### Evaluation of 3D Radar and Sonic Surface Scanner (SSS) Technology for Pavement Forensics (a.k.a. pavement delamination RO6D)



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### Outline: Why - Where - What - How

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- Why evaluate new technologies for pavement delamination/forensics—RO6D
  - Pavements are an asset to our transportation network in Kentucky.
  - Kentucky has approximately 79,857 miles of roads.
  - Approximately 27% of Kentucky's economy is in the "goods-producing industries" which highly depend on transportation for movement of those goods.
    - IE: UPS international, Ford truck plant, Toyota's North American head quarters, Amazon distribution, Corvette plant, aggregates, farm products, thoroughbred horses, coal, bourbon, aluminum, oil, and 2<sup>nd</sup> most navigable in-land water ways state behind Alaska.
    - 500 mile radius (8 hour drive) from central KY—120 million people / 40% of US population.
  - Essentially, almost every person in Kentucky uses the road network sometime throughout their lifetime, if not every day along with many others.
  - But—Pavements fail and we have to fix them.



# pavement failure could look like this?









# Identification of pavement rutting

TRB 1984: ¼ inch water @ 45 mph on average tires will cause hydroplaning On average, there are over 5,760,000 vehicle crashes each year. Approximately 1,259,000 are weather related "USDOT" When we choose to fix these pavements

# Pavement designers need good field data to support their pavement rehabilitation plans

Choosing the right fix can save both time and money

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# "more quality data can translate into better results and solutions for highway projects"

**Use Pavement Forensics** 







# Pavement Forensics is....

• Utilizing non-destructive technology (NDT) to better understand what might be causing a pavement to fail and using that information to assist in the pavement rehabilitation design process.







# Where: Forensic Project Site--Bourbon Co. US 60

• <u>https://kytranscenter.maps.arcgis.com/home/index.html</u>









Avoid First Change Order all cores came from the same project over a 1.5 mile area

stimated Pavement Forensics Savings to Date August 2018: \$3.7 million









# What – How

Looking at the technology: Sonic Surface Scanner (SSS), 3D Radar and Impulse Radar











# 3D Radar









#### How are we trying to use the GPR data to determine delamination / deterioration

#### **GPR:** Theory of Operation



Reflections are produced when the pulse encounters a material with different dielectric constant Dielectric Constant: Air = 1 Asphalt = 3-5 Concrete = 6-8

# Comparison of GPR data to field conditions





Conventional coring is one core per 1,000 ft. alternating lanes

GPR is scanning every six inches at 20 mph.







# GPR identifying different pavement layers









# How can we figure Dielectric?

- Published references
- Noting target in data and drilling/digging to it for a measurement:
  Ground Truth
- Hyperbola matching: Migration
- Unless the material is the same all the way through (concrete) the dielectric is only a "best guess!"













When looking for delaminations: We are looking for the abnormal dielectric values and/or variation in the signal amplitudes

Voids can be field with Air (low dielectric/low amplitude) Water (high dielectric/high amplitude)

















### Void area beneath concrete pavement southbound tunnel



GPR signal has negative amplitude (noted as black space) because it doesn't have anything to bounce off of (namely air).















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### 3D Radar collection (apply what we know about amplitudes and dielectrics)

Safety First \$1,600









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O Core 4 EB

O Core IE3 WB

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O Core IE5 WB

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#### Cores IE 3 and IE 2

O Core IE3 WB

O Core IE2 WB

Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus...







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Maybe consider a bridge deck deterioration approach for finding delaminations in pavements?

• Use the high and low amplitudes to identify if voids are air/water filled







### Similar to Bridge Deck Deterioration Use amplitudes of return signals at interface to determine if voided or not











### Producing multiple scans to image reinforcement















#### Section D: 25% +/- 5% deteriorated













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#### Section E, F: 3.5% +/- 5% deteriorated

















Maybe a statistical approach, with a percent within limits, could be used to find air/water filled voids within pavements









# Other uses of 3D Radar







### Determining placement of dowel baskets and tie bars in PCCP

Shelbyville Bypass: after diamond grinding to achieve ride acceptance—Longitudinal Tie Bars were exposed











# High Tie Bars





# High Dowel Baskets



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# Misaligned Dowel Baskets





# How much affected Pavement

- Tie Bars: 2,388 ft.
- Dowel Bar Baskets: 3.25 lane miles
- Approximate cost of 3.7 lane miles of 10 inch concrete pavement (PCCP)
  - \$59/SQYD (2010 average unit bid price)

# Total Replacement Costs: \$1,537,776







### Tried both air coupled and ground coupled 3D Radar units for locating dowel baskets and tie bars in PCCP























Crosshair: N 38° 14.30471' W 085° 14.13870' Depth: 0.532 ft



### Using GPR to Identify Voided Areas Beneath Pavements









### Multiple Void Areas Beneath Concrete Pavement









### Void depth beneath 10 inch concrete pavement



40 inch deep void

10,000 s.f. of voided areas found

Rate of void growth: 75-100 S.F. per month





















# 3D Radar and Impulse Radar







### I-65 differential settlement in the longitudinal joint



### Longitudinal Joint: tie bars















# 165 Longitudinal Joint Settlement with Mobile Lidar





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### 165 Longitudinal Joint Settlement with 3D Radar







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## How much concrete cover is over the top layer of steel









# Process GPR data using a known dielectric value







#### DPlot Results































## Identify water trapped within roadways









#### Water trapped within the pavement due to a layer of impermeable clay























### Pavement surface distress











