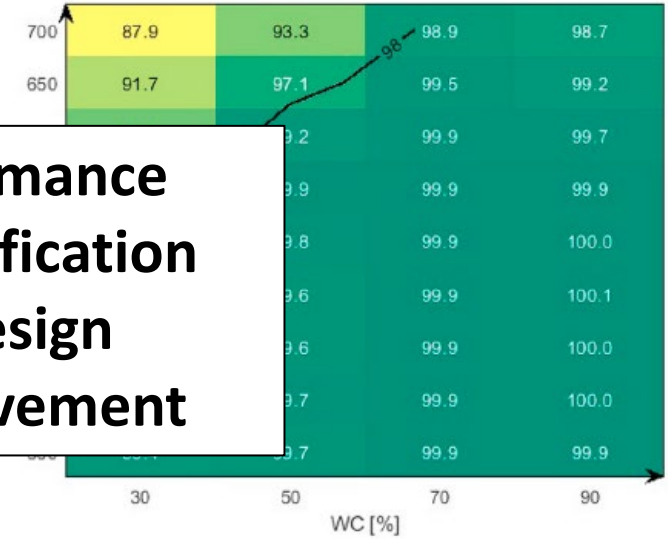
New bulk oil-water pipe separator design



Construction of experimental facilities

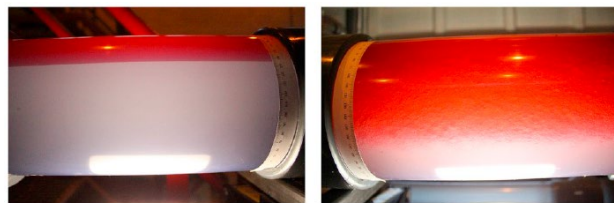


Performance quantification and design improvement



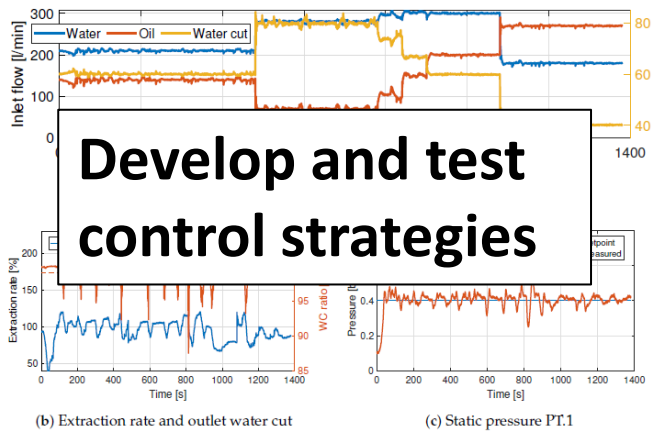
(a) Efficiency [%] at ER = 50%

(c) Efficiency at $\dot{Q}_{tot} = 250 \text{ L/min}$, WC = 30%



(a) Left pipe, ER = 50% (b) Right pipe, ER = 50%

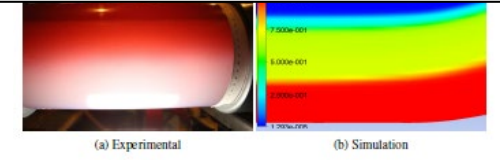
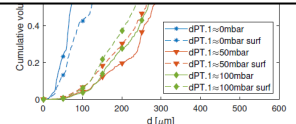
Uneven splitting in branches



Develop and test control strategies

What happens when you choke and add surfactant?

