

PETROBRAS Deepwater Gas Lift Project

(an overview)

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- **Search for products that will optimize gas lift process in high pressure and high flow rate deepwater subsea wells**
- **The Deepwater Gas Lift Project is part of a major PETROBRAS Technological Program**
 - **PROCAP 3000 -**

Deepwater Gas Lift Project Schedule:

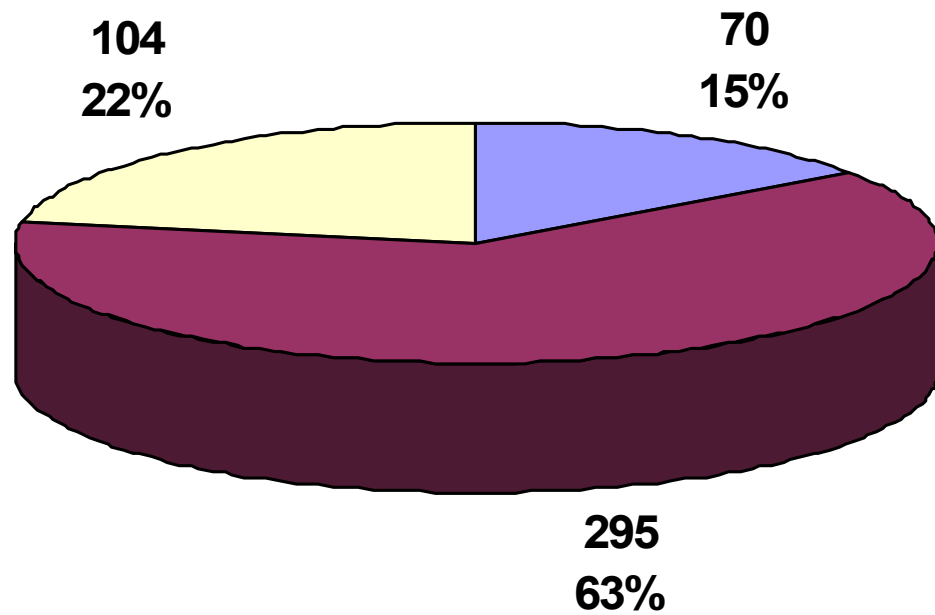
Phase I : Feb, 1999 to Feb, 2005

Phase II : Mar, 2005 to Jul, 2006

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- ① 1 – Scenario Studies
 - ② 2 – Gas Lift Equipment Development
 - ③ 3 – Gas Lift Software Development
 - ④ 4 – Gas Lift Automation

Scenario Studies

Number of Wells

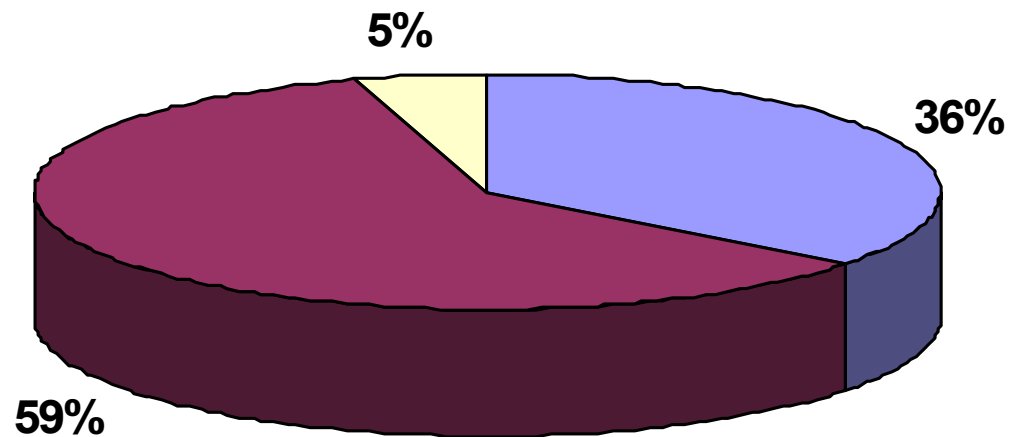


■ FLOWING

■ CONTINUOUS GL

■ ESP

Flow Rate



■ FLOWING

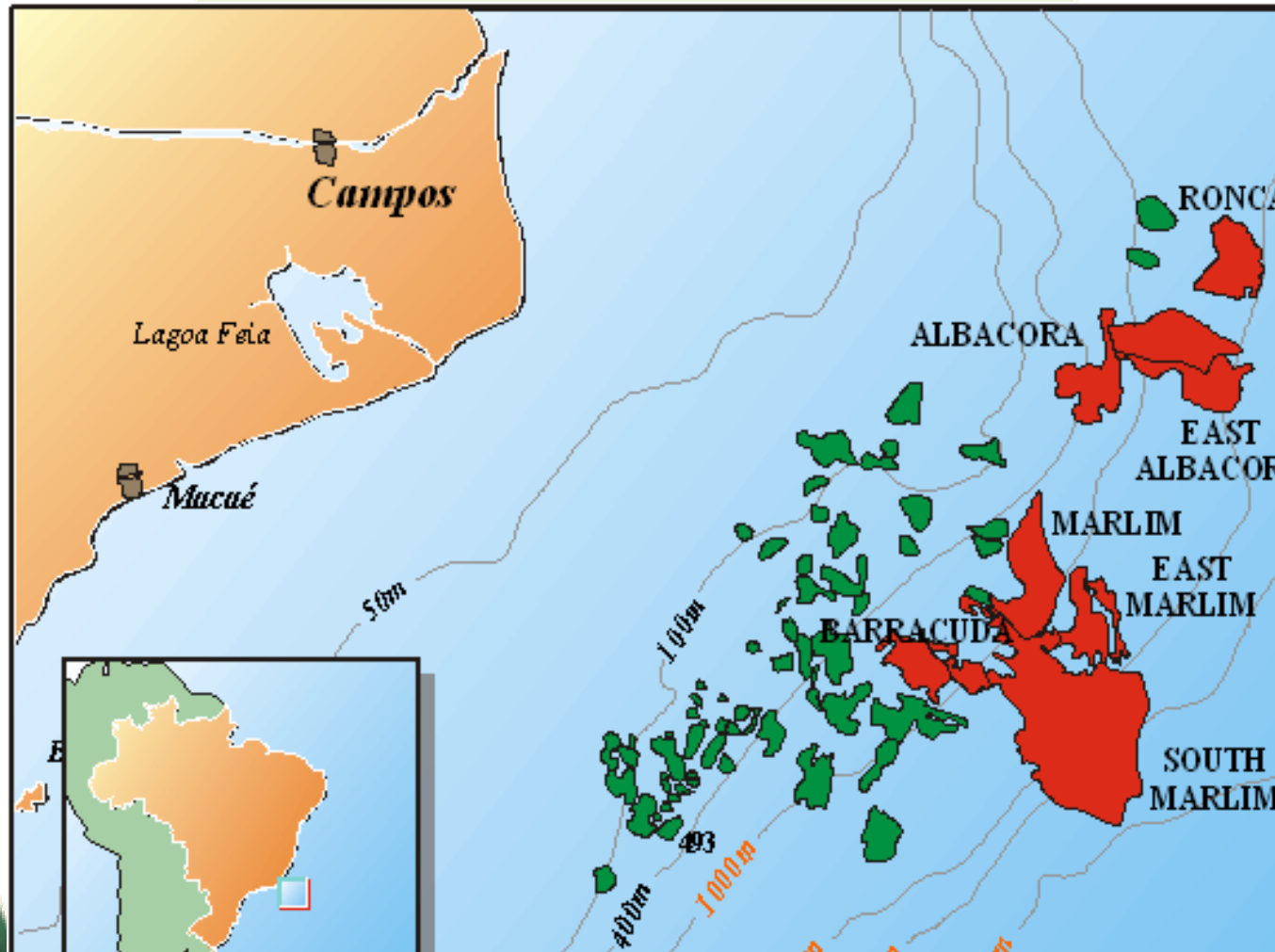
■ CONTINUOUS GL

■ ESP

Focus in Campos Basin Fields:

1 – Roncador

2 – South Marlim



Main Oilfield Data:

***Datum:* - 2500 to - 3200 m**

Water Depth: 1000 to 3000 m

**Well to Platform distance: 1.5 to 12 km
(1 to 7.5 mi)**

Oil Specific Gravity: 12 to 30 °API

**Bottom Hole Pressure: 250 to 290 bar
(3600 to 4200 psi)**

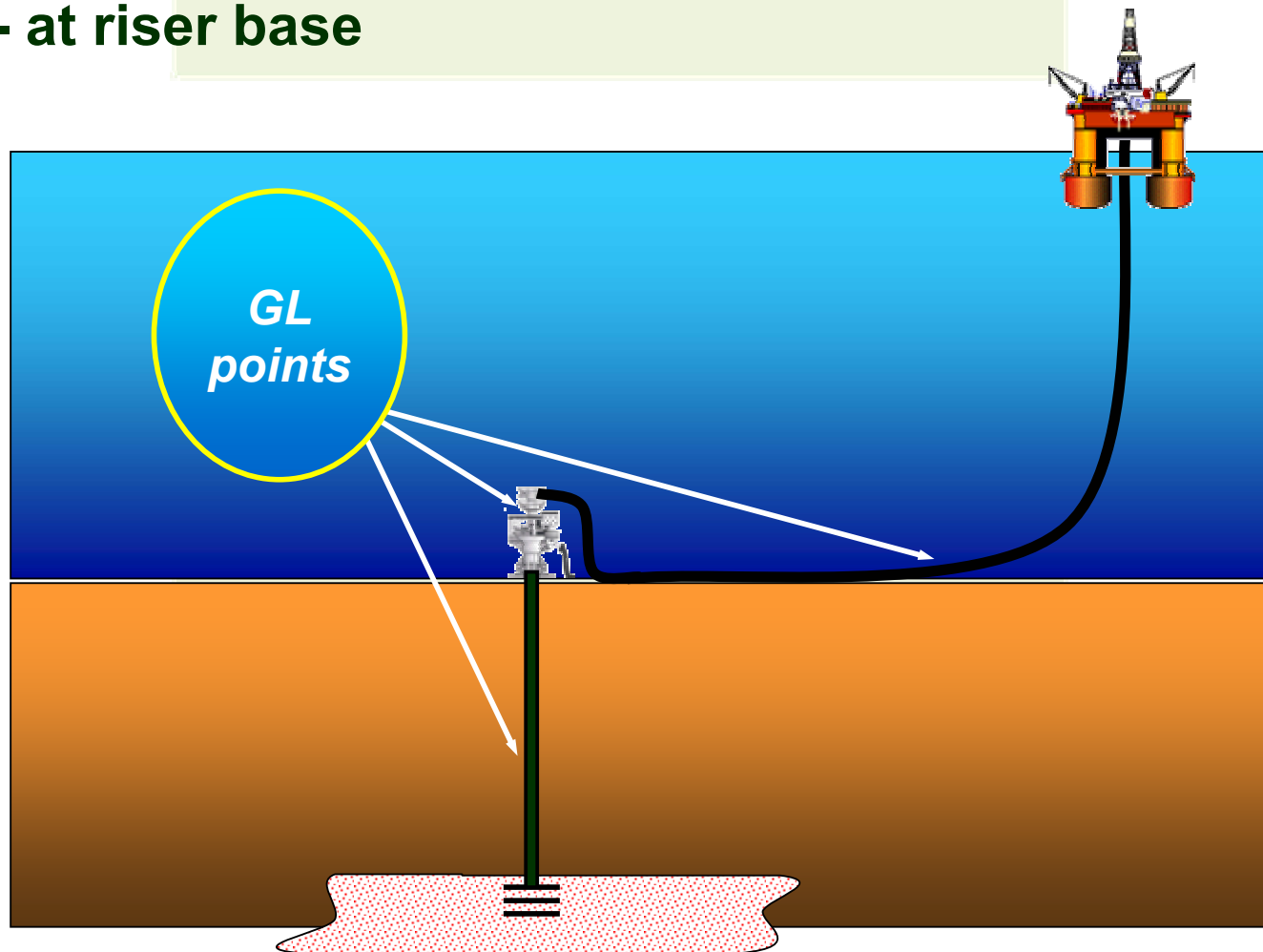
**Productivity Index: 10 to 100 m³/d/bar
(4.5 to 45 bpd/psi)**

