

## Discovery<sup>™</sup>

Subsea CT Scanner for pipeline integrity and flow assurance visualisation Lee Robins, Head of Subsea Services



Operational Pipeline Pigging Seminar

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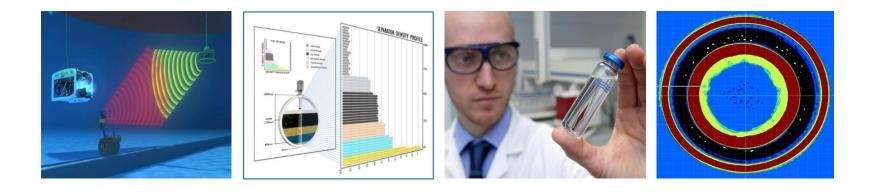






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#### **Tracerco Subsea Process and Integrity Services**



- Integrity Inspection
  - Pipelines
  - Flooded Member
  - Mid-water Arches & Buoyancy Tank
- Flow Assurance Inspection
  - Deposition Studies
  - Stuck Pig Location
- PIG Tracking/Detection
- Density Profiler
- Radiation Monitoring





#### A Familiar Problem

# "It is believed that up to 40% of the world oil and gas pipelines are deemed to be unpiggable."<sup>1</sup>

1. www.europeanoilandgas.co.uk/article-page. php?contentid=5132&issueid=197 (2008)





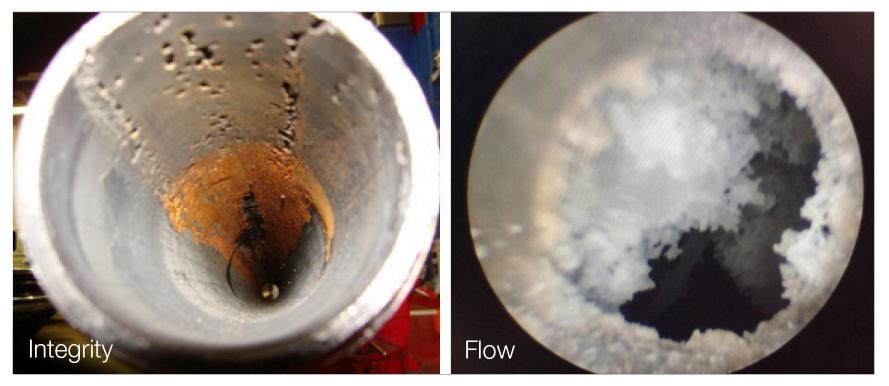
#### A Familiar Problem

There are no reliable subsea detection tools to accurately detect and characterise hydrate, wax, scale and asphaltene blockages





#### A Familiar Problem







#### Two New Pipeline Inspection Technologies

**Tracerco Explorer<sup>™</sup>** – a fast screening technology to highlight Flow Assurance and Integrity issues for further detailed investigation by Discovery<sup>™</sup>

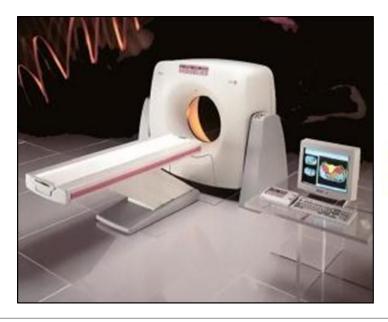
**Tracerco Discovery<sup>™</sup>** - the world's first Subsea CT Scanner

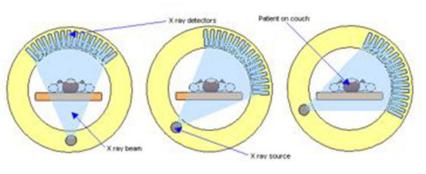




#### Tracerco Discovery<sup>TM</sup> – Subsea CT Scanner

• Based upon medical Computed Tomography principles









- Based upon medical Computed Tomography principles
- A non-intrusive technology for inspection of subsea pipelines
- Inspection of 'difficult to pig', 'challenging' and 'unpiggable', coated or uncoated pipelines
- Inspection of complex pipeline systems:
  - ✓ pipe bundles, pipe-in-pipe, flexibles, CRA lined, plastic lined

Why use Discovery:

Obtain integrity and flow assurance data online and non-intrusively to enable critical decisions to be made and reduce operational intervention time





