



RAW DATA. REFINED RESULTS.

# INTRODUCTION TO HIGHWAY AND AIRFIELD PAVEMENT INSTRUMENTATION TECHNOLOGIES

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# BDI – NEW PAVEMENT DIVISION

## WHAT WE DO ON PAVEMENTS

BDI provides instrumentation and services for pavement performance evaluation by providing sensors, monitoring systems and nondestructive evaluation services to help better understand pavement performance and underlying support conditions. This service is provided to Owners, Accelerated Pavement Test (APT) facilities, construction road and airport projects and in-service roads where existing conditions may need performance evaluation, repairs and/or rehabilitation.

## WHY BDI IS UNIQUE

- + We are an engineering firm that provides instrumentation services.
- + We manufacture our own instruments based on our field experience.
- + We provide installation services, training and turn-key solutions.
- + We support our instruments through simple-to-use applications.

This rare combination makes BDI one of the most unique firms in the pavement instrumentation industry.

# AGENDA

- **PAVEMENT TESTING**
- **PAVEMENT INSTRUMENTATION**
- **DATA SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE**
- **CASE STUDY APPLICATIONS**
- **NEW TECHNOLOGY**
- **QUESTIONS / DISCUSSION**



# NATIONAL AIRPORT TEST FACILITY

WHERE IT ALL STARTED –  
FAA TEST FACILITY WITH 1000+ SENSORS!

- + Concrete Strain Gages
- + Asphalt Strain Gages
- + Temperature Trees
- + Soil Compression Gages
- + Soil Pressure Cells
- + Soil Moisture Gages
- + Multi-Depth Deflectometer
- + Track-side ADAS
- + Control Room





# PAVEMENT TESTING/MONITORING

ACCELERATED PAVEMENT TEST FACILITIES  
AND VEHICLES



# HOW DO YOU MEASURE PAVEMENT RESPONSES

## 1. Pavements

- I. Asphalt Strain Gages
- II. Concrete Strain Gages
- III. Temperature Tree
- IV. Multi-Depth Deflectometer

## 2. Base Layers

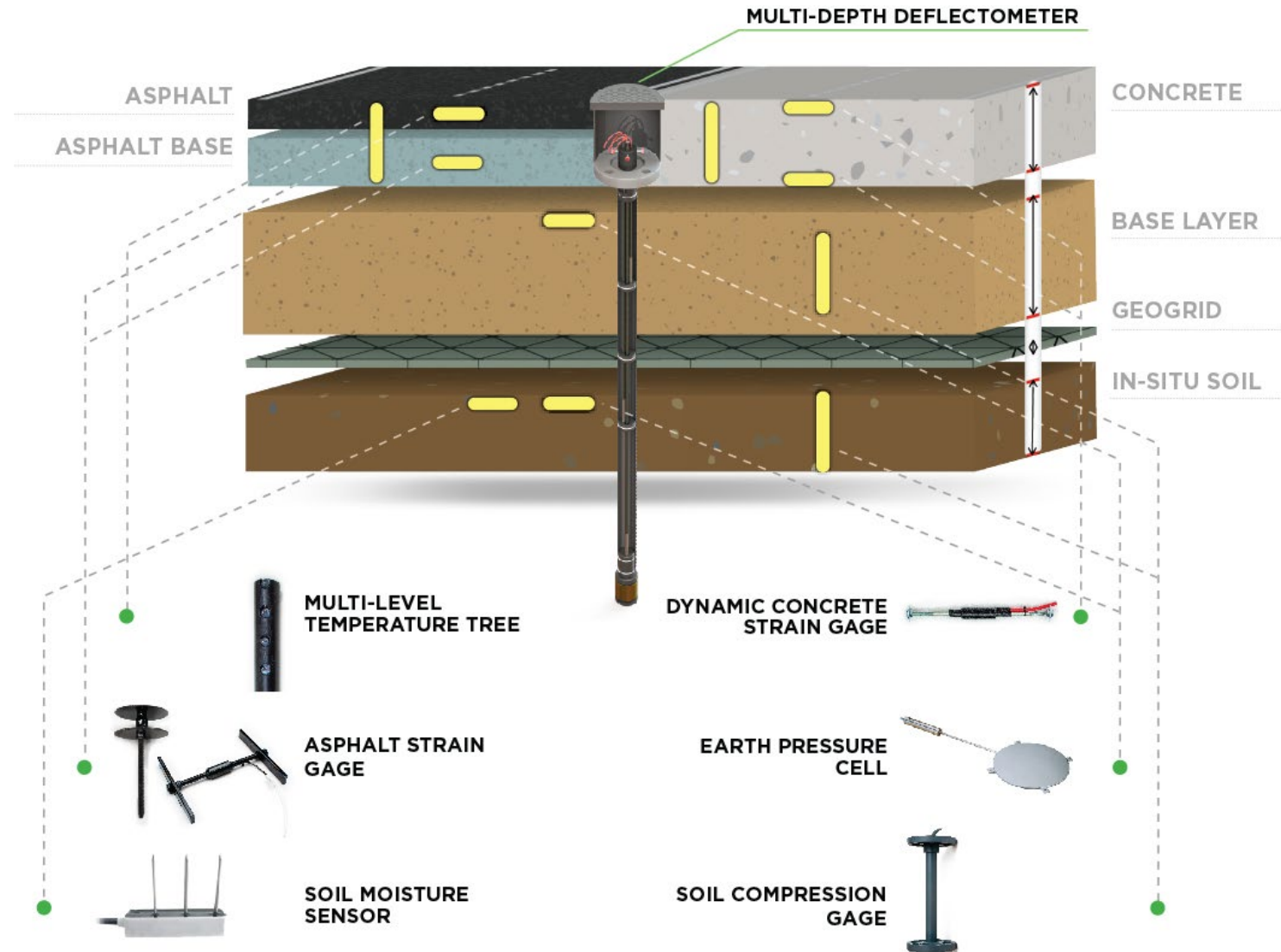
- I. Pressure Cells
- II. Multi-Depth Deflectometer
- III. Vertical Strain
- IV. Rotation

## 3. Geogrid

- I. Geogrid Strain

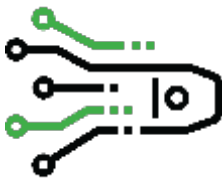
## 4. Sub-Base Layers

- I. Pressure Cells
- II. Multi-Depth Deflectometer
- III. Soil Compression
- IV. Rotation
- V. Soil Moisture





# BDI SENSOR TECHNOLOGY



ASPHALT STRAIN

- + Two Sizes
- + Range:  $\pm 3000 \mu\epsilon$
- + 350 $\Omega$  Fully Active Wheatstone bridge
- + Sensitivity:  $1.3 \text{ mV}_{\text{out}}/\text{mV}_{\text{ext}}$
- + Temperature Range: -50 to +200 °C



VERTICAL STRAIN

- + Range:  $\pm 3000 \mu\epsilon$
- + 350 $\Omega$  Fully Active Wheatstone bridge
- + Sensitivity:  $1.3 \text{ mV}_{\text{out}}/\text{mV}_{\text{ext}}$
- + Temperature Range: -50 to +200 °C



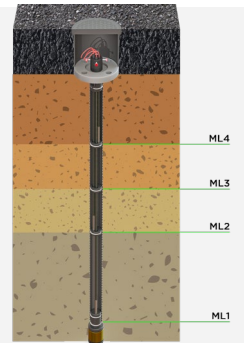
TEMPERATURE TREE

- + Temperature Range: -50 to +200 °C
- + Depth of Measurement: User defined
- + Sensor Type: Thermistor or Thermocouple



SOIL COMPRESSION SENSOR

- + Gage Length: Customer Specified
- + Measurement Range: up to 2-in (50mm)
- + 3- to 4-wire potentiometer
- + Temperature Range: -20 °C to +85 °C



MULTI DEPTH DEFLECTOMETER

- + Range:  $\pm 0.5$
- + Up to 6 positions (5 depths + anchor)
- + Depth up to 12-ft
- + Linearity:  $< \pm 0.5\% \text{ F.S.}$
- + Resettable transducers for pavement rutting

# ASPHALT STRAIN GAGE

## SENSOR SUBJECTED TO WORST POSSIBLE CONDITIONS

INSTALL EXPERIENCE IS IMPORTANT TO PROTECT AGAINST

- + Crushed/cut lead wires
- + 350 deg HMA
- + Paving train dragging/pulling on sensor/wire
- + Rolling operation
- + Vibratory rolling

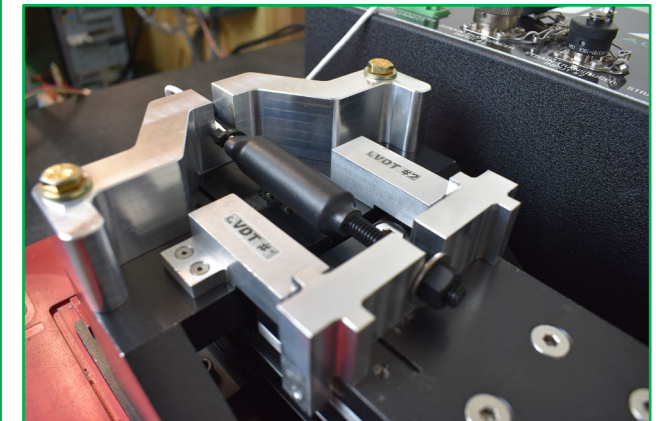


# ASPHALT STRAIN GAGE

## MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS FOR INCREASED SURVIVAL RATES (>90%)

- + Design by Civil Engineer with hands-on experience with more than 1000 sensor installations (**only BDI**)
- + Final coating is bitumen- not driveway sealer
- + Unbonded crush protection
- + Dynamic calibration of sensor (**only BDI**).
- + Fabrication by a 'true' sensor manufacturer (**only BDI**)
- + **New** single matrix gage grid to eliminate delicate gage wiring (**only BDI**)

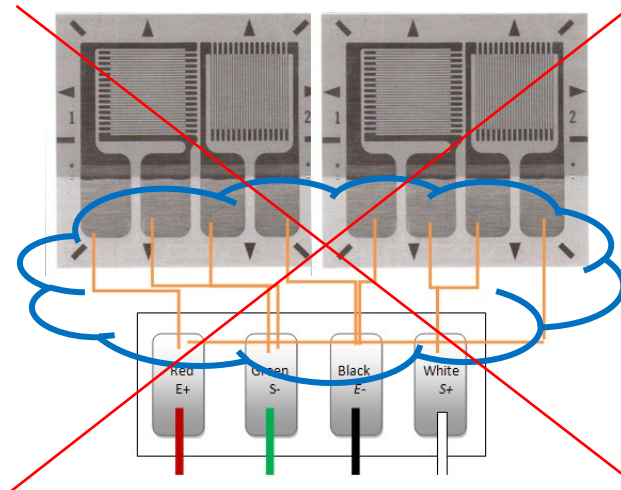
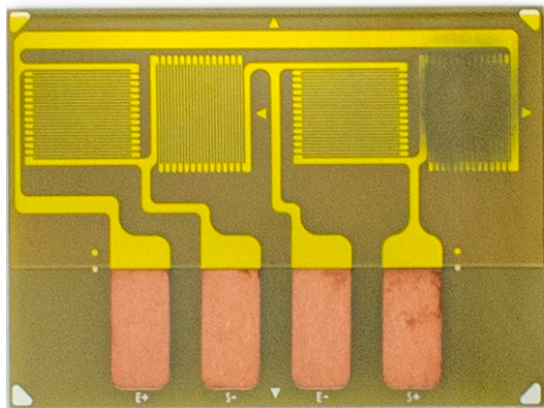
*Above and continued improvements based on continuous interaction with the Test Pavement community (TRB AFD40 APT)*





