

#### **Evisive**Scan<sub>M</sub>

Microwave Scanning NDT



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#### **Microwave Definition**



Frequencies: 1.6-30 GHz Wavelengths: 187 - 10 mm <sub>Evisive</sub>

# Microwave inspection Principles of Operation

 Material under inspection is bathed in MW energy of an essentially constant frequency creating a series of standing waves in the object



# **Principles of Operation**

Energy is reflected from each interface of differing relative permitivity within specimen

The boundary in this case is any change in relative permitivity (Commonly known as Dielctric Constant) o f the material.



#### Measurement Technique

The reflected energy is measured and creates a resulting output voltage signal



#### Data Collection

The resulting voltage is sampled at discreet locations across sample to create an image



### Image Creation



# **MW Inspection Overview**

- Multiple generations of equipment in the field
- Mechanical inspection devices for:
  - HDPE butt fusion and electrofusion joints
  - HDPE, FRP pipes and vessels (up to 12 feet in diameter)
  - Rubber expansion joints
  - Fully battery operated and bluetooth data transfer inspection equipment
- Microwave Inspection accepted as a new technique in ASNT
- ASTM Standards under development
- Microwave represented in ASME BPVC working groups on HDPE

# Detectable Defect Types

- Disbonds & Lack of Fusion in HDPE Butt Fusion and Electrofusion Thermal Welds
- Foreign Material Inclusions
- Voids
- Moisture or other liquid contamination
- Mechanical damage
- Physical changes due to chemical attack

#### **Current Uses**

- Fiberglass Tanks and Pipes
  - Dow
  - Bayer
  - Borouge
  - Shell
- Fiberglass Armor
  - US Army (SBIR)
  - Kazak
- Reinforced Rubber Expansion Joints
  - Exelon
  - PSEG
  - FENOC
  - Wolf Creek
- Ceramic Materials
  - US Air Force (SBIR)
- HDPE Butt Fusion Joints
  - Axiall

# Work In Progress

- Enhanced imaging techniques using Narrow Band Synthetic Aperture Focusing Techniques (SAFT)
  - Allow specific depth location
  - Transition to Wide Band SAFT
  - Provide for 3D imaging (holographic) techniques

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# FIRST GENERATION LAB EQUIPMENT

#### Basic Equipment Setup



#### Laboratory Scan Table



#### Laboratory Scan Lathe



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# NEW GENERATION FIELD EQUIPMENT

#### Blue Tooth Hand Held



# Pipe Scanner



# Pipe with manufactured defects

# Pipe with erosion defects and insufficient glue

#### Inspection image of pipe





### Pipe with manufactured defects

Gray scale image showing interference pattern at erosion hole

**3D** rendering of pipe





### 3D Rotated view of part



### Fiberglass Panel



### Thickness determination





#### **MICROWAVE INSPECTION OF GFR**

#### Overloaded section of fiberglass boom

#### **Boom section**



#### **Inspection image**



# Internal erosion of pipe

Displaced structure caused by washout of resin matrix



Localized Pit

# Voiding at manufacture

#### **Boom with voiding**

#### Inspection image of boom



Voiding identified in inspection image

# Internal pipe hydrolysis

**Picture of pipe ID** 

#### Inspection image of pipe ID





Internal blistering identified in image

# Environmental degradation of furan pipe

#### Photo showing chemical attack



Inspection image of chemical attack



#### Degraded resin to right of line

#### Resin poor areas of pultruded panel



## Panel with various types of fod

Image focus changes based on relative position of the end of the antenna with respect to the material surface



Metal, paper, cloth FOD



#### **INSPECTION OF STEEL PIPE CORROSION BENEATH FIBERGLASS OVERWRAP**

#### **Corrosion Beneath Fiberglass Overwrap**



- In service inspection of steel pipe corrosion under insulation or overwraps.
- Condition monitoring of pipe over time

#### Pipe Wrap with Artificial Defects



The wrap is hard fiber reinforced layer with mastic matrix and interlayer fill.

Scan image shows features in pipe surface, at pipe to wrap interface and in pipe wrap. Indications inclued artificial and unintended features



#### Pipe Wrap with Artificial Defects



Pipe wrap with artificial defects. The wrap is flexible fiber material with a resin matrix.

Microwave interference scan of pipe wrap showing features in pipe surface, at pipe to interface and in pipe wrap volume. Indications include artificial and unintended features.



#### **Clockspring Inspection**



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Section at x = 8 in.



Good Bond

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x = 18 in.



Corrosion/ Delamination at pipe surface

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Section at x = 29 in.







#### **THICKNESS MEASUREMENT**

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# Phase Plot



### **Calibration Panel**



# Phase & Magnitude Application



#### **Fiberglass Panel**



# Inspection Image



# **3D** Representation



#### **QUESTIONS?**



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