

# Mechanistic – Empirical Design Guide:



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## *Rehabilitation Design*

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# Overview

- General Rehab Theory
- Characterizing Existing Pavement
  - Asphalt
  - Concrete
- Contrast with 1993 AASHTO

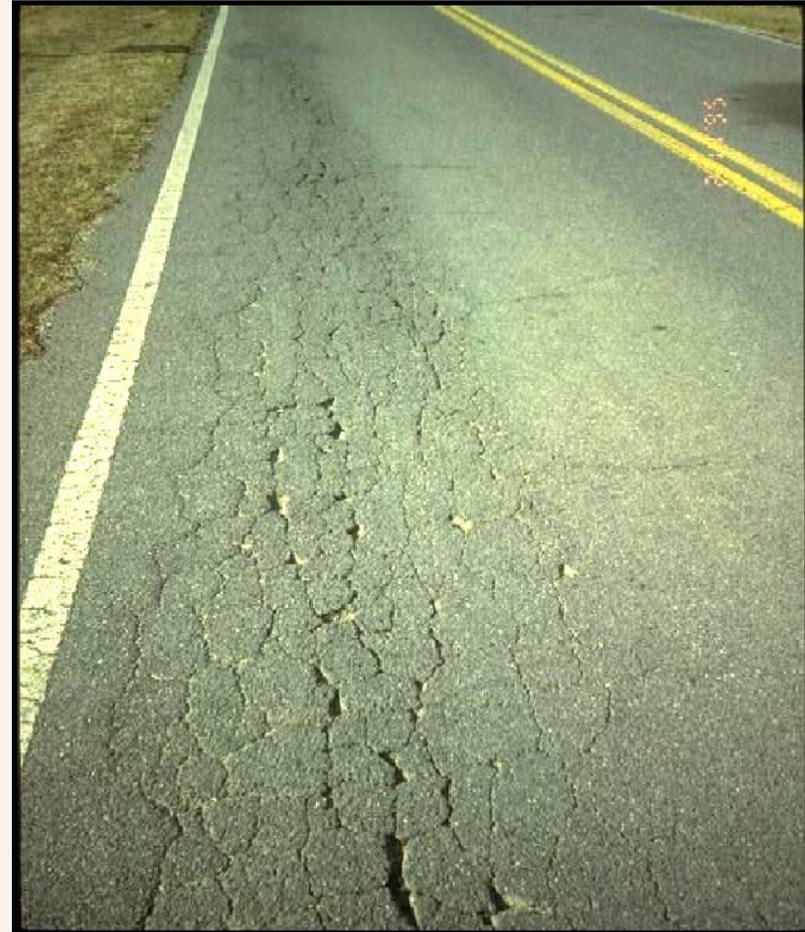
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## Bound Layers

- MR, E (PCC, CSB)
- E\* (AC)
- Rutting (AC)
- Damage

## Un-Bound Layers

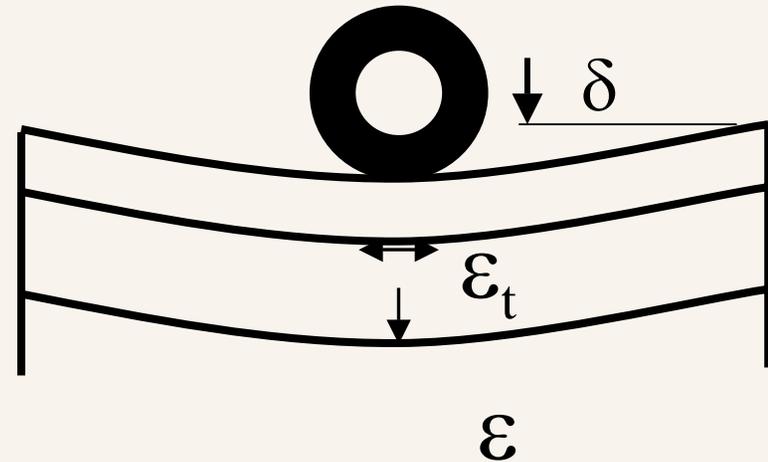
- $M_r$
- Rutting (AC)



