

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

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# OUTLINE

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- Task 3 – Construction Monitoring and Reporting
  - Report
  - Effects of Geosynthetics
- Task 4 – Laboratory Testing
  - ISU Preliminary Laboratory Testing Plan

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# FOLLOW-UP

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- **Task 1** – Literature Review and Recommendations
- **Task 2** – Tech Transfer “State of Practice”
- **Task 3** – Construction Monitoring and Reporting
- **Task 4** – Laboratory Testing
- **Task 5** – Performance Monitoring and Reporting
- **Task 6** – Instrumentation
- **Task 7** – Pavement Design Criteria
- **Task 8 & 9** – Draft/Final Report

# TASK 3

## Report

- Test Cells and Construction
- Performance Monitoring
- Data Collected During and Shortly After Construction
  - Meteorological Data
  - Nuclear Density Gauge Measurements
  - Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP) Data
  - Lightweight Deflectometer (LWD) Data
  - Gas Permeameter Test (GPT) Data
  - Intelligent Compaction (IC) Data
  - Falling Weight Deflectometer (FWD) Data

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## General Overview of Test Cells

Recycled Aggregate Base				Large Stone Subbase		Large Stone Subbase with Geosynthetics				
185	186	188	189	127	227	328	428	528	628	728
3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave
12 in Coarse RCA (Class 5Q)	12 in Fine RCA (Class 5)	12 in Limestone (Class 6)	12 in RCA+RAP (Class 6)	6 in Aggregate (Class 6)	6 in Aggregate (Class 6)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)
3.5 in S. Granular Borrow	3.5 in S. Granular Borrow	3.5 in S. Granular Borrow	3.5 in S. Granular Borrow	18 in LSSB (1 lift)	18 in LSSB (1 lift)	9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB
Sand	Sand	Clay Loam	Clay Loam			TX	TX+GT	BX+GT	BX	
				Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam

**NOTE:**  
*TX = Triaxial Geogrid*  
*BX = Biaxial Geogrid*  
*GT = Non-woven Geotextile*

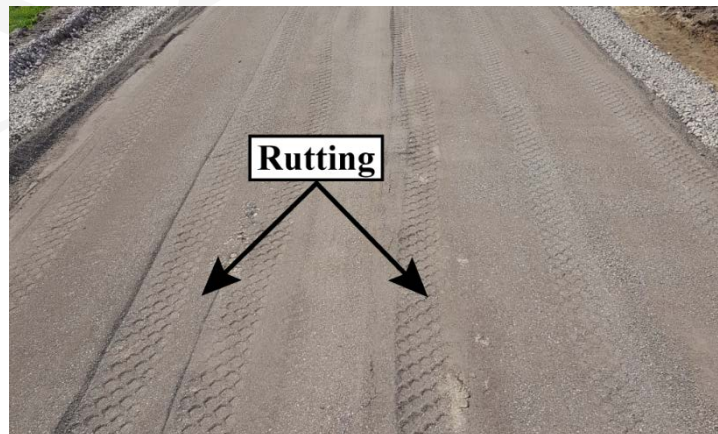
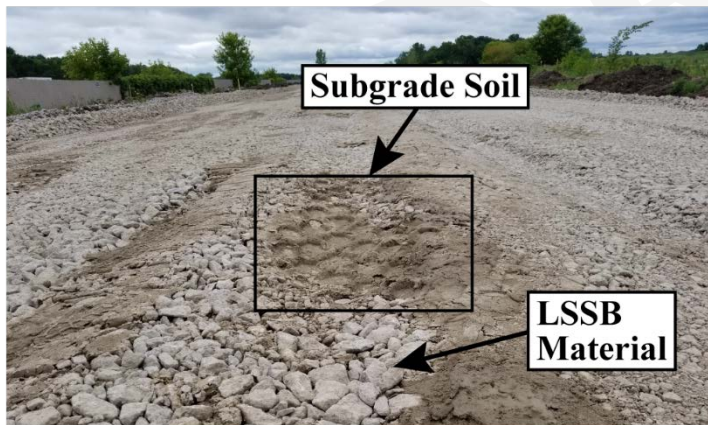


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## Designs of 9-in thick LSSB layers

- Original design
  - Only two cells – cells 128 and 228
  - 9-in thick LSSB layers with no geosynthetics
- Problems
  - Subgrade soil pumping into LSSB layers
  - Rutting of base and surface layers

	128	228
	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave
	6 in Aggregate (Class 6)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)
	9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB
	Clay Loam	Clay Loam



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## Designs of 9-in thick LSSB layers

- Solution
  - Removal of cells 128 and 228.
  - Reconstruction of cells 328, 428, 528, and 628 with geosynthetics.
  - Cell 728 → Remnant from cell 228

Failed		Reconstructed				Remnant
128	228	328	428	528	628	728
3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave
6 in Aggregate (Class 6)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)
9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB
Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam
9 in LSSB TX	9 in LSSB TX+GT	9 in LSSB BX+GT	9 in LSSB BX	9 in LSSB		

128 (Failed)	228 (Failed)	328 (Reconst.)	428 (Reconst.)	528 (Reconst.)	628 (Reconst.)	728 (Remnant)
9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB TX	9 in LSSB TX+GT	9 in LSSB BX+GT	9 in LSSB BX	9 in LSSB

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## Designs of 9-in thick LSSB layers

- Geosynthetics → to prevent subgrade soil pumping
  - Cell 328 – Triaxial geogrid (TX)
  - Cell 428 – Triaxial geogrid (TX) + non-woven geotextile (GT)
  - Cell 528 – Biaxial geogrid (BX) + non-woven geotextile (GT)
  - Cell 628 – Biaxial geogrid (BX)
  - Cell 728 – No geosynthetic (remnant)

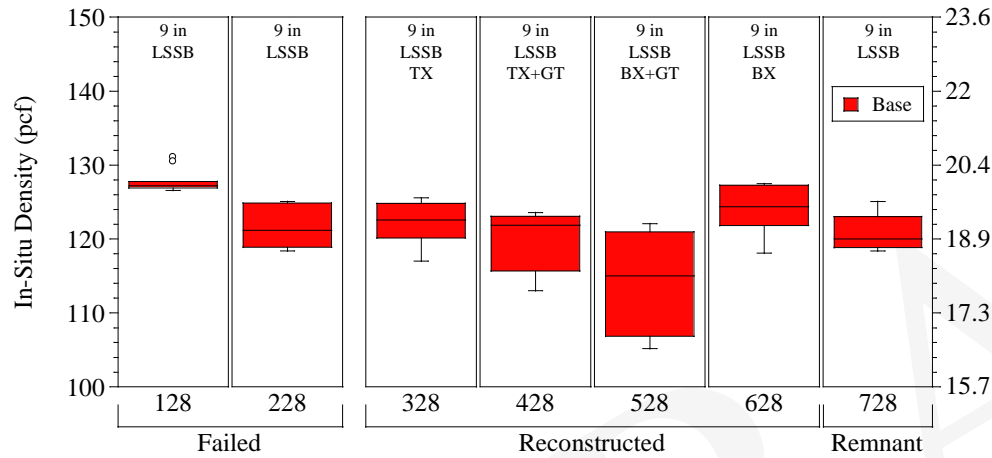


Reconstructed				Remnant
328	428	528	628	728
3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave
6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)
9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB
TX	TX+GT	BX+GT	BX	
Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam

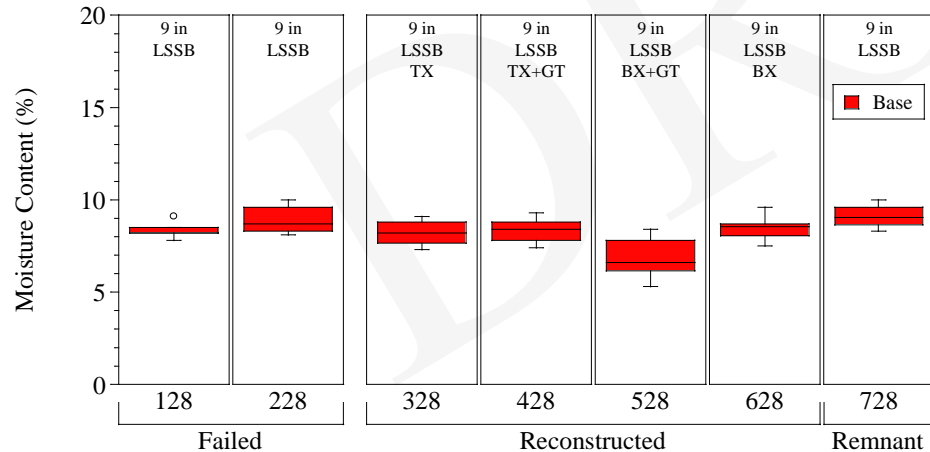
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## Nuclear Density Gauge (NDG)

- Cell 128 – Class 6 agg. base
- Other cells – Class 5Q agg. base



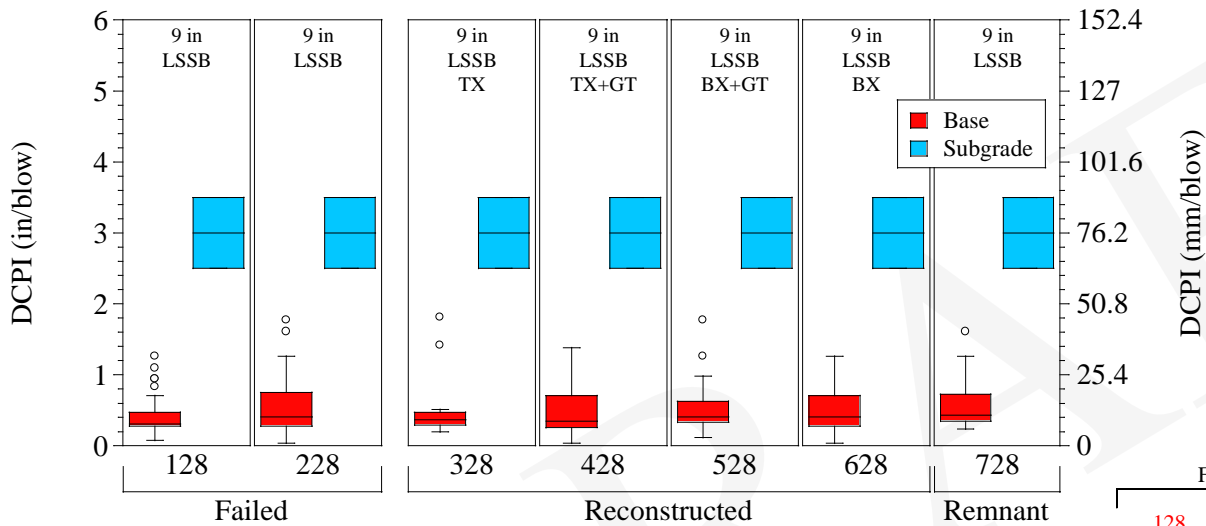
In-Situ Density (kN/m<sup>3</sup>)



Failed		Reconstructed				Remnant
128	228	328	428	528	628	728
3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave
6 in Aggregate (Class 6)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)
9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB
		TX	TX+GT	BX+GT	BX	
Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam

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## Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP)

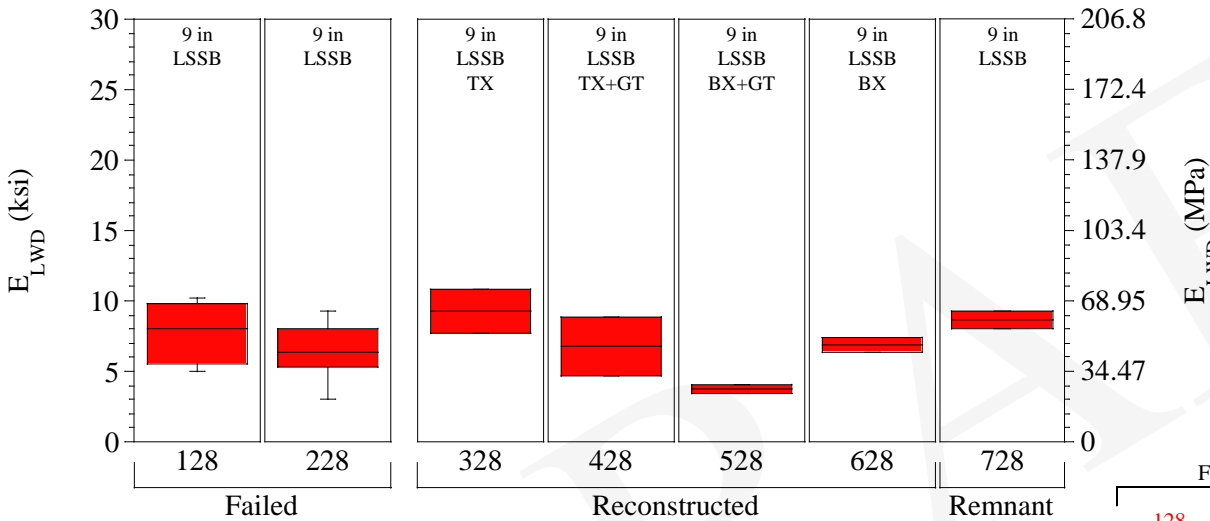


- Special subgrade preparation
  - DCPI: 2.5 to 3.5 in/blow
- No significant difference

Failed		Reconstructed				Remnant
128	228	328	428	528	628	728
3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave
6 in Aggregate (Class 6)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)
9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB
		TX	TX+GT	BX+GT	BX	
Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam

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## Lightweight Deflectometer (LWD)