## Applications

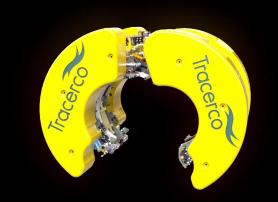
Asset Integrity	Life Extension	Flow Assurance	Decommissioning
Integrity inspection without production interruption, meaning you don't have to reduce or defer production. Post-ILI verification of	Cost effective life extension inspection projects by removing the requirement to modify unpiggable lines for inline inspection, or	Characterize pipeline contents, and learn if your deposit or restriction is hydrate, wax, asphaltene or scale.	Reduce the risk of environmental issues during decommissioning activities by getting a full picture of exact pipeline contents and condition.
defect size.	remove coatings for other external inspection technologies.	Exact knowledge allows you to select accurate remedial action first time, eliminating the cost of	
	The only solution for full integrity assessment of	ineffectual remediation.	
	entire pipeline structure and contents.	Run a progressive pigging campaign with confidence.	





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ROV DPT: 3687' ALT: 21 ' BTY: 3708'



# FULLY OPERATIONAL IN 2015

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ROV DPT: 3686' ALT: 22 ' BTY: 3708'

# Real-time data transmission

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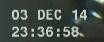
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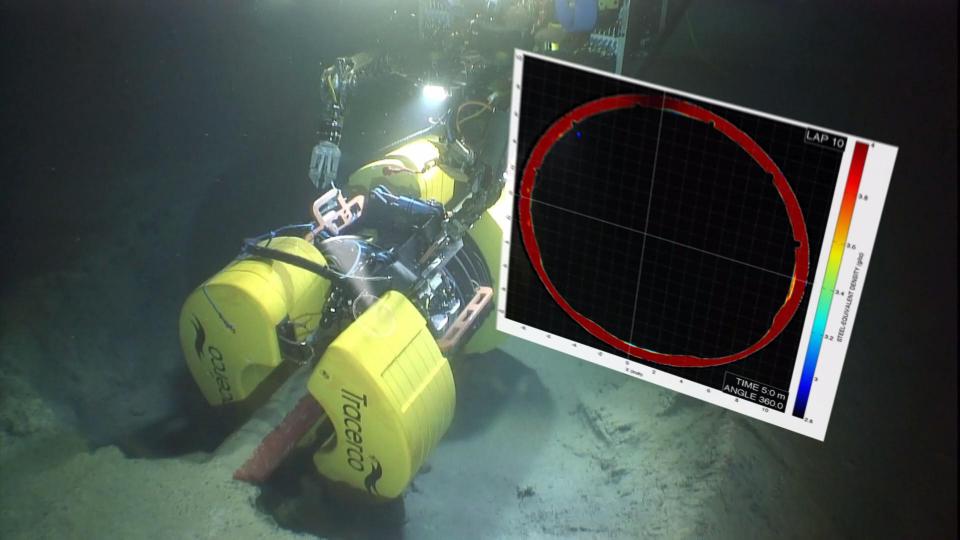
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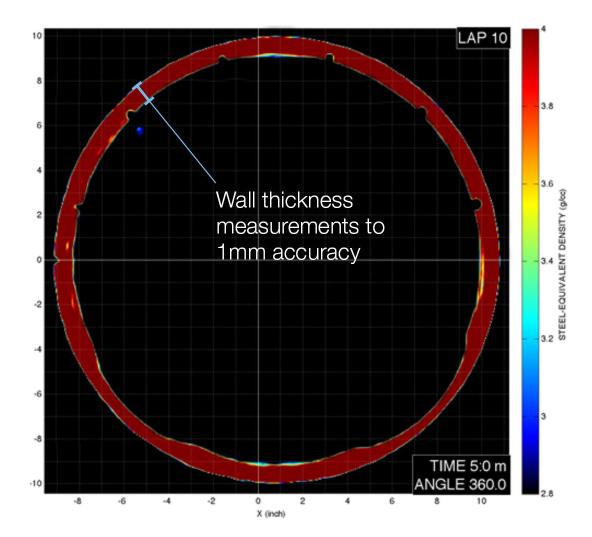


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- Provides integrity images to approximately 1mm wall thickness accuracy
- Any type of pipeline
- No need to remove any type of coatings
- No interruption to normal pipeline operations and production
- Fully Operational and Field Proven–TRL 7
- DNV RP-A203 Certified
- 3000m Water Depth rated
- Diameter range currently 2" to 26" (can be increased)





# Verify pipeline contents and KNOW the exact amount, structure and type of deposits prior to operational pigging and progressive cleaning campaigns

Why rely on historical and often inaccurate data, such as temperature profile, pressures, flow rates, product chemistry, pipeline geometry features and any operational pigging history to create a 'best guess' picture of what may be in the line?

