



**"If only this Flange had an Isolation valve..."**

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## **“If only this Flange had an Isolation valve...”**

- 30 years experience
- Isolating the pipe/pipeline over a 8in- class 1500 flange pair. (Purpose: Valve maintenance)
- Splitting the flange pair under full pressure (150 bar)
- Remove the gasket
- Insert a blind spade
- Reverse the operation and hand over to client.
- Design Verification
- Business Drivers
- Typical Site Execution

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## More than 30 Years experience

- Special pipe clamps subsea and top side
  - ✓ Sealing and Structural
- Sealing on flange circumference
- Mechanical plugs
- Calculations – EN (PED) / ASME
- Barrier philosophy – verification steps
- Handling of mechanical loads in piping system
- Dynamic seals – Rods / Bolts
- Bolting technology



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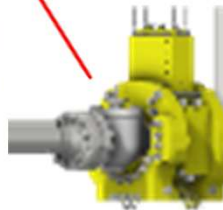




# AOGV

add on gate valve

“If only this Flange had an Isolation valve...”



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## **“If only this Flange had an Isolation valve...”**

No conventional isolation methods were feasible in this isolation case to facilitate valve repair and the alternative was shutting down a significant part of the processing capacity on an NCS offshore platform.

The AOGV was chosen as the best option and installed/operated in August/September 2018.



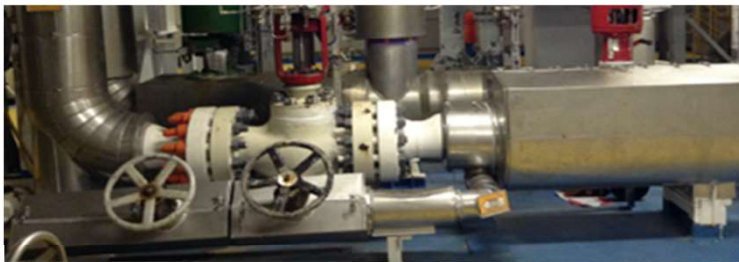
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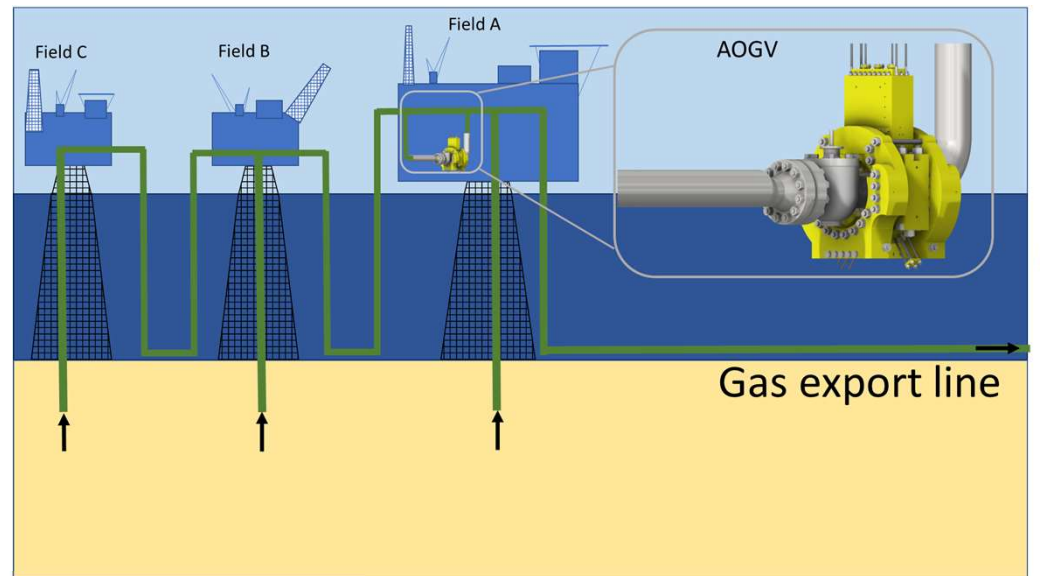


## Isolating the pipe/pipeline over a 8in- class 1500 flange pair.

- International operator, NCS
- 8" Class 1500
- 150 bar pressure
- 3 fields can remain in live production during operation
- Gas export system segregation
- AOGV replaces over 50 blinds



Valve to be isolated



Overview of process

## Splitting the flange pair under full pressure (150 bar)

- Dynamic and Static sealing arrangements
- Pressuretesting of seals
- Monitoring all cavities and between seals
- AOIC (Ad On Integrity Clamp) – to hold back the forces
- Change out bolt with mech plugs
- Splitting the flange approx. 25mm