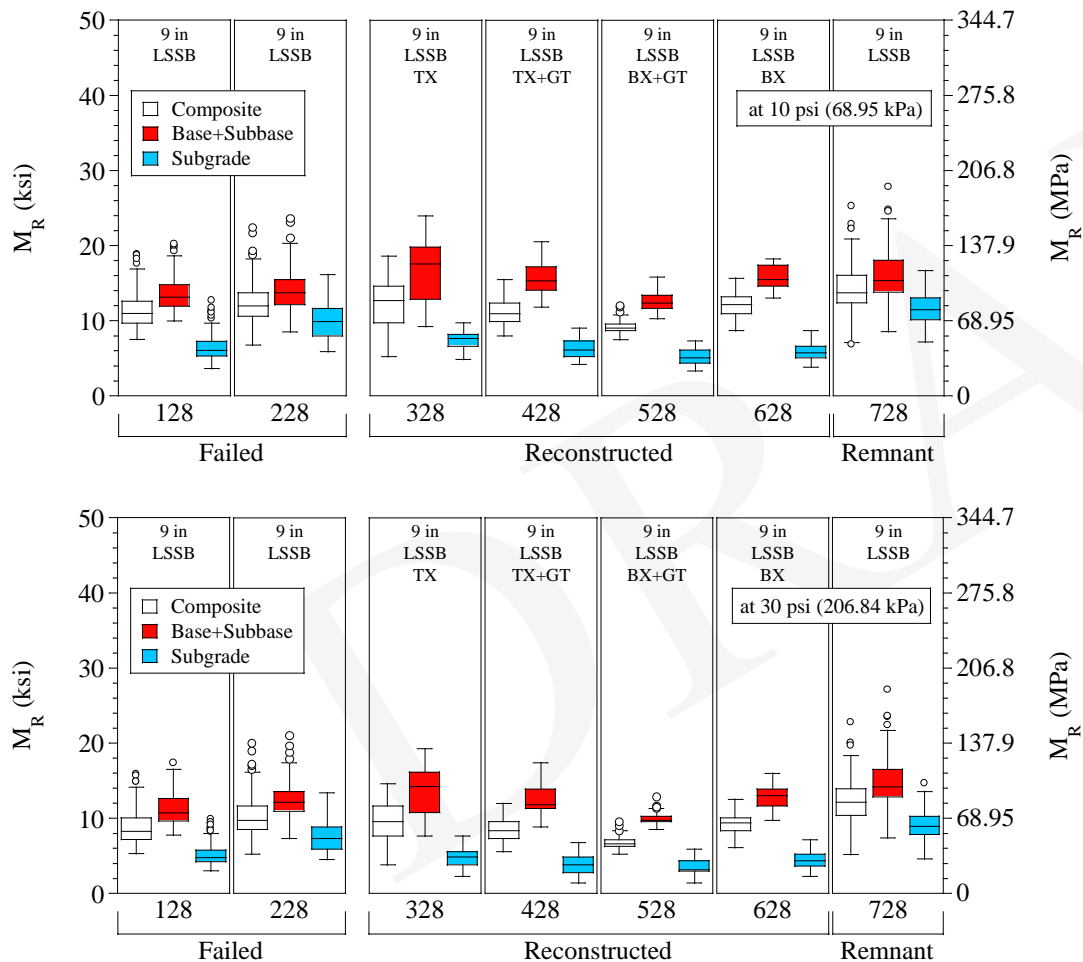


- Cells 328, 428, 628, and 728  
–  $\geq$  Cells 128 and 228
- Cell 528  $\rightarrow$  Lowest
- No considerable effects of geosynthetics

Failed		Reconstructed				Remnant
128	228	328	428	528	628	728
3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave
6 in Aggregate (Class 6)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)
9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB
		TX	TX+GT	BX+GT	BX	
Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam

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## Intelligent Compaction (IC)

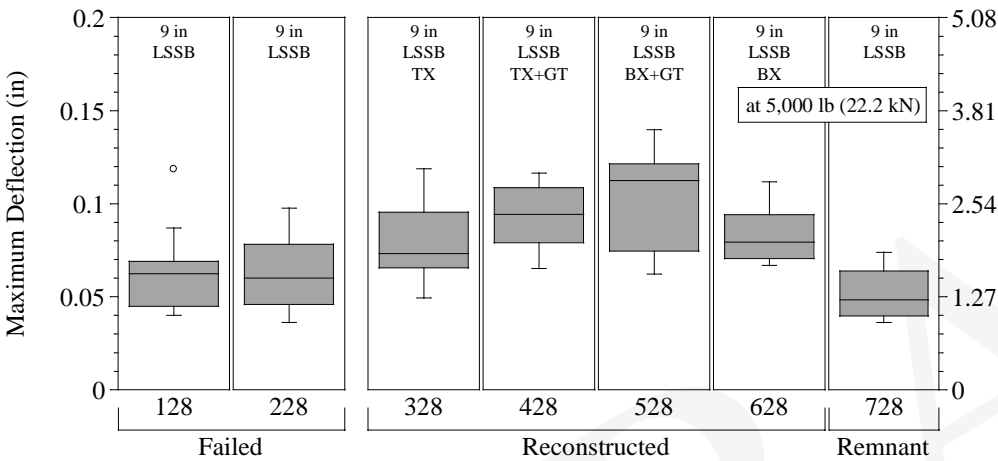


- Cells 528 → Lowest
- Cells 728 > Cell 228  
– Stiffer part
- No considerable effects of geosynthetics

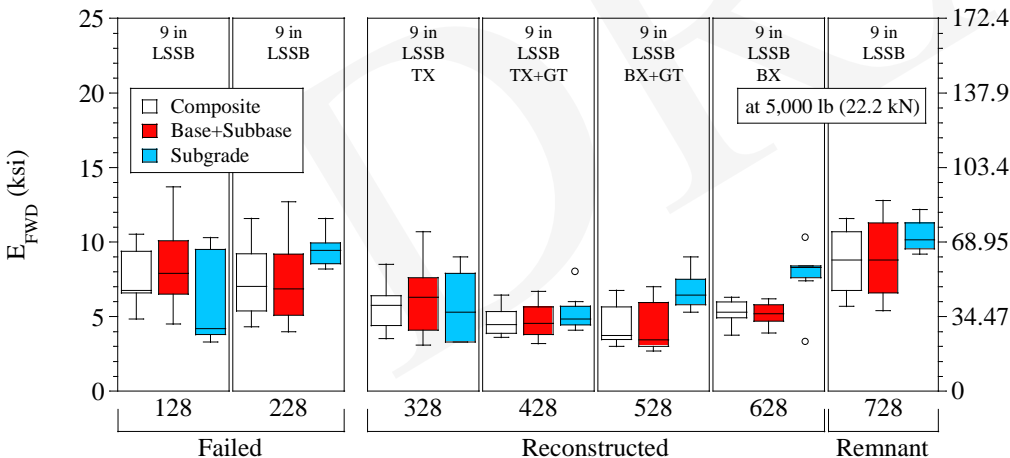
Failed		Reconstructed				Remnant
128	228	328	428	528	628	728
3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave
6 in Aggregate (Class 6)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)
9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB TX	9 in LSSB TX+GT	9 in LSSB BX+GT	9 in LSSB BX	9 in LSSB
Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam

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## Falling Weight Deflectometer (FWD)



- Cells 128 and 228 → Lower deflections and higher modulus
- Cells 728 → Better than cell 228  
– Stiffer part
- No considerable effects of geosynthetics



Failed		Reconstructed				Remnant
128	228	328	428	528	628	728
3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave	3.5 in Superpave
6 in Aggregate (Class 6)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)	6 in Aggregate (Class 5Q)
9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB	9 in LSSB TX	9 in LSSB TX+GT	9 in LSSB BX+GT	9 in LSSB BX	9 in LSSB
Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam



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## Summary

- Effects of geosynthetics on overall engineering properties of reconstructed cells were investigated by LWD, IC, and FWD tests.
- During construction, using geosynthetics between LSSB layers and subgrade soils mitigated rutting and subgrade soil pumping.
- Benefits of geosynthetics could not be detected by LWD, IC, and FWD tests in terms of stiffness.
- Structures of test cells will be investigated by GPR.
- Drilling a test hole and investigating morphology of pavement layers by geo-endoscope method would be desired.
- More analyses will be performed as monitoring continues to observe the long-term performance of each cell.

# TASK 4

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## Task 4 – Laboratory Testing

- **Iowa State University**
  - Soil classification
  - Image analysis
  - Proctor & gyratory compaction
  - Asphalt & cement content determination
  - Contact angle measurement
- **University of Wisconsin-Madison**
  - Soil-water characteristic curve (Hanging Column Test)
  - Permeability (Constant Head Hydraulic Conductivity)

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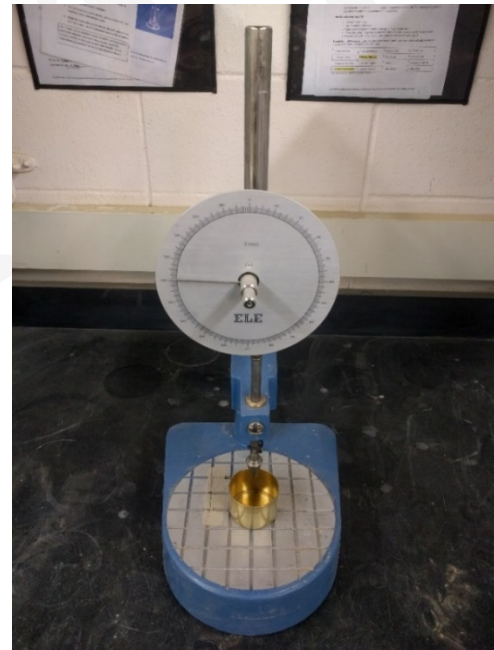
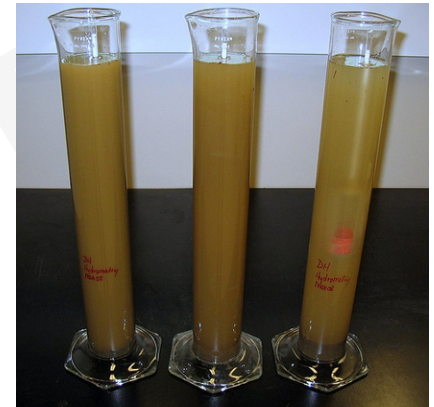
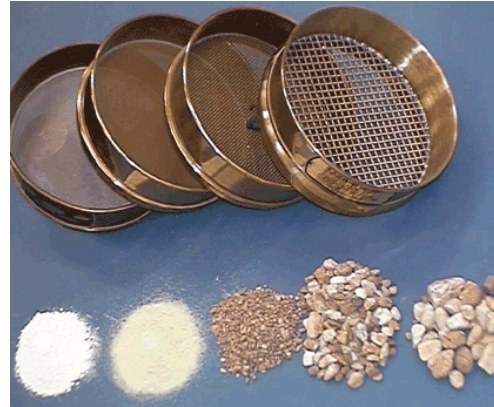
## Soil Classification

- Gradation of aggregates highly affects (Saeed 2008):
  - Hydraulic conductivity
  - Shear strength
  - Elastic and resilient modulus
  - Frost-susceptibility
- Gradations of RCA and RAP are affected by (Cosentino and Kalajian 2001):
  - Original aggregate type
  - Milling operations
  - Crushing methods
- Importance of gradation for RCA
  - Fine RCA particles → Higher unhydrated cement content (ACPA 2009)
  - Higher unhydrated cement content → More cementation

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## Soil Classification

- Base materials:
  - Coarse RCA (Class 5Q)
  - Fine RCA (Class 5)
  - Limestone (Class 6)
  - RCA+RAP (Class 6)
  - Class 6 aggregates
  - Class 5Q aggregates
- Subbase materials:
  - Select granular borrow
  - LSSB material
- Subgrade materials:
  - Sandy soil
  - A-6 Clay Loam



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## Image Analysis

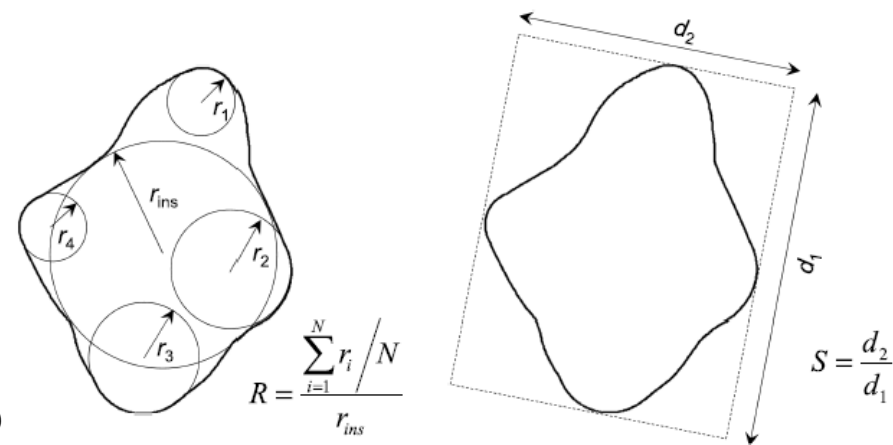
- RCA particles – more angular than RAP particles (Cosentino et al. 2003).
- RCA particles – rougher texture than RAP particles (Cosentino et al. 2003).
- LSSB materials (Kazmee et al. 2016):
  - Large-size aggregates
  - Limitations of standard sieve sizes – not practical
  - Image analysis is more suitable for characterization.
- Large-size aggregates → Less angular due to single crushing operation (Kazmee et al. 2016).

