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# Perpetual Asphalt Pavements: Materials, Analysis/Design, Construction, and Other Considerations

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# Presentation Overview

- **Background**
  - ▶ contributions to current approach to long-life (perpetual pavement) design
- **Example**
  - ▶ design and construction (I-710 full depth section)
- **Conference sessions**
  - ▶ Categories of papers
- **Additional considerations/challenges**



# MAKING THE BEST USE OF LONG- LIFE PAVEMENTS IN EUROPE: THE WORK OF ELLPAG

*Brian Ferne and Mike Nunn*

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# ELLPAG

is a **FEHRL** Working Group



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**ELLPAG**

# Four main aims of ELLPAG

- to determine best designs
- to determine economic benefits
- to understand deterioration mechanisms
- to encourage their use

**With a particular emphasis on the needs of the structural support layers**



# Perpetual Pavements: The Ontario Experiment

- Becca Lane (MTO)
- Sandy Brown (OHMPA)
- Susan Tighe (CPATT)



# Design Concept

- Thin asphalt pavements readily crack and rut under repeated loading of heavy traffic
- In thick asphalt pavements, the potential for fatigue cracking is reduced and pavement distresses (cracking and rutting) occur only in the surface layer.
- When surface distresses reach an unacceptable level, the surface course is removed and replaced.
- Periodically renewing the driving surface keeps the pavement serviceability high throughout the life of the pavement.



**Table 1: Scheduled Perpetual Pavement in Ontario**

<b>Route</b>	<b>Hwy 402</b>	<b>Hwy 406</b>	<b>Hwy 7</b>	<b>Red Hill Creek Expressway</b>
<b>Location</b>	Sarnia	Thorold	Carlton Place	Hamilton
<b>Authority</b>	MTO	MTO	MTO	City of Hamilton
<b>AADT</b>	20,400	25,470	21,900	70,000
<b>Percent Trucks</b>	25%	7%	10%	
<b>Design ESALs (millions)</b>	38 (18 years) 146 (50 years)	42 (50 years)	28 (30 yrs)	40 (20 years) 90 (50 years)
<b>Designer</b>	MTO	MTO / Golder Associates	MTO / Jacques Whitford	Golder Associates
<b>Design Methodology</b>	AASHTO '93 DARWin / PerRoad 2.4	AASHTO '93 DARWin	AASHTO '93 DARWin	AASHTO '93 DARWin / PerRoad 2.4
<b>Performance Period</b>	50 years	50 years	50 years	50 years
<b>Total HMA Thickness (mm)</b>	340	250	230	240
<b>Rich Bottom Mix in Total HMA</b>	Trial 1 – 80 mm Trial 2 – None	Yes 80 mm	Yes 80 mm	Yes 80 mm
<b>Total Granular Base (mm)</b>	550	400	500	540



## SEASONAL AND LOAD RESPONSE INSTRUMENTATION OF THE WAY-30 PERPETUAL PAVEMENTS

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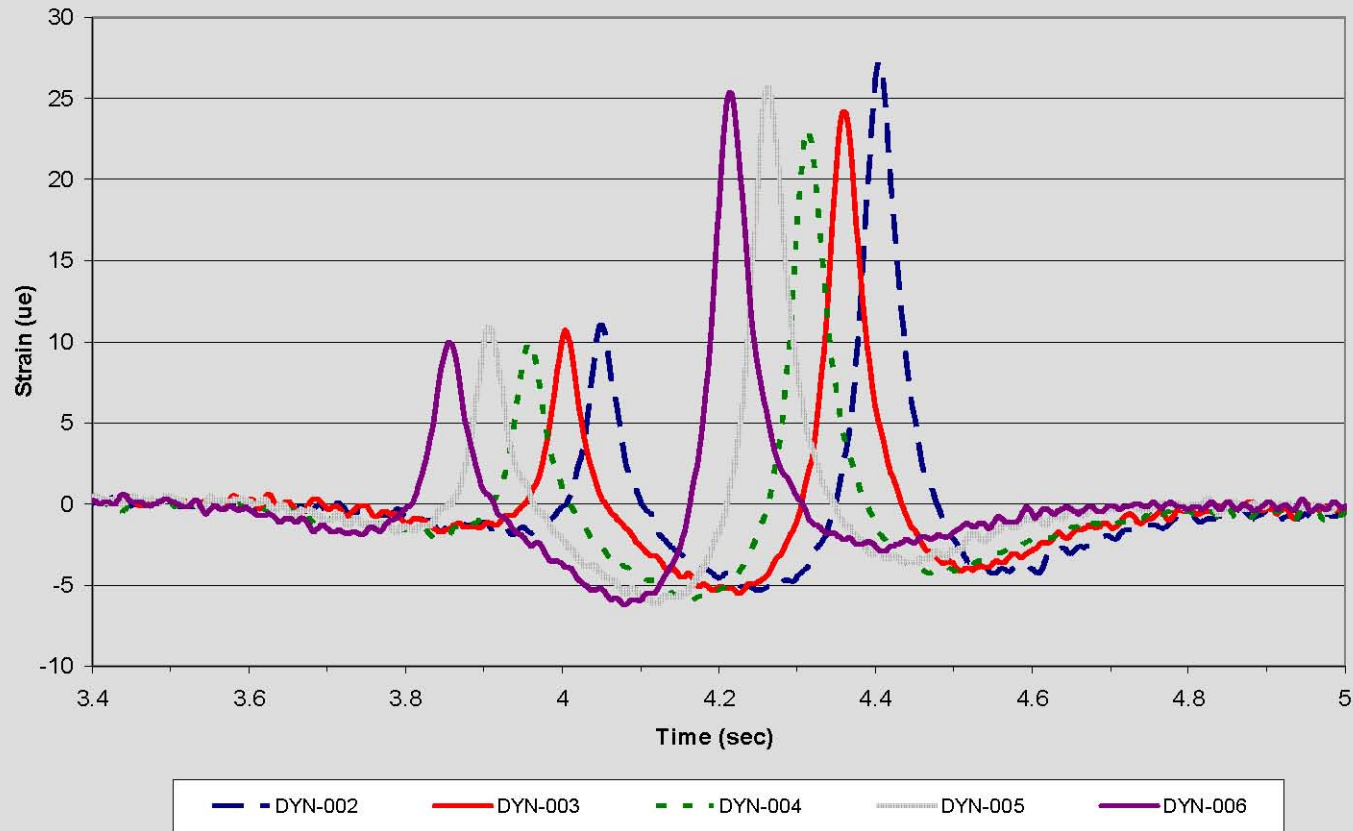
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# Outline

