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# UKCS Technology Leads Network

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Second meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018

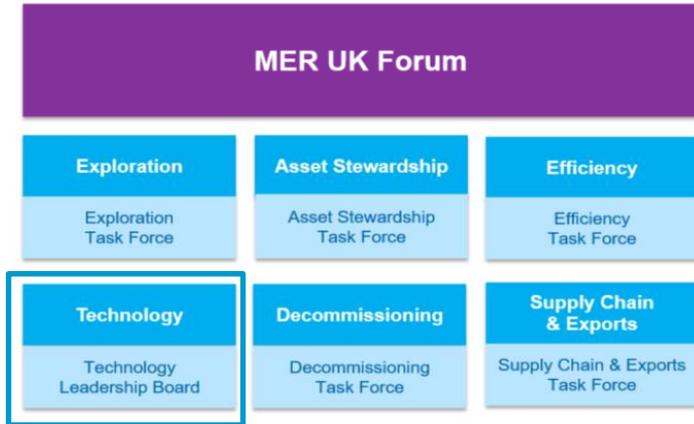
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# TLB update



- Meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup> 2018
- Work on strategic priorities in technology nearly completed
- 10 themes from Exploration to Decom - discussed with this group in July
- Back to MER UK Task Forces: Detailed definitions and industry ownership



- TLB strategy presentation at ENGenious (Bill Dunnett)
- Technology deployment and uptake
- Technology development to address priorities for the medium term
- Deployments and developments driven by strong business cases

# Technology Leads Network – Your feedback in July

- Discuss needs - influence industry priorities
- Share experience on technology deployment
- Increase visibility on development and trials
- Network with peers and increase industry collaboration



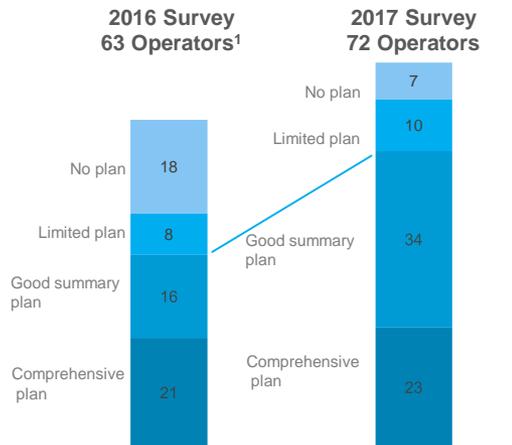
- Open discussions
- Topics that do not raise confidentiality and competition concerns

0. Update after the last TLB meeting (Carlo Procaccini)
1. Industry Technology Plans – 2018 Insights (Malcolm Stone)
2. In-depth: Technologies for Facilities Management
  - Deployment experience, benefits and lessons learned
  - Emerging technologies, development and pilots
    - Chrysaor (Scott McCrorie)
      - Real time asset monitoring
      - Wearable and wireless technologies
    - Repsol (Darren Stoker)
      - Asset integrity digitalisation
    - Shell (Duncan McMillan)
      - Insulative coatings
      - Robotic surface preparation
      - Hydrophobic barriers
    - OGTC (Rebecca Allison) & Total (Dave MacKinnon)
      - Non-intrusive inspection
3. Closing – Comments (All)



