

Design & Construction of 70<sup>th</sup> Street Recycled  
Sections at MnRoad  
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# Outline

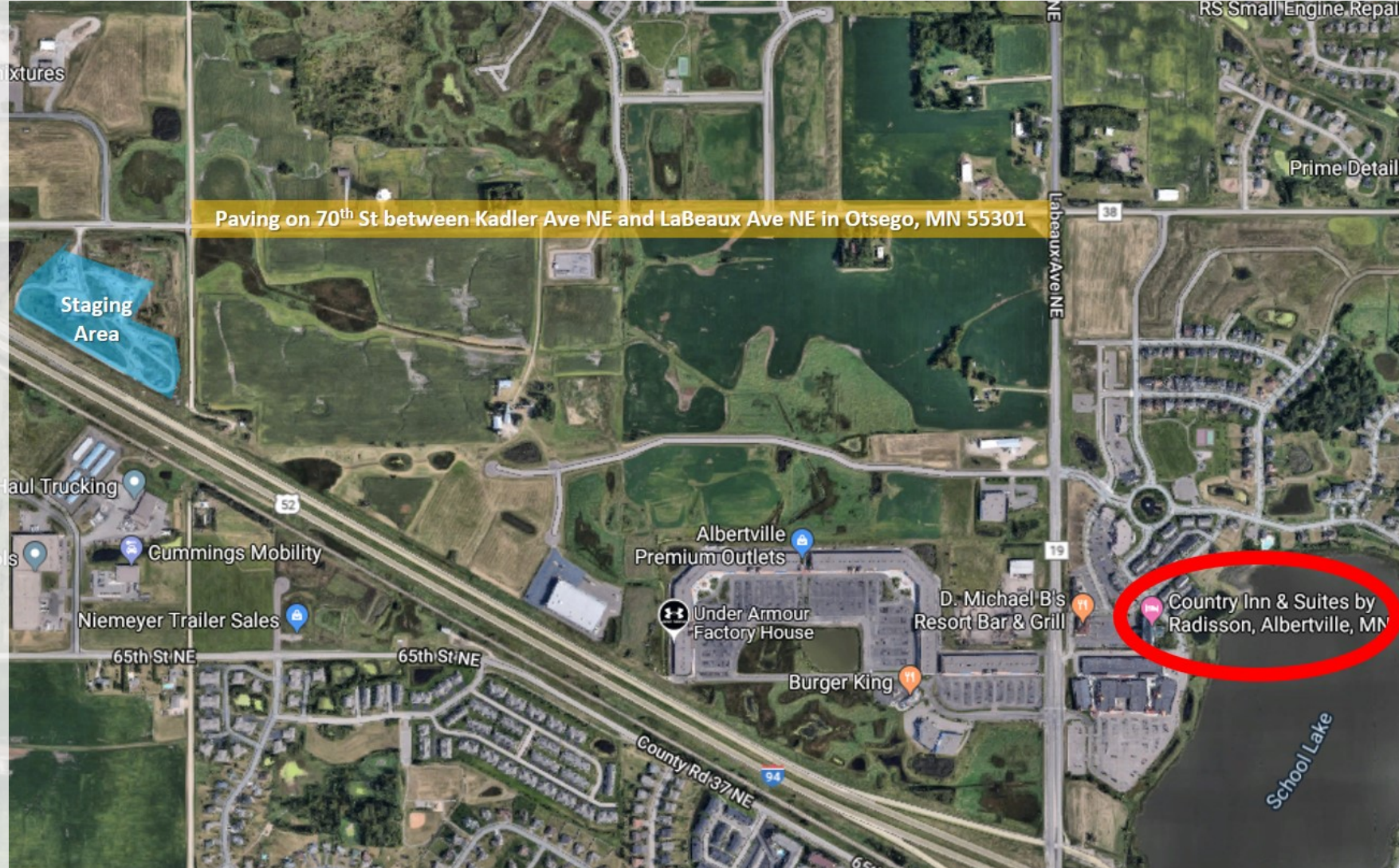
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- Project overview
- Construction
- Laboratory Testing Program
- Conclusions



