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Design and Construction Guidelines for Thermally Insulated Concrete Pavements

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- Task 1. Literature Review
- Task 3. EICM Validation and Analysis
 - Review of last year status
 - New findings
- Task 4. Evaluation of Response Models

 Review of last year status
 New findings
- Task 5. Develop Design Guidelines

 CalME models

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- First draft was submitted in April 09
 - Concentrated on AC overlays on PCC
 - Lack of information on composite pavements
 Insufficient description of the MEPDG
- Comments were received in June 09
- New draft was submitted and approved in July-August 09
- The document has been updated. It will be used as a basis for the Synthesis



- MEPDG 1.0 minimum AC thickness analysis
 - 1.9" had 14.2% cracking
 - -2.0" had 1%
- No significant differences between 4-in single layer AC system and 2 x 2" AC system

This was verified for MEPDG version 1.1



- Time of traffic opening
 - Determine differences in MEPDG predictions if the date of traffic opening is changed
 - User selects month of
 - Pavement construction
 - Overlay construction
 - Traffic opening
- Conclusions

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 The month a pavement structure is opened to traffic does not affect pavement performance predictions made by the MEPDG

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Task 3. EICM evaluation Past Findings

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Effect of Weather Stations

- Case 1
 - MSP STC example: 40% difference in predicted cracking
 - 7 additional locations were selected
 - As the location becomes closer to STC, predicted cracking increases
 - STC has missing climate data
 - This was thought to cause problem will examine further
- Case 2

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- Primary evaluation of data quality
 - Cases were run for identical locations using the interpolation option
 - Nearest station only (1 station)
 - All except nearest (5 stations)

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Effect of Weather Stations

- If data quality is high, there should be little difference between the two predicted values for each station
- At some locations the predicted values are very close
- At others, there are large differences
- It's known that some existing stations have incomplete data files
- This is thought to cause the inconsistencies

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Effect of Weather Stations

Locations	Lat.	Long.	Elev.	% Cracking after 20 years for weather station		
				Nearby station only	Interpolated climate	
Columbus, OH	39.59	-82.53	849	6.4 30.9		
Grand Forks, ND	47.57	-97.11	842	9,9	11.0	
Fort Wayne, IN	41.01	-85.13	806	12.3	20.1	
San Antonio, TX	29.32	-98.28	821	17.5 36.2		
Madison, WI	43.08	-89.21	860	18.1	17.1	
Oshkosh, WI	43.59	-88.34	816	22.9	19.3	
Cedar Rapids, IA	41.53	-91.43	870	24.2	27.1	
Ann Arbor, MI	42.13	-83.44	836	27.7	12.2	
Joplin, MO	37.09	-94.3	985	37.6	35.9	
Lawrence, KS	39.01	-95.13	833	43.0	28.8	
Oak Ridge, TN	36.01	-84.14	916	51.5 22.3		
Atlanta, GA	33.22	-84.34	837	58.9	19	

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EICM

- Requires information about 5 weather related parameters on an hourly basis
 - Air temperature
 - Wind speed
 - Percent sunshine
 - Precipitation

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- Relative Humidity

EICM Climate Database

- 851 Stations located across the USA
- Varying amounts of climate data
- Max: 116 months

- Requires 24 months to run

- 116 months may not be sufficient eliminate year-to-year variations
 - Stations with less data are more sensitive to outliers (year-to-year variations)

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EICM Climate Database

- Wet > 25" in rainfall/yr
- Freeze > 200 FI
- Dry No Freeze region: 77 stations
- Dry Freeze region: 136 stations
- Wet No Freeze region: 164 stations
- Wet Freeze region: 233 stations

MEPDG Predictions

- A identical pavement structure was analyzed at many locations
 - Composite, Rigid, & Flexible
- The only variable was the climate file
- Only stations with "complete" climate files were used
 - "No missing months"
- 610 Stations had complete data
 - Files had varying amounts of data
- MEPDG Version 1.0

