

Webinar: Part 1 – Concepts Advanced Method for Compaction Quality Control

Today's Moderator

Rosemary Pattison

Knowledge Hub Australian Road Research Board

P: +61 3 9881 1590 E: training@arrb.com.au



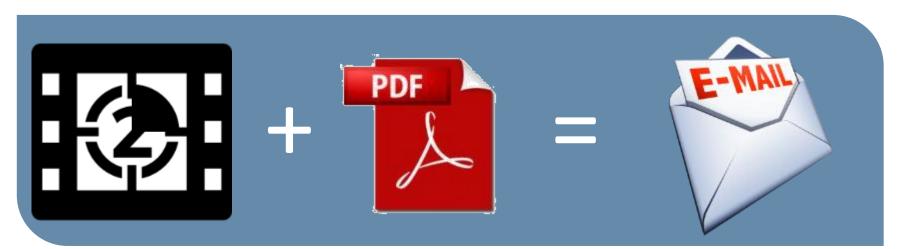




Housekeeping



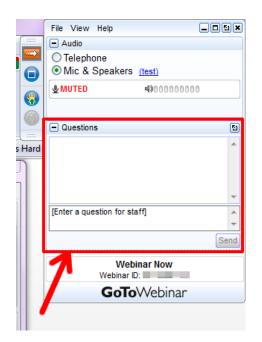
Webinar is = 50 mins Question time = 10 mins







GoTo Webinar functions



Please type your questions here

Raise your hand



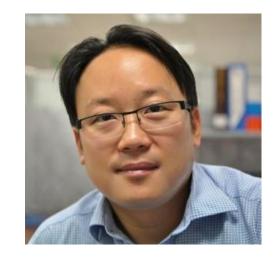






Dr Jeffrey Lee Principal Professional ARRB

Ph: +61 7 3260 3527 jeffrey.lee@arrb.com.au

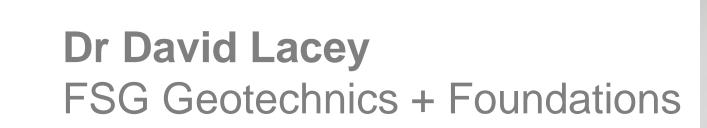






Dr Burt Look FSG Geotechnics + Foundations

Ph: +61 7 3831 4600 blook@fsg-geotechnics.com.au



Ph: +61 7 3831 4600 dlacey@fsg-geotechnics.com.au









Part 1 – An Overview (Conceptual)

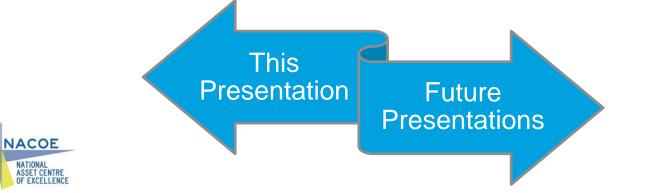
- ✓ Density Basics
- ✓ Rationale for this equipment research
- Equipment over view+ a few initial findings

Part 2 – Test Results **(Technical)**

- Details of testing from various sites
- Correlations with "Standard" practice
- Time vs Reliability vs Useful Data

Part 3 – Moving Forward (Procedural)

- Procedures and Specifications
- Advantages and limitations
- Implementation





P60: Best practice in compaction quality assurance for subgrade materials

ARRB Project Leader: Dr. Jeffrey Lee

TMR Project Manager: Siva Sivakumar

http://nacoe.com.au/





NATIONAL ASSET CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

NACOE

NACOE P60

Aim and Background of the Project

- Aim
 - To modernise testing procedure for compaction quality assurance
- Background
 - Conventionally been verified using density measurements
 - Alternative methods have been developed over the past two decades
 - Many of these methods takes less time to do, results become available in a much shorter time frame, and be able to measure insitu stiffness.





Sometimes the thing that is holding you back...



...is all in your head.

ource: http://www.befreetoday.com.au/the-horse-and-the-rope/

Why we should be looking at other Testing Methods / Equipment



YOUR NATIONAL TRANSPORT RESEARCH ORGANISATION

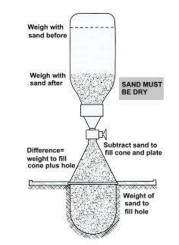


Issues with Density Measurement

Reliance of density testing and CBR results for QA purposes have issues/limitations:

- Lag indicators Several days / one week typical to complete. Contractor typically continues work and advances fill placement above the lift – before QA results are available.
- Density Oversize correction This applies when greater than 20% of material exceeds 19 mm or 38 mm for Mould A and B size, respectively. This is not consistently being applied across the industry, with 22% of 235 samples examined not applying that correction.
- ✓ Strength and modulus parameters Density is neither a strength nor a modulus parameter
 → simply assumed that such a relationship exists for the purposes of QA. ↑γ = ↑E assumed.
 E = 10 x CBR correlation has a significant associated correlation variation.
- The CBR test not applicable for materials with > 20% retained on 19 mm sieve; (Australian Standards). Differences in material preparation Road Authority Standards would result in different CBR test values being determined and reported.









Compaction Quality Control

A state-of-the-industry study completed in 2017 \rightarrow identified test methods that have the potential to:

(a) reliably provide a direct measure of the strength or insitu modulus value; and

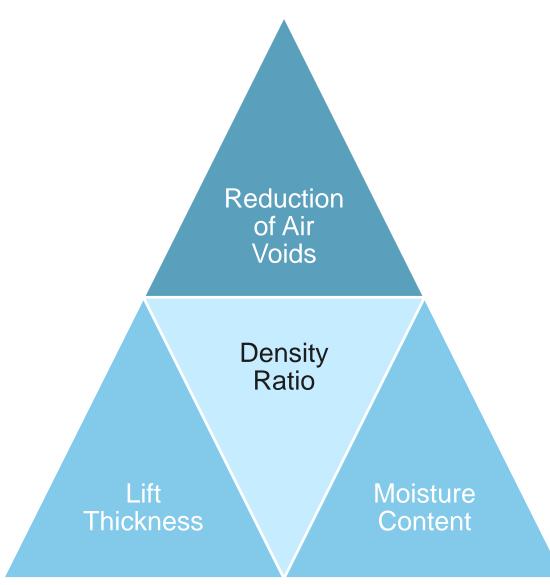
(b) offer significant time savings in turnaround time of QA test results.

2017 Summary + A few Preliminary results of 2018 field trials of the identified innovative QA test methods will be presented.





