

# CORROSION & PREVENTION 2017

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## “Deployment of Smart Ultrasonic Sensors” For Internal Corrosion Monitoring using Internet of Things (IoT).

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Smarter Solutions For Your Complex Asset Integrity Challenges

## Historical Overview

- Tell Tales
- Intrusive Monitoring: Corrosion Coupons & Probes
- Ultrasonic D Meter
- Evolution of TML's /CML's

## Non-Intrusive Smart Ultrasonic Sensors System

- Details: principle, Internet of Things (IoT's)
- Smart Ultrasonic Sensors Attributes

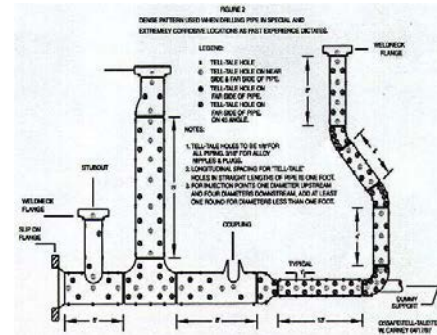
## Field Deployment (3 cases)

## Conclusions

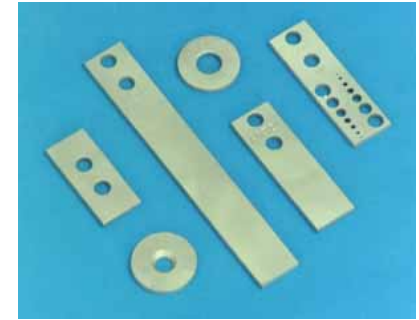
## Historic Perspective

- Tell-Tale Drilling
- Corrosion Coupon
- Corrosion Probes
- UT “D” Meter

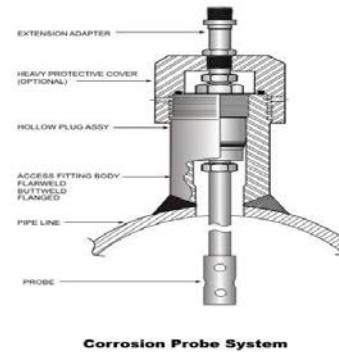
## Tell-Tale



## Coupons



## Probes



## D Meter



# UTM TML/CML Proliferation

- API 570 and proliferation of TML's
- Good idea taken to extremes
- Some sites have >1,000,000 TML's
- Moderate site estimate of 25,000 TML's over 3 years to be \$200 per TML
- Manpower Intensive and more and more difficult





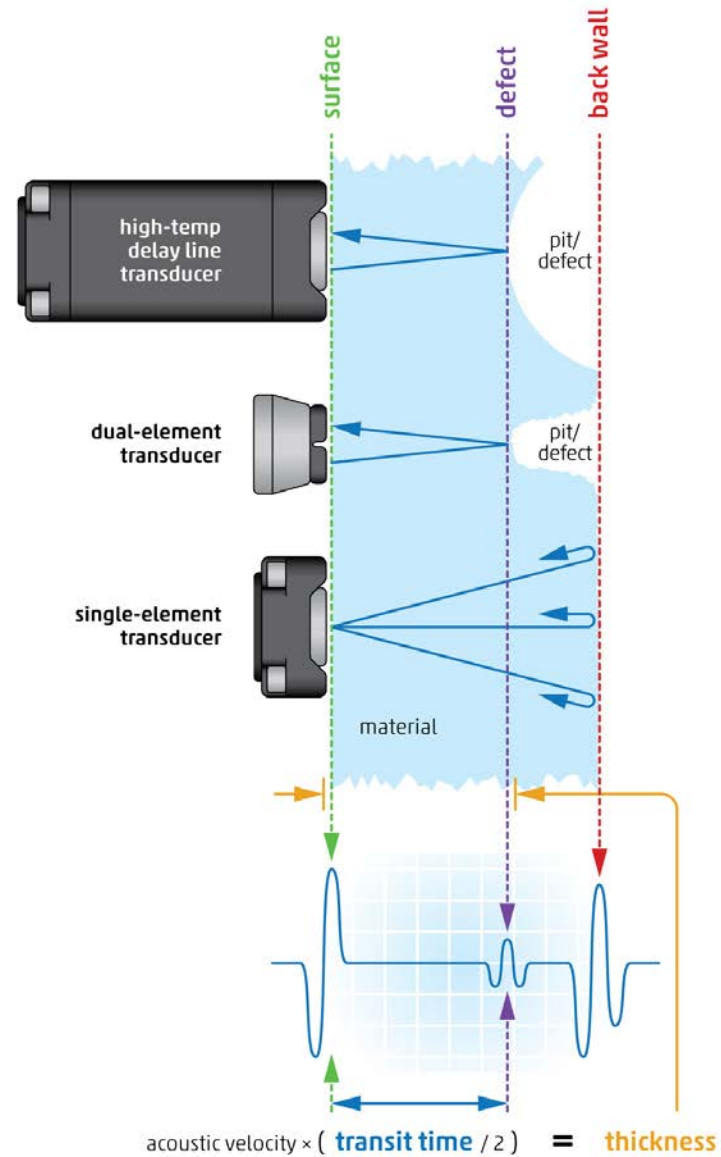
# Challenges of current Pipeline inspections

- ❑ Safety
- ❑ Accessibility
- ❑ Cost
- ❑ Data Quality



# Non-Intrusive Smart UT System

## Operational Principal



# Non-Intrusive Smart UT System Using IoT's

## Internet of Things

‘A global infrastructure for the information society, enabling advanced services by interconnecting (physical and virtual) things based on existing and evolving interoperable information and communication technologies’<sup>(1)</sup>



