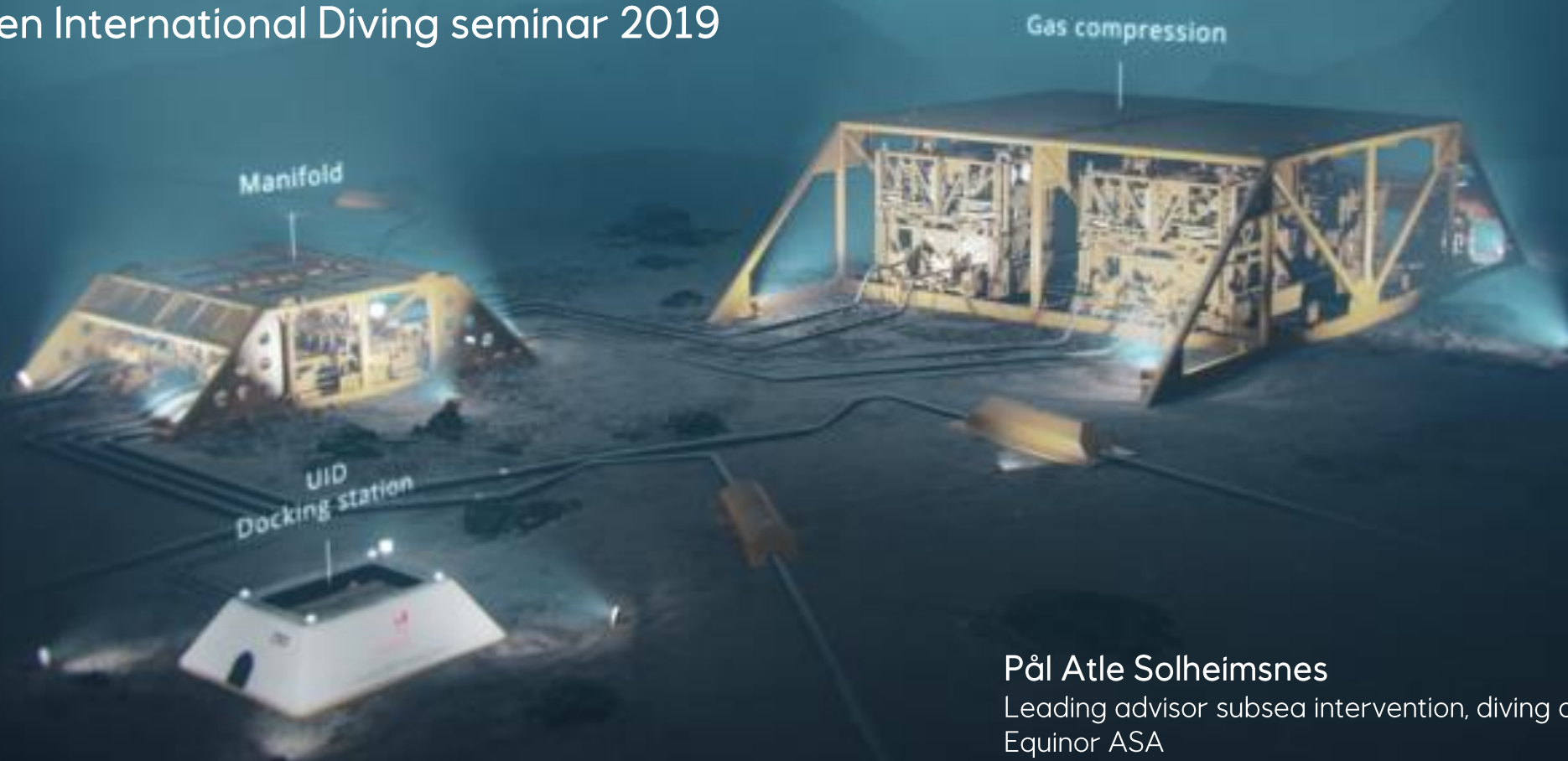


# Diving together with new tools

The Bergen International Diving seminar 2019



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Leading advisor subsea intervention, diving and pipeline repair  
Equinor ASA