Formation GOR: 50 to 75 m³/m³

1 - downhole

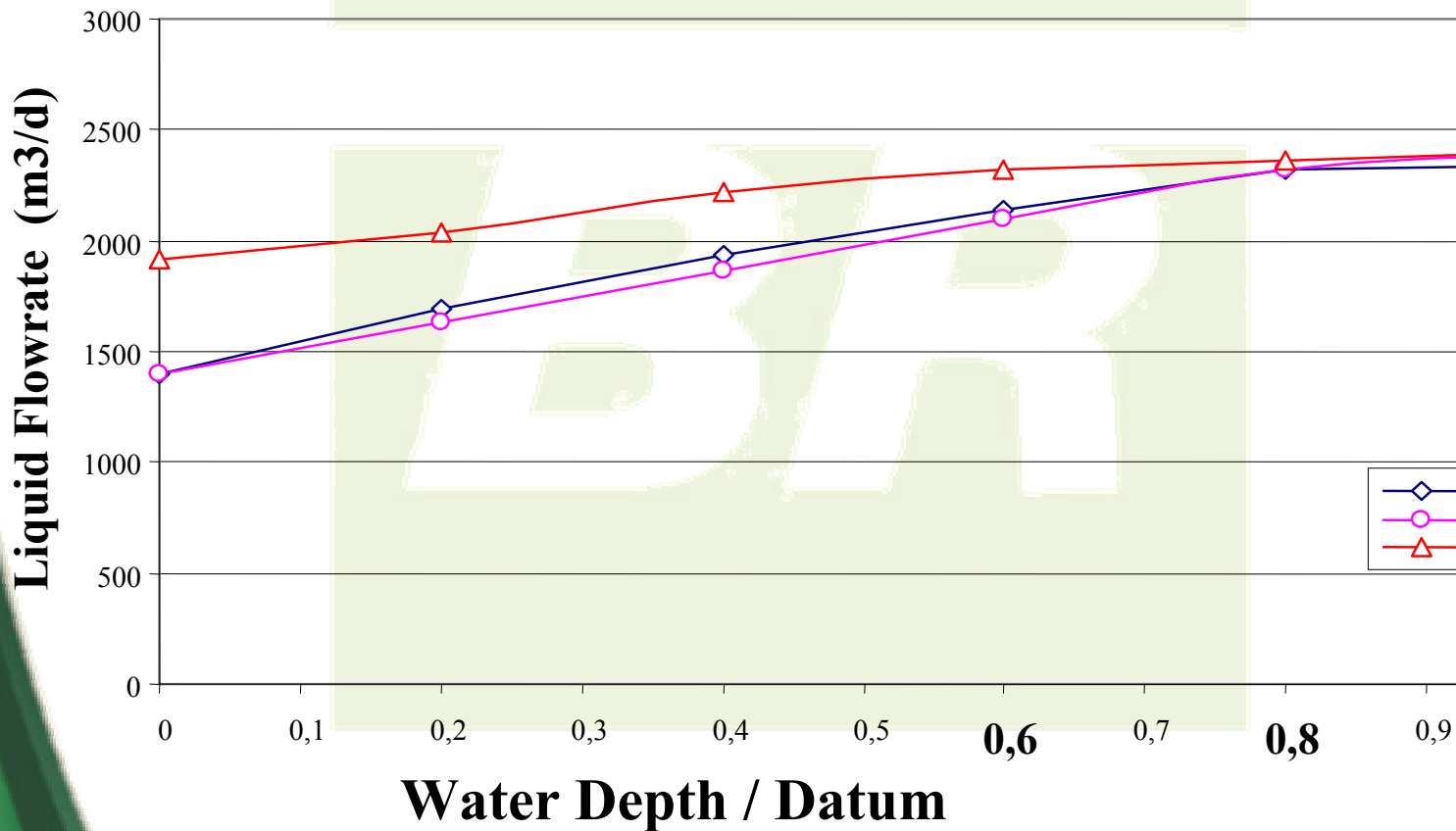
2 - at the Subsea Well Head

3 - at riser base



Depends on BHP, Flow Line Length, PI,

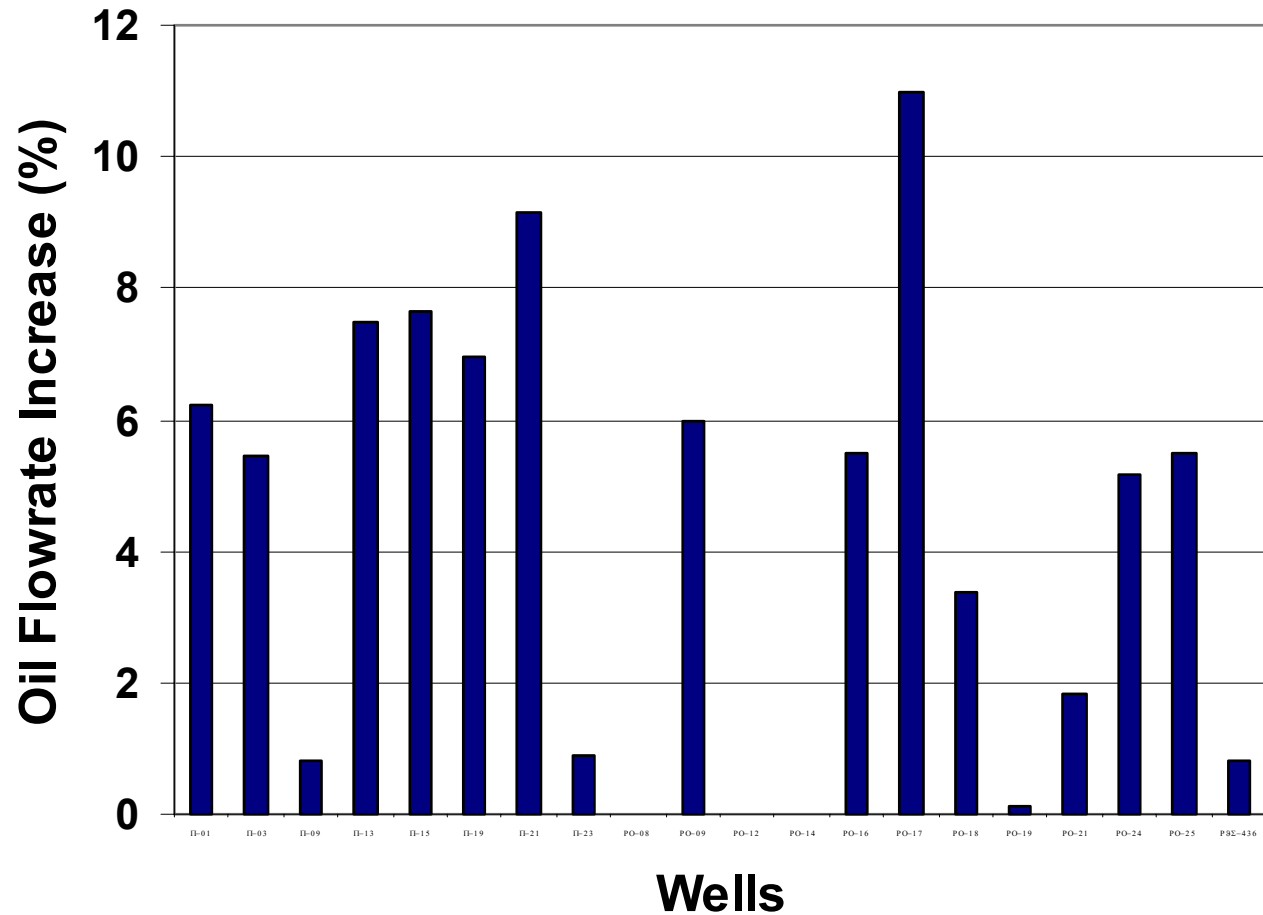
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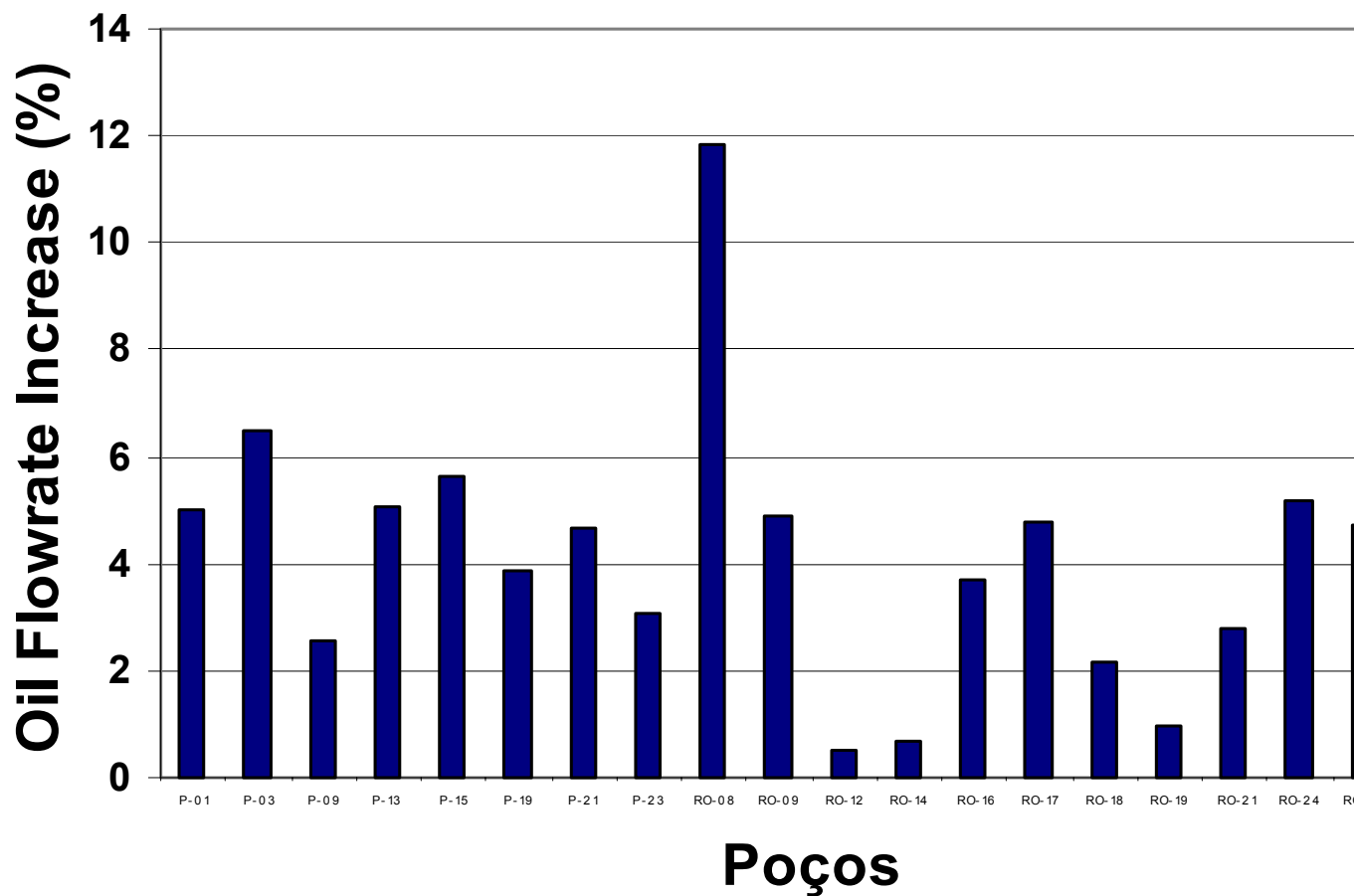
WD = 1500 m