(1) As defined by International Telecommunication Union

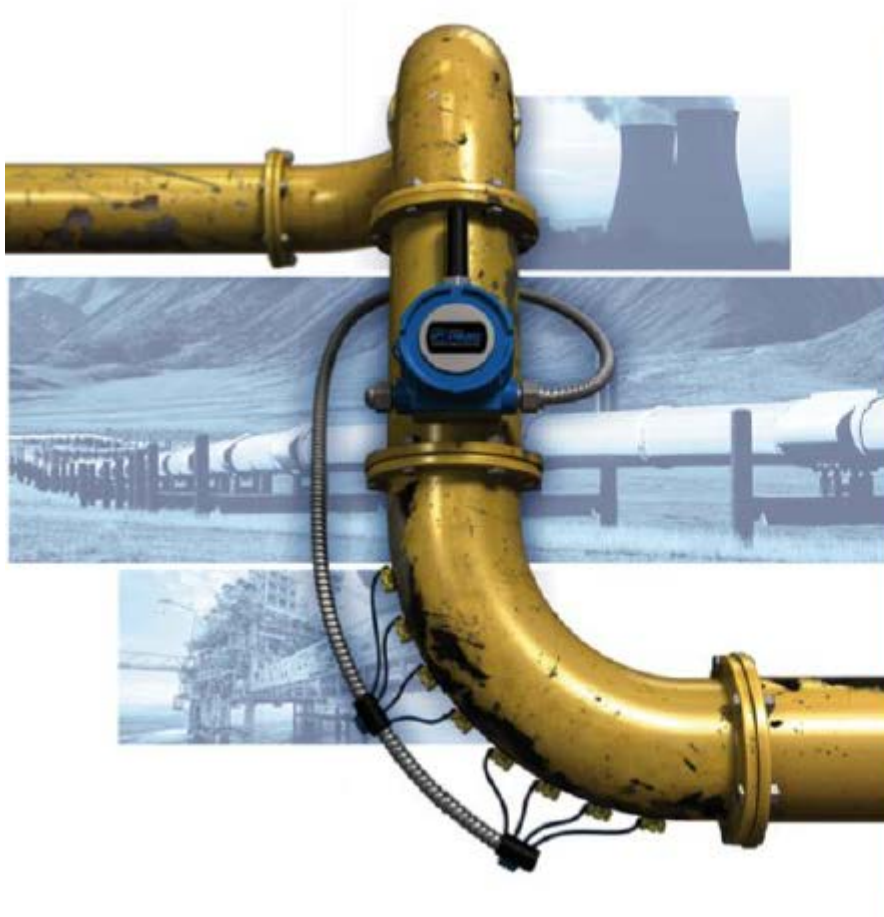


## Cloud Computing

*Having secure access to all your applications and data from any network device*



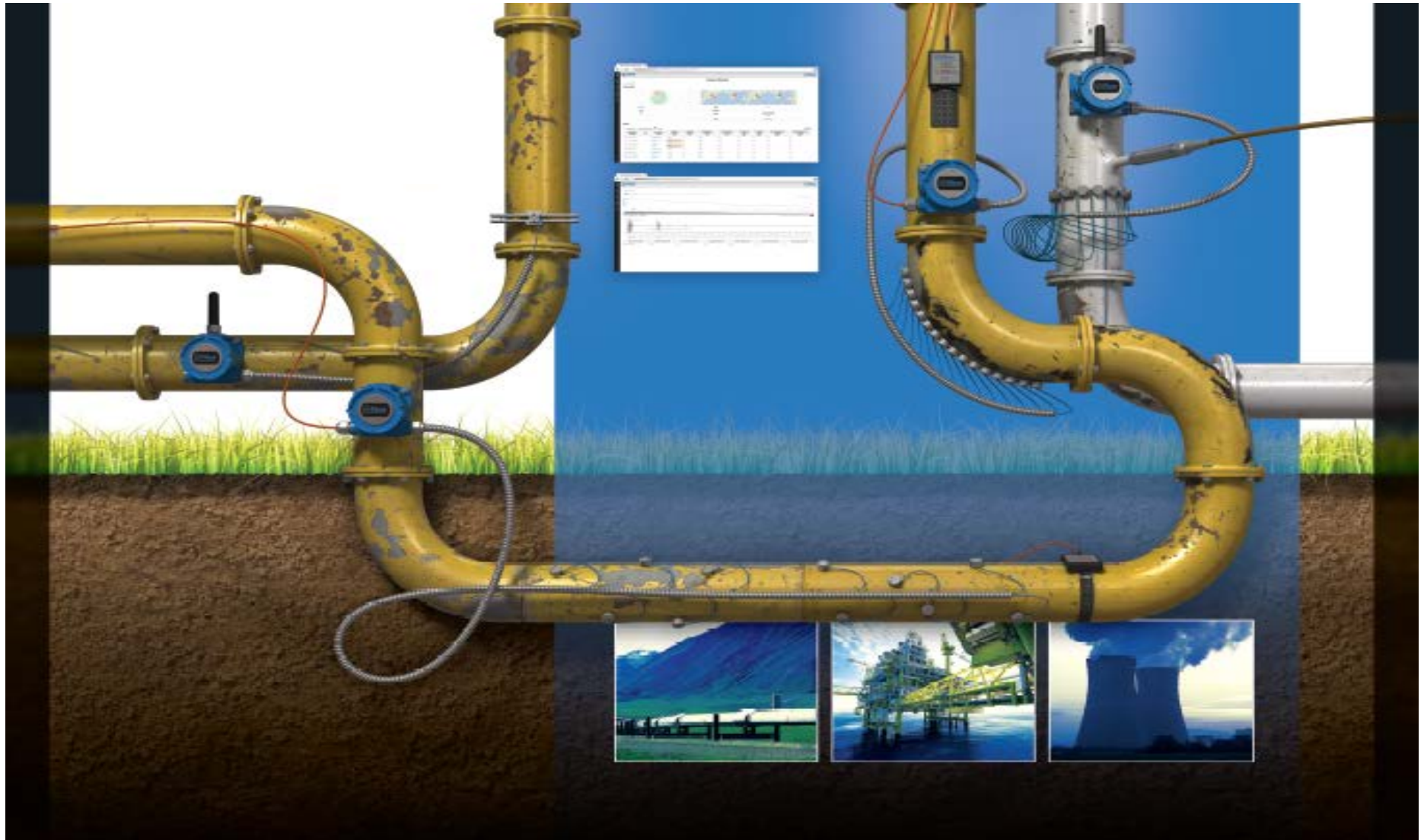
# Non-Intrusive Smart UT System



asset integrity meets  
**THE INTERNET  
OF THINGS**

Seamlessly translate ultrasonic  
thickness measurements and  
metal-loss rates from an asset  
to your desktop or mobile device

