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Engineering systems and products are an important element of the world economy and each year billions of dollars are spent to develop, manufacture, operate, and maintain systems and products around the globe. Because of this, global competition is requiring reliability professionals to work closely with other departments involved in engineering development during the product design and manufacturing phase. Applied Reliability for Engineers is an attempt to meet the need for a single volume that addresses a wide range of applied reliability topics. The material is treated in such a manner that the reader will require no previous knowledge to understand the text. The sources of most of the information presented are given in a reference section at the end of each chapter. At appropriate places, the book contains examples along with their solutions. At the end of each chapter there are numerous problems to test reader comprehension. This volume is thus suitable for use as a textbook as well as for reference. Applied Reliability for Engineers is useful to design professionals, system engineers, reliability specialists, graduate and senior undergraduate students, researchers and instructors of reliability engineering, and engineers-at-large.

Rules of Thumb for Maintenance and Reliability Engineers will give the engineer the “have to have” information. It will help instill knowledge on a daily basis, to do his or her job and to maintain and assure reliable equipment to help reduce costs. This book will be an easy reference for engineers and managers needing immediate solutions to everyday problems. Most civil, mechanical, and electrical engineers will face issues relating to maintenance and reliability, at some point in their jobs. This will become their “go to” book. Not an oversized handbook or a theoretical treatise, but a handy collection of graphs, charts, calculations, tables, curves, and explanations, basic “rules of thumb” that any engineer working with equipment will need for basic maintenance and reliability of that equipment. • Access to quick information which will help in day to day and long term engineering solutions in reliability and maintenance • Listing of short articles to help assist engineers in resolving problems they face • Written by two of the top experts in the country

Root Cause Failure Analysis Provides the knowledge and failure analysis skills necessary for preventing and investigating process equipment failures Process equipment and piping systems are essential for plant availability and performance. Regularly exposed to hazardous service conditions and damage mechanisms, these critical plant assets can result in major failures if not effectively monitored and assessed—potentially causing serious injuries and significant business losses. When used proactively, Root Cause Failure Analysis (RCFA) helps reliability engineers inspect the process equipment and piping system before any abnormal conditions occur. RCFA is equally important after a failure happens: it determines the impact of a failure, helps control the resultant damage, and identifies the steps for preventing future problems. Root Cause Failure Analysis: A Guide to Improve Plant Reliability offers readers clear understanding of degradation mechanisms of process equipment and the concepts needed to perform industrial RCFA investigations. This comprehensive resource describes the methodology of RCFA and provides multiple techniques and

industry practices for identifying, predicting, and evaluating equipment failures. Divided into two parts, the text first introduces Root Cause Analysis, explains the failure analysis process, and discusses the management of both human and latent error. The second part focuses on failure analysis of various components such as bolted joints, mechanical seals, steam traps, gearboxes, bearings, couplings, pumps, and compressors. This authoritative volume: Illustrates how failures are associated with part integrity, a complete system, or the execution of an engineering process Describes how proper design, operation, and maintenance of the equipment help to enhance their reliability Covers analysis techniques and industry practices including 5-Why RCFA, fault tree analysis, Pareto charts, and Ishikawa diagrams Features a detailed case study of process plant machinery and a chapter on proactive measures for avoiding failures Bridging the gap between engineering education and practical application, Root Cause Failure Analysis: A Guide to Improve Plant Reliability is an important reference and guide for industrial professionals, including process plant engineers, planning managers, operation and maintenance engineers, process designers, chemical engineers, and instrument engineers. It is also a valuable text for researchers, instructors, and students in relevant areas of engineering and science.

This newly expanded edition discusses proven approaches to defining causes of machinery failure as well as methods for analyzing and troubleshooting failures.

R. Keith Mobley

This book covers recent advancement methods used in analysing the root cause of engineering failures and the proactive suggestion for future failure prevention. The techniques used especially non-destructive testing such X-ray are well described. The failure analysis covers materials for metal and composites for various applications in mechanical, civil and electrical applications. The modes of failures that are well explained include fracture, fatigue, corrosion and high-temperature failure mechanisms. The administrative part of failures is also presented in the chapter of failure rate analysis. The book will bring you on a tour on how to apply mechanical, electrical and civil engineering fundamental concepts and to understand the prediction of root cause of failures. The topics explained comprehensively the reliable test that one should perform in order to investigate the cause of machines, component or material failures at the macroscopic and microscopic level. I hope the material is not too theoretical and you find the case study, the analysis will assist you in tackling your own failure investigation case.

