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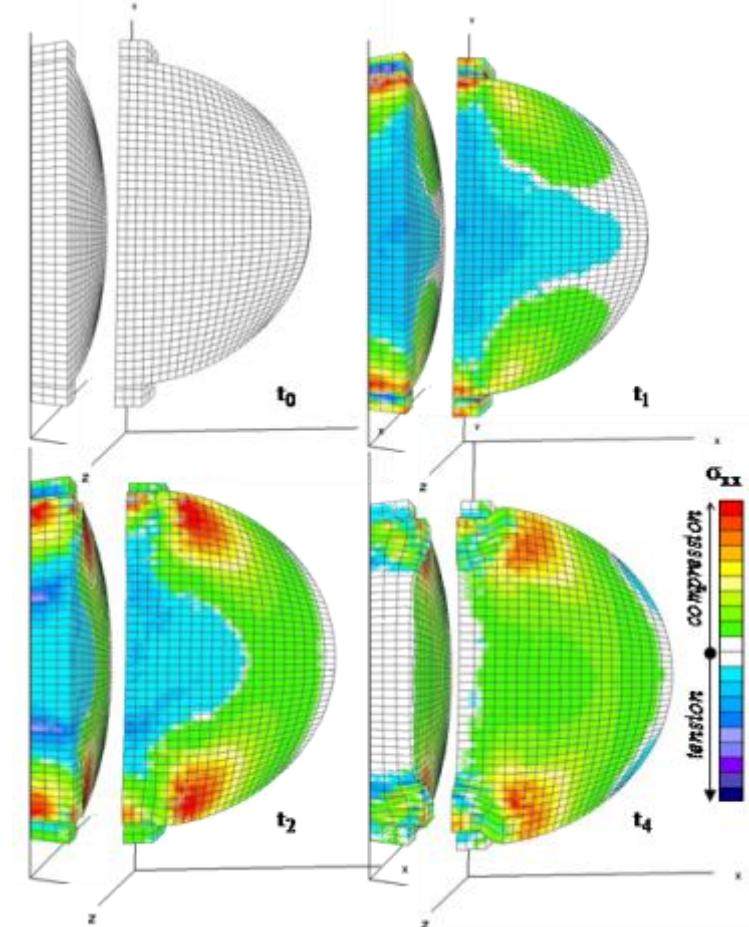
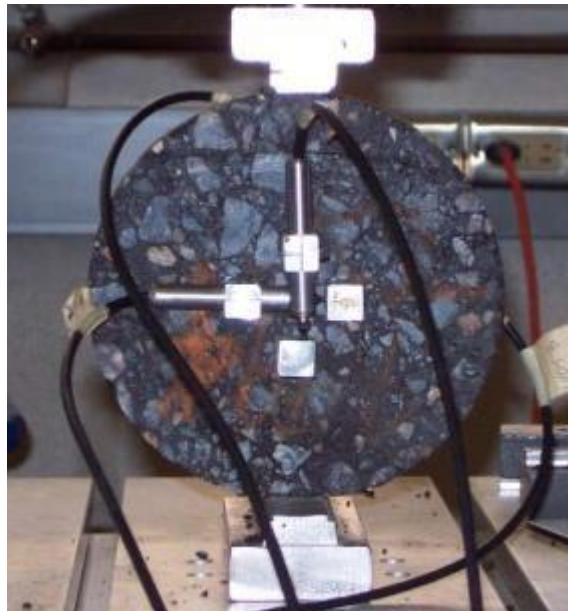
Indirect Tensile Test (IDT)

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- Indirect tensile test types:

