

Extending Pipe Service Life Using BEM

Globally Patented Broadband Electro-Magnetics (BEM™)

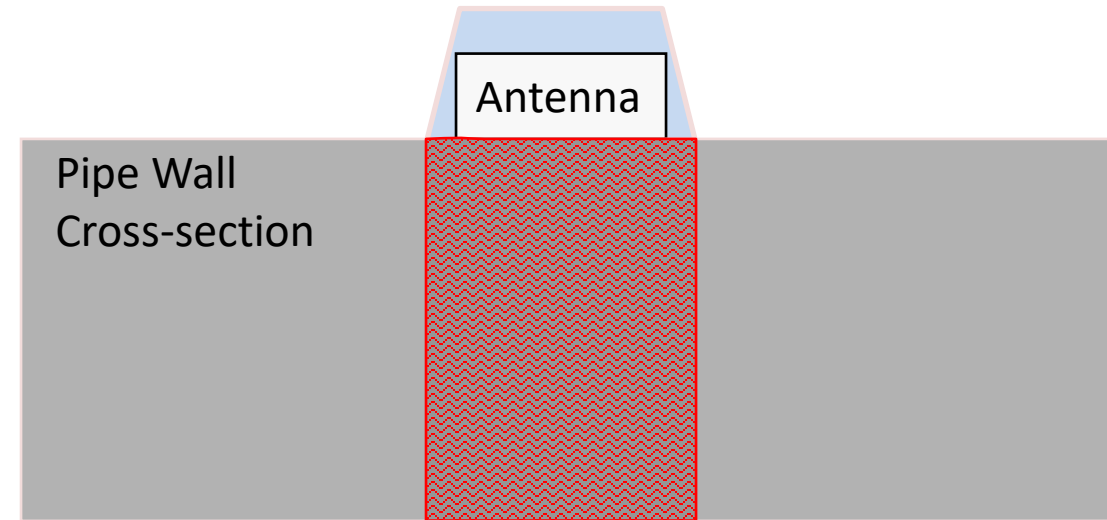
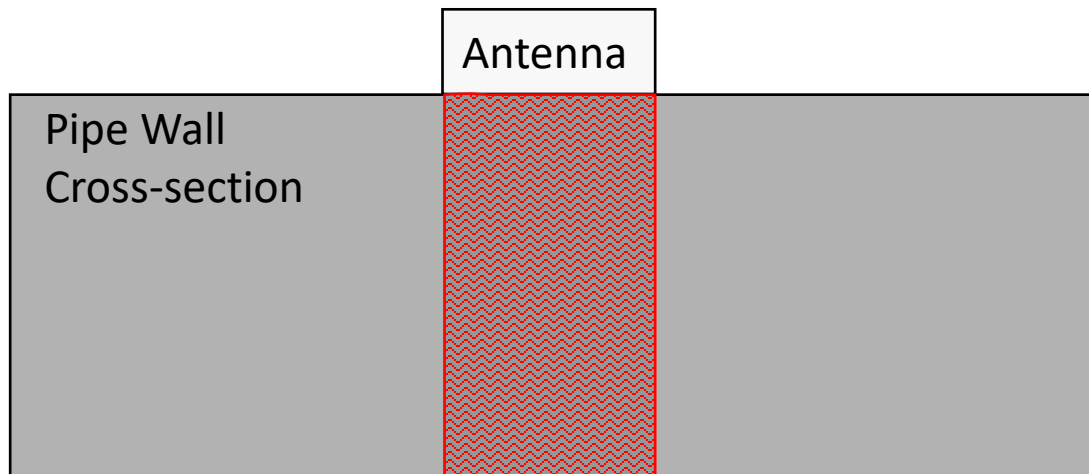
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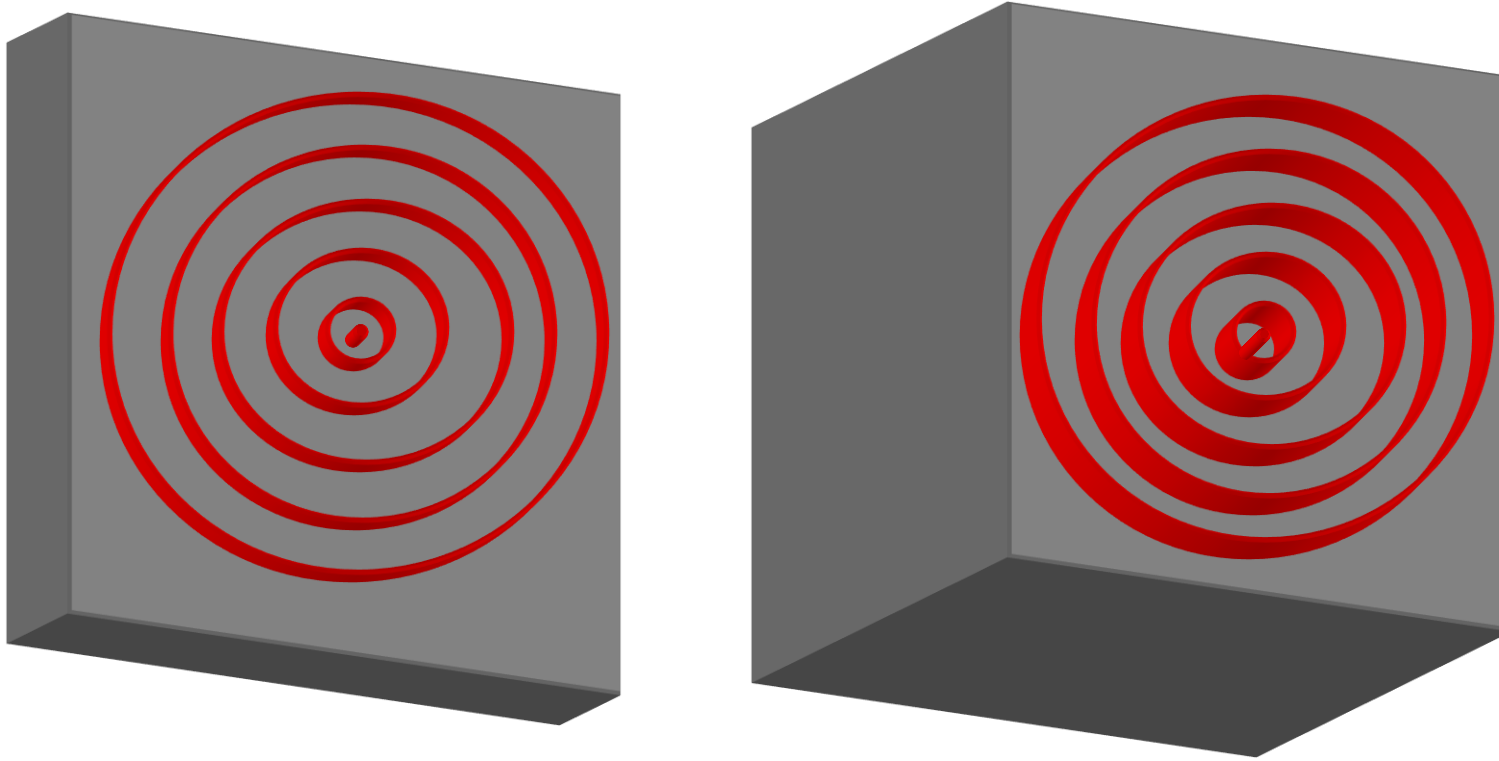
BEM Overview

