

Framework for Concrete Bridge Deck Management Practices in Utah

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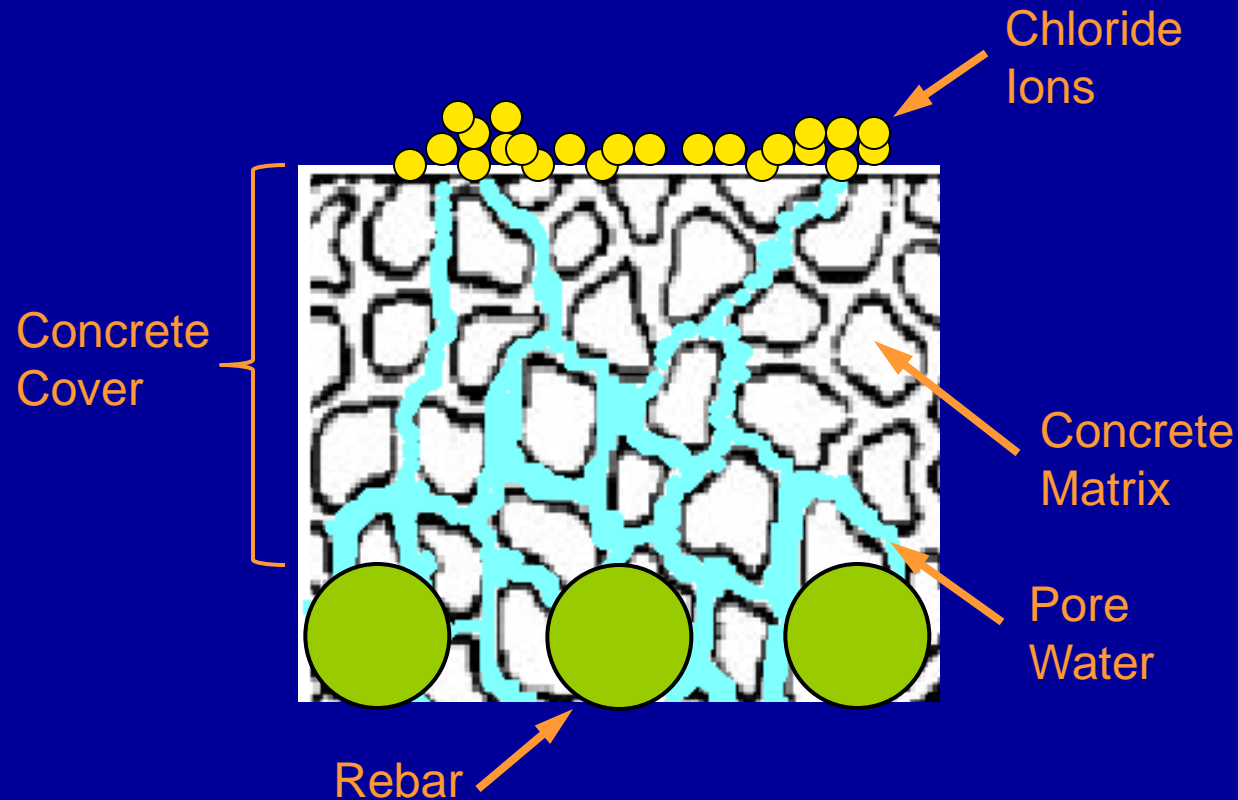


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EXIT 2100 So.
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Salt Lake

EXITS 305 A-D
WEST
2100 So.
1300 So.
900 So.
West Valley
EXIT ONLY

FINE IMPOSED FOR NOW/DRL VIOLATION

Chloride Diffusion



Corrosion threshold for black bar = $2.0 \text{ lb Cl}^-/\text{yd}^3$ of concrete







Stay-in-Place Metal Forms (SIPMFs)

