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# Advances in Materials, Design and Construction Technologies for Concrete Paving Systems

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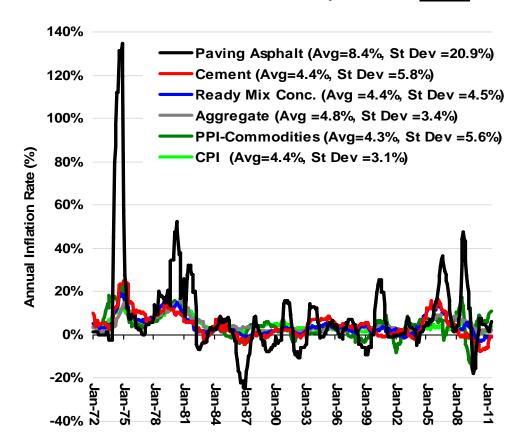
## Increased Demand for Concrete Roads and Streets – Driven by Sustainability's "Triple Bottom Line"



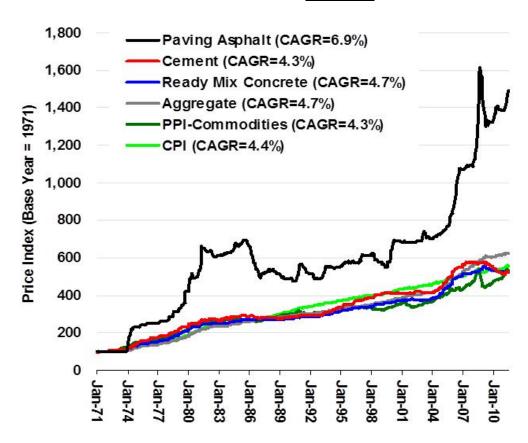
- Economic
- Environmental
  - Societal



#### U.S. Annual Price Increase/Inflation Rates



#### U.S. Price and Inflation *Indexes* since 1971



Average Annual Cost Increase for Paving Asphalt is 4 – 5 percent higher than for Cement, Concrete and the Consumer Price Index!

It is also much more volatile.

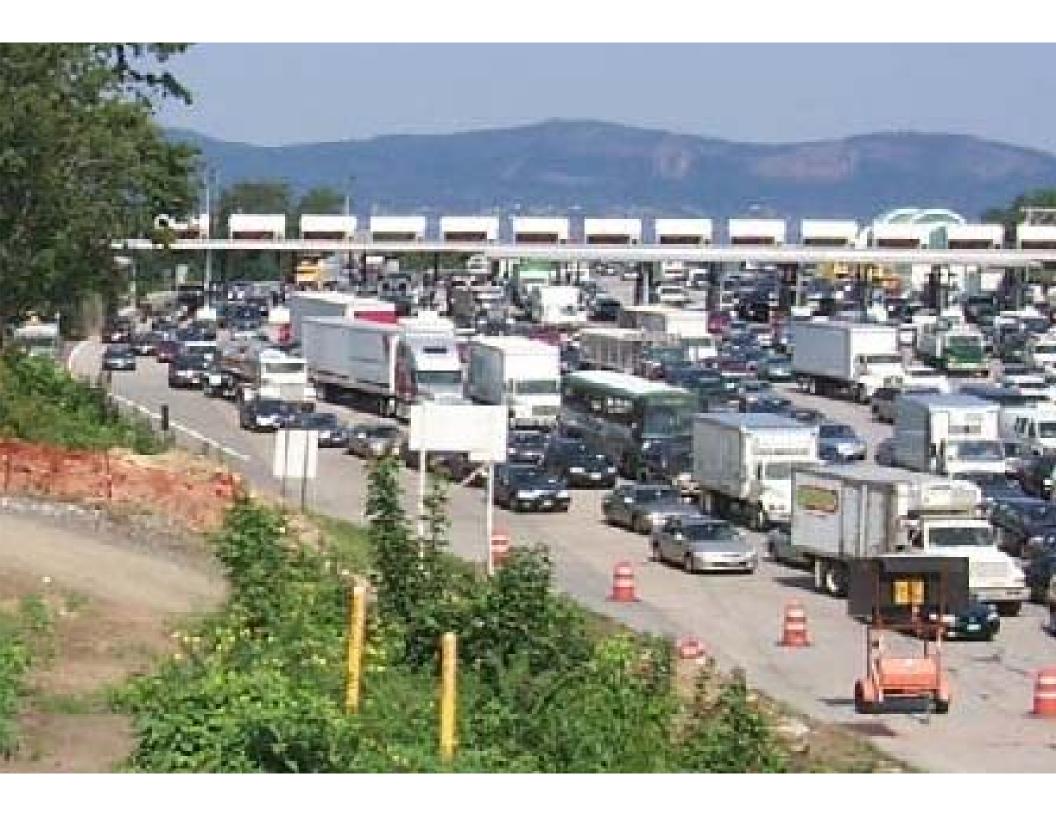
#### **Environmental factors:**

#### **Primarily "Operational-Phase" Impacts:**

- Vehicle fuel consumption rates
  - Pavement rigidity
  - Pavement smoothness
- Pavement surface reflectivity (albedo)
  - Urban heat island mitigation
  - Lighting need
  - Global cooling potential

**Also Conservation of Materials** 





## U.S. Definition of Long-Life Concrete Pavements

- Service life of original PCC surface = 40+ years
- No premature failures or materials-related distress
- Reduced potential for cracking, faulting, spalling, etc.
- Maintain desirable ride and surface texture characteristics with minimal M&R

Design and Build it Right

&

Stay Out As Long As Possible



### LLCP Design Concept

1) Structural design for 40+ years of loads

2) Improve materials and construction practices so that it will last that long (durability).



### General LLCP Design Concepts

 Match performance potential for design components (strengthen "weak links")



"a la carte" approach may not produce LLCP



## Advances in Concrete Pavement Materials

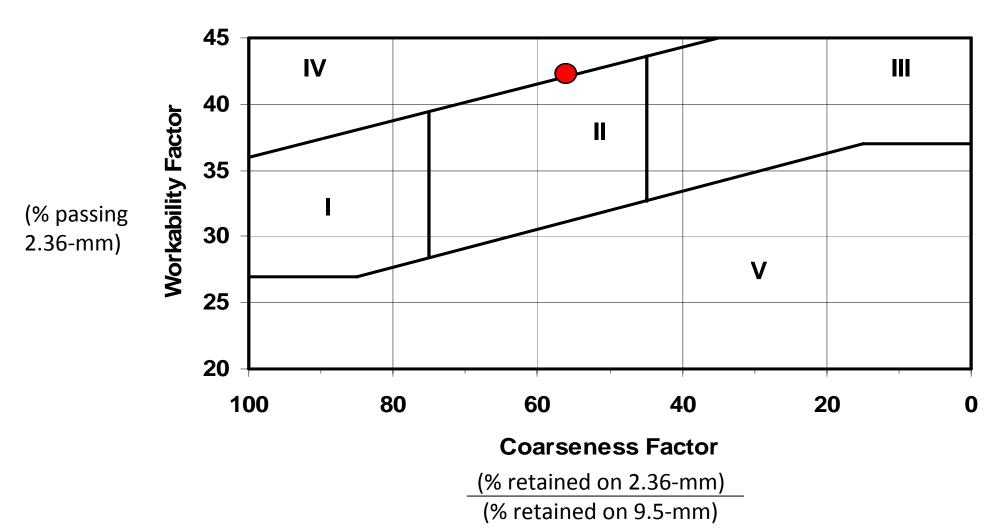
## Concrete Mixture Improvements: Aggregate

