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## **Chapter 1: Literature Review**

Successfully charging electric vehicles (EVs) in-motion requires current wireless power transfer technology to be integrated into the infrastructure. Much research has been done to increase the efficiency of wireless power transfer (WPT); however, the methods associated with embedding these units in roadways is lacking. Before WPT can be implemented on a large scale, research and development must be done on the infrastructure supporting the WPT systems. It is important that the roadway structure provides a durable housing for the power transfer coil and that the efficiency of the coil is not affected by the embedment methods or materials used. This chapter presents problems associated with previous embedment techniques used in other pilot studies, the most up to date design of WPT systems to be embedded in the roadway, and structural considerations for successful integration into the infrastructure.

### **Roadway Powered Electric Vehicle Project Track Construction and Testing Program Phase 3D (California Partners for Advanced Transit and Highways 1994)**

This report details the construction and testing of a Roadway Powered Electric Vehicle proof-of-concept system constructed by the California program for advanced transit and highways (PATH). This project, which took place during the 1980's and early 1990's, is one of the first attempts at a roadway embedded power transfer system. This project required roadway modules, cores, and conductors to be installed in long loops along the roadway in order to generate an inductive magnetic field. Although the type of Inductive Coupling System (ICS) used in this pilot project is very different from recent power transfer systems, much can be learned from the embedment techniques used.

The roadway modules used in this pilot study housed the other WPT components. These modules were long channel shaped structures made from a mixture of epoxy and sand. The

roadway modules were placed in a trench cut into the roadway and then grouted in place. The roadway cores, which were made of laminated steel, sat inside the channel of the roadway module. The aluminum conductive elements then sat inside the steel core and were potted with a sand polyester mixture. After installation, the entire configuration was overlaid with a thin layer of asphalt.

Along with being very complicated and expensive, this design caused serious mechanical failures almost immediately after construction. Problems arose when several voids formed in the sand/polyester mixture used to pot the conductors. Overall failure occurred during thermal loading when differences in the thermal expansion coefficients between the aluminum conductors and other parts of the roadway caused the power transfer cables to buckle.

In summary, this report establishes how important roadway embedment techniques are to the overall success of a WPT system. It demonstrates the need for an embedment method that is more economic and mechanically sound. The embedment technique cannot interfere with the efficiency of the WPT system, and the WPT system cannot interfere with the long term structural integrity of the roadway.

### **Inductive Power Transfer (Grant A. Covic and John T. Boys 2013)**

This article reviews some of the latest developments in dynamic wireless power transfer systems. Although there are several types of WPT systems, only inductive power transfer IPT systems are discussed. The authors define the electrical components necessary for an IPT system, methods to increase the efficiency, and engineering challenges that remain in implementing these systems into future roadways.

IPT systems transfer power wirelessly between a stationary primary coil and a pickup device, usually installed under a vehicle's chassis. The mechanism of IPT uses principals from

Ampere's and Faraday's laws. Ampere's law states that a magnetic field is created by an electric current. Faraday's law states that any change in the magnetic environment of a coil of wire will cause a voltage to be induced in the coil. When a voltage from a power source is induced in the primary coil, a magnetic flux is created. The pickup coil (or secondary coil) will then capture this magnetic flux and change it into a current to be used by the electric vehicle.

Based on recent developments, the essential elements of a power supply and primary coil are:

1. A utility to very low frequency (VLF) 3.0-30 kHz, or low frequency (LF) 30-300 kHz power supply for energizing a track.
2. The track (coil) itself with its frequency compensation and magnetics construction methodology.
3. A pickup system for taking power magnetically from the track.
4. A controller for controlling the power transfer process to a dc output voltage.

Among the engineering challenges to be overcome is the cost and development of embedding these IPT pads into the infrastructure. The fragile magnetic material (ferrite) must be integrated into a concrete roadway to give a long service life electrically in a very hostile environment.

## **Electrification of roads: Opportunities and challenges (Feng Chen and Nicole Kringos 2015)**

This article explores potential materials, construction methods, and maintenance of what is referred to as the electrification of roads or eRoads. The authors hope to draw awareness to the need for more interdisciplinary collaboration by pointing out unsolved issues in roadway



integration. Specifically, this collaboration requires civil engineering disciplines to ensure eRoads' functionality for an extended service life. Cost will be a big factor in successful integration; the most economic approach will use roadway materials and construction methods that are similar to what is traditionally used in the transportation industry.

