



Improved Load Rating Procedures for Deteriorated Unstiffened Steel Beam Ends

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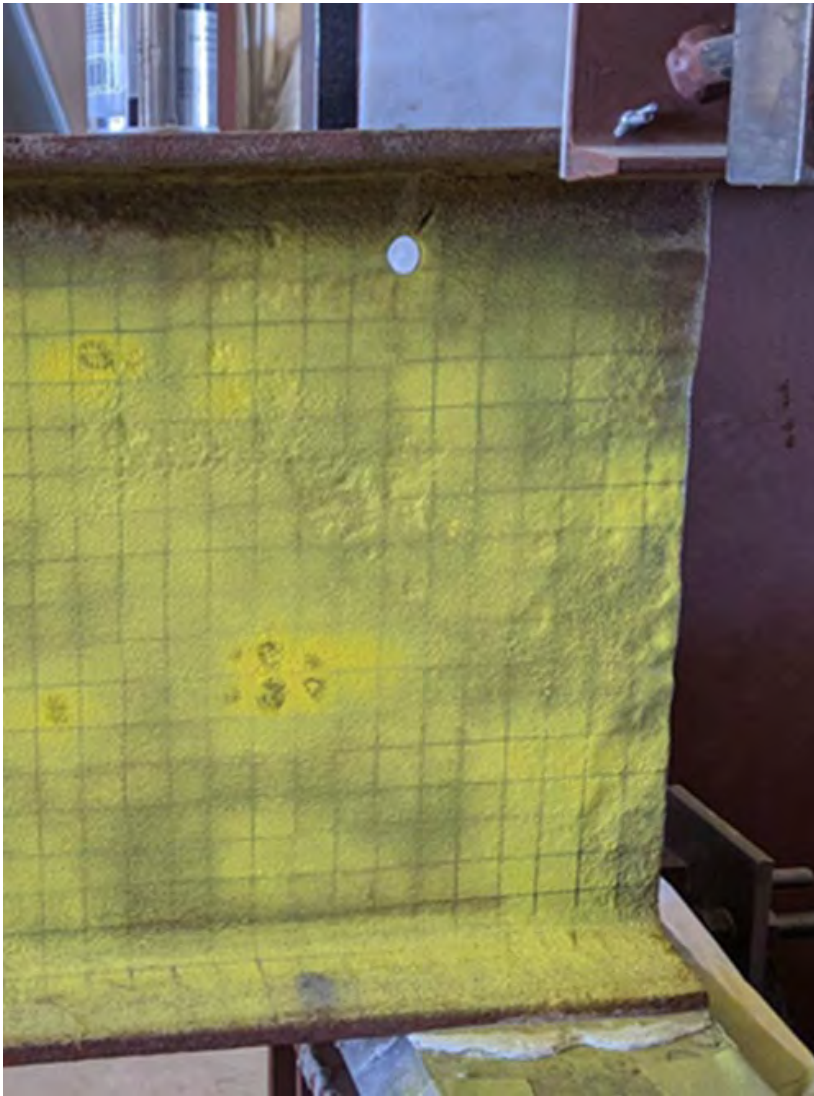
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3D Scanning for Bridge Inspection – Current State-of-Practice



Source: GE

Stringers: Rolled Beams

Poor Condition-See Description

Cover Plates: N/A

Extensive rust scale with moderate to heavy section loss in the south abutment beam ends, perforations could soon occur.



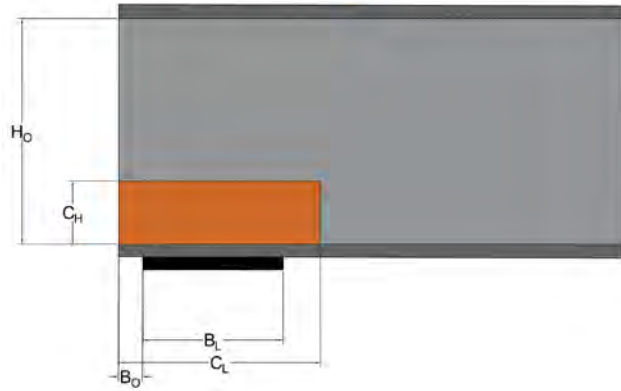
Assume 24 WF 100 (smallest section):
T = 22.45"
tw = .468"
Original Area = T*tw = 10.5 in²
Lost Area = 3" x (1/8)"/2" = .1875 in²

$100 \cdot (.1875/10.5) = 1.8\%$

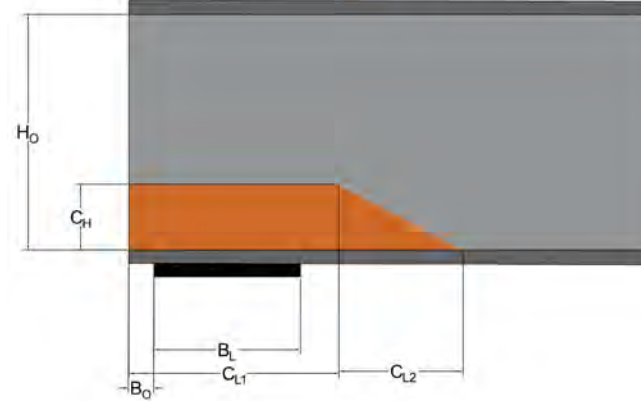
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Bridge Inspection – Corrosion Topologies

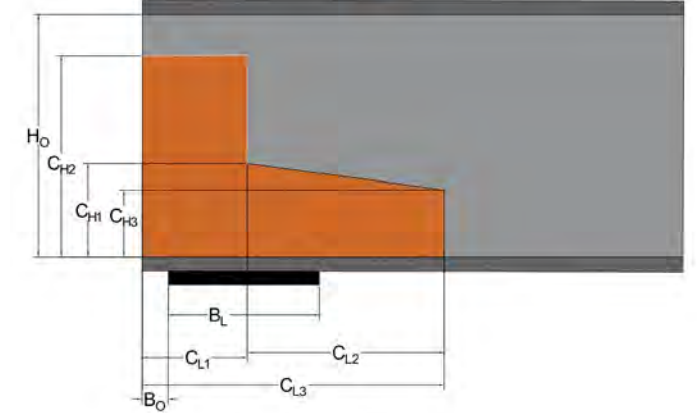
W1 Steel Corrosion



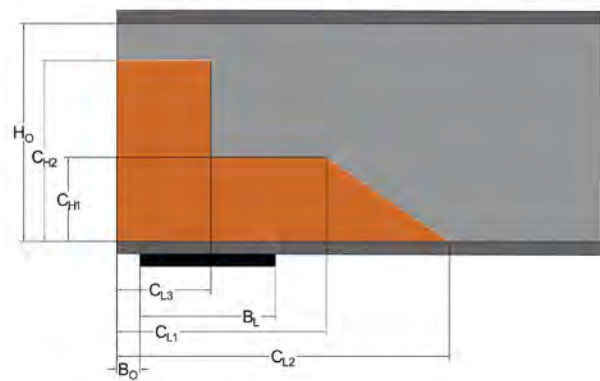
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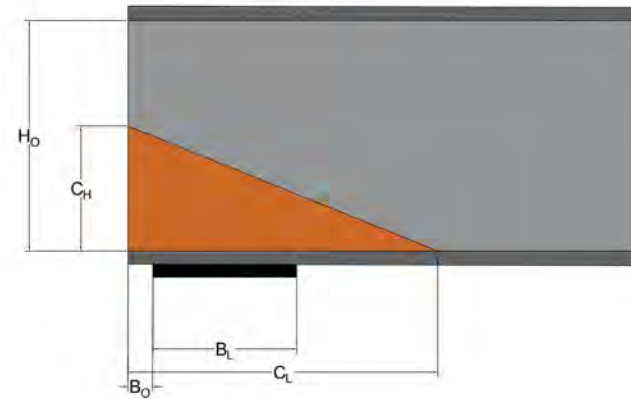
W3 Steel Corrosion