# 1. Industry Technology Plans – 2018 Insights

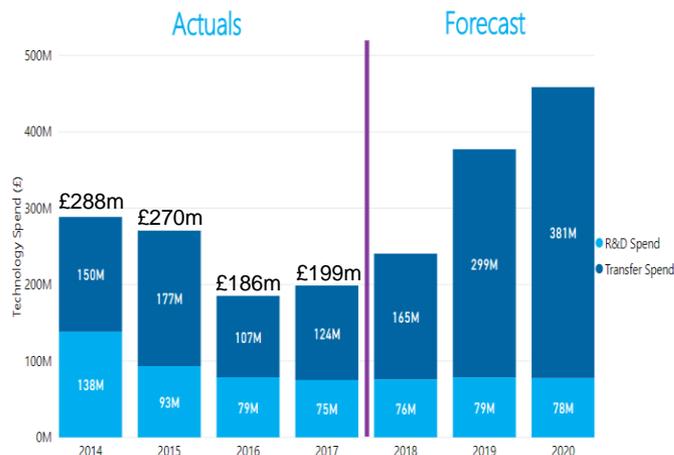
## Operators' Submissions



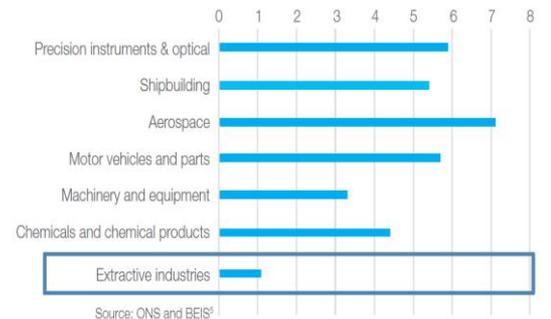
Source: OGA 2016 & 2017 UKCS Stewardship Survey

Note 1: out of 68 eligible, 5 did not submit

## Technology Spend (£m)



## Industry R&D spend - % of sales income



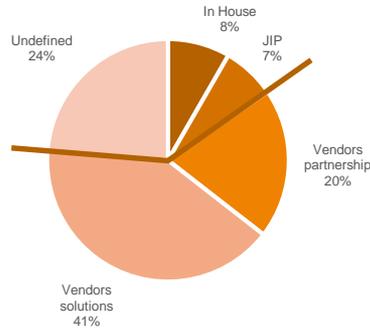
Source: ONS and BEIS<sup>5</sup>

UK industrial manufacturing sectors (average 2014-2016)

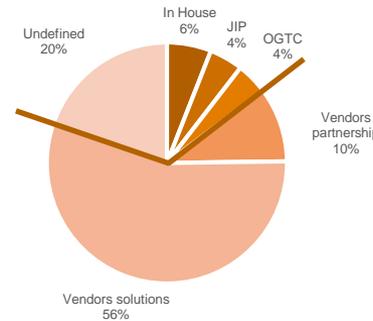
### 2017 changes:

- 5 new operators (also PE-backed) growing their portfolios through M&A
- 3 operators exited the UKCS
- 100% response rate to the 2017 Survey

### 2016 Delivery Approach



### 2017 Delivery Approach



## Comments

Existing technologies cover majority of asset needs

Companies should deploy

New technologies can further support achievement of MER UK

Companies should consider collaborating in R&D and piloting

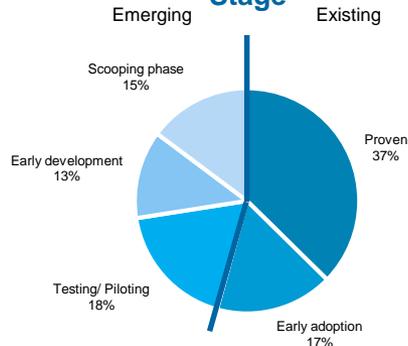
OGTC is providing key support

OGTC:  
Launched in February 2017

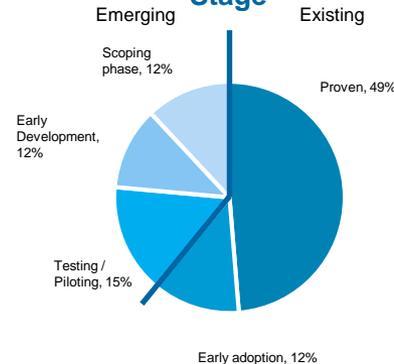
Over 100 projects approved, 37 supporting asset integrity challenges

