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# Determining the Depth of Hydro Demolition using Lidar Methods

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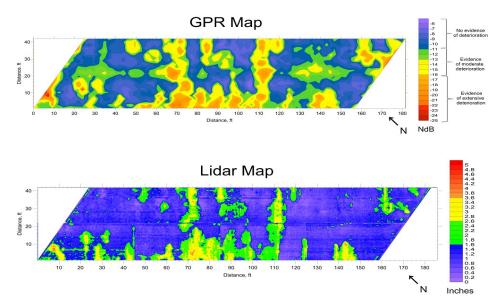
#### Summary

Missouri S&T was contracted to conduct research on the effectiveness of using ground-penetrating radar (GPR) to assess several highway bridges in rural Missouri. The assessment was to be based on the principle that sound concrete has a different density than unsound concrete, and this property could be used to map areas of bridge decks requiring repair. While the GPR assessment involved a dozen bridges, three bridges were selected to provide ground-truth data to calibrate the GPR-based assessment process.

The ground-truth data required equated to creating maps showing the distribution of concrete removed during the hydrodemolition process. These maps were created by scanning the bridge decks prior to hydro-demolition, and scanning them again after hydro-demolition. The scanning was accomplished using a high-precision Leica ScanStation-II Lidar instrument. After the two scans were registered to each other, they were subtracted from one another to produce a "difference" surface. These difference surfaces were analyzed to generate statistics on the average depth of rebar, percentages of area at various depths, and to aid in the GPR calibration process.

#### **GPR** Correlation Results

The GPR predictive maps generally agreed with the Lidar-based ground truth data. The best correlation was achieved on the Union Pacific Railroad bridge:



#### **Osage River Bridge (A1479) Results**

The average depth of rebar for the WB bridge was determined to be 1.48 inches below original surface.

Average percent of area <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> inch or less in depth:	57.7%
Average percent of area $> \frac{3}{4}$ inch to the top of rebar:	26.7%
Average percent of area deeper than top of rebar:	15.6%

#### Lamine River Bridge (A1193) Results

The average depth of rebar for both lanes was determined to be **1.94 inches below original surface.** 

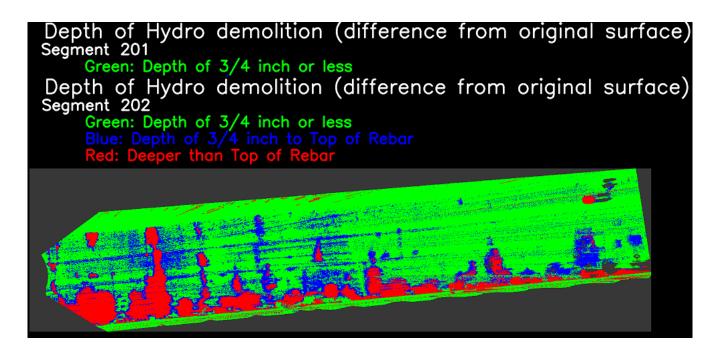
Average percent of area 3/4 inch or less in depth:64.3 %Average percent of area 3/4 inch to top of rebar:28.6 %Average percent of area deeper than top of rebar:7.1 %

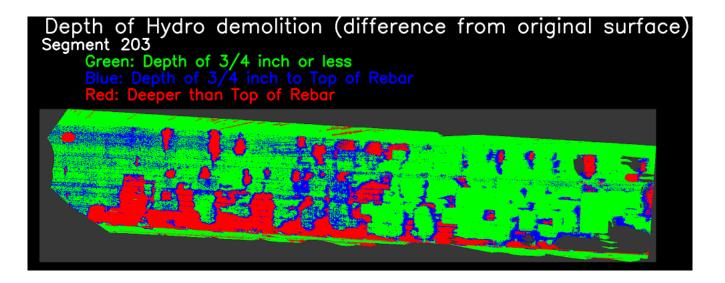
#### Union Pacific Railroad Bridge (A1297) Results