*Leak test 165 bar*



*AOGV operation ongoing*



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## AOGV Animation

- AOGV

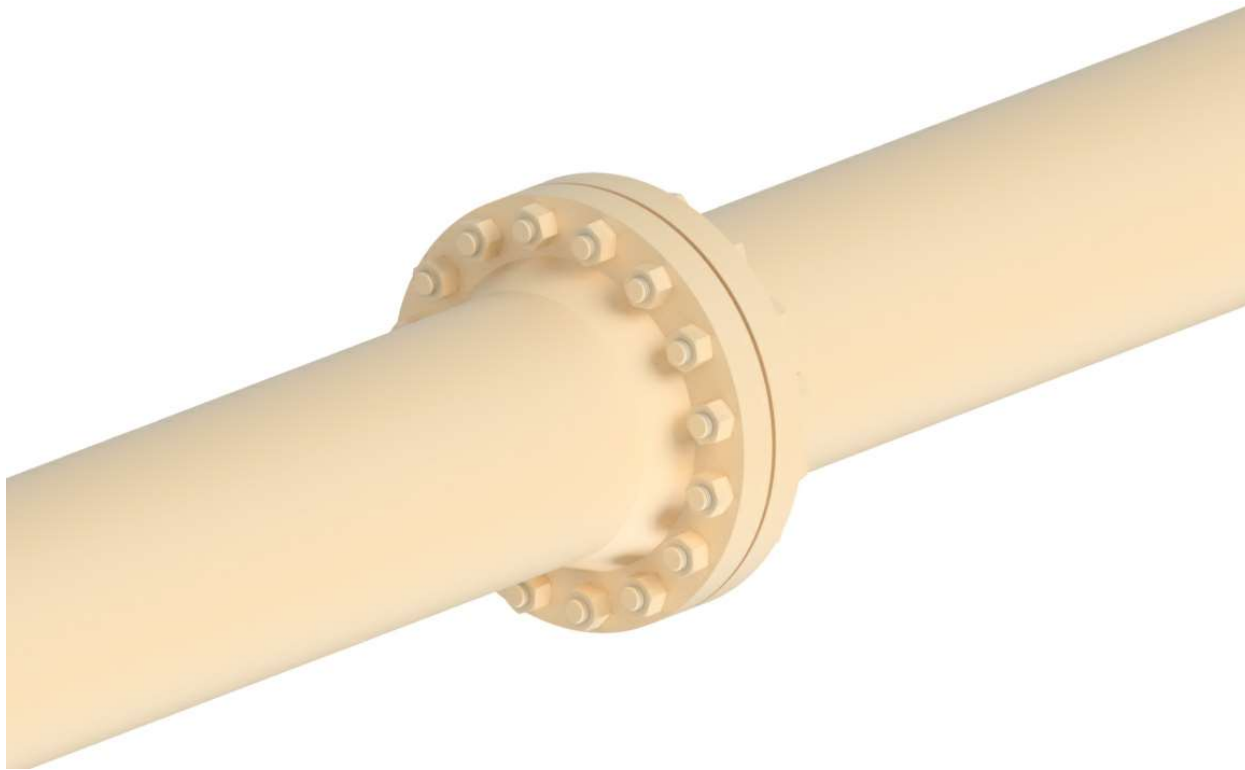
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## AOGV – Pipe



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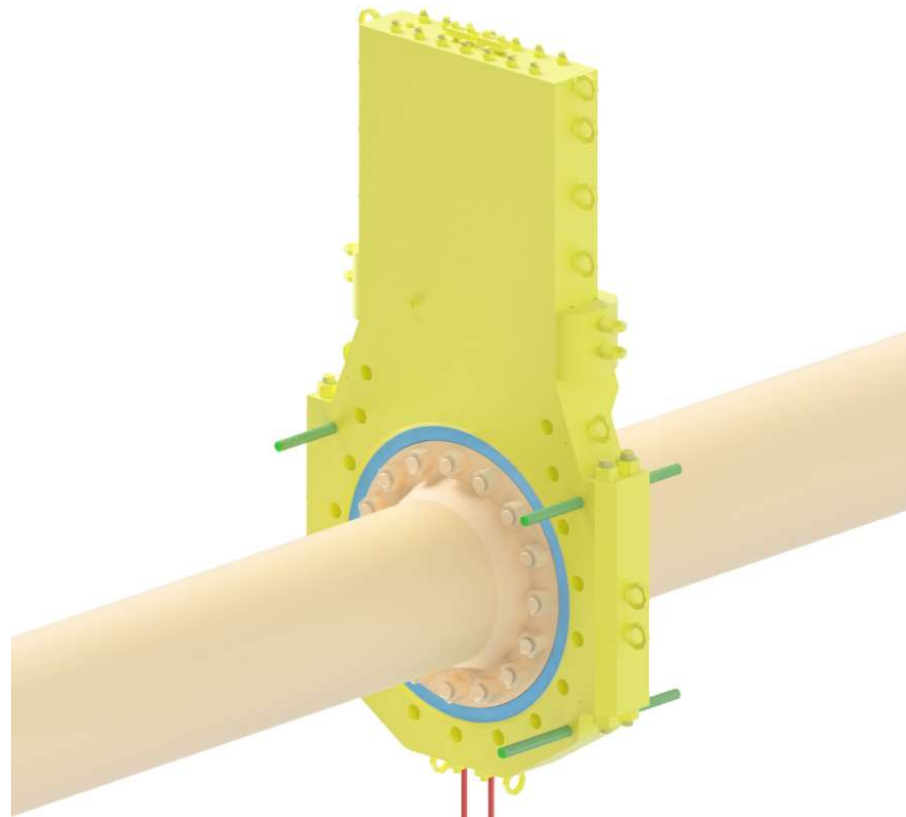
## AOGV – Dynamic seals installed



