# Joint project of KNUCA and Zhejiang Yuexin Inspection Technology Co., Ltd.

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Abstract. Every year, international scientific conferences are held in China, dedicated to the search for high-class talents, the attraction of innovative technologies, the creation of joint ventures in various fields of science and production. One of the organizers of such events was the Ukrainian-Chinese Silk Road Center, which, as part of the "One Belt, One Road" program, regularly conducts online video road shows between Chinese and Ukrainian specialists. This time, projects from several branches of production, including mechanical engineering and robotics, were presented. The best works are selected for the preparation of grant applications for research funding in laboratories and research groups in China, as well as for participation in the country's production activities.

One of the successful applications was a joint project of the Kyiv National University of Civil Engineering and Architecture and the pipeline diagnostics company Zhejiang Yuexin Inspection Technology Co., Ltd. Doctor of Technical Sciences, Professor M.K. Sukach took part in it as the technical director of the project., specialist in deep-sea technology. The Chinese side was headed by the project's chief manager, company director Jin Hangfei. The project became one of those selected by the Ukrainian-Chinese Center and nominated for a state grant. He won the support of the Beijing High-Tech Exchange and government funding for joint research. In addition to the scientific component, it provides an educational program for student training, PhD training and advanced training of specialists in the relevant field.



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#### INTRODUCTION

At the international conference "China Weihai International Talents, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Conference", which took place in the city of Weihai, Shandong province (China), the reports entitled: "Identification of working processes of deep-water equipment" by professor M.K. Sukach [1] and "Magnetic flux leakage detection technology in pipeline", by the di-

rector of the company, Jin Hanfei [2] were presented. They related to the joint program with Chinese scientific and industrial facilities for the development of marine deposits, diagnostics of pipeline transport by determining the leakage of magnetic flows during operation [3 - 5], assessment of countries' readiness to develop non-traditional types of mineral resources. Necessary steps and staging of seabed study for excavating systems, methods and equipment for deep-sea research, as well as underground and underwater pipelines integrity diagnosing questions have been discussed [6 - 9].

The conference was organized by the Human Resources and Social Security Department under the patronage of the Municipal Bureau of Human Resources and Social Security. Representatives of many Chinese organizations and several Ukrainian specialists in educational and industrial spheres took part in the conference. Having discussed real production needs, several works, which attracted attention by their technical achievements, have been selected from among numerous available options. Having determined the list of experts and projects of the road show, the organizers of Ukrainian-Chinese Center provided recommendations regarding preparation work for China's "One Belt One Road " grant program applications, which opens up new opportunities for Ukrainian-Chinese cooperation [10].

### PROJECT TEAM

According to the "Overseas Talents Program", a joint project of Kyiv National University of Construction and Architecture and Chinese oil industry military-civilian enterprise Zhejiang Yuexin Inspection Technology Co., Ltd., became one of the nominees, as a part of the "Shaoxing" (2020) long-term project. The project under the working title: "Industrialization of pipeline magnetic flux leaks internal testing technology" is aimed for diagnostics of the pipelines, that are being designed and also those, which are currently used.

The international team of the project included: Mykhailo Sukach (KNUCA, Kyiv)

- technical director responsible for the general planning of research and development work and technological development of project products; Jin Hangfei (Zhejiang University of Technology) as a general manager, responsible for the day-to-day work of the entire innovation team; Zheng Li (Harbin Engineering University) as a project researcher and State Council special scholarship nominee, responsible for solving various problems during the production process; Chen Ming (Northwest Institute of Telecommunications Engineering) as a researcher responsible for product manufacturing and on-site management; Fang Feizhong (Nanchang Aviation University) as a senior engineer responsible for the experimental equipment application.

Information about the leader of the project: M.K. Sukach is a Department of Construction Machinery professor at Kyiv National University of Construction and Architecture. He is engaged in teaching and scientific research in mechanical engineering and measuring technology, an expert in converting and storing magneto-electrical signals of pipe-laying robots. He published more than 650 scientific and methodical works, including 20 monographs, 340 articles, 40 manuals and textbooks, 30 author certificates and patents for inventions (Fig. 1). He is a current member of the Academy of Engineering Sciences of Ukraine, a member of the National Committee on Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, a member of the Presidium of the Academy of Construction of Ukraine, a foreign member of the Polish Academy of Sciences. Awarded the medal of the Ministry of Defense of USSR "Excellent in military construction", has a certificate of honor of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, the silver medal of the Academy of Construction of Ukraine for the best publication in the field of construction science (2015), the winner of KNUCA competition "Best in professional and scientific activities" (2017), certified as high-level talent, category A (Zhejiang, China, 2022).



