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## Herrenknecht E-Power Pipe®

Jet Pump Technology for long-distance drives in small diameters.

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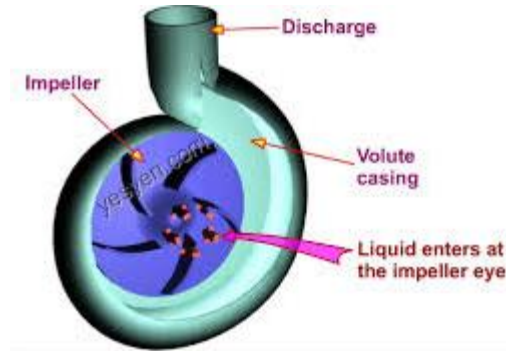


# New Jet Pump Technology in Microtunnelling.

## Why? – Pumping principles.

### Working Principle

#### Rotary Pump



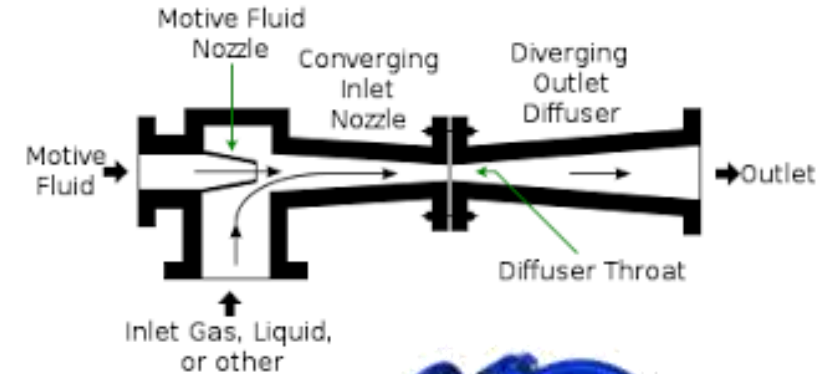
### Execution example



### Characteristics

- ▶ Design size
- ▶ Separate power unit
- ▶ Moving/rotating parts

#### Jet Pump



- ▶ Small compact size
- ▶ No power unit
- ▶ No moving/rotating parts

# New Jet Pump Technology in Microtunnelling.

## Why? – Pumping principles.

2010

- ▶ First test with jet pumps (student study)



2012

- ▶ Further test with high pressure jet pumps on Herrenknecht plant



2014

- ▶ Test plant for HDD down hole jet pump

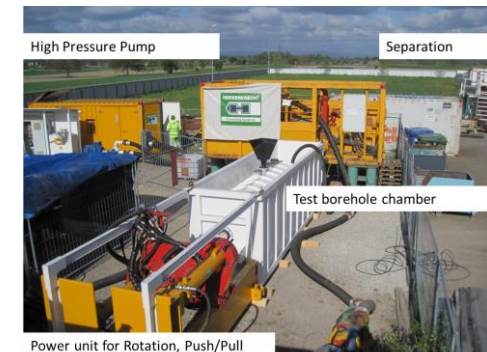


2016

- ▶ First pilot in HDD down hole tool
- ▶ First pilot test in AVN machine

2017

- ▶ First AVNS machine for E-PowerPipe

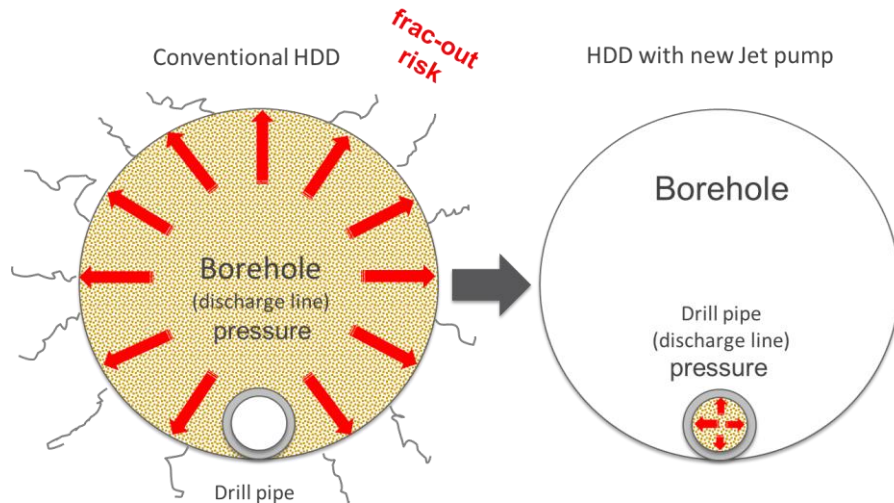
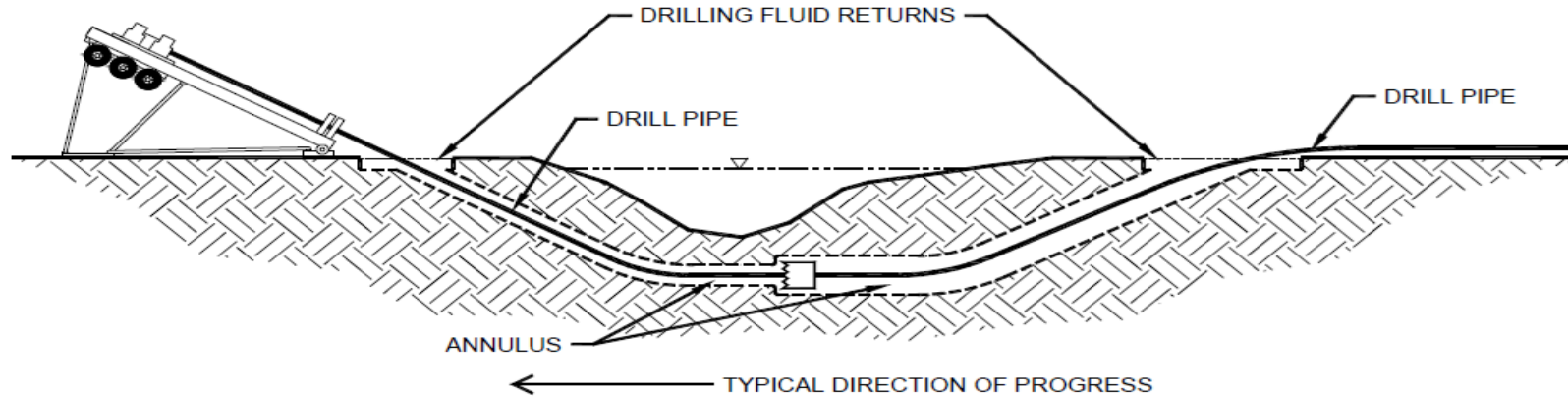


