

## Construction Innovations and How to Construct Smooth, Durable, and Quiet Concrete Pavements

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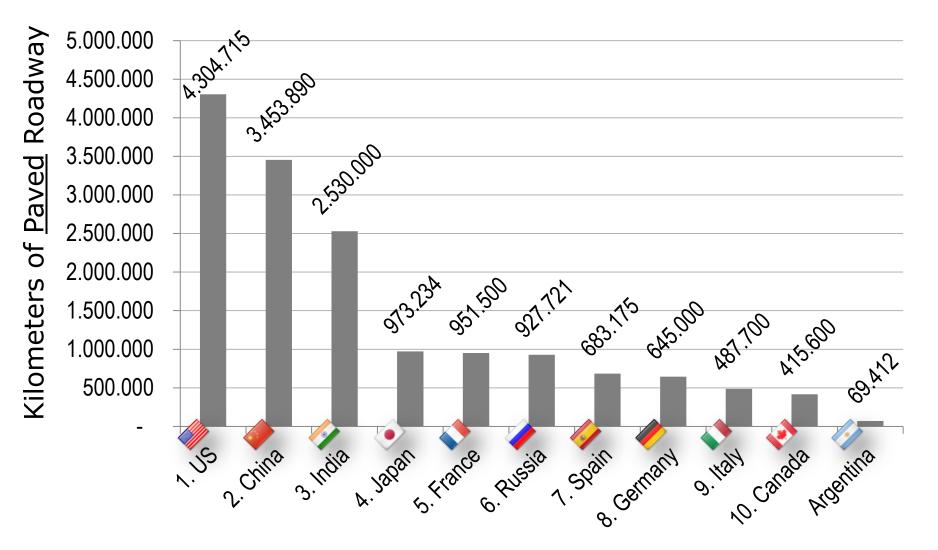


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# **Why Are You Listening to Gringos?**

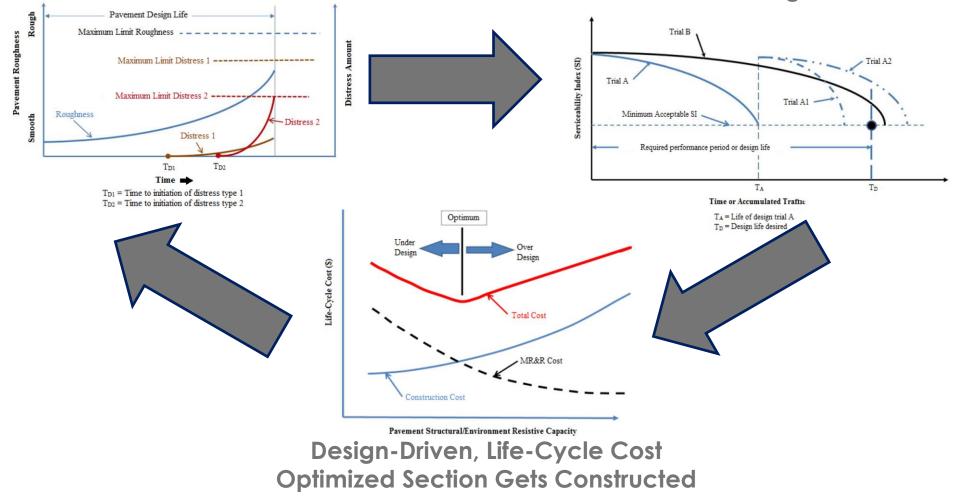


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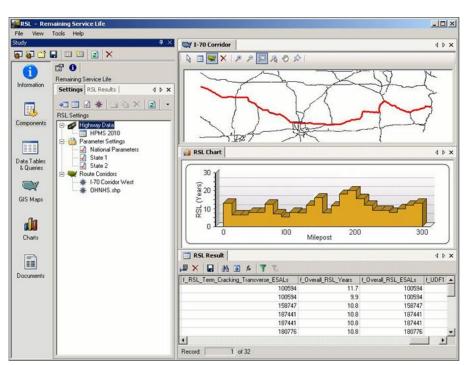
#### Field-Based Performance Models