The two main materials used in roadway construction are asphalt and concrete. Asphalt is relatively cheap, easy to install, and provides a comfortable surface to drive on. Concrete is stronger, more durable, and needs fewer repairs. This paper assumes that the entire IPT system will be integrated into a pavement structure. Along with directly embedding the system into a roadway, a thin overlay of either concrete or asphalt could be useful. The authors cite several benefits for entirely embedding the IPT system into the roadway with an additional overlay:

1. The IPT facilities can be protected against accidental or environmental loading damage, and also water ingress corrosion.
2. An overlay may act as a stress relief layer to improve structural integration and benefit the eRoad's long term performance
3. The maintenance and rehabilitation actions will be confined to only the overlay, which can be very cost-effective.
4. The safety issues relating to high voltage IPT systems can be avoided.

The components that will need to be embedded are the primary coil, ferrite cores, backing plate, and other sensors necessary for IPT. It is very important that the performance of the individual components is not affected by the roadway integration. The roadway structure must protect the fragile IPT facilities (eg. ferrite cores) from a very hostile environment. If the IPT system is damaged during its service lifetime it will be prevented from functioning properly. The IPT system also cannot affect the structural integrity of the roadway. The long term performance

of the eRoad will be a critical factor in maximizing the economic, social, and environmental benefits of the entire system.

This article indicates that there are generally two options for embedding the charging facilities inside the pavement surface: (i) The IPT facilities are fixed in excavated pavement as a skeleton structure, which is then sealed and protected by extra road materials, and (ii) The IPT facilities can be molded in prefabricated modules and then embedded into the pavement as an entity. The goal of either method should be to prevent premature damages in the early service life and optimize the cost-effective long term maintenance.

Most premature pavement failures occur from the following mechanisms: repeated loading from traffic, climate-induced thermal contraction and expansion inside the pavement, freezing and frost heave during the winter, and moisture flow during thawing in the spring. The embedded inductors will be structural discontinuities in the pavement, and therefore the pavement itself will be extremely susceptible to these types of failures. ERoads also will have a high risk of de-bonding failures around the discontinuous interfaces of the embedded IPT systems. Any failures of either the pavement structure or the electrical performance of the IPT systems could render the entire eRoad useless.

Regular maintenance will be especially important to prevent premature failures in the eRoad. Traditional road resurfacing protects against surface cracking, oxidation, and raveling. Surface cracking in an eRoad is of special concern because of water ingress into the sensitive electrical components. Resurfacing could be performed every few years to maintain the robustness and cost-effectiveness of the roadway pavement as a whole.

**A Novel Wireless Power Transfer for IN-Motion EV/PHEV Charging (Omer C. Onar, John M. Miller, Steven L. Campell, Chester Coomer, Cliff P. White, and Larry E. Seiber 2013)**

This paper summarizes some of the recent research performed at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL). ORNL has investigated wireless power transfer since 2006. The Team at ORNL has successfully developed a coupling coil design, which has led to fabrication and experimental validation. The ORNL coil design relies on Litz cable coils over a soft ferrite structure housed in a non-magnetic case. Along with dynamically testing the WPT coils with an in-motion vehicle, ORNL has investigated insertion losses due to roadway surfacing materials.

The authors point out that it is likely that the primary coils will be embedded in either concrete or asphalt surfaces. To simulate the coil's insertion into a roadway surface, ORNL obtained an aged slab of concrete approximately 4.33 inches thick to entirely cover the primary coil. The presence of the concrete adds an additional source of power loss to the system. Experiments showed a loss of 6.26 W with only an air gap between the primary and secondary coil. When the concrete was placed between the primary and secondary coil there was an additional loss of 3.93W.

The losses due to the presence of materials between the primary and secondary coil are closely related to the material's relative permittivity and dielectric properties. The little research that has been done on these losses indicates that the electromagnetic loss can be as important as other resistive and ferrite core losses. It is possible that the design of the coils may need to be modified to minimize the electromagnetic losses from roadway embedment. The system's overall loss of efficiency due to being entirely embedded in a roadway material still need to be explored.

## **Analysis of periodic cracks in surface layer of pavement structures (Chang Xu, Yan Anzhi, Mingcheng Liao, and Tang Chunan 2010)**

This article presents a study of the formation mechanism of periodic cracks in the surface layer of pavement structures. Although there are several different types of pavement crack patterns, these cracks usually occur in the bending zone of the pavement. Longitudinal cracks are the main type of cracking because of the location and direction of tensile stress that forms due to the wheel loads from traffic.

The authors numerically model several pavement structures in a software package in order to determine the mechanisms of crack initiation and growth. To simplify the numerical model, a four-point bending beam model is established as the boundary conditions. The model has several layers, each layer is assigned a tensile strength and elastic modulus. The model is loaded to simulate wheel loadings from traffic conditions. This loading pattern places a tensile stress in the surface layer of the pavement structure between the two wheel loads.