- Established geophysical exploration technology
- Modified for NDT inspections of infrastructure
- Magnetic & eddy current properties - mPEC
- Non-frequency dependent
- Ability to scan through thick coating/lining (2" +)
- Contact with metallic surface not required

BEM Signal Penetration



BEM Signal Characteristics

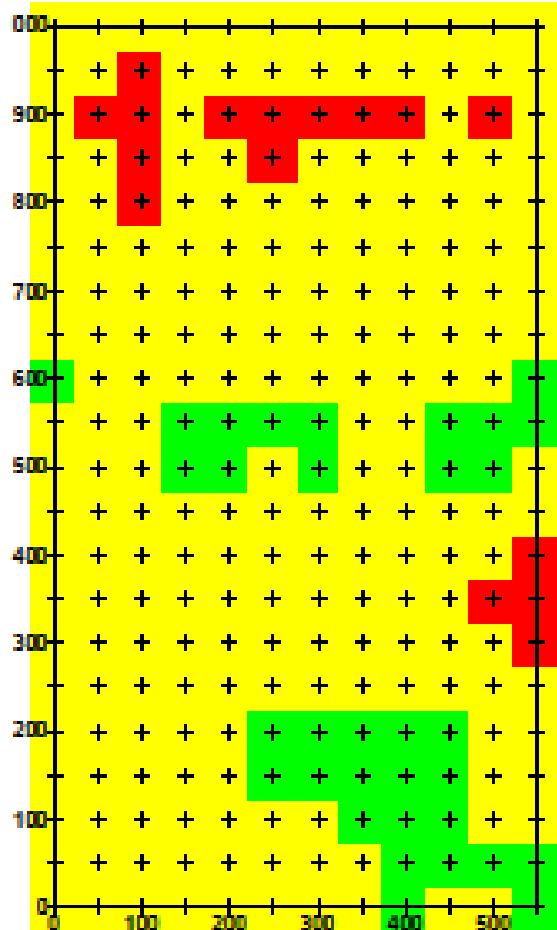


BEM Signal Conversion

- Changes in signal amplitude correspond to volume fluctuations of metal underneath the sensor
- Signal-to-thickness conversion is applied
- Post-survey processing yields the 'apparent' metal thickness for each data point collected

