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## Increased Reliability and Reduced Risk

*Applying FTIS™ Intelligent Pigging Technology to Inspect Certain Process Heaters Containing Plugged Headers*

## Process Heater Risk Management Solutions

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## FTIS™ Design Advancements

**Prototype**

- \* Development: 1995
- \* Investment: \$1.5M USD
- \* 8 Ultrasonic Sensors
- \* 4" to 8" Pipe
- \* 1 mile maximum

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**Generations- I, II, III, IV, V**

- \* Development: 1998 - 2007
- \* Investment: \$4M USD
- \* 16 - 32 Ultrasonic Sensors
- \* 4" to 8" Pipe
- \* 1 mile maximum
- \* More robust design
- \* Increased data analysis algorithms
- \* 2D & 3D Modeling
- \* LifeQuest Remaining Life capabilities

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**Generation - VI**

- \* Development: 2007 - 2008
- \* Investment: \$1.5M USD
- \* 48 - 96 Ultrasonic Sensors
- \* +100% inspection coverage
- \* 3" to 12" Pipe
- \* 25 mile maximum
- \* Additional robust design features
- \* Increased data analysis algorithms
- \* Additional positioning technology

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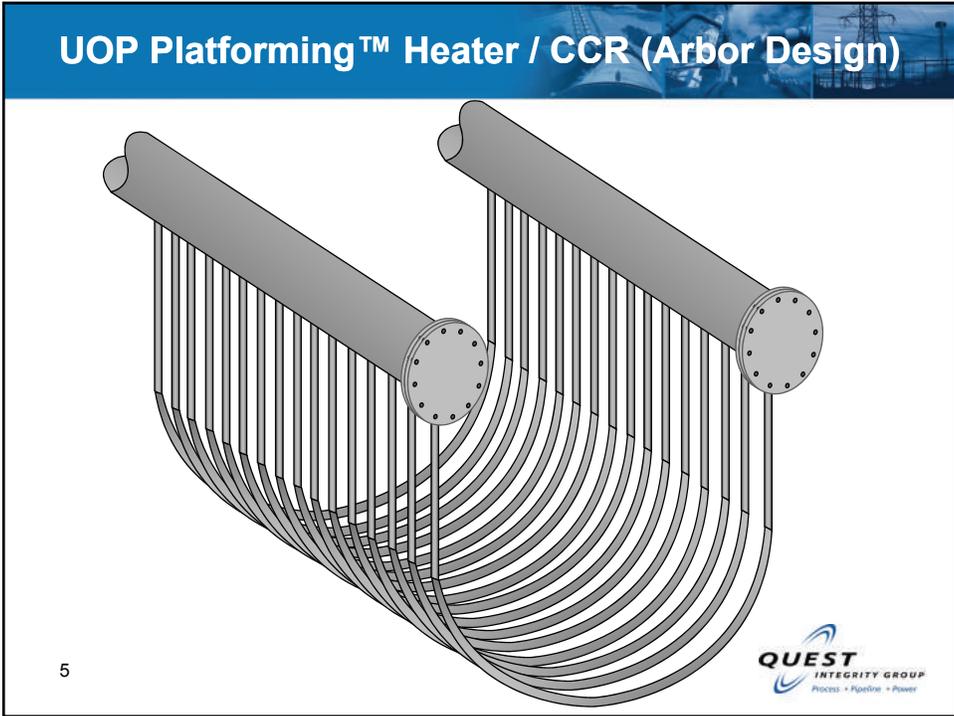
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## Heater Configuration

- ① Flow Meter
- ② Block Valves (Launcher & Receiver)
- ③ 3/4" Female fitting (for pig locator)
- ④ Pressure Indication (supply and return)
- ⑤ Choker Valve (on return)

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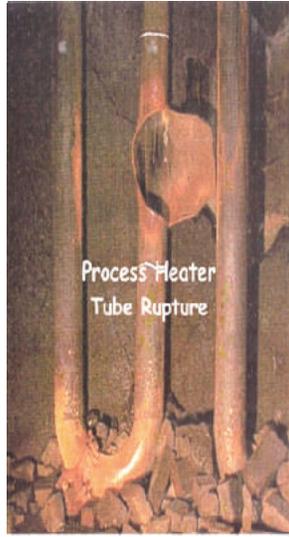
## Applications

- Furnaces Piping / Tubing** (~500 Heater Coils Inspected Each Year!)
  - ✓ Numerous Furnace Types (*Platformers (CCR), Vacuum, Coker, Crude, Can, Cabin, etc.*)
  - ✓ Various Coil Configurations (*Vertical, Horizontal, U-Shape, etc.*)
  - ✓ Changing Diameter Coils (*4" ∅ 5" ∅ 6" ∅ 8"*)
  - ✓ Non-pigable furnaces in some cases (*i.e. Common Headers*) (*Common Header Delivery Systems\**)
  