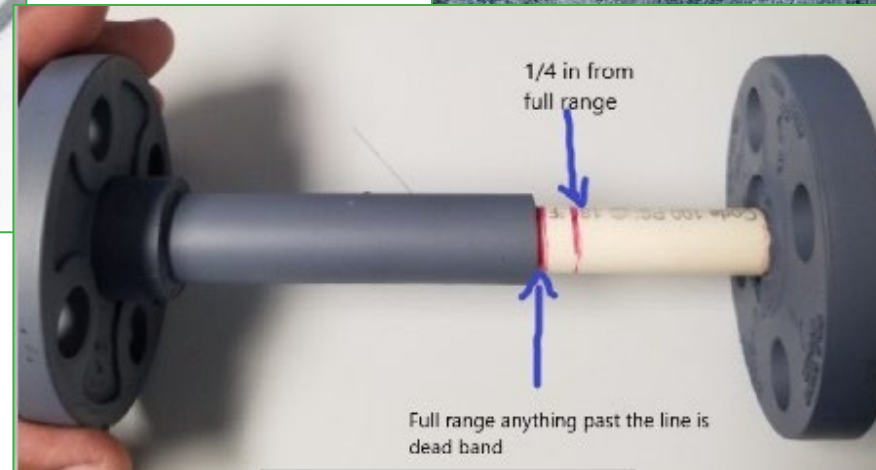
# CONCRETE STRAIN GAGE (DYNAMIC)

WOULD NOT RECOMMEND FOR CONCRETE STABILIZED BASE- CONCRETE ONLY



# SOIL COMPRESSION SENSOR (DYNAMIC)

- + RUGGEDIZED
- + USED HORIZONTAL OR VERTICAL
- + BEST ABOVE THE WATER TABLE, BUT PROTECTED FROM WATER INGRESS

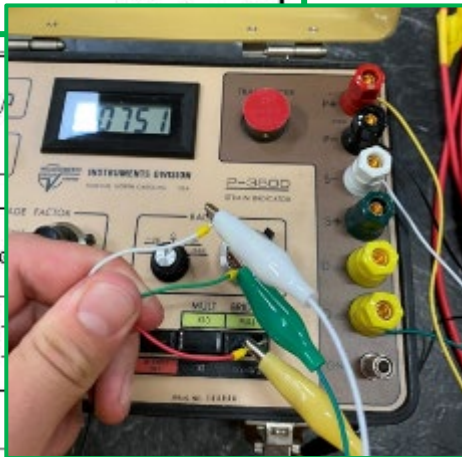




# QUALITY ASSURANCE / DOCUMENTATION

## DOCUMENT, DOCUMENT, DOCUMENT

QUALITY CONTROL FABRICATION AND HOOK-UP SHEET	
<b>BDI</b> RAW DATA. REFINED RESULTS.	<b>DYNAMIC ASG</b> ASPHALT STRAIN GAGE 6X8"
Gage ID: _____	Lead Length: _____
NOTE: MANUAL READINGS TAKEN USING VISHAY P-3500. GF = 2.00 BALANCE = 500	
<b>FABRICATION</b>	
GAGE RESISTANCE : _____	
INITIAL READING AFTER WIRING GAGE : _____	
SHORT TO SHIELD : _____	
TENSION = _____ IN READING	
READING AFTER J-COAT : _____	
READING AFTER ALL PROTECTION : _____ (after butyl rubber and heat shrink)	
DATE : _____ WHO : _____	
SHORT TO SHIELD : _____	
COMMENTS : _____	
<b>CALIBRATION</b>	
EXCITATION : _____ CAL FACTOR : _____ ue/mV	
DATE : _____ WHO : _____	
FINAL READING AFTER CALIBRATION AND DIPPING : _____	
<b>INSTALLATION</b>	
NOTE: MANUAL READINGS TAKEN USING VISHAY P-3500.	
LOCATION : _____ X: _____	
DATE : _____ READING : _____ EVENT : _____	
DATE : _____ READING : _____ EVENT : _____	
<b>HOOKEUP TO SYSTEM</b>	
SPI : _____ CHANNEL : _____	
DATE : _____ READING : _____ EVENT : _____	
DATE : _____ READING : _____ EVENT : _____	

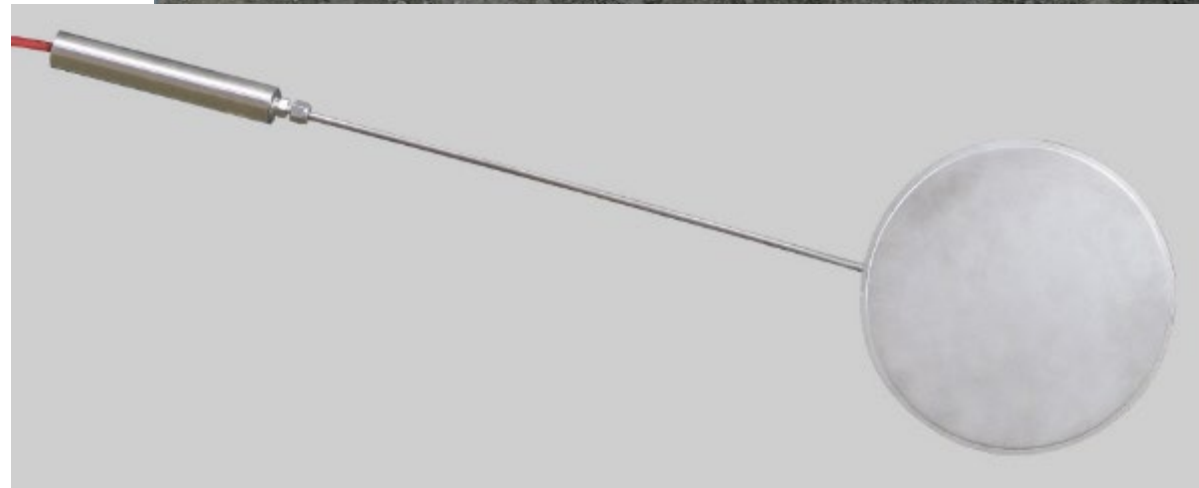


QC/QA INSTALLATION AND HOOK-UP SHEET	
<b>BDI</b> RAW DATA. REFINED RESULTS.	<b>EARTH PRESSURE CELLS (EPC)</b>
Gage ID: _____	Lead Length: _____
NOTE: MANUAL READINGS TAKEN USING HANDHELD READOUT	
TYPE - 0-5 VOLT OUTPUT OVER 0.35MPA (50 PSI)	
<b>PRE-INSTALLATION</b>	
DATE : _____ WHO : _____ CAL FACTOR : _____	
READING PRIOR TO INSTALLATION : _____	
<b>INSTALLATION</b>	
NOTE: MANUAL READINGS TAKEN USING MANUAL READOUT	
LOCATION : _____ X: _____ Y: _____ Z: _____	
DATE : _____ READING : _____	
COMMENTS : _____	
DATE : _____ READING : _____ EVENT : _____	
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<b>HOOKEUP TO SYSTEM</b>	
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# EARTH PRESSURE CELL (DYNAMIC)

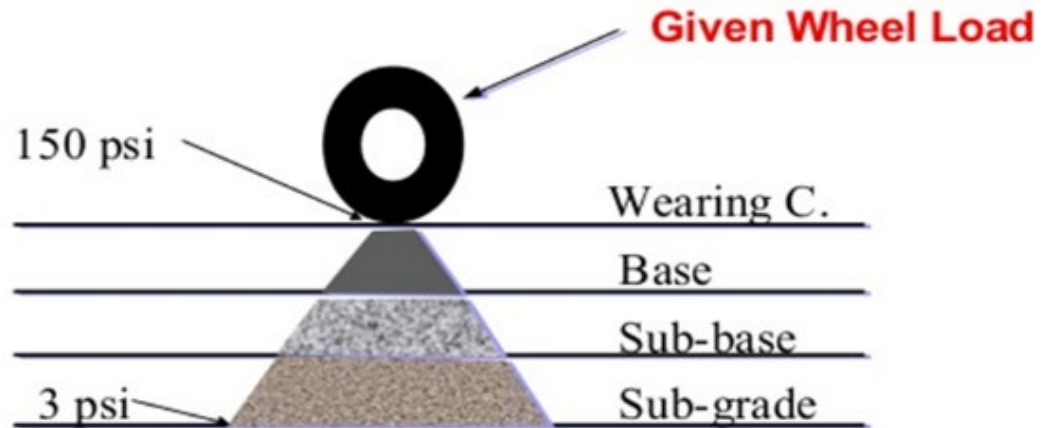
BEDDING IS MOST IMPORTANT  
CAREFUL UNDER CONCRETE  
VENDER MAY NOT HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS





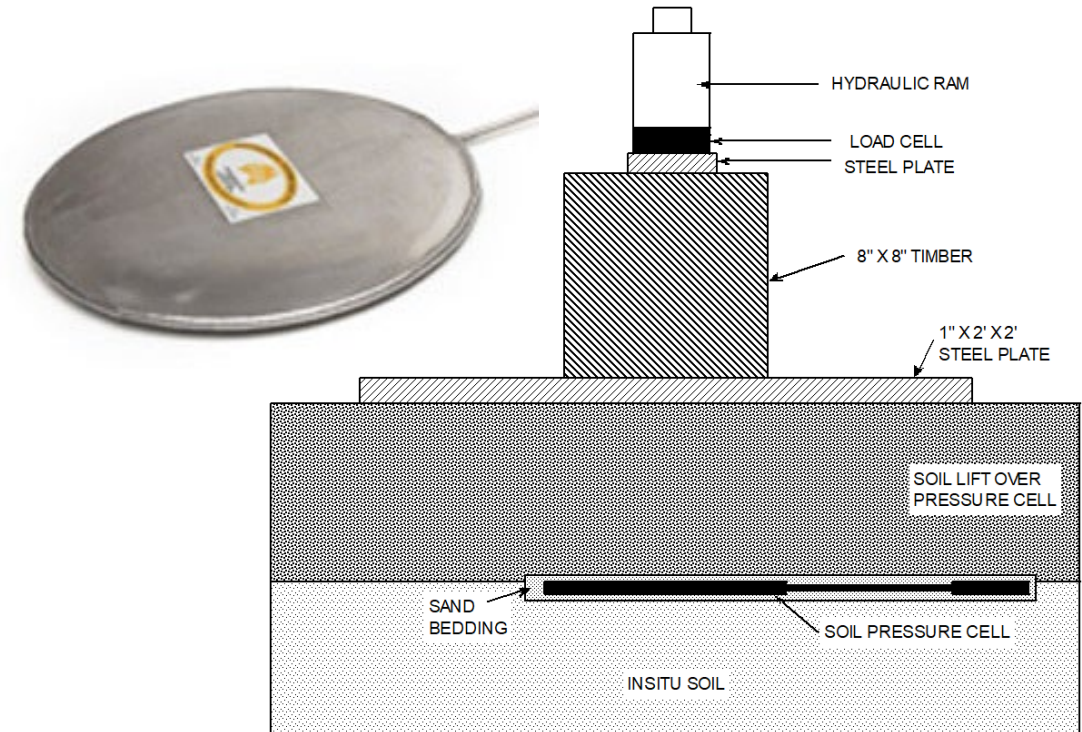
# EARTH PRESSURE CELL (DYNAMIC)

