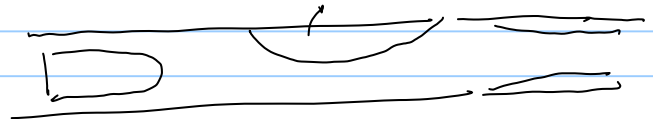
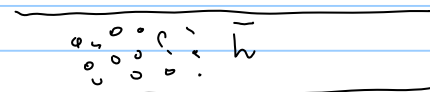


Sea bed • TAMB

- forced convection on internal flow

$$\dot{q} = 2\pi r_1 L \underbrace{h_{int}}_{\text{forced convection}} (T_f - T_1)$$



- Conduction in pipe wall

$$\dot{q} = 2\pi L k_{pipe} \frac{(T_1 - T_2)}{\ln\left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right)}$$

- Conduction in insulating layer

$$\dot{q} = 2\pi L K_{insulation} \cdot \frac{(T_2 - T_3)}{\ln\left(\frac{r_3}{r_2}\right)}$$

$$\dot{q} = A \cdot h (\Delta T)$$

$$\Delta T = \frac{\dot{q}}{A \cdot h}$$

- Convection in sea

$$\dot{q} = 2\pi r_3 h_{out} L (T_3 - T_{amb})$$

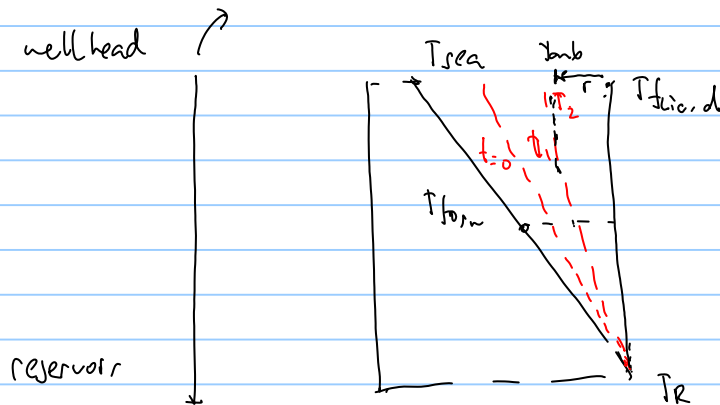
in these equations dec the Temperature differences and sum them up:

$$(T_f - T_1) + (T_1 - T_2) + (T_2 - T_3) + (T_3 - T_{amb}) = \dot{q} \left( \frac{1}{2\pi r_1 L h_{in}} + \frac{\ln\left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right)}{2\pi k_{pipe} L} + \frac{\ln\left(\frac{r_3}{r_2}\right)}{2\pi K_{ins} L} + \frac{1}{2\pi r_3 L h_{out}} \right)$$

$$(T_f - T_{amb}) = \dot{q} \underbrace{\frac{1}{U \cdot 2\pi r_3 L}}_{\text{overall heat transfer coefficient}} = \dot{q} \left( \frac{1}{2\pi r_1 L h_{in}} + \frac{\ln\left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right)}{2\pi k_{pipe} L} + \frac{\ln\left(\frac{r_3}{r_2}\right)}{2\pi K_{ins} L} + \frac{1}{2\pi r_3 L h_{out}} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{U} = \left[ \frac{1}{h_{in} \left( \frac{r_1}{r_3} \right)} + \frac{\ln \left( \frac{r_2}{r_1} \right) r_3}{k_{pipe}} + \frac{r_3 \ln \frac{r_3}{r_2}}{k_w} + \frac{1}{h_{out}} \right]$$

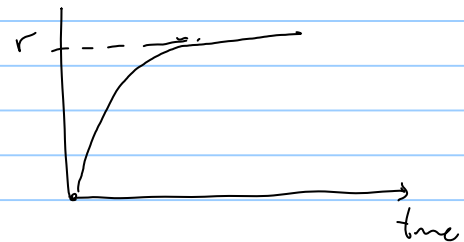
(overall heat transfer coefficient referred for outer area)



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \neq 0$$

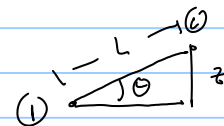
$T_{amb}$  will be located at an position  $r$  that varies with time.

