

# New Mexico DOT

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# **SHRP2 R06A NDT Bridge Decks = primarily GRP**

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# Agenda

- Introduction
- Start with the end in mind
- Things of interest
- Executive Summary
- Details / Pretty Pictures
- Conclusions



# Why GPR



# Existing Equipment

Air Coupled (2 Antenna's)  
2Ghz Frequency

Ground Coupled (4 Antenna's, 2/freq.)  
400Mhz and 900Mhz Frequency



NMDOT CURRENT EQUIPMENT- SIR 30

# Why NMSU

## Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) for Concrete Bridge Deck Evaluation

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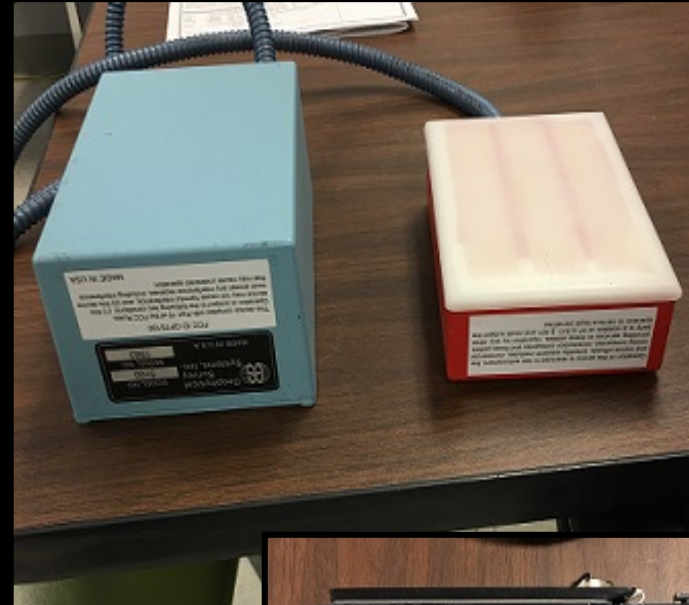


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# Existing Equipment

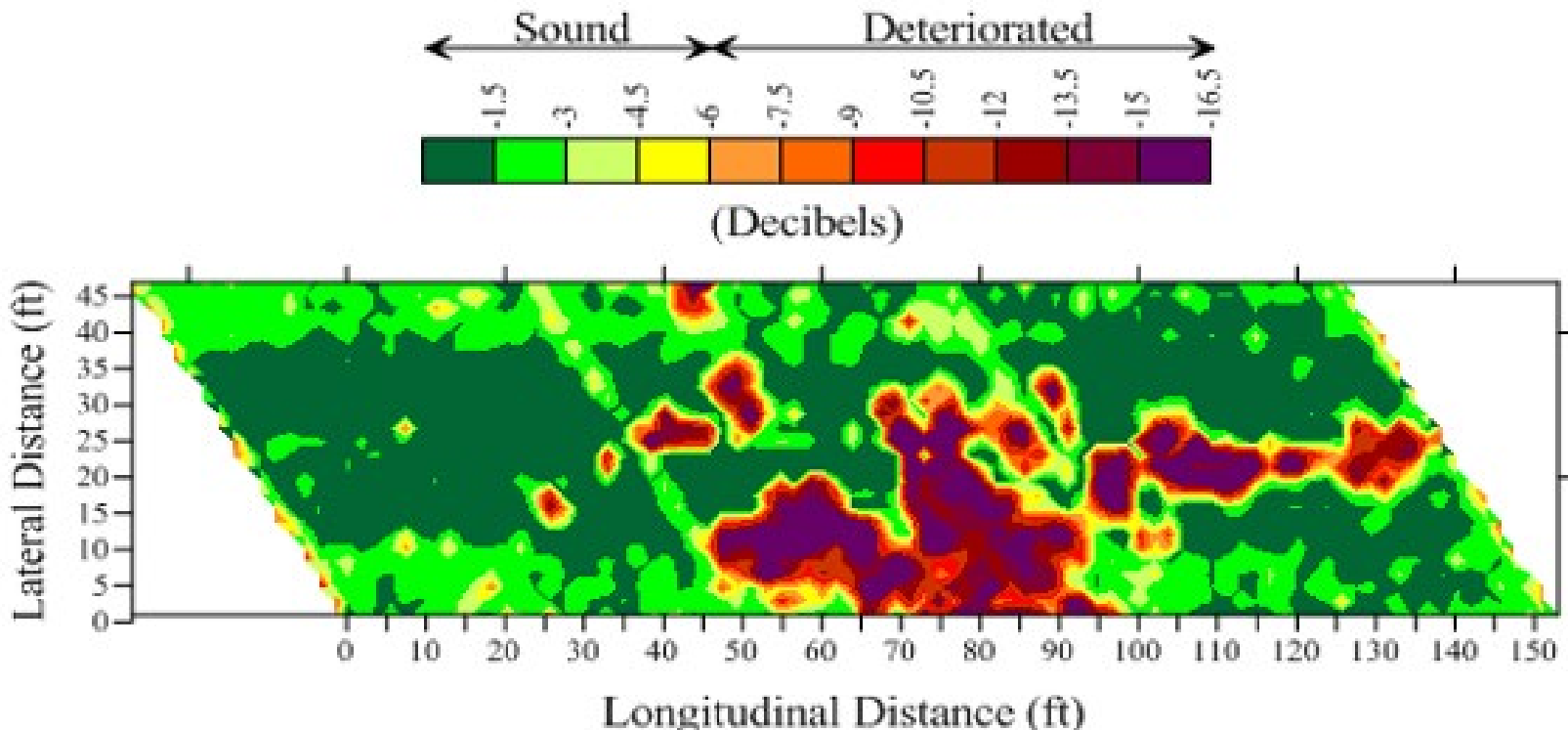


# start with the end in mind

- At the end of the day, we intended to **create a capability** that we did not previous have.
- The capability needed to be readily **accessible through our bridge inspection contract** with NMSU.



pretty pictures = required



# Things of Interest

- NMDOT does use chlorides (deicing salts)
  - but not in the whole state
- Unique and variable deterioration models
- Various and often unintentional overlays

# Things of Interest

- Estimating quantities is not very scientific
  - we pay by actual quantity
- Difficulties in correlating preservation scope and budget

# Things of Interest

- \$14M in bridge preservation funds controlled by the State Bridge Engineer

# Executive Summary

GPR is not the magic bullet

But it has value when applied appropriately

Decision must be project specific (bridge type, data need)