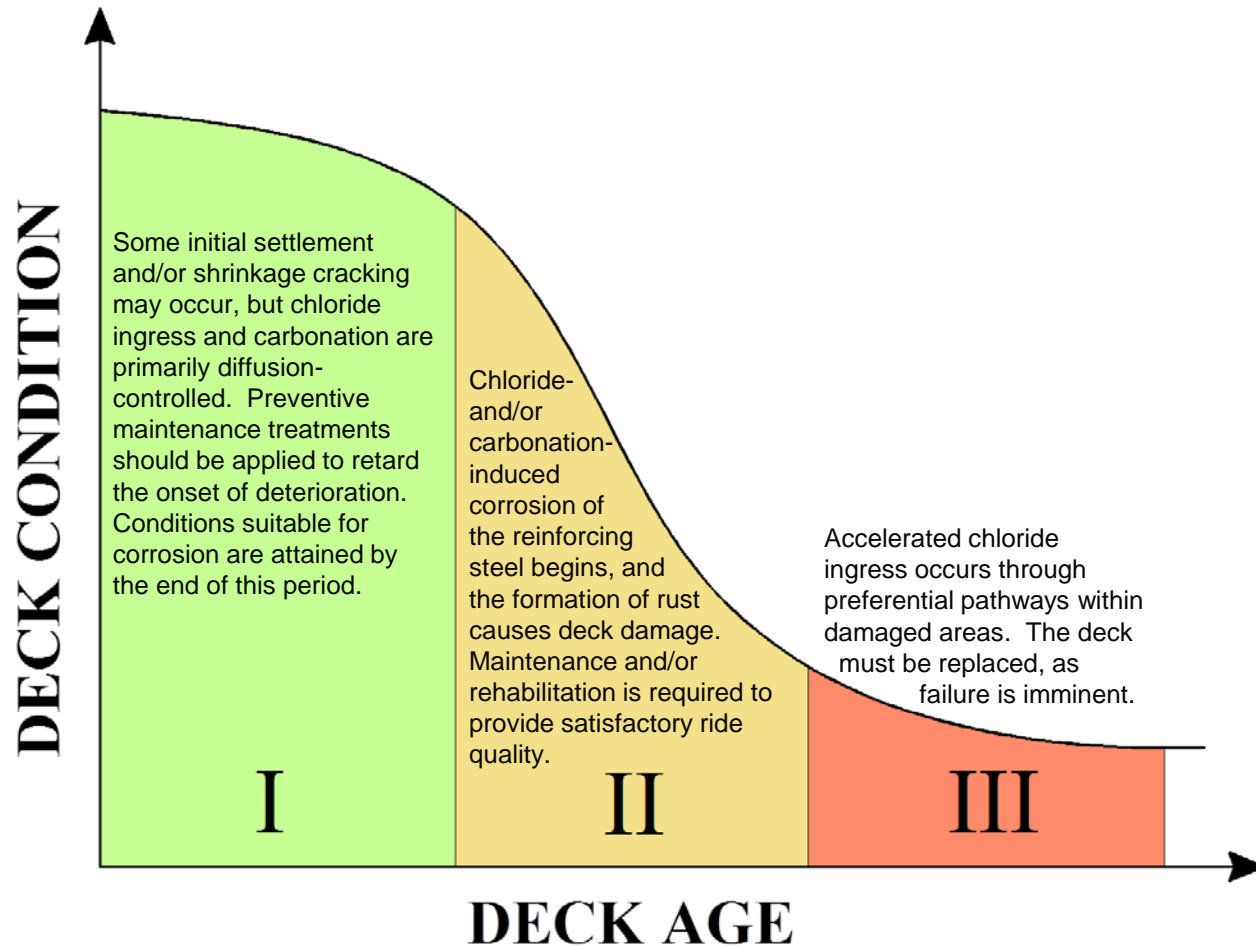


Typical Chloride Concentration Profiles for Utah Bridge Decks

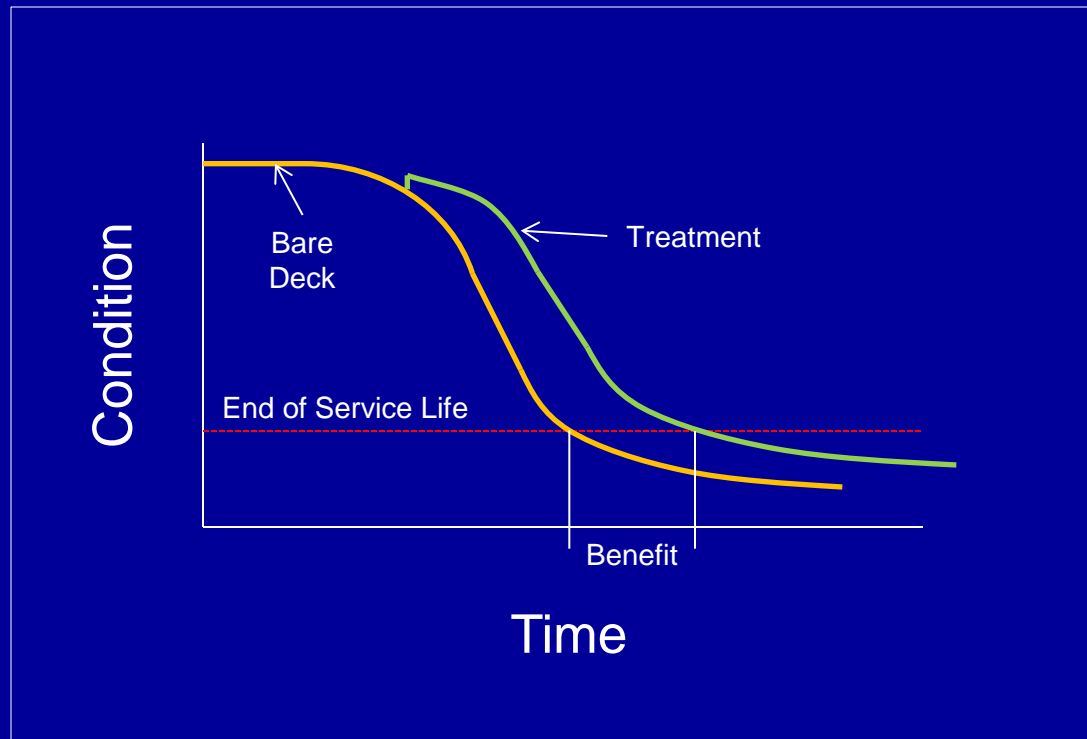
Depth (in.)	Chloride Concentration (lbs Cl ⁻ /yd ³ Concrete)	
	With SIPMFs	Without SIPMFs
1	21.9	16.6
2	13.2	7.0
3	6.9	2.4
4	3.0	1.1
5	1.1	0.2
6	0.4	0.1
7	0.2	0.1
8	0.1	-

