



FOUs – LNG Developments

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Presentation - Overview

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- FLNG developments
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 - LNG storage
 - Topsides and process - cryogenics
- FSRU developments
 - Where new challenges are arising
- Shell video?

Introduction - Safety moment



In less than 2 hours – 167 fatalities

FOUs – LNG Developments

Introduction - FLNGs

- What is a FLNG?
- What does the FLNG do?
 - Seabed hydrocarbon extraction (turret)
 - Fractionation and cleaning the feed gas (modules)
 - Liquefaction (refrigeration)
 - Storage – LNG, LPGs and condensate (oil)
 - Offloading – liquefied gases and oil



Introduction - FSRUs

- What is a FSRU?
- What does the FSRU do?
 - Storage of LNG (ship to ship transfer)
 - Pressurisation (pumps)
 - Vaporization (modules)
 - Ancillary systems –
calorie control,
odorization, dew point
correction
 - Send out



Overview - World's first's in floating systems (Oil & gas)

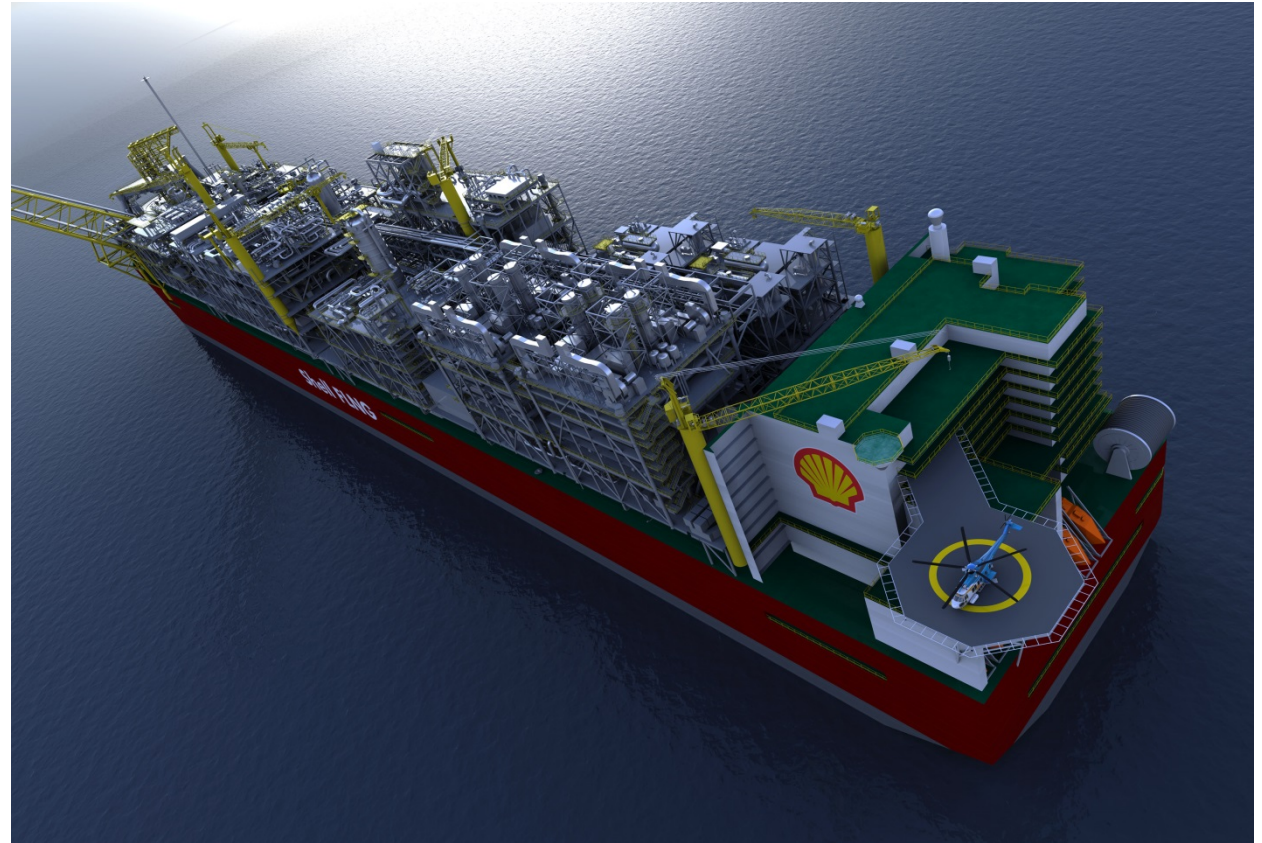
1977	World's 1st FPSO ' <i>Castellon</i> ' for Shell (Spain)
1984	World's 1st TLP ' <i>Hutton</i> ' for Conoco (UK)
1986	World's 1st Disconnectable FPSO ' <i>Jabiru Venture</i> ' for GAR (Australia)
1989	World's 1st Dynamically positioned FPSO ' <i>Seillean</i> ' for BP (UK)
1996	1st Purpose Designed FPSO for the North Sea – ' <i>Captain</i> ' for Texaco (UK)
1998	1st Purpose Designed FPSO for West of Shetland – ' <i>Schiehallion</i> ' for BP (UK)
1999	1st set of 'Risk Based' Rules for Floating Offshore Units
2001	1st FPSO for North American waters ' <i>Terra Nova</i> ' for Petro-Canada
2005	World's largest FPSO ' <i>Bonga</i> ' for Shell (Nigeria)
2014	1 st Deepwater Semi-FPS ' <i>Gumusut</i> ' in Malaysian Waters for Shell
NOW	1 st FLNG Unit for Australian Waters, ' <i>Prelude</i> ' for Shell
NEXT	2 nd & 3 th Lloyd's Register FLNGs in AiP design stage

Overview - Some noteworthy gas process & production facilities

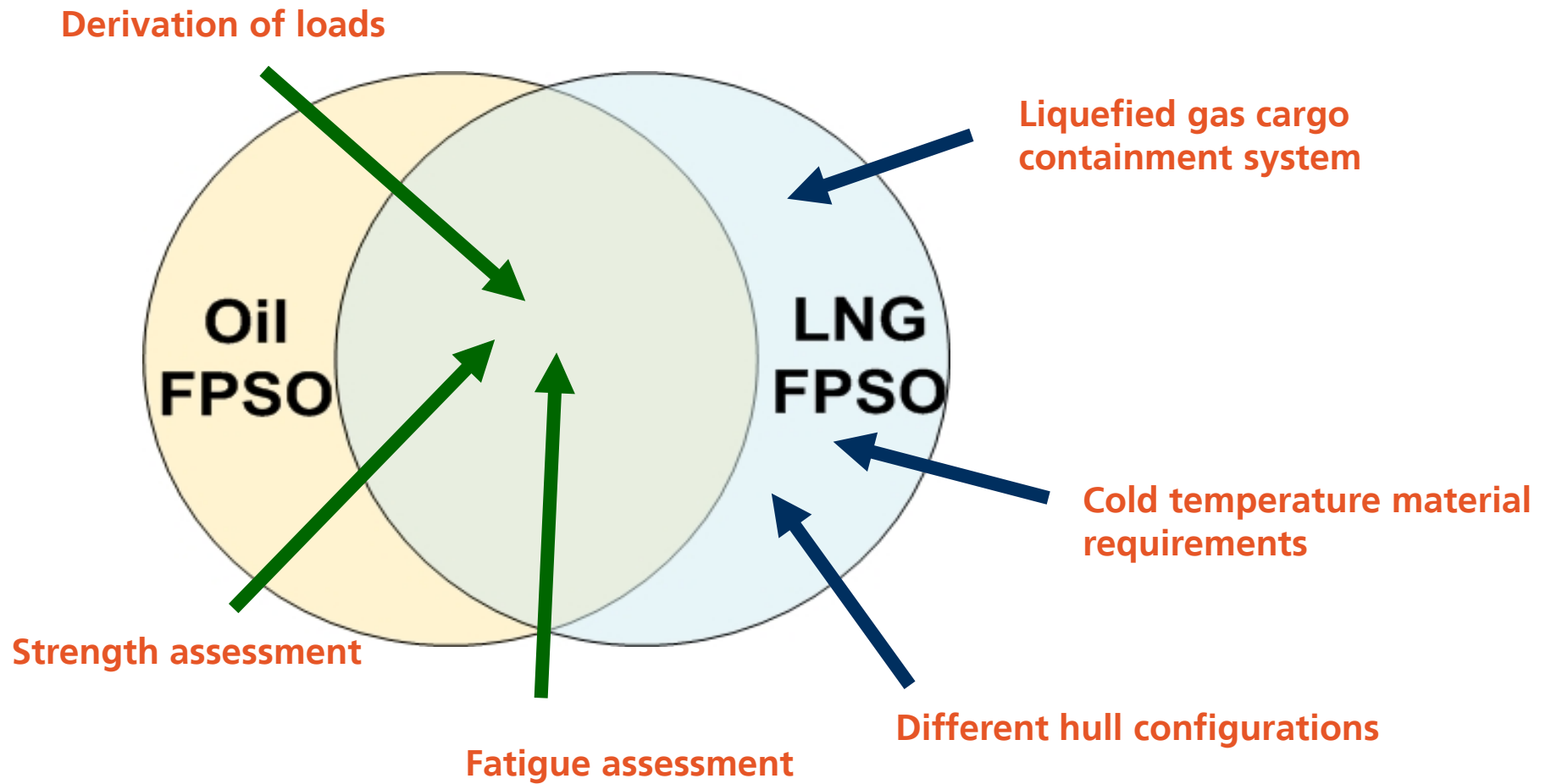
- LPG
 - *'N'kossa II* (Congo) – 1996, 0.29 mtpa propane, 0.2 mtpa butane, 78,000 m³
 - *'Liberdade'* (Bayu-Undan) – 2003, 3.2 mtpa, 95,000 m³ propane & 47,500 m³ butane
- NG
 - *'Agosto 12'* (Malaysia) - Jack up rig, gas reinjection
 - *'Jangkrik'* (Indonesia) – 2016, Floating gas supply unit, 450 mmscfd
- FLNG
 - *'Caribbean FLNG'* (La Creciente - Columbia) – 2016, 0.5 mtpa, 16,500 m³
 - *'FLNG Satu'* (Serawak - Malaysia) – 2016, 1.2 mtpa, 177,000 m³
 - *'FLNG Dua'* (Sabah - Malaysia) – 2017, 1.5 mtpa, 150,000 m³
 - *'Prelude'* (Browse - Australia) – 2017, 3.6 mtpa, 220,000 m³ LNG & 90,000 m³ LPG