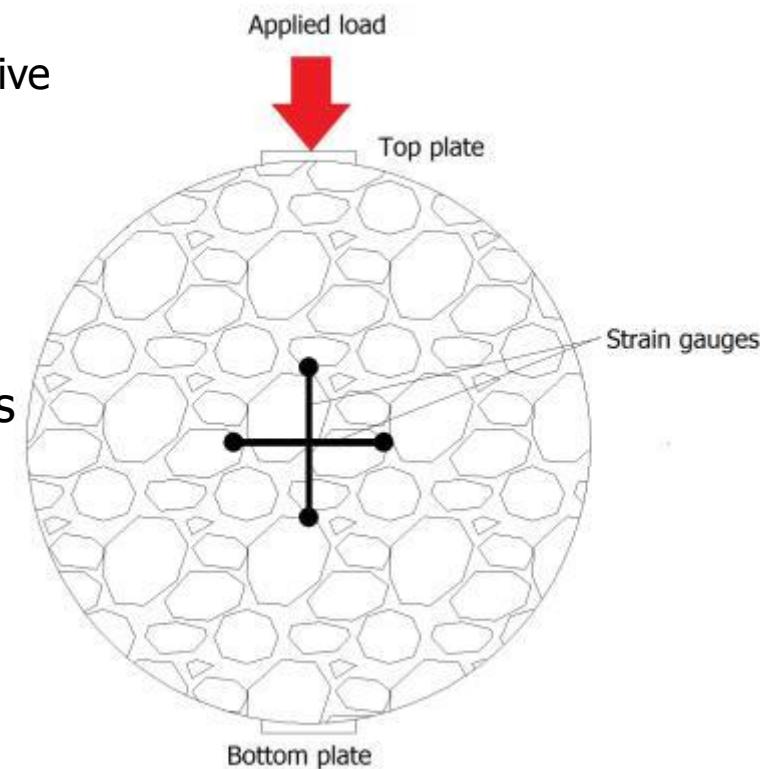
- Resilient Modulus test
- Superpave IDT tests
 - Creep compliance test
 - Tensile strength test

- Test effects on the specimens:

- Resilient Modulus test { Non-destructive
- Creep Compliance test
- Tensile Strength test { Destructive

- Aim of Superpave IDT testing:

- Evaluation of HMA and inputs for models
 - Resilient Modulus (M_r)
 - Creep Compliance (C_r)
 - Tensile Strength (S_t)
 - Fracture Energy Limit (FE)
 - Dissipated Creep Strain Energy (DCSE)



- **Resilient modulus test (AASHTO TP31, ASTM D4123):**

- **Purpose:**

- Measuring the elastic modulus of the material

- **Usage:**

- To calculate the pavement structural response to wheel loads
 - To de

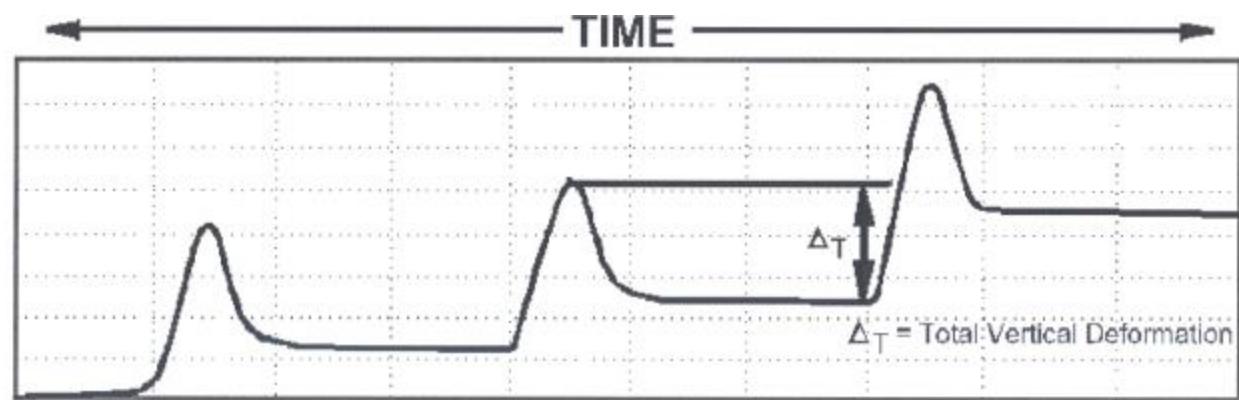
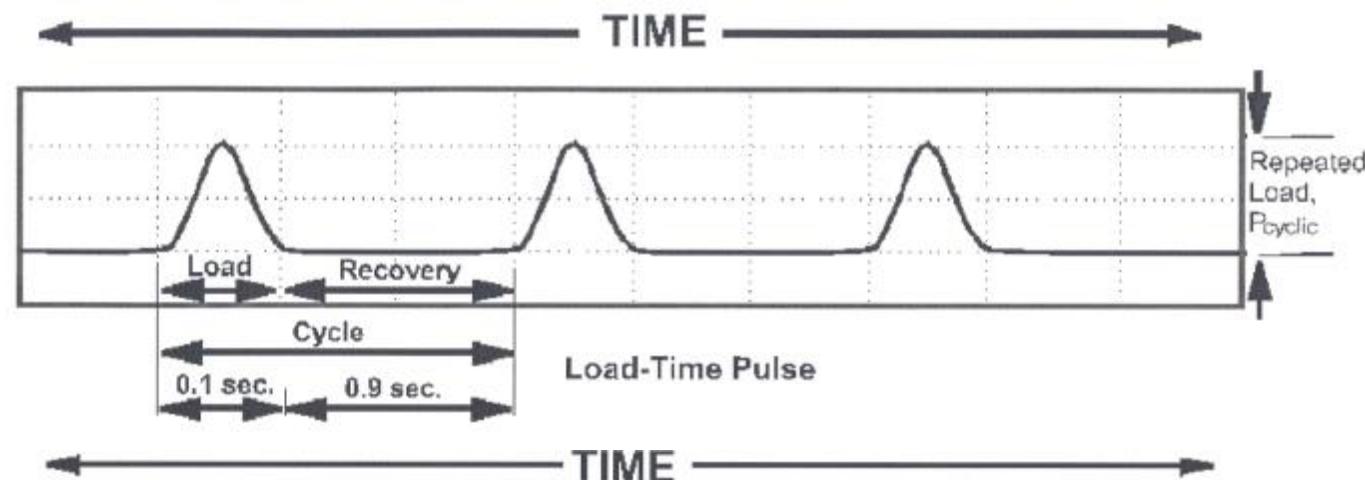
- **Definitio**