- **Test Section Location and Characteristics.**
- **Instrumentation.**
- **Load Response Testing.**
- **Preliminary Results.**
- **Summary and Conclusions.**

# Longitudinal Strain – Sect. 664 (AC2-390182) FRL Layer

30 mph Test: ODOT 28.2 Kip Single Axle Truck



# Reconstructing the Silk Road in Afghanistan

**DISCUSSION: The application of perpetual asphalt pavement technology for the reconstruction of the Kandahar to Herat road in Afghanistan**

**Presented by:**

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**Alberto Garcia, PE**

**Eric Cook, PE**

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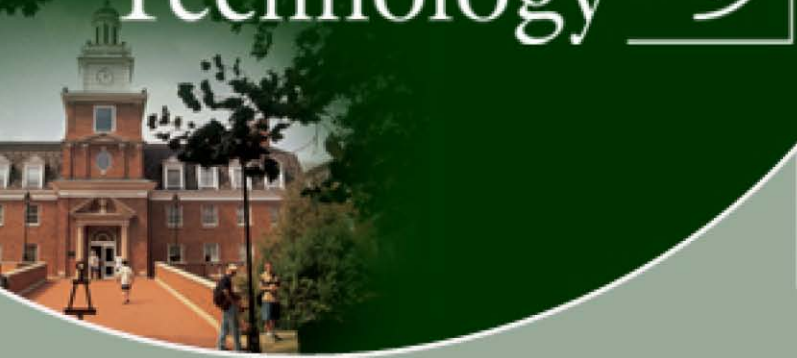


# Pavement conditions



- **Security subcontractor**
  - Expatriate resources for key staff
  - GOA MOI Security personnel
  - External coordination with:
    - Government of Afghanistan MOI
    - US Military and ISAF
    - Provincial officials and village elders
- **De-mining**
  - Preconstruction requirement
- **Additional planning factors**
  - Physical security of campsites
  - Vehicle movement
  - Worksites
- **Quality of life for project staff**
- **Cost/benefit**
  - Approx 8% of total program value





# **Base Type Selection**

Shad Sargand

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# OUTLINE

- Pavement performance
- Purpose of base
- Base type effect on subgrade moisture
- Base type effect on deflection
- Base type effect on surface distress
- Findings
- Design Considerations
- Recommendations

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**The dynamic response of  
Kansas perpetual pavements  
under vehicle loading**

