

Nondestructive Testing Technologies for Concrete Bridge Decks (R06A)

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R06A Webinar Agenda

- AASHTO Introduction
- FHWA Introduction
- NDT of Bridge Decks moving forward
-Hoda Azari (FHWA)
- R06A NDT background on GPR, Impact Echo
and Infrared Cameras – Dennis Sack - SME
- State Experiences - Indiana DOT
- State Experiences - Oregon DOT
- State Experiences – New Mexico DOT
- Questions & Answers

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

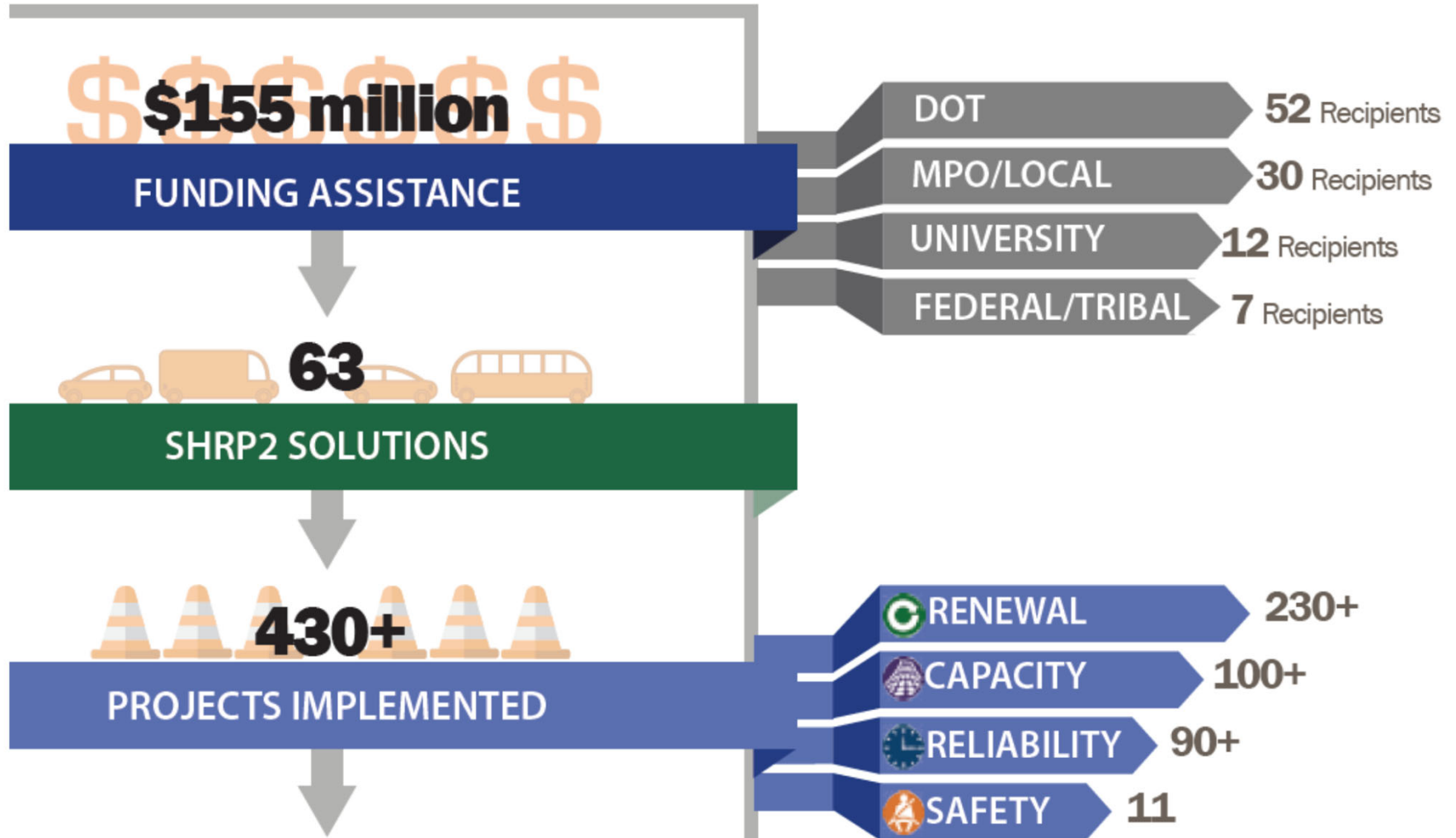


Capacity: planning and designing a highway system that offers minimum disruption and meets the environmental and economic needs of the community

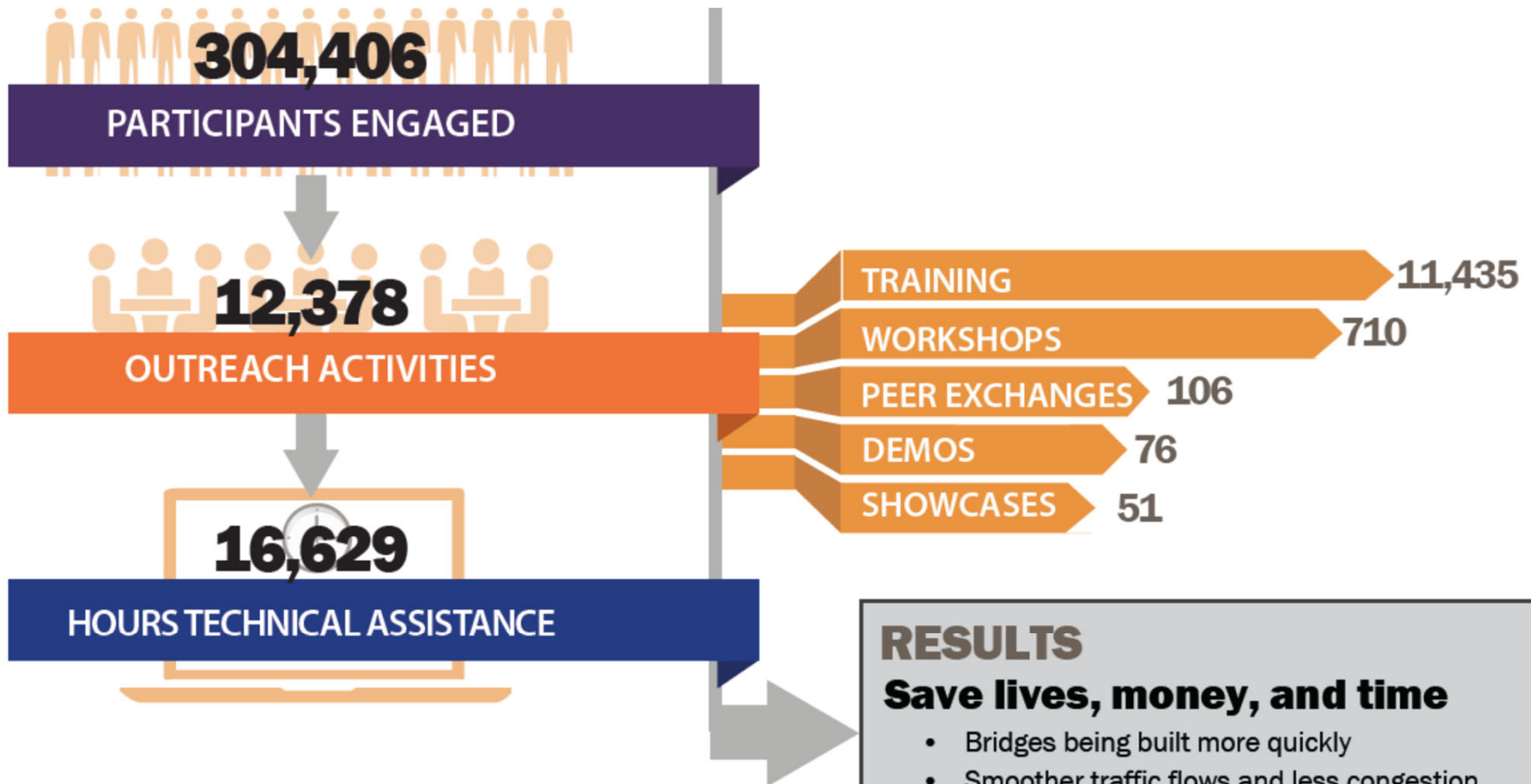


Renewal: rapid maintenance and repair of the deteriorating infrastructure using already-available resources, innovations, and technologies

SHRP2 Implementation: INNOVATE. IMPLEMENT. IMPROVE.



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SHRP2 R06A FHWA NDE Program Update



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SHRP2 R06A Renewal Research

REPORT S2-R06A-RR-1

Challenge

- To find non-destructive ways to analysis bridge and tunnel deterioration

Solution

Using technologies such as:

- Ground Penetrating Radar
- Infrared Thermography
- Surface Waves
- Impact Echo

Nondestructive
Testing to Identify
Concrete Bridge
Deck Deterioration

S H R P 2 R E N E W A L R E S E A R C H

 **SHRP 2**
STRATEGIC HIGHWAY RESEARCH PROGRAM
Accelerating solutions for highway safety, renewal, reliability, and capacity

SHRP2 R06A Implementation

Round 4 had 8 State DOT awards and Round 7 had 14 State DOT awards. The support consisted of:

- Technical Assistance for Rounds 4 and 7
- Field visits and training for State DOT's
- Peer Exchange workshop in Portland Oregon Jan. 30, 2019



R06A Round 4 for Bridges

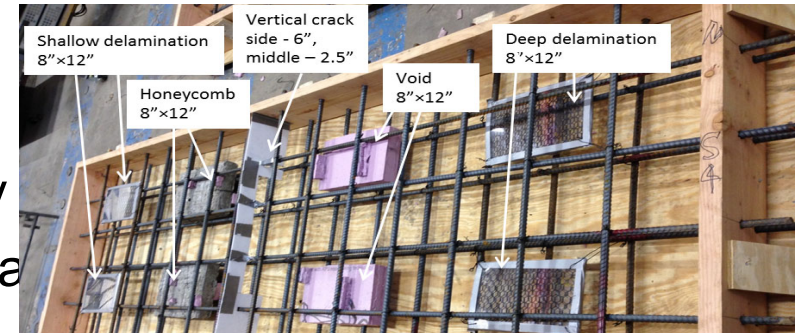
- Round 4 states for R06A began in 2014.
 - Louisiana
 - Virginia
 - Indiana
 - Iowa
 - Florida
 - Pennsylvania
 - Oregon
 - Missouri

R06A Round 7 for Bridges

- 14 states completed their Round 7 testing, validating, and purchasing of various NDT technologies like Infrared Cameras and GPR.
 - Alabama
 - Arkansas
 - Delaware
 - Georgia
 - Hawaii
 - Iowa
 - Kentucky
 - North Carolina
 - California
 - North Dakota
 - Nebraska
 - New Mexico
 - New York
 - Oregon

Ongoing Projects

- Technology Evaluation:
NDE techniques on bridge decks with overlay
Conventional and Phased-array UT for Steel and Concrete
Unmanned Aerial System (UAS)
- Technology Development/Enhancement:
Non-contact impact echo
Magnetic NDE for prestressing tendons
Magnetic NDE for internal rebar
Use of high resolution UT for
damage detection of bridge deck
Data fusion and visualization





FHWA Resources to States

NDE Web Manual

- Provide concise and unbiased guidance to help practitioners identify the NDE technologies that can serve their specific need.
- URL: <https://fhwaapps.fhwa.dot.gov/ndep/>

The screenshot shows the 'Technology Locator' page with the following selections:

- Type of Highway Infrastructure: Pavement
- Material: Concrete
- Structure Element: Surface course
- Target of Investigation: Segregation

Recommended Technologies: Ground penetrating radar, Infrared thermography



The screenshot shows the 'Infrared (IR) Thermography' page with the following details:

- Target of Investigation: Hot Spots, Asphalt Segregation
- Structure Element: Pavement Surface Course
- Application: Detection of delamination, spalling, delisting, and cracks in concrete decks and tunnels; Detection of delamination in concrete pavements and quality control during sealed paving; Detection of voids in asphalt random ducts (RD concrete cast); Detection of large surface cracks and longitudinal delamination in concrete elements.

The screenshot shows the 'Technology Locator' page with the following selections:

- Type of Highway Infrastructure: Tunnel
- Material: Steel
- Structure Element: Roof girder
- Target of Investigation: Corrosion

Recommended Technologies: Laser scanning, Active infrared thermography, Phased array ultrasonic testing, Pulsed eddy current, Ultrasonic Testing



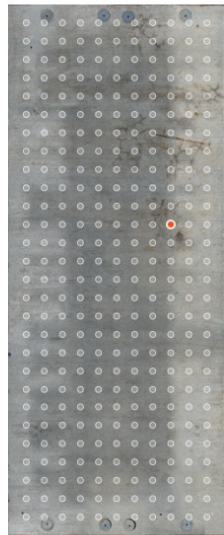
The screenshot shows the 'Phased Array Ultrasonic Testing (PAUT)' page with the following details:

- Target of Investigation: Steel Corrosion
- Structure Element: Tunnel Roof Girder
- Application: PAUT can be applied to detect cracks and weld flaws in steel bridge members. The technology is typically implemented using longitudinal (straight beam) or shear wave (angled beam) methods. Longitudinal wave methods are used to test surfaces not available for visual assessment, such as detecting cracks in bridge piers, truss shafts, or eyebars. Longitudinal wave methods may also be used for measuring the thickness of a steel plate to detect section loss or for imaging corrosion pits. Shear wave methods (angled beam) are commonly used to inspect welds for flaws (figure 1).

Diagram labels: Phased Array Ultrasonic Probe, Weld Center Line (C), Weld Volume

Virtual NDE Lab

Interactive Data Portals



Transparency

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Impact Echo (IE) Ultrasonic Surface Waves (USW) Infrared Thermography (IRT) Ground Penetrating (GPR)

Electrical Resistivity (ER) High-Resolution Imaging (HRI)

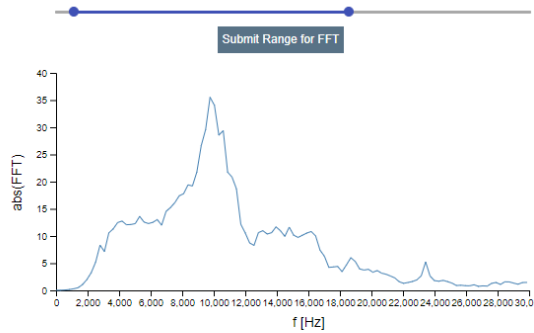
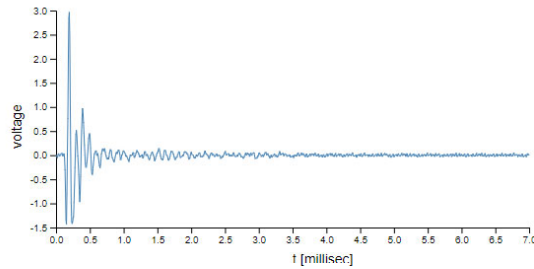
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Experimental Results

The [impact-echo method](#) is based on monitoring the surface displacements associated with the arrival of the P-wave as it undergoes multiple reflections between the top and bottom surfaces

The measured voltage, proportional to the surface displacement, is plotted against the time as the waveform. Response spectrum is also presented by absolute Fast Fourier Transform based on the chosen range of waveform. The frequencies corresponding to the dominant amplitude peak for each spectrum are collected to form the contour map with colors, where

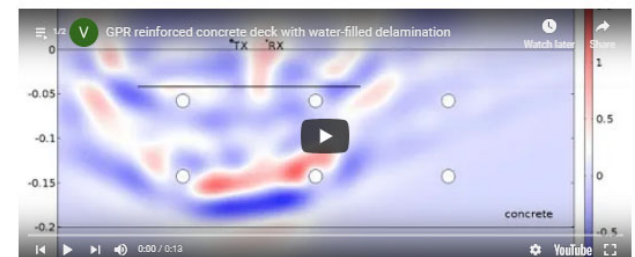
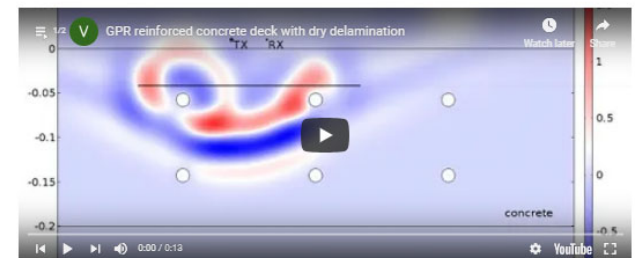
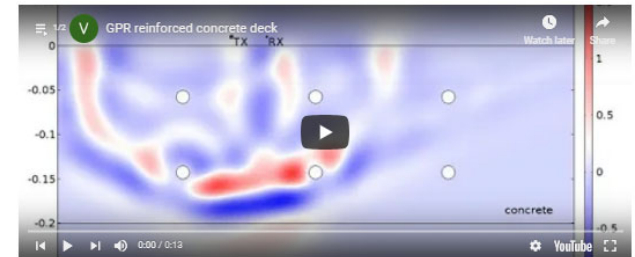
- blue colors indicate regions dominated by a low-frequency response referring to shallow delamination,
- red colors indicate regions dominated by a high-frequency response referring to intermediate delamination,
- orange indicates the regions of deep delamination,
- light blue, green and light yellow colors indicate the normal or non-defected solid regions.



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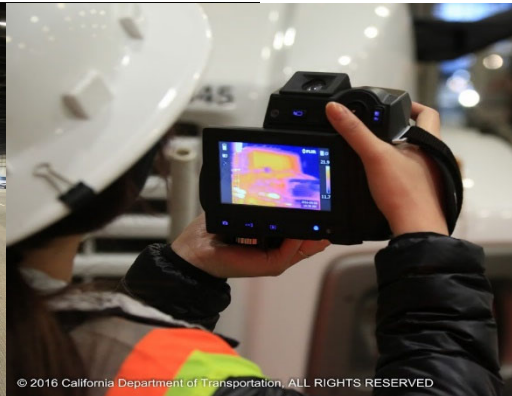
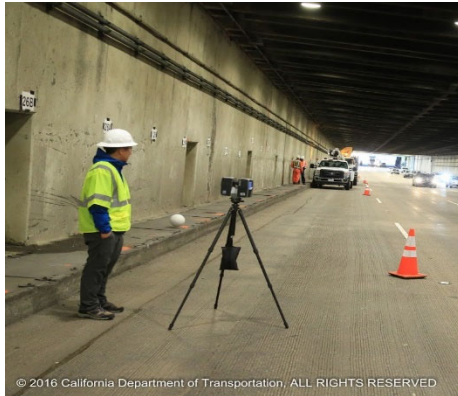
Submit Range for Contour Map

Simulation Portals



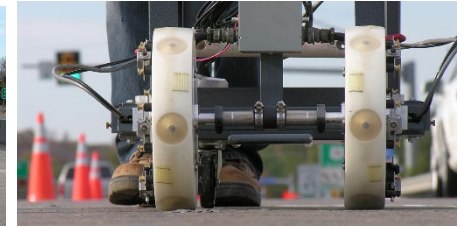
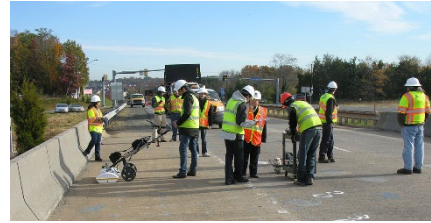
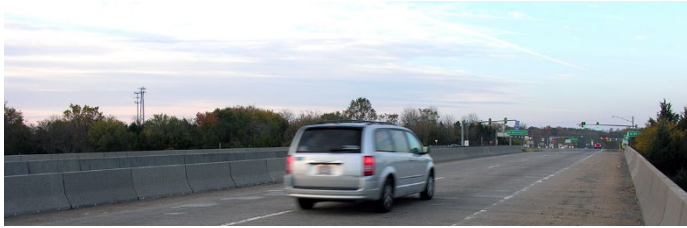
Technical Assistance

- Piece of concrete falls off Bay Bridge tunnel in Feb 2016
- Request From Caltrans for independent validation of sounding results



Moving Forward

- Potential pooled fund projects:
 - Integrating NDE Technologies into condition rating and asset management
 - Documenting NDE best practices and owner-defined return on investment
 - Further advancing and improving the NDE technologies
 - Developing AASHTO specification on data collection and analysis of NDE technologies
 - Developing training and education material for NDE technologies



NDT Methods for Bridge Decks Summary and Discussion

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Challenge: Evaluating the Full Range of Deterioration Types



Deterioration of Interest

- Delamination
- Corrosion
- Vertical cracking
- Degradation

NDT Technologies of SHRP2 R06A

| NDT Technique | Mode of Deterioration Detected | System | Resolution | Lane Closure |
|---------------------|---|--------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| IE | 1) Deeper cracks - top and bottom rebar mat 2) Shallow delamination 3) Concrete degradation - ASR/DEF - Freeze thaw | 1) Scanning | High | Yes |
| | | 2) Point by Point | Grid size | Yes |
| GPR | 1) Corrosion 2) Cracks (if filled with deicing salt) 3) Concrete degradation | 1) Air coupled | Lower | No |
| | | 2) Ground coupled | High | Yes |
| IR | Shallow delamination - Top and bottom | 1) Truck mounted | High | No |
| | | 2) Handheld | High | Yes |
| | | | | |
| Resistivity | Corrosion | Point by Point | Grid size | Yes |
| Half Cell/GP | Corrosion | Point by Point | Grid size | Yes |
| Slab IR | Cracks | Point by Point | Grid size | Yes |
| SASW | 1) Vertical cracks 2) Concrete degradation | 1) Scanning | High | Yes |
| | | 2) Point by point | Grid size | Yes |
| Vs. Sounding | Only shallow delamination | Manual | | Yes |

Vs.