- Pipelines**
  - ✓ Underground / Buried / Road Crossings
  - ✓ Insulated (i.e. Asbestos)
  - ✓ Overhead (i.e. Congested Pipe Racks)
  - ✓ In Plant / Between Plants / Wharf Lines

\*Common Header Delivery System only available in Europe at this time

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## FTIS™ / LOTIS® Detectable Failure Mechanisms



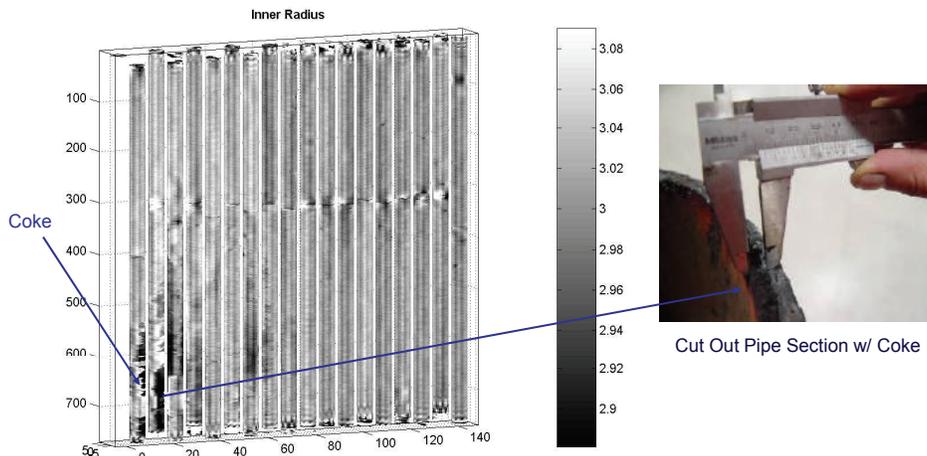
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- Pipe/Tube Wall Loss
  - ✓ Corrosion (Int. or Ext.)
  - ✓ Erosion (Int. or Ext.)
  - ✓ Pitting (Int. or Ext.)
  - ✓ Mechanical Damage (Int. or Ext.)
- Deformation
  - ✓ Bulging (i.e. Flame Impingement)
  - ✓ Swelling (i.e. Creep Strain)
  - ✓ Denting
  - ✓ Ovality



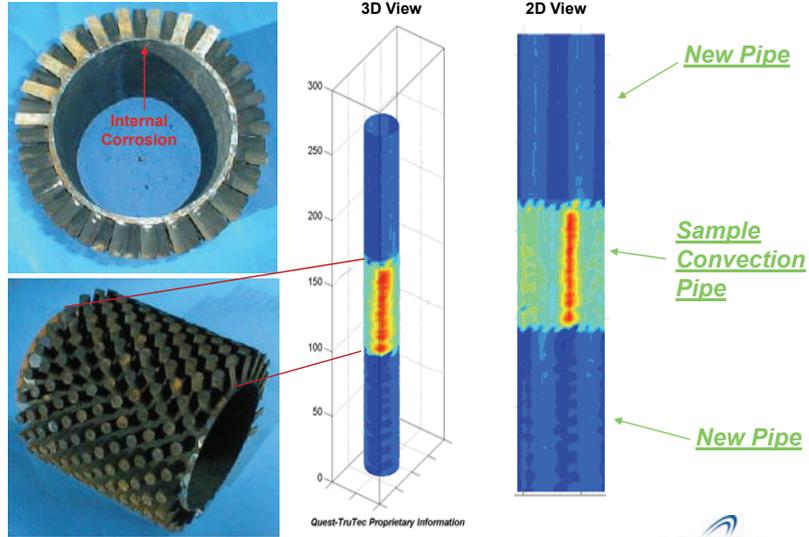
## Decoking Quality Control / Quality Assurance



