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APPENDIX B. MEETING AGENDA**Wednesday, October 11**

Time	Topic
8:00–8:45 AM	<p>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</p> <p>Welcome Chris Wagner (FHWA).</p> <p>Introduction and Remarks John Donahue (Missouri DOT, AASHTO Subcommittee on Materials and Pavements Executive Committee, and Chair of AASHTOWare Pavement ME Design Taskforce)</p> <p>Remarks on Canadian efforts Marta Juhasz (Alberta Transportation)</p> <p>Review of agenda and meeting goals Linda Pierce (NCE) and Kelly Smith (APTech)</p>
8:45–9:45 AM	<p>AGENCY IMPLEMENTATION STATUS</p> <p>Implementation map updates and agency reports on implementation plans, timelines, and progress Linda Pierce (NCE) and Kelly Smith (APTech)</p>
9:45–10:00 AM	BREAK
10:00–11:00 AM	<p>AASHTOWARE PAVEMENT ME DESIGN SOFTWARE UPDATE</p> <p>Announcements and news regarding latest software and purchasing/licensing John Donahue</p> <p>Software enhancements/updates, including new features/capabilities Chad Becker (ARA)</p> <p>Backcalculation Module Harold Von Quintus (ARA)</p>
11:00 AM–NOON	<p>AGENCY IMPLEMENTATION EXPERIENCES</p> <p>ME Design Implementation Lydia Peddicord (Pennsylvania DOT)</p> <p>ME Design Implementation Joe Tucker (Kentucky Transportation Cabinet)</p>
NOON–1:15 PM	LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)
1:15–2:15 PM	<p>AGENCY IMPLEMENTATION EXPERIENCES (continued)</p> <p>Modeling Stabilized Materials Affan Habib (Virginia DOT)</p> <p>Multi-Agency Effort to Prepare Data for Pavement ME Design Joshua Li (Oklahoma State U.)</p>
2:15–2:45 PM	<p>REHABILITATION DESIGN</p> <p>Concrete Overlays Halil Ceylan (Iowa State U.)</p>
2:45–3:00 PM	BREAK
3:00–3:30 PM	<p>REHABILITATION DESIGN (continued)</p> <p>Dynamic Modulus of Cold In-Place Recycling Jay Goldbaum (Colorado DOT)</p>
3:30–4:45 PM	<p>ME RESEARCH</p> <p>FHWA Research Summary Tom Yu (FHWA)</p> <p>NCHRP Research Summary Linda Pierce (NCE)</p> <p>Top-Down Cracking Model (NCHRP 1-52) Linda Pierce (NCE)</p> <p>Unbound Materials (NCHRP 1-53) Linda Pierce (NCE)</p>
4:45–5:00 PM	<p>DAY ONE KEY TAKE-AWAYS</p> <p>Discuss key takeaways of day one All</p>

Thursday, October 12

Time	Topic
8:00–8:45 AM	<p>PERFORMANCE CRITERIA</p> <p>Rational Basis for Establishing Performance Criteria Thresholds Tom Yu (FHWA)</p> <p>State Perspectives on Selection of Thresholds State Agency Panel Discussion</p>
8:45–10:00 AM	<p>LOCAL CALIBRATION EXPERIENCES</p> <p>Calibration of Pavement ME Design Software for Idaho Fouad Bayomy (U. of Idaho)</p> <p>MEPDG Design Parameters for Ontario and Canada Warren Lee and Susanne Chan (Ontario Ministry of Transportation)</p> <p>Automated Calibration Process John Donahue</p>
10:00–10:15 AM	BREAK
10:15 AM–NOON	<p>SOFTWARE TRAINING</p> <p>Live demonstration-based training on new software features and example applications Harold Von Quintus and Chad Becker (ARA)</p>
NOON–1:15 PM	LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)
1:15–3:00 PM	<p>SOFTWARE TRAINING (Continued)</p> <p>Live demonstration-based training on new software features and example applications Harold Von Quintus and Chad Becker (ARA)</p>
3:00–3:15 PM	BREAK
3:15–4:00 PM	<p>RESEARCH AND TRAINING NEEDS</p> <p>Future of ME Design (narrated presentation) Kevin Hall (U. of Arkansas)</p> <p>Additional training, software, and research needs, including future pavement ME design enhancements, additional web-based training All agencies</p>
4:00–4:30 PM	<p>CHALLENGES/ISSUES/ROADBLOCKS</p> <p>Common challenges/issues/roadblocks that can be resolved at the regional level rather than by each SHA</p>
4:30–4:45 PM	<p>DAY TWO KEY TAKE-AWAYS</p> <p>Discuss key takeaways of day two All</p> <p>Concluding remarks</p>

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Presentation 1—John Donahue, Missouri DOT

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Users Group Meeting
Updates

Denver, CO
10/11/2017
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John Donahue

Pavement ME Design Updates

- Version 2.4
 - July 2017 rollout
 - Backcalculation Tool (BcT)
- Version 2.5
 - January 2018
 - Global recalibration of flexible and semi-rigid models
 - MERRA weather data
 - MOP integration

COMP

- AASHTO JTCOP and SOM merged into new Committee on Materials and Pavements (COMP)
- Membership expanded to allow pavement design engineer reps from each State.
 - DAMS supporters allowed two ‘scholarships’ for travel expenses

COMP

- New Tech Section 5d for Pavement Design will be created
 - Manual of Practice (MOP)
 - Local Calibration Guide
 - Pavement Handbook

Future Enhancements ~ FY 19

- Integrating Geosynthetics (1-50)
- Top Down Cracking Model and Transfer Function (1-52)
- Slab / Underlying Layer Interaction (1-51)
- Automated Local Calibration

Possible RIPI funding

Presentation 2—Marta Juhasz, Alberta Transportation

TAC Pavement ME Design User Group Update

Pavement ME National Users Group Meeting
October 11, 2017, Denver, CO

Marta Juhasz, Alberta Transportation
Felix Doucet, TAC User Group Liaison
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TAC Pavement ME Design User Group

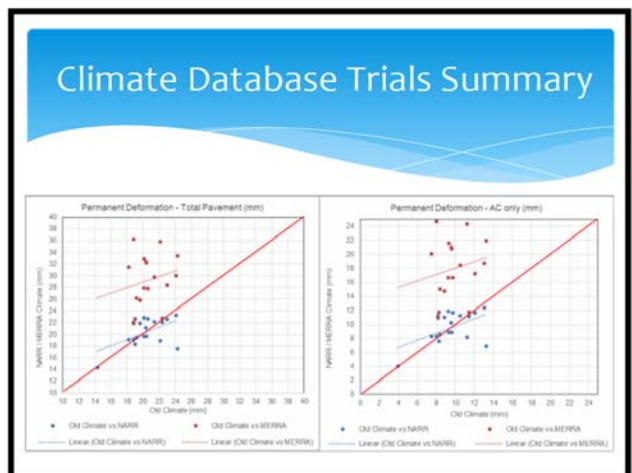
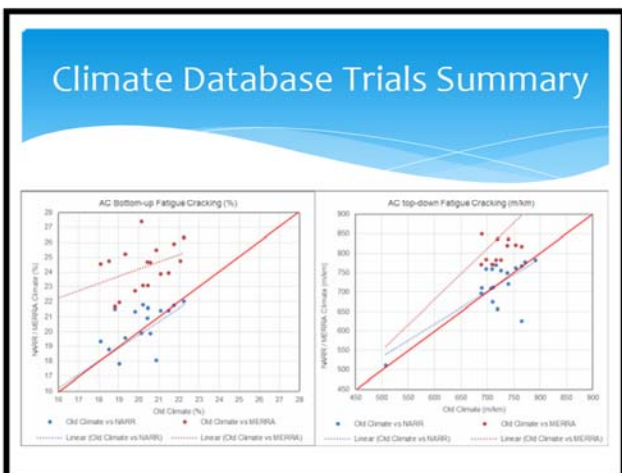
- Who are we?
- Continuation of TAC sponsored project for the calibration of the DarWin-ME (started in 2004/2005)
- Now: Group of approximately 40 members representing:
 - Agencies
 - Academics
 - Consultants and
 - Industry
- Collective interest in knowledge sharing and collaboration in the area of pavement design

User Group’s Mandate

- Collaboration with the AASHTOWare Pavement ME Design Task Force
- Continue with Software Evaluation (design trials)
- Finalize a first version of the User Guide
- Continue with populating the Pavement Material Database
- Broaden our reach beyond AASHTOWare Pavement ME Design

Pavement ME Trials Overview

- Completed since early 2010s.
- Initially intended to provide a way to familiarize the User Group with the Pavement ME software
- Evolved into testing the sensitivity of inputs on outputs
 - AC content, air voids, etc. on cracking, rutting, and IRI
- Provide a better understanding of how the software works
- Has evolved into testing updates to the Pavement ME climate database
 - Historical Environment Canada data vs NARR vs MERRA



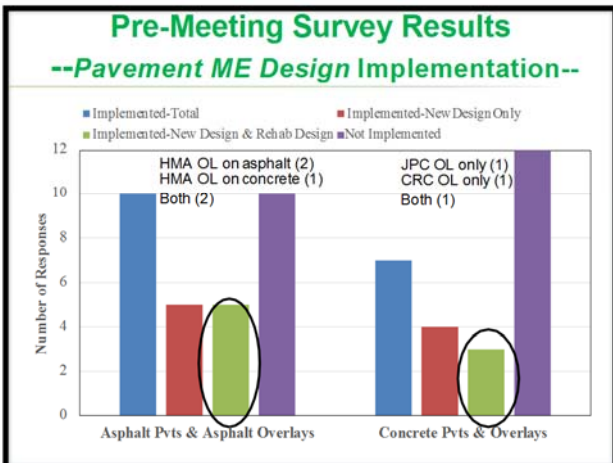
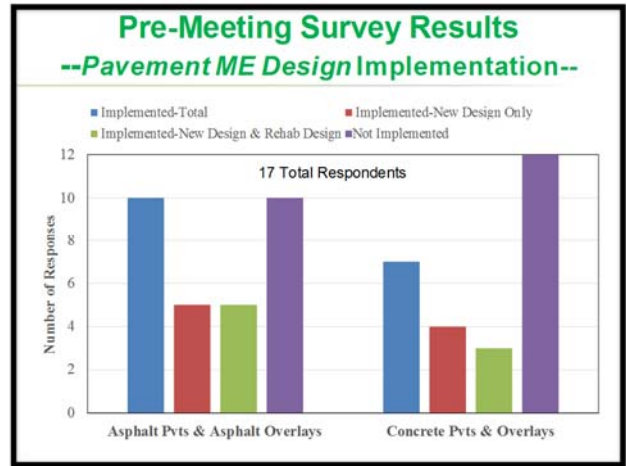
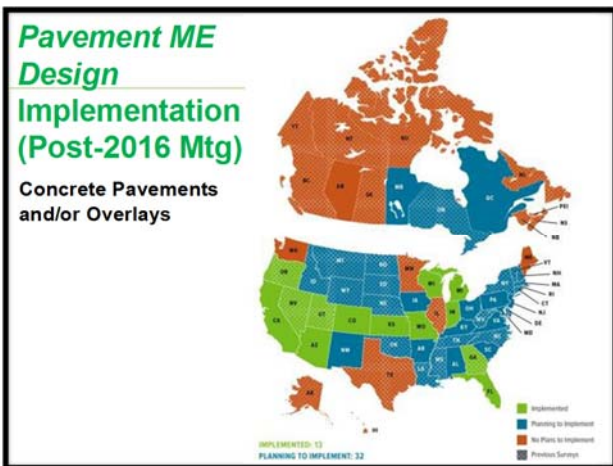
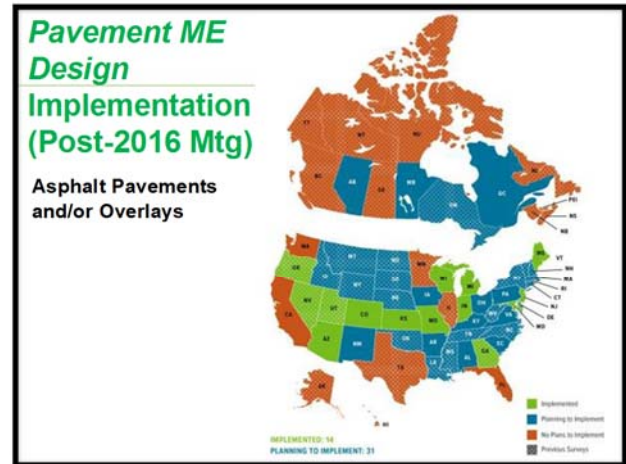
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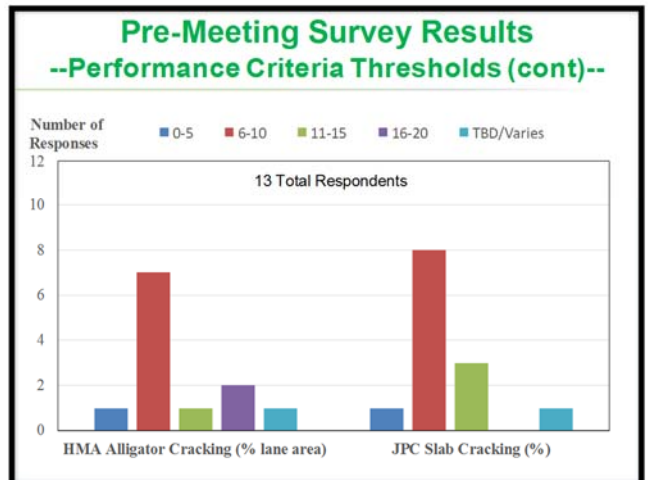
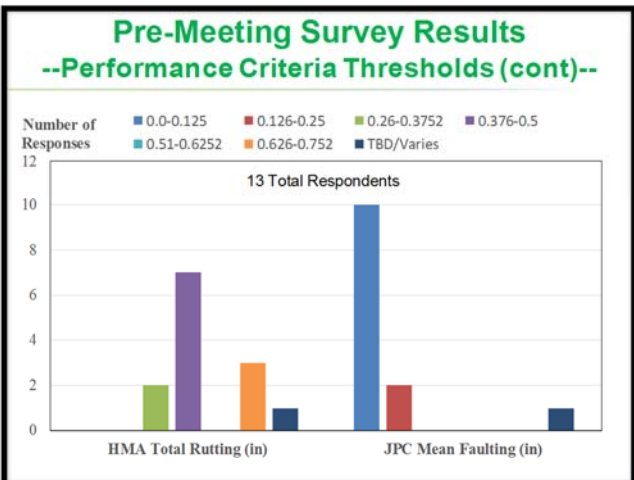
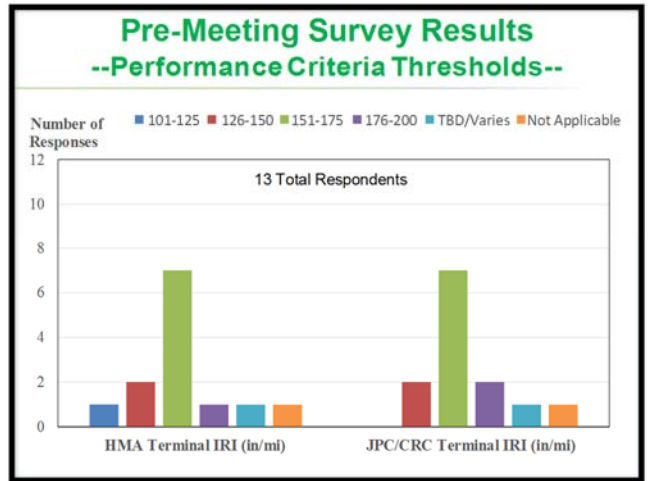
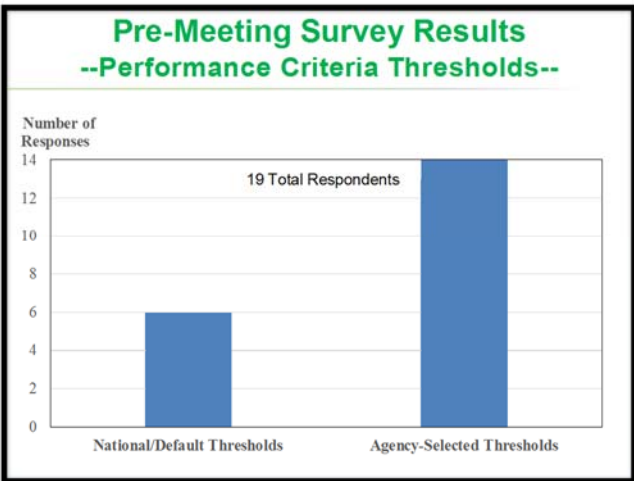
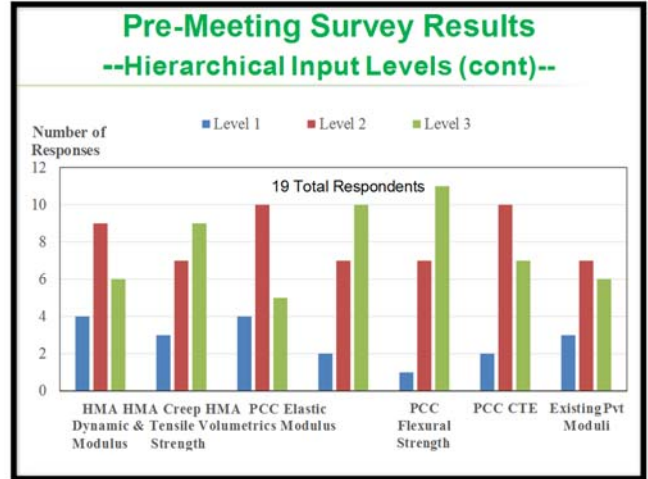
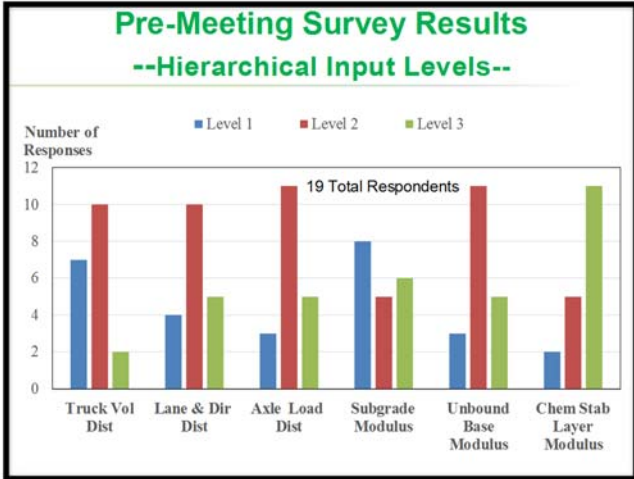
Annual Meeting #2

Denver, Colorado

October 11-12, 2017



- Pre-Meeting Survey Results --Top Implementation Challenges--**
- Local calibration/verification of performance model coefficients (7)
 - Designing pavements with features not included in ME or that have not been calibrated (5)
 - Characterization of HMA properties (4)
 - Availability of performance data to adequately perform local calibration/verification (4)
 - Characterization of existing pavement and subgrade via backcalculation analysis (2)
 - Characterization of traffic (2), PCC properties (2)



Pavement ME Design Implementation

- Has your agency implemented PMED for asphalt pavements/overlays? For concrete pavements/overlays?
 - If not, does it plan to? When?
- What key issues has your agency experienced during implementation?
 - What was done to address the issues?
- Local calibration(s) performed? Calibrated models being used?
- PMED officially being used? Parallel with DARWin?

3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT

Pre-Meeting Survey Results --Suggested Software Improvements--

- Sensitivity to unbound layer stiffness/thickness and subgrade stiffness
- Add “streamline” calibration tool or application
- Include module for stabilized full-depth recycling
- Add option for selecting new models or old models
- More user-friendly interface
- Ability to customize report to reflect only distresses considered by agency
- Reduce frequency of software version releases to just critical ones
- Interactive app/function to show significance of inputs

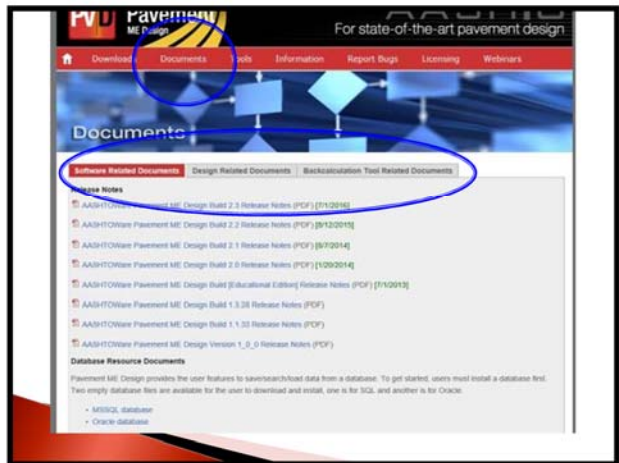
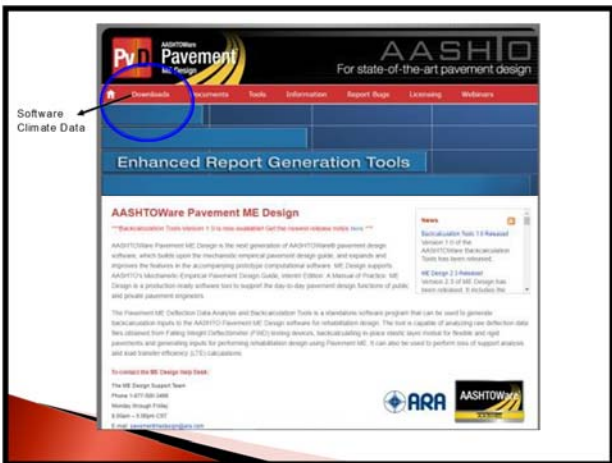
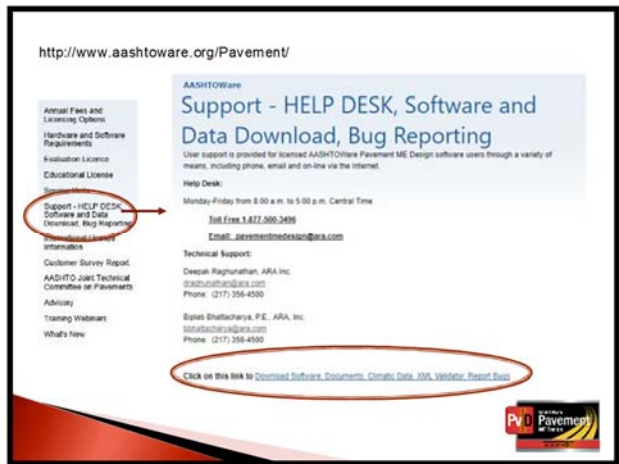
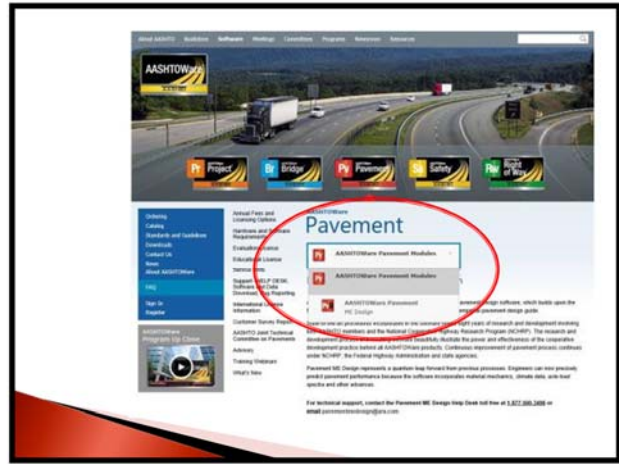
Pre-Meeting Survey Results --Research Needs Requests--

- Frost and swelling issues in performance prediction
- Improved HMA top-down and bottom-up cracking models
- Re-calibrated PCC faulting and widened slab models
- CTE and how it affects faulting
- Ability to model SMA, UBWC, and open-graded seal coat
- ME Design for chip seal over flexible base
- Detailed manual on updates performed since NCHRP 1-37A
- Calibration info and clarified sequence of steps
- Characterization of CIR, CCPR, and FDR
- Improved characterization of SMA (marginal benefit)
- Review and recalibration of semi-rigid model

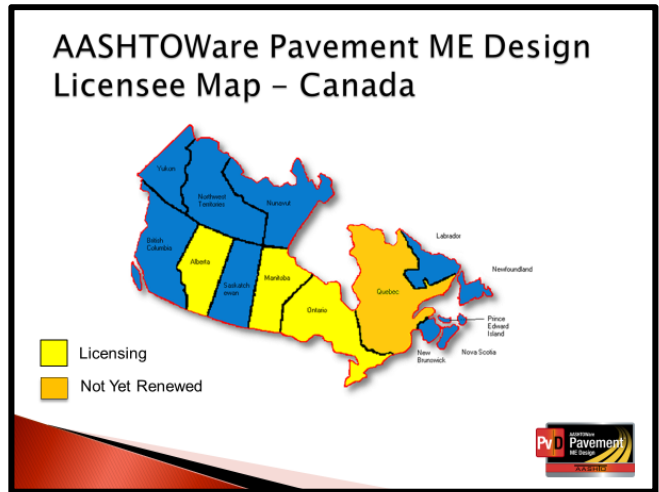
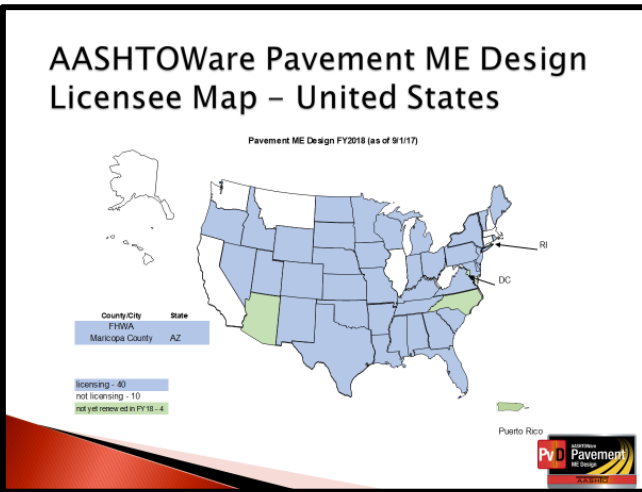
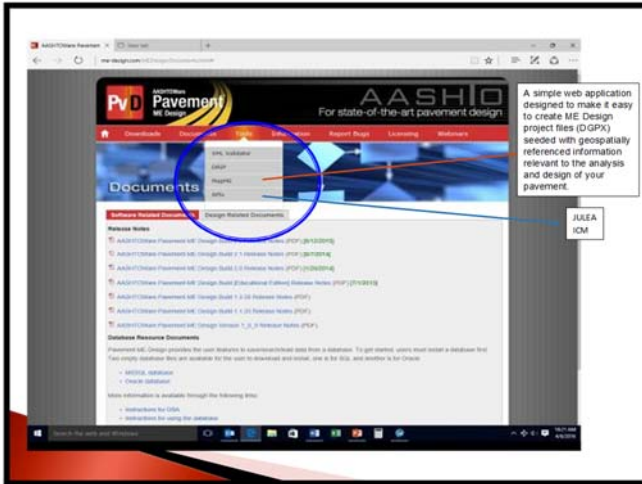
Pre-Meeting Survey Results --Training Needs--

- How to qualify and quantify existing pavement characteristics for ME design
- In-depth training by developers
- For implementing agencies, fundamental training in modeling, material characterization, and calibration.

Presentation 4—John Donahue, Missouri DOT



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Additional License Types as of 9/1/17

	2017	2018
No Cost Educational	51	39
Private Sector	73	67
Universities	17	9
Local Agencies	1	1
30-Day Evaluation	2	2
International	14	

2017 – Brazil, China, Colombia, Guatemala, Hong Kong SAR, India, Lebanon, Norway, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Sweden, Turkey, UAE

- ### Enhancements for Next Release
- The next release, v2.5, is scheduled for January 1, 2018 and will include
1. Integrated MEDPDG Manual of Practice (MOP)
 2. Recalibration Plan for Flexible and Semi-Rigid Pavements: Both New and Rehabilitated Pavements
 3. Technical Audit Corrections, Recalibration and LTPP MERRA Data.

SHRP2 R23

The rePave scoping tool from the SHRP2 R23 project is an interactive web-based pavement design scoping tool that provides guidance for deciding where and under what conditions to use existing pavement as part of roadway renewal projects.

After discussions with and at FHWA's request, AASHTO submitted technical and cost proposals for ARA and webhosting provider Pavia Systems' to transition the rePave tool to AASHTOWare per FHWA's Work Order Amendment request.

It is intended that the rePave tool be included in the Pavement ME Design tool box.

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- Software developer with ARA for 14 years
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- Lead developer for ME Design for ~4 years
- Co-PM for the past 3 years

Overview

- Backcalculation Tool v1.0
- v2.5 enhancements
- v2.6 enhancements
- v3.0 (minimally viable product) demo
- Future enhancements



BcT v1.0

Jul 2017



Future Enhancements

- May be tracked both with and separately from ME Design
- Collapsing the "Segmentation" screens into a single feature screen
- Various Reports
- Please send feature requests and feedback to PavementME.Design@ara.com

v2.5


Jan 2018



Features

- Manual of Practice Integration
- Mobile Developer API
- MasterTCCMaster for API
- Reestablishment of flexible and semi-rigid pavements, both new and rehabilitated pavements using MERRA

Manual of Practice (MOP) Integration



The flowchart illustrates the process of integrating the Manual of Practice (MOP) into the software. It starts with the 'Help Ribbon' in the software interface, which leads to a 'Link Selection Dialog' box. This dialog box is used to select the 'MOP PDF' file. Finally, the selected PDF is loaded into the software, as shown by the 'Load MOP PDF' step.

Modulus API

- Converted modulus.exe to a C# library
- Library will be available to all ME Design license holders
- Provides users with programmatic access to functions for calculating master curve, standard error, A-VTS, and dynamic modulus plot data in reduced time.
- Available for all ME Design license holders.

Recalibration

- Performed as a result of completing the technical audit fixes.
- Uses the MEERA climate database

v2.6

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Features

- Report Customization
- Input Comparison Filter Tool
- Maintenance Strategy Module
- Level 3 Tensile Strength

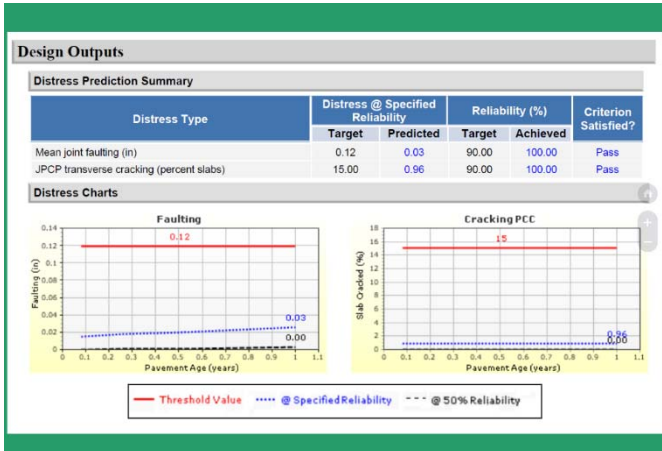
Report Customization

- Allows selection of specific performance criteria for report visualization (PDF and Excel)
- Performance criteria not selected will not be visible in the output report, nor considered during optimization or sensitivity runs for threshold checks.

