

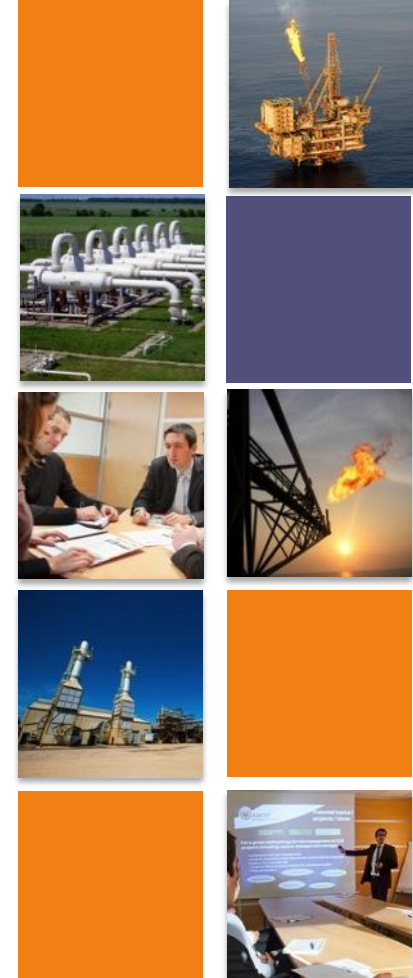
Using well information & knowledge bases to inform decision-making for well management

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- Introducing Oxand
- Asset management & data management
- Oxand's approach to well asset management
- Oxand's solution: SIMEO™ WellBase



- Independent international engineering consultancy firm specialised in asset & risk management
- Focus on life cycle optimisation of high risk capital intensive assets
- UK business is centred on Oil & Gas and Nuclear Energy

- > **£ 1000bn** OF CAPEX CAPITALISED IN *SIMEO™*
- > **150** PERMANENT CONSULTANTS
- > **£ 12m** REVENUE

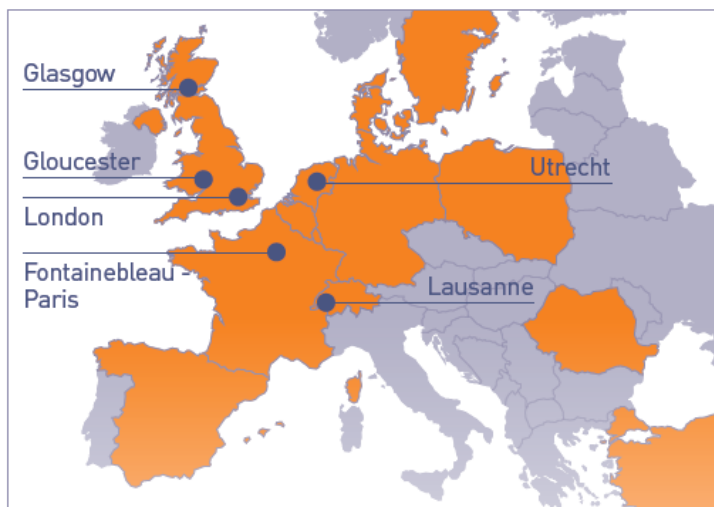
ENERGY (Oil & Gas, Nuclear, Hydro...)



TRANSPORT (Roads, Railways, Ports...)



OVER 800 PROJECTS
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD,
IN THE MAJOR
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OUR SECTORS

ENERGY

NUCLEAR
OIL & GAS
RENEWABLES (HYDRO & WIND)

TRANSPORT

RAILWAY
PORT / WATERWAY
AIRPORT / SPATIAL
ROAD / HIGHWAY

SPECIFIC LARGE ASSETS

DEFENCE
INDUSTRIES
PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

**Over 150 consultants specialised in
Physical Asset Performance Management**

→ Important:

- Asset management ≠ Data management
- Asset management ≠ “looking after your assets”

Asset management = creating value from your assets

→ Data management should support asset management by informing decision-making. For example:

- Repair/replace?
- Expand/consolidate?
- Invest now/later?

→ Data collection needs to be targeted and data must be transformed into information, i.e.; analysed

Data

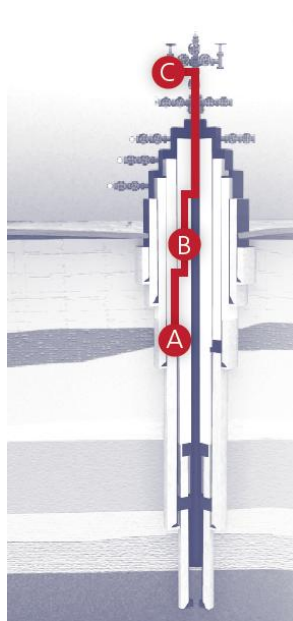
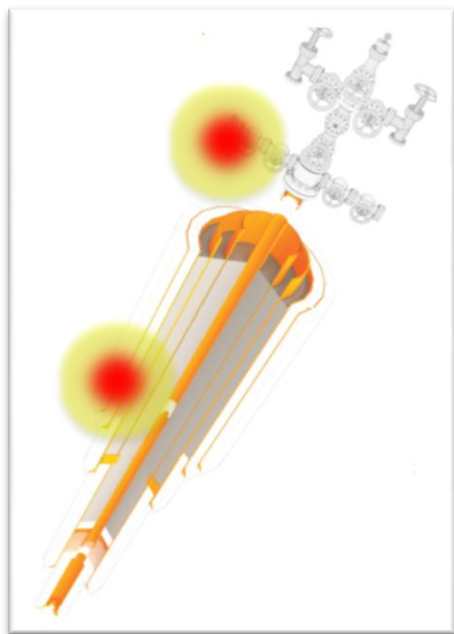
- Definition
- Collection
- Treatment

