




**NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING – ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY
AND A PRACTICAL REVIEW OF HOW TO USE IT**

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 - Concrete Beams and Columns
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 - Concrete
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- ▶ Concrete Dams
 - Dam Integrity
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Standard Reference for Nondestructive Test Methods

ACI 228.2R-13 Report on Nondestructive Test Methods for Evaluation of Concrete in Structures

- ▶ Chapter 3 - Summary of Methods
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Bridge Superstructure NDE Methods & Applications

Concrete & steel

- Visual assessment – Bridge Inspections often combined with NDE

Concrete

- Impact Echo** – Concrete cracking, corrosion delamination damage, honeycomb, thickness, voided vs. grouted post-tensioning ducts
- Spectral Analysis of Surface Waves** - cracking, crack depths, void/honeycomb and velocity/modulus
- Ultrasonic Pulse Velocity/Tomography** – internal flaws imaging
- Ground Penetrating Radar** – steel mapping & corrosion potential
- Slab Impulse Response** - Integrity and approach slab void
- Infrared Thermography – shallow delamination corrosion damage (not discussed today)
- Galvanostatic Pulse – Rebar Corrosion Rates, Resistance and Half-Cell Potential (not discussed today)

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NDE Methods for QA of Epoxy Injection Crack Repairs



- Pre-stressed concrete I-beam bridge girder over freeway was impacted by a large forklift carried by a truck
- Cracks and spalls were observed on the east side of the girder, but it did not fail

NONDESTRUCTIVE EVALUATION (NDE)
Methods for Quality Assurance of Epoxy
Injection Crack Repairs, Promboon, Y., Olson,
L., Lund, J., International Concrete Repair
Bulletin, V. 15, No. 1, Jan./Feb., pp. 12-16)

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Concrete Repair Procedures for Truck Impacted Bridge Girder






- Chipped out loose and damaged concrete
- Pre-saturated the surface with water
- Used structural repair mortar to patch the spalling damage
- Used epoxy injection for filling cracks

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NDE Methods Used for QA of Epoxy Injection Repairs

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|---|--|--|
| <p>Impact Echo (IE) over injected cracks</p>  | <p>Ultrasonic Pulse Velocity (UPV) Direct testing front to back</p>  | <p>Spectral Analysis of Surface Waves (SASW) across injected cracks</p>  |
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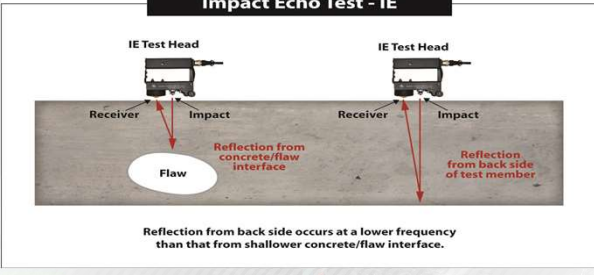
Nondestructive Quality Assurance of repairs per "Guide for Verifying Field Performance of Epoxy Injection of Concrete Cracks" International Concrete Repair Institute Technical Guideline No. 210.1R-2016

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Impact Echo Method

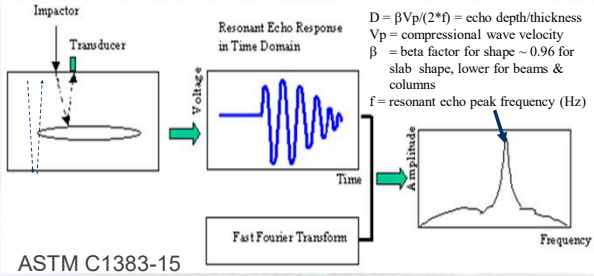
Impact Echo Test - IE



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Impact Echo Data Analysis



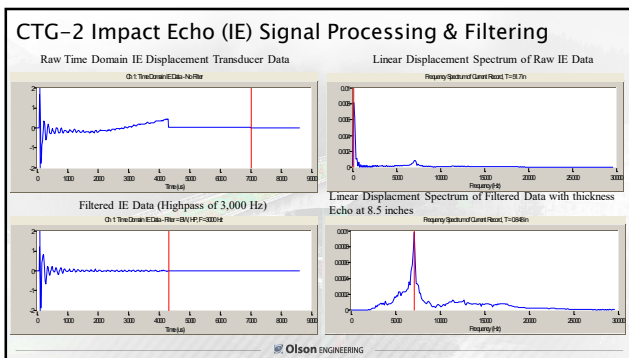
ASTM C1383-15

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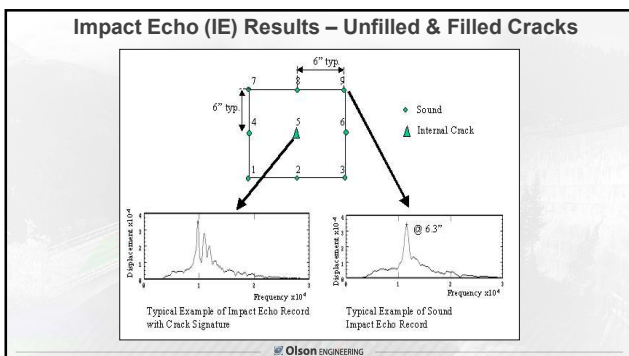
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Ultrasonic Pulse Velocity (ASTM C597-16) & Sonic Pulse Velocity Test

- Using 2 transducers - source and receiver
- Calibrate on calibration bar
- Measure signal time and signal amplitude between the source and receiver (transmission test)
- Calculate concrete compressional wave velocity (V_p)
- SPV uses an impact source rather than 50 kHz piezoceramic transducers for testing thicker concrete over 5 to 8 ft
- Pulse Velocity = $V_p = d/t = \text{distance} / \text{travel time}$

UPV Example from Sound Concrete

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Concrete Velocity and Quality Relationship

| General Concrete Condition | Ultrasonic Pulse Velocity ft/s (m/s) |
|----------------------------|---|
| Excellent | Above 15,000 (4,500) |
| Good | 12,000-15,000 (3,600 – 4,500) |
| Questionable | 10,000-12,000 (3,000 – 3,600) |
| Poor | 7,000-10,000 (2,100 – 3,000) |
| Very Poor | Below 7,000 (2,100) |

(After Leslie and Cheeseman, 1949)

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UPV Results through Epoxy Injected Web of Girder

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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
- Surface Wave Velocity = $V_s = f \times \lambda = \text{frequency} \times \text{wavelength}$
- Measures velocity profile versus depth into the structure
- Indicates modulus/ relative strength/ perpendicular crack depths

Spectral Analysis of Surface Waves Test - SASW

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NDE Data Acquisition Platforms and SASW Systems

Freedom Data PC -
Windows 10 - Ruggedized

SASW-S Bar for 6 to 80 cm spacings with 2 displacement transducers and 2 small accelerometers for larger, variable spacings

