



Octopus Online Solids Removal

Field Experience in the Permian Basin

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Cleaning a tank or separator is one of the energy industry's **most dangerous jobs**.

From 2011 to 2018, 1,030 workers died in the US from occupational injuries involving a confined space.¹

1. US Bureau of Labor Statistics

- Leading causes of death from CSE are lack of breathable air and engulfment

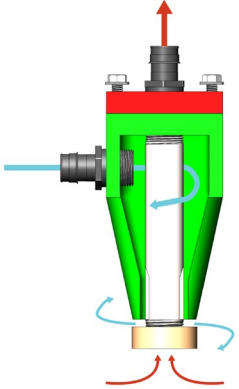
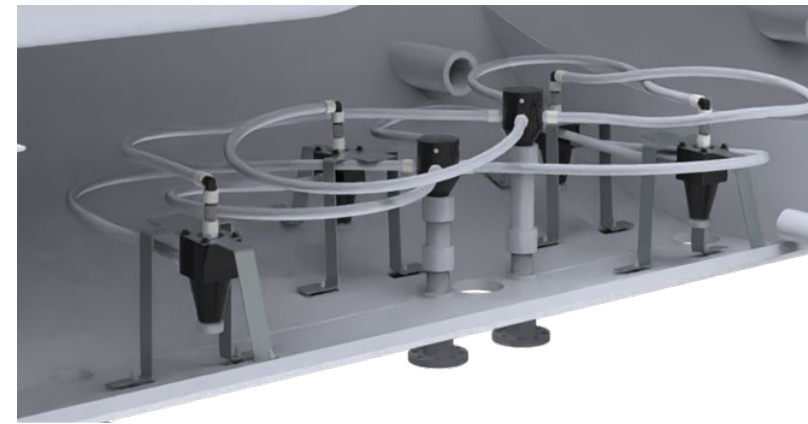
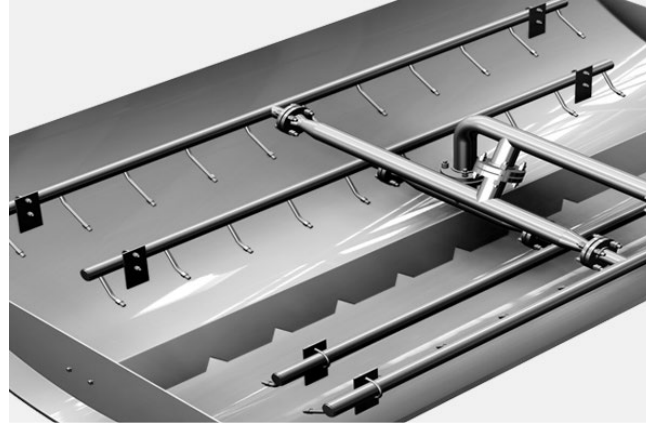
The Octopus online solids removal system **eliminates the need to break containment** for removal of sand and other materials from tanks and separators.

The Octopus System allow operators to:

- Mitigate Health and Safety Risk
- Minimize Damage to instruments and downstream equipment
- Reduce Methane Emissions
- Reduce Production Downtime
- Reduce solids carryover into water midstream system



In-Situ Sand Removal Types



	Linear Jetting	Cyclonic Jetting
Flush Water DP	80-100 PSIG	3-6 PSIG
Vessel Erosion Risk	High	Low
Sand Carryover Risk	High	Low
Emulsion Risk	High	Low
Effectiveness when buried	Ineffective	Very Effective

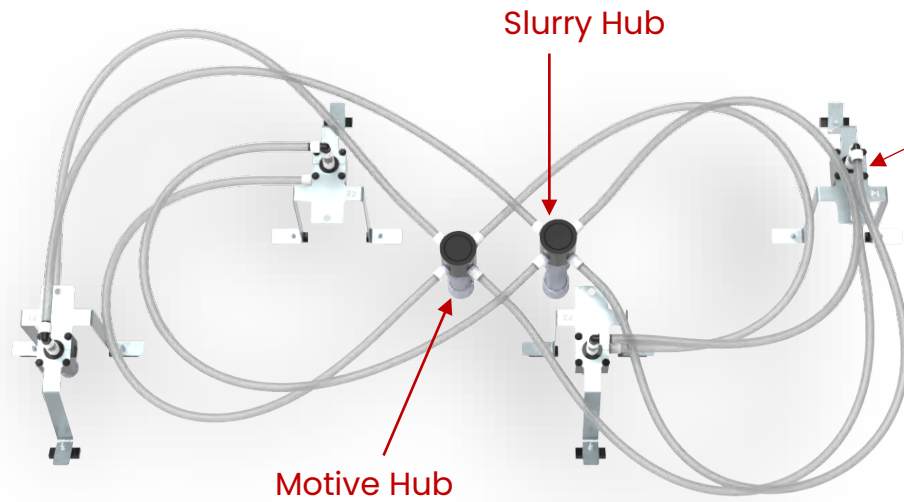
Advantages of Cyclonic Jetting

- No Upsets
- No Solids Carryover
- Low Operating Pressure
- No Vessel Wall Erosion
- Works when completely buried

HOW DOES THE OCTOPUS WORK?