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Design

- Composite 2" AC over 7" PCC
- Rigid 9" PCC
- Flexible 9" AC
- Granular base
 - A-1-a, 6"
- Subgrade
 - A-6, semi-infinite
- Traffic 3200 AADTT

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Design

- 1.25" Doweled transverse joints
 - 12" spacing
- 15' joint spacing
- AC

– 52-28PG

- Water table depth: 5'
- MEPDG default values were used unless otherwise specified

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MEPDG Predictions - IRI



-Climate had less effect on predicted Composite IRI

-IRI values for Composite and Flexible (not shown) designs were very similar

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MEPDG Predictions – AC Rutting



-Histograms suggest AC/PCC pavement is less sensitive to climate than equivalent single layer AC system

-Composite values exhibit less rutting - confined to 2" AC layer

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MEPDG Predictions – Transverse Cracking in PCC Layer



-Minimum: 0.0% Bethel & Cold Bay, AK; Maximum: 79.1% Nogales, AZ (AC/PCC)

-Wide range of predicted cracking values - Rigid tended to be more extreme

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-Climate has an enormous impact on predicted cracking values – investigate further

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Google Earth Plot

- Transverse cracking results were plotted on Google Earth
- 4 icon colors according to predicted percentage of cracked slabs
 - Blue: <16%
 - Green: 16-25%
 - Yellow: 26-40%
 - Red: > 40%

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Blue < 16% Green 16-25% Yellow 26-40% Red > 40%

- Trends are visible, but anomalies are present

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Cracking Percentage Organized by Environmental conditions

No. of S	Predicted Cracking Percentage				
Climate	No. of Stations	0-15%	16-25%	26-40%	40%<
Wet – Freeze	233	63	39	93	38
Wet - No Freeze	164	47	14	30	73
Dry – Freeze	136	26	28	42	40
Dry - No Freeze	77	14	13	15	35



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Southern California Example

- Large differences were observed for stations geographically close
- Los Angeles, CA 3.8% Elev. 326ft
- Burbank, CA 62.7% Elev. 734ft
- 58.9% Difference
- Distance 18.64 miles

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East Coast Example

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Lessons from MEPDG Simulations

 A comprehensive sensitivity of the effect of climate on pavement performance predictions was conducted

Over 600 stations

- Environment has a significant impact on predicted pavement performance
- Many trends were reasonable
 - However, differences in stations with similar climates were greater than expected
- Illustrated the need for high-quality climatic data

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Lessons from MEPDG Simulations

- Data quality is non-uniform
 - MEPDG allows stations with low-quality data to be used
 - It does prevent stations with missing data to be used alone
 - Low-quality data can be used when interpolating
 - It was demonstrated that missing data can only decrease the quality of predictions
- It is recommended that all missing data is removed from the database

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Lessons from MEPDG Simulations

- Improved data quality will likely improve MEPDG predictions
 - Data cleaning
 - Uniform, high-quality data
 - More data
 - Eliminate year-to-year variations

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MEPDG Climate Sensitivity

- Two papers were submitted on MEPDG climate sensitivity
 - TRB (Transportation Research Board)
 - Accepted for presentation and publication
 - Award: Geology and Properties of Earth Materials Section 2010 Best Paper Award

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- JAMC (Journal of Applied Meteorology and Climatology)
 - Under review

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Past Findings

- MnROAD Cell 53 data
 - Data from overlay and no-overlay sections were compared
 - Attempt was made to salvage Cell 53 data



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MnROAD Cell 54

- Cell 54 was examined
- Analysis indicated that the temperature sensor began experiencing problems in 2006
- All data more recent than 2006 are considered unreliable



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Closer Examination of Cell 54



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MnROAD Cells 106 & 206

- Temperature data from MnROAD cells 106 & 206 were processed to determine data quality
 - Cell 106: 48 sensors
 - Cell 206: 16 sensors
- 14 different 'flags'
 - Each represents a different data test failure

