



Applied Technology Workshop - ATW

Key Technologies To Create More Value From Mature Fields

Session 1

Key Success Factors When
Selecting Technologies
for Mature Fields:
Navigation Guidelines for a Moving Target

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Outline

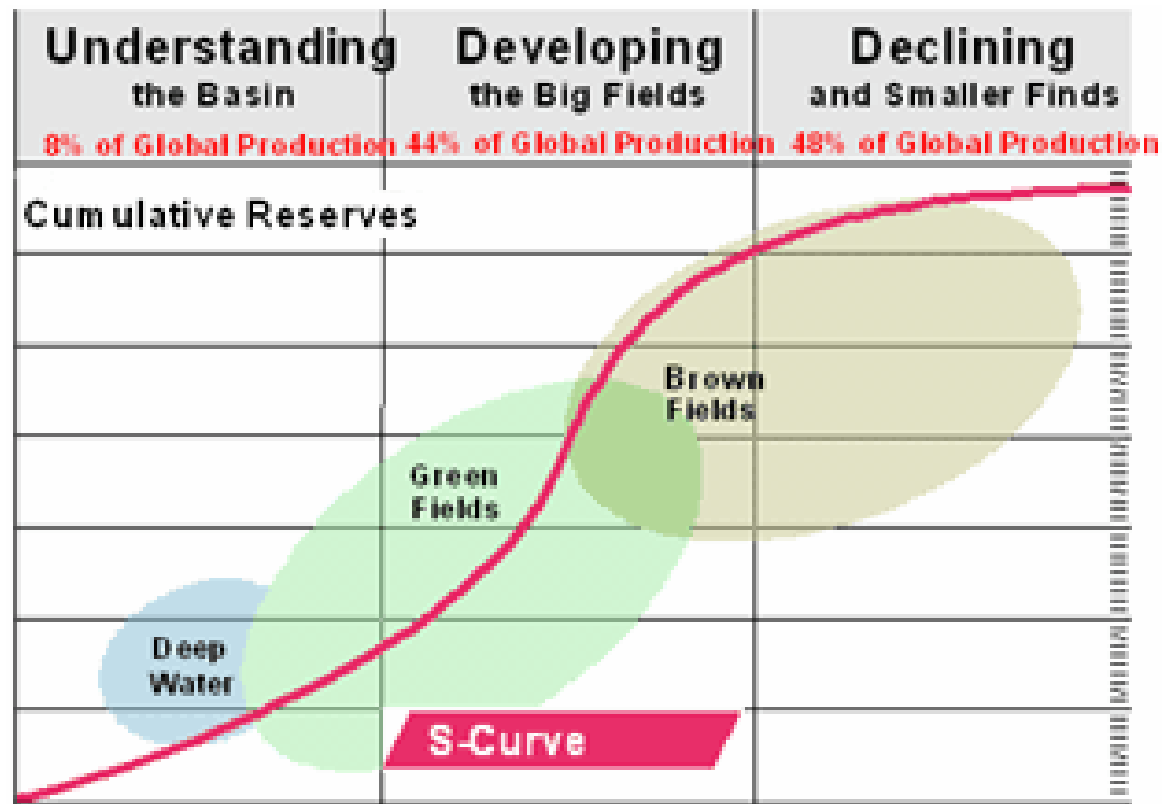
- Mature Fields Introduction
- Mature Fields: Socio-technical Systems?
- Fields Lifecycle – The Mature Phase Implications
- Technology Trends
- Risk and Reliability
- A Systemic View of a Mature Field
- Navigation Guidelines
- An Integration Tool for This ATW

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Global Mature Field

48% of Global
Production
In Declining and
Smaller Finds

We are becoming
a Global Mature
Province – A Big
Global Mature Field



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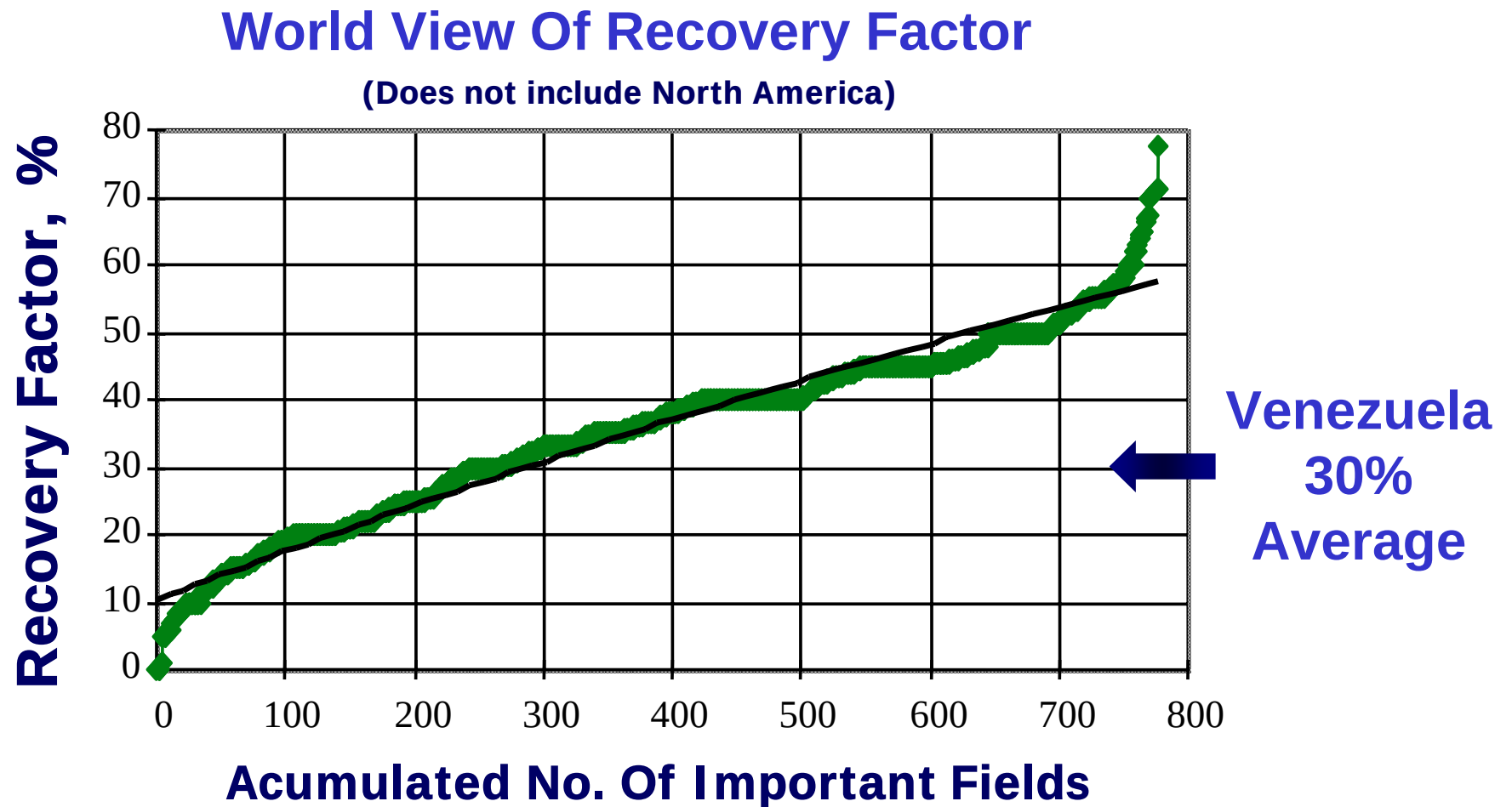
Distribution of World Oil Fields by Size