Corrosion threshold for black bar = 2.0 lb Cl⁻/yd³ of concrete

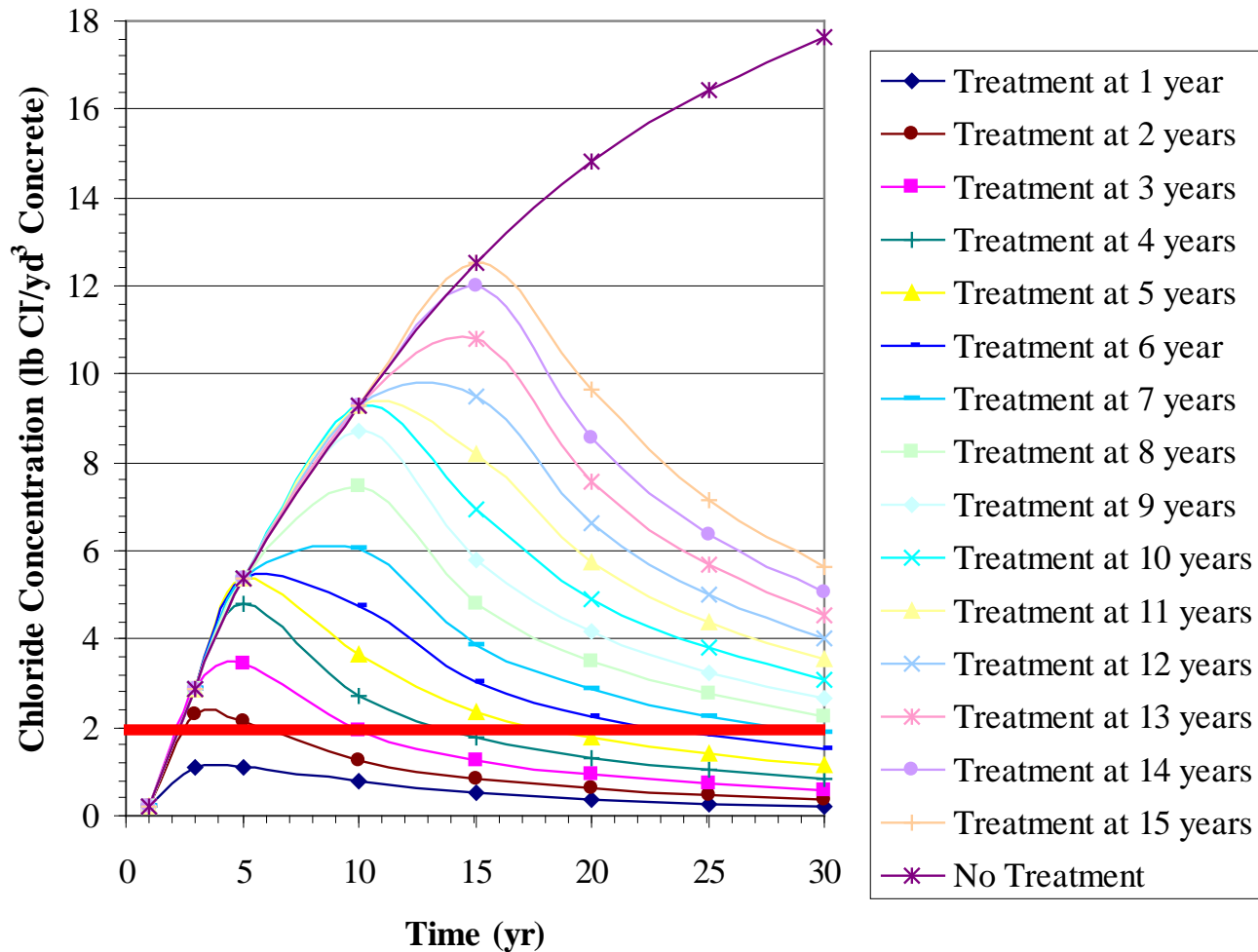
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Preservation Strategy



Effect of Surface Treatment Timing



Chloride concentrations through time at a depth of 2 in. on a deck with SIPMFs for different surface treatment timings

(Compilation of 128 simulations)

Recommended Surface Treatment Timing for Utah Bridge Decks

Cover Depth (in.)	Deck Age for Surface Treatment Application (yr)	
	With SIPMFs	Without SIPMFs
2.0	1	5
2.5	3	9
3.0	5	15

Each additional 0.5 in. of cover beyond 2.0 in. allows an extra 2 years for decks with SIPMFs and 5 years for decks without SIPMFs before a surface treatment must be placed to prevent future accumulation of chlorides in concentrations above the threshold value