Ramey - Stanford (1956)



Energy equation in the fluid:

$$\frac{d\dot{q}}{dl} = \dot{m} \left( \frac{dh}{dl} + v \frac{dv}{dl} + \frac{dz}{dl} g \right)$$



$$\frac{z}{L} = \sin(\theta)$$

$$\frac{d\dot{q}}{dl} = \dot{m} \left( \frac{dh}{dl} + v \frac{dv}{dl} + \sin(\theta) g \right)$$

(p, T)  
EoS  
correlation

• neglecting velocity changes along the pipe  $\rightarrow$  heavy oil + water

if liquid  
•  $dh = C_p(T) dT$

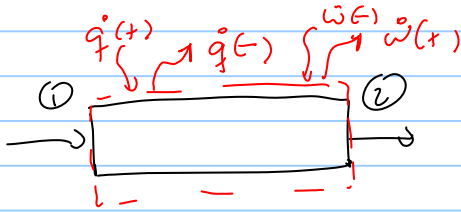
for gas, compressible fluid, Joule Thompson

$$dh = C_p(T) dT + \frac{1}{\rho} dp$$

neglect

$$\frac{d\dot{q}}{dl} = \dot{m} \left( C_p \frac{dT}{dl} + \sin \theta g \right)$$

$$\dot{q} = 2\pi r_{out} L U_{out} (T_f - T_{amb})$$



$$-2\pi \text{Lat } U_{\text{out}} (T - T_{\text{amb}}) = \dot{m} c_p \frac{dT}{dL} + \dot{m} g \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + ay = C$$

$$\frac{dT}{dL} + T \cdot \frac{1}{A} - \frac{T_{\text{amb}}}{A} - \frac{\sin(\theta) \cdot g}{c_p} = 0$$

$$u \cdot \frac{dT}{dL} + u \cdot T \cdot \frac{1}{A} = u \cdot \left( \frac{T_{\text{amb}}}{A} + \frac{\sin(\theta) \cdot g}{c_p} \right)$$

$$u = e^{\frac{x}{A}}$$

$$e^{\frac{x}{A}} \cdot \frac{dT}{dL} + e^{\frac{x}{A}} \cdot T \cdot \frac{1}{A} = e^{\frac{x}{A}} \cdot \left( \frac{T_{\text{amb}}}{A} + \frac{\sin(\theta) \cdot g}{c_p} \right)$$

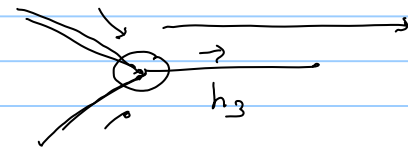
$$\frac{d\left(e^{\frac{x}{A}} \cdot T\right)}{dL} = e^{\frac{x}{A}} \cdot \left( \frac{T_{\text{amb}}}{A} + \frac{\sin(\theta) \cdot g}{c_p} \right)$$

$$e^{\frac{x}{A}} \cdot T \Big|_{T_0}^{T(x)} = \left( \frac{T_{\text{amb}}}{A} + \frac{\sin(\theta) \cdot g}{c_p} \right) \cdot A \cdot e^{\frac{x}{A}} \Big|_0^x$$

$$e^{\frac{x}{A}} \cdot T(x) - T_0 = \left( \frac{T_{\text{amb}}}{A} + \frac{\sin(\theta) \cdot g}{c_p} \right) \cdot A \cdot \left( e^{\frac{x}{A}} - 1 \right)$$

$$T(x) = T_0 \cdot e^{-\frac{x}{A}} + \left( \frac{T_{\text{amb}}}{A} + \frac{\sin(\theta) \cdot g}{c_p} \right) \cdot A \cdot \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{x}{A}} \right)$$

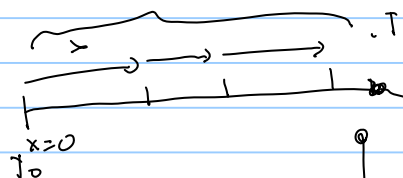
$$A = \frac{\dot{m} c_p}{2\pi \text{Lat} \cdot U}$$



