

Determining Pavement Design Criteria for Recycled Aggregate Base and Large Stone Subbase

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 - Large-Size Aggregates in Subbase Course Applications
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 - ✓ – Stiffness Properties
 - ✓ – Permanent Deformation Properties
 - ✓ – Creep Properties
 - ✓ – Freeze-Thaw and Wet-Dry Durability
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 - pH Characteristics
 - Heavy Metal Leaching Characteristics
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Engineering Properties of RAP, RCA and LSSB

Gradation Characteristics

- Gradation of RAP & RCA (Cosentino and Kalajian 2001)
 - Original aggregate type
 - Milling operations
 - Crushing methods
- MnDOT (LRRB 2016)
 - RAP – as class 7
 - RCA – as class 5
- Angularity – $RCA > RAP$
- Large-size aggregates (Kazmee et al. 2016)
 - Image analysis
 - Low angularity – single crushing



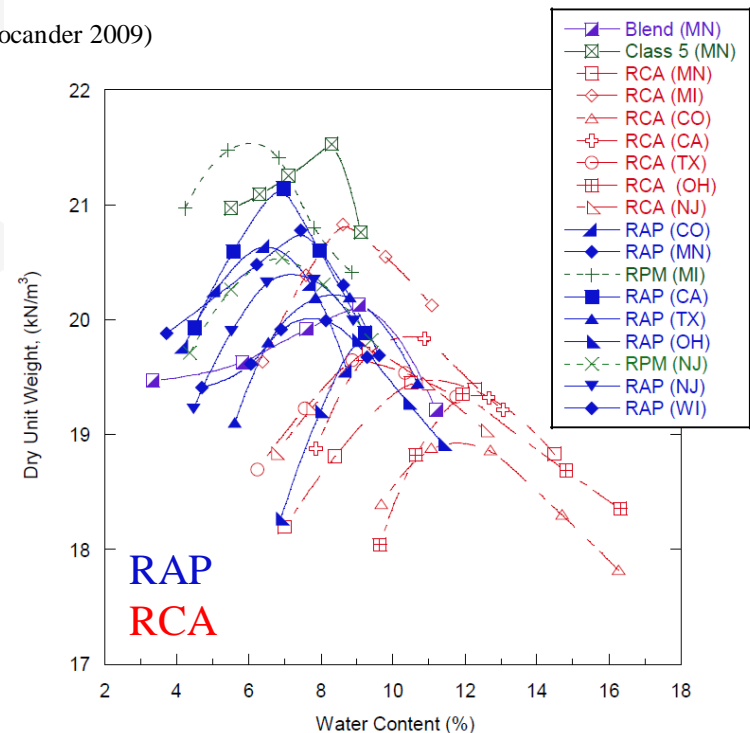
Fine- to coarse-grained aggregates (from left to right)
(<http://engineeringfeed.com/8-factors-affect-workability-fresh-concrete>)

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Engineering Properties of RAP, RCA and LSSB

Compaction Characteristics

- RAP → lower γ_{dmax} & lower OMC
 - Asphalt & low fines content (Guthrie et al. 2007, Locander 2009)
 - Hydrophobicity (Rahardjo et al. 2010)
- RCA → lower γ_{dmax} & higher OMC
 - Cementation (Chen and Brown 2012; Hussain and Dash 2010)
 - Hydrophilicity (Rahardjo et al. 2010)



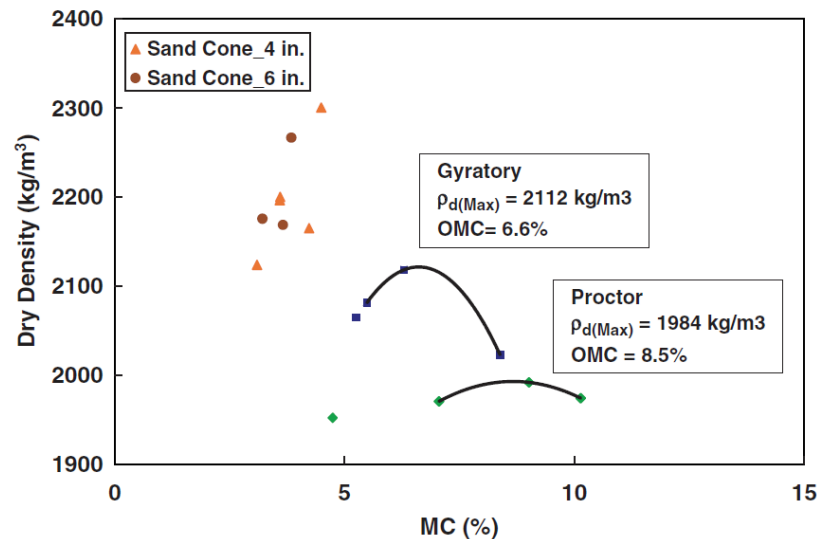
Compaction characteristics of recycled and virgin aggregates (Edil et al. 2012)

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Engineering Properties of RAP, RCA and LSSB

Compaction Characteristics

- Gyratory compactor → better simulate in-situ (Kim et al. 2007)



Difference between Proctor and gyratory compaction methods (Kim et al. 2007)

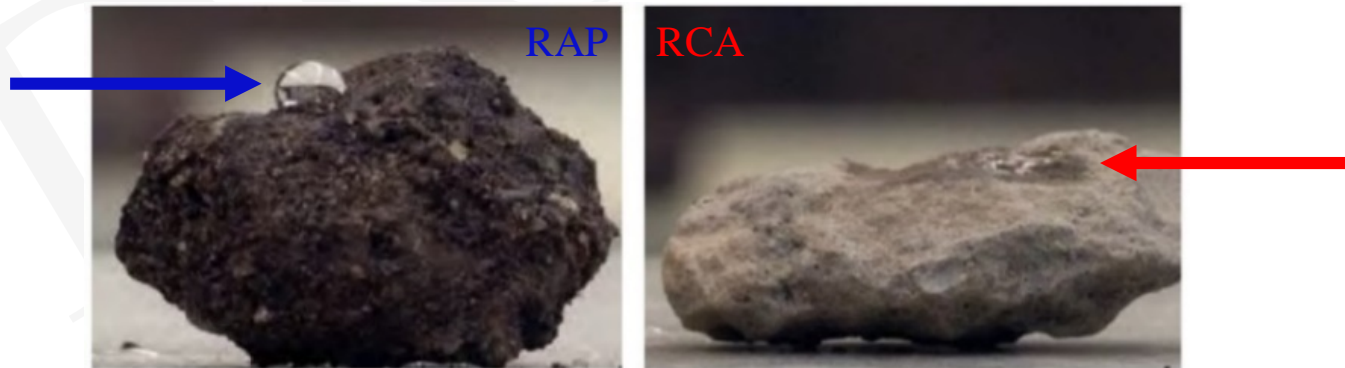
- Temperature ↑ from 21°C (70°F) to 49°C (120°F) (Montemayor 1998)
 - Binding quality ↑
 - About 3.5% increase in $\gamma_{d\text{max}}$

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Engineering Properties of RAP, RCA and LSSB

Hydraulic Properties

- Surface characteristics (Edil et al. 2012; Rahardjo et al. 2010)
 - RAP - hydrophobic
 - RCA - hydrophilic
- Contact angle \uparrow , water repellency \uparrow (Letey et al. 2000; Edil et al. 2012)
 - RAP $> 90^\circ$
 - RCA $\sim 0^\circ$



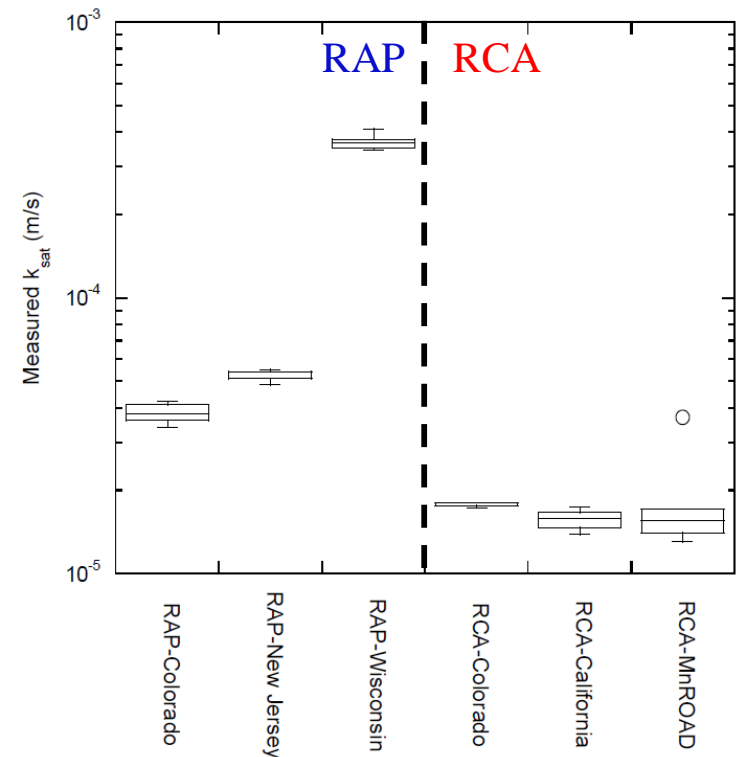
The water repellency of RAP (left) and RCA (right) (Edil et al. 2012)