Membership close to 100 companies

### 2016 Technologies by Maturity Stage



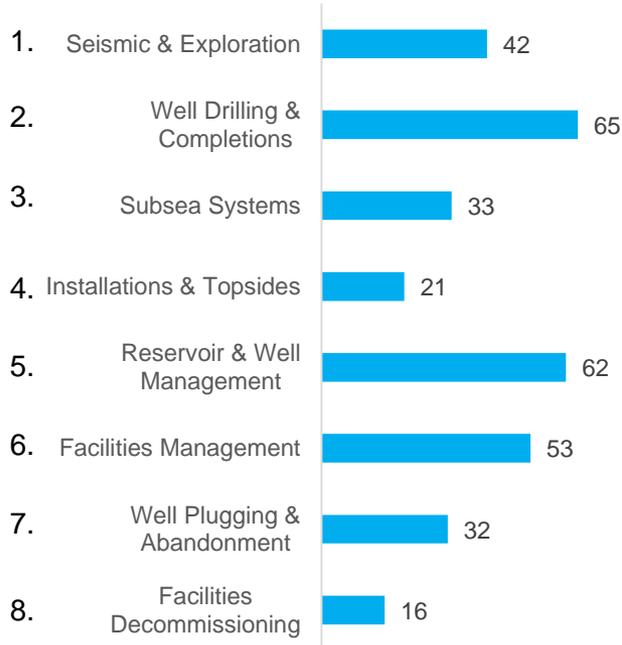
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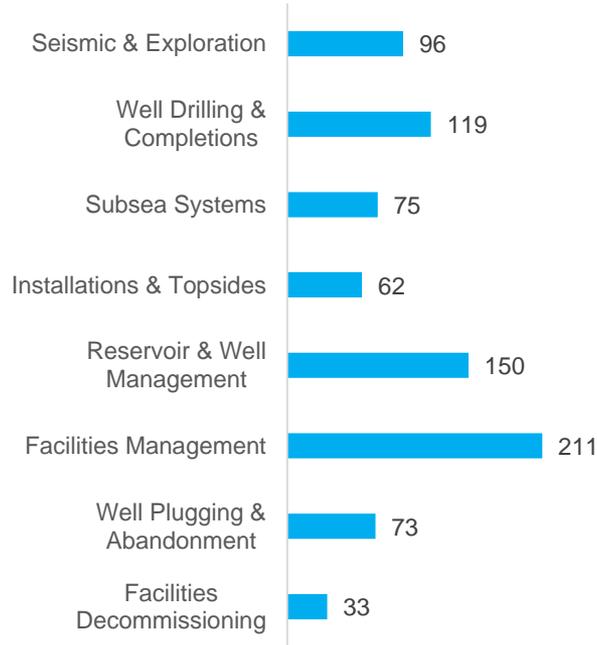
# Technology plans



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\* Not removing duplications

## Comments

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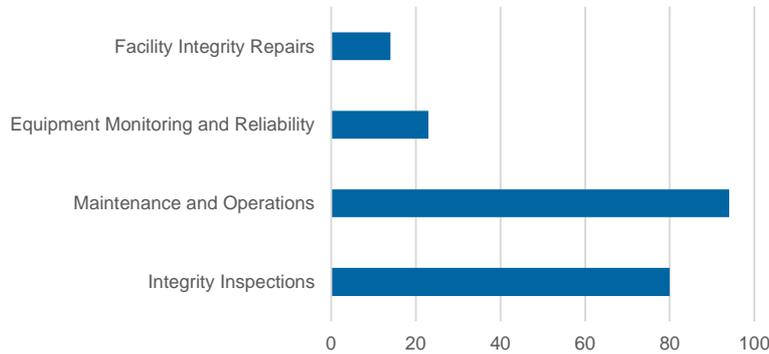
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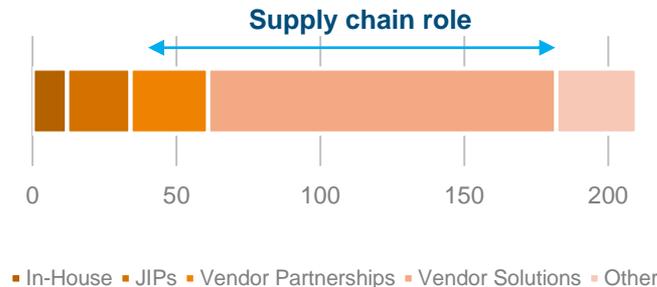
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# 6. Facilities management