Example Surface Treatments



Bituminous Overlay

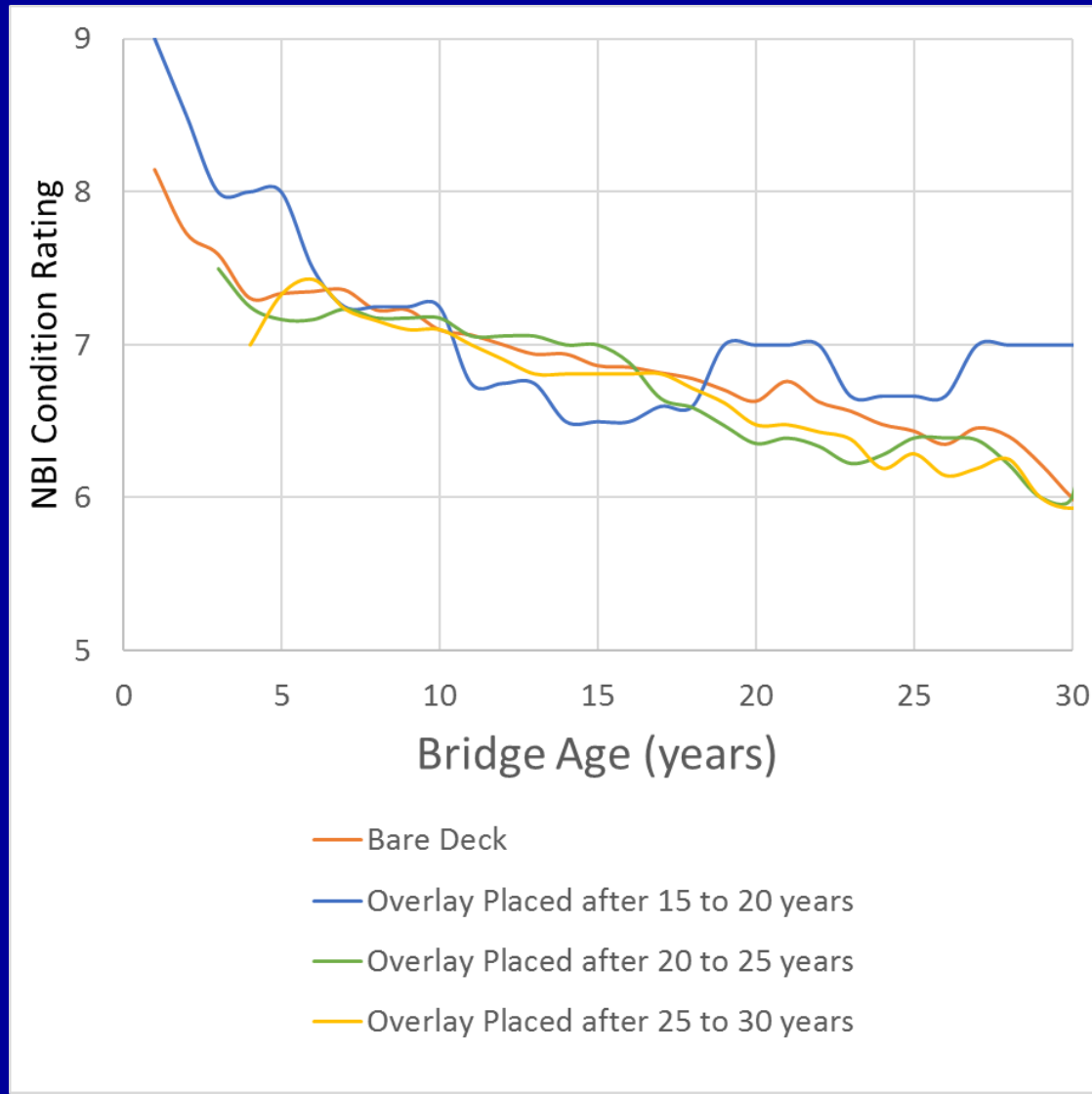


Epoxy Overlay

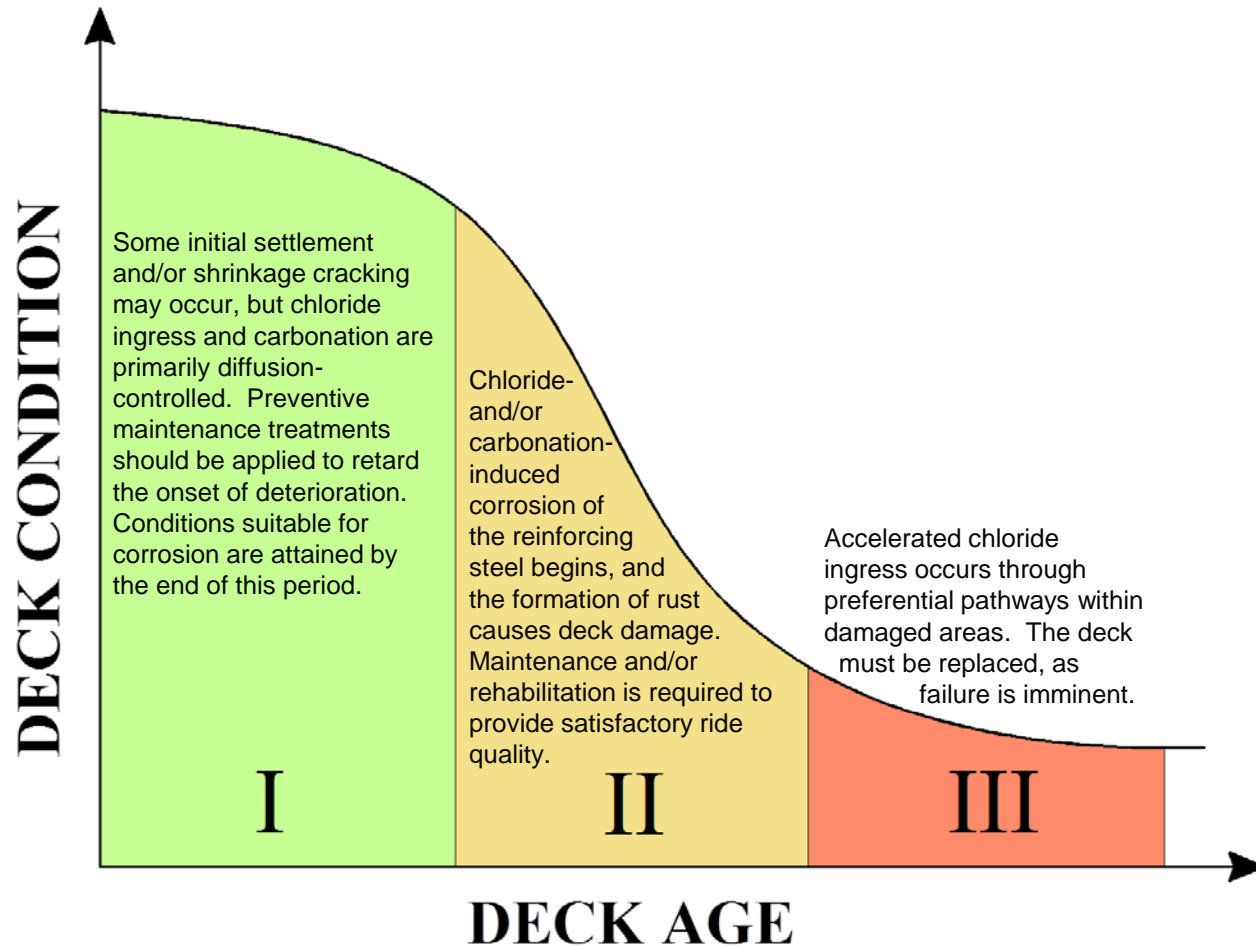


Polyester Overlay

Example Data for Bituminous Overlay Placement in Utah



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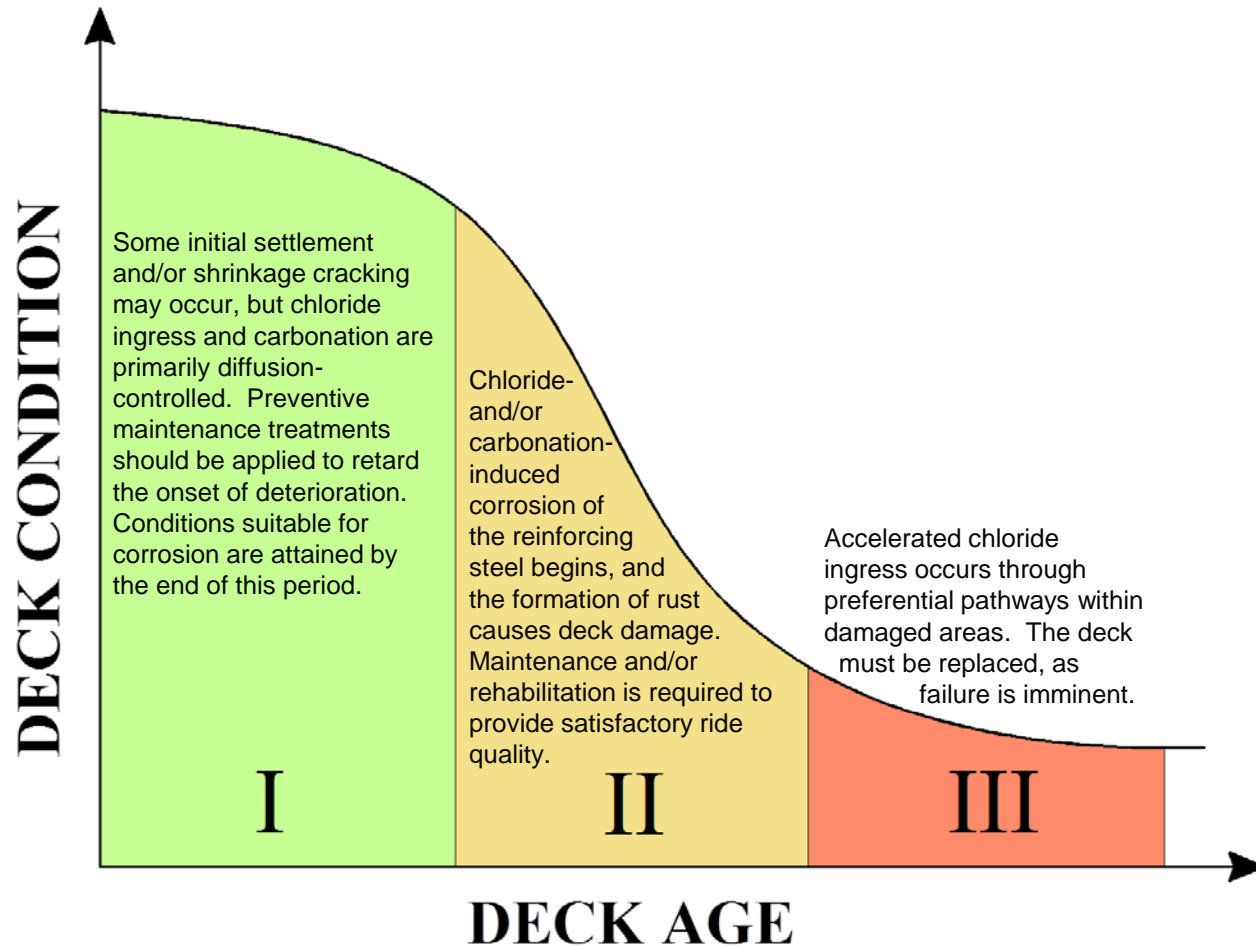




Recommended Scarification and Overlay Timing for Utah Bridge Decks

Decks with SIPMFs				
Original Cover Depth (in.)	Overlay Depth (in.)	Scarification Depth (in.)		
		0.5	1.0	1.5
		Recommended Deck Age for Treatment (yr)		
2.0	1.5	2	2	2
2.0	2.0	2	2	2
2.5	1.5	2	4	4
2.5	2.0	2	4	4
3.0	1.5	4	6	6
3.0	2.0	4	6	6
Decks without SIPMFs				
Original Cover Depth (in.)	Overlay Depth (in.)	Scarification Depth (in.)		
		0.5	1.0	1.5
		Recommended Deck Age for Treatment (yr)		
2.0	1.5	6	6	6
2.0	2.0	6	6	6
2.5	1.5	10	10	10
2.5	2.0	10	10	10
3.0	1.5	16	18	18
3.0	2.0	16	18	18

Bridge Deck Deterioration





Apply the right treatment to the
right bridge at the right time







Tools for Assessment

Rebar Protection

- Concrete cover thickness
 - Cover meter
 - Ground-penetrating radar
- Quality of concrete cover
 - Vertical impedance
 - Resistivity
 - Chloride concentration
- Rebar coating integrity
 - Electrical continuity

Rebar Corrosion

- Rebar corrosion activity
 - Half-cell potential
 - Visual inspection (rust staining)
- Rebar corrosion rate
 - Linear polarization

Deck Damage

- Delamination presence
 - Impact-echo testing
 - Chaining
 - Hammer sounding
 - Infrared thermography
- Delamination depth
 - Coring
- Spalling (potholes)
 - Visual inspection