Carry out a pipeline survey so that operational pigging and progressive pigging cleaning campaigns proceed with confidence.





# Verify pipeline contents and KNOW the exact amount, structure and type of deposits

High percentage of remediation campaigns are ineffectual due to lack of accurate information; wasting millions of dollars and losing months of production time



Reduce operational downtime – lost production savings

Accurately plan an effective and efficient cleaning campaign – big OPEX savings





#### **Pre-deployment trial – proof of concept**

8" in 12" pipe in pipe

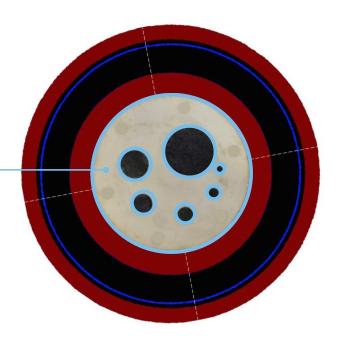






#### **Pre-deployment trial – proof of concept**

Wax or Aspheltene blockage as density-equivalent plastic

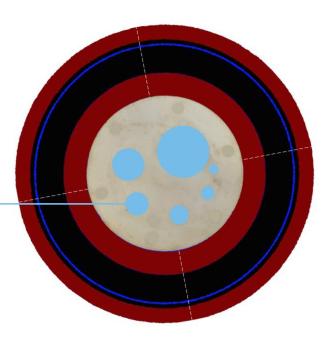






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Gas pockets as density-equivalent plastic

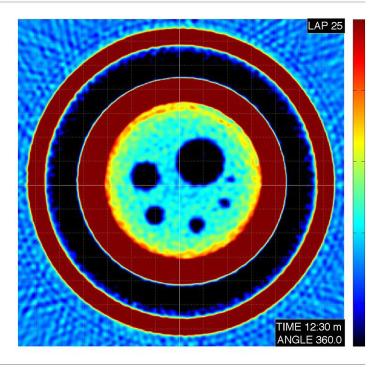






#### **Pre-deployment trial – proof of concept**

- All 6 Channels clearly detected
- Proof of required detection resolution
- Provides confidence to proceed with the offshore inspection campaign

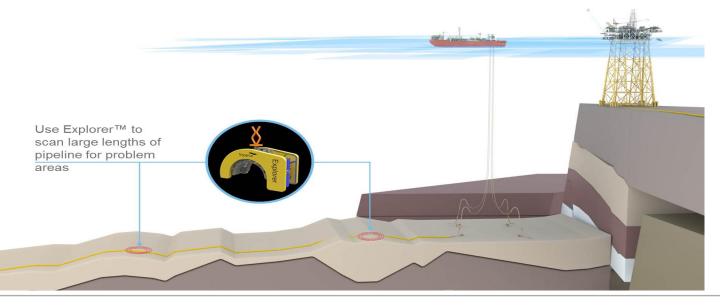






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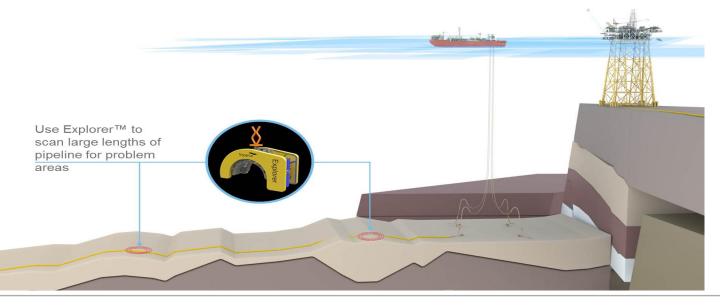






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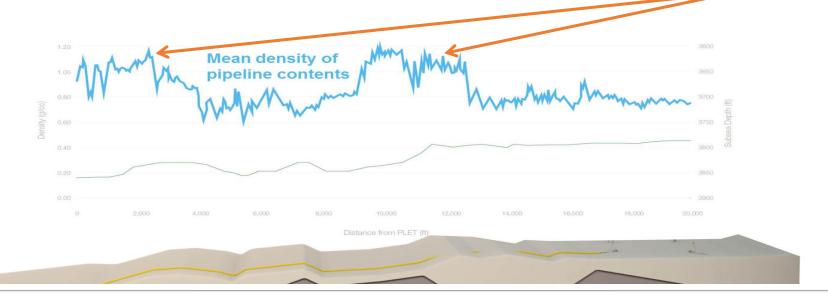






