



# Advanced Methods to Identify Asphalt Pavement Delamination (R06D) Spectral Analysis of Surface Waves (SASW) and Impact Echo (IE)

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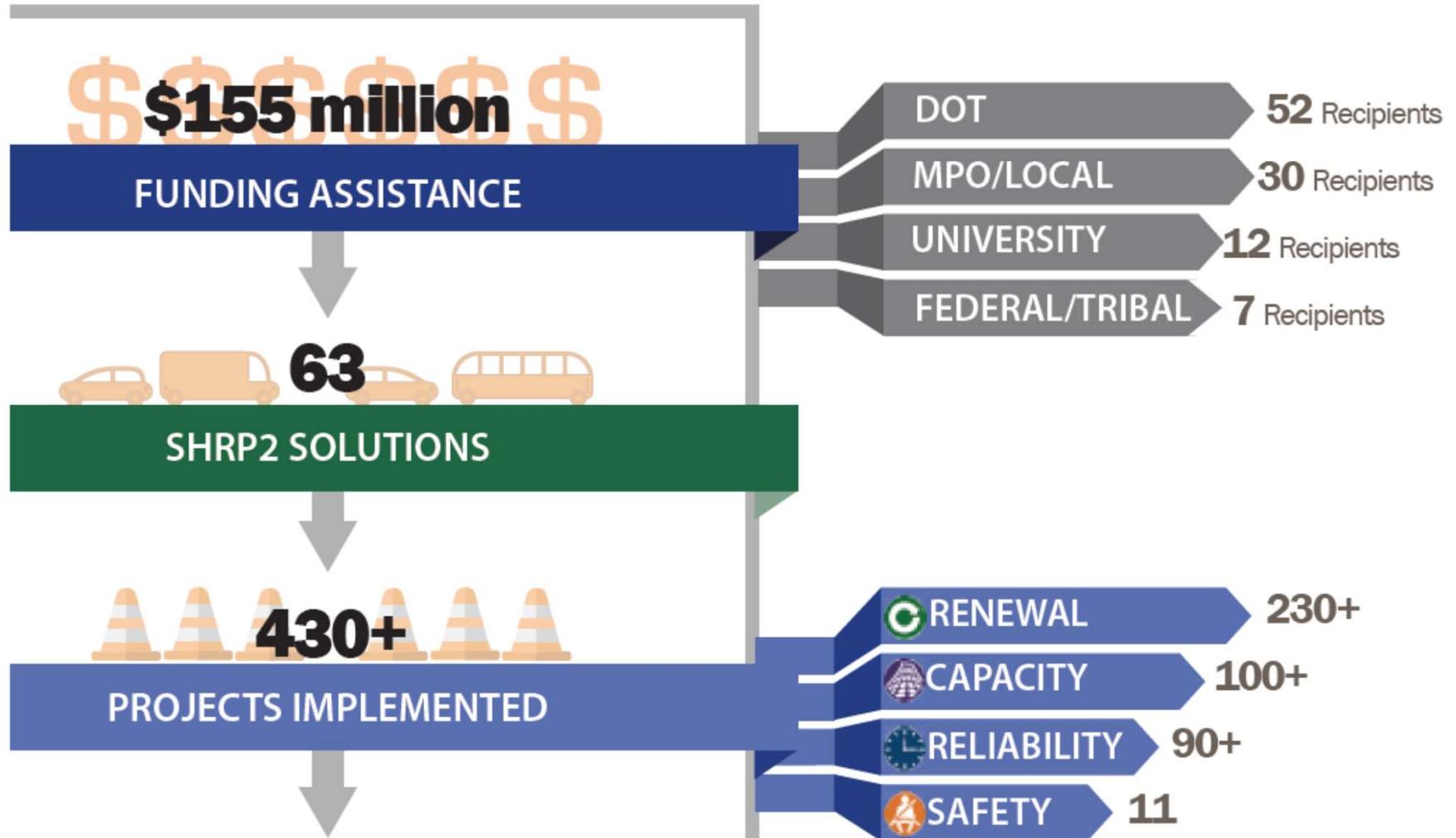
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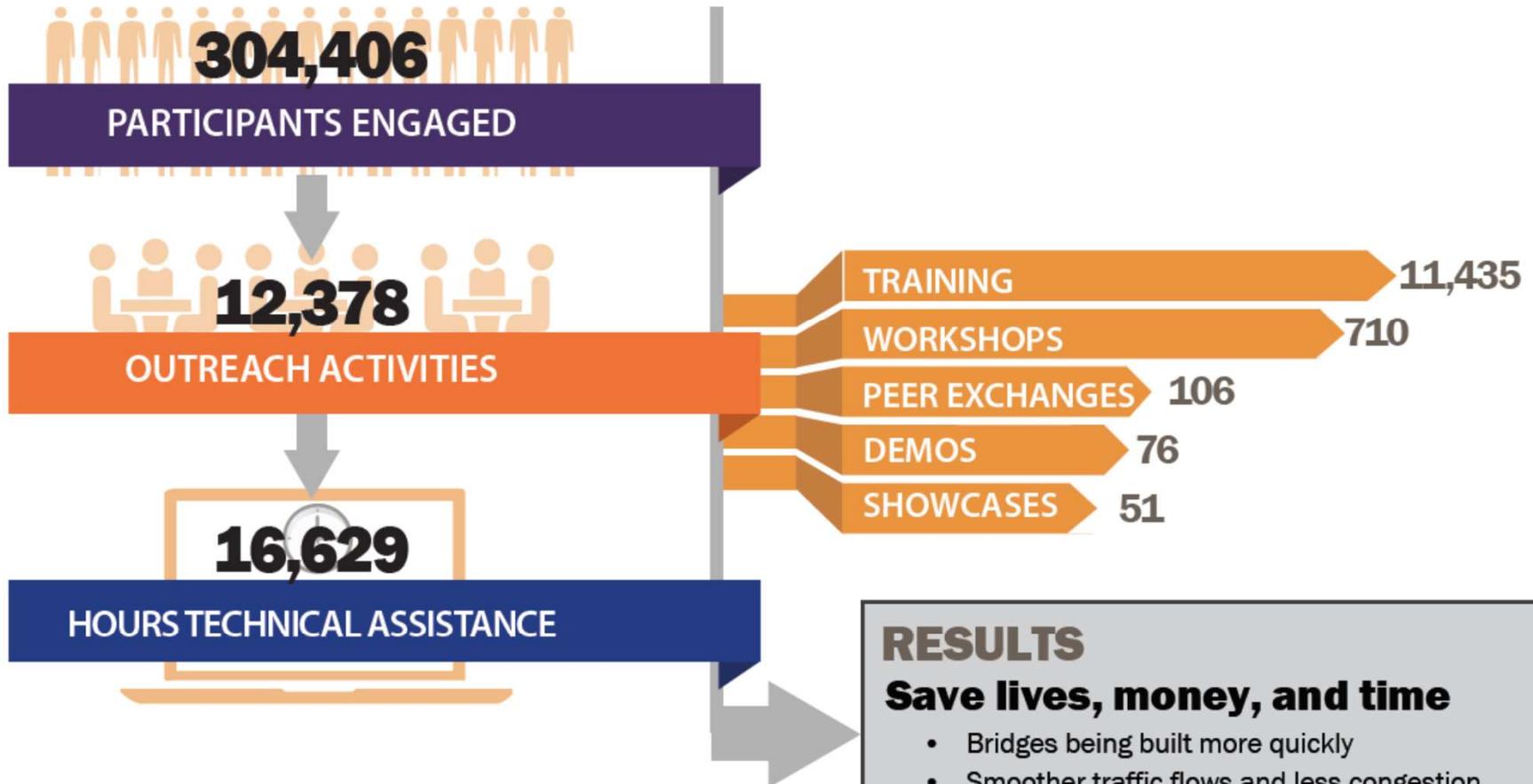
# Webinar Agenda

- AASHTO & FHWA Introduction
- R06D Overview
- SASW/IE Technology Features
- Agency Evaluation – New Mexico
- Agency Evaluation – Texas
- Agency Evaluation – Kentucky
- Analysis Automation
- Questions and Answers

# SHRP2 Implementation: INNOVATE – IMPLEMENT - IMPROVE



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# SHRP2 Focus Areas



**Safety:** fostering safer driving through analysis of driver, roadway, and vehicle factors in crashes, near crashes, and ordinary driving



**Reliability:** reducing congestion and creating more predictable travel times through better operations



**Capacity:** planning and designing a highway system that offers minimum disruption and meets the environmental and economic needs of the community



**Renewal:** rapid maintenance and repair of the deteriorating infrastructure using already-available resources, innovations, and technologies

# Advanced Methods to Identifying Pavement Delamination (R06D)

## CHALLENGE:

Asphalt pavements with delamination problems experience considerable early damage. Rapid detection of the existence and extent of delamination is key for determining appropriate rehab strategies and extending pavement life.

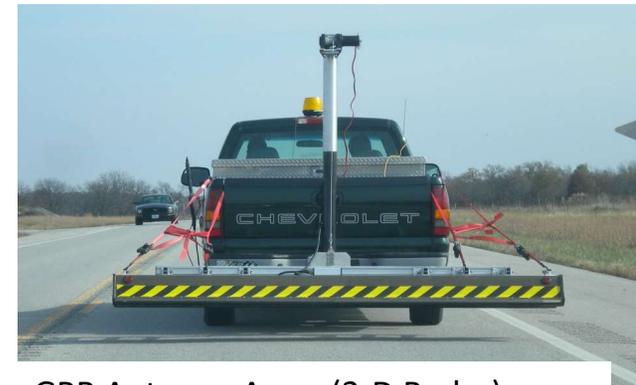
## RESEARCH:

Identify and develop NDT technology that can:

- Detect & quantify delamination in HMA
- Operate at reasonable traveling speed
- Cover full-lane width

## ROUND 7 Proof-of-Concept Agencies:

- FL, TX, NM, MN, CA & KY
- Focused on field validation and assist in advancement of one or both technologies.



GPR Antenna Array (3-D Radar)



Impact Echo (IE) /  
Spectral Analysis of Surface Waves (SASW)  
Scanning System



# Advanced Methods to Identify Asphalt Pavement Delamination (R06D) SASW and IE

## Overview of R06D Project

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# Asphalt Delamination



# SHRP2 R06D Project Goal

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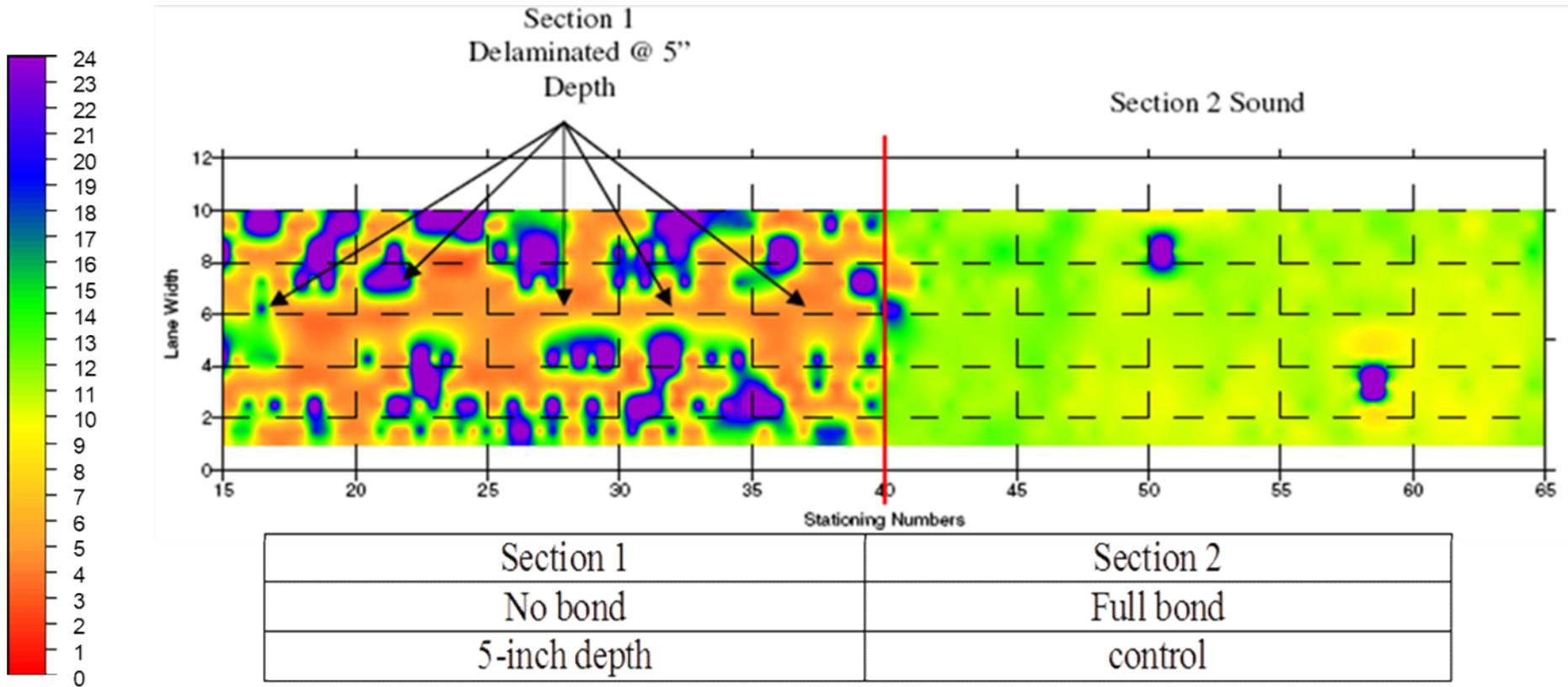
# SHRP2 Project Overview

- Identify candidate NDT technologies
- Evaluate potential to meet the goals
- Select NDT technologies with high potential to achieve goals
- Promote development of hardware and software
- Validate equipment improvements
- Examine performance in field conditions
- Demonstrate NDT to interested agencies

# NCAT Test Track R06D Sections

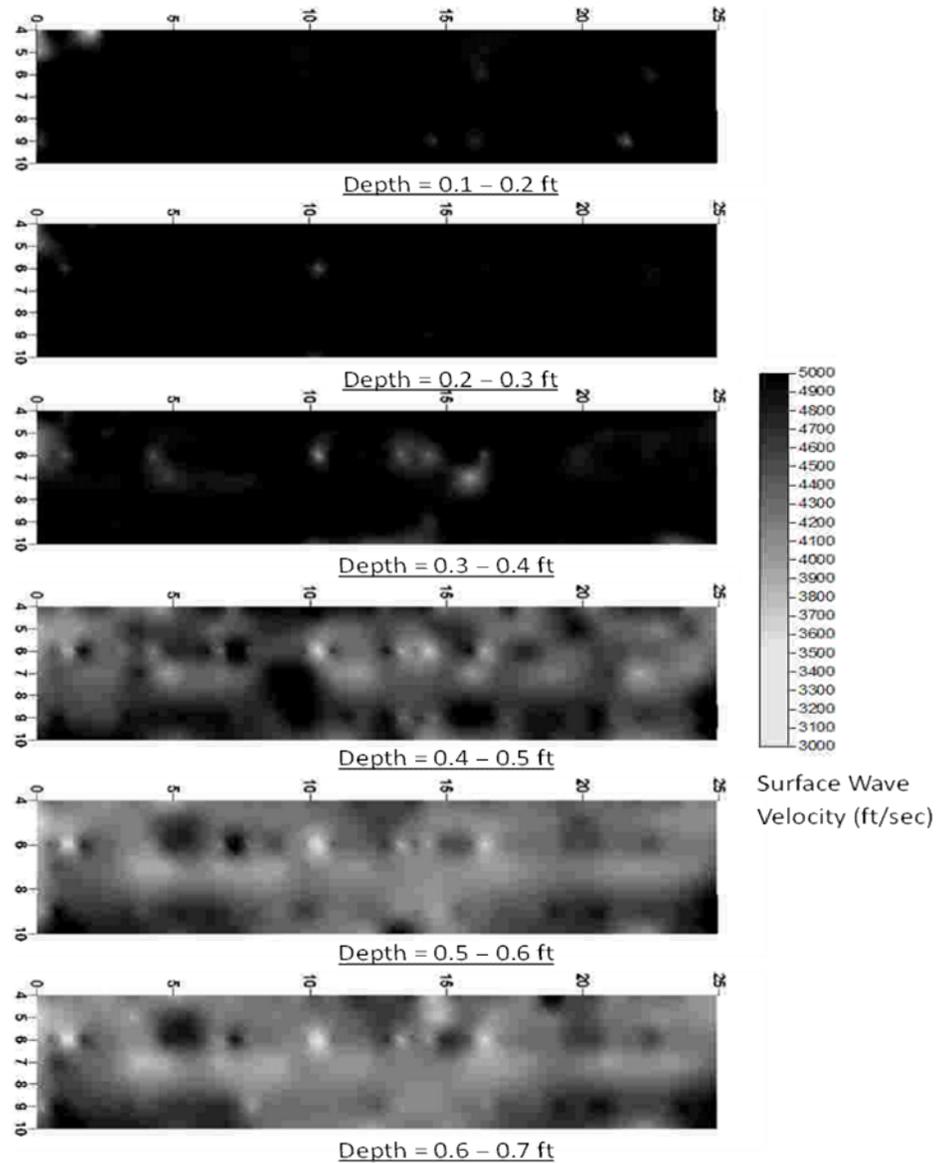


# IE Data Display (NCAT test track section)

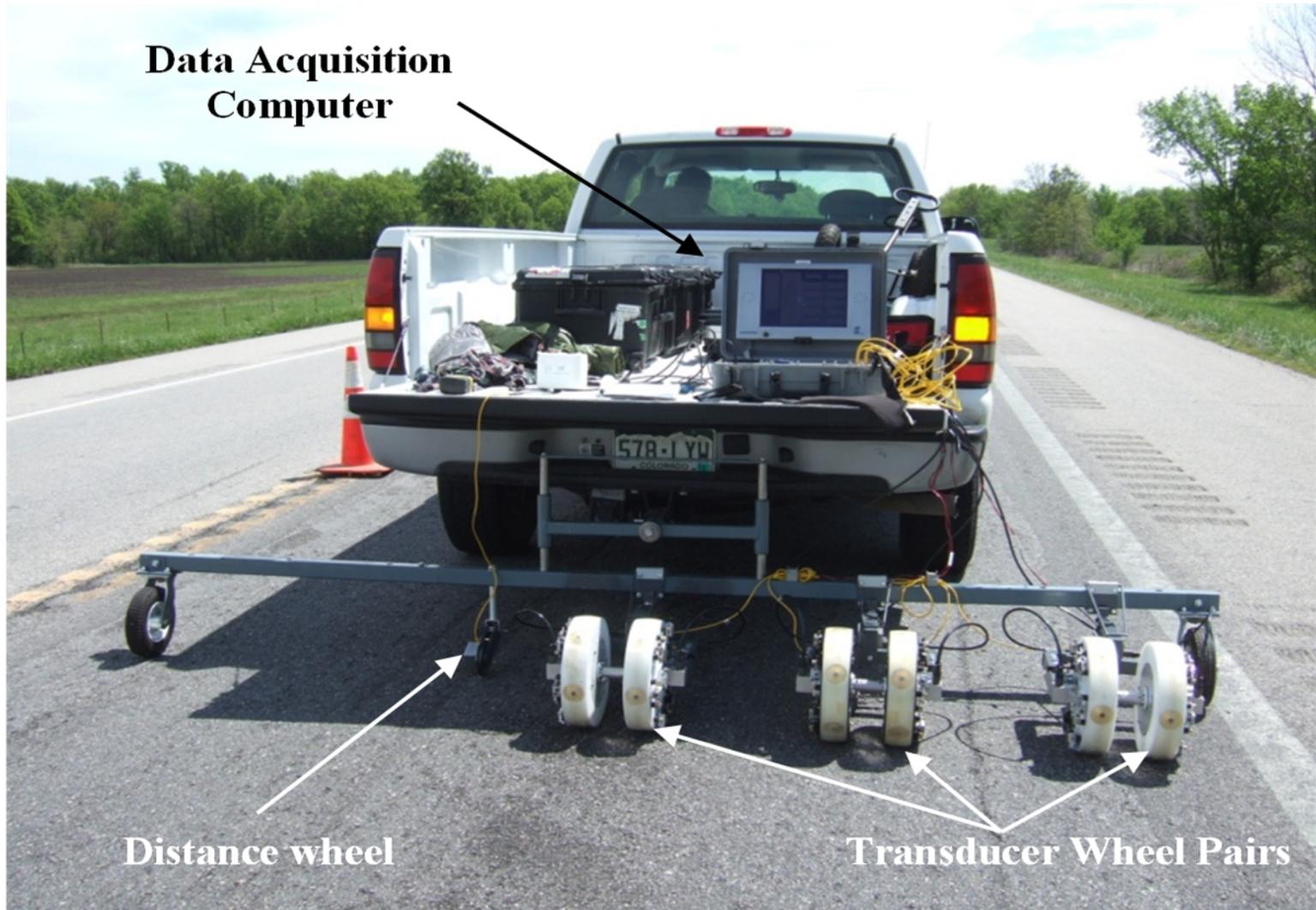


Thickness Color Scale (in)

# SASW Data Display (NCAT test track section)



# SASW-IE Rolling Meter by Olson Engineering





# Advanced Methods to Identify Asphalt Pavement Delamination (R06D) Surface Waves and Impact Echo Scanning

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# Sonic Surface Scanner ( S<sup>3</sup> )

- Slow-rolling (1 mph) scanner for delamination mapping of asphalt pavements and bridge decks
- 6 Displacement transducers on two wheels lined up 6 to 9 inches apart
- Impacts surface every 6 inches for
  - Impact Echo (IE) test
  - Spectral Analyses of Surface Waves (SASW) test



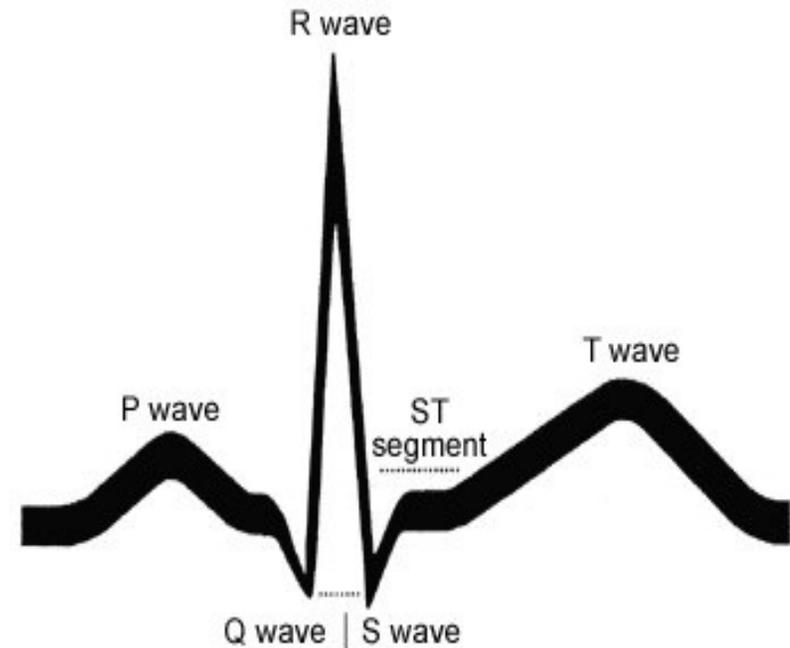
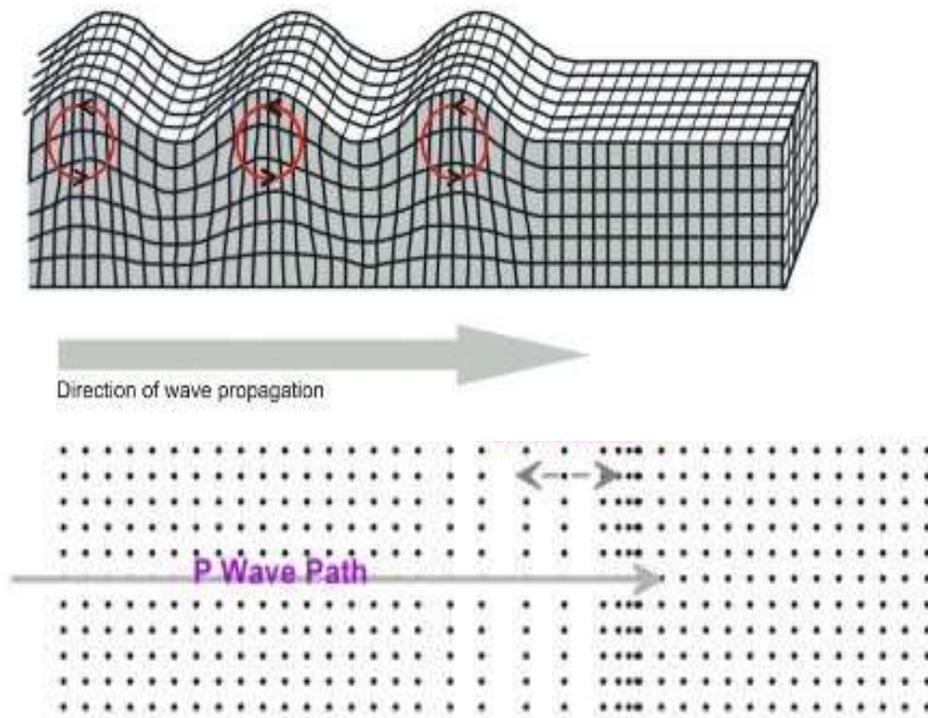
# Types of stress waves