Most Commonly Used NDT Methods Based on SHRP2 Work

- Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)
- Infrared Thermography (IR)
- Impact Echo and Impact Echo Scanning (IE and IES)
- Scanning Spectral Analysis of Surface Waves (SASW)
 - **(for asphalt overlaid concrete)**

Infrared Thermography Testing

- Most commonly performed on concrete and concrete overlaid bridge decks
- Can detect delaminations at only the top rebar mat (unless done from the deck bottom)
- Cannot “see” through debonded overlays
- Not sensitive to rebar or chlorides in concrete (results will often NOT match GPR results)
- Results will generally show larger areas of delamination and incipient delamination compared to chain dragging
- Requires correct thermal environment to be effective (results affected by shading, weather, time of day, etc.)

IR Testing Performed on a Bridge Deck



Infrared Imaging with Low-Cost Hand-held IR Camera

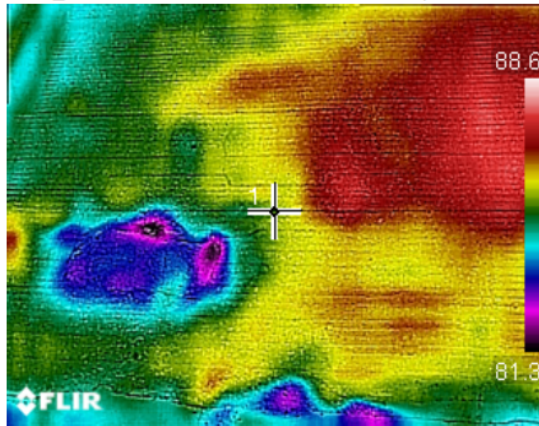


- FLIR-1 Hand-Held IR Cameras

Hand-Held IR Examples



IMG_3105.JPG 8/11/16, 11:16 AM



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MEASUREMENTS (°F)

| | |
|------|------|
| Spot | 85.6 |
|------|------|

PARAMETERS

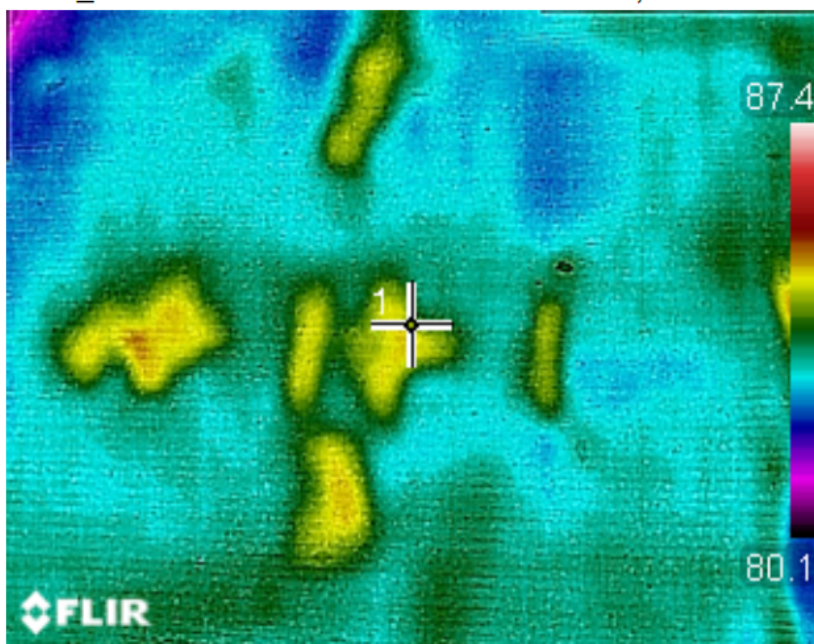
| | |
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| Emissivity | 0.95 |
| Refl. temp. | 68.0 °F |
| Distance | 3.28 ft |
| Relative humidity | 50 % |
| Atmospheric temperature | 68.0 °F |
| Transmission | 0.94 |
| Lat. | N 41° 49.72' |
| Long. | W 93° 34.73' |

- Deck Spall and Nearby Delamination

Hand-Held IR Examples

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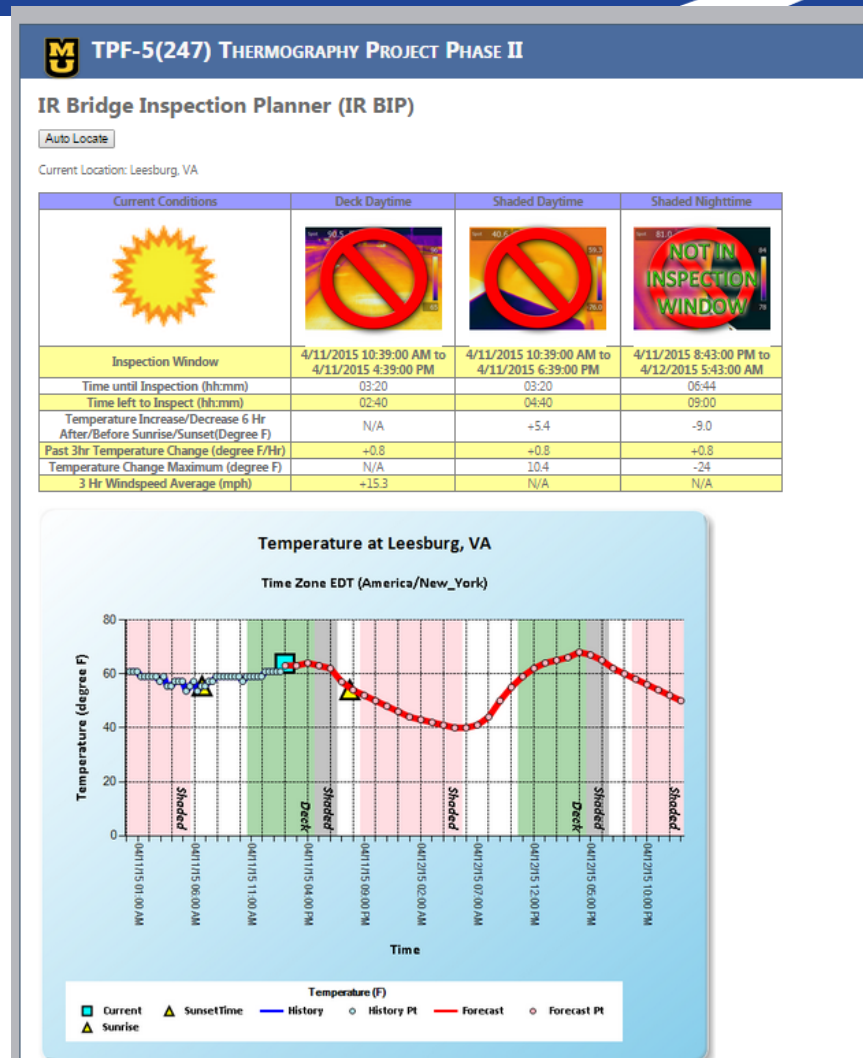
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- Deck Paint Marks PLUS Nearby Small Delaminations (above and below paint)

IR Bridge Inspection Planner Web Tool

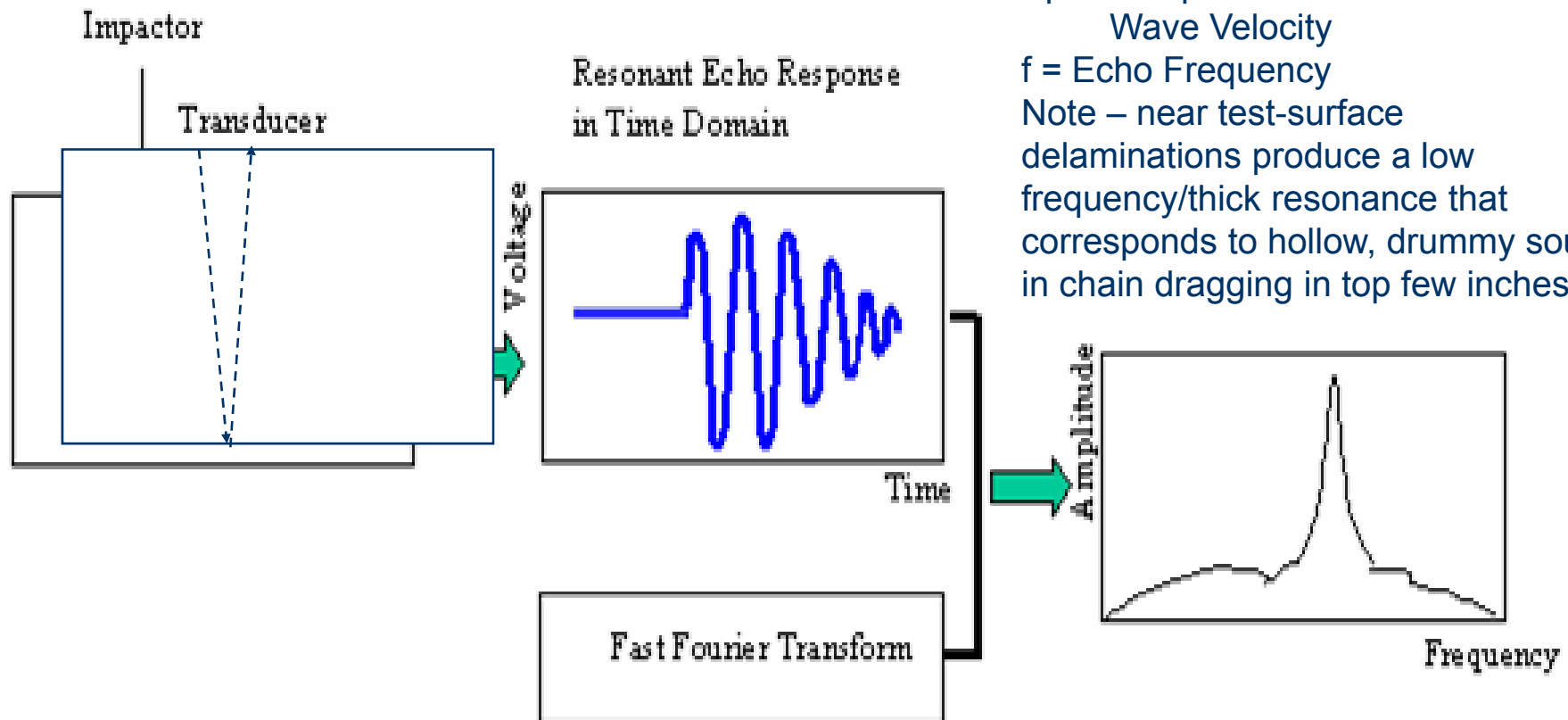


<http://www.fuchsconsultinginc.com/FCIWeatherChecker1.aspx>

Impact Echo Testing

- Most commonly performed on concrete and concrete overlaid bridge decks
- Can detect delaminations at BOTH the top and bottom rebar mats when testing from the top
- Cannot “see” through debonded overlays
- Not sensitive to rebar or chlorides in concrete (results will often NOT match GPR results)
- Results will generally show larger areas of delamination and incipient delamination compared to chain dragging

Impact Echo Test for Delamination/ Cracking/Thickness of Decks



$$D = bVp/(2*f)$$

b= Shape Factor (0.96 for slab)

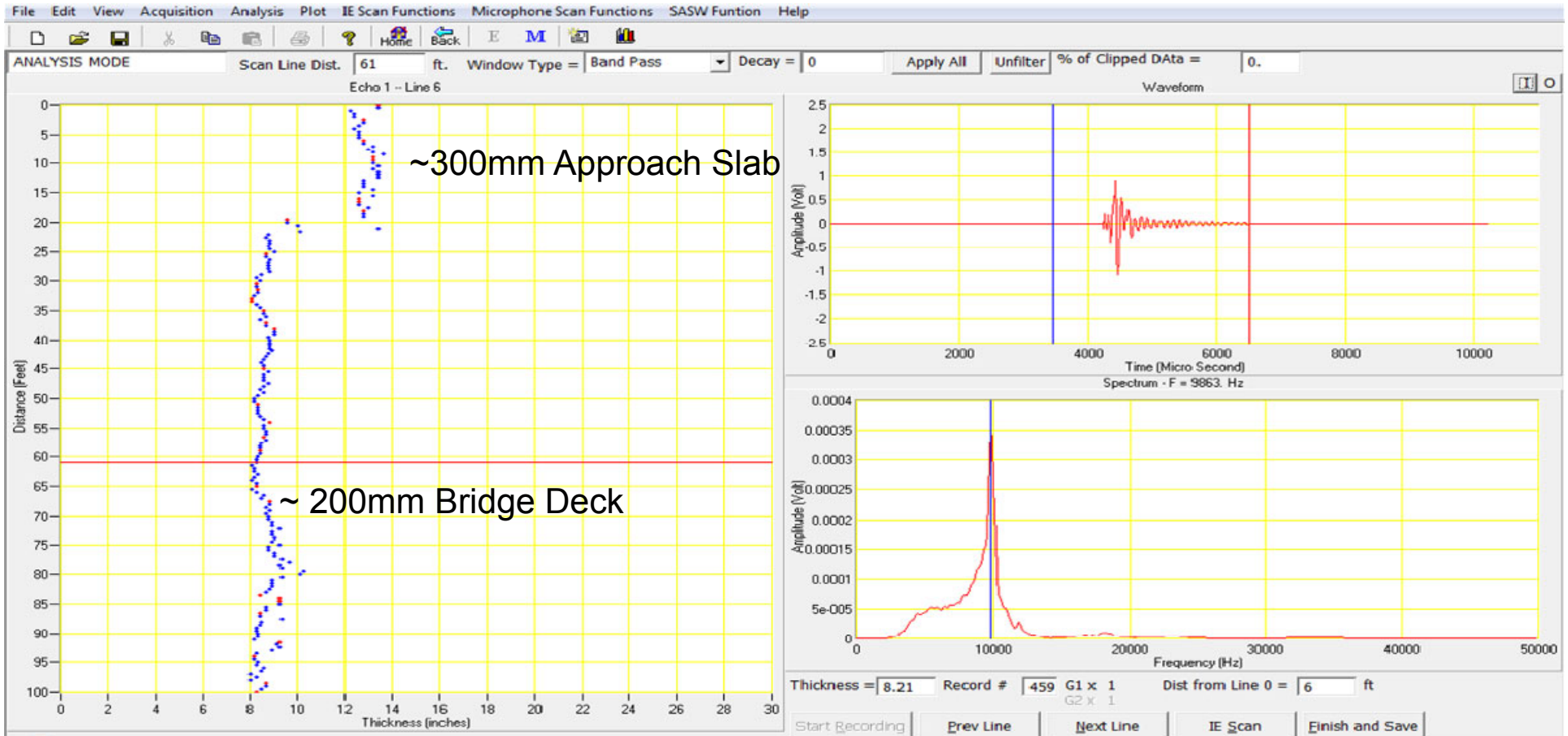
D = Thickness

Vp = Compressional
Wave Velocity

f = Echo Frequency

Note – near test-surface delaminations produce a low frequency/thick resonance that corresponds to hollow, drummy sound in chain dragging in top few inches

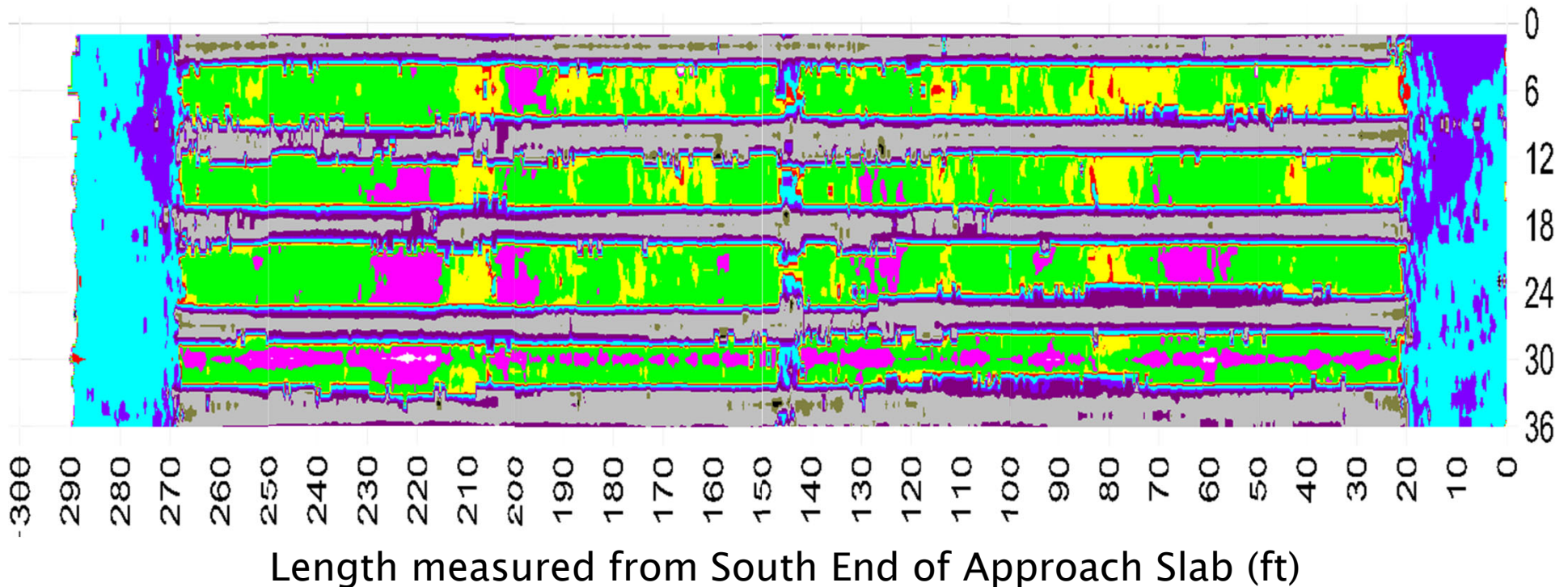
Sample Single IE Scanning Line Result



IE Thickness Plot vs. 100 ft Distance for a scan line on a bridge deck

Time Domain IE Signal at left cursor (Top Plot) and Frequency Domain Echo Depth Resonance=8.3 inches (Bottom Plot)

Overall IE Scanning Result Map from a Bridge Deck – Showing Beams and Deck Areas



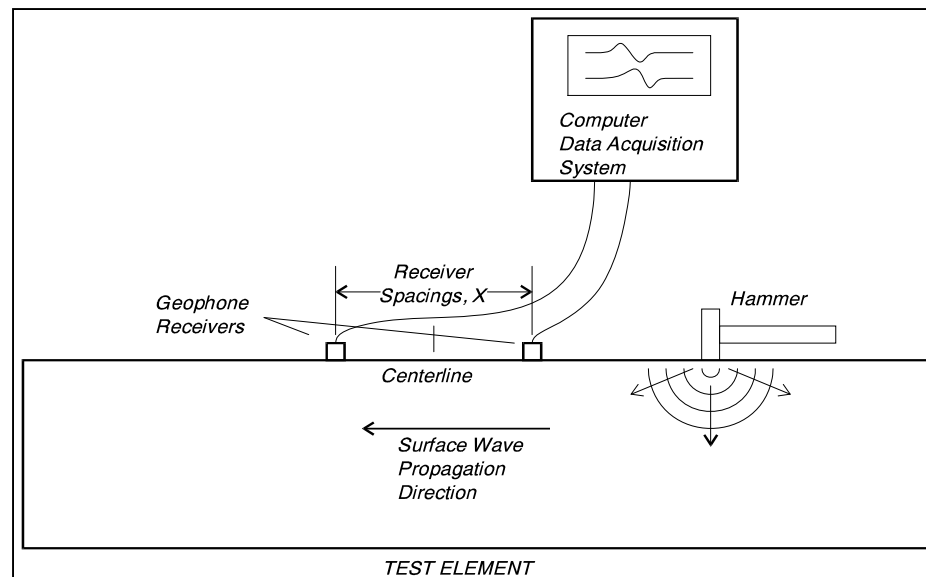
Distance measured
from East End of Deck
(ft)

SASW Testing

- Most commonly performed on asphalt-overlaid bridge decks
- Can detect delaminations in concrete under asphalt
- Requires accurate asphalt thickness information for best results

Spectral Analysis of Surface Waves Method (SASW)

