Panel Session 9

Surface BOP – Subsea Equipment

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Subsea Topics to be Covered

Seafloor Hardware Conduit to the Surface BOP

Configuration of Seafloor Isolation Systems

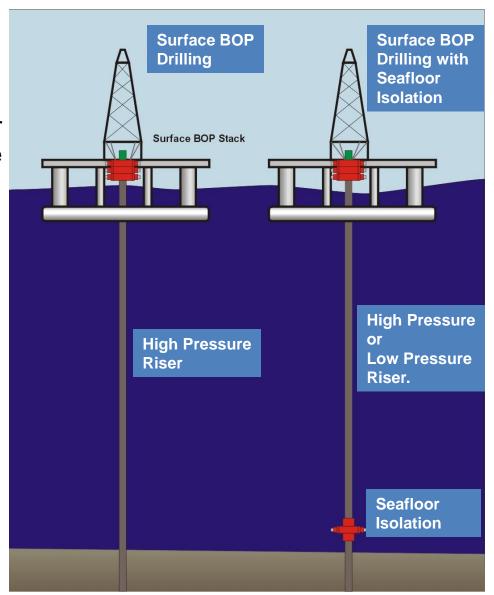
Comments on Seafloor Equipment Control Systems

Well Casing Designs



Riser Pressure Containment Requirements

Without Seafloor Isolation, the Riser Has to be Capable Of all Well Control Pressures at the Surface BOP



With Seafloor Isolation, the Riser can be Rated at a Lower Pressure With Normal Well Control until the Pressures at the Surface BOP begin To Increase, the Well is then shut in And a High Pressure Riser is Installed And Well Control Continues

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Seafloor Isolation Connector Arrangements



Riser Disconnect
Connector
Down

Riser Disconnect Connector Up

Wellhead Connector



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Surface BOP Control Systems

Surface

Discrete Hydraulic Control Rigs < 5000 ft Water Depth
Use one of Subsea BOP's Control Pod mounted on Female Receptacle
Hose from Female Receptacle to SBOP
Multiplex Electro-Hydraulic Control System
Can use Mux Controls from one pod to hydraulically activate SBOP

Subsea

If well is less than 5000 Ft WD straight hydraulic If well > 5000 Ft elrctro-hydraulic or mux electro-hydraulic Some regulators may allow acoustic control, acoustic back-up is desirable ROV Intervention is definitely a must.



Well Casing Design

The limiting issues with well design is:

Number of casing strings required

Mud weight

Maximum Anticipated Shut-in Pressure of the Well

These Issues Influence Riser Tension Requirements which Works Against Older Rigs

Changing Risers to Reduce Weight or Increase Pressure Takes Time

Reduced Time is the Advantage of SBOP Drilling

SBOP has a Unique Application in Reducing Offshore Drilling Costs

But, It has to be Applied Smartly