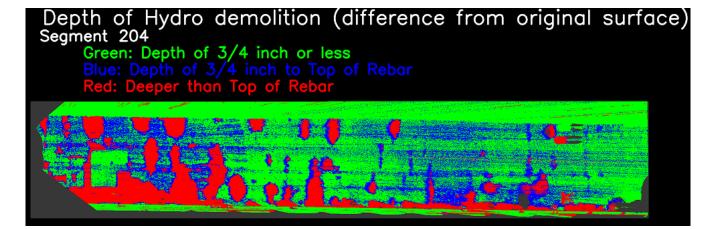
The average depth of rebar for both lanes was determined to be **1.76 inches below original surface.** 

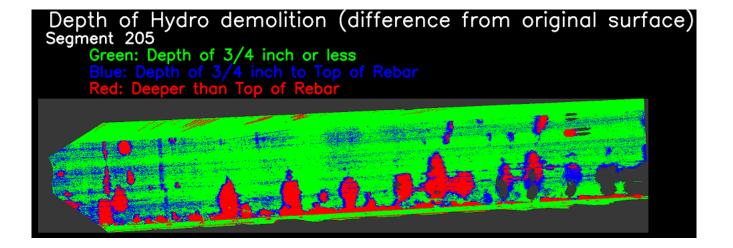
Average percent of area <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> inch or less in depth:	30.2 %
Average percent of area <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> inch to top of rebar:	47.5 %
Average percent of area deeper than top of rebar:	22.3 %

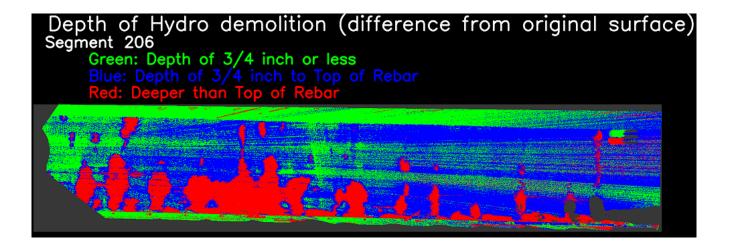
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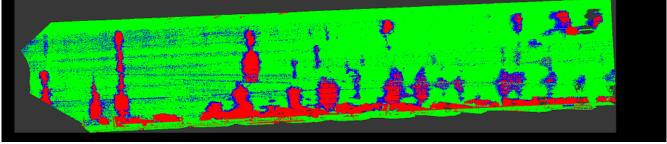




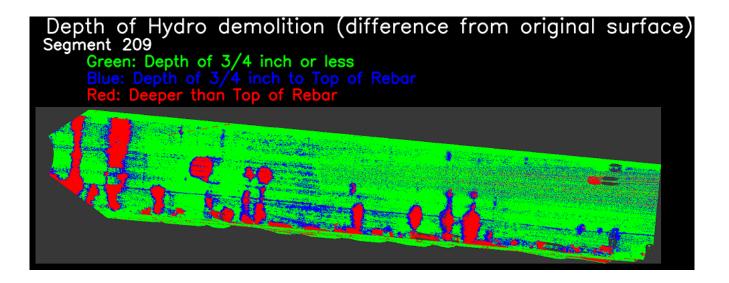




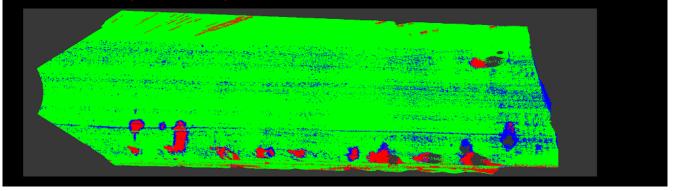
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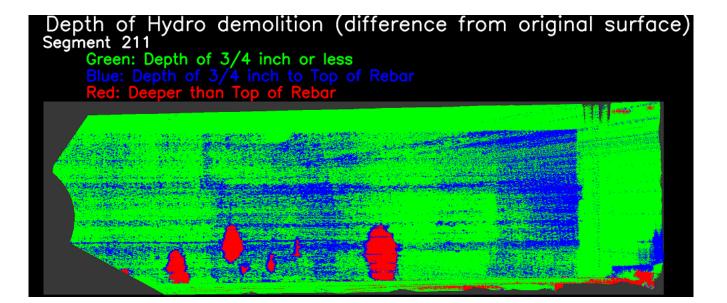