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# Nine Bridges

6134

6840

6932

6939

7032

7113

7299

8845

8852



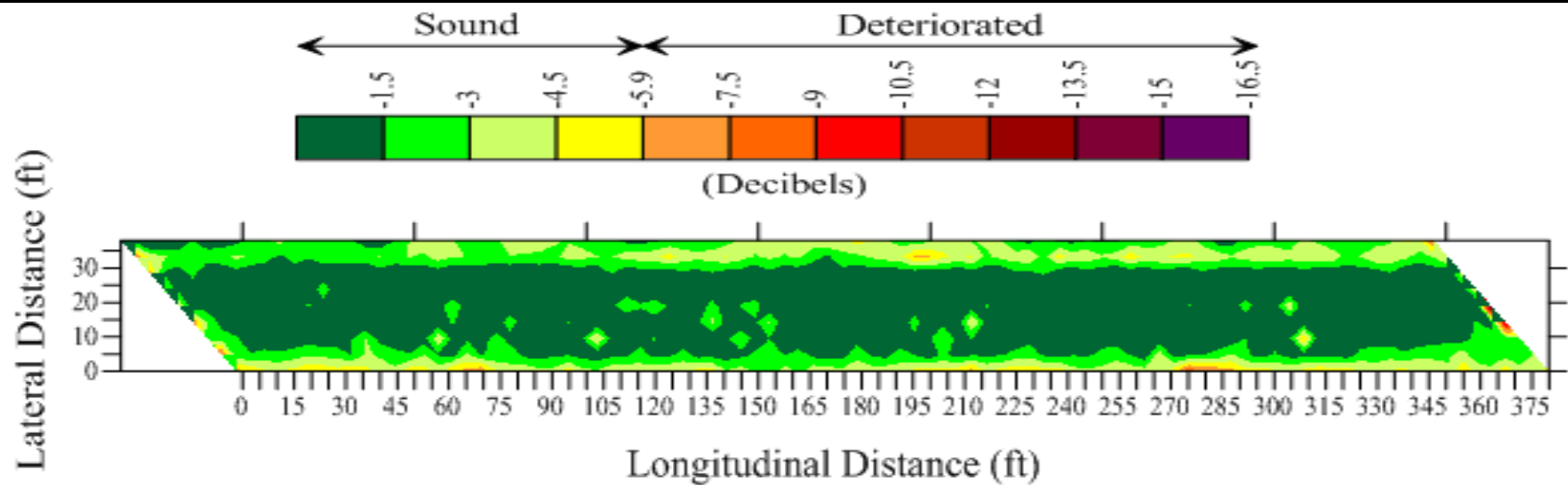
# GPR Evaluation Results: Bridge 8845



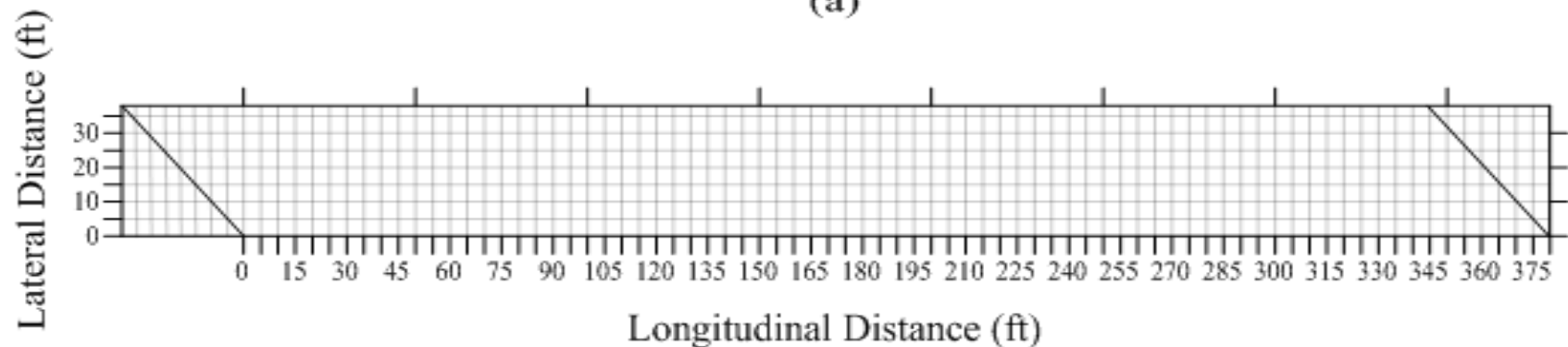
# GPR Evaluation Results: Bridge 8845

- AASHTO Girder
- From most current inspection report:
  - Deck: 7
  - Superstructure: 7
  - Substructure: 7
- Deck inspection reports:
  - Isolated transverse and longitudinal cracks up to 1/32" with light leaching (Underside)
  - Transverse and vertical cracks up to 1/16" with light leaching (Deck edges)

# GPR Evaluation Results: Bridge 8845



(a)



(b)

