

# **DC/FO TECHNOLOGY A LEAN & POWERFUL SUBSEA CONTROL INFRASTRUCTURE**



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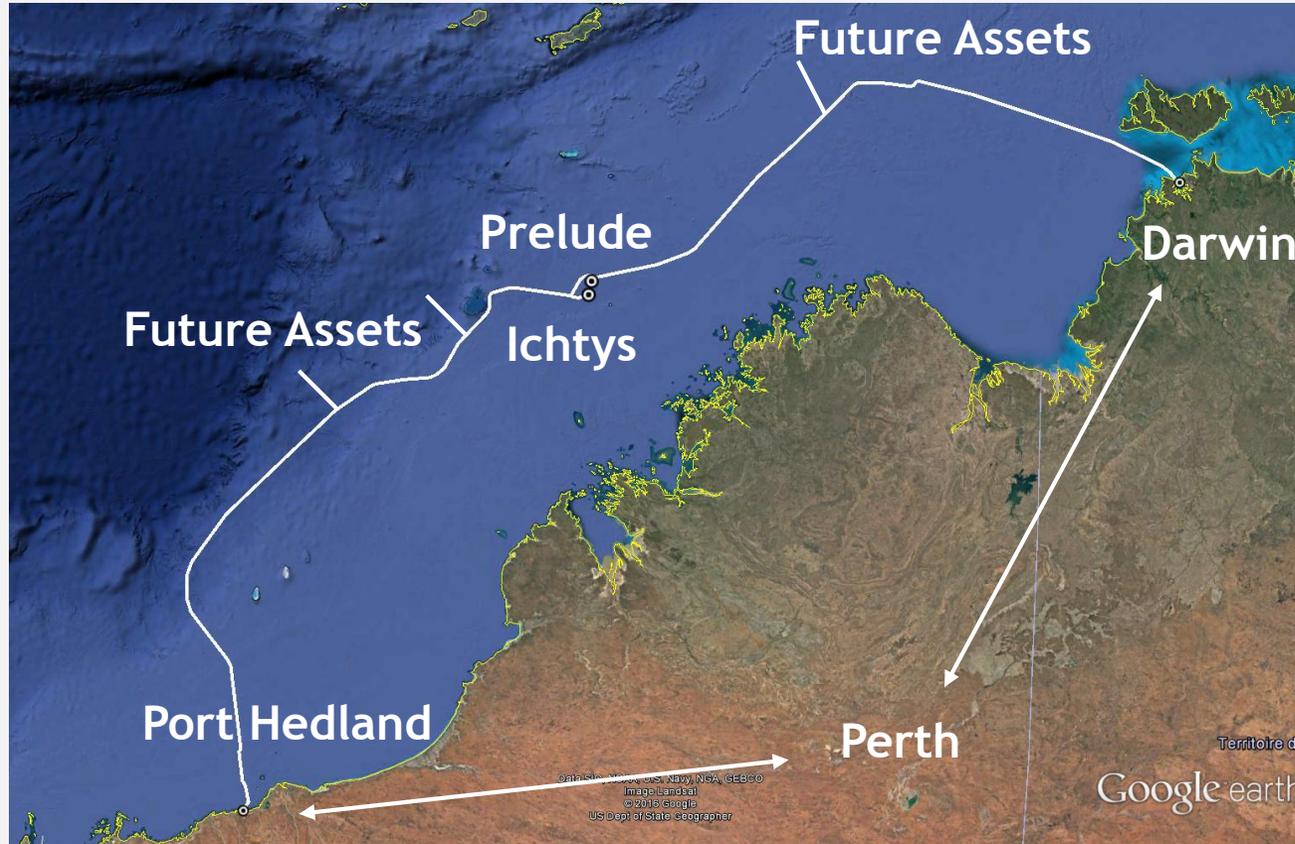
# ASN AT A GLANCE

OVER 550,000KM OF OPTICAL FIBRE SUBMARINE TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEMS IN SERVICE

PROVEN & STANDARD  
SUBMARINE TELECOM TECHNOLOGIES  
TO ACHIEVE COST REDUCTION  
IN OIL&GAS FIELDS



# APPLICATION TO OIL & GAS: NORTH WEST CABLE SYSTEM in AUSTRALIA ‘THE FITZROY PROJECT’



Cable from Darwin to Port Hedland  
Connection to Prelude Ichtyis, and potentially future other O&G assets in the area.

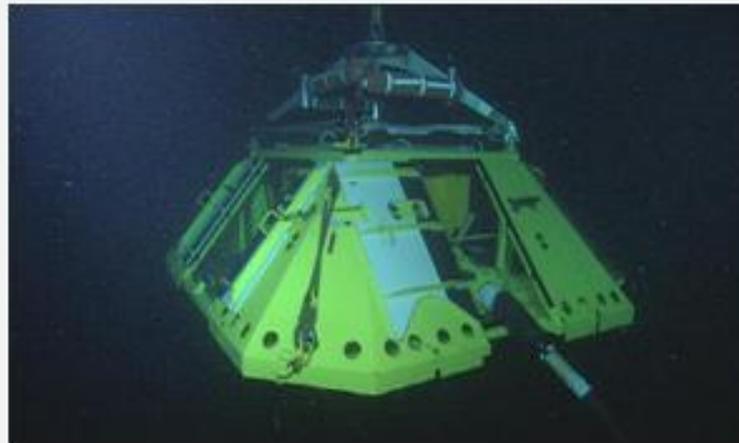
*“The subsea cable will give us a highly reliable and stable high-speed voice and data service which is essential for effective and efficient operations at our future offshore facilities. (Shell Prelude Asset Manager)”*

# DC/FO SYSTEM OVERVIEW

## ORIGIN OF DC/FO: POWER & COMS FOR SCIENTIFIC APPLICATIONS

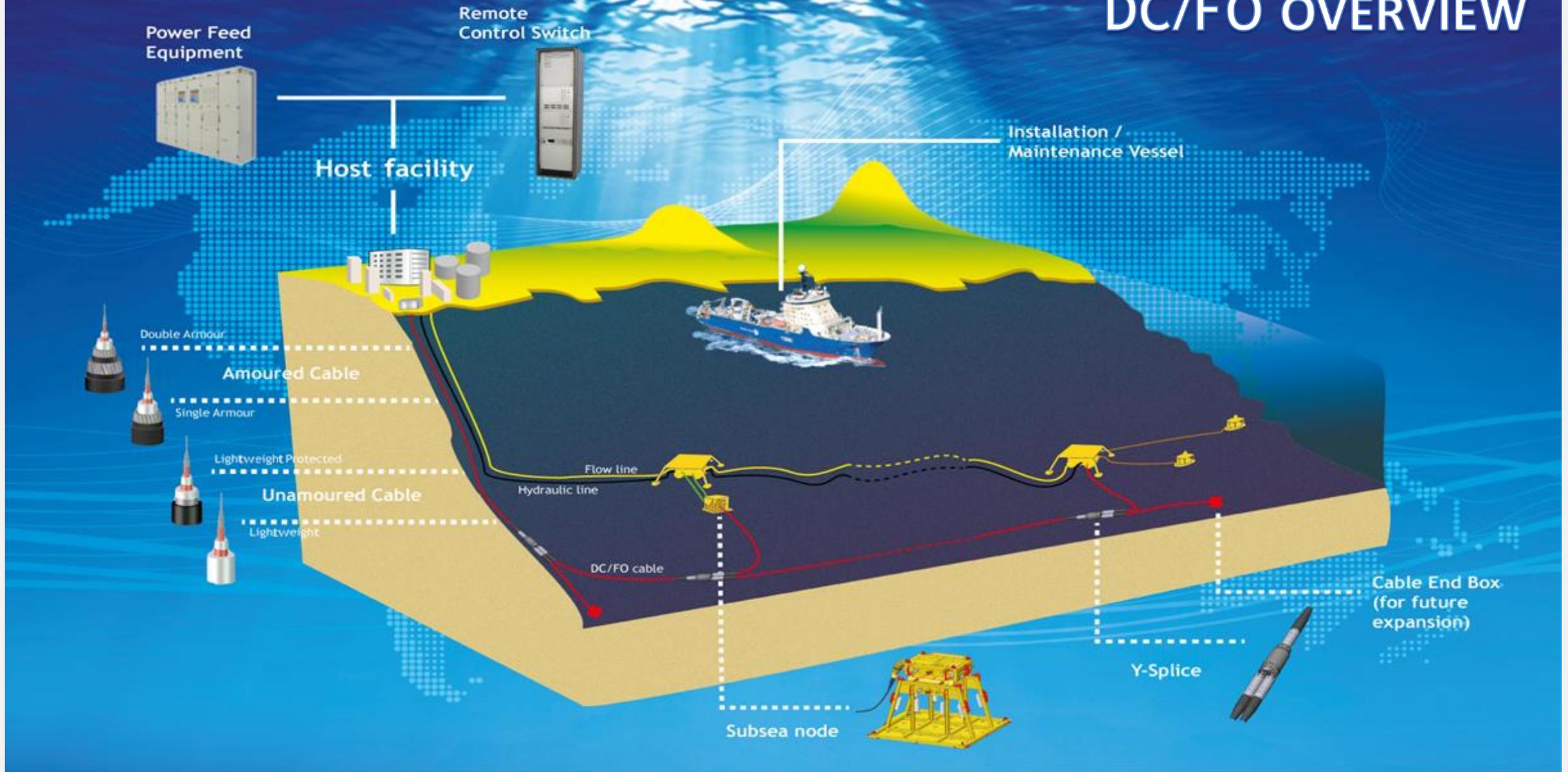
### NEPTUNE (<http://www.oceannetworks.ca/>)

