



Composite Hybrid Flexible Pipe

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Flexible Pipe Construction

3km - 8"ID - 12ksi
Layer Weight



Carcass – Inner metallic layer prevents collapse due to hydrostatic pressure

20%

Fluid Barrier – Chemically resistant polymer boundary for conveyed fluids

5%

Pressure Armour – Interlocked metallic layer resists internal pressure loads

32%

Tensile Armour – Provides axial support for the entire riser

38%

Insulation Layer – Prevents excessive heat loss in bore fluids during operation

1%

Outer Shield – Protects the pipe against seawater ingress and external damage

4%



Composite Pressure Armour



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Program Timeline

GE's
Bonded CPA
concept conceived



Static testing and
manufacturing results
OTC 2013 24160

2010

2013

2014

2015

2016

2017

2018

2019

Compression and
TDP analysis
OMAE 2014 23579



Mid-scale testing
completed OTC 2015
25753

First full-
scale ATL
manufacturing
module procured



Full-scale ATL module
commissioned

Coupon properties and
RPSEA Award



Defect detection
monitoring system developed
IHTEC 2014



Ageing and RGD
completed
OTC-2014 25393



DTR and TCR
sample testing



Full-scale testing and qualification
completed

- Completed (Green Diamond)
- In progress (Grey Diamond)
- Final Target (Purple Star)



Multi-scale Qualification

Hoop / Pressure



Generic

Non-generic

Coupons
(e.g., flat coupons, 1000's)

Elements
(e.g., as mfg. composite, 100's)

Sub-components
(mid-scale pipe, 10's)

Components
(full-scale pipe)