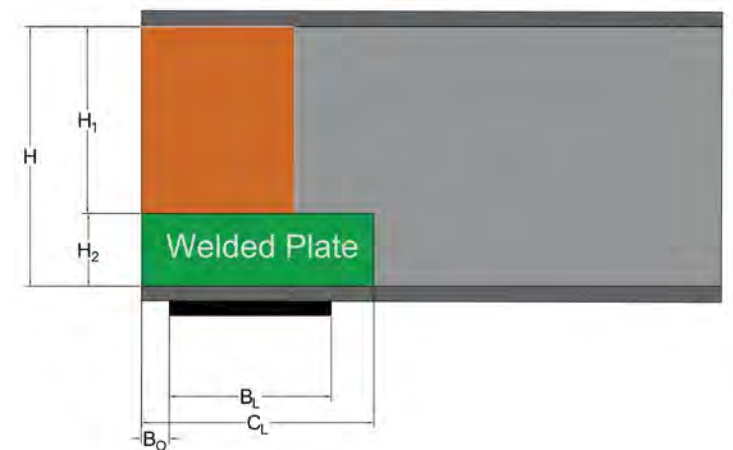
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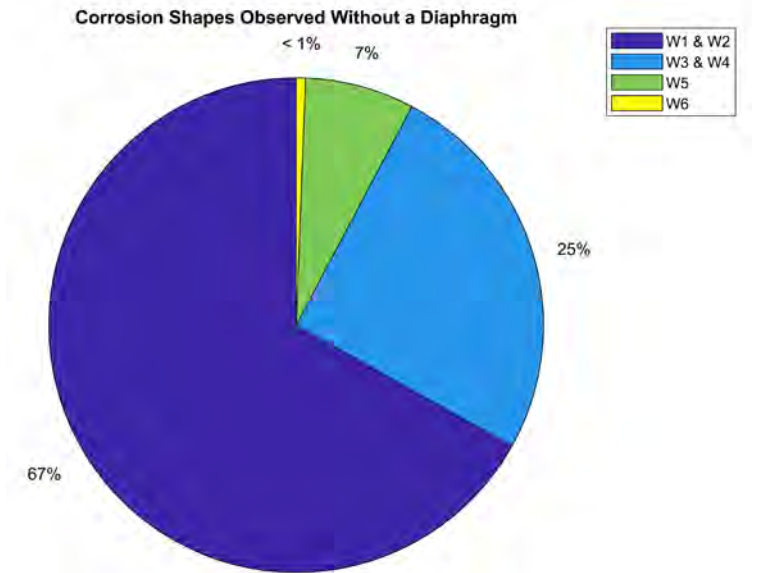
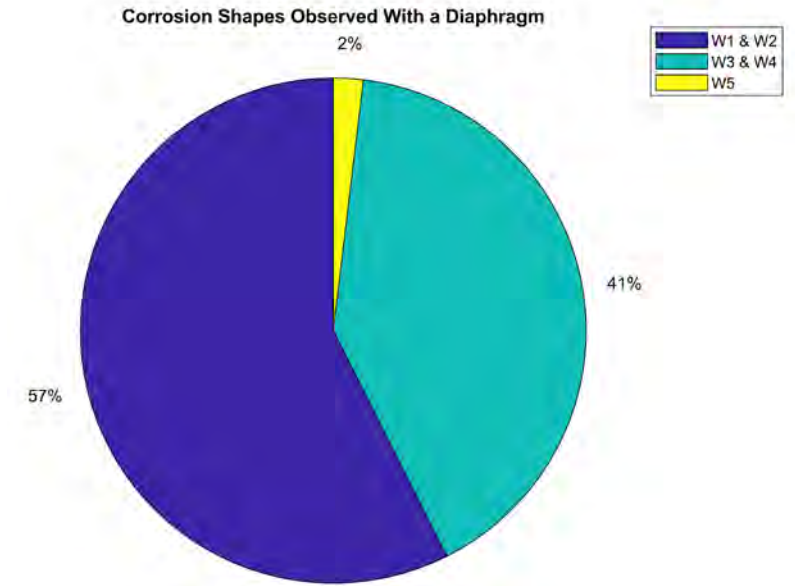
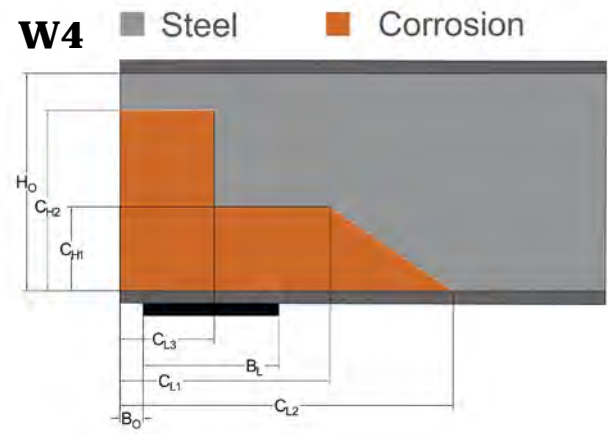
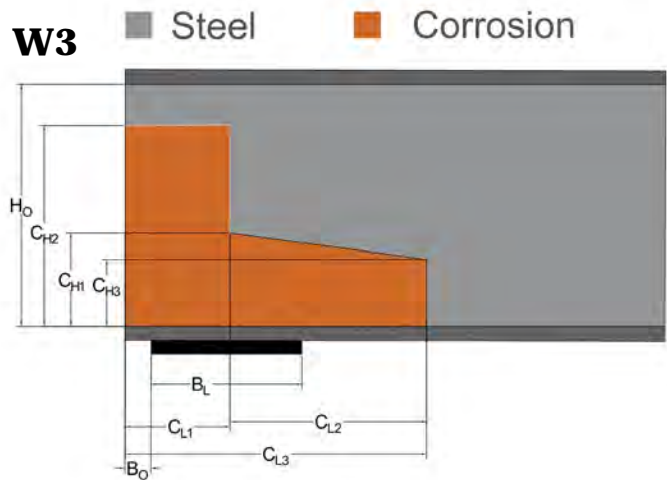
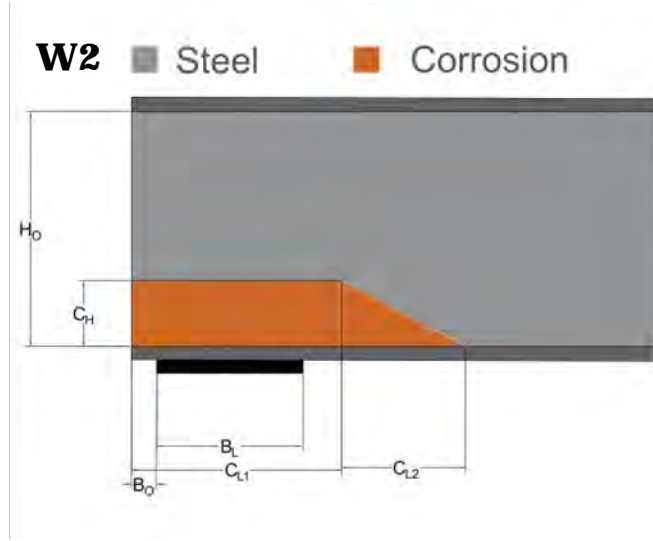
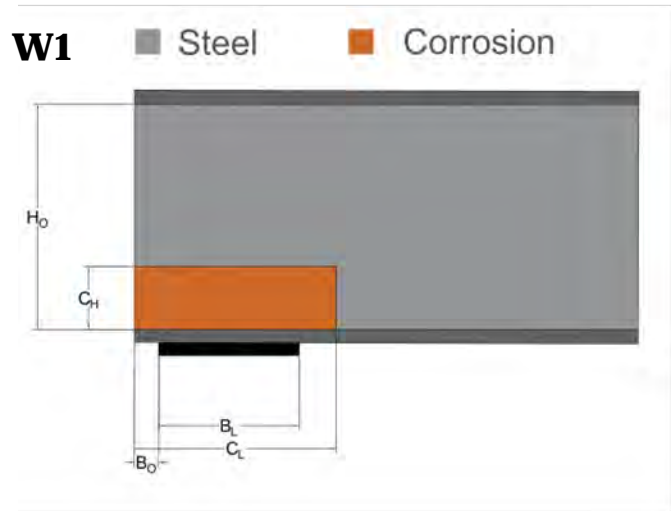
W5 Steel Corrosion



W6 Steel Corrosion

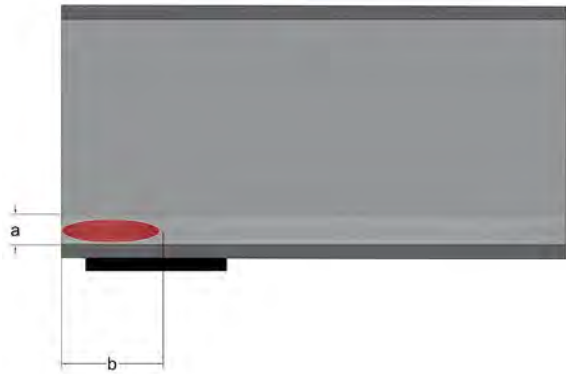


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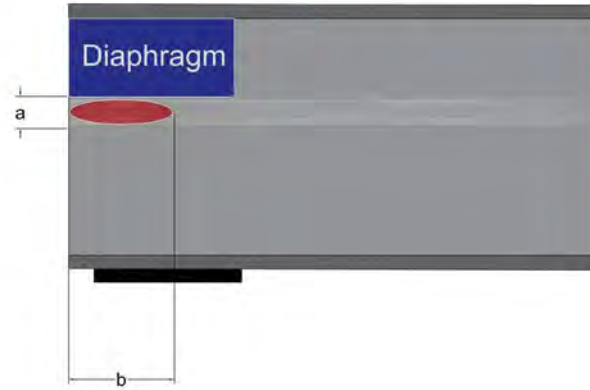


Bridge Inspection – Corrosion Hole Patterns

M1 Steel Hole



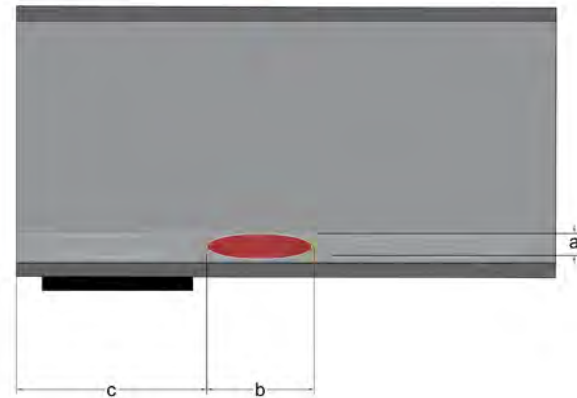
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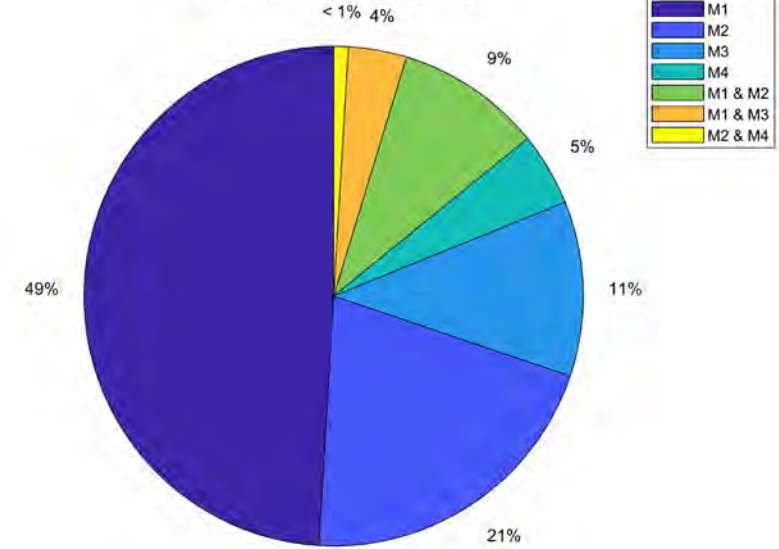
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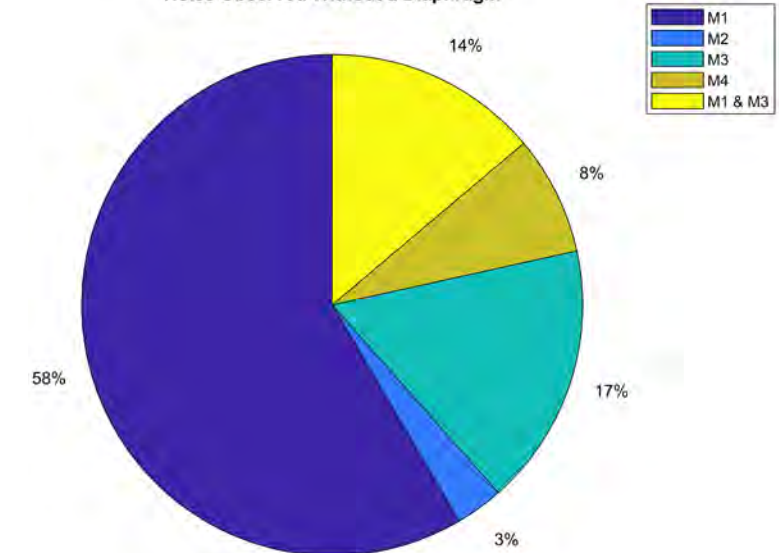
M4 Steel Hole



