Long range & challenging tiebacks – eliminating the umbilical

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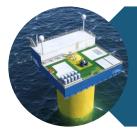
Introduction



Buoyant Production Technologies (BPT) is a subsidiary of Crondall Energy Consultants Ltd. focussed on technology development



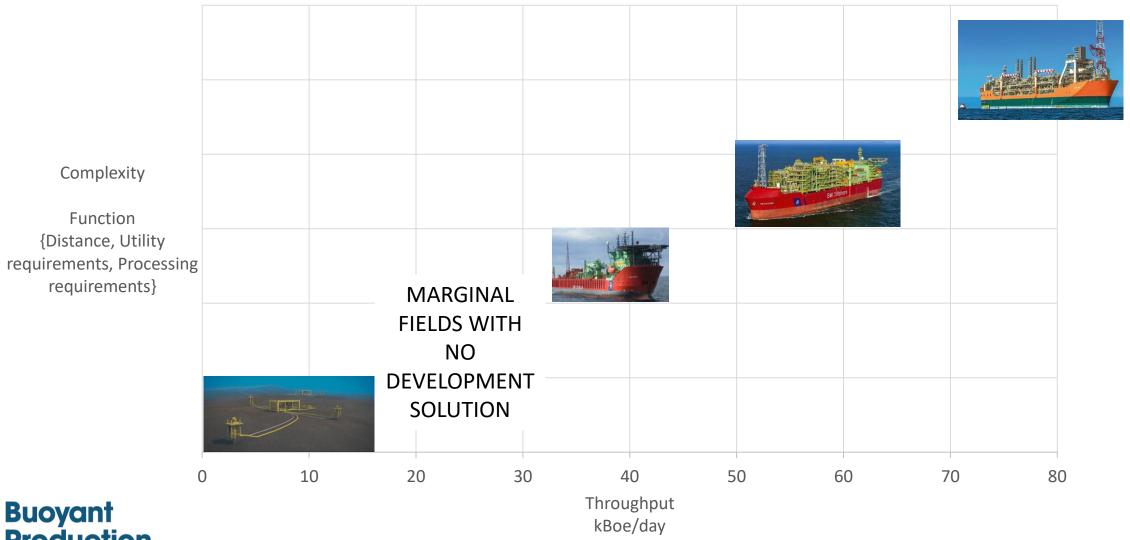
BPT has developed Floating NUI technology products offering low lifecycle cost to support marginal fields



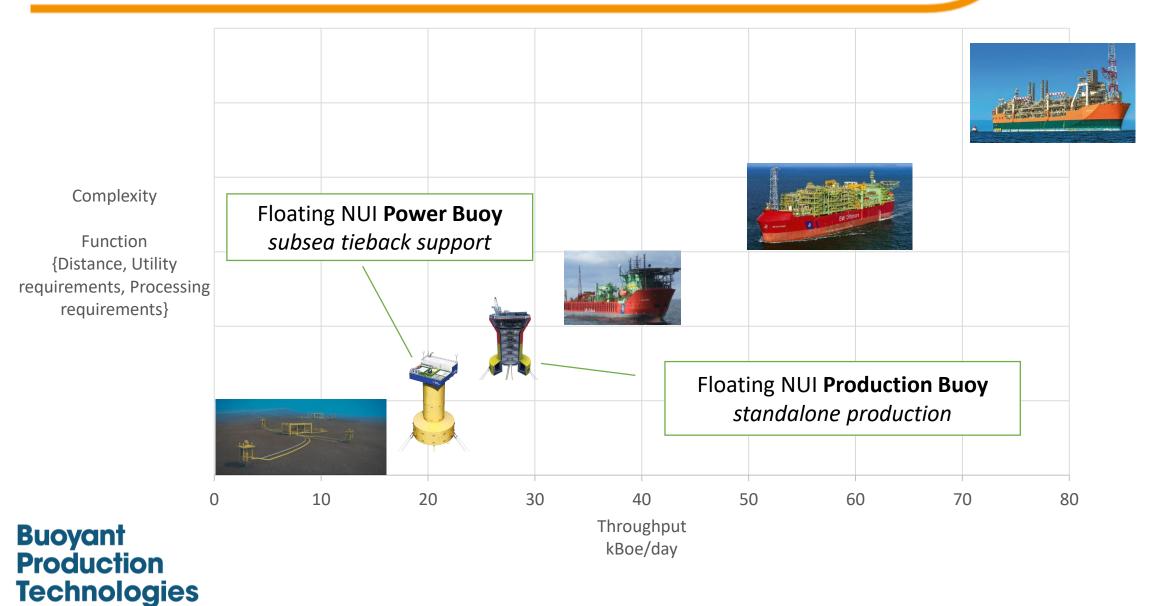
This presentation introduces a NUI Power, Control and Communication Buoy as a means of enabling long-distance and challenging subsea tiebacks