Fig. 1. Information about the leader of the project (begin)



Fig. 1. Information about the leader of the project (end)

He graduated from Kyiv Engineering and Construction Institute with a degree in electromechanical engineering, defended his candidate's and doctoral theses, received the title of associate professor and professor at the department of construction machinery of KNUCA, where he works till now. He currently performs the duties of the technical director of the project entitled: "Industrialization of pipeline magnetic flux leaks internal testing technology".

Here are some of his main publications: Working processes of deep sea machines (monograph, 2004), Trench excavator for opening underground pipelines (patent of Ukraine No. 42389), The method of laying cables along the bottom of rivers and shallow reservoirs (patent of Ukraine No. 67382), Transfer of innovative technologies (monograph, 2014), Modernization of a two-section chain trencher (monograph, 2015), Construction machines and equipment (textbook, 2016), Fundamentals of technology transfer (textbook, 2020) etc.

The base production facility of the project is Zhejiang Yuexin Inspection Technology Co., Ltd, which is located in the beautiful ancient capital of the Yue Kingdom and the ancient city of Xishi – Zhuji, bordering Hangzhou in the

north, Shaoxing in the east, and Yiwu in the south. This is a professional enterprise that specializes in the detection of underground space and non-destructive testing.

This company is positioned as a professional enterprise for non-destructive testing and intelligent transformation of oil depots. Its technical scope includes: services for detecting underground spaces, services for internal inspection of MFL main pipelines, four services of conventional non-destructive testing (RT / UT / MT / PT), as well as services for conversion and modernization of digital oil fields and intellectual oil storages (Fig. 2).

The company cooperates with the Aerospace Science and Technology group and the 35th Research Institute of the Aerospace Scientific and Industrial group. In cooperation with these groups, they established the Zhejiang Yuexin Research Institute of Underground Research, an engineering laboratory for the detection of magnetic flux leakage in the pipeline and other technical support. Zhejiang Yuexin Inspection Technology Co., Ltd is a growing Chinese military-civilian integrated enterprise. Currently they have 125 workers, 85 of them have relevant certificates (12 of them have certificates of non-destructive control special equipment of





**Fig. 2**. Certified technologies of Zhejiang Yuexin Inspection Technology Co., Ltd

the third level, 48 of them obtain certificates of non-destructive control of the second level). The company has 35 sets of X-ray machines, 10 sets of ultrasonic flaw detectors, 5 sets of magnetic powder flaw detectors for detecting magnetic flux leaks in pipelines and other auxiliary devices.

## DETECTION OF PIPELINE DEFECTS

**Problem**. Magnetic flux leaks detecting technology is the most widely use d method of oil and gas pipelines research [11-14] (detection of magnetic flux leaks of terrestrial pipelines has 95% of the market share, while ultrasonic and sonar detection has only 5% of the market share). Currently, domestic and foreign

inspections of pipelines rely mainly on the detection of magnetic flux. The magnetic flux leakage detector is sensitive to such defects as narrow cracks, which are perpendicular to the pipeline, but can not effectively detect narrow cracks, whic are parallel to the pipeline. At the same time, the distance between the defect and magnetic pole, level of magnetization, speed of operation and distance of the sensor ads – all these factors may directly affect testing results.

Main contents. On the basis of axial type magnetic flux leaks detection technology [15 – 19] we proposed a circular technology of magnetic flux leaks internal detection. It is based on the magnetic circuit finite element modeling technology. This circular magnetic flux leakage detection method relies on a magnetic field, which is distributed along the pipeline (in circles). It has potential advantages for detecting and quantifying axial defects [20-23]. Finally, the technology of detecting magnetic flux leaks in the axial mode and the technology of detecting magnetic flux leaks in circular mode are combined to form a two-way composite technology of detecting magnetic flux leaks, which realizes comprehensive detection of pipeline defects (Fig. 3).