Holes Observed With a Diaphragm



Holes Observed Without a Diaphragm



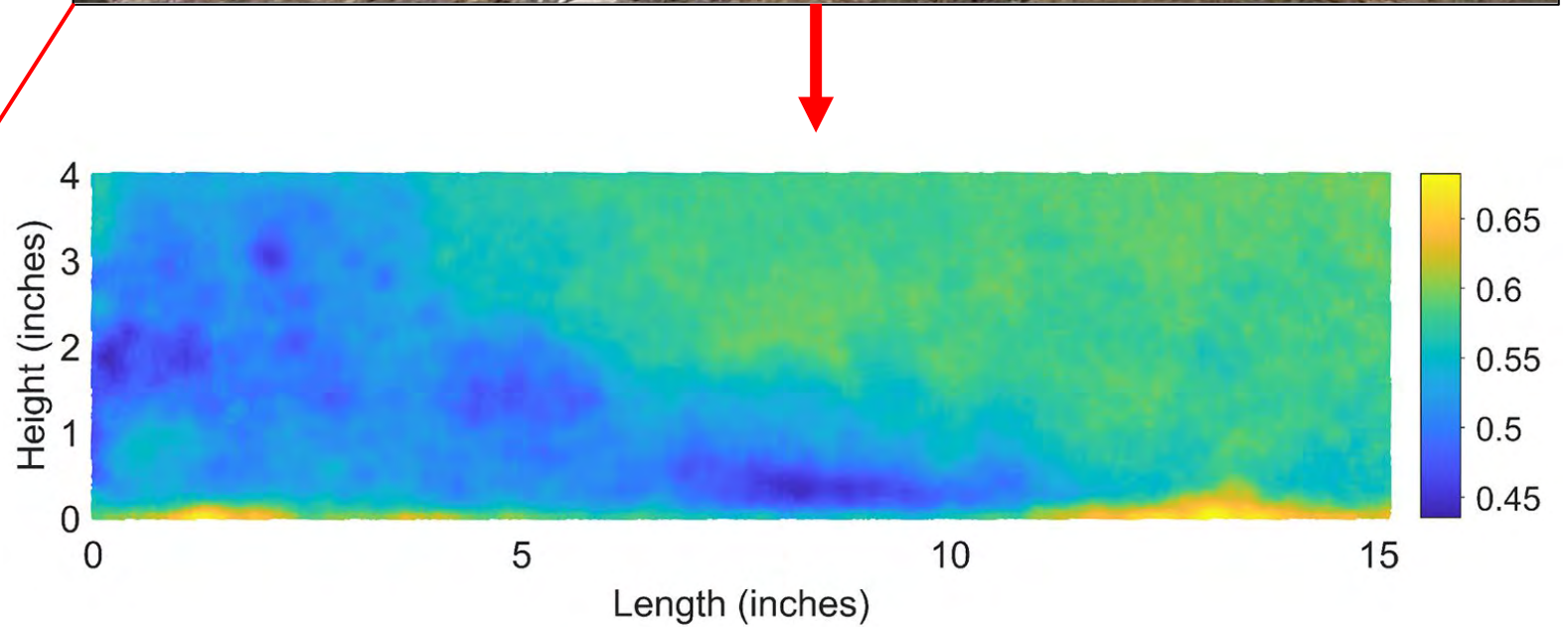
Corrosion Mapping via 3D Scanning

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3D Scanning for Bridge Inspection



3D Scanning for Bridge Inspection - Process

1. Component Identification



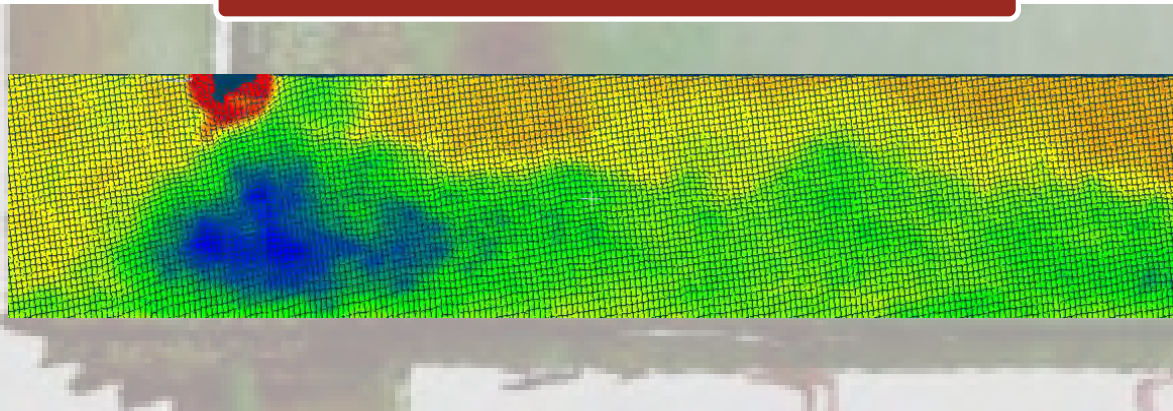
2. Scanning



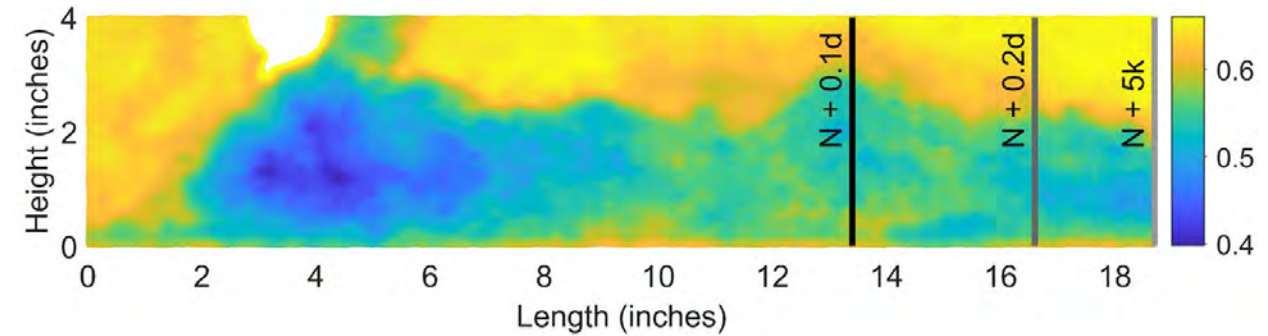
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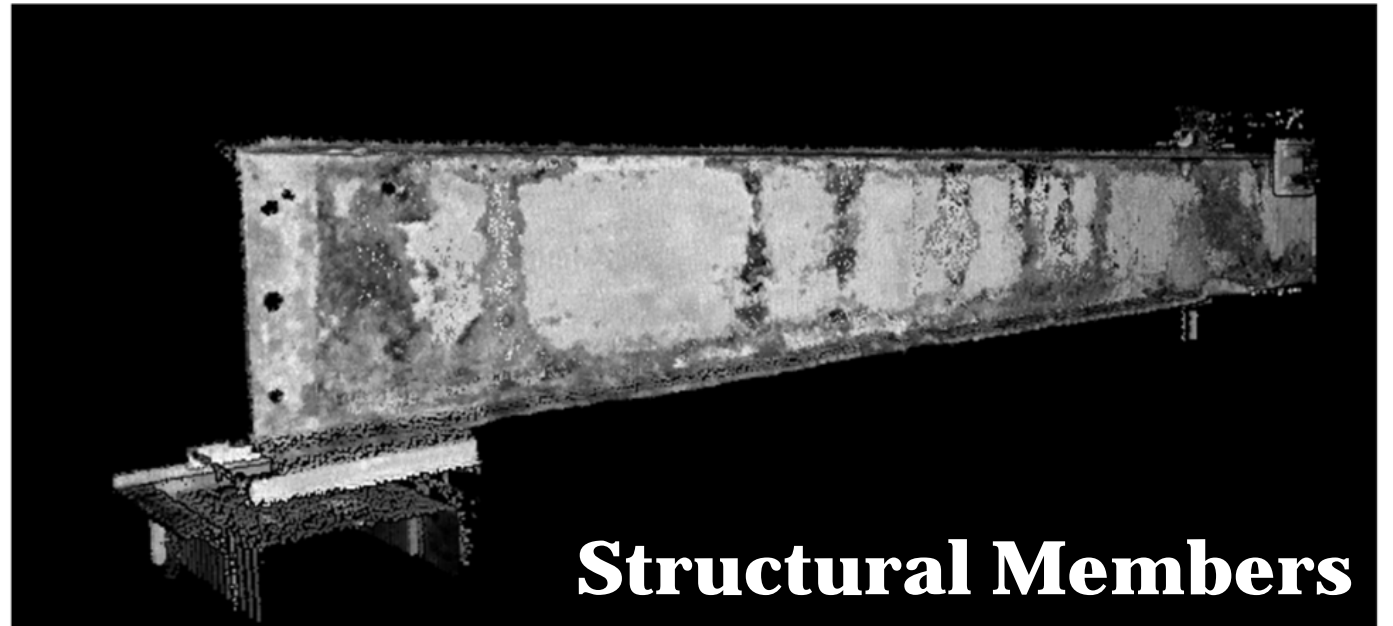