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Definition of Flags

In this section we define constants for each of the flags. 0/_____ % Missing data flags FLAG_MISSING_DATA = 1; % missing data FLAG_NOT_YET_OPERATIONAL = 2; % missing data at the beginning FLAG DEACTIVATED = 3; % missing data at the end FLAG TOO SPARSE DAY = 4; % not enough data in any day % Time-series based FLAG OUT OF RANGE = 5; % sensor outliers with annual & diurnal fit FLAG NEIGHBORHOOD OUTLIERS = 6; % sensor outliers with local neighborhood fit FLAG LAG ONE OUTLIERS = 7; % sensor outliers in lag one % Subset-based flags FLAG POINT EXTREMES = 8; % subset outliers, record-by-record = 9: % subset daily range outliers, day-by-day FLAG DAILY RANGE FLAG DAILY EXTREMES = 10; % subset daily extreme outliers, day-by-day % Sensor-by-sensor consistency FLAG_INTERMITTENT_DATA = 11; % too many flagged data points around FLAG INCONSISTENT DAY = 12; % too small of a fraction of good data, day-by-day FLAG INCONSISTENT WEEK = 13; % too small of a fraction of good data, week-by-week FLAG INCONSISTENT MONTH = 14; % too small of a fraction of good data, month-by-month

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MnROAD Cell 106, Sensor 28

- Example of erroneous sensor (#28) in cell 106
 - "Flagged", i.e. questionable, data are green
 - "Un-flagged" data are blue
- Two time periods to note
 - June '09 onward

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- Easily observed
- End of January '09
 - Not as noticeable

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MnROAD Cell 106, Sensor 28



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MnROAD Cell 106, Sensor 28

- Not all flagged data are revealing at first glance
- A plot of Flags vs. Time accounts for this

- Also indicated which flag was activated


MnROAD Cell 106, Sensor 28



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MnROAD Cell 106, Sensor 28

- Flags present in January '09
 - 10: Data has extreme outliers
 - Daily max & min values are too extreme
 - 12: Inconsistent from day-to-day
 - Fraction of good data is too small from day-to-day

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MnROAD Cell 106, Sensor 28

- Flags present in June '09
 - -9: Daily Range
 - 10: Daily extremes
 - 12: Inconsistent from day-to-day
 - 13: Inconsistent week-to-week
 - 14: Inconsistent month-to-month



Closer examination of January '09 flags



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Closer Examination of January '09 Flags

- The 'expected' minimum value was lower than what was recorded
 - This 'expected' value is determined by other observations in the same subset
 - Subset: sensors at the similar depth and in the same material
- Even though data looks reasonable, software indicates there is a problem



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Closer examination of June '09 flags

 Easily observed that something is wrong with the sensor



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MnROAD Temperature Data Evaluation

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Closer examination of January '09 flags





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Similarities in Data Trends

- Sensors 4 & 12
 - Appears to be a problem near the end of the time period
 - Spike in December '08
- Sensors 28 & 12
 - Flagged data at end of January '09
- Sensors 20 & 28

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- Problems begin in June '09
- Sensor 20 returns to 'normal' until August '09
- Sensor 28 does not erroneous data is present until end of time period
 - Also appears to be a spike in sensor 12 near mid-June, but data is unflagged

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MnROAD Cell 106 & 206

- Most sensors had 98% or more data "unflagged"
 - All 16 sensors in Cell 206
 - 40 of 48 in Cell 106
- This can be slightly misleading
 - Sensor 28 (which was previously examined) reported 93.20% un-flagged data
 - Doesn't mean there isn't any useful data from Sensor 28

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Temperature Differences in Cell 106

- Difference = Ttop Tbot
- Results were plotted as a histogram
- 4 different sets were compared
- Sorted according to season
 - Dec, Jan, Feb
 - Mar, Apr, May
 - Jun, Jul, Aug





Differences in Temperature in Cell 106 Ttop – Tbot of PCC slab

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Next Steps

- Compare with PCC temperature data from the adjacent sections
- Compare EICM and measured data



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Task 4. Evaluation of Response Models

- AC characterization
 - Past findings
 - Correction of past findings
 - MEPDG E* calculation process and its limitations
- Effect of AC viscoelastic properties on responses of composted pavements
- MEPDG curling analysis modification