Principles of elastic wave theory

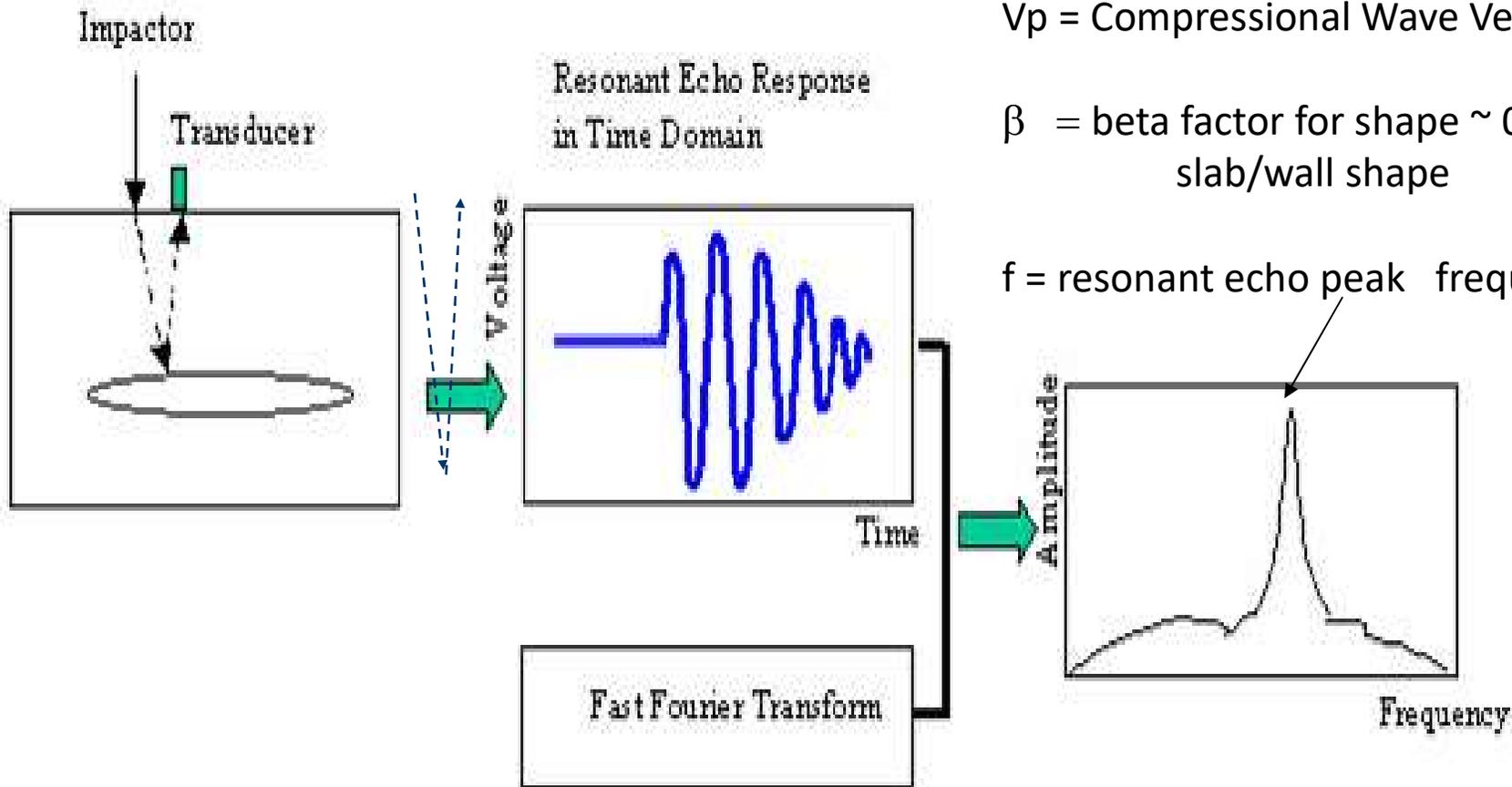
R-waves, surface waves – used by SASW to measure material stiffness

P-waves, body waves – used by Impact Echo (IE) to measure layer thickness

Rayleigh wave



# Impact Echo Test



$D = \beta V_p / (2 * f) =$  Thickness echo depth

$V_p =$  Compressional Wave Velocity

$\beta =$  beta factor for shape  $\sim 0.96$  for slab/wall shape

$f =$  resonant echo peak frequency (Hz)

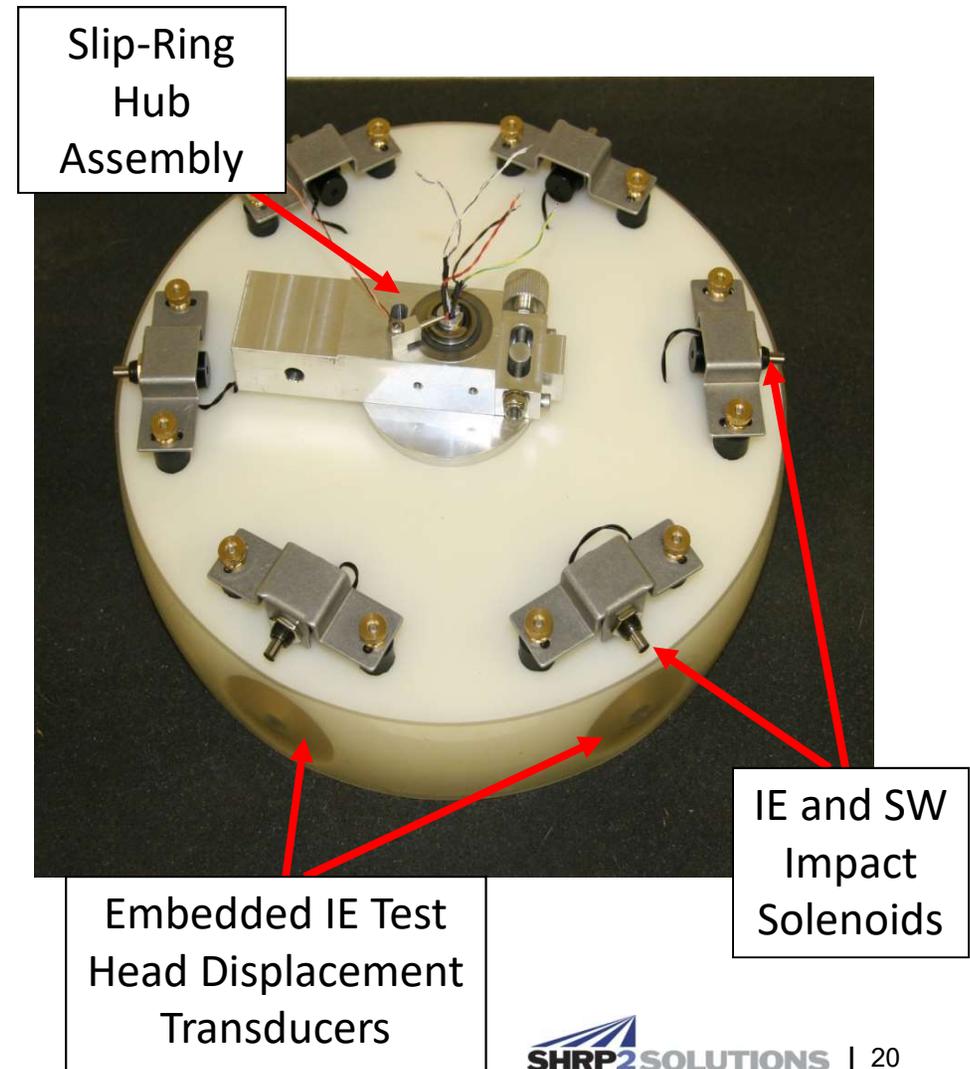
# Sonic Surface Scanner – S3 Features

- Iowa DOT and Indiana DOT using IE on bare concrete decks for project level delamination mapping
- Dell Ruggedized Notebook with excellent sunlight viewable screen
- Shown with offset displacement transducers for IE tests on both wheels
- Rotate 30 degrees for IE test on left wheel and SASW test between wheels



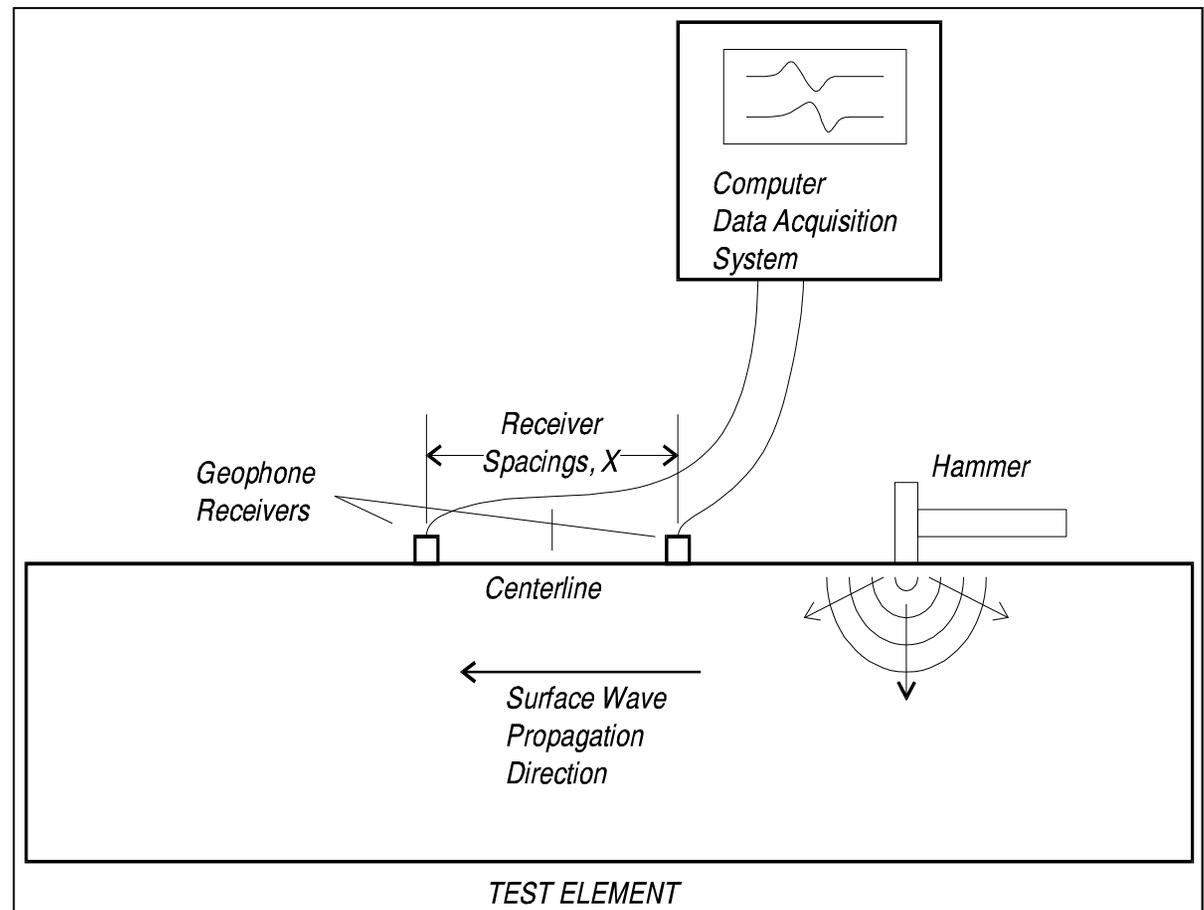
# Scanning Impact Echo Testing

- Diameter of Wheel = 293 mm (11.5 inches)
- Six individual displacement transducers
- Six individual impactors
- Impacts spaced 150 mm (6 inches) apart along a scan line (around the wheel circumference)
- The 6 transducers were spring mounted with rubber isolators and captured with a thin urethane tire approximately 60 mm (2.5 inch) wide
- The thin urethane tire was added as a dust cover and to improve coupling



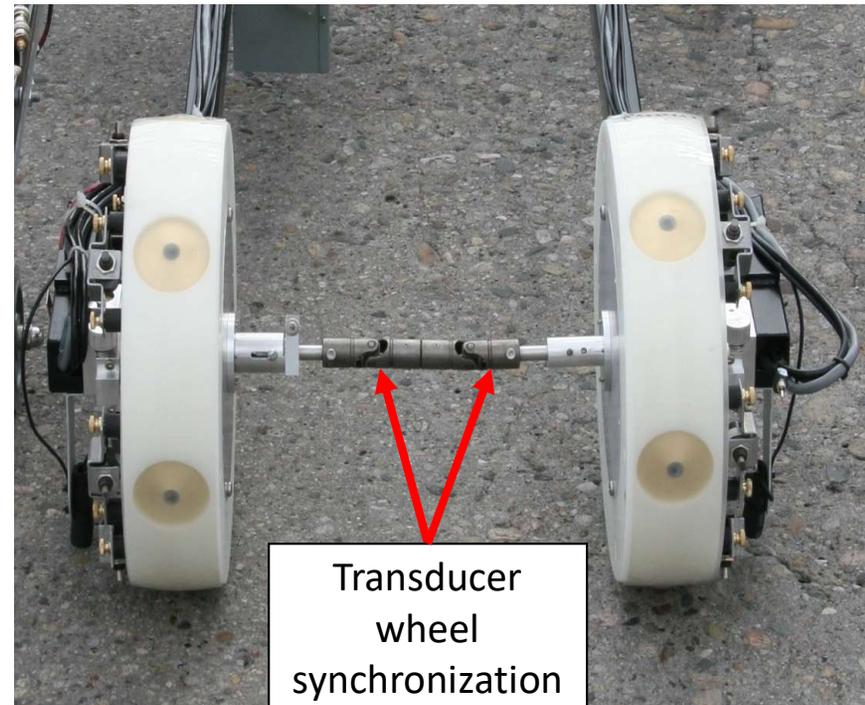
# Spectral Analysis of Surface Waves Method (Stokoe and Nazarian)

- Acoustic method – Short wavelength waves sample shallow, longer wavelengths sample deeper
- Allows the measurement of the velocity profile versus depth into the pavement, which provides Young's Moduli (E) versus depth
- Based on  $\text{Velocity} = \text{Frequency} \times \text{Wavelength}$

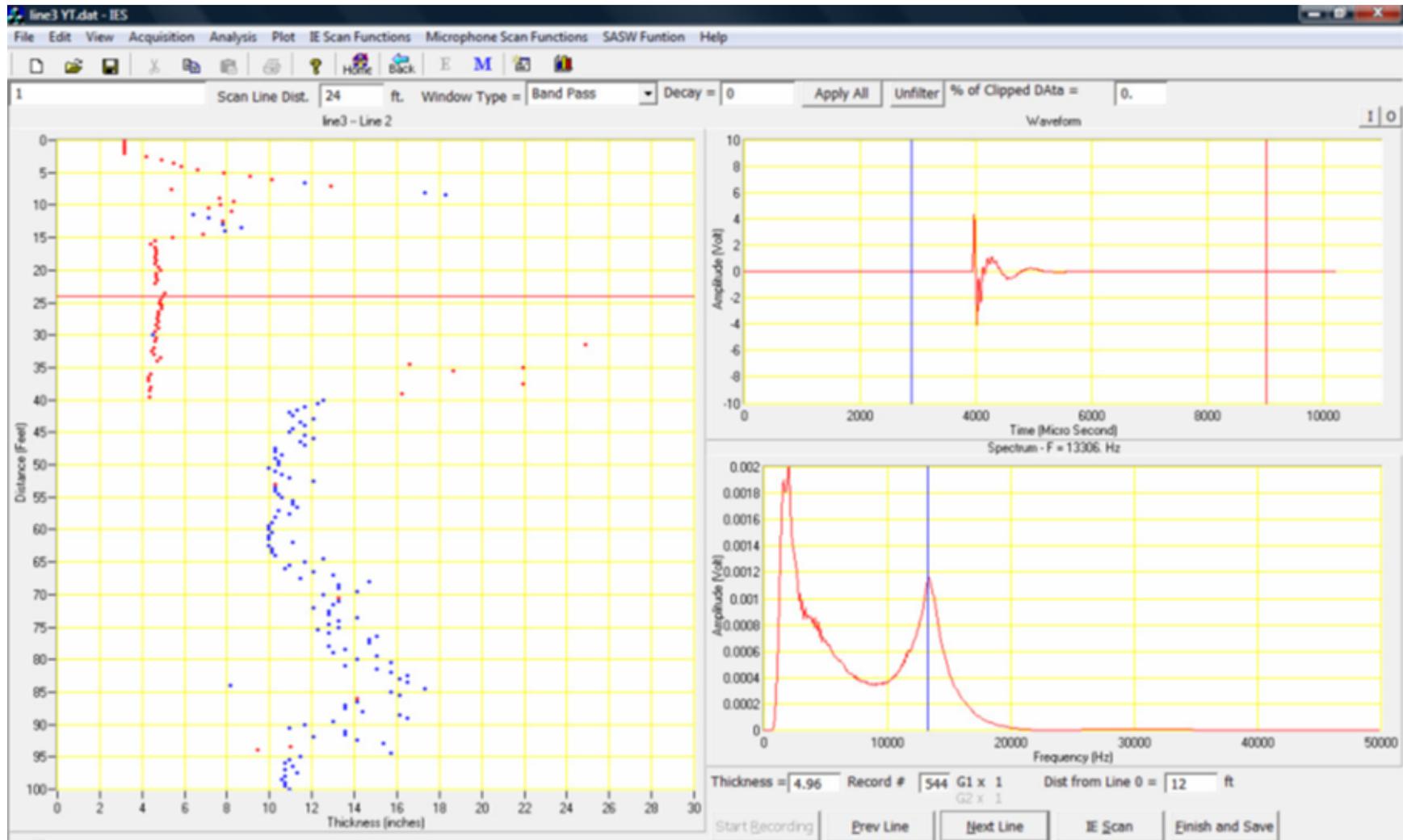


# Scanning SASW

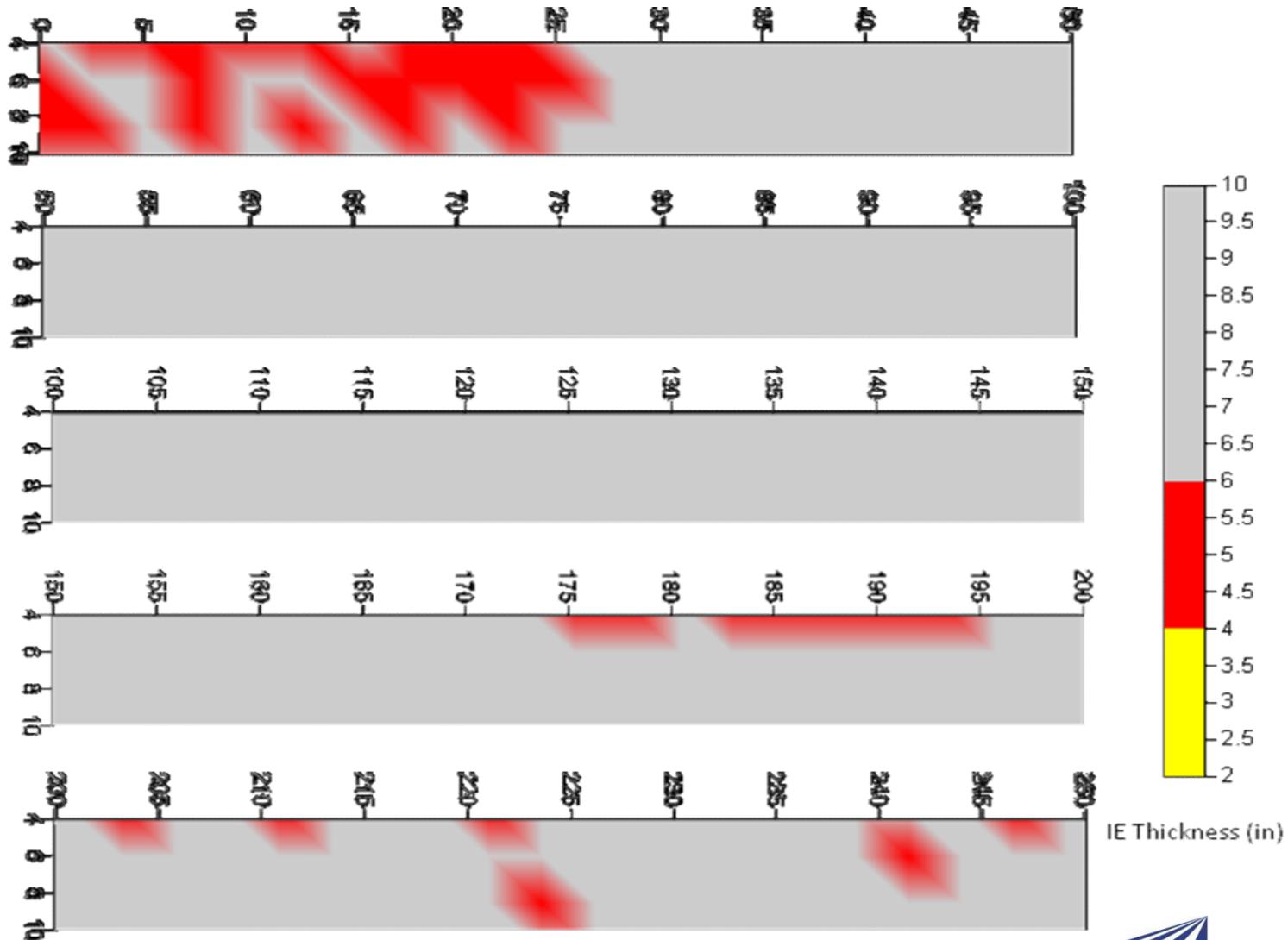
- Use 2 identical sensor/impactor wheels
- Only one wheel with the impactor turned on
- The spacing between the transducers is typically 6 or 9 inches for asphalt pavement SASW+IE and 12 or 24 inches for IE on concrete decks
- Can rotate the wheels 30 degrees out of phase to perform IE testing on both wheels simultaneously



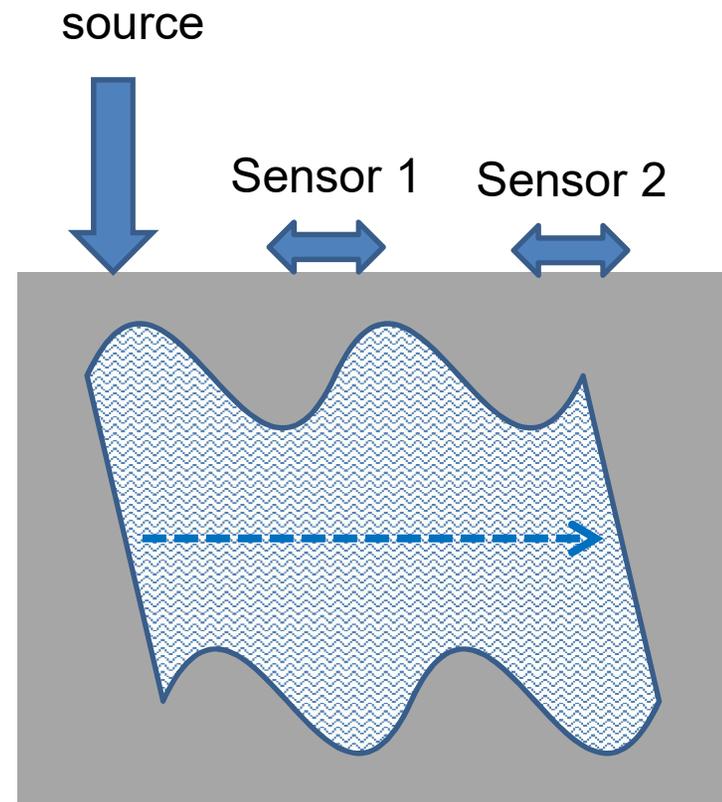
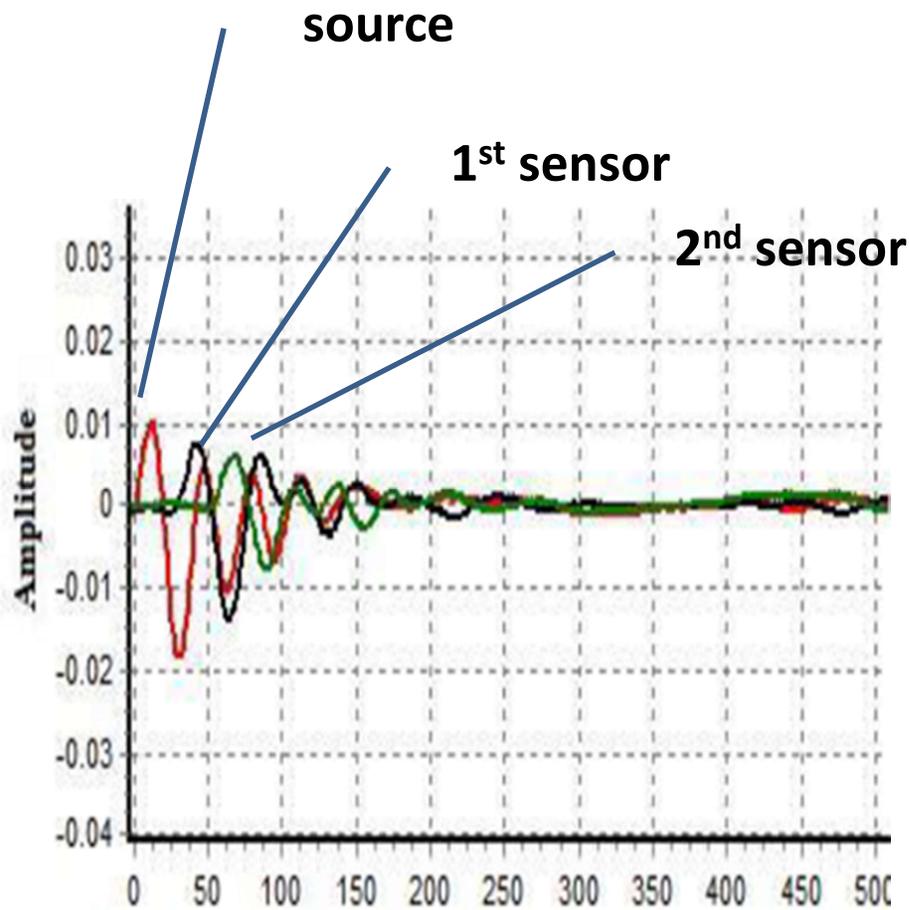
# Impact Echo Scanning Results at NCAT



