

PIPELINE COATING SPECIFICATION AND REHABILITATION

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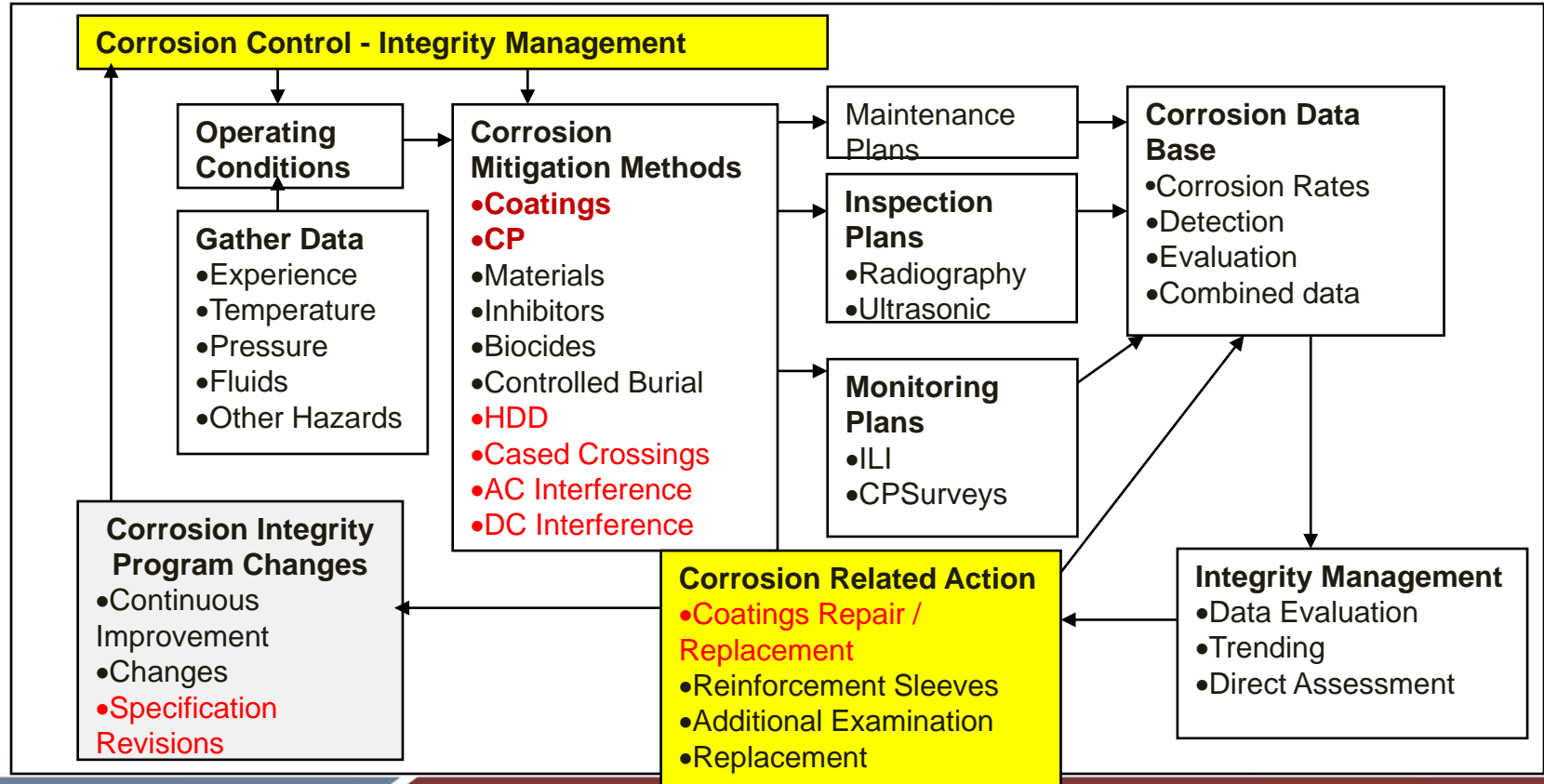


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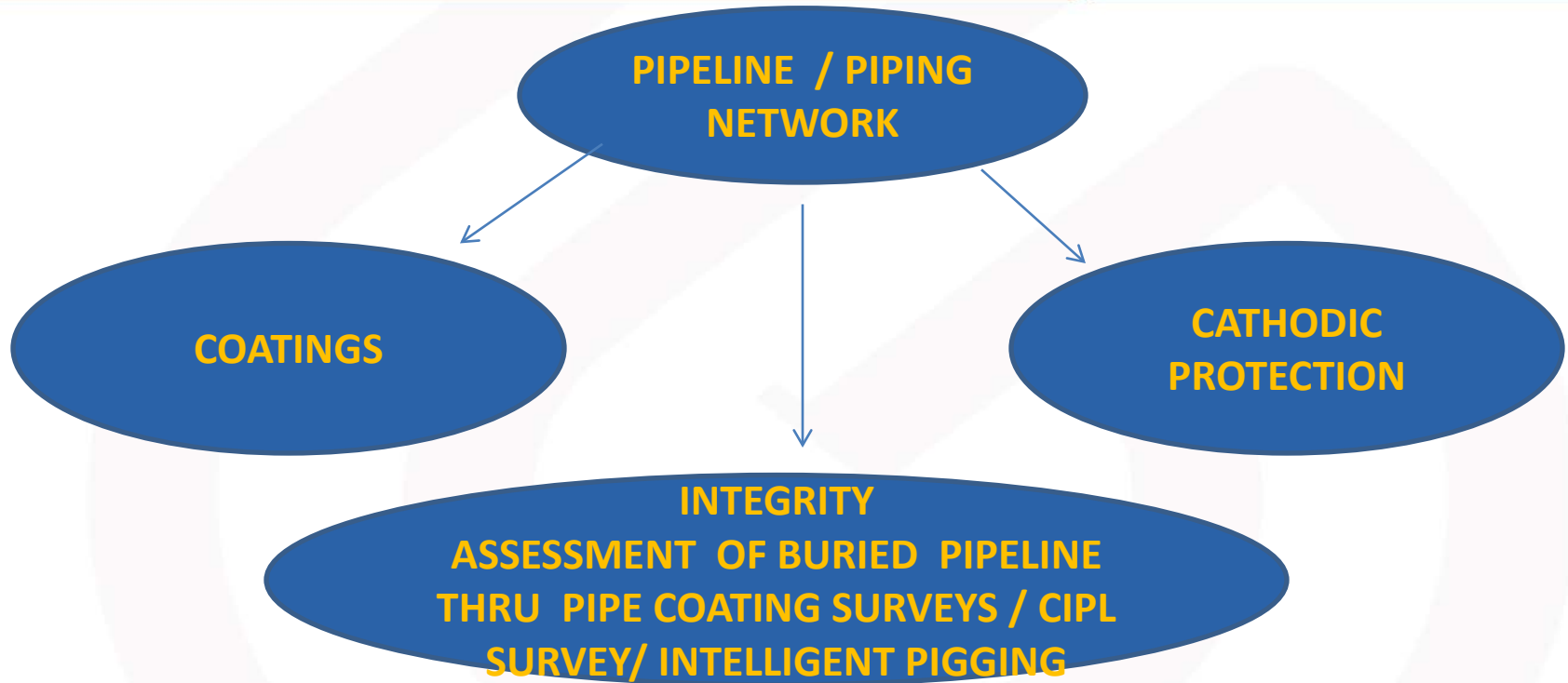
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CORROSION CONTROL - INTEGRITY MANAGEMENT



