

# Competitive Academic Agreement Program



**Program Overview and Discussion**  
**February 19-20, 2020**



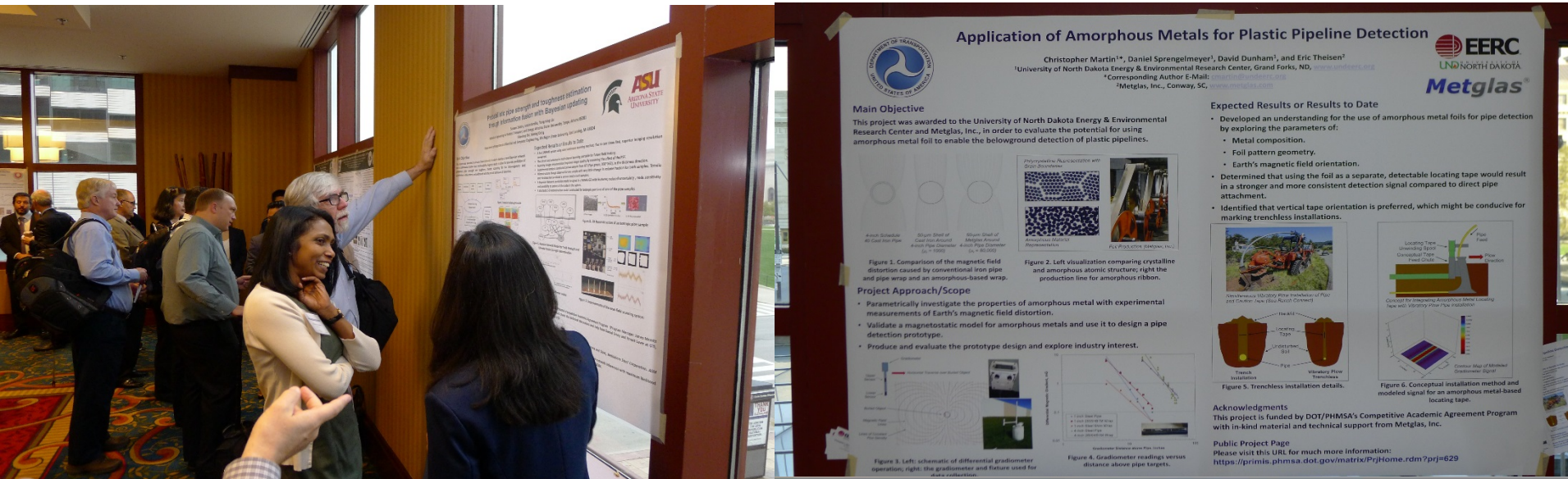
# Competitive Academic Agreement Program (CAAP) Objectives


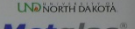
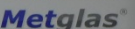
1. **Spur innovation**, high risk/high reward research
  - Pipeline projects into PHMSA's core research program
2. **Involve students** with technical/engineering pipeline challenges



# CAAP: Historical Summary

Announcement	Awards	PHMSA	Resource Sharing	HS Students	Undergrad	MS	PhD	Total Students	Internships	Career Employed
CAAP-1-13	8	\$814K	\$353K	1	23	19	16	59	3	4
CAAP-2-14	7	\$719K	\$391K		4	14	10	28	1	3
CAAP-3-15	11	\$2,976K	\$888K		16	21	25	62	8	5
CAAP-4-16	3	\$909K	\$368K	7	6	9	7	29	3	
CAAP-5-18	13	\$3,855K	\$1,028K	2	21	8	21	52	2	
CAAP-6-19	8	\$1,956K	\$608K		3		1	4		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>\$11.2M</b>	<b>\$3.6M</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>



## Application of Amorphous Metals for Plastic Pipeline Detection

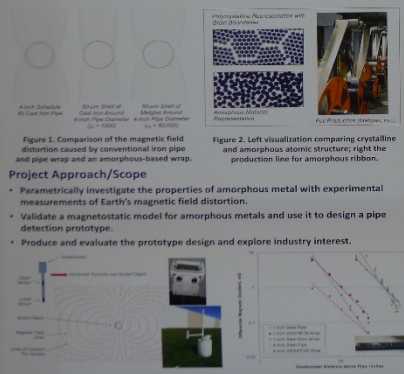
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**Main Objective**  
 This project was awarded to the University of North Dakota Energy & Environmental Research Center and Metglas, Inc., in order to evaluate the potential for using amorphous metal foil to enable the belowground detection of plastic pipelines.

**Expected Results or Results to Date**

- Developed an understanding for the use of amorphous metal foils for pipe detection by exploring the parameters of:
  - Metal composition,
  - Foil pattern geometry,
  - Earth's magnetic field orientation.
- Determined that using the foil as a separate, detectable locating tape would result in a stronger and more consistent detection signal compared to direct pipe attachment.
- Identified that vertical tape orientation is preferred, which might be conducive for marking trenchless installations.


**Figure 1.** Comparison of the magnetic field distortion caused by conventional iron pipe and pipe wrap and an amorphous-based wrap.



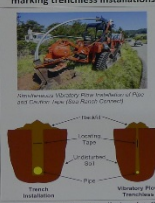
**Figure 3.** Left: schematic of differential gradiometer operation; right: the gradiometer and fixture used for data collection.

**Figure 4.** Gradiometer readings versus distance above pipe targets.

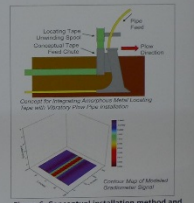
**Figure 2.** Left: visualization comparing crystalline and amorphous atomic structure; right: the production line for amorphous ribbon.



**Figure 5.** Trenchless installation details.



**Figure 6.** Conceptual installation method and modeled signal for an amorphous metal-based locating tape.

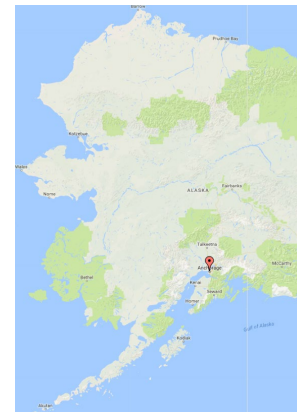


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**Public Project Page**  
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**CAAP 2013-2019:**  
 24 Universities  
 50 Projects  
 \$11.2M PHMSA /\$3.6M Cost Share



# Arizona State University





# AI-enabled Interactive Threats Detection using a Multi-camera Stereo Vision System

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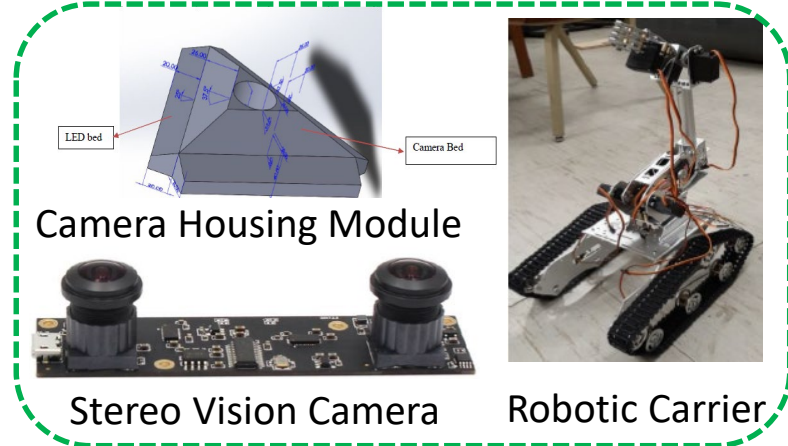


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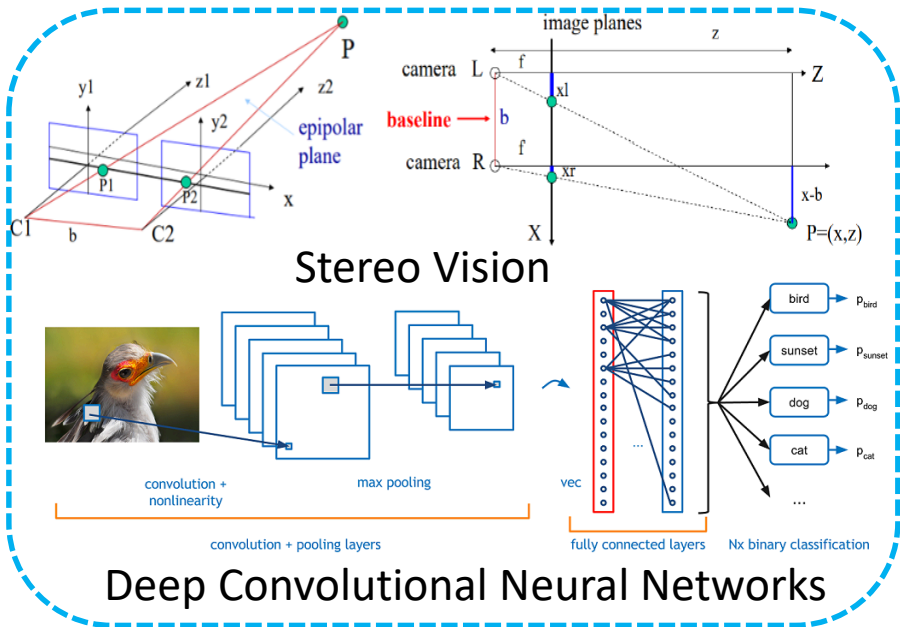
Develop a vision-based inspection tool using stereo vision and **AI-enabled** computer vision algorithms for **real-time automated** pipeline threats detection and characterization.

# Proposed Tasks:

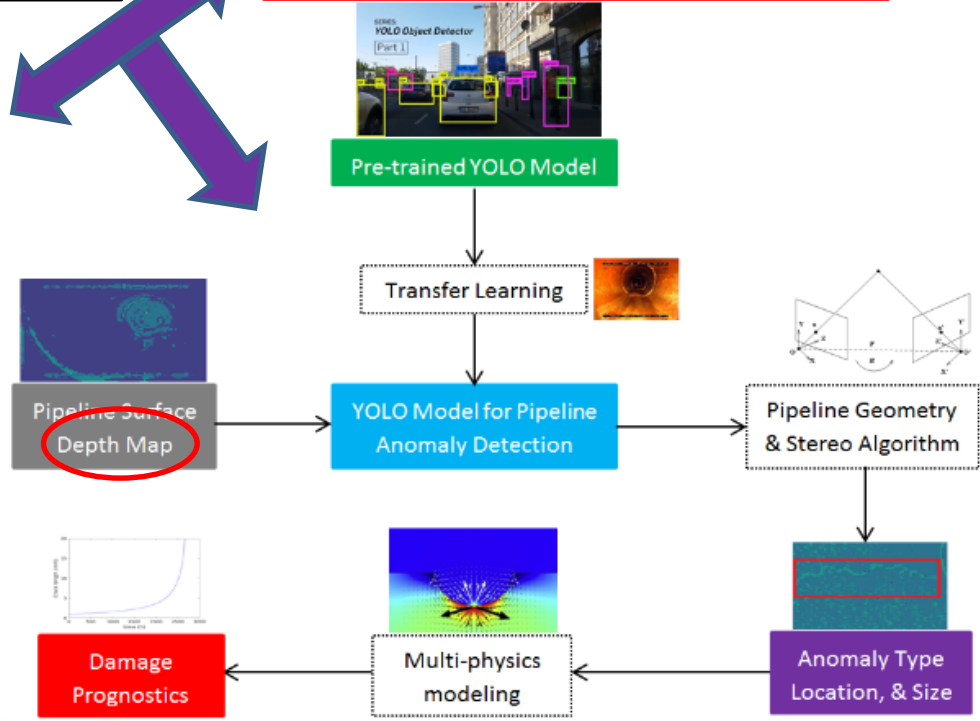
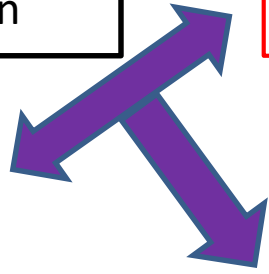
- Task 1. Stereo vision system for 3D reconstruction
- Task 2. AI-based automatic pattern recognition



