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ProVAL: Upcoming Improved and New Features

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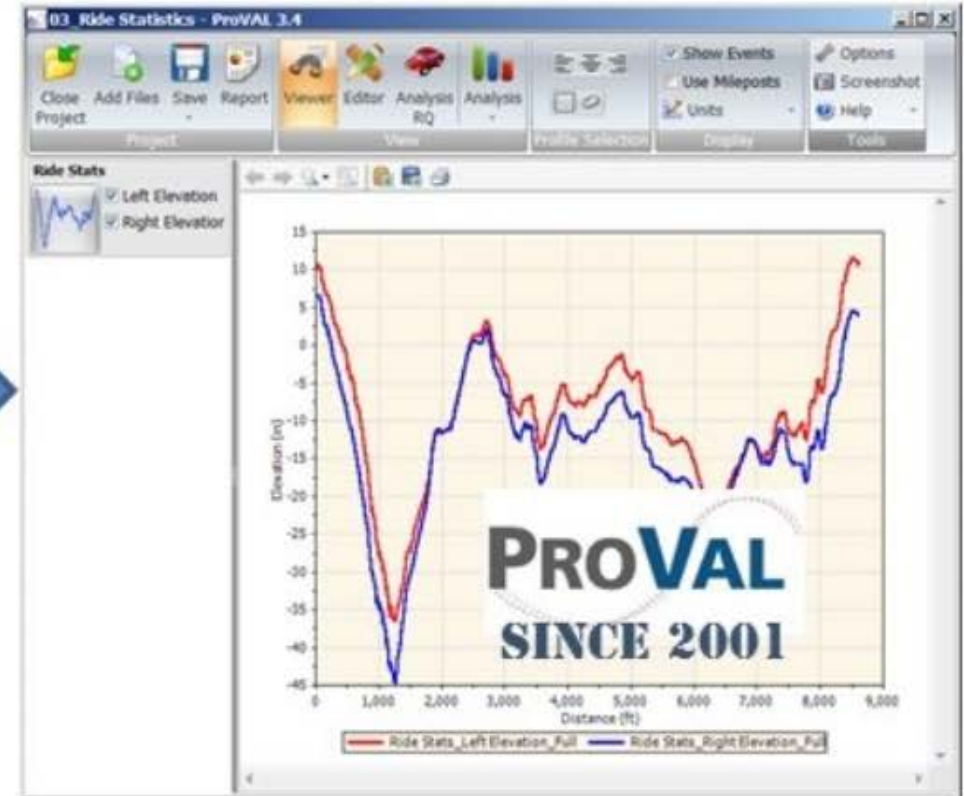
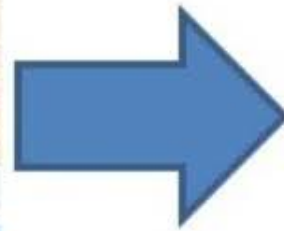
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One Standard Software



TPF-5(354) TPF ProVAL Support

- SDDOT Contract #614565
- 2017 – 2020

Task 1: TPF-5(354) Meeting

Task 2: ProVAL Software Maintenance

Task 3: ProVAL Website Maintenance

Task 4: ProVAL Support

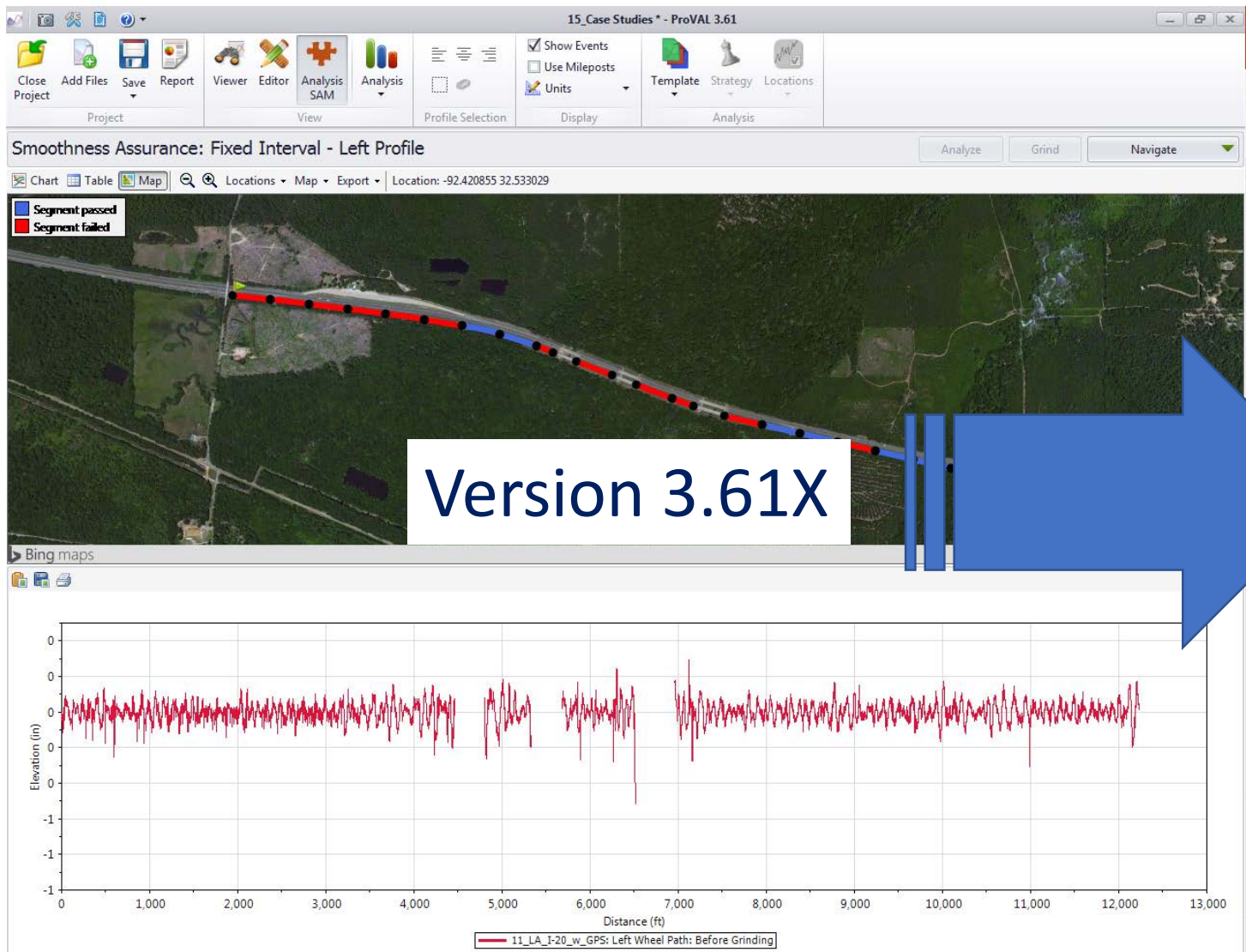
Task 5: ProVAL Training Workshops

Task 6: ProVAL Enhancements

Task 7: Update ProVAL Users Manual



ProVAL Enhancements



PROVAL



Version 4.0

TPF Survey (Feb. 13, 2020)

| # | Topic | Score |
|-----|---|-------|
| 7 ✓ | Profile Measurement Screening Tool | 4.28 |
| 10 | Enhanced Cross Correlation | 3.84 |
| 1 ✓ | Smoothness Assurance Module Enhancements | 3.82 |
| 2 ✓ | Optimization of Grinding Simulation | 3.5 |
| 5 ✓ | Bing Maps for Improved Route Creation | 3.44 |
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| 6 ✓ | GPS Verification and Tampering Prevention | 3.22 |
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| 4 ✓ | Miscellaneous ProVAL Enhancements | 3.11 |
| 8 ✓ | Reporting Conveniences | 3.06 |

Final TPF Approved List (Feb. 13, 2020)

| No. | Titles |
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| 1 | Smoothness Assurance Enhancements |
| 2 | Optimization of Grinding Simulation |
| 3 | JCP Curl and Warp Module |
| 4 | Replace MapQuest with Bing Map |
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Close Add Files Save Report Viewer Editor Analysis SAM Analysis

Project View

Smoothness Assurance

Ride Quality

Ride Quality Index

| Analysis | Segment Length (ft) | Threshold (in/mi) | Histogram |
|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Short Continuous | 25 | 120 | Histogram |
| Long Continuous | 528 | 50 | Histogram |
| Fixed Interval | 528 | 50 | |

Comparison

Type

Straightedge Length (ft)

Filter [None](#)