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Floating NUI





- Patented and novel floating facility design, IP owned by BPT;
- Designed for NUI operations, remote control and infrequent maintenance;
- Lloyds Register Approval in Principal (AiP);
- Lifecycle cost savings relative to traditional alternatives:
 - Digitally enabled NUI operations drive a low OPEX;
 - Compact minimal facilities achieves a low CAPEX.

Developing Floating NUI – industry collaboration











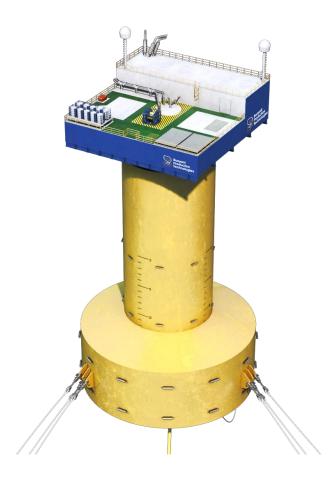






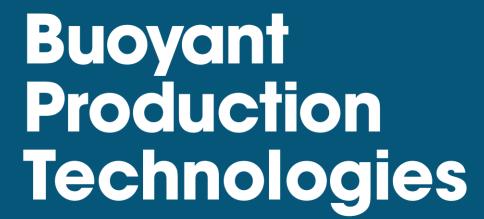




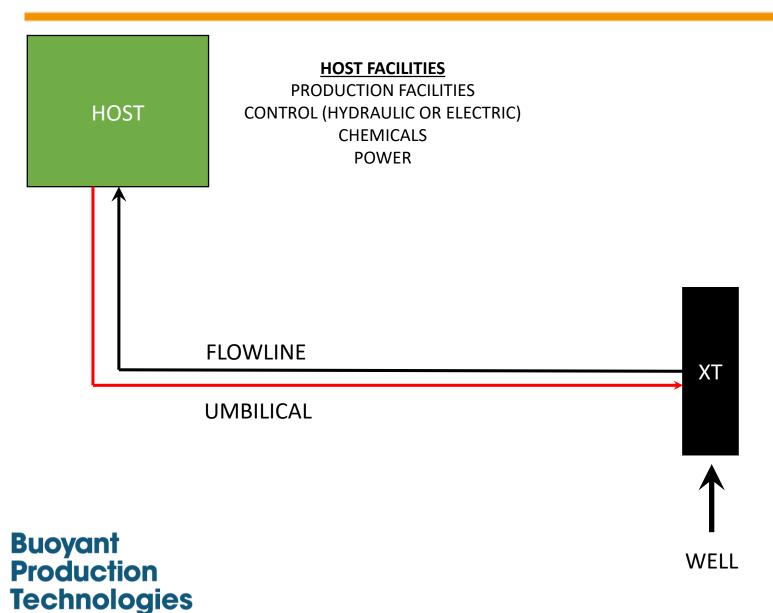


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Floating NUI: - subsea tieback support



