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## Improving the Foundation Layers for Concrete Pavements TPF-5(183)

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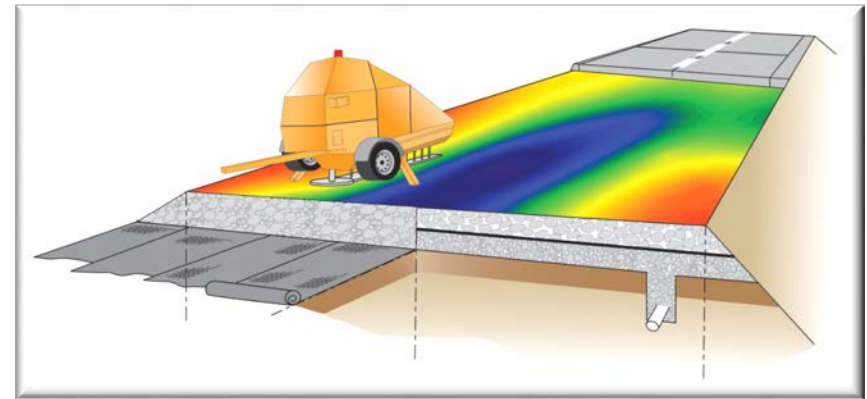
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**Phase I** – Problem Identification and Economic Analysis

**Phase II** – Design Parameter Selection and Variability Analysis

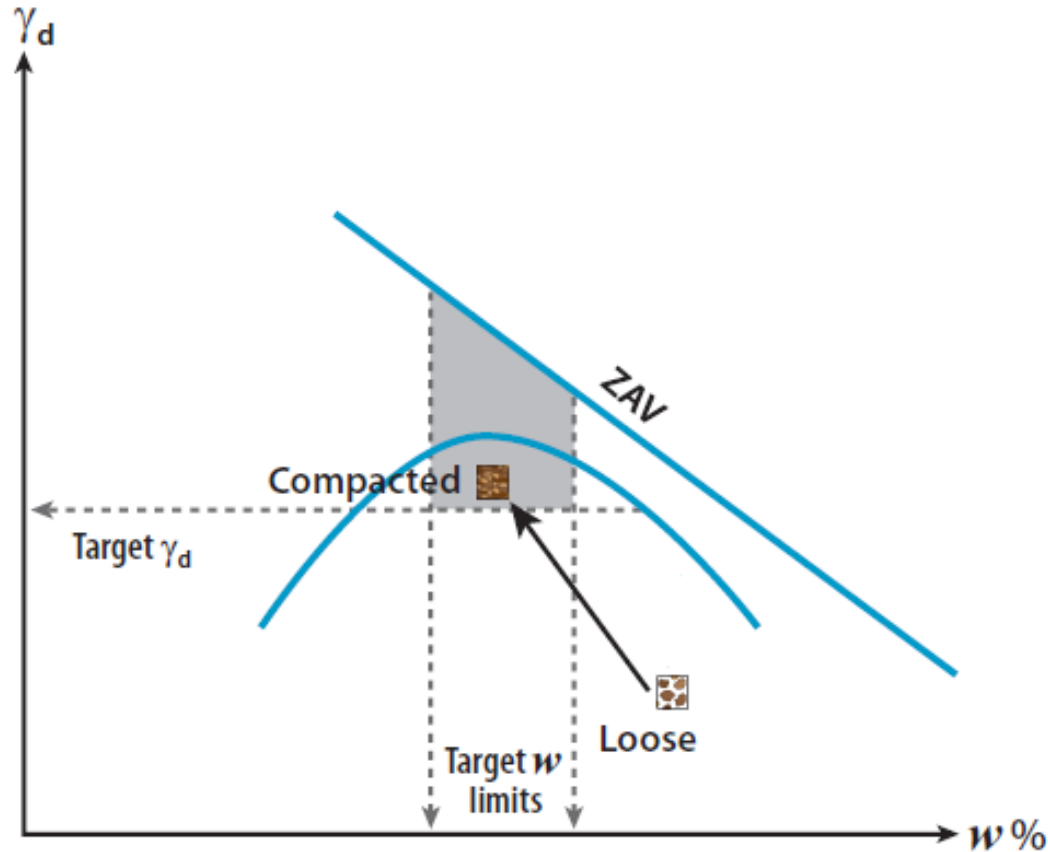
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**Phase IV** –Final Report Preparation

Proper *compaction* is key to achieve stable foundation layers for pavements



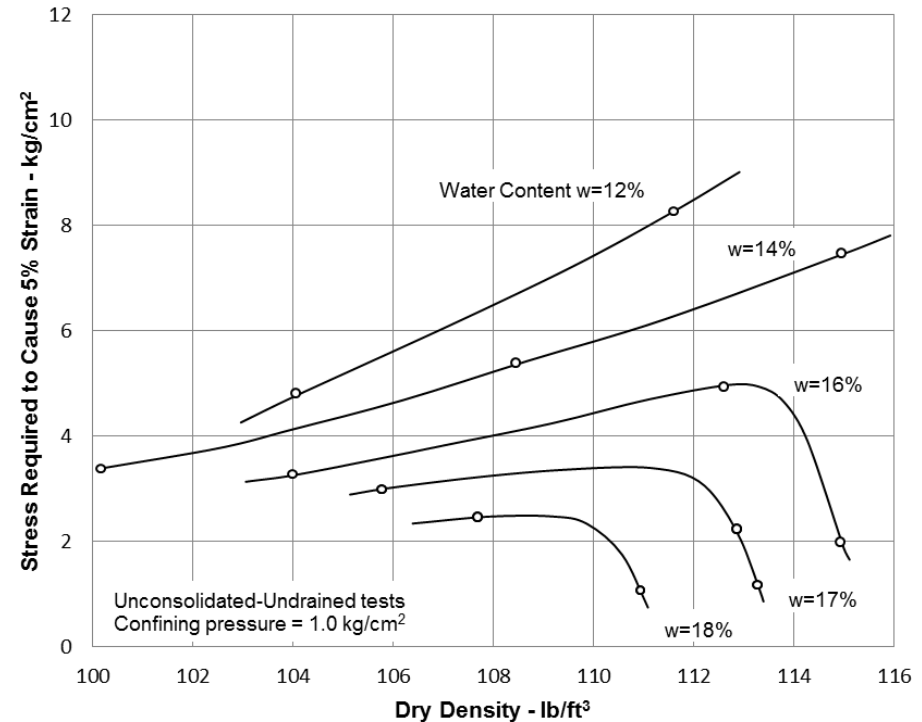
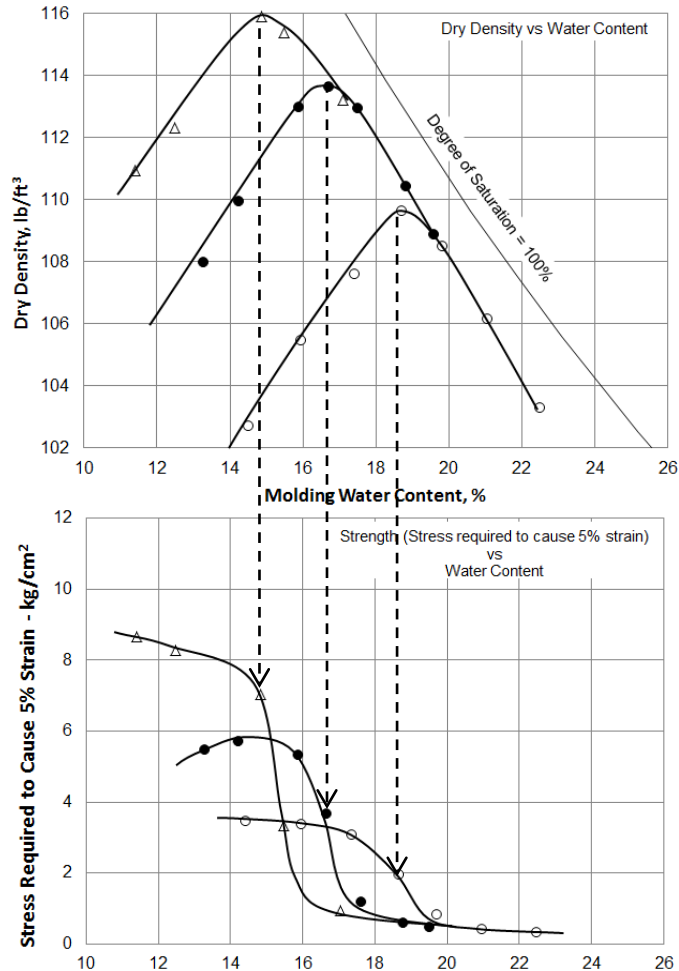
In practice, specifications for earthwork are fixated on Proctor compaction test results for QC/QA.



Relationship between moisture content and density of geomaterial  
(from White et al. 2010)



An important consideration for compacted materials is the shear strength/stiffness of the material.



Seed et al.1960

Moisture control limits can be set based on desired volume change characteristics as a function of overburden stresses.

Holtz (1948)

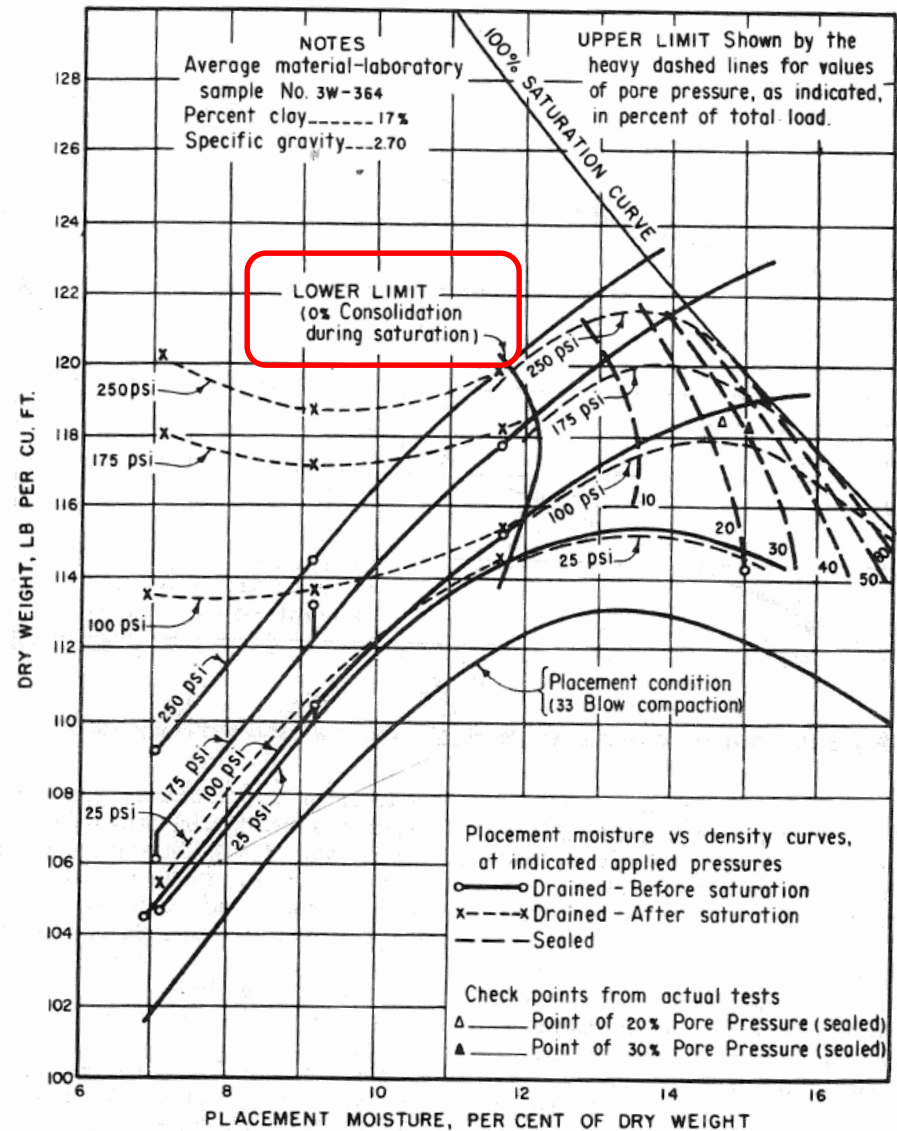


Fig. 8.16 Placement moisture control. (After Holtz, 1948.)

Compaction energy and moisture content change density about 10% and strength/stiffness 500%.

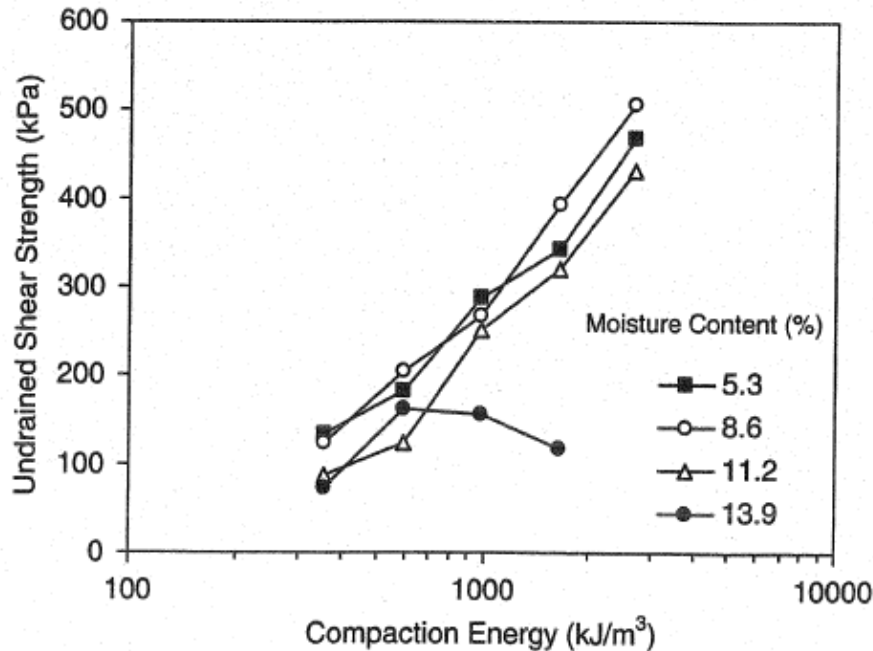


FIGURE 6 Semilogarithmic relationship between undrained shear strength and compaction energy as a function of water content.

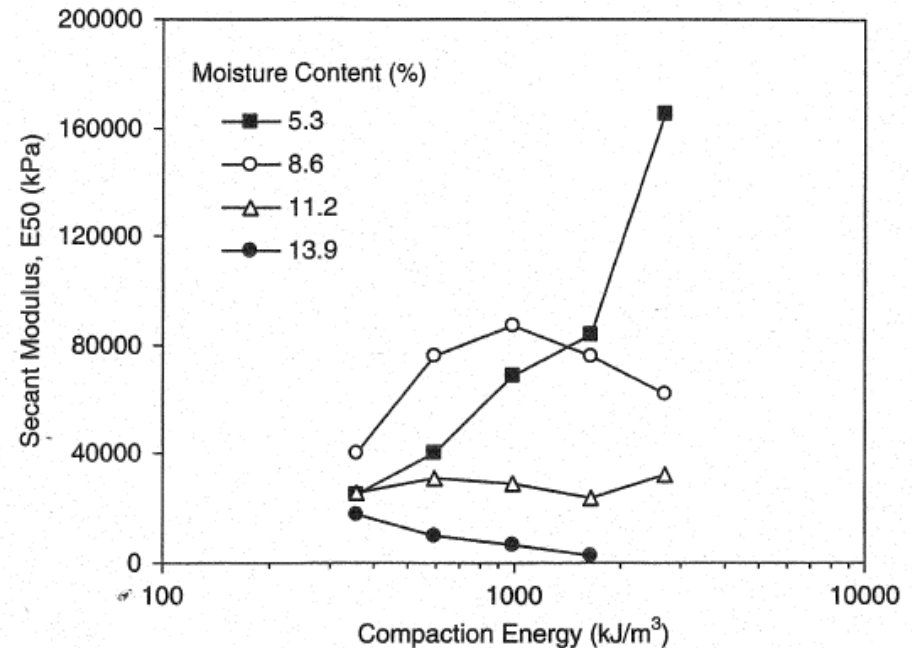
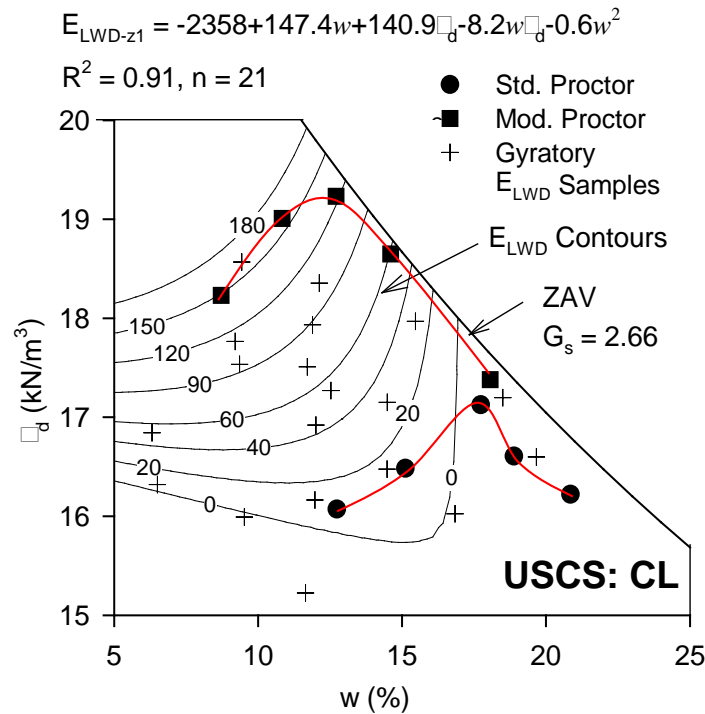


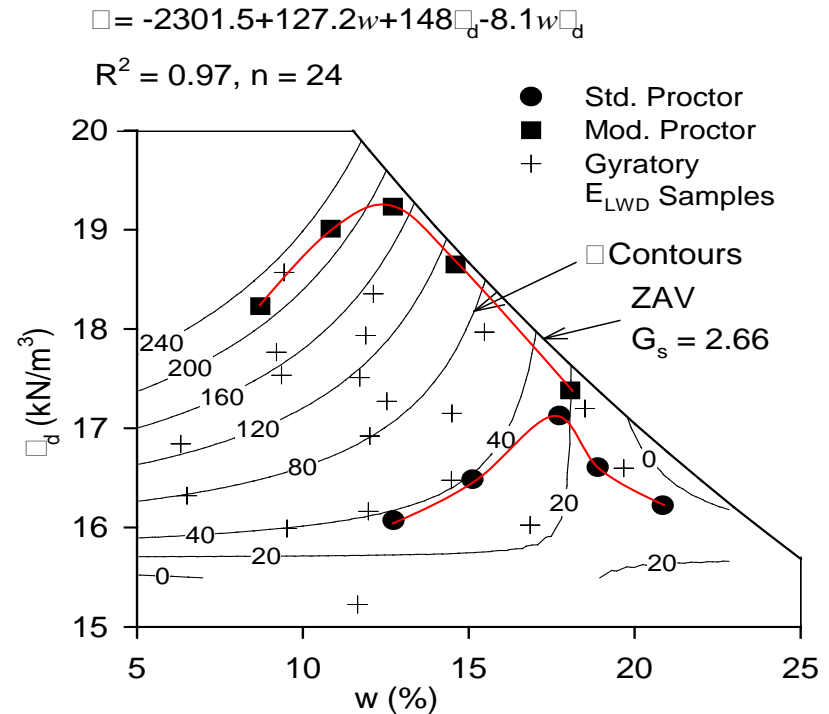
FIGURE 7 Semilogarithmic relationship between secant modulus and compaction energy as function of water content.

(White et al. 2005)

# Isobars overlain on M-D plots can show changes in strength and stiffness.



Elastic Modulus

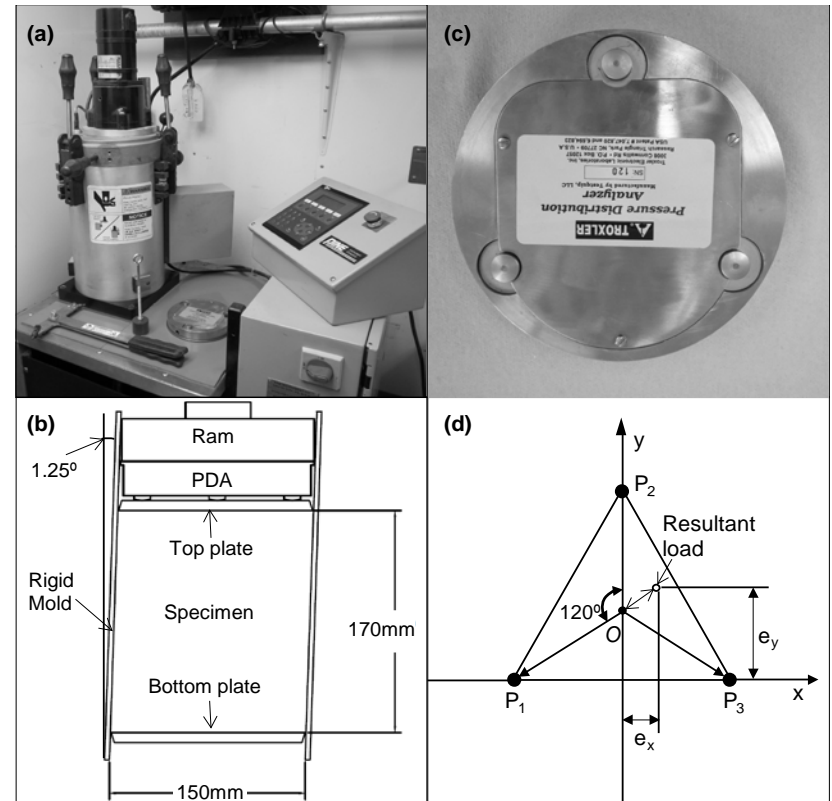
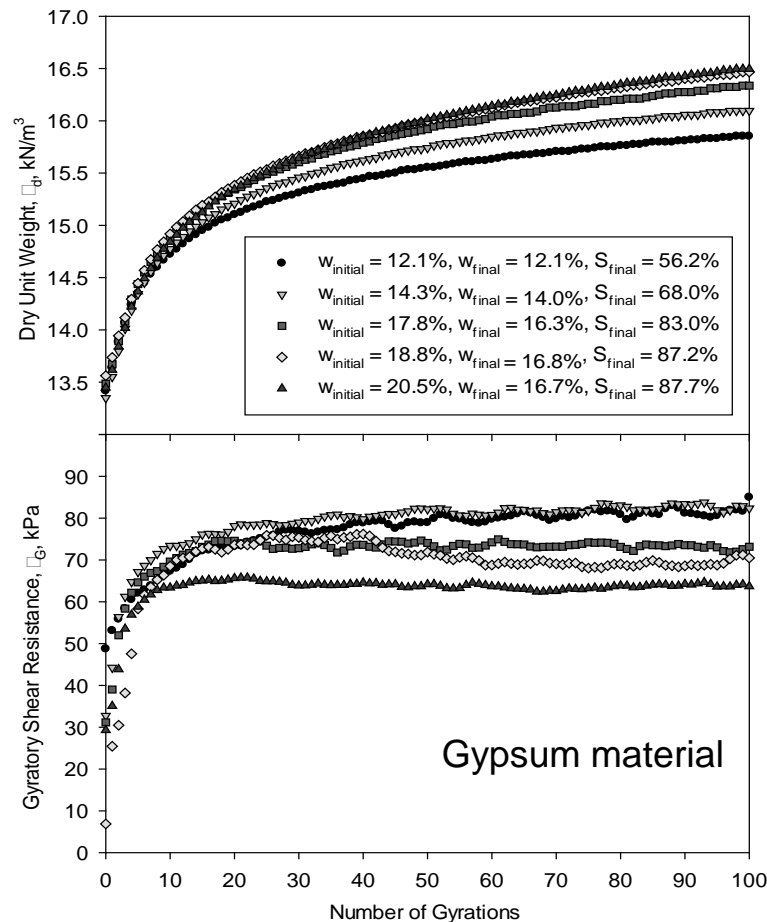


Shear Strength

White et al. (2009)

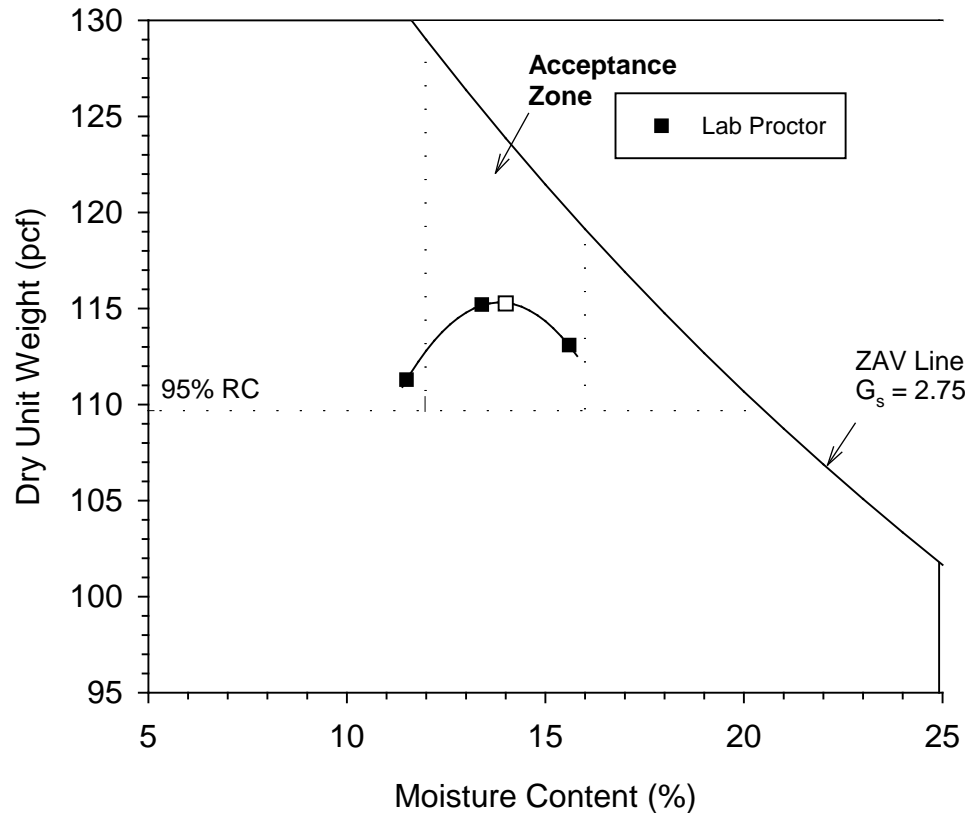


# Laboratory gyratory compaction tests can provide moisture-density-shear strength-energy relationships.



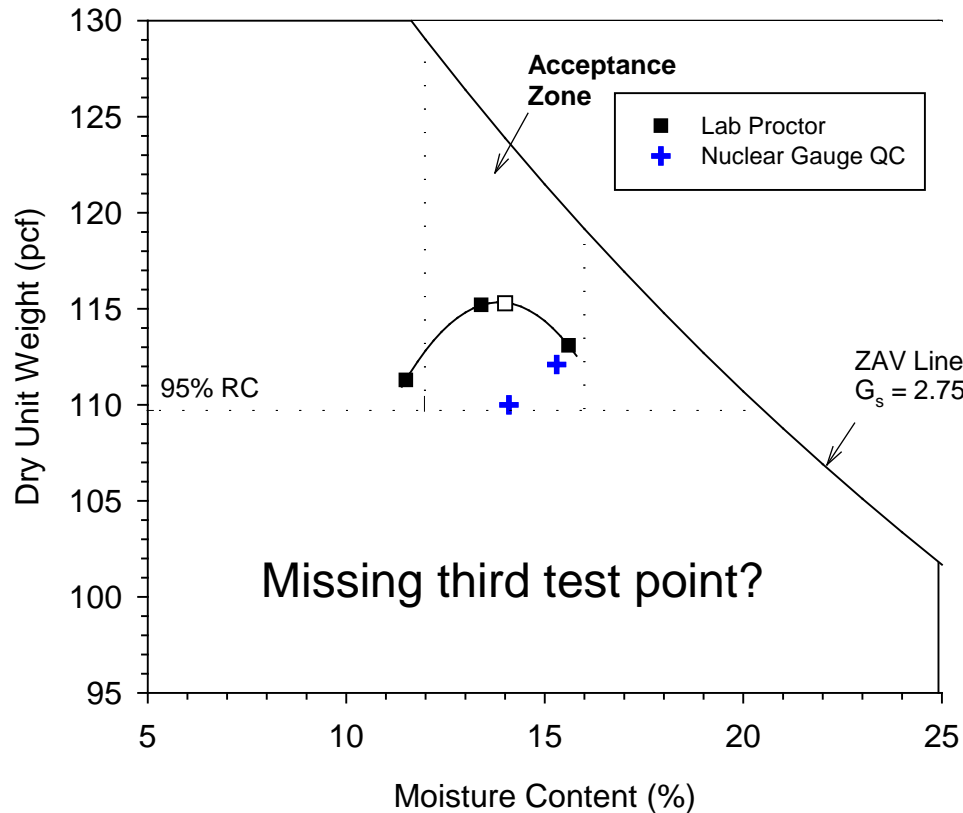
Source: Li, C., White, D.J., Vennapusa, P. (2014). "Moisture-Density-Strength-Energy Relationships for Gyratory Compacted Geomaterials." *Geotechnical Testing Journal*, ASTM, (in review).