## Hardware Design and Prototyping



## Algorithm Development





# Preliminary Demonstration

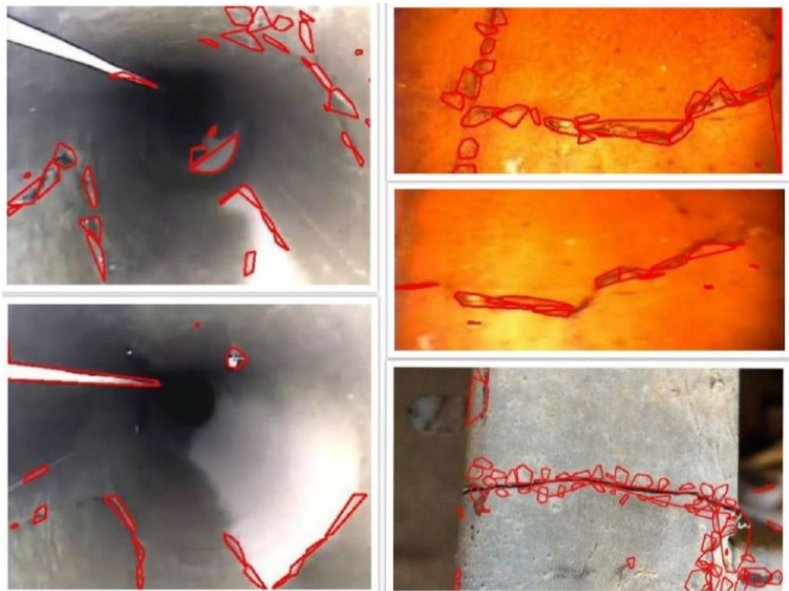
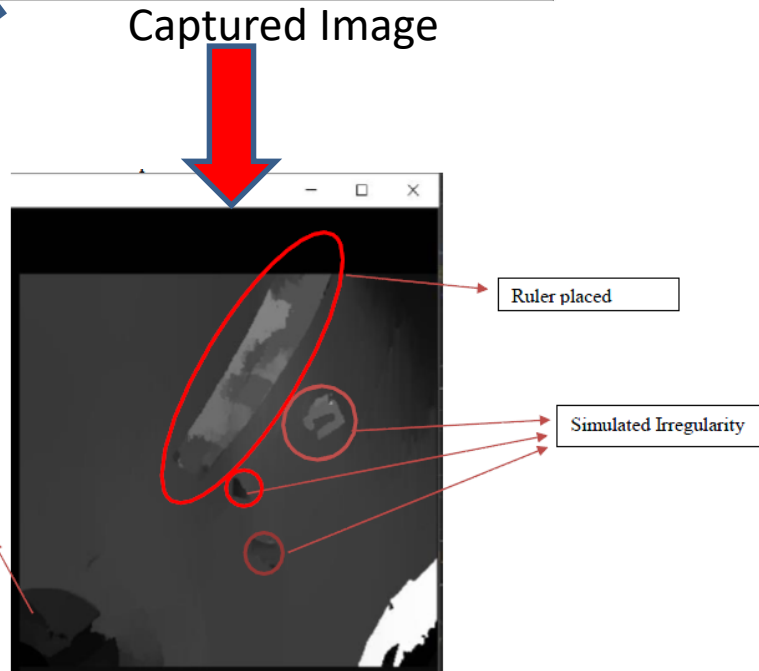
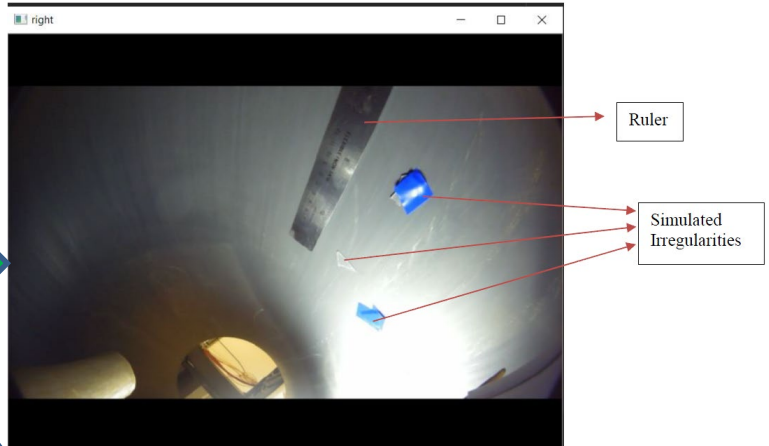
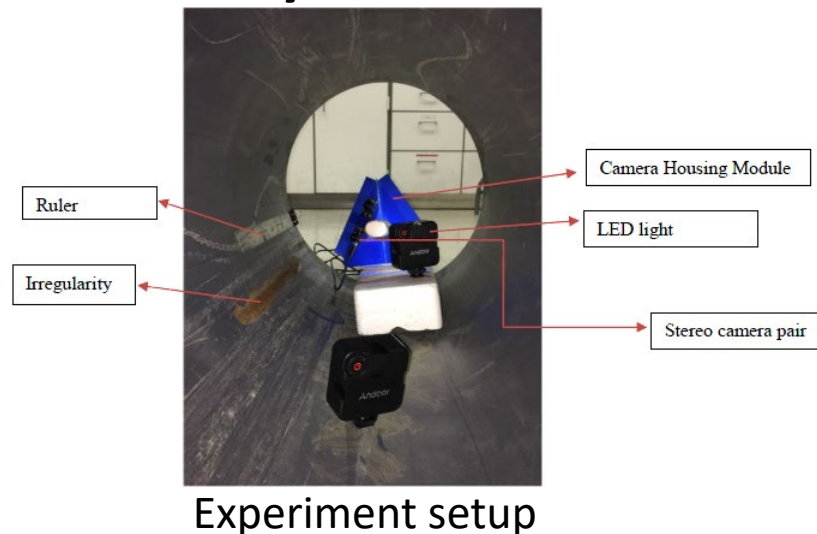


Fig. 14 Generated depth map





# Colorado School of Mines & Michigan State University



# Low-variance Deep Graph Learning for Predictive Pipeline Assessment with Interacting Threats

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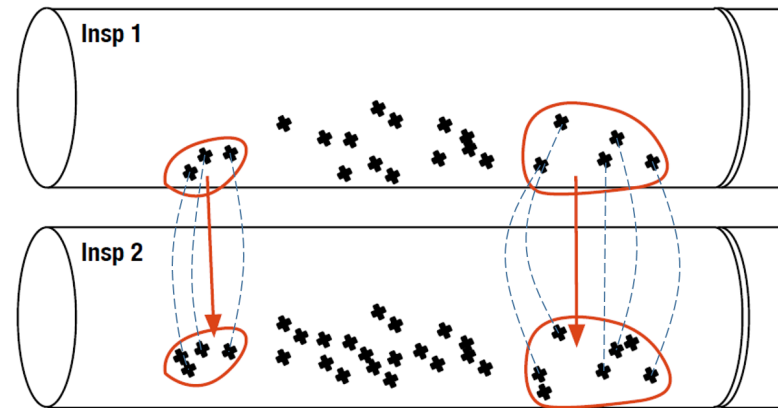
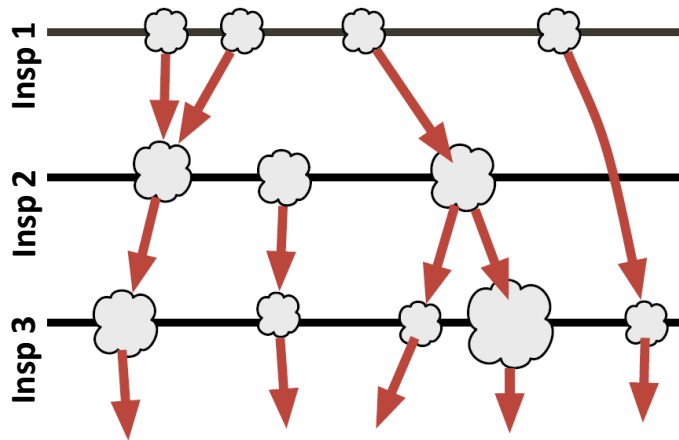
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1. Colorado School of Mines, 2. Michigan State University



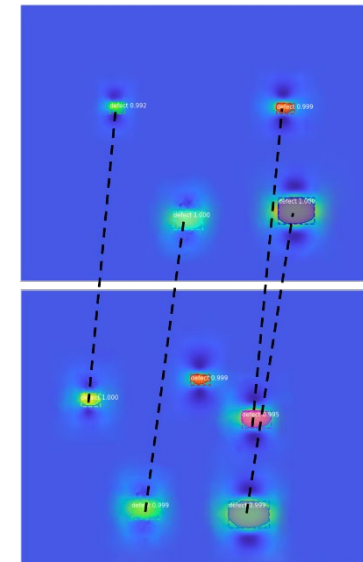
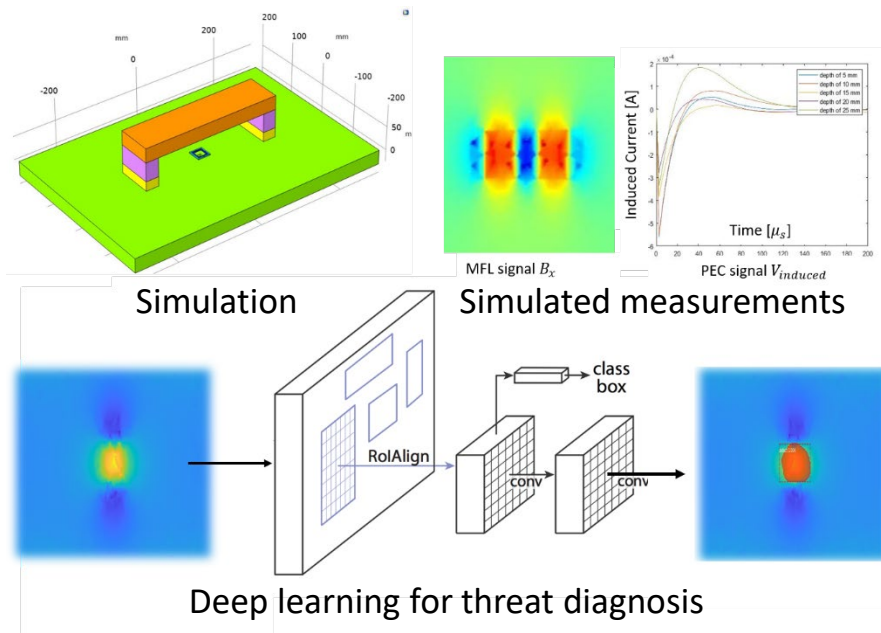
# Main Objective

This project develops low-variance interacting threat assessment methods that address the key gap of interacting threat modeling and variance reduction, by proposing new data-driven approaches that integrate deep learning and graph theory.