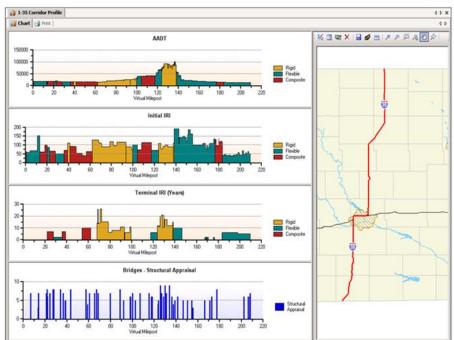
#### Performance Model-Based Design





# **FHWA's Pavement Health Track**





## **FREE** at: www.fhwa.dot.gov/pavement/healthtrack





# **CONSTRUCTING SMOOTH**



## **Smoothness Easier with Slipform**





# **Trackline Support is Key!**





# **Slipform Paver Advancements**



## Zero Clearance



## Variable Width





# **Stringless Slipform Paving**





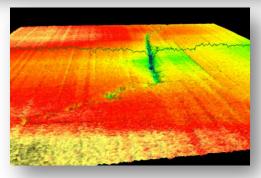
## **Can Measure During Construction...**





## ...Validate After Construction...



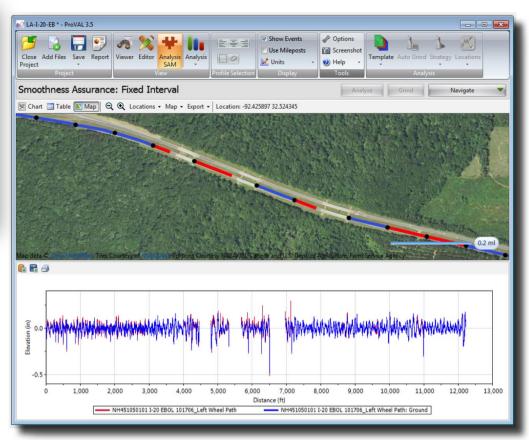


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Pavement Profile

Viewing & Analysis



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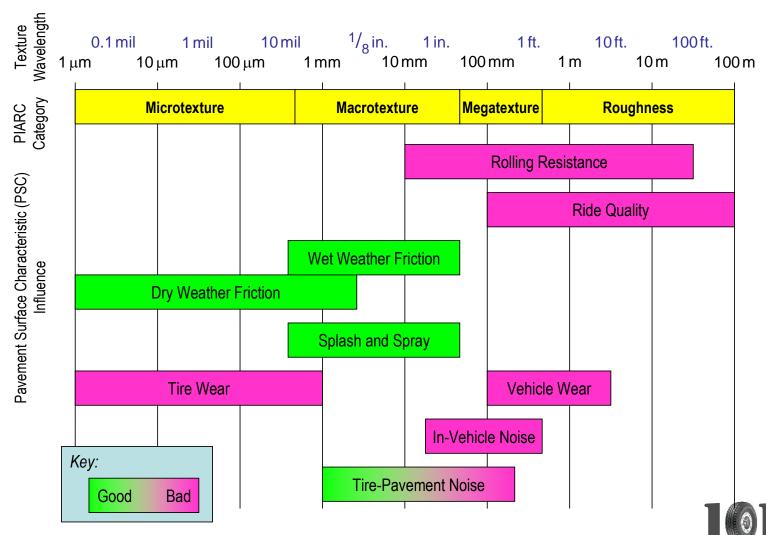


## ...and Correct if Not Smooth Enough





# **Texture is Critical to Smoothness**

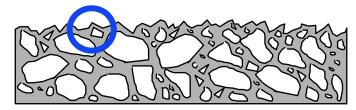


Source: Iowa State University



# **Concrete Pavement Textures**

#### From Fine Aggregate Particles



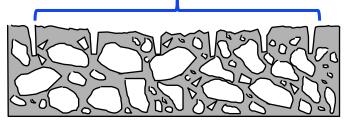
## Microtexture

#### Formed into surface (Grooves)



## Macrotexture

#### From 2 to 20 in. (50 to 510 mm)



## COMING SOON!

- "Best Practices for Constructing Smooth Concrete Pavements"
  - Free on-demand webinar
  - Developed by ACPA
  - Sponsored by FHWA





Megatexture



## **The Ten Commandments of Smoothness**

- 1. Develop a smoothness plan for the project
- 2. Develop an accurate field survey for stringline/stringless controls
- 3. Properly prepare the grade, providing a stable form or track line
- 4. Set up appropriate forms properly for fixed-formed paving
- 5. Use a consistent concrete mixture appropriate for the paving method
- 6. Deliver and place concrete consistently
- 7. Set-up and operate the paver steadily
- 8. Fasten dowels/reinforcing securely and use "bump-free" construction joints (headers)
- 9. Use only necessary and appropriate finishing techniques
- 10. Apply texturing and curing with care