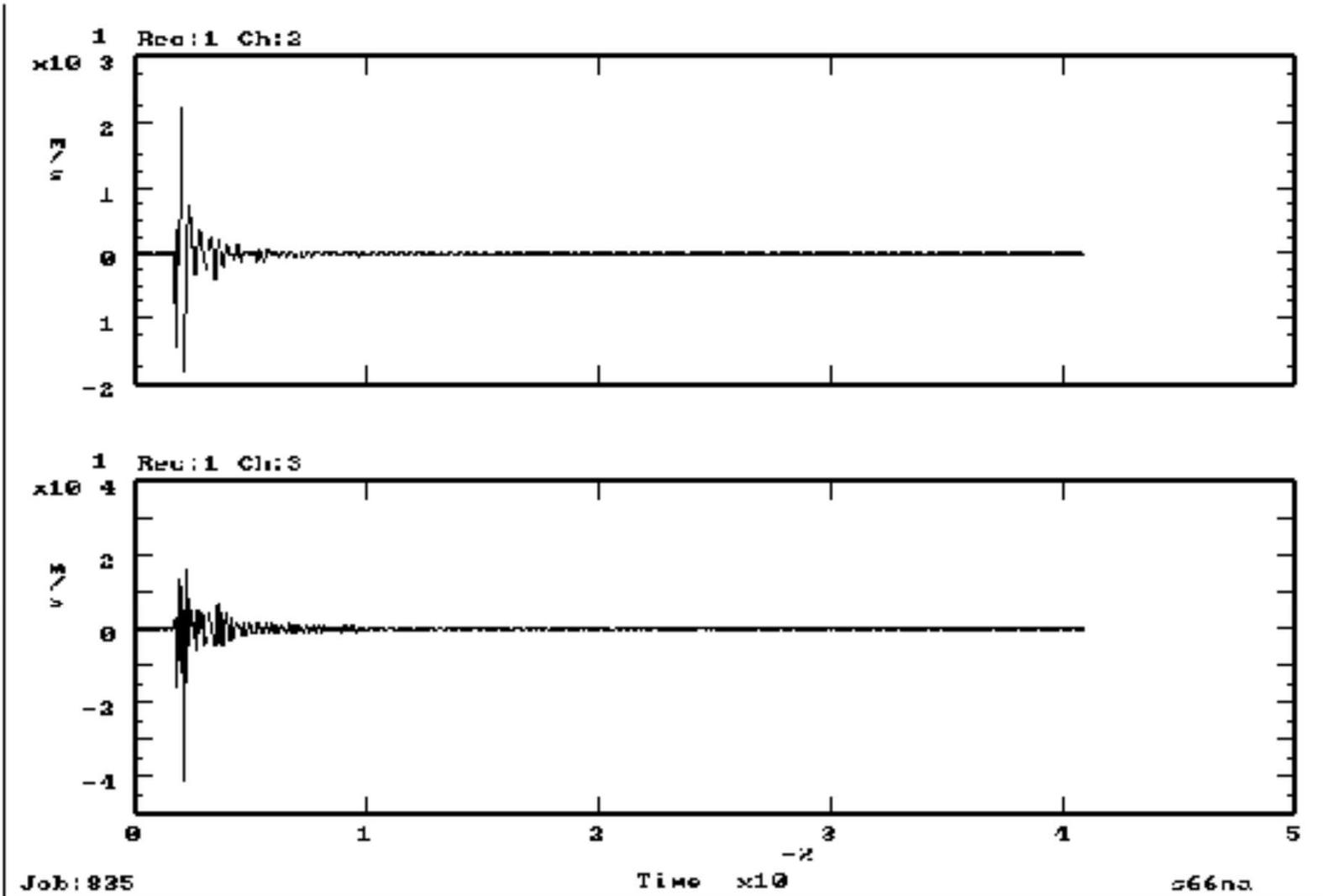
# NCAT IE Delamination Echo Depths at 4-6" (RED)



# How SASW measures pavement properties



# Typical Time Domain Records for Two SASW Receivers



# SASW Phase Plot from Sound Area (concrete)

Signal 1  
Coherence

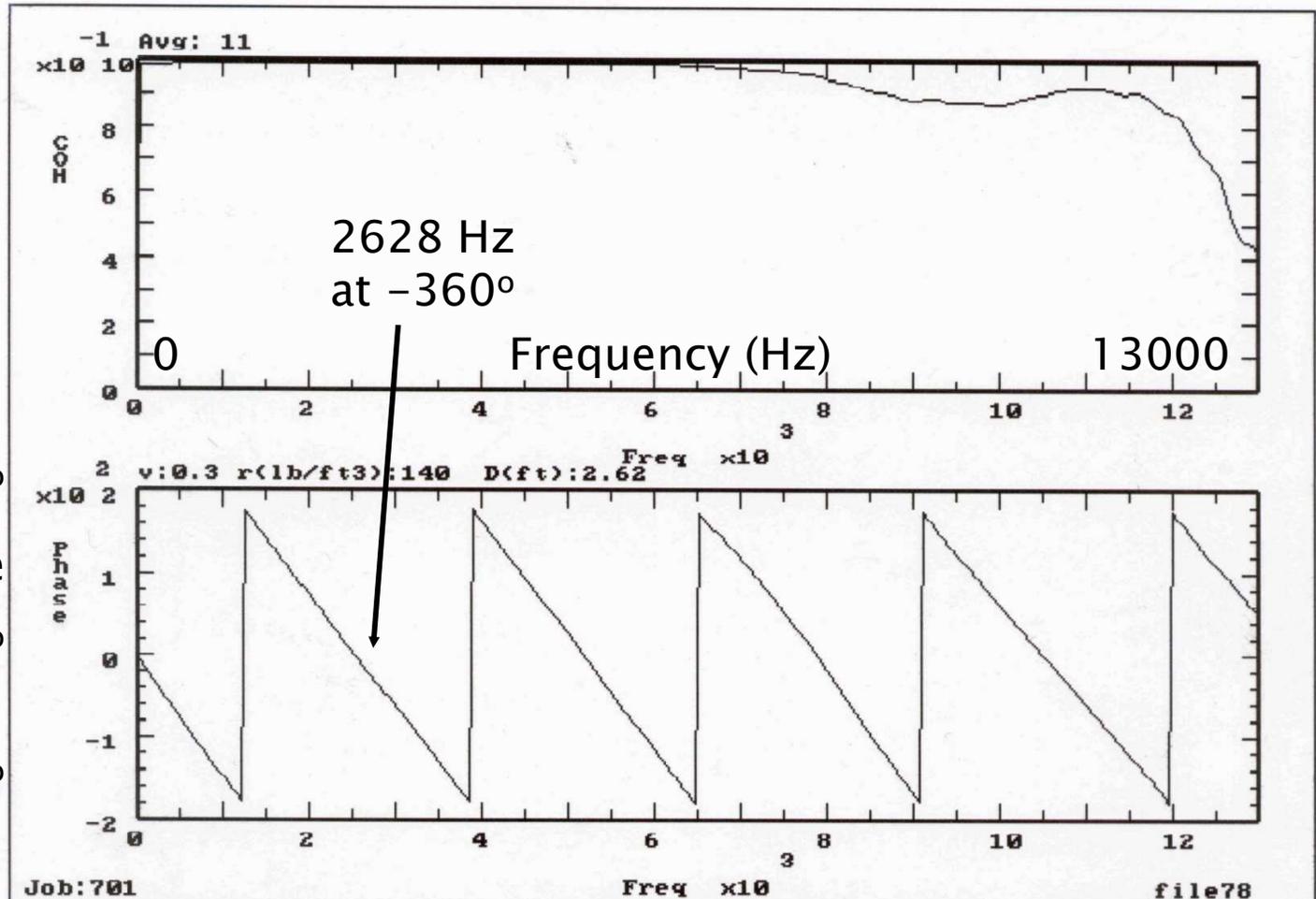
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+180°

Wrapped Phase

0°

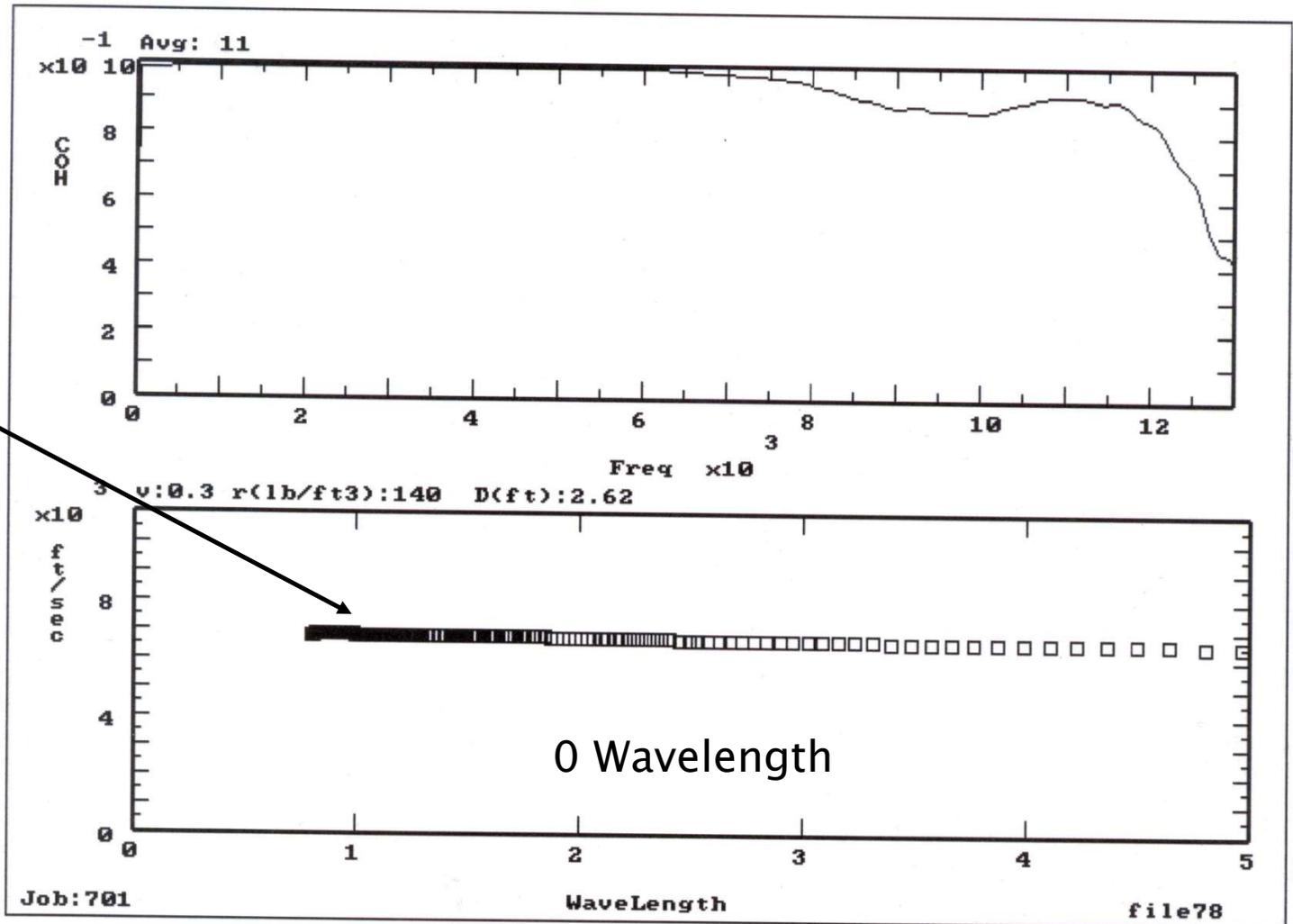
-180°



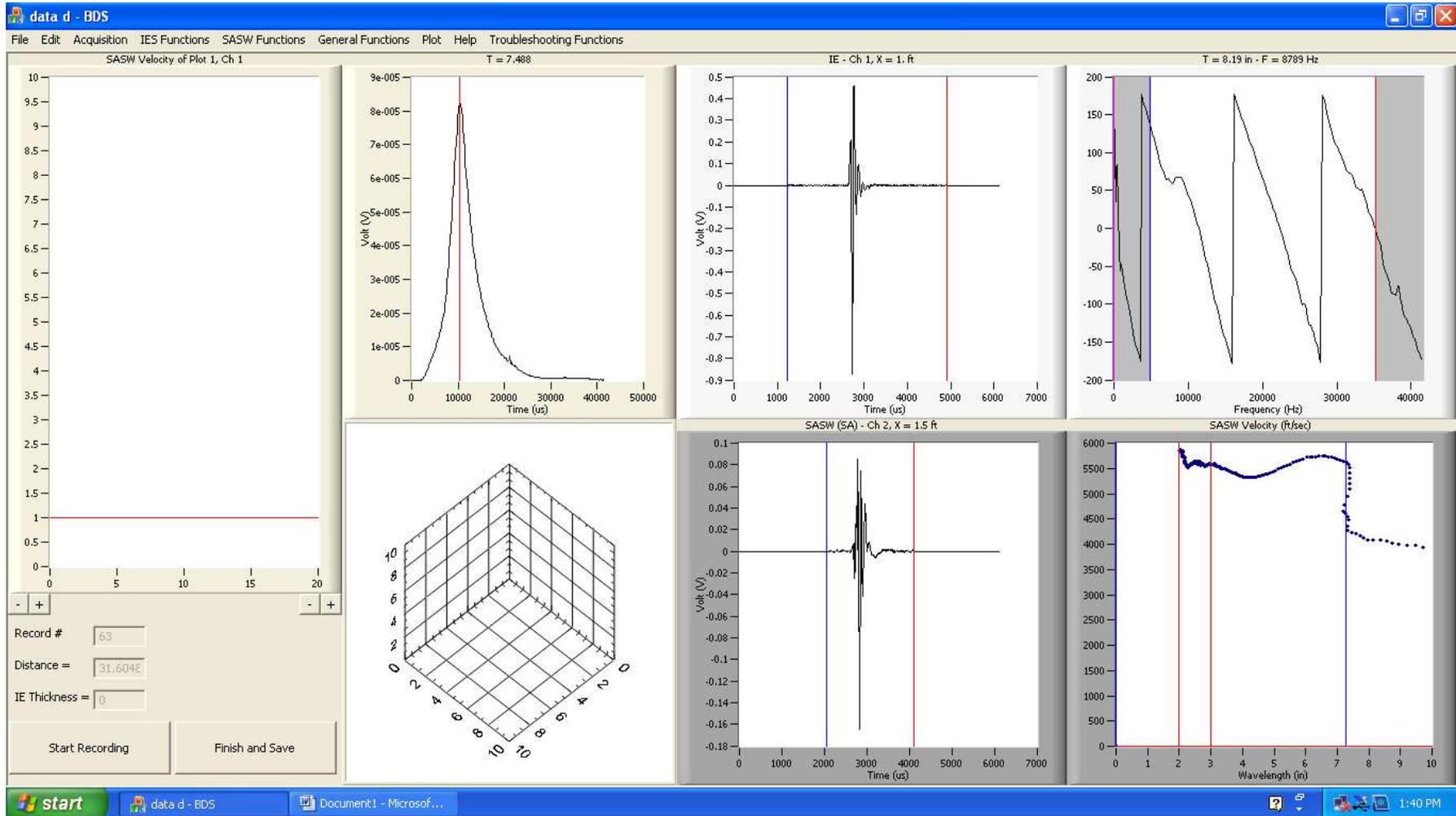
for 2.62ft SASW Bar spacing = 1 wavelength ( $-360^\circ$  phase),  
Velocity=frequency x wavelength=2.62 x 2628Hz=6900 ft/s

# Surface Wave Velocity vs. Wavelength – Sound Concrete

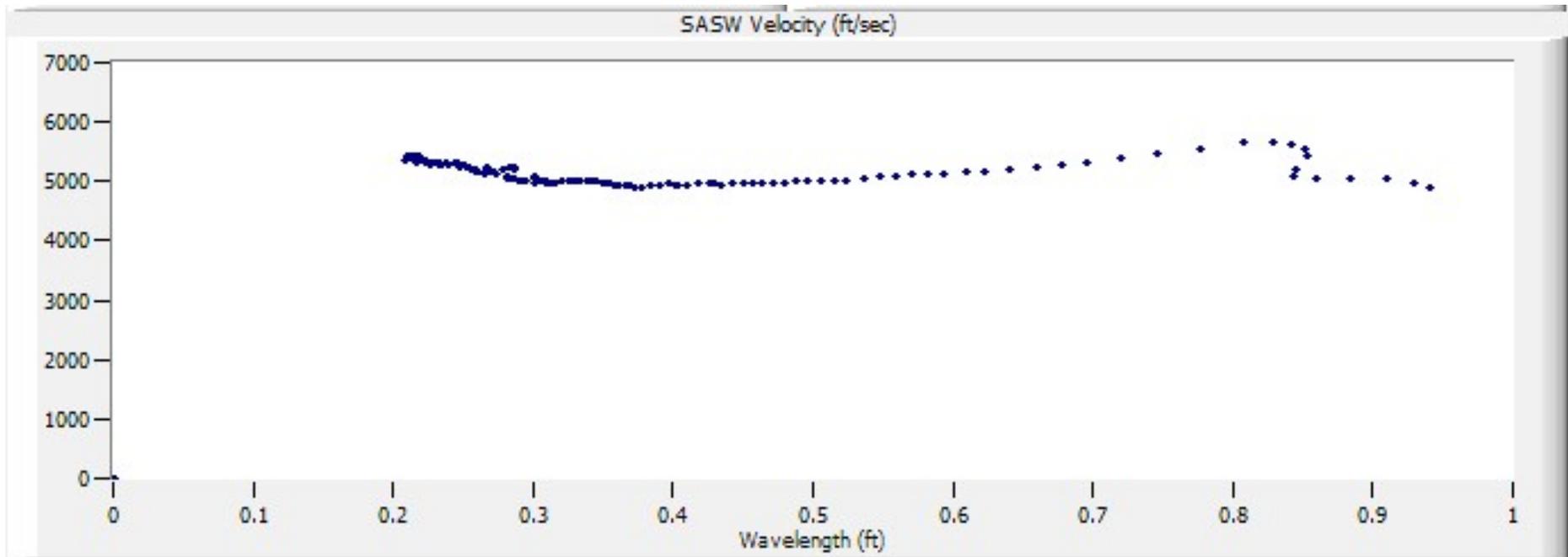
V = 6900 ft/sec  
Surface Wave  
Velocity for  
Sound  
Concrete



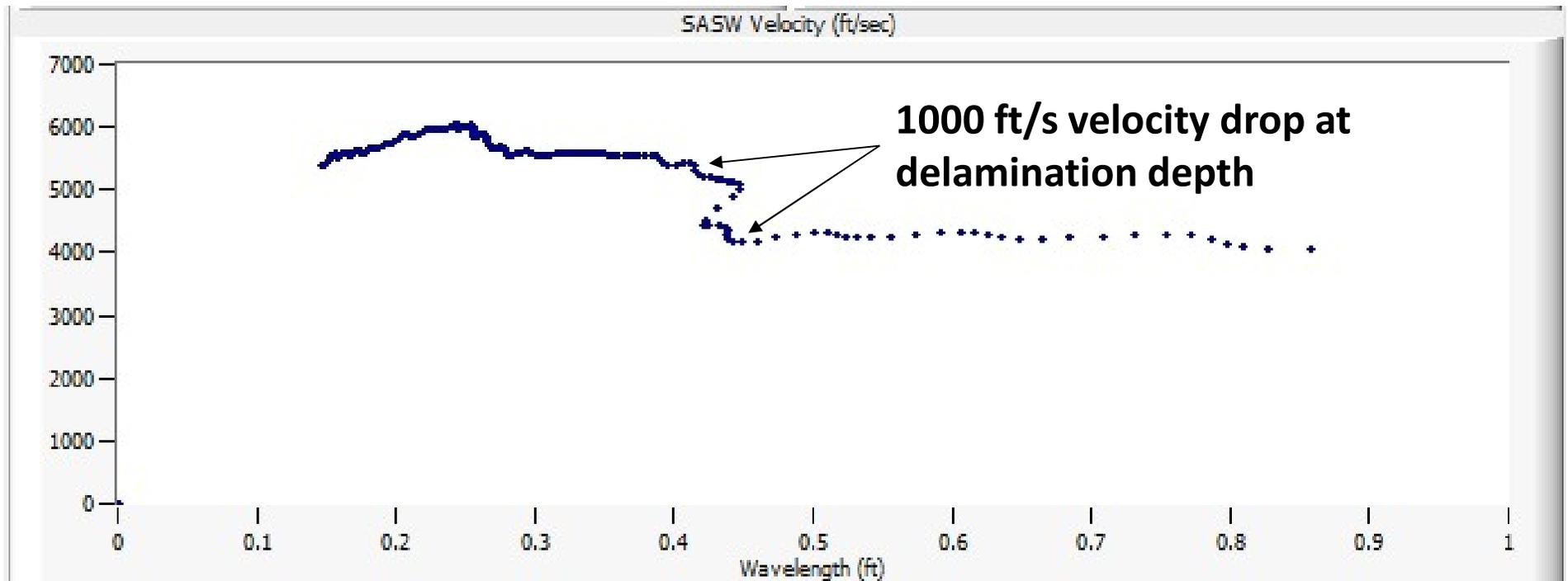
# Simultaneous IE/SASW Software Display



# SASW Dispersion Curve from Sound Asphalt Pavement - NCAT

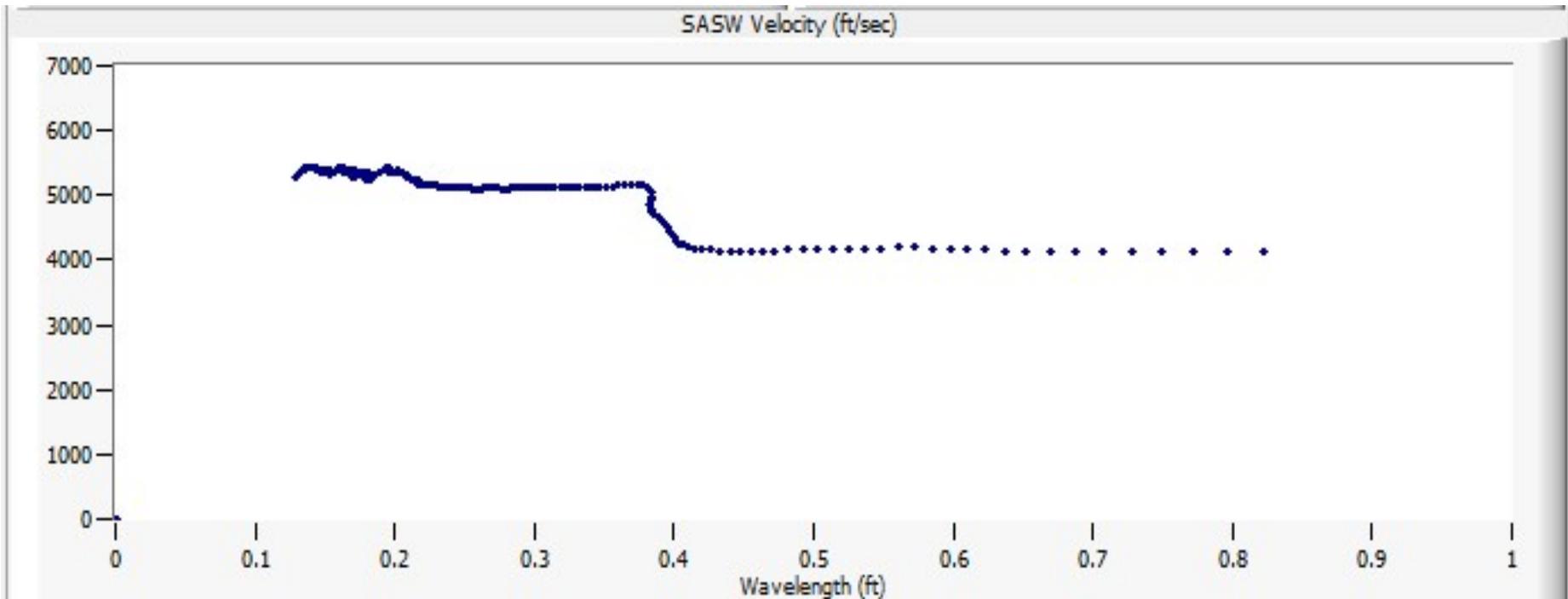


# SASW Dispersion Curves from 5 Inch Deep Delamination Condition - NCAT



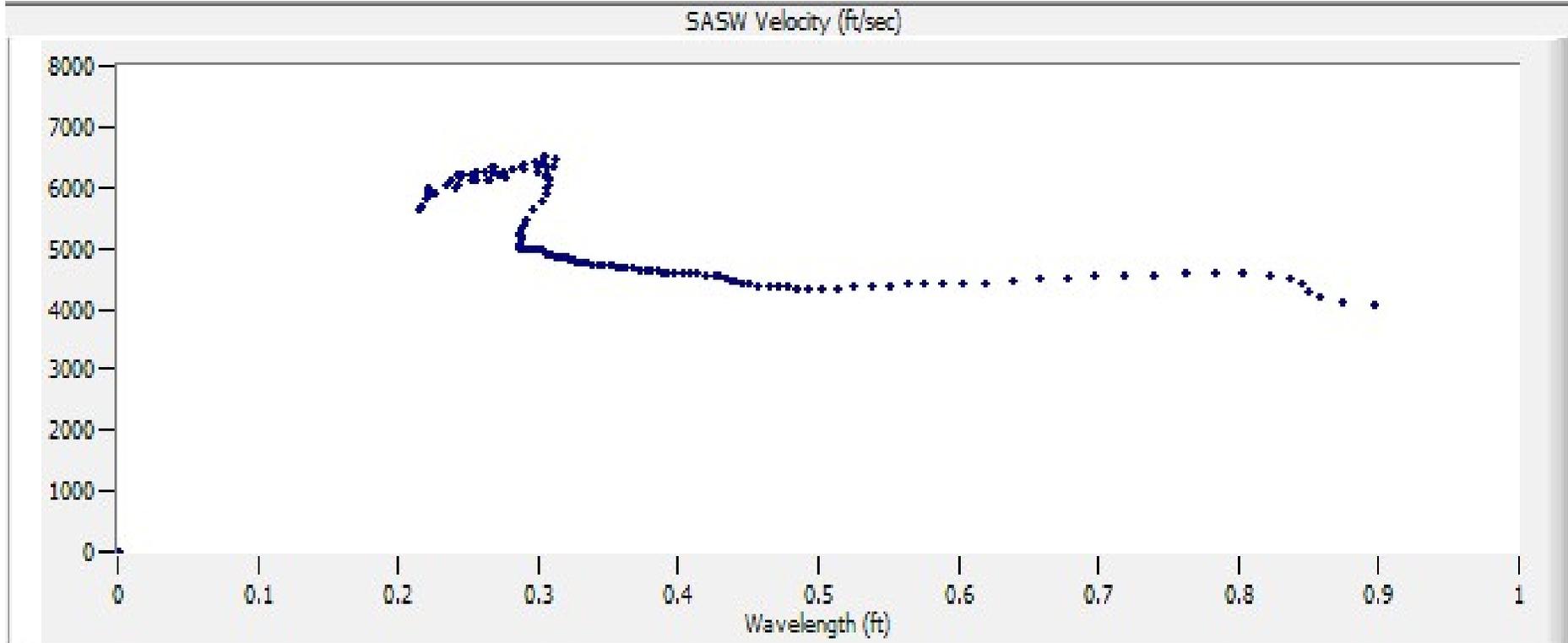
**Delamination due to Thin Paper Delamination built at 12.5 cm (5 inches) deep – note surface wave velocity decrease from ~1590 m/s (~5300 ft/s on vertical scale) to ~1290 m/s (~4300 ft/s) at a wavelength of 12.5 cm (0.43 ft - ~ 5 inches)**