Distance along Pipe

Circumference of Pipe



Real-time Display

BEM Results



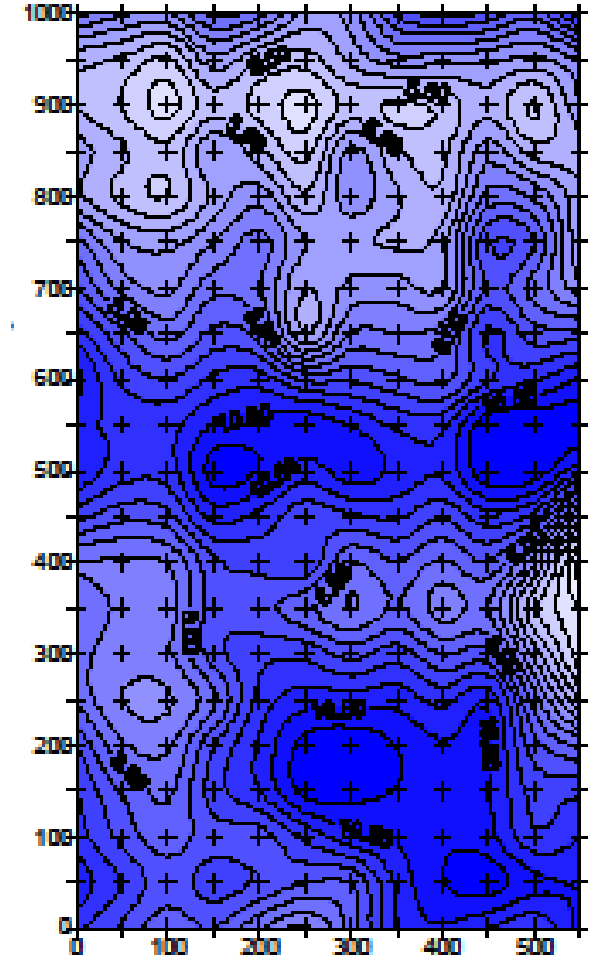
% to mm



% to inch



Circumferential corrosion mapping of the pipe using an unfurled plot



Processed Data

Technology Evaluation

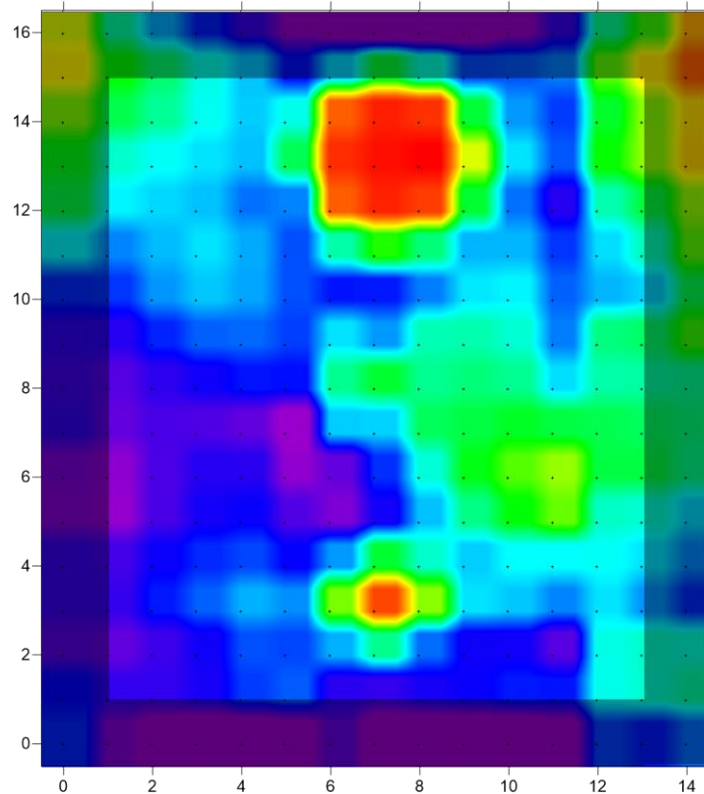


- 640mils Liner
- 500mils MS
- Test sample 1140mils thick



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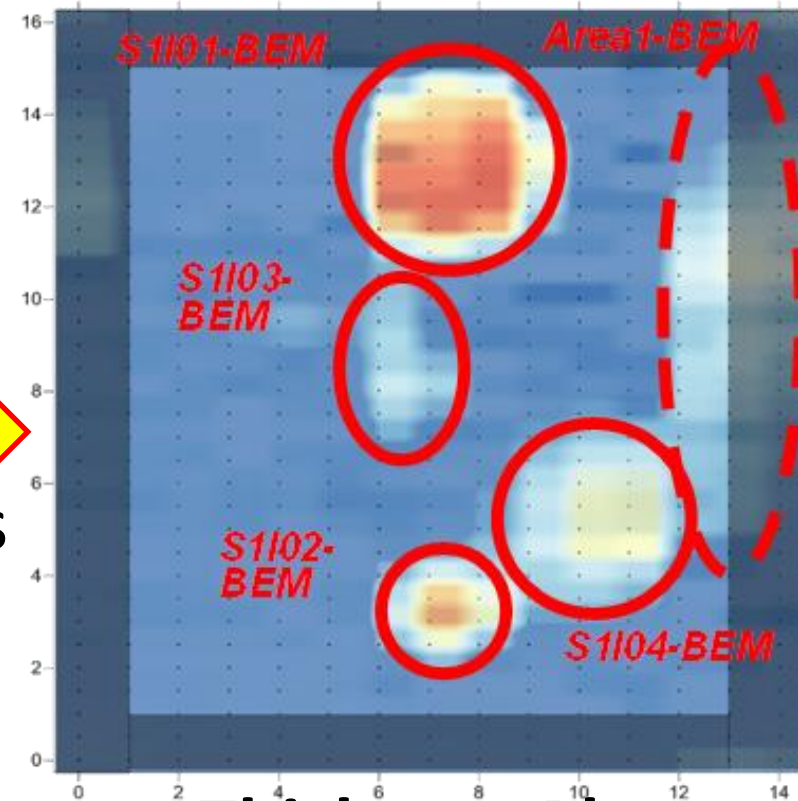
Processed Data Display



