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# **Application of Dual-tree Complex Wavelet to Three-dimensional Point Clouds of Pavement Surfaces**

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# Background

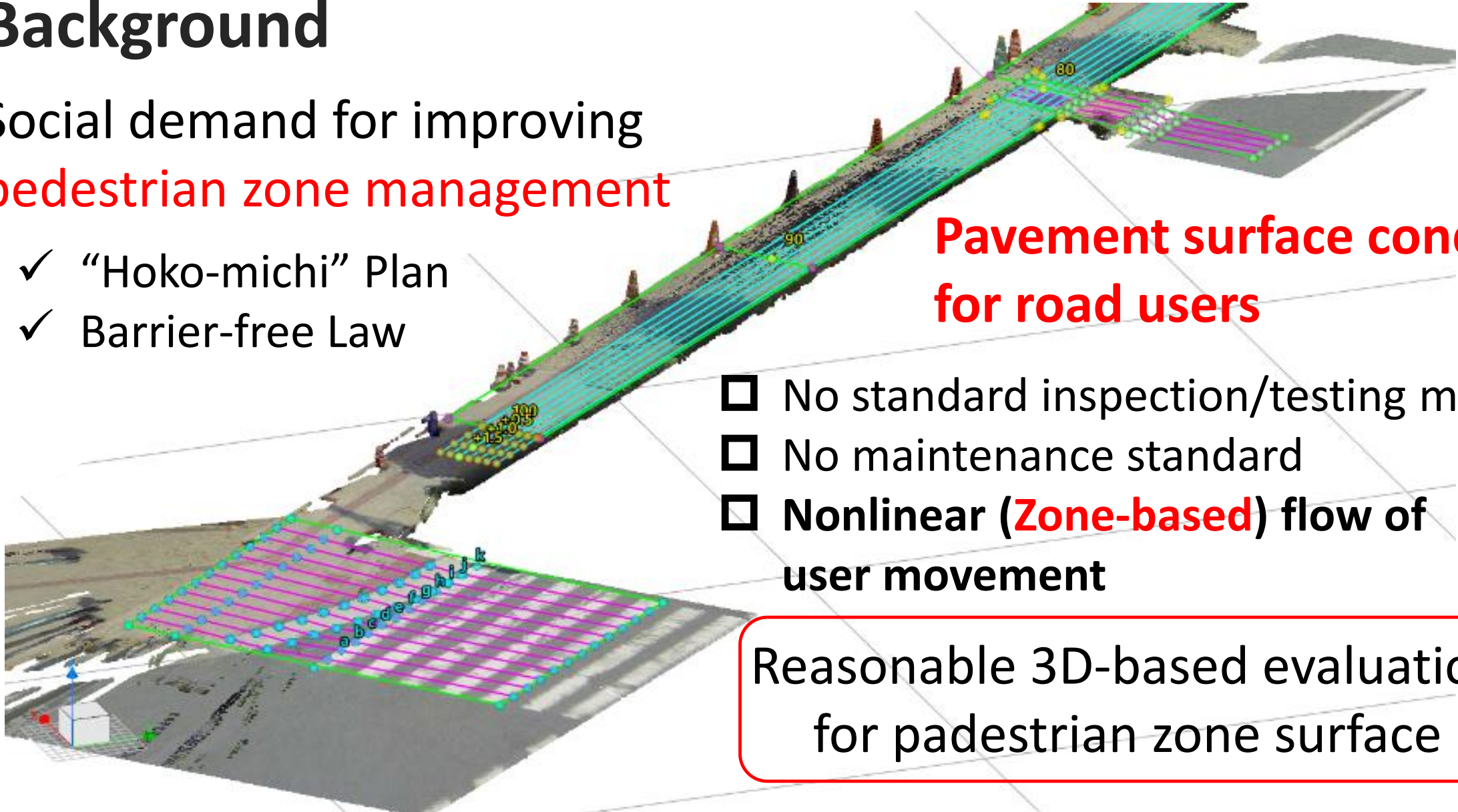
Social demand for improving  
**pedestrian zone management**

- ✓ “Hoko-michi” Plan
- ✓ Barrier-free Law

**Pavement surface condition  
for road users**

- ☐ No standard inspection/testing method
- ☐ No maintenance standard
- ☐ Nonlinear (**Zone-based**) flow of user movement

Reasonable 3D-based evaluation  
for pedestrian zone surface



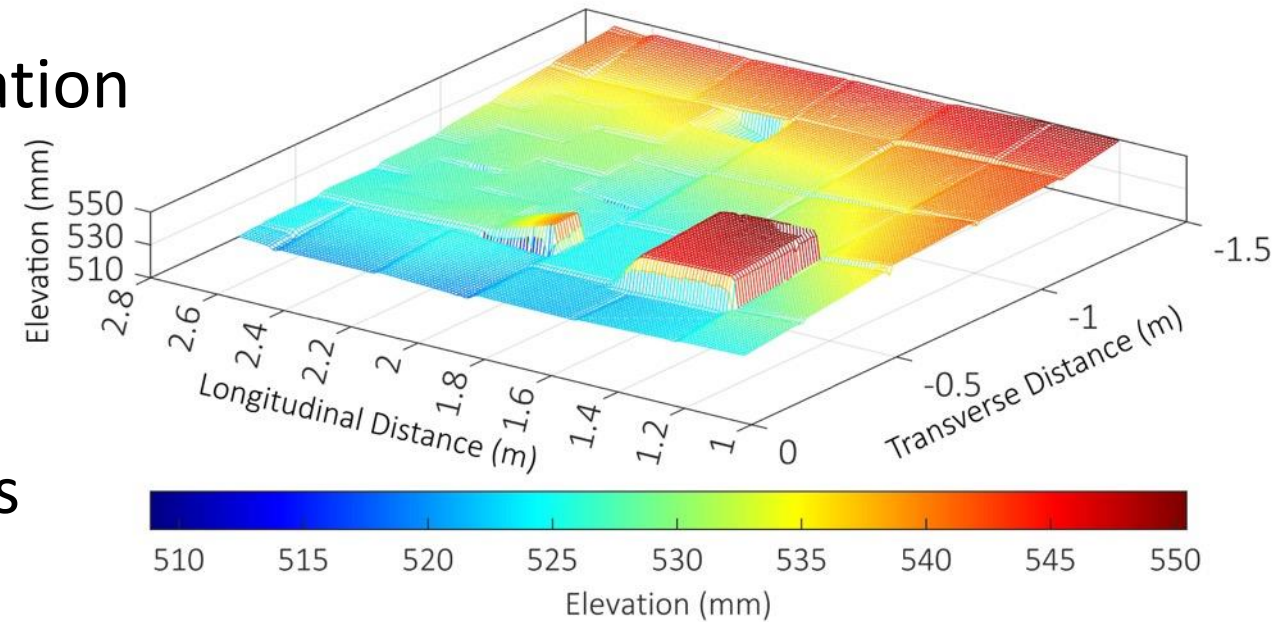
# Bacground

## ■ Features of 3D-dased surface evaluation

- include much information
- detect localized irregularities

△ identity the information required

△ associate physical surface properties



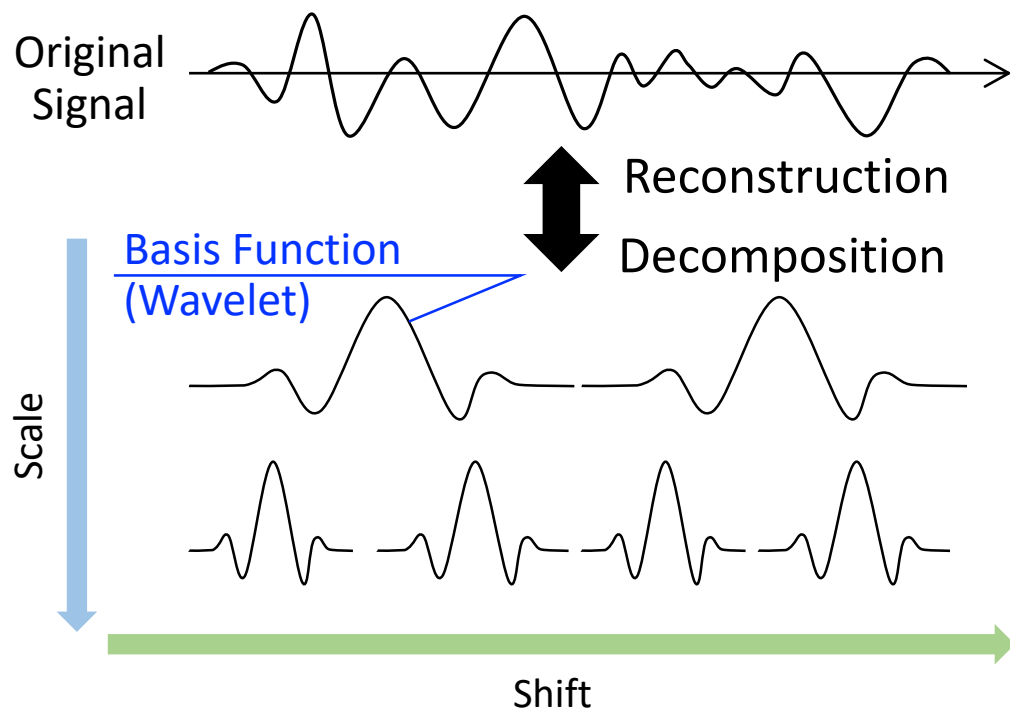
Mathematical analysis of 3D point clouds based on