Plant engineers are responsible for a wide range of industrial activities, and may work in any industry. This means that breadth of knowledge required by such professionals is so wide that previous books addressing plant engineering have either been limited to only certain subjects or cursory in their treatment of topics. The Plant Engineering Handbook offers comprehensive coverage of an enormous range of subjects which are of vital interest to the plant engineer and anyone connected with industrial operations or maintenance. This handbook is packed with indispensable information, from defining just what a Plant Engineer actually does, through selection of a suitable site for a factory and provision of basic facilities (including boilers, electrical systems, water, HVAC systems, pumping systems and floors and finishes) to issues such as lubrication, corrosion, energy conservation, maintenance and materials handling as well as environmental considerations, insurance matters and financial concerns. One of the

major features of this volume is its comprehensive treatment of the maintenance management function; in addition to chapters which outline the operation of the various plant equipment there is specialist advice on how to get the most out of that equipment and its operators. This will enable the reader to reap the rewards of more efficient operations, more effective employee contributions and in turn more profitable performance from the plant and the business to which it contributes. The Editor, Keith Mobley and the team of expert contributors, have practiced at the highest levels in leading corporations across the USA, Europe and the rest of the world. Produced in association with Plant Engineering magazine, this book will be a source of information for plant engineers in any industry worldwide. * A Flagship reference work for the Plant Engineering series * Provides comprehensive coverage on an enormous range of subjects vital to plant and industrial engineer * Includes an international perspective including dual units and regulations

This updated edition is an invaluable source of practical cost-effective maintenance, repair, installation, and field verification procedures for machinery engineers. It is filled with step-by-step instructions and quick-reference checklists that describe preventive and predictive maintenance for major process units such as vertical, horizontal, reciprocating, and liquid ring vacuum pumps, fans and blowers, compressors, turboexpanders, turbines, and more. Also included are sections on machinery protection, storage, lubrication, and periodic monitoring. A new section examines centrifugal pumps and explains how and why they continue to fail. More new information focuses on maintenance for aircraft derivative gas turbines. This revised edition gives special attention throughout to maintenance and repair procedures needed to ensure efficiency, performance, and long life.

Over the last three decades the process industries have grown very rapidly, with corresponding increases in the quantities of hazardous materials in process, storage or transport. Plants have become larger and are often situated in or close to densely populated areas. Increased hazard of loss of life or property is continually highlighted with incidents such as Flixborough, Bhopal, Chernobyl, Three Mile Island, the Phillips 66 incident, and Piper Alpha to name but a few. The field of Loss Prevention is, and continues to, be of supreme importance to countless companies, municipalities and governments around the world, because of the trend for processing plants to become larger and often be situated in or close to densely populated areas, thus increasing the hazard of loss of life or property. This book is a detailed guidebook to defending against these, and many other, hazards. It could without exaggeration be referred to as the "bible" for the process industries. This is THE standard reference work for chemical and process engineering safety professionals. For years, it has been the most complete collection of information on the theory, practice, design elements, equipment, regulations and laws covering the field of process safety. An entire library of alternative books (and cross-referencing systems) would be needed to replace or improve upon it, but everything of importance to safety professionals, engineers and managers can be found in this all-encompassing reference instead. Frank Lees' world renowned work has been fully revised and expanded by a team of leading chemical and process engineers working under the guidance of one of the world's chief experts in this field. Sam Mannan is professor of chemical engineering at Texas A&M University, and heads the Mary Kay O'Connor Process Safety Center at Texas A&M. He received his MS and Ph.D. in chemical engineering from the University of Oklahoma, and joined the chemical engineering department at Texas A&M University as a professor in 1997. He has over 20 years of experience as an engineer, working both in industry and academia New detail is added to chapters on fire safety, engineering, explosion hazards,

analysis and suppression, and new appendices feature more recent disasters. The many thousands of references have been updated along with standards and codes of practice issued by authorities in the US, UK/Europe and internationally. In addition to all this, more regulatory relevance and case studies have been included in this edition. Written in a clear and concise style, *Loss Prevention in the Process Industries* covers traditional areas of personal safety as well as the more technological aspects and thus provides balanced and in-depth coverage of the whole field of safety and loss prevention. - A must-have standard reference for chemical and process engineering safety professionals - The most complete collection of information on the theory, practice, design elements, equipment and laws that pertain to process safety - Only single work to provide everything; principles, practice, codes, standards, data and references needed by those practicing in the field