Performance Criteria Selection

Output Report

Performance Criteria	Limit	Reliability	Report Usability
Initial IRI (in/mile)	112	90	<input type="checkbox"/>
Terminal IRI (in/mile)	15	90	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
JPCI transverse cracking (percent slab)	0.12	90	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mean joint faulting (in)			



Input Comparison Filter Tool

- Allow users to select fields to compare between two projects

Compare

Project1 Compare To: Project2 Run Compare Filter Properties... Clear Comparison

Type	Display Name	Project1	Project2	Comparison Message
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Maintenance Strategy Module

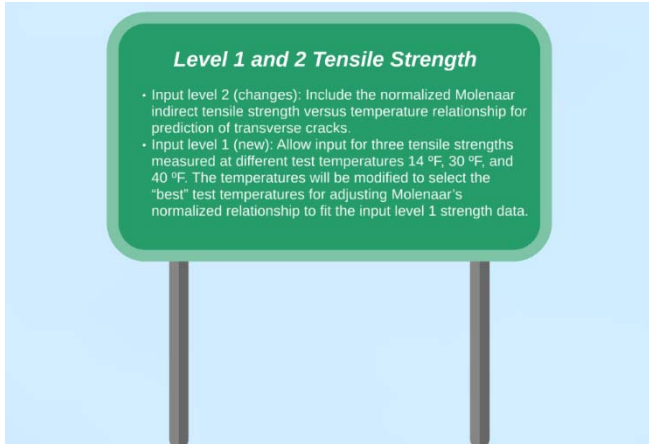
- Allow users to consider pavement preservation or preventative maintenance activities during the design period by resetting the performance parameters of the pavement
- Based around NCHRP Report #810 and Project 01-48
- Addendum to MOP will describe rules for applying specific maintenance types

Allowable AC Treatments

- Cold milling with other treatments
- Scratch layer with other treatments
- Micro-surfacing
- Thin and ultra-thin overlays
- Hot in place recycling with seal coat

Allowable PCC Treatments

- Diamond grinding
- Thin and ultra-thin overlays



Level 1 and 2 Tensile Strength

- Input level 2 (changes): Include the normalized Molenaar indirect tensile strength versus temperature relationship for prediction of transverse cracks.
- Input level 1 (new): Allow input for three tensile strengths measured at different test temperatures 14 °F, 30 °F, and 40 °F. The temperatures will be modified to select the "best" test temperatures for adjusting Molenaar's normalized relationship to fit the input level 1 strength data.



v3.0 Demo

Web technology application - MVP



Future Enhancements

- ME Design v3.x
- ME Design v2.7+



New Design Strategies

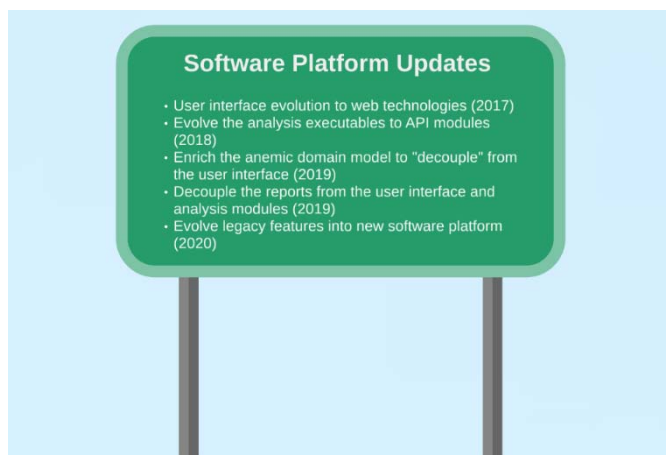
New Design Strategies

- New Composite Pavements
- Geosynthetics



Other Features

- Specialized traffic/axles
- Top down cracking
- Slab/Underlying layer interaction/bond degradation coefficient
- Durability and mixture disintegration
- Risk analysis (Monte-Carlo)
- SJCPC faulting, IRI, corner cracking
- Longitudinal cracking of widened slabs




Software Platform Updates

- User interface evolution to web technologies (2017)
- Evolve the analysis executables to API modules (2018)
- Enrich the anemic domain model to "decouple" from the user interface (2019)
- Decouple the reports from the user interface and analysis modules (2019)
- Evolve legacy features into new software platform (2020)




Presentation 6—Harold Von Quintus, ARA



Deflection Data Analysis and Backcalculation Tool: BcT

MEPDG Users Group Meeting
Denver, Colorado



11 October 2017



Deflection Data Analysis & Backcalculation Tool for Pavement ME: BcT

1. Background Information
2. Phased Approach
3. Features of the Tool

Webinar on BcT delivered on August 15, 2017. Presentation and answer to numerous questions posted on AASHTO ME Design Resource website – <http://www.me-design.com>






Background

Backcalculation software packages requested and considered for use; AASHTO required source code.

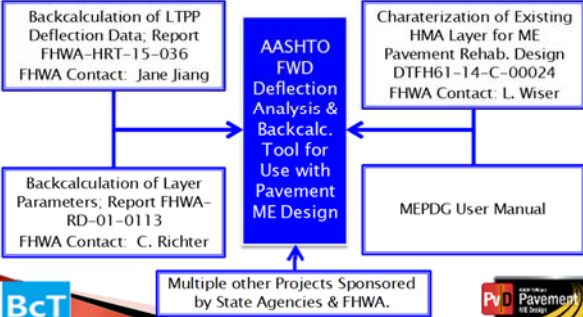


EVERCALC source code provided by Washington DOT; a special thank you to:

- ▶ Jeff Uhlmeier, Washington DOT
- ▶ Nadarajah Sivaneswaran (Siva), FHWA
- ▶ Linda Pierce, Nichols Consulting Engineers



Background

Input and analysis considerations from other projects.



Deflection Data Analysis & Backcalculation Tool for Pavement ME: BcT

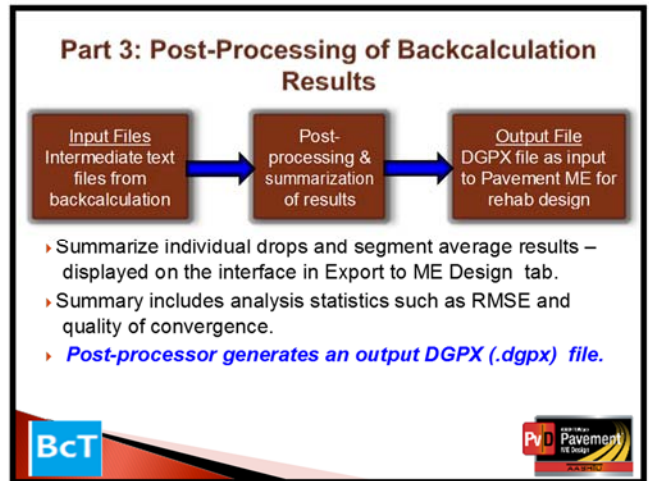
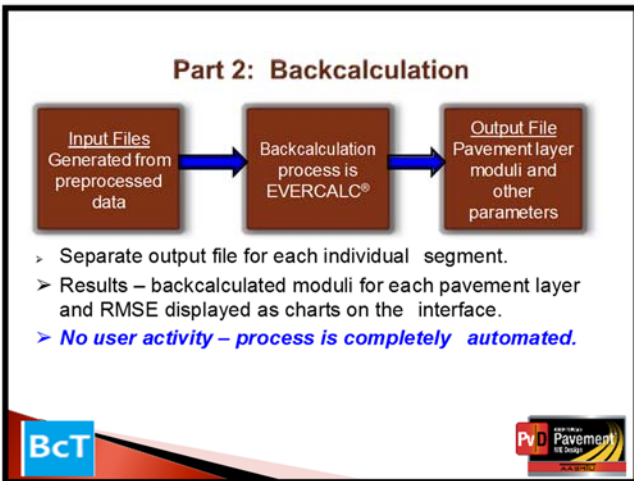
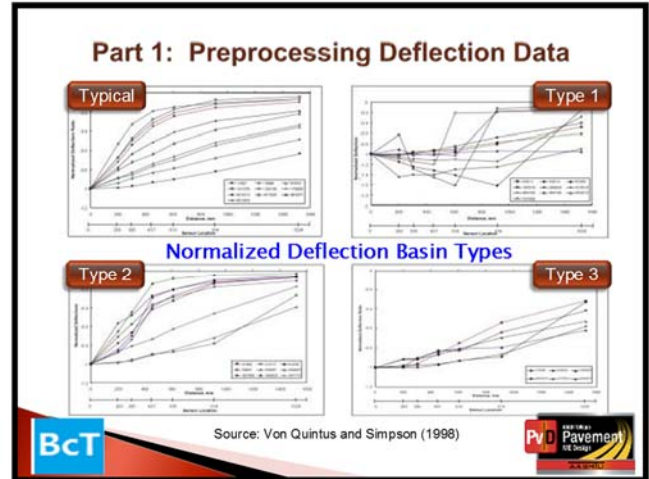
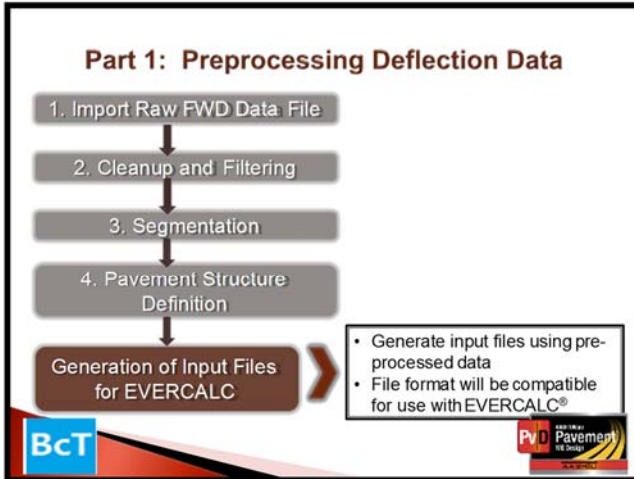
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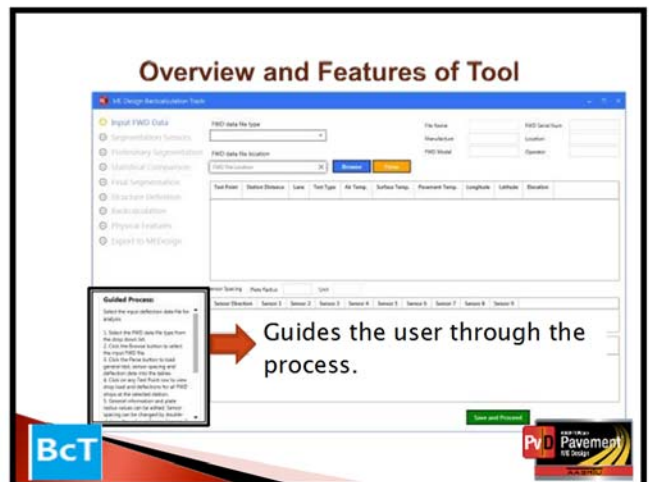
Phases/Parts of BcT

- ▶ Backcalculation program is run independently but the output is formatted in accordance with Pavement ME input requirements.
- ▶ Parts or utility tools in support of Pavement ME Design
 - Part 1—Preprocessing Deflection Data Tool for Backcalculation
 - Part 2—Backcalculation of layered elastic moduli
 - Part 3—Post processing backcalculation results for generating Pavement ME inputs.



- ### Deflection Data Analysis & Backcalculation Tool for Pavement ME: BcT
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Overview and Features of Tool

1. Input FWD Data
2. Segmentation Sensors
3. Preliminary Segmentation
4. Statistical Comparison
5. Final Segmentation
6. Structure Definition
7. Backcalculation
8. Physical Features
9. Export to ME Design

Guided Process:

1. Input the FWD data file from the data browser.
2. Click the Read button to load the data.
3. Click the Read button to load the data.
4. Click on the Read button to load the data.
5. Click on the Read button to load the data.
6. Click on the Read button to load the data.
7. Click on the Read button to load the data.
8. Click on the Read button to load the data.
9. Click on the Read button to load the data.

Save and Proceed

Part 1: Preprocessing Deflection Data

1. Import FWD Data File

- Convert file into one standard format for backcalculation.
- Five FWD file format converters:
 1. KUAB – .FWD
 2. JILS – .DAT
 3. Dynatest – V20 (*.FWD)
 4. Dynatest – F20 (*.F20)
 5. Dynatest – V25 (*.F25)

Save and Proceed

Part 1: Preprocessing Deflection Data

1. Import FWD Data File

- Read FWD data file
- Data organized and displayed through three tables:
 1. Upper table contains a list of stations and attributes (temperatures, elevation, etc.).
 2. Middle table shows the sensor configuration.
 3. Lower table shows deflection data at all drops for the station selected in upper table.

Save and Proceed

Part 1: Preprocessing Deflection Data

2. Cleanup and Filtering

- Deflection basins characterized into four types:
 - ✓ Typical
 - ✓ Type 2 – Significant decrease in deflection between two adjacent sensors
 - X Type 1 – Deflections at some sensors greater than DO
 - X Type 3 – Non-decreasing deflection at adjacent sensors

Save and Proceed

Part 1: Preprocessing Deflection Data

3. Segmentation

Cursor used to manually define the location of each segment.

Final segments selected by user.

Save and Proceed

Part 1: Preprocessing Deflection Data

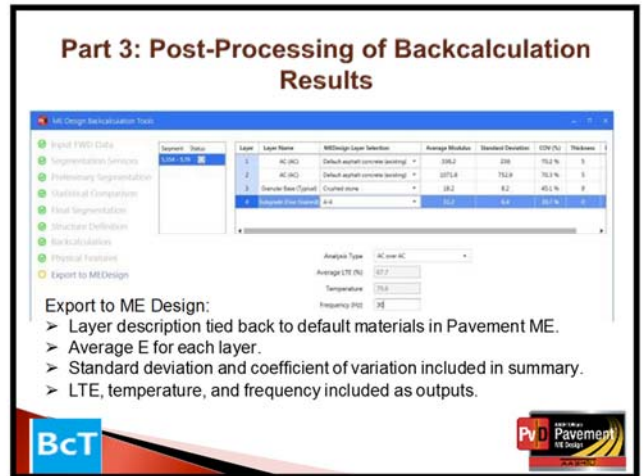
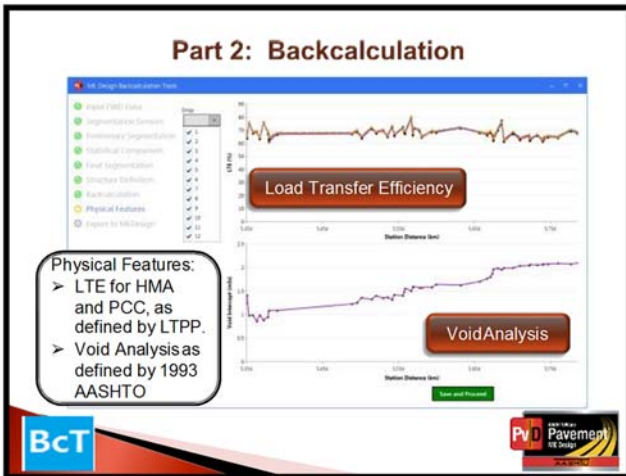
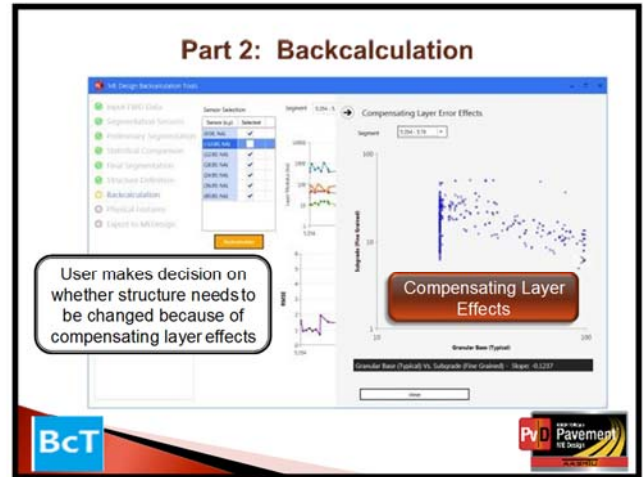
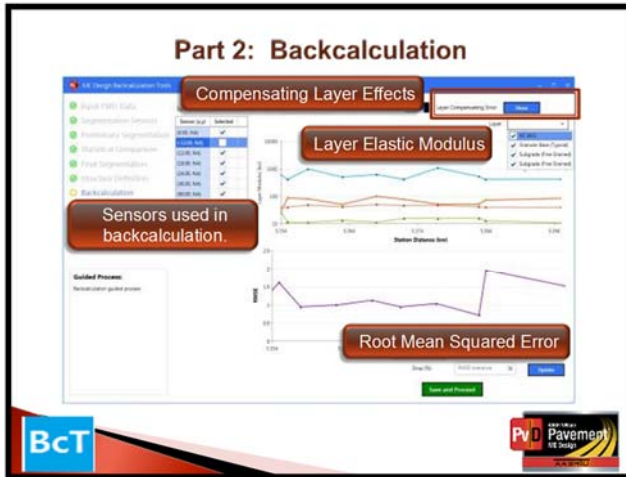
4. Structure Definition

Evercalc Inputs:

- Layer #
- Layer Type
- Thickness
- Poisson's Ratio
- Min. E
- Max. E
- Seed E

Layer	Layer Type	Min. E	Max. E	Seed E
Layer 1	AC Base	10	100	1000
Layer 2	Concrete Base (Optional)	0	10	100
Layer 3	Subgrade (Final Control)	10	100	1000
Layer 4	Subgrade (Final Control)	0	100	1000


Save and Proceed



Presentation 7—Lydia Peddicord, Pennsylvania DOT


**PennDOT’s MEPDG Implementation
Plan Second Annual AASHTO Pavement
ME National User Group Meeting
October 11-12, 2017**

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Pavement ME Design

- Performing parallel designs on a limited basis since July 1, 2014 with no local calibration
- Started verification project with ARA May 2015.




Libraries

- Asphalt Mixes
 - 19 from active projects
 - 22 SISSI mixes
 - 1 Asphalt rich bottom base from PA Turnpike
- Concrete Mixes
 - 17 from active projects
 - 6 from prior research
 - (17 LTPP sites)




Pavement ME Design

- 6 subbase 2A (unbound aggregate) samples
- 19 soil samples
- Time for Districts to collect from active projects




HMA Materials

Material Description	Test Type	Standard	Notes
AC wearing course mixes (from construction sites with volumetrics data available; select mixes covering typical PennDOT aggregates & binders)	Dynamic modulus	AASHTO T 79	
	Indirect tensile strength at low temperature (14°F)	AASHTO T 322	
	Creep compliance	AASHTO T 322	
AC intermediate course mixes (from construction sites with volumetrics data available; select mixes covering typical PennDOT aggregates & binders)	Dynamic modulus	AASHTO T 79	
	Repeated load plastic deformation	NCHRP Report #719 (modification of AASHTO T 79)	
	Indirect tensile strength at mid temperature (68°F)	AASHTO T 79	
AC base course mixes (from construction sites with volumetrics data available; select mixes covering typical PennDOT aggregates & binders)	Dynamic modulus	AASHTO T 79	
	Repeated load plastic deformation	NCHRP Report #719 (modification of AASHTO T 79)	
	Indirect tensile strength at mid temperature (68°F)	ASTM D6931. In addition to the standard test procedure, obtain Load vs. Horizontal Displacement data.	




HMA/WMA Materials

Test Type	No. of Material	No. of Test Specimen per Material	Test Performed by
Dynamic modulus (AASHTO T 79)	10	3	PennDOT
Creep compliance (AASHTO T 322)	8	3	AAA/AAT
Low temperature (14°F) indirect tensile strength (AASHTO T 322)	6 (surface mix only)	3 specimen each @ 3 temp (14°F, 14°F, 32°F)	AAA/AAT
Mid temperature (68°F) indirect tensile strength (ASTM D6931). In addition to the standard test procedure, obtain Load vs. Horizontal Displacement data.	6 (base mix only)	3	AAA/AAT
Repeated load plastic deformation (NCHRP Report #719; modification of AASHTO T 79)	12 (base and intermediate mixes)	3	PennDOT
Dynamic shear rheometer (DSR) (AASHTO T 315)	18 (Minimum 4 binder type: PG 76-22, PG 64-28, PG 64-22, and PG 58-28)		Data will be obtained from quality assurance records. MSPOB requires binder G* data at 3 different temperature levels. More information will be obtained from the supplier.
Unit weight, air voids, and binder content	18		Data will be obtained from quality assurance records.



Pavement ME Design



- Asphalt Test Sections
 - 8 SISSI sites
 - 9 LTPP sites
- Concrete JPCP Test Sections
 - 4 LTPP sites
 - 18 RMS sites



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Pavement ME Design



- Map of Asphalt Test Sections (8 SISSI, 9 LTPP)

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Pavement ME Design


- Map of Concrete Test Sections (18 RMS, 4 LTPP)

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Pavement ME Design


- March 31, 2017 local calibration coefficients with limited number of test sections



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Pavement ME Design


- Design life
 - Asphalt
 - 35 years for bottom-up cracking
 - 15 years for IRI, Rutting, Thermal cracking
 - Ave. 4.5 inches thinner than 20-yr Darwin (18 designs) (range from 10 inches thinner to 2 inches thicker)
 - Ave. 20-yr Darwin life through Pavement ME analysis: 24.5 years (range from 10 to 36 years)



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Pavement ME Design


- Design life
 - Asphalt
 - 35 years for bottom-up cracking
 - 20 years for IRI, Rutting, Thermal cracking
 - Ave. 2.4 inches thinner than 20-yr Darwin (18 designs) (range from 9 inches thinner to 6.5 inches thicker)



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Pavement ME Design

- Design life
 - Concrete
 - 35 years for cracking and faulting
 - 20 years for IRI
 - Ave. 3.1 inches thinner than 20-yr Darwin (9 designs) (range 1.5 to 4.5 inches thinner)
 - Ave. 20-yr Darwin life through Pavement ME analysis: 37.1 years (range 22 to 55 years)




Pavement ME Design

- Pavement ME graphs show how modest additional pavement thickness could significantly extend pavement life
 - Additional inch of concrete may result in an additional 10 years of predicted life.
- Potential to create issues with LCCA analysis



Pavement ME Design


- Potential CTE issues
 - Wide range in PA (3.87 to 6.11)
 - Collecting more data
 - ASR and skid issues



Pavement ME Design


Higher CTE (6.05) with lower compressive strength (4,825 psi) Elastic Modulus 3,932,166 psi resulting in 20 inches of JPCP to resolve faulting at 20 years.

- Mix with CTE (5.0) and compressive (5,580 psi), elastic modulus (4,200,000 psi)
- resulted in 10.5 inches of JPCP
- Should CTE affect faulting?
- Both had 1.5 inch dowels and 15-foot joint spacing




Pavement ME Design

- 13-ft Widened lane resulted in 10.5 inches of JPCP (CTE 6.05)
 - Should a widened lane reduce faulting so dramatically?
- TRB 2524 – Calibration of National Rigid Pavement Performance Models for the Pavement Mechanistic-Empirical Design Guide – 2015
 - Possible changes to the faulting model ?



Pavement ME Design

- Update Pavement Policy Manual to design with Pavement ME for full-depth asphalt and concrete pavements on roads with 500 ADTT or greater as of XX XX, 2018
- All Pavement ME designs to be submitted to Central Office for approval
- Need to develop policy for rehabilitation and overlay projects





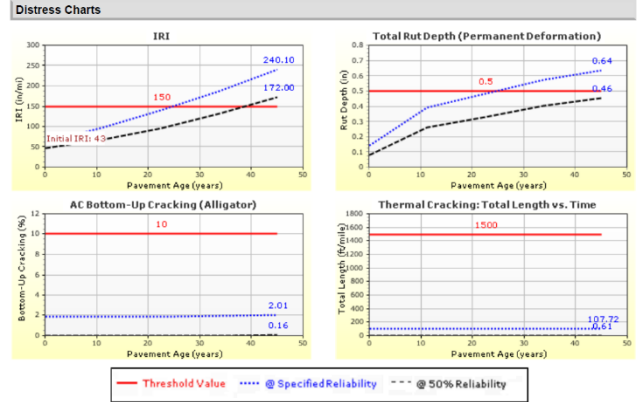
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Design Inputs			
Design Life:	45 years	Base construction:	May, 2019
Design Type:	FLEXIBLE	Pavement construction:	June, 2019
		Traffic opening:	September, 2019
		Climate Data:	40,821, -76,864
		Sources (Lat/Lon):	41,243, -76,922

Design Structure			Traffic	
Layer type	Material Type	Thickness (in)	Age (year)	Heavy Trucks (cumulative)
Flexible	Perry 12.5 mm PG76-22 Wearing	1.5	2019 (initial)	5,614
Flexible	Mix4 19 mm PG76-22 Binder	2.5	2041 (22 years)	34,829,300
Flexible	ARB_Mix1_JMF2016_D0 2	8.0	2064 (45 years)	102,844,000
NonStabilized	RMA005_A-1-a	8.0		
Subgrade	RMS001_A-4	10.0		
Subgrade	RMS001_A-4	Semi-infinite		

Design Outputs

Distress Prediction Summary					
Distress Type	Distress @ Specified Reliability		Reliability (%)		Criterion Satisfied?
	Target	Predicted	Target	Achieved	
Terminal IRI (in/mile)	150.00	240.07	95.00	29.79	Fail
Permanent deformation - total pavement (in)	0.50	0.64	95.00	64.96	Fail
AC bottom-up fatigue cracking (% lane area)	10.00	2.01	95.00	100.00	Pass
AC thermal cracking (ft/mile)	1500.00	107.72	95.00	100.00	Pass
AC top-down fatigue cracking (ft/mile)	5000.00	394.05	95.00	100.00	Pass
Permanent deformation - AC only (in)	0.50	0.46	95.00	97.89	Pass



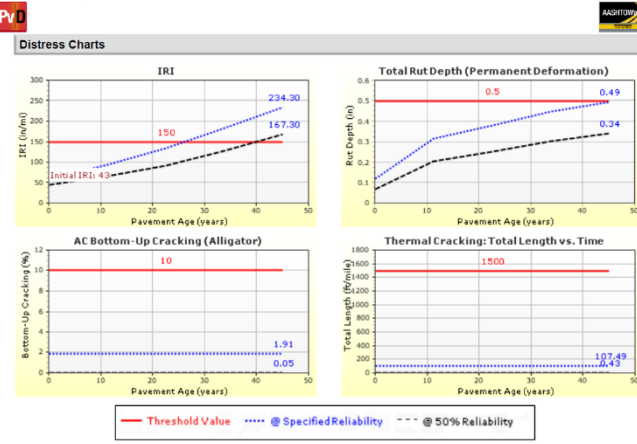
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Design Structure			Traffic	
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Flexible	Perry 12.5 mm PG76-22 Wearing	1.5	2019 (initial)	5,614
Flexible	Mix4 19 mm PG76-22 Binder	2.5	2041 (22 years)	34,829,300
Flexible	ARB_Mix1_JMF2016_D0 2	10.0	2064 (45 years)	102,844,000
NonStabilized	RMA005_A-1-a	8.0		
Subgrade	RMS001_A-4	10.0		
Subgrade	RMS001_A-4	Semi-infinite		

Design Outputs

Distress Prediction Summary					
Distress Type	Distress @ Specified Reliability		Reliability (%)		Criterion Satisfied?
	Target	Predicted	Target	Achieved	
Terminal IRI (in/mile)	150.00	234.29	95.00	33.57	Fail
Permanent deformation - total pavement (in)	0.50	0.49	95.00	95.66	Pass
AC bottom-up fatigue cracking (% lane area)	10.00	1.91	95.00	100.00	Pass
AC thermal cracking (ft/mile)	1500.00	107.49	95.00	100.00	Pass
AC top-down fatigue cracking (ft/mile)	5000.00	374.09	95.00	100.00	Pass
Permanent deformation - AC only (in)	0.50	0.33	95.00	99.98	Pass



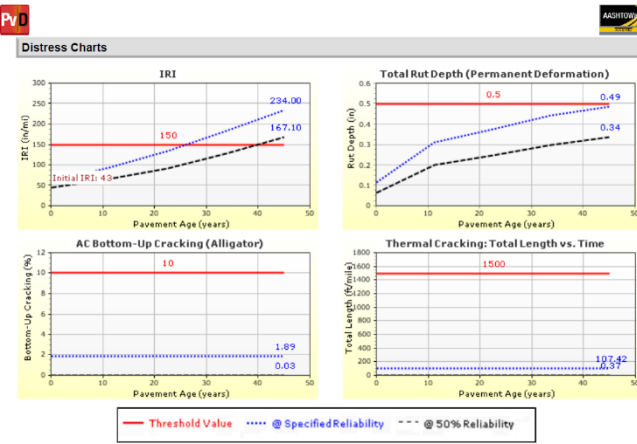
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Flexible	Perry 12.5 mm PG76-22 Wearing	1.5	2019 (initial)	5,614
Flexible	Mix4 19 mm PG76-22 Binder	2.5	2041 (22 years)	34,829,300
Flexible	ARB_Mix1_JMF2016_D0 2	11.0	2064 (45 years)	102,844,000
NonStabilized	RMA005_A-1-a	8.0		
Subgrade	RMS001_A-4	10.0		
Subgrade	RMS001_A-4	Semi-infinite		

Design Outputs

Distress Prediction Summary					
Distress Type	Distress @ Specified Reliability		Reliability (%)		Criterion Satisfied?
	Target	Predicted	Target	Achieved	
Terminal IRI (in/mile)	150.00	234.04	95.00	33.74	Fail
Permanent deformation - total pavement (in)	0.50	0.49	95.00	96.07	Pass
AC bottom-up fatigue cracking (% lane area)	10.00	1.89	95.00	100.00	Pass
AC thermal cracking (ft/mile)	1500.00	107.42	95.00	100.00	Pass
AC top-down fatigue cracking (ft/mile)	5000.00	337.08	95.00	100.00	Pass
Permanent deformation - AC only (in)	0.50	0.34	95.00	99.97	Pass



Design Inputs

Design Life: 45 years Existing construction: - Climate Data: 40.821, -76.864
 Design Type: JPCP Pavement construction: April, 2019 Sources (Lat/Lon): 41.243, -76.922
 Traffic opening: September, 2019

Design Structure			Traffic	
Layer type	Material Type	Thickness (in)	Age (year)	Heavy Trucks (cumulative)
PCC	LCCP	9.0	2019 (initial)	5,614
Flexible	Asphalt Treated Permeable Base Course	4.0	2041 (22 years)	34,829,300
NonStabilized	RMA005_A-1-a	4.0	2064 (45 years)	102,844,000
Subgrade	RMS001_A-4	10.0		
Subgrade	RMS001_A-4	Semi-infinite		

Joint Design:
 Joint spacing (ft): 15.0
 Dowel diameter (in): 1.50
 Slab width (ft): 13.0 (w)