FLNG developments – Hull and topsides

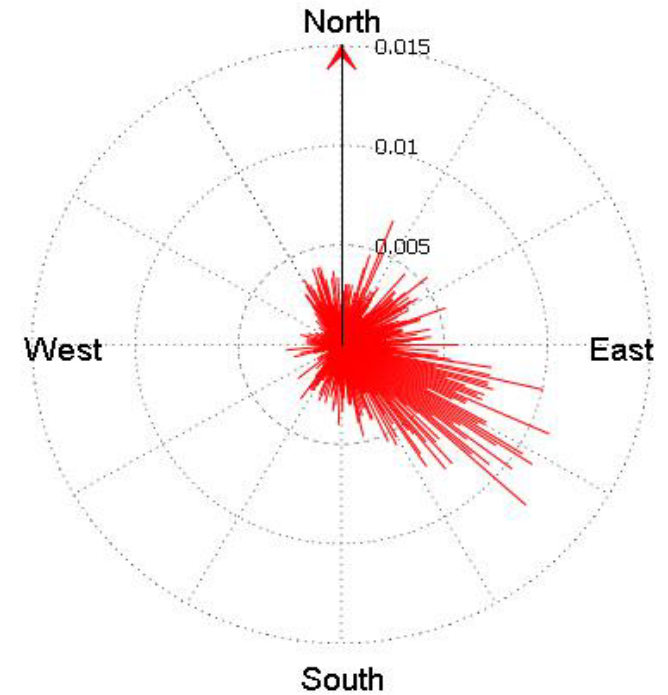
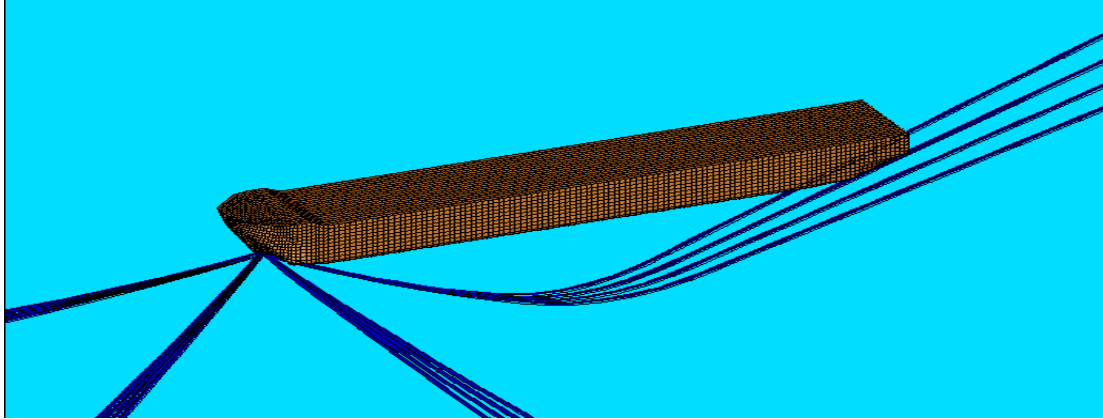
- Hull
- Topsides modules mounted on hull structure
- LNG, LPG and condensate storage in hull structure
- Turret – weathervaning
- Thrusters – to allow either dynamic positioning or vessels heading to be altered to assist berthing



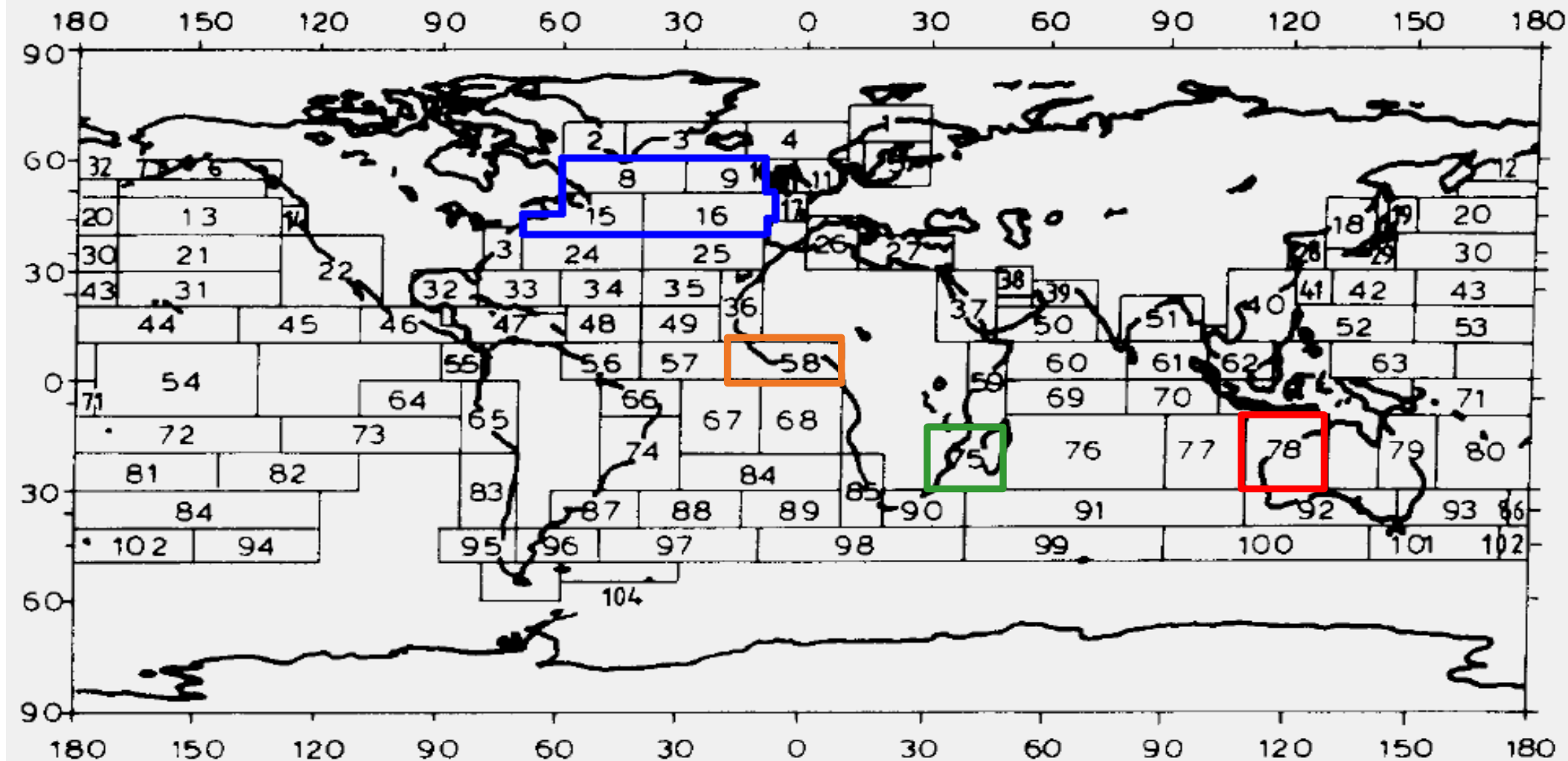
FLNG developments - Comparison between Oil and FLNG



