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# New Techniques to Install High Voltage Cables into Ducts

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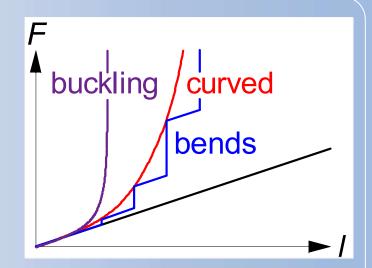
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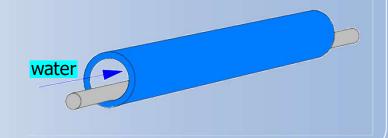




# **Introduction Cable in Duct Force Build-Up**

- Build up installation force
- 1. Gravity (linear)
- 2. Cable pullforce (exponential)
- 3. Cable pushforce (asymptotic)
- 4. Cable stiffness in bends
- Clever installation methods
  - Jetting (limits 2. and 3.)
  - Floating (also limits 1.)
- Note: effect 4. still left





## **Introduction Cable in Duct Installation Method**

- Techniques to install cables into ducts:
  - Winch pulling
  - Pushing (rodding)
  - Jetting (blowing)
  - Floating
  - Water Push-Pull
  - FreeFloating

the new techniques



### **Introduction, FreeFloating**

#### It really works!



#### The New Techniques

- No winch rope to install
- Labour + equipment one side of duct
- No synchronization problems
- Low forces, water cooling, less (no) wear
- Long lengths (extremely!)
- Option of FreeFloating (one launch location)

### **Cable Configurations**

- Single-core cables
- Stranded triple-core sheath
- Stranded triple-core loose
- 3 parallel loose cables







### **Water Push-Pull Projects**

- France
  - HV cables 3.3 km
  - Al core
- Austria
  - HV cables 1 km
  - Cu core, Pb sheath
  - High friction jacket
- Other projects
  - See presentation Sub C



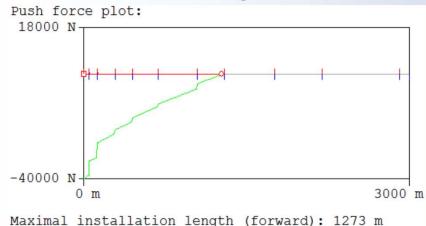
### **Pulling Force Calculation Software**

- Software calculates force build-up for all effects:
  - Gravity, capstan, buckling, cable stiffness
- For all installation methods:
  - Pull, Push, Jet, Float, Water Push-Pull, FreeFloat

Push force plot:

18000 N

#### Winch pulling 1273 m



#### -40000 N | 0 m

Maximal installation length (forward): 2607 m

WaterPushPulling 2607 m!

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3000 m

#### **Conclusions**

- Cable-in-duct installation techniques presented
- Water Push-Pull and (Free)Floating
  - Less forces, less wear of cable
  - Long lengths possible (especially Al-core cable)
  - Operation from one side, less installation steps
  - More versatility (FreeFloating)
- Several land projects and trials done
- Other land and offshore projects in preparation
- Software that takes all effects into account