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Agenda

- Corrosion Overview
- NACE and the PCM
- Principals
- Theory
- PCMx: an overview
- What's new?
- PCMx vs PCM+

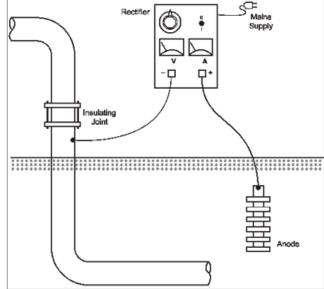
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A short introduction to Pipeline Current Mapping

Oil and Gas pipelines usually have two protection mechanisms to prevent corrosion

- 1. The pipe will be coated for protection
- 2. A cathodic protection (CP) system is employed
 - Sacrificial anodes
 - DC current is supplied from a rectifier

A pipeline is normally anodic, it contains positively charged particles. By supplying an electric current the pipeline becomes passive or cathodic. As long as the current is arriving at the pipeline faster than oxygen is, then corrosion will be prevented or significantly slowed.



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Pipeline current mapping -overview

In the event of pipeline coating failures, there is the potential for corrosion to develop. At best, this can lead to higher costs as the CP system has to work harder to protect the pipe. At worst, there is the possibility of a pipe breach.

For this reason, it is required that oil and gas pipelines are surveyed regularly to ensure their integrity. (US Guidelines)

The Pipeline Current Mapper was developed by Radiodetection alongside industry partners to provide a convenient way to assess the condition of pipeline coatings, and locate and pinpoint coating faults.

According to PHMSA, over \$166 million dollars was spent last year on corrosion related incidents on pipelines.

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Where does PCM fit in?

ANSI/NACE guidelines: SP0502- 2010

External Corrosion Direct Assessment

- 1. Pre-assessment
- 2. Indirect Inspection (2 complementary surveys)
- 3. Direct Examination
- 4. Post assessment

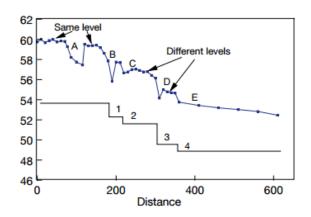
The PCM allows the user to conduct two types of "Indirect Inspection" surveys

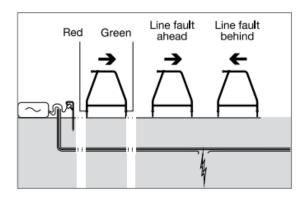
ACCA (Alternating Current, Current Assessment)

A 4Hz signal is applied to the pipeline and regular measurements are taken to identify areas of current loss.

ACVG (Alternating Current, Voltage Gradient)

Measures the leakage current in the vicinity of the pipeline to pinpoint coating defects





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CP Theory

Buried steel → pipelines corrode.

How to protect?

- Coatings
- ... but are never perfect
- 1 Ampere for 1 year takes 1 kg of metal.

Reverse the electrochemical process → Apply a CP current !!

- Rectifier, or ...
- Sacrificial anodes (no AC required, no CPS).

Cathodic Protection - CP

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Keeping a pipe more negative then the dirt around it prevents most corrosion

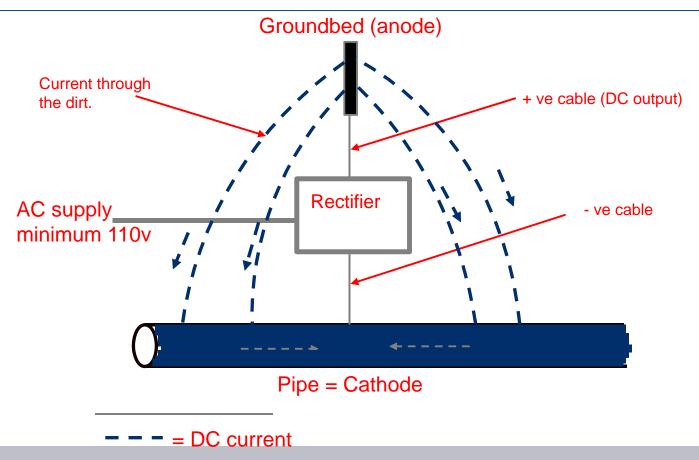
Simple as a 12v battery charger

- + (positive) to the Anode bed
- (negative) to the Pipe(s)

So CP reverses the current flow, adding enough current to zero out the metal loss.

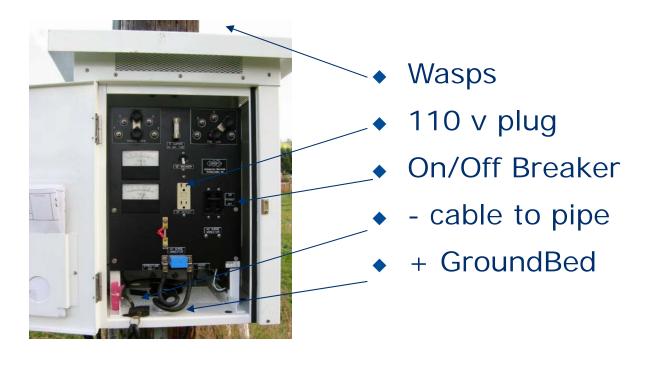
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A.K.A. 'Mags' (Magnesium) or 'Zincs'
Also supply current to reduce corrosion
By chemical action, not from 110v
NO CPS mode signal (perfect DC)

If they are at your Tx connection, they will suck LOTS of locate current to earth

- Thus much less on your target pipe
- May need to disconnect

Casings

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Misunderstood.

