



## *The McPIPE Extended Cooldown System*

**The McPIPE™ Extended Cooldown System  
one week (and more) of safe cooldown**

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# Agenda

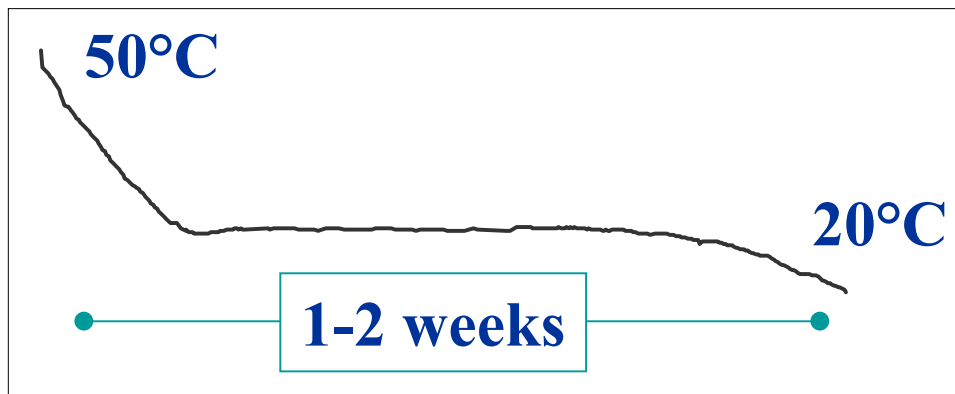
- ▼ System definition and principle of the McPIPE system
- ▼ In-house thermal analysis to date
- ▼ Thermal performance of the system
- ▼ Unique thermal solutions and applications
- ▼ Mechanical performance
- ▼ Construction and Installation
- ▼ Unique operability solutions



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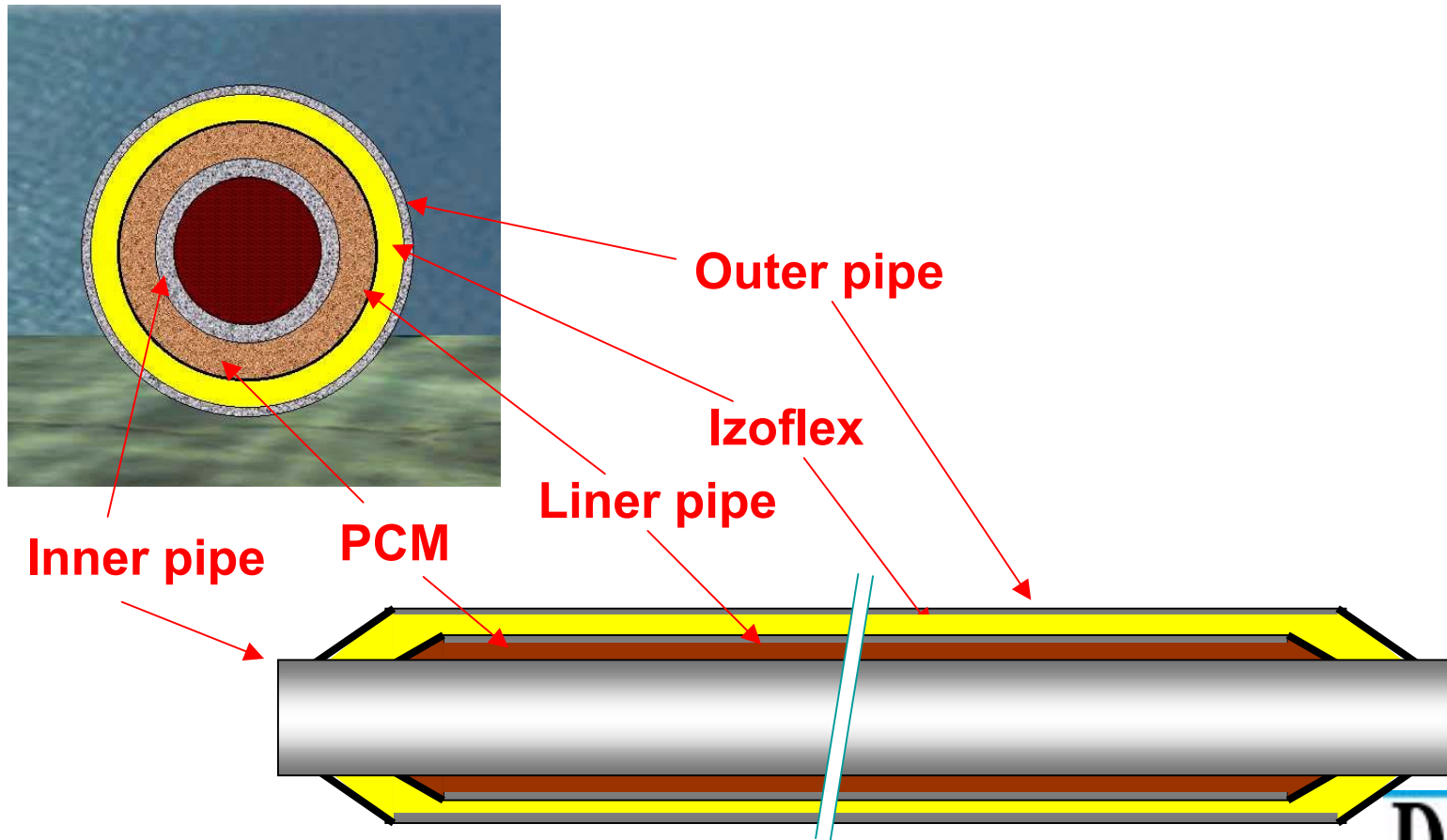
# System Definition