CONTROL OF EXTERNAL DEGRADATION ON UNDERGROUND OR SUBMERGED PIPELINES



EXTERNAL PIPELINE COATINGS

All pipeline coatings have a design and useful operational life.

The pipeline coatings are generally selected based on

- Operating temperature,
- Type of soil,
- Underground water table,
- Soil resistivity,
- Backfilling material,
- Micro-organisms in soil,
- Soil stress resistance,
- Indentation / impact resistance and
- Cathodic disbondment resistance.



FUNDAMENTALS OF COATING

- The pipe coating is **designed to prevent the corrosive elements** of the backfill from coming into direct contact with the pipe steel.
- A coating may be deemed to have failed if any **soil or water** makes contact with the pipe steel.
- Some degree of coating failure is unavoidable and **CP provides a particularly cost effective solution** to this problem.
- A **low level of coating defects** and a fully effective CP system is, for most operators, a normal and acceptable condition for an operating pipeline.



FUNDAMENTALS OF COATING

- **Coating degradation** can take many forms and the objective is primarily to identify the cause and mechanism of the degradation processes and how they can be avoided.
- The importance of a coating degradation mechanism to a pipeline operator may be judged by the impact it has on the **corrosion risks** to a pipeline and **the cost, and complexity**, of implementing a corrosion management strategy to cope with the risks caused by the degraded coating.

Normalized specific coating conductance range(G_n) for 1000 ohm cm soil ($\mu S/m^2$)	Coating Quality
<100	Excellent
101 to 500	Good
501 to 2000	Fair
>2000	Poor

- Moisture absorption
- Blistering
- Cracking
- Disbondment
- Delamination

FUNDAMENTALS OF COATING

Active corrosion on buried pipelines can occur where the coating is defective and the corrosion process may be driven by one the following conditions:

- Ineffective CP
- CP Shielding
- External Drivers
- Stress Corrosion Cracking



FUNDAMENTALS OF COATING

1. INEFFECTIVE CP :

The commonest causes of ineffective CP are poor quality monitoring that fails to identify under-protection and **extensive coating breakdown** that creates a total current demand far in excess of the original CP design criteria.

2. CP SHIELDING :

CP current is prevented from flowing onto the pipe steel by a high resistance barrier, such as pipe coating that **has lost adhesion to the pipe**. This creates the conditions in which **pitting and general corrosion** occur and in anaerobic soil conditions the **rate of corrosion attack may be accelerated by bacterial or microbial activity**.

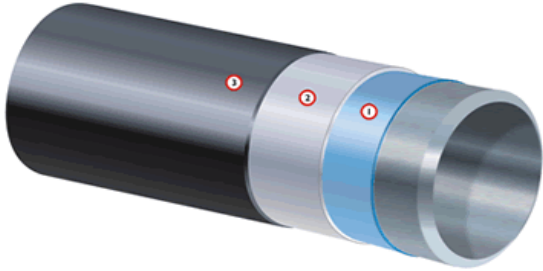
3. EXTERNAL DRIVERS:

Electrical interference, **stray current and galvanic effects can nullify the effect of the applied CP and create a corrosion problem where the pipe coating is defective**. AC induced corrosion is most commonly associated with small coating defects.

4. STRESS CORROSION CRACKING:

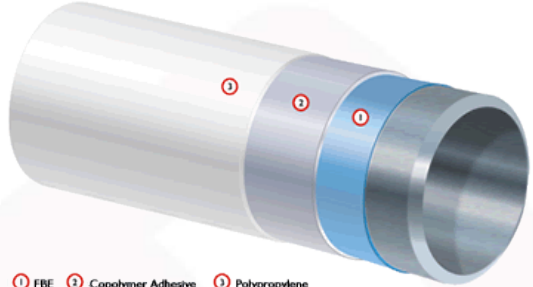
Stress corrosion cracking on buried pipelines is most commonly found beneath a coating that has become porous or has lost adhesion. Moisture must be present at the pipe surface but the critical potential for SCC initiation and growth is less negative than the commonly accepted protection potential of -850 mV so CP shielding is a factor in SCC. Some degree of pressure cycling is required for axial crack growth.

MAIN PIPELINE FACTORY APPLIED COATINGS



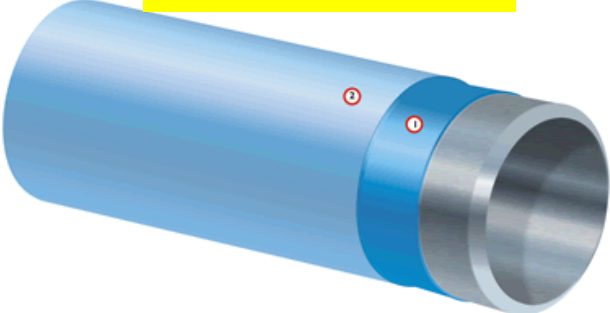
① FBE ② Copolymer Adhesive ③ Polyethylene

THREE LAYER PE



① FBE ② Copolymer Adhesive ③ Polypropylene

THREE LAYER PP



① Anti-Corrosion Coating ② Abrasion Resistant Overcoat

DUAL LAYER FBE



COAL TAR ENAMEL

USEFULL LIFE OF PIPELINE COATINGS

COAL TAR ENAMEL

Coal tar coatings generally have a useful life of **25~30 years**. Beyond this period, the coating resistivity falls to a level where it is no longer economical to protect pipelines with supplementary CP systems. Generally at this point, in case the steel of the pipelines is good, end users look at a complete rehabilitation of the pipeline to extend the useful life of the pipeline.

FUSION BOND EPOXY (FBE/DFBE)

FBE coatings generally have a useful life of **25 to 30 years**. Beyond this period, the coating starts to blister and disbond especially in high water tables.