2018

- ▶ Jet pump standard tool for HDD and microtunnelling



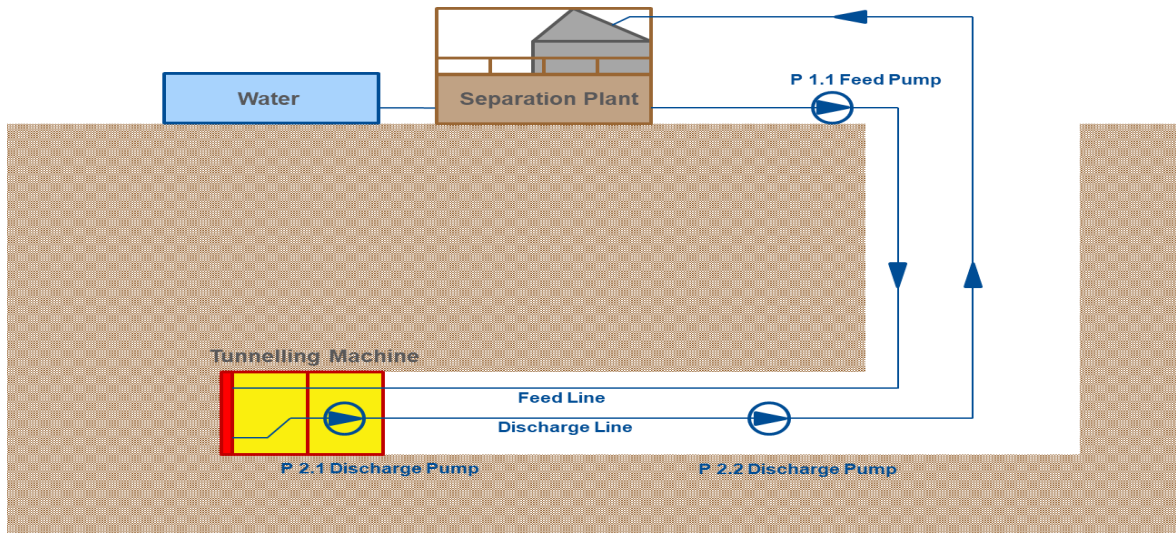
# New Jet Pump Technology in Microtunnelling. First Application – New HDD working principle.



- ▶ **Min. Borehole diameter**  
20" (508 mm)
- ▶ **Mud- Flow**  
400 gal/min – 530 gal/min (1500-2000 l/min)
- ▶ **Mud- Pressure**  
725 psi – 870 psi (50-60 bar )
- ▶ **Recycling capacity**  
792 – 924 gal/min (3000-3500 l/min )
- ▶ **Recommended Drill Pipes**  
6 5/8"