An Insightful Guide to Avoiding Offshore Oil- and Gas-Industry Disaster Designing, constructing, operating, and maintaining offshore oil and gas industry equipment and systems can sometimes result in accidents, injuries, and other serious problems. *Safety and Reliability in the Oil and Gas Industry: A Practical Approach* focuses on oil and gas industry equipment reliability, offers useful and up-to-date information on the subject, and covers in a single volume the most common safety and reliability engineering issues in the oil and gas industry. The book introduces the latest developments in the area, and provides relevant methods and approaches. It also presents important aspects of various case studies on major accidents in the oil and gas industry, and considers human factors that contribute to accidents and fatalities in the area of oil and gas. Additionally, this book describes: Mathematical concepts Oil and gas industry equipment reliability characteristics Accident data and analysis Mathematical models used for performing safety and reliability-related analyses in the industry *Safety and Reliability in the Oil and Gas Industry: A Practical Approach* covers important aspects of safety in the offshore oil and gas industry. A reference designed with engineering professionals in mind, this book can also be used in oil- and gas-industry-related courses, and serves as a guide for anyone concerned with safety and reliability in the area of oil and gas.

Examines the fundamentals and practice of both the design and operation of face seals, ranging from washing machines to rocket engine turbopumps. Topics include materials, tribology, heat transfer and solid mechanics. A variety of simple and complex models are proposed and evaluated and specific problems such as heat checking, blistering and instability are considered. Offers 64 tables and 364 references plus useful recommendations regarding the future of seal design.

Manufacturers and engineers face growing challenges as technology develops. Ever more stringent limits on emissions are driving changes in industry operating practices, while new emerging applications such as shale gas and coal bed methane impose demands for operation under high pressures and temperatures. This congress showcases the latest fluid machinery technology available and provides a forum for sharing valuable experiences around design, operation and maintenance. examine the latest developments in fluid machinery technology explore opportunities to network and share experiences around different functions focus on future technological challenges and the changes they will bring to the industry

Uptime describes the combination of activities that deliver fewer breakdowns, improved productive capacity, lower costs, and better environmental performance. The bestselling second edition of *Uptime* has been used as a textbook on maintenance management in several postsecondary institutions and by many companies as the model framework for their maintenance management programs. Following in the tradition of its bestselling predecessors, *Uptime: Strategies for Excellence in Maintenance Management, Third Edition* explains how to deal with increasingly complex technologies, such as mobile and cloud computing, to support maintenance departments and set the stage for compliance with international standards for asset management. This updated edition reflects a far broader and deeper wealth of

experience and knowledge. In addition, it restructures its previous model of excellence slightly to align what must be done more closely with how to do it. The book provides a strategy for developing and executing improvement plans that work well with the new values prevalent in today's workforce. It also explains how you can use seemingly competing improvement tools to complement and enhance each other. This edition also highlights action you can take to compensate for the gradual loss of skills in the current workforce as "baby boomers" retire.

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The authors use their decades of experience and draw upon real-world examples to demonstrate that the application of their techniques provides a basis for equipment management, uptime maximization, and reduced maintenance costs. The text explores reliability assessment techniques such as Failure Mode, Effect Analysis, and Fault Tree Analysis of commonly encountered rotating machinery. These are all highly effective techniques that the engineer can apply to maximize uptime and thereby maximize production and profitability. *Provides the tools to drastically improve machinery productivity and performance *Bridges the gap between the theory of "reliability engineering" and the practical day-to-day measures that lead to machinery uptime *Authoritative reference for maximizing the uptime of process equipment

Understanding why and how failures occur is critical to failure prevention, because even the slightest breakdown can lead to catastrophic loss of life and asset as well as widespread pollution. This book helps anyone involved with machinery reliability, whether in the design of new plants or the maintenance and operation of existing ones, to understand why process equipment fails and thereby prevent similar failures.