WD = 2000

Venturi X Orifice Gas Lift Valves



High Pressure X Conventional IPO Valve



- **Operational flexibility:**

- **Reduce the number of GL valves**
- **Prevent instabilities and severe slug**
- **Easy way to start up the well**

- **Single point injection in ultradeep well**



Equipment Development

● New GL valves

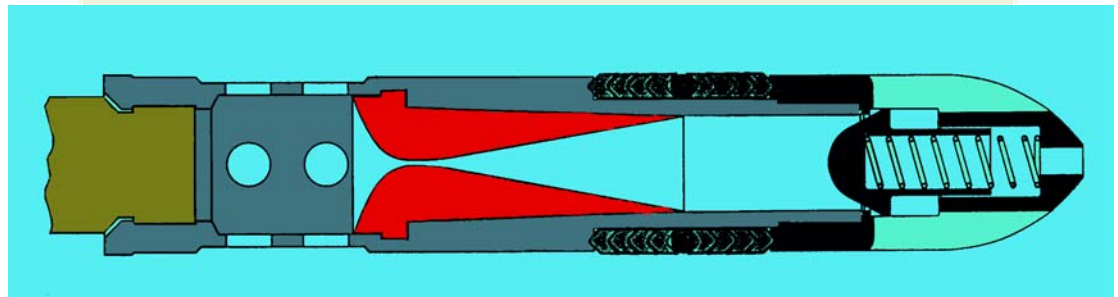
- Venturi
- High pressure IPO
- Normally Open Valve
- Electric GL valve

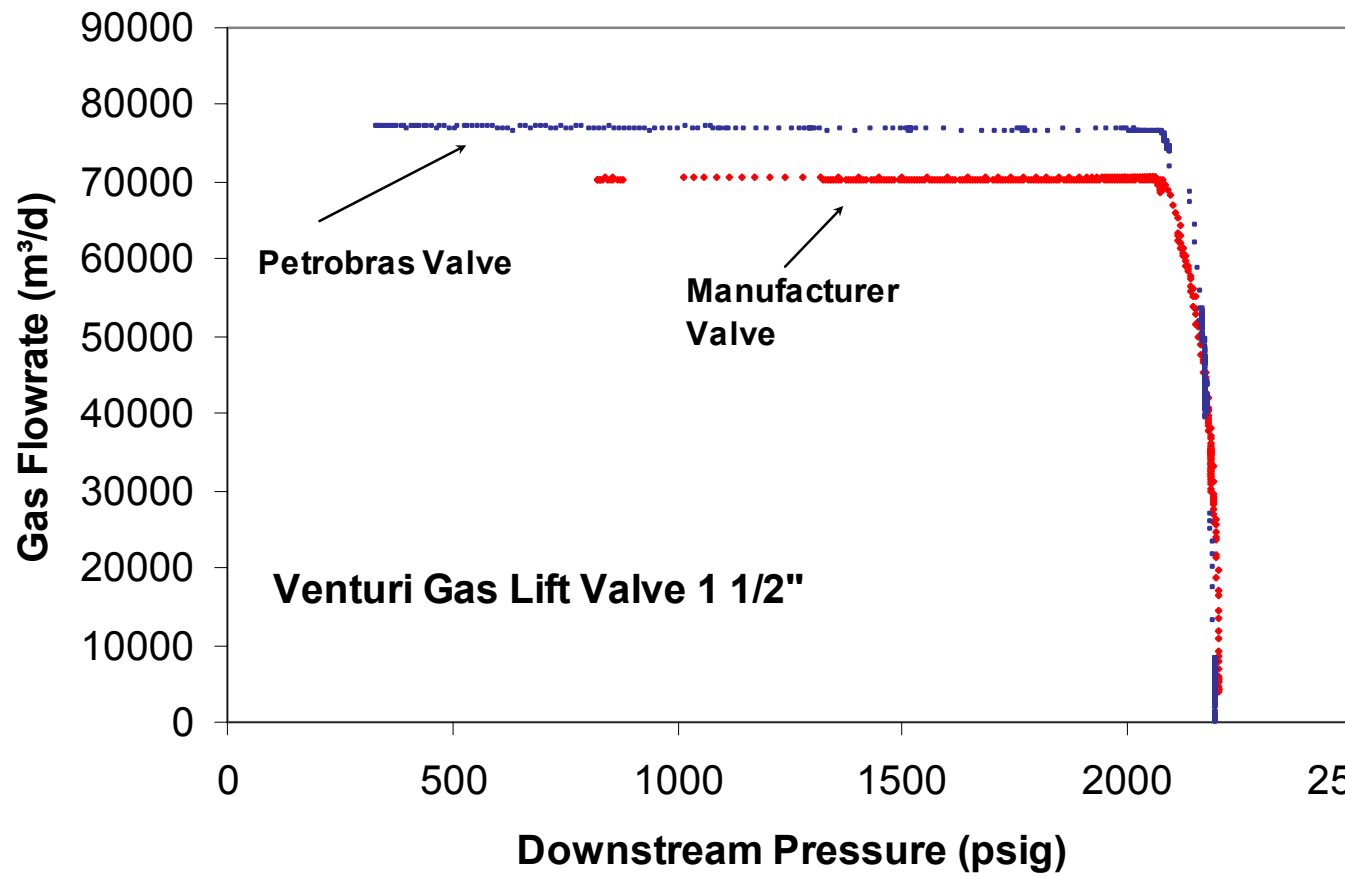
● PETROBRAS Gas Lift Valve Test Site (Aracaju-SE)