Design Inputs

Design Life: 45 years Existing construction: - Climate Data: 40.821, -76.864
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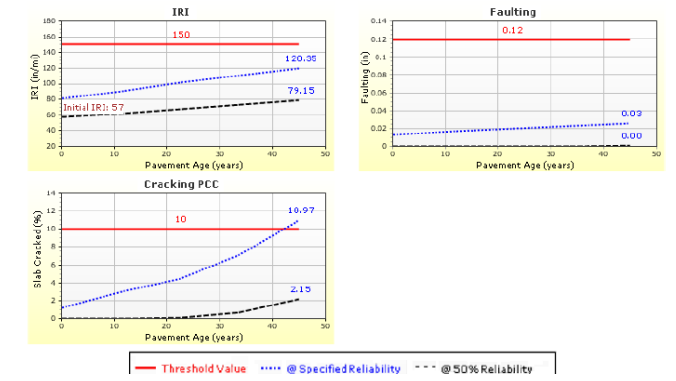
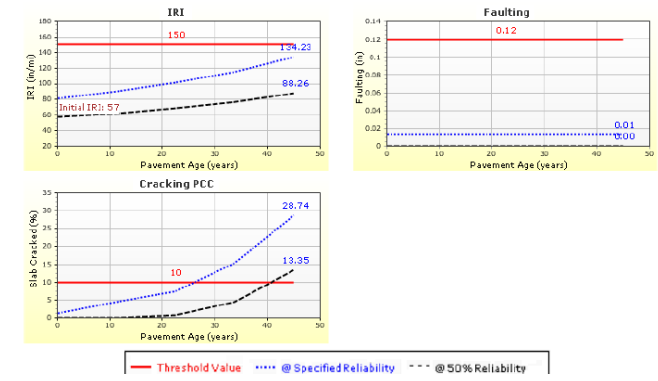
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	Target	Predicted	Target	Achieved	
Terminal IRI (in/mile)	150.00	134.23	95.00	98.64	Pass
Mean joint faulting (in)	0.12	0.01	95.00	100.00	Pass
JPCP transverse cracking (percent slabs)	10.00	28.74	95.00	36.02	Fail

Design Outputs

Distress Prediction Summary

Distress Type	Distress @ Specified Reliability		Reliability (%)		Criterion Satisfied?
	Target	Predicted	Target	Achieved	
Terminal IRI (in/mile)	150.00	120.35	95.00	99.77	Pass
Mean joint faulting (in)	0.12	0.03	95.00	100.00	Pass
JPCP transverse cracking (percent slabs)	10.00	10.97	95.00	92.83	Fail



Design Inputs

Design Life: 45 years Existing construction: - Climate Data: 40.821, -76.864
 Design Type: JPCP Pavement construction: April, 2019 Sources (Lat/Lon): 41.243, -76.922
 Traffic opening: September, 2019

Design Structure			Traffic	
Layer type	Material Type	Thickness (in)	Age (year)	Heavy Trucks (cumulative)
PCC	LCCP	10.5	2019 (initial)	5,614
Flexible	Asphalt Treated Permeable Base Course	4.0	2041 (22 years)	34,829,300
NonStabilized	RMA005_A-1-a	4.0	2064 (45 years)	102,844,000
Subgrade	RMS001_A-4	10.0		
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Design Outputs

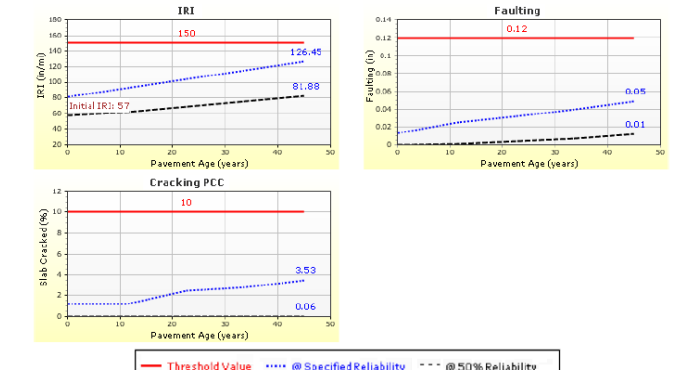
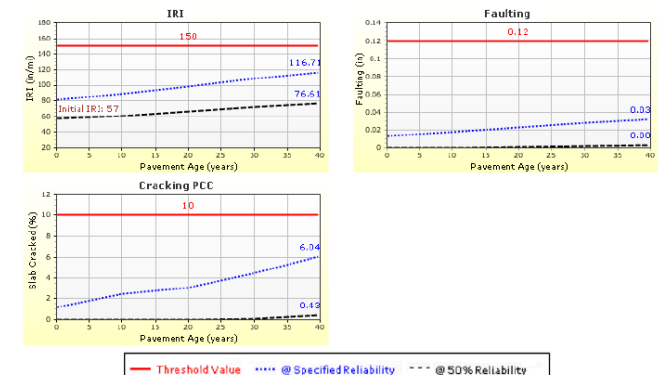
Distress Prediction Summary

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	Target	Predicted	Target	Achieved	
Terminal IRI (in/mile)	150.00	116.88	95.00	99.87	Pass
Mean joint faulting (in)	0.12	0.03	95.00	100.00	Pass
JPCP transverse cracking (percent slabs)	10.00	7.11	95.00	99.15	Pass

Design Outputs

Distress Prediction Summary

Distress Type	Distress @ Specified Reliability		Reliability (%)		Criterion Satisfied?
	Target	Predicted	Target	Achieved	
Terminal IRI (in/mile)	150.00	126.45	95.00	99.40	Pass
Mean joint faulting (in)	0.12	0.05	95.00	100.00	Pass
JPCP transverse cracking (percent slabs)	10.00	3.53	95.00	100.00	Pass



Presentation 8—Joe Tucker, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet



KENTUCKY'S UPDATED PAVEMENT DESIGN PROCESS

Branch Manager for Pavement Branch:
Joe Tucker




KENTUCKY'S CURRENT PAVEMENT DESIGN PROCESS

- ▶ Mechanistic – Empirical based process
- ▶ Developed in the early 1980's, process started in the 1950's
- ▶ Catalog of Designs developed in late 1990's
- ▶ Has become very conservative over the years
- ▶ Most pavement designs use the Pavement Design Spreadsheet (currently on version 5.09)




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KYTC'S VISION OF NEW PAVEMENT DESIGN PROCESS



- ▶ New Catalog of Designs developed based on analysis of thousands of AASHTO's Pavement runs
- ▶ Catalog intended to be used for majority of projects
- ▶ New Web Based Application that stores and allows for easy approval of pavement designs
- ▶ Standardized Inputs for more complex designs using Pavement runs
- ▶ Optimized pavement design curves for both HMA and PCC Pavements




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WHY A DESIGN CATALOG



- ▶ Easy transition from current catalog system
- ▶ Allows simple pavement designs to be done by engineers with limited or no Pavement experience
- ▶ Consistent cost estimation process
- ▶ Allows current conversions to still be used to provide flexibility to design
 - ▶ 3.0" DGA or CSB = 1.0" AC
 - ▶ 8.0" Chemical Stabilization = 3.0" AC
 - ▶ 15.0" Rock & Fabric = 3.0" AC
- ▶ State Highway Engineer's Office looking for "quick" implementation
- ▶ Pavement use only for specialized designs and forensic evaluations

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STEPS TO IMPLEMENTATION

1. Develop New Pavement Curves Based on Pavement
2. Update KYTC's Pavement Policies to work with New Curves
3. Create and Implement Web Based Program

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STEP 1: DEVELOP NEW PAVEMENT CURVES

- ▶ Develop Materials and Traffic Libraries ✓
 - ▶ Obtain existing materials records and pavement mix designs ✓
 - ▶ Information from Planning on Traffic Inputs ✓
 - ▶ Average Vehicle Class Distribution based on historical data
 - ▶ Site Specific AADT
- ▶ Create KYTC specific User Input Guide for Pavement ✓
- ▶ Review and approve new catalog of curves
 - ▶ New Asphalt Curves ✓
 - ▶ New Concrete Curves



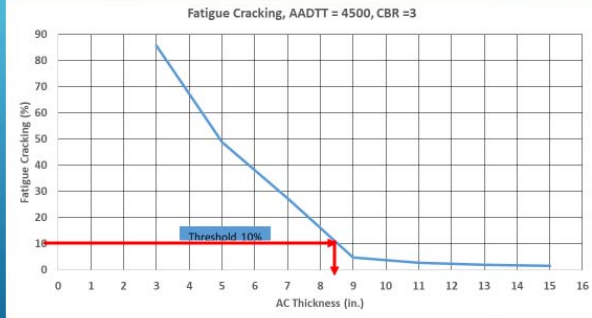

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DESIGN CATALOG THRESHOLDS

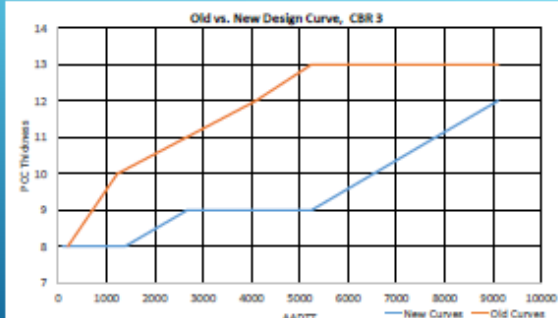
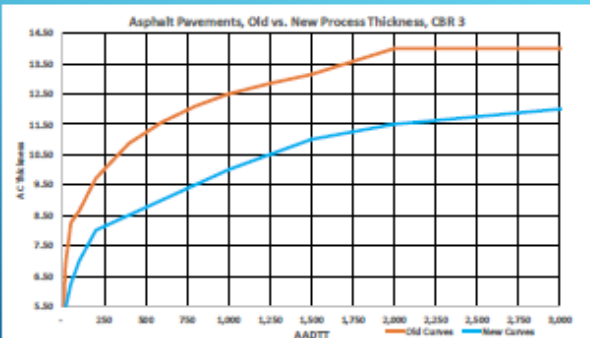
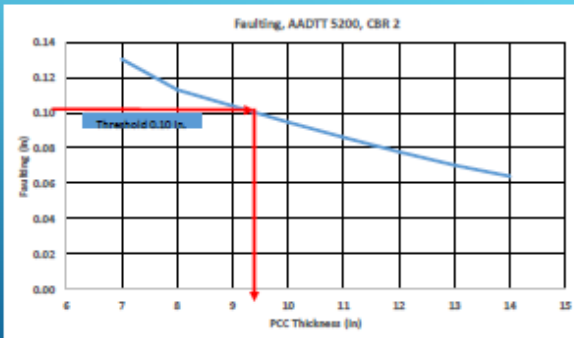
- ▶ Asphalt Pavement distress focused on AC rutting and fatigue cracking
 - ▶ Threshold for Rutting Set at 0.30"
 - ▶ Threshold for Fatigue Cracking Set at 10%
 - ▶ Also looked at an IRI threshold of 160 and top down cracking
- ▶ Concrete Pavement Distress focused on PCC faulting and Cracked Slabs
 - ▶ Threshold for Faulting 0.10"
 - ▶ Threshold for Cracked Slabs 10%
 - ▶ Also looked at an IRI threshold of 160



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STEP 2: UPDATE CURRENT PAVEMENT

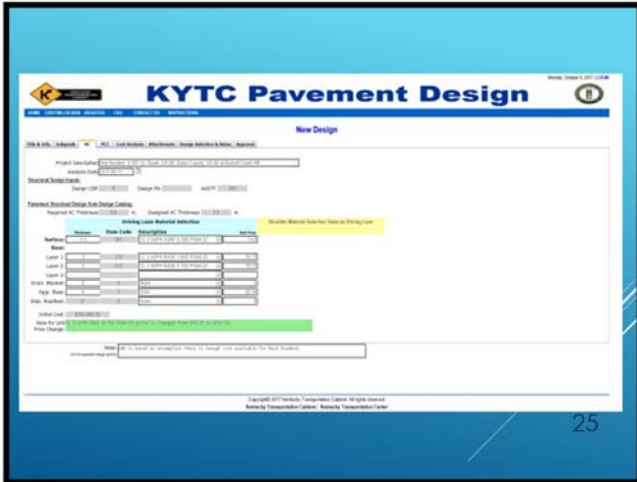
RELATED POLICIES

Update KYTC's Pavement Policies to work with the New Curves

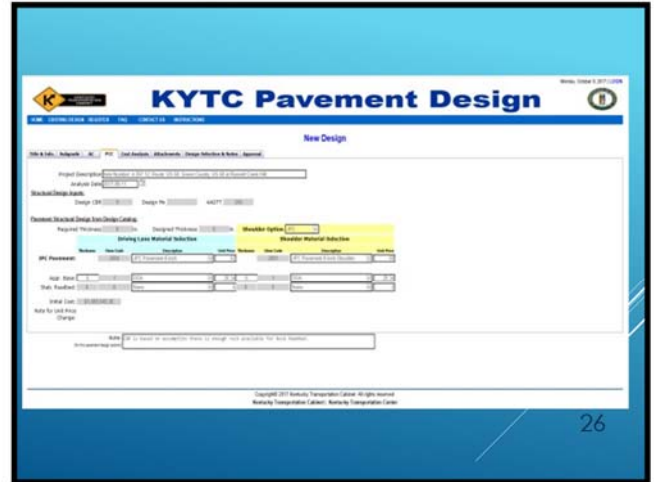
- ▶ Update the Pavement Chapter of the Highway Design Manual ✓
- ▶ Develop Traffic Request Form for Pavement Design ✓
- ▶ Update KYTC's Warrants for Selecting Asphalt Mixtures and Compaction Options ✓
- ▶ Update Pavement Design Guide
- ▶ Send out Design Memo establishing new pavement curves
- ▶ Updated Specification Book Chapters



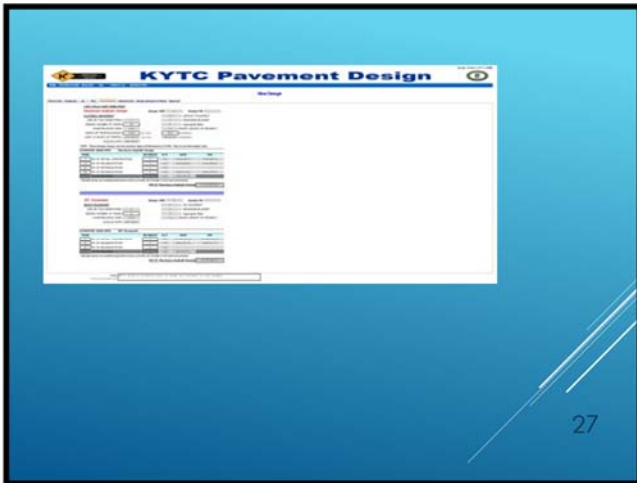
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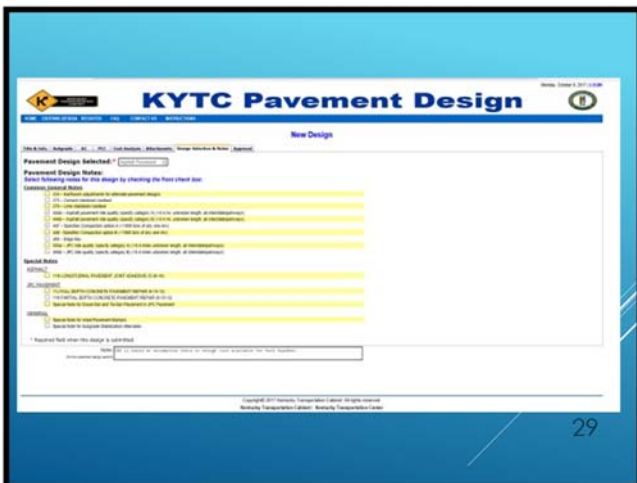
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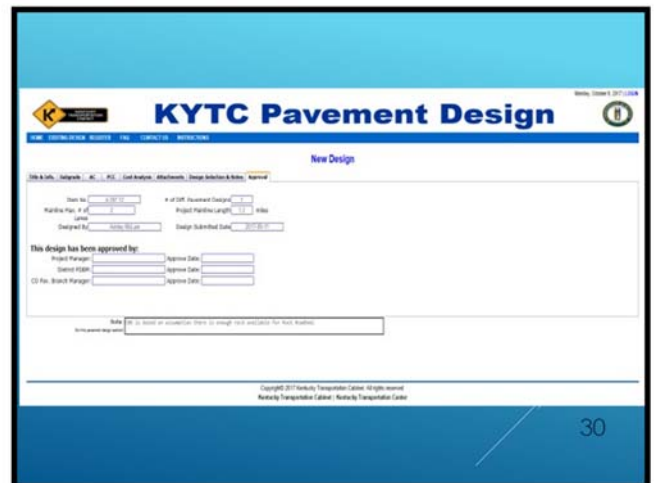
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FUTURE DIRECTION

- ▶ Initial deployment of catalog January 2018
 - ▶ Concurrent use of updated spreadsheet (version 6.0) and web-based application
 - ▶ District 4 and consultant currently performing QA/QC
- ▶ Pavement design training class
- ▶ Continued calibration/verification
- ▶ Catalog expansion to account for each functional class
- ▶ Catalogs and pavement design processes for pavement rehabilitations, composite pavements, overlays, etc.




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THANK YOU



Presentation 9—Affan Habib, Virginia DOT




MODELLING OF STABILIZED MATERIALS IN PAVEMENT ME
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Presentation Outline


- ❑ Overview of stabilized materials
- ❑ Characterization of stabilized materials in Pavement ME
- ❑ Challenges in modelling of chemically stabilized materials in Pavement ME
- ❑ VDOT's Interim strategy in modelling of stabilized materials

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OVERVIEW OF STABILIZED MATERIALS

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Overview of Stabilized Materials

- Commonly used stabilized materials:
 - ✓ Cement Treated Aggregate Base
 - ✓ Lime/Cement stabilized soils
 - ✓ Asphalt/Cement treated drainage layers
- Higher structural capacity compared to unstabilized layers.
- Material properties are less sensitive to seasonal variation of moisture.


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Overview of Stabilized Materials

- To have a better performing pavement.
- Higher erodibility levels over unstabilized materials.
- Can be used to improve weak subgrade material to create stable working platform.

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Commonly used Stabilized Materials in Virginia

- Cement Treated Aggregate (CTA) Base
 - ✓ Contains 4% cement by weight
 - ✓ Typically 6" thickness
 - ✓ Recommended for high volume traffic facilities
- Cement Treated Full Depth Reclamation (FDR)
 - ✓ Used in reconstruction and major rehabs
 - ✓ 10-12" thickness
- Soil Cement
 - ✓ Subgrade stabilization

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CHARACTERIZATION OF STABILIZED MATERIALS IN PAVEMENT ME

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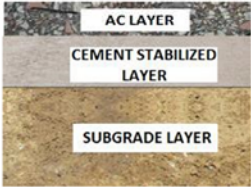
Characterization of Chemically Stabilized Materials

- **Pre version 2.2**
 - No semi rigid modeling option
 - Modelled as flexible pavement
 - Can select chemically stabilized layers under AC layers
- **Post version 2.2**
 - Semi rigid modelling option
 - Can no longer select chemically stabilized layers under 'flexible' pavement

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Characterization of Chemically Stabilized Materials

- Chemically stabilized materials modelled as semi-rigid pavement (v. 2.2 & above)



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Characterization of Chemically Stabilized Materials

Type of pavement	Inputs required	
	Flexible pavement (Semi rigid)	General
Strength		Elastic modulus (psi) Modulus of rupture (psi) Minimum elastic modulus (psi)
Cracking		Chemically stabilized base crack spacing (ft) Chemically stabilized base crack Load Transfer Efficiency (LTE) (%) Chemically stabilized base crack fatigue LTE (%)
Thermal		Thermal conductivity (BTU/hr-ft-degree F) Heat capacity (BTU/lb- deg F)

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Characterization of Chemically Stabilized Materials

Type of pavement	Inputs required		
	Rigid pavement (CRCP, JPCP)	General	Layer thickness (in), Unit weight (pcf), Poisson's ratio Elastic modulus (psi)
		Thermal	Thermal conductivity (BTU/hr-ft-degree F) Heat capacity (BTU/lb- deg F)

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Characterization of Stabilized Materials in Pavement ME

- **Asphalt Treated Permeable Base**
 - ✓ **Under Flexible (AC) Layer**
 - Modelled as high quality aggregate with constant resilient modulus.
 - Manual of Practice recommends ~ 65,000 psi.
 - ✓ **Under Rigid Layer**
 - Modelled as flexible layer similar to HMA material.

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CHALLENGES IN MODELLING OF CHEMICALLY STABILIZED MATERIALS

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Challenges in Modelling of Stabilized Materials

- Everything was linear with 1993 method

a , for agg. Base: 0.12
 SN: $6 \cdot 12 = 0.72$
 a , for CTA: 0.2
 SN: $6 \cdot 2 = 1.2$
 Diff = $0.48 \sim 1.1''$ of AC

- ME broke this "linearity"

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Challenges in Modelling of Stabilized Materials in AC Pavements

- VDOT initially planned to use the semi-rigid option in Pavement ME.
- Virginia local calibration sites have some CTA sections.
- VDOT is considering Rutting and AC Bottom-up Fatigue as a threshold criteria at this time.
 - Same as flexible pavement
 - Does it need to be same?

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General Observations with Semi Rigid Option

- CTA reduces the predicted AC bottom-up fatigue compared to unstabilized layer.
- Rutting governs design
- Rutting may not be high enough up to some traffic
- At lower traffic, somewhat thinner compared to unstabilized base
- At higher traffic, may not get benefit compared to unstabilized base

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Sensitivity of the Semi Rigid Option

✓ Insensitiveness of predicted distress:

- To variation of CTA thickness
- To variation of CTA elastic modulus
- To variation of CTA Modulus of Rupture (MOR).

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Sensitivity from CTA thickness

Distress Type	Target	CTA Modulus (1,000,000 psi), Crack spacing (25 feet) CTA thickness			
		4 inch	6 inch	8 inch	10 inch
Terminal IRI (in/mile)	140	149.4	147.7	149.3	149.3
Permanent deformation - total pavement (in)	0.26	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27
AC total fatigue cracking: bottom up + reflective (% lane area)	25	4.89	4.12	3.67	3.38
AC total transverse cracking: thermal + reflective (ft/mile)	2500	2414.9	2414.4	2415.4	2417.2
AC bottom-up fatigue cracking (% lane area)	6	1.56	1.07	0.80	0.65
AC thermal cracking (ft/mile)	1000	1	1	1	1
AC top-down fatigue cracking (ft/mile)	2000	332.5	346.7	359.1	336.9
Chemically stabilized layer - fatigue fracture (% lane area)	25	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03

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Sensitivity from CTA Modulus

Distress Type	Target	CTA Elastic Modulus (psi)				
		200000	500000	1000000	1500000	2000000
Terminal IRI (in/mile)	140	150.6	149.6	149	149.2	148.8
Permanent deformation - total pavement (in)	0.26	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27
AC total fatigue cracking: bottom up + reflective (% lane area)	25	7.09	5.44	4.12	3.49	3.09
AC total transverse cracking: thermal + reflective (ft/mile)	2500	2414.4	2414.4	2414.4	2414.4	2414.4
AC bottom-up fatigue cracking (% lane area)	6	3.08	1.92	1.07	0.71	0.51
AC thermal cracking (ft/mile)	1000	1	1	1	1	1
AC top-down fatigue cracking (ft/mile)	2000	329.9	333.6	346.7	329.2	329.2
Chemically stabilized layer - fatigue fracture (% lane area)	25	0.13	0.06	0.03	0.02	0.01

Sensitivity from CTA Modulus of Rupture

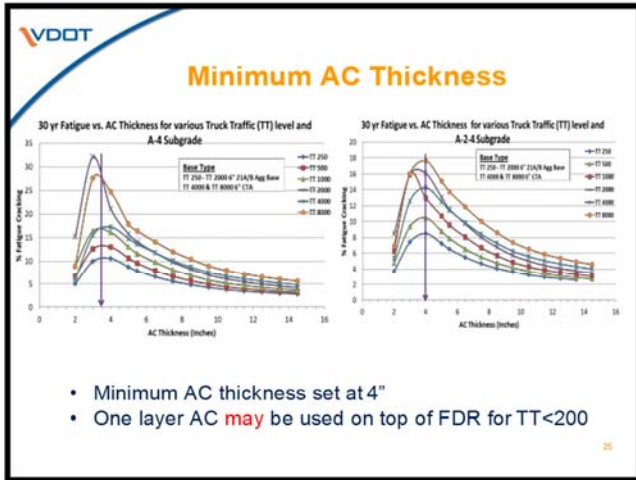
Distress Type	Target	CTA Modulus (1,000,000 psi)			
		CTA Modulus of rupture (psi)			
		50	100	200	300
Terminal IRI (in/mile)	140	148.8	149.4	149.1	149.4
Permanent deformation - total pavement (in)	0.26	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27
AC total fatigue cracking: bottom up + reflective (% lane area)	25	4.02	4.1	4.54	5.1
AC total transverse cracking: thermal + reflective (ft/mile)	2500	2414.4	2414.4	2414.4	2414.4
AC bottom-up fatigue cracking (% lane area)	6	1.02	1.06	1.3	1.64
AC thermal cracking (ft/mile)	1000	1	1	1	1
AC top-down fatigue cracking (ft/mile)	2000	347.8	346.9	343.6	341.5
Chemically stabilized layer - fatigue fracture (% lane area)	25	0	0.02	0.07	0.12

VDOT's INTERIM STRATEGY IN MODELLING OF STABILIED MATERIALS

- ### VDOT's Interim Strategy in Modelling of Stabilized Materials
- **CTA and FDR**
 - ✓ Until the revised semi-rigid model released – not to use semi-rigid option in Pavement ME.
 - ✓ Will be modelled as non-stabilize base with constant resilient modulus value.
 - ✓ Resilient modulus ~ 80,000 psi.

- ### VDOT's Interim Strategy in Modelling of Stabilized Materials
- **Soil-Cement**
 - ✓ Modelled as a subgrade soil with constant resilient modulus value.
 - ✓ Resilient modulus ~ 40,000 psi.

- ### VDOT's Interim Strategy in Modelling of Stabilized Materials
- **For rigid pavement**
 - ✓ CTA to be used as CTA chemically stabilized layer
 - ✓ OGDL is generally used on top of CTA
 - ✓ Cracking less sensitive to CTA thickness



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- QUESTIONS TO PARTICIPANTS**
- How other State DOTs model chemically stabilized materials in Pavement ME?
 - What kind of distresses are considered to be critical & need to be considered as threshold criteria?
 - Upon release of the version 2.4, how to assess the semi rigid option?

Thank You

Any Questions?

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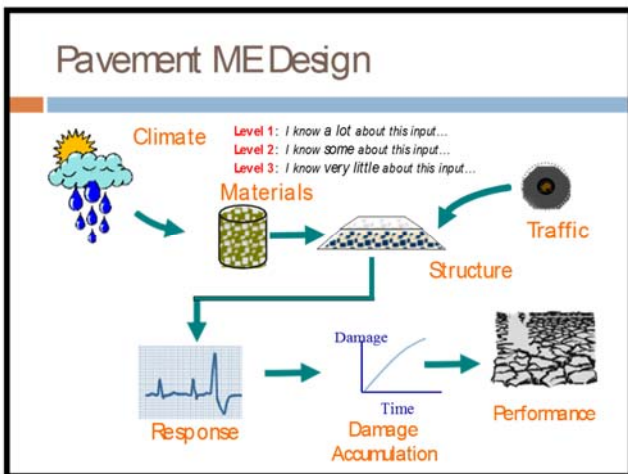
MULTI-AGENCY EFFORT TO PREPARE DATA FOR PAVEMENT ME DESIGN

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Acknowledgement

- AHTD (initially developed in 2008)
- TPF-5(242) lead agency: Louisiana Transportation Research Center (LTRC)
- Participating states: HI, KY, LA, MD, MI, NC, NH, WI, NV
- Relevant support/ Funding: OK
- FHWA: Chris Wagner, and many others
- Several other DOTs demonstrations, conference calls, etc.



