

# **WELCOME**

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# WELCOME

- I want to thank all the presenters and panelist for participating and the audience for coming.
- There is a lot of passion and energy regarding today's topics. I ask everyone to make all comments in a business like manner.



# PURPOSE

- PHMSA'S role is to ensure a safe, reliable and environmentally friendly pipeline transportation network
- We apply risk and leverage data to ensuring pipeline safety
- This meeting will assist PHMSA in data gathering efforts



# Purpose

- Move discussions on anomaly assessment and repair to a public forum
- Present research results
- Gather input on assessment and repair processes to provide guidance to regulators and industry
- Add clarity to expectations contained in regulations; in particular outside HCA's



# Impacts

- Safety
- Cost
- Operations and maintenance plans
- Research
- Transmission and distribution
- Gas and liquids operators



# Meeting Management

- Emergencies
- Quiet cell phones
- Please be on time
- Lunch options



# **AGENDA OVERVIEW**

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**PHMSA Director of**  
**Engineering &**  
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**October 22, 2008**



# AGENDA OVERVIEW

## BACKGROUND

- PHMSA and PRCI Contracted with Advantica to Study Reliability of Pf Calculation Methods
- Report Issued 10 October 2008
- [insert URL for download]





# AGENDA OVERVIEW

## BACKGROUND

- PHMSA has been in discussions with INGAA and natural gas operators on anomaly assessment and repair requirements
- Requirements developed for special permits, and we have worked to add clarity to PHMSA expectations outside of HCA's



# AGENDA OVERVIEW

## Today's Program

- Overview of the Advantica Study
  - Bryan Lethcoe, Advantica
  - Steve Stout, Cycla Corp.
- Industry Perspective: Anomaly Evaluation Issues and the Advantica Study
  - Terry Boss, INGAA



# AGENDA OVERVIEW

## Today's Program

- International Perspective
  - Rafael Mora, National Energy Board of Canada
- Anomaly Repair Panel Discussions
  - Tool Tolerances
  - Corrosion Growth Rates
  - Anomaly Repair and Evaluation
- Comments, Summary, Next Steps



# AGENDA OVERVIEW

## Key Questions

### Implications of the Advantica Study

- Do repair and evaluation strategies need to be changed for:
  - High strength steels (X60 and above)?
  - Anomaly depth  $\geq 60\%$  through wall?



# AGENDA OVERVIEW

## Key Questions

- What safety factors should be used in evaluating ILI results?
  - HCA
  - Non-HCA
  - Pipe operated under Special Permit
  - Class location change pipe



# AGENDA OVERVIEW

## Key Questions

- Are the following considerations being consistently applied to provide adequate safety margins?
  - tool tolerance
  - corrosion growth rate
  - external stresses
  - overpressure protection



# AGENDA OVERVIEW

Finally....

- Summarize at the end
- Presentations and comments will help shape our path forward



# AGENDA OVERVIEW

Next

- Overview of the Advantica Study





# EVALUATION OF ADVANTICA STUDY RESULTS

*A Review Of Methods  
for Assessing the  
Remaining Strength of  
Corroded Pipelines*

STEVE STOUT

OCTOBER 22, 2008



# PHMSA EVALUATION

## PURPOSE

- Evaluate ASME B31G, Mod B31G, and RSTRENG results reported by Advantica
- Evaluate expected reliability of B31G, Mod B31G, and RSTRENG
- Determine conditions more likely to produce non-conservative Pf
- Compare Case 1 vs. Case 2 Results