NDE-360 Platform Touch Screen w/ Compact Flash

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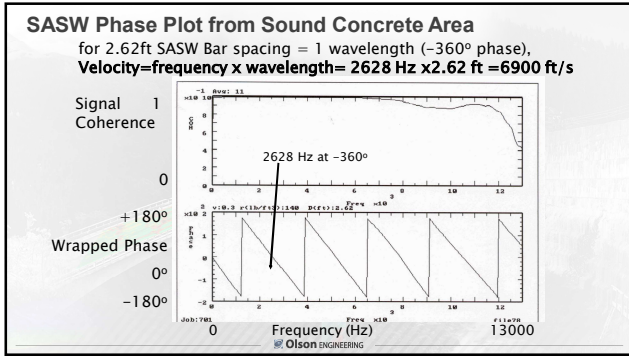
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Example Time Domain Test Results SASW

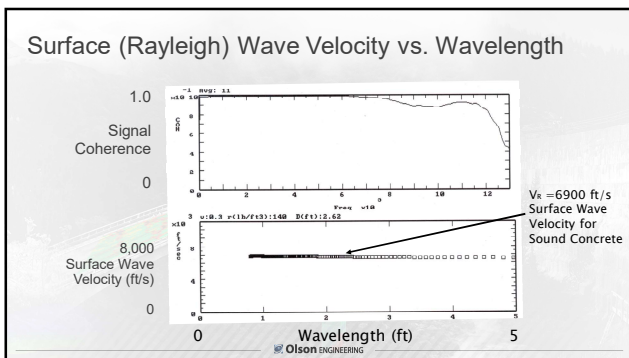
Typical Time Domain Records for the Two Receivers used in SASW Testing, R1-R2 = 30 cm

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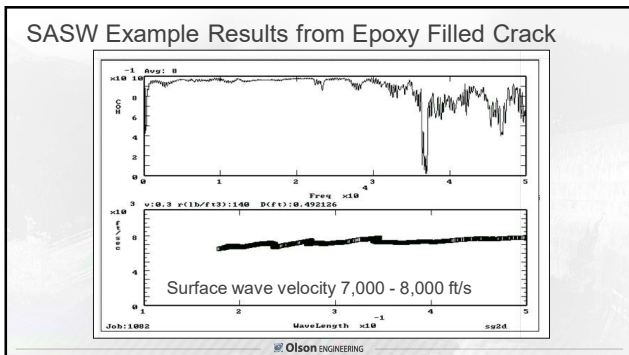
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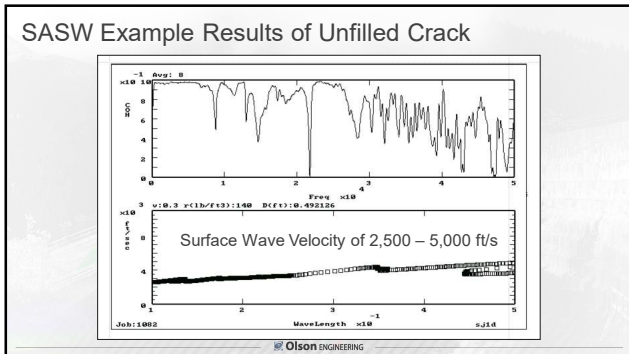
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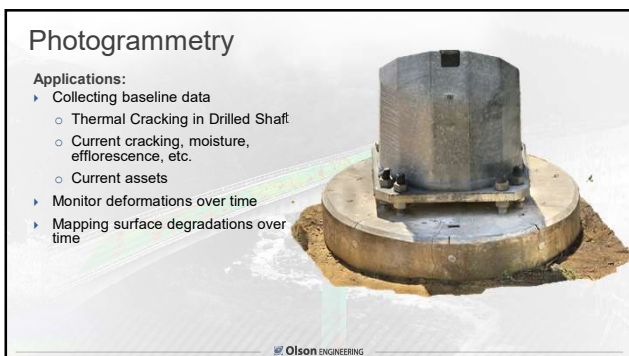
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- ### Fusion Overlay of NDE Scanning and Photogrammetric Image Results for Concrete Bridge Girders
- ▶ **Photogrammetry** - detailed mapping of concrete surface distress conditions
 - ▶ **3-D Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)** - detection/mapping of embedded reinforcing, PT Ducts and steel plates
 - ▶ **Spectral Analyses of Surface Waves (SASW)** – cracking extent, perpendicular crack depths, void/honeycomb and velocity/modulus
 - ▶ **Impact Echo Scanning (IES)** - cracking, corrosion delamination damage, honeycomb, thickness, voided vs. grouted post-tensioning ducts
 - ▶ **Data fusion overlay** - NDE results overlaid on photogrammetric images

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Photogrammetry Method

Procedures

- ▶ Capture Raw Photographic Digital Images with high resolution phone camera at a minimum – telephoto lens camera useful for larger structures
- ▶ Identify target features that occur in multiple photographs.
- ▶ Use angle changes in target features from photograph to photograph to determine the 3D structure of the object
- ▶ Project pixels from the photos onto the 3D structure and generate texture
- ▶ Agisoft Metashape software used for bridge image processing on Windows PC with fast processor/GPU
- ▶ High resolution (0.6 to 1 mm) images took 1-2 hours of processing
- ▶ Offers 100% coverage but large data files (1 GigaByte)

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Digital Photogrammetry Pro's and Con's

Advantages:

- ▶ Low-cost equipment – iPhone/Android or telephoto digital cameras
- ▶ Deterioration progress over time of surface concrete can be precisely compared
- ▶ Detailed permanent record of defects marked during inspection
- ▶ 1 GB high resolution images can be viewed with Windows 10 3-D viewer

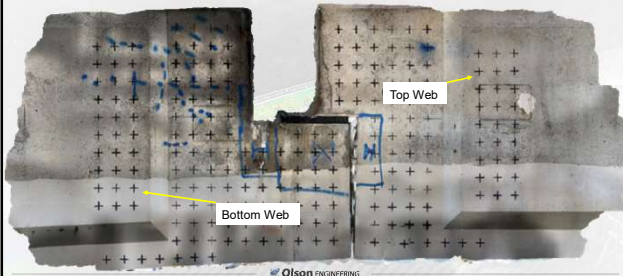
Limitations:

- ▶ Only can collect data on objects in line-of-sight
- ▶ Multiple angles/photographs will likely be required for full coverage and identifiable features in overlapping photographs

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Digital Photogrammetry Example Data Bridge Girders with 6 inch NDE Grid marked out on Webs and Ends

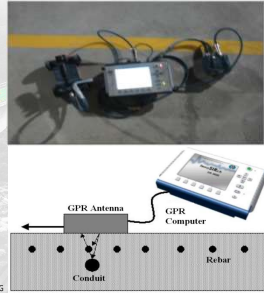


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Physical Principle of GPR - ASTM D6087 - 08(2015)e1

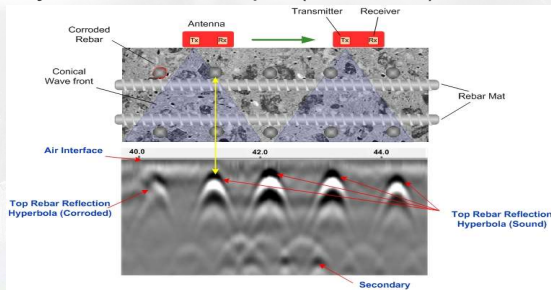
- ▶ GPR antenna is in contact with test surface while moving and pulsing
- ▶ The electromagnetic pulses reflect back from embedded features
- ▶ Distance measured
- ▶ Data plotted as waterfall plots
- ▶ Measures responses caused by variations in electrical properties of the materials and metals are strong reflectors