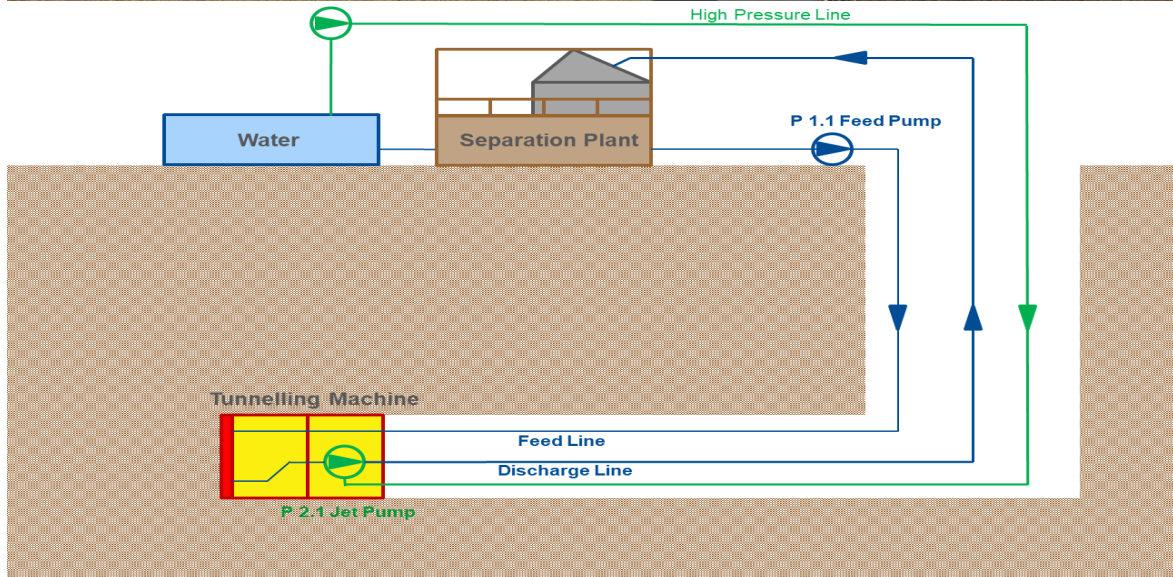


# New Jet Pump Technology in Microtunnelling. First Test in AVN700.





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Project: Sewer construction, Hannover, Germany  
Customer: Company Sonntag

- Machine: AVN 700 with jet pump in machine can no. 3
- Drive length: 120m (394 ft),
- Installation depth: 4.5m (15 ft)
- Geology: Sand, Clay





New Jet Pump Technology in Microtunnelling.  
Development of the New AVNS 350XB Microtunnelling Machine.