- $M_r =$

- **Test set**

- Load
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- Typical



- Resilient modulus calculations:

$$Mr = \frac{P * GL}{\Delta H * t * D * C_{comp}}$$

P = Maximum load

GL = Gauge Length

ΔH = Horizontal Deformation

t= Thickness of specimen

D= Diameter of specimen

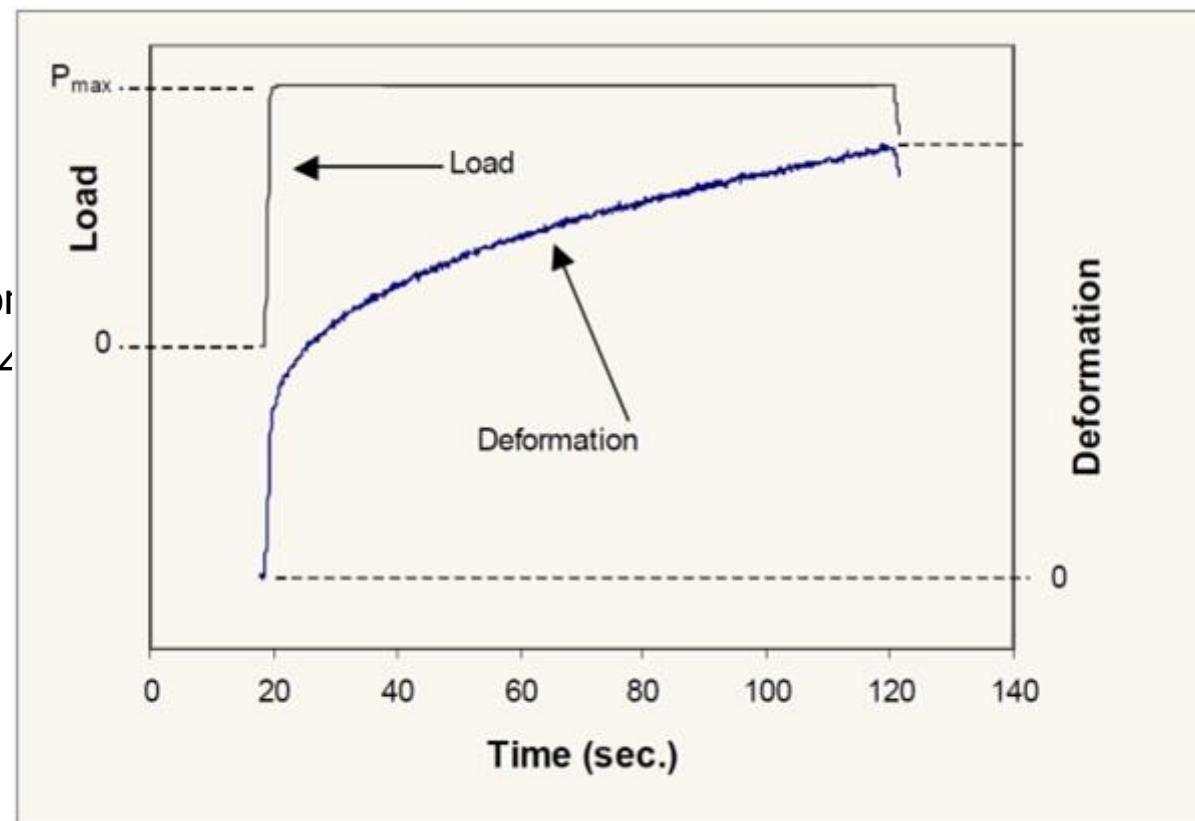
Ccomp = Non-dimensional creep compliance factor

