



Technical Innovation for Floating LNG

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Snøhvit LNG barge

A precursor to FLNG



Extending current skills

Combining the experience



Snøhvit LNG - Hammerfest

- Process facilities built on floating barge – an FLNG precursor
- Compact layout
- Modularized and prefabricated facilities



Global floating production operations

- Floating production units in operation worldwide
- Offshore offloading in harsh conditions
- Gas processing and acid gas removal on floating unit

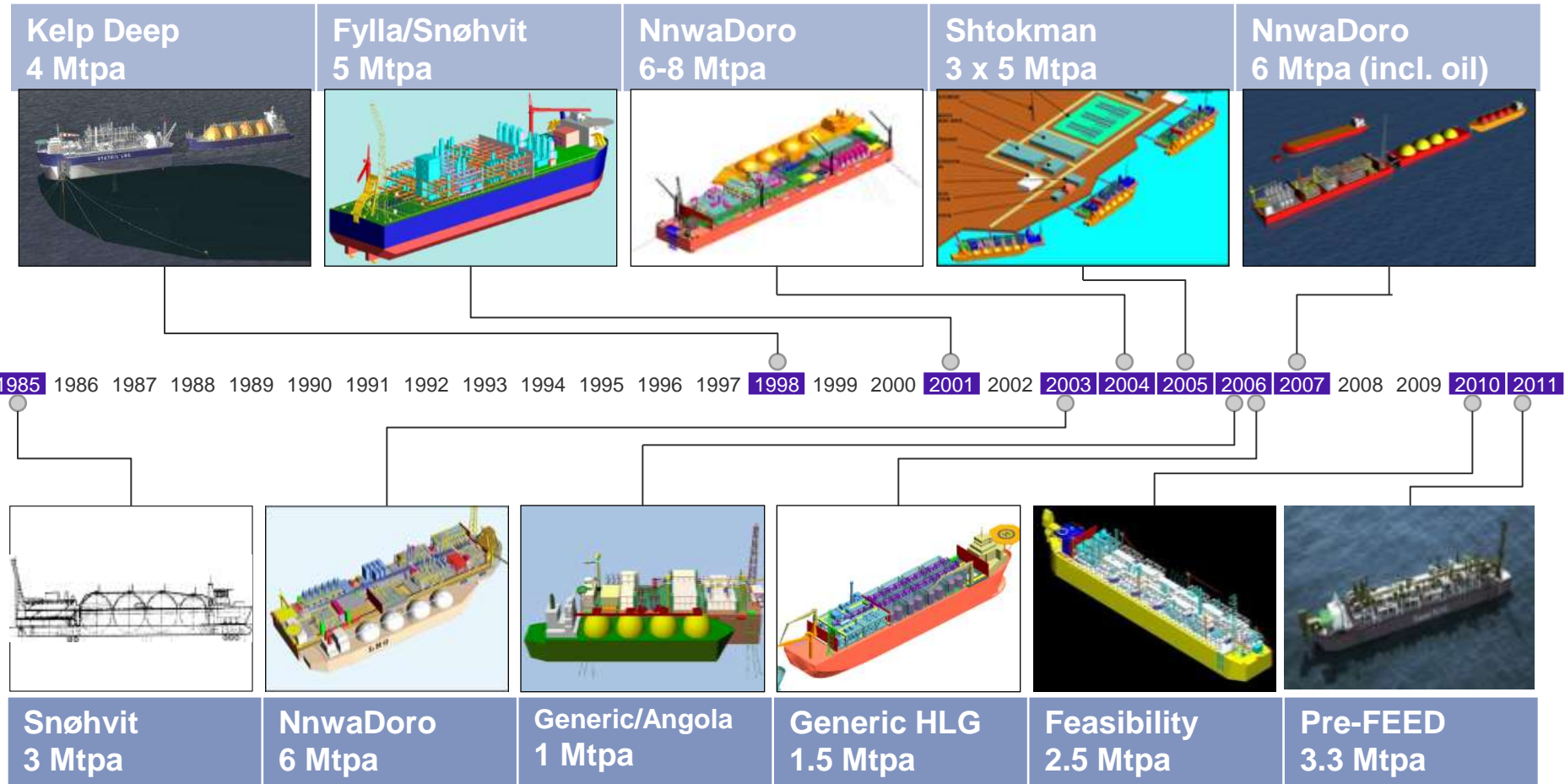
Snøhvit technology learning

Supporting FLNG development

- Snøhvit field development and Hammerfest plant – a full LNG value chain
- Direct feed to LNG plant from subsea wells
- Use of LM6000 aero derivative gas turbines
- Reinjection of CO₂ from feed gas
- Mixed refrigerant liquefaction process with sea water cooling
- Operation in harsh environment