Database

Structural Features

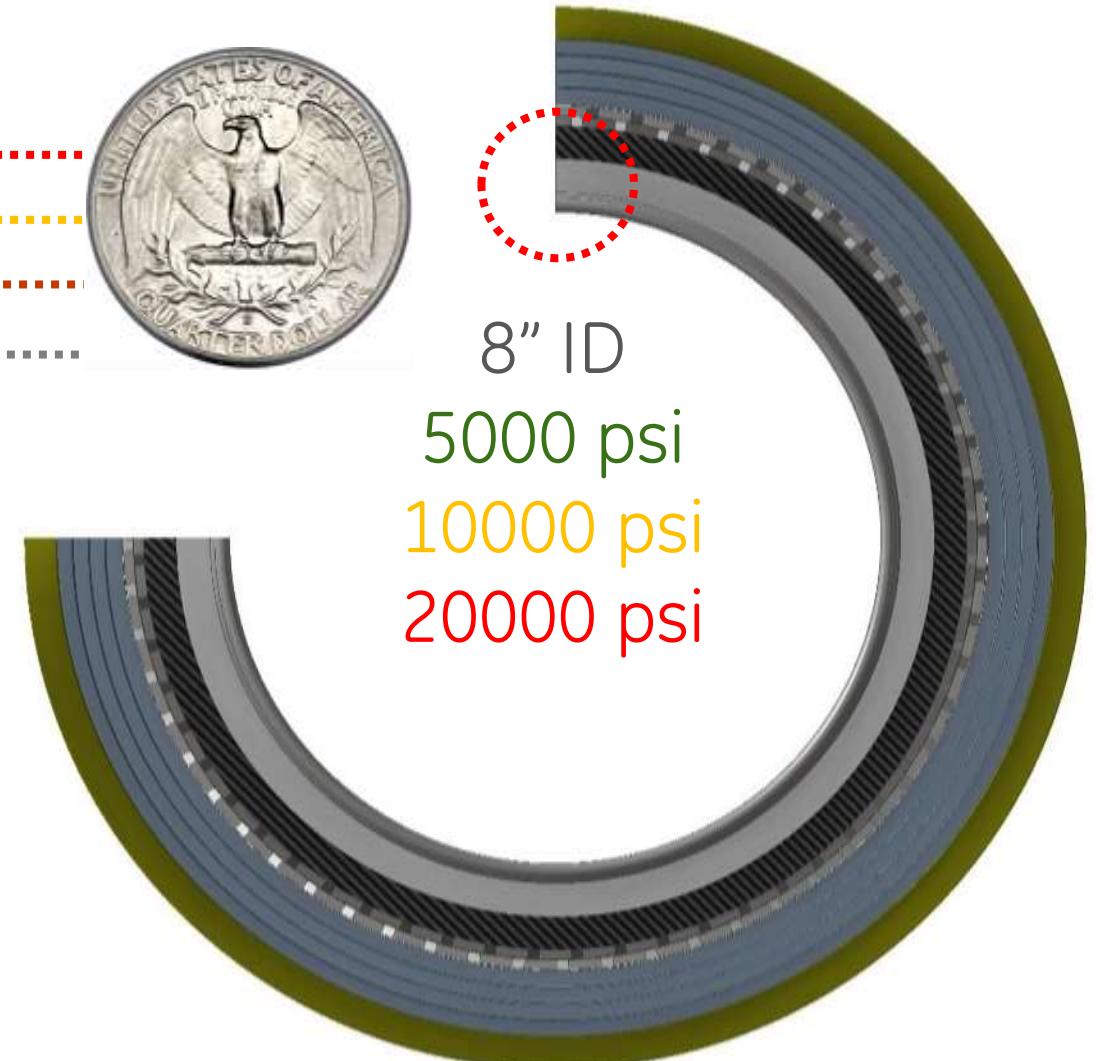
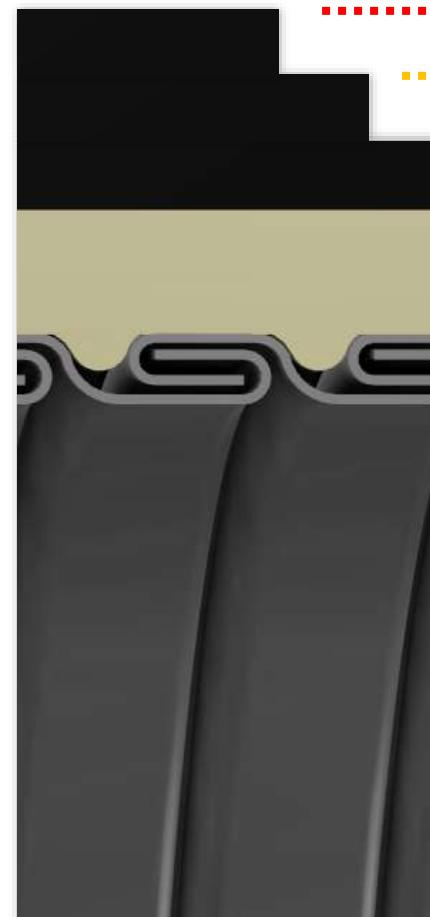
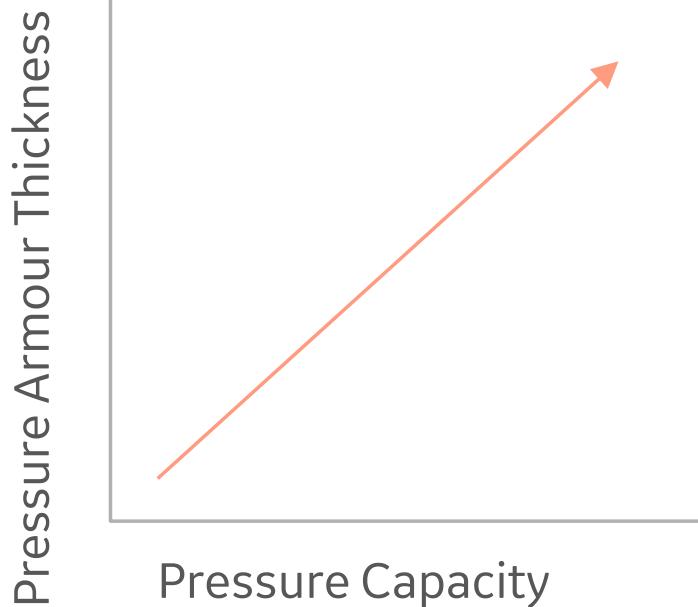