4. Post-Processing



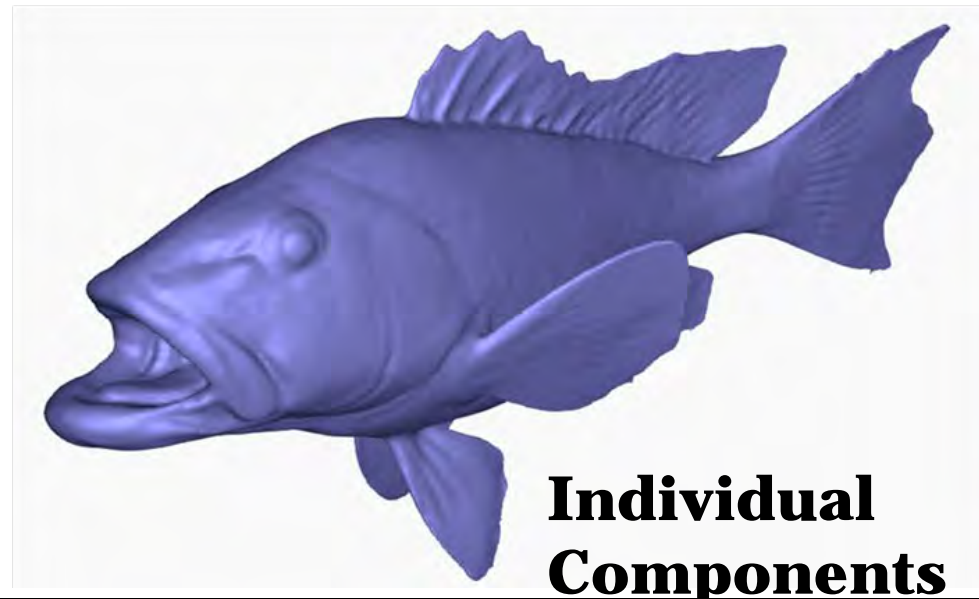
5. Output map generation



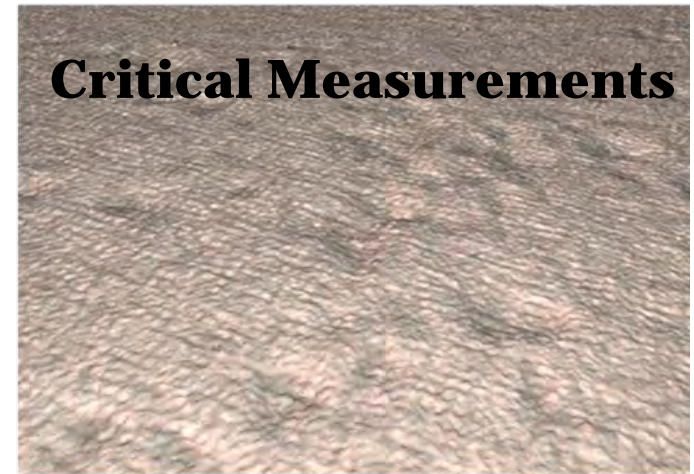




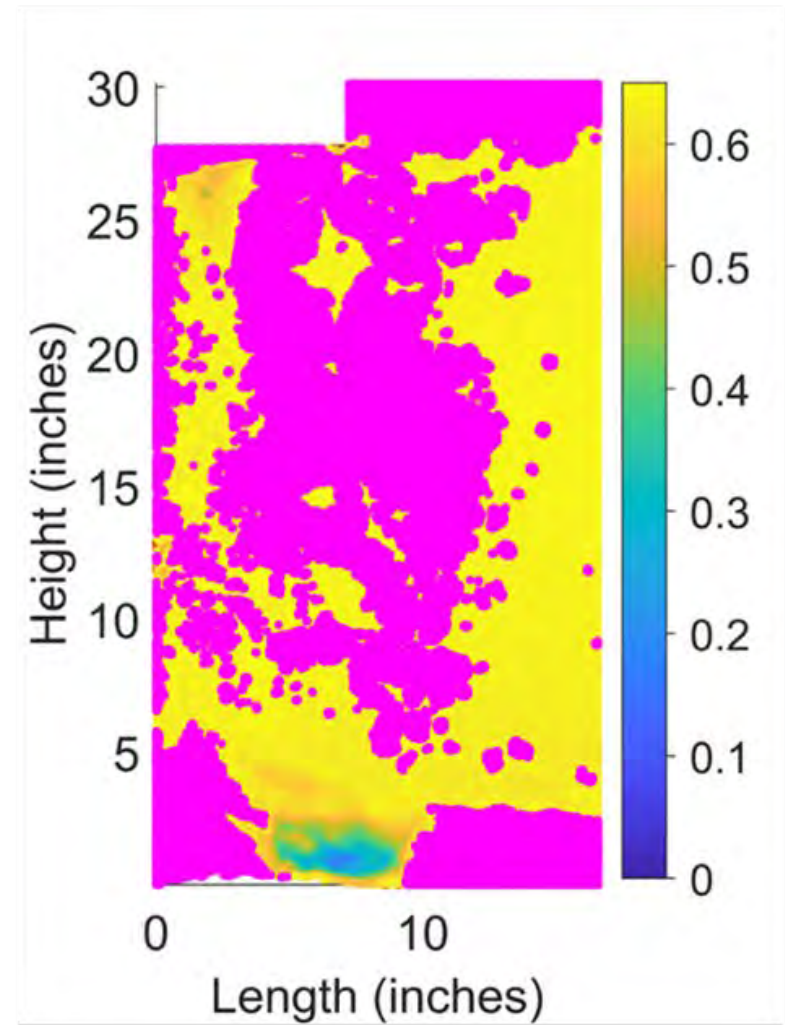
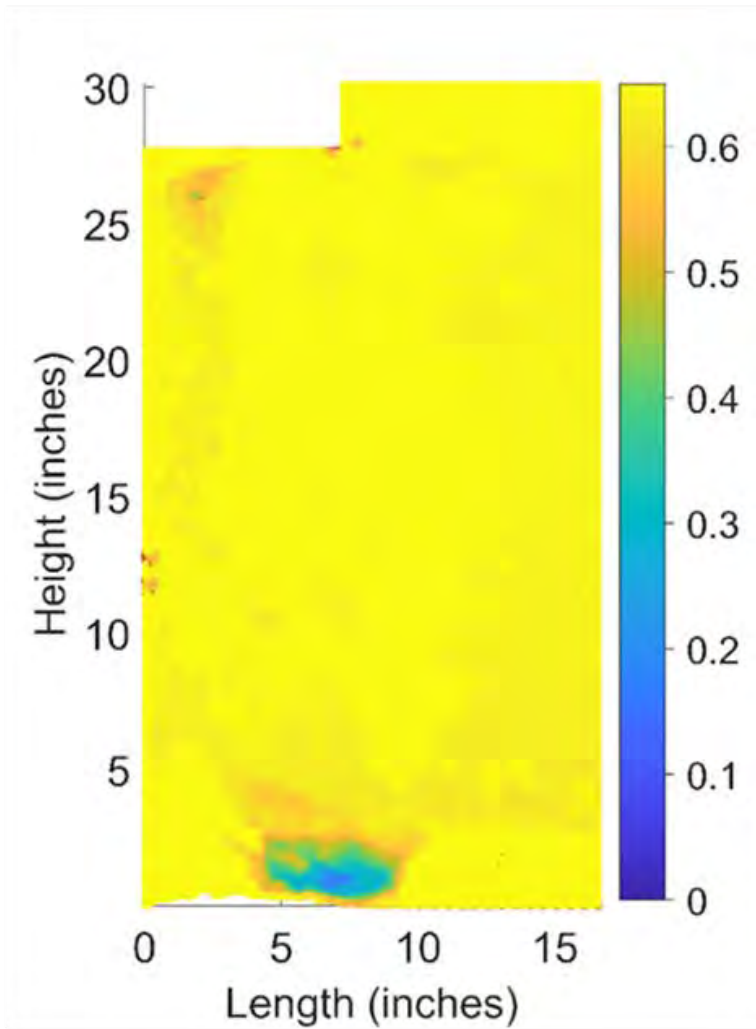
Localized Inspection



Individual Components



Case Study: Corroded End



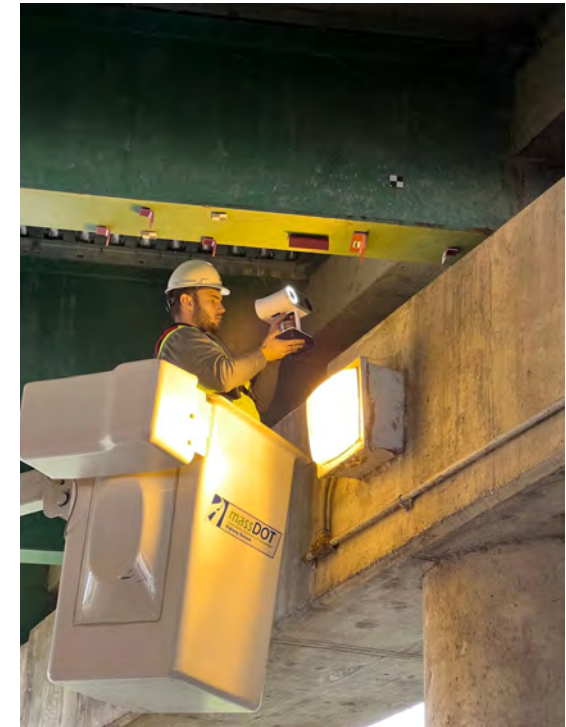
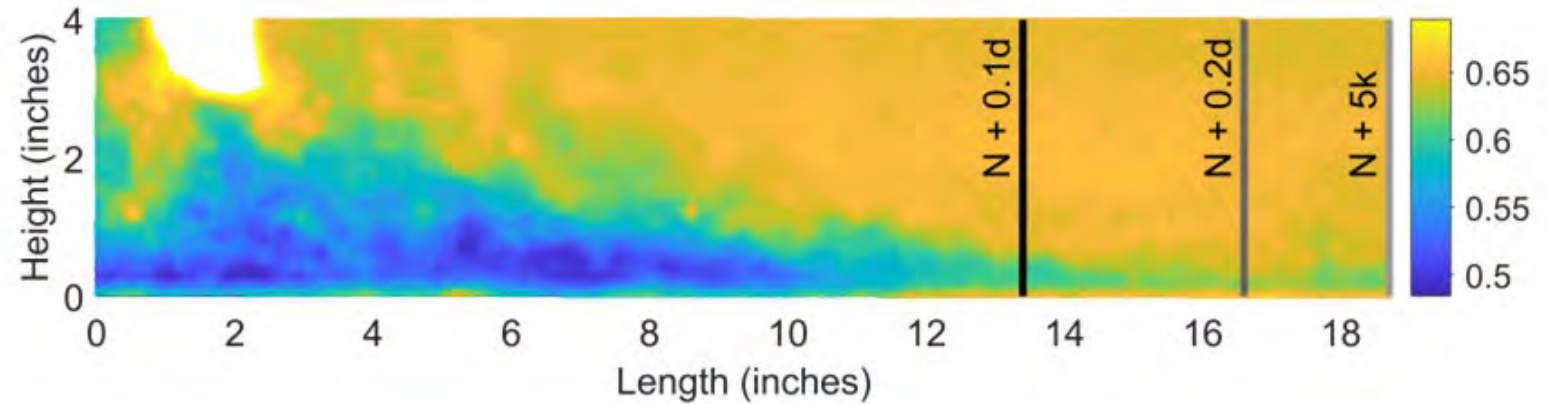
Thickness >0.65 inches ●