Estimated Ultimate Recovery (million barrels)	Size	United States	World Total
50,000+	Megagiant	None	2
5,000 - 50,000	Supergiant	2	40
500 - 5,000	Giant	46	328
100 - 500	Major	240	961
50 - 100	Large	327	895
25 - 50	Medium	356	1109
10 - 25	Small	761	2128
1 - 10	Very small	4599	7112
0.1 - 1	Tiny	9533	10849
0 - 0.1	Insignificant	11021	11751
0 - 0.5	Other tiny	4500	5989
		31385	41164

Source: L.F. Ivanhoe and G.G. Leckie, "Global Oil, Gas Fields, Sizes Tallied, Analyzed", Oil & Gas Journal, February 15, 1993, pp 87-91

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Recovery Factor



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Mature Field Reservoir Management Today

- **Episodic and reactive.**
- **Experts with a functional vision**
- **Well and surface infrastructure management separated from subsurface management.**
- **Automation infrastructure poorly exploited.**
- **Environmental and safety risks not monitored properly (poor risk prediction capabilities).**
- **Available information disperse and episodic.**

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Socio Technical Systems: Multiple Dimensions and Drivers

Integrated Risk

Management of Assets

- Risk and reliability
- Data and information
- Reservoir Life Cycle

Total Cost

TECHNOLOGY

(I&D=>APPLICATION)

- Methodologies
- Tools & Equipment

**PRODUCTIVITY OF
A SOCIO
TECHNICAL SYSTEM
(MORE VALUE
LESS COSTS)**

PEOPLE

- Quantity & Competences
- Communities
- Individual and team learning capability
- Creative and innovative

PROCESSES

- Organizational Capacity
- Work flow
- Cycle Time

Knowledge Management

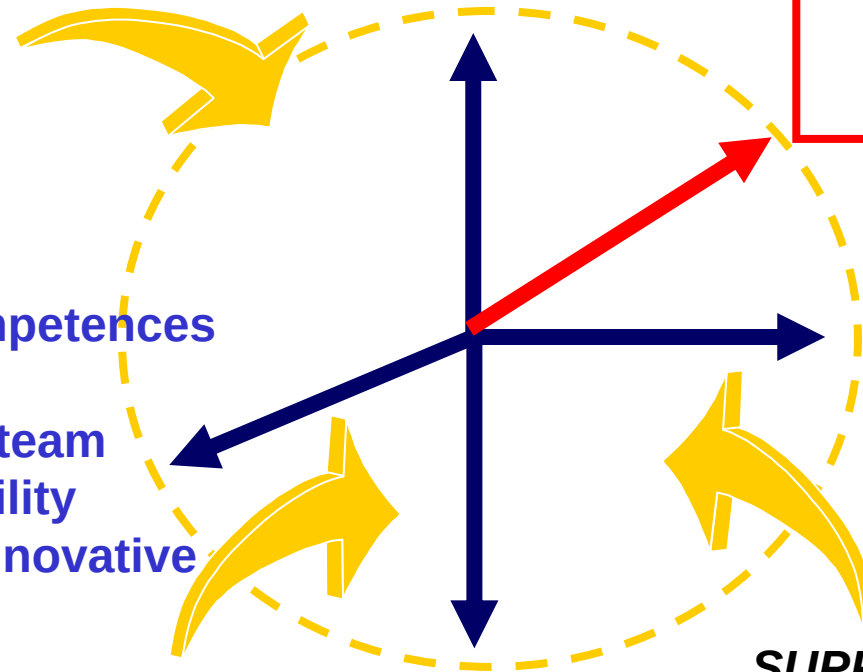
- Learning while doing, result oriented, fit for purpose just in time methodologies