Results indicate that the cracking process can be divided up into 3 stages. In the first stage, two cracks initiate near the support points of the top surface when the tensile stress reaches its tensile strength. In the next stage, more cracks appear in the bending zone between the two initial cracks. In the final stage, no more new cracks form and the existing cracks become more open. It was found that the crack spacing was related to the tensile strength of the surface layer. The authors concluded with the following quote:

*“Studies indicate that surface layer thickness has significant influence on the crack spacing while the effect of thickness of the base layer on the crack spacing is slight. The crack spacing increases linearly with increasing thickness of surface layer. Both the*

*tensile strength and elastic modulus of the surface layer have significant influence on the crack spacing as well as the elastic modulus of the base layer.”*

## **Chapter 2: Developing Wireless Transfer Pads**

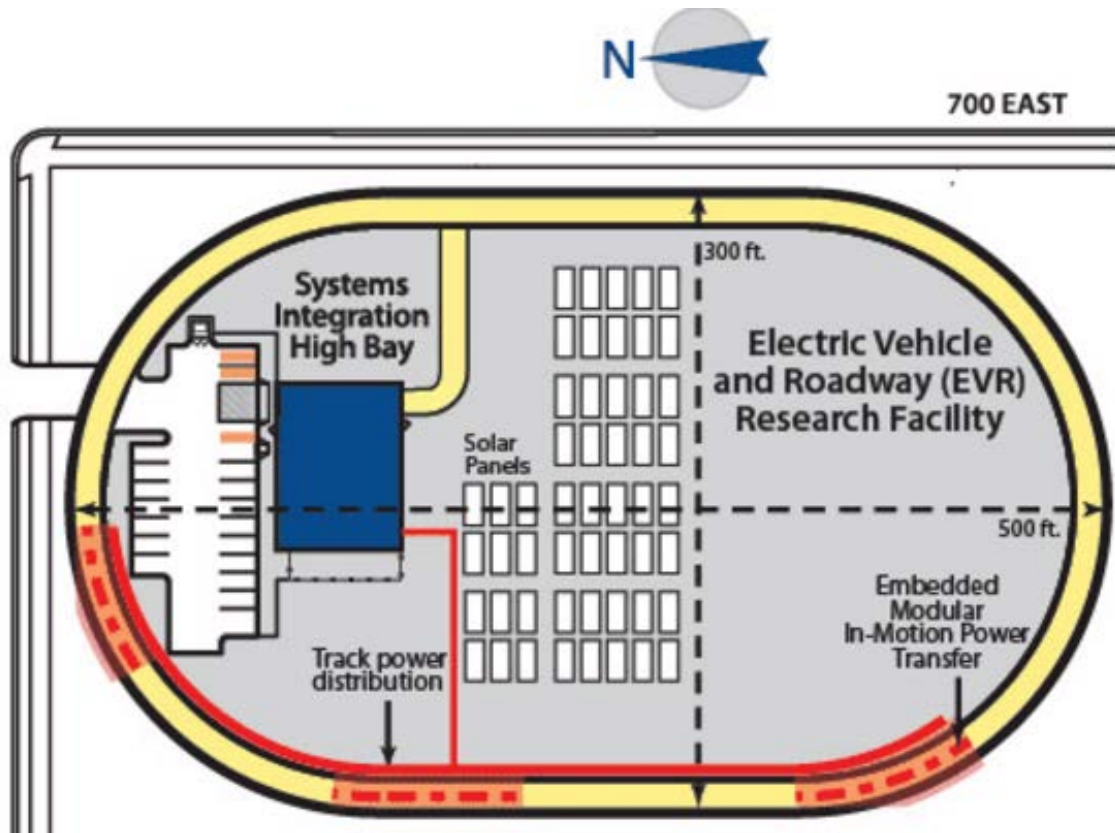
Chapter 2 focuses on the research, development, and testing process for embedding an efficient wireless power transfer system into a roadway structure. The chapter begins by discussing the research facilities used for testing and evaluating the embedded IPT coil. Then a series of component testing is reviewed. This chapter gives special focus to the initial full scale embedded IPT system along with the electrical problems that arose from directly embedding the coils. Next, the latest embedment design is reviewed. This chapter ends by discussing areas of embedded IPT technology requiring further research. Inductive pavements are very new technology, and the research and testing associated with this technology is still in the beginning stages.