- 800 km backbone @10kV DC
- 2700 m water depth
- 5 Subsea Nodes @10 kW + coms offering 4 x (1GbE and 400V DC) interfaces



System in operation since 08/2009

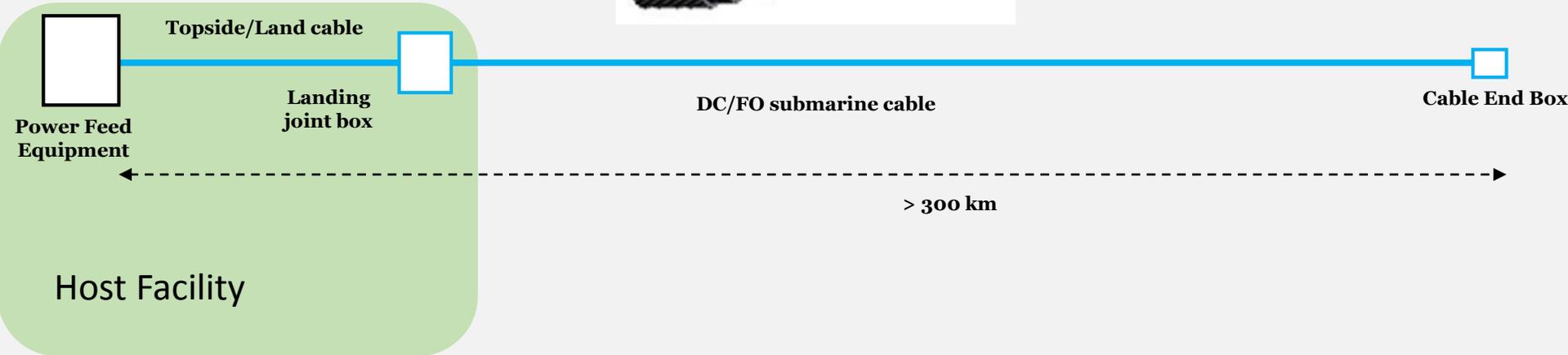
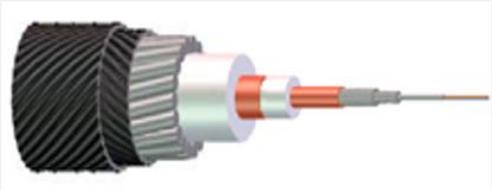
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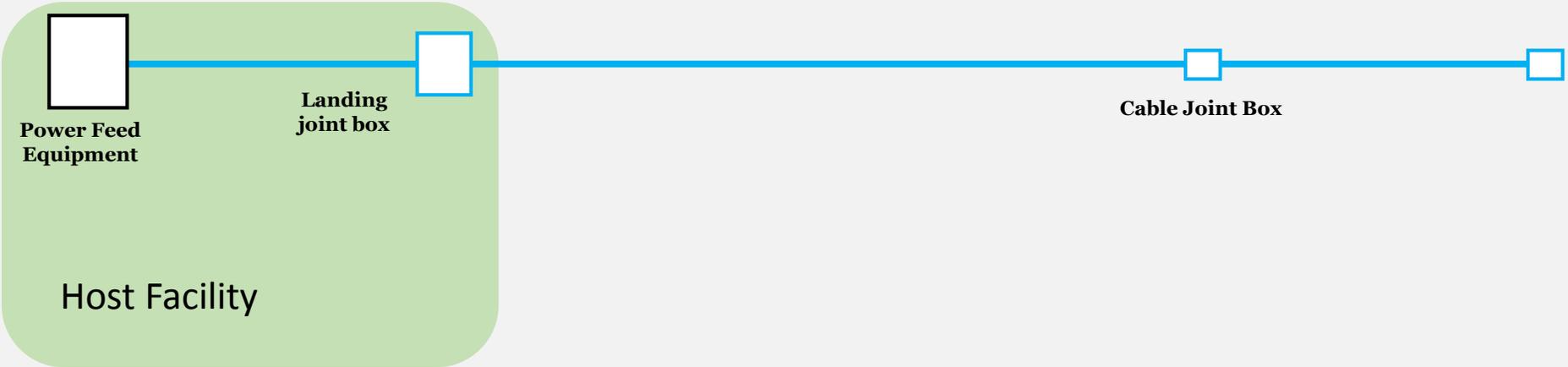