CAREFUL WITH THE RANGE SELECTION



Load Distribution in Flexible Pavements

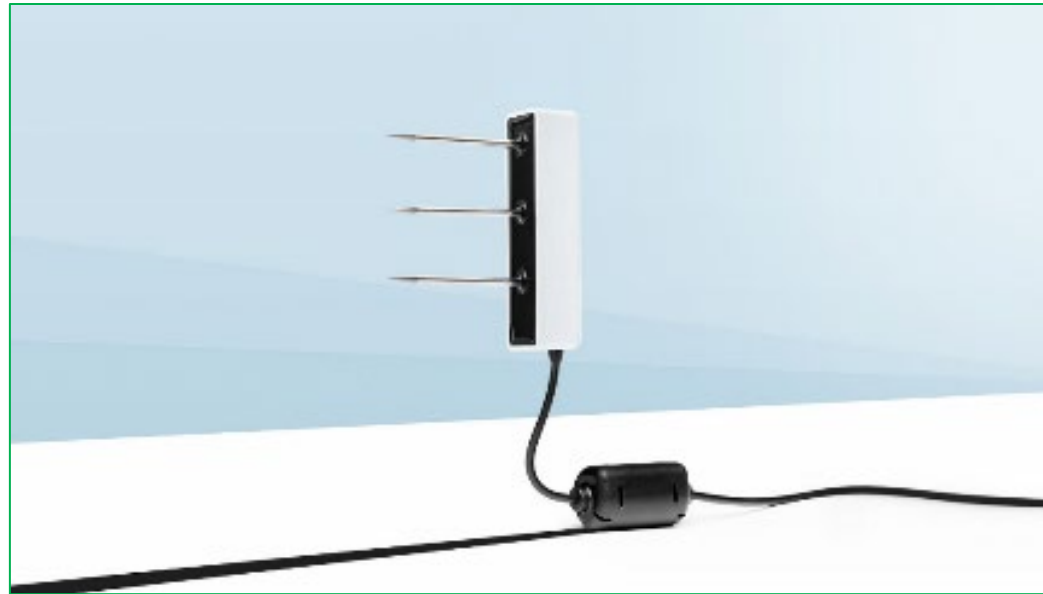
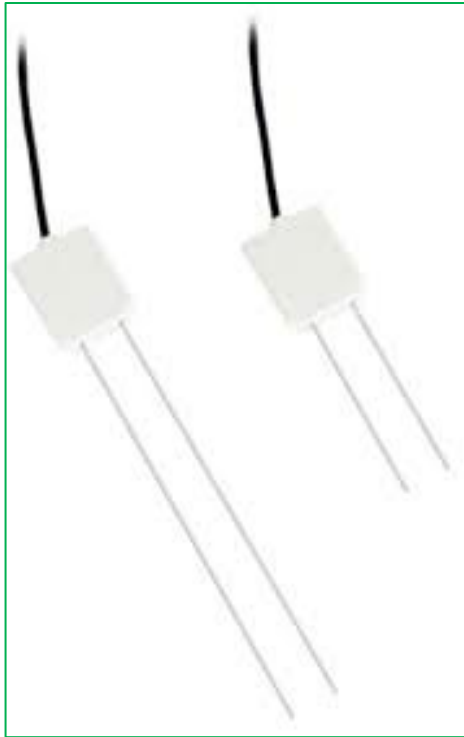
SHOULD YOU CALIBRATE?



# SOIL MOISTURE (STATIC)

RESISTANCE TYPE NOT RESEARCH GRADE

TDR/CAPACITANCE SHOULD BE CALIBRATED FOR SOIL TYPE





# TEMPERATURE GRADIENT (STATIC)

FOR ASPHALT OR CONCRETE

CAN BE TC, RTD OR THERMISTOR - WHAT IS EASIEST FOR SYSTEM

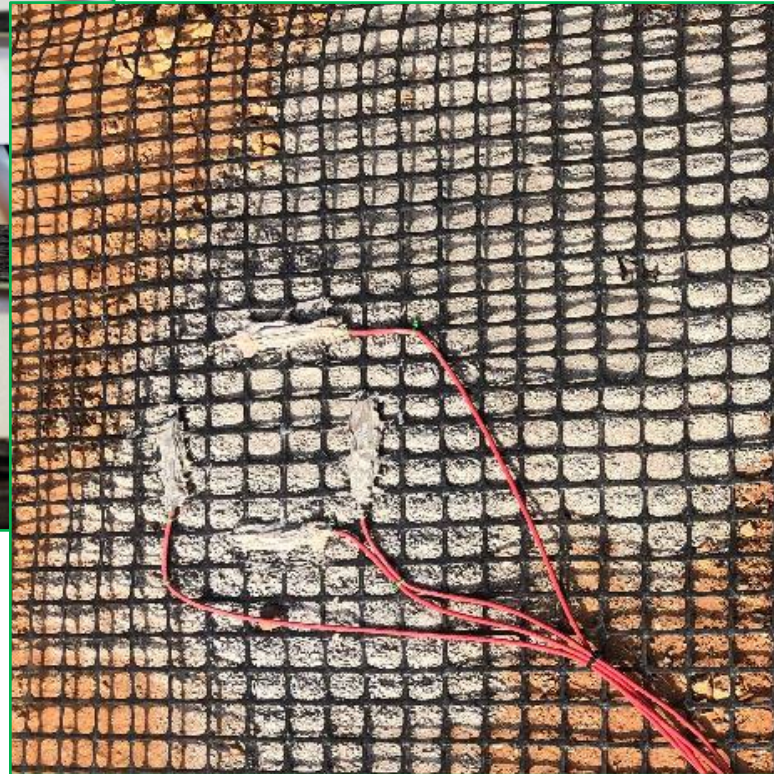




# GEOGRID STRAIN (DYNAMIC)

TOUGH TO INSTRUMENT

WOULD FIBER OPTICS BE BETTER??



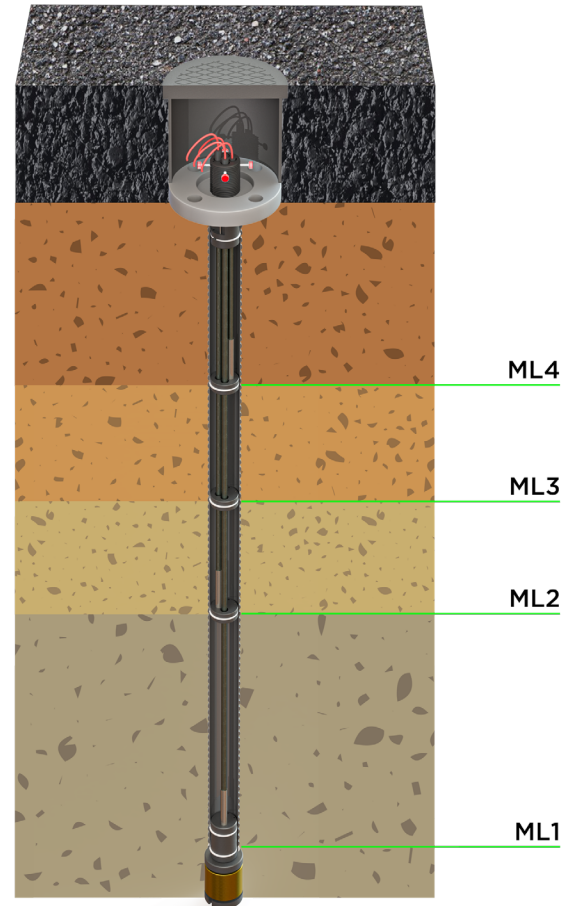


# MULTI-DEPTH DEFLECTOMETER (DYNAMIC)



DYNATEST MDD

- + LINEAR ARRAY
- + SENSORS IN GROUND
- + SENSOR NOT REPLACEABLE
- + 2 DAY INSTALLATION
- + MDD COST - \$\$\$\$
- + INSTALLATION COST - \$\$\$\$



BDI MDD

- + PARALLEL ARRAY
- + SENSORS IN ROADBOX
- + SENSORS RE-STROKEABLE
- + PREFABRICATED
- + 2 PER DAY INSTALLATION
- + MDD COST - \$\$\$
- + INSTALLATION COST - \$\$

# MULTI-DEPTH DEFLECTOMETER (MDD)



Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3



Fig. 4

1. Based off MPBX concept
2. Pre-fabricated with anchor and road box
3. Compressible tube with external ribbed surface
4. Resettable transducers inside road box at top surface

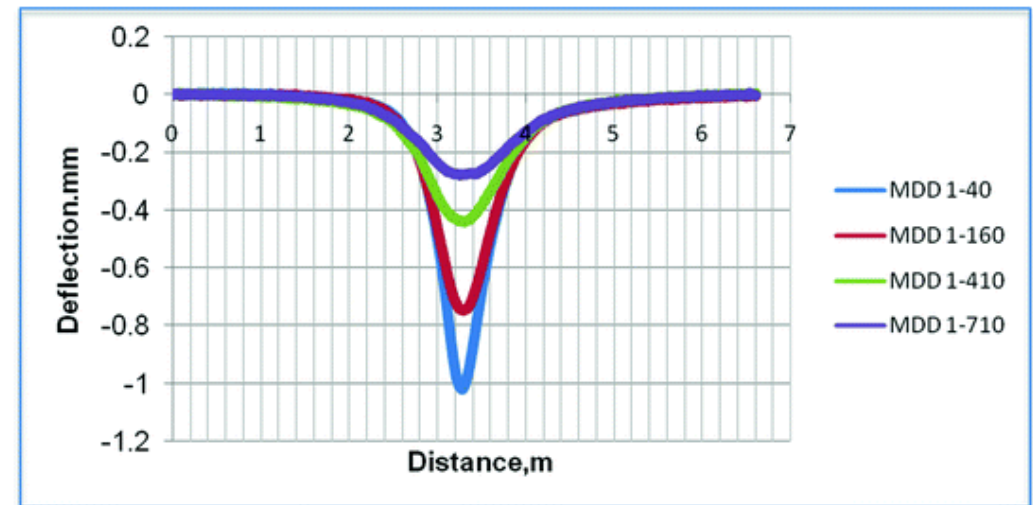
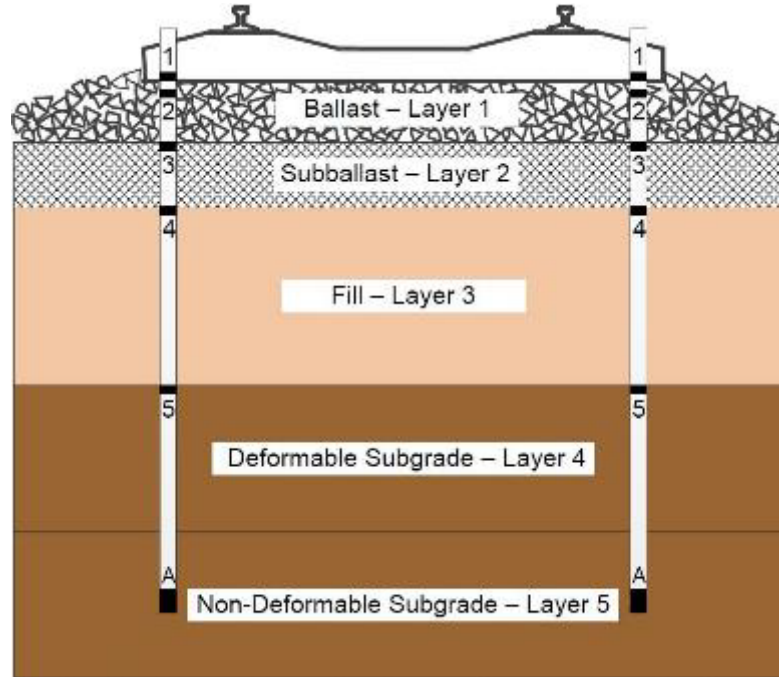
# MULTI-DEPTH DEFLECTOMETER (DYNAMIC)