ENVIRONMENT

- Biodiversity
- Natural resources
- Air, Water, Land

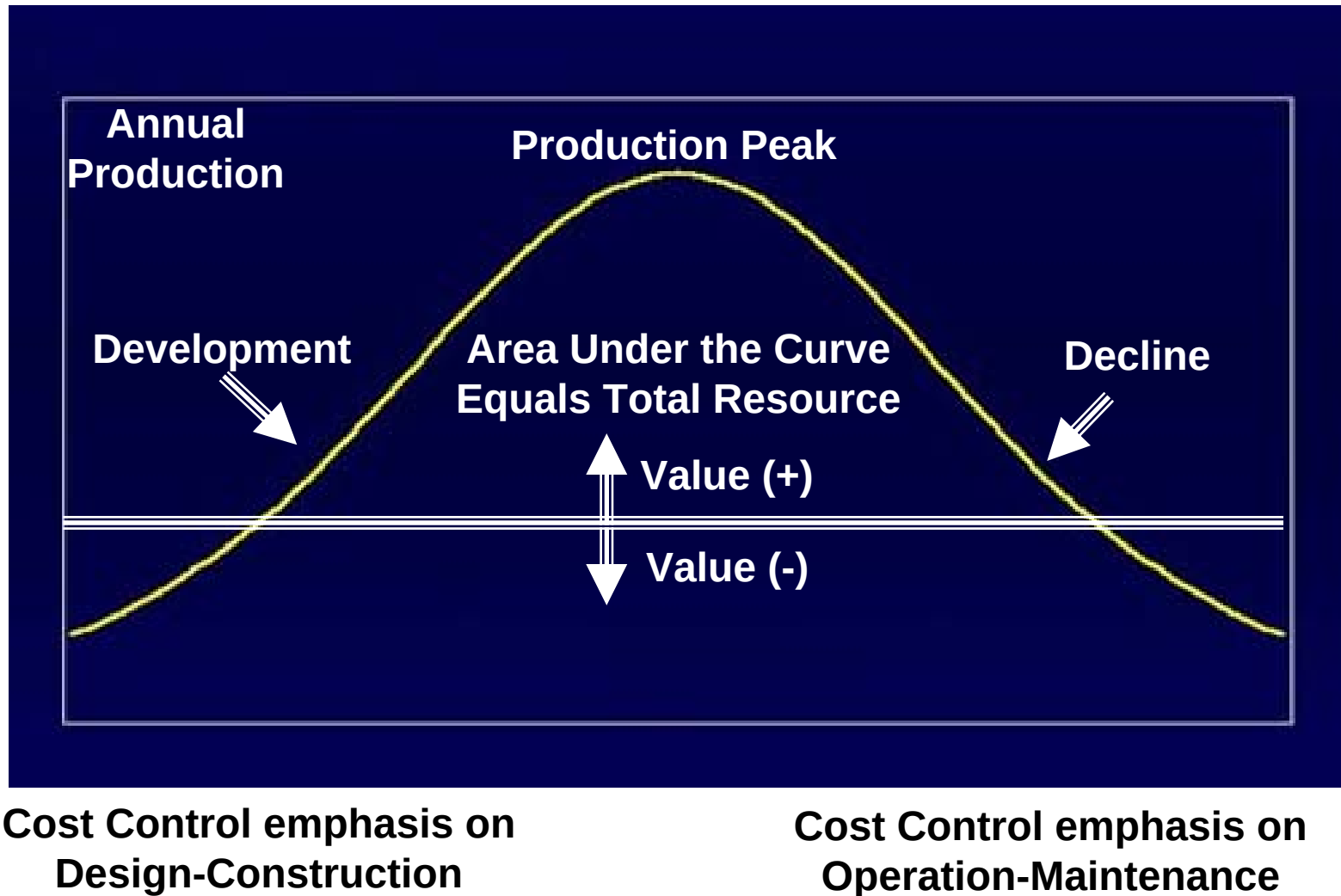
SUPPLY CHAIN

- Goods and services
- Use of supplier's intellectual capital



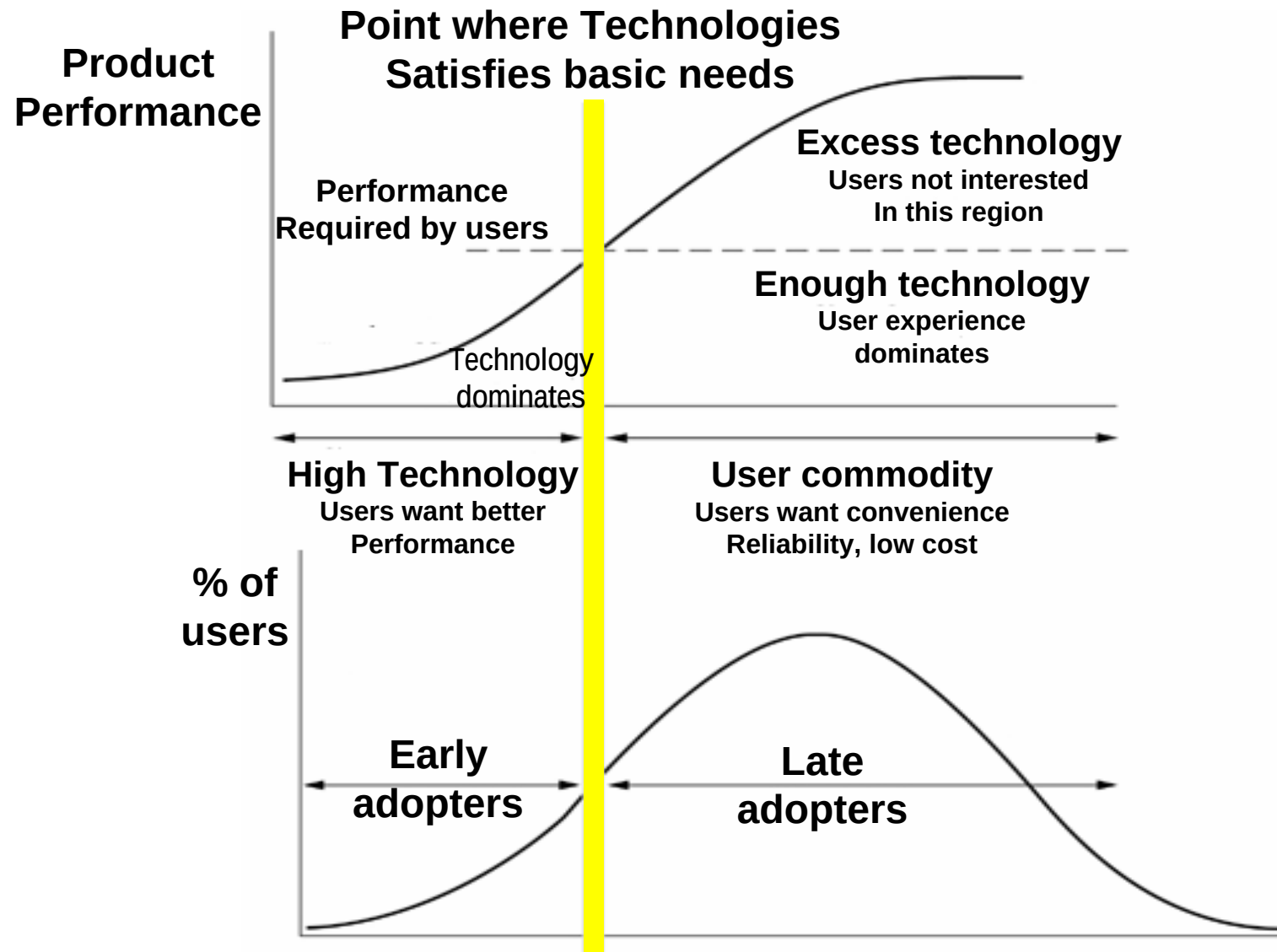
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HC Reservoirs Lifecycle: A Non-Renewable Shrinking Resource