# Results to Date

We have developed computational methods for (1) hybrid modeling of interacting threats, (2) individual threat detection and boundary identification, and (3) spatiotemporal interacting threat matching.



Interacting threat matching





# North Dakota State University and Rutgers



# Fluorescent Chemical Sensor Array for Detecting and Locating Pipeline Internal Corrosive Environments

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## Background

- ✓ The simultaneous presence of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) and free water can cause severe corrosion problems in oil and gas pipelines as shown in Fig.1 (Ref.1).
- ✓ Internal corrosion of metal pipelines is a serious threat to the safety and operation efficiency of the pipelines.
- ✓ As shown in the Fig.2 (Ref.2), the presence of different corrosive components may induce different corrosion mechanism for corrosion prediction.
- ✓ However, currently, it lacks tools to measure the corrosion environment inside pipelines.

## Project Objective

This project will develop a passive fluorescent or colorimetric chemical sensor array which is applicable in oil/gas environment to detect changes in corrosion environments inside pipelines. The sensor array will display the potential corrosive environments by changes in probe molecule color and/or switch on their fluorescence (as seen in Fig.3), including the concentrations of HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> /CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>, S<sup>2-</sup>, Fe<sup>3+</sup>, and H<sup>+</sup> changes.



Fig.1 Example internal corrosion (Ref.1)

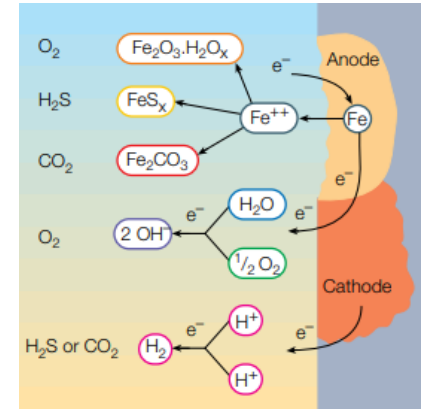


Fig.2 Internal corrosion potential mechanisms (Ref.2)

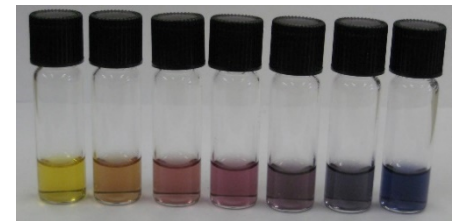


Fig.3 Example molecule color changes (Ref.3)

Ref 1: <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/pipeline/phmsa-proposes-new-safetyregulations-for-natural-gas-transmissionpipelines>

Ref. 2: R. N. Tuttle, "Corrosion in oil and gas production," J of Petrol Technol, 39:756–762, (1987)

Ref. 3: Z. Ji, Y. Li, W. Sun, "Acid/base sensitive platinum terpyridyl complex: Switching between metal-to-ligand charge transfer (MLCT), ligand-to-ligand charge transfer (LLCT), and intraligand charge transfer (ILCT) states", J. Organometallic Chem. 694, 4140-4145 (2009).



# Preliminary Results

- ✓ The developed PMMA/CA sensor film can detect changes in  $Fe^{3+}$  concentration (Figs. 4);
- ✓ The sensor film can survive gas/oil in atmospheric condition, and the color change stayed unchanged after immersing the sensor film in gas/oil in atmospheric condition, which indicates that no cleaning service is needed (Fig. 5);
- ✓ The expected force on the sensor film from the regular oil/gas flow (at 0.5 m/s) was estimated to be around 8 N (Fig. 6) and from passing a cleaning pig (Figs. 7 and 8) was estimated to be around 100 N, indicating that the cleaning service would control the sensor size design;
- ✓ The attached sensor film maintained their color and function during lab simulated cleaning service (Fig. 7), indicating that the sensor film can survive and maintain functional when a cleaning/inspection pig passing.

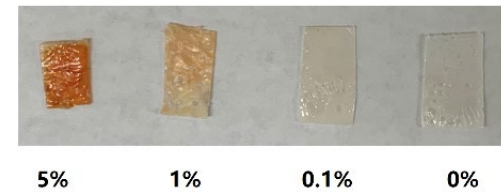
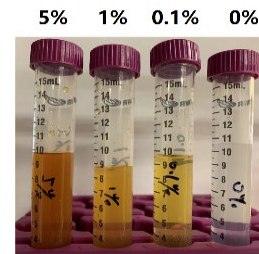


Fig.4 Sensor films to detect  $Fe^{3+}$  concentration changes

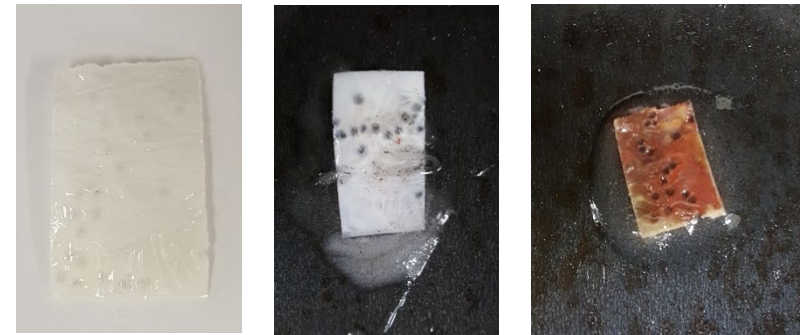


Fig.5 Sensor film to detect  $Fe^{3+}$  before attached to steel (left), attached to steel after immersed in gasoline (middle), and after the presence of  $Fe^{3+}$  after immersed in gasoline (right)

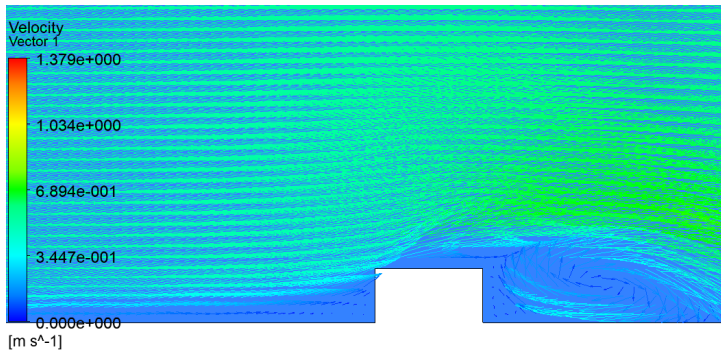


Fig.6 Numerical analysis with Oil/gas flow passing the sensor film



Fig.7 Lab testing for cleaning pig passing

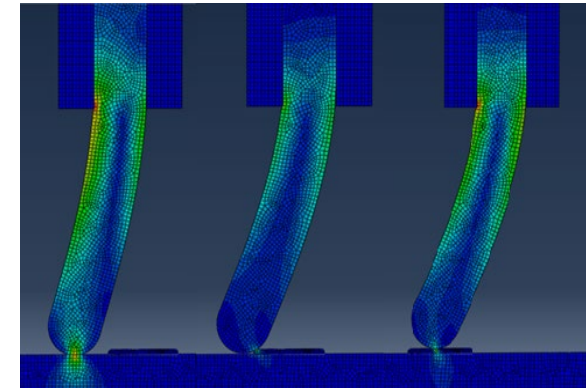


Fig.8 Simulation for cleaning pig passing

More results to come as project progress (contact the PI at [ying.huang@ndsu.edu](mailto:ying.huang@ndsu.edu) for updates).





# Stevens Institute of Technology & North Dakota State University



# Distributed Fiber Optic Sensor Network for Real-time Monitoring of Pipeline Interactive Anomalies

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- **Overview**

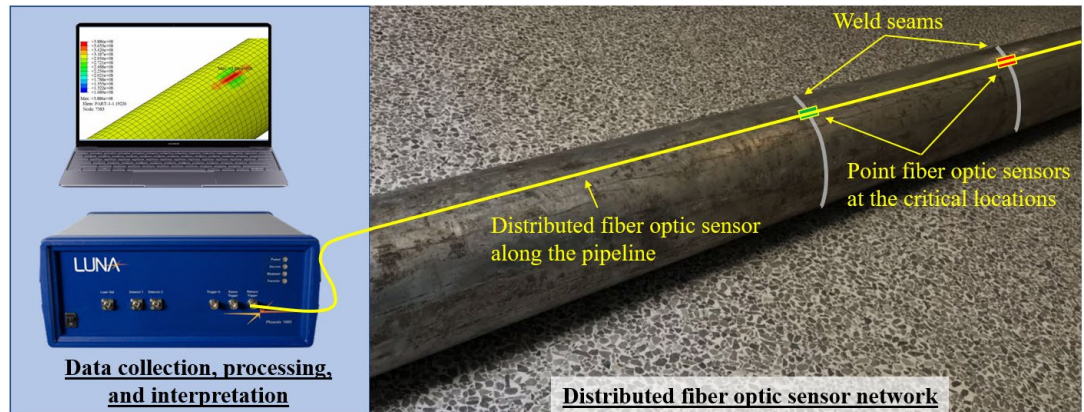
- Inadequate evaluation of interactive threats is a frequently cited shortcoming of integrity management programs, which may lead to underestimating the true magnitude of risks to a pipeline. This research aims to develop an innovative distributed fiber optic sensing technology that provides real-time in-situ monitoring data of pipelines subjected to interactive defects for improving pipeline safety.

- **Objectives**

- Develop distributed fiber optic sensor network for detection, localization, and characterization of interactions anomalies, such as cracking, dent, corrosion, etc.
- Develop data processing methods for real-time sensor data analysis to improve the pipeline safety and management.

- **Experimental set-up**

- The distributed sensor network will seamlessly integrate multifunctional distributed and point fiber optic sensors and provide fully distributed measurement along the pipelines.



# Conclusions

Here is a summary of findings that we obtained from the research in the first quarter.

- Interactive threats are the coincidence of two or more threats in a pipe segment. The result of interactive threats is more damaging than either of the individual threats.
- The detection, characterization, and quantification of interactive threats represent technical challenges for existing pipeline inspection technologies based on non-destructive evaluation methods and point sensors.
- Distributed fiber optic sensor can provide spatially distributed measurement of multiple variables over a long distance (more than 100 miles). It has good promise for real-time in-situ monitoring of the health condition of pipelines.
- Distributed fiber optic sensor may be integrated with multiple point fiber optic sensors and form a fiber optic sensor network for pipelines subjected to multiple types of threats.
- Further research is needed to prove the performance of distributed fiber optic sensor network.