### **Electric Vehicle and Roadway Research Facility**

The Electric Vehicle and Roadway (EVR) Research Facility is near the main campus of Utah State University in Logan. The EVR, and other facilities at USU researching EV adoption, are part of the Center for Sustainable Electrified Transportation (SELECT). The SELECT team is made up of a variety of different engineering disciplines across multiple campuses including Civil Engineering expertise from Utah State University and Purdue University, and Electrical and Mechanical Engineering expertise from Utah State University, Purdue University, Colorado University-Boulder, University of Colorado Colorado Springs, and Olin College of Engineering.

The EVR facility was specifically designed to develop, test, and showcase the technology related to inductive pavements. Researchers at the EVR hope to overcome barriers associated with dynamic in-motion charging of EVs. One of the biggest challenges researchers face is integrating inductive technology into the infrastructure. The EVR facility is specifically

designed to address this and other engineering challenges. The facility includes a systems integration building surrounded by a quarter-mile oval test track as shown in Figure 2.1.

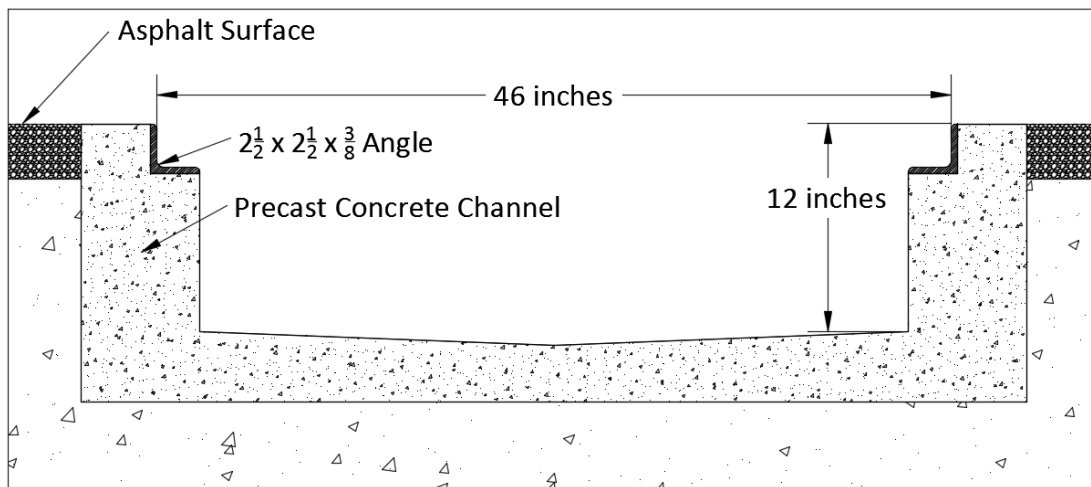


*Figure 2.1 Electric Vehicle and Roadway (EVR) Research Facility*

The test track, that both surrounds and goes through the EVR facility, contains several segments of prefabricated cavities. These concrete channels are meant to house embedded modular IPT systems. Power panels are distributed along these segments of track to electrify and evaluate the prefabricated pavements containing the IPT coils. These sections of track, which are approximately 100 feet long, will allow for multiple embedded coils be placed in line with one another to dynamically charge electric vehicles.



*Figure 2.2 EVR Test track and Power Panels*



*Figure 2.3 Cross-section of prefabricated concrete channels*

The exact size and geometry of embedded IPT systems are currently being developed. The prefabricated channels will give researchers the flexibility to test a variety of different embedded coil designs. The cross-section geometry of the channel is shown in Figure 2.3.

Another unknown is the spacing needed between the various IPT pads and required vehicle sensors. These channels and the supporting electrical infrastructure will allow for the IPT



pads and sensors to be adjusted as different spacing lengths are tested. Researchers expect to move from a modular design to a permanent embedded solution when sufficient testing has been completed.

## **Inductive Power Transfer Components**

The components necessary for an embedded IPT system include Litz wire, ferrite, an aluminum backing plate, and a skeletal structure to hold each of the components in place. These components are found to form a very efficient electromagnetic field when arranged in a circular pattern. Although more research and development is needed to optimize embedded IPT systems, attempts to embed these systems into the infrastructure will use the latest IPT coil technology. This section will begin by describing some of the latest methods and equations used to measure and optimize IPT systems' effectiveness.