# SASW Dispersion Curve from Baghouse Dust Delamination Conditions



**Delamination due to Baghouse Dust built at 12.5 cm (5 inches) deep – note surface wave velocity decrease from ~1560 m/s (5200 ft/s on vertical scale) to ~1290 m/s (4300 ft/s) at a wavelength of 12.5 cm (0.4 ft on horizontal scale ~ 5 inches)**

# SASW Dispersion Curve 2 Inches Deep Delamination Conditions on Asphalt



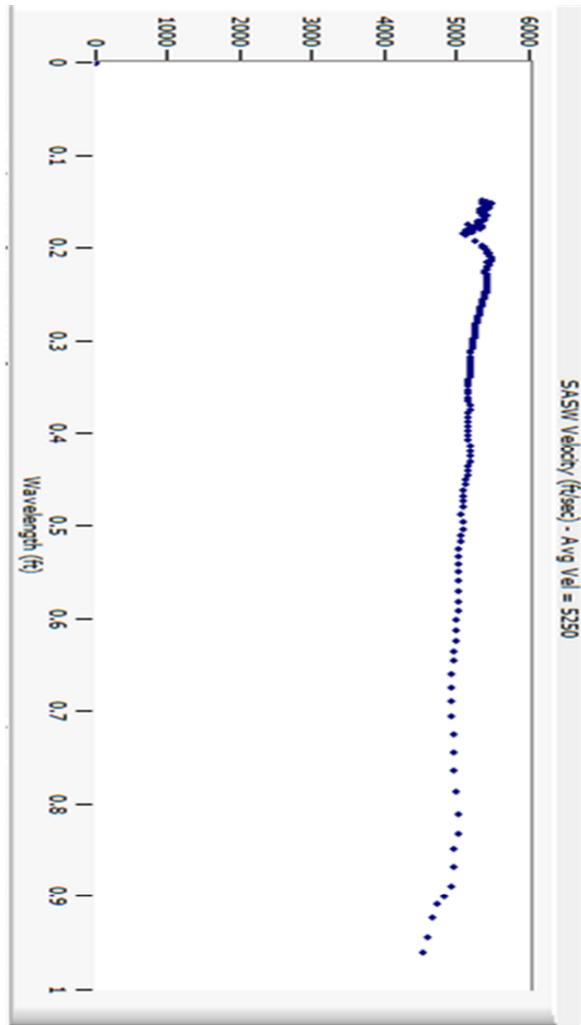
**Delamination 5 cm (2 inches) deep – note surface wave velocity decrease from ~1920 m/s (6400 ft/s on vertical scale) to ~1440 m/s (4800 ft/s) at a wavelength of 5 cm (0.27 ft on horizontal scale ~ 3.2 inches)**

# SASW Results for Sound vs. Delaminated Asphalt Pavement

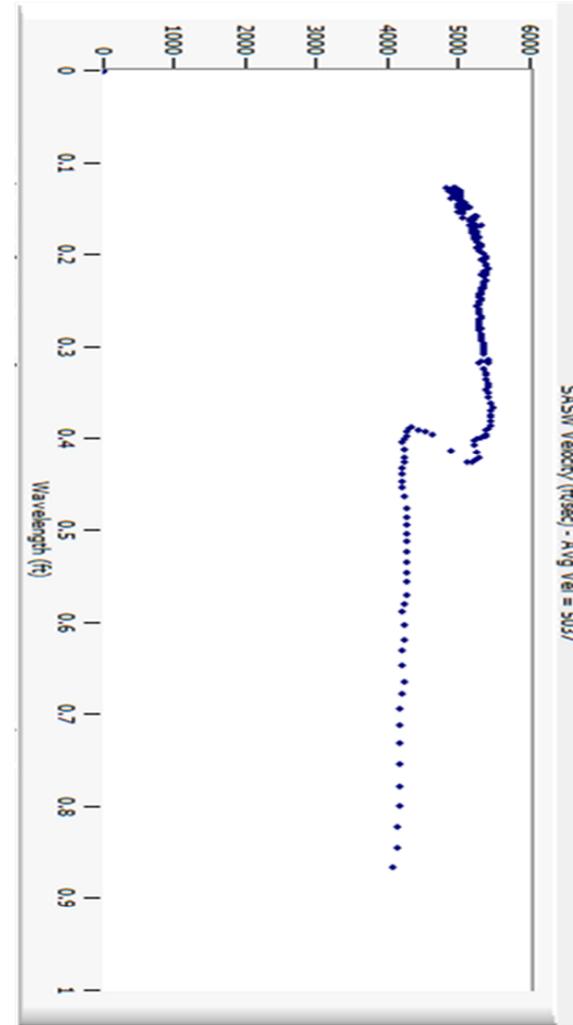
Surface wave velocity (ft/sec)

Surface wave velocity (ft/sec)

Sound pavement



Delaminated Pavement – note decrease in velocity at wavelength (depth) of delamination



# NCAT Section 1 Debonding Delamination

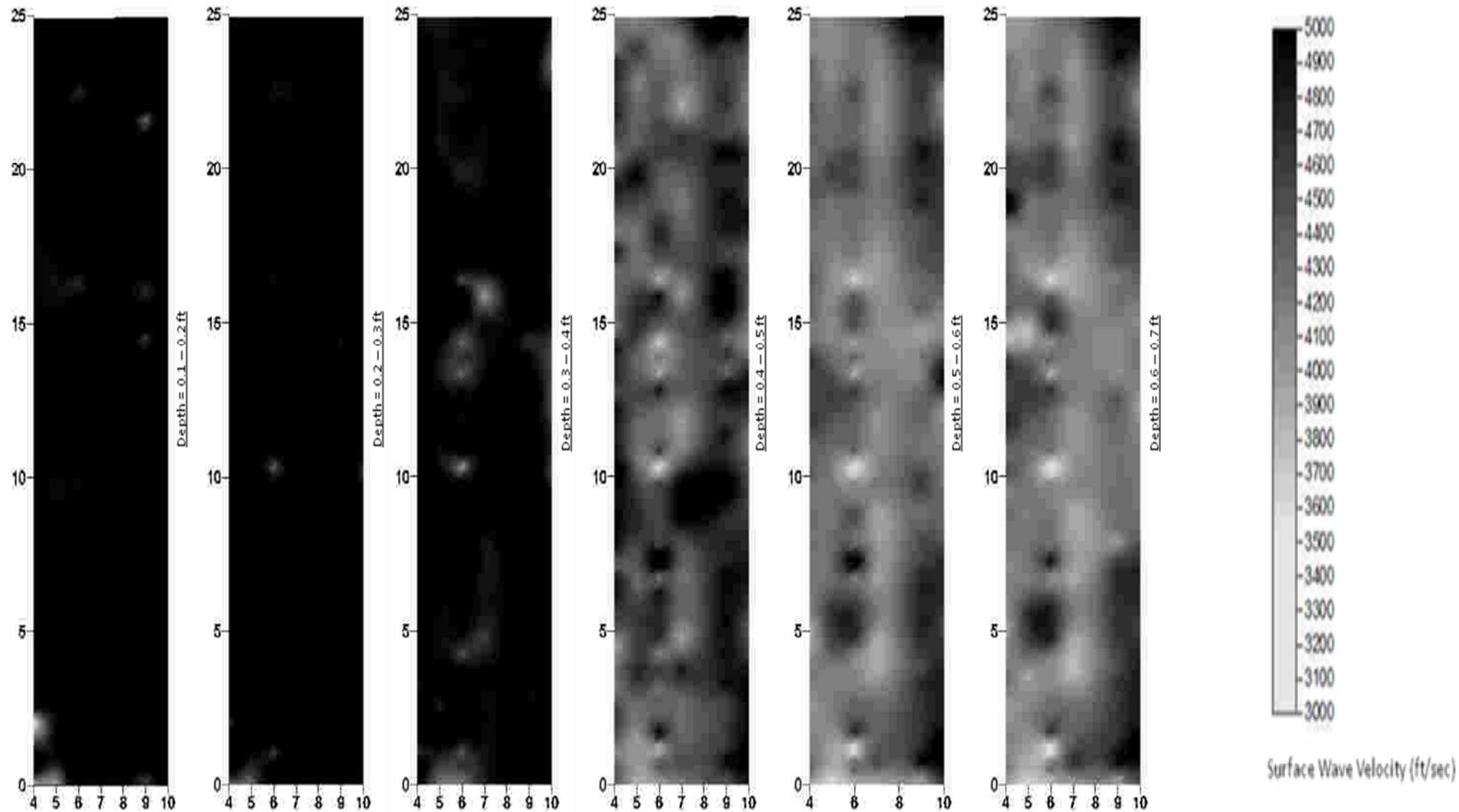
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Gray = baghouse dust; tan = paper; delamination depth = ~ 5 in. (between PCC and HMA); O = locations where point-load methods were conducted; X = verification core; S = standpipe.

**FIGURE 11 Section 1: HMA over PCC (STA 0+15 to 0+40).**

# SASW Delamination Plot Velocity Results

## NCAT Section 1 Stations 15 to 40 ft



**0.1      0.2      0.3      0.4      0.5      0.6**

Plots at 0.1 ft depth slices

# Prototype Pavement Scanner on Kansas DOT Asphalt Pavement test site with 3 pairs of wheels - Future full lane Scanner?





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## New Mexico DOT Evaluation

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# Introduction

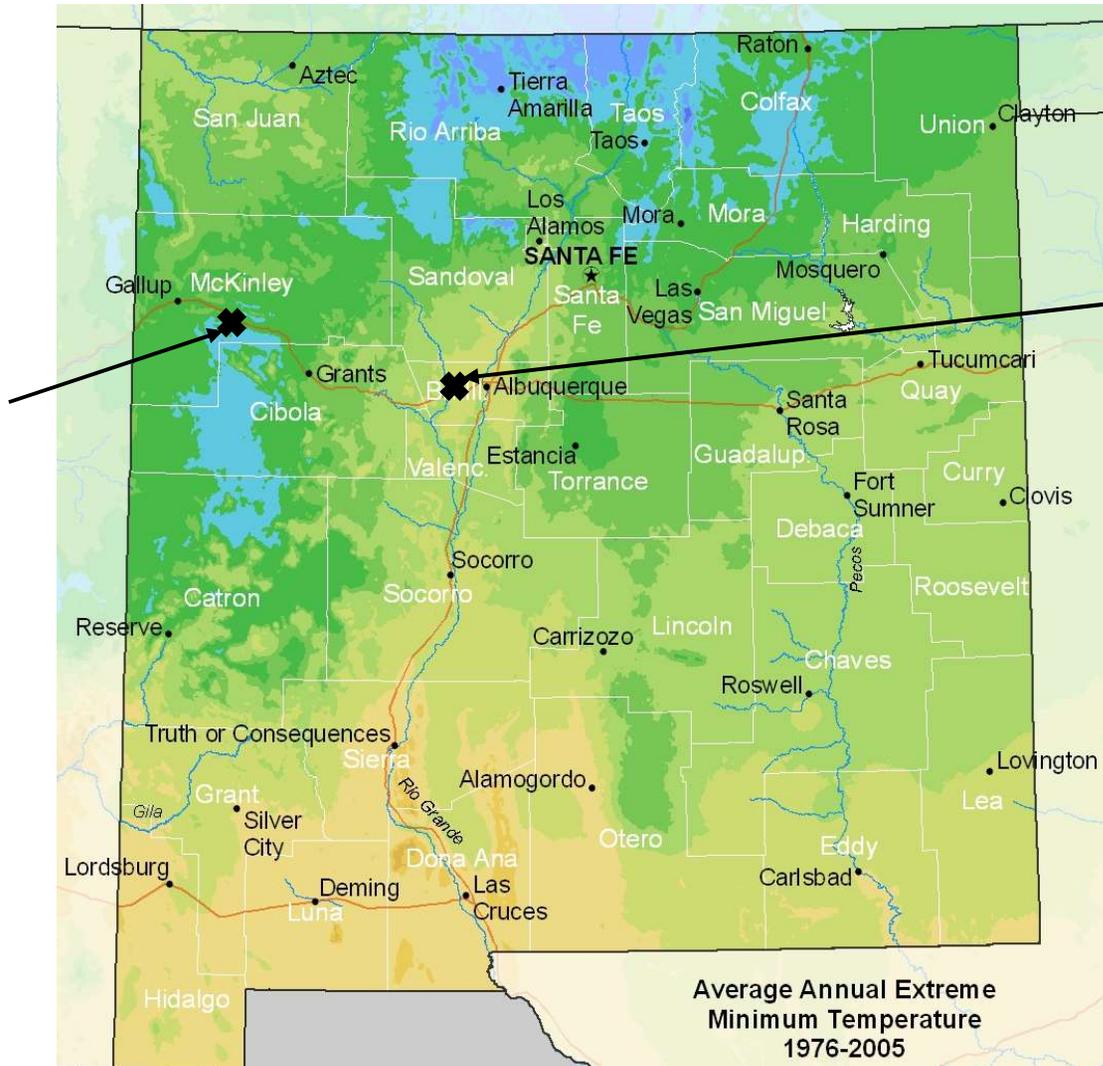
## New Mexico Concerns

- Temperature sensitivity
- Surface Treatment
- Delamination Detection



# Site Locations

District  
6 Site



District  
3 Site

# District 6 Sites

- 2 -1000ft. Sections tested
- In Mountains
- Basalt Mixes Top Mix
- Marshal Mix Bottom Mix
- Open graded friction course



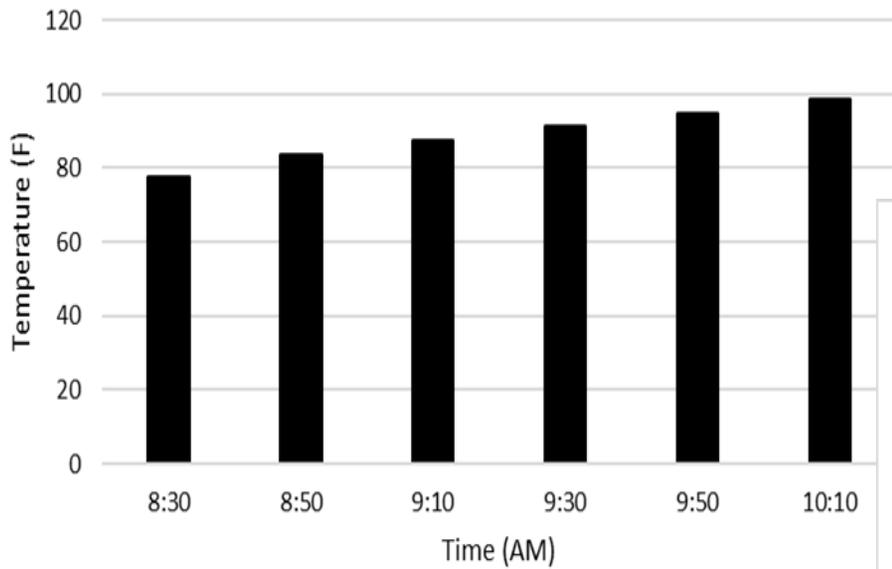
# District 3 Site

- Temperature probes
- In “flat” area
- Same SP111 mix throughout
- Open graded friction course
- 1-500 ft. section tested multiple times

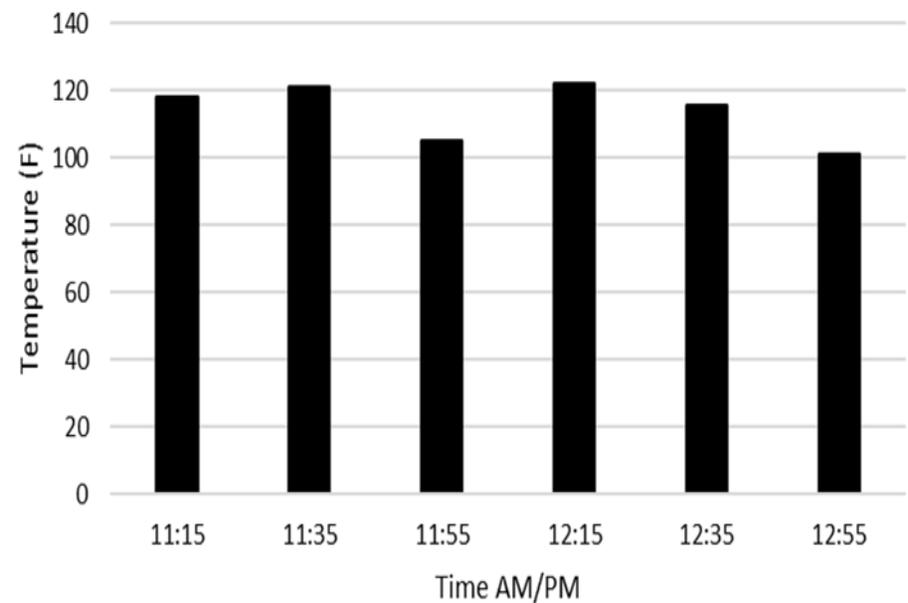


# District 6 Test Sites Temperature

Site 1 District 6

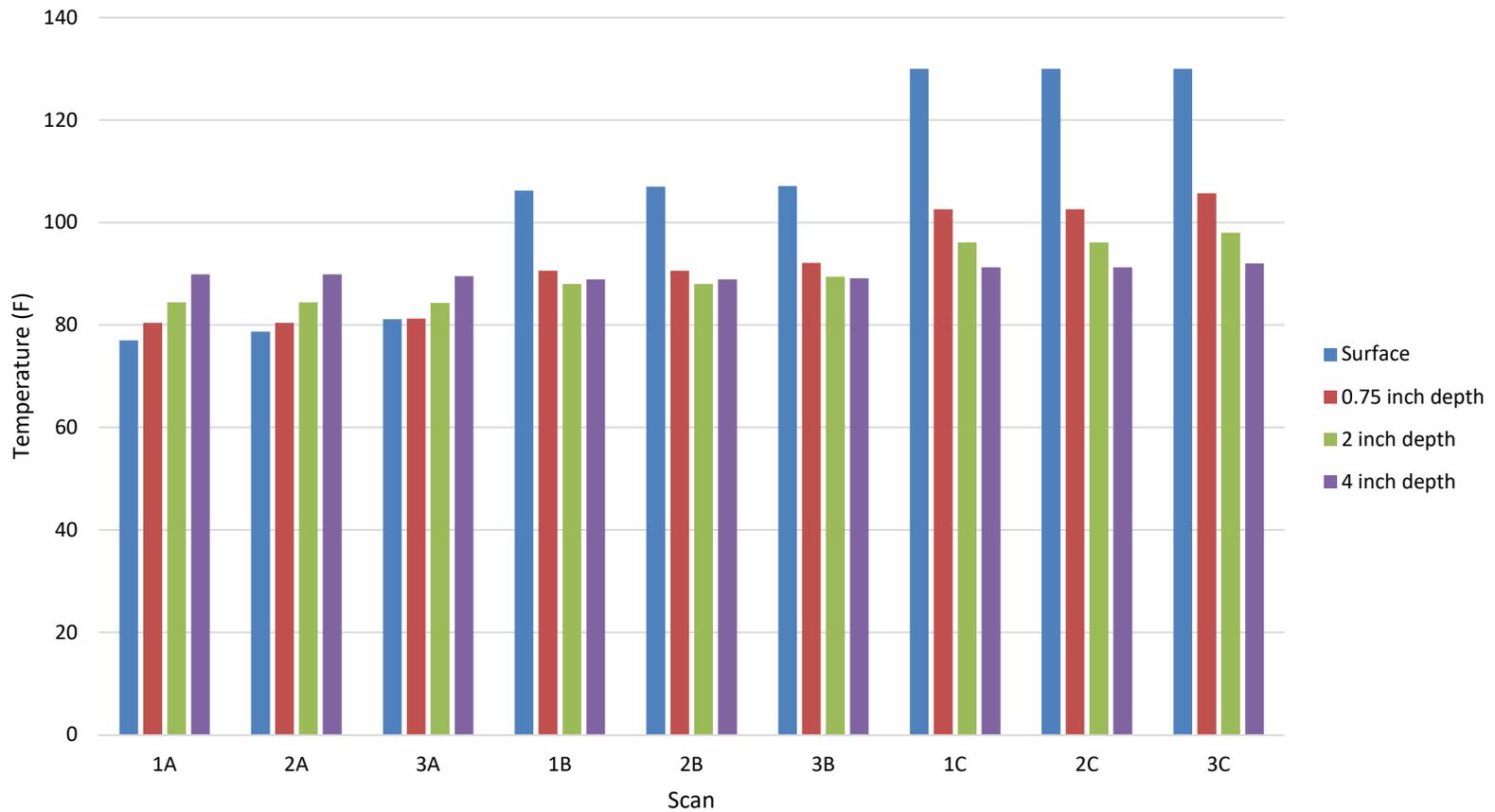


Site 2 District 6



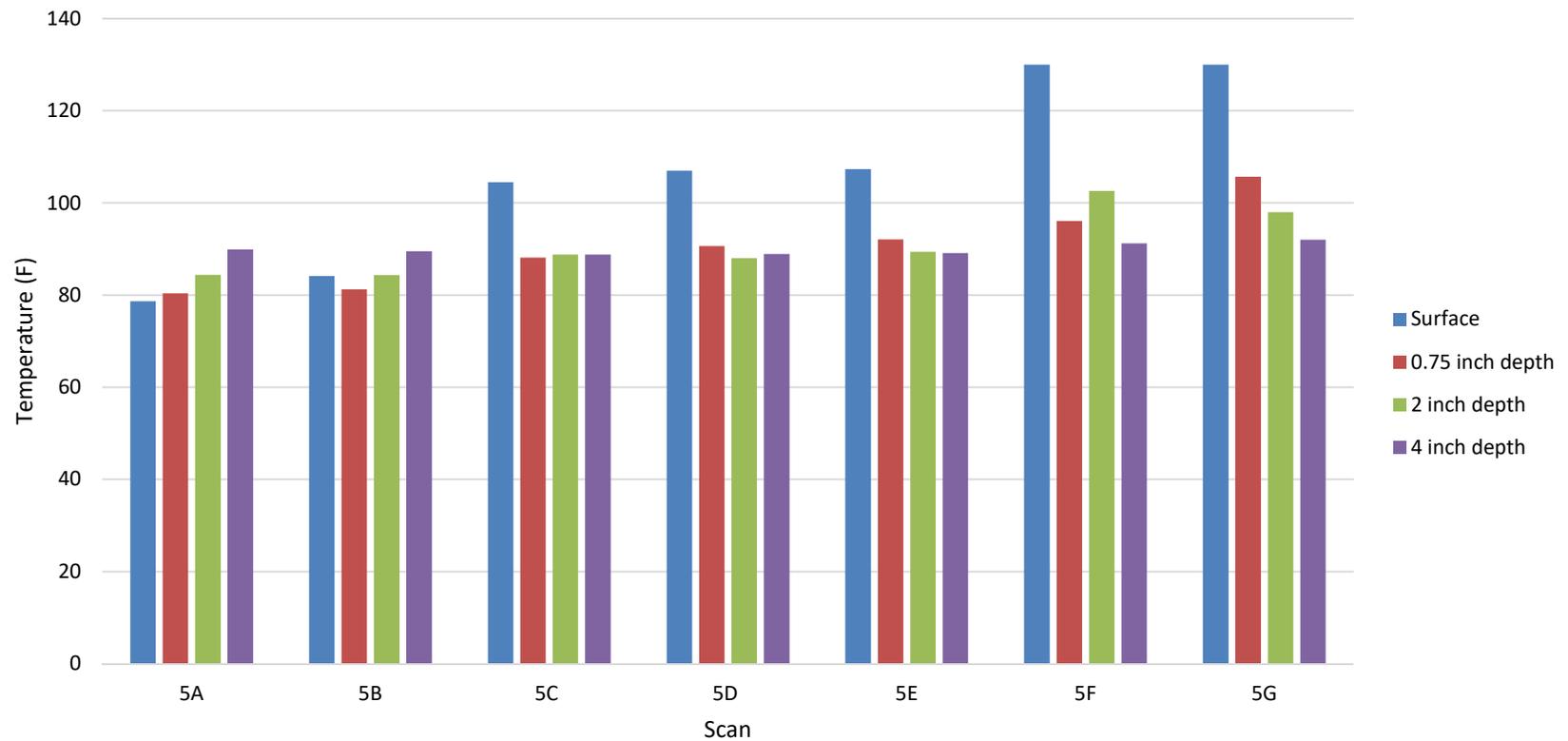
# District 3 Full Scans Temperature

Temperature for 3 full scans



# District 3 Repeat Scan Temperature

Temperature for Repeat Tests



# IE Conclusions

- Repeatability was poor even with tests with similar temperatures
- General Trends are probably okay
- This test will probably need some form of temperature correction in the future for high temperature change areas



# IE Example of Results

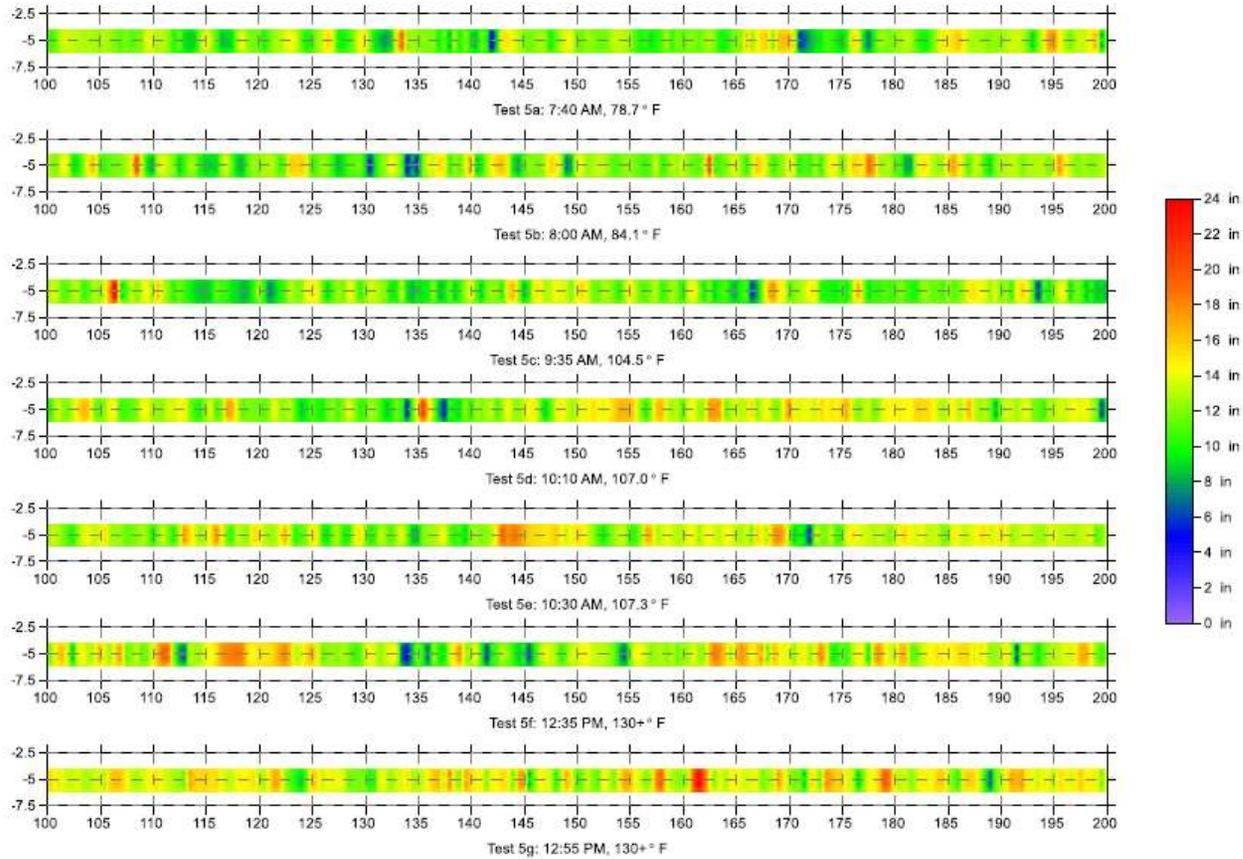


Figure B4: IE Results, 7/20/2017, Repeatability Study, 5 feet from left shoulder tested seven times (a – g).  
X = 0 @ start of section, Y = 0 at left shoulder. Distance 100 – 200 feet for all seven tests.