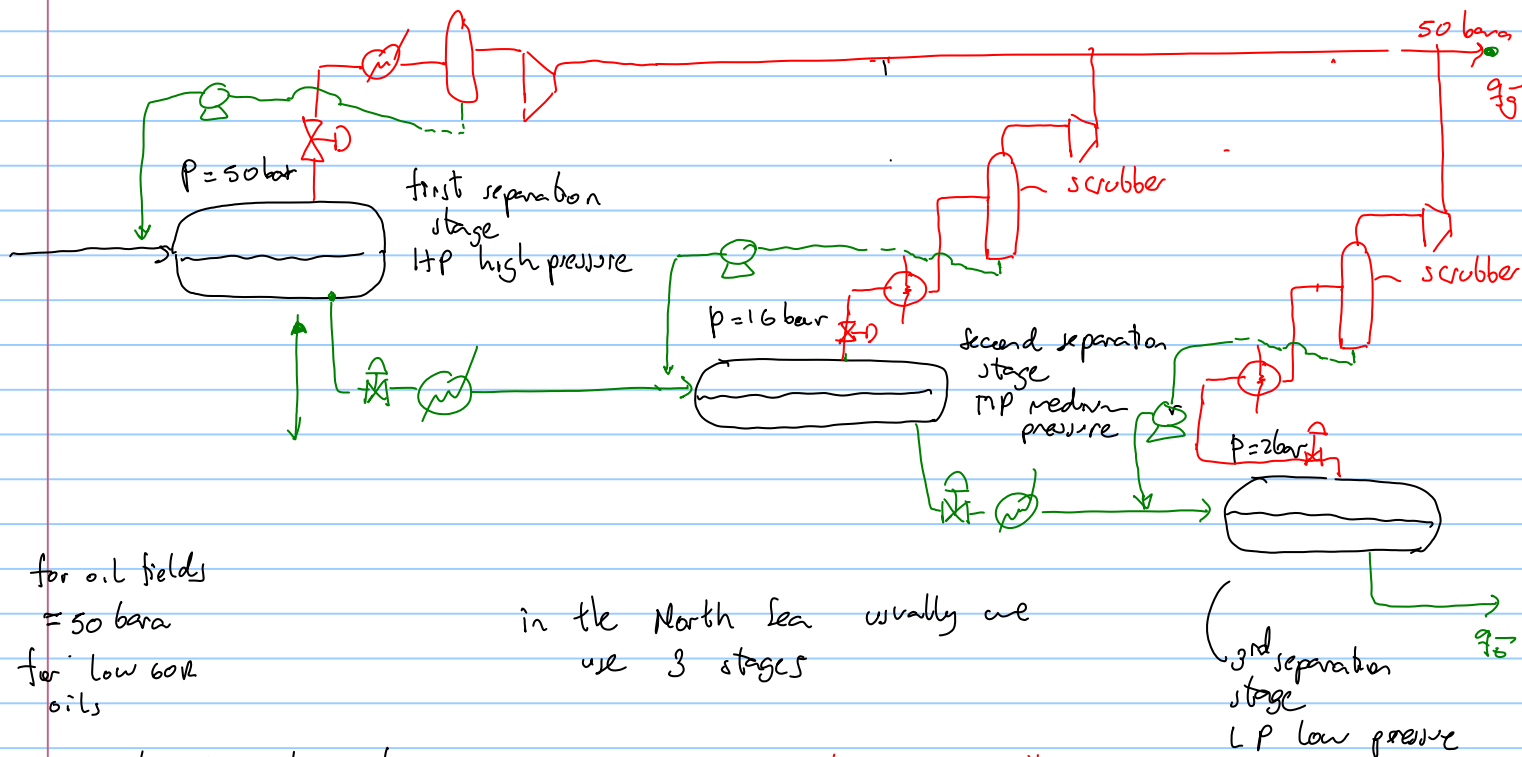
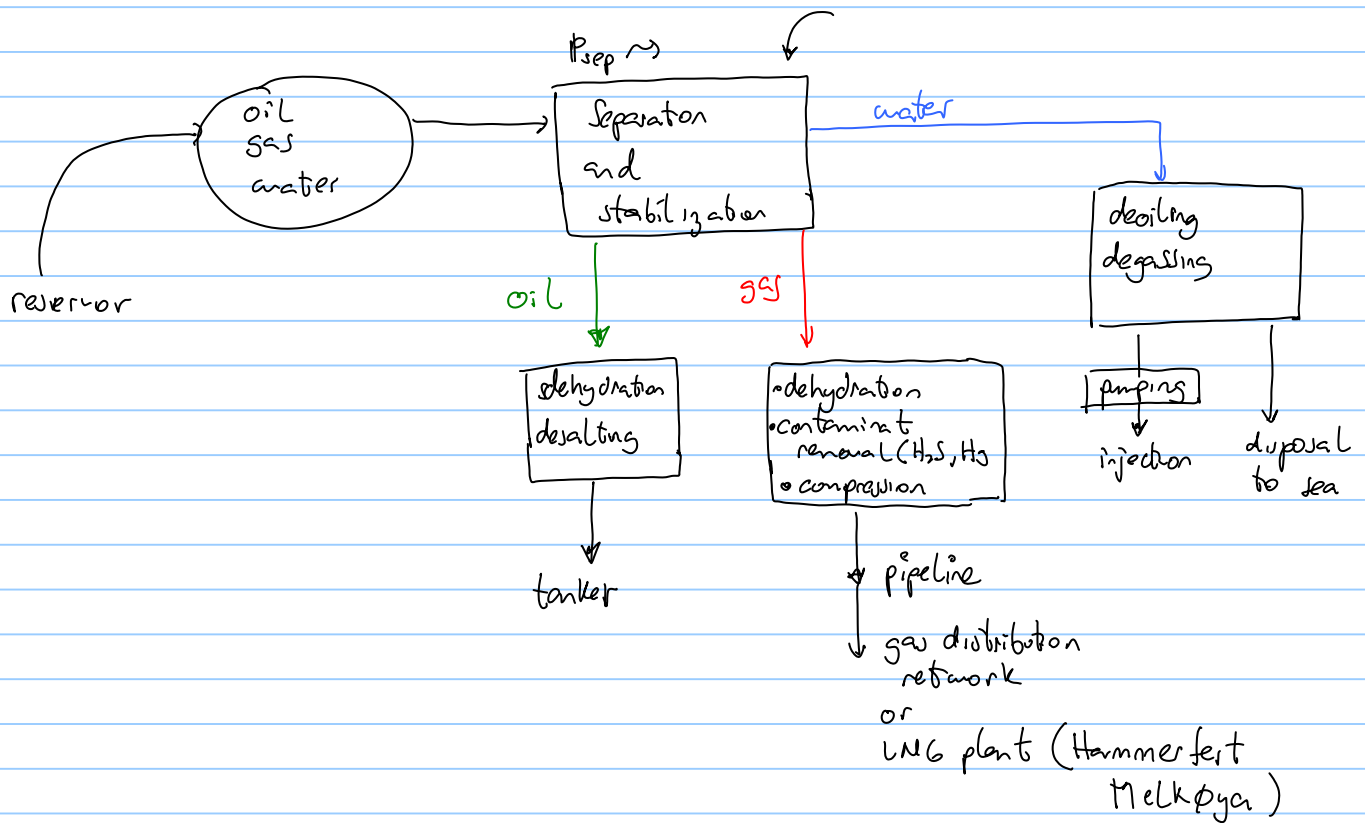
$$\dot{m}_1 h_1 + \dot{m}_2 h_2 = \dot{m}_3 h_3$$