Information

- Analysis
- Assessment
- Interpretation

Decision

- Problem
- Solution
- Action

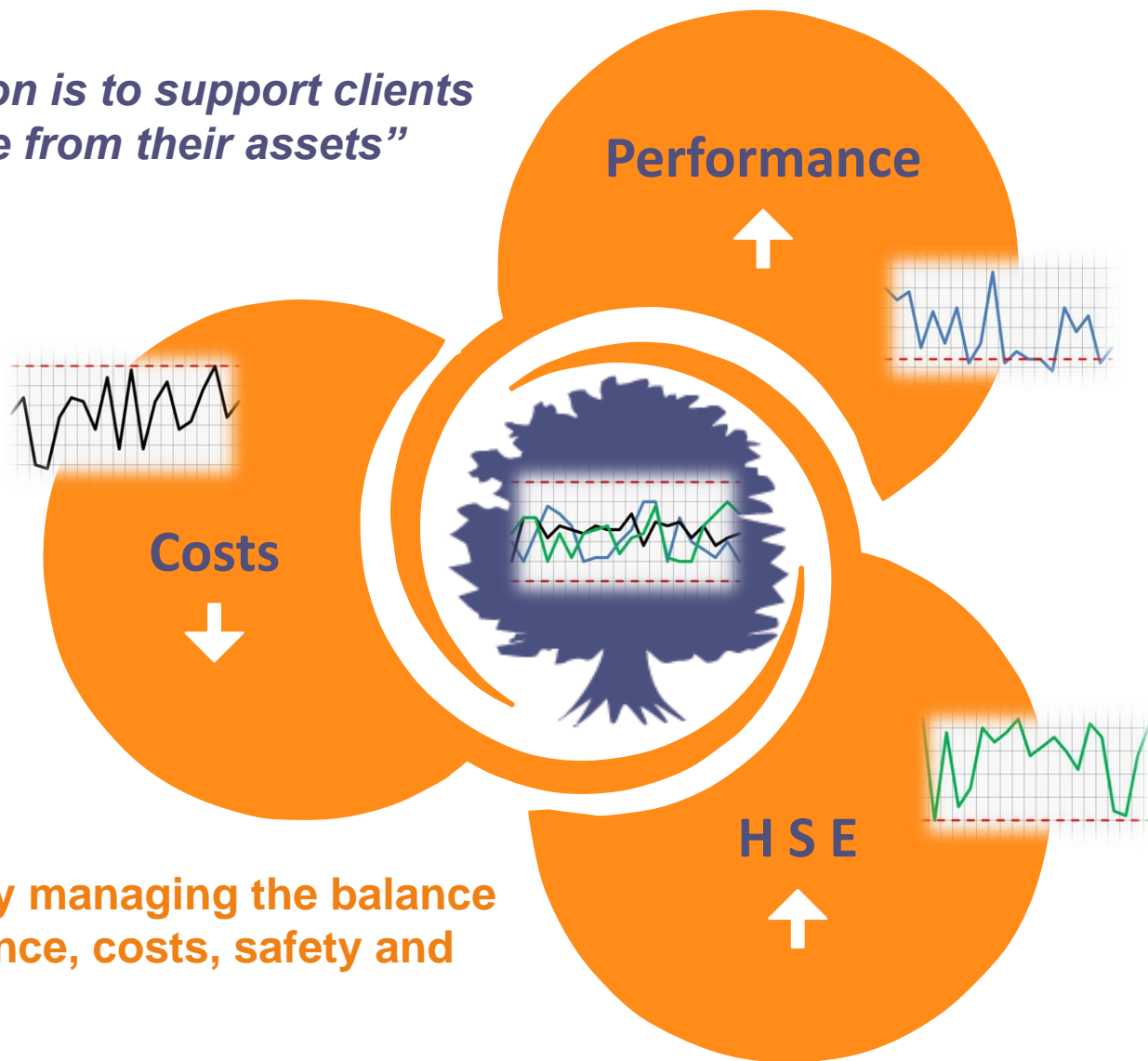


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4					
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	A	B	C	D	E

Well Failure Criticality						
	Platform Wells			Subsea Wells		
	Platform Well Type 1	Platform Well Type 2	Platform Well Type 3	Subsea Well Type 1	Subsea Well Type 2	Subsea Well Type 3
Single Surface Failure 1	3	2	4	1	1	1
Single Surface Failure 2	3	6	3	3	6	6
Single Surface Failure 3	2	2	2	2	2	2
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Sub-Surface Failure 1	4	6	4	4	4	2
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Sub-Surface Failure 3	4	4	6	4	3	3

- What is the optimum well design?
- How urgently should we repair?
- How often should we inspect?
- How to safely extend operational life?
- What is best abandonment plan?

“Oxand’s mission is to support clients in creating value from their assets”



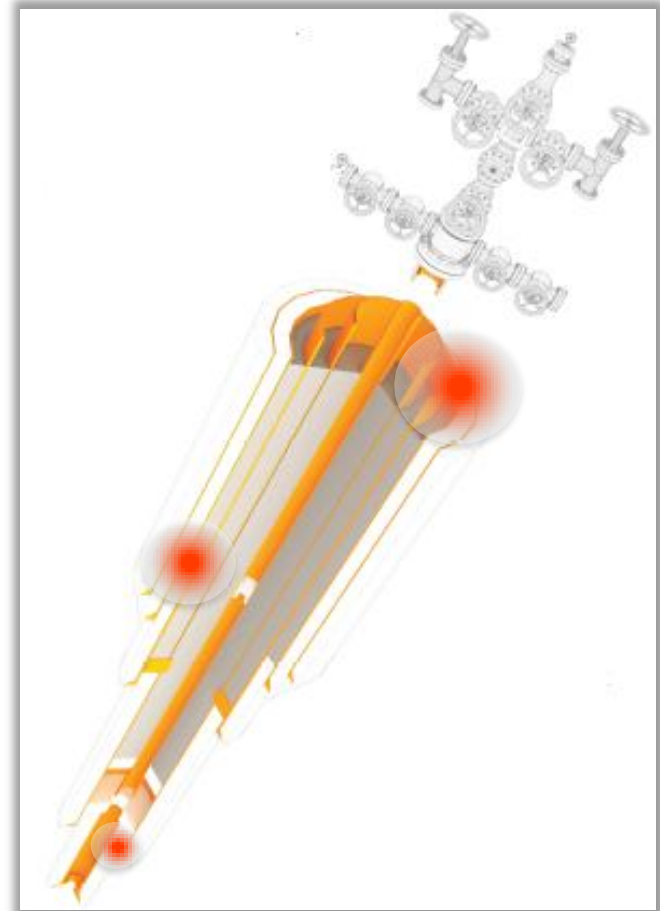
This is achieved by managing the balance between performance, costs, safety and the environment

Link operational data with systemic risk based approaches to reinforce both curative and preventive decision-making

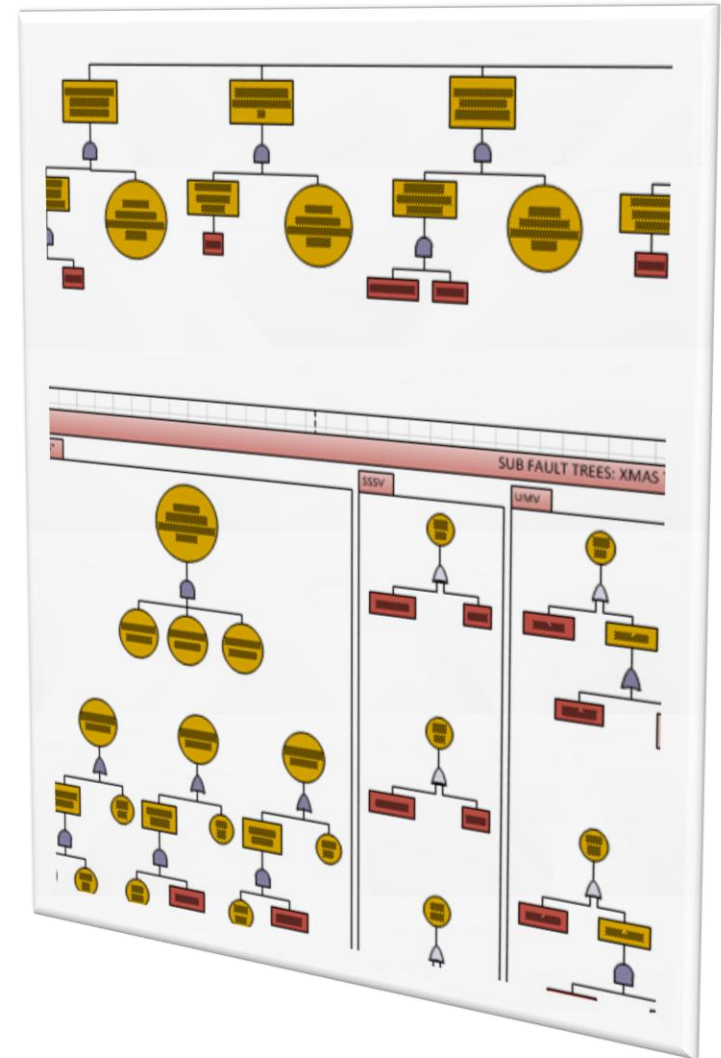
Increase industry partnerships and collaboration to share knowledge and experience on well-related risks