**Dual-Tree Complex Wavelet Transform (DTCWT)**

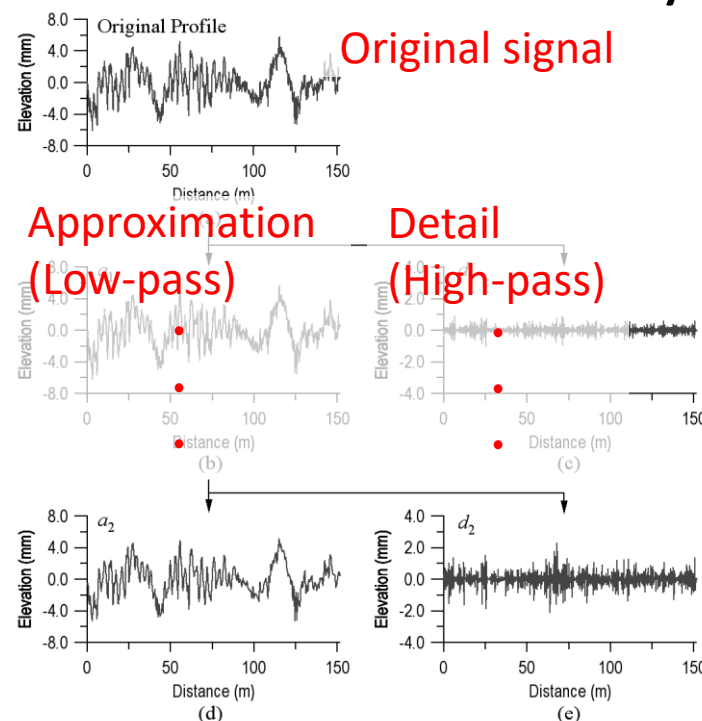
- **Effective and efficient** data processing for 3D measurements (**nonlinear**)
- **Diagnostic** identification of wavelength, location, and direction (**functional**)
- **Clear and theoretical** evidence for the analysis (**theoretical**)

# Theory of DTCWT Analysis

## ■ Idea of “Wavelet”

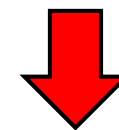


## ■ Multiresolution Analysis

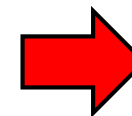


Application to 3D Data  
(image/finger print)

- ✓ Denoising
- ✓ Data Compression
- ✓ Feature detection



- ✓ Analyze non-stationary wave by correlating with a **small localized wave (wavelet)**
- ✓ Implement spatial-spatial frequency analysis



Potential application  
to 3D point cloud  
analysis

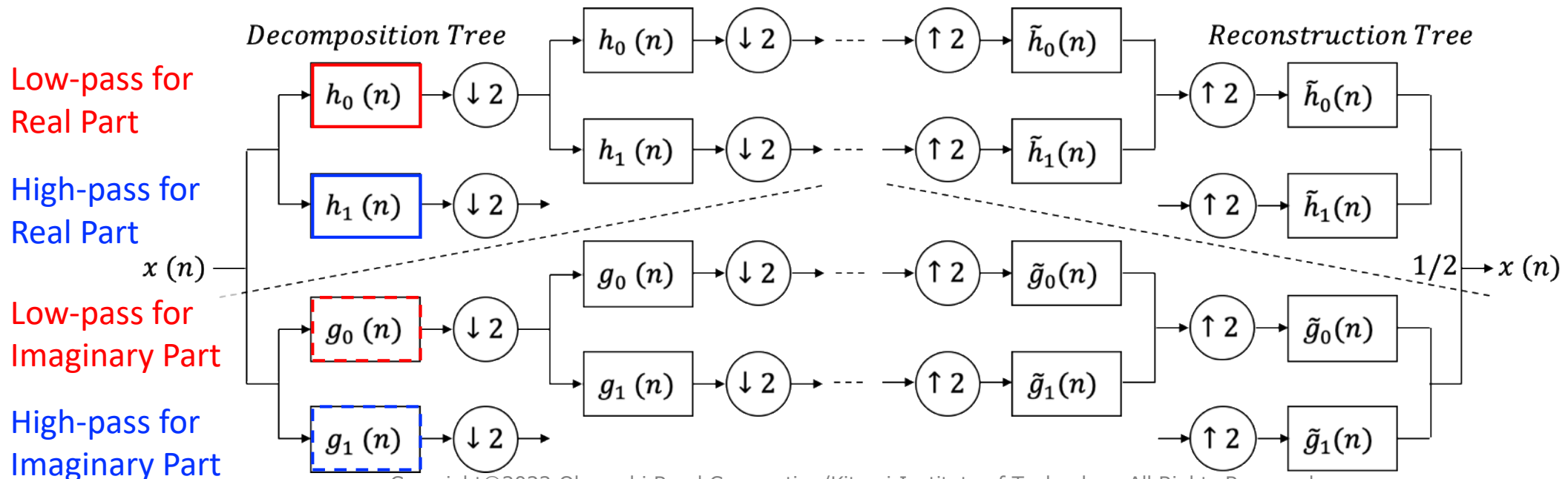


# Theory of DTCWT Analysis

## ■ Decomposition and Reconstruction Tree

- ✓ Introduce complex numbers for the scaling function as same as Fourier Transform
- ✓ Realize approximately **shift invariant analysis** by a pair of decomposition trees

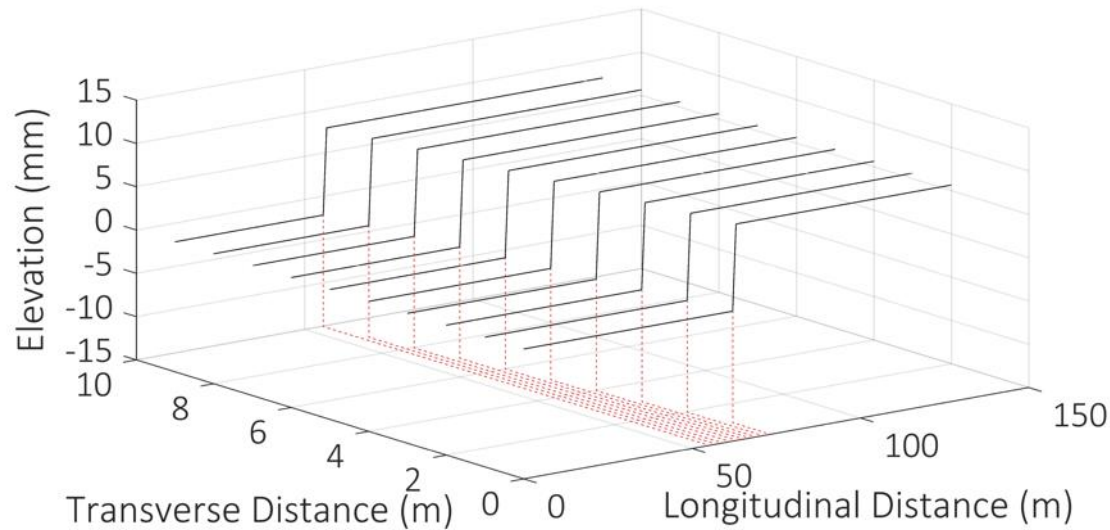
Wavelet function:  $\psi_c(t) = \psi_r(t) + \mathbf{i}\psi_i(t)$  ( $\mathbf{i}$ : imaginary unit)  
 Scaling function:  $\varphi_c(t) = \varphi_r(t) + \mathbf{i}\varphi_i(t)$