# University of Akron & Michigan State University



# ***Multi-modal NDE Assisted Probabilistic Pipeline Performance Evaluation under Interactive Anomalies***

(PHMSA-CAAP 2019, 09.31.2019 – 09.31.2022)

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## **Students**

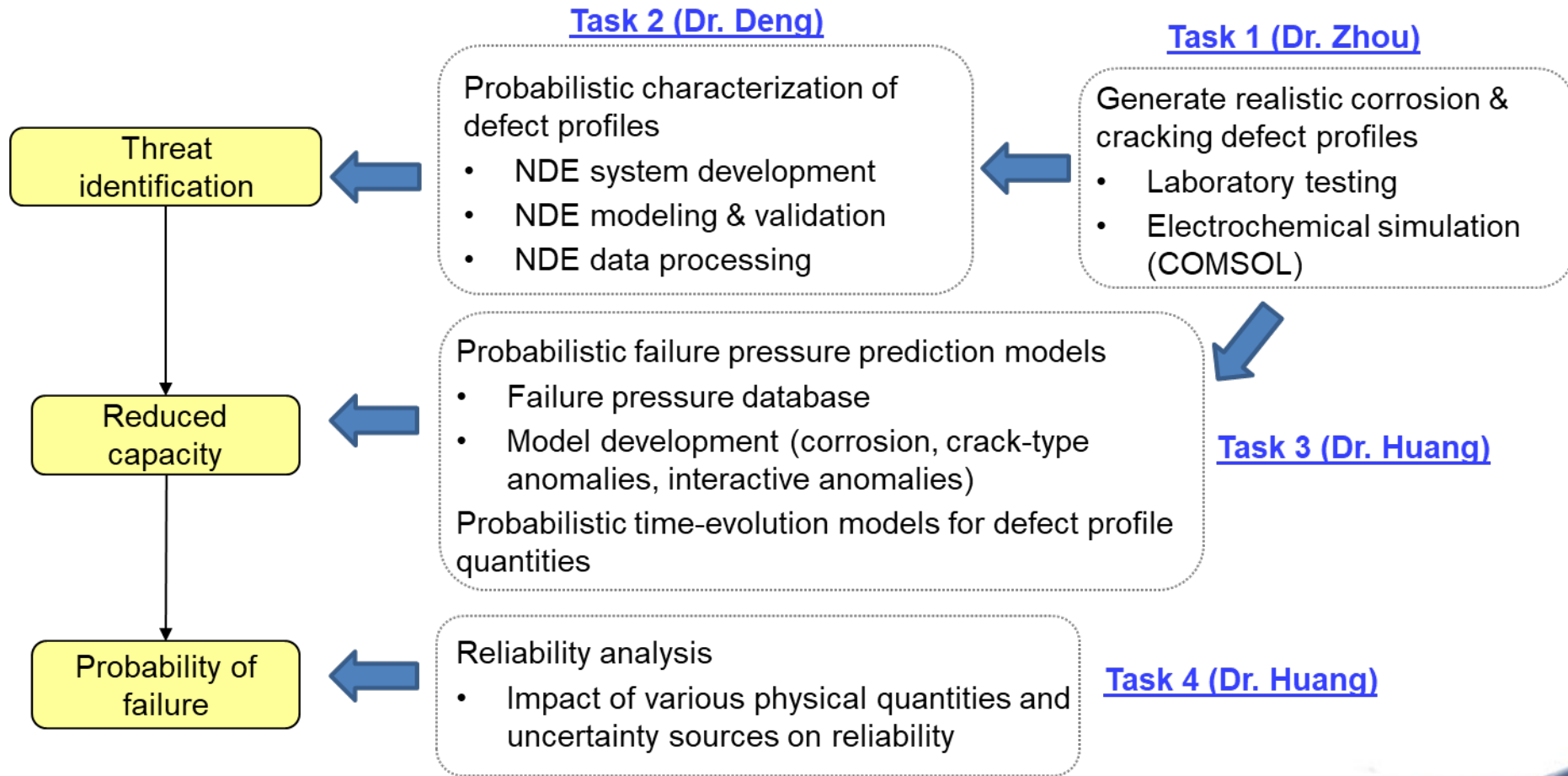
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**Research Goal:** develop **probabilistic** pipeline performance evaluation framework based on multi-modal NDE assisted by **physical** and **mechanical** modeling under **interactive** anomalies

**Representative anomalies:** isolated & colony defects; corrosion defect & crack-like defect



## Current Progress

- A 2-D **axisymmetric** model has been developed to propagate **Ultrasonic Guided Waves** in long complex pipelines.
- The effect of **pitting corrosion** has been numerically modelled using COMSOL, and clear **defect signatures** have been obtained for different **pit depths** & multiple **interactive pits**.
- A total of **525** different burst test results for **isolated defect** are collected from 13 literatures and numerical analysis conducted from this study using ABAQUS.
- **Probabilistic** model formulation is constructed using **existing deterministic prediction models** currently adopted in practice as independent variables.

## Benefits and Impact

- An expanded and new **multi-modal NDE** (UT-GWs, EM) framework will be developed enabling the missing **capability** to assess interactive anomalies with integration of lab-, field- and simulation-environment validation.
- A better **evaluation** of interactive anomalies characterization in isolated and colony profiles using NDE, and its impacts on the **integrity** of a pipeline.
- Industry-ready probabilistic prediction models for **failure pressure** of pipelines containing interactive anomalies, providing predictions that are **unbiased** with **reduced variability**.





# Michigan State University & Arizona State University



# A novel structured light based sensing and probabilistic diagnostic technique for pipe internal corrosion detection and localization

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Project Manager: Robert Smith, PHMSA



# Project Overview

## Overview

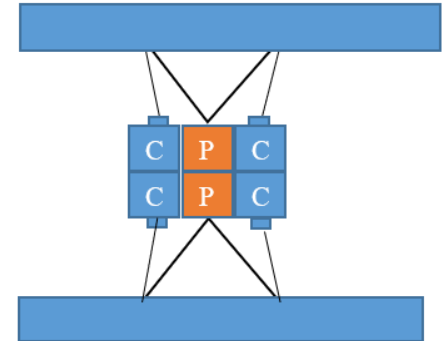
Development of a novel structured-light based imaging solution for internal corrosion detection to simplify the detection process and have high accuracy 3D maps for better evaluation

## Objectives

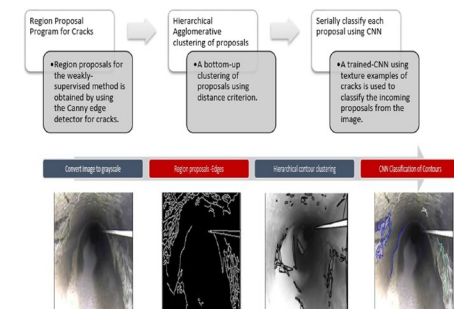
- Develop a movement enhanced phase measurement sensor to have high fidelity 3D internal surface maps
- Build a machine learning based model to enable automatic defect detection and classification.

## Methods

- Design a stereo assisted moving phase measurement profilometry (MPMP) sensor
- Develop a MPMP based surface reconstruction algorithm
- Develop a weakly-supervised machine learning model inspired by the fully-supervised R-CNN



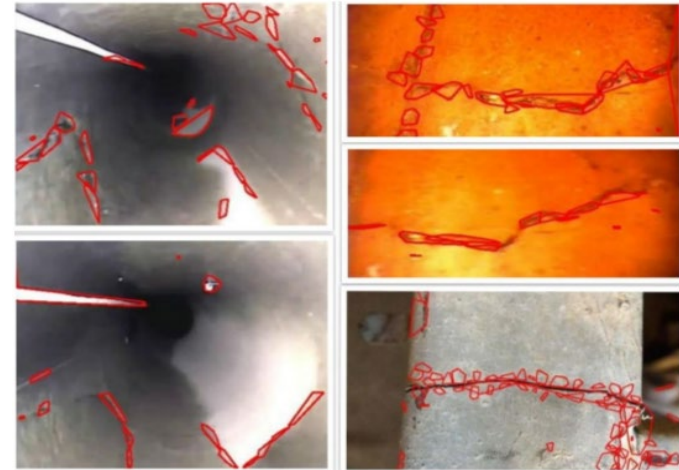
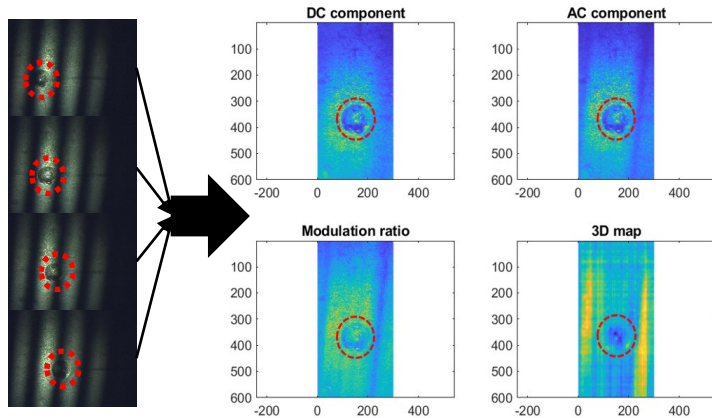
Schematic of the structured light sensor



Block diagram of the automatic damage detection algorithm



# Results and Discussion



Scanning of a corroded sample : SL scanning and reconstruction results

Demonstrative examples: Automatic detection of cracks

- Design and fabrication of stereo assisted MPMP sensor with the associated 3D Reconstruction algorithm
- Successful testing of the developed platform on artificially created corroded samples
- Development of Deep learning algorithm for automatic cracks detection





# University of Akron



# Development of an Electrochemical Approach to Detect Microbially Influenced Corrosion in Natural Gas Transmission Pipelines

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# Aim to answer the question: When does microbial growth lead to corrosion?

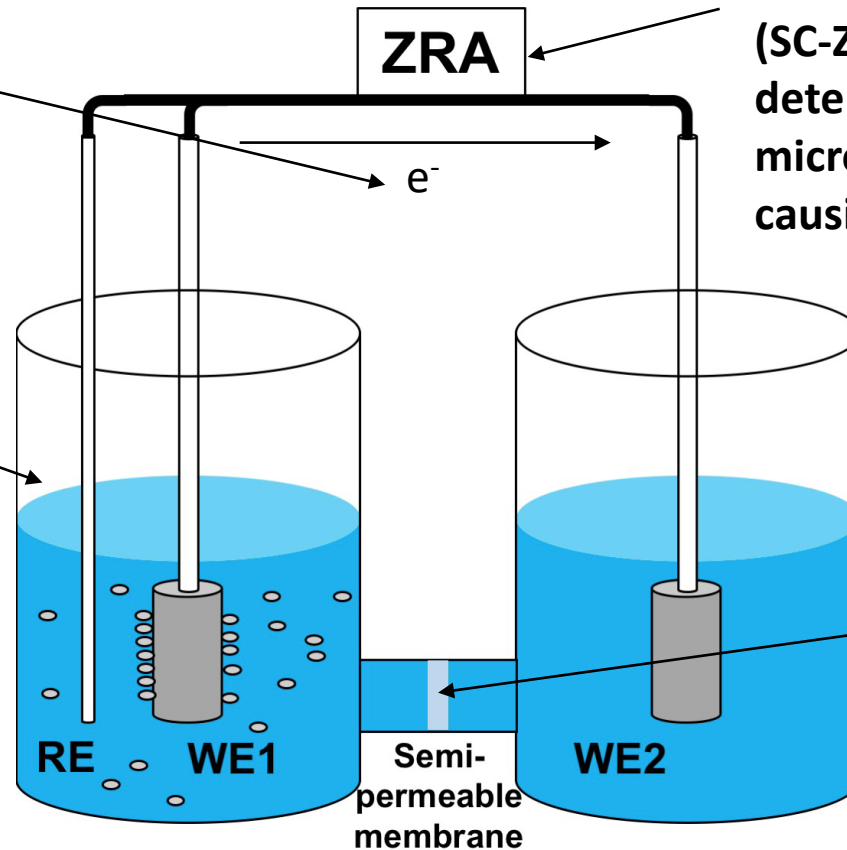
## corrosion?

