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# Transportation Data Approach Options Bridge Deck Inspections

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MODERN INFRASTRUCTURE  
CHALLENGES**

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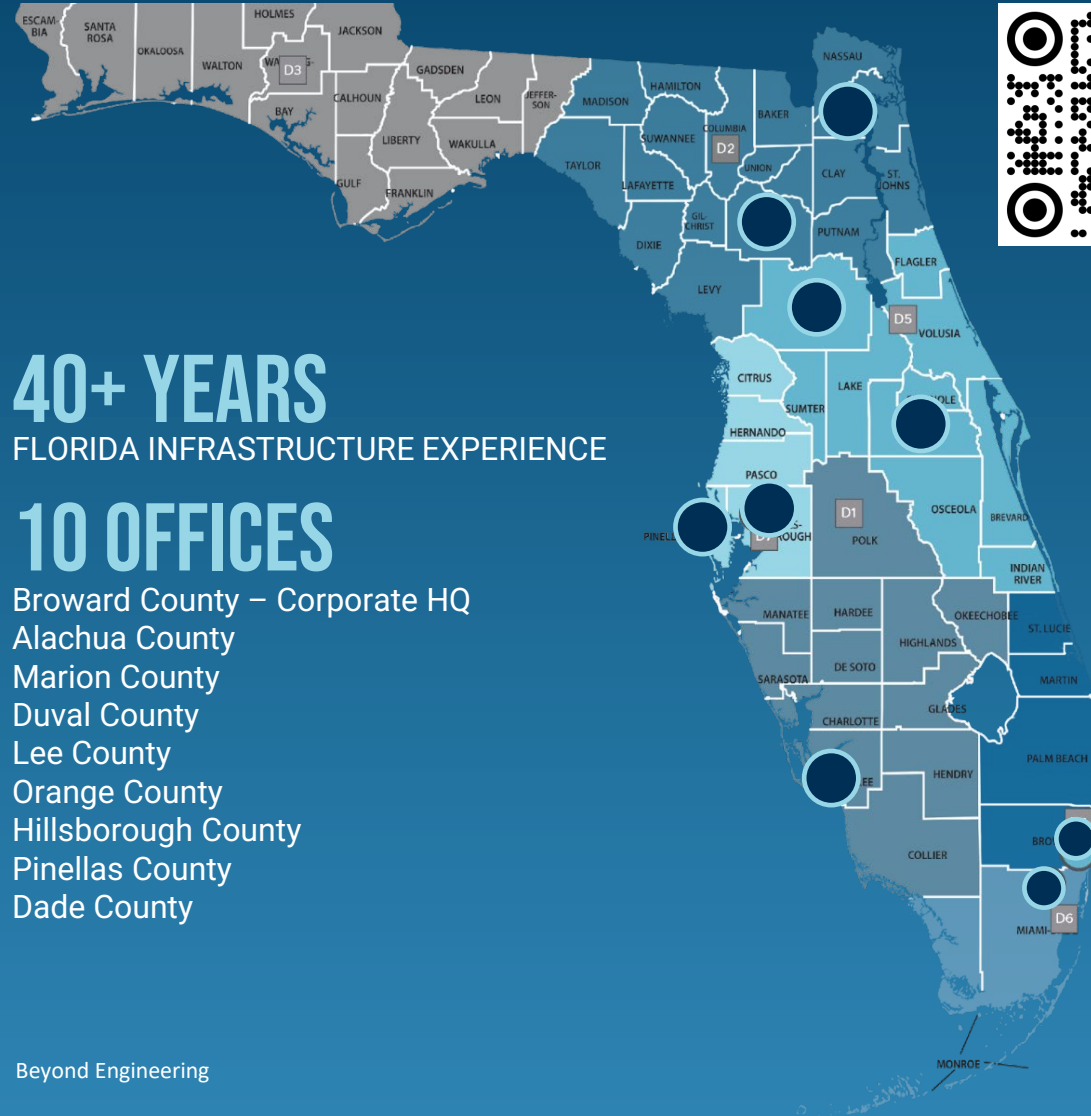
Urban and Regional Planning  
Environmental / Ecological Services  
Transportation + Traffic  
Land Development Engineering  
Urban Design + Landscape Architecture  
Surveying + Mapping  
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Construction Quality Assurance

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## CROSS SELLING

Building Technology  
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Resiliency & Sustainability



**40+ YEARS**

FLORIDA INFRASTRUCTURE EXPERIENCE

**10 OFFICES**

Broward County – Corporate HQ  
Alachua County  
Marion County  
Duval County  
Lee County  
Orange County  
Hillsborough County  
Pinellas County  
Dade County

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Our end-to-end geospatial solutions solve the world's toughest challenges.



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State & Regional  
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Commercial

# Geospatial Practice



**1300+**

Worldwide  
Geospatial  
Professionals

Localized  
Contracts in All

**50** States

Completed  
Projects on all  
7 Continents +

**182**

Countries

**500K+**

Software Users  
Around the World

# Acquire

When it comes to data acquisition, we don't dabble.



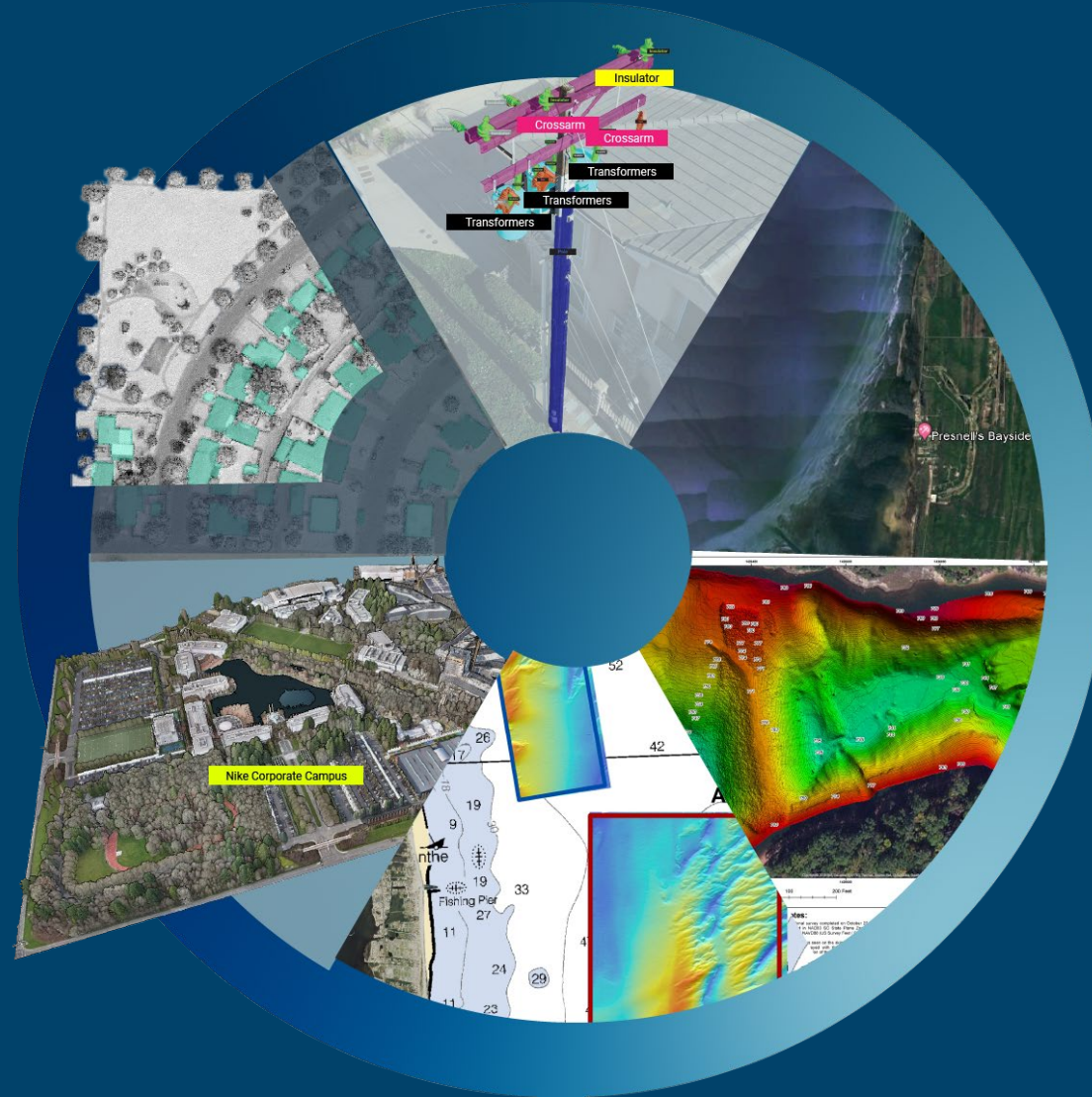
We own and operate a wide array of cutting-edge platforms and sensors to collect data globally, from space to the sea floor.