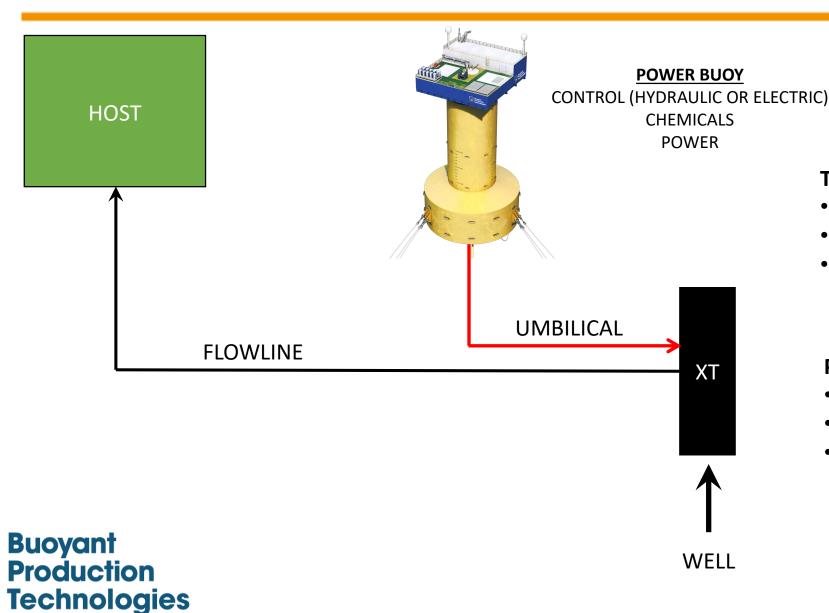
Floating NUI application



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Power & Control Buoy

- No umbilical is required from the host
- No utilities are exported from the host
- Brownfield modifications are minimised

Industry opportunity

Oil price uncertainty

Reduced finance for new production facilities

Environmental challenges

Focus on Carbon footprint

Mature industry

- Reducing exploration potential around existing hubs
- Decommissioning of facilities and pipelines can strand tieback prospects

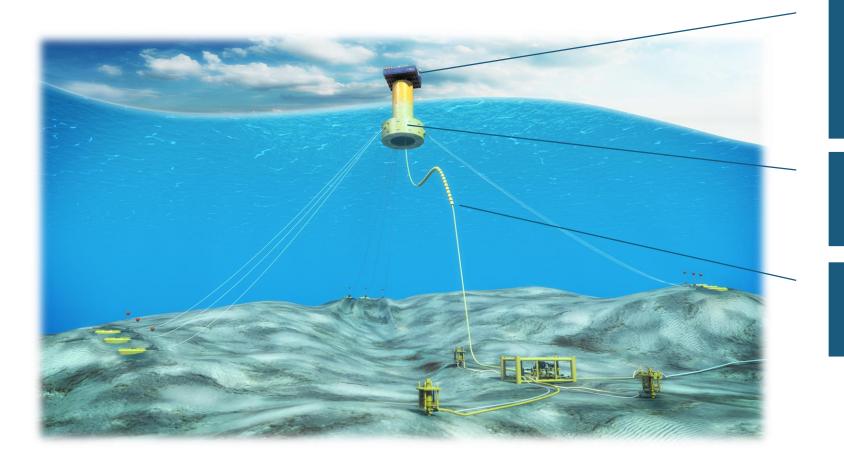
Subsea tiebacks are attractive:

- Reduced capital requirements for new production
- Lower Carbon footprint than standalone facilities
- Shorter project schedule

If we can extend the economic and technical range of tiebacks

- Extend the life of host facilities and export pipelines
- Maximise economic recovery
- Minimise the industry carbon footprint

Power Buoy features



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Topsides:

Power generation (50kW – 15+MW)

Chemical injection

Switchgear

Communication

Hull:

Fuel & chemical storage Semi-taut mooring system

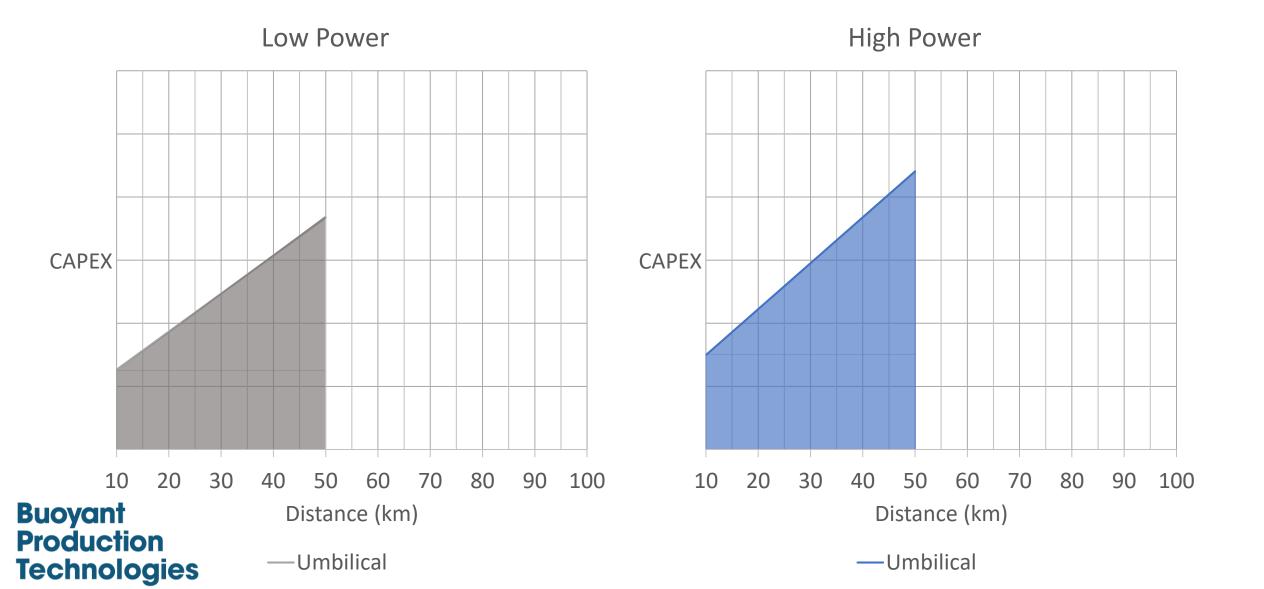
Dynamic umbilical:Well control, power, chemicals