this equation applies for a given pipe segment when  $U, c_p, \theta, \dot{m}, \text{Lat}, U_{\text{out}}$  remain constant.

$x$  is distance ALONG pipe.



# Processing of hydrocarbon fluids $\rightarrow$ equipment on platform

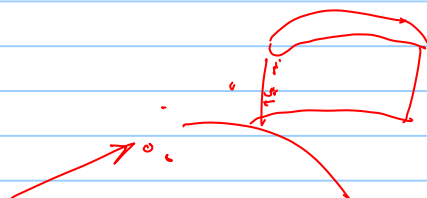


for oil fields  
 $\approx 50$  bara  
 for low 60%  
 oils

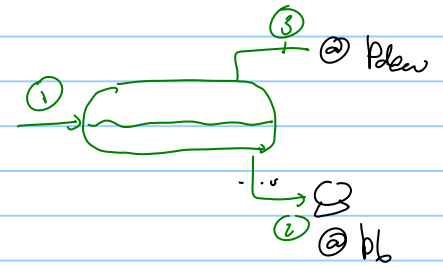
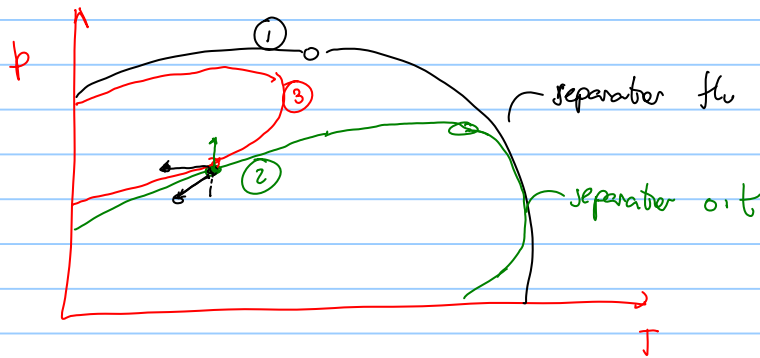
it can be down to 20 bara  
 for gas  
 higher than 50 bara

in the North Sea usually we  
 use 3 stages

compressor can only work with  
 gas (dry)

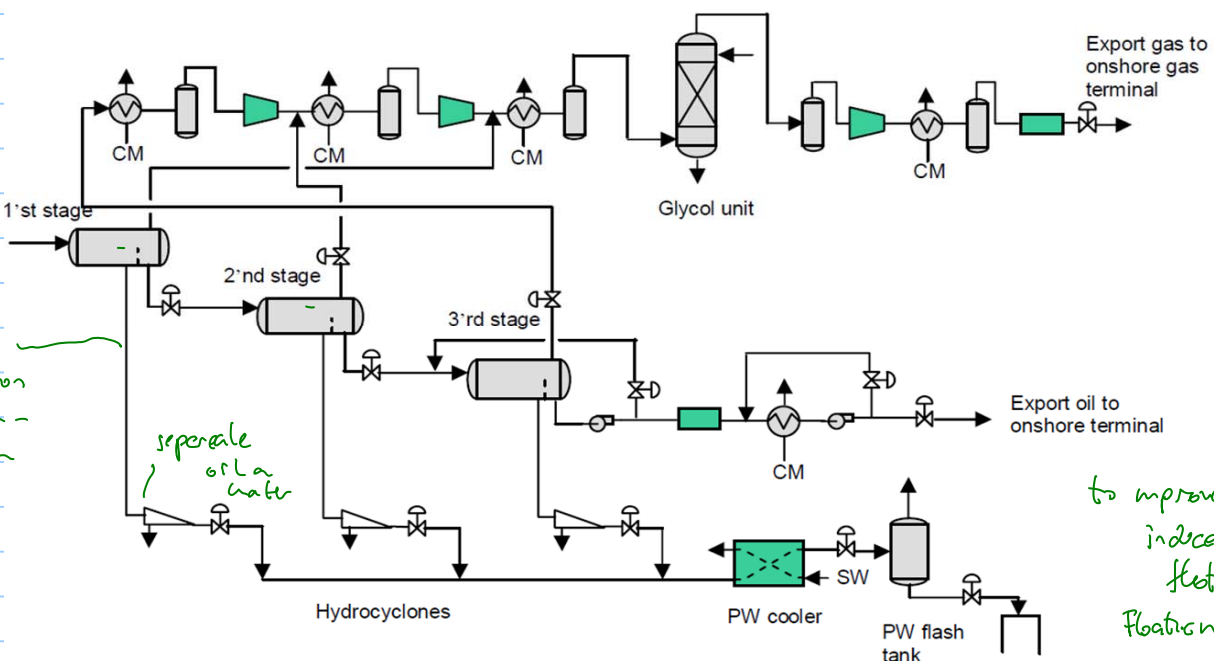
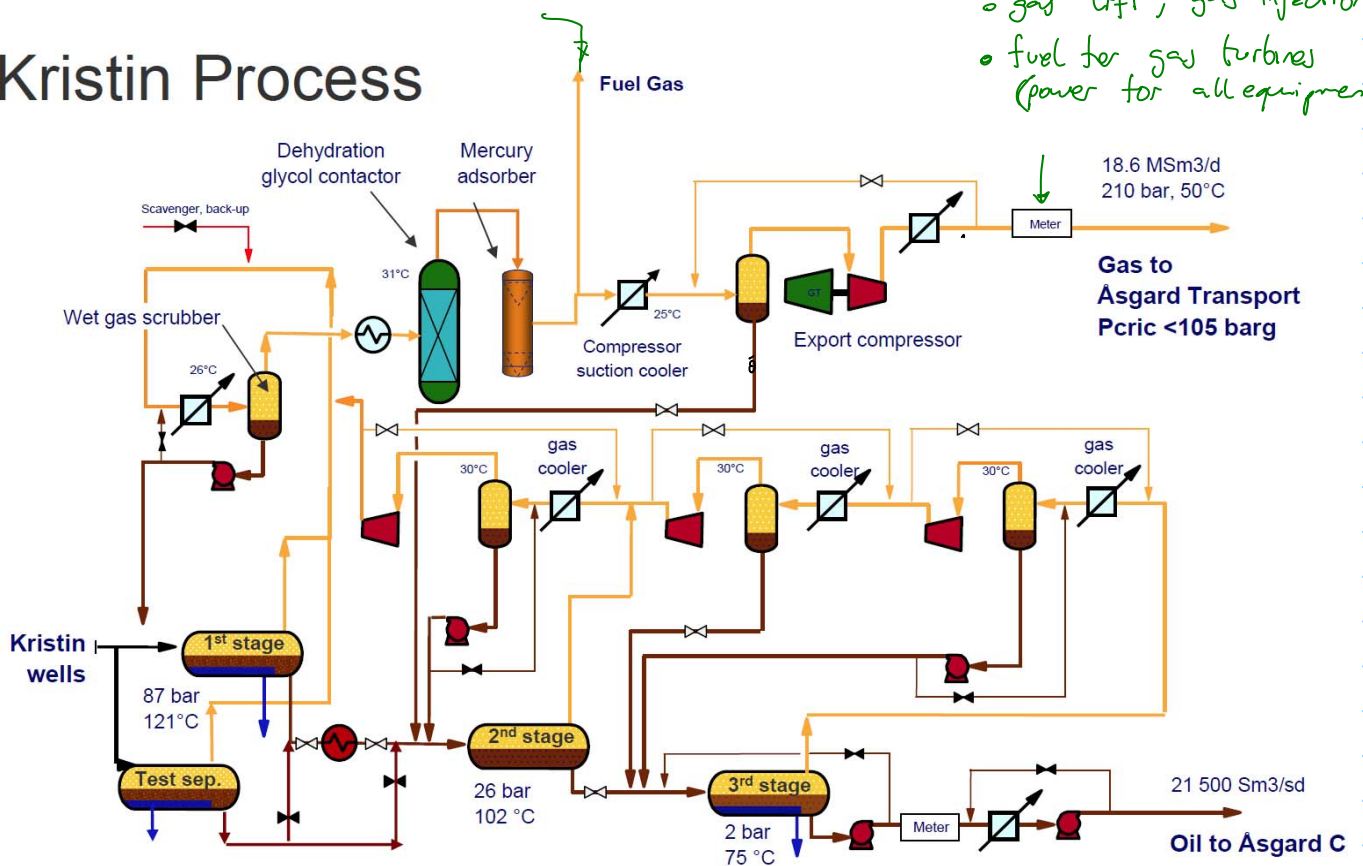