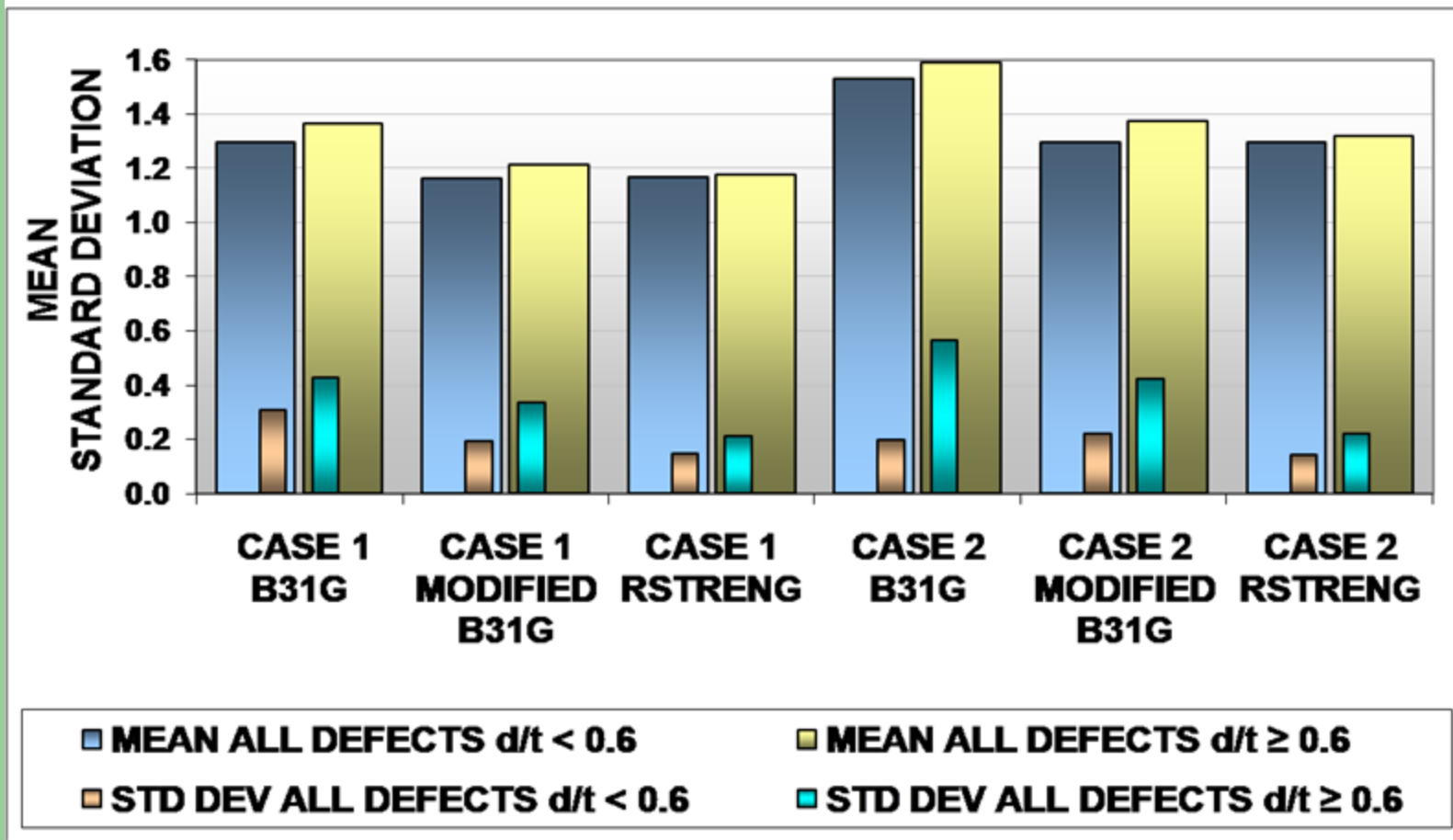
# PHMSA EVALUATION

## TARGET RELIABILITY

- Target for reliable prediction of conservative Pf
- Confidence level of 95%

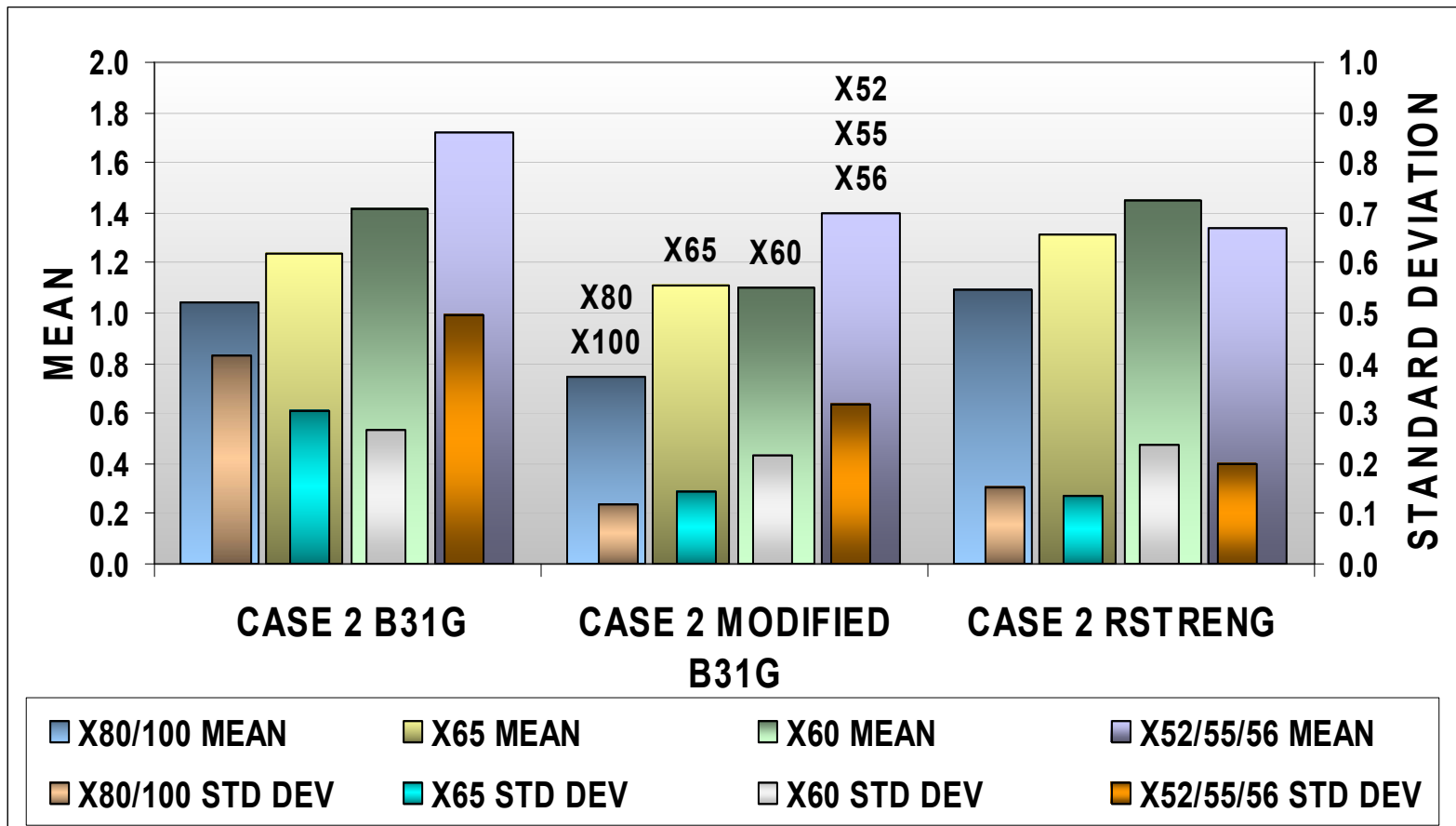


# MEAN OF Pa/Pf WITH STANDARD DEVIATION



# SAMPLE MEAN OF Pa/Pf WITH STANDARD DEVIATION

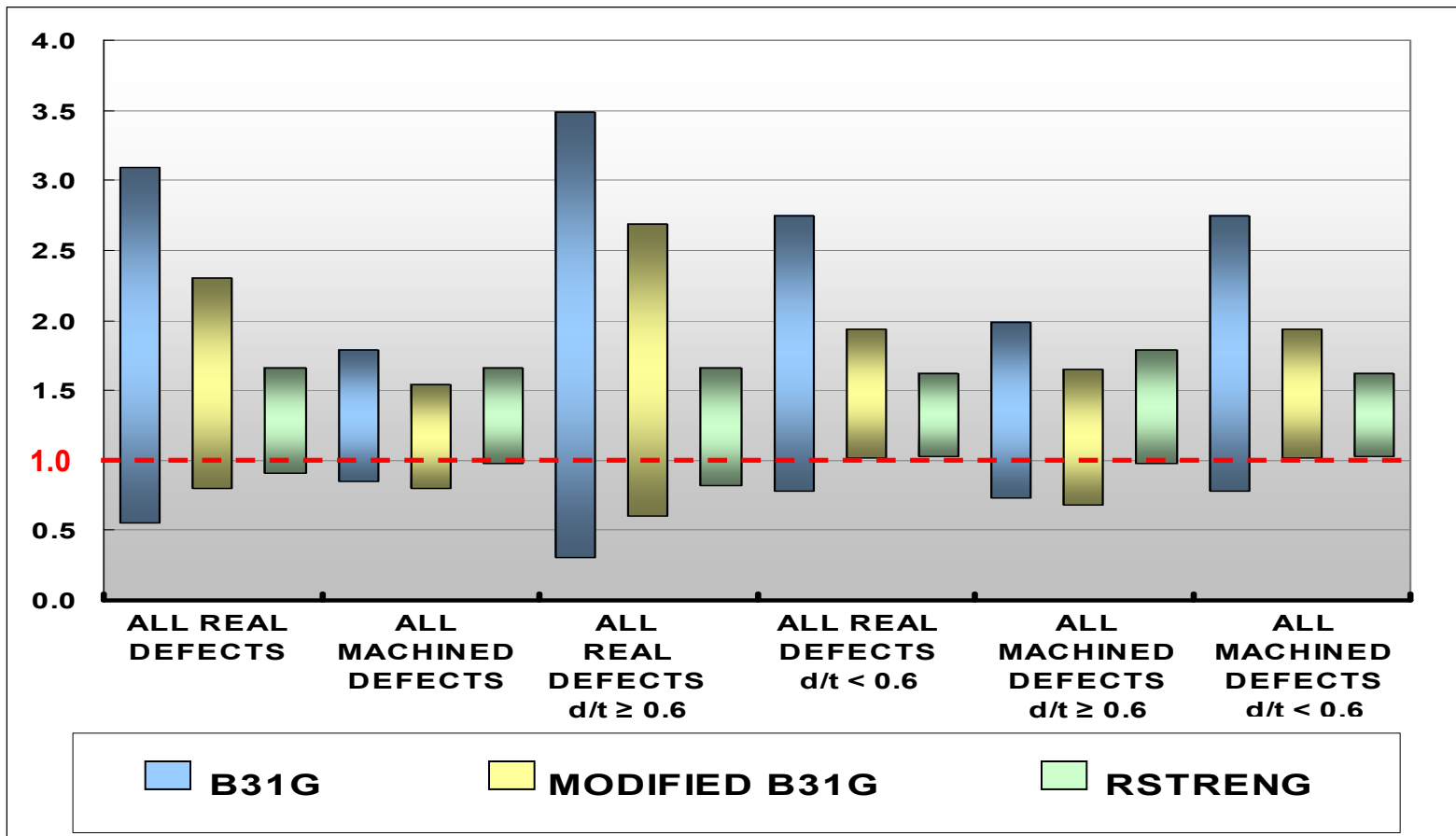
d/t ≥ 0.6 by Pipe Grade