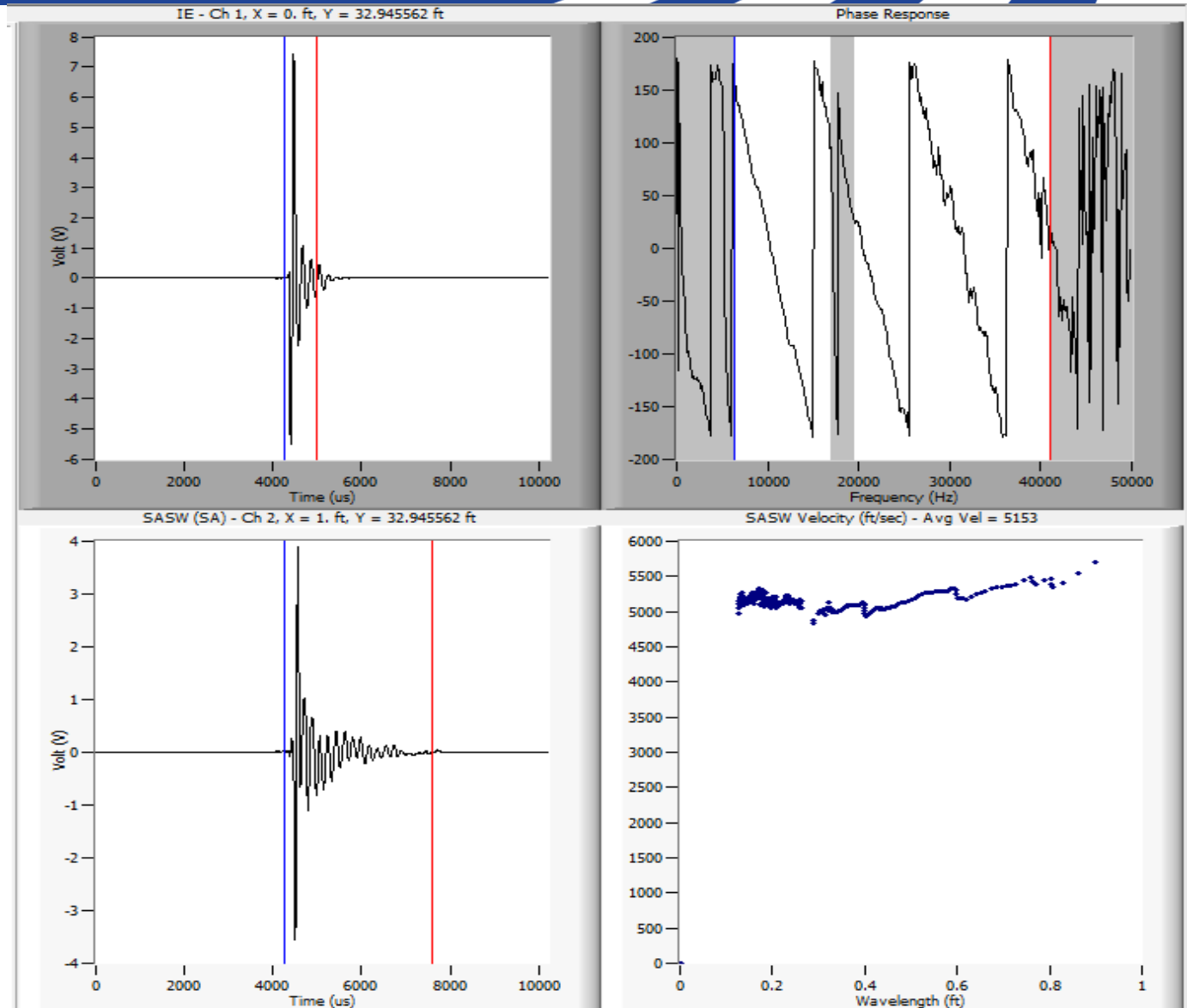
- Acoustic method – measures the propagation speed of surface waves with various wavelengths
- Short wavelength waves sample shallow, longer wavelengths sample deeper
- Allows the measurement of the velocity profile versus depth into the structure, which can be related to the strength and condition of the concrete versus depth



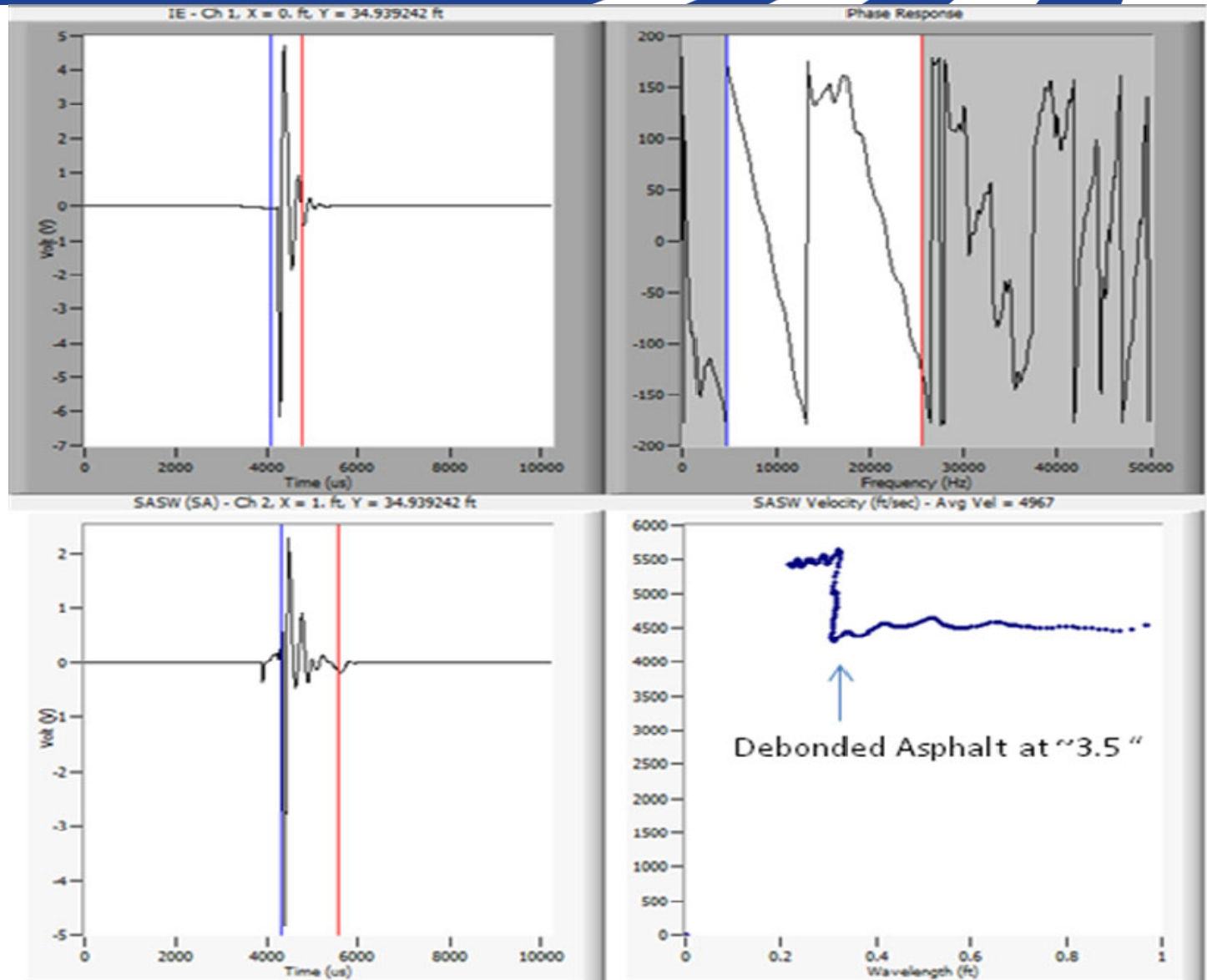
Bridge Deck Scanner with IE/SASW on Cart on Virginia Asphalt Overlaid Deck



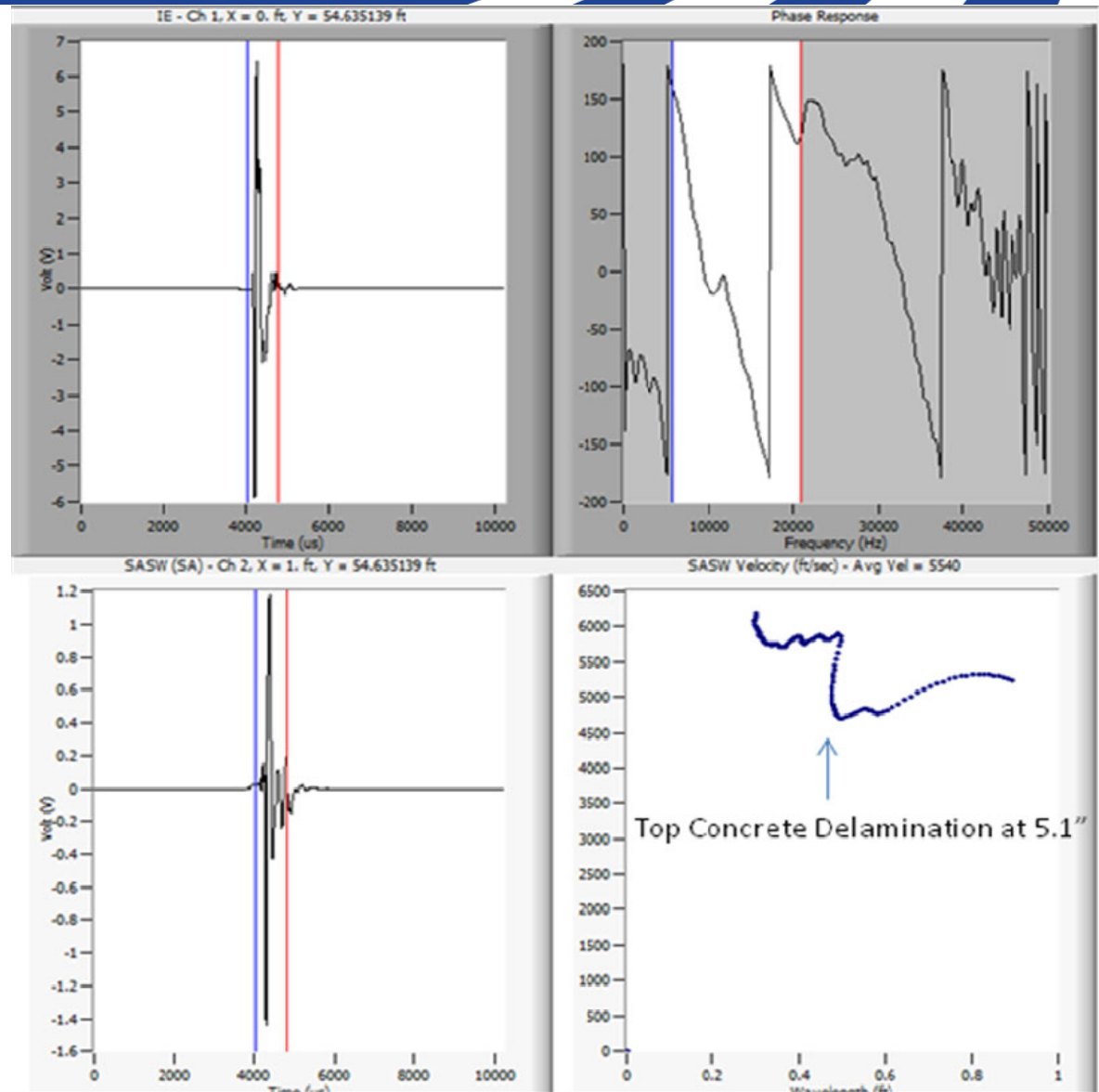
Findings – Bonded Asphalt on Sound Concrete



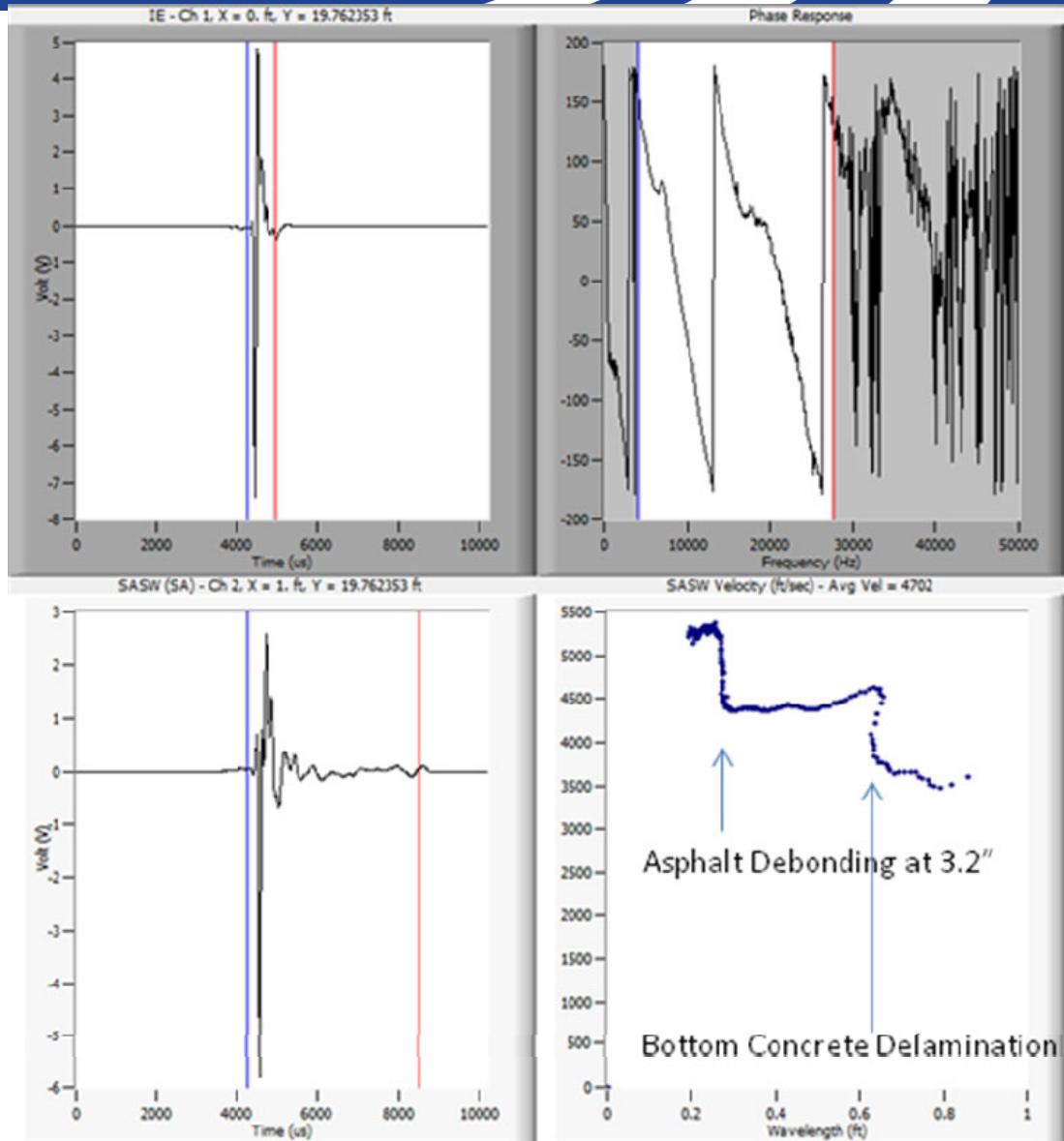
Sound Concrete with Asphalt Debonding



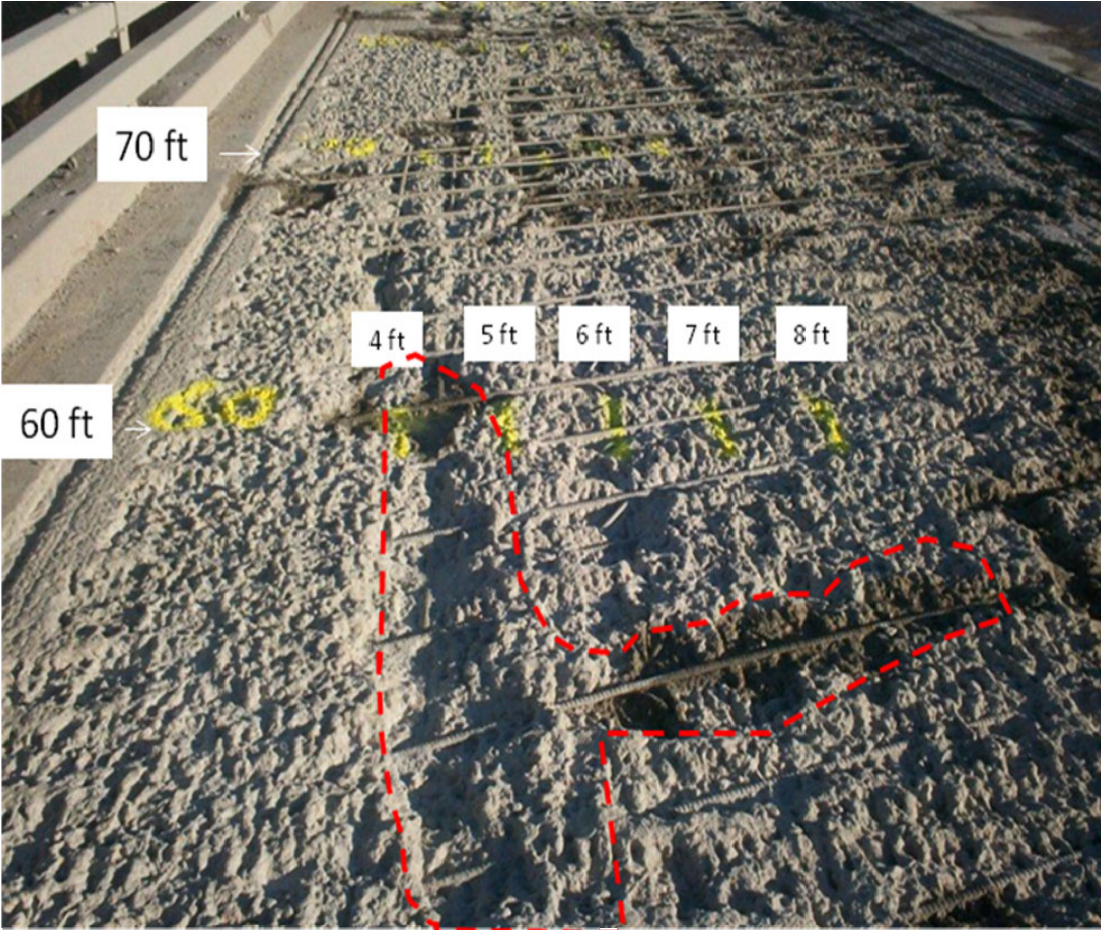
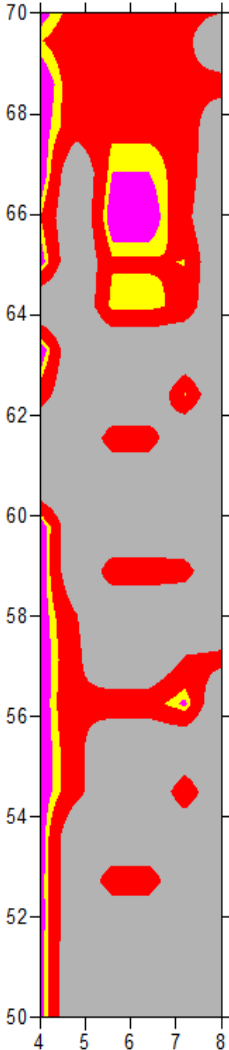
Bonded Asphalt on Concrete with Top Delamination



Debonded Asphalt / Concrete with Bottom Delamination



Ground Truthing - Hydrodemolition to Reveal Delaminations



GPR Testing

- Most commonly performed on concrete and concrete overlaid bridge decks
- Can detect chlorides and areas of likely future corrosion and subsequent delamination
- NOT always sensitive to current cracking and delaminations unless the cracks or delaminations have salts, corrosion products, or other GPR-reflective material present (results will often NOT match IE, IR or Sounding results)
- Can also map out rebar depth and geometry

Description of the GPR Method

Reflection test

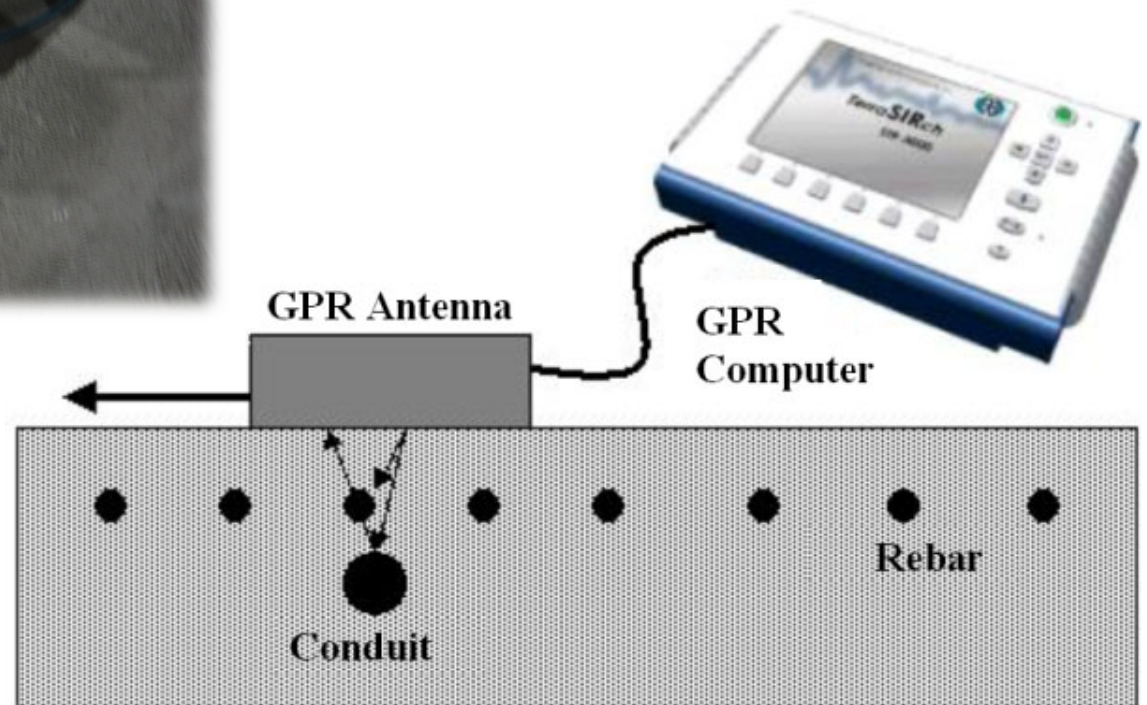
- Using electromagnetic waves
- Sending tiny pulse of energy through its antenna
- Reflecting back from different material or anomalies.