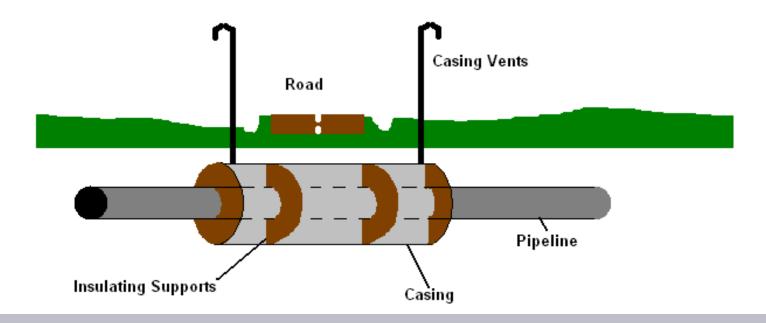
A casing is a larger pipe around the important pipe designed to take the brunt of mechanical loading from the road/RR.

The vent pipe is connected to the outer casing ONLY, it is usually NOT connected to the inner pipe.

Thus, connecting to vent does no good.

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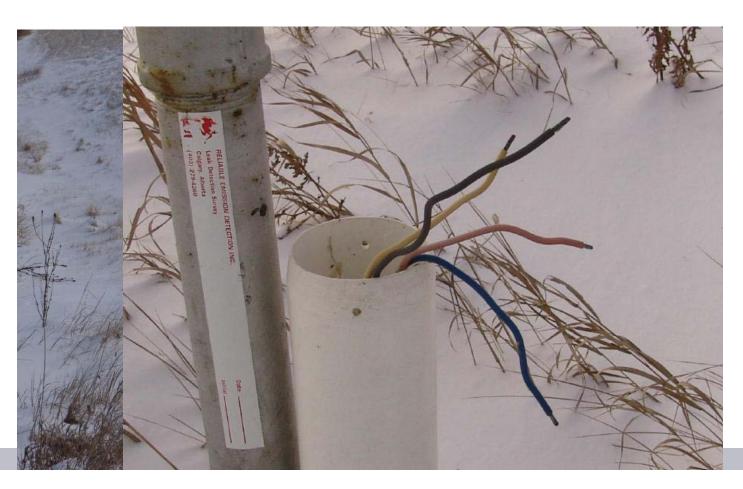
Target pipe inside casing, supported by insulating 'donuts'.



Typical Casing



Another Casing



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Started in 1943 with 11 engineers as the National Association of Corrosion Engineers

Now 15,000 members in 93 countries and a name reflecting their world wide presence.

www.nace.org

Covers ALL aspects of corrosion

Members write standards, offer courses, lobby government, publish findings, more.

ECDA Practice

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The Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002
US signed into law on December 17, 2002
Applies to nat. gas xmission (dist. coming)
Must ID "high consequence areas (HCA)"

- conduct risk analyses of these areas
- perform baseline integrity assessments of each pipeline segment
- inspect the entire pipeline system according to a prescribed schedule and using prescribed methods

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Other provisions of the law include

The Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002

Participation in one-call notification

Increased penalties

"Whistle-blower" protection

Operator Qualification for employees

Government mapping of the p/l system

Other Housekeeping Stuff

Direct Assessment

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Direct Assessment came along

• It seems to have been accepted & implemented fast

There are 3 types of DA (for 3 types of threats)

- External Corrosion (ECDA)
- Internal Corrosion (ICDA)
- Stress Corrosion Cracking (SCCDA)

ECDA is the most mature of them.

RP0502 – 2002 is the defining NACE doc.

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ECDA is a 4 Step Process

Pre-assessment

Most important step

Indirect Inspections

• Above-ground Tools

Direct Examinations

Verification Digs AND Mitigation

Post-assessment

- Define Reassessment Period (US: 7 yr typ. max)
- Assess Overall Effectiveness

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Which tools are applicable

Close-Interval Survey (CIS)

AC Voltage Gradient

DC Voltage Gradient (A-Frame)

Pearson

Electromagnetic

AC Current Attenuation Surveys (PCM)

Stray Current analysis (Stray Current Mapper)

Different regions may require different tools







DCVG Survey

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The PCM Performs Three Broad Functions

- Locating Pipes and Cables
- Current Attenuation Surveys
- ACVG Surveys



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History

PCM - 1995 - 2007



PCM+ 2007 - 2017



PCMx - 2017



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Principals









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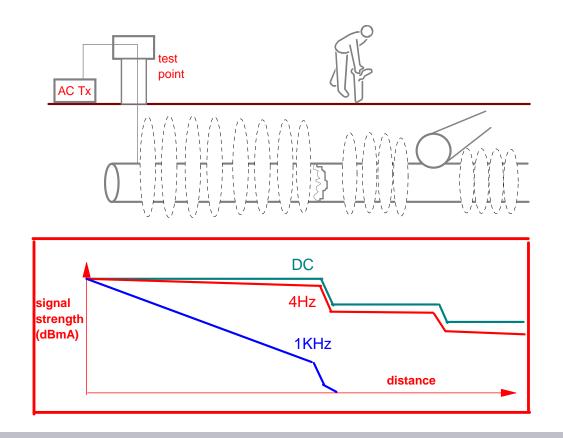