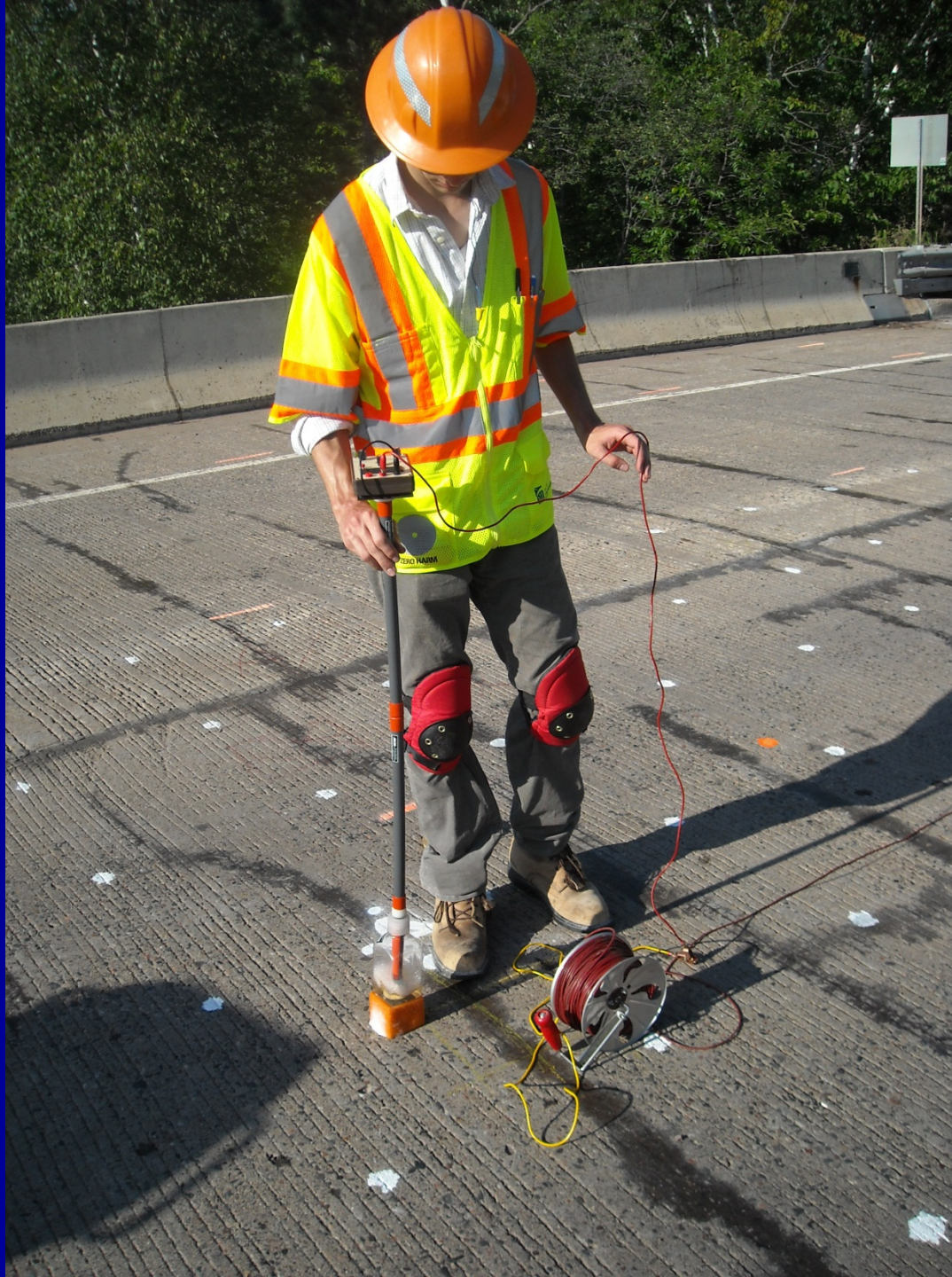


















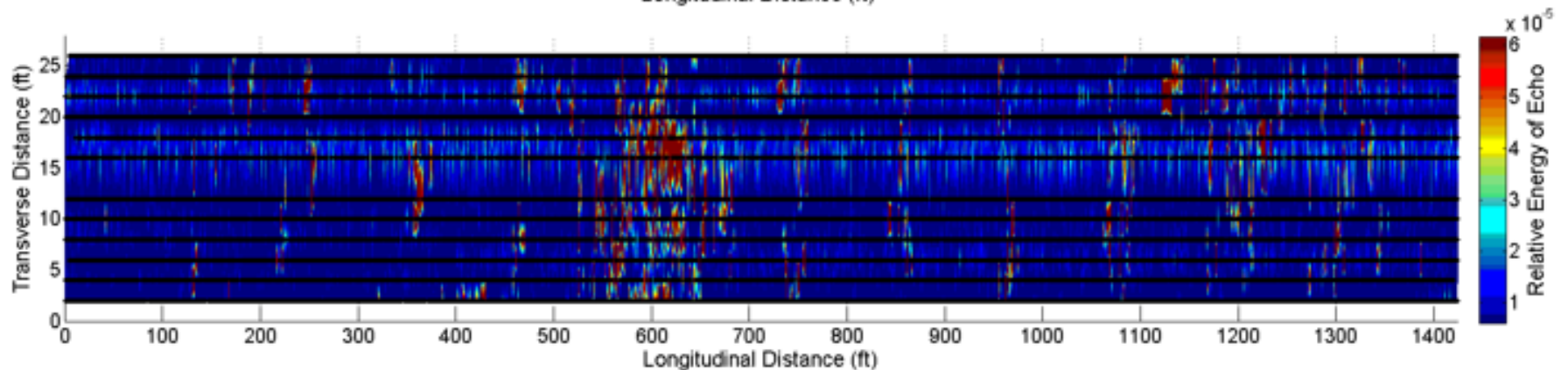
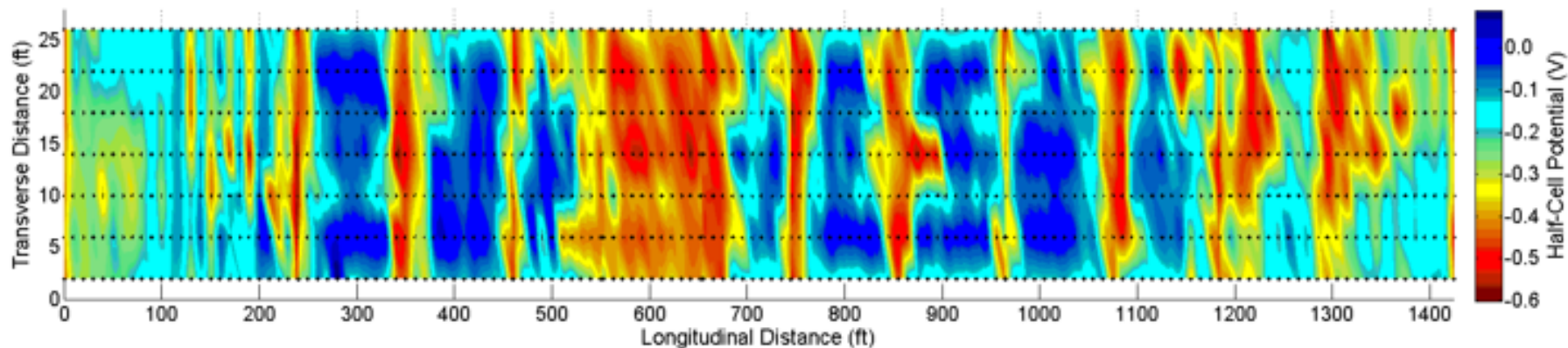
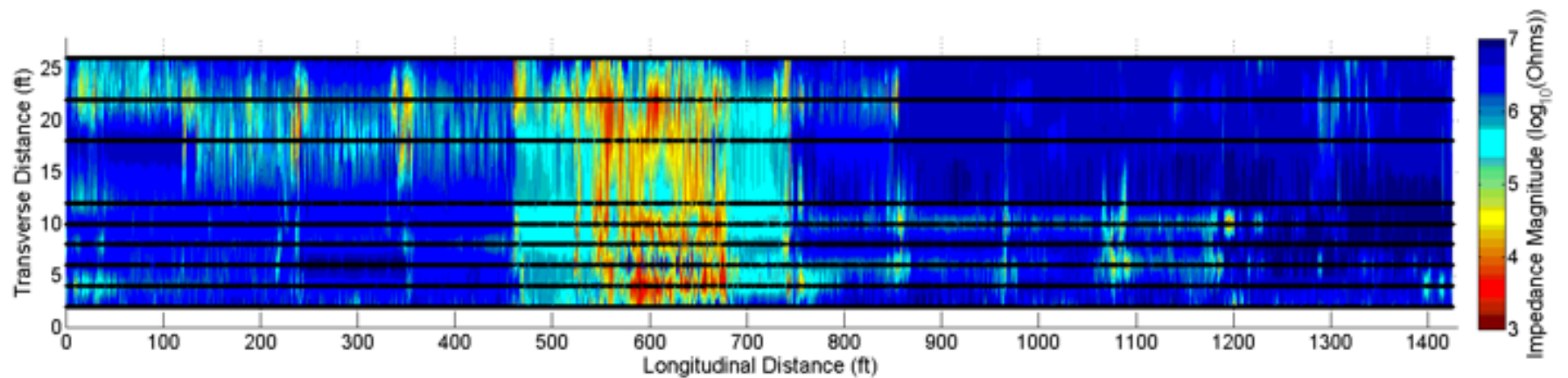