# CASE 2

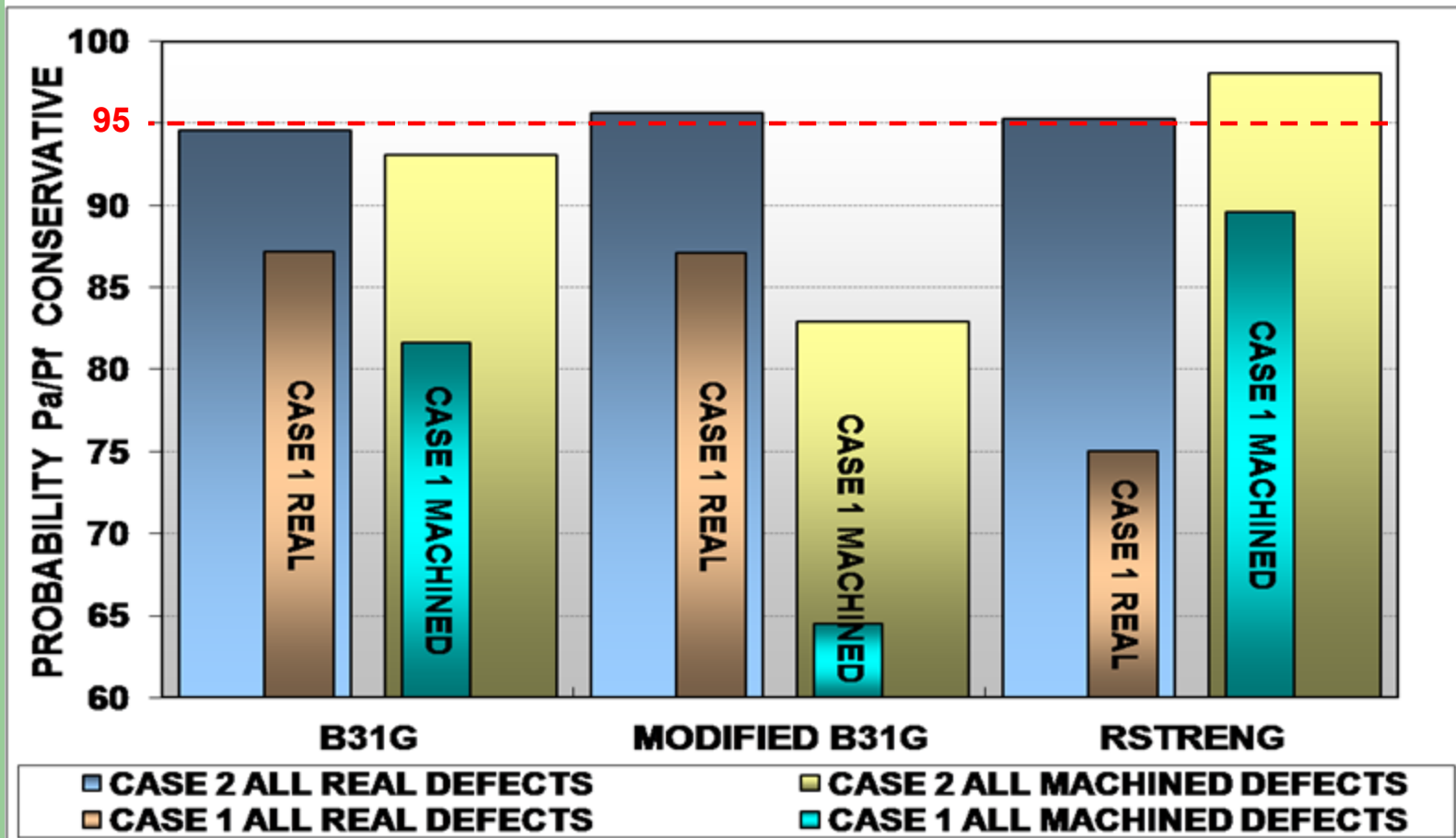
## RANGE OF Pa/Pf WITHIN TWO STANDARD DEVIATIONS OF THE MEAN

~ 95 % OF SAMPLE DATA POINTS



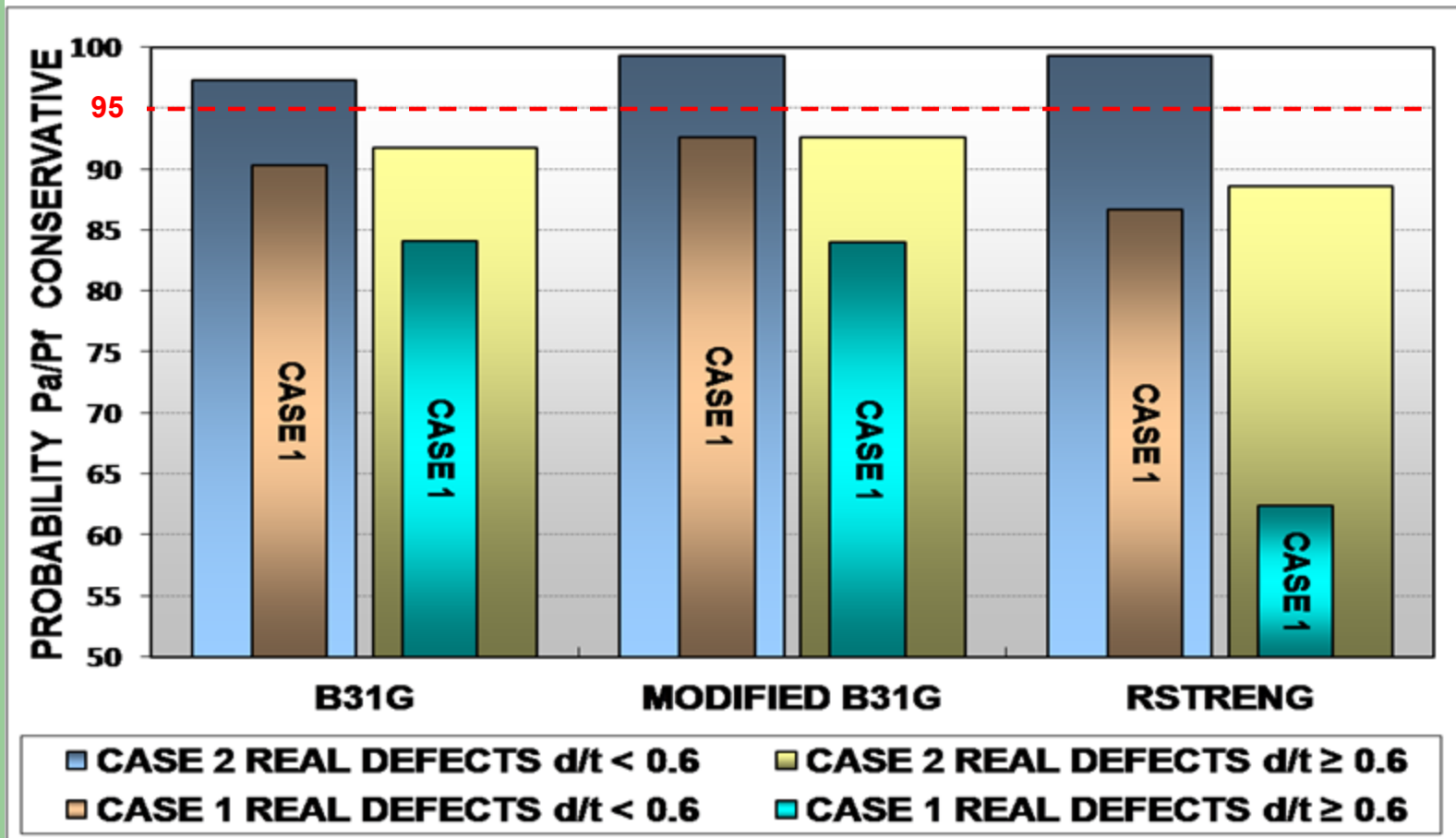
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## REAL vs. MACHINED



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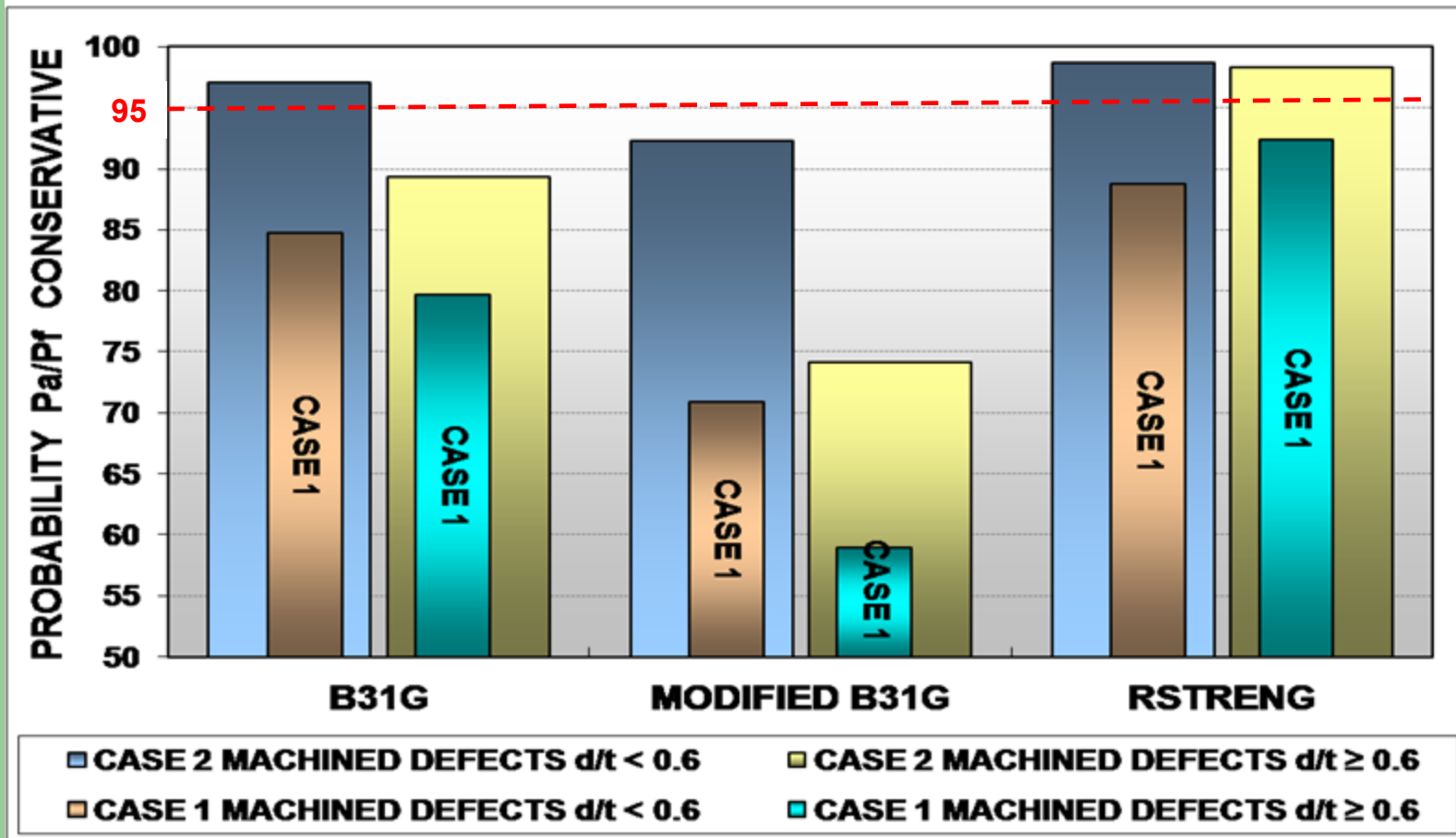
## REAL DEFECTS BY $d/t$