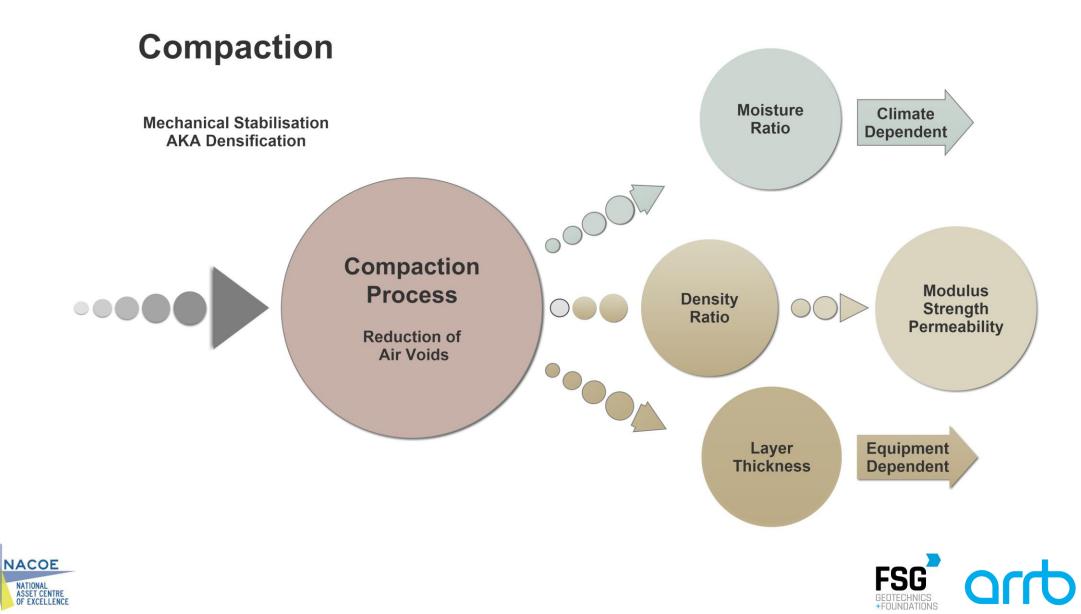
Recommendations vs Requirements are confused







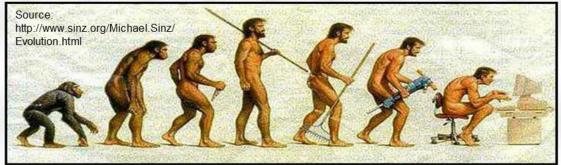
Contributing Factors ≠ Objective



YOUR NATIONAL TRANSPORT

RESEARCH ORGANISATION

Evolution:



Somewhere, something went terribly wrong.

Historical Perspective



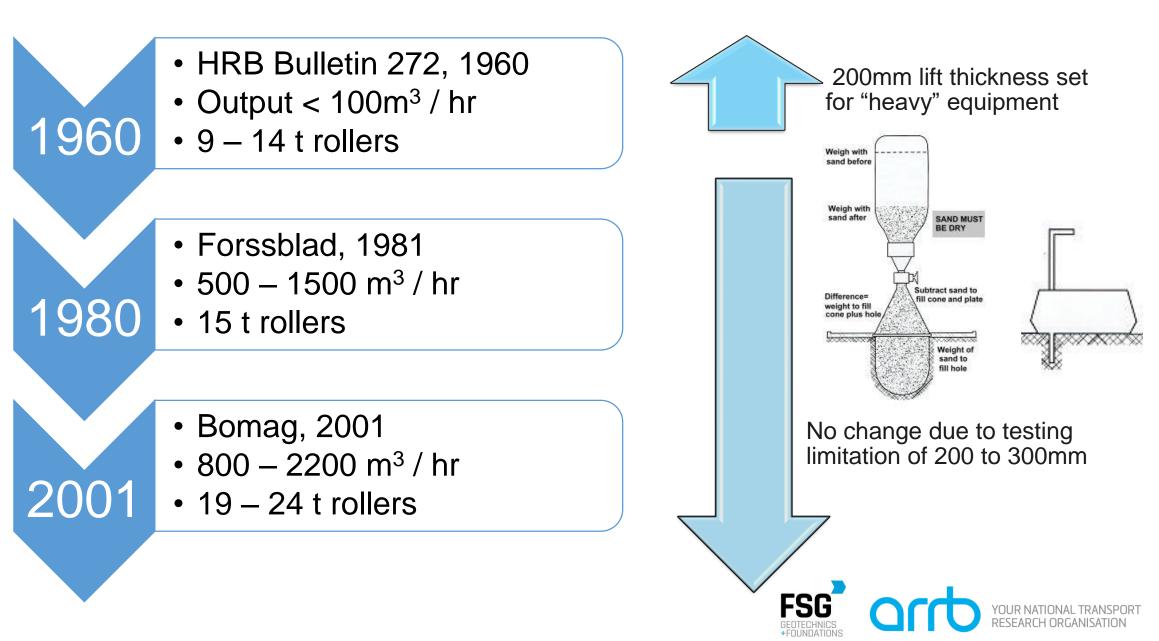
YOUR NATIONAL TRANSPORT RESEARCH ORGANISATION



Equipment vs Testing change with Time

NACOE

NATIONAL ASSET CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE



Historical Basics

Properties of Field Compacted Soils

E. T. SELIG, Manager, Soil Mechanics, and W. B. TRUESDALE, Research Engineer UT Research Institute, Chicago

Soil compaction tests were conducted in the field by constructing test sections of soil in single lifts on a prepared foundation using a variety of commercial rollers. The test results were obtained using the following specific independent variables: (a) four subgrade soils, A-6(13), A-6(9), A-4(1) and A-4(8); (b) four moisture contents for each soil ranging from dry to wet of optimum; (c) two lift thicknesses, 6 and 12 in.; (d) four rollers, sheepsfoot, pneumatic tire, vibratory smoothwheel, and segmented pad, at two levels of effort for each roller; and (e) roller coverages up to 16. Measurements were made of the strength, stiffness and density of the soil using a variety of techniques. A full factorial experiment consisting of 256 test sections to represent all combinations of these selected variables was designed to detect, using analysis of variance techniques, the effects of the variables on the measured soil properties, taking into account the large variability exist-

Symposium on Compaction of Earthwork and Granular Bases, Highway Research Record 177 (1967)

Table 1 lists the soil measurements and ranks the effects of the independent variables in order of significance. In addition to the five independent variables, the ten possible combinations of these variables are included. (The independent variables are designated as follows: M = moisture level, T = lift thickness, S = soil type, C = compactive effort, and E = compaction equipment. Combinations of any two letters indicate joint effects.) The significance is expressed in terms of a probability of error in an assumption that the given variable really affects the measurement rather than being a chance occurrence. The categories range from less than 0.1 percent to 10