- Require more durable aggregate
  - Screen for freeze-thaw, ASR problems
  - Limit limestone content of gravels to 20%, with incentives to reduce to 10%
  - Incentives for use of Class A aggregate (quarried igneous, metamorphic, e.g., granite, basalt)
- Require well-graded aggregate
  - Reduced paste content (more economical)
  - Improved workability without using excessive amounts of water reducer





#### **Shilstone Coarseness Chart**







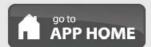


#### Description

By inputting sieve size analysis (gradation) information for up to three coarse aggregates and two fine aggregates, and the relative percent of each aggregate to be used in the mixture, this web applet allows you to view plots of the percent passing, percent retained, workability chart, ASTM C33 curve, and 0.45 power curve for the combined aggregate gradation.

#### Terms of Use

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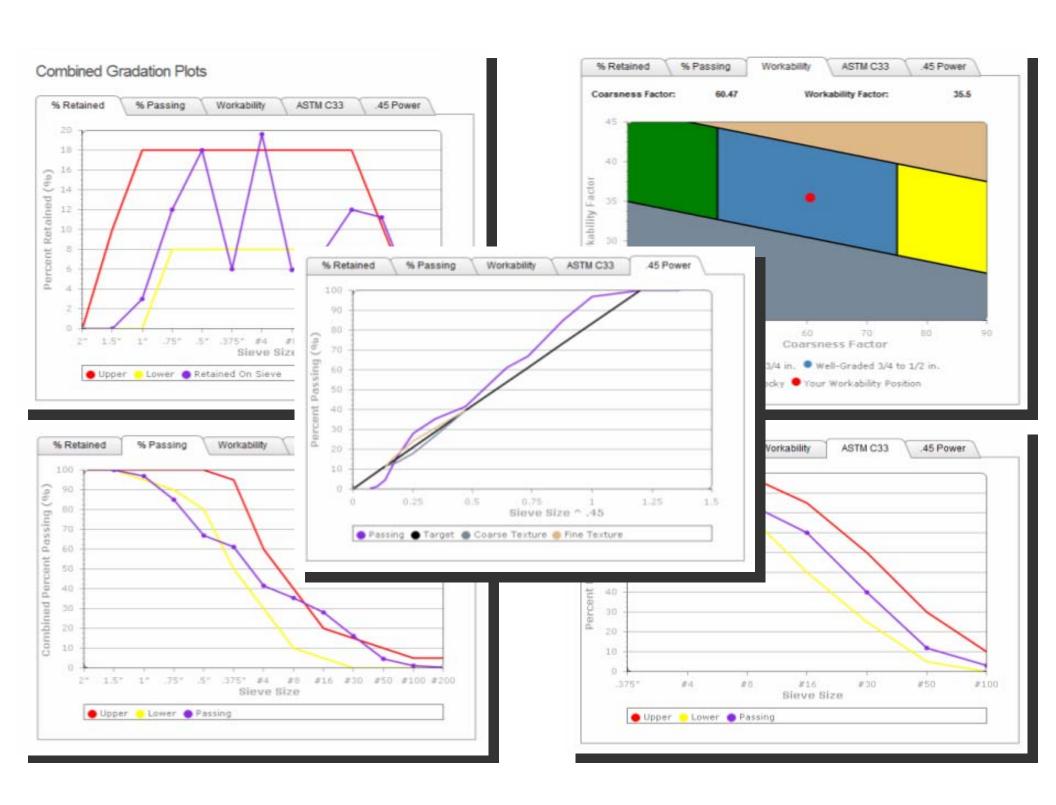
#### Percent Blend

Stone 1	Stone 2	Stone 3	Sand 1	Sand 2	Combined
60 %	0 %	0 %	40 %	0 %	100 %

\*Combined must total 100% before a calculation can be run

#### Percent Passing (Gradation)

						Metric
Sieve	Stone 1	Stone 2	Stone 3	Sand 1	Sand 2	Combined
2 in.	100 %	0.%	0.%	100 %	0.96	100 %
1.5 in.	100 %	0%	0.%	100 %	0.95	100 %
1 in.	95 %	0%	0 %	100 %	0.94	97 %
.75 in.	75 %	0.%	0 %	100 %	0.96	85 %
.5 in	45 %	0.%	0.%	100 %	0.96	67 %
.375 in.	35 %	0.94	0 %	100 %	0 %	61 %
#4	5 %	0.%	0.%	96 %	0.76	41.4 %
#8	2.5 %	0.%	0%	85 %	0.%	35.5 %
#16	0 %	0.96	0.%	70 %	0.96	28 %
#30	0 %	0.%	0.%	40 %	0 %	16 %
#50	0 %	0%	0.%	12 %	0.95	4.8 %
#100	0 %	0%	0 %	3 %	0.96	1.2 %
#200	0 %	0%	0 %	1 %	0.96	0.4 %

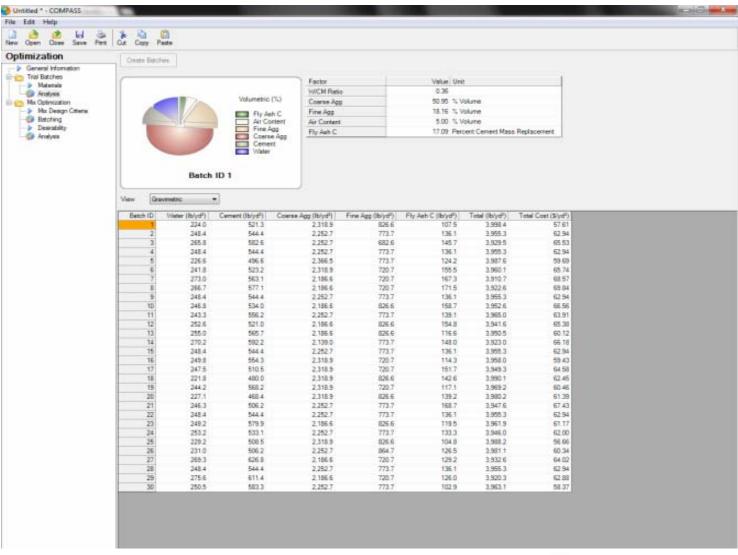


## Concrete Mixture Improvements: Durability and Quality Assurance

- Reduced Cementitious Content
  - $-300 360 \text{kg/m}^3$
  - 15 40% SCMs (fly ash, slag cement, etc.)
- W/(C + P) < 0.42 (or less)
  - Incentives to lower values
  - Field QA using microwave oven
- Increased air content
  - Typical Standard: 6.5% +/- 1.5%
  - Typical LLCP: 8.0% +/- 1.5%.