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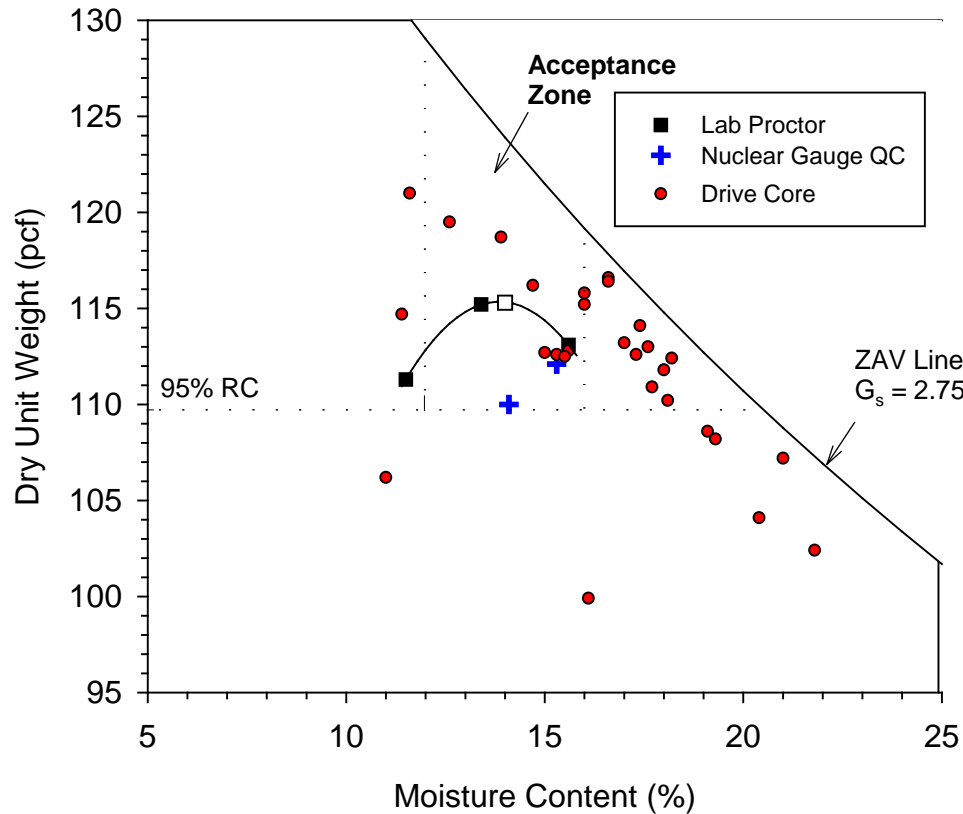
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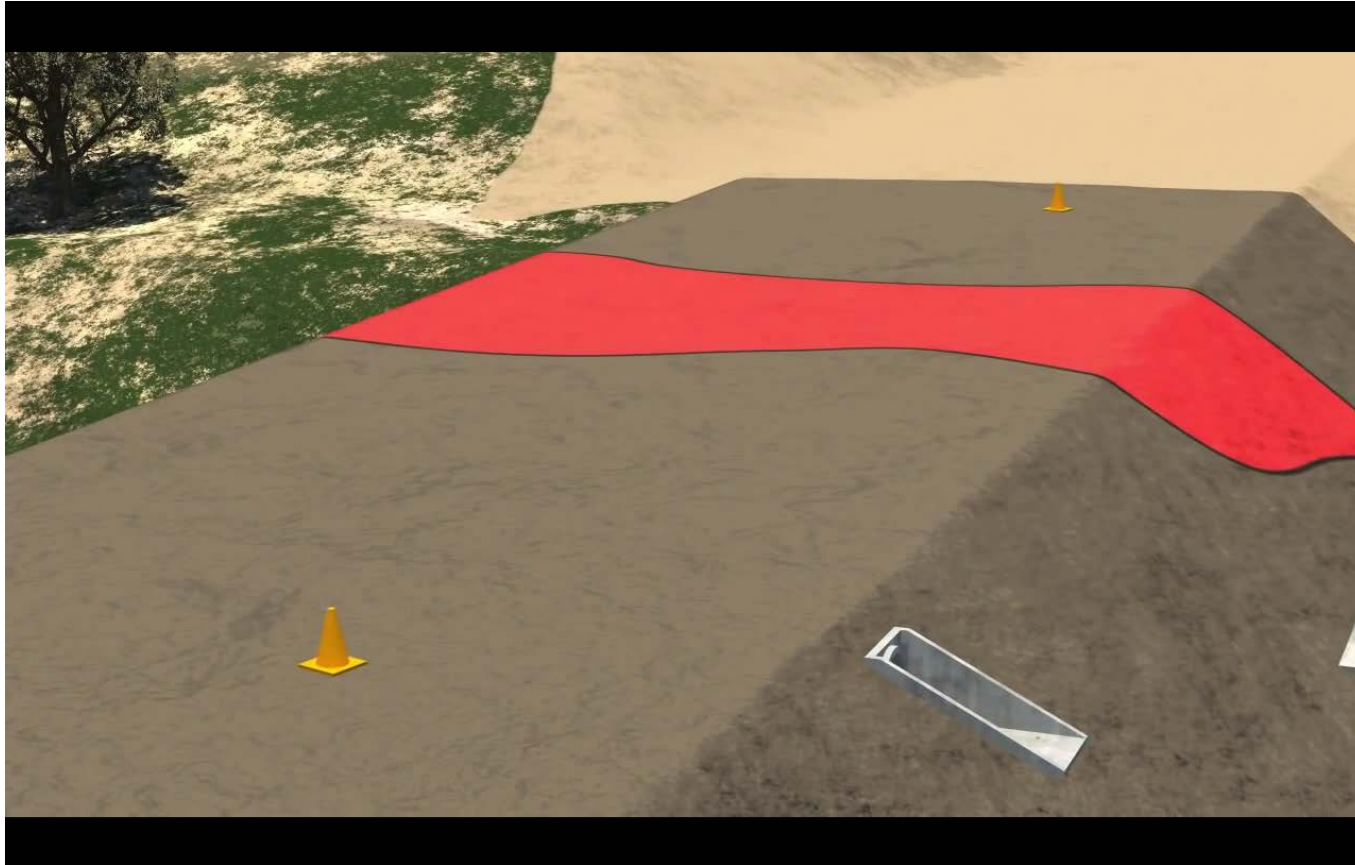
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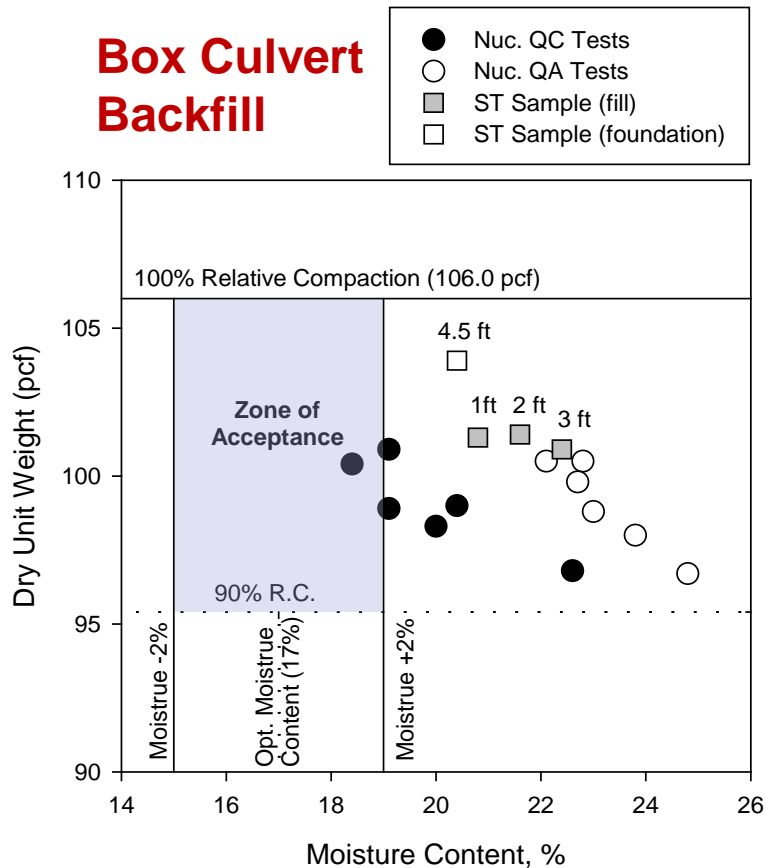


# Random point testing can be a hit and miss proposition

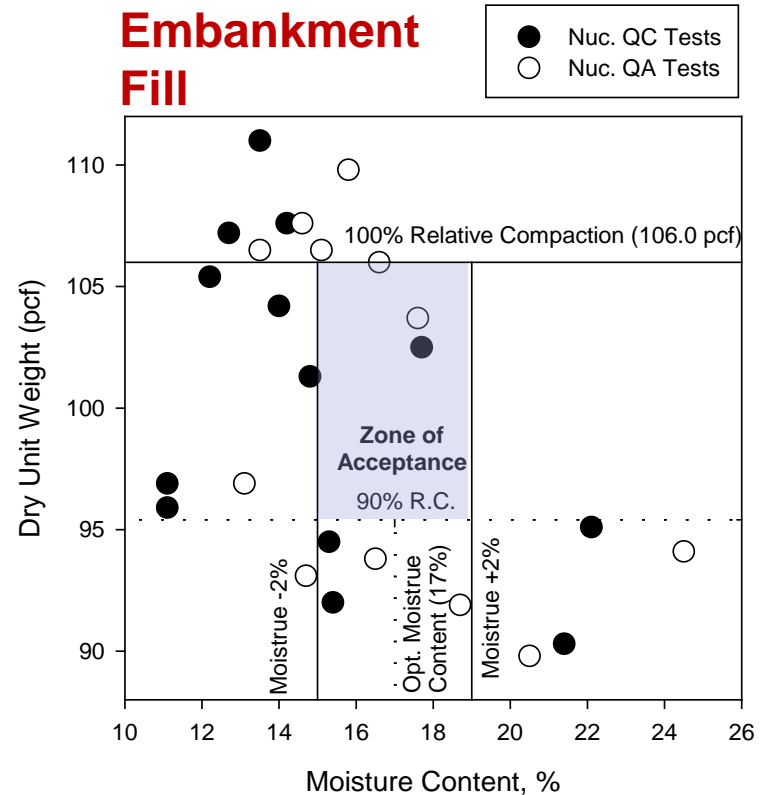


Intelligent Compaction 101 Video – Youtube

## Box Culvert Backfill



## Embankment Fill



White, D.J., Vennapusa, P. (2013). "Missouri Hwy 141 – Embankment, Box Culvert, and MSE Wall Fill – August 2010." *Intelligent Compaction Brief*, Technology Transfer for Intelligent Compaction Consortium (TTICC), Transportation Pooled Fund Study Number TPF-5(233), Iowa State University, June, Ames, IA.

— A long habit of not thinking a thing wrong, gives it a superficial appearance of being right, and raises at first a formidable outcry in defense of custom.—

(Paine, 1776).





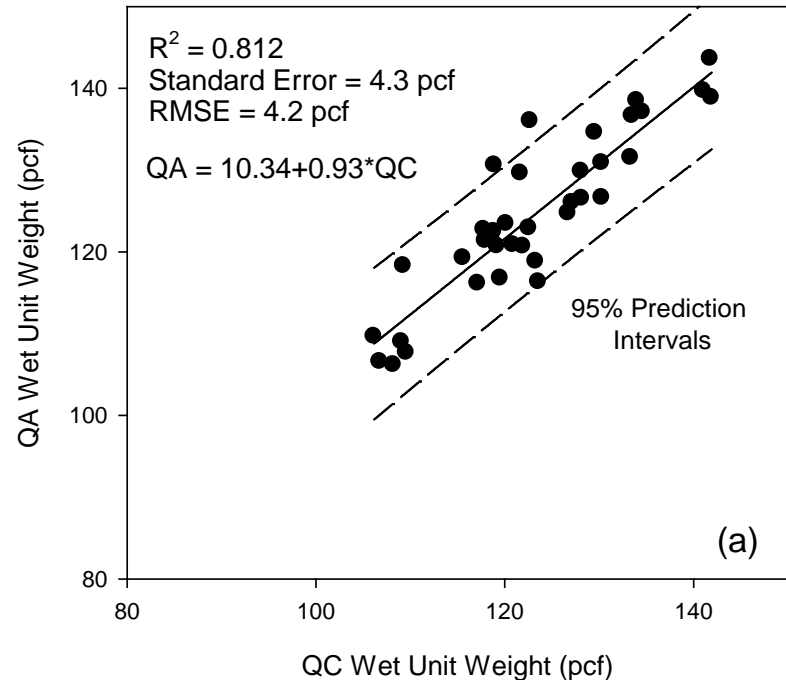
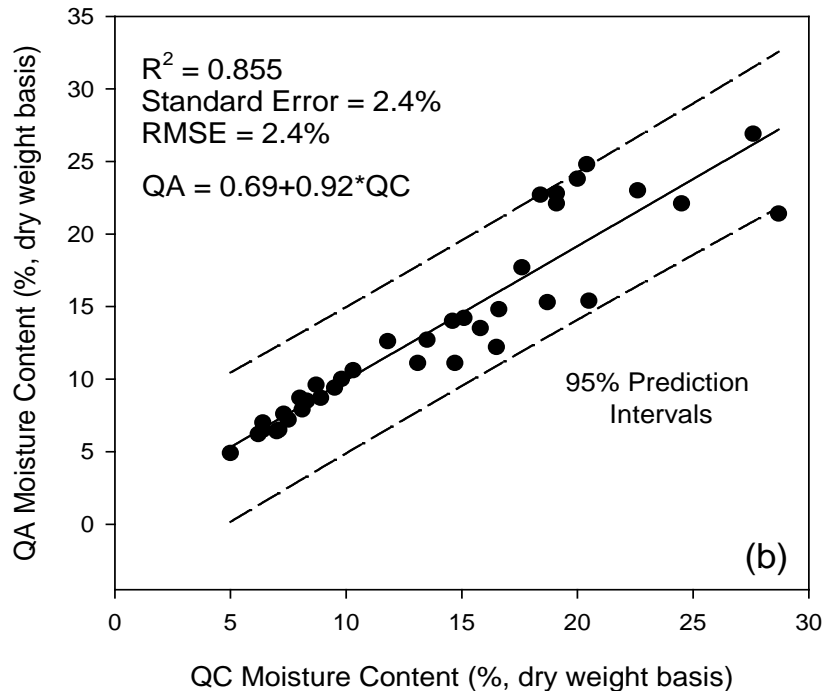


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# QC/QA nuclear testing shows lack of reproducibility.



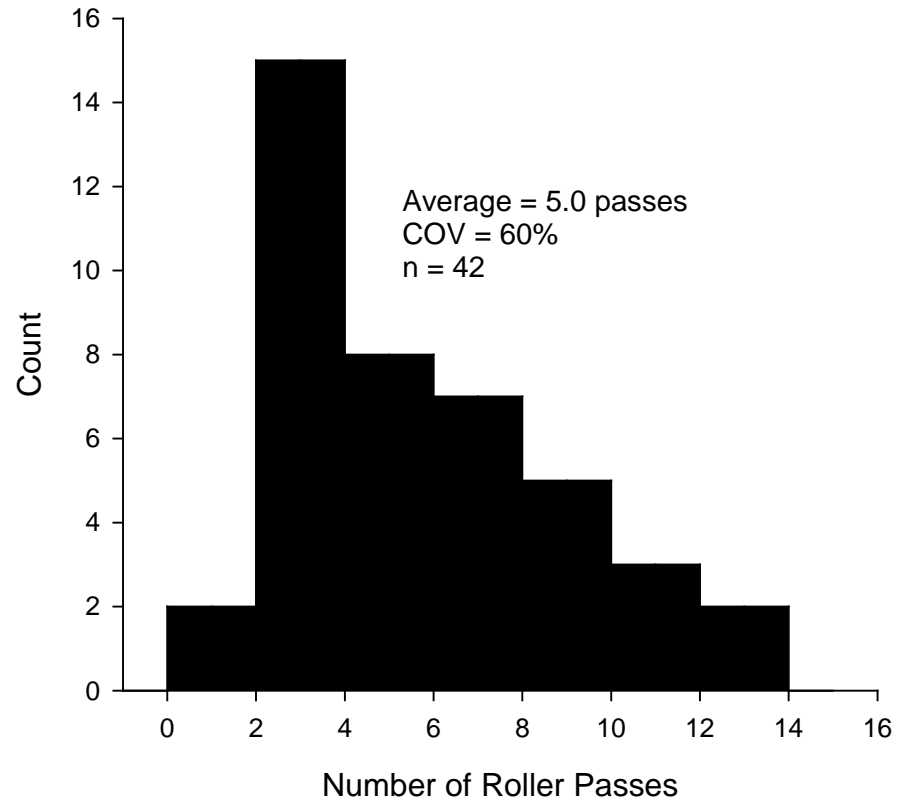
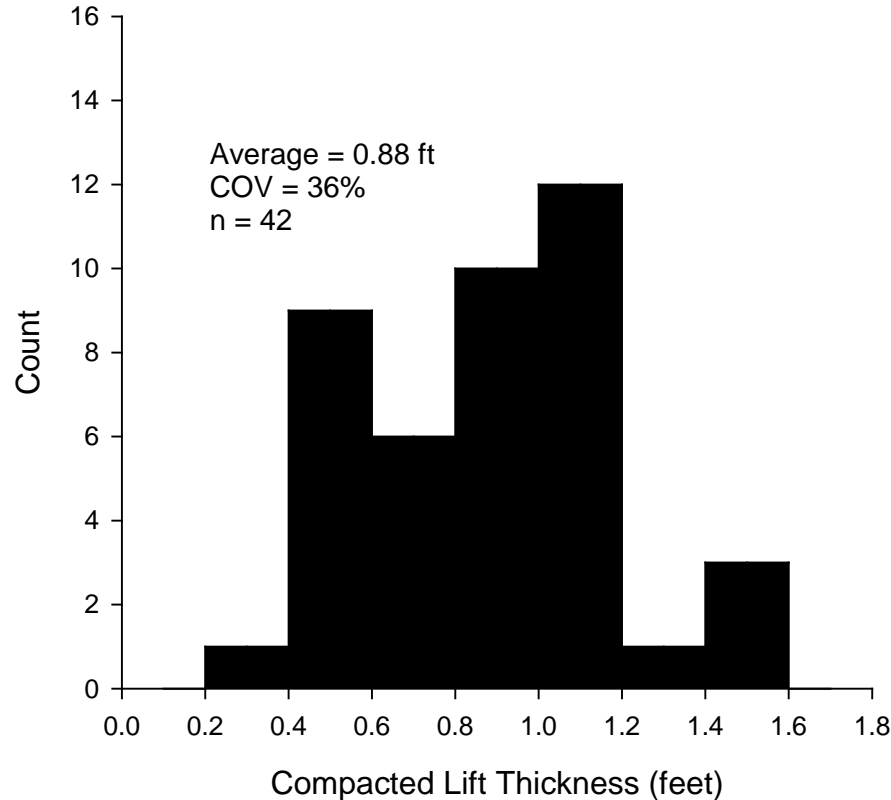
Source: White, D.J., (2013). "Earthwork Performance Specification Integrating Proof Mapping and Alternative In-situ Testing." *A report from SHRP R07*.

— MoDOT is looking for a technology that both MoDOT and the construction industry can utilize during QC/QA that can provide information with more uniform coverage of compaction data than traditional methods with an outcome being the elimination of nuclear density testing.



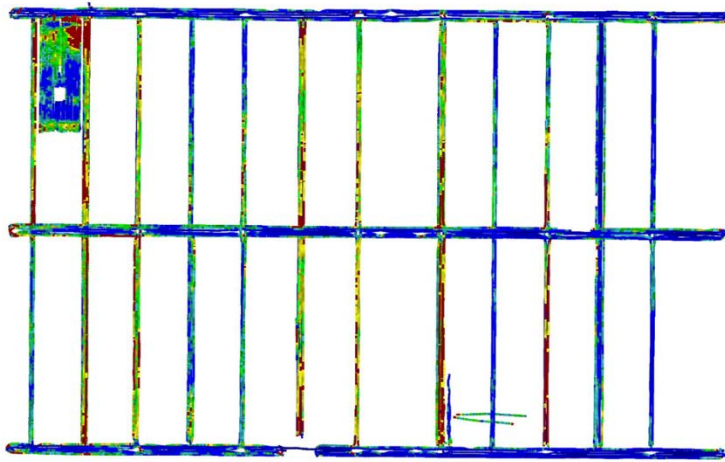
(Stone, 2011)

# Keeping track of lift thickness and pass coverage is almost impossible.

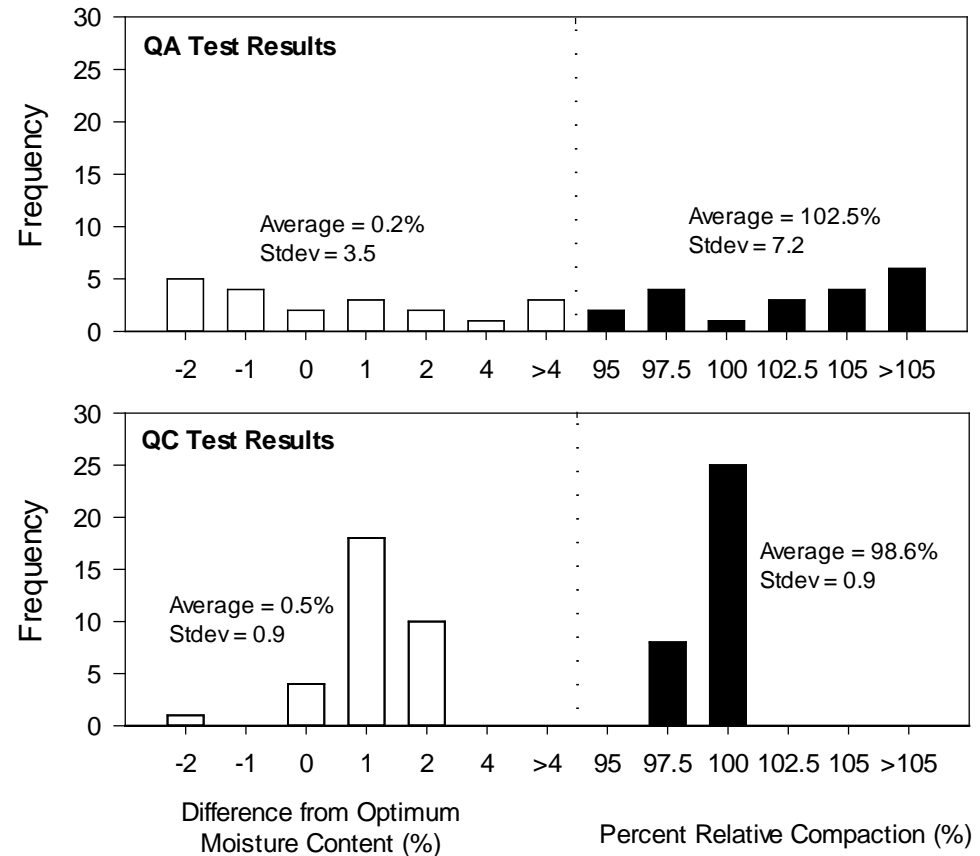


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# QC/QA nuclear testing showed lack of reproducibility and did not capture the wide range in stiffness values measured.



Source: White, D.J., Becker, P., Vennapusa, P., Dunn, M., and White, C. (2013). "Soil Stiffness Assessment of Stabilized Pavement Foundations." *Transportation Research Record, Journal of Transportation Research Board*, 2235, 99-109.





Acknowledgment of problems and mistakes is difficult.

— they are an essential part of experimentation and a prerequisite for innovation. **So don't worry.** —

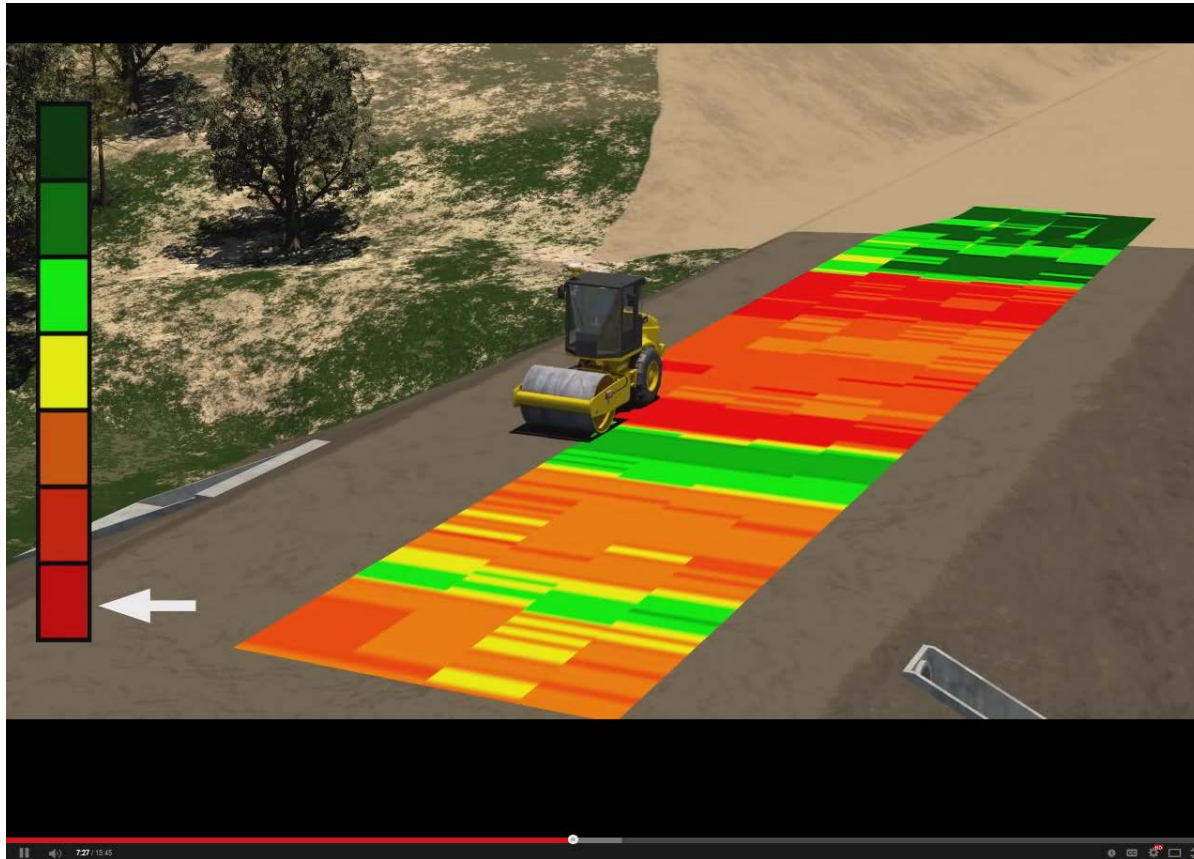
(Harvard Business Review, 2014)

Compaction monitoring technologies can help identify problem areas in real time

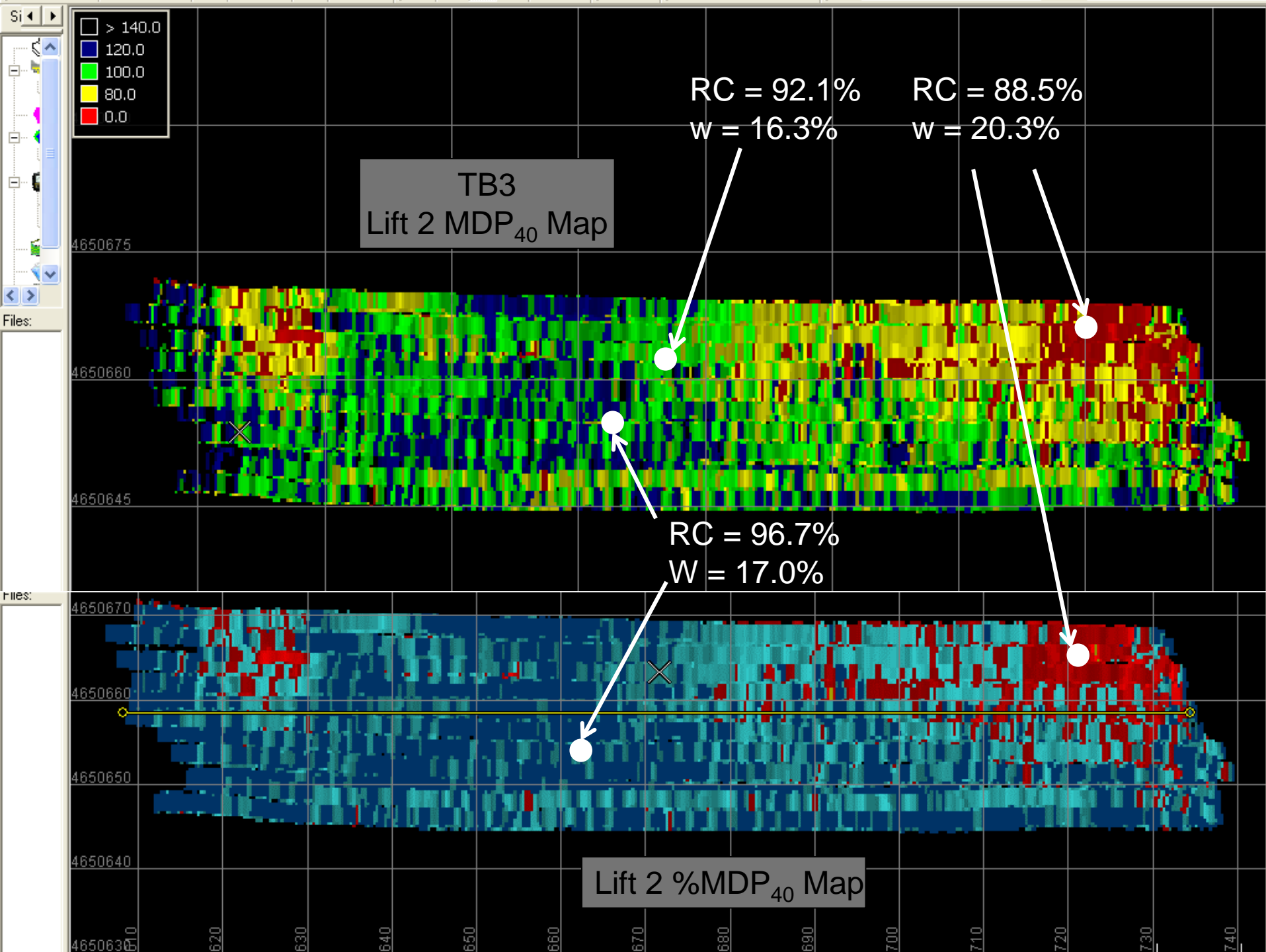


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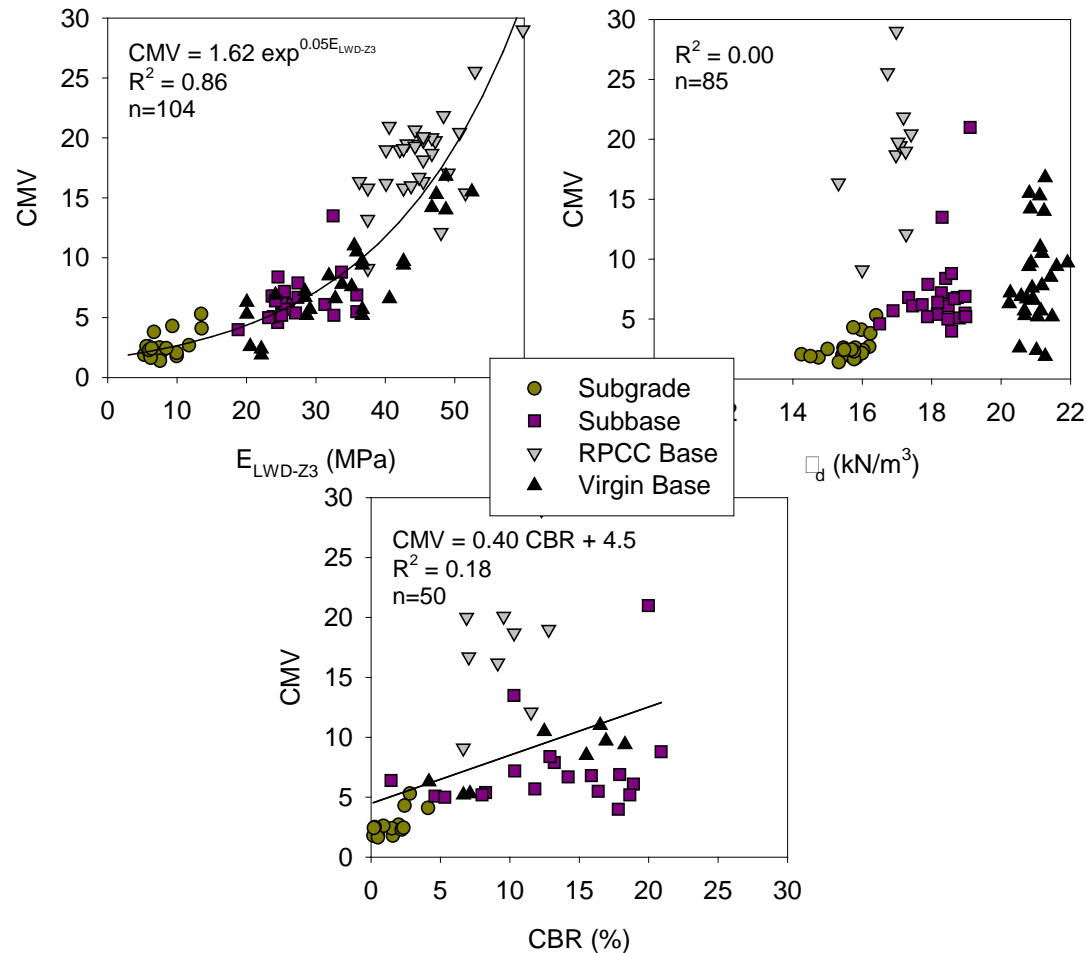


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# IC measurements correlate better with elastic modulus, than with compaction layer dry unit weight and CBR



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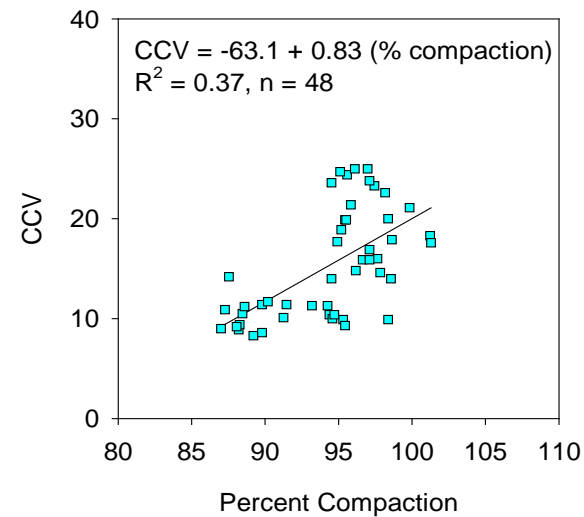
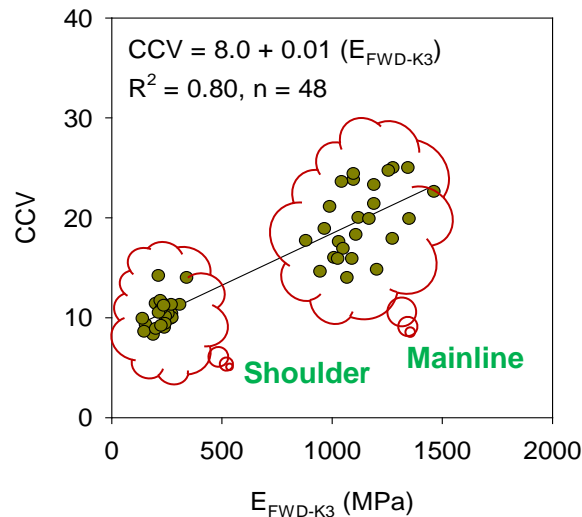
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I-29 PF2 Project – White et al. (2014)

# IC measurements on HMA also correlated better with FWD modulus values than with density



*Stabilization* can improve long-term support conditions of pavement foundation layers





16 different test sections were designed and constructed at Central Iowa Expo Site in Boone, Iowa.



