MPP (Multi Phase Pump) Preservation by Subsea Accumulator Modules

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The Vincent Field



- Is located approximately 40km offshore, north-west of Australia North West Cape.
- 60 % ownership by Woodside and 40% by Mitsui E&P Australia.

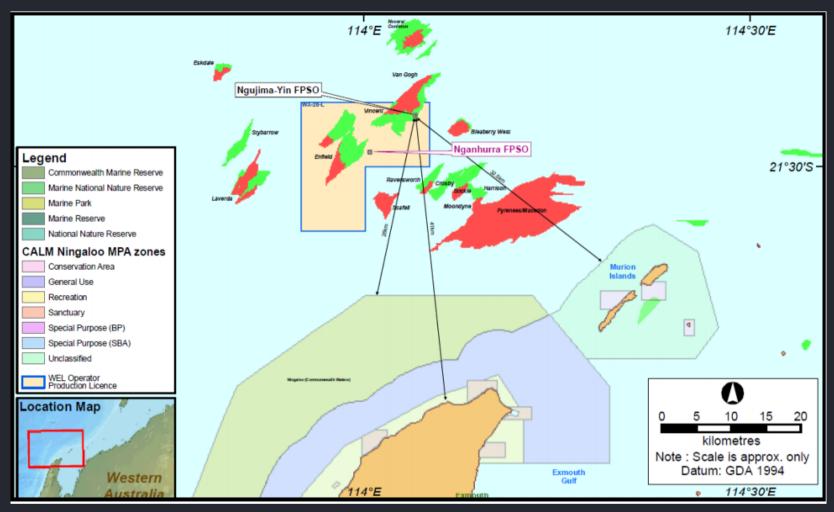
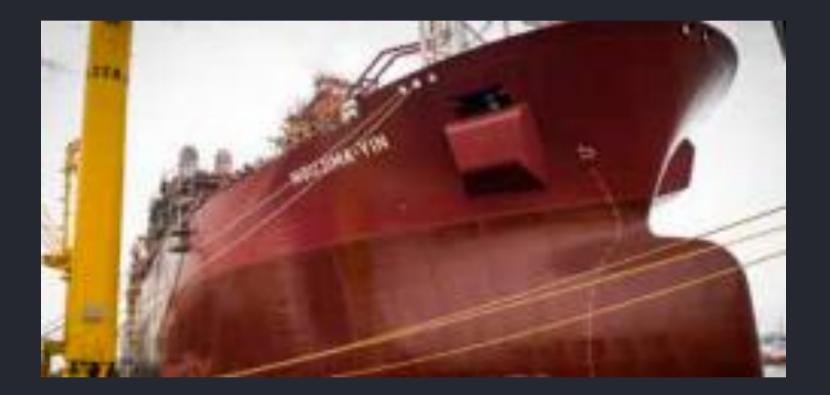


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And Ngujima-Yin FPSO



- Is a 332 metre double hulled tanker built in 2000 and converted into an offshore production facility to produce oil from the Vincent oil field.
- Is part of Greater Enfield project. Woodside are overhauling Ngujima-Yin FPSO in drydock from May 2018.



Have This Subsea Layout.



- 2 Production Manifolds including two Multiphase Pumps.
- 6 wells are connected to production manifold A and the other 6 to production manifold B.

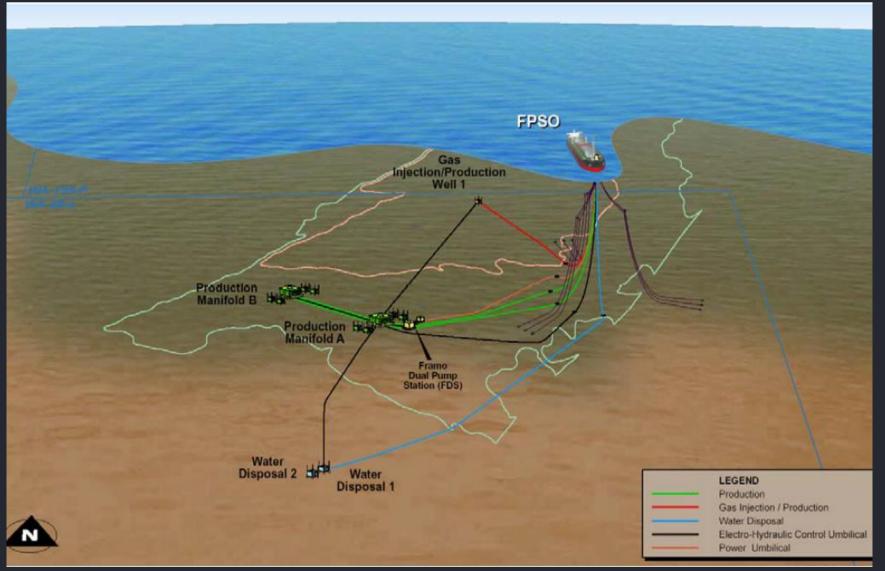


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The Vincent Multiphase Pumps