Statoil FLNG concept development history



Statoil FLNG

- Developed to pre-FEED level
- Varying feed gas composition
- DMR liquefaction process with mechanical compressor drivers
- Side-by-side or tandem offloading
- External or internal turret
- Alternative lay-outs
- Developed in cooperation with major engineering contractor
- Supplier group participation

Statoil FLNG, base concept



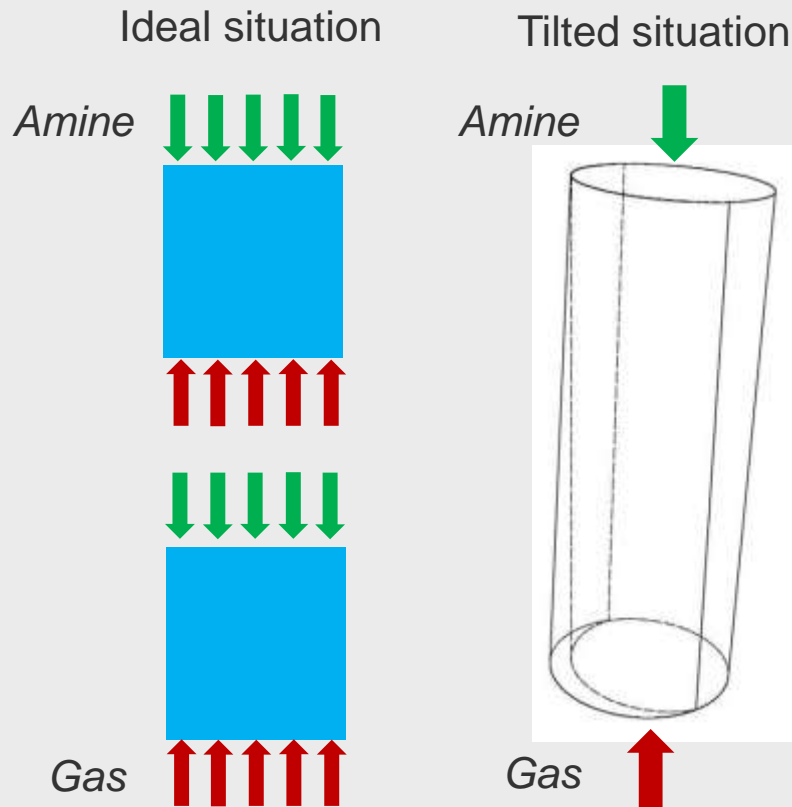
LNG Capacity	3.0 - 3.5 Mtpa
Overall length	425 m
Beam	65 m
LNG storage	225 000 – 275 000 m ³

Acid gas removal

Sensitive to tilt and motions

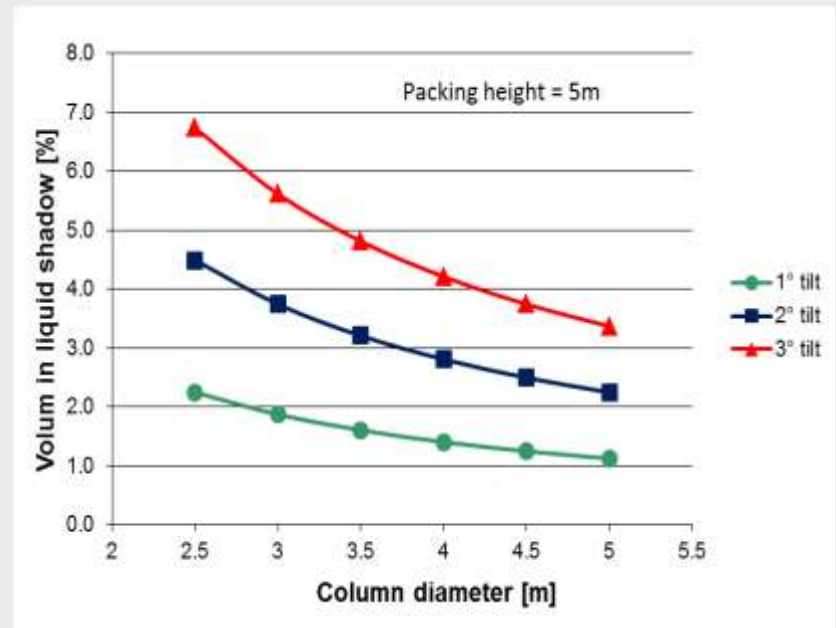
Specification:

< 50 ppm CO₂ in treated gas



Example:

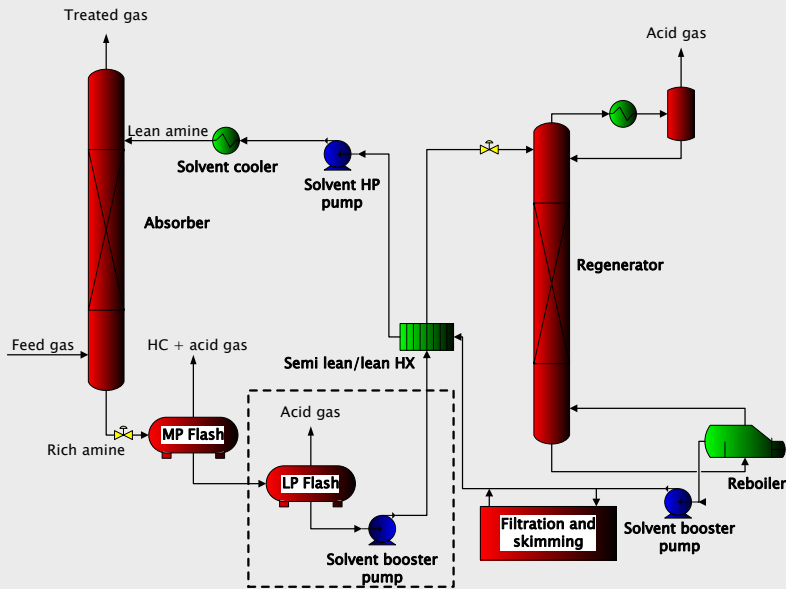
- 10 mole % CO₂ in the feed gas
- Bypass of more than 0.05% of gas flow gives off spec composition



Acid gas removal

Statoil safeguarding solution for FLNG

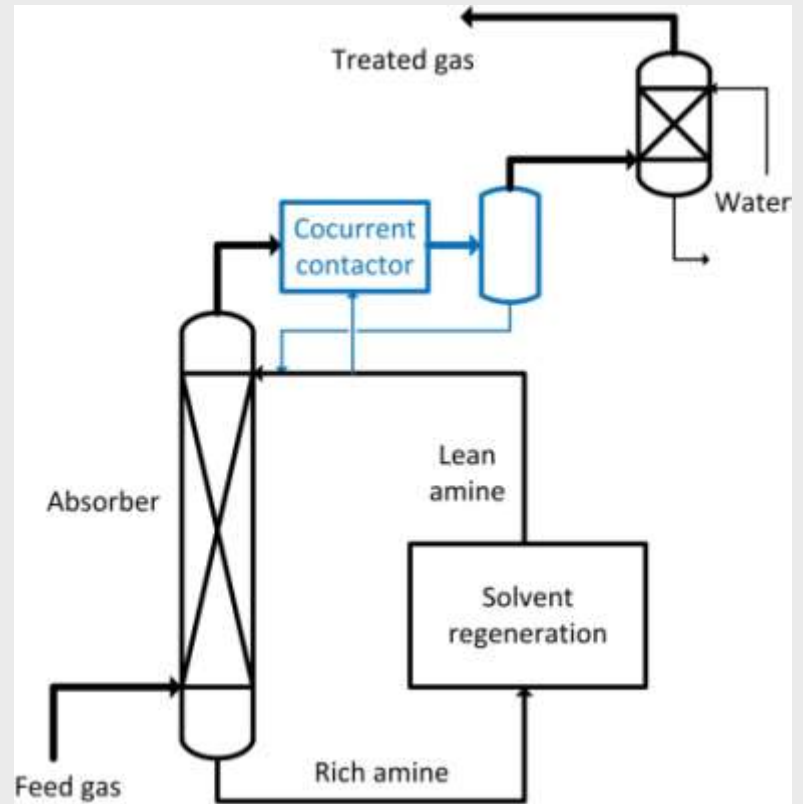
Standard Amine plant



Typical design margins for FLNG

- Increase amine circulation
- Increase absorber diameter and height
- Increase number of beds

Safeguarding solution (patent pending)