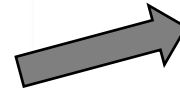
# Theory of DTCWT Analysis

## ■ Approximately Shift Invariant Transform

Step locations offset longitudinally  
at an interval of 2 m



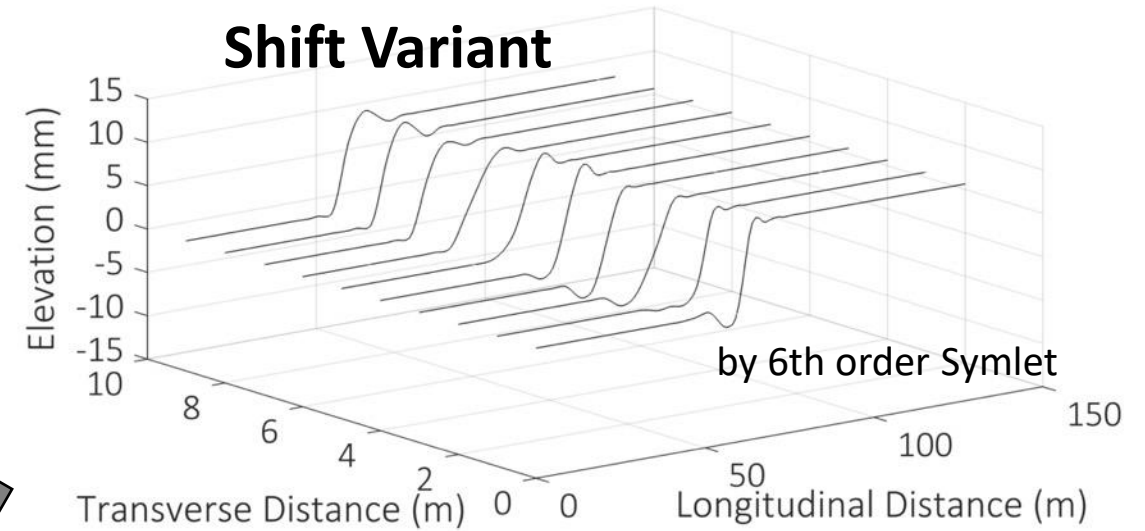
DWT



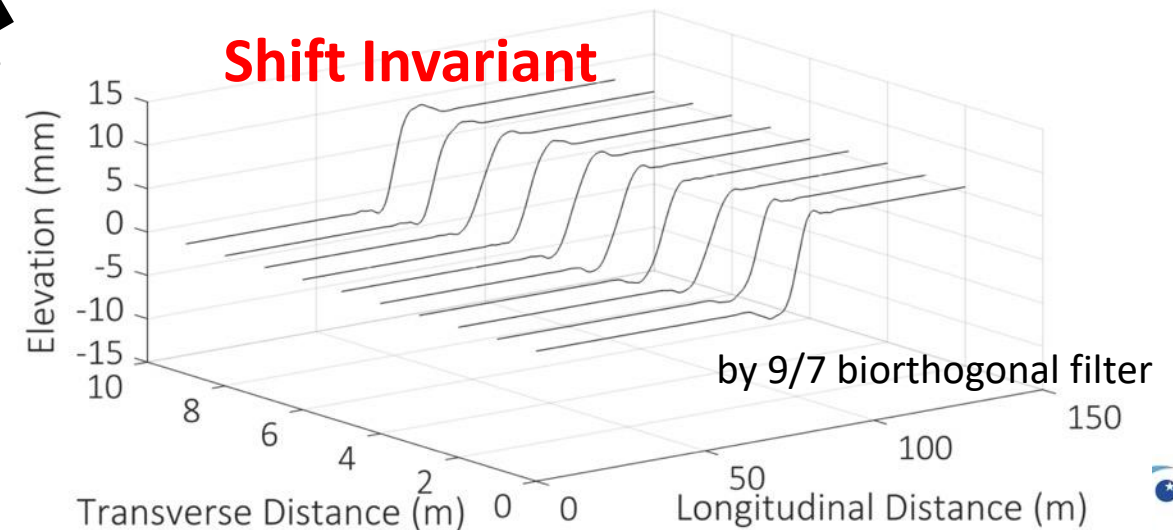
DTCWT



**Shift Variant**



**Shift Invariant**



# Theory of DTCWT Analysis ■ Decomposition Level and Directionality

## Diagnostic Points

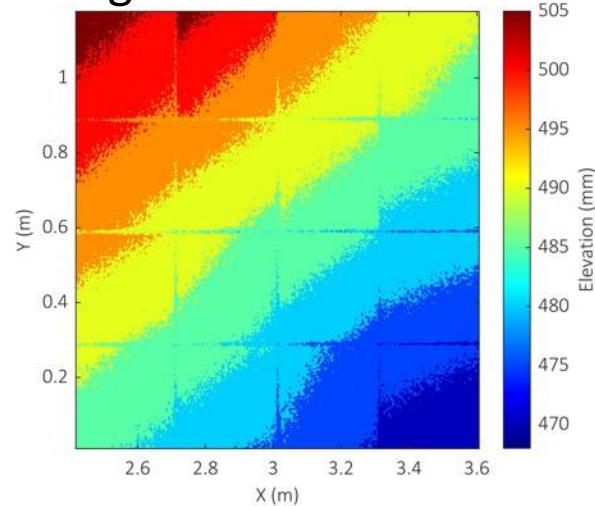
- Level 4  
-> Edge fault
- Level 5 to 6  
-> Joint fault
- Level 7 to 9  
-> Unevenness

Integration of  
Level 4 and  
Level 7 to 9

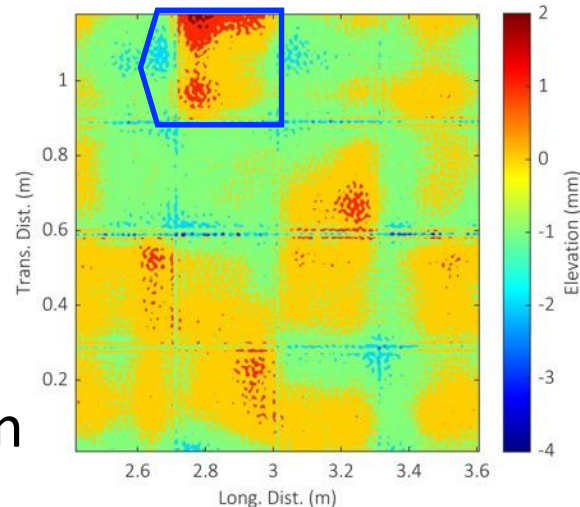


Functional Evaluation

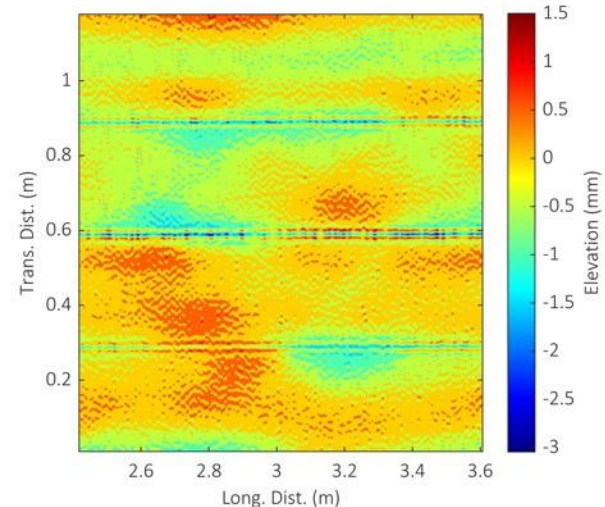
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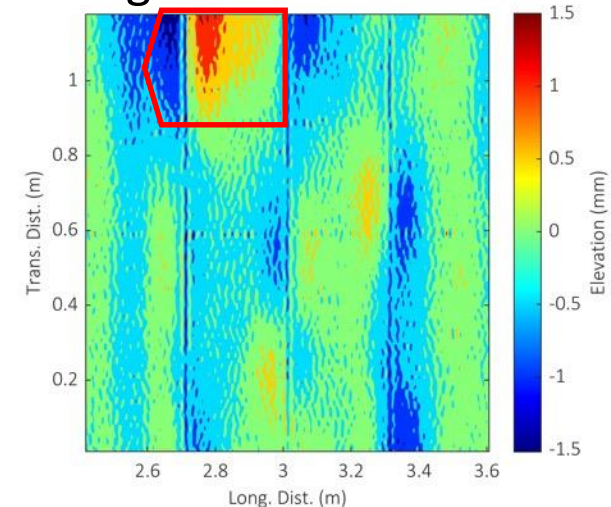
Omnidirectional



Transverse direction



Longitudinal direction



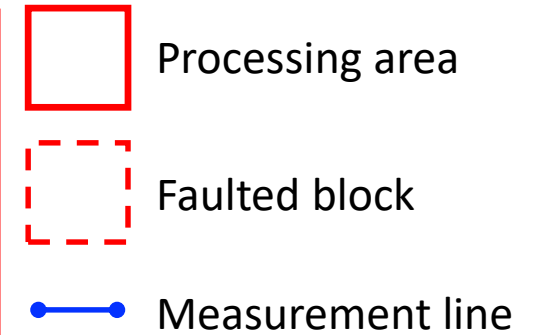
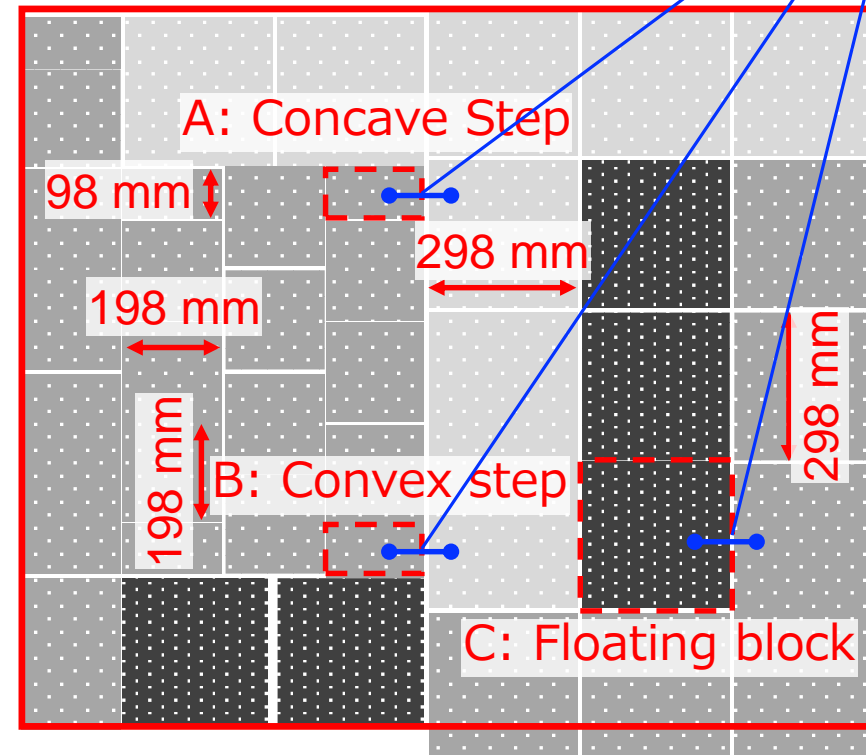
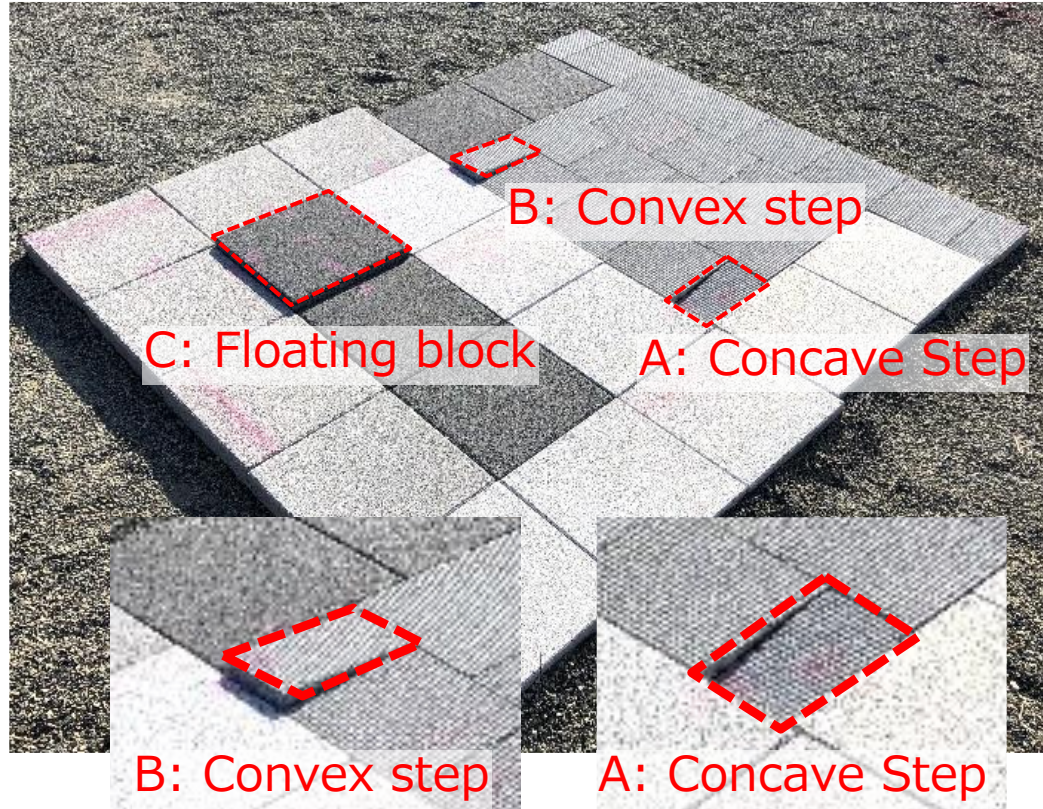