A rapid nondestructive testing method

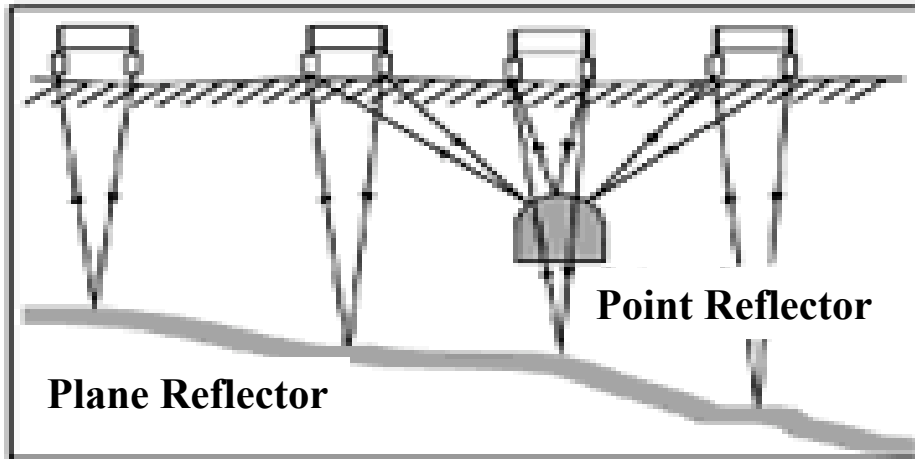
- Ground Contact (single antenna and multiple antennas)
- Air Horn (multiple antennas)



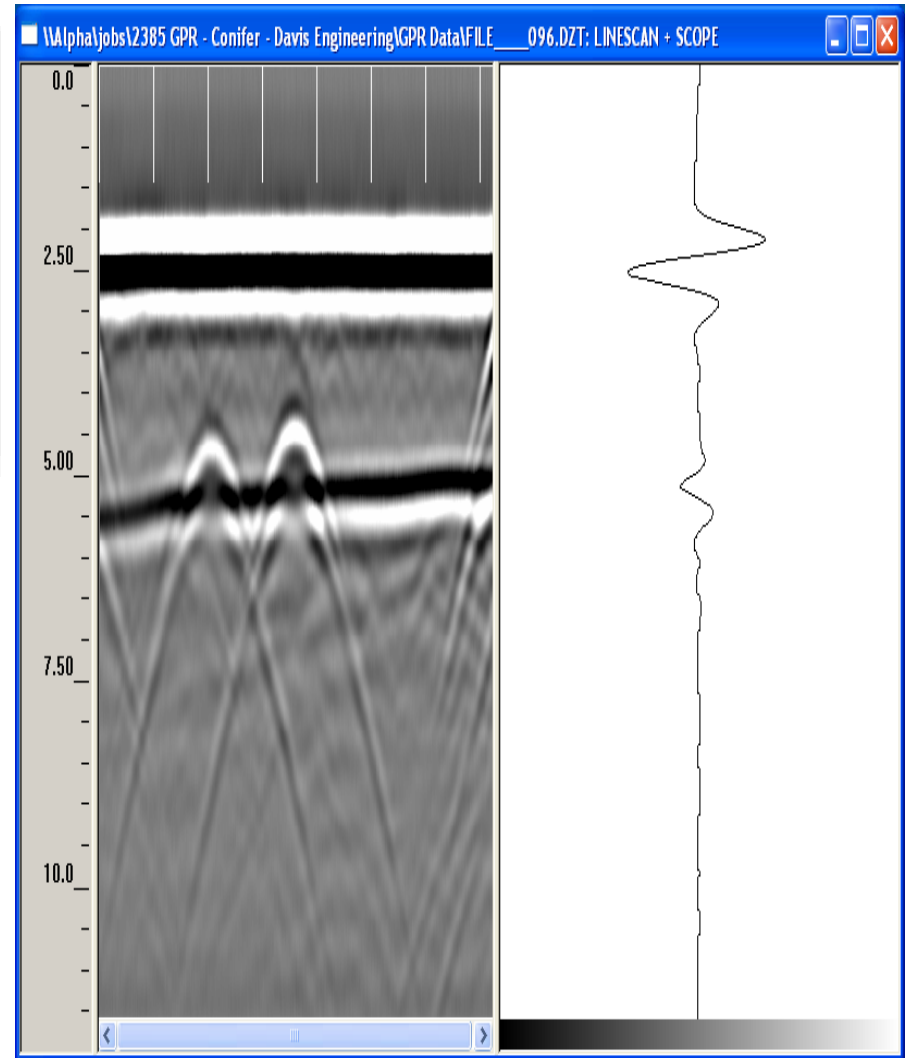
Physical Principle



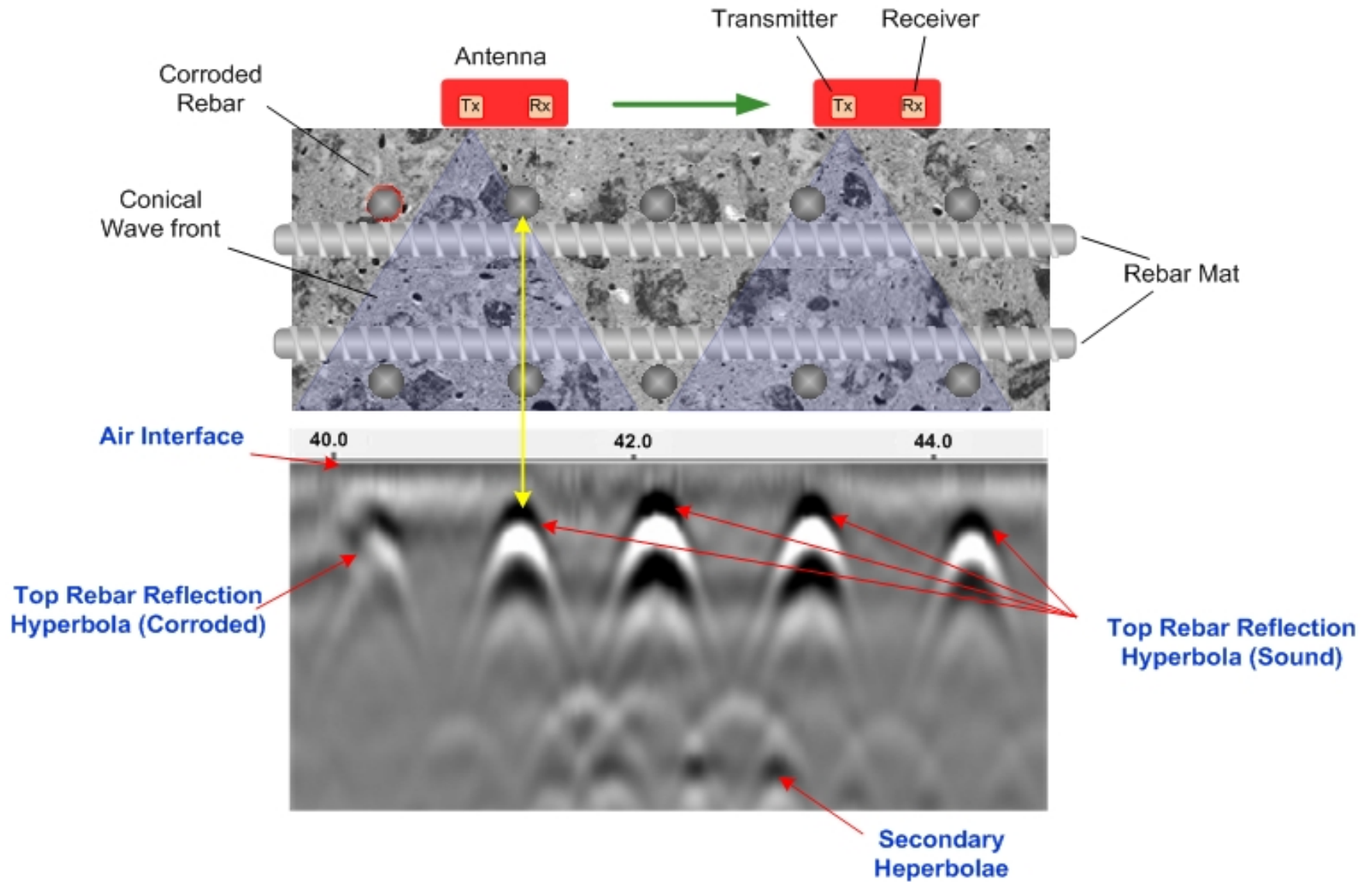
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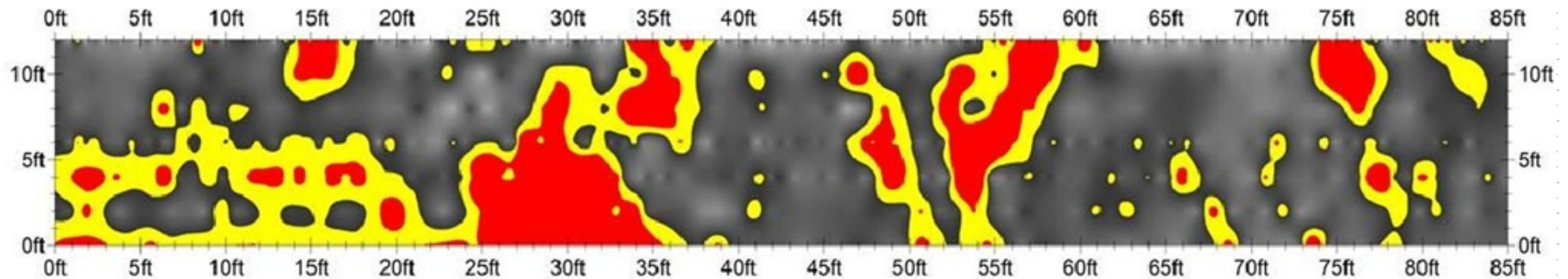
Reflection Concept



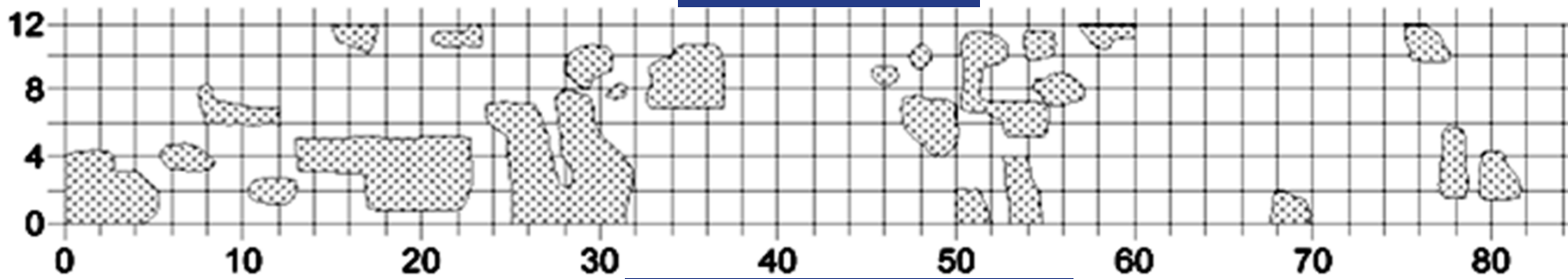
Physical Principle (continued)



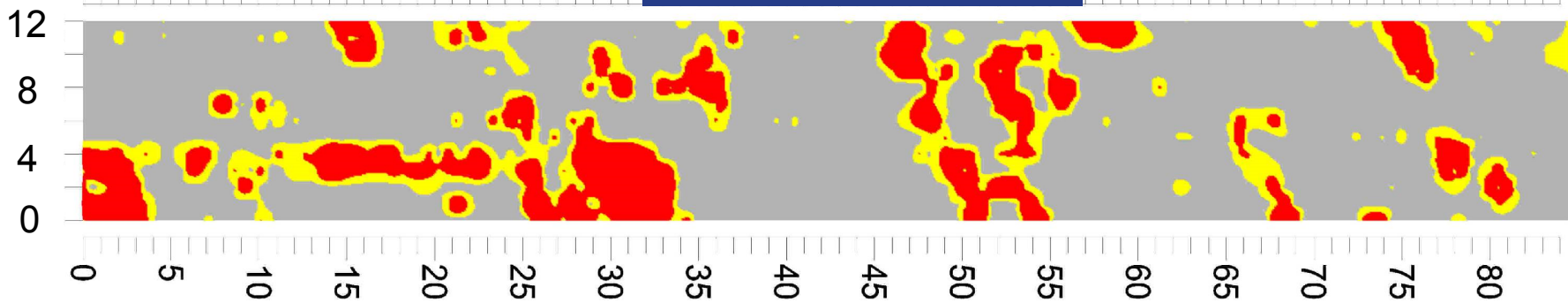
GPR, Chain Drag and IE Test Results Comparison



GPR Test Results



Test Results from Sounding



IE (Scanning Test Results)

Example Equipment (Ground Contact Antennas)



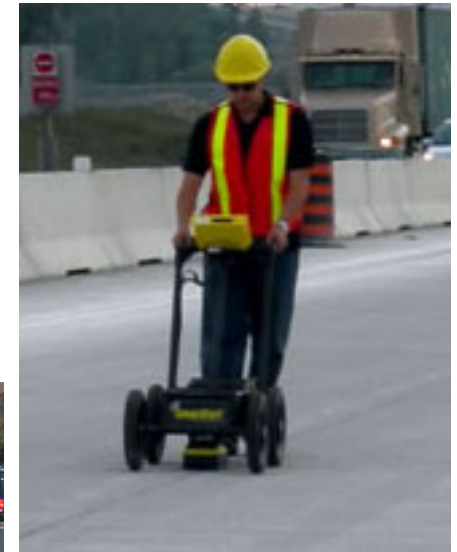
3D Radar



GSSI



MALA



Sensors and
Software



IDS

Example Equipment (Air Horn Antennas)



3D Radar



GSSI



IDS Georadar

Deterioration Modes Detected By GPR Testing

- Locations with a dielectric contrast between the two materials (indicative of material property changes)
- Large concrete cracks/voids (air filled)
- Smaller gaps/voids filled with salty water – larger dielectric contrast
- Corrosion, high chlorides, or rust byproducts indicated by lower amplitude reinforcement reflections due to diffraction by rust byproducts as well as attenuation by chlorides

Performances of GPR Test on Concrete Bridge Decks

- **Speed** of data collection - Rapid and reliable
- **Analysis** - Takes more time and requires a high level of expertise
- **Ease of Use** - Requires significant expertise and training
- **Cost** – Moderate-to-expensive system
- **Repeatability** - Repeatable test
- **Accuracy** – Good (better with ground-coupled antennas)

Limitation of GPR Testing on Bridge Decks

- Detect delaminations **only when** they are epoxy-impregnated and/or filled with water/salt in decks
- **De-icing salts** can limit the depth of signal penetration (but this attenuation is used to map high-chloride areas)
- **Limited test results** – cannot provide any information about the mechanical properties of the concrete (strength, modulus, etc.).
- **FCC restrictions**
- Need **validations** from other NDE methods or ground truth

Limitations (continued)

- **Cannot “see”** through dense rebar
- **Does not directly detect cracks** – need “conductive” cracking (water-filled)
- **Depth of air voids** can not usually be estimated
- **Depth of the penetration** depends on the antenna frequency
 - 2600 MHz – 12-15 inch max penetration in concrete
 - 1500 MHz – 18 inch max penetration in concrete
 - 400 MHz – 6 – 10 foot penetration in concrete





**Thank you, and please contact us if you
have specific questions about any of
these test methods**

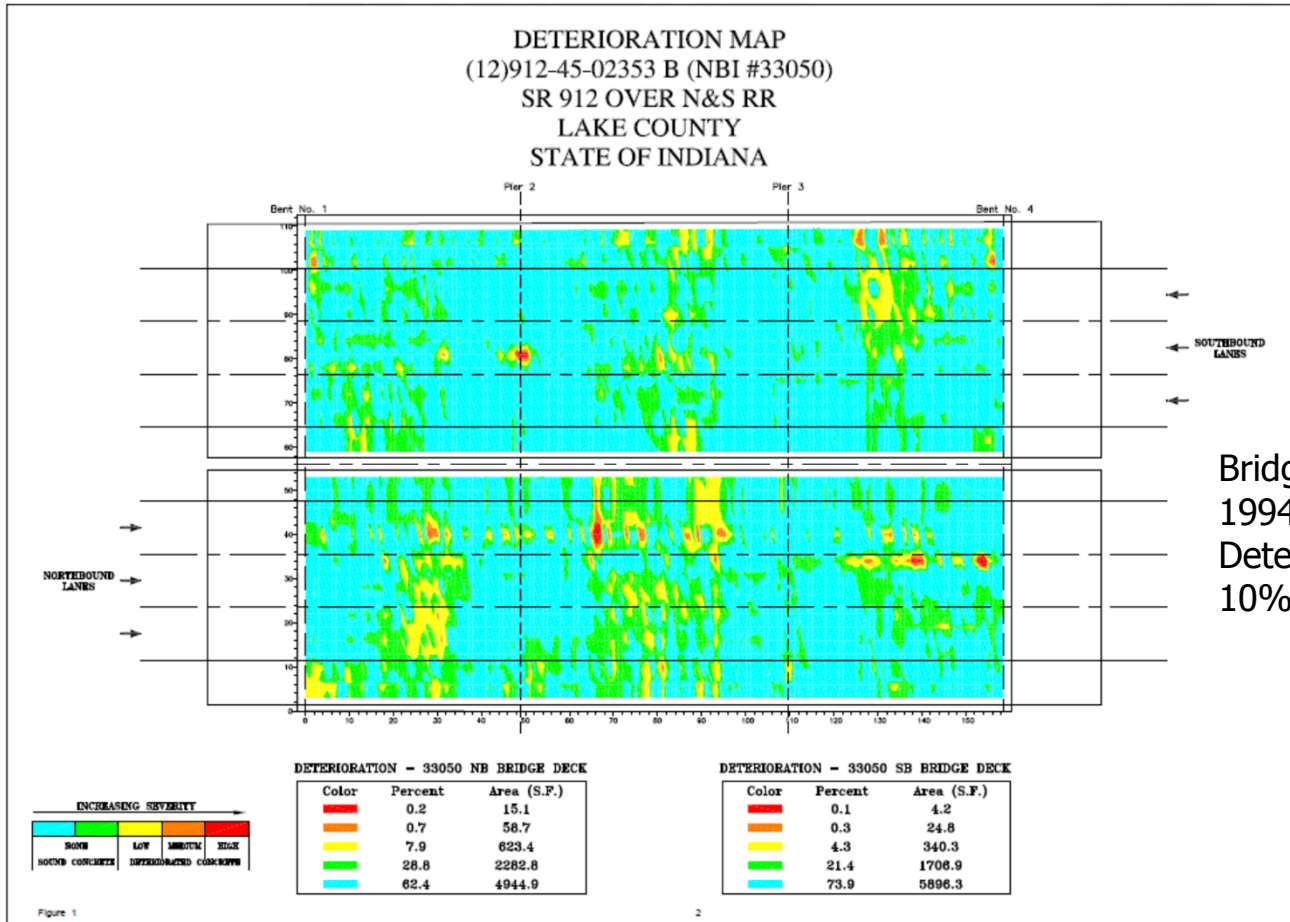
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Ground Penetrating Radar Bridge Deck Testing
Randy Strain

INDOT NDT

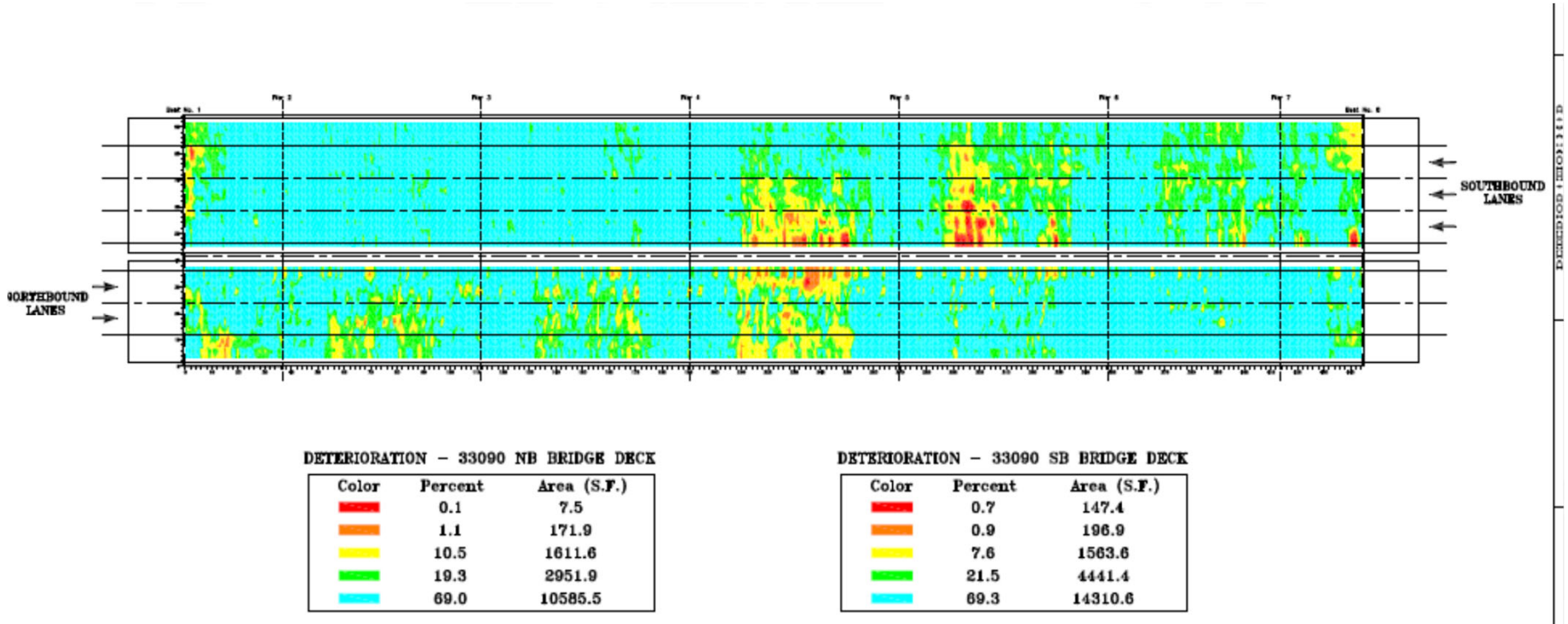
- Resource International, Inc. is in the process of completing our first contract of non-destructive bridge deck testing using ground penetrating radar.
- The contract included testing for 230 bridge decks.
- The bridges were selected by the INDOT Bridge Asset Engineers and Bridge Inspection Supervisors.

