

UNPIGGABLE NO MORE! PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS FOR CHALLENGING PIPELINES



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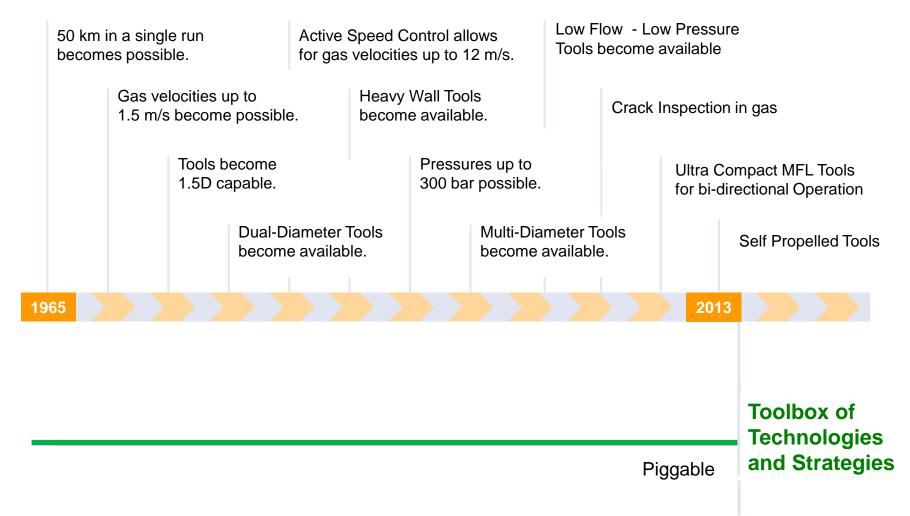


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EVOLUTIONAL PROCESS



"Unpiggable" a function of time and market needs



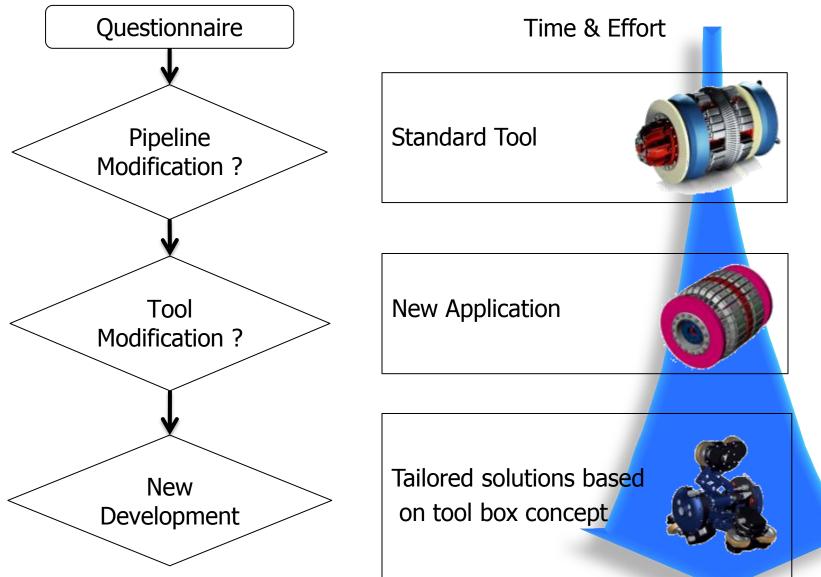
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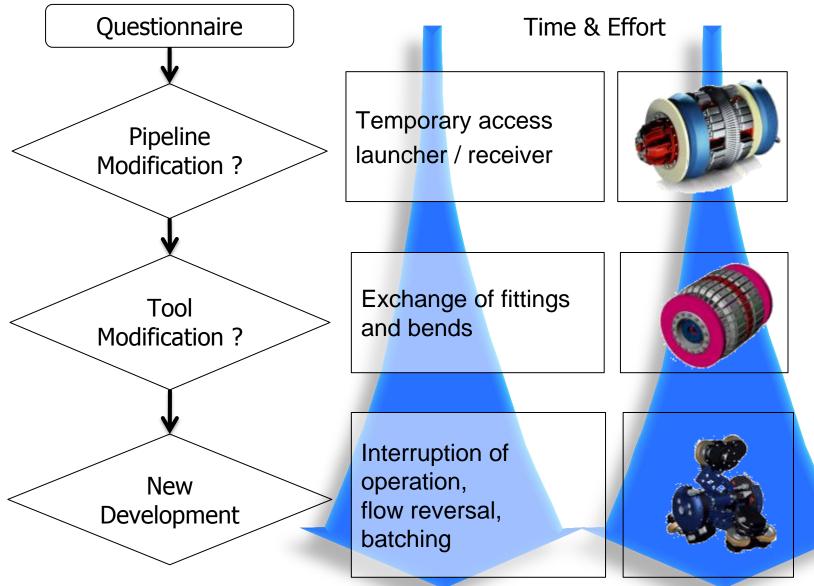




