

# Design of Arctic Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit

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## Arctic Battle

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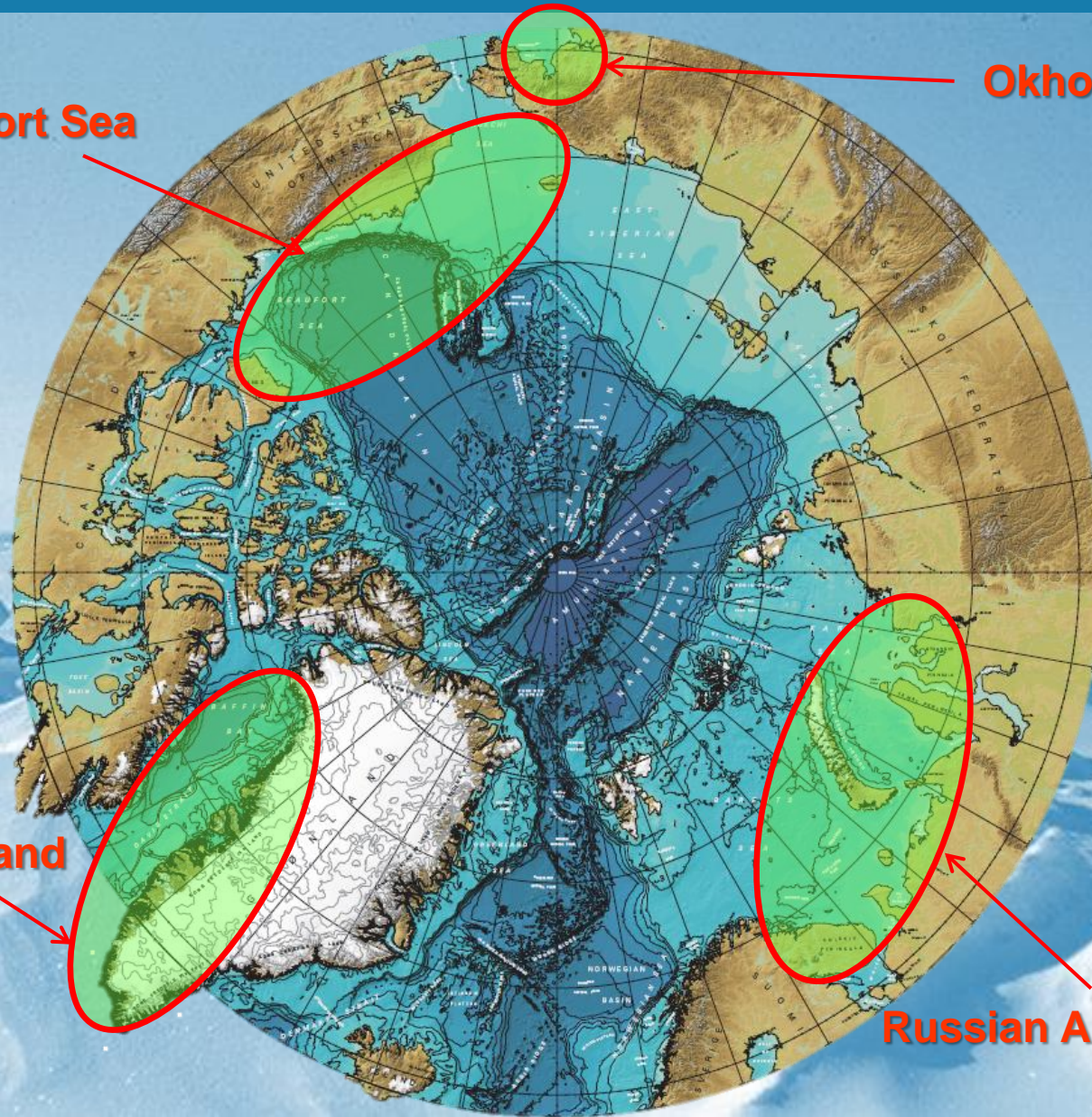
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# Arctic

**Beaufort Sea**

**Okhotsk Sea**



**Russian Arctic Offshore**

# Drilling in Arctic

- Low temperatures
- High winds
- Snow
- Remote areas / lack of infrastructure
- Ice covered waters in winter season
- Extreme waves in open water season

**Are there technical solutions for all the year round operations?**

# Existing design solutions (floating structures)

Drill ships  
(monohulls)



Drilling semi-submersibles

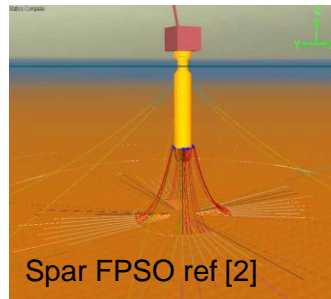
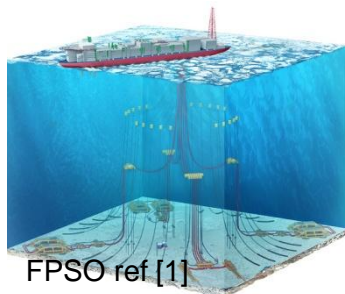


Existing units

Arctic circular drilling platform



Production units



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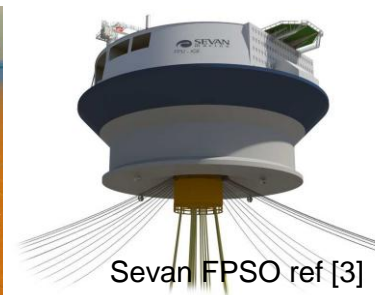
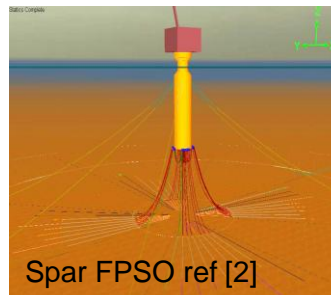
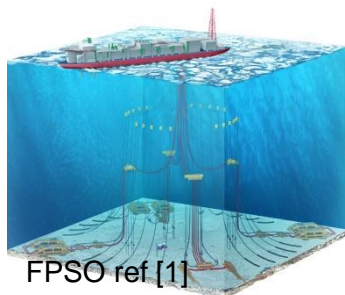
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Summer season

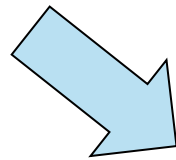
Extended season

Year round

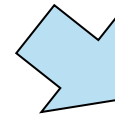
# Existing design solutions (floating structures)

## Why round shape for drilling unit?

Global ice forces are very high



Mooring system

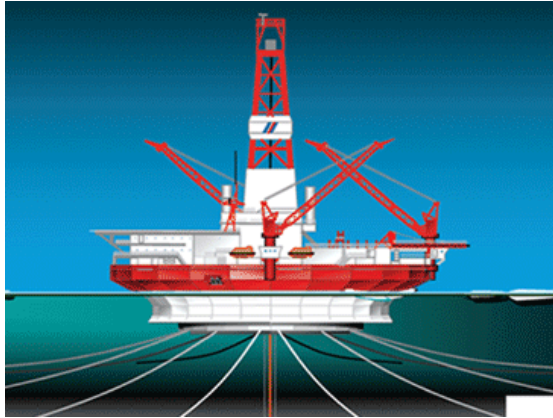


Monohull with a turret

Round shape unit

- Bow (stern) towards drifting ice
- Maneuvering to change heading can cause large offset unacceptable for riser

# JBF Arctic: Idea of the concept

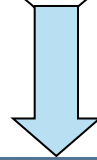


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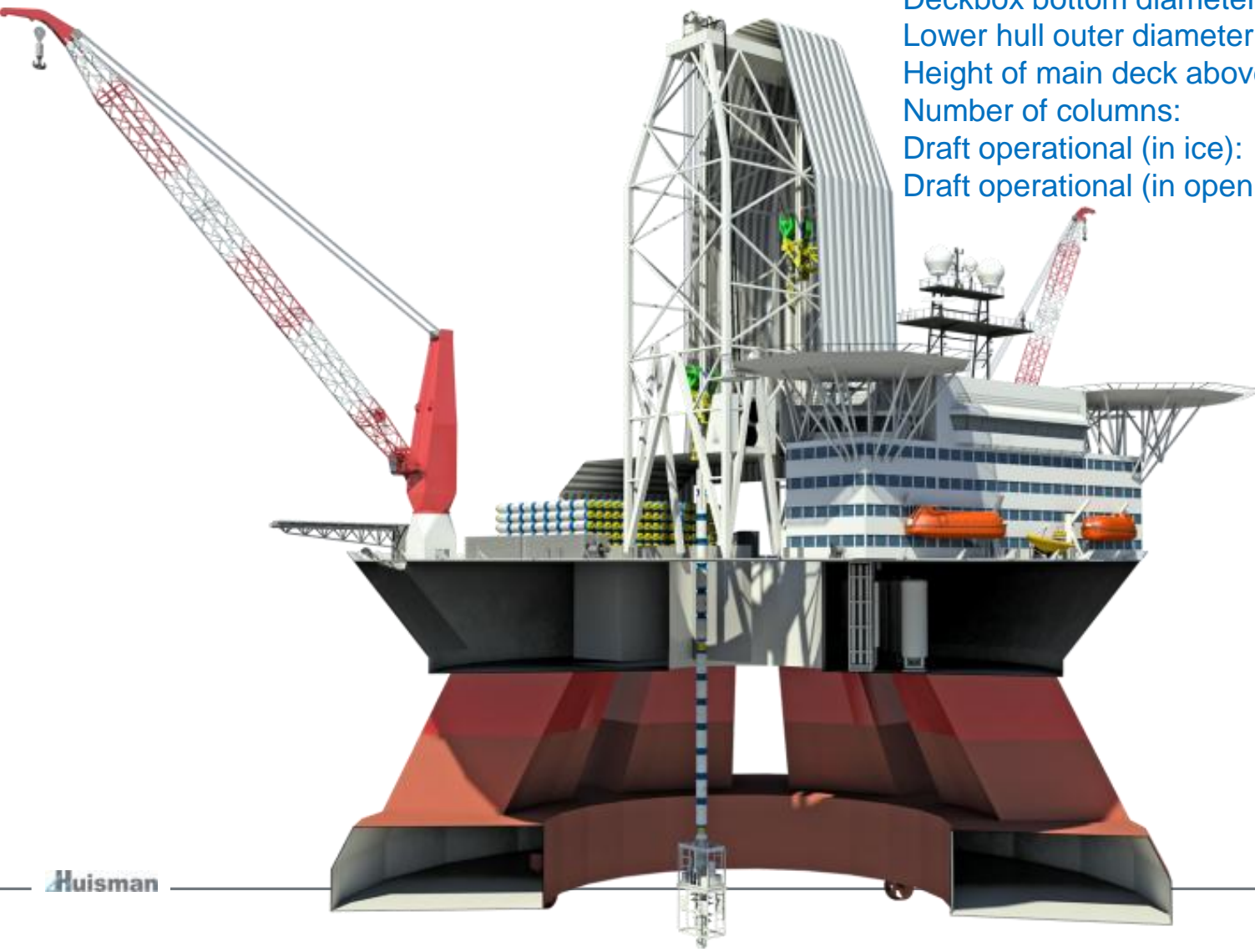
**JBF 10000 W**