Principals



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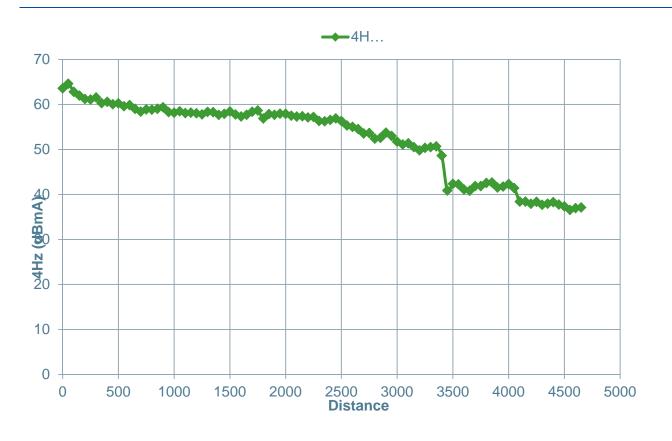
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Actual Graph Data

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PCM Uses

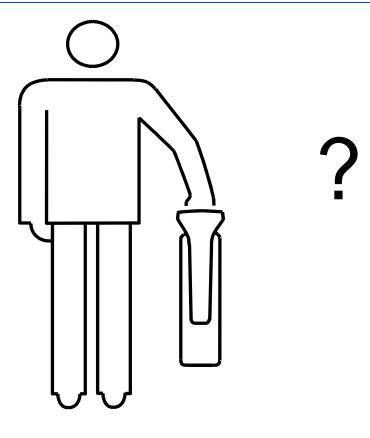
- Find contacts with other structures
- Evaluate pipe coating for defects
- Perform periodic pipeline surveys
- Find defective insulation joints



Pipe and Cable Locators Don't Find Pipes and Cables...

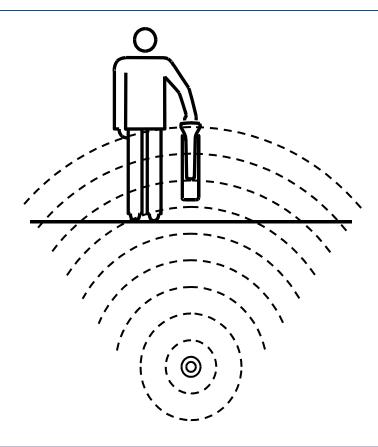
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...They Find Electro-Magnetic Fields



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Because electro-magnetic fields do things that pipes and cables don't do.

Buried conductors don't move, but the fields they're tracing are subject to...

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... Distortion

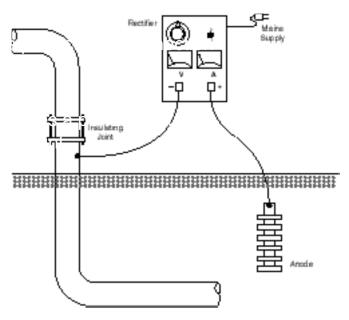
- Which is Affected By:
- Grounding
- Peak or Null Antennas
- Congestion
- Frequency Applied

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Distortion - Grounding

Typical rectifier installation





Distortion - Grounding PCM+ Connection To

Pip

NOTE !!!

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There are hazardous voltages present inside rectifiers.

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Accidents happen, an Alberta CP tech with years of experience was killed (electrocuted) just two years ago.

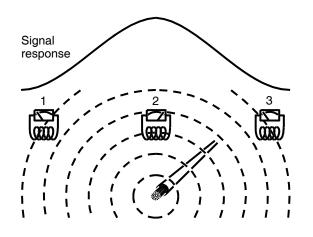
Only qualified technicians (formal electrical and safety training) may open and work inside a rectifier.

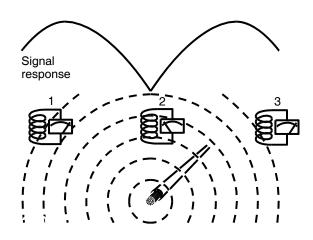
This is shown for reference and so you may assist a qualified electrician connect your transmitter inside a rectifier.



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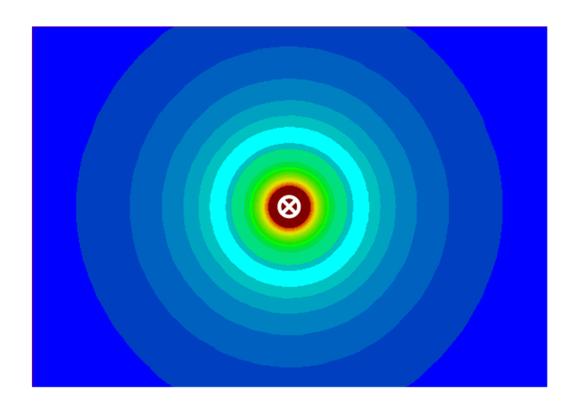
Distortion - Peak or Null Antennas