**Stefan Romanoschi, KSU**

**Andrew Gisi, KDOT**

**Cristian Dumitru, KSU**

*K-State*

# Pavement Structures



1

2

3

4

40 mm HMA SM 9.5A : *PG 70-28 Mix S*

60 mm HMA SM 19A: *PG 70-28 Mix M*

SM 19A  
225 mm  
*PG 70-22*  
*Mix 1*

150 mm  
Soil -Lime

SM 19A  
187.5 mm  
*PG 64-22*  
*Mix 4*

150 mm  
Soil -Lime

SM 19A: 175 mm  
*PG 64-22*  
*Mix 4*

SM 19A: 50 mm  
*PG 64-22*  
*3% VTM Mix 3*

150 mm  
Soil -Lime

SM 19A  
300 mm  
*PG 64-22*  
*Mix 4*

150 mm  
Soil -Lime

**SUBGRADE**

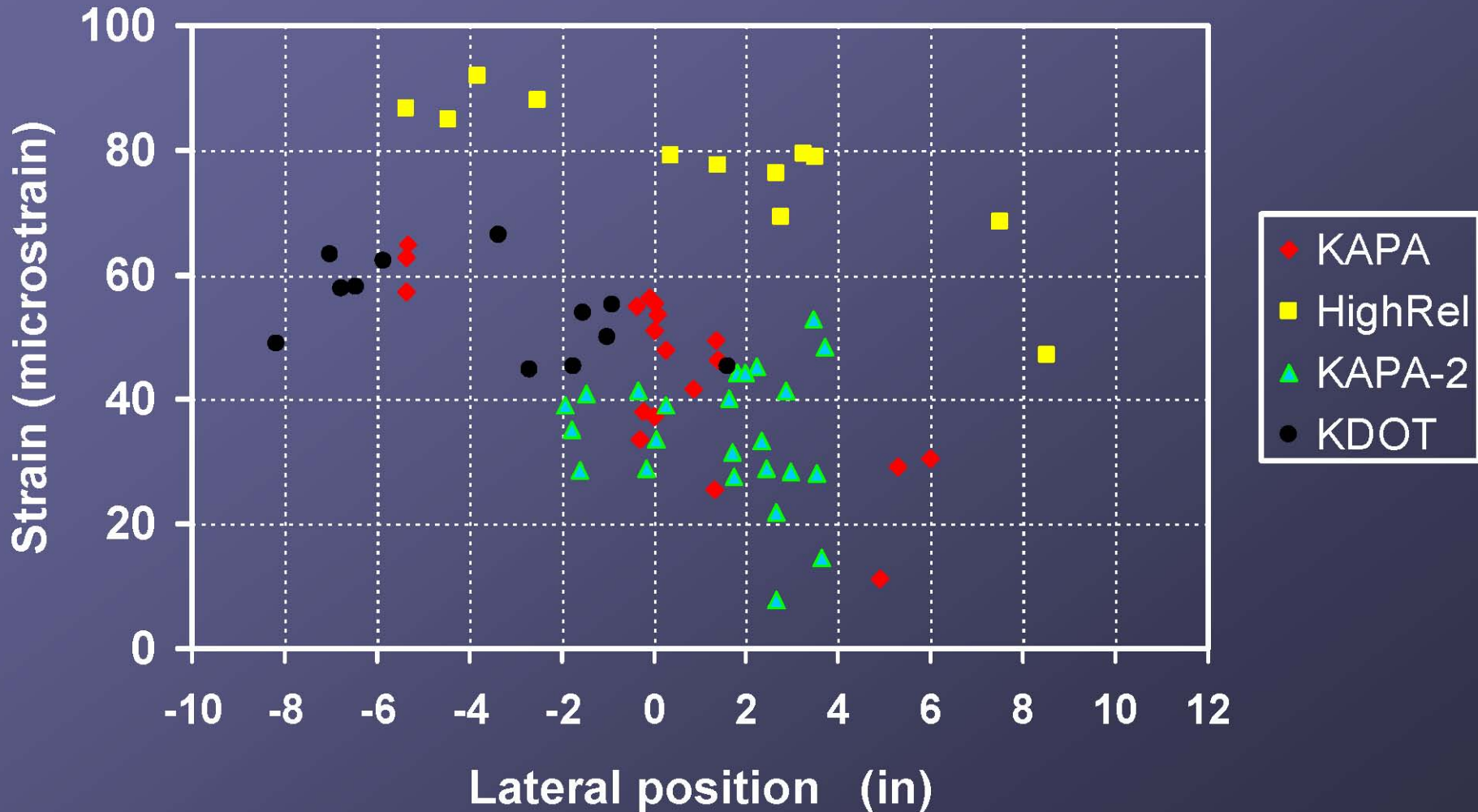
**KAPA**

**High-Rel**

**KAPA-2**

**KDOT** <sup>4</sup>

# Transverse Strain – 45mph



# Instrumentation and Analysis of a Perpetual Pavement on an Interstate Freeway in Oregon



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Jim Huddleston, P.E.

Elizabeth Hunt, P.E.

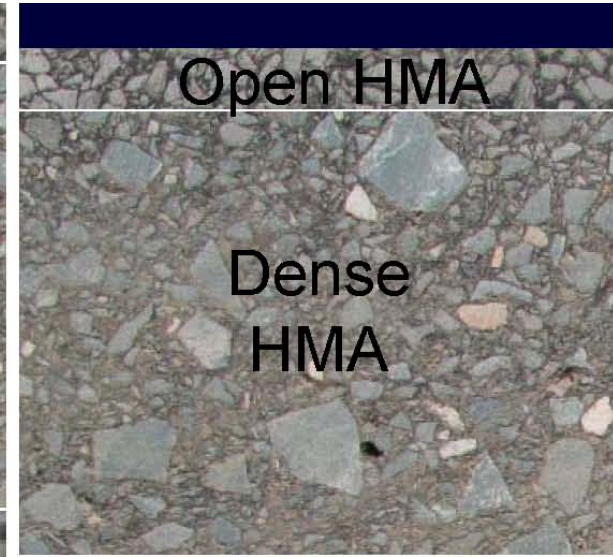
James Lundy, Ph.D., P.E.