Monitor flow and direction of electrons to determine corrosion rate

Use of a split-chamber zero resistance ammeter (SC-ZRA) allows us to determine when microbial growth is causing corrosion

Microorganisms added to one side of a split chamber set up

Sterile chamber is connected to inoculated chamber via semi-permeable membrane



## Obtain Samples

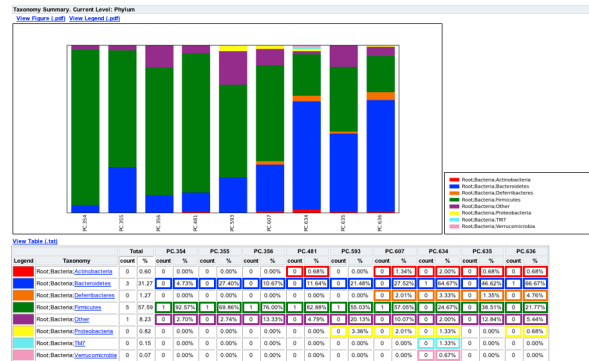
- Working with DNV and Dominion

## Characterization

- Enrichment and isolation
- 16S rRNA
- Chemical analysis of water

## SC-ZRA measurements

- Using isolated microorganisms alone and in consortia
- Use direct samples and synthetic media





# Missouri University of Science and Technology 1&2





PHMSA Pipeline Safety Research and Development Forum.  
Arlington, VA, Feb.19-20, 2020

# Magnet-assisted Fiber Optic Sensing for Internal and External Corrosion-induced Mass Losses of Metal Pipelines under Operation Conditions

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**S&T** Missouri University of  
Science and Technology

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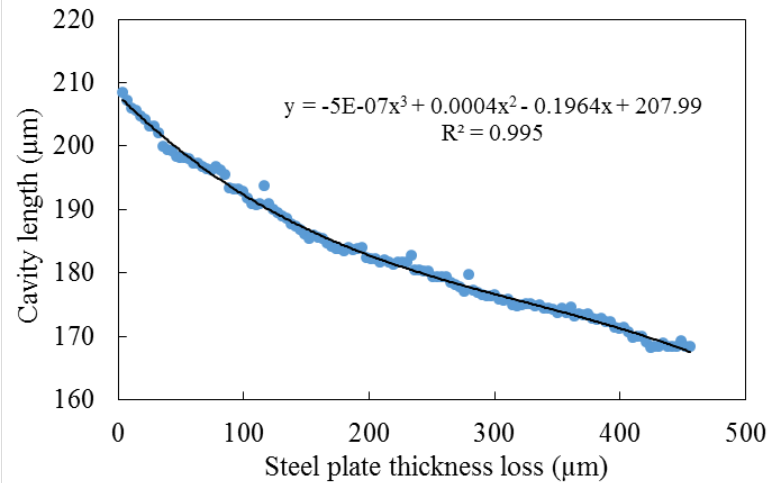
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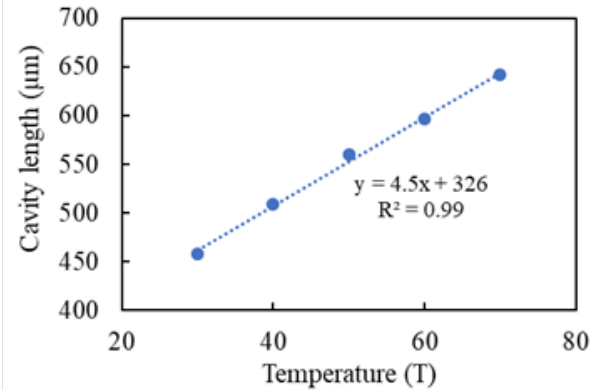


# Results & Conclusions

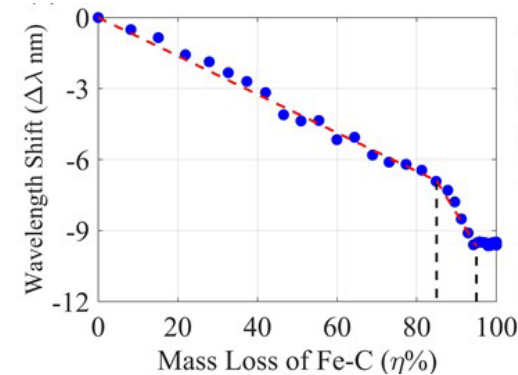
## • Results



EFPI cavity length vs. steel plate thickness



EFPI cavity length vs. temperature measured by FBG



Fe-C mass loss vs. resonance wavelength shift of LPFG

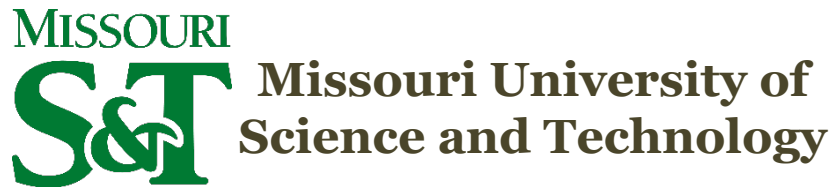
## • Conclusions

- The proposed sensors can measure the corrosion induced mass loss of the pipeline accurately in both external and internal setup
- The combined EFPI/FBG can simultaneously measure the corrosion induced mass loss and temperature



# PHMSA/DOT Project

**An Unmanned Aerial System of Visible Light,  
Infrared and Hyperspectral Cameras with  
Novel Signal Processing and Data Analytics**



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**Student: Pengfei Ma**





# Research Overview

## Main objectives:

- Develop and integrate a robust unmanned aerial system (UAS) with multiple sensors for data collection.
- Explore novel signal processing techniques for data analysis concerning pipeline assessment.
- Evaluate field performance of the integrated UAS.



Figure 1. . Integrated UAVs

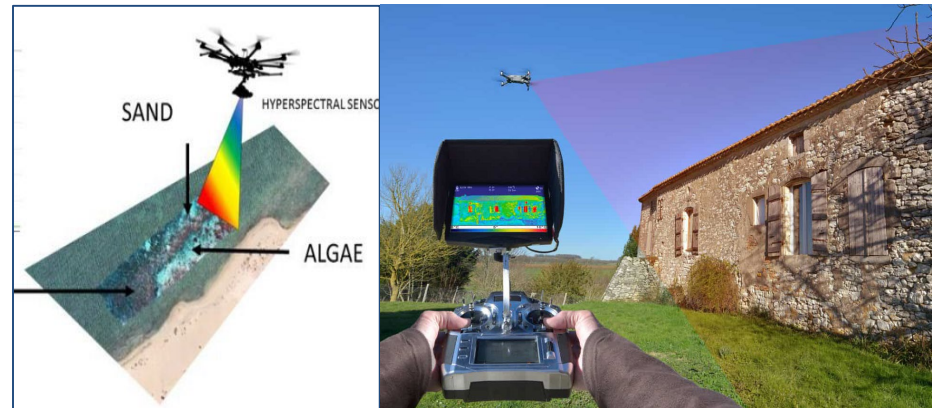


Figure 2. Hyperspectral and thermal imaging



# Expected Results

- An integrated UAS equipped with visible light, infrared, and hyperspectral cameras that can reliably collect correlated images for pipeline leakage detection.
- Data processing techniques with data fusion that can enhance the probability of detection in application.
- A performance datasheet of laboratory and field demonstrations of the UAS in pipeline applications.
- Comparative results between hyperspectral and thermal imaging techniques that can verify each other in detecting the location of pipeline leakage. In addition, thermal images can be used to estimate the volume of the leakage area.



# University of Texas at Austin



# Internal Corrosion Monitoring in Pipelines by using Helical Ultrasonic Waves

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# Main objective

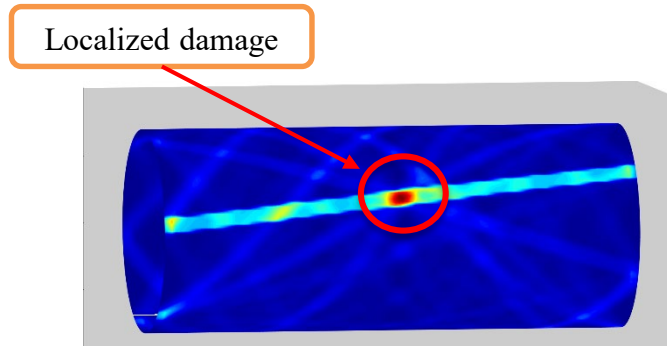
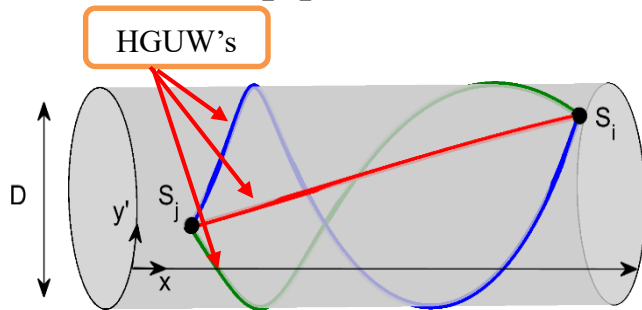
- The main objective of this research program is to design, implement and validate a nondestructive evaluation (NDE) technology for detecting, evaluating and monitoring the progression of internal corrosion in pipelines.
- Overall it is proposed to use a novel class of sensing system, helical guided ultrasonic waves (HG UW) and advanced data processing techniques for supporting corrosion diagnosis and decision-making.





# Current work - Results

Completed work: Use of the HGUW to localize various size defects around the circumference of pipes.



On-going work: Examine how HGUW can be used to assess the stage of corrosion.

- Corrosion induced using impressed current methodology.