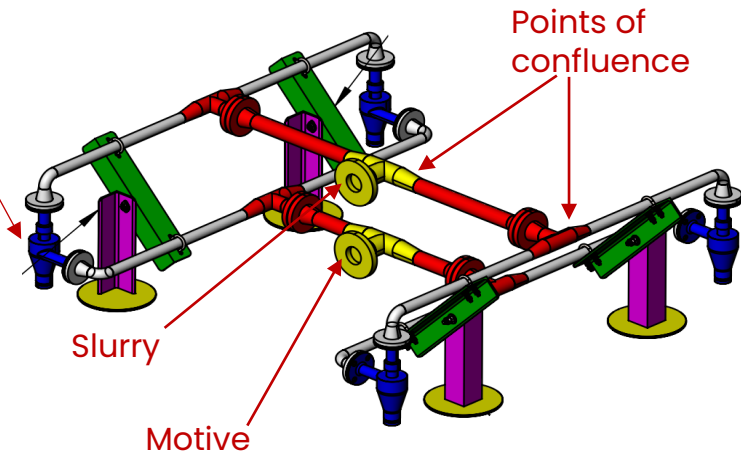
Advancements in Design



Octopus Hub + Flexible pipe

- Improved hydraulics
- Lower cost materials (HDPE/PEX)
- Retrofittable without welding
- Magnetic Supports
- **Lead time 48-72 hours**
- **Install time 2-4 hours/manifold**

Cyclonic Fluidizer



Nested Tee Manifold

- Unequal flow distribution
- Custom welded stainless-steel construction
- Difficult to retrofit
- Welded supports
- **Lead Time 12-16 weeks**
- **Install time 8-12 hours/manifold**