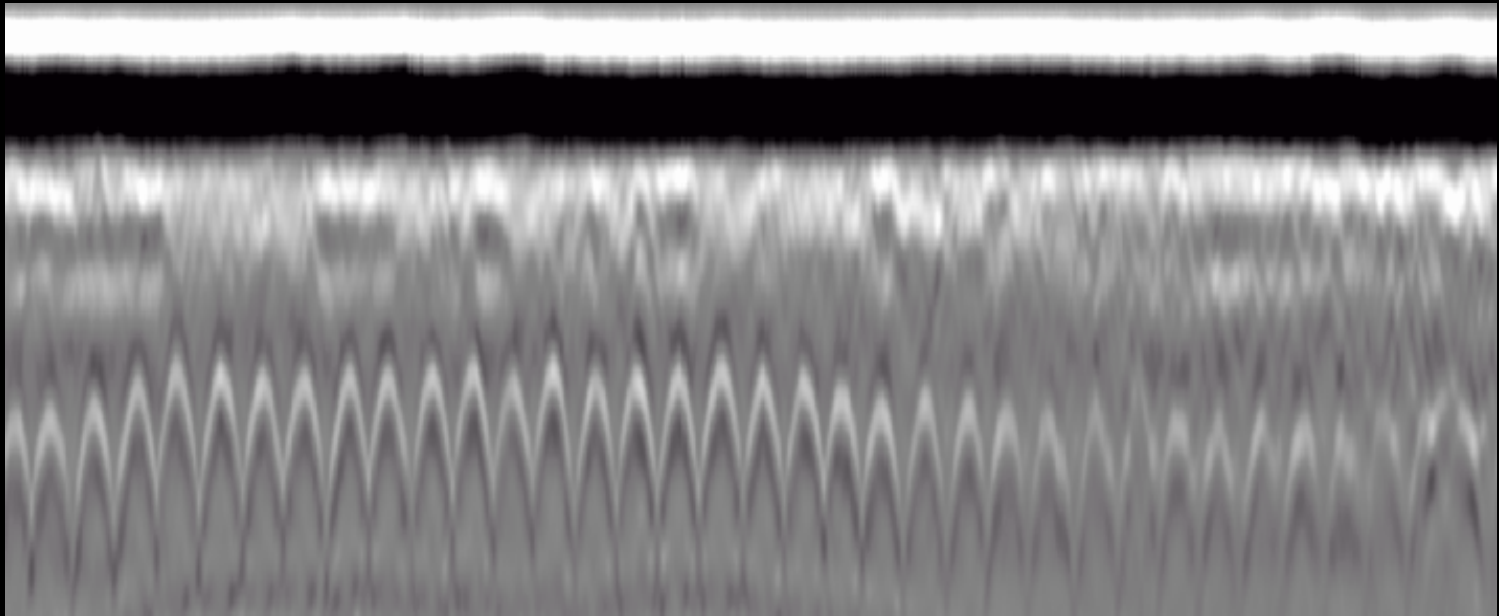
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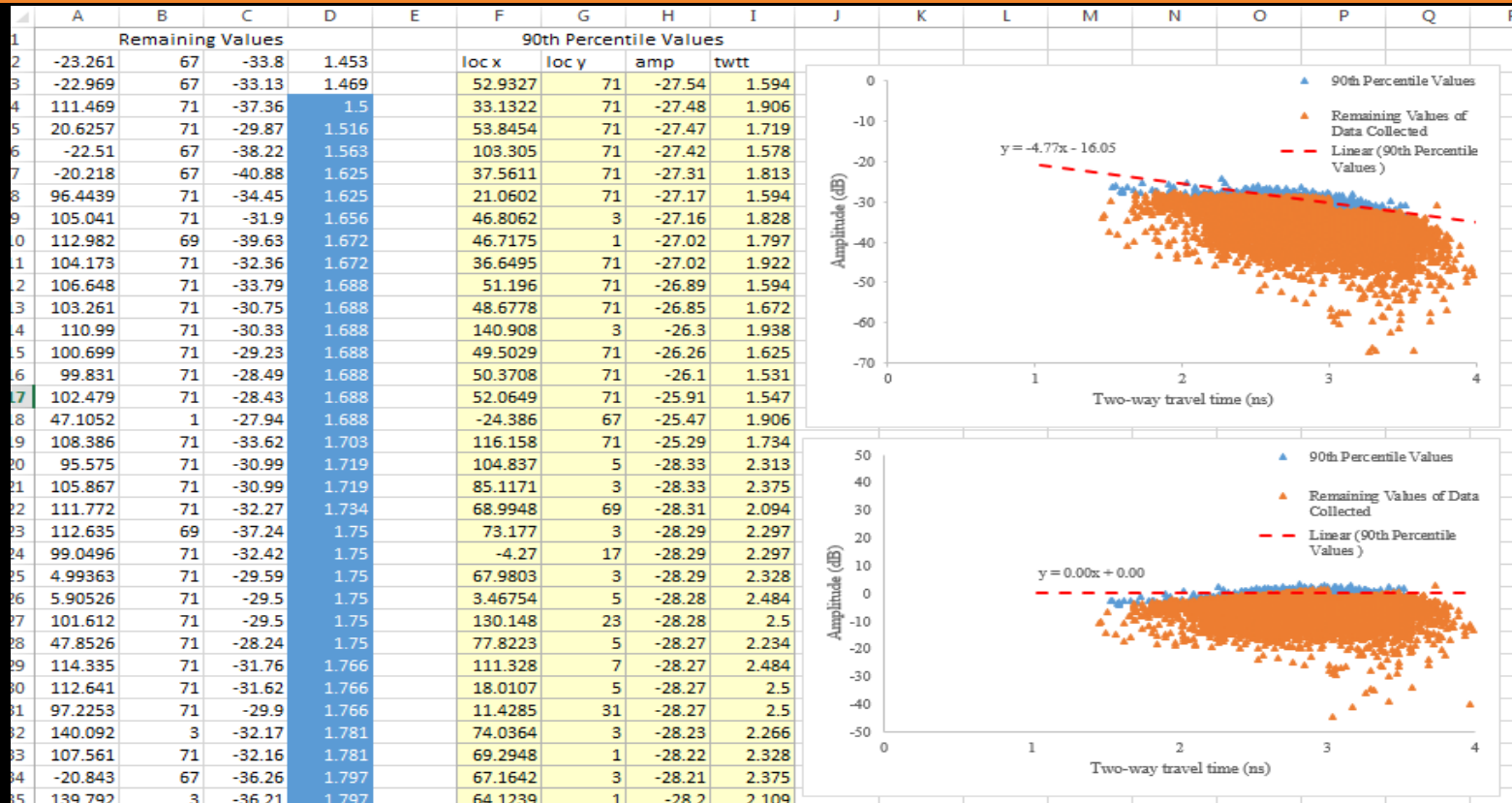
- AASHTO Prestressed Girder
- From most current inspection report:
  - Deck: 4
  - Superstructure: 5
  - Substructure: 6
- Deck inspection reports:
  - Transverse and longitudinal cracks up to 1/8" with heavy leaching (deck edges); transverse and longitudinal cracks up to 1/16" with heavy leaching and rust stains near joints

## GPR Evaluation Results: Typical B Scan from Bridge 6840



- Reflection amplitudes picks, X and Y location coordinates, and two-way travel time are obtained using Radan 7

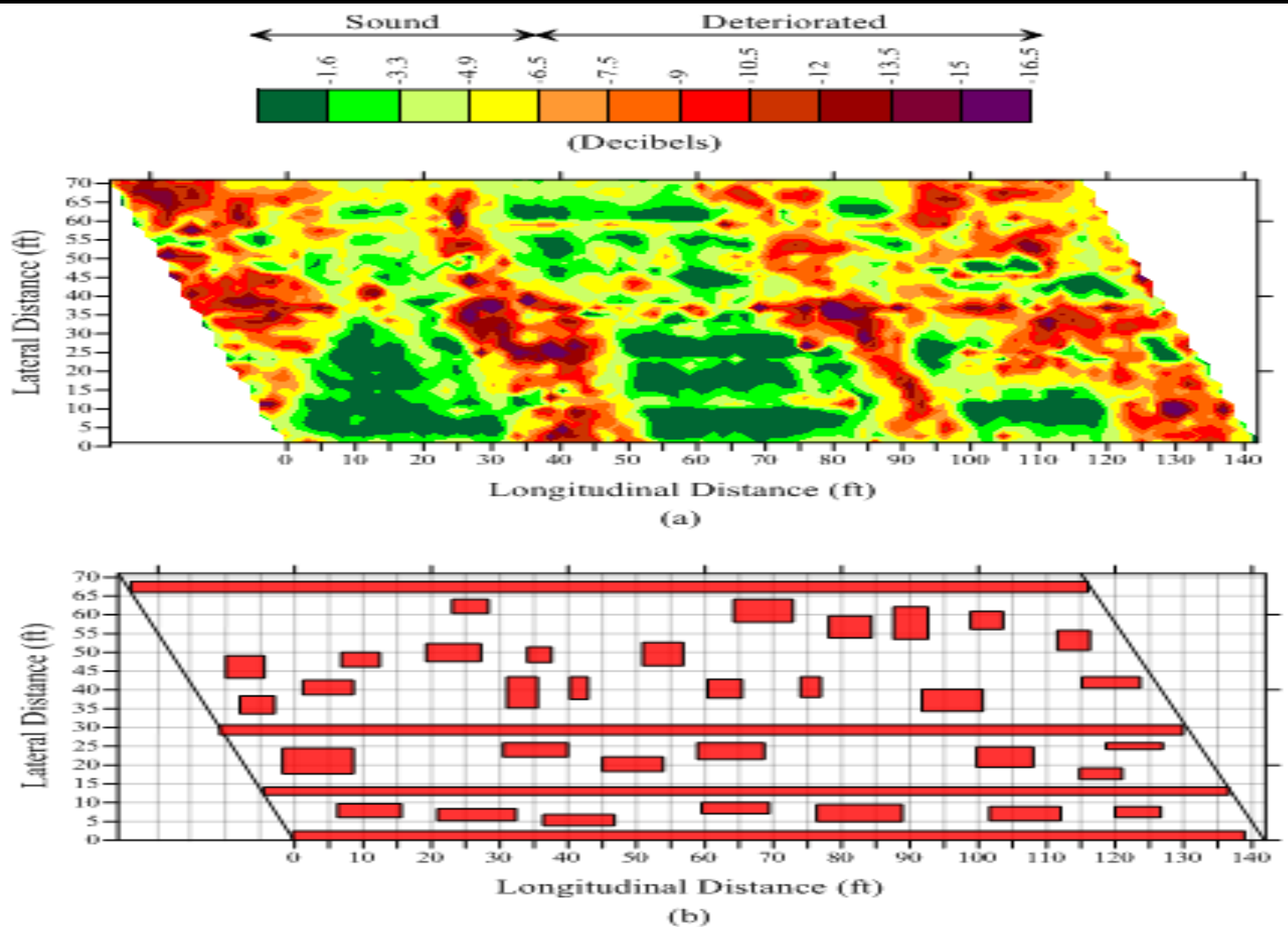
# GPR Evaluation Results: Excel Processing Bridge 6840