Develop models for design and prediction



(a) Experimental (b) Simulation

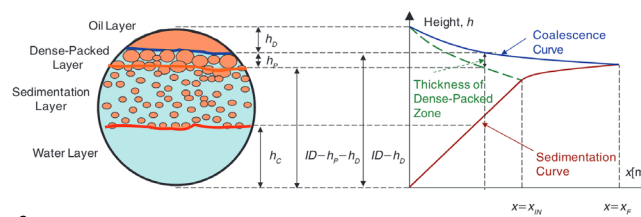
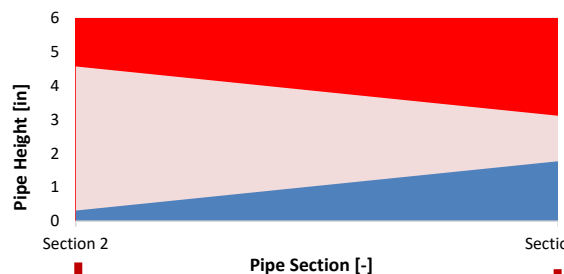
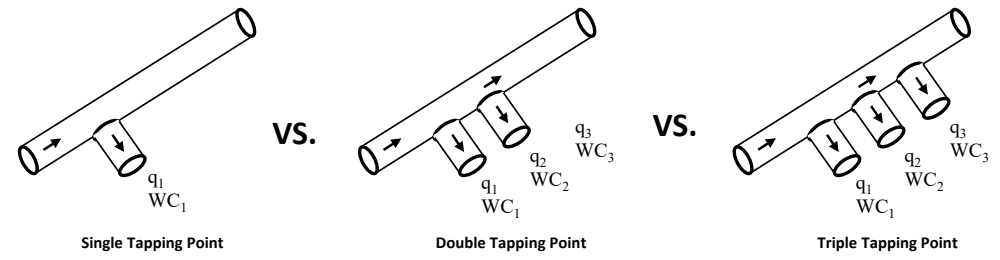
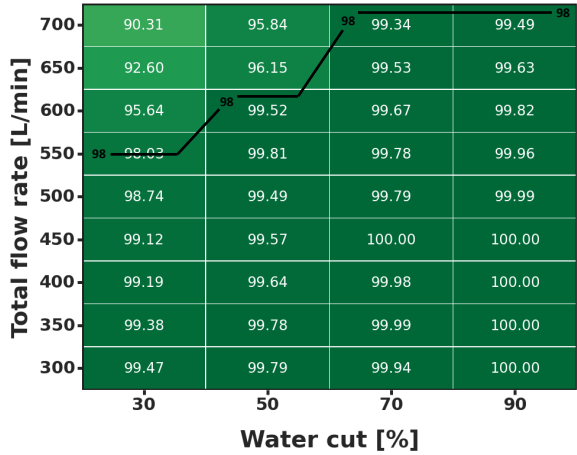
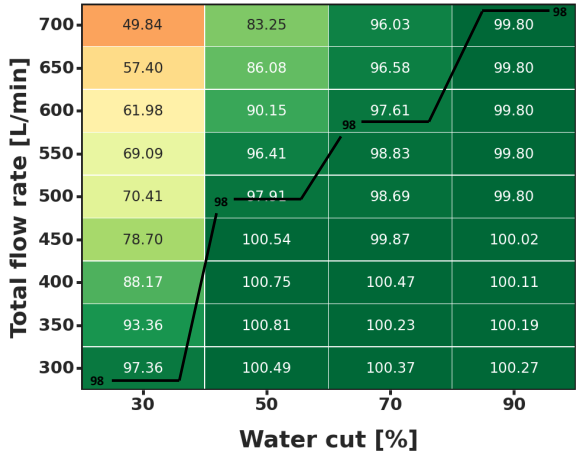
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Effect of crude oil spiking

