

TDW Pipeline Integrity Solutions

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10 Inch EMAT Development

SCC Discovered by Pipeline Operator



EMAT Development

Natural gas pipeline operator with known SCC partnered with TD Williamson in the development of a 10" EMAT tool

• First 10" EMAT inspection April 2016



10" EMAT Development

Development Challenges:

- Accommodating large sensors
- Dealing with a power hungry technology
- Sensor durability



Sensor Geometry Limitations



- The technology of EMAT requires large sensors compared to MFL technology.
- Sensor size does not scale with tool size.

Finding Sensor Real Estate



- Optimized magnet arrangements
- Protected magnet design

Sensor Robustness

- In depth materials evaluation
- > 25X Improvement in wear



Comparative Test



Pipe Simulation

Electronics Improvements

- ~50% reduction in power consumption
- Noise reduction
- Reduced system voltage (higher efficiency)

Stress Corrosion Cracking (SCC)





Results: Unity Plot



10 EMAT Highlights Summary

- Robust Sensors
- More power efficient
- Higher quality data
- Longer run capability

In-line Inspection of Hydrogen Pipelines

Growing Demand for Hydrogen

- U.S. hydrogen demand (2008 14)
 - Hydrogen supplied to refineries increased 135%



Image from https://www.eia.gov/todayinenergy/detail.php?id=24612

Hydrogen

- Smallest, lightest and most abundant element
- Predominately used for refining diesel and gasoline
 - Fertilizer, food processing and transportation
- Extremely flammable



Image from https://www.twilio.com/blog/2016/06/air-products-uses-twilio-sms-to-prevent-on-site-incidents.html

Need for In-line Inspection (ILI):

- Hydrogen is flammable
 - DOT 192 regulations (ASME B31.12)
 - ILI in Hydrogen was preferred option



Image from https://pgjonline.com/2016/10/20/inside-iraq-stringent-security-required-for-first-inline-inspection/

Hydrogen Pipeline operator and TDW Partnership

- TDW's R&D capabilities
- Technology selection
- Tool capability evaluation



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Evaluations and Testing

- High strength steels
- Magnets
- Brushes
- Seals



Image from https://www.creativesafetysupply.com/glossary/pdca-cycle/

H2 Saturation Testing





Rare Earth Magnet in H2 Testing

Before



After



Wear Testing



Tool Design



Tool Testing



Success

- 61 miles inspection of H2
- 100% data collection



Hydrogen ILI Summary

- Partnership between hydrogen pipeline operator and TDW was key.
- Required new tool design
- In-line inspection of Hydrogen is possible

Advances in data analysis in consideration of integrating multiple technologies

Axial Planar Improvements



Axial Planar Improvements



Advances in Data Analysis Summary

• Enhancements to processes and dig results feedback improved Axial Planar identification.