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Engineering Properties of RAP, RCA and LSSB

Hydraulic Properties

- $k_{sat} \rightarrow RAP > RCA$ (Nokkaew et al. 2012)
 - RAP - 3.8×10^{-5} to 3.7×10^{-4} m/s
 - RCA $\sim 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$ m/s
- Unsaturated hydraulic conductivity
 - Hysteresis
 - Wetting - Drying



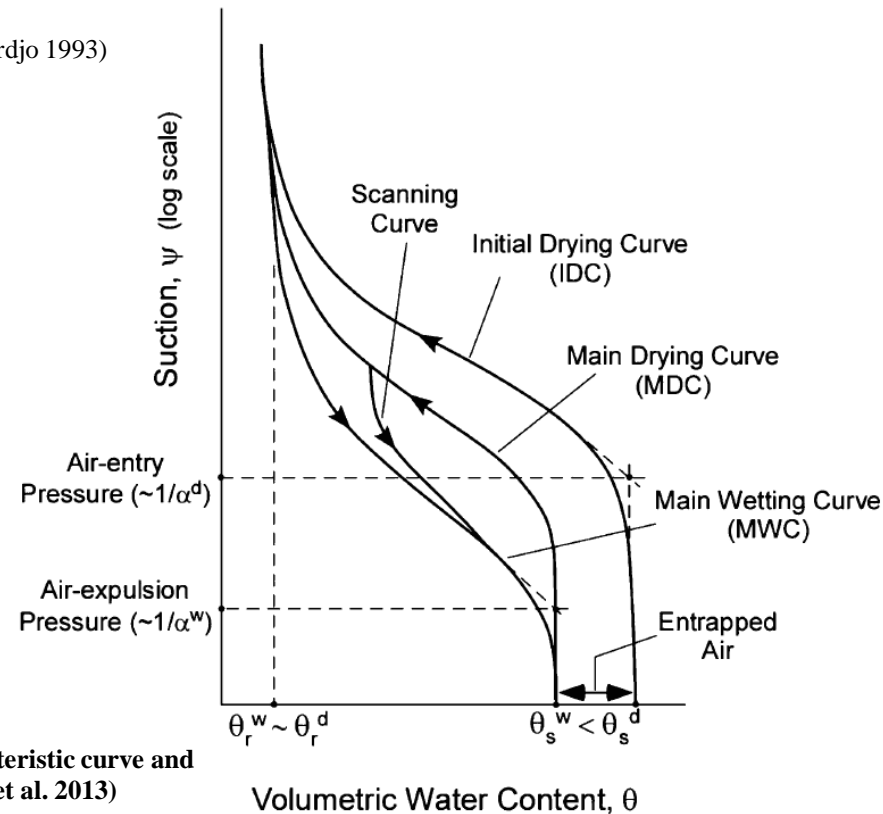
k_{sat} of RAP and RCA materials (Nokkaew et al. 2012)

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Engineering Properties of RAP, RCA and LSSB

Hydraulic Properties

- Water content – drying > wetting (Likos et al. 2013)
- Air-entry pressure (Ψ_a) (Fredlund and Rahardjo 1993)
- Difficulty of wetting curve
- Contact angle – matric suction
 - + suction due to $> 90^\circ$ (RAP)
 - - suction due to $\sim 0^\circ$ (RCA)
- Contact angles – Ψ_a
 - Angle \downarrow , $\Psi_a \uparrow$

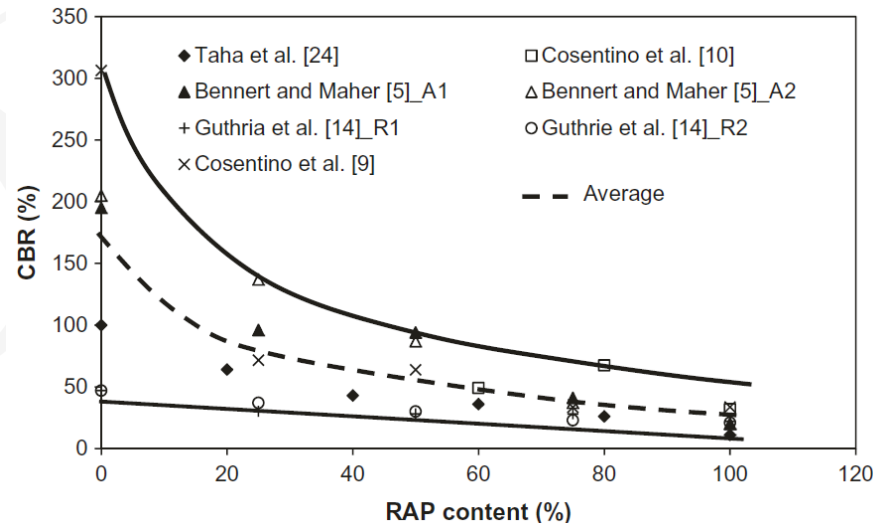


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Engineering Properties of RAP, RCA and LSSB

Strength Properties

- CBR \rightarrow RAP < virgin aggregates (Bennert and Maher 2005; Guthrie et al. 2007)
- Asphalt content – bonding \downarrow , interlocking \downarrow (Ooi et al. 2010; Taha et al. 1999)
- Lack of fines (Sayed et al. 1993)



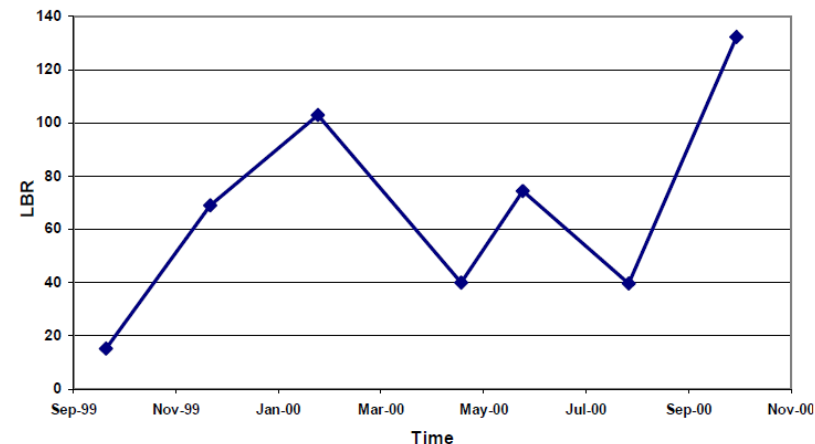
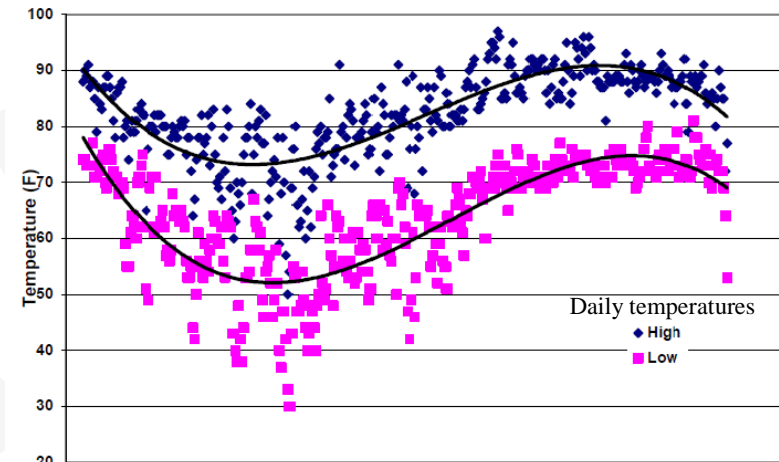
CBR values of the blends with different RAP contents (Thakur and Han 2015)

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Engineering Properties of RAP, RCA and LSSB

Strength Properties

- Compaction at higher temperature
(Montemayor 1998)
 - Max dry density \uparrow
 - Limerock Bearing Ratio – LBR \uparrow
($\text{LBR} = 1.25 * \text{CBR}$)
- Ambient temperature (Cosentino and Kalajian 2001)
 - Temperature \uparrow , LBR \downarrow