# Non-Intrusive Smart UT System



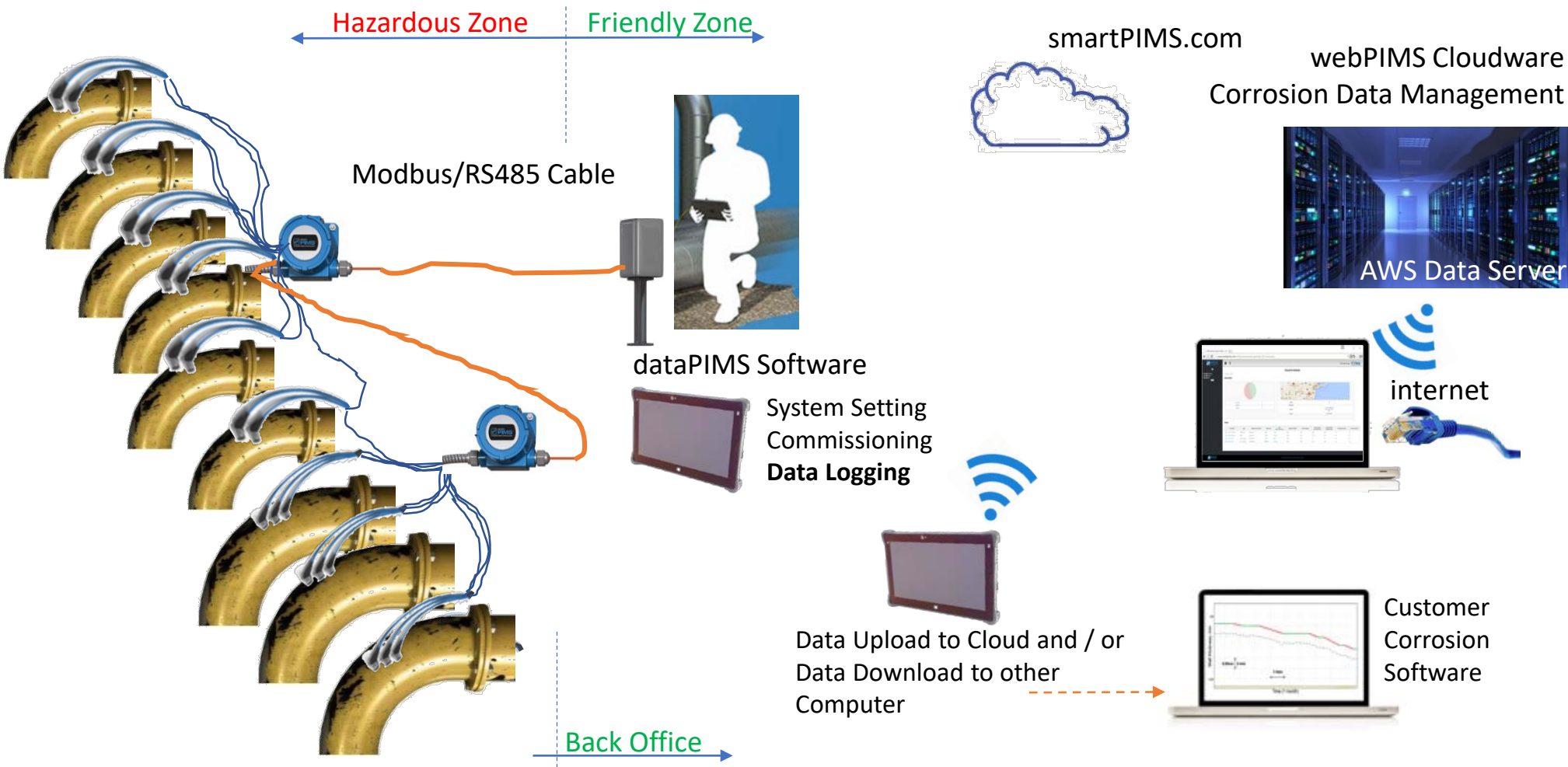


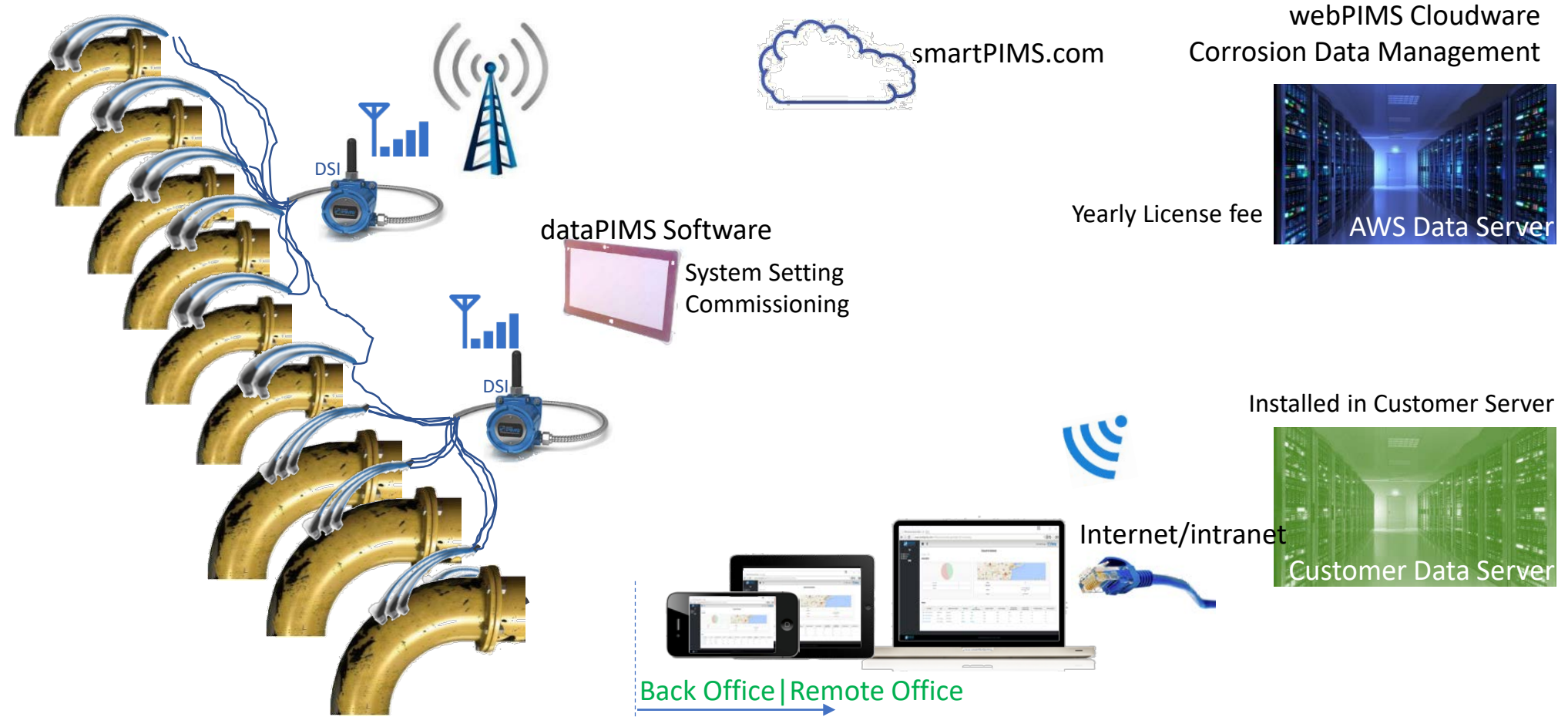
# Non-Intrusive smart UT System