Mechanical Seal Practice For Improved Performance is a practical text which provides a vast amount of solid and well tested guidance. It is a book which should be at the fingertips of all engineers concerned with mechanical seals. COMPLETE CONTENTS: Preface to First Edition. Preface to Second Edition. Editor's Comments. Part I. Mechanical Seal Design. Part II. Mechanical Seal Selection. Part III. Pump Considerations. Part IV. Verification of Seal Design. Part V. Practical Considerations in Using Mechanical Seals. Appendices. Index.

Centrifugal Pumps: Design and Application, Second Edition focuses on the design of chemical pumps, composite materials, manufacturing techniques employed in nonmetallic pump applications, mechanical seals, and hydraulic design. The publication first offers information on the elements of pump design, specific speed and modeling laws, and impeller design.

Discussions focus on shape of head capacity curve, pump speed, viscosity, specific gravity, correction for impeller trim, model law, and design suggestions. The book then takes a look at general pump design, volute design, and design of multi-stage casing. The manuscript examines double-suction pumps and side-suction design, net positive suction head, and vertical pumps. Topics include configurations, design features, pump vibration, effect of viscosity, suction piping, high speed pumps, and side suction and suction nozzle layout. The publication also ponders on high speed pumps, double-case pumps, hydraulic power recovery turbines, and shaft design and axial thrust. The book is a valuable source of data for pump designers, students, and rotating equipment engineers.

Wherever machinery operates there will be seals of some kind ensuring that the machine remains lubricated, the fluid being pumped does not leak, or the gas does not enter the atmosphere. Seals are ubiquitous, in industry, the home, transport and many other places. This 5th edition of a long-established title covers all types of seal by application: static, rotary, reciprocating etc. The book bears little resemblance to its predecessors, and Robert Flitney has re-planned and re-written every aspect of the subject. No engineer, designer or manufacturer of seals can afford to be without this unique resource. Wide engineering market Bang up to date! Only one near competitor, now outdated

Engineering systems are an important element of world economy. Each year billions of dollars

are spent to develop, manufacture, operate, and maintain various types of engineering systems about the globe. The reliability and usability of these systems have become important because of their increasing complexity, sophistication, and non-specialist users. Global competition and other factors are forcing manufacturers to produce highly reliable and usable engineering systems. Along with examples and solutions, this book integrates engineering systems reliability and usability into a single volume for those individuals that directly or indirectly are concerned with these areas.

Annotation Emerging from a November 1991 symposium in Scottsdale, Arizona, 19 papers report on advances in developing, testing, and applying engine cooling fluids for automobiles and heavy duty engines. Among the topics are carboxylic acids as corrosion inhibitors in engine coolant, phosphate-molybdate supplements to heavy duty diesel engines, the toxicity and disposal of engine coolants, and the characterization of used engine coolant by statistical analysis. Annotation copyright by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR.

Pumps are commonly encountered in industry and are essential to the smooth running of many industrial complexes. Mechanical engineers entering industry often have little practical experience of pumps and their problems, and need to build up an understanding of the design, operation and appropriate use of pumps, plus how to diagnose faults and put them right. This book tackles all these aspects in a readable manner, drawing on the authors' long experience of lecturing and writing on centrifugal pumps for industrial audiences.

Just published in its updated fourth edition, this highly regarded text explains in clear terms how and why the best-of-class pump users are consistently achieving superior run lengths, low maintenance expenditures, and unexcelled safety and reliability. Written by practicing engineers whose working careers were marked by involvement in all facets of pumping technology, operation, assessment, upgrading and cost management, this book endeavors to describe in detail how you, too, can accomplish optimum pump performance and low life cycle cost. A new chapter on breaking the cycle of pump repairs examines the cost of failures and the defined operating range of pumps. The authors also explore mechanical issues, deviations from best available technology, and preventing problems with oil rings and constant level lubricators. Additional topics include bearing housing protector seals, best lube application practices, lubrication and bearing distress, and paying for value.

This book promotes and describes the application of objective and effective decision making in asset management based on mathematical models and practical techniques that can be easily implemented in organizations. This comprehensive and timely publication will be an essential reference source, building on available literature in the field of asset management while laying the groundwork for further research breakthroughs in this field. The text provides the resources necessary for managers, technology developers, scientists and engineers to adopt and implement better decision making based on models and techniques that contribute to recognizing risks and uncertainties and, in general terms, to the important role of asset management to increase competitiveness in organizations.