FLNG developments - Response to waves, wind and current



FLNG developments - Site-specific wave data



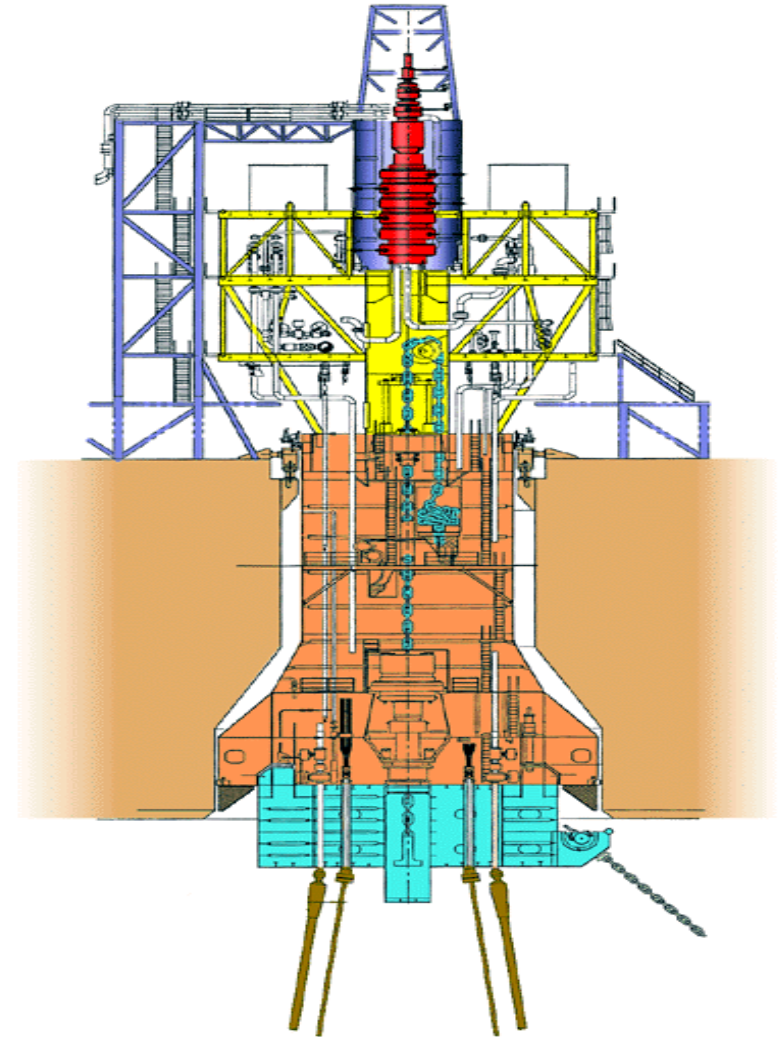
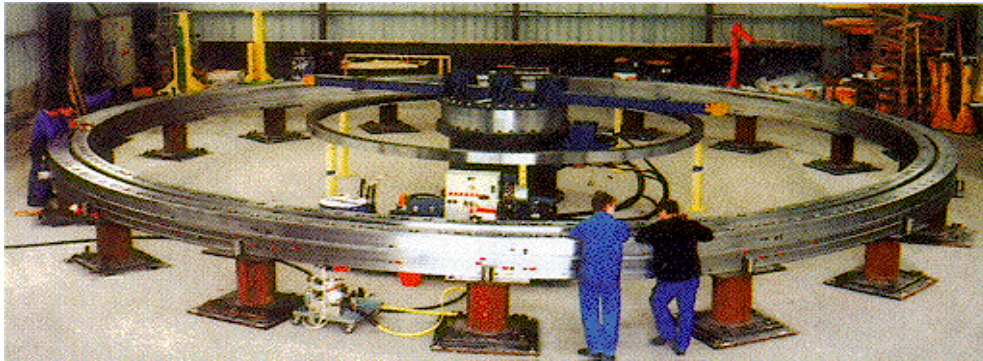
FLNG developments – Size and scale

LNGC 50 m x 30 m	LNGC 330 m
Oil FPSO 60 m x 40 m	Oil FPSO 330 m
FLNG 75 m x 45 m	FLNG 480 m



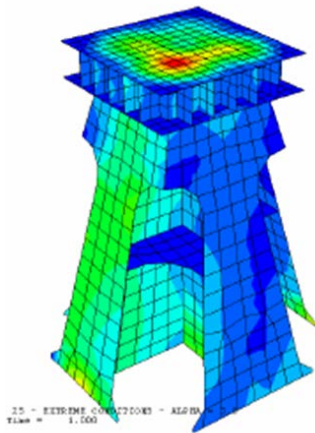
FLNG developments – Additional loads due to offshore outfitting

- Turret bearings
- Crane pedestals
- Lifeboat platforms
- Helideck
- Topside plant
- Flare stack

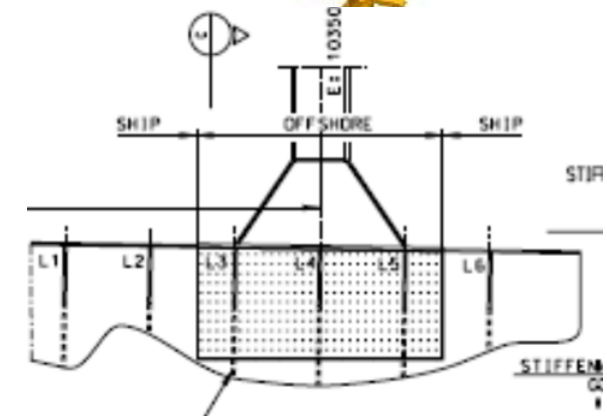
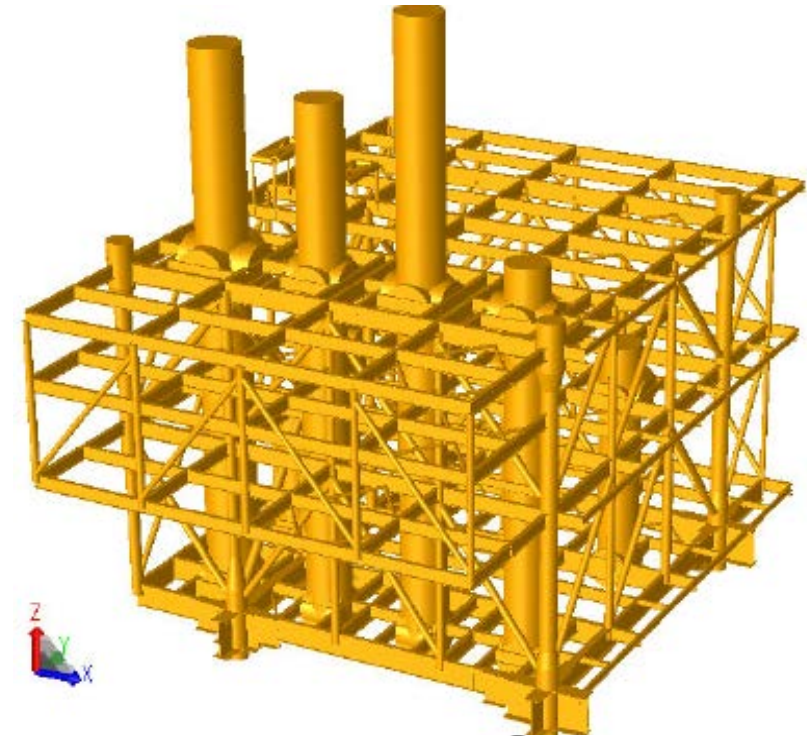
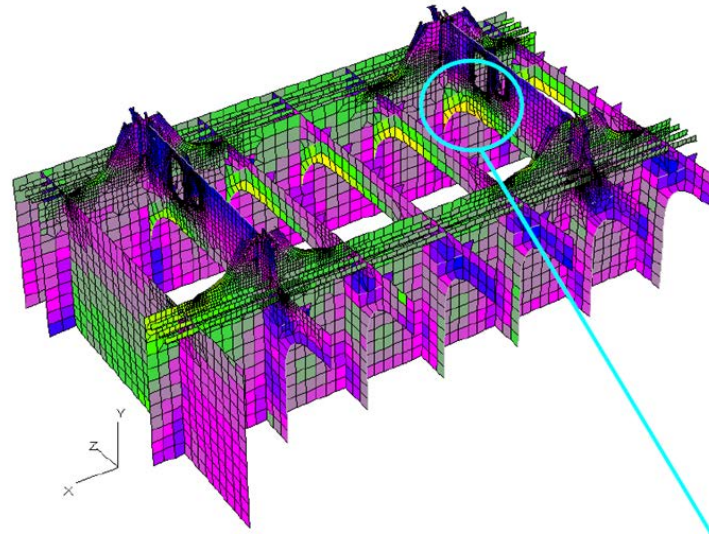