# Modbus Wired Manual UT System

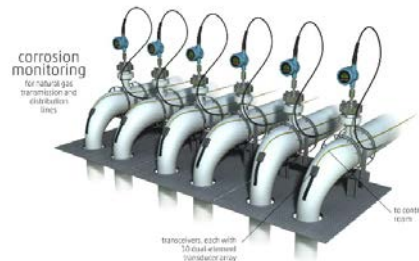
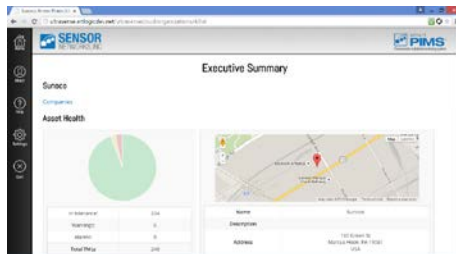
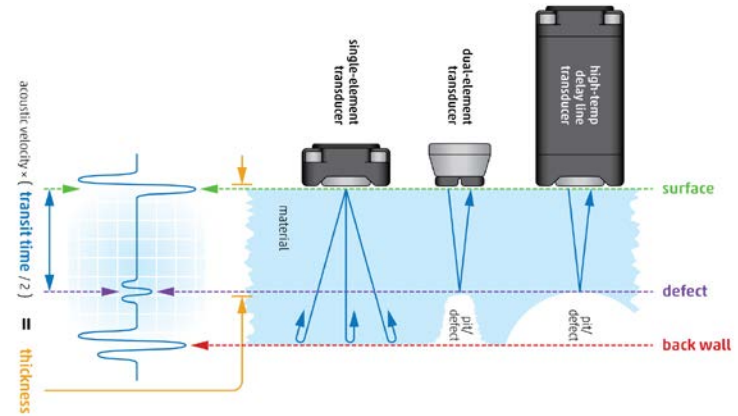