Problem Statement

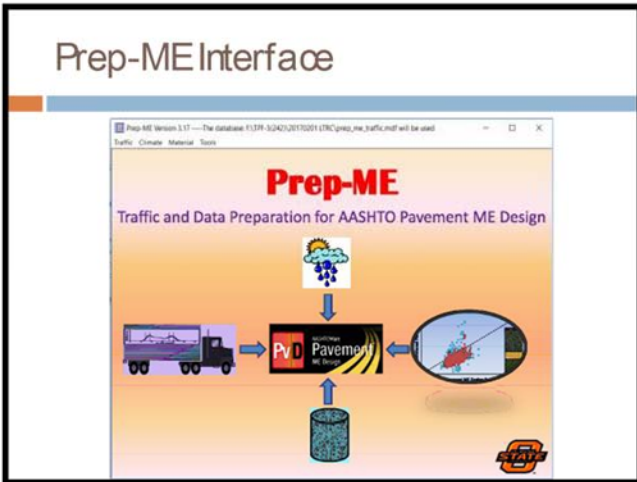
- Extensive amount of data inputs (many are new to designers)
 - ◆ Traffic: axle loading spectra instead of ESALs
 - ◆ Climate: hourly climatic data
 - ◆ Materials: dynamic modulus (E^*), coefficient thermal expansion (CTE)
- Challenges of data availability, quality & process
 - ◆ Availability: either not available or stored somewhere
 - ◆ Quality & process: Weigh-In-Motion (WIM) data huge in size but poor in quality; selection of limited WIM data for design at any location
- Local calibration of performance models required
 - ◆ Integration of design with PMS
 - ◆ Data quality: fair IR & rutting data, poor cracking data
 - ◆ Sophisticated 11-step procedure with statistical analysis (AASHTO 2014)

Goals of Prep-ME

- Assist DOTs with data preparation for ME implementation and local calibration
- Improve management and workflow of input data for Pavement ME Design in a production environment
- Provide high quality input data sets that can be directly imported to ME in required XML format

Prep-ME Memory Lane

- Initial development: AHTD 2006 to 2008
- TPF-5(242) Phase II: Traffic and Data Preparation for AASHTO DARWin-ME Analysis and Design, 2011 to 2014
- TPF-5(242) Phase III: Training and implementation



Overview of Software Capabilities

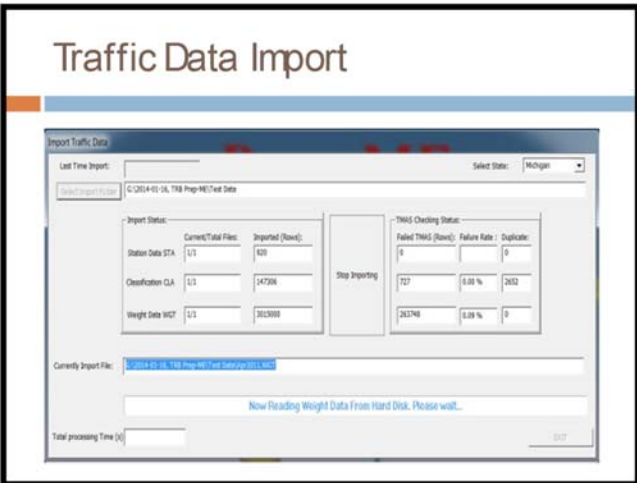
- Traffic Module
- Climate Module
- Material Module
- Tools
- Local Calibration Module: under development

Traffic Module of Prep-ME

- Import & process raw WIM data (both 2001 & 2013 TMG format) into SQL DB: advanced parallel computing & DB techniques (GB in size in txt format)
- Implement algorithms and check WIM data quality: rigorous & flexible to meet various needs
- Generate loading spectra inputs for ME Design at any location using available WIM data: cluster analysis; 3 levels of input

Traffic Data Import

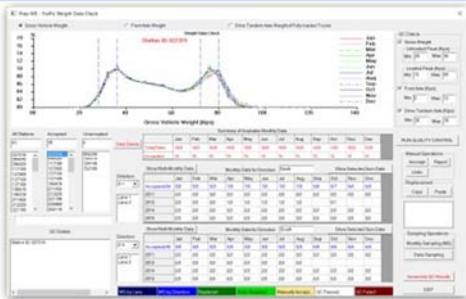
- Import traffic data based on file format defined in the FHWA's Traffic Monitoring Guide (TMG): both 2001 and 2013 versions
- Conduct Travel Monitoring Analysis System (TMAS 2.0) data check for each record
- Generate TMAS error reports for sensor diagnostics
- Process the raw data for Pavement ME Design & save data in the Prep-ME database tables



Traffic Data Check

- Conduct automatic QC for classification & weight data by direction and lane: default data check algorithms from the 2001 TMG, while allow users make adjustments
- Provide interfaces to review monthly, weekly and daily traffic data and perform various comparisons
- Provide various manual, replacement, and sampling operations to analyze and utilize incomplete or failed data if possible
- Provide alternatives to investigate sites with low truck volume

Traffic Data Check



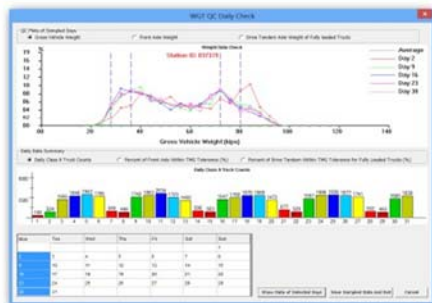
Auto & manual operations by station, by direction, by lane (for various checks and comparisons)

Traffic Data Check



Review lanes for each month

Traffic Data Check



Look for pattern change – by day & week

Traffic QC Data Management

- TMG QC – automatically check data quality in batch mode (QC criteria customizable)
- Daily Sampling – select good days when a month has some invalid data
- Monthly Sampling – used when focusing on a particular time period
- Copy & Paste – borrow data from one month to represent a missing month
- Manual Accept/ Reject – available if the standard QC is not suitable for a station

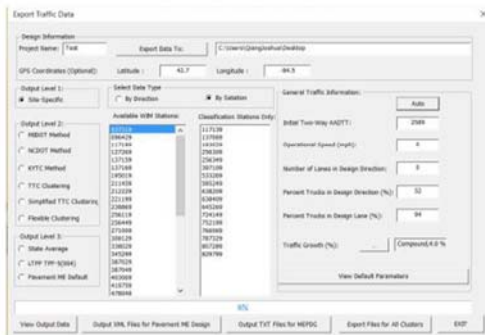
Load Spectra Export

- Provide 3 levels of outputs (can be mixed)
- Level 2 clustering methods
 - ❖ Michigan DOT method
 - ❖ NCDOT method
 - ❖ Kentucky method
 - ❖ Nevada method
 - ❖ TTC method
 - ❖ Simplified TTC method: low volume road
 - ❖ Flexible method: manual clusters
 - ❖ Modified TPF-5(004) method

Load Spectra Export

- Fully implemented C++ Ward-based hierarchical clustering algorithm
 - Allow users to evaluate existing clusters and define new clusters if necessary (such as with new data sets)
- Allow mixed three levels of traffic outputs
- Generate traffic input files for MEPDG (11 text files) and Pavement ME Design software (2 xml files)

Load Spectra Export – Level 1



Michigan Method – Level 2



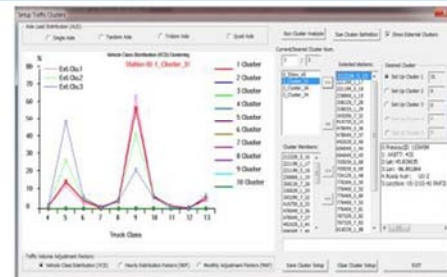
Statistics based discriminant equations based on freight data & traffic clusters

NCDOT Method – Level 2



Project specific VCD; Decision-tree based method: designer selects ALDF

Setup Clusters



Compare new data and new stations to research groups and identify new patterns

Traffic Module Summary

- High efficient data import: 2001 & 2013 TMG format; TMAPS check
- Targeted QC – evaluates weight measures that are relatively consistent
- Manage Data – able to select the data used to generate statistics
- Clustering – able to cluster data to identify patterns for each input with multiple methodologies

Other Capability: Climate

- Import climate data
 - ❖ Any climate data that comply with Pavement ME Design Hourly Climate Data (HCD) format
 - ❖ Conduct preliminary data checks
- Interpolate ICM file for MEPDG and XML file for Pavement ME Design

Other Capability: Materials

- Retrieve dynamic modulus (E^*) data for HMA materials from statewide material library
- Retrieve Coefficient of Thermal Expansion (CTE) data for PCC materials from statewide material library
- Retrieve resilient modulus (M_R) from subgrade soil map data

Other Capability: Materials

- Dynamic modulus (E^*)
 - ◆ 3 nominal max agg sizes
 - ◆ 3 binder grades
 - ◆ 4 agg types
 - ◆ 2 gradations
 - ◆ 4 temperatures
 - ◆ 5 loading frequencies
- Catalog of E^* data for “Level 1” design



(Hall, 2007)

Other Capability: Materials

Retrieve HMA E^*

Export Data To: D:\OKSTATE

Retrieving Parameters

Binder Grade: SC70-22 Nominal Max Aggregate: 12.5 mm

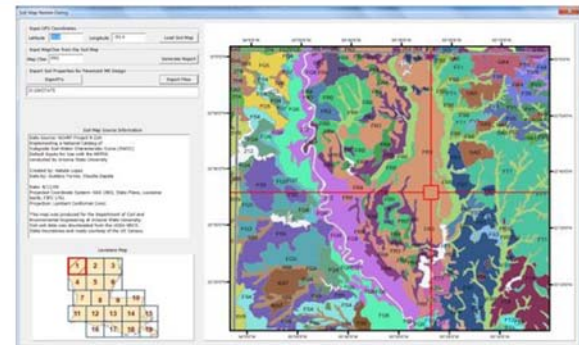
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Generate Reports

	0.1 HZ	0.5 HZ	1.0 HZ	5.0 HZ	10.0 HZ	25.0 HZ
14	2787.9525	3230.6775	3413.5725	3784.15	3959.325	4227.75
40	1602.325	2058.2775	2234.4625	2721.7	2950.47	3273.4525
70	344.435	568.9175	693.6725	1049.235	1229.055	1505.925
100	67.835	110.3275	141.0525	260	343.765	486.32
130	27.525	37.5475	44.74	75.4725	99.0525	151.955

Export Files EXIT

Other Capability: Materials



Other Capability: Materials

Soil Properties for Pavement ME Design

Map Chor: FWD

Mapset Key: ME753

Mapset Name: Springfield Soil (SDF2)

Component Name: Springfield

	Soil Layer	Layer 2	Layer 3	Layer 4	Layer 5	Layer 6	Layer 7	Layer 8
Soil Classification	A-4	A-7.6	A-6					
Soil Classification	2	10	13					
Top Depth (in)	3	16.9	48.8					
Bottom Depth (in)	11.9	48.8	72					
Thickness (in)	11.9	31.9	23.2					
% Compaction	99	99	99					
Water Table Depth-Average (ft)	1.82	1.82	1.82					
Depth to Bedrock (ft)	NA	NA	NA					
STRENGTH PROPERTIES								
CBR from Index Properties	14.9	5.6	8.9					
Resilient Modulus (psi)	14410	7701	9774					
INDEX PROPERTIES								
Passing #4 (%)	100	100	100					

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Other Capability: FWD

- Import raw FWD data (such as F25 format) into Prep-ME database
- Output summary report for back-calculation software
- Generate FWD XML file for Pavement ME Design

Other Capability: Tools

- Up-to-date Google Map v3.22 API
- Traffic file name change: those don't comply with the TMG name convention
- AADTT and VCD factors calculator: based on 24-h or 48-h short term count data
- State material library data import
- ALD to XML loading spectra converter

Other Capability: Tools



Prep-ME Future Development

- Assist state agencies implementing Prep-ME
 - ◆ Customization and feature improvements
 - ◆ Technical support

Prep-ME Future Development

- New module for **automated/assisted local calibration**: under development
 - ◆ Develop import functions to read ME analysis files into Prep-ME DB tables
 - ◆ Develop functions to import required performance data from state PMS, and LTPP database
 - ◆ Automate most of the AASHTO local calibration steps, especially Step 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, which involve extensive computing analyses and repeating research efforts when with additional and/or better data sets

How Prep-ME Can Be Used

- Traffic data collection engineers
 - ◆ To conduct effective traffic data QA/ QC for various applications
- Pavement design engineers
 - ◆ To analyze axle loading data and select the best spectra among WIMs, national, and local defaults
 - ◆ To prepare all input data based on ME designated XML import format with minor efforts
- Improve the productivities of above operations tremendously

Michigan implementation slides available based on Request

Thank You

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- Integrate cutting-edge technologies from various disciplines to tackle real-world highway and airport pavement infrastructure problems.
- Investigate sustainable paving materials and construction technologies, pavement non-destructive testing and evaluation, performance monitoring, maintenance, repair and rehabilitation.

The overall goal of the Program for Sustainable Pavement Engineering & Research (PROSPER) is to advance research, education and technology transfer in the area of sustainable highway and airport pavement infrastructure systems.

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PROSPER: Research Agenda

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Home Focus Research Publications Personnel News

Economic and Environmental Assessment

Non-Destructive Testing & Evaluation

Sustainable Construction Materials & Technologies

Highways, Airport Pavements, Road & Upgraded roads

Mathematical-based Pavement Analysis & Design

Education & Technology Transfer

Advanced Health Monitoring & Management

Intelligent Systems Engineering

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Roadway Infrastructure Assessment and Modeling

- Rapidly and reliably evaluate the existing condition of infrastructure systems using non-destructive technologies augmented by numerical simulations and artificial intelligence
- Wireless Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags in highway and airport construction projects for temperature monitoring and concrete strength estimation using PCC maturity concept
- Use of RFID/MEMS based real-time field data for mechanistic calibration of pavement performance models
- Development of simplified flexible and rigid pavement design models
- Improved pavement forecasting models for repaired/rehabilitated pavement sections in Iowa

Mechanistic and Performance Based Pavement Analysis, Design and Construction Technology

- Improving the pavement performance prediction accuracy of Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide (MEPG) for Iowa's Pavement ME through local calibration
- Use of RFID/MEMS based real-time field data for mechanistic calibration of pavement performance models
- Development of simplified flexible and rigid pavement design models
- Improved pavement forecasting models for repaired/rehabilitated pavement sections in Iowa

Sustainable Infrastructure Engineering Materials

- Development of electrically conductive concrete (ECC) with nano-structured superhydrophobic surfaces to achieve ice- and snow-free pavement surfaces
- Economic and energy viability of treated airport pavement systems
- Integrating Alternative/Recycled Materials into PCC Mix Design System
- Use of biomass derived lignin in roadway geo-materials stabilization and unpaved road dust mitigation

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20 Ph.D. and M.S. students with various engineering and science backgrounds

PROSPER: Achievements (as of 2017)

- PI/Co-PI of 93 sponsored research projects
 - Over \$16 million of cumulative project funds
 - Sponsored by the FHWA, the FAA, NSF, NCHRP, IA DOT, IHRB, MN DOT, MN LRRB, WI DOT, IL DOT, PCA, and other funding agencies
- Over 230 technical publications authored and co-authored
- Over 300 invited and technical lectures
- More than 20 national and international professional committees and organizations

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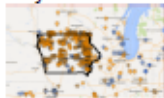
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Iowa Concrete Overlay History


- Over 2,000 miles of concrete overlays have been constructed since the late 1970s
- Over half of concrete overlay projects were constructed since 2005
- Over 80% of concrete overlay projects were on county road system
- Over 500 projects of concrete overlays were included in the study



ACPR Overlay Explorer

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Iowa Concrete Overlay Distribution: Geographical

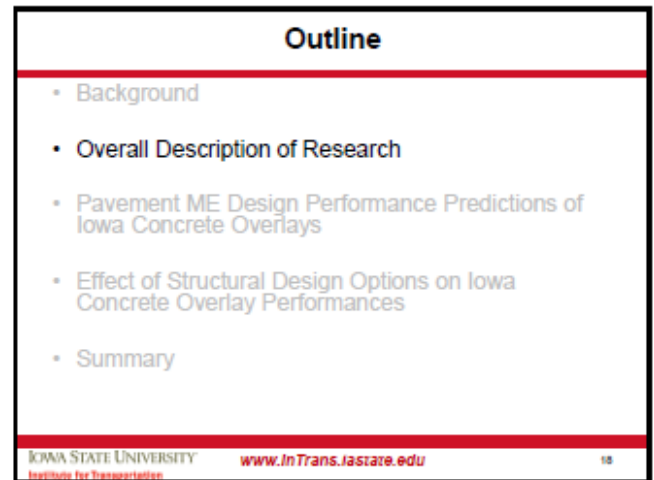
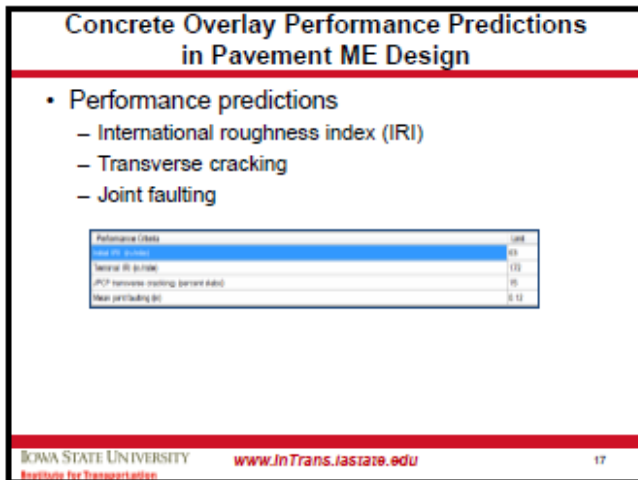
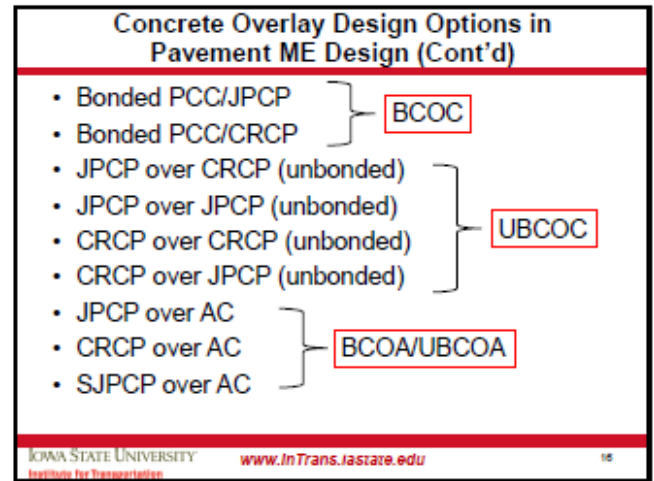
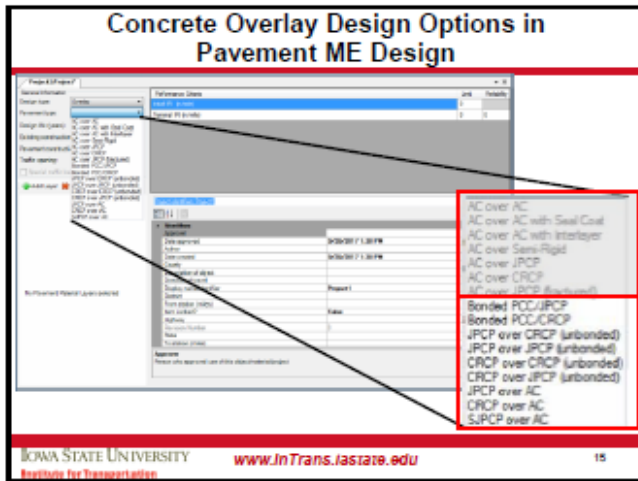
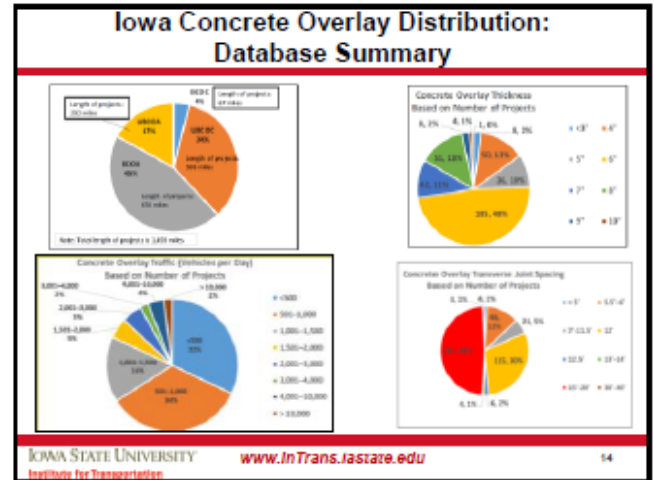
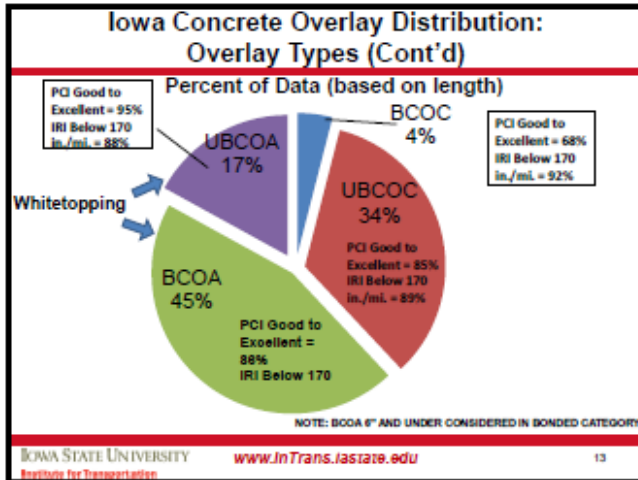


Concrete Overlay Market
Based on Number of Projects

Secondary Roads	66%
Primary Roads	25%
Municipal Roads	9%

500+ Concrete Overlay Projects covering over 2000 miles (2015 data)

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Overall Description of Research

- Objectives
 - To compare actual Iowa concrete overlay performance measurements with Pavement ME design predictions
 - To investigate effect of structural design options on Iowa concrete overlay performances

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Iowa Concrete Overlay Distribution: Thickness

PCC slab thickness (in.)	Total number of projects	Percent of data based on number of projects (%)	Percent of data based on length of projects (%)
>3	8	2	1
4	50	13	19
5	36	9	12
6	185	48	41
7	42	11	12
8	51	13	11
9	8	2	3
10	4	2	1
12	1	0	0
Total	385	100	100

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Iowa Concrete Overlay Distribution: Joint Spacing

Joint spacing (ft.)	Total number of projects	Percent of data based on number of projects (%)	Percent of data based on length of projects (%)
< 6	50	13	19
7-11.5	21	5	5
12	115	29	19
12.5-14	10	3	4
15-20	186	49	53
30-40	3	1	0
Total	385	100	100

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Iowa Concrete Overlay Distribution: PCI

PCI (%)	Concrete overlay: percent of data based on number of projects (%)	(BCOC): percent of data based on number of projects (%)	(UBCOC): percent of data based on number of projects (%)	(BCOA): percent of data based on number of projects (%)	(UBCOA): percent of data based on number of projects (%)
100-81 (Excellent)	52	21	51	54	57
80-81 (Good)	37	51	39	34	36
80-41 (Fair)	8	21	6	9	6
40-21 (Poor)	3	7	4	3	0
20-0 (Very poor)	0	0	0	0	0
Total	100	100	100	100	100

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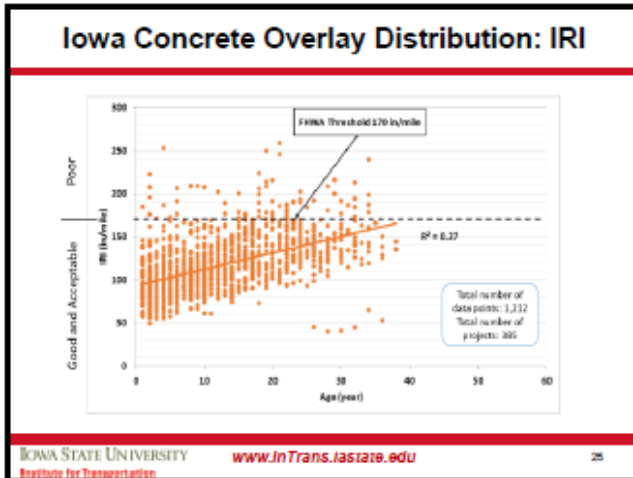
Iowa Concrete Overlay Distribution: PCI

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Iowa Concrete Overlay Distribution: IRI

IRI (in./mile)	Concrete overlay: percent of data based on number of projects (%)	(BCOC): percent of data based on number of projects (%)	(UBCOC): percent of data based on number of projects (%)	(BCOA): percent of data based on number of projects (%)	(UBCOA): percent of data based on number of projects (%)
< 95 (Good)	30	40	28	28	40
96-169 (Average)	63	50	65	66	53
> 170 (Poor)	7	10	7	6	7
Total	100	100	100	100	100

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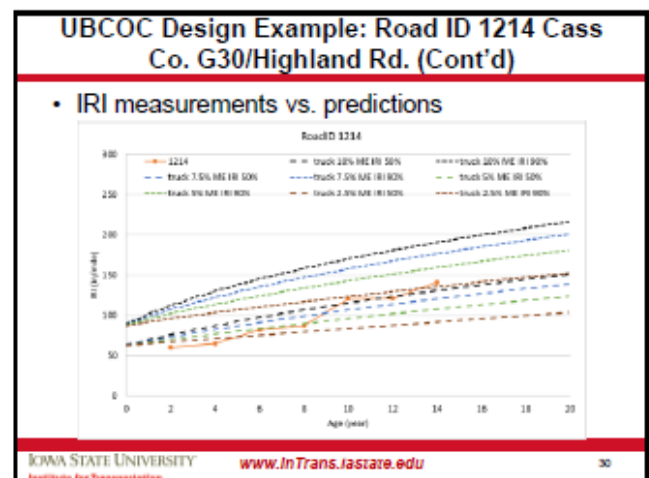
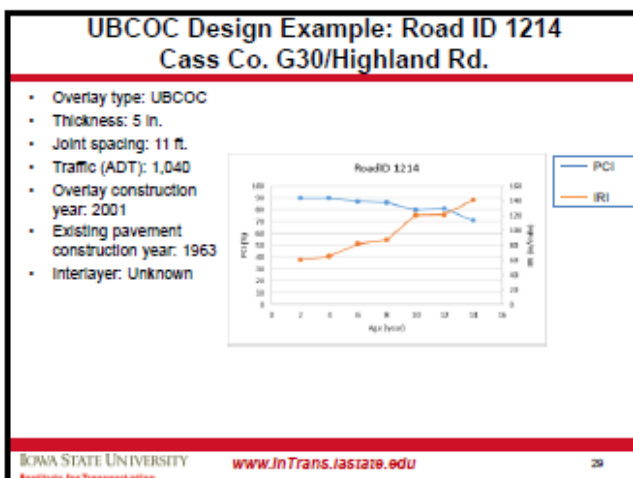


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UNBONDED CONCRETE ON CONCRETE (UBCOC)

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- ### UBCOC Design Example
- Two of Iowa UBCOC roads
 - Road ID 1214 Cass Co. G30/Highland Rd.
 - Road ID 1188 Dallas Co. P58/K Ave.
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UBCOC Design Example: Road ID 1188 Dallas Co. P58/K Ave.

- Overlay type: UBCOC
- Thickness: 6 in.
- Joint spacing: 11 ft.
- Traffic (ADT): 560
- Overlay construction year: 1998
- Existing pavement construction year: 1974
- Interlayer: 1 in. AC

Legend: PCI (blue line), IRI (orange line)

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UBCOC Design Example: Road ID 1188 Dallas Co. P58/K Ave. (Cont'd)

- IRI measurements vs. predictions

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BONDED CONCRETE ON ASPHALT (BCOA)

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BCOA Design Example

- Two of Iowa BCOA roads
 - Road ID 1092 Dallas Co. P58/J Ave.
 - Road ID 1066 Louisa Co. X37

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BCOA Design Example: Road ID 1092 Dallas Co. P58/J Ave.

- Overlay type: BCOA
- Thickness: 5 in.
- Joint spacing: 20 ft.
- Traffic (ADT): 870
- Overlay construction year: 1988
- Existing pavement construction year: N/A

Legend: PCI (blue line), IRI (orange line)

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BCOA Design Example: Road ID 1092 Dallas Co. P58/J Ave. (Cont'd)

- IRI measurements vs. predictions

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BCOA Design Example: Road ID 1066 Louisa Co. X37

- Overlay type: BCOA
- Thickness: 6 in.
- Joint spacing: 15 ft.
- Traffic (ADT): 690
- Overlay construction year: 1985
- Existing pavement construction year: N/A

RoadID 1066

Age (year)

— PCI
— IRI

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BCOA Design Example: Road ID 1066 Louisa Co. X37 (Cont'd)

- IRI measurements vs. predictions

RoadID 1066

Age (year)

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UBCOA Design Example

- Two of Iowa UBCOA roads
 - Road ID 1029 Henry Co. X23/Racine Ave.
 - Road ID 1114 Dubuque Co. D61

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UBCOA Design Example: Road ID 1029 Henry Co. X23/Racine Ave.

- Overlay type: UBCOA
- Thickness: 8 in.
- Joint spacing: 15 ft.
- Traffic (ADT): 590
- Overlay construction year: 1981
- Existing pavement construction year: N/A

RoadID 1029

Age (year)

— PCI
— IRI

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UBCOA Design Example: Road ID 1029 Henry Co. X23/Racine Ave. (Cont'd)

- IRI measurements vs. predictions

RoadID 1029

Age (year)

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UBCOA Design Example: Road ID 1114 Dubuque Co. D61

- Overlay type: UBCOA
- Thickness: 7 in.
- Joint spacing: 20 ft.
- Traffic (ADT): 570
- Overlay construction year: 1991
- Existing pavement construction year: N/A

PCI

IRI

Age (year)

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UBCOA Design Example: Road ID 1114 Dubuque Co. D61(Cont'd)

- IRI measurements vs. predictions

Age (year)

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Pavement ME Structural Design Options Investigated

Design parameters	BCOA	UBCOA	UBCOC
Traffic (AADT)	75		
Climate station	Des Moines		
Joint spacing (ft.)	12 x 12 12 x 15 12 x 20	12 x 12 12 x 15 12 x 20	12 x 12 12 x 15 12 x 20
Thickness (in.)	6	7 to 9	6 to 8
Existing AC/PCC layer thickness (in.)	4 and 6	4 and 6	4 and 6
Intertayer thickness (in.)	N/A	N/A	1

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IRI PREDICTIONS

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Pavement ME Design IRI Predictions: BCOA/UBCOA

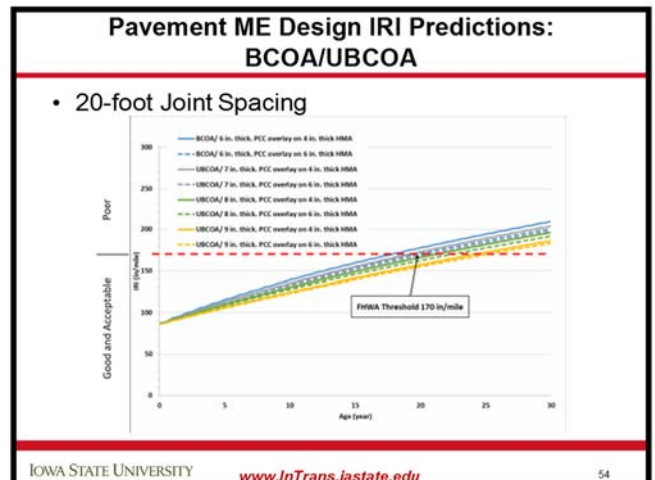
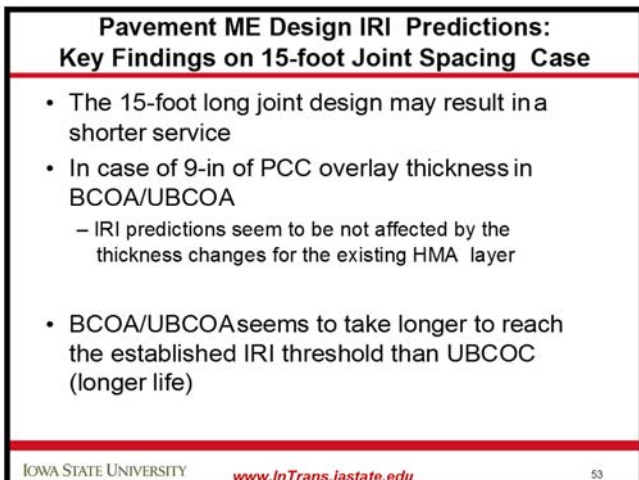
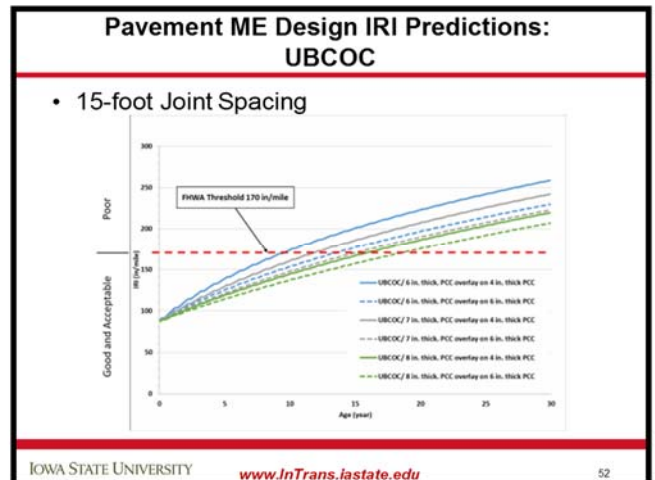
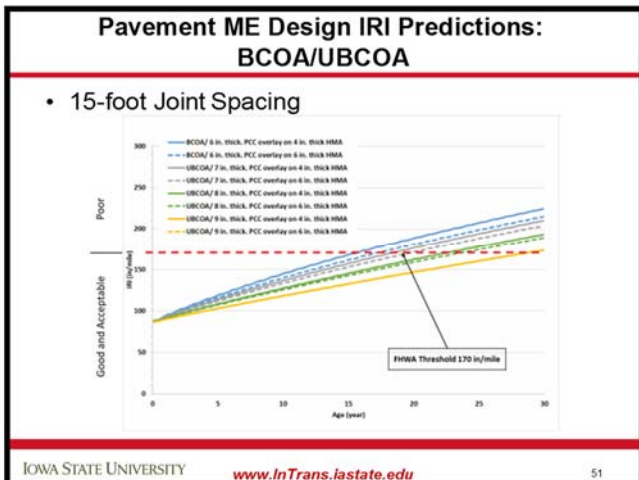
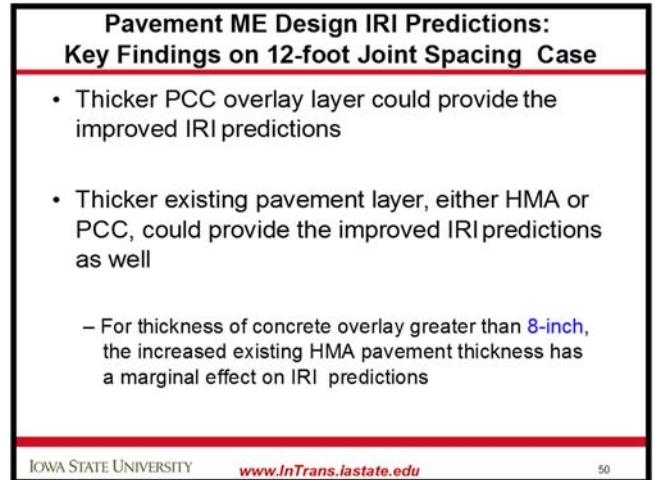
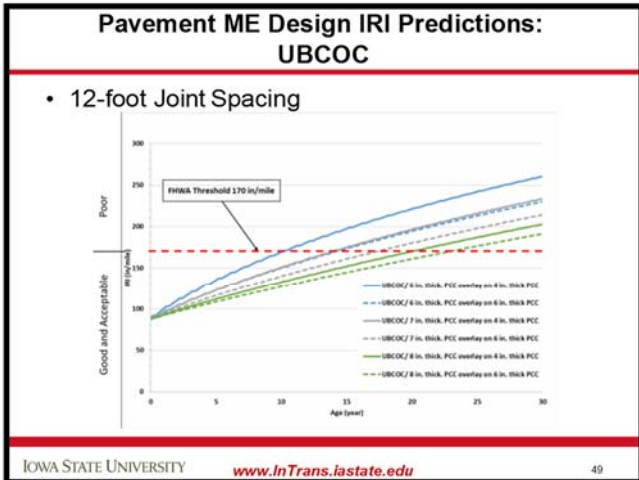
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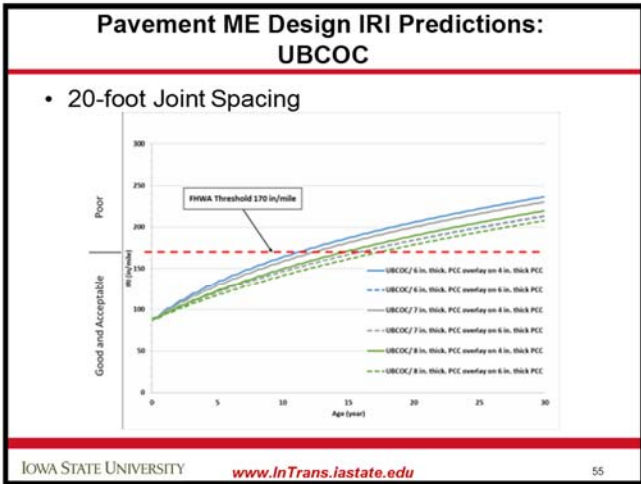
IRI (inches/mile)