- M Moisture Content
- T Lift Thickness
- S Soil Type

NACOE

NATIONAL ASSET CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

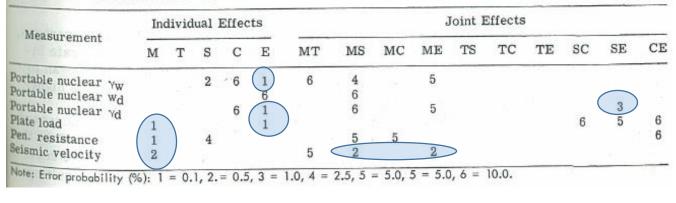
- C Compactive Effort
- E compaction Equipment

TABLE 2 RANGE AND AVERAGE OF PROPERTIES FOR ALL EFFECTS

Measurement	Dimension	Range	Average	Range (%
				Average
Moisture content 🗙	\$	13.5	12.1	112
Field CBR	R	26.6	15.0	177
Wet density	pcf	29.8	127.6	23
Moisture density	pcf	10.9	12.6	87
Dry density	pcf	21.5	115.0	19
Penetration resistance	1b	529	364	145
Seismic velocity	fps	890	1192	75
Plate load	1b	1814	1719	105

TABLE 3

RELATIVE SIGNIFICANCE OF INDEPENDENT VARIABLES ON GROWTH CURVE SHAPE





Lift heights : medium-heavy compaction equipment

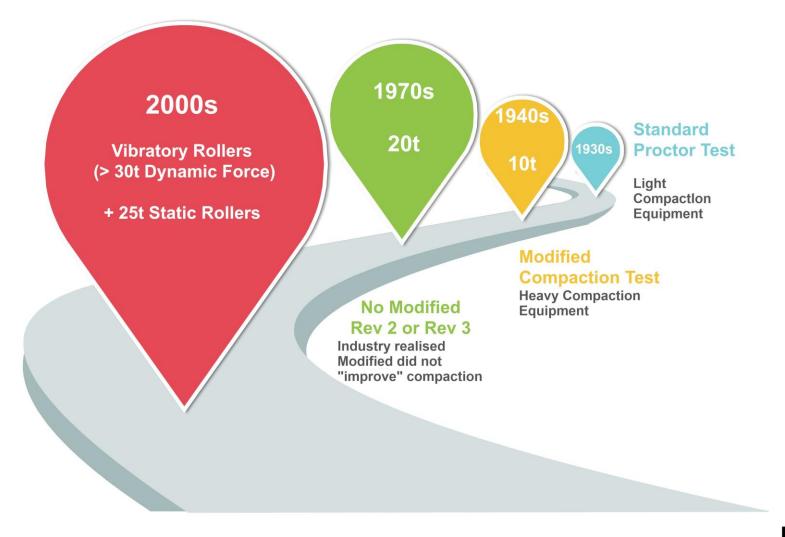
	tions where the -	Lift height compacted in (m)					
lachine	Operating weight	Rock	Gravel, sand	Mixed soil	Silt, clay		
	t						
T	1.5 - 2.5		• 0.20 - 0.30	• 0.20 - 0.25	0.10 - 0.15		
	3.0 - 4.5		• 0.25 - 0.30	• 0.20 - 0.25	0.15 - 0.20		
III	7 - 9		• 0.30 - 0.40	• 0.20 - 0.30	0.15 - 0.20		
	10 - 12		• 0.30 - 0.50	• 0.25 - 0.40	0.15 - 0.20		
	2-3	- 10-	• 0.20 - 0.35	• 0.20 - 0.35	0.15 - 0.20		
Real Property	6 - 8	0.30 - 0.50	• 0.30 - 0.50	• 0.25 - 0.35	• 0.15 - 0.20		
Time	9 - 12	0.50 - 0.80	• 0.50 - 0.60	• 0.30 - 0.45	• 0.20 - 0.25		
and the second	13 - 16	• 0.80 - 1.20	• 0.50 - 0.80	• 0.40 - 0.60	• 0.20 - 0.35		
Start U	19 - 25	• 1.00 - 2.00	• 0.80 - 1.50	• 0.60 - 1.00	• 0.30 - 0.50		
2	6 - 7	• 0.50 - 0.80	• 0.40 - 0.60	• 0.30 - 0.45	• 0.20 - 0.30		





Compaction History

Evolution of Compaction Testing







LOSE ENOUGH

http://favoritememes.com/news/close_enough/2014-07-27-342

Density + CBR Testing Basics



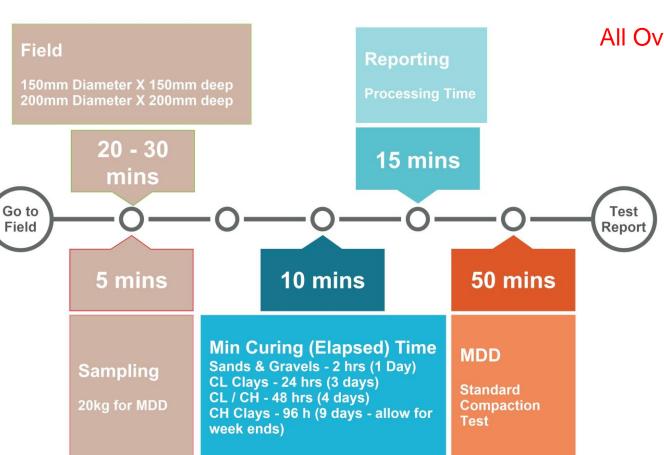
YOUR NATIONAL TRANSPORT RESEARCH ORGANISATION



Density Testing

Density Testing

Sand ReplacementExcludes travel~ 1 ¾ hrs Time spent butExcludes travel3 - 12 Days for reportingtime to site