Higher Cloud Density, detail, and accuracy:

- Around 400,000 points in the selected area to the right and millions of points in the full web height area
- Captures difficult to measure components like pitting and section loss at the edge of the web

Portability and maneuverability:

- Roughly 5 minutes per scan
- Easy to train and learn the scanning process
- Handheld and relatively lightweight machinery allows for easy on-site scanning

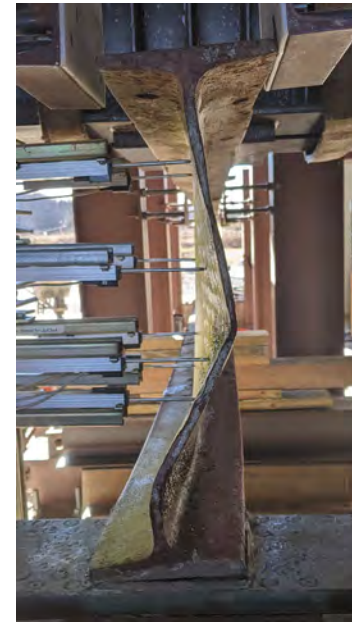
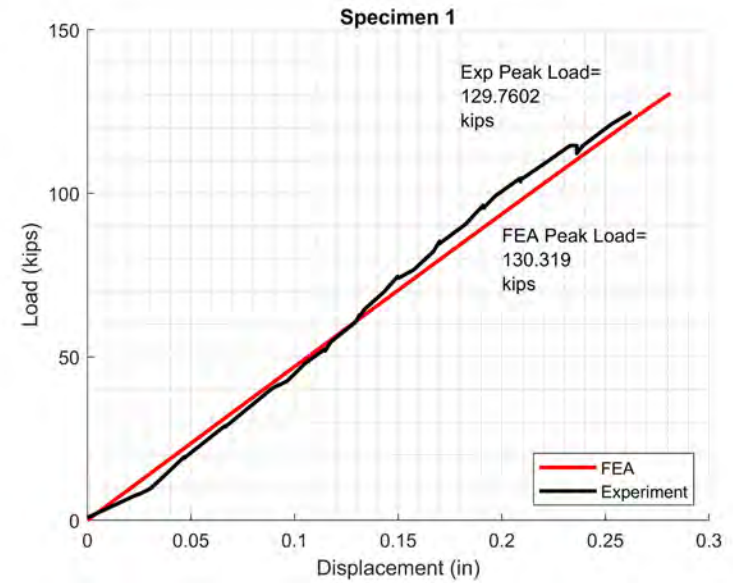
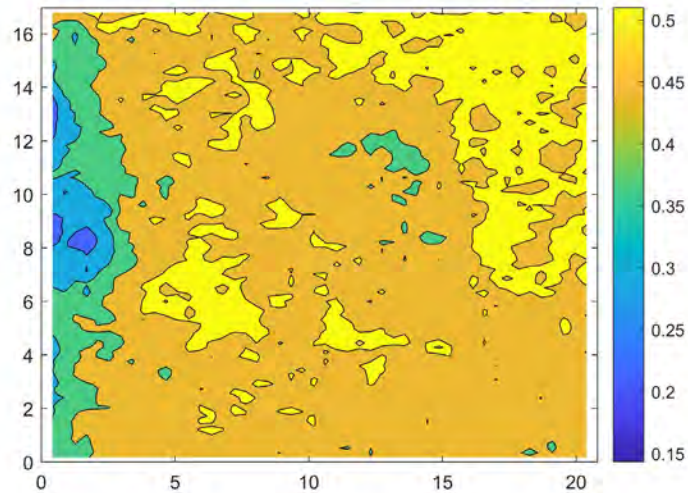
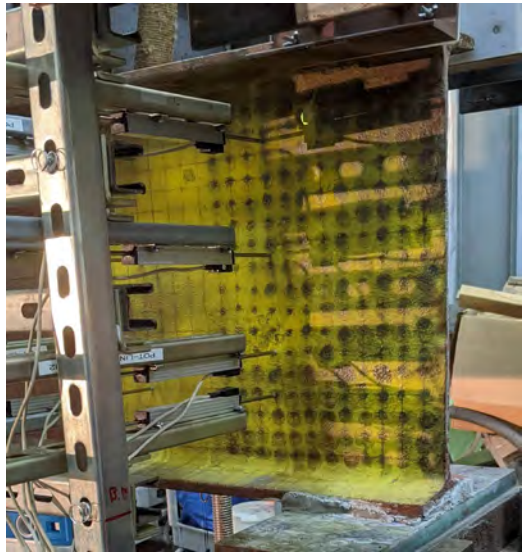


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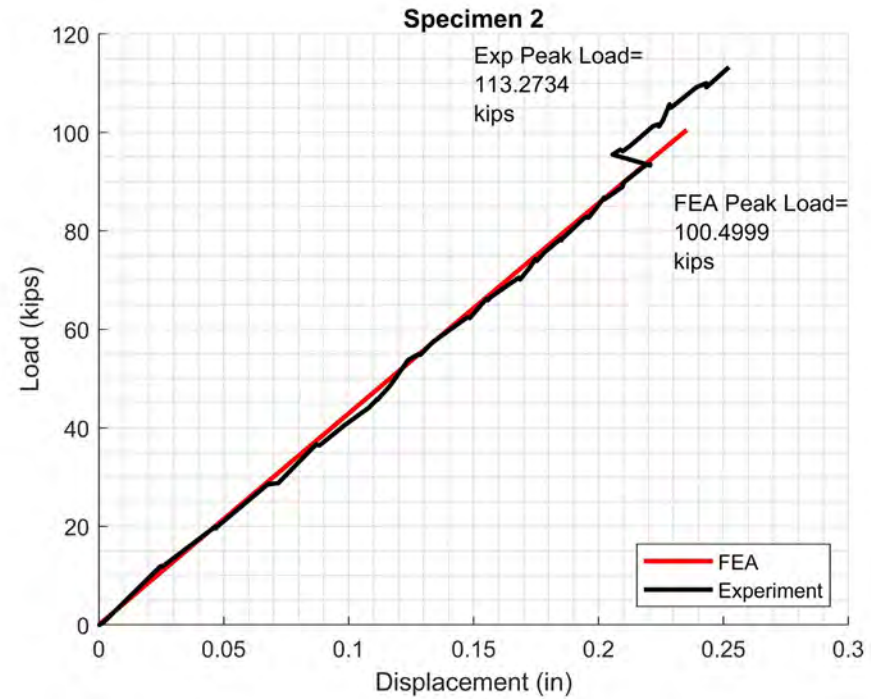
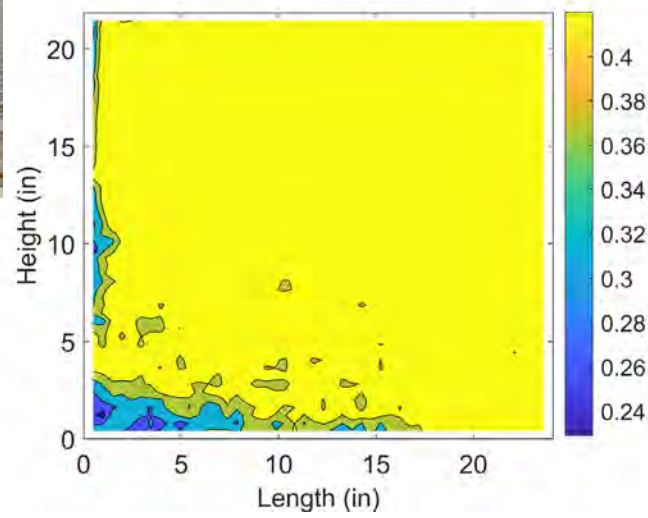
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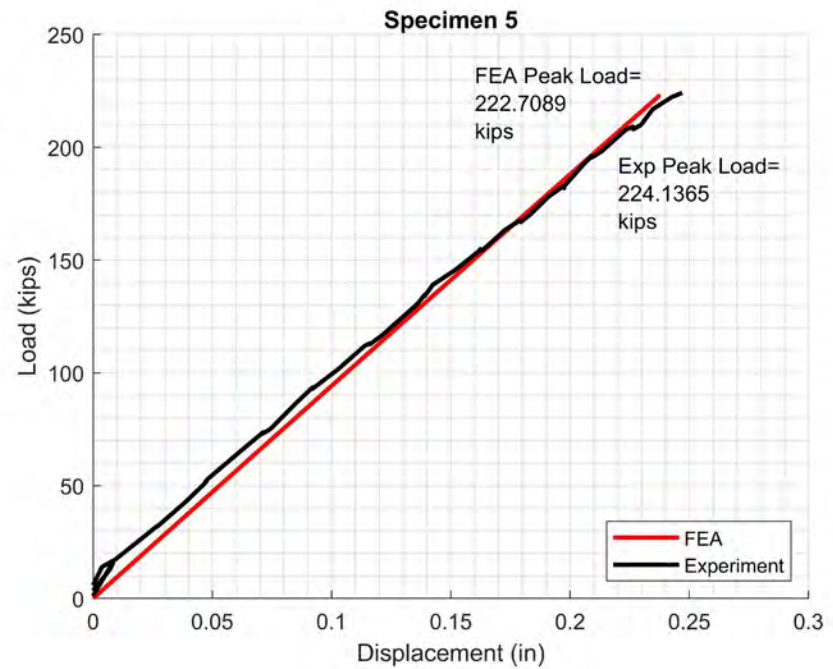
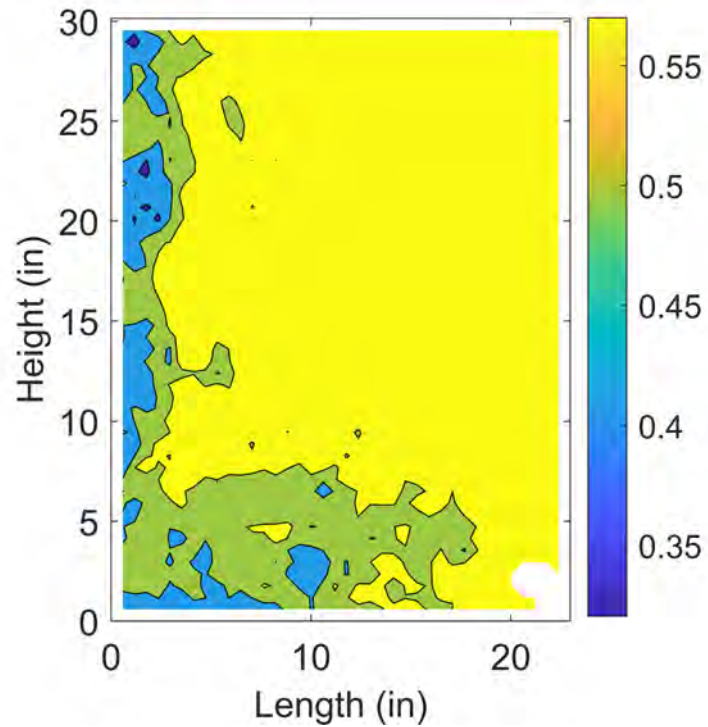
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Intact Thickness: 0.51 inches
Height: 20 inches