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Physical GPR Principle (continued)



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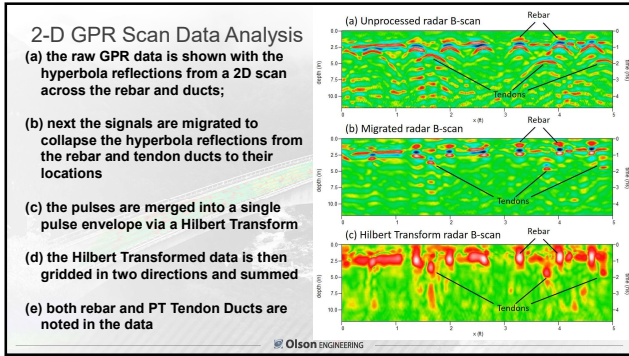
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GPR scanning with GSSI StructureScan Mini XT unit (2700 MHz Antenna). Note the 6 inch "+" grid marks to guide horizontal and vertical GPR scan lines on a 3 inch grid for 3D GPR data analyses

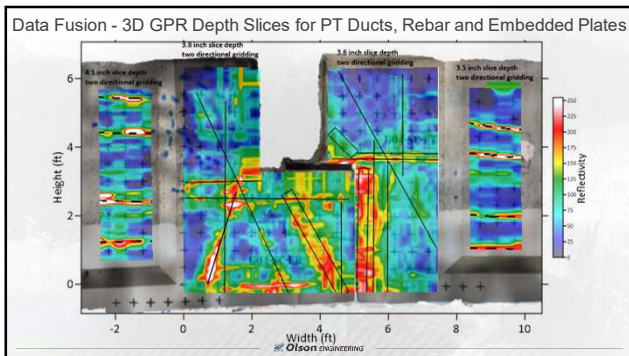


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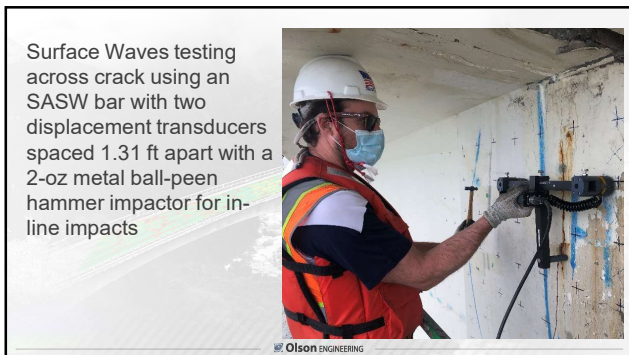
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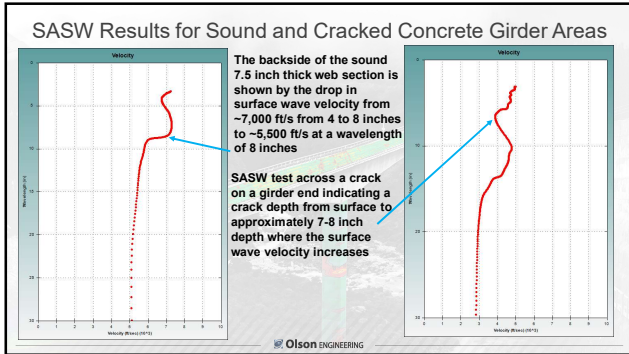
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Impact Echo Scanner (IES) Features

- ▶ Rolling displacement transducer/ solenoid impactor scanner system that covers more testing area in less time with a test every 25 mm (1 inch)
- ▶ Generate 2-D and 3-D plots of Impact Echo results


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Test Girder for Bridge Research

NCHRP IDEA Research Contract No. 102

- ▶ Full scale Precast Bridge Girder
- ▶ 30m (100 ft) in length with 8 empty steel ducts (100 mm-4inches in diameter)
- ▶ Typical wall thickness of the web is 250 mm (10 inches)



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Grout Defect Simulation with Styrofoam Voids

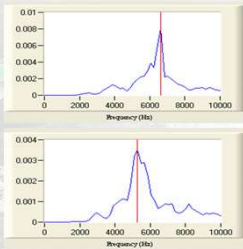


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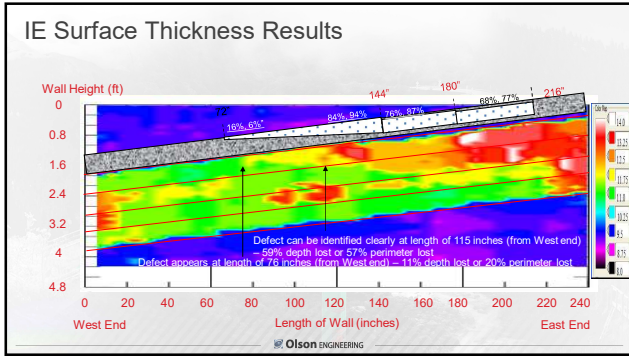
IES Data Interpretation

- ▶ Fully Grouted Duct
 - Frequency peak = 6445 Hz
 - Apparent Thickness = 11.17 inches (284 mm)
- ▶ Empty Duct
 - Frequency peak = 5274 Hz
 - Apparent Thickness = 13.65 inches (347 mm)
- ▶ 22% apparent thickness increase due to void

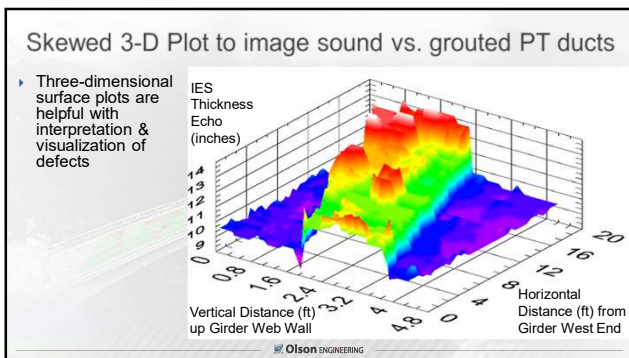


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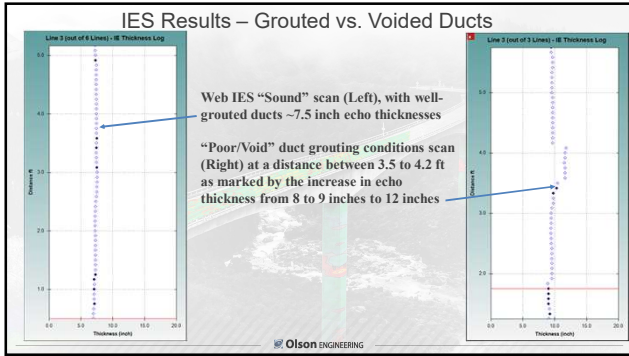
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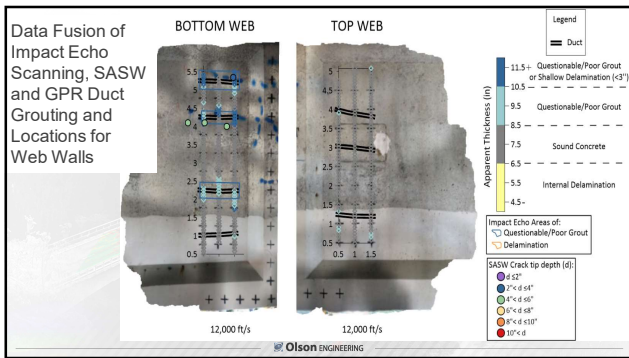
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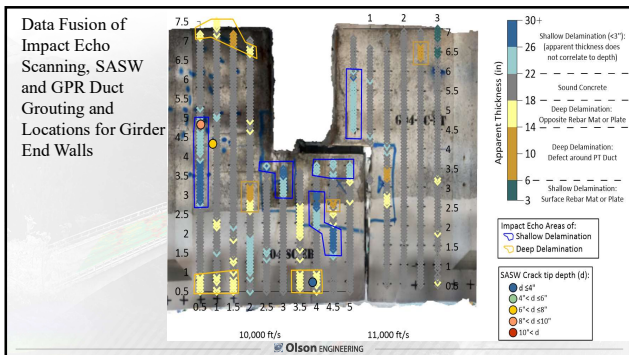
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Summary of NDE and Data Fusion Capabilities