Are Located 375m Below
 Sea Level

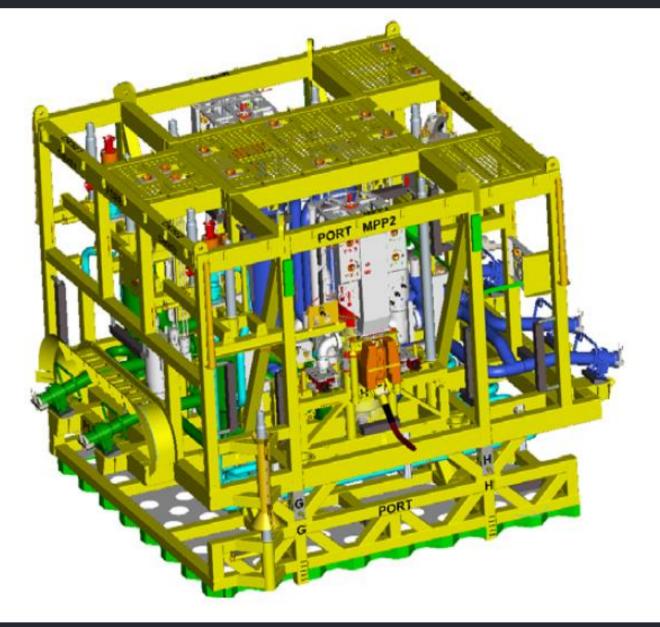


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SUBSEA BOOSTING PUMP TYPES

TABLE 2 – PUMP TYPES & APPLICATIONS

	TYPE	NORMAL CONFIG.	APPLICABILITY FOR SUBSEA BOOSTING
1	CENTRIFUGAL	HORIZONTAL OR VERTICAL	 Highest differential pressure capability among pump types. Handles low Gas Volume Fraction (GVF) < 15% at suction conditions.
2	HYBRID (CENTRIFUGAL & HELICO-AXIAL)	VERTICAL	 Combination of helico-axial and centrifugal impeller stages. Primary application is for use downstream of separator or in low GOR applications where GVF is consistently < 30% at suction conditions.
3	ESP	HORIZONTAL OR VERTICAL	 Widely deployed technology used for boosting in wells, caissons, flowline risers, and mudline horizontal boosting applications. Applicable for GVF < 50%.
4	HELICO-AXIAL	VERTICAL	 Applicable for higher GVF boosting applications – typical range of 30-95% GVF at suction conditions. Moderate particulate tolerance.
5	TWIN SCREW	HORIZONTAL OR VERTICAL	 Good for handling high GVF – up to 98% GVF at suction conditions. Preferred technology for high viscosity fluids.

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Vincent Multiphase Pump Specifications: Differential Pressure: 28bar, Flow Rate:2,700 M3/Hr Motor Power: 1.8MW

And The Following Pump Components.



Multiphase Pumps Main Items:

- Electric motor
- Pump impellers and diffusers
- Bearings
- Mechanical seals
- Oil cooling system
- Pump and motor casing
- Electrical connectors
- Hydraulic connectors
- Mechanical clamp connectors
- ROV panel
- Instruments