Jet Pump

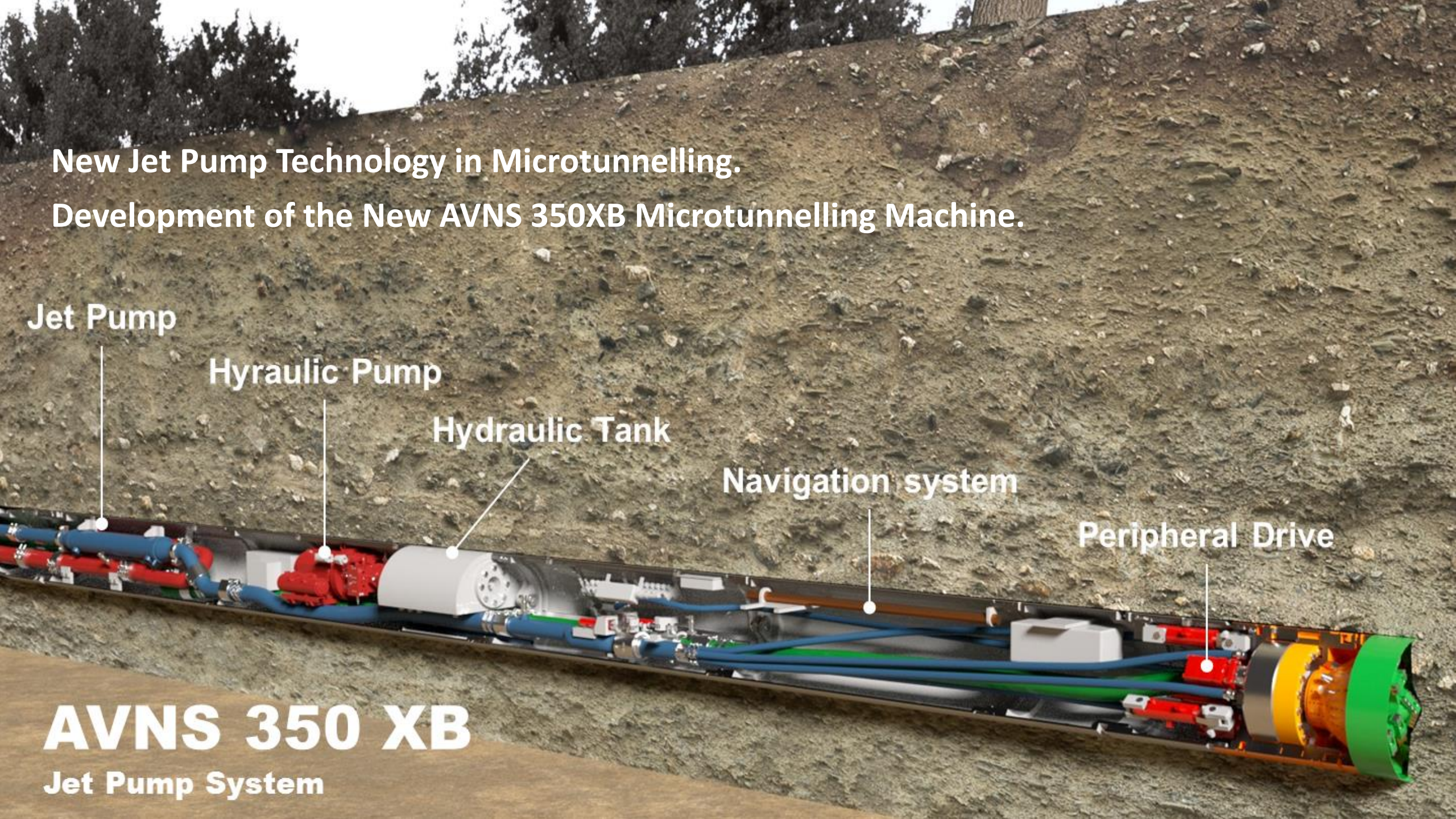
Hydraulic Pump

Hydraulic Tank

Navigation system

Peripheral Drive

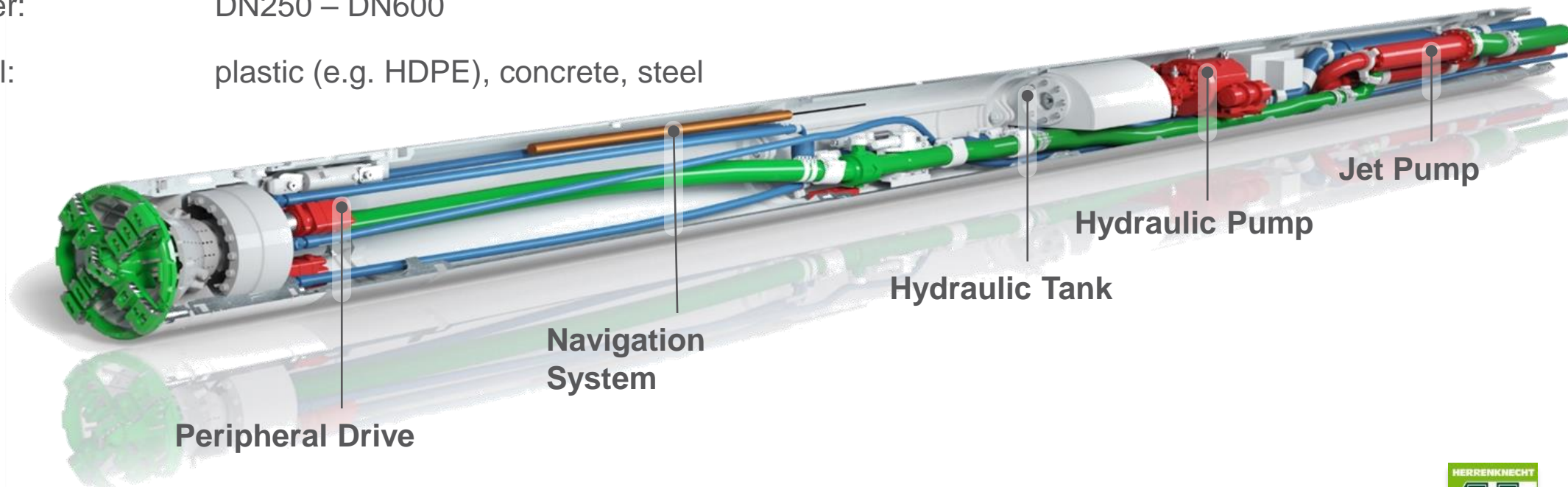
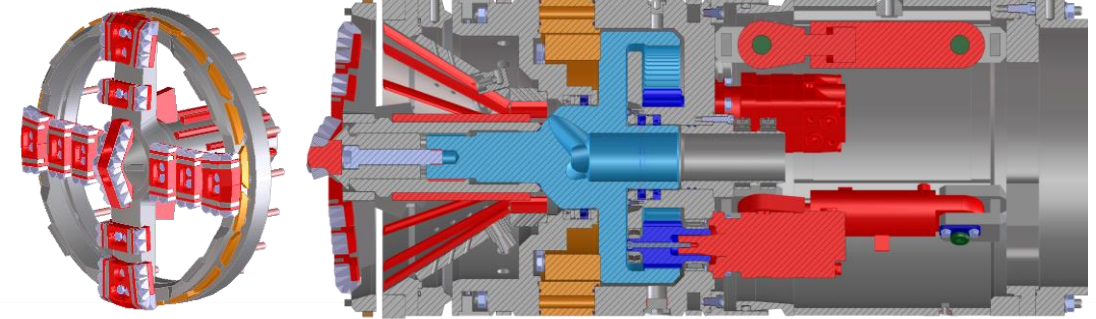
**AVNS 350 XB**  
Jet Pump System





# New AVNS 350XB Microtunnelling Machine. Capabilities.

- ▶ Drilling diameter: 500 – 800mm
- ▶ Drive length : >1.000m
- ▶ Drilling depth: >1,5m
- ▶ Pipe diameter: DN250 – DN600
- ▶ Pipe material: plastic (e.g. HDPE), concrete, steel





# Underground cable construction.

## Development of E-Power Pipe®.

- ▶ Intention to replace nuclear power plants by renewable energy until 2025.
- ▶ North – South connections (New DC lines) with underground cables
- ▶ 1.500 to 2,250km (900 – 1,600 mi.)
- ▶ Protests against overhead lines lead to trenchless technology.
- ▶ Commissioning of North-South connections in 2025