in every separation stage



gas can be used for  
 • gas lift, gas injection  
 • fuel for gas turbines (power for all equipment)

# Kristin Process



to improve separation  
 induced gas  
 flotation  
 Flotation starts

typical processing capacities:  
of an oil field

$$q_o : 8000 \text{ m}^3/\text{d} - 50000 \text{ m}^3/\text{d}$$

$$q_g = 1.5 - 8.5 \text{ Eb m}^3/\text{d}$$

$$p_{HP} \approx 50 \text{ bara}$$

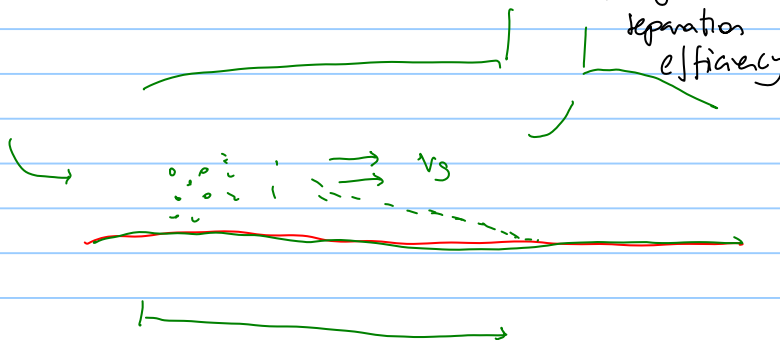
number of stages : 3

number of trains : 1-2

How processing facilities affect the field design process?