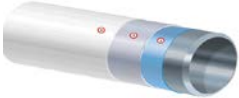

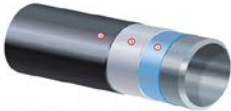
THREE LAYER POLYPROPYLENE (3LPP)

3LPP coatings have a useful life of **30 years**.
High temperature coating – tends to crack.


THREE LAYER POLYETHYLENE (3LPE)

3LPE coatings have a useful life of **50 years**. Very stable coating. Tends to disbond from steel surface causing surface corrosion. Problem comes if there continuous access to moisture. Can lead to pitting corrosion. CP does not help. New technologies – EMAT are being developed to detect coating disbondment.

DEGRADATION MECHANISIM

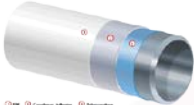
FACTORY APPLIED COATING	PICTORIAL VIEW	MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE RATING	DEGRADATION MECHANISIM	USEFUL LIFE
Coal Tar Enamel		60°C	Brittleness, Cracking & Disbondment	25 years ($<5000 \text{ Ohm m}^2$) CD $>800\mu\text{A}^2$
3 Layer Polypropylene		140°C	Cracking of PP layer	25 years
Dual Layer Fusion Bonded Epoxy		120°C	Blistering and disbondment	25 to 30 years ($<5000 \text{ Ohm m}^2$) CD $>500\mu\text{A}^2$
3 Layer Polyethylene		80°C	Delamination and disbondment	50 years

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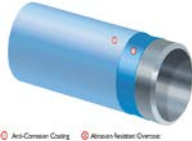


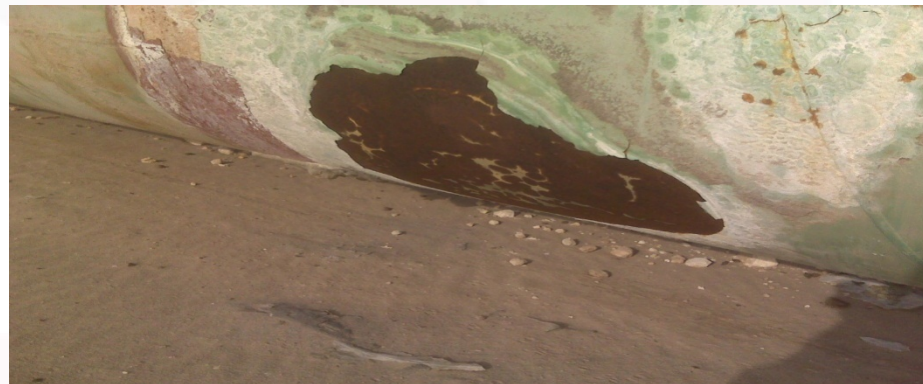
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3 Layer Polypropylene		140°C	Cracking of PP layer	25 years



