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SIZING HORIZONTAL INNER HEAT SOURCES USING LOCK-IN INDUCTIVE INFRARED THERMOGRAPHY

We present a methodology to size the area and depth of horizontal inclusions of arbitrary shape, which generate heat by lock-in inductive thermography. The method is based on recording the amplitude and phase temperature profiles across the centre of the heated area and fitting them to the

analytical model corresponding to a circular inclusion. In this way, we obtain the depth and the area of the heat source, avoiding complex regularized inversion algorithms. Experimental results on calibrated samples confirm the validity of the method.