Same Index for all analyses

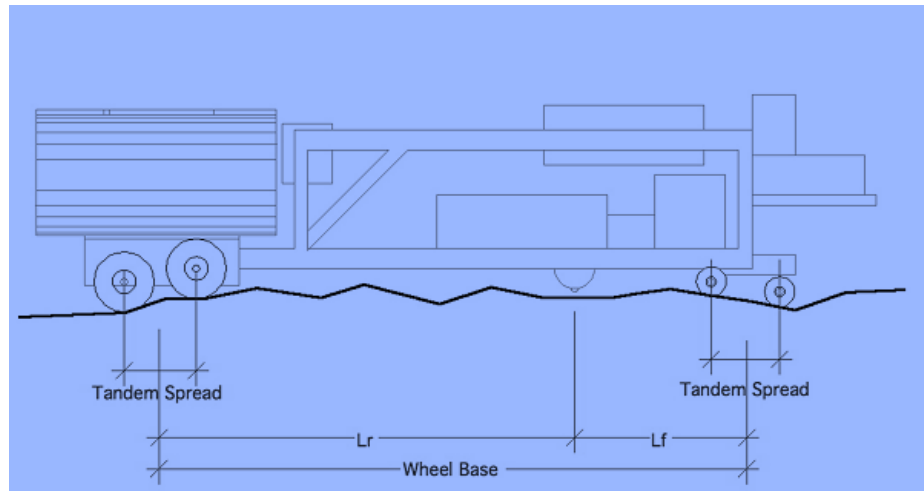


1 - Smoothness Assurance Module Enhancements

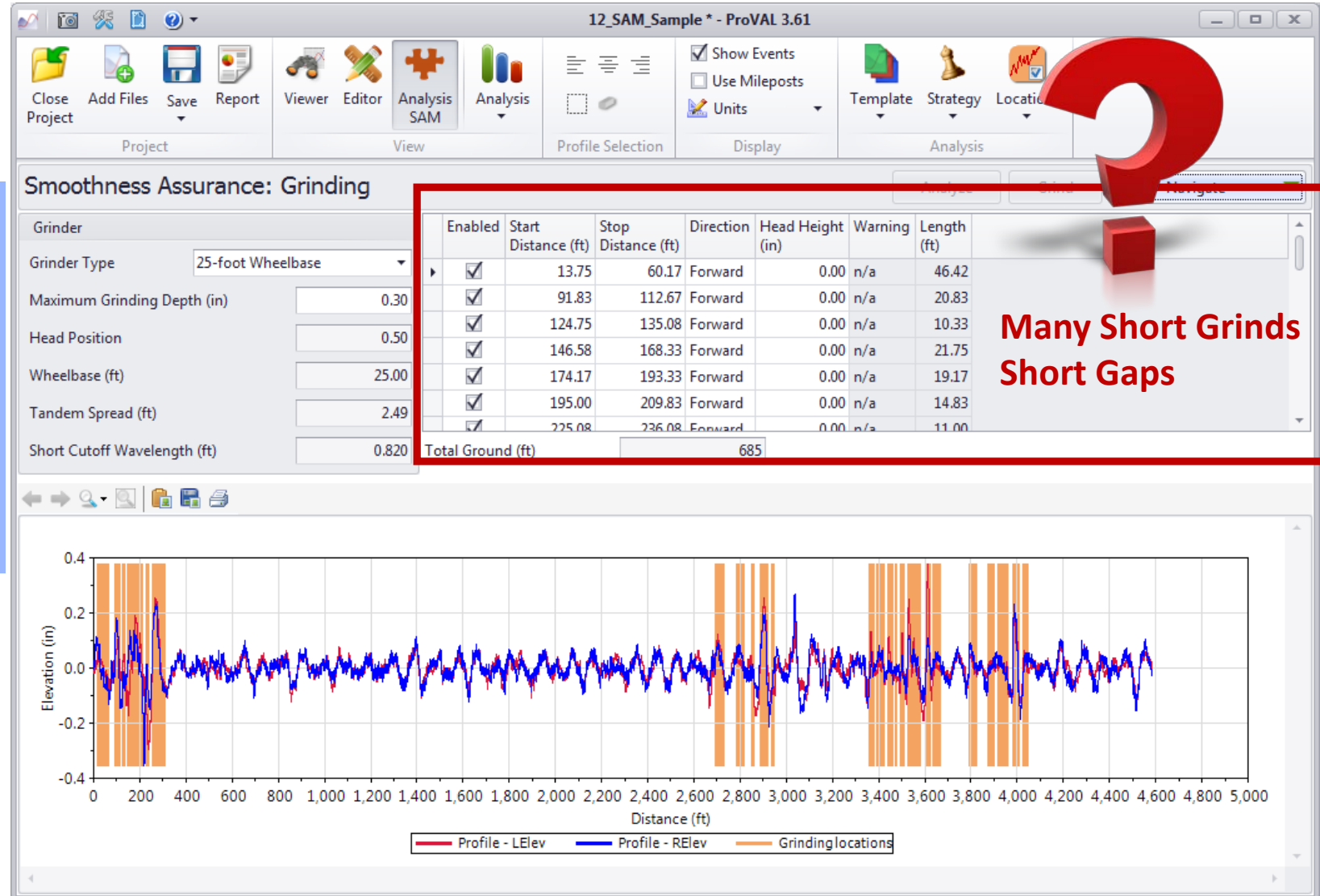
- Allow users to select **different ride indexes** for short continuous roughness analysis, long continuous roughness analysis, and fixed interval analysis as well as enable/disable the analyses.
- For example, a user may select **IRI** for short continuous roughness analysis, disable long continuous roughness analysis, and select **MRI** for the fixed interval analysis. The report will reflect these users' choices.

SAM - Grinding Simulation

Core Algorithm Since 2005



Mainly
Minimizing ALR
Only





2 - Optimization of Grinding Simulation 1/2

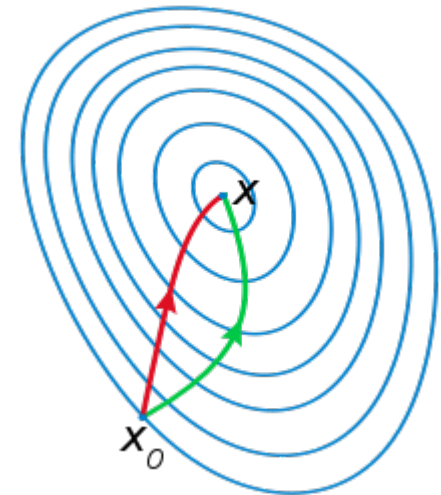
- Eliminate as many of the **short-interval defective segments** as possible, or
- Eliminate as many of the **long-interval (continuous report) defective lengths** as possible, or
- Get as many **fixed-interval lots** under a desired threshold as possible
- Consider the grinding locations for both **left and right** wheel tracks,





2 - Optimization of Grinding Simulation 2/2 (cont'd)

- Eliminate spurious ground areas that are too **short** (e.g., users provide minimum ground length of 3 ft),
- Combine ground locations where the gap is between is too short (e.g., users provide minimum **ground gap** of 5 ft),
- Add and delete ground locations,
- Sort and select ground locations based on **grinding depths**,
- Save **customized** grinder setup.