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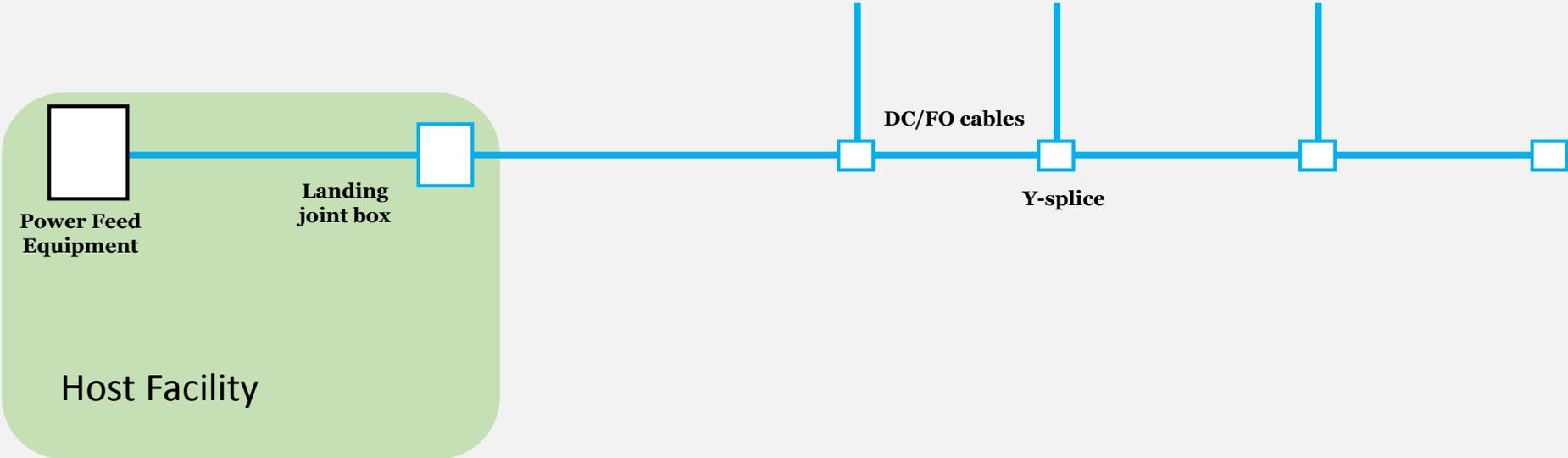
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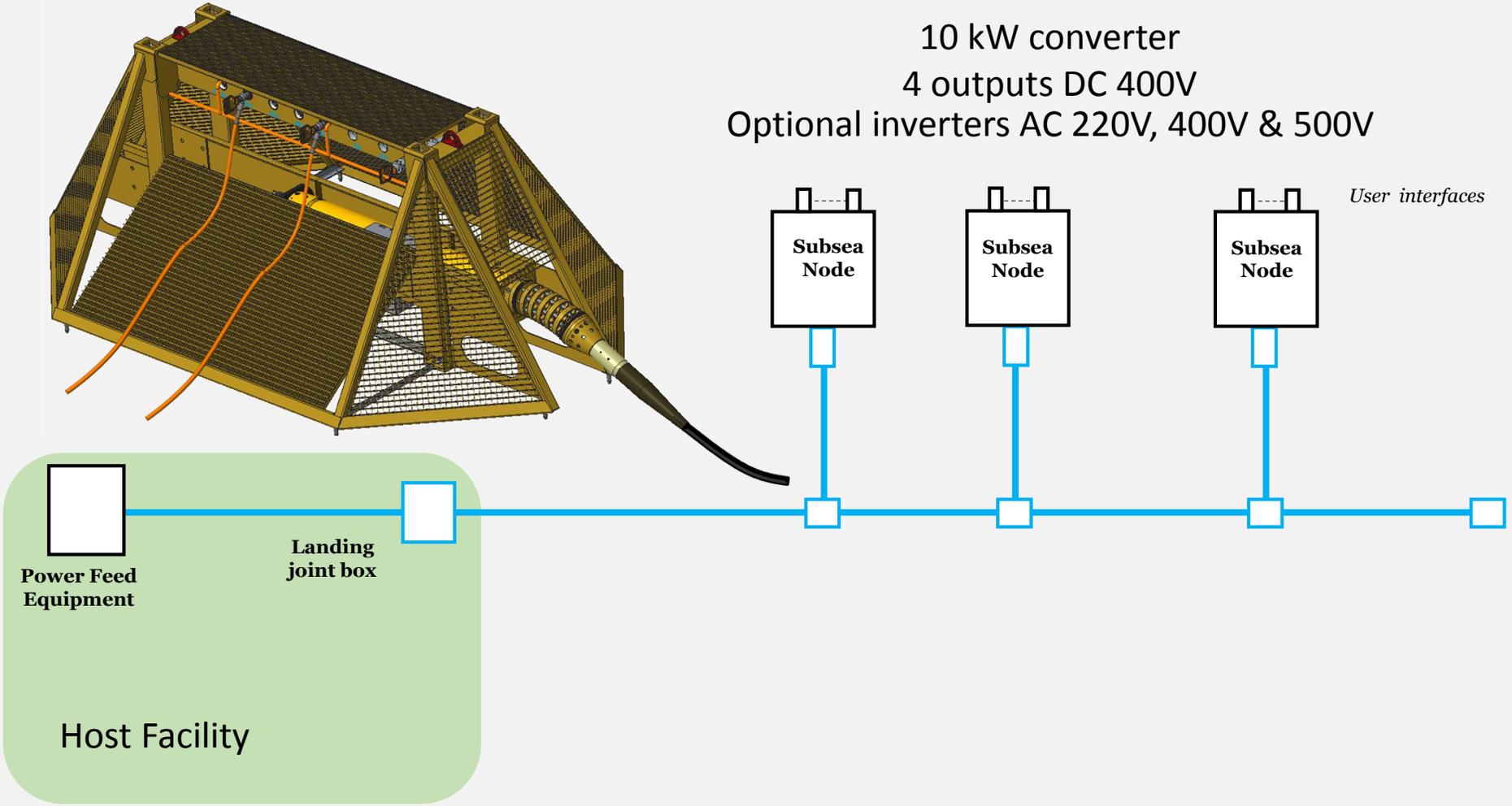
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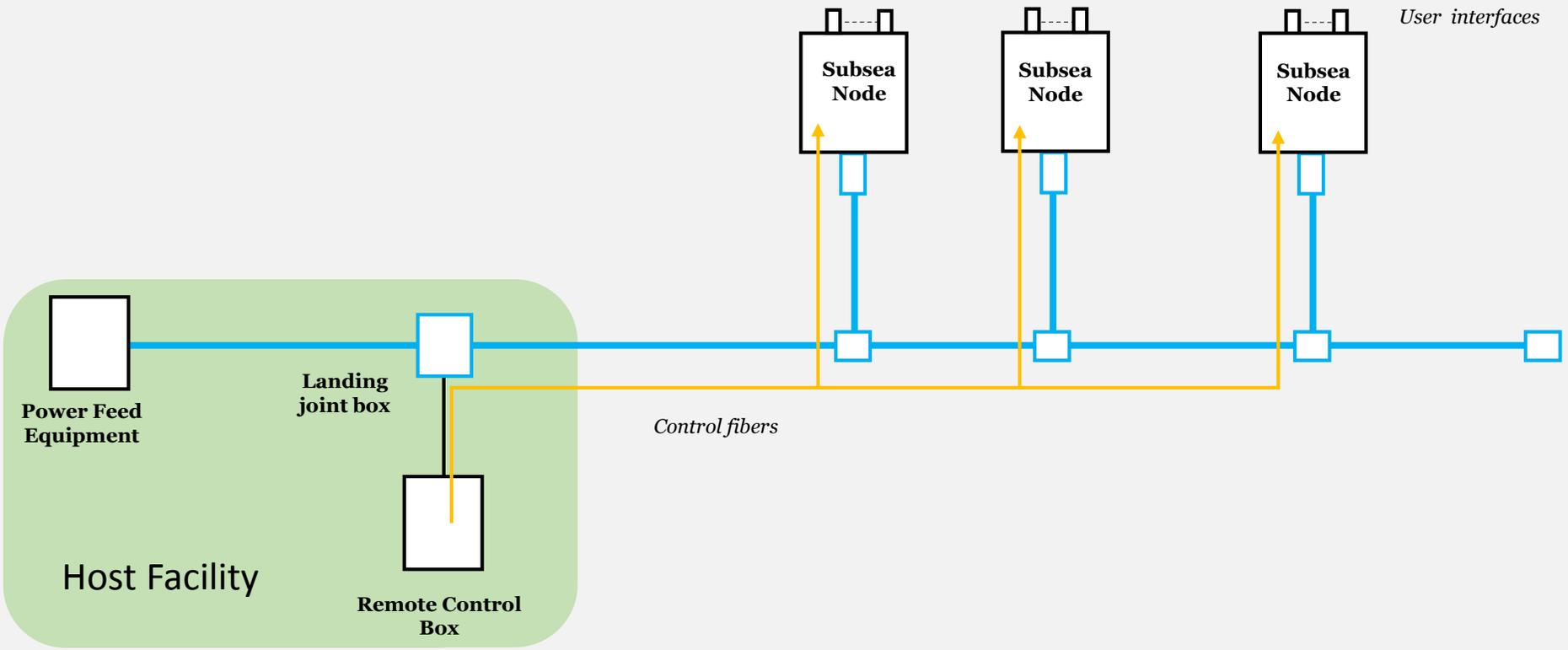
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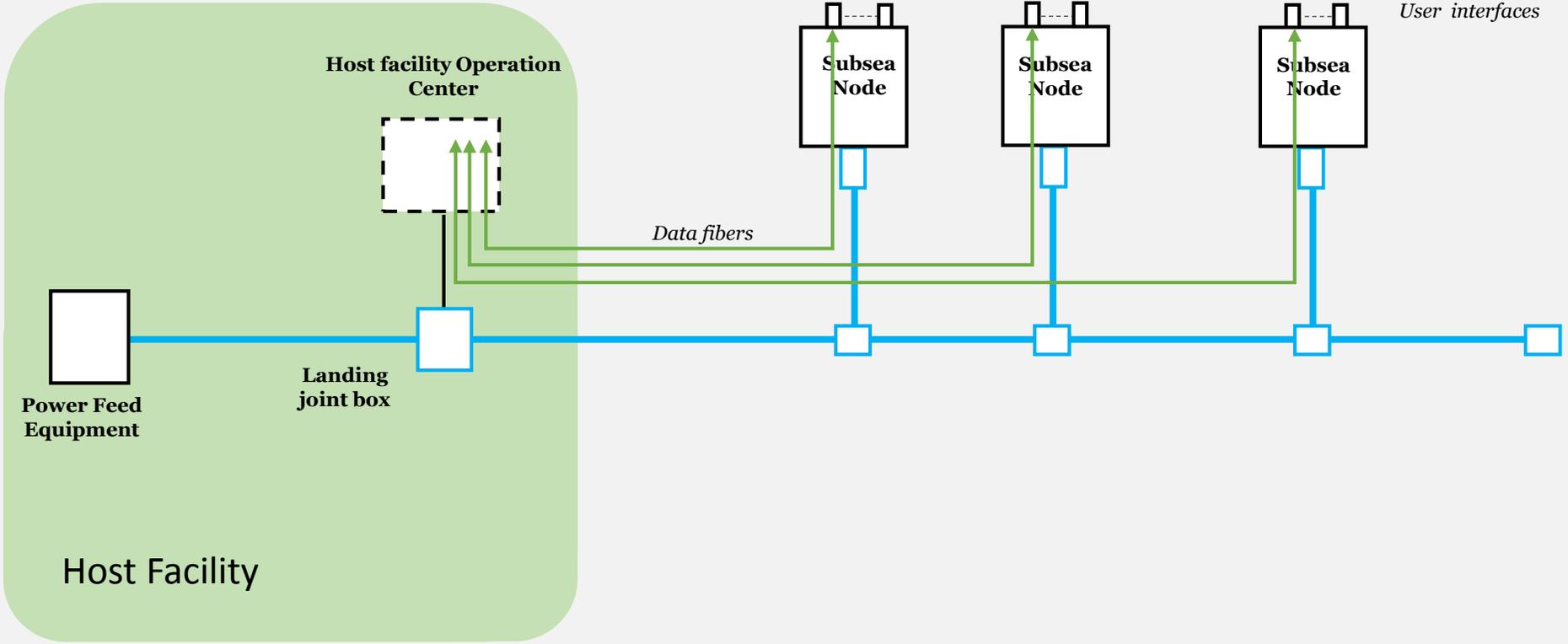
