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Comprehensive Dissimilar Metal Weld Assessment

COMPREHENSIVE DM WELD ASSESSMENT:

■ Evaluation of the DW Weld Configuration

- Determination of whether a complex examination exists
- PDQS / procedure applicability
- Site specific mock-up requirements

■ CIVA Model-Based Evaluation of the Currently-Applied Ultrasonic Technique

- CIVA modelled sound field simulations
- Specific emphasis on Code Case N-770-1 examination requirements

■ CIVA Model-Based Specific Technique Optimization

- Optimizes the robustness and placement of the sound field, enhancing flaw detection capability and increase the required examination coverage
- Focused principally for material volumes susceptible to an active flow mechanism
- Recommendations provided probe and / or focal law parameters that must be modified to achieve the stated optimization goals
- Sound field simulations using a CIVA model of the currently-used and optimized sound fields

■ CIVA model-based examination coverage

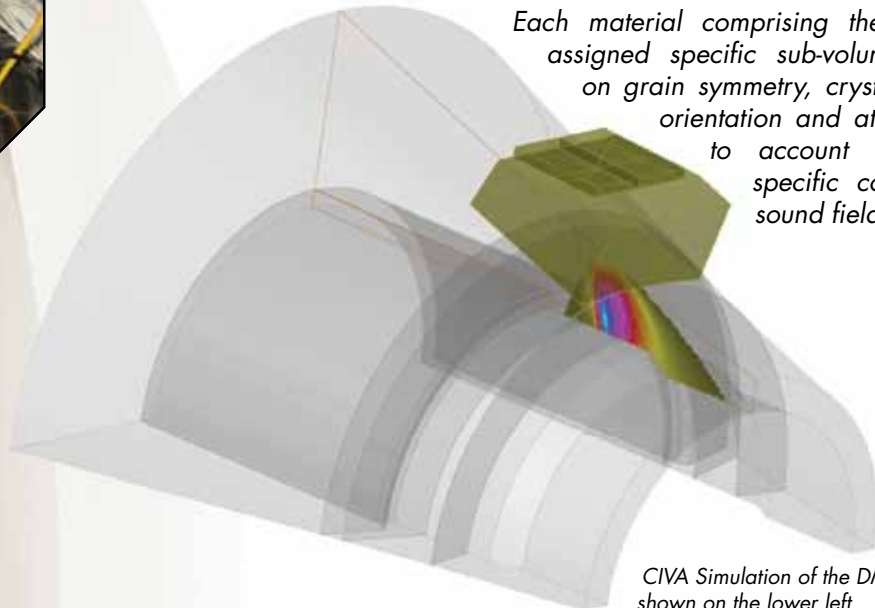
- This will establish the beneficial concept of basing examination coverage on modelled sound field intensity boundaries, as a technically defensible departure from the traditional (overly-conservative) central axis method

Sound Field Simulation:

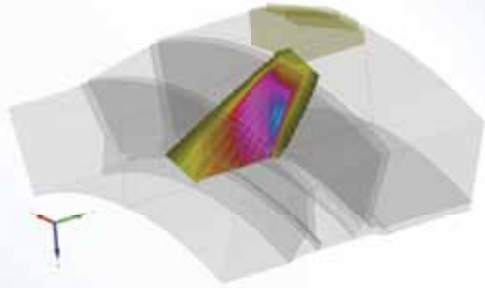
Ultrasonic sound field simulation during the axial scanning of the component

Full-scale CAD models of each component under examination permits visualization of sound field simulation, as well as volumetric projection of the sound field, resulting with the ability to render precise N-770-1 examination volume coverage calculations and placement of potential flaws.

Each material comprising the component is assigned specific sub-volumes, depending on grain symmetry, crystal matrix, grain orientation and attenuation values to account for component-specific conditions during sound field simulation.



CIVA Simulation of the DM Weld examination shown on the lower left



CIVA sound field simulation of Primary Reactor Coolant System Pump DM Weld



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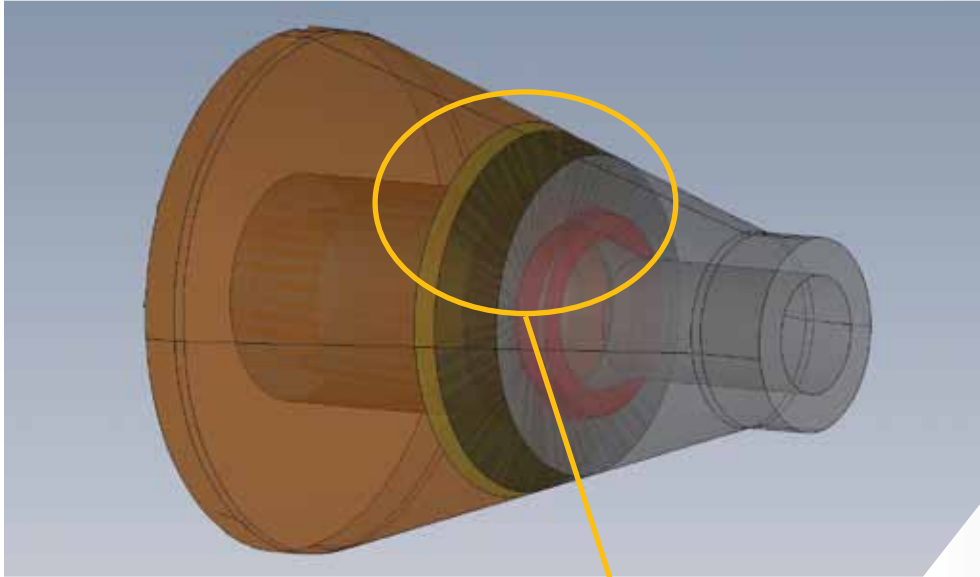
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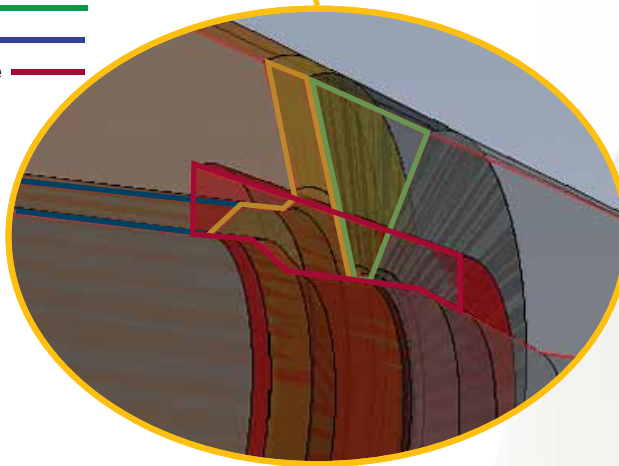
Examination Coverage Determination Using SolidWorks 3-D Model of DM Weld

High-resolution surface contour data, captured using SI's 3-D laser profilometry system, are imported into SolidWorks software. Weld joint design details, visually-observed features and wall thickness data are all incorporated to generate full-scale, material-faithful volumetric models, which form the basis for precise and auditable examination coverage calculations



CUT-OUT REVEALING INTERNAL CROSS- SECTION DETAIL OF:

- Buttering —————
- Butt Weld —————
- ID Cladding —————
- Code-required volume ———



DM WELD EXAMINATIONS:

Additionally, SI offers PDI-qualified manual and encoded phased array ultrasonic examination technology delivered by experienced NDE personnel:

- Manual Examination: Qualified for flaw detection, length and through-wall sizing
- Fully Automated, Encoded Examination: Qualified for flaw detection, length and through-wall sizing

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