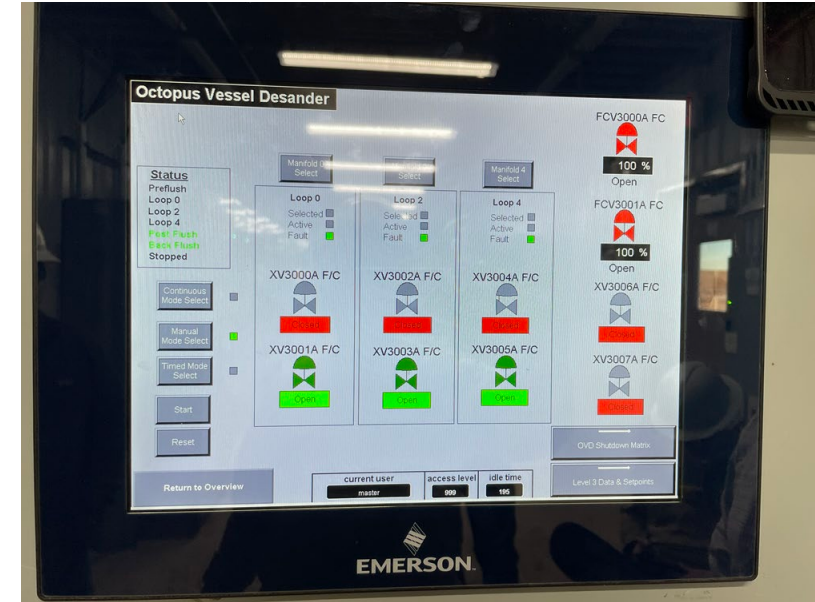
Operating Methods

Services



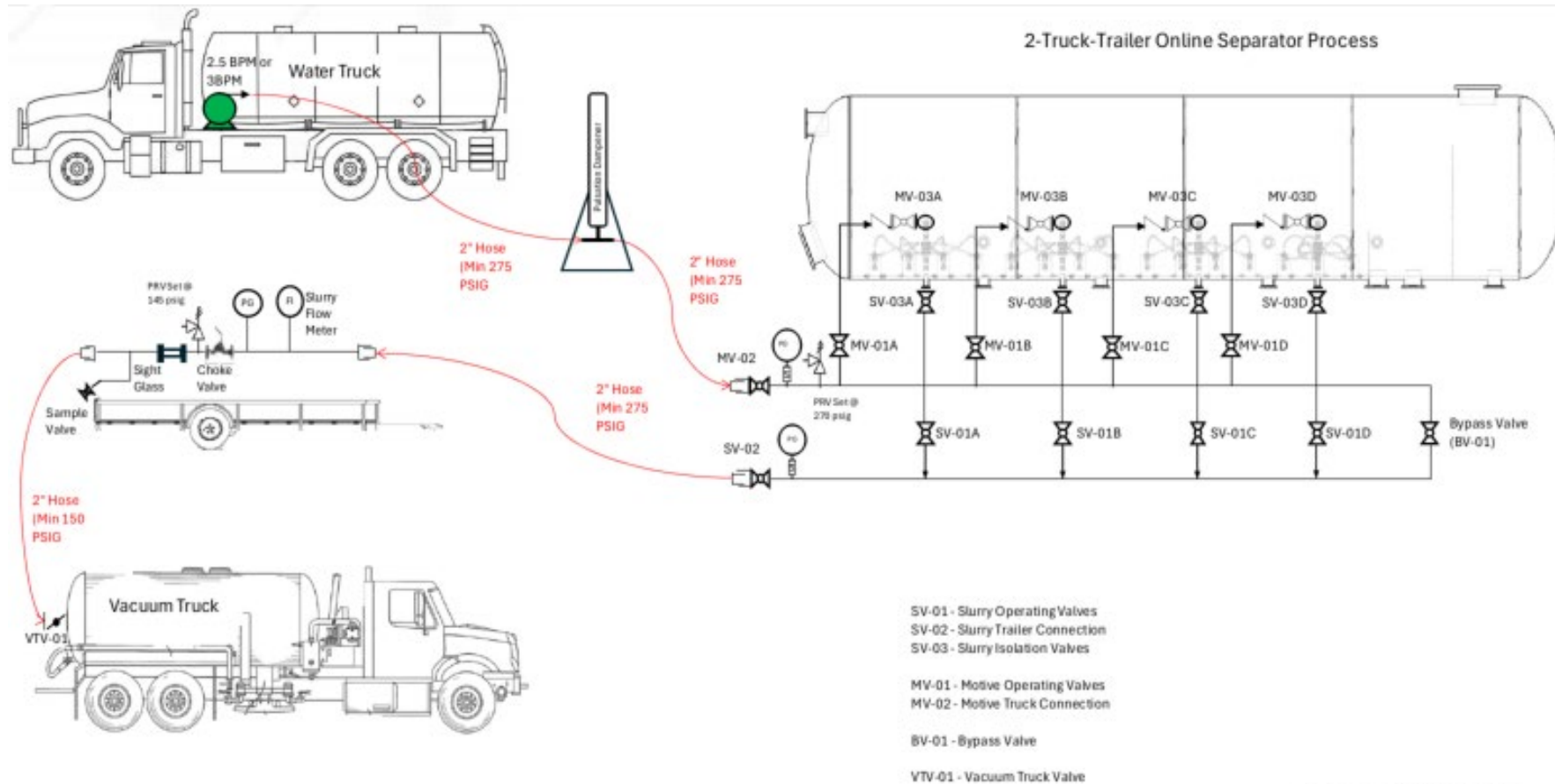
- No deployment lead time
- Low Capex
- Ideal for unconventional sand production profile
- Operating flexibility
- **>100 deployments and >200 vessel cleanings to date in Permian Basin**

Automation



- Requires integrated project team and longer deployment lead time
- Higher Capex
- Good for long life of field sand production profile