Develop risk management culture, tools and processes devoted to wells

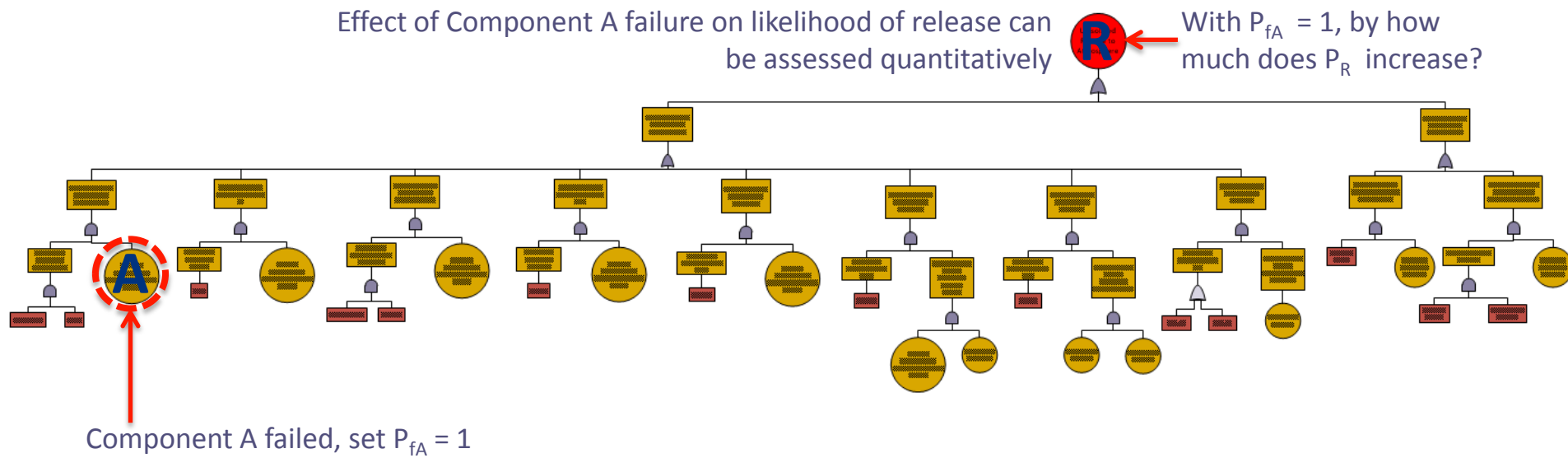
Manage knowledge and effectively transfer experience from experts to young engineers



- The main purpose of fault trees is to identify the sequences of events which could lead to a “major” or “system” failure (such as “release to atmosphere”)
- Fault trees also enable the estimation of the likelihood of the sequences of events identified using either qualitative or quantitative methods
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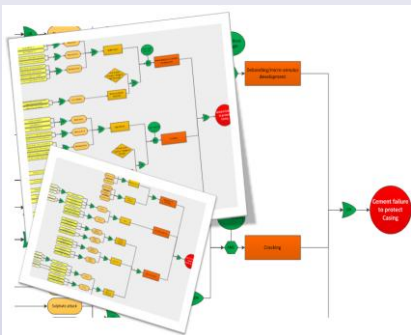


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- If we know that component A (*circled*) has failed, set $P_{fA} = 1$, and calculate the effect on the probability of overall system failure (e.g.: release, P_R)
 - By comparing the relative increases in probabilities of system failure due to individual component failure we can arrive at a ranking of component criticality



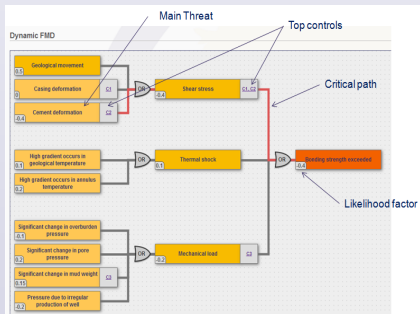
ANALYSIS METHODS

What can go wrong?



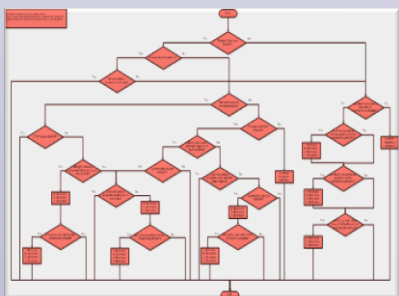
Library of failure scenarios

How likely and/or serious are these failures?



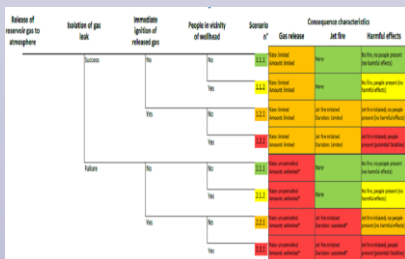
Fault Tree analysis

What is the potential impact?



Severity potential assessment

How could things escalate?

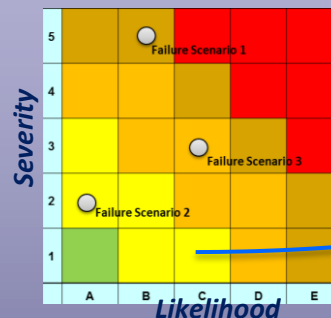


Event tree analysis

DECISION-SUPPORT METHODS

How should we manage the risks?

What is the risk picture?



