

Panel 3: Pipeline Cracking Detection Technology Developments

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In line inspection is a process



which enables pipeline life extension

TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF INDUSTRY.

The best technology is grounded in knowledge

lf operators can predict, they can prevent Intelligent Machines Technology & experience combined is necessary



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Dependable reports drive solutions People at Work

Highly trained analysts to deliver accurate data

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Evolution of Crack Detection





Existing Capabilities



Crack Inspection Ultrasonic Technologies

Shear Wave



Phased Array



EMAT



Ultrascan CD 21,752

Miles inspected

Ultrascan Duo **13,255**

Miles inspected

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Miles inspected



Crack Morphology

Various Crack Types



Cross section of pipe with both SAW and ERW Long seams depicted for graphics only

Current Capabilities



Meets current specific tool(s) specification
Some capability outside of the specific tool(s) specification
No Capability



Capabilities Table

Technology Type	Preferred Product	POD	POI	Sizing	Minimum Detection
USCD	Liquid	90%	90%	Absolute Depth	1" (L) X .04" (D)
USCD DUO	Liquid	90%	90%	Absolute Depth	1" (L) X .04" (D)
EMAT	Gas or Liquid	90%	80%	Absolute Depth	2" (L) X .08" (D)

Over 37,400 miles of trained analyst experience in crack inspection > 1,000,000 cracks reported



Where are we going next?



developments for improved sizing.....



What is needed...



to achieve better capability.

- 1. Investing in development ...Industry & Government Funding for research in sensing modes development for cracking features that are not axially aligned.
- 2. Increase usage of crack inspection technology...< 10% of inspections utilize crack technology
- 3. Dig feedback essential to build sample size/confidence for specification improvement
- 4. Test pipe samples (Real)...complex cracking features & non axially aligned features for testing with new sensing set ups and modes.

Invested over \$100M in crack technology but usage is relatively low





Thank you