SLAB TRACK RAIL - TTCI

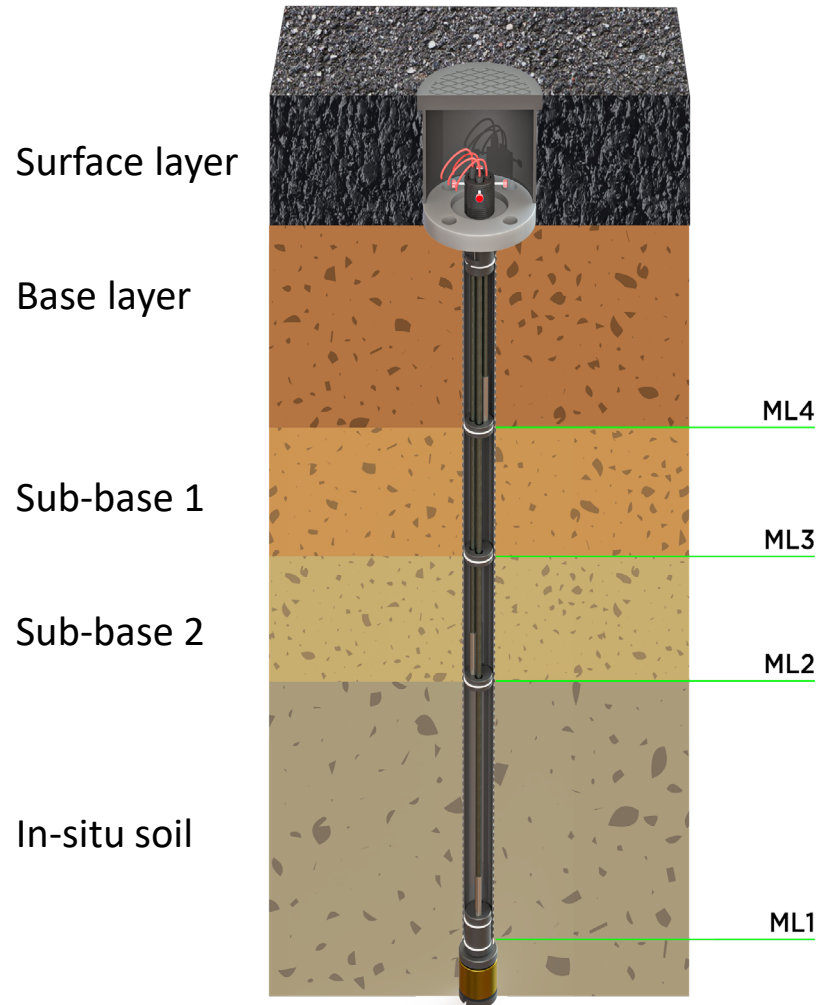
COAL MINING HAUL ROADS - CATERPILLAR

LOGGING ROADS – MINISTRY OF FORESTRY MANNITOBA

ACCELERATED PAVEMENT TESTING – NUMEROUS CLIENTS



# MULTI-DEPTH DEFLECTOMETER (MDD)



## WHAT DOES EACH M EASUREMENT L OCATION MEASURE?

- + ML1 = Overall Pavement Deflection (Surface to Anchor)
- + ML4 = Surface to Bottom of Base layer
- + ML3 = Surface to Bottom of Sub-base 1
- + ML2 = Surface to Bottom of Sub-base 2
- + Base layer compression =  $ML4$
- + Sub-base 1 compression =  $ML3 - ML4$
- + Sub-base 2 compression =  $ML2 - ML3$
- + Surface compression is usually measured with VASG



# MULTI-DEPTH DEFLECTOMETER (MDD)

Installation Needs – tools, driller and split-spoon sampler





# MULTI-DEPTH DEFLECTOMETER (MDD)

Installation Process – Drop in, set anchor, backfill





# MULTI-DEPTH DEFLECTOMETER (MDD)

Get the Wires Out – Temporary, Pre-install/Post-install Road Box





# WEIGH-IN-MOTION / CAMERA (DYNAMIC)

COULD BE SPEED

COULD BE AXLE COUNT

COULD BE VEHICLE CLASSIFICATION



# DATA RATE “CHEAT SHEET”

50 kph = 14 m/s

+  $T_{\text{flexible}}$ : 3 m in 0.21 s

+  $T_{\text{rigid}}$ : 8 m in 0.57 s

100 kph = 28 m/s

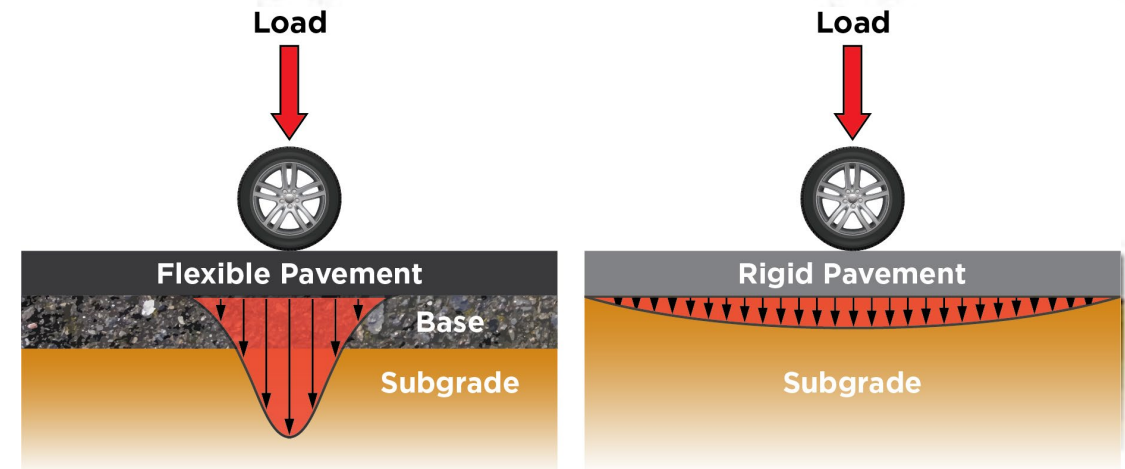
+  $T_{\text{flexible}}$ : 3 m in 0.11 s

+  $T_{\text{rigid}}$ : 8 m in 0.29 s

Data Points @ 250 Hz	Data Points @ 1000 Hz
53	210
143	570
28	110
73	290

50 points minimum to define a curve,  
100 would be better

## LOAD DISTRIBUTION



Wheel diameter ( $W_d$ ) = 1 meter  
 Flexible influence zone ( $3W_d$ ) = 3 meters  
 Rigid influence zone ( $8W_d$ ) = 8 meters

# BDI PAVEMENT (AND STRUCTURAL) MONITORING SYSTEM



## 4- OR 16-CHANNEL TERMINAL NODES

- + Voltage Input: +/- 10 volt (not constrained by Wheatstone bridge unbalance)
- + 0 to +5 Vdc and +15 Vdc excitation
- + +15 Vdc Power Supply
- + 24-bit ADC with up to 1 kHz sample rate
- + Configure Channels through STS-LIVE
- + Temperature Range: -40 to +85 °C



## MONITORING ACCESSORIES

- + Intel® Atom™ processor E3800 family
- + DDR3L SDRAM up to 8GB
- + 128GB SATA II 2.5" SSD
- + Dual Gigabit LAN port
- + Programmable Watchdog Timer
- + One Selectable RS232/422/485 port (Optional)
- + Temperature Range: -40°C to +85°C



## MONITORING ACCESSORIES

- + Solar/AC battery backed power
- + Complete Turnkey Systems
- + Environmental Enclosures
- + PoE Communication
- + Wireless communication
- + Third party sensors/systems integration
- + Cellular/Satellite/Hard Line communications
- + Many more, please inquire

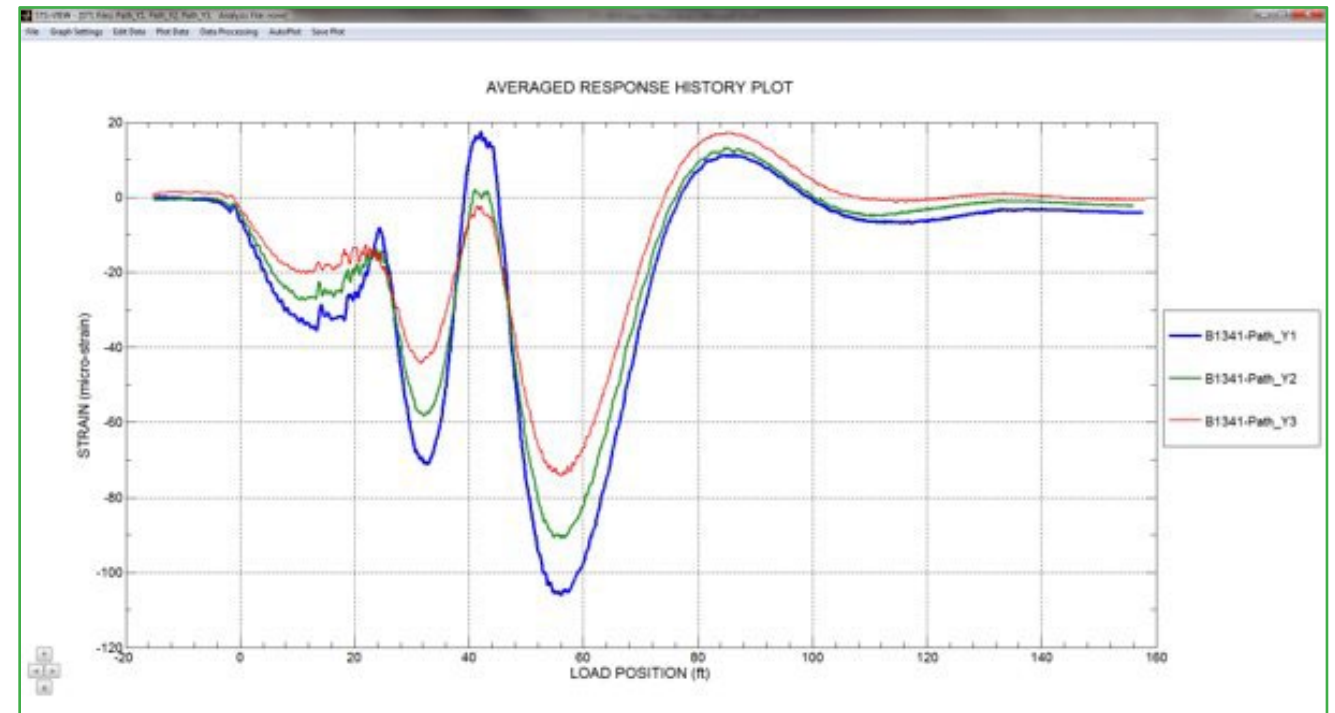


# DATA PROCESSING SOFTWARE

MENU DRIVEN!