### **YOUTUBE Videos:**

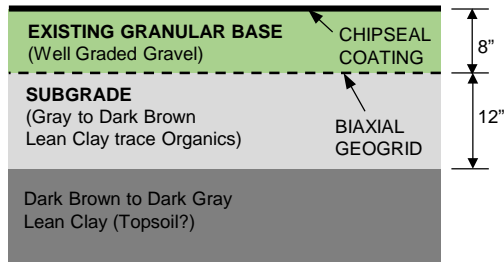
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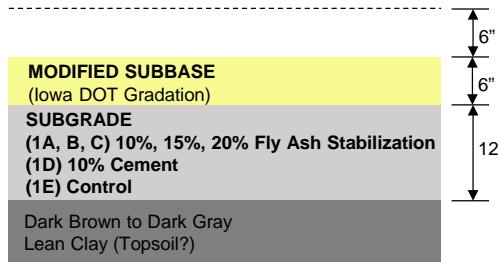


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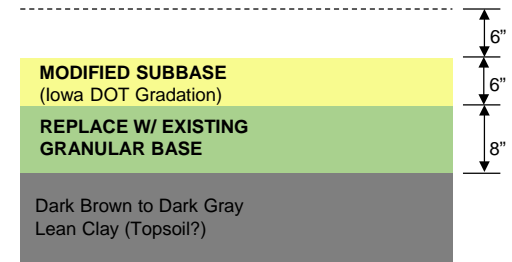


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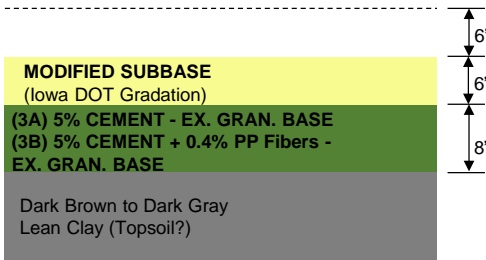
Note: Excavate 4" of subgrade

## (2) Use of Existing Granular Base



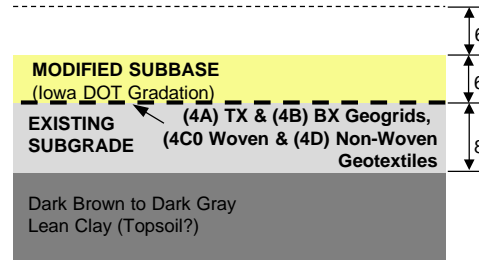
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## (3) Cement Treated Existing Base



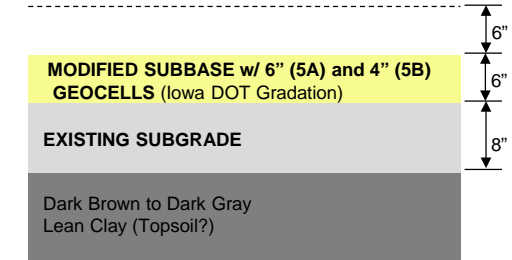
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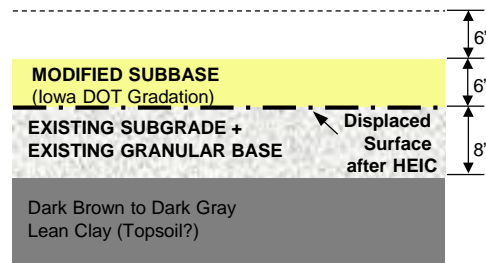
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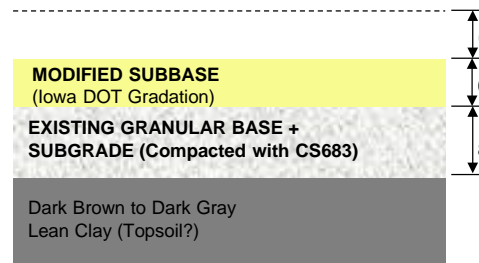
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## (6) High Energy Impact Compaction



Note: No excavation.

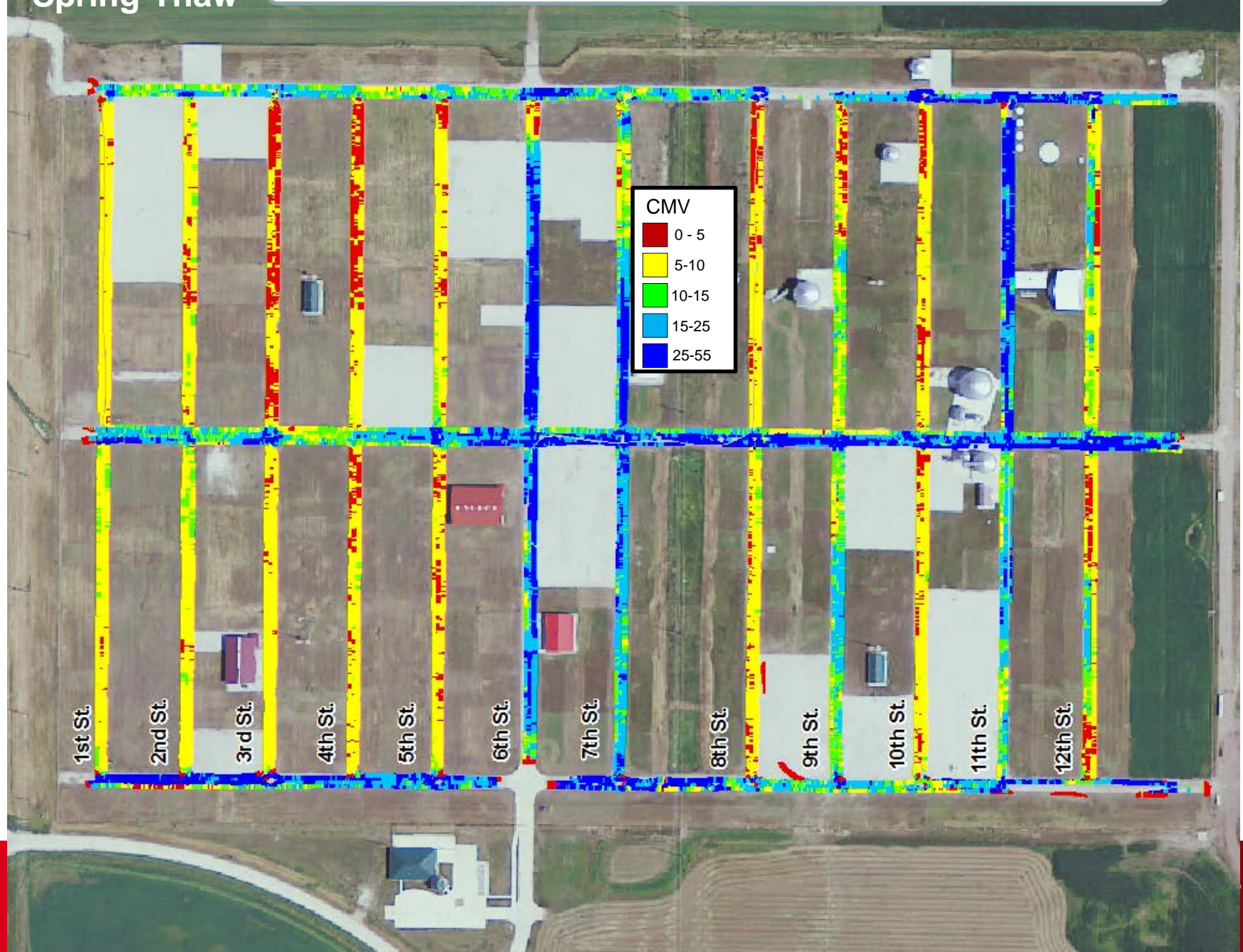
## (7) Granular Base Mixed w/ Subgrade



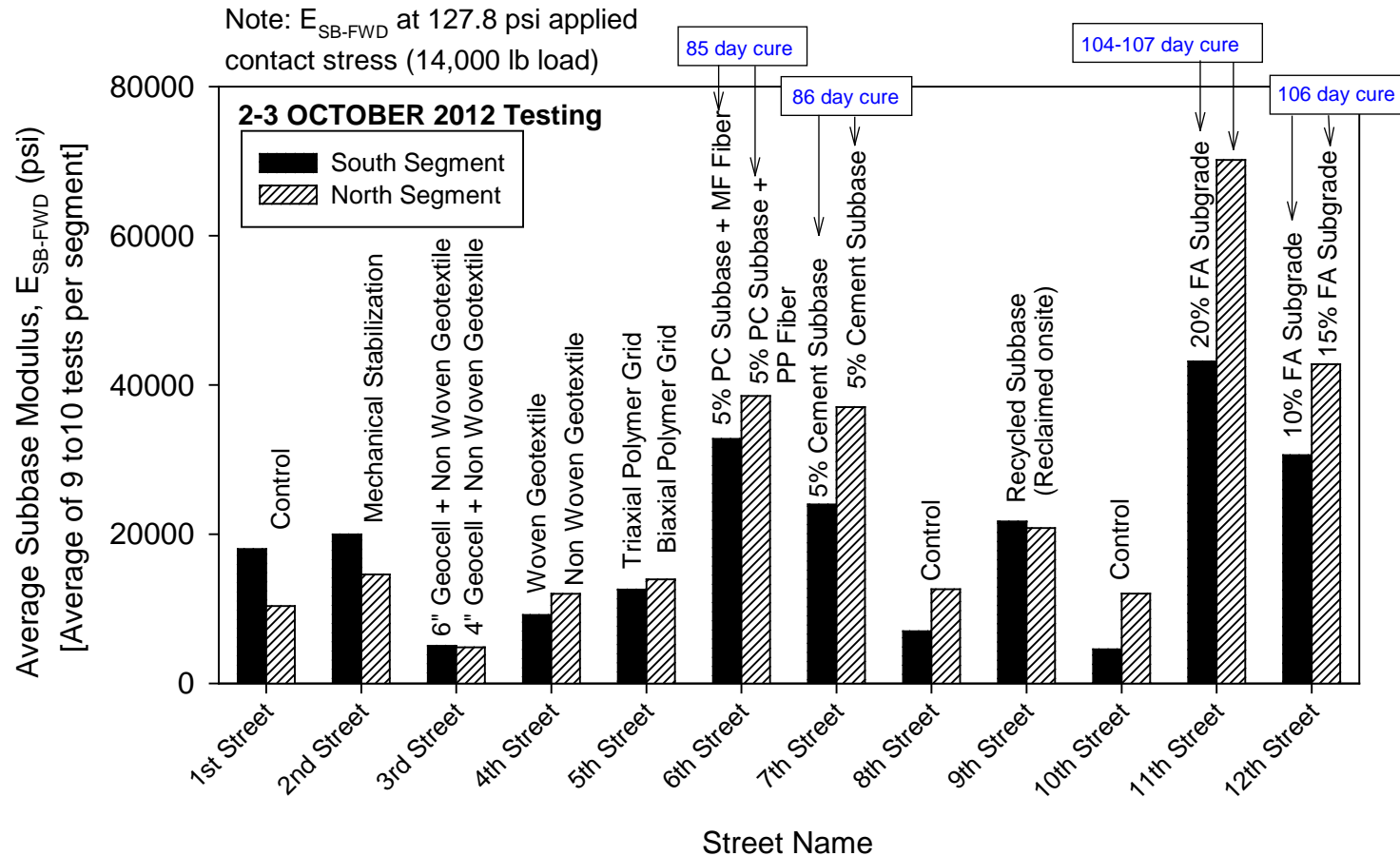
Note: Excavate 8" of subgrade.

April 2013  
Spring-Thaw

# Caterpillar CS74 CMV ( $a = 0.97$ mm, $f = 28$ Hz)



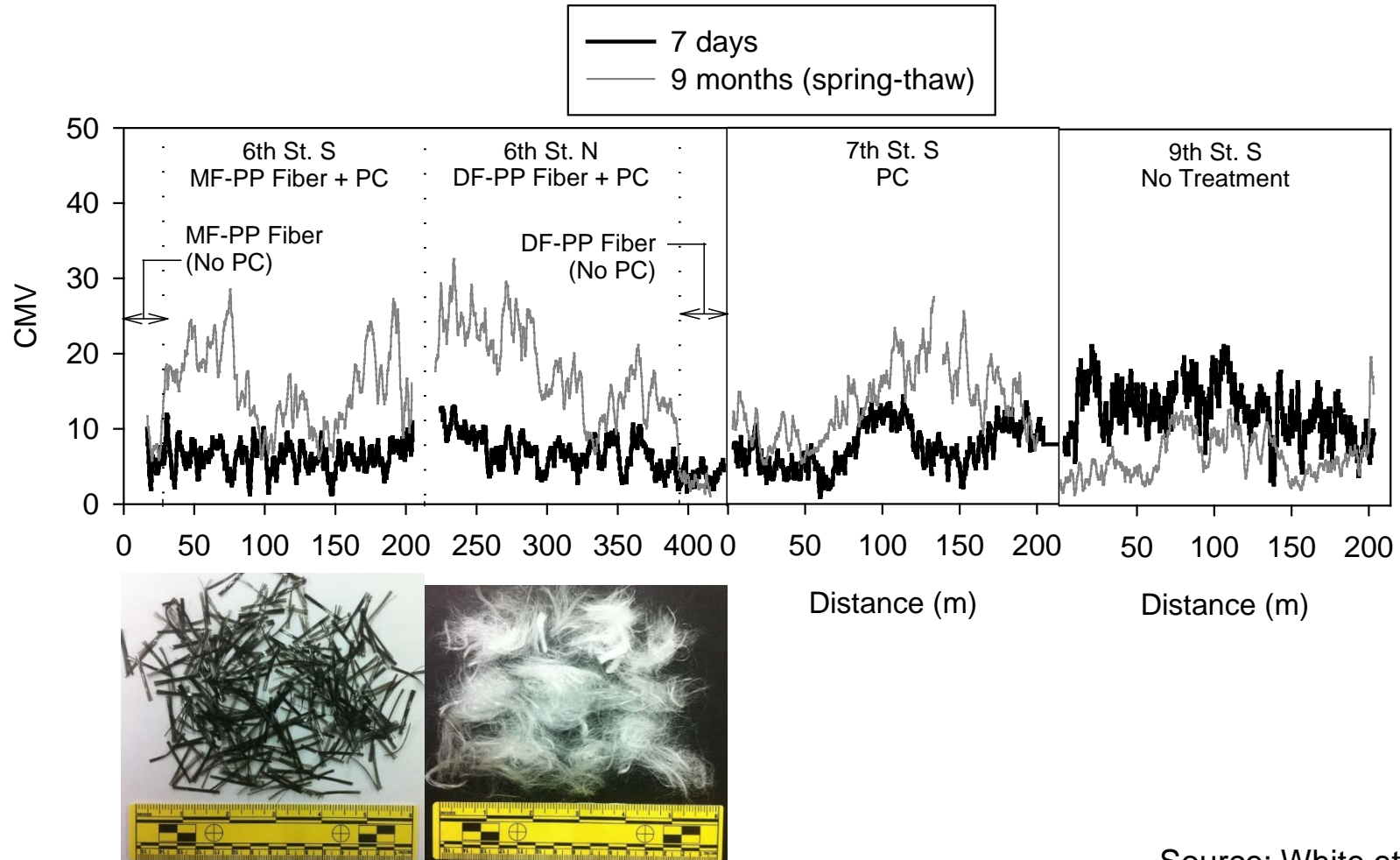
# FWD testing showed higher modulus values on cement stabilized sections



Source: White et al. (2014)



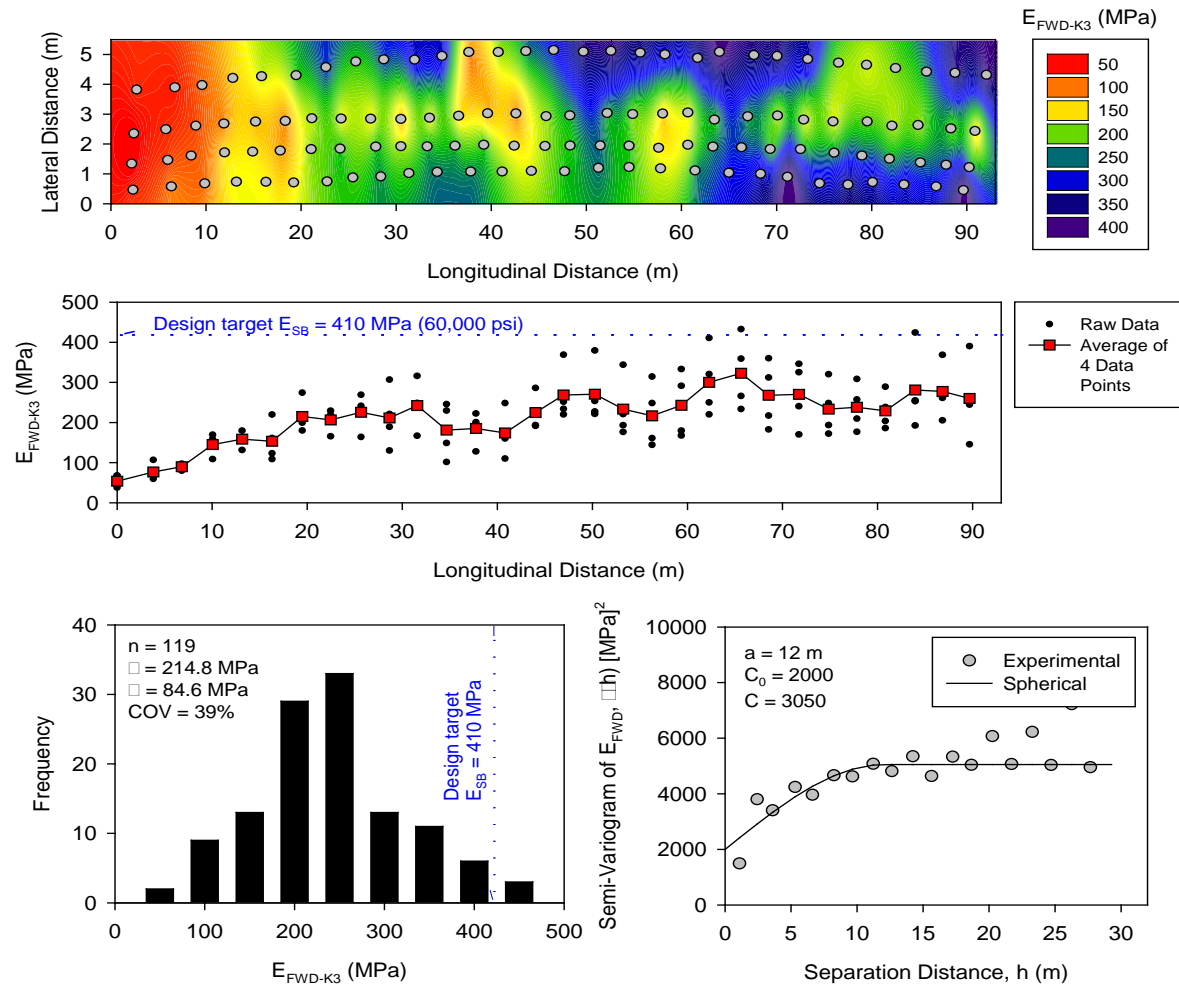
IC data showed higher values during spring-thaw than after construction in areas with PC and PC with fibers



Source: White et al. (2014)



# Cement treated base material (with dense-graded aggregate) showed significant spatial variability in modulus



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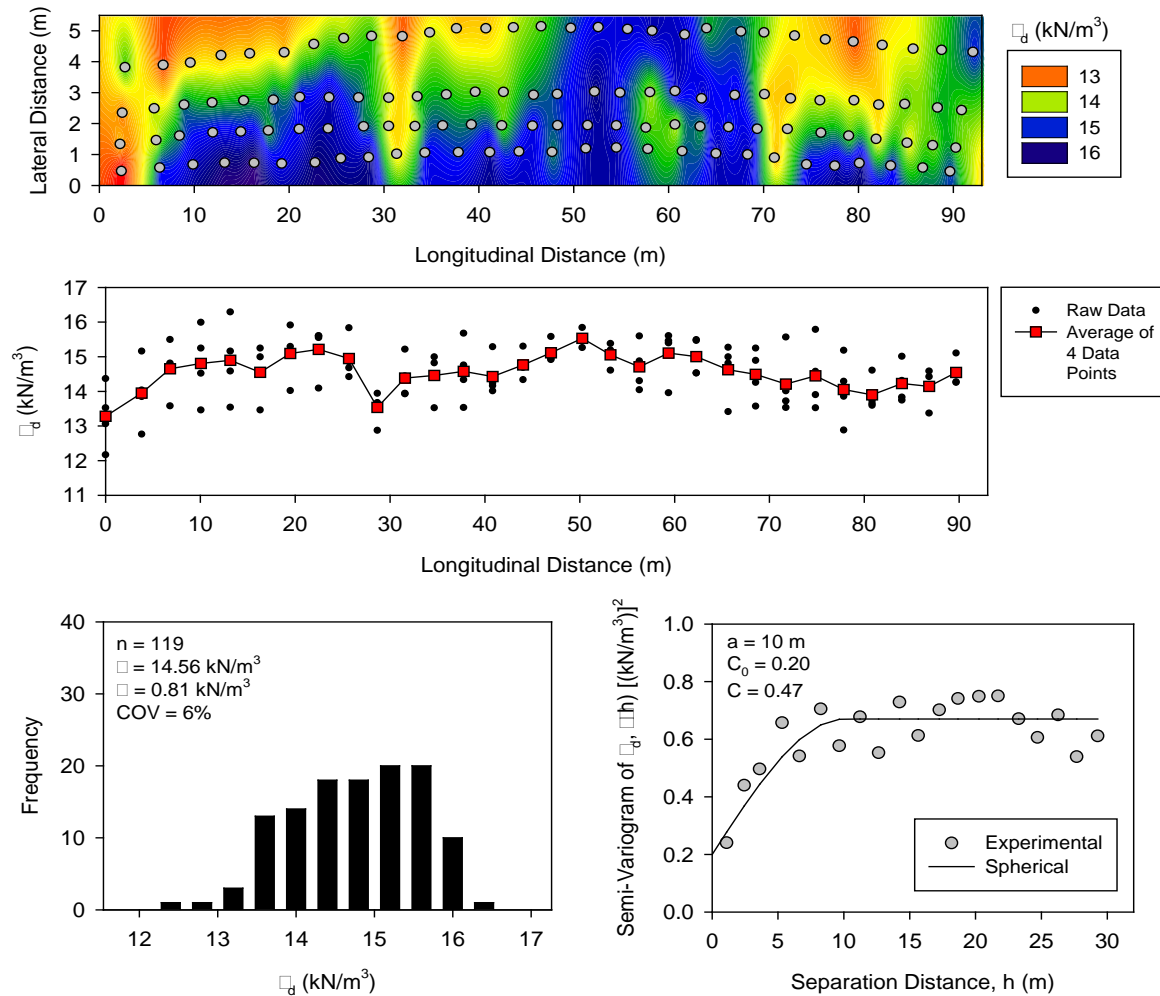
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# Variability in dry density is low and does not match well with variations in modulus



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# US422 Pavement Rehabilitation using Injected Polyurethane Foam

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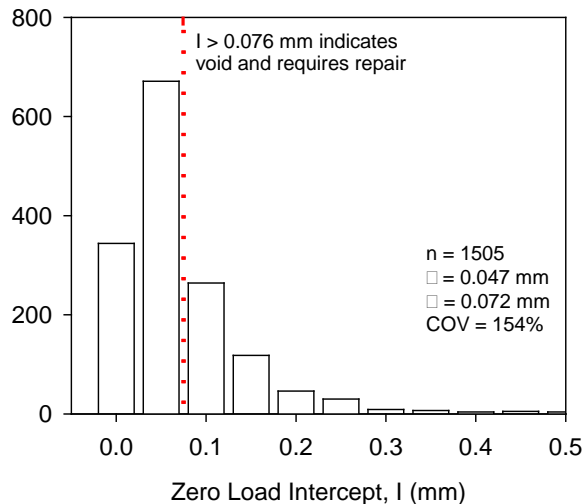
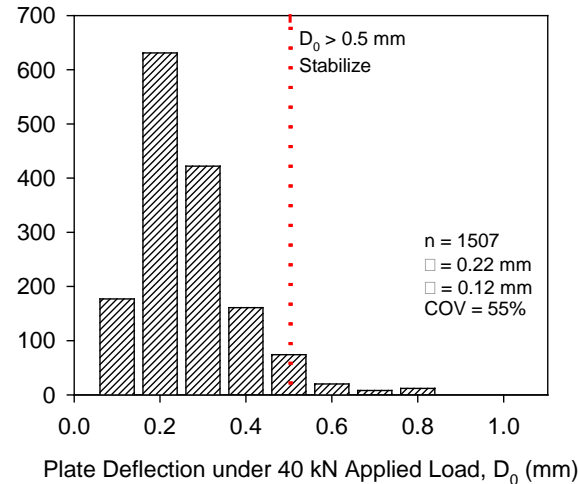
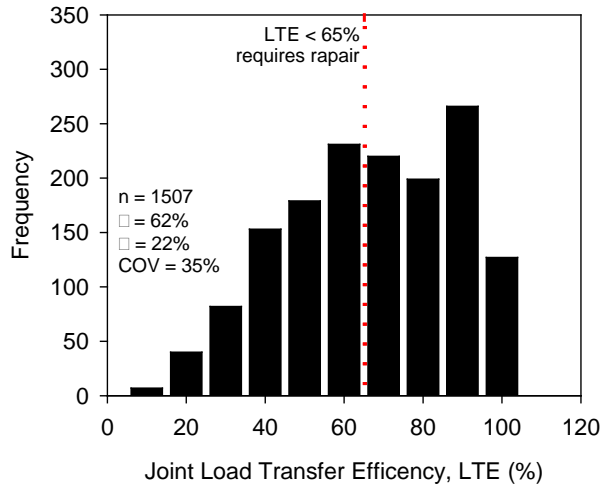
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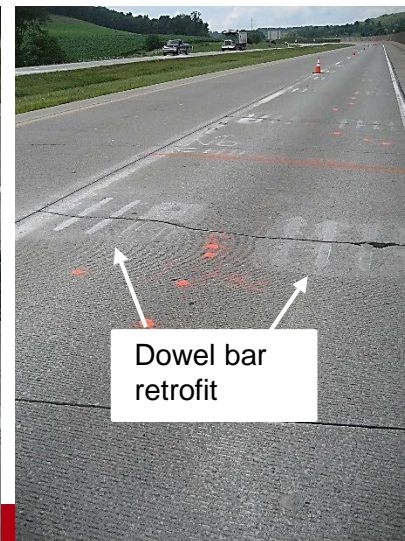
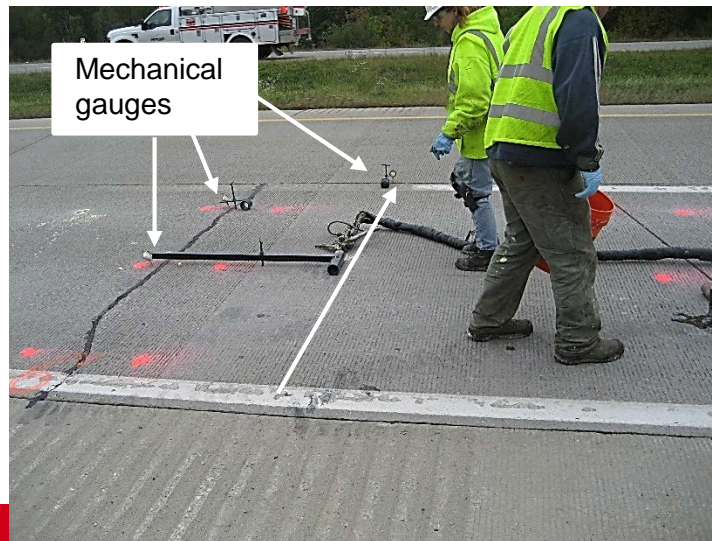
# Penn DOT used FWD testing to determine locations for foam stabilization



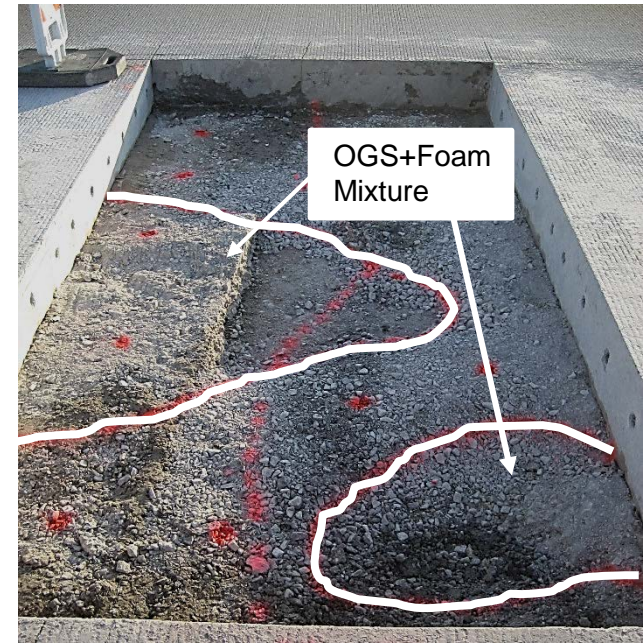
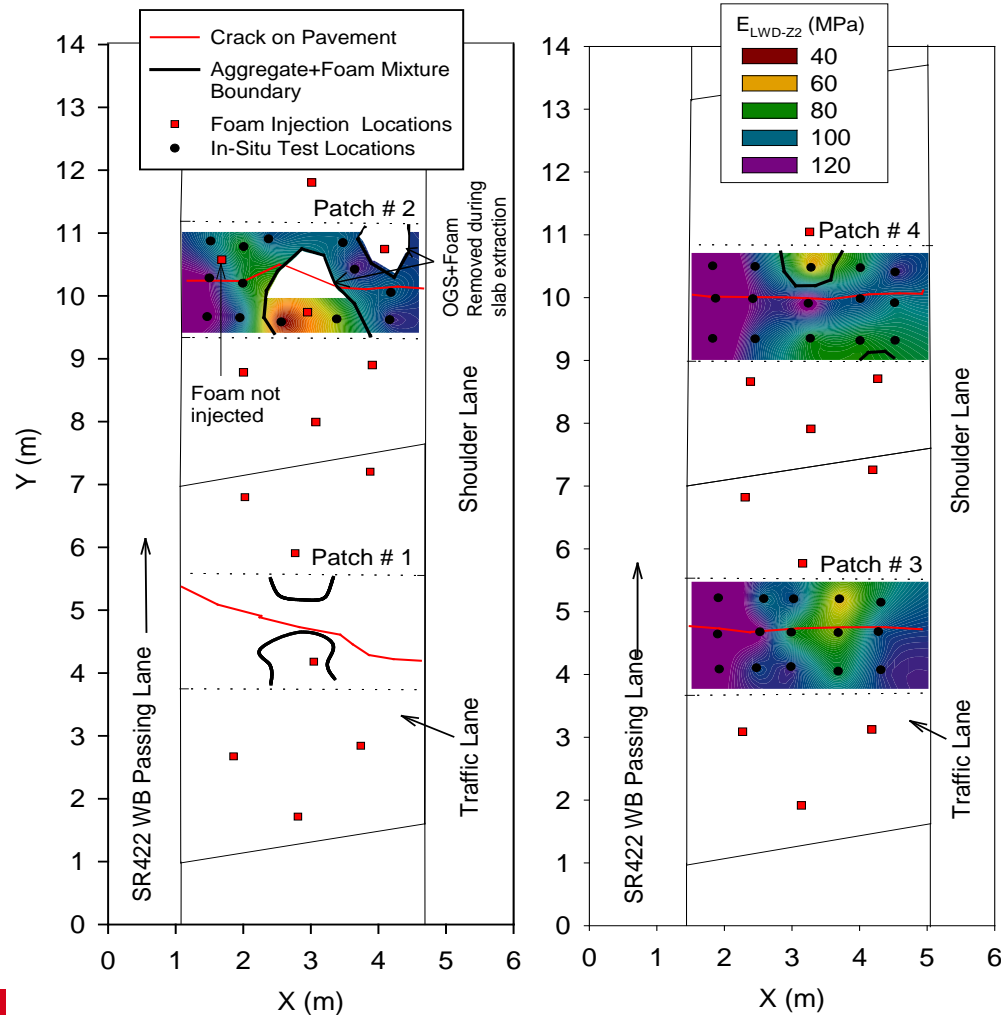
Joints with  $LTE < 65\%$ ,  $D_0 > 0.5$  mm, and  $I > 0.076$  mm require joint patching and stabilization, and all joints with  $I > 0.076$  mm require stabilization only



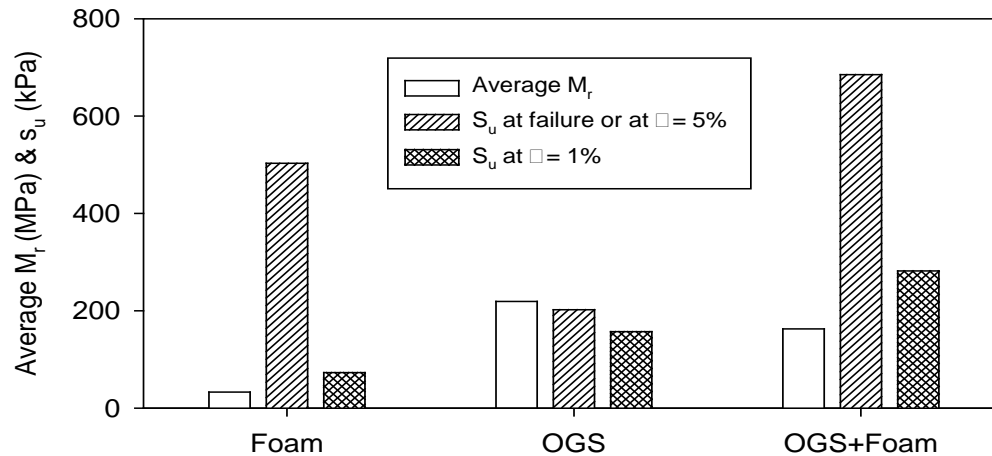
Foam was injected under pressure and pavement lifting was monitored to reduce faulting at cracks



# Testing in patching areas showed variable stiffness conditions due to non-uniform foam penetration



Foam stabilized subbase showed high shear strength but lower modulus than unstabilized subbase