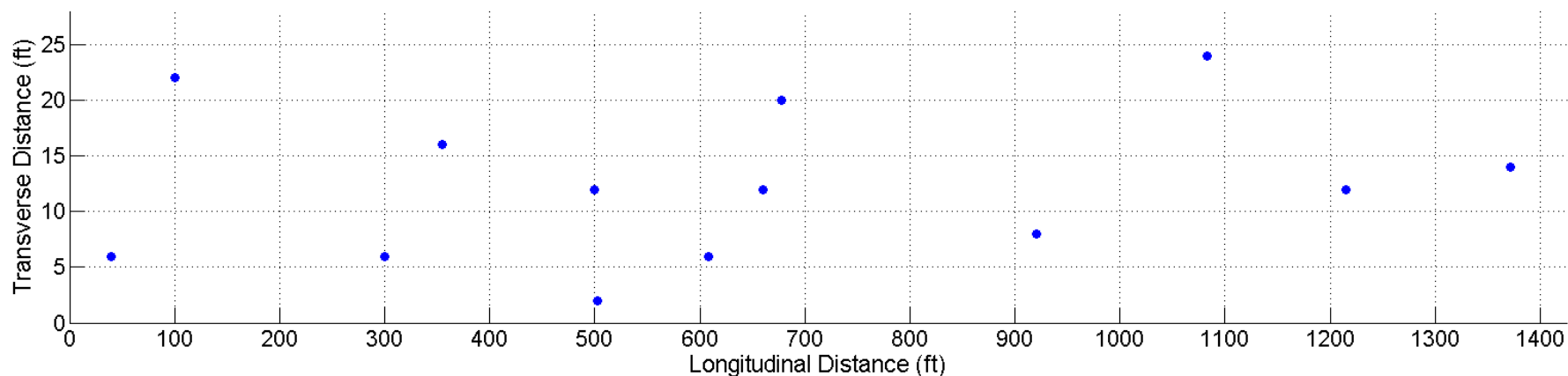
Case Study

- 11 spans
- 1425 ft long
- 28.5 ft wide
- 1972 construction
- 1973 concrete overlay
- 2003 epoxy overlay