Typical P&ID – Service Based Operation

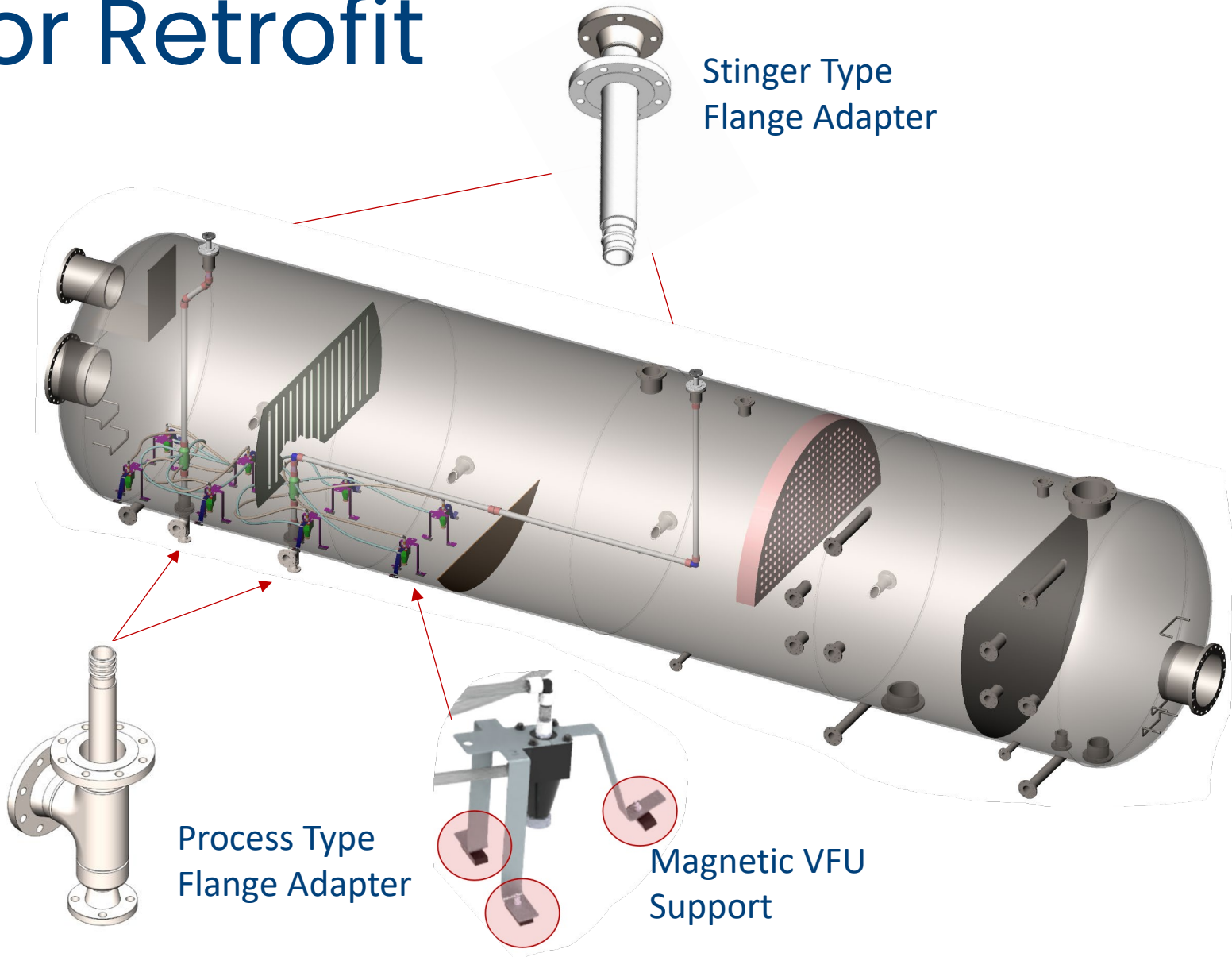


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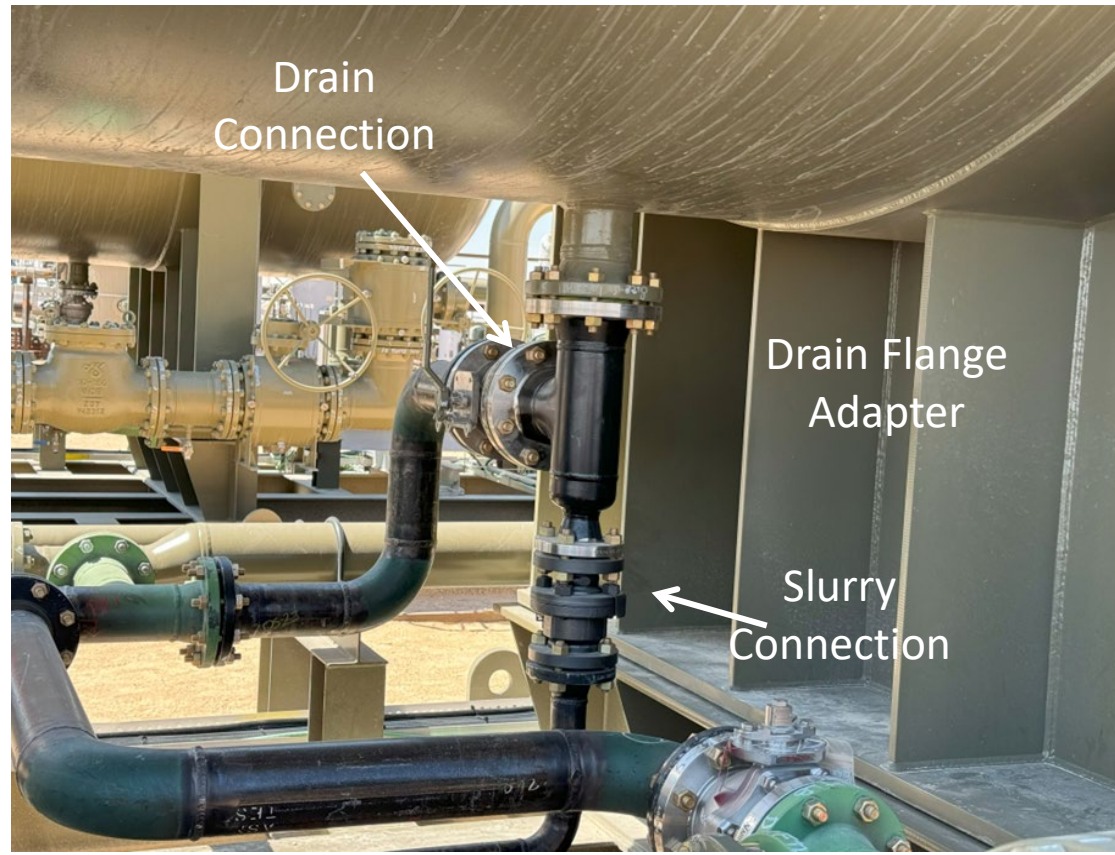
Bulk Separator Application

Bulk Separator Retrofit

- Two Octopus with Eight total VFUs
- Spare top nozzles fitted with stinger type flange adapters for motive water feed
- Drain nozzles fitted with process type flange adapters for slurry discharge and to retain drain capability
- VFUs attached to vessel shell with magnetic supports on top of coating