# JBF Arctic: Main Particulars

Deckbox top diameter:	106.0 [m]
Deckbox bottom diameter:	90.0 [m]
Lower hull outer diameter:	116.0 [m]
Height of main deck above base:	49.0 [m]
Number of columns:	8 [-]
Draft operational (in ice):	39.0 [m]
Draft operational (in open water):	18.0-22.0 [m]



# JBF Arctic

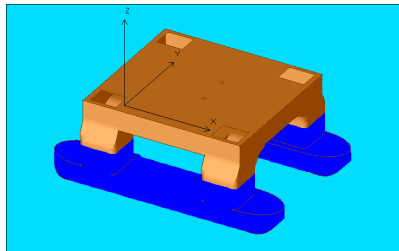


**Ice draft (excellent ice resistance)**

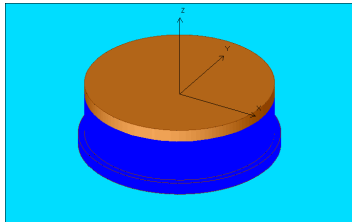
**Operating in waves draft  
(excellent seakeeping performance)**



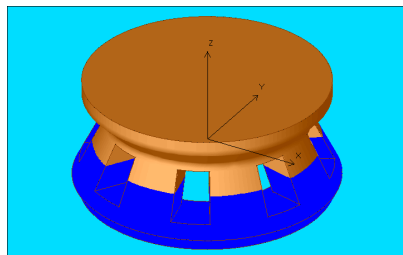
# Motions



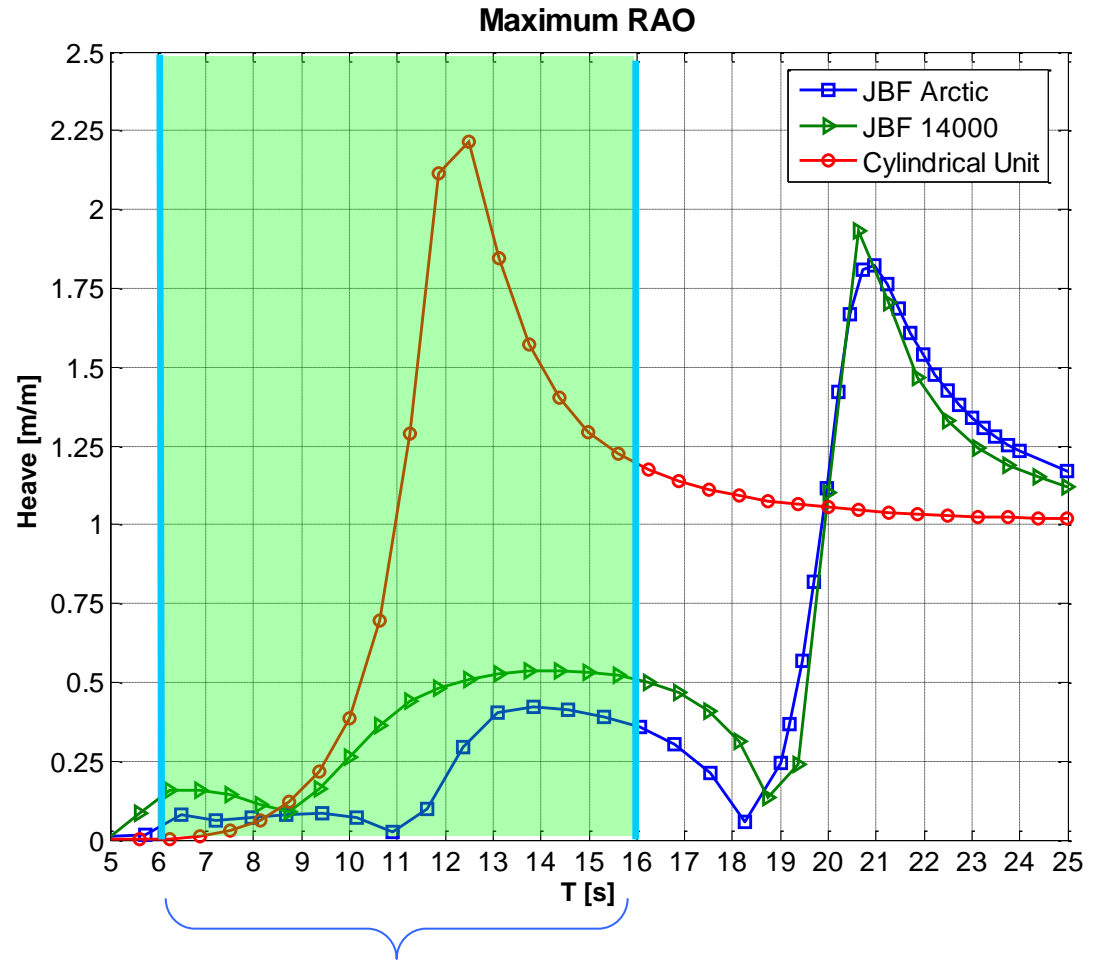
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(typical semi)



Cylindrical  
Type Unit



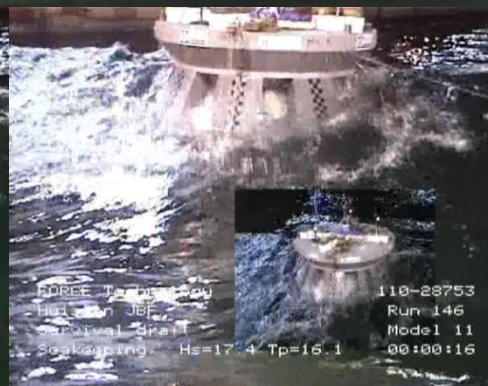
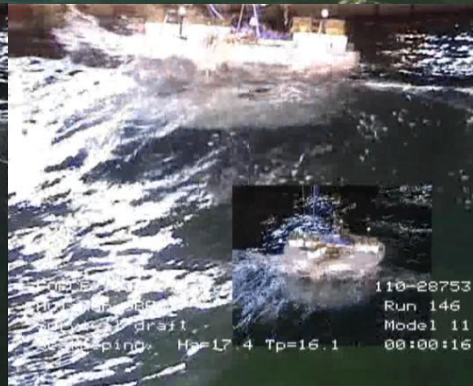
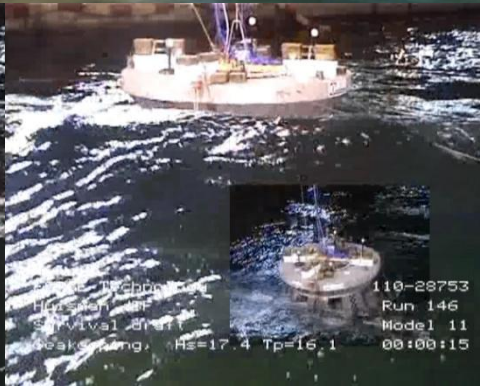
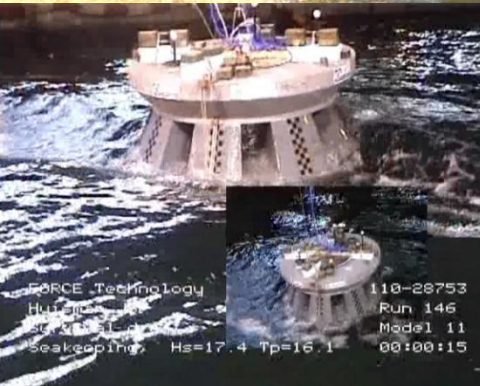
JBF Arctic



range of typical wave periods

# Seakeeping Model Tests

Successful model testing in FORCE Technology, Denmark, September 2010



# Seakeeping Model Tests

## Model tests showed:

- No significant non-linear effects were observed
- Air gap was found to be sufficient
- As expected the model tests confirmed good seakeeping performance of the unit as predicted earlier by numerical analysis