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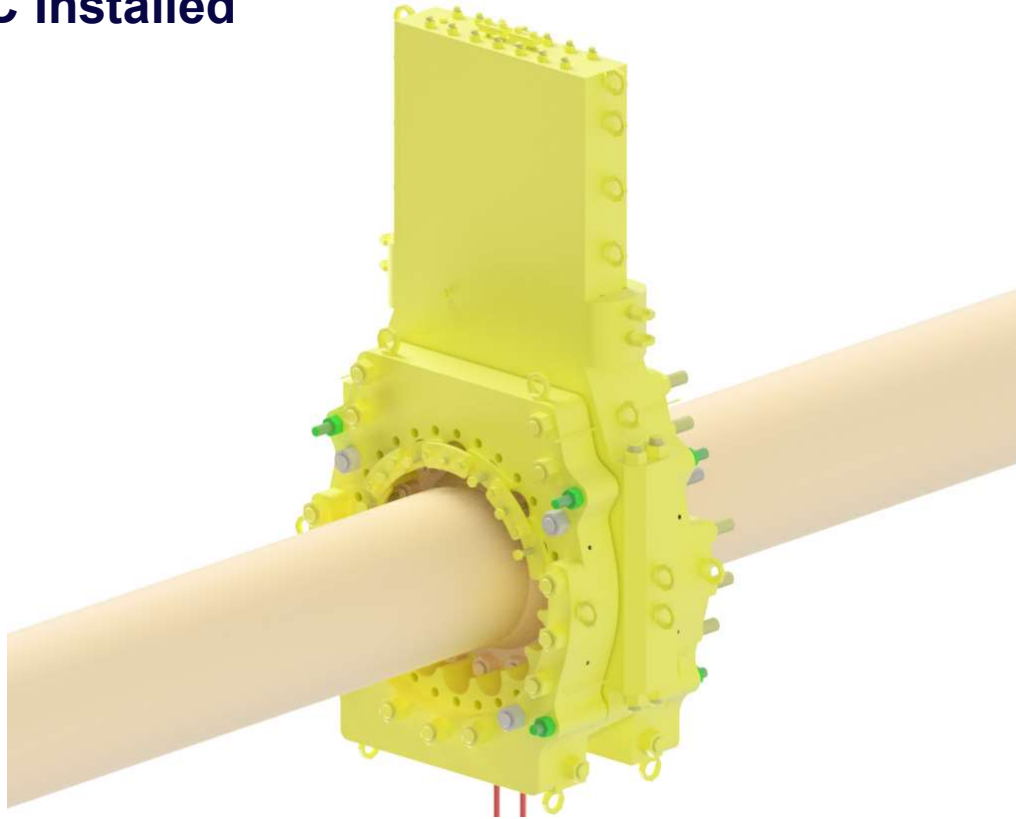
## AOGV – Top and bottom halves installed