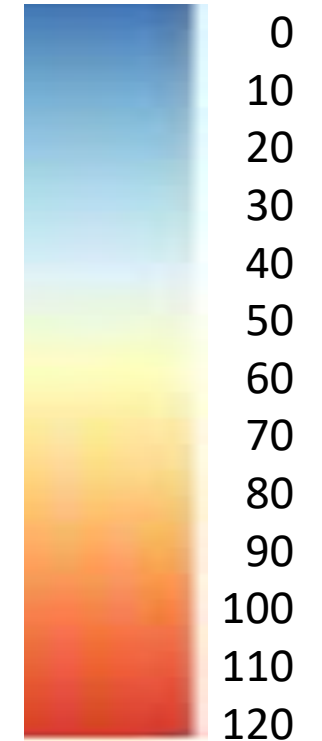
Broadband Signal Intensity



Wall thickness



Thickness Plot



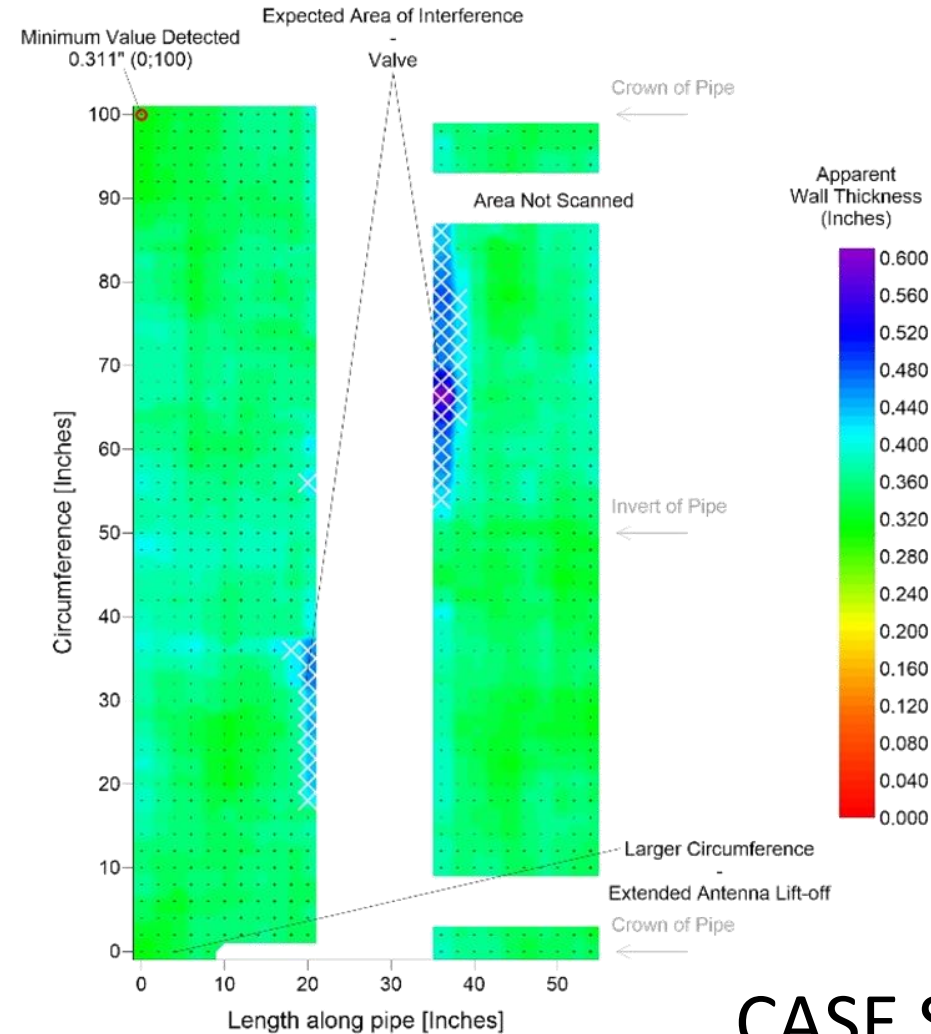
Apparent Defect Depth (mils)