Idea of the project. Choosing proper magnetization parameters is the key to a successful application of circular type magnetic flux leaks detection technology. Finite element modeling technology is used to study the correlation between the distance between the defect and magnetic pole and the magnetic leakage signal, generated by this defect, in order to determine the permanent magnet size parameter. In addition, the magnetic flux leakage signal is calculated using the calculation, in order to overcome the problem of magnetic flux leakage signal, caused by magnetic field coverage defect close to magnetic poles zones. The technology for magnetic flux leaks circular detection is optimized for the structure of toroidal magnetizer. Electromagnetic yoke receives 4 groups of symmetrical ring structures. Generated magnetic field lines are perpendicular to the axial direction of the pipeline, each line forms independent loop.



Fig. 3. Pipeline magnetic flux leakage testing

Implementation of the project. Intelligent data analysis technology for two-way detection of magnetic flux leaks: the complexity lies in the algorithm of data registration and processing, consisting of two-sided different methods of excitation and physical differences, which must be connected to the two-sided magnetic circuit using double triaxle data, double position signal difference and other multidimensional information. Data transformation and feature extraction, fusion sampling, establishing implicit functional relationships, fuzzy set decision making, and other algorithms to achieve high-fidelity defect inversion (Fig. 4).





**Fig. 4**. Implementation of the technology for detecting magnetic flux leaks in pipelines

**Work planning**. Project work stages are as follows: implementation of simulated modeling of the design of magnetic circuit for detection of magnetic flux leaks and implementation of optimized product design (06.2020 - 12.2020); application and verification of the effectiveness of diagnostics by actual measurements and implementation through the sale of product design solutions (06.2020 - 12.2020); application and verification of the effectiveness of diagnostics by actual measurements and implementation

through the sale of product design solutions (01.2021 – 12.2021); improvement of equipment and advancing of domestic and international projects (01.2022 – 12.2022); optimization and renewal of the magnetizer structure, improvement of the sounding system (01.2023 – 12.2023); continuing research and development of new products, technological innovations and promotion and application of new technologies (01.2024 – 05.2025). The project budget is 270 million RMB.

Application potential. According to 2019 data, the length of global oil and gas storage and transportation by region is: in the Asia-Pacific region 242.7 thousand km, in the Middle East and Africa 205.0 thousand km, in Russia and Central Asia 294.0 thousand km, in Europe 280.0 thousand km, in North America 845 0,000 km, in Latin America 79,600 km. Total 1946.3 thousand km. At the same time, the market for internal diagnostics of pipelines is \$23.356 billion.

### **CONCLUSION**

The technology of detecting circular leakage of magnetic flux is the threshold for entering the international market. Wise application of this technology can destroy foreign monopolies and open up the international testing market. At the same time, it will significantly improve the safety of existing and under-construction pipelines, play an indispensable role in the prevention of underwater pipeline leaks, and will also have broad prospects for application in the market as a whole.

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### Совместный проект КНУСА – Zhejiang Yuexin Inspection Technology Co., Ltd

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Аннотация. Ежегодно в Китае проводятся международные научные конференции, посвященные поиску высококлассных талантов, привлечению инновационных технологий, созданию совместных предприятий в различных отраслях науки и производства. Одним из организаторов таких мероприятий выступил Украинско-китайский центр Шелкового пути, который в рамках программы «Один пояс, Один путь»

регулярно проводит онлайн-видео роуд-шоу между китайскими и украинскими специалистами. На этот раз были представлены проекты из нескольких отраслей производства, в том числе машиностроения и робототехники. Лучшие работы отбирались для подготовки грантовых заявок на финансирование исследований в лабораториях и исследовательских группах Китая, а также для участия в производственной деятельности страны.

Одной из успешных заявок стал совместный проект Киевского национального университета строительства и архитектуры и компании по диагностике трубопроводов Zhejiang Yuexin Inspection Technology Co., Ltd. Доктор технических наук, профессор Сукач М.К. принял в нем участие как технический руководитель проекта,

специалист по глубоководной технике. Китайскую сторону возглавил главный менеджер проекта, директор компании Цзинь Ханфэй. Проект стал одним из номинированных украинско-китайским центром на государственный грант. Он получил поддержку Пекинской биржи высоких технологий и государственное финансирование совместных исследований. Кроме научной составляющей, предусмотрена образовательная программа подготовки студентов, аспирантов и повышения квалификации специалистов соответствующего профиля.

**Ключевые слова**: измерительное оборудование, зондирование, неразрушающие испытания, магнитный поток, интеллектуальная технология.