

ROBOTICS INSPECTION OF TANKS

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AGENDA



- **Owner/User Perspective**
- **Concept Key Features**
- Certification
- Launch, Operations & Recovery
- Performance
- Path forward



TANK ROBOTICS - CURRENT STATE

- SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT
 - Looking for reduce exposure to tank confined space
 - Environmental incentives keeping tanks in service
- REGULATORY
 - API-653 doesn't prescribe inspection method
 - Risk based incorporated in latest API-653 editions
 - Regulators don't recognize API-653 latest editions
- BUSINESS
 - Agility and efficiency appetite in midstream space
- BARRIERS
 - General skepticism memories from old robots.



TANK ROBOTICS - HOW CAN WE HELP?

- Sponsorship/Participation in Industry R&D Projects
- API-SCAST Evaluation
- Identify current "in-compliance" space and try
- Identify where tank in-service data adds value
- Promote tank robotics conversations with regulators
- Propose risk & in-service data based deviations
- Support tank robotic inspection services development



CONCEPT – KEY FEATURES

- Robot certified Class 1, Division 2 by FM Approvals
 - High flash point products (diesel, jet, kerosene) and water
- Onboard battery power
- Fiber optic tether
- Self-contained navigation
- Ability to:
 - Hover in product for mapping of floor obstacles
 - Roll on bottom and critical zone for NDT data acquisition
- Automated surveys
- Camera and light on board for high clarity visual imaging
- NDT payload
 - 8" PEC array → 18" (Dec. 2019)
 - 12" Phased Array UT (Aug. 2019)



CERTIFICATION

- Certification provided by FM Approvals
- SR-1 is certified for use in Class I, Division 2, Group D hazardous locations
- Tanks containing products with flash points
 ≥100°F (diesel, jet, kerosene, water)





LAUNCH, OPERATIONS & RECOVERY





① Lift hoist and robot to tank top with small crane or boom truck





Bond robot and hoist to tank. Lower robot into product and detach lifting cable

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PERFORMANCE



- Efficient, autonomous floor scanning
 - 70' D tank in less than 9 hours
 - 100' D tank in less than 18 hours
 - Coverage rates will continue to improve as larger NDT probes are deployed





PERFORMANCE





Example Plate #26



PERFORMANCE



- PEC data close ups of critical zone
- Weld seams detectable
- Repeatable results over same area

PATH FORWARD



- NDT payload
 - 8" PEC array → 18" (Dec. 2019)
 - 12" Phased Array UT (Aug. 2019)
- Class 1 Division 1 System
 - Un-tethered
 - PEC and/or PAUT payloads
- FM Approval certification by end 2019
- Operational early 2020
 - Gasoline
 - Crude

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