This second edition of *An Introduction to Predictive Maintenance* helps plant, process, maintenance and reliability managers and engineers to develop and implement a comprehensive maintenance management program, providing proven strategies for regularly monitoring critical process equipment and systems, predicting machine failures, and scheduling maintenance accordingly. Since the publication of the first edition in 1990, there have been many changes in both technology and methodology, including financial implications, the role of a maintenance organization, predictive maintenance techniques, various analyses, and maintenance of the program itself. This revision includes a complete update

of the applicable chapters from the first edition as well as six additional chapters outlining the most recent information available. Having already been implemented and maintained successfully in hundreds of manufacturing and process plants worldwide, the practices detailed in this second edition of *An Introduction to Predictive Maintenance* will save plants and corporations, as well as U.S. industry as a whole, billions of dollars by minimizing unexpected equipment failures and its resultant high maintenance cost while increasing productivity. A comprehensive introduction to a system of monitoring critical industrial equipment Optimize the availability of process machinery and greatly reduce the cost of maintenance Provides the means to improve product quality, productivity and profitability of manufacturing and production plants

This book gathers select contributions from the 32nd International Congress and Exhibition on Condition Monitoring and Diagnostic Engineering Management (COMADEM 2019), held at the University of Huddersfield, UK in September 2019, and jointly organized by the University of Huddersfield and COMADEM International. The aim of the Congress was to promote awareness of the rapidly emerging interdisciplinary areas of condition monitoring and diagnostic engineering management. The contents discuss the latest tools and techniques in the multidisciplinary field of performance monitoring, root cause failure modes analysis, failure diagnosis, prognosis, and proactive management of industrial systems. There is a special focus on digitally enabled asset management and covers several topics such as condition monitoring, maintenance, structural health monitoring, non-destructive testing and other allied areas. Bringing together expert contributions from academia and industry, this book will be a valuable resource for those interested in latest condition monitoring and asset management techniques.

These proceedings gather a selection of peer-reviewed papers presented at the 7th International Conference on Fracture Fatigue and Wear (FFW 2018), held at Ghent University, Belgium on 9–10 July 2018. The contributions, prepared by international scientists and engineers, cover the latest advances in and innovative applications of fracture mechanics, fatigue of materials, tribology and wear of materials. The book is intended for academics, including graduate students and researchers, as well as industrial practitioners working in the areas of fracture fatigue and wear.

Rubber Seals for Fluid and Hydraulic Systems is a comprehensive guide to the manufacturing and applications of rubber seals, with essential coverage for industry sectors including aviation, oil drilling and the automotive industry. Fluid leakage costs industry millions of dollars every year. In addition to wasted money, unattended leaks can result in downtime, affect product quality, pollute the environment, and cause injury. Successful sealing involves containment of fluid within a system while excluding the contaminants; the resilience of rubber enables it to be used to achieve these two objectives and create a tight sealing effect. A sound understanding of the complex factors involved in successful fluid

sealing is essential for engineers who specify, design, operate and maintain machinery and mechanical equipment. This book focuses on the characteristics of rubbers as seals, their manufacturing procedures, the implications of their physical and chemical characteristics for the sealing function in the fluid and hydraulic systems, how rubbers seal and prevent leaks, what properties are required for sealing function, and how they change before and after installation. The chapter on Manufacture of Seals and 'O'Rings includes approximately 25 workable starting point formulations based on different rubbers, with cure and property data of those formulations as guidelines for technologists and engineers. Emphasis on important areas such as applications of rubber as fluid seals in the nuclear, aviation, oil drilling and automotive industries Includes a chapter on Rubber Expansion Joints as the function of such expansion joints as pipe connectors is indirectly linked with leakage and prevention of fluid flow through the pipes The chapter on Manufacture of Seals and 'O'Rings includes approx. 25 workable starting point formulations based on different rubbers, with cure and property data of those formulations as guidelines for technologists and engineers

Mechanical Engineer's Reference Book, 12th Edition is a 19-chapter text that covers the basic principles of mechanical engineering. The first chapters discuss the principles of mechanical engineering, electrical and electronics, microprocessors, instrumentation, and control. The succeeding chapters deal with the applications of computers and computer-integrated engineering systems; the design standards; and materials' properties and selection. Considerable chapters are devoted to other basic knowledge in mechanical engineering, including solid mechanics, tribology, power units and transmission, fuels and combustion, and alternative energy sources. The remaining chapters explore other engineering fields related to mechanical engineering, including nuclear, offshore, and plant engineering. These chapters also cover the topics of manufacturing methods, engineering mathematics, health and safety, and units of measurements. This book will be of great value to mechanical engineers.