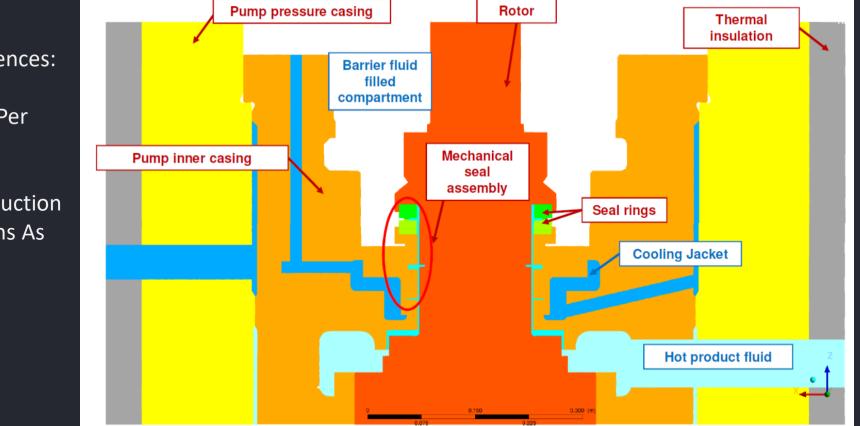


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Multiphase pumps' barrier fluid system:

- Prevents production fluid & sea water to ingress the electric motor and pump assemblies.
- ✓ Assists with motor cooling.
- ✓ Lubricates bearings & seals.



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MPP Failures Consequences:

- Around \$10Million Per
 Pump
- 2 Years Reduced Production
 i.e. Hundreds of Millions As
 Lost Revenue

Can Be Managed By Maintaining Differential Pressure.

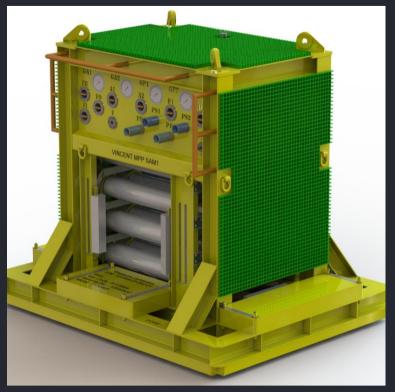


ROV to Pressurise The Barrier Fluid



- Costly & Unreliable (Over \$800k Per Deployment),
- Required To Be Done On A Regular Basis

Pressure Dynamics SAM (Subsea Accumulator Module)



- Cost-Effective & Reliable
- Permanent Source of Pressure As Trickle Charge for MPPs
- Selected by Woodside to Preserve MPPs

Designing PD's SAMs For Vincent



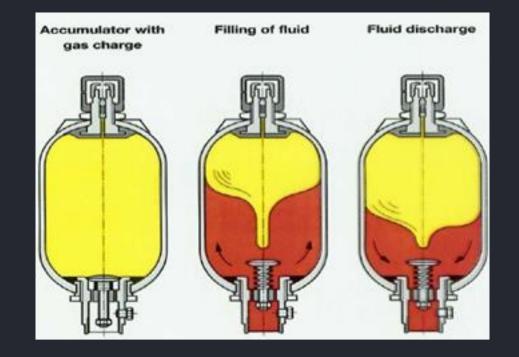
- Series of Bladder Accumulators (Hydraulic Batteries)
- Subsea Hydraulic Connectivity to MPPs
- ROV Operated Control Valves (System Commissioning, De-Commissioning & Redundancy)
- ROV & Wireless Acoustic Communication
- Subsea Hydraulic Re-Charging Capability (Extend life of unit subsea)
- SAM's Output Pressure at Location: 26 Barg
- Ambient Pressure: 39 Bara
- Ambient Temperature: 5-25°C



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Principles of Bladder Accumulators





SAM Pressure Needs To Be Monitored After Deployment





Monitoring SAMs Pressure



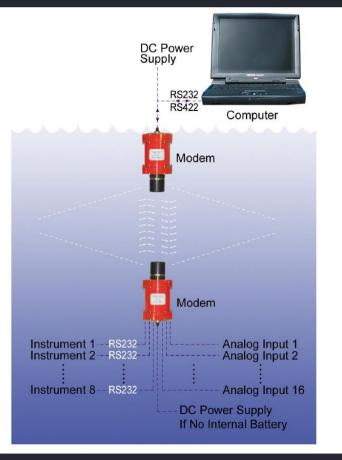


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Acoustic Monitoring - Preferred