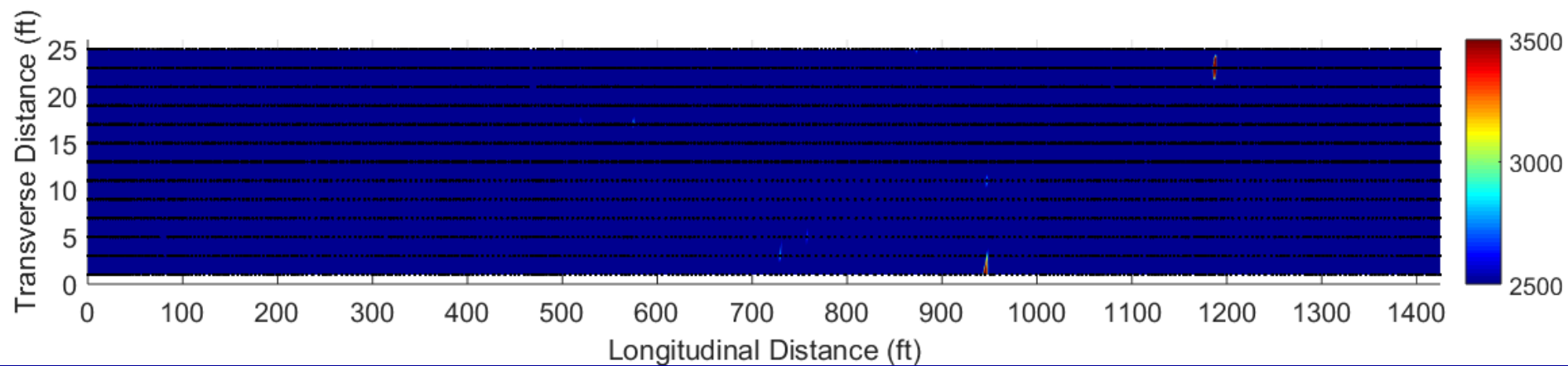
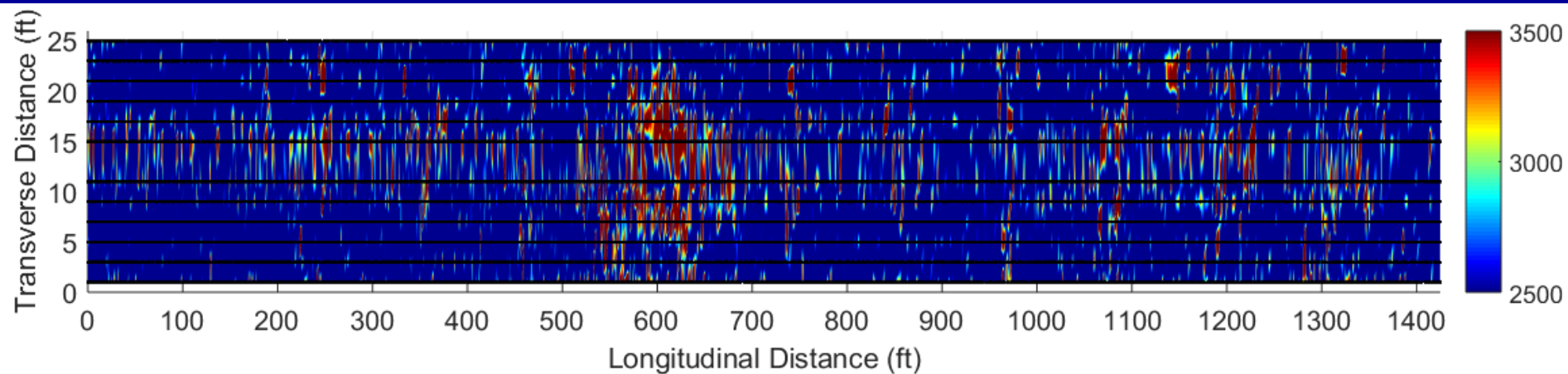






Percentage of Deck Area (%) in Indicated Condition		Test Section	Cover Depth (in.)	Delamination Depth (in.)	Chloride Concentration (lb/yd ³)				Occurrence of Efflorescence at Bottom of Deck
Delaminated/ Patched	Actively Corroding				Top Surface Intact		Top Surface Delaminated		
					Top Mat	Bottom Mat	Top Mat	Bottom Mat	
0-10	0-10	A, J	3.1, 4.3	-	0.7	0.4	-	-	At End, along Side
	10-30	B, C, D, H, I, K, M	2.9, 3.2, 3.4, 3.4, 3.5	1.125, 1.5, 3.5	0.2, 0.4	0.2, 0.6	2.1, 2.3, 8.6	1.2, 7.0	At Both Ends
	>30	G, L	3.3, 3.4, 3.6	1.5, 4.25	0.3	3.2	3.0, 3.5	2.4, 2.8	At End
10-30	10-30	E	3.4, 3.6	1.125	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.3	Along Side
	>30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
>30	>30	F	2.9	Asphalt Patch	-	-	3.1	3.5	At Both Ends, along Both Sides, in Middle

Overall Condition Index	Percentage of Deck Area (%)	Deck Area (ft ²)	Description
1	45.2	18371	Intact with inactive corrosion; conditions suitable for corrosion have probably not yet developed, and no delamination has occurred
2	26.8	10903	Intact with uncertain corrosion activity; conditions suitable for corrosion may or may not be developing, but no delamination has occurred
3	19.5	7925	Intact with active corrosion; conditions suitable for corrosion have probably developed, but no delamination has yet occurred
4	0.1	46	Delaminated with inactive corrosion; delamination probably does not extend beyond the polymer surface treatment or concrete overlay into the original deck surface
5	1.9	775	Delaminated with uncertain corrosion; delamination may or may not extend beyond the polymer surface treatment and concrete overlay into the original deck surface
6	6.4	2592	Delaminated with active corrosion; delamination probably extends beyond the polymer surface treatment and concrete overlay into the original deck surface



Summary

1. Bridge deck performance is affected by design, construction, and preservation actions
2. Understanding concrete bridge deck deterioration is critical for selecting appropriate condition assessment techniques
3. Condition assessment data can be used to guide decisions about preservation, rehabilitation, and reconstruction

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