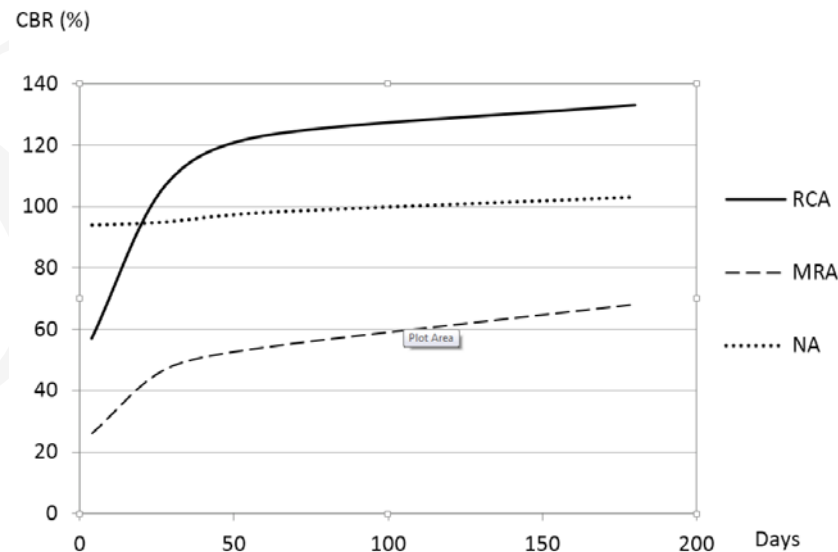
Changes in LBR of RAP with temperature (Cosentino and Kalajian 2001)

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Engineering Properties of RAP, RCA and LSSB

Strength Properties

- Test method for RCA (Jayakody et al. 2012)
 - Unsoaked – Lower CBR
 - Soaked – Higher CBR
- Cementation of unhydrated cement (Garach et al. 2015; Bestgen et al. 2016a)



The effect of soaking period on the CBR of RCA (Garach et al. 2015)

*NA – natural aggregates

*MRA – mixed recycled aggregates

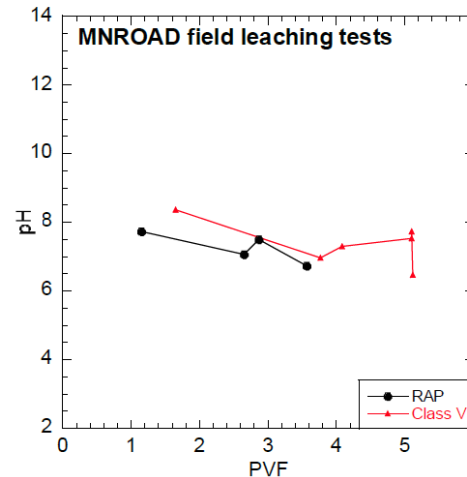
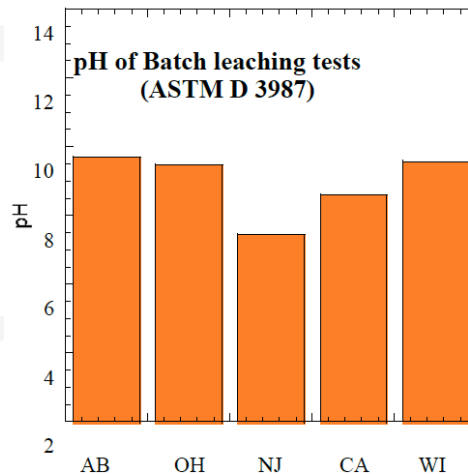
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Environmental Properties of RAP

- Oxidation of asphalt → age hardening (Roberts et al. 1996)

pH Characteristics

- Batch leaching tests → 8.59 to 9.58 (Shedivy et al. 2012)
→ about 9.67 (Kang et al. 2011)
→ 8 to 10.5 (Edil et al. 2012)
- Field leaching tests → about 8 (Edil et al. 2012)



pH of RAPs from batch leaching tests and field leaching tests (Edil et al. 2012)

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Environmental Properties of RAP

Heavy Metal Leaching Characteristics

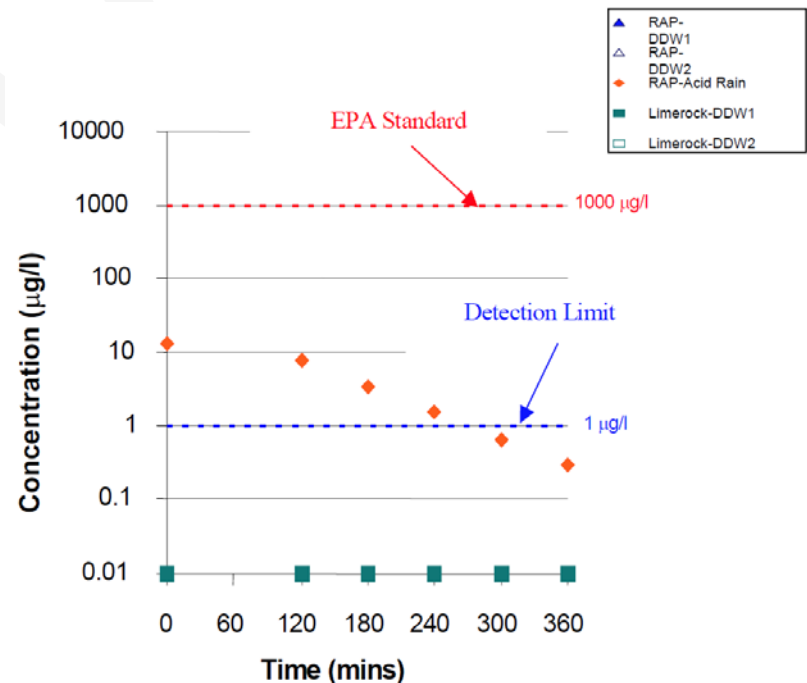
- Tire residuals, corrosion of steel crash barriers, or brake pad/disc residuals (Muschack 1990; Hewitt and Rashed 1990)
- Main heavy metals (Hoppe et al. 2015; Edil et al. 2012)
 - Arsenic (As)
 - Aluminum (Al)
 - Cadmium (Cd)
 - Chromium (Cr)
 - Lead (Pb)
 - Silver (Ag)
 - Antimony (Sb)
 - Selenium (Se)

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Environmental Properties of RAP

Heavy Metal Leaching Characteristics

- No environmental issue
- \leq the EPA drinking water standards (Edil et al. 2012; Cosentino et al. 2003; Shedivy et al. 2012)
- Liquid type
 - Distilled-deionized water (DDW)
 - Synthetic acid rain (SAR)
- Time-dependent (Cosentino et al. 2003)
 - Time \uparrow , concentration \downarrow



Column leaching test results of cadmium (Cd) with different test fluids (Cosentino et al. 2003)

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Environmental Properties of RAP

Poly-Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) Leaching Characteristics

- Incomplete burning of organic compounds
- Tire residuals, exhaust gasses, gasoline or diesel fuels (Takada et al., 1990; Baek et al., 1991; Sadler et al., 1999; Brandt et al., 2001; Kriech et al., 2002)
- Important PAHs
 - Acenaphthylene
 - Benzo(a)anthracene
 - Benzo(ghi)perylene
- No environmental issue (Hoppe et al. 2015; Shedivy et al. 2012)

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Environmental Properties of RCA

- Major environmental concerns
 - Alkalinity
 - Heavy metal leaching
 - Cement paste (Van Dam et al. 2011; Engelsen et al. 2010)
 - Other cement additives such as fly ash (Cetin et al. 2012)
 - Deicing applications → chloride (ACPA 2009)
 - Corrosion of steel pipes
 - Durability
 - Alkali-silica reactions (Van Dam et al. 2011)
 - No high concern
 - Porous structure
-  Coarse-grained RCA

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Environmental Properties of RCA