Pre-lining HSK scan



**30" mild steel
No Lining**



**Processed data
mils wall thickness
pre-lining**

CASE STUDY 1



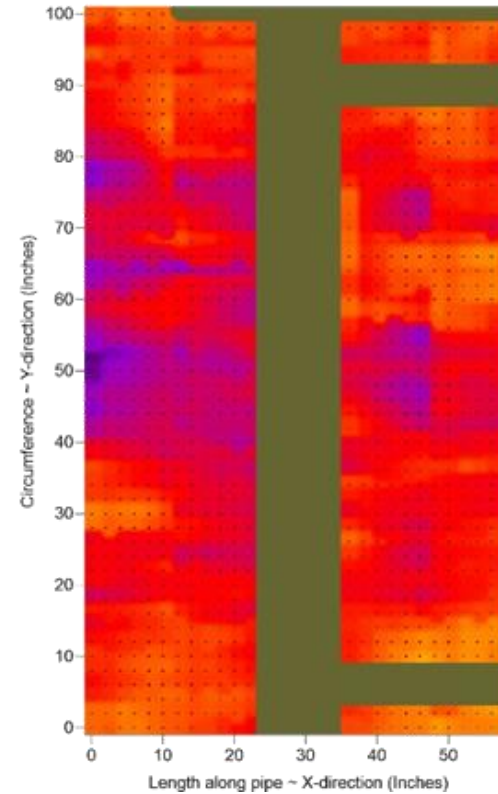
Post-lining scan HSK



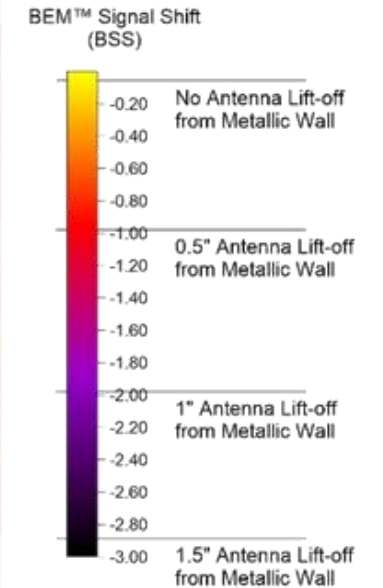
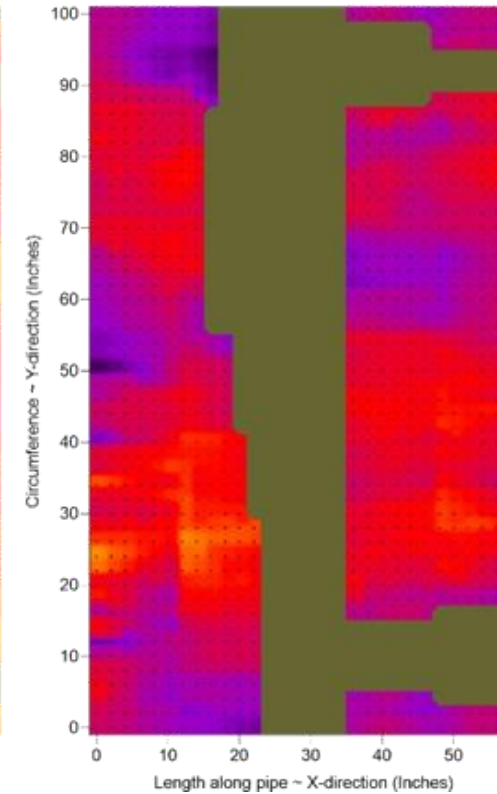
30" mild steel