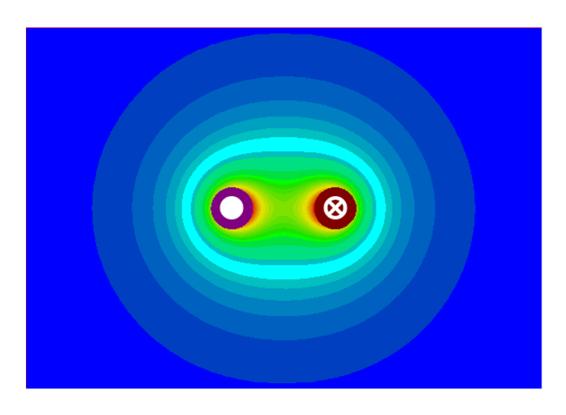
Peak Null

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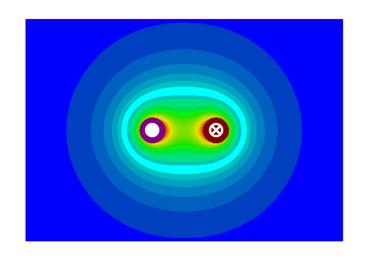


In a clean electro-magnetic field, the peak and null antennas agree

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In a distorted electro-magnetic field, the peak and null antennas do not agree, and the peak is always more accurate



- Congestion creates a distorted field, which effects locate accuracy, depth estimation and current measurement.
- Congestion can be created by a nearby line carrying the signal, a "T" in the line, a bend in the line or a change in the depth of the pipe.
- Take your current and depth readings where peak and null agree and move several paces away from a bend or a "T" when taking your reading.

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Distortion – Frequency

Why Do We Use 4Hz?

To enable coating defects to be located the PCMx uses very

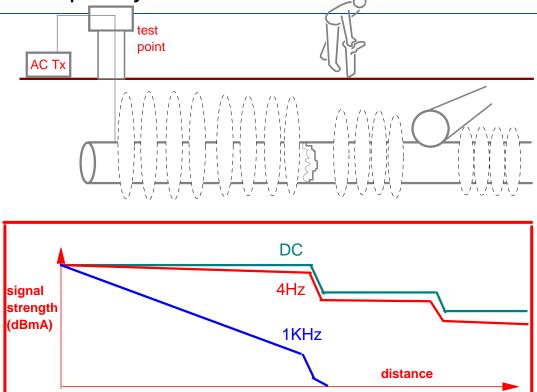
low frequency signal

- 4hz
- Almost DC
- Sticks to the pipeline
- Less bleed off or coupling to other utilities
- Increased distance (up to 19 Miles)



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Benefits of Low Frequency



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Transmitter Settings – Output Frequency

ELF

- Extra low frequency
- 4Hz & 98Hz / 128Hz

ELCD

- Extra low frequency & current direction
- 4Hz, 8Hz & 98Hz / 128Hz

LFCD

- Low frequency & current direction
- 4hz, 8hz & 512hz / 640hz



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Transmitter Settings – Signal Output

Constant current output

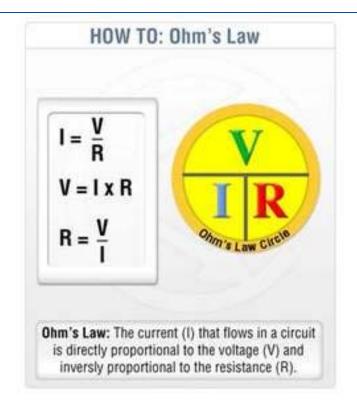
- 100mA
- 300mA
- 600mA
- 1A
- 2A
- 3A

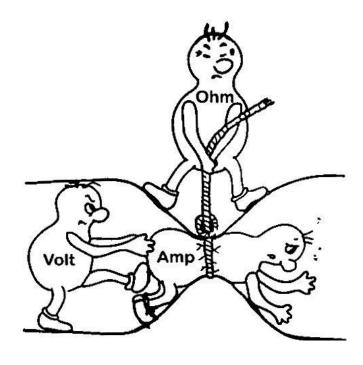


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Taking Current Attenuation Measurements

- Use an independent ground and try to mimic your CP circuit when possible
- Take your first measurement at least 150 feet from your connection point
- Make sure rectifiers are not influencing the signal (turn off AND disconnect if necessary)
- Isolate your circuit whenever possible (disconnect bonds for better surveys)



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Taking Current Attenuation Measurements

- Take readings at equal distances and record your distances
- Every 50 feet is a good standard (others can be used dependent on location)
- Use it as a macro tool and depth of cover tool (use A-frame for micro)
- Look for anomalies with more than a 5% change normally
- Make sure unit is upright and perpendicular to the pipe



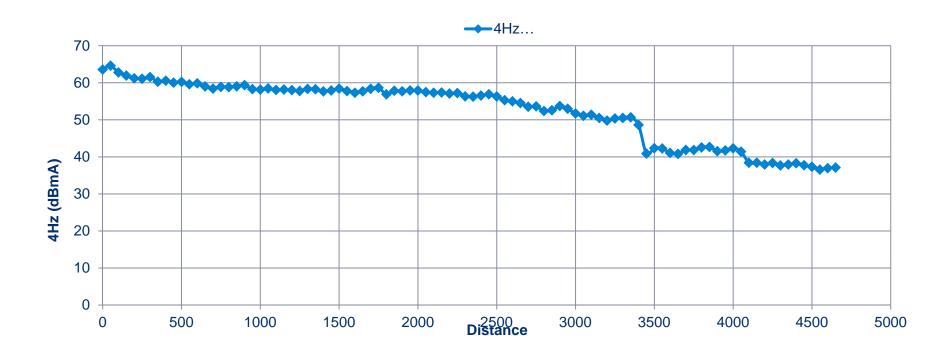
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Taking Current Attenuation Measurements