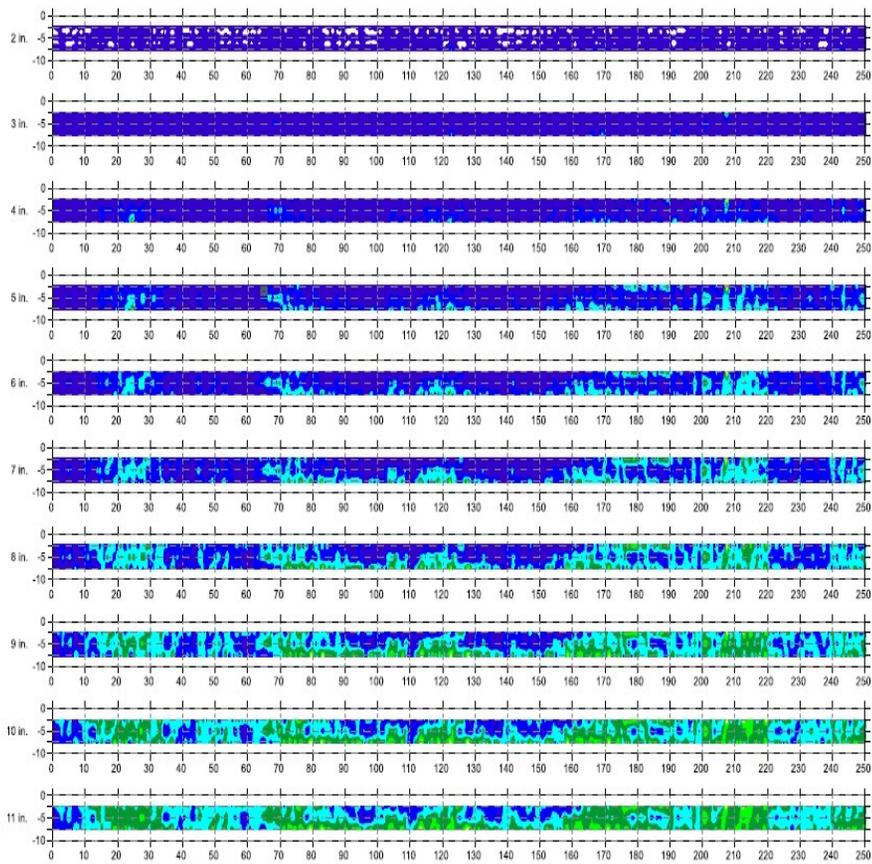


# SASW Conclusions

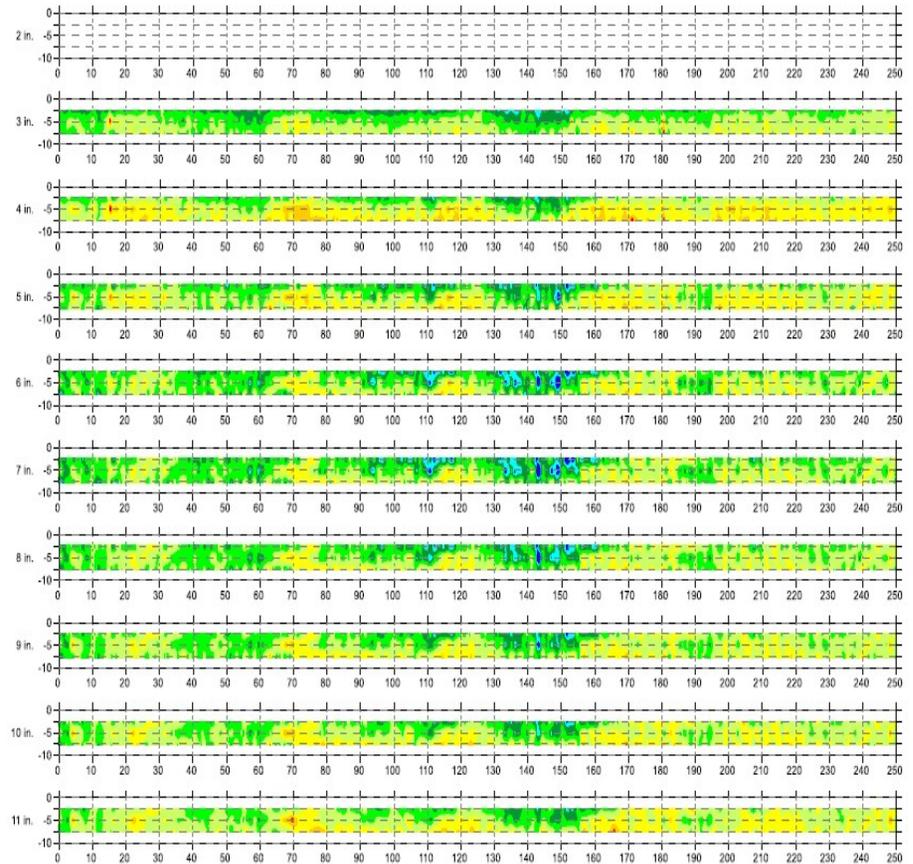
- Good repeatability of trends were found for both similar temperatures and with different temperatures
- At high temperatures (130+ F) degradation of <2 inches existed, however, data was much better than expected
- Absolute velocity values changed with temperature, but percentage change in velocity with damage was similar



# SASW Example of Results



Thursday Test A SW: 7:30 AM - 8:00 AM, 77.0 ° - 84.1° F



Thursday Test C SW: 12:25 PM - 12:55 PM, 130+ °

# NMDOT Experience

- 1000 ft. line ~ 20 min.
- 1000 ft. segment ~ 2 hrs.
- Still much faster than PSPA!
- Analysis software in progress...



# Core Comparison

Core #	IE/SASW condition	Depth to Delamination	Core Condition	Depth to Delamination	Accuracy
3	Good, full depth	NA	Visible strip	6	Incorrect
4	Fair to Poor	4	Debonding	5	Correct, close
5	Good to fair	4.5	Visible strip + horizontal crack	4.5	Correct, exact
6	Good to fair	4	Debonding	5.5	Correct, close
7	Good to fair	4	Debonding	4.75	Correct, close
8	Good, full depth	NA	Visible strip	3	Incorrect



# Core Comparison District 3

Core #	IE/SASW condition	Depth to Delamination	Core Condition	Depth to Delamination	Accuracy
15	Good, full depth	NA	Debonding	8	Incorrect
16	Good, full depth	NA	Visible strip	4	Incorrect



# Core Conclusions

- All the visible stripping only cores without cracks were missed
- The deeper debonding was not picked up, otherwise all debonding was found and thicknesses reasonably close
- Did not seem to have an issues with the open graded friction course





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## Texas DOT Evaluation

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# SASW/IE Test Location



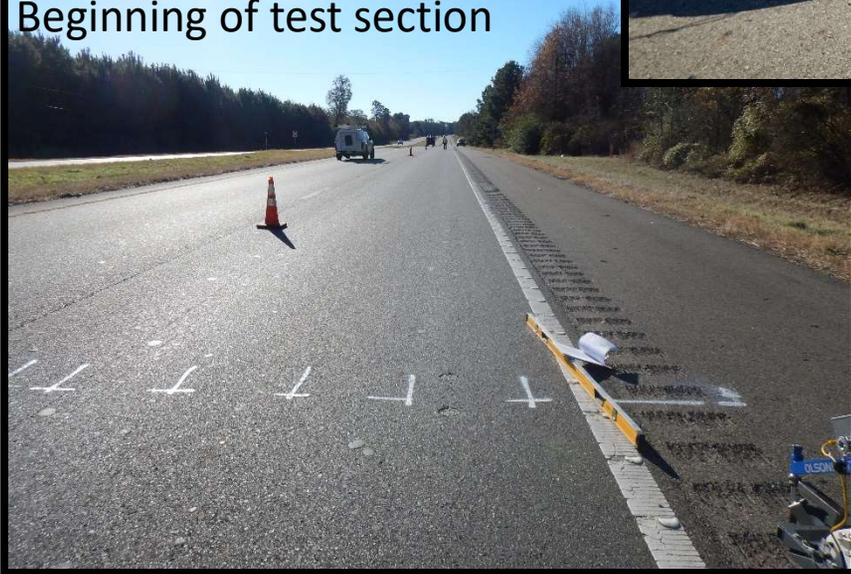
US 59

From Marion/Harrison County line to FM 1997



# SASW/IE – US 59

SBOL Looking South  
Beginning of test section



SBOL Looking North  
~middle of test section



# SASW/IE Testing US 59

- 1000' test Section
- 6 Scan Lines
  - At 1', 3', 5', 7' 9' and 10' measured from white edge line.
- Testing Time was ~2 hours.
- Pavement Surface temperature ~50°F



# Impact Echo (IE) Test Results US 59

- Impact Echo (IE) Test Results
  - Test every 6 inches resulting in ~12,000 tests for the 6000 LF tested (1000' test section with 6 locations)
  - IE velocity of 8,000 ft/sec used for thickness values
  - Yellow and red areas are potential deteriorated areas

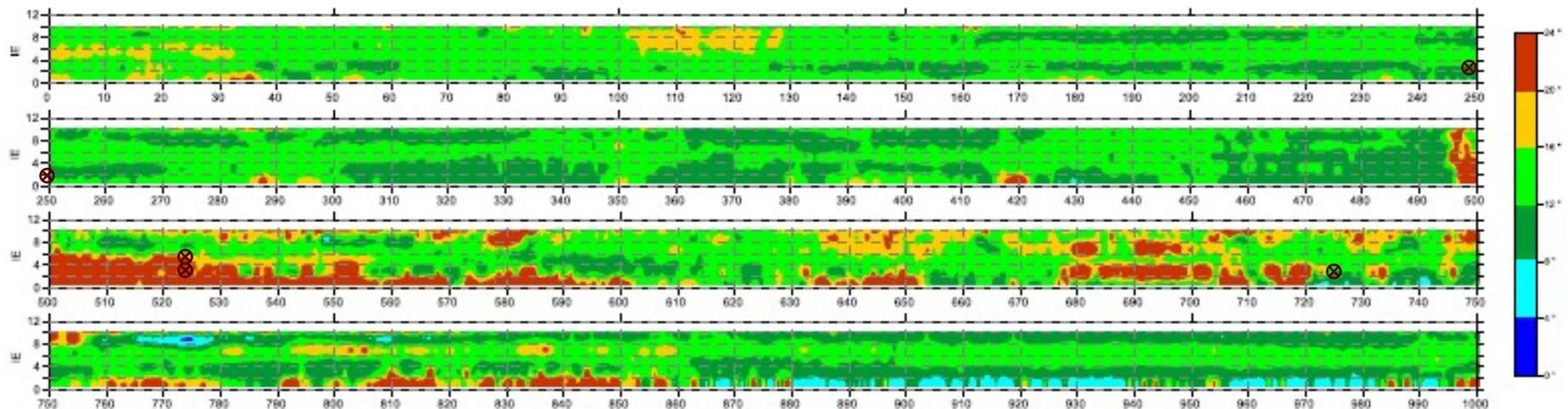


Figure A1: IE Results, Highway 59 SB Right Lane. X = 0 @ start of section, Y = 0 at right shoulder.

⊗ Core Locations

# Spectral Analysis of Surface Waves (SASW) Test Results - US 59

- Test every 6 inches
  - ~12,000 tests for the 6000 LF tested
- Based on velocity profile with depth at each location.
  - Drop in velocity at depth of the degradation. Larger velocity drop indicates worse conditions.
- Velocity scale
- The SASW test results are presented 3 separate ways:
  - 1st as absolute velocity
  - 2nd as normalized velocity (percentage)
  - 3rd as changes in normalized velocity between depths.

# SASW Test Results – Absolute Velocity

## US 59

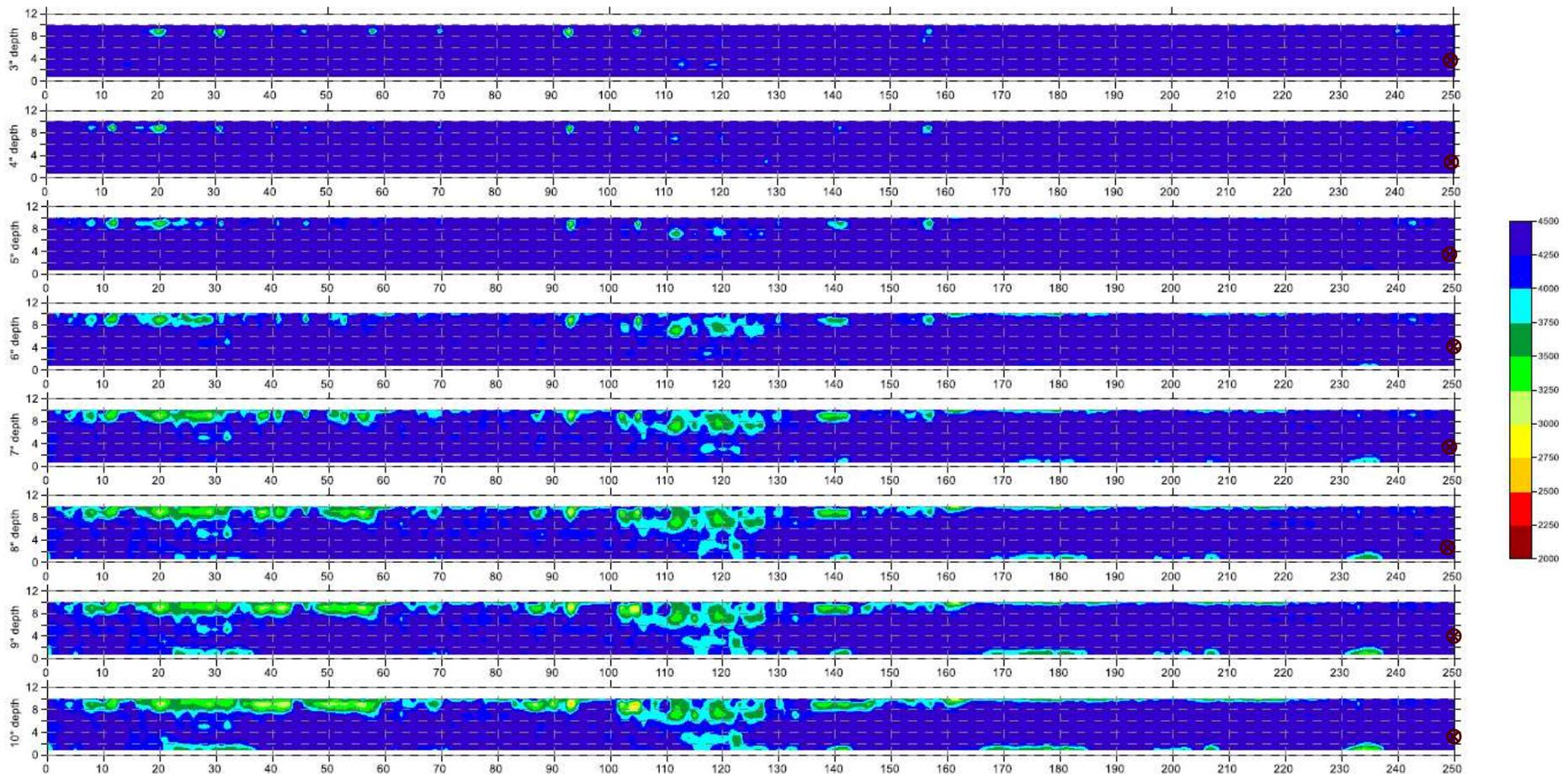


Figure B1: SASW Results, Absolute Velocity, Highway 59 SB, Right Lane. X = 0 @ start of section, Y = 0 at right shoulder. Distance 0 – 250 feet.

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# SASW Test Results – Absolute Velocity

## US 59

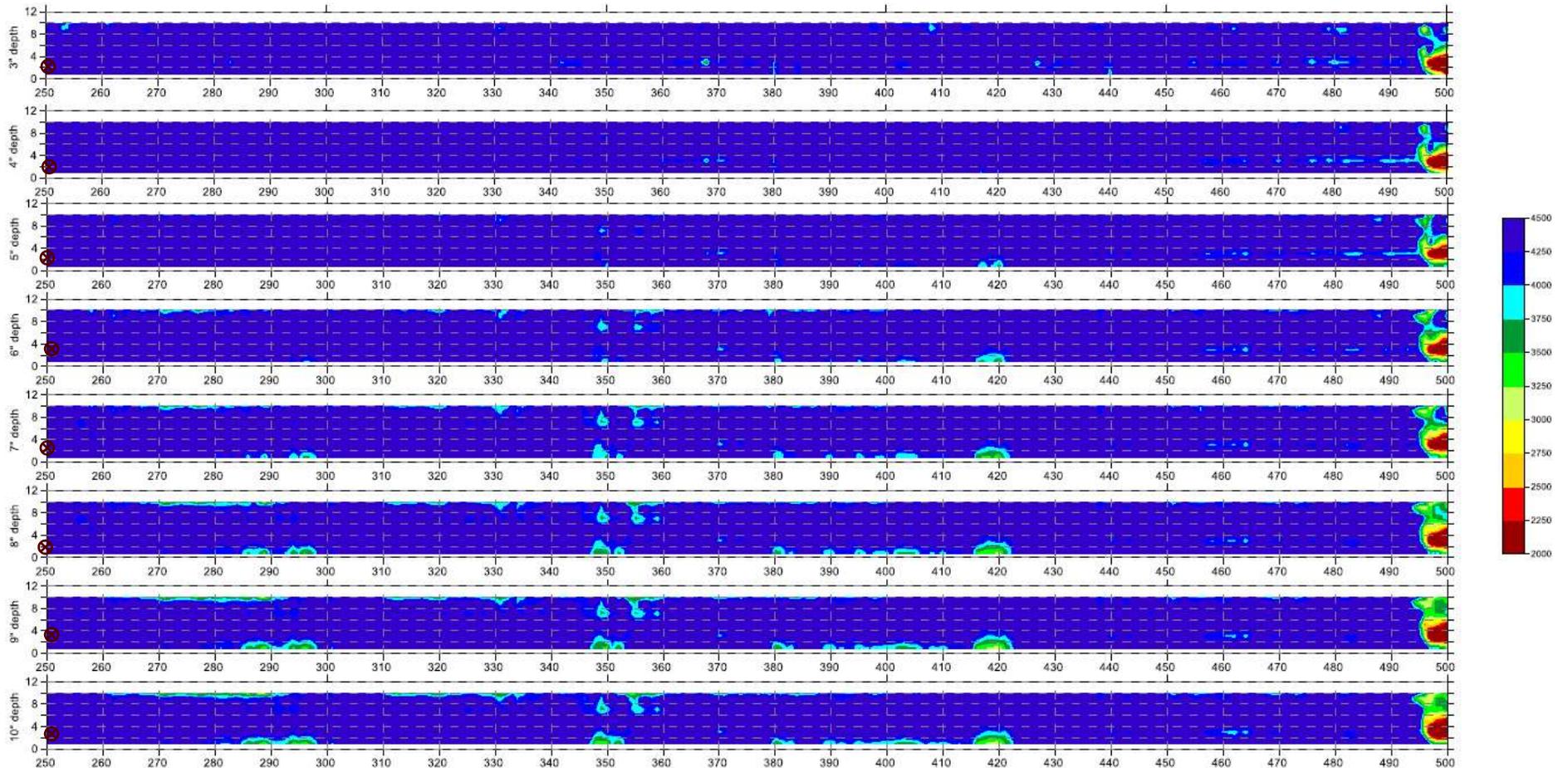


Figure B2: SASW Results, Absolute Velocity, Highway 59 SB, Right Lane. X = 0 @ start of section, Y = 0 at right shoulder. Distance 250 – 500 feet.

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# SASW Test Results – Absolute Velocity

## US 59

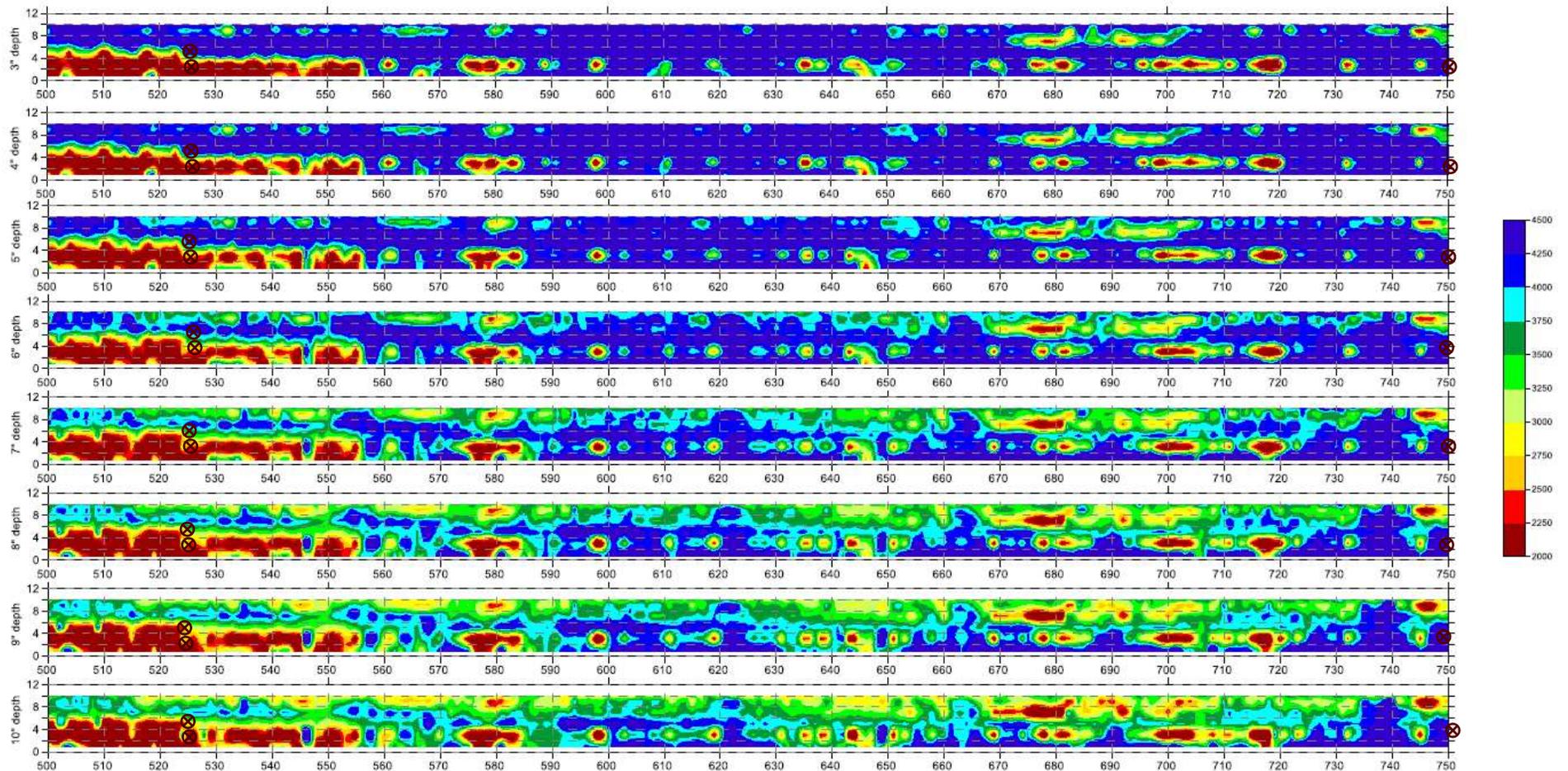


Figure B3: SASW Results, Absolute Velocity, Highway 59 SB, Right Lane. X = 0 @ start of section, Y = 0 at right shoulder. Distance 500 – 750 feet.