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MEPDG Level 2 vs Level 3 analysis

Asphalt Material Properties	Asphalt Material Properties ?
Asphalt material type: Asphalt concrete Layer thickness (in): 4	Asphalt material type: Asphalt concrete
🖪 Asphalt Mix 📕 Asphalt Binder 🔲 Asphalt General	🗖 Asphalt Mix 🗖 Asphalt Binder 🔲 Asphalt General
Certons Superpave Under grading Conventional viscosity grade Conventional penetration grade	Import Import Export Superpave Inder test data
High Low Temp (°C)	
Temp (°C) -10 -16 -22 -28 -34 -40 -46	Temperature /951 Angular frequency = 10 rad/sec
46	G* (Pa) Delta (%)
52	
58	
64	
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View HMA Plots	Its OK X Cancel View HMA Plots

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Past findings



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$$\eta = \frac{|G^*|}{10} \left(\frac{1}{\sin\delta}\right)^{4.8628}$$

• $|G^*|$ and δ at $\omega = 10$ rad/sec for PG 58-28 binder

Temp (°F)	G* (Pa)	δ (°)	η (cP)
40	5000000	9.42	3.3228E+10
70	45000000	24.91	3.0158E+08
100	3000000	30.40	8.2300E+06
130	2000000	55.87	5.0148E+05

- Divide G* by **1000** for input in MEPDG Level 1 or 2
 - Addresses error in MEPDG software code

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MEPDG E* Calculation Process and Its Limitations

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$$\log(E^*) = \delta + \frac{\alpha}{1 + e^{\beta + \gamma \log t_r}}$$

 $\delta = -1.249937 + 0.02932 \rho_{200} - 0.001767 (\rho_{200})^2 - 0.002841 \rho_4 - 0.058097 V_a - 0.802208 \left[\frac{Vb_{eff}}{Vb_{eff} + V_a} \right]$ $\alpha = 3.871977 - 0.0021\rho_4 + 0.003958\rho_{38} - 0.000017\rho_{38}^2 + 0.005470\rho_{34}$ $\beta = -.603313 - .393532\log(\eta_T)$

$$\log(t_r) = \log(t) - c \log(\eta) - \log(\eta_{T_r})$$

$$\gamma = 0.313351 / c = 1.255882$$

Loading time

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Loading Time



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Effective Distance



$$L_{eff} = 2*(a_c + Z_{eff})$$

- L_{eff} = effective distance
- a_c = radius of tire contact area = 3.5 in
- Z_{eff} = effective depth

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- Z_{eff} = effective depth
- *k* = number of the AC sublayer of interest
- h thickness of AC sublayer
- E_{AC} = modulus of AC sublayer
- *E_{subgr}*= subgrade modulus

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Iterative Process for E* Calculation





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MEPDG E* Calculation Process and Its Limitations

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Limitations of the MEPDG E* procedure
 – Does not account for base or PCC properties

$$Z_{eff} = \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} h_i \sqrt[3]{\frac{E_{AC,i}}{E_{subgr}} + \frac{h_k}{2}} \sqrt[3]{\frac{E_{AC,k}}{E_{subgr}}}$$

The same value for temperature curling and axle loading

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Effect of AC Viscoelastic Properties on Responses of Composted Pavements

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Behavior of AC under constant stress



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- 3D finite element model for viscoelastic analysis
 - Viscoelastic AC layer
 - Elastic PCC layer
 - Winkler foundation
 - Traffic load
 - Temperature gradient
 - Verify stresses

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Creep compliance Generalized Kelvin-Voigt model



– Bending Beam Rheometer (Zofka et al. 2008)



$$J(t) = \frac{48I\delta(t)}{PL^3}$$

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- Video of ABAQUS moving load analysis
 - New AC only: AC over base and subgrade on a stiff Winkler foundation
 - Composite: AC over PCC on Winkler foundation
- Vertical deflections
 - Same deformation scale factors



Effect of AC Viscoelastic Properties on Responses of Composted Pavements

- System : AC Base Subgrade Winkler foundation
- Vehicle speed: 5 mph, 10 mph, 30 mph, 60 mph
- Strains at the bottom of AC in the middle of slab under moving load



Effect of AC Viscoelastic Properties on Responses of Composted Pavements

- System : AC PCC Winkler foundation
- Vehicle speed: 5 mph, 10 mph, 30 mph, 60 mph
- Stress at the bottom of PCC in the middle of slab under moving load



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Location: O'Hare, Chicago, IL.