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# Analyze

The power  
to transform  
raw data.



Behind the scenes  
of our software,  
solutions, and  
services you'll find  
technologies like  
deep learning,  
workflow  
automation, and  
real-time data  
integration.

# Answer

Reliable,  
actionable  
information.



- Enterprise GIS
- Digital Twin
- Systems Integration
- Facility & System Security
- Asset Management





# Remote Sensing



# In-house Data Acquisition Options

Mobile



Terrestrial



Fixed | Rotary



Backpack



UAS



## **Schematic Mapping**

Route study and design corridor selection

## **High Accuracy Mapping – Aerial, Mobile, UAS, Terrestrial Lidar and Photogrammetry**

Right of way and design mapping

## **Bridge Modeling**

As built documentation of existing structures, bridge modifications/replacements and clearance data

## **Roadway Sign and Utility Clearance Modeling**

Identifying location and clearance of above ground utilities and signs within a corridor

## **Topobathymetric Lidar**

Upstream, downstream and parallel drainage underwater modeling fused with terrain model data

## **Rock Fracture Studies**

Terrestrial/UAS acquired image and lidar data are used to model the rock face

## Lidar

Latest generation Near infrared light (laser) sensors to model the earth's surface and planimetric features. Topobathymetric lidar adds green (visible) light sensors to model submerged lands/objects.

## Photogrammetry

Dimensioning objects from overlapping imagery from softcopy stereo plotters to extract three dimensional planimetric and topographic features.

## Orthophotos

An image representation of the surface that has been corrected for camera distortions and elevation changes in the terrain surface.

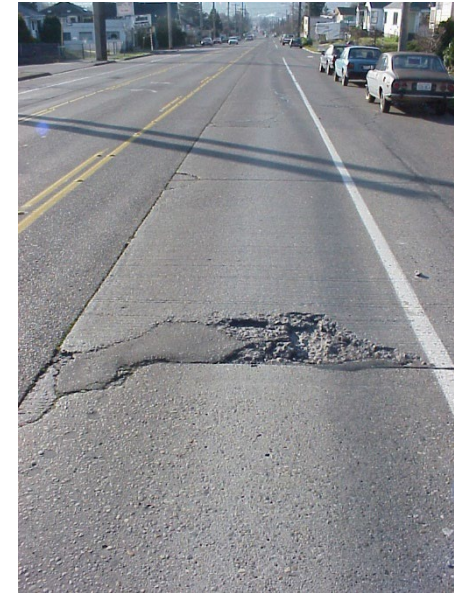
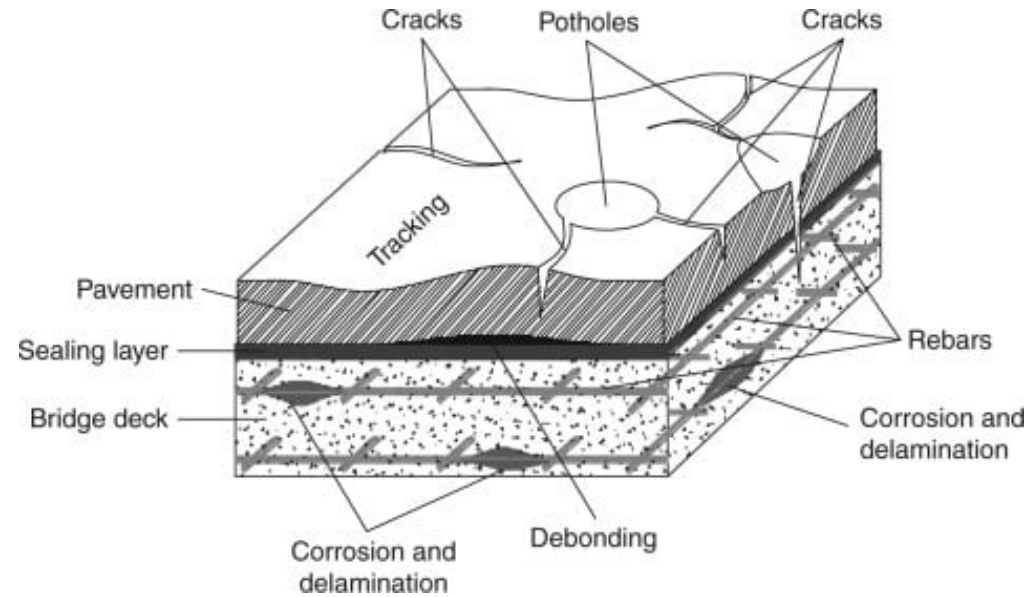


# Bridge Inspection Using Airborne Thermal Infrared mapping



# THE CHALLENGE

- Bridges are mandated to be inspected every 2-4 years
- There are thousands of bridges
- Federal, States, and other agencies each have their own bridge inspection routine
- Every agency has a separate department for inspection and maintenance
- Several approaches to bridge inspection



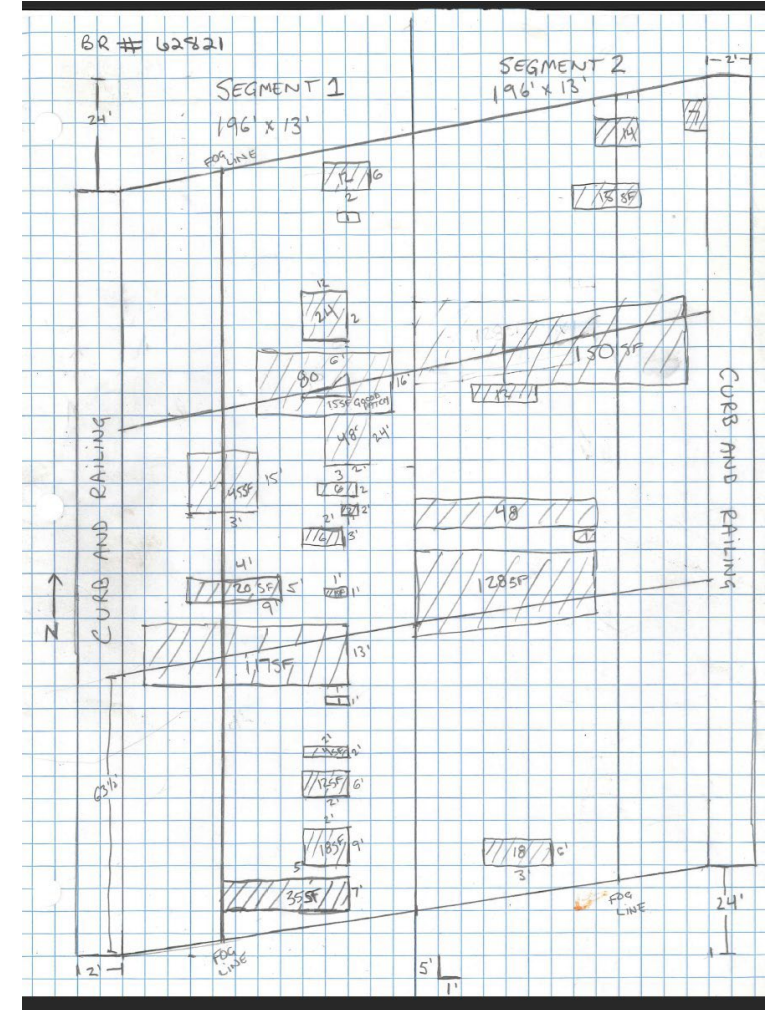
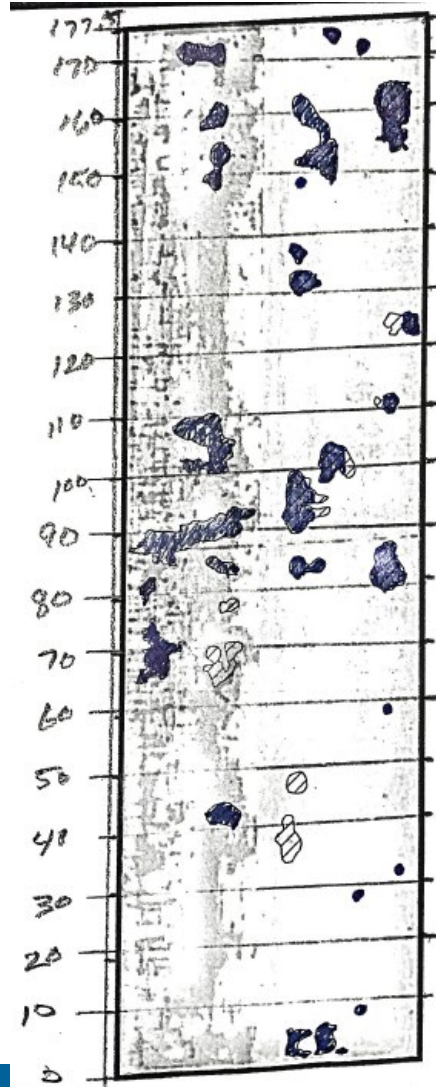
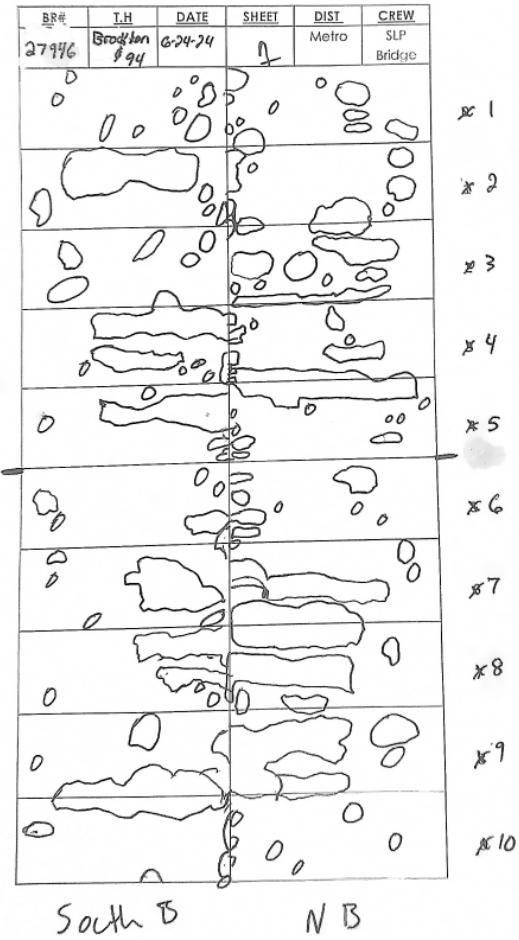
# EXISTING TOOLS