All Overhead time excluded

NACOE NATIONAL ASSET CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

FSG

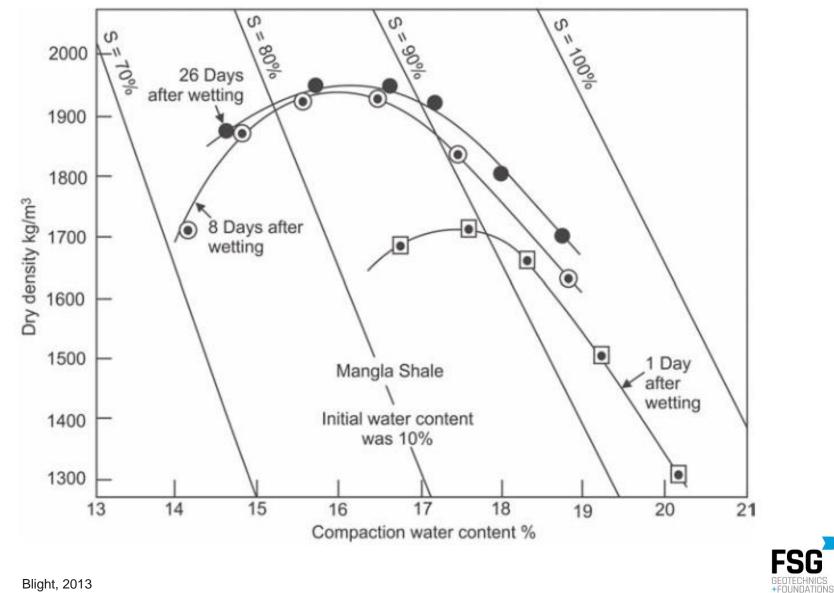
GEOTECHNICS +FOUNDATIONS YOUR NATIONAL TRANSPORT

RESEARCH ORGANISATION

CBR – A.S. vs QTMR vs RMS Standards

Standard	Q113A – CBR (Standard) 2016	AS1289: 6.1.1 (Standard) 2014			RMS T132 (Standard or Modified)		
Particle size	Any size OK Crush to pass 19mm	Not applicable for > 20% retained on 19mm. Discard mat'l retained on sieve.			Applicable to that portion that passes the 19mm sieve. Do not crush		
			MINIMUM CURING TIME				
Preparation	(fines < 12%) \rightarrow 2 hrs Low (LL \leq 35%) \rightarrow 48hrs Medium (35 < LL \leq 55%) \rightarrow 4 days	Condition of prepa		of prepar	ed sample	Sands → 1hr	
		Plasticity	Within 2% of OMC	Greater than 2% from OMC		Clays \rightarrow Several days	
		Sands and granular material*	2 h		2 h		
		Low (LL \leq 35%)	24 h		48 h		
		Medium ($35\% < LL \le 50\%$)	48 h		96 h (4 days)		
		High (LL > 50%)	96 h (4 days)		168 h (7 days)		
High (LL> 55%) → 7 days	* These can include naturally occurring sands and gravels, crushed rocks and manufactured materials with fines content typically less than 12%.						
Surcharge	4.5kg only	4.5kg + (depends on overlying material) – up to 18kg			4.5kg only		
Soaking	4 days only	4 days unless otherwise specified		4 days unless otherwise specified			
Reporting	CBR 1- 10 nearest 0.5 units CBR 11- 30 nearest 1 unit 31 to 120 nearest 2 units > 120 nearest units	CBR \leq 5% nearest 0.5 CBR 6 to 20 nearest 1 CBR 21 to 50 nearest 5 CBR > 50 nearest 10		CBR \leq 5% nearest 0.5 CBR 5 to 20 nearest 1 CBR 20 to 50 nearest 5 CBR > 50 nearest 10			

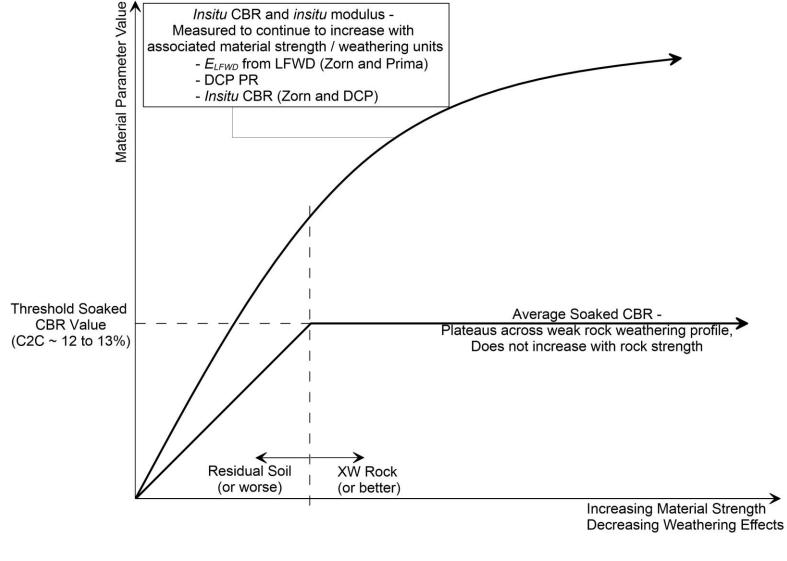
Effect of preparation time for a clayey soil





RESEARCH ORGANISATION

Lab Soaked CBR vs Field Value





Lacey, Look and Marks (2016)

YOUR NATIONAL TRANSPOR

RESEARCH ORGANISATION







YOUR NATIONAL TRANSPORT RESEARCH ORGANISATION Measurement Shift

CLOSE ENOUGH

http://favoritememes.com/news/close_enough/2014-07-27-342

Alternative Equipment / Testing

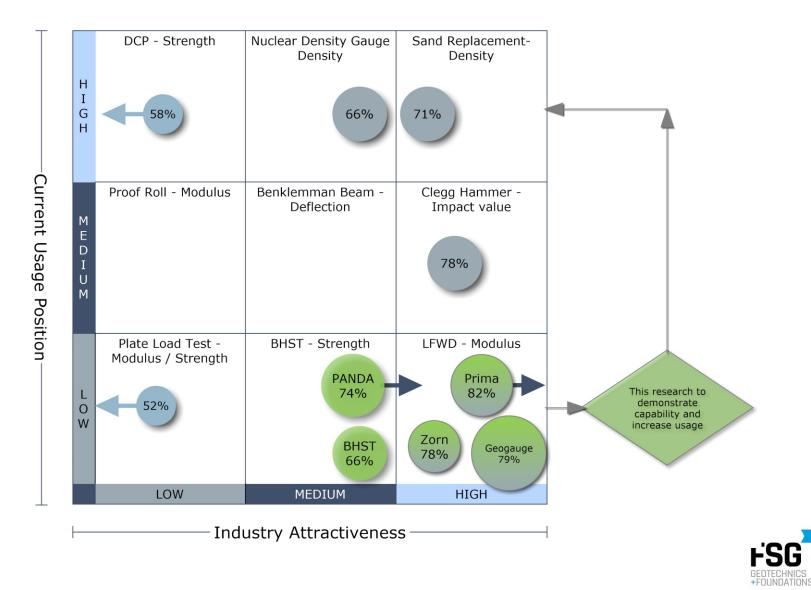


OUR NATIONAL TRANSPORT



Attractiveness vs Usage

Industry Attractiveness - Current Usage Strength Matrix





YOUR NATIONAL TRANSPORT

RESEARCH ORGANISATION

Factors considered in Ranking of Equipment

□ Accuracy, repeatability and reliability of equipment (30%)

□ Requirement/Duration/Ease of results processing to report measured parameter (25%)

Duration of field completion of test (20%)

□ Operating Cost (15%)

□ Principal Cost (10%).







