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The technology of acoustical imaging has advanced rapidly over the last sixty years, and now represents a sophisticated technique applied to a wide range of fields including non-destructive testing, medical imaging, underwater imaging and SONAR, and geophysical exploration. *Acoustical Imaging: Techniques and Applications for Engineers* introduces the basic physics of acoustics and acoustical imaging, before progressing to more advanced topics such as 3D and 4D imaging, elasticity theory, gauge invariance property of acoustic equation of motion and acoustic metamaterials. The author draws together the different technologies in sonar, seismic and ultrasound imaging, highlighting the similarities between topic areas and their common underlying theory. Key features: Comprehensively covers all of the important applications of acoustical imaging. Introduces the gauge invariance property of acoustic equation of motion, with applications in the elastic constants of isotropic solids, time reversal acoustics, negative refraction, double negative acoustical metamaterial and acoustical cloaking. Contains up to date treatments on latest theories of sound propagation in random media, including statistical treatment and chaos theory. Includes a chapter devoted to new acoustics based on metamaterials, a field founded by the author, including a new theory of elasticity and new theory of sound propagation in solids and fluids and tremendous potential in several novel applications. Covers the hot topics on acoustical imaging including time reversal acoustics, negative refraction and acoustical cloaking. *Acoustical Imaging: Techniques and Applications for Engineers* is a comprehensive reference on acoustical imaging and forms a valuable resource for engineers, researchers, senior undergraduate and graduate students.

The proceedings of a conference organised by the European Commission Joint Research Centre Institute of Advanced Materials. The conference was held in Amsterdam, the Netherlands in October 1998 and covered all aspects of this highly important subject including links between structural integrity requirements and NDE performance. The development of performance demonstration / qualification for NDE systems and experience of their application in practice feature prominently. Development of improved NDE systems, new methods of NDE and methods for assessing NDE performance such as modelling are also included.

This book provides a comprehensive account of stochastic filtering as a modeling tool in finance and economics. It aims to present this very important tool with a view to making it more popular among researchers in the disciplines of finance and economics. It is not intended to give a complete mathematical treatment of different stochastic filtering approaches, but rather to describe them in simple terms and illustrate their application with real historical data for problems normally encountered in these disciplines. Beyond laying out the steps to be implemented, the steps are demonstrated in the context of different market segments. Although no prior knowledge in this area is required, the reader is expected to have knowledge of probability theory as well as a general mathematical aptitude. Its simple presentation of complex algorithms required to solve modeling problems in increasingly sophisticated financial markets makes this book particularly valuable as a reference for graduate students and researchers interested in the field. Furthermore, it analyses the model estimation results in the context of the market and contrasts these with

contemporary research publications. It is also suitable for use as a text for graduate level courses on stochastic modeling. Ultrasonic testing is a relatively new branch of science and industry. The development of ultrasonic testing started in the late 1920s. At the beginning, the fundamentals of this method were borrowed from basic physics, geometrical and wave optics, acoustics and seismology. Later it became clear that some of these theories and calculation methods could not always explain the phenomena observed in many specific cases of ultrasonic testing. Without knowing the nuances of the ultrasonic wave propagation in the test object it is impossible to design effective inspection techniques and search units for its realization. This book clarifies the theoretical differences of ultrasonics from the other wave propagation theories presenting both basics of physics in the wave propagation, elementary mathematics and advanced practical applications. Almost every specific technique presented in this book is proofed by actual experimental data and examples of calculations.

In this era of technological progress and given the need for welfare and safety, everything that is manufactured and maintained must comply with such needs. We would all like to live in a safe house that will not collapse on us. We would all like to walk on a safe road and never see a chasm open in front of us. We would all like to cross a bridge and reach the other side safely. We all would like to feel safe and secure when taking a plane, ship, train, or using any equipment. All this may be possible with the adoption of adequate manufacturing processes, with non-destructive inspection of final parts and monitoring during the in-service life of components. Above all, maintenance should be imperative. This requires effective non-destructive testing techniques and procedures. This Special Issue is a collection of some of the latest research in these areas, aiming to highlight new ideas and ways to deal with challenging issues worldwide. Different types of materials and structures are considered, different non-destructive testing techniques are employed with new approaches for data treatment proposed as well as numerical simulations. This can serve as food for thought for the community involved in the inspection of materials and structures as well as condition monitoring.

The most complete overview of NDE technology existing today. Entirely international in scope. Many challenges still confront the nuclear and pressure vessel industries concerning the integrity of the structures. More economical design and maintenance is needed. Prevention of service failures remains critical. Fabrication and operation calls for constant improvement. And plant life management is becoming more exacting every day. This vital resource book, covering the most recent conference proceedings held in Kyoto, Japan, gives you the latest findings and uses of non-destructive evaluation (NDE) currently employed to meet the ever increasing demands being placed on this industry. Truly international in outlook, it presents nearly 100 papers from England, Scotland, Germany, France, Belgium, Sweden, Russia, Czechoslovakia, Italy, Spain, Japan, Taiwan, Canada, and the United States. Of primary importance are performance-demonstration initiatives (PDI), control drive-rod mechanism penetration, weld inspection, and the

inspection of steam generator tubes, turbines, pressure vessels, and bimetallic welds. Contents include: Role of NDE, X-Ray Technology, Piping and Major Components, Reactor Pressure Vessel Inspection, Advanced Ultrasonic Inspection Technologies, Performance Demonstration Initiative and Inspection Qualification Approaches, Electro-Magnetic Technologies, Advanced Inspection Technologies, Material Characterization, Steam Generators, BWR Reactor Pressure Vessel Inspection Modelling for NDE Inspections, Turbine Inspection, Stress Management, and Control Rod Drive Mechanism.

PNNL has been studying and performing confirmatory research on the inspection of piping welds in coarse-grained steels for over 30 years. More recent efforts have been the application of low frequency phased array technology to this difficult to inspect material. The evolution of 500 kHz PA probes and the associated electronics and scanning protocol are documented in this report. The basis for the probe comparisons are responses from one mechanical fatigue crack and two thermal fatigue cracks in large-bore cast mockup specimens on loan from the Electric Power Research Institution. One of the most significant improvements was seen in the use of piezo-composite elements in the later two probes instead of the piezo-ceramic material used in the prototype array. This allowed a reduction in system gain of 30 dB and greatly reduced electronic noise. The latest probe had as much as a 5 dB increase in signal to noise, adding to its flaw discrimination capability. The system electronics for the latest probe were fully optimized for a 500 kHz center frequency, however significant improvements were not observed in the center frequency of the flaw responses. With improved scanner capabilities, smaller step sizes were used, allowing both line and raster data improvements to be made with the latest probe. The small step sizes produce high resolution images that improve flaw discrimination and, along with the increased signal-to-noise ratio inherent in the latest probe design, enhanced detection of the upper regions of the flaw make depth sizing more plausible. Finally, the physical sizes of the probes were progressively decreased allowing better access to the area of interest on specimens with weld crowns, and the latest probe was designed with non-integral wedges providing flexibility in focusing on different specimen geometries.

During recent years an increasing amount of research has been conducted to develop methods and procedures for improving interpretation in nondestructive testing. This research covers appropriate testing procedures as well as the algorithms for interpretation. In several cases a state has been reached which allows for implementation. The objective of the workshop was to bring together researchers and industrial users of both countries and colleagues from other countries for a thorough and critical discussion of how far we have come and where we have to go to solve the basic practical problems of interpretation in nondestructive testing and of data acquisition necessary for this purpose. Dr. Dau from EPRI stated during the last International Conference for Nondestructive Testing in Nuclear Industry that from the

point of view of time and money spent research is the smallest part of innovation but, I would like to add in full agreement with him, the most essential. Without successful research innovation is not possible at all; but neither research and invention nor any other step in an innovation procedure can be left out. Our philosophy is to keep researchers involved until the end of the innovation. That means until a new or improved NOT-method is approved under industrial environment and implemented in industry. There can be no doubt that the further we proceed on this long road the more industry will have to be involved and assume the initiative, responsibility and the leading role.

Issues for 1973- cover the entire IEEE technical literature.

Materials Characterization is an important area of fundamental and technological interest. A variety of experimental techniques for characterizing the physical and chemical properties of materials have been developed over the years. This volume intends to provide an overview of the advances in this area and an in-depth review of the latest techniques. It comprises review articles written by experts in these areas, providing an introduction and overview of the techniques, as well as a demonstration of their application to selected problems. These proceedings include a collection of papers on a range of topics presented at the 12th World Congress on Engineering Asset Management (WCEAM) in Brisbane, 2 – 4 August 2017. Effective strategies are required for managing complex engineering assets such as built environments, infrastructure, plants, equipment, hardware systems and components. Following the release of the ISO 5500x set of standards in 2014, the 12th WCEAM addressed important issues covering all aspects of engineering asset management across various sectors including health. The topics discussed by the congress delegates are grouped into a number of tracks, including strategies for investment and divestment of assets, operations and maintenance of assets, assessment of assets' health conditions, risk and vulnerability, technologies, and systems for management of assets, standards, education, training and certification.

Most books on nondestructive evaluation (NDE) focus either on the theoretical background or on advanced applications. Bridging the gap between the two, Ultrasonic and Electromagnetic NDE for Structure and Material Characterization: Engineering and Biomedical Applications brings together the principles, equations, and applications of ultrasonic and

This text presents papers on compact antennas and their performance characteristics. It covers topics such as: array antennas; reflector and feed antennas; microstrip antennas; adaptive antennas; phased array antennas; integrated antennas; and wire antennas.

This series provides a comprehensive review of the latest research results in quantitative nondestructive evaluation (NDE). Leading investigators working in government agencies, major industries, and universities present a broad spectrum of work extending from basic research to early engineering applications. Papers cover recent developments in essentially all measuring techniques and their applications to flaw detection and structural reliability.

Improvements in 500-kHz Ultrasonic Phased-Array Probe Designs for Evaluation of Thick Section Cast Austenitic Stainless Steel Piping Welds

Cracks can develop in rotating shafts and can propagate to relevant depths without affecting consistently the normal