Risk Assessment of the failure scenario

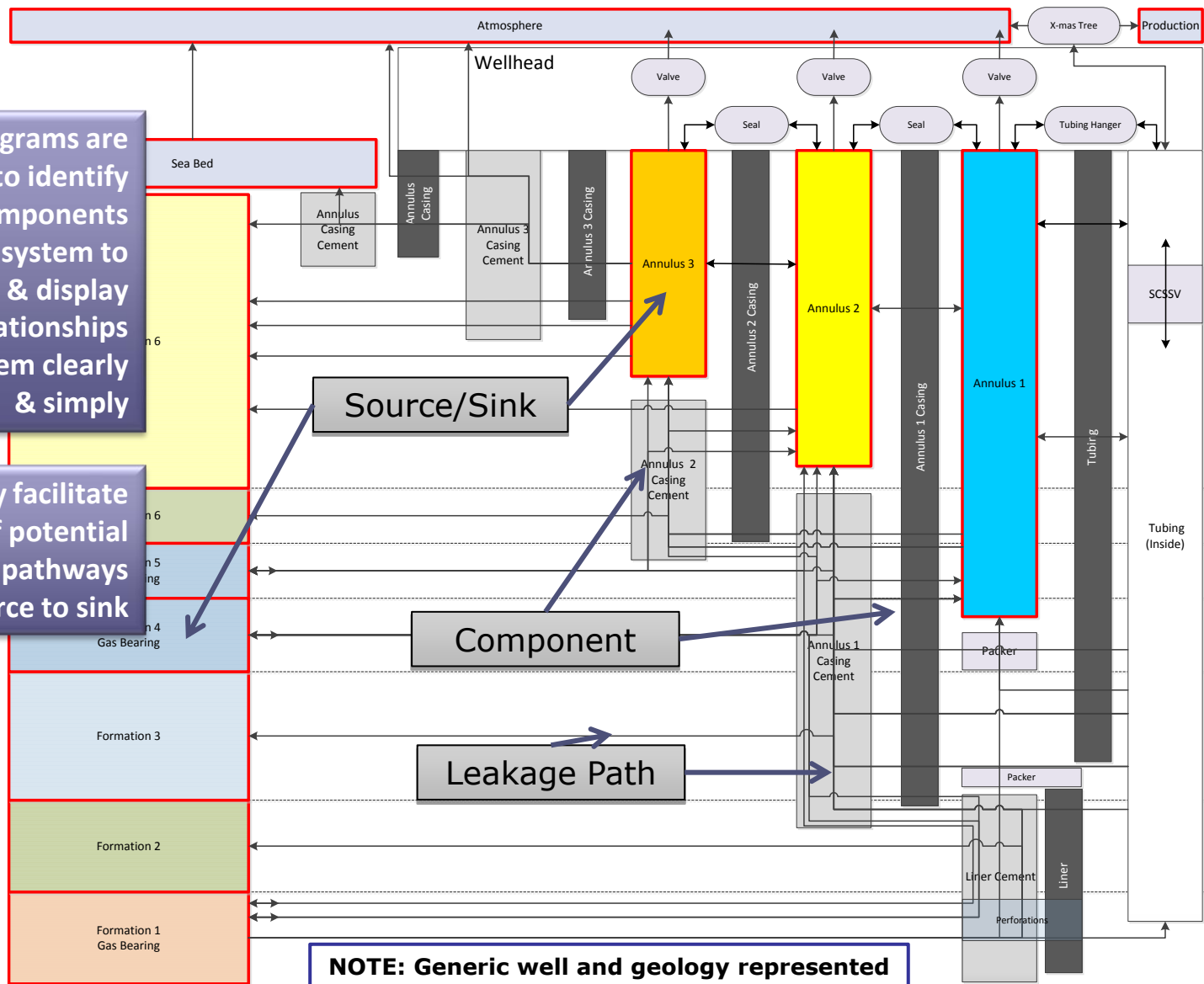
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Criticality		Required Action					
1		Address issue in the long term					
2		Address issue in the medium term					
3		Address issue in the short term					
4		Risk Assess issue					
5		Make well safe immediately					

Well failure criticality matrix

A failure scenario is a specific failure* on a specific well
* or combination of failures

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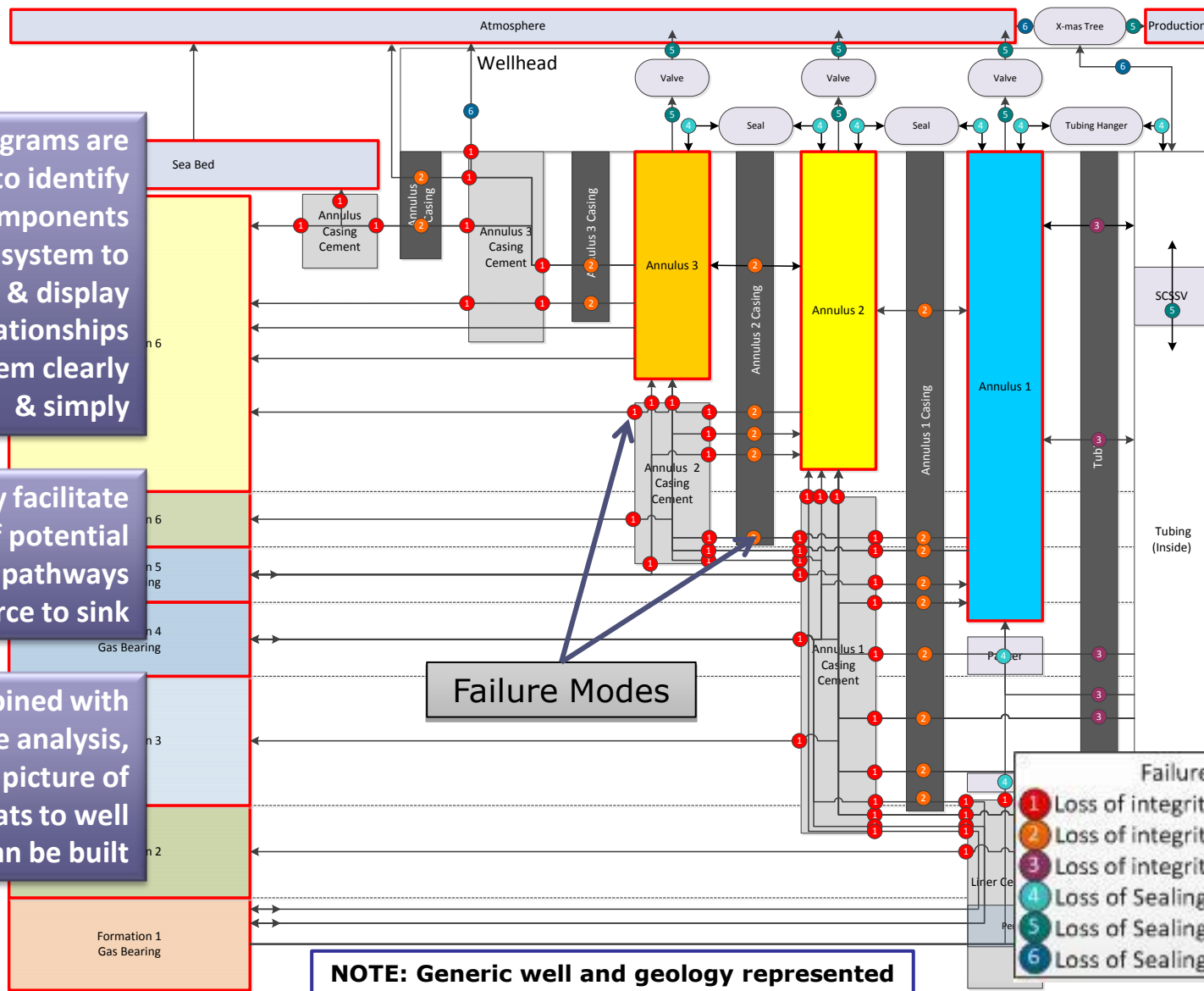


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Combined with failure mode analysis, an overall picture of threats to well integrity can be built