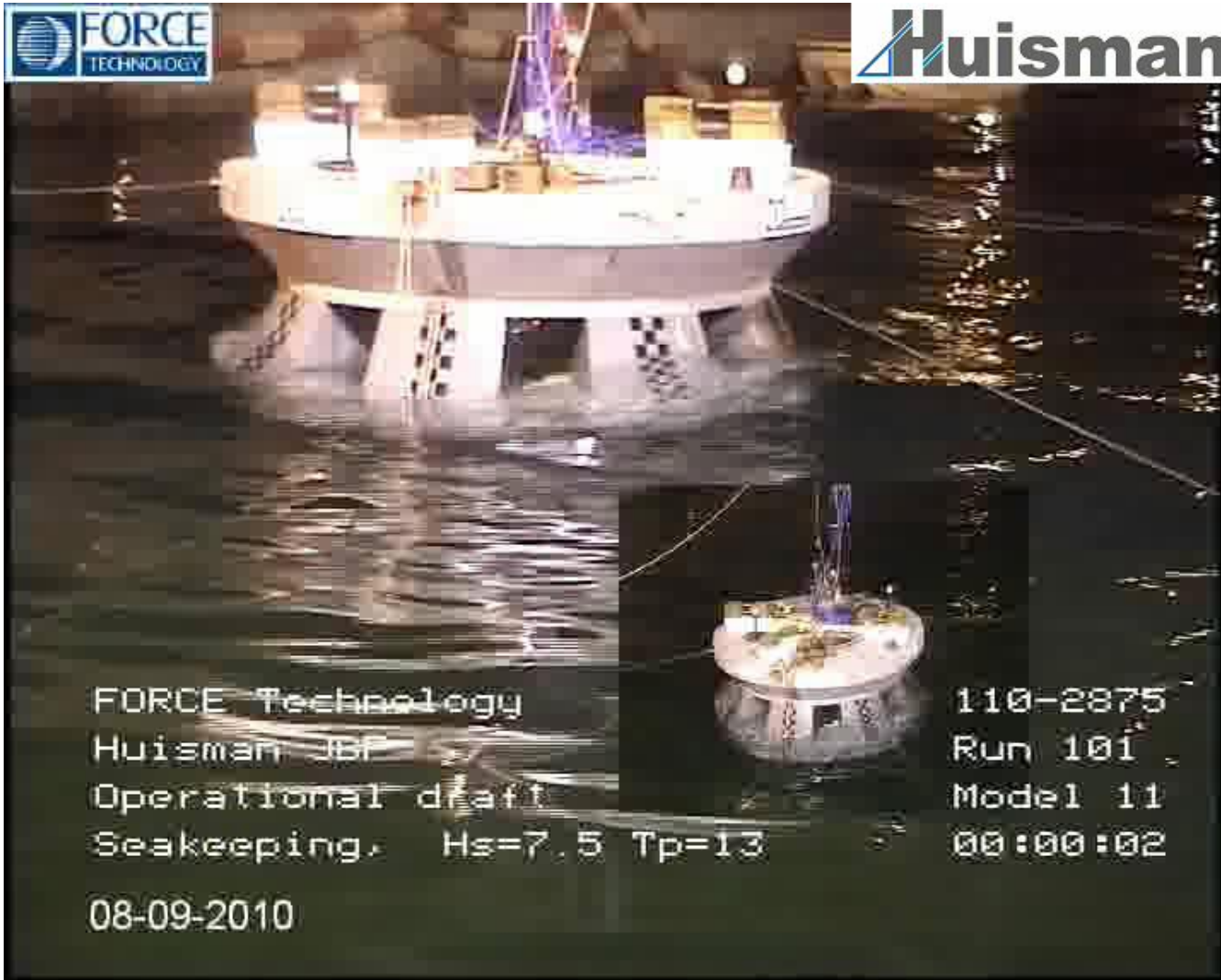
# Seakeeping Model Tests

Transit draft (Hs=5m)



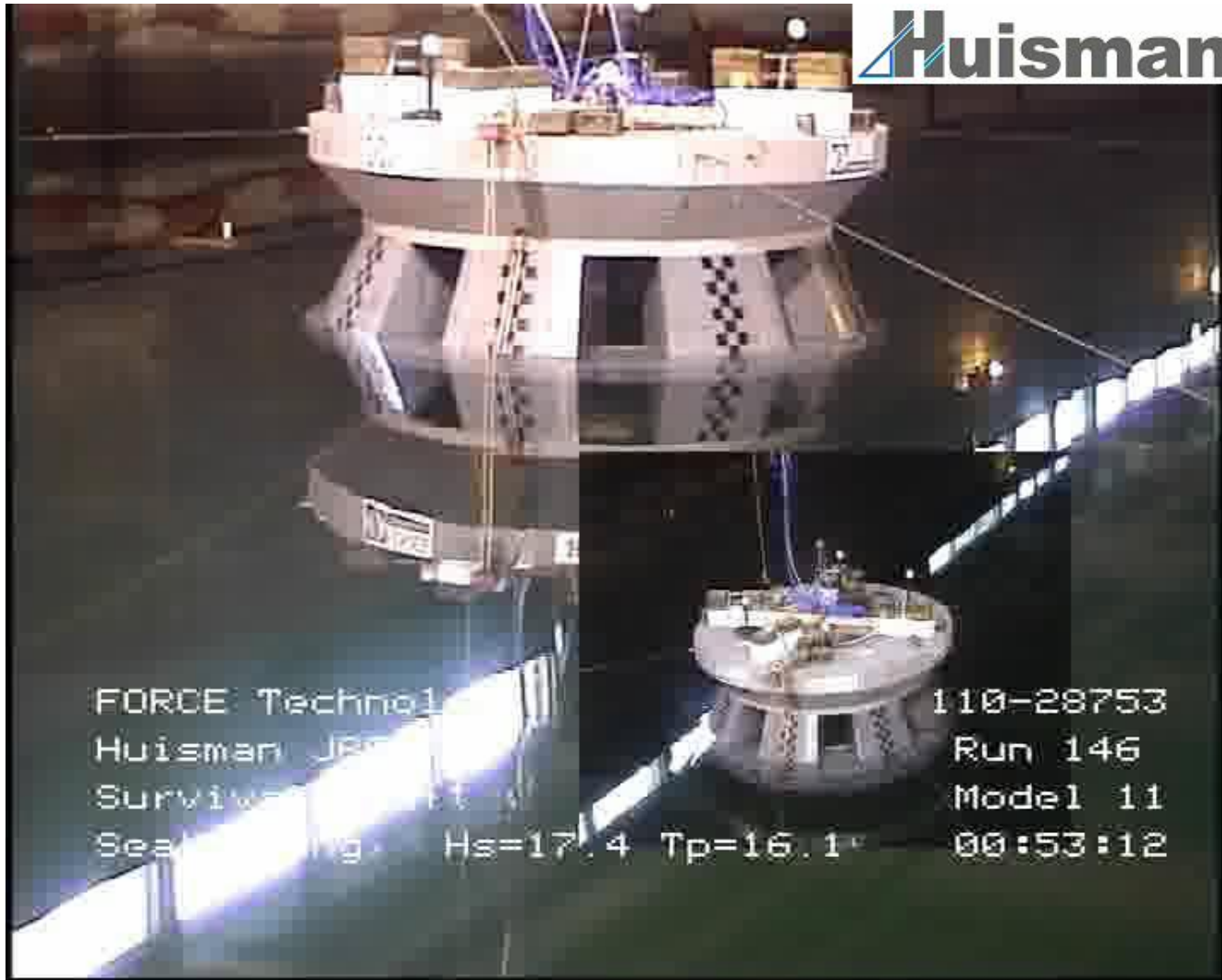
# Seakeeping Model Tests

Operating draft (Hs=7.5m)



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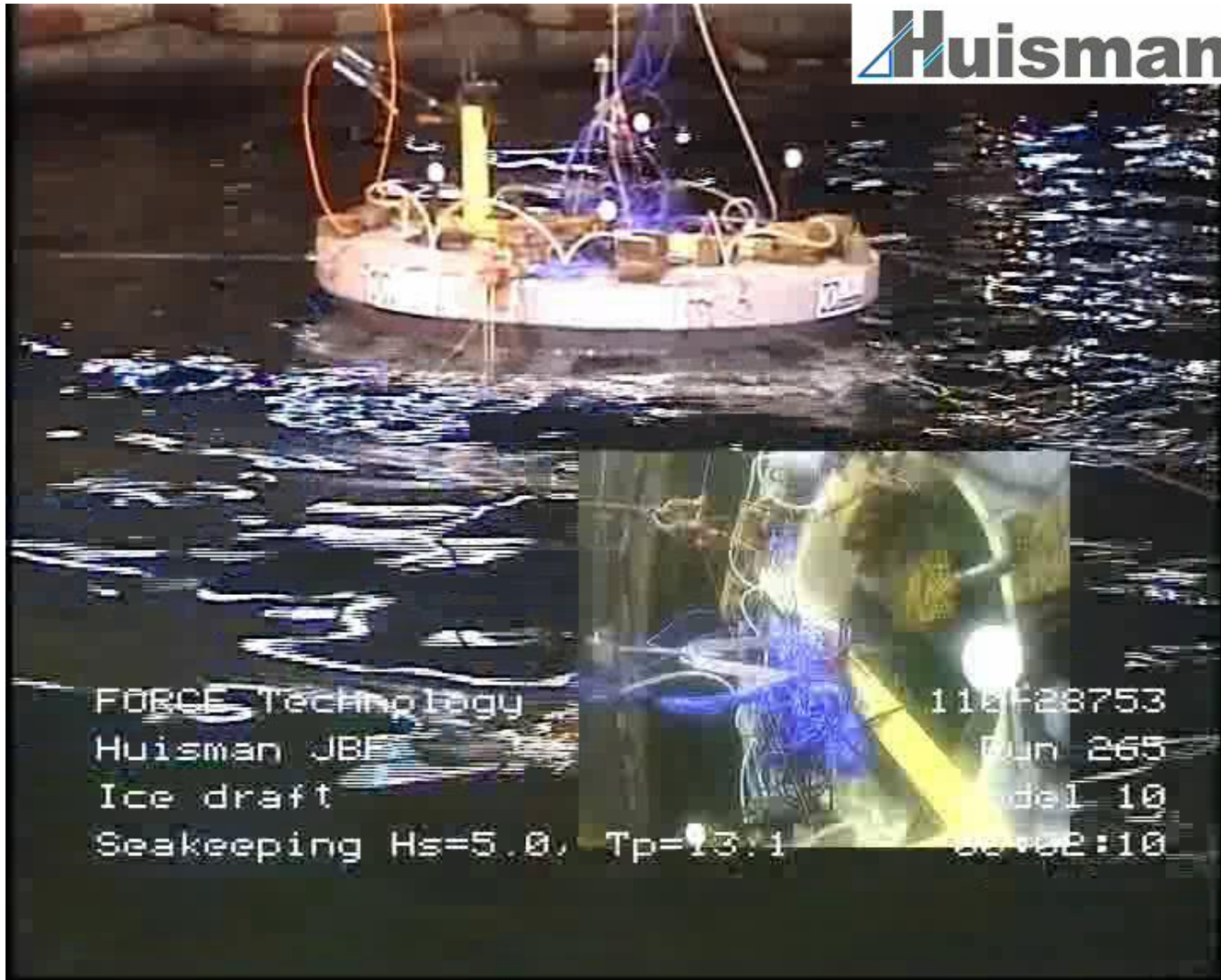
Survival draft (Hs=17.4m)