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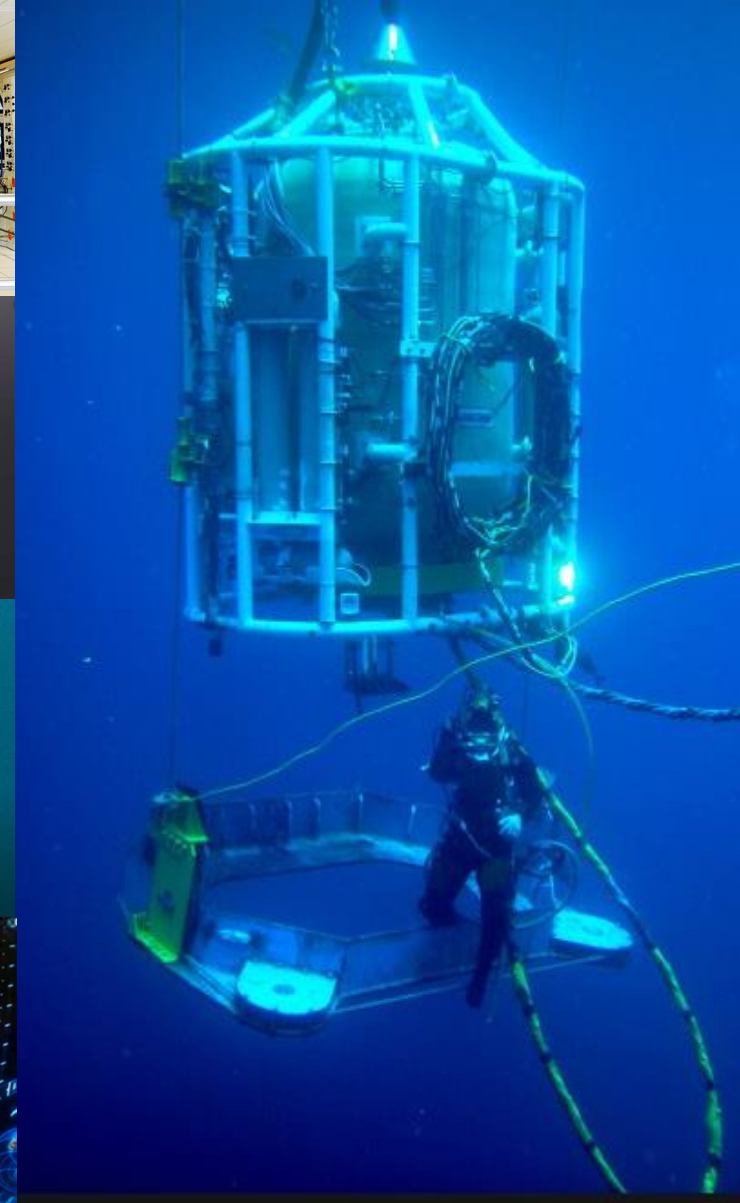
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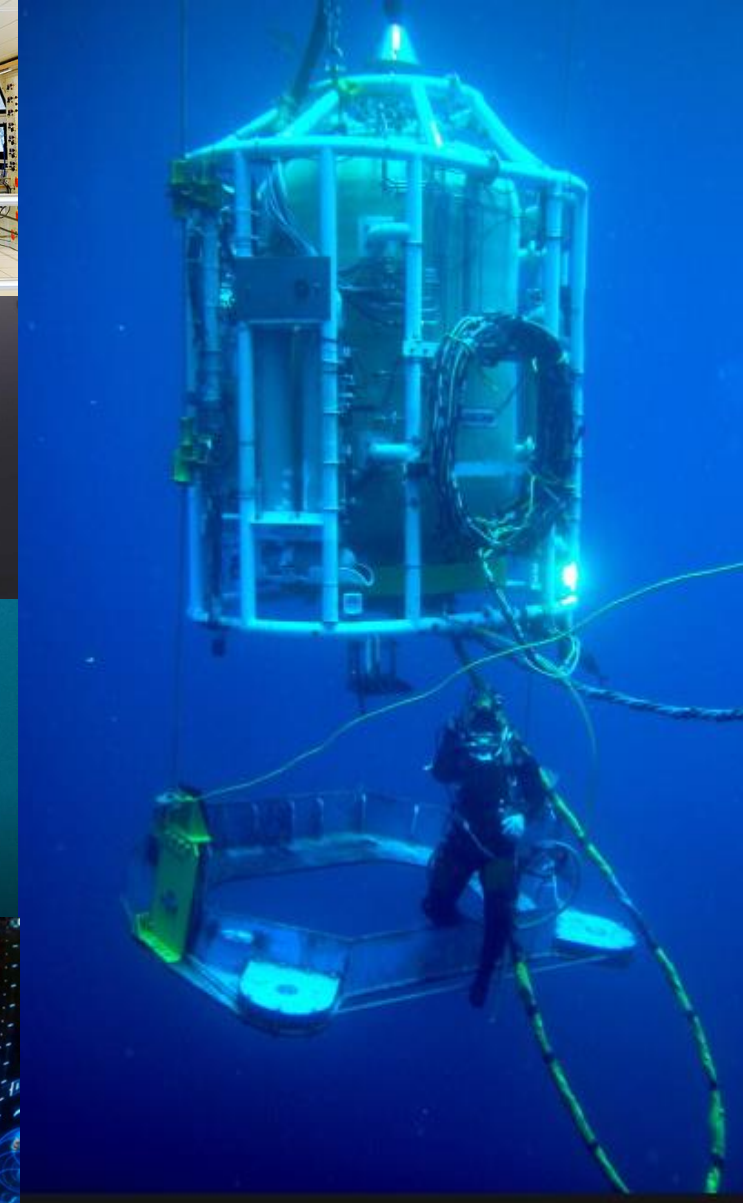
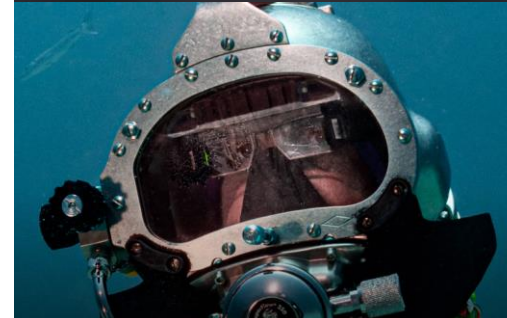
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