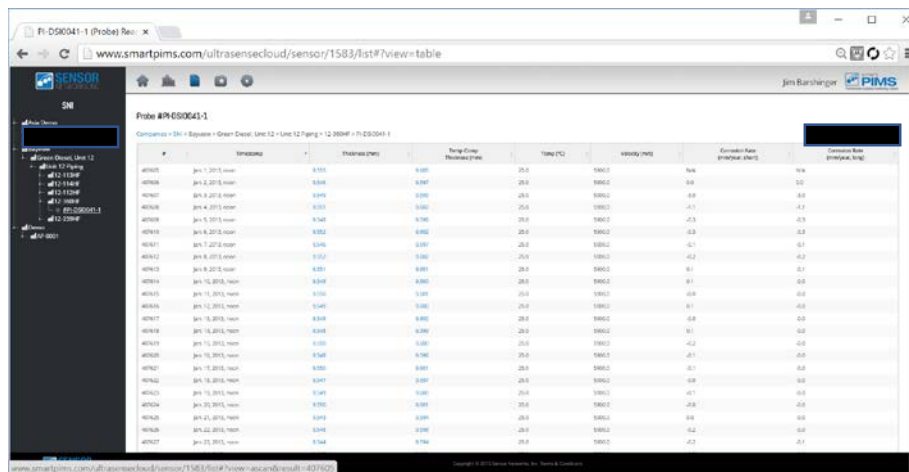
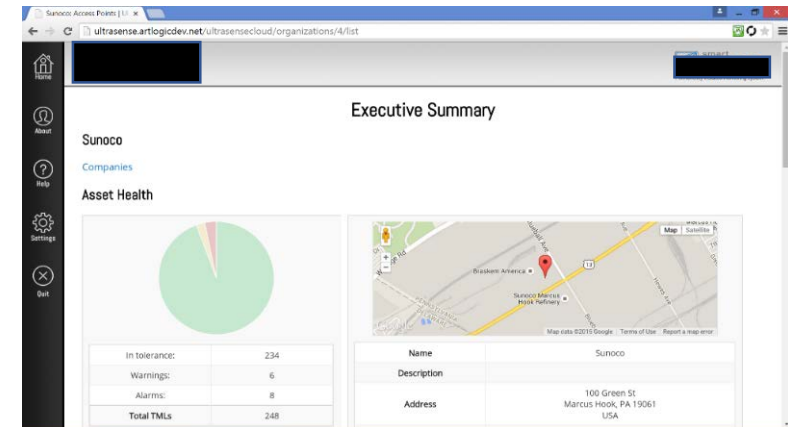


## Attributes

1. Non-invasive to pressure boundary = Safe
2. Direct measurement of the asset condition
3. Modular and versatile
4. Portable / battery operation
5. Non-reliant on IT departments
6. Accurate including Temp Comp.
7. Easy access to the data



- Auto archiving and record retention simplicity
- Alarms & Warnings via e-mail
  - Min WT and Max CR
  - Ex.  $< 1.1$  mm or  $> 0.01$  mm / week
- CR calculation
- Automated reporting and e-mail alerts
- Google Maps & GPS asset location
- Accessible from any web-browser device



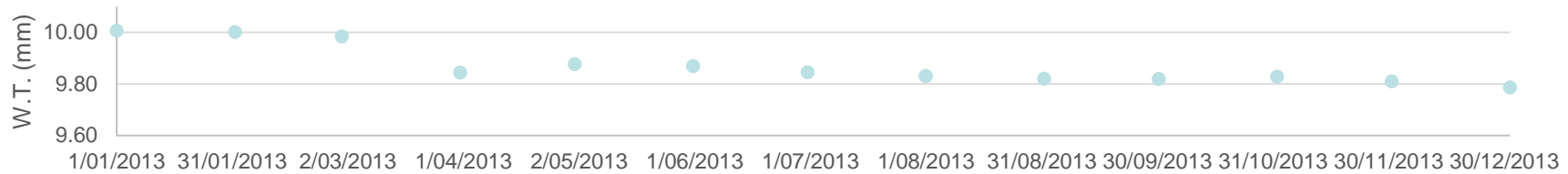
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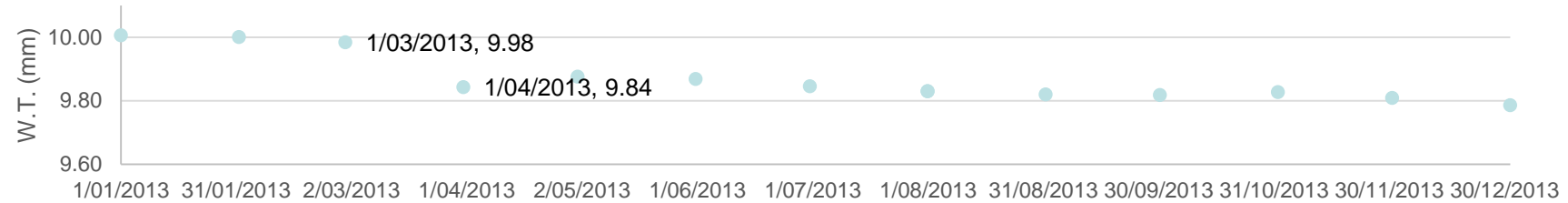
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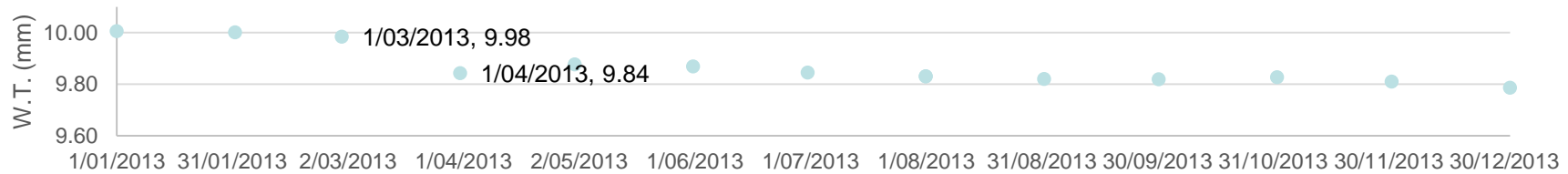