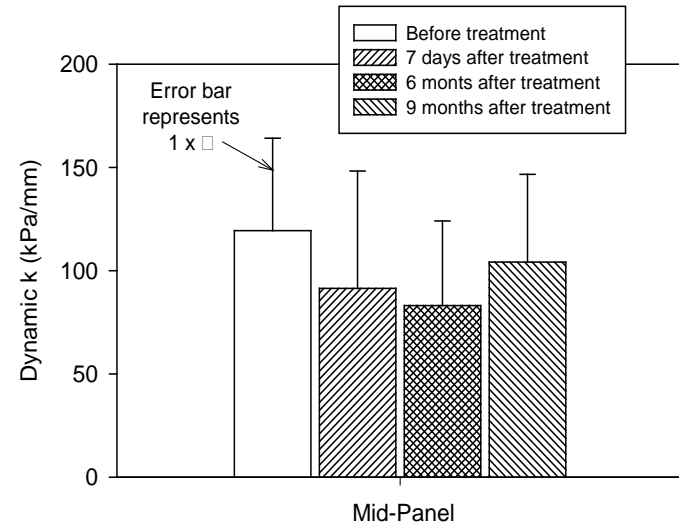
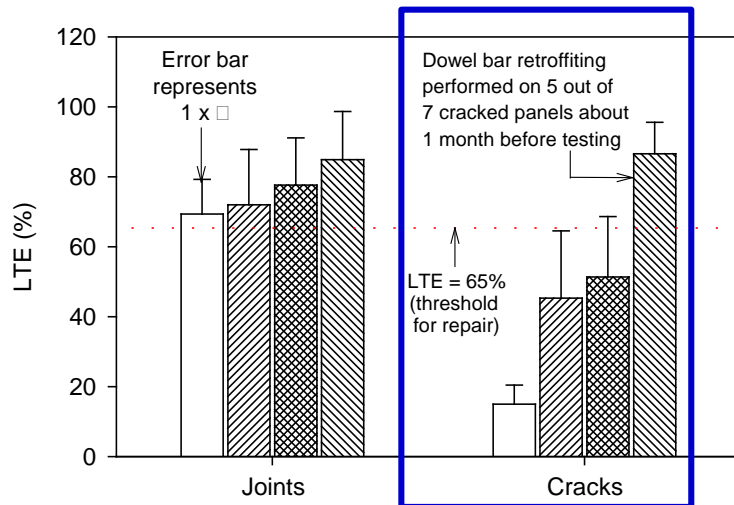
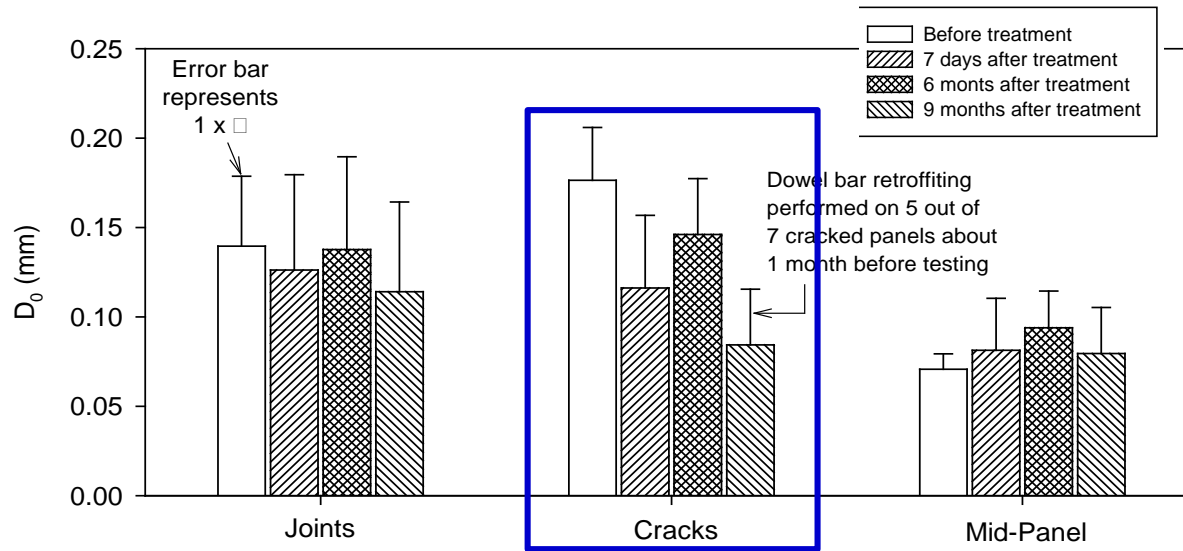
Lab Measurements

Material	Measurement	Average	Std. Dev.	COV (%)
OGS	$E_{LWD-Z2}$ , MPa	106	21	20
	$CBR_{OGS}$ , %	20	4	20
OGS + Foam	$E_{LWD-Z2}$ , MPa	53	17	32
	$CBR_{OGS}$ , %	DCP refusal at surface (< 1mm/blow)		

Field  
Measurements

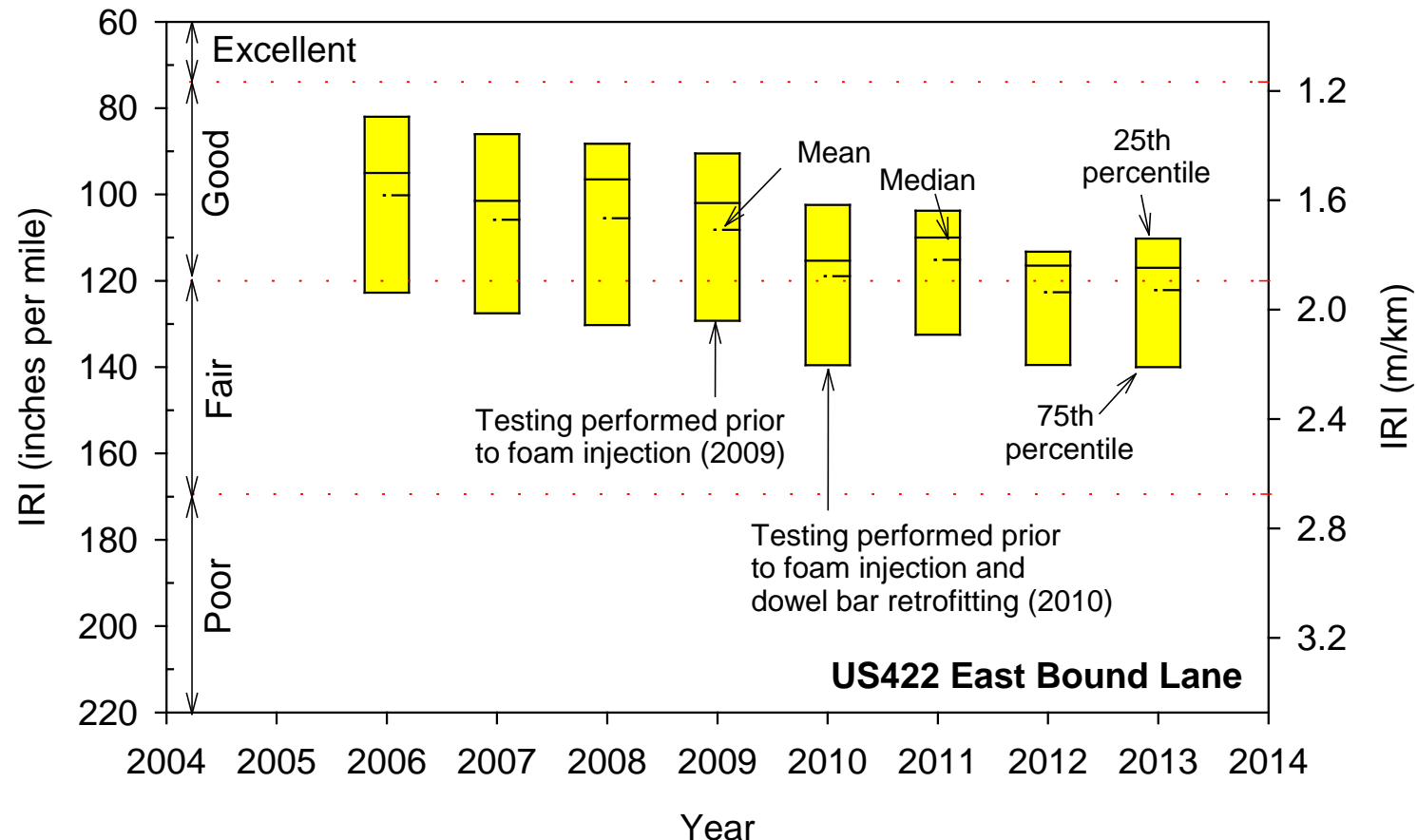


# FWD testing after treatment showed statistically significant improvement near cracks, but not at joints or mid-panel

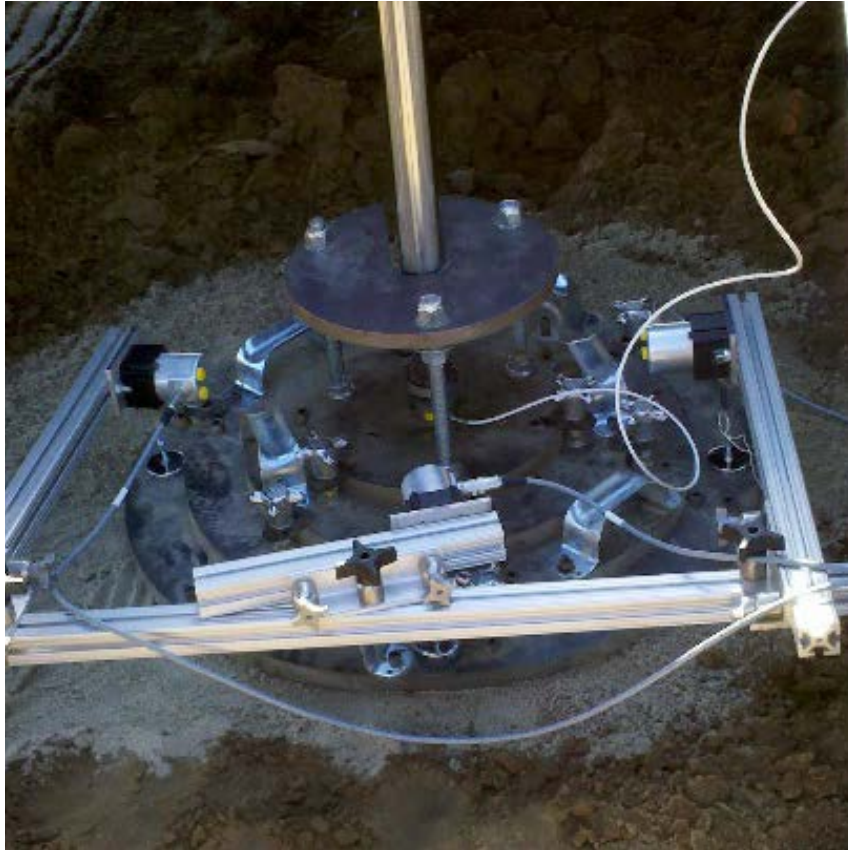




IRI testing indicated reduced ride quality after foam stabilization but maintained at the same level for 3 yrs

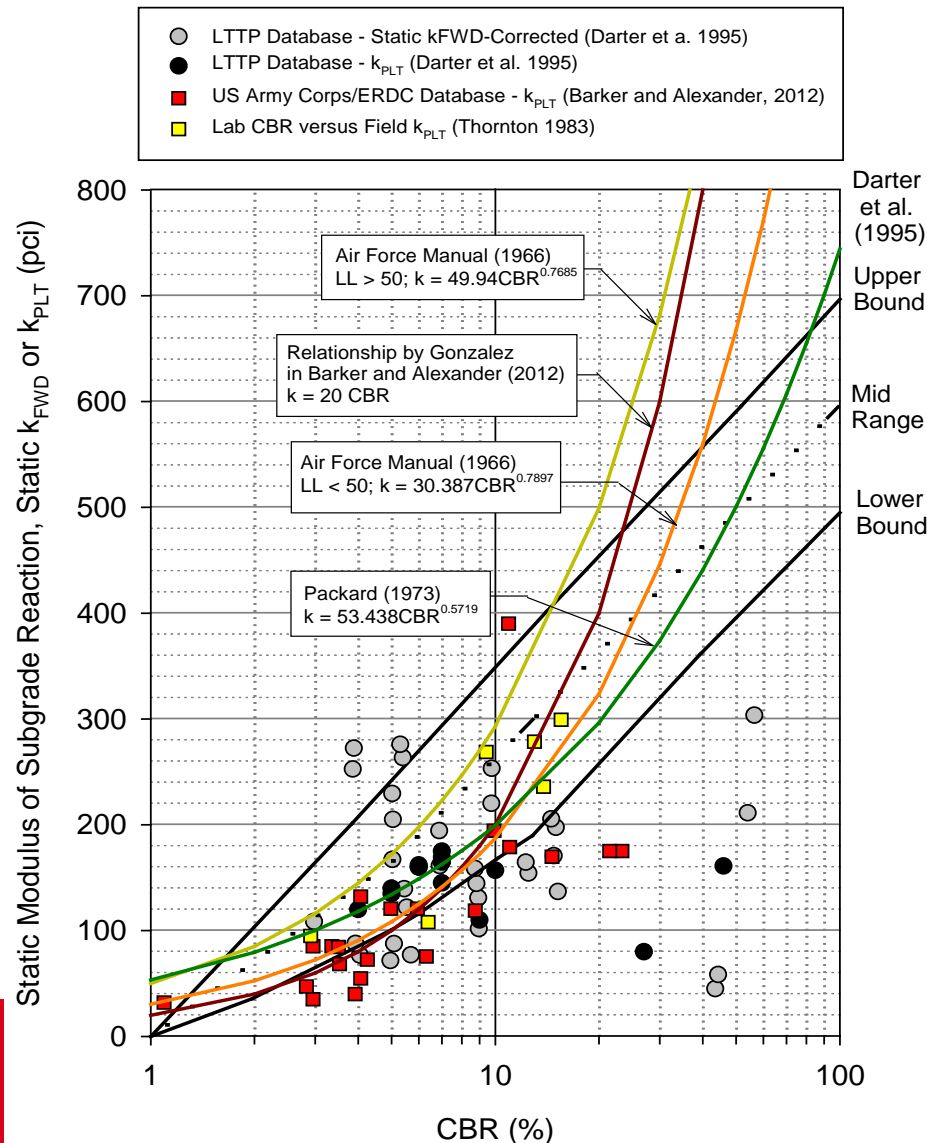


*Stiffness or Modulus* is a key design parameter in pavement design



Modulus of subgrade reaction **k-value** is determined from 30-in diameter plate load test

# Empirical relationships published show significant variability in $k$ estimated from FWD vs. PLT vs. CBR

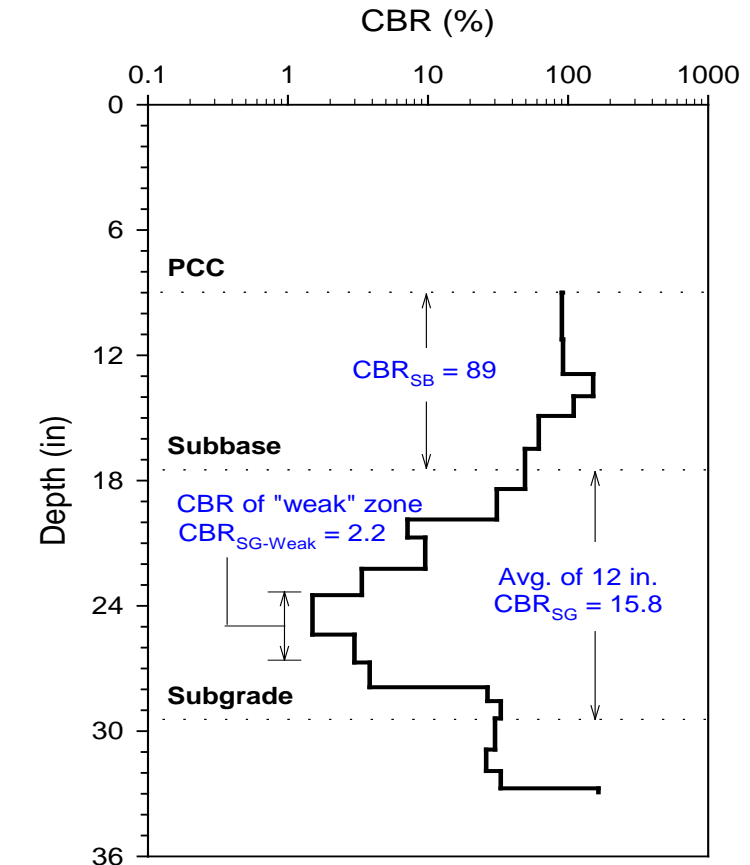
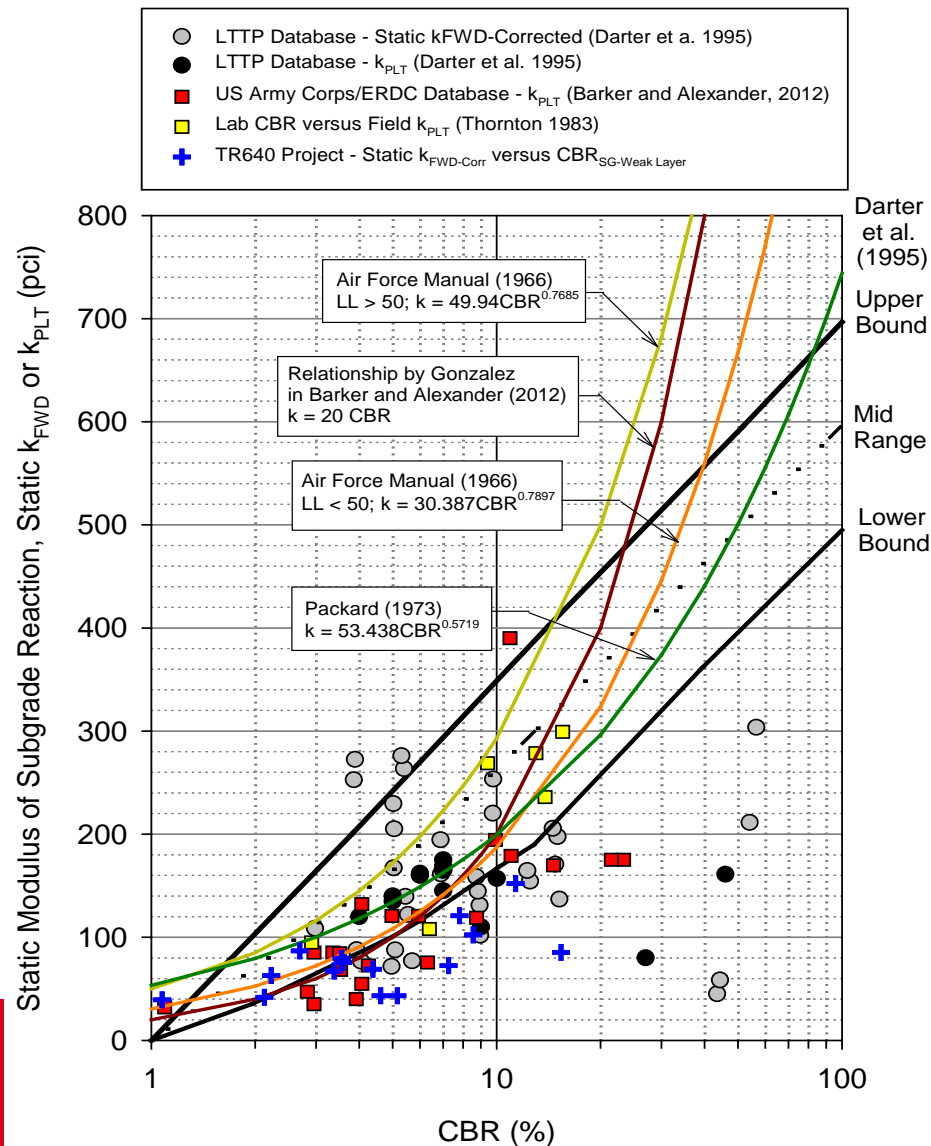


## Results from

- LTPP Studies (Darter et al. 1995),
- Army Corps of Engineers (Barker and Alexander 2012),
- Thornton (1983)
- TR640 Study on Low Volume PCC Pavements (White and Vennapusa 2014)

Source: White and Vennapusa (2014)

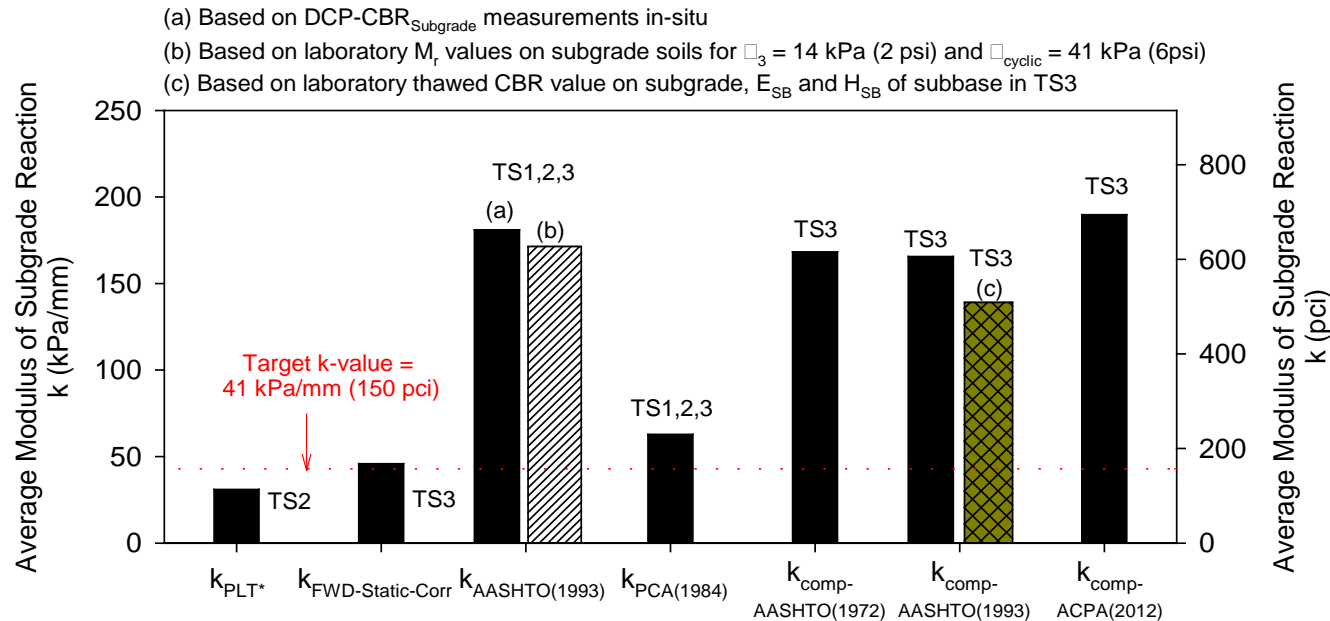
# CBR of a minimum 3 in. thick “weak” zone in top 18 in. subgrade relates strongly with $k$ value from FWD



Source: White and Vennapusa (2014)



# Comparison between $k$ determined from PLT, FWD, DCP, and lab $M_r$ testing revealed significant variability



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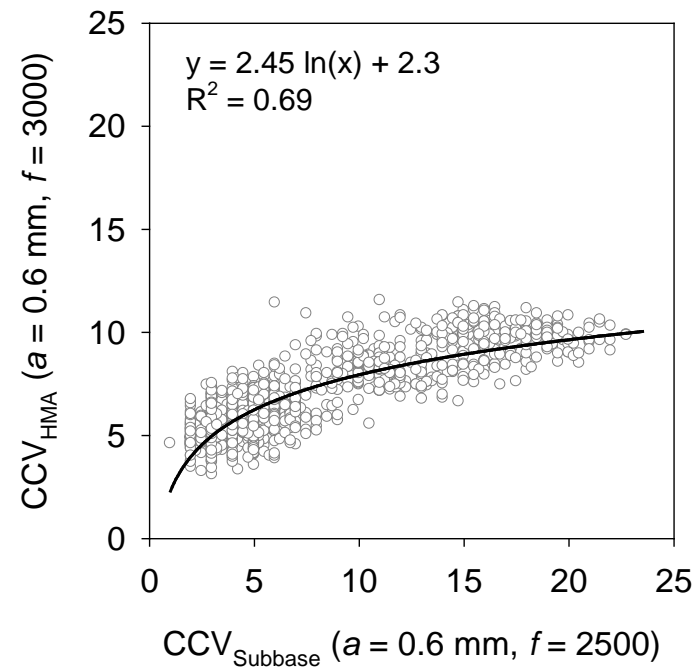
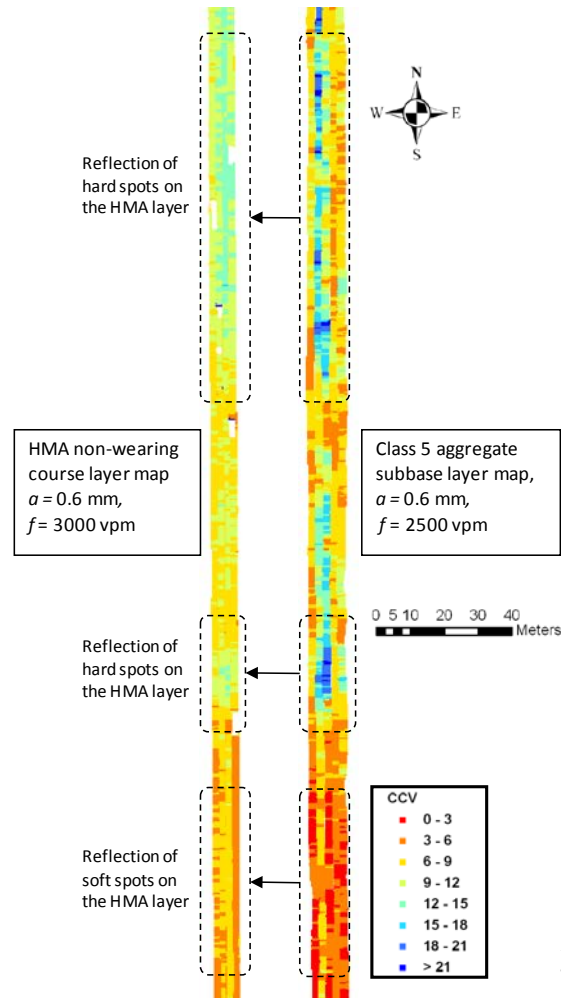
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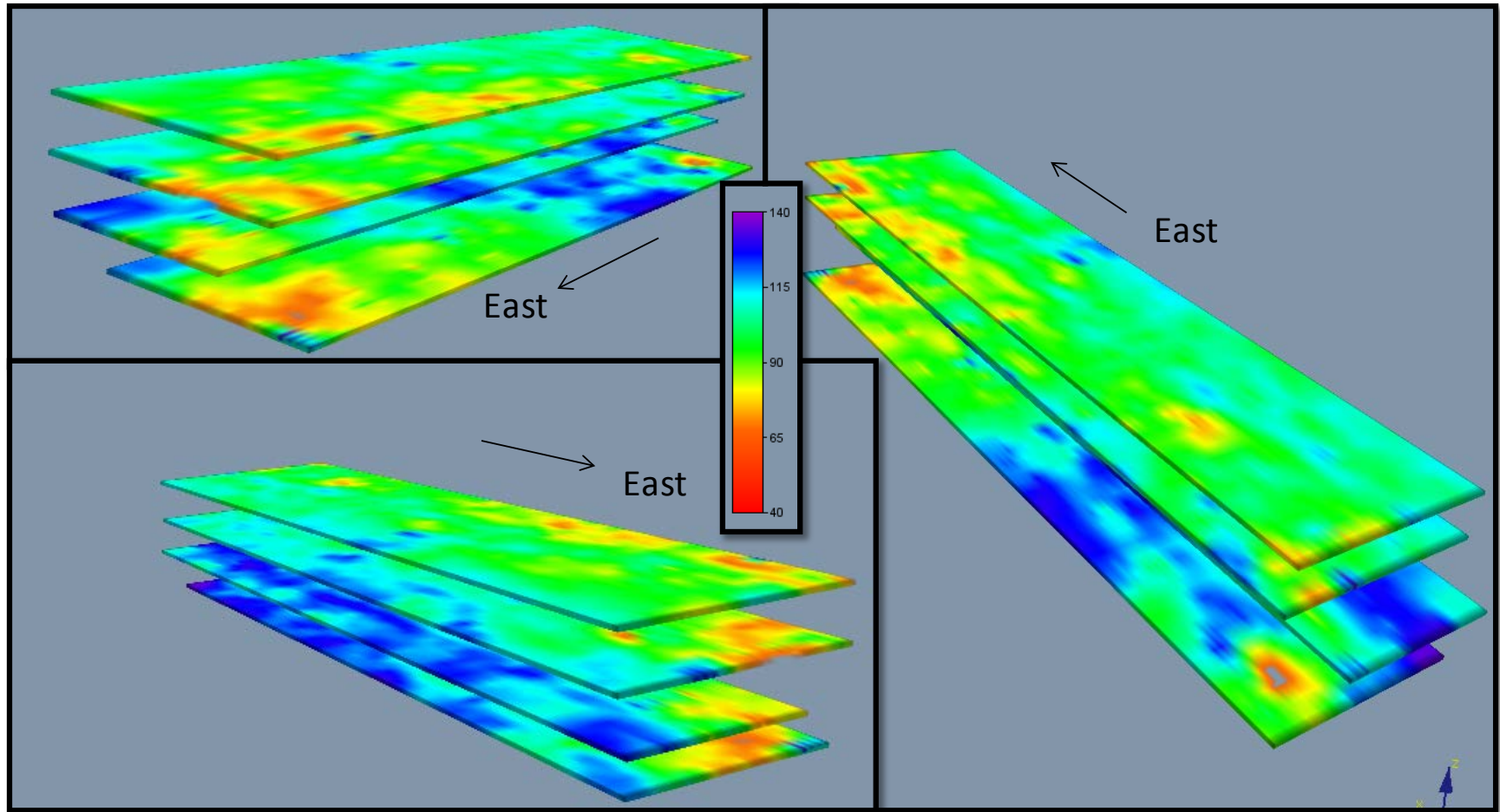
**NOTE:**  $k_{comp}$  values are determined by accounting for subbase layer thickness and moduli values following ACPA and AASHTO design guide procedures

# Foundation layer stiffness has a large influence on stiffness measurements over asphalt layer.



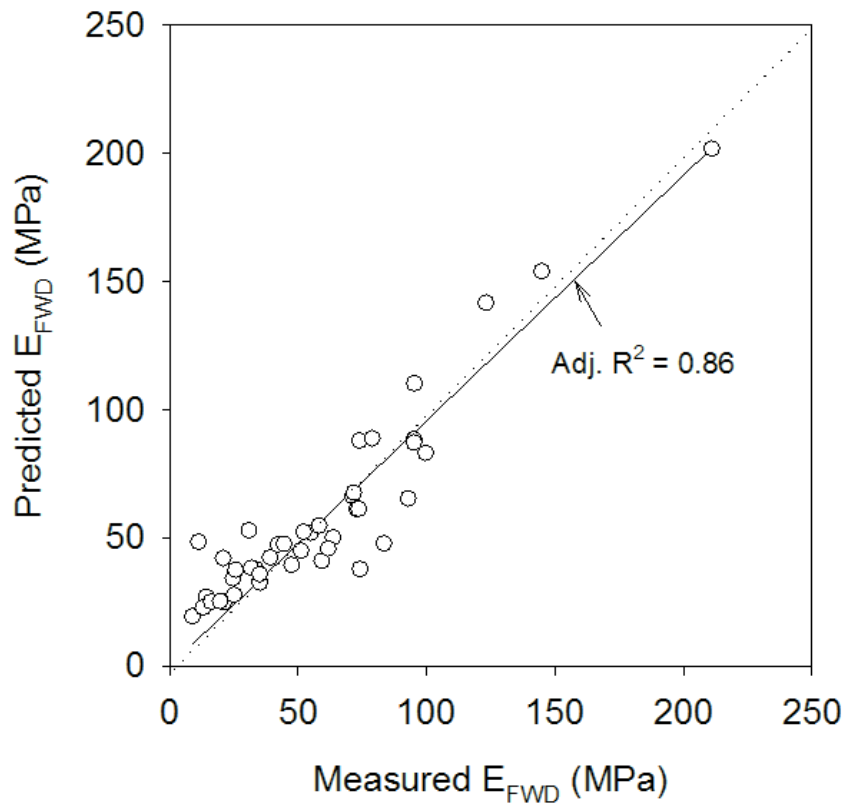
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IC data from multiple embankment layers show that it takes multiple lifts to bridge “weak” subgrade layers



US30 Embankment Construction Project, Colo, Iowa - White et al. (2010)

“Weak” subgrade soils have a large influence on composite stiffness measurement on surface.