A Synthesis of Knowledge of Potential Durability of Concrete

#### Long-Life Concrete: How Long Will My Concrete Last?

Peter C. Taylor, PhD October 2013



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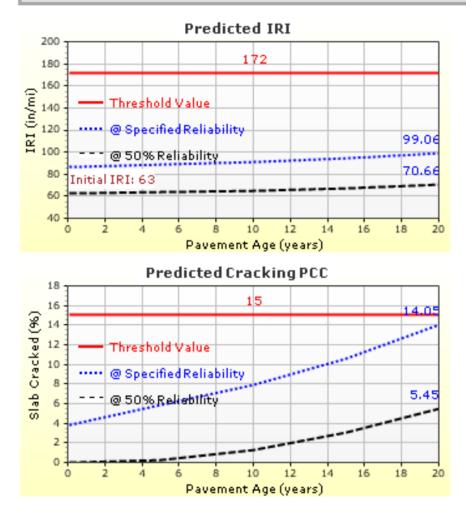
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# **CONSTRUCTING DURABLE**

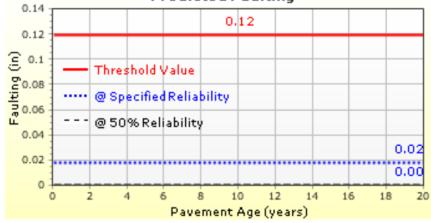


## Accurate Performance Predictions

#### **Distress Charts**



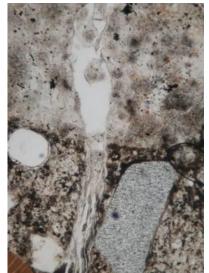
# Predicted Faulting



Design focuses on these three distresses but spalling and other distresses inherent in the curve development



## **Appropriate Material Selection**



Specifications Designed to Screen Against Material-Related Distresses





Materials used Must be Capable of Meeting the Performance or Design Life





# **Quality Construction**

## Quality Control (QC) & Quality Assurance (QA) Should Ensure that Durability is Achievable!





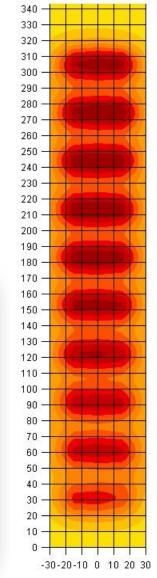


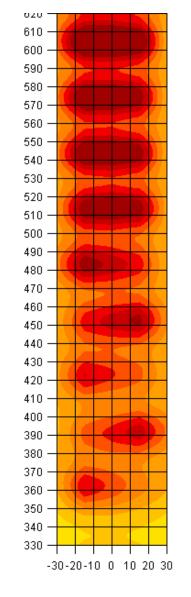


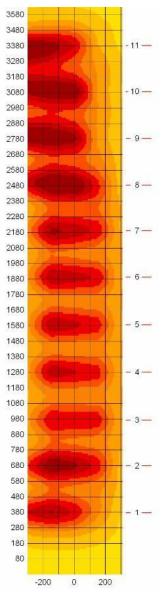
## **Validation of the As-Built Pavement**

Post-Construction Testing Should Ensure that the As-Built Pavement Meets the Design