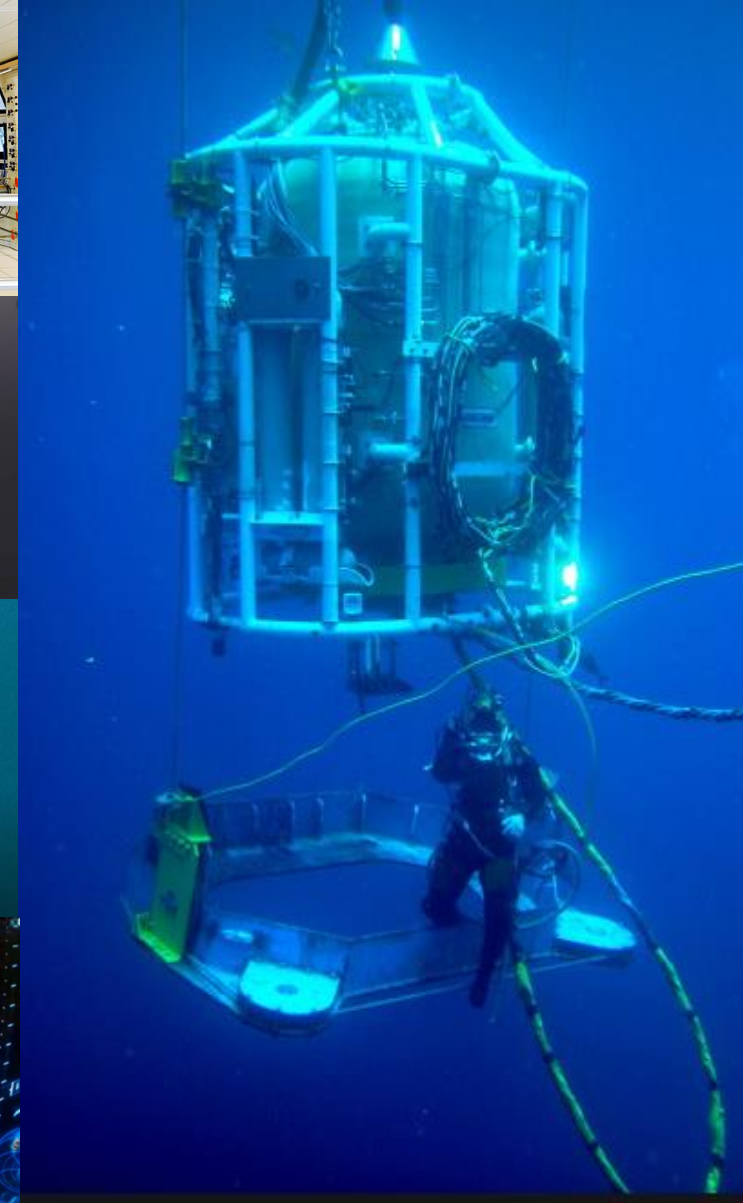
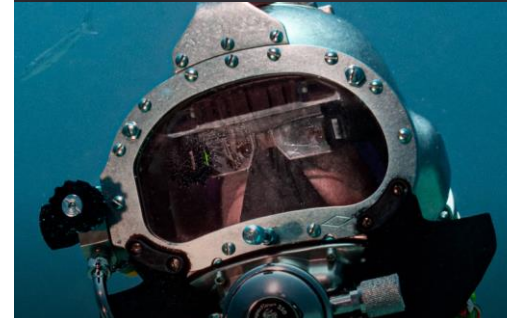
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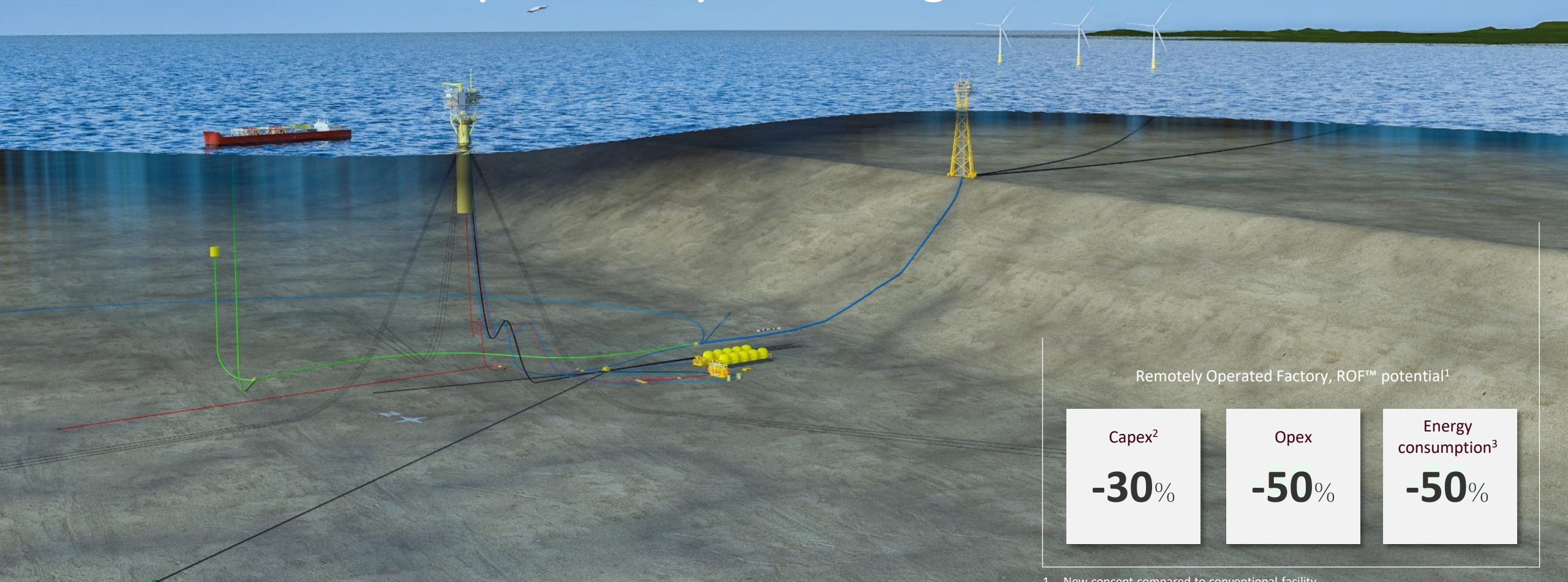
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# Remotely Operated Factory (ROF™)

