

## **Digital Pipeline Integrity Management**

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## **PIGGING CHALLENGES**



#### INTELLIGENT PIGGING

- Managing schedules and risks
- Larger footprint
- Data processing time
- PROGRESSIVE CLEANING
- Decisions based on lack of data
- PIG TRACKING
- Technology limitations
- **STUCK PIG CONTINGENCY**
- Limited provision to test contingency plans



Plate mill

Iron ore

Pipe mill



High cost, high impact; reliance on skilled manual processes and transporting short pipe sections

#### IS CURRENT PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY SUSTAINABLE?

A typical 40km cross country gas transmission pipeline needs... 1000+ truck movements & 48,000m<sup>2</sup> pipe dumps

Long sequence of heavy manual processes unchanged for 75 years

Stringing

Welding

Jointing

Burial

Coating



#### A mobile factory moves across the terrain laying pipe

- AutomatedConstruction
  - Manufactured by mobile factory
  - -Digital Quality Control
  - -Directly laid in trench
  - -Hydrotested
- Digital Operation
  - Real time data
  - All along pipeline



#### MOBILE AUTOMATED SPIRAL INTERLOCKED PIPE (MASIP)

Technology exploiting advances in high strength steel and manufacturing process to reduce cost, weight, material and time using a mobile automated factory to produce pipe continuously in the field.



#### **MASIP– Flexible Pipe Structure**





### **Technology Qualified by DNVGL**

FEA and pipe tests





years life with hydrogen rich gas

## Mobile Pipe Factory – Field Trials





Factory modules are shipped to site in containers, assembled in a tent and pipe made in the field

## MASiP – Intelligent Pipe with Optical Fibre



# Spirally wound optical fibre enables sensitive real time integrity monitoring- leak detection, 3<sup>rd</sup> party interference, pipe displacement

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#### **MASiP – Pipe trials**





Pipe trials included different types of pipe section and a range of pressure cycles with hydrogen rich gas

### **Integrity Monitoring Dashboard**





The pipeline is divided into channels of information with spatial resolution of 0.1m

#### **MASiP – Pipe sensitivity trials**





Sandbags applied to pipe under gas pressure to test optical fibre sensitivity to local change in pipe wall strain

### **Pipeline Map**





An alerting system will 'red flag' threats in real time linked into GIS system

#### **Design Chart**





Finite Element Analysis and Physical tests lead to a simplified design chart to determine Maximum Allowable Working Pressure (MAWP)

#### **Full Scale Field Trials**





Full scale trials are planned for 2021 with Pipeline Operator participation – contact us for details



#### SPIRAL OPTICAL FIBRE – NEW APPROACH

- 1000x More sensitivity
- Real time data
- Good spatial resolution
- PIGGING AS REQUIRED
- Decisions based on clear and detailed data
- PIG TRACKING
- Accurate digital tracking with optical fibre
- **FIELD TRIALS OPEN TO PARTICIPATION IN 2021**
- Opportunity to try specific solutions



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