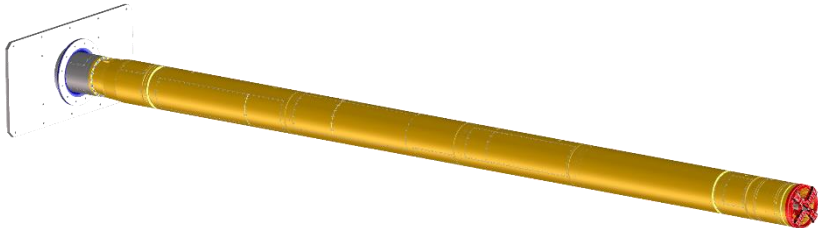


# Underground cable construction. Working principle.



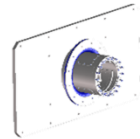
## Step 1

Steel pipe pilot from launch to reception shaft



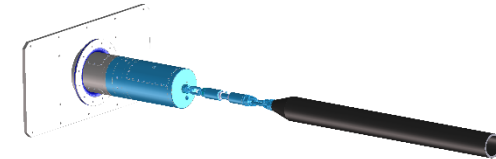
## Step 2

Remove of drilling machine and connecting pull-head and plastic pipes



## Step 3

Pull-back steel pilot pipes and pull-in of plastic pipes into borehole





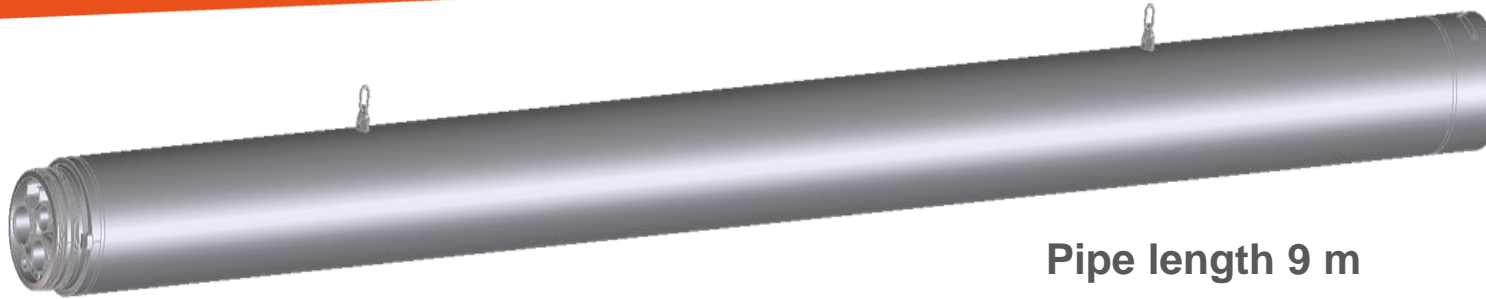
# Underground cable construction.

## Steel jacking pipes & coupling system - Improvements.

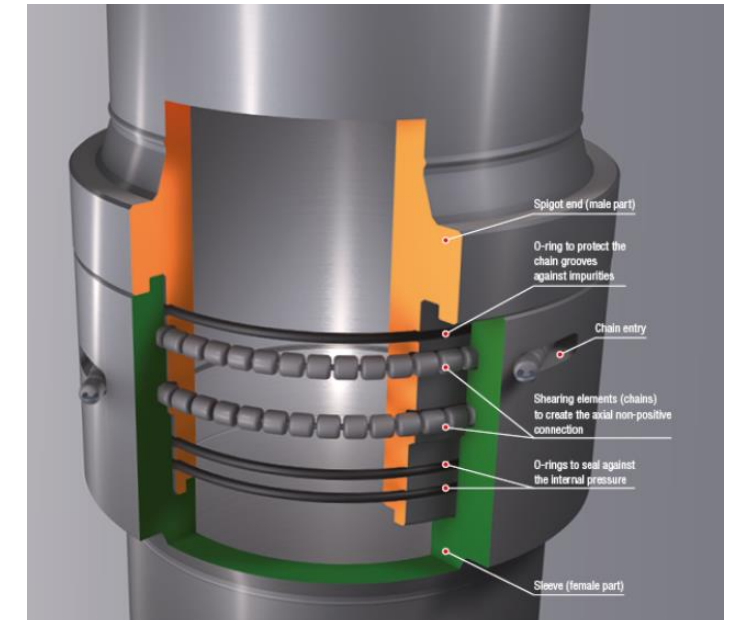
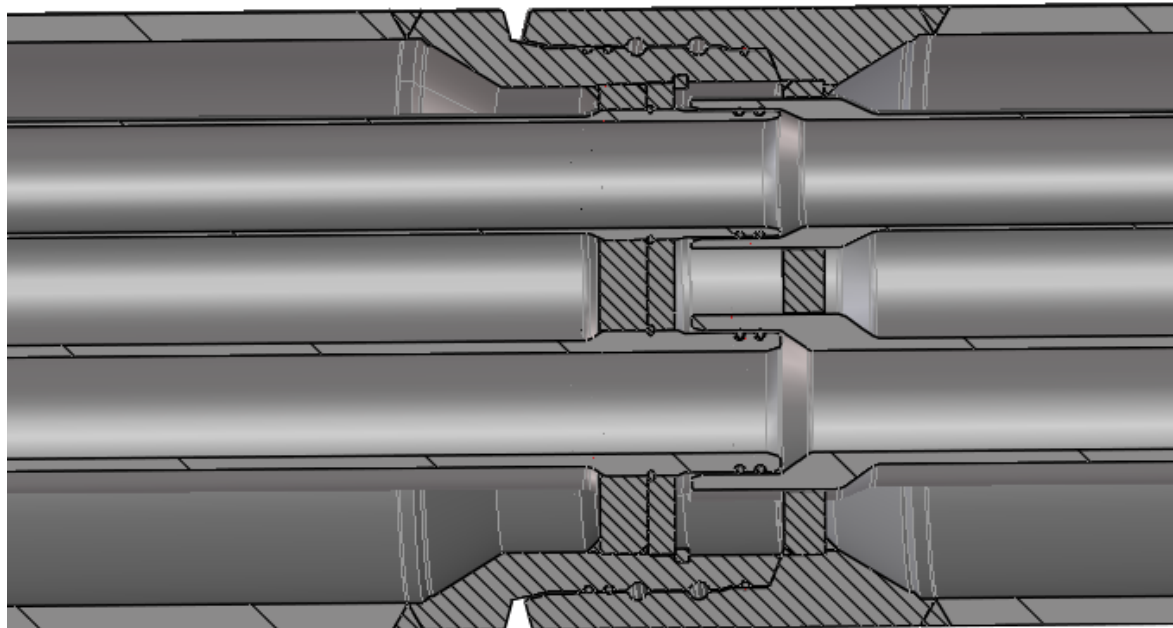


