



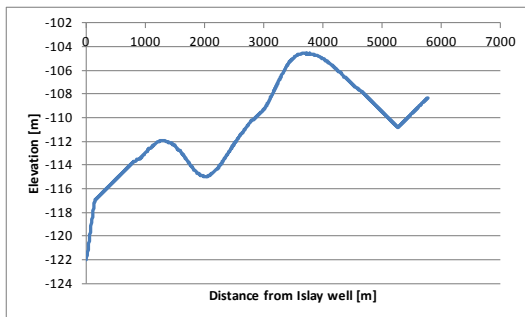
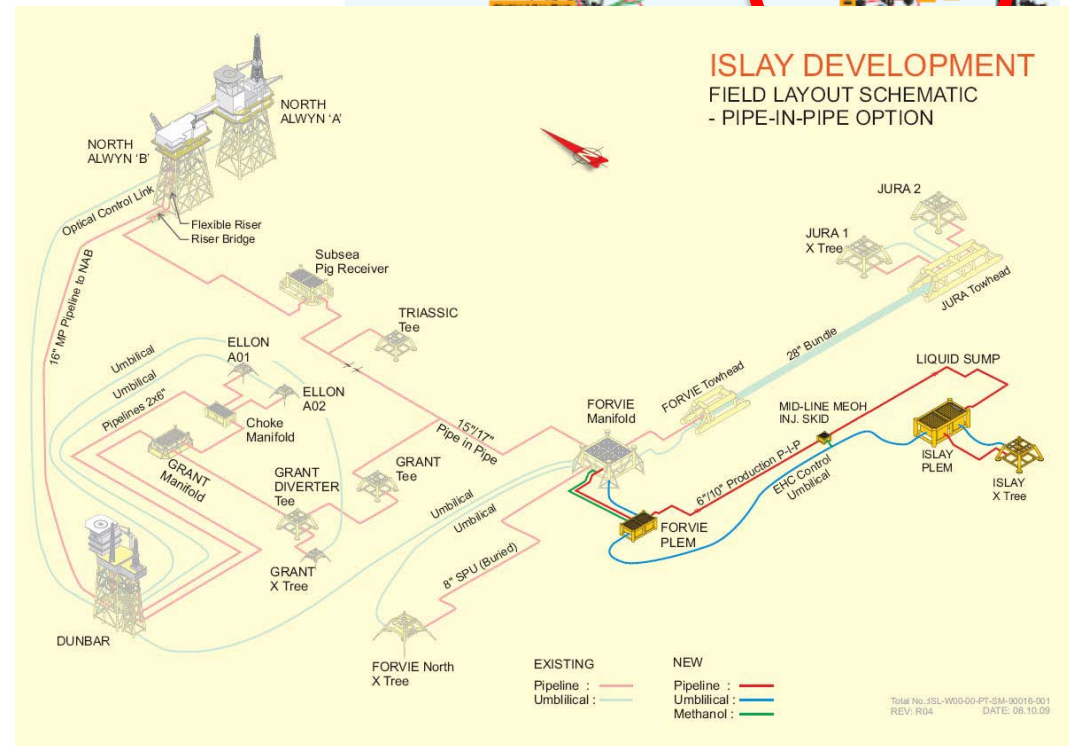
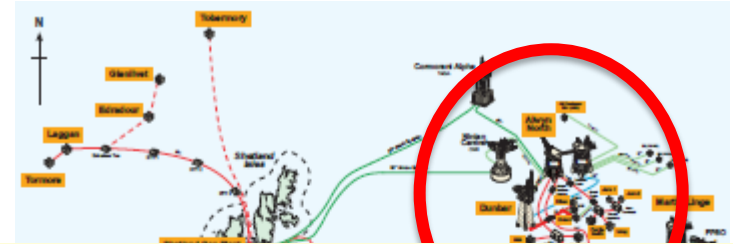
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# OFFSHORE THERMAL TESTING OF AN ELECTRICALLY TRACE HEATED PIPE-IN-PIPE