12_SAM_Sample * - ProVAL 3.61

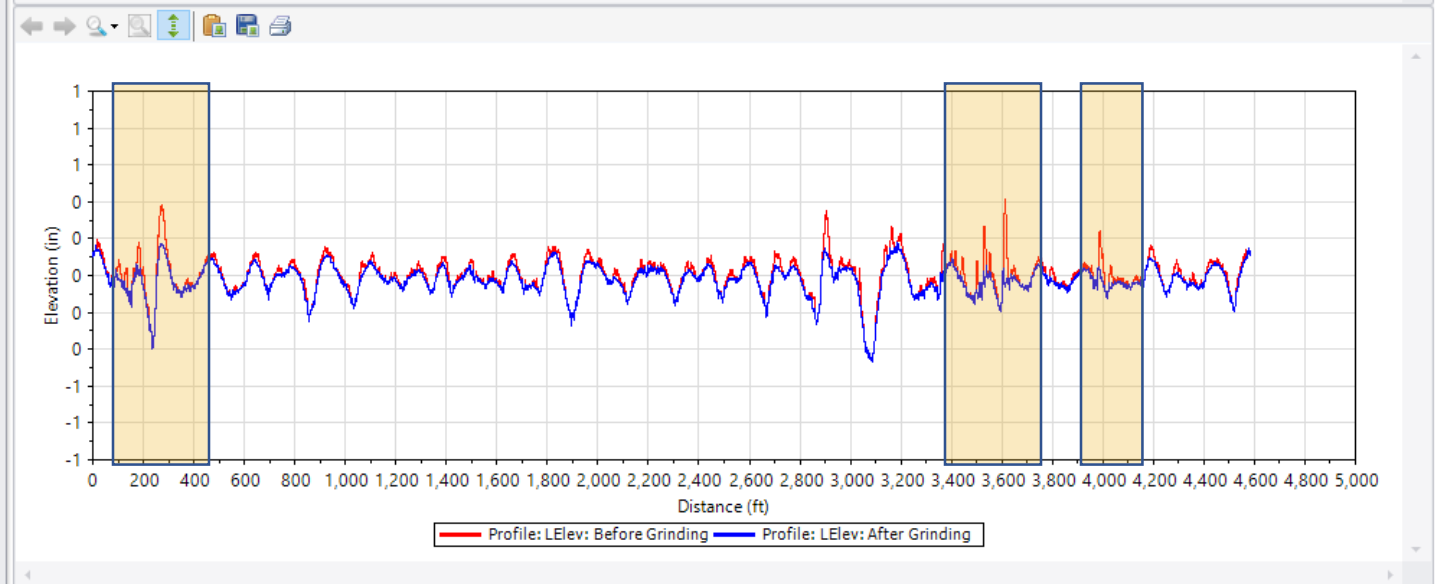
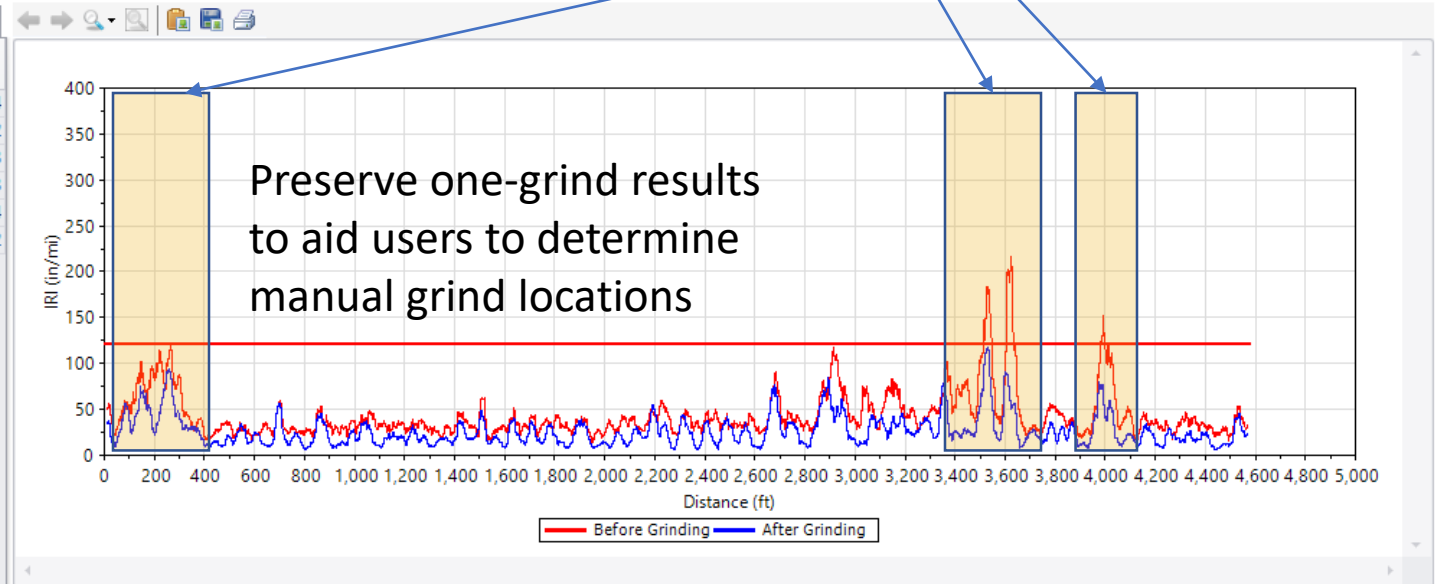
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Project | View | Profile Selection | Display | Analysis | Manual grind