Traditional vs 21st century equipment

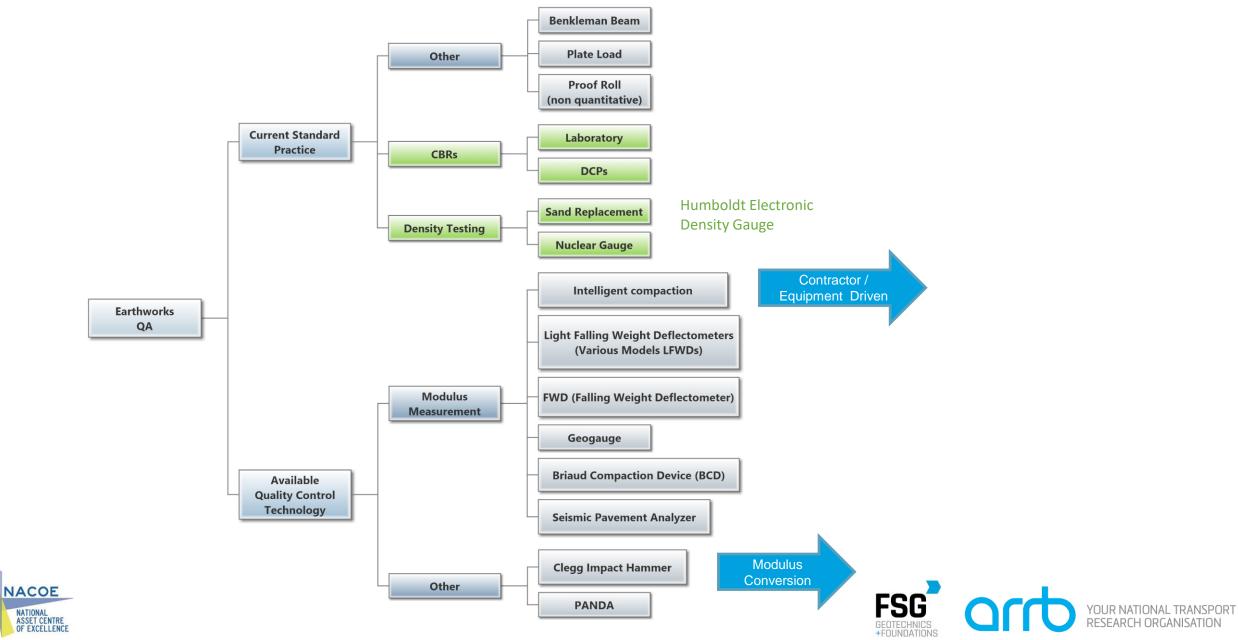
✓ Density / CBR / DCP testing limitations outlined. However tests are "standardised"

- \checkmark If other tests are introduced then similarly one should identify its limitations
- ✓ Modulus and strength can now be cost effectively measured in situ during construction. This was not possible 50 years ago.
- ✓ However lack of test / equipment standardisation limits its implementation