Peak Load:
129.76 kips



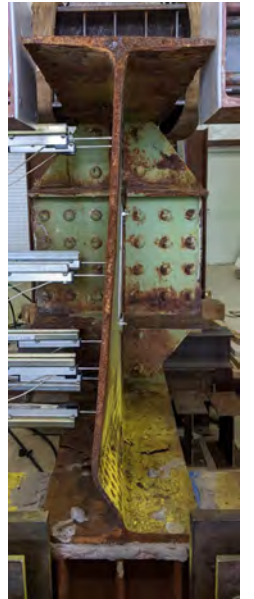
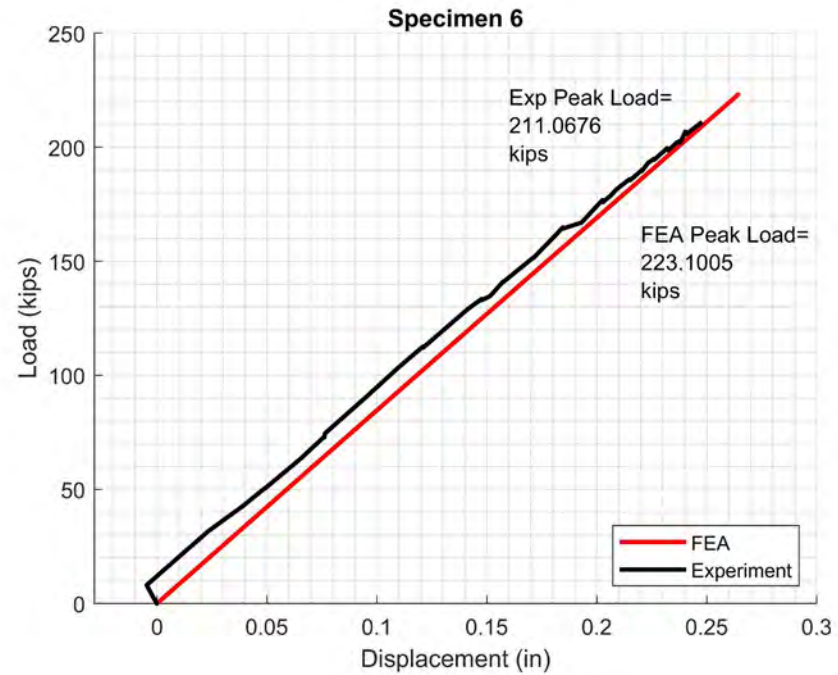
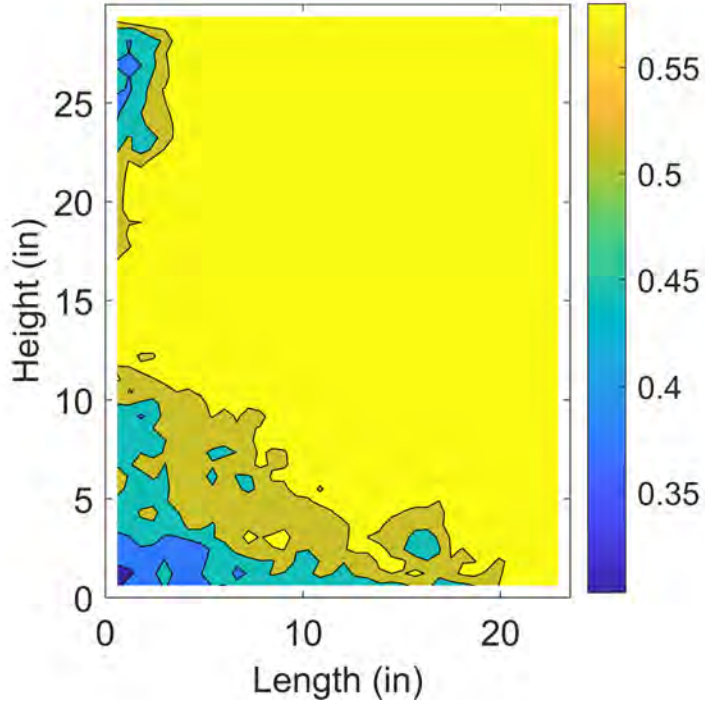
Beam Type: CB 24x8.5 (Best match)
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Height: 24 inches

Peak Load:
113.27 kips



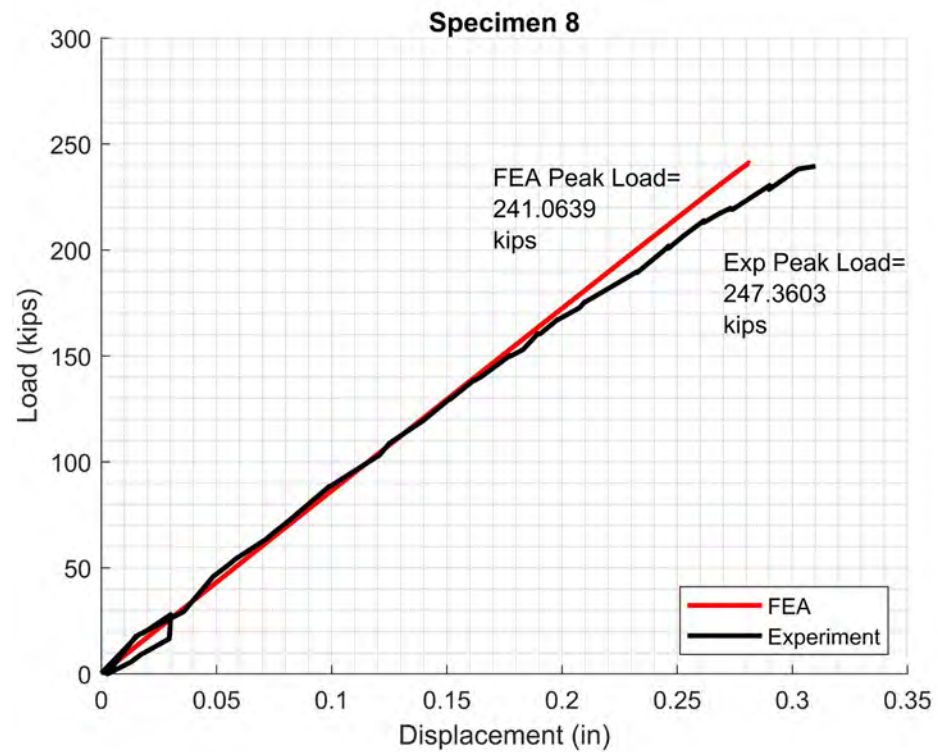
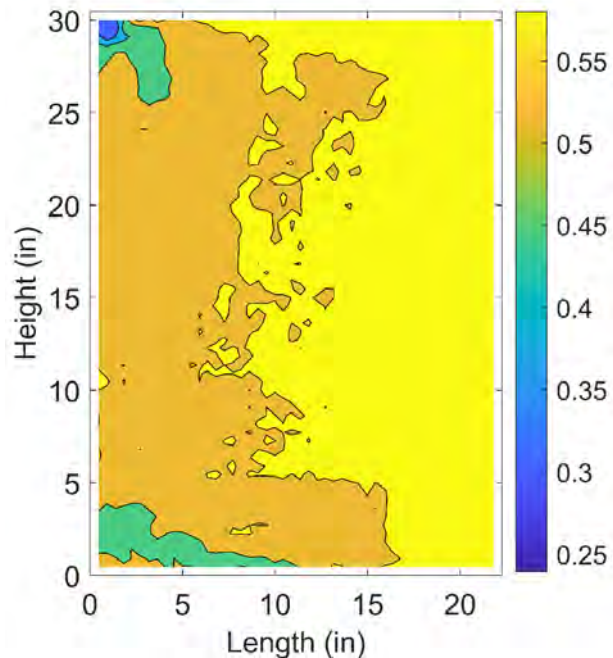
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Intact Thickness: 0.58 inches
Height: 33.150 inches