# Project Overview

- MnRoad Partnership with NCAT, part of Pavement Preservation evaluation project
- Existing:
  - ▣ 4 inches of asphalt pavement
  - ▣ 6 inches granular base
  - ▣ Clay subgrade
- Heavily distressed





# Project Overview

- Two-lanes, 500 foot sections
- CIR, CCPR, FDR with foamed and emulsified recycling/stabilizing agents
- New sections
  - ▣ CIR and CCPR 4 inches
  - ▣ FDR 7 inches
  - ▣ All with 1 inch thinlay
- Monitored by MnRoad
- Materials collected for laboratory testing

		Westbound Lane									
		7001W	7002W	7003W	7004W	7005W	7006W	7007W	7008W		
West Limits – Kadler Ave		1" Thinlay 4" Existing	1" Thinlay 4" Existing	1" Thinlay 4" Existing	1" Thinlay 4" Existing	1" Thinlay 4" Existing	1" Thinlay 2" Mill & Inlay 2" Existing	1" Thinlay 3" CCPR Foam 1" Existing	1" Thinlay 4" Existing		
		1" Thinlay 7" SFDR Emulsion	1" Thinlay 7" SFDR Foam	1" Thinlay 3" CIR Foam 1" Existing	1" Thinlay 3" CIR Emulsion 1" Existing	1" Thinlay 3" CCPR Emulsion 1" Existing	1" Thinlay 3" Mill & Inlay 1" Existing	1" Thinlay 3" CCPR Foam 1" Existing	1" Thinlay 4" Existing		
		7001E	7002E	7003E	7004E	7005E	7006E	7007E	7008E		
		Eastbound Lane									
										East Limits – Labeaux Ave	

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# Mix Design Information

- Designers:
  - CIR/CCPR Foam – NCAT
  - CIR/CCPR Emulsion – Ingevity
  - FDR Foam and Emulsion – American Engineering Testing
- Foam = PG58-28; expansion ratio = 9, half life = 6.2
- Emulsion = PG58-28 base asphalt

Mixture	CIR-E		CIR-F	CCPR-E	CCPR-F	FDR-E	FDR-F
Method	Medium Mix Design	Coarse Mix Design	Mix Design	Mix Design	Mix Design	Mix Design	Mix Design
Agent Content, %	3.0	2.5	2.6	3.5	2.3	3.0	2.0
Active Filler Content, %	N/A	N/A	1.0	N/A	1.0	1.0	1.0
Moisture Content, %	3.0	2.8	4.5	3.7	4.5	6.0	7.2

# Mix Design Information

- Foam designs required to meet dry ITS = 45 psi and TSR = 0.70
  - ▣ FDR-F design did not meet the required TSR
- Emulsion designs required to meet 4" diameter stability = 1250 lb and retained stability of 0.70
  - ▣ FDR-E design did not meet the required retained stability (~0.60)





# Construction

Before



During



After



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# NCHRP 09-62

- *Rapid Tests and Specifications for Construction of Asphalt-Treated Cold Recycled Pavements*
  - VTRC, UCPRC, UNR, VT, Auburn
- Developed a test that evaluates whether CIR, CCPR, and FDR (bituminously stabilized) are ready for opening to traffic
  - Based on vane shear test
  - Uses DCP to sink pins into pavement
  - Torque wrench to shear
  - Non-destructive
  - Long pin (shear) and short pin (raveling)
- Used MnRoad project for ILS



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# NCHRP 09-62

- Preliminary recommendations below
- More info in NCHRP Report 490
  - ▣ [https://www.nap.edu/login.php?record\\_id=25971](https://www.nap.edu/login.php?record_id=25971)



Recommended Tests	Properties	Mean	Pooled $\sigma$	Threshold Value (Average of 3 Tests)
Short-Pin Raveling Test (SPRT)	Number of Blows	8.4	0.8	7.1
	Torque, ft-lb	24.3	2.5	20.2
Long-Pin Shear Test (LPRT)	Number of Blows	22.8	2.1	19.3
	Torque, ft-lb	76.4	8.2	62.9

