Inducement in ICT & SMC; Forex liquidity traps to hunt retail traders

Inducement in Forex and financial markets refers to a form of **market manipulation** by **large players** (including **institutional investors or "smart money"**).

Inducement in ICT & Smart Money Trading Strategies

This move is designed to **mislead traders** about the market's direction; in other words, **smart money lures retail traders or inexperienced participants** into positions **opposite to their actual intent**.

What is Inducement (Liquidity Inducement)?

In **Smart Money and** ICT trading Style, **Inducement Levels** are seen as **liquidity traps** designed to hunt **retail traders' stop-losses**. Many **new traders** enter trades at these levels, believing they are **optimal entry points**.

However, the price **moves against them** triggers **their stop-losses**, and then **returns to the intended direction**. This is why these zones are called **Inducement Levels (Liquidity Inducement)**.

Due to the **high volatility of the** Forex market, this concept is observed more frequently in Forex trading.

How Does Inducement Work?

To understand **how liquidity inducement operates**, traders must first grasp **the market structure**.

- In an uptrend, the market forms higher highs and higher lows. When the **previous high breaks**, a **new high forms**, and the price is expected to **pull back to the new low** and then continue upwards, breaking the latest high.
- In a downtrend, the market forms lower lows and lower highs. When the **previous low breaks**, the price is expected to **pull back to the new lower high**, then drop and break a new low, continuing the trend.

Among these levels, **only one point is the real reversal level**—the others are **Inducement Levels (Liquidity Traps)**.

These **trick traders into entering positions**, triggering **their stop-losses** before the market **continues in its primary direction**.

Formation of Higher Highs (HH) in a downtrend, trapping traders into expecting a reversal

Types of Inducement in Trading

Inducement can be categorized based on **how it forms on the chart**:

Inducement in Supply & Demand Zones

This type of **liquidity inducement** is common among **supply and demand traders**. It happens when **the price returns to a key supply or demand zone**, but instead of reversing, it **breaks through the zone** and **activates stop-losses**.

Immediately after this, the price **reverses back in the intended direction**. For example, in an **uptrend**, traders expect the price to **reverse from a demand zone after a pullback**, continuing the uptrend.

However, **the price breaks through the demand zone** instead of triggering their stop-losses before reversing.

Supply Zone Acting as an Inducement Level in SMC Trading

Inducement in Support & Resistance

Support and resistance levels are often **liquidity inducement zones**.

- When the price **approaches support**, traders expect it to **bounce upward**.
- When the price **approaches resistance**, traders expect it to **reverse downward**.

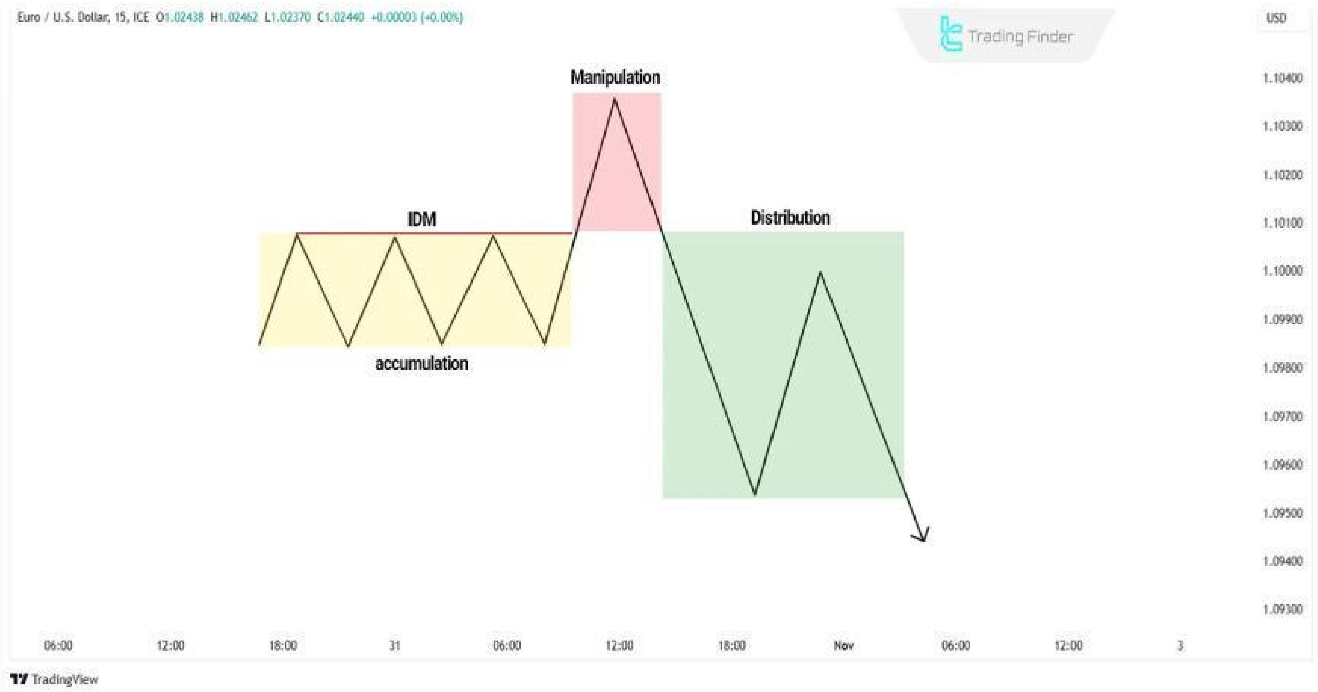
However, **instead of reversing**, these levels **become liquidity traps**, leading to **stop-loss hunts** followed by a **price reversal in the opposite direction**. This is known as **False Breakouts**.