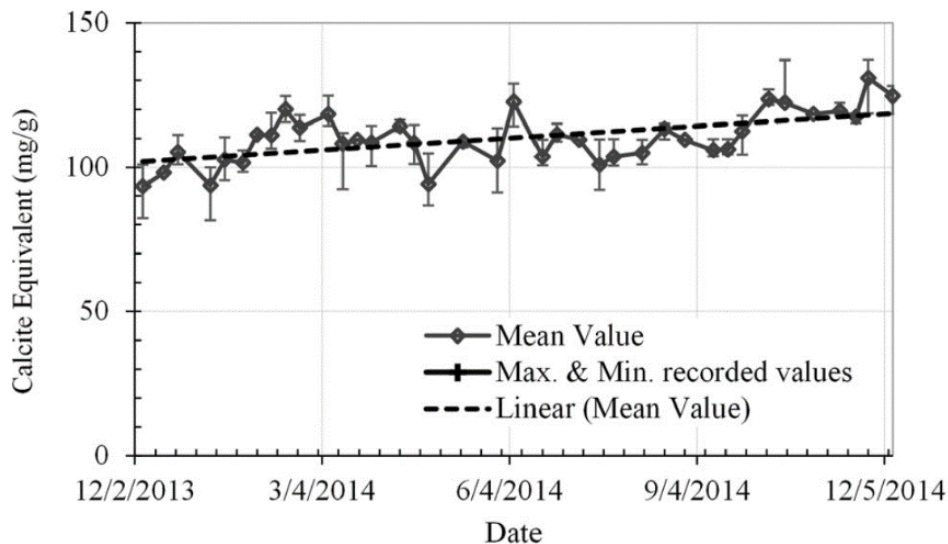
pH Characteristics

- Alkalinity
 - CaO and Ca^{2+} in cement paste (Cetin et al. 2013)
- Influence on heavy metal leaching (Engelsen et al. 2012; Bestgen et al. 2016a)
- pH $\sim 10.5 - 13$ (Steffes 1999; Chen et al. 2013; Abbaspour et al. 2016)
- Carbonation – exposure to atmosphere (Garrabrants et al. 2004; Gervais et al. 2004)
 - Calcium carbonate (calcite – CaCO_3)
 - pH \downarrow
 - Heavy metal leaching \downarrow
 - Stockpiled $>$ freshly crushed (Abbaspour et al. 2016)

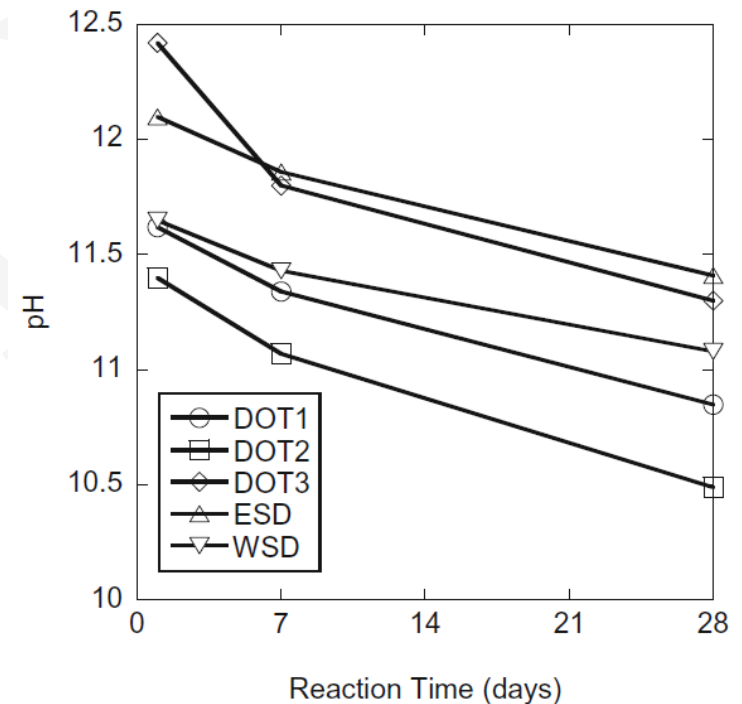
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Environmental Properties of RCA

pH Characteristics



Change in carbonation over time (Abbaspour et al. 2016)



Change in pH of different RCAs over time (Bestgen et al. 2016b)

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Environmental Properties of RCA

Heavy Metal Leaching

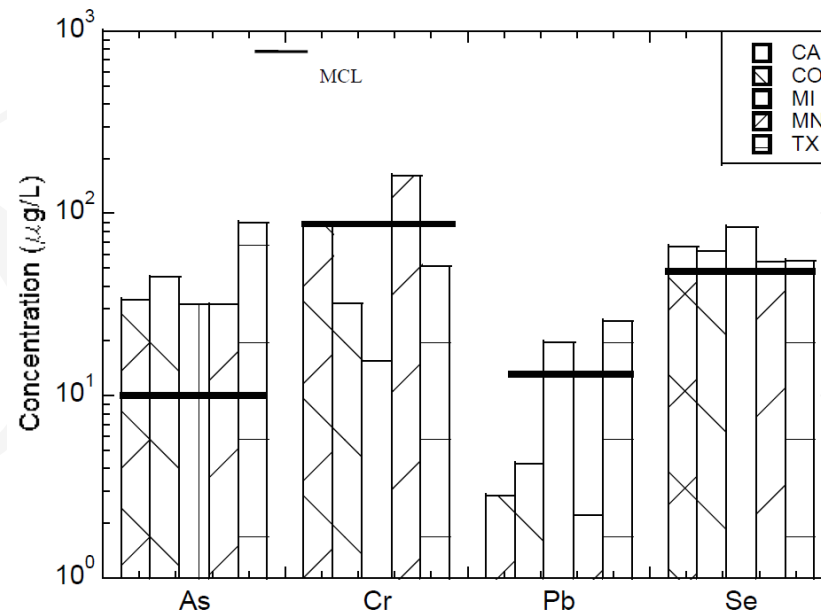
- Main heavy metals (Engelsen et al. 2009; Engelsen et al. 2010; Edil et al. 2012; Bestgen et al. 2016b; Abbaspour et al. 2016).
 - Aluminum (Al)
 - Silicon (Si)
 - Calcium (Ca)
 - Magnesium (Mg)
 - Chromium (Cr)
 - Copper (Cu)
 - Iron (Fe)
 - Zinc (Zn)

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Environmental Properties of RCA

Heavy Metal Leaching

- Laboratory – more controlled than field
- Cement properties – sources
- Higher potential than RAP



Concentrations of different metals and maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) for EPA drinking water standards (Edil et al. 2012)

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Environmental Properties of RCA

Heavy Metal Leaching

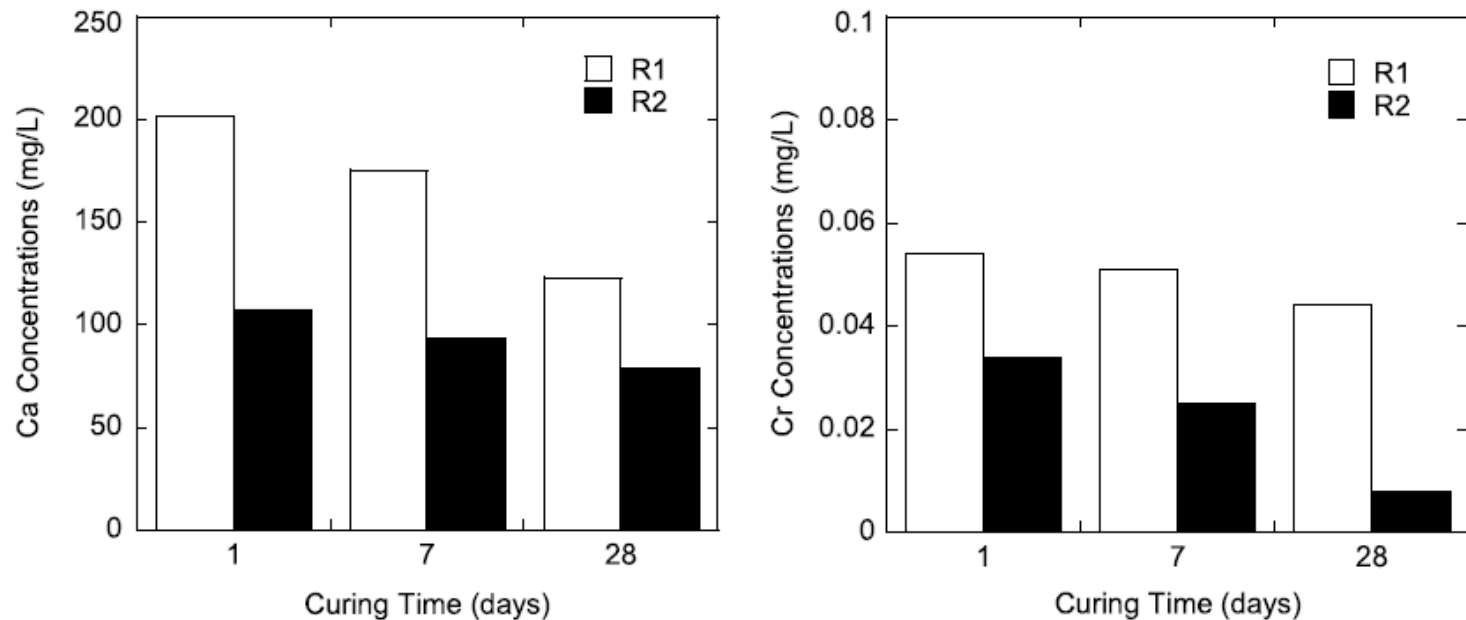
- Other factors affecting leaching (Bestgen et al. 2016a-b; Abbaspour et al. 2016)
 - Aging
 - L/S ratio
 - Gradation
- Total metal content → not significant (Bestgen et al. 2016b)
- Aging ↑, metal concentration ↓ (Bestgen et al. 2016a)
- L/S ratio ↑, metal concentration ↓ (Bestgen et al. 2016a)
- Fines content ↑, metal concentration ↑ - ↓ (Edil et al. 2012; Chen et al. 2013; Bestgen et al. 2016a)
 - ↑ because of increased interaction
 - ↓ because of carbonation