- ▼ Patented development from McDermott & ITP
- ▼ Passive system = safe, long lasting service
- ▼ Field proven design and construction technology (TFE Tchibéli Project, Shell Bonga Project, JIPs at ChevTex's Humble (TX) facility for BP, ChevronTexaco, Exxon, Marathon, Philips, TFE, Shell)





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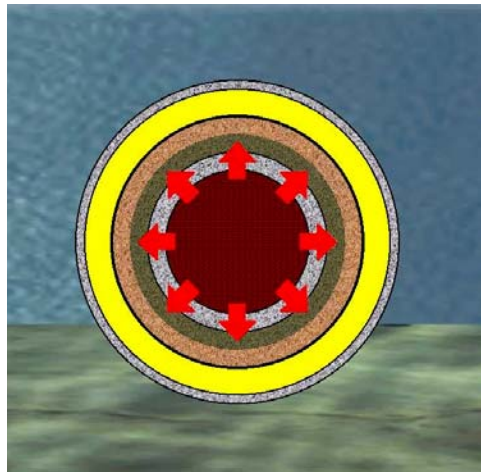
- ▼ **Combines a PCM (Phase Change Material) and high performance insulation to achieve:**
  - **$U=0.5 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2.\text{K})-0.09 \text{ BTU}/(\text{hr}.\text{ft}^2.\text{°F})$**
  - **Extended cooldown time (up to 2 wks)**
  
- ▼ **Highly efficient Izoflex microporous insulation material and thermal energy storage with a PCM (Phase Change Material)**



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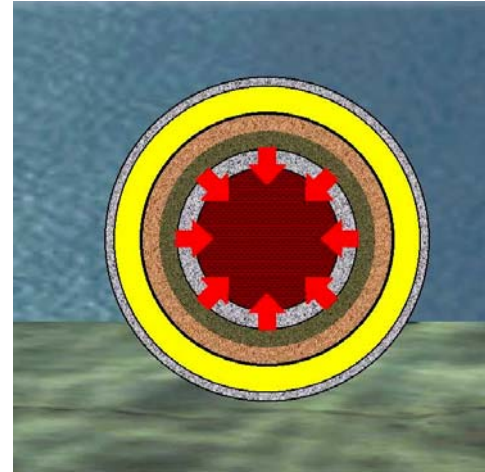
# System Thermal Principle

In flow condition



Heat from the hydrocarbon melts the PCM

In shutdown condition



The crystallization of the PCM restores heat to the hydrocarbon

Insulation: Izoflex – 7mW/(m.k)