**STS-VIEW:** DATA ACQUISITION SOFTWARE HAS BEEN DESIGNED WITH ALL THE FEATURES REQUIRED TO EVALUATE THE QUALITY OF THE DATA COLLECTED QUICKLY AND UNDER THE PRESSURE OF ON-SITE FIELD PROJECTS!

- + Compatible data files
  - Works with BDI \*.tdms & \*.dat data file structure
  - Compatible with Campbell Scientific data files
- + Data display options
  - Response, curvature, neutral axis plots
  - Range of filtering
  - Max/Min value extraction
- + Input Options
  - Load finite element analysis results for direct Graphical comparison with collected data



# DATA COLLECTION ADAS

Manual (Bring laptop/logger)

- + Cheapest, must be there

Road/Trackside System

- + More expensive, need data management

Remote w/ AC Power

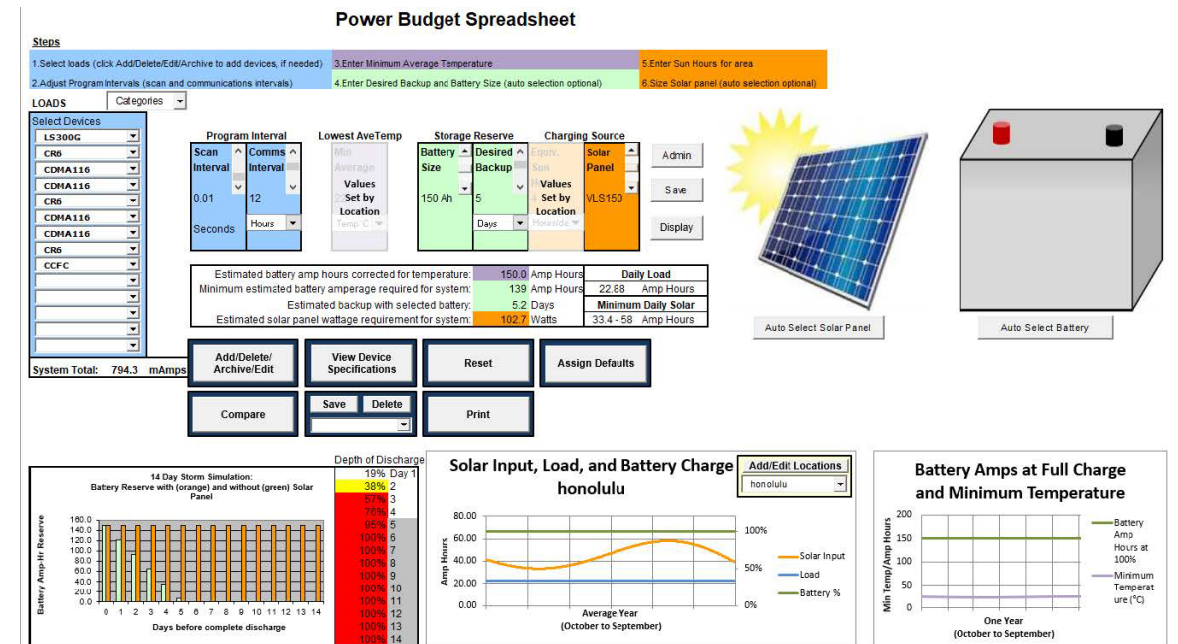
- + Communication/triggering/data download

Remote w/ Solar Power

- + Communication/triggering/data download

Remote w/ Solar Power / Camera

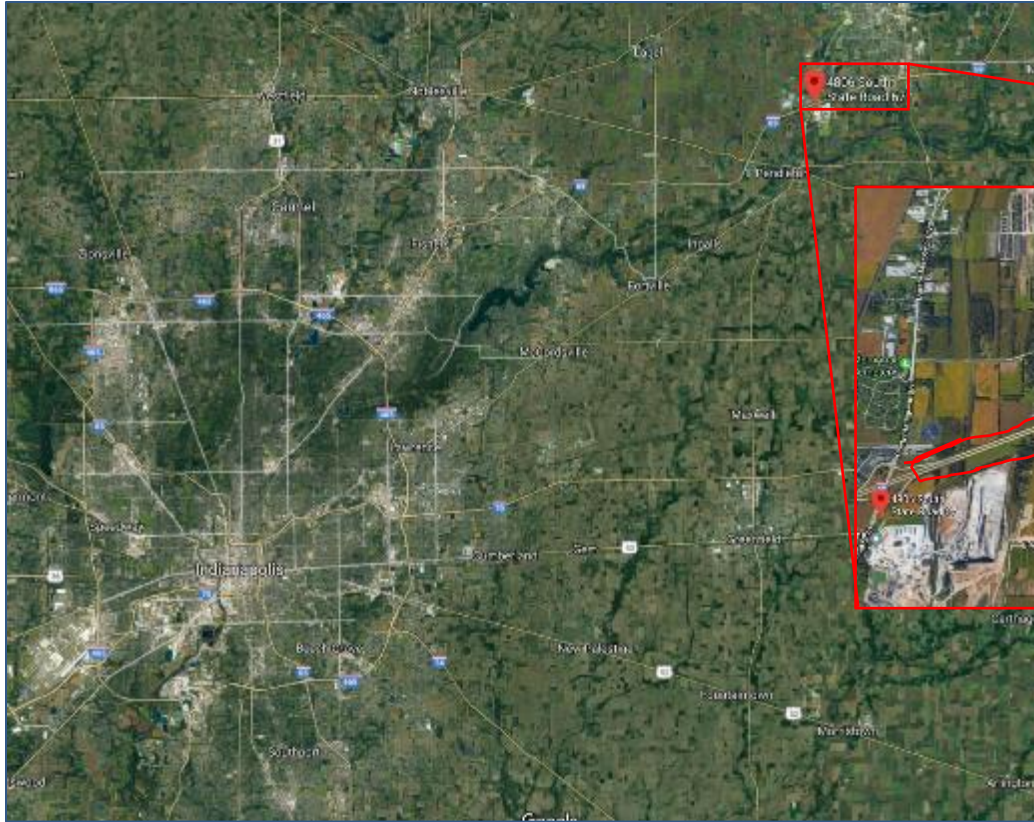
- + Communication/triggering/data download / vehicle identification





# CASE STUDIES

## I-69 PAVEMENT, INDOT 22 TEST SECTIONS



- + Bid on Existing Specification
  - 22 Flexible Pavement Test Sections
  - 144 Asphalt Strain Gages (+44)
  - 48 Temperature Sensors
  - 78 Earth Pressure Cells
  - 10 Soil Strain Gages
  - 44 Moisture Gages
  - Portable ADAS
- + Installation and Oversight
- + Training, Load Testing and Support

PM for Geocomp on this project



# CASE STUDIES

## I-69 PAVEMENT, INDOT 22 TEST SECTIONS

- + Penalty / Bonus System - \$5,000/sensor type/test section<sub>(\*)</sub> not meeting minimum success rates

Sensor	Total	Min	Plus 1	Plus 2	Plus 3
ASG	6	4	\$1,000	\$2,500	
TC	2	1	\$2,500		
EPC base	2	1	\$2,500		
EPC CSS	3	2	\$2,500		
DSG <sub>total</sub>	10	7	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,500
MG	2	1	\$2,500		
VSG	2	1	\$2,500		

# CASE STUDIES

## HNL AIRPORT TAXIWAY

REMOTE STAND-ALONE SYSTEM



- + Specification Development
  - One Cold Planed Flexible Test Section
  - 56 Asphalt Strain Gages
  - 2 Temperature Trees
  - Remote System Power
  - Remote System Communication
  - Operation and Maintenance Manual
- + Installation and Commissioning
- + Training and Support

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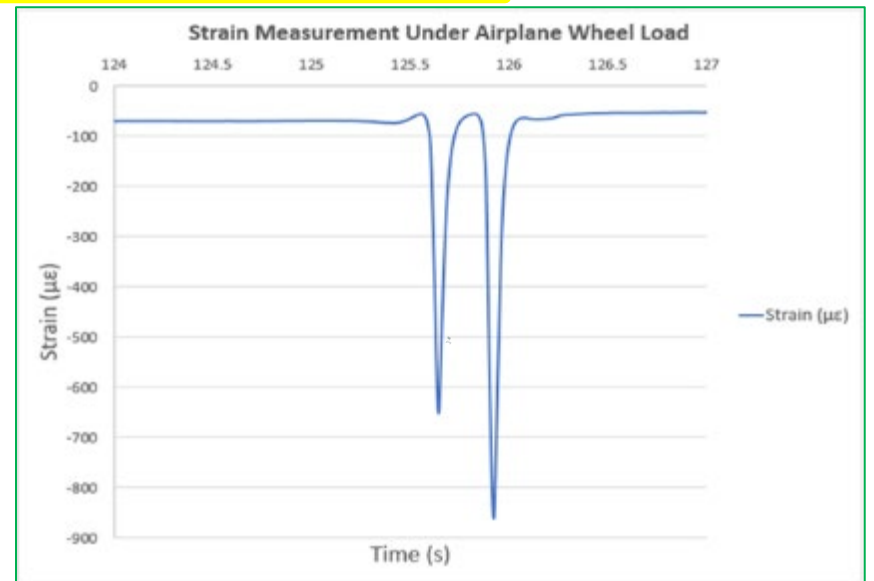