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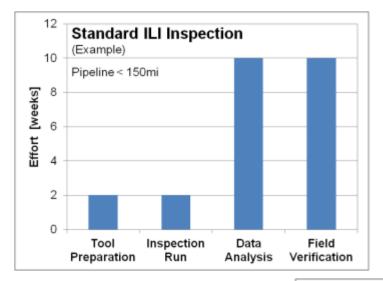


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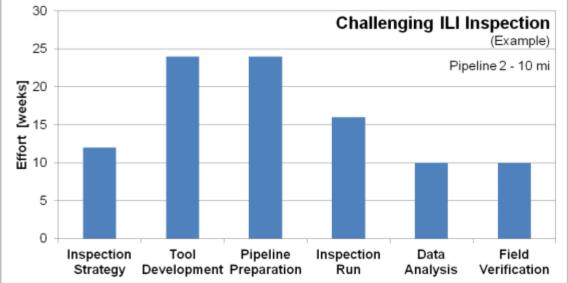




ILI standard focus on data analysis and verification (repair)

Challenging pipeline add up-front strategies, preparation and technologies

Note Inspection Run Time is increasing for shorter sections !



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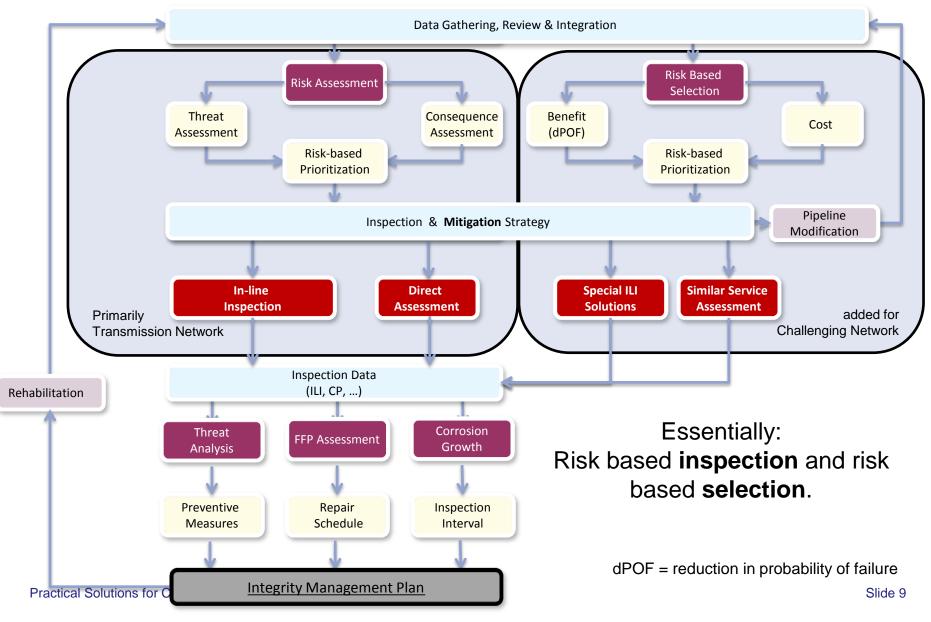


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RISK BASED SELECTION / INSPECTION



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24" BiDi MFL ILI Tool

Travel in either direction and capture data both ways (redundancy).