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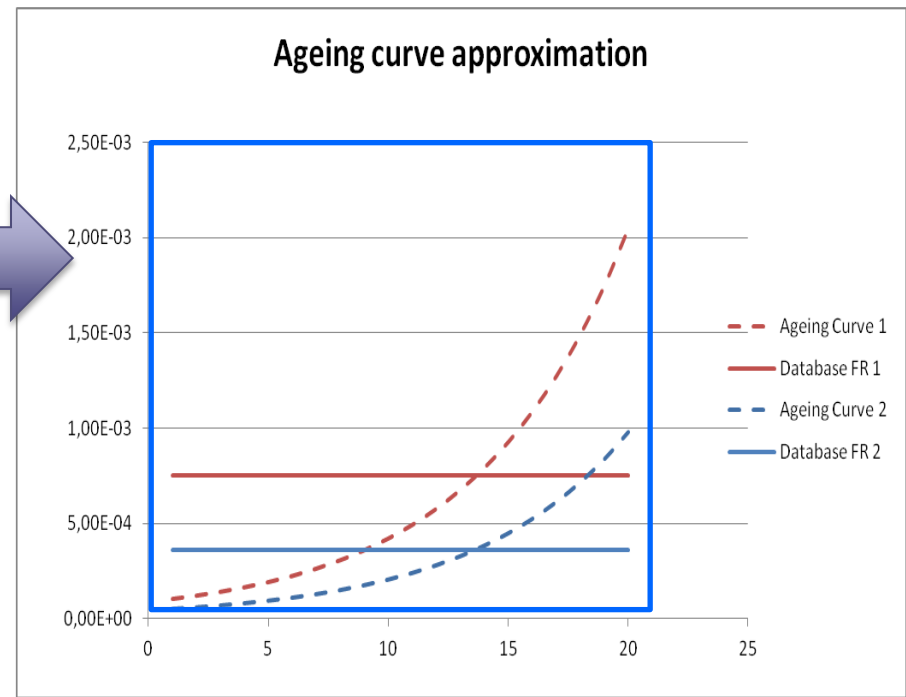
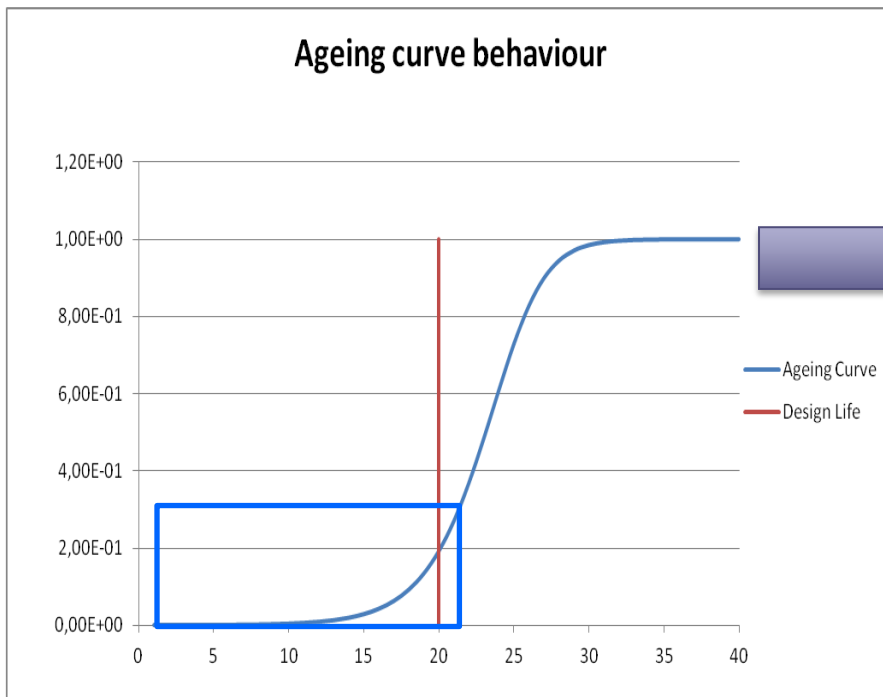
→ The point of release of a potential leak scenario can provide a factor to qualitatively classify the severity of impact of that scenario

→ Points of release differ according to well architecture/design:

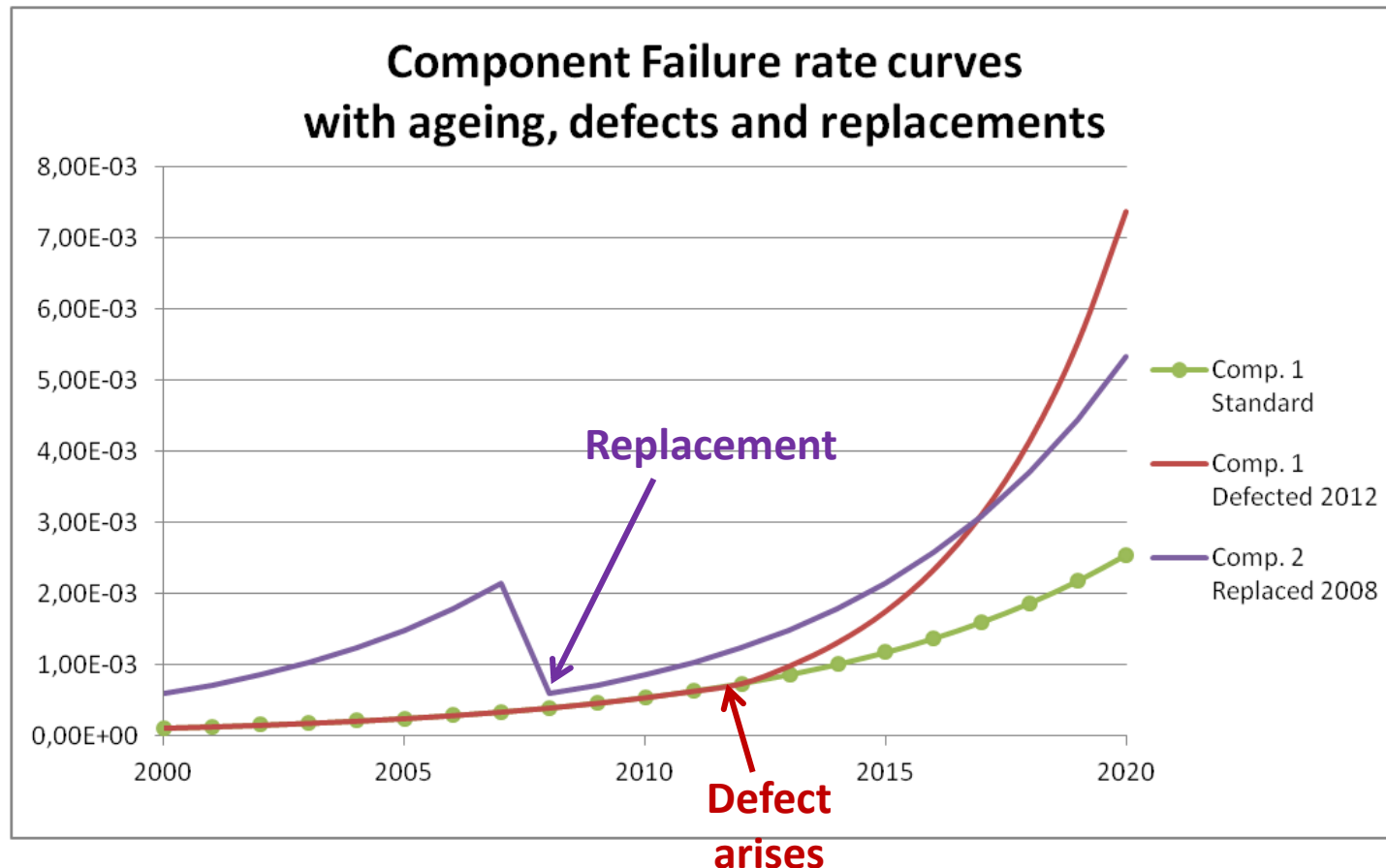
	Platform	Subsea tieback	Subsea
Platform	Platform wellhead seals Xmas tree valves/seals	Platform wellhead seals Xmas tree valves/seals	N/A
Above sea level	Conductor (above SL)	Riser (above SL)	Riser (above SL)
Below sea level	Conductor (below SL)	Riser (below SL) Mudline suspension seals	Riser (below SL) Subsea wellhead seals
Subsurface	Casings Cement sheaths	Casings Cement sheaths	Casings Cement sheaths
To production*	<i>Via PWV at platform level</i>	<i>Through subsea PWV into flowline</i>	<i>Through subsea PWV into flowline</i>

