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STANDARDIZED UXO DEMONSTRATION SITES

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GEM-3/PUSHCART - OPEN FIELD SCORING RECORD NO. 135



The GEM-3 pushcart as demonstrated by ERDC at the Yuma Proving Ground Open Field Grid Area.

The GEM-3 Pushcart was demonstrated by ERDC at the Yuma Proving Ground Open Field Grid Area. This technical paper contains the results of that demonstration. This is a reference document only and does not serve as an endorsement of the demonstrator's product by the US Army or the Standardized UXO Technology Sites Program.



Technologies under development for the detection and discrimination of unexploded ordnance (UXO) require testing so that their performance can be characterized. To that end, standardized test sites have been developed at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, and Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona. These test sites provide a diversity of geology, climate, terrain, and weather as well as diversity in ordnance and clutter. Testing at these sites is independently administered and analyzed by the government for the purposes of characterizing technologies, tracking performance with system development, comparing performance of different systems, and comparing performance in different environments.

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DEMONSTRATOR'S SYSTEM AND DATA PROCESSING DESCRIPTION

The GEM-3 system is able to collect multiple channels of complex frequency domain electromagnetic interference (EMI) data over a wide range of audio frequencies (30 Hz to 48 kHz). The system is a wheeled pushcart with a 96-cm sensor head, a mounted electronics console, a user interface, and a real-time kinematic (RTK) Global Positioning System (GPS). The sensor head consists of three coils. The primary transmitter coil is the outer coil in the sensor head. The receiver coil is the inner coil in the sensor head. The bucking transmitter coil is the middle coil in the sensor head. The current in the bucking coil flows in the opposite direction of the current in the primary transmitter coil. This suppresses the dipole moment on the receiver coil that is directly from the primary transmitter coil. The electronics console contains the multifrequency current waveform generator, the analog-to-digital converter receiver electronics, the digital signal processor, and the power management module. The user interface utilizes a personal digital assistant (PDA). The PDA is used for data logging and allows for real-time control of the system. The PDA also allows for real-time display of the data collected. The RTK GPS will require a base station to be set up at a suitable reference point for radio communication with the mobile unit on the GEM-3 system. The GEM-3 system's acquisition of multifrequency data allows for performing what Geophex Ltd., the developer of the system, calls electromagnetic induction spectroscopy (EMIS) on buried objects. EMIS provides a method to discriminate UXO targets from natural and man-made clutter objects by

means of their unique, complex (in-phase and quadrature) frequency responses.

The GEM-3 data acquired at the test site will be processed using a combination of ERDC-developed programs and Geosoft's Oasis Montaj. First, basic data corrections such as background subtraction and time-synchronization between the sensor data and GPS data will be performed. The raw data, after these basic corrections, will be submitted in Geosoft XYZ format. Two response stage submissions will be made within 30 days. One will be based on a threshold applied to the total magnitude of the sensor inphase and quadrature response for all frequencies. The second will be based on interactive histogram analysis of the data. Data from each of these detection schemes will be used by the target discrimination algorithm to generate separate discrimination stage submissions. The discrimination algorithm compares sensor data collected near each detected anomaly with calibration data acquired over the target types of interest at the beginning of the data collection.

One of ERDC's primary objectives for this data acquisition is to obtain high-quality data to further our modeling and analysis research. Therefore, ERDC plans to make further data submissions using other detection and discrimination algorithms on this same dataset, alone and in combination with data from other sensors.

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Results for the open field test broken out by size, depth, and nonstandard ordnance are presented in the table below. Results by size and depth include both standard and nonstandard ordnance. The results by size show how well the demonstrator did at detecting/discriminating ordnance of a certain caliber range. The results are relative to the number of ordnance items emplaced. Depth is measured from the geometric center of anomalies.

The response stage results are derived from the list of anomalies above the demonstrator-provided noise level. The results for the discrimination stage are derived from the demonstrator's recommended threshold for optimizing UXO field cleanup by minimizing false digs and maximizing ordnance recovery. The lower 90 percent confidence limit on probability of detection and P_{fp} was calculated assuming that the number of detections and false positives are binomially distributed random variables. All results have been rounded to protect the ground truth. However, lower confidence limits were calculated using actual results.

SUMMARY OF OPEN FIELD RESULTS FOR THE GEM-3

Metric	Overall	Standard	Non-Standard	By Size			By Depth, m		
				Small	Medium	Large	< 0.3	0.3 to <1	>= 1
RESPONSE STAGE									
P _d	0.45	0.45	0.55	0.35	0.60	0.65	0.50	0.50	0.05
P _d Low 90% Conf	0.44	0.39	0.48	0.31	0.52	0.60	0.46	0.46	0.03
P _{fp}	0.50	-	-	-	-	-	0.55	0.50	0.00
P _{fp} Low 90% Conf	0.50	-	-	-	-	-	0.51	0.47	0.00
BAR	0.15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DISCRIMINATION STAGE									
P _d	0.45	0.40	0.50	0.30	0.55	0.65	0.45	0.50	0.05
P _d Low 90% Conf	0.41	0.37	0.44	0.27	0.50	0.57	0.43	0.44	0.03
P _{fp}	0.50	-	-	-	-	-	0.50	0.45	0.00
P _{fp} Low 90% Conf	0.47	-	-	-	-	-	0.48	0.42	0.00
BAR	0.05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Response Stage Noise Level: 49.00

Recommended Discrimination Stage Threshold: 70:00

Note: The recommended discrimination stage threshold values are provided by the demonstrator.