# Validation in a Yard

## ■ Object for the Experiment

- Precast block pavement used in pedestrian zone
- Block height intentionally changing at the location A to C

Assumed displacement : 5/10/20 mm



Measured from 4 m away  
(Instrument height: 1.2 m)



# Validation in a Yard

## ■ Employed Devices

- 3D Laser Scanner (TLS)
- Calipers (Resolution of 0.05 mm)
- Rod & Level (Resolution of 0.1 mm)

- Scan Density:  
3 mm @ 10 m
- Coordinate Accuracy:  
1.9 mm @ 10m
- Num of Scan Points:  
600K points



TLS (LeicaRTC360)



Step Measurement by Calipers



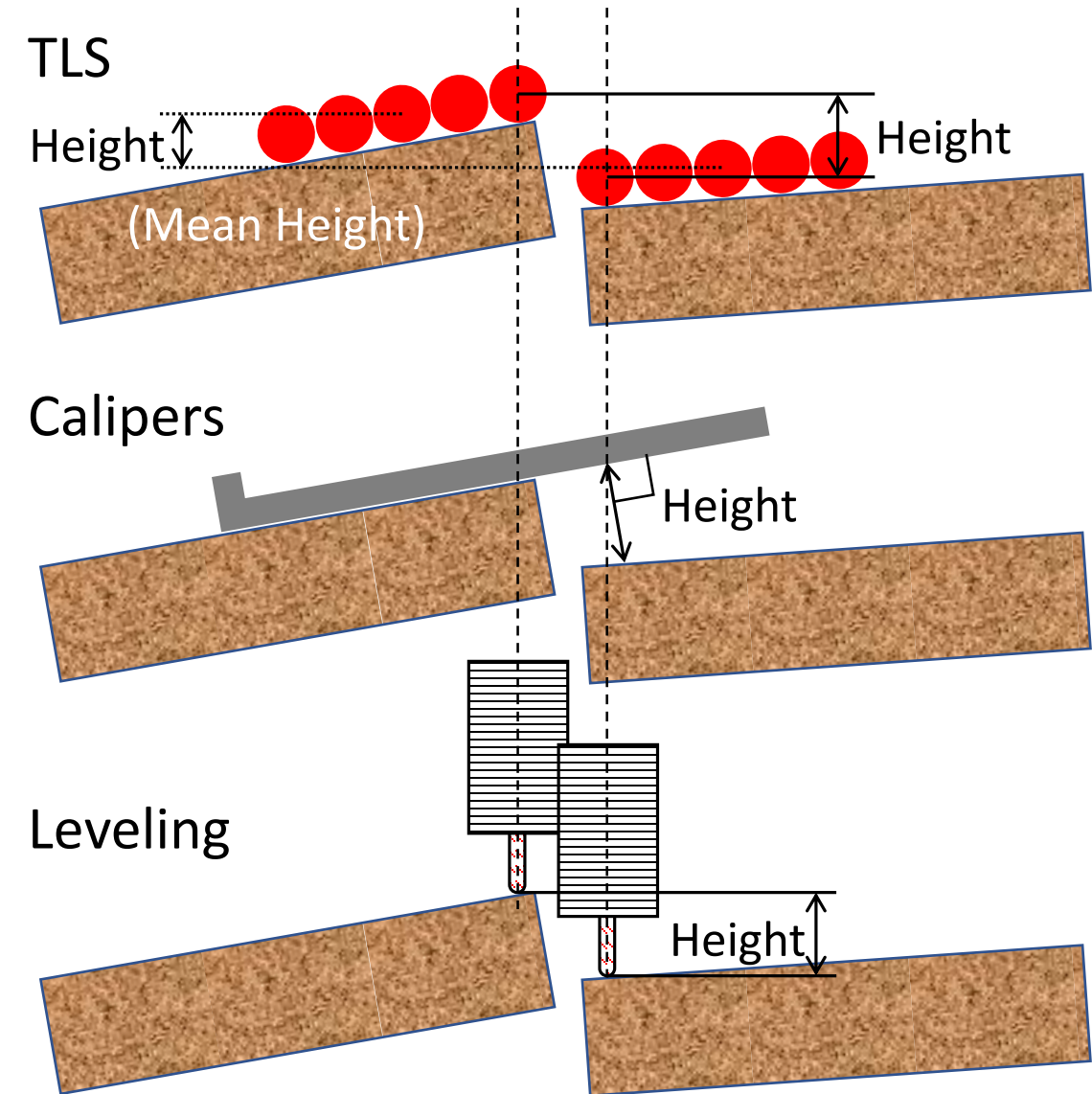
Leveling Survey

# Validation in a Yard

■ Accuracy: **less than 1 mm in average**

Measurement Results of Step Height

Position	Step Height (mm)			
	Nominal	TLS	Calipers	Leveling
A: Concave Step	5	6.00	5.90	6.1
	10	12.00	12.00	12.7
	20	20.00	20.40	20.2
B: Convex step	5	6.00	6.10	5.8
	10	13.00	12.90	12.2
	20	17.00	18.30	16.5
C: Floating block	5	3.00	3.50	2.7
	10	9.00	9.15	8.7
	20	19.00	19.10	18.8



Difference of Height Measurement

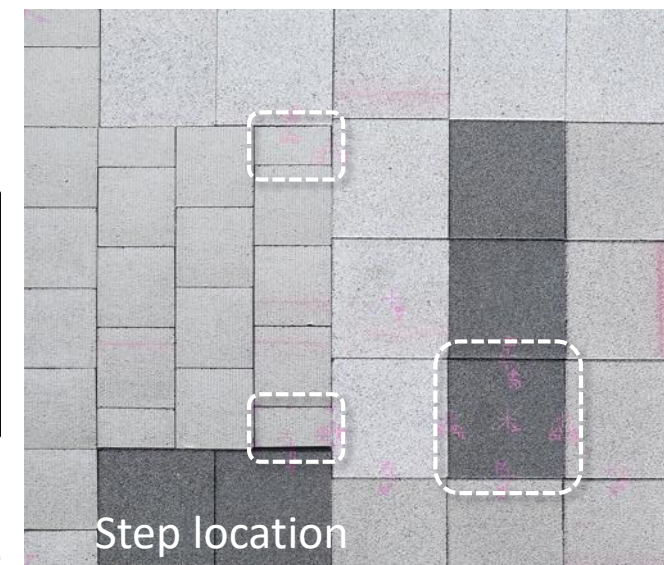


# Validation Result

## ■ Pre-processing

- Convert to local coordinate
- Up/down sampling  
(constant interval of 0.01 m)

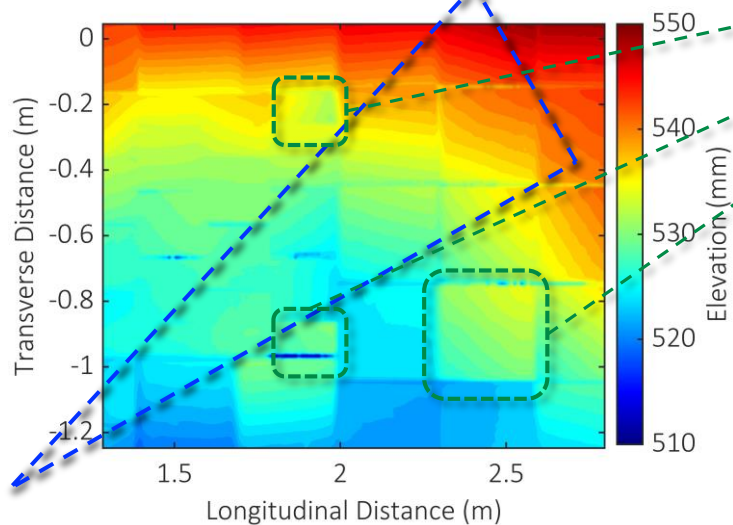
- Long wavelength -> High amp.
  - Short wavelength -> Small amp.
- => Detecting wanted information



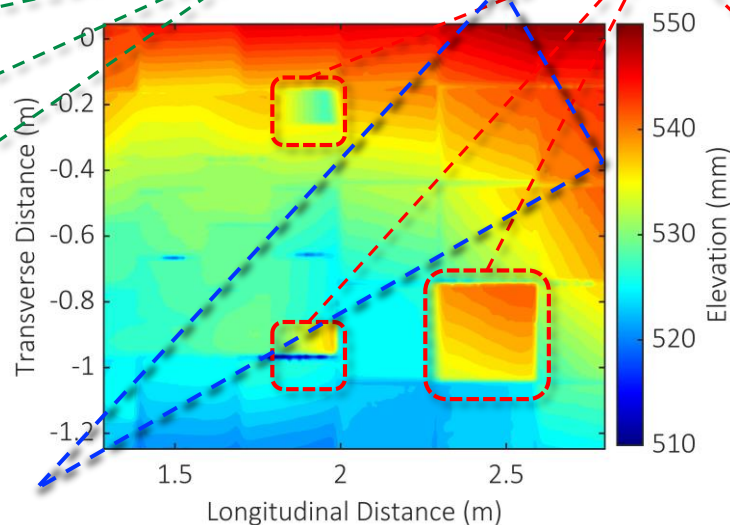
Design grade (long wave)

