

Health Condition Assessment of Underground Long-Distance District Heating Pipelines



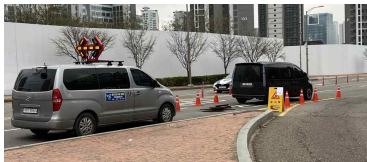
Feature Pump diagnostic equipment



Field measurement scene showing the diagnostic equipment loaded onto a vehicle operating in an urban area, conducting tests at various manholes for district heating pipelines

District Heating (DH) Pipelines and Measurement Locations

□ Manhole Details : 4BU03-supply/return, 4BA27-supply/return, 4BU02-supply pipe



Pipeline Network Map (distance of 4BU03-4BA27 : 745m, distance of 4BA27-4BU03 : 300m) and Manhole Photos



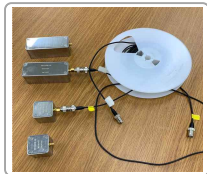
Manhole Preparation and Works Details (cutting a plastic outer pipe, removing polyurethane insulation to expose the steel pipe underneath)

Signal Measurement for DH Pipelines by Measurement Location

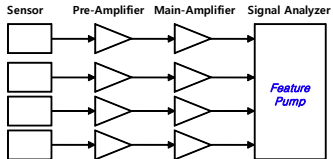
❑ Preparation and Installation of Acoustic Emission Sensors



Installation of two specialized AE sensors and signal amplifiers on prepared DH pipelines for data acquisition



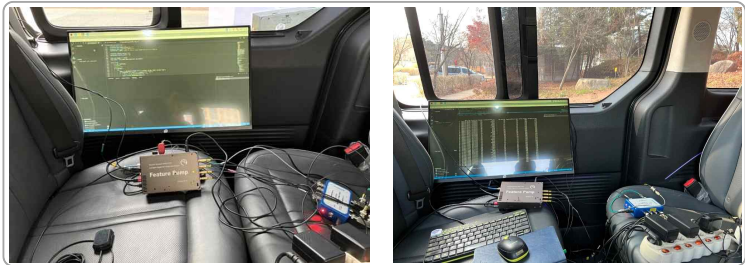
Two specialized AE sensors (Type A and Type C)



Signal Measurement Workflow

Signal Measurement for DH Pipelines

❑ Verification of Acoustic Emission Signals and Collection of Feature Data



Interior of the measurement vehicle, showing the Feature Pump used for data acquisition, a monitor displaying live data acquisition results



Real-time waveform outputs displayed on analyzer, highlighting the process of capturing raw signals directly from Type A and Type C sensor

Real-time spectral analysis, showing how the spectrum evolves during the measurements, demonstrating the dynamic spectral changes in the signals

Feature Pump Data by Measurement Location

□ Continuous signal feature dataset collected over one-second, including spectrum peak statistics, max. amplitude, etc.

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Excel sheets displaying continuous feature data from Feature Pump (Channel B/D), measured over 2 hours with 400 datasets

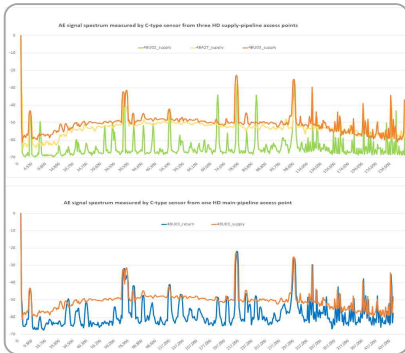
□ Transient signal feature dataset collected over half-second with 500us HDT/HLT, including first and max-amplitude hits

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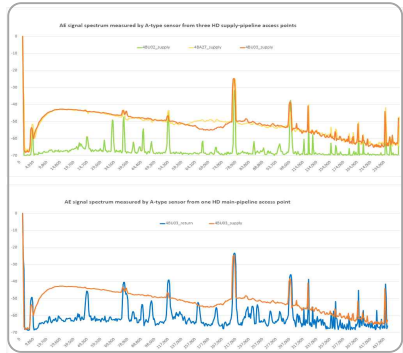
Spectrum Analysis of Sensor Signals by Measurement Location