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	File Name	General Information		Traffic		Structure - Thickness (in)				Output		
S. No.		Type Des. (yea	Des. Life	s. Life	Speed	ed h) AC	PCC	Base	Subgrade	% Slab Cracked	AC Bottom	AC
			(years)	AADTT	(mph)						Up Cracking	Deformation
					\ I − 7						(%)	(in)
1	AC_5	New AC	10	10000	5	3	N/A	12	Infinite	N/A	65.4	1.08
2	AC_10	New AC	10	10000	10	3	N/A	12	Infinite	N/A	64.2	0.92
3	AC_30	New AC	10	10000	30	3	N/A	12	Infinite	N/A	62	0.73
4	AC_60	New AC	10	10000	60	3	N/A	12	Infinite	N/A	60.2	0.63
5	AC_PCC_5	Overlay	10	10000	5	3	6	6	Infinite	22.8	0	0.55
6	AC_PCC_10	Overlay	10	10000	10	3	6	6	Infinite	22.8	0	0.44
7	AC_PCC_30	Overlay	10	10000	30	3	6	6	Infinite	22.8	0	0.32
8	AC_PCC_60	Overlay	10	10000	60	3	6	6	Infinite	22.8	0	0.26

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MEPDG Curling Analysis

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- Composite pavement is subjected to
 - Positive temperature gradient
 - Traffic load
- PCC layer cracks at the bottom





- MEPDG PCC cracking model for composite pavement
 - Adoption from new rigid pavement
 - Based on equivalency concept
 - Over-simplification

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MEPDG JPCP Cracking Model

$$CRK = \frac{100}{1 + FD^{-1.68}} \qquad FD = \sum \frac{n_{t,j,k,l,m,p}}{N_{t,j,k,l,m,p}}$$

- CRK is the percentage of bottom up PCC cracking
- *FD* is the fatigue damage
- n is the applied number of load applications at conditions t, j, k, l, m, p
- N is the allowable number of load applications at conditions t, j, k, l, m, p
- *t, j, k, l, m, p* are conditions relating to the age, month, axle type, load level, temperature difference, and traffic path, respectively

$$\log(N_{t,j,k,l,m,p}) = C_1 \cdot \left(\frac{MR}{\sigma_{t,j,k,l,m,p}}\right)^{C_2} + 0.4371$$

- *MR* is the modulus of rupture of PCC
- σ is the applied stress at conditions *t*, *j*, *k*, *l*, *m*, *p*
- C_1 , C_2 are calibration constants ($C_1 = 2.0$, $C_2 = 1.22$)

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MEPDG Curling Analysis



- Does not account for
 - AC layer temperature gradient
 - Viscoelastic behavior of AC
 - Temperature sensitivity of AC

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MEPDG Curling Analysis Modification

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Proposed Approach

- 1. Two-moduli approach
- 2. Stress combination
- 3. Verification of stress prediction
- 4. Modification of existing MEPDG model
- 5. Comparison with existing MEPDG model
- 6. Verification of proposed cracking model

Two-Moduli Approach

- E_L for traffic load analysis
- E_T for temperature gradient analysis



- Verification
 - ABAQUS viscoelastic model for traffic only

– ABAQUS viscoelastic model for temperature gradient only
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• "Equivalent elastic" analysis