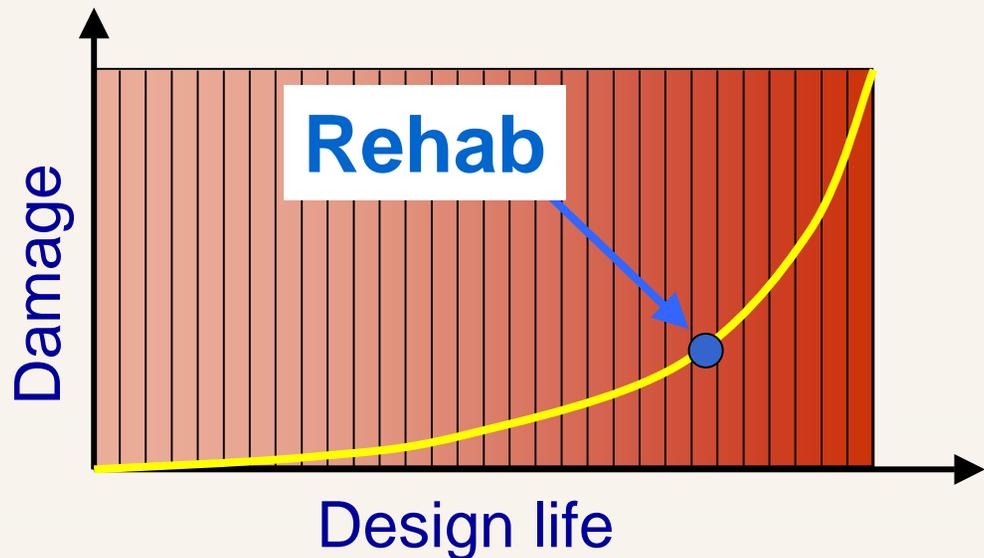
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# Damage and Existing Modulus

