

introduction to
DNV-RP-F105 Free Spanning Pipelines

Introduction

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Historical Perspective - VIV

- 70ties**
- **Maximum allowable span length**
Implicitly assumes natural frequency f_0 controlled by free span length.
Do not account for free span scenario, loading phenomenon or environment
 - **Fatigue Criteria for In-line**
True ULS accounting for stress amplitude and number of cycles ($\eta=0.1$)
Arbitrary models and SN-curves applied. Effect of waves?
- 80ties**
- **Onset criteria for Cross-flow**
Cross-flow VIV not allowed. OK for “short” spans and current conditions
Do not account for stress ranges and time to failure if exceeded.
- 1998**
- **Fatigue Criteria for Cross-flow**
True FLS accounting for stress amplitude and number of cycles
Provides robust decision criteria.
Other failure modes may be governing (in-line fatigue, over-stress)

Historical Perspective - VIV

1998

- DNV Guideline (GL14)
'Free Spanning Pipelines'



Updated and released as

2002

- DNV Recommended Practice (RP-F105)
'Free Spanning Pipelines'

Free Span Assessment - Multidiscipline

- Environmental conditions
 - Flow conditions from combined wave and current
 - Local topography
- Loading Mechanism
 - Vortex Induced Vibration (in-line & cross-flow)
 - Direct wave loads & Proximity Effects
- Structural Response
 - Soil-pipe interaction
 - Non-linearities (geometrical, static/dynamic properties)
- Acceptance criteria
 - SN-approach (weld, defects, ...)



Basis for GL14/DNV-RP-F105

VIV Models based on experience from R&D projects & pipeline design

- MULTISPAN Project (1994-1996)
 - Response Model for In-line VIV
 - On-set criteria for cross-flow
 - Reliability based calibration
- GUDESP PROJECT (1989-1994)
 - Cross-flow Response model
 - Effect of Waves
- Research projects
 - SVS full scale test
 - MASPUS lab test
- DHI/Statoil study

- Allows for state-of-the-art fatigue analyses
- Links in-line VIV and wave loads
- Allows cross-flow vibrations
- Safety philosophy in compliance with DNV-OS-F101
- Introduces consistent link between analysis models and safety factor(s)
- Applied in numerous projects in
 - North Sea
 - Persian Gulf
 - South East Asia
 - GOM

DNV GL 14 → DNV-RP-F105 - why update?

- Include experience feed-back from projects
- Include recent R&D effort:
 - Pipe in trench
 - VIV response model updates
 - Hydrodynamical coefficients
 - Structural response estimates
 - Soil stiffness
 - Force model (frequency domain)
 - Recommended SN curves
- Make it more user-friendly:
 - screening (on-set) criterion
 - make criteria and calculation methods more complete
 - restructure document



Failure Modes

Fatigue Limit State

.. accumulated damage from stress cycles caused by:

- Vortex Induced Vibrations (in-line & cross-flow) (RP-F105)
- Direct Wave Loads (RP-F105)

Ultimate Limit State

.. over-stress (local buckling) due to:

- Static Bending (weight & current) (DNV OS-F101)
- VIV & Wave Loads (RP-F105)
- Pressure Effects (DNV OS-F101)
- Axial Force (DNV OS-F101)
- Trawl interference (GL 13)

Calculation Tool

- Free span assessment complex
- Require detailed knowledge in several disciplines:
 - hydrodynamics, VIV and load models
 - environmental conditions, long-term statistics
 - fatigue calculations
 - structural response incl. geotechnical aspects
- DNV-RP-F105 still complex (and difficult?) to use
- Need for a calculation tool to:
 - make it easier to apply the RP
 - enable a cost-efficient span assessment





Experience with DNV-RP-F105

- Slight relaxation compared to Guideline 14.
- Pipe-in-trench effect significant, relevant for free spans due to scouring.
- Effect of thick concrete coating significant.
- Updated boundary condition coefficients provides good estimates for the structural response of single free spans.
- DNV-RP-F105 allows significantly longer spans than older codes.

DNV-RP-F105 represents state-of-art in free span design and minimise the costs related to seabed correction and span intervention work.



API RP 1111 (1999)

4.4.3 Spans

The length of unsupported spans on an offshore pipeline should be controlled to avoid excessive loads or deformations in the pipeline.

4.4.3.1 Span Limitation Due to Weight, Pressure, and Temperature

Refer to 4.1.4 and 4.6.3 for the static loads and limits on combined loads in determining the span limitation due to its own weight, pressures, temperature, and primary longitudinal loading.

4.4.3.2 Span Limitation Due to Vortex Shedding

4.4.3.2.1 Spans exposed to transverse flow of seawater due to currents and waves are subject to a phenomenon commonly referred to as *vortex shedding*. This can cause the pipeline to oscillate as vortices alternately change the pressure above it and the pressure below it as they form and detach. Large amplitude oscillations may occur unless the natural frequency of the span is sufficiently greater than the frequency of vortex shedding.

M = approximate mass of pipe plus mass of water displaced by pipe, in kg/m (slugs/ft).

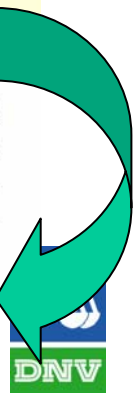
4.4.3.2.3 Comparison of frequencies obtained from these calculations should indicate the tendency of a span to oscillate because of vortex shedding. As with other stability calculations, determination of may be complex.

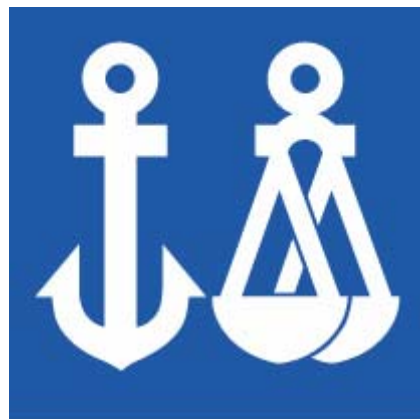
4.4.3.2.4 Both tension and axial stiffness affect the natural frequency. The tension and axial stiffness of the pipe may increase the natural frequency above that calculated by using equation 11. Span limitation due to vortex shedding should be based on the increased natural frequency due to the combined effect of tension and axial stiffness. Alternative methods such as finite element analysis can be employed to estimate structural response to the vortex shedding. More discussion on this subject can be found in the MIT thesis⁸ and the **DNV Guideline No. 14**.⁵

4.5 FATIGUE ANALYSIS

4.5.1 All pipeline components such as risers, unsupported free spans, welds, J-lay collars, buckle arrestors, and flex-joints, should be assessed for fatigue. Potential cyclic loading that can cause fatigue damage includes vortex-induced-

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