- ▶ **Photogrammetry** provides detailed imaging with depth of concrete surface conditions
- ▶ Use of **3-D Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)** can image complex reinforcement, PT duct and embedment conditions
- ▶ **Spectral Analyses of Surface Waves (SASW)** provides data on depth of cracking and concrete integrity as well as one-sided velocity measurements
- ▶ **Impact Echo Scanning (IES)** identifies grouted vs. voided Post-Tensioning Duct conditions and delamination/cracking in concrete
- ▶ **Data Fusion** integrates Internal Concrete Conditions from NDE with Photogrammetric Surface Concrete Images for **clearer Structural Assessment**

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Ultrasonic Pulse Velocity (UPV) Investigation of Honeycomb/Void



50 kHz UPV transducers with 1 ft grid direct test patterns from North-South and East-West

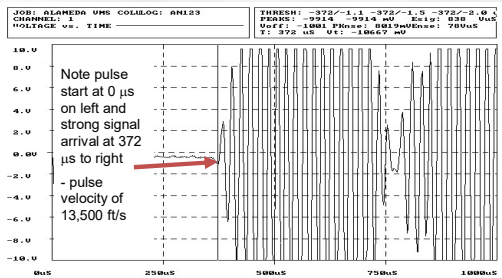


UPV test data recorded for pulse velocity arrival time analyses on Freedom NDT PC

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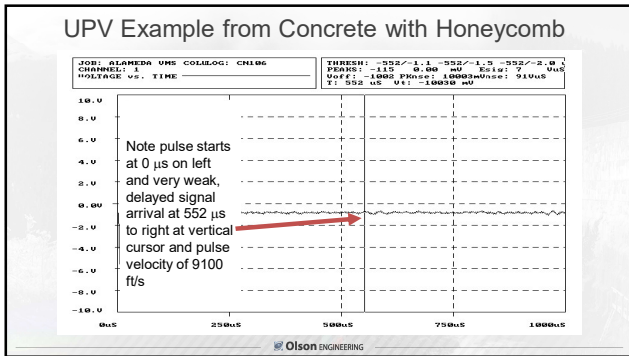
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UPV Example from Sound Concrete

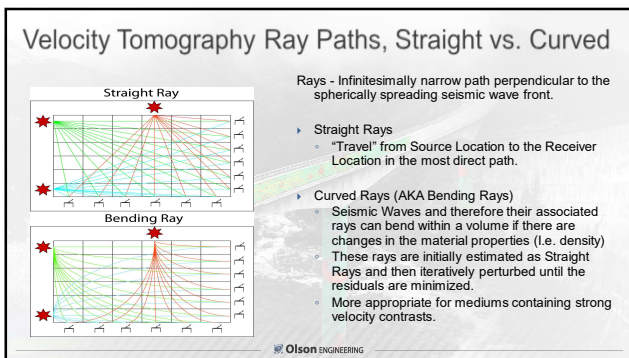


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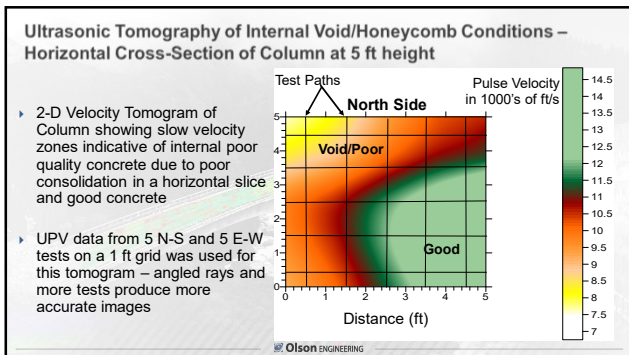
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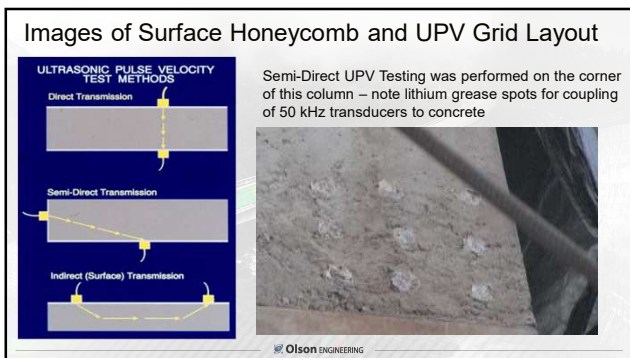
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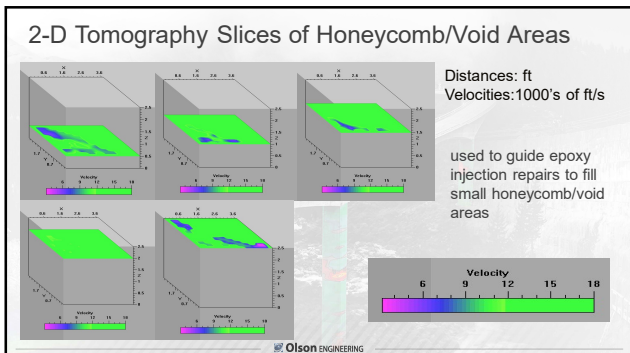
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UPV Tomography Advantages and Disadvantages

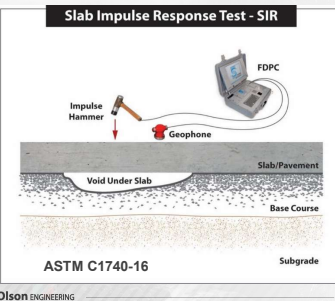
- Requires extensive training and experience for analysis, but field data collection less complicated
- Image internal flaws in 2-D and now 3-D fashion with angled and direct tests
- A picture is worth a thousand words sometimes and velocity tomograms provide an image of internal void, cracking and honeycomb
- Requires a lot of 2-sided UPV testing and more detailed analysis to obtain clear images

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Slab Impulse Response Method

- Olson Instruments Freedom Data PC (or NDE 360) with Slab IR system (SIR-1)
- 3-lb instrumented hammer impacts and geophone records slab response time domain data
 - Wilcoxon velocity transducer used when slab slopes more than 10% – Also used for tunnel liners to test at any angle
- Measures mobility (velocity/force vs. frequency) and flexibility (displacement/force vs. frequency) which is inverse of stiffness
- High mobilities and flexibilities correspond to flawed structural concrete and subgrade void below slabs-on-grade