#### COMPASS: A Free Mixture Optimization Tool





#### **Dowel Corrosion**

#### **Adverse Effects:**

- Loss of Cross-Section at Joint
  - Poor Load Transfer
  - Reduced Curl-Warp Restraint
- Joint Lockup (Corrosion Products)
  - Spalling
  - Crack Deterioration
  - Premature Failure



Photo credit: Washington State DOT



Photo credit: Tom Burnham, MnDOT



### Dowel Bar Materials

Many materials/products are available

















# Dowel Structural Behavior: Fiber-Reinforced Polymer vs.

#### Metallic

Dowel Type	Diameter (in)	Dowel Modulus, E (psi)	Applied Shear Force (lb)	Dowel Deflection at Joint Face (in)	Bearing Stress (psi)
Metallic	1.5	29,000,000	1940 (12" spacing)	0.0009	1421.4
FRP	1.5	5,600,000	1940 (12" spacing)	0.0015	2185.8
FRP	1.92	5,600,000	1940 (12" spacing)	0.0009	1405.5
FRP	1.5	5,600,000	1260 (8" spacing)	0.0009	1419.7

There is additional deflection across the joint ...

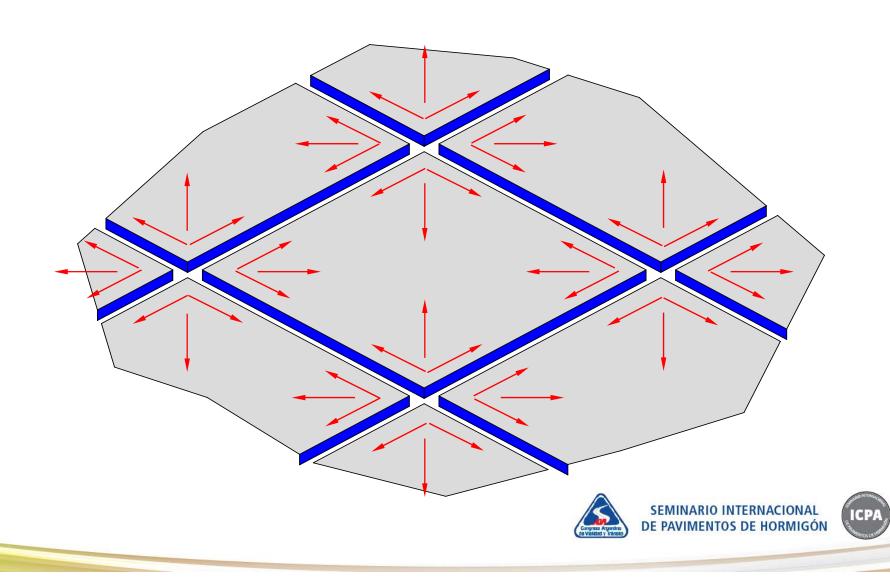


## FRP/Steel Composite Dowels



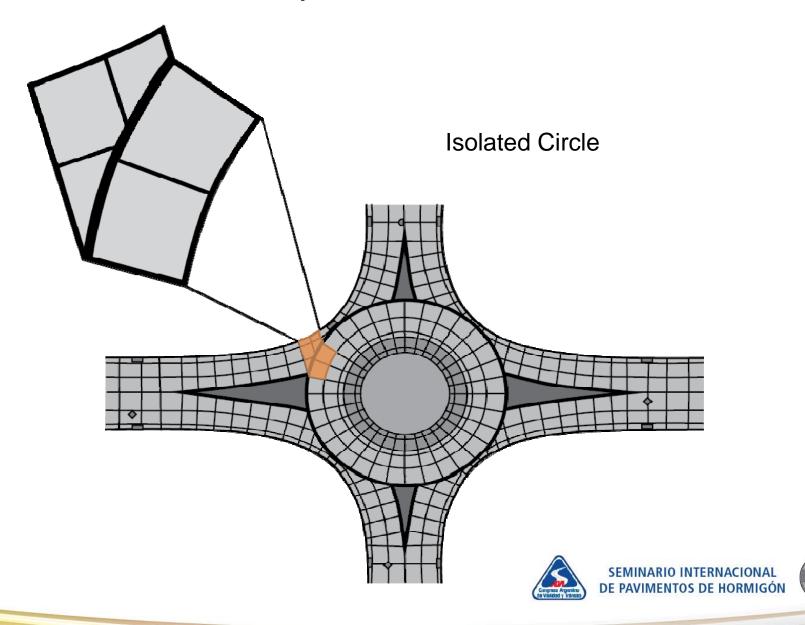


#### Restraint of Movements in Area Pavements

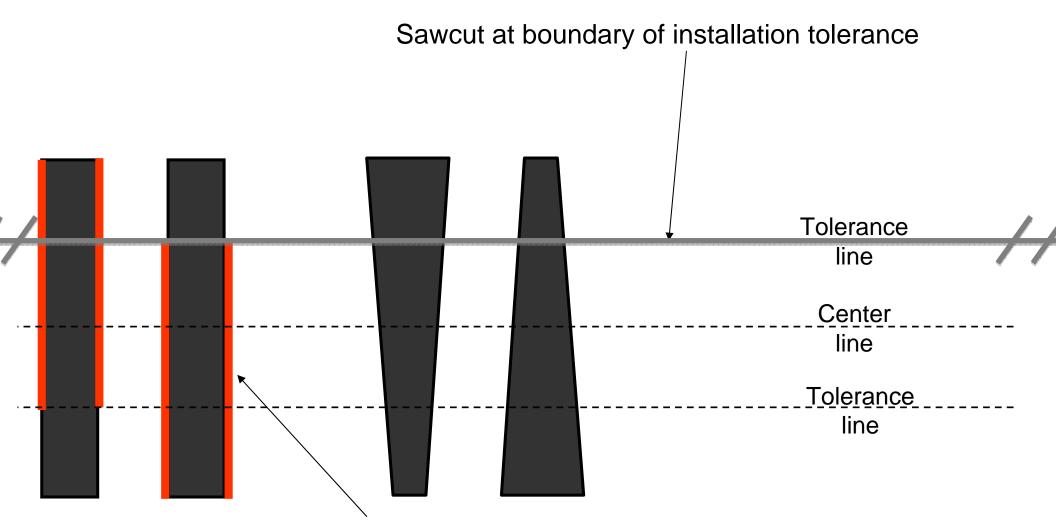




#### Restraint of Odd-shaped Panels and Roundabouts



#### Plate Dowel Geometries for Contraction Joints



Formed void space on vertical sides of plate





### MnRoad Testing: How thin Can you go?

- Study initiated in 2008
  - Focus: section thickness
- Proof of concept
  - Plate dowel performance and
  - Plate dowel performance in thin paven
- Testing bonded overlays
  - 125, 150 and 175mm pavements
- Joint spacing: 3.8m and 4.6m
- Direct comparison
  - 9.5mm x 400mm PD<sup>3</sup> Basket<sup>®</sup> assemblies at 300mm
  - 25mm x 400mm round dowels at 300mm



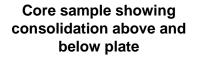


## Preliminary Findings – Plate Dowels Perform

- 2.5 million ESALs to date
- Performance Summary
  - Joint performance is good
  - Joint deflection less than round dowels
  - Consolidation is good
  - LTE in acceptable range
  - Less cracking