Ccomp = -0.6354(X/Y)⁻¹ -0.332 and (X/Y) = Ratio of horizontal to vertical deformation

- **Creep compliance test (AASHTO T322):**

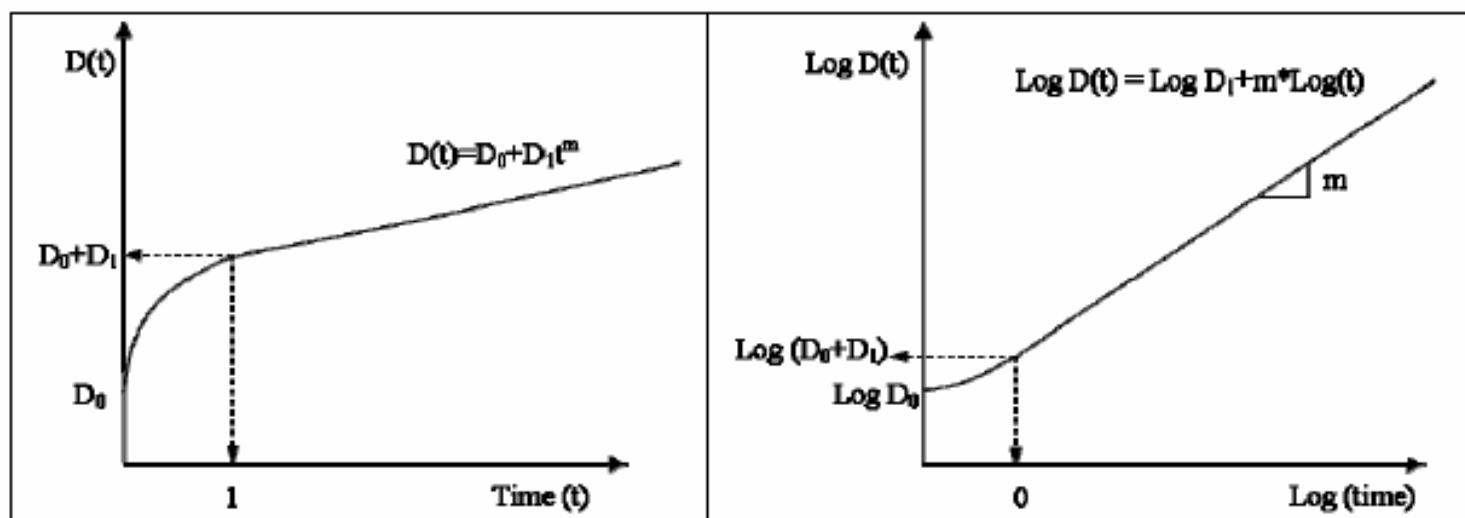
- **Purpose:**
 - Determine the master relaxation modulus curve
- **Usage:**
 - Thermal cracking analysis of HMA
- **Creep compliance definition:**

- **Test settings:**
 - Up to 1000 seconds
 - Applied load $< 4\text{ kN}$



- **Creep compliance calculations:**

- D₀, D₁ and m-value can be obtained from creep compliance test
 - D₀ instantaneous elastic response
 - D₁ gives idea about the initial portion of the creep compliance curve
 - m-value expresses the longer-term portion of the same curve