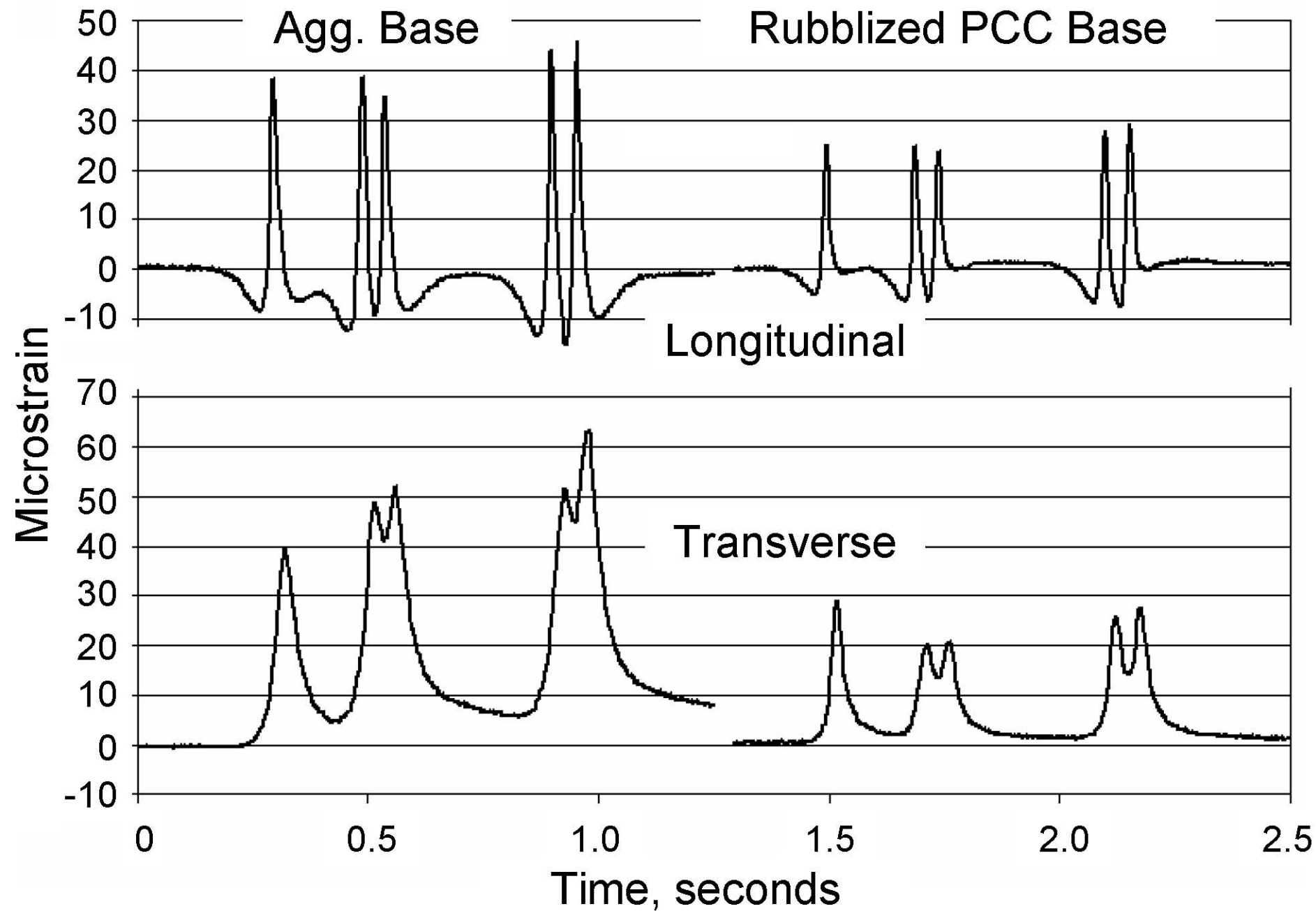
Norris Shippen

# Presentation Outline

- Introduction
  - Project Location
  - Structural Design
  - Mechanistic-Empirical Analysis
  - Pavement Instrumentation
  - Preliminary Data
  - Conclusions
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- A photograph of a multi-lane highway. In the foreground, a red semi-truck with a white trailer is driving on the left side of the road. To the right, a dark-colored car is involved in an accident on the shoulder, with its front end crumpled. The highway is bordered by a concrete barrier on the left and a grassy shoulder on the right. In the background, there is a dense forest of evergreen trees under a clear blue sky.

# Structural Design - Comparison







# Pennsylvania's Bradford Bypass A Perpetual Pavement



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Thomas J. Zurat, Jr., P.E., Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

Ronald J. Cominsky, P.E., Pennsylvania Asphalt Pavement Association

Introduction

Thickness Design

Material Selection

Economics

Advertising and Awarding the Contract

Construction Follow-Up

# 中美合作项目-永久路面

## Sino-U.S. Cooperation Project--- Perpetual Pavement



山东省交通厅公路局 **Shandong DOT Highway Bureau**

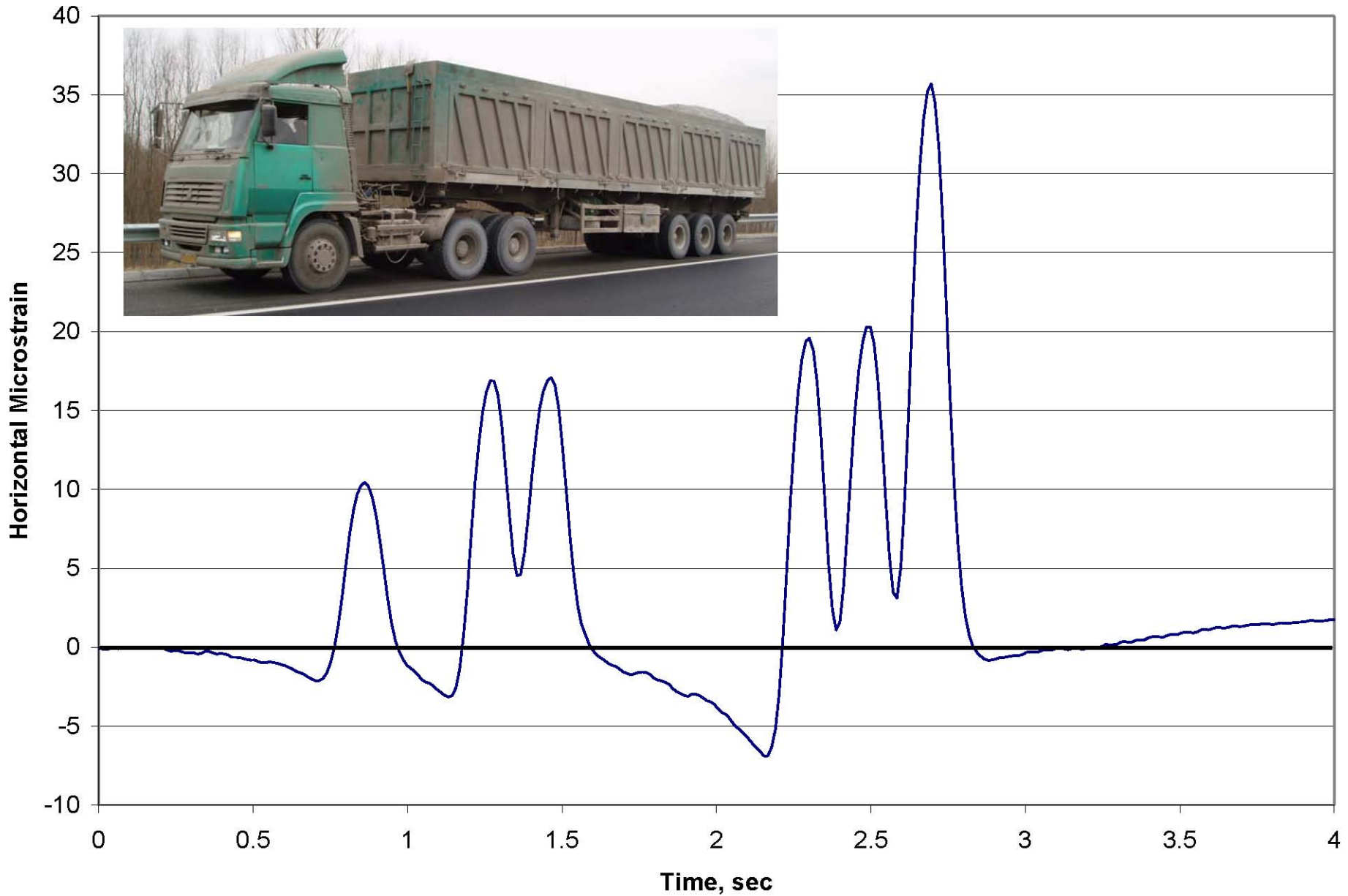
副局长 研究员 杨永顺 **Yongshun Yang, Vice Director**

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# 超载车辆问题 Overweight Vehicles