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PRIOR CFC



POST CFC

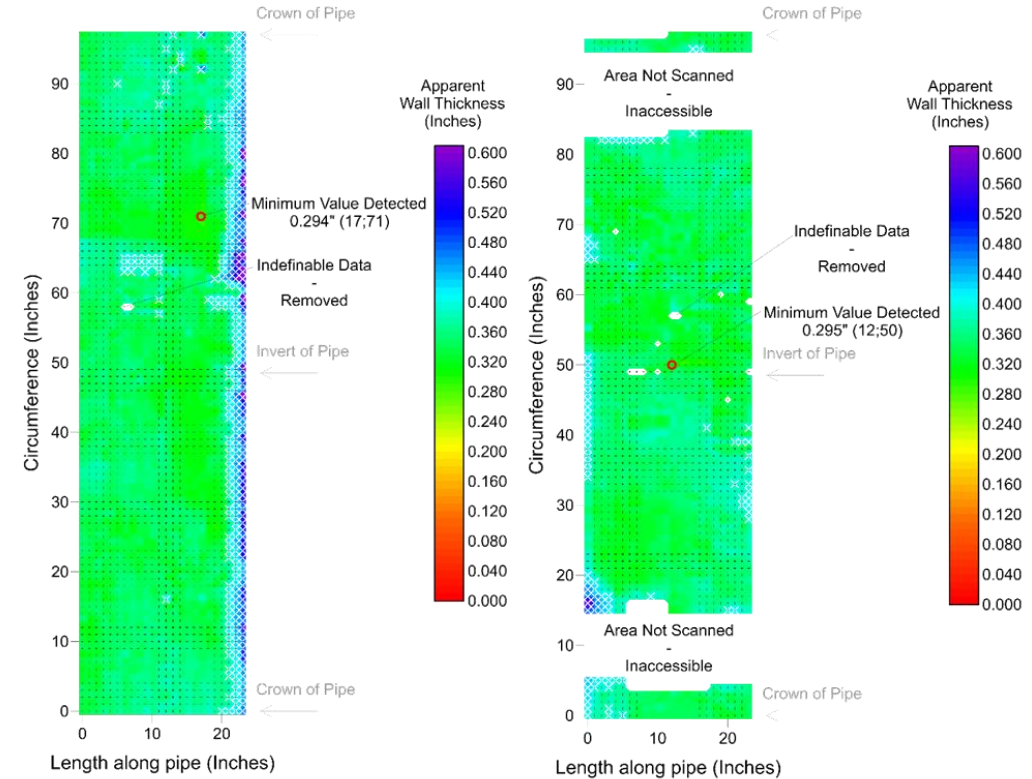
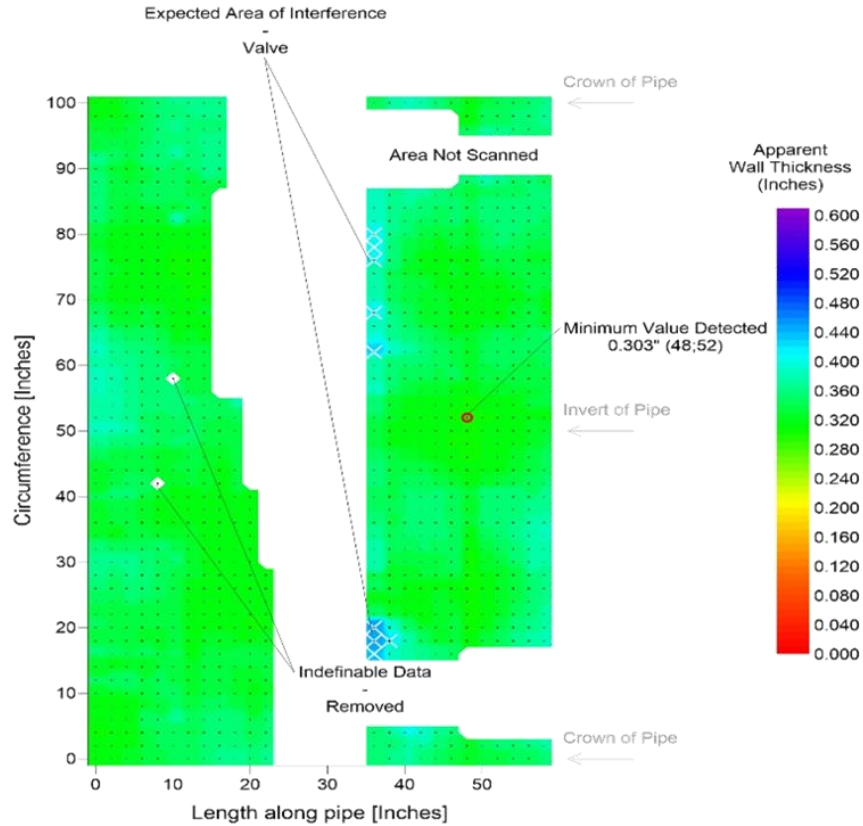


Lining thickness assessment

Post-lining scans HSK

Wall thickness

3 years later



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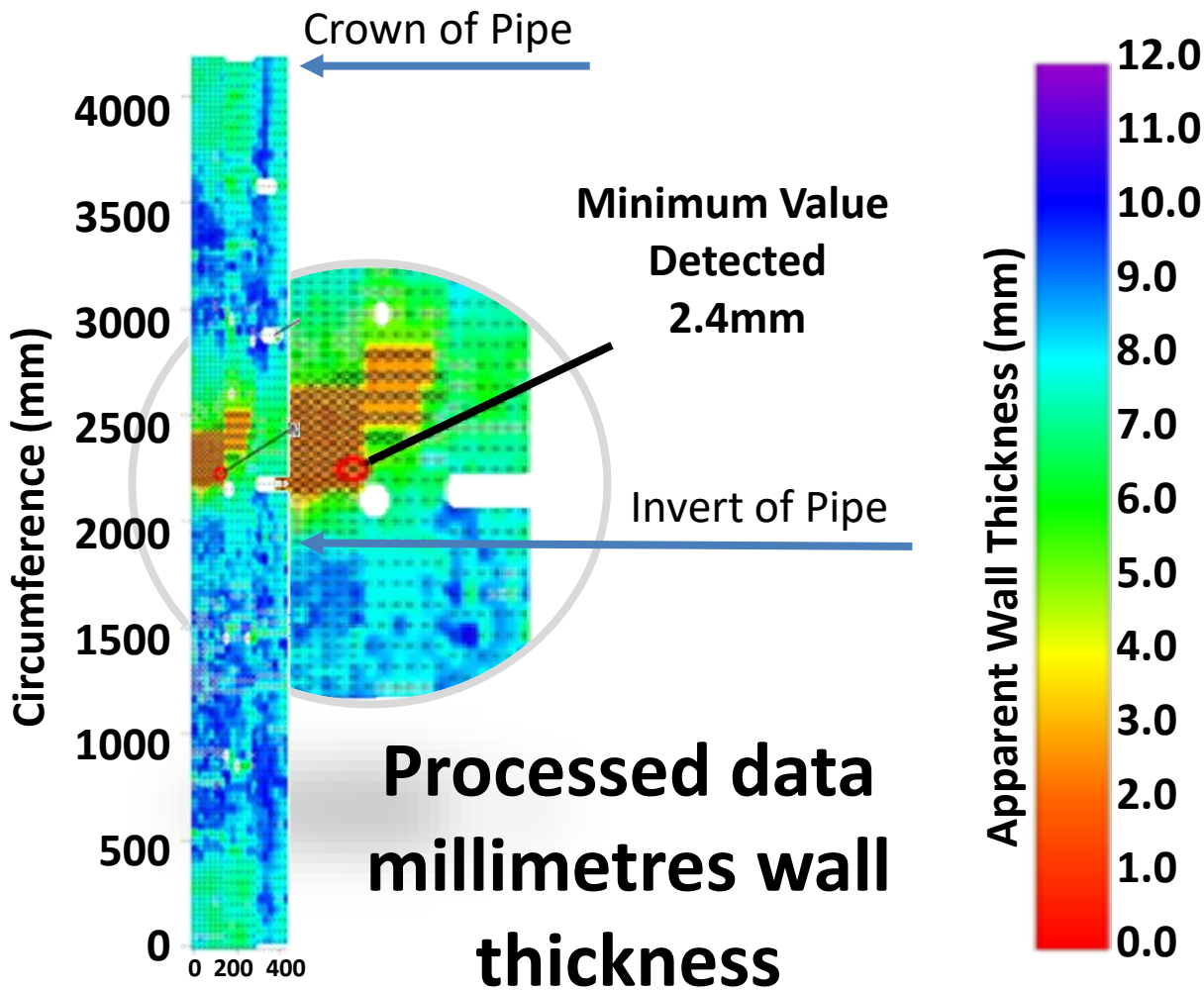


