# La Nueva AASHTO Guia de Diseno de Pavimentos Hormigon

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# **Current AASHTO vs. Current Needs**



# **1996: AASHTO Decided New Design Needed**

- 1998-2007: Development of new AASHTO design procedure.
- 2007: AASHTO Interim Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide approved.
- 2011: New software DARWin-ME.
- Implementation by many States, Canadian Provinces, & Others since 2004.



## **Definitions**

- Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide, or MEPDG (now named DARWin-ME).
- Fundamental engineering mechanics as basis for modeling (stress, strain, deformation, fatigue, cumulative damage, etc.).
- Empirical data from field performance.
- M-E "Marriage" of theory and data.



# **AASHTO Interim DARWin-ME**

AASHTO Interim DARWin-ME Manual of Practice







## **Pavement Characterization**

#### For Each Layer:

- Physical properties
- Thermal properties
- Hydraulic properties





### **New Or Reconstructed JPCP**

#### Joint spacing = 4 m Dowel Dia. = 27 mm





### **Composite Pavement, Phoenix, AZ**





## **Concrete Pavement Restoration California**

Restoration of joint load transfer, slab replacement (past damage), tied PCC shoulder, diamond grinding







## **JPCP Overlay Georgia**





## **JPCP Overlay of Existing Asphalt**

### Kansas Turnpike



4 *m* joint spacing 33 *mm* dowels 3.9 *m* outer lane width



## **Design for Performance JPCP: Models**



Joint Faulting= f(loads, dowels, slab, base, jt space, climate, shoulder, lane width, zero-stress temp, built-in gradient, ...)

Transverse Crack= f(loads, slab, base friction, subgrade, jt space, climate,shoulder, lane width, built-in temp grad, PCC strength, Ec, shrink, ...)





## **Slab Dimensions & Base Friction**

- Slab thickness: 15 to >40-cm
- Slab width: conventional, widened
- Tied shoulders: load transfer
- Slab/Base friction: Full (typical)



## **Slab Thickness Vs. Cracking**





## Impact of Slab Width/Edge Support





## **Transverse Joints**

- Need for dowels.
- Benefit of larger dowels.
- Transverse joint spacing.



## **Need for Dowels & Diameter**

#### Joint faulting, in





## **Joint Spacing Effect: CA Project**

#### **Percent Slabs Cracked**





### **Base & Subbase Materials, Thickness**

### Base types:

- unbound aggregate,
- asphalt,
- cement/lean concrete.
- Base modulus, thickness, friction with slab.
- Subbase(s): unbound aggregate, lime treated soils, cement treated soils, etc.



## **Subgrade / Embankment / Bedrock**

- Soil types: all AASHTO classes with defaults for gradation, PI, LL, resilient modulus.
- Subgrade resilient modulus: changes due to temperature & moisture over year.
- Lime and cement treated soils.
- Thick granular layers.
- Bedrock layer.



## **Temperature & Moisture Effects**

#### **Unbound Aggregate Base Mr Vs Month**



## **Concrete Slab/Base Contact Friction**



Base Course (agg., asphalt, cement)

Subbase (unbound, stabilized)

**Compacted Subgrade** 

Natural Subgrade

Bedrock





# **Concrete Slab & Structure Inputs**





### **Concrete Coefficient of Thermal Expansion**





### **Climate** (temperature, moisture, solar rad., humidity, wind)

### Integrated Climatic Model (ICM)

- User identifies local weather stations:
  - Hourly temperature, Precipitation
  - Cloud cover, Relative ambient humidity
  - > Wind speed.
- User inputs water table elevation.
- ICM Computes temperatures in all pavement layers and subgrade.
- ICM Computes moisture contents in unbound aggregates and soils.
- ICM Computes frost line.





## **Climatic Factors Slab Curling/Warping**



#### **Positive temp. gradient**



#### **Bottom Up Cracking**



# Negative temp. gradient & shrinkage of surface



**Top Down Cracking** 



Slab Built-In temperature gradient during construction at time of set (solar radiation)



## **Traffic Loading**

- Vehicle volume, growth & classification
- Single, tandem, tridem, quad axle load distributions
- Monthly vehicle distribution
- Hourly load distribution
- Lateral lane distribution
- Tire pressure
- Tractor wheelbase





#### **Vehicle Class Distribution**

- Level 1 Sitespecific distribution
- Level 2 Distribution for given highway class
- Level 3 DARWin-ME Truck Traffic Class (TTC)









# **Traffic Wander**



### Truck Wander



<u>Typical Values</u> X (mean) = 45.7 cm X (SD) = 25.4 cm



## **Design Reliability**

- Design life: 1 to 100 years.
- Select design reliability: 50 to 99 percent
  - Transverse cracking
  - Joint faulting
  - Smoothness, IRI
- Standard error based on prediction error of distress & IRI from hundreds of field pavement sections.





#### **Example Prediction of Transverse Fatigue Cracking**





## **Example Prediction Joint Faulting**





### **Example Prediction IRI**

#### SHRPID=4\_0262





# DARWin-ME Software sold by AASHTO www.aashto.org





## **DARWin-ME Pavement Design Process**

- 1. Trial design selection
- 2. Estimate inputs
- 3. Run software
- 4. Review computed outputs
- 5. Compare distresses & IRI with criteria
- 6. Design Reliability met?
- 7. Modify trial design as needed



## **Compare output distress & IRI**





## **Does design meet performance criteria?**

Performance Criteria	Distress Target	Reliability Target	Distress Predicted	Reliability Predicted	Acceptable
Terminal IRI (in/mi)	172	95	130	83.15	Fail
Transverse Cracking (% slabs cracked)	15	95	1.6	99.98	Pass
Mean Joint Faulting (in)	0.15	95	0.089	93.13	Fail



### **Reliability Level Impact for JPCP Project**





#### **Recommended Design Reliability Criteria: Arizona**

Performance Criteria	Divided Highways, Freeways, Interstates	Non Divided, Non Interstate, 10,000+ ADT	2001 – 10,000 ADT	501-2,000 ADT	< 500 ADT
Design Reliability	97%	95%	90%	80	75



# **Modify Trial Design as Needed**

 Here is where experience and knowledge of fundamental concepts of pavement behavior and performance counts!

### Examples:

- Too high joint faulting? Increase dowel diameter
- Too high cracking? Increase thickness, shorter joint spacing, add tied PCC shoulders, treated base
- Too high IRI? Reduce distress, specify smoother construction



## **DARWin-ME Analysis Capabilities**

- New Design: several alternatives
- Rehabilitation Design: several alternatives
- "What if" questions
- Evaluation: forensic analysis
- Construction deficiencies: impacts on life, \$
- Truck size and weight: cost allocation
- Acceptance quality characteristics: impact on performance, \$



# **Key Benefits of DARWin-ME Design**

- Allows design for longer life pavements (checks for early distress)
- Allows designer to quantify costs & benefits
- Allows designer to optimize the design (biggest bang for \$)

### Directly considers Performance