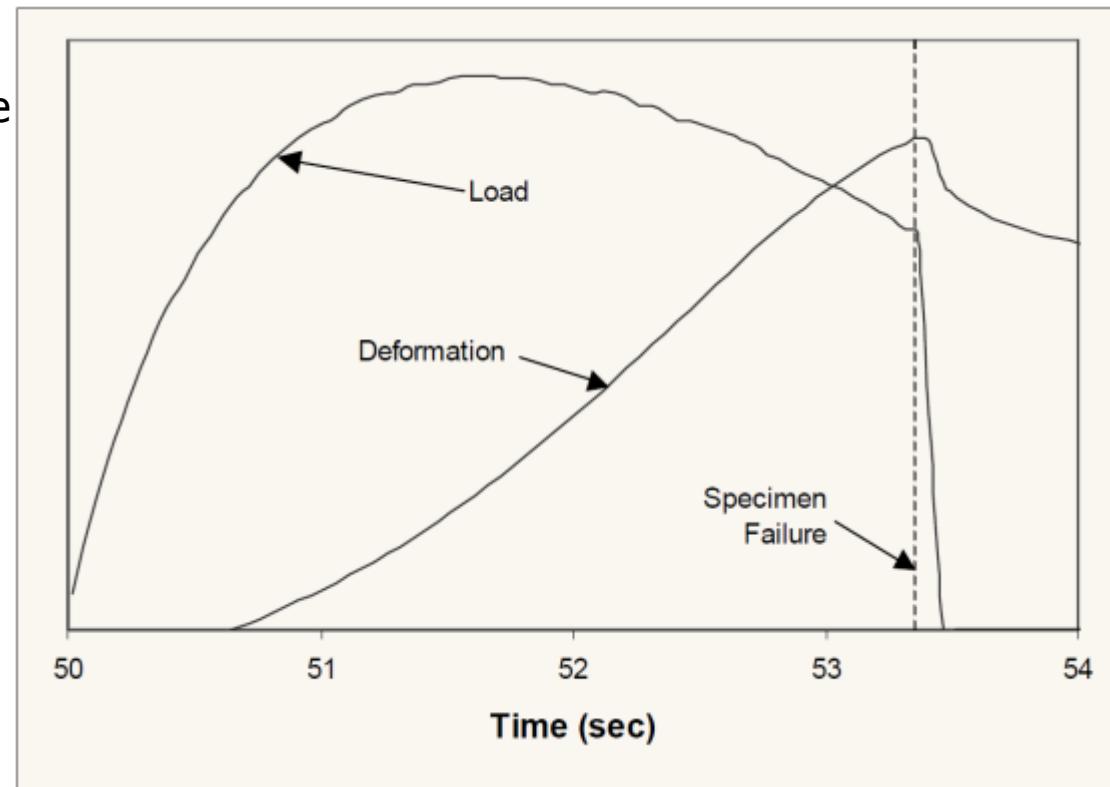


$$D(t) = D_0 + D_1 t^m$$

(Birgisson et al. 2007)

- **Indirect tensile strength test:**

- **Purpose:**
 - Fracture parameters
- **Usage:**
 - Fatigue cracking analysis of HMA
- **Test settings:**
 - Displacement control
 - Constant loading rate



- Indirect tensile test calculations:

$$St = \frac{2 * P * Cs_x}{\pi * D * t}$$

St = indirect tensile strength

P = load of the specimen

D = diameter of the specimen

t = thickness of the specimen

Cs_x = horizontal stress correction factor

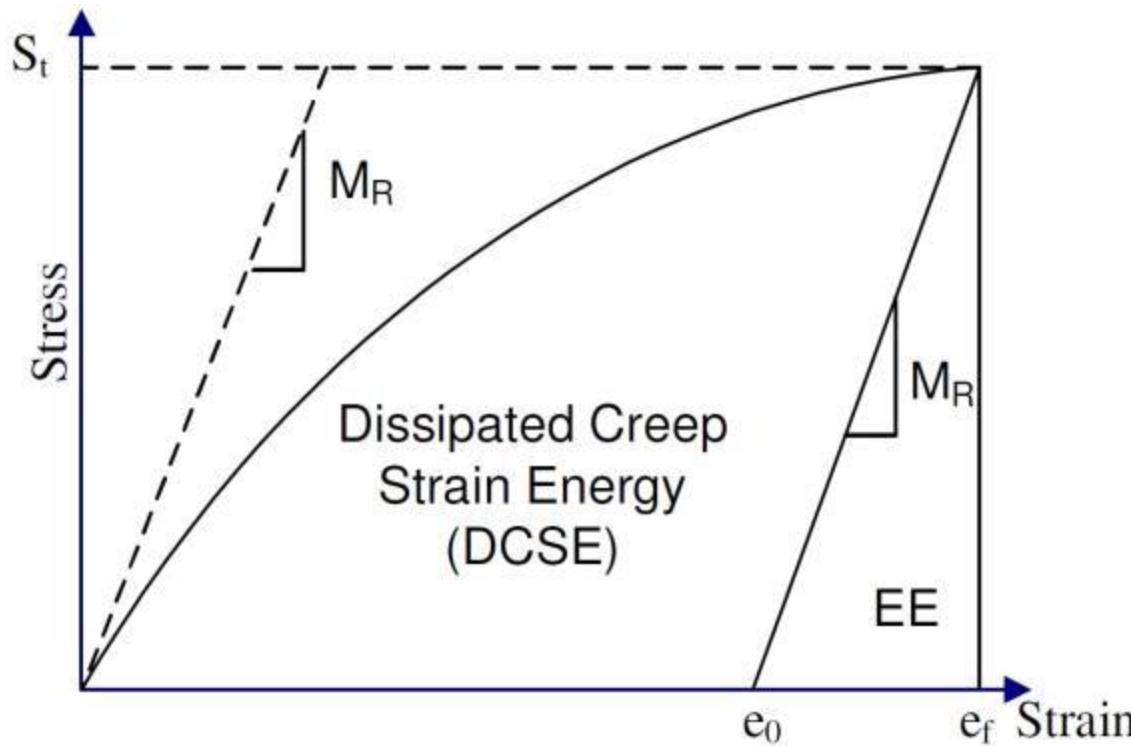
$$Cs_x = 0.948 - 0.01114(t/D) - 0.2693v + 1.436(t/D)v$$