## – the Roadmap to Always safe, High value and Low carbon



Remotely Operated Factory, ROF™ potential<sup>1</sup>

Capex<sup>2</sup>

**-30%**

Opex

**-50%**

Energy  
consumption<sup>3</sup>

**-50%**

1. New concept compared to conventional facility
2. Facility capex
3. Based on comparable FPSO solution at 400m depth

# UID?

# Underwater Intervention Drones (UID™)

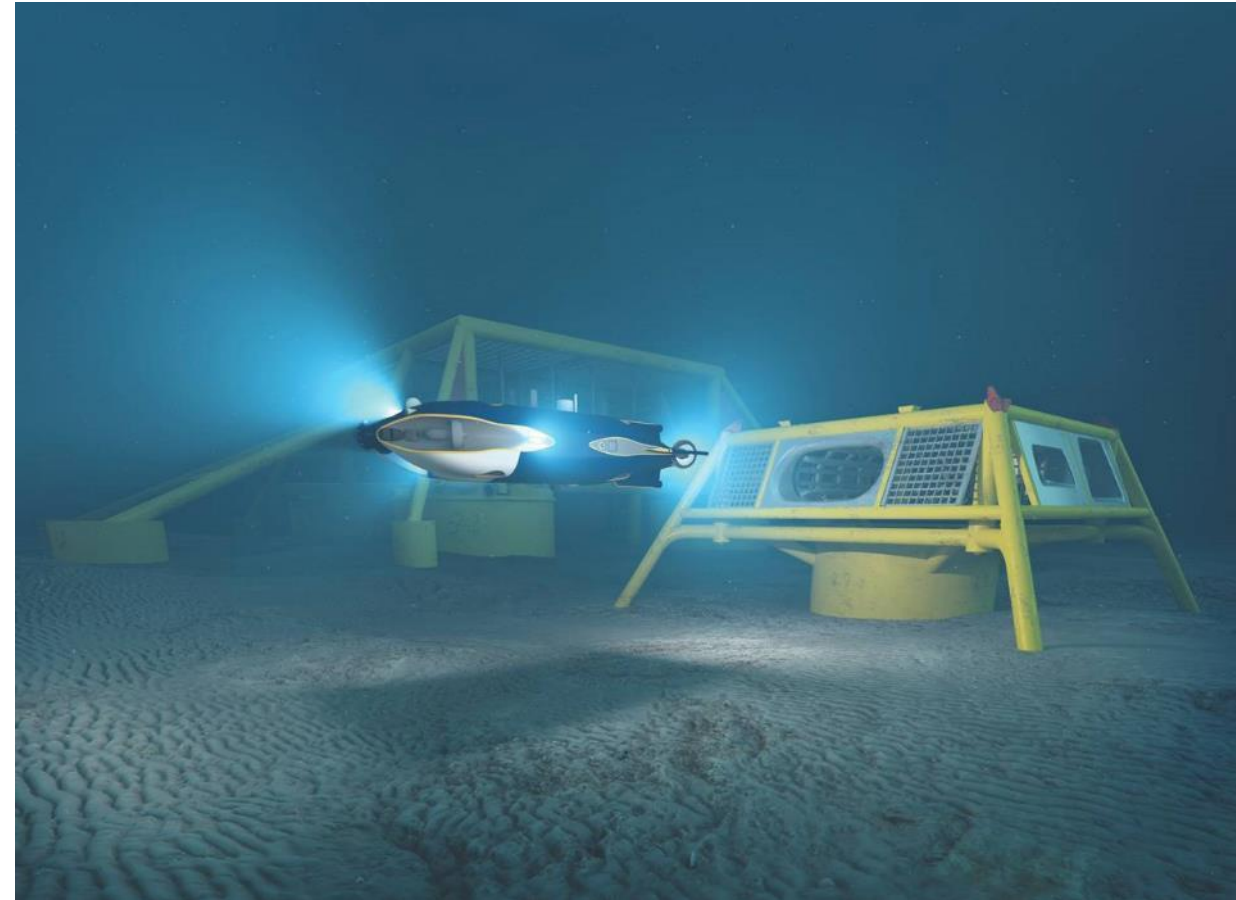
UID™ – Underwater Intervention Drone, is a hybrid of:

ROV – Remotely Operated Vehicle

AUV – Autonomous Underwater Vehicle

UID™ is trade marked by Equinor to secure freedom to use in the industry

UID™ important part of the sharpened Equinor technology strategy

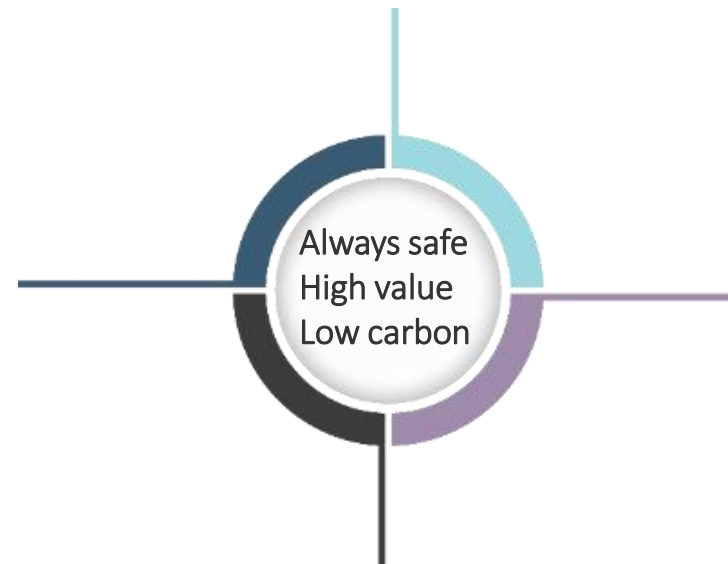


### **Equinor R&T Objective:**

Develop and implement Underwater Intervention Drones (UID <sup>TM</sup>) for resident application with semi-autonomous and autonomous functionality.

# Subsea operations with use of Underwater Intervention Drones

- Should be able to perform **almost all tasks** that traditional WROV have done.
- Remotely **controlled from shore** based control room
- **No operational restrictions** with regards to surface weather
- Resident and **always available**, perfect environmental monitoring platform



Hydrone-R to be operational at Njord A medio 2020



# Exemple of Equinor funded technology

Stepwise development of Eelume functionality



## Phase 1 - 2018 (LOOP funding)

- Tethered operation from shore and vessel
- Visual inspection
- 150 meter depth rate

## Phase 2 - 2019 (LOOP + start Demo2000)

- 1+ months subsea residence
- Visual inspection
- Operate valves (class 4)
- 500 meter depth rate

## Phase 3 - 2020/2021 (Demo2000)

- Wireless operation
- Long term residence
- 100+ km battery range
- Autonomous inspection of pipelines and SPS (operator monitors and can take control)
- Autonomous transit between docking stations
- Tool rack with several interchangeable tooling options
- Onshore control room
- 500 meter depth rate

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@ Trondheimsfjorden and Åsgard Pilot test site