DEGRADATION MECHANISIM DUAL LAYER FBE


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DEGRADATION MECHANISIM THREE LAYER POLYETHYLENE



DEGRADATION MECHANISIM COMPARISION

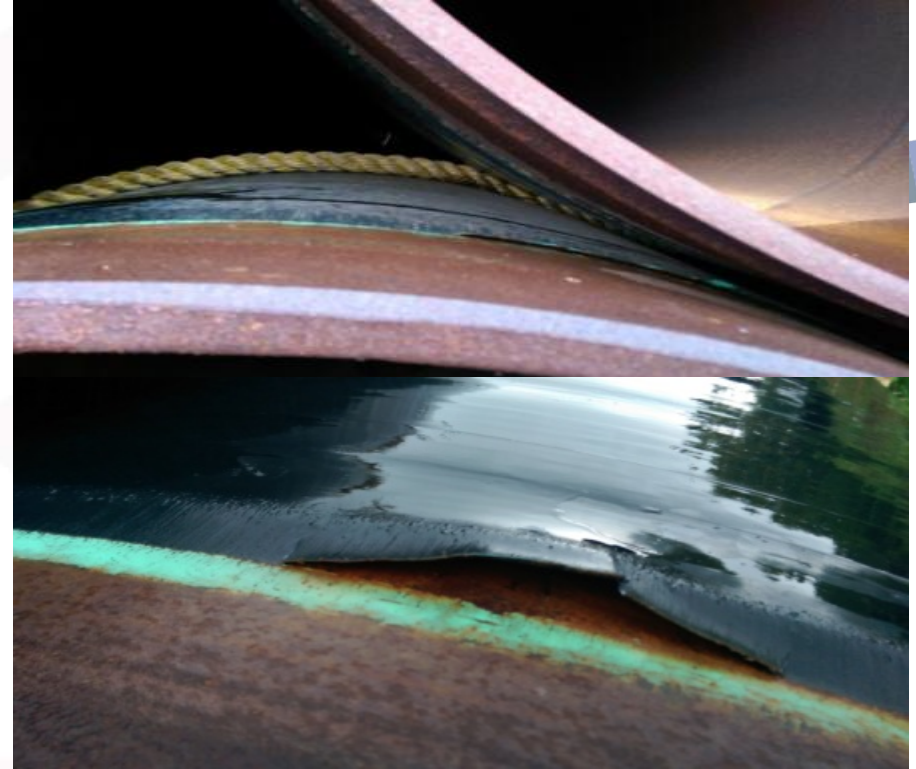


**3LPE AFTER 25 YEARS – NO CRACKING OF
OUTER SURFACE**



**CTE AFTER 25 YEARS – CRACKING OF
OUTER SURFACE**

DAMAGE MECHANISIM DURING CONSTRUCTIONS STORAGE



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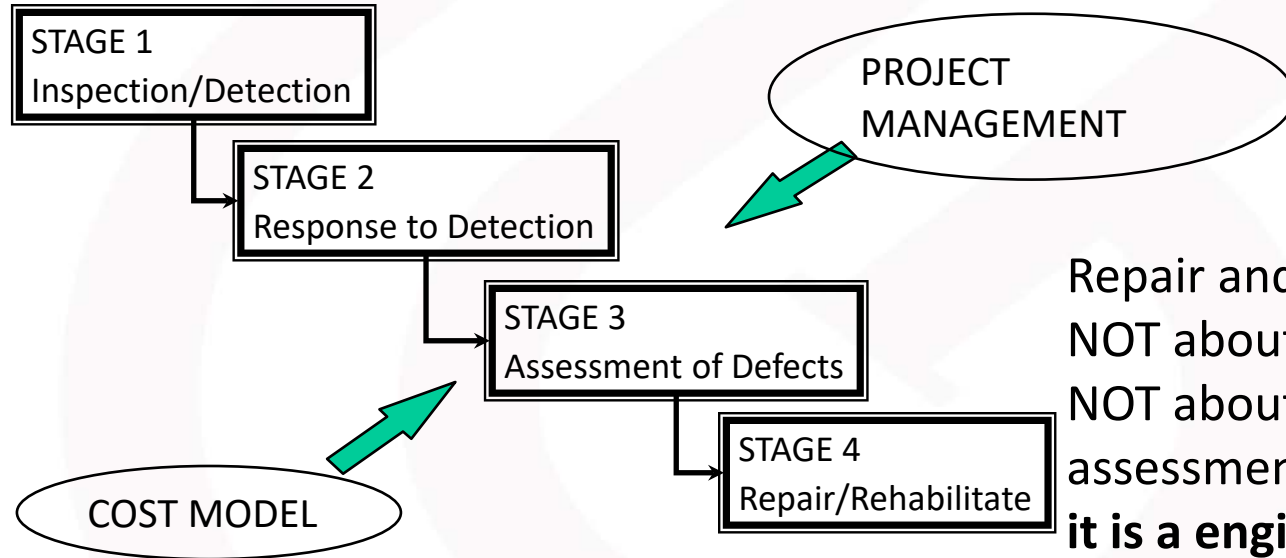
REPAIR VS REHABILITATION

'Repair' – small scale remediation (e.g. repair defect)

'Rehabilitation' – large scale remediation (e.g. recoat)