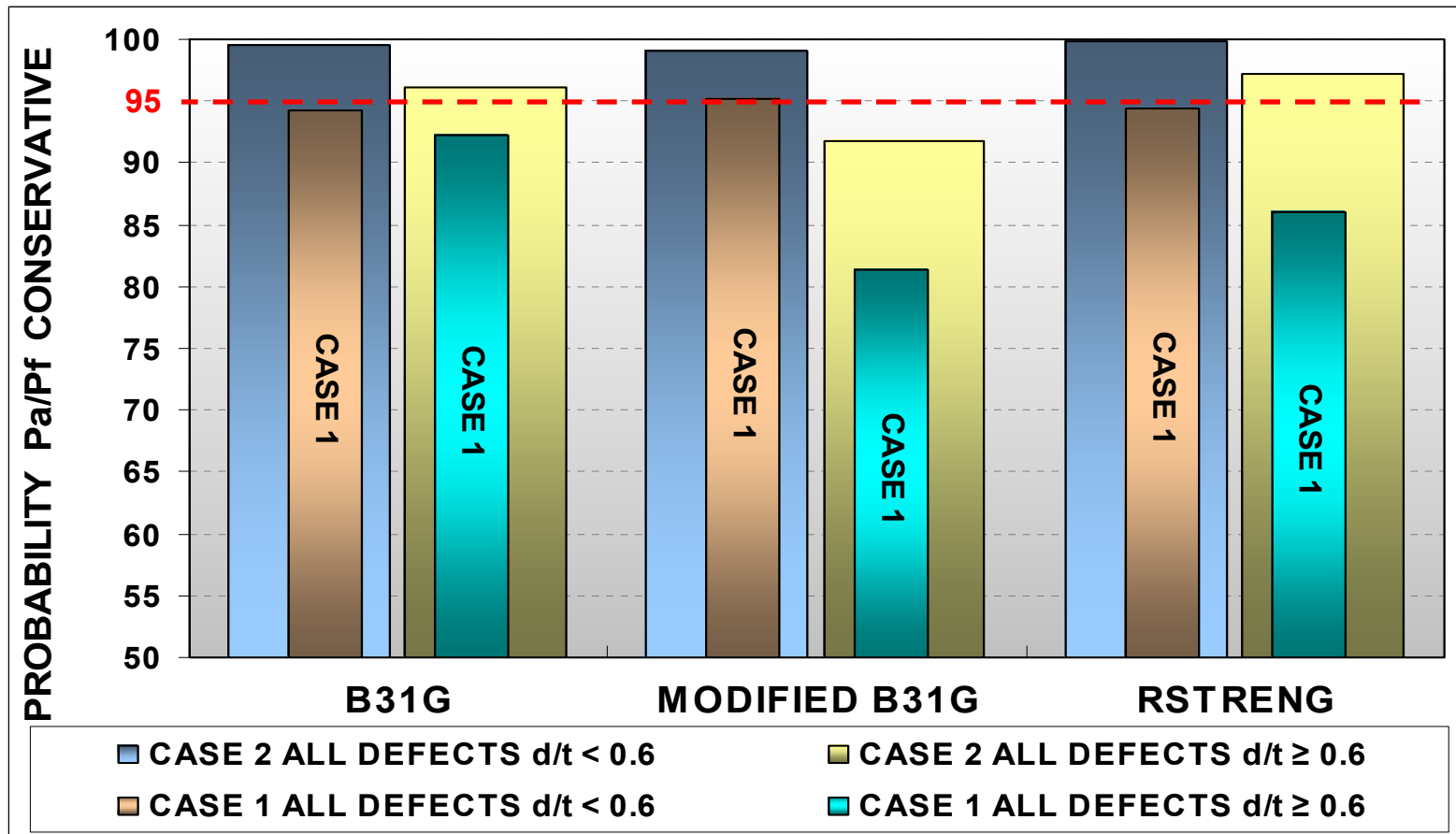
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## MACHINED DEFECTS BY $d/t$



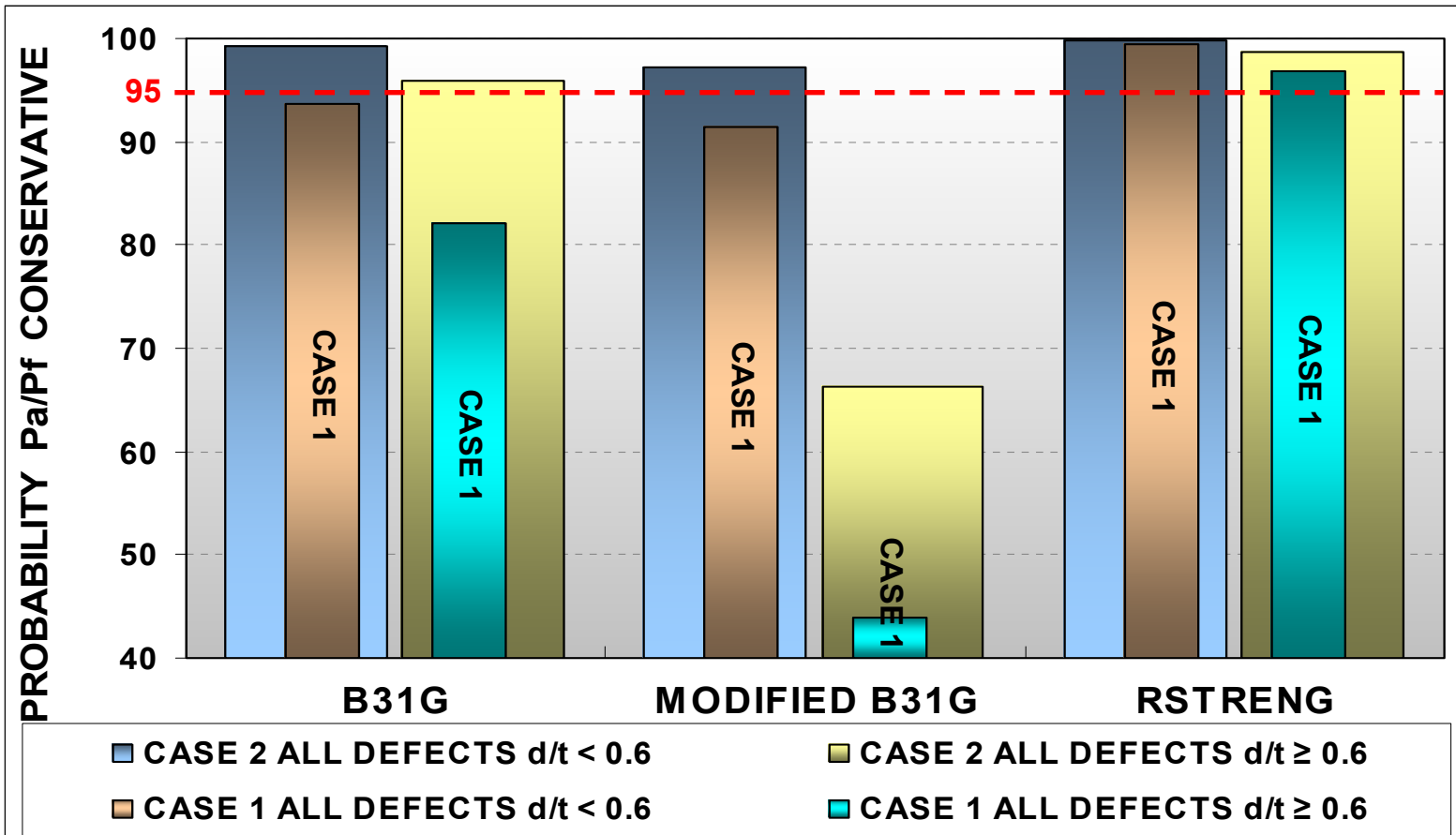
# PROBABILITY THAT $P_a/P_f$ IS CONSERVATIVE