## Sub-domains



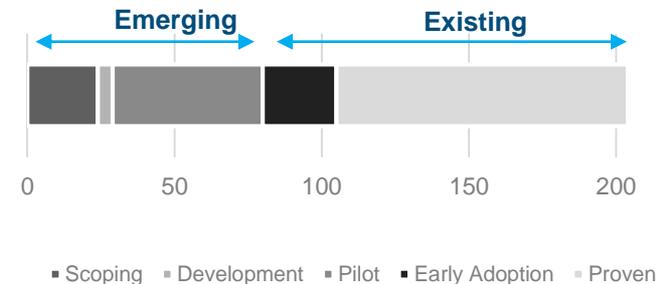
## Approach



## Key insights

- Continued investment in technologies supporting asset life extension and delivering Opex benefits
- The majority of technologies are developed by vendors, or in partnership with vendors
- Many technology solutions are available 'off the shelf' or ready to be deployed
- There is a healthy pipeline of supporting technologies under development
- There are clear opportunities for piloting and trailing new and emerging technologies

## Maturity



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# 6.1 Facilities management

## Existing technologies – main areas of focus in operators’ plans

Areas	Technologies
<b>Wearable &amp; wireless technologies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wider 4G coverage (Tampnet)</li> <li>More devices ATEX rated (many vendors)</li> <li>Body-mounted cameras, mobile data/communication (5+ operators)</li> </ul>
<b>Hard-to-reach area inspections</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drones (10+ operators), splash zone and subsea crawlers (Chrysaor, Shell, Dana, Repsol, CNR)</li> <li>Visual (10+ operators), FLIR (Repsol, BP, Enquest, Shell, Spirit), CT pipeline scanner (Shell, Repsol)</li> </ul>
<b>Composite repairs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fabric repairs (10+ operators)</li> <li>Structural repairs (Repsol, Nexen, Conoco, Shell)</li> <li>Splash zone and other harsh areas (Shell)</li> </ul>
<b>Corrosion detection &amp; monitoring</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detection - ultrasound (thickness), pulse-eddy current (flaws), x-rays (internal) (20+ operators)</li> <li>Monitoring (Shell, Chevron)</li> </ul>
<b>Real-time asset monitoring</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CBM rotating equipment (5+ operators)</li> <li>Subsea electrical fault finding (BP, Marathon, Shell, Total)</li> <li>Onshore virtual centres (5+ operators)</li> </ul>
<b>Digital surveying</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3D asset surveying – photogrammetry and laser scanning (10+ operators), including subsea (Shell), point &amp; shoot survey (Shell)</li> </ul>

## Transferrable experience



### Wearable cameras and communication (voice / visual / data)

- Operators Repsol and Chrysaor have deployed on brownfield assets
- Increasing service level operations from supply chain
- Delivering Opex efficiencies, safety improvements and supporting asset life extension

### Drones for hard to reach areas

- Operators Anasuria and Total have deployed on FPSOs and complex manned assets
- Can be combined with different cameras (e.g. FLIR) and sensors
- Supply chain integrating data collection and analysis processes
- Delivering Opex efficiencies, safety improvements and supporting asset life extension



### Integrated operating centres

- Operators like Chevron, Repsol, Conoco and BP deployed on their asset portfolio
- Integrated with vendors systems
- Increase uptime, optimise production, enhance safety and reducing Opex

# 6.2 Facilities management

## Emerging technologies – main areas of focus in operators’ plans

Technologies	Value
<b>Non intrusive inspections</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On-line vessel/tank inspection without entry - ultrasonic corrosion mapping, time of flight diffraction (5+ operators, OGTC)</li> <li>Corrosion detection without insulation removal, enhanced/pulse-eddy current (Repsol, Nexen, Chrysaor, CATs, Taqa, OGTC)</li> </ul>
<b>Autonomous and robotic systems</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beyond line of sight drones (Spirit), robotic arms, autonomous multitasking robots (Total, Shell, Chevron, OGTC),</li> <li>Autonomous drone external corrosion survey (BP)</li> <li>AUVs for subsea inspection and monitoring (Shell, Repsol)</li> <li>Marinizing more inspection &amp; detection tools (Total, Repsol)</li> </ul>
<b>Corrosion prevention</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Live-line and surface tolerant coatings, protective and self healing coatings, hydrophobic and free draining coatings (CATs, Centrica Storage, Chevron, Repsol, Shell)</li> <li>Flange and bolt protection (Shell, Chevron, Nexen, CATs, Shell)</li> </ul>
<b>Predictive maintenance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'Health and Usage Monitoring Systems', digital analytics (5+ operators)</li> <li>Vibration analysis cameras (Apache)</li> </ul>
<b>Additive manufacturing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offshore component manufacture (Shell, Total)</li> </ul>

## Key experience



### Non-intrusive inspection

- Total and the OGTC completed three on line field trials on the Elgin Franklin platform
- Support and engagement from the supply chain to support trials.
- Results correlated with traditional techniques, with no downtime or safety challenges providing the potential to deliver Opex efficiencies and safety improvements.