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# Post-Construction

- Road condition prior to paving = “poor”
  - IRI > 300 in/mi
- Road condition *after*paving = “good”
  - avg IRI = 75 in/mi
- Periodic testing:
  - Cracking
  - Rutting
  - Roughness
  - Structural condition



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# Laboratory Program

- Indirect Tensile Test (foam) and Marshall Stability (emulsion)
  - ▣ Lab mixed from field collected materials
- IDEAL-CT
  - ▣ Lab mixed from field collected materials
- Hamburg rutting
  - ▣ Lab mixed from field collected materials
- Dynamic modulus
  - ▣ Lab mixed from field collected materials
  - ▣ Lab *compacted* from *field mixed* materials
  - ▣ Field cores

# IDT and Marshall stability

## □ As-Built Mixture Acceptance Criteria

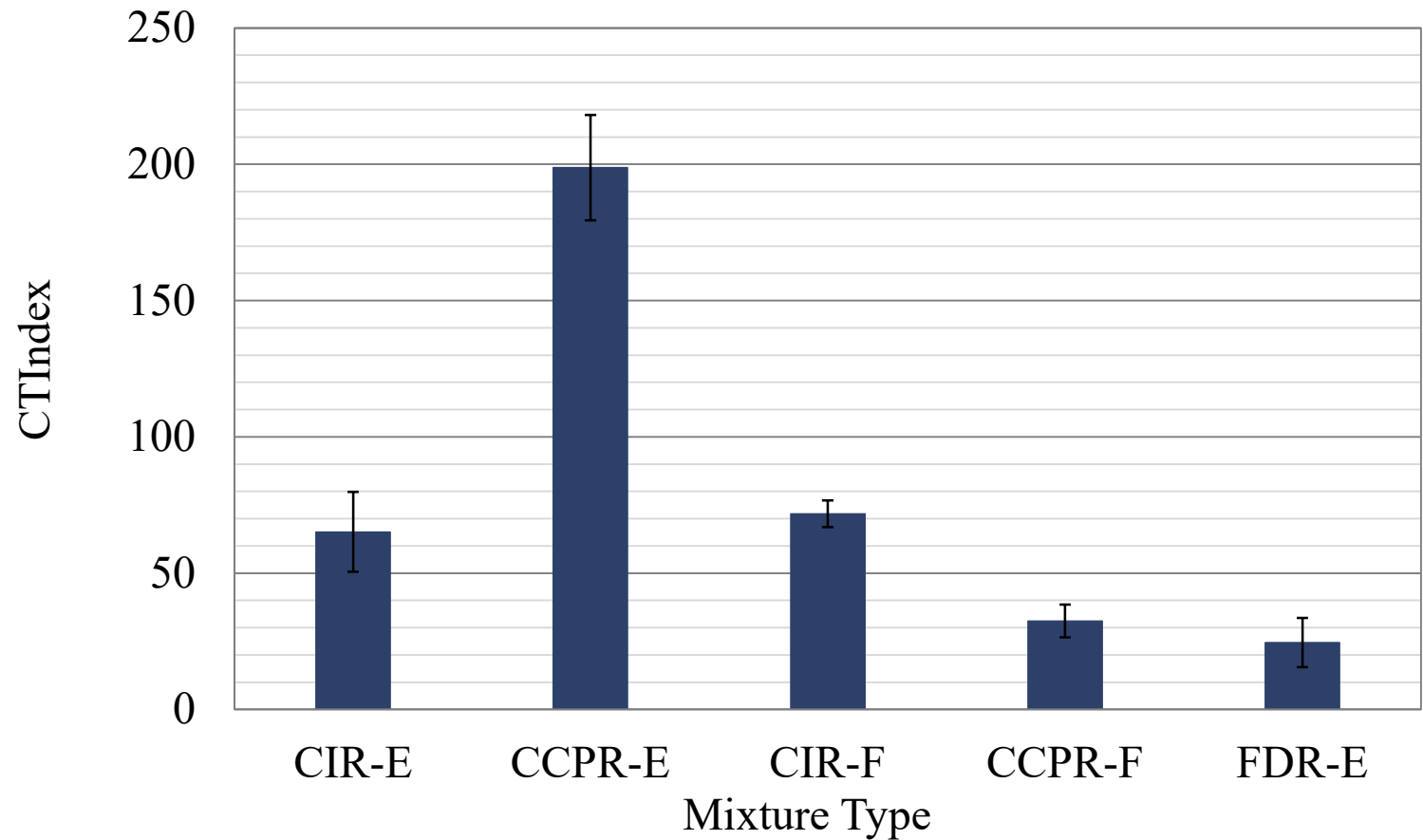
▣ Note: Construction phase recorded mixture properties informed laboratory as-built mixture production