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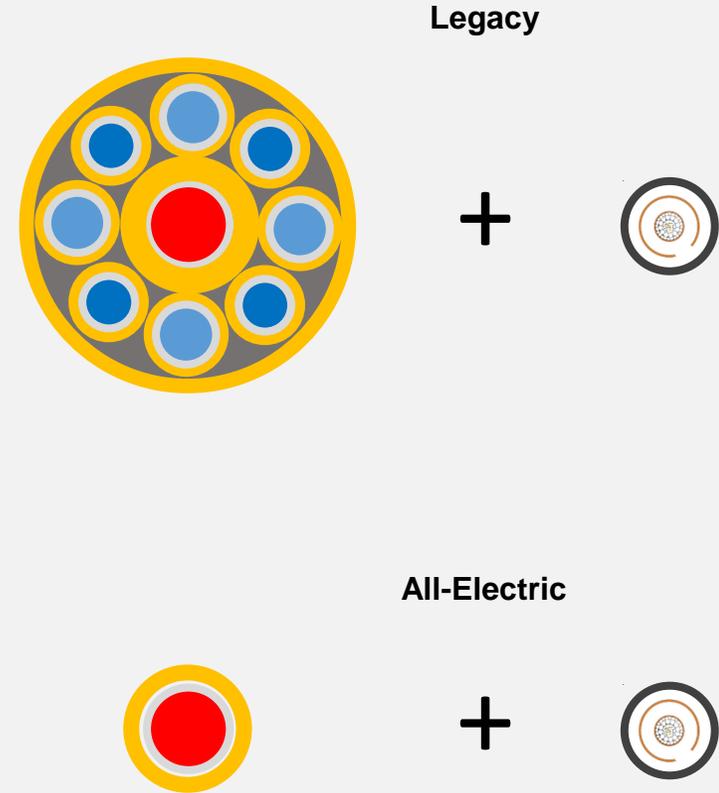
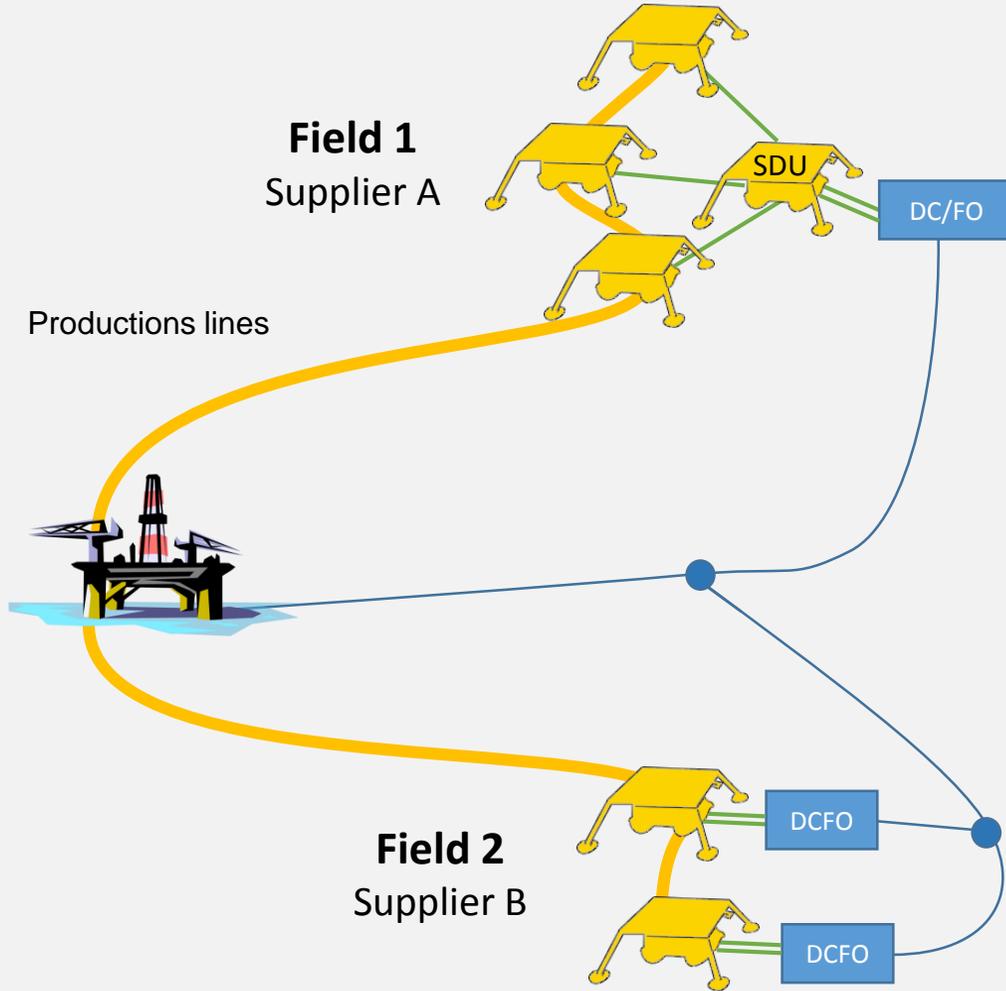
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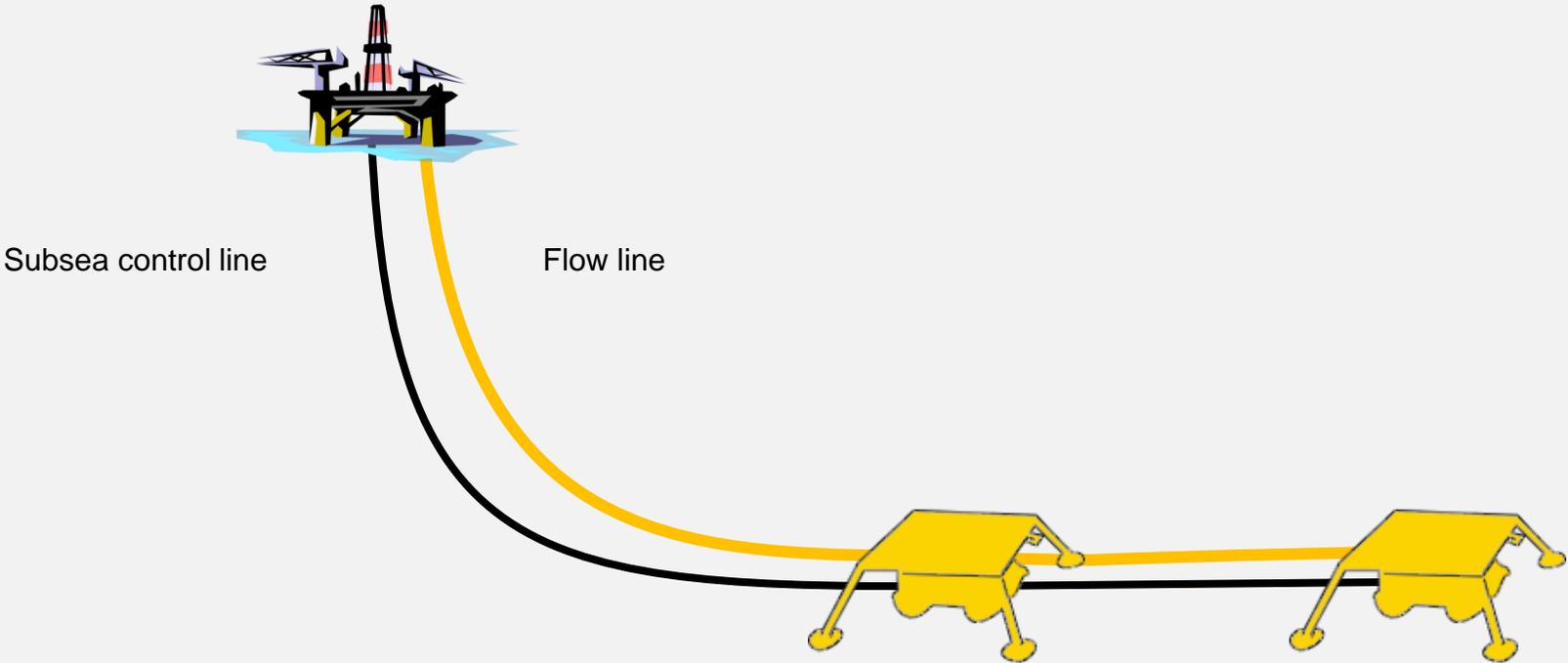
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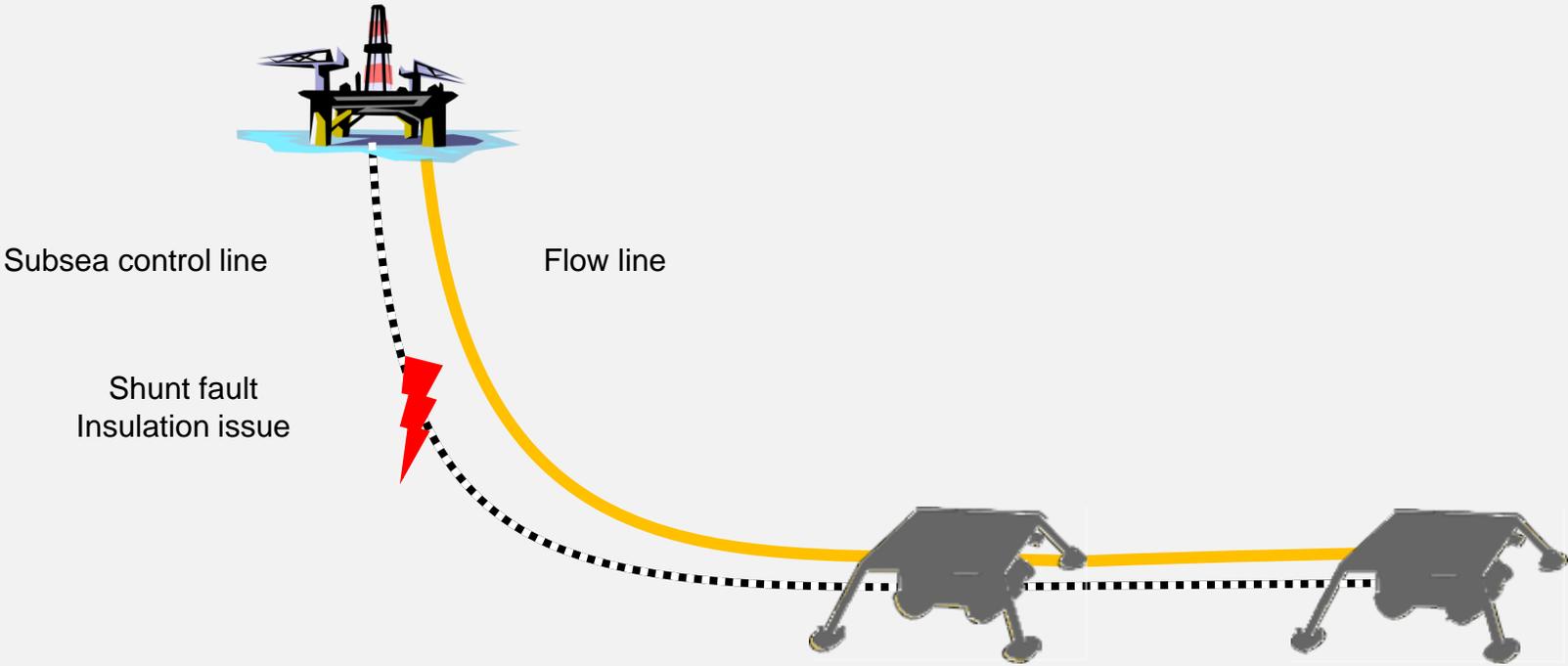