Age (year)

FHWA Threshold (200 in/mile)

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Pavement ME Design IRI Predictions: Key Findings on 20-foot Joint Spacing Case

- In comparisons to 12 and 15-foot joint spacing results, the 20-foot joint would have a shorter service life
- Increasing overlay thickness demonstrates that the IRI predictions are close to one another, probably because 20-foot joint spacing is a bit too long for using concrete overlays
- Increasing the thickness of a UBCOC structure from 6 to 8 inches may result in extending service life from ~12 to ~17 years

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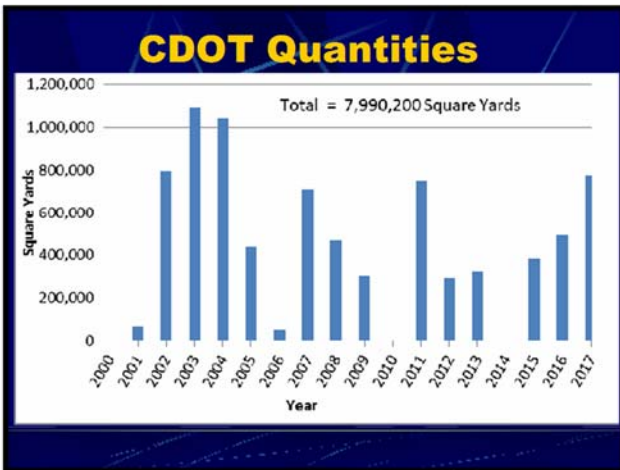
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- ### Summary
- Iowa concrete overlays have been performing very well based on extensive field studies and evaluations of the pavement performance data
 - Pavement ME design demonstrates that higher overlay thickness leads to increased overlay service life, and greater existing pavement thickness, either for HMA or PCC, also leads to extension of overlay service life
 - Pavement ME performance predictions are reasonable given that we mostly work with level 2 and 3 data with an uncalibrated version of the software (for concrete overlays)
 - In comparisons to 12- and 15-foot joint spacing results, the 20-foot joint would have a shorter service life based on Pavement ME predictions
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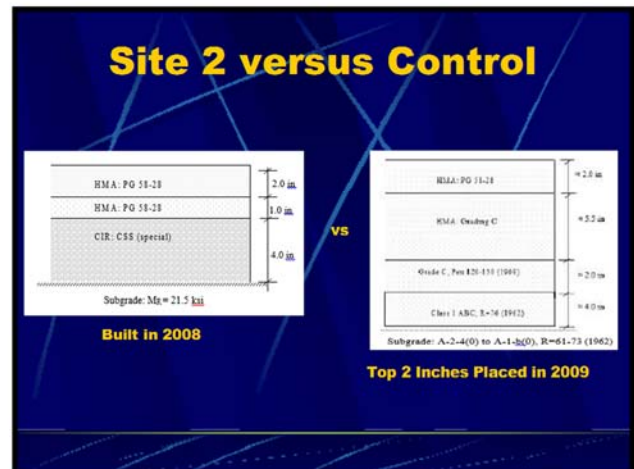
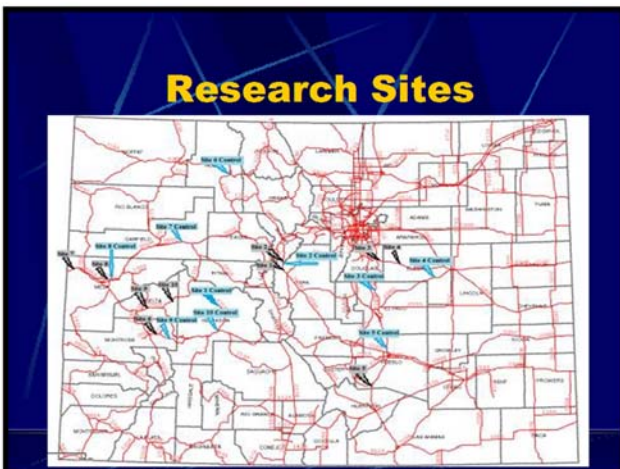
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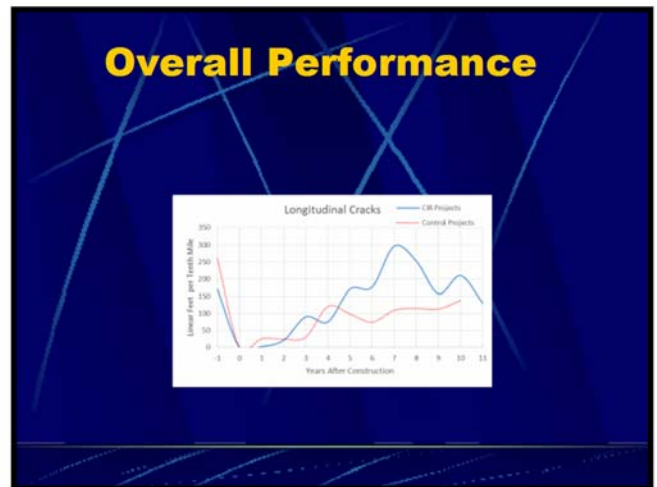
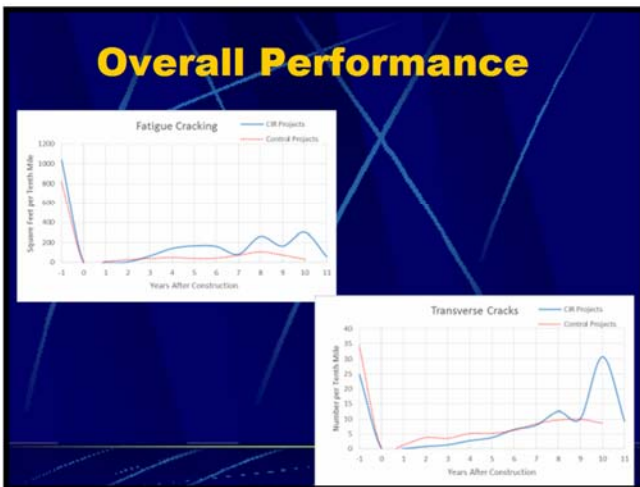
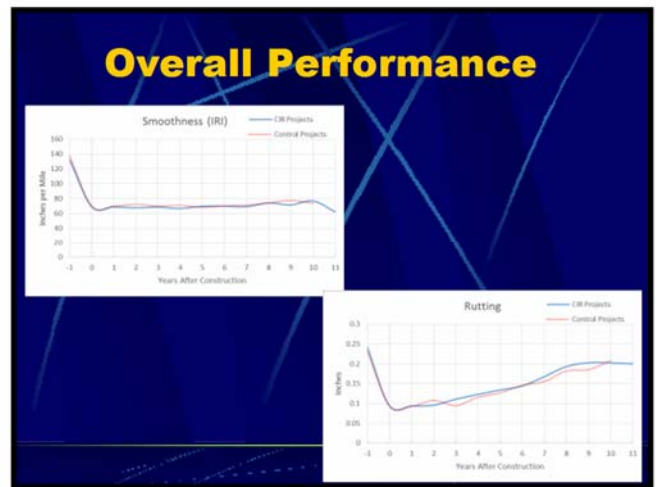
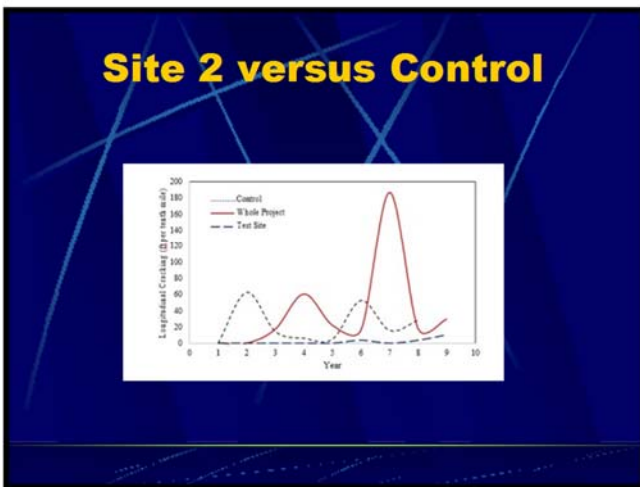
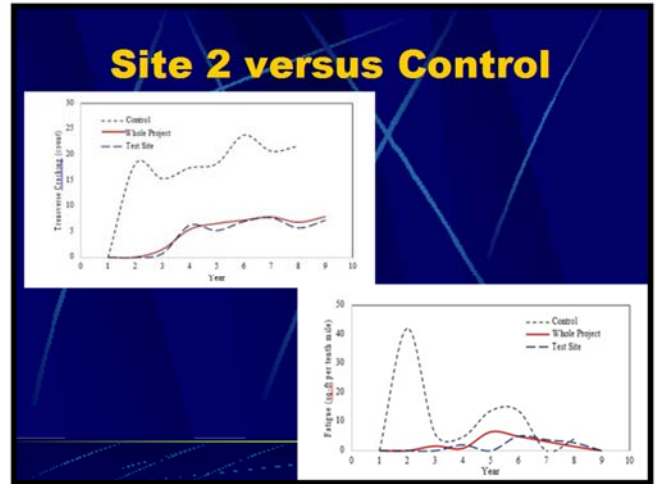
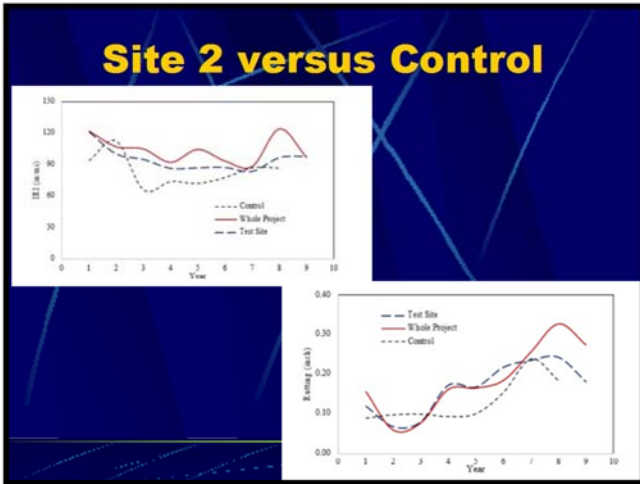


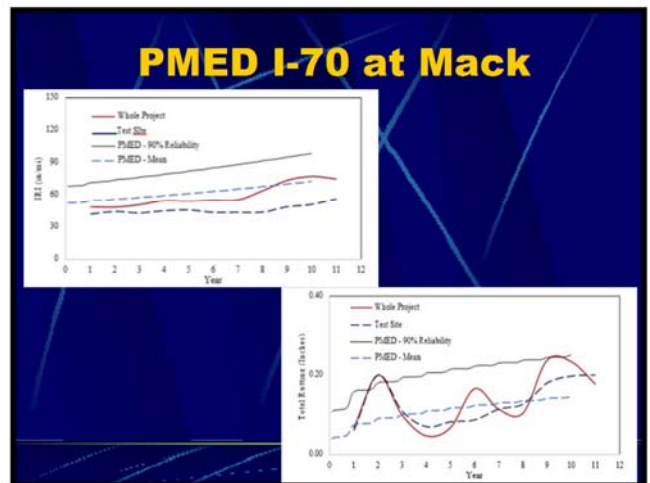
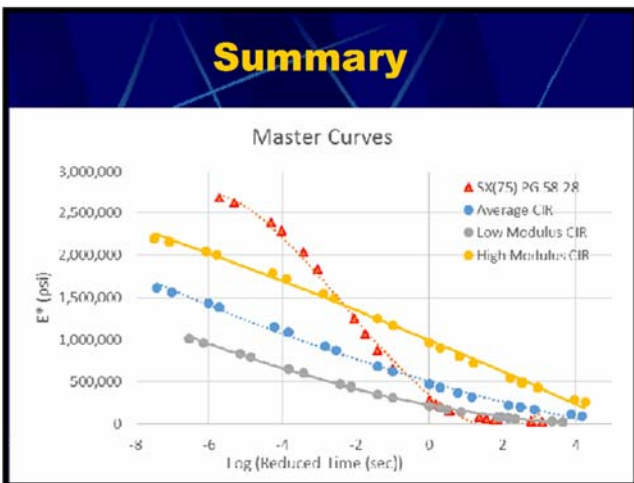
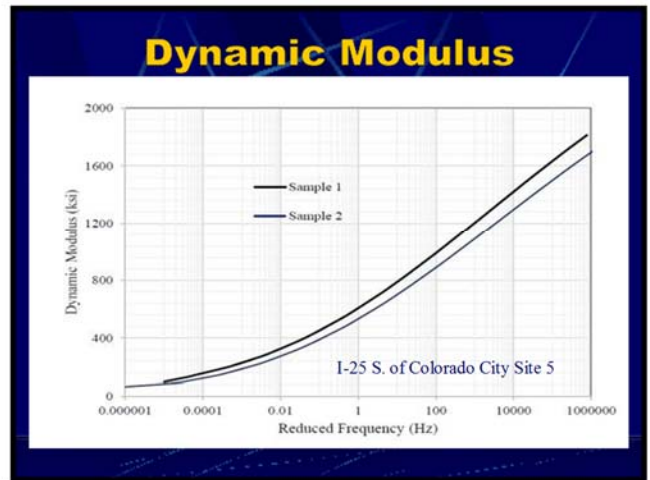
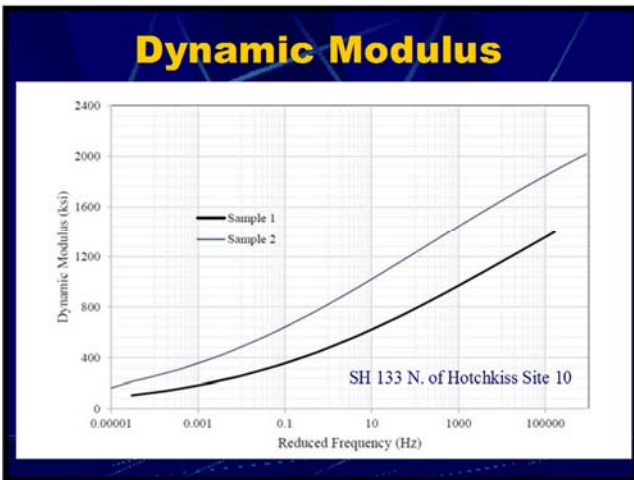
CDOT's Current Research on Dynamic Modulus of CIR

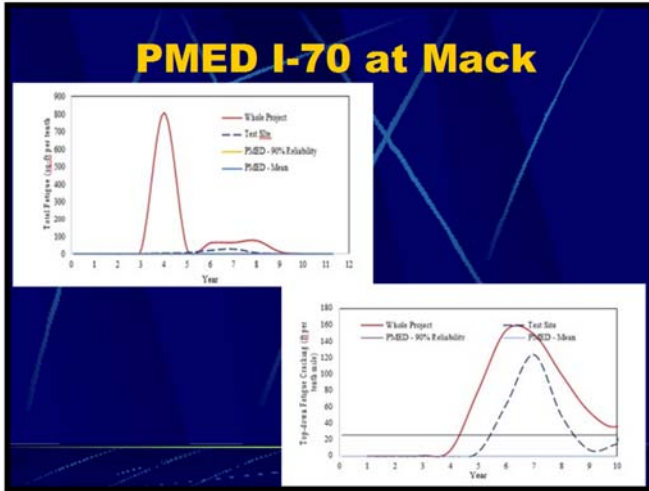
- Investigate the dynamic modulus properties of CIR pavements.
- Establish a range of reliable dynamic modulus values for CIR materials to be used as input to the PMED program.
- Examine the appropriateness of the PMED predictive equations for CDOT's CIR material if possible.

CDOT Research Report: Dynamic Modulus of Cold-in-Place Recycling (CIR) Material









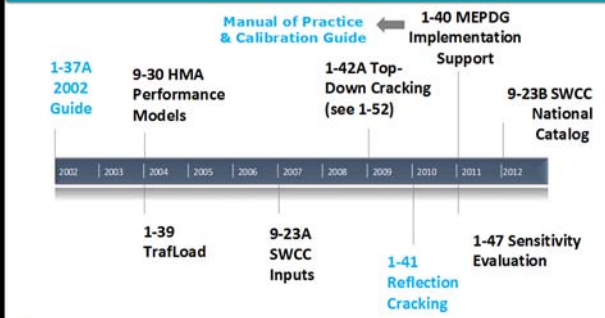

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NCHRP Projects

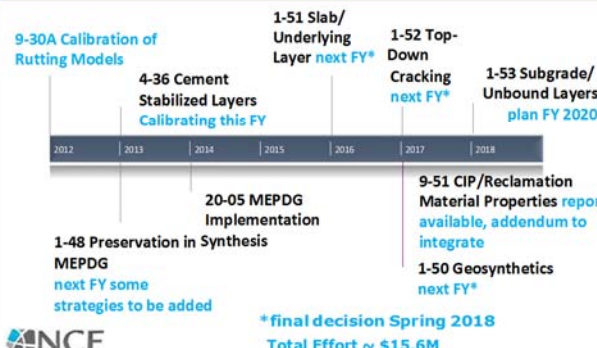

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Projects To Date

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New Projects (anticipated)

- 1-59: Including the Effects of Shrink/Swell and Frost Heave in ME Pavement Design
 - AASHTO Joint Technical Committee on Pavements
 - \$500,000




Project Summary


MEPDG • Software • Manual of Practice • Calibration Guide • Sensitivity Evaluation	Traffic • Traffload	Subgrade/Base • SWCC • Cementitious-Stabilized • Geosynthetics • CIR/Reclamation • Subgrade/Unbound Layers • Shrink/Swell/Frost Heave
Pres/Rehab • Incorporating preservation	Concrete • Modeling Slab/Underlying Layer	Asphalt • Top-Down Cracking Model • Reflection Cracking Model • Rutting Model



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Top-Down Cracking Model for Asphalt Pavements

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NCHRP 1-52 Objectives

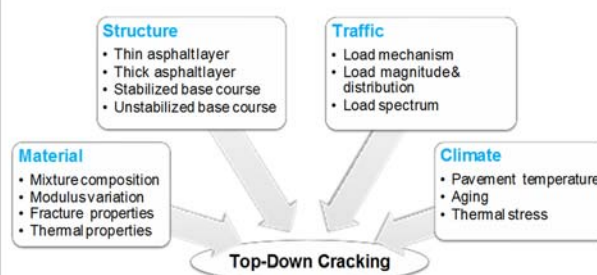
- Develop calibrated ME model for predicting **load-related** top-down cracking
- Compatible with AASHTOWare Pavement ME Design



Top-down cracking
Longitudinal, wheelpath

Core on top-down cracking
Wider on top, narrower at bottom

Factors for Top-Down Crack Development



Structure

- Thin asphalt layer
- Thick asphalt layer
- Stabilized base course
- Unstabilized base course

Traffic

- Load mechanism
- Load magnitude & distribution
- Load spectrum

Material

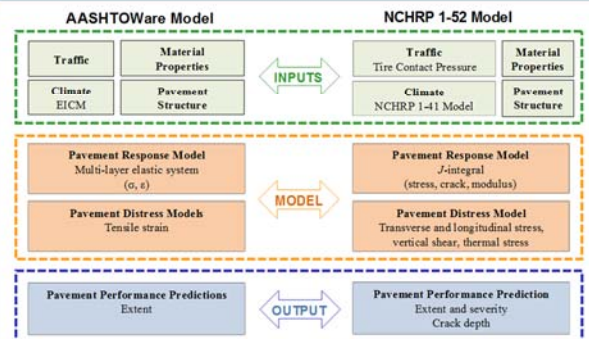
- Mixture composition
- Modulus variation
- Fracture properties
- Thermal properties

Climate

- Pavement temperature
- Aging
- Thermal stress

Top-Down Cracking

Top-Down Cracking Model



AASHTOWare Model

Traffic, Material Properties, Climate EICM, Pavement Structure

NCHRP 1-52 Model

Traffic Tire Contact Pressure, Material Properties, Climate NCHRP 1-41 Model, Pavement Structure

MODEL

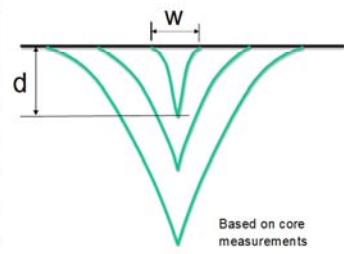
Pavement Performance Predictions
Extent

Pavement Performance Prediction
Extent and severity
Crack depth

OUTPUT

Crack Width to Crack Depth

Crack Depth (mm)	Width/Depth Ratio
0.5	2
5.0	0.6
17.1	0.32
90	0.115
100	0.106



Based on core measurements

* Kumara, M. W., Gunaratne, M., Lu, J. J., and Dietrich, B. (2004). Methodology for random surface-initiated crack growth prediction in asphalt pavements.

By predicting the crack depth, we can determine crack width and crack severity

Predicting Crack Growth

Paris' Law: $\Delta c = A'(J_R)^{n'} \cdot \Delta N$

Fracture Coefficients

- ### J-Integral
- Depends on (at crack tip):
 - Relaxation modulus
 - Stress level
 - Temperature
 - Other material properties:
 - Mean air void content
 - PG grade
 - Aggregate shape

J-Integral (continued)

- Tire contract stress level
- Depth of crack tip
- Temperature at crack tip
- Relaxation modulus at the crack tip

Finite Element Modeling → Artificial Neural Network → J-Integral value

- ### Temperature Model
- | | |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate data inputs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hourly solar radiation - Hourly air temperature - Daily average wind speed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model parameters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Albedo - Emissivity - Absorption coefficient - Thermal diffusivity - Heat-transfer coefficient parameters (a, d) |
|---|--|

Complex Modulus

Direct Tension Test:

- Temperature: 10, 20, 30°C;
- Maximum Strain: 100 $\mu\epsilon$
- Loading Pattern: Monotonic Tensile Loading
- Ramp Rate: 0.020 mm/min

Specimen Attached with LVDTs in Material Testing System (MTS)

Viscoelastic Properties

Aging effects

- Non-uniform aging in pavement depth
 - Long-term field aging
- ### Properties
- Complex modulus (dynamic modulus)
 - Poisson's ratio

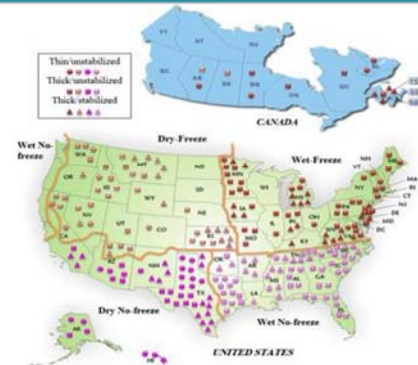


Field core
Dynamic modulus
and Poisson's
ratio

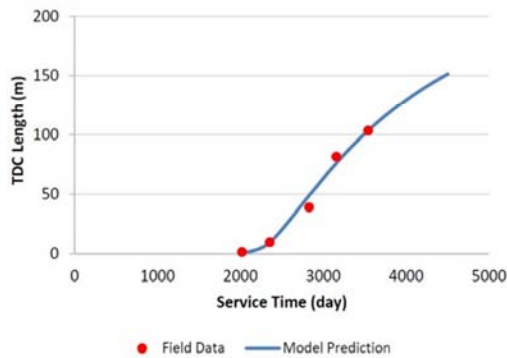


**Lab Mixed, Lab
Compacted**
Relaxation
modulus

Calibrate/Validate Model



Crack Length vs Time



Project Status



- Complete software user interface
- Complete final report
- Anticipated:
October 20, 2017



Presentation 15—Linda Pierce, NCE

Improved Consideration of the Influence of Subgrade and Unbound Layers on Pavement Performance

NCHRP 1-53
AASHTO ME User Group Meeting
October 10, 2017
Denver, CO

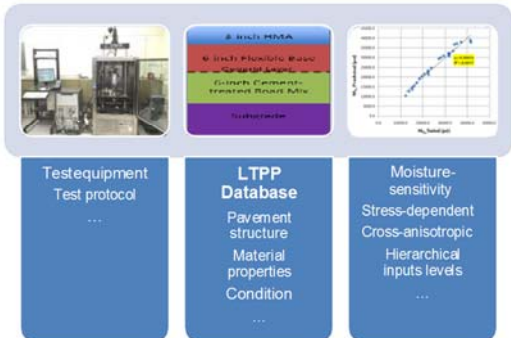
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Based on presentation provided by:
Bob Lytton
Texas A&M University

Objectives

Propose enhancements to better reflect the influence of subgrade/unbound layers (properties and thickness)

Approach



The diagram illustrates the approach through three main components:


- Test equipment / Test protocol:** Includes images of laboratory testing equipment.
- LTPP Database:** Lists inputs such as Pavement structure, Material properties, and Condition.
- Moisture-sensitivity:** Includes Stress-dependent, Cross-anisotropic, and Hierarchical inputs levels.