Mixture	CIR-E			CCPR-E		CIR-F		CCPR-F		FDR-E		Minimum, Req.
Method	Medium Mix Design	Coarse Mix Design	As-Built	Mix Design	As-Built	Mix Design	As-Built	Mix Design	As-Built	Mix Design	As-Built	
Dry ITS, psi	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	51.9	46.8	50.2	43.0	N/A	N/A	45
Conditioned ITS, psi	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	44.0	42.5	44.7	39.5	N/A	N/A	
TSR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.85	0.91	0.89	0.92	N/A	N/A	0.70
Dry MS, lbf	2335	2190	1354	2113	1397	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2382	2460	1250
Conditioned MS, lbf	2030	1870	2166	1765	1561	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3825	2131	
MSR	0.87	0.85	1.60	0.84	1.12	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.62	0.87	0.70



# IDEAL-CT

- CCPR-E had the highest IDEAL-CT
- FDR-E was the lowest
- CIR ranged between 65.1-71.8 on average



Mixture	CIR-E	CCPR-E	CIR-F	CCPR-F	FDR-E	HMA (PG 58-28) w/ 40% RAP Binder Content	HMA (PG 64-22) w/ 20% RAS Binder Content
CTIndex	65.1	198.8	71.8	32.4	24.6	160 <sup>1</sup>	45.2 <sup>1</sup>
Std. Dev.	14.6	19.3	4.9	6	9		