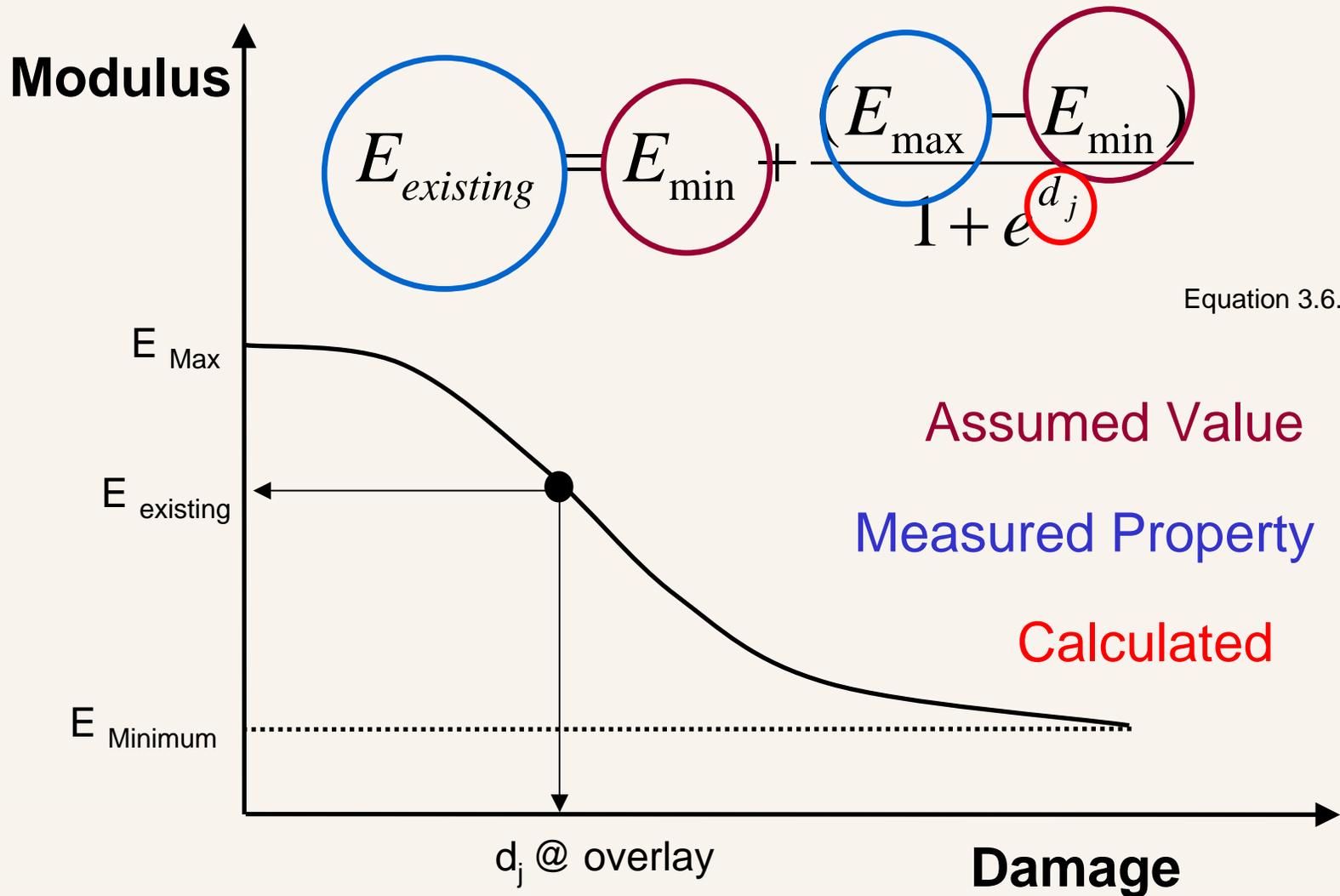
- Existing Modulus
  - Stress, Strain, Deflection



- Damage



# Bound Layers



Equation 3.6.1

Figure 3.6.4

# Existing Modulus

- Level 1: Use of FWD
- Not Specific on Backcalculation Method
- Level 2 & 3: Based on Pavement Condition