Models

- Modulus
- Permanent deformation
- Shear strength
- Erosion
- Foundation
- Thickness sensitive (incorporated into above models)

Inputs

- Suction vs water content coefficients
- Thornthwaite moisture index
- Depth to constant suction
- Soil porosity
- Modulus model coefficients
- Pavement deformation model coefficients



Outputs

- Unbound base
 - Base course modulus (anisotropic, stress and suction dependent)
 - Permanent deformation properties
- Subgrade
 - Modulus
 - Equilibrium of depth of constant suction




Project Status

- Start: October 2014
- Completion: June 2018

Presentation 16—Tom Yu, FHWA

Performance Criteria Thresholds for ME Design



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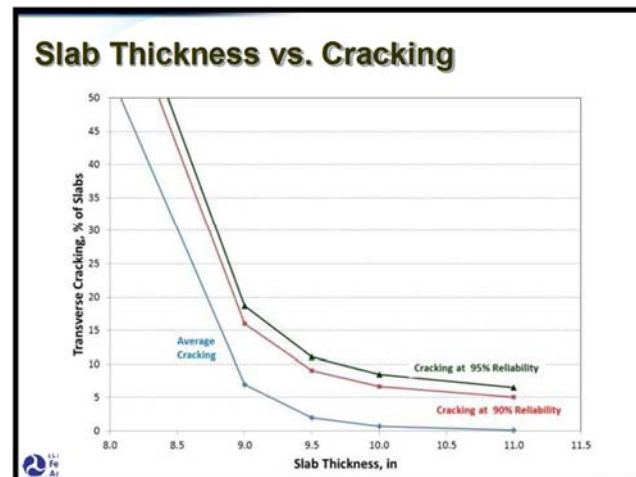
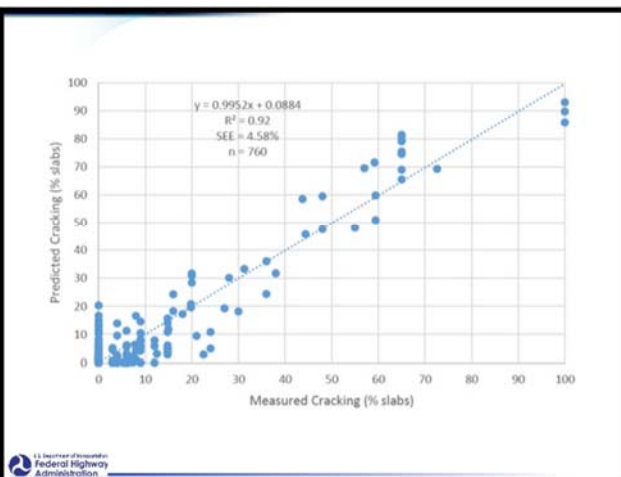
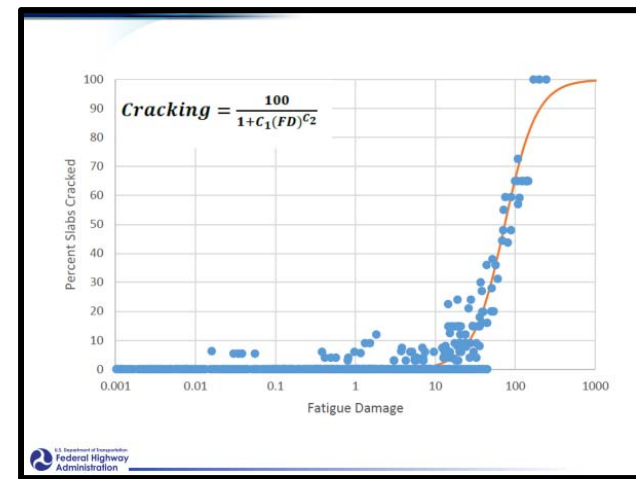
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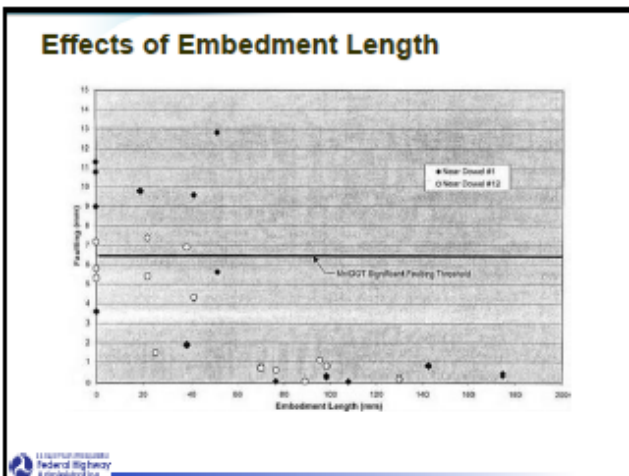
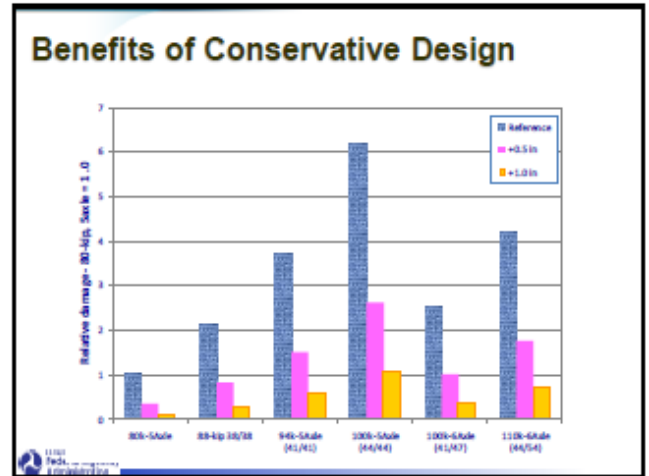
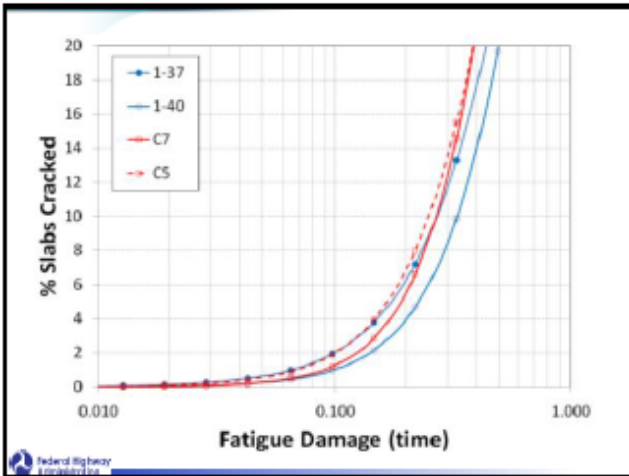
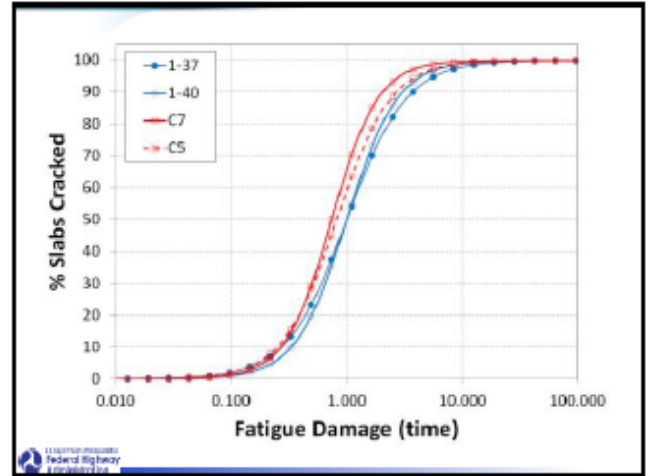
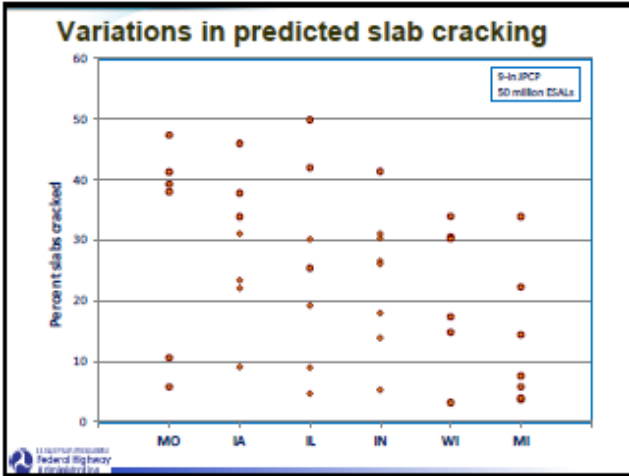
Objectives of pavement design

- Provide safe, smooth, and quiet riding surface
- Requirements – low cost and least amount of interruptions to users:
 - Good performance – no, lengthy lane closures for maintenance, repair, or rehabilitation
 - Long-life – relates to congestion, cost, and safety

Keys to achieving well-performing pavement

- minimize the risk of poor performance
 - **Effective structural design**
 - Good foundation
 - Adequate structural section
 - Appropriate design features
 - **Durable material**
 - Durable surface
 - No material-related problems
 - **Quality construction**





Current Design Practice

- Too much emphasis is given to design analysis → thickness design
- Structural design is much more than thickness
 - Appropriate design features should be provided based on traffic level and site conditions
 - Not enough emphasis is given to foundation design in the U.S.

Conclusions

- Pavement design should be about minimizing the risk of poor performance
 - > The most costly pavement option is reconstruction
 - > The marginal cost of design features that ensure good pavement performance and long-life is insignificant
- Given the variability inherent in pavement performance, designing to a specified level distress is unrealistic
- ME design tools are effective in identifying the inflection point, where the risk of poor performance becomes significant



Thank you!



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Presentation 17—Fouad Bayomy, University of Idaho

AASHTO Pavement ME National
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**Implementation and
Calibration of AASHTOWare
Pavement ME Design for Idaho**

Fouad Bayomy
Ahmed Muftah and Emad Kassem
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ITD Efforts to Implement
AASHTOWare Pavement ME Design

1 RP193 MEPDG Traffic Material Database for Asphalt Pavements 2009 – 2011

2 RP211 A, B Roadmap and Initial User Guide for ME Software 2013 – 2014 (ARA, Inc.)

3 RP235 Calibration of Asphalt Models In-Progress 2015 – 2018 April 2018

4 RP263 Unbound Materials Database In-Progress 2017 – 2018 Dec 2018

5 RP268 Calibration of PCC Models 2017 – 2019 Dec 2019

RP253 Material Database for PCC 2016 – 2017 Completed in July

Phase 1 Product (RP193)

Implementation of the MEPDG for Flexible Pavements in Idaho

Prepared for Idaho Transportation Department Research Services, Transportation Planning Division

ITD Material and Traffic Database

ITD Database for the Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide (MEPDG)

ITD Research Project RP193 - University of Idaho NIATT Project KLK557

Developed by: Dr. Fouad Bayomy, Dr. Sherif El-Badawy

This Excel Book contains Materials, Traffic and Climate database for MEPDG implementation in Idaho. Traffic axle load spectra files are attached separately as they are in a specific format to be uploaded into MEPDG directly.

MEPDG HMA Binder and Mix Properties

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G-Stab 2010 and E-Star 2010

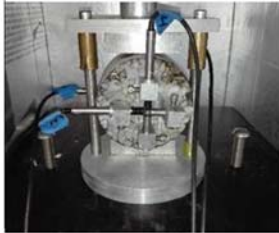
G-Stab 2010 Software
E-Star 2010 Software

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IDT and Creep Compliance


$$TC = \beta_{ct} N \frac{1}{\sigma_d} \text{Log} \frac{C_d}{H_{HMA}}$$

- IDT and Creep Compliance data is necessary for the calibration of the Thermal cracking model.
- Tests performed as a separate task during Phase 3.
- Database was updated in 2017 to include these results



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Unbound Materials and Subgrade Soils

Unbound Base/Subbase Materials and Subgrade Soils Characterization

R-value Model	ITD R-Value Prediction Model for ITD Unbound Granular Materials and Subgrade Soils (Level 2)
Mr Model	ITD Resilient Modulus (Mr) Prediction Model for ITD Subgrade Soils (Level 2)
Typical R-values	Typical Recommended R-Values for ITD Unbound Materials and Subgrade Soils (Level 3)
Typical PI values	Typical Recommended Plasticity Index Values for ITD Unbound Materials and Subgrade Soils
Typical LL values	Typical Recommended Liquid Limit Values for ITD Unbound Materials and Subgrade Soils

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ITD Unbound/Subgrade Material Characterization (MEPDG Level 2 inputs)

Two Models Developed:


- R-Value Models based on ITD Database
- Mr-R-Value Model based on literature Mr-Data

R-Value Model:

- Historical ITD R-Values database (from 1953 to 2008).
- 8233 points with soil classification, P200 and PI.
- Collected by Dr. Stanley Miller (UI)
- ITD-PR 185, NIATT KLK 553: Developing Statistical Correlations of Soil Properties with R-Value for Idaho Pavement Design.

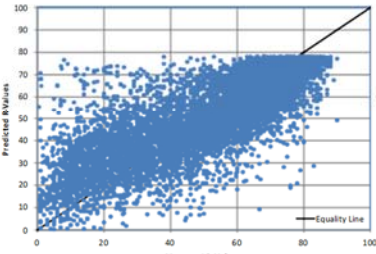
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Developed R-Value Model

Measured versus Predicted R-Values




$$R = 10(1.893 - 0.00159 \cdot P200 - 0.022 \cdot PI)$$

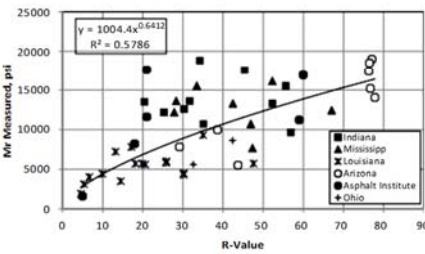
Where:
 P200 = % Passing Sieve No. 200
 PI = Plasticity Index

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2010 Mr-R-Value Model

$$M_r \text{ (psi)} = 1004.4 (R)^{0.6412}$$


The majority of this literature soils are fine grained materials.


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Traffic Database

Idaho WIM Sites



Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA)

Binder (AC)


Unbound Materials & Subgrade Soils

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ITD Traffic Database

WIM ID	Functional Classification	Route	Mile Post	Nearest City
79	Principal Arterial-Interstate (Rural)	I-15	27.7	Downey
93	Principal Arterial-Interstate (Rural)	I-86	25.05	Massacre Rocks
96	Principal Arterial-Other (Rural)	US-20	319.2	Rigby
115	Principal Arterial-Interstate (Rural)	I-90	23.37	Wolf Lodge
117	Principal Arterial-Interstate (Rural)	I-84	231.7	Cottrell
118	Principal Arterial-Other (Rural)	US-95	24.1	Mica
128	Principal Arterial-Interstate (Rural)	I-84	15.1	Black Canyon
129	Principal Arterial-Other (Rural)	US-93	59.8	Gerome
133	Minor Arterial (Rural)	US-30	205.5	Filer
134	Principal Arterial-Interstate (Rural)	US-30	425.785	Georgetown
135	Principal Arterial-Other (Rural)	US-95	127.7	Mesa
137	Principal Arterial-Other (Rural)	US-95	37.075	Homedale
138	Principal Arterial-Other (Rural)	US-95	22.72	Marsing
148	Principal Arterial-Other (Rural)	US-95	363.98	Postfach
155	Minor Arterial (Rural)	US-30	229.62	Hansen

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Traffic Info for each WIM

ID	Functional Classification	Route	Mile Post	Nearest City
93	Principal Arterial-Interstate (Rural)	I-86	23.37	Wolf Lodge

Vehicle Class	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
January	0.579	1.040	0.650	0.520	0.720	1.470	0.576	1.756	1.030	1.050
February	0.621	1.070	1.040	0.242	0.850	1.501	0.707	2.341	1.606	1.295
March	0.579	0.906	1.040	1.209	1.064	1.762	2.227	1.796	1.606	1.451
April	0.497	0.689	2.022	2.205	1.064	1.363	2.837	0.879	1.352	1.412
May	0.507	0.524	0.192	0.027	0.459	0.300	1.894	0.293	0.294	0.433
June	0.524	0.600	0.320	0.031	0.376	0.306	0.166	0.000	0.169	0.181
July	1.945	0.872	1.904	0.540	0.339	0.227	0.316	0.203	0.163	0.196
August	4.737	0.956	2.464	1.138	2.460	0.262	0.705	0.293	0.338	0.334
September	0.54	0.554	0.320	0.08	0.234	0.163	0.133	0.000	0.169	0.157
October	0.603	0.478	0.224	0.024	0.292	0.179	0.133	0.000	0.169	0.157
November	1.034	1.964	0.982	0.08	1.445	1.997	0.833	1.796	1.894	1.333
December	1.493	2.399	0.884	0.025	1.795	3.959	1.292	2.634	2.620	2.181

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Axle Load Spectra

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156	Minor Arterial (Rural)	SR-33	21.94	Hove
189	Principal Arterial-Other (Rural)	US-95	56.082	Parna
185	Principal Arterial-Other (Rural)	US-12	363.01	Powell
182	Principal Arterial-Other (Rural)	US-63	16.724	Regnum

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In Summary Material and Traffic Database Includes

- HMA:** E* and volumetric properties. Recommendation for E* models
- Binders:** G* and Delta
- Unbound Materials:** R-value Model, Mr vs. R-Value Model, and Typical values and ranges for R-Value, LL and PI, and Level 1 Mr data
- PCC Materials:** Mix properties, Strength, CTE, Modulus, ...

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Phase 2 (RP211 A, B) Product

AASHTOWare Pavement Design Workshop
PARTICIPANT WORKBOOK

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Idaho AASHTOWare Pavement ME Design User's Guide, Version 1.1

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Phase 3 (RP235) – Calibration

- Flexible Pavement Models**
 - Rutting
 - Fatigue (Top-Down and Bottom-Up)
 - Thermal Cracking
 - IRI

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Flexible Pavement Sections Selected

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Flexible Pavement Sections Selected

- Six Districts
- 32 road sections
- Covering different distresses: Rutting, Fatigue, Longitudinal & thermal Cracking
- Heavy to moderate traffic
- Cover different geographic regions

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Flexible Pavement Sections Selected

Mix Type	Volume of Truck Traffic	Soil Type	Pavement Structure				
			New Design	Rehabilitation		FDR Stabilized With Cement	
				Unbound Aggregate Base	HMA Overlay		CIR
Neat Mixtures	Low	Coarse Grained		D3_16 & 20		D1_6	
		Low Plasticity High Plasticity				D1_5	
	High	Coarse Grained		D3_17 & 18			
		Low Plasticity High Plasticity					
Polymer Modified Asphalt	High	Coarse Grained	D2_4 & 5	D1_4 & D5_1		D2_7 & 8	D2_9
		Low Plasticity					
		High Plasticity	D1_3				

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Performance data is obtained from TAMS and Video Logs. Only last 4 years are available

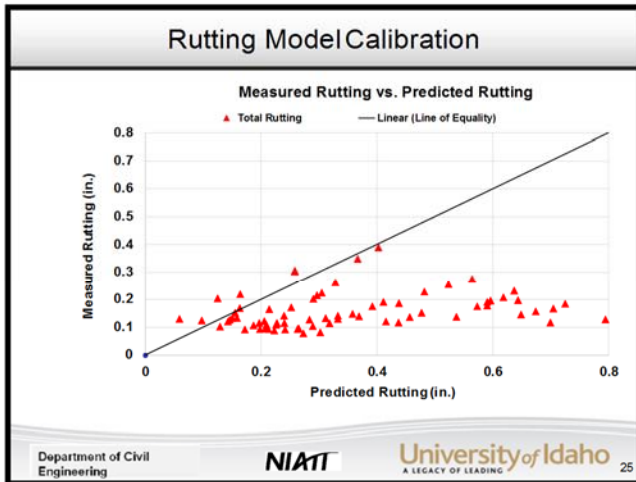
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Rutting Model Calibration

$$\Delta_{p(HMA)} = \beta_{1r} k_z \epsilon_{r(HMA)} 10^{k_{1r}} n^{k_{2r}} \beta_{2r} T^{k_{3r}} \beta_{3r} h_{(HMA)}$$

$$\Delta_{p(soil)} = \beta_{s1} k_{s1} \epsilon_r h_{soil} \frac{\epsilon_0}{\epsilon_r} e^{-\frac{\rho \beta}{n}}$$

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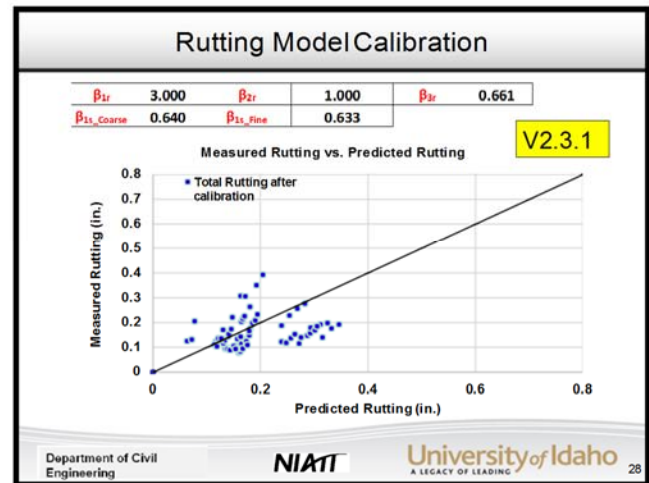
Eliminate Local Bias of the Rutting Prediction Models

Model	β_{1r}	β_{2r}	β_{3r}	β_{4r} (Coarse)	β_{5r} (Fine)	Bias, er (mean)	Standard Error, Se	se/sy	R2	P-value
Total Factors	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	26.640	0.534	0.143	0.176	0.000336
Trial 1	1.50	1.00	1.00	1.25	1.25	4.3743	0.4877	0.081	0.081	
Trial 2	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.50	1.50	8.8326	0.6814	0.004	0.004	
Trial 3	2.50	1.00	1.00	1.75	1.75	8.8000	1.7013	0.000	0.000	
Trial 4	3.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	10.8408	2.8225	0.000	0.000	
Trial 5	0.25	1.00	1.00	0.25	0.25	8.3888	0.6326	0.022	0.022	
Trial 6	0.50	1.00	1.00	0.50	0.50	8.4728	1.1026	0.249	0.249	
Trial 7	0.75	1.00	1.00	0.75	0.75	0.5640	0.6880	0.184	0.184	
Trial 8	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.04304	0.6800	0.03	0.03	
Trial 9	1.00	1.00	1.50	0.25	0.25	37.8304	28.8214	0.037	0.037	
Trial 10	1.00	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00	337.8360	842.0000	0.412	0.412	
Trial 11	1.00	0.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.3046	0.1805	0.338	0.338	
Trial 12	1.00	1.00	0.50	1.00	1.00	0.0582	0.1706	0.270	0.270	
Trial 13	1.00	0.50	0.50	1.00	1.00	0.2824	0.1983	0.340	0.340	
Trial 14	3.00	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	2.0843	0.1903	0.341	0.340	
Trial 15	0.603	1.000	1.000	0.640	0.633	4.1223	18.2603	0.202	0.2010	
Trial 16	0.603	1.500	1.000	0.630	0.633	45.8308	107.8036	0.231	0.231	
Trial 17	0.603	0.051	1.000	0.638	0.631	0.6529	0.6880	0.231	0.231	
Trial 18	0.603	0.057	1.000	0.630	0.632	0.5248	0.6824	0.201	0.2007	
Trial 19	0.603	0.057	1.000	0.630	0.632	0.7231	0.6826	0.357	0.3567	
Trial 20	2.450	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	4.8241	0.6320	0.28	0.28	
Trial 21	2.450	1.000	1.000	0.640	0.633	4.6207	1.2627	0.321	0.321	
Trial 22	3.000	1.000	0.661	0.640	0.633	2.157	0.0375	0.109	0.265	0.157
Trial 23	3.000	1.000	0.661	0.640	0.633	1.0966	0.1587	0.286	0.286	

Assess Local Bias: Validation of Global Calibration Factors to Local Conditions, Policies, and Materials

Performance Indicator	Bias, er (mean)	Standard Error, Se	se/sy	P-value	Hypothesis; Ho	Comment
Rutting (in) before Calibration	25.549	0.574	0.112	0.000225	Reject	There is variability, the model is over predicting the rutting.
Rutting (in) After Calibration	2.157	0.0375	0.1097	0.157	Accept	No Bias

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Conduct Field and Forensic Investigations Example: SH-8 (Moscow)

Measurement Location	Edge to the lane	Wheel path	Center of the lane	Wheel path	Edge to the curb
Total rutting (inch)	0	0.19	0	0.21	0
HMA layer thickness	4.92	4.71	4.86	4.79	5.08
HMA Layer thickness reduction	-	0.12	-	0.15	-
The remaining rutting (in)	-	0.07	-	0.06	-

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Fatigue Models Calibration

$$N_{f-HMA} = k_{f1}(C)(C_H)\beta_{f1} \epsilon_t^{k_{f2}\beta_{f2}} (E_{HMA})^{k_{f3}\beta_{f3}}$$

$$FC_{Bottom} = \left(\frac{1}{60}\right) \left(\frac{C_4}{1 + e^{(C_1 C_1^* + C_2 C_2^* \text{Log}(DI_{Bottom} * 100))}}\right)$$

$$FC_{Top} = 10.56 \left(\frac{C_4}{1 + e^{(C_1 - C_2 \text{Log}(DI_{Top}))}}\right)$$

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Thermal Cracking

$$TC = \beta_{t1} N \frac{1}{\sigma_d} \text{Log} \frac{\epsilon_d}{H_{HMA}}$$

Data collected form Video Logs

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ITD – Performance Database

Cracking Analysis from Video Logs

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District #	Tracking Number	Route	Beg. MP	End MP	2016		
					Alligator Cracking (%)	Trans. Cracking (ft/mile)	Long. Cracking (ft/mile)
D1	1	US-95	398.57	401.52	0.28	6.26	103.89
	2	US-95	403.5	408.75	0.00	84.75	22.99
	3	US-95	411.84	415.83	0.00	0.13	6.73
	4	US-95	415.5	421.3	0.01	6.73	98.94
	5	SH-3	76.822	84.201	0.03	12.52	0.55
	6	SH-3	103.15	111.38	7.35	75.46	488.58
	7	US-95	477.1	486.36	0.00	52.50	19.68
D2	1	SH006	100	104.5	0.00	249.84	88.33
	2	SH008	0	1.76	0.08	190.02	663.84
	3	US-95	344	344.57	0.32	42.18	388.33
	4	US-95	366.59	373.03	0.00	0.83	0.96
	5	US-95	319.88	337.67	0.00	1.36	0.00
	6	SH003	5	8.5	0.00	839.64	11.27
	7	SH013	11.257	18.711	-	-	-
	8	SH013	18.68	25.378	-	-	-
	9	US-95	277.28	279.1	0.00	0.00	0.00
	10	US95	344	344.57	2.66	60.50	309.18

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IRI Model Calibration

$$IRI = IRI_0 + C_1 RD + C_2 FC_{Total} + C_3 TC + C_4 SF$$

Data collected from TAMS Database

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Idaho ME Calibration Factors

MEPDG Model	Coefficients before Calibration	Coefficients after Calibration	Net Effect of Calibration
Alligator Fatigue Transfer Function	$\beta_{11} = 1.00$	$\beta_{11} = 0.729$	
	$\beta_{12} = 1.00$	$\beta_{12} = 1.500$	
	$\beta_{13} = 1.00$	-	
	$C1 = 1.00$	-	
Longitudinal Fatigue Transfer Function	$\beta_{21} = 1.00$	-	
	$\beta_{22} = 1.00$	-	
	$\beta_{23} = 1.00$	-	
	$C2 = 7.00$	-	
AC Rutting Model	$\beta_{1r} = 1.00$	$\beta_{1r} = 3.00$	Decreased prediction
	$\beta_{2r} = 1.00$	$\beta_{2r} = 1.00$	
	$\beta_{3r} = 1.00$	$\beta_{3r} = 0.661$	Decreased prediction
	$\beta_{4r} = 1.00$	$\beta_{4r} = 0.640$	Decreased prediction
Subgrade Rutting Model	$\beta_{1s} = 1.00$	$\beta_{1s} = 0.633$	Decreased prediction
	$C1 = 40$	-	
	$C2 = 0.4$	-	
	$C3 = 0.08$	-	
IRI Model	$C4 = 0.015$	-	

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Phase 4 – Completing Materials Database

- PCC Materials Database
- Unbound Materials
 - Subgrade Soils
 - Base / Subbase Materials

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Phase 4a – PCC Materials Database

District Number with Mixture Description (Click on the Mix for Details)	Cement Type Specified by Mixture Design	Fly Ash Type Specified by Mixture Design	PCC BAW Data (Click on the Mix for Details)
District 1, SH-5 Bridge Crossing	Lafarge Type I/II	No Fly Ash	BAW DATA
District 1, I-90 Linkout Paving Mixture 2016	Lafarge Type I	Centralite	BAW DATA
District 1, I-90 Linkout Paving Mixture 2016	Lafarge Type I	Sundance	BAW DATA
District 1, Train Road Paving Mixture	Ash Grove Type I/II	Sundance	BAW DATA
District 1, US-96 Rock Creek Bridge	Ash Grove Type I/II	ENK Genesee Class F	BAW DATA
District 1, I-84 Paving Mixture	Ash Grove Type I	Type F, Headwaters	BAW DATA

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Phase 4a – PCC Materials Database

District 1, SH-5 Bridge Crossing

PCC

Unit weight (pcf) = 142.9
 Moisture content (%) = 0.38

Thermal

PCC coefficient of thermal expansion (in./in./deg F x 10^-6) = 4.83
 PCC thermal conductivity (BTU/hr-ft-deg F) = 1.25
 PCC heat capacity (BTU/lb-deg F) = 0.28

Mix

Cement type: Type I
 Cementitious material content (lb/cy) = 611
 Water to cement ratio = 0.41
 Air content (%) = 5.00
 PCC unit stress temperature (deg F) = 200.000
 Ultimate shrinkage (in/in) = 0.10
 Reversible shrinkage (%) = 35
 Time to develop 50% of ultimate shrinkage (days) = 280
 Curing method = 280°C/28d

Strength

Modulus of rupture (psi) = 4930
 Elastic modulus (psi) = 3,700,000
 Split tensile strength (psi) = 495
 Modulus of rupture (psi) = 495
 Elastic modulus (psi) = 3,800,000
 Split tensile strength (psi) = 495
 Modulus of rupture (psi) = 530
 Elastic modulus (psi) = 4,200,000
 Split tensile strength (psi) = 530

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Phase 4b – Unbound Materials Database

- Mr testing AASHTO T307
 - Subgrade Soils
 - Base / Subbase

In progress, to be completed by Dec 2018

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Phase 5 (RP268) Calibration of PCC Models

- **PCC Rigid Pavements**
 - Cracked Slab
 - Faulting
 - IRI

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ME Calibration for Idaho

- **Flexible Pavement Models**
 - IRI **RP235 (April 2018)**
 - Rutting
 - Fatigue (Top-Down and Bottom-Up)
 - Thermal Cracking
- **PCC Rigid Pavements**
 - IRI **RP268 (July 2019)**
 - Cracked Slab
 - Faulting

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Outlines of This Presentation

Part A – Ontario Guide




Part B – Canadian Guide



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Background



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Overview

to facilitate the design input process for pavement engineers (to gather all design parameters in one place)

to provide consistent design input values used among the Industries (academics, engineers, contract administrators...)

Objective to Develop a User Guide

to specify design parameters that are customized to Ontario's conditions (e.g. Granular A/B/O)

to keep track of the changes due to new/revised specs., new data, new version of Pavement ME software and/or new/revised models in MEPDG

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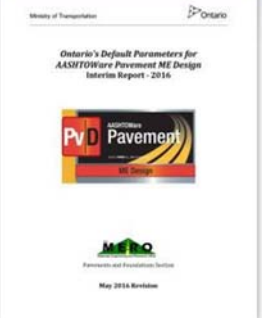
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PART A – Ontario Guide

2012 First developed in February of 2012

2014 Second edition in November of 2014

2016 Latest revision in May of 2016




Revisions:

- add new materials
- change in spec.
- update weather station data
- update local calibration coefficients
- new source of references
- etc.