INDOT NDT



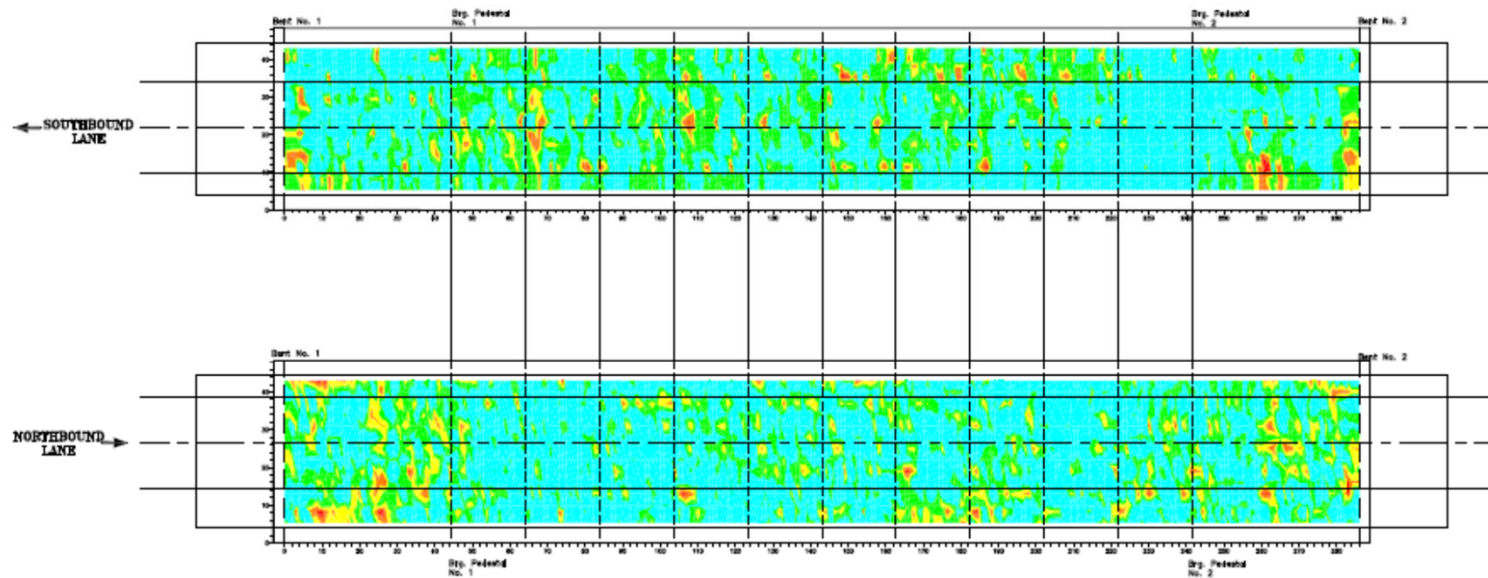
Bridge Deck constructed in 1994 25 year old deck
 Deterioration less than 10%

INDOT NDT



Bridge deck constructed in 1994 – 25 year old bridge deck
 Deterioration just over 10%

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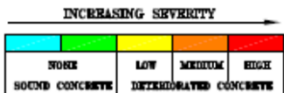


DETERIORATION - 35520 NB BRIDGE DECK

| Color | Percent | Area (S.F.) |
|--------|---------|-------------|
| Red | 0.1 | 12.8 |
| Orange | 1.6 | 167.8 |
| Yellow | 9.1 | 985.7 |
| Green | 28.5 | 3065.4 |
| Cyan | 60.7 | 6541.0 |

DETERIORATION - 35520 SB BRIDGE DECK

| Color | Percent | Area (S.F.) |
|--------|---------|-------------|
| Red | 0.1 | 13.7 |
| Orange | 2.3 | 247.3 |
| Yellow | 5.0 | 542.2 |
| Green | 32.0 | 3441.8 |
| Cyan | 60.6 | 6527.6 |



I65-68-7910
Bartholomew County
Complex Bridge built
with a latex overlay

The deterioration is
just over 10%

The structure is 20
years old.

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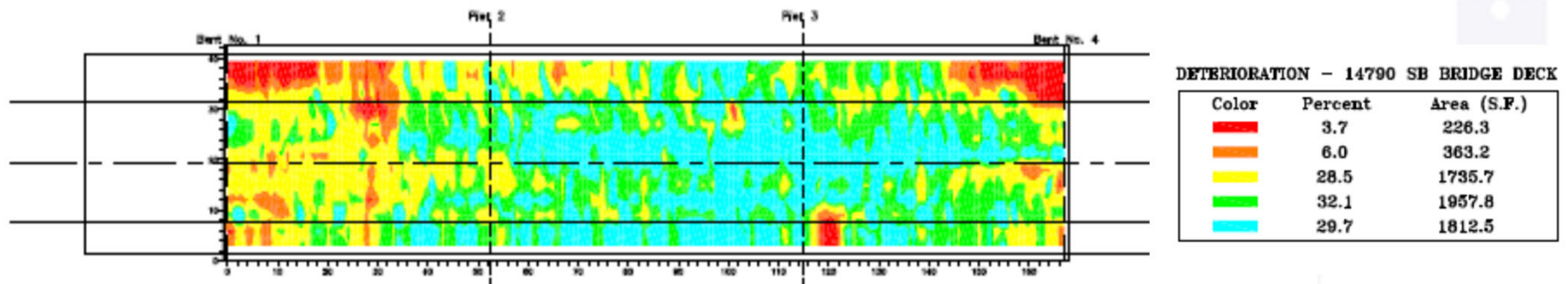
- In order to obtain a 28 day yield strength of 4000 psi 658 pounds of cement is used in the mix design.
- Indiana is known for its' Indiana Limestone, also know as Bedford Limestone.
- Bedford Indiana has been noted to have the highest quality quarried limestone in the United States.
- Wonderful product for building products.
- Not a great stone for obtaining a high strength concrete.

INDOT NDT

- It appears that building a bridge deck with an overlay may not provide additional protection to the deck. The shrinkage cracks from the deck seem to extend into the overlay.
- Our best protection with our current mix design is to allow the shrinkage cracks to form and then provide protection with a polymeric concrete bridge deck overlay.
- Designing a concrete mix to overcome the shrinkage cracks increases the cost of the concrete by about four and a half times.

INDOT NDT

- 41-42-5935 BSBL



- 9.7% highly deteriorated
- 38.2% total deterioration
- 48 year old deck
- 24 year old 2nd overlay
- Structure is programmed to be rehabilitated in 2020. The inspector rated the deck a low 6 by notation and recommend the deck be replaced.

INDOT NDT

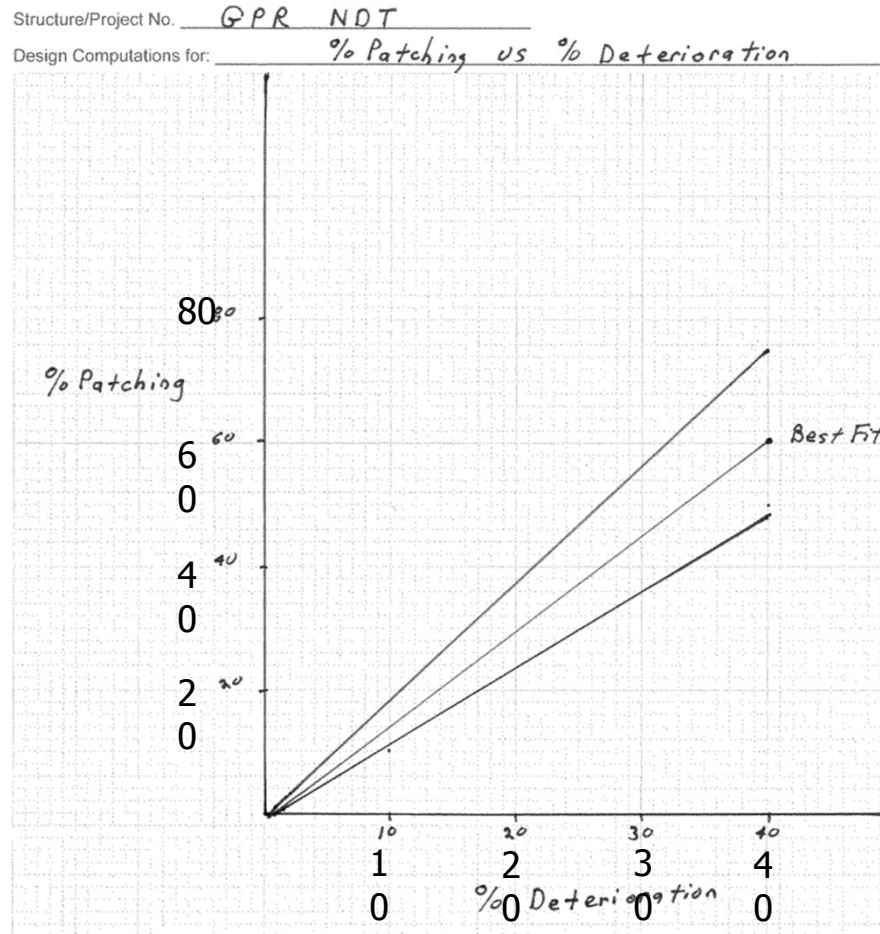
Preliminary statistical findings

- Bridges with approximately 10% deterioration should be considered to be in fair condition.
- Bridges with approximately 10% – 20% deterioration may require further testing.
- Bridges with greater than 20% deterioration should be considered in poor condition.

INDOT NDT

The relation between percent deterioration and percent patching is not a one to one correlation.

This graph is an approximation of the relationship.



INDOT NDT

When and how often should testing be done?

- The deterioration appears to be minor in bridge decks less than twenty years old
- The deterioration in latex overlays appears to follow very closely to the same time line.
- The bridge inspectors can not accurately determine the condition of the bridge decks by visual inspection. A large amount of the deterioration is simply not visible.
- Using NDT at the appropriate time line can assist in the proper evaluation of the bridge deck.

INDOT NDT

- INDOT Bridge Inspectors can use the NDT results to more accurately rate bridge decks.
- Percentage of deterioration does not directly correlate to bridge deck patching.
- Ground penetrating radar is a valuable tool for screening bridge decks.
- The correlation of deterioration percentage to patching has not been accurately determined.

INDOT NDT

- In 2019 we would like to use different methods of NDT and perform quality assurance on the bridge decks tested.
- Perhaps in order to minimize traffic disruption, the touch based NDT might be performed on the bridge deck shoulder then the traffic lanes can be tested at highway speeds.
- Several bridge decks will be followed through the construction contract in order to obtain the correlation between percentage deterioration to bridge deck patching.
- The upper limit of deterioration needs to be identified.



**OREGON DOT's
PILOT PROJECTS
USING
NONDESTRUCTIVE
TESTING
TECHNIQUES for
BRIDGE DECK
INSPECTION**



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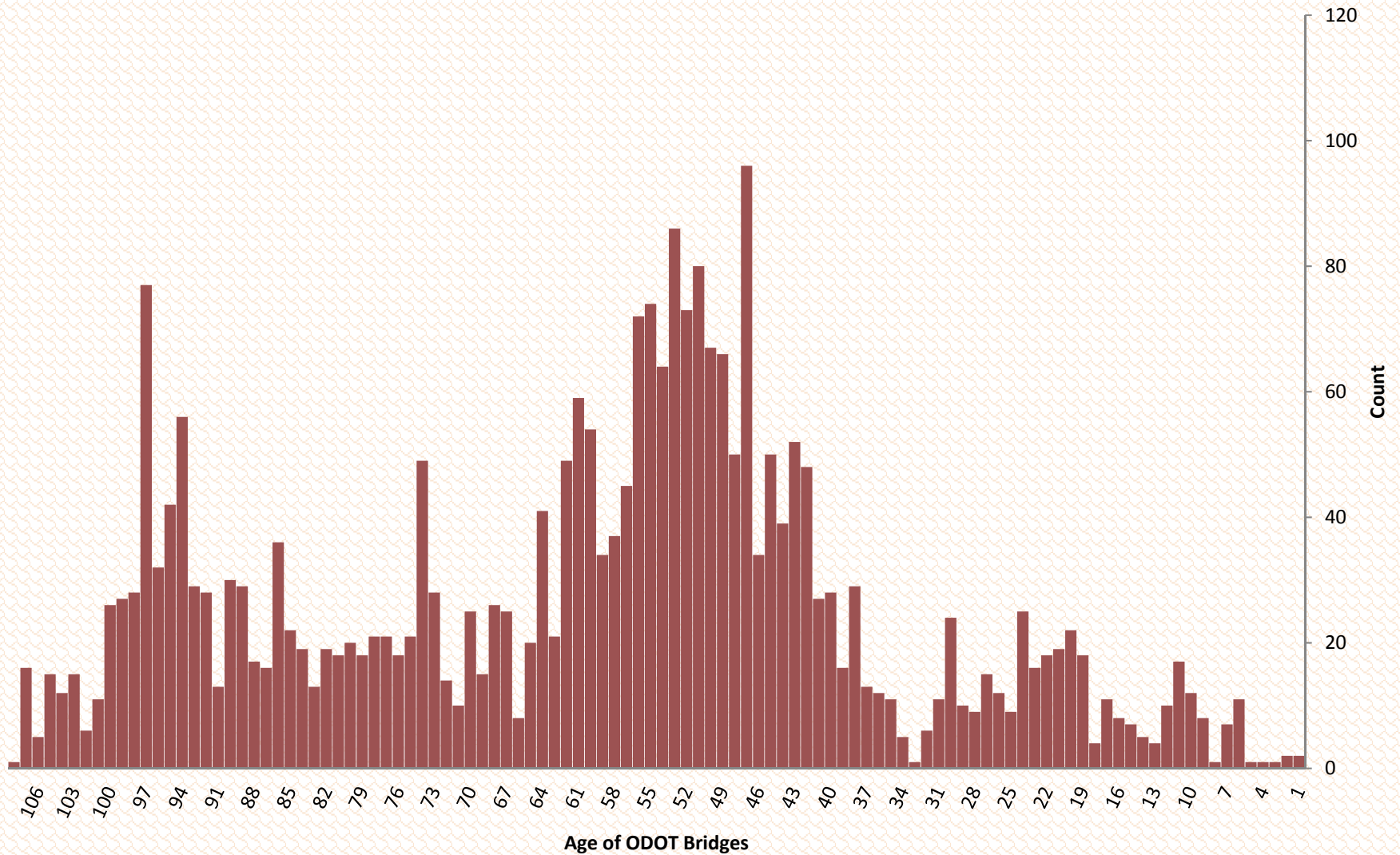
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Inventory



Median age: 52 years



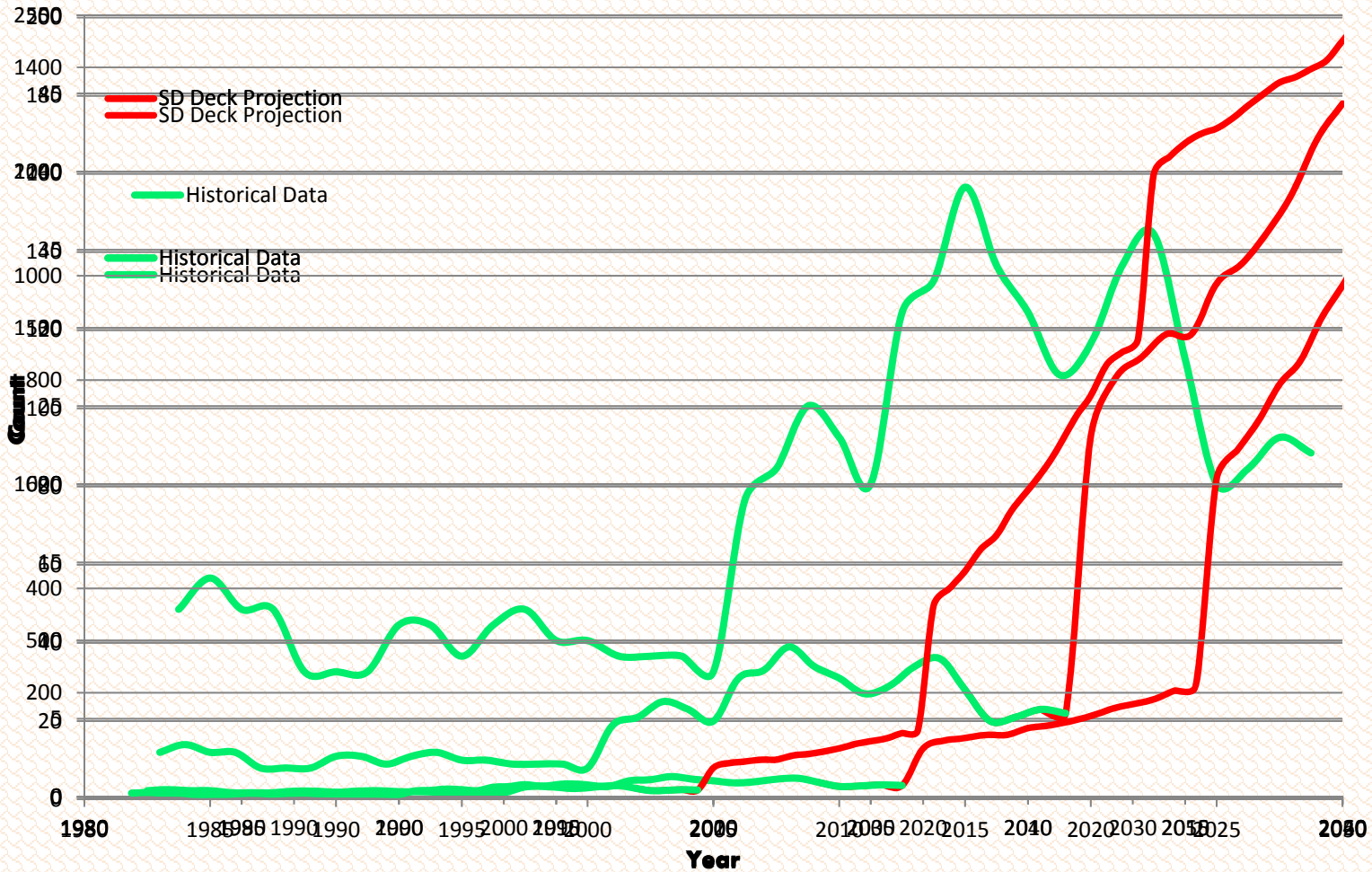


Inventory



Structurally Deficient Decks

2050: 2889





Oregon – 2 Grants

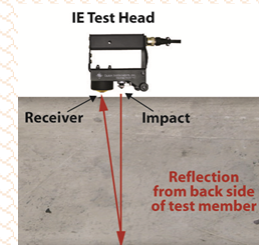
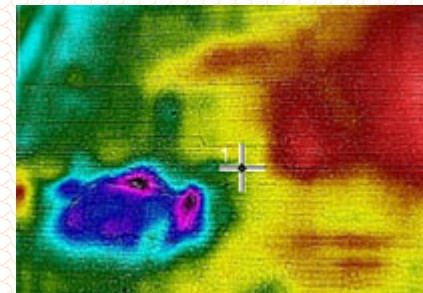
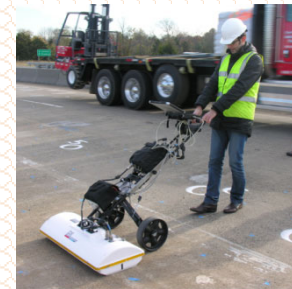