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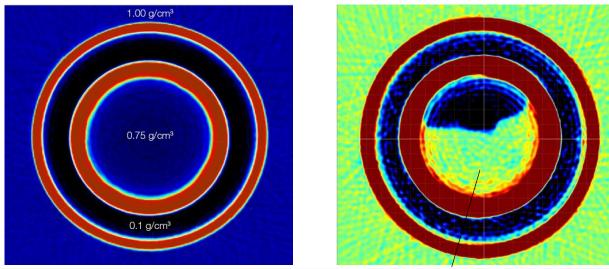






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**2. Quantify and characterise it:** use Discovery<sup>™</sup> to identify the type and nature of the deposition – know WHAT it is



Discovery image of a clean PiP line

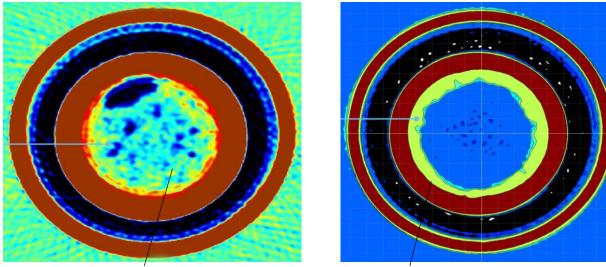
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Asphaltene @1.2g/cc

Scale @2.3g/cc





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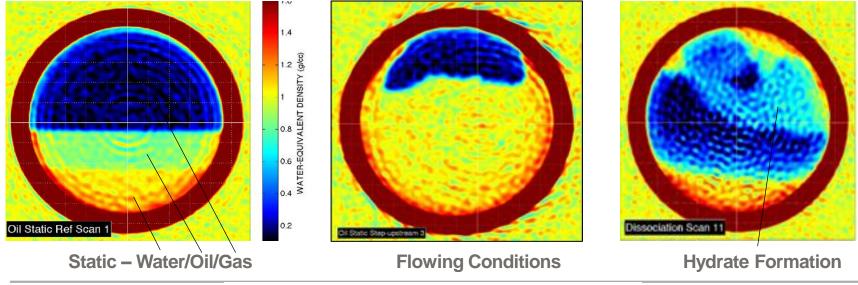
3. Remediate efficiently and cost-effectively

#### Choose the correct remediation method and plan the campaign with confidence





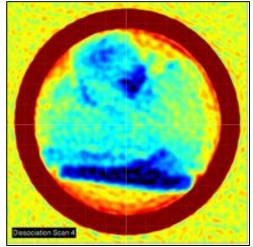
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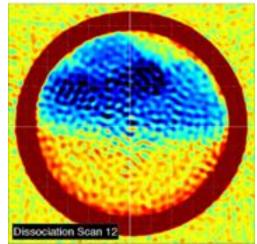




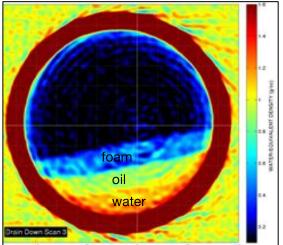
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Hydrate Blockage



**Hydrate Dissociation** 



Hydrate Removed





Validate and accurately measure defects detected from ILI campaigns

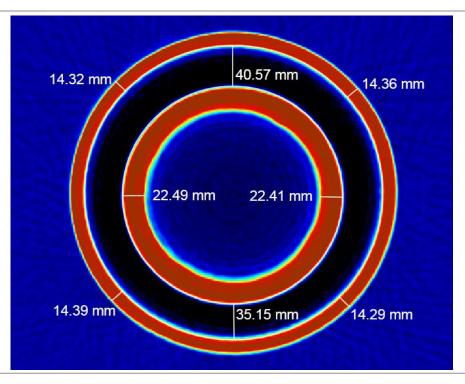
- No need to remove/replace <u>any</u> type of coatings
- Inspect online no production losses
- Use on pipe-in-pipe systems and bundles