## Nondestructive Technologies (NDTs)

Remote sensing techniques include chain dragging, sounding, impact echo, ultrasonic surface wave, ground-penetrating radar, image-based techniques, and *infrared thermography*.



# RESULTS AND REPORTS





## Infrared Thermography

- ASTM D4788-03 defined the “standard test method for detecting delamination in bridge decks using infrared thermography in 1997-2022.



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1.1 This test method covers the determination of delaminations in portland-cement concrete bridge decks using infrared thermography. This test method is intended for use on exposed and overlaid concrete bridge decks.

1.2 A Precision and Bias statement has not been developed at this time. Therefore, this standard should not be used for acceptance or rejection of a material for purchasing purposes.

NOTE 1—This test method can be used on asphalt or concrete overlays as thick as 4 in. (100 mm).

1.3 This test method uses an imaging infrared scanner and video recorder, mounted on a vehicle, to detect delaminations and debonded areas on bridge decks and to record information.



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3.3 The video image and infrared image are to be used as a guide to determine areas at a suitable



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#### 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:<sup>2</sup>  
D4580 Practice for Measuring Delaminations in Concrete Bridge Decks by Sounding

#### 3. Summary of Test Method

3.1 The vehicle-mounted infrared scanner and video recorder are driven over the center of each lane of a bridge deck. The data from the scanner is recorded on video tape. Delaminations appear as white or “hot” areas on a gray or “cooler” background in the video image on a monochrome scanner system during daytime testing. During nighttime testing, the delaminations will appear as dark or “cooler” areas on a white or “warmer” background. Delaminations will appear as the



## Fixed wing, low-altitude flights

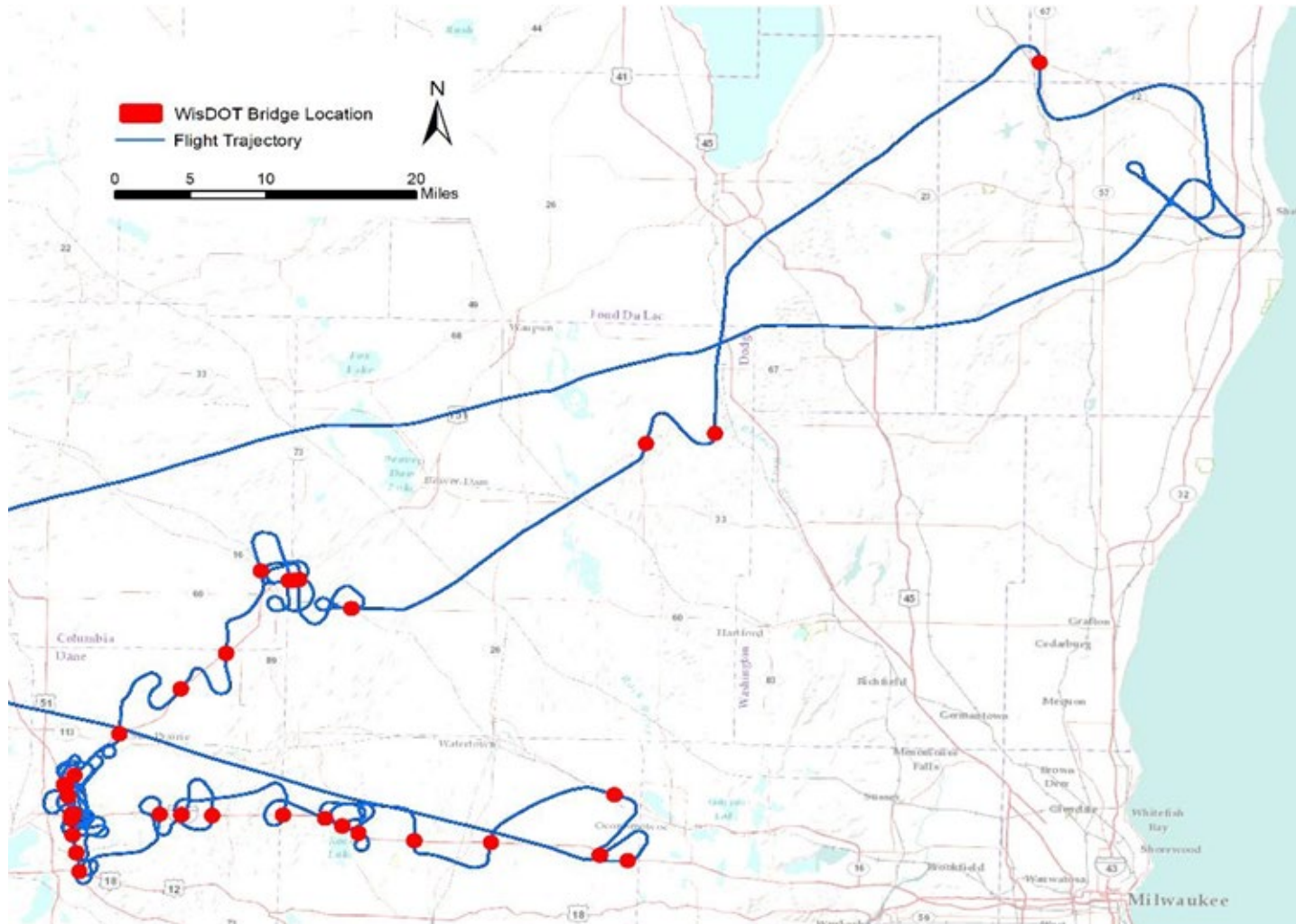
- 1,000-2,000 ft above mean terrain (AMT)
- 100-130 knots nominal airspeed
- Nominal resolution = 1.5-3.0 inch
- 147 ft width x 118 ft length
- 10 frames per sec
- 80% forward overlap

## 1,000 ft bridge is captured in:

- **≤10 sec**
- 100 frames
- Single flight line
- Turn around as needed (≤5 minutes)



# 40 BRIDGES IN A FEW HOURS



Flight path for surveying 40 bridges in a single mission.