PCMs: up to 175 °F  
above 175 °F

hydrated salts at 98 Wh/l  
hydrocarbons at 60 Wh/l



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# Thermal Assessment

*10" steel liner welded to 8" inner pipe*



Hole for PCM filling

Izoflex



*Insertion into the 12" outer pipe*

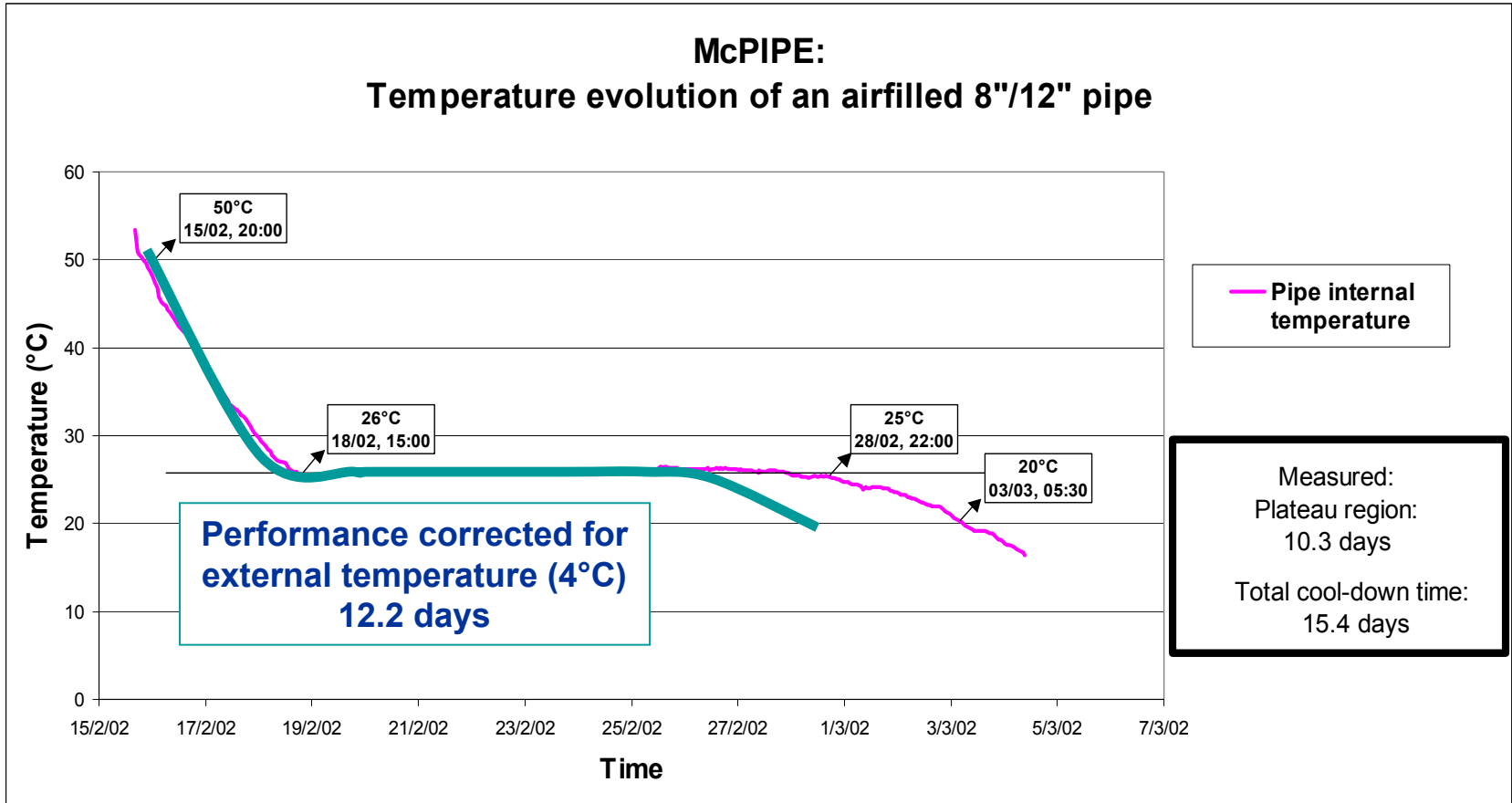


*12" outer pipe welded to the 8" inner pipe*



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## Results

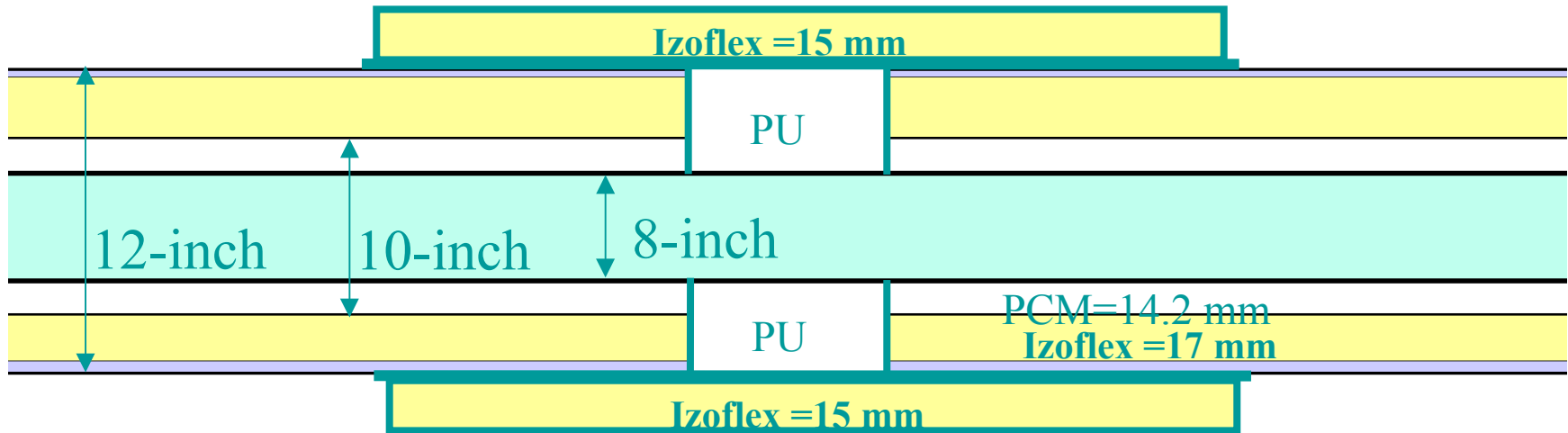


$$U=0.37 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2.\text{K})$$





# Field Joint Thermal Behavior



▼ Field Joint is less insulated than mainline,

- axial conductivities in inner pipe are high
- radial conductivities are low



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# Unique Thermal Solution & Applications

**Technology step change:**

**no-touch times are increased from hours (4-8) to weeks**

**Greenfield developments with  
reduced back-up  
limited live crude flushing facilities**

**Brownfield developments with**  
**- no need for upgrading live crude flushing facilities**

**100 km tiebacks are possible**  
**- Normal production: flowspeed 1 m/s – 1 day transit time**  
**- Degraded mode (turn down): 3 day transit time**  
**- Ample margin left for downtime, etc.**



# Thermal System Benefits

- ▼ **Passive energy storage system.**
  - No operation is necessary to activate the system
- ▼ **A unique solution for long tie-backs (→100 km)**
- ▼ **In flow conditions :**
  - **Excellent U-value - better than 0.6 W/(m<sup>2</sup>.K) (0.1 Btu/ft<sup>2</sup>.hr.°F)**
- ▼ **In shutdown conditions :**
  - **Extended cooldown time**
  - **Increased operational flexibility**
    - larger time window for decision making and intervention
    - easier planning of shutdown



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# Operability Assessment

- ▼ Mechanical tests and evaluation
- ▼ Onshore fabrication
- ▼ Installation
  - Expected load behavior during installation
- ▼ System Benefits
- ▼ Further Applications



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# Mechanical Performance

At present the system is being evaluated with the participation of a joint industry project. This study includes a mechanical evaluation of:

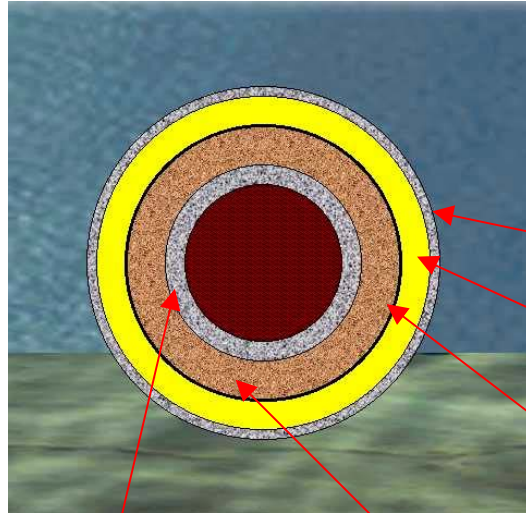
- ▼ Stress distribution along the pipe during operation
- ▼ Pipelay analysis
- ▼ Effective tension
- ▼ Free Span Allowance





# Onshore Fabrication

A single weld for connecting pipe in pipe doublejoint or quadjoint



Inner pipe

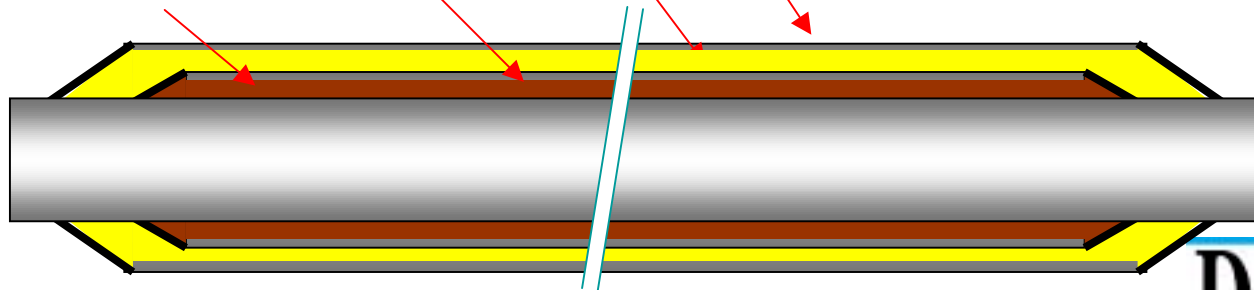
PCM

Liner pipe

Izoflex

Outer pipe

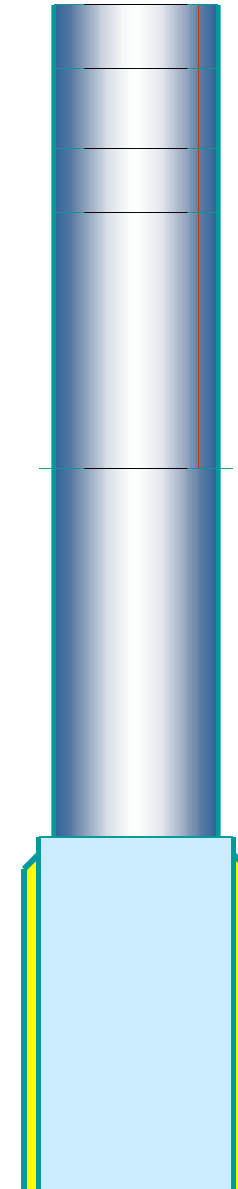
- In built buckle arrestor
- In built bulkhead
- Simple construction