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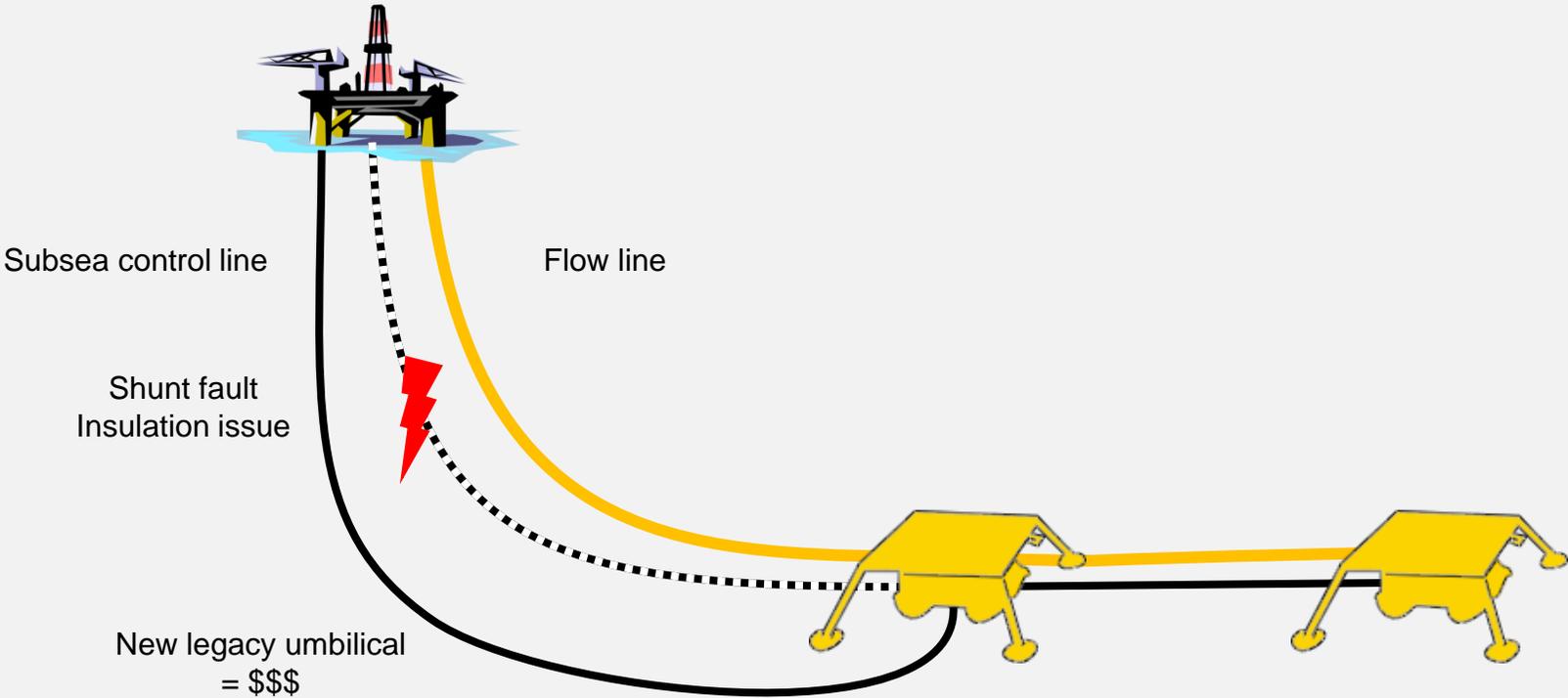
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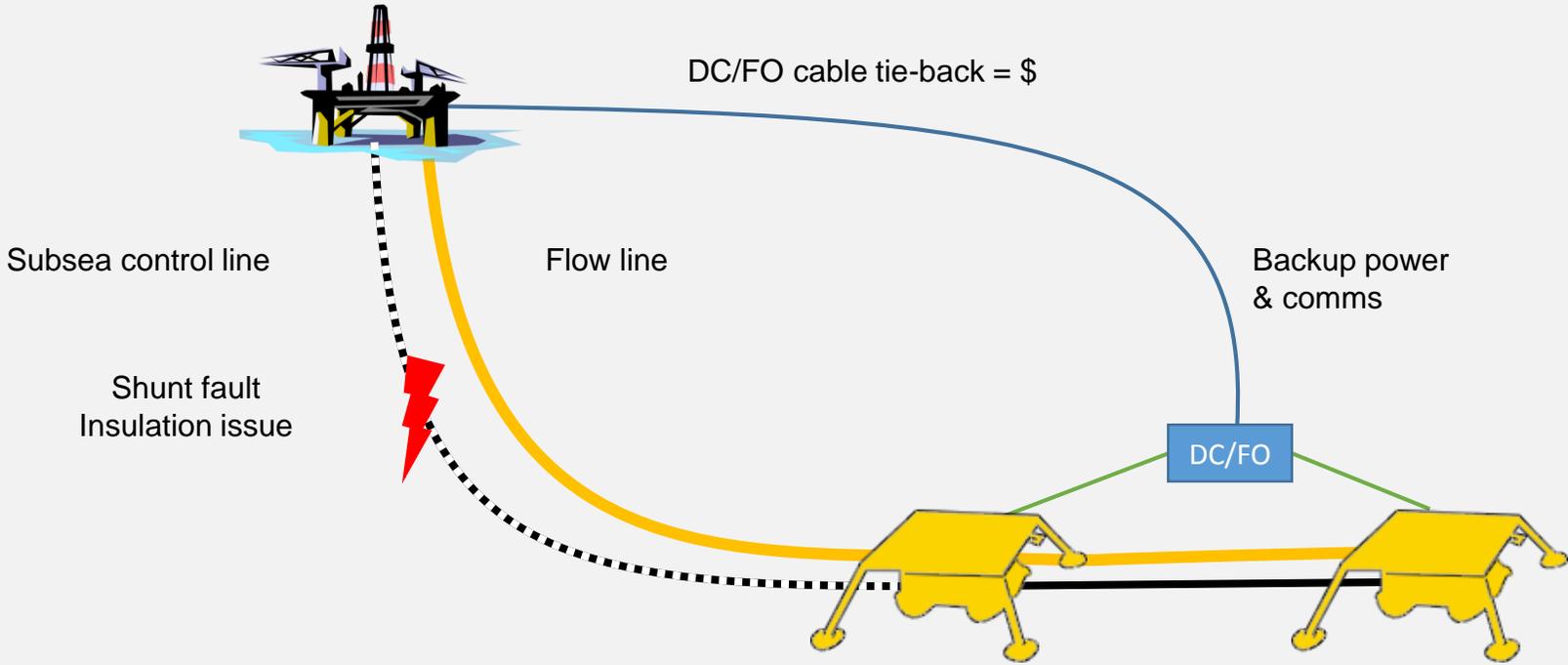
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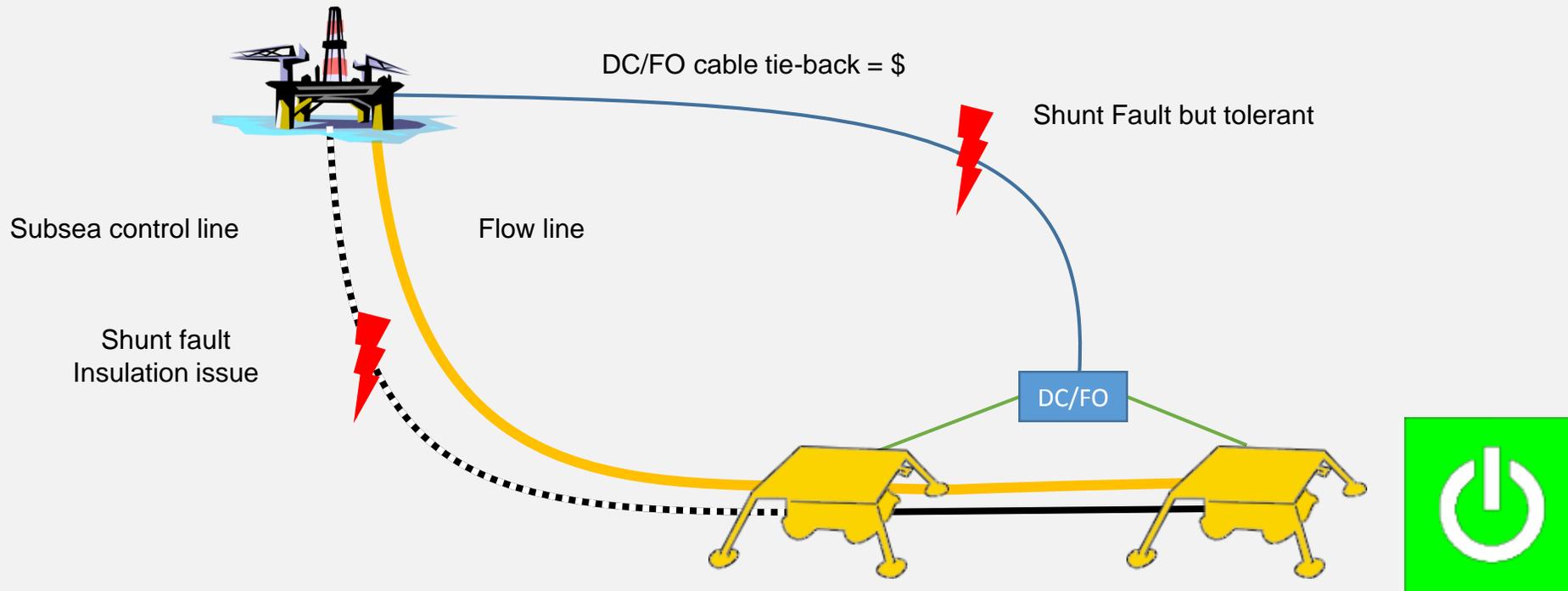
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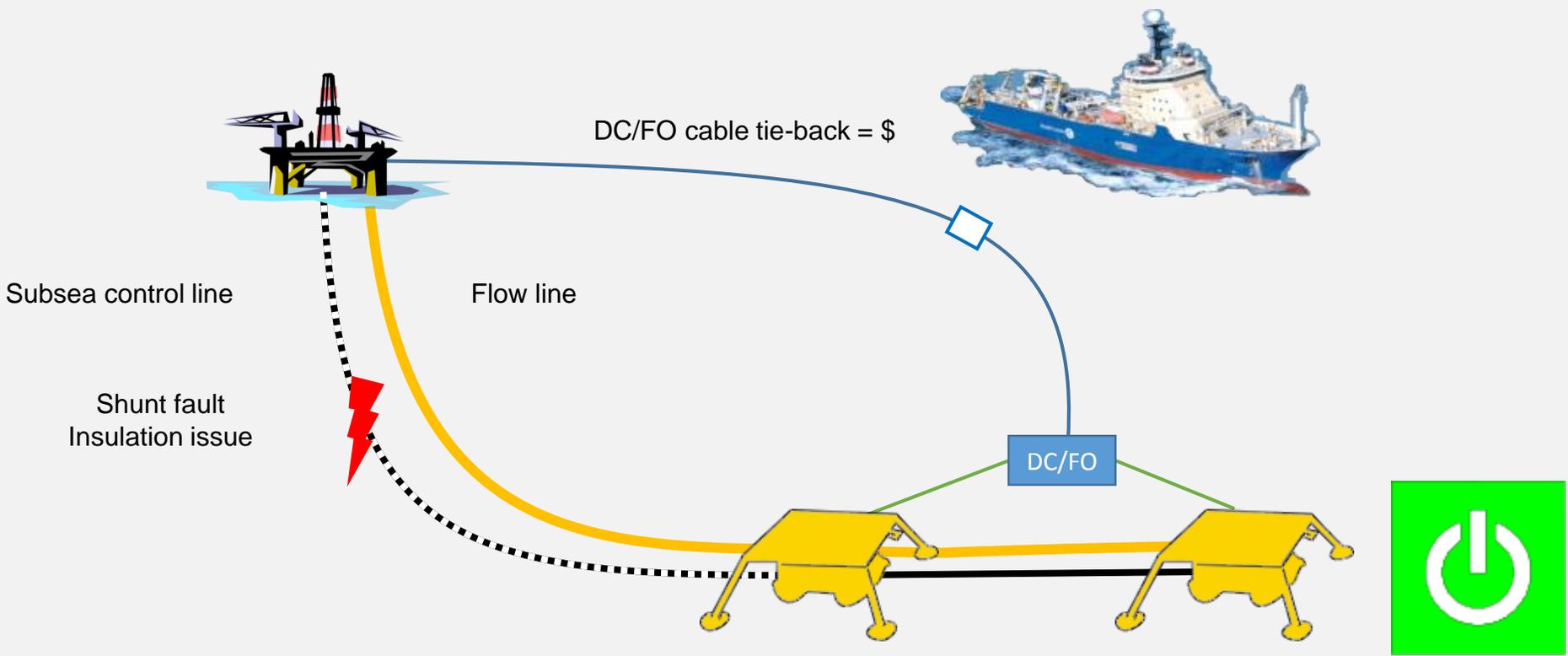
