

An alternative power supply for subsea production at long distances

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Arctic Prospects



- Up to 25% of the World hydrocarbon reserves
- Today's technologies make these reserves attainable
- Russian scientific knowledge provides solid foundation for development

Arctic Challenges

Unique combination of:

- Extremely low winter temperatures
- Ice coverage
- Deep seas
- Very large fields
- Ultra long offsets
- Extremely sensitive ecosystem

We can not just use off-the-shelf solutions

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Enabling Technologies





- Long distance subsea power and communication
- Subsea processing



- High voltage subsea distribution & connection systems
- Long distance gas transportation systems

Technology Gaps





- High Power DC / AC Subsea Inverters (145kV-450kV)
- Very High Voltage High Power Subsea Connectors
- Standards for interfacing subsea electrical equipment

Phased Subsea Developments - Ormen Lange

Initial Phase

- Initial Power investment is limited to template controls (up to 1MW)
- Duration approx. 10-15 years



Compression Phase

- Large power investment when boosting needed in later life (100 MW)
- Allows time to develop needed technologies



Large All-Electric Subsea Production System

Phase 1

- > 4 x 8-slot templates
- > 28 x production wells
- ➤ 4 x water injection wells
- Two Umbilicals
- ➤ Two 10" MEG lines
- > Two 36"-42" pipelines
- Phase 2
 - Subsea processing
- Phase 3
 - Subsea compression



Power demand by All-Electric Subsea Production System



Subsea power consumer	Power demand
Control system	approx. 10 kW
Valves	1 kW to 350 kW
Water injection pumps (per well)	1 MW to 5 MW
Multiphase pumps (per well)	2 MW to 5 MW
Downhole pumps (per well)	approx. 1 MW
Subsea gas compression (per well)	approx. 5 MW
Subsea separation and processing	10 MW to 50 MW

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Power supply to All-Electric Subsea Production System

Few Possibilities:

- Power transmission from shore;
- Offshore power generation
 - Surface
 - Subsea

Power supply from Platform

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- Platform based power generation is most common;
- Gravity Base Structures proven effective in Arctic
- Ice-resistant GBS platform applicable to deep Arctic seas likely to cost more than 4,5 Billion EUR.



- Special means of crew evacuation must be in-place for safe platform operation.
- In order to alleviate safety concerns unmanned platform should be considered

Power Transmission from Shore





- HV/AC technology is limited to about 100-200 km.
- HV/DC requires high capacity inverters.



• High capacity subsea power cable is expensive (both materials and installation)

Subsea Power Generation

- High development cost;
- Relatively low construction and operational costs;
- Very high voltage connectors and inverters not needed;
- Virtually unlimited expansion possibilities;
- High level of overall safety is achievable;

Autonomous Subsea Power Station

- Nuclear power generation can be adopted from icebreakers propulsion (50MW-100MW)
- Can use present technology of subsea power distribution & connection systems
- Can be modular for simplified installation maintenance & repair
- Can be monitored and controlled from shore
- It doesn't require huge amount of raw materials

Cost Comparison



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Conclusions

- ASPS has potential for powering future subsea field developments at lower cost – it deserves further investigation
- Russian scientific community and industry can provide important contribution
- A JIP should be formed to put in place standards and guidelines etc.



Thanks for Your attention

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