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## Image Analysis

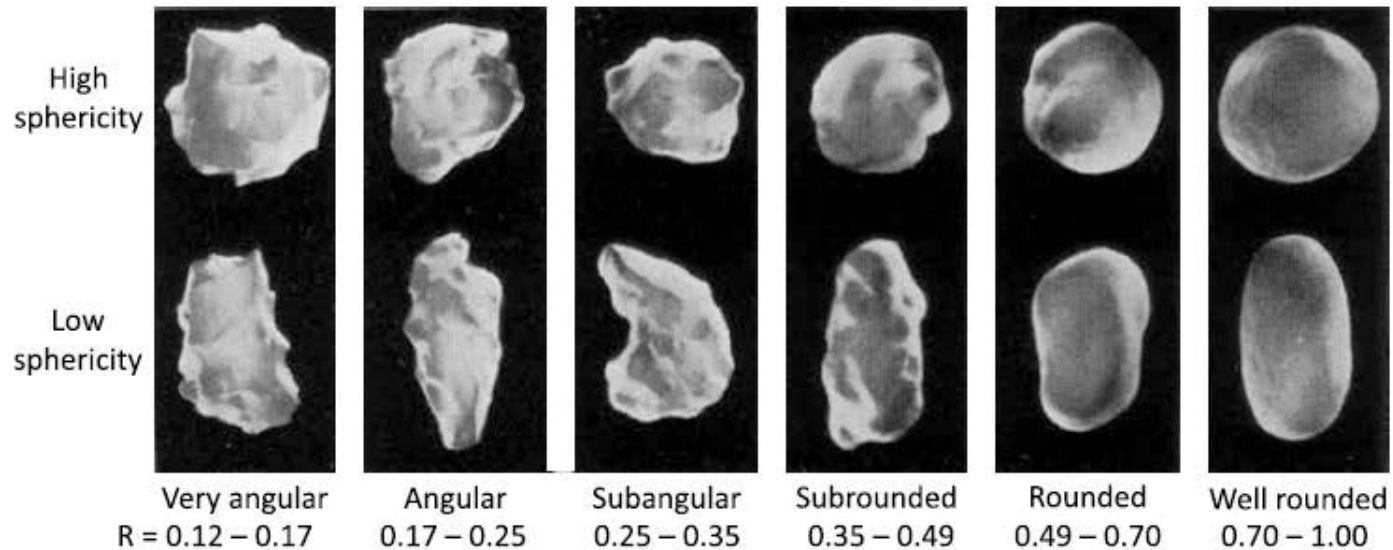
- Particle roundness
  - Wadell (1932) → The ratio of the average radius of curvature of the corners of a particle ( $r_i$  where  $i =$  corner number) to the radius of the maximum inscribed circle ( $r_{ins}$ ).
- Particle sphericity
  - Krumbein and Sloss (1951) → The ratio of particle width ( $d_2$ ) to particle length ( $d_1$ ).

(Hryciw et al. 2016)



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## Image Analysis



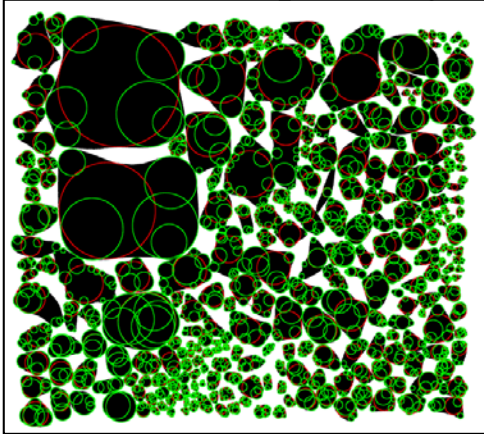
**Fig. 4.** Chart for qualitatively describing roundness ( $R^c$ ) and sphericity ( $S^c$ ) [reprinted from Powers 1953, with permission from SEPM (Society for Sedimentary Geology)]

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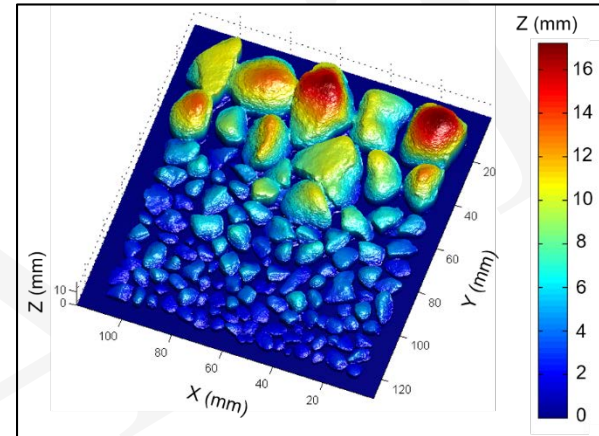
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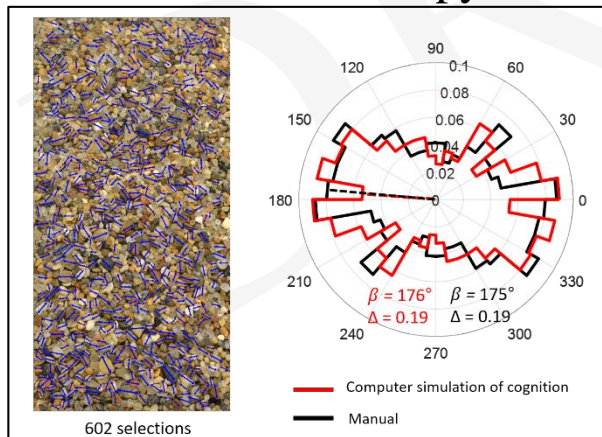
### 2D Particle Shape Analysis