3/8" x 12" PD3 basket assembly

### Plate dowels for slip-formed or 'new-to-existing' joints



### Epoxy-grout CoVex™ Plates into place





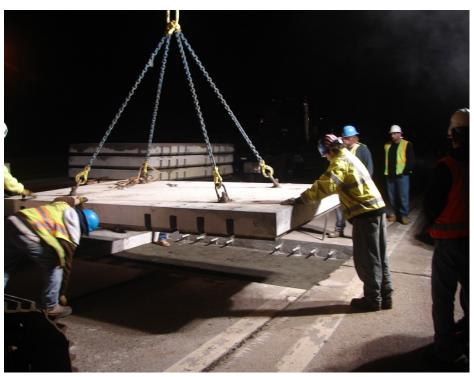
### Plastic debonding sleeves installed





## Another "Construction Material": Precast Concrete Pavement Systems:

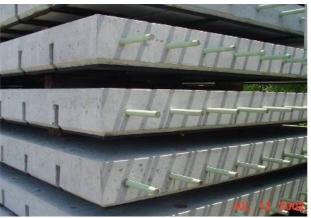




A concrete solution for durable repairs in short work windows

### Super-Slab® System (Proprietary)





- Simple slab-on-grade system
- Standard dowels and tie bars
- Built-in bedding grout distribution
- Precision grading equipment
- Warped Slabs for non-planar surfaces

(>70 projects, 40 lane-km completed in 14 States + Provinces) (10,000 + Slabs = over 100,000 m<sup>2</sup>)

Source: Fort Miller Company, Inc.





#### Various Jointed Precast Concrete Pavement Systems

**Roman Stone System** 

Michigan System

Fort Miller System









# Super-Paver – A Re-usable Urban Pavement (RUP) System



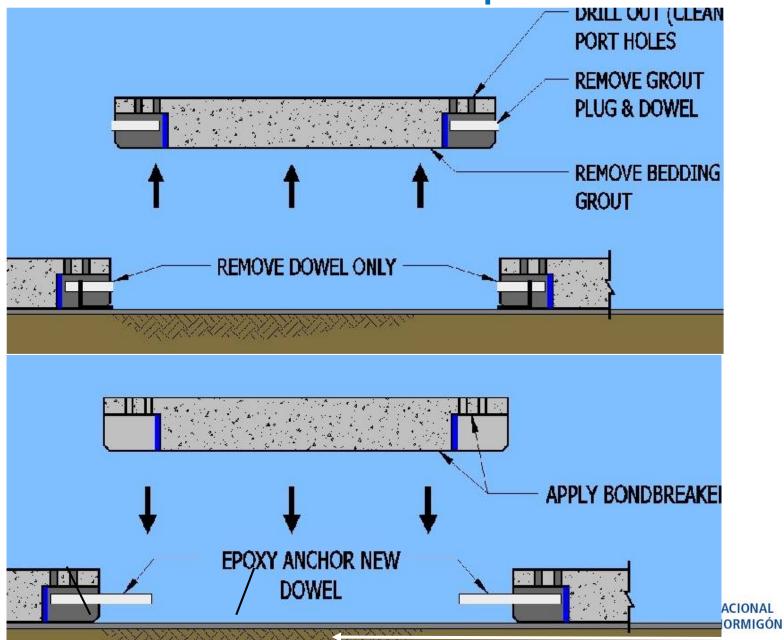
- Light weight
  - 2m x 2m weighs 2 T
- Vertically removable & replaceable
- Warped as required to fit any surface

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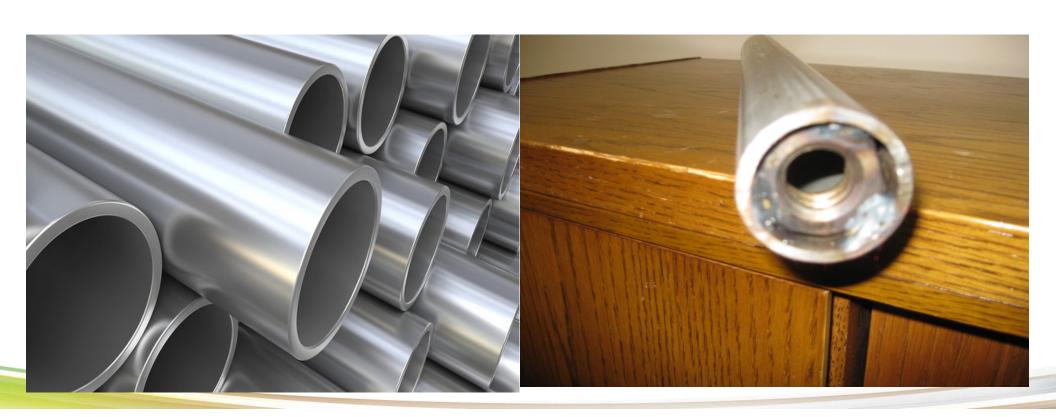
Removable and reusable

(Designed specifically for utility-intensive urban highways and intersections)

# Slab Removal & Replacement



# Removable/reusable pavement made possible by easily cut but structurally adequate Super-Dowel® System (Proprietary)





SuperPaver Reusable Urban Pavement System (RUPS)





# Advances in Concrete Pavement Design



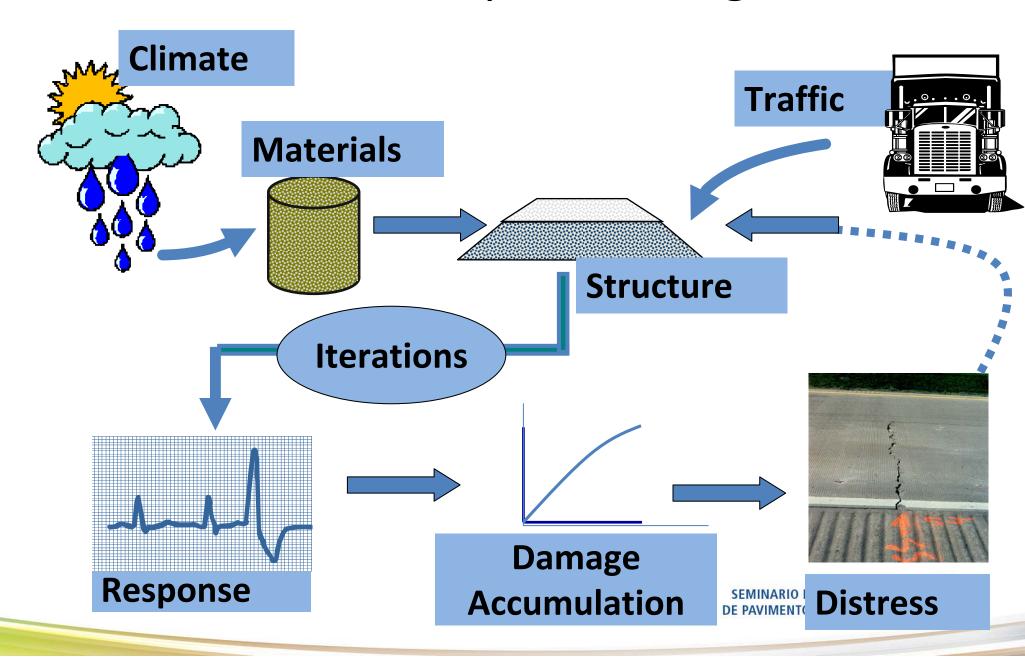
# Tradition: Empirical Design

- Models based mainly on experience and observation
- Dependent on design conditions
  - Climate
  - Traffic
  - Materials
- Primary focus on structural (thickness) design
- Limited attention to specific failure modes (e.g., cracking, faulting, roughness, etc)
- Limited attention to design features