Flexural/Bending



Capability – Composite Pressure Armour

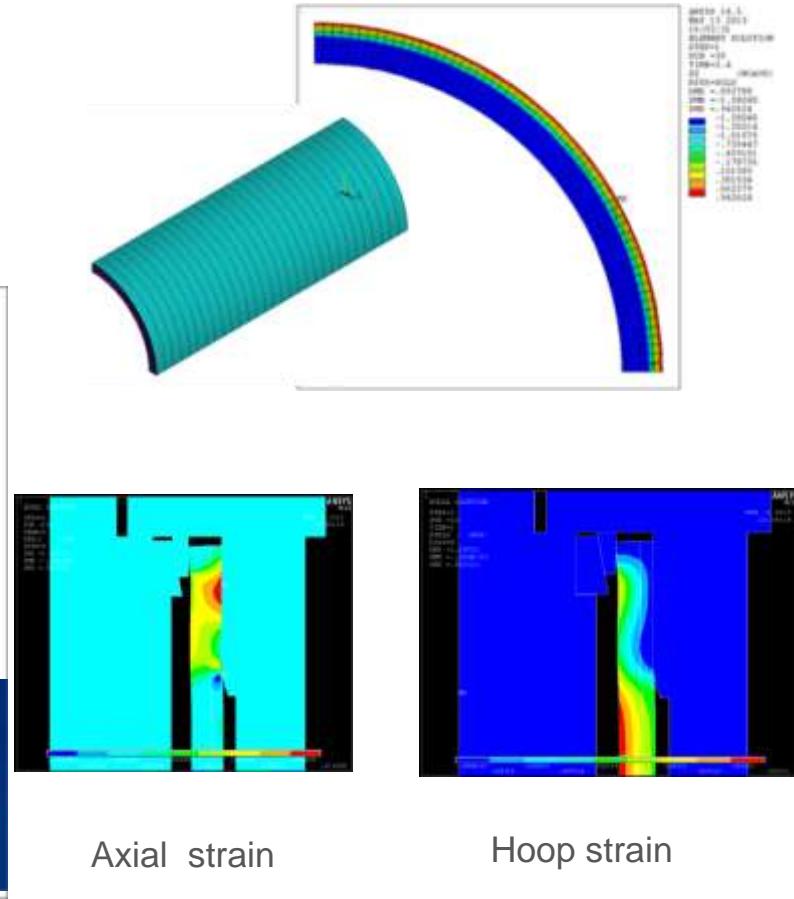
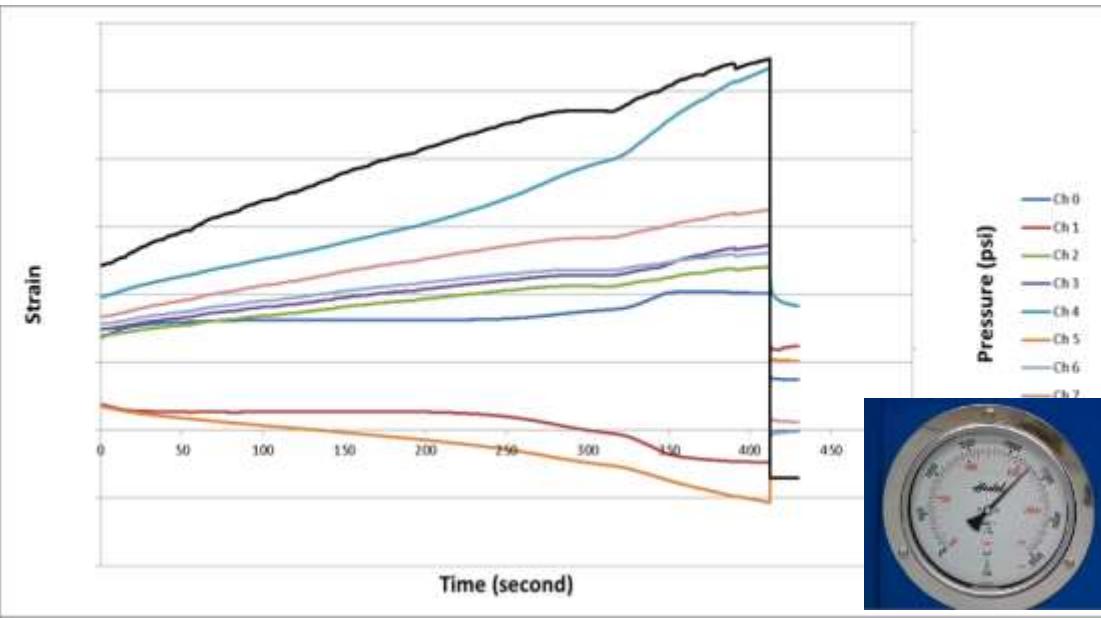
Single material qualification to cover entire pressure range



Burst Performance: Mid-scale Pipe Testing and Modelling

Burst tests – 12 ksi design pressure with analysis model validation

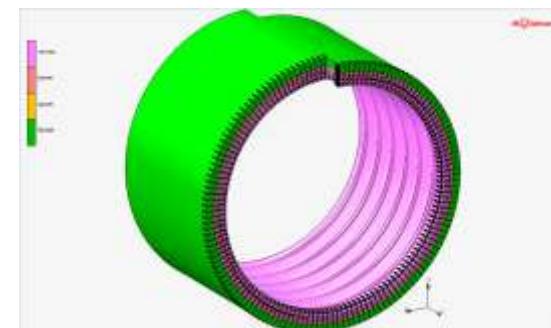
- Proven burst performance for 24 ksi /~160 MPa
- FE modelling was used to accurately predict failure point



