# Improved Safety & Efficiency through Remote and Automated Coke Cutting



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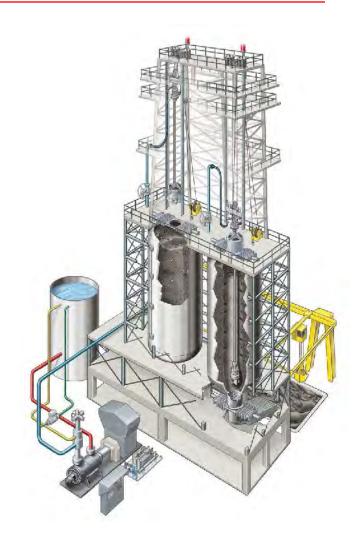
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# Agenda

- Company overview
- Introduction
- Environments
- System Options
- Capabilities and benefits
- System installation
- System operation





#### Flowserve Overview



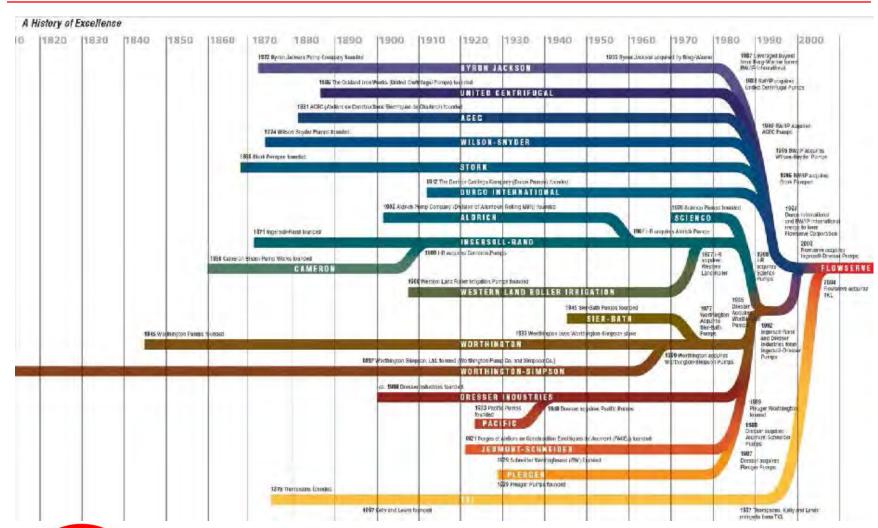




- With over 15000 employees in over 55 countries, we combine our global reach with a local presence
- Serving the process industry with a strong history of brand names and industry experience



#### Heritage





#### Hydraulic Decoking Systems History

- 1938 Process patented by Shell
- 1938 Original Jet pumps & valves by



- 1940 PACIFIC® enters the market
- 1985 Pacific & Worthington merge
- 2000 FLOWSERVE acquires IDP

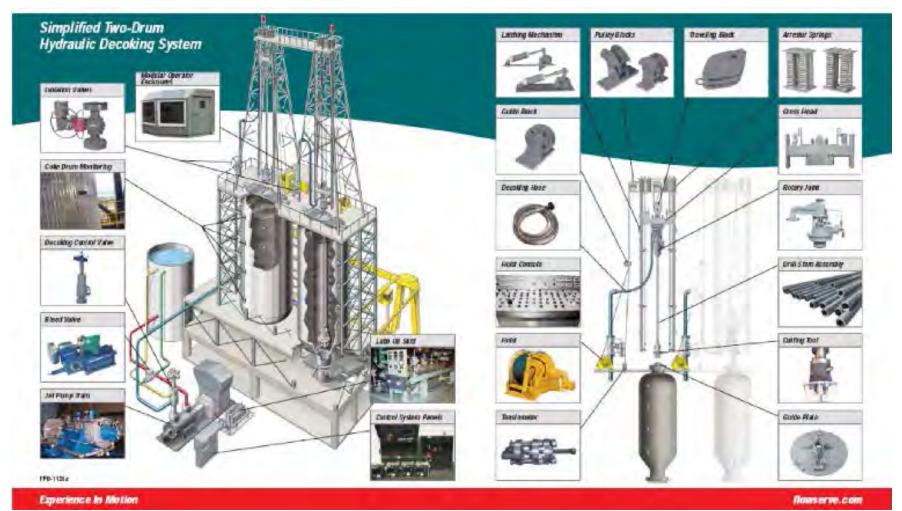


#### Introduction

- Safety, Remote Cutting & Process optimization
  - HDS process overview
    - Boring
    - Cutting
  - Remote cutting
    - Equipment/Shelters
  - Coke Drum monitoring
    - Audio
    - Video
    - Vibration
  - Automated Decoking
    - Preprogrammed
    - Fully Automated