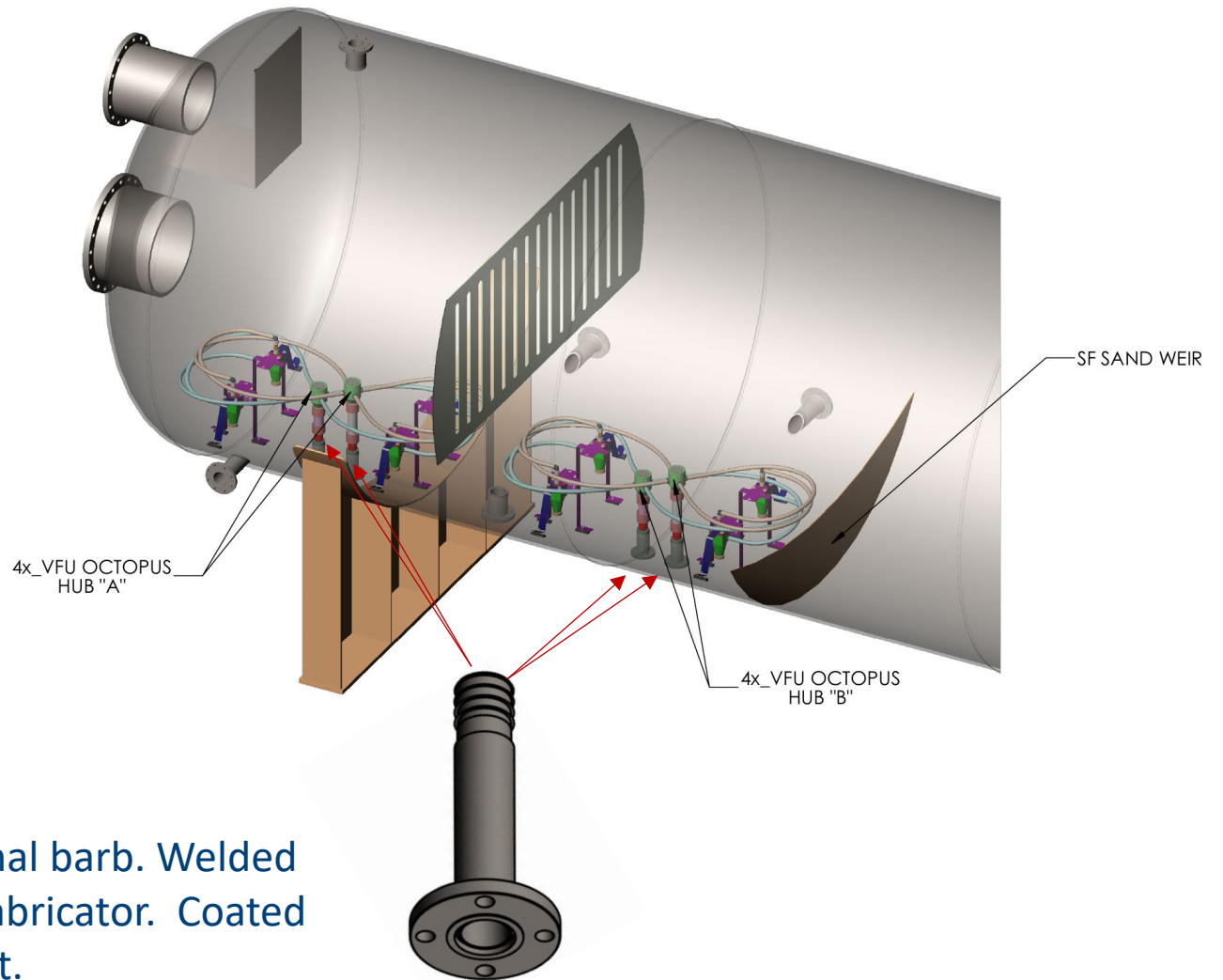


Retrofit Piping



Bulk Separator New Build

- Dedicated nozzles with PEX barb installed in bottom of vessel
- Double Half-hub design eliminates internal larger bore Piping
- Simplified external Piping integrated onto skid



CS Nozzle with internal barb. Welded into vessel shell by fabricator. Coated after vessel hydrotest.