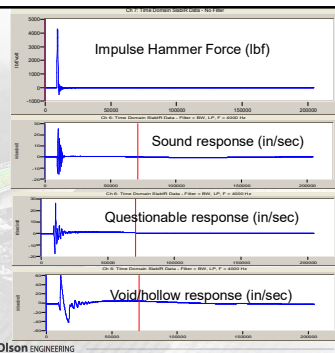


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SIR Example Time Domain Data


Impulse hammer force & Sound, Questionable and Void/Hollow velocity transducer responses for support conditions of steel-lined concrete pipe conduit



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SIR on pre-stressed box girder for void/integrity



SIR on underside of pre-stressed box girder bridge showing 3 lb impulse hammer and geophone

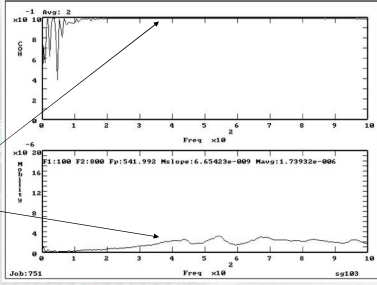
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SIR Example Frequency Domain Mobility Data

SIR record on a prestressed concrete box girder of a freight rail bridge with 6.7 inch normal thickness from IE

Note the good coherence near 1.0 in the top plot and low mobility and flat slope indicative of the 6.7 inch thick slab of a box girder



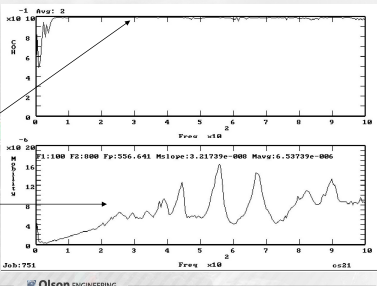
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SIR Example Data

SIR record on a prestressed concrete box girder of a freight rail bridge with 2.6 inch normal thickness from IE

Note good coherence of 1.0 but irregular and higher mobility and steeper slope indicative of the much greater flexibility of the thin slab



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Bridge Deck Condition Assessment Methods

- ▶ **Visual assessment and Sounding** – visual inspections guide NDE method selection
- ▶ **Impact Echo Scanning** - delamination mapping on bare and epoxy coated Concrete Decks
- ▶ **Spectral Analysis of Surface Waves Scanning** for delamination mapping on Asphalt Overlaid Decks
- ▶ **Ground Penetrating Radar Scanning** for top steel depth and delamination damage potential
- ▶ Infrared Thermal Images for top steel delamination (not discussed)
- ▶ Galvanostatic Pulse for rebar corrosion – half-cell potential, concrete resistance and corrosion rate (not discussed)
- ▶ **Destructive Coring laboratory tests, NDE results confirmation & Service Life**

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Sonic Surface Scanner (S³) – Decks, Pavements & Slabs

- ▶ **Impact Echo – IE Scanning of Bare Concrete** finds Top and Bottom Delaminations and Other damage (NCHRP IDEA Contract No. 134 Research)
- ▶ **Spectral Analysis of Surface Waves – SASW of Asphalt Overlaid Concrete Decks** provided the best results of detecting both Top and Bottom Delaminations as well as Debonding of Asphalt Pavement Lifts
- ▶ Evaluate general concrete and asphalt quality, cracking damage and slab/deck/pavement thicknesses and elastic modulus for strength estimation (calibrated with cores)

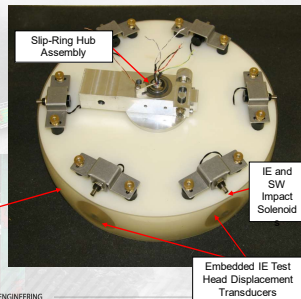


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S³-IE Sensor Wheel

- ▶ 6 displacement transducers
- ▶ 6 solenoid impactors timed to impact concrete as SSS is rolled at 1-1.5 mph
- ▶ Impacts spaced 150 mm (6 inches) apart along a scan line (around the wheel circumference)
- ▶ The thin urethane tire serves as a dust cover, protects piezoceramic transducers and improves coupling



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S³-IE scanning to check for Void/Honeycomb in new Bridge Decks



Total size of both decks was approximately 180 x 11 m (600 ft x 36 ft) – 42,000 Impact Echo tests in for a test every 0.05 m² (0.5 ft²) – Test ~10,000 ft² / hr at 1 ft spacing

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S³-IE detection of Void/Honeycomb conditions



Bridges supported by concrete I-beams, diaphragms, and piers

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S³-IE detection of Void/Honeycomb conditions



Tests on Grid Lines at 0.3 m (1 ft) spacing across width of decks with early wagon cart

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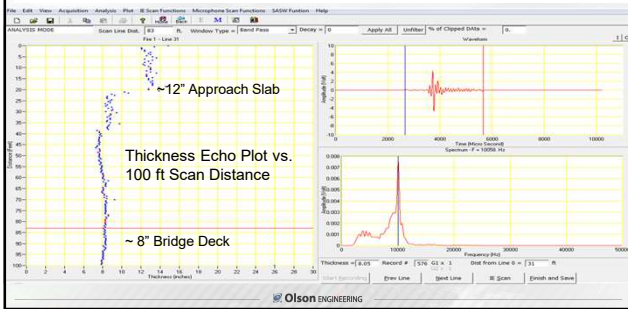
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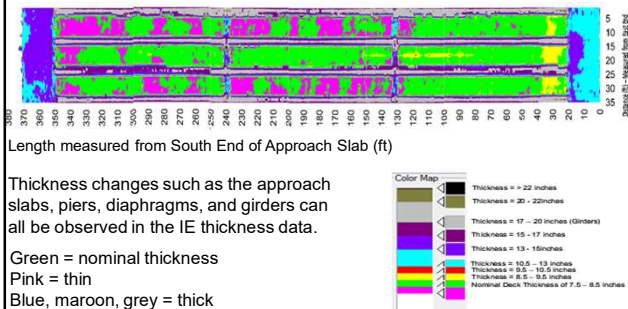
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S³-IE detection of Void/Honeycomb conditions

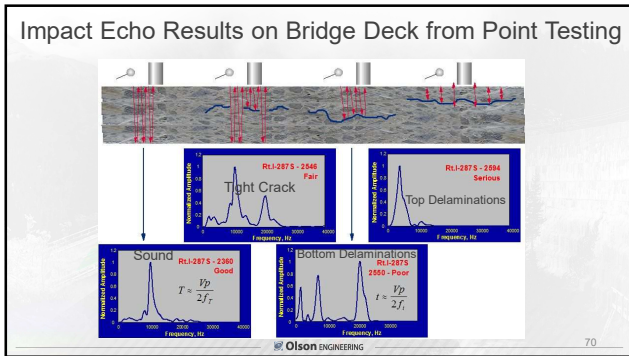


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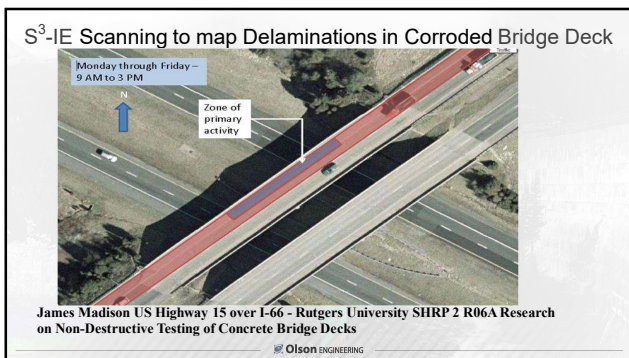
S³-IE Thickness Results