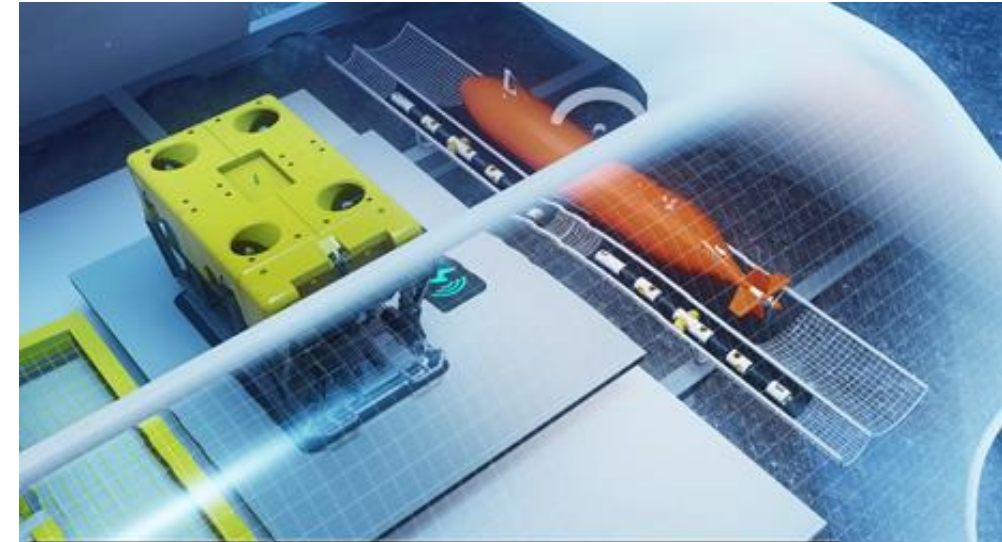
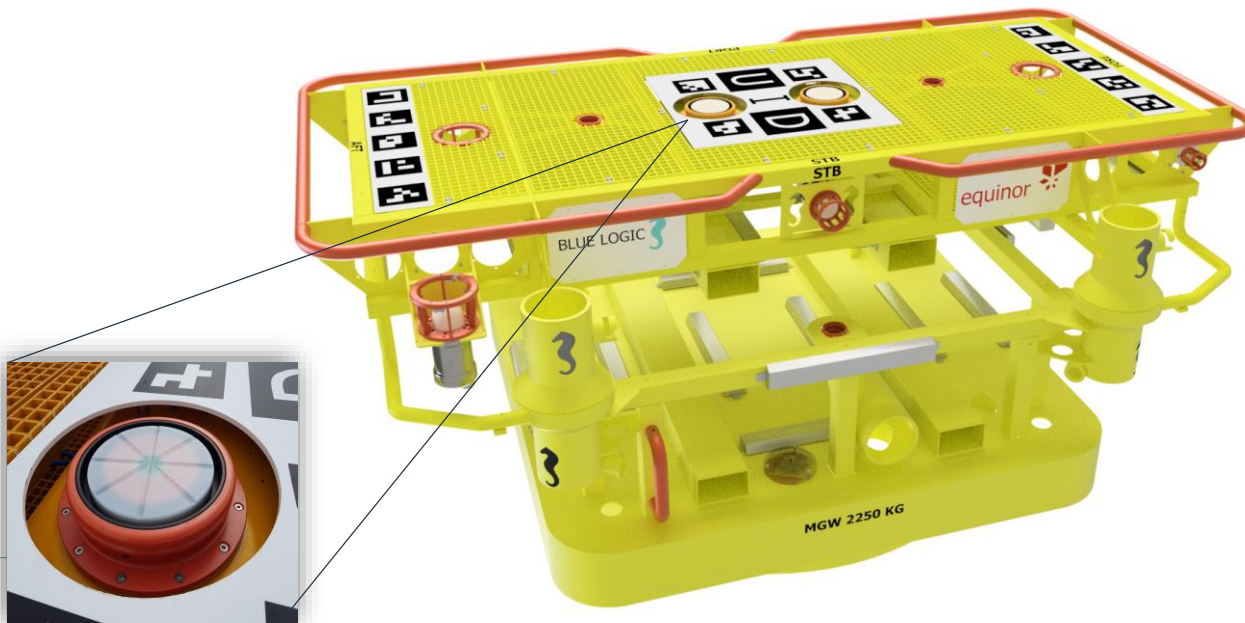
Subsea Docking Station –  
important need for UID development

# Subsea Docking Station (SDS)

Key enabling technology for the UID philosophy

In general

- make an industry standard for subsea charging and communication, the "**subsea petrol station**"
- increase implementation **speed** of UID's
- the drone supplier industry to focus on **UID development**

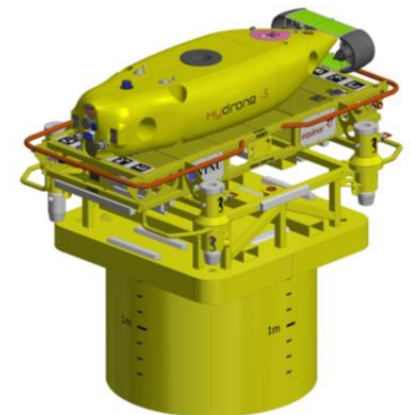




SWiG 

STANDARD INTERFACE

energy 



UID –  
is it just talking or does it happens?

# It becomes real:

April 2019: Testing Eelume  
and «no 1» standard  
docking station

## OVERVIEW

**A**



**Trondheim Biological Station**

- NTNU premises.
- Control room connected to docking panel.

**B**



**Statoil Pig Loop**

- Installed in 2016.
- Allows realistic testing of subsea inspection and intervention.