Operating Experience

Experience with Octopus system

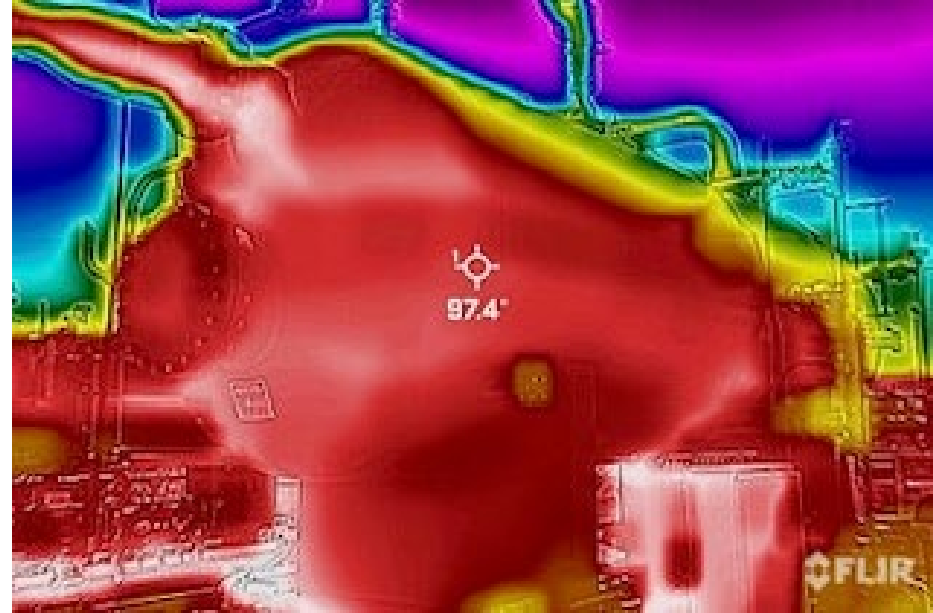
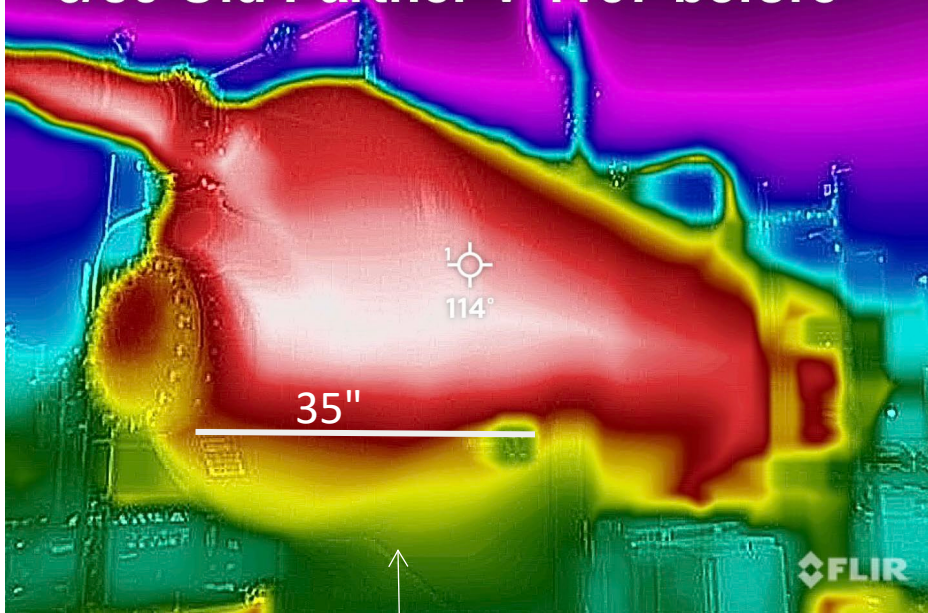
Installations

- 60+ vessel installations completed
 - Majority retrofits
- Installation requires 6–8 hours depending on design

Cleanouts

- Service Based Cleanout Frequency
 - AVG ~**8** weeks
 - High **2.5** weeks
 - Low **13** weeks
- Cleanout frequency is impacted by:
 - Vessel size
 - Incoming sand volumes

Before and After Thermal Images



10x40 Separator Cleanout performed in 1 hour **without**

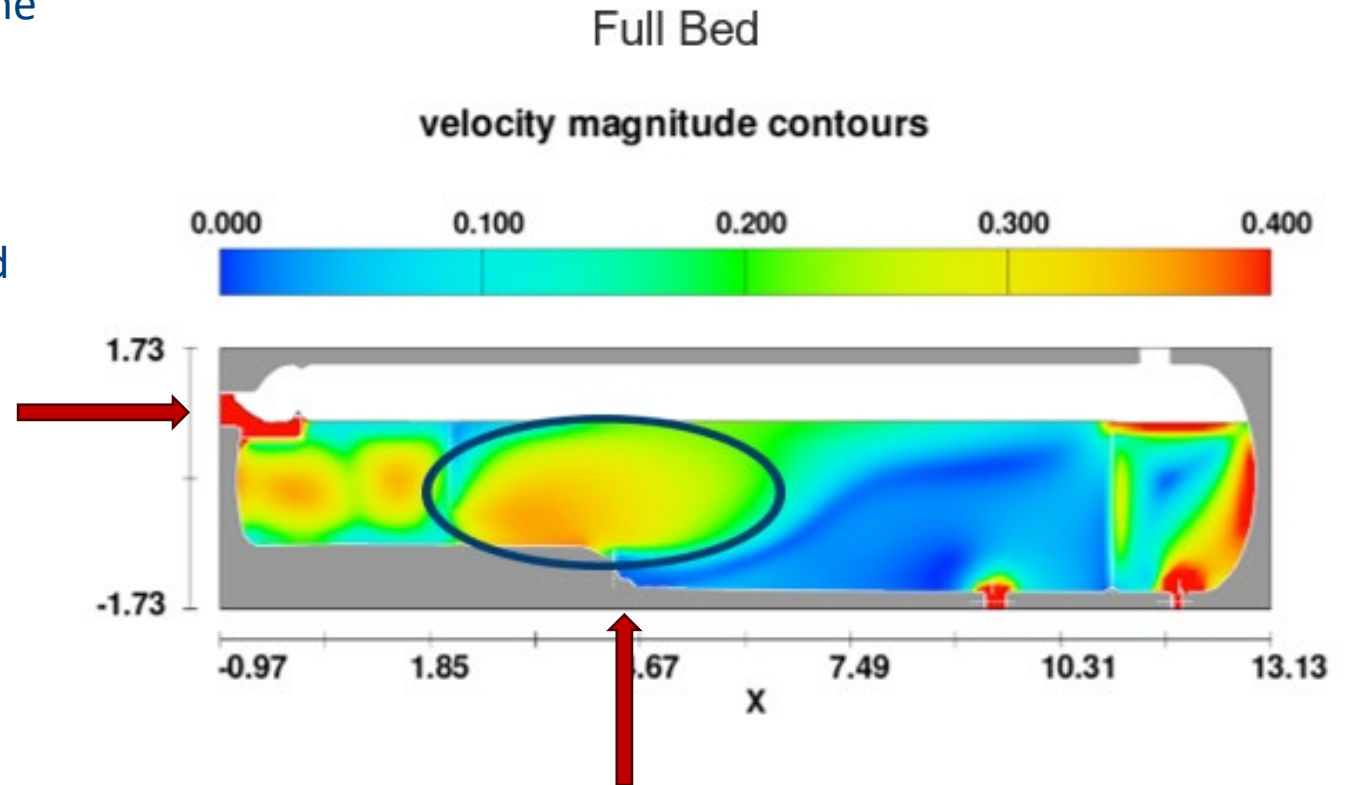
- Shutting in production
- Breaking containment