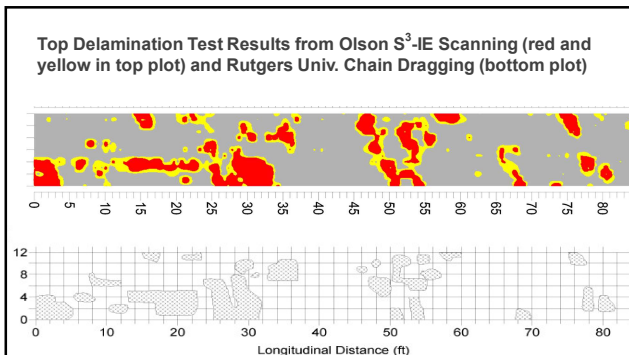
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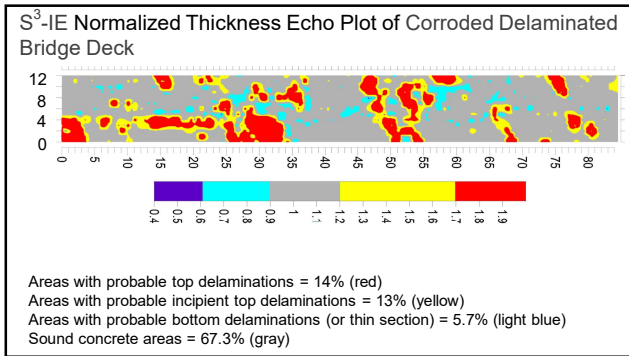
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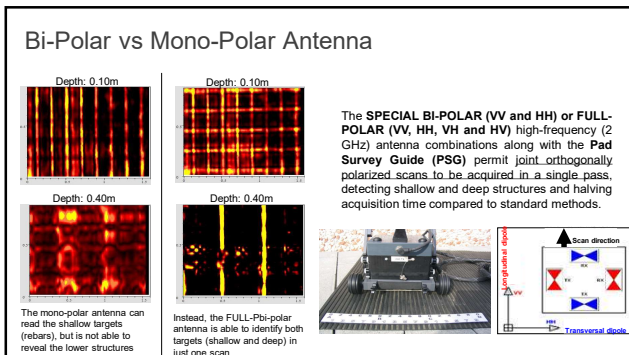
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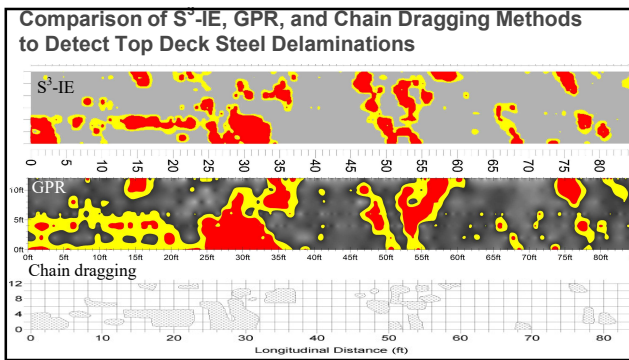


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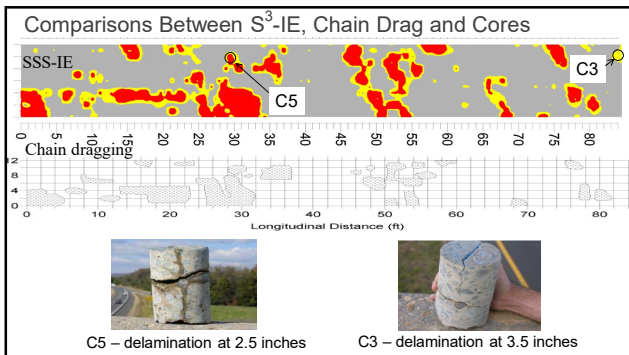
Benefits from double polarization

- Hyperbolas produced by shallower rebars can be detected in HH data only
- Hyperbolas produced by deeper objects/rebars can be detected in VV data only

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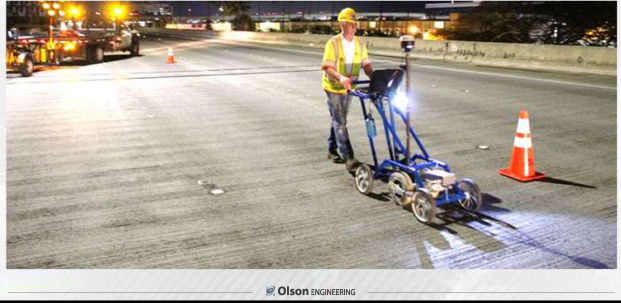


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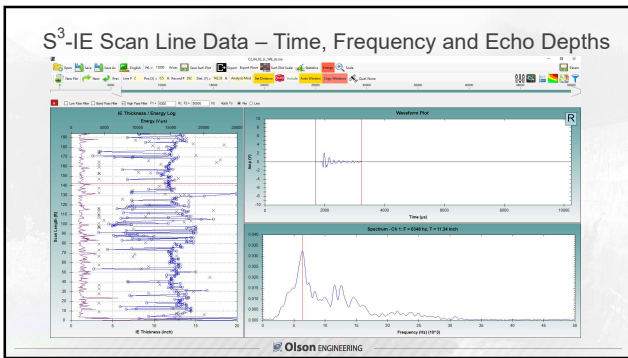
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S³-IE Scanning - 2 miles of Interstate Bridge Deck+GPS



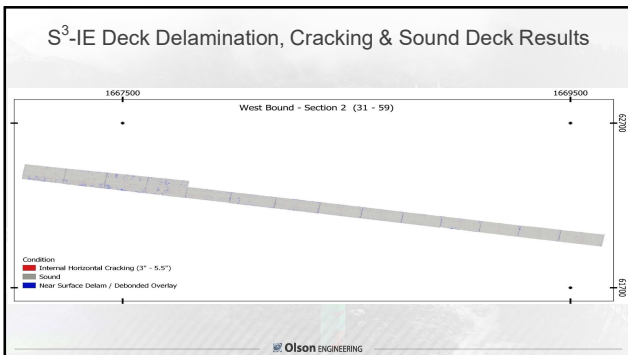
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S³-IE Scan Line Data – Time, Frequency and Echo Depths



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S³-IE Deck Delamination, Cracking & Sound Deck Results



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S³-IE Delamination, Cracking and Sound Deck Results for 200 ft Section overlaid on Google Earth View