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# SASW Test Results – Absolute Velocity

## US 59

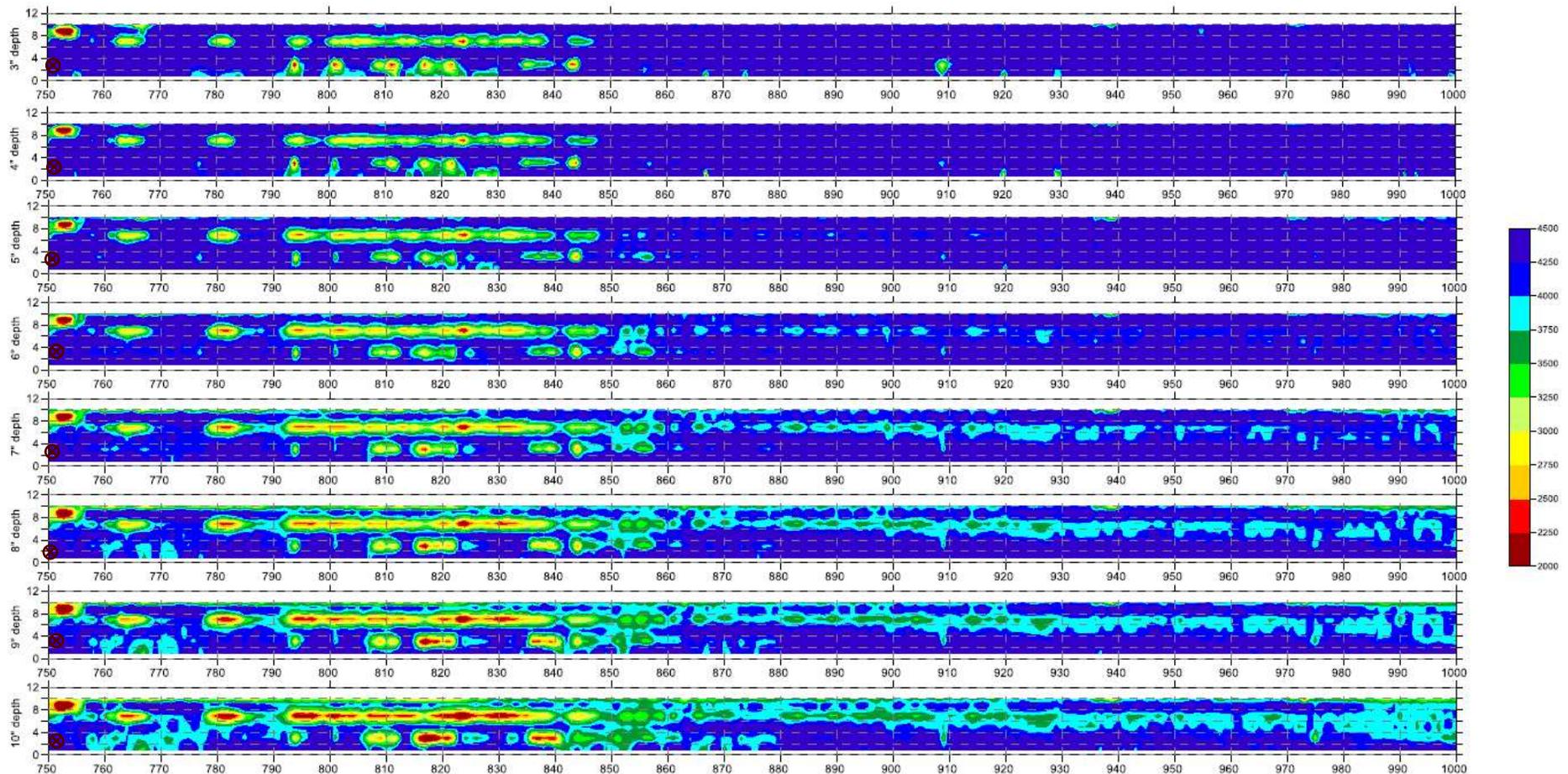
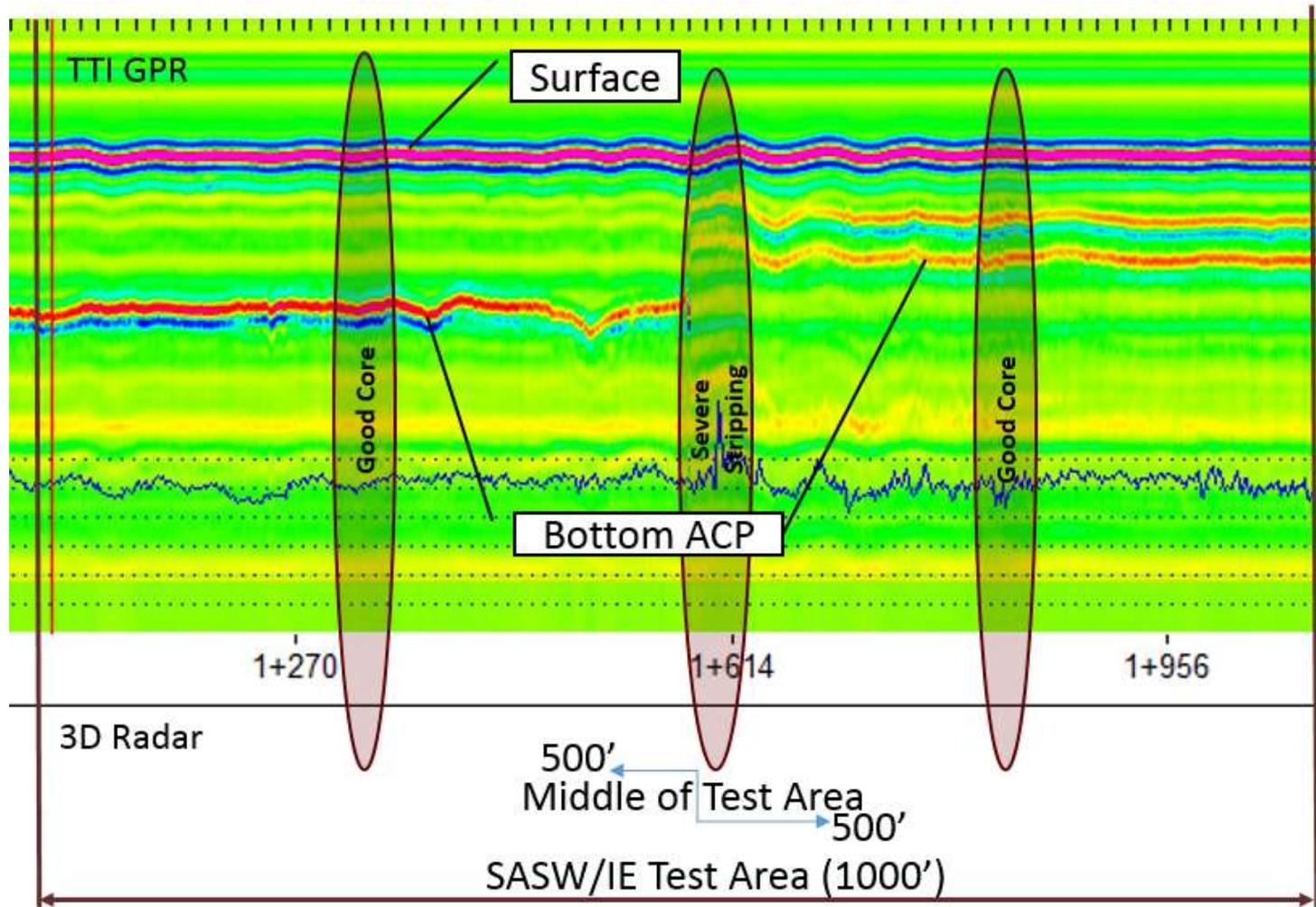


Figure B4: SASW Results, Absolute Velocity, Highway 59 SB, Right Lane. X = 0 @ start of section, Y = 0 at right shoulder. Distance 750 – 1000 feet.

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# SASW/IE – US 59 Test Area



# Spectral Analysis of Surface Waves (SASW) Test Results - US 59

Distance from Start (ft)	Effected Portion of Lane	Pavement Condition	Approximate Depth of Degradation (in)	Notes
100 - 130	Full Width	Fair	6	
495 - 850	Full Width	Fair to Poor	<3 - 7	Some areas are degraded extensively near the surface (<3"), other areas have moderate degradation starting at depths of 6" - 8".
10 - 60	Left Half of Lane	Poor	7	
130 - 165	Left Half of Lane	Fair	8	
850 - 1000	Left Half of Lane	Fair	7	

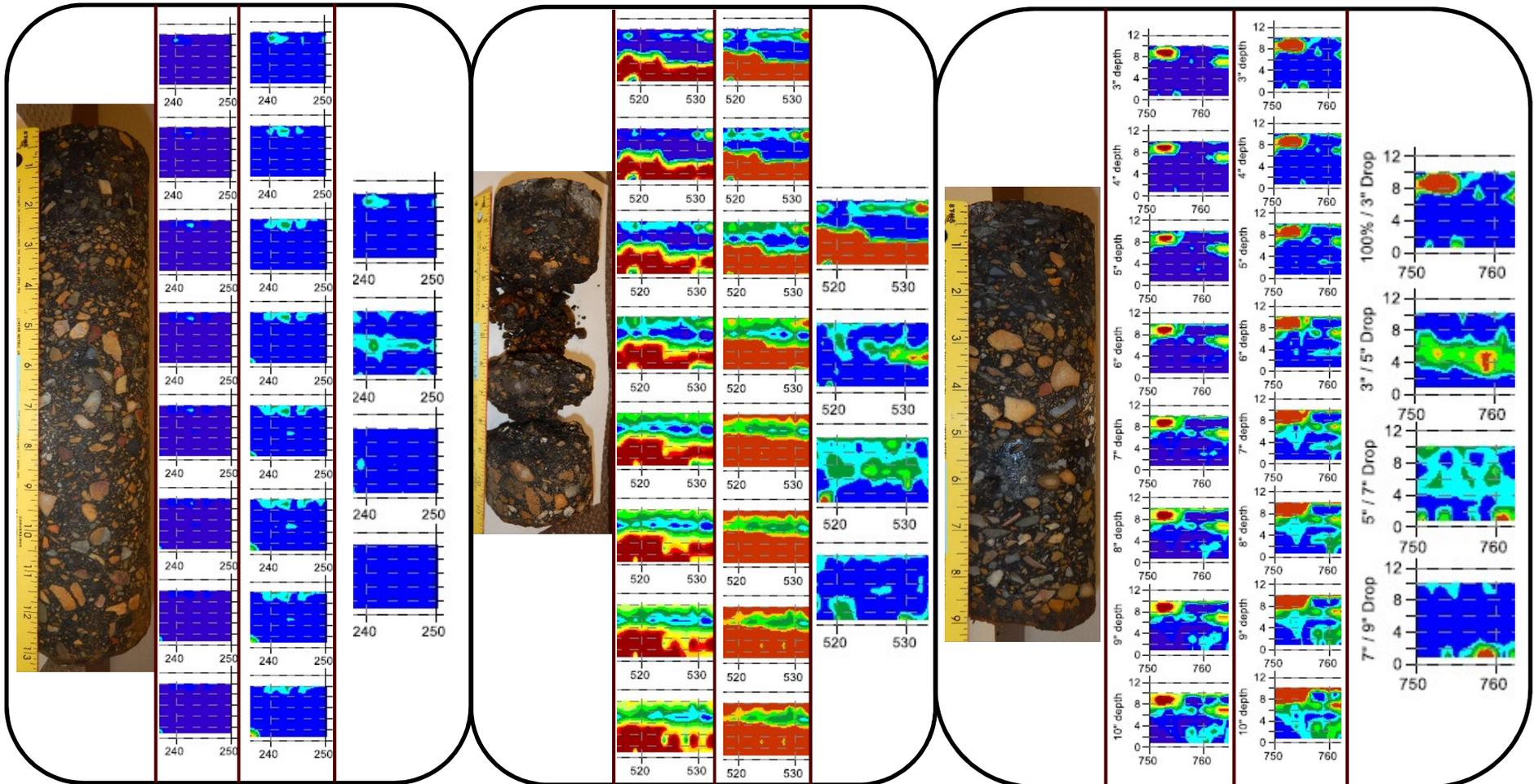
Core #	Distance from Start (ft)	Expected Condition	Depth of Deterioration (inches)	Notes
1	250	Good Condition, Full Depth	NA	
2	525	Poor Condition	<3 to 7"	Core on borderline regarding depth to degradation, possibly near surface, possibly 6-7" deep
3	750	Fair Condition	7"	Core on borderline of Poor Condition near surface and Fair condition at 7" deep





# SASW Analysis at Cores US 59

Analysis - Left is Absolute Velocity, Middle is Normalized Velocity and Right is Normalized Depth-Difference



# SASW/IE Olson Engineering Report

- Information from Olson Engineering Report (IE)
  - The IE test method does not provide a measure of the level of degradation, only an indication if degradation is present or not in the form of a resonance echo outside the expected range.
    - The IE method is considered sub-optimal on asphalt surfaces due to the difficulty exciting the necessary frequency range.
  - There appears to be good correlation between the IE and SASW test results.

# SASW/IE Olson Engineering Report

- Information from Olson Engineering Report (SASW)
  - There is extensive degradation of the tested area particularly between distances 495 – 850 feet.
  - All three presentation methods show the same general results.
  - It is likely that the normalized velocity method will allow users to become more comfortable with interpretation by removing the variable of temperature effects from the interpretation and allowing users to observe velocity changes on a percentage basis.
  - The difference maps help determine the depth range of deterioration.
  - Beyond the first significant poor layer (velocity drop) the SASW data becomes less definitive as the poor layer will affect the “appearance” of everything below it.



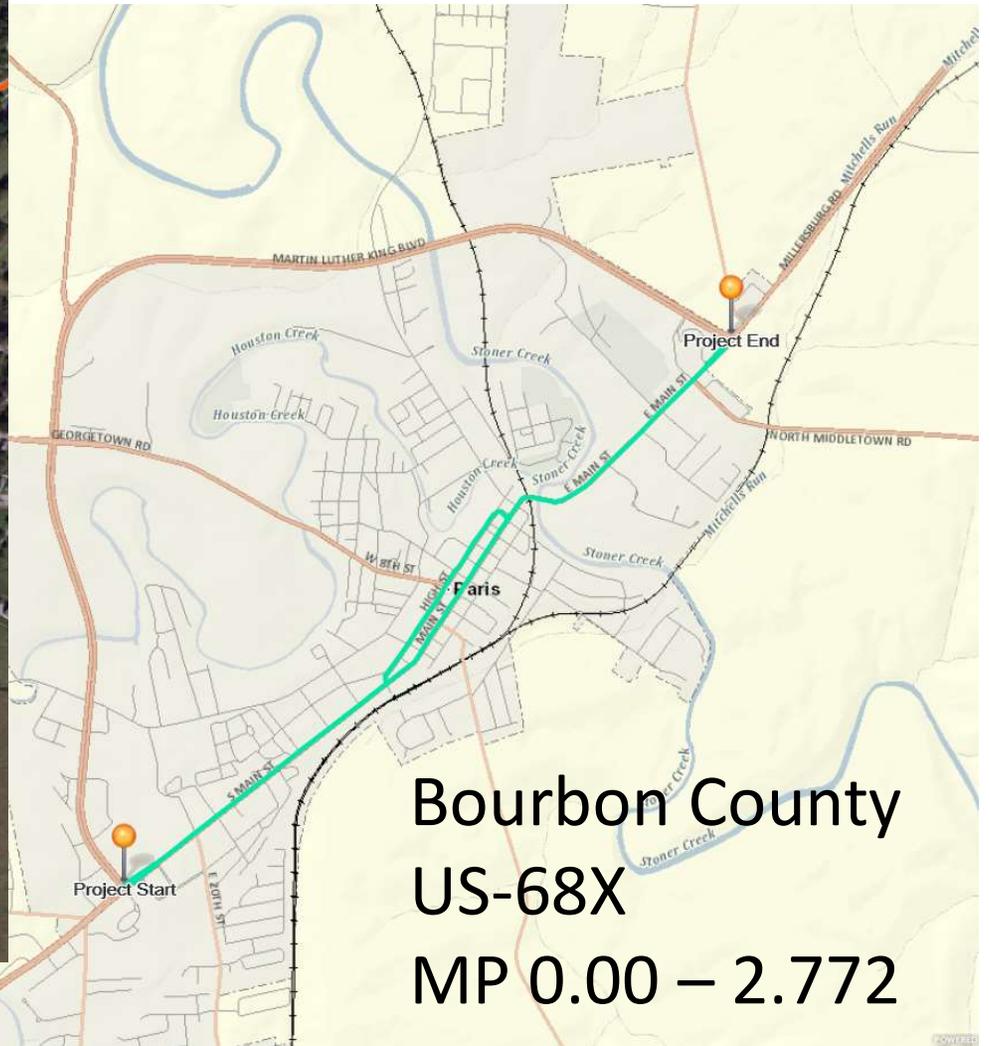
# Advanced Methods to Identify Asphalt Pavement Delamination--R06D SASW and IE Evaluation on Kentucky Sites

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# Project Location



# US Highway 68 WB Left Lane PARIS, KENTUCKY

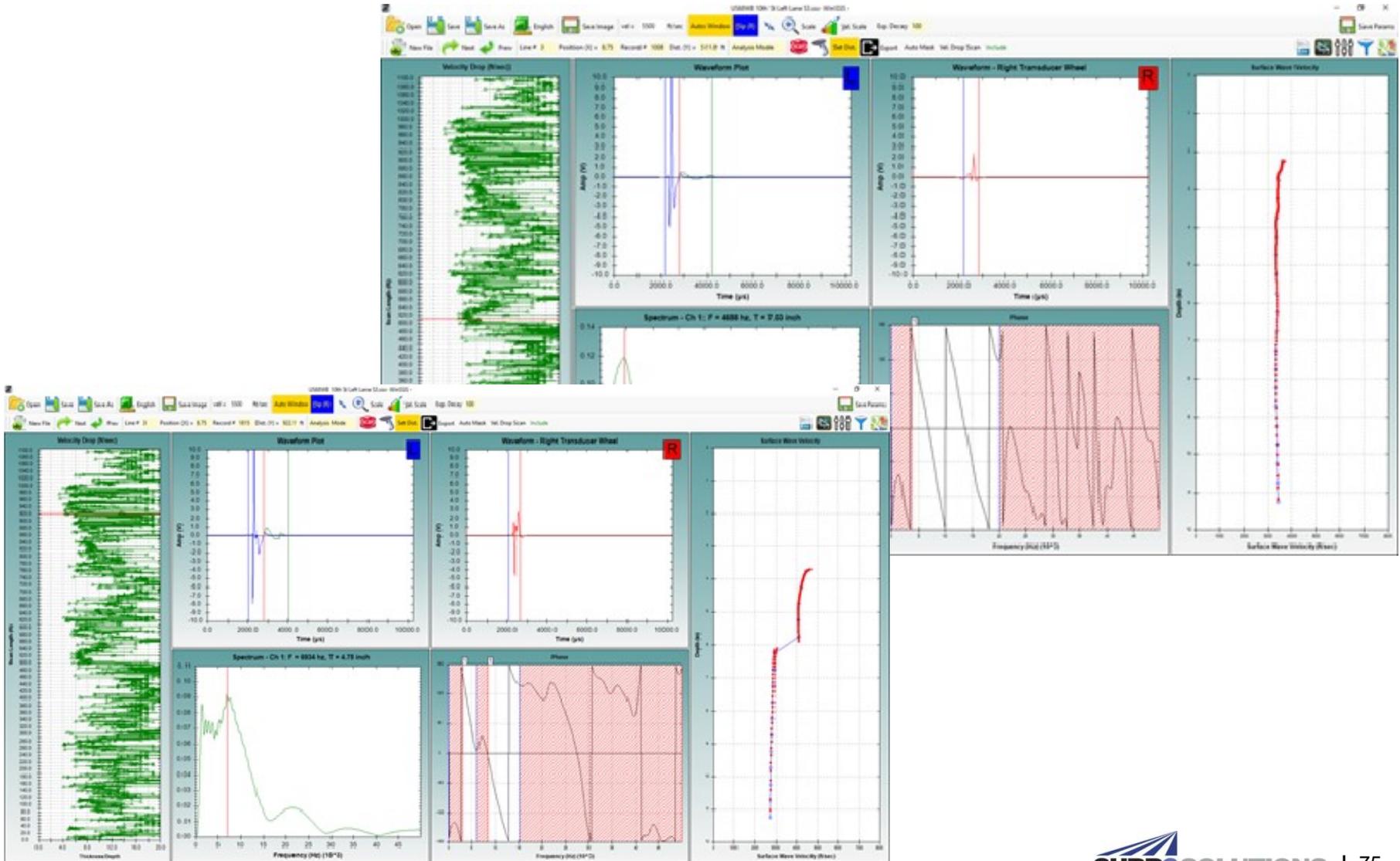


Segment	Length (ft)	# Test Lines	Linear Feet	Temperature Range Shaded Areas (F)	Temperature Range Sunny Areas (F)
1	361	3	1,083	65	80 - 90
2	537	3	1,611	72	93 - 101
3	1,105	3	3,315	75	90 - 104
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>6,009</b>		