Cleanout Performance

- Removes ~80% of solids compared with traditional cleanout methods
- No impacts to instrument performance (guided wave radars) during cleanout process
- Typically scheduled 2-3 days in advance

Operational Improvements

- Reduced unplanned/planned production down time
- Improved sand management during flowback
 - Reduce time on flow back equipment
 - Prevent over-flowing sand weir with sand and reduce sand carryover to midstream
 - Improved separation efficiency due to larger retention volume
- Reduced sand erosion on dump valves
- Reduced GWR (guided wave radar) failures



HSE Improvements

- Reduce methane emissions from cleanout operations
 - Reduction of separator blowdowns
- Reduced risk from working at heights during vessel cleanouts
 - Octopus cleanout operation is completed at grade-level and eliminates the need for a manlift
- Reduced personnel exposure to hazardous atmospheres by eliminating blowdowns and work around an open separator





QUESTIONS ?

Durable Materials Suitable for a Wide Range of Operating Conditions

Standard Octopus materials are suitable for working temperatures up to 180°F (82°C).
The following higher temperature options are available:

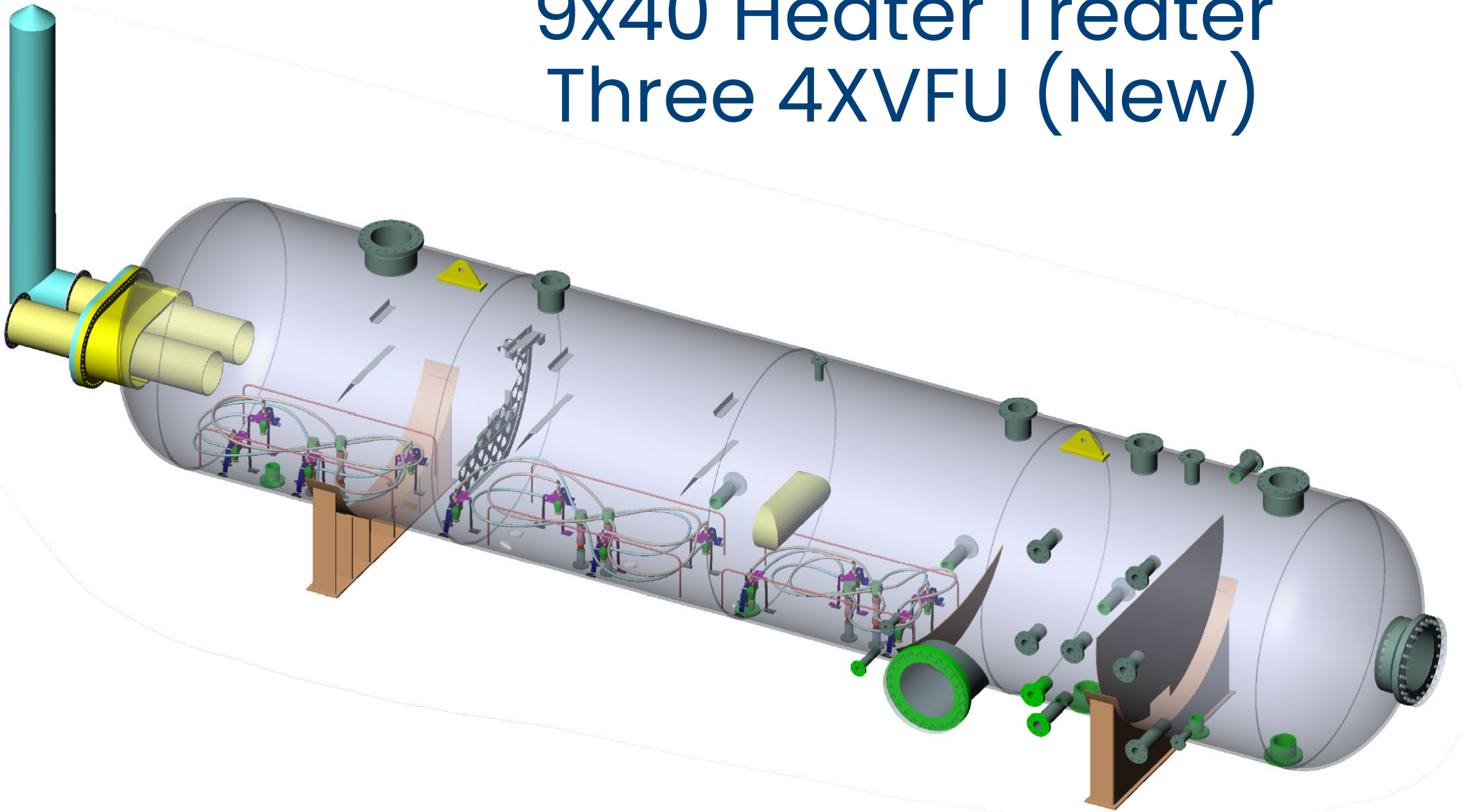
Component	< 180°F < 82°C	180-200°F 82-93°C	> 200°F > 93°C <i>See Note</i>
Distribution Hub	HDPE	Nylatron	316L SS (Standard)
Vortex Fluidizing Unit (VFU)	HDPE	Nylatron	316L SS (Standard)
Flexible Hoses	PEX-A	PEX-A	Convolute 316 SS (Standard)