Smoothness Assurance: Short Continuous - Left Profile

Analyze | Grind | Navigate

| Before Grinding | | After Grinding |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Start Distance (ft) | Stop Distance (ft) | IRI (in/mi) |
| 263.67 | 266.00 | 122.94 |
| 3,512.50 | 3,546.33 | 183.32 |
| 3,603.50 | 3,635.08 | 216.33 |
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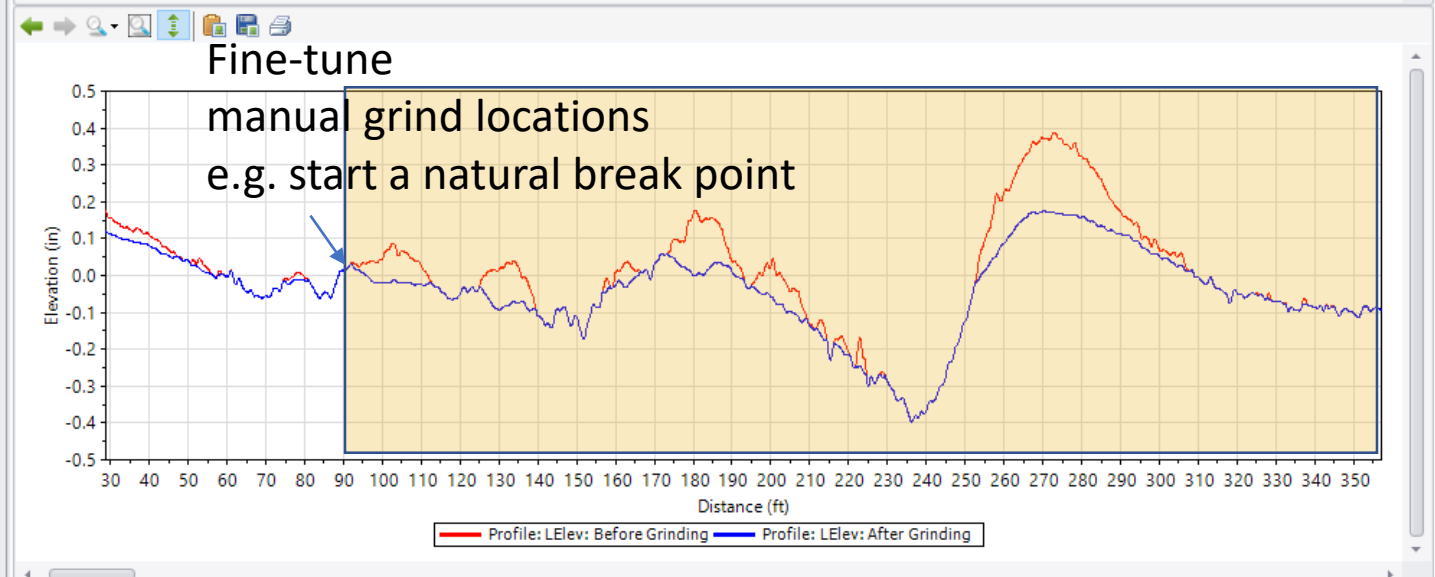
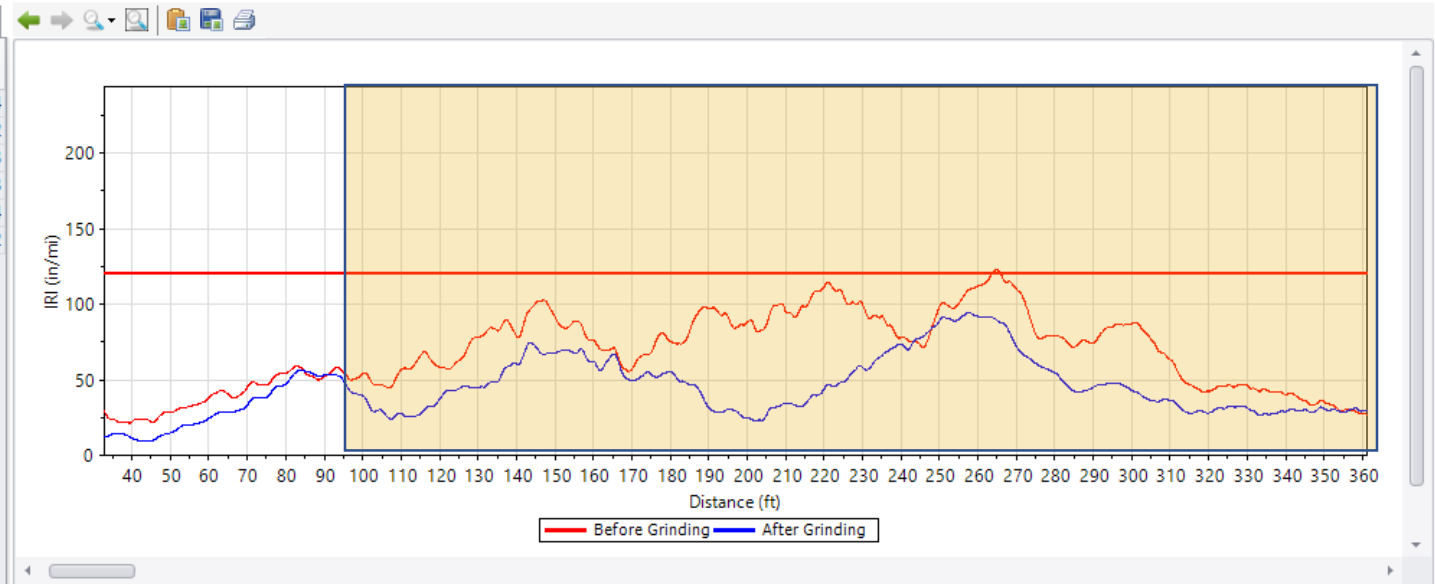
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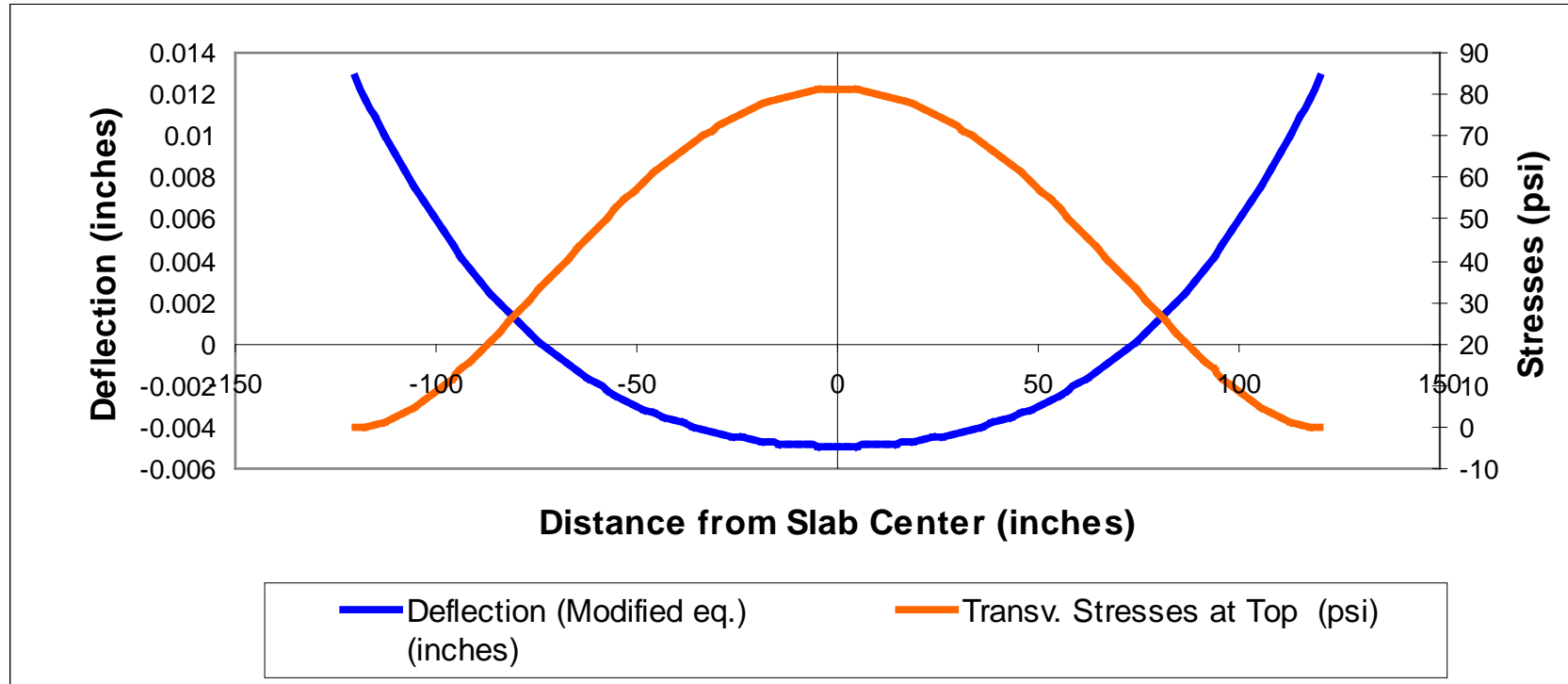
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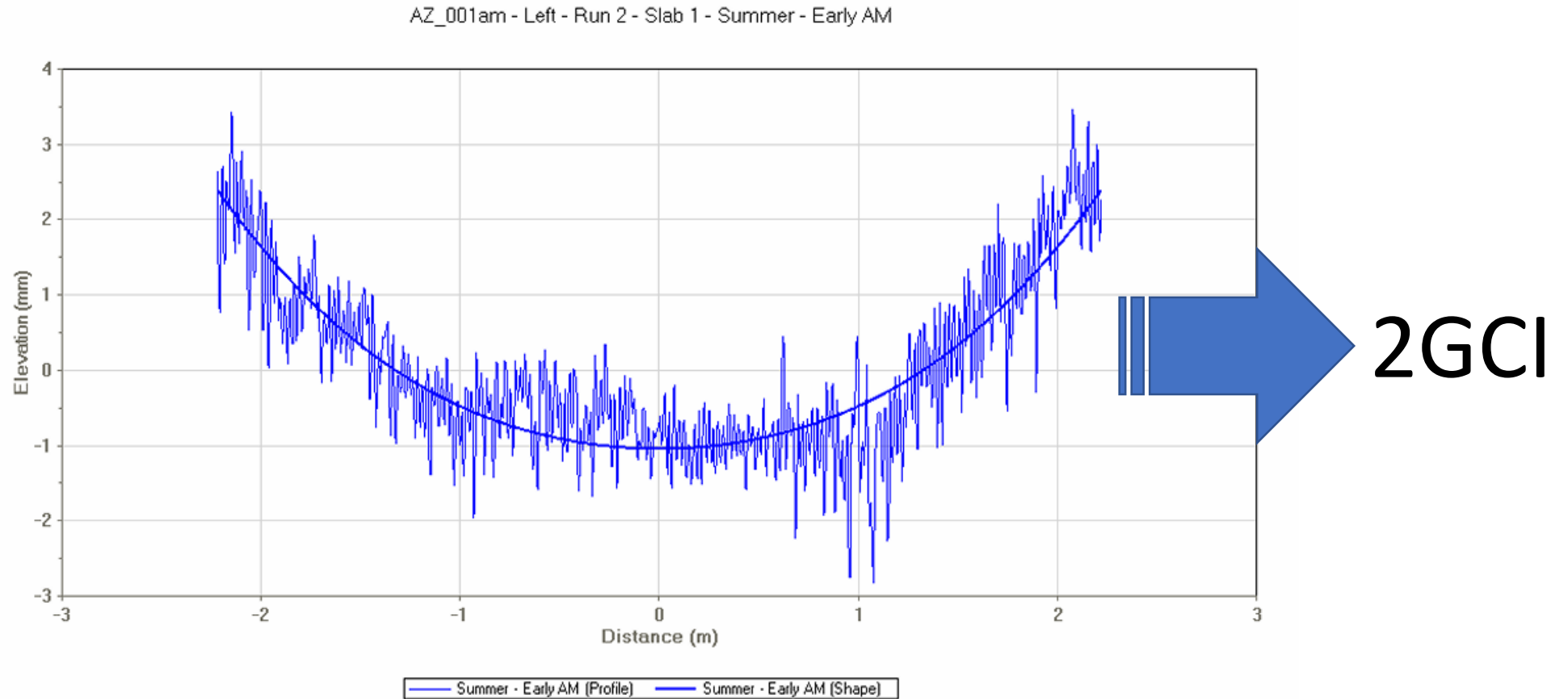
JCP Curl and Warp



$$z = -z_o \frac{2 \cos \lambda \cosh \lambda}{\sin 2\lambda - \sinh 2\lambda} \left[(-\tan \lambda + \tanh \lambda) \cos \frac{x}{l\sqrt{2}} \cosh \frac{x}{l\sqrt{2}} + (\tan \lambda + \tanh \lambda) \sin \frac{x}{l\sqrt{2}} \sinh \frac{x}{l\sqrt{2}} \right]$$