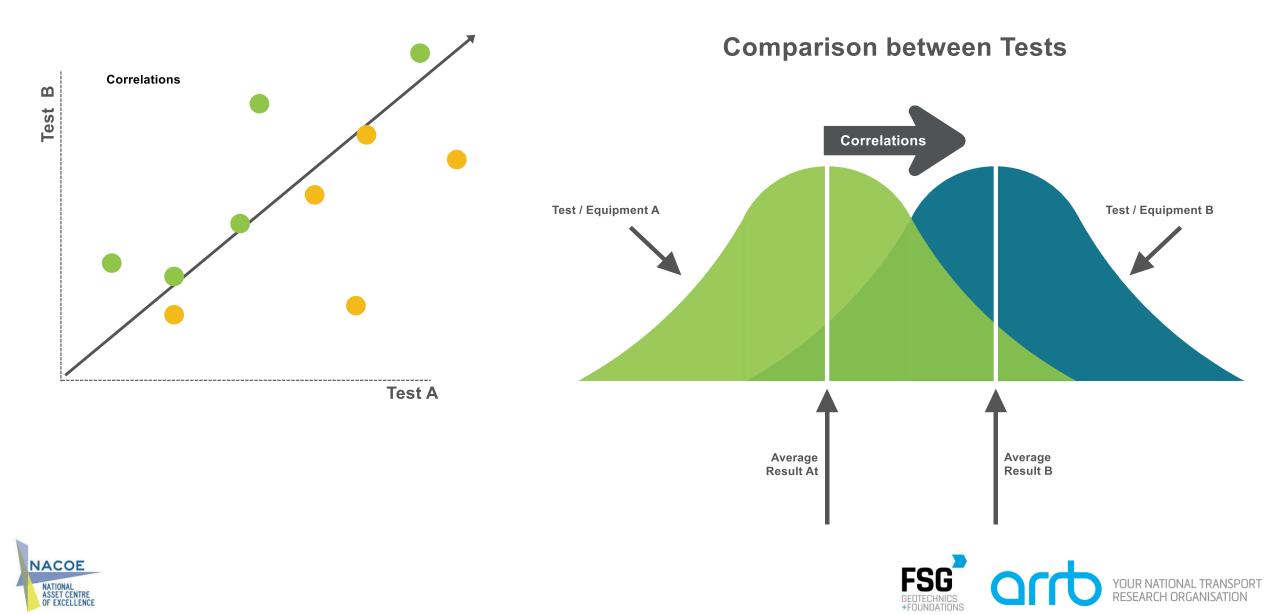




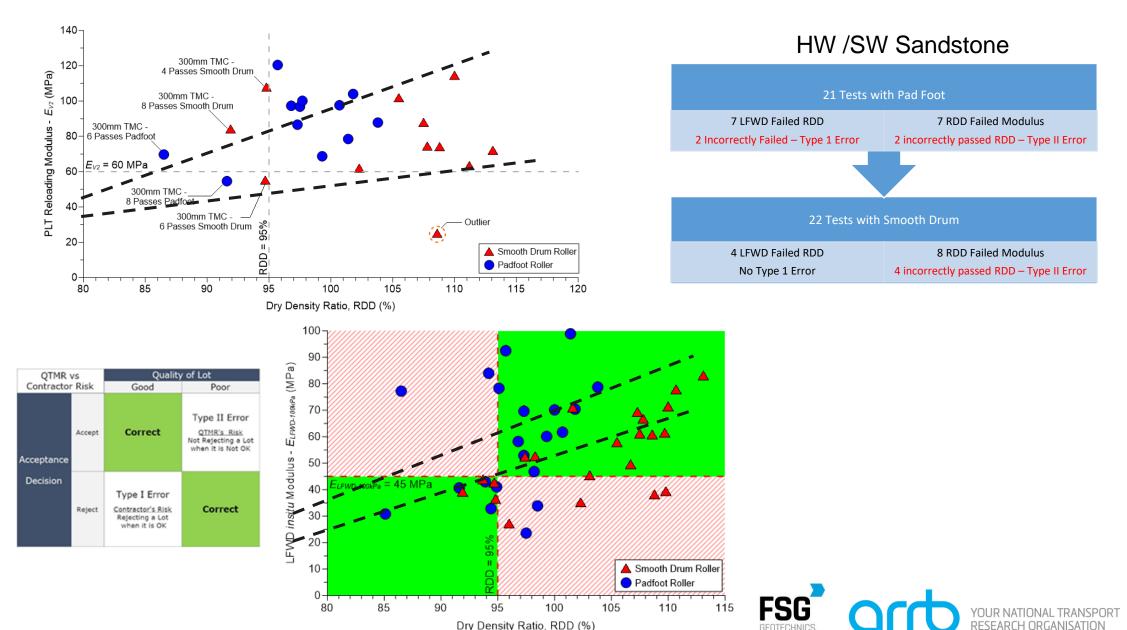
Testing overview



Correlations + Reliability



PLTs & LFWD correlated to Dry Density Ratio







Legacy issues may hinder proper use / benefits

568 ml is not realising the metric benefit → 2017 Legacy issue in a "metric" country 50+ years on



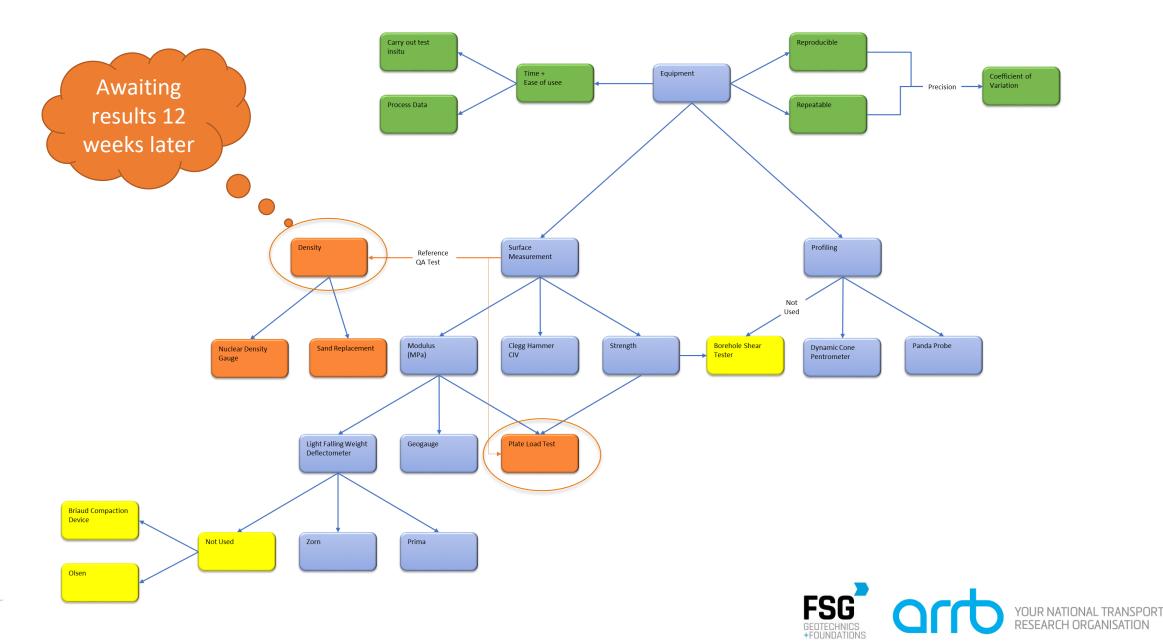




Testing Aims & Actual carried out

NACOE

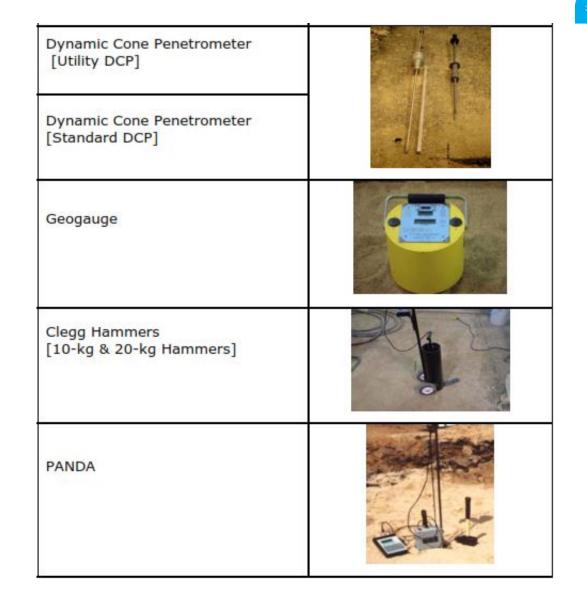
NATIONAL ASSET CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE



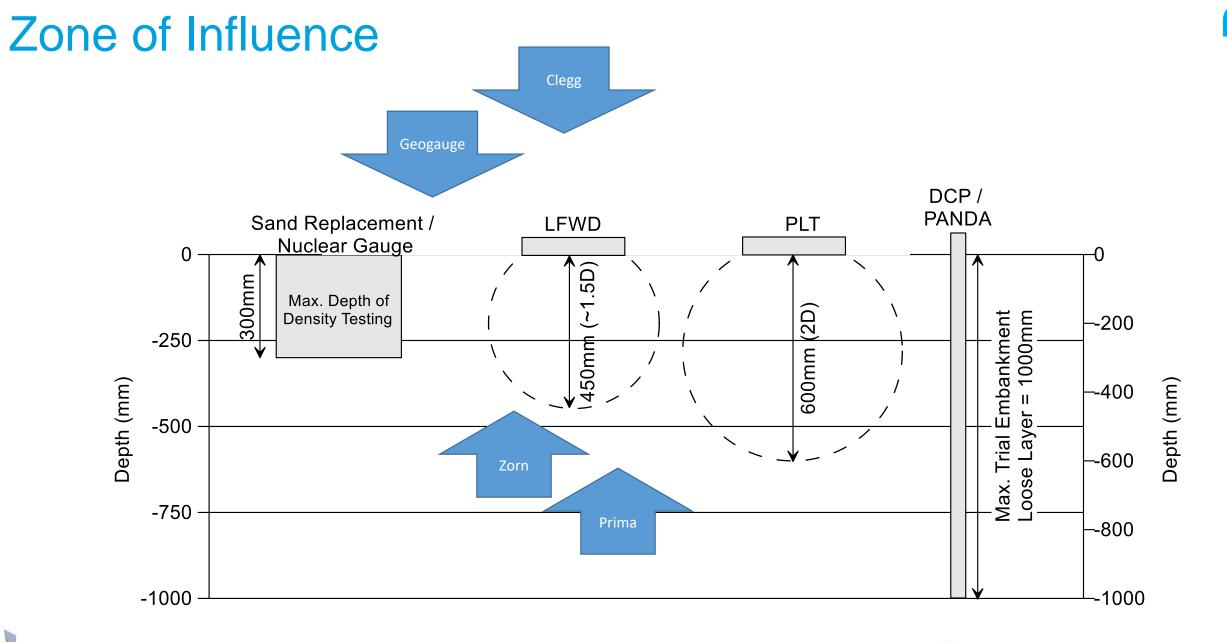
Test Equipment

Device	
Nuclear Density Gauge [NDG] [Troxler Model 3440]	
Sand-Cone Density Apparatus	