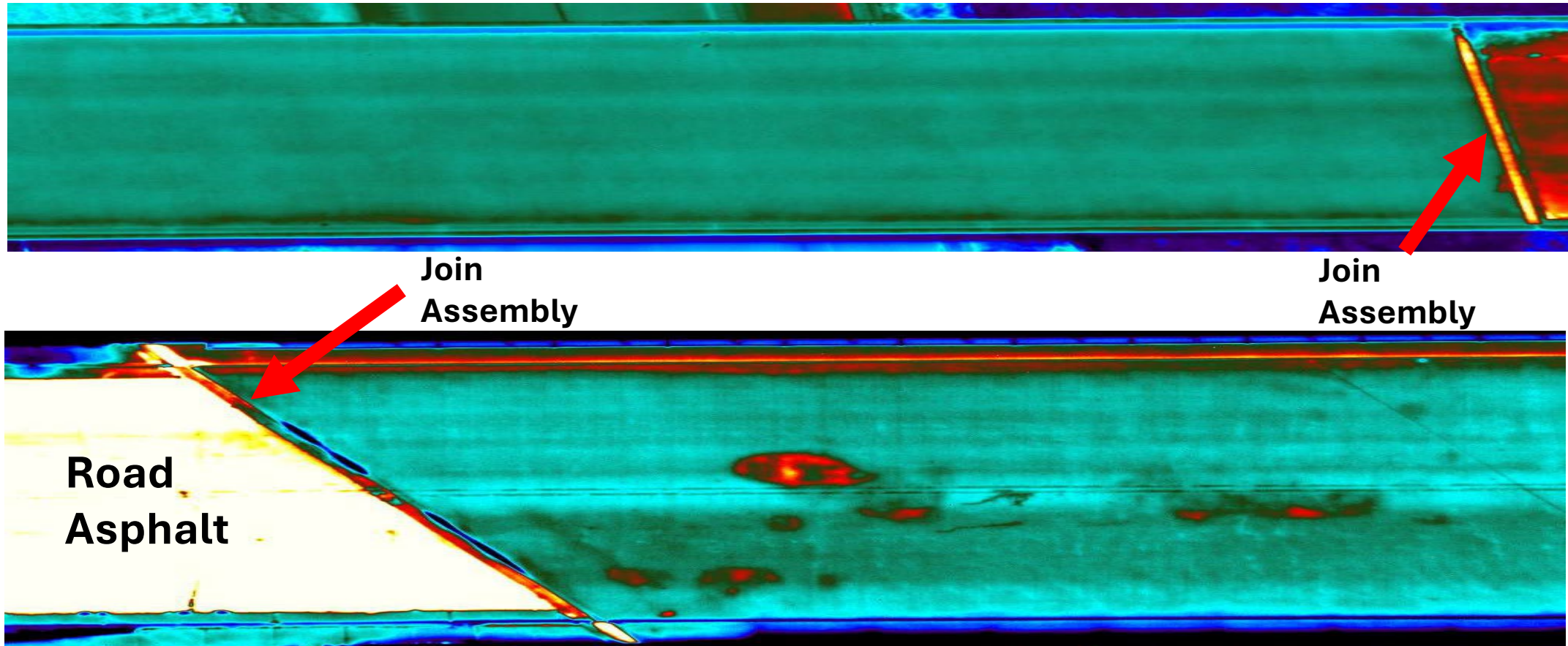
# ACQUISITION CONDITIONS

- Dry and warm season
- Day time 12:00-4:00 PM
- Clear sky and sunny
- 5 hrs. of direct solar loading ( $300 \text{ kw/m}^2$ ) prior to acquisition
- No fog, no snow or water on the bridge
- Re-flights are expected

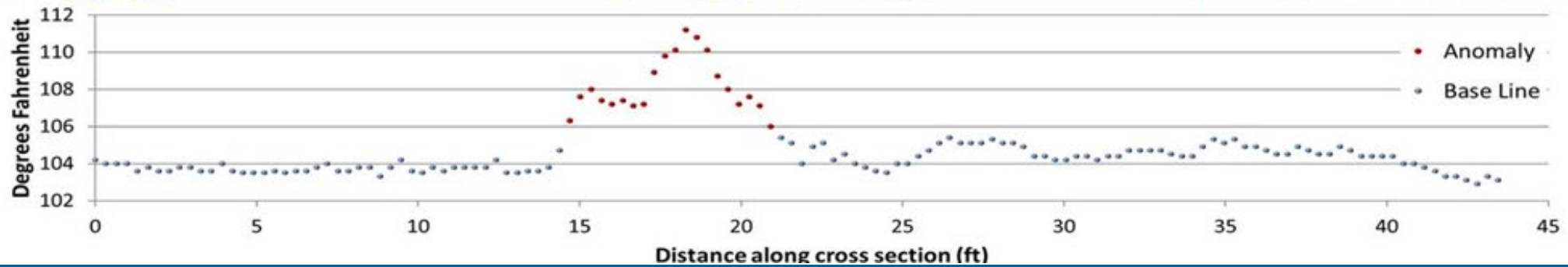
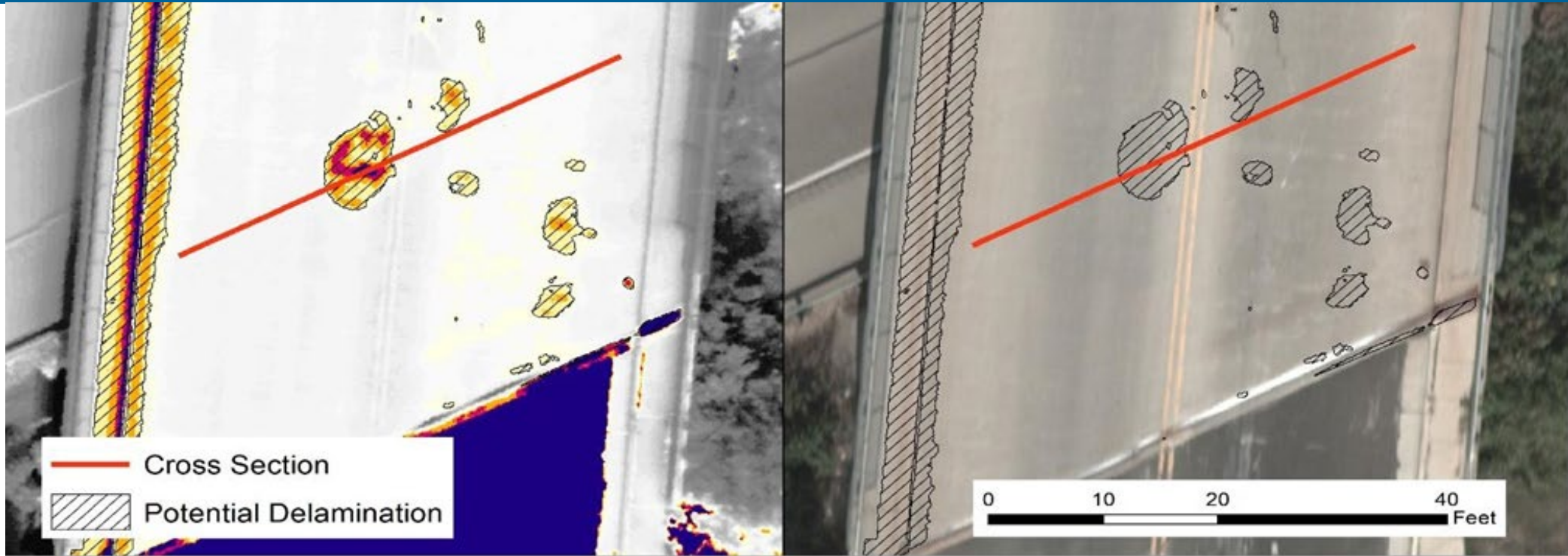