FLNG developments - Typical topside layout and loads

- Oil FPSO topsides - 40,000 tonnes
- FLNG topsides – totalling about 90,000 tonnes
- Module weights are of around 4,500 tonnes and are supported at four points
- Liquefaction modules form around 25,000 to 30,000 tonnes of the total
- Topside modules point load up to 4,000 tonnes

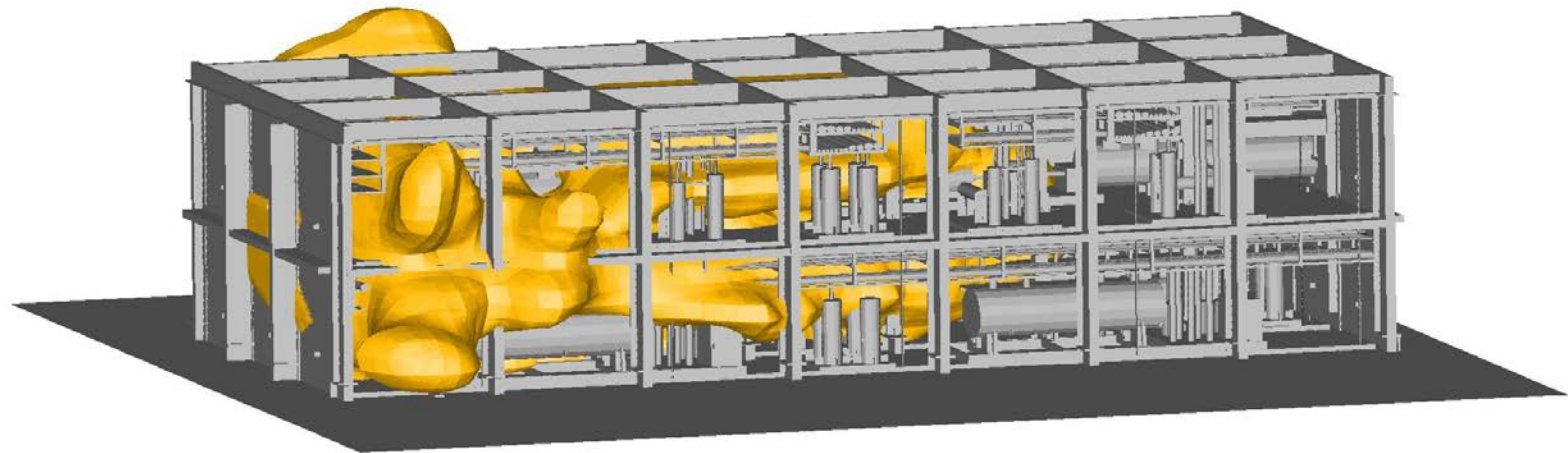


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FLNG developments - Loading conditions particular to floating offshore installations

- Various types of loading to be considered in the design.
 - Dead loads, wind loads, inertial load
 - Loads associated with station - ship motions (cyclonic) and green water
 - Metocean data – accelerations
- Accidental load cases such as:-
 - Hull damage due to ship to ship transfers
 - Helicopter impact
 - Blast
 - Cryogenic spill
 - Jet fire



FLNG developments - Floating offshore installations loadings

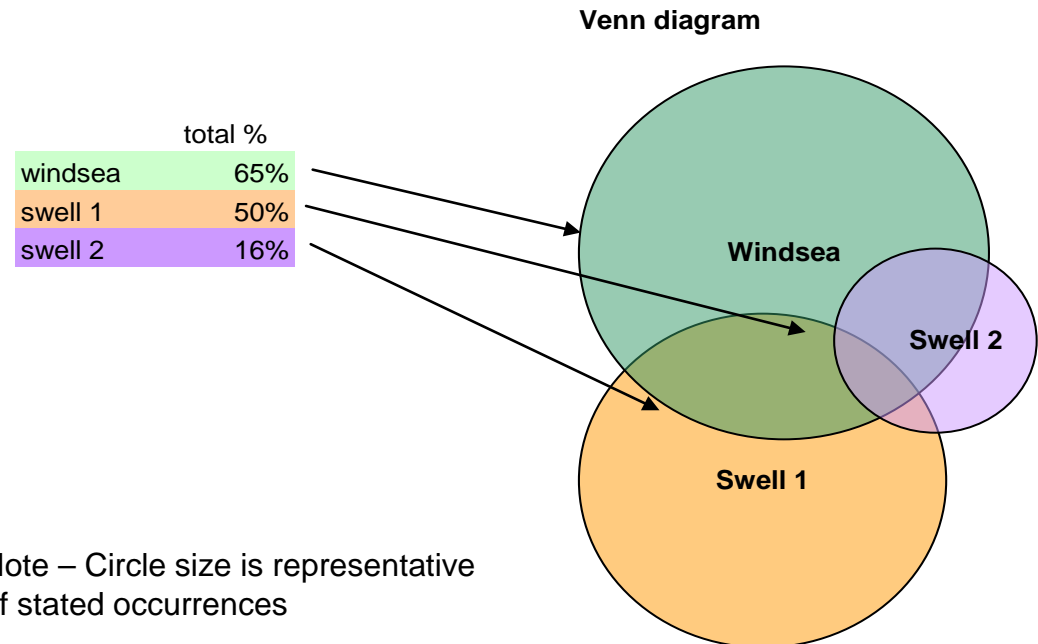
- Acceptance criteria under extreme or accidental load case
 - Similar to trading oil and LNG gas tankers – some differences in accidental load cases but significant differences in weights and masses
- Location specific
 - Operating condition = 1 year return period
 - Extreme condition = 100 year return period
 - Abnormal condition = 10,000 year return period
 - Damage condition = 1 year return period with hull damage
- Partial filling
 - Tanks may well be in the normal barred filling range defined by tank designer

FLNG developments - Environmental data for FLNG applications

- Environmental data analysis
 - Identify trends in the data
 - Take an example
 - Uni-direction sea states exist for 61% of the time
 - Multi directional sea states exist for 34% of the time
 - Comprised of combinations of Swell 1, Swell 2 and wind waves systems

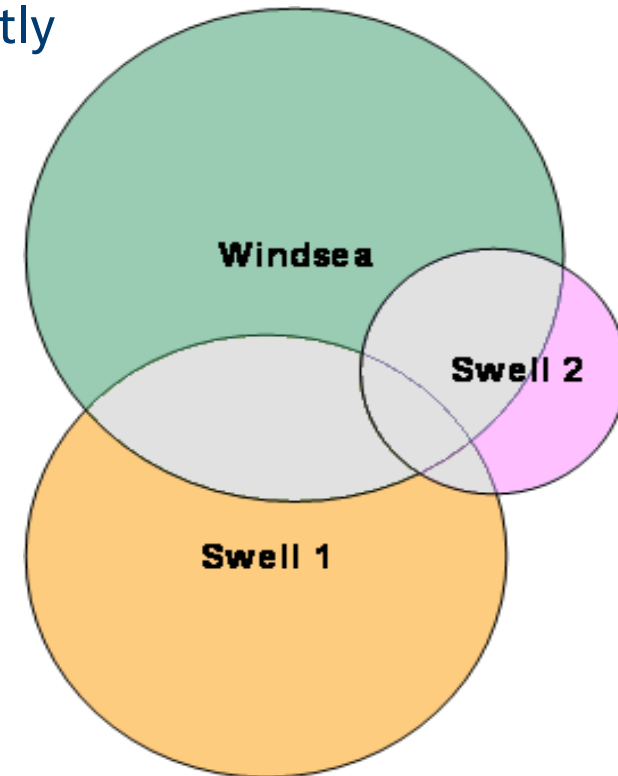
Example data	Occurrence
Windsea	33%
Swell 1	26%
Swell 2	2%
wind + swell 1	18%
windsea + swell 2	10%
windsea + swell 1 + swell 2	4%
swell 1 + swell 2	2%
calms	5%
total	100%

Percentage of uni directional sea states 61%
Percentage of multi directional sea states 34%