v = Poisson's ratio

$$v = 0.1 + 1.480(X/Y)^2 - 0.778(t/D)^2(X/Y)^2$$

(X/Y) = ratio of horizontal to vertical deformation

- **Calculation of the remaining properties:**



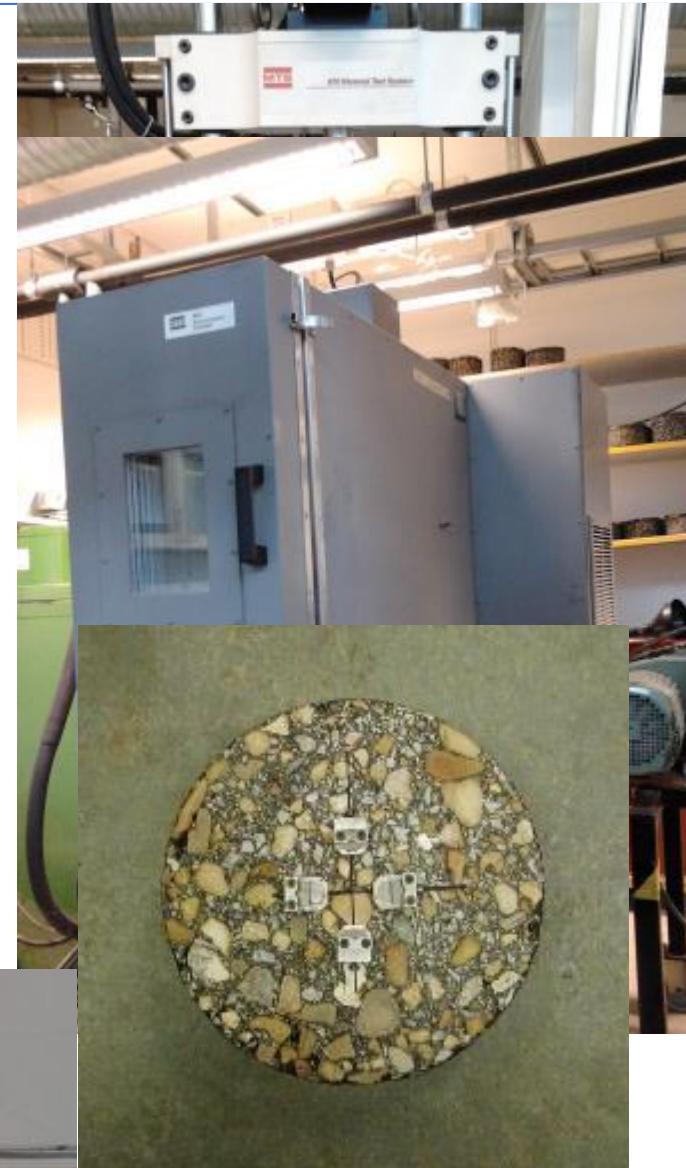
$$e_0 = (M_R * e_f - S_t) / M_R$$

$$EE = \frac{1}{2} S_t (e_f - e_0)$$

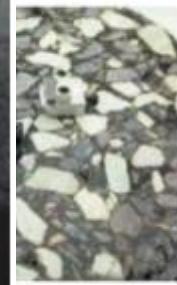
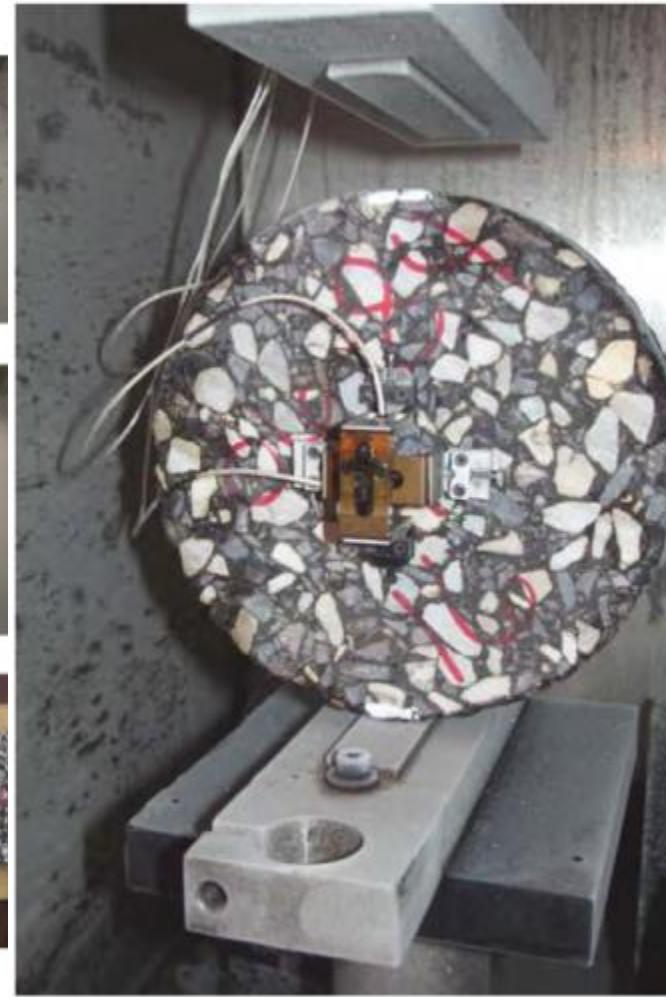
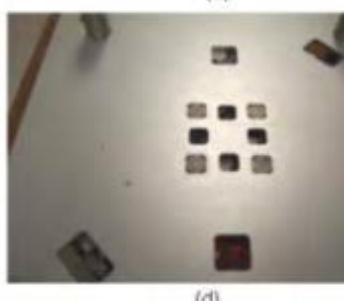
$$DCSE = FE - EE$$

- **Common requirements for IDT tests:**

- 100kN load frame
 - Load control mode
 - Displacement control mode
- Environmental chamber
 - Temperature control (-30°C to +30°C)
- Cylindrical specimens with the diameters of:
 - 100mm
 - 150mm
- 2 strain gauges (vertical and horizontal)
 - 25 mm for 100mm specimens
 - 38 mm for 150mm specimens