• AC and PCC layers assumed linear elastic

Slab-foundation interaction is non-linear
 – Separation from base due to curling



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Consider system 1

$$\sigma_1 = f T_1 \P P = 0, E_{AC} = E_T$$





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Consider system 2

– Find T_2 for similar deflection profile

$$\sigma_2 = f T_2 \quad \text{,} \quad P = 0, E_{AC} = E_L$$





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• Consider system 2 + Traffic

$$\sigma_3 = f T_2 \quad \square P, E_{AC} = E_L$$



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Total stress



$$\sigma_{Tot.} = \sigma_1 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_2)$$

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- Implement in MEPDG
 - Edit source code
 - Apply the new stress solution
 - Tedious process which requires
 - Implementation for each hour of analysis
 - Adaption of rapid solutions
 - Multiple rapid solutions for a single load application
 - Repeat for combination of axle loads and types
 - Compute cracking in PCC layer over the entire design life

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- Compare existing model with modified model
 - Assess difference
- Sensitivity analysis
 - Layer thickness
 - Layer stiffness
 - Coefficient of thermal expansion
 - Other parameters

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- Reflective cracking model
 - Based on critical strains in AC overlays over joints and cracks of existing PCC pavement
 - Recursive-incremental damage approach with a time increment of 30 days
 - Calibrated using accelerated loading test data from the Caltrans heavy vehicle simulator
- Rutting model
 - Based on shear deformation approach developed by Deacon et al. (2002)
 - Postulates that the rutting will occur at the top 100 mm of AC layers
 - Recursive incremental damage approach

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Cracking:
$$Crm/m^2 = \frac{10}{1 + \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_o}\right)^{\alpha}}$$

(was)a

Fatigue Damage

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$$\omega = \left(\frac{MN}{MNp}\right)$$

$$\omega_0 \text{ is a constant}$$

where: $MNp = A \times \left(\frac{\mu\varepsilon}{\mu\varepsilon_{ref}}\right)^{\beta} \times \left(\frac{E}{E_{ref}}\right)^{\gamma} \times \left(\frac{E_i}{E_{ref}}\right)^{\delta}$

E is the modulus of damaged material,

 E_i is the modulus of intact material,

MN is the number of load repetitions in millions ($N/10^6$),

 $\mu\epsilon$ is the strain at the bottom of the asphalt layer in μ strain, and

 α , β , γ , and δ are constants

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 Comparison of fatigue damage versus no. of load repetitions for different materials at a reference temperature of 20 C and a constant strain of 500 µstrain



(a) UCPRC-RR-2007-09

(b) CE-UMN

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 Comparison of cracking in (m/m²) versus damage for different materials with crack initiation corresponding to 0.5 m/m² of cracking and α = -8



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Permanent Deformation

 $dp_i = K \times h_i \times \gamma^i$

where: h_i is the thickness of layer i (above a depth of 100 mm), and *K* is a calibration constant. K = 1.4

Inelastic Shear Strain :

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$$\gamma^{i} = \exp\left(A + \alpha \times \left[1 - \exp\left(\frac{-\ln(N)}{\gamma}\right) \times \left(1 + \frac{\ln(N)}{\gamma}\right)\right]\right) \times \exp\left(\frac{\beta \times \tau}{\tau_{ref}}\right) \times \gamma^{e}$$

where: γ_e is the elastic shear strain,

 τ is the shear stress,

N is the number of load repetitions,

 τ_{ref} is a reference shear stress (0.1 MPa \approx atmospheric pressure), and

A, α , β , and γ are constants determined from the RSST-CH.

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 Comparison of the down rut (in mm) for different asphalt materials, assuming a shear stress of 0.1 MPa, a temperature of 50 C, and a loading time of 0.015 seconds.



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MnRoad Composite Cells 106 and 206

- 2" PG 64-34
- 5" PCC, 15'x12'
 - Cell 106: 1" dowels
 - Cell 206: no dowels
- 6" Class 5 aggregate base



MnROAD Distress Data

- Cell 106 (doweled)
 - 2 transverse cracks
 - Numerous reflective cracks
 - More cracks in truck lane
- Cell 206 (undoweled)
 - 1 transverse crack
 - Reflective cracks

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- Longitudinal cracks

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