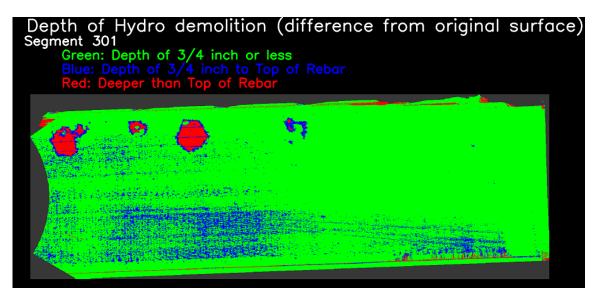
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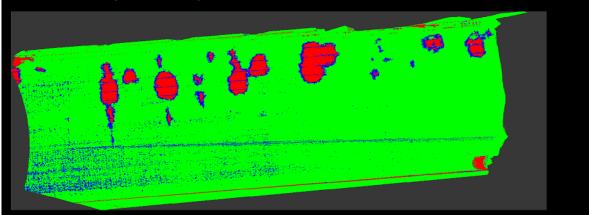
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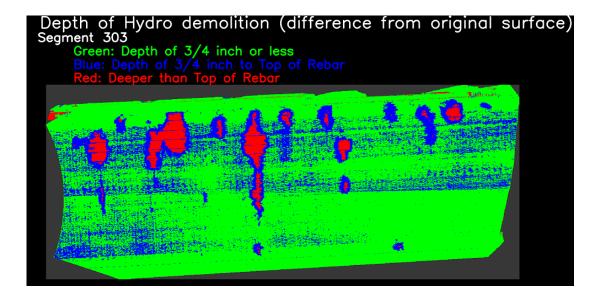


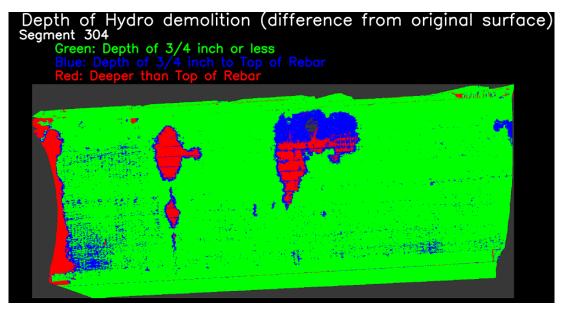


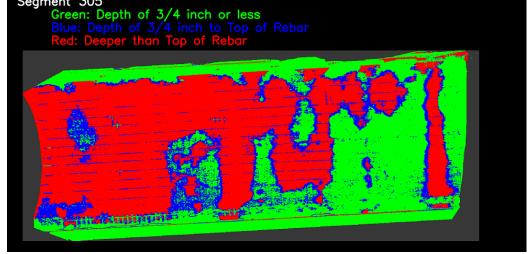


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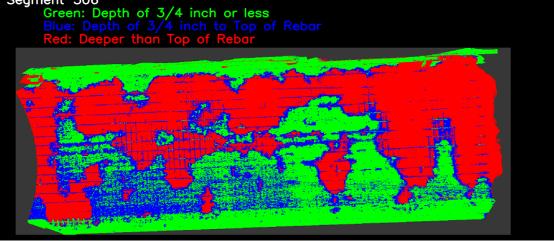


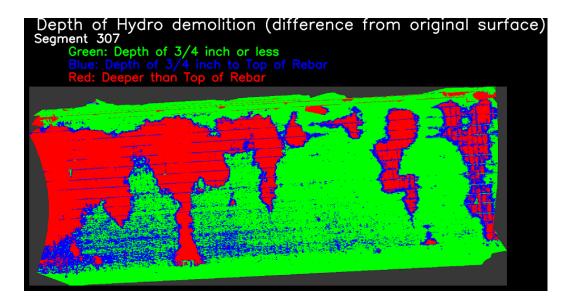


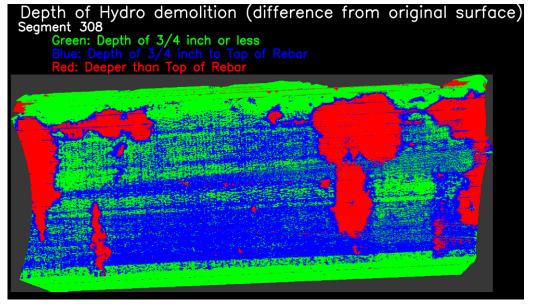




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