Tank inside the pipe




Failure after 20 cycles



# University of Nebraska-Lincoln 1&2





# UAS assisted pipeline modeling and inspection

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## OBJECTIVE

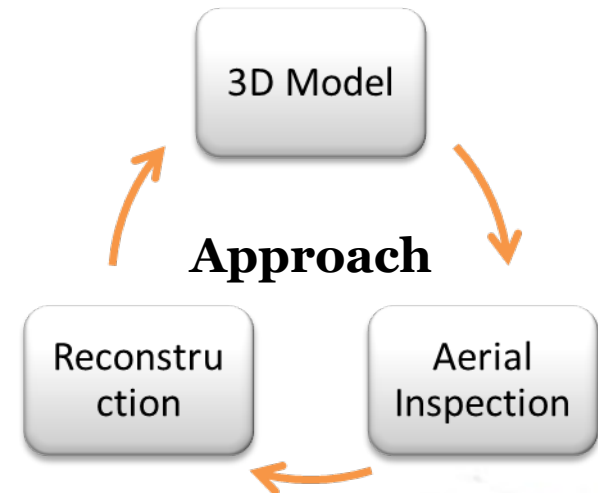
The objective is to achieve autonomous visual inspection and modeling of ground facilities using UAV with

- **high inspection and reconstruction quality**
- **high inflight and post-flight efficiency**
- **collision-free**



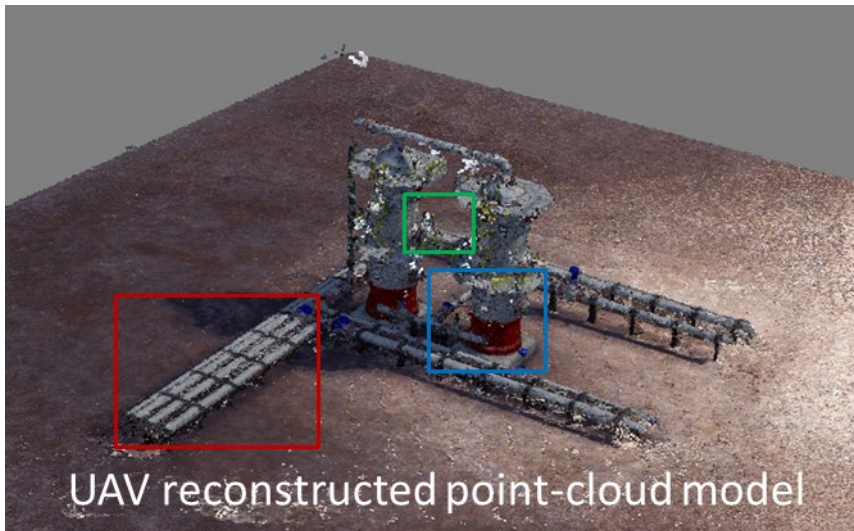
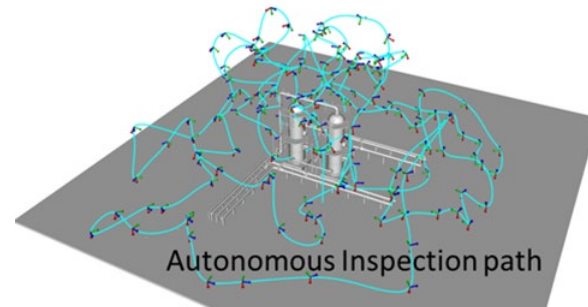
## SIMULATION Platform

- **Hardware: Dell Precision 7500 Workstation**
- **Software: Ubuntu 18.04, OpenGL**
- **Game Engine: Unreal Engine 4**

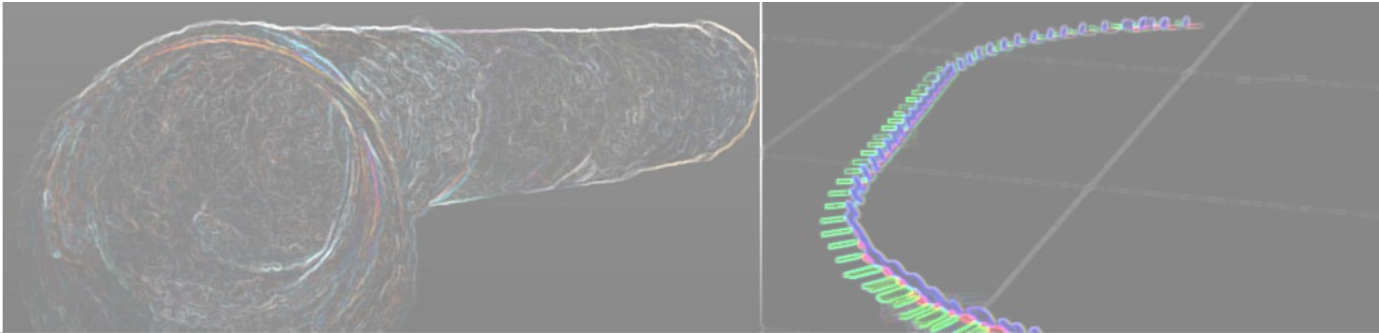




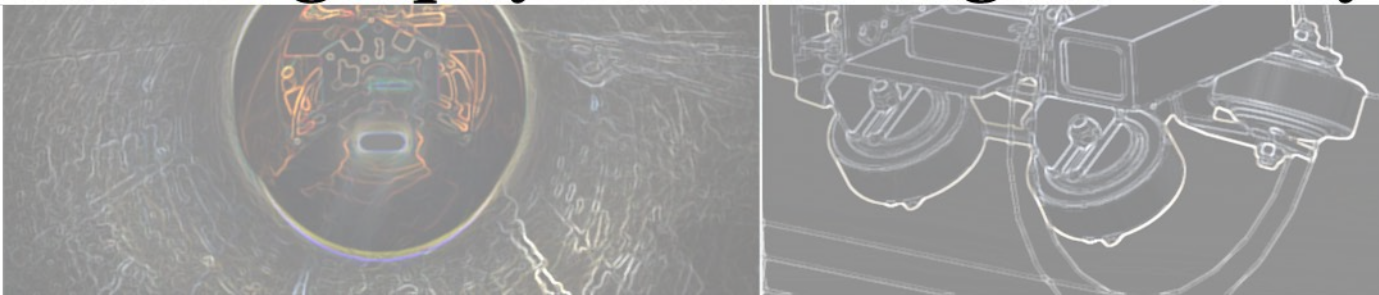
# RESULTS







# Detecting, Locating and Mapping Internal Gas Pipeline Corrosion using Thermography and Photogrammetry



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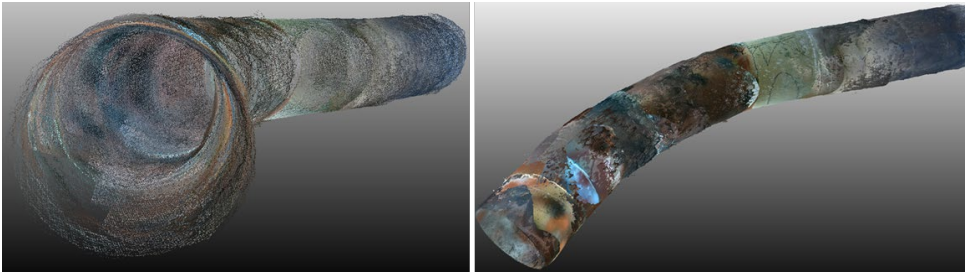
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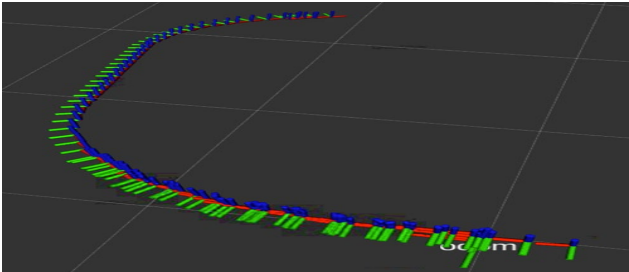


# RESULTS

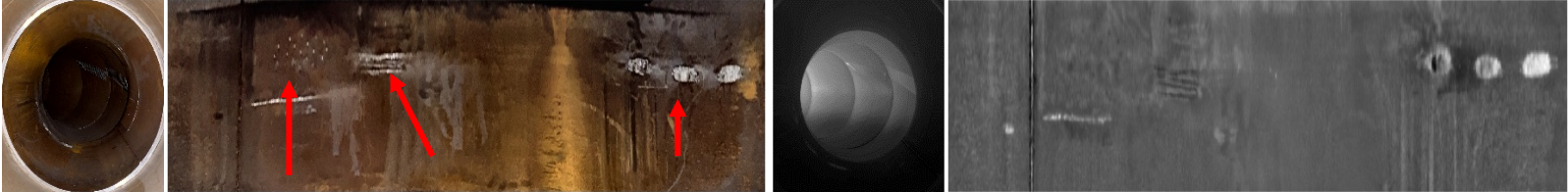
Pipe internal surface model - dense point cloud



Camera pose trajectory estimate



## Thermographic detection of internal defects under different conditions



**Small pitting**      **Crack**      **Wall thinning**

Thermal image: with heated air flow



# North Dakota State University 1-3





# Development of New Multifunctional Composite Coatings for Preventing and Mitigating Internal Pipeline Corrosion

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# Development of New Multifunctional Composite Coatings for Preventing and Mitigating Internal Pipeline Corrosion

## ❖ Objective:

Develop and implement new multifunctional composite coatings for new-constructed or existing pipelines to achieve a design with the integration of the anti-corrosion, anti-fouling and superior abrasion into one compact unit (composite coating).

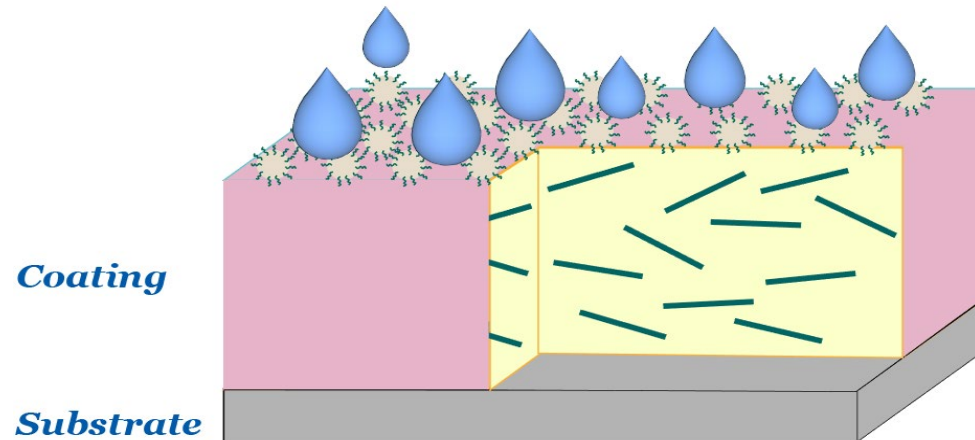


Figure 1. Proposed high-performance multifunctional coating



# Development of New Multifunctional Composite Coatings for Preventing and Mitigating Internal Pipeline Corrosion

The developed coating offered the following advantages:

- 1) Solvent-free dispersion method with low priced materials
- 2) Excellent corrosion resistance and mechanical properties
- 3) Robust superamphiphobic surface

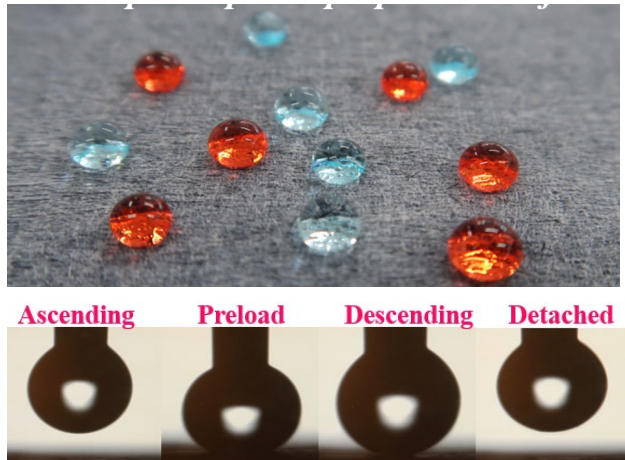


Figure 2, Water droplet ascending and descending of the coating surface

- Two keynotes speeches and two invited talks associated with this research
- PhD student, Xingyu Wang, published three journal papers, two under review, and over 10 conference papers
- Two patent applications
- Recruited over 10 high-school students in the research since 2016



# Brain-Inspired Learning Framework to Bridging Information, Uncertainty and Human-Machine Decision-Making for Decoding Variance in Pipeline Computational Models

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# Brain-Inspired Learning Framework to Bridging Information, Uncertainty and Human-Machine Decision-Making for Decoding Variance in Pipeline Computational Models

## ❖ Objective:

This study is to develop and implement new learning framework to bridge information, uncertainty and human-machine decision making to meet pipeline environments that are becoming increasingly complex and demanding because of the high uncertainty, and heterogeneous data.