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S³-IE Tabular Summary of Deck Conditions & Repair Quantities

| Test Area Between Joints | Total Area Tested (ft ²) | Sound Area (ft ²) | Sound % | Near-Surface Delamination Area (ft ²) | Near-Surface Delamination Area % | Internal Horizontal Cracking 3\"/> | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|---|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----|---------|------|-----|
| 33 - 31 | 17,144 | 15,877 | 92.6 | 1,078 | 6.3 | 189 | 1.1 | 33 - 31 | 10.0 | 2.9 |
| 35 - 33 | 17,751 | 16,458 | 92.7 | 1,119 | 6.3 | 173 | 1.0 | 35 - 33 | 10.4 | 2.7 |
| 37 - 35 | 18,341 | 16,435 | 89.6 | 1,707 | 9.3 | 199 | 1.1 | 37 - 35 | 15.8 | 3.1 |
| 39 - 37 | 18,780 | 16,814 | 89.5 | 1,686 | 9.0 | 279 | 1.5 | 39 - 37 | 15.6 | 4.3 |
| 41 - 39 | 13,364 | 12,357 | 92.5 | 777 | 5.8 | 230 | 1.7 | 41 - 39 | 7.2 | 3.6 |
| 43 - 41 | 13,726 | 12,818 | 93.4 | 775 | 5.6 | 133 | 1.0 | 43 - 41 | 7.2 | 2.1 |
| 45 - 43 | 13,596 | 12,532 | 92.2 | 800 | 5.9 | 264 | 1.9 | 45 - 43 | 7.4 | 4.1 |
| 47 - 45 | 13,186 | 12,471 | 94.6 | 564 | 4.3 | 151 | 1.1 | 47 - 45 | 5.2 | 2.3 |
| 49 - 47 | 12,560 | 11,899 | 94.7 | 562 | 4.5 | 100 | 0.8 | 49 - 47 | 5.2 | 1.5 |
| 51 - 49 | 11,966 | 11,417 | 95.4 | 452 | 3.8 | 97 | 0.8 | 51 - 49 | 4.2 | 1.5 |
| 53 - 51 | 11,838 | 11,128 | 94.0 | 557 | 4.7 | 152 | 1.3 | 53 - 51 | 5.2 | 2.4 |
| 55 - 53 | 12,277 | 11,825 | 96.3 | 331 | 2.7 | 121 | 1.0 | 55 - 53 | 3.1 | 1.9 |
| 57 - 55 | 12,954 | 12,460 | 96.2 | 389 | 3.0 | 106 | 0.8 | 57 - 55 | 3.6 | 1.6 |
| 59 - 57 | 14,027 | 13,478 | 96.1 | 378 | 2.7 | 171 | 1.2 | 59 - 57 | 3.5 | 2.6 |

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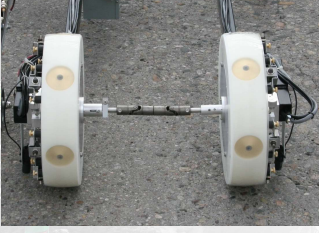
SHRP 2 R06(D) HMAC Delamination of Asphalt Pavement Lifts Research by National Center for Asphalt Technologies at Auburn University Surface Waves mapped debonds - Sonic Surface Scanner (S³-IE-SASW)



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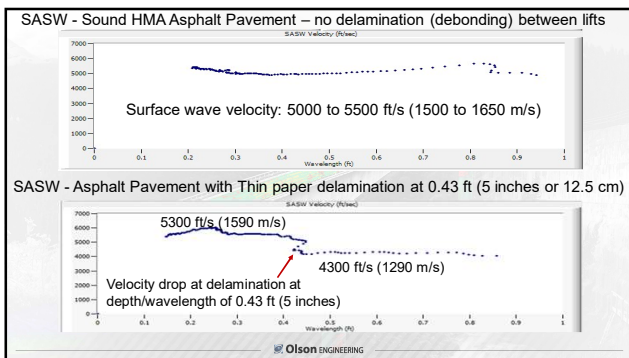
S³-IE-SASW Sensor Wheel Setup

- ▶ Use 2 identical sensor/impactor wheels
- ▶ Only one wheel with the impactor turned on and displacement transducers lined up for left wheel IE test and SASW test between wheels
- ▶ The spacing between the transducers is typically 6 to 9 inches for asphalt overlaid decks
- ▶ Can rotate the wheels 30 degree out of phase to perform IE testing on both wheels simultaneously



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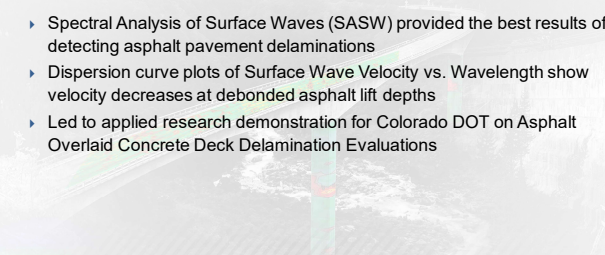
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S³-IE-SASW Scanner for Debonded Asphalt Pavement Summary

- ▶ Spectral Analysis of Surface Waves (SASW) provided the best results of detecting asphalt pavement delaminations
- ▶ Dispersion curve plots of Surface Wave Velocity vs. Wavelength show velocity decreases at debonded asphalt lift depths
- ▶ Led to applied research demonstration for Colorado DOT on Asphalt Overlaid Concrete Deck Delamination Evaluations



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Technologies for Assessment of Asphalt Overlaid Decks

- ▶ Sounding – hard to hear through the asphalt
- ▶ Infrared Thermography – hard to apply the heat source to the concrete layer through the asphalt plus debonding of asphalt/concrete interface and sensitive to the first 2-3 inches
- ▶ Impact Echo Scanning – asphalt absorbs the energy (unless colder and concrete-like) and it can be debonded
- ▶ Ground Penetrating Radar
 - Complicated by de-icing salts and moisture that is often present at asphalt/concrete interface
- ▶ Spectral Analyses of Surface Waves detected delaminations of asphalt pavement lifts in SHRP 2 R06D National Center for Asphalt Technology study at Auburn University and extended to Asphalt Overlaid Decks

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S³-IE-SASW Scanner Internal R&D demo for Colorado DOT

- ▶ Structure E-17-IN: I-270 westbound bridge over Dahlia Street (asphalt covered concrete deck with water-proofing membrane)
- ▶ Structure E-17-IE: I-270 eastbound bridge over South Platte River (asphalt covered concrete deck without water-proofing membrane)

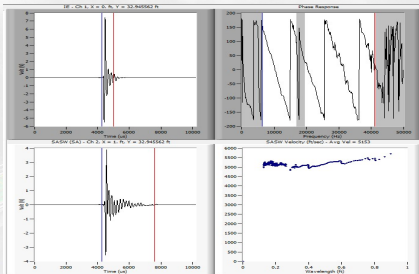


Internal Research Project on 2 Asphalt Overlaid Decks with the Colorado DOT

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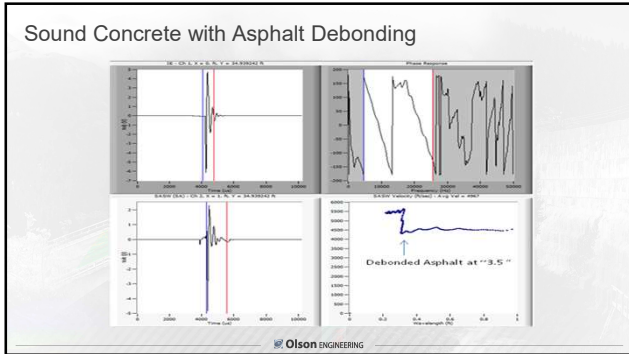
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Bonded Asphalt on Sound Concrete