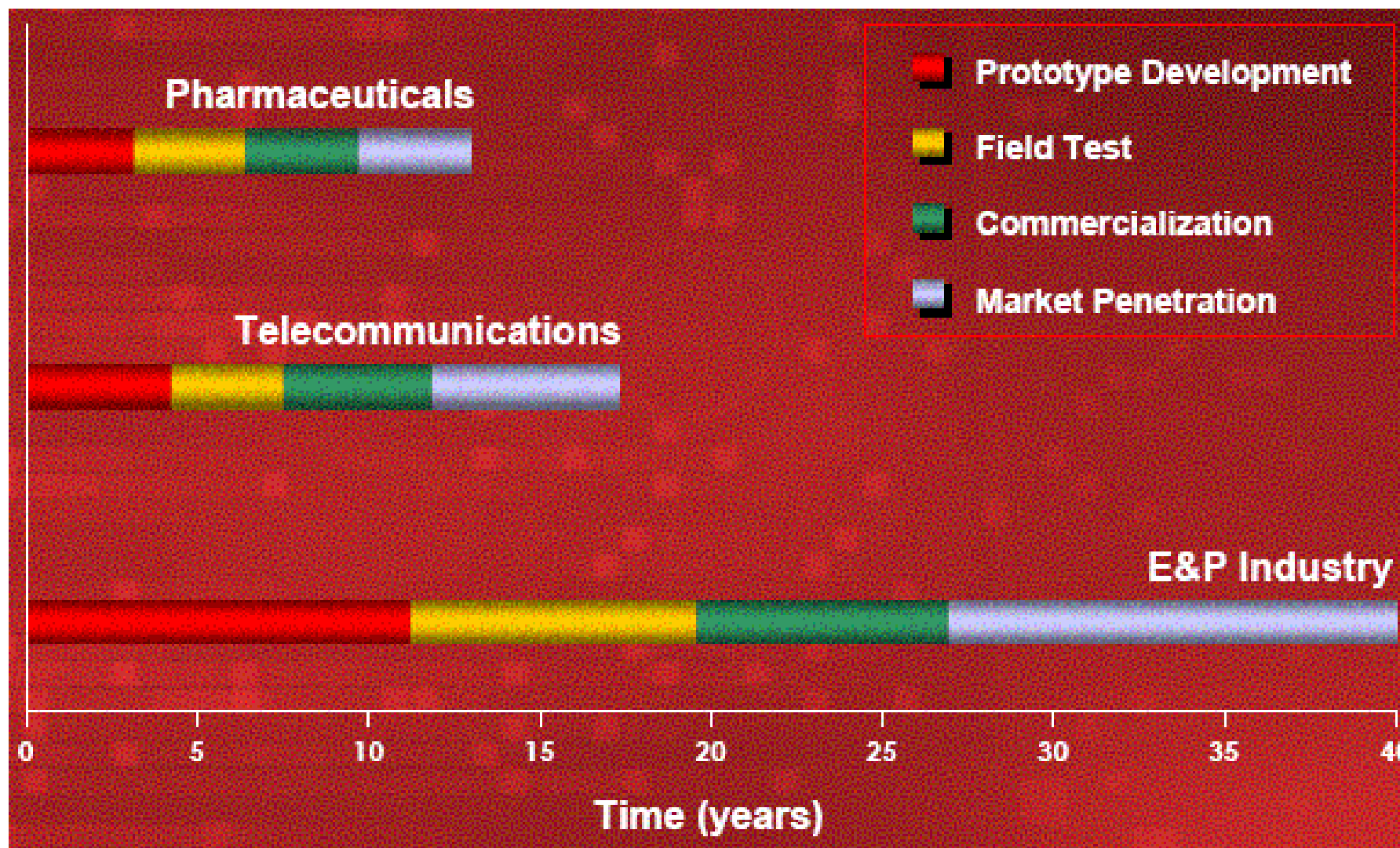
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Technology-driven to human-centered



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E&P Slow Technology Cycle Development



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Technology Trends

(IOR – Improved Oil Recovery)

Drainage Area Improvement

- ✓ Workovers
- ✓ Infill drilling
- ✓ Step-out drilling
- ✓ Deepening
- ✓ Recompletions

Production Enhancement

- ✓ Increase well productivity
- ✓ Alternative lift methods
- ✓ Gas lift optimization
- ✓ Changes in completion strategies
- ✓ Idle wells reactivation
- ✓ Surface infrastructure debottlenecking
- ✓ Upgrading facilities
- ✓ Process automation

Secondary Recovery

- ✓ Water flooding
- ✓ Gas flooding (immiscible)

Enhanced Oil Recovery

- ✓ Gas flooding - CO₂, HC rich gas
- ✓ Water alternating gas (WAG)
- ✓ Microbial (MEOR)
- ✓ Dilute surfactant/chemical
- ✓ Polymer
- ✓ Thermal
- ✓ Pressure pulsing techniques (PPT)
- ✓ Cold heavy oil production (CHOPS)
- ✓ Gravity Assisted Drainage (GAD)
- ✓ Inert Gas Injection (IGI)
- ✓ Steam assisted gravity drainage (SAGD)
- ✓ Vapor assisted petroleum extraction (VAPEX)

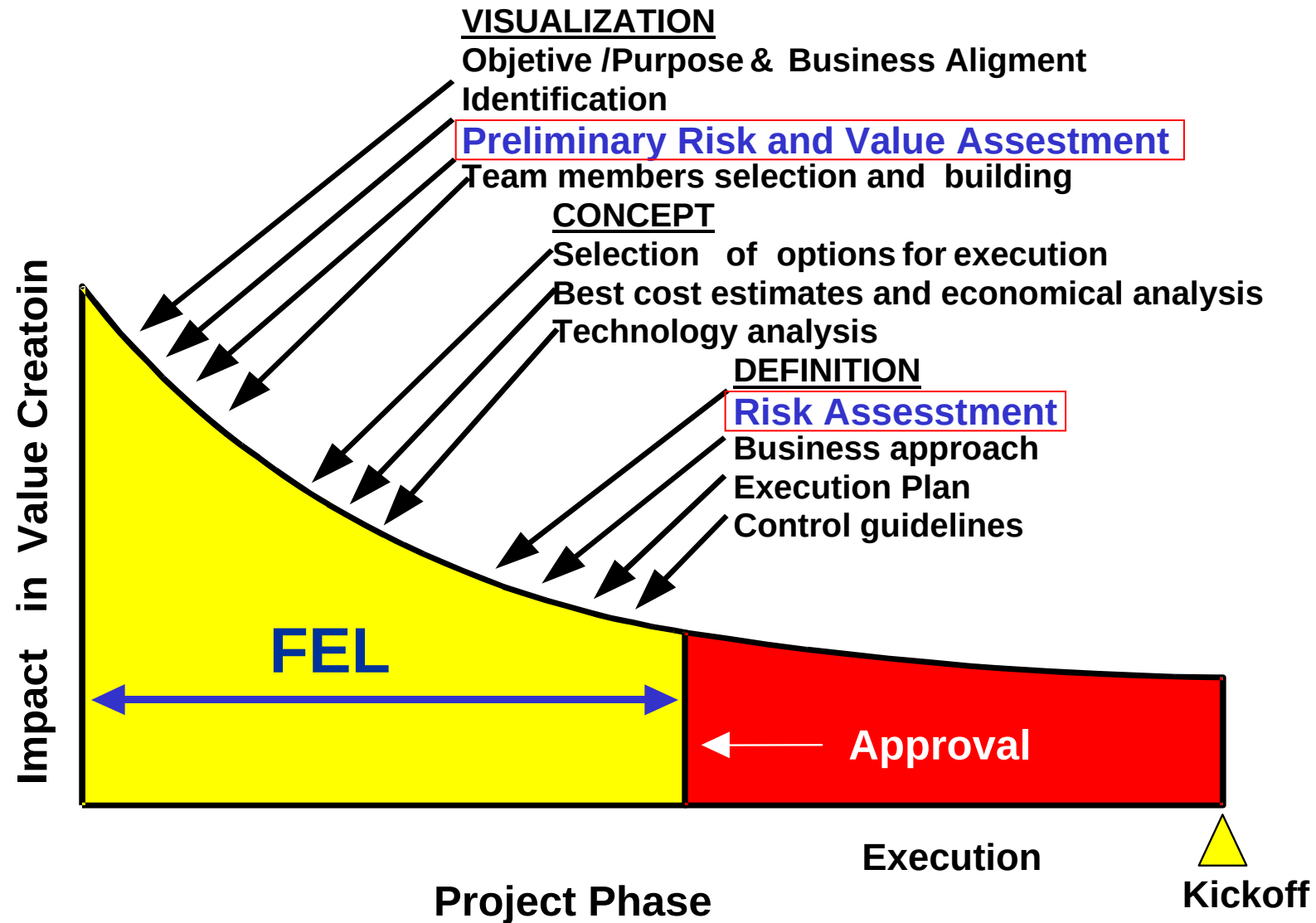
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Technology Trends