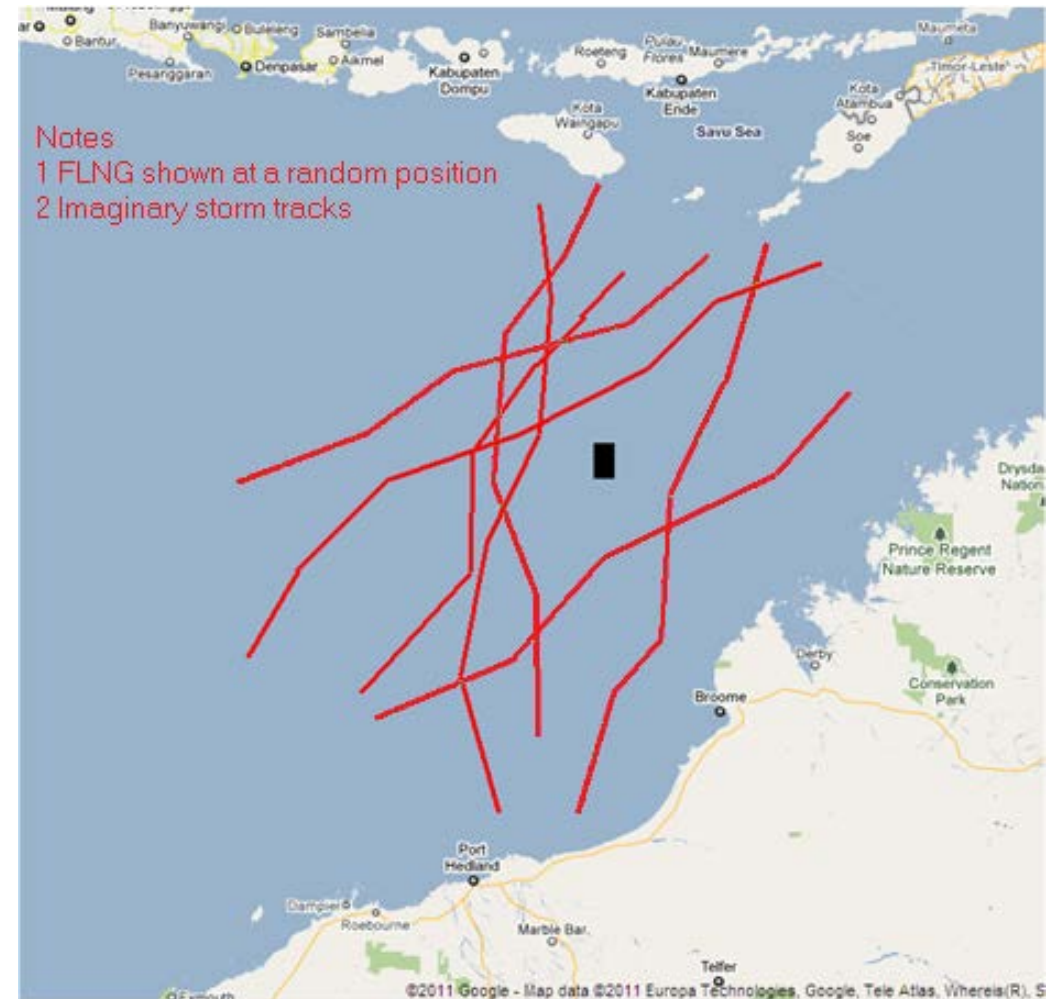
FLNG developments - Sloshing assessment of uni-directional seas

- Stage 1 Sloshing assessment - uni-directional seas
- For the portion of the environmental data that is predominantly uni-directional waves
 - For this example:
 - Uni-directional = 61% of the time
- Treat uni-directional waves as per normal ship sloshing assessment
 - This applies to the swell seas as well as the wind sea
 - Can use short term or long term assessment methods



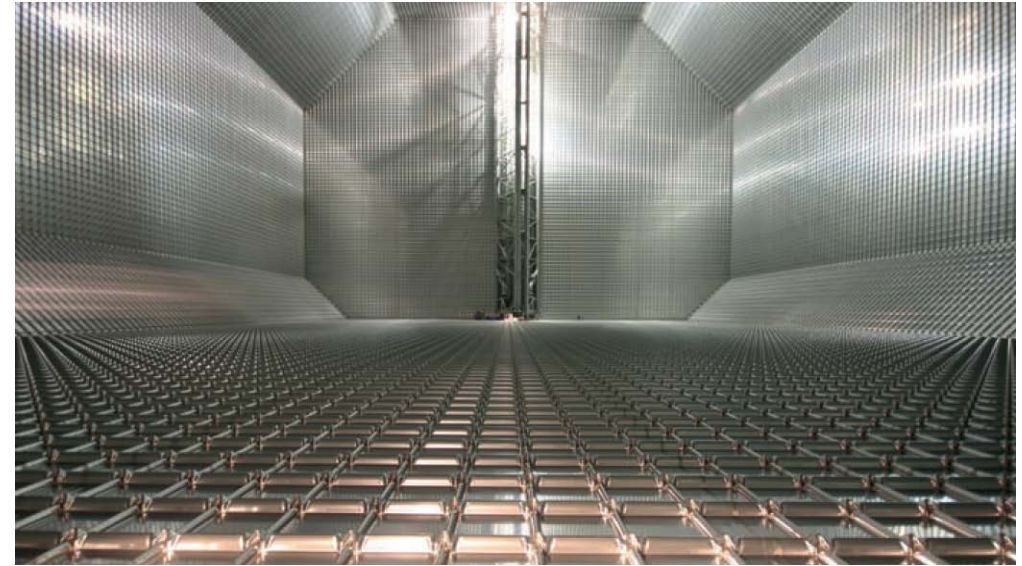
FLNG developments - Validity of the multi directional sea states

- Key events identified as Cyclone events
 - Cyclone tracks plotted
 - Taken from hindcast of say 40 years
- Issues
 - Hindcast is only a snapshot
 - Many other cyclone tracks are equally possible
 - Hence validity of multi directional sea state statistics may be suspect
- Need to derive means of enhancing the environmental data and the multi direction data in particular



FLNG developments – Storage tanks

- Membrane
 - Mk III
 - NO 96
 - GTT variant
- SPB
 - Stainless steel
 - Aluminium alloy
- Moss
- LPG
 - Independent
 - As per LNG



FLNG developments – Comparison of containment systems

Membrane

- No cool-down rate limit
- Large flat area of deck
- Tank shape suits hull structure
- Hull shape can be smaller
- Design company available for in-service advice
- Large single tanks results in deck not being supported
- Integrity of containment system depends on quality from many sub-contractors