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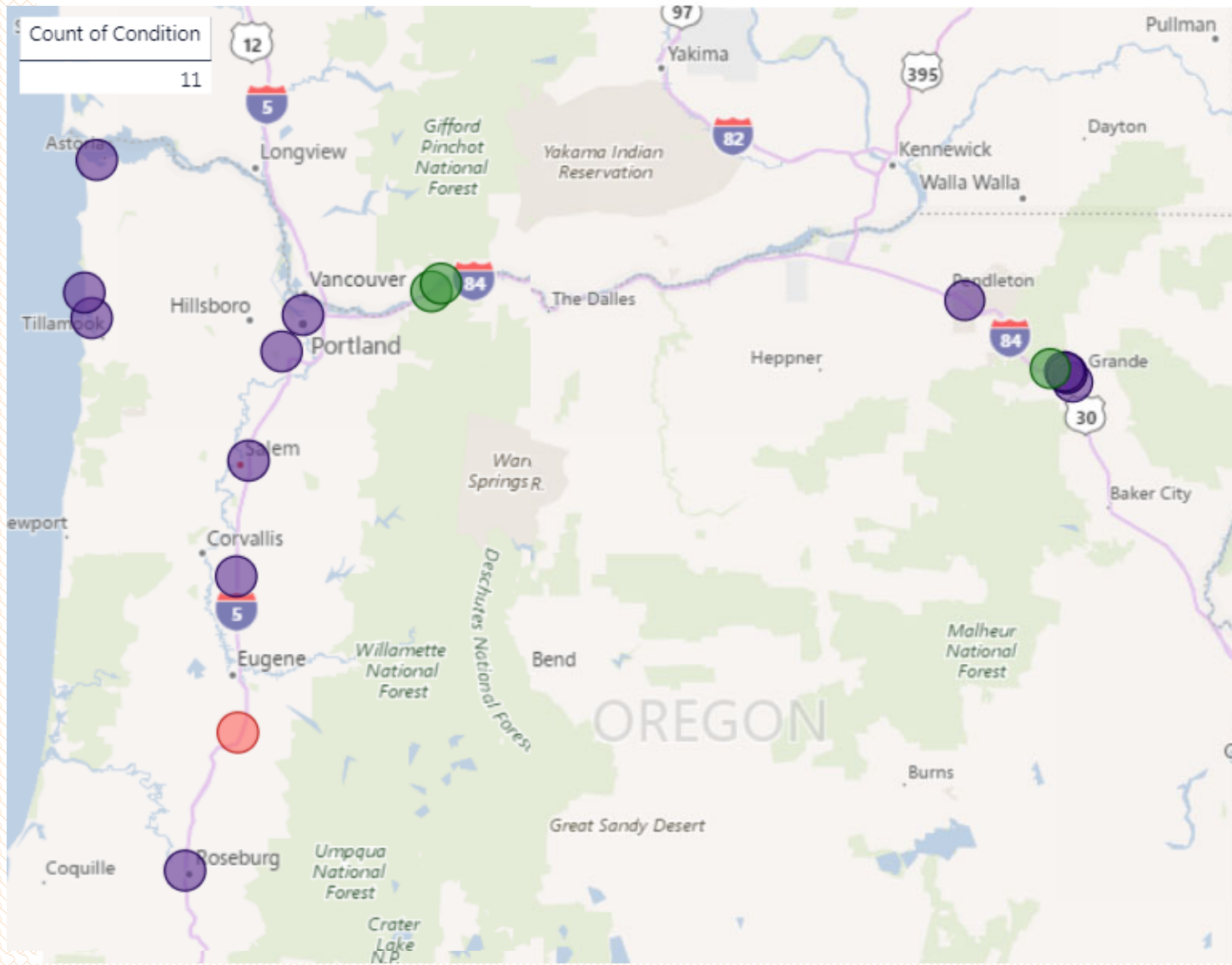
Prevailing NDE techniques for concrete bridge decks

- **Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)**
- **Infrared Thermography (IR)**
- **Impact Echo (IE)**
- **Chain Drag**





Phase 1 – High Speed

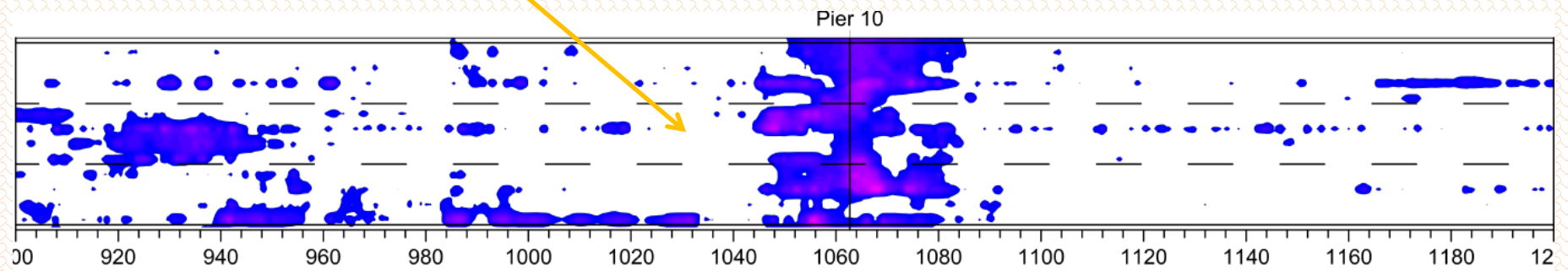
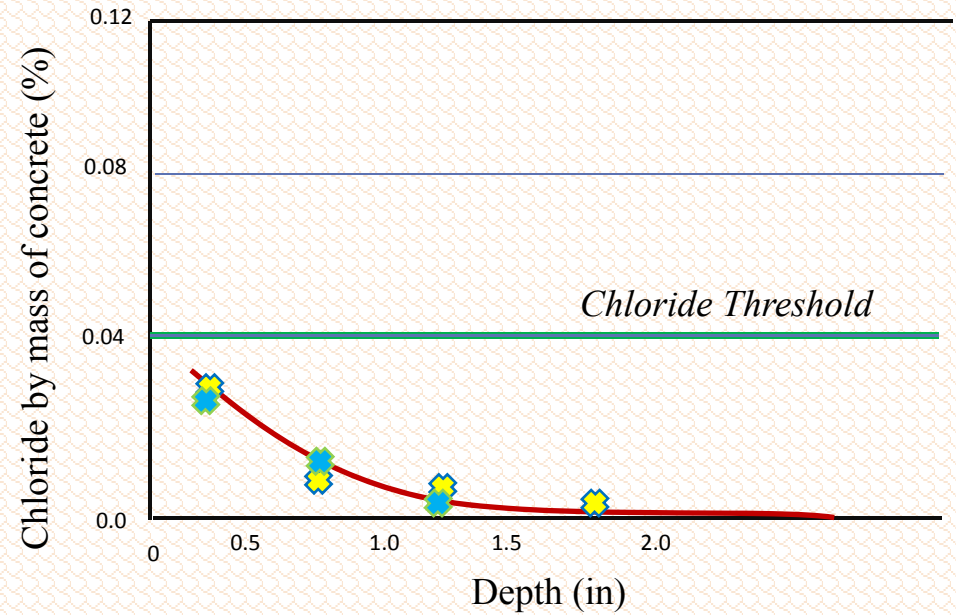




Results – Interstate Bridge



Chloride Profile



Deterioration detected by GPR

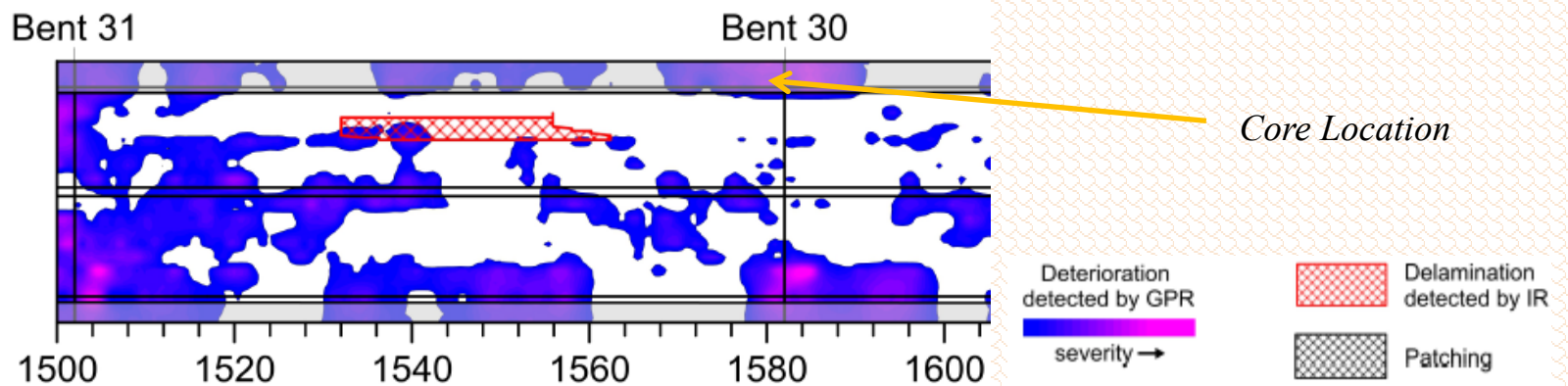
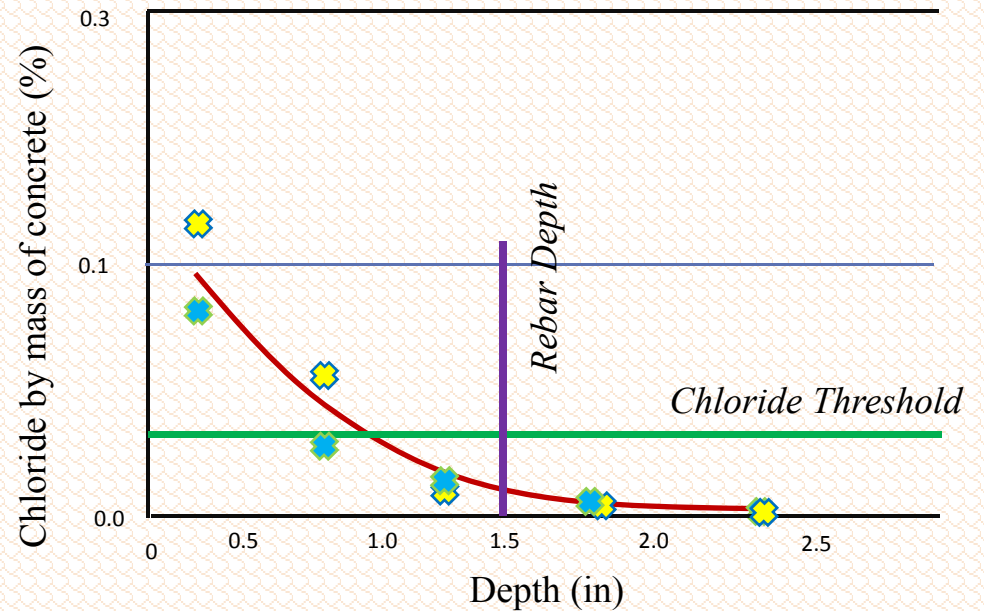




New Youngs Bay



Chloride Profile

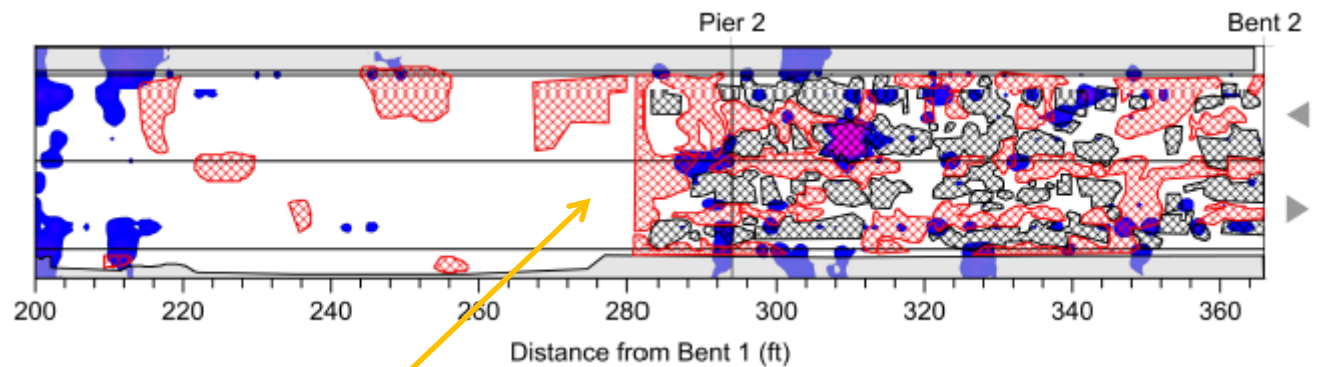
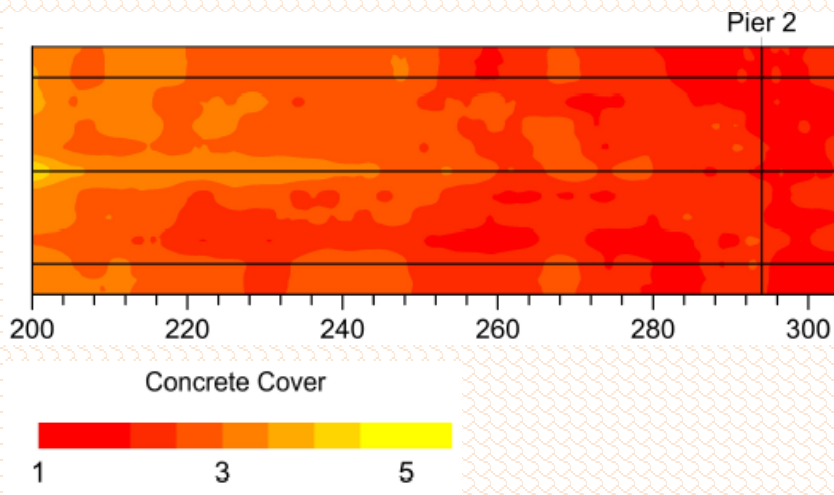
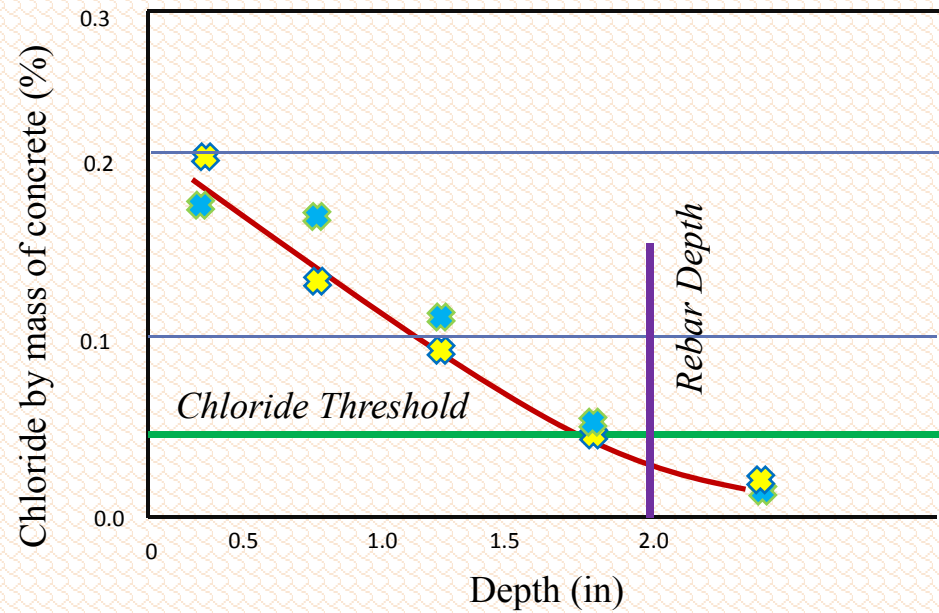




OR58, Salt Creek



Chloride Profile

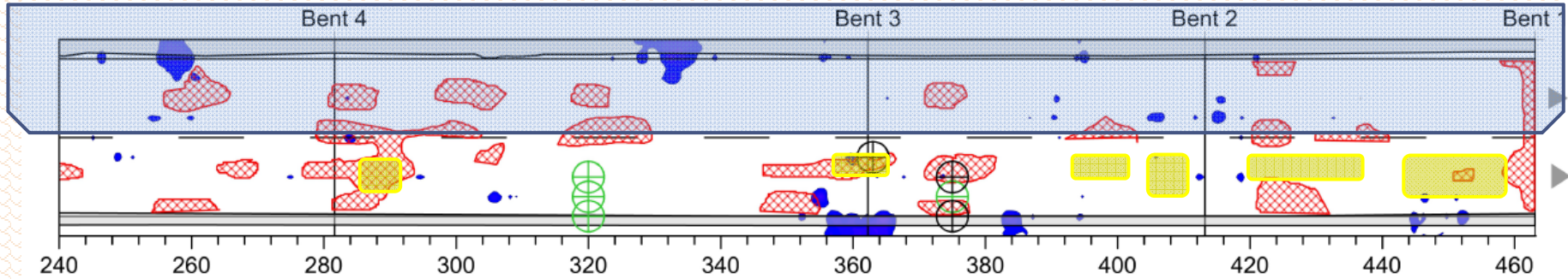


Core Location

- Deterioration detected by GPR severity →
- Delamination detected by IR
- Patching



OR99, Tualatin River



Deterioration detected by GPR

severity →

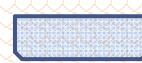
⊕ IE (delam)

⊕ IE (no delam)

Delamination detected by IR

Patching

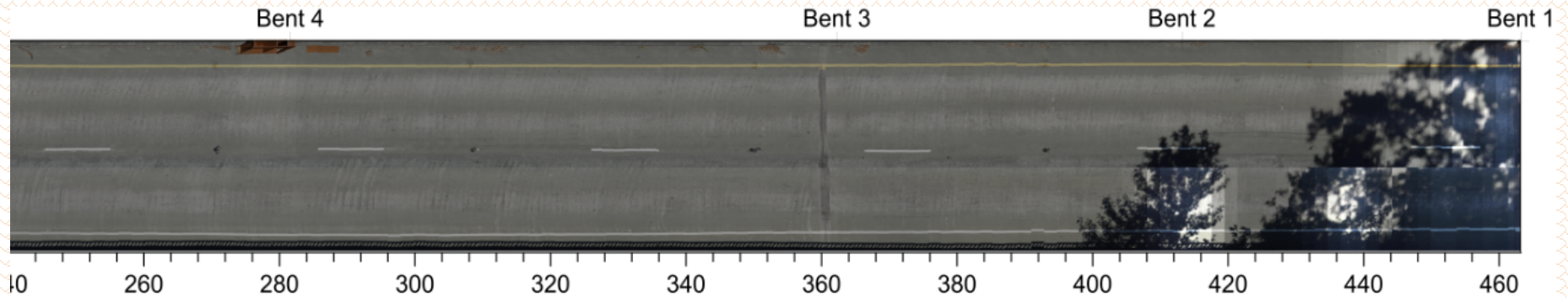
Not detectable by IR / GPR



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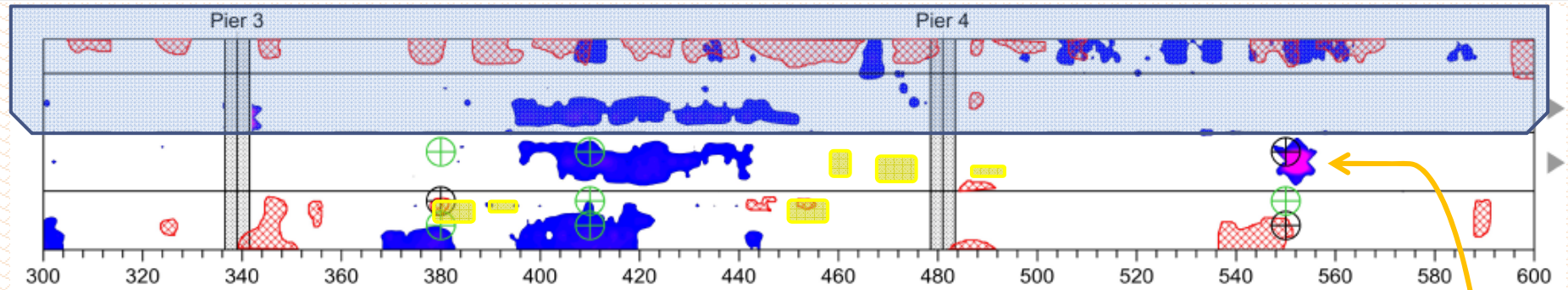


Delam. detected by Chain Drag





I-5, Umpqua River



Deterioration detected by GPR

severity →

⊕ IE (delam)

⊕ IE (no delam)

Delamination detected by IR

Patching

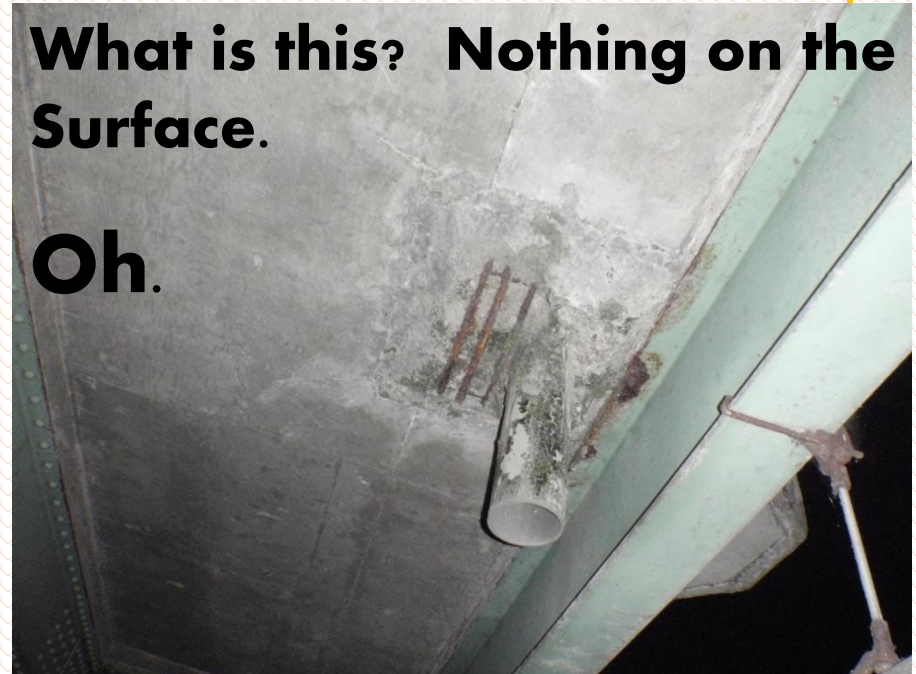
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Delam. detected by Chain Drag