Unknown

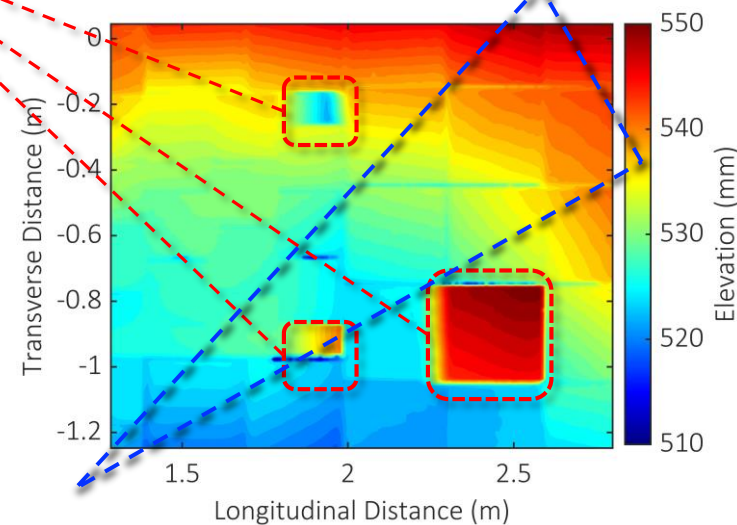
Detected steps



Step height: 5 mm



Step height: 10 mm

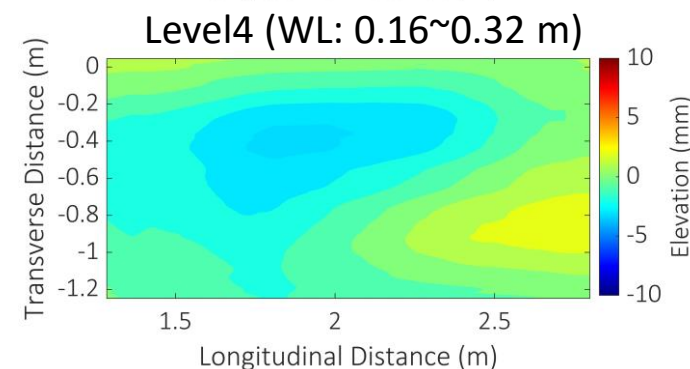
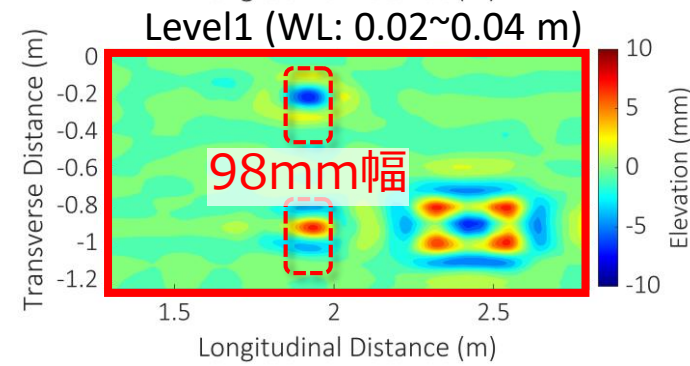
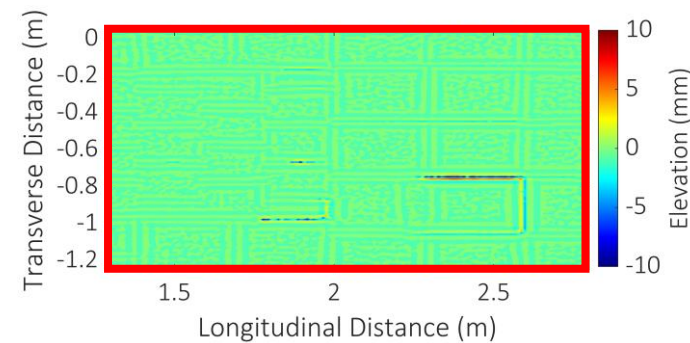
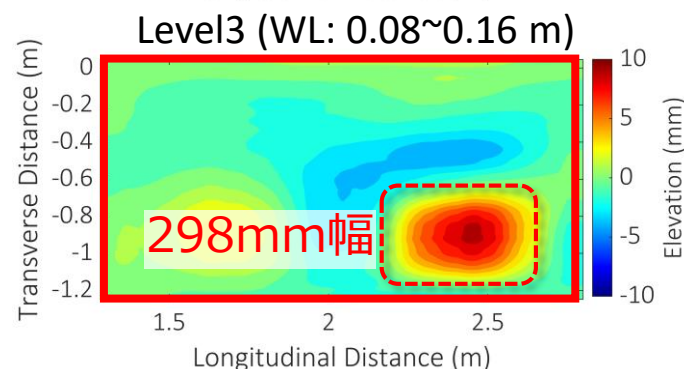
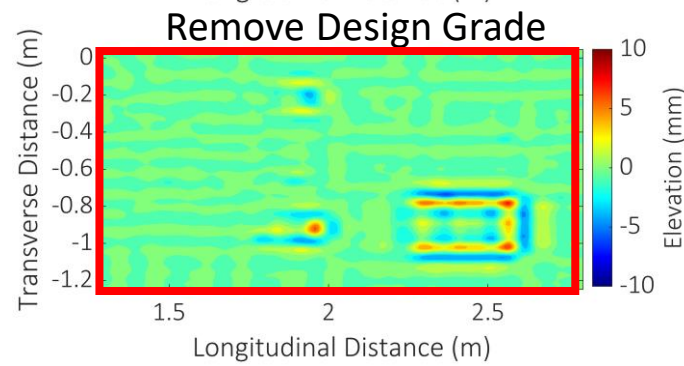
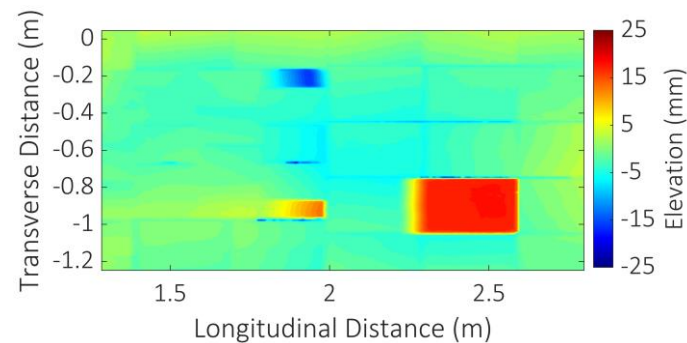
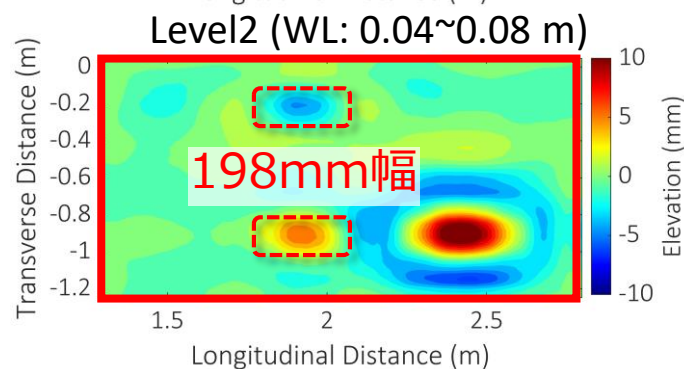
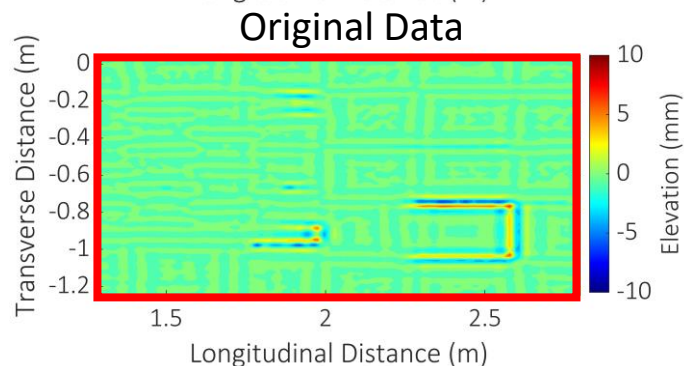
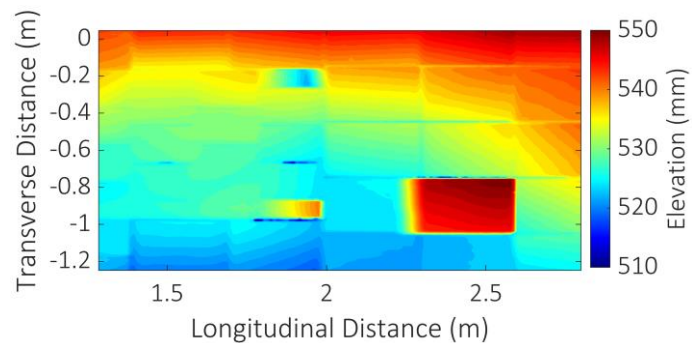


Step height: 20 mm



# Validation Result

## ■ Multiresolution Analysis (Height 20 mm)

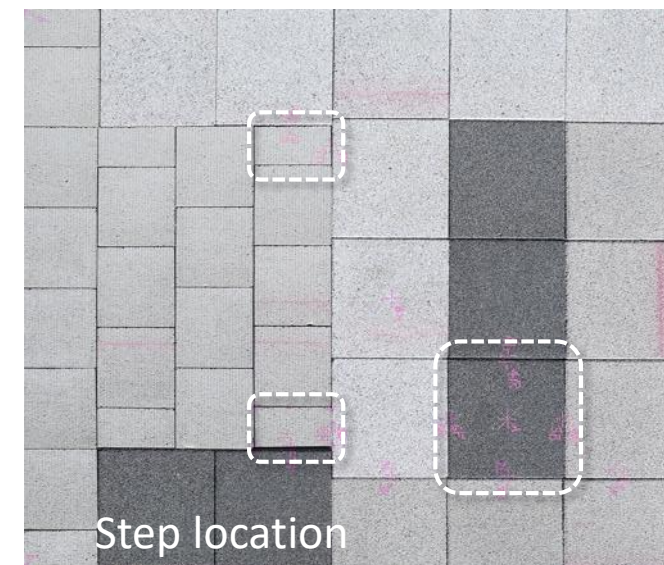


# Validation Result

## ■ Theoretical Step Identification

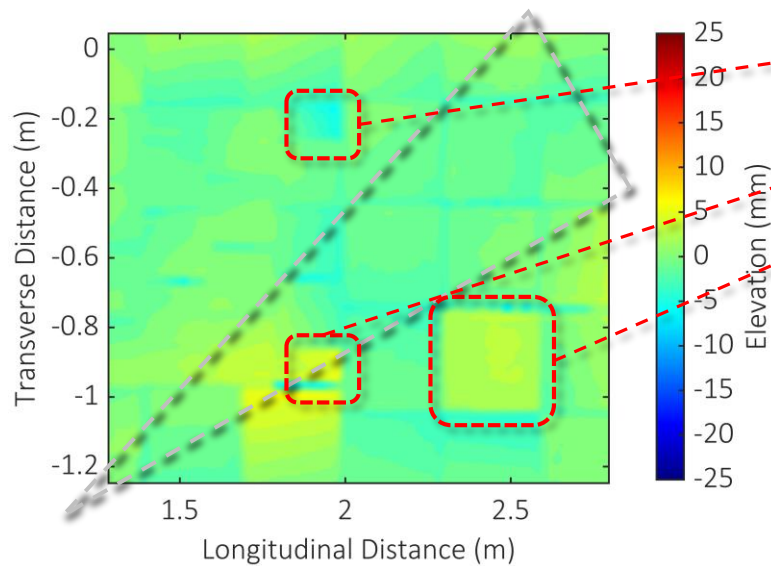
- Remove design grade
- Reconstruct Lev. 1~6