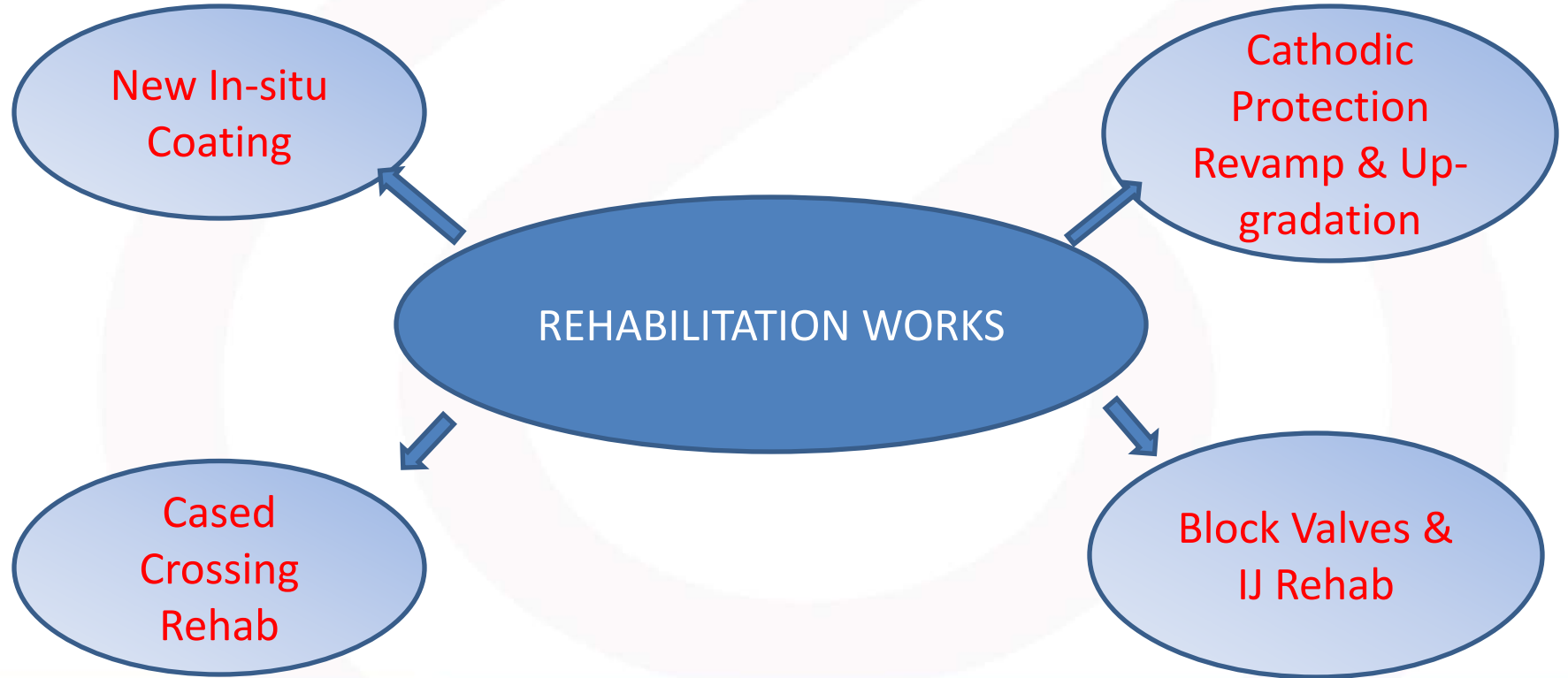


THE FOUR STAGES OF REPAIR AND REHABILITATION

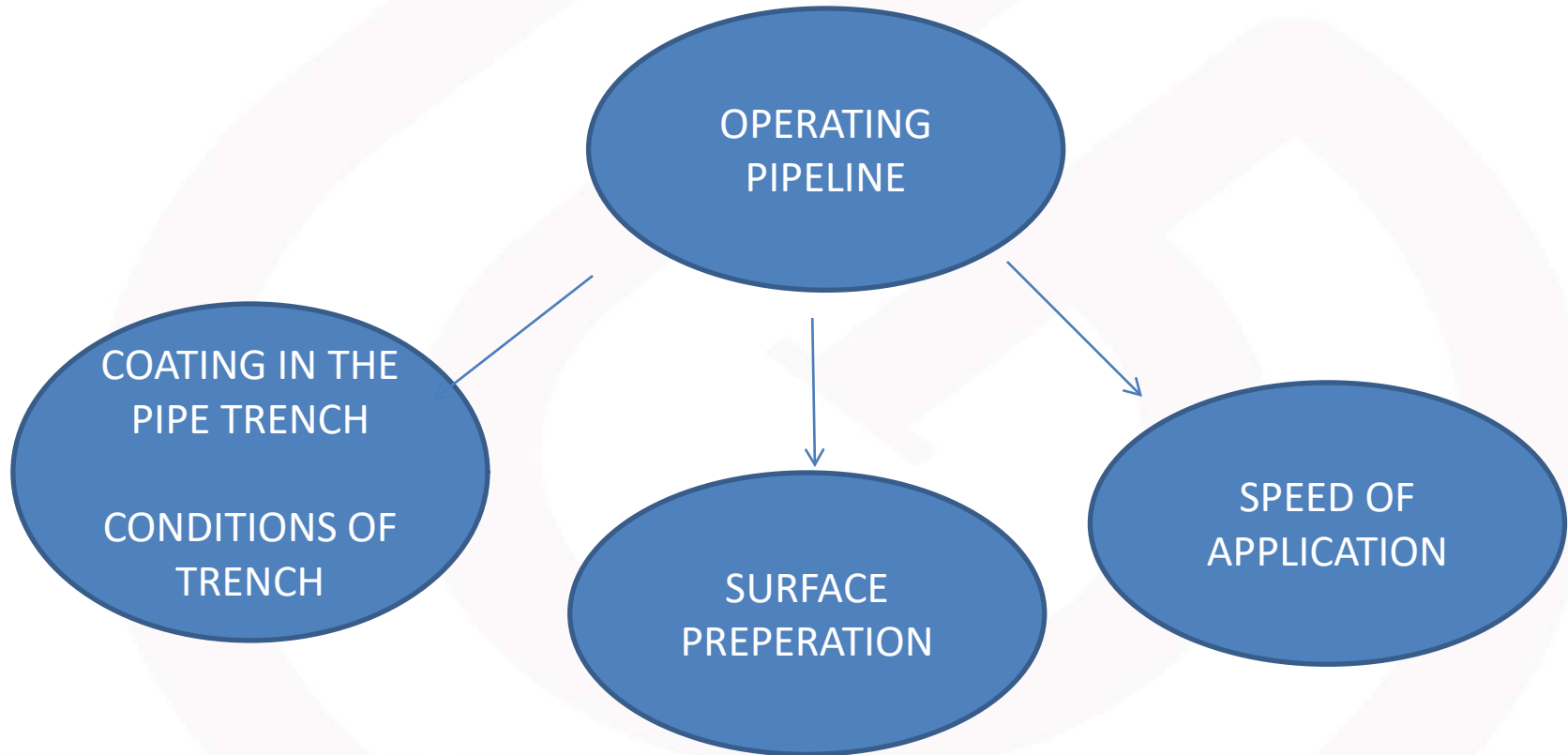


Repair and Rehabilitation is NOT about inspection, and is NOT about 'defect assessment' ... **it is a engineering exercise that needs a wide ranging engineering skills.**

REHAHBITATION WORKS



SELECTION OF REHAB COATING





WHY DO COATINGS FAIL ?

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IMPROPER COATING SELECTION

IMPROPER COATING APPLICATION

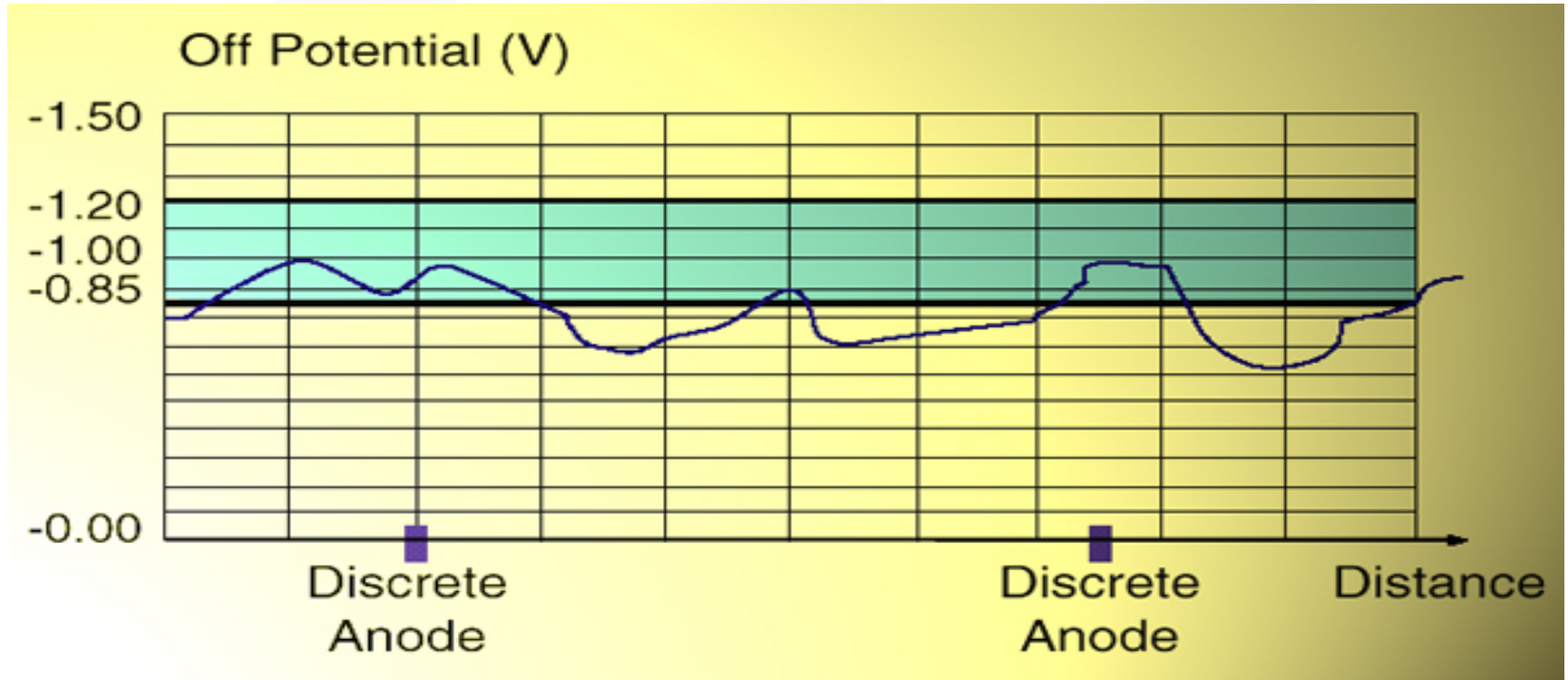
LAYING DAMAGES

PREMATURE FAILURE OF COATING MATERIAL

IMPROPER CATHODIC PROTECTION

COATING AGEING

CP SYSTEMS DO NOT PROTECT HIGH CURRENT ATTENUATION





WHEN COATINGS START TO FAIL WHAT STEPS ARE TO BE TAKEN

WHEN COATINGS START TO FAIL ...