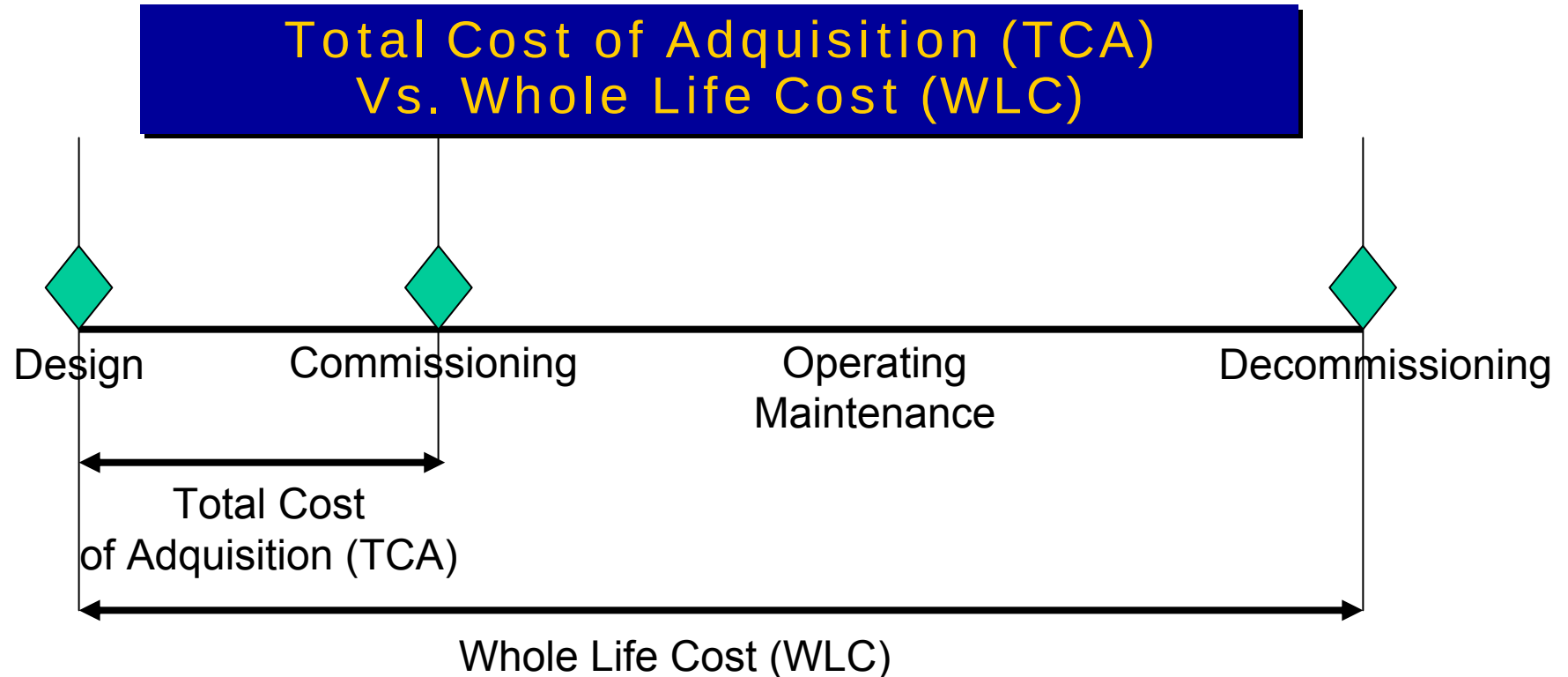
- Microseismic monitoring for reservoir management
- Supercomputers, visualization applied to reservoir to point of sales integrated simulation
- Drilling and completion systems with online 3D seismic interpretation – assisted with robots and artificial intelligence
- Intelligent fields – Total closed loop from subsurface to surface

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Front End Loading (FEL): Integrating Disciplines to Maximize Value



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Life Cycle Costing (LCC)



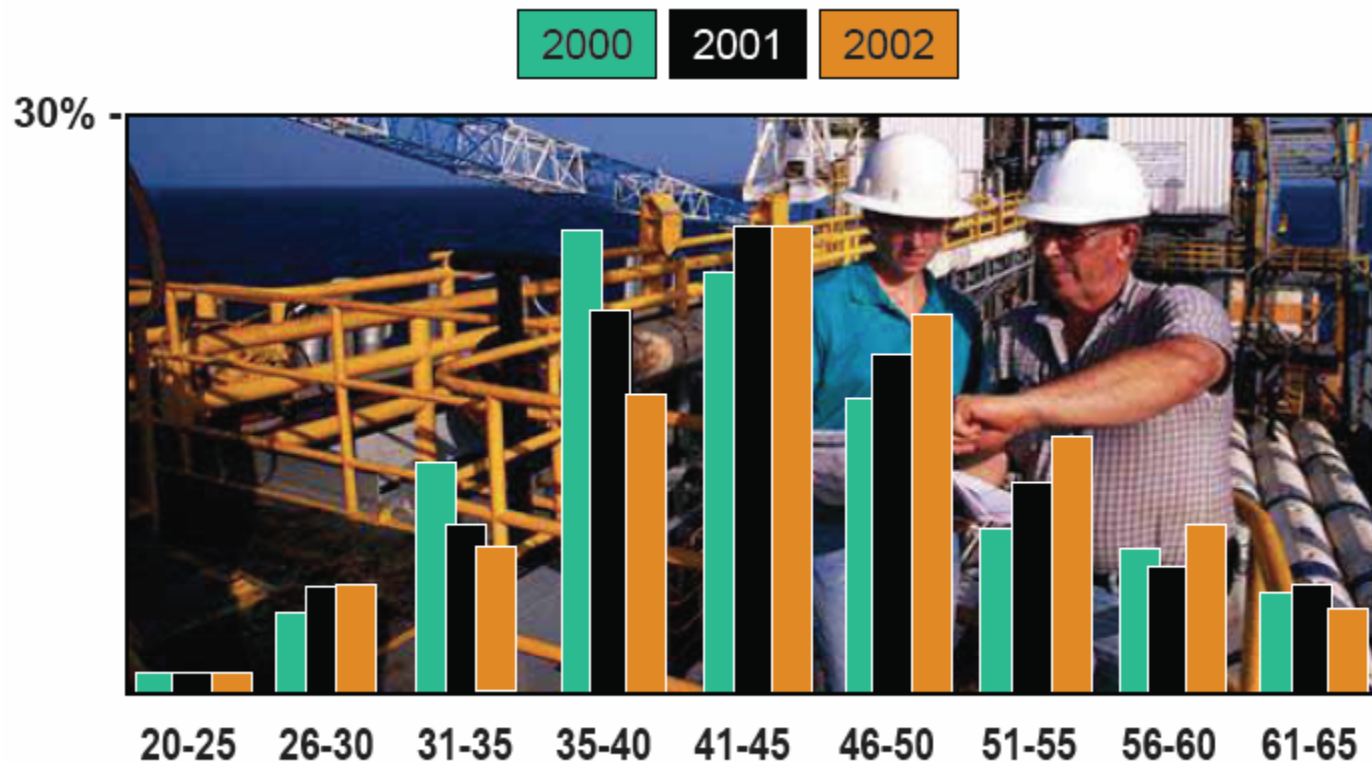
TCA - what we see
The total cost of acquiring an asset or service.
Comprises all stages from design to commissioning.

