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# Subsea technologies for MER UK

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## **UKCS** context

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Infrastructure	Production (boepd)		Production efficiency		
10,000+250389wellsfixedproducinginstallationsfields250+3,000+subsea systemspipelines	2014	1.42 million	2014	65	%
	2015	1.57 million	2015	71	%
	2016	1.63 million	2016	73	%
	<b>2017</b> 1.63 million		2017	74%	
	Source – OGA		Source – OGA	-	
Resources	Developmen	t	Exploration success rates		
Produced Remaining potential	5.4bn boe in production or under development			Technical Success Rate %	Technical findingcost \$/boe
			2014	69	9
			2015	53	5
44.1bn 20bn			2016	45	5
TUDIT				47	2
Source – OGA. Produced data as at end 2017, remaining potential as at end Source – OGA as at end 2017 Source – OGA as at end 2017					
Costs	Supply chain		Jobs		
Unit Operating Cost down by 1/3	£27bn turnover		> 280,000 jobs in the UK		
Average fallen from <b>£19</b> per boe in 2014 to <b>£12/boe</b> in 2017	<b>c.40%</b> through exports and supporting		Delivered through or supported by		
Unit Development Cost down	c.80% of UK of	il and gas jobs	upstream oil and gas activity		
	Oil & Gas LIK and EV				



31st Offshore Round Blocks or the r 30th Round Provisional Awards Licensed blocks awarded in previous round:

### Performance turned around

## **Project activity**







Improved project outlook with 7.4Bnboe of further contingent resources

# Technology



### Existing assets



& data analytics







### New developments Tie back of

the future

System simplification

Plug-n-play

Re-usable





injection



Subsea power generation



**Standalone** 

facilities

Low Capex

Low Opex

**Re-deployable** 

Versatile Unmanned production



units

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**Operators submit Technology Plans** 

Well-identified asset needs

**OGA** expectations

Demonstrate use of appropriate technologies

OGA Technology Insights – Industry learnings

Work with the Industry technology leadership board

Technology gaps (top 20) Agreed with MER UK TFs



**Collaboration with OGTC** Joint plans and initiative to close technology gaps



**£180m** Government funding

Deploy best-in-class technologies for projects and operation

buoys



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Launch **National Data Repository** Q1 2019 A first for the UK

OGA led, backed by industry

New regulations for reporting, retention and disclosure



**Open data model to fully** exploit value

Collaboration Technology AI & machine learning

Improved knowledge Data cleansed

**Frontier basins research** with academia



View it

**Mapit** 

**Chart it** 

**Download it** 

Share it

Rapidly growing use of data and significant future plans

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## Subsea technologies for UKCS



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Metering and flow assurance

2 **Cost efficient tie-backs** 

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More capable subsea systems

4 Inspection & maintenance

5 **Energy integration & transition** 

Surveys

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Transformative subsea technologies, with significant digital content

## Metering and flow assurance

### UKCS 350 marginal discoveries – 3.2bnboe opportunity



### **UKCS marginal discoveries – Fluids**



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### Multi-phase (subsea) flow meters



- MPFM for continuous and accurate well flow rate
- Non-intrusive options

developments

Critical for multi-field cluster



- Technology investment
- New TUV NEL centre in East Kilbride



- Heavy oil: 3-in-1 flowmeter with flowrate, density and viscosity
- Data analytics for improved accuracy and self calibration
- Data analytics for large data volumes



Subsea metering to enable future developments – more and accurate real-time data

## **Cost efficient tie-backs**

### Potential tie-back distances (marginal fields)



### **Discoveries and infrastructure (eg. Scott-Piper-Claymore area)**



- Oil discovery
- Condensate discovery



### **Tie-back of the future**



- Low-cost pipelines (e.g. spoolable, using composites, mechanical connectors)
- Subsea storage of chemicals and hydraulics





- All-electric subsea systems -- simpler trees and controls
- Fewer parts / greater reliability
- Reducing / eliminating umbilicals
- Subsea power generation
- Real-time monitoring from shore
- Moving towards autonomous systems



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### >70% of tie backs over medium to long distances – tieback efficiency will be key

## More capable subsea systems

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### UKCS marginal field developments (350 discoveries)



### **UKCS marginal field complexity**



### Advanced subsea systems



- Subsea storage
- Modular bladder tanks, extended capabilities



- · Subsea compression for remote field
- Combined with separation, processing, water handling
- Reduce topsides burden and allow access to export infrastructure
- Subsea HPHT to meet field requirements (P, T) and lower cost of development



- Challenge: manufacture/install systems at lower cost
- Exploit data for more flexibility, self-diagnostic, and selfhealing – lower Opex

### Improving subsea capabilities for more flexible and cost-effective developments

## Subsea inspection and maintenance



#### **UKCS** extensive infrastructure



### **Digitally-enabled asset management**

- Digital certification ("from cradle to grave")
- Enhanced planning with ROV simulations and 3D visualisation
- Digital collaboration to track real time operations worldwide





- Non-intrusive inspections
- Subsea Digital Radiography mounted on ROV and/or AUV
- Monitoring of pipelines, risers, umbilicals using fibre-optic
- Real-time data, data analytics and predictive
- Self-diagnostic and self-healing systems (eg flow assurance)



### Digital technologies can transform how we manage assets

# **Energy integration**



### Southern North Sea energy industry footprint



#### Legend

- Platforms (UK oil and gas)
- Terminals (UK oil and gas)
- Wind Farm Export Cable Agreement (The Crown Estate)
- Wind Farms, current and planned (The Crown Estate)
- Gas Pipelines (UK oil and gas)

### **Potential integrated concepts**



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Value creation for the UK offshore industries

## Surveys



Autonomous

**Robotics Ltd** 

### Mature areas – infrastructure density



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### Frontier areas – difficult targets (eg. sub-basalt)



Woodburn et al. 2014

### **Geophysical and other surveys**

- Ocean bottom nodes
- Full-azimuth high resolution (eg. sub-basalt, sub-salt)
- Near infrastructure placement
- 4D seismic for improved recovery
- More autonomous and affordable nodes, using robotics and digital
- Sea-bed seismic sources (more environmentally friendly)



- Multi-discipline surveys using autonomous vehicles
  - Oil & gas
  - Engineering
  - Environmental

#### More affordable and effective surveys – greater volumes of data



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Subsea innovation and digital technologies critical for MER UK