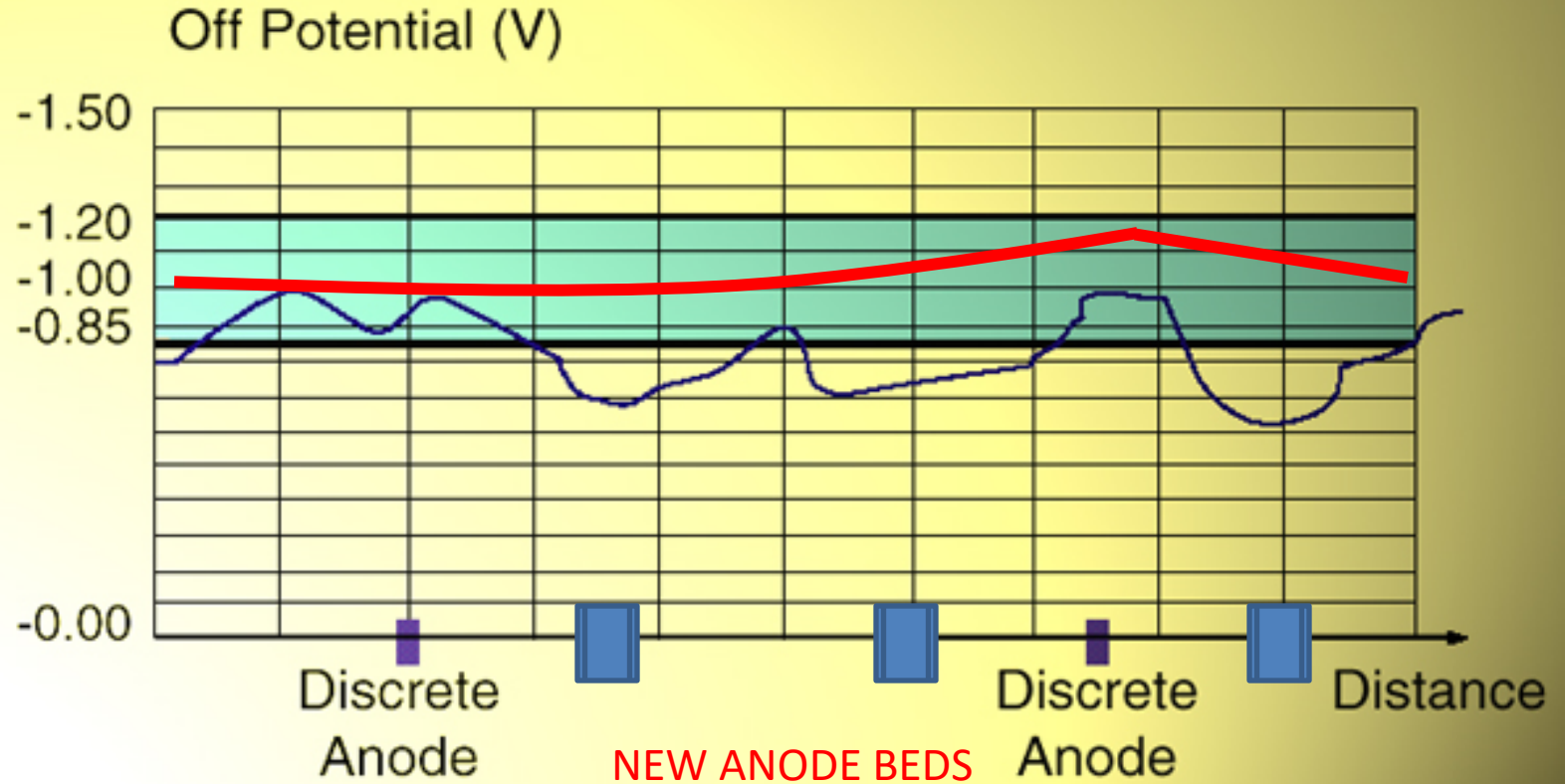
ENHANCE CATHODIC PROTECTION

REPAIR LOCALIZED COATING DAMAGES

RECOAT ENTIRE PIPELINE

REPLACE THE PIPE LINE

ENHANCE CATHODIC PROTECTION



REPAIR LOCALIZED COATING DAMAGES

RECONDITION / REPAIR
SMALL SECTIONS
IN BELL HOLE



RECOATING

The economic life of a coating ends when the CP systems are not capable of protecting the pipeline by ensuring PSP of $\geq(-) 0.85\text{V}$ OFF with respect to Cu/CuSo_4 reference electrodes all long the ROW.

COATING RESISTANCE TO SOIL < 5000 ohm-sq.meter

CURRENT DENSITIES OF DIFFERENT COATINGS IN ACTUAL OPERATION

	DIA (inch)	LENGTH (km)	TYPE OF COATING	YEARS IN SERVICE (year)	AVG. CURRENT DENSITY ($\mu\text{A}/\text{m}^2$)
LINE 1	12	800	Over the Ditch CTE	42	400-500
LINE 2	24	800	Over the Ditch CTE	30	400-800
LINE 3	18	950	CTE (Plant Coated)	10	8-10
LINE 4	22	950	3LPE	13	13-15
LINE 5	10	110	3LPE	13	5-7
LINE 6	10	70	FBE	9	40-50
LINE 7	10	170	FBE+CTE	6	10-15

CP STATIONS OF DIFFERENT COATINGS IN ACTUAL OPERATION

	DIA (inch)	LENGTH (km)	TYPE OF COATING	YEARS IN SERVICE (year)	NO OF CP STATIONS
LINE 1	12	800	Over the Ditch CTE	42	40
LINE 2	24	800	Over the Ditch CTE	30	50
LINE 3	18	950	CTE (Plant Coated)	10	60
LINE 4	22	950	3LPE	13	24
LINE 5	10	110	3LPE	13	3
LINE 6	10	70	FBE	9	4
LINE 7	10	170	FBE+CTE	6	9

TYPE OF REHABILITATION COATINGS

INSITU TAPE COATINGS

COAL TAR TAPES

POLYOLEFIN TAPE COATINGS – BUTYL RUBBER

POLYOLEFIN TAPE COATINGS- VISCO ELASTIC

PETROLATUM TAPE

LIQUID COATINGS

HIGH BUILD EPOXY

POLYURETHANE

PARAMETERS FOR SELECTION REHAB COATING

TYPE OF EXTERNAL CORROSION

- SURFACE RUSTING / ISOLATED PITTING /EXCESSIVE PITTING

TYPE OF PARENT COATING

- 3LPE / CTE / FBE / 3 LPP

CONSTRUCTION OF PIPE

- ERW / HSAW /LSAW

FIELD APPLICATION METHODOLOGY

SURFACE PREPARATION REQUIREMENT

- SA 2 ½ /ST -2 /MANUAL CLEANING

APPLICATION PROCESS – REQUIREMENTS

- EASE OF APPLICATION / EQUIPMENT REQUIRED /ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES & APPLICATION PARAMETERS