SOUTH UMPQUA RIVER (VETS) - BR# 07404 - HWY 1 SB - MP: 124.54

TYP. EXPOSED REBAR AT DECK DRAINS



I-5, Umpqua River



Chain Drag:

**0.5%
delam.**

High Speed Infrared:

**4.5%
delam.**

Final Class 2 Repair:

1.5%





I-84, Snake River



28K ft²

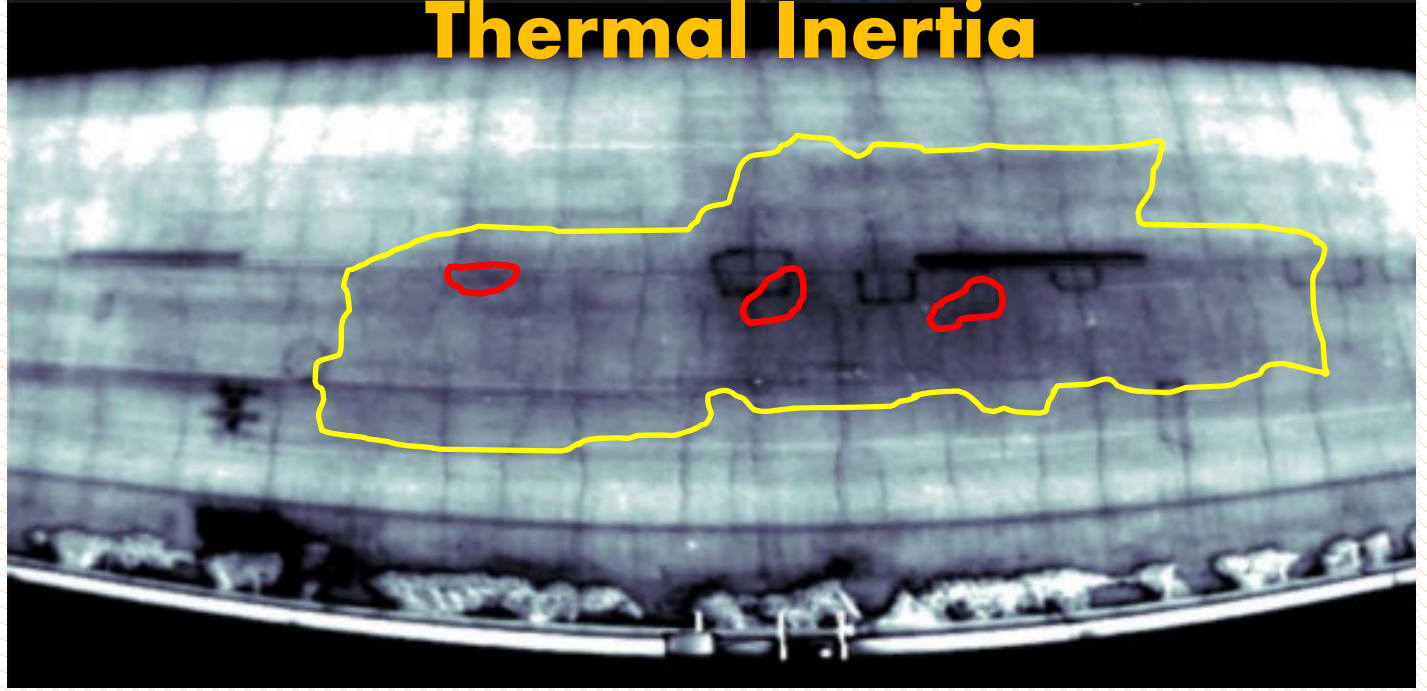
**4.2%
delam.**

**10.0%
delam.**

Chain Drag



Thermal Inertia





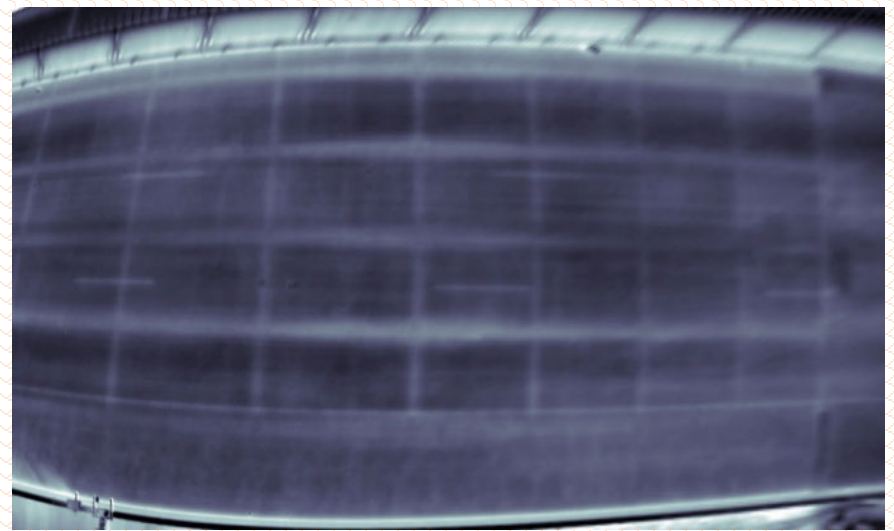
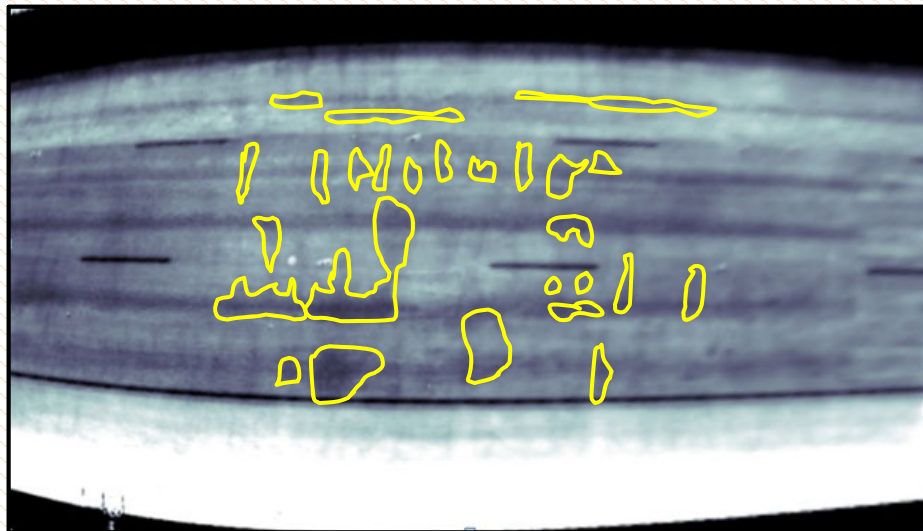
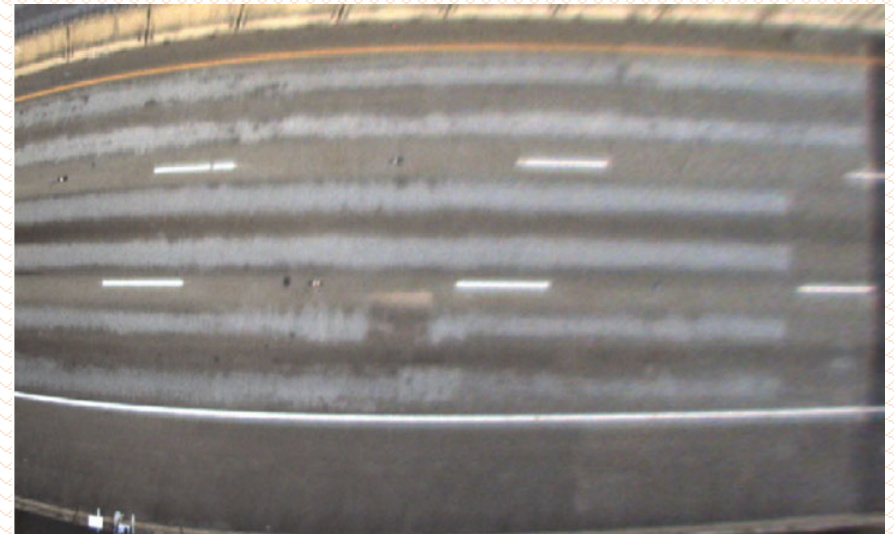
I-5 over 26th Avenue



Replace Deck?

Replace Overlay?

Replace Bridge?



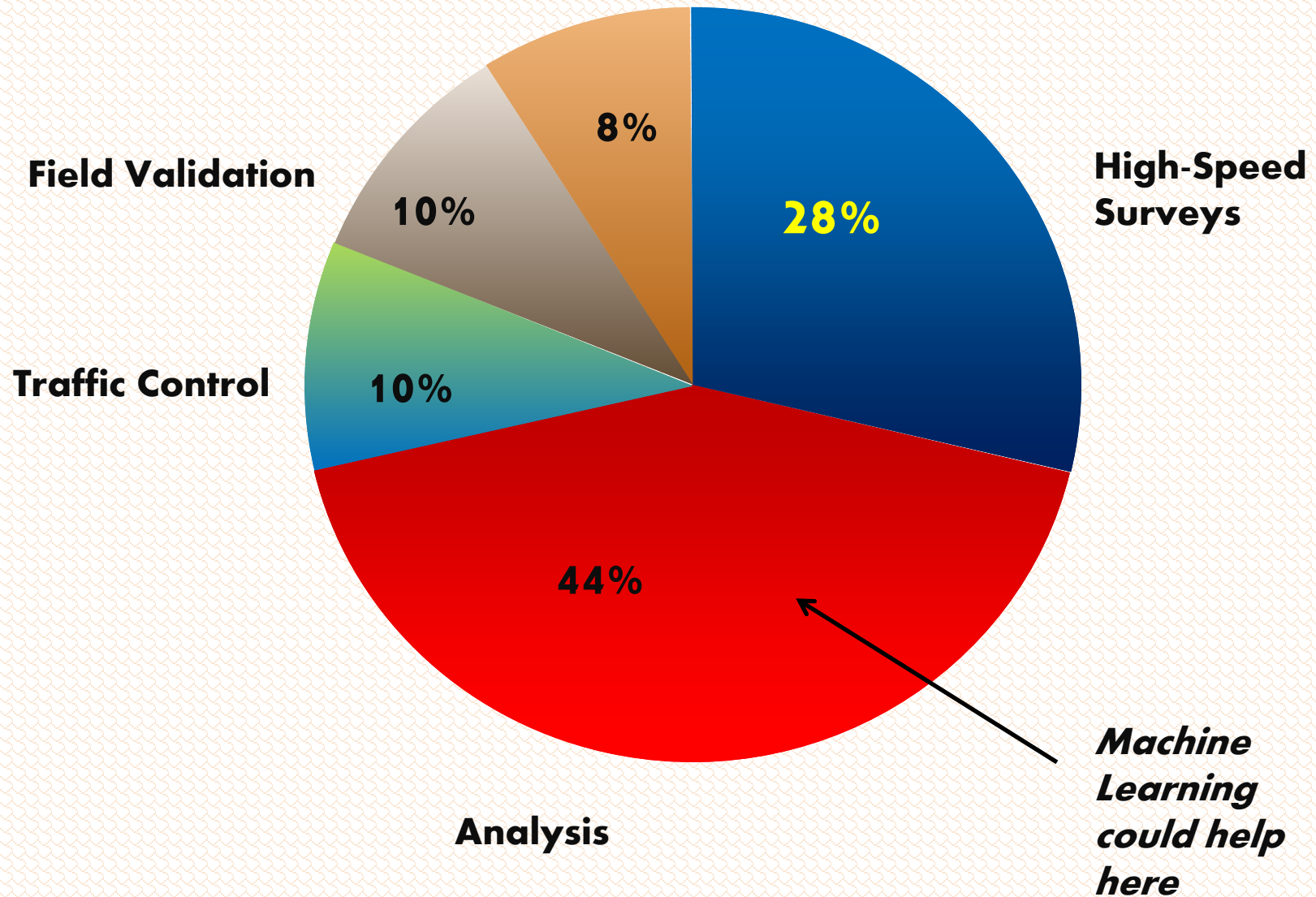
~50x\$ high-speed



Costs

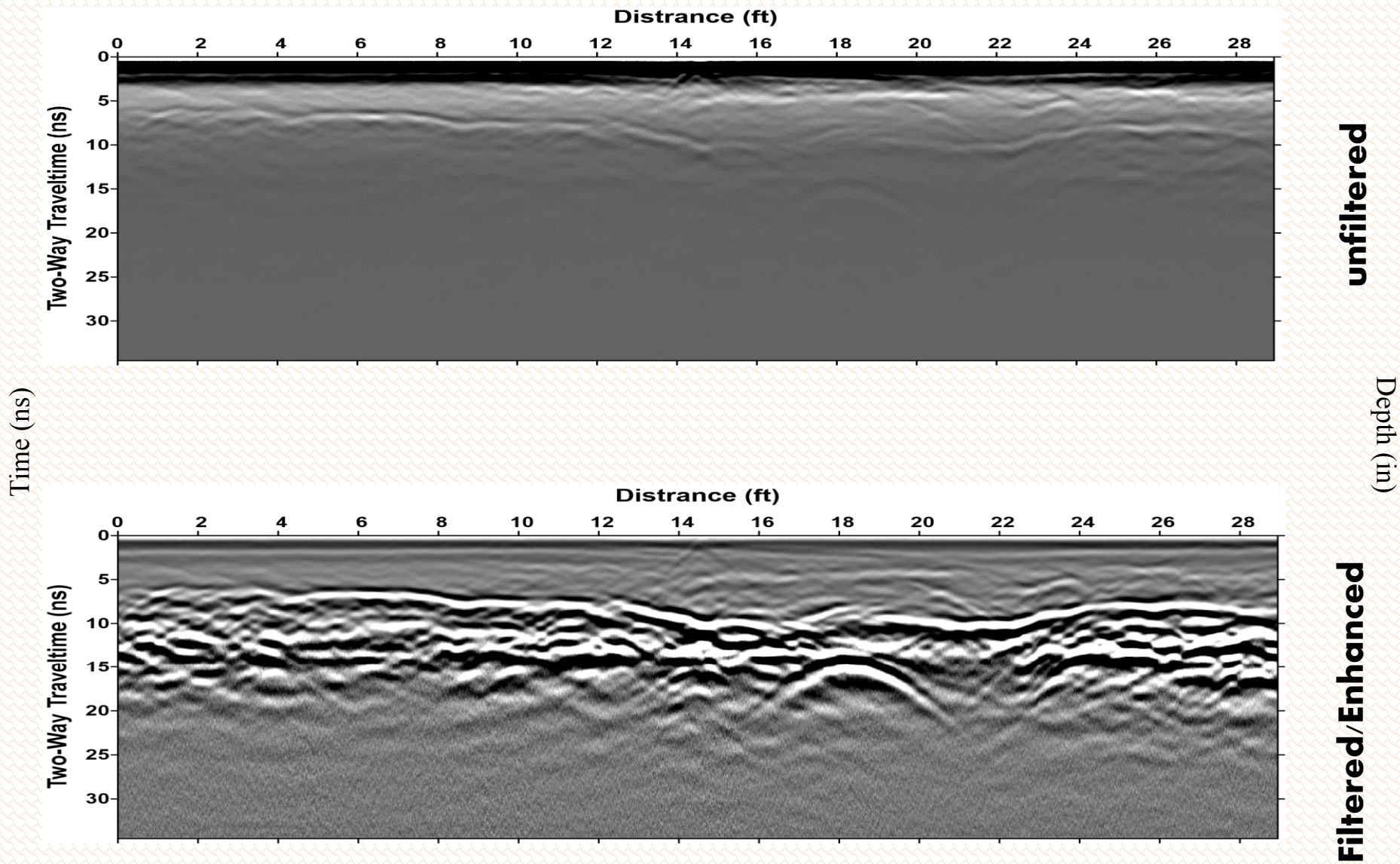


Mobilization/ Management





Ground-Penetrating Radar





Original Questions



1. Can we find things the trained eye can't see?

- **Corrosion, delaminations, debonding**

1a. Yes, but not accurate enough– or cost-effective on a network level. More calibration is needed.

Can show you rebar depths, and where to investigate further.

2. Can we distinguish bridges that need immediate attention from those that can wait 5-10 years?

2a. Yes, and that will be our focus going forward. Less useful in other situations.



Original Questions



- 3. Can reduce costs—deck surveys especially?**
 - 3a. Won't replace inventory surveys or destructive testing yet—but can give better repair quantities—and save money by limiting change orders.**

High-speed techniques may be useful if you absolutely can not close a lane.

- 4. Are certain types of bridges responding differently over time?**
 - Thin decks/ overlays/ mag chloride**

- 4a. Inconclusive, defects correlate between CS2 & CS3**

Less of a focus for us, we'll continue to look at bridges on project basis.



The Future



SHRP2 R06A NDT Bridge Decks = primarily GRP

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Daniel Diaz, NMSU

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Dr. Manuel Celaya, Advanced Infrastructure Design



Agenda

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



Why NMSU

Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) for Concrete Bridge Deck Evaluation

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Why GPR



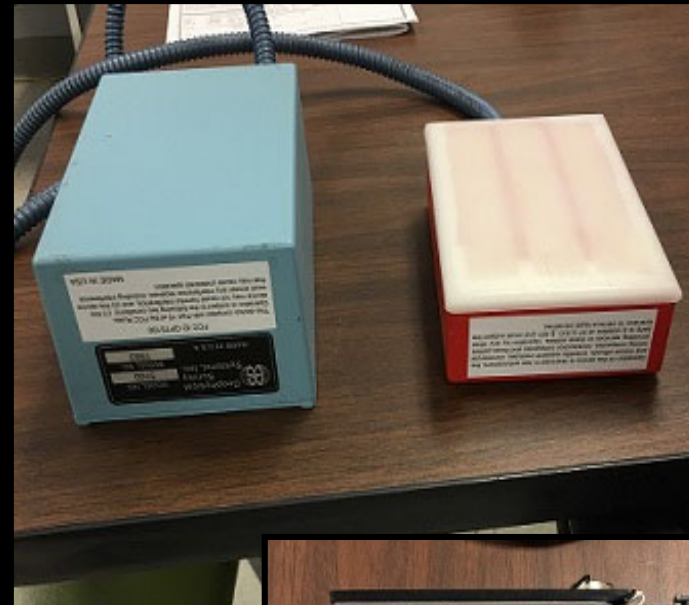
Existing Equipment

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



NMDOT CURRENT EQUIPMENT- SIR 30

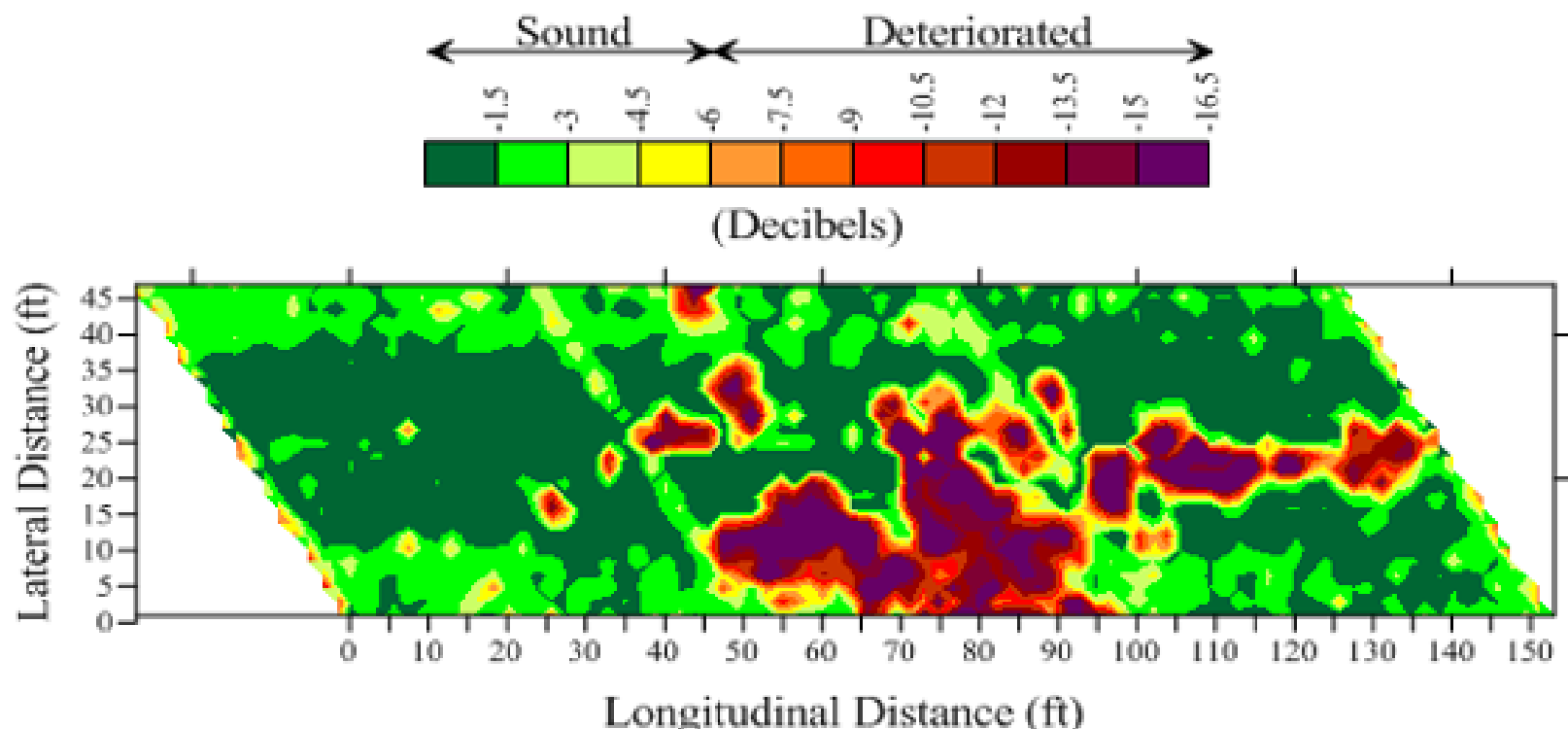
Existing Equipment



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.
- AND:

pretty pictures are 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

- \$14M in bridge preservation funds controlled by the State Bridge Engineer
- NMDOT is moving towards condition based prioritization using BrM
- Estimating quantities is not very scientific
 - we pay by actual quantity
- Difficulties in correlating preservation scope and budget