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# THERMAL ANOMALIES

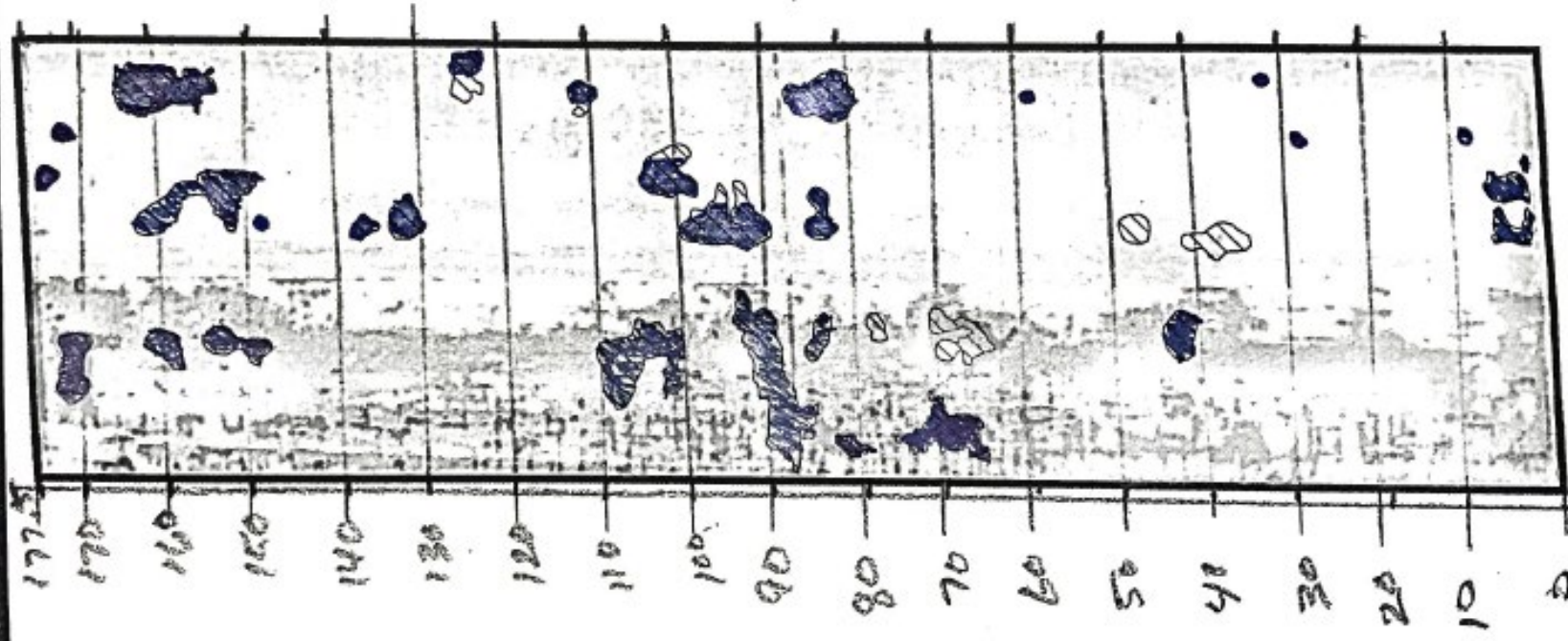
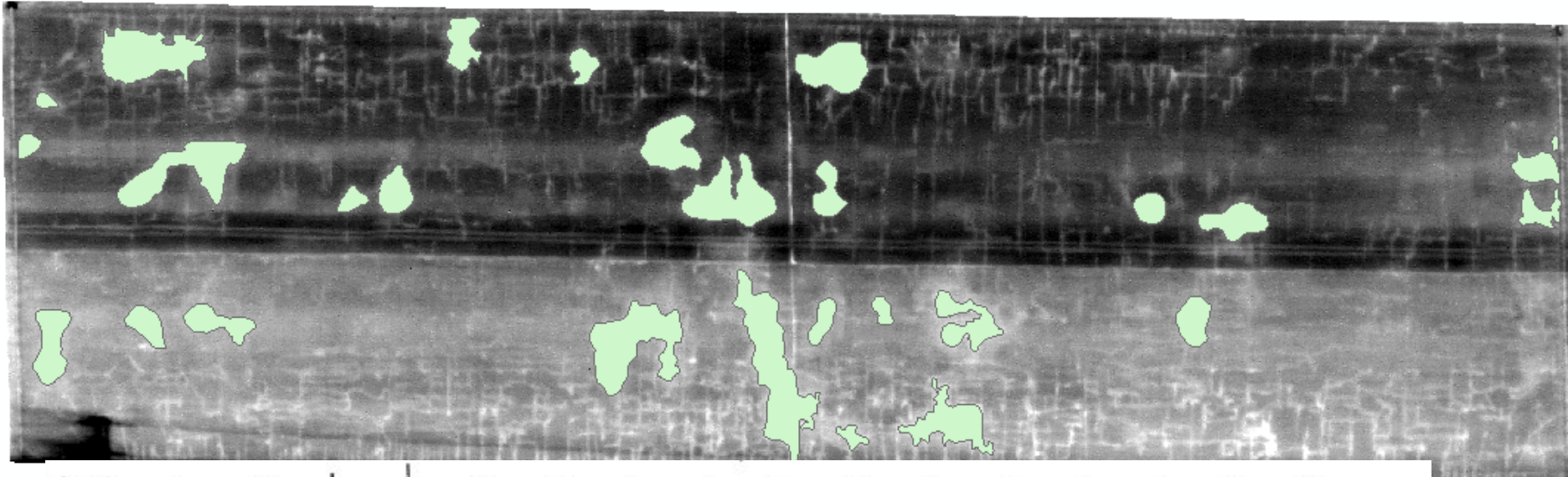


# HOW HOT IS HOT?



# THERMAL VS. CURRENT METHODS RESULTS

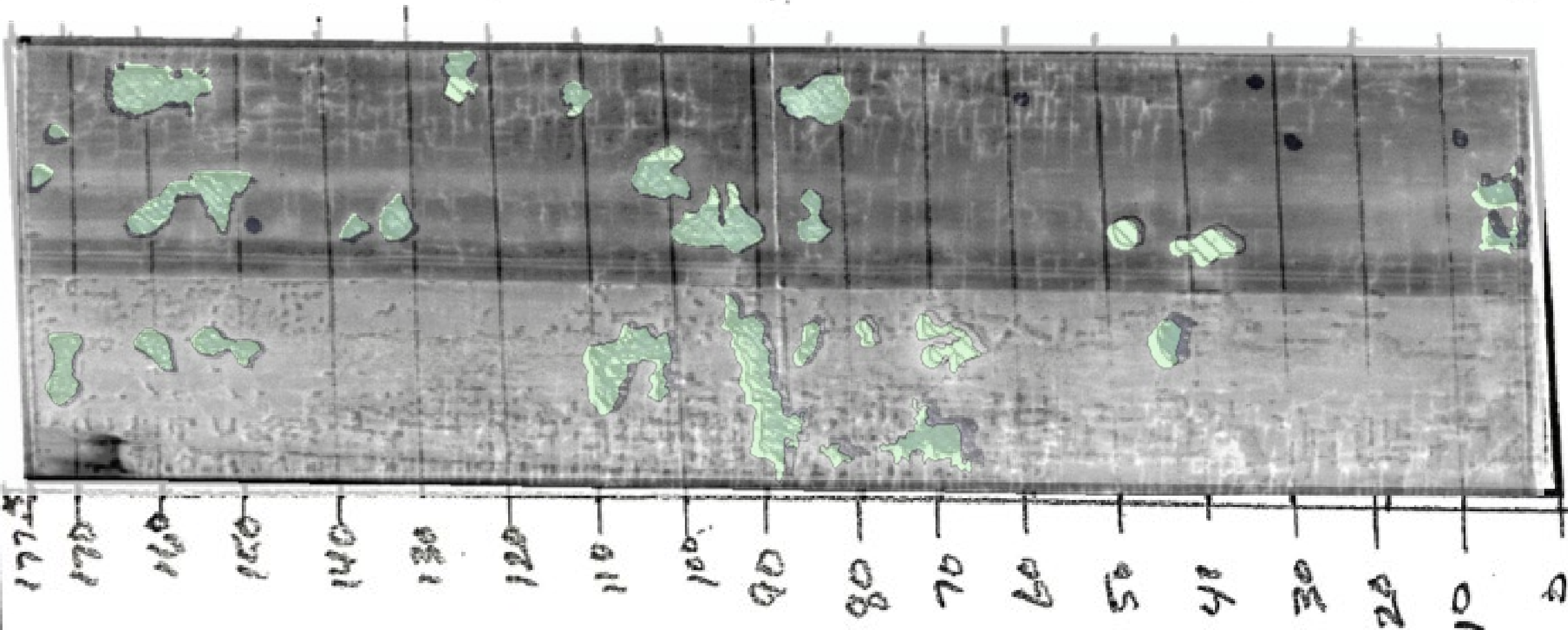
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Not detected by chain dragging

