

### Introduction



- Conservative tolerances lead to unneeded or premature digs
- Industry specifications are not ideal to represent the true influences on sizing tolerances
- Multi-year partnership between Baker Hughes and key customer to develop a means to reduce tolerance conservatism in MFL specifications



# Baker Hughes evolution of MFL sizing algorithm s

### The old way

#### Approach

- Manufactured calibration joints of various wall thicknesses pull tested at multiple speeds
- Regression or machined learned models

#### Sta tistic s

- Typically 100s of defects
- Multiple pulls to acquire larger population and speed influence

#### Perform ance

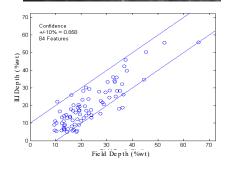
- Established reliable performance within defined confidence levels
- Wider to le rances

#### Lim itations

- Small sample sets
- Highly influenced by "morphology" and shape
- Performance on interacting corrosion is less predictable







### The new way

#### Approach

- Manufactured calibration joints of various wall thicknesses pull tested at multiple speeds
- Training on vast library of correlated laserscanned/AUT field data
- Machined learned models

#### Statistics

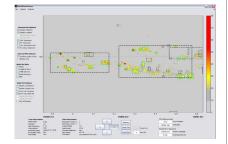
- 10,000s of defects under real operating conditions to develop models
- Pull data ensures bounding of models

#### Perform ance

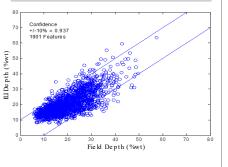
- Highly robust to "real world" defect shape when corrosion is non-interacting
- Tighter tolerances

#### Lim itations

- Highly skilled process (over training)
- Perform ance on interacting corrosion improved but remains challenging









# Big Data Library

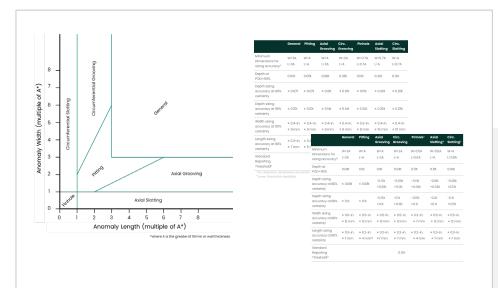
- Excavated feature data is the best truth data available for training machine learning models
- Extensive repository of truth data aligned with III data
  - Enables opportunities for advanced data analytics to step change POD, POI, POS
  - Baker Hughes has 100s thousands of field verified laser scan profiles in the database
- More than just a database of actual results compared to reported results
  - III signal data (tri-axial)
  - Full resolution measured defect profiles
  - To olp a ram eters
  - Operating conditions
  - -..and more
- Fle xib ility to be utilized for many research initiatives





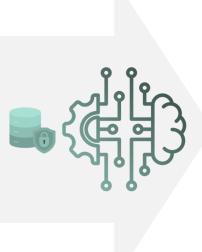


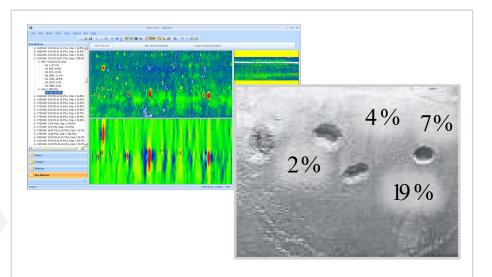
# Metal Loss Tolerance Opportunity





- Corrosion tolerances have traditionally been built based on arbitrary POF based length and width categories with limited defect populations
- Length and width are not the only influences on accuracy so not ideal as a grouping criteria





### Anom aly Specific Tolerances

Specific tolerance for every individual corrosion in a line based on multiple influencing characteristics



### Why is this important?

Reducing digs - considerable over-conservatism can be removed from integrity assessments







# What really influences sizing?

- Length and width are not the only important factors related to MFL depth accuracy
- Machine learning technique used to determine greatest influences on sizing
- Reviewed 57 influencing factors against >200,000 defects
- Highest impacting factors fell into 4 main categories:

Predicted anomaly measurements

The predicted length, width and depth output of a nom a ly sizing models.

Raw signal characteristics

The parameterizations of the anomaly III raw signal including both the triaxial MFLdata and other supplemental data.