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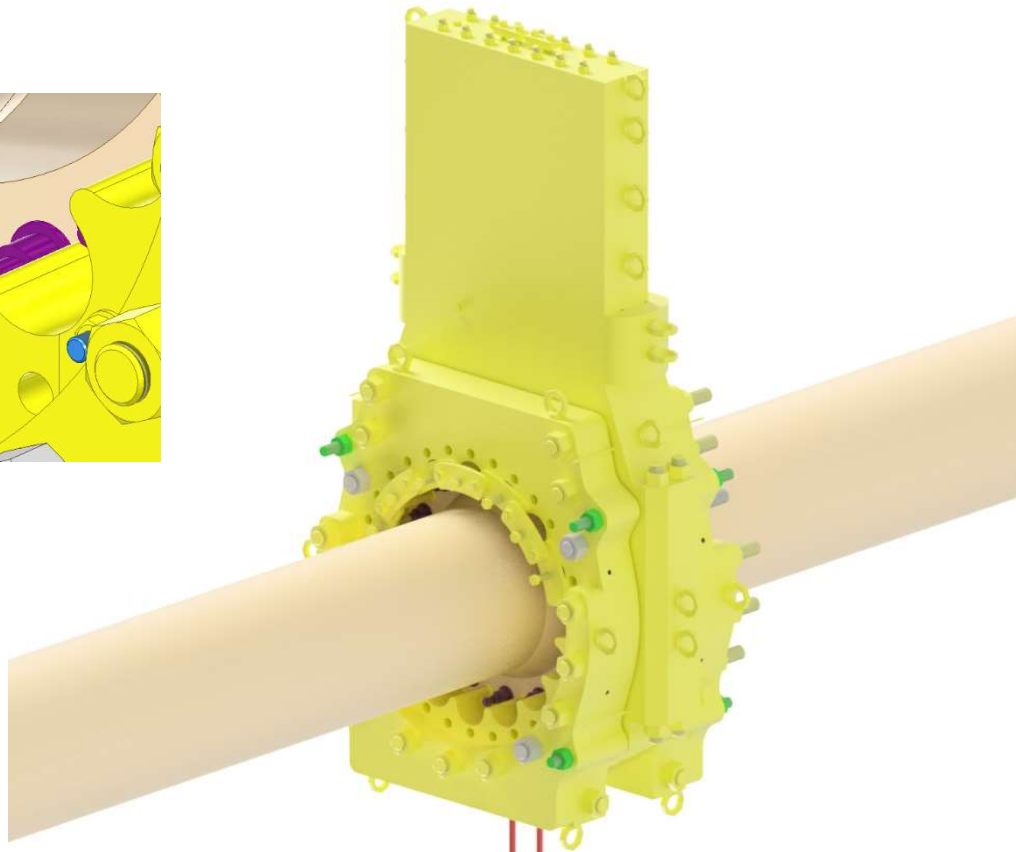
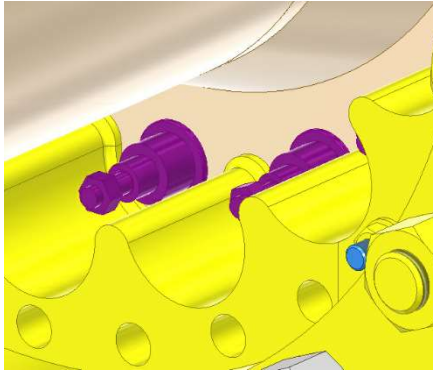
## AOGV – AOIC Installed