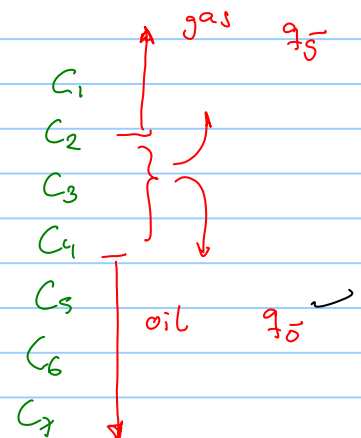
- Pressure of 1<sup>st</sup> stage separator

- high pressure gives better liquid recovery
- high pressure reduce production rates from reservoir
- high pressure  $\rightarrow$  gas occupies less volume  
 $v_g$  are less  $\rightarrow$  less  $\Delta p$   
 $\rightarrow$  higher separation efficiency

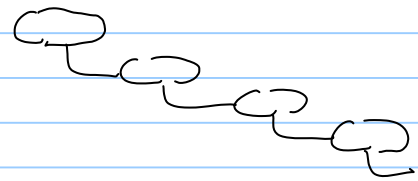


Usually for oil  $p_{HP}$  is 50 bara or less

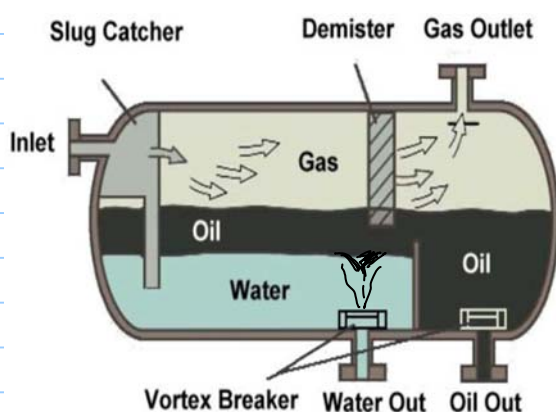
Usually for gas  $p_{HP}$  can be higher 50 bara



more separation stages  
also improve liquid  
recovery



Separators are three phase separator (most of the water is separated in the first stage)



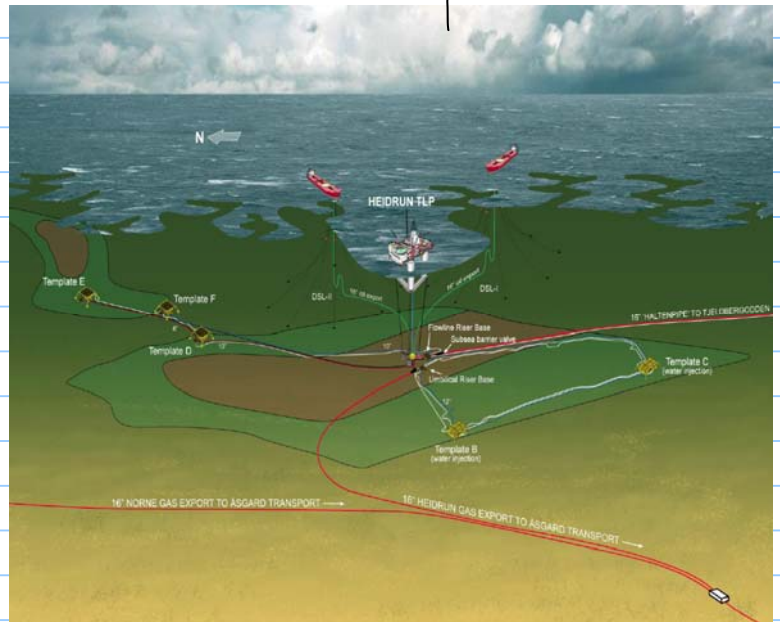
facilities have maximums of : processing capacity of gas {dehydration unit  
compressor