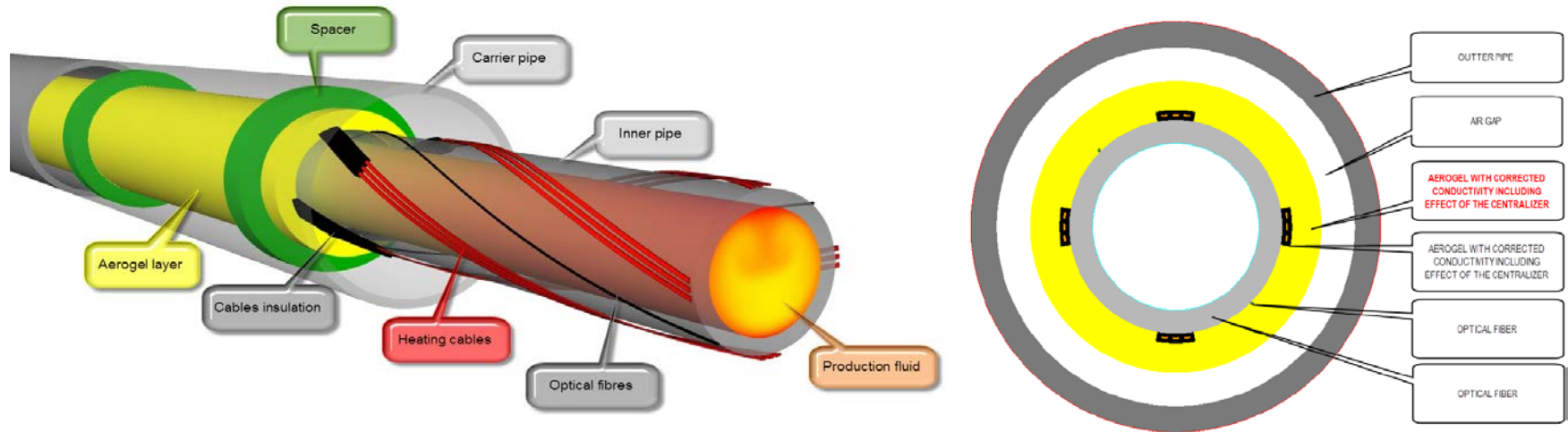
Julien Rolland, Sarah Boudour & Jeremy Cutler  
MCE Deepwater Development, 24/03/2015

# ISLAY FIELD DEVELOPMENT : DESCRIPTION

- Offshore Shetlands - South of Alwyn at the end of a complex pipeline network
- 122m WD
- 6km single well tie-back
- 6" ID
- $U_{ID}(20^{\circ}\text{C}) = 0.9 \text{ W/m}^2.\text{K}$
- Gas Field
- High Temperature ( $120^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
- Challenging Bathymetry



# ISLAY ETH PIP DESIGN ARCHITECTURE



- Cable rated 2kV Designed for 30W/m
- 300% (warm up) redundancy
- Two x fibre optic cables
- All electrical components have been qualified
- High thermal insulation & power efficiency (180 kW)

# FULL SCALE OFFSHORE TESTS

- Commissioning test, April 2012
  - Few damages (connection system)
- Thermal test, September 2012
  - Design performances confirmed
- Thermal test, June 2014
  - Design performances confirmed