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## AOGV – Plugs in

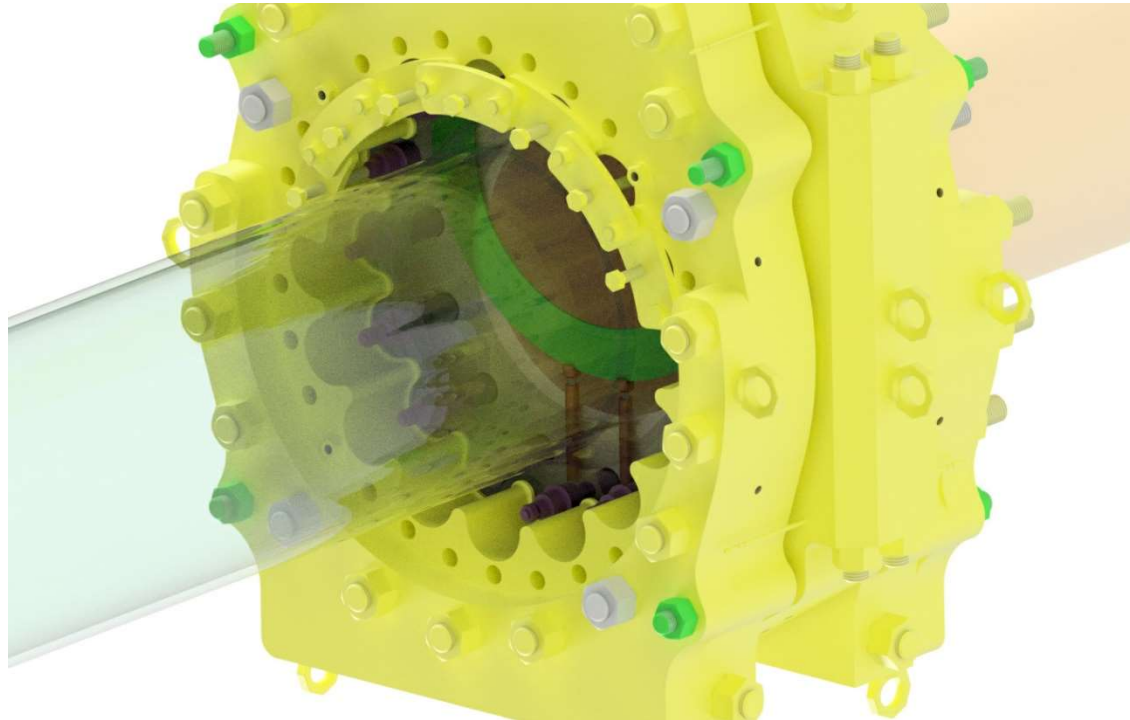


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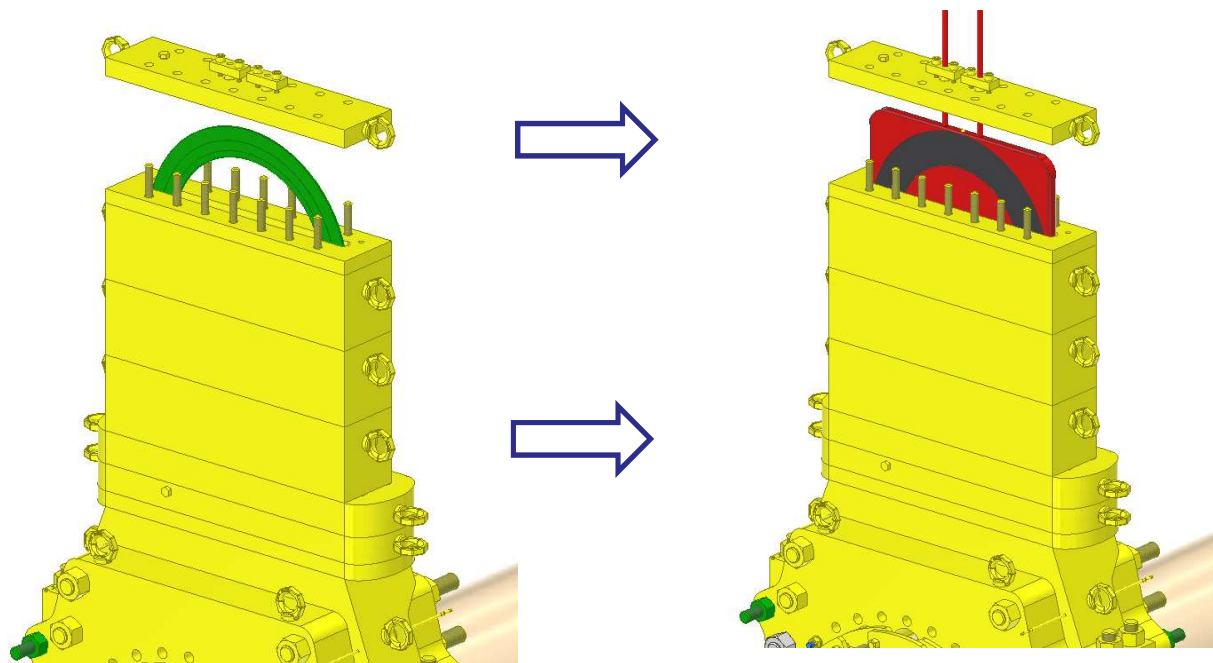
## AOGV – Flange split, gasket being pushed



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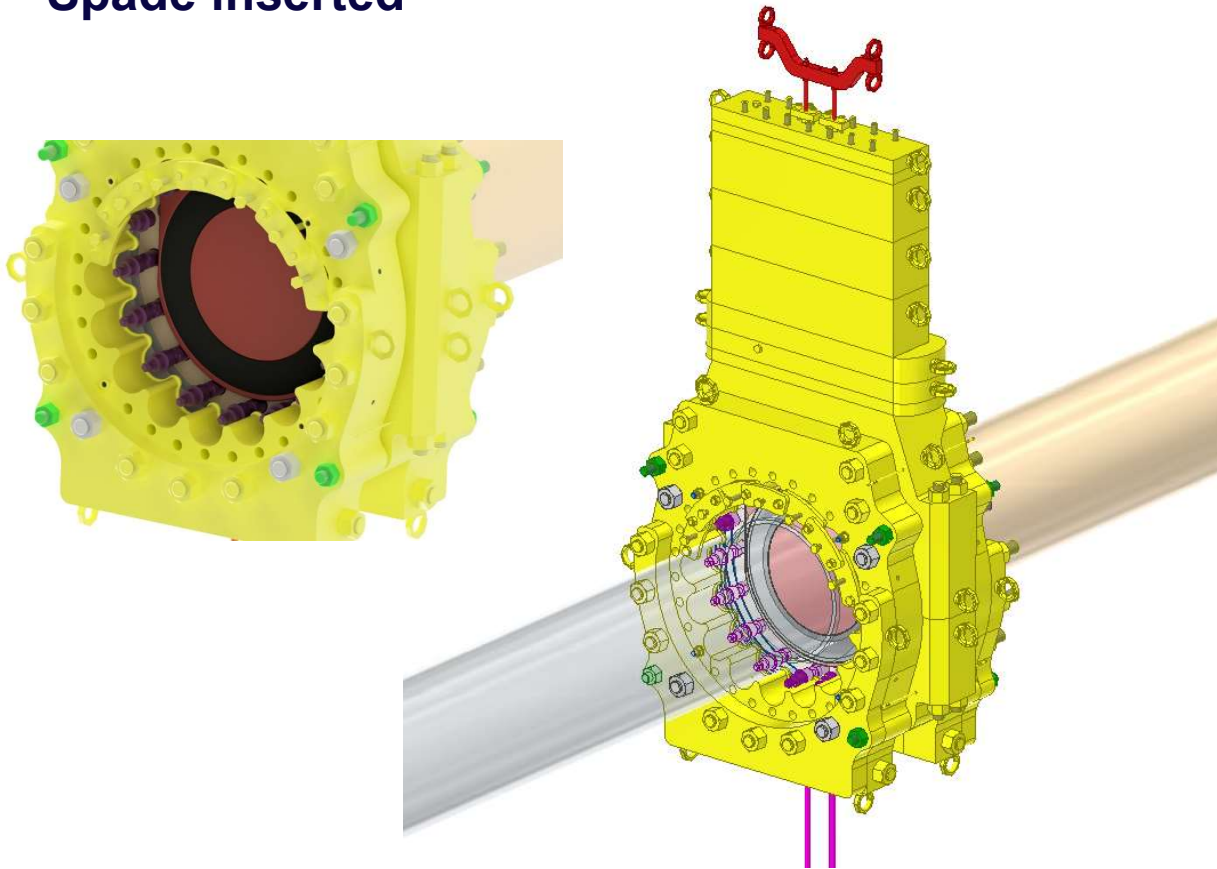
## AOGV – Lid opened to remove gasket and install spade