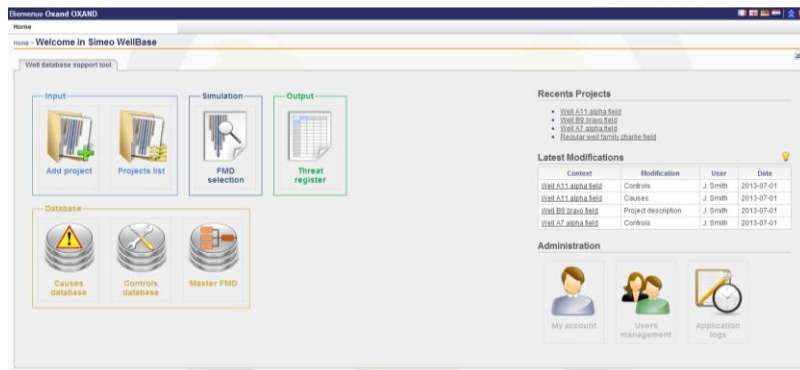
* Refers to scenarios in which isolation is not available upstream of PWV (i.e.: failure of SSSV and/or UMW and/or LMV)

- ➔ Assumed “bathtub” curve function for failure rate over component lifetime as per standard reliability engineering practice, e.g.: OREDA
 - ➔ Early life failures not considered as per e.g. OREDA
- ➔ Translate function to estimate impact of ageing on failure rate within Design Life, using industry data as a benchmark

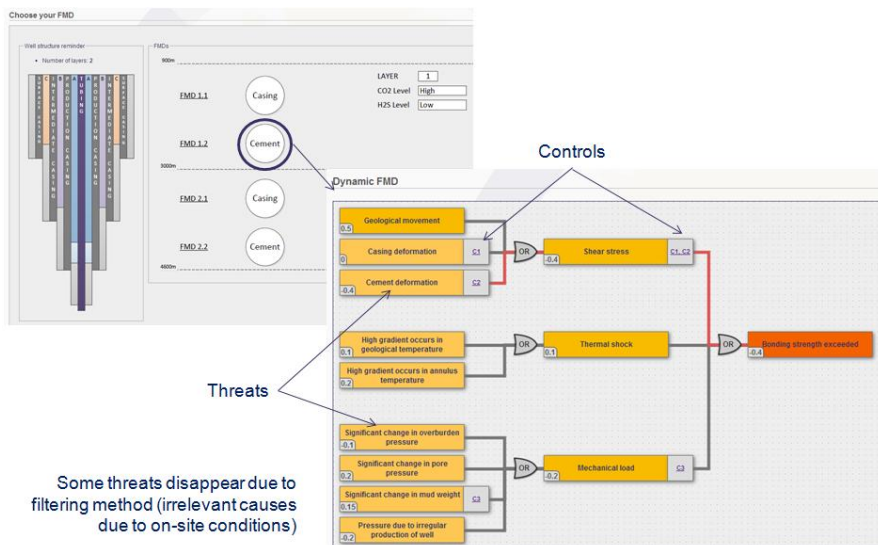


→ Apply component-specific ageing curve, defects and replacements to estimate failure rate over well-life

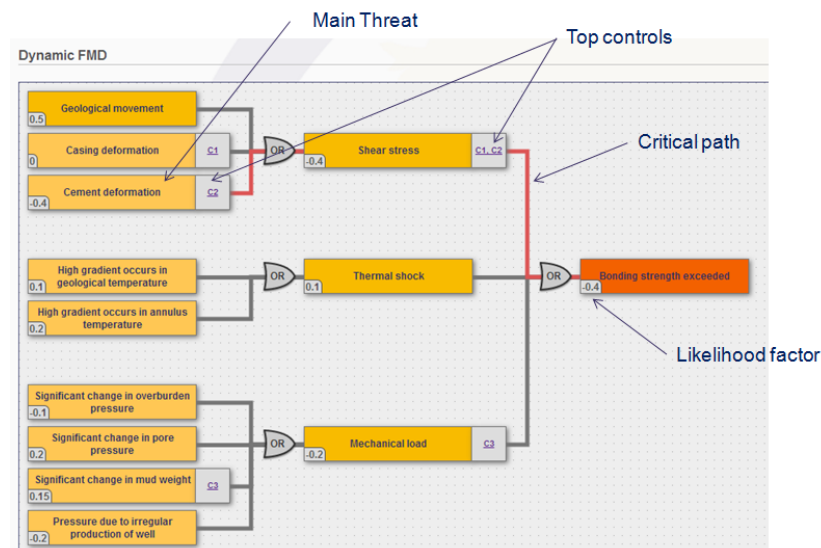




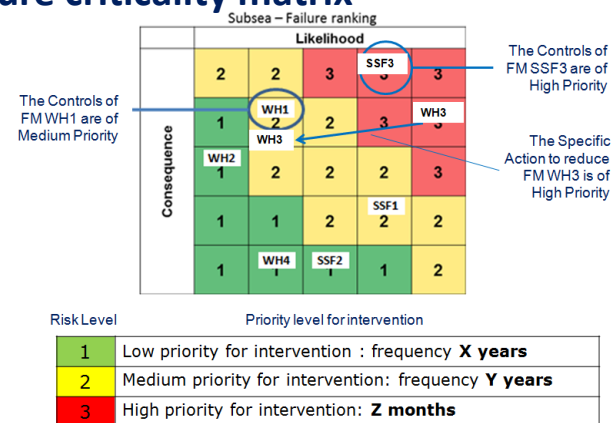
Risk Identification Generic Fault Trees Filtering method