## **Flow assurance modelling using an electrical trace heated Pipe in Pipe: From qualification to offshore testing**

*Decrin M-K., Nebell F., Neurois H., Parenteau T., 2013*  
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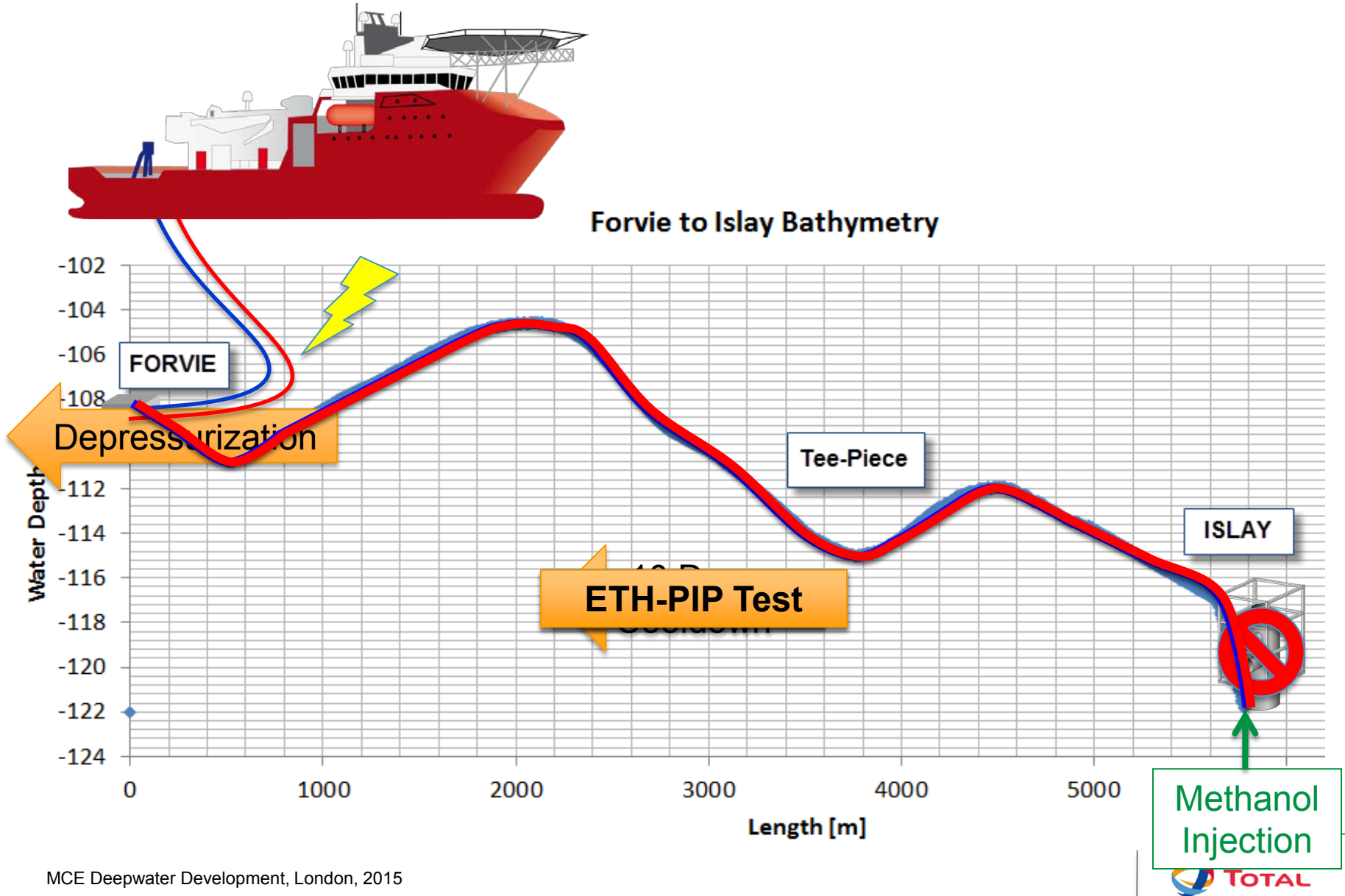