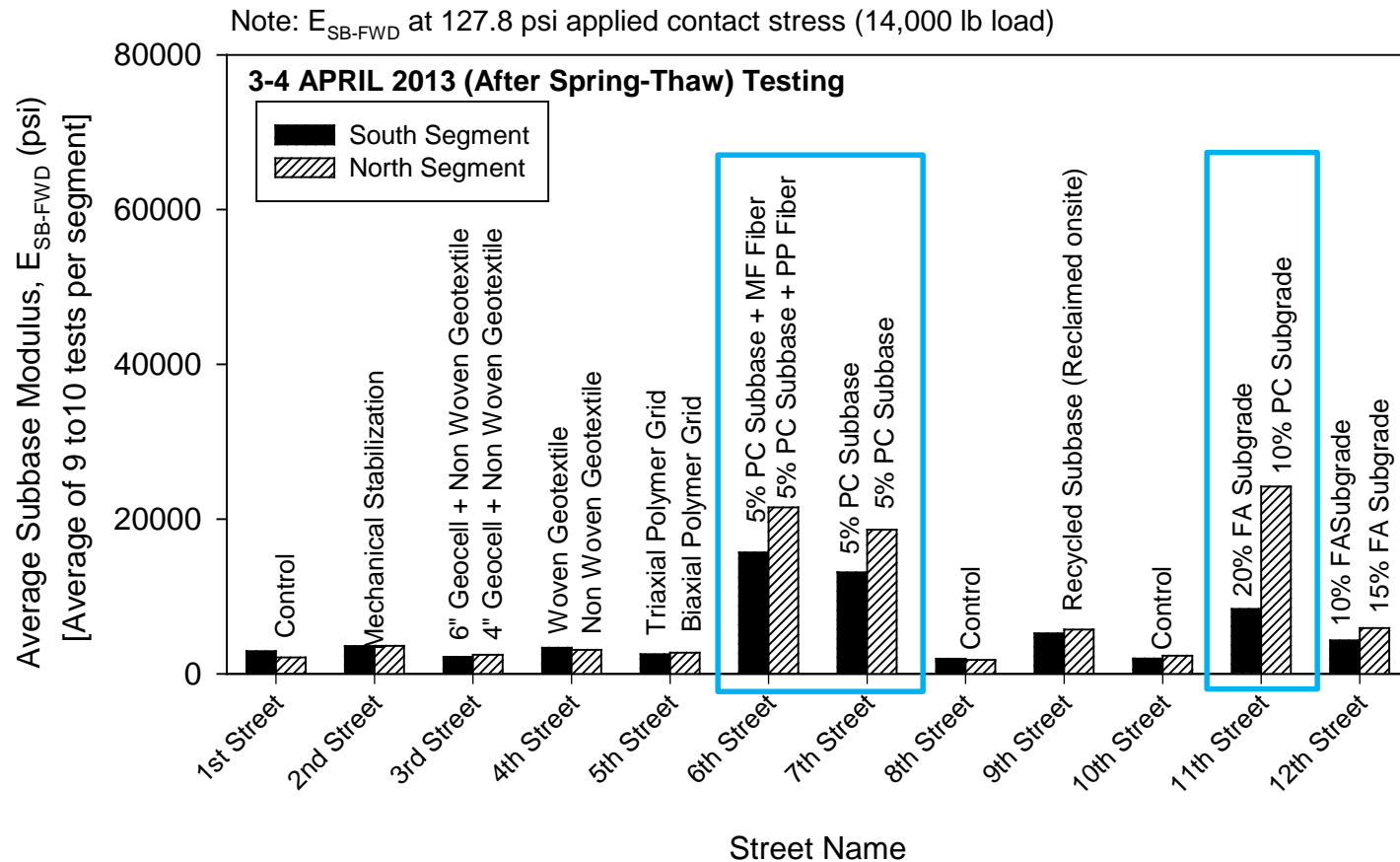
TERM	ESTIMATE	STD ERROR	t Ratio	Prob> t
Intercept	17.045	3.599	4.740	<0.0001
$CBR_{Gravel}$	0.229	0.035	6.510	<0.0001
$CBR_{Subgrade}$	1.395	0.129	10.84	<0.0001

Gravel layer – 14% influence  
Subgrade layer – 86% influence  
on FWD composite stiffness

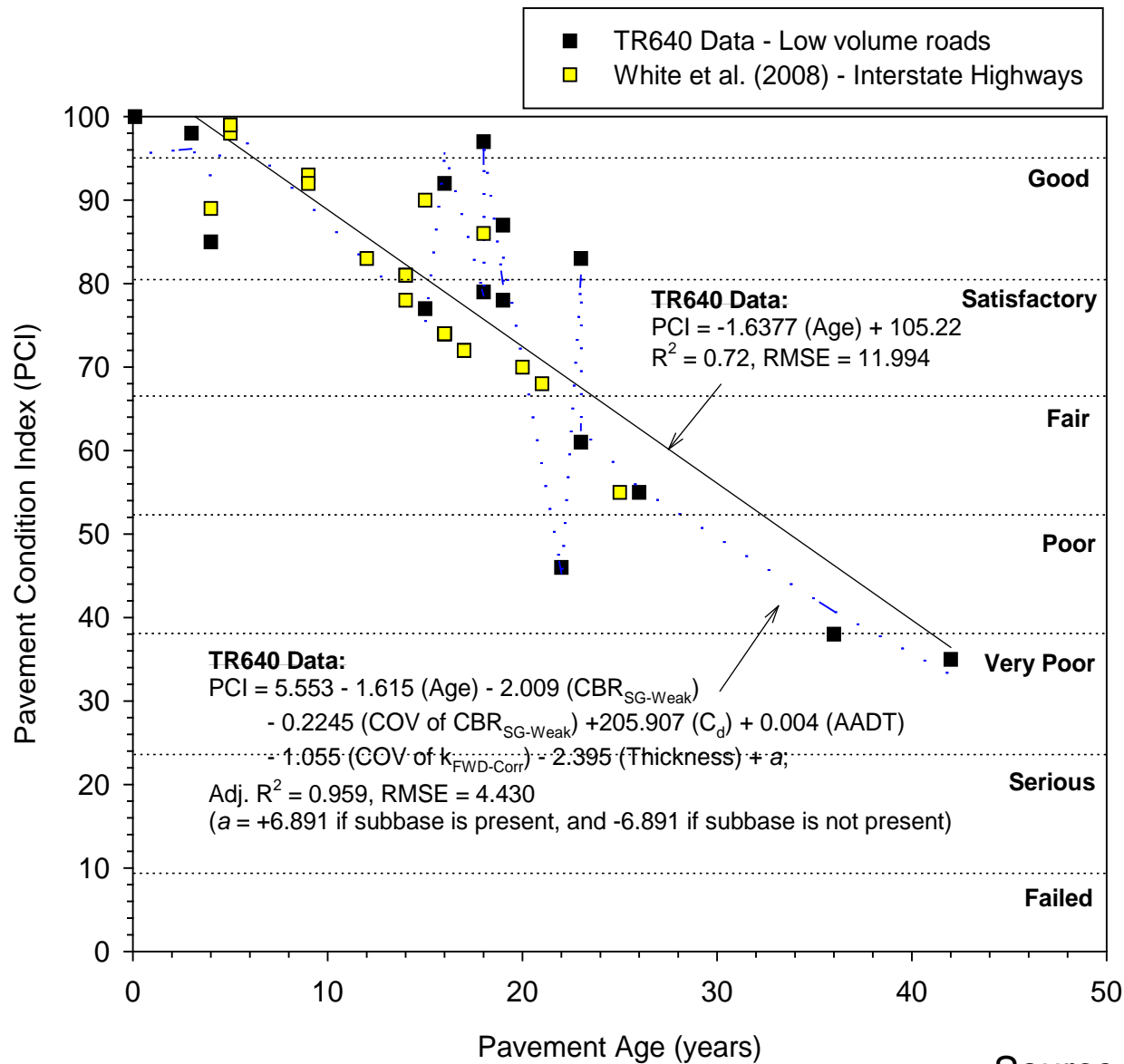
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FWD testing showed 5 to 20 times higher moduli on *cement stabilized sections* during spring-thaw

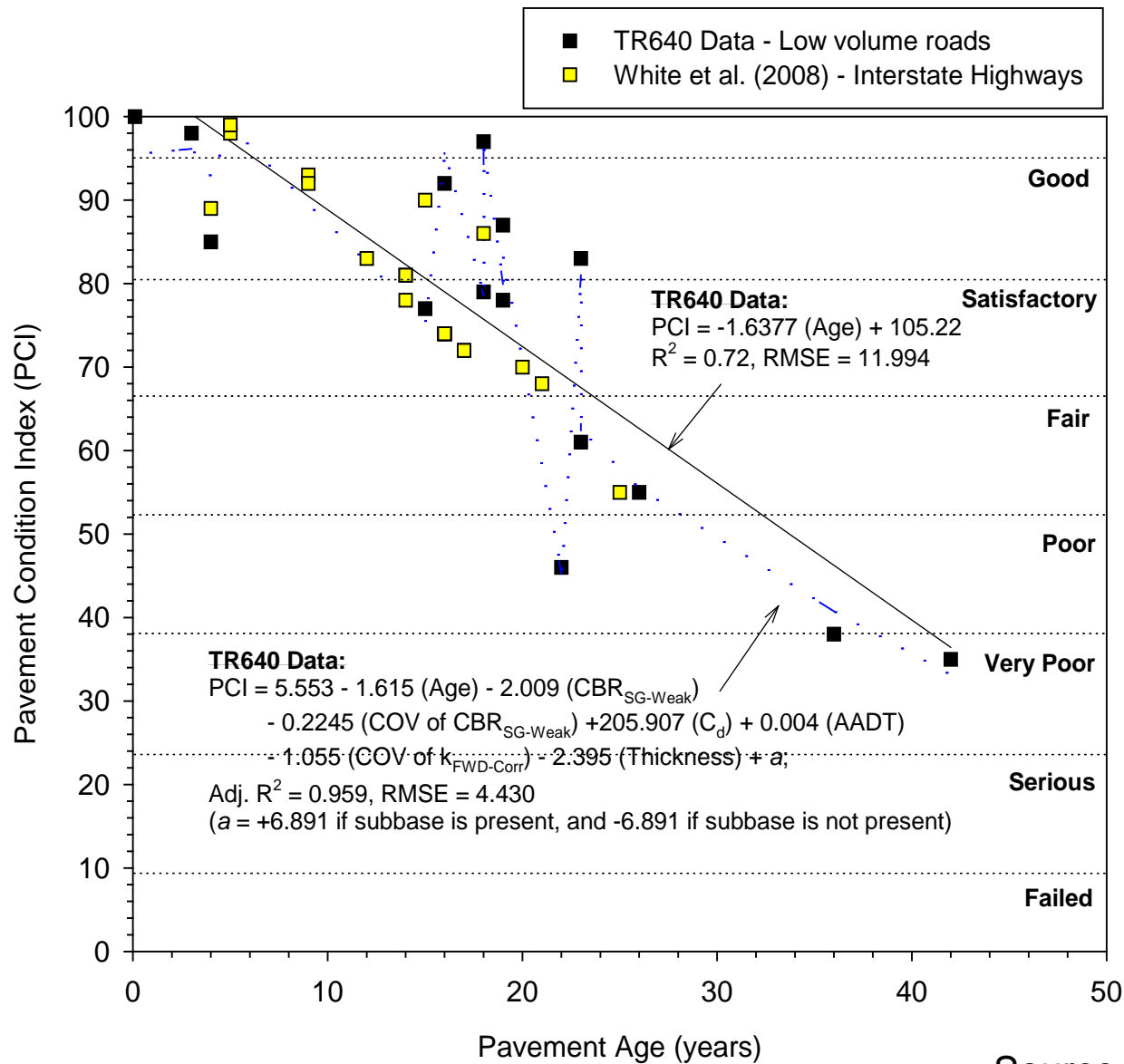


Source: White et al. (2014)



**Age vs. PCI**  
 RMSE = 5.1 for Interstates  
 RMSE = 12.0 for LVRs

Source: White and Vennapusa (2014)

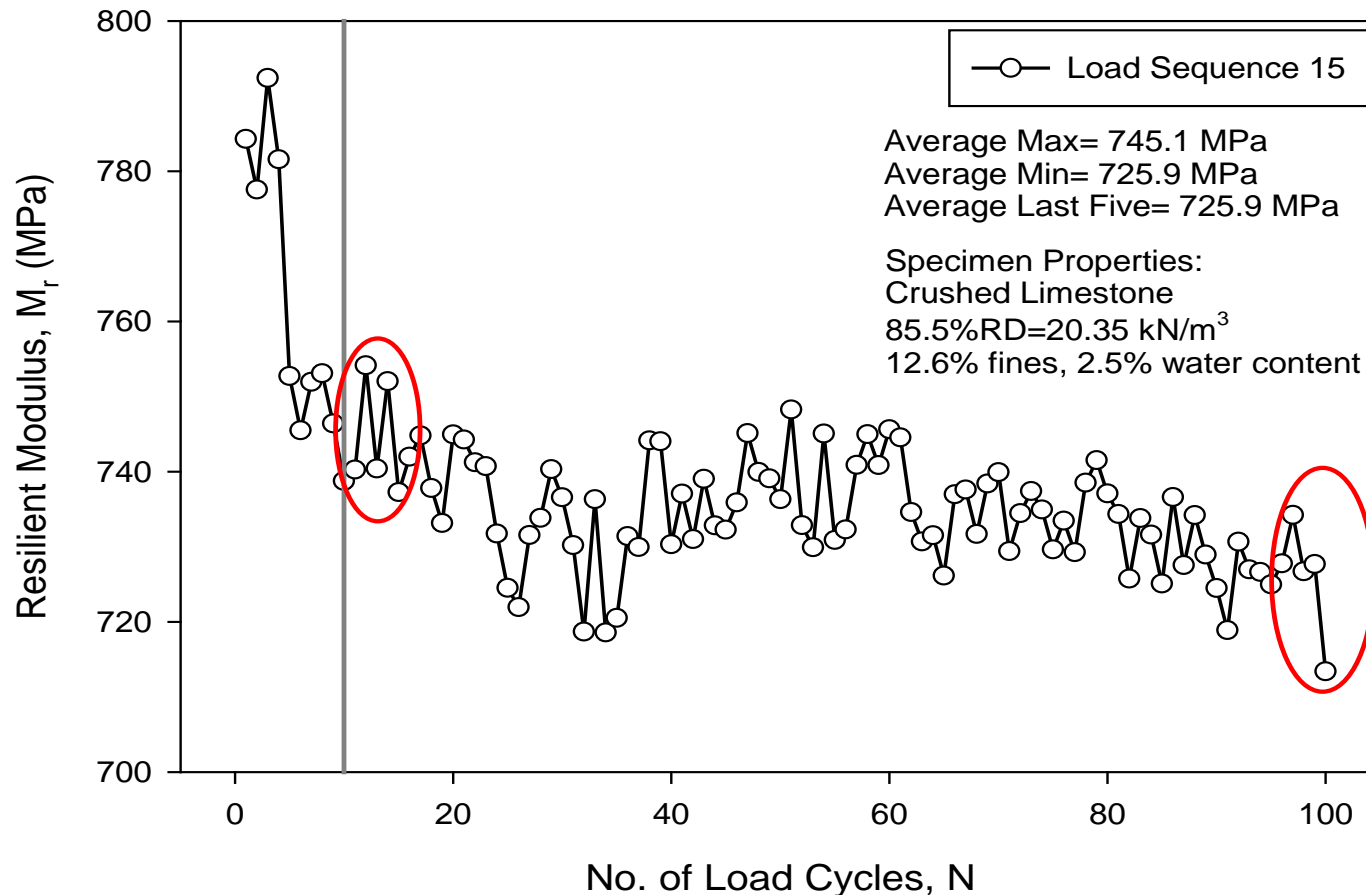


Statistical analysis revealed the following are key for improved PCI:

1. AGE
2. Drainage
3. Variability of stiffness
4. CBR of Subgrade
4. Traffic
5. Presence of Subbase
6. Pavement Thickness

Source: White and Vennapusa (2014)

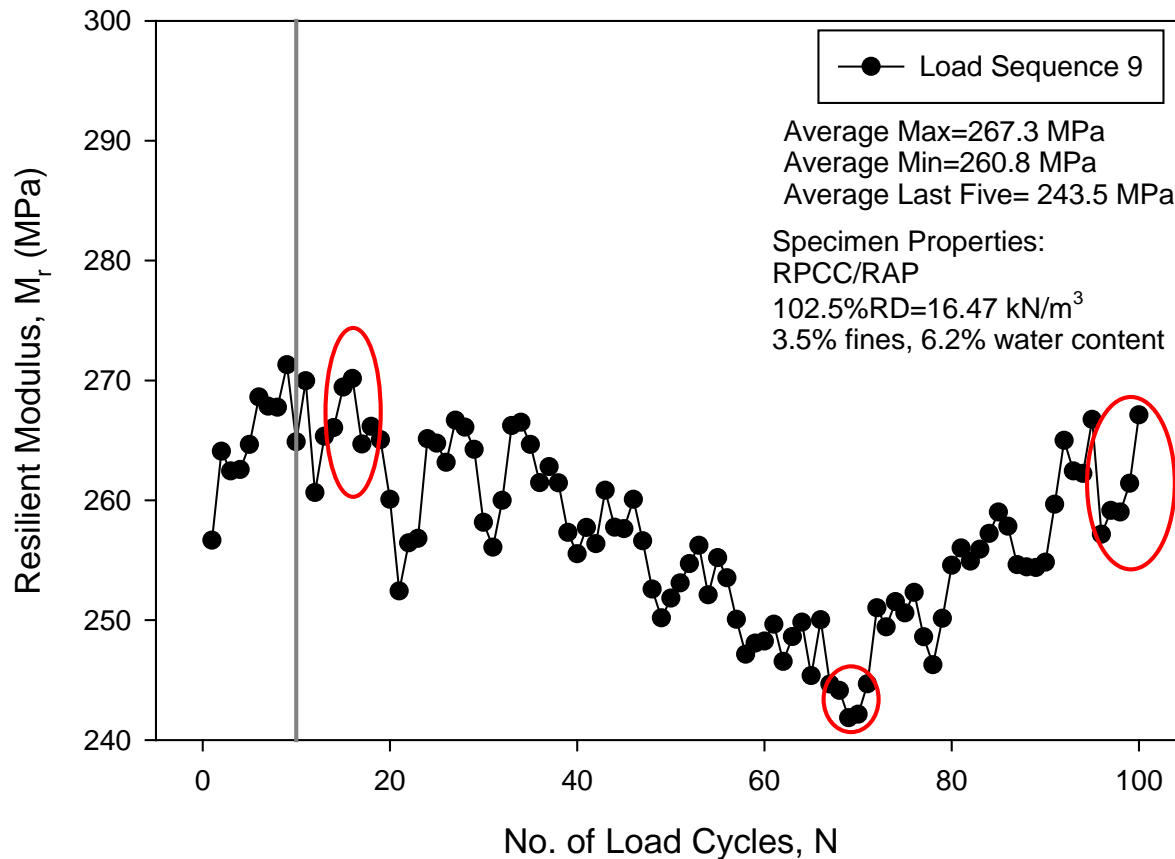
Lab  $M_r$  testing standards require averaging last five cycles which may not be always representative



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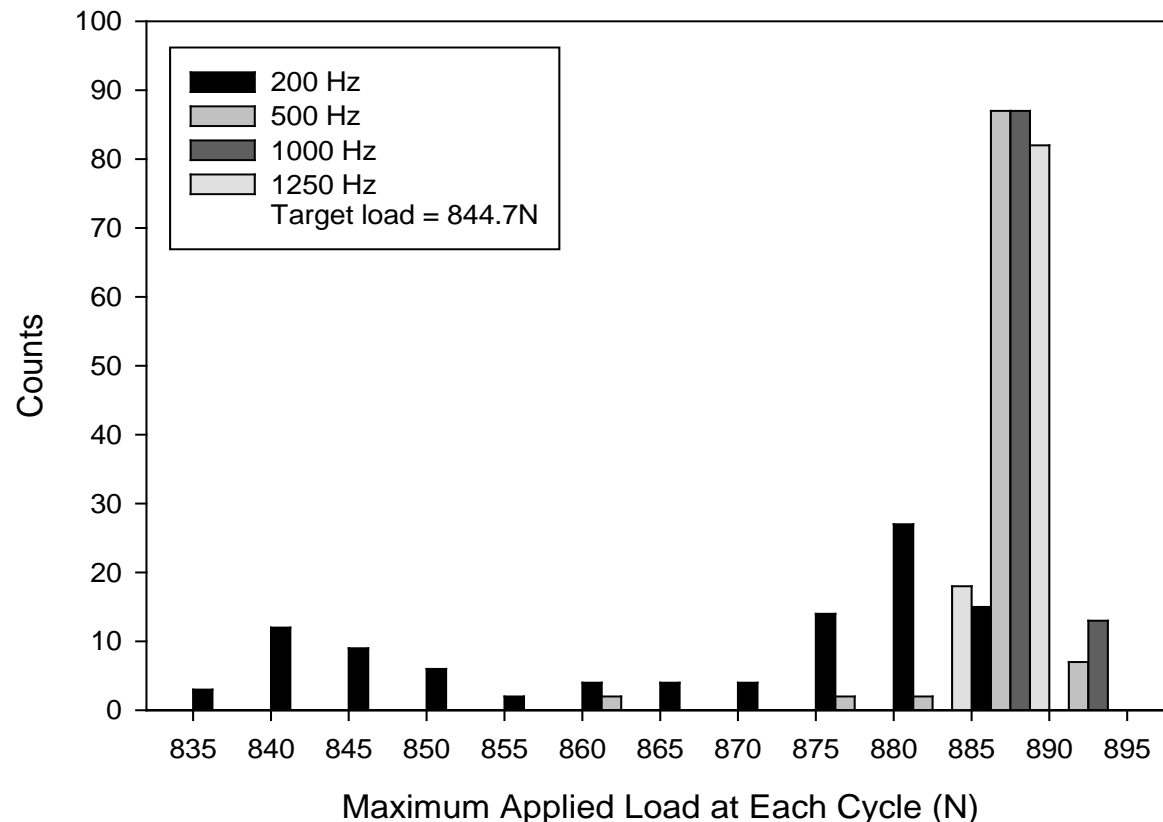


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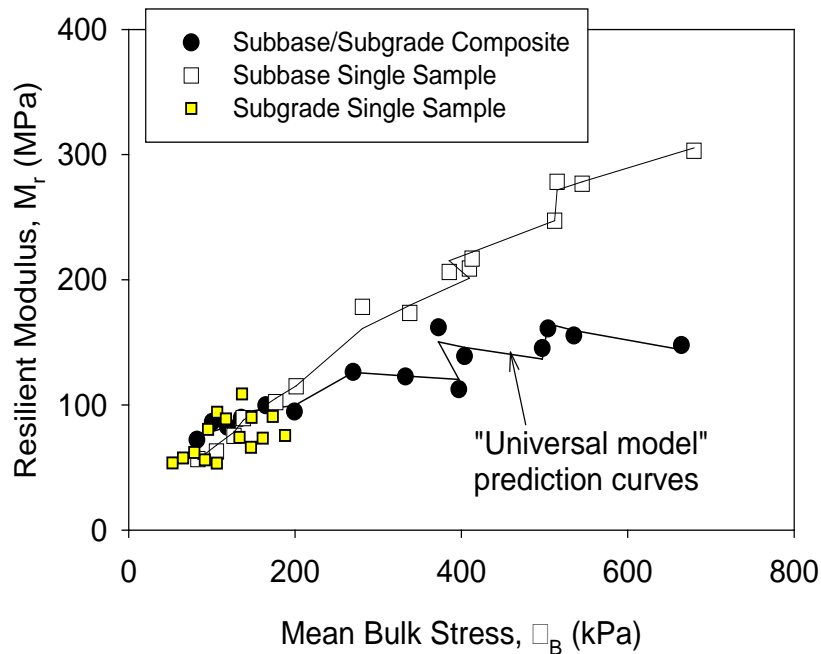
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AASHTO T307 protocol recommends sampling @ 200Hz which does not adequately capture the peak stresses – 500 Hz or greater is recommended.



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$M_r$  testing on composite samples showed that the “weak” subgrade layer governs the composite sample modulus



Composite Sample:  
 $17.04 \text{ kN/m}^3$  Subbase at 8.2% w  
 $19.60 \text{ kN/m}^3$  Subgrade at 11.3%w  
 $R^2 = 0.96$

Subbase Single Sample:  
 $17.15 \text{ kN/m}^3$  @ 11.6%w  
 $R^2 = 0.99$

Subgrade Single Sample:  
 $19.36 \text{ kN/m}^3$  @ 14.1%w  
 $R^2 = 0.75$



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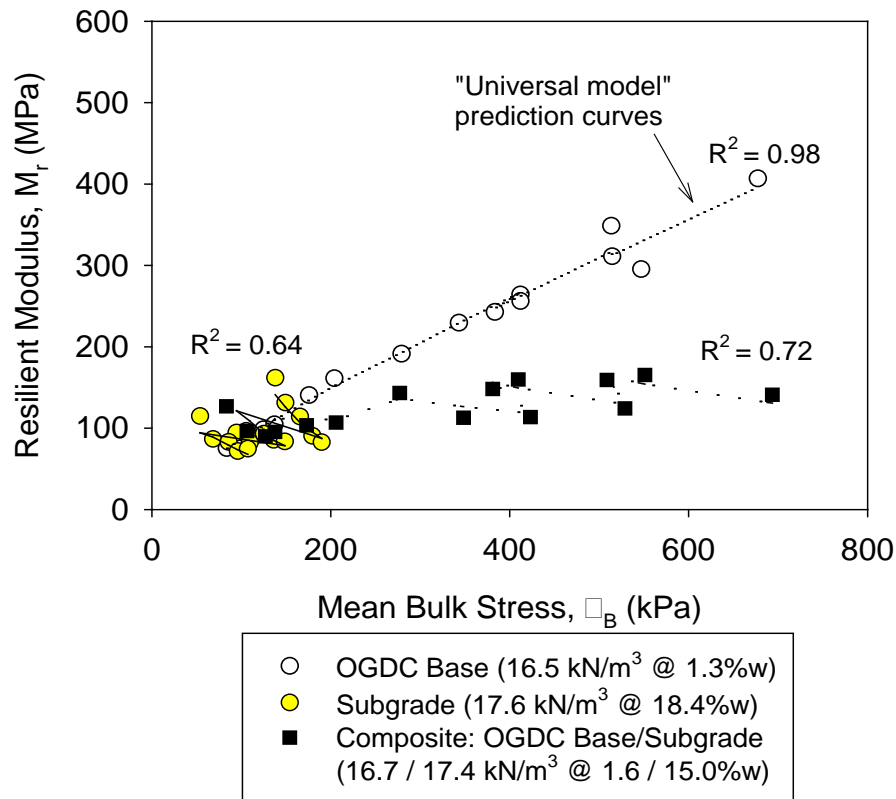
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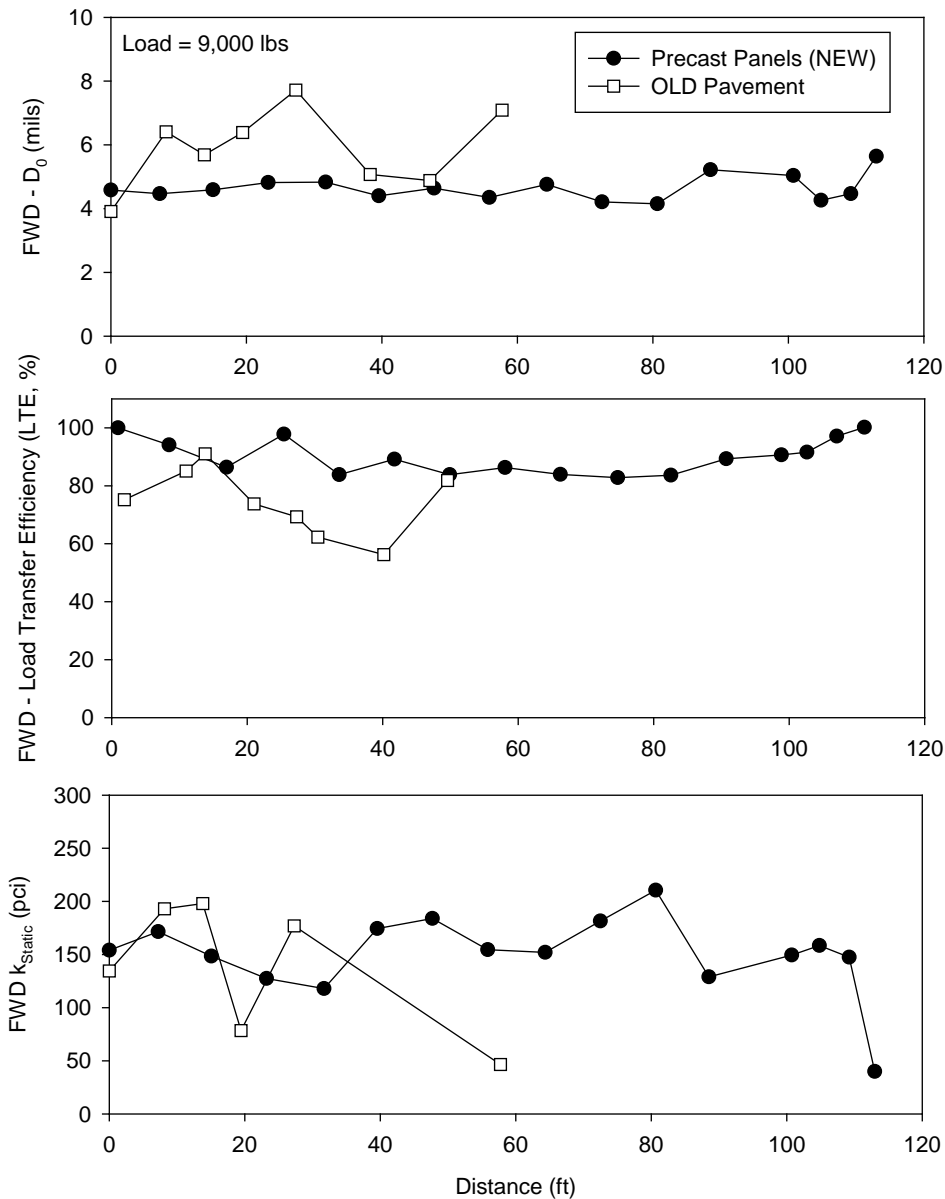
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FWD testing on precast panels showed improvements in terms of FWD deflection and LTE



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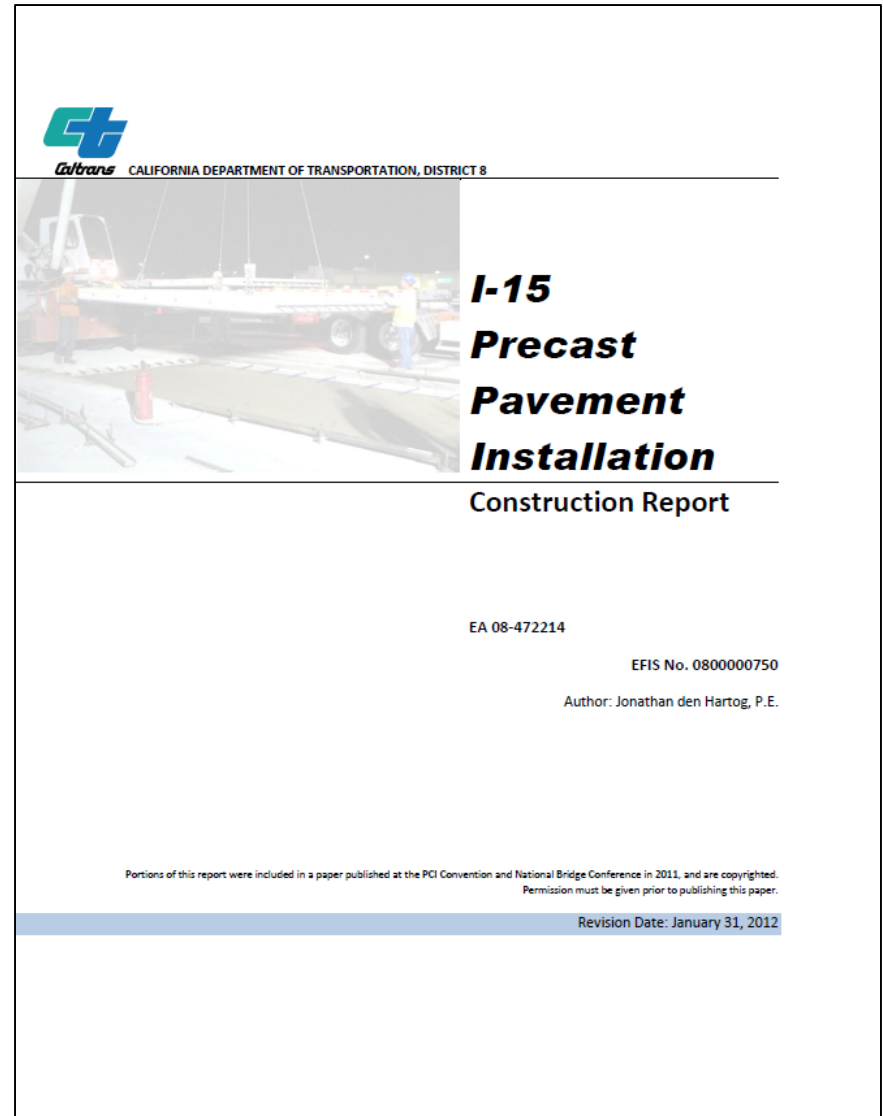
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Observations Report indicated  
hairline cracks developed on  
precast panels several months  
after placement.

Report indicated strong correlation  
between contractor's grading  
practices (stringline approach) on  
the bedding layer and the  
incidence of cracking.