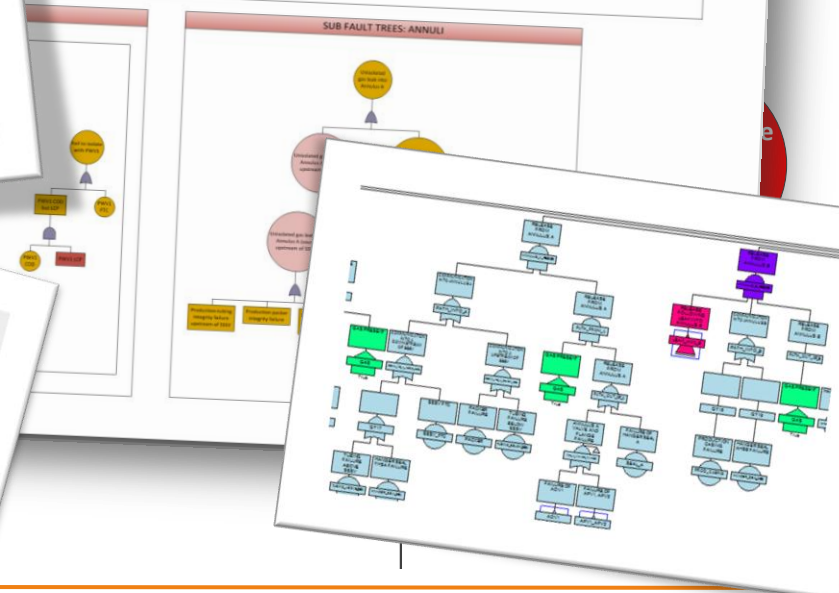
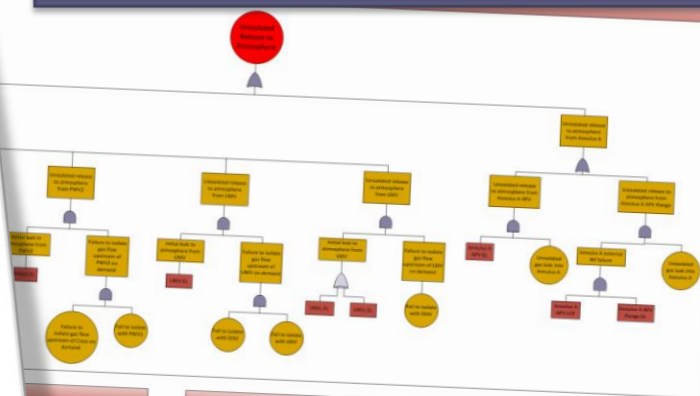
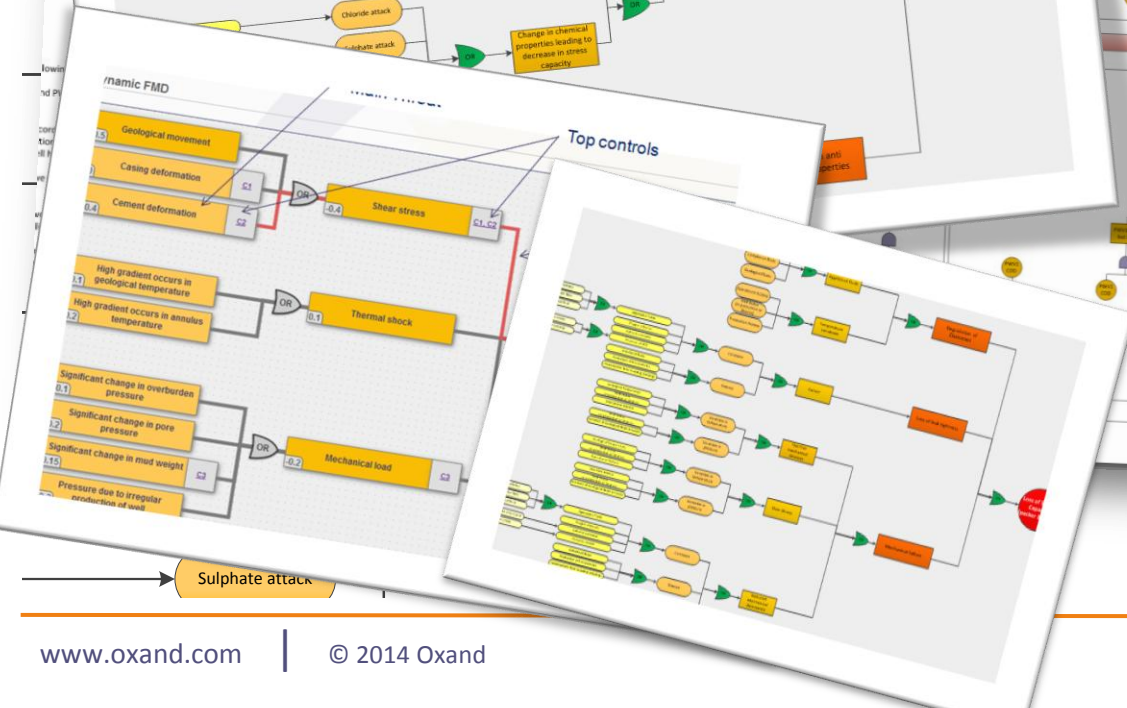
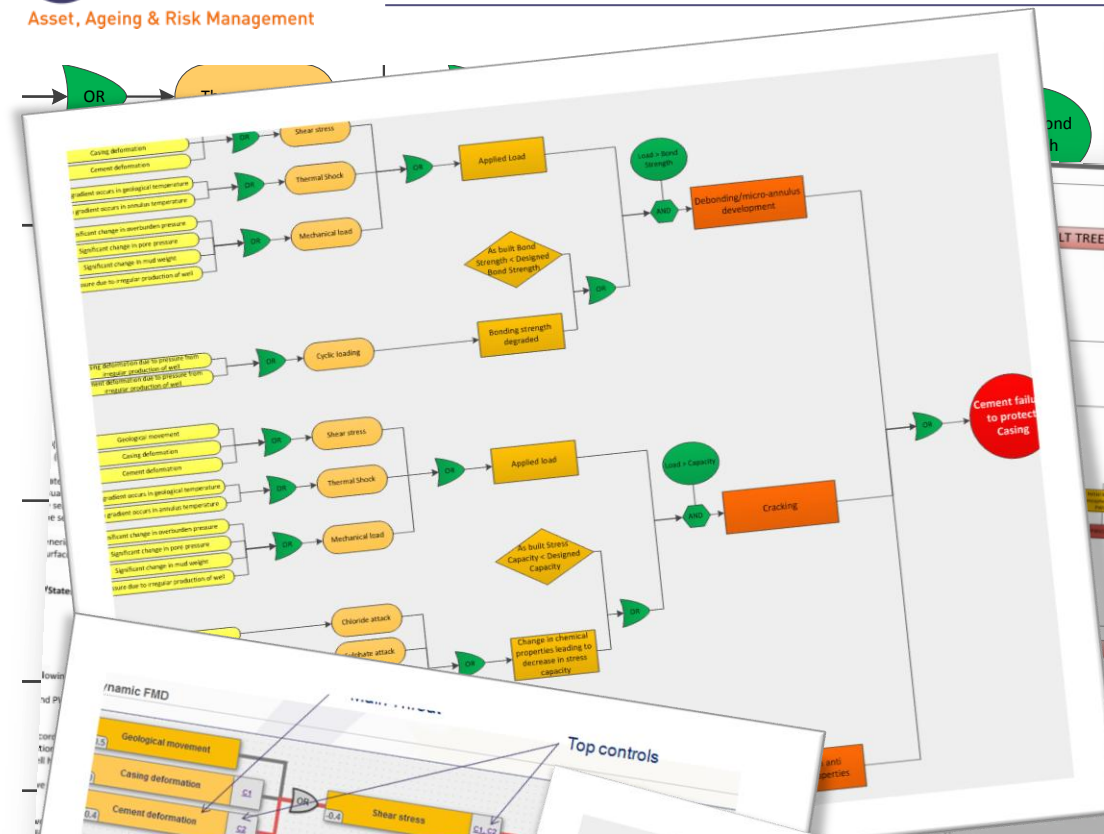
Risk Assessment / FT Assessment



Intervention Planning Well Failure criticality matrix



WellBase's Knowledge Base:
A comprehensive library of fault trees for well failure to be customized for specific well designs, environments, operations...