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Environmental Properties of RCA

Heavy Metal Leaching

- Aging ↑, metal concentration ↓ (Bestgen et al. 2016a)



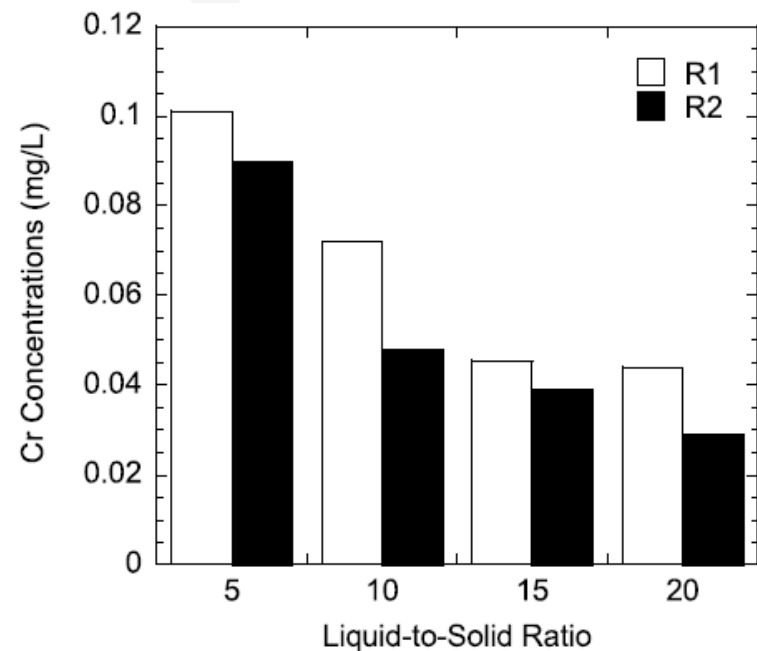
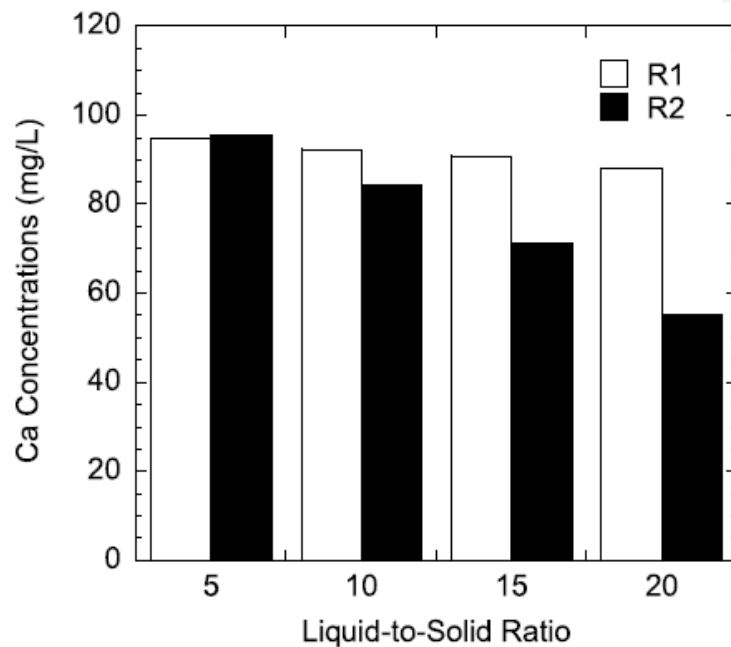
Change in concentrations of Ca and Cr with curing time (Bestgen et al. 2016a)

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Environmental Properties of RCA

Heavy Metal Leaching

- L/S ratio \uparrow , metal concentration \downarrow (Bestgen et al. 2016a)



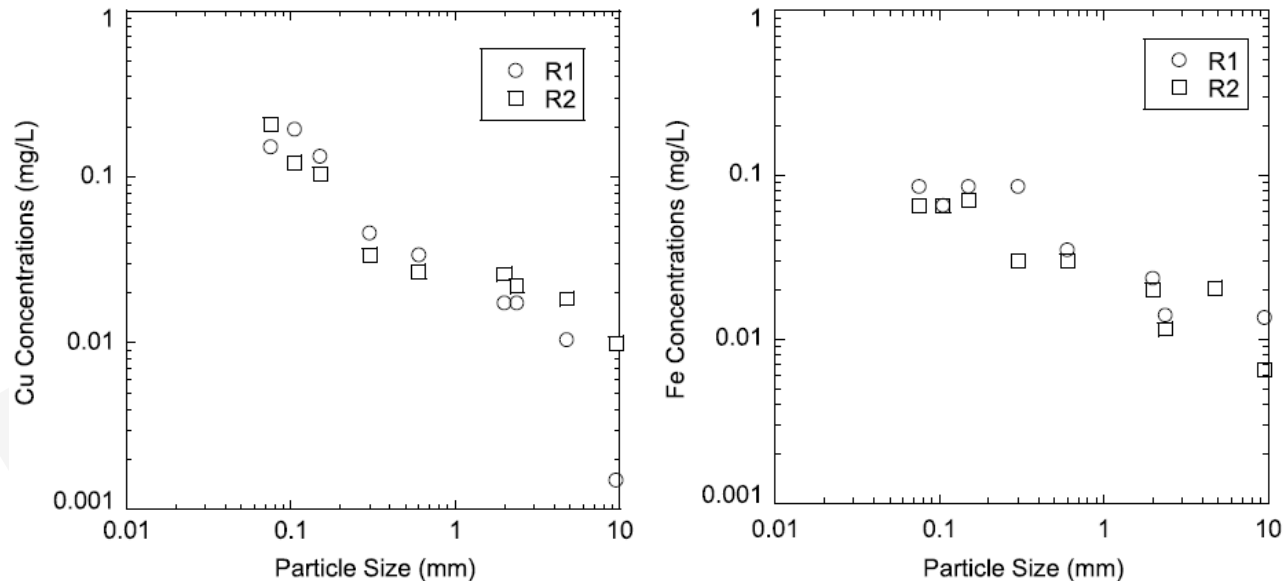
Effects of liquid-to-solid ratio on concentrations of Ca and Cr in leachates of different RCAs (Bestgen et al. 2016a)

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Environmental Properties of RCA

Heavy Metal Leaching

- Fines content \uparrow , metal concentration \uparrow (Edil et al. 2012; Bestgen et al. 2016a)



Effect of particle size on the concentrations of metals in leachates of different RCAs (Bestgen et al. 2016a)

- Fines content \uparrow , metal concentration \downarrow (Chen et al. 2013)

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Environmental Properties of RCA

Heavy Metal Leaching

- Tufa formation (Ceylan et al. 2013; Abbaspour et al. 2016)
 - Precipitation of heavy metals
- Drainage quality ↓ (Phan 2010 and White et al. 2008)
- Coarse-grained material (> No 4. sieve) (Gupta and Dollimore 2002)
- Washing RCA prior to application (Snyder and Bruinsma 1996)



Clean pipe (left) and partially-clogged pipe (right) (Ceylan et al. 2013)

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Geosynthetic Applications

- Pavements (Erickson and Drescher 2001; Zornberg 2017)
 - Geotextiles – woven & nonwoven
 - Geogrids – biaxial & multiaxial
- Main functions (Zornberg 2012)
 - Separation
 - Filtration
 - Reinforcement
- Base/subbase or subbase/subgrade (Zornberg 2017)



Geotextiles¹ (left) and geogrids² (right)

¹<https://study.com/academy/lesson/what-is-geotextile-fabric-definition-types.html>