# Dynamic Pavement Response





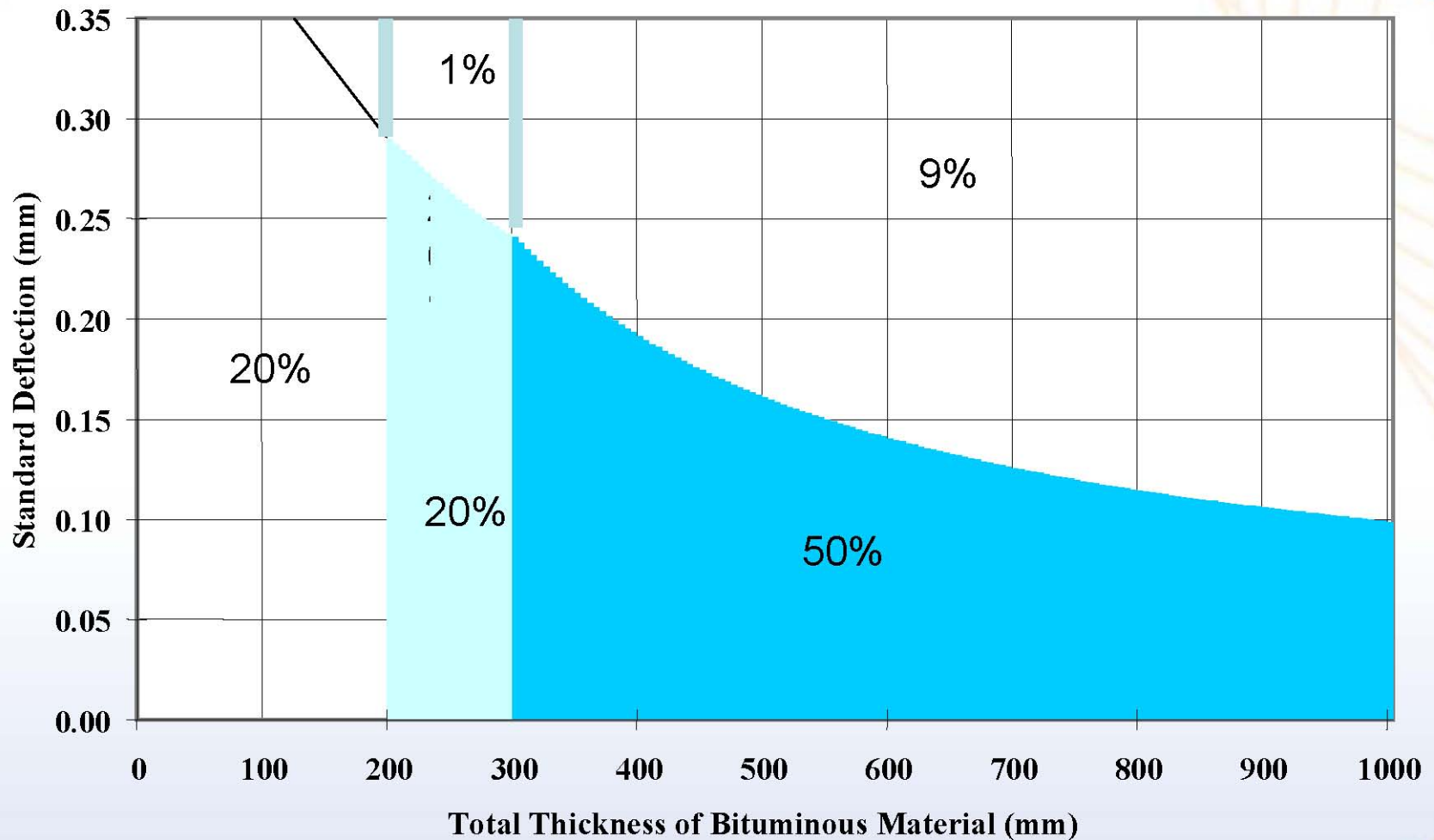
# **Assessment and Maintenance of Long-Life Flexible Pavements**

**Presented by Mike Nunn**

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# Potential impact of RP's on HA network?





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## **“Laboratory Investigation of Anisotropic Behaviour of HMA”**

**AUTHORS: Prof. Robert Liang**

**Dr. Bilal Abu Alfoul  
Mohammad Khasawneh**

**PRESENTER: Mohammad Khasawneh**

**Sep. 14, 2006**





*Providing solutions to highway building materials problems*

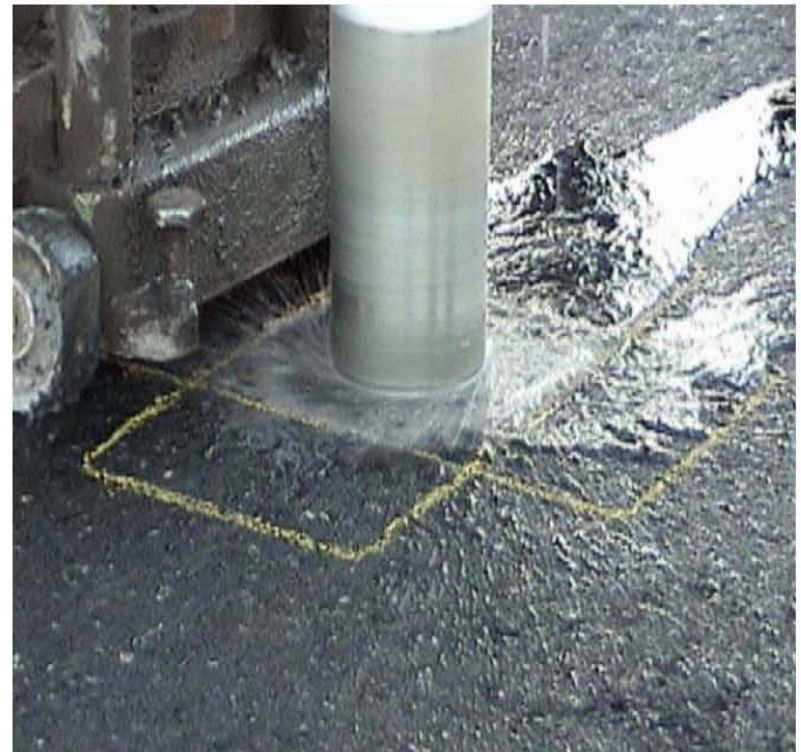
# Asphalt Aging - Actual versus Predicted