Theoretical Detection  
and Visualization

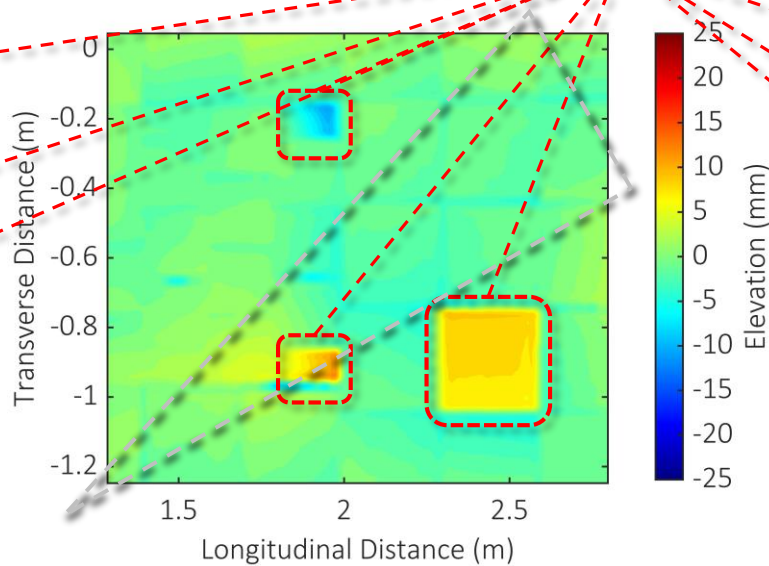


Design grade (long wave)

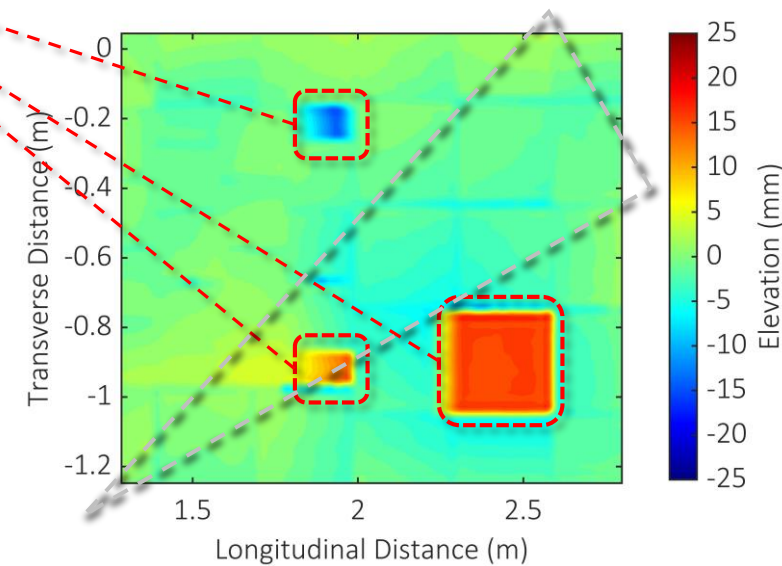
Detected steps



Step height: 5 mm



Step height: 10 mm



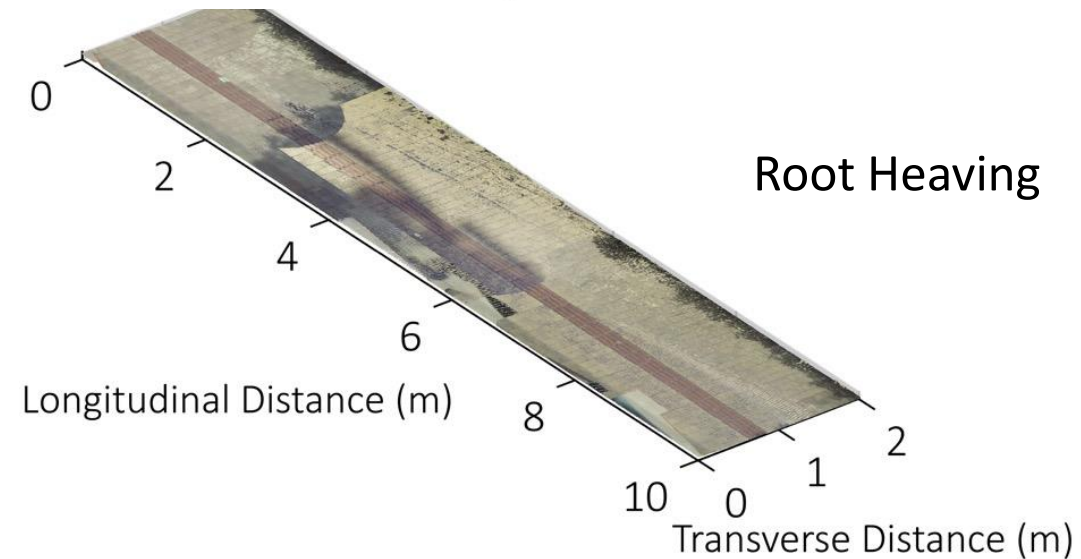
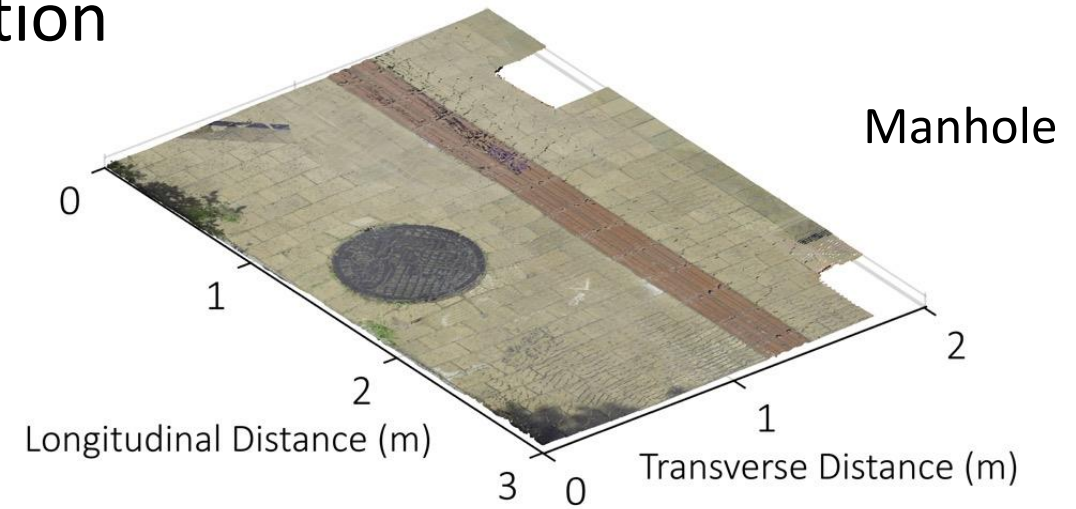
Step height: 20 mm



# Case Study at In-service Walkway

## ■ Manhole and root heaving identification

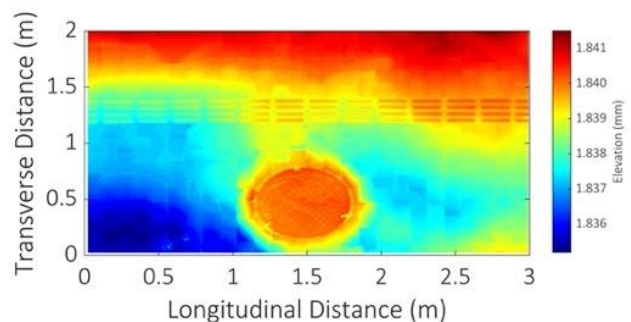
- In-service pedestrian zone
- Measured by mobility-mounted TLS



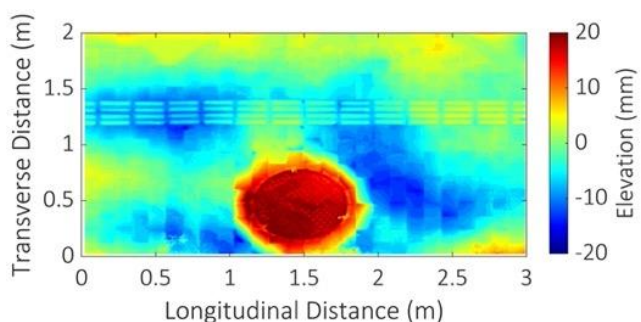


# Result of Case Study

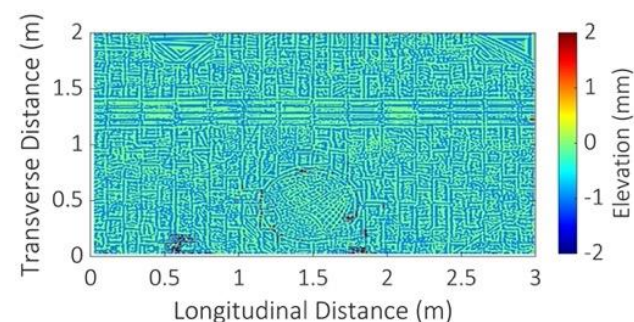
## ■ MRA of Manhole Measurement



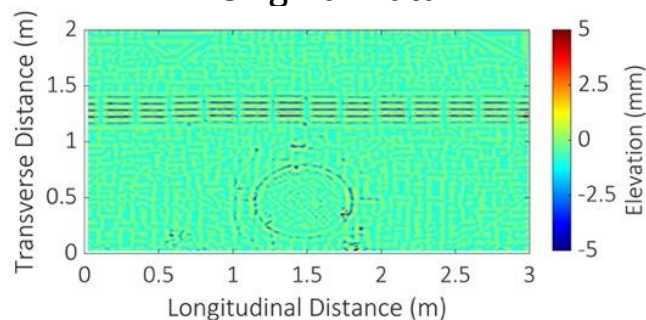
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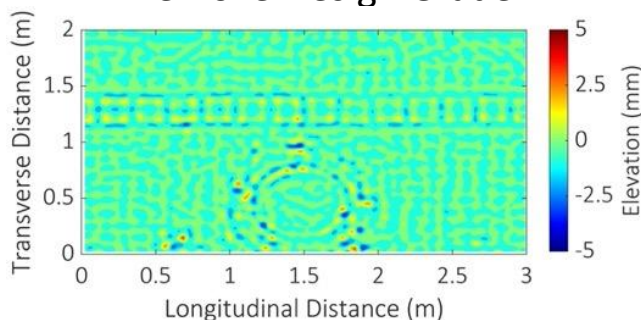
Remove Design Grade