**C**



**Statoil docking panel**

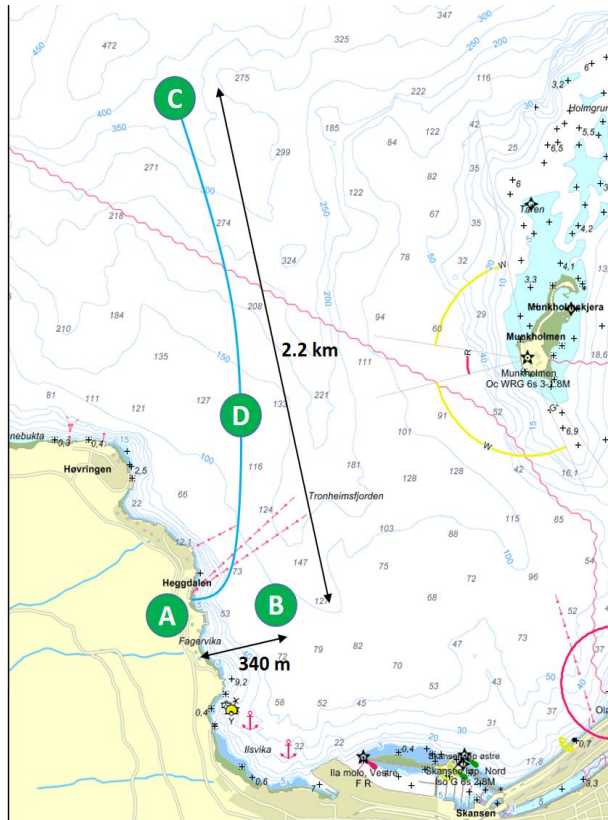
- Under development by Statoil.
- Facilitates power and communication for subsea resident IMR solutions.

**D**



**Seabed cable to docking panel**

- Needs to be installed.
- Supplies power and communication to docking panel from shore.





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**Thank you!**

**Time for questions**

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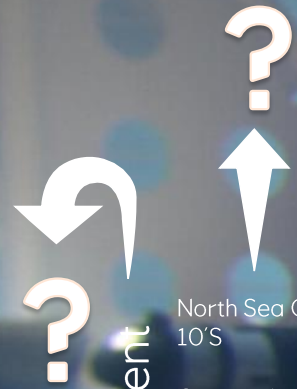
Try to look into the “Crystal Ball”