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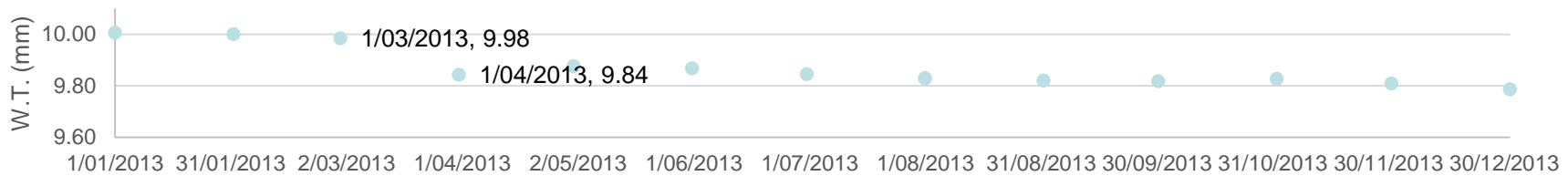
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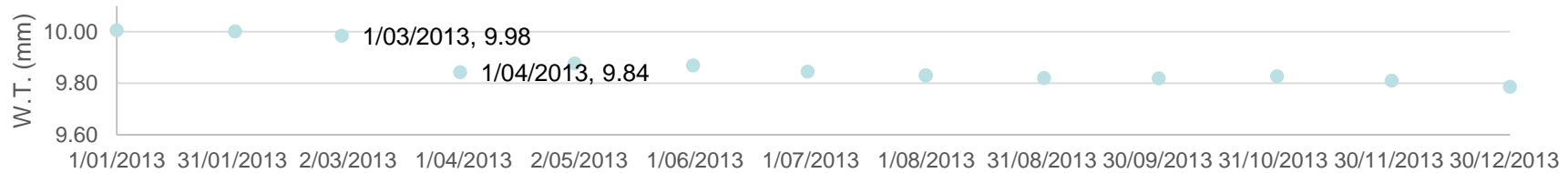
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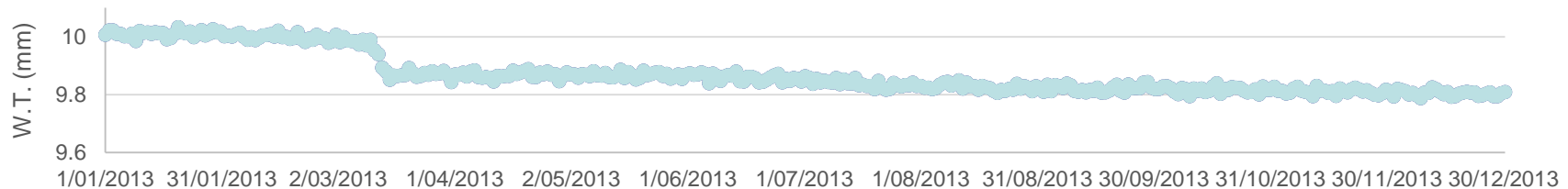
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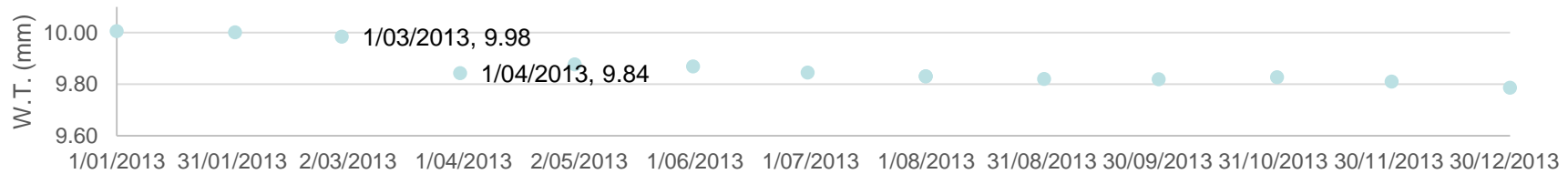
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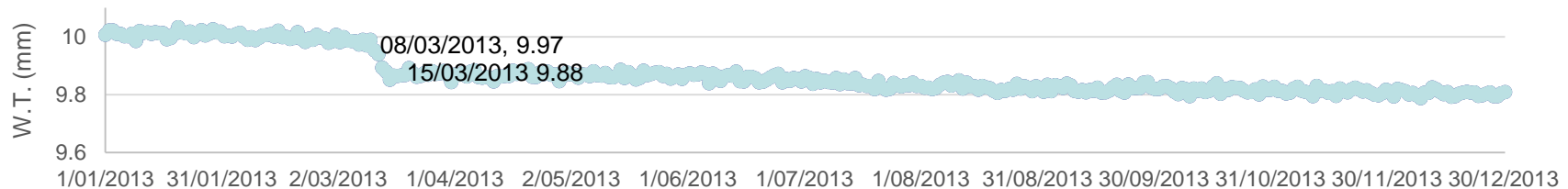
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# FIELD DEPLOYMENTS



**Overview:** to extend life to next turn-around and make sure that line is no longer corroding.

**Application:** Atmospheric gas-oil,  
~270 °C

- 80 mm Sch 40, subject to severe but uniform corrosion, most piping is < ½" nominal wall



## **Product Used:**

- smartPIMS HT Cellular w/ 4 HT probes temporarily attached, managed by on-site service provider
- Monitoring interval: 4 hours
- Data is monitored & trended daily using cloud software webPIMS
- Installation time: 6 hours

**Outcome:** Refinery able to safely monitor process piping which was not scheduled to be repaired during outage and trend for future metal loss conditions



**Overview:** sending NDT technicians to inspect the top of the HF Alky unit daily to monitor specific low spots to ensure wall loss did not exceed minimum required rate before outage planned in 6 months