<sup>1</sup>Zhou 2019

# Hamburg Rutting



CIR-E



CIR-F



FDR-E



CCPR-E



CCPR-F

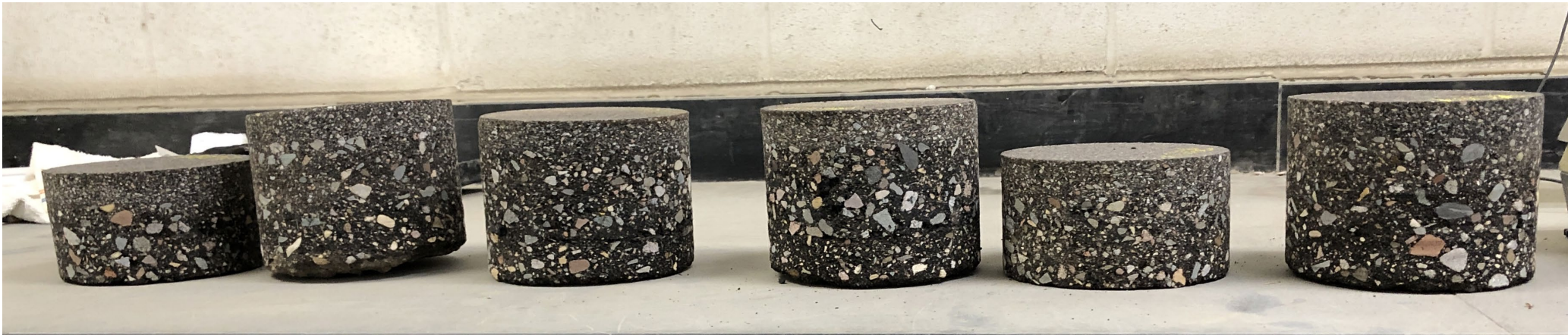


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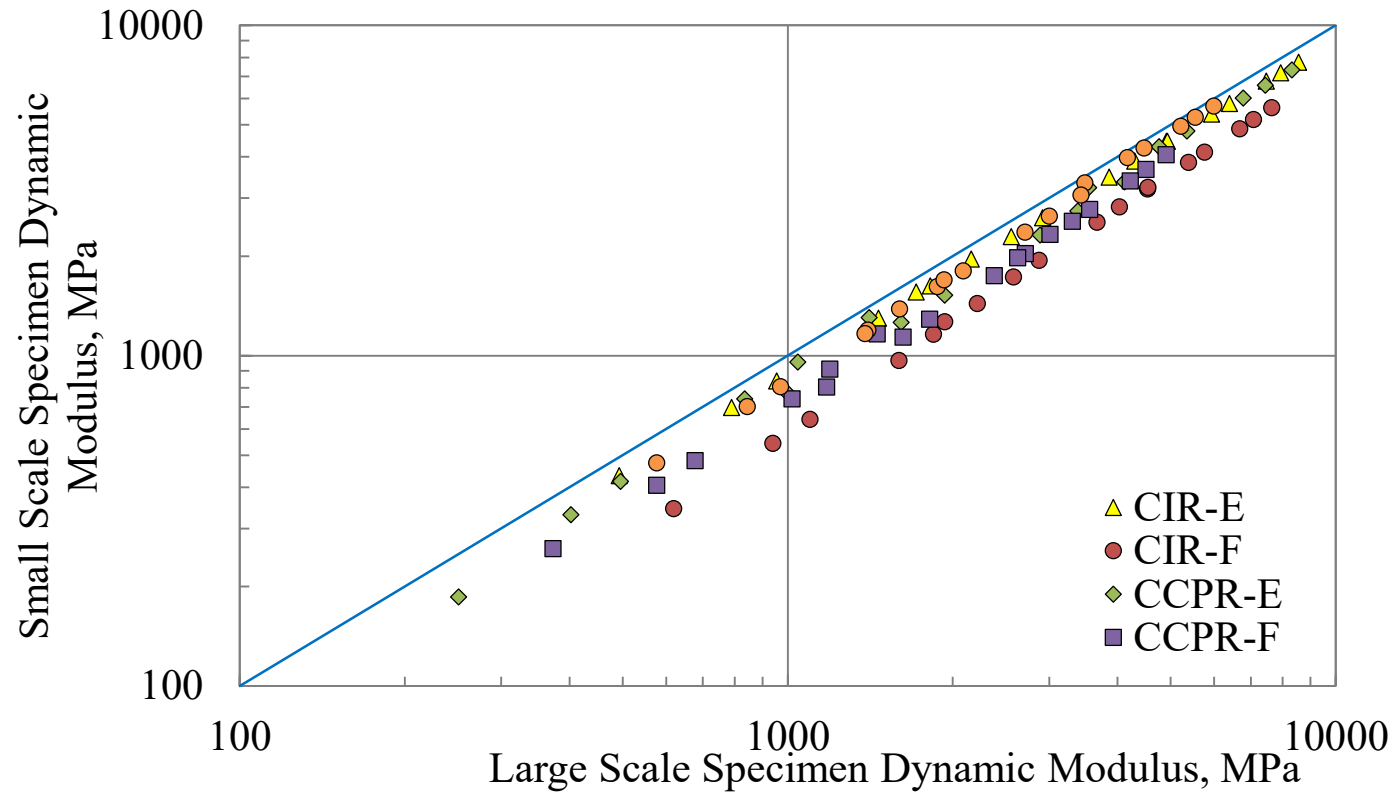
# Dynamic Modulus

- Conducted on Full-size:
  - ▣ Lab Produced, Lab Compacted
  - ▣ Field Produced, Lab Compacted
- Conducted on Small-size
  - ▣ Lab Produced, Lab Compacted
  - ▣ Field Produced, Field Compacted (Cores)