□ Spectrum Analysis and Review of Acoustic Emission Signals Per Measurement Location :

Selection of relevant frequency bands (1), Evaluation of corrosion levels in the pipelines through the spectral analysis (2), Establishing new criteria of leakage detection using peak frequencies and magnitudes (3)

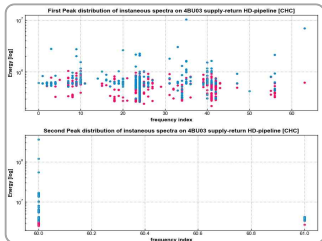


Spectral curves of AE signals from C sensor (upper: 02S/27S/03S manholes, low: 03S/03R manholes)

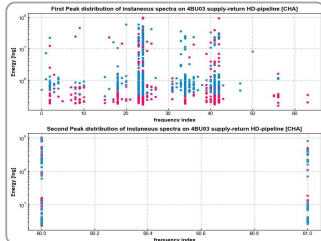


Spectral curves of AE signals from A sensor (upper: 02S/27S/03S manholes, low: 03S/03R manholes)

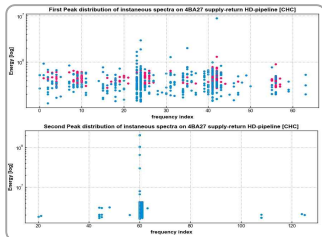
Instantaneous-Spectrum (IS) Peak Distribution by Measurement Location



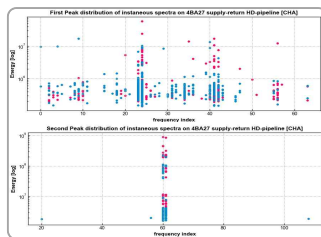
IS Peak distribution of C sensor at 4BU03-S/R pipelines



IS Peak distribution of A sensor at 4BU03-S/R pipelines

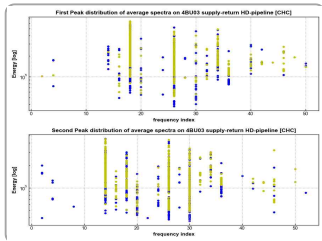


IS Peak distribution of C sensor at 4BA27-S/R pipelines

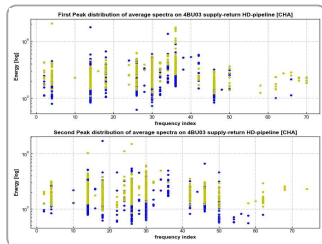


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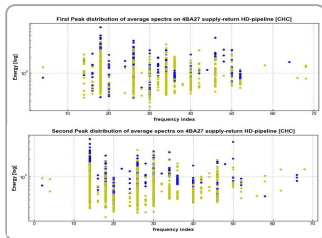
Averaged-Spectrum (AS) Peak Distribution by Measurement Location



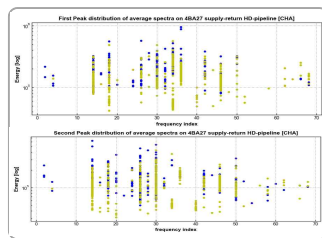
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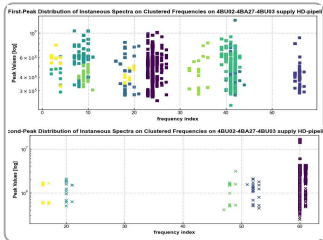


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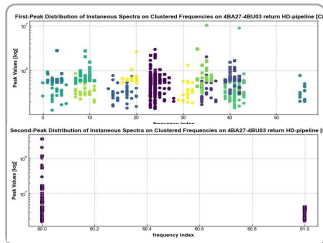


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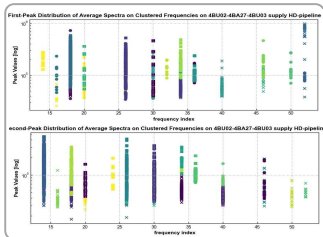
Cluster Distribution of AI Spectrum Peak Patterns