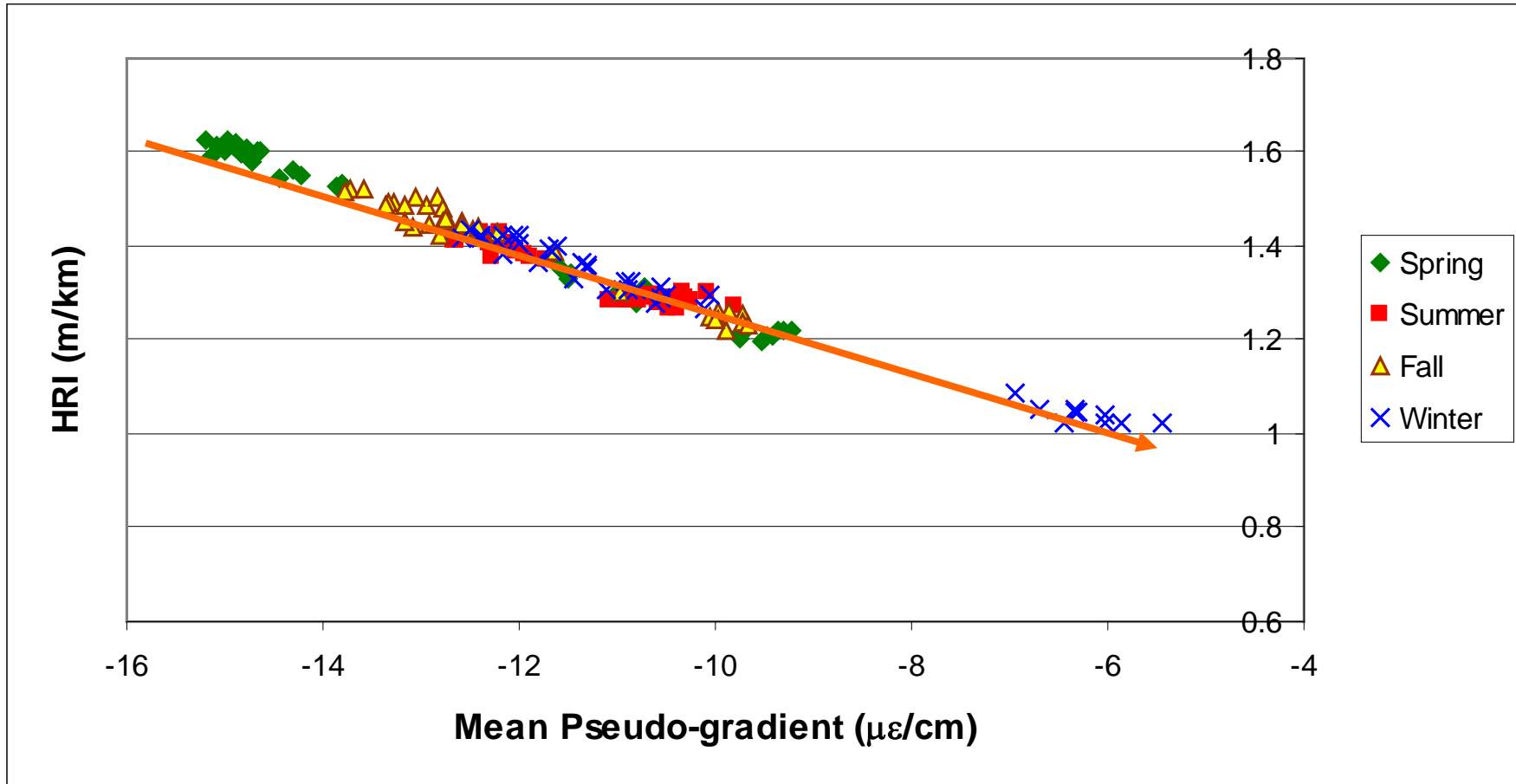
Westergaard curling function

Fit Profiles to Westergaard Curl Equation

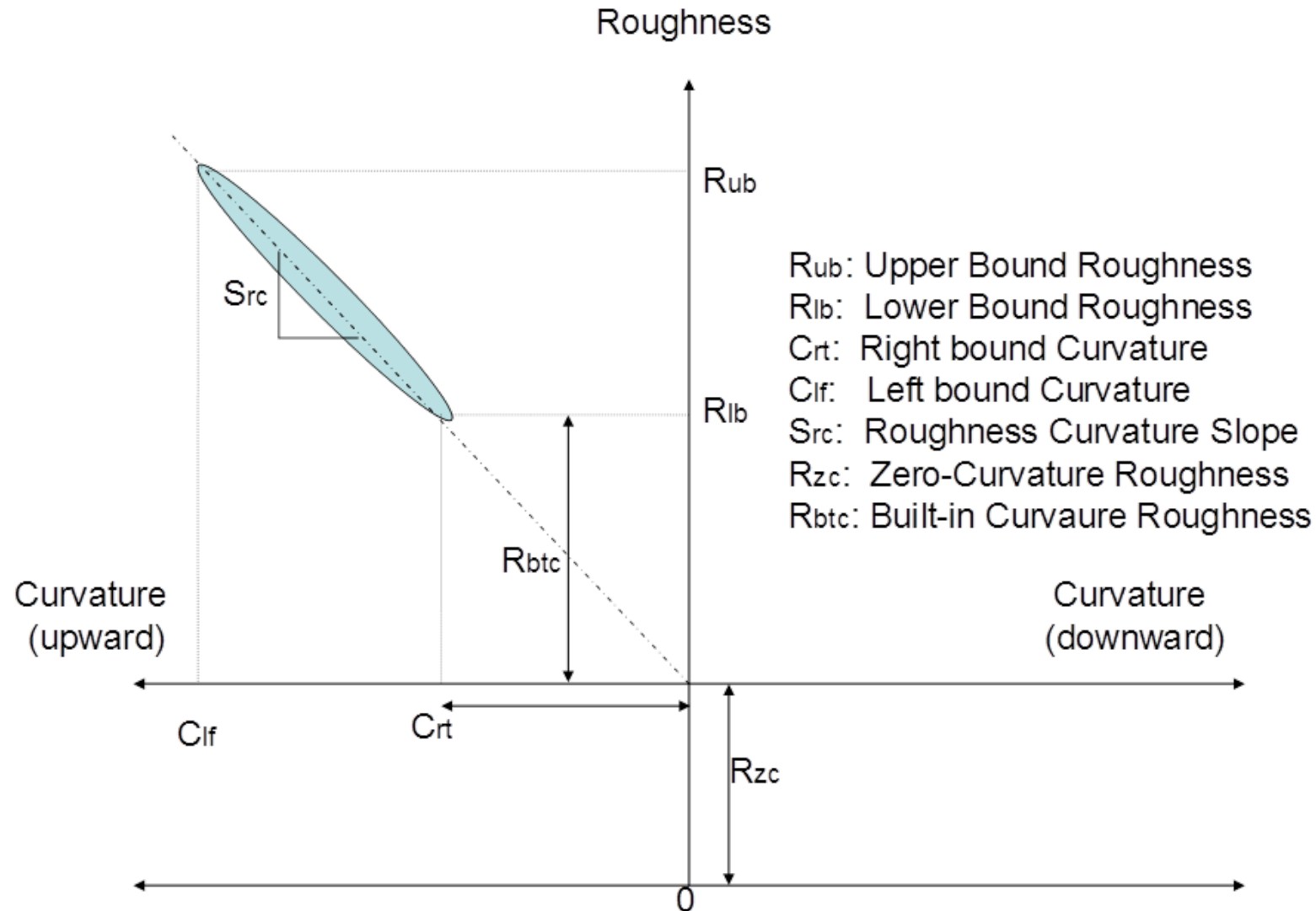


Correlation between Roughness and Curvatures

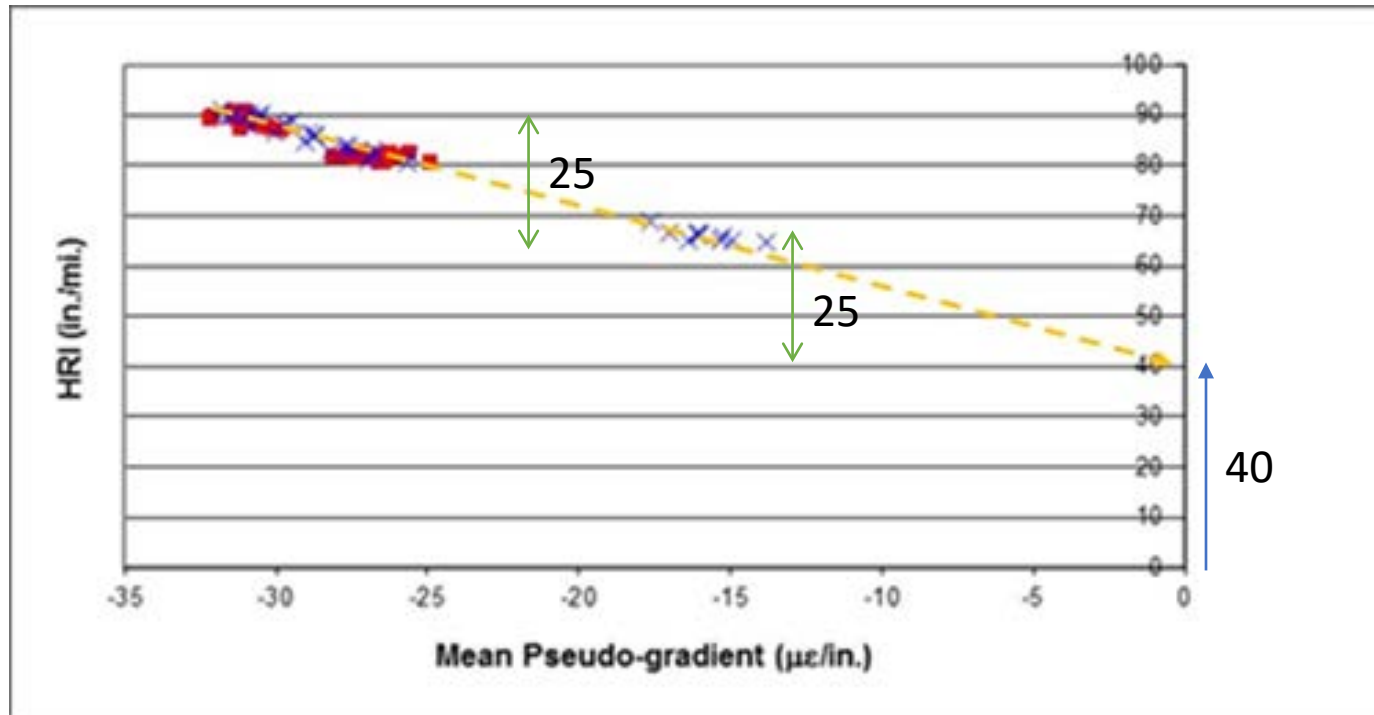
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RoCK Curl and Warp Model



Impact of Curling on Roughness



Negative CVI >> Curled Up

Δ HRI = 25 in./mile

Built-in Curl Roughness = 25

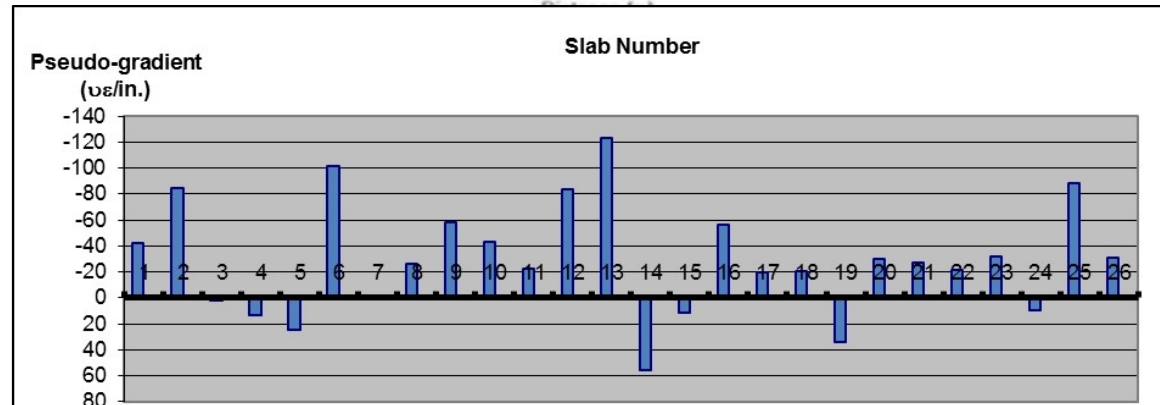
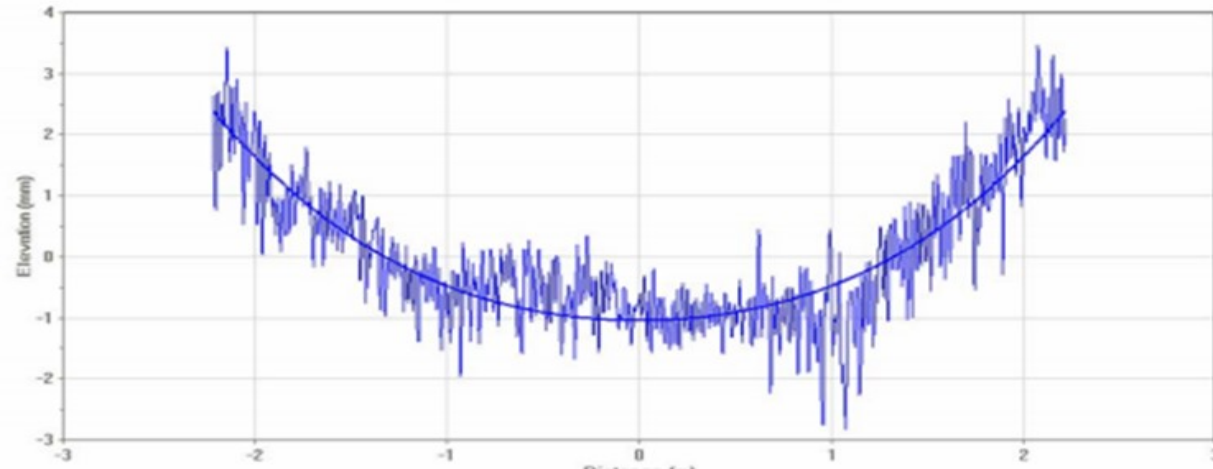
Zero-Curvature Roughness = 40



3 - JCP Curl and Warp Analysis

- Fixed **pseudo-radius** will be used. Additional user inputs will include: **PCC Poisson's ratio**, **PCC Modulus**, **PCC thickness**, and **support K-value**.
- Identify the joint locations (excluding cracks) in the profile data,
- Isolate profile slices within each JCP slab (after the above identification of joint locations is completed),
- Perform non-linear fitting of the slab profile data with the Westergaard curling function to produce **CVI**,
- Report CVI for all slabs,
- Report the relationship between CVI and roughness (HRI or MRI).