Dynamic Cone Penetrometer

Element		Australia (AS 1289.6.3.2:1997)	United States (ASTM D6951)	Europe / United Kingdom (BS EN ISO
		New Zealand (NZS 4402.6.5.2:1988)	South Africa (Method ST6 in TMH No. 6)	22476-2:2005) – Dynamic Probe Light (DPL)
Hammer /	Mass	9 kg	8 kg	10 kg
Weight Drop	Standard Drop	510 mm	575 mm	500 mm
-	I Energy per blow	45.0 J	45.15 J	49.0 J
Cone Dimensions	Angle	15°	30°	45°
		(from C.L. of cone)	(from C.L. of cone)	(from C.L. of cone)
	Diameter	20 mm	20 mm	34 mm (min.)
	Mantle Thickness	3 mm	3 mm	37.5 mm
	Surface Area	12.7 cm ²	6.9 cm ²	25.0 cm ²
	(Lateral + Mantle)			





PANDA probe

NACOE

NATIONAL ASSET CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

	Element	PANDA Probe	
Hammer /	Mass	2 kg	
Weight Drop	Standard Drop	Variable (each blow measured independently)	
	Angle	86 ⁰ (from centreline of cone)	
Cone	Diameter	16 mm	
	Area	2 cm ²	

French Standard, 2012 – NF P 94-105, Soils: Recognition and testing – Control of the quality of compaction – Dynamic penetrometer with variable energy method - Penetrometer calibration, principles and methodology – Interpretation of results (in French)

No existing Australian Standard, ASTM or Australian Regulatory authority test method currently exists for use of the PANDA Probe. However, regardless of the absence of an approved test method the PANDA probe is already in use in Australia, and has been for a number of years (e.g. by Queensland Department of Main Roads).

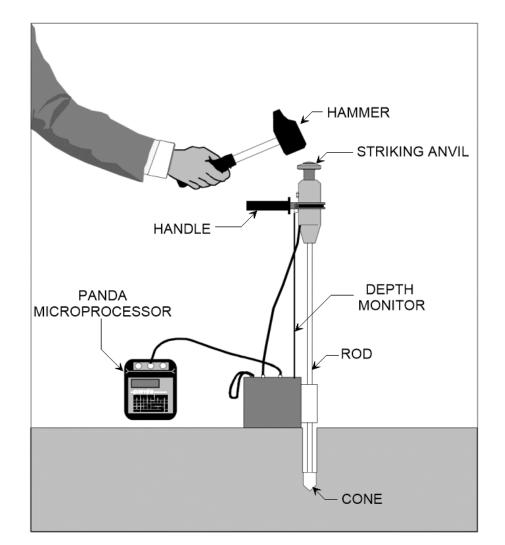




Plate Load Test

Applicable Standards

- DIN 18134 Soil Testing Procedures and testing equipment Plate Load Test, English translation of DIN 18134:2012-04
- ASTM D1195 Standard Test Method for Repetitive Static Plate Load Tests of Soils and Flexible Pavement Components, for Use in Evaluation and Design of Airport and Highway Pavements.
- ASTM D1196 Standard Test Method for Non-repetitive Static Plate Load Tests of Soils and Flexible Pavement Components, for Use in Evaluation and Design of Airport and Highway Pavements.

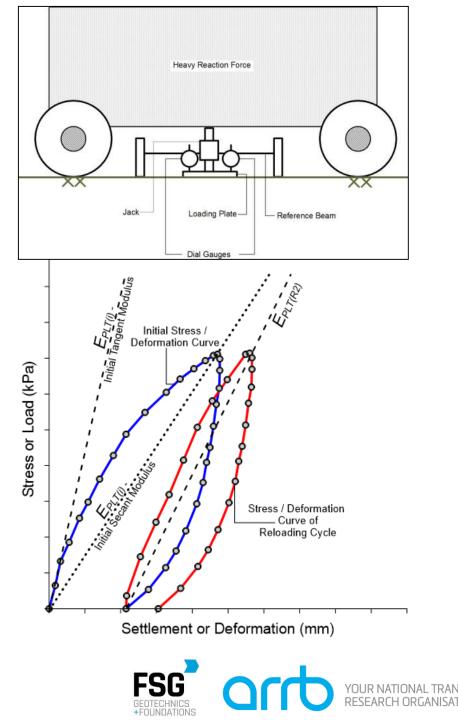
Parameters provided from test

Static PLT testing allows the construction of a full loading stress / deformation curve for the range of stress magnitudes applied.

- E_i or E_{v1} = Modulus associated with initial loading cycle
- $E_{(R2,3,4)}$ or $E_{v2,3,4}$ = Modulus associated with reloading cycles
- K_s = Subgrade Modulus / Modulus of Subgrade Reaction
- q_{ult} = Ultimate bearing capacity

NACOE

ASSET CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE q_{allow} or q_a = Allowable bearing capacity



Light Falling Weight Deflectometer (LFWD)

Two (2) ASTM standards, based on the class of LFWD instrument being utilised: For LFWD instruments without a load cell and fitted with a plate mounted accelerometer (e.g. Zorn brand LFWDs) – Weight Release (adjustable) ASTM E2835-11 – Standard Test Method for Measuring Deflections using a Portable Impulse Plate Load Test Device For LFWD instruments fitted with a load cell and fitted with a geophone in contact with the ground (e.g. Sweco / Grontmij brand LFWDs) – ASTM E2583-07 – Standard Test Method for Measuring Deflections with a Light Weight Deflectometer (LWD) Drop Weight (10kg) **Deflection Transducer Header Rigid Plate** PDA (Wireless) Load Cell / Buffers LFWD Thickness **Buffer** Data Storage (4) Manufacturer Load Cell Type Location Accuracy Max. Load (mm) (1-15kN) **Deflection Sensor** Prima 100 (0 - 2200 microns) Yes / Rubber (Sweco/ Geophone Ground ±0.002mm 20 (Cone) **Bearing Plate** 15.0kN Grontmij A/S) (100mm or 300mm dia.) Communications 0 o**⊀** Port Yes / Kerros Rubber Geophone 20 ±0.002mm Ground Geophone (Flat) (Dynatest) 15.0kN Yes / Dynatest 3031 Rubber 20 Geophone Ground ±0.002mm (Flat) (Dynatest) 15.0kN No / Zorn ZFG Accelerometer Plate ±0.02mm 20 - 124**Steel Spring** (Zorn) 7.07kN





Clegg Hammer

Applicable Standards

- AS 1289.6.9.1: Methods for testing soils for engineering purposes- Method 6.9.1: Soil Strength and Consolidation test
 Determination of stiffness of soil - Clegg Impact Value (CIV).
- ASTM D 5874 Standard Test Method for Determination of the Impact Value (IV) of a Soil.