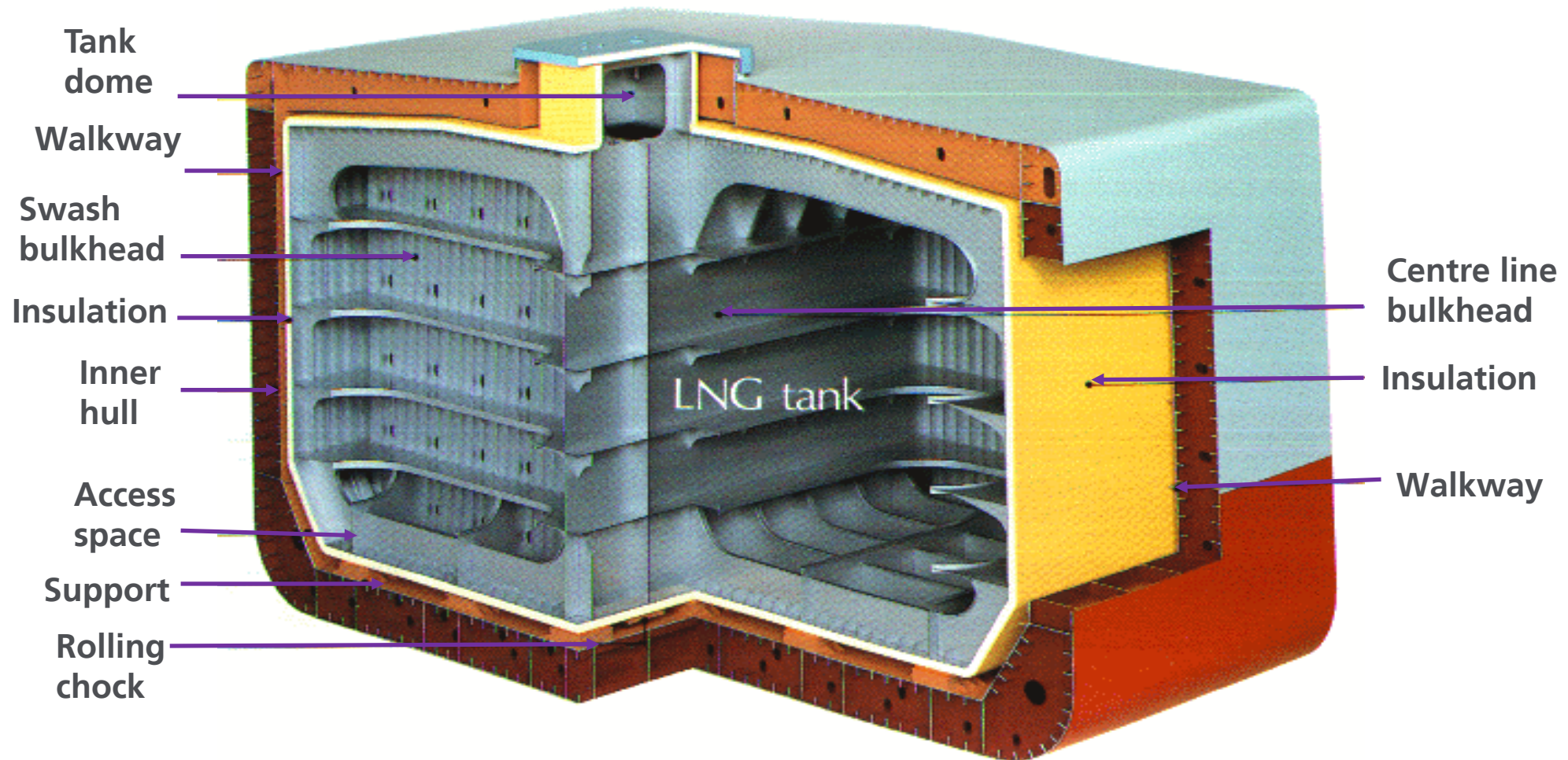
Moss

- Less chance of damage by mal-operation
- Primary barrier fully gas-tight
- Visible secondary barrier
- No barred fill ranges
- Easier access for repair
- No flat deck area
- Expensive build facilities at shipyard

SPB

- Same as Moss, plus
- Tanks have internal steelwork to support deck mounted structure
- Large flat area of deck potentially beneficial for floating LNG
- In-service experience limited to two smaller aluminium tank ships
- Limited shipyard experience

FLNG developments – IHI SPB system

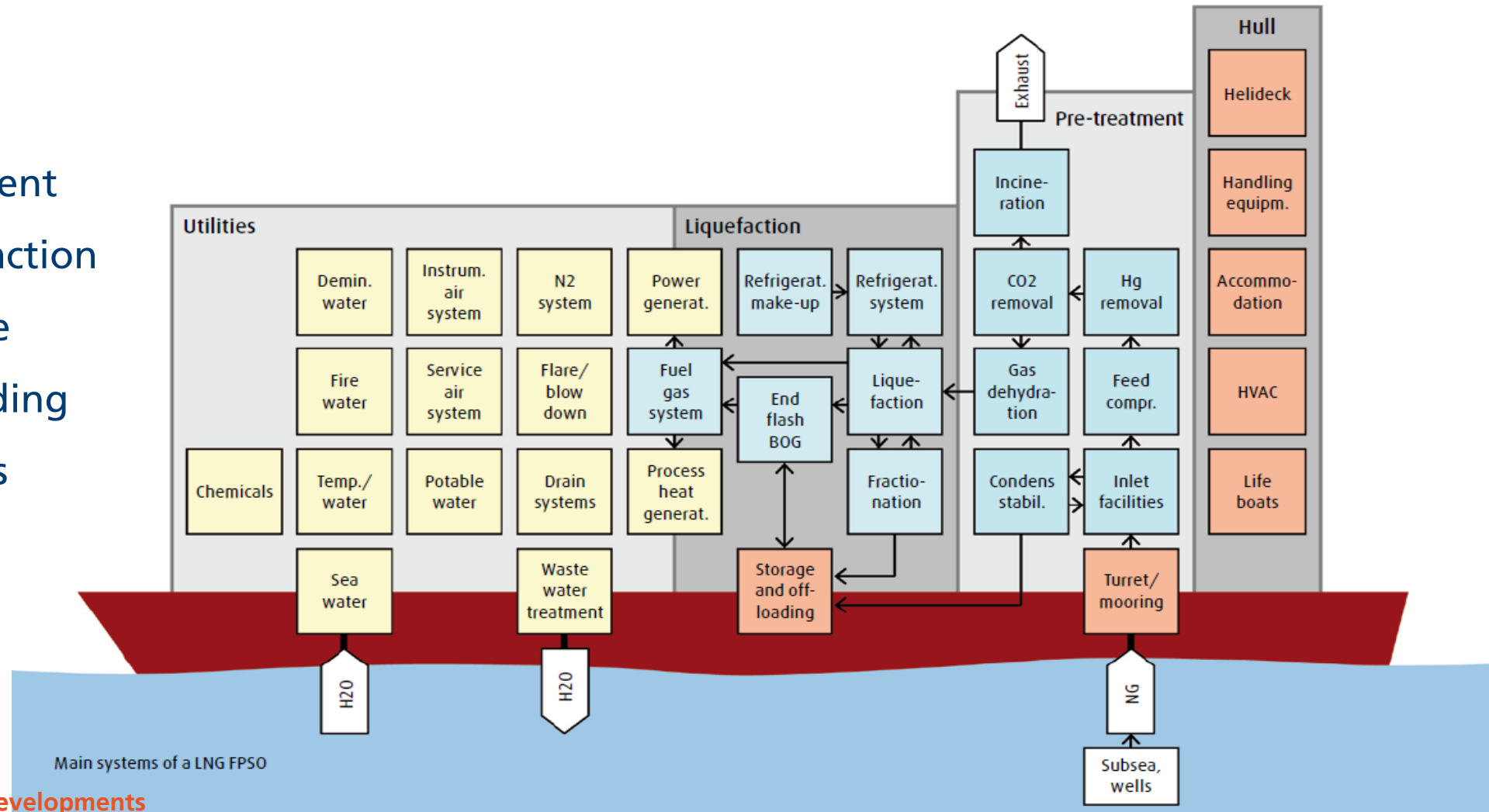


FLNG developments – Liquefaction time line

- 1914 – United States patent for gas liquefaction grant to Godfrey Cabot
- 1941 – First commercial LNG liquefaction plant in Cleveland (USA)
- 1959 – First LNG cargo carried by the '*Methane Pioneer*'
- 1964 - First base load LNG plant Arzew, Algeria used a cascade liquefaction plant
- 1970 – Marsa El Braga plant in Libia used a single mixed refrigerant cycle
- 1972 – Brunei LNG plant used a cascade system - propane and mixed refrigerant
- 1977 – First LNG in Middle East at Das Island (gas previously being flared)
- 1989 – Australian Northwest Shelf project - environmental impact effects
- 1997 – Ras Laffan, Qatar initial 3 trains constructed
- 2010 – Ras Laffan, Qatar 7 trains throughput increased 5 fold
- 2014 – First FLNG liquefaction plant utilising a propane and mixed refrigerant

FLNG developments – Topside plant and equipment

- Hull
- Import
- Treatment
- Liquefaction
- Storage
- Offloading
- Utilities



FLNG developments – Topside processes

The process equipment can be broken down into four specific plus one operational areas:

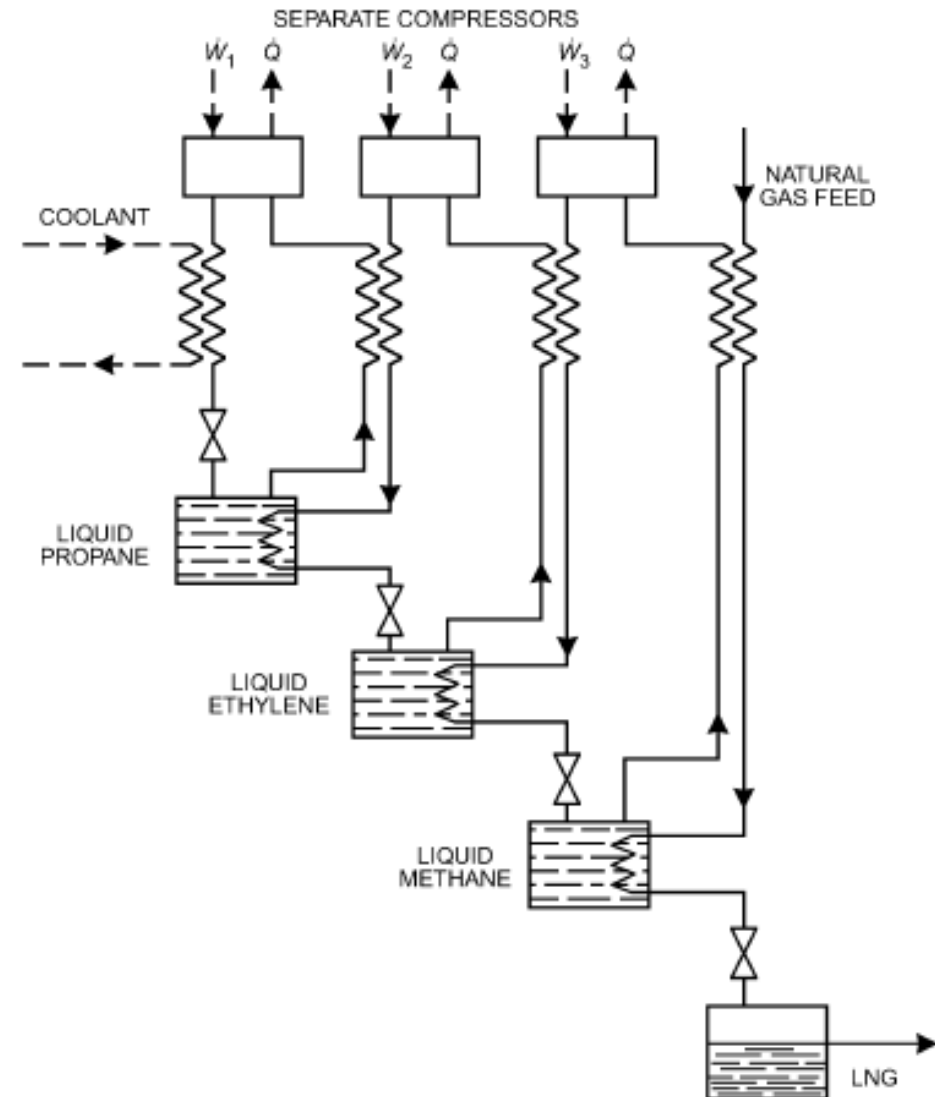
- Hull – accommodation HVAC, LNG, LPG & condensate storage, marine systems such as bilge, ballast and sea-water
- Pre-treatment/separation – turret, de-watering, de-sanding, hydrogen sulphide & carbon dioxide (sour gas) removal, Hg removal, heavy condensate removal
- Cryogenics – liquefaction module, refrigeration system, refrigerant make up, BOG control (end flash), light condensate removal
- Utilities – Power generation, fuel gas system, process sea water, waste water, fire water, blow down, flare, inert gas, nitrogen, air, chemicals, spill mitigation
- Operational – pigging, MEG system including tanks, pumps and filters

FLNG developments – Liquefaction cycles

- Cascade cycle
 - Three step cycle, propane (C_3) to minus 30°C, ethylene (C_2) down to minus 95°C and finally methane (C_1) to liquefy the LNG at around minus 160°C
- Mixed refrigeration cycle
 - Also known as the single mixed refrigeration cycle as all the refrigerants, propane, ethane and methane, forming a single fluid.
- Propane pre-cooling mixed refrigerant cycle
 - Better known under the term C_3 -MR
 - Efficiencies now greater than 90% due to enhanced heat exchanger design
- FLNG liquefaction – Double C_3 -MR system (also known as dual mixed refrigerant)
 - Steam turbine driven compressors may also be gas turbine driven

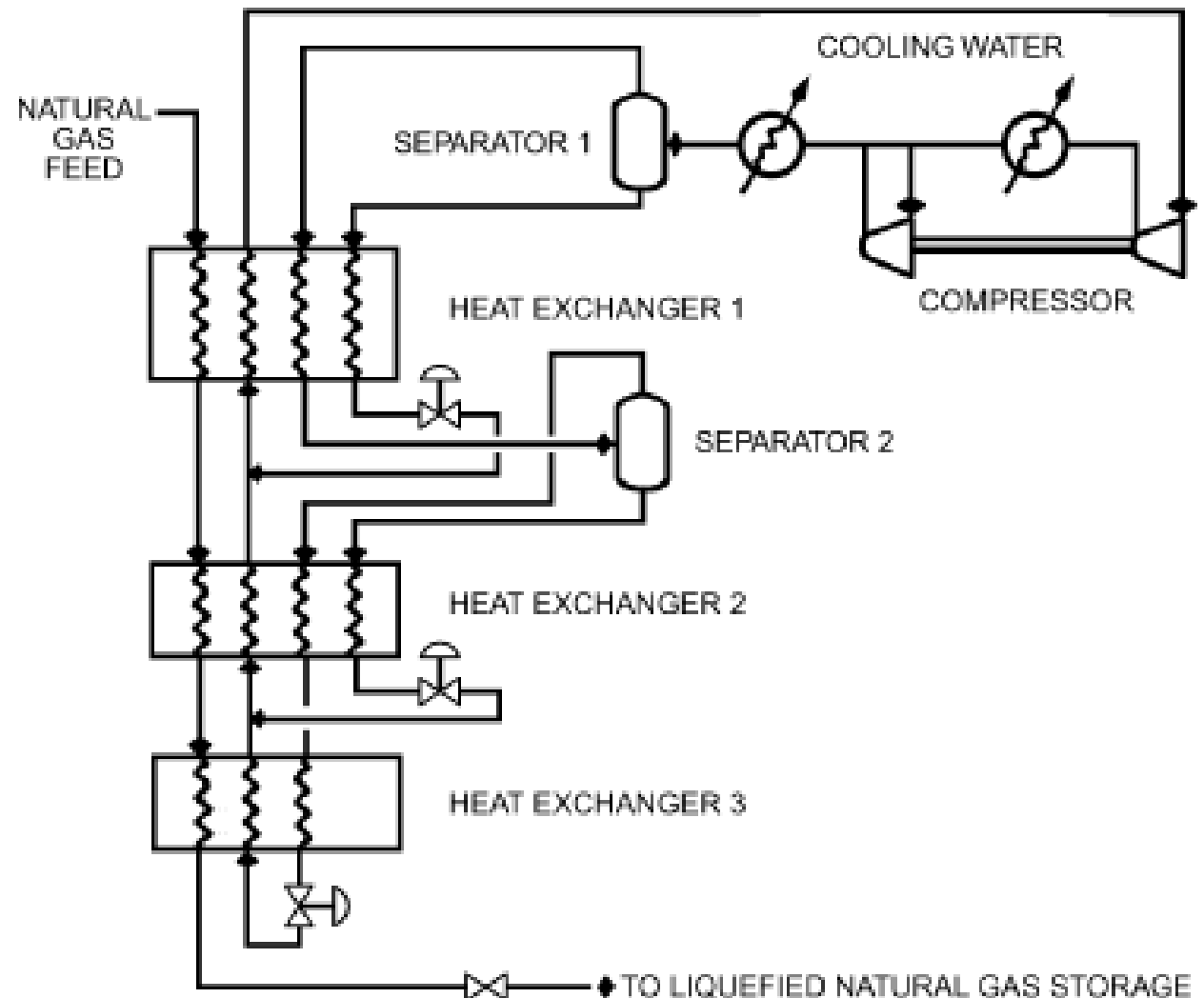
FLNG developments – Simple cascade liquefaction system

- First stage (propane)
 - Sea water cooled
 - Single or multi-stage compressor
- Second stage (ethylene)
 - Screw or centrifugal compressor
- Third stage (methane)
 - Normally refrigerant grade methane
 - Independent of feed gas



FLNG developments – Mixed refrigerant liquefaction system

- Sea water again used as medium to dissipate heat
- Multi-stage intercooled centrifugal compressor
- Circulation of a single mixed refrigerant
- Repeatedly condensed, vaporised, separated and expanded
- Reduced capital cost compared to cascade system



FLNG developments – Offloading

- LNG
 - Side by side
 - Tandem Over-the-stern
 - Remote
- LPG
 - As LNG
- Condensate
 - Hose reels
 - Floating hoses over-the-stern



FLNG developments – Safety aspects - Cryogenics

- For trading gas carriers it is only the manifold locations which needs to be considered:
 - Used periodically when the loading arms being connected, cargo transferred and disconnected when in port (benign) conditions
- For a FLNG
 - There will be constant LNG rundown into the storage tanks
 - The depropanizer, deethanizer and demethanizer process stages as well as the liquefaction modules will be constantly at or near cryogenic temperatures



FLNG developments – Cryogenic spill analysis

- The Lloyd's Register Guidance Note for Risk Based Analysis: Cryogenic Spill has been developed to provide a consistent methodology to estimate probabilistic cryogenic loads for:
 - Assets - e.g. carbon steel embrittlement, hence potential escalation
 - Personnel - e.g. cryogenic burns, cold vapour inhalation, asphyxiation
- The guidance describes two different approaches, project phase based:
 - **Initial** Cryogenic Risk Analysis (High level)
 - **Advanced** Cryogenic Risk Analysis (Detailed)
- The August 2015 edition is currently available and complements the other Guidance Notes available for:
 - Fire Loading and Protection
 - Collision Analysis
 - Probabilistic Explosion Loads
 - Technology Qualification