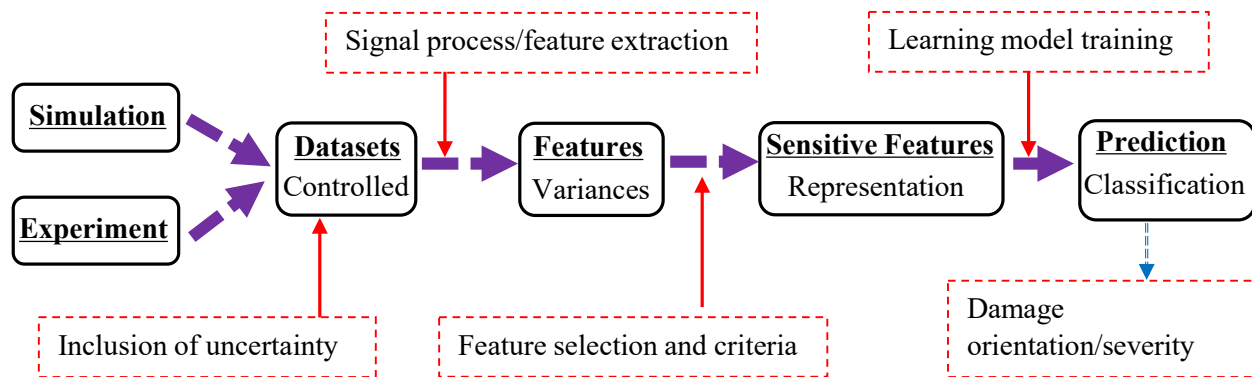


Figure 1. Framework of machine learning-enriched method for damage detection



# Development of New Multifunctional Composite Coatings for Preventing and Mitigating Internal Pipeline Corrosion

The current work mainly focuses on the variance widely ranging from material/structural integrity (e.g., damage types, damage size and morphology) using experimental and numerical studies through different datasets:

- Simulation of different scenarios with damage
- Experimental validation and verification
- Characterization of damage features
- Identification of unique features

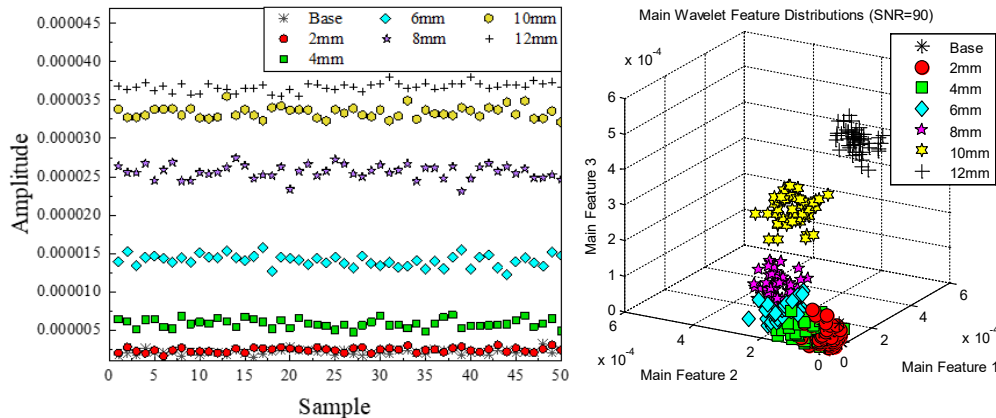


Figure 2, Features for decoding structural integrity

- One invited talk associated with this research
- PhD student, Zi Zhang, published 4 conference papers, and one manuscript under review
- Recruited two high-school students in the research in summer 2019





# New Bio-Inspired 3D Printing Functionalized Lattice Composites for Actively Preventing and Mitigating Internal Corrosion

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# New Bio-Inspired 3D Printing Functionalized Lattice Composites for Actively Preventing and Mitigating Internal Corrosion

## ❖ Objective:

Develop and implement new 3-D printing functionally graded composites for new-constructed or existing pipelines to prevent and mitigate the early-age internal corrosion.

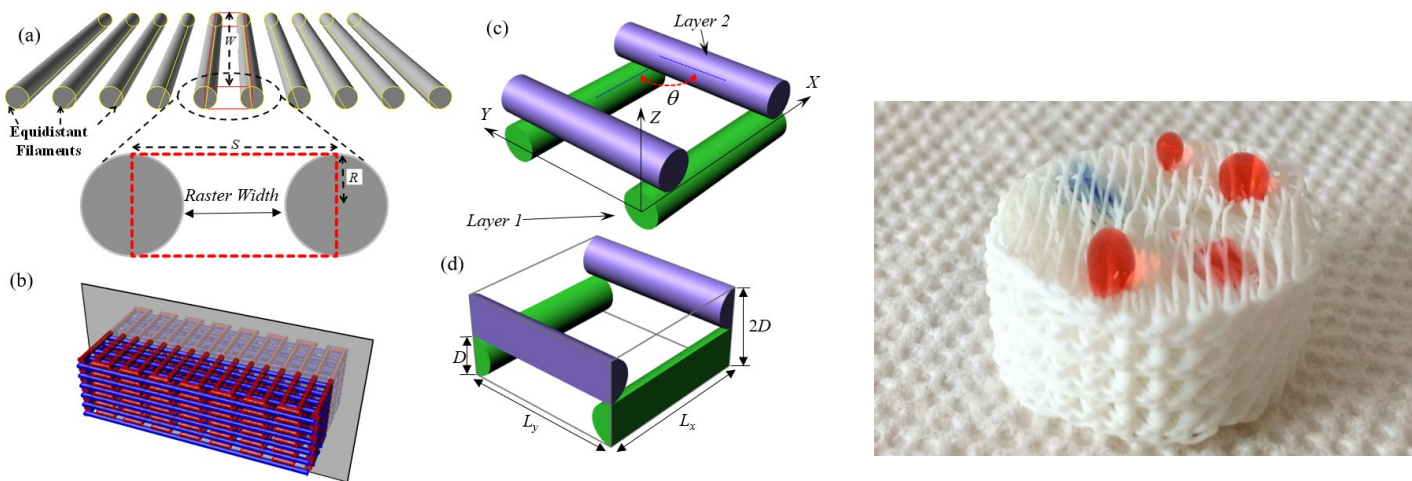


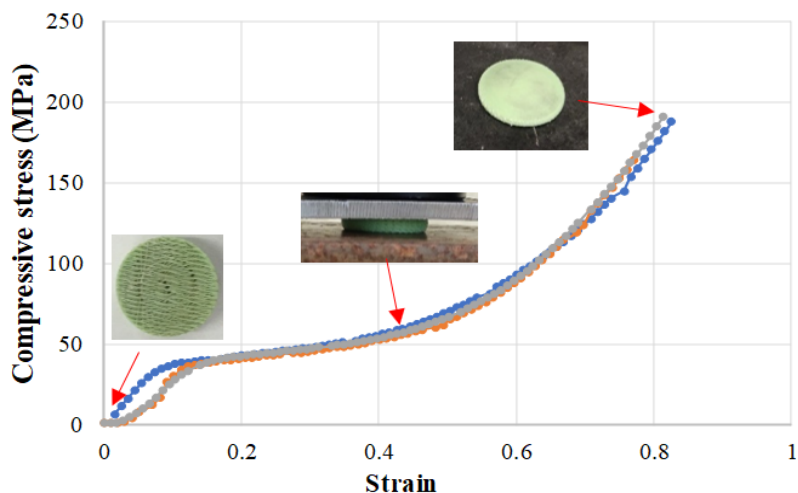
Figure 1. Proposed concept of 3D printing lattice composites



# New Bio-Inspired 3D Printing Functionalized Lattice Composites for Actively Preventing and Mitigating Internal Corrosion

The 3D printing lattice composites offered the following advantages:

- 1) Tailored lattice patterns using 3D printing technology
- 2) Surfaced treatment for enhanced wettability properties
- 3) Excellent chemical resistance and mechanical properties



- M.S. student, Matthew Pearson, published 3 conference papers, and one manuscript under review
- One patent application under the way
- Recruited two high-school students in the research in summer 2019

Figure 2, Mechanical behavior of 3D printing lattices



# Brown University



# Improved NDT Detection and Probabilistic Failure Prediction for Interacting Pipeline Anomalies

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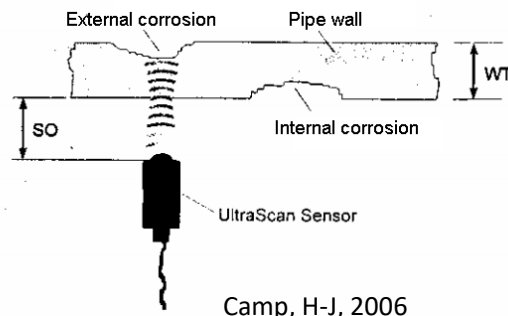
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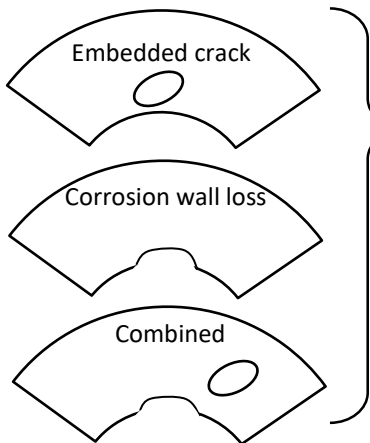
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**Aim:** Reduce uncertainty in flaw detection and failure prediction for pipelines





# Uncertainty in ultrasonic non-destructive testing (NDT) remains problematic

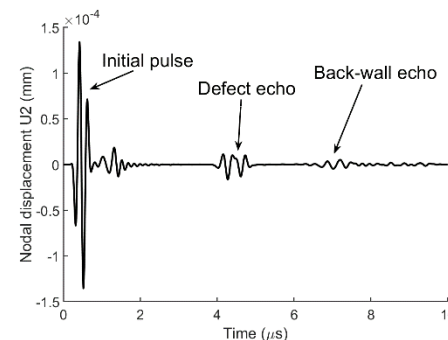


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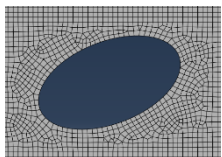
**Significant uncertainty**

