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## **Deep Water Mooring Systems**

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### SOFEC Inc.

- Engineering and Construction Company based in Houston, Texas
- Founded in 1972
- Acquired by MODEC, Inc. in December 2006
- Core Technologies
  - Marine Import/Export Terminals
  - Specialty Mooring Systems
- Approximately 200 Employees in Houston
  - Project Execution: Project Management, QAQC, Fabrication, Procurement, Project Engineering Management, Most Engineering Disciplines
  - Product Development and Mooring Technology: Product Development and R&D, Hydrodynamics, Mooring Technology
  - Business / Project Acquisition: Financial and Commercial, Sales & Marketing.
- SOFEC's Reputation in the Industry
  - Dedicated Workforce, Highly Qualified and Experienced
  - Quality, High Performing Turret Mooring Systems, with Minimal Maintenance



### **SOFEC Major Products and Projects Summary**

External Turret: 27



Spread Moored: 16

### Internal Disconnecectable Turret: 5



Tower Yoke: 5

Internal Permanent Turret: 4



CALM/SALM: 60











### SOFEC FPSO Mooring Project Locations Eastern Hemisphere



### **Mooring Systems for Floating Production Units**

#### **External Turret: Tandem Offloading**



#### Spread: Tandem Bow or Stern Offloading



### Internal Turret: Tandem Offloading



### **Tower Yoke: Tandem Offloading**





### **SOFEC Turret Mooring Systems: 41 to date**

- SOFEC's Turret Mooring Design and Operational Experience from 1988 - 2017
  - 4 Permanent Internal Turret Mooring Systems
  - 5 Internal Disconnectable Turret Mooring Systems
  - 27 External Turret Mooring Systems (industry trend for turret types)
  - 5 Tower Yoke Systems
- Overall 260 years of operational life
  - Longest duration: 24 years on site (Safer FSO, Yemen, 1988)



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### Most Common Mooring Systems for Floating Production Units Turret Vs. Spread Moor

**Comparative Summary** 

	Turret-Moored	Spread-Moored
Vessel Orientation	360 degree weathervaning	Fixed orientation, can impact flare
Environment	Mild to extreme,	Mild to moderate,
	directional to spread	uni- to fairly directional
Field Layout	Fairly adaptable, partial to	Prefers flowline arrangement to
	distributed flowline arrangements	approach beam-on
Riser Number & Arrangement	Requires commitment,	Can be designed for flexibility,
	moderate expansion capability	additional tie-ins
Riser Systems	Location of turret (bow) requires	Adapts to various riser systems,
	robust riser design	combinations of various types
Stationkeeping Performance	Number of anchor legs,	Larger number of anchor legs,
	offsets minimized	offsets variable
Vessel Motions	Weathervaning capability	Dependent on relative vessel/
	reduces motions	environment directionality
Vessel Arrangement	Turret provides "compact"	Components spread on deck,
	load and fluid transfer system	requires extensive interfaces
Offloading Performance	FPSO typically aligned with	Dependent on vessel/
	mean environment	environment orientation



### Most Common Mooring Systems for Floating Production Units Internal Vs External Turret

### External Cantilevered Turret Systems: most popular

- ⇒ Applications in mild to moderate environments: West Africa, Brazil, Southeast Asia, Middle East, South Pacific
- $\Rightarrow$  Permanent systems (generally)
- $\Rightarrow$  Smaller number of risers
- $\Rightarrow$  Shallow to deep water depth applications

Generally less costly than internal turrets, but not ideal for large, deep water fields in the Gulf of Mexico



## External Turret Mooring Systems

FPSO PSVM

### **Tullow Ten External Turret Mooring [4200 MT]**



- Offshore Ghana
- ~1450 m water depth
- VLCC FPSO
- 3 X 3 Anchor Leg System
- 17 Risers & 7 Umbilicals
- DNV Class
- Fabricated @ Keppel Fels