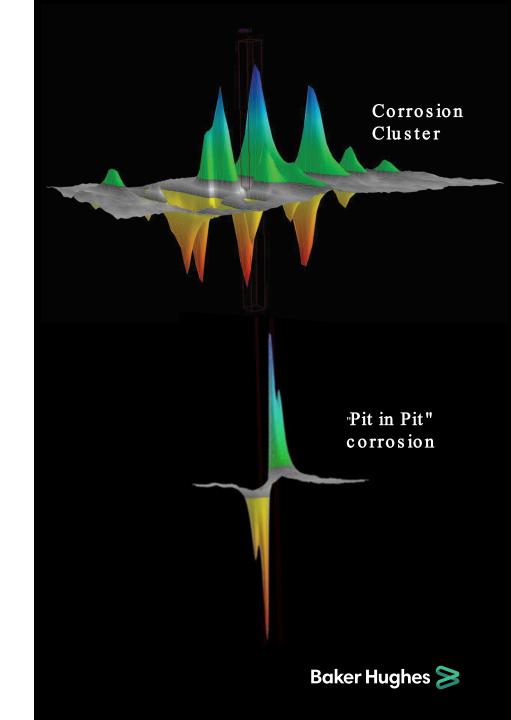
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- The specific factors within and across these four categories interact together in complex ways to define metalloss accuracy
- · Length and width were not the dominant influence



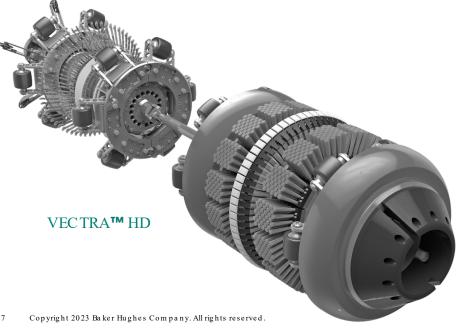
# Proof of Concept – initial validation

- Big data library utilized to improve tolerances at an individual line level
  - Machine learning model developed using wide range of influencing factors
  - Tri-axial MFL with standard and highest resolutions considered
  - Model applied to 8 lines with high corrosion populations and significant dig programs
- Improved tolerances relative to the original POF-based tolerances for 89% of defects
- Other defects where wider tolerance were predicted gives better understanding of true risk

Dia m eter	tightening of tolerance
8"	67%
12"	99%
20"	84%
24"	98%
30"	95%
30"	94%
30"	73%
42"	100%
Average	89%

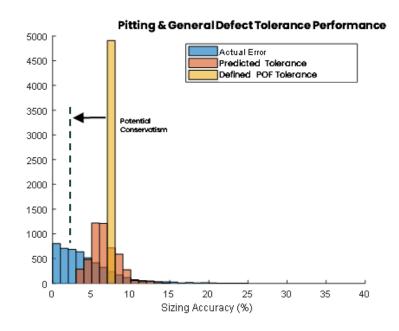
Pipe

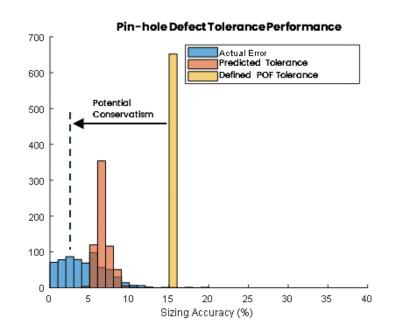
Percent of defects with





# Understanding the value of predicted tolerances





The tolerance predictor significantly reduces the over-conservatism hidden in current specifications

- Actualerror
   distributions better
   than POF and
   predicted tolerances
- Predicted tolerance error distributions remain conservative



### Be n e fits

- Potential impact to our client's dig program was assessed
- Individual tolerances supplied for all anomalies in pipe tallies for future integrity assessment
  - Comparison made of results using POF and predicted tolerance methods for:
    - Number of digs over a 10-year growth period
    - Number of digs prior to the next re-inspection
    - Re-inspection year

	10-year growth period	Prior to re-inspection year	Re-inspection year
NPS	Reduction of digs	Reduction of digs	Increase in re-inspection year
8	12	4	1
12	- 3	- 1	0
20	294	14	0
24	43	6	3
30	90	2	0
30	117	- 2	1
30	40	0	0
42	0	0	0
Total	593	23	

Theoretical reduction of 62% of digs to next inspection (from 37 to 14) and possible deferral of 38% of pipeline re-inspections

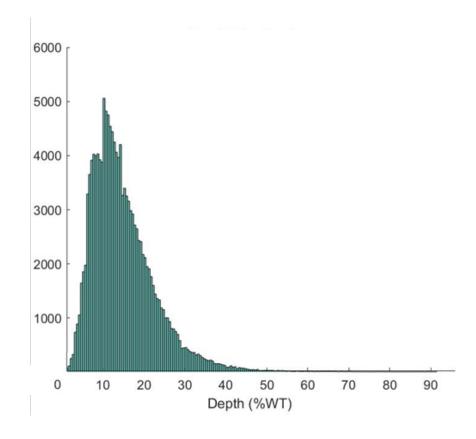
# How do we apply this more generally?