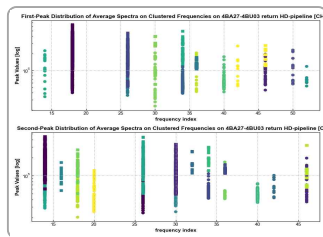
IS Peak pattern clusters of C sensor



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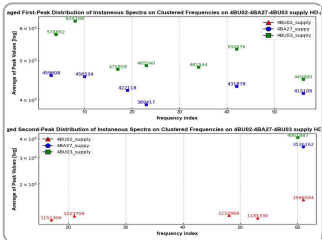


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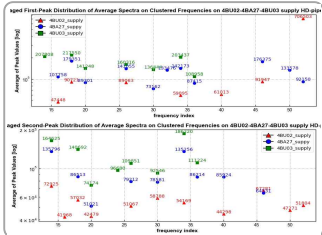


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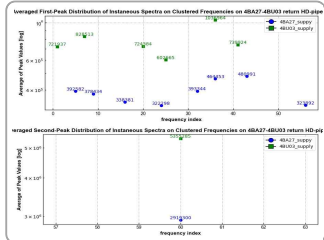
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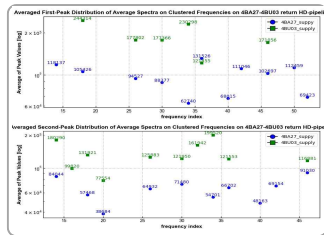
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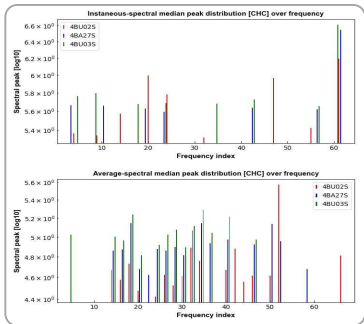


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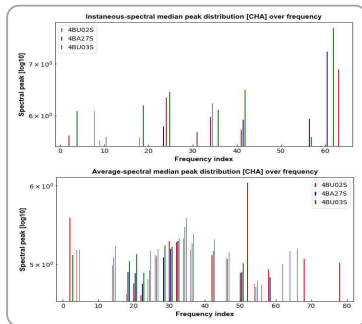
Distribution of Clustered-Peaks Averages by Measurement Location



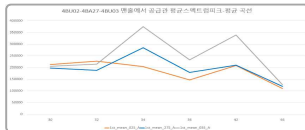
Distribution of clustered-AS-peaks averages of C sensor



Total average values of clustered-AS-peaks of C sensor

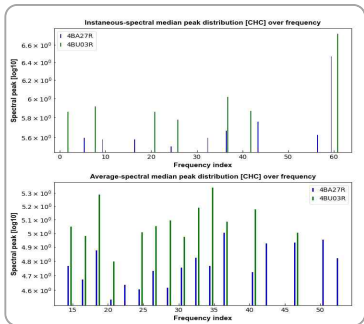


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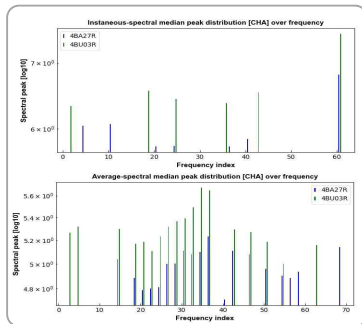


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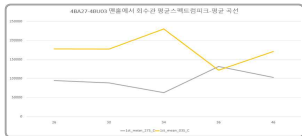
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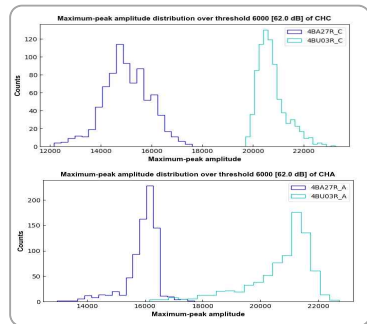
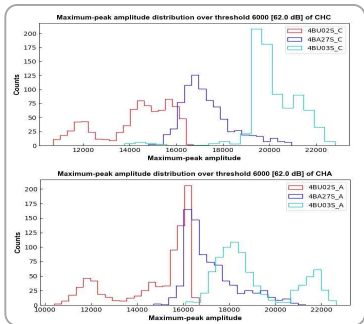