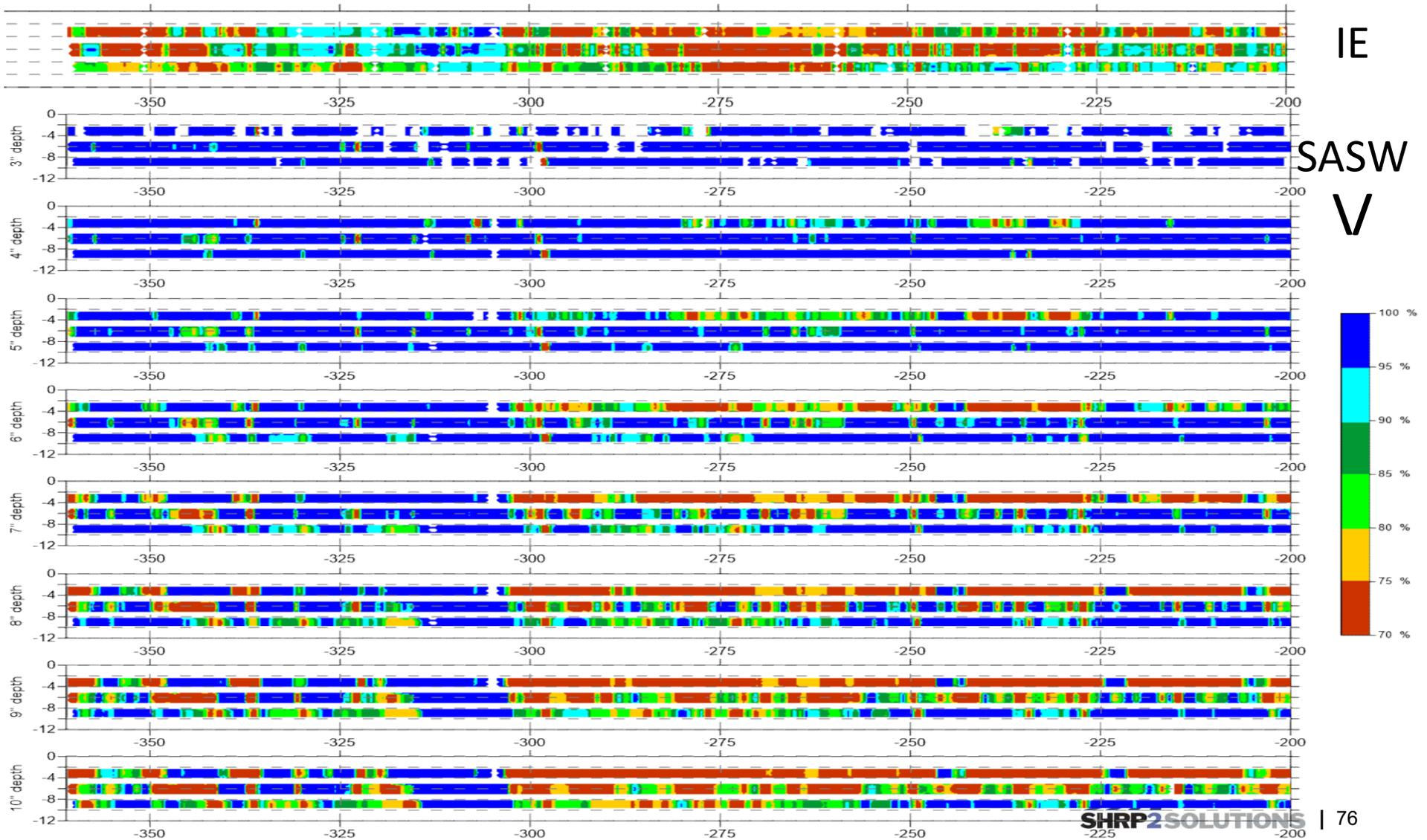
# SASW/IE & GPR



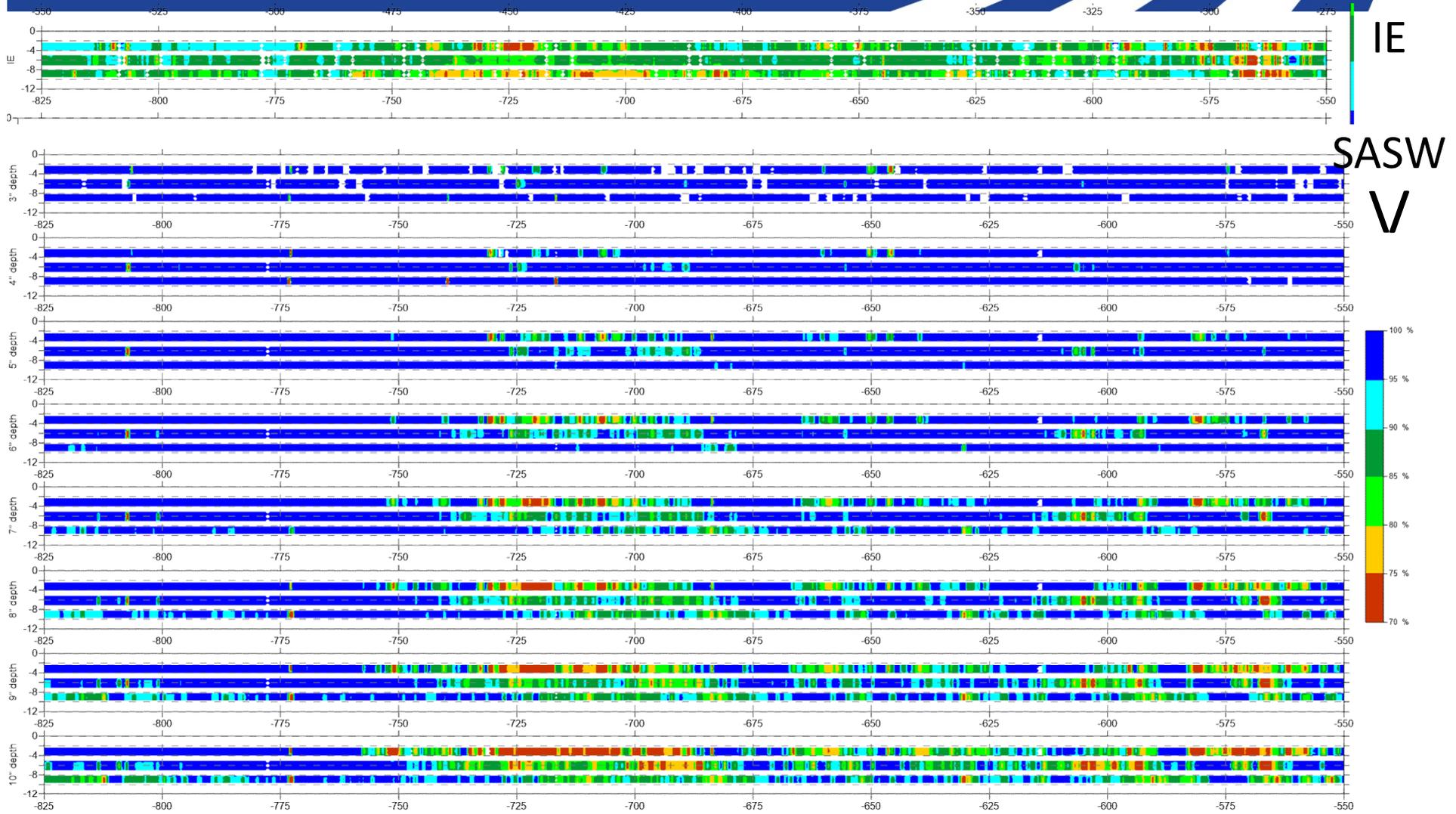
# Onsite Olson Display



# Section 1 (200-360 ft)

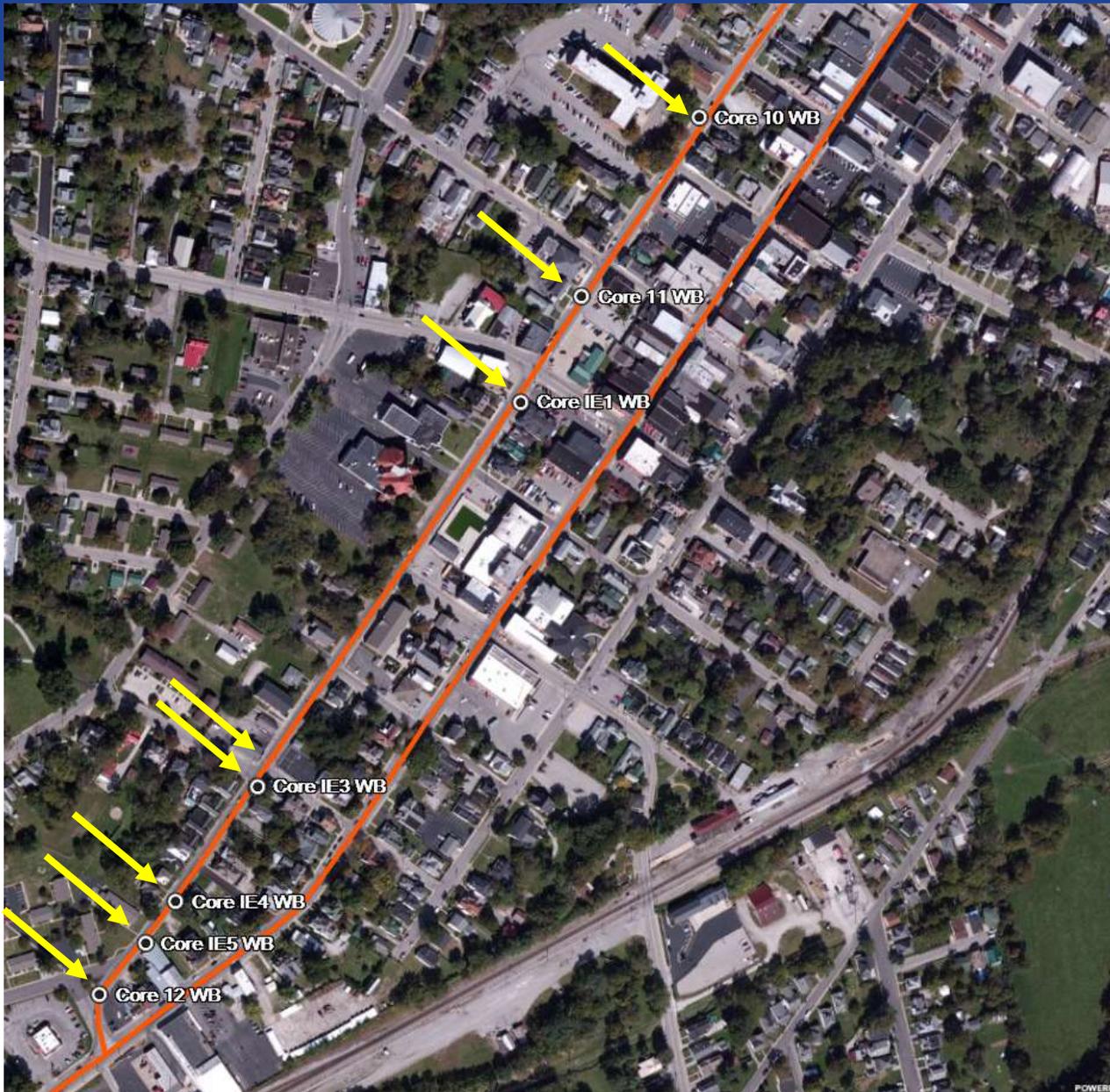


# Section 3 (550-825 ft)



Segment	Distance Range (ft)	Area	Condition	Depth of Deterioration (in)	Notes
1	20 - 45	Full Lane	Poor	5-6	
1	85 - 140	LWP	Poor	6	Intermittent
1	155 - 200	RWP	Poor	5 - 6	Intermittent
1	175 - 190	LWD	Fair	8	
1	190 - 200	Center	Poor	<3	
1	200 - 305	Full Lane	Poor	5	Worst in RWP
1	335 - 360	Full Lane	Fair	6	Intermittent
2	25 - 225	Full Lane	Fair	5	Intermittent (some Poor areas)
2	260 - 270	Full Lane	Poor	5	
2	300 - 375	Full Lane	Fair	5	
2	375 - 430	RWP	Poor	4	
2	470 - 530	Center	Poor	4	
3	20 - 105	Full Lane	Poor	5	
3	135 - 245	Full Lane	Fair	5	
3	295 - 400	RWP	Poor	6	
3	555 - 585	RWP	Fair	6	
3	685 - 735	RWP	Poor	5	
3	855 - 870	Center & RWP	Poor	4	
3	1025 - 1075	Full Lane	Poor	6	
3	1075 - 1105	RWP	Poor	6	

# Core Locations



# Cores taken day of field testing



IE-5

IE-4

IE-3

IE-2

IE-1



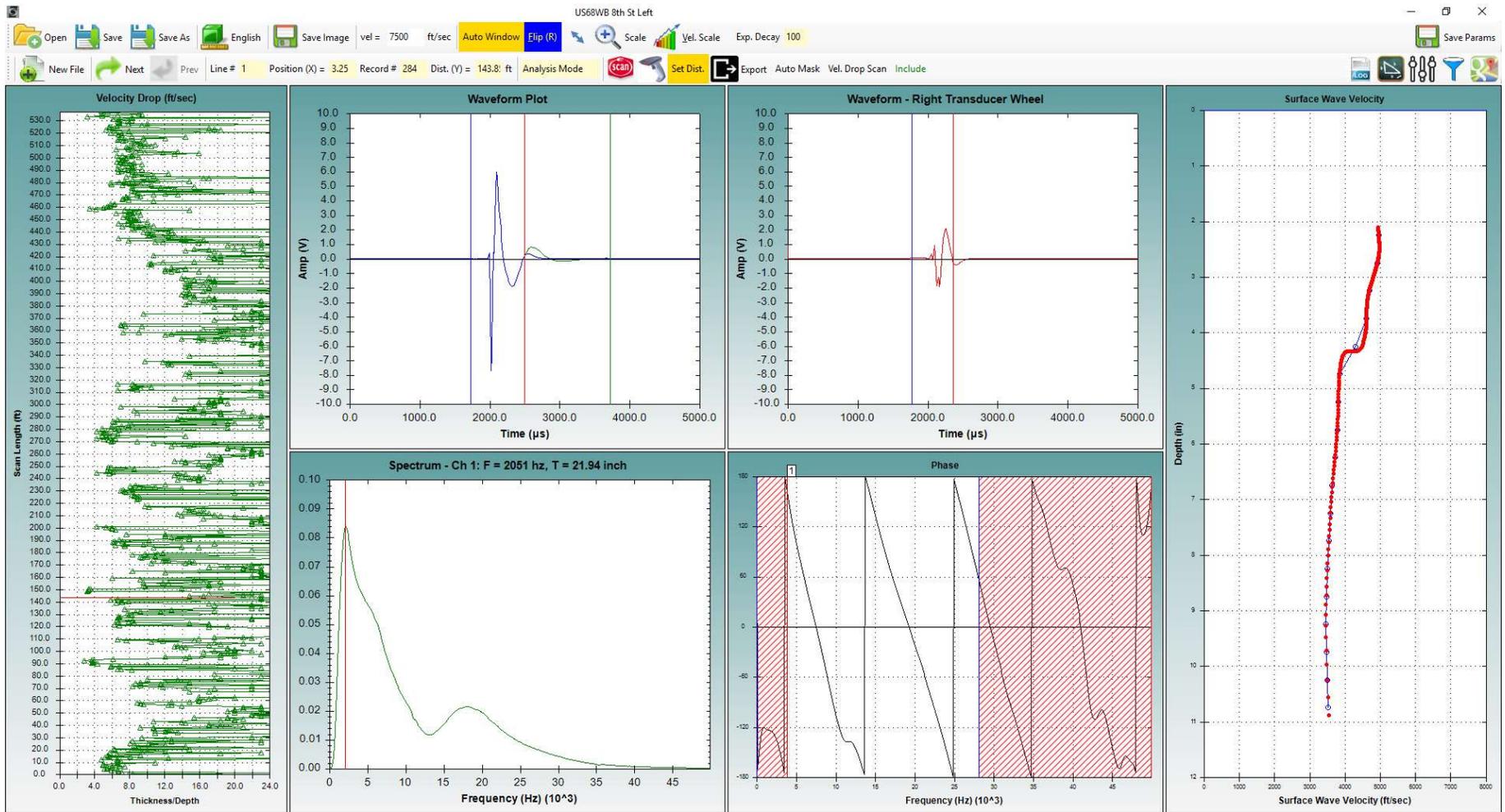
# Advanced Methods to Identify Asphalt Pavement Delamination--R06D Sonic Surface Scanner (S<sup>3</sup>) Advances

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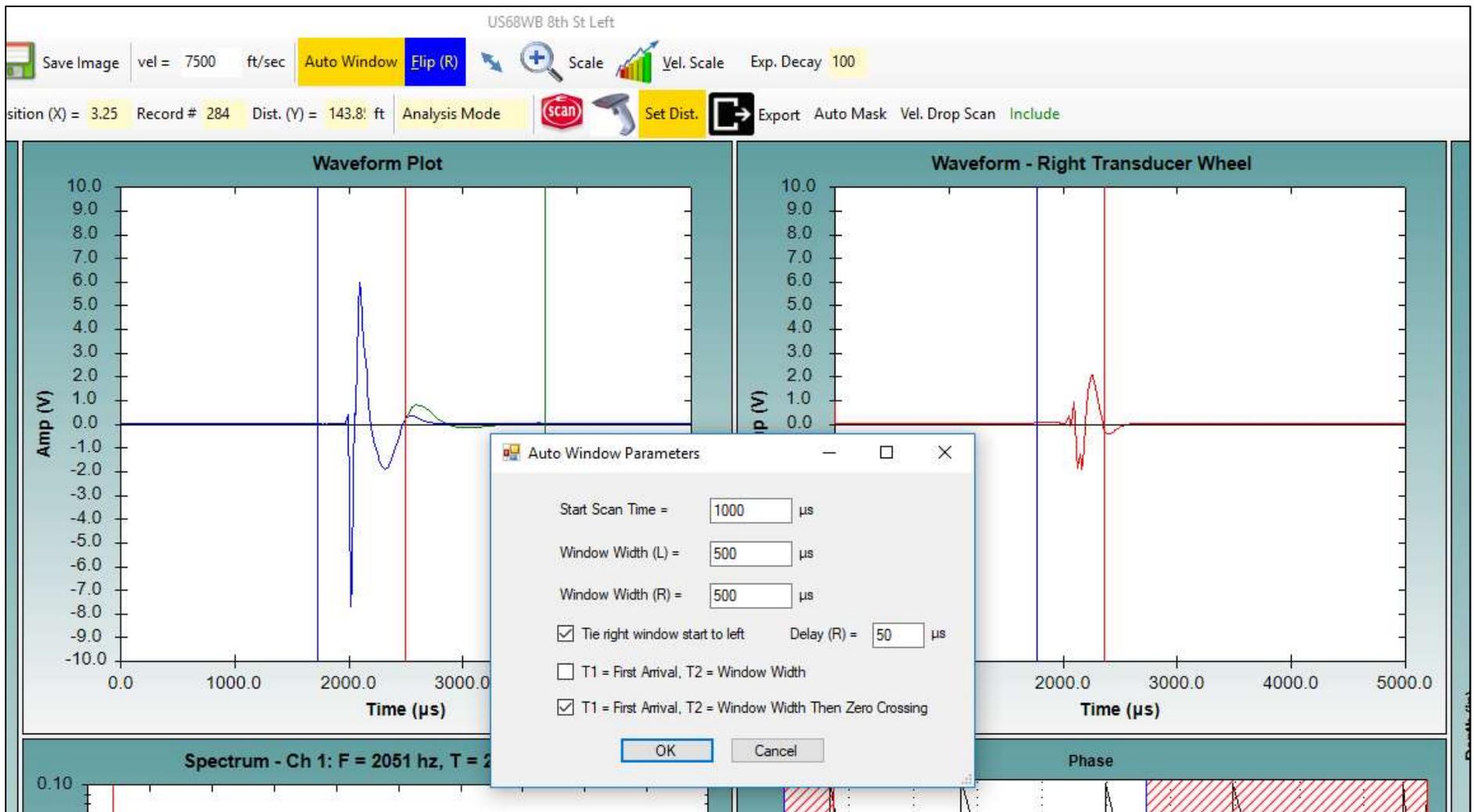
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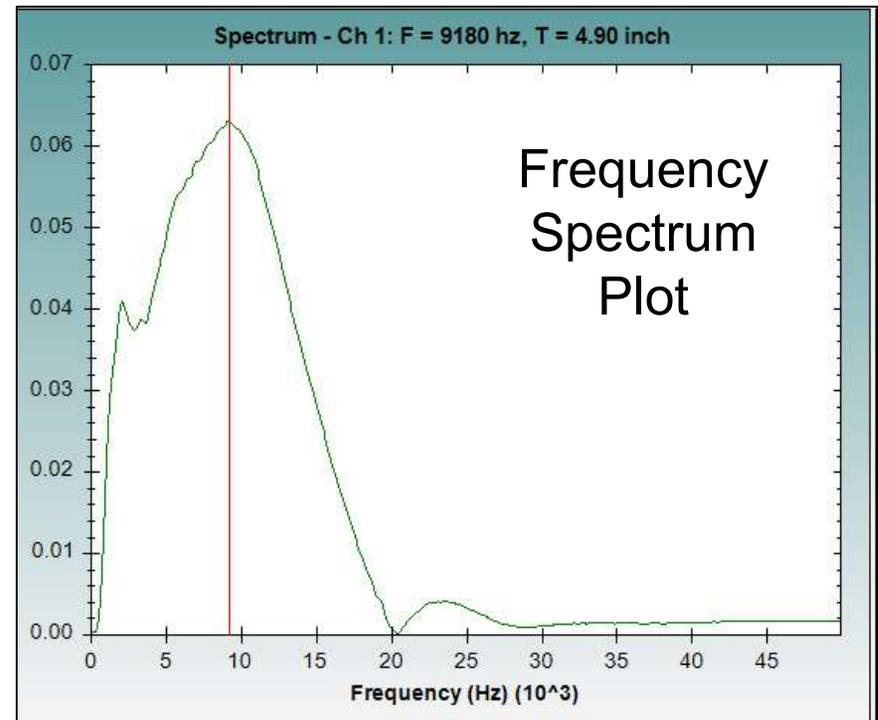
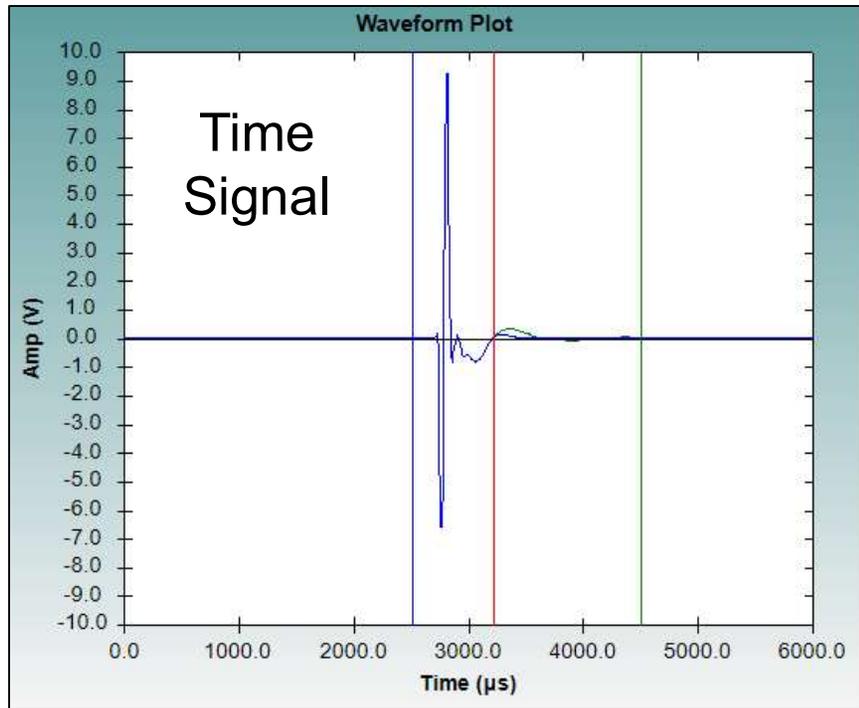
# Standard S<sup>3</sup> Data Analysis View