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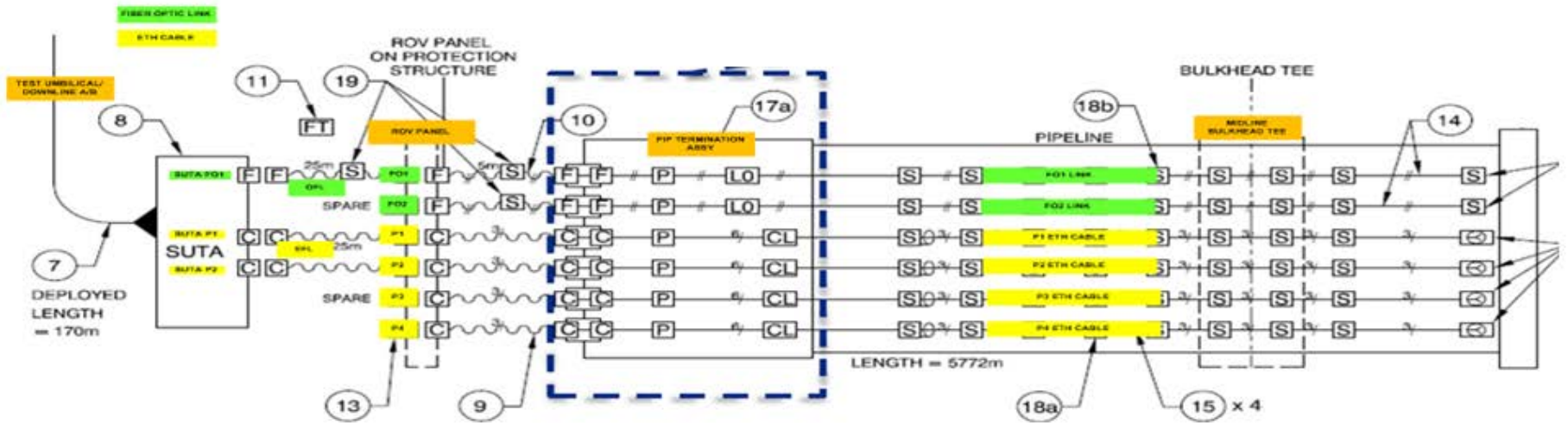
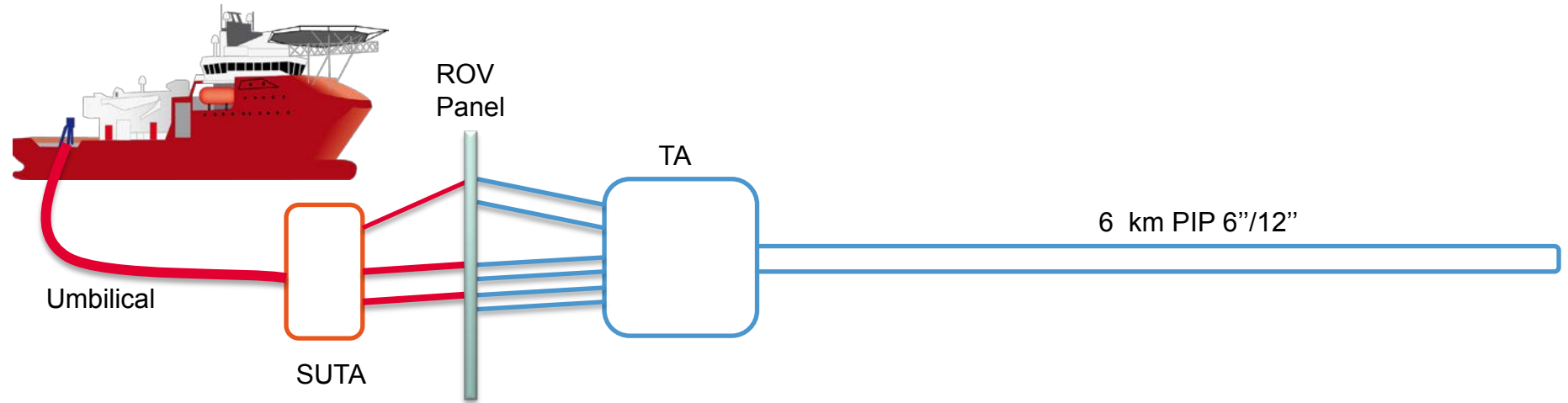
### **Evaluation qualification of electrically heat trace Pipe in Pipe for a SS flowline and selection for an application on a subsea field in the UK, Islay**