### Autonomous and robotic systems

- Total and the OGTC trailing autonomous robot at the Shetland Gas Plant, prior to offshore trial.
- Technology development has transferred from academia, into manufacture and real world trialling.
- Opex and Capex efficiencies and asset life extension..



### Corrosion Prevention

- Total (Elgin-Franklin) and Nexen trial of EonCoat on aging assets. Shell use of hydrophobic barriers on Shearwater and Nelson
- Supply chain transferring technology from other sectors (Downstream)
- Delivering Opex efficiencies and supporting asset life extension



# 4.1 Installations & Topsides

## Existing technologies – main areas of focus in operators’ plans

Areas	Technologies
<b>Fluids treatment and processing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small scale Separation process for out of spec water (Spirit Energy)</li> <li>• Treatment</li> <li>• Efficient gas/oil separation prior to transporting oil in pipelines (Total)</li> <li>• Simplified separation and dehydration scheme on Bentley (Whalsey Energy)</li> <li>• Separation technology for high water cut application (Perenco)</li> <li>• Multiphase booster compressor for gas and liquids to minimise system complexity (ONE)</li> <li>• Napthenate control using wash tanks</li> <li>• Compact produced water treatment for NUIs (Alpha Petroleum &amp; INEOS)</li> </ul>
<b>Control and Automation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full remote control and automation capability via satellite on Solan field (Premier)</li> <li>• Platform automation (Total)</li> </ul>
<b>Flow measurement &amp; metering</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Virtual metering (Apache)</li> <li>• Upgrade of existing meters to Ultrasonic meters (KNOC)</li> <li>• Enhanced water treatment using centrifuge technology (Perenco)</li> </ul>
<b>NUI Technology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low cost NUI facility in SNS (IOG)</li> <li>• Remote monitoring and control systems</li> <li>• Automation and remote monitoring to enable conversion of existing facilities towards NUI status in SNS (Premier)</li> <li>• Suction pile mono pod NUI application (KNOC)</li> </ul>

## Transferrable experience



### Compact Water Treatment

- Alpha Petroleum Kilmar platform in SNS used a compact water treatment package following greater than expected water production
- Lack of deck space, platform weight and crane lifting restriction required a novel solution.
- The technology demonstrated that compact low cost water treatment solutions can be installed on unmanned platforms



### Low Cost Platforms

- Efficient NUI concept used by ONE in Dutch Sector of SNS
- Modular re-usable system with 3 well slots and future tie-in capability provides low cost platform option for water depths up to 55m.
- Platform generated local power through platform mounted wind turbines and solar panels demonstrating that novel approach.



### Facilities Upgrades

- Existing facilities are often challenged by limitations on deck space and weight to accommodate upgrades.
- Repsol-Sinopec used a suction pile monopod as a low cost alternative to an adjacent standalone platform. A monopod system was used on Britannia platform UKCS. Such technology offers opportunities for efficient upgrade for other UKCS platforms.

# 4.2 Installations & Topsides

## Emerging technologies – main areas of focus in operators’ plans

Areas	Technology focus areas
<b>Heavy Oil</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offshore steam to improve recovery of heavy oil discoveries (Pharis-Energy)</li> <li>High temperature safety valve, flow control devices and non condensable solvent injection with steam (Pharis-Energy)</li> <li>Compact processing technologies for heavy oil streams (Equinor)</li> </ul>
<b>Metering</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non intrusive flow measurement devices</li> <li>Accurate multiphase heavy oil metering (Equinor)</li> <li>High accuracy gas metering (Centrica)</li> <li>Testing of new topsides and downhole metering concepts (Equinor)</li> </ul>
<b>Flow Assurance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Napthenate control using wash tanks (Total)</li> <li>Inlet and outlet gas quality spec through use of advanced algorithms</li> </ul>
<b>Facilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unmanned developments for small fields (Parkmead)</li> <li>Mini FPSO solutions (Sumitomo)</li> <li>Enhanced turret systems and polyester mooring lines (Chevron)</li> <li>Low cost HPHT wellhead platforms (Total)</li> <li>Low cost subsea systems and platforms for shallow water</li> <li>Re usable suction pile jackets</li> </ul>
<b>Processing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gas to liquids technologies (Spirit Energy)</li> <li>Technology for extracting energy from waste water</li> <li>Inefficient condensate recovery through continuous separation and automation (Spirit Energy)</li> <li>Natural gas processing through new membrane technologies</li> </ul>