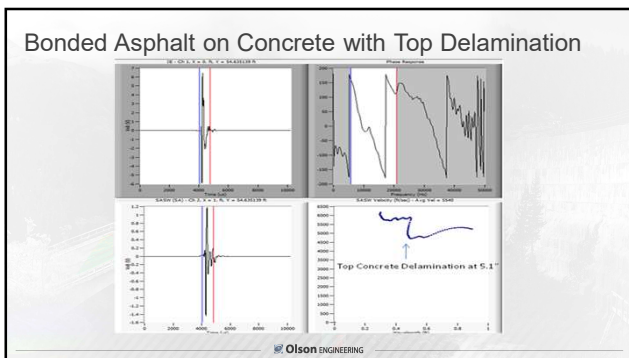


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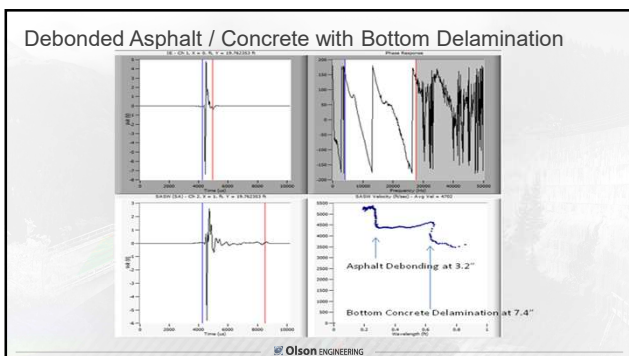
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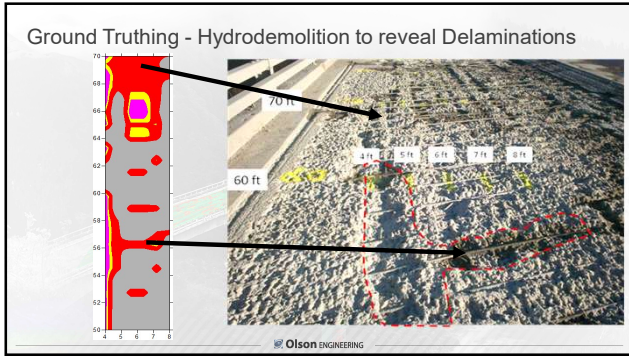
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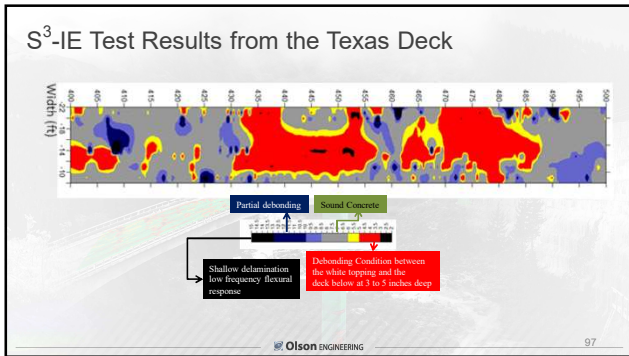
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- ### Sonic Surface Scanner S³-IE Summary
- ▶ Impact Echo Scanning had the most resolution of Top Delaminations on concrete bridge decks better than GPR and chain-dragging
 - ▶ IE identified bottom delaminations as well as profiling deck thickness echoes (where sound above)
 - ▶ GPR method is not sensitive to bottom delaminations and better at mapping damage potential in vehicle speed surveys – not as precise as Impact Echo for project level surveys
 - ▶ Spectral Analysis of Surface Waves (SASW) for mapping out delaminations of asphalt overlaid concrete bridge decks and asphalt pavement lift debonding
 - ▶ IE Scanning mapped out debonded white-topped concrete deck
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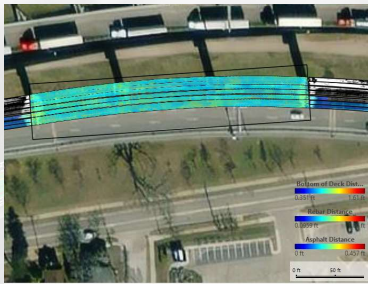
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Google Earth View of Bridge Deck with GPR Scan Results



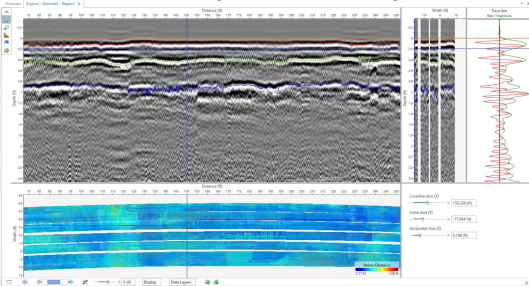
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3D Radar Results for Deck, Rebar and Asphalt Depths

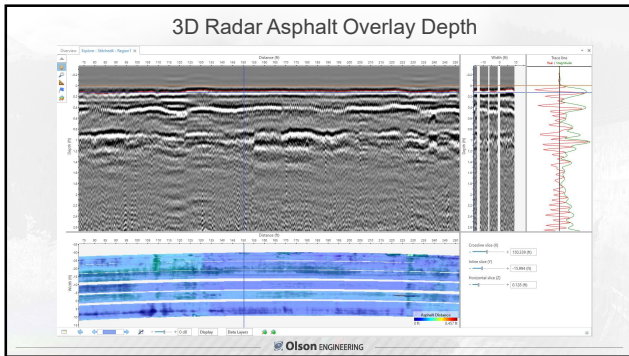


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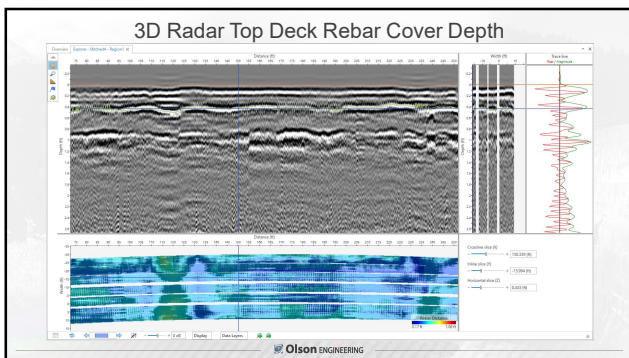
3D Radar Layer Thickness Analyses



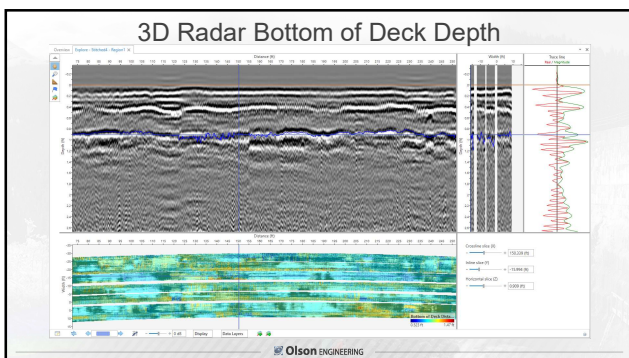
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