

Innovation in the Offshore Oil and Gas Industry

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Who am I?

- Senior Project Director McDermott Int'l
 - Project Director BG Group
 - Deputy Project Director Kosmos Energy
 - Project Manager Murphy E & P International
 - Project Manager Devon/Ocean Energy
 - Deepwater Development Manager Unocal
 - Project Manger Mariner Energy
 - Technical Manager Shell
- BSME University of Illinois Urbana/Champaign
- Active in ASME Volunteer Leadership





Innovation vs. Invention

- Innovation "a process that brings together various novel ideas in a way that they have an impact on society"
- Invention "a unique or novel device, method, composition or process, that achieves a completely unique function or result may be a radical breakthrough"

Innovation may happen during a project cycle, invention probably will not.

*Source: Wikipedia



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Compact Drilling Rig onboard an FPSO allows stable drilling and completion operations

Flexible risers in pliant wave configuration allows FDPSO movement Active Mooring Lines allows direvertical access to wells and crane access to subsea infrastructure



Primary drill center below FDPSO





FDPSO Sail from Singapore to Republic of Congo

Current Offshore Innovations

Modular Offshore Drilling Facility (MORF)

WJM MORF[™]

Modular Offshore Rig Facility

WJM MORF[™]

Breakthrough Modular Design Erases High Installation Costs

- 3,000hp modular offshore rig facility.
- Used for drilling and production.
- Two main modules: The Drilling Equipment Structure (DES) and the Drilling Support Module (DSM), which is equipped with Two (2) Offshore Pedestal Cranes rated for 75 Tons SWL c/w 120 foot Lattice Booms. The DES has the capacity to move approximately 15 wells arranged in a 3 x 5 matrix and is capable of drilling wells up to 25,000 feet.
- Accommodates 100 rig personnel.
- Helipad sits on top of the housing unit.
- FIRST OF ITS KIND in size and a first for the Gulf of Mexico.



- Use of 3D printing in offshore structural fabrication
- Expanded use of 3D printing in subsea component manufacturing
- Use of non-metallic materials in hydrocarbon processing
- Expansion of high temperature, high pressure components





- Innovation is acceptable in a project phase may cause re-work due to new application
- Innovation is necessary as commodity price is under pressure and capital and operating costs must be reduced
- The Oil & Gas Industry is slow to accept invention and innovation compared other industries
- Great ideas are always welcome, investment may be difficult

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