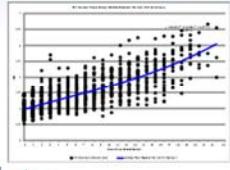
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Source of References - MTO Asset Management System



IRI Trend for Various Highway Sections



example

Recommended Initial IRI (m/km) Based on Treatments and Facility Type

Treatment	Recommended Initial IRI (m/km)
Hot Mix Concrete 2.5% (1.0)	2.5
Hot Mix Concrete 2.0% (1.0)	2.5
Hot Mix Concrete 1.5% (1.0)	2.5
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Typical Terminal IRI Inputs Based on Facility Type

Highway Facility Type	Recommended Terminal IRI (m/km)
Expressway	Asphalt 1.9 Concrete 2.4
Arterial	Asphalt 2.3 Concrete 2.7
Collector	2.7
Local	3.3

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Source of References - Ontario Provincial Standard Specification



example

Gradation requirements for granular materials


Typical Ontario's granular materials properties

Labelled	Granular A	Granular B (I)	Granular B (II)	Granular C
Limit: Fineness (mm)	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75
Percent + Retain	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Coefficient of Lateral Friction (%)	20	20	20	20
Modulus	200	150	200	150
Moisture Content (%)	10	10	10	10
Shrinkage (%)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Gradation and other engineering properties				
Aggregate	5	4	5	4
Gradation	300 mm	13.3	13.3	13.3
Gradation (general)	1.18 mm	29.8	29.8	29.8
Gradation (finning)	4.75 mm	45	60	37.4
9.5 mm	65.5	-	-	66
19.0 mm	79.2	-	-	79
47.5 mm	92.5	-	-	87.5
75 mm	100	75	75	87.5

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Source of References – AASHTO 1993 Design Guide for Ontario Conditions



Recommended Percentage of Trucks in Design Lane

Number of Lanes in One Direction	AADT (both directions)	Percentage of Trucks in Design Lane (%)
1	All	100
2	<15,000	90
3	<25,000	80
4	25,000 to 40,000	70
5	>40,000	60
6	>50,000	50
7	>60,000	40

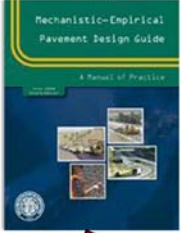
Ontario Subgrade Moduli for Various Classifications of Soils

Soil Description	Category	Moisture Content (%)	Moisture Characteristics	Soil Type	Soil Modulus (MPa)	Soil Modulus (ksi)
Best and 1st class roadbed soils	1	10-15	Excellent	Steeple	90	130
2nd class roadbed soils	2	15-20	Good	Steeple	60	90
3rd class roadbed soils	3	20-25	Fair	Steeple	30	45
4th class roadbed soils	4	25-30	Poor	Steeple	15	22
5th class roadbed soils	5	30-35	Very Poor	Steeple	7.5	11
6th class roadbed soils	6	35-40	Very Poor	Steeple	3.75	5.5
7th class roadbed soils	7	40-45	Very Poor	Steeple	1.9	2.8
8th class roadbed soils	8	45-50	Very Poor	Steeple	0.95	1.4

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Source of References – MEPDG Manual of Practice



Recommended Design Criteria or Threshold Values

Performance Criteria	Default Target Values
Flexible Pavements:	
AC top-down fatigue cracking (m/km)	300/Year 7
AC bottom-up fatigue cracking (percent)	Freeway: 10 Arterial: 20 Collector/Local: 35
AC thermal fracture (m/km)	150
Pavement deformation - total pavement (mm)	Freeway: 10 Arterial: 13 Collector/Local: 17
Pavement deformation - AC only (mm)	5
Total Cracking (Reflective + Alligator) (percent)	50/Year 7
Rigid Pavements:	
RCP transverse cracking (percent slabs)	Freeway: 10 Arterial: 15 Collector/Local: 20
Moisture joint sealing (mm)	3

Recommended Design Reliability Levels

Highway Functional Class	Recommended Range of Reliability Levels (%)
Freeway	Urban: 95, Rural: 95
Arterial	Urban: 90, Rural: 85
Collector	Urban: 80, Rural: 75
Local	Urban: 75, Rural: 75

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Traffic Data

- iCorridor - a web-based data visualization and information sharing tool <http://www.maps.mto.gov.on.ca/calcorridor>
- Data fed by Commercial Vehicle Survey (CVS) on truck volume, axle loads and configuration
- Files can be downloaded and imported directly into Pavement ME design to run analysis

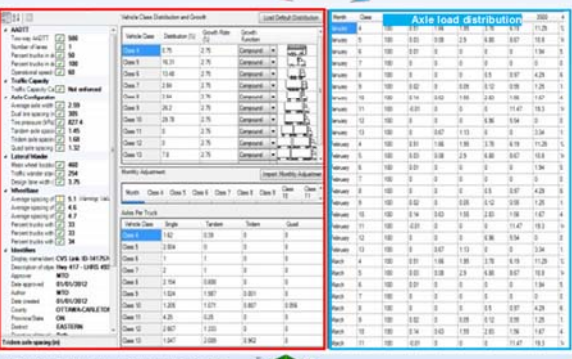


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Traffic Data

.xml file .aif file




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Climate Input

- 34 weather stations across Ontario
- Data originate from Environment Canada (mostly weather stations at airports)
- Replaced by nearby NARR grid points in Version 2.3 of Pavement ME



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PART B – Canadian Guide

- Through the Canada's Pavement ME user group effort, a Canadian User Guide is developed based on the Ontario Guide.
- The Guide provides a cross reference of design parameters used by agencies in Canada.
- Design parameters are customized for the local agency conditions.
- Latest version (working copy)– May 2016

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Input Parameters

- The Canadian Guide contains customized default input parameters across Canada.
- Contributing agencies provided the customized default values based on their local conditions.
- Currently, four provinces and a city have provided the data.

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Analysis Parameters

- Initial and terminal IRI's based on facility type
- Example from **Quebec**:

Treatments	Recommended Initial IRI (m/km)		
	Highway	National	Other
Hot Mix Overlay	1.2	1.4	1.7
Cold in-place recycling + Hot Mix Overlay	1.4	1.4	1.5
Full Depth Reclamation + Hot Mix Overlay	1.2	1.3	1.3
New or Reconstruction to AC	1.2	1.2	1.3
New or Reconstruction to JPCP	1.2	n/a	n/a
New or Reconstruction to CRCP	1.2	n/a	n/a

Highway Facility Type	Recommended Terminal IRI (m/km)
Highway	2.2
National	2.5
Regional	3.0
Collector	3.5
Other	4.5

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Performance Criteria Input

- Based on agency specific design requirement
- Example from **Manitoba**:

Performance Criteria	Target Values
FLEXIBLE PAVEMENTS:	
AC top-down fatigue cracking (m/km)	Ignore
AC bottom-up fatigue cracking (%) Expressway	15
Primary/Secondary Arterials	20
Collector	25
AC thermal fracture (m/km)	200
Permanent deformation -total pavement (mm)	19
Permanent deformation -AC only (mm)	12
Total Cracking (Reflective + Alligator) (%)	50
RIGID PAVEMENTS:	
JPCP transverse cracking (% slab) Expressway	10
Primary/Secondary Arterials	15
Collector	N/A
Mean joint faulting (mm)	3

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Reliability Level Input

- Based on different highway type or traffic volume
- Example from **City of Edmonton**:

Roadway Functional Class	Recommended Range of Reliability Levels (%)
Freeway	95
Arterial	90
Collector	85
Local	80

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Climate Input

- Information from Environment Canada
- 223 weather stations across Canada
 - Download and import directly for design

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Structural Layers Information

- Hot mix design parameters
 - Superpave mixes
 - Marshall mixes
 - Asphalt stabilized material (e.g., CIR)
- Concrete mix properties
- Granular properties
 - Typical unbonded granular types
 - Bonded / Stabilized mix (e.g., Cement treated OGD)
- Subgrade properties

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Examples of HMA Design Parameters

- Alberta Marshall mix design properties

Asphalt Layer ¹	III1	III2	MI	LI	SI	S2	S3
Thickness (mm)	Project specific						
Mixture Volumetrics ²	Project specific						
Unit Weight (kg/m ³)	2380	2365	2355		2340		2390
Effective Binder Content - by Volume (%)	9.9	10.5	11.0		11.3		8.8
Air Void (%) ³	6.1						
Binder % Ratio	5.0-7.0						
	8.0-8.0						
	4.0-8.0						
Mechanical Properties	Calculated						
Dynamic Modulus	Calculated						
Top Size (mm) (Class for Des. 1 Aggregate) ⁴	16.0	12.5	12.5	12.5	10.0	10.0	25.0
Aggregate Gradation ⁵	Calculated						
% Passing the 20 mm Sieve	78	88	100		100		89-93
% Passing the 10 mm Sieve	59	61			68		48
% Passing the 5 mm Sieve	7.0				7.5		6.5
G Size Predictive Model	"Use viscosity based model (nationally calibrated)" selected						
Reference Temperature	21.1 °C						
Algebraic Grade	Performance Grade ⁶						
Indirect Tensile Strength - 10 deg C (MPa)	Calculated						
Creep Compliance (1/GPa)	"Input level: 3" selected						
Thermal ⁷	Calculated						
Thermal Conductivity (watt meter-Kelvin)	1.16						
Heat Capacity (joule/kg-Kelvin)	963						
Thermal Contraction	Calculated						

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Example of Concrete Mix Properties

- Ontario concrete mix design properties

PCC	Project specific	Strength	"Level 3" selected
Layer Thickness (mm)	2320	PCC Strength and Modulus	"Level 3" selected
Unit Weight (kg/m ³)	2320	28 Day Compressive Strength (MPa)	38 min ±
Poisson's Ratio	0.2	Elastic Modulus (MPa)	29,600
Thermal		JPCP Design	
PCC Coefficient of Thermal Expansion (mm/mm degC x 10 ⁻⁴)	7.8	PCC Surface Shortwave Absorptivity	0.85
PCC Thermal Conductivity (watt/meter-Kelvin)	2.16	PCC Joint Spacing (m)	3.5, 4, 4.3, 4.5 (random)
PCC Heat Capacity (joule/kg-Kelvin)	1172	Sealant Type	Other
Mix		Doweled Joints	Spacing (300) Diameter (32)
Cement Type	GU (Type 1)	Widened slab	Widened (4.25)
Cementitious Material Content	335 kg/m ³	Tied Shoulders	Tied with long term load transfer efficiency of 70
Water/Cement Ratio	0.45	Erodibility Index	Very Erodible
Aggregate Type	Limestone	PCC-base Contact Friction	Full friction with friction loss at (240) months
PCC Set Temperature	Calculated	Permanent Curl/Warp Effective Temperature Difference (deg C)	-5.6
Ultimate Shrinkage (Microstrain)	Calculated		
Reversible Shrinkage (% of Ultimate Shrinkage)	50 %		
Time to Develop 50% of Ultimate Shrinkage	35 Days		
Curing Method	Curing Compound		

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Example of Granular Properties - Quebec

Unbound Granular Materials	MG 20 Crushed Stone	MG 20 Fine Crushed Stone	MG 20 Crushed Gravel	MG 152 Subbase Sand
Layer Thickness (mm)	Project specific			
Porosity Ratio	0.20			
Coastline of Local Resources (m)	0.5			
Resilient Modulus (MPa)	300	360	300	150
$E_r = k_1 k_2 (99.8)^{k_3} \sigma_{vc}^{k_4} (1 + k_5)^{k_6}$	$k_1 = 2.45$ $k_2 = 0.848$ $k_3 = -0.400$	$k_1 = 1.71$ $k_2 = 0.806$ $k_3 = -0.252$	$k_1 = 1.26$ $k_2 = 0.848$ $k_3 = -0.204$	$k_1 = 1.61$ $k_2 = 0.709$ $k_3 = -0.324$
Gradation	Calculated			
Aggregate Gradation (% passing)	Calculated			
	75 µm	4	5	5
	100 µm	7	11	11
	150 µm	15	21	28
	4.75 mm	37	65	82
	9.5 mm	61	85	95
	19.2 mm	77	91	100
	39.0 mm	94	95	100
	75 mm	100	100	100
Physical properties	Calculated			
Liquid Limit	20			
Plasticity Index	5			
Is it a wet composite?	Yes			
Maximum dry unit weight (kg/m ³)	2220	2210	2190	1730
Minimum dry unit weight (kg/m ³)	Calculated			
Specific gravity of solids	2.72	2.68	2.58	2.54
Content of water content (%)	6.0	5.5	6.2	10.5

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Example of Subgrade Properties

- Manitoba subgrade type properties

SOIL TYPE	GROUP INDEX	M _R (MPa)	
		Southern Manitoba	Northern Manitoba
High Plastic Clay	20	30	35
High Plastic Clay	18	35	40
High/Low Plastic Clay	16	40	45
Low Plastic Clay	14	45	50
Low Plastic Clay	12	50	55
Silty Clay	10	55	60
Clayey Silt	8	65	70
Sandy Silt	6	80	85
Sandy Silt	4	90	95
Silty Sand	2	125	130
Fine Sand	0	150	150

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Local Calibration Efforts

- Any calibration results are to be documented into this Canadian Guide.
- Ontario has completed research studies on Pavement ME calibration on rutting model:

- β_T • Temperature exponent = 1.0
- β_N • Traffic exponent = 0.6262
- β_{AC} • AC scale factor = 4.1565
- β_{GB} • Granular material scale factor = 0.0004
- β_{SG} • Subgrade scale factor = 0.1452

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Conclusion

- The development of the Ontario and Canadian Guides is the first step in Pavement ME implementation.
- The Guides facilitate the pavement design process (faster, easier, consistent input, track changes).
- The default parameters in the Guides are mostly for Level 3 design which requires generic and median data (not site/project specific).
- Continuous effort is required to update these Guides as information becomes available.

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Thank You

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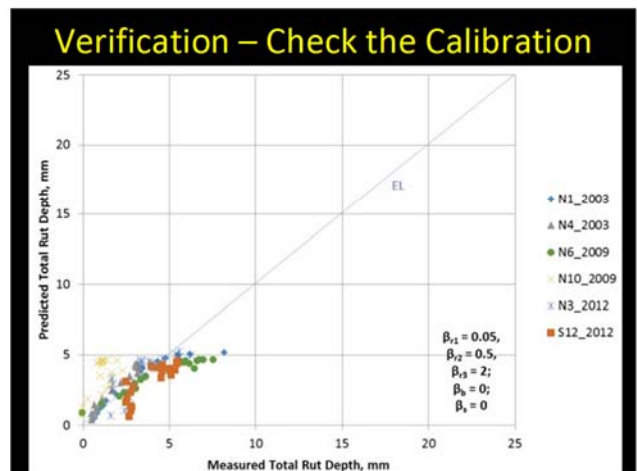
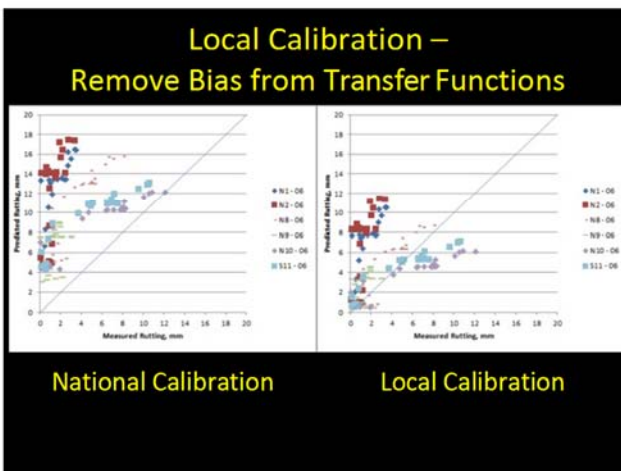
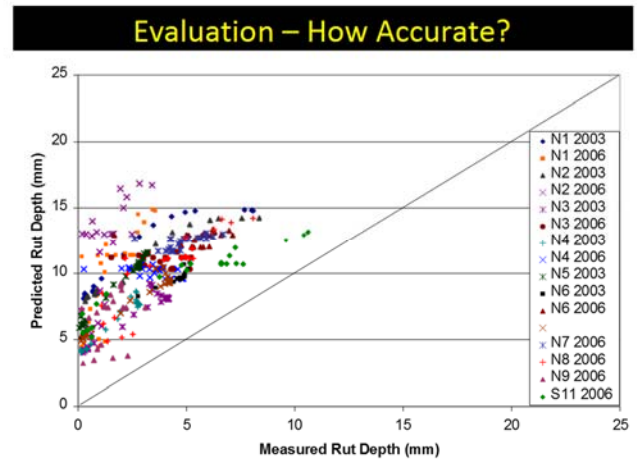
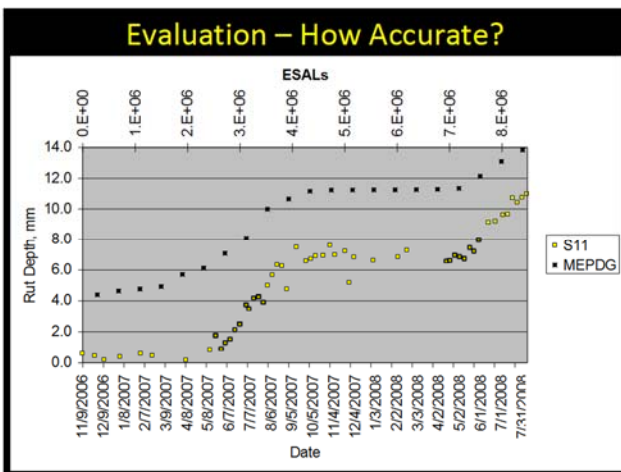
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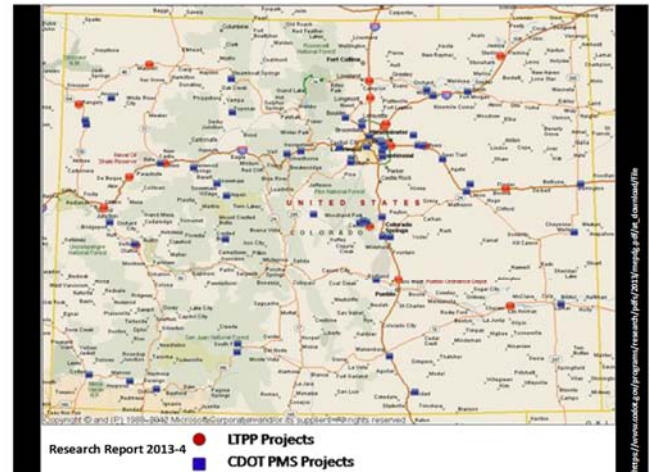
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Major Limitation of M-E Design

- Three-step implementation process
 - Evaluation
 - Calibration
 - Verification





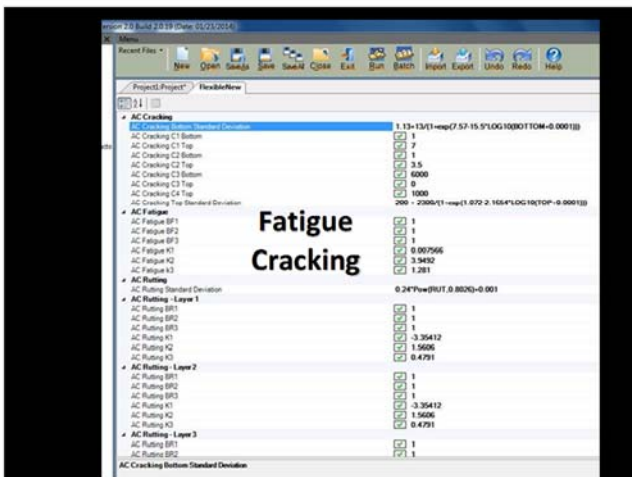
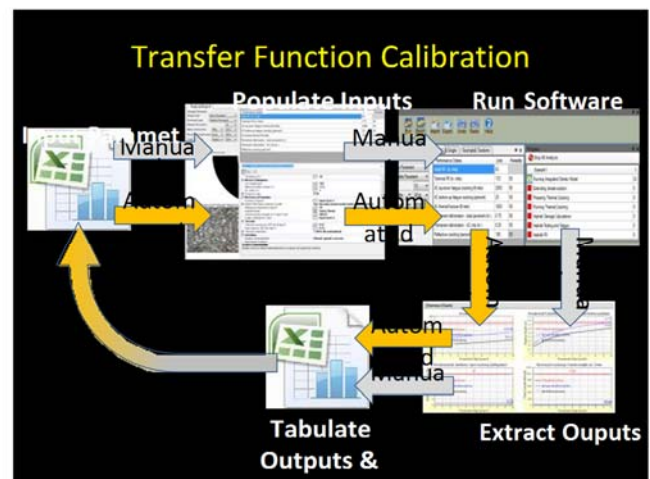
Transfer Function Calibration

- Assemble pavement section data – As-builts, traffic, climate, performance
- Generate design files
- Generate trial transfer function coefficients
- Run simulations
- Assess accuracy
- Repeat steps 3, 4, 5 until error is minimized

$$N_{f-ac} = 0.00432(C)(f_{95})(k_1) \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{k_2} \left(\frac{1}{L}\right)^{k_3} \quad (A-18)$$

where:

- N_{f-ac} = Allowable number of axle load applications for a flexible pavement and asphalt overlays
- ϵ_c = Tensile strain at critical locations and calculated by the structural response model, in/in
- E = Dynamic modulus of the HMA measured in compression, psi
- $k_{1,2,3}$ = Global field calibration parameters ($k_1 = 0.007566$, $k_2 = 3.9492$, and $k_3 = 1.281$)
- $f_{95,0.0}$ = Local or mixture specific field calibration constants; for the global calibration effort, these constants were set to 1.0



Need for Automation

- Many agencies working toward implementation
- Verification, calibration and validation needed
 - Section selection and data assembly is significant
 - Very time consuming to run software
 - Thousands of iterations
 - Human interaction required

Automation Software Selection

- Many programs available
 - AutoIT, AutoHotKey, Keyboard Maestro, etc...
- Three major criteria
 1. Capable of recording mouse movements and keyboard operations
 2. Capable of creating self-contained executable for others to use
 3. Capable of recording absolute and relative mouse coordinates



Example Input File

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
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2	1-25 at Cimarron Flex	30000	10000	C:\Users\NCAT\Desktop\Automation\CDOTU-25 at Cimarron flex.dgpx				
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Automation = Coding

The screenshot shows the Automation Anywhere interface. On the left is a 'Folders' tree. The main area displays a 'Task List' with columns for 'File Name', 'Task', and 'Status'. Below the task list are 'Properties' and 'Trigger' tabs. The 'Properties' tab shows details for a task named 'AASHTOME_Fatigue_calib.ahm', including its file name, creation date, and last run time.

The screenshot shows the 'Task Actions List' for a task named 'AASHTOME_F...'. It lists 24 actions, including variable operations, comments, and file opening commands. The actions are:

- Variable Operation: 2 To \$InputRow\$
- Variable Operation: 3 To \$InputRowPlus\$
- Variable Operation: 0 To \$ExtLoop\$
- Variable Operation: 2 To \$OutputRow\$
- Variable Operation: 1 To \$TrialNum\$
- Variable Operation: 1 To \$ProjectNum\$
- Variable Operation: 21 To \$NameOfSec\$
- Variable Operation: 3 To \$SSERow\$
- Variable Operation: 0 To \$RunningTimes\$
- Loop While: \$ExtLoop\$ Equal To (-) "0"
- Comment: Check if there is an Excel spreadsheet opening at background
- If Application Running ("C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Office\Office14\EXCEL.EXE") Then (Wait up to 3 seconds -for Application to st
- Comment: Please enter the conditional commands here.
- Open: "C:\Users\NCAT\Desktop\Automation\Excel_Close\Excel_Close.exe"
- End F
- Comment: Read assigned local calibration coefficients
- Excel: Open Spreadsheet "C:\Users\Automation\CalibrationSheets_fatigue_cracking.ahm". ActiveSheet: "Macro DataLoad"; Session: 11
- Excel: Get value of cell "\$A\$InputRow\$" and assign to variable "\$TrialNum\$"; Session: 11
- Excel: Get value of cell "\$B\$InputRow\$" and assign to variable "\$ProjectNum\$"; Session: 11
- Excel: Get value of cell "\$C\$InputRow\$" and assign to variable "\$ProjectName\$"; Session: 11
- Excel: Get value of cell "\$D\$InputRow\$" and assign to variable "\$Cpboards\$"; Session: 11
- Variable Operation: \$Cpboards\$ To \$B\$F15
- Excel: Get value of cell "\$F\$InputRow\$" and assign to variable "\$Cpboards\$"; Session: 11

VBA Interface

The screenshot shows a VBA-based feature interface on the left with input fields for '# of Sections', 'BFI', and 'BS'. An arrow points to the right, where an 'Input Summary' Excel spreadsheet is displayed. The spreadsheet has columns for 'Project', 'Project file name', 'BFI', 'BSF', and 'Project file path', listing various project entries.

Example Output File

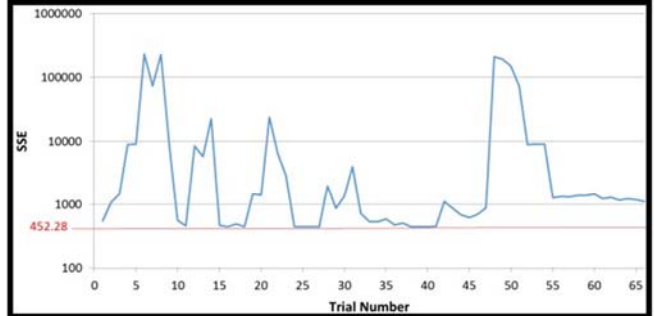
The screenshot shows three example output files, each a 'Distress prediction summary' table. Each table has columns for 'Month', 'Pavement Heavy Trucks (cum.)', 'Crack Deep', 'Crack Spine', 'Mean Predicted Distress', 'Predicted Distress @ Reliability', and 'Bottom-Up Cracking (%)'. The three cases are:

- Case # 1: Base Modulus 15000, Subgrade 5000
- Case # 2: Base Modulus 30000, Subgrade 10000
- Case # 3: Base Modulus 40000, Subgrade 20000

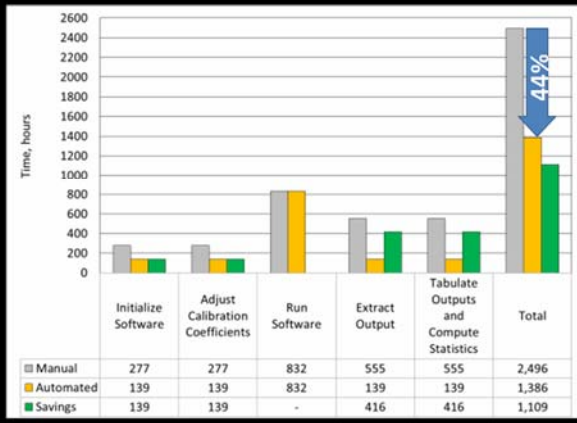
Cumulative Iterations

- Fatigue cracking calibration from NCAT Test Track
 - 25 sections
 - 3 coefficients (β_{f1} , β_{f2} , β_{f3})
 - 11 trials / coefficient
- $25 \times 11 \times 11 \times 11 = 33,275$ iterations

Finding the best coefficients



Automated vs Manual Time Resources



Summary & Conclusions

- Caution must be used when using the software
 - Evaluation
 - Calibration
 - Validation
- Design simulations are very labor intensive
- Automation can greatly simplify calibration studies
 - 44% time savings achieved overall
 - 86% achieved when considering only human interaction
- Potential for fewer errors due to data entry



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Simulating Stabilized Bases

- New Pavement Design
 - Asphalt Stabilized Base Mixtures; flexible pavements
 - Permeable Asphalt Treated Base; flexible pavements.
 - Chemically Stabilized Base Mixtures; semi-rigid pavements
- Rehabilitation Design

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Simulating Stabilized Bases

- Rehabilitation Design:
 - AC Overlay of Semi-Rigid Pavement
 - Cold in Place Recycled Layer
 - No material added
 - Asphalt emulsion added
 - Full-Depth Reclamation – simulate as new pavement design strategy; pavement type depends on type of stabilized material:

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Asphalt Stabilized Base

MEPDG Manual of Practice:

1. **Plant mixed material**; simulate as a dense-graded AC layer.
2. **In place mixed material**; simulate as a dense-graded AC layer.
3. **Cold Recycled Asphalt** or RAP Layer; simulate as an aggregate base layer; E=30,000 psi.

Assumes the fatigue strength coefficients are the same as for a dense-graded AC mix.

Only plant produced bituminous mixtures were included in original global calibration!

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Permeable Asphalt Treated Base

MEPDG Manual of Practice: “Features and Factors Not Included within the MEPDG Process” (Chapter 3)

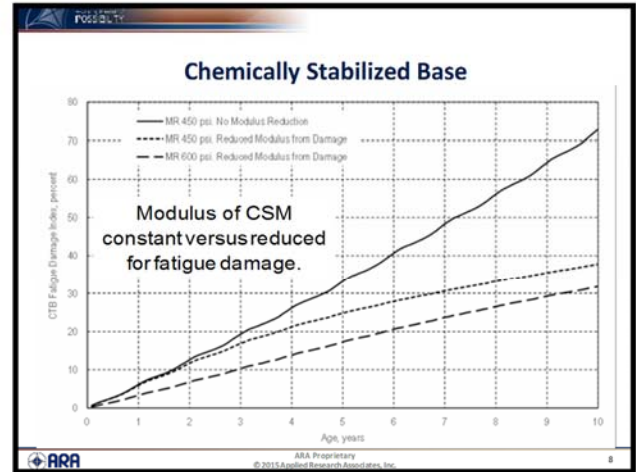
- Simulate as an aggregate base mixture with a constant high modulus base, because:
 - High air voids (greater than 15 percent) for PATB layers significantly reduces the allowable number of load applications
 - Significant bias in fatigue cracking for the SPS-1 sections with PATB layers in comparison to the SPS-1 sections without a PATB layer.

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Chemically Stabilized Base

- Simulation Options:
 1. High quality aggregate base layer; elastic modulus remains constant over time.
 2. Stabilized layer:
 - a) Elastic modulus remains constant throughout design period.
 - b) Elastic modulus degrades (softens) based on accumulative damage.

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Chemically Stabilized Base

- Simulation Options, examples; GA, MS, MT:

Description of CTB Layer	28-Day Compressive Strength, psi	28-Day Elastic Modulus, psi	Modulus of Rupture, psi
High Strength CTB (intact, testable cores recovered)	1,400	2,250,000	350
Moderate Strength CTB (untestable cores recovered)	500	1,000,000	200
Low Strength CTB (cores not recovered)	Semi-Rigid Pavement Simulation not applicable; assume conventional flexible pavement with high stiffness GAB layer.		

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Chemically Stabilized Base

- Preliminary calibration coefficients for chemically stabilized layers:

Description of CTB Layer	Fatigue Equation	Transfer Function
High Strength CTB (intact, testable cores recovered) and Moderate Strength CTB (untestable cores recovered)	Kc1 0.972	C1 0.0
	Kc2 0.825	C2 100
	Bc1 1.0	C3 4.0
	βc2 1.0	C4 2.0
Low Strength CTB (cores not recovered)	Semi-Rigid Pavement Simulation not applicable; assume conventional flexible pavement with high stiffness GAB layer.	

Assumes full bond between layers.

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Simulating Stabilized Bases

Example demonstration and comparison of different stabilized bases from a roadway segment west of Amarillo, TX:

1. Asphalt stabilized base
2. Cold recycled asphalt base; E = 30,000 psi
3. Chemically stabilized base
4. Soil-cement (modification); E = 65,000 psi

Layer Type	Thickness, inches
AC Wearing Surface; PG 64-28	4
Stabilized Base	6 or 7
Aggregate Base	4
Subgrade Soil	A-2-4

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Simulating Stabilized Base

Software and inputs for the chemically stabilized base for examples.

Moderate and higher strength CSM values.

No E-value degradation with damage index.

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Simulating Stabilized Bases

Example demonstration and comparison of different stabilized bases from a roadway segment east of Amarillo, TX:

Layer Type	Thickness, inches
AC Wearing Surface	4
Stabilized Base	6 or 7
Aggregate Base	4
Subgrade Soil	A-2-4

Recommendation is to assume 28-day elastic modulus and minimum E are equal.

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Simulating Stabilized Base

AC overlay of semi-rigid pavement; higher strength CSM example.

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Simulating Stabilized Base

- AC overlay of semi-rigid pavement; higher strength CSM example.

Distress Charts

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Simulating Stabilized Base

Questions?

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Characterization of Existing Flexible Pavements

- In Place Damage Determination
 - Input Level 1 – FWD Deflection Basins
 - Input Level 2 – Distress Surveys
 - Input Level 3 – Condition Categories
- Field Investigations
 - Type of cracking?
 - Mixture disintegration or moisture damage?
 - Debonding between adjacent AC layers?
 - Saturated unbound layers?

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Characterization of Existing Pavement

Example demonstrations for two projects in the northern part (colder climate) of the U.S.:


- Low severity fatigue cracks (25 percent) with a cold in place recycled asphalt base along a primary arterial to be repaired.
 - No transverse cracks
 - Average rut depths less than 0.25 inches
- High severity longitudinal cracking (12 percent) with an asphalt stabilized base (CIR with an emulsion) along a secondary arterial roadway to be repaired.
 - Transverse cracks exhibited at an amount of 500 ft./mi.
 - Average rut depths less than 0.35 inches

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Project #1

Distress Type	Amount	Severity
Fatigue Cracks, percent	26	Low
Transverse Cracks, ft./mi.	0	NA
Rut Depth, inches	0.25	NA

Layer Type	Thickness
AC Wearing Surface	1.5
AC Leveling Course	2.0
Cold in Place Recycled; nothing added; mixed in place	7.25
4-inch Aggregate Base & A-3 Embankment	22
Subgrade Soil	A-2-4



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Project #1

AC Layers	E, psi	Air Voids	AC
AC Wearing Surface	2,600,000	7.5	11.7
AC Leveling Course		8.3	11.1

Unbound Layers	E, psi	WC	Density
Cold in Place Recycled; nothing added; mixed in place	100,000	8.5	137
A-3 Embankment, elevated	26,000	6	128
Subgrade Soil, A-2-4	29,000	10	125

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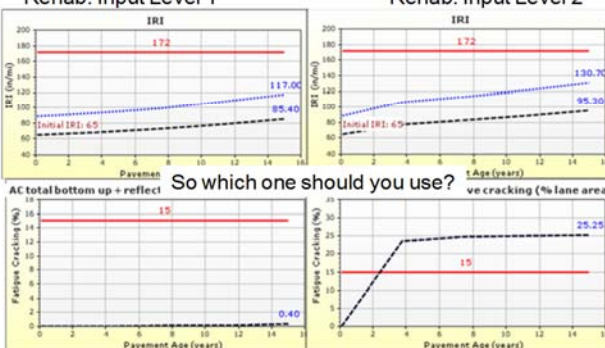
Project #1

Software demonstration and use for comparing rehabilitation input level 1 and 2.