Range of power demands

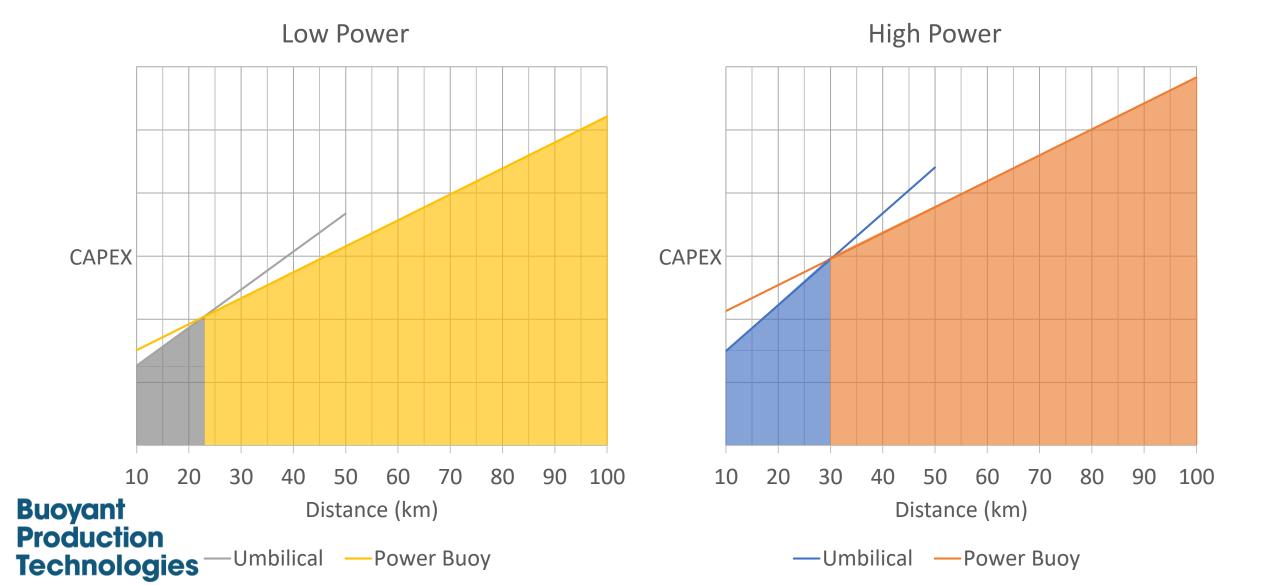
Benign or Harsh metocean

70m + water depth

Tieback CAPEX – utilising umbilical



Tieback CAPEX: - power buoy vs umbilical



Benefits: - Power buoy vs umbilical

CAPEX reductions for longer tiebacks (20-25 km upwards)

Reduce offshore vessel operations for installation and abandonment

- Carbon footprint
- Environmental footprint (trenching and burial)
- ABEX

Simplified host interface

- Reduce host brownfield modification risk
- Overcome host space constraints
- Reduce host contracting & commercial challenges

Conclusion

A wellsite Power & control buoy can expand the range & functional capabilities of a subsea tieback

Potential outcomes:

- Unlock tiebacks challenged by distance or technical issues
- Minimise tieback impact on host facility
- Supercharge a hub strategy





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