# Seakeeping Model Tests

Ice draft (Hs=5m)



# Optimization of hull shape



Current design



Model 1



Model 2



Model 3



Model 4



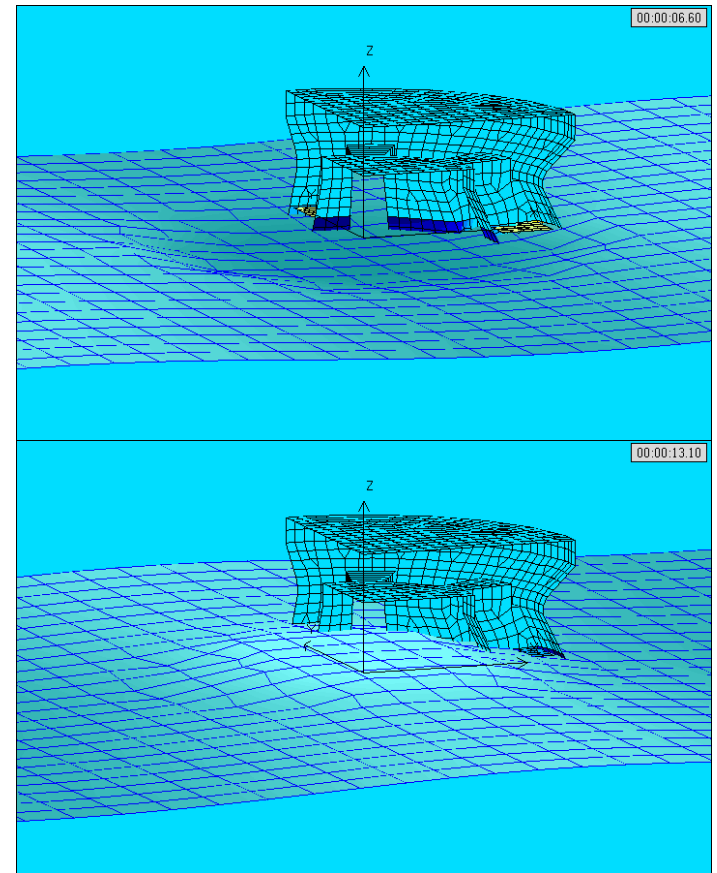
Model 5



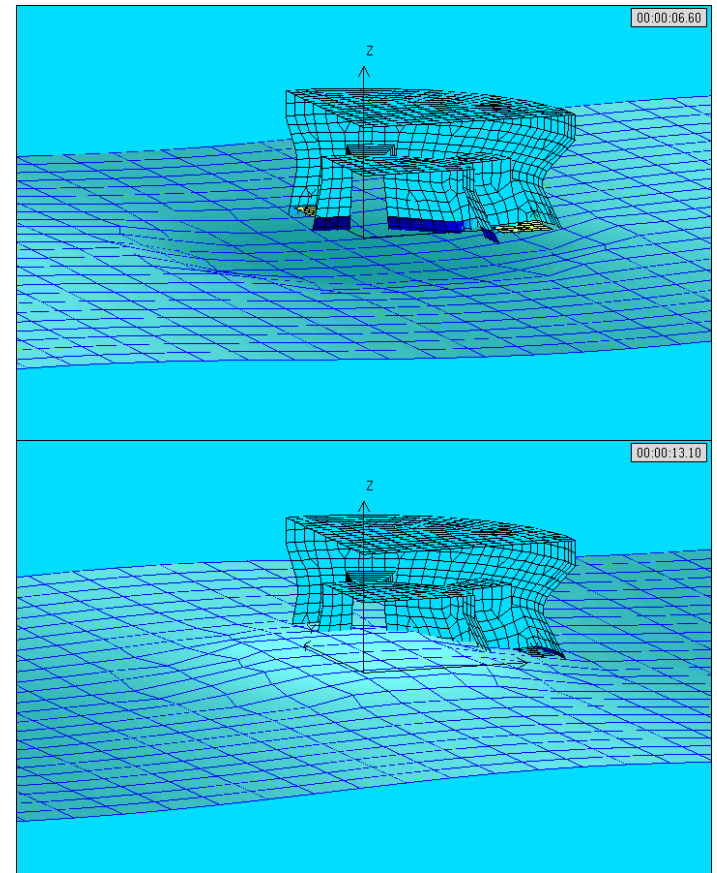
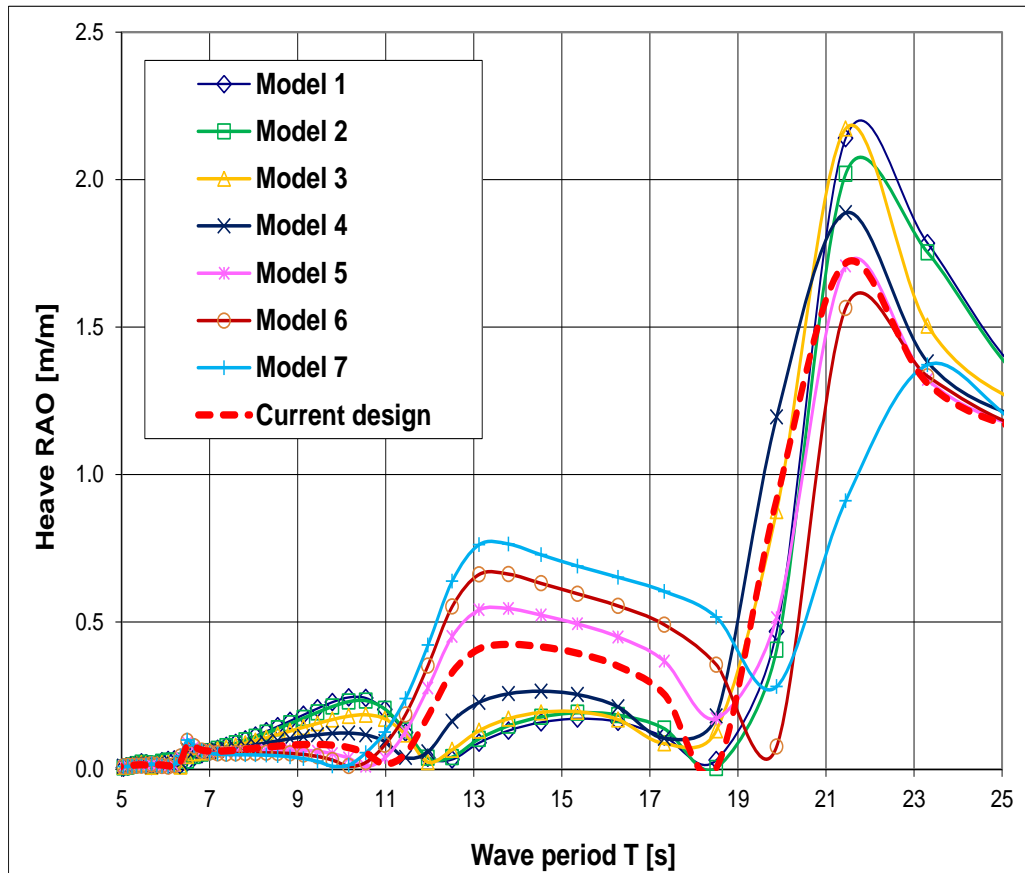
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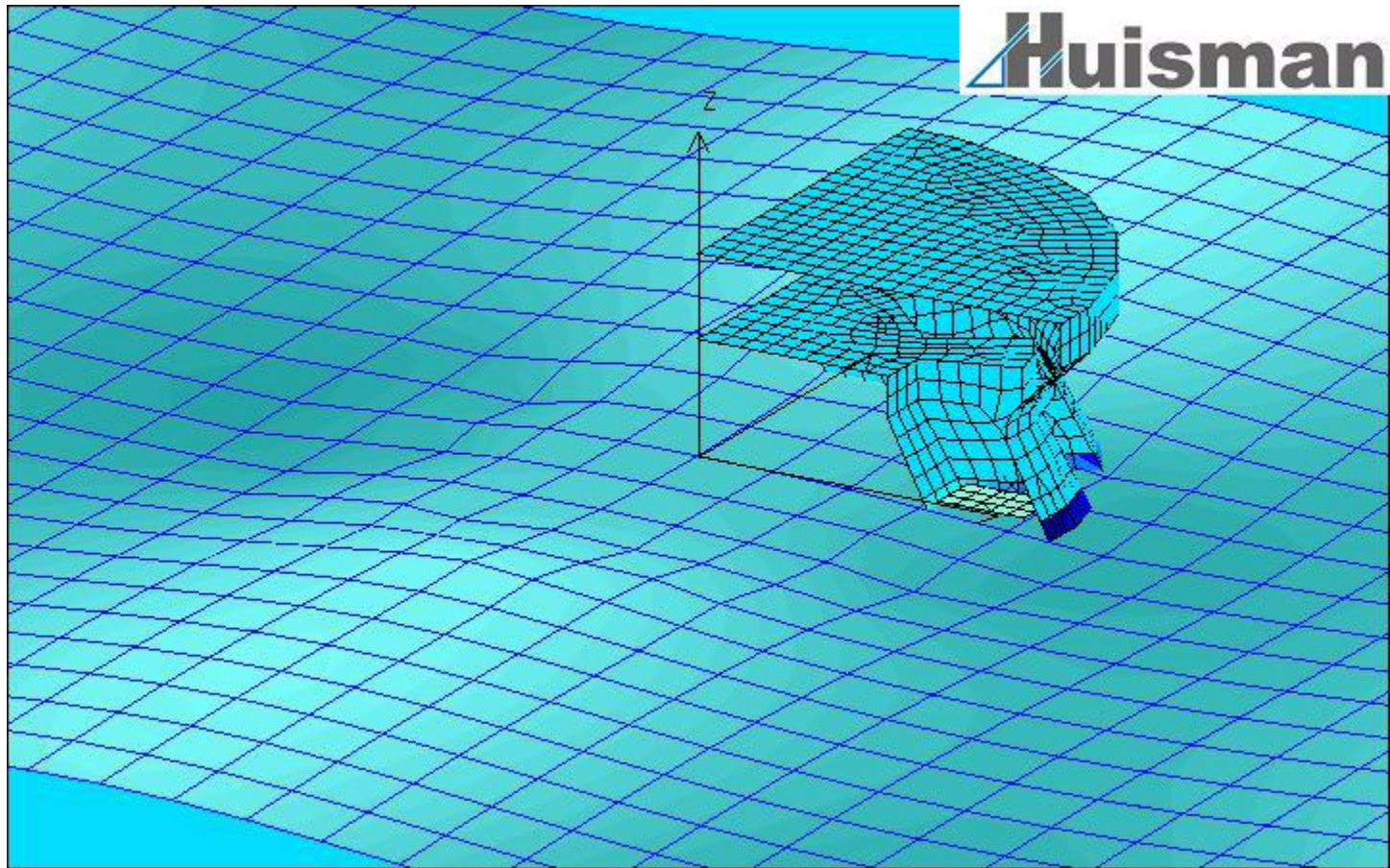
Model 7