Mid-scale: Collapse performance of Composite pipe

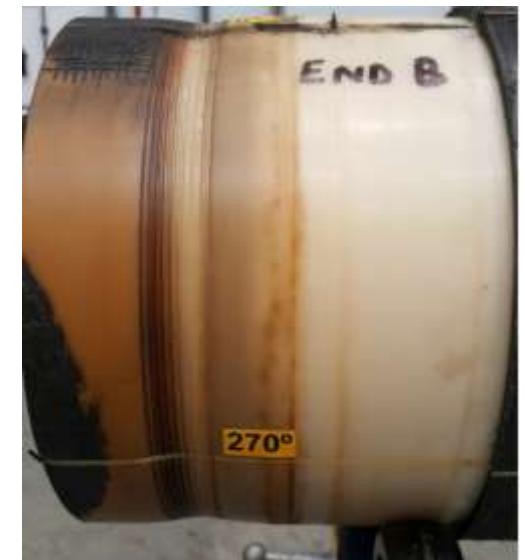


- 3 Product A samples were tested at 10 inch.
- 3 Composite pipe samples were tested at 10 inch.
- Currently, 6 inch product A and composite pipe samples are being tested.
- Composite pipe increase the collapse performance of carcass/Product A by 30 – 90%, scaling based on thickness of composite layer
- Currently developing a 3D model to accurately predict the observed collapse behaviour.

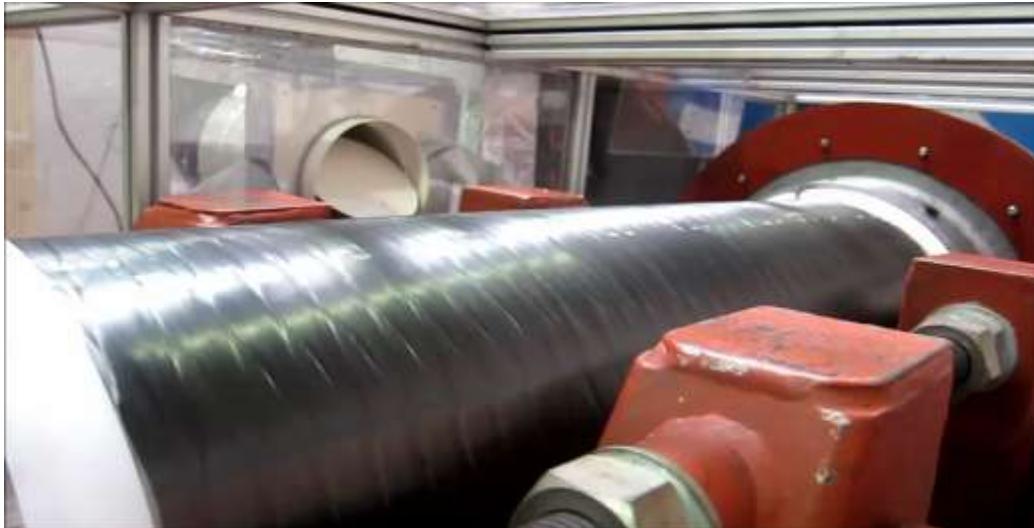


Mid-scale: Thermal Cycle test

- Thermal cycling rig (TCR test) :-
- RPSEA composite pipe End termination exposed to 50 thermal cycling load cases (-10°C to + 120°C).
- As shown sealing surface and contact area successfully passed testing conditions (No unexpected movements). i.e. sealing performance is not effected by thermal loads or presence of bonded composite pressure armour layer.



Mid-scale: Rotating Bend Fatigue Testing



Mid-scale rotating bending fatigue.

- Low strain, high fatigue cyclic loading.
- Captures the tri-axial stress state.



Cross-section of sample after 1 million cycles in rotating bend fatigue rig.

- Both composite and interface layers were checked before and after testing.



Large-scale Dynamic Testing - Combined Loading Testing



Full-scale dynamic fatigue test rig at ETA International

- A full-scale dynamic testing rig (DTR) sample will consist of carcass, barrier, composite pressure armor, tensile armor and wear layers.
- In addition to testing tensile-fatigue-critical tensile armour layers, the effect of bending loads on the composite pressure layer can be studied.
- Additionally, the effect of the interaction between the tensile and composite pressure armor will be captured.
- Changes in friction factor and its effect will be studied.