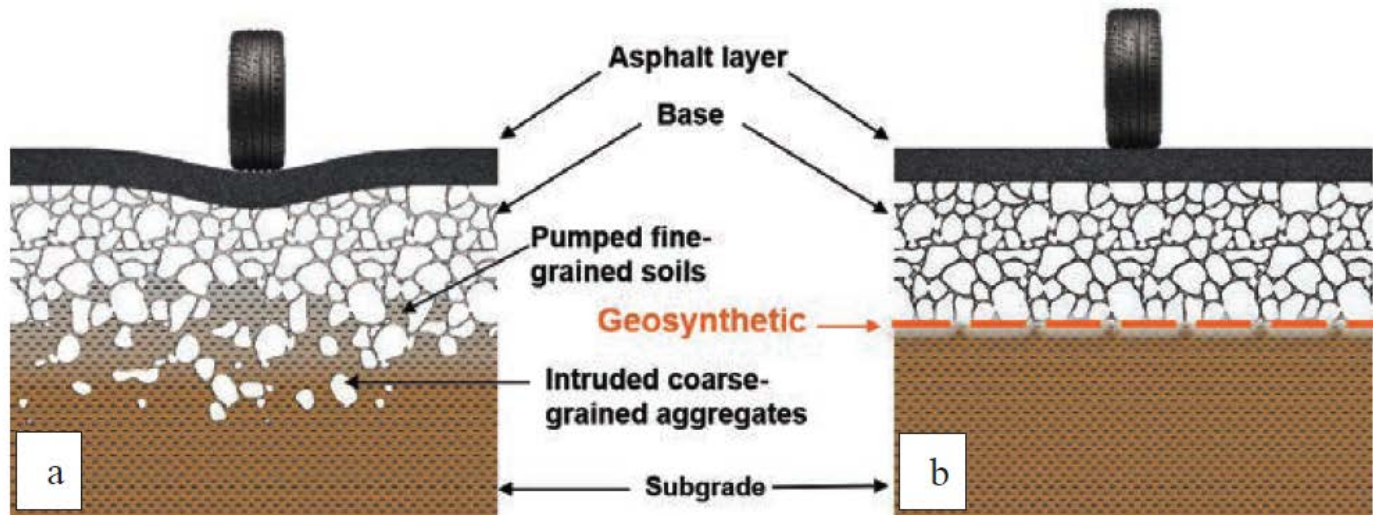
²<https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Geogrids.JPG>*

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Geosynthetic Applications

Separation

- Movement of granular base layers into soft subgrade
- Contamination of subgrade → structural support ↓



Separation function of geosynthetics (Zornberg 2017)

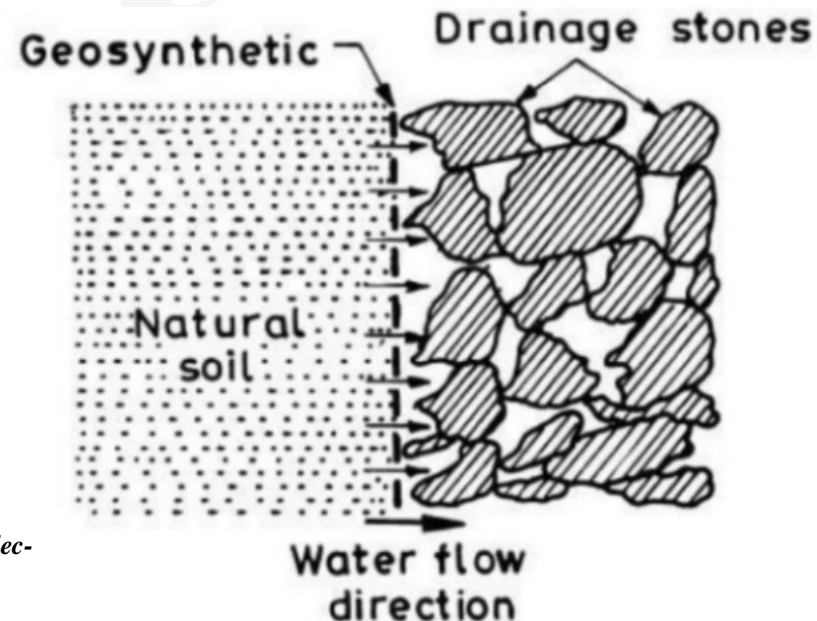
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Geosynthetic Applications

Filtration

- Movement of subgrade soils into base layer
 - Upward movement of water
- Fines content of base layers \uparrow (Zornberg 2017)
 - Shear strength \downarrow
 - Permeability \downarrow
 - Frost-susceptibility \uparrow

Filtration function of geosynthetics
(<https://www.slideshare.net/samirsinhparmar/lec-2-functions-and-selection-of-geosynthetics>)

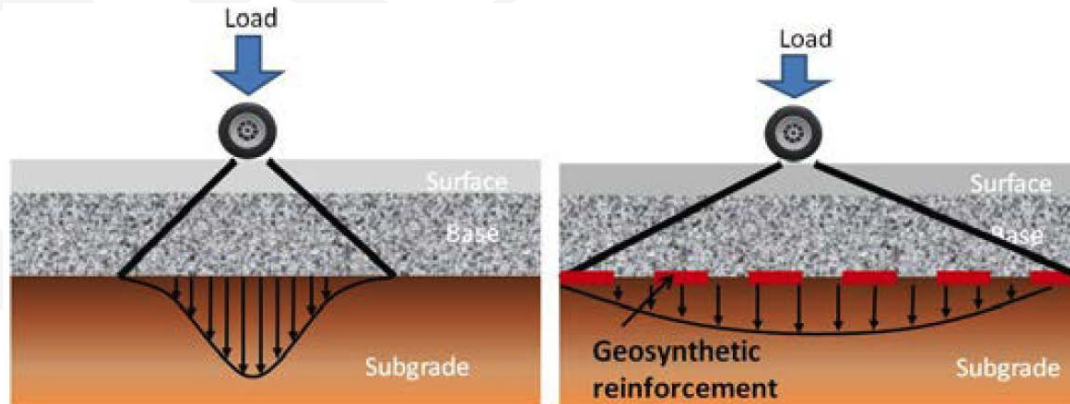


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Geosynthetic Applications

Reinforcement

- Geosynthetics (Holtz et al. 1998; Perkins et al. 2005; Zornberg 2012)
 - Bearing capacity ↑
 - Lateral resistance
 - Permanent deformation ↓
 - Load distribution ↑
- Base layer thickness ↓ (Perkins et al. 2005)



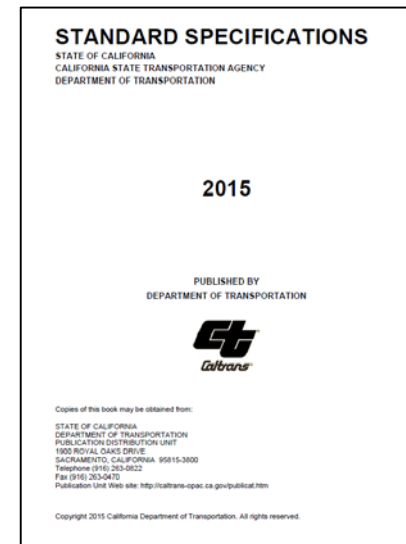
Load distribution mechanisms of (a) unreinforced pavement, and (b) reinforced pavement (Zornberg 2012)

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Selected Practices of State DOTs

California DOT

- Crushed AC & PCC for base & subbase
 - Caltrans Standard Specifications 2015
 - Before 2006 → up to 50% of recycled materials
 - After 2006 → up to 100%
- Section 25 - Subbase
 - Class 1, Class 2, or Class 3
 - Quality control – sand equivalent¹, R-value²
- Section 26 – Base
 - Class 2 or Class 3
 - Quality control – sand equivalent¹, R-value²



¹To observe the relative presence of sand vs clay. Higher value indicates less clay.

²To measure the response of compacted specimen to a vertical loading.

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Selected Practices of State DOTs

Illinois DOT

- Crushed PCC for base & subbase
- RAP for subbase only
 - IDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction 2016
- Section 1004
 - RCA – CA 6 or CA 10
 - Quality control
 - LA abrasion (class D) < 45%
 - Deleterious materials (class C) – Shale, clay lumps, soft fragments
- Section 303
 - RAP – subbase (< 40%)
 - CS01 (< 8 in), CS02 (< 6 in), RR01 (< 3 in)

**Standard Specifications
for Road and Bridge
Construction**

Adopted April 1, 2016



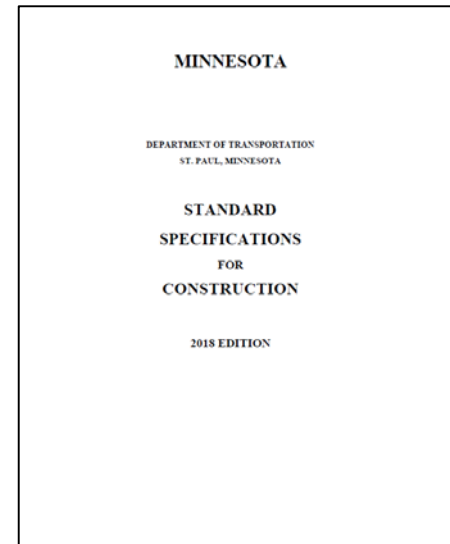
Illinois Department of Transportation

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Selected Practices of State DOTs