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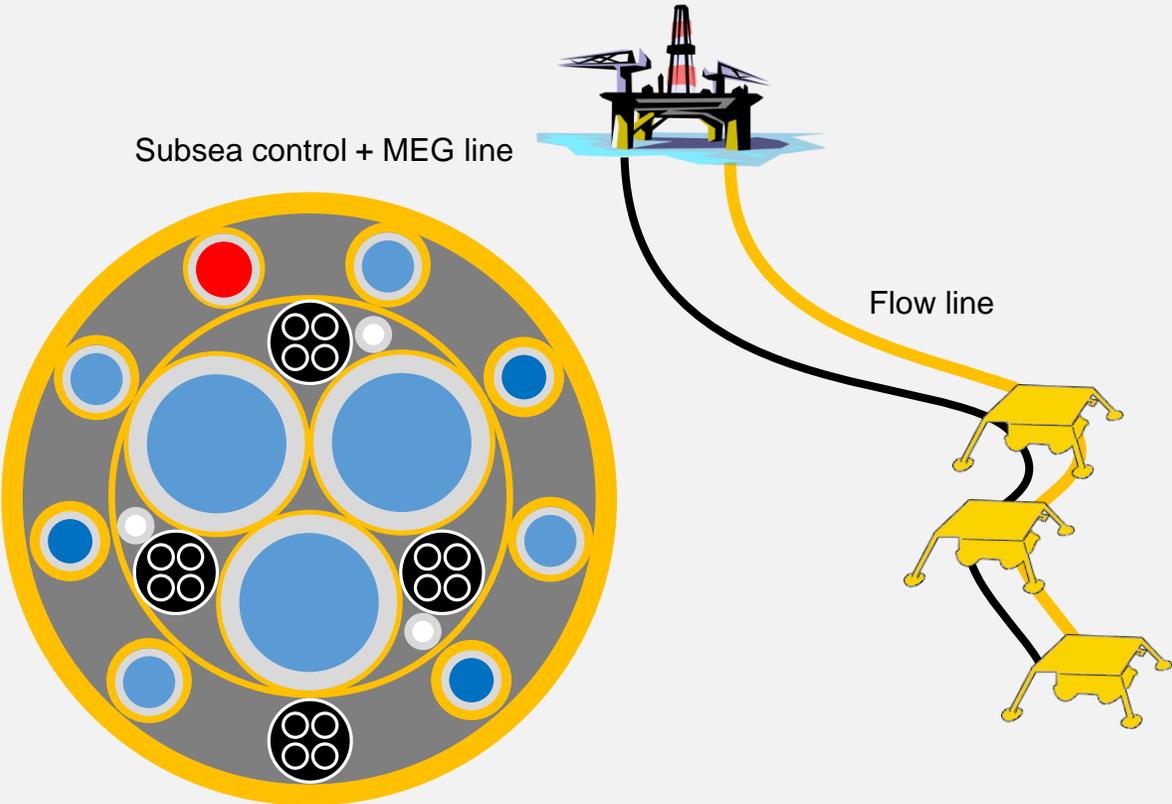
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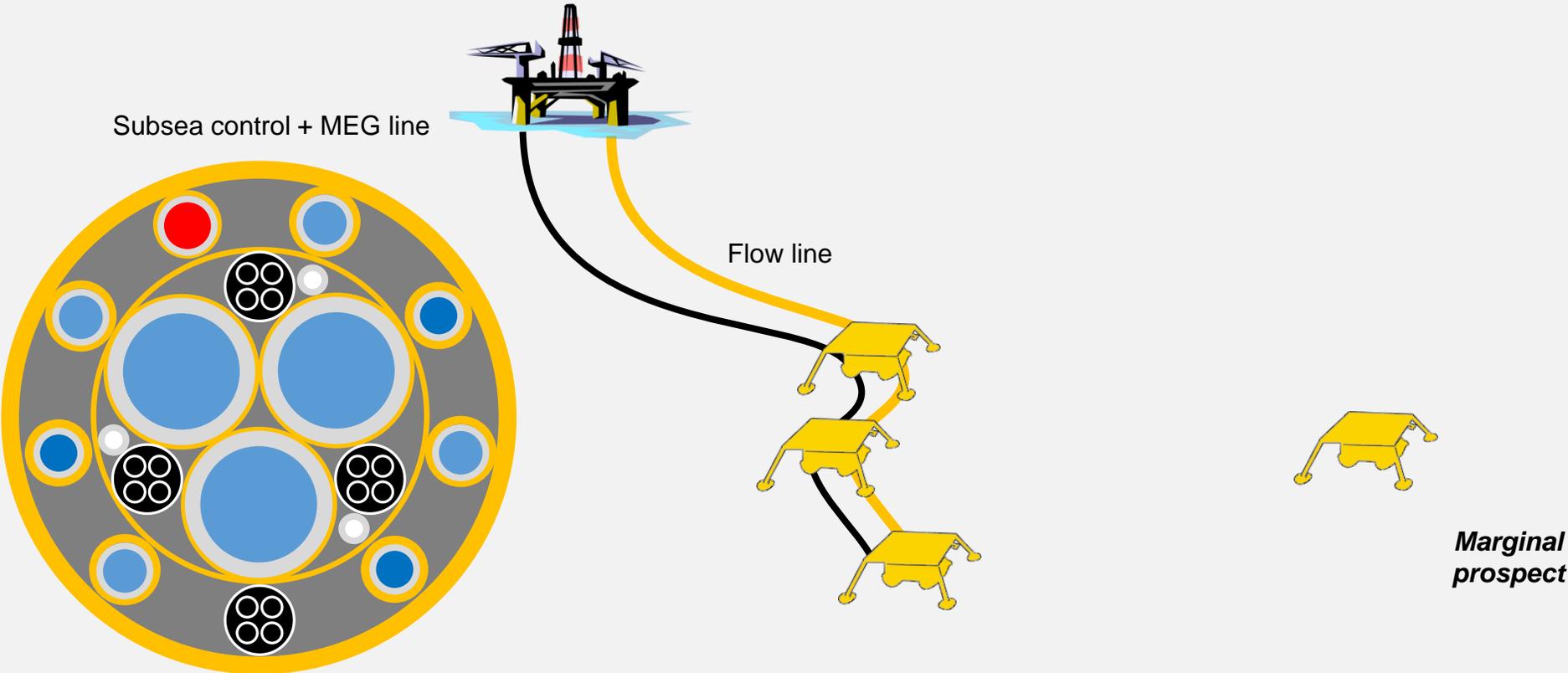
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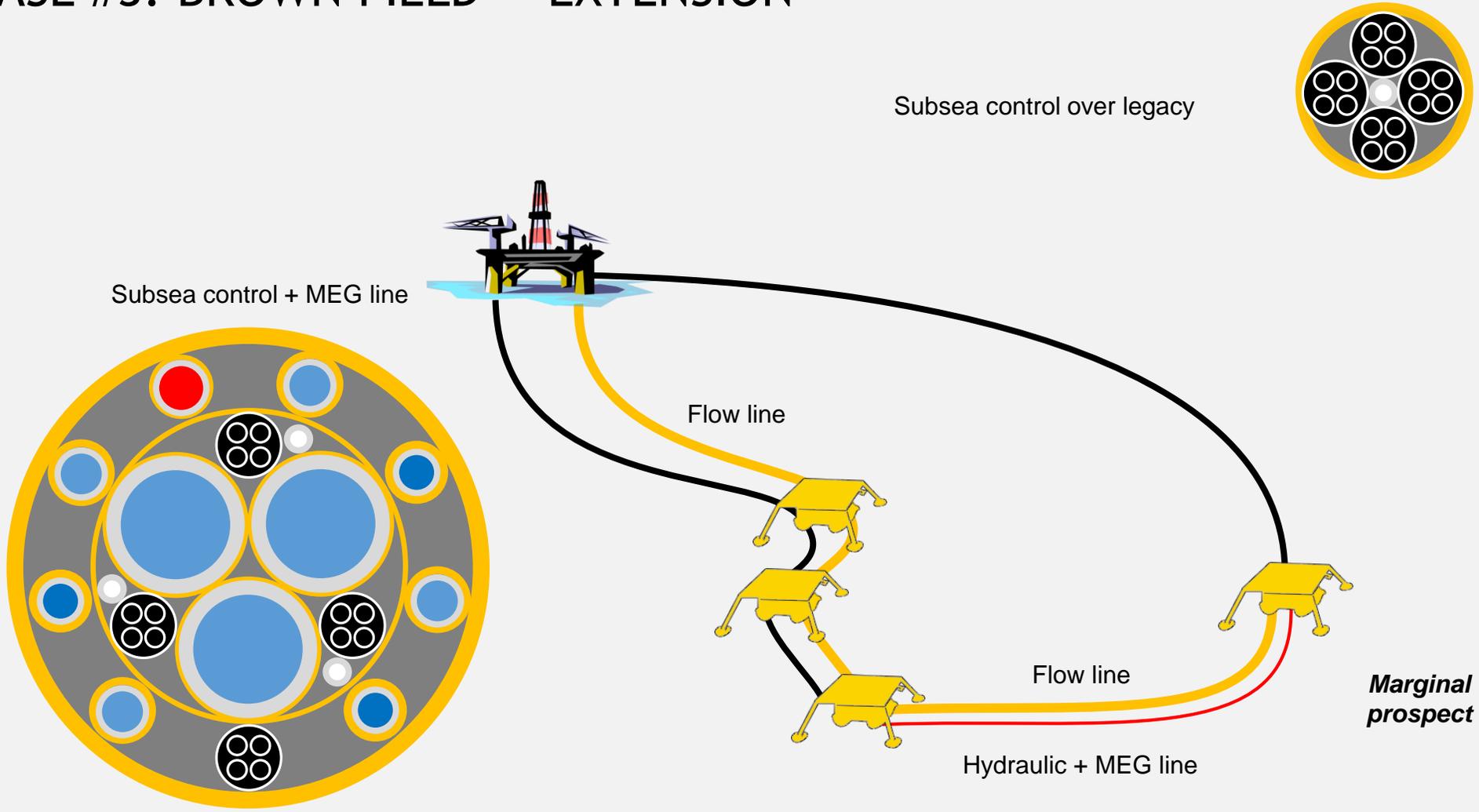
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Subsea control over legacy

