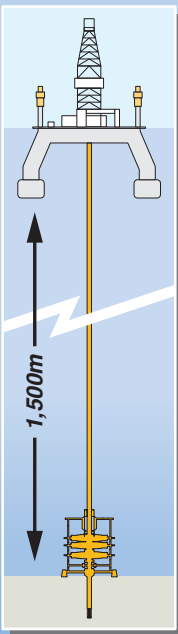


Shutting off an oil leak

Robotic submersibles are trying to stop oil leaking into the Gulf of Mexico from a damaged well almost 1.5km below the surface. Around 1,000 barrels of oil a day have been gushing from the well since a drilling rig sank off the Louisiana coast on April 22

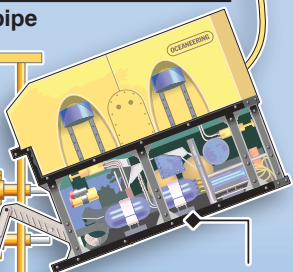


BLOW-OUT PREVENTER: Valve operated remotely via hydraulic actuators – usually seals oil well automatically



Deepwater Horizon: Winds blowing oil spill eastwards, threatening Florida coastline

Drill pipe



ROVs: Four remotely operated underwater vehicles, equipped with cameras and robot arms, trying to activate 450-ton BOP manually