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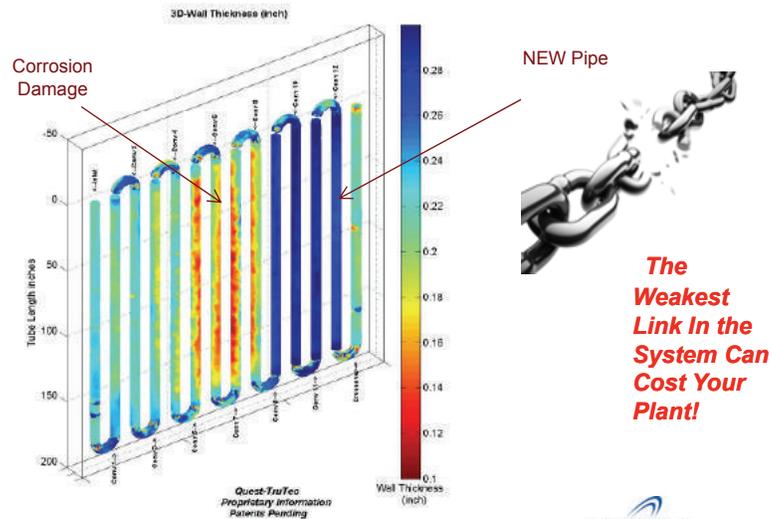
## Convection Pipe Studded / Finned Pipe



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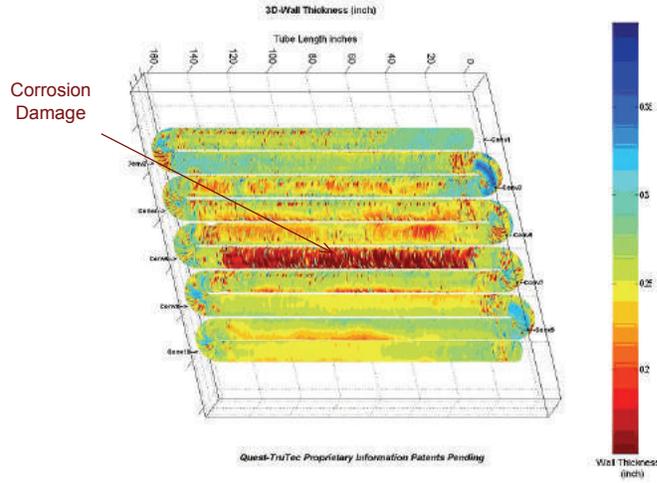
## Corrosion (Convection Section)



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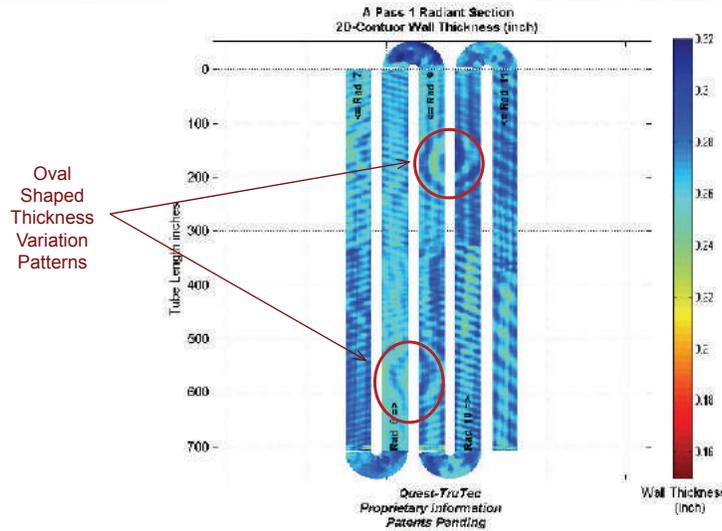
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# Various Tube Wall Thickness (Radiant Section)



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## Plugged Headers

- Also known as mule ear returns
- Cast fittings mounted at the ends of serpentine piping coils
- Original intent was to allow access to the interior of the heater in the event of a coke blockage

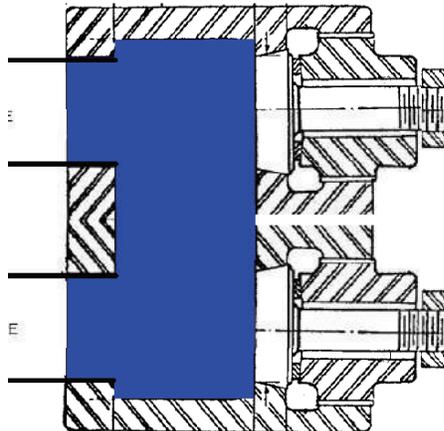


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## FTIS™ - Previous Generations

- Previous generations of FTIS could not navigate the rectangular-shaped configuration
- Global demand for this navigational capability still exists