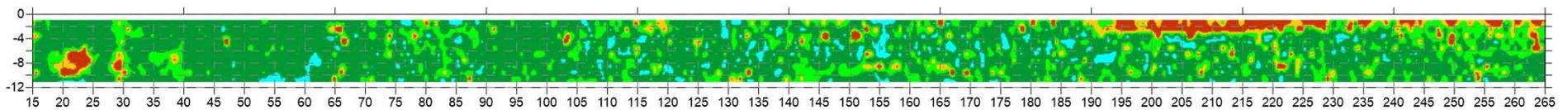
# Automated Time Windowing Options



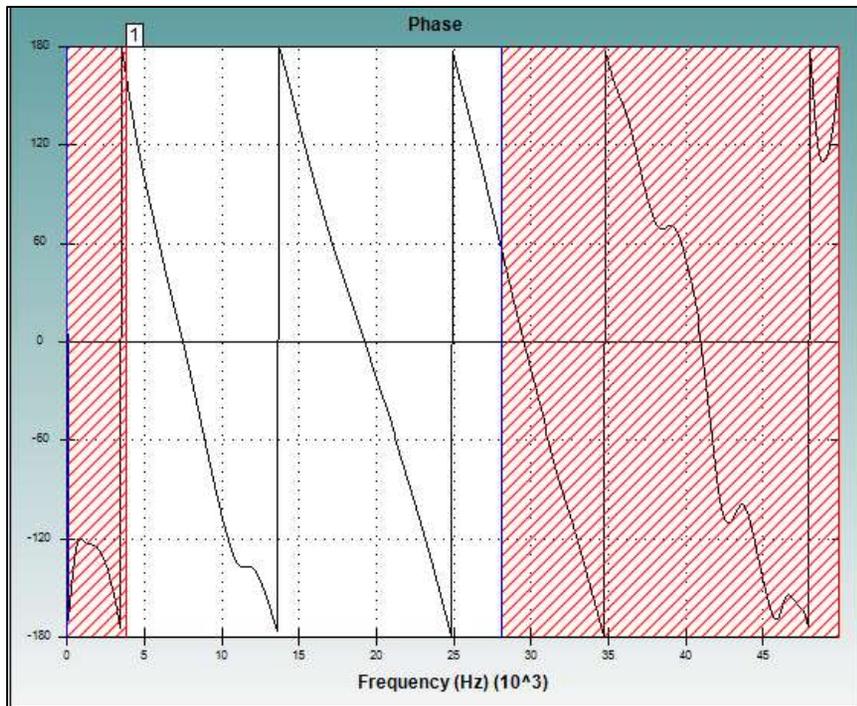
# Automated IE Analysis



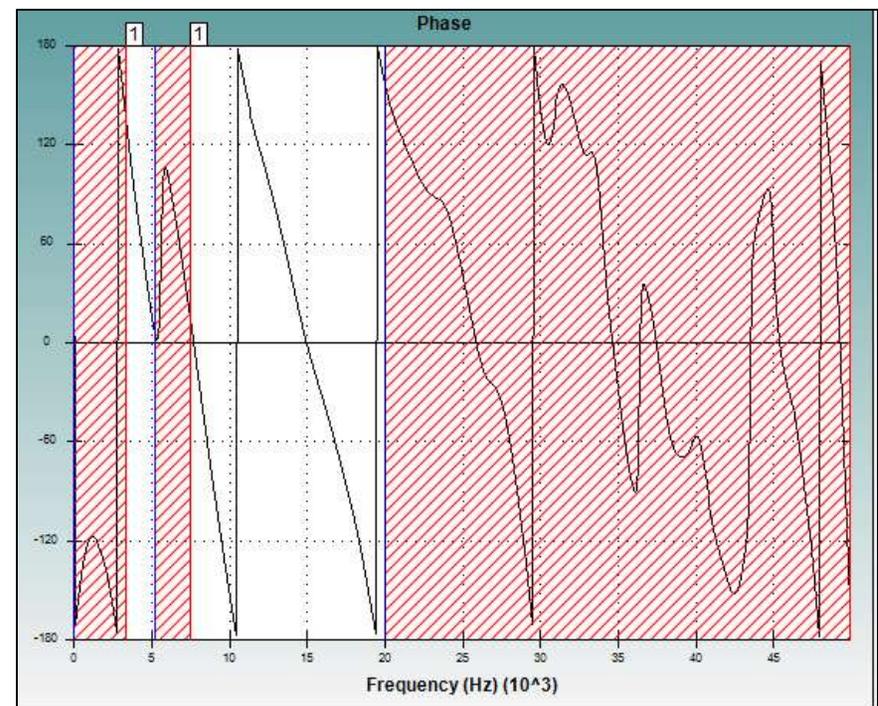
## IE NCAT Results Image



# Automated SASW Phase Masking



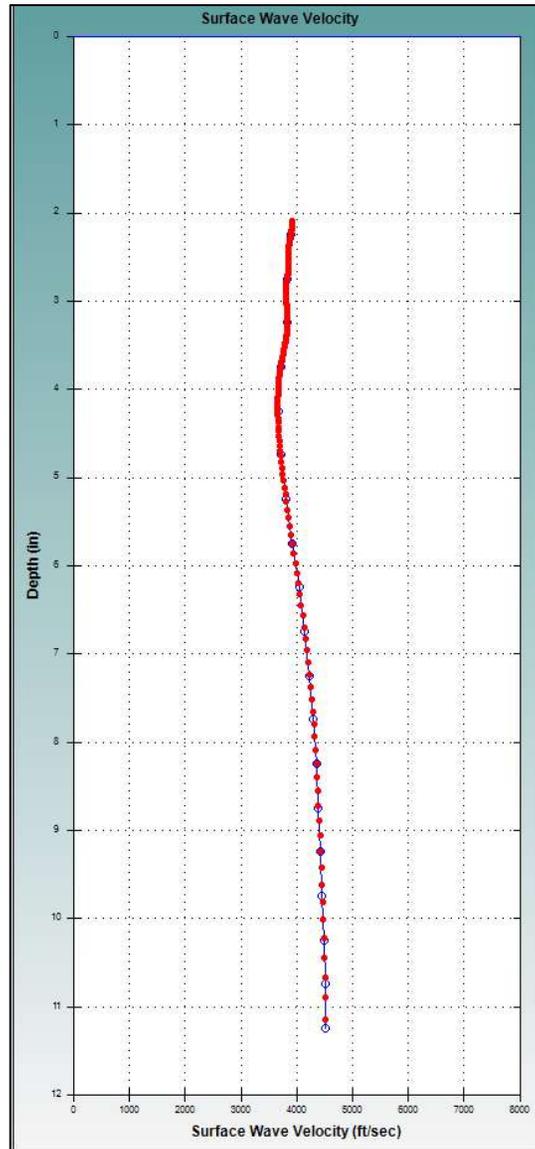
Automated Phase Analysis Works Well



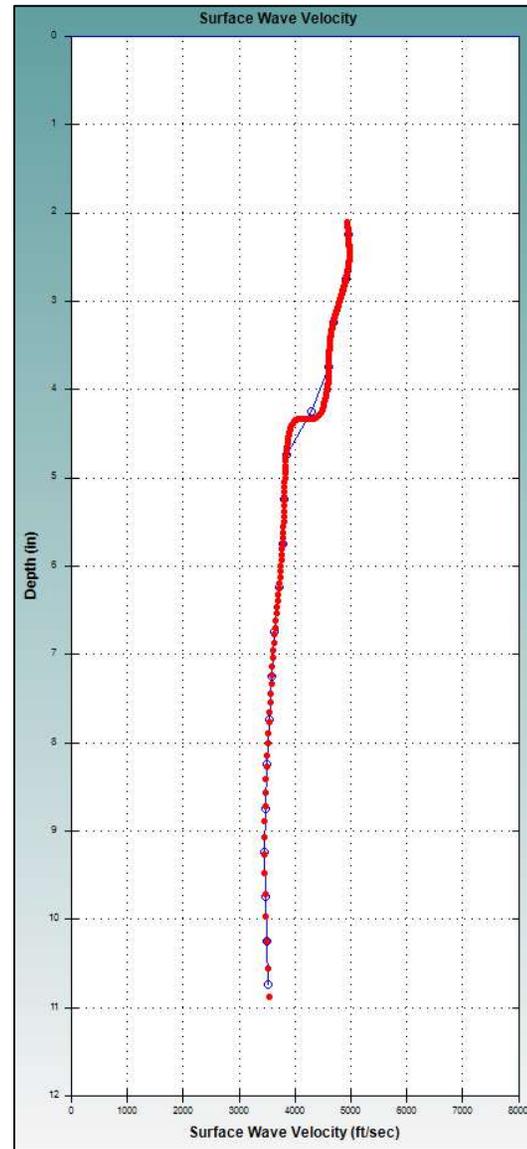
Additional Phase Mask added Manually

# Dispersion Curve Interval Averaging

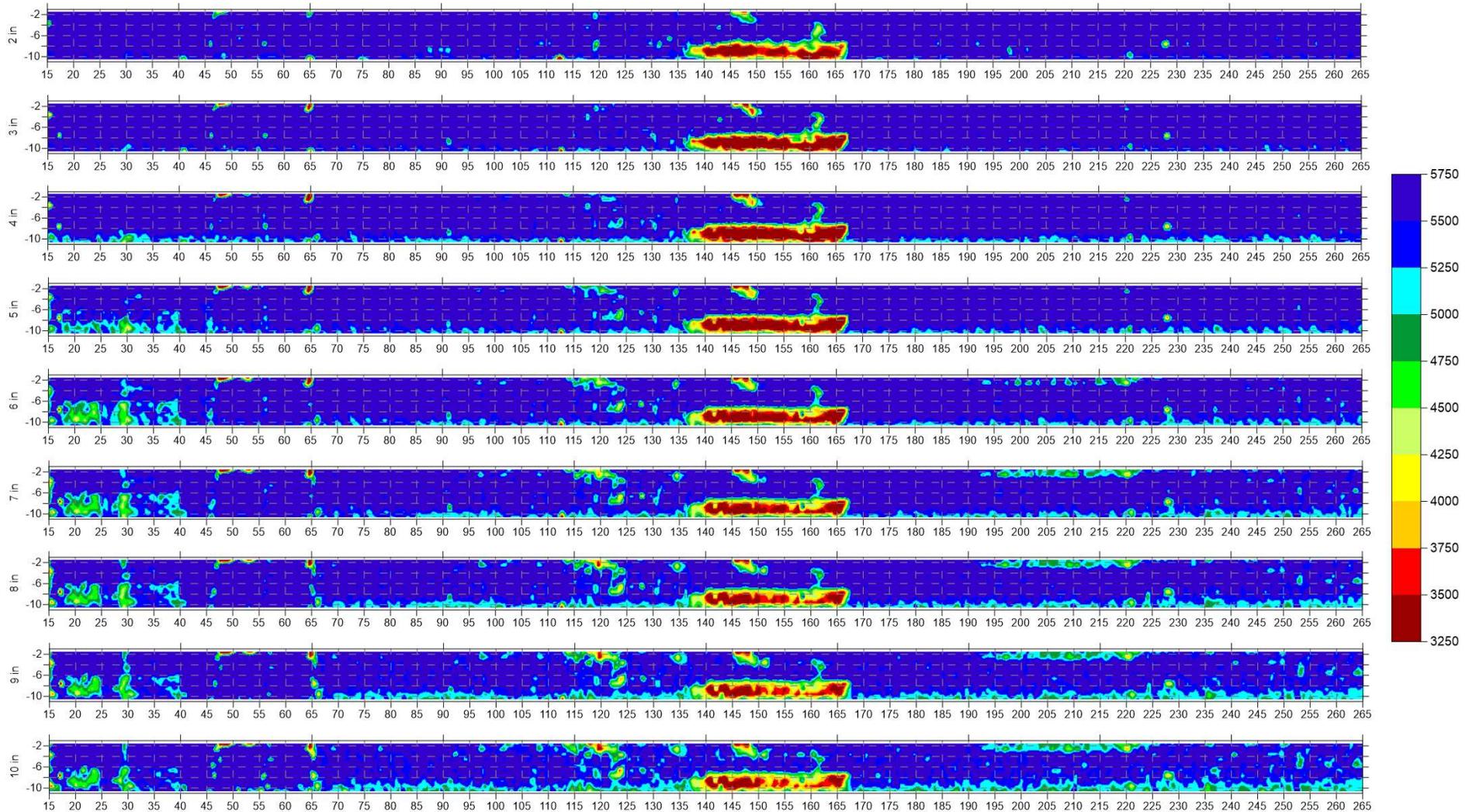
Good  
Condition  
Velocity vs  
Depth



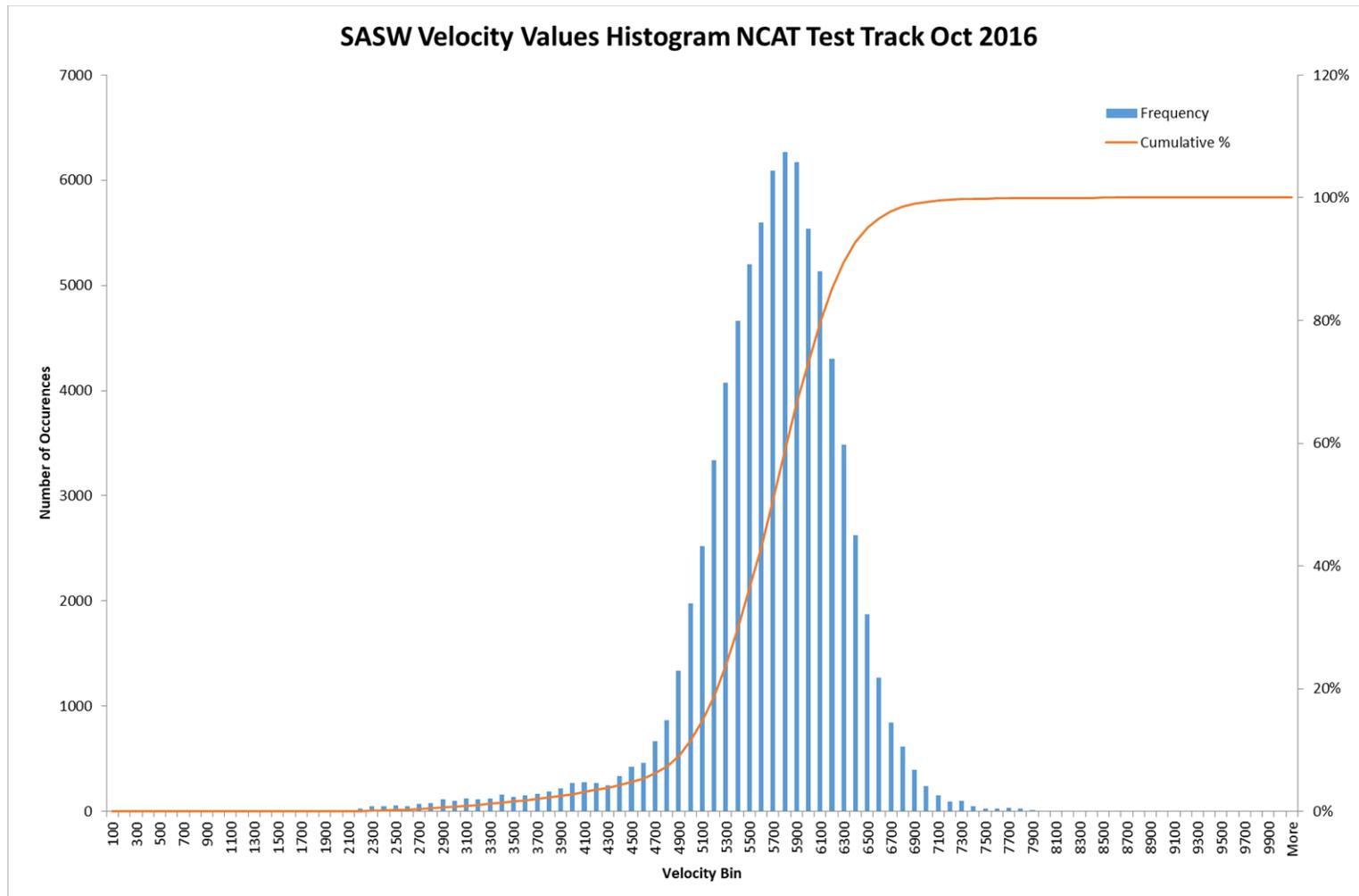
Fair  
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Velocity  
Drop @4.5"



# Surface Wave Velocity Slices View

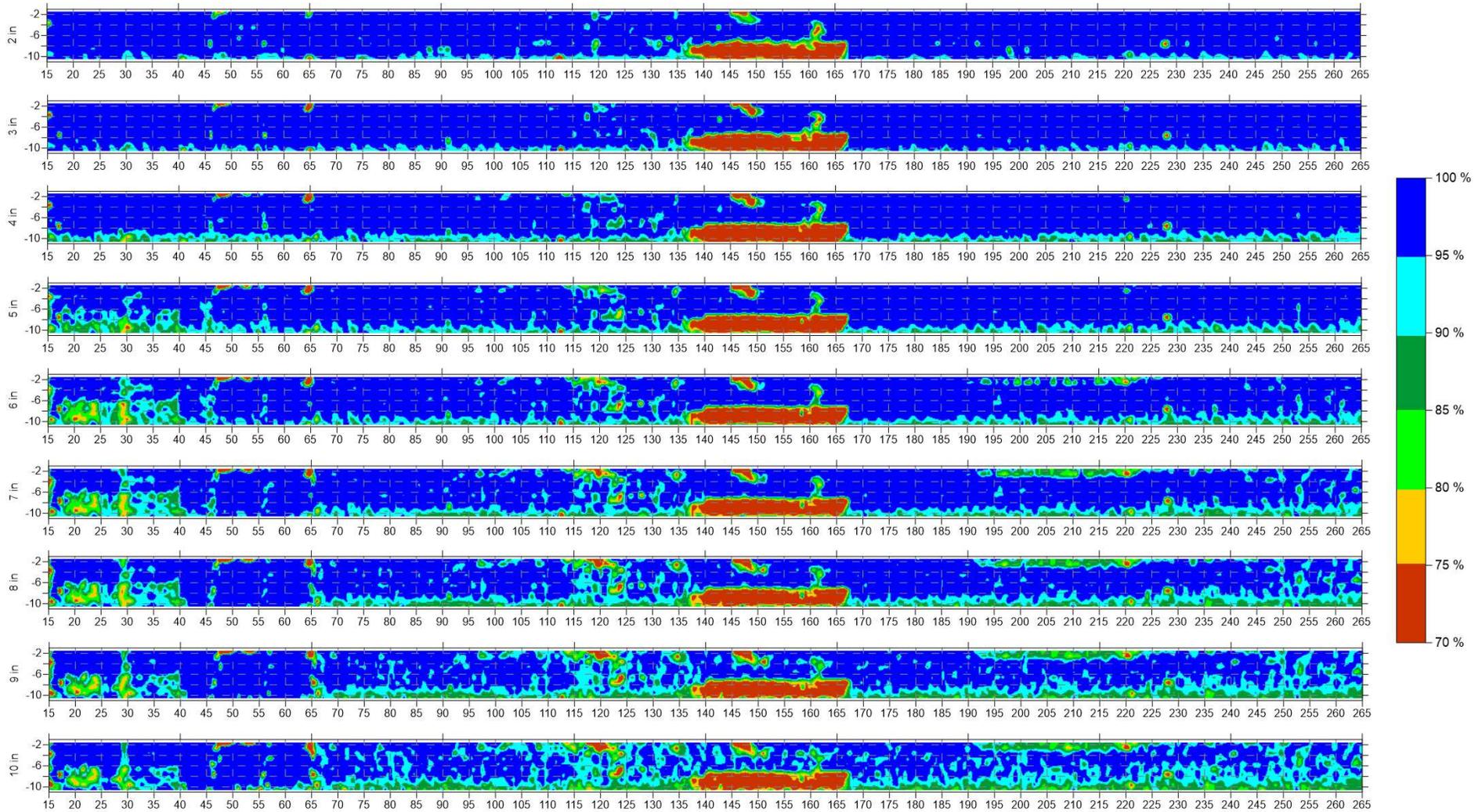


# Normalized Velocity Method

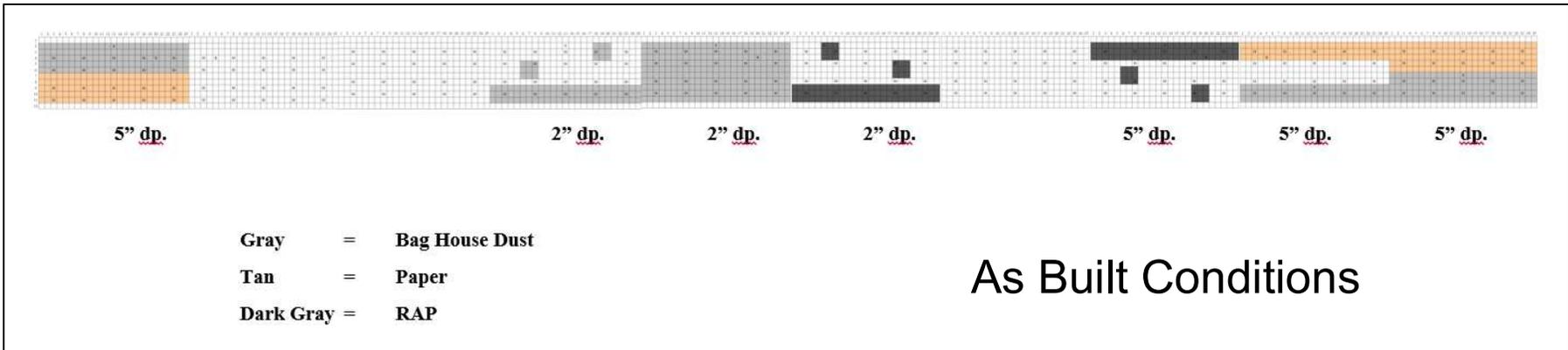
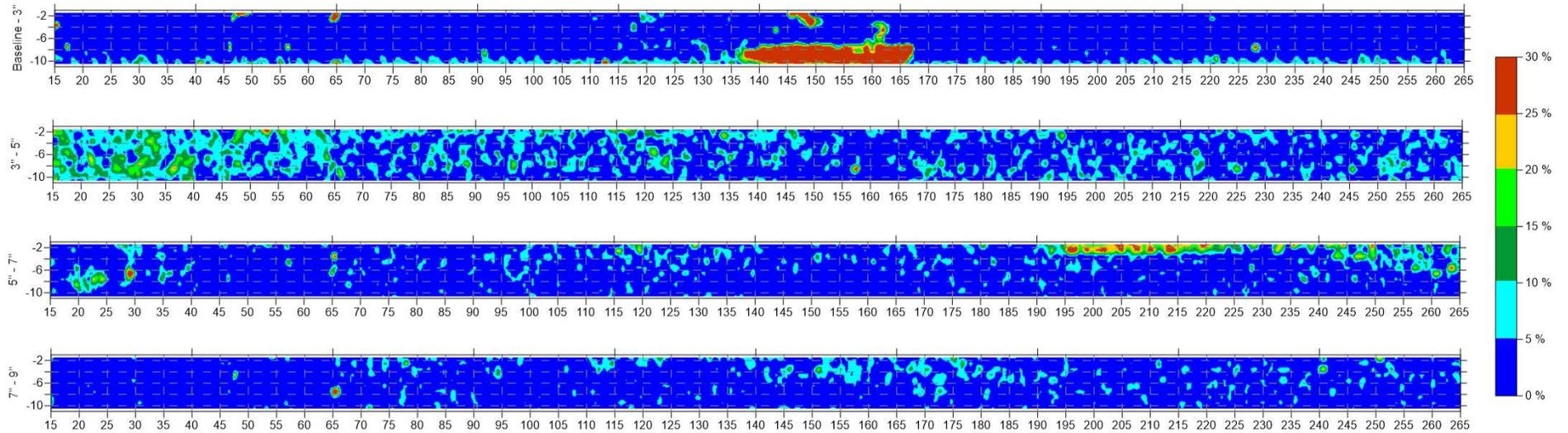


- Most common value between 5700 – 5800 ft/sec

# Normalized Velocity Slices View



# Depth Difference Slice View



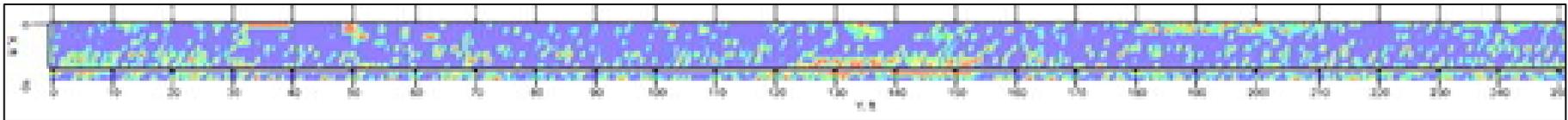
# S3 Fully Automated Software In Development

- Utilizes latest high speed processors.
- Bulk data processing techniques.
- Attempting to fully automate data analysis.
  - Would make data analysis accessible to technicians.
- Hope to reduce data processing time by 10 – 100 times.
  - What took a week could be reduced to an hour or less.
  - Would reduce costs of testing.
  - Potential to provide same day test results.

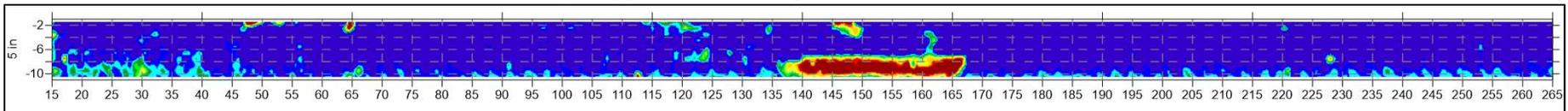
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- Promising Initial Results

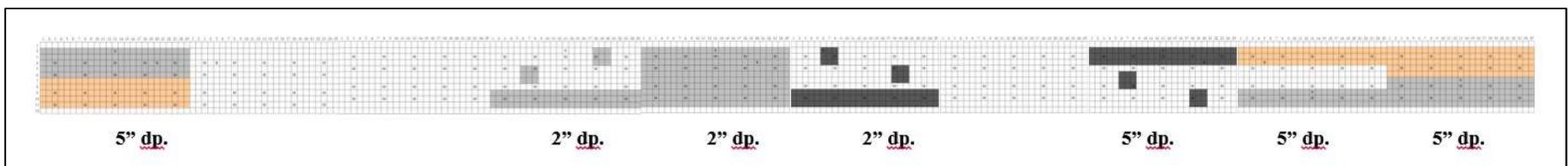
## Fully Automated Analysis - Velocity @ 5" deep



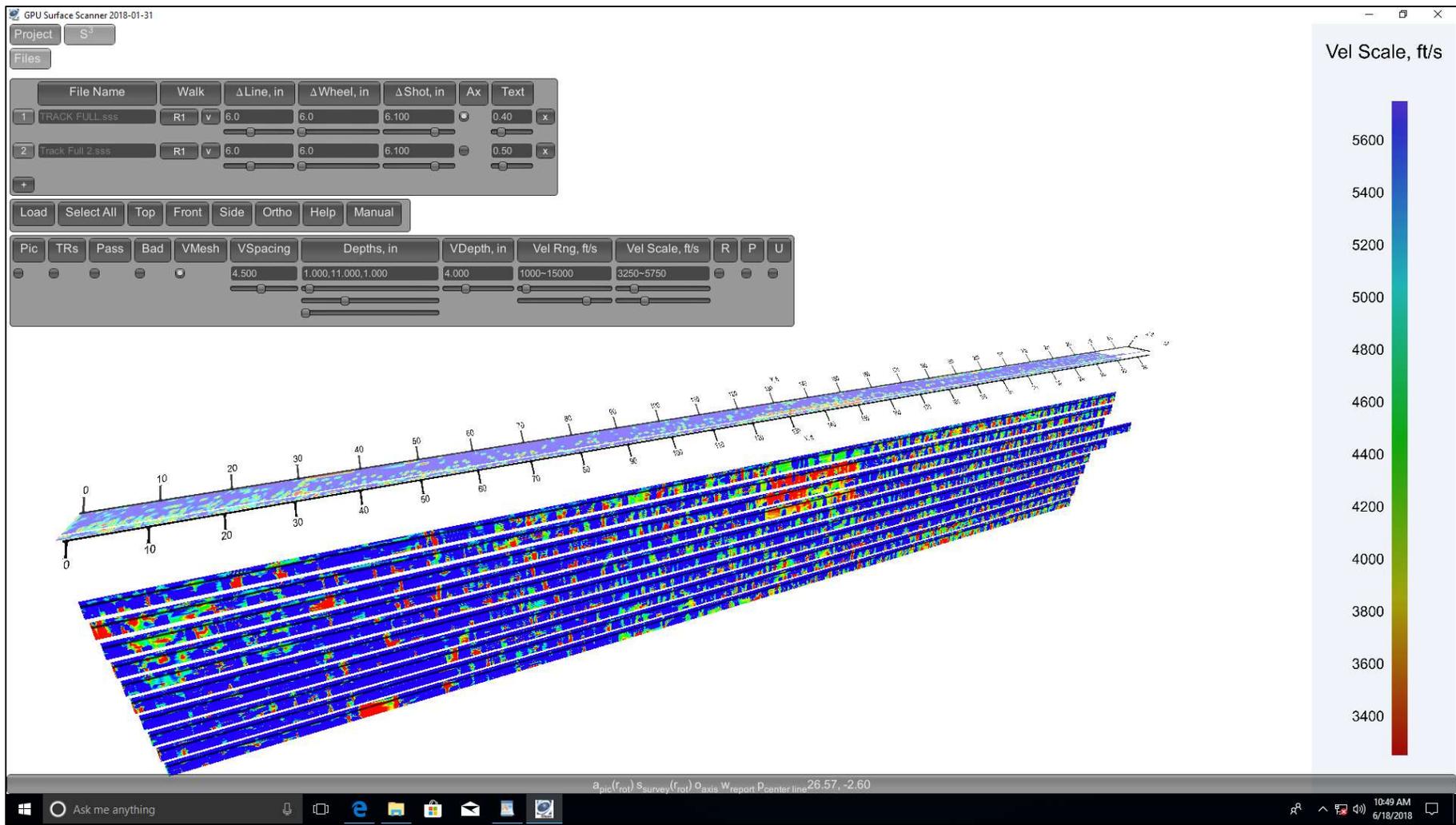
## Current Analysis – Velocity @ 5" deep



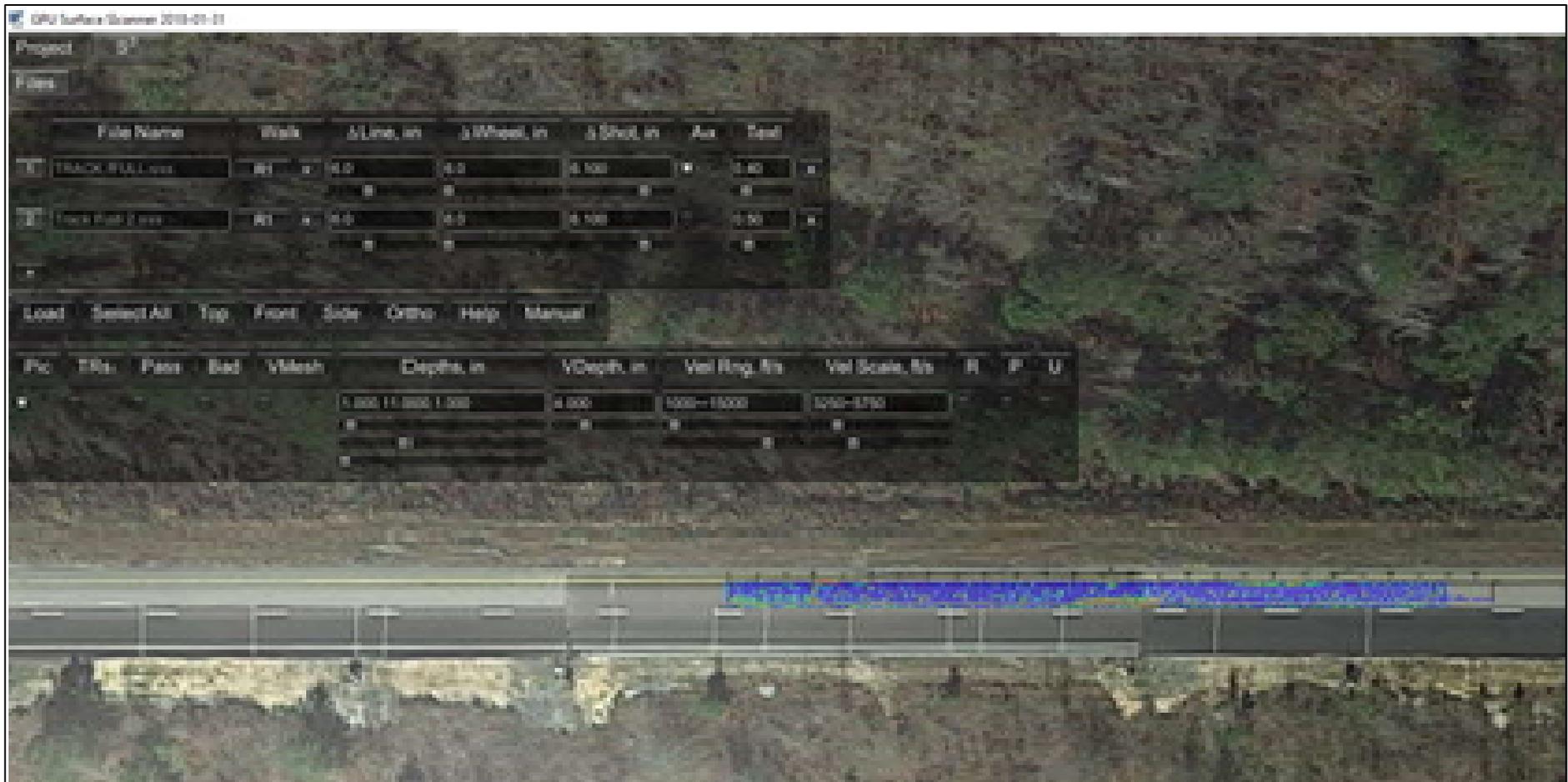
## As Built Conditions



# S<sup>3</sup> Fully Automated Software In Development



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## Questions and Comments

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# R06D Ground Penetrating Radar Webinar

## WEBINAR REMINDER!



**Proof of Concept: Ground  
Penetrating Radar**

**A SHRP2 R06D Webinar**

**Thursday, June 28, 2018  
1:00–2:30pm ET**



<https://collaboration.fhwa.dot.gov/dot/fhwa/WC/Lists/Seminars/DispForm.aspx?ID=1687>

# Future R06D Events



**SHRP2 Peer Exchange  
Advanced Methods to Identify Pavement Delamination (R06D)  
August 1-3, 2018**

<https://fs6.formsite.com/Mrussell/form198/index.html>



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**SHRP2 R06C Technologies to Enhance Quality Control on Asphalt Pavements: Surface Dielectric Profiling System using Ground Penetrating Radar (DPS GPR) Peer Exchange July 31-August 1**

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## Additional Resources:

**GoSHRP2**

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