WLC - what the we really need
The total cost of an asset or service.
Comprises all stages from acquisition, operating, maintenance and decommissioning. Increasingly used to ensure high level of purchasing decisions.

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People

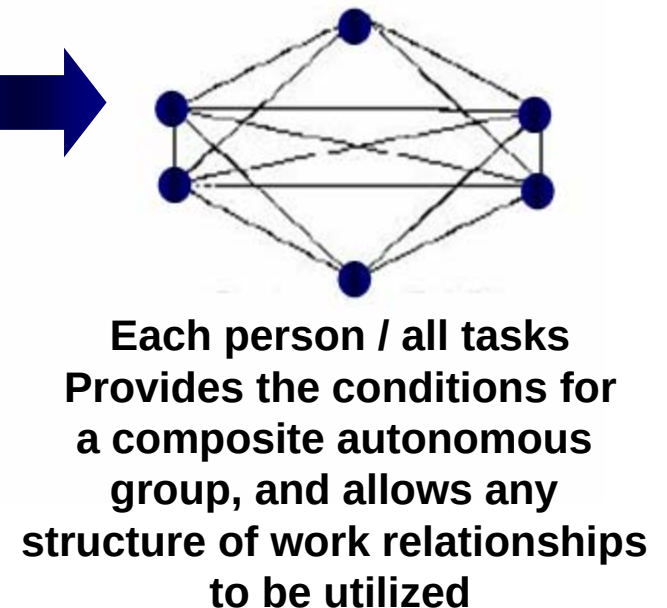
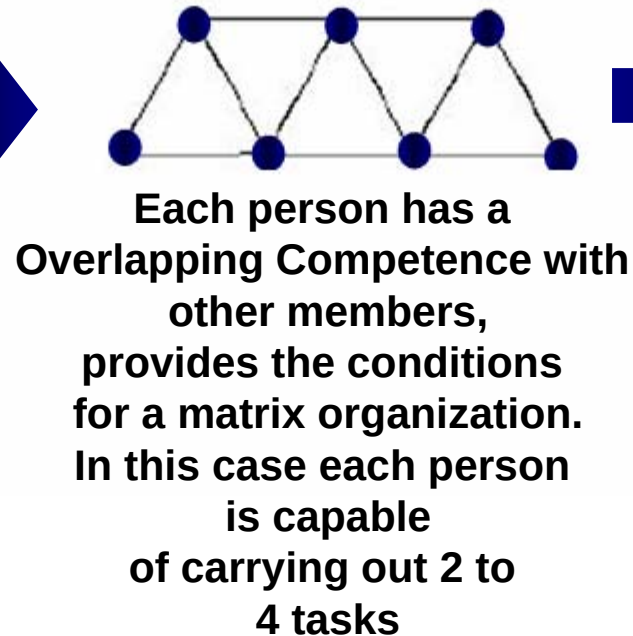
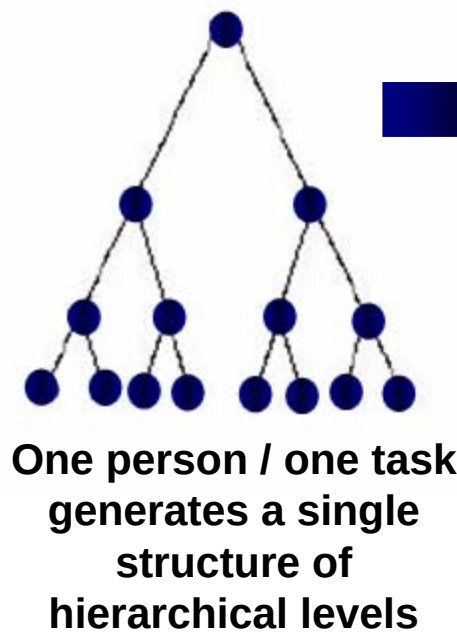
How to prepare future generations of professionals to deal with mature fields?



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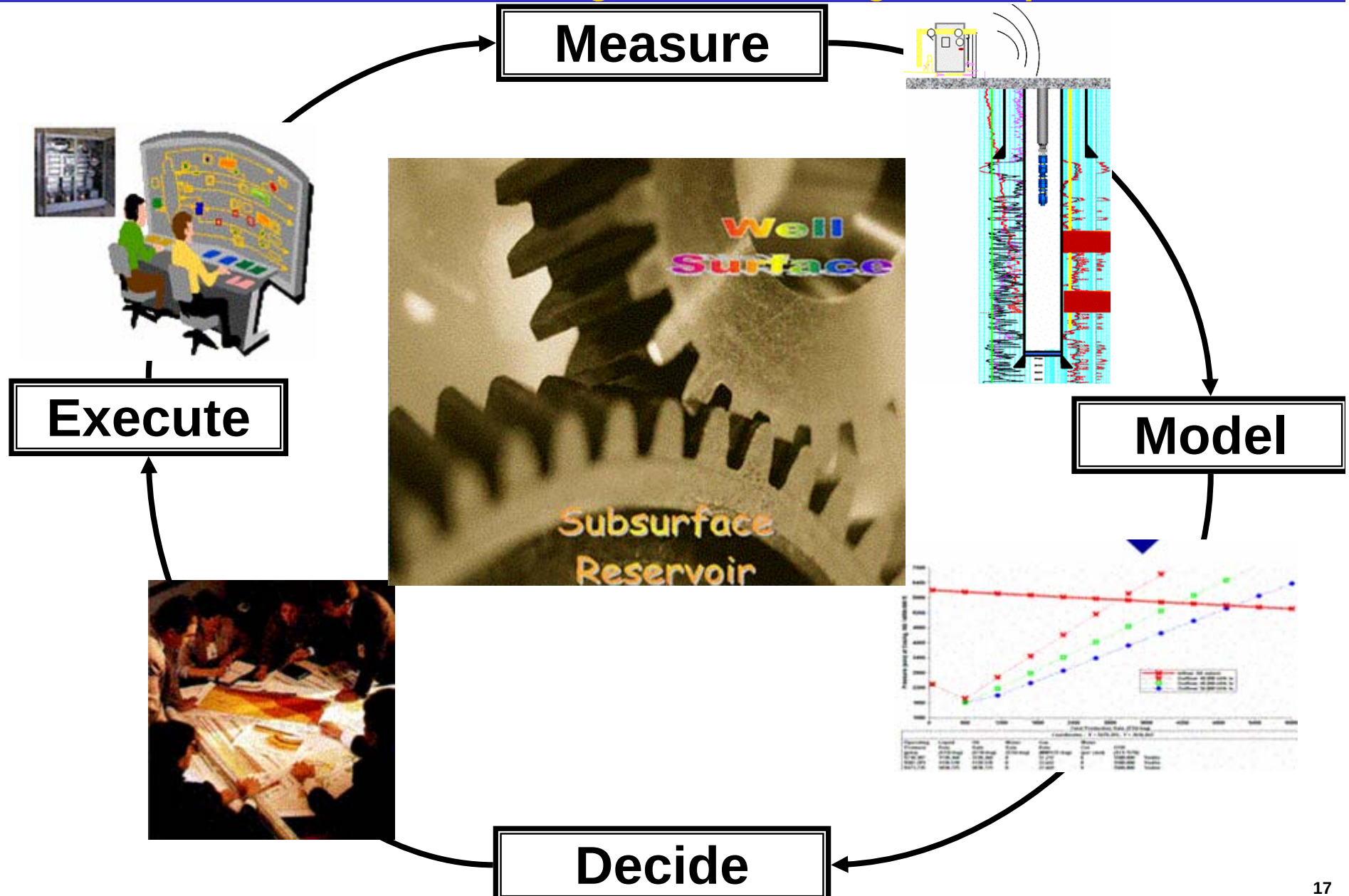
How the future organization will look like?