Mike Farrar, Mike Harnsberger,  
Ken Thomas, William Wiser,  
Janet Wolf

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# Asphalt field aging compared to predicted aging based on:

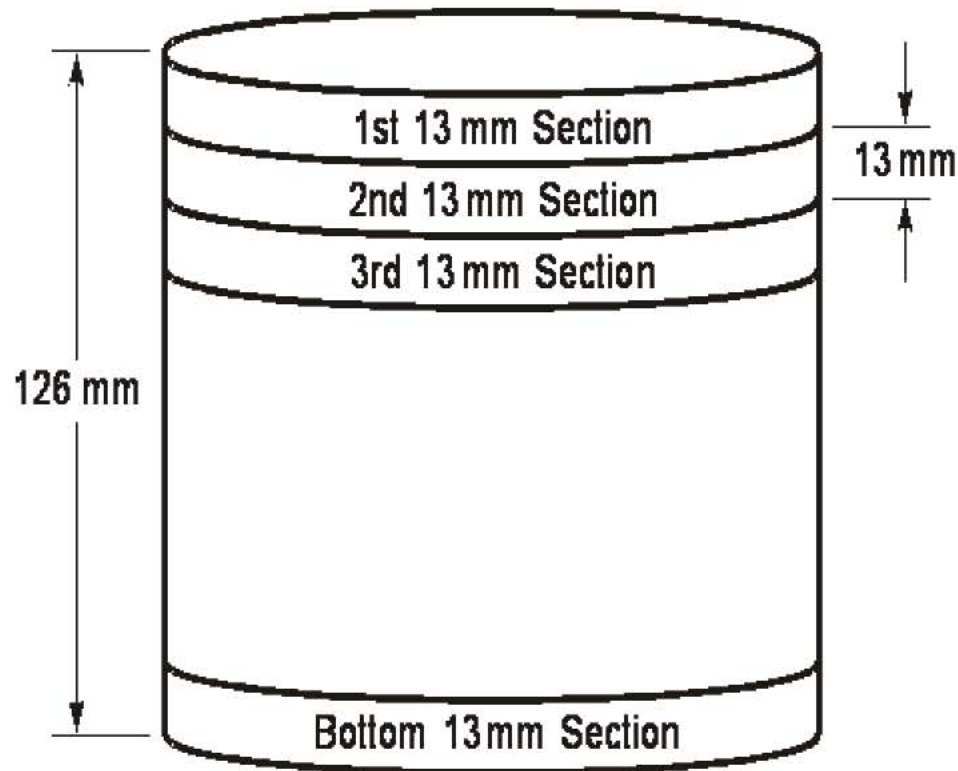
## ■ Global Aging System

- Published 1995 (AAPT, Vol. 64)
- Integral part of NCHRP 1-37A Mechanistic-Empirical Design Guide

## ■ PAV Model

- NCHRP 9-23
- Suggested as an addendum to AASHTO R-28  
“Accelerated Aging of Asphalt Binder Using a Pressurized Aging Vessel (PAV)”

# Shoulder coring (Nov. 2005)



# Conclusions

- ❑ Reduction of extracted viscosity from the top 13-mm to the next 13-mm ranged from 48% to 70% (average 65%)
- ❑ Minor differences between the 13-mm sections below the top 13-mm section
- ❑ Extracted four-year viscosity is substantially greater than the GAS predicted viscosity, particularly in the top 13-mm of pavement
- ❑ In this limited analysis of the PAV aging model confined to just AZ1-1, the depth of the RTFO/PAV viscosity corresponding to 48 months was estimated at 40 mm

# A Practical Guide to Low Volume Road Perpetual Pavement Design



David H. Timm  
David E. Newcomb  
S. Suresh Immanuel



# Design Equation

$$\text{HMA} = C_0 + C_1 * \text{AADT} + C_2 * \% \text{Trucks} + C_3 * \% \text{Growth} + C_4 * \text{Soil Stiffness} + C_5 * \text{HMA Stiffness}$$

Coefficient	Urban Collector	Rural Local Collector
$C_0$	10.963	11.963
$C_1$	6.661E-4	6.753E-4
$C_2$	0.120	0.124
$C_3$	0.258	0.234
$C_4$	-1.150E-4	-1.276E-4
$C_5$	-5.071E-6	-5.486E-6
$R^2$	0.942	0.938

# PerRoad LVR

PerRoadLVR



Functional Classification:

Two-Way AADT:  (500 to 5,000)