## PIPEGRADES X52, X55, X56 BY DEFECT DEPTH



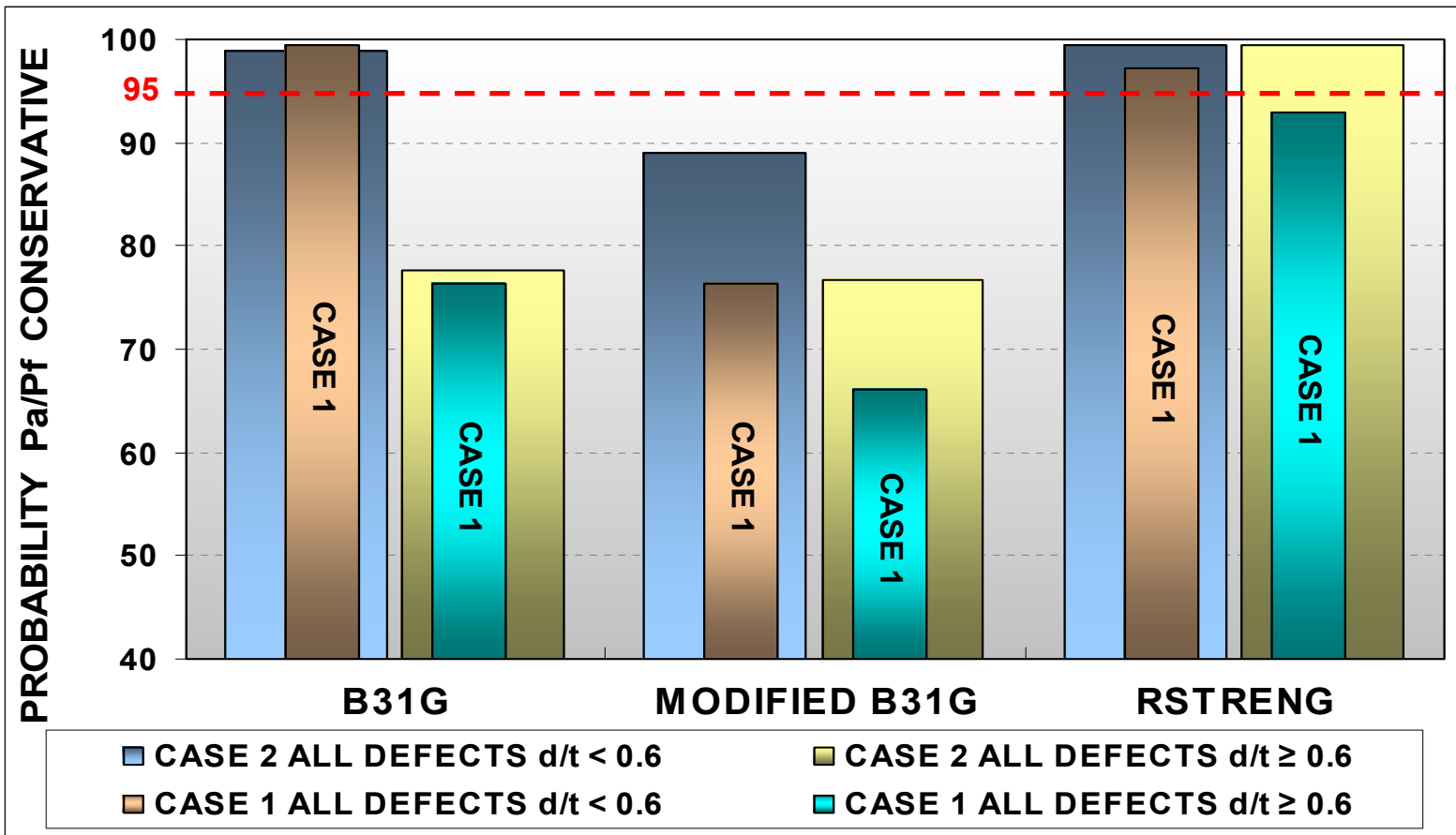
# PROBABILITY THAT $P_a/P_f$ IS CONSERVATIVE

## PIPEGRADE X60 BY DEFECT DEPTH



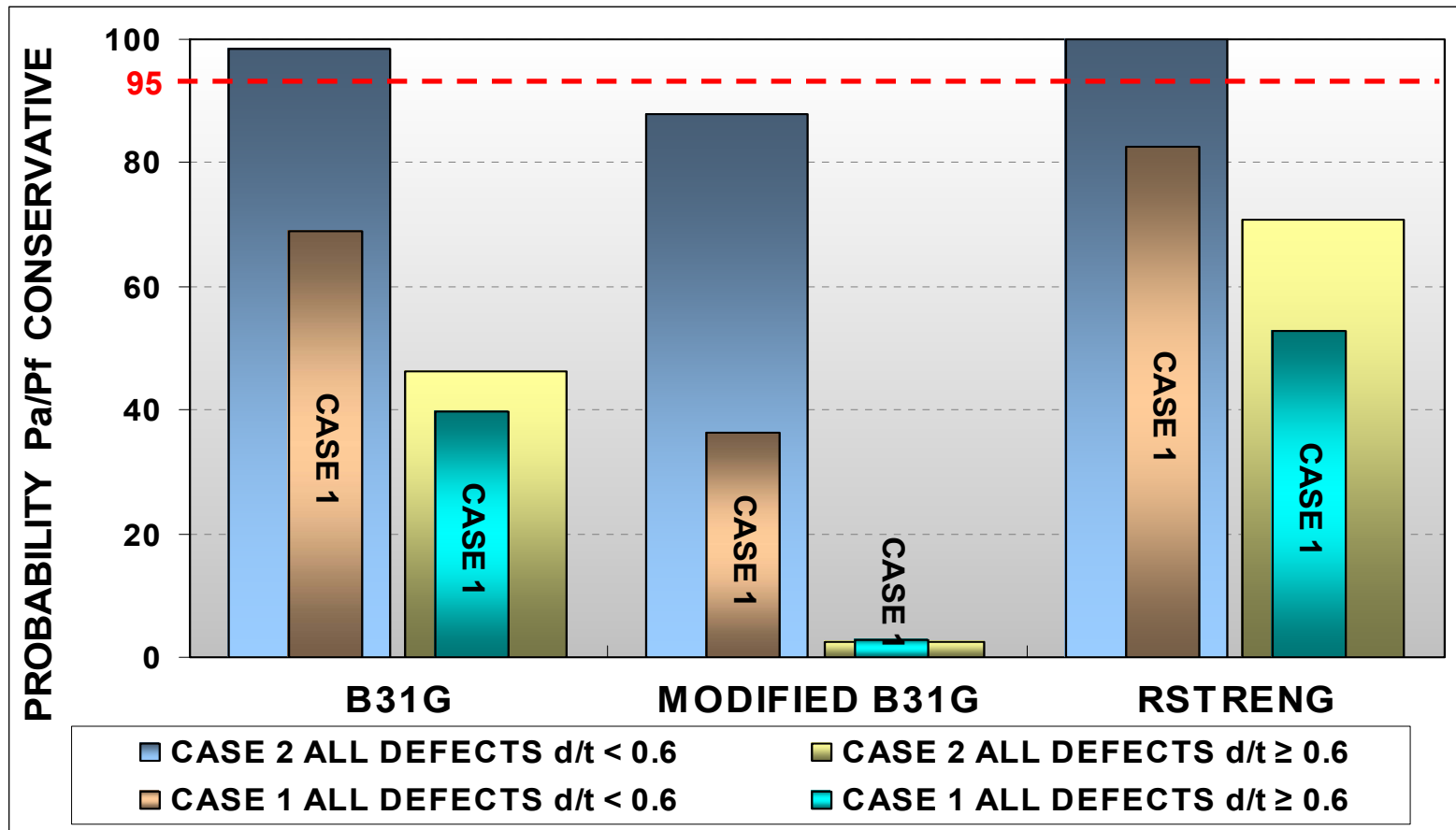
# PROBABILITY THAT $P_a/P_f$ IS CONSERVATIVE