In *Inductive Power Transfer*, Covic & Boys (2013) point out that the efficiency of an IPT system is primarily determined from two parameters: the open circuit voltage induced in the pickup coil at frequency ( $\omega$ ) due to the primary track current ( $I_1$ )  $V_{oc}=j\omega MI_1$ , and its short circuit current  $I_{sc}=MI_1/L_2$ , which is the maximum current from  $V_{oc}$  that is limited by the impedance of the pickup coil inductance  $\omega L_2$ . These two parameters can be related by an equation given in Covic and Boys (2013). This equation is in terms of the volt-ampere (VA) of the pickup (secondary coil  $S_u$ ).

$$S_u = V_{oc} I_{sc} = \omega I_1^2 \frac{M^2}{L_2} \quad (1)$$

The tuned quality factor Q is another important parameter to the overall performance of the system. Covic & Boys (2013) also state that "For a parallel-tuned regulator, this tuning

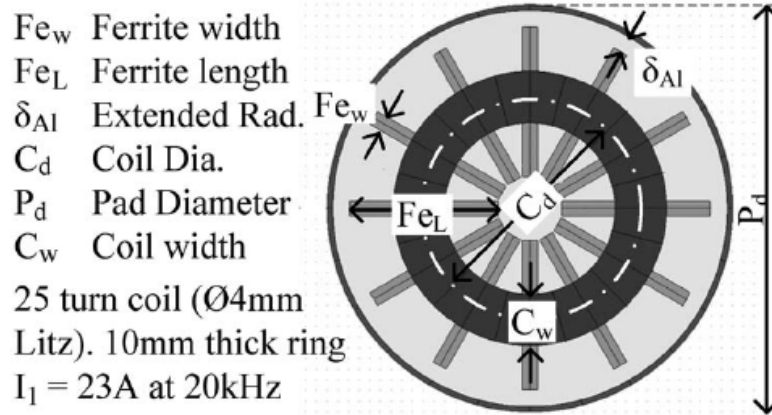
enables the output voltage seen by the regulator to be increased in proportion to the circuit's resonant  $Q$ , while for a series-tuned pickup, the output current is boosted by  $Q$ ." Adding this tuning factor to an equation from Covic and Boys (2013) gives an equation that describes the output power in terms of frequency, inductance, impedance, current, and  $Q$ .

$$P_{out} = S_u Q = \omega I_1^2 \frac{M^2}{L_2} Q \quad (2)$$

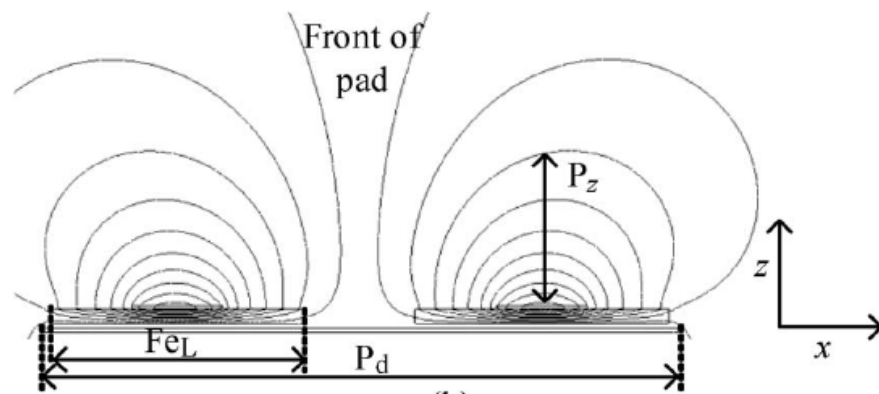
Covic & Boys (2013) also point out that along with optimizing the components necessary for the tuning of the system, the power transfer can be increased by increasing the frequency of the track's current. The track's (or coil's) frequency is limited by the ratings of the semiconductor device used in the power supply, the Litz wire used in the track, and magnetic components (ferrite). As described in Equation 2, the power output of an IPT system is quantified in terms of  $V_{oc}$ ,  $I_{sc}$ , and the operating  $Q$  of the receiver circuit. This equation can be rewritten in terms of  $V_A$  and the input terminals of the primary pad ( $V_{in}I_1$ ), the transformer coupling coefficient ( $\kappa$ ), and the operating  $Q$  of the secondary coil.

$$P_{out} = P_{su} Q = V_{in} I_1 \kappa^2 Q \quad (3)$$

The coupling coefficient allows us to directly compare the magnetic properties of different pad topologies. These properties can be easily determined by taking measurements with an inductor-capacitor-resistor (LCR) meter. An LCR meter will be used to determine the IPT system's efficiency before and after it is embedded in a roadway material.