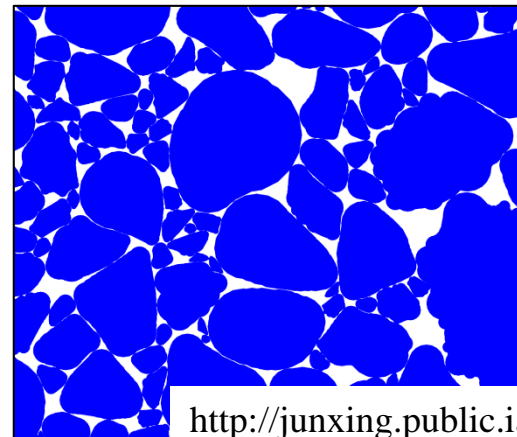
### Stereophotography



### Fabric Anisotropy



### Intrinsic Property Based DEM Modeling



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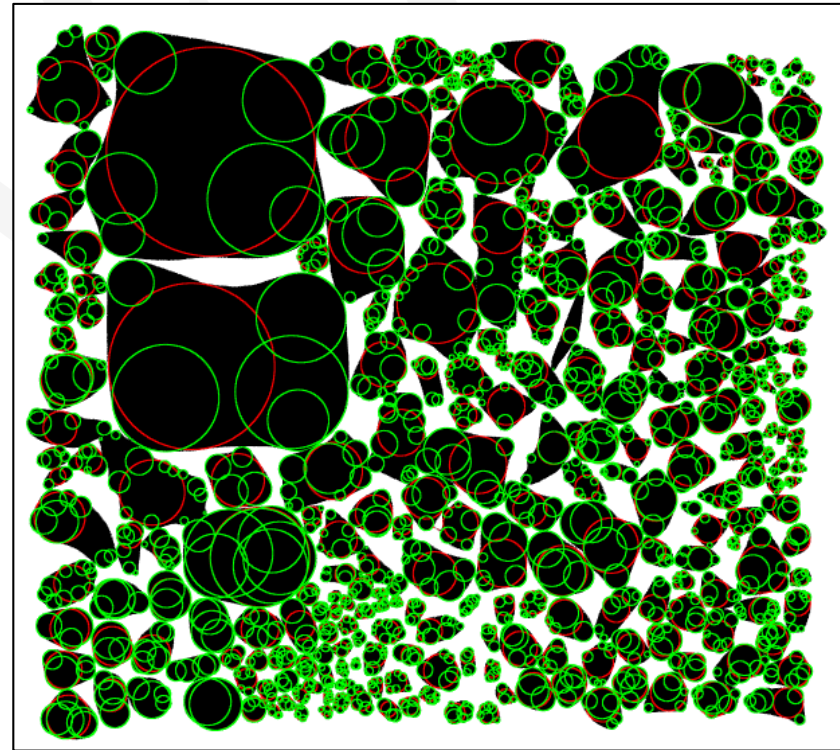


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## Image Analysis

- 2D Particle Shape Analysis
  - Code based on Matlab to automatically compute
    - Sphericity
    - Roundness
    - Surface Roughness

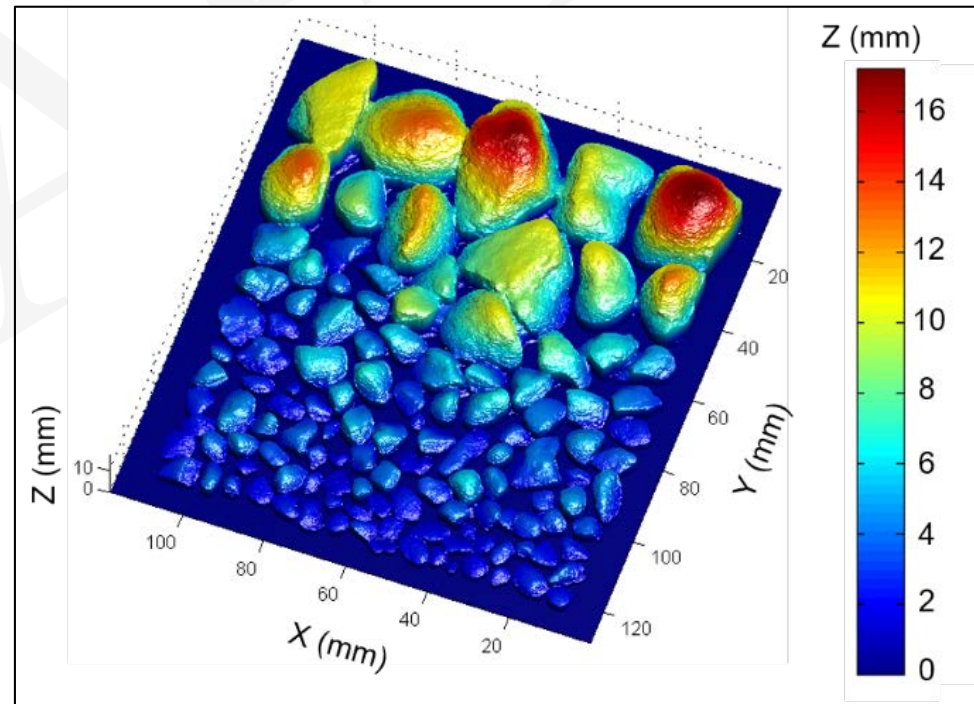


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## Image Analysis

- Stereophotography
  - Traditional images → 2D
  - Stereophotography → 3D
  - Only 2 parallel images are required for 3D reconstruction.

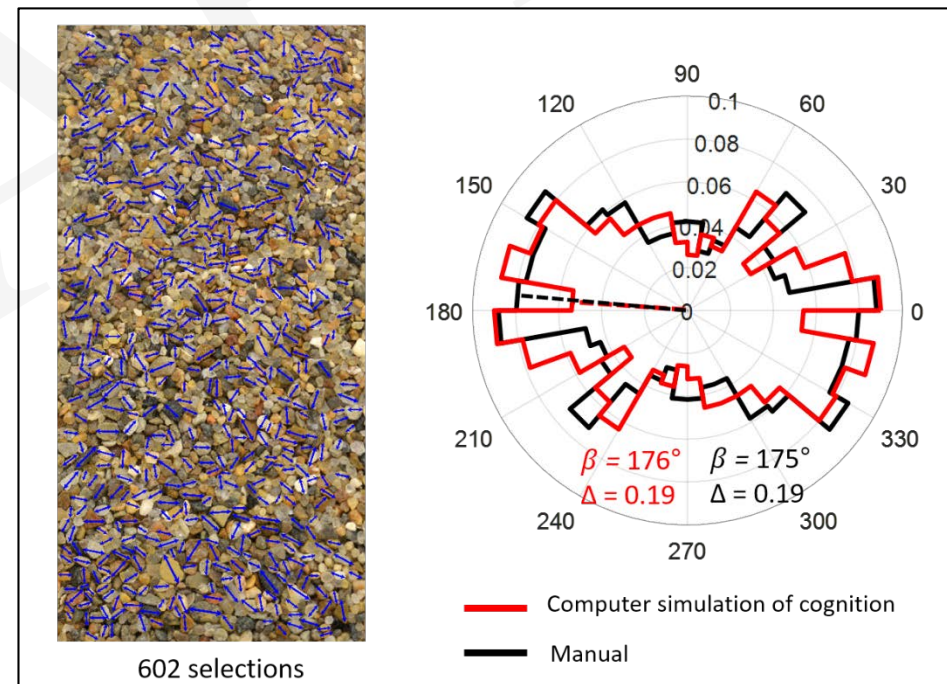


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## Image Analysis

- Fabric Anisotropy
  - Rotational Haar Wavelet method
  - Estimation of orientations of particle long axes
  - Computation of fabric tensor.