## PIPEGRADE X65 BY DEFECT DEPTH



# PROBABILITY THAT $P_a/P_f$ IS CONSERVATIVE

## PIPEGRADES X80, X100 BY DEFECT DEPTH



MACHINED DEFECTS ONLY (NO DATA FOR REAL DEFECTS). ONLY 3 DATA PTS  $d/t \geq 0.6$



# PHMSA EVALUATION RESULTS

B31G, Modified B31G, and RSTRENG  
tend to give more frequent non-  
conservative results when

- Pipe Grade  $\geq$  X60
- $d/t \geq 0.6$



# PHMSA EVALUATION

## RESULTS

### METHODS TO CALCULATE CONSERVATIVE Pf WITH CONFIDENCE LEVEL ~ 95%

	X52/X55/X56	X60	X65	X80/X100
d/t < 0.6	B31G <sup>^</sup> MOD B31G <sup>^</sup> RSTRENG <sup>^</sup>	B31G* MOD B31G* RSTRENG <sup>^</sup>	B31G* RSTRENG*	B31G* RSTRENG*
d/t ≥ 0.6	B31G* MOD B31G <sup>^</sup> RSTRENG*	B31G* RSTRENG <sup>^</sup>	RSTRENG <sup>^</sup>	Incon- clusive



# INDUSTRY PERSPECTIVE

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**Terry Boss, INGAA**





# **INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE**

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**Rafael Mora**  
**NEB of Canada**



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# ILI TOOL TOLERANCE

**Consideration of Sizing  
Accuracy in Making  
Excavation and Repair  
Decisions**

**Chris Hoidal, PHMSA  
Moderator**



# ILI TOOL TOLERANCE PANEL DISCUSSION

- Panel
  - Chris Hoidal, PHMSA Western Region Director (Moderator)
  - Chris McLaren, PHMSA Southwest Region
  - Stephen Westwood (BJ Technologies)
  - Mark Stephens (CFER)
  - Sergio Limon-Tapia (Williams)
  - Chris Whitney (El Paso)



# IMPACT OF UNDER-CALLED DEFECT DIMENSIONS

- Accuracy of Pf depends on accuracy of predicted defect dimensions
- Typical MFL ILI tool sizing accuracy specifications (80 - 90% Confidence)
  - Depth:  $\pm 10\% t$
  - Length:  $\pm 0.8$  in



# ILI TOOL TOLERANCE PANEL DISCUSSION

- Panel to discuss prudent approaches to take sizing accuracy into account when making integrity-related decisions in response to ILI
- Techniques for considering sizing accuracy



# ILI TOOL TOLERANCE PANEL DISCUSSION

- Identify Circumstances Where Sizing Accuracy Most Critical
- Dealing with Over-called Defect Sizes and Unnecessary Digs



# ILI TOOL TOLERANCE PANEL DISCUSSION

- Discuss Practical Approaches
  - Add Tool Accuracy Spec to As-Called Defect Size
  - Comparison w/ As-found (Unity plots)
  - Statistical Approaches Such as Probability of Exceedance (POE)
  - Confirmation Digs
  - Comparison with Previous ILI Data





# **ILI TOOL TOLERANCE**

## **Panel Discussion**

**Consideration of  
Sizing Accuracy in  
Making Excavation  
and Repair Decisions**

**Chris McLaren,  
PHMSA, SW Region**



# ILI TOOL TOLERANCE Considerations

- ILI Contracts Should Address Tool Specifications
  - Likelihood of Detection
  - Sizing Accuracy
    - Length
    - Depth
    - Width
  - “River Bottom” Profile if RSTRENG Used for Pf



# ILI TOOL TOLERANCE Considerations

- Integrate Information and Data
  - Tool Sizing Accuracy Used in Conjunction with Other Sources of Error or Uncertainty
  - Assimilate and consider all known metadata when making excavation/repair decisions
  - Analyze Correlation Between Length and Depth Sizing Accuracy



# ILI TOOL TOLERANCE Considerations

- Sizing Accuracy Most Critical for Anomalies at or Near “Immediate” Criteria
- Assure All Actionable Defects Are Promptly Acted Upon
- To Assure Pipeline Integrity, Operators Must Account for Defect Sizing Accuracy
  - Defects Called Near 80% wt May Actually Be >80%
  - FPR Near MAOP May Actually Be Less Than MAOP



# ILI TOOL TOLERANCE Considerations

- Critique Tool Performance
- Adjust Integrity Decision Criteria Based on Verified Tool Performance
  - Confirmation Digs
  - Unity Plots
  - POE Analysis



# ILI TOOL TOLERANCE PANEL DISCUSSION

Individual Panelist Presentations



# ANOMALY REPAIRS

## TIME DEPENDENT THREATS – CORROSION

### Panel Q&A



# LUNCH





# **CORROSION GROWTH RATES**

Panel Discussion

**Consideration of  
Corrosion Growth in  
Making Excavation  
and Repair Decisions**

**Byron Coy, PHMSA  
Moderator**



# CORROSION GROWTH RATES PANEL DISCUSSION

- Panel
  - Byron Coy, PHMSA Eastern Region Director (Moderator)
  - Joe Mataich – PHMSA Southern Region
  - Oliver Moghissi - CC Technologies
  - Drew Hevle - El Paso
  - Kevin Spencer - GE PII
  - Shahani Kariyawasam – TransCanada



# CORROSION GROWTH RATES

## KEY TOPICS

- Calculating projected (future) defect length, width & depth (i.e., predicted size of defect at next planned assessment or at future time of scheduled repair)
- Selection of appropriate assumed corrosion growth rate when the actual corrosion growth rate is not known or cannot be reliably determined



# CORROSION GROWTH RATES

## KEY TOPICS (cont.)

- Determine inspection intervals
- Handling MIC and stray current / interference
- Influence of corrosion rates on available safety margin
- Handling time between as-found and repairs of CP systems (i.e., subtract time from inspection interval)



# **CORROSION GROWTH RATES**

## **Usage of Standards and Growth Rate Determination**

**NACE**

**ASME B31.8S**

**Other Standards**

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**Joe Mataich**

**PHMSA, Southern  
Region**



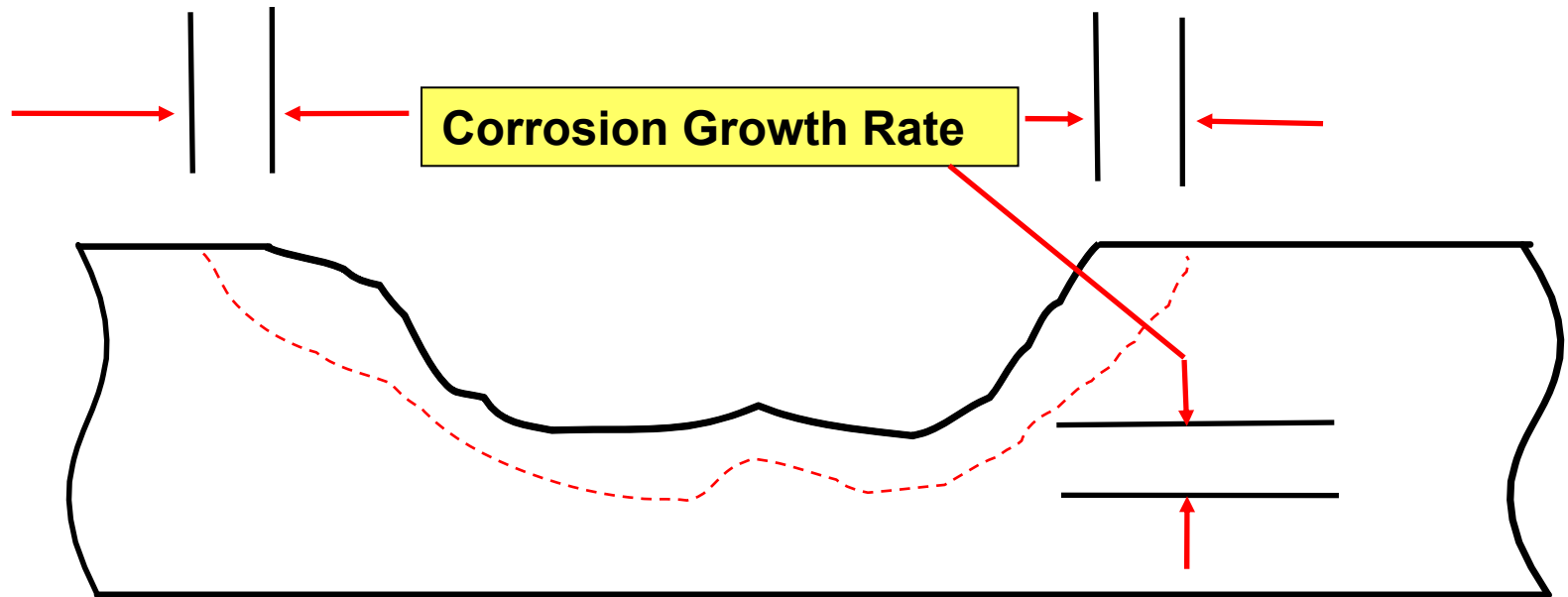
# FUTURE GROWTH RATE OF ANOMALY

- Calculate defect length, width & depth
- Determine inspection intervals
- Handling MIC and stray current / interference
- Safety factors of corrosion rates
- Handling time between as-found and repairs of CP systems (i.e., subtract time from inspection interval)



