

ILI TOOL TOLERANCE

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

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ILI TOOL TOLERANCE PANEL DISCUSSION

- Panel
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 - Sergio Limon-Tapia (Williams)
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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: ± 0.8 in



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- 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



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



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- 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