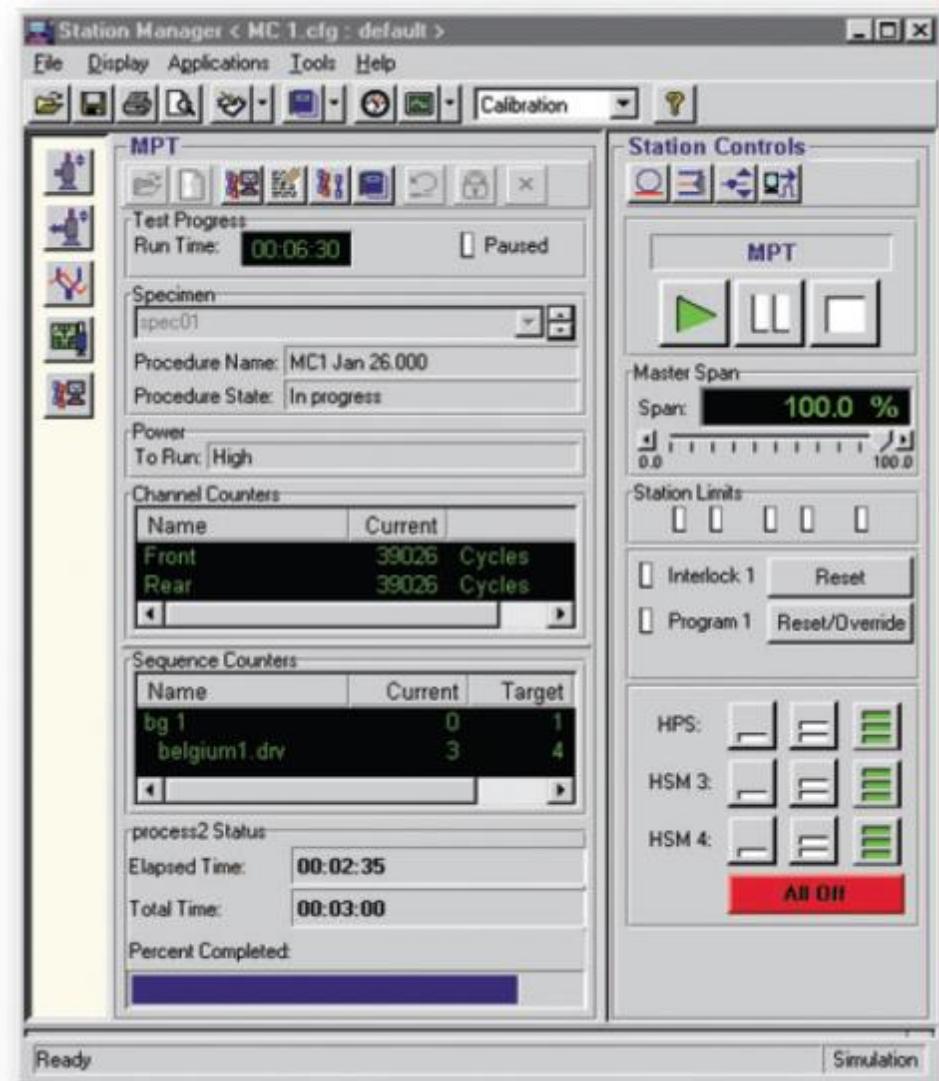


- Specimen preparation:



- **Pavement Testing Application Software (MTS 793)**

- Station manager (controlling the loading frame)
 - Input specimen information
 - Activating the hydraulic piston
 - Software control
 - Manual control
 - Setting the type of test
 - Applying load to the asphalt specimen
 - Acquiring data from the load cell and the Transducer (LVDT) strain
 - measuring components



- **General test procedure for IDT tests**
 - Loading the applicable method (Mr / Cr / St) [Software]
 - Setting the test temperatures [Environmental Chamber]
 - Input sample identification [Software]
 - Placing the prepared specimen [Manual]
 - Applying loads and initiating the test [Software]
- **Testing sequence example for each specimen:**
 1. Creep Compliance -10 °C (14 °F)
 2. Resilient Modulus 5 °C (41 °F)
 3. Creep Compliance 5 °C (41 °F)
 4. Resilient Modulus 25 °C (77 °F)
 5. Creep Compliance 25 °C (77 °F)
 6. Resilient Modulus 40 °C (104 °F)
 7. Tensile Strength 25 °C (77 °F)

THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

QUESTIONS?