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**EPOWER PIPE**



Pipe length 9 m



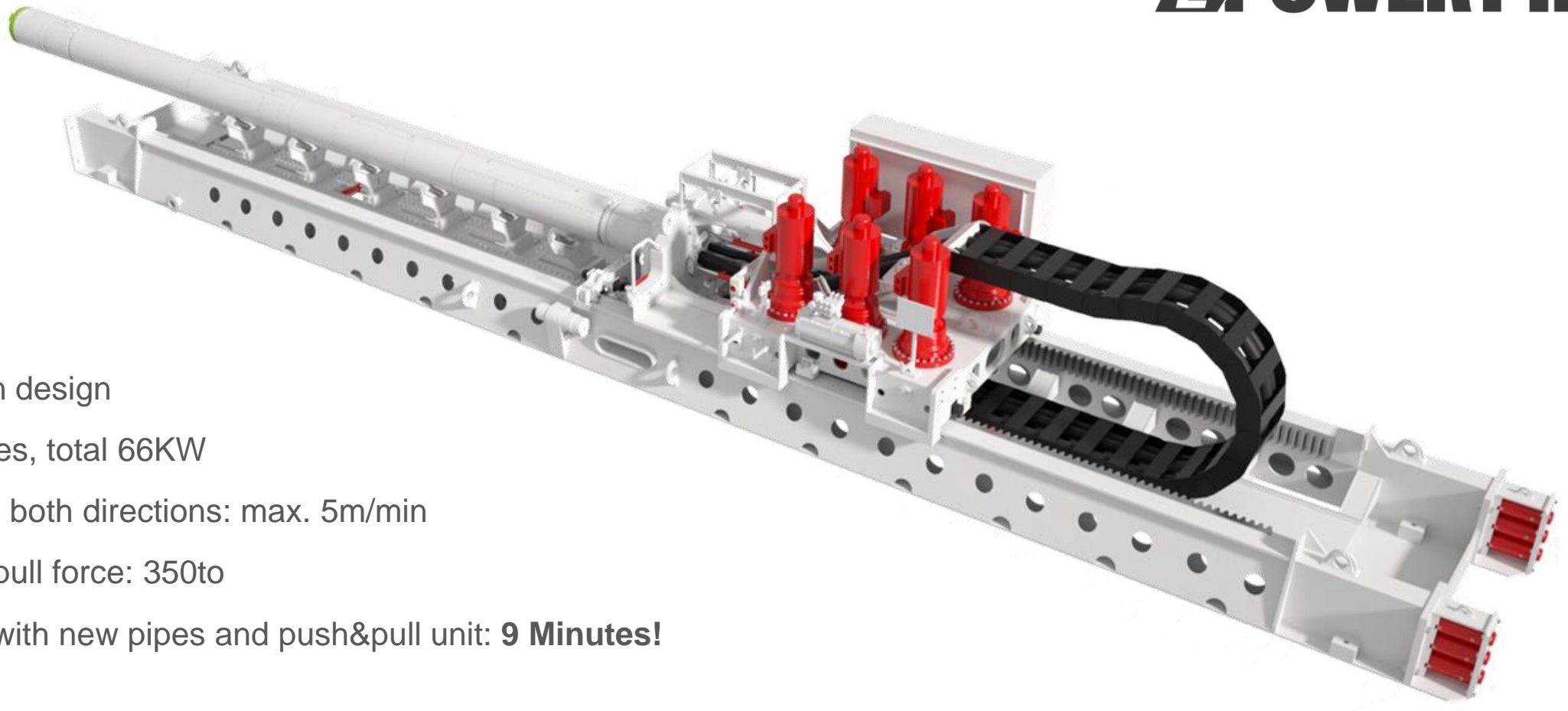
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## New Push & Pull unit.



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**EPOWER PIPE**



- ▶ Rack & Pinion design
- ▶ 6 electric drives, total 66KW
- ▶ High speed in both directions: max. 5m/min
- ▶ Max. push & pull force: 350to
- ▶ Pipe change with new pipes and push&pull unit: **9 Minutes!**









## Project 3: Location Bacharach, TSO Amprion

- ▶ Sections with 6 x ca. 700 m (total 4.200m)
- ▶ Curves R=500m.
- ▶ Geology: silt, sand, sticky clay, schist, bolder (quartz), iron ore
- ▶ Time window November 2018 till March 2019





# Project 3: Location Bacharach, TSO Amprion

November 2018 - March 2019



Drill-Line  
(~ 700m)

Jobsite (~ 25x40m)