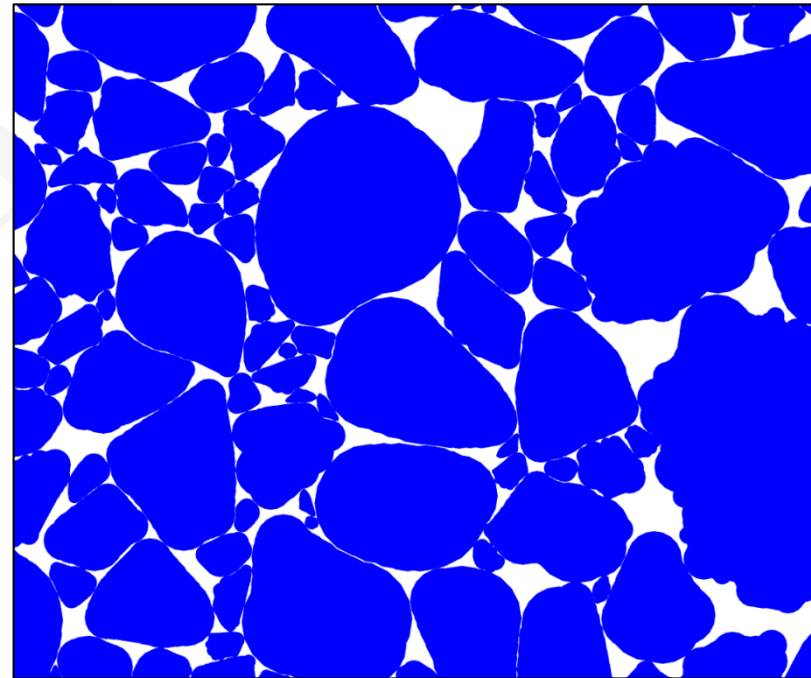
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## Image Analysis

- Intrinsic Property Based DEM Modeling
  - 2D corner preserving algorithm
    - To generate realistic DEM geometries from particle images
  - DEM particle library
    - User defines particle size, sphericity, and roundness distributions.
    - DEM particle library builds a virtual soil specimen.



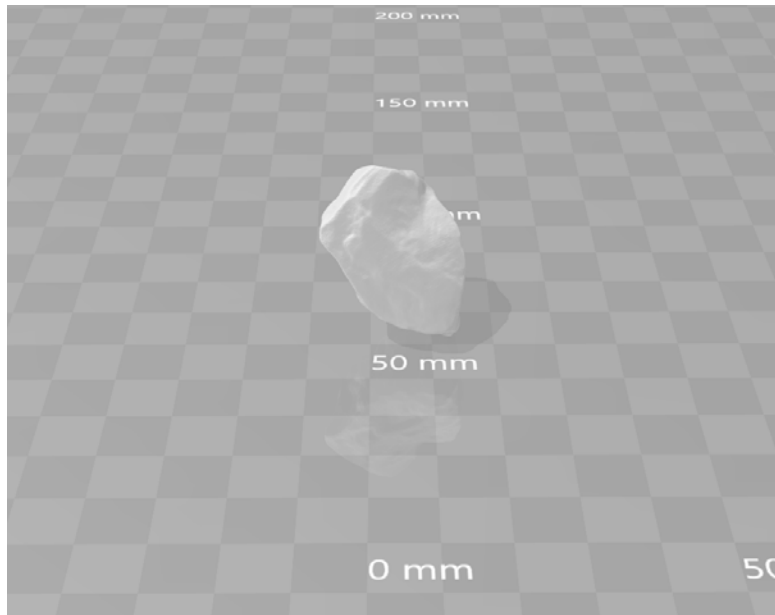
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## Image Analysis

- Shining 3D – EinScan-SP



<https://www.dream3d.co.uk/product/shining-3d-einscan-sp/>

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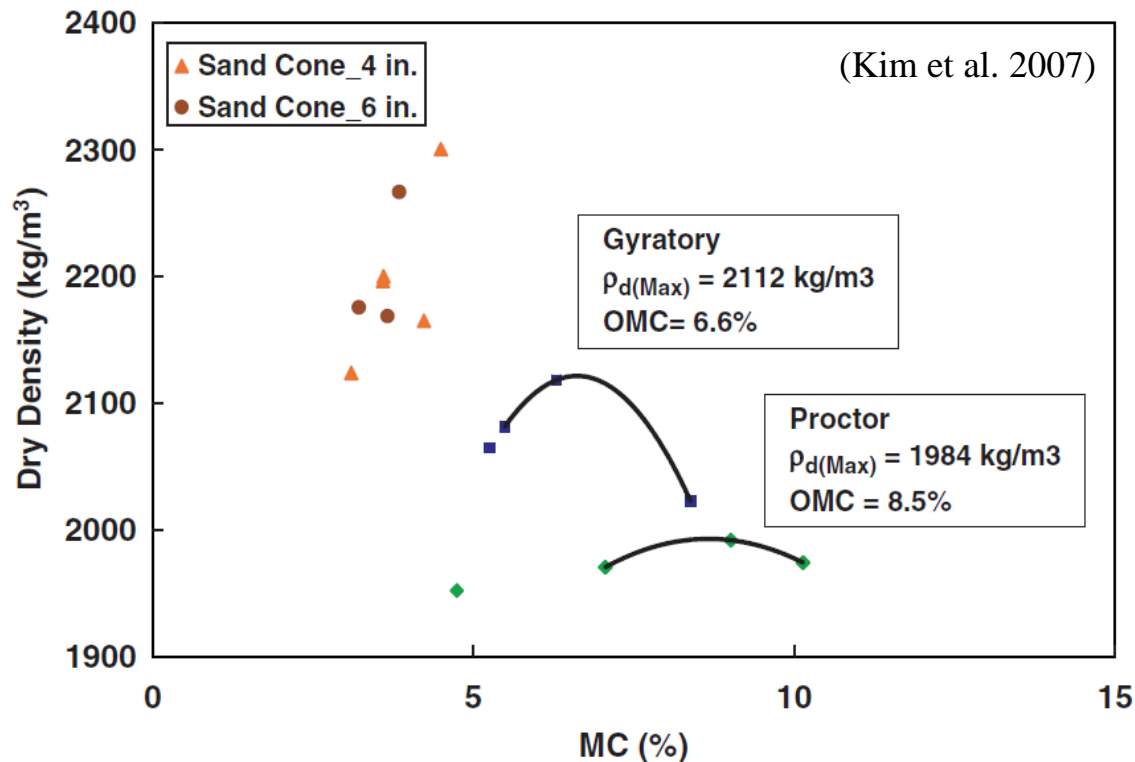
## Proctor & Gyrotory Compaction

- Proctor tests (Edil et al. 2012; Nokkaew et al. 2012; Sayed et al. 1993)
  - RAP and RCA have lower maximum dry unit weight than VA.
    - RAP → Lower specific gravity than VA due to asphalt (Guthrie et al. 2007, Locander 2009).
    - RCA → Resistance of particles against the compaction effort due to cementation (Hussain and Dash 2010).
  - RAP has lower optimum water content than VA → hydrophobicity
  - RCA shows a higher optimum moisture content → hydrophilicity

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## Proctor & Gyrotory Compaction