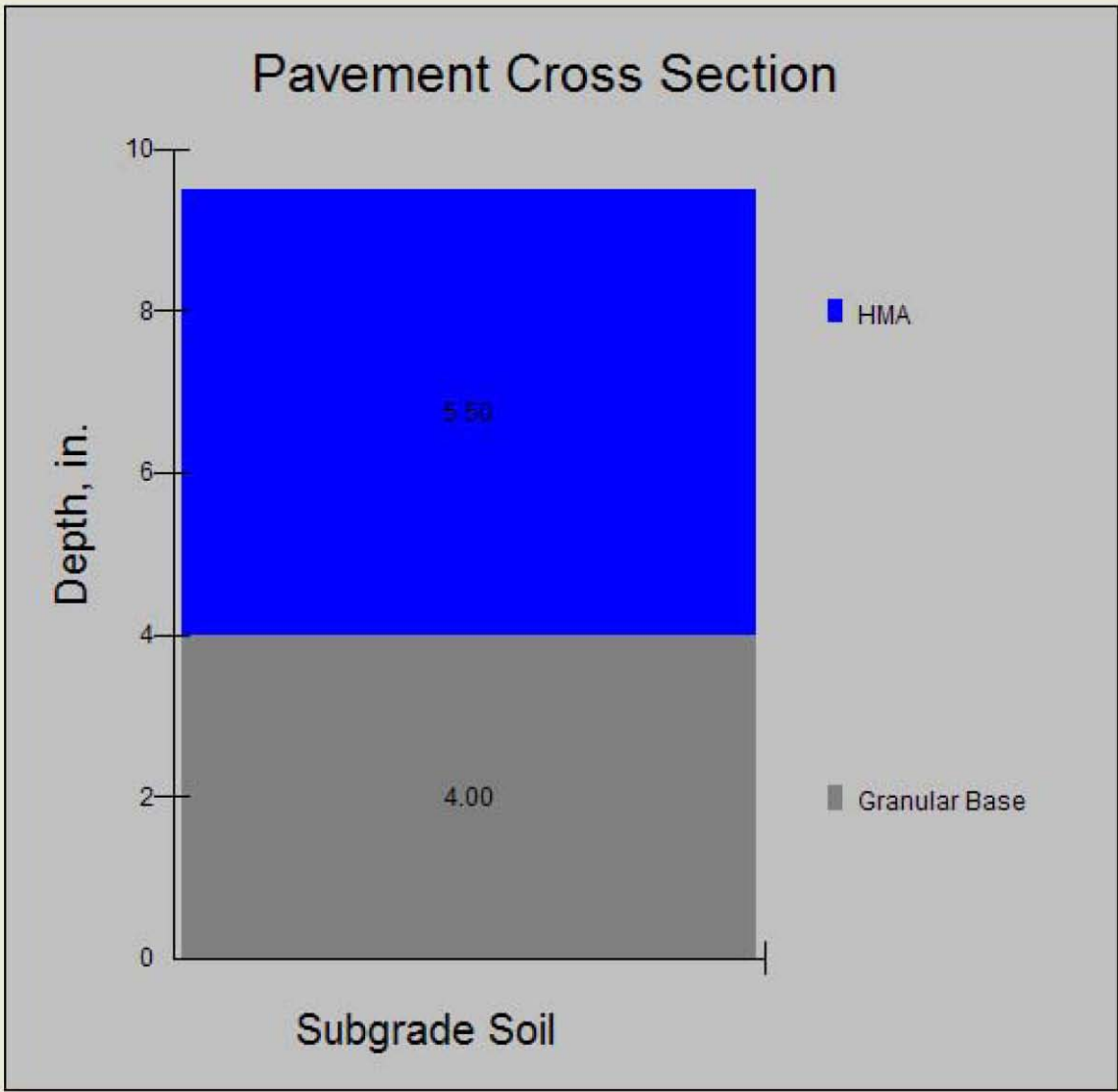
Percent Trucks:  (5 to 20)

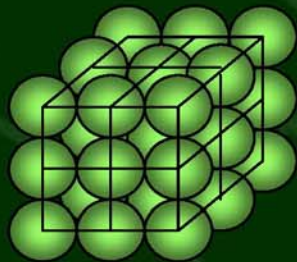
Percent Growth:  (0 to 3)

Soil Modulus, psi:  (10,000 to 30,000)

HMA Modulus, psi:  (400,000 to 1,000,000)

Calculated HMA Thickness:  in.



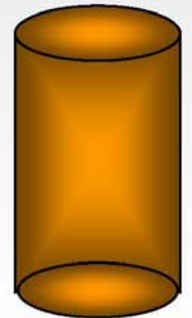


## **Resilient Modulus Prediction Models for Fine- Grained Soils in Ohio: Preliminary Study**

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# Summary/Conclusions – Page 3

- Linear relationship between resilient modulus and octahedral stress ratio in logarithmic scale
- Five stress (power, bilinear, hyperbolic, semi-log, octahedral) models evaluated in light of the latest laboratory test data
- Hyperbolic model may be the most reliable. Deviatoric stress alone can adequately express the resilient behaviors of the A-4 soil samples.

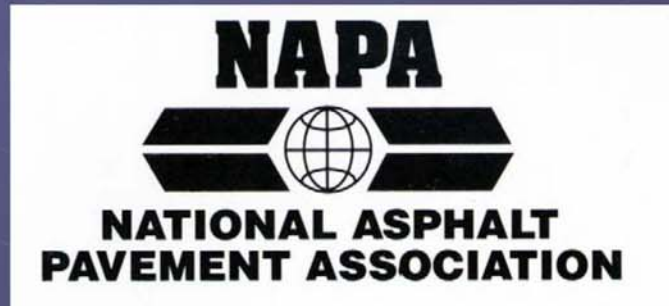
# Final Comment

- AASHTO Universal Model

$$M_R = k_1 p_a \left( \frac{\theta}{p_a} \right)^{k_2} \left( \frac{\tau_{oct}}{p_a} + 1 \right)^{k_3}$$

May not be a good model for fine-grained soils  
Since this model does not have the deviatoric  
Stress ( $\sigma_d$ ) as one of its parameters.

# Mix Type Selection for Perpetual Pavements



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# Recommendations for Base

## ● Dense, Fine

- 19 – 37.5 mm
- Lift Thickness 3 to 4X NMAS
- All Traffic

## ● Dense, Coarse

- 19 – 37.5 mm
- Lift Thickness 4 to 5X NMAS
- All Traffic

## ● ATPB

- 19 – 37.5 mm
- Lift Thickness 2 to 4X NMAS
- High Traffic

# Recommendations for Intermediate

## ● Dense, Fine

- 19 – 25 mm
- Lift Thickness 3 to 4X NMAS
- All Traffic Levels

## ● Dense, Coarse

- 19 – 25 mm
- Lift Thickness 4 to 5X NMAS
- All Traffic Levels

# Recommendations for Surface

## ● Dense, Fine

- 4.75 – 19 mm
- Lift Thickness 3 to 4X NMAS
- All Traffic Levels

## ● Dense, Coarse

- 9.5 – 19 mm
- Lift Thickness 4 to 5X NMAS
- High Traffic

# Recommendations for Surface (cont.)

## ● SMA

- 9.5 – 19 mm
- Lift Thickness 2.5 to 4X NMAS
- Highly recommended for High Vol.
- Mod. recommendation for Med. Vol.