Minnesota DOT

- RAP & RCA for base
 - MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction 2018
- Section 3138
 - Same as natural aggregates
 - RAP < 25% (by volume) → natural aggregate
 - RAP > 25% (by volume) → recycled blend
- Different gradation specifications for different blends
- Blending at the crushing site (no stockpiles)
(McGarrah 2007)

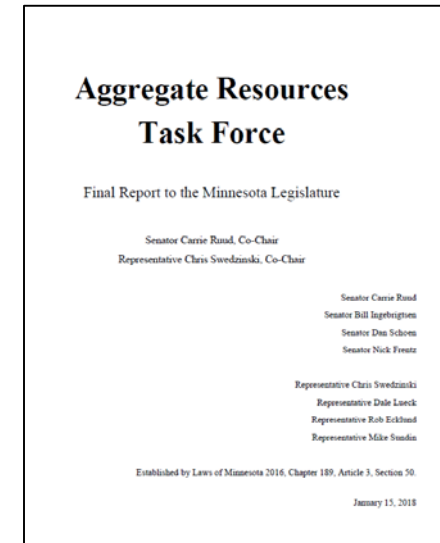


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Selected Practices of State DOTs

Minnesota DOT

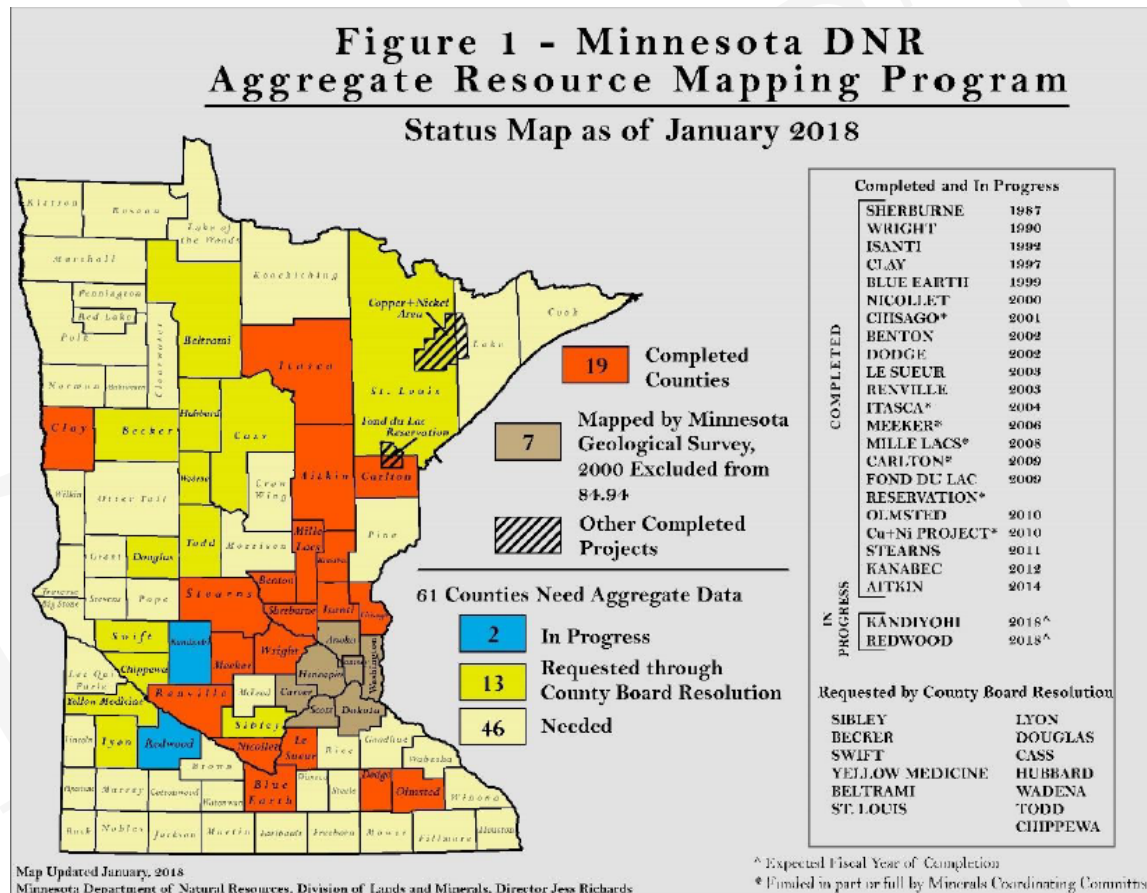
- Aggregate Resources Task Force (ARTF)
- To increase the efficiency
 - Selecting & using virgin aggregate sources
- Aggregate Mapping Program
 - Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
- Mapping tool
 - Practical to locate high-quality aggregate sources
 - Easy access to the aggregate deposits
- 61 counties



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Minnesota DOT

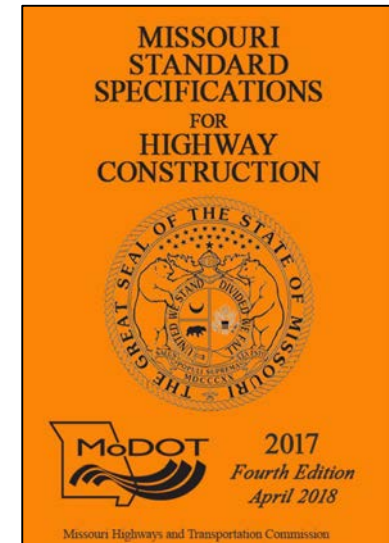


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Selected Practices of State DOTs

Missouri DOT

- Reclaimed asphalt & concrete for base
 - MoDOT Standard Specifications for Highway Construction 2018
- Type 1, Type 5, or Type 7 (Base)
- Section 1007
 - Deleterious materials < 15%
 - PI (passing No. 40 sieve) < 6
- Section 303 (Rock base)
 - Stones containing < 10% (by weight) sand & shale
 - Max particle size – layer thickness
 - Max 12 in. for 18-in rock base
 - Max 9 in. for 12-in rock base



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Selected Practices of State DOTs

Wisconsin DOT

- Reclaimed asphalt & crushed concrete for base
 - WisDOT Standard Specifications for Highway and Structure Construction 2018
- Reclaimed asphalt → only for well-graded (dense) 1 1/4-inch agg.
- Crushed concrete → dense 3/4-inch, 1 1/4-inch, and 3-inch agg.
- No deleterious materials
- Section 301
 - > 75% of reclaimed asphaltic pavement
 - > 90% crushed concrete with < 10% asphaltic pavement



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Wisconsin DOT

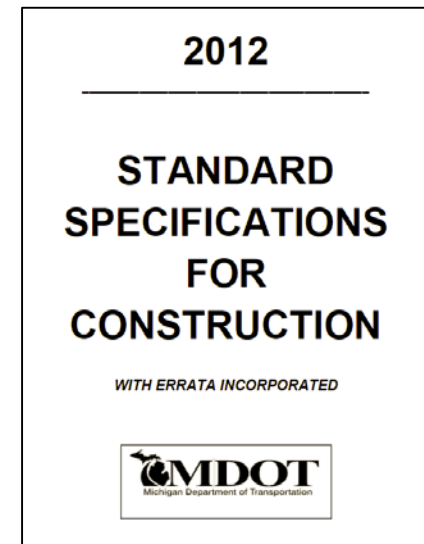
- Section 305 - base
 - Reclaimed asphalt – visual inspection
 - Crushed concrete - gradation specification
- Section 312 – subgrade correction (subbase)
 - Crushed stone & crushed concrete
 - No deleterious materials
 - Gradation specification (max 5 in)

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Selected Practices of State DOTs

Michigan DOT

- Crushed concrete for base
 - MDOT Standard Specifications for Construction 2012
- Section 902
 - Gradation (21AA, 21A, 22A, 23A)
 - Quality (% of crushed material, LA abrasion < 50%)
 - < 5% of brick, wood, plaster
 - Steel pieces
- Environmental concerns
 - Interlayer between base & subgrade (min 12 in)
 - Geotextile liner or geomembrane



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Recommendations

- Characteristics of asphalt binder under various temperature
- Long-term moisture susceptibility of RCA
- The effect of temperature on compaction characteristics of RAP
- Engineering properties of RAP materials compacted at different temperatures.
- A maximum time to complete compaction for RCA
- Effects of angularity and elongation of materials
- Water retention curve characteristics of materials
- Heavy metal leaching mitigation mechanisms
- In-depth cost analysis

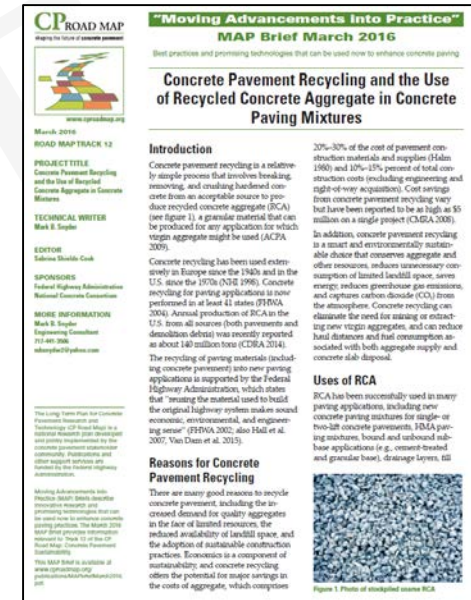
TECH TRANSFER

Draft Outline

- Introduction – reasons
- General uses of the materials
- Properties of base and subbase layers with the materials
- State Specifications
- Sustainability
- Design guidelines
- Recommendations

Questions ?