*De Herve N., Delaporte D., Hellingoe M., Hughes G., 2011*  
Offshore Technology Conference, OTC 21396

# PROCEDURE – ISLAY PIPELINE SHUTDOWN



# DEPLOYMENT AND SUBSEA ARCHITECTURE



# OFFSHORE DEPLOYMENT



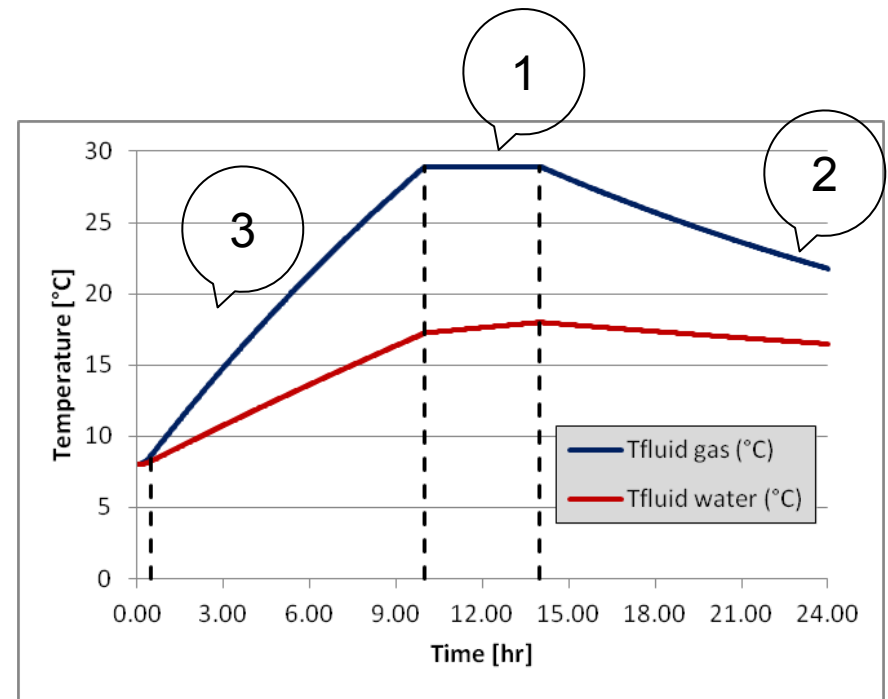
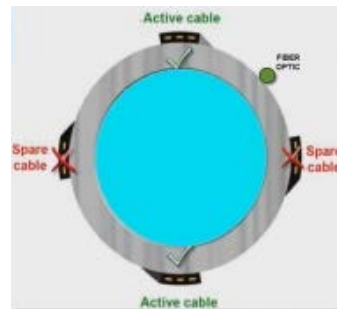
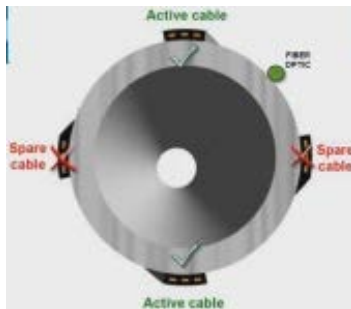
# THERMAL TEST PROCEDURE

- **RAMP-UP** : The power in each cable is brought to its maximum power gradually
- **WARM-UP** : Continuous temperature increase inside the flowline using a constant high power in each cables (about 15 Watt per cable and per meter of ETH-PIP)
- **MAINTAIN** : The flowline temperature is maintained by supplying a constant low power in each cable.
- **COOLDOWN** : Temperature inside the flowline is reduced by stopping all power feed to the ETH-PIP.