### Hydraulic decoking system simplified schematic -2 Drum decoking system





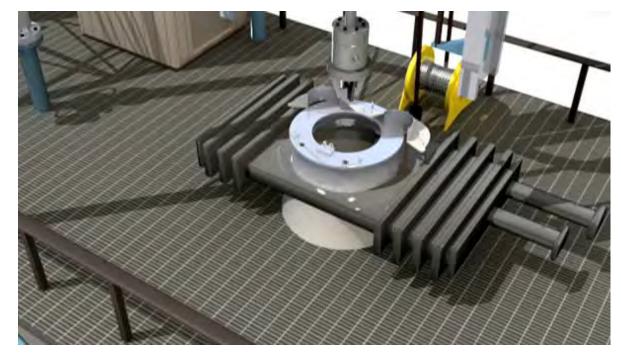
#### **Hydraulic Decoking**

#### Removing coke from the drum

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#### 2-Step process

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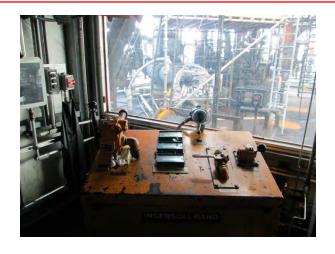




#### The Goal...is ... transition from











#### **Confusing Environment**

Decoking is an extremely NOISY service:

Refinery machinery and coke cutting equipment

- Winches / Crossheads
- Weather / Wind
- Area surrounding high noise activities
  - Equipment : pumps/motors
  - Trains / Skip loaders / Cranes
  - Steam / air / process noise
  - Alarms / Sirens/





















#### Challenging Layouts & Situations

- ❖ Decoking is also a LOW VISIBILITY service:
  - Outdoor unsheltered area
    - Inclement weather fog / rain / snow / storms
    - Process produces steam ,vapors & explosions
  - Area surrounding has visual obstructions
    - Piping / structural beams/ wiring/ equipment









#### Transition to.... modern systems







# Solutions: Provide Same or Improved Information To Remote Locations

- Provide reasonable reproduction of the Sounds
  - Remote Audio Systems







- Provide reasonable duplication of the Sights
  - Remote Camera Systems









Shelter

- Provide additional detailed information on the process activity to manage better decisions
  - Remote Drum monitoring information





Automated Decoking



Drum 3







Remote





#### Audio Systems

- Use microphones to replicate the sound heard by the operator on the deck
- System comprises of
  - Microphone
  - Processing module
  - Speakers
  - Analysis systems (optional)







#### Video Systems

#### Video Camera

- Standard Camera Issues
  - Corrosion
  - Coke Fine Accumulation
- Self Cleaning
- Pan Tilt Zoom when necessary
- Area Certification

#### **Engineered Placement**

- Cutting Deck
- Winches
- Pit







#### Vibration Based Drum Monitoring

- Uses vibration sensors as feedback on the cutting operation
- Vibration based Drum monitoring system gives additional information to the operator Components
  - Vibration probes
  - Processing module
  - HMI



#### Remote Coke Cutting benefits

Move operator from the cutting deck to a remote location

- Improved cutting personnel safety Personnel no longer exposed to:
  - High-pressure water
  - Hot spots or steam eruptions
  - Fire and mechanical hazards
  - Hydrogen sulfide vapors
  - Noxious vapors
- Improved operator information

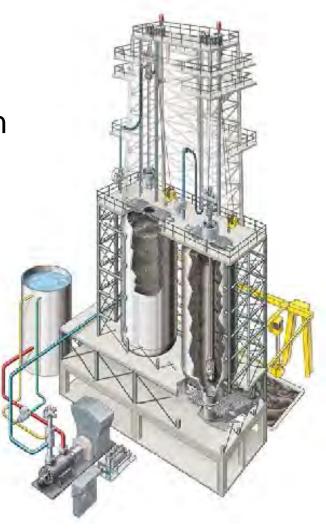


#### Remote Coke Cutting Requirements

# Equipment required

- AutoShift<sup>™</sup> cutting tool
- Remote operator shelter or location
- Remote winch and rotary joint operation
- Automated tool enclosure and drill stem guide
- Vibration/acoustic based drum monitoring
- Control system
- Video monitoring





#### AutoShift™ cutting tool

- Mode changes automatically and remotely by pressurization and depressurization of water WITHOUT lifting the tool out of the drum
- Shift is achieved when decoking valve changes from full flow to by pass
- No need for operator to manually switch the tool