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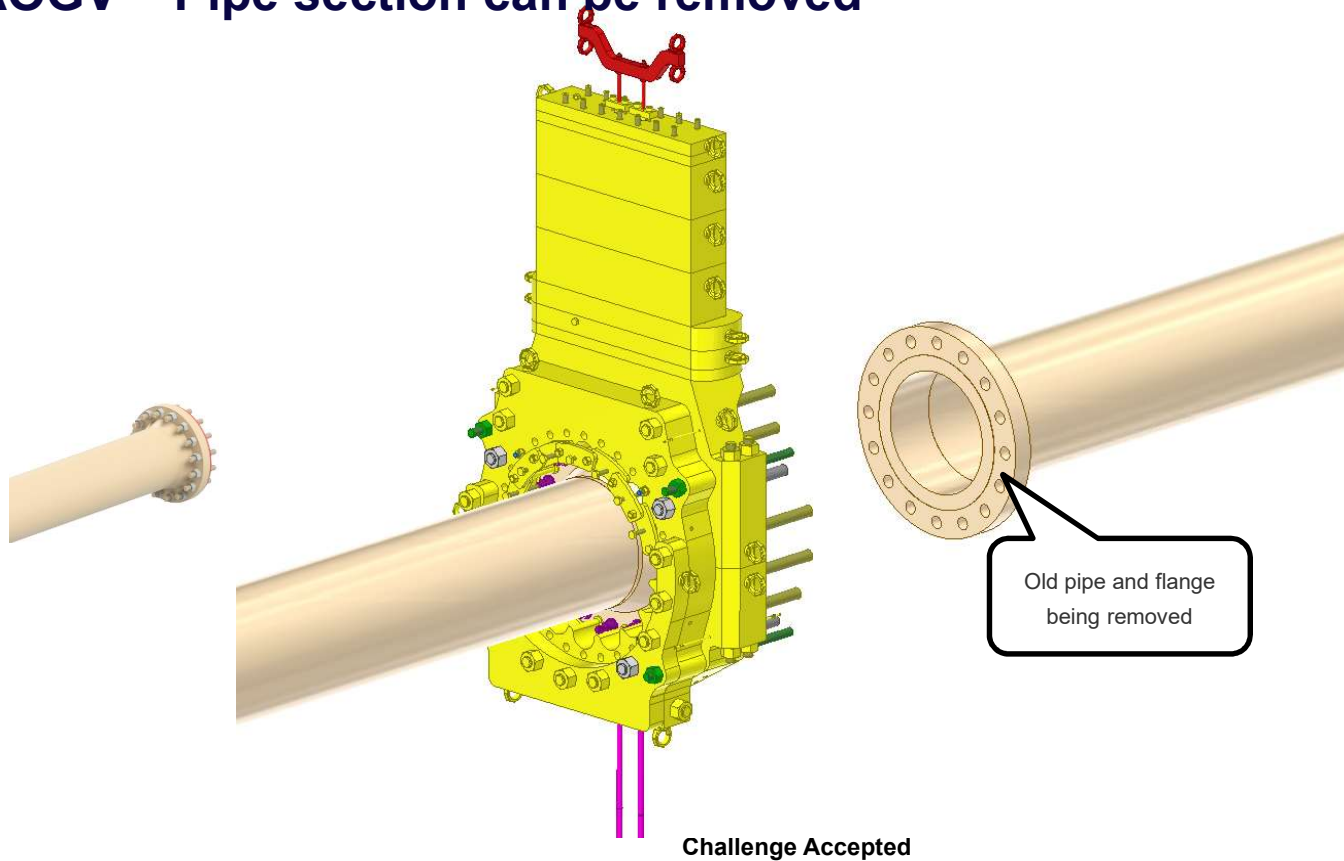
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## AOGV – Spade inserted