– Information obtained from Radan 7 exported to Excel for further processing



# GPR Evaluation Results: Bridge 6840



# GPR Evaluation Results: Bridge 6932

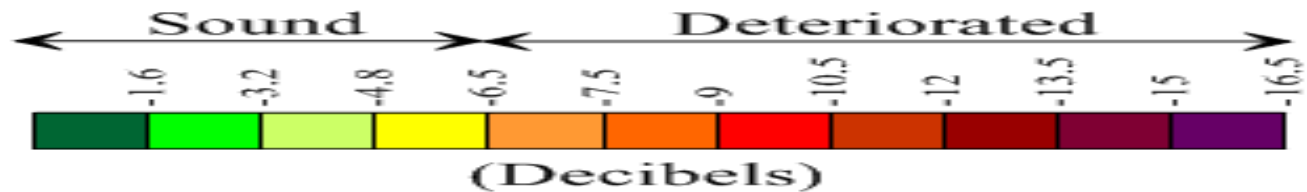


# GPR Evaluation Results: Bridge 6932

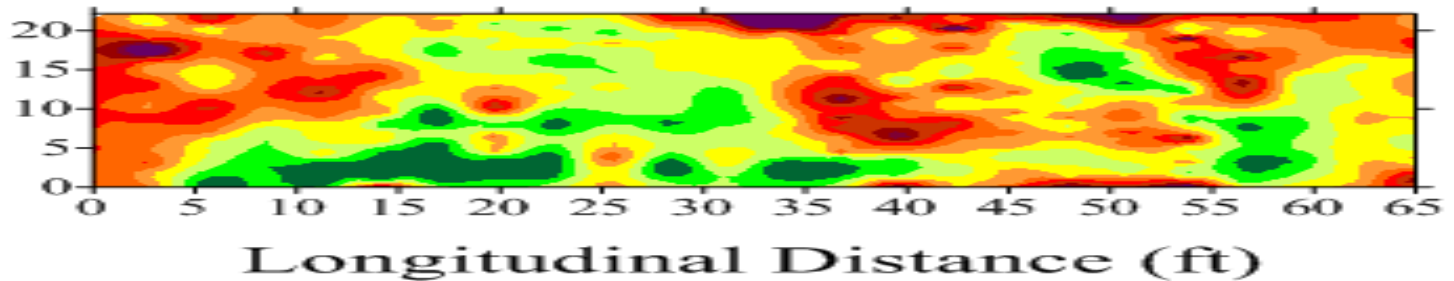
- Concrete Slab Bridge – Asphalt Overlay
- From most current inspection report:
  - Deck: 5
  - Superstructure: 5
  - Substructure: 6
- Deck inspection reports:
  - Vertical, horizontal, transverse and map cracks up to 1/4" (deck edges); transverse and map cracks up to 1/16", areas of moderate leaching, and spalls up to 6" by 5" (Underside)



# GPR Evaluation Results: Bridge 6932 (Northbound Lanes)

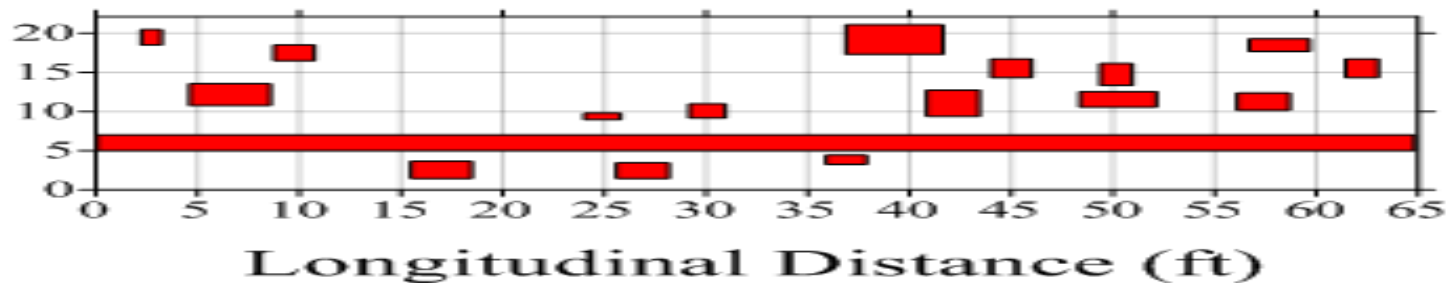


Lateral Distance (ft)



(a)