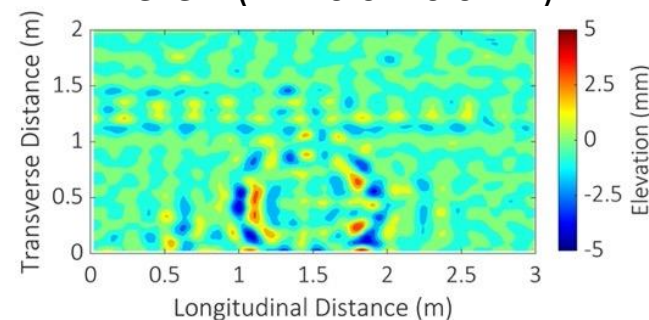
Level1 (WL: 0.02~0.04 m)



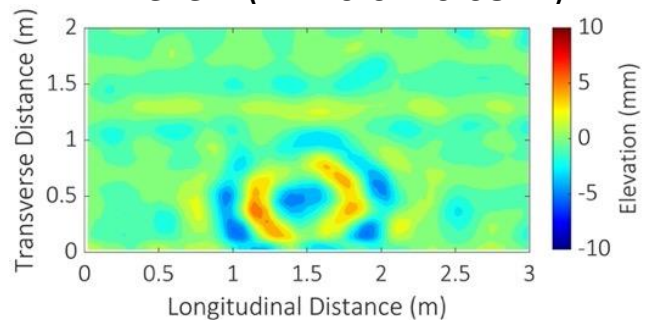
Level2 (WL: 0.04~0.08 m)



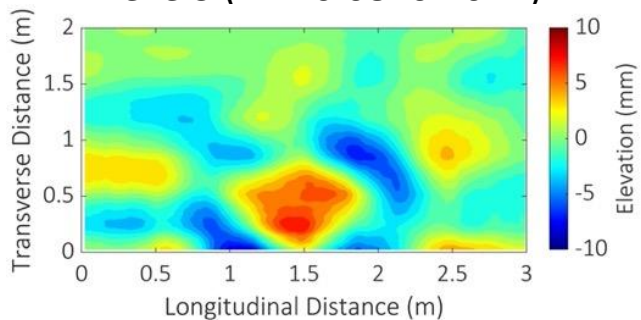
Level3 (WL: 0.08~0.16 m)



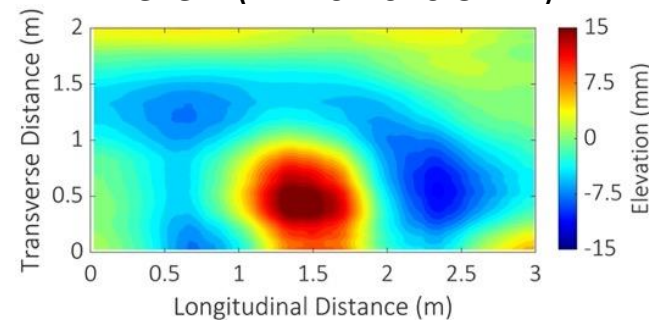
Level4 (WL: 0.16~0.32 m)



Level5 (WL: 0.32~0.64 m)



Level6 (WL: 0.64~1.28m)

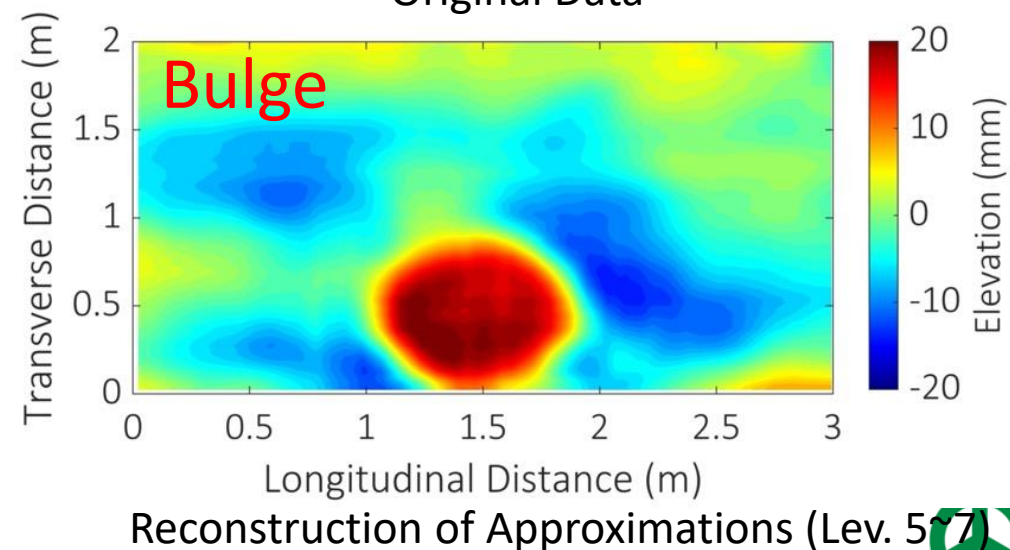
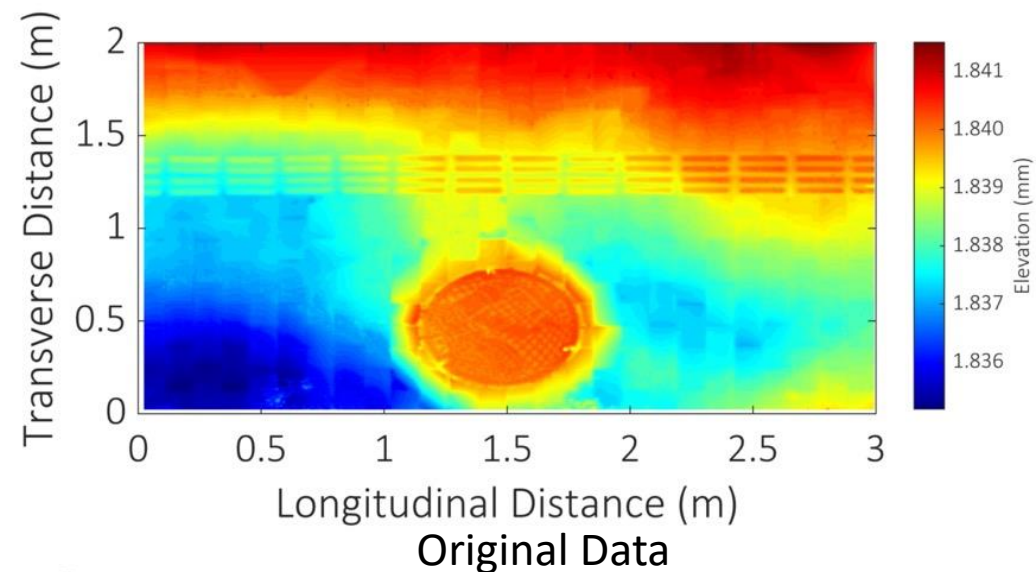
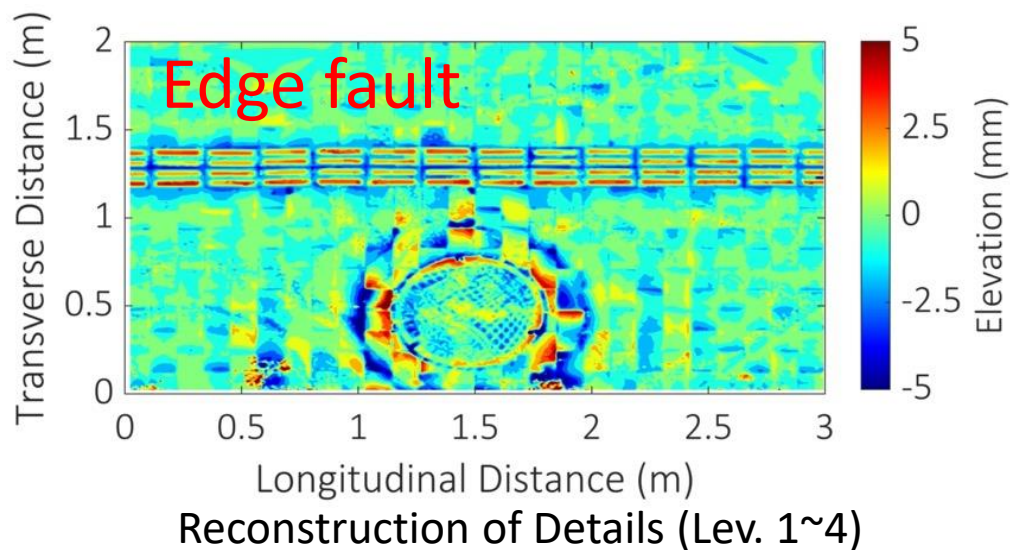
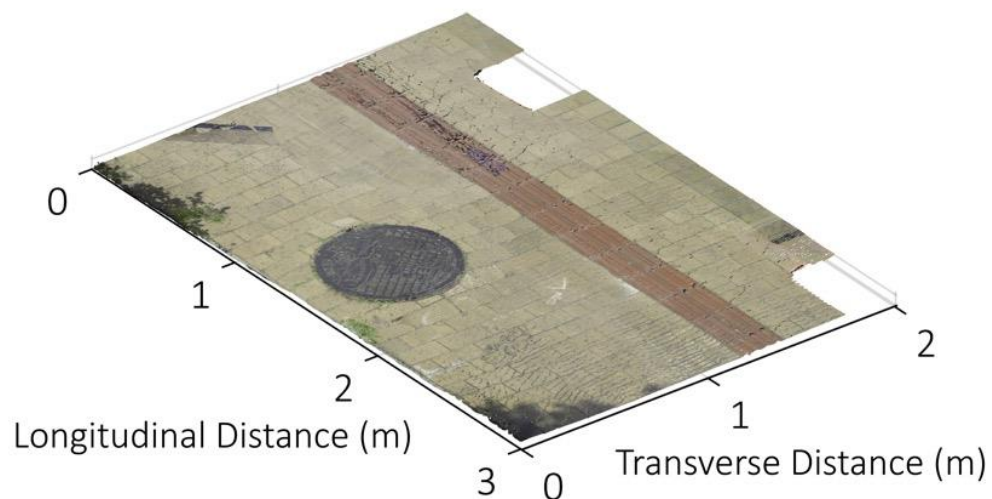