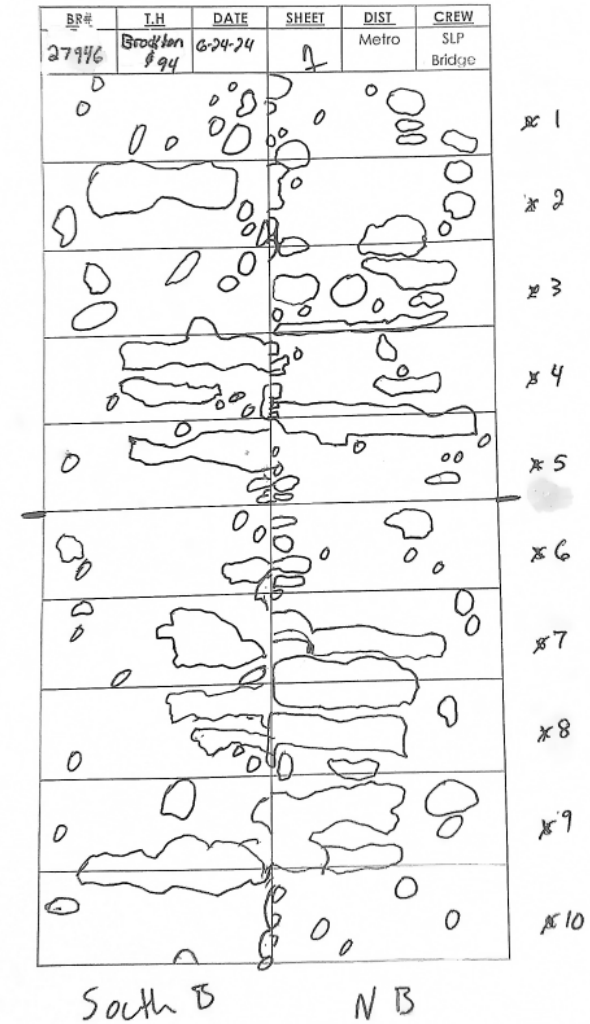
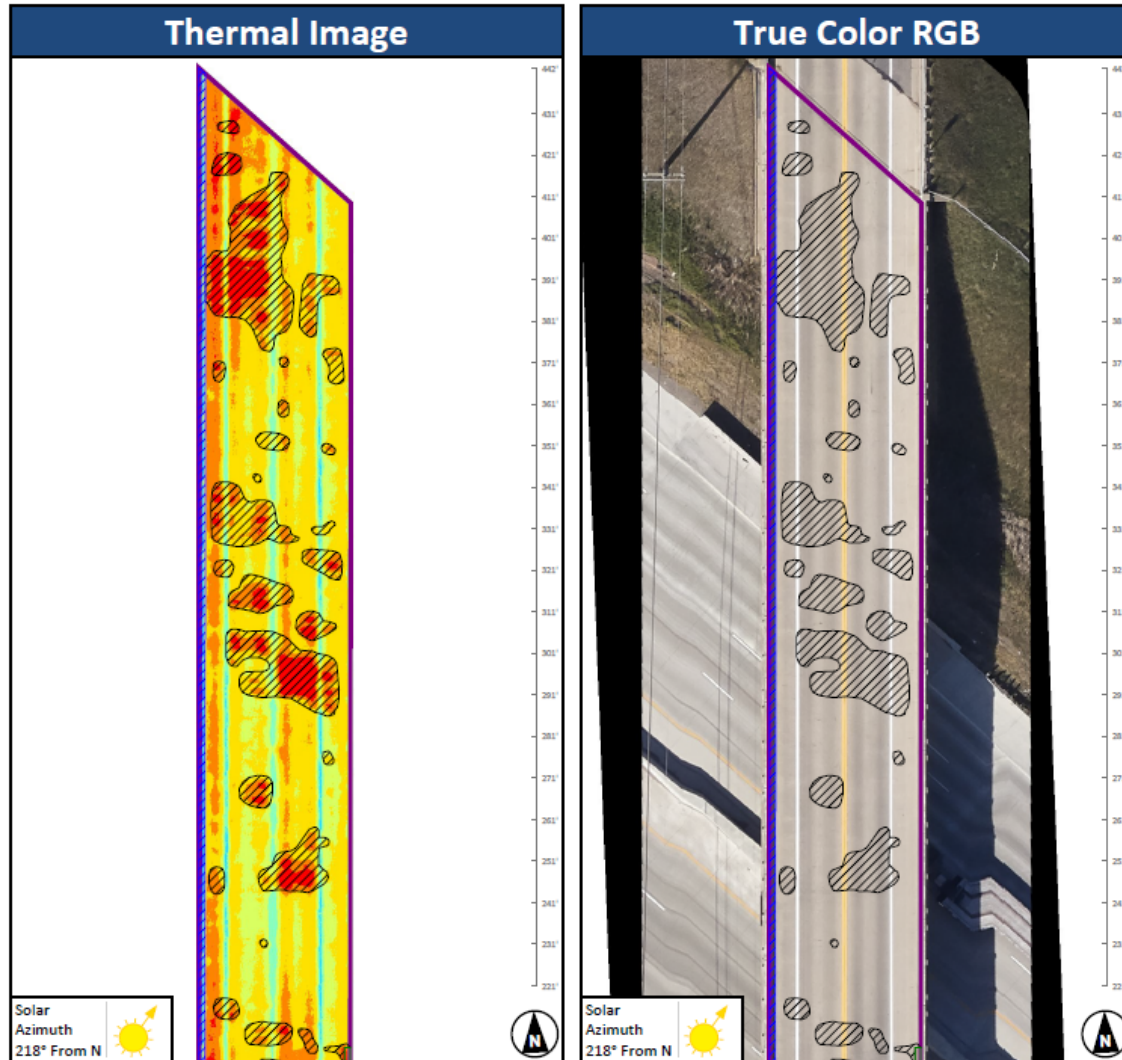


Detected by chain dragging and TIR





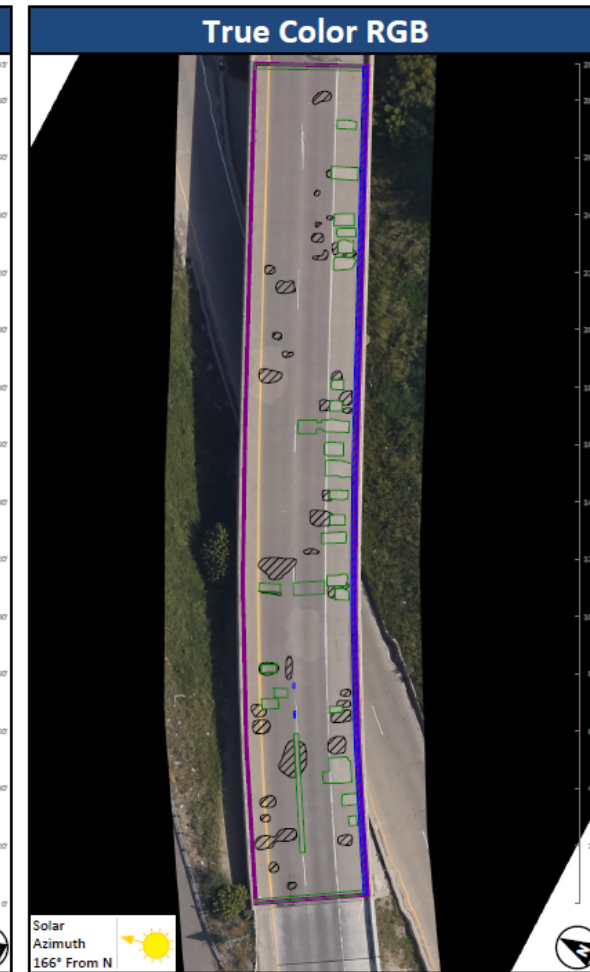
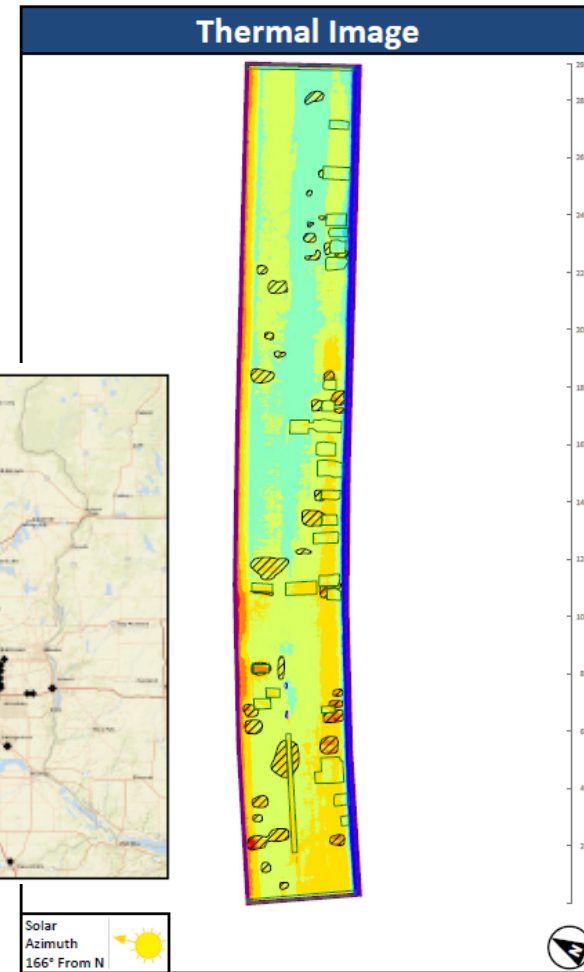
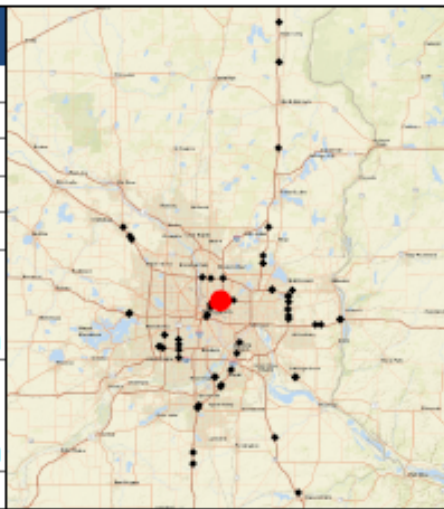
# THERMAL INSPECTION VALIDATED #27946