## Ultrasound testing (UT):

- ✓ Surface/subsurface crack
- ✓ Cost effective
- ✓ Better image quality
- ✓ Superior in depth
- ✗ Extensive training
- ✗ **Manual interpretation**
- ✗ **Lack of standardization**

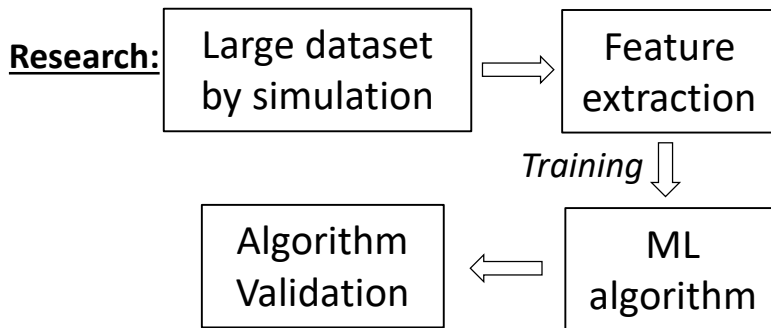


**Objective 1:** Simulation driven, automated machine learning (ML) characterization of flaws  
**Objective 2:** Probabilistic prediction of pipeline failure loads

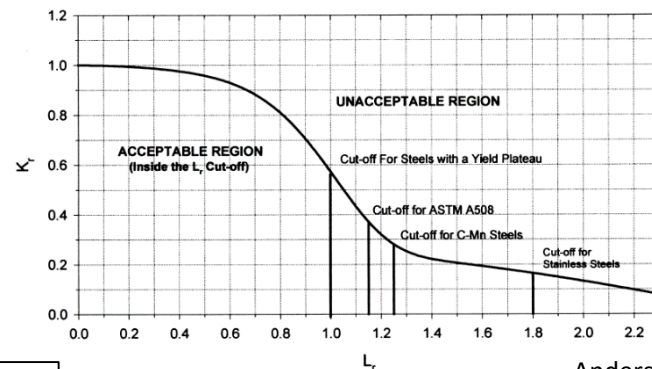


## FE Simulations

- Probing error sources in UT
- Significantly reduce **expense and time** for large set of data compared to experiments



## Application:



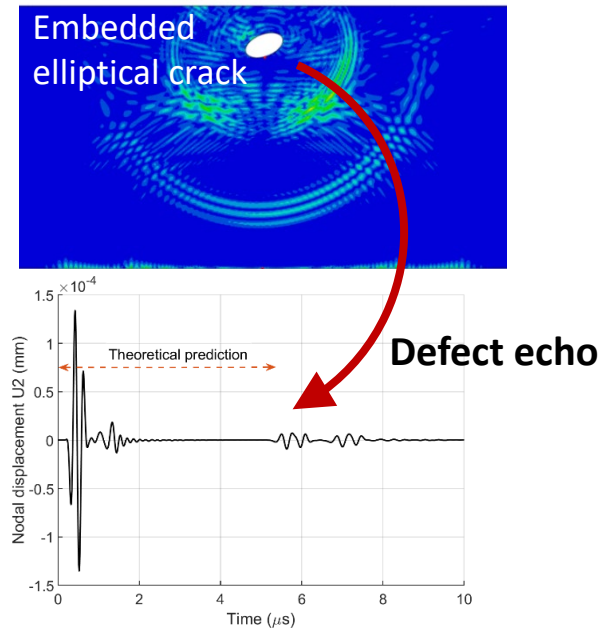
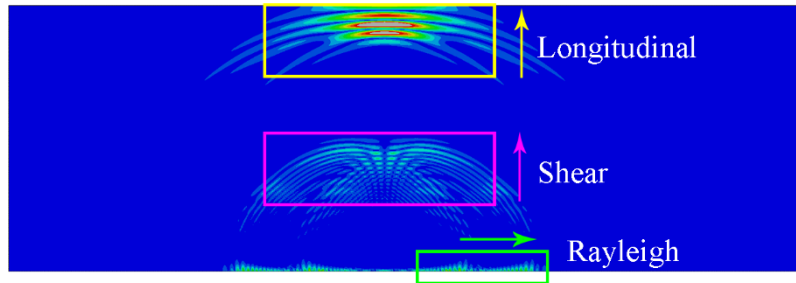
Current failure assessment are *deterministic and empirical*, Anderson, T. 2000



# Ongoing research

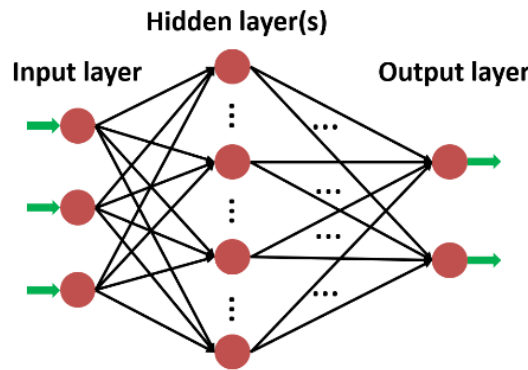
## Current result:

- Established wave propagation simulation method
- Dynamic FE simulations for UT crack detection

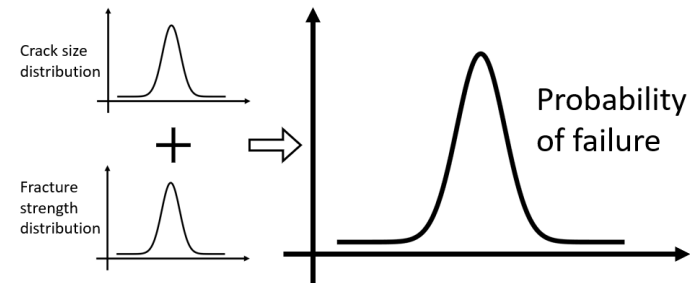


## Future work:

- Machine learning
  - **Neural network**
  - Support Vector Machine
  - Decision Trees
  - Regression Analysis
- Validation experiments



- Probabilistic failure prediction



# Texas A&M



# Development of a Prediction Model for Pipeline Failure Probability based on Learnings from Past Incidents and Pipeline Specific Data using Artificial Neural Network (ANN)

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# Overview and Objectives

- ❑ Pipeline incident reports typically collect causes without providing sufficient detail of root cause of the incident
- ❑ Incidents investigation reports express identified root causes in a variety of ways that produce inconsistent taxonomy
- Learning about root causes behind pipeline failure
  - Employ natural language processing (NLP) to analyze narrative comments of incident reports and incident investigation reports
- Implementation of learning to predict failure
  - Develop artificial neural network (ANN) model to predict failure utilizing learnings extracted by the NLP code and other failure data





# Results and Conclusions

- ❑ Data gathered from PHMSA (HL, GTG), NEB (Canada), EGIG (Europe) datasets
- ❑ Literature review conducted on pipeline incident analysis
- ❑ Causal factors used in PHMSA, NEB, and EGIG datasets compared
- ❑ Pipeline failure data analyzed to identify the contributing factors to be used in ANN model
- ❑ Natural language processing (NLP) model is developed and being tested with different datasets
- ❑ Artificial neural network (ANN) model is being developed



# Iowa State University





# Fundamental Understanding of Pipeline Material Degradation under Interactive Threats of Dents and Corrosion

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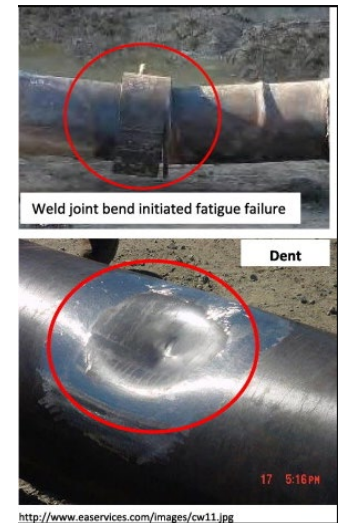
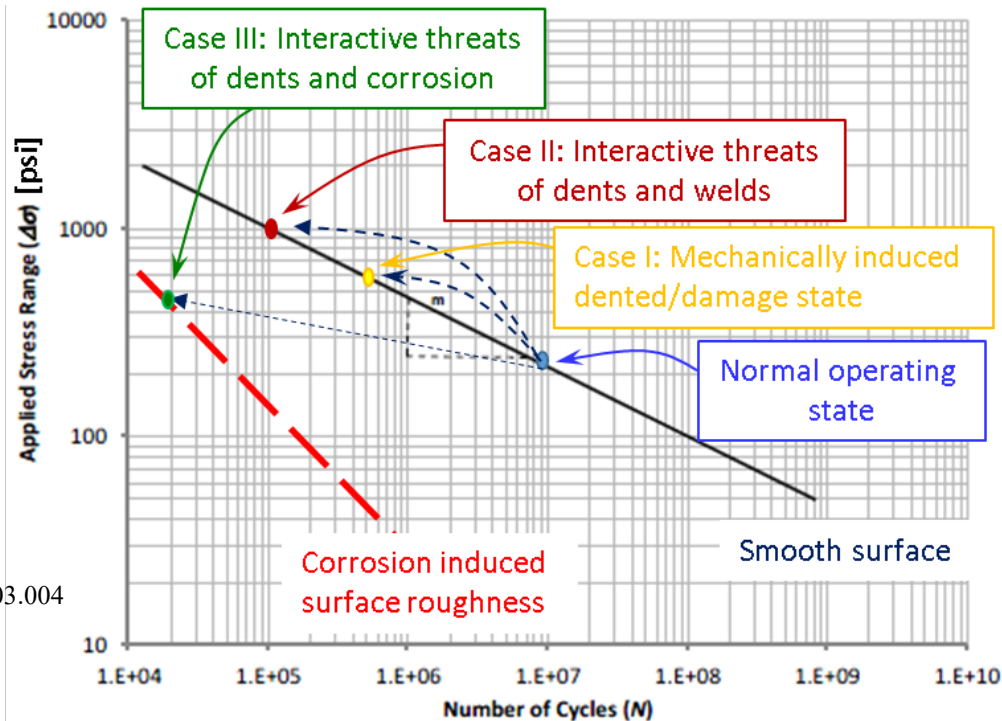
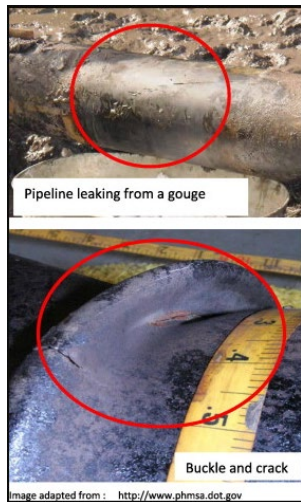
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# Enhance pipeline safety

Evaluate interactive threats of external mechanical dents and secondary features, through integrated lab-scale experimental and numerical framework to characterize and better predict the remaining safe life and operating pressures, while projecting the needs for mitigation measures.



Provide pathway “hypothesis” to address degradation and interactive threats



# Project Expected Outcome

## (A) Identify Physics of Interactive Threats:

Provide fundamental understanding of measurable degradation parameters at the local level, that can assist in the variance reduction of threat assessment of the damage at the pipeline structure scale.

## (B) Model Based Prediction:

Provide lab-scale experimentally calibrated computational framework with the potential to assist in quantifying the burst pressure under interactive threats.





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