**Dynamic Performance and Endurance
Tests**

– Venturi type valves

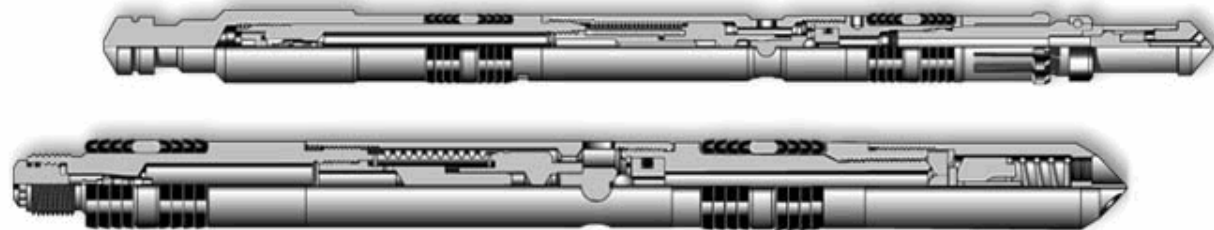
- Intensively bench and field tested by Petrobras
- Standard valve in Petrobras deepwater wells
- Petrobras patented valve is being manufactured in Brasil



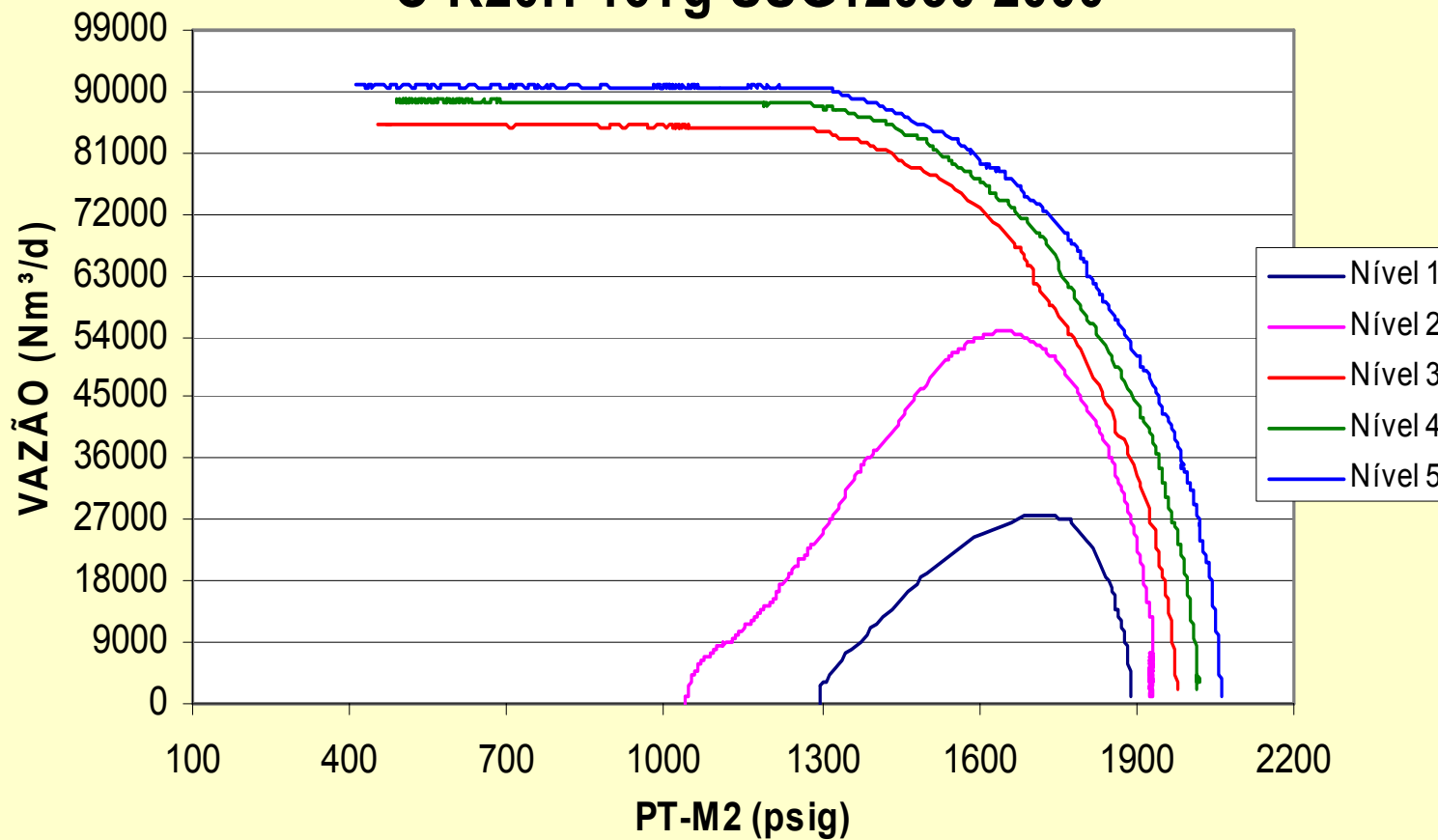


– 3000 psi Gas Lift Valve

- Developed under a Cooperation Agreement
- Allows deeper operation injection point
- Bench tested
- Field test: one valve is operating in Albacora field since July, 2003

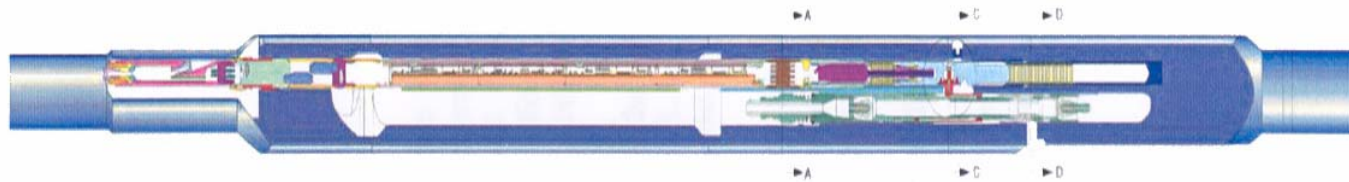


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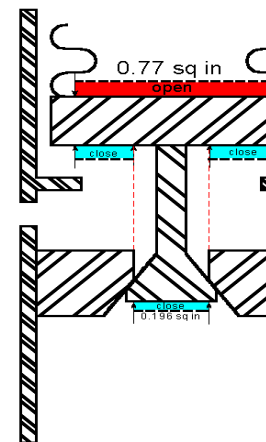
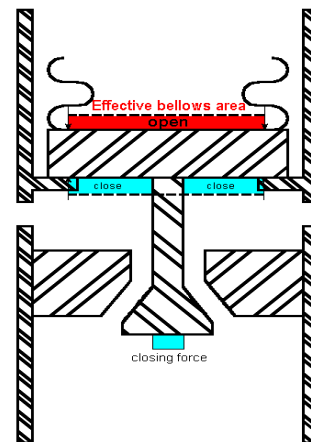
– Electric Gas Lift Valve