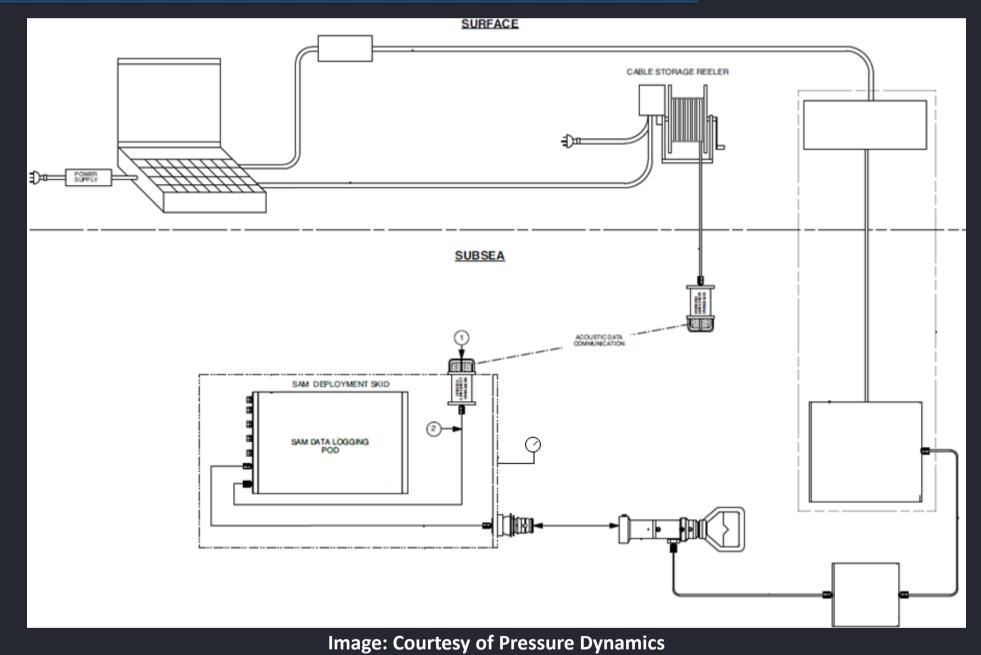
Image: Courtesy of Pressure Dynamics Pressure Gauges Via ROV



Image: Courtesy of Siemens Direct Connection to Tronic Connector Utilising ROV

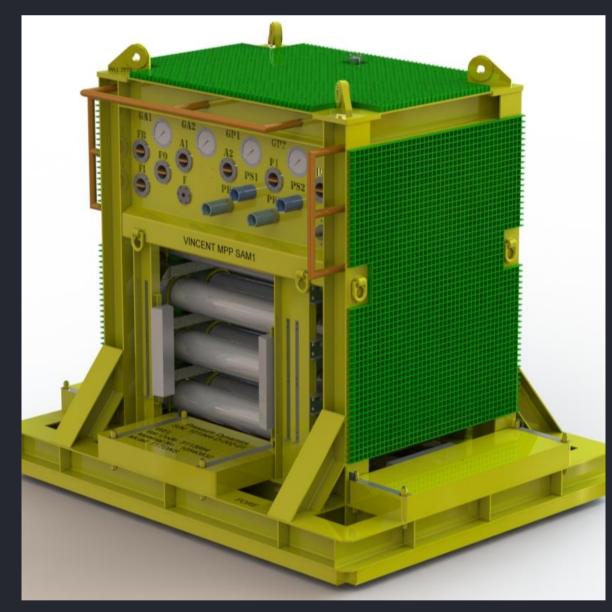
And This is How All Methods Can Be Used.





Design





- ✓ Hydraulic System designed by Pressure Dynamics
- Close collaboration with Woodside on frame and mud matt design
- Team effort by all stakeholders to achieve a long term cost effective solution
- ✓ Designed and Built in Pressure
 Dynamic Workshop in Perth
- ✓ Local Service & Support by Pressure Dynamics

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Built





• Built and Delivered on Schedule

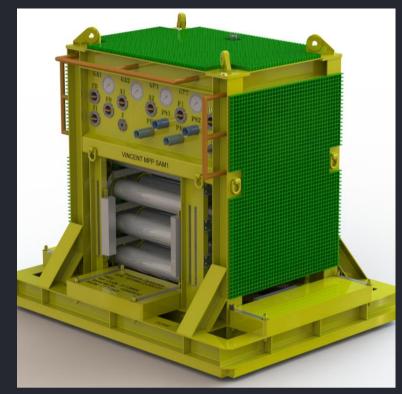


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Shipped from Pressure Dynamics Facility





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Successfully Deployed & Operational





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Design, Build, FAT & Delivery In 6 Months by Pressure Dynamics in Perth



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MPP Preservation By Pressure Dynamics SAMs



Thank You!

Questions?