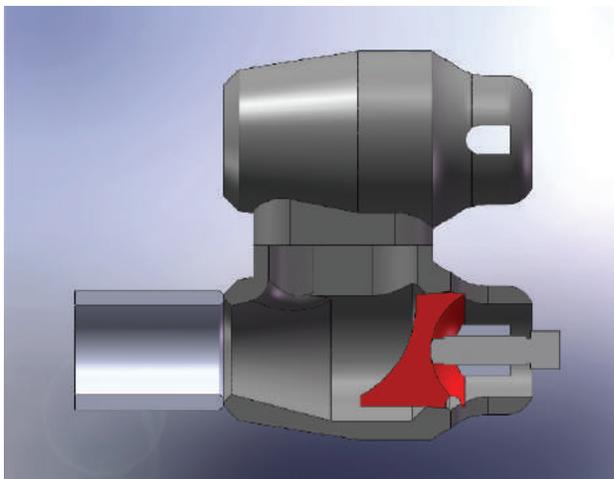


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## Plugged Header Inserts

Shoe-horn style inserts round-off the hard internal angles

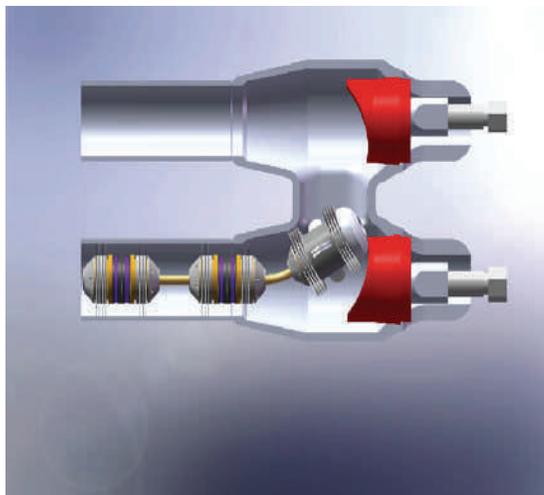


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## FTIS™ - New Generation

The new generation 4" FTIS™ has successfully navigated plugged headers with inserts of this type in 6" diameter heater coils.



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## Case Study #1

### **CRUDE HEATER – Radiant Section**

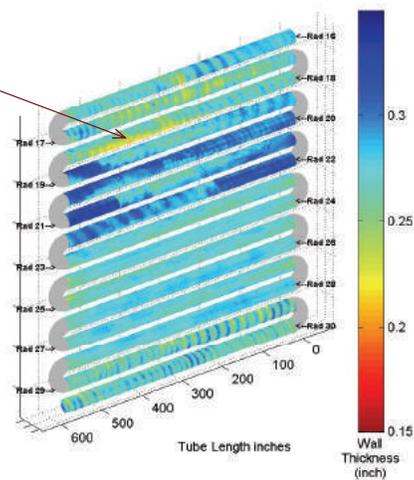
- Number of Coils / Passes = 5
- Radiant Pipe Material = A335-P9 (6" x Sch-40)
- General wall thinning caused by internal erosion/corrosion was detected throughout.
- Piping has been in service since 1994.
- Several return bends in the radiant section contained plugged headers with show-horn style inserts.
- Most significant wall thinning in radiant section (31% loss) was approximately 2x that in convection section
- Refinery personnel indicated radiant section coils were not previously navigable by intelligent pig technology.
- Refinery personnel indicated that without the FTIS™ inspection data, the wall thinning in the radiant section would have remained undetected.

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## Case Study #1 – Corrosion Damage in Radiant Section

Wall Thinning  
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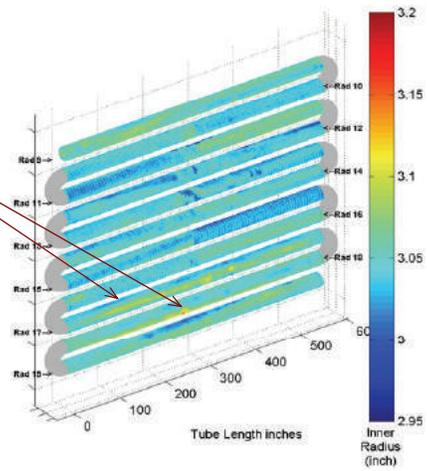


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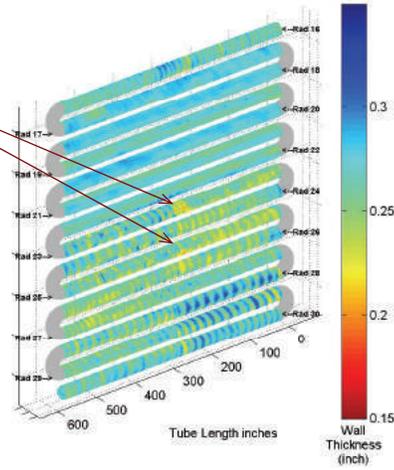


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