Most common: Interim AASHTO Guides



# The Mechanistic-Empirical Design Process





#### Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design

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Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design

OWare® 2011

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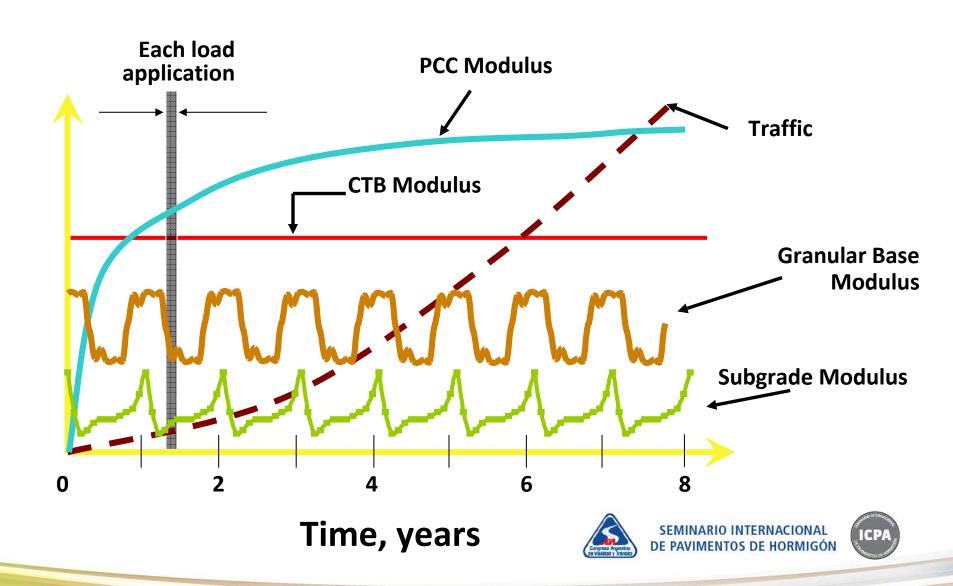
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### Design Parameters Over Pavement Life



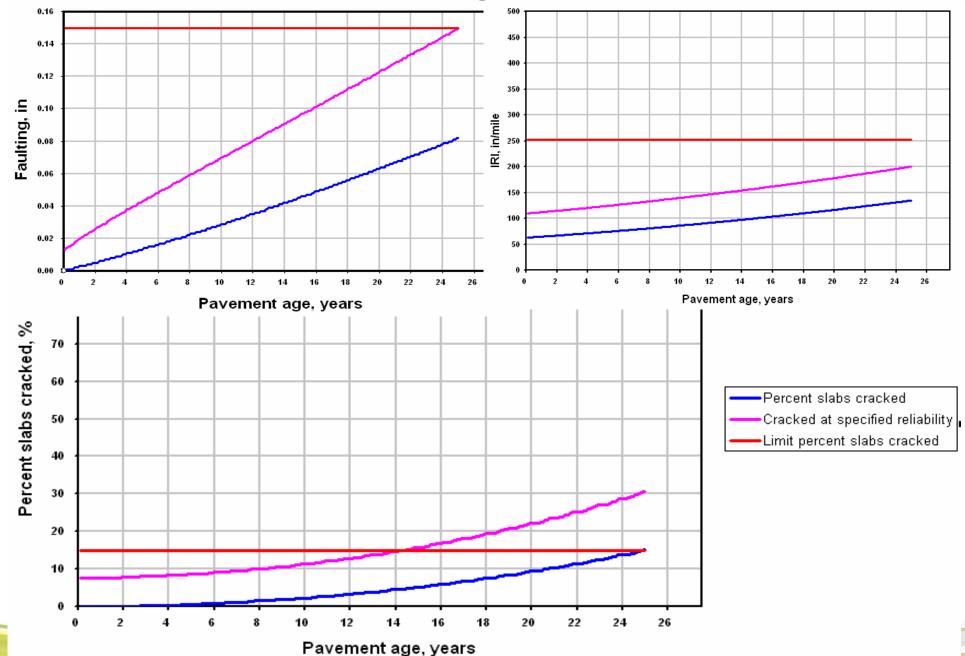
#### Performance Prediction

- Faulting
- Transverse cracking (topdown/bottom-up)
- Punchout (CRCP)
- IRI
  - Based on prediction of other distresses