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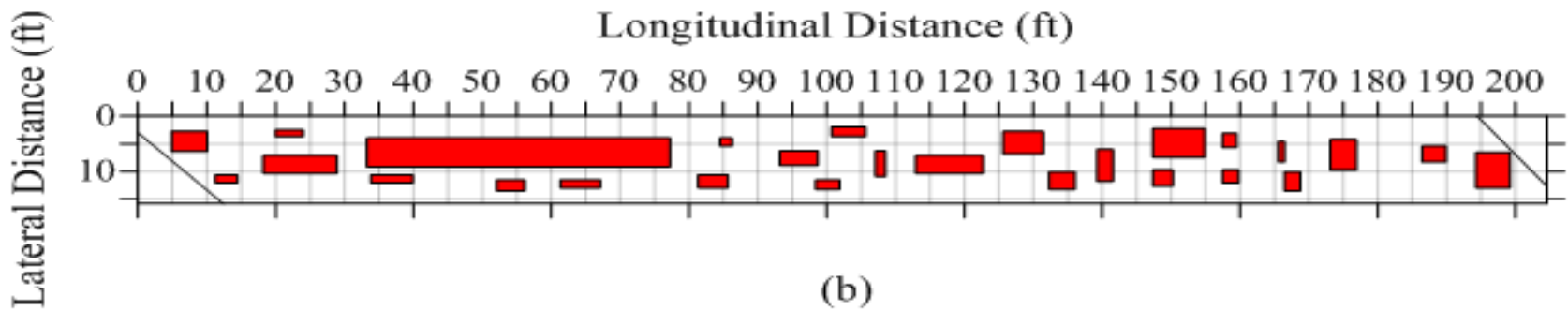
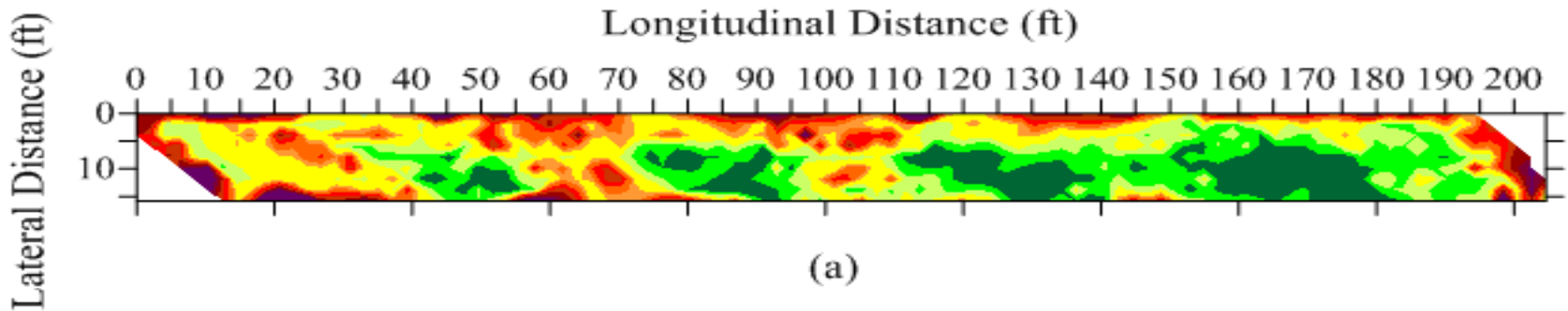
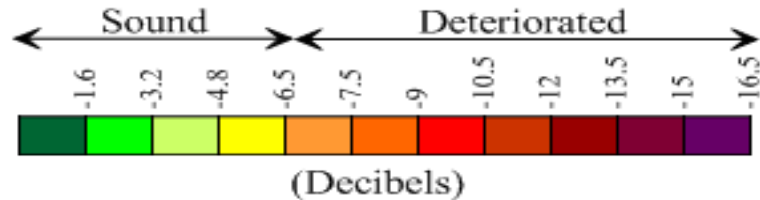


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# GPR Evaluation Results: Bridge 6939 (slab)