- Scope of the report ?
- Single or separate reports for recycled materials and LSSB?



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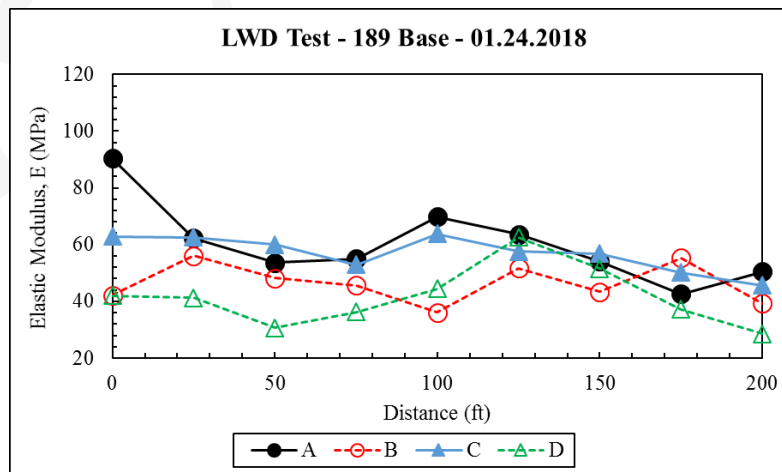
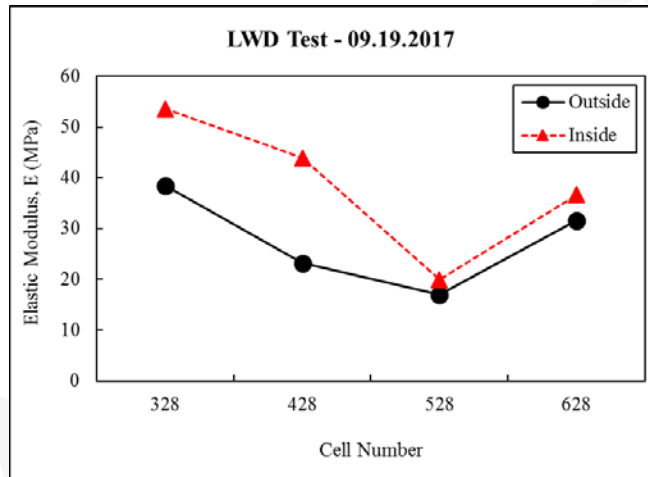
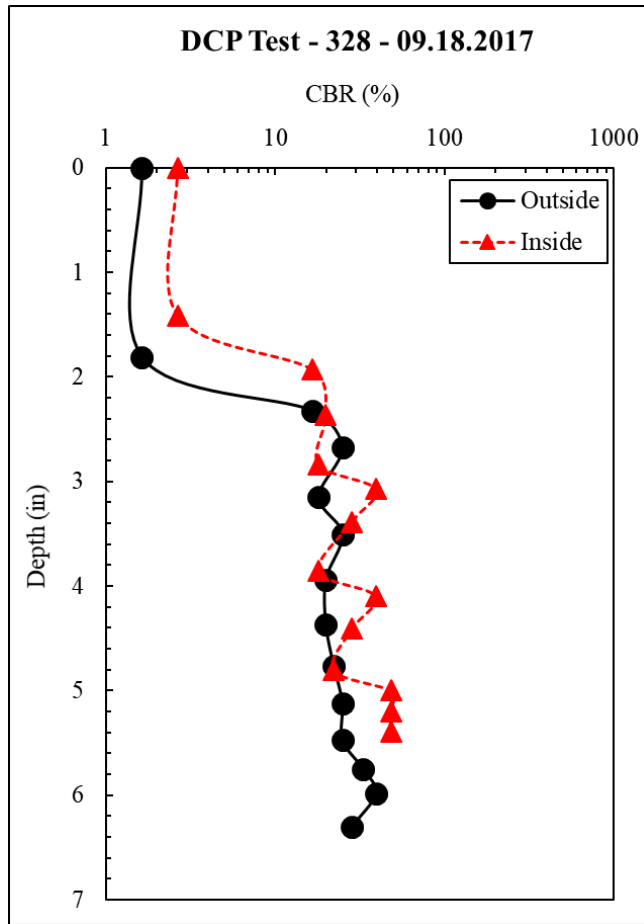
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Laboratory study

- **Iowa State University**
 - Soil classification
 - Image analysis
 - Proctor & gyratory compaction
 - Asphalt & cement content determination
 - Contact angle measurement
- **University of Wisconsin-Madison**
 - Soil classification
 - Soil-water characteristic curve
 - Permeability

DCP DATA ANALYSIS

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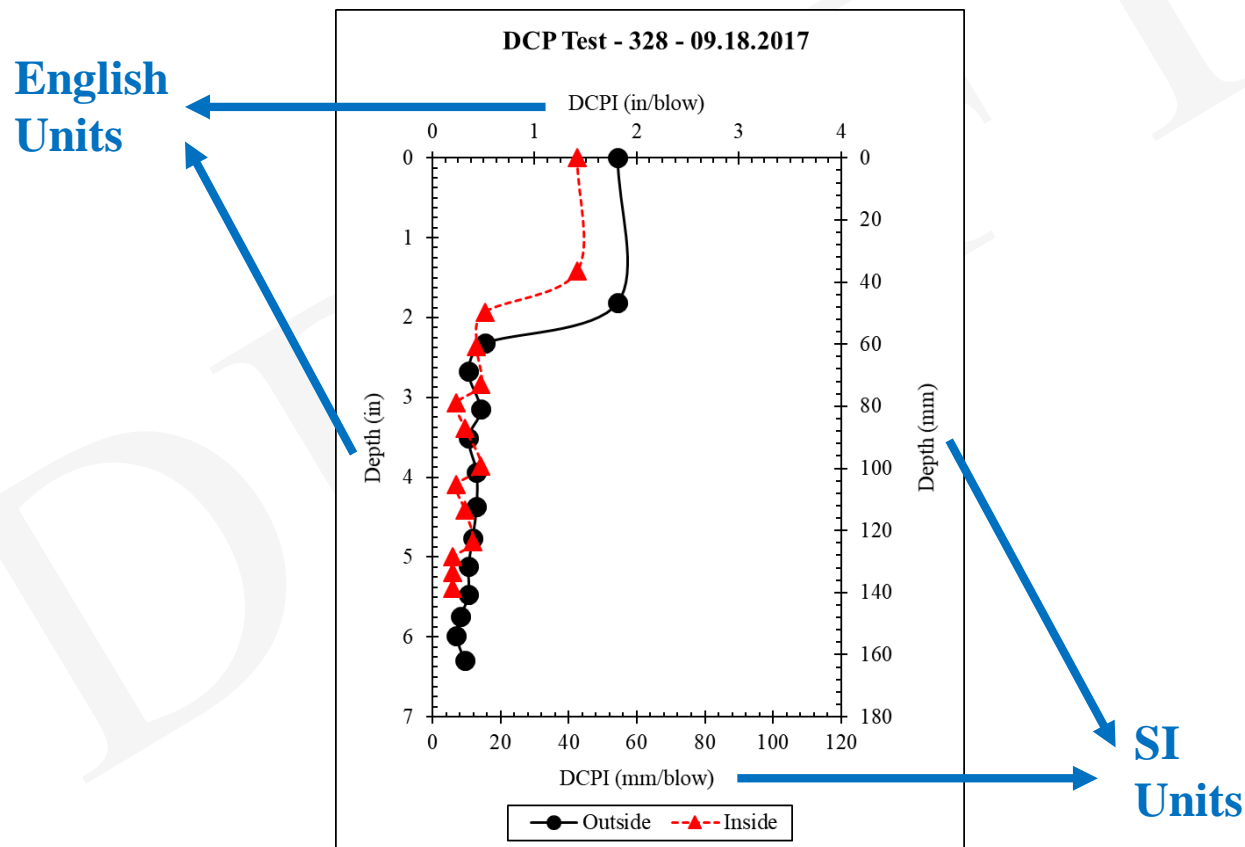


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DCP DATA ANALYSIS

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