- Stay on Peak and check peak and null readings and verify depth when readings are suspect
- Take multiple readings in one location if you are suspect of the accuracy
- Know what is in the area of your pipe and what it's connected to
- Use current direction to verify that signal is flowing back toward transmitter on pipe



Practical Example



Current Attenuation Graph

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ACVG Is Used to Pinpoint Defect Location

Once survey is complete, use the A-Frame accessory to pinpoint defects

Connect the A-Frame to the locator

- Set locator to ACVG
- Must use either ELCD or LFCD

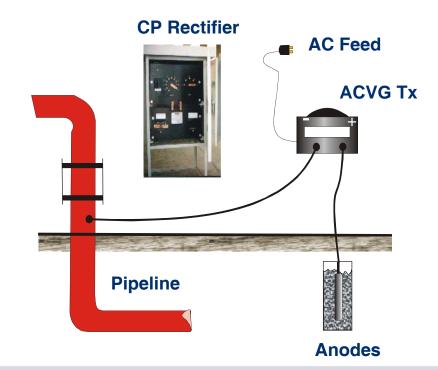


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Transmitter Connections

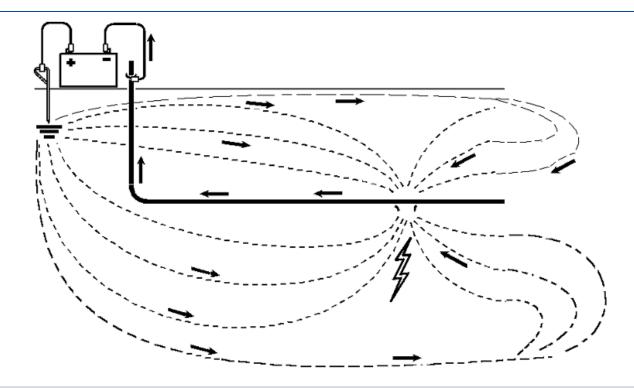
Rectifier

Test Station



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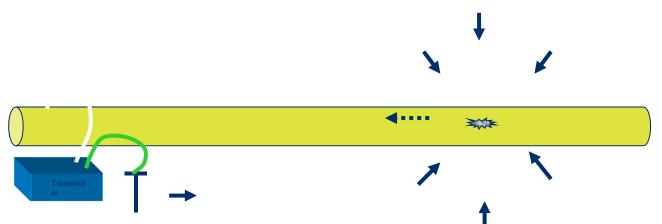
ACVG - Pool of Potential



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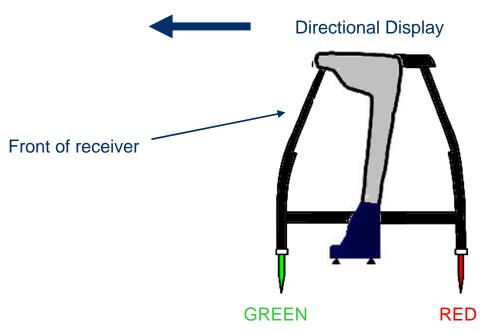
ACVG – Current Flow

- Current from the transmitter creates a voltage gradient around coating defects
- Current density greatest at interface between the defect and the surrounding environment
- Current density function of soil resistivity & Tx output



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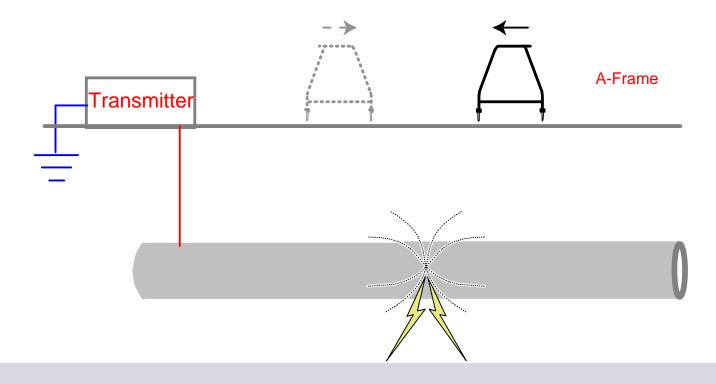
ACVG – Using the A Frame



Keep the green pin facing forward

Finding Coating Defects

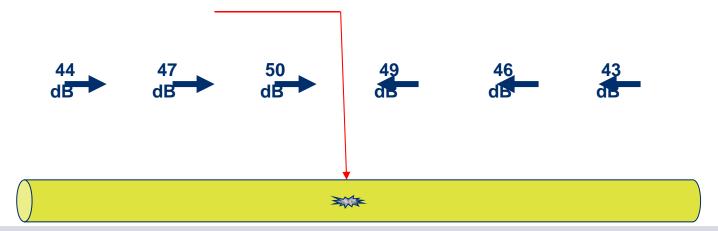
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ACVG – Receiver Readings