Insitu testing can be undertaken with various models of the instrument, which include a drop weight of 2.25 kg, 4.5 kg, 10 kg and 20 kg versions.

As per the LFWD tests, the varying weights utilised alter the stress magnitude imparted during a test and thus the 'zone of influence' varies depending on model used.

Clegg Impact Value (CIV) measured. Correlation with Modulus







Geogauge (Soil Stiffness Gauge)

Applicable Standards

• ASTM D6758-08 – Standard Test Method for Measuring Stiffness and Apparent Modulus of Soil and Soil-Aggregate In-Place by Electro-Mechanical Method.

The Geogauge is a surface based plate stress test that measures the impedance of near-surface materials under known loads. The gauge imparts very small displacements of the soil ($\leq 1.27 \times 10^{-6}$ m) under 25 programmed steady-state frequencies between 100 and 196 Hz. The stiffness (modulus) parameter returned by the gauge – the Geogauge Stiffness (H_{SG}) parameter – is the average stiffness observed across all 25 frequencies.

Geogauge weighs ~ 10 kg, Diameter = 280 mm and Height = 254 mm.

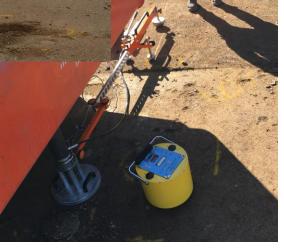






Trial Phase – "Live" projects











Testing

Clegg Hammer



LFWD - Blue Tooth Connectivity



Plate Load Test



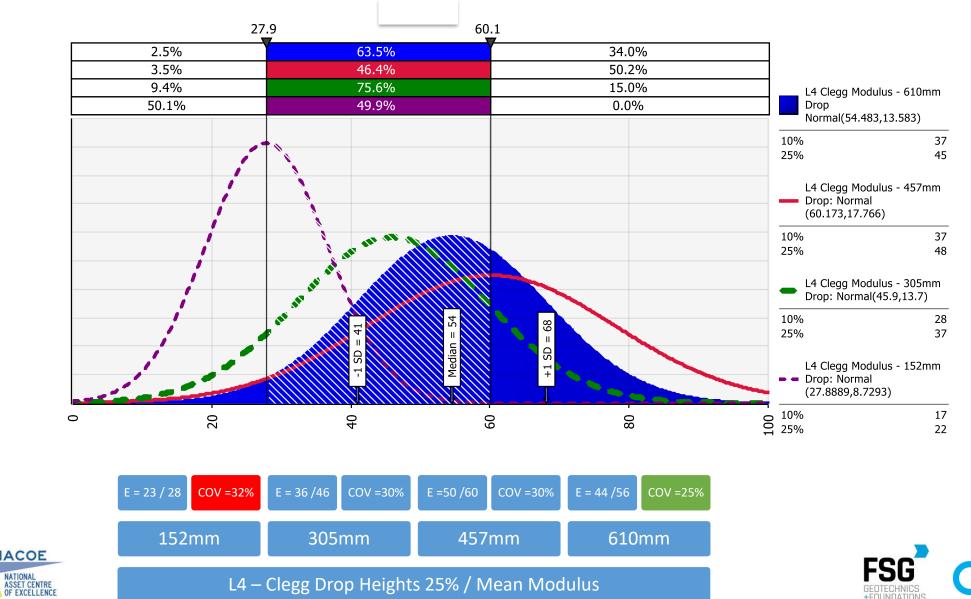




Clegg Modulus – L4 Varying Heights

NACOE

L4 Clegg Modulus - 152 / 305 / 457 / 610mm Drop



YOUR NATIONAL TRANSPOR

RESEARCH ORGANISATION

Summary – Preliminary only

Accuracy

Waiting on full Density Results + classification tests from test sites after 12 weeks

1. PLT

2. Prima

3. Clegg

4. PANDA

5. Zorn

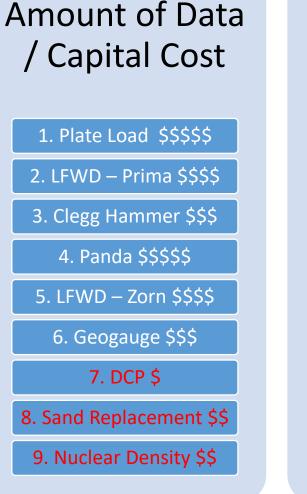
6. DCP: 100 – 200mm

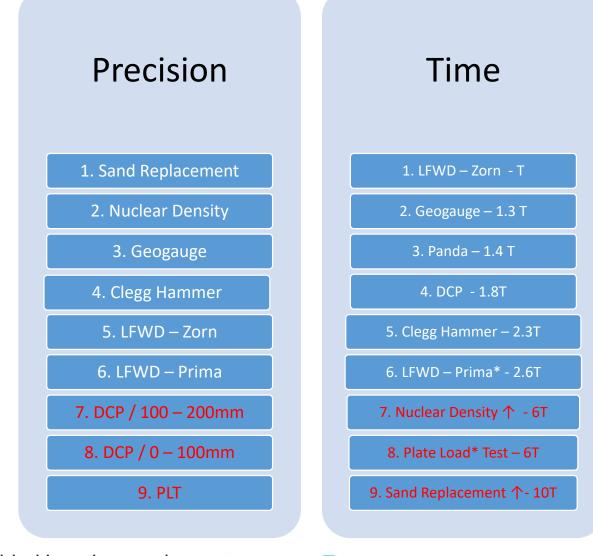
7. Geogauge

8. DCP: 0 -100mm

NACOE

NATIONAL ASSET CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE





* Complete Stress Strain response provided – not provided by other equipment
 ↑ Larger Reporting time

RESEARCH ORGANISATION

What are we looking at ?



The Bird

- The Holes in the rock

The holes in the Boulder

The Rock













YOUR NATIONAL TRANSPORT RESEARCH ORGANISATION

Thank you for your participation today.

For further information on the topic, please contact:

Dr Jeffrey Lee Dr Burt Look

jeffrey.lee@arrb.com.au blook@fsg-geotechnics.com.au

Website: https://www.nacoe.com.au





SHAPING OUR TRANSPORT FUTURE