Inside diameter	254.00 mm
Max tension	500 kN
Storage bend radius	3.9m
Operating bend radius	3.9m
Weight empty in air	77.16 kg/m
S/W filled in air	133.34 kg/m

Full-scale pipe and test parameters

Samples has finished 1 million cycle load cases.

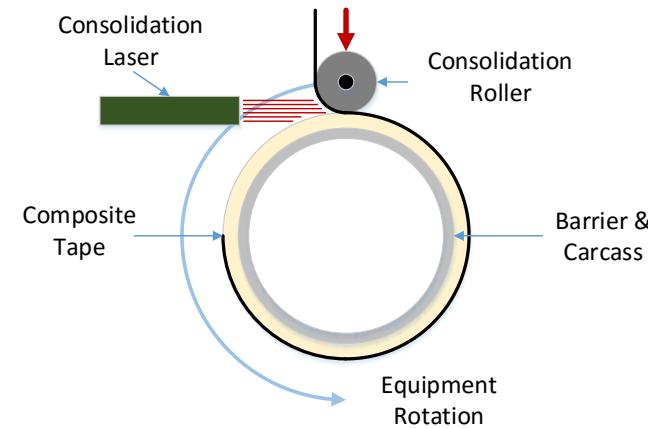
Dissection to be performed to assess performance of composite pressure armour layer after 1 million bending cycles, representing a 25 yrs. service life.



Manufacturing Readiness & Timeline

Module 1 Composite Pressure Armour Production Line

The bonded composite manufacturing line will be a modular system consisting of several identical Automated Fibre Placement (AFP) heads on a rotating platform. This equipment will be used to 'layer' and weld carbon composite tapes to form a variable thickness composite pressure armour. Module 1 is the first of these AFP machines and due to the modular nature of the final production machinery, can and will be used to produce a qualification product that is identical to that which will be produced on the final production line.



Pipe / Technology Qualification

- Manufacturing qualification samples on the production line equipment is a key requirement of the industry regulations for flexible pipe
- Equipment is required to complete the final elements of the technology & product qualification.

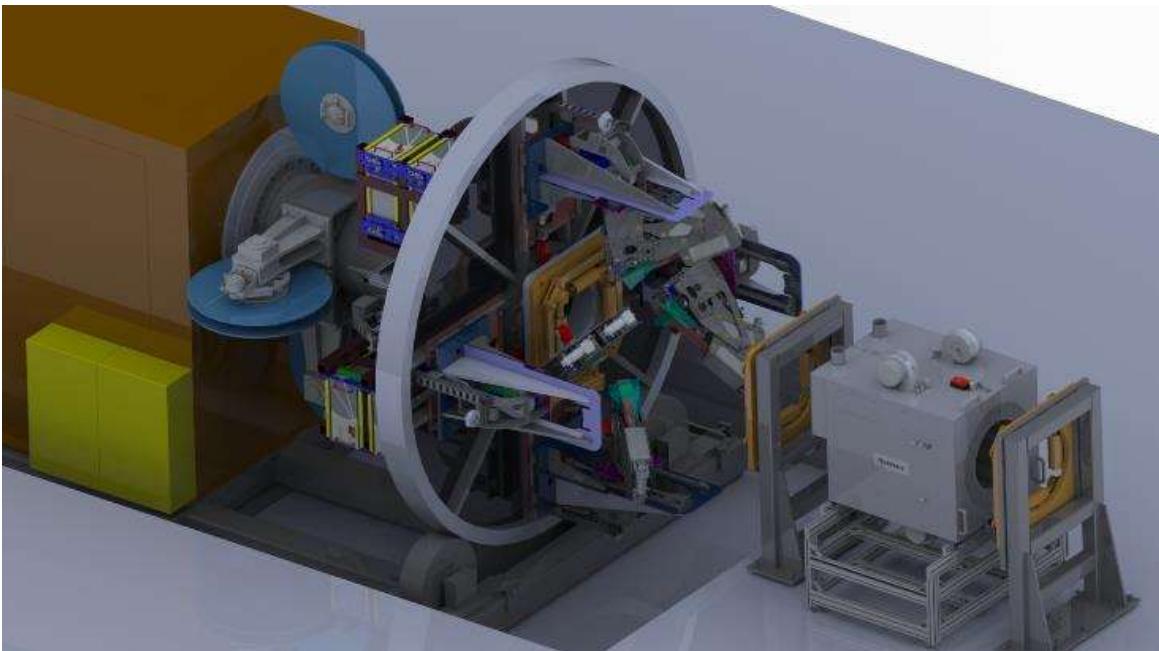
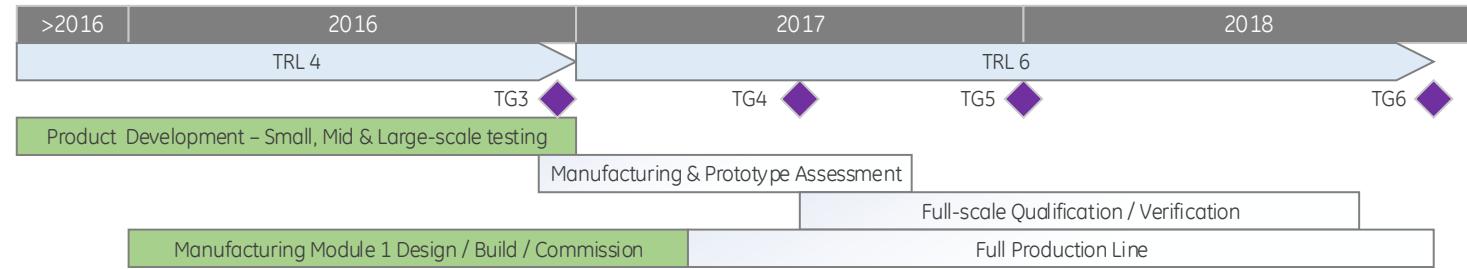
Factory Qualification