PAST TRACK RECORD

COST ANALYSIS

TYPE OF REHABILITATION COATINGS

Soil/Trench condition	Acceptable Cold Applied Tape Coatings	Surface Preparation Required	Backfill
Dry with normal soil	3ply/2ply tape	Abrasive blasting (Sa21/2 with 50~70 micron anchor profile)	Soft soil padding of at least 20 cm around the periphery. Soft soil may be screened from the excavated soil
High water table with normal soil. Abrasive blasting not possible	Visco-elastic tape	Power/ Hand wire brushing to remove rust (St2 / St3)	Soft soil padding of at least 20 cm around the periphery. Soft soil may be screened from the excavated soil
Very High water table with normal soil Pipe surface wet	Petrolatum tape	Power/ Hand wire brushing to remove rust (St2 / St3)	Soft soil padding of at least 20 cm around the periphery. Soft soil may be screened from the excavated soil

TYPE OF REHABILITATION COATINGS

SI No	Characteristic	Unit	Type of Rehabilitation Coatings			
			3 ply/2 ply	Visco-elastic	Petrolatum tape	Bituminous tape
1	Surface Preparation		Sa 2½	St 2 / St 3	St 2 / St 3	Sa 2½
2	Thickness (Nominal ±10%)	mm	≥ 2.5 ±10%	≥ 2.5 ±10%	≥ 2.5 ±10%	≥ 2.5 ±10%
3	Holiday detection	—	15 kV	15 kV	15 kV	at 15 kV
4	Impact resistance	J/mm	≥ 10 J	≥ 10 J	≥ 2 J*	≥ 5 J
5	Indentation resistance, Test pressure – Residual thickness	N/mm ² mm	10.0 ≥ 0.6	10.0 ≥ 0.6	0.1 ≥ 0.6	10.0 ≥ 0.6
6	Specific electrical insulation resistance	Ω·m ²	≥ 10 ⁸	≥ 10 ⁸	≥ 10 ⁶	≥ 10 ⁵
7	CD resistance at 28 days	mm	≤ 5 mm	0 mm	< 20	<20mm

TYPE OF REHABILITATION COATINGS

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			3 ply/2 ply	Visco-elastic	Petrolatum tape	Bituminous tape
8	Peel strength – to steel surface	N/mm	≥ 1.00	≥ 0.2	leave a film of compound on the substrate	≥ 1.00
9	Water Vapour permeability	g/m ² – 24 hr	<0.2	<0.2	<0.3	<0.2

TYPE OF REHABILITATION COATINGS - 3ply / 2ply

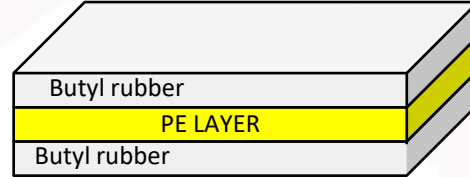
Butyl rubber based primer

WFT 75 microns

3ply tape (Inner corrosion layer)

Overlap 50%

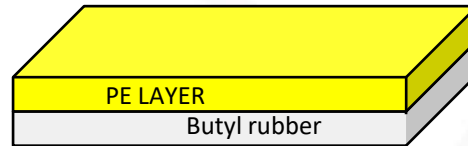
Thickness 0.75mm



2ply tape (outer mechanical layer)

Overlap 50%

Thickness 0.5mm



APPLIED THICKNESS : 2.5mm

3ply / 2ply COATING

- FIELD APPLIED
- HAND WRAPPING MACHINE
- ANY LENGTH OF PIPE
- MAX OPERATING TEMP: 80°C
- APPLIED **THICKNESS 2.5 mm or more**
- HIGH IMPACT STRENGTH
- HIGH INDENTATION STRENGTH
- CATHODIC DISBONDMENT RESISTANT
- EN 12068



TYPE OF REHABILITATION COATINGS - VISCO ELASTIC

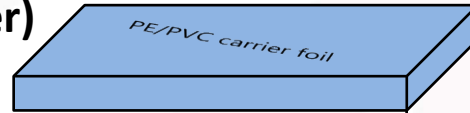
No Primer

WFT 75 microns

Visco Elastic Wrap (Inner corrosion layer)

Overlap 10mm

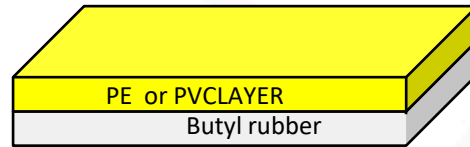
Thickness 1.5mm



2ply tape (outer mechanical layer)

Overlap 50%

Thickness 0.5mm



Visco Elastic

- **FIELD** APPLIED
- ANY LENGTH OF PIPE
- MAX OPERATING TEMP: 100°C
- APPLIED **THICKNESS 2.5 mm or more**
- HIGH IMPACT STRENGTH
- HIGH INDENTATION STRENGTH
- CATHODIC DISBONDMENT RESISTANT
- ISO 21809 Part 3



APPLIED THICKNESS : 2.5mm

TYPE OF REHABILITATION COATINGS - PETROLATUM

No Primer

WFT 75 microns

Petrolatum Tape (Inner corrosion layer)

Overlap 25mm

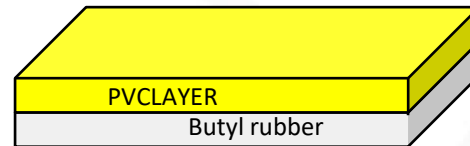
Thickness 1.5mm



2ply tape (outer mechanical layer)

Overlap 50%

Thickness 0.5mm



APPLIED THICKNESS : 2.5mm

Petrolatum Tape

- **FIELD** APPLIED
- ANY LENGTH OF PIPE
- MAX OPERATING TEMP: 50°C
- APPLIED **THICKNESS 2.5 mm or more**
- HIGH IMPACT STRENGTH
- CATHODIC DISBONDMENT RESISTANT
- ISO 21809 Part 3



TYPE OF REHABILITATION COATINGS - 3PLY / 2 PLY



TYPE OF REHABILITATION COATINGS - VISCO ELASTIC



TYPE OF REHABILITATION COATINGS - PETROLATUM



TAPE COATINGS

POLYOLEFIN TAPE COATINGS – 3ply / 2ply

- Surface preparation Sa 21/2
- Ease of Application – Hand wrapping machine required
- Primers have VOC – to be handled carefully
- Low CP current requirement
- Tenting effects around weld seam .**

VISCO ELASTIC COATINGS:

- Extremely surface tolerant - St3 surface preparation
- No primer application
- Easy to apply – manual application.
- Fill and flows easily and hence no tenting effect on the weld seams
- Low CP current requirement
- No tenting effect around weld seam**