Similar to AFM



Slab Isolation

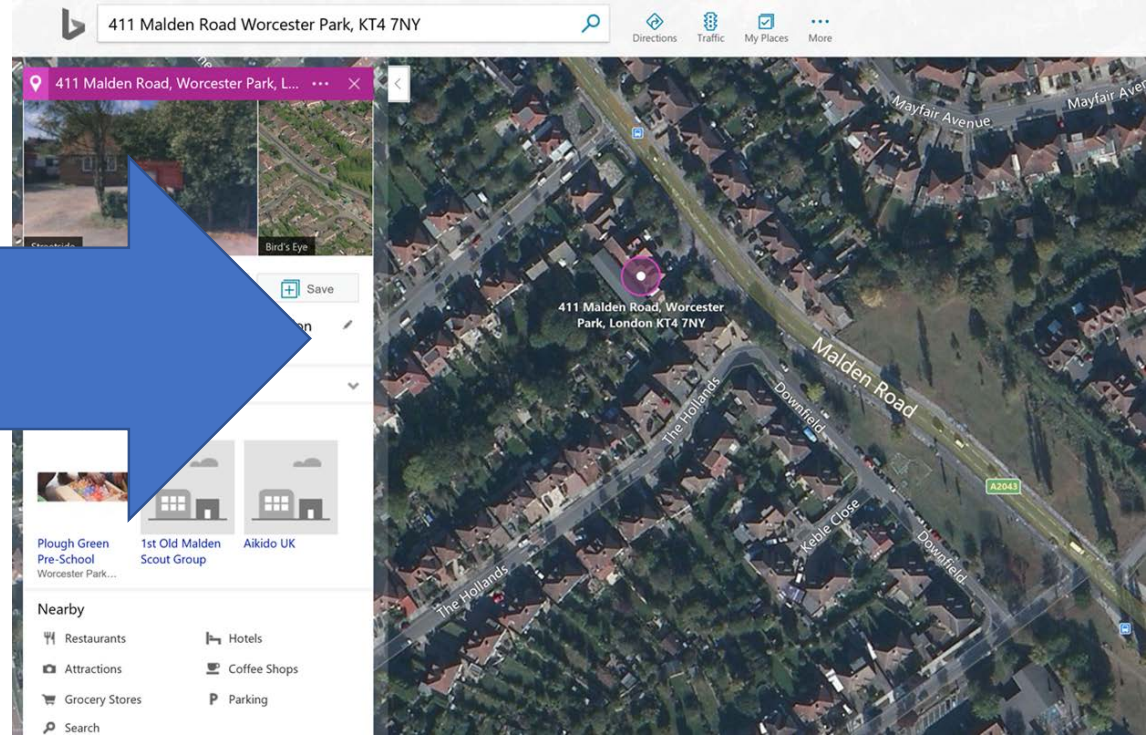
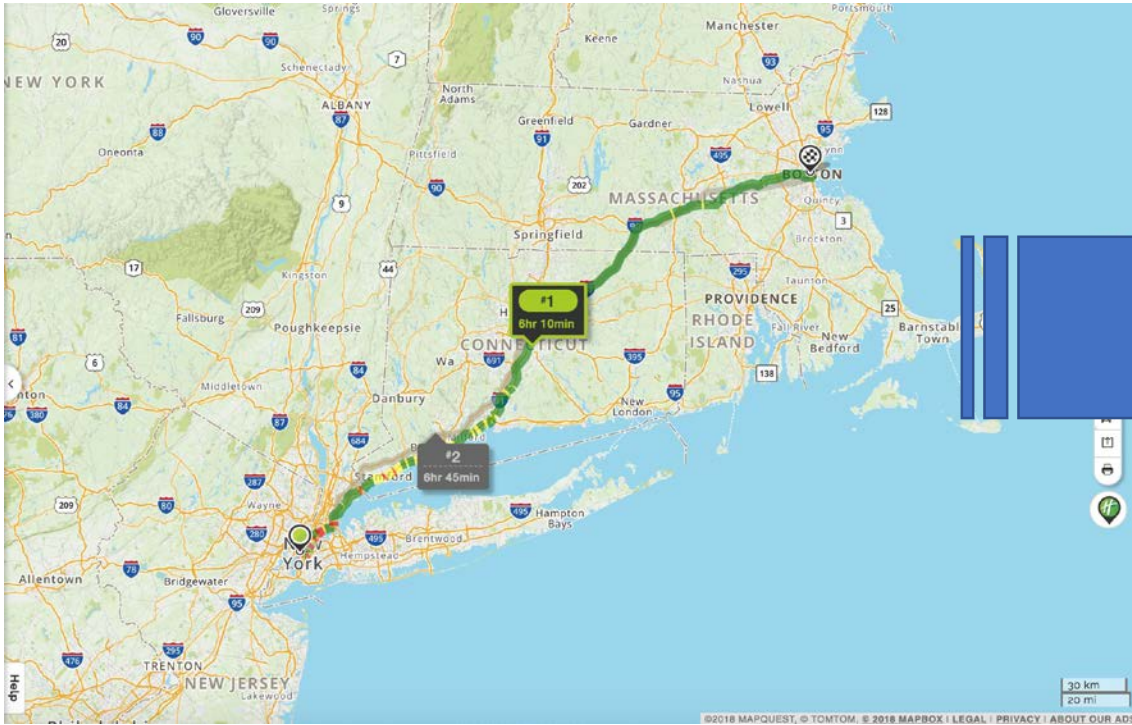


2GCI Fitting
for each slab



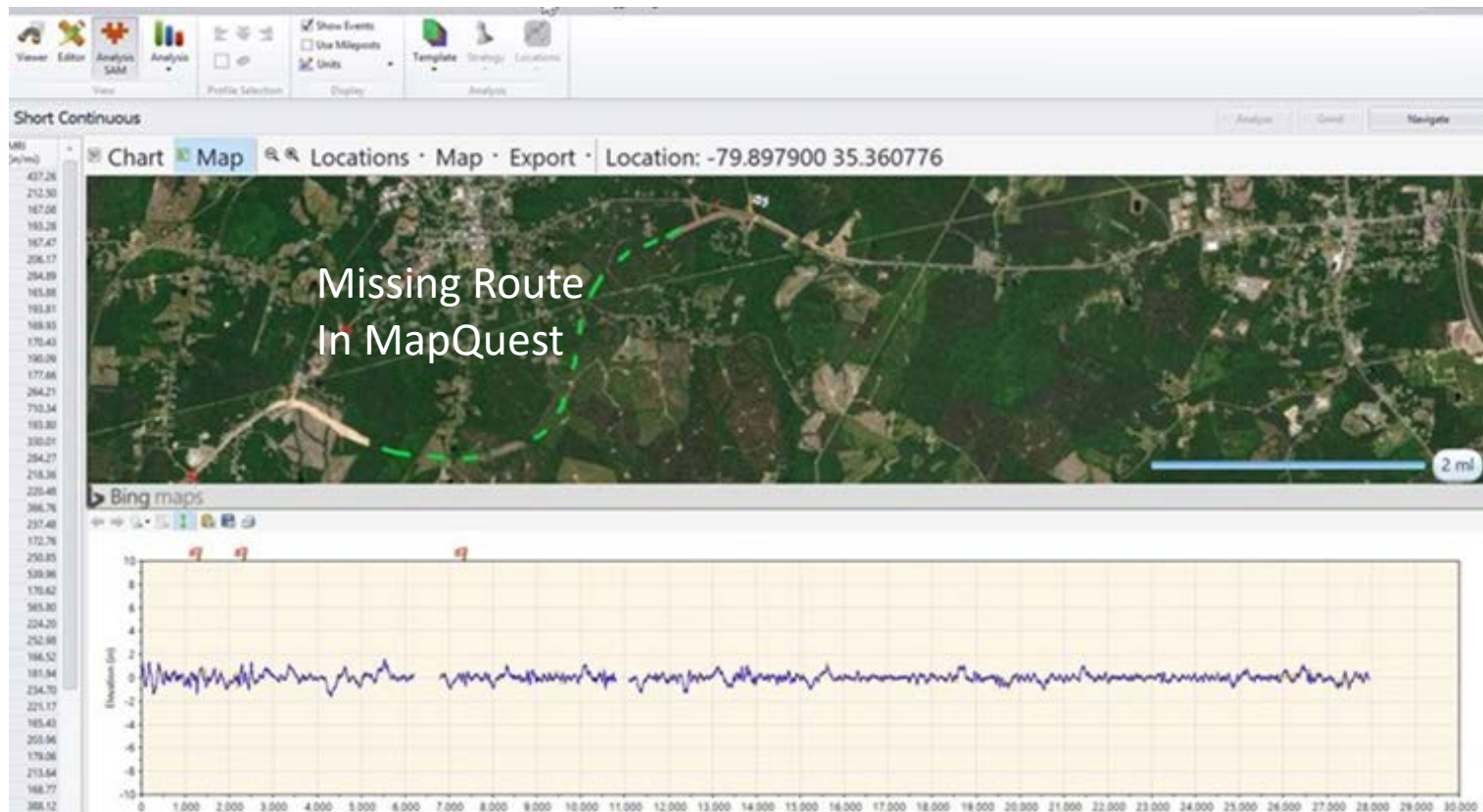
Curvature Reports

4 - Replace MapQuest with Bing Map



Benefits of Using Bing Map

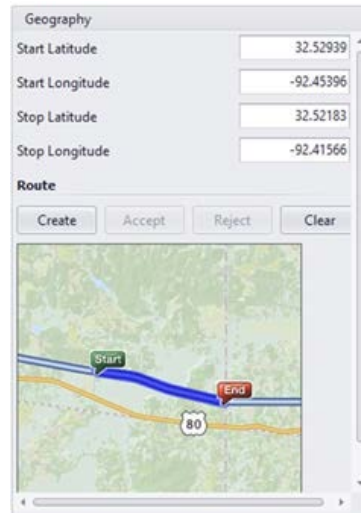
- More **Updated** Maps and Routes
- **Higher Limit** for Route Creation Requests





5 - GPS Data Management to Prevent Tampering

- Remove **start and stop** coordinates the Editor/Basic.
- **Read-only versions** added to the Editor/Info.
- Provide Option to use the **GPS route data** collected with the profile data.
- If online route creation is not available, inaccurate, undesired, or not allowed, this will still allow the profile data to be mapped in ProVAL.