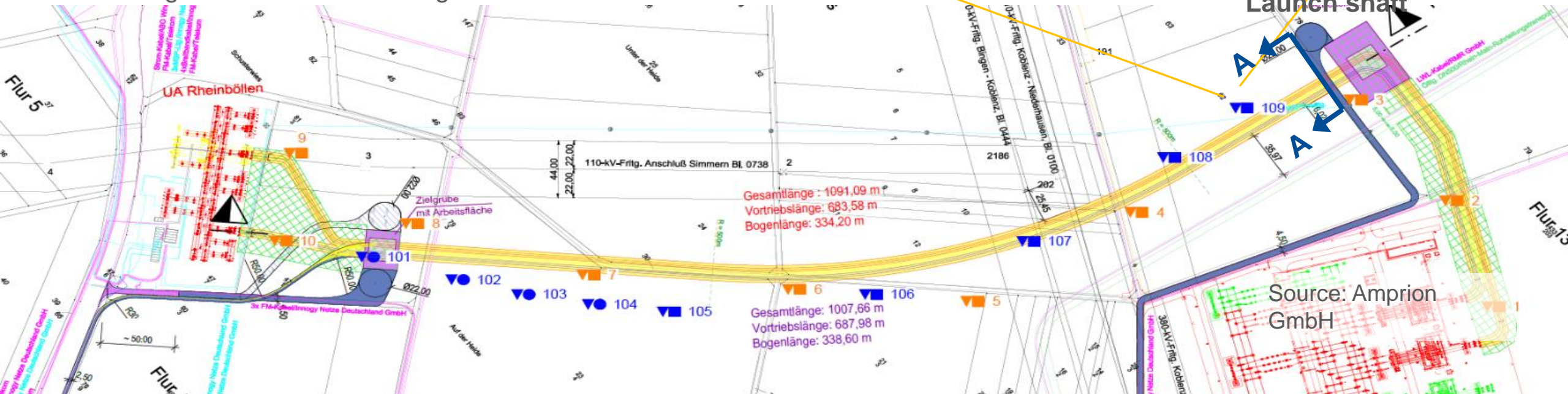
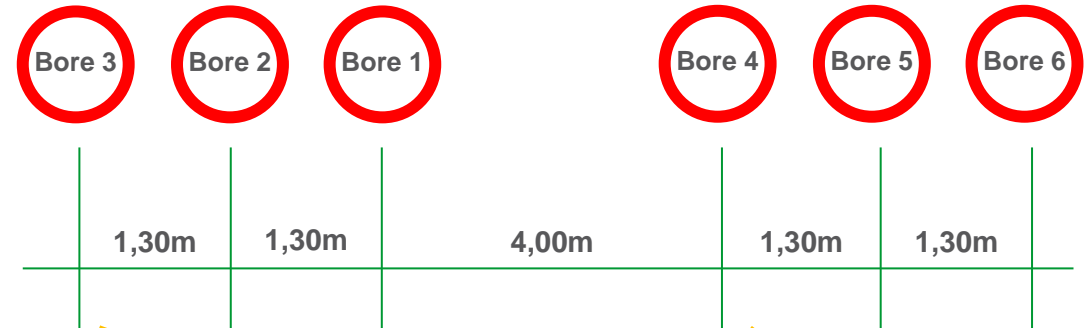


# Project 3: Location Bacharach, TSO Amprion

## Key facts.

- ▶ 6 bores of 688 m length each (total: 4.128 m)
- ▶ Average coverage of approx. 2 m
- ▶ Curve with a radius of 500 m
- ▶ Drilling downwards with a height difference of 17 m

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Source: Amprion GmbH





Jacking frame

Jacking pipes

AVNS 350XB

Open trench installation

Separation plant

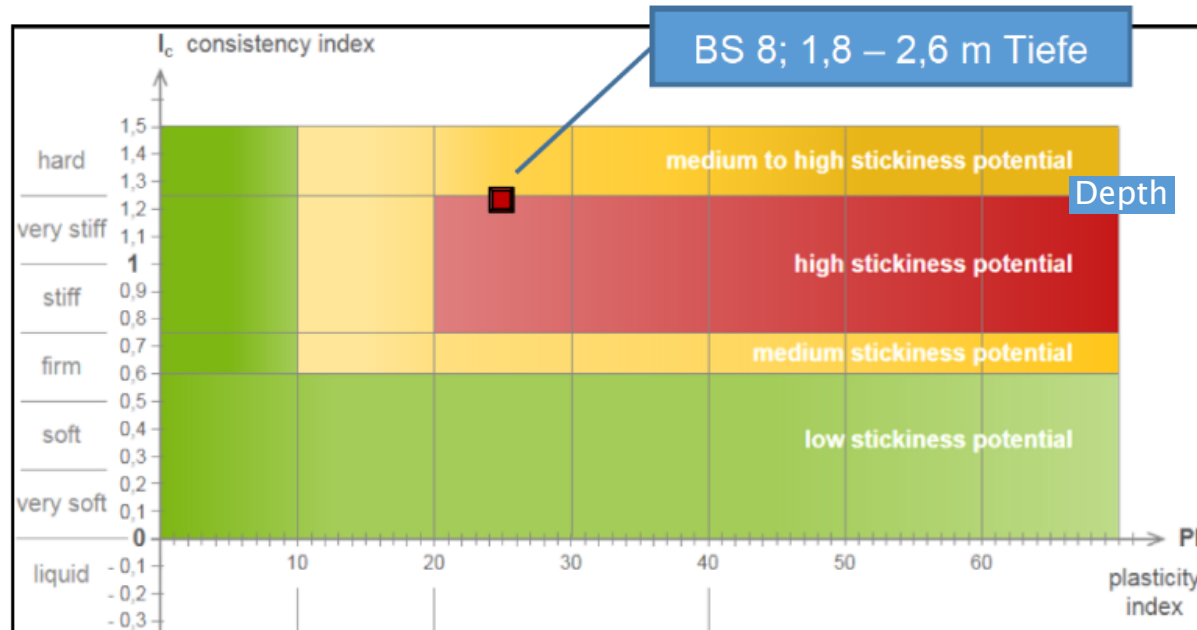
Bentonite mixing unit

HD-bentonite pump



## Project 3: Location Bacharach, TSO Amprion Ground conditions.

- ▶ Schist with clay and quartzite inclusions
- ▶ No groundwater
- ▶ Medium to high stickiness potential → high pressure nozzles needed