A multidisciplinary introduction to engineering design using real-life case studies. Case Studies in Engineering Design provides students and practising engineers with many practical and accessible case studies which are representative of situations engineers face in professional life, and which incorporate a range of engineering disciplines. Different methodologies of approaching engineering design are identified and explained prior to their application in the case studies. The case studies have been chosen from real-life engineering design projects and aim to expose students to a wide variety of design activities and situations, including those that have incomplete, or imperfect, information. This book encourages the student to be innovative, to try new ideas, whilst not losing sight of sound and well-proven engineering practice. A multidisciplinary introduction to engineering design. Exposes readers to wide variety of design activities and situations. Encourages exploration of new ideas using sound and well-proven engineering practice.

Root Cause Failure Analysis provides the concepts needed to effectively perform industrial troubleshooting investigations. It describes the methodology to perform Root Cause Failure Analysis (RCFA), one of the hottest topics currently in maintenance engineering. It also includes detailed equipment design and troubleshooting guidelines, which are needed to perform RCFA on machinery found in most production facilities. This is the latest book in a new series published by Butterworth-Heinemann in association with PLANT ENGINEERING magazine. PLANT ENGINEERING fills a unique information need for the men and women who operate and maintain industrial plants. It bridges the information gap between engineering education and practical application. As technology advances at increasingly faster rates, this information service is becoming more and more important. Since its first issue in 1947, PLANT ENGINEERING has stood as the leading problem-solving information source for America's industrial plant engineers, and this book series will effectively contribute to that resource and reputation. Provides information essential to industrial troubleshooting investigations Describes the methods of root cause failure analysis, a hot topic in maintenance engineering Includes detailed equipment-design guidelines "Assists users, developers, researchers, and manufacturers in the design, selection, development, and application of seals and sealing systems for fluids." With this 13th in the series of International Conferences on Fluid Sealing these meetings move into their third decade. To be precise it is now thirty-one years since BHRA, as it then was, convened, with no little trepidation, the first of these Conferences in Ashford, England. The massive set of proceedings now occupies a considerable length of shelf in my bookcase and represents a tremendous technological resource - over 400 separate papers. It is interesting that I seem to refer most often to the earlier volumes, probably most of all to the very first. Perhaps this is because this volume marks the beginning of "historic times", AD 0, for fluid sealing technology. There were of course important publications in this field even before 1961. A notable example is the seminal work of my predecessor at BHRA, Dr D. F. Denny, whose researches on reciprocating fluid power seals, "The sealing mechanism of flexible packings", was published in 1947 by a long since defunct government department, the Ministry of Supply. Another notable source is the Proceedings of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers' 1957 Conference on Lubrication and Wear. However, there is more to fluid st". aling technology than just tribology, as we must now call lubrication and wear, interest in static seals has really come to the fore in recent years - witness the large batch of papers dealing with this subject in the present Conference. Based on a December 1999 symposium held in Reno, this collection of 41 papers reviews new technologies being developed to address hydraulic wear and failure problems. The main subjects are tribological design, failure analysis, improved materials, seals, and the effects of fluids on hydraulic pump w Resumen: This newly expanded edition discusses proven approaches to defining causes of machinery failure as well as methods for analyzing and troubleshooting

failures.

This volume contains 17 selected papers reflecting the flavour of the Norwegian Petroleum Society conference on hydrocarbon seals quantification and showing the recent significant advances in the understanding and application of hydrocarbon seal methodologies. Three broad categories are covered in this book: methodologies addressing cap-rock integrity, methodologies relating to fault seal and case studies both from the hydrocarbon basins of Northwestern Europe and in the form of outcrop examples. With the North Sea, Norwegian Sea and Atlantic Margin moving along their respective basin maturity and development curves, exploration is being forced deeper into high pressure/high temperature terrains, while exploitation and development requires greater precision and realism in reservoir simulations to maximise drilling strategies to prolong field life. In all instances the need for predictive tools and methodologies that address the integrity and behaviour of top and lateral (fault) seals to hydrocarbon traps, both in the static and dynamic state, have been identified as key risk factors and this is reflected in this volume.

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