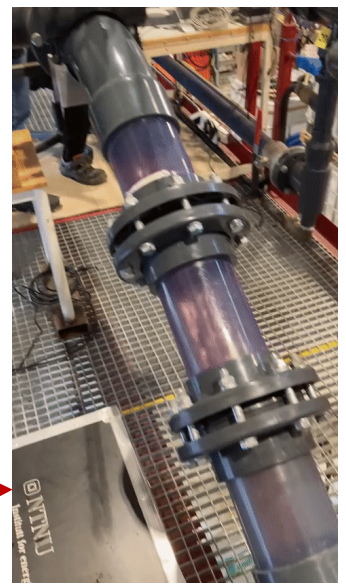
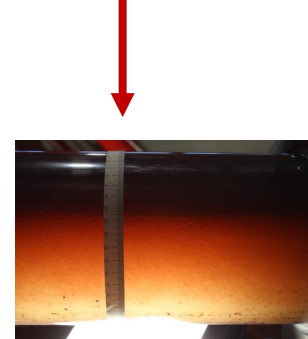
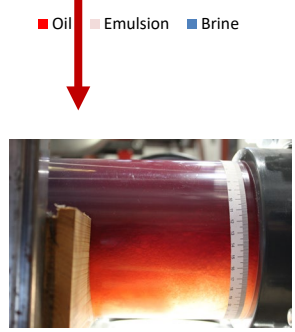
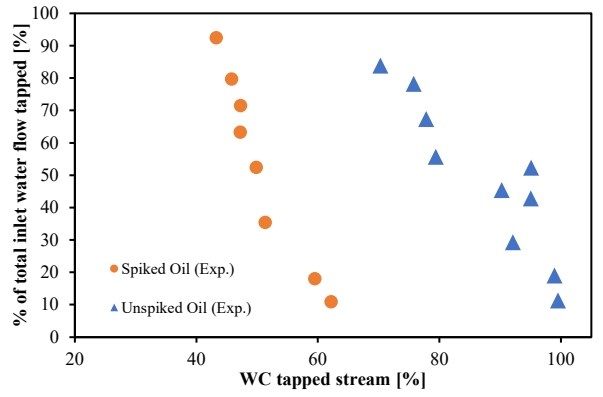
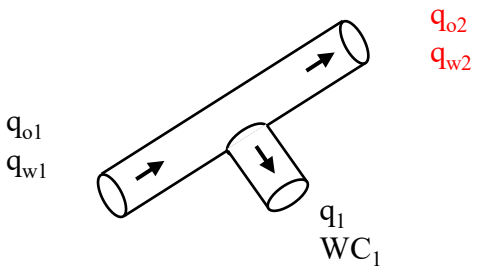


Modeling for design

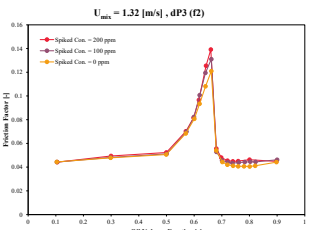
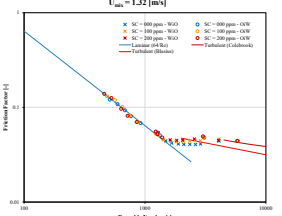
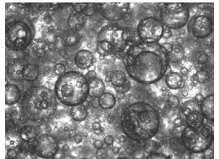
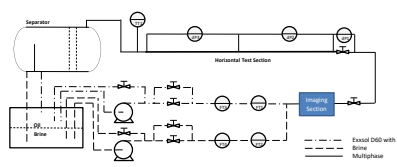
Separator Efficiency



Tapping point drainage potential

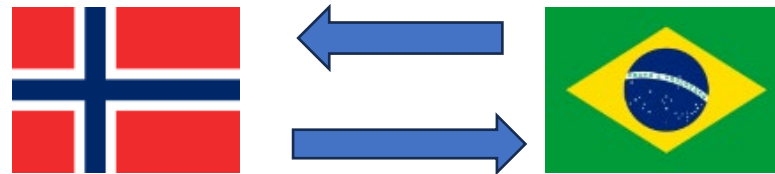


O&W mixture rheology and dispersion



Effect of gas

Seminars - Student exchange



Brazilian Norwegian Subsea Operations Consortium (BN-SOC) Intpart Linked to SFI Subpro and MOVE

Intpart 1, 2017 - 2020

Intpart 2, 2022 - 2024

Annual funding (RCN and SIU): NOK 1,12 mill.