- Manufacture pipe in significant lengths to prove the stability of the manufacturing process
- Ensure that the logistical element of manufacturing this new product has been proven before the product release.

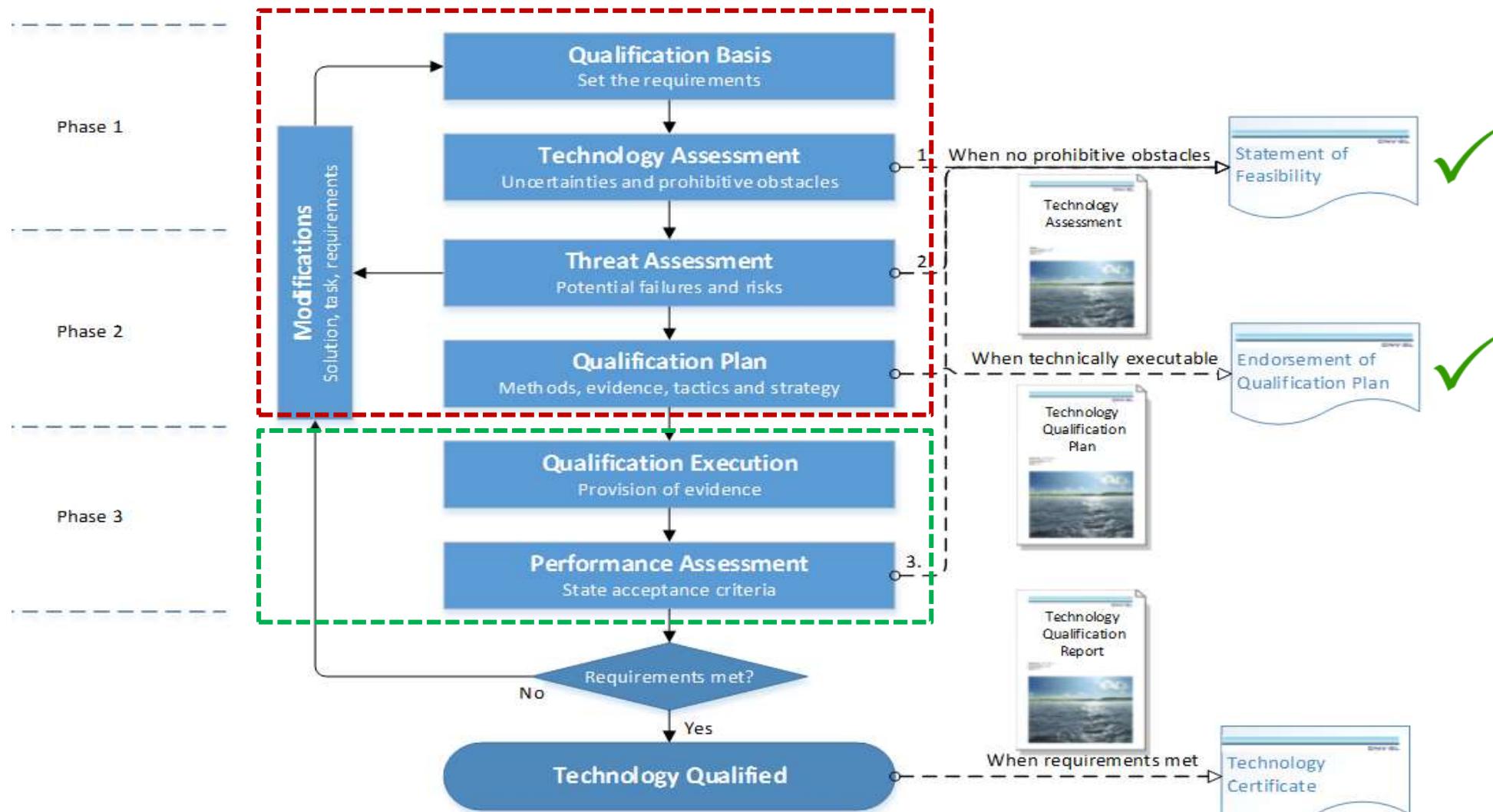