Cost effective solution for Lifetime Extension of any type of 'unpiggable' and 'difficult to pig' lines





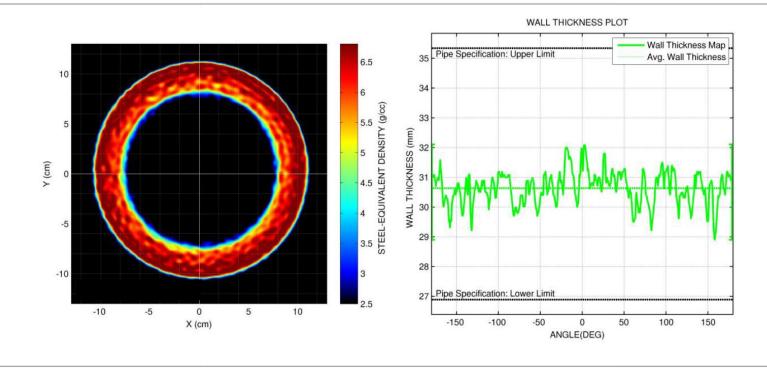
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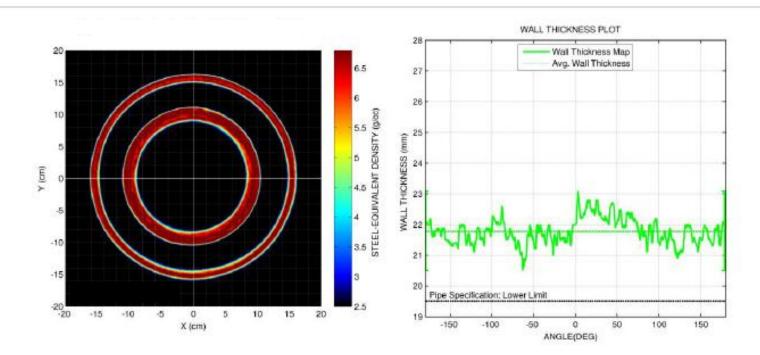
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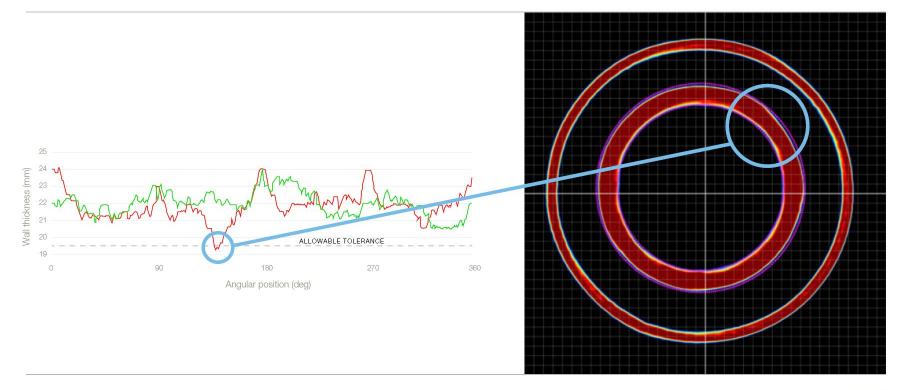
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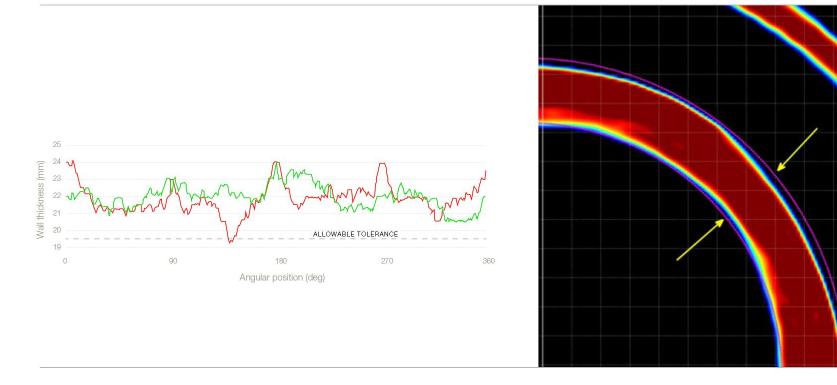
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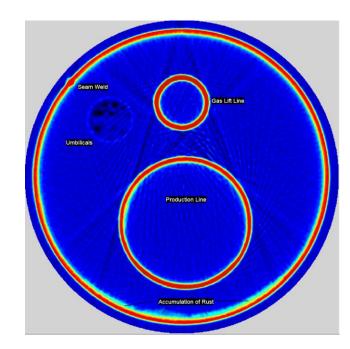