## Project 3: Location Bacharach, TSO Amprion Cutting wheel.

- ▶ New external cutting wheel design for the second drive
  - ▶ Small annulus
  - ▶ Good torque transmission into the ground → no more rolling
  - ▶ Aggressive cutting tools
  - ▶ High advance rate even in soft soil
  - ▶ Able to drill trough quartzite layers
  - ▶ No surch shafts needed



New external cutting wheel



Crushed quartzite stones by the new cutting wheel



# E-Power Pipe Project in Bacharach: Achievements

Bore 3

Bore 2

Bore 1

Bore 4

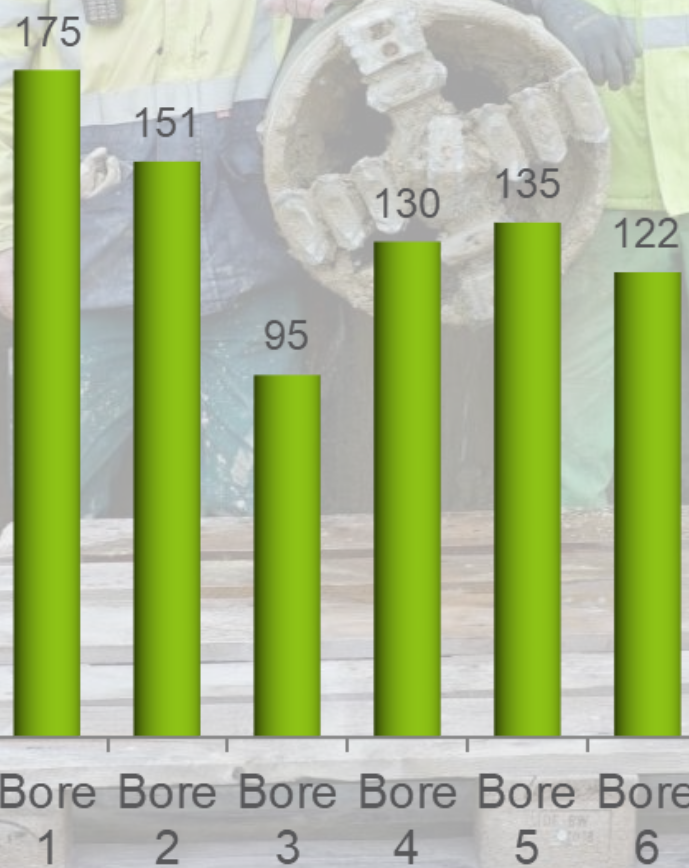
Bore 5

Bore 6

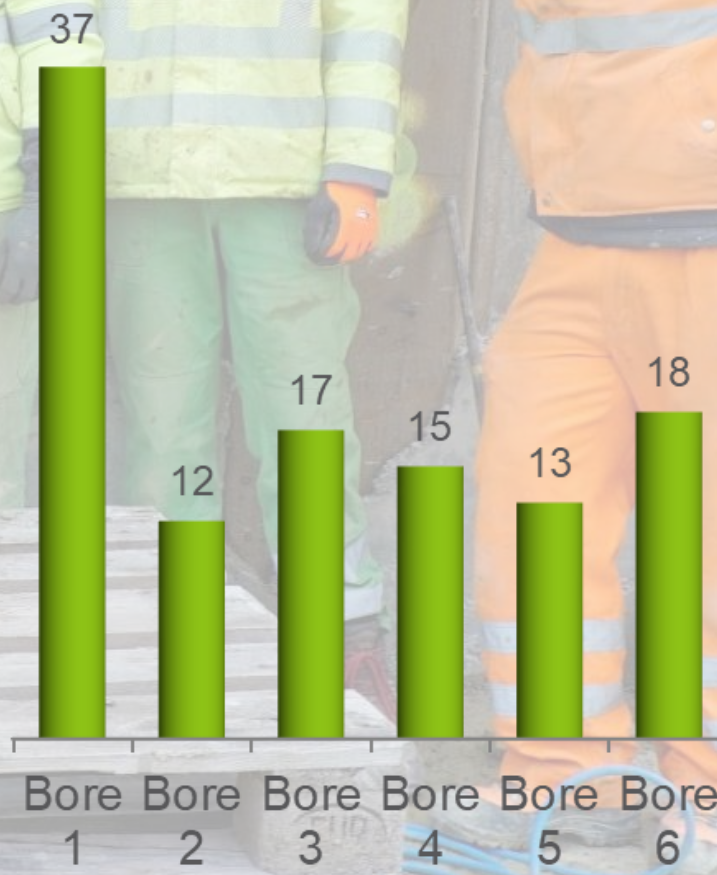
## Best daily performance m/day



## Average advance rate mm/min



## Days per drive





# E-Power Pipe®.

## Track record.







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