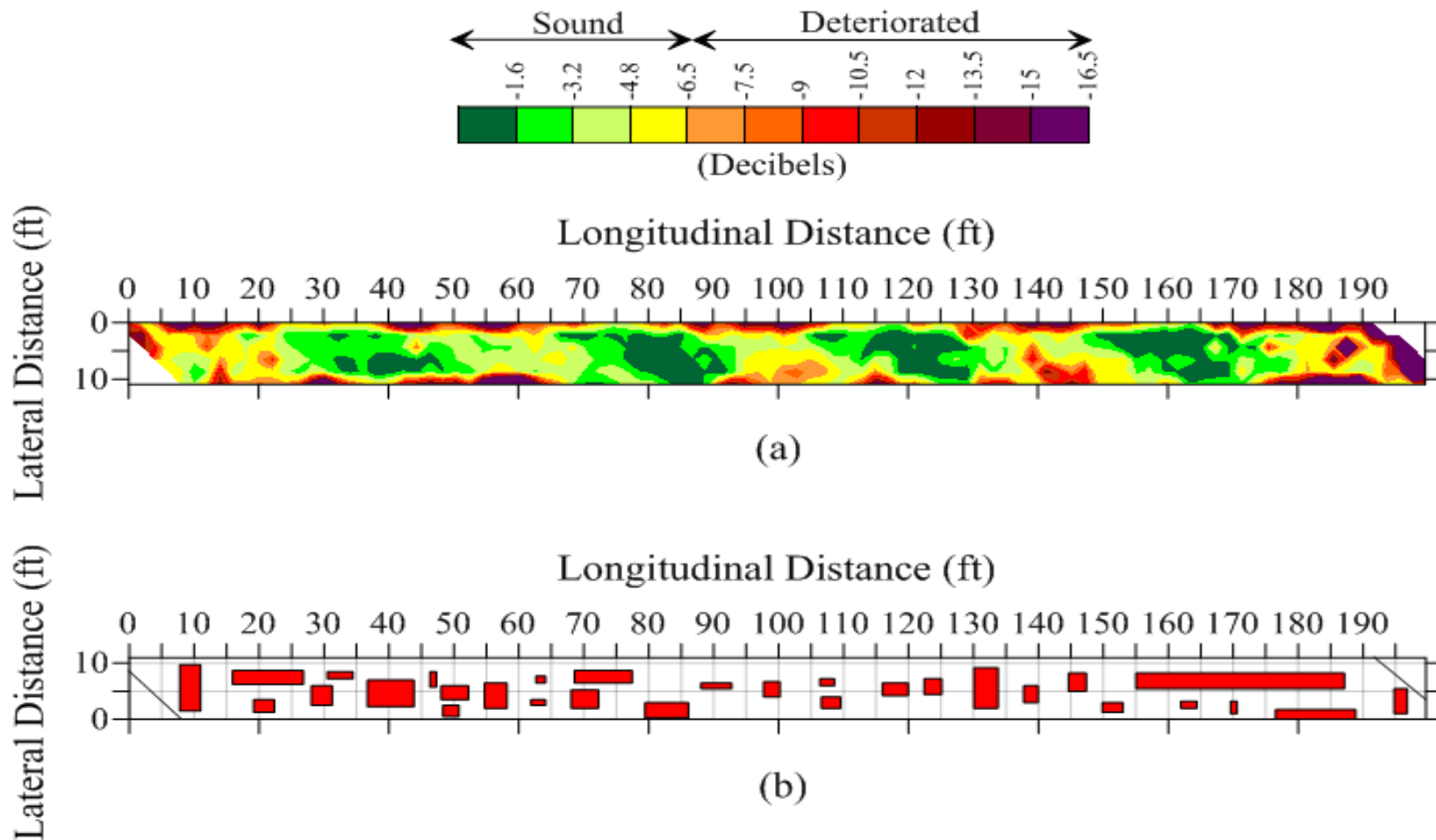


# GPR Evaluation Results: Bridge 6939 (Southbound Outside Lane and Shoulder)

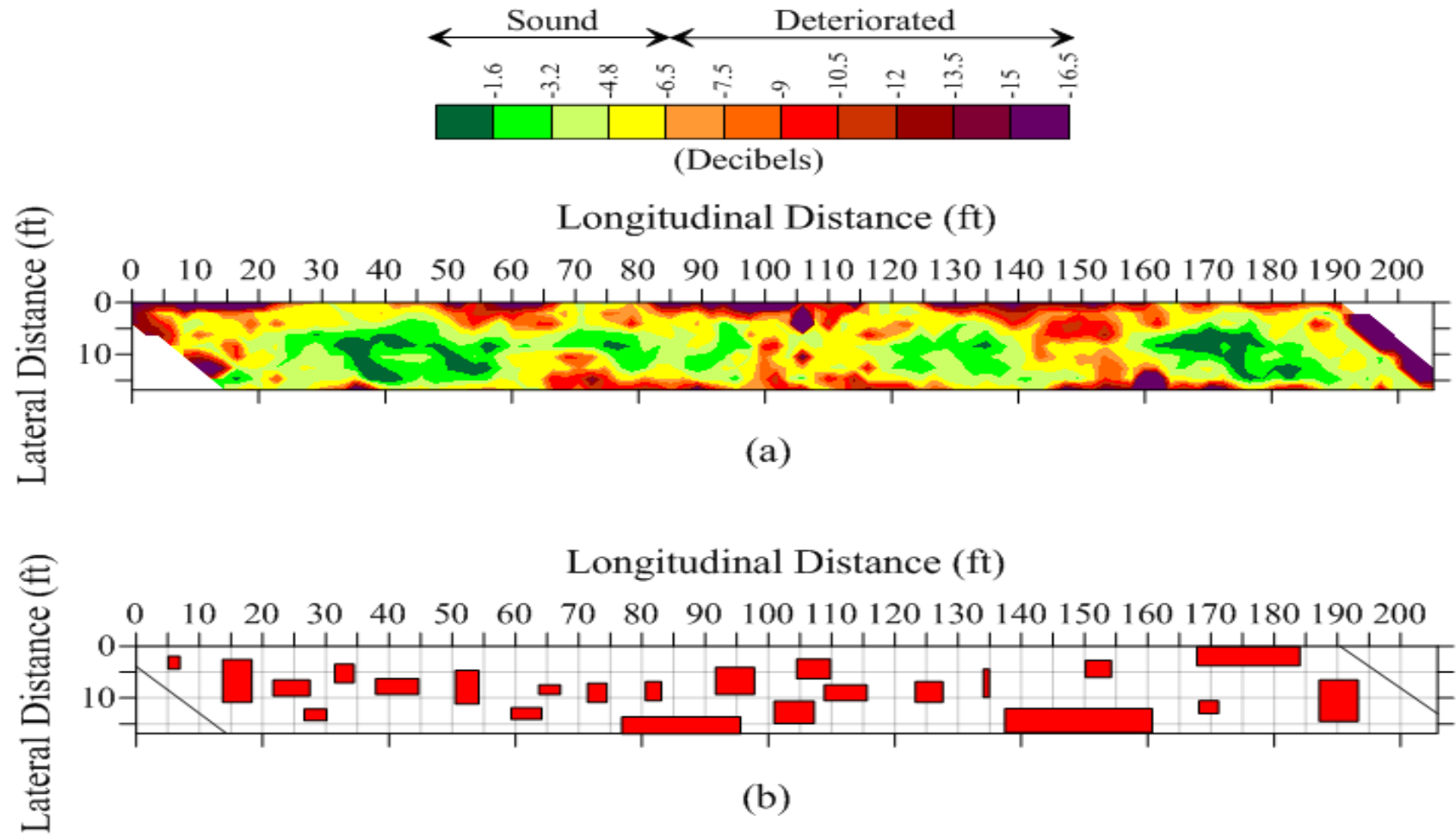




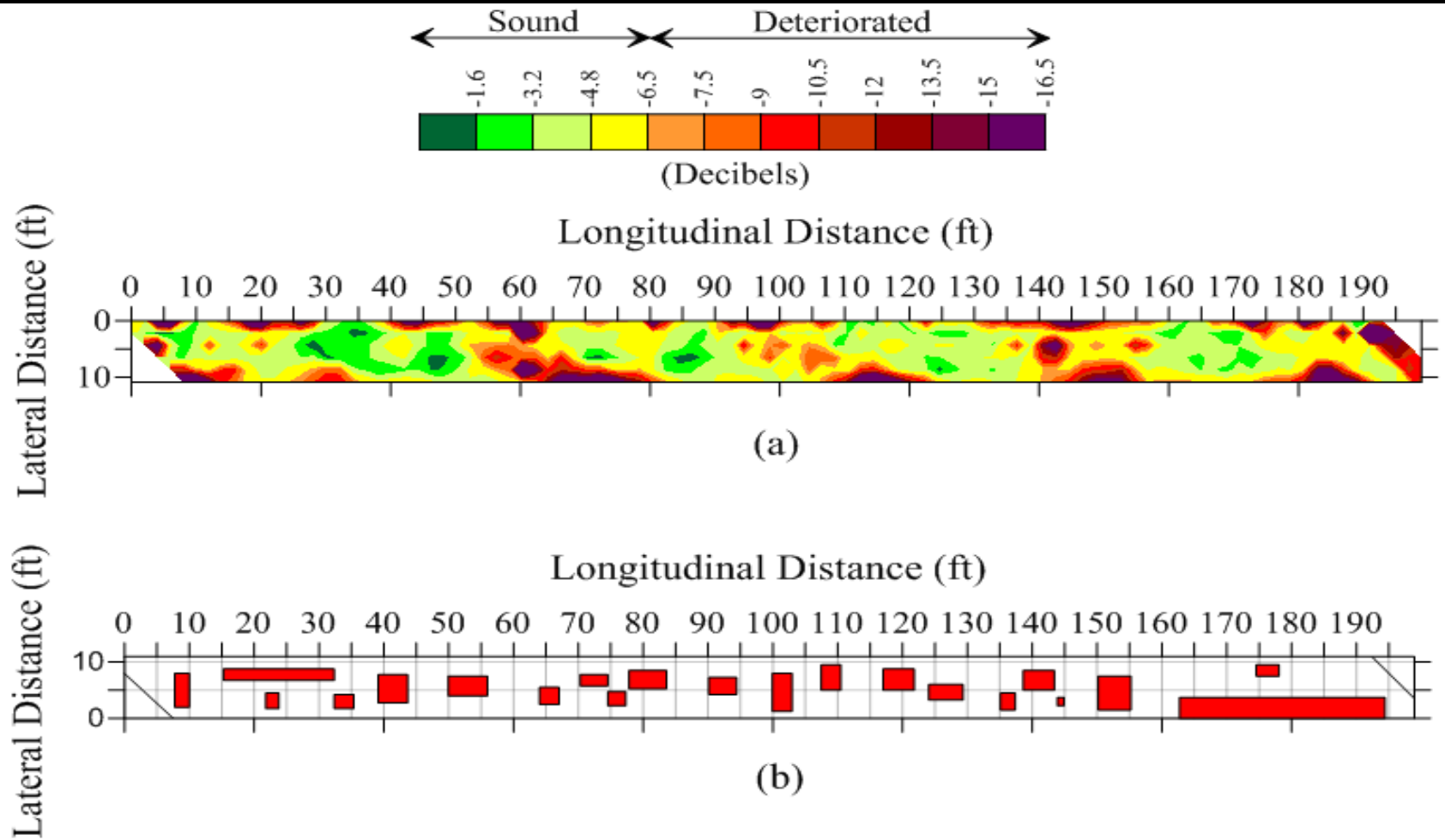
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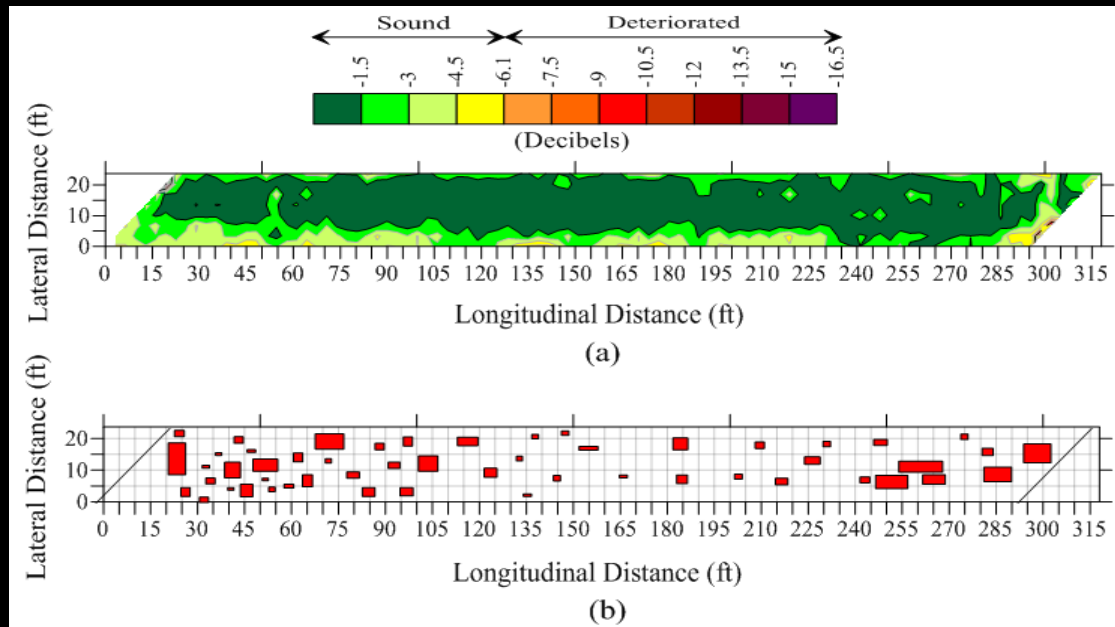
# GPR Evaluation Results: Bridge 7032