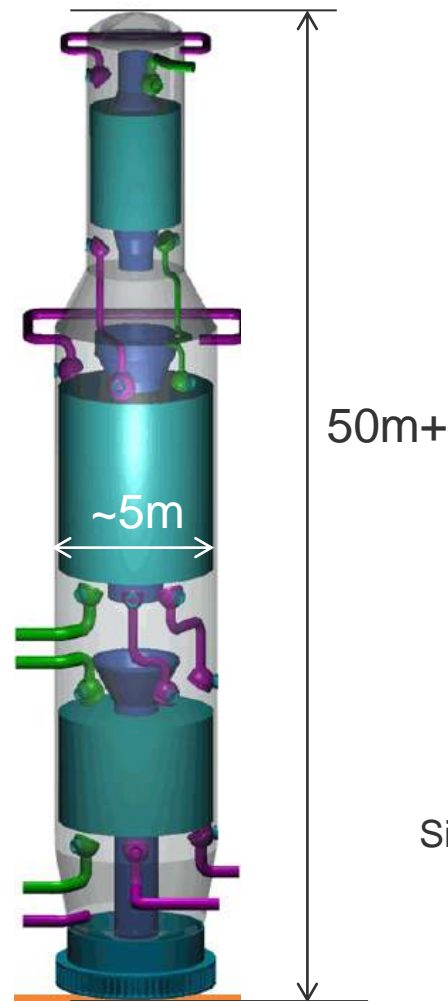
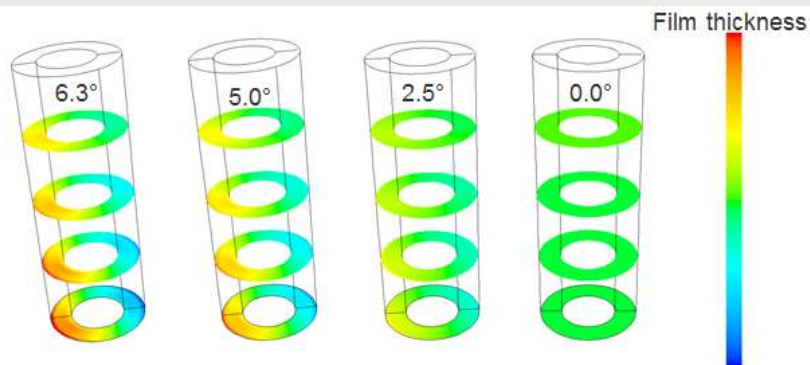
Cryogenic LNG heat exchanger

Sensitivity to tilt and motions

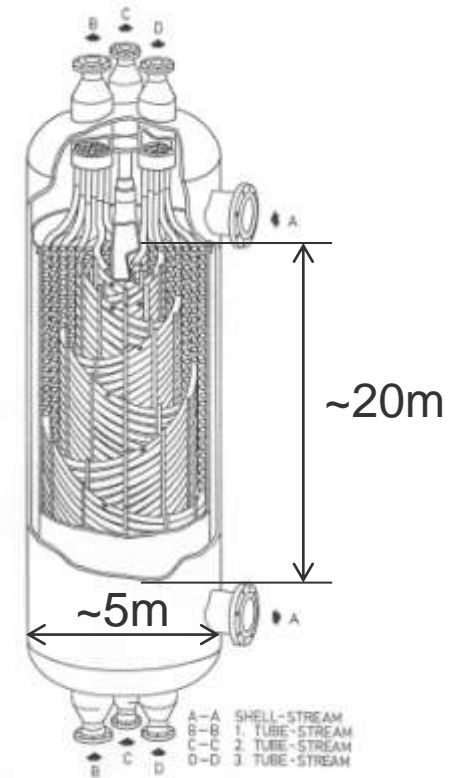
How will the heat exchanger performance be affected by tilt and motions ?