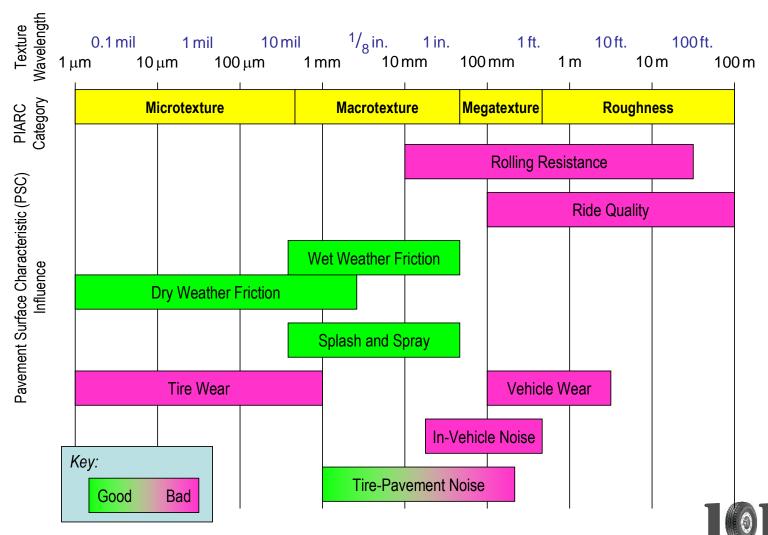




# **CONSTRUCTING QUIET**



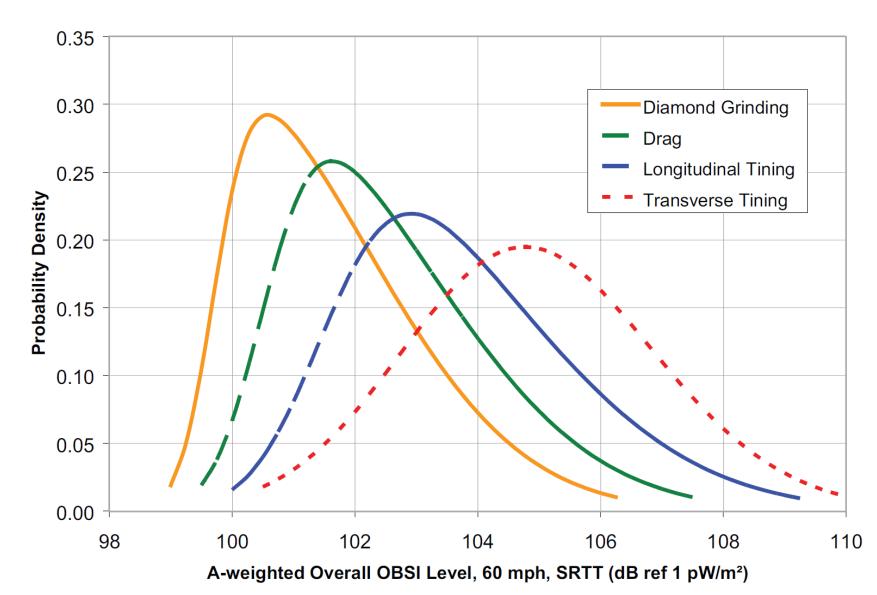
# **Texture is Critical to Noise**



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# **Can Build Quit Texture, or...**





# **Quiet can be Engineered**







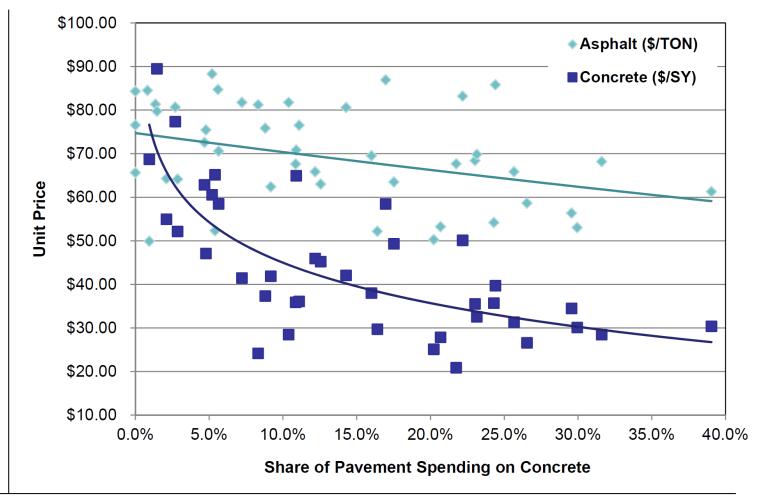
# **DRIVING INNOVATION**



# **Innovation & Competition**

"Competition between companies is a key driver of innovation and technological change."

- U.S. Dept. of Justice, Promoting Innovation through Competition



• Specifications & standards can be leveraged to encourage adoption of existing material, testing, equipment, etc. advancements





# LOOKING AHEAD

# ІСРА

# **Competition Will Drive Innovation**



CAD Automated Joint Layout

# Out-of-the-Box Design Approaches



GPS-Guided Saws

Non-Destructive Fresh, In-Place Air Void Analyzer



# **Thank You! Questions?**

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