Future development from a UID/  
intervention perspective

# Shaping the future for Subsea technology and operations

- predictions from a Equinor UID/intervention perspective

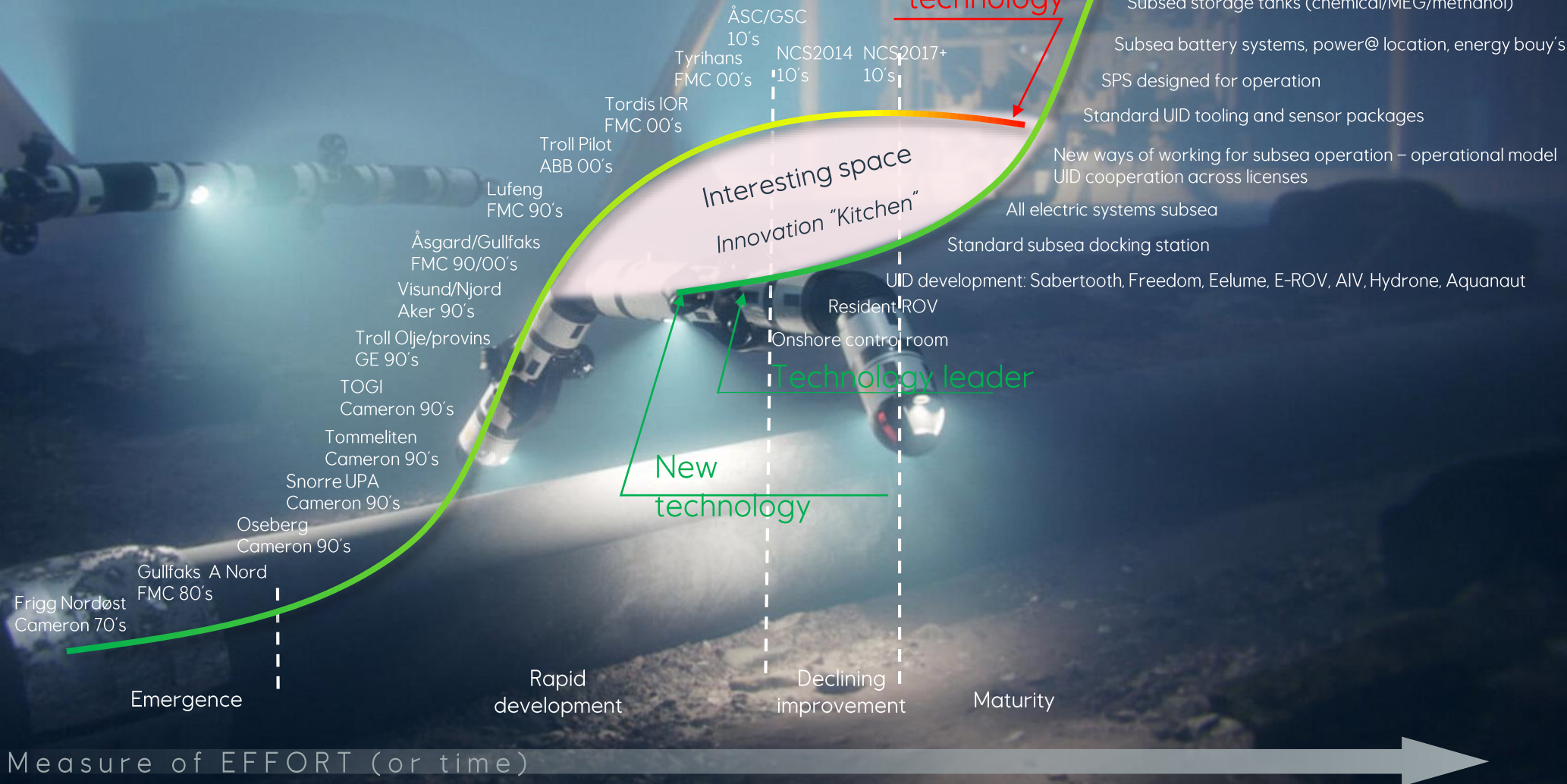
## "S"-curve for Technology Adaption



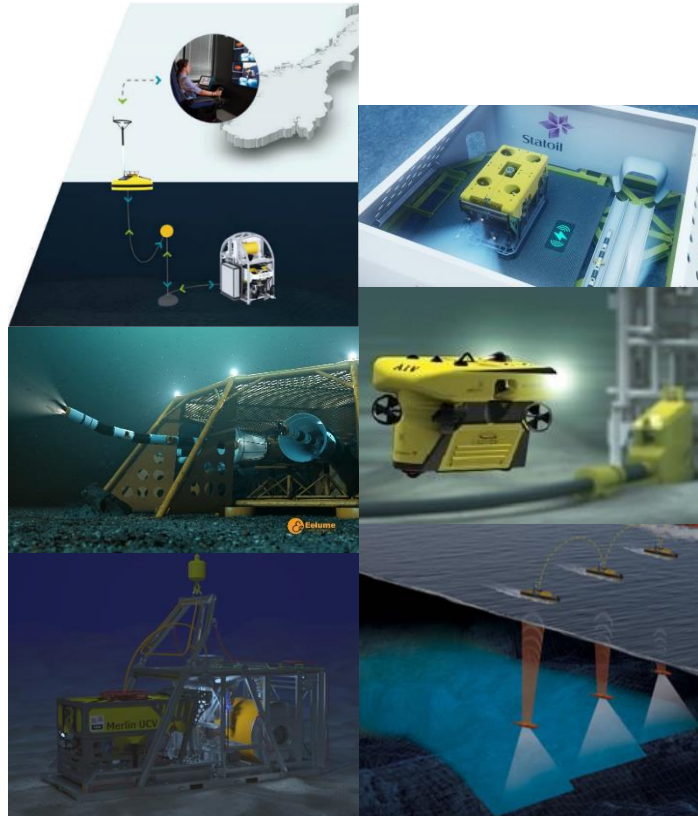
Vessel development

North Sea Giant 10'S  
Seven Viking 10'S  
Normand Ocean 10'S  
Edda vessels 00'S  
Far Saga 00'S  
Viking Poseidon 00'S  
Normand Mjølne 90'S  
Vessel with A-frame 70's 80'S

Measure of ADVANCEMENT



# UID - Operator Business Case



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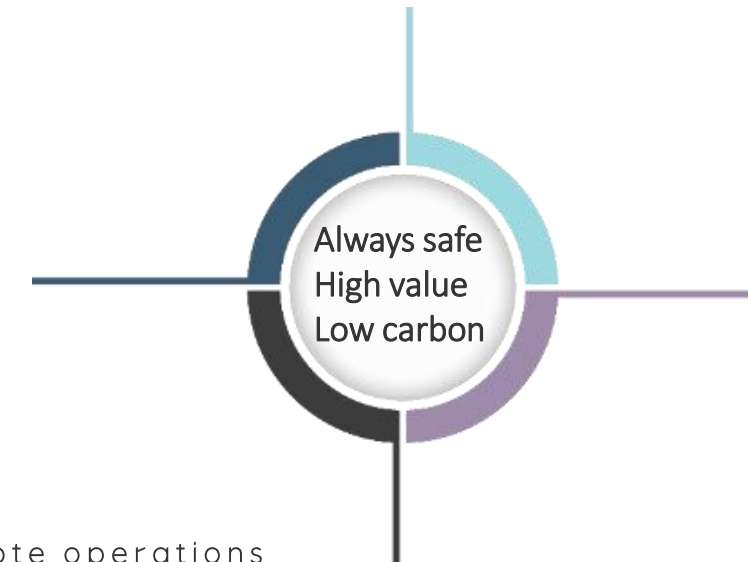
- Reduce human exposure
- Simplify procedures
- Online response

- **High value**

- Reduce need for specialized vessels
- Reduce operating cost: onshore remote operations
- Increase Production Efficiency (PE)
- Increase usage of installed infrastructure
- Profitable field development in remote areas

- **Low carbon**

- Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emission
- Improve environmental and condition surveillance



# The robots and drones will make our **work easier**

## The future is robotised, automated and connected

This is especially true for the everyday repetitive tasks and high-risk operations. Autonomous assets keep our people safe and reduce our carbon footprint - freeing up the time and creativity of our workforce to develop better and bolder energy solutions.

Global operations networks are established to optimise performance by connecting operations, knowledge and expertise.



Our solutions for energy production in the future will be lighter, more subsea and remotely controlled. This is not only much safer, but the emissions are close to half compared to conventional solutions.