processing capacity of water {cyclones

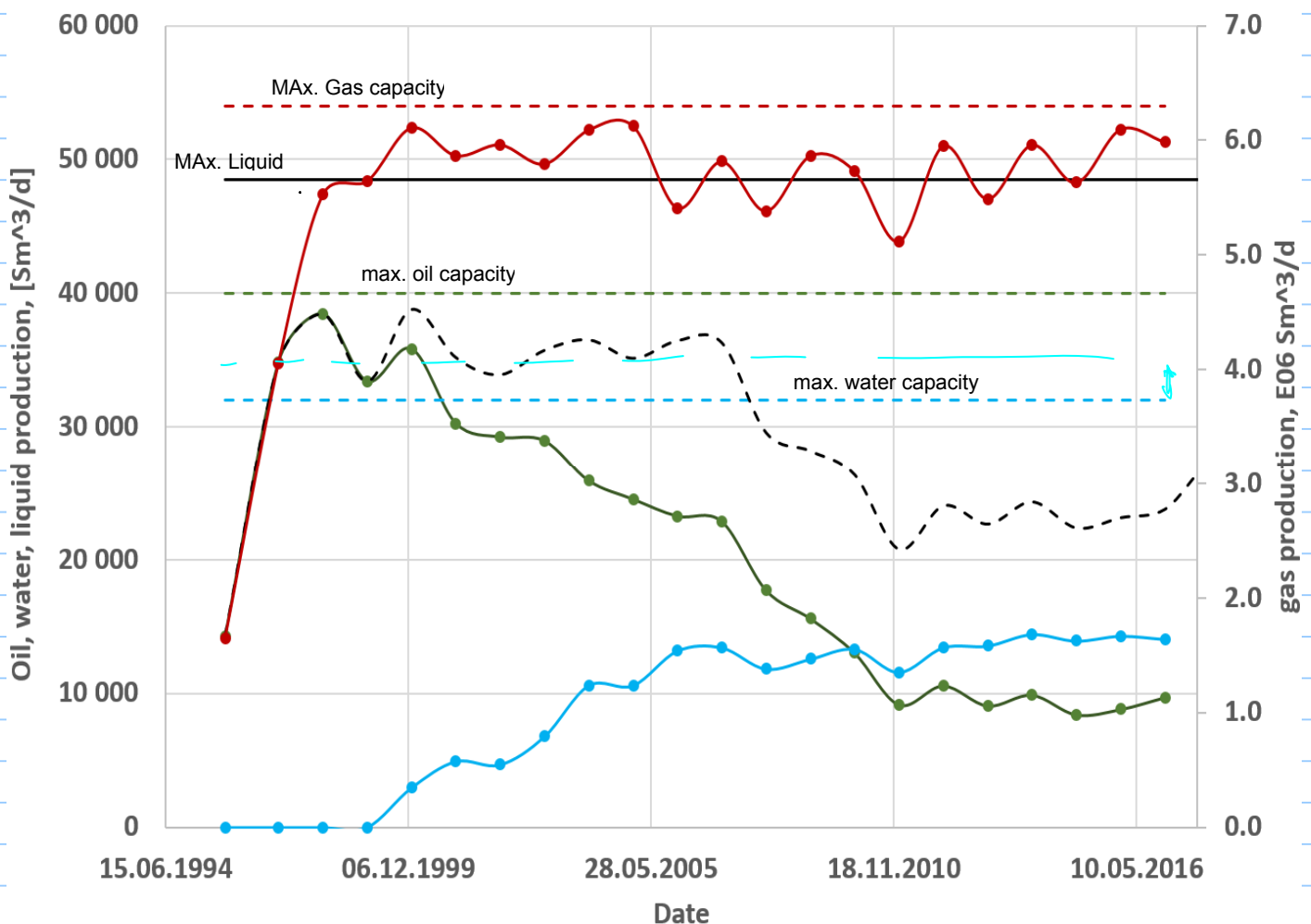
If at any point in time, i reach one of these capacities, there is no choice but to choke back production!

processing capacity of liquid {separator capacity  
separator level

Let's look at the production profile of Heidrun:



In Heidrun it looks like gas is at its maximum capacity, thus it might indicate that the production of the field had to be choked back.



Increasing the capacity of the processing facilities costs money, bigger capacity, bigger size, more weight and more space on the platform. The optimal capacity should be studied using an economic analysis to choose capacity values that do not increase significantly capex but still give high NPV.