# CASE STUDIES

## HNL AIRPORT TAXIWAY

SENSOR TRIGGER DATA COLLECTION

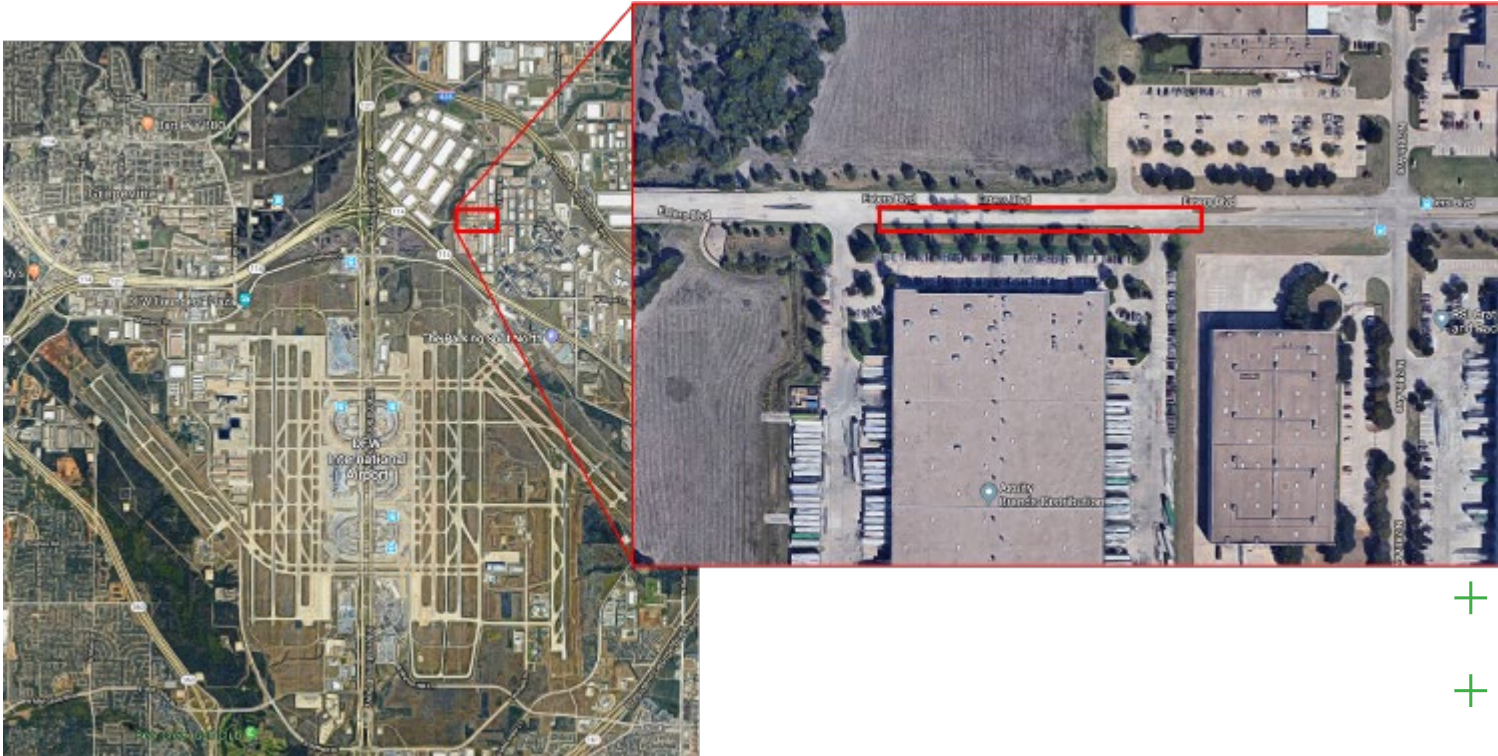
SENSOR TRIGGER CAMERA IMAGE CAPTURE



# CASE STUDIES

## DFW SERVICE ROADS

REMOTE STAND-ALONE SYSTEM



### + Specification Development

- Three Rigid Pavement Test Sections
- 46 Concrete Strain Gages
- TC Temperature Tree Sensors
- 12 Earth Pressure Cells
- 12 Soil Compression Gages
- Remote System Power/Communication
- Operation and Maintenance Manual

### + Installation and Commissioning

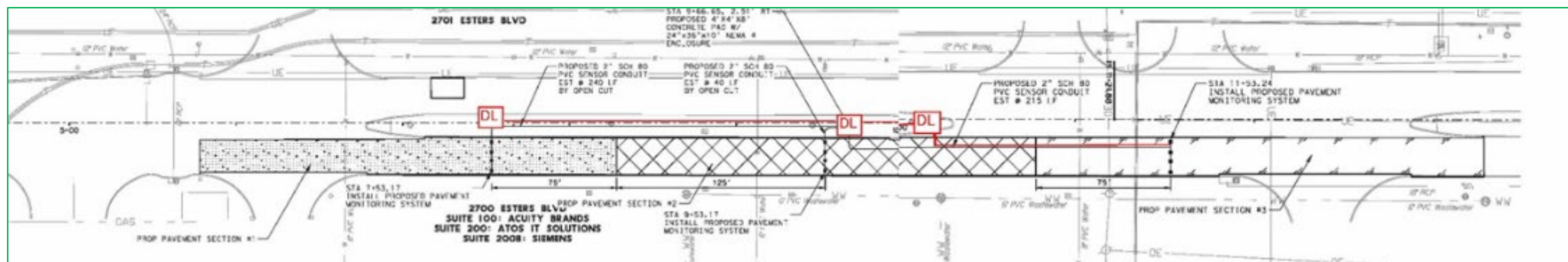
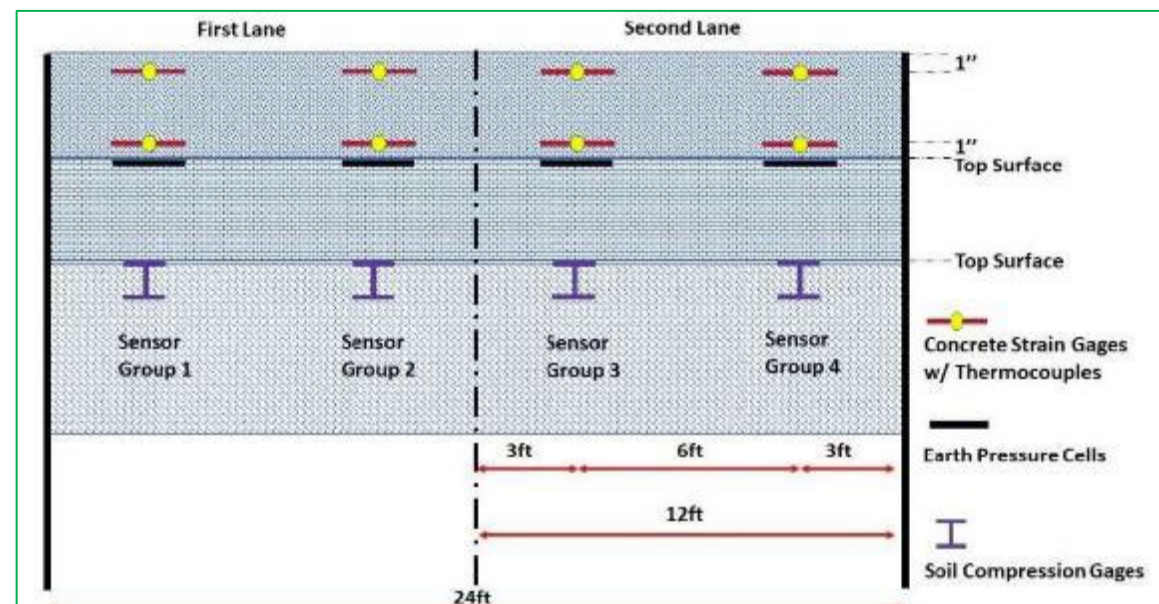
### + Training, Load Testing, and Support

PM for Geocomp on this project



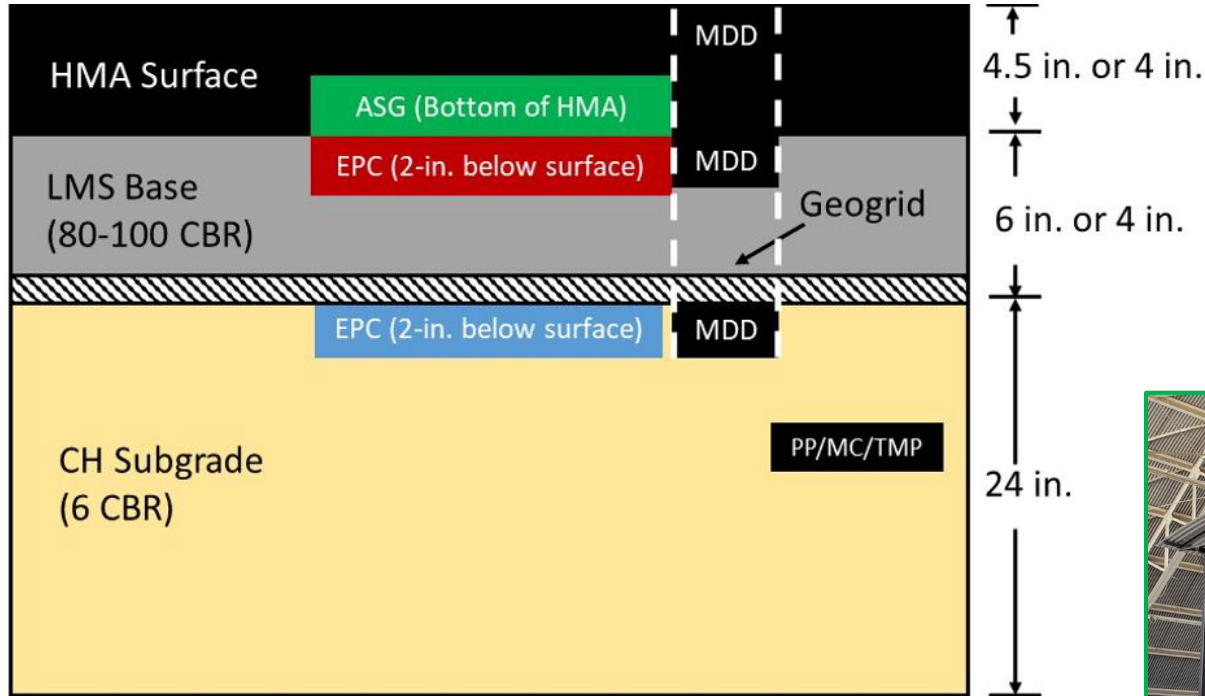
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## DFW SERVICE ROADS



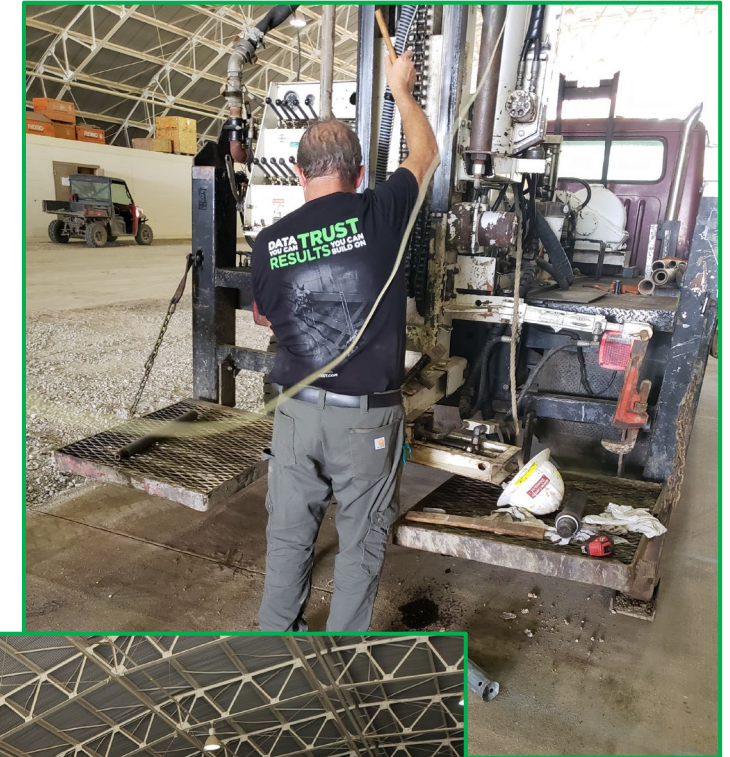
# CASE STUDIES

## TENSAR PROJECT AT USACE-ERDC



LMS = crushed limestone  
CH = high-plasticity clay  
HMA = hot-mix asphalt  
NOT TO SCALE

EPC = earth pressure cell  
MDD = multi-depth deflectometer  
PP/MC/TMP = pore pressure/moisture content/temperature