Alternative types of task allocation leading
To different types of organization structures



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Subsurface-Surface Process Integration - Closing the loop

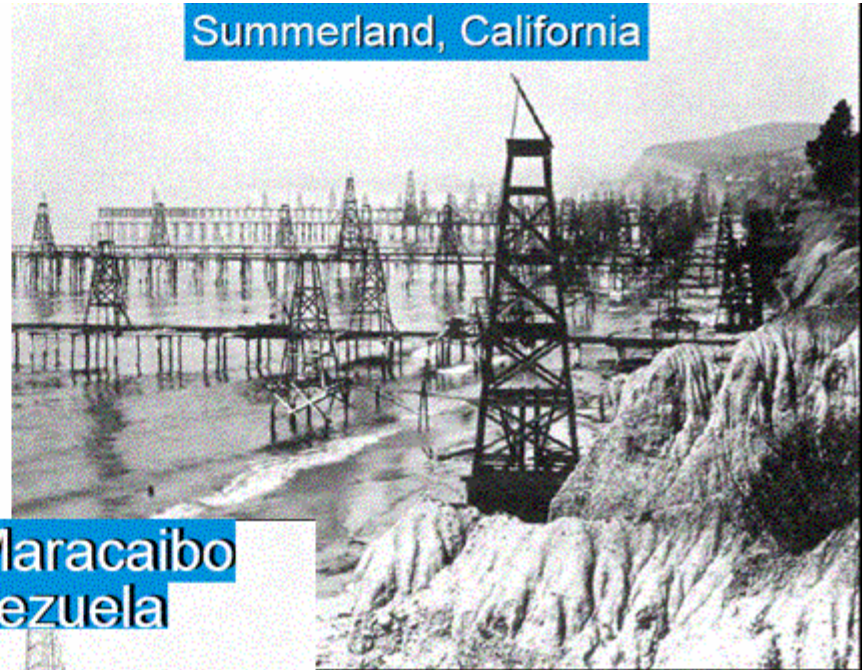


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Environmental impact of HC production operations

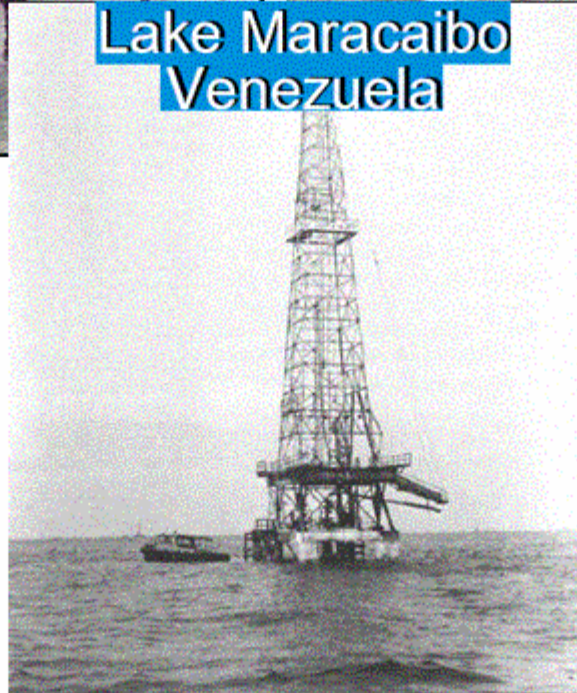
Huntington Beach, California



Summerland, California



Lake Maracaibo
Venezuela



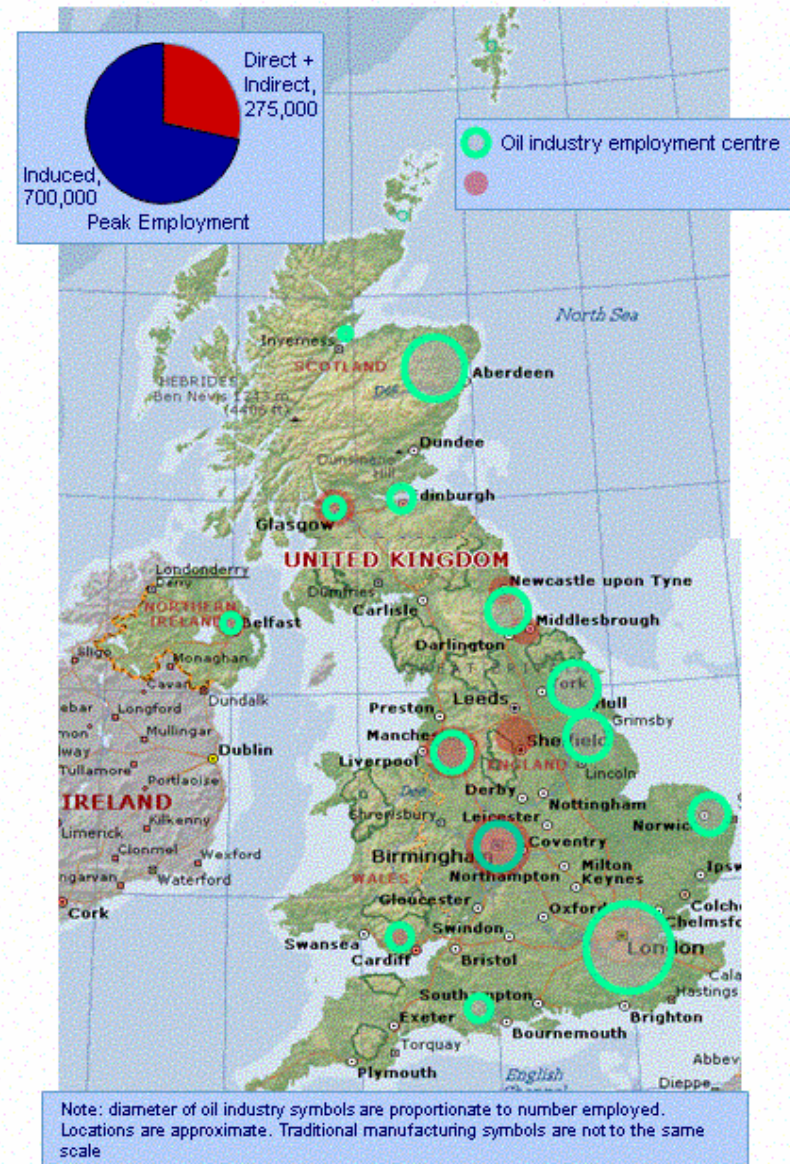
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Social effects of Oil and Gas Industry: What happens at mature phase?