# Remote operator shelter









## Remote Coke Cutting

#### **Equipment required**

#### Remote winch and rotary joint operation

Upgrade or install hydraulic or electric drive systems







### Remote Coke Cutting

#### **Equipment required**

#### Automated tool enclosure and guide plate





# **Control Systems**







#### Vibration sensors

- Vibration sensors designed for high temperature application
- 5 Probes
- Minimum invasive attachment
- Easy replacement/maintenance
- Area rated



#### **Vibration sensors**





#### Automated decoking

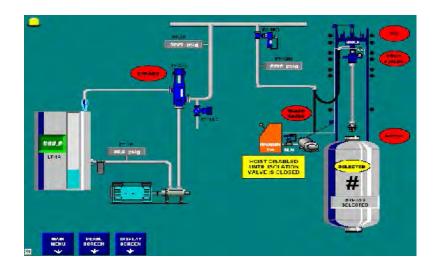
- Ultimate safety complete automation of the coke removal process
- Operator observes the cutting process and can intervene at any time
- Automated decoking implemented as
  - Preprogrammed cutting
  - Fully Automated cutting

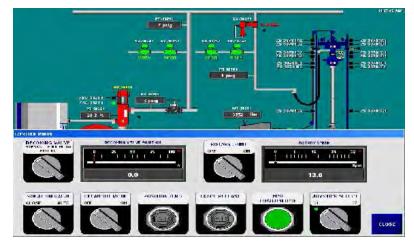


#### **Automated Decoking**

#### **Basic operation**

- Use vibration sensors mounted on the coke drum to provide feedback on the state of cleanliness of the drum wall
- Sensors provide interactive feedback on the cutting status that can optimize the cutting time
- Program is customized based on site-specific cutting practices and configured with end user







#### **Automated Decoking**

# Winch and drill stem are operated via PLC control unit and depend upon signals monitoring:

- Position of the cutting tool
- Speed for lowering and lifting the cutting tool
- Wire rope tension
- Rotation of the drill stem
- Coke cutting progress



#### **IPS APEX**

- Flowserve designed hardware to embed algorithms such
  - Decoking Drum monitoring
  - Automated decoking
  - Type PR/Ebullator monitoring
- High speed data processing capability
- Serial Modbus RTU communication protocol
- Software customized based customized to customer site specific information







#### **IPS APEX**

- Features currently incorporated in the IPS APEX for automated decoking includes
  - Coke type and cut type options
  - Tool mode verification
  - Tool recovery
  - User options to control the process
  - progress indication on the operation on the HMI
  - Error indicators
  - Clean drum verification
  - Drum cut simulate
  - Drum signature calibration



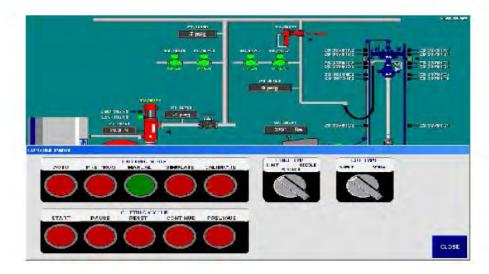


#### System Design & Installation Process

# System configuration

- Drum parameters
- Typical cut style/procedure
- Coke type
- System test
  - System FAT/SAT
- System commissioning
  - Clean drum signature
  - Cut signature





#### **Automated Decoking**

#### **Benefits**

- Improved cutting personnel safety
  - Automated cutting system integrated with PLC interlocks
    - Minimize probability of operator mistake
    - Eliminates shortcuts sometimes taken by cutting personnel
  - Standardized cutting procedures reduce risk of aggressive cutting practices
- Process efficiency and consistency
  - Advance program and cutting tool as soon as possible
  - Consistent cutting times with standardized cutting procedure



#### **Automated Decoking Benefits**

- Data recording for process optimization or troubleshooting
  - Cycle Time Optimization
  - Ability to access data for troubleshooting in case of event
- Improved equipment reliability
  - Aggressive cutting techniques are eliminated
  - Can monitor performance of jet pump and other equipment for performance



#### References and Site locations (not a complete list)

# Drum monitoring Systems - Vibration

- Suncor Energy, Canada
- Shell PSR, Anacortes, Washington
- Motiva, Port Arthur, Texas
- Essar, Jamnagar India
- Tupras, Turkey
- Petrobras, Rnst, Brazil
- Ecopetrol, Venezuala
- Chevron, El Segudo, California

# Automated Decoking

- BP whiting Indiana
- Repsol Cartegana
- Petron , Philippines
- Sinopec , china

# Audio Systems

- Motiva
- Shell PSR
- COP Wood river



#### Summary

- Remote cutting leads to improved personnel safety
- Remote cutting can be achieved using
  - Audio
  - Video
  - Vibration
- Equipment for remote and automated cutting
- Automated Decoking
  - Process Efficiency consistency
  - Ultimate safety systems



#### **Questions?**