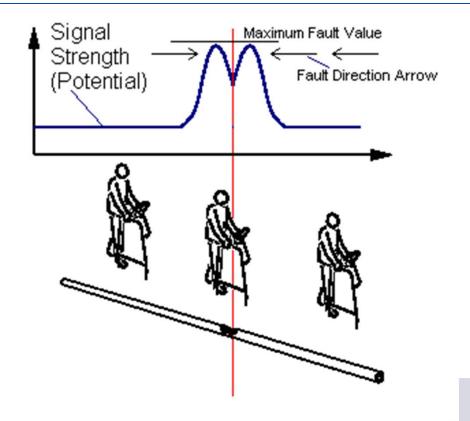
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- An increase in voltage gradient will cause an increase in current density near a given coating defect on the pipeline under test
- Signal current and voltage effects viewed on instrument's display
- Signal current direction is displayed as an arrow
- Voltage is identified as decibels (dB)

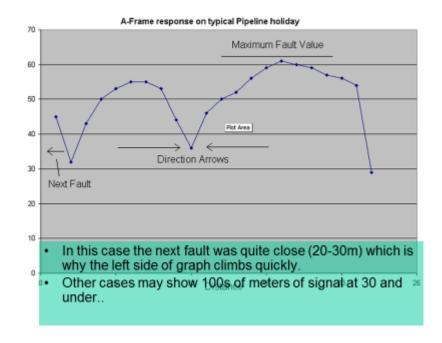


ACVG – Receiver Readings

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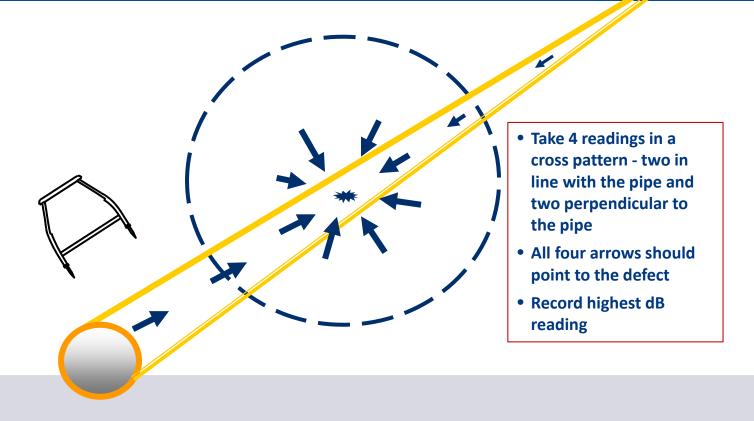






ACVG – Receiver Readings

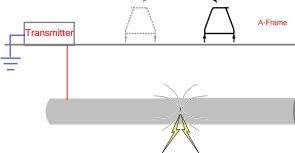
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An explanation of dBs and why we use them

- ACVG results are expressed in dBuV
- We use the dB scale as it reduces large variances to relatable numbers
- Although the dB reading, when normalized, represents a good guide of the scale of current loss due to a coating defect, there are some factors which can affect the reading, such as:
 - Soil resistivity
 - Size of the defect
 - Making good ground contact with the A-Frame spikes
- Therefore: magnitude of the current lost from the pipe (measured by the dB reading) depends on both the size of the defect and the conductivity of the soil surrounding the pipe.



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Categorizing the Results*

Suggested category ranges – may vary by company

0 – 30dB Clear for now

30dB – 60dB Minor

60dB – 80dB Intermediate

80dB+ Major

*Categories apply to normalized results @1A of 4Hz current.

The formula for calculating the normalized results:

Normalizing adjustment = 20*log(i/iref)



The Formula

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This output of the formula gives you the number of dB to add or subtract from the reading, depending on whether the PCM (4Hz) current is above or below one Amp at (or just before) the defect.

Normalizing adjustment = 20*log(i/iref)

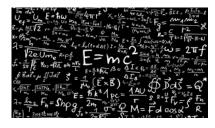
Example:

- · Observed dB reading is max 65dB right before the defect.
- Measured PCM 4Hz survey current just before the defect is 500mA
- The iref is 1000 mA (one Amp).



Therefore the actual dB reading when normalized is 65 + 6 = 71dB

Note: If the output of the formula is negative you add the number to the ACVG reading, if it positive you subtract it. (see table on next page)



The Normalized Result

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This formula gives you the number of dB to add or subtract from the reading, depending on whether the PCM (4Hz) current is above or below 1 Amp at (or just before) defect.

Normalizing adjustment = 20*log(i/iref)

4Hz Current reading (i)	Result of formula	To get normalized reading	
3,000mA	9.54	Subtract 10dB from ACVG reading	
2,000mA	6.02	Subtract 6dB from ACVG reading	
1,000mA	0.00	ACVG reading is already normalized	
500mA	-6.02	Add 6dB to ACVG reading	
250mA	-12.04	Add 12dB to ACVG reading	
100mA	-20	Add 20dB to ACVG reading	
31.6mA	-30	Add 30dB to ACVG reading	
10mA	-40	Add 40dB to ACVG reading	
1mA	-60	Add 60dB to ACVG reading	



ACVG Summary

- Use an independent ground and try to mimic your CP circuit when possible
- Take readings parallel and along the pipe. When you see an arrow reversal go perpendicular to the pipe and make sure all four arrows point to the defect
- You do not have to be right on top of the pipe when surveying
- On concrete and asphalt use wet sponges or rags on the probes or wet the ground around the probes.
- Take readings at equal distances usually about every ten feet
- Use the largest dB reading seen around the anomaly for you records
- Record all faults seen with dB readings and footages or GPS coordinates.
- Take a PCM current reading at the site of the defect and adjust your dB reading to normalize for one Amp of current