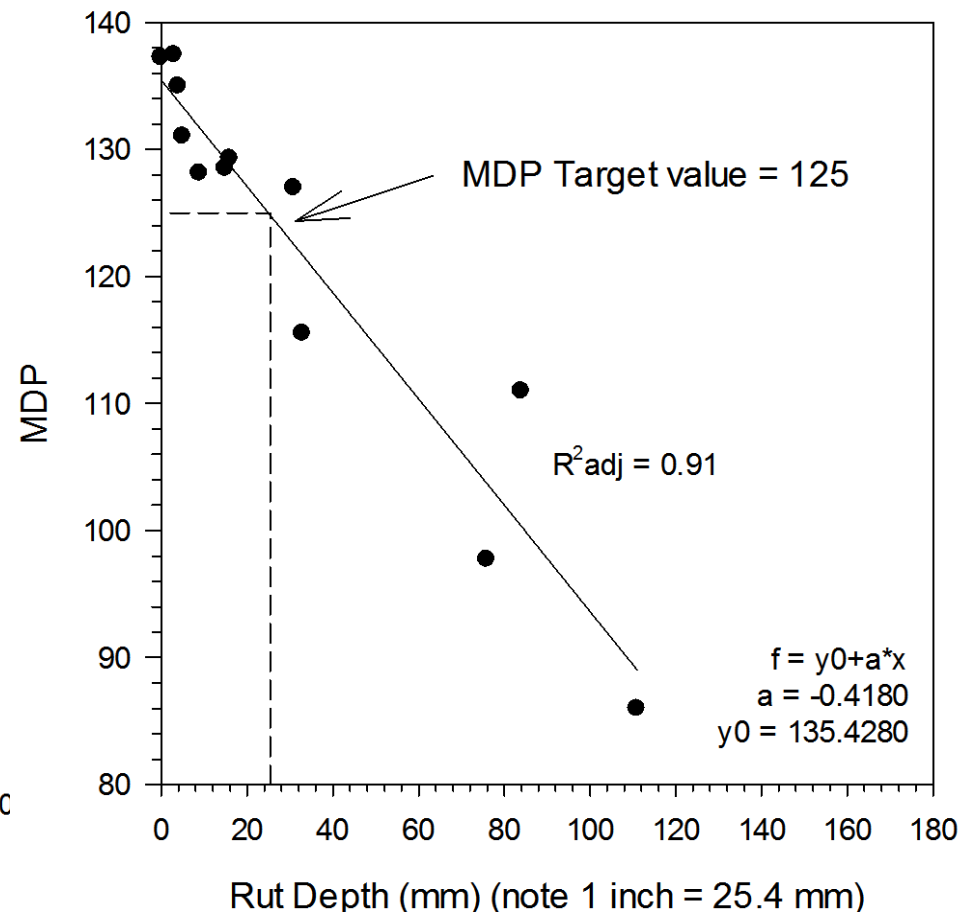
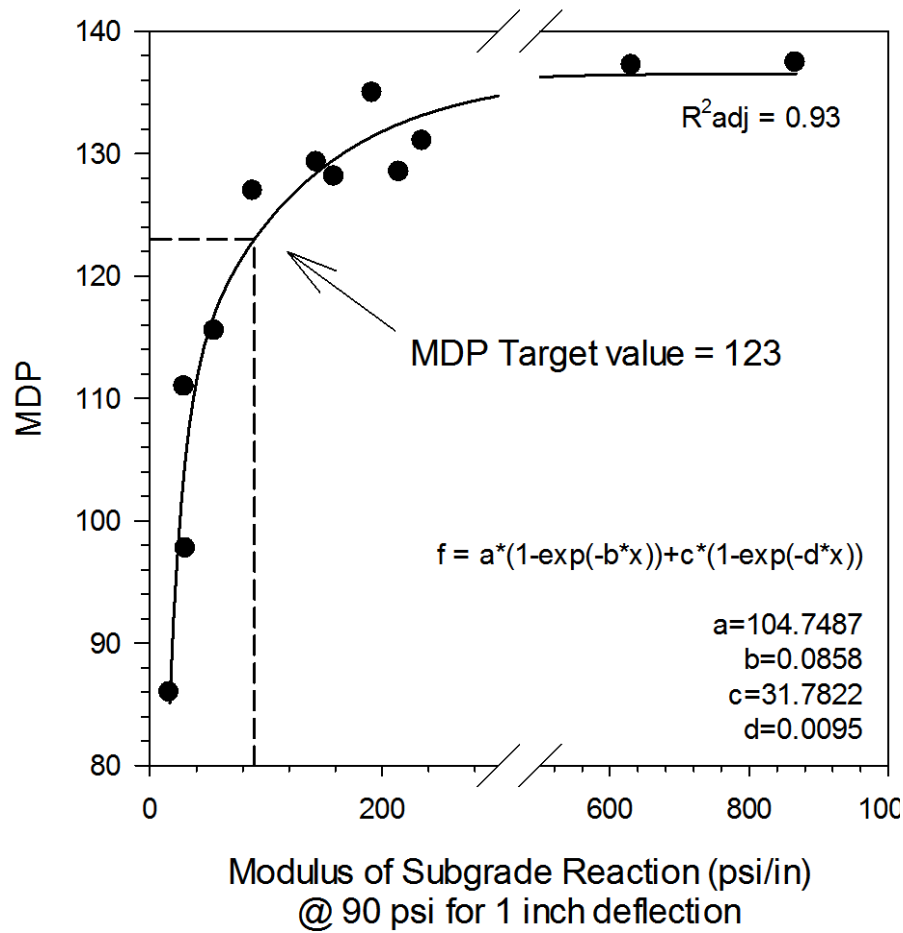




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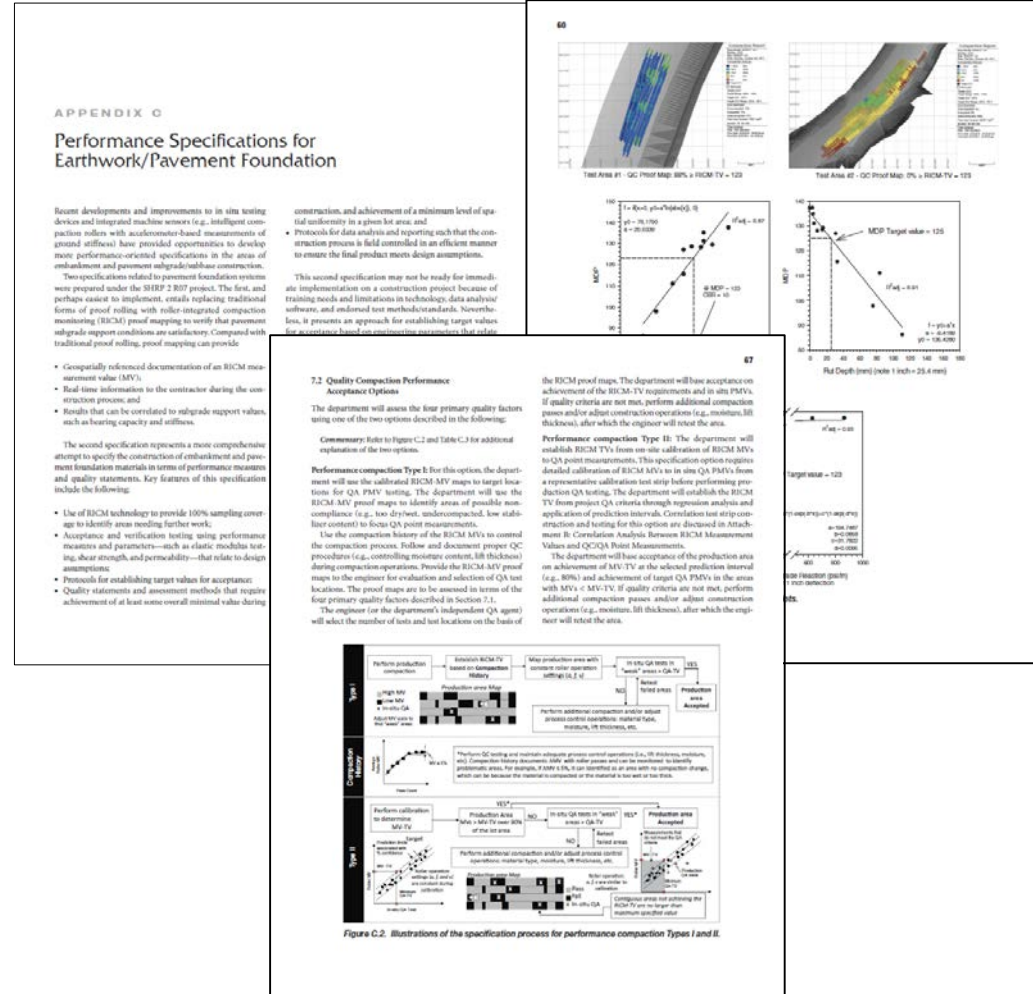
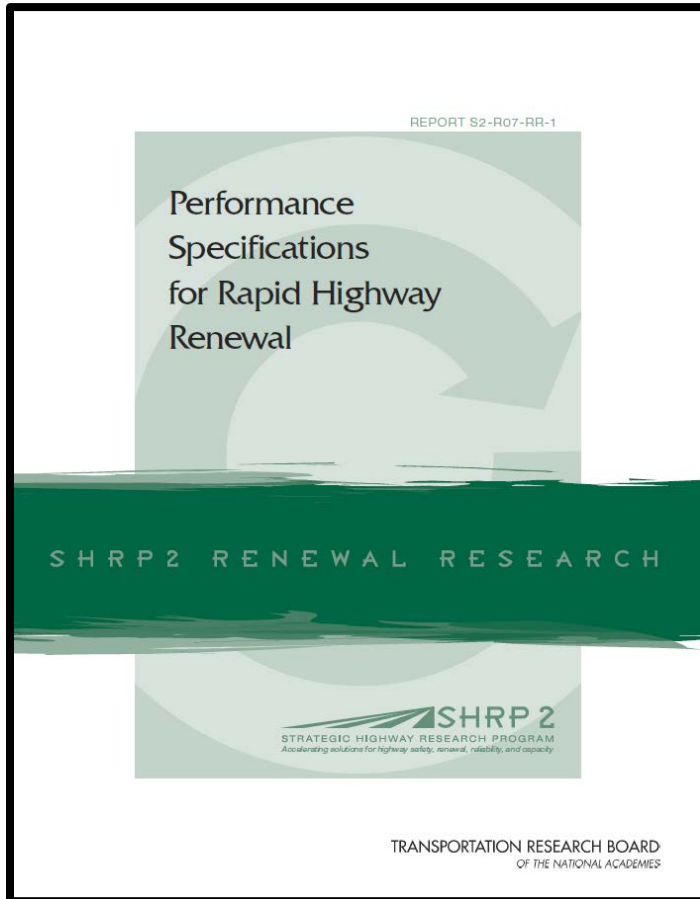


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# SHRP2R07 published options to implement *performance-based* specifications for pavement foundations



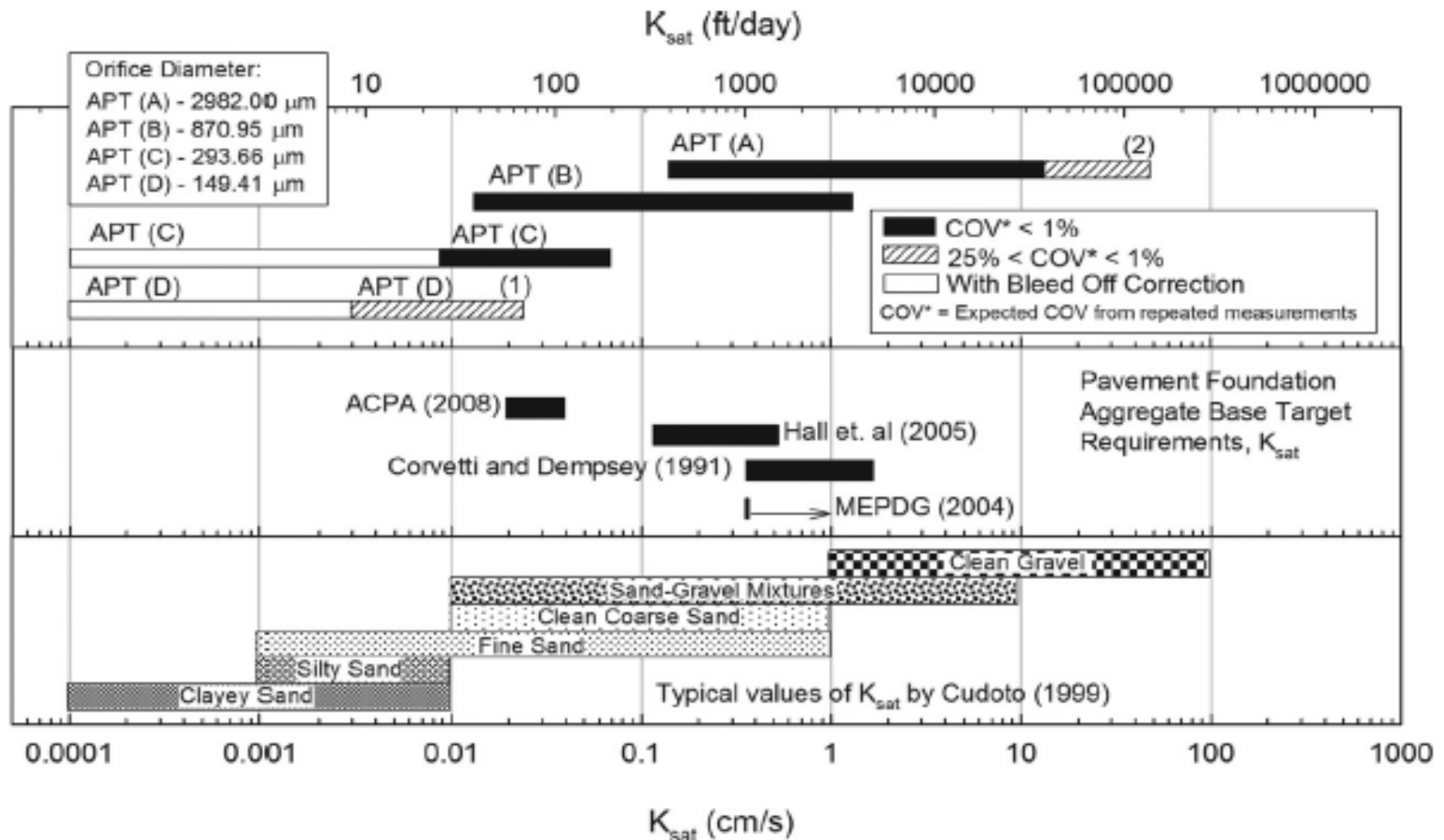
*Drainage* is an important component of pavement design and is critical in achieving good pavement performance.

A New In-Situ Testing Device (APT) was developed to overcome problems with rapid field testing



$$K_{\text{sat}} = \left[ \frac{2u_{\text{gas}}QP_1}{rG_o(P_1^2 - P_2^2)} \right] \cdot \frac{\rho g}{\mu_{\text{water}}(1 - S_e)^2 \left( 1 - S_e^{(2+\lambda)/\lambda} \right)}$$

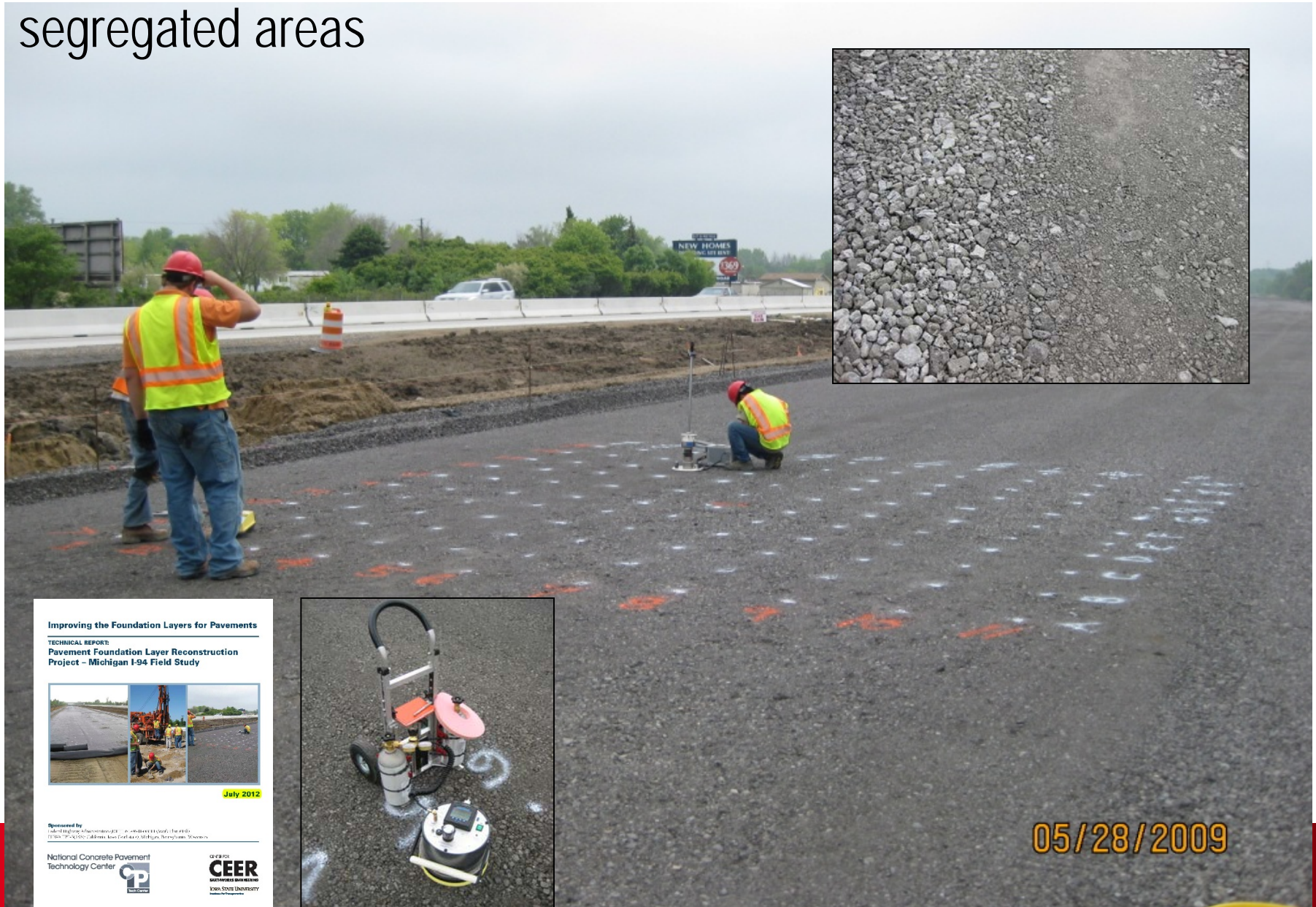
# APT has a wide measurement range



Notes:



# APT testing was performed in dense-grid pattern to identify segregated areas



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Spatial variability in fines content showed a strong correlation with field permeability

Avg.  $K = 13,900$  ft/day

COV = **119%**

Recycled Steel Slag

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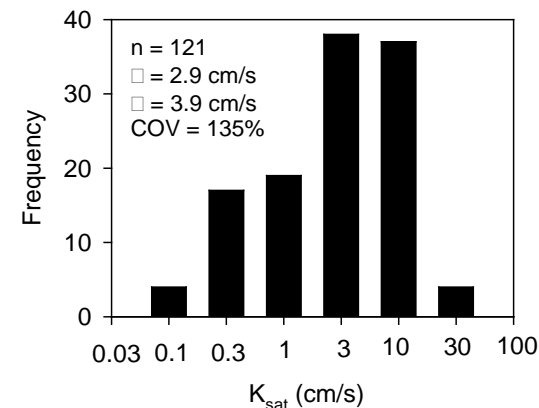
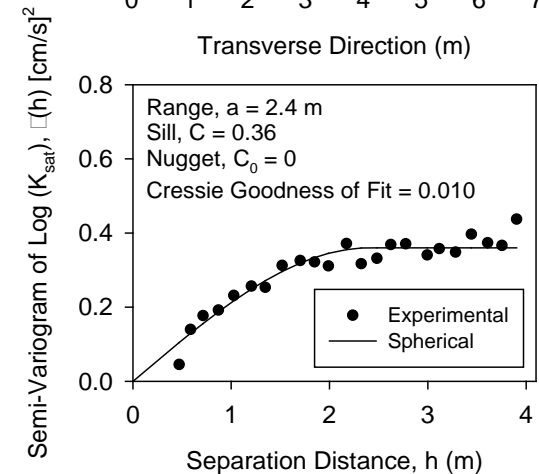
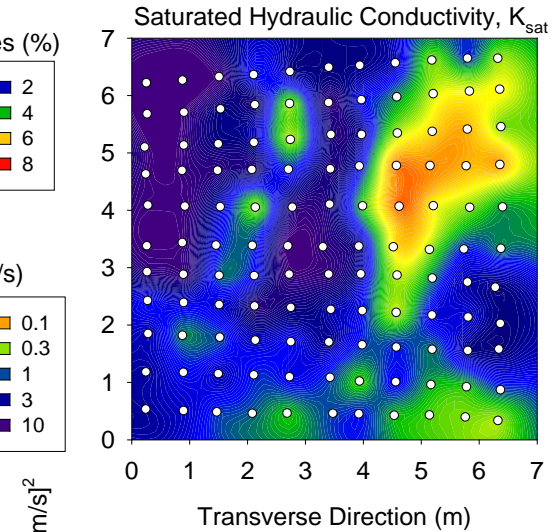
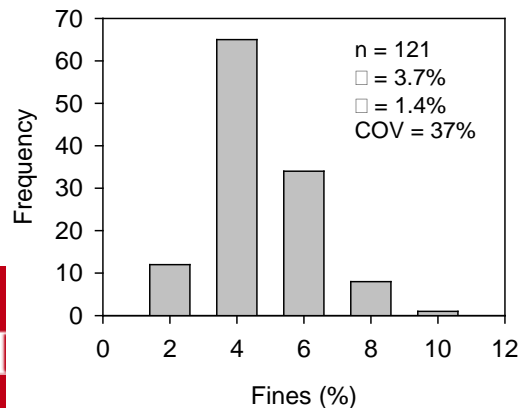
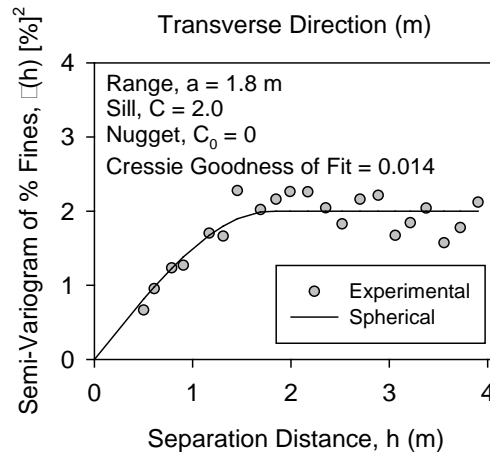
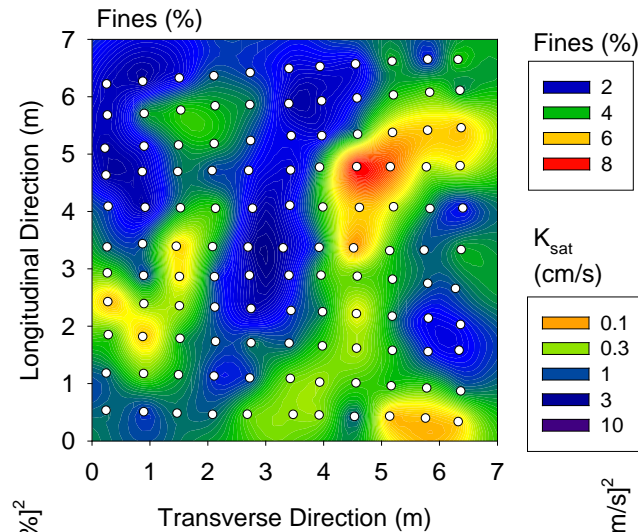
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# Cement-treated bases can be contaminated with fines due to construction activities

## Cement Treated Base SR22, Blairsville, PA



CTB installed in fall 2008

### Area A:

Avg.  $K = 19,800$  ft/day

**COV = 45%**

### Area B:

Avg.  $K = 566$  ft/day

**COV = 101%**

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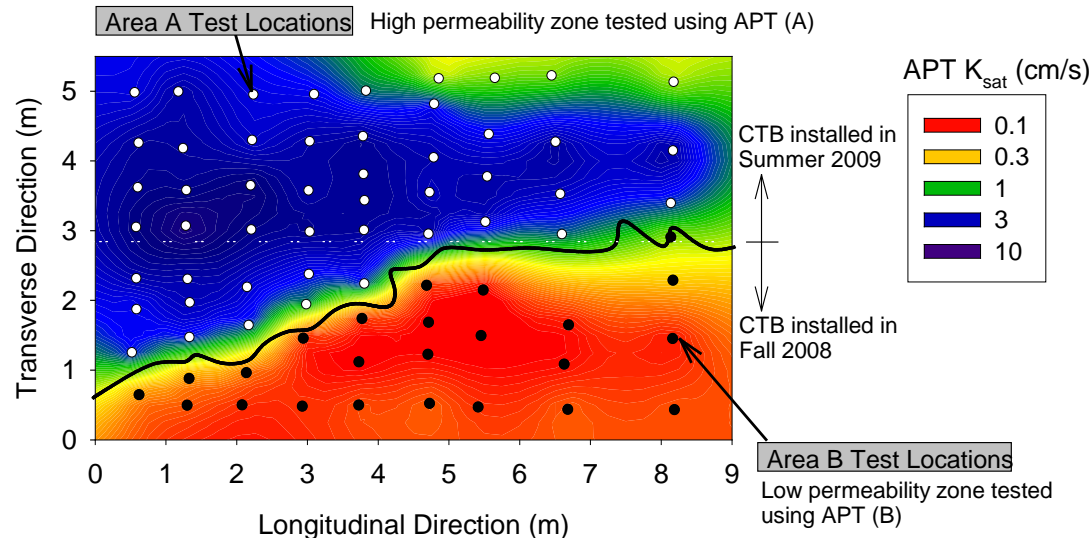
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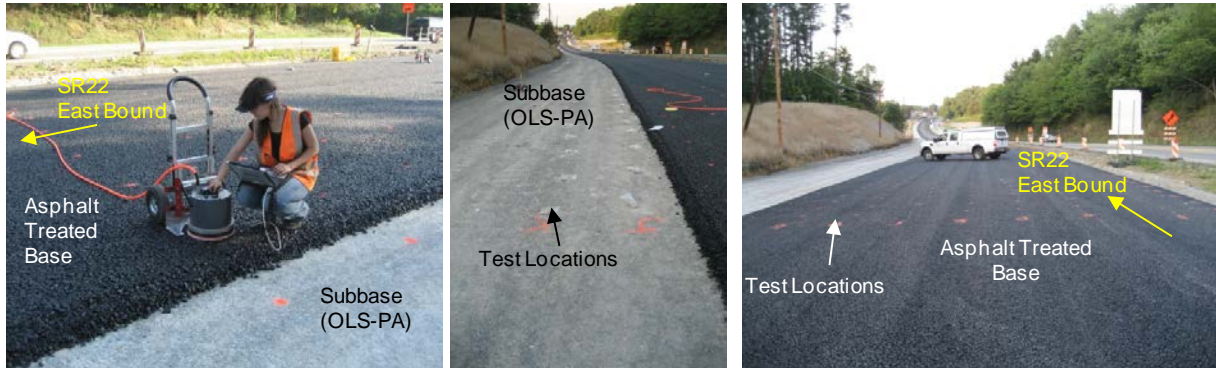
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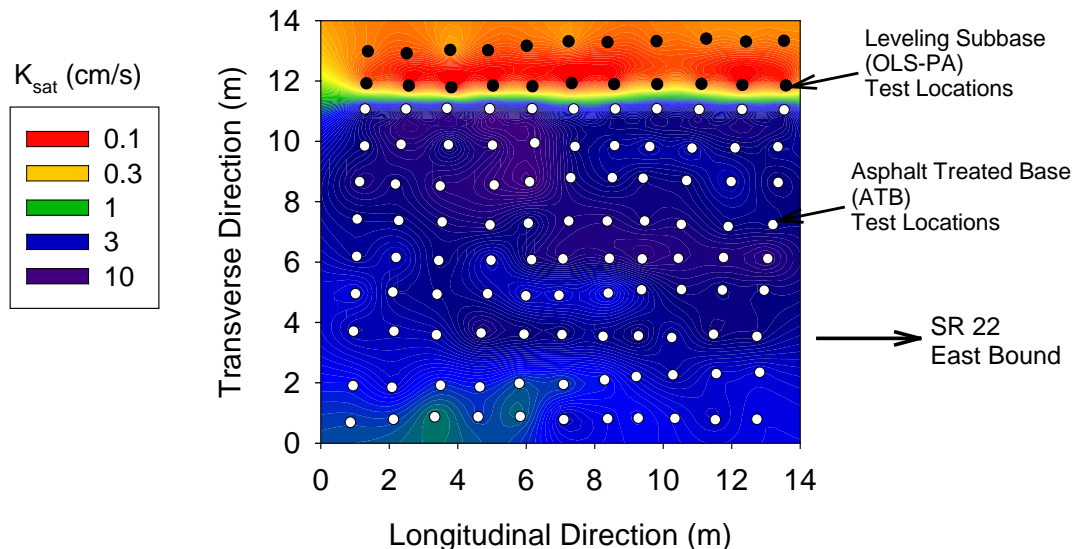
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# APT measurements on asphalt-treated base

## Asphalt Treated Base SR22, Blairsville, PA



**Avg. K = 13,040 ft/day**  
**COV = 42%**



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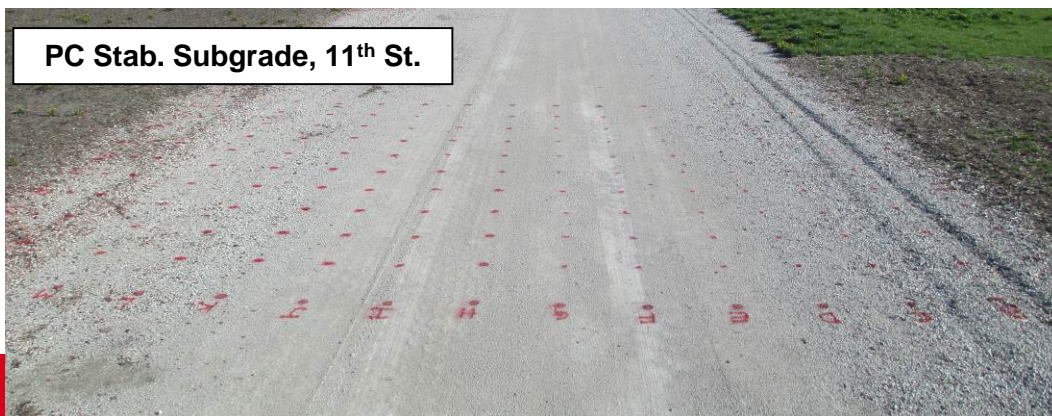


COV of permeability is higher for virgin and recycled aggregate materials than treated aggregate materials

Material	Crushed Limestone (OLS-63)	Steel slag (OS-MI)	Cement treated AASHTO # 57 base (CTB)		Asphalt treated AASHTO#57 base (ATB)
			Area A	Area B	
Saturated Hydraulic Conductivity, K <sub>sat</sub> Statistics					
Number of measurements, N	89	120	49	23	99
Mean, μ (ft/day)	5,380	13,890	19,840	560	13,040
Standard Deviation, σ (ft/day)	4,800	16,720	8,780	560	5,380
Coefficient of Variation, COV (%)	91	119	45	101	42

