# Paris Session 2022



## Quality Assurance lessons learnt

SC B1 Insulated Cables – PS1-Q6

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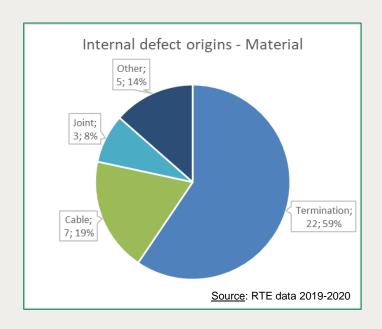
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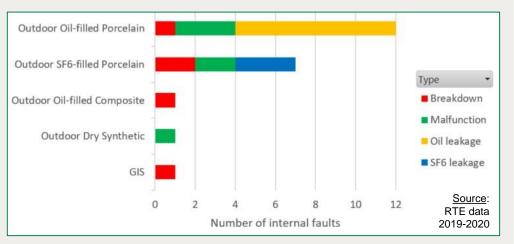
#### SC B1 - PS1-Q6

- Fault origins
  - External: works, vandalism, environment
  - Internal: production defects, bad installation
- Terminations: main origin of internal defects
  - 59% of the 37 internal defects are terminations
    - o 50% are leakages (oil and SF6)
    - o 50% are breakdowns and malfunctions

<u>Source</u>: French TSO's service experience data 2019-2020 (only polymeric insulated cables = 95% of French TSO's 's underground network asset)

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### SC B1 - PS1-Q6

- Quality Assurance
  - Cable system quality management
    - Qualification/Production/Installation
  - Preventive maintenance
    - Visual inspection, technical visits...
  - Curative maintenance

Weather effects on outdoor terminations

Application: terminations installed along the coast

o Lifetime: about 25 years only (instead of 40 years e

o Origins: corrosion, water tightness and chemical co

Introduction of a new pollution class "e-Very Heavy" in F

o High equivalent salinity: SES ≥ 112 kg/m3

Longer creepage distance: USCD = 53.7 mm/kV

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- Curative maintenance
  - Main issue: asset downtime mitigation after faults
  - Reliable and quick deployment solution
    - o 3 French TSO's jointer teams at national level
      - Trained and skilled in-house jointers
      - Training assured by cable manufacturers with their own products
    - Centralized warehouses at national level
      - Cables and accessories (joints, terminations, auxiliaries)
      - Internalized technical and logistics support to the maintenance teams
      - Externalized warehouse platform logistics



Repair joint installation