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# Model tests in ice tank

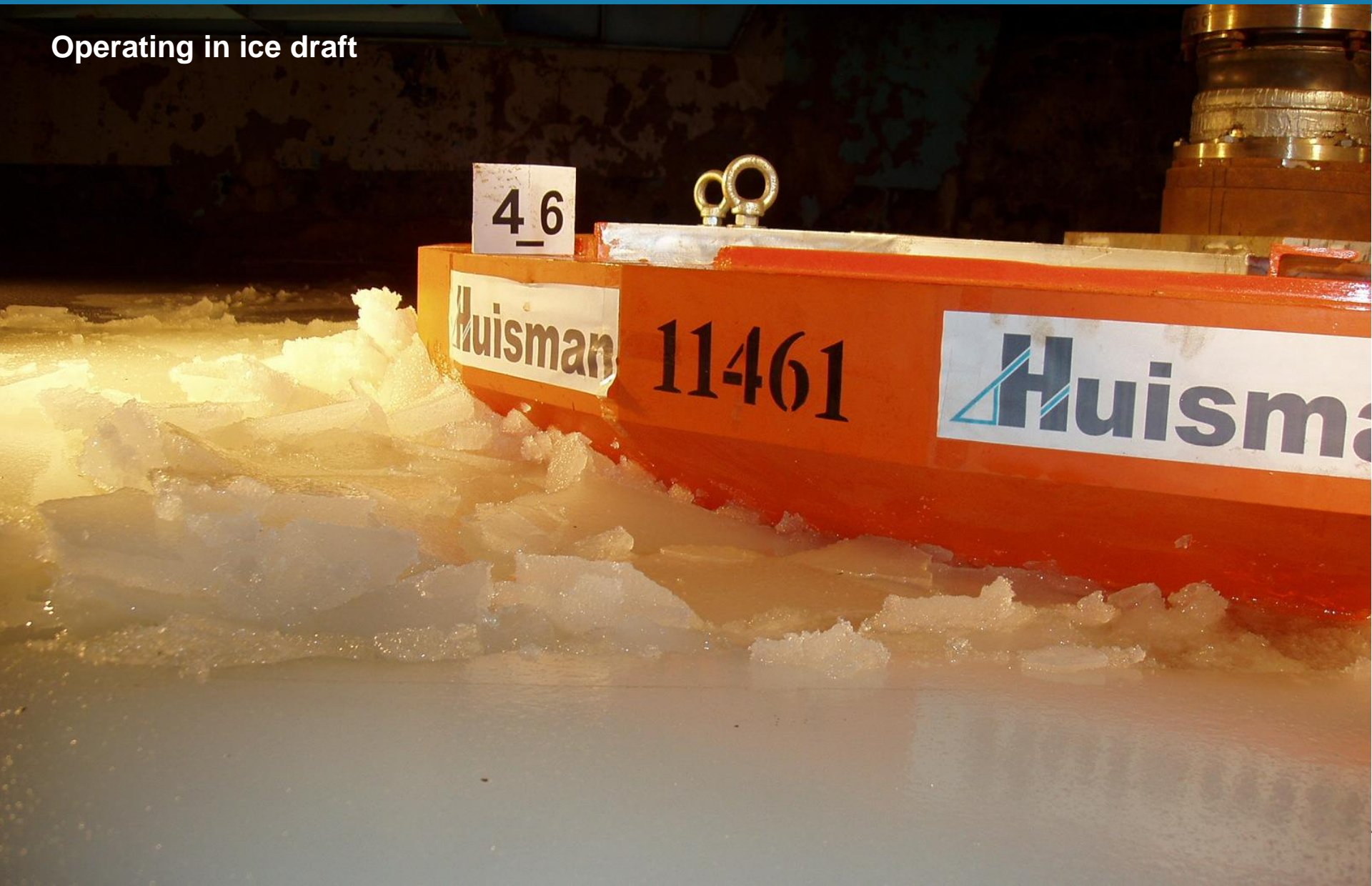
## Model tests in ice December 2010 in Krylov Shipbuilding Research Institute in Saint-Petersburg

Date	Field No.	Draft	Ice thickness, m	Ice conditions
08.12.2010	1	Transit draft	1.0	Level ice
				Channel (40m) behind ice-breaker in level ice
				Broken ice (100 m)
				Broken ice (30 m)
10.12.2010	2	Transit draft	2.0	2 channels behind ice-breakers in level ice
				Broken ice (100 m)
				Broken ice (30 m)
15.12.2010	3	Operational ice draft	1.5	Level ice
				Level ice
				Broken ice (100 m)
17.12.2010	4	Operational ice draft	2.0	Level ice
				Level ice
				Broken ice (100 m)
22.12.2010	5	Operational ice draft	3.0 (consolidated layer)	Broken hummock, keel depth 18 m
				Broken hummock, keel depth 10 m

**Additional test in March 2011, level ice 3.0m thick**

# Model tests in ice tank

Operating in ice draft



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Transit draft

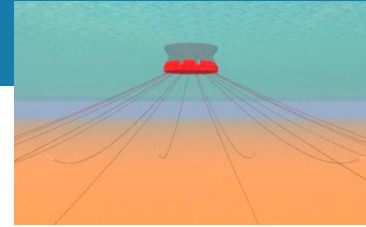


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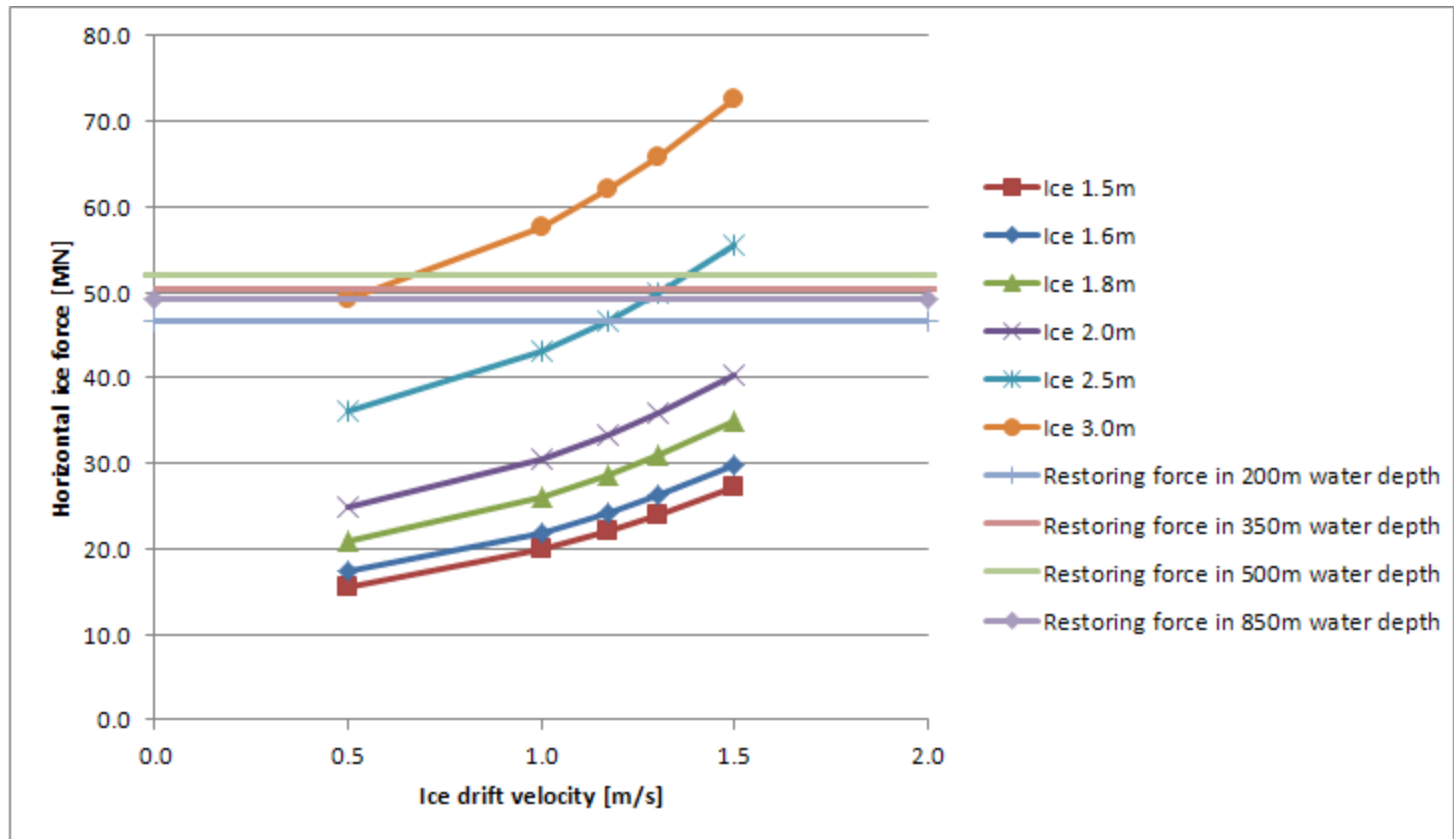




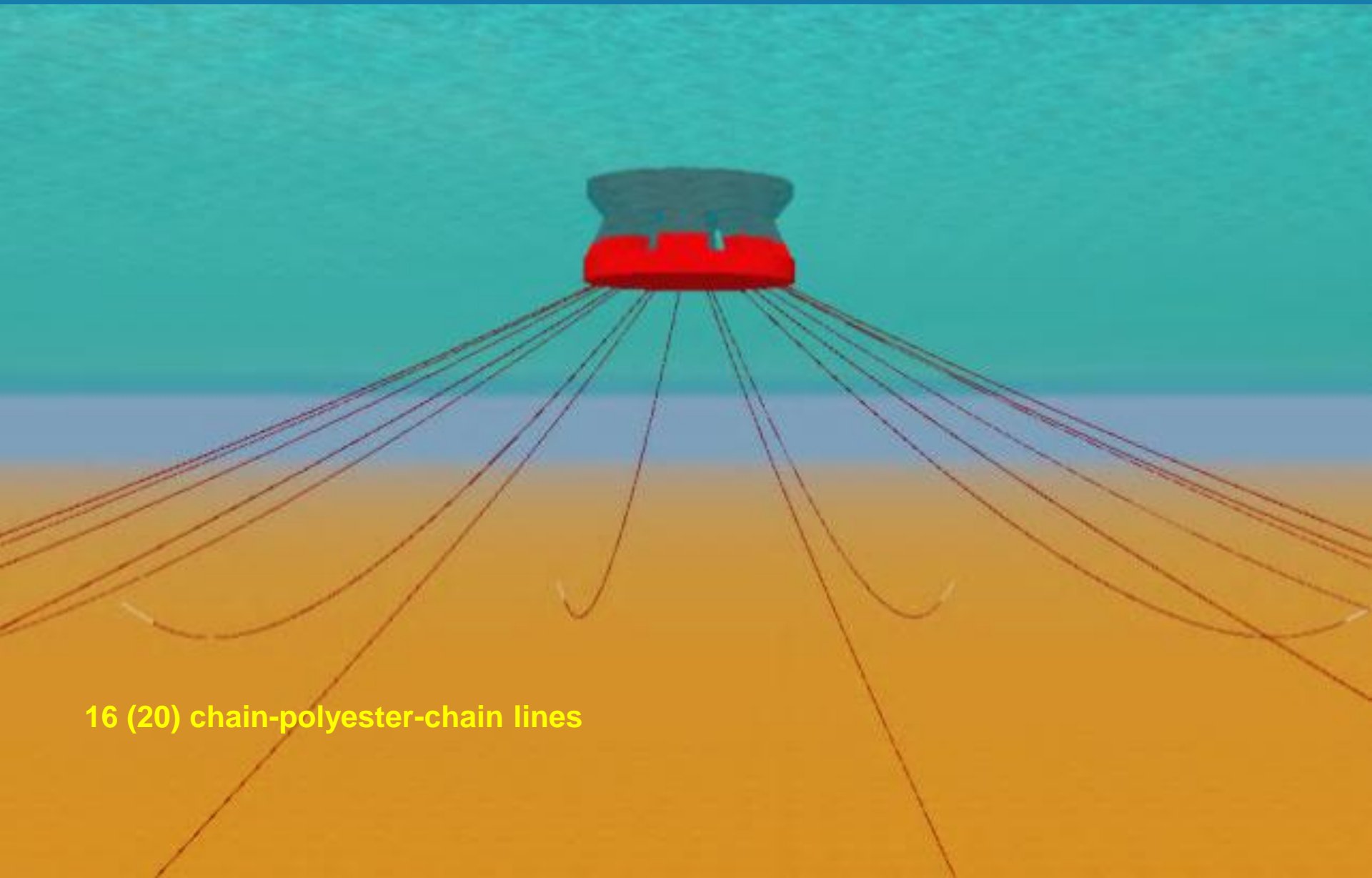
# Mooring



- Mooring system provides restoring of 47MN to 52MN depending on the water depth in the range from 200m to 850m (ABS static safety factor 2.0).
- This allows to withstand ice of 2.5m (up to 3.0m) at low drift speeds:

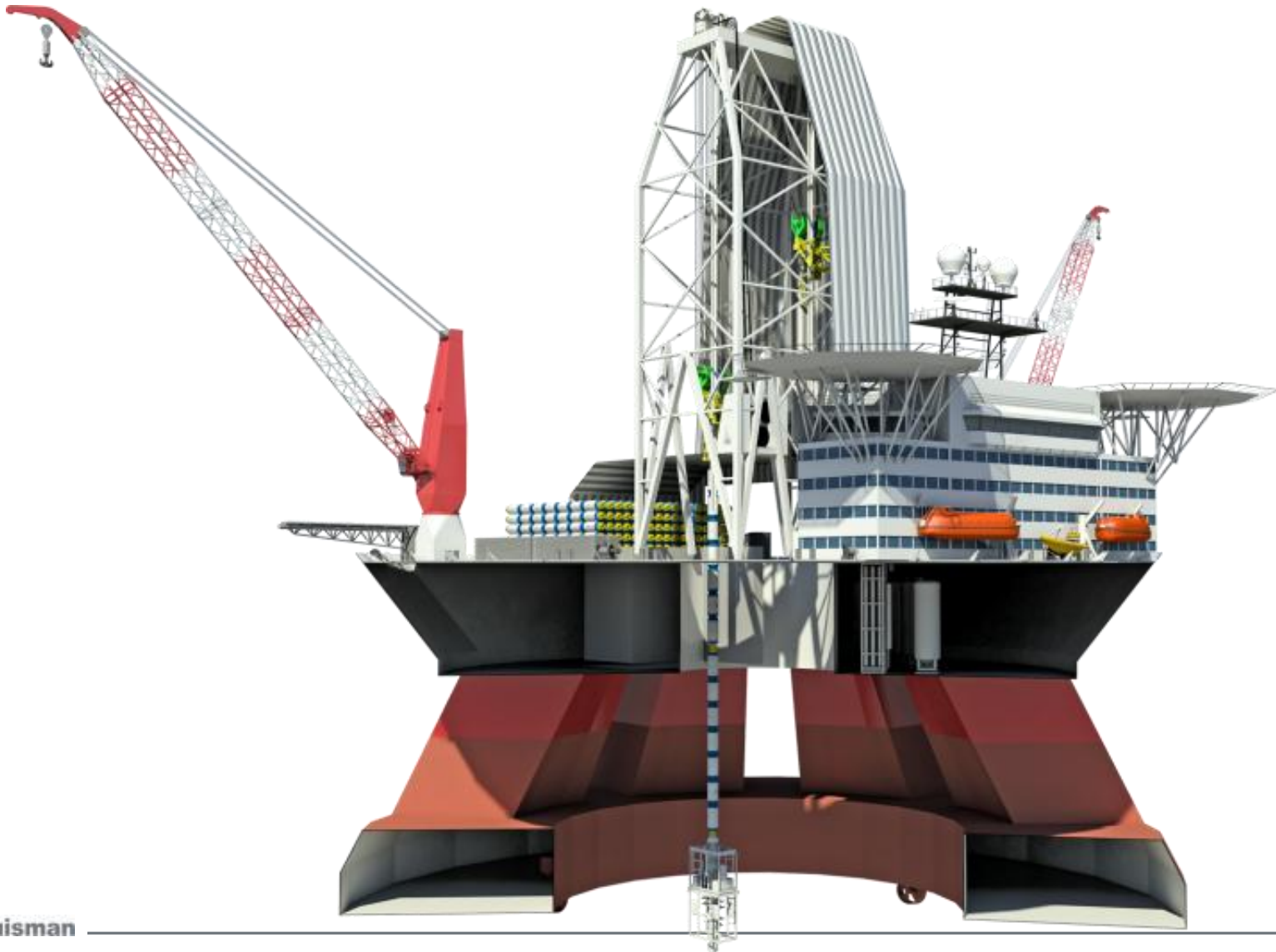


# Mooring



16 (20) chain-polyester-chain lines

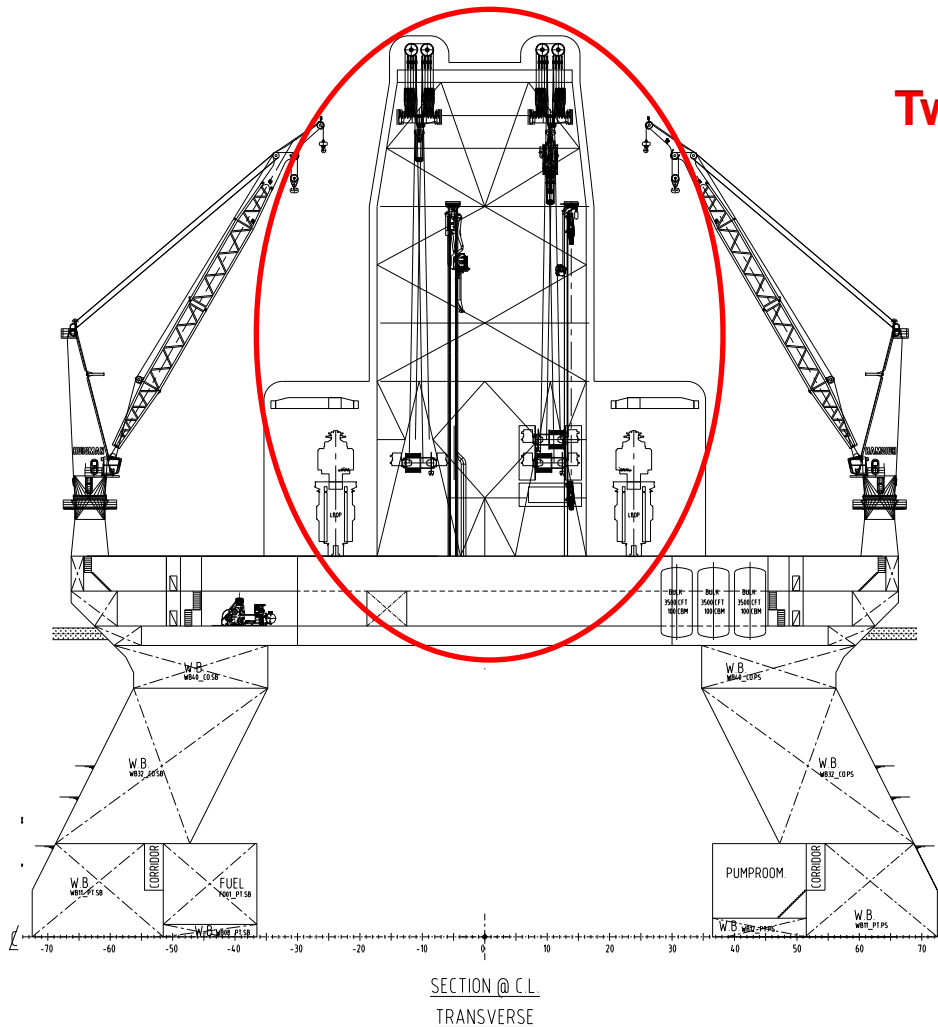
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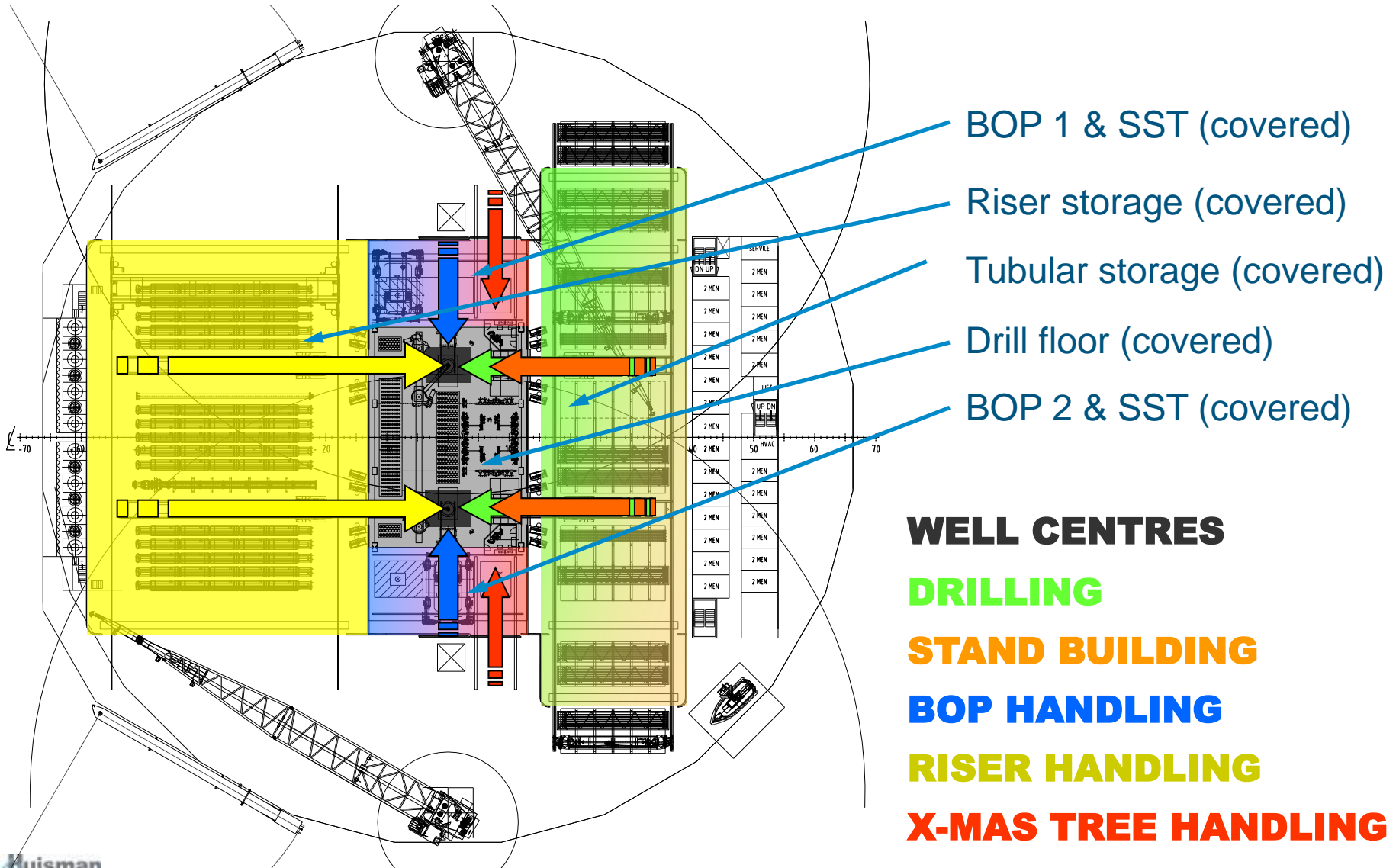
# JBF Arctic – Dual Drilling Activity

**Two wells can be drilled simultaneously**

- Increase of efficiency
- Minimize the time required for drilling



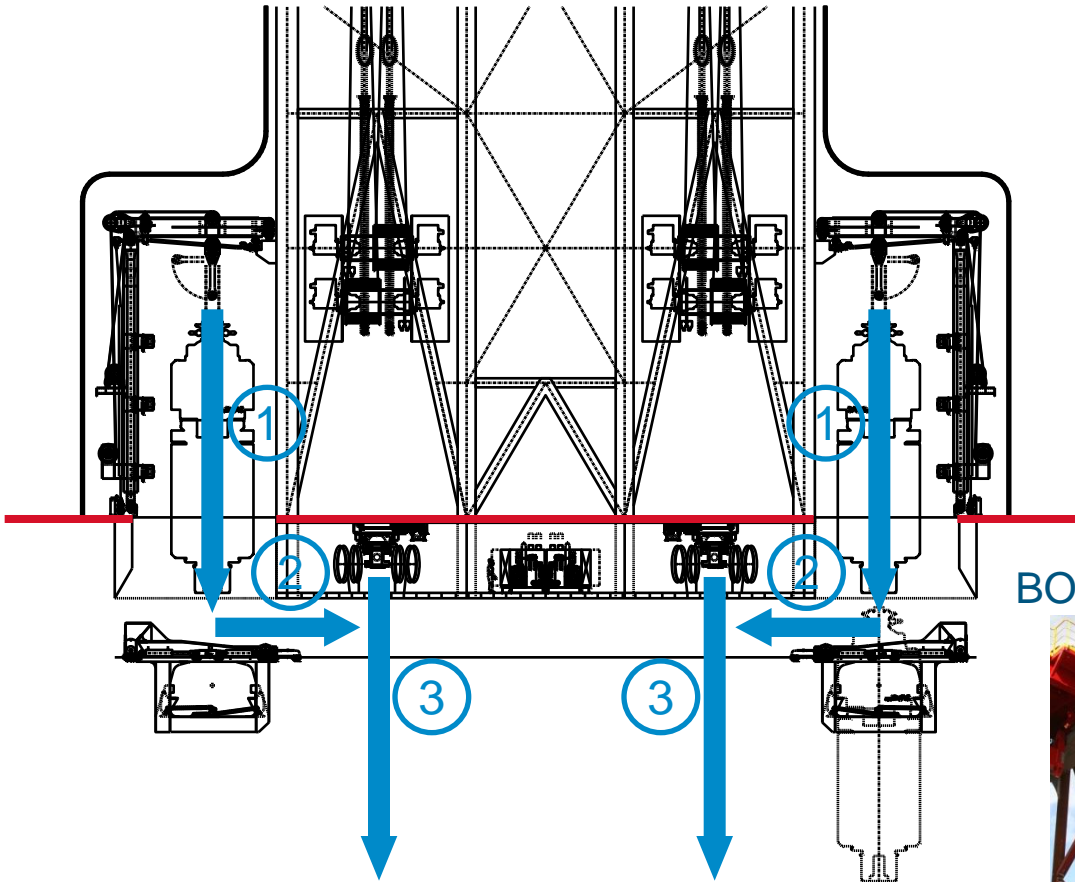
# JBF Arctic – Handling Principle



# JBF Arctic – BOP Handling

## SSBOP (& SST) handling:

1. Lower SSBOP with BOP handling crane (BOP is guided) and land on moonpool skid cart
2. Skid moonpool skid cart with BOP under well centre
3. Lower riser joint through rotary table connect to SSBOP and lower SSBOP to seabed



Drill floor 100% flush  
with main deck

BOP handling crane



Moonpool skid cart



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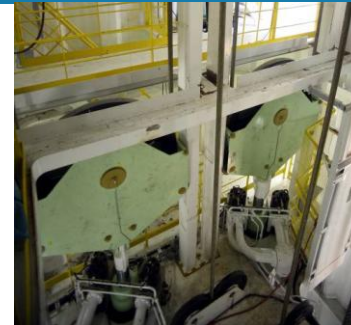
## Dual drilling tower containing:

- 2 x Dual drum drawworks with AHC
- 2 x Dual passive compensators
- 2 x Splittable blocks system
- 2 x Riser tensioning system
- 2 x Drillers cabin
- 2 x BOP garage

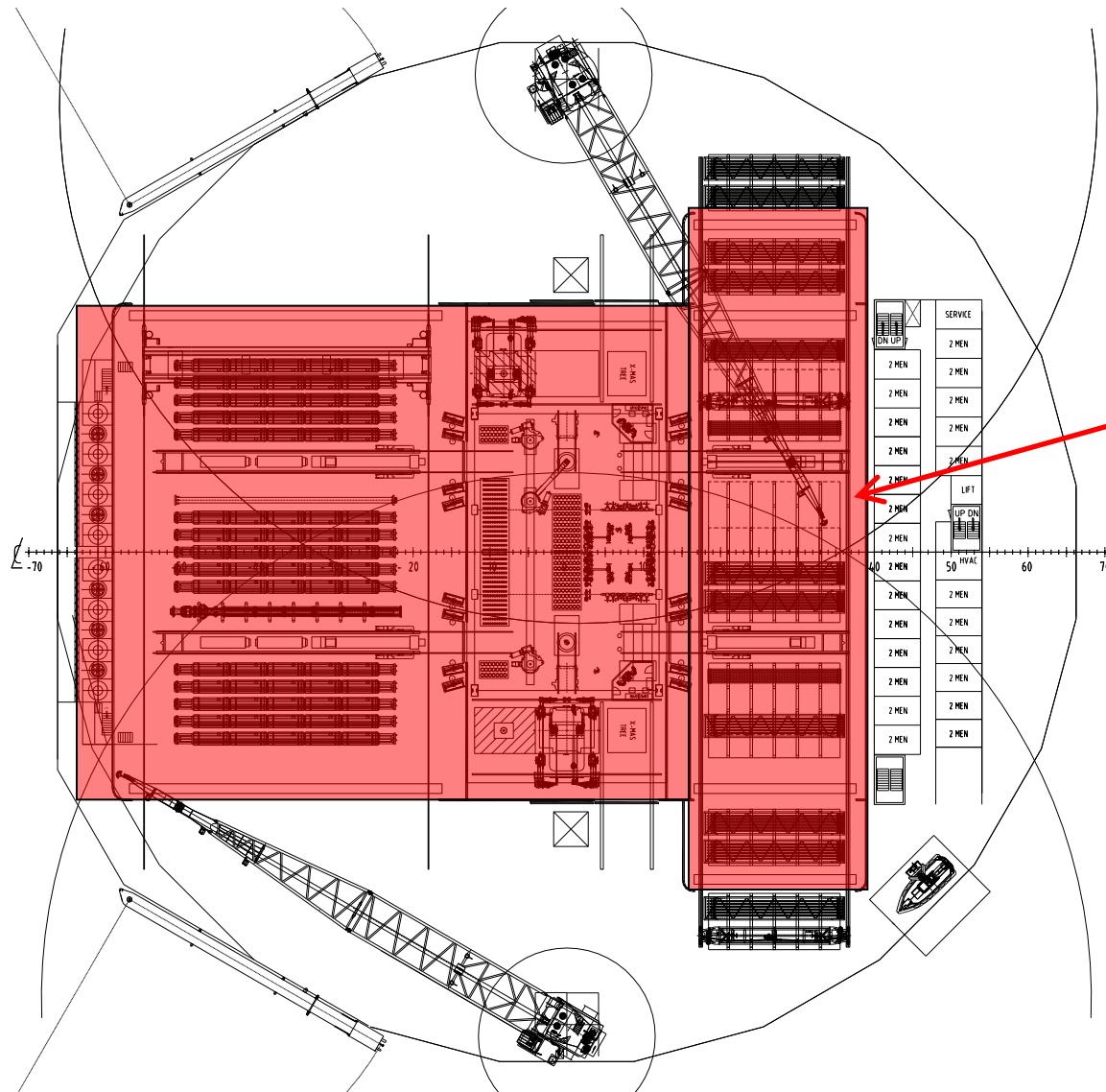
## The large drill floor shares:

- 3 x pipe rackers
- Large drill pipe setback area
- Large casing setback area

**All equipment inside  
protected environment**



# JBF Arctic – Closed Working Areas



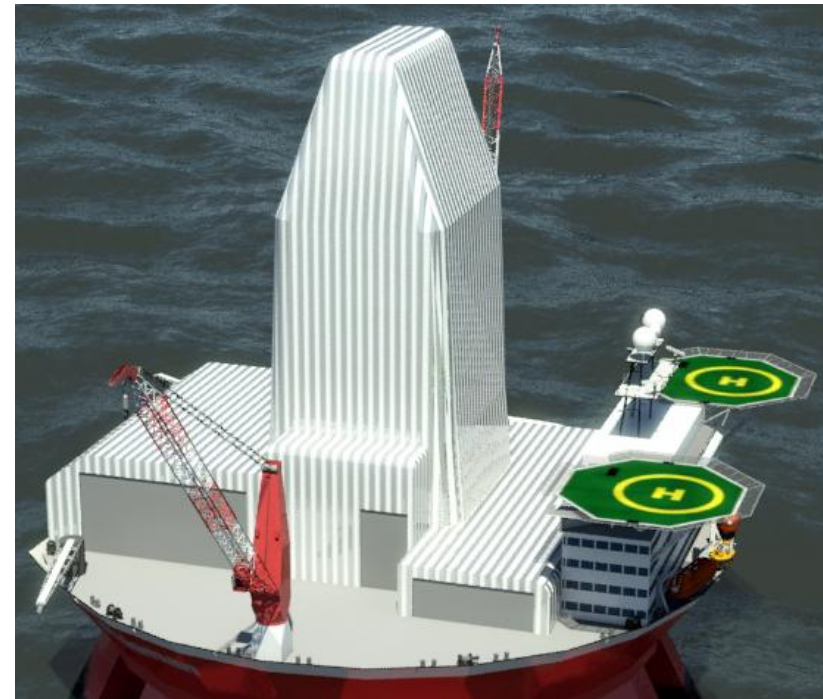
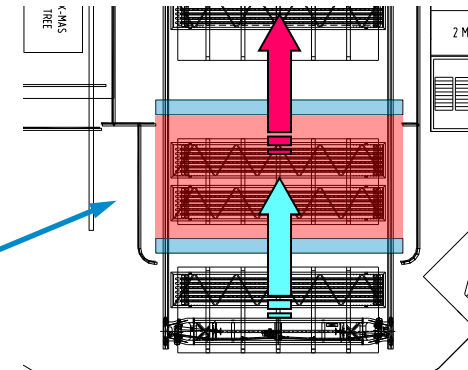
Closed working areas of 4400 m<sup>2</sup>



# JBF Arctic – Isolated Enclosure

## Full enclosure with isolation

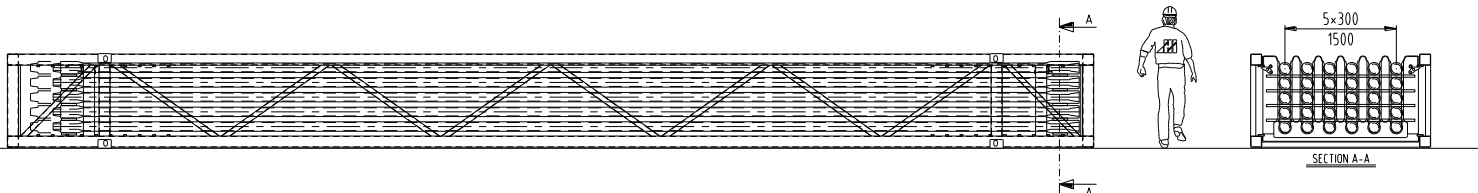
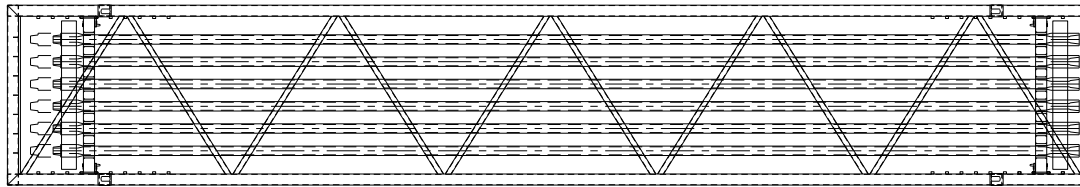
- Around drilling tower and riser tensioners
- Over riser hold with large doors for loading risers
- Over pipe hold with **double doors** and **airlock** for loading tubulars
- Personnel friendly working environment
- No dropped ice on working floors
- *Safety, efficiency, working environment*



# JBF Arctic – Containerized tubular handling

## Containerized tubular handling

- Reduced number of crane movements
- Less damage
- Increased weather window
- Improved logistics
- Remote controlled pickup, 100% hands off
- No personnel in pipe hold
- Safer handling on supply boats
- *Safety, efficiency*



# Independent operation: fuel supply?



<http://arcticdove.com>

# JBF Arctic

**Drilling in ice and in open waters**



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**Thank you for your attention**

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