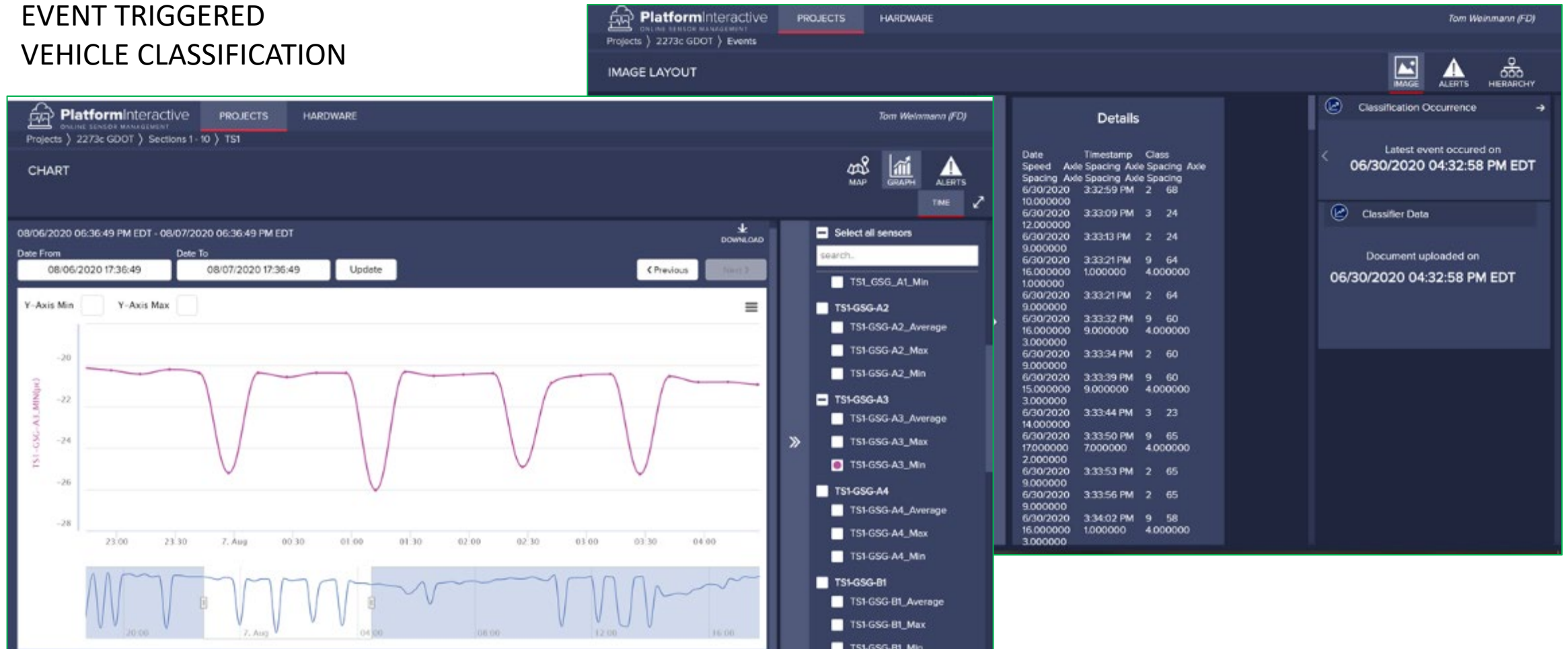




# CASE STUDIES

## GEOSYNTHETIC TEST PROGRAM – 18 TEST SECTIONS

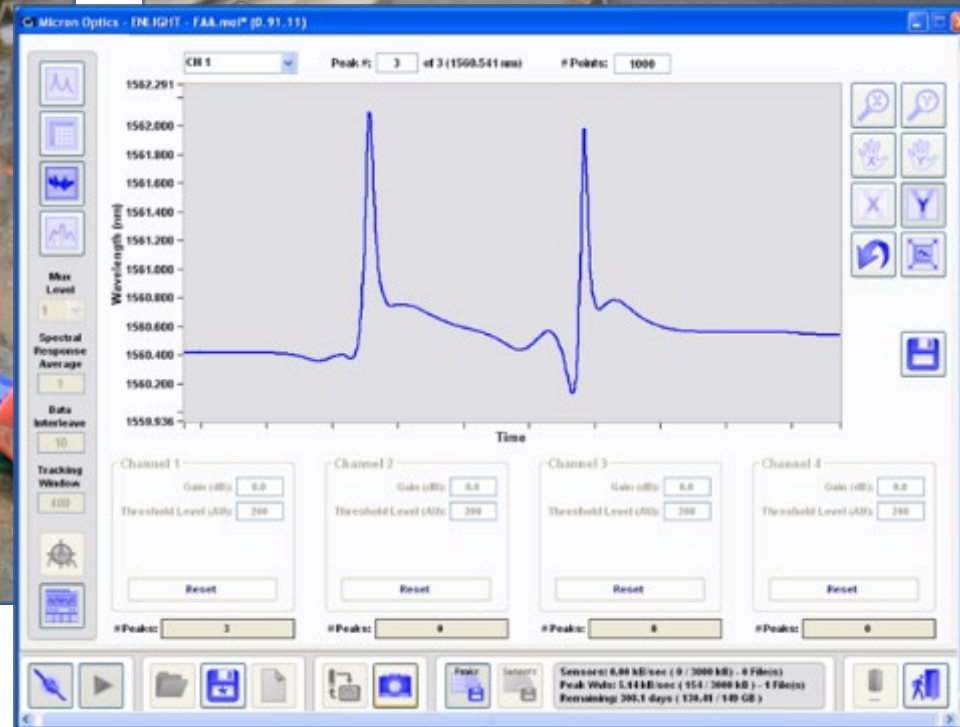
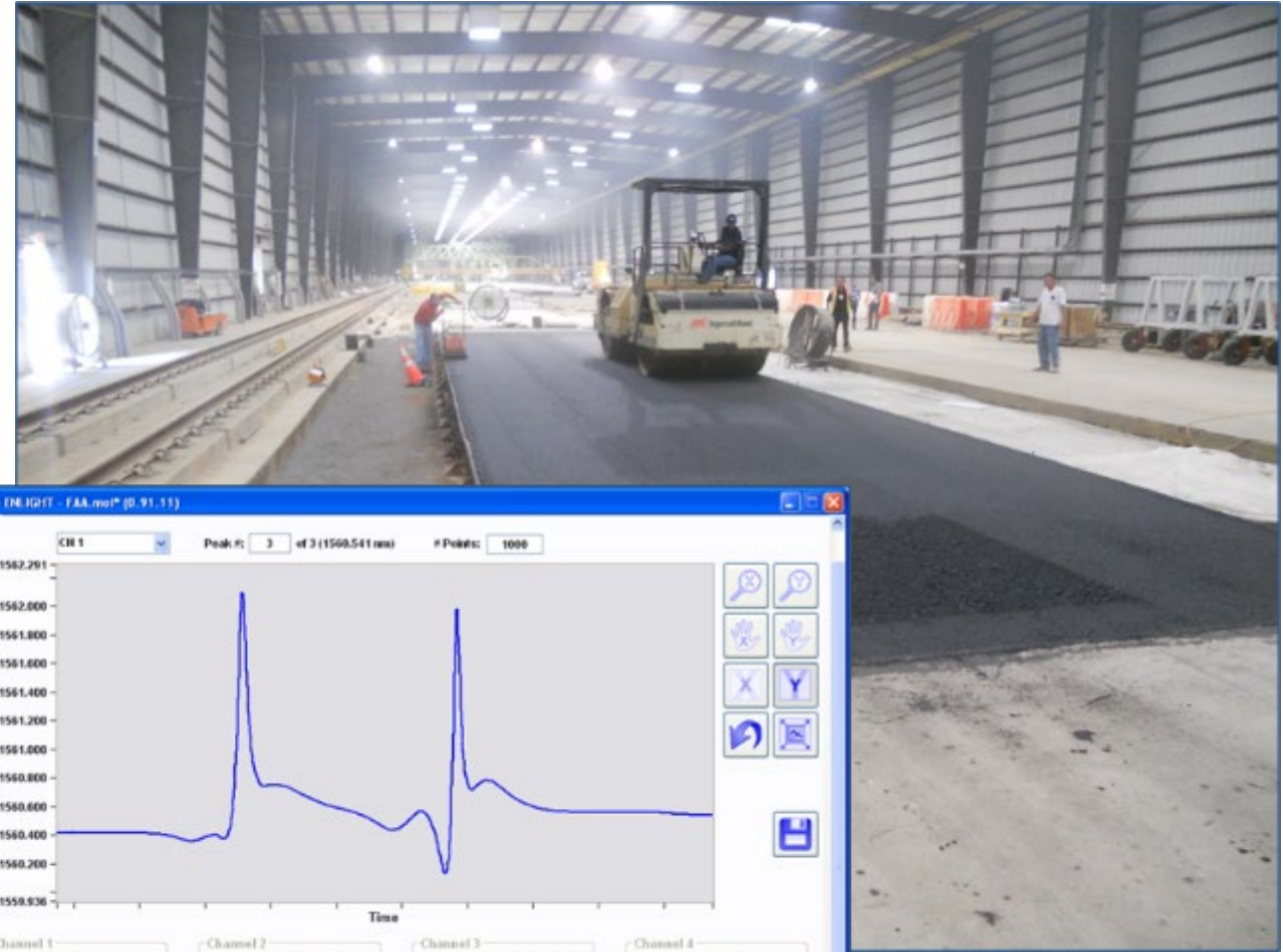
EVENT TRIGGERED  
VEHICLE CLASSIFICATION





