## **SEPARATOR PROFILING**

- ✓ Identify Interfaces
- Characterize emulsions
- Detect Sand & Solids
- ✓ Full Separator Profiling

Are you struggling to maintain export oil specifications or oil-in-water quality? Is your chemical expenditure continuing to rise? Do you have shut-in production that you cannot handle?

The separation system is designed to remove the unwanted water and solids (waste streams) from the oil and gas revenue streams. Typically, the incoming fluids and solids are produced from either several wells or fields and the processing equipment is designed to achieve the required specifications.

As the production matures, in order to handle the changes whilst maintaining required performance, additional chemical treatment and process modifications may be required.

For an efficient process, it is essential that we can clearly control and manage level within the vessels. The utilization of our technology provides detailed analysis of various layers within the vessels. The information can be used to asses the impact of process conditions and chemical treatment on separation. Through understanding and control of the separation process we can improve efficiency, increase throughput and reduce downtime.



## **SEPARATOR PROFILER**

### PERFORMANCE

Technology	Electrical Tomography
Level Accuracy	± 1% (application specific)
Typical Measurement Range	180-2880 mm (7-113")
Typical Total Length	200-5000 mm (8-200")
Minimum Nozzle Size ID	40mm (2")
Pressure Range	Up to 207 bar (3000 PSI)
Probe Temperature Range	Up to 175 °C (350 °F)

**Resolution** 11- 22mm (0.43- 0.87")

Customizable probes are available, please contact Rocsole.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS				
Supply Voltage	24Vdc	Output	- Modbus/TCP	
Electronics	24Vdc @ 3A		- Modbus/RTU (rs485 & rs232)	
Computer	24Vdc @ 3A		- Analog 4-20mA	

MECHANICAL CHARACTERISTICS						
	Weight	Material	Zone			
Probe	Varies	Varies	Zone 0			
Electronics Cabinet	44.9 - 76.8 Kg	Varies	Zone 1			
Computing Unit	30 Kg	Varies	Safe Zone			

ZONE 0

**ZONE 1** 

## SAFE ZONE



#### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Approvals	ATEX, IECEx, CSA (optional)	Operating Temperature Sensor	-40 +175 °C
Method of Protection	No special needs	Operating Temperature Electronics	-40 +50 °C
Installation	With online factory support	Operating Temperature Computing Unit	-40 +50 °C
Compliance	EN	System Storage Temperature	-40 +65 °C

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Spares Product Code Software Please contact Rocsole PROB-8 .. 64 Rocsole Webroc

# SEPARATOR APPLICATION

## **KEY FEATURES:**

- Full vessel profiling (gas, liquids, solids)
- Works contaminated
- Detailed analysis of emulsions

- Rapid analysis (10 cycles per second)
- No re-calibration required
- Signals are always backed up with 3D imaging

## **BENEFITS:**

- Reliable level control- prevents unplanned shutdowns
- SEE BEYOND allows operations when contaminated
- No re-calibrations required
- No radioactive sources involved and is completely safe
- Easy user-interface, integrates into existing control systems
- Detailed data analytics available
- Customized reporting available

### **CASE STUDY: INTERFACE LEVEL MONITORING IN TEST SEPARATOR WITH ROCSOLE PROFILER** © Copyright of Shell Global Solutions International B.V.

## PROBLEM/CHALLENGE

- Impact of back-produced EOR chemicals on oil-water separation could not be quantified in 2016.
- Understanding on separation impact is required for upscaling to commercial scale and to identify any bottlenecks in existing crude dehydration equipment

## APPROACH / PROCESS / TECHNOLOGY SUMMARY

A Rocsole profiler was installed in the Test Separator to monitor the fluid phases inside the vessel. The instrument measures the conductivity of the different production fluids (for details refer to SR.19.01345,

Technology Definition Sheet and Global Technology Catalogue).

Data from this instrument was analyzed together with other surveillance monitoring and lab analysis, e.g.:

- Oil quality: BS&W, viscosity and density;
- Water quality: Oil in water, surfactant, alkaline and polymer concentration;

This provided detailed insights of the oil-water separation and dispersion band height inside the Test Separator.

The only technical alternative for the Rocsole profiler would be a nucleonic profiler. A nucleonic profiler is more costly and comes with operational hassle due to its usage of radioactive elements.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT / RESULTS**

- CAPEX reduction: direct benefit of using a Rocsole profiler instead of a nucleonic profiler is XXX USD;
- Indirect benefit of no HSSE exposure to a nucleonic source;
- Heavy oil/see beyond fouling: no observable performance impact due to fouling in the presence of heavy oil at an operating temperature of 40°C. Degree of fouling to be confirmed after probe retrieval from the vessel.
- This was a first deployment in PDO (and Shell) for a Rocsole interface level profiler and showed its value for process monitoring. Rocsole is working on a plug & play sensor for future deployments and improving on







ROCSOLE is the world's leading provider of tomographic equipment for the process industries. We have invented and innovated the area of robust and reliable in-situ sensors paired with our software using electrical tomography through our own design, development and testing. We have carried out a vast number of trials and pilot project with customers. Our solutions are industrial scale with fast-acting and high-resolution technology capable of determining and monitoring deposits and emulsified liquids in real-time for critical processes.

Our solutions are used in multi-industry. Oil & Gas has challenges with emulsion layers and quick deposit buildups. The similar challenges are found not only in Pulp & Paper, Food Processing, Detergent production (FMCG), Chemical Industry but also in the Semiconductor Production Process. ROCSOLE™ is commercially active in these sectors, with the focus area being Oil & Gas.

ROCSOLE<sup>™</sup> has a broad IP portfolio with worldwide granted patents. We are backed by Shell Ventures, Repsol Energy Ventures, Equinor Energy Ventures as well as the Finnish TESI investment company.

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