Level7 (WL: 1.28~2.56m)



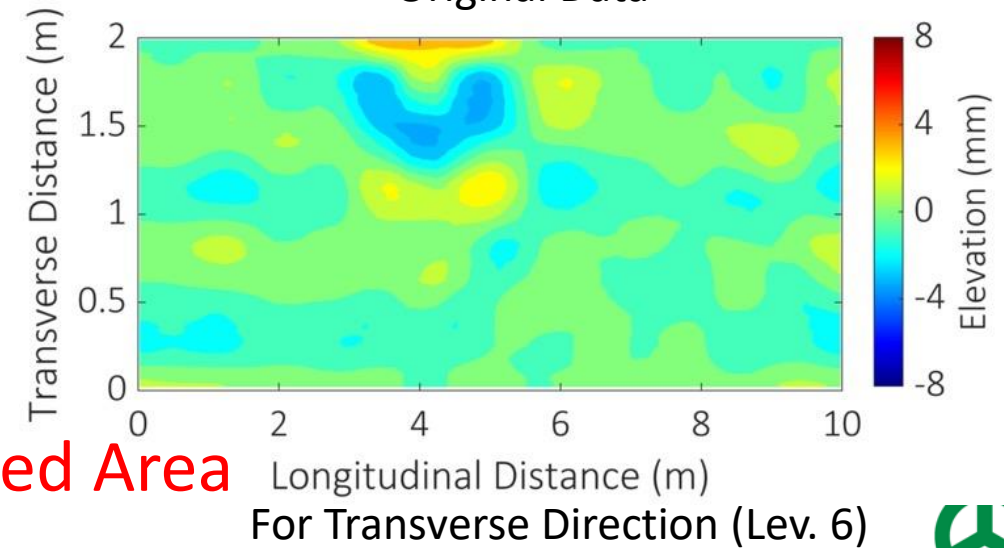
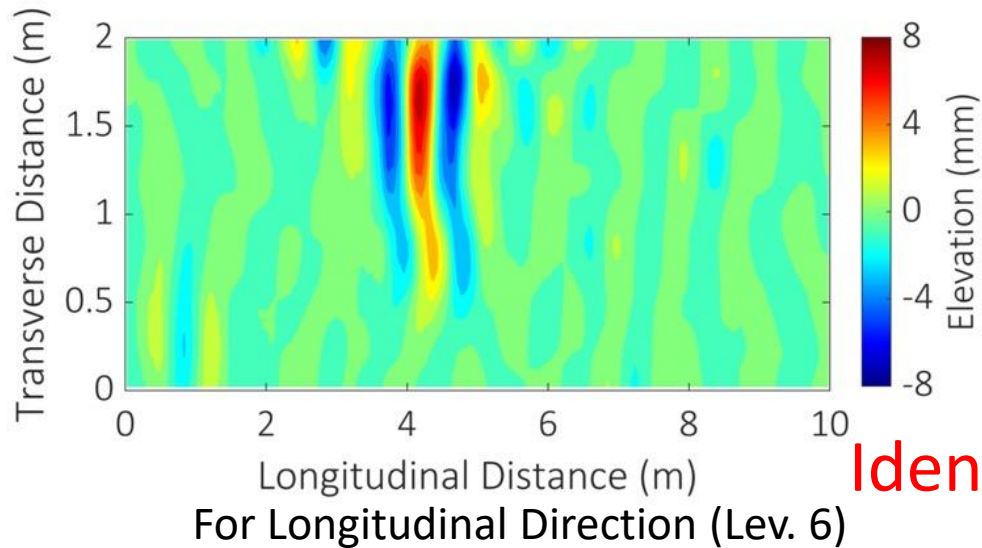
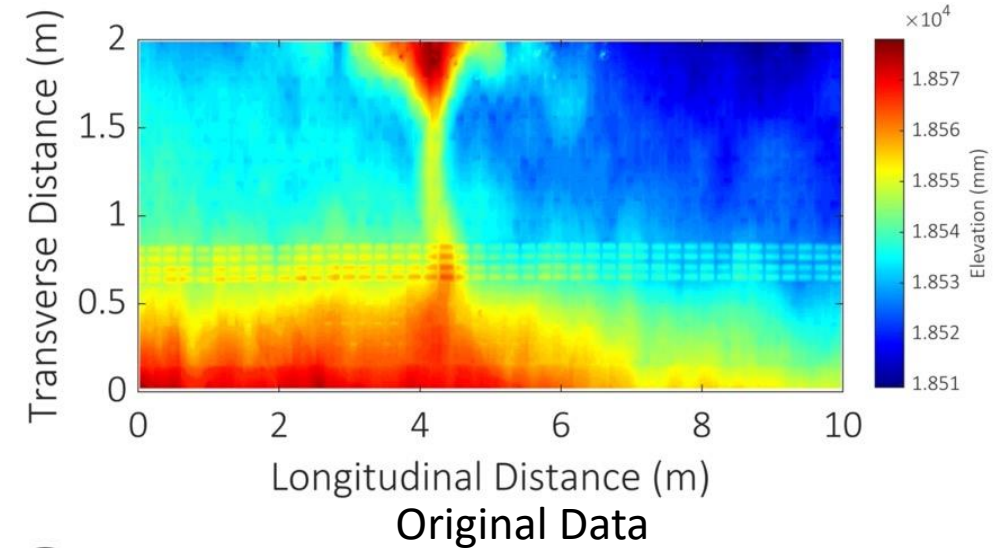
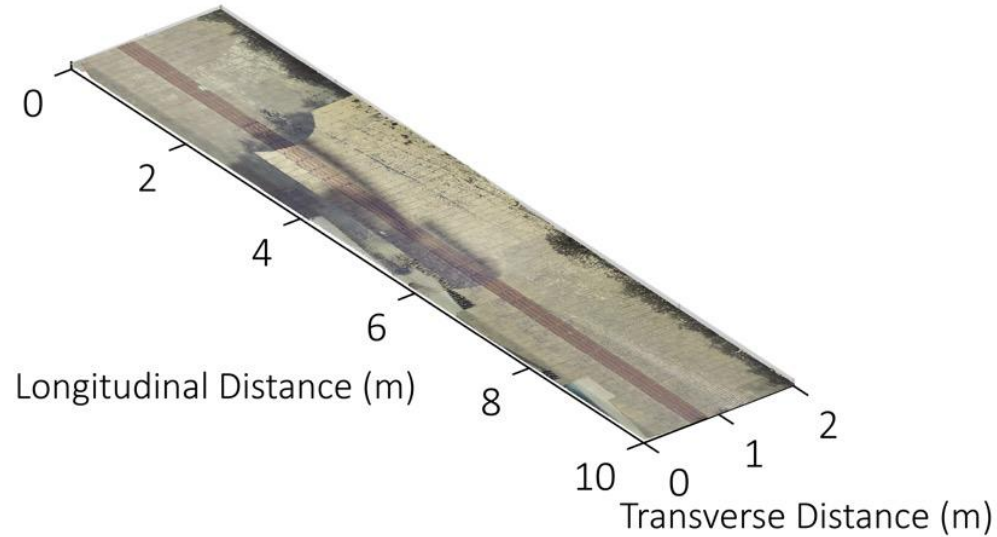
# Result of Case Study

## ■ MRA of Manhole Measurement



# Result of Case Study

## ■ Directional MRA for Root Heaving





# Summary

**Safe and comfortable zone  
for pedestrian and mobility users**

Fast/Long  
Moving Speed/Distance  
Slow/Short



Myoelectric Potential



Pedestrian



Four wheel mobility

Wheelchair



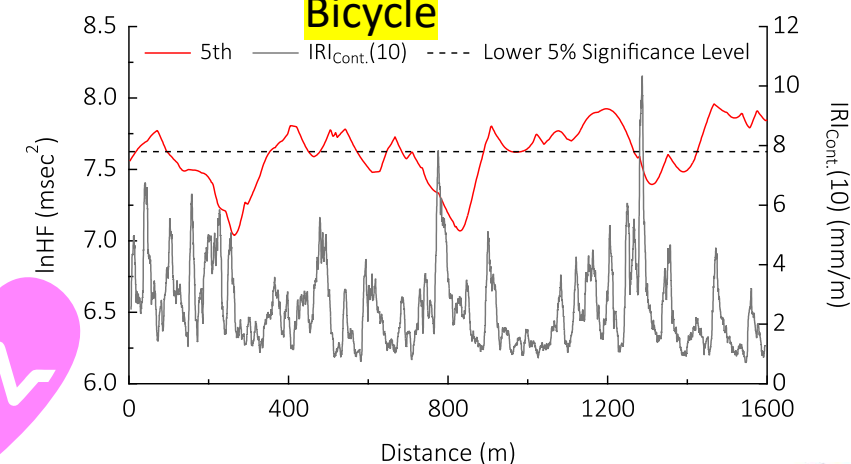
Physiological Info



Bicycle



E-scooter



Linear

Moving Direction

Non-Linear

# Summary

- High demand for the development of human-centered pedestrian zones
  - Improvement of safety and comfort for road users
  - Establishment of testing method and maintenance criteria dedicated to the surface of pedestrian zones
- **Zone-based evaluation by DTCWT** with 3D surface point clouds
  - Efficient processing and effective analysis of 3D data
  - Waveband-based theoretical detection and visualization of surface irregularities
- Challenges in the future
  - Development of a functional index based on viewpoints of safety and comfort for road users and state-of-the-art devices



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# Thank you for your kind attention!!

## Questions?