Test program performed in co-operation with Linde Engineering 2003-2007

CFD model developed



Multiple bundle heat exchanger**

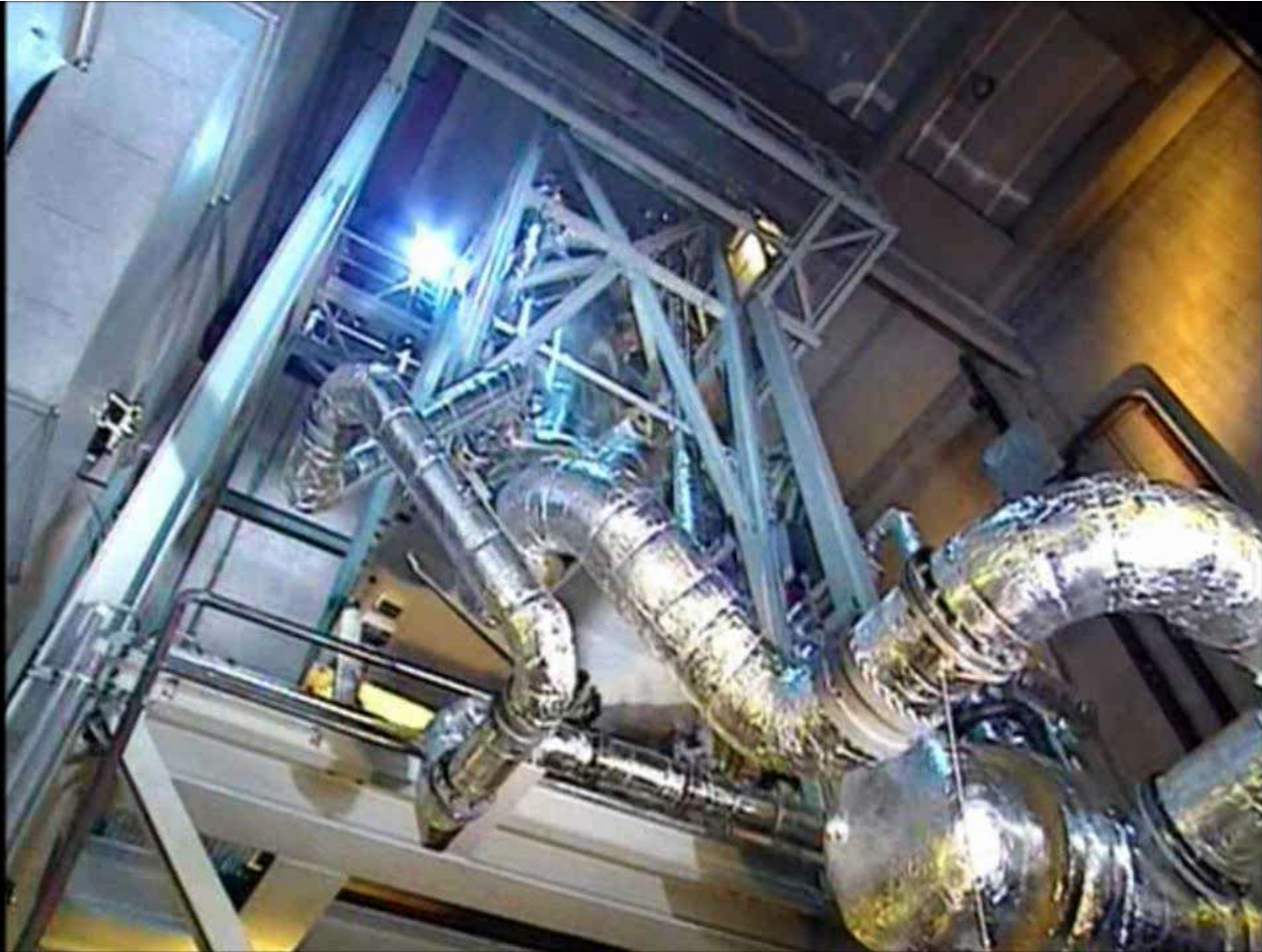


Single bundle heat exchanger*

* Courtesy of Linde Engineering

** Courtesy of Air Products

Video - Test heat exchanger in oscillation

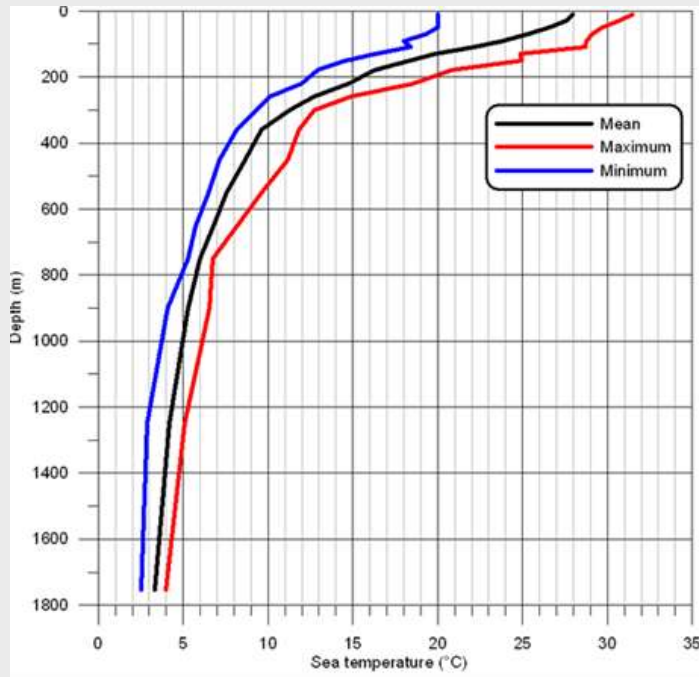


Deep sea-water intake systems

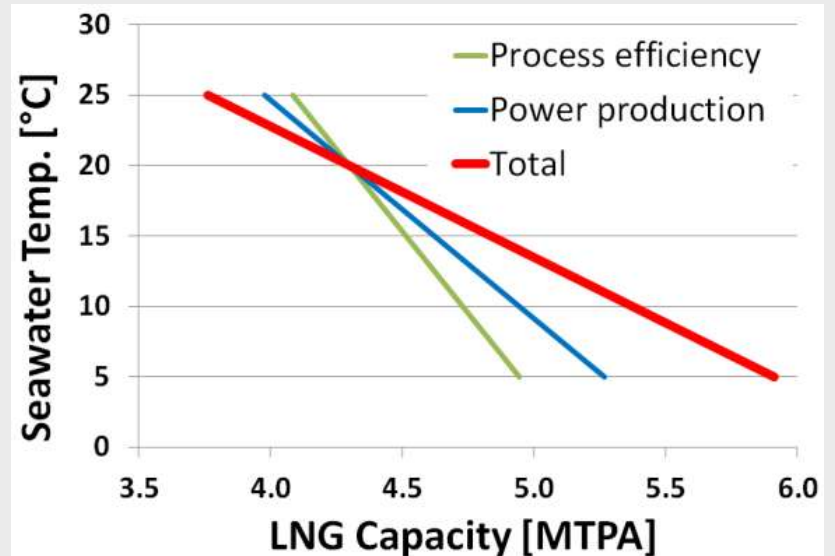