# Field Joint

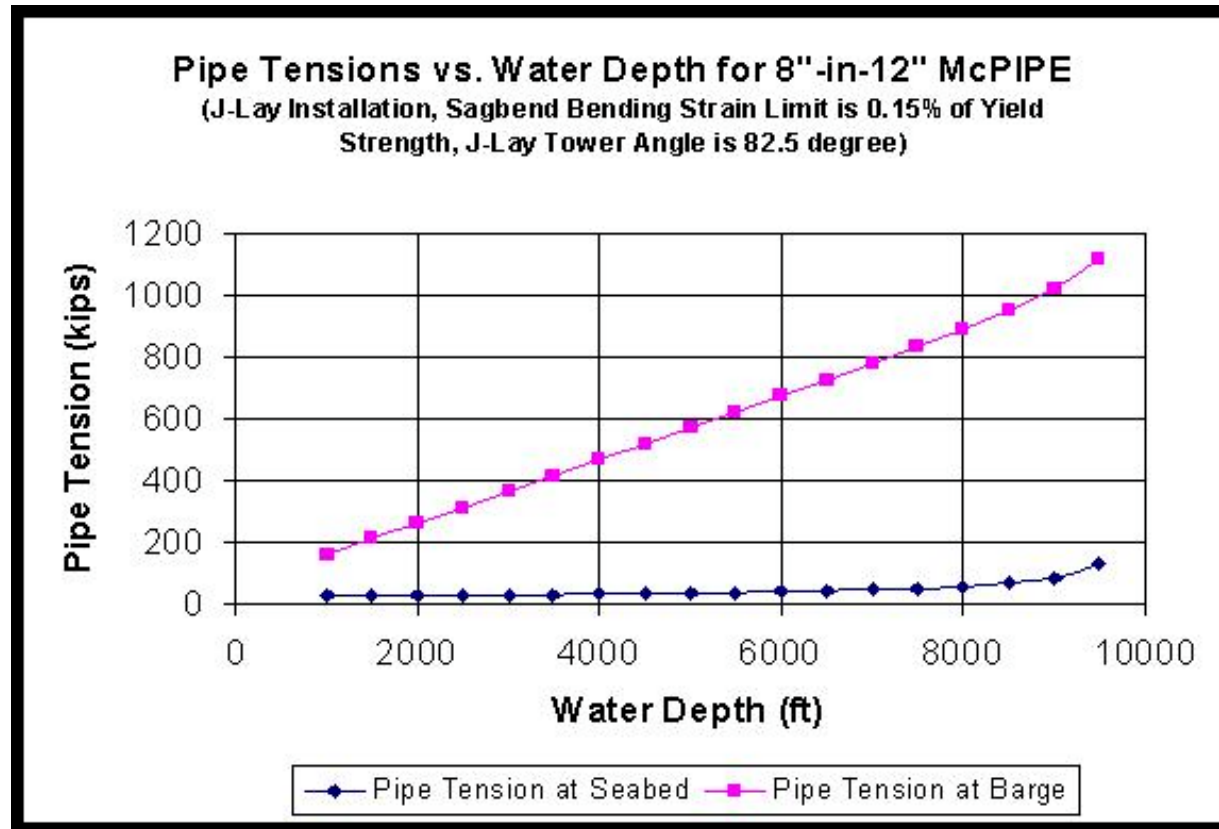
- ▼ **Good thermal performance**
  - insulated sleeve to minimize heat loss
- ▼ **Short offshore assembly time**
  - sleeve injected with fast curing resin
  - 5 mn cycle time for field joint installation
  - only inner pipe weld and UT to perform





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# System Installation Analysis





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# Mechanical System Benefits

- ▼ No centralizer required
- ▼ Minimum offshore cycle time
- ▼ Simple fabrication process and handling
- ▼ High collapse resistance
- ▼ Inherent on-bottom stability
- ▼ Simple installation
- ▼ Alternate to electrically heated pipe-in-pipe systems
  - No additional topsides equipment
  - No wet electrical connectors/isolation requirements
  - No CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- ▼ Alternate to conventional pipe-in-pipe systems





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# Further Benefits

- ▼ **Eliminates the need for host facility**
- ▼ **Suitable for local content in remote areas**
- ▼ **Provide an economic opportunity for the deepwater development of 50 million barrel recoverable fields which does not exist today**
- ▼ **Simplifies hurricane shut down and start up procedures**
- ▼ **Alternate to chemical treatments for wax and hydrate inhibition**



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# Further Applications

- ▼ Provide an economically and technically viable solution for single line tie backs.
- ▼ Provide insulation on ancillary equipment, i.e. connectors, flanges
- ▼ Harsh environmental conditions



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