Mild Steel Lined Pipe i-FAST



1300mm internal-Flexible Array
Scanning Tool

CASE STUDY 2



Mild Steel Lined Pipe i-FAST

CASE STUDY 2



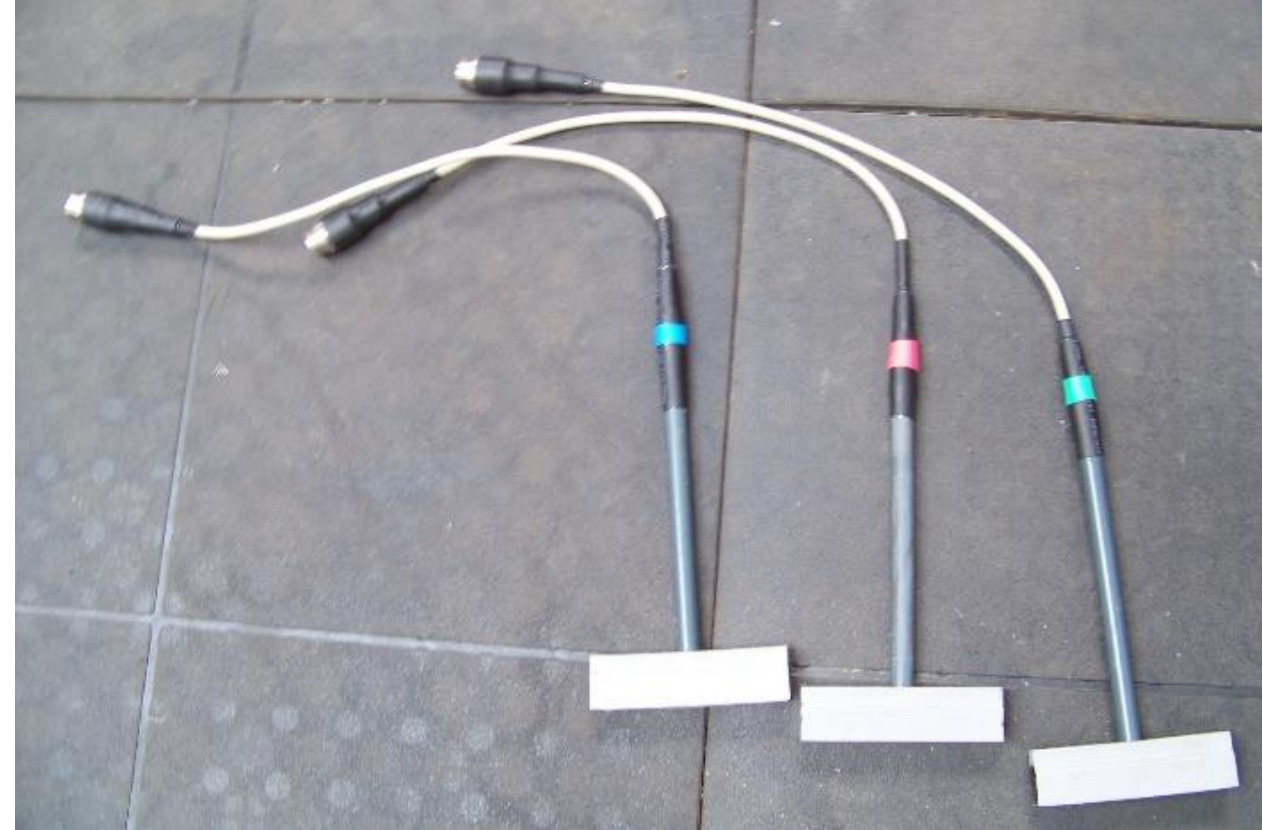
Mapping flaw – pipe invert



Flaw exposed



PCCP pipe joint prep for Weko-Seals JET



CASE STUDY 3

JET (Joint Evaluation Tool)