Formation of Equal Highs (Resistance) Acting as Inducement Levels

Inducement in Ranging (Consolidation) Markets

Another form of **Inducement (IDM)** occurs when the price consolidates **between support and resistance levels**. Retail traders often **buy at support** and **sell at resistance**.

However, **these levels sometimes act as liquidity traps**. Price may **break one side of the range**, sweep liquidity, then **reverse and break the other**, collecting more liquidity.



Power of Three (AMD) Phases in Range Inducement

This pattern is also known as **"External-to-External Inducement."** Some traders call it **the Power of Three (Accumulation, Manipulation, Distribution).**

How to Identify Inducement in Charts?

Identifying **past inducement zones** is easier since **major breakouts often indicate past liquidity traps**. However, **spotting Inducement in real-time trading** is more challenging.

When traders recognize an **inducement move**, their **stop-losses may already be triggered**. However, some **effective methods** to identify **liquidity inducement** include:

1. Observing Order Flow

In higher timeframes, analyze **order flow direction**.

- **If the order flow is bearish**, any **bullish move in lower timeframes** could be **Inducement**.
- **If the order flow is bullish**, any **bearish move in lower timeframes** could be **Inducement**.

2. Identifying Liquidity Pools

Inducement levels often **align with high-liquidity areas**. By spotting **liquidity pools**, traders can **identify inducement zones**.

3. First Pullback Rule

The **first pullback after a Break of Structure (BOS)** or **a support/resistance break** may be a **potential supply or demand zone**. However, this **first pullback** is **an inducement level** in many situations.

4. Premature Reversals

It might be an inducement level if the price **reverses at a weak level** rather than **a strong order block or breaker block**.

5. Extreme Volatility Zones

Supply and demand zones that experience **high volatility** may indicate **inducement levels**.

6. Premium & Discount Zones

Price typically makes deep pullbacks before continuing its trend. Understanding the depth of these pullbacks helps in identifying **inducement zones**.

- In an **uptrend**, the **upper half of the price move** is the **premium zone** (overpriced), while the **lower half** is the **discount zone** (underpriced).
- In a **downtrend**, the **lower half is premium** (expensive), and the **upper half is discount** (cheap).

- **Zones formed in the premium area** are more likely to be **inducement zones**, while deeper discount zones have **stronger trade levels**.

Only the Bullish Order Block in the Discount Zone is valid and the others are Inducement Levels

7. Understanding Fundamental Factors

Traders often become so focused on **technical analysis** that they overlook the impact of **fundamental factors** on long-term price movements. Understanding these fundamentals can help in recognizing **inducement zones** more effectively.

For example, if a **fundamental analysis** suggests that price is likely to **pull back or reverse**, you may identify multiple levels along the way as **inducement (IDM)** rather than valid turning points.

8. Experience and Trade Journaling

Ultimately, the most reliable way to **identify inducement (IDM) in Smart Money trading** is through **experience and trade journaling**. Small details can significantly influence trading decisions.

In the context of **liquidity inducement**, traders can only recognize **true inducement levels** after repeatedly making mistakes in those areas in the past. These are the very zones that act as **inducement traps**.

Limitations of Trading with Inducement

Trading **based on liquidity inducement (IDM)** is an advanced technique that comes with its own complexities. The key limitations include:

- **Uncertainty:** Inducement is a **psychological concept** based on **Smart Money's** expected manipulation and **stop-loss hunting**. There is **no concrete evidence** confirming it in every scenario.
- **Inducement Alone Cannot Be Traded: Inducement should not be used as a standalone trading strategy**—it primarily serves to identify liquidity zones and avoid being trapped by them.
- **Missed Trading Opportunities:** Overanalyzing **liquidity inducement** can lead to **missing high-quality trade setups**.

Inducement vs. Liquidity in Smart Money Concepts (SMC)

Both **Inducement and Liquidity** are key concepts in **Smart Money trading**, but they differ:

- **Liquidity** refers to **zones with stop orders**; Once triggered, the price **reverses back into the primary trend**.
- **Inducement** refers to **traps set by market manipulators**, encouraging traders to enter positions that **contribute to liquidity pools**.

Conclusion

Inducement in trading refers to **market manipulation by institutional players** to **trap retail traders** and **absorb liquidity**.

By understanding **Inducement**, traders can **avoid false setups** and **improve trade execution**. Identifying **liquidity pools, order flow, and key market structures** can help **recognize these traps**.

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