Asymmetric pigging operation for cleaning, gauging and inspection

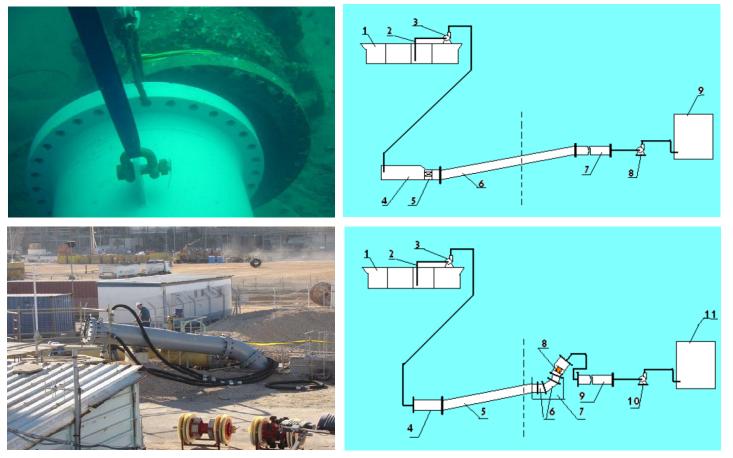
Versatile Elements – Bi-Directional ILI Tools





Inspection of 16", 24" and 32" Loading Lines

Onshore / Offshore operation. BiDi operation. Gauging program identified severe or impassable dents. First line completed with BiDi MFL. Second line Geometry only. Third line rescheduled.





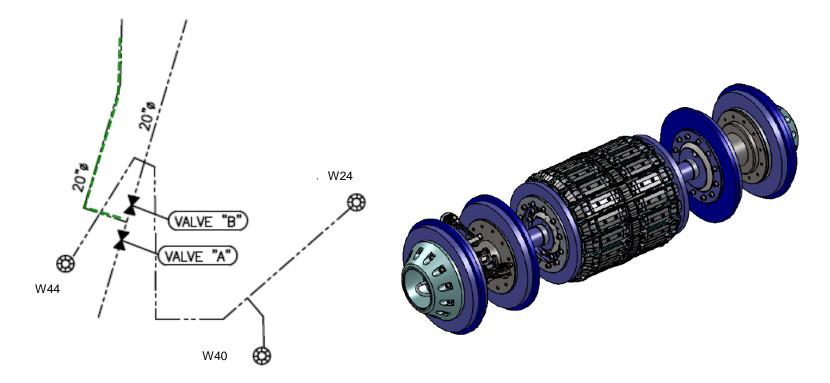
Bi-Directional ILI Tools for Pig-Valve Operation 10" 3-Way-Valves typically used for spheres and cylindrical pigs with a length of 1.4 x D





Bi Directional Inspection of 20" In-Field Gathering Line

Tie in into piggable 20" trunk line. Inspection from launcher to full bore unbarred tee and back. Single body tool with tee-extension.



CASE BY CASE – LOW PRESSURE RUN



Inspection of 10" In-Field Gathering Lines

Pipeline pressure 116 psi (8 bar). Required differential pressure for tool 10 psi (0.7 bar)only; 20 psi (1.4 bar) at forged bend. Unidirectional set-up of BiDi tool.



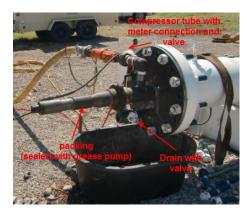


CASE BY CASE – TETHERED BIDI MFL SERVICE



Inspection of 12" Lateral Flow Lines Tied into 16" Trunk Line

12" BiDi MFL ILI tool used. Lateral connection from well to 16" trunk line. Inspection during revision program. Push in with air 100 psi (7 bar). Pull back with winch. Provision of Gauging, Geometry and Corrosion Services.

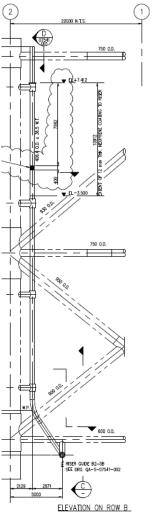






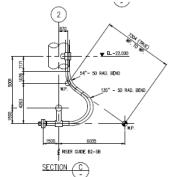
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Bi Directional Inspection of 16" Off-shore Riser