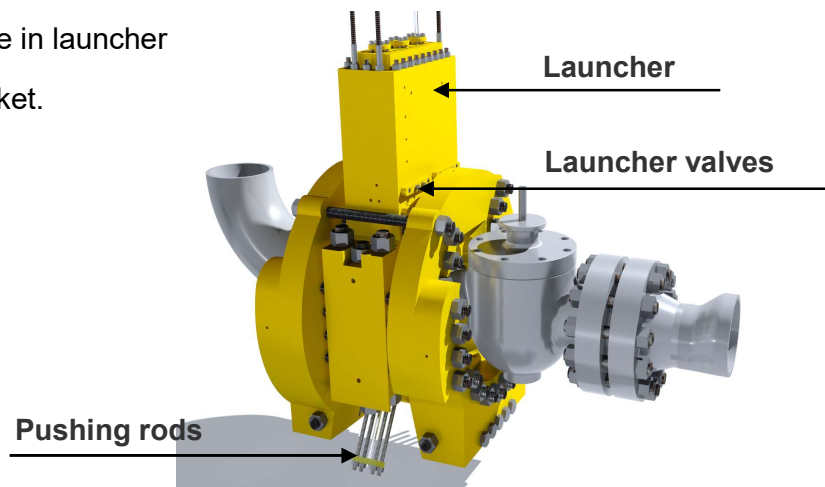
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## AOGV – Pipe section can be removed



## Remove the gasket

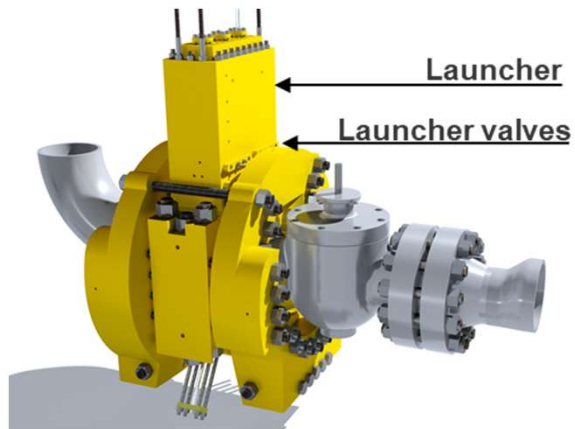
- Pushing rods from below.
- Push gasket into launcher
- Close launcher valves
- Bleed of pressure in launcher
- Remove the gasket.



*Gasket removed from  
live 150 HC Gas system*

## Insert a blind spade

- Insert a blind spade through the launcher
- Open the launcher valves
- Insert the spade between the flanges
- Compress the flanges



Spade removed after end operation



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## Reverse the operation and hand over to client.

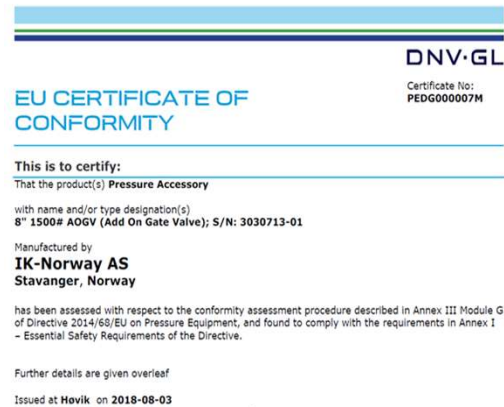
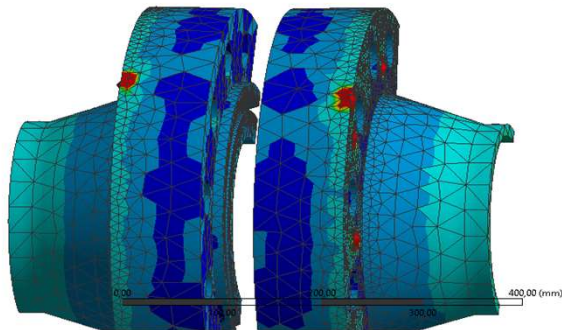
- Remove the spade throughout the launcher
- Insert a new gasket
- Compress the flanges
- Insert new flange bolts and torque to client specifications
- Remove the AOGV
- Hand over to client



*Recomissioned system  
post AOGV operation*

## Design verification – high pressure

- Standard – PED EN 13445
- Calculations (f. ex Kiwa)
- FEM / FEA - Finite Element Analysis
- Notified Body – (f.ex DnV GL)
- CE Marked