## ● OGFC

- 9.5 – 12.5 mm
- Lift Thickness 2 to 3X NMAS
- Recommended for High Vol.

# Perpetual Pavement Evaluation Using the Viscoelastic Continuum Damage Finite Element Program

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Sungho Mun, Murthy Guddati  
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Presented at  
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# VEPCD-FEP++ Research at NCSU

- Goal
  - Develop a comprehensive mechanistic model capable of accurately describing asphalt concrete pavement response and performance, including fatigue cracking (both bottom-up and top-down), rutting, and thermal cracking, under moving wheel loads.





# **MultiSmart3D - The Next Generation Algorithm for Pavement Design**

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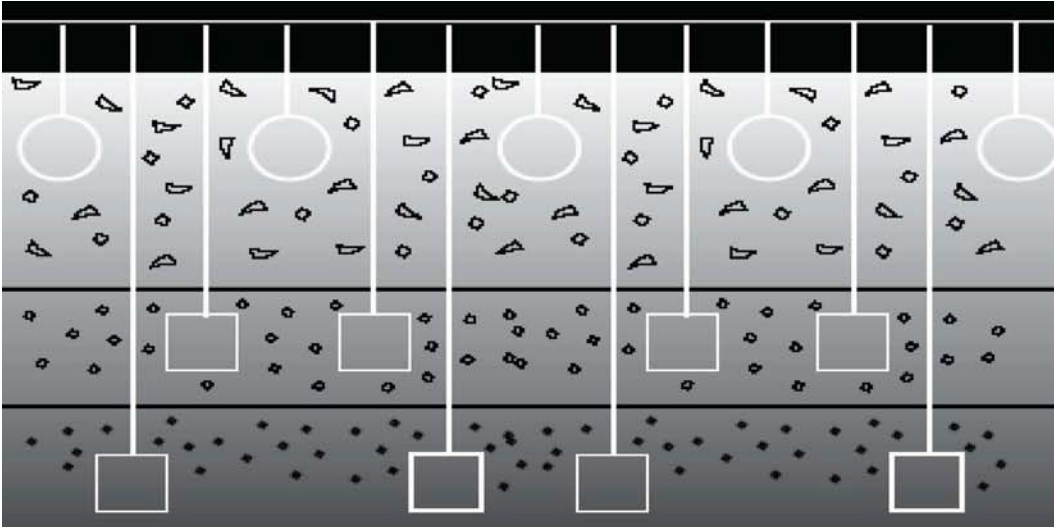


# Current Limitations of Elastic Layered Pavement Analysis

- **Modulus Variation with Depth is Averaged.**
- **Limited Number of Elastic Layers.**
- **Classic Contact Pressure Assumptions:**
  - **Equal to Inflation Pressure**
  - **Uniform Distribution**
- **Geometry of Loaded Area:**
  - **Circular Loaded Area**
  - **Axial Symmetry**

# *MultiSmart3D* Program





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## Multi-Body Dynamic Modeling of the Expected Performance of Accelerated Pavement Testing Facilities

prof. Ezio Santagata  
Politecnico di Torino - Italy



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# Application of the Endurance Limit in M-E Pavement Design

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# Fatigue Characteristics of Rich Bottom Bases (RBB) for Structural Design of Perpetual Pavements

# Conclusions / Findings

- **RBB procedure increases flexural modulus**
  - Extra 0.5% binder, 3-4% air voids
  - Laboratory handling may influence also
- **RBB procedure improves the fatigue equation**
  - Impact of these modifications may be considered marginal until investigated further



# Conclusions / Findings

- **Fatigue Endurance Limit (FEL) exists**
  - Strain below which extended fatigue life is found
- **FEL varies with flexural modulus**
  - Larger FEL strain at lower modulus
    - Is this a mixture effect?
    - Is this a binder effect?
- **The Same FEL was found for standard and RBB mixtures**
  - Binder type primarily responsible for FEL strain limit, not mixture changes

# Conclusions / Findings

- **Healing potential (binder molecular chemistry) offsets damage at low strain values.**
  - Polymer modification can increase the FEL strain limit
- **Healing is active at all times during the loading – unloading cycle in a fatigue test, and in the field, not just rest periods between load pulses.**

# Endurance Limit of HMA Mixtures

Brian Prowell  
Ray Brown



# Objectives

- Confirm existence of Endurance Limit
- Effect of Material Properties on Endurance Limit
- Shortcut method to determine Endurance Limit
- Suggested changes to design guide to include Endurance Limit

# Conclusions

- 500 million load repetitions is a practical maximum for 40 years of traffic
- Thus, considering a shift factor of 10, 50 million cycles in the lab approximates the maximum number of load repetitions
- The single-stage Weibull function offers a conservative approach to extrapolate fatigue stiffness data

# Conclusions (Continued)

- There is an endurance limit
- An average endurance limit of approximately 150 micro-strain was indicated for the PG 64-22 mix; 225 micro-strain for the PG 76-22 mix
- Optimum plus asphalt content may increase the endurance limit slightly

# ***CONSIDERING HOT-MIX – ASPHALT FATIGUE ENDURANCE LIMIT IN FULL-DEPTH M-E PAVEMENT DESIGN***

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# CONFERENCE SUMMARY

- Perpetual Pavements are a world-wide phenomena, being designed and built around the globe
- A fatigue endurance limit (FEL) does exist. It is mix dependent, mostly related to the binder used
- The FEL can be practically determined in the laboratory
- Various analyses are available to effectively design perpetual pavements



# CONFERENCE SUMMARY

- Enough pavements have been instrumented to verify that they can be reliably designed and built so as to not exceed the FEL
- Existing roadway networks can be assessed to determine which pavements are perpetual, upgradable to perpetual or determinate life
- Practicable guidelines exist to select proper mixes for perpetual pavements
- Practicable guidelines exist to apply the perpetual pavement concept to low volume roads