

Turret and Mooring Systems Design

Chapter 3

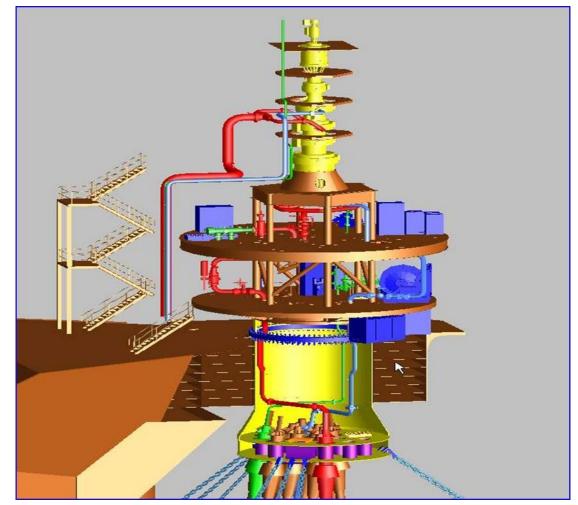
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Turret Mooring System

- Mooring turret is unique FPSO feature
- Serves three purposes:
 - » Anchors vessel at geo-stationary position
 - » Allows vessel to weathervane
 - » Provides conduit for fluid transfer
 - Subsea reservoir infrastructure to topside processing plant

Turret Overview





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Turret Selection

- Factors which affect the choice:
 - » Sea states
 - » Number of subsea risers
 - » Water depth
 - » Number of anchors
 - » Converted tanker or new-build vessel
 - Propulsion

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Turret Design

- Three types of turret mooring systems
 - » External
 - » Internal
 - » Submerged
- Each type can be sub-divided into:
 - » Disconnect type
 - » Permanent connect type