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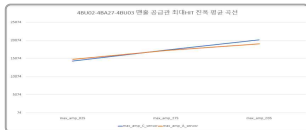
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Amplitude Distribution of Max-Amplitude Hits by Measurement Location



Amplitude distribution of max-amplitude hits in the supply pipelines

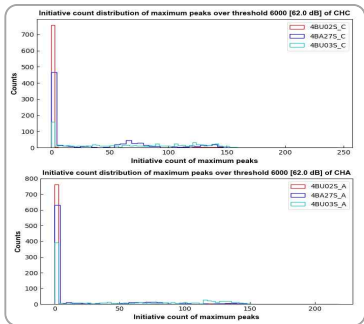
Amplitude distribution of max-amplitude hits in the return pipelines



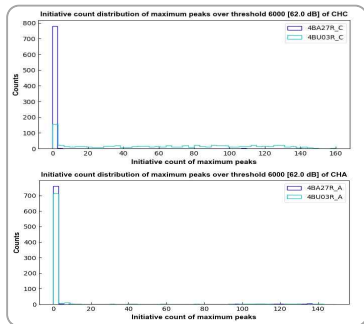
Amplitude mean values of max-amplitude hits in the supply pipelines

Amplitude mean values of max-amplitude hits in the return pipelines

Initiative Counts of Max-Amplitude Hits by Measurement Location



Init-count distribution of max-amplitude hits in the supply pipelines

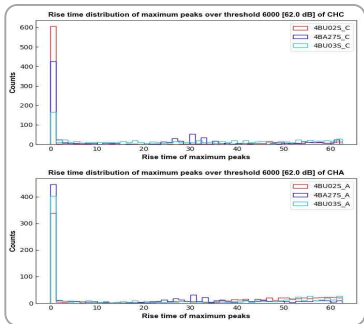


Init-count distribution of max-amplitude hits in the return pipelines

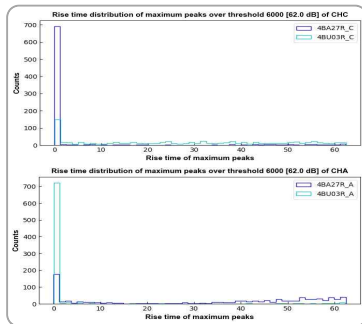


Init-count mean values of max-amplitude hits in the supply pipelines

Rising Times of Max-Amplitude Hits by Measurement Location



Rising-time distribution of max-amplitude hits in the supply pipelines

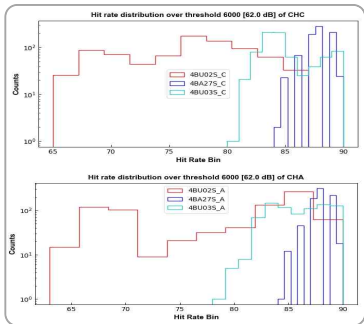


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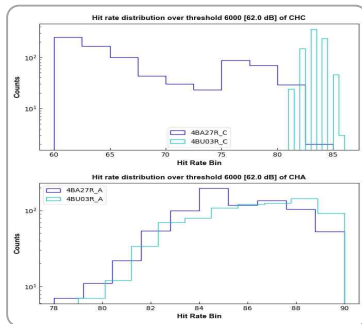


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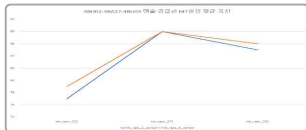
Hit Rate Distribution of Sensor Signals by Measurement Location



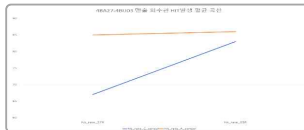
Hit-rate distribution in the supply pipelines