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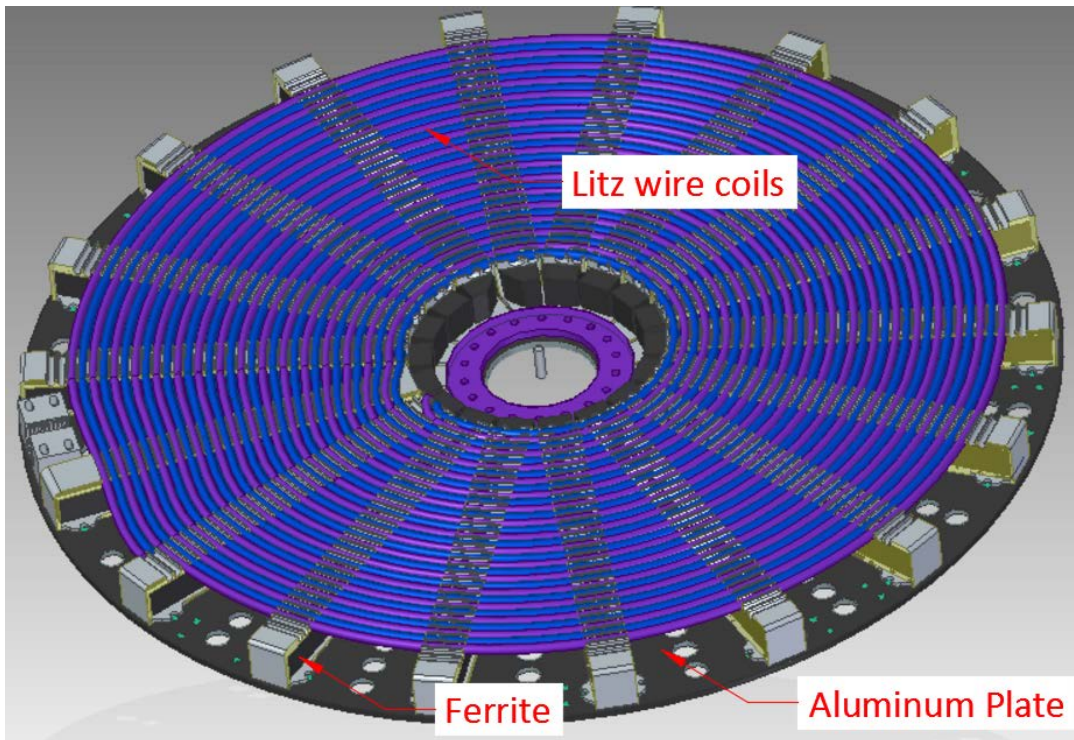
(b)

Figure 2.4 (a) Typical layout of a circular power pad. (b) Typical fields.

See Figure 2.4a (Covic and Boys 2013) above for a typical layout of a circular power pad, and Figure 2.4b (Covic and Boys 2013) for the magnetic flux fields generated by the primary pad. This figure shows the general design of a circular IPT system. One of the most important aspects of an efficient IPT system is the Litz wire. The Litz wire used in IPT applications consists of many strands of copper wire woven together to form a single wire segment. These smaller strands of wire are electrically insulated from each other and designed to reduce the skin effect common in alternating current conductors. The Litz wire used in this type of IPT application usually has either 1600 or 2000 individual copper strands.

Ferrite is a ceramic compound that consists of an iron oxide and other metals that when mixed together have ferrimagnetic properties. Ferrite is an important part of the IPT system

because it helps shape the electromagnetic field generated by the current flowing through the Litz wire. Concerns have been raised over embedding the fragile ferrite material into a hostile roadway environment (Covic and Boys 2013). Little is known about how the efficiency of the IPT pad will be affected if the ferrite bars develop cracks due to stresses from the roadway.

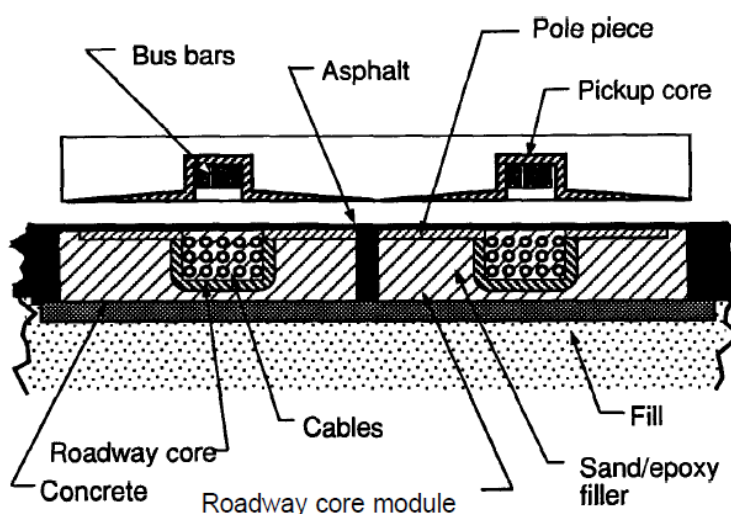


*Figure 2.5 Circular IPT system*

Covic & Boys (2013) state that the aluminum plate acts as a shielding from any flux leakages that may exist. The aluminum plate also provides a backing and adds robustness to the IPT system. The version of IPT system that will be used for embedment purposes is shown above in Figure 2.5. This circular IPT system contains the Litz wire, ferrite, and an aluminum shielding plate. Because each of these components have very different properties, they will need to be considered separately concerning roadway integration.