Peak Load:
 224.14 kips



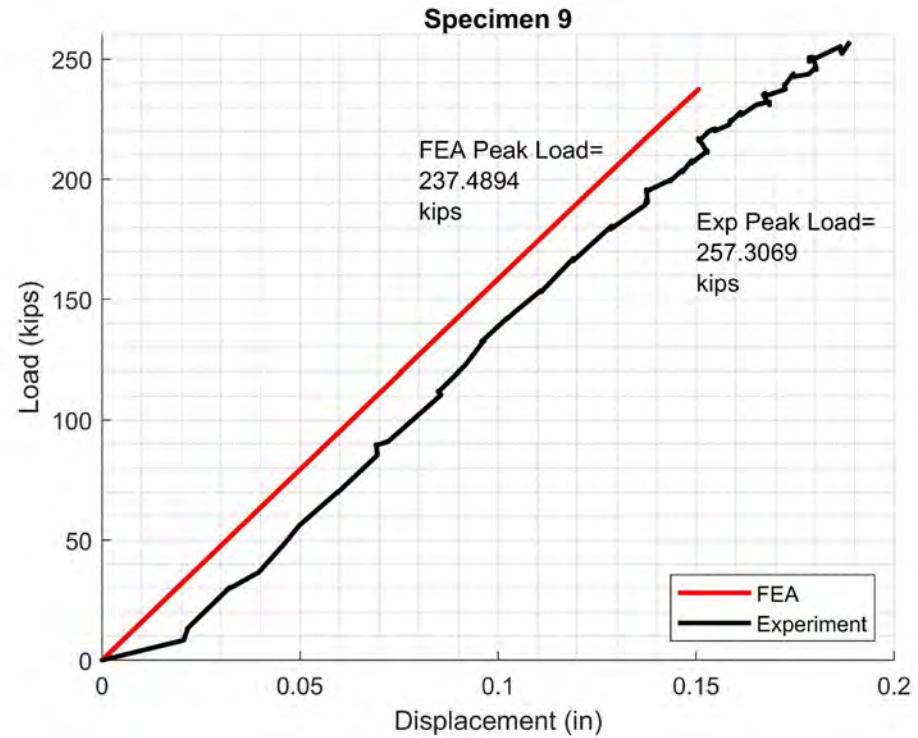
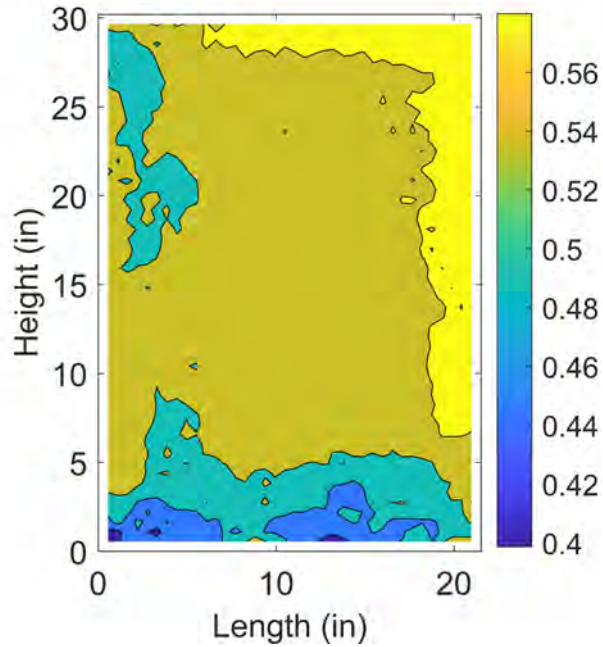
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Peak Load:
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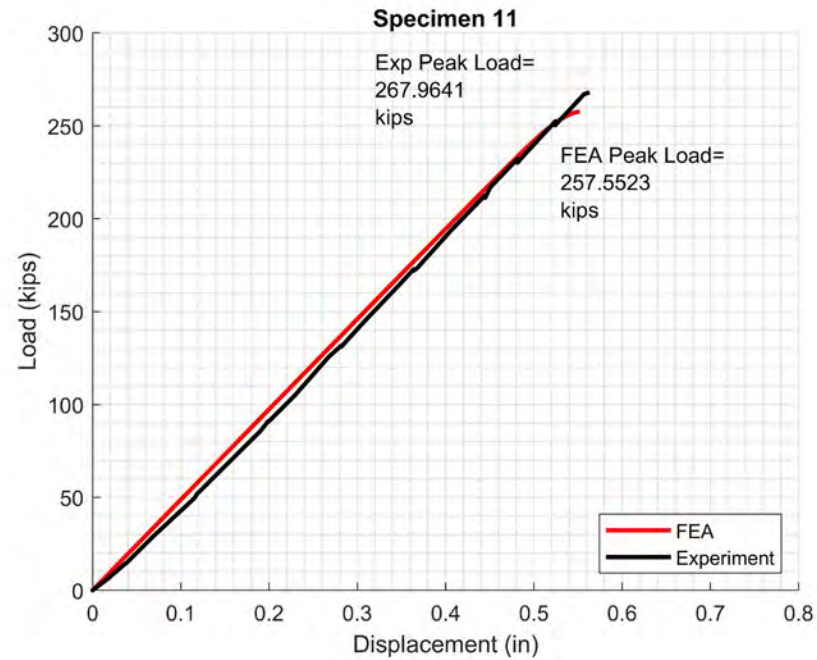
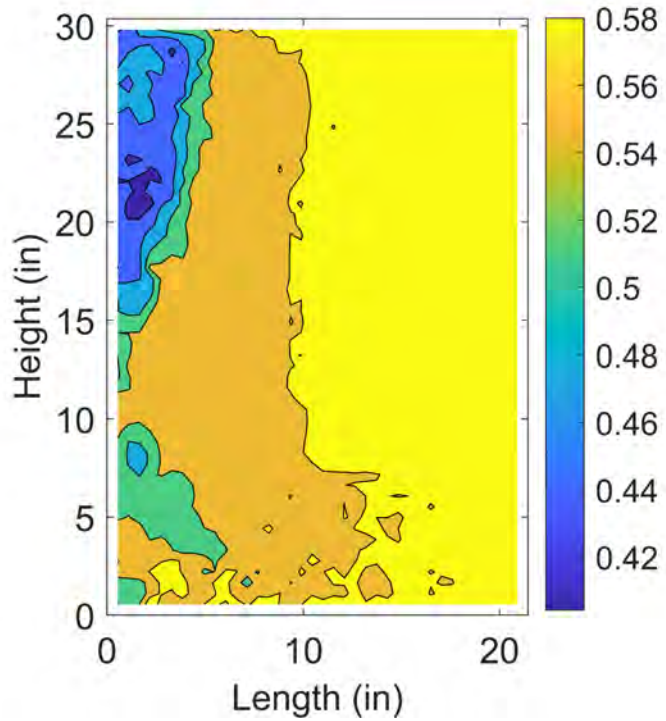
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Peak Load:
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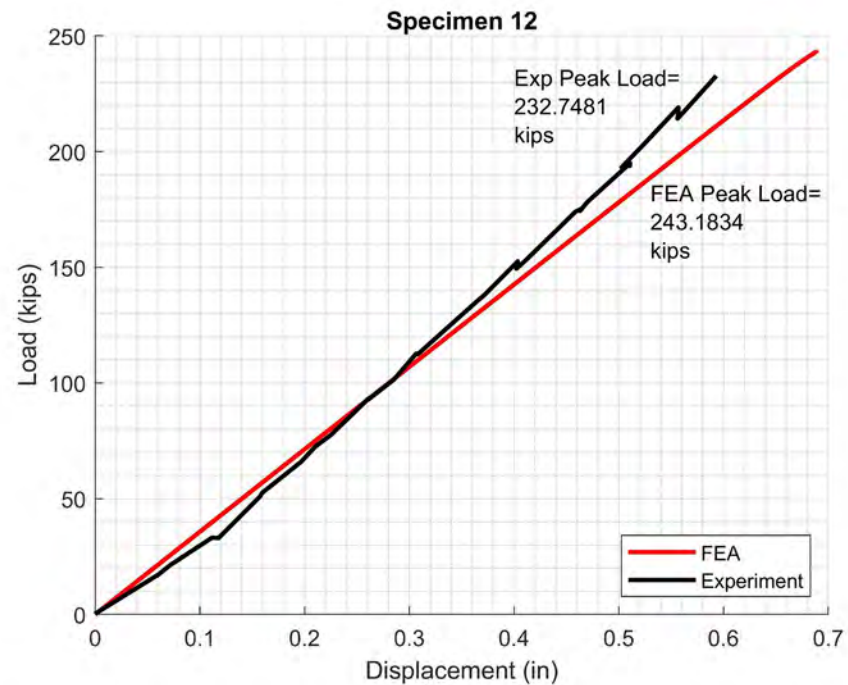
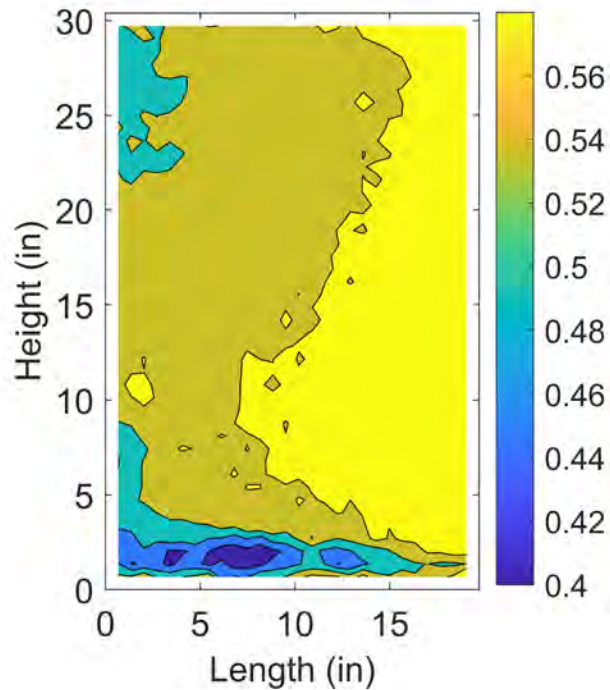
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Peak Load:
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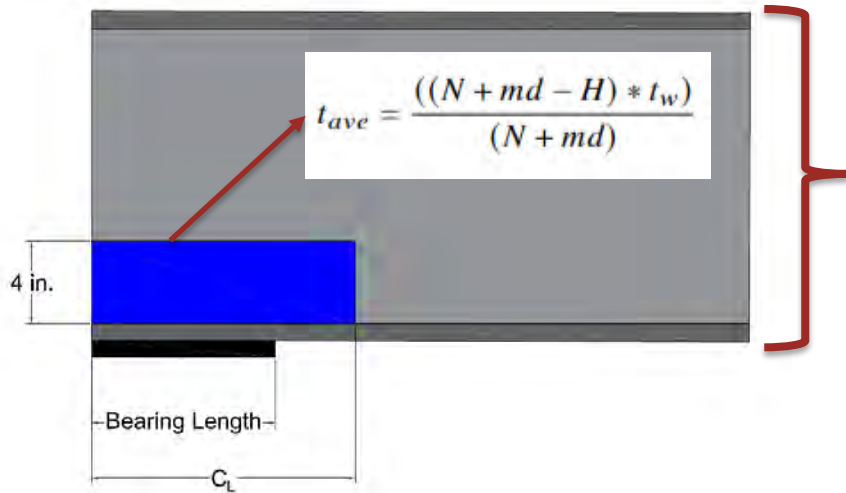
Peak Load:
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Peak Load:
232.32 kips