- Petrobras was a member of a JIP with other operators and one manufacturer
- Field tested in the USA (Simpson Field, India in 2001
- High cost => not attractive for standard applications



- Normally Open Gas Lift Valve

- opens with low injection casing pressure
- closes with high injection casing pressure
- failed in field test in Campos Basin in 2001 (Cherne field)
- endurance tests in Atalaia Test Site in 2004 showed a need for further improvement
- Application scenario:
 - as an operating valve (dual compression sites)
 - as a kickoff valve



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Normally
Open Gas
Lift Valve

Problems
detected



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PERFORMANCE TESTS

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ENDURANCE TESTS

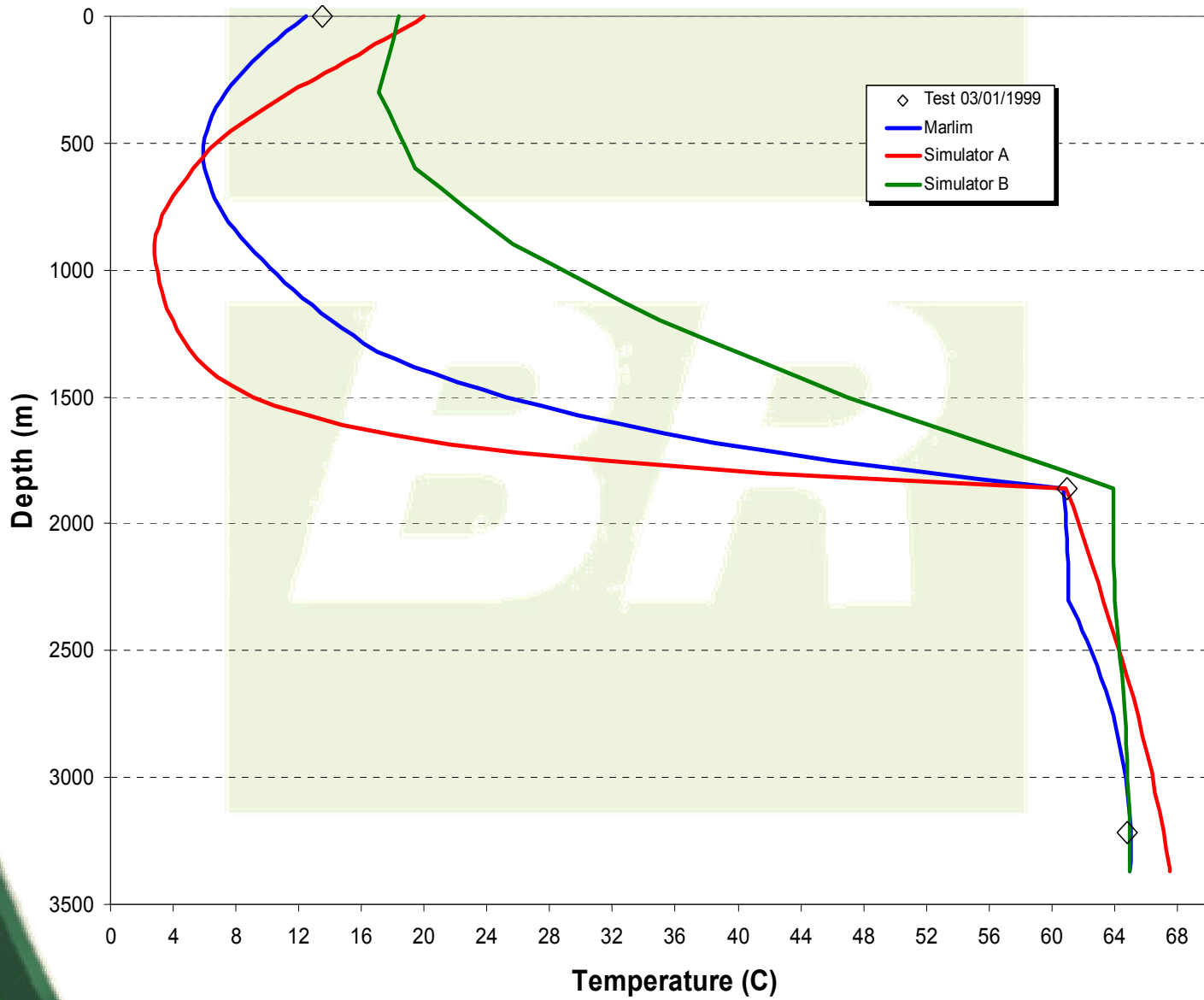


Software Development

MARLIM

(Multiphase and Artificial Lift Modelling)

- In-house and continuous development
- Accurate Pressure and Temperature profiles prediction in multiphase flow
- Used to design and troubleshooting analysis
- Includes dynamic performance of GL valves



- Calculate transient temperature and pressure profiles (production and annular systems) in multiphase
- Useful for kickoff and design analysis with natural gas or nitrogen injection and including coiltubing if necessary
- Dynamic Performance of GL valves and chokes are included

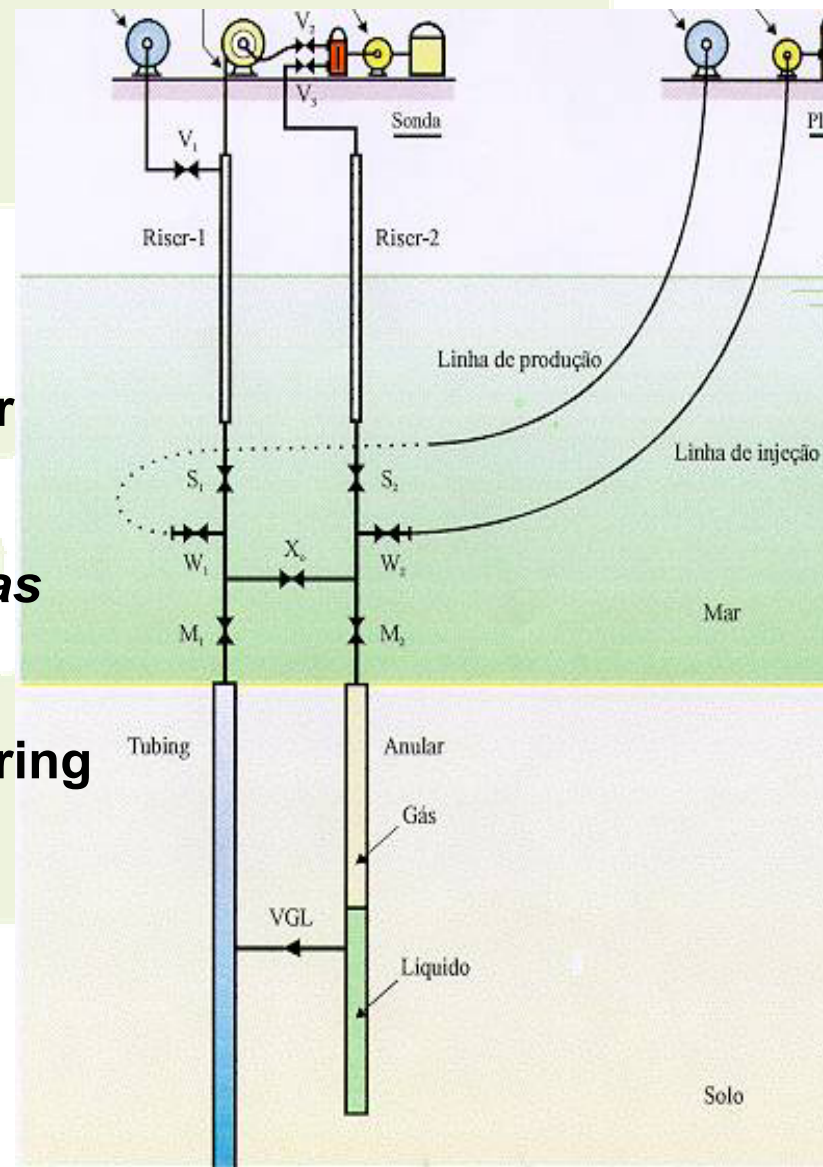
Two softwares are being developed by Petrobras:

- **FLOWLIFT** – with external consultant
- **TRACELIFT** – specific presentation will be made at GL workshop

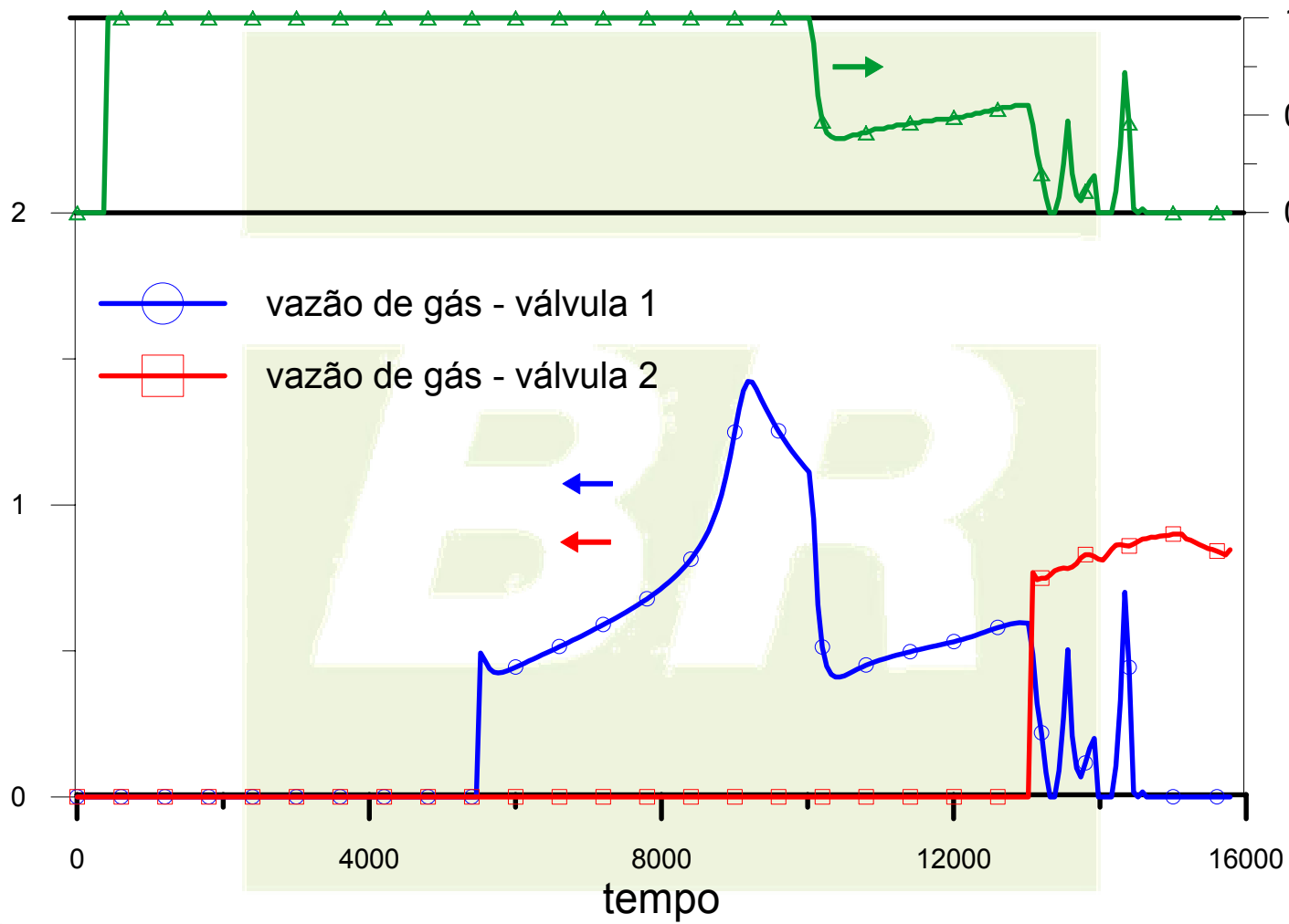
● System geometry

● Fluids:

- oil + formation water
- Formation gas
- Natural gas as *lift gas*
- Nitrogen as *lift gas*
- Completion fluid during kickoff



vazão de gás

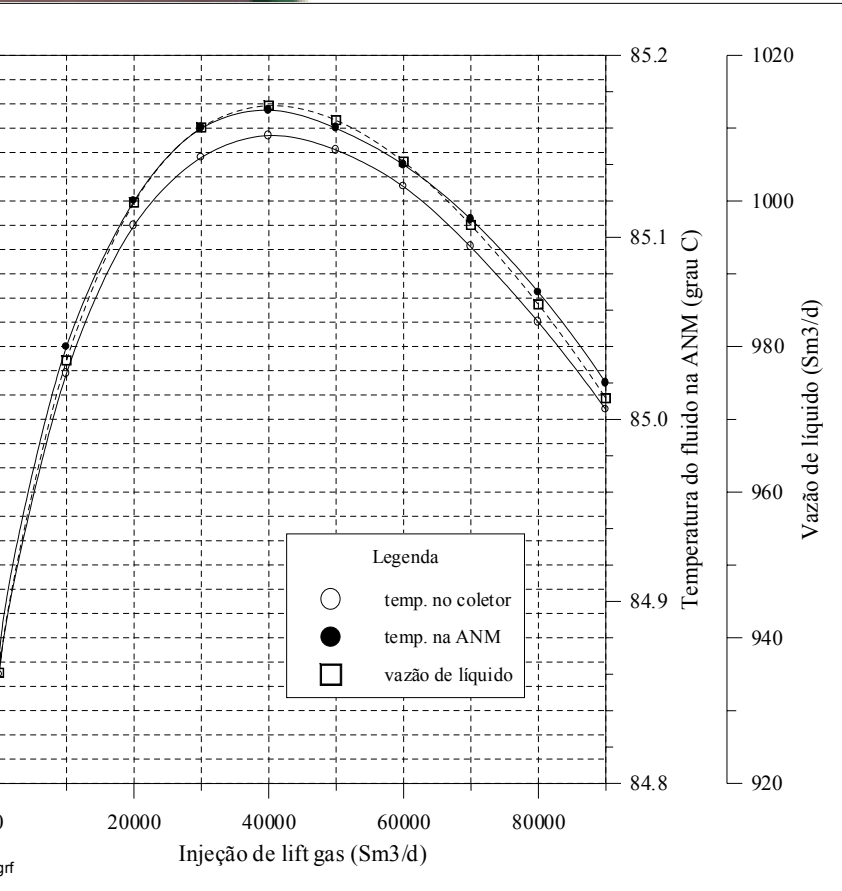


Automation and Phase II of the Project



Goals:

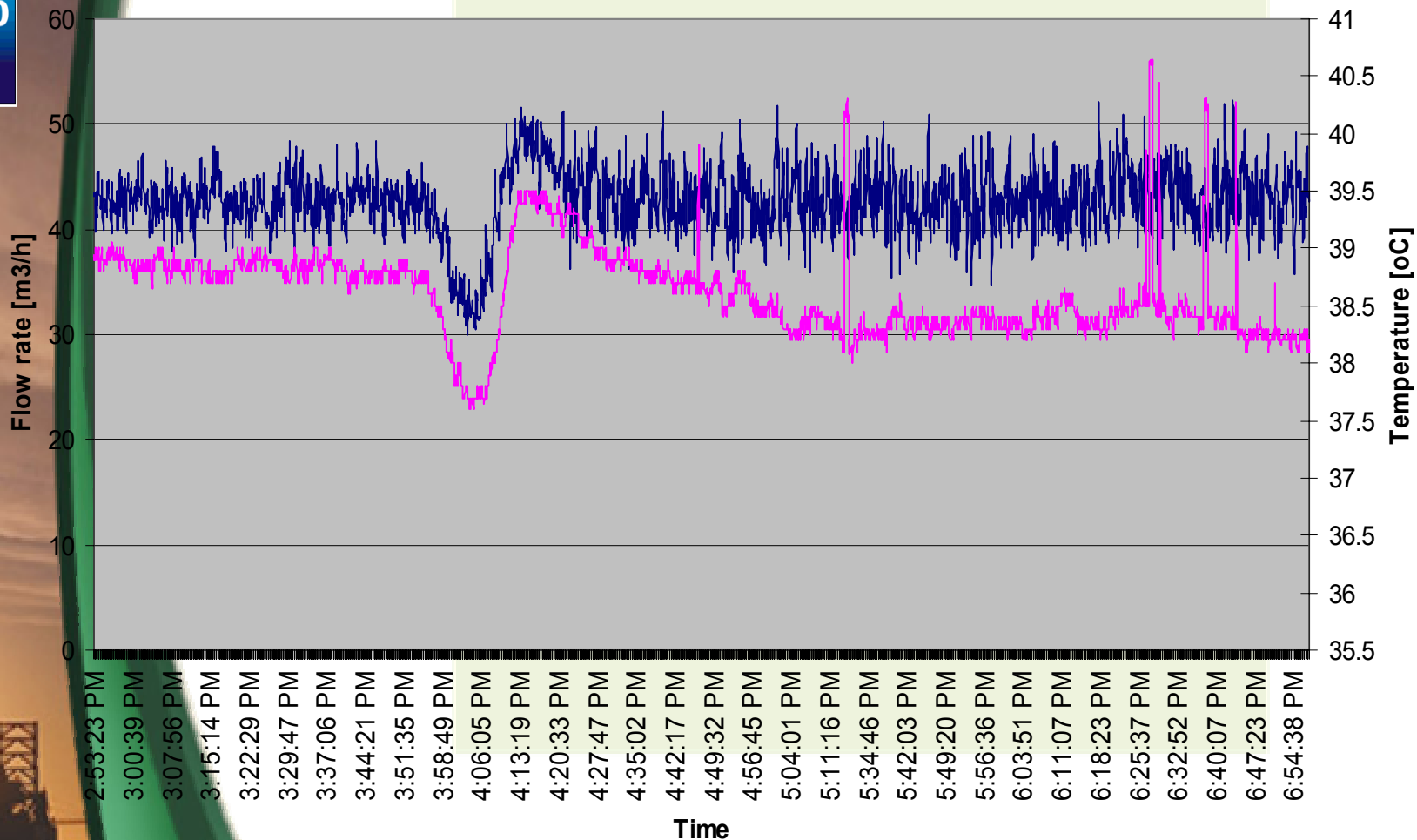
- Optimization and automation of gas allocation per well
- Automatic instabilities control
 - Specific presentation on the subject in this Workshop



- A low cost alternative for automation without depending on well intervention
- The optimum injection point may be inferred from the surface temperature
- Temperature is proportional to the flow rate (simulation result)
- Keep GL optimized all the time

surface temperature
 free temperature
 liquid flow rate

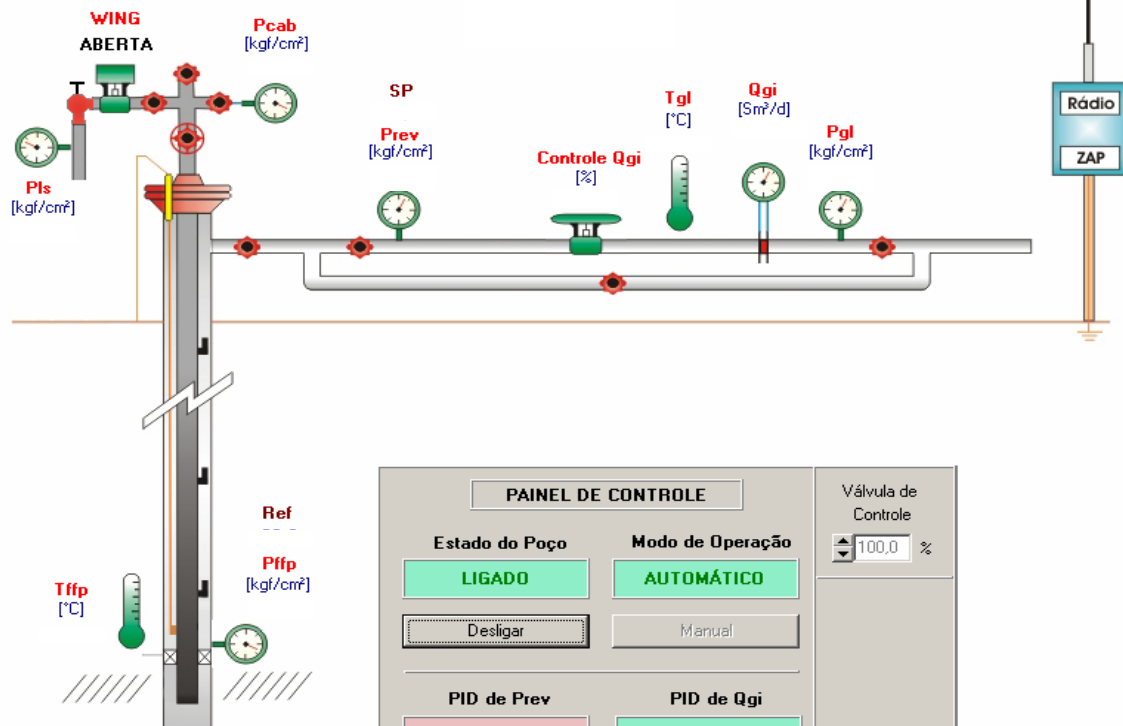
Delay analysis chart



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Arquivo Configurações Funções

SUPERVISORY INFORMATION



PAINEL DE CONTROLE

Estado do Poço

LIGADO

Desligar

PID de Prev

ATIVO

Modo de Operação

AUTOMÁTICO

Manual

PID de Qgi

INATIVO

Válvula de Controle

100,0 %

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Gas Lift

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- **Gas Lift Riser Base Injection**
- **Erosional Velocity – Bench Tests in Atalaia**
- **New Venturi Developments**