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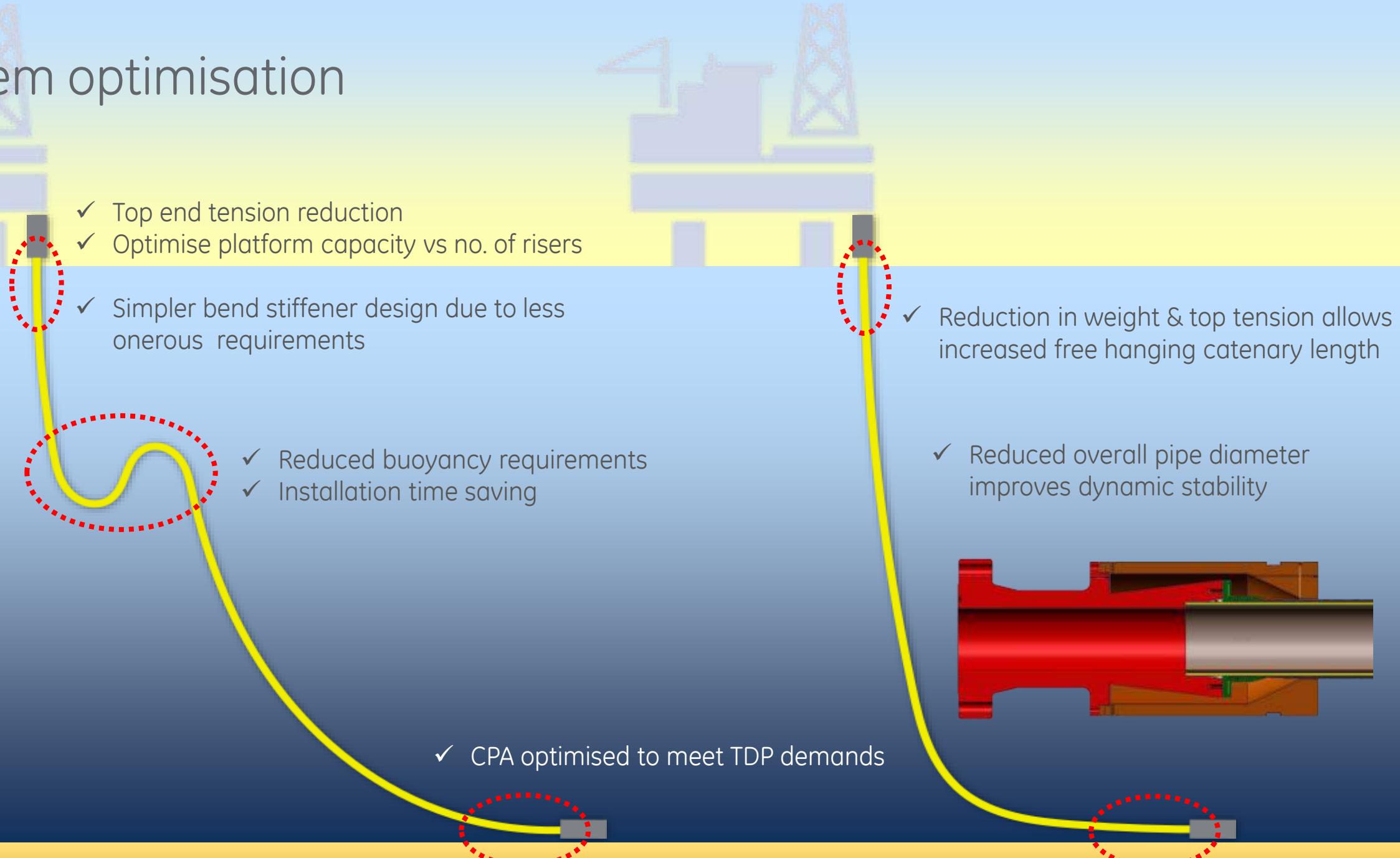
- Module 1 installed May 17
- Final Commissioning – June 2017
- Full scale qualification samples to commence manufacture by end Q3