Subsea control + MEG line

Flow line

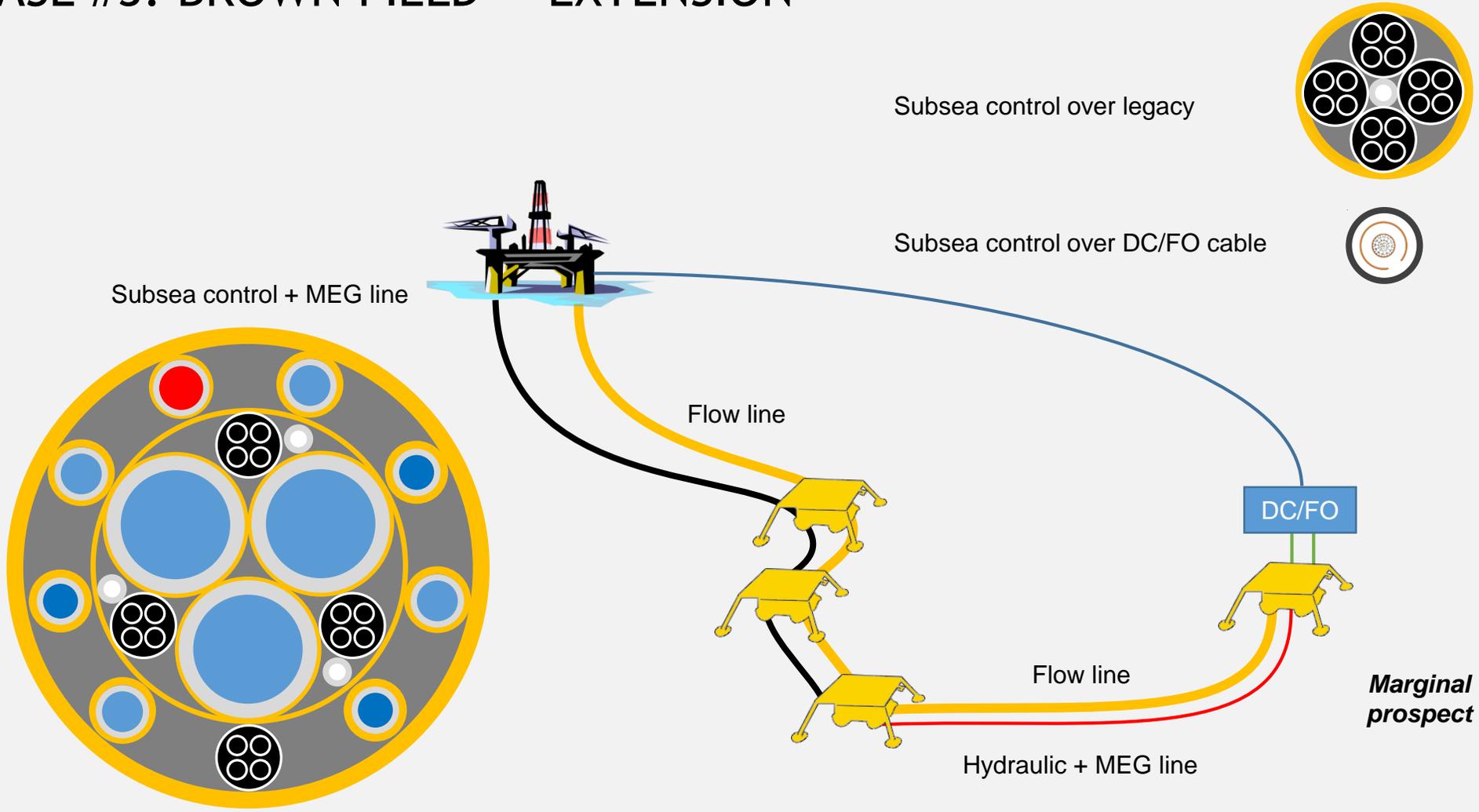
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Hydraulic + MEG line