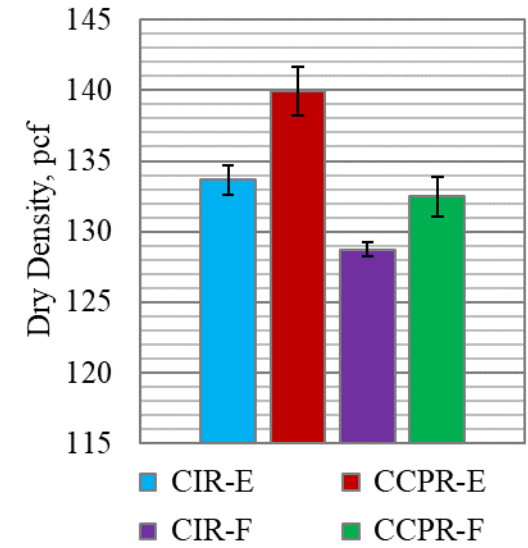
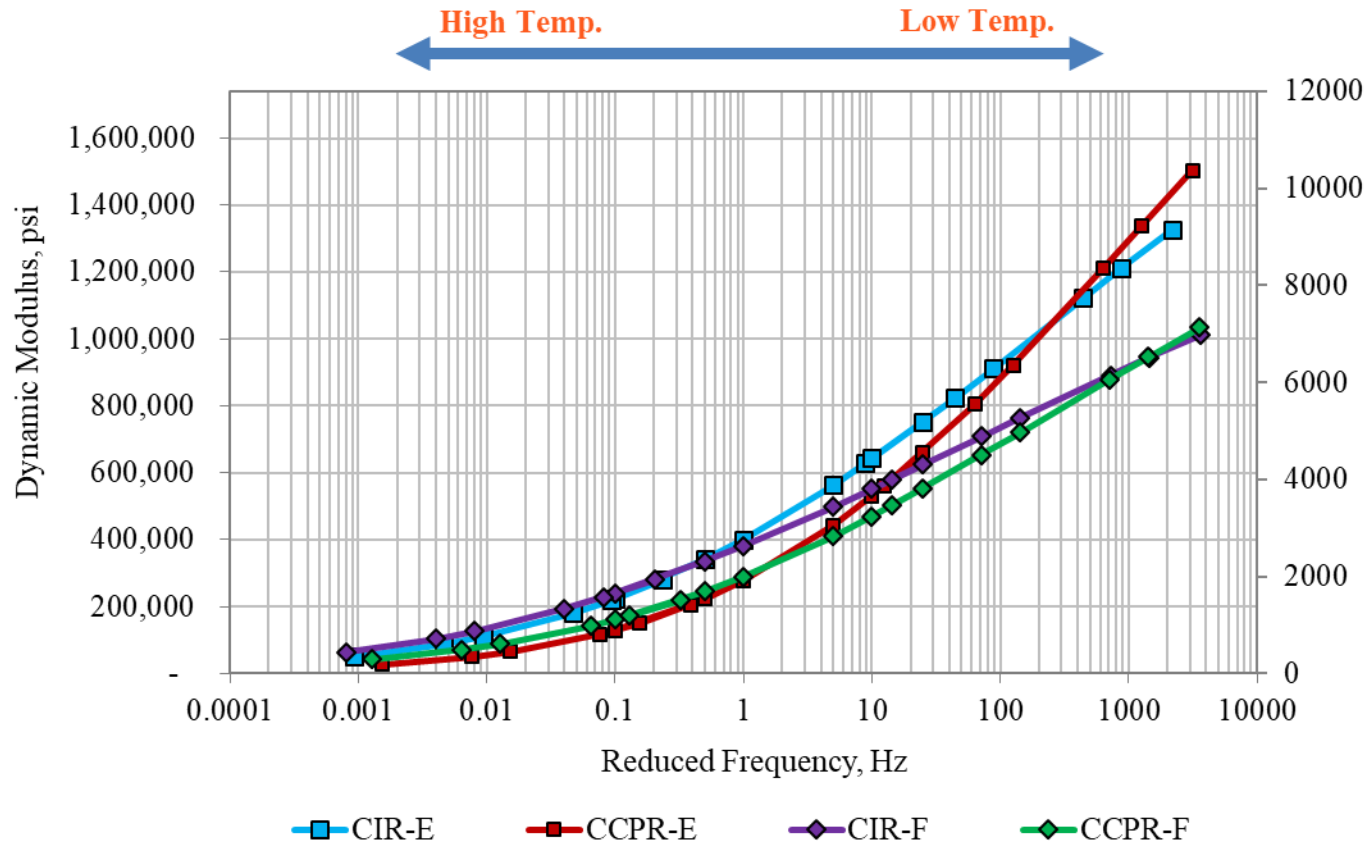
# Small vs Large Samples

