

## Nuclear Projects Development and Qualification



### World Leading Capability



WORLD-LEADERS IN DEVELOPMENT OF  
ADVANCED INSPECTION SOLUTIONS, INCLUDING:

AUT	PAUT	FMC	ECAT
AUTOMATED ULTRASONIC TESTING	PHASED ARRAY ULTRASONIC TESTING	FULL MATRIX CAPTURE	EDDY CURRENT ARRAY TESTING
<b>Validation</b> and <b>qualification</b> of inspection procedures, equipment and personnel to comply with Nuclear regulatory bodies and standards	<b>Third party audit</b> services and <b>Level III NDT review</b> of inspection procedures and technical justifications	<b>Code compliance guidance</b> and support to working groups for the integration of new technologies for future deployment on nuclear plant	<b>Bespoke inspection solutions</b> and procedures for complex geometries, exotic materials and high temperatures
<b>Design and certification</b> of radiation resilient sensors and deployment platforms	<b>Modelling</b> for justification of selected NDT techniques	<b>Training</b> of qualified operators for site implementation of specific procedures	

- TECHNICAL EXPERTISE
- REGULATORY COMPLIANCE
- VALIDATION & QUALIFICATION
- PROCEDURE DEVELOPMENT
- BESPOKE INSPECTION SOLUTIONS
- AUDIT/INDEPENDENT QUALIFICATION
- TRAINING & CERTIFICATION



### Key Development Areas

- Narrow gap, thick section weld inspection
- Inspection of austenitic and dissimilar welds
- Through weld cap inspection
- PAUT corrosion mapping
- Dry coupled PAUT
- ECAT in lieu of Magnetic Particle Inspection (MPI) / Dye Penetrant Inspection (DPI)
- Ultrasonics testing (UT) in lieu of Radiography Testing (RT)



### Long Term Strategy

- Advancement of TWI's state-of-the-art core technologies through R&D and stakeholder engagement
- In-process inspection solutions for immediate quality control of weld repair in high integrity components
- Material properties prediction: Using NDT data to predict material properties, likelihood of flaws and determination of residual stress/strain
- Systems integration: Integration of robotic scanning, NDT sensors and analysis systems
- Support for site deployment of advanced NDT techniques
- Digitalisation support through:
  - Development of UT in lieu of RT
  - ECAT in lieu of MPI / DPI
  - Digital radiography in lieu of film radiography

### Code and Regulatory Compliance

- UK ASME BPVC III International Working Group with TWI NDT contribution
- BS 7910 Annex T: Guidance on the Use of NDT with ECA and Annex K: Probabilistic Assessment
- Developments in UK Defect Assessment Procedures R6 Revision 4, harmonising NDT guidance with BS 7910 and existing EDF Energy Capability Statements
- IIW Handbook on the Ultrasonic Inspection of Austenitic and Dissimilar Welds
- AFCEN Design and Construction Rules for Mechanical Components of PWR Nuclear Islands code (RCC-M)
- ASME Section III, Division 4 for requirements for the construction of fusion energy devices
- IIW Commission V: NDT and Quality Assurance of Welded Products