## Technology Maturity



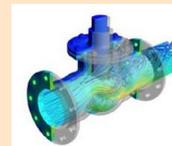
### Novel Floating Facilities

- Range of novel floating concepts being progressed particularly with marginal discoveries in mind
- OGTC 'Facility of the future' initiative underway to explore pushing the boundary of unmanned floating facilities



### Metering

- Non-intrusive flowmeter using piezo-electric transducers. Trialled onshore with view to offshore field trial.
- Non intrusive multiphase flow measurement device using laser technology and machine learning. OGTC supported project and currently undergoing calibration trials to ready system for commercial deployment



### Heavy Oil

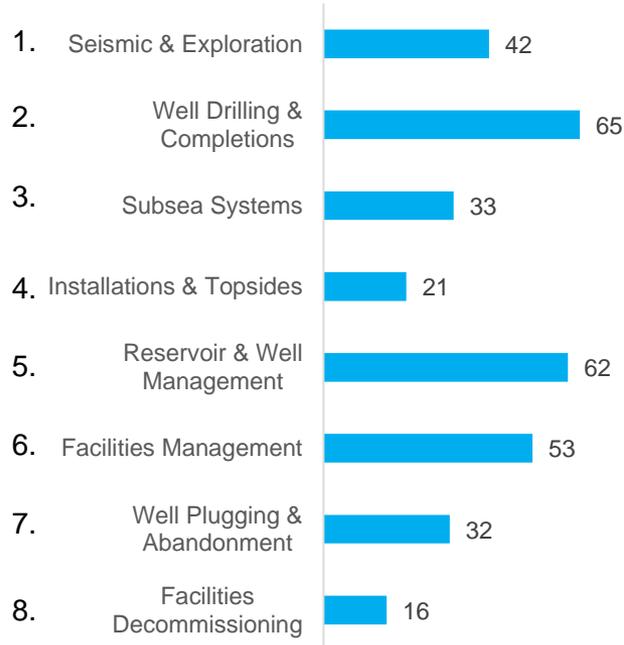
- High temperature downhole safety valve to enable offshore steam flooding project being supported by OGTC
- 3 in 1 heavy oil flowmeter with real time flowrate, density and viscosity capability. Currently at development stage with OGTC support



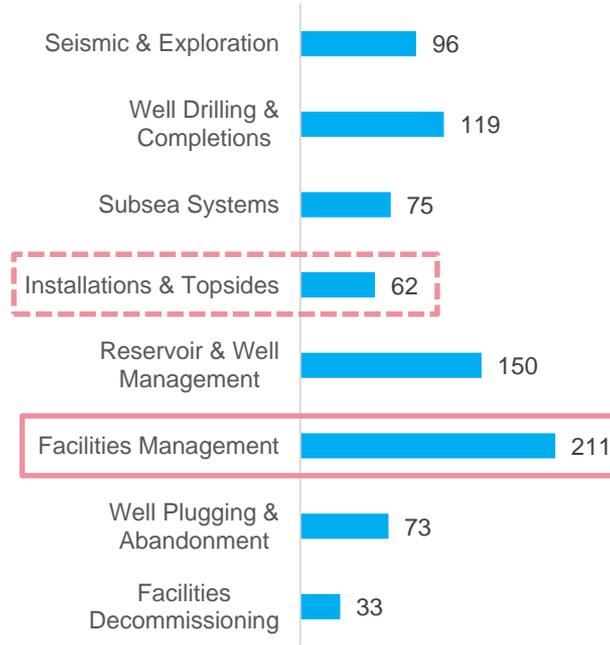
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