### DARWin-ME Design Guide Results

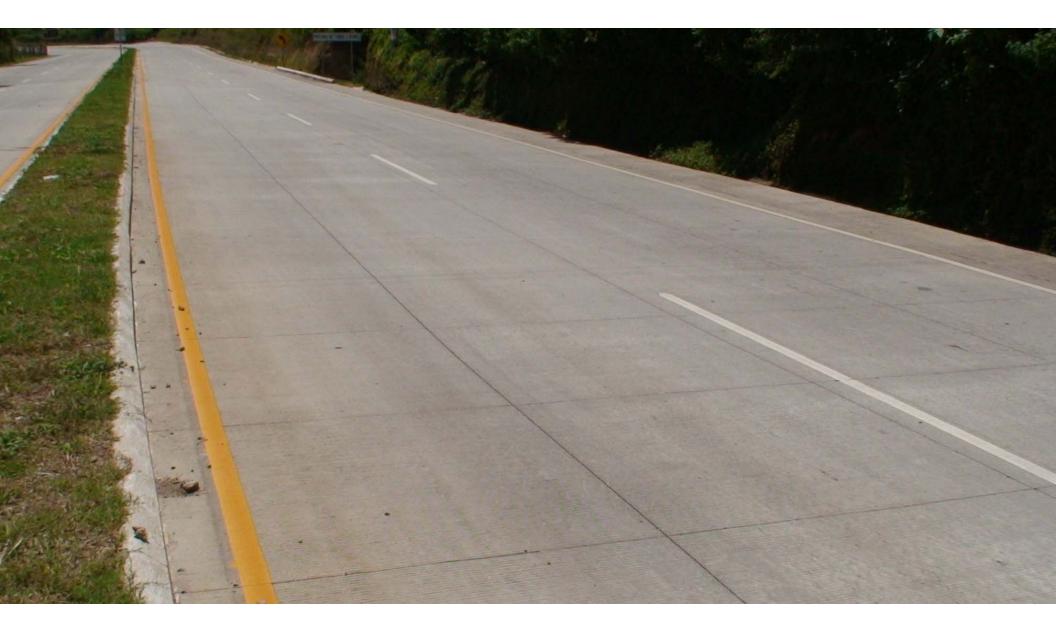


# Advantages/Limitations

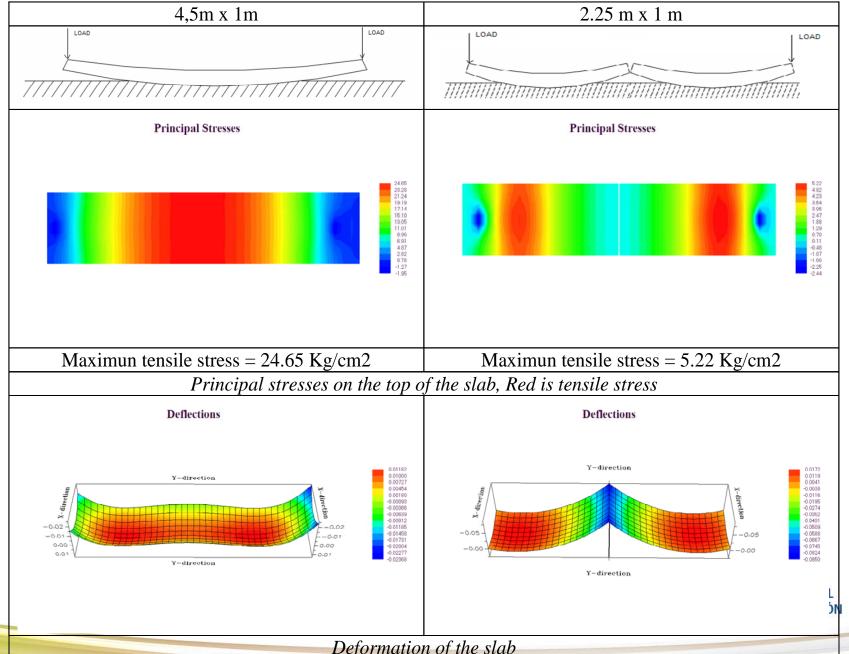
- Advantages
  - Accounts for many factors that change over time (traffic, climate, materials).
  - Improved traffic/materials characterization
  - Improved structural modeling capabilities
  - More versatile procedure
- Limitations
  - Can involve more complex calculations
  - Requires long-term performance data
  - Requires reliable performance models



#### **TCPavements® - Optimizing slab geometry**

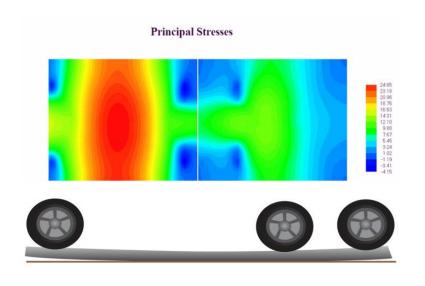


#### Influence of slab geometry on stresses, deflections

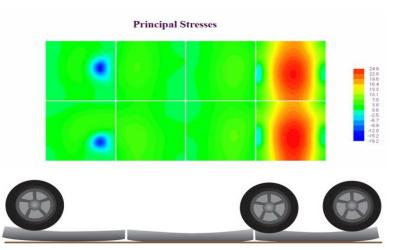




#### Slab sizes and thicknesses for same top stress (2.5MPa)



Thickness: 25cm Concrete Slabs 4.5m x 3.6m



Thickness: 16cm Concrete Slabs 1.8m x 1.8m



#### **Example Installation – Antigua Guatemala**



# Advances in Concrete Pavement Construction

### Typical Paving Clearance Zone

- The minimum clearance zone needed for a standard concrete paver operation is ~1.2 m per machine side:
  - ~0.9 m for the paver track and workers
  - ~0.3 m for paver control string line



## Modified Paver for "Zero Clearance"

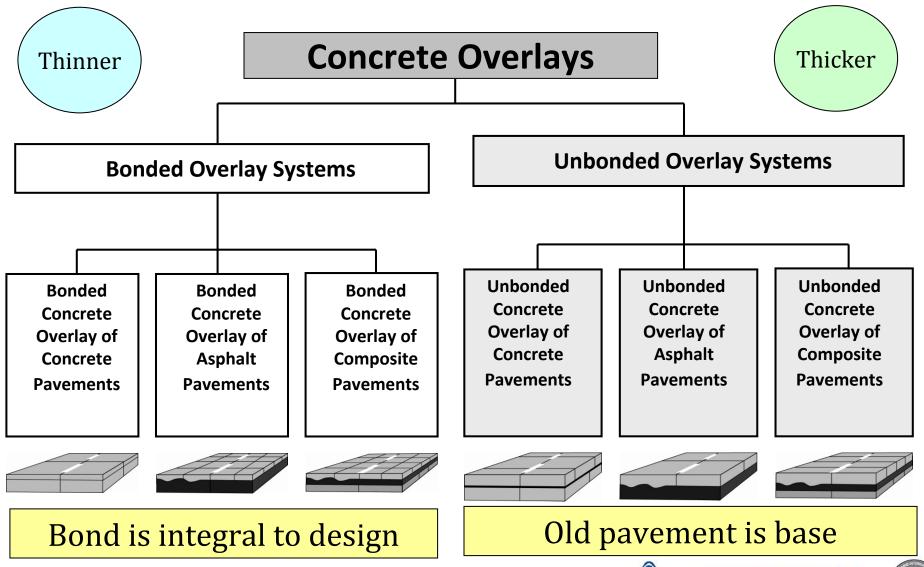


#### Stringless Paving Example

G&Z's S600 is available with G&Z's NoLine: Stringless Preparation Package which allows Leica's "Direct Connect" 3D Control System Software to communicate directly with G&Z's networked Microprocessor Control System.



# Concrete Overlay Systems





ICPA

# **Bonded Overlays of ACP**

- Thickness: 100 150 mm (moderately loaded)
  - State/county highways
  - Secondary routes
  - Collectors

- Thickness: 50 75 mm
   (lightly loaded)
  - City streets
  - Urban intersections
  - Parking lots



# Design Issues

- ACPA (<u>www.acpa.org</u>) provides guidance on suitable thickness and joint spacing combinations
  - 1.8m by 1.8m joint spacing widely used
- Dowel bars not used
- Tie-bars may be used



# **Surface Preparation**

- Some pre-overlay repairs
- Milling AC surface
  - Remove rutting
  - Restore profile
  - Enhance bond
- Minimum AC thickness remaining after milling: >75mm
- Surface cleaning





# PCC Placement and Finishing

- Same as conventional PCC paving
  - Slipform
  - Fixed form
- Avoid surface contamination
- Effective curing is critical





# **PCC Joint Sawing**



# Completed Bonded Overlay Projects -Colorado



**Over existing AC** 

Parker Av. A, Denver, CO - 1997 2004 6 4

# What is Roller-Compacted Concrete (RCC) Pavement?

- Definition: "Roller-Compacted Concrete (RCC) is a no-slump concrete compacted by vibratory rollers"
- Same components —wellgraded aggregates, cementitious materials, and water—but different mixture proportions
- Consolidated by paver and vibratory rollers
- After curing, RCC properties are similar to PCC





#### What is Roller-Compacted Concrete Pavement?

- Typically placed with asphalt-type paver equipped with standard or high-density screed
- Followed by a combination of passes with rollers for compaction





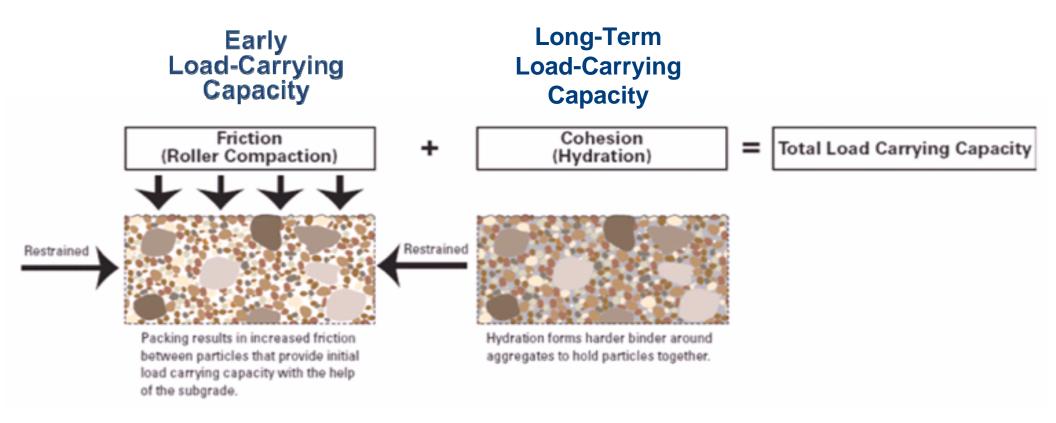
#### What is Roller-Compacted Concrete Pavement?