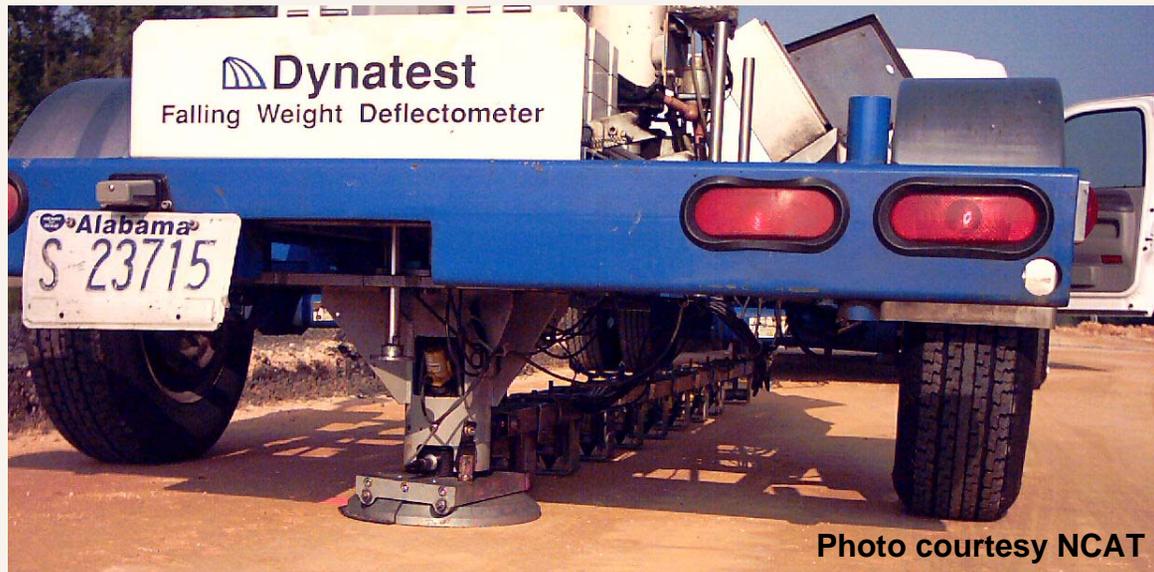


Photo courtesy NCAT

# Maximum Modulus

- PCC Cores and Beams for testing E, MR
- AC Uses Witczak Equation for  $E^*_{max}$

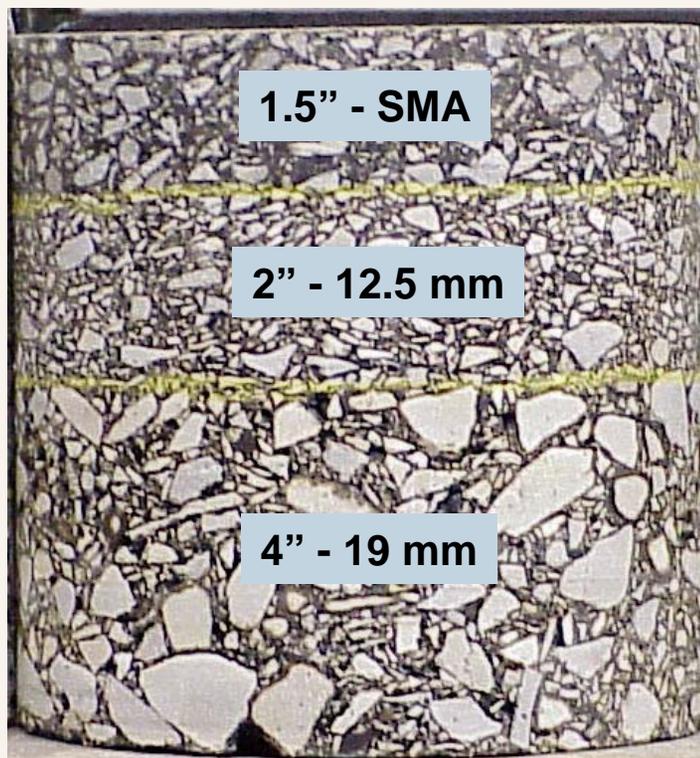
## Witczak Equation for Computing $E^*$

$f$  (Gradation, Volumetric, and Binder Properties)

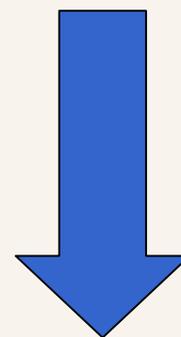
$$\log E^* = 3.75 + 0.029 \rho_{200} - 0.000001 (\rho_{200})^2 - 0.0028 \rho_4 - 0.058 V_a - 0.8022 \left( \frac{V}{V_a} \right) + \frac{3.872 - 0.000001 \rho_{38} + 0.004 \rho_{38} - 0.000002 (\rho_{38})^2 + 0.0055 \rho_{34}}{1 + e^{(-0.603 - 0.313 \log(f) - 0.393 \log(\eta))}}$$

Will be on Exam

## Maximum Modulus, $E^*$



Several Different Mixes  
Treated as a Single Layer



How do you combine  
into 1 Modulus Value ?

# Existing Pavement Rutting

Structure

Layers

Layer	Type	Material	Thickness (in)	Interface	Rut(in)	Crack(%)
1	Asphalt	Asphalt concrete	2.0	1		
2	Asphalt	Asphalt concrete (existing)	7.0	1	0	
3	Granular Base	Crushed stone	12.0	1	0	
4	Subgrade	SC	Semi-infinite	n/a	0	

Flexible Rehabilitation  
Rehabilitation Level: Level 1  
Milled thickness (in): 0



# Existing Pavement Rutting

## % Rutting in Pavement Layers

Layer	HMA Thickness		
	< 4 in	4 in - 8 in	> 8 in
Asphalt	70	80	100
Granular Base	15	10	0
Subbase	10	5	0
Subgrade	5	5	0

Flexible Rehabilitation

Rehabilitation Level:  
Level 3

Milled thickness (in):  
0

Geotextile present on existing surface.

