Non-uniform materials and structures including composite structures are widely used in different areas such as infrastructure and aerospace transportation. Nondestructive testing and evaluation of these structures for the detection of damages and flaws are important practical issues. Microwave and millimeter wave (mw and mmw) imaging techniques have demonstrated a great potential for this purpose. In this presentation some applications of mw and mmw imaging will be introduced. They include evaluating and monitoring of reinforced concrete- structures, painted metal surfaces, and dielectric layered walls used in infrastructure. For this purpose imaging with two types of scan and different continuous wave (CW) reflectometers have been used. Furthermore, the use of imaging methods such as synthetic aperture radar (SAR) results in high resolution three-dimensional images used for the detection and evaluation of damages, cracks and corrosion under dielectric coating such as paint, debonding and delaminations. Most of these results were obtained at the Applied Microwave Nondestructive Testing Laboratory (amntl) at the Missouri University of Science and Technology (formerly University Missouri-Rolla), Rolla, USA, (Director Prof Reza Zoughi) in 2003 – 2011. Recent results obtained in 2012- 2015 with a multifunctional imaging system developed and built in the Institute for Infrastructure Engineering, Western Sydney University (formerly University of Western Sydney), Australia, will be also presented. This imaging system incorporates a 3-axis multifunctional scanning mechanism and can provide contour following, optimization of standoff distance, etc. The potential of the development and application of mw and mmw CW imaging will be also discussed. This discussion will focus on the use of the internal and external collaborations, and involving students and postdoctoral research fellows to the high-level research.

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