Guidance Notes
for
**Risk Based Analysis:
Cryogenic Spill**

August 2015



FLNG developments – Safety aspects – Process weighted

- Fire - inventory
- Explosion (blast)
- Smoke
- Fire water
- Flare location
- Radiation effect
- Topside escape
- Temporary refuge
- Lifeboat/liferaft location

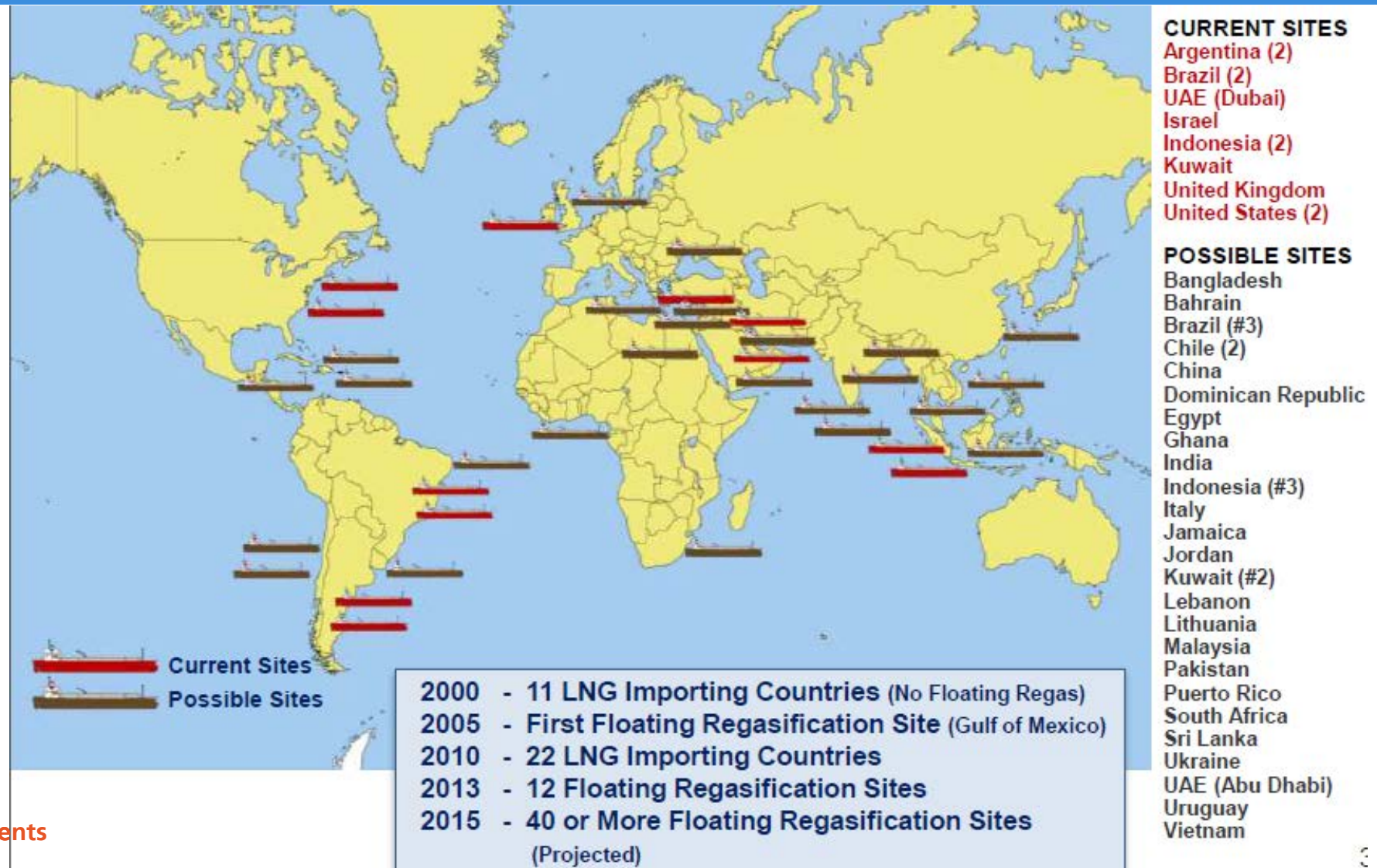


FLNG developments – Further information on FLNGs

- <http://www.shell.com/about-us/major-projects/prelude-flng.html>



FSRU developments – Overview (SIGTTO)



FSRU developments – Some existing and proposed new construction

Name of Vessel	Location	Capacity	Built	Storage
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BW SINGAPORE	Egypt	750 MMSCFD	2015-08	170,000
EXMAR-PM FSRU	India	4.5 mtpa	2016-05	26,320
FSRU TOSCANA	Italy	Peak shaving	2003-12	137,500
GdF Suez Cape Ann	China	750 MMSCFD	2009-09	145,000
GNL DEL PLATA	Uruguay	350 MMSCFD	2016-09	263,000
GOLAR ESKIMO	Jordan	720 MMSCFD	2014-12	160,000
GOLAR FREEZE	Dubai	470 MMSCFD	1977-02	125,000
GOLAR IGLOO	Kuwait	720 MMSCFD	2014-02	170,000
GOLAR SPIRIT	Brasil	240 MMSCFD	1981-09	129,000
GOLAR WINTER	Brasil	490 MMSCFD	2004-03	138,000
HOEGH GALLANT	Egypt	500 MMSCFD	2014-11	170,000
HOEGH GRACE	Colombia		2016-04	170,000
HYUNDAI ULSAN 2552	-	750 MMSCFD	2017-02	170,000
HYUNDAI ULSAN 2854	Russia	500 MMSCFD	2017-10	174,000
HYUNDAI ULSAN 2865	-	750 MMSCFD	2017-12	170,000
NUSANTARA REGAS SATU	Indonesia	480 MMSCFD	1977-07	125,000
PGN FSRU LAMPUNG	Indonesia	360 MMSCFD	2014-04	170,000
SAMSUNG 2118			2016-11	
SAMSUNG 2189			2017-11	

FSRU developments – Where new challenges are arising

- Locations – infrastructure may not be available – river, estuary or jetty based
- Use of existing ships
 - Age and suitability – Moss design very little usable deck area
 - Longevity study required to make conversion feasible
 - Deck loadings for major items of equipment
 - Fire and explosion aspects – jet fires outside normal Marine Rule set
- Regasification plants
 - High pressure liquid pumps
 - Normal heat exchanger type (shell and tube)
 - Submerged combustion vaporiser – peak loads
 - Open rack type vaporiser – base loads



FSRU developments – Existing ship verses dedicated unit

- Some of the major considerations include:
 - Inability to sail away or move easily out of severe weather
 - Reduced environmental loading associated with a fixed possible benign location
 - Service specific fatigue design
 - Constant partial filling and resultant sloshing loads
 - Need for continuous process operation if serving a town main
 - Availability of local dry docks thus access for inspection and repair
 - Additional loads such as; topside equipment, loading arms, helideck, etc.
 - Periodic ship to ship transfer operations using existing manifolds and hoses
 - Suitability of existing deluge and fire water systems

FSRU developments - Regasification system Rule sets

- Requirements included in Part 11, Chapter 20 of the 2015 edition of the Rules and Regulations for the Classification of Offshore Units
- In marine rule set, Provisional Rules for LNG Ships and Barges Equipped with Regasification Systems dated January 2014



FSRU developments – Operational concerns

- LNG loading arms – built to land-based standards
- Oderization (stenching)
- High pressure send-out gas ranging from 75 to 150 bar g
- Open and closed loop heating systems required dependant on location



FSRU developments – Operational concerns

- Use of spray pumps installed the gas carrier's cargo tank
- Use of large capacity cargo pumps
- High pressure liquid
- High pressure vapour
- Process shutdown
- Turndown limits
- Maintenance down time



FLNG & FSRU developments – Maintenance concerns

- Normal periodic dry docking and complete gas freeing not envisaged as an option:
 - Extensions to normal shut down periodicity
 - Sparing philosophies to take into consideration regarding maintenance requirements
 - Consideration to be given to the circulating fluid
 - Corrosion protection system to be enhanced
 - High cost due to send-out shutdown if extensive hot work required
 - Gas freeing of individual tanks under a local 'Permit to Work' system a possible option
 - Retractable cargo pumps so tank entry is not required
 - Method of ship to ship transfer – Loading arms maintenance or replacement hoses
 - RBI (Risk Based Inspection) – For entire unit either FLNG or FSRU

FLNG developments – Questions?

Questions

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Six minute Shell video

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