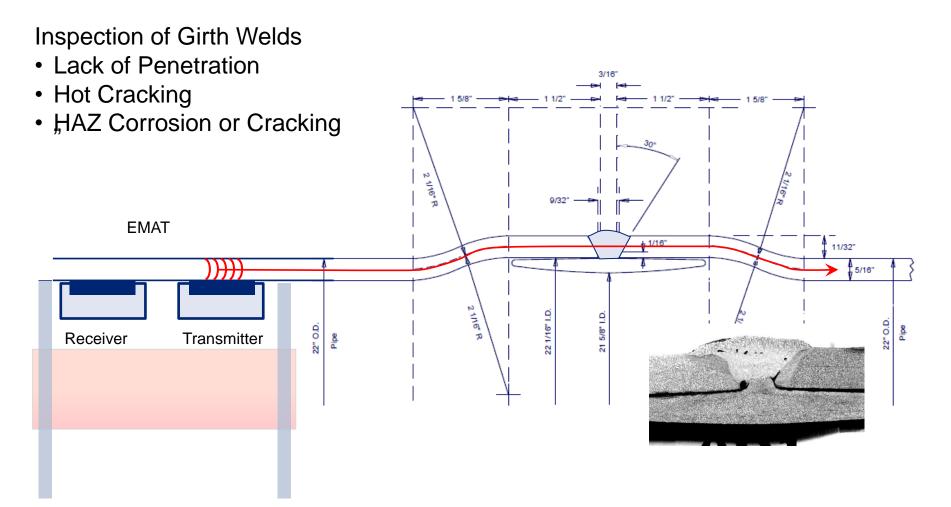
UT wall thickness tool was lowered in water and pulled back.





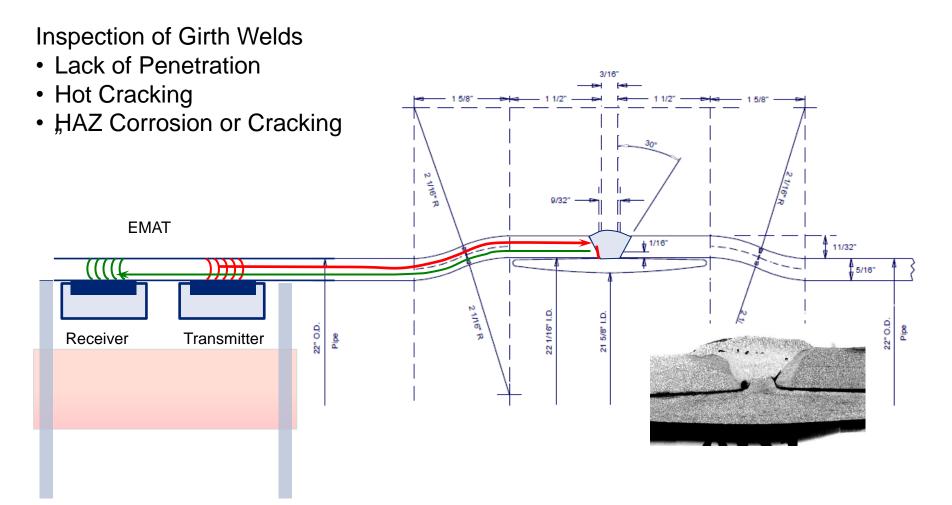
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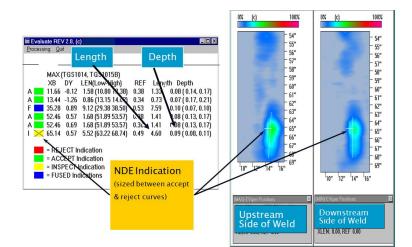


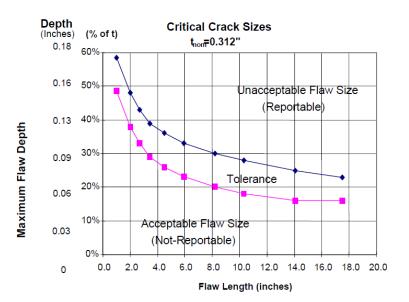
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Acceptance & Rejection Curves semi automated process to accept or reject a weld with user interface onsite





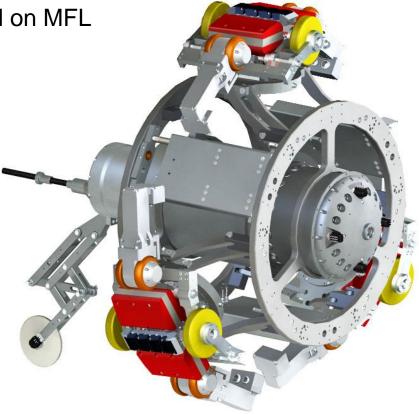


CASE BY CASE – ROBOTIC HELIX TOOL



- Single body
- Rotating measurement system based on MFL
- Light weight
- Easy to handle
- Front & rear camera system