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Summary

 PCMx is the new pipeline current mapping system to replace the PCM+

Receiver

- Lighter weight design based on RD8100 platform
- Removable foot: RD8100PDLG with foot removed
- Faster Measurements, simultaneous surveys

New transmitter Tx-25PCM

• 1 Amp battery powered transmitter for extra portability



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PCMx: an overview

Radiodetection's new pipeline current mapping range features a lighter weight design and battery operated transmitter for greater portability and flexibility in the field. In-built GPS on the receiver, and companion mobile application ensure field operators have the best information at their fingertips



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PCMx: a complete system for pipeline surveying



Not a single product but a range including:

PCMx Receiver:

- New lightweight design based on RD8100
- Detachable magnetometer makes receiver dual function. PCM functionality with foot on, premium RD8100 with foot off
- Faster survey measurements and take 2 types of measurements simultaneously

Tx-25

- Smaller, lighter weight, 1 Amp transmitter aimed at distribution networks
- Battery powered for easy portability
- 8kHz locating frequency

Tx-150

• Long range 3 Amp transmitter for transmission lines

Mobile App

- Improved survey experience using mobile app alongside receiver
- Live charting of results allows on-site analysis
- Walk forward and walk back features makes surveying easier

PC Application

Improved charting capability

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PCMx receiver features

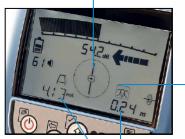
Built in GPS

Automatic capture of GPS co-ordinates

on survey logs

Compass

For ease and speed on pipeline alignment



Peak+ antenna mode

Combine Peak mode with Null or Guidance arrows to make surveys quicker

Simultaneous display of current and depth gives more confidence you are following the correct pipeline

Removable magnetometer

Fully featured locator with all frequencies of RD8100PDLG when foot is removed

One second 4Hz measurement

Faster collection of survey data

Simultaneous ACVG and ACCA data capture Plus depth of cover and GPS information.

Faster surveying: collect data in one pass of pipeline

Li-lon rechargeable battery pack as standard

Prolongs working time in the field

eCert

Confidence in the field with selftest options

Mobile App

Graphing in the field, walk back and walk forward features



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TX-25PCM: New battery powered transmitter

New smaller, lighter weight transmitter is battery powered for greater portability and flexibility in the field.

6 current output selections

Match current output to your needs up to 1 Amp Lower current outputs prolong battery life

Charging Times

Approx 4 hours to 80% full and 8 hours to full charge (trickle charge after 80%)

Li-lon rechargeable battery

No need for mains connectivity in the field

Battery Life: 3.5 hours

Transmitter at full power can last 3.5 hours

8kHz

New high frequency locate signal for long distance, high impedance utility locating NOTE: this is not a survey frequency!

PCM Receiver: responding to feedback



Ergonomics

- ✗ Too heavy
- Too physically long for some operators

Connectivity

- Bluetooth is difficult to manage unique data format has hampered usability & adoption
- × RS232

Functionality

- Limited locate capability effectively single-function
- ✗ Too slow to take measurements



Ergonomics

- ✓ 2.5lb lighter
- √ 1.5 inches shorter

Connectivity

✓ USB and Bluetooth options for faster data downloads

Functionality

- ✓ Fully functional RD8100 PDLG capability with foot removed
- ✓ Reduced time to take survey measurement

PCM Receiver comparison

	PCMx	PCM+
Weight	4.9lb (2.24kg)	7.4 lb (3.38kg)
GPS	Internal	External device required
Magnetometer	Detachable	Fixed
Locator functionality	RD8100 PDLG	Limited
PEAK +	Yes	No
Self Test	Yes	No
Compass	Yes	No
4Hz measurement time	1 second	3 seconds
ACVG and ACCA	Simultaneous	Separate surveys

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Questions



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PCMx or RD8100...

- Foot on PCMx
- Foot off RD8100PDLG
- Can remove or fit foot while switched on
 - reverts to last used setting for PCMx or RD8100



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Typical Locate Screen

Modes available:

Power, CPS, ELF, ELCD, LFCD & 8K

- Continuous depth and current displayed
 - current reading is the locate signal current
- Use antenna key to switch between antenna modes
 - Peak, Peak+, Null, Single or Guidance
 - Peak only in power mode
- Peak+ switch between Guide and Null arrows
 - hold down antenna key to switch



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ACVG

- A-frame lead connected automatically goes in to ACVG mode
- Direction arrow to fault
- dB uV reading
 - this is the voltage measured across the A-Frame spikes
- use 'f' key to switch to locate mode
- Save reading use 'graph' key





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PCMx Locate Screen

Simultaneous Mode

- With A-frame plugged in press 'f' key
 - toggle between ELCD, LFCD and 8K
 - mode recognised with A-Frame icon and locate screen
- Simultaneously take 4Hz and ACVG readings
 - 4Hz is the magnetometer reading
- Typical locate information as normal locate mode
- Before taking a 4Hz reading:
 - arrow is to direction to fault
 - dB value is FF voltage reading in dBuV