→ Well data & knowledge enables an extensive register of well failures and risks to be “filtered” to identify relevant risks

Input data (examples)

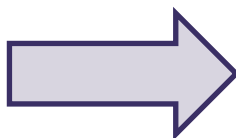
Well type/function

Well design/architecture

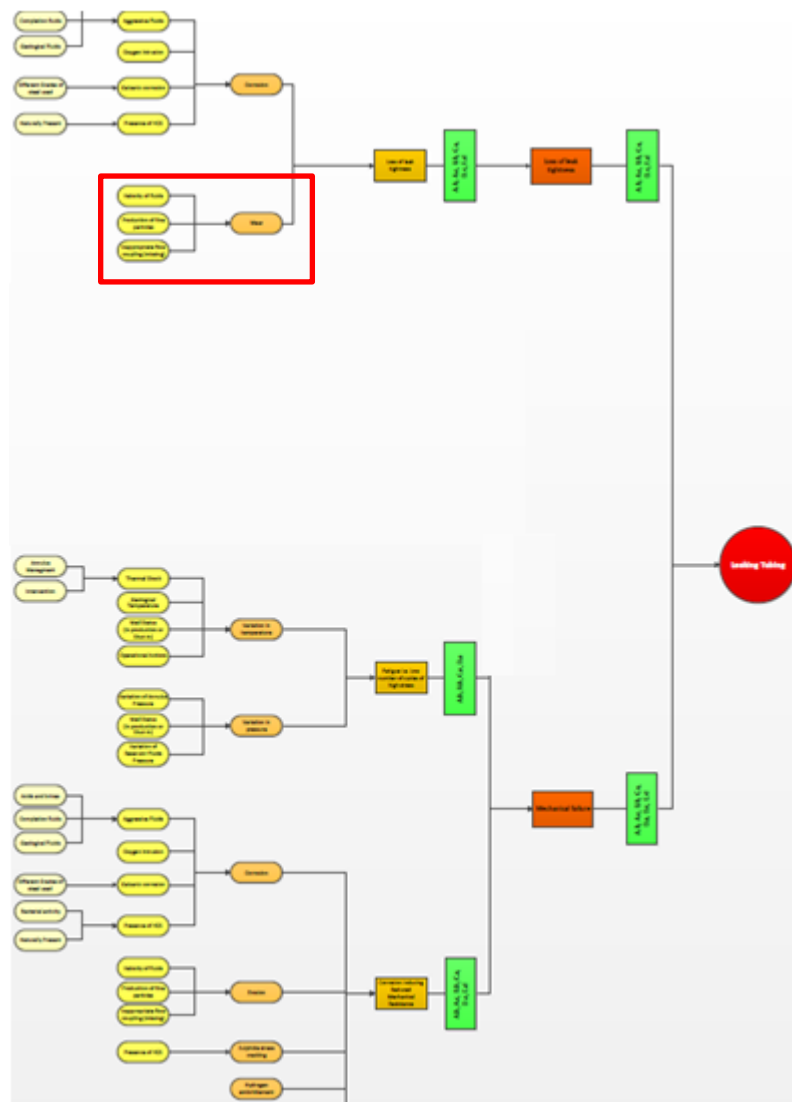
Well age/history

Geological conditions

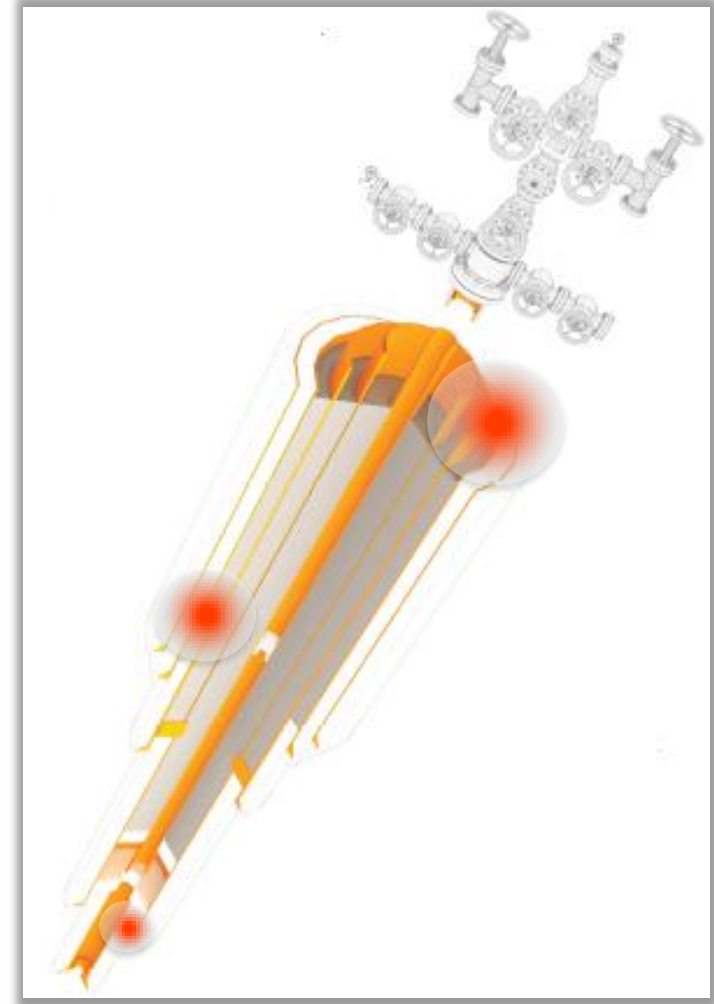
Environmental conditions



→ A “risk picture” can thus be built up for more specific cases, such as fields or individual wells



- **Collaborative Fault and event trees data bases are cost-effective to :**
 - Create robust bridges between data and decisions
 - Train younger generations
 - Support operation integrity and risk workshops
 - Make objective well risk assessments increasing exhaustivity of analysis



Simeo™ WellBase

**Value-Creating
Decision Support**

... to optimize
your well
value ...

Transform
well data into
knowledge ...

Wells =
Assets

... and
maximise
whole asset
performance

**Performance &
Reporting**

**Knowledge &
Data Base**

More skills ⇒ More opportunities ⇒ More value

A risk-informed approach provides benefits for decision-making at all stages of the well lifecycle...



DESIGN

Determining optimum well design, component specs...

OPERATIONS

Asset management to create value from wells, optimising maintenance strategies...

ABANDONMENT

Planning P&A to ensure safety, minimise disruption to production...

... when deployed as part of a successful overall asset management process

Thank you.

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