Beneficial with low temperature cooling water

- Increased process efficiency
 - ~1% increased production/°C

Typical SW temperature profile



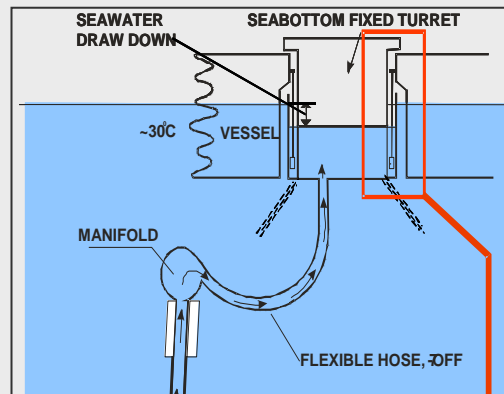
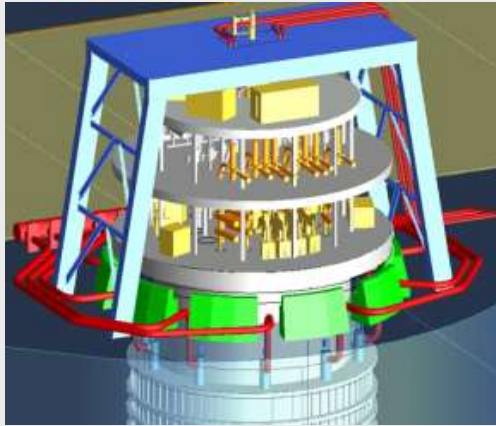
- Increased gas turbine power
 - Cooling of intake air
 - ~1,5% increased power/°C



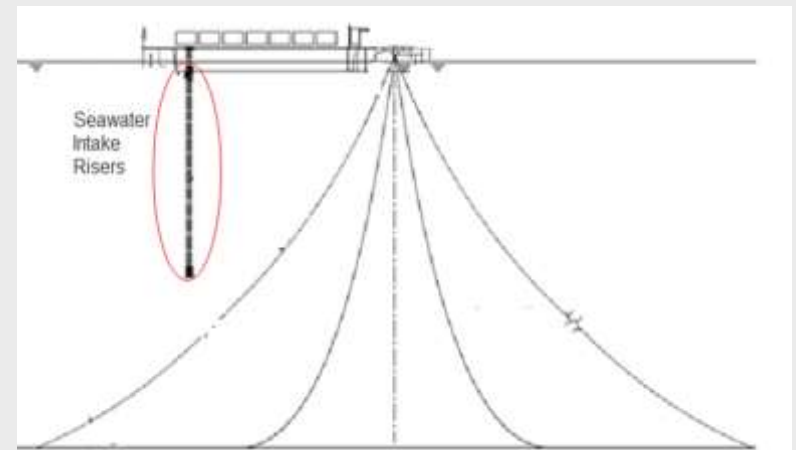
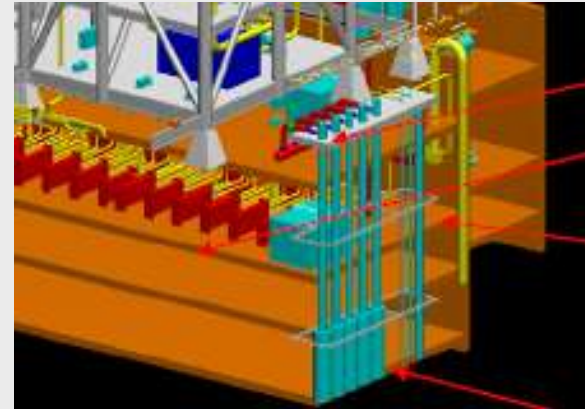
Deep sea-water intake systems

Principle system configurations

SW risers through turret

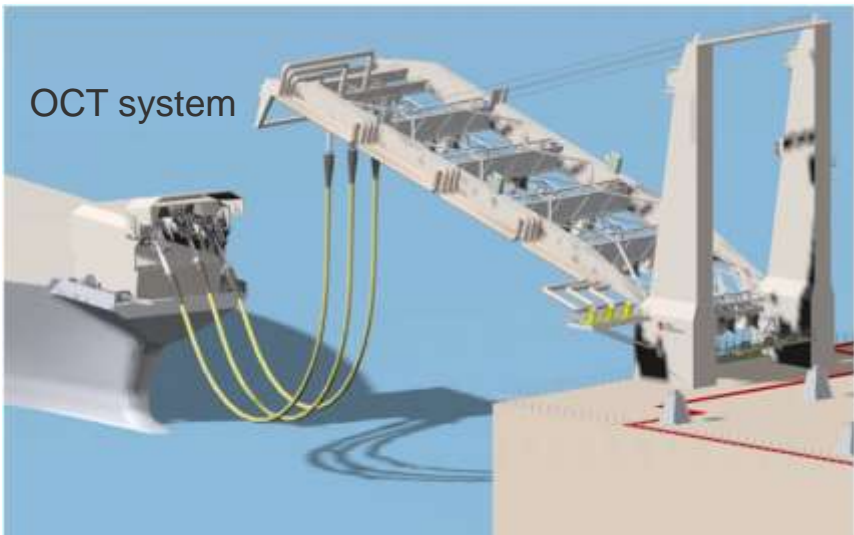


Free hanging SW risers



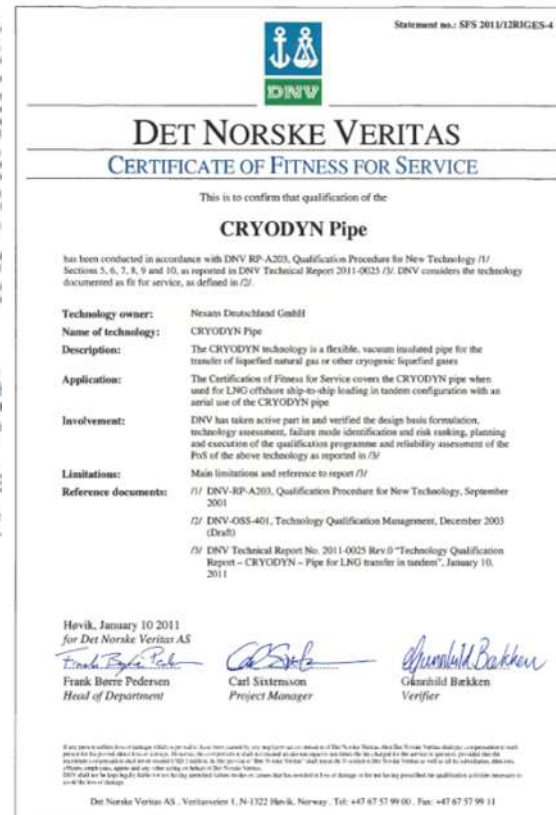
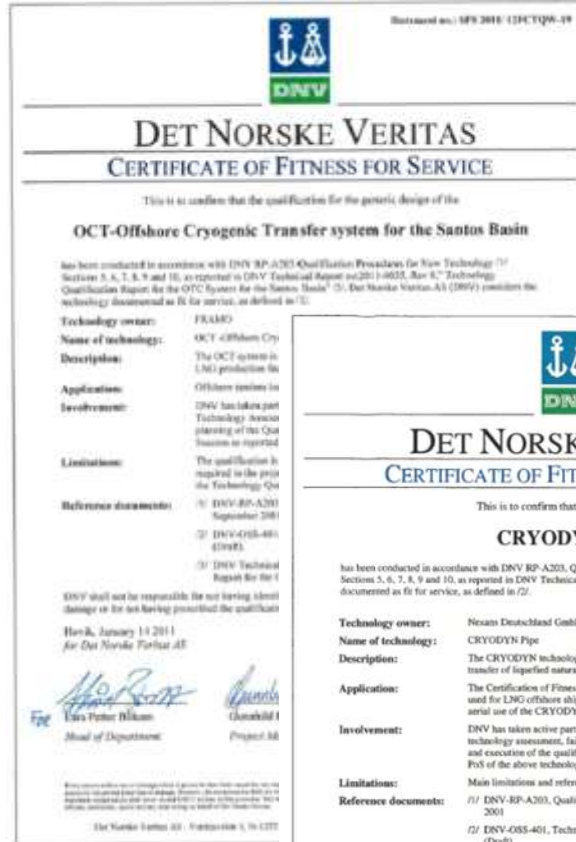
LNG tandem offloading

Based on Statoil patents, licensed to OneSubsea



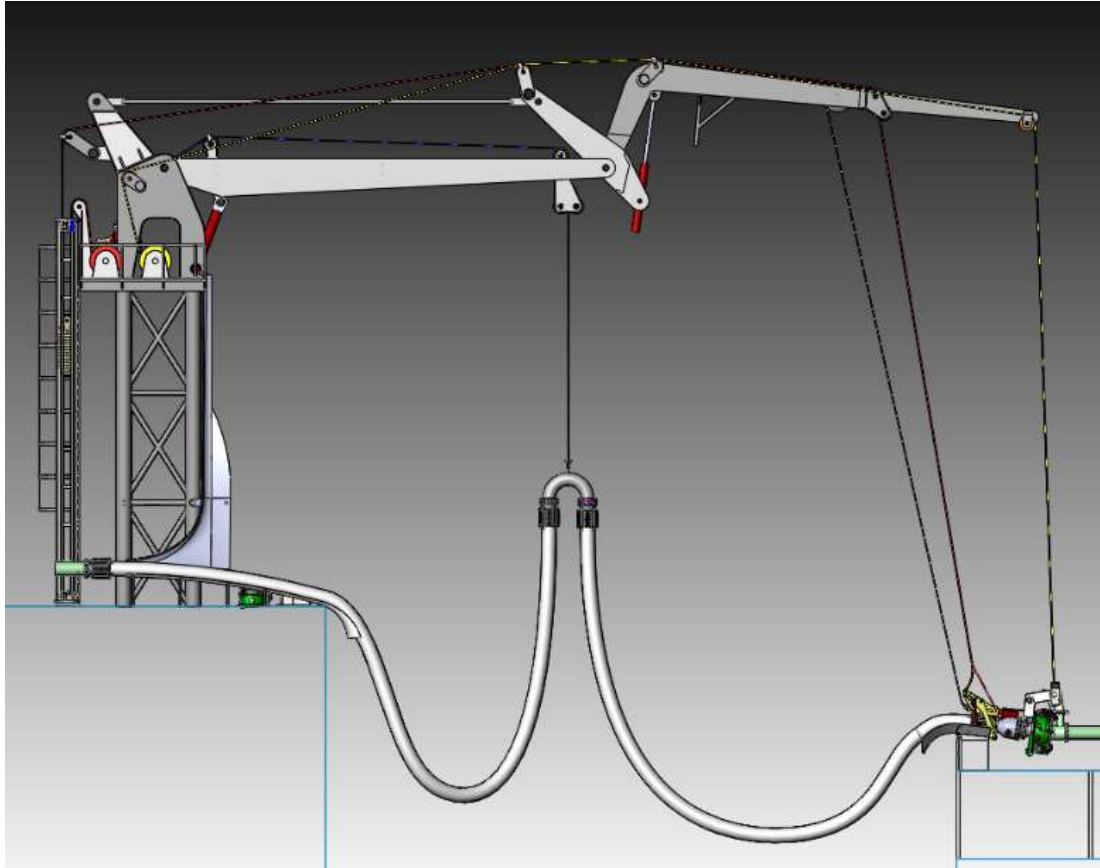
OCT system

Cryodyn flexible pipe



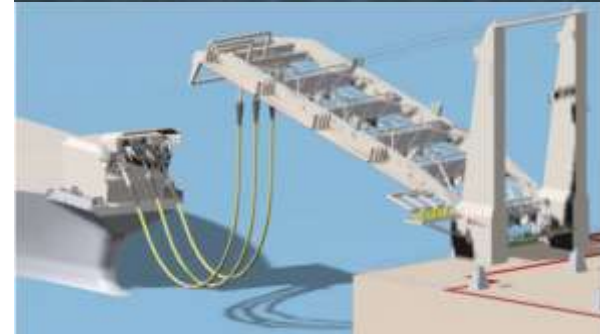
LNG side-by-side offloading

Based on Statoil idea – Development by MacGregor Pusnes & Statoil



Conclusions

- The realization of FLNG requires fit for purpose technologies
- Important focused technologies;
 - Cryogenic heat exchangers
 - Acid gas removal
 - LNG offloading
 - Deep sea water intake
 - Layout, process selection and safety
- FLNG concept development has been matured and a basic concept is selected



There's never been a better
time for good ideas



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