## **External Turret Mooring Systems**



Yepco Red Sea, Yemen



Amoseas Anoa, Indonesia



Shell Todd Maui Β. **New Zealand** 



Chevron Escravos, Nigeria



PEMEX Cantarell, Mexico



Petronas (MASA), Malaysia



Nexen Buffalo, Australia



Vietsovpetro 01, Vietnam



Shell Bijupira-Salema, Brazil



PTTEP Bongkot, Gulf of Thailand



**CLJOC Su Tu** Den, Vietnam



**CNR** Baobab lvoirien Côte D'Ivorie,



**PEARL** Jasmine Thailand

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**KNOC Rong Doi** Vietnam



Petrobras PRA-1 Brazil



JVPC Rang Dong



**FSO Erawan** Thailand



**BP PSVM** Angola

**OSX3 FPSO** 



**Tullow Jubilee** Ghana



**UOTE FSO** 

**HLJOC TGT FPSO** Vietnam







Swivel Access Structure

Swivel Stack (Production/Controls)

- Manifolds + Pig Launching/Receiving

E-House + Subsea Controls + HPUs

Anchor Leg + Riser Pull-In Equipment

- Wheel & Rail Bearing System

**Turret Shaft** 

Chain Supports

Anchor Legs

**Risers & Umbilicals** 

# Petro-Canada Terra Nova FPSO (Eastern Canada)



- Awarded 1/98
- Installed 10/01
- 95m water depth
- New-build vessel
- 193,000 MT displacement
- 950,000 bbls storage
- 19 risers & umbilicals



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- Disconnect for Icebergs / Pack-Ice Only
- Stay Connected in 100year storm
- Controlled Disconnect: 4





### **SOFEC Disconnectable FPSOs**



Santos Mutineer-Exeter, NW Australia (2005) 10 risers & umbilicals, 160m water depth

BHPB Stybarrow, NW Australia (2007) 12 risers & umbilicals, 850m water depth





BHPB Pyrenees (2009) 12 Risers & 3 Umbilicals, 200m water\_depth



## Stybarrow Turret Mooring (Turret fabricated at MMHE)

- Swivel Access Structure
- Swivel Stack —
- Manifold Piping
- Riser Deck
- Main Bearing \_\_\_\_
- Turret Shaft
- Connector
- Risers & Umbilicals
- Spider Buoy
- Anchor Legs



Tower Yoke Mooring Systems

Water Depth = 24m Mild Environment 240 mmscfd @ 153 barg SBS Offloading

# Spread Mooring Systems

# As an Ocean Engineer in the Oil & Gas offshore industry...

- Involved in All Mooring-Related Project Phases
  - Conceptual design and preliminary analysis (FEED)
  - Detailed design and class approvals, schedule, budget, project sanctioning (reality sets in)
  - Model Testing (the moment of "truth" for the Ocean Engineer)
  - Specifications and Construction (what it really costs)
  - Offshore installation (it looked good on paper!)



### Mooring System Project Life-Cycle – from concept to installation













### West Africa Environmental Design Criteria

 $\Rightarrow$ 2.0+ m/s (3.9kts) Congo River Outflow





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⇒Squall-dominated mooring loads and offsets → time-domain analysis 100-yr squall wind 28 m/s (55kts)







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 $\Rightarrow$ Swell-dominated bearing inertia loads  $\rightarrow$  frequency-domain analysis 100-yr Swell Hs = 4.5m



### **Numerical Modelling of Risers and Mooring**





### **Simulation of Buoy Pull-in Operation**









### **Model Test :: Extreme Events**





### **Performance in Pack-Ice**





### **Disconnect Tests**



### **Disconnect under 5,000 MT load**





### **Support the Design of Mechanical Components**

### Environmental Design Criteria

 $\Rightarrow$ Fatigue-dominated chain sizing

 $\Rightarrow$ Out-of-Plane bending (OPB) fatigue  $\rightarrow$  Dual Axis Chain Supports





### **Support the Design of Mechanical Components**

### **Mooring Components**

⇒Dual axis chain supports, 5.4m long. Reduces OPB on top chain.









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### **Mooring Components**

 $\Rightarrow$ Over-boarding of male Ballgrab and bottom chain





### **Mooring Components**

### **Ball Grab Subsea Connector and Suction Pile**







### Mooring Leg Hookup