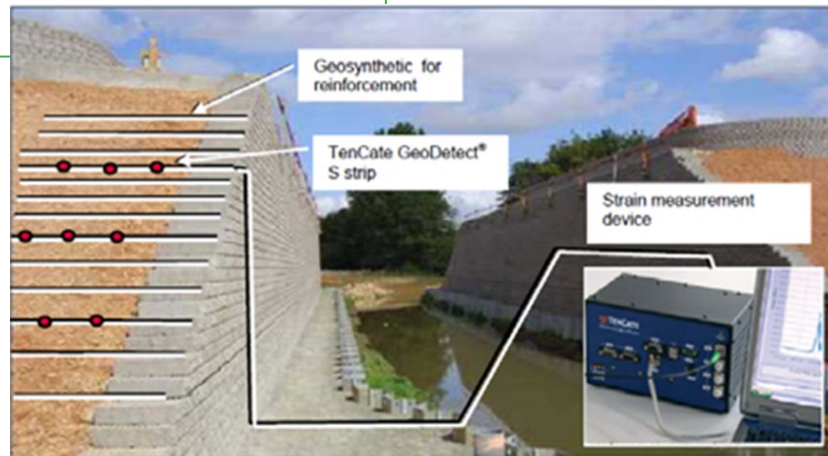
# NEW TECHNOLOGIES

## FBG STRAIN MEASUREMENTS

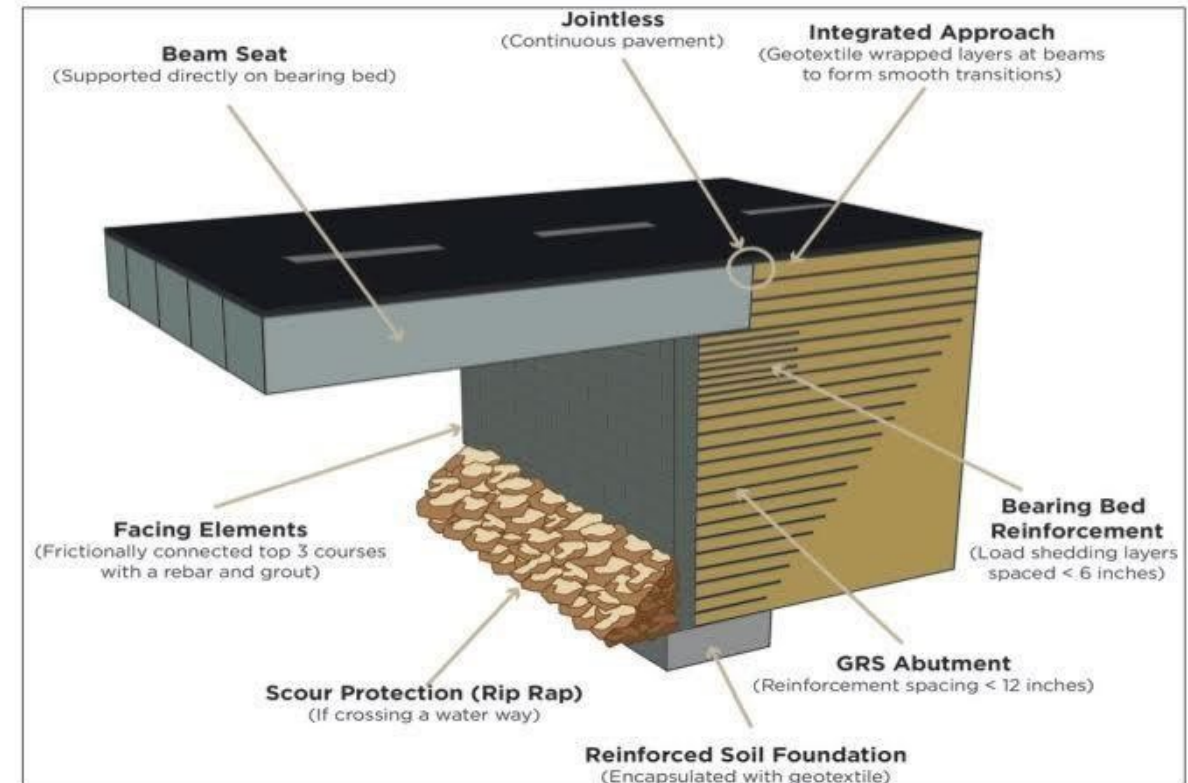


# NEW TECHNOLOGIES

## FIBER OPTICS FOR GRS-IBS



## Section View of GRS IBS

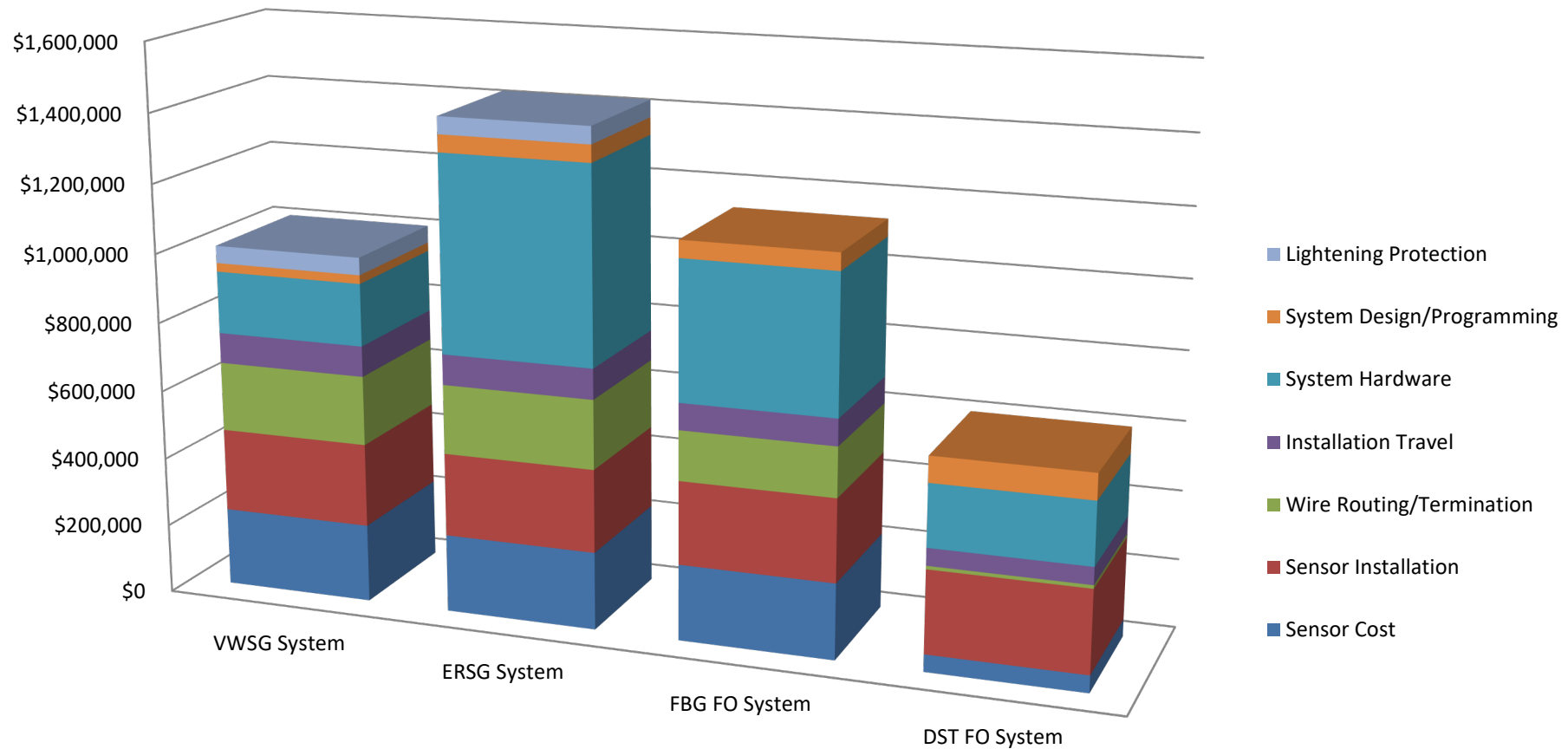




# NEW TECHNOLOGIES

## DISTRIBUTED STRAIN AND TEMPERATURE FIBER OPTICS

1000 Sensor System

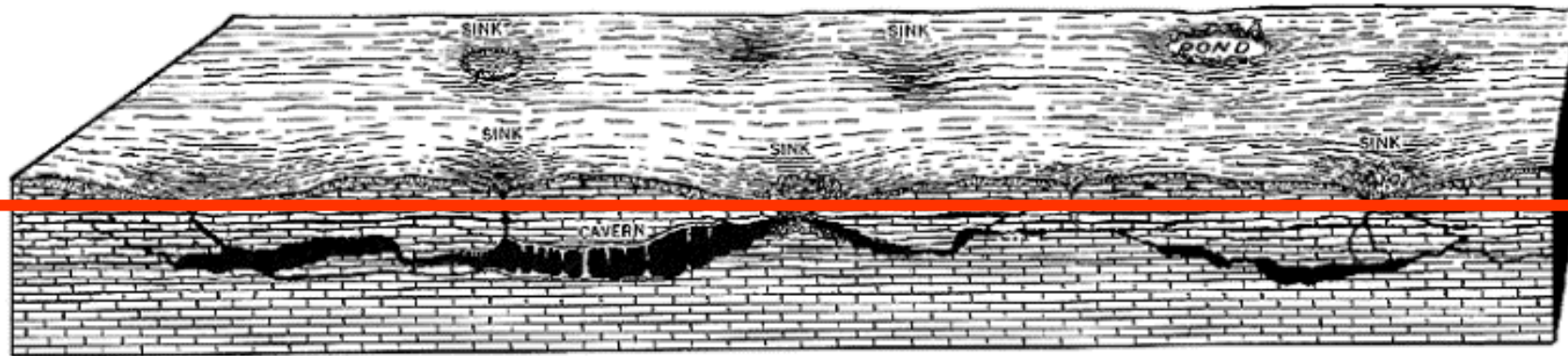


# NEW TECHNOLOGIES (FOR PAVEMENT)

## DISTRIBUTED STRAIN AND TEMPERATURE (DST FO)



Sinks and their relation to solution cavities beneath the surface.

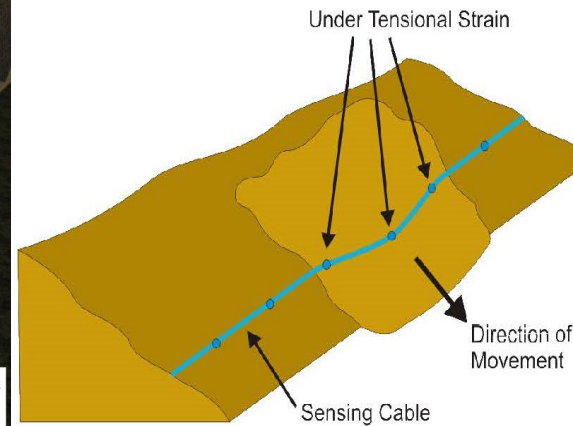
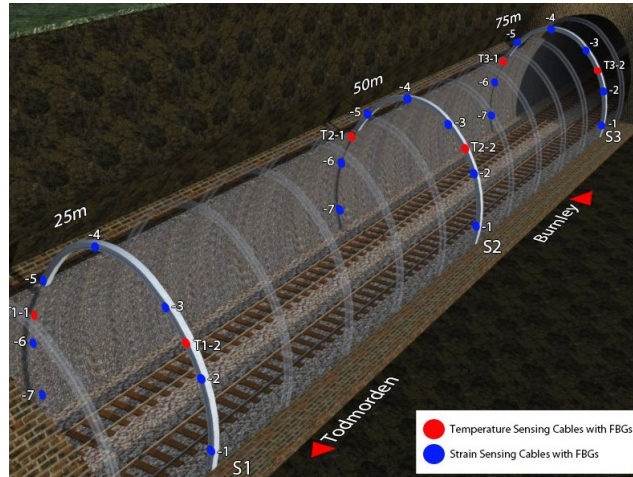




# NOT NEW FOR OTHER APPLICATIONS

## DISTRIBUTED STRAIN AND TEMPERATURE (DST FO)

- + Embankment deformation
- + Water seepage
- + Cracking in continuous structures



Section of Earthwork



# NEW TECHNOLOGIES (IN DEVELOPMENT)

## ASPHALT SHEAR STRAIN GAGES





# QUESTIONS?

## PAVEMENT INSTRUMENTATION AND SYSTEMS

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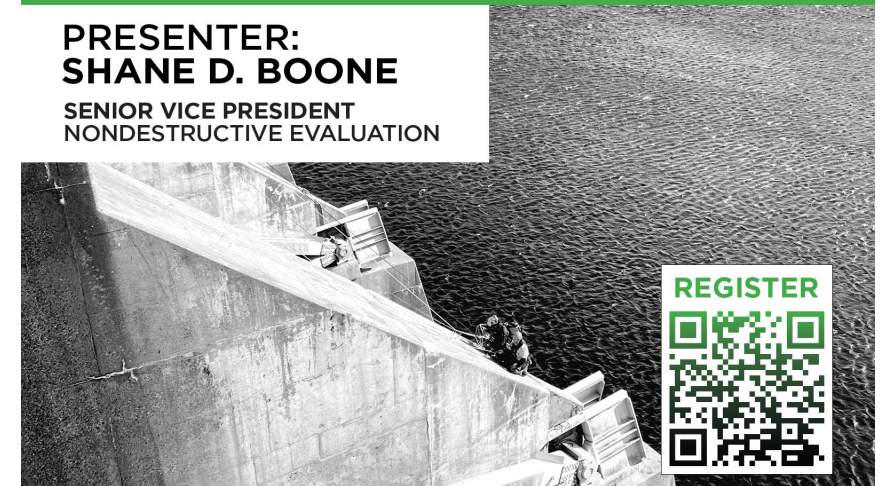
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## WEBINAR

### NONDESTRUCTIVE TESTING OF EMBEDDED STEEL ANCHORS FOR INTEGRITY AND TENSION

**PRESENTER:**  
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