Nine Bridges

6134

7113

6840 (bad deck)

7299

6932

8845 (base)

6939 (slab)

8852

7032 (latex
overlay + UHPC)

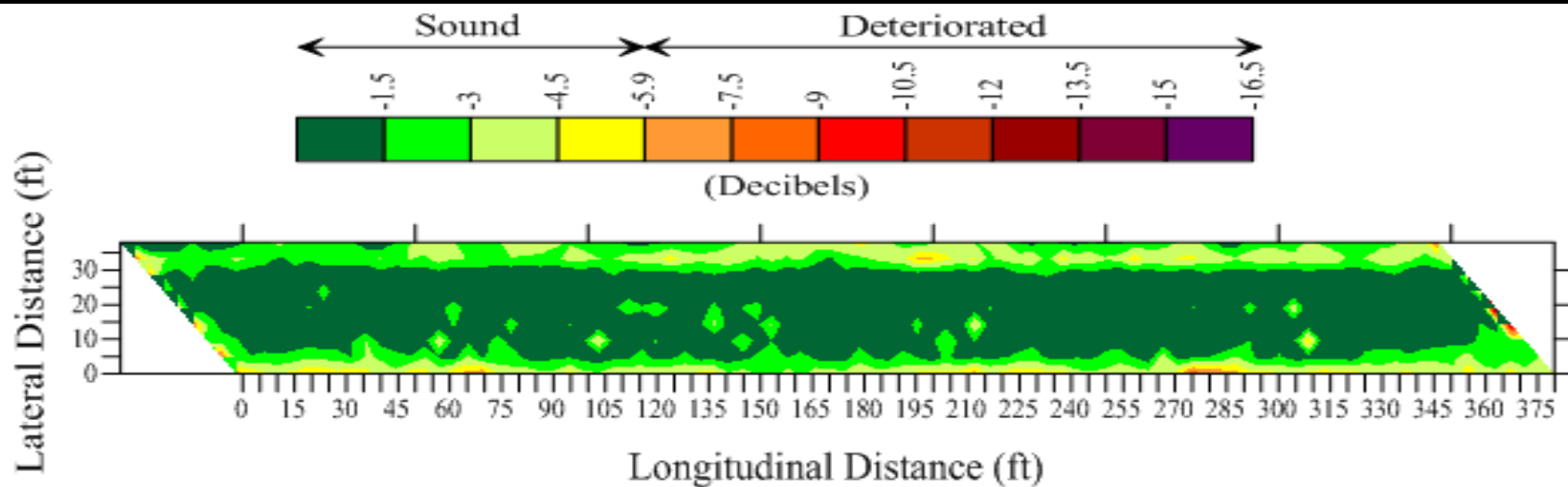
GPR Evaluation Results: Bridge 8845 NMDOT Typical Prestressed Girder



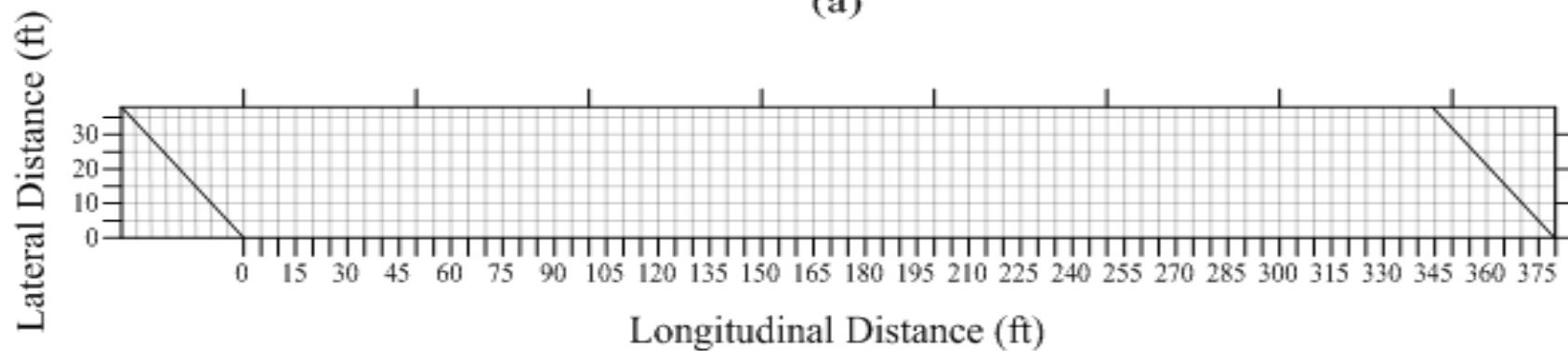
GPR Evaluation Results: Bridge 8845

- AASHTO Prestressed 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



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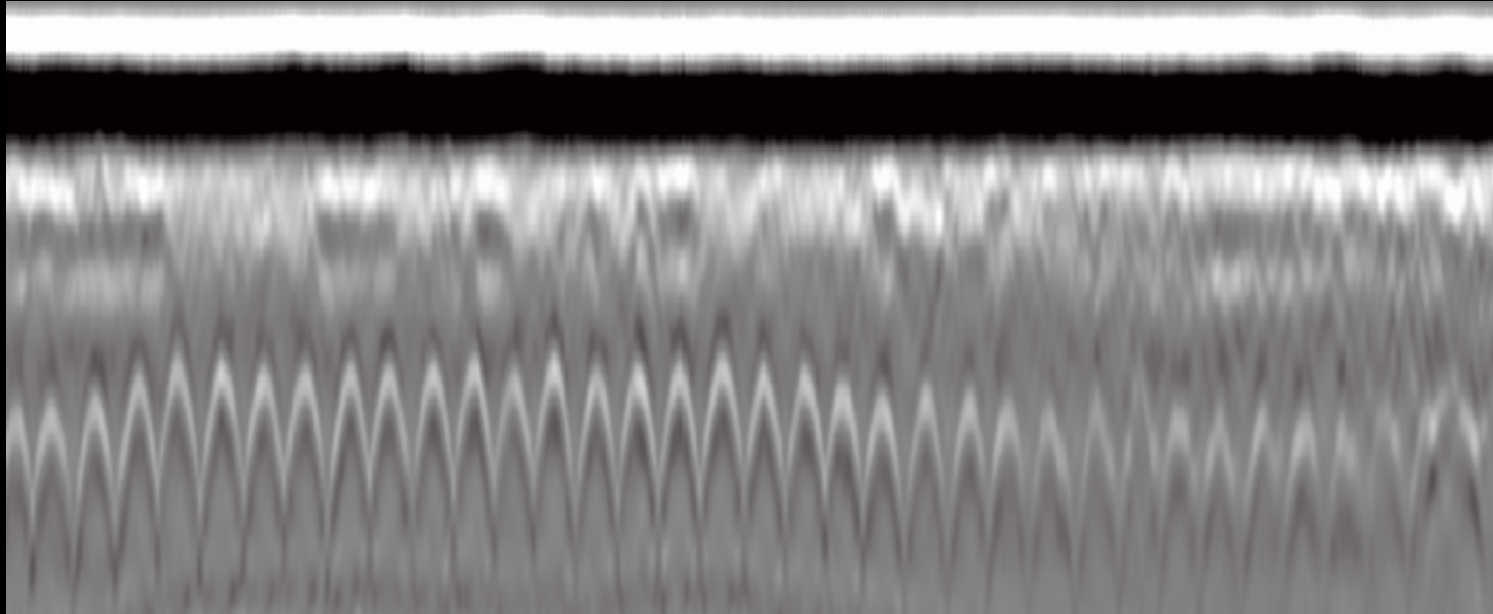


(b)

GPR Evaluation Results: Bridge 6840

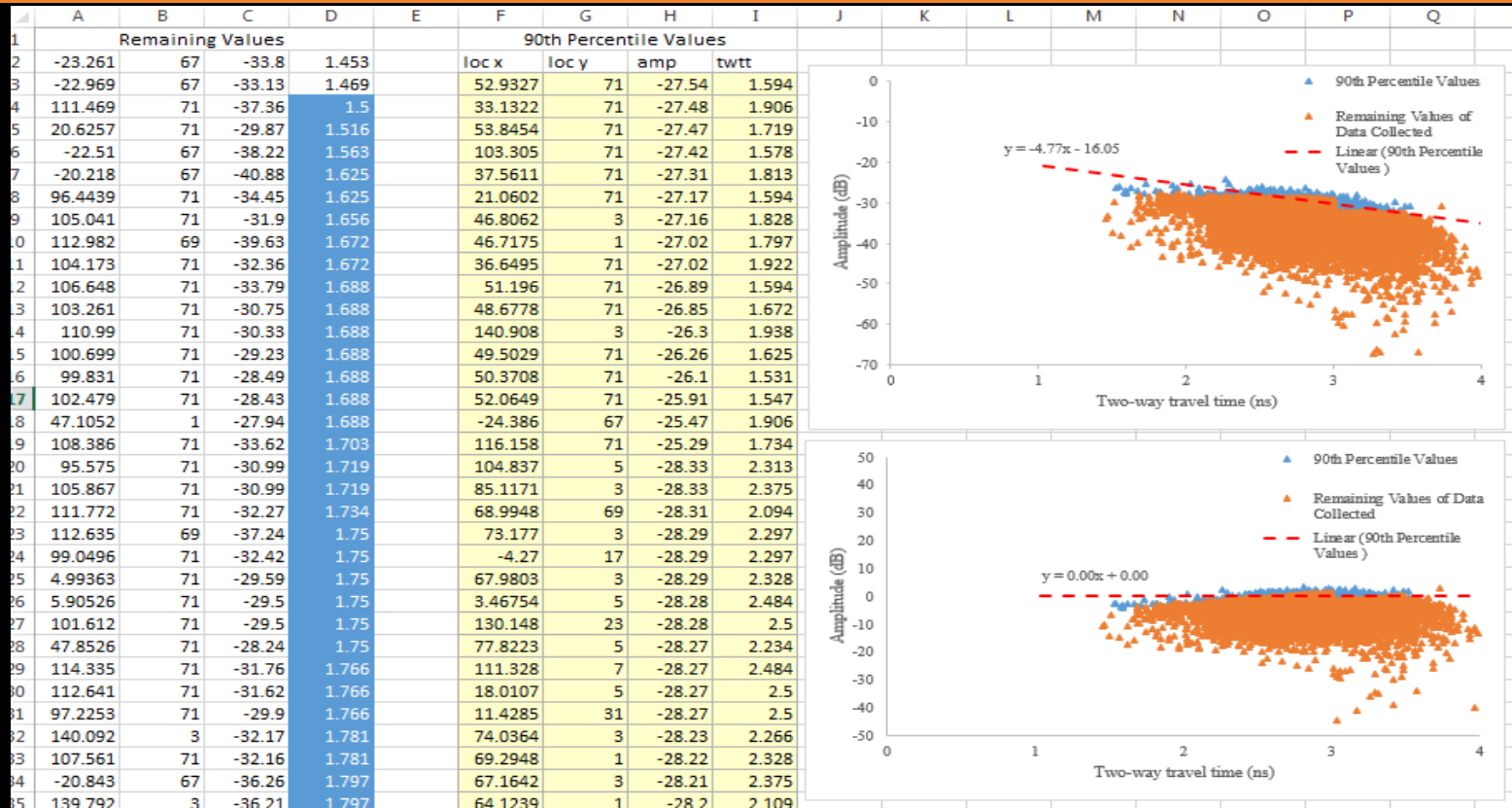
- AASHTO Prestressed Girder
- From most current inspection report:
 - Deck: 4
 - Superstructure: 5
 - Substructure: 6
- Deck inspection reports:
 - Transverse and longitudinal cracks up to 1/8" with heavy leaching (deck edges); transverse and longitudinal cracks up to 1/16" with heavy leaching and rust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

GPR Evaluation Results: Typical B Scan from Bridge 6840



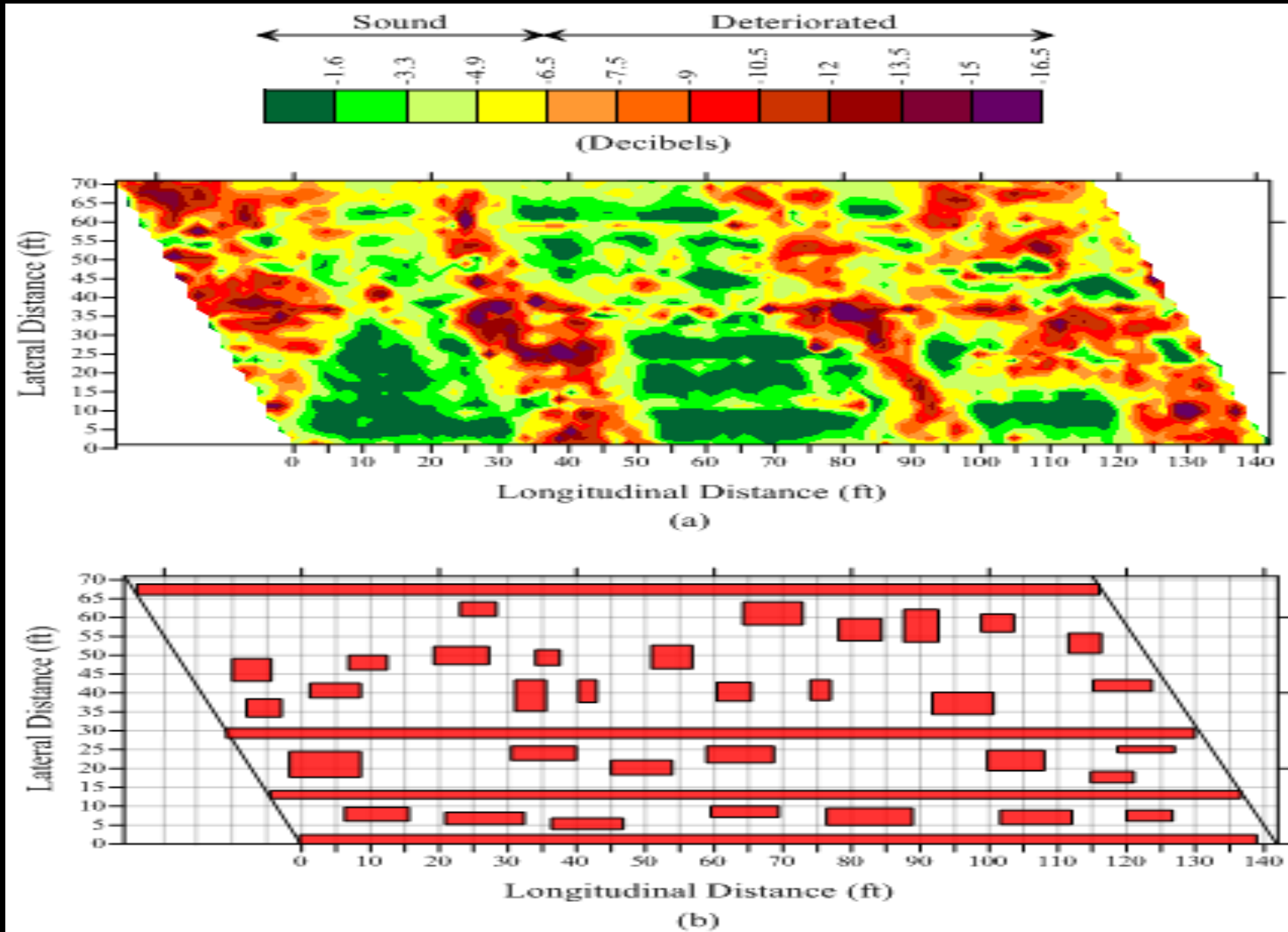
- Reflection amplitudes picks, X and Y location coordinates, and two-way travel time are obtained using Radan 7

GPR Evaluation Results: Excel Processing Bridge 6840



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

GPR Evaluation Results: Bridge 6840



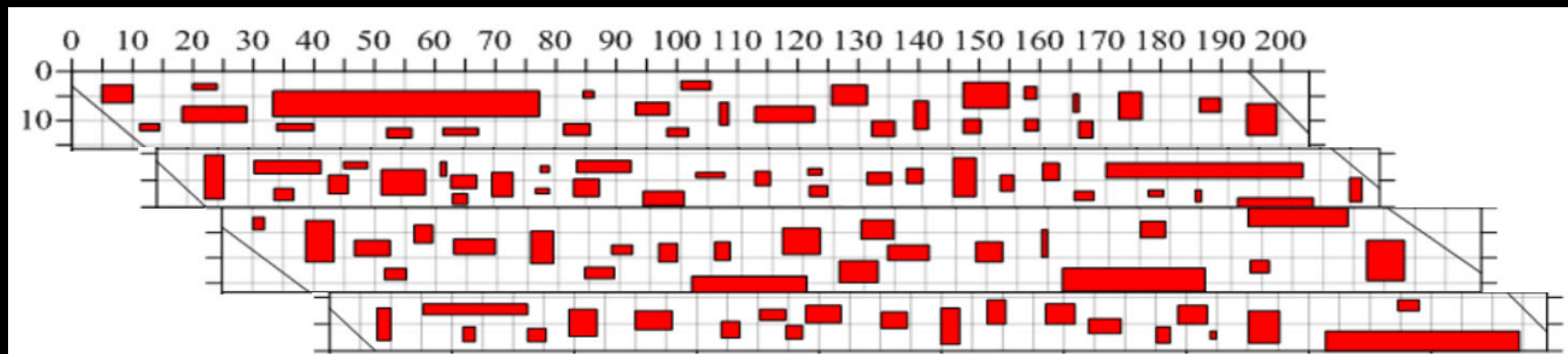
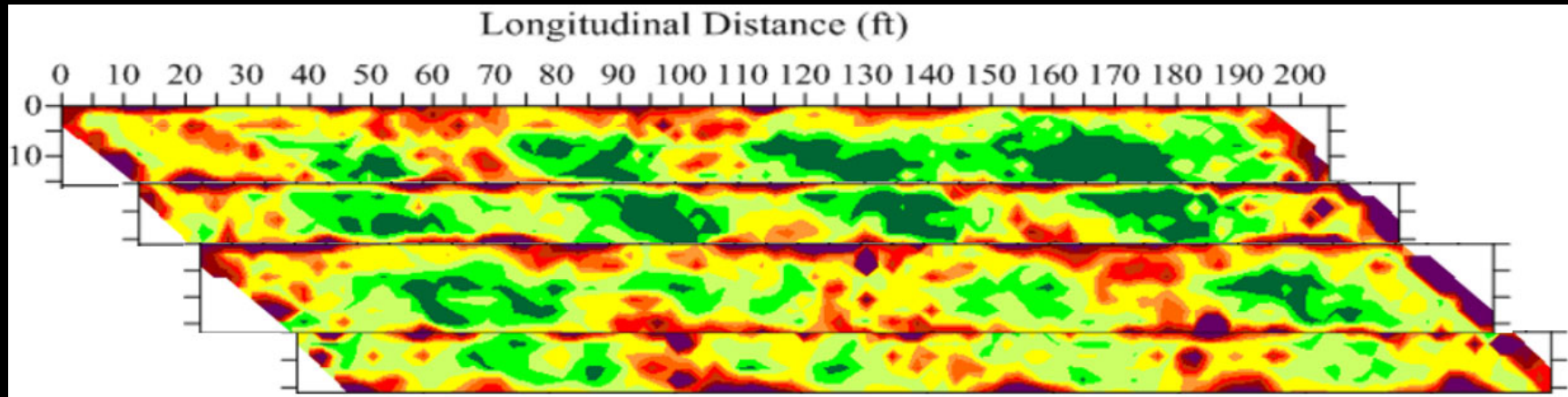
GPR Evaluation Results: Bridge 6939 (slab)



GPR Evaluation Results: Bridge 6939

- 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 6939



“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 (implementation)
- Research value, published research, and developed engineering talent



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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