- Final compaction is generally achieved within one hour of mixing
- RCC pavements are constructed without forms, dowels, or reinforcing steel
- Joint sawing is not always required, but when sawing is specified, transverse joints are spaced farther apart than with conventional concrete pavements





### How Does RCC Work?





#### **Common Uses of RCC Pavements**

- Ports/Heavy Industry
- Light Industry
- Airports
- Local Streets
- Arterial Streets
- Shoulders/Widening
- Base for Overlays







#### **Example**

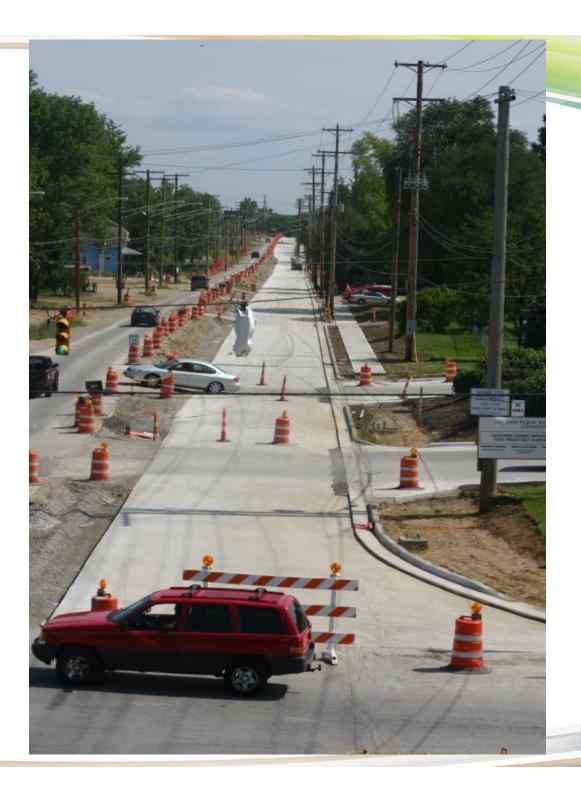
- Reconstruction of Lane Avenue pavement in Columbus, Ohio
- 200mm of RCC base
- 75 mm of asphalt (provide smoothness for higher speed traffic)
- RCC constructed under traffic



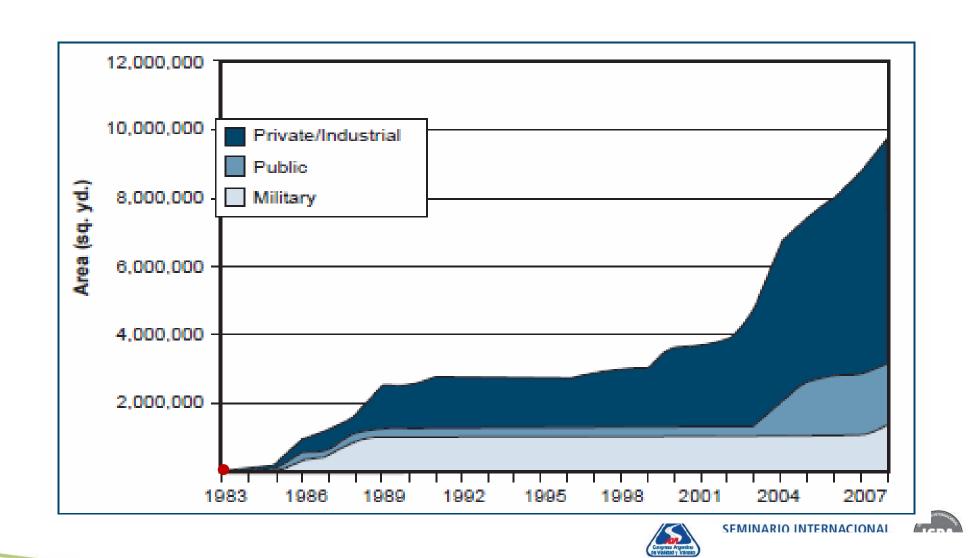
#### **Example**

- Reconstruction of US 78 in South Carolina
- 250mm RCC pavement replaced full-depth asphalt pavement
- RCC surface diamond ground to improve smoothness and provide surface texture at affordable cost

enough structure capacity to allow early opening to light traffic (<4 hours)



#### Increased Use of RCC in U.S.



#### Concrete Pavement Texture

Goals: Safe, Smooth and Quiet

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#### Conventional Concrete Pavement Texture Types