Hit-rate distribution in the return pipelines



Hit-rate mean values in the supply pipelines



Hit-rate mean values in the return pipelines

Health Condition Assessment of DH pipelines

- ❑ AE Test Procedure: International Standards ASME Section V and ASTM E569 Test Measurement and Evaluation
- ❑ Intensity analysis in feature data (ASTM-E-569)
- ❑ Pattern analysis of SecureAI, Inc.
- ❑ Analysis results of AE activity and intensity by the measurement location

Location (Manhole-Pipeline)	4BU02S	4BA27S	4BU03S	4BU03R	4BA27R
Hit Rate (Type C/ Type A)	77 / 79	88 / 88	85 / 86	83 / 86	67 / 85
Amp. Averages of AE Hits	14266	17302	20127	20729	15011

- ❑ Risk grade and post-action recommendation of the DH pipelines

Grade	Specific Location (Pipelines)	Health Condition, Recommendations
N/A	-	AE Hit is less than 10 (evaluation not required)
Insignificant	-	Insignificant AE results
A	-	Minor defects, record for future testing
B	4BU02-supply, 4BA27-return	Surface defect(Corrosion, Pitting), Visual Inspection
C	4BA27-supply, 4BU03-supply, 4BU03-return	Surface defect, IoT Continuous Monitoring and UT
D	-	Significant defect (initial leakage), MT & UT
E	-	Critical defect, Immediate MT & UT

IoT Continuous Health Monitoring of DH pipelines

Need for IoT continuous health monitoring and diagnosis

- ❑ Frequent occurrence of high-temperature water leakage accidents in long-term use
- ❑ Accelerated aging of DH pipelines for over 20 years
- ❑ Limitation of existing diagnostic methods such as temperature-sensing wires, etc.
- ❑ On-site inspection securing personnel, and preventing traffic accidents
- ❑ Occurrence of supply disruption during winter due to suspension of hot water supply

DH pipelines requiring IoT continuous inspection

- ❑ Large-diameter DH pipelines with significant impact on industry in case of leaks
- ❑ DH pipelines in vulnerable sections that require daily on-site inspection

IoT Continuous Inspection AI Solutions

- ❑ Product Contents : (1) two special sensors (2) IoT FeaturePump (3) GIS dashboard
- ❑ Service Contents : real-time leakage detection and corrosion status evaluation

Reducing Operational Costs with IoT Feature Pump Diagnosis

Achieving Over 70% Cost Reduction in Operational Expense for District Heating Pipelines

- ☐ Lifecycle Operational and Maintenance Costs of Traditional On-Site Diagnosis
 - On-Site Inspection Costs with Thermal Camera, DCVG etc. Replacement/Repair Costs
 - Significant On-Site Labor and Safety Costs : On-Site Inspection Personnel, Diagnostic Equipment Purchase Costs
 - Inspection Costs for Critical Sections over 20 Years : 700,000 ~ 150,000 USD
 - ☐ Lifecycle Operational and Maintenance Costs of IoT-based Leakage, Corrosion Status Continuous Diagnostics
 - Condition-Based Maintenance and Real-Time Inspections (Independent of Inspection Intervals)
 - Operational Costs for Installed Sections Over 20 Years : 200,000 ~ 400,000 USD
 - Significant Reduction in DH pipeline Repair Costs through Preventive Measures with IoT Feature Pump Diagnosis
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- ☐ Lifecycle Cost Breakdown: Initial Installation, Preventive Maintenance of Minor/Major Defects, Replacement Costs
 - ☐ The cost analysis reflects the impact on DH pipeline aging and the effectiveness of diagnostic methods
 - ☐ Characteristics: Increased Defect Frequency, Rapid Rise in Minor Defects, Fast Escalation from Minor to Major Defects
 - ☐ IoT Feature Pump Continuous Diagnostics : Detection of Minor Defects, Fast Defect Detection Time (Responsiveness)

- (1) Daily Vulnerable Point Check
- (2) 12 Inspections of Key Zones
- (3) 6 Inspections of Safety Zones