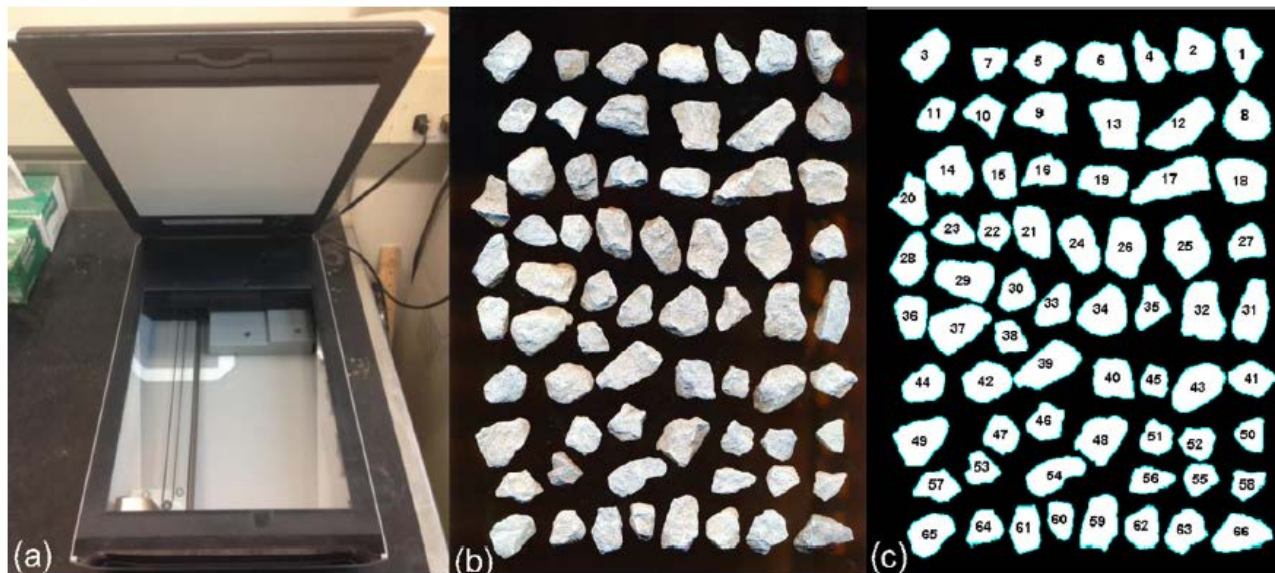
- Kim et al. (2007) → Gyrotory compactor provided better results to simulate the in-situ conditions.



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## Proctor & Gyratory Compaction

- Gyratory Abrasion and Image Analysis (GAIA) test method (Li et al. 2017)
  - Percent crushing of aggregates after the test
- Canon 9000F Mark II high-speed optical scanner – 2D
  - Dust and scratch removal image processing feature



(Li et al. 2017)



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## Asphalt & Cement Content Determination

- Coarse RCA & Fine RCA – Cement content
- RCA+RAP – Material contents
  - Engineering properties of RCA and RAP
  - Temperature-sensitivity of RAP due to asphalt (Soleimanbeigi et al. 2015).
  - Repositioning of particles in the long-term due to the asphalt (Cosentino et al. 2012; Yin et al. 2016)
  - Cementation of unhydrated cement
  - Fine RCA particles → Contain higher unhydrated cement (ACPA 2009)

# TASK 4

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## Asphalt & Cement Content Determination

- Asphalt content determination → Ignition method
  - *AASHTO T 308-16, Standard Method of Test for Determining the Asphalt Binder Content of Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) by the Ignition Method*



Before Ignition

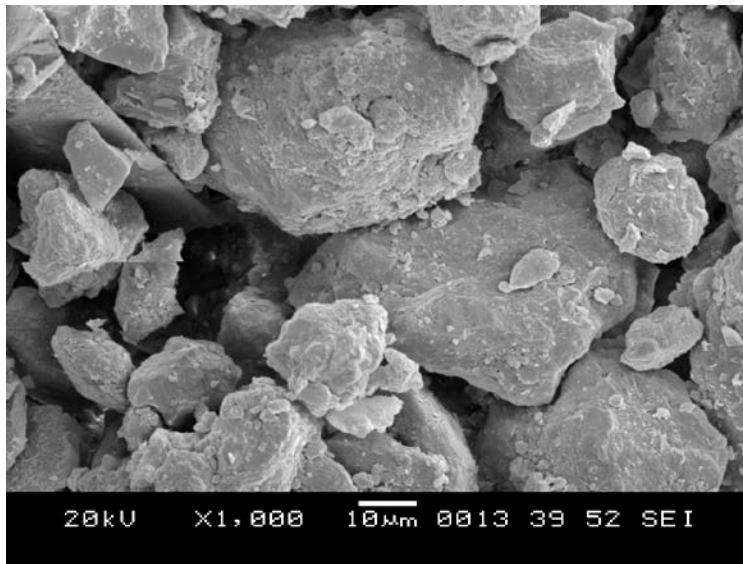


After Ignition

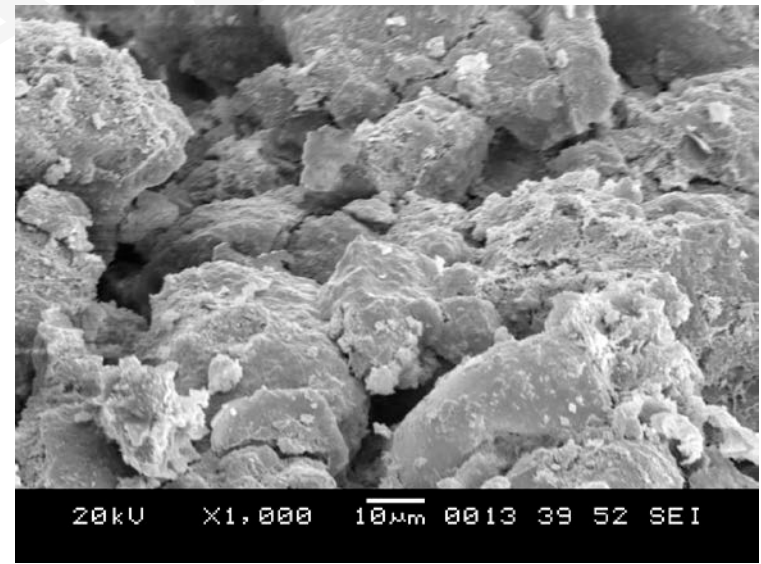
# TASK 4

## Asphalt & Cement Content Determination

- Cement content determination → Acid treatment technique
- Cementation → Heat of hydration
- Linking between particles due to cementation → SEM images



Loess



Loess + 4 % PC

(Coban 2017)

# TASK 4

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## Contact Angle Measurement

- Hydrophobicity of RAP → due to asphalt
- Hydrophilicity of RCA → due to unhydrated cement
- RAP tends to have higher  $K_{\text{sat}}$  than RCA → hydrophobicity.



RAP



RCA

(Edil et al. 2012)

# TASK 4

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## Contact Angle Measurement

- Water drop penetration time (WDPT) (Edil et al. 2012)
  - Time that takes for a water drop to completely infiltrate the material after the water drop is placed at the surface of soil.
- Effective contact angle (Edil et al. 2012)
  - Dynamic property depending on energy state of water
- Apparent contact angle (Edil et al. 2012)
  - Contact angle at zero energy state of water
  - The higher the contact angle the greater the water repellency
  - $RAP > 90^\circ$  and  $RCA \sim 0^\circ$

# SCHEDULE

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Thank You!

**QUESTIONS??**