Single Tractor & Inspection Unit



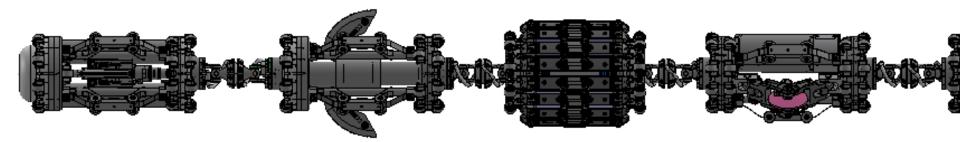
The self-propelled RoCorr MFL/BiDi/MTC inspection solution consists of the following elements:

Inspection technology: Carrier: Propulsion: Power: Operation & control: Fail safe:

MFL Bi-directional / low friction Multi Trotter Crawler Onboard accumulators External via wire line Cable







Technical Specifications

Inspection Range	200 mtr		
Nominal Inspection Velocity	50 m/h		
Nominal Pulling Power	11,000N		
Peak Pulling Power	22,000N		
Pressure Resistance	2 Mpa (20 bar)		
Operating Pressure	ambient		
Product Temperature Range	0 - 45 °C		
Sensor specification 10" MFL configuration			
MFL channels	144		
Wt range	4.0 - 10.0 mm		
Magnetization level	10 – 30 kA/m		

Mechanical Specifications

Tool length	5200 mm
Operational weight	293 kg
Tool locating system	
Transmitter	ITX 503
Pipeline requirements	
Min. Bend Radius	1.5 D
Min.Bore in Straight Pipe	232 mm*
Min.Bore in 3D Bend	240 mm*
Straight Pipe between b2b bends	1000 mm
Max ID Step Changes	10 mm*



Full-scale testing



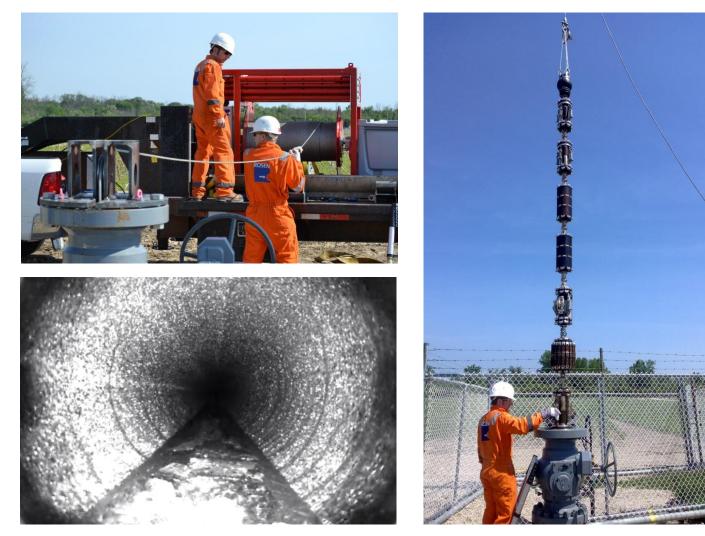




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Field Operation



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Cost effective - Bi-directional approach avoids the need for expensive receiver while the MFL technology avoids the need to liquid fill the line

Safe - Extremely powerful crawler provides full control over the tool movement whilst well designed fail safe measures ensure the tool can always be recovered

Quality - high resolution MFL data quality, 100% coverage in one single pass and tool records both ways

Reliable - MFL technology is a robust and proven technology known to be least sensitive to debris

Easy - The crawler approach avoids the need for heavy equipment such as compressors/ wire line trucks

CASE BY CASE - ROBOTIC SURVEY SYSTEM (RSS)

- Configurable for different sizes (here 16")
- Eddy current sensor unit for shallow internal corrosion measurements
- Unit with geometric measurement sensors
- Camera for visual inspection





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Field test with the RSS 16". Line was approximately 150 meters long and subjected to significant debris. Tool travelled in both directions.





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