**Application:** HF Alky Unit (HF Isostripper OVHD elbow), ~65 oC (150F)

- 600 mm Sch. 40 ... most piping is < 12.7 mm nominal wall but measured at ~ 7.6 mm with pitting and general “low spots”

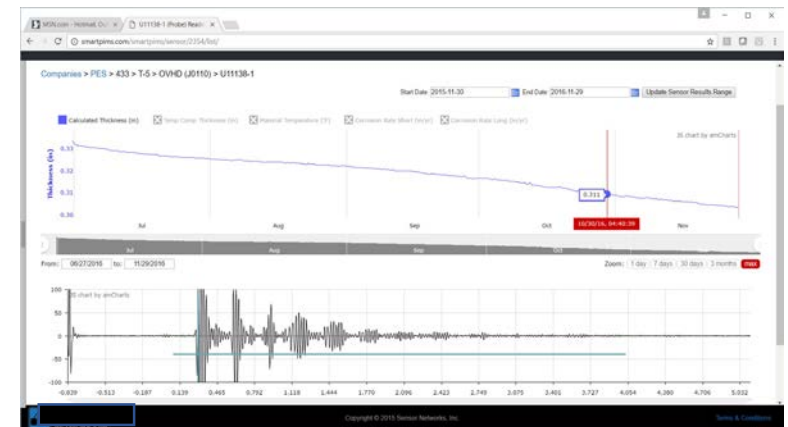


## Product Used:

- Cellular w/ 8 dual element probes temporarily attached, managed by refinery maintenance team
- Monitoring interval: 12 hours
- Installation time: 4 hours

## Outcome: Objectives achieved

- Safe – kept personnel from climbing and cumbersome inspection positions on tower
- Economical – saved >\$300K in inspection cost
- Quick & Easy to install/monitor, accurate, and semi-permanent solution





## **Overview:**

- Customer installed new overhead lines connecting units.
- Lines located in un-accessible areas and wanted data on corrosion rates and inspection needs.
- Customer installed permanently SmartPims sensors to monitor pipe intrados, extrados, top and bottom locations

**Application:** Crude Overhead Line 100°C-38°, 300 mm Sch. 40 ... all nominal wall thickness 10.1 mm +/- 12%



**Product Used:** smartPIMS Cellular

- smartPIMS LT Cellular w/ 8 dual element probes permanently attached
- Monitoring interval: 1 reading every 2 days, transmission every 6 days. Estimated battery life ~4 yrs.
- DSI bolted to hand rail and unistrut, cables run to TMLs

**Outcome:**

- Cut Inspection costs – lift, scaffolding, or rope access required to reach locations 12 m off the ground
- Process control – access to more ... accurate and quality data to trend corrosion rates





## Overview:

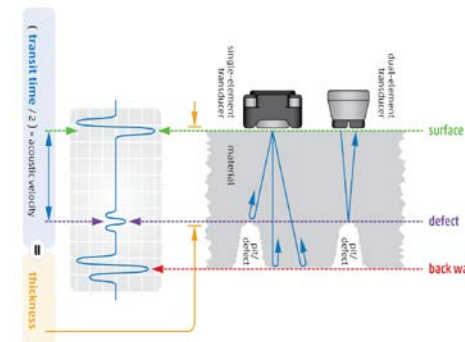
- ILI report showed a number of low spots at three separate locations along a 30 m stretch of gas pipeline.
- On previous ILI performed 7 years prior, these low spots did not exist.
- Operator not only wanted data to tell if corrosion was episodic in nature or active but also did not want to fix/repair the pipeline and did not want to perform another ILI on a shorter interval.
- After mapping the internal corrosion on the pipeline, UT sensors were permanently deployed to monitor the low spots along the excavated line.

## Application: Monitoring pits low spots instead of fix/repair

- 30" natural gas transmission line nominal ~ 7.6 mm
- Low spots ranging from 3.1 to 6.1 mm – buried

## Product Used: smartPIMS Modbus configuration w/ 8, 7.6 m dual element probes permanently attached and buried to monitor “low spots” as identified by masses screening

- Sensors were attached via epoxy & stopaq and buried
- Enclosure used to house DSI & act as collection point for techs
- Operator will vary frequency of data downloading





Deployment of Smart UT Sensors for Corrosion Monitoring can offer:

- High-Frequency & High Quality Data
- IoT: Data on Cloud available, alarm settings, e-mail warnings, potential issues flagging for maintenance planning
- Integrity status without dispatching technicians to dangerous, remote or inaccessible sites.
- Save in Opex budget by using resources only when needed
- Flexible with a wide temperature range of applications
- Can be temporarily installed without welding - Sensors can be easily moved
- Short Term Installation/Data, Re-useable Sensors
  - Quick Deploy, Experimental research, Evaluation, ....