# ANOMALY REPAIRS

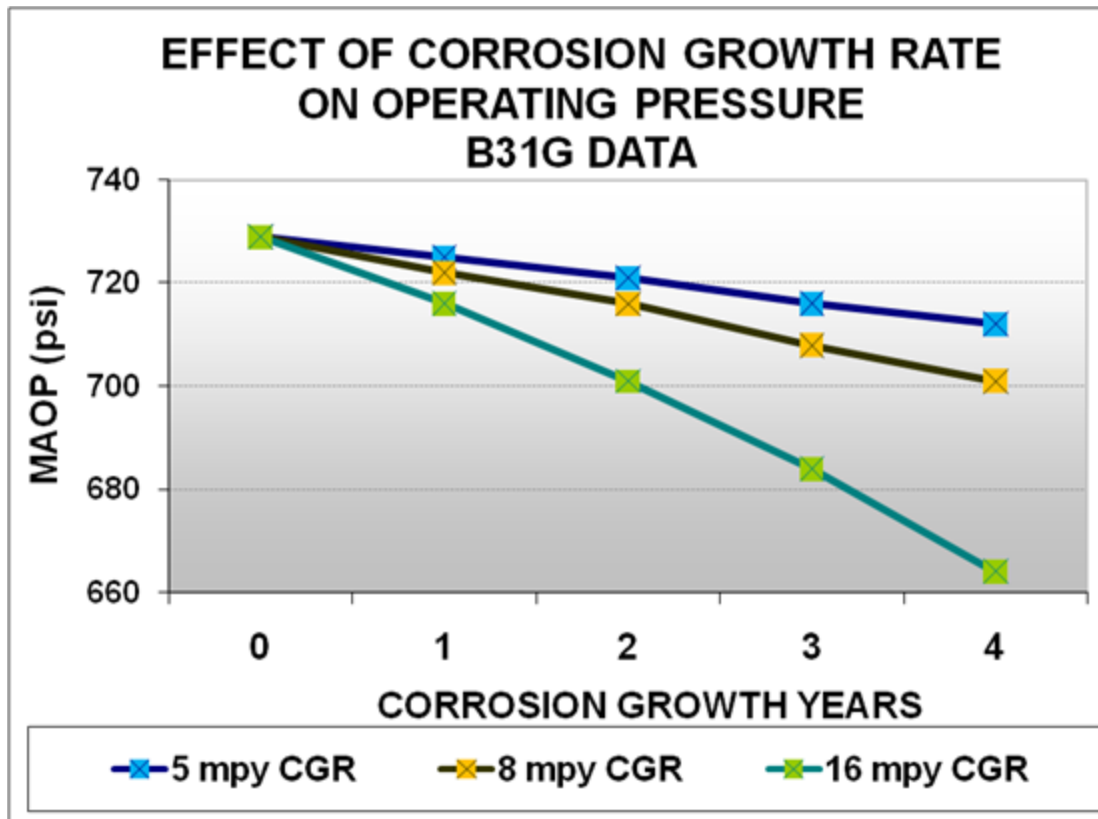
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# ANOMALY REPAIRS

## TIME DEPENDENT THREATS – CORROSION

### IMPORTANCE OF CGR TO REPAIR



#### Year 0

- 30" x 0.25" x X60 pipe
- 72% SMYS
- MAOP = 720 psi
- Initial wall loss  
0.13" x 2" length

#### Year 4

- CGR = 16 mpy
- 78% wall loss  
0.194" x 2.128"