6 - Profile Measurement Screening Tool

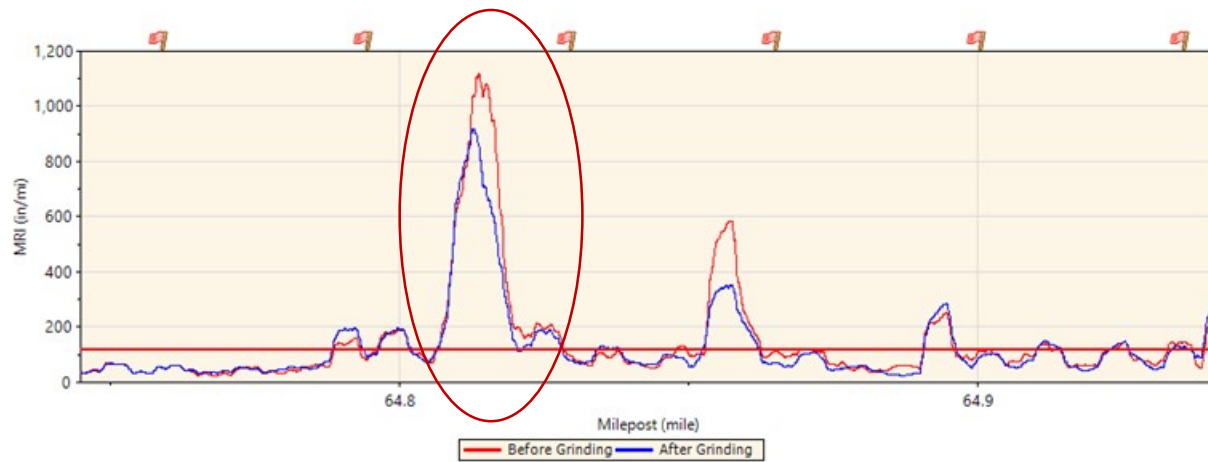
- Check if the profile data was **smoothed or low-pass filtered**. Issue warning if the low-pass filter has removed too much profile content that matters to IRI.
- Issue a warning for a **recording interval** that is too large, or excessive quantization.
- Check if **high-pass filtered** - if so, provide users the estimated cutoff wavelength for the high-pass filtering.

Profile Sniffer!



6 - Profile Measurement Screening Tool

- Check if any **abnormalities** exist in the data and highlight the locations “unrealistic disturbance”
- Check **unusually low roughness** as a sign of trouble and highlight the locations.
- Check **skewed spectral content** (either too wavy or too choppy) that suggests a major malfunction in one of the sensors.





7 - Reporting Convenience

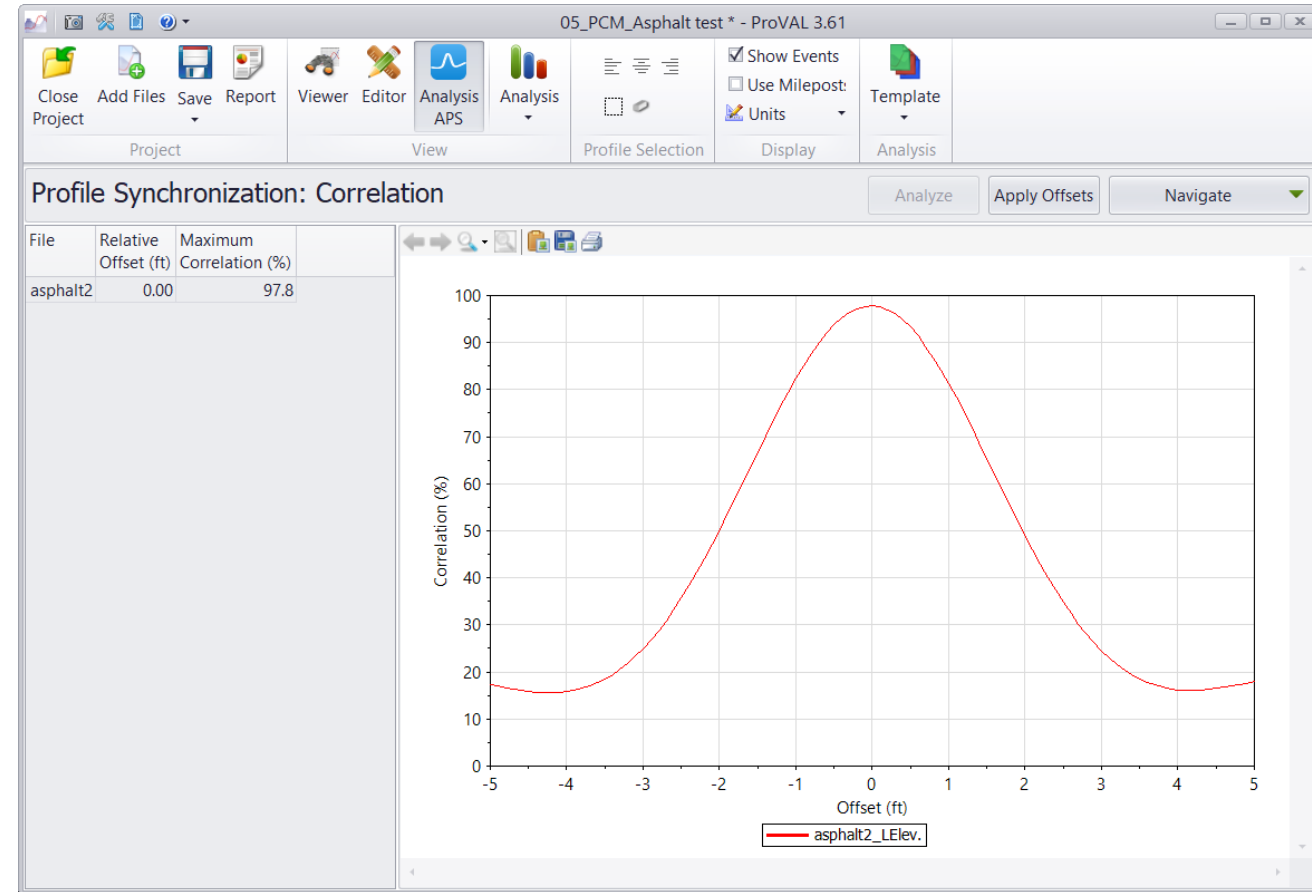
- Include **page breaks** for titles separating Short Continuous, Long Continuous, and Fixed Interval reports from the SAM analysis,
- Include an option to print a **chart** to over multiple pages.





8 - Enhanced Cross Correlation

- Decimation
 - Save Time
- Adjustment of Sampling Interval
 - Avoid Influence of DMI Error
- Preprocessors
 - Padding (insufficient lead-in)
 - Up-Sampling (increase sampling)





9 - Miscellaneous Enhancements

- **Smoothness Assurance Module (SAM)**

- Display the profile lengths for each bin of histogram.
- Include the lengths of all localized roughness “hot spots” in the analysis results and reports
- Allow options for enabling only desired analyses in SAM. Will be reflected in Template.

- **Fixed Interval Reports**

- Allow fixed interval reports for profile segment less than the segment length for cases such as a very short profile, or profile sections between two close adjacent exclusions. This changes will apply to the Ride Quality and SAM modules.

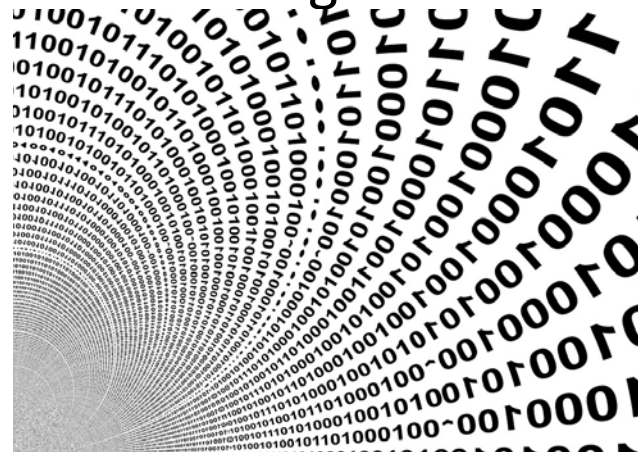
- **Template**

- Make the import feature intuitive, so that users can simply click the OK button after the import.



9 - Miscellaneous Enhancements

- Rolling Straightedge (**RSE**)
 - Indicate percentage of defective length.
- General
 - Import files using less memory.
 - Add **64-bit version** to allow for handling **larger files** which cannot be handled by the current 32-bit version of ProVAL.
 - Improve **performance** of event marker drawing on chart to prevent freezing.



Questions and New Ideas for Future ProVAL Enhancements?



Thank You!



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