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Project #1

Rehab. Input Level 1 Rehab. Input Level 2




So which one should you use?

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Project #1


Cracking confined to about 1/2 depth of the wearing surface. Milling and nonstructural overlay was the repair option.



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Project #2

Distress Type	Amount	Severity
Fatigue Cracks, percent	12	Moderate
Transverse Cracks, ft./mi.	500	Moderate
Rut Depth, inches	0.35	NA



Layer Type	Thickness
AC Wearing Surface	1.75
AC Leveling Course	1.0
Cold in Place Recycled; nothing added; mixed in place	5.5
A-3 Embankment	18
Subgrade Soil	A-4

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Project #2

AC Layers	E, psi	Air Voids	AC
AC Wearing Surface	425,000	5.5	10.0
AC Leveling Course		5.5	10.0
Cold in Place Recycled; HF-150 Emulsion added; mixed in place	161,000	9.8	10.5

Unbound Layers	E, psi	WC	Density
A-3 Embankment, elevated	24,000	11.5	125
Subgrade Soil, A-2-4	18,000	14	124

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Project #2

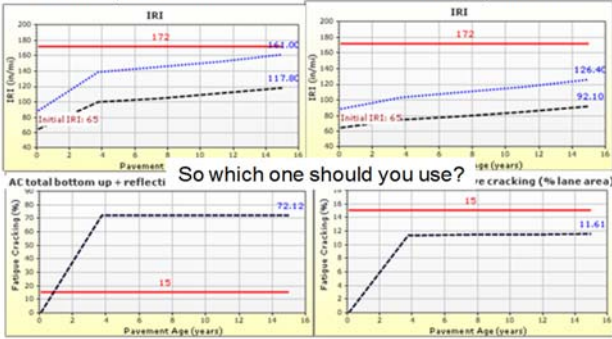
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Project #2

Rehab. Input Level 1 Rehab. Input Level 2


So which one should you use?



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Project #2

Cracking extends through all layers and CIR bottom layer is disintegrating. Selected option is to reconstruct.



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Characterization of Existing Flexible Pavements

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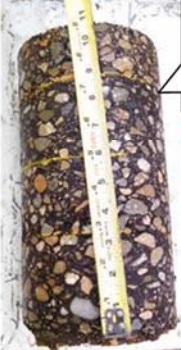
I-84 Rehabilitation; Boise, Idaho

- Surface Condition: severe transverse and longitudinal cracks and moderate fatigue cracking.
- FWD Deflection Basin Testing
- Destructive Sampling: cores recovered to observe condition of different layers.
- Rehabilitation Design – Demonstration




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I-84 Rehabilitation; Boise, Idaho



Portion of interstate where cores found to be intact in reasonably good condition.



Portion of interstate where cores broke apart and found to be in poor condition.

Layer	Thick.
Asphalt Concrete	10
Crushed Gravel Base	9
A-4 Subgrade Soil	

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I-84 Rehabilitation; Boise, Idaho

Example rehabilitation design demonstration using the restrictions for project.

- BcT demonstration
- Pavement ME file set up.

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I-84 Rehabilitation; Boise, Idaho

Design Parameter	Repair Option			
	1 Baseline	2 Thin Mill	3 Deep Mill Overlay	4 Deep Mill, Thicker Overlay
Rehabilitation Input Level to determine the in place damage.	2	2	2	2
Surface Preparation, Mill Depth, inches	0	3	4.8	4.8
Overlay Thickness, inches	6	3	4.8	6.0
Thickness of Existing AC layer Remaining In Place, inches	10	7	5.2	5.2
Terminal IRI, in./mi.	145.5	208.1	126.0	120.2
Total Rut Depth, inches	0.23	0.56	0.33	0.29
Total AC Fatigue Cracking, % total lane area	84.4	100	23.3	14.6
Total Transverse Cracking, ft./mi.	1279	1292	1301	1289
AC Top-Down Cracking, for information purposes, ft./mi.	263	3306	1765	690
Service Life, years	4.0	0.5	12.0	20+

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I-84 Rehabilitation; Boise, Idaho

Design Parameter	Repair Option		
	5 Deep Mill, Overlay	6 Deep Mill, Thicker Overlay	7 Deep Mill, Overlay with interlayer
Rehabilitation Input Level to determine the in place damage.	1	1	1
Surface Preparation, Mill Depth, inches	4.8	4.8	4.8
Overlay Thickness, inches	4.8	6.8	4.8 plus interlayer
Thickness of Existing AC layer Remaining In Place, inches	5.2	5.2	5.2
Terminal IRI, in./mi.	133.8	118	122.6
Total Rut Depth, inches	0.30	0.25	0.26
Total AC Fatigue Cracking, % total lane area	40.7	14.2	20.1
Total Transverse Cracking, ft./mi.	1301	1291	1302
AC Top-Down Cracking, for information purposes, ft./mi.	587	229	307
Service Life, years	9.1	20+	16.0

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Calibration

Discussion on Wednesday identified concerns and issues related to calibration and Pavement ME use relative to material characterization.

First, how do the global and local calibration coefficients compare between different agencies?

1. Rut depth
2. Bottom-up fatigue cracking
3. Transverse cracking

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Calibration: Rut Depth Coefficients

Layer or Material	Coefficient	Global Values	Local Values	
			Material Specific	Range of Values
AC	Kr1	-3.35412	√	-2.45 to -3.354
	Br1	1.0	√	0.51 to 1.48
	Kr2	1.5606	√	
	Br2	1.0		0.86217 to 1.15
	Kr3	0.4791		0.28 to 0.4792
Coarse-Grained Material	Ks2	2.03		1.673 to 2.03
	Bs2	1.0	√	0.0 to 1.0
Fine-Grained Soil	Ks1	1.35		
	Bs1	1.0	√	0.0 to 1.53

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Calibration: Fatigue Cracking Coefficients

Layer or Material	Coefficient	Global Values	Local Values	
			Material Specific	Range of Values
AC; fatigue strength relationship	Kf1	0.007566	√	0.007566 to 0.000757
	Bf1	1.0		0.96 to 249.0
	Kf2	3.9492	√	
	Bf2	1.0	√	0.724 to 1.0
	Kf3	1.281	√	
	Bf3	1.0		0.60 to 1.233
Transfer Function	C1	1.0		0.07 to 2.2
	C2	1.0	√	0.225 to 4.35
	C3	6,000		

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Calibration: Transverse Cracking Coefficients

Layer or Material	Coefficient	Global Values	Local Values	
			Material Specific	Range of Values
AC	Kt1	1.5		0.625 to 50
	Kt2	0.5		0.625 to 50
	Kt3	1.5		0.625 to 50

Result or key take away:

- A lot of variation between and within the global and local calibration coefficients.
- Why?

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Calibration: Points/Question being Considered

Global calibration based on using:

1. Neat AC mixtures designed by Marshall or Hveem; does this make a difference?
2. Few projects included RAP; when high RAP added, are the coefficients applicable?
3. Many sections had low levels of distress; do not just add sections with higher levels of distress – refer to GDOT.
4. Coefficients were assumed to be independent of other factors; this is not the case.
5. Etc.

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Calibration

Second, what are the material characterization tests that should be considered for flexible and semi-rigid pavements to increase accuracy?

Dynamic modulus is being performed on many mixtures. Is this sufficient?

- Pennsylvania DOT
- Colorado DOT
- Mississippi
- Etc.

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Calibration

Comparison of predicted versus measured rut depths using E* measured values and input level 3.

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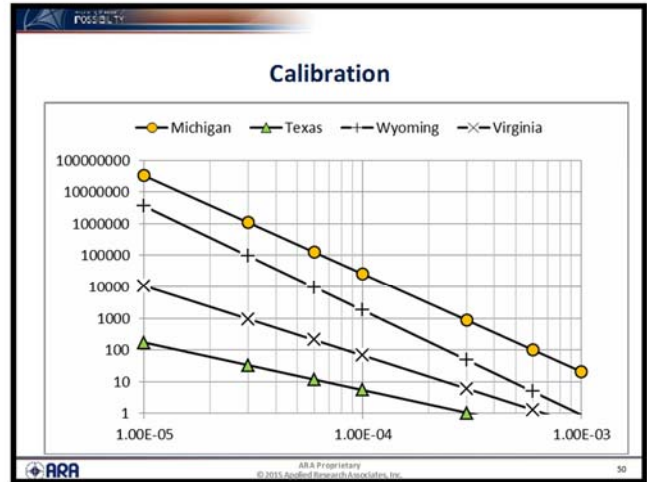
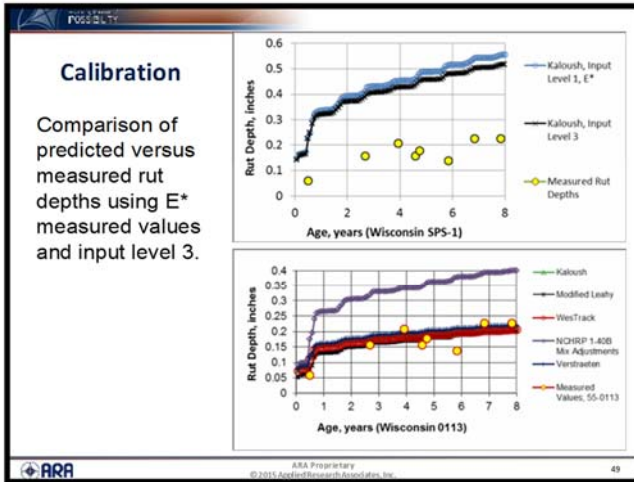
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Calibration

Third, material characterization or testing is important – is it cost effective?

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Calibration

Trigger Value, inches	Reliability Level, percent	HMA Overlay Project		
		Small Project, < \$1M	Intermediate Project Size	Large Project, \$5M
0.25	75			
	85	B/C > 1.0	B-C > 1.0	B-C > 1.0
	95			
0.50	75			
	85	B/C > 1.0	B-C > 1.0	B-C > 1.0
	95			
0.75	75			
	85			B-C > 1.0
	95	B/C > 1.0	B/C > 1.0	

The shaded cells have B/C ratios less than one.
Results applicable to mixtures with low slopes or K3 values.

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Calibration

Trigger Value, inches	Reliability Level, percent	HMA Overlay Project		
		Small Project, < \$1M	Intermediate Project Size	Large Project, \$5M
0.25	75			
	85	B/C > 1.0	B/C > 1.0	B/C > 1.0
	95			
0.50	75			
	85		B/C > 1.0	B/C > 1.0
	95	B/C > 1.0		
0.75	75			
	85			B/C > 1.0
	95		B/C > 1.0	

The shaded cells have B/C ratios less than one.
Results applicable to AC mixtures with high slopes or K3 values.

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Calibration

Take away:

- Only measuring E* will not significantly increase the accuracy of the predicted values for both rut depth and fatigue cracking.
- My opinion: tests used to predict cracking will be more cost effective than for rut depth.

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Calibration

Fourth; many times of Wednesday, uncalibrated model was mentioned – is this true?

- Additional question to be asked prior to starting local calibration: how do the global calibration sections differ from local design strategies, materials, and standard operating practices?

Take away:

- Verification can be very important to guide if and how calibration proceeds.

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Calibration

- Fifth, automated calibration – what does this mean?
- Sixth, managing calibration – when does it need to be done?
- Remember:
 - PCC has been calibrated on three occasions at the global level.
 - AC was only calibrated once at the global level.
 - Local calibration guide suggests, 5 to 10 year interval.
 - WMA – does this make a difference?
 - High RAP and RAS mixes – do these make a difference?


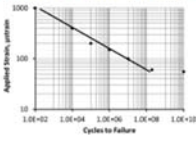

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Recalibration Effort: Simple but very Complex




- What we have now:
 - Current global calibration coefficients (k-values) are a combination of lab-derived and field-shift values.
 - One set of field-derived calibration coefficients are applicable to all material conditions for a specific design strategy.
 - New mixtures – no consistent or formal procedure to convert lab-derived values to field-shifted values.
- What we need to simplify future calibration efforts:
 - Start with lab-derived k-values; select global values from lab studies.
 - Determine the field-shift coefficients or β values.
 - Assumption: field-shift coefficients are applicable to all future mixtures.

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Currently, K-values are a combination of lab and field results.






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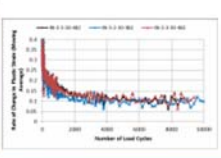

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K-values defined by lab results.



β -values defined from field.

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Recalibration of Flexible and Semi-Rigid Pavements

- Completed in accordance with the Guide for the Local Calibration of the Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide, dated November 2010.
- Verify and update the global calibration coefficients of the flexible and semi-rigid pavement transfer function coefficients.
- Calibration database for flexible and semi-rigid pavements being turned over to AASHTO.

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Calibration Process

The k-values are dependent on the mixture and test procedure. Are the β values dependent on the primary tiers of the sampling matrix or factorial?

- Define what is important
- Sampling matrix for selecting sites
- Number of sections and number of observations
- Magnitude of distress

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Sampling matrix for selecting calibration sites; Pavement Structures.

New Construction	AC Overlays of Flexible Pavement	AC Overlays of Semi-Rigid	AC Overlays of Rigid Pavements
1. Conventional	1. AC over AC without interlayers	1. AC over AC without interlayers	1. AC over intact JPCP without interlayer 2. AC over intact JPCP w/interlayer
2. Deep-Strength	2. AC over AC with interlayer/seal coat	2. AC over AC w/interlayer/seal coat	3. AC over intact CRCP
3. Full-Depth	3. Hot in place recycling		4. AC over fractured JPCP; SPS-6
4. Semi-Rigid	4. AC over CIPR 5. Full-Depth Reclamation		

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Sampling matrix for selecting calibration sites; other factors.

Factors	Factor Level				
AC Total Thickness, in.	< 6	6 to 10	10 to 15	> 15 inches	
AC Mixture	Without RAP	Low amounts of RAP, < 20%		With high RAP, > 35%	
Asphalt Binder	Neat		Polymer Modified		
Truck Traffic; AADTT	< 500	500 to 1,500	1,500 to 3,000	> 3,000	
Subgrade Soil	Fine-Grained, high plasticity	Fine-Grained, low plasticity	High percentage silt	High percentage sand	Coarse-Grained
Climate	Dry-No Freeze	Dry-Freeze	Wet-Freeze	Wet-No Freeze	

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Calibration Process

- Flexible Pavements
- Semi-Rigid Pavements; chemically stabilized mixtures
- Distresses
 - Bottom-Up Fatigue Cracking
 - Total Rut Depth
 - Transverse Cracking
 - Reflection Cracking (transverse and fatigue cracking)
- Roughness or smoothness degradation – IRI

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Recalibration Effort: Simple but Complex

Specific points of recalibration:

1. Climate
 - MERRA database being used.
 - Climate start date coincides with construction date.
2. Unbound material property, resilient modulus
 - Use laboratory equivalent moduli because resilient modulus test data available for most test sections.
 - Water content and dry density coincide with resilient modulus.
3. Initial IRI backcasted
4. AC air voids backcasted

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Transverse cracking: using the global calibration values

NOTE: Measured transverse cracks greater than 2,500 ft./mi. eliminated from database.

The plot shows Predicted Transverse Cracking (ft./mi.) on the y-axis (0 to 2500) and Measured Transverse Cracking (ft./mi.) on the x-axis (0 to 2500). Most data points are clustered below 2500 ft./mi. on both axes. A few points are visible above 2500 ft./mi. on the y-axis, representing predicted values for measurements that were excluded from the database.

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Recalibration of Flexible and Semi-Rigid Pavements

Transverse cracking dependent on:

- Truck traffic
- AC thickness
- Temperature or climate

Bias = Pred. – Obser.

Factor	Low	Middle	High
Truck Traffic	<100,000	100,000 to 3,000,000	>3,000,000
Bias	-56	-190	-394
AC Thick	< 6	8 to 12	> 13
Bias	-120	-262	-154
MAAT	< 50	50 to 60	> 60
Bias	-112	-257	-271

Result, Transverse Cracking Calibration Coefficient:

- Dependent on truck traffic.; also reported for SPS-8 experiment.
- Dependent on climate
- Mechanism accounts for thickness effect.

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Recalibration of Flexible and Semi-Rigid Pavements

Transverse cracking: using preliminary calibration values

NOTE: Measured transverse cracks greater than 2,500 ft./mi. eliminated from database.

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Recalibration of Flexible and Semi-Rigid Pavements

Transverse cracking calibration coefficient dependent on:

- Temperature or climate factors
 - Mean annual air temperature
 - Freezing index
- Blue circle designates a different mechanism causing transverse cracks in warmer climates – shrinkage?

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Recalibration of Flexible and Semi-Rigid Pavements

Transverse cracking calibration coefficient dependent on temperature.

Annual Air Temp	K Coefficient	k coefficient	Bias
> 70	60	k = 0.55	34.9
65 to 69	40	k = 0.85	107.4
60 to 64	20	k = 1.5	12.9
55 to 59	4	k = 3	-133.6
50 to 54	3	k = 4	-134.1
45 to 49	1.5	k = 20	-109.3
40 to 44	0.85	k = 40	34.3
<40	0.55	k = 60	21.8

Preliminary standard error is high (623 ft./mi.), because model does not include all mechanisms causing transverse cracks.

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Transverse cracking prediction examples:

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Rutting: using the global calibration values

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Rut depth dependent on: Bias = Pred. – Observ.

Factor	Low	Middle	Middle	High
Truck Traffic	<200,000	200,000 to 500,000	500,000 to 1,000,000	>1,000,000
Bias	0.0712	0.0957	0.108	0.32
AC Thick	< 6	6 to 9	9 to 13	>13
Bias	0.237	0.298	0.088	0.010
MAAT	< 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	>70
Bias	0.099	0.064	0.233	0.281

Result, Rut Depth Calibration Coefficient:

- Dependent on truck traffic
- Dependent on climate
- Dependent on AC thickness
- Dependent on soil type
- Dependent on base type
- Dependent on mix type

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Rut depth dependent on: Bias = Pred. – Observ.

Factor	Asphalt Type		
	Penetration Based	Viscosity Based	Superpave PG Based
Bias	0.079	0.127	0.554

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Effect of Unbound Material/Soil Type of Rut Depth Residual Errors

A-1-a & A-1-b

A-2-4 to A-2-7

A-6 to A-7

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Effect of Unbound Material/Soil Type of Rut Depth Residual Errors

Pen Based

Viscosity Based

PG Based

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Rut depth: using preliminary calibration values

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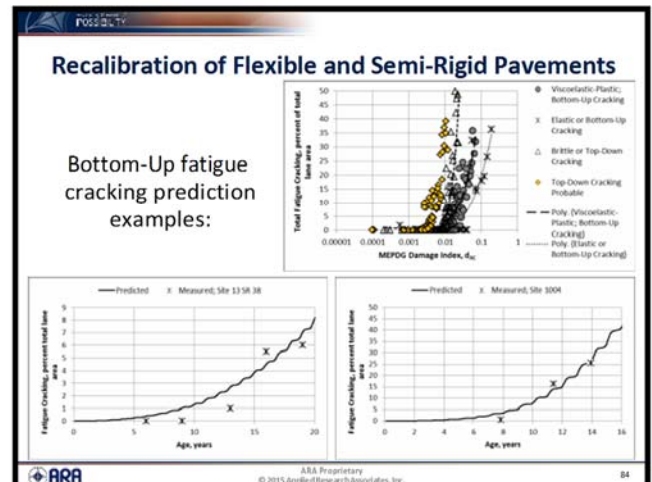
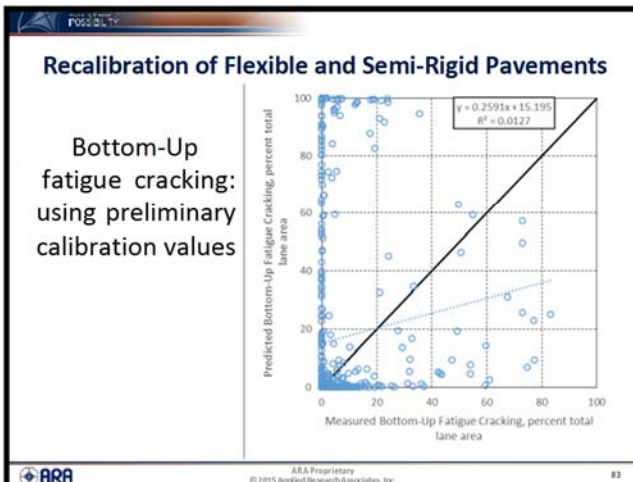
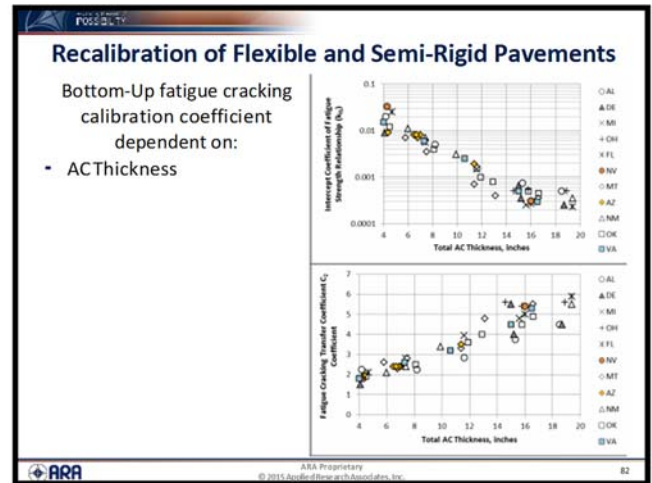
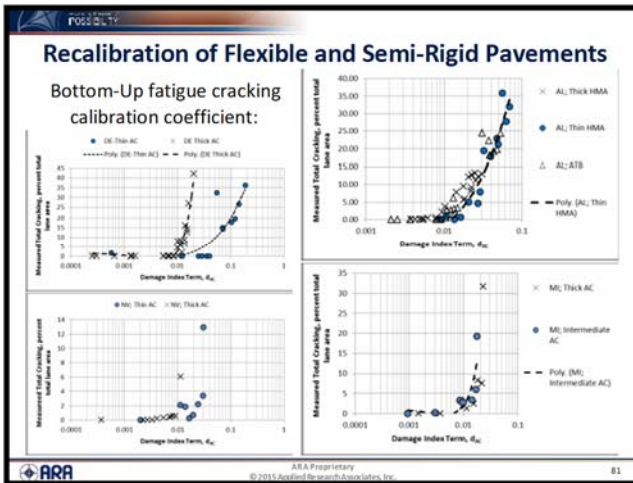
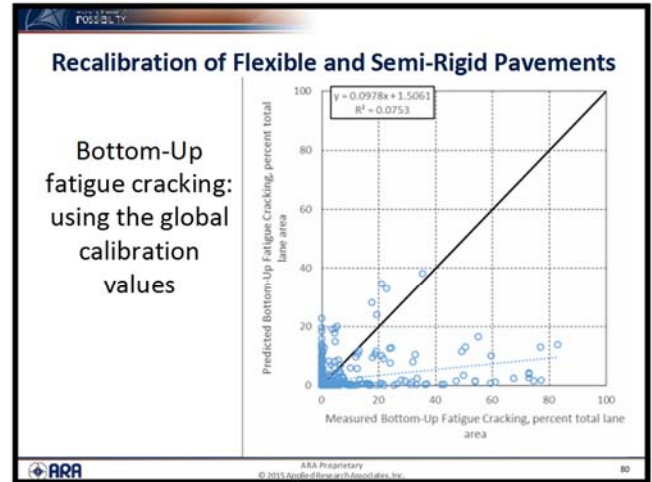
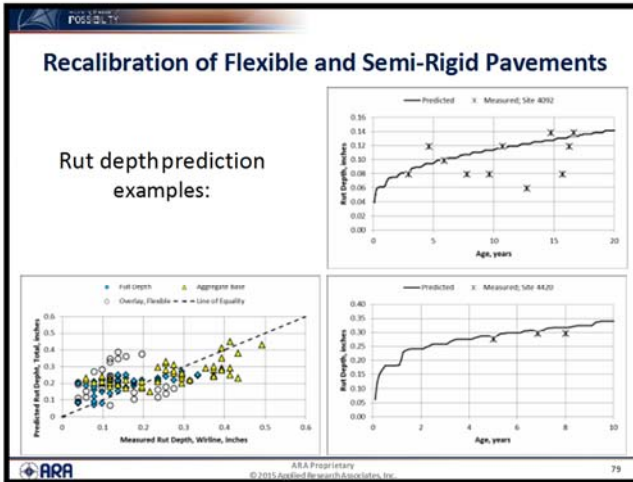
Extensive interrelationship between parameters within LTPP.

Rut Depth calibration coefficient dependent on material.

HMA Rutting	Coefficient value
K1	-3.294
K2	1.5606
K3	0.3

Type	Classification	Unbound Material K values		
		Adjustment Factor	Global K Value	Revised K Value
Fine	A-7-6	0.5	1.35	0.637
Fine	A-6	0.5	1.35	0.637
Combined	A-2-4, A-2-5, A-2-7, A-4	0.5	2.03	0.958
Coarse	A-3	0.35	2.03	0.671
Coarse	A-1-a, A-1-b	0.5	2.03	0.958

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Recalibration of Flexible and Semi-Rigid Pavements

Issue – Bottom-Up or Top-Down Cracking?

- Type of fatigue cracks are unknown in LTPP database
- All area fatigue cracks are assumed to be bottom-up fatigue cracks.
- After top-down cracking model integrated into Pavement ME – will the bottom-up cracking need to be revised?

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Questions?

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Presentation 21—Kevin Hall, University of Arkansas

MEPDG/Pavement-ME: Future Directions (?)



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Our Discussion Today...

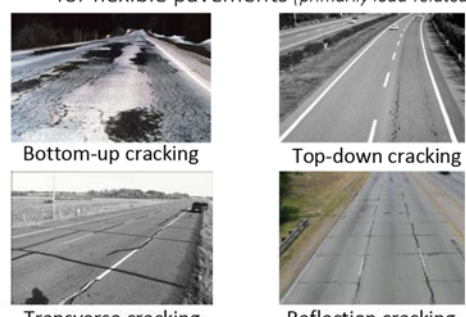
- The Future: Key Questions and Possible Directions
- Use a **specific context** to illustrate **global thinking**: for today, our context will be **flexible pavement cracking**

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Review: Cracking Models & Transfer Functions for flexible pavements (primarily load-related)



Bottom-up cracking Top-down cracking

Transverse cracking Reflection cracking

Review: Cracking Models & Transfer Functions for flexible pavements (primarily load-related)

Cracking Designation	Status	Mixture Properties
Bottom-Up	• No changes or enhancements; none planned for the short-term	• Fatigue strength from flexural beam fatigue test
Top-Down	• No changes to date; changes anticipated (NCHRP 1-52)	• Fracture properties (?!?) (estimated through models based on E*??)
Transverse (Low Temp)	• No changes to date; need for changes identified (long-term)	• Indirect tensile strength • Indirect tensile creep compliance
Reflection	• Major enhancements in Version 2.2 (replaced regression with M-E)	• Fracture properties (estimated through models based on E*)

Key Questions: #1

Curious Philosophy:

The 'design' approach in the MEPDG focuses on **managing the failure** of the pavement – rather than seeking to **avoid failure**...

In the context of asphalt cracking, is it desired to continue to **predict the extent of cracking – or – attempt to **prevent** cracking?**

Example Recommendations:
"Preventing" Fatigue Cracking (bottom up)

- Improve 'perpetual pavement design' within Pavement-ME Design®
 - Endurance limit predictive equation - NCHRP 9-44
 - Incorporate the endurance limit for all analyses
- Improve guidance in the MEPDG Manual... regarding perpetual pavement
 - Mix type selection for layers within a perpetual pavement cross-section
 - Material properties for layers within the cross-section

Key Questions: #2

Is it important and/or desirable to model all forms of load-related cracking using the same general approach and/or mechanistic basis?

e.g. *Asphalt Cracking*:

- Reflection: fracture
- Top-Down: regression—but, moving to (?) fracture
- Bottom-up: bending/flexure

Example Recommendations: Common Basis for Asphalt Cracking Models

- Develop and implement a fracture-based bottom-up fatigue cracking model
 - Pursue a fracture-based model form similar to that used for reflection cracking and is anticipated for top-down cracking.
 - Ensure that any new fatigue cracking model is compatible with the concepts of perpetual pavement design.
- Seek, insofar as possible, to link the requirements for material characterization – so that (insofar as possible) a single characterization ‘feeds’ all cracking performance models **directly**.

Key Questions: #3

Is it important and/or desirable to integrate, more fully, asphalt mixture characterization between the processes for **asphalt mixture design** and **flexible pavement structural design**?

For example, should performance-related tests used for asphalt **mixture** design yield material properties which are also used in **structural** design models?

Example Recommendations: Integrating Asphalt Structural and Mixture Design

Develop/refine Visco-Elastic Continuum Damage (VECD) design procedures

- Streamline laboratory testing and data analysis procedures for “Simplified” VECD (or S-VECD) in the context of asphalt mixture design;
- Refine and expand structural pavement design procedures contained in the Linear VECD (or LVECD) program.
 - Publish global calibration metrics for the LVECD design system;
 - Provide procedures for executing local calibration studies.
 - Produce a comprehensive pavement design guide based on the LVECD system.
- Support FHWA PRS Efforts
 - FlexMAT™, FlexPAVE™, PASSFlex™

Recap: Key Questions in the local context...

Is it important and/or desirable to model all forms of load-related cracking using the same general approach and/or mechanistic basis?

Near-Term	Mid-Term	Long-Term
In the context of asphalt cracking, is it desired to continue to predict the extent of cracking – or – attempt to prevent cracking?	Is it important and/or desirable to integrate, more fully, asphalt mixture characterization between the processes for asphalt mixture design and flexible pavement structural design ?	For example, should performance-related tests used for asphalt mixture design yield material properties which are also used in structural design models?

Key Questions in the GLOBAL context...

Can we better ‘link’ our approach(es)/bases for similar distress mechanisms – and subsequently streamline required materials characterization?

Near-Term	Mid-Term	Long-Term
“Design” philosophy: is it desired to continue to predict pavement distress – or – attempt to prevent distress?		Can we directly link materials design and characterization with structural design / distress mechanisms?

Bonus Question: What is the next BIG thing?

In other words...will we continue to ‘tweak’ Pavement-ME into the foreseeable future? What does its ‘next generation’ look like?

I hope the goal was accomplished:

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