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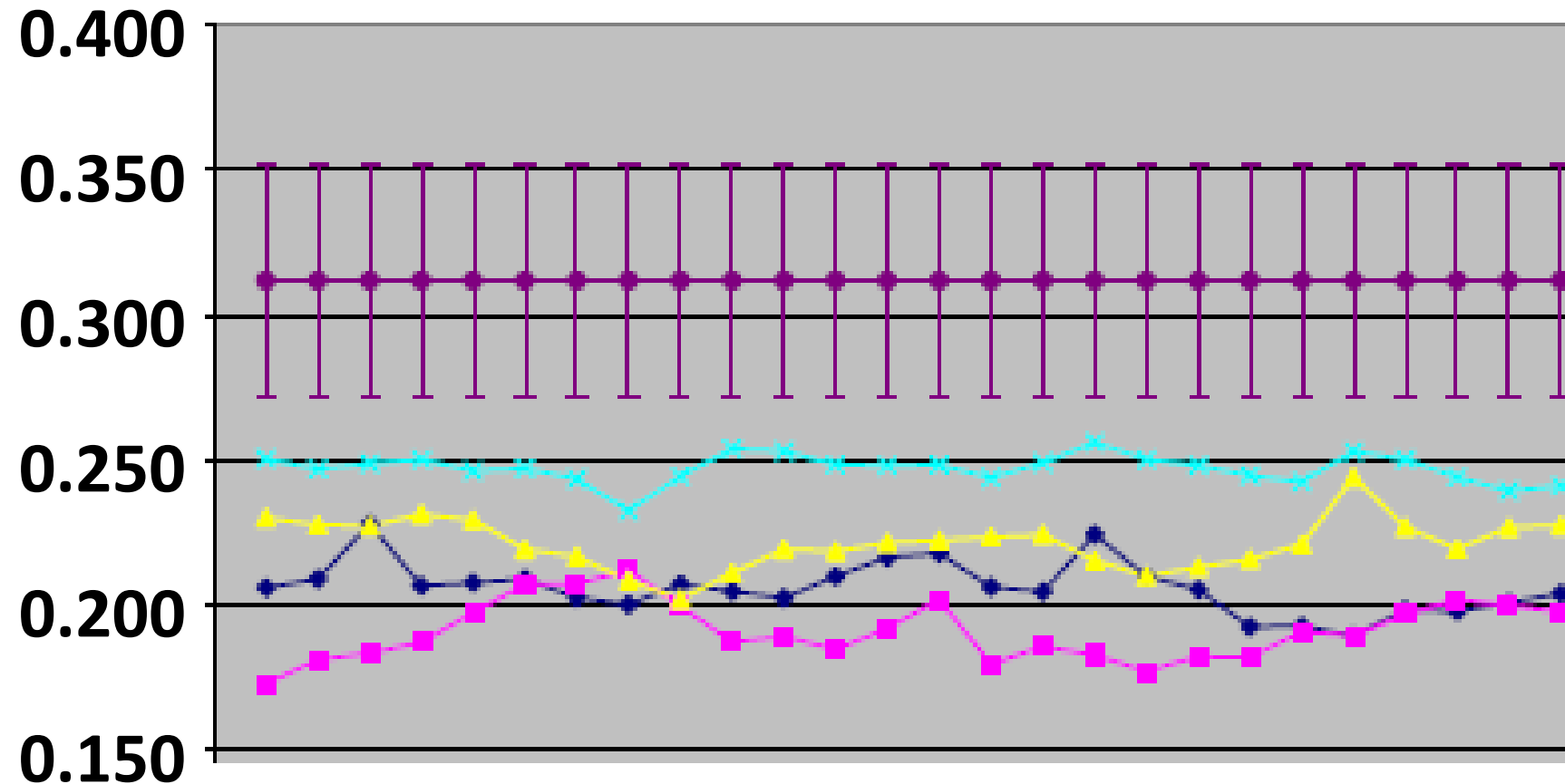
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Joint Condition Data - JET



- Joint 64
- Joint 65
- Joint 66
- Joint 67



CASE STUDY 3

Nominal Thickness

Coupon Assessment Tool (CAT)



- Spot scans
- Internal or external
- External on live pipe
- Virtual pipe coupon
- Flexi-joint



Hand Scanning Kit (HSK)



- Basic System
- Portable / modular
- Internal / external
- External (live pipe)



Crown Assessment Probe (CAP)



- External scanning
- Sewer gas attack
- Non-person entry
- On live pipe

Flexible Array Scanning Tool (e-FAST/i-FAST)



Pipe Inspection Gauge (PIG)





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