- Previous work generated line-specific optimization to establish predictive tolerance models
- The challenge is to be able to predict tolerances on any line with any tool

#### Generic Predictive Tolerance Model

- Expanded training and test data to entire big data library (100s thousands features)
  - VECTRA HD and Magne Scan SHR+ in multiple diameters
- Highly representative database
  - Full joints scanned for many years (100s to 1000s per joint)
  - Realistic skewed population distribution
- Re-optim ized machine learned model

### Depth Distribution Of Laser Scanned And MFL Signal Model Training Data





# Generic Model Performance and Assessment

### Goals

1. Predict unbiased (symmetric) 80% confidence bounds for performance results

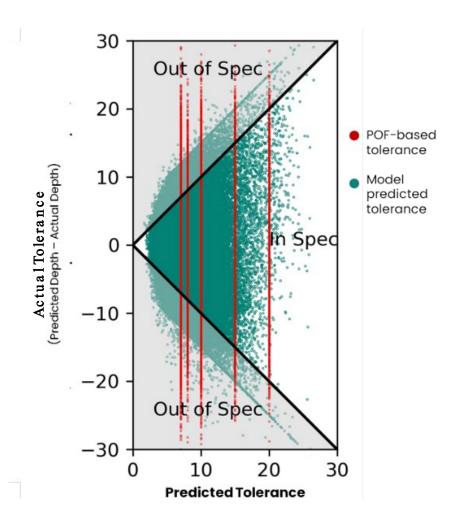


2. Provide tolerances that are more representative of actual depth



3. Remove conservativism from POF specification

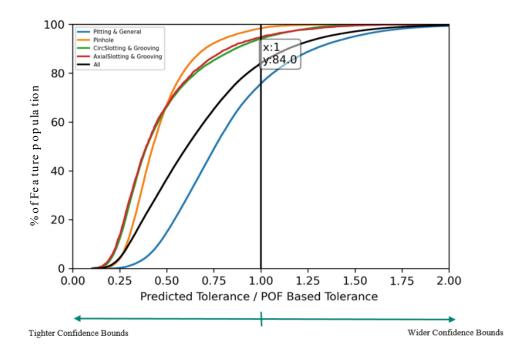






### Did we reduce over-conservatism?

- Cumulative distribution function (CDF) plot is used to demonstrate relative change in predicted tolerance v specified
- POF classifications used to simplify interpretation
- Tolerance reduces in the majority of cases
- Pin-holes show that specification is highly conservative versus actual performance >95% improvement
- Other influencing factors predicted tolerances increased relative to the published specification on 16% of the population.



84% of defects
had tighter
tolerances than
formal specification

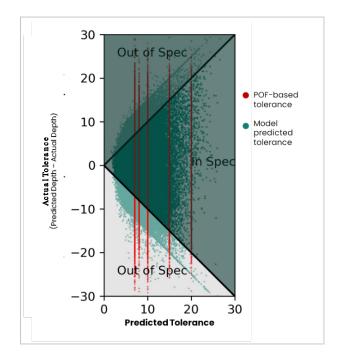
Wider tolerances means we are identifying where greater risk lies on accuracy of reported depths

# Other Key Performance Criteria

#### Sa fety Outliers

As we remove conservatism we need to ensure we do not increase risk that critical features will not be significantly undercalled

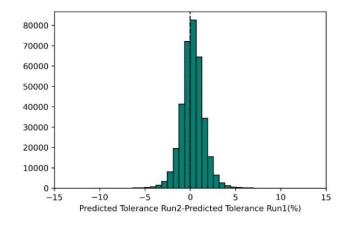
• Predicted tolerances (green) closer to 45° lines (unity) indicate reduced like lihood of underestimating correct tolerance



### Repeatability

It is important to determine whether the model consistently predicts tolerances

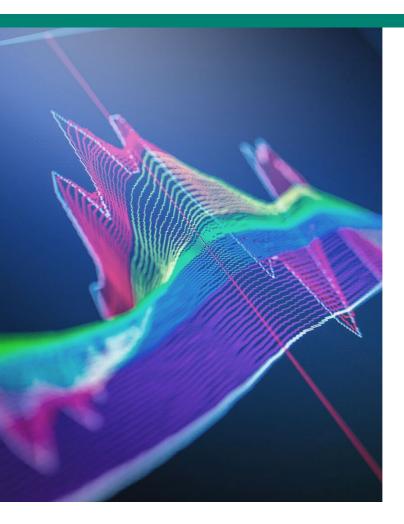
- Runcom software used to compare 350k features to assess repeatability
- Simulated repeat data using inspections on the same lines with defects known to have no growth



Confidence Interval	Predicted Bound Repeatability
80%	±2.23%
90%	±2.86%



# Conclusion & Acknowledgments





Innovative, high accuracy tolerance predication model generates individual depth tolerances for every anomaly



Minority of a nom a lies with wider tolerance are better indicators of true risk leading to improved safety



Less conservative tolerances compared to conventional POF-based tolerances means reduced dig program costs



Enables more efficient and effective maintenance & dig programs