$$\rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (k \nabla T) + s = 0$$

$$T(t) = T_{\infty} + (T_0 - T_{\infty}) e^{-\frac{h A_s t}{\rho c_p V}}$$

$$U = \frac{q}{\pi D \Delta T}$$

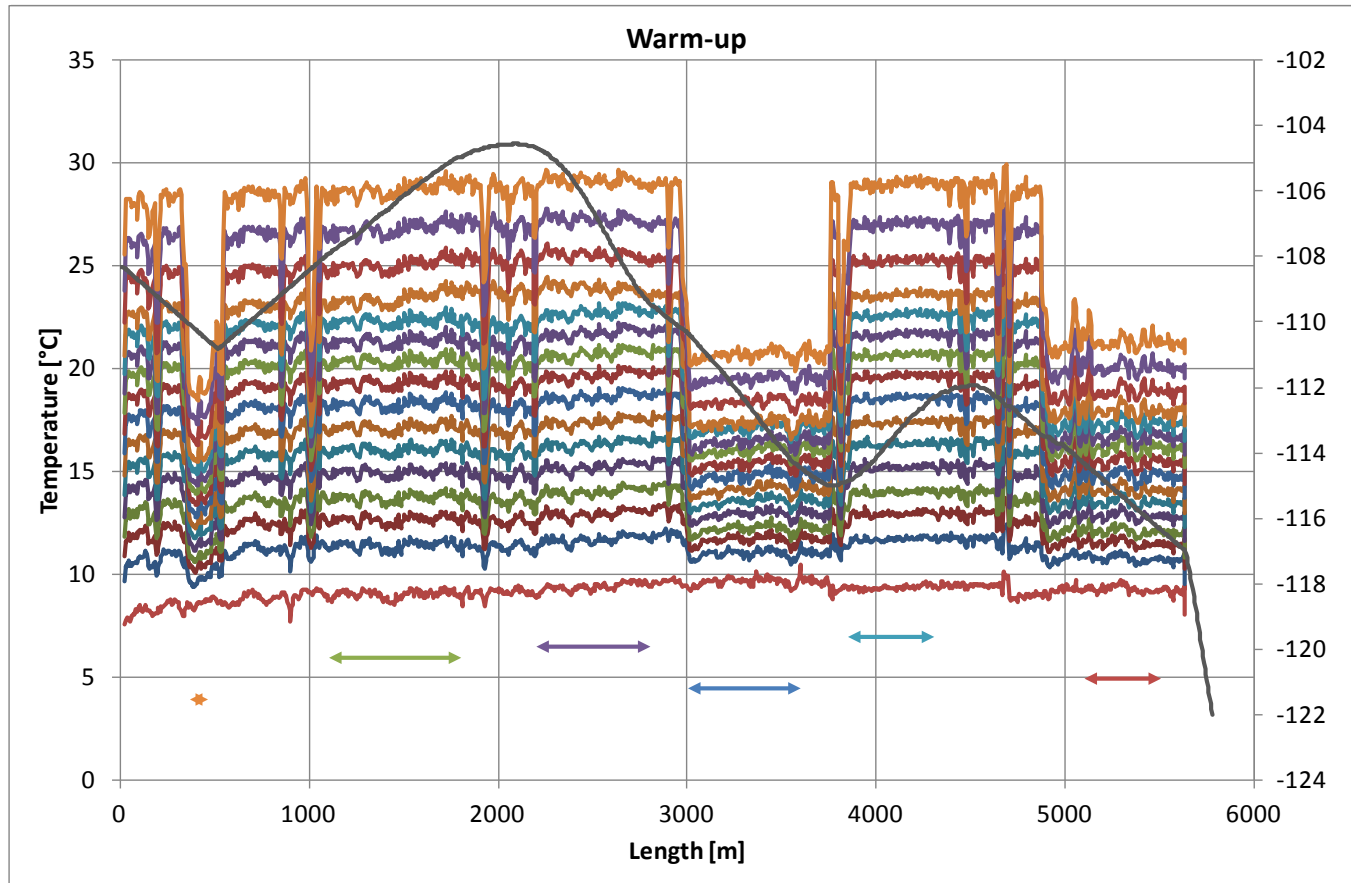




# TEMPERATURE PROFILE

- Temperature evolution during warm-up phase

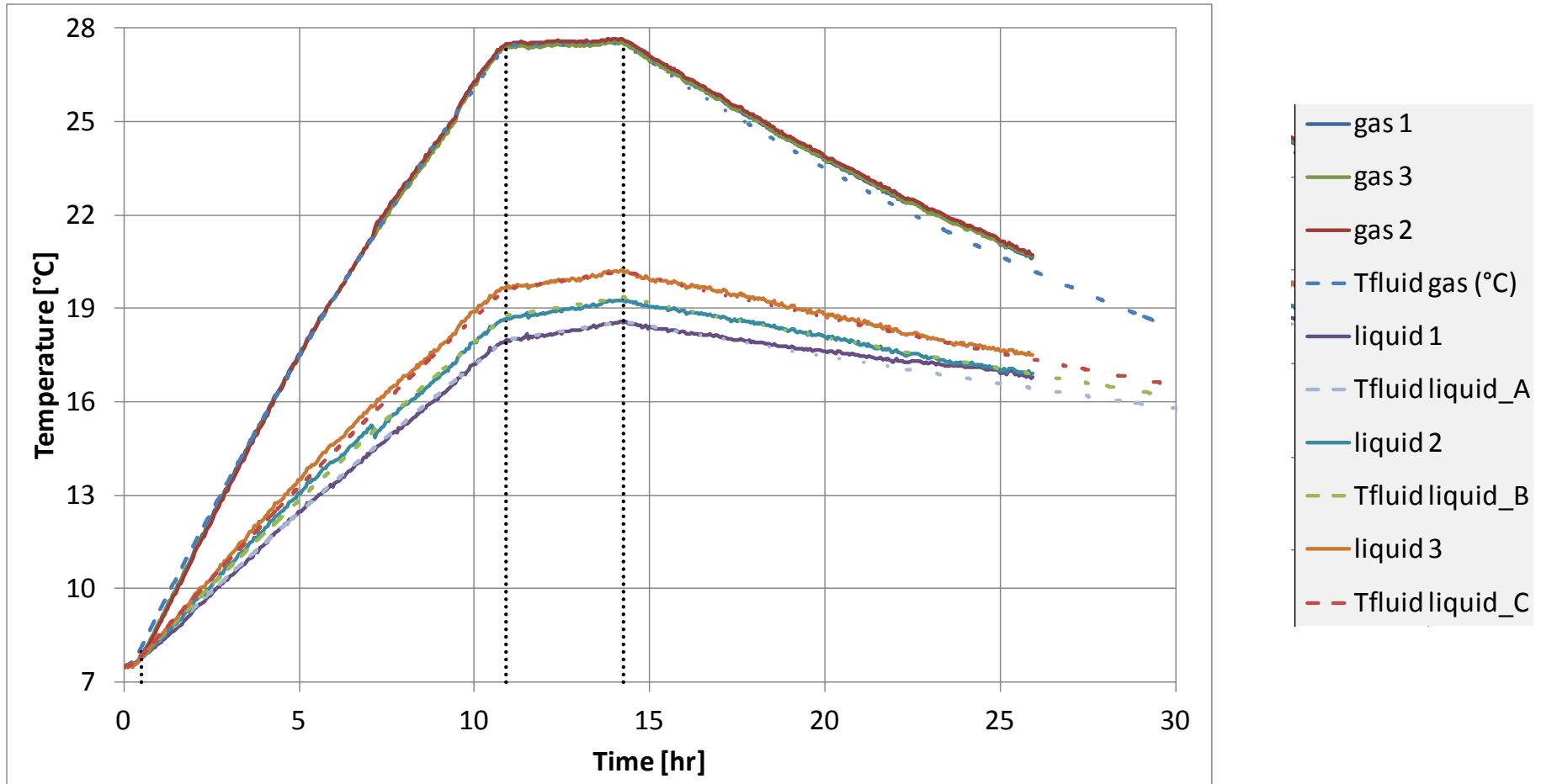
- Sections selection



# FLUIDS INVENTORY

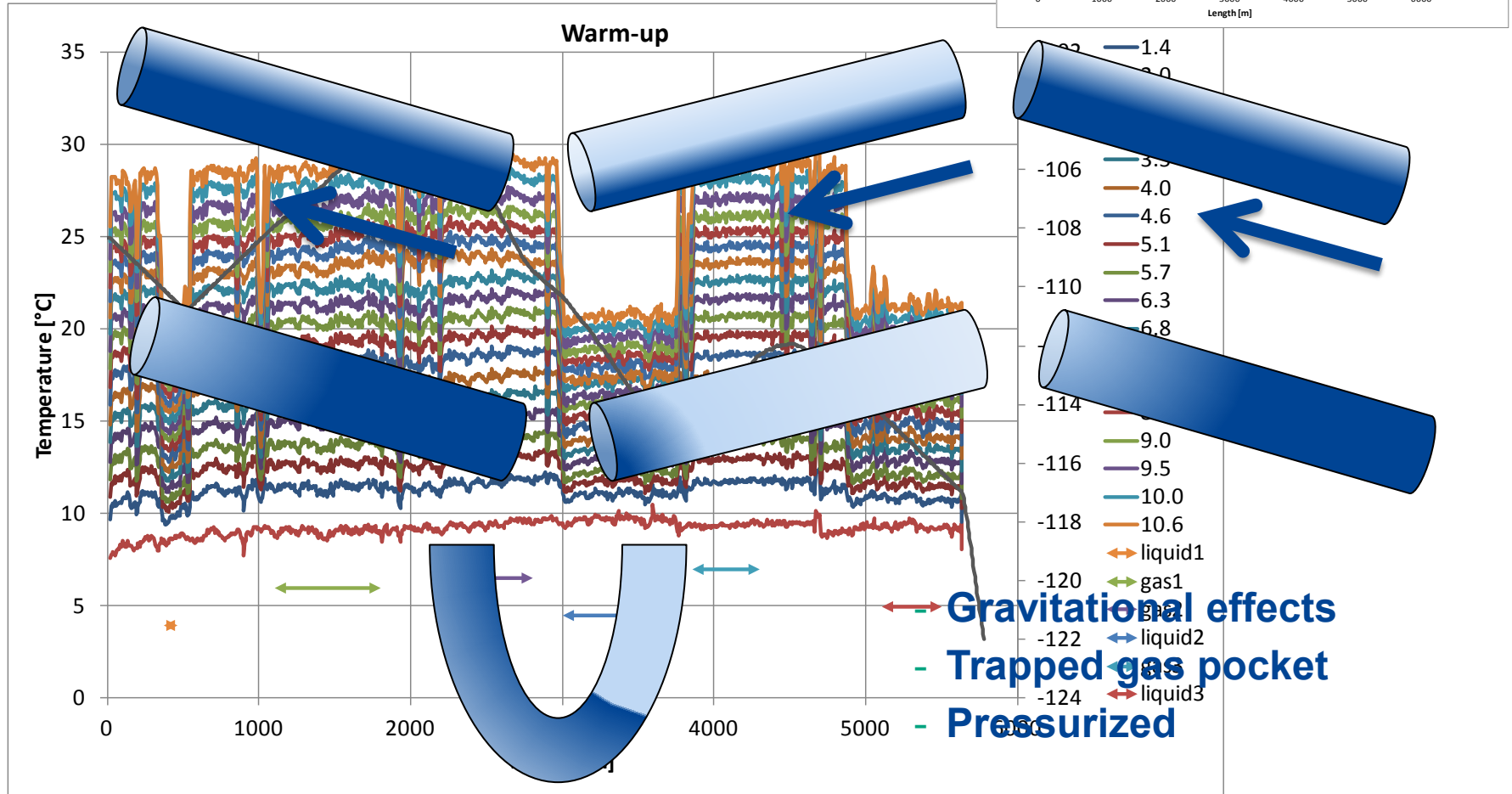
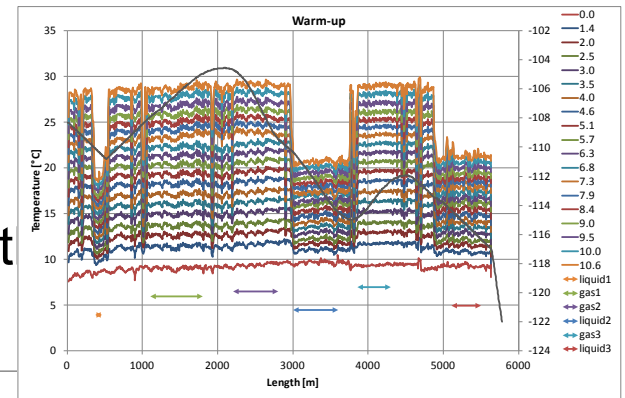
- Fluids characterization from temperature evolution

fluids	gas	0.8	1921
	water	998	4180
	methanol	796	2480
liquid	% methanol	$\rho$ [kg/m <sup>3</sup> ]	C <sub>p</sub> [J/kg/K]
A	55%	887	3245
B	75%	846	2905
C	95%	806	2565



# FLUIDS INVENTORY

- Good estimation of the injected amount of met
- Asymmetry of liquid pocket



# CONCLUSION (TESTS)

- Challenging tests but successful!!!
  - Part of Alwyn Area Summer Shutdown offshore campaigns
- Equipment running well
  - Harsh connection
  - Partial loss of redundancy
- Flow assurance monitoring
  - Insulation performances
  - Liquid hold-up
  
- The tests have shown that the Islay Electrical Trace Heating is a robust system that has maintained its thermal performance over time and is now ready to be deployed elsewhere in the Total Group.

## CONCLUSIONS (TECHNOLOGY)

- ETH PIP as a power-efficient alternative to DEH
- High qualification level allowing to consider this technology for new development
- Good involvement of Technip & Subsea 7
- Correct level of competition between two or more contractors
- Recommended technology to other operators!!!

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