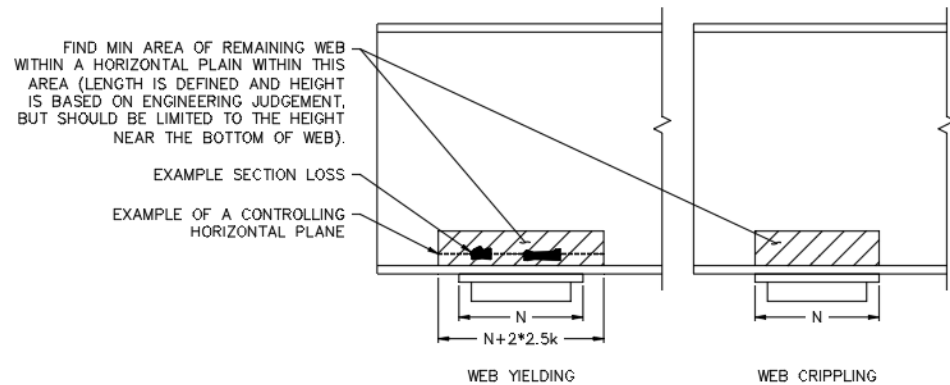
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Web Crippling

$$R_n = a * \sqrt{E * F_y * t_f} * t_{ave}^{1.5} + b^{\frac{(0.33+d)}{N}} * \left(\frac{4(N - H)}{d} - 0.2\right) * \frac{\sqrt{E F_y t_f}}{t_{ave}^{1.5}} * t_{ave}^3 * \left(\frac{CL}{(N + md)}\right)^{0.15}$$

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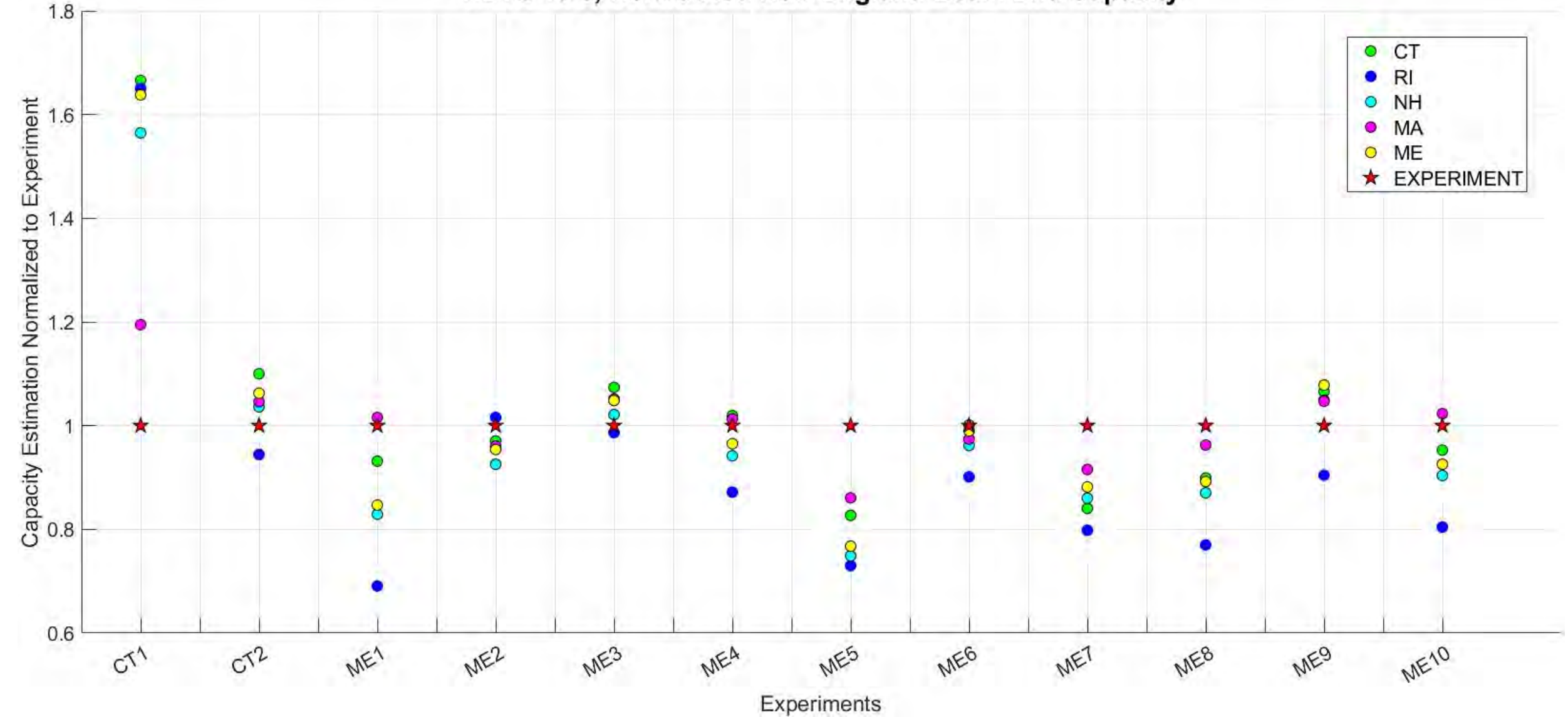


Web Crippling

$$R_n = (0.4 * t_{wcrip}^2 * (1 + (\frac{4N}{d} - 0.2) * (\frac{t_{wcrip}}{t_f})^{1.5})) * \sqrt{\frac{(E_S * F_y * t_f)}{t_{wcrip}}}$$

Courtesy: RIDOT

NETC 19-3, Normalized New England Beam End Capacity



Corrosion Profiles:

- The groupings of **W1/W2 and W3/W4** corrosion profiles were the most prevalent observed throughout the data of bridge inspections provided by the states of New England
- Beams from the same bridge exhibit similar corrosion shapes

Scanning:

- Scanning provides the inspector/user with a comprehensive profile for a corroded end as opposed to just using visual and point measurements
- **Enhanced Inspection:** Easy to use even with limited access
- **High fidelity modelling and measurement reliability:** More data, higher accuracy, higher precision

Experiments and Ratings :

- Each experiment was successful in capturing capacity of the corroded end; failure in the form of **web buckling** was achieved in each experiment
- Overall, **MassDOT's** capacity predictions for corroded beam ends performed with higher accuracy and consistency across all twelve experiments



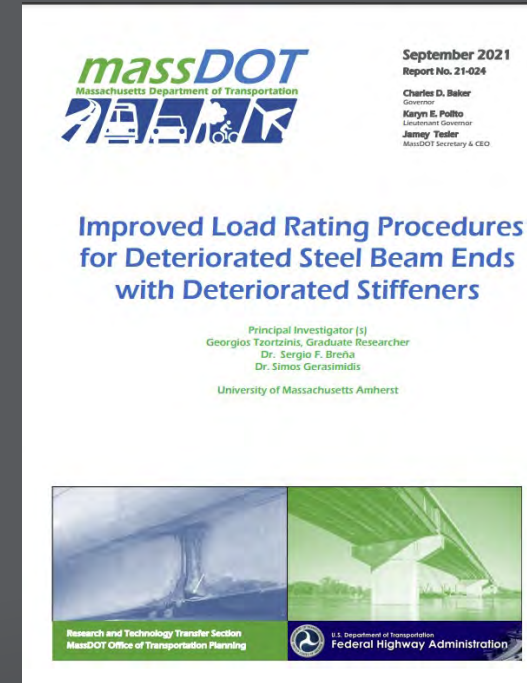
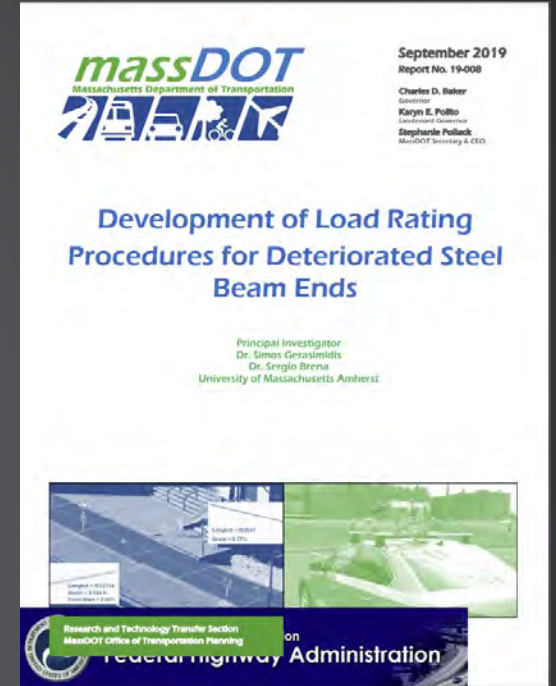
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