## **Embedment Material Selection**

Previous embedment attempts (California Partners for Advanced Transit and Highways [PATH] 1994) have failed because the methods of embedment were either too complicated or uneconomical. In PATH's pilot study, the method involved integrating roadway cores, which were made of laminated steel. These roadway cores sat inside the channel of the roadway module. The aluminum conductive elements then sat inside the steel core and were potted with a sand polyester mixture. After installation, the entire configuration was overlaid with a thin layer of asphalt, see Figure 2.6 below.



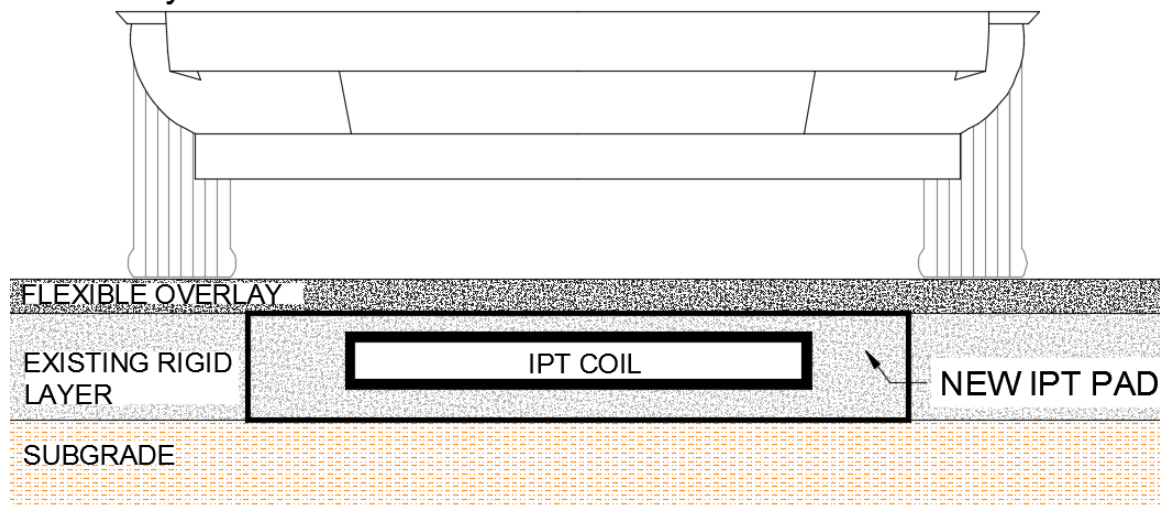
*Figure 2.6 PATH roadway module and pickup inductor cross section*

Unlike previous attempts, successful IPT integration will involve a minimal amount of different materials. An economic embedment solution would integrate IPT technology with materials that are already commonly in use in roadway construction. Chen et al. (2015) discuss that the two main roadway embedment materials considered were asphalt (hot mix asphalt, HMA) and Portland Cement Concrete (PCC). Asphalt and concrete are relatively cost efficient and readily available in the transportation industry. Roadways are typically designed to have at least a 20-year lifespan. It is important that the materials selected for embedment support not only the roadway's lifespan, but an equally long lifespan for the embedded IPT system.

Concrete was initially chosen for an embedment material because it would provide a more durable structure to protect the fragile IPT components, such as the ferrimagnetic material (ferrite). Concrete is relatively cheap, easy to manufacture, and can be modified based on the needs of its application. Once the IPT systems are embedded in concrete slabs they can easily be moved to different locations at the EVR facility. Asphalt is a relatively flexible material and is subject to rutting and other structural deformations. Any structural deformations that may happen during the lifespan of an inductive roadway could have a very negative impact on the IPT system. Because both asphalt and concrete are subject to surface cracking, either material selected would require regular roadway maintenance.

Chen et al. (2015) also indicated that a possible embedment solution may be a composite roadway (i.e. a concrete structural PCC layer with a thin asphalt overlay as shown in Figure 2.7). While the work done in this chapter will support a composite roadway design, testing the effectiveness of an asphalt overlay will be beyond the scope of this research.