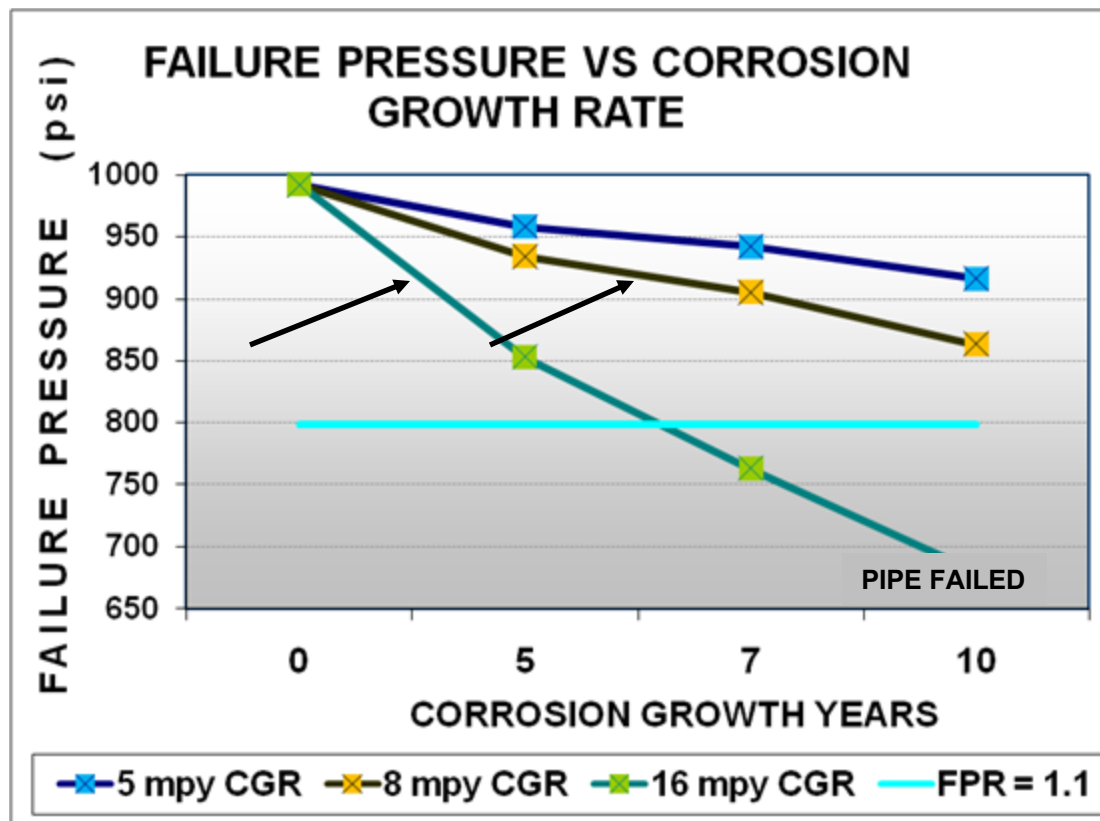




# ANOMALY REPAIRS

## TIME DEPENDENT THREATS – CORROSION

### IMPORTANCE OF CGR TO REPAIR DECISIONS



**No class  
location safety  
factor**

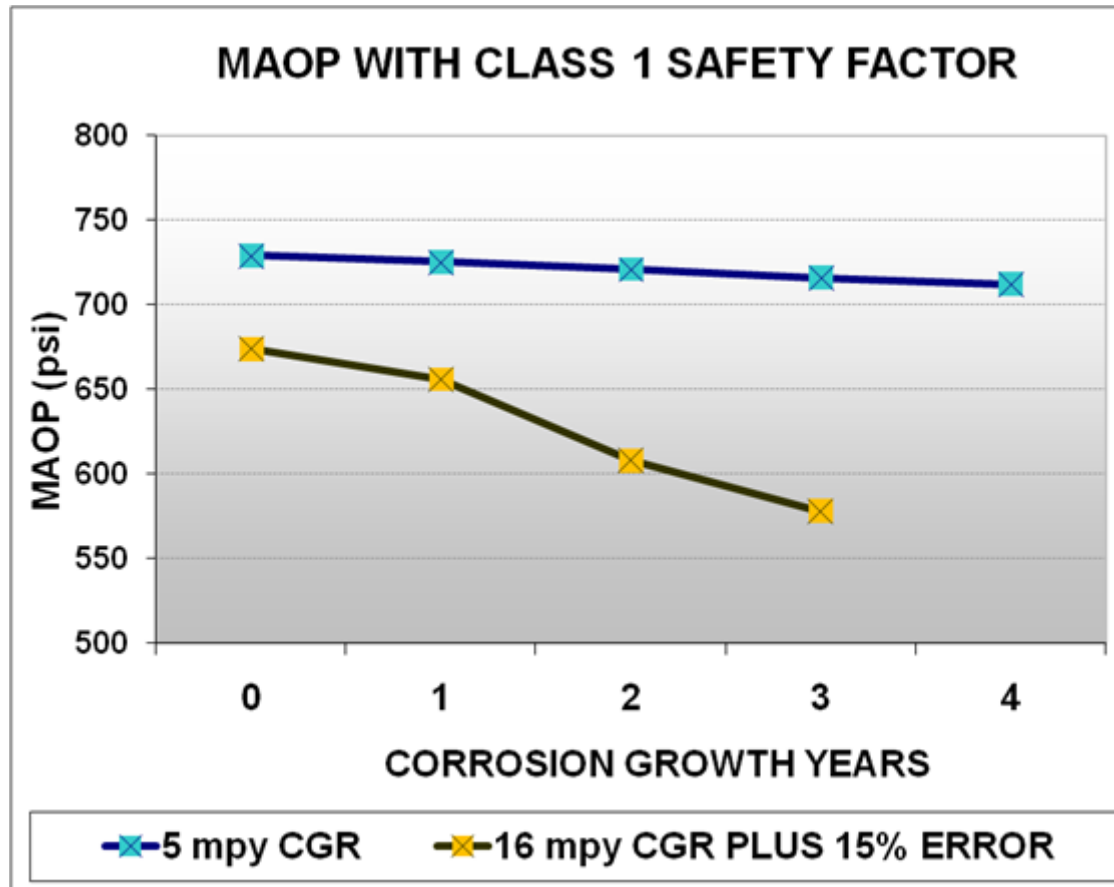
**80% wall loss**

- In 6 years for CGR 8 mpy
- In 3 years for CGR 16 mpy



# ANOMALY REPAIRS

## TIME DEPENDENT THREATS – CORROSION



**Class location safety factor used**

**80% wall loss**

- 2 years for 16 mpy and 5 mpy
- Depth and length under estimated by 15%

**MAOP change in 4 years**



# ANOMALY REPAIRS

## TIME DEPENDENT THREATS – CORROSION

### Summary

- Corrosion Growth Rates may exacerbate problems with non-conservative remaining strength calculations
- Tool tolerances may exacerbate problems with non-conservative remaining strength calculations
- Outside Stresses



# CORROSION GROWTH RATES

## KEY TOPICS (cont.)

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Individual Panelist Presentations



# ANOMALY REPAIRS

## TIME DEPENDENT THREATS – CORROSION

### Panel Q&A



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# **ANOMALY EVALUATION AND REPAIR**

## **Evaluation Methods Available for Use with ILI Results**

**Application of Safety  
Factors in Making  
Excavation and Repair  
Decisions**

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**Rod Seeley, PHMSA  
Moderator**



# ANOMALY EVALUATION & REPAIR: Panel Discussion

## Panel

- Rod Seeley, SW Region Director (Moderator)
- Zach Barrett (PHMSA Director, State Programs)
- Keith Leewis (Leewis and Associates)
- John Kiefner (Kiefner and Associates)
- Chia-pin Hsiao (Chevron)
- Dave Johnson (Panhandle)





# ANOMALY EVALUATION & REPAIR: Panel Discussion

- What safety factors should be used in evaluating ILI results?
  - HCA
  - Non-HCA
  - Pipe operated under special permit
  - Class location change pipeline
- Discuss prudent and safety focused criteria for investigating anomalies and repairing defects in non-HCA areas (no special permit)



# ANOMALY EVALUATION & REPAIR: Panel Discussion

- Discuss how the following considerations should be applied to provide adequate safety margins?
  - Tool tolerance
  - Corrosion growth rate
  - External stresses
  - Overpressure protection



# **ANOMALY EVALUATION AND REPAIR**

## **Evaluation Methods Available for Use with ILI Results**

**Application of Safety  
Factors in Making  
Excavation and Repair  
Decisions**

**Zach Barrett**



# ANOMALY EVALUATION AND REPAIR SAFETY FACTORS

- Regulatory Requirements
  - 192.485 and 192.713
    - “...permanently restore serviceability of the pipe....”
- This means
  - *The standard we proposed was that the repair method be able to “permanently restore the serviceability of the pipe,” a result comparable to that expected from replacing damaged pipe or installing a full-encirclement split sleeve.*
    - 64 FR 69665 (12/14/99)



# ANOMALY EVALUATION AND REPAIR

## SAFETY FACTORS

- Regulatory Requirements

- 192.485

- “Each segment of transmission line with general corrosion and with a remaining wall thickness less than that required for the MAOP of the pipeline must be replaced or the operating pressure reduced commensurate with the strength of the pipe based on actual remaining wall thickness ...” (emphasis added)*

- This means

- Remaining wall thickness must be adequate to qualify the pipeline to operate at MAOP (i.e.,  $P_{safe} > MAOP$ )

- $P_{safe}$  (also called  $P'$  in B31G) includes appropriate design/safety factor ( $F$ ) :  $P_{safe} = P_f / F$



# ANOMALY EVALUATION AND REPAIR SAFETY FACTORS

- Pipeline MAOP determined by LOWER of:
  - 192.619(a)(1) Design pressure of the weakest element in the segment (est. per 192.105)
    - Includes Design Factor (per 192.111)
  - 192.619(a)(2) Pressure Test
    - Includes Safety Factor in Class Location Table
  - 192.619(a)(3) 5 year operating history before eff date
    - N/A to evaluating damaged pipe
  - 192.619(a)(4) Determined by Operator
    - “The pressure determined by the operator to be the maximum safe pressure after considering the history of the segment, particularly known corrosion and the actual operating pressure.”



# ANOMALY EVALUATION AND REPAIR SAFETY FACTORS

- “...maximum safe pressure after considering ... known corrosion...” means
  - Calculating  $P_{safe}$  (or  $P'$ ), which includes:
  - Application of Applicable Safety Factors per B31G/RSTRENG

“When used with a factor of safety of 1.39 (equivalent to a hydrostatic test to 100 percent of SMYS for a pipeline operating at 72 percent of SMYS), the modified criterion provides an adequately safe indication of the integrity of a corroded pipe.”  
*(emphasis added)*

John F. Kiefner & P. H. Vieth; A Modified Criterion for Evaluating the Remaining Strength of Corroded Pipe, 12/22/89, p. 46



# ANOMALY EVALUATION AND REPAIR SAFETY FACTORS

- In Every Instance
  - Appropriate Safety Factor Must Be Considered
  - Pipe May Not Be Left In Service (Unrepaired) That Would Not Qualify to Operate at MAOP per 192.619
  - The Serviceability of the Pipe Must Be Permanently Restored
    - Correct Cause of Corrosion to Preclude Recurrence or Ongoing Active Corrosion, and
    - Replace, Repair, or De-rate (Reduce MAOP)





# ANOMALY EVALUATION AND REPAIR

## PROPOSED NON-HCA REPAIR CRITERIA

- Draft proposal for natural gas pipelines
- Investigation and repair criteria for non-HCAs (no special permit)

Location	Class Location	%SMYS	Immediate		1 Year		Monitored	
			FPR	Wall Loss	FPR <sup>L</sup>	Wall Loss	FPR	Wall Loss
Non-HCA	1	≤72%	≤1.1	≥80%	≤1.39	≥60%	>1.39	<60%
Non-HCA	2	≤60%	≤1.1	≥80%	≤1.67	≥60%	>1.67	<60%
Non-HCA	3	≤50%	≤1.1	≥80%	≤2.00	≥60%	>2.00	<60%
Non-HCA	4	≤40%	≤1.1	≥80%	≤2.50	≥60%	>2.50	<60%

L Criteria of 1.39, 1.67, 2.00 & 2.50 equate to class location factors of 0.72, 0.60, 0.50 & 0.40.



# ANOMALY EVALUATION & REPAIR: Panel Discussion

Individual Panelist Presentations



# ANOMALY EVALUATION AND REPAIR

## PROPOSED NON-HCA REPAIR CRITERIA

Panel Q&A



# CLOSING

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