- Can we use small-scale specimens in lieu of full-size for cold recycled mixtures?
  - ▣ Generally, yes
  - ▣ Some offset may need to be applied
  - ▣ Overall trends are the same





# Dynamic Modulus and Density



# In Conclusion

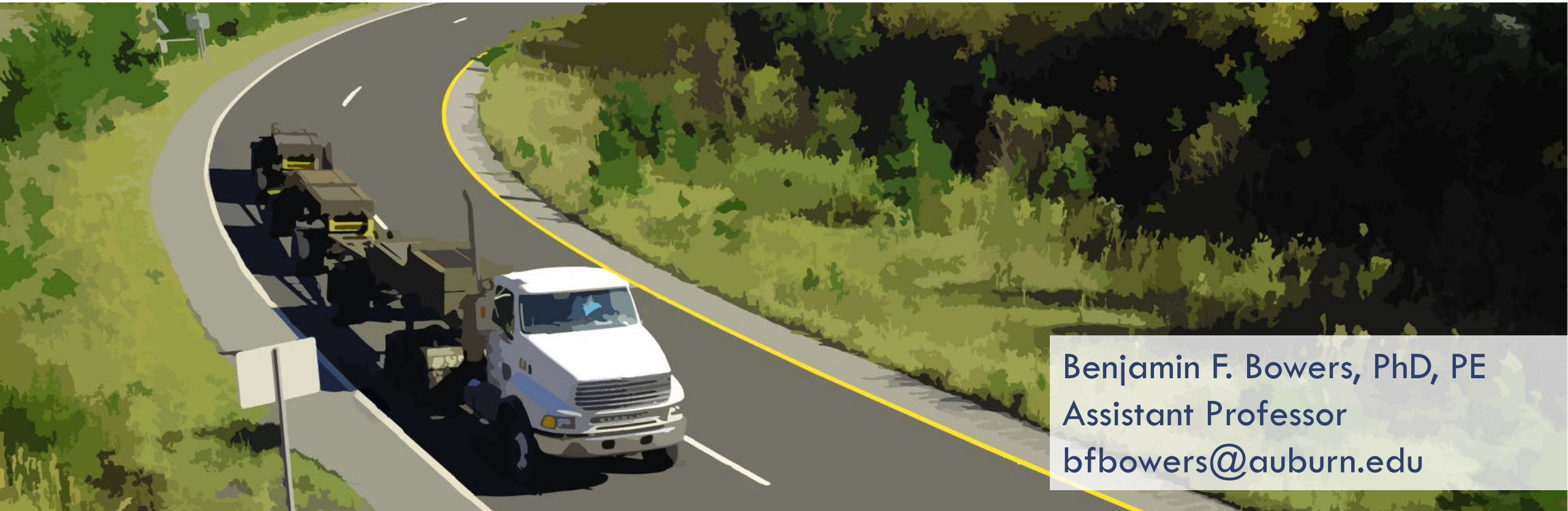
- Some variability between field and mix design
- We have a lot of interesting laboratory data
  - ▣ CR mixes can get decent IDEAL-CT numbers
  - ▣ Hamburg rutting probably isn't ideal
  - ▣ Dynamic modulus may need some shift factors
- Connecting that information with *long-term* field performance will be important
  - ▣ Jerry will cover field performance to-date!



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# Questions and Answers



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