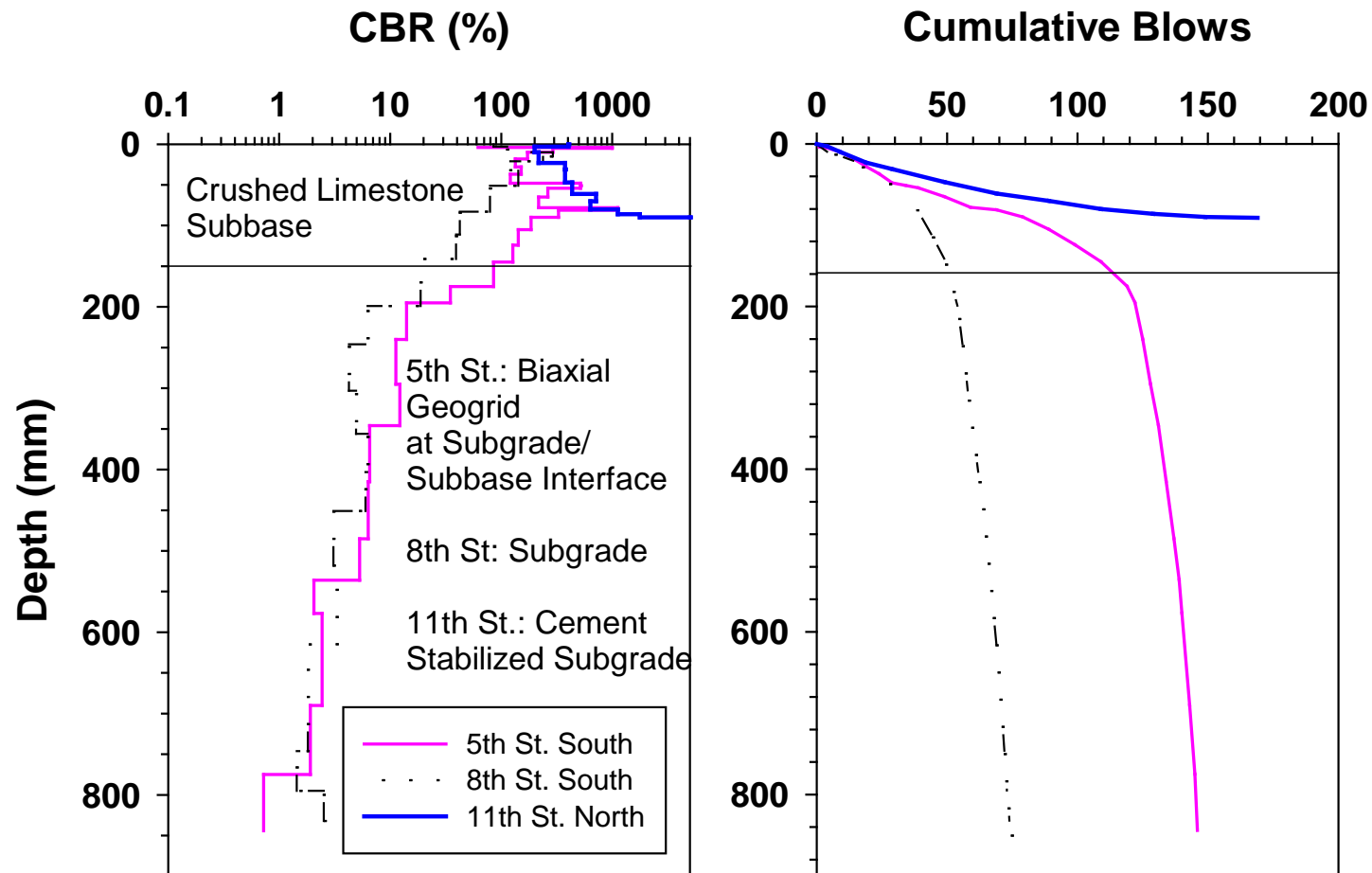


# Subgrade support conditions and trafficking affect particle breakdown

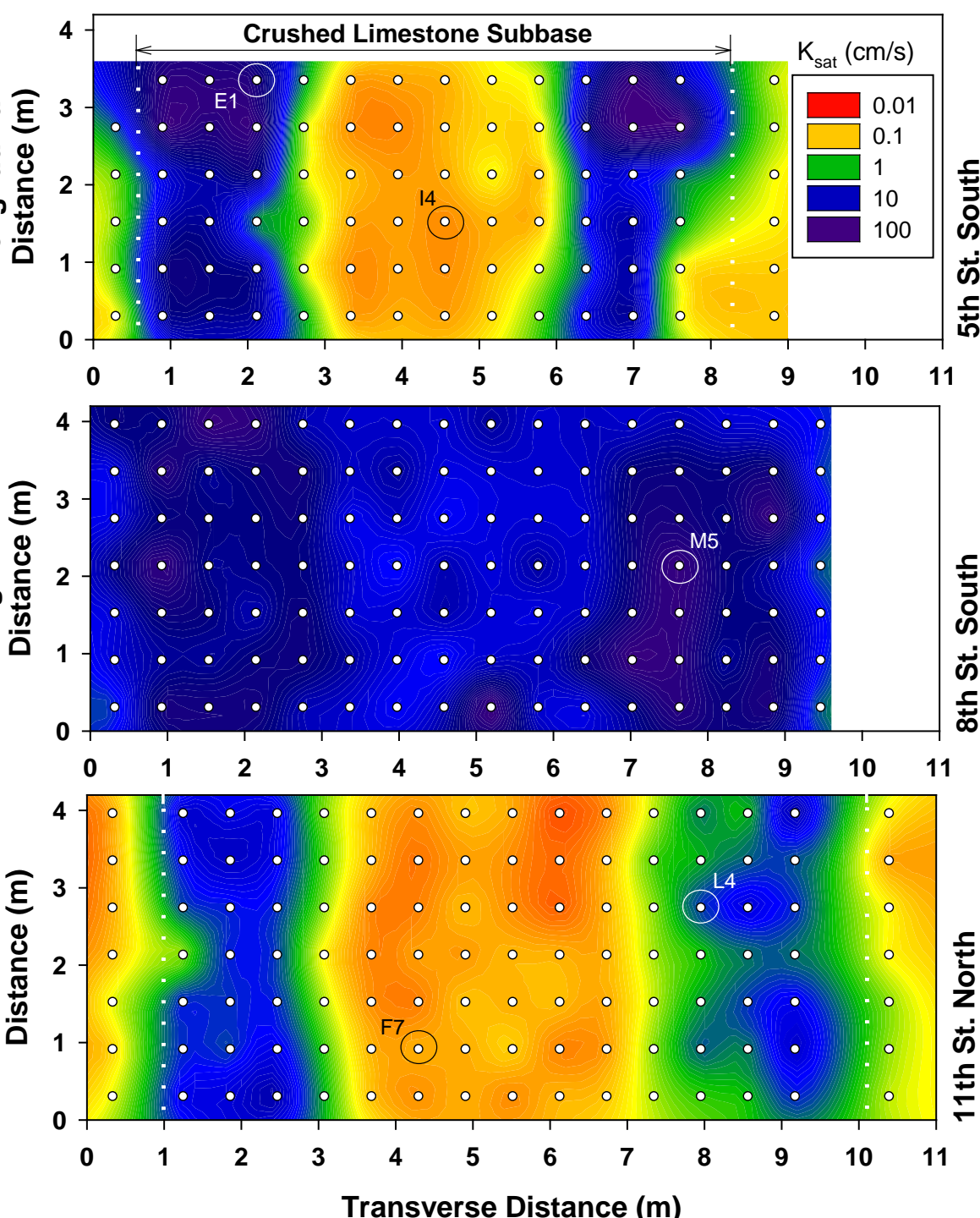


White and Vennapusa (2014)

# Representative CBR profiles from the three test sections



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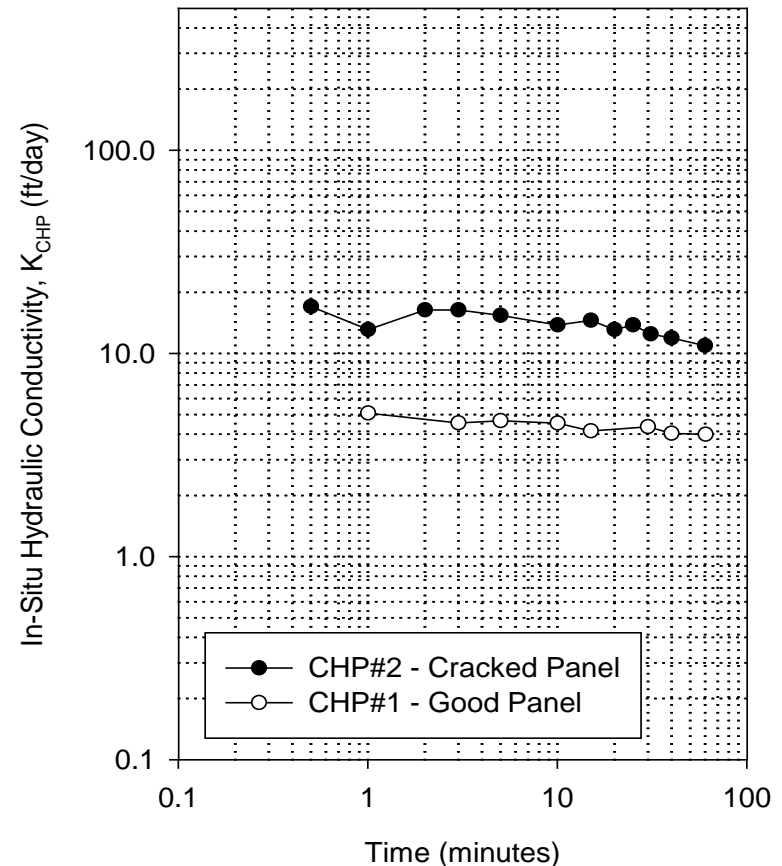
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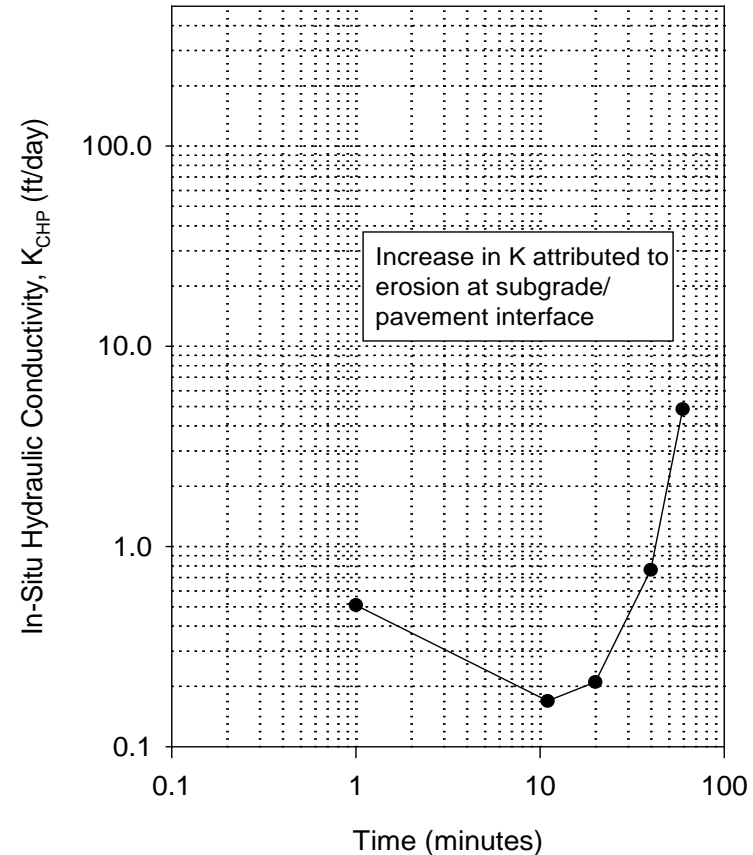
# CHP Tests can be used to measure permeability of materials under pavements



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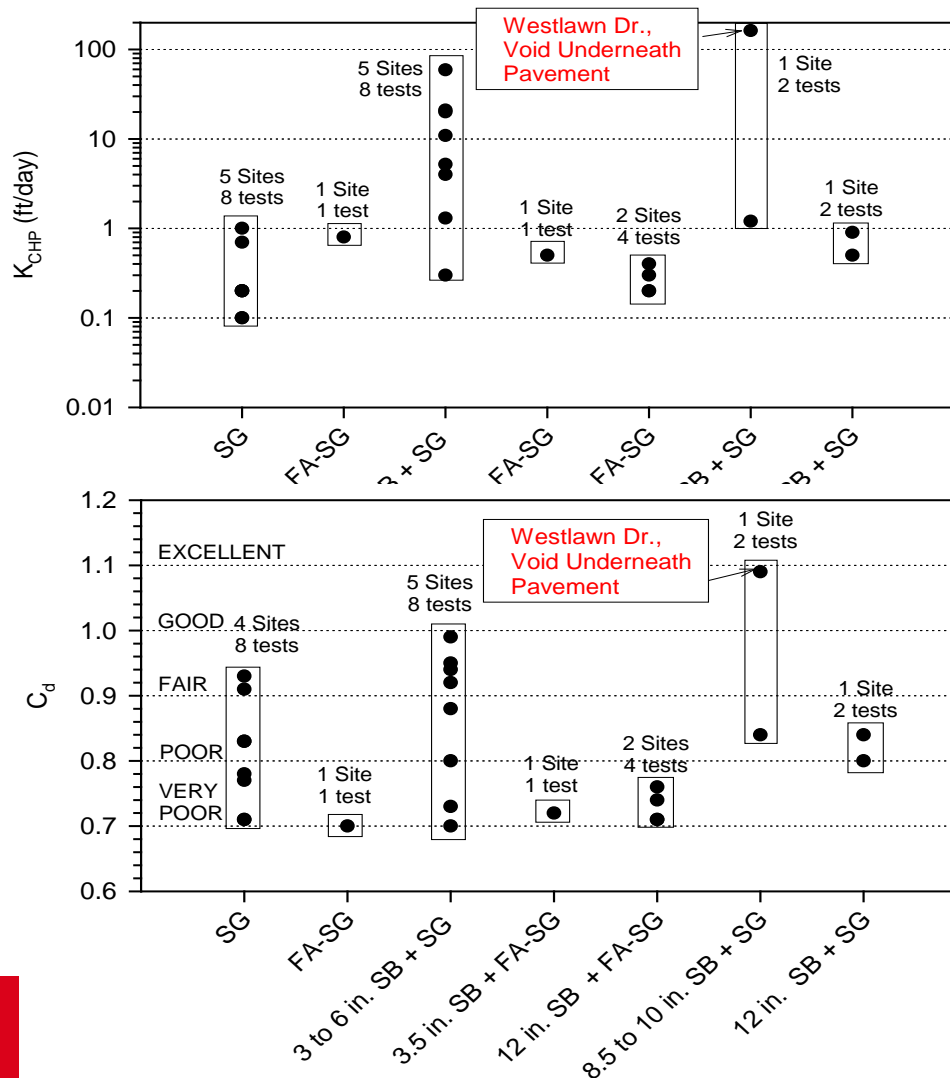


# CHP Tests under existing pavements showed evidence of erosion at the interface



White and Vennapusa (2014)

# CHP tests results on a wide range of support conditions (Low Volume Pavements)



Tests conducted at 16 Sites (28 tests)

*Increasing subbase layer thickness did not necessarily improve  $C_d$  or  $K$  value*

Notes:  
 SG – subgrade  
 FA – fly ash  
 SB – subbase

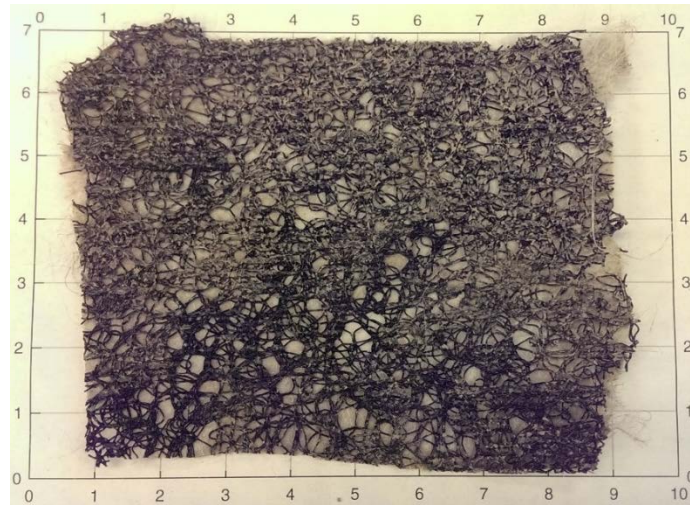
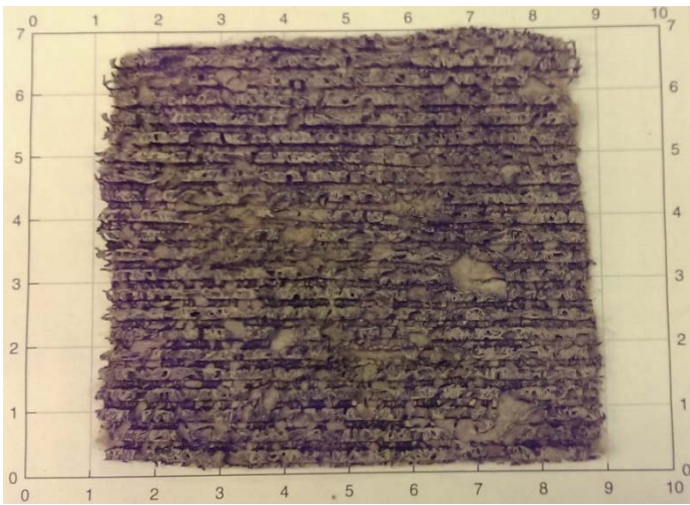
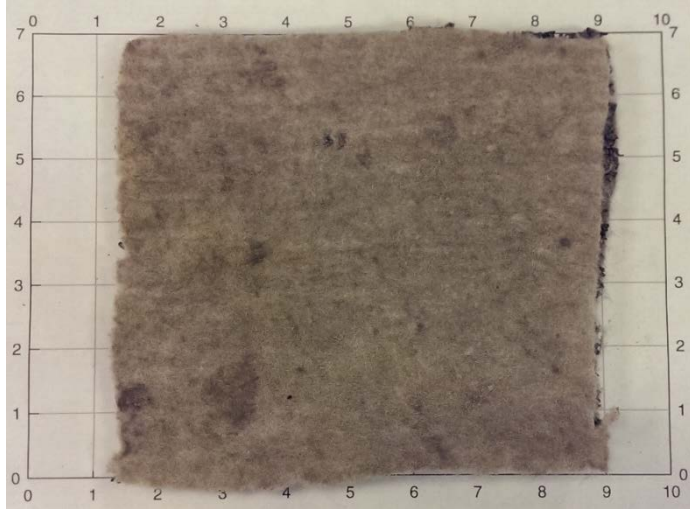
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Use of geocomposite active drainage systems can improve subsurface drainage



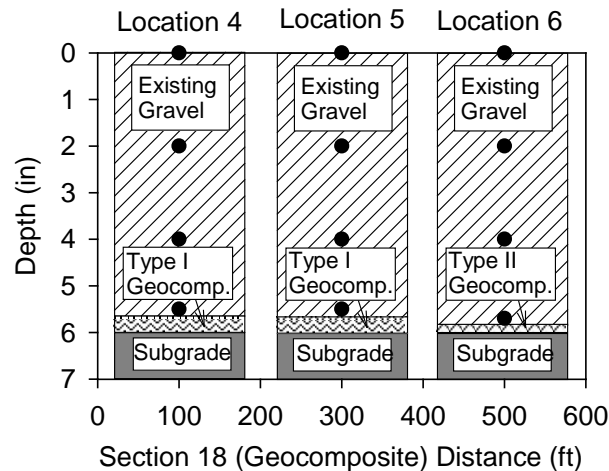
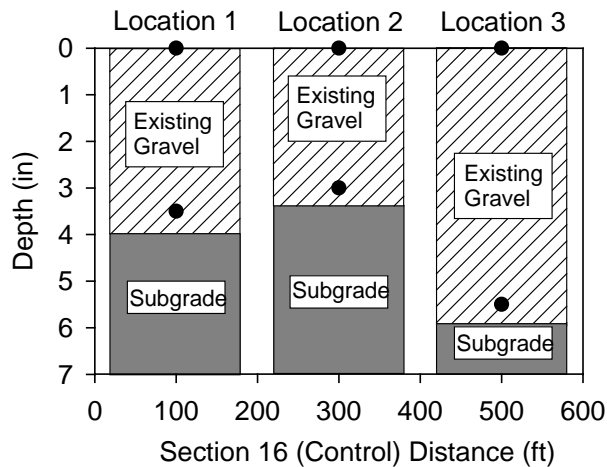
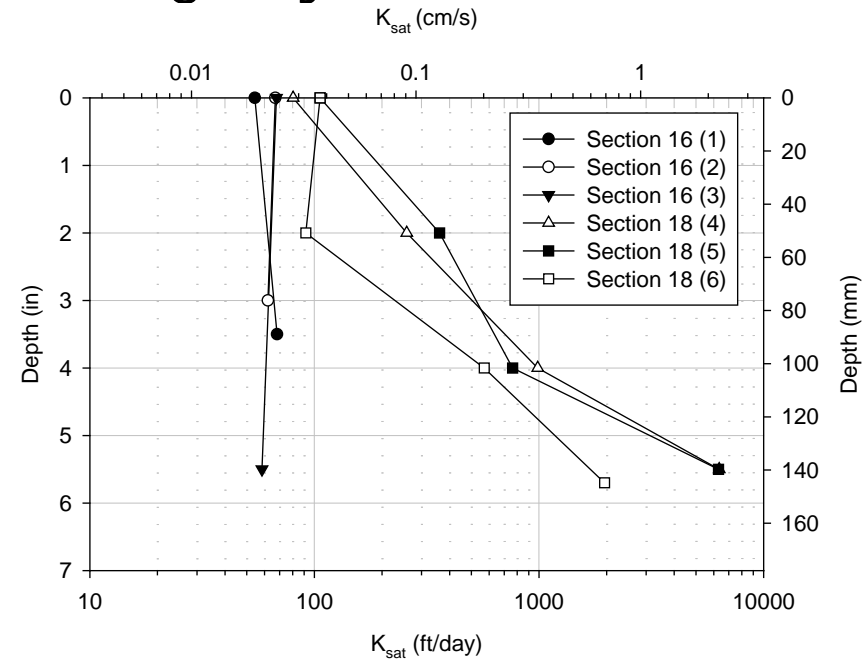


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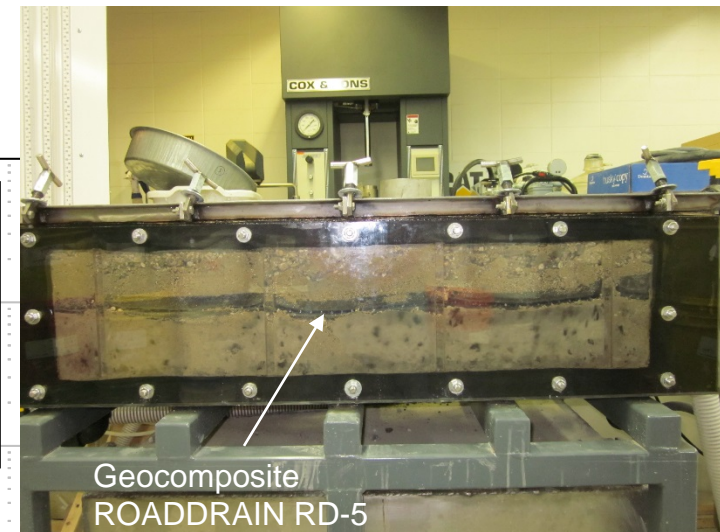
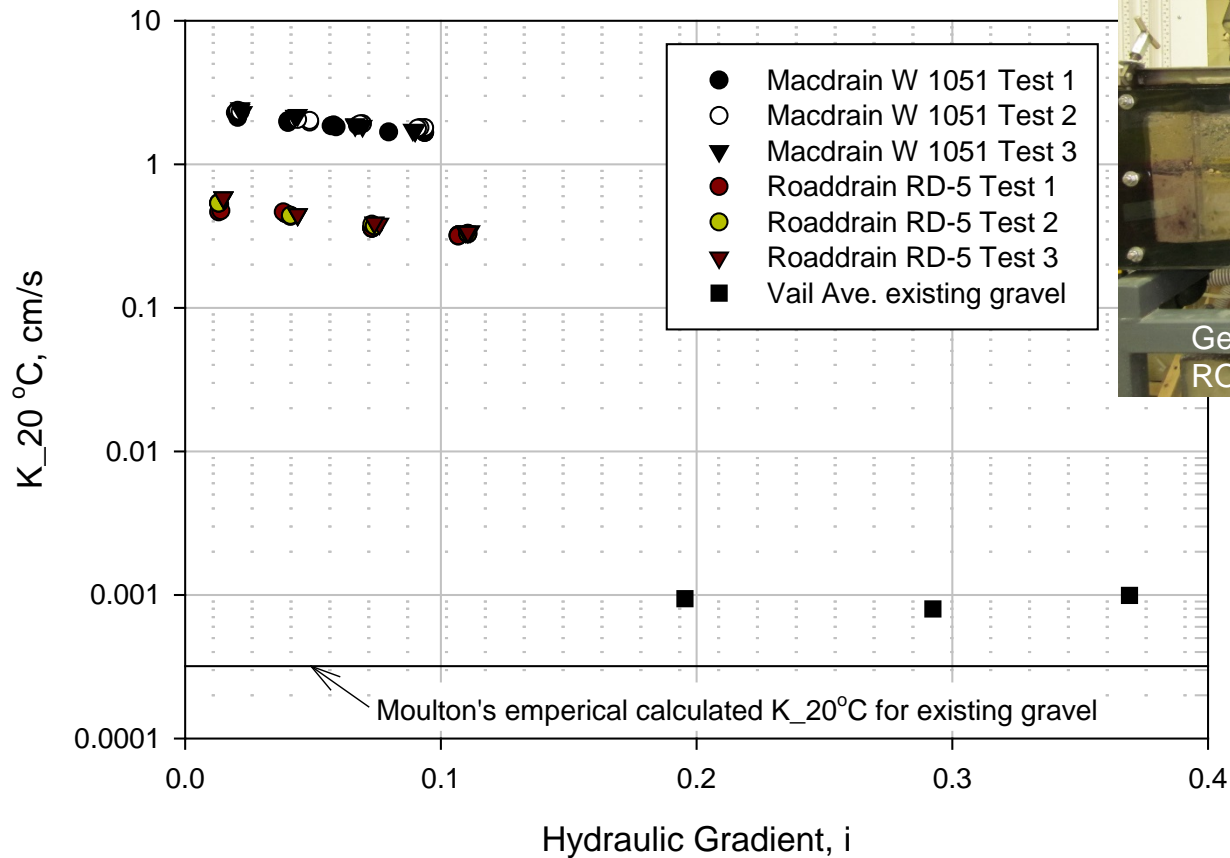
# Use of geocomposite active drainage systems can improve subsurface drainage



Laboratory horizontal permeability test device was fabricated at ISU to simulate field drainage conditions



# Lab HPT tests confirm field results of improved drainage with geocomposite drainage layers





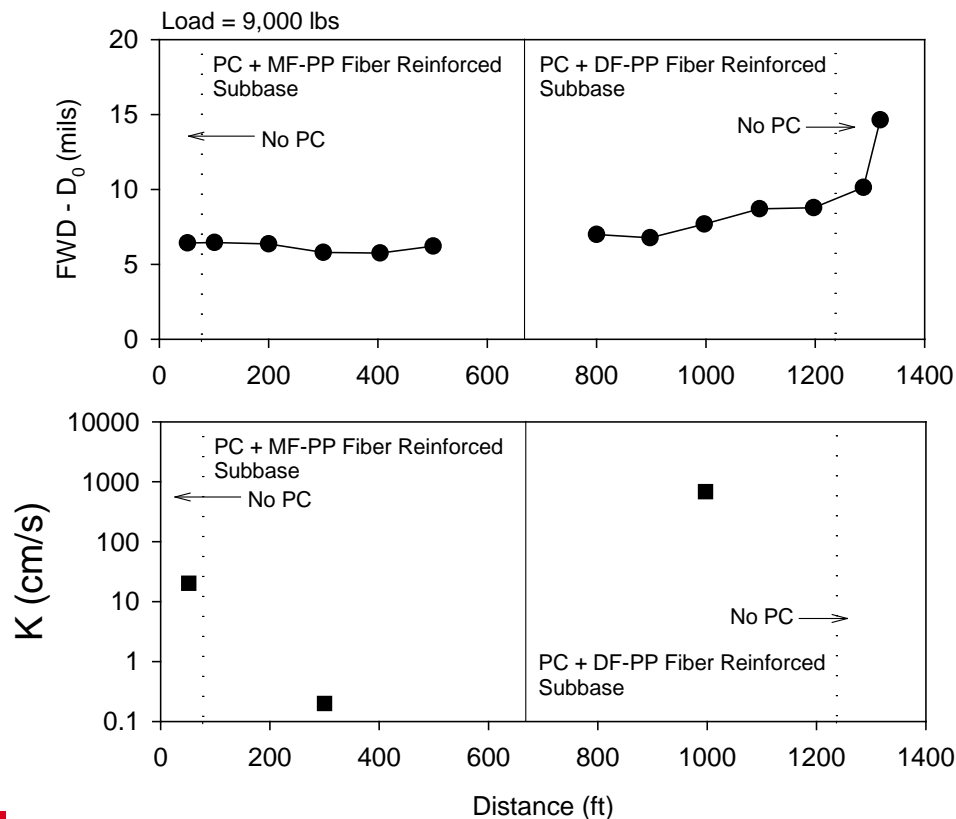
Placing geocomposite drainage layer at PCC/Subbase layer interface for improved drainage





2 to 4 orders of magnitude higher  $K_{\text{sat}}$  can be achieved with geocomposite without reducing stiffness

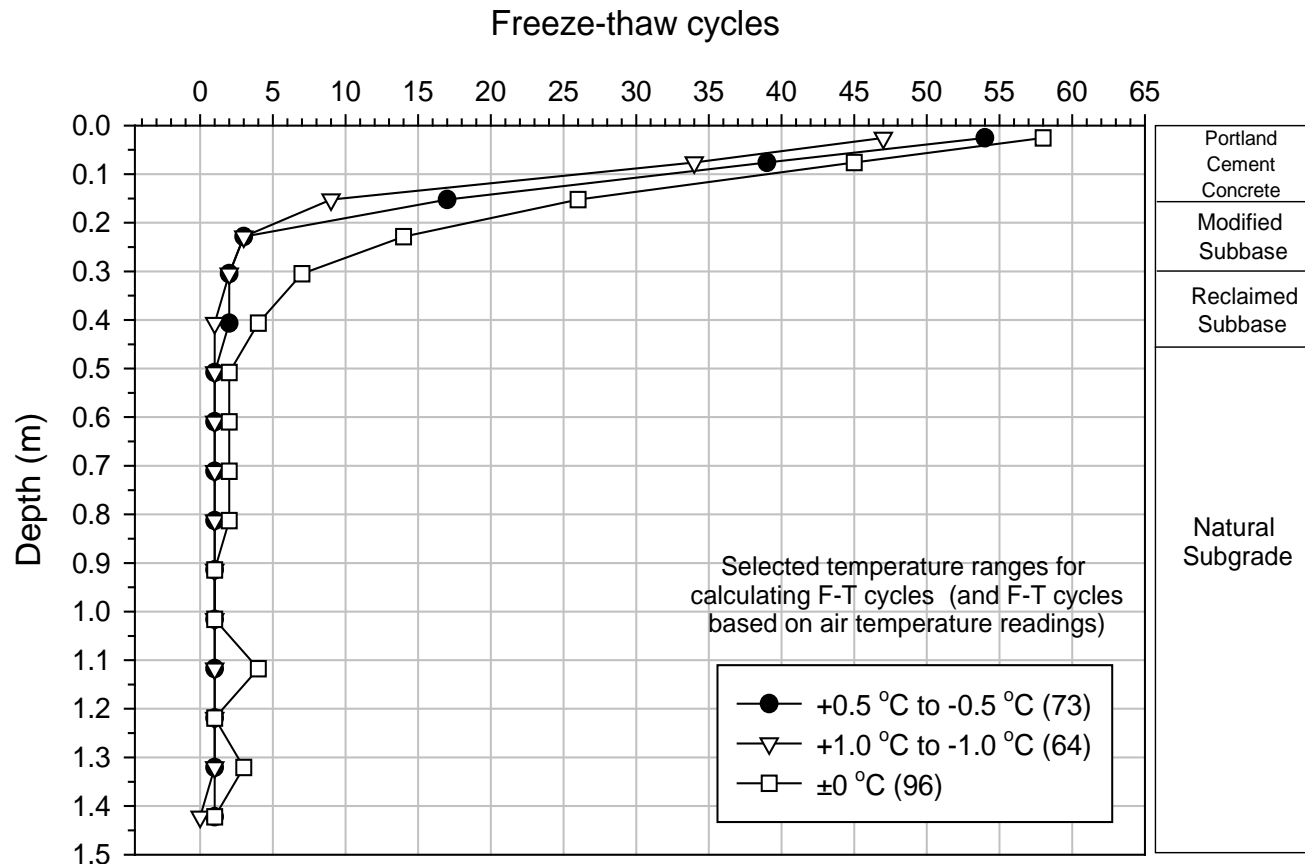
6 in. PCC	6 in. PCC
6 in. Crushed Limestone Subbase	6 in. Crushed Limestone Subbase
PC + MF-PP Fiber Reinf. Subbase	PC + PP Fiber Reinf. Subbase
Subgrade	



Frost-heave and thaw-weakening susceptibility is important to assess seasonal variations in support conditions



# Pavement and foundation layers are subjected to significant number of freeze-thaw cycles



Source: Zhang, Y., Johnson, A., White, D.J. (2014). "Laboratory freeze-thaw assessment of stabilized pavement foundation materials," *Geotechnical Testing Journal*, ASTM (in review)



# Poor drainage beneath pavement causes joint deterioration due to trapped water

$$K_{\text{SAT}} < 1 \text{ ft/day}$$



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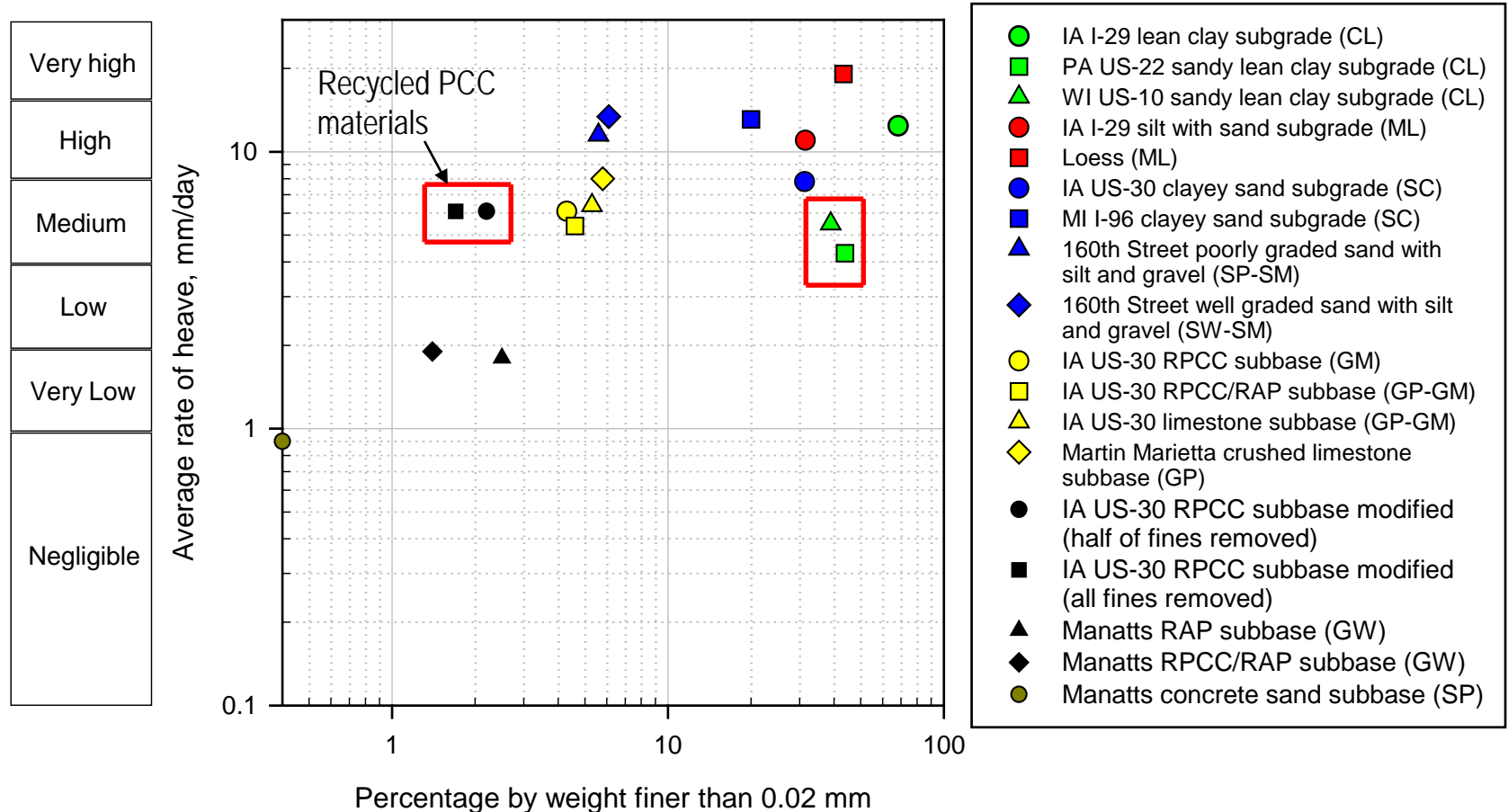
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Report – PF2