Pavement rating:  
Fair

Total Rutting (in):  
0.5

Unbound Layer - Layer #4

Unbound Material: SC Thickness(in): Last layer

Strength Properties  ICM

Input Level  
 Level 1  
 Level 2  
 Level 3

Poisson's ratio: 0.35  
 Coefficient of lateral pressure,  $K_0$ : 0.5

Material Property  
 Modulus (psi)

Analysis Type  
 ICM Calculated Modulus  
 ICM Inputs

User Input Modulus  
 Seasonal input (design value)  
 Representative value (design value)

NDT Test - Modulus (psi): 24000

Correction factor: 0.62

OK  Cancel

# Unbound Material Characterization

back-calculated

Factor  
 MD to lab  $M_r$

Table 3.6.8

# AC Rehab Options

## Overlay Choice

**General Information**

Project Name:

Description:  
This example is based on the SPS 1 section in Ohio. The original section had an AADTT of 200 (approx) 7 in AC (2 in Surface + 5 in Base) + 8 in Granular Base approx.

Design Life (years):

Existing pavement construction month:  Year:

Pavement overlay construction month:  Year:

Traffic open month:  Year:

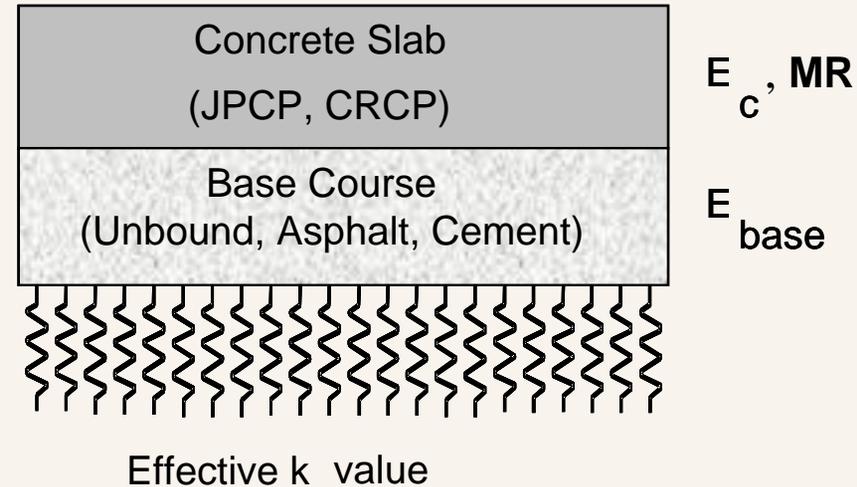
**Overlay**

Asphalt Concrete Overlay

- AC over AC
- AC over JPCP
- AC over CRCP
- AC over JPCP (fractured)
- AC over CRCP (fractured)

# PCC Rehabilitation Options

- JPCP Restoration
- Bonded Overlay
  - Monolithic section
- Unbonded Overlay
  - New PCC over strong base
- PCC Over AC
  - New PCC over damaged AC base