*Marginal prospect*

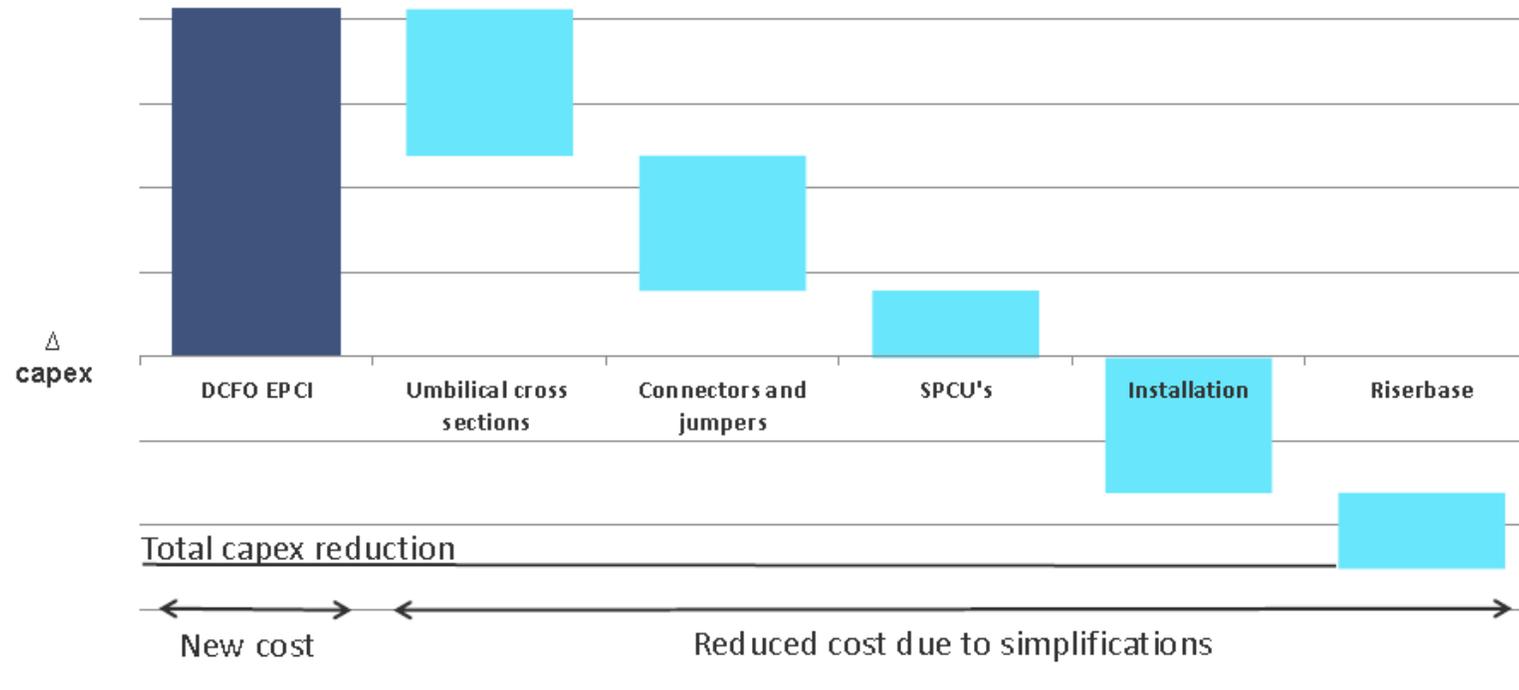
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## Estimated capex change

# Courtesy of Statoil ASA



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Value proposition

**Standardized**

Open platform

**Standard cross section**

Any SPS supplier equipment

Large power supply

**Extendibility**

**Lean**

**DC/FO**

**Repairability**

@Virtually unlimited reach

**SYSTEM**

## Acknowledgment of contributions:

- Statoil and Chevron for sponsoring the development and qualification of this technology
- Statoil Johan Castberg project team for selecting DC/FO technology in base case and for use of project information

Thank you for your attention!

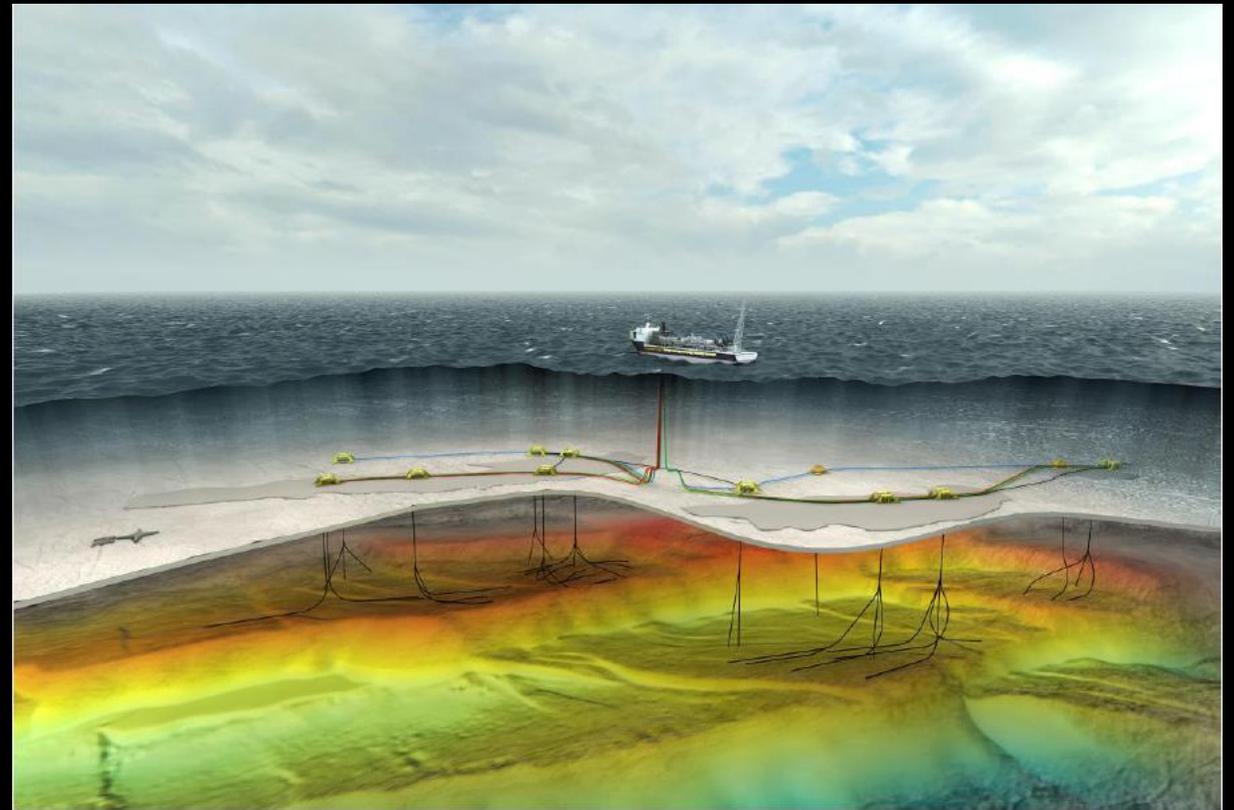
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### VALUE PROPOSITION

This innovative solution offers a number of advantages inspired from the telecom industry:

- **Standardization** – the same standard cross section can be used regardless of tie back length or power consumption demand
- **Reparability and Extendibility** – The cable and its end terminations can be lifted to surface for repairs or extensions at sea with standardized jointing technology, simplifying the tie-back of new prospects and enabling phased development
- **Open platform** – electrical power and communication interfaces can be connected to any SPS supplier equipment
- **Virtually unlimited reach within Oil and Gas fields** – the system is dimensioned to serve the longest tie backs currently contemplated by the industry
- **Large power supply capability**
- This solution is an enabler for new applications such as AUV recharge or E-Field sensing. On longer term, all-Electric trees can be powered through DCFO System, allowing further downsizing and cost reduction of legacy umbilical cross-section with the removal of hydraulic tubes.