UK Industrial Centres 1970

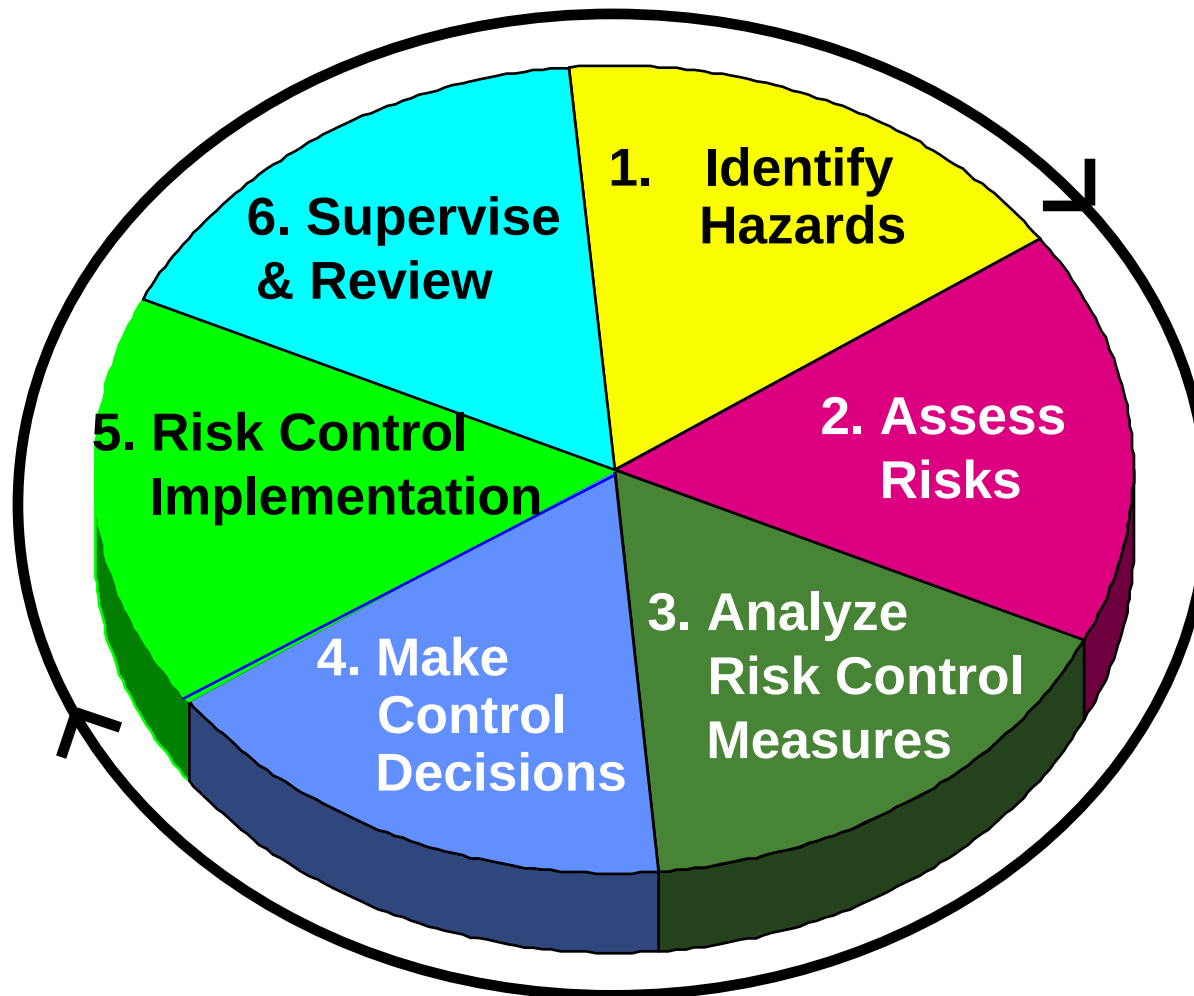


Oil industry centres 1980



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Technology Projects: Operational Risk Assessment



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Technology Project Preparation**

- 1. Expert team selection.**
- 2. Data, documents, reports selection.**
- 3. Tools, equipment, software and methodology selection and training.**
- 4. On site visits, interviews and workshops.**
- 5. Asset team selection.**
- 6. Reporting format and mechanism.**
- 7. Project preparation workshop.**

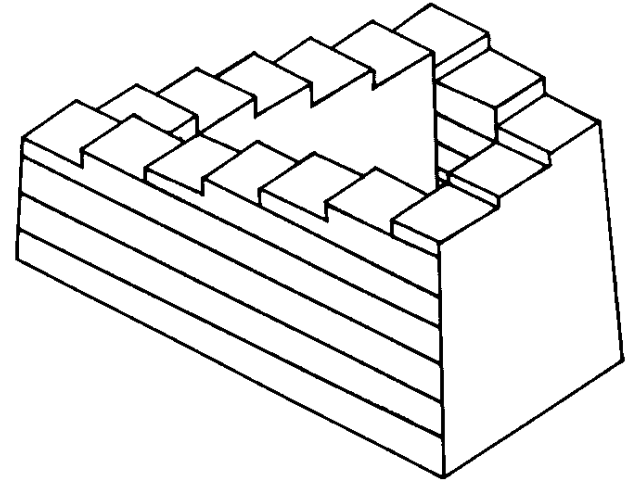
Closing remarks

- **Total cost of HC production technologies
= technical cost + social cost**
- **Long term social vision of reserves
production should balance short term
economic vision**
- **Regional and local capabilities
(technology services, infrastructure,
educated workforce) must be developed
to get low cost and long term stable
conditions to get high recovery factors in
oil and gas projects**

- **How the Mature Field of the Future Looks Like?**
- **Creating our own vision integrating technologies, people, processes and the territories where these fields are located...**
- **What are the key technologies that will allow value creation from the Mature Field of the Future.....?**
- **A Technology Risk Assessment Matrix that helps to integrate the results of this ATW**

Closing remark

**"There is nothing so
inefficient as
very efficiently doing
the wrong things"**



**"No hay nada mas ineficiente
que hacer las cosas
incorrectas eficientemente"**

Peter Drucker