### Roadway Cross Section:



*Figure 2.7 Composite roadway design*

## **Component Testing**

It was believed that the most economic approach was to directly embed the IPT system in concrete. Directly embedding the IPT system will also reduce the amount of discontinuities in the roadway, potentially allowing for a more durable pavement structure. The IPT components to be embedded include Litz wire, ferrite, an aluminum shielding plate, and the skeletal structure holding each of components in place during the embedment process. By directly embedding the IPT coils, each of the components will be directly exposed to the concrete.

There was an initial concern over the performance effects from directly embedding Litz wire in concrete. This concern led researchers to conduct a series of preliminary component tests on the Litz wire. This section reviews the component testing procedures and results when sections of Litz wire were embedded in concrete samples.

The goal of the component testing was not only to understand what effect directly embedding the Litz wire would have, but also what electrical properties may change as shear stress is induced in the concrete. Inductance and resistance are the critical electrical characteristics when considering IPT. By measuring the change in these two properties, researchers could understand what effect the concrete, and stress in the concrete, had on the wire. The inductance and resistance of the same Litz wire not embedded in a material was recorded to use as a control to measure the concrete's effect on the wire.

Three rectangular concrete samples were made measuring 4 inches wide by 5 inches tall by 18 inches long. Three different types of concrete were used for the pseudo roadway material. One sample was a fast cure grout common in roadway construction, another was a non-shrink grout, and the final sample used a regular concrete mix.



*Figure 2.8 Embedded Litz wire segments*

The Litz wire was placed two inches from the top and centered in each sample as shown in Figure 2.1. After the concrete samples cured, the resistance and inductance in the wire was measured. In each of the samples, the concrete was found to have a negligible effect on the wire's electrical characteristics.

To understand how stress induced in the concrete would affect the performance of the Litz wire, a test was set up to break the samples in shear, see Figure 2.9. The Samples were gradually loaded until failure. The inductance and resistance of the wire were measured and recorded as the concrete approached failure. The results of the Litz wire concrete test is summarized in Table 2.1.



*Table 2.1 Component testing results*

	Non-Embedded Values	After Concrete pour	After Shear Failure
Roadway Grout	2.3 $\mu\text{H}$ 0.016 $\Omega$	2.29 $\mu\text{H}$ 0.0159 $\Omega$	2.31 $\mu\text{H}$ 0.0155 $\Omega$
Non-Shrink Grout	2.5 $\mu\text{H}$ 0.018 $\Omega$	2.45 $\mu\text{H}$ 0.0182 $\Omega$	2.45 $\mu\text{H}$ 0.0160 $\Omega$
Normal Concrete	5.9 $\mu\text{H}$ 0.04 $\Omega$	5.96 $\mu\text{H}$ 0.0427 $\Omega$	5.96 $\mu\text{H}$ 0.0429 $\Omega$

*Figure 2.9 Break test set-up*



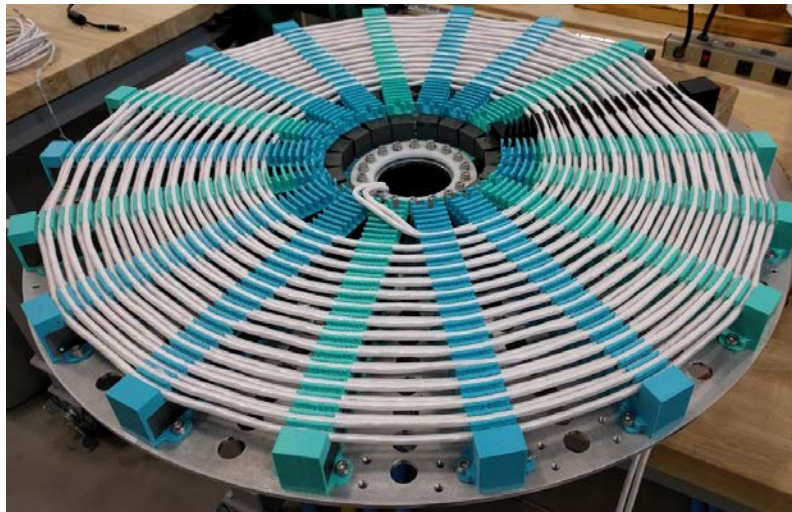
*Figure 2.10 Concrete sample after failure*

Although the inductance and resistance values were measured throughout the shear test, the table above only reflects the initial and post-failure values. The other intermediate values are not recorded here because there seemed to be no observable change in either inductance or resistance as the concrete sample approached failure. The results from the component testing indicate that directly embedding the Litz wire in concrete and inducing a shear stress seems to have little effect on the electrical performance of the wire.