# Frost susceptibility ratings vary for similar materials

Material	USCS Classification	2 <sup>nd</sup> Frost-Heave Susceptibility (mm/day)		Thaw-Weakening Susceptibility (% CBR)	
IA I-29 lean clay subgrade	CL	High	12.4	Very High	0.7
PA US-22 sandy lean clay subgrade	CL	Medium	4.3	High	3.0
WI US-10 sandy lean clay subgrade	CL	Medium	5.5	Medium	7.2
IA I-29 silt with sand subgrade	ML	High	11.0	Very High	1.4
Loess	ML	Very High	19.1	Very High	0.5
IA US-30 clayey sand subgrade	SC	Medium	7.8	High	2.7
MI I-96 clayey sand subgrade	SC	High	13.1	Medium	5.8
160 <sup>th</sup> Street poorly graded sand with silt and gravel	SP-SM	High	11.5	Negligible	28.9
160 <sup>th</sup> Street well graded sand with silt and gravel	SW-SM	High	13.4	Very Low	15.0
Manatts concrete sand subbase	SP	Negligible	0.9	Medium	8.1
IA US-30 RPCC subbase	GM	Medium	6.1	Negligible	33.3
IA US-30 RPCC/RAP subbase	GP-GM	Medium	5.4	Negligible	37.6
IA US-30 limestone subbase	GP-GM	Medium	6.4	Negligible	33.2
Martin Marietta crushed limestone subbase	GP-GM	Medium	8.0	Negligible	47.5
Manatts RAP subbase	GW	Very Low	1.8	Medium	8.7
Manatts RPCC/RAP subbase	GW	Very Low	1.9	Negligible	33.2

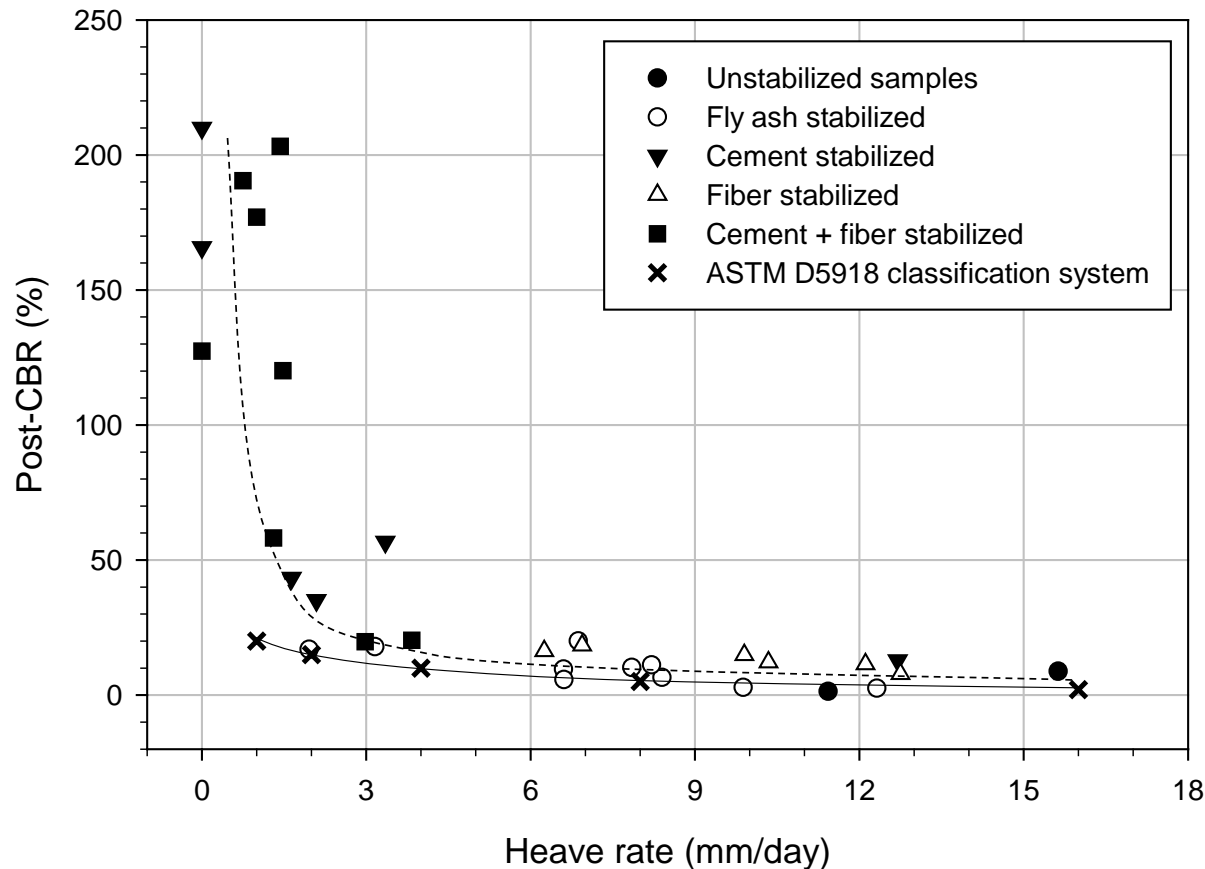
# The frost-heave rate of recycled PCC granular material showed as much heave rate as cohesive materials.



Stabilized loess showed expected and unexpected frost-heave and thaw-weakening results.

<b>Stabilizer Type</b>	<b>Stabilizer Content (%)</b>	<b>Water Content (%)</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Frost-Heave Susceptibility (mm/day)</b>		<b>Thaw-Weakening Susceptibility (% CBR)</b>	
Cement	9	13	<b>Negligible</b>	0	<b>Negligible</b>	>100
Cement	9	20	<b>Negligible</b>	0	<b>Negligible</b>	>100
Cement	11	20	<b>Negligible</b>	0	<b>Negligible</b>	>100
Cement	13	22	<b>Negligible</b>	0	<b>Negligible</b>	>100
Fly Ash	10	10	<b>High</b>	15.8	<b>High</b>	3.0
Fly Ash	10	19	<b>Very High</b>	22.2	<b>Medium</b>	5.0
Fly Ash	15	19	<b>High</b>	14.1	<b>Medium</b>	7.1
Fly Ash	20	22	<b>High</b>	11.0	<b>Negligible</b>	25.5
Untreated	—	17.5	<b>Very High</b>	19.1	<b>Very High</b>	0.5

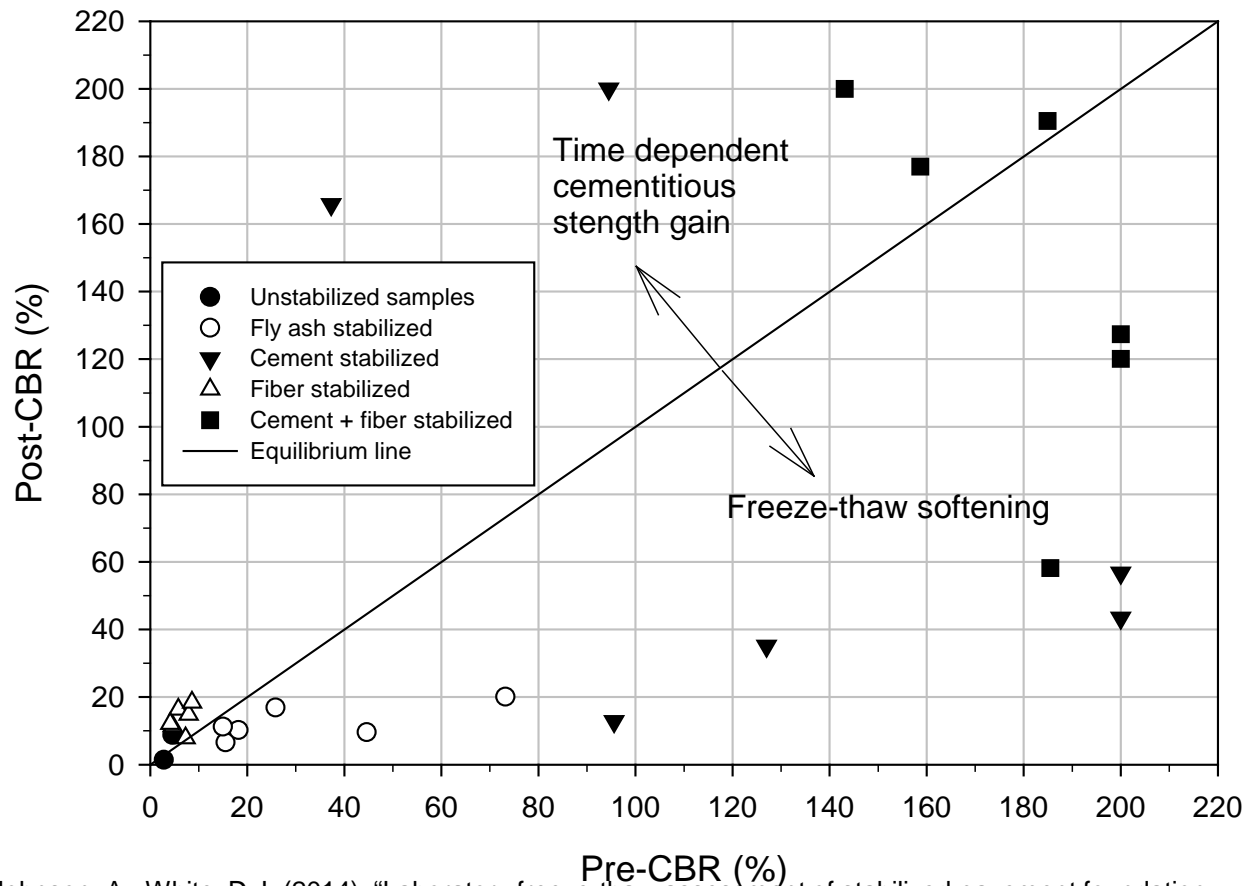
# After thaw CBR decreases as heave rate increases



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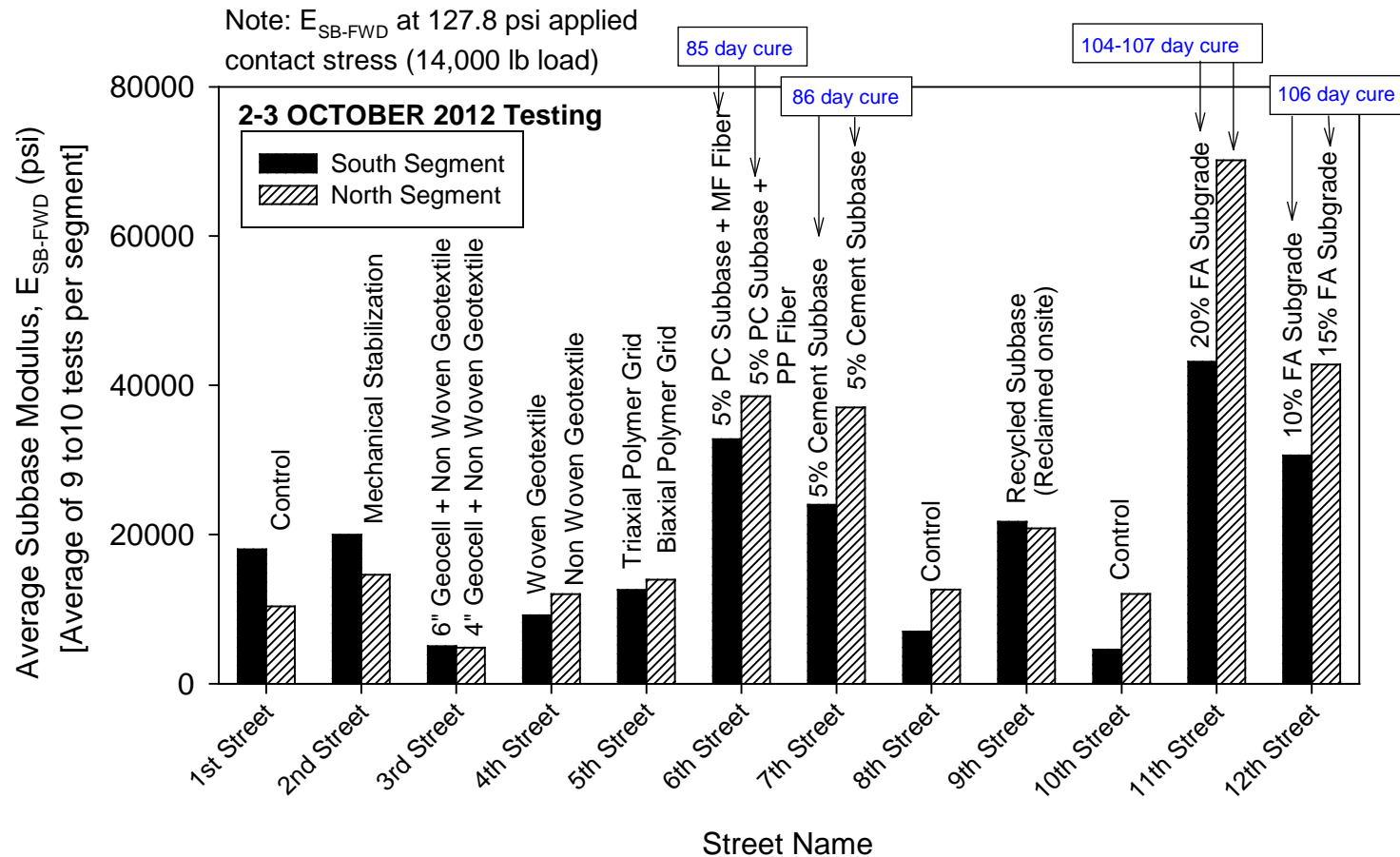
# CBR values comparison before and after thawing



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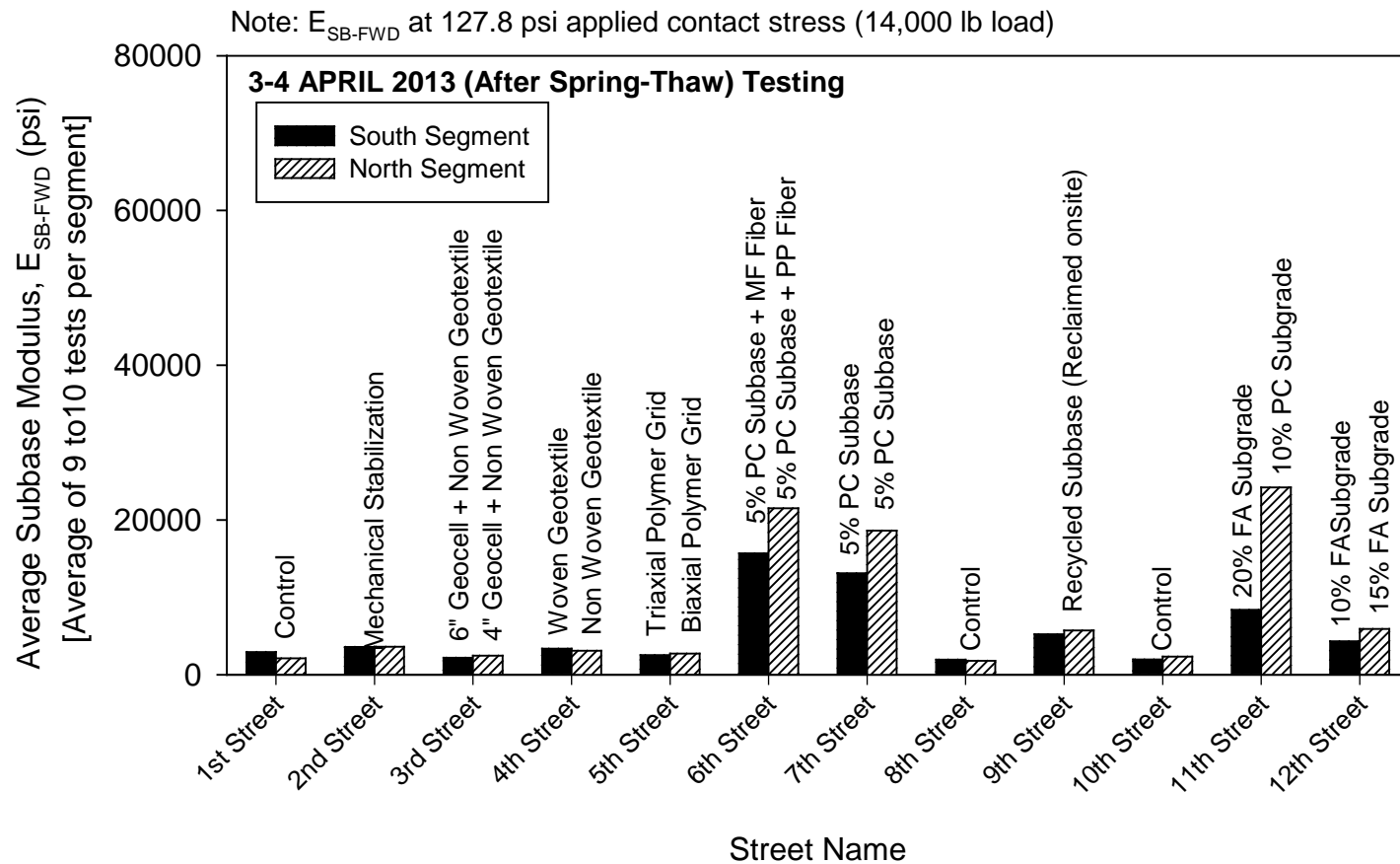
# FWD testing show significant thaw-weakening in all sections except cement treated sections

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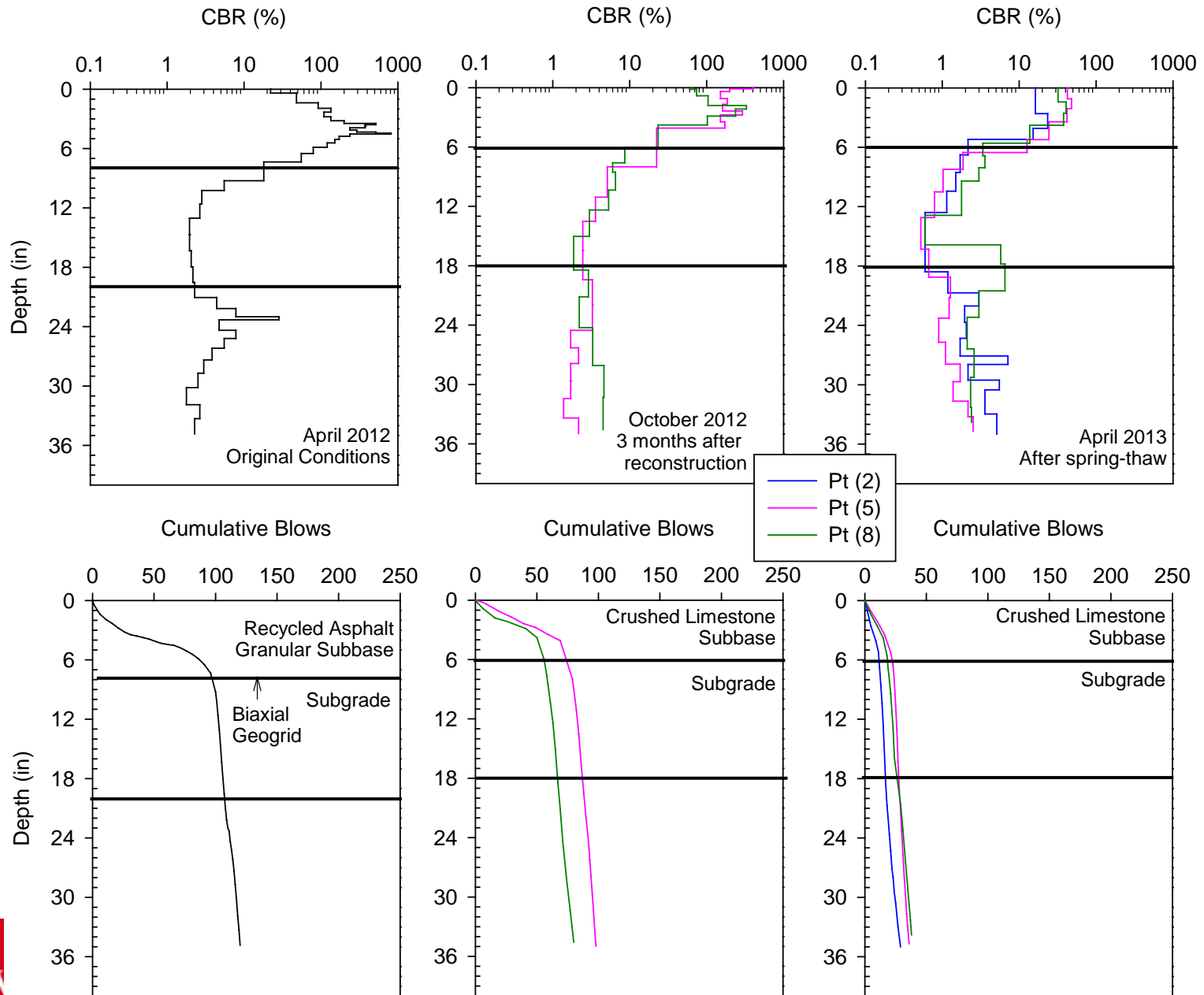


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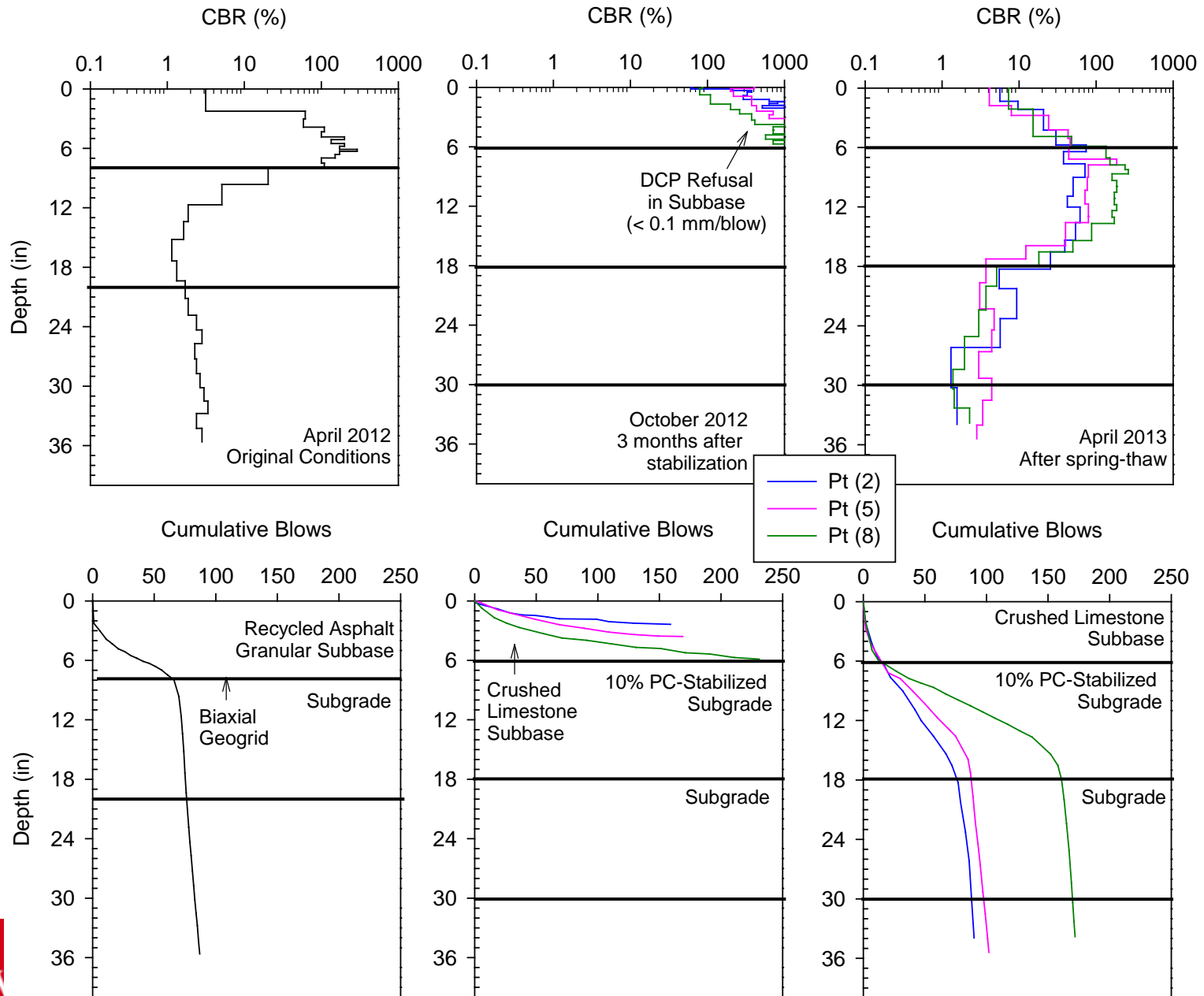


# 10th St. North Control

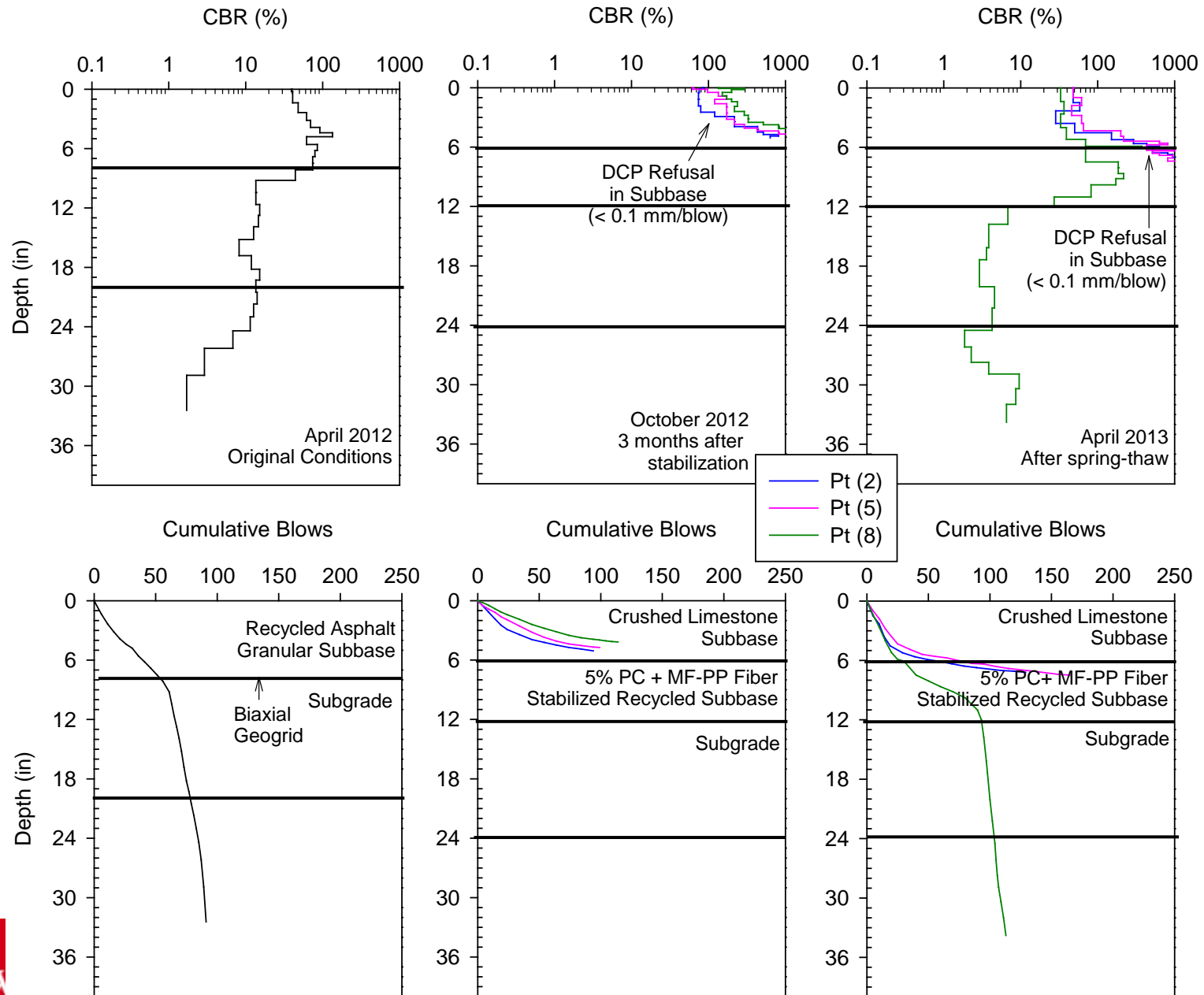




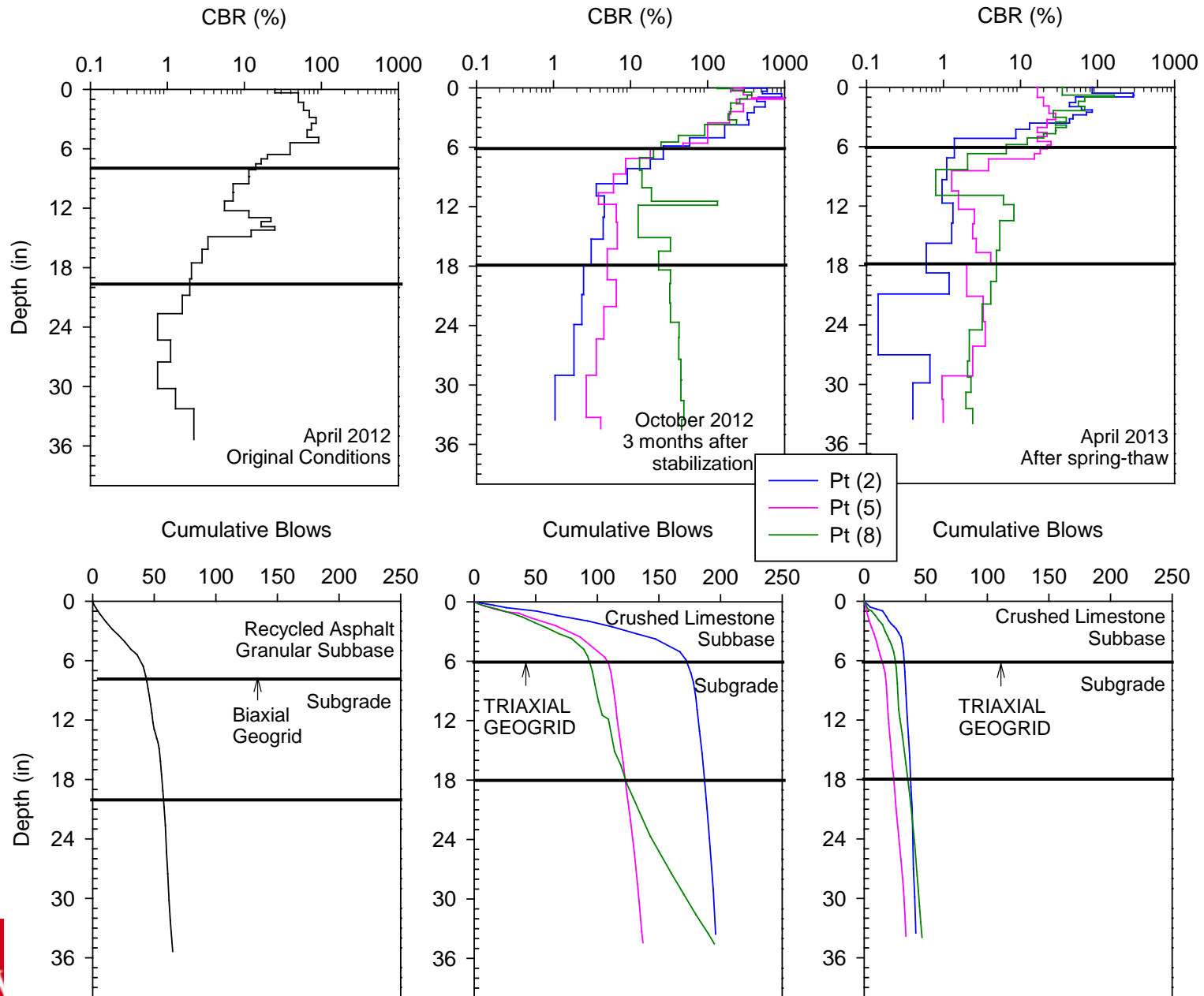
# 11th St. North 10% PC Stabilized Subgrade



# 6th St. South 5% PC+MF-PP Stabilized Recycled



# 5th St. North Triaxial Geogrid



# Thank you!

- Please check out our pavement foundation manual coming in 2015.

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