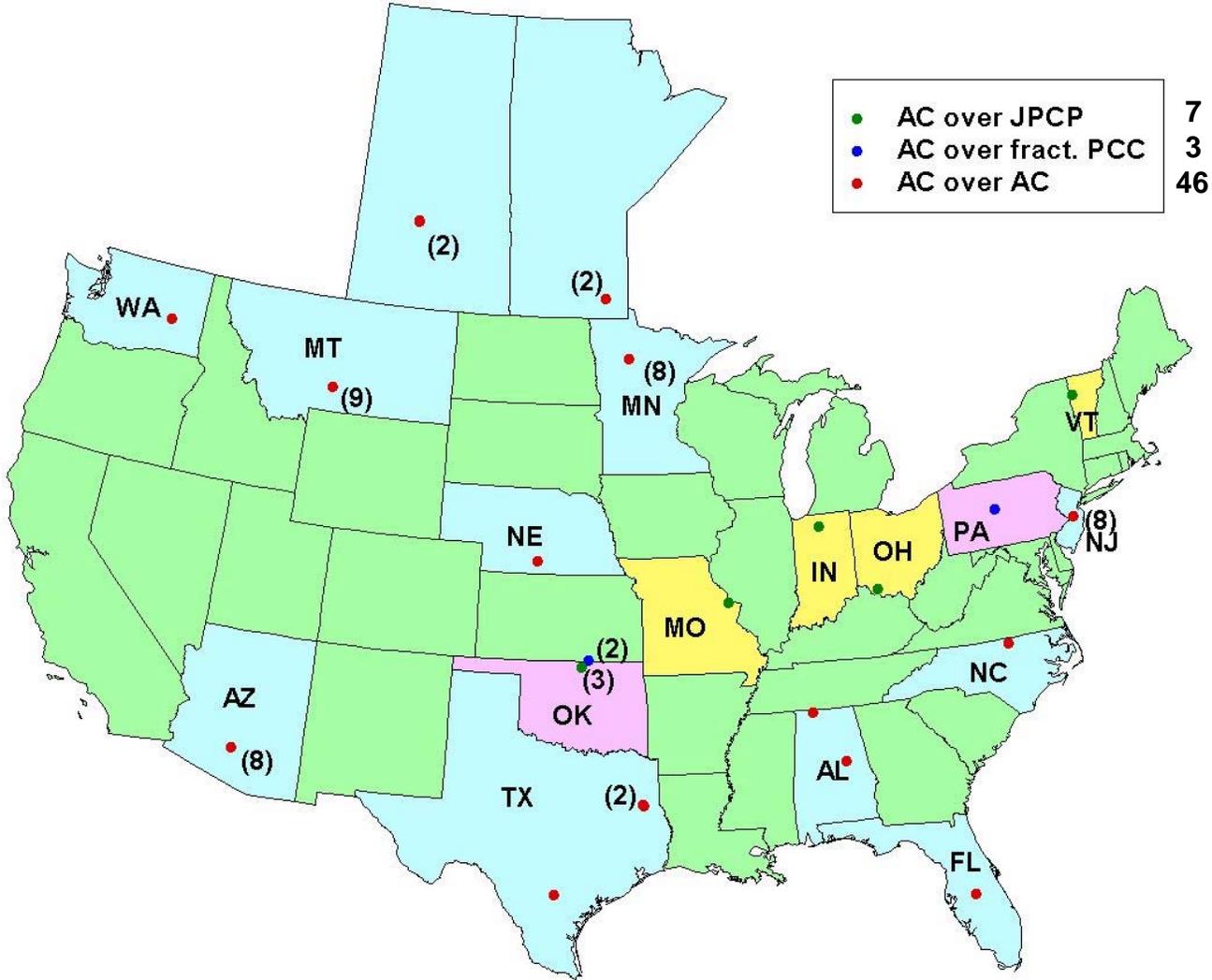


## Not included in DG

- CRCP Restoration
- JRCRP
- Ultra-thin whitetopping

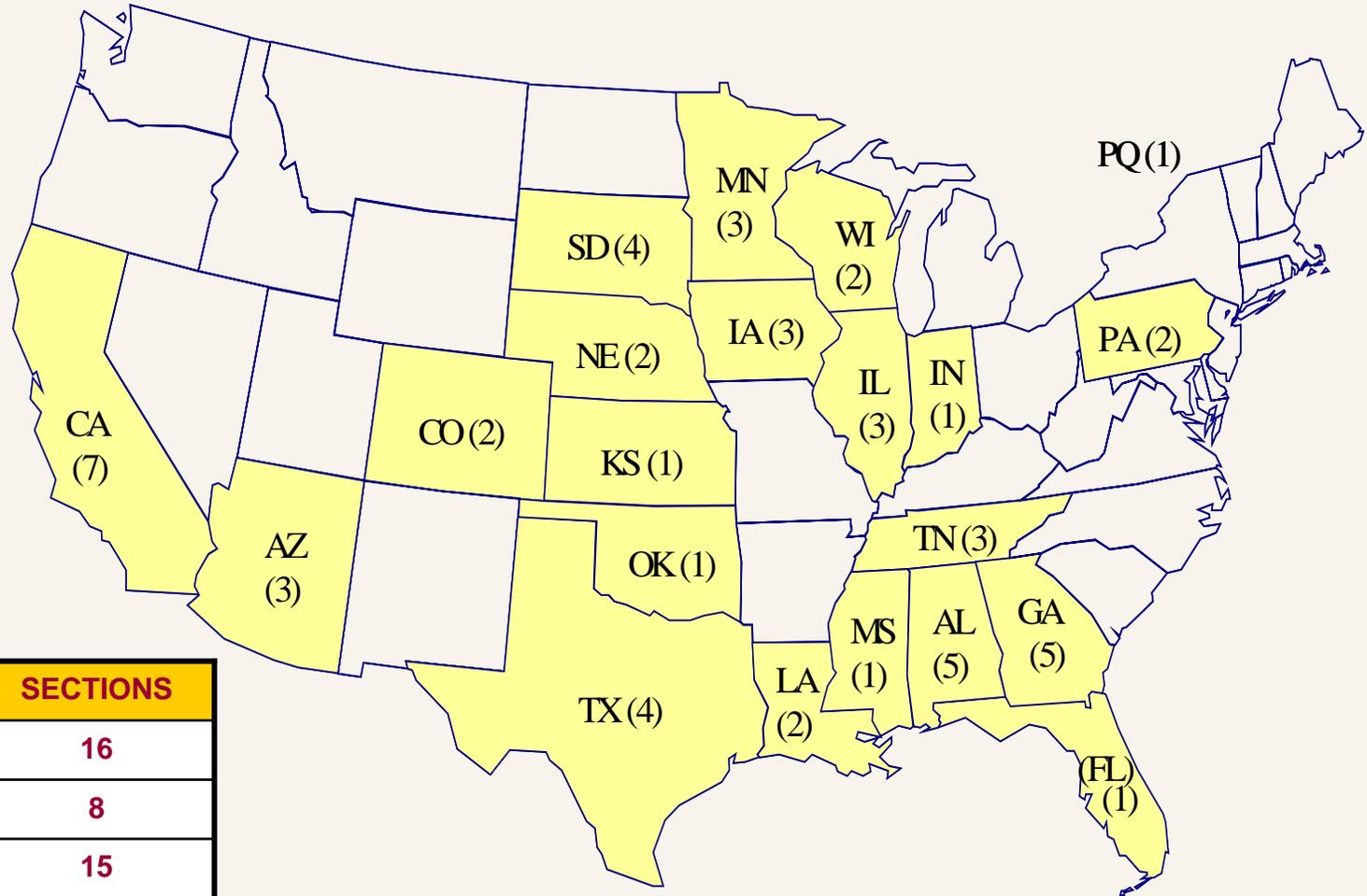


# Asphalt Calibration Sites



Appendix EE-2: Figure 1

# PCC Calibration Sites



TYPE OF REHAB	SECTIONS
Unbonded JPCP	16
Unbonded CRCP	8
Restored JPCP	15
Bonded PCC	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42</b>

## Advantages Rehabilitation Design

- Consistent with New Design
- Considers Continued Damage to the Existing Pavement

## Limitations of Rehabilitation Design

- Limited Data for Calibration
  - Rubbilized Pavements
  - Bonded PCC Overlays

# Summary

- Two Parts to MEPDG
  - NCHRP 1-37a Report
  - Software
- Full presentation available

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