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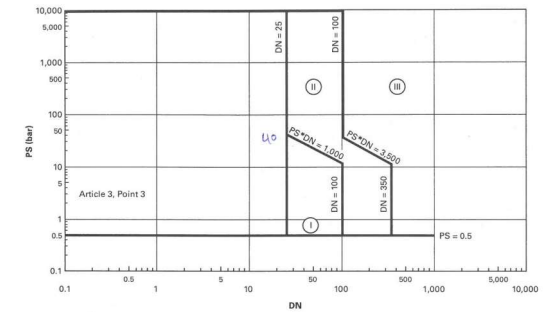
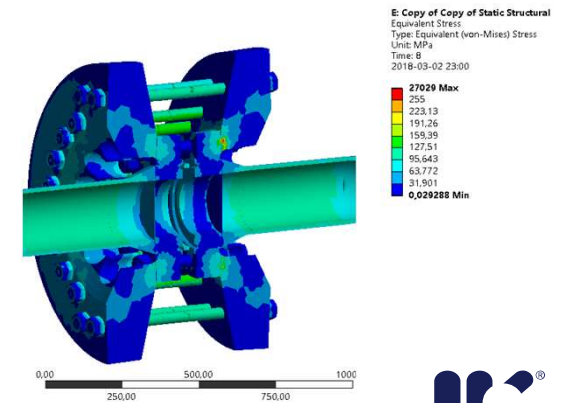


TABLE IV-1-6 PIPING CONTAINING A DANGEROUS GAS



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## Business Drivers

- Move scope out of TAR
  - Increased production through simplified isolation
- Isolate individual process train, valves or heat exchangers
- Increased up time by reducing drainage, venting, purging & flushing
- Strategy change for shut down and maintenance work
- Longer shut down intervals



*Partnership review*

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## Typical site execution

- 3 – 6 days    Arrival of equipment and personnel on site rigging and preparation, interface meetings, installation of AOGV
- 1 day        Split flanges, remove gasket, insert spade and verify isolation
- X days       Perform maintenance work / purpose of isolation (Operator / incumbent contractor)
- 1 day        Retract spade, insert gasket, recommission system
- 2-3 days     Disassemble tool, pack and demob



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## Summerize

- The purpose of the tool is to enable safe isolations and to reduce extent and duration of production shutdowns. The tool is field proven for Several Major Oil Companies.
- Plants have large volumes which require substantial preparation and start up activities in relation to performing maintenance operations. The isolation tool can shorten shut down periods significantly thereby reducing cost.

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## Summerize cont.

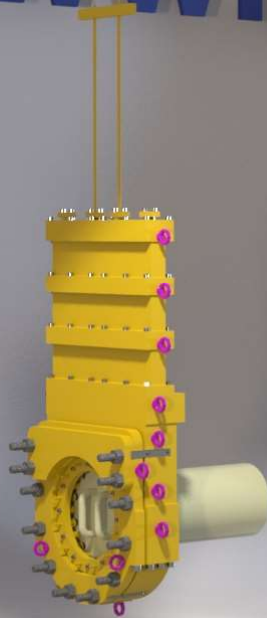
- Typical applications may include replacement/repair of valves and piping, isolate heat exchangers for chemical cleaning or replacing leaking flange gasket with new gaskets and bolts.
- The tool can be installed on any size pair of flanges at the maintenance location and significantly reduces the need for drainage, venting purging and flushing.
- A field proven tool for live process isolation has been demonstrates as a safe and cost saving technology. The technology is patented and is significantly different from existing methods of line stopping.



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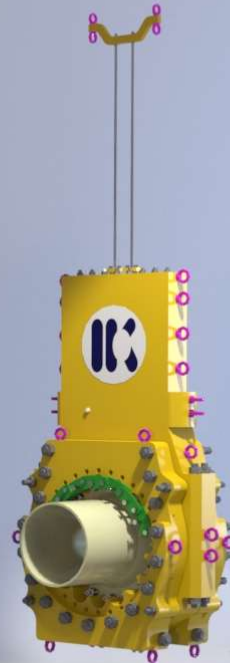
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AOGV



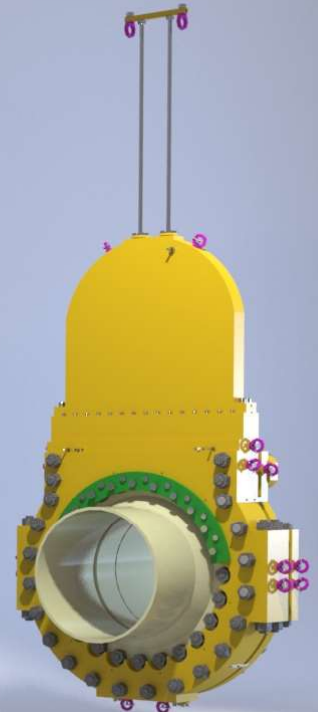
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8in 1500#  
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12in 300#  
AOGV



24in 300#  
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