**Transverse Tine** 

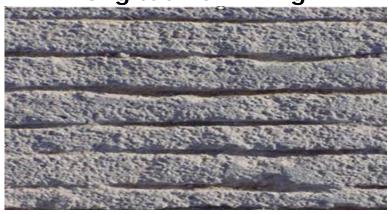


Conventional Diamond Grinding

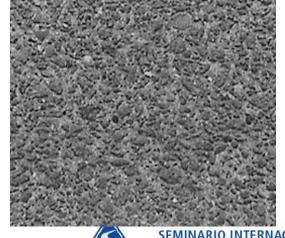


Traffic

**Longitudinal Tining** 



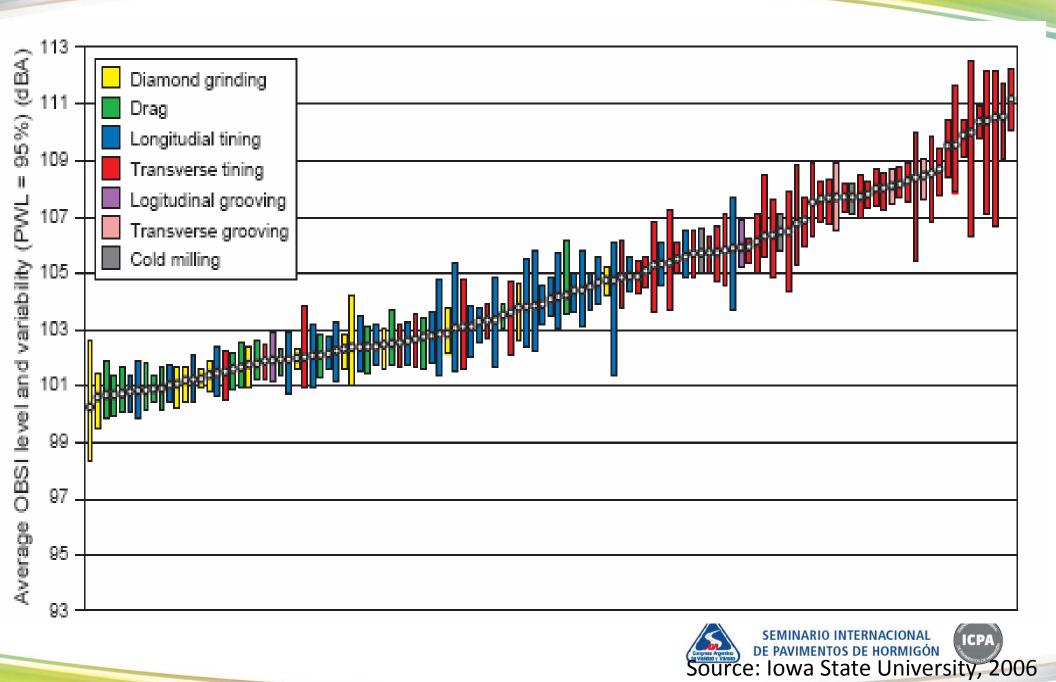
**Exposed Aggregate** 











# Next Generation Concrete Surface (NGCS) vs. Conventional Diamond Grinding (CDG)



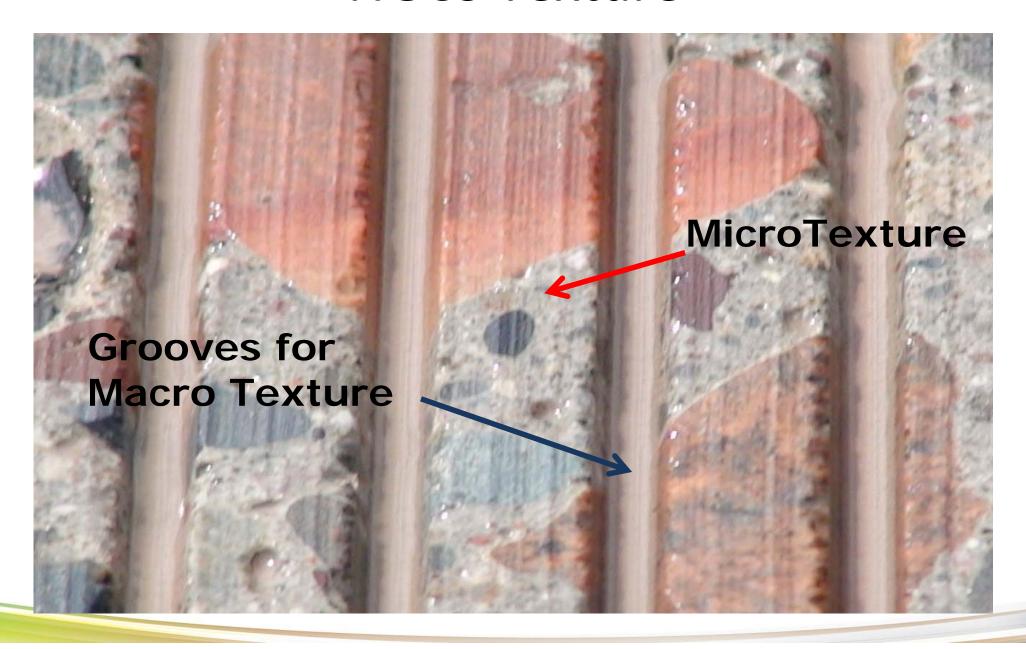
# **Equipment Head Differences**



NGCS Head

Conventional Diamond Grinding Head

# **NGCS** Texture



### **Summary**

Many recent innovations in concrete pavement materials, design and construction, including:

- Improved mixture designs (aggregate blending, blended cements, admixtures, etc.)
- Dowel materials and designs
- Precast pavement systems
- Software design, analysis and construction tools
- Paving equipment, Concrete Overlays, Roller-Compacted Concrete
- Innovative Surface Textures



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#### **International Society**

for Concrete Pavements

#### **ISCP's Mission**

- Facilitate the advancement of knowledge and technology related to concrete pavements through education, technology transfer and research at an international level.
  - Gather and disseminate information for the concrete pavement community.
  - Promote technological advancements and competence of its members leading to improved concrete pavement performance.

# Recurring ISCP Activities:

- Organize International Conference every 4 years.
- Electronic Newsletter (bi-monthly).
  - Society news, Calendar
  - Thesis and research report abstracts
  - Industry news and developments, more
- ISCP Website
  - Online event and membership registration
  - Meeting minutes, Society documents
  - Member Forum
  - PCC Pavement Information Clearinghouse (under development)
- Annual Membership Business Meeting in Washington DC (in conjunction with TRB)

# Summary of ISCP International Conferences

- •7<sup>th</sup> Int'l Conference (2001, Orlando, Florida, USA)
  - –Approx. 365 attendees representing > 20 countries
- •8th Int'l Conference (2005, Colorado Springs, USA)
  - -Approx. 450 attendees representing ~30 countries
- •9th Int'l Conference (2008, San Francisco, USA)
  - Approx. 325 attendees representing 30 countries
- •10<sup>th</sup> Int'l Conference (2012, Québec, QC, Canada)
  - -Approx. 300 attendees representing 28 countries
- •Summary to date: More than 800 different attendees representing more than 40 different countries.

# Recent Conference and Workshop Sponsorship and Collaboration

- August 2007 South Africa with C&CI
- September 2007 Xi'an, China with Chang'An University
- October 2007 IBRACON Conference, Brazil
- November 2009 Chile Concrete Pavement Design Workshop with Catholic University
- March 2010 Lima, Peru, with Peru ACI
- FHWA/CPTP Int'l Conference on Concrete Sustainability (September 2010 -Sacramento, CA, USA)
- EUPAVE Int'l Symposium on Concrete Pavements (October 2010 Seville, Spain)
- April 2011 Xi'an, China with Chang'An University
- August 2011 Sydney, Australia with Australian Society for Concrete Pavements
- November 2011 Florianopolis, Brazil with University of São Paulo and IBRACON

#### Other Current ISCP Activities

- Technology Transfer Center
  - Online clearinghouse for all international publications concerning PCC pavement technology
  - Website "Hot Topic" Links
  - Speaker's Bureau
- Develop Network of Local Technical Coordinators
  - Encourage broader international activity
  - Organize local ISCP events

### Active ISCP Membership

#### Individual Members

- Approaching 200 Members (including 14 honorary)
  - •Increased from ~30 in 1999
- -~25 Countries Represented
- Membership represents contractors, consultants, academia, government, students, suppliers, association members, etc.

#### Membership Benefits

- Registration Discounts at ISCP-sponsored events
- Complete and free access to ISCP website information and features
  - -LinkedIN technical forum online
- Monthly ISCP E-newsletter
- Reciprocal benefits with affiliated organizations
- •Opportunity to develop contacts with pavement engineering professionals from around the world!

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**Association** 

**Canadian Airfield Pavement** 

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**CEMEX** 

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**University of California Pavement** 

**Research Center** 

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- Discounted membership fee for employees
- Access to members-only online forum
- Link to corporate website from ISCP website
- Logo placement on ISCP website and newsletter
- •More ...



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