# TECHNICAL REPORT

- Intuitive and user-friendly reports
- Customizable

| Bridge Information                                                               |                                               |                                            |               |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Name 62853                                                                       | Acquired 9/14/2023 12:30 PM CDT (-5)          | Solar Altitude 47.5°                       |               |
| Bridge Area 11,382.5ft <sup>2</sup>                                              | Delamination Area 649.7ft <sup>2</sup> (5.7%) | PCC patch Area 893.3ft <sup>2</sup> (7.8%) |               |
| AC patch Area 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%)                                          | Spall Area 2.6ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%)          |                                            |               |
| Shade/debris Area 431.1ft <sup>2</sup> (3.8%)                                    | Debonding Area 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%)      |                                            |               |
| Air Temperature 25.0°C                                                           | Cloud Cover Clear (0-5%)                      | Humidity 41.4%                             | Wind 10 mph S |
|                                                                                  |                                               |                                            |               |
|                                                                                  |                                               |                                            |               |
| Weather Source: MINNEAPLS/BLAINE (ANE) at 12:50 PM   9 Miles N, 19 Minutes After |                                               |                                            |               |



|       |             |             |             |             |             |             |       |              |           |              |           |
|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| <22°C | 22°C - 23°C | 23°C - 24°C | 24°C - 25°C | 25°C - 26°C | 26°C - 27°C | 27°C - 28°C | >28°C | Bridge Decks | PCC patch | Spall        | Debonding |
|       |             |             |             |             |             |             |       | Delamination | AC patch  | Shade/debris |           |

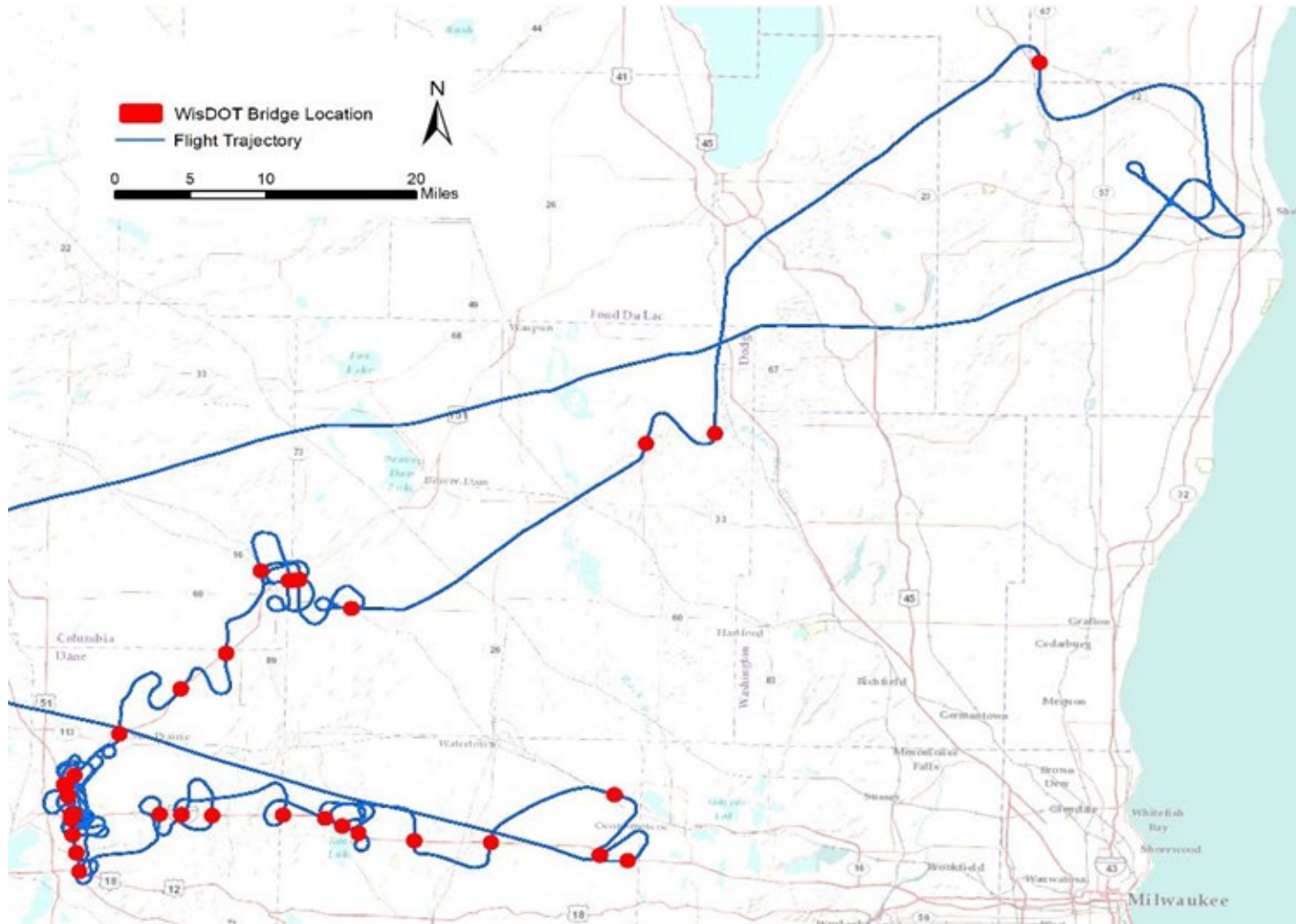
# ACCURATE, REPEATABLE, SCALABLE



## MN DOT Metro 2023 2 Bridge Deck Condition Evaluation Delamination Inspection Results

| Bridge Name | Bridge Deck Area (sq ft) | Delamination Area             | PCC patch Area              | AC patch Area              | Spall Area                | Shade/debris Area            | Debonding Area            | Combined Area                 |
|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2802        | 6139.8                   | 2412.8ft <sup>2</sup> (39.3%) | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%)   | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%)  | 4.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.1%) | 590.1ft <sup>2</sup> (9.6%)  | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%) | 3006.9ft <sup>2</sup> (49.0%) |
| 9389        | 9459.8                   | 379.7ft <sup>2</sup> (4.0%)   | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%)   | 23.3ft <sup>2</sup> (0.2%) | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%) | 44.1ft <sup>2</sup> (0.5%)   | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%) | 447.1ft <sup>2</sup> (4.7%)   |
| 9432        | 8269.5                   | 40.7ft <sup>2</sup> (0.5%)    | 120.2ft <sup>2</sup> (1.5%) | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%)  | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%) | 366.7ft <sup>2</sup> (4.4%)  | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%) | 527.6ft <sup>2</sup> (6.4%)   |
| 9488        | 5374.8                   | 55.4ft <sup>2</sup> (1.0%)    | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%)   | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%)  | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%) | 179.0ft <sup>2</sup> (3.3%)  | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%) | 234.4ft <sup>2</sup> (4.4%)   |
| 9675        | 5562.9                   | 9.6ft <sup>2</sup> (0.2%)     | 322.4ft <sup>2</sup> (5.8%) | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%)  | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%) | 401.8ft <sup>2</sup> (7.2%)  | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%) | 733.8ft <sup>2</sup> (13.2%)  |
| 9860        | 4993.2                   | 825.1ft <sup>2</sup> (16.5%)  | 5.2ft <sup>2</sup> (0.1%)   | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%)  | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%) | 22.8ft <sup>2</sup> (0.5%)   | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%) | 853.1ft <sup>2</sup> (17.1%)  |
| 9868        | 5620.5                   | 398.0ft <sup>2</sup> (7.1%)   | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%)   | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%)  | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%) | 230.1ft <sup>2</sup> (4.1%)  | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%) | 628.0ft <sup>2</sup> (11.2%)  |
| 9894        | 9735.0                   | 49.3ft <sup>2</sup> (0.5%)    | 21.7ft <sup>2</sup> (0.2%)  | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%)  | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%) | 93.0ft <sup>2</sup> (1.0%)   | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%) | 163.9ft <sup>2</sup> (1.7%)   |
| 13802       | 5340.5                   | 384.8ft <sup>2</sup> (7.2%)   | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%)   | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%)  | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%) | 359.8ft <sup>2</sup> (6.7%)  | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%) | 744.6ft <sup>2</sup> (13.9%)  |
| 13807       | 6864.8                   | 24.3ft <sup>2</sup> (0.4%)    | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%)   | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%)  | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%) | 961.0ft <sup>2</sup> (14.0%) | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%) | 985.3ft <sup>2</sup> (14.4%)  |
| 13810       | 6211.2                   | 7.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.1%)     | 8.6ft <sup>2</sup> (0.1%)   | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%)  | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%) | 371.2ft <sup>2</sup> (6.0%)  | 0.0ft <sup>2</sup> (0.0%) | 386.9ft <sup>2</sup> (6.2%)   |

# 40 BRIDGES IN A FEW HOURS



Flight path for surveying 40 bridges in a single mission.

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As part of a larger program this has proven to be a low-cost solution to identifying and prioritizing bridge deck maintenance.