#### Discovery<sup>™</sup> – Pipe Bundle Integrity



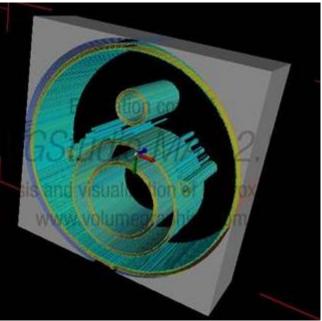






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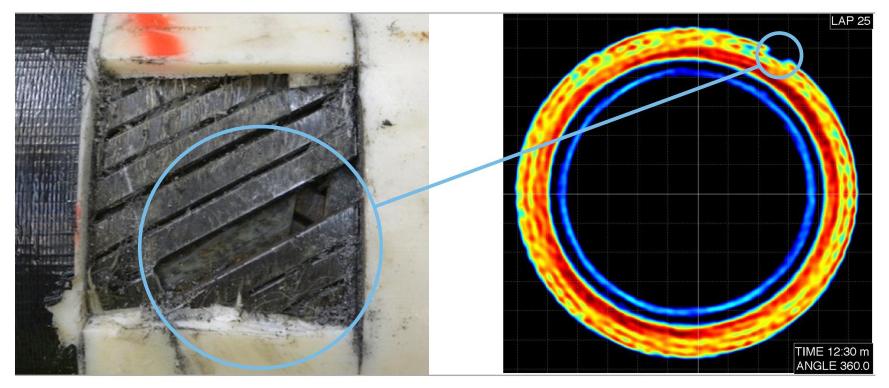








### Discovery<sup>™</sup> – Pipeline Integrity – Flexible







#### **Fundamental principles:**

Tracerco Explorer<sup>™</sup> (patent pending) is a new innovation that is far superior to existing Digital Radiography techniques, allowing fast inspection of flexible risers.

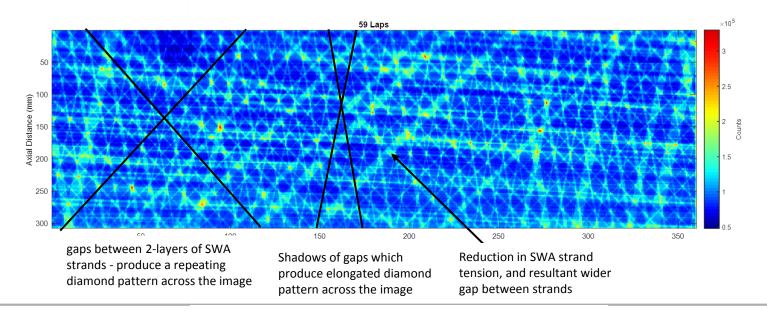
- External clamp-on device
- Crawler mechanism
- Better resolution than DR
- Fast inspection speed of 0.5 metres/minute