DNV Qualification – Composite Pressure Armour



System optimisation



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30% INCREASE IN REEL
CAPACITY

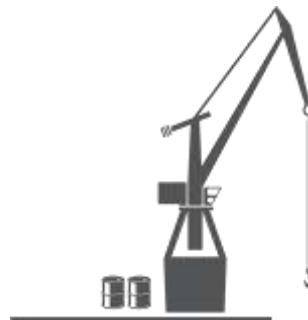
REDUCED MOBILISATION
COST & TIME

REDUCED
SHIPPING COST

REDUCED INSTALLATION
TIME & ANCILLARIES

PLATFORM
OPTIMISATION & FHC

COMPOSITE



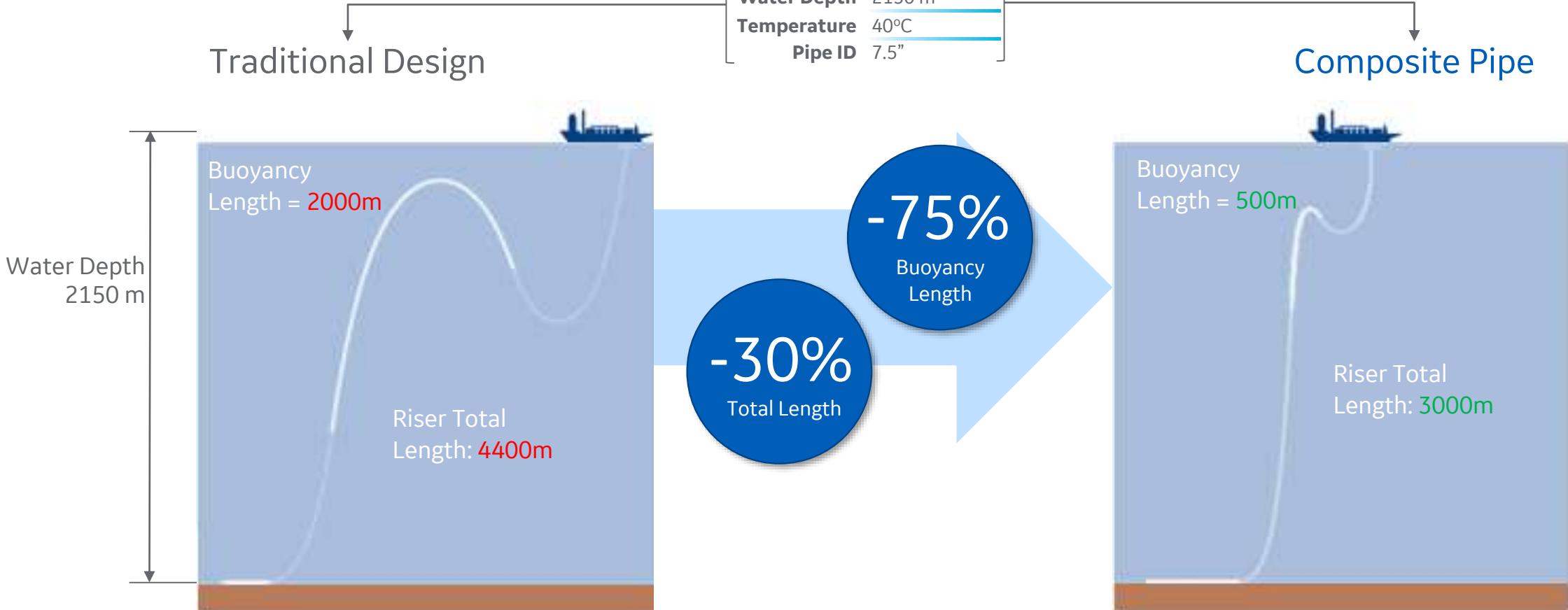
20% reduction in total installed cost

WHEN MOVING FROM LAZY WAVE CONFIGURATION TO FREE-HANGING CATENARY



Live Case Study: Customer GoM HP Water Injection Riser

Key Technical Impacts



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