B140067 4.5%  
B140068 5.0%

**JUNEAU (UNU)**

B140032 3.6%  
B140006 4.4%  
B110011 5.1%  
B110081 8.3%  
B140066 35.5%  
B140064 14.0%

B130452 21.6%  
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B130395 10.3%  
B130289 21.5%  
B130274 8.9%

B130283 18.7%

**WATERTOWN (RYV)**

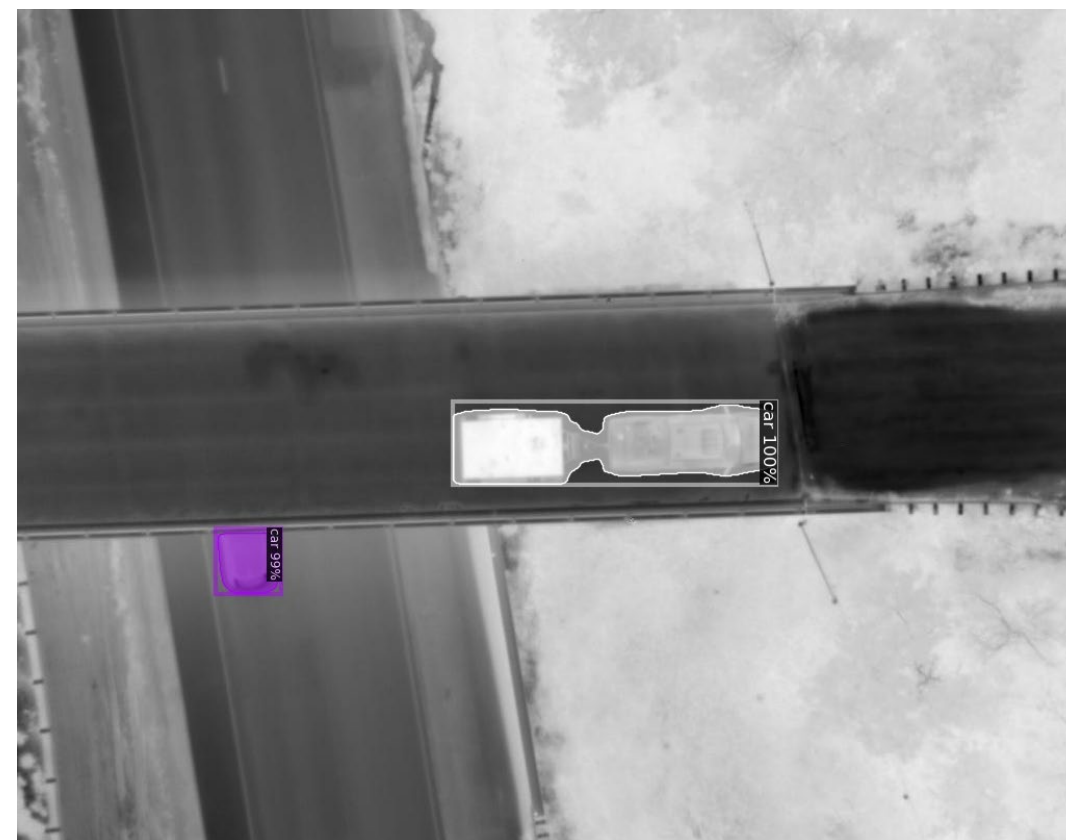
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**Middleton (C29)**

**MADISON**

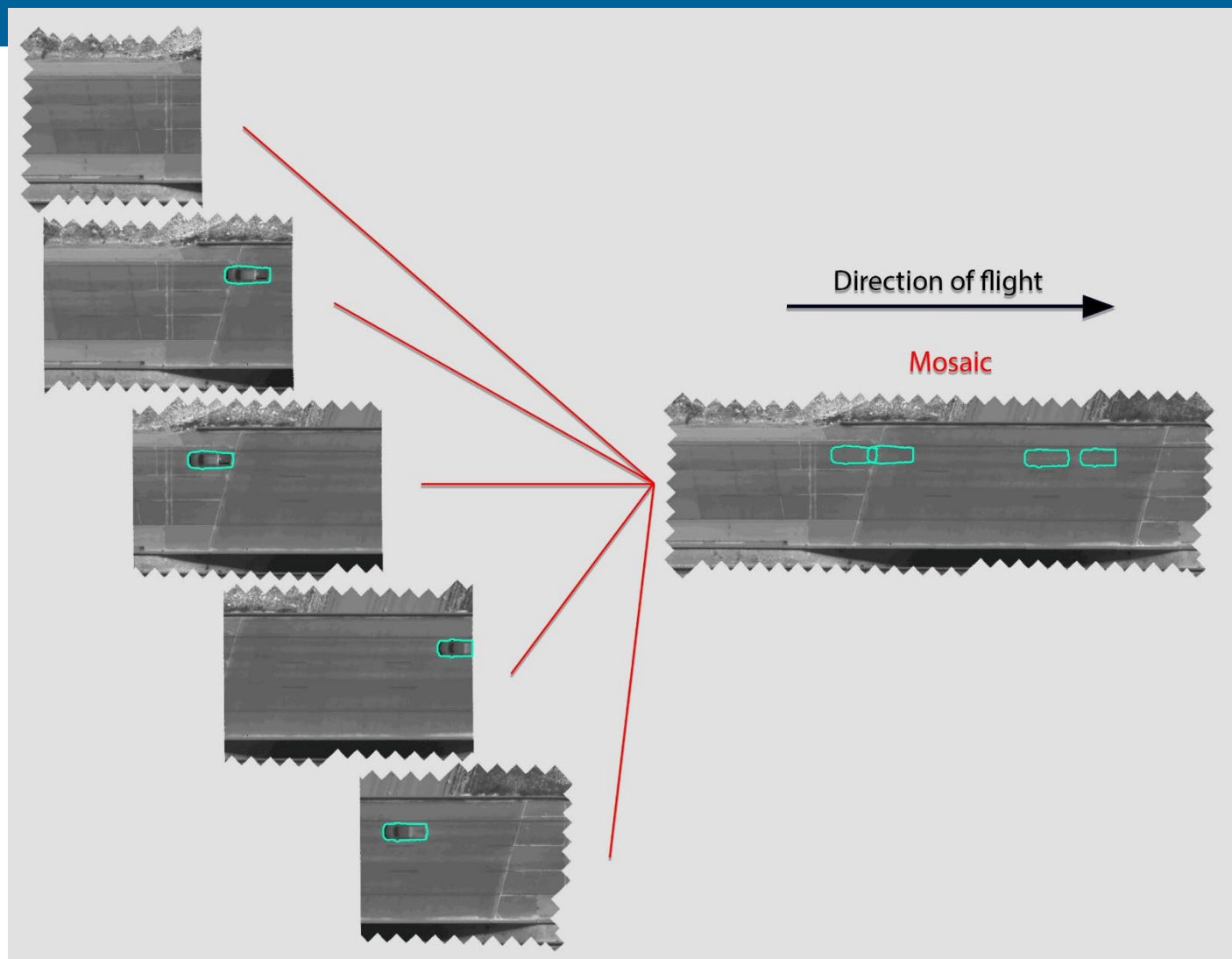
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B130154 55.9%  
B130157 3.1%  
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# WHAT ABOUT CARS, TRUCKS, TRAILERS?



**One frame at a time**

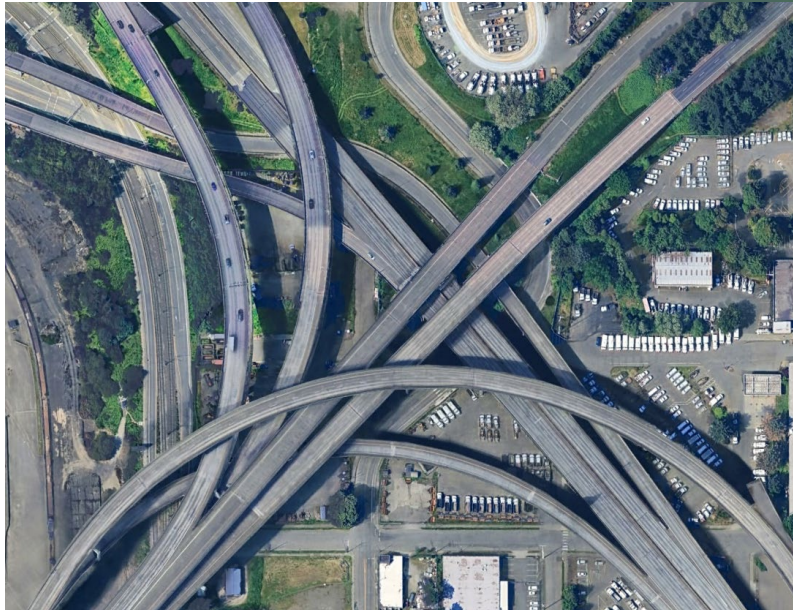






# BRIDGES WE CANNOT DO

- Bridges with Obstacles
  - Trusses
  - Multi-deck bridges
  - Heavy traffic
  - Narrow Terrain



- UAVs solution- Pros
  - Single bridge
  - Similar resolution
  - Additional data
- UAVs solution- Cons
  - On-site requirement
  - Time consuming
  - Multiple passes required
  - Safety
  - Extensive coordinating

- Van-based- Pros
  - Single bridge
  - Higher resolution
- Van-based- Cons
  - Slower than traffic
  - Multiple passes required
  - safety
  - Transition time
  - Lacks automation
  - Lack geospatial reference



# THANK YOU

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