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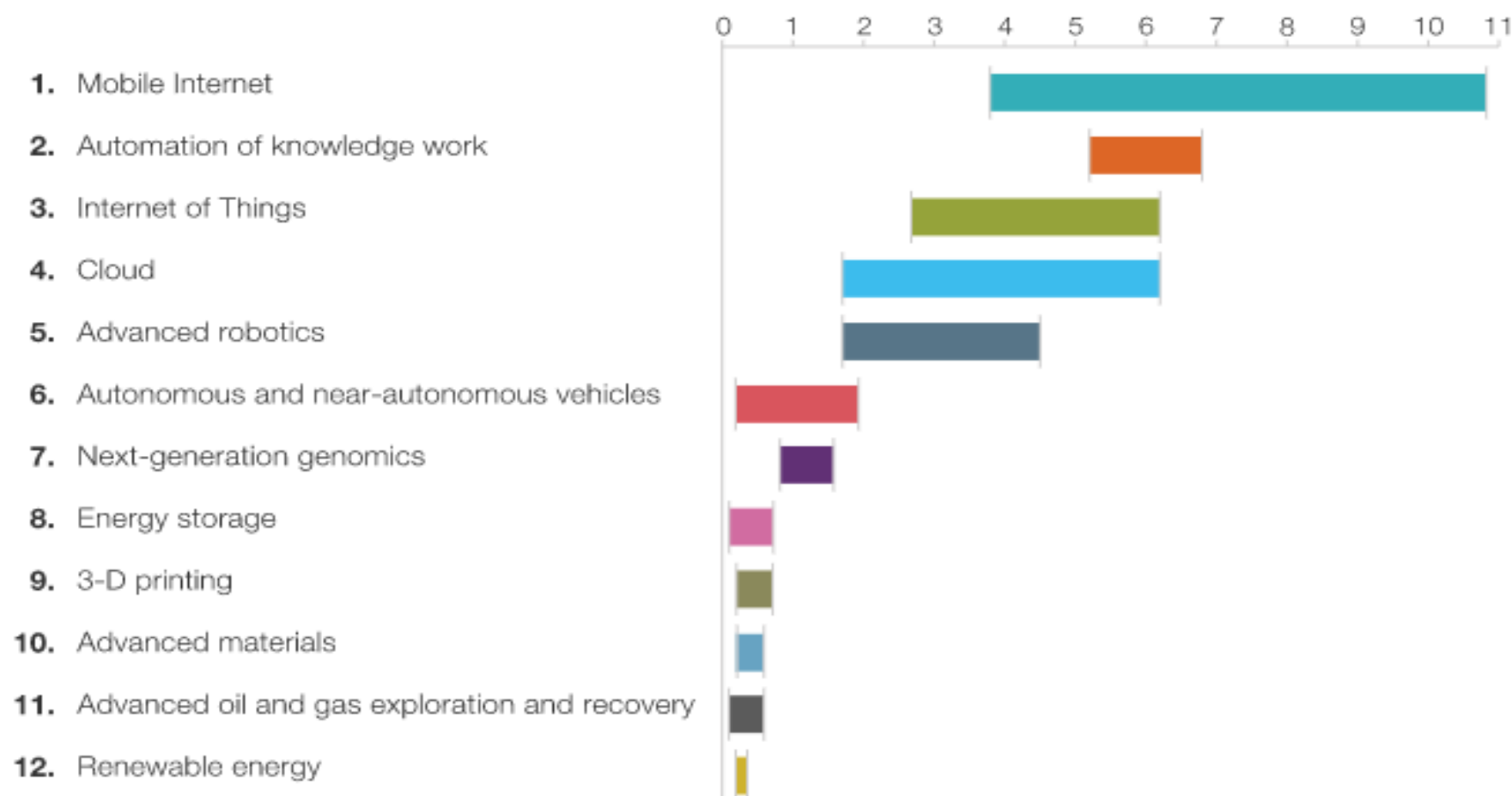
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# A gallery of disruptive technologies

**Estimated potential economic impact of technologies across sized applications in 2025, \$ trillion, annual**



SOURCE: McKinsey Global Institute

Notes on sizing: These economic impact estimates are not comprehensive and include potential direct impact of sized applications only. They do not represent GDP or market size (revenue), but rather economic potential, including consumer surplus. The relative sizes of technology categories shown do not constitute a "ranking," since our sizing is not comprehensive. We do not quantify the split or transfer of surplus among or across companies or consumers, since this would depend on emerging competitive dynamics and business models. Moreover, the estimates are not directly additive, since some applications and/or value drivers are overlapping across technologies. Finally, they are not fully risk- or probability-adjusted.





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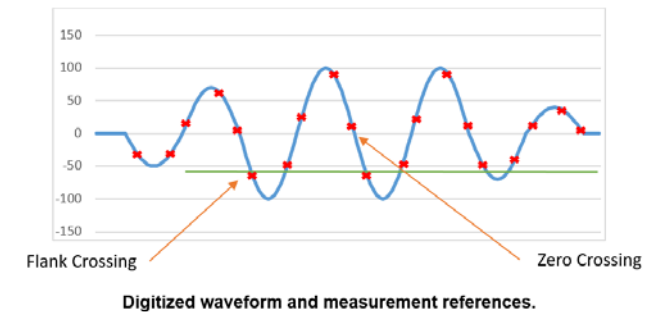
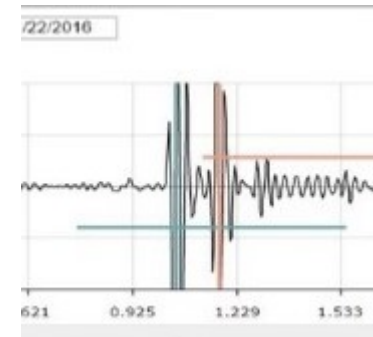
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# Minimizing variability for Precision Ultrasonic Measurements

Precision UT is a time-based measurement:

$$\text{Thickness} = (\text{Time} / 2) \times \text{Acoustic Velocity}$$

1. Same spot with exact same equipment
2. Gating a precise time measurement
3. Correcting for temperature change
4. More frequent data with higher data fidelity allows precise trending



Single-element transducer: Thickness = (Measured Time x Material Velocity) / 2



Dual-element, delay-line transducer concept.

$$\text{Thickness} = [(\text{Measured Time} - 'a' - 'b' - \text{V-path Correction value}) \times \text{Material Velocity}] / 2$$

$$d_1 = \frac{1}{2} C_1 \Delta t \quad (2)$$

$$C_1 = C_0 (1 + k(T_1 - T_0) / 100) \quad (3)$$

# Sensor UT Parameters setup