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Taking a Measurement

- When over and inline with pipe press graph key once
- 4Hz reading will be displayed bottom right
 - reading is 'live' so may fluctuate
 - option to save or reject using up / down arrows
- In this screen arrow is current direction (CD)
- Selecting save will automatically store reading within unit
 - up to 10000 logs
 - if BT is on the unit will attempt to send via BT
 - in menu set BT- PC to OFF for internal save only



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Holding a Reading

- Useful when taking measurements in traffic etc.
- When over and inline with pipe press graph key once
- 4Hz reading will be displayed bottom right
- Press antenna key to 'hold' 4Hz reading and locate screen
 - reading can be saved or rejected while being held
 - or press antenna key to make active again



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TruDepth

- Same rules as RD8100 when displaying depth / current
 - compass angle / signal strength / left right arrows
- TruDepth important on PCMx
 - 4Hz reading calculated using depth reading
 - if depth reading incorrect, 4Hz reading incorrect
- Advisable to use Peak+ Null mode
 - check for Peak and Null locate for distortion
 - hold antenna key to toggle

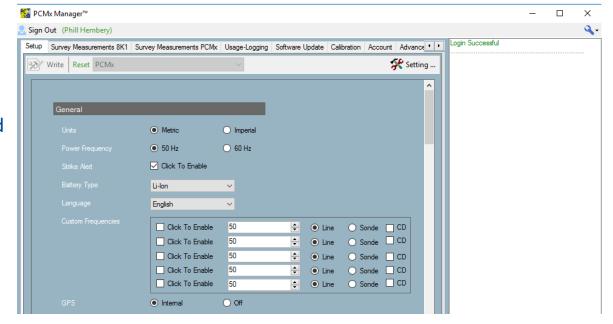


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PCM Manager

- Very similar to RD Manager
 - connection via USB
 - Survey Measurements upload
 - Calibration (eCert)
 - Software update



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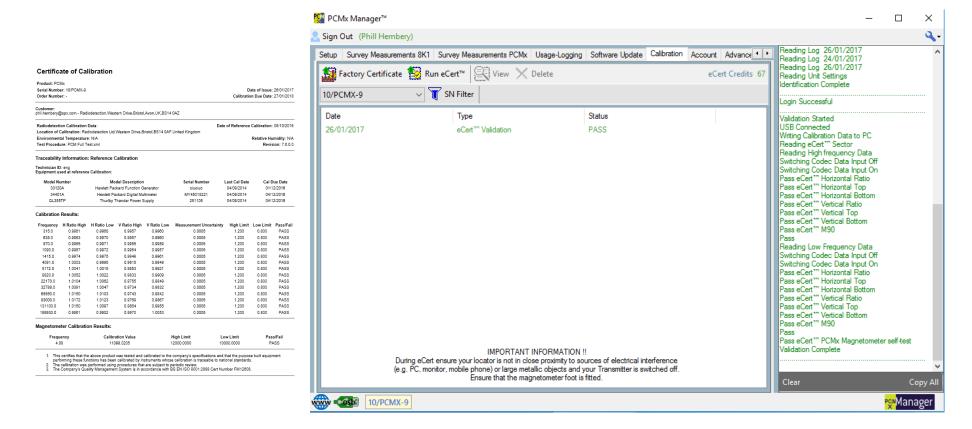
PCM Manager – Uploading Survey Measurements

- Charting
- Export
 - CSV
 - XLS
 - KML

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PCMx - eCert Calibration

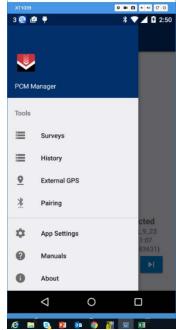


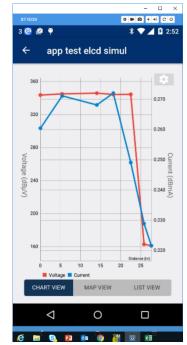
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PCMx – Mobile App

- Available from Google Play Store
 - also available from RD website
- Provides real time graphing
 - pair PCMx with mobile device
 - data sent from PCMx via BT
 - choice of graphs to display
 - review previous surveys
- Use internal PCMx GPS or external GPS



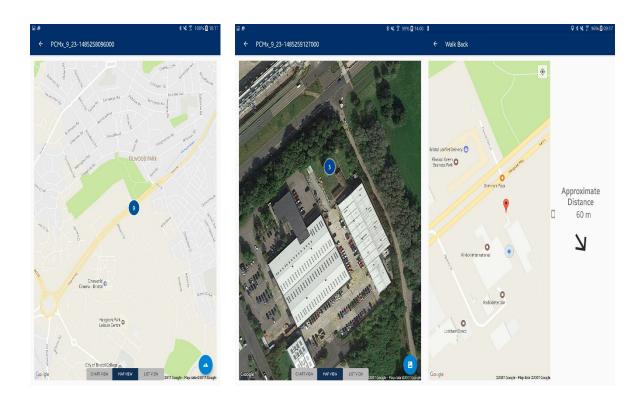




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PCMx – Mobile App

- Use map view for location
 - can be used for each point
 - 'Walk Back' feature
 - 'Walk Forward' feature



The professionals' choice

- 25 Watt Output
 - up to 1A and 100V
- Mains supply (100V to 240V)
- Two Internal Li-Ion batteries
 - approximately 4 hours continuous use at 1A
 - recharge when TX powered by mains or when in use