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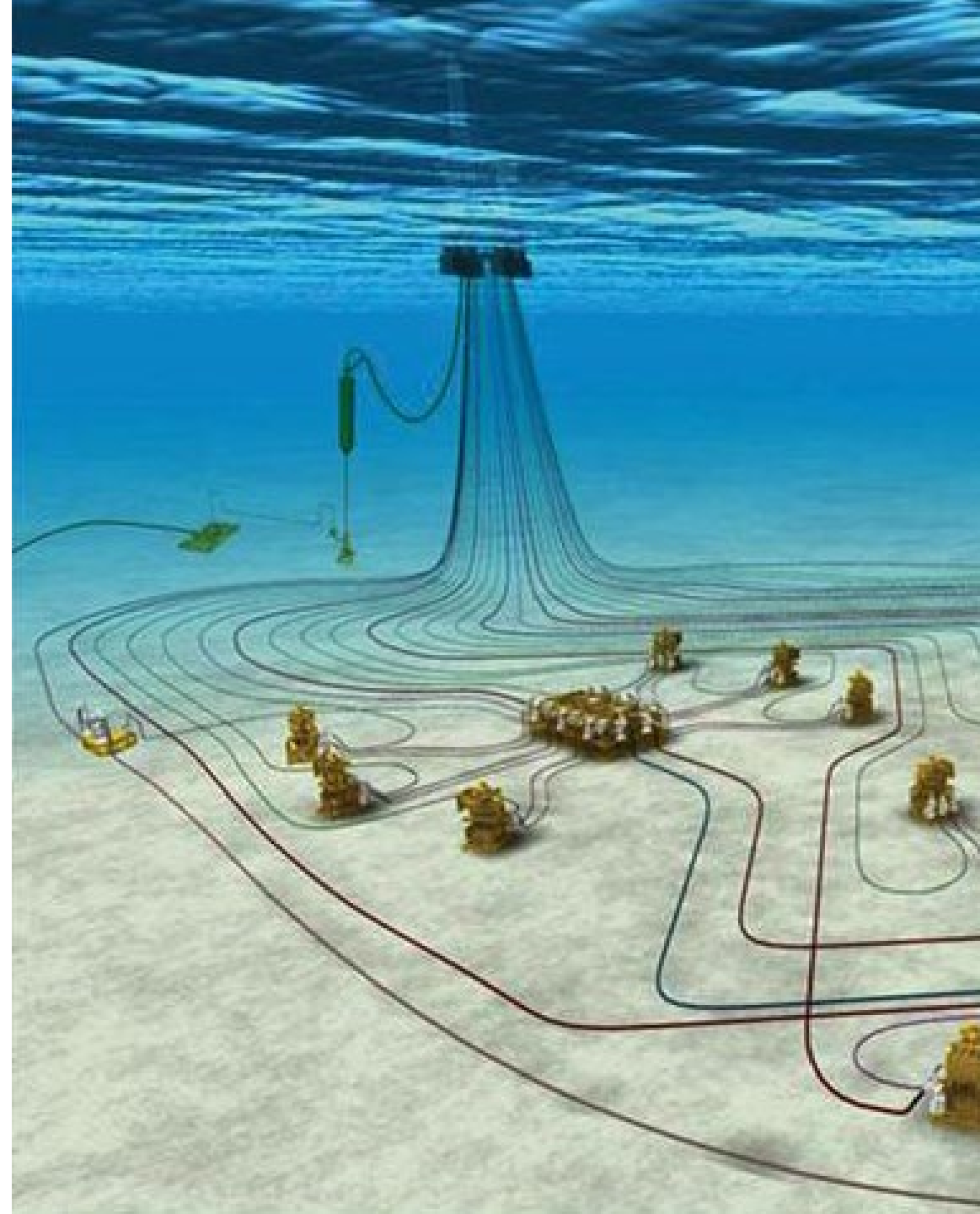
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Objective of the project partnership

- The main objective of the Brazilian-Norwegian Subsea Operations Consortium (2022-2024) is to continue / establish and develop a partnership within subsea operations, education, research and development.

Workshop in Rio de Janeiro, April 2017



- Subsea field development and architecture
- Safety, reliability and maintenance of subsea facilities and systems
- Subsea operations
- Process operations and process control

Workshop in Trondheim, May 2018



BN-SOC Intpart - Summer school 2019- UniCamp, Brazil



Project task:
Deep water field
development

Workshop in Rio de Janeiro, November, 2022



- Subsea field development and architecture
- Safety, reliability and maintenance of subsea facilities and systems
- Subsea operations
- Process operations and process control

Workshop in Trondheim, May 2023



Way forward

SUBPRO-Zero projects (2023 – 2026)

Project Title:

- **(PD)** Lean designs for carbon dioxide subsea injection systems
- **(PD)** Design and operation of subsea oil and gas fields powered by renewable sources

THANK YOU!