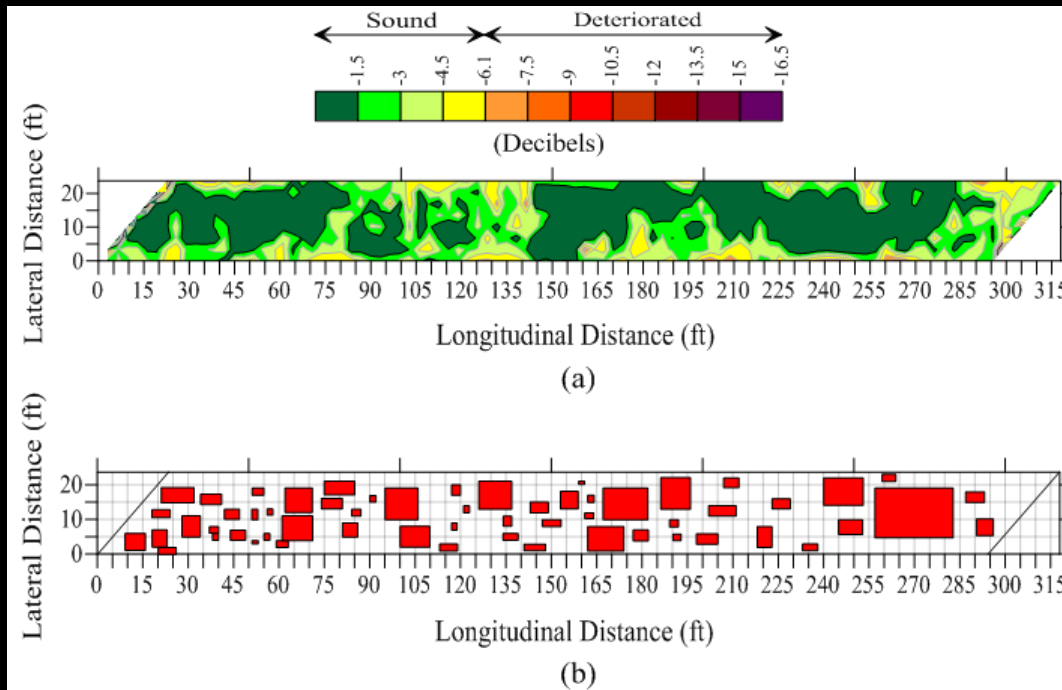
# GPR Evaluation Results: Bridge 7032

- **THIS BRIDGE HAS A COMPLETELY DELAMINATE LATEX MODIFIED CONCRETE DECK OVERLAY**
- From most current inspection report:
  - Deck: 5
  - Superstructure: 5
  - Substructure: 5
- Deck inspection reports:
  - Vertical, transverse, longitudinal cracks up to 1/4"; exposed rebar up to 22', spalls up to 8'x6", apparent delaminations up to 28', and minor leaching and water stains (Deck edges)