Disconnectable External Turret

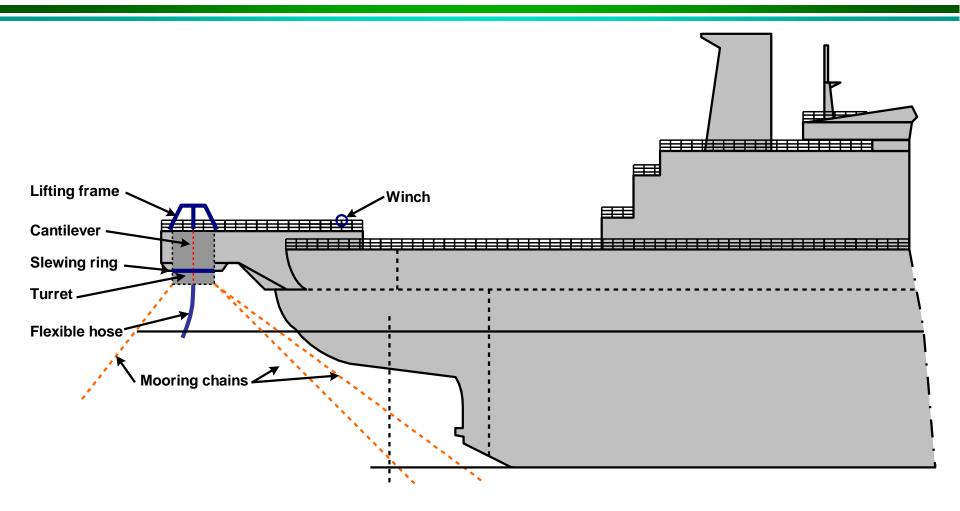






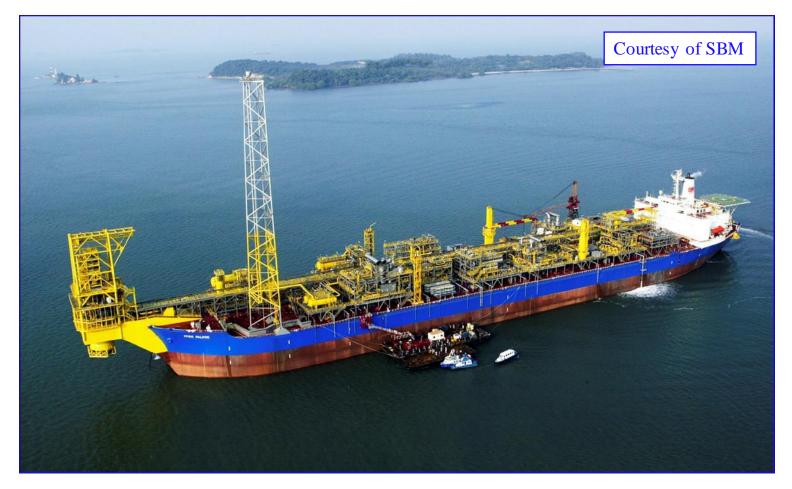




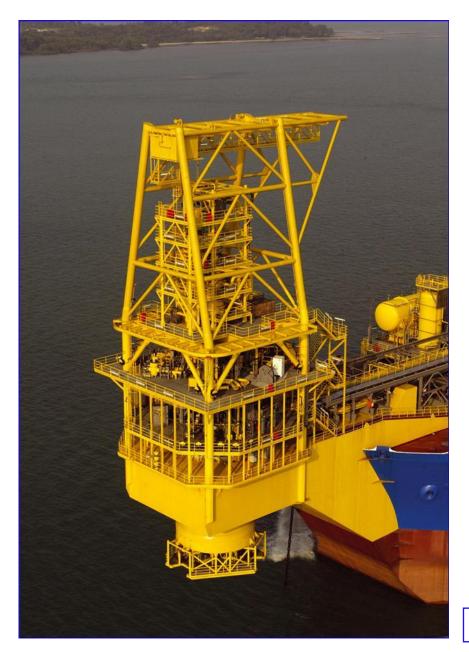


External Turret Permanent Mooring





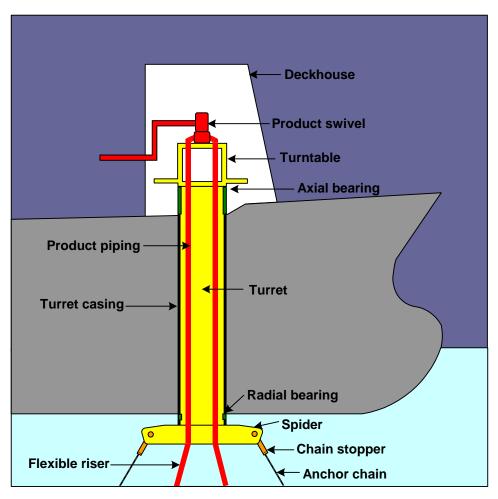
External Turret Permanent Moored





Internal Permanently Moored Turret