REHABILITATION OF COATING- 14" DIA PIPELINE

ORIGINAL COATING COAL TAR ENAMEL



PIPE STEEL CONDITION OK

REHABILITATION OF COATING- 14" DIA PIPELINE



REHABILITATION OF COATING- 14" DIA PIPELINE



**CLEARANCE FROM
TRENCH BOTTOM
500mm**

DEGRADED CTE COATING

Brittleness, Cracking & Disbondment

REHABILITATION OF COATING- 14" DIA PIPELINE

CTE COATING REMOVAL

BY CHIPPING & HAMMERING CTE



REHABILITATION OF COATING- 14" DIA PIPELINE

BLASTING OF STEEL SURFACE



REHABILITATION OF COATING- 14" DIA PIPELINE

BLASTED STEEL SURFACE



REHABILITATION OF COATING- 14" DIA PIPELINE



MEASURING ANCHOR PROFILE

REHABILITATION OF COATING- 14" DIA PIPELINE

DUST CONTAMINATION

RATING <2



REHABILITATION OF COATING- 14" DIA PIPELINE

SALT CONTAMINATION

<2micro grams/cm²



REHABILITATION OF COATING- 14" DIA PIPELINE

PRIMER APPLICATION



APPLIED THICKNESS 75 microns WFT

REHABILITATION OF COATING- 14" DIA PIPELINE

APPLICATION OF 3PLY / 2PLY TAPE COATING



REHABILITATION OF COATING- 14" DIA PIPELINE

CHECKING OVERLAP



REHABILITATION OF COATING- 14" DIA PIPELINE

COMPLETED COATING



REHABILITATION OF COATING- 14" DIA PIPELINE

THICKNESS CHECKING



REHABILITATION OF COATING- 14" DIA PIPELINE

HOLIDAY CHECKING @ 15KV



REHABILITATION OF COATING- 14" DIA PIPELINE

PEEL ADHESION TEST



REHABILITATION OF COATING- 14" DIA PIPELINE

A yellow excavator is shown in a trench, performing a peel adhesion test on the existing pipeline coating. The trench is deep and narrow, with earthen walls. The excavator's arm is extended into the trench, and it appears to be peeling away a layer of the old coating. The background shows a rural setting with trees and a clear sky.

PEEL ADHESION TEST

LIFE OF PIPELINE EXTENDED BY 30 YEARS

REHABILITATION OF COATING- 3LPE COATED PIPELINE



POWER TOOL CLEANING
FBE REMOVED
ANCHOR PROFILE > 50 MICRONS



HIGH BUILD EPOXY APPLIED TO A
THICKNESS > 500 MICRONS

REHABILITATION OF COATING- 3LPE COATED PIPELINE



AFTER APPLICATION OF HIGH BUILD EPOXY, THE EPOXY CURES IN 24 HOURS (SHORE D > 70. 3PLY / 2PLY TAPE COATING IS APPLIED

REHABILITATION OF COATING- PETROLATUM TAPE



**ST3 CLEANING
PETROLATUM PASTE BEING APPLIED**

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**PETROLATUM TAPE
BEING WRAPPED**

REHABILITATION OF COATING- CONDENSING GAS PIPELINE



MOISTURE ON PIPE
CONDENSING

REHABILITATION OF COATING- CONDENSING GAS PIPELINE



SPECIAL VISCO ELASTIC TAPE & PE OUTER WRAP

REHABILITATION OF COATING- VISCO ELASTIC TAPE



NO BLASTING



NO PRIMER APPLICATION



VISCOELASTIC TAPE



OUTER MECHANICAL LAYER

LIQUID COATINGS

HIGH BUILD LIQUID EPOXY

- FIELD APPLIED (BRUSH OR SPRAY)

Liquid Epoxy coatings are defined as **products made from reaction of Novalac epoxy resin (Part A) and Amine (Part B)**

Part A
Resin



POLYURETHANE

- FIELD APPLIED (ONLY SPRAY)

Polyurethane coatings are defined as **products made from reaction of Polyisocyanates (Part A) and Polyols (Part B)**

Part B
Hardener

Two-component films provide higher hardness with enhanced resistance to moisture permeation, soluble salts, and chemicals.

In chemistry, a hardener (Part B) is defined as a separate ingredient that reacts with the first component (Part A) of a two-component paint.

LIQUID COATINGS



SURFACE PREPERATION IS CRITICAL

**MORE GROUND CLEARANCE
REQUIRED**

**THICKNESS AT BOTTOM OF PIPE IS
CRITICAL**

TRENCH HAS TO BE COMPELTLY DRY

**LARGE WIDTH O F TRENCH FOR
MOVEMENT**

LIQUID COATINGS



LIQUID COATINGS

URETHANE BASED

- 100% urethane or tar urethanes
- With or without primer application
- Surface preparation critical
- Chloride levels on steel $\leq 20\mu\text{gms}/\text{cm}^2$
- High adhesion to steel
- No tenting effect
- Higher water permeability
- Low material cost
- Sophisticated spray machine and trained applicators required.
- Applied thickness 1~ 1.5mm
- Low CP requirement
- No cathodic shielding

EPOXY BASED

- 100% solids high build or glass flake
- Without primer application
- Surface preparation critical
- Chloride levels on steel $\leq 20\mu\text{gms}/\text{cm}^2$
- Adhesion to steel higher than urethanes
- No tenting effect
- Lower water permeability
- Higher material cost
- Sophisticated spray machine and trained applicators required.
- Applied thickness 0.7~1mm
- Low CP requirement
- No cathodic shielding

SUMMARY OF COATING REHAB



BELL HOLE



BLASTING



Sa 21/2 SURFACE



INNER WRAP



OUTER WRAP



FINISHED COATING

REHABILITATION OF COATING- ISO STANDARD

ISO STANDARD 21809 PART 11

PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS INDUSTRIES –
EXTERNAL COATINGS FOR BURIED AND SUBMERGED
PIPELINES USED IN PIPELINE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

PART 11

COATINGS FOR IN FIELD APPLICATION , COATING REPAIRS AND REHABILITATION

CONCLUSION

Pipeline Owners / Consultants need to select rehabilitation coatings considering various factors highlighted in the presentation. From wide spectrum of rehabilitation coatings available along with their associated application technologies. **Price** of the Rehabilitation coating ***should not be the only deciding factor***. For Indian Conditions – MOST IMPORTANT PARAMETER TO CONSIDER ARE:

- ***ACHIEVEMENT OF SURFACE PREPERATION***
- ***SKILL LEVEL OF CONTRACTORS***
- ***SKILL LEVEL OF APPLICATORS***



THANK YOU

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