## Explorer<sup>™</sup> – Flexible Integrity

#### 360 degree image of both inner and outer SWA layers

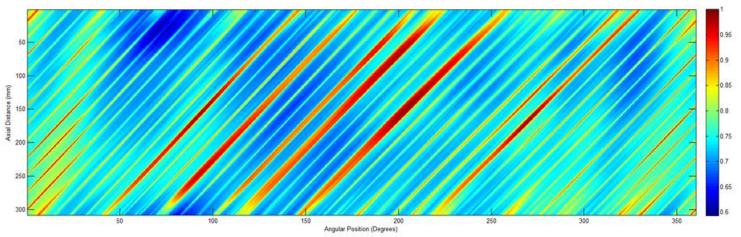






### Explorer<sup>™</sup> – Flexible Integrity

360 degree image filtered to show just one of the SWA layers

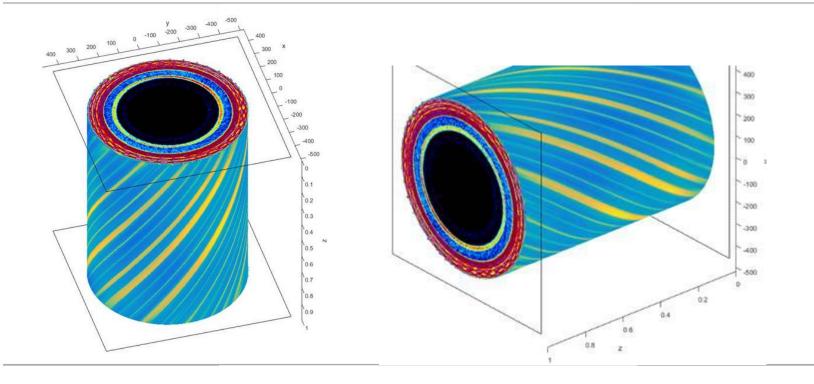


Slippage of the SWA where gaps have opened up between strands are clearly visible. Broken and cracked strands will also be clearly visible.





#### Explorer<sup>™</sup> + Discovery<sup>™</sup> – Flexible Integrity

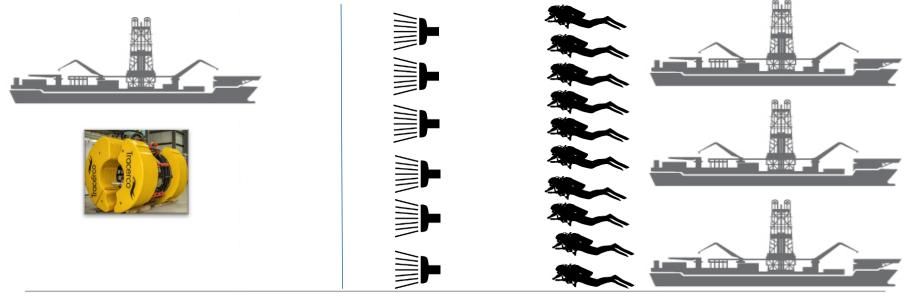






#### Life Extension – Unpiggable Lines

Save as much as 35% on the total cost of life extension inspection projects by scanning through coatings

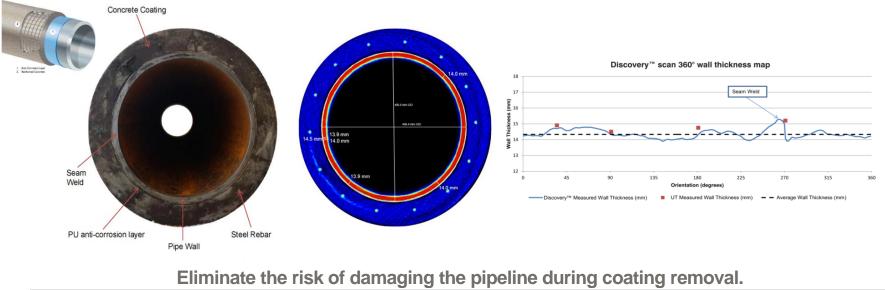






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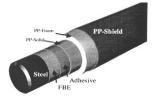




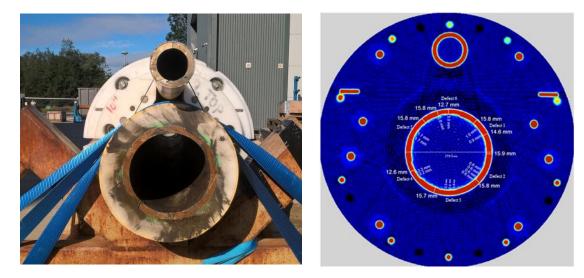


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5-layer PP Insulated Pipe with Piggyback Line





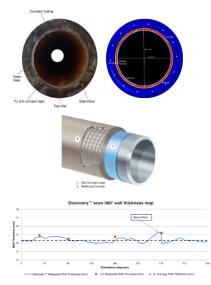
# **Solution Engagement**

Understanding the perceived challenges;

- Develop the IRM solution
- Develop the process understanding
- Enable Decisions and mitigate risk



#### Tested, verification ready for mobilisation







Engagement with our customers at the front end operational engineering stage, to understand the operational challenges, and enabling us to provide the most effective solutions.



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#### Summary

Provides detailed images of all pipe walls and contents without need to remove coatings

Reduce costs on Remediation campaigns:

Verify pipeline contents and KNOW the exact amount, structure and type of deposits prior to operational pigging and progressive cleaning campaigns

Validate and accurately measure defects detected from ILI campaigns No interruption or risk to production No coating removal/replacement Reducing intervention costs and duration









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