Internally Permanently Moored Turret





Maersk Curlew FPSO Turret - 1996





Maersk Curlew FPSO





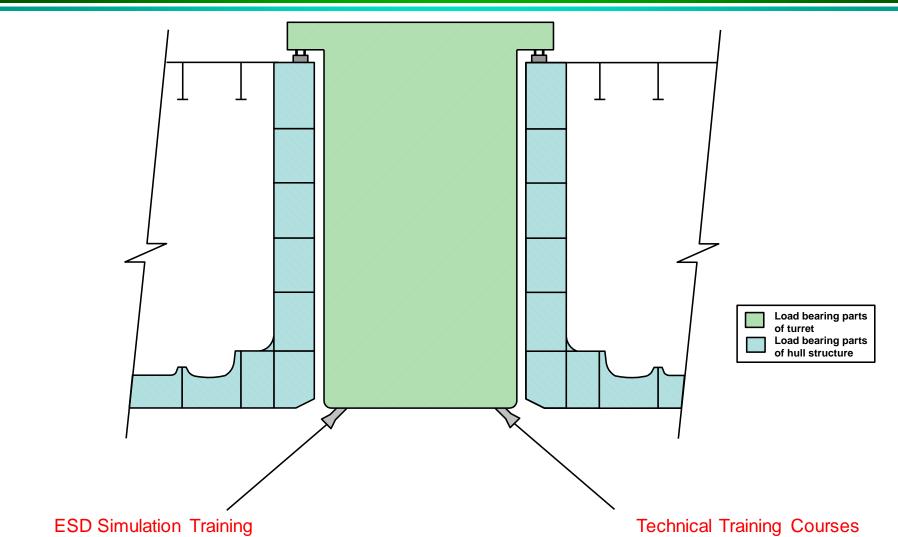
FPSO Anasuria Turret Manifold Decks





Large Diameter Internal Turrets

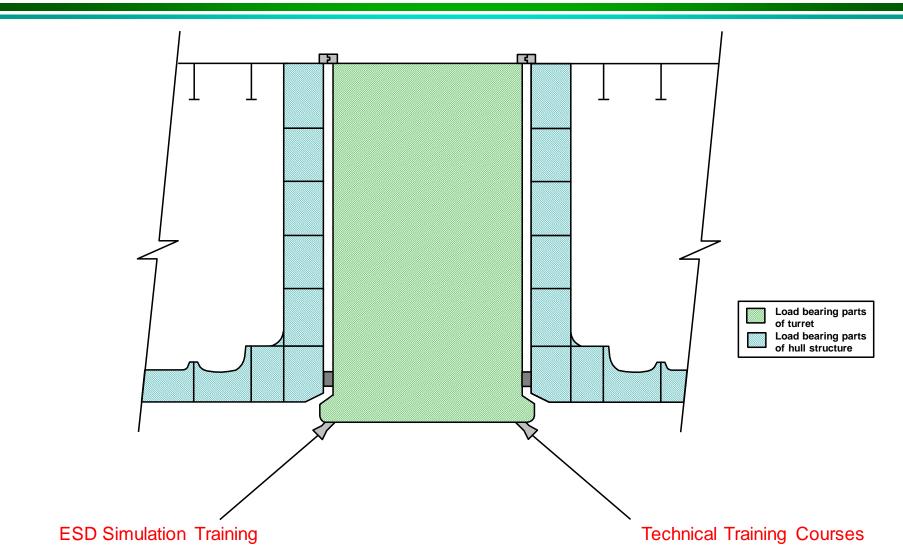


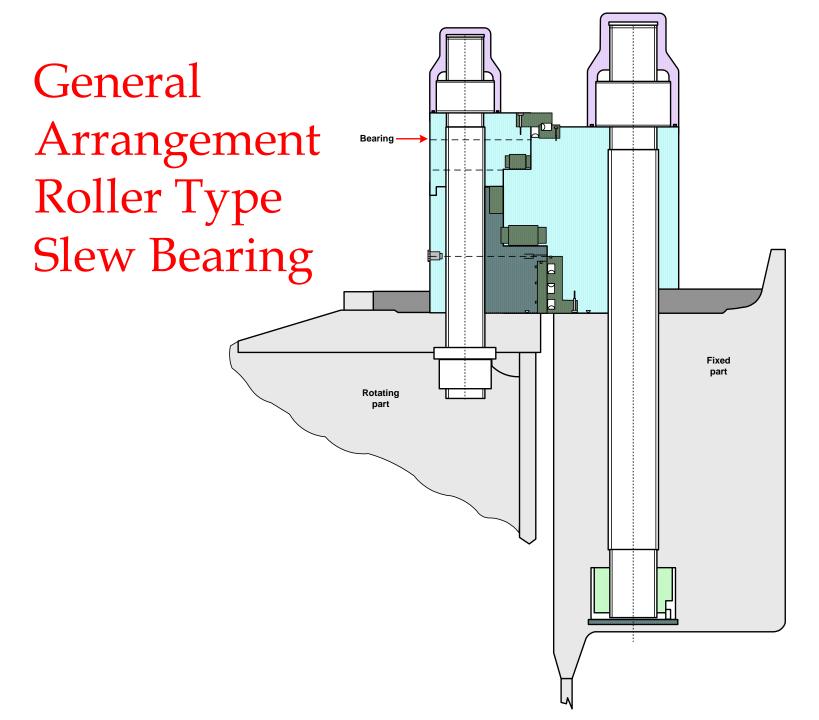








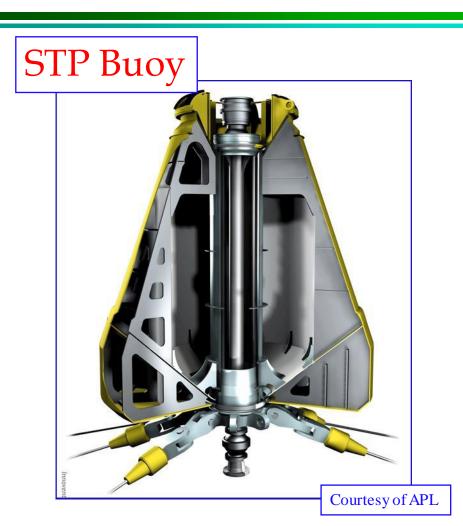


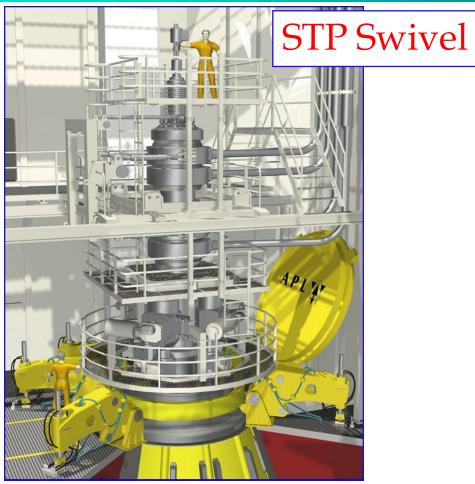




Internal (Submerged) Disconnect Turret











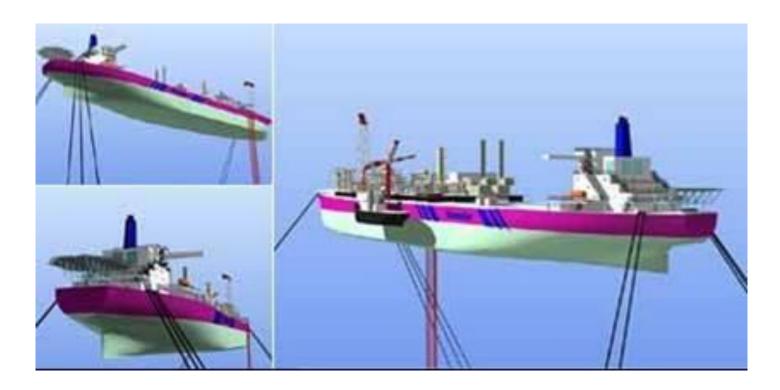












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Bow Anchoring for Spread Mooring





Jacket or Tower Mooring





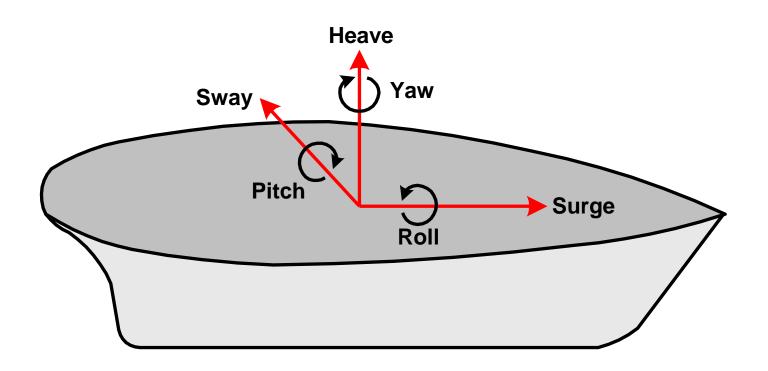












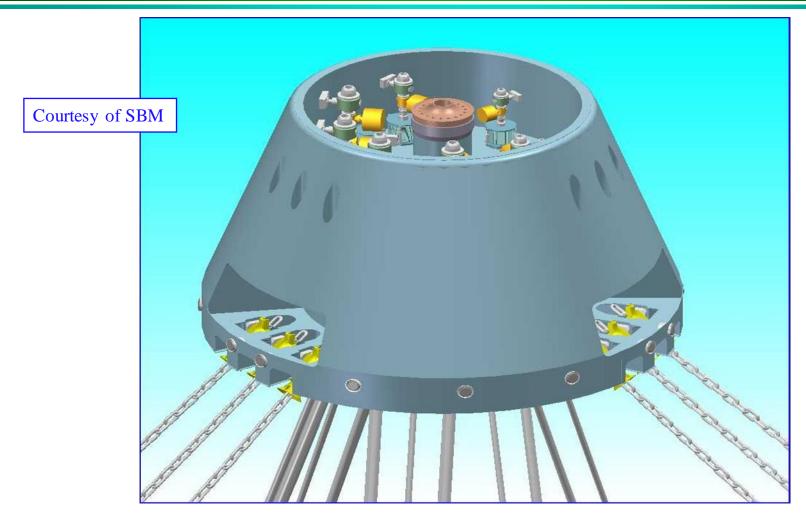
Vessel Motion across the Sea Surface



- Based on the period
 - » Short period motion due to waves
 - 6 to 20 seconds typically
 - » Longer period due to wind and wave
 - Can be several minutes
 - This is weathervaning
- Mooring forces increase with motion
 - » In other words the rougher the seas the greater are the mooring forces
 - More or stronger anchors



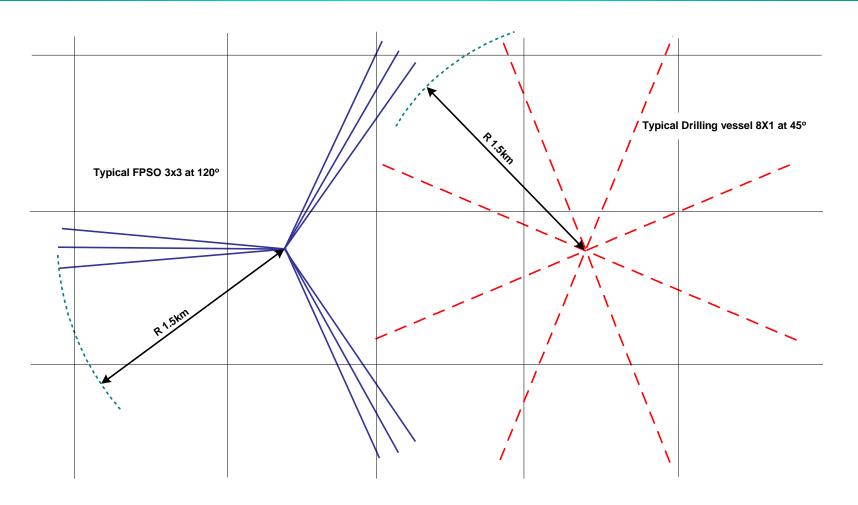








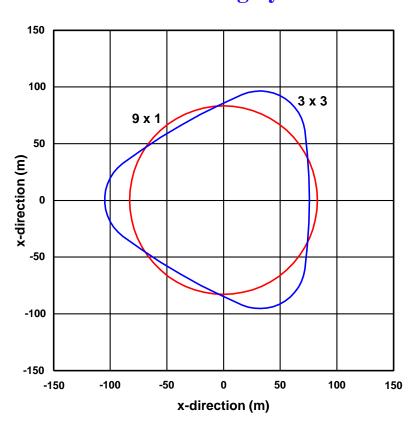




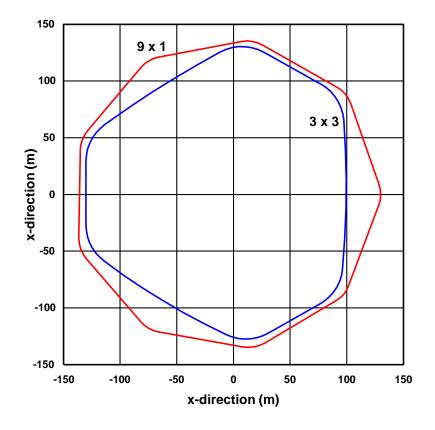




Intact Mooring System



Anyone Line Damaged Mooring System



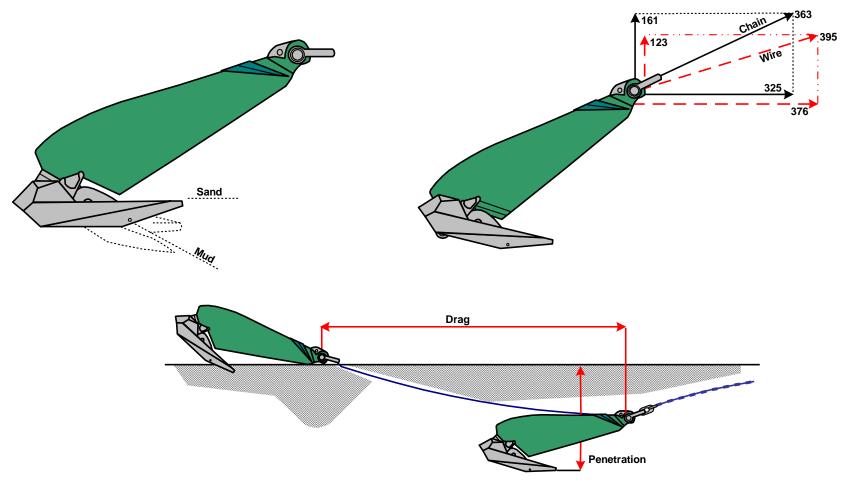
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Anchoring Systems

- Three most common systems used to anchor tail end of mooring system to seabed are:
 - » Anchors
 - » Driven anchor piles
 - » Suction anchor piles

Anchor Behaviour

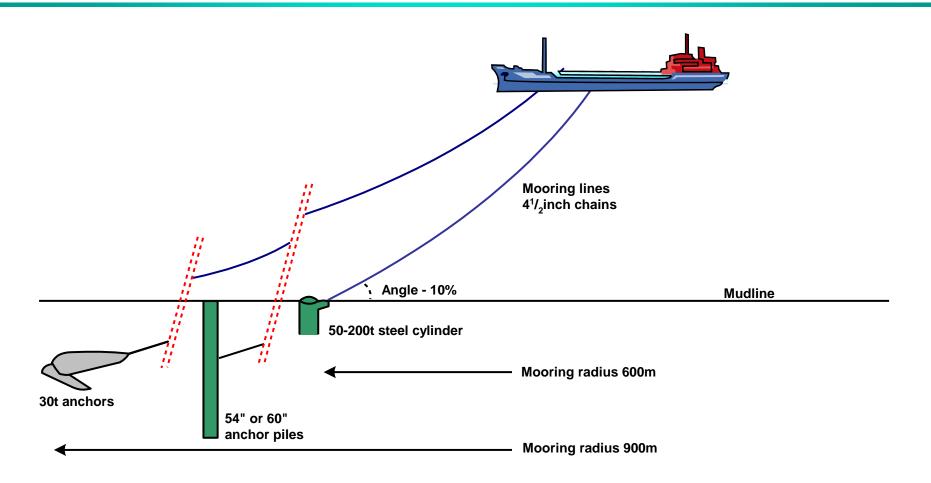






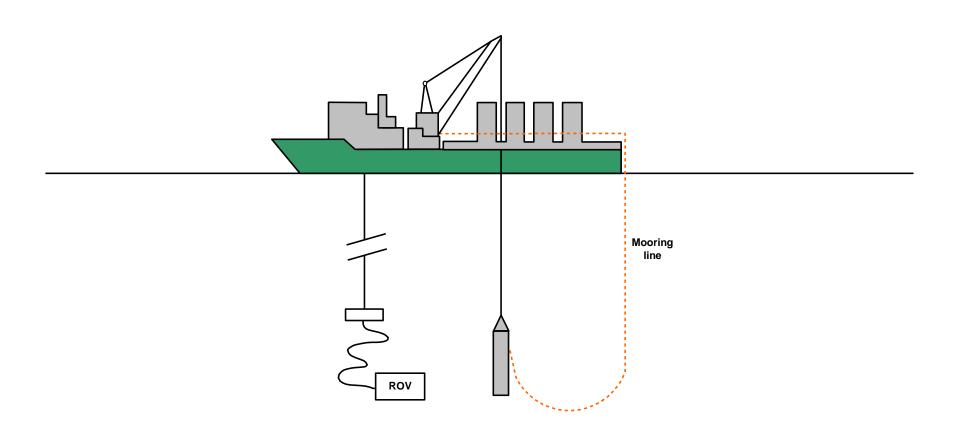












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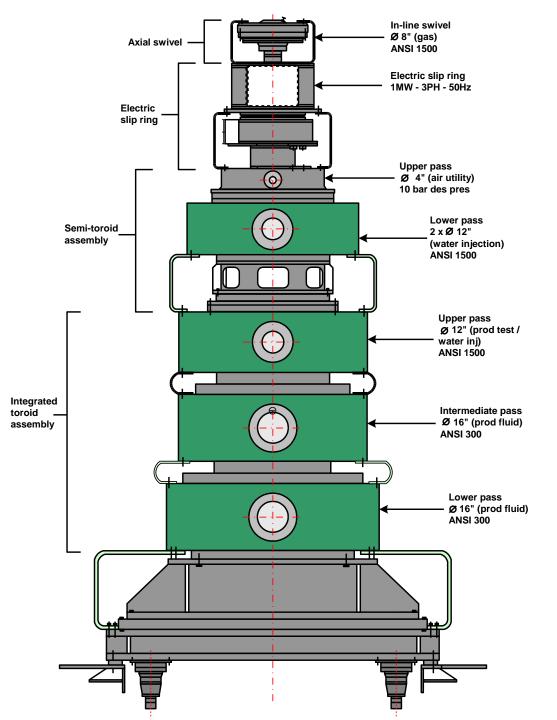
Swivel Stack Design

- A typical swivel stack consists of:
 - » Production
 - » Water Injection
 - » Export oil (to another platform or buoy)
 - » Gas lift / export
 - » Utilities including chemicals for subsea production
 - » Electrical swivel
 - » Gas Re-injection
 - » Signals



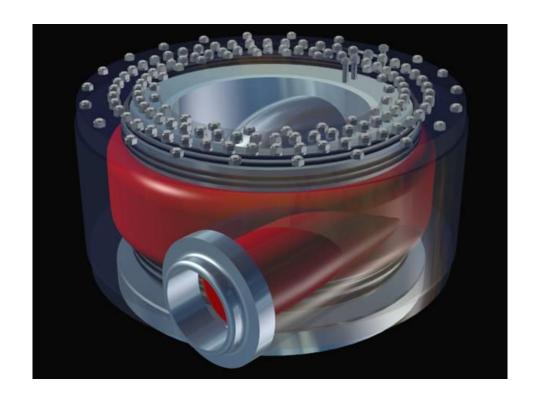
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Swivel Stack









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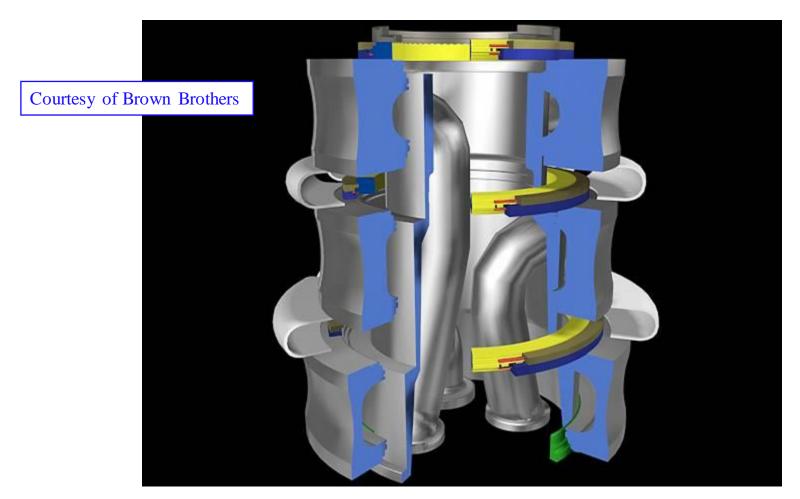
Multi- Path Swivels



- Pipe diameters up to 20 inches
- Pressures up to 330 bar(5000psi)
 - » For liquid and gas
- 360° weathervane capability
- Turret may be positioned anywhere
- Can be installed on all turret designs
- Can withstand harshest environments

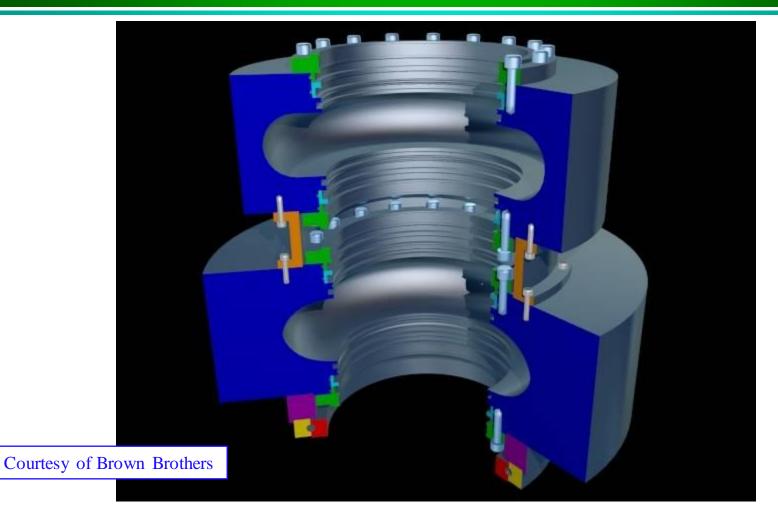






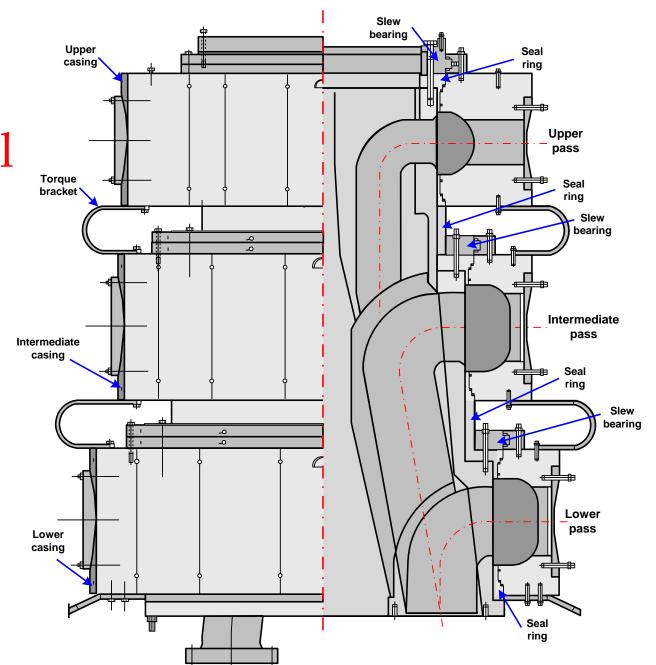






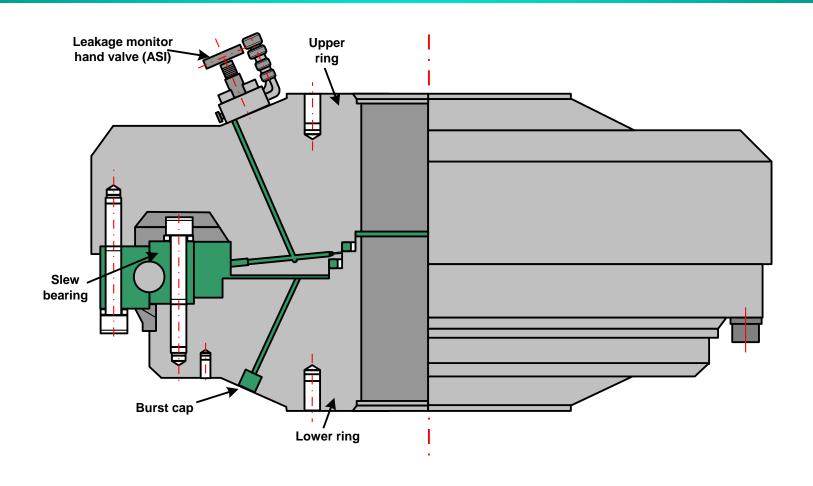


Toroidal Swivels













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