# GPR Evaluation Results: Bridge 7032 (East Bound)



# GPR Evaluation Results: Bridge 7032 (West Bound)



# GPR Evaluation Results: Bridge 7113

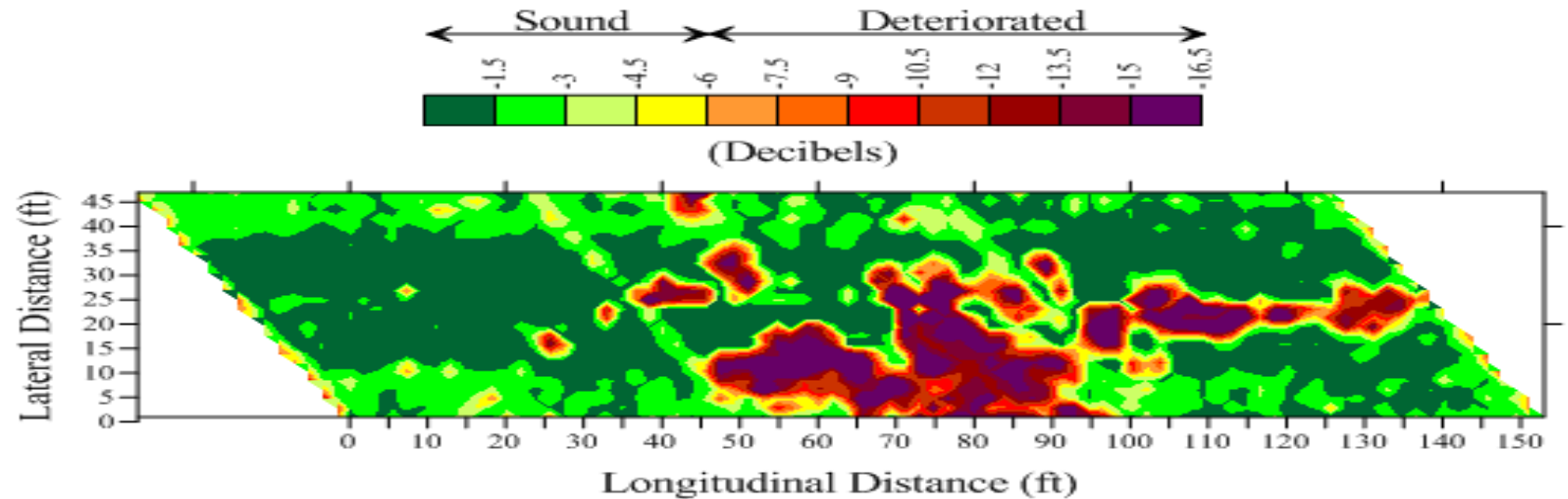




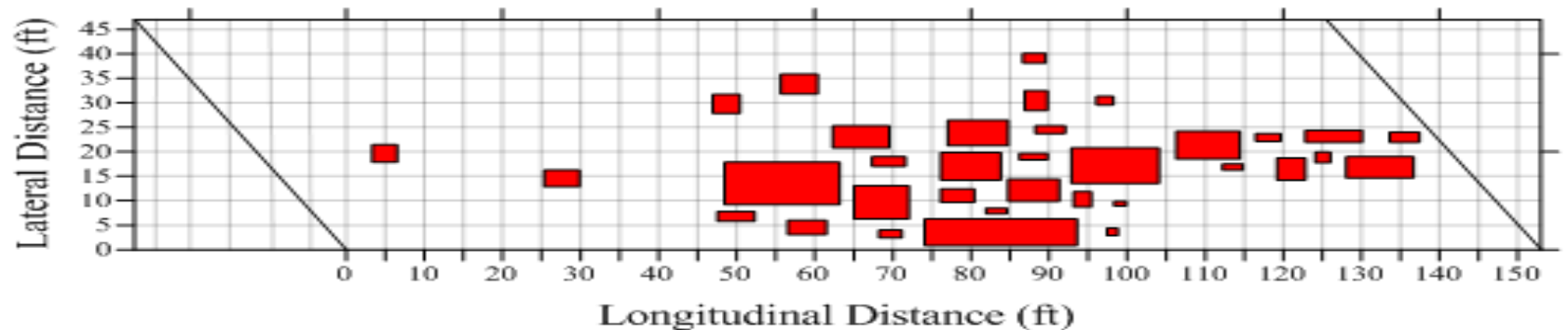
# GPR Evaluation Results: Bridge 7113

- AASHTO Girder – construction defect (cover)
- From most current inspection report:
  - Deck: 5
  - Superstructure: 7
  - Substructure: 7
- Deck inspection reports:
  - Transverse cracks up to 1/16" and minor leaching (Deck edges); transverse and map cracks up to 1/16", exposed rebar, and spalls (Top of Deck); Rust stains at the joint locations (Underside)

# GPR Evaluation Results: Bridge 7113



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(b)

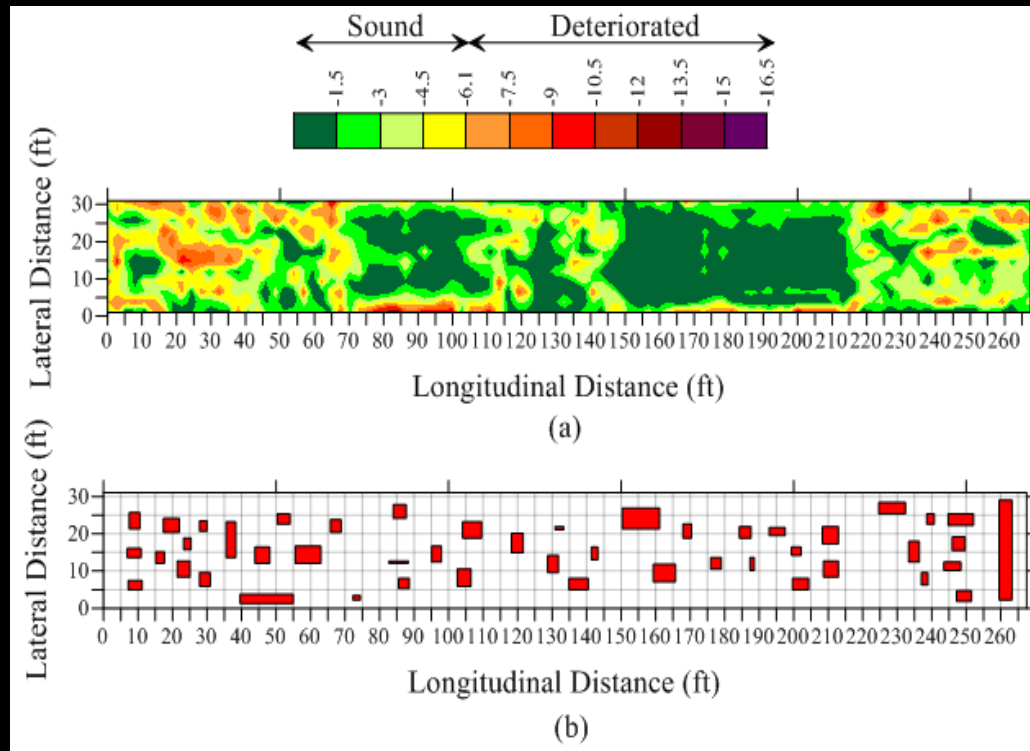
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- Grant Application
- From most current inspection report:
  - Deck: 5
  - Superstructure: 5
  - Substructure: 5
- Deck inspection reports:
  - Transverse and vertical cracks up to 1/8" with heavy leaching (Deck edges); transverse and longitudinal cracks up to 1/8" with heavy leaching (Underside)

# GPR Evaluation Results: Bridge 7299



# “Normal Deck”

- It works to help determine whether a deck is a preservation candidate verses replacement.

# “Slab Deck”

- Good as first pass
- Second pass (more detailed) really necessary as DEPTH of the areas of concern is critical to decision / quantity

# Overlay

- Seems to work in “seeing through” asphalt
- Seems to work with “seeing through” epoxy overlay (by extension, will likely work with polyester overlay)
- Does NOT seem to work with latex modified overlay



# Successful Project

- We learned a lot
- We developed a capability that we did not previous have
- Research value, published research
- Developing a remarkable engineer  
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