Note: Metallurgy for higher temperature applications can be customized to meet process conditions.

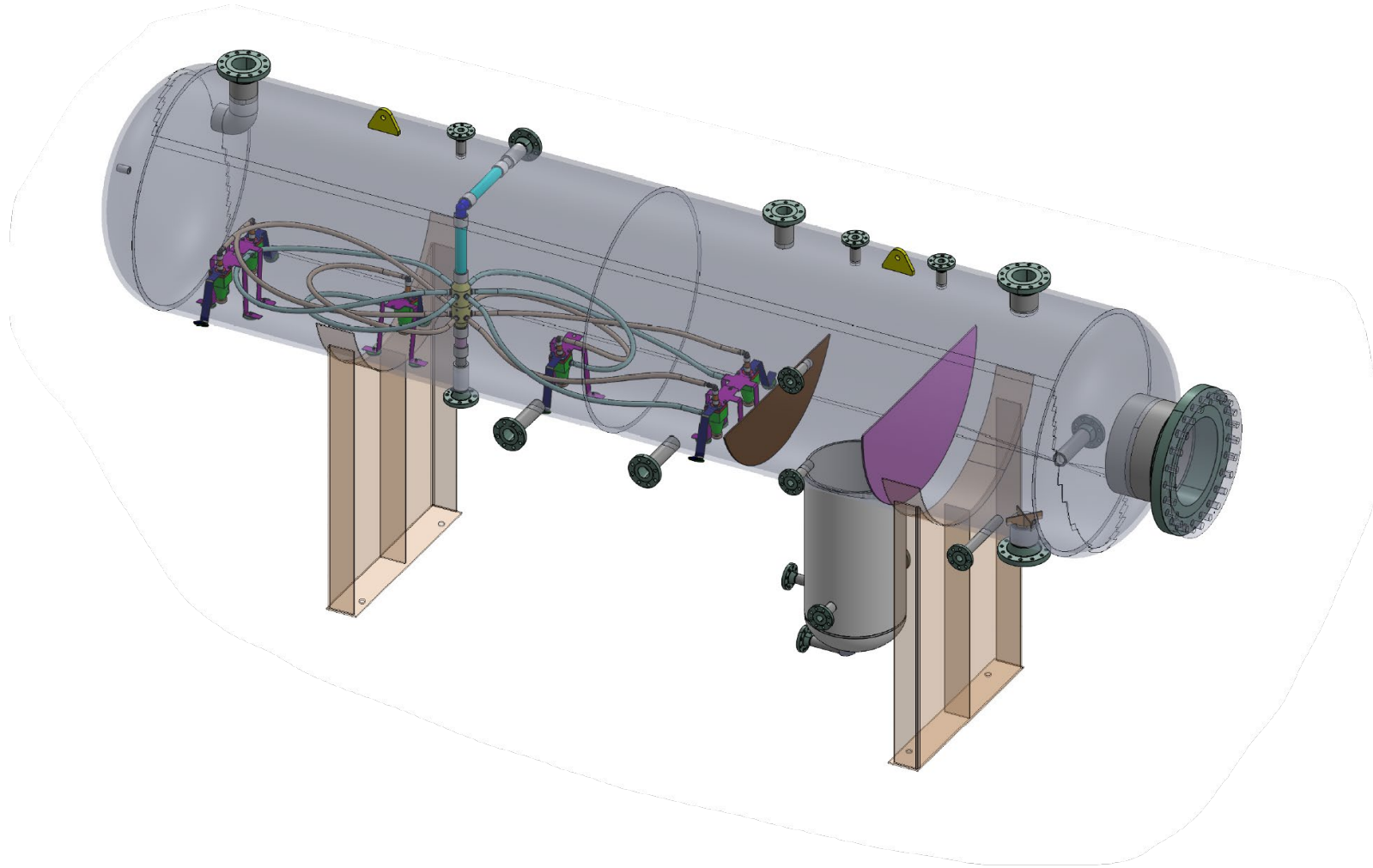
Variations of Bulk Separator

Other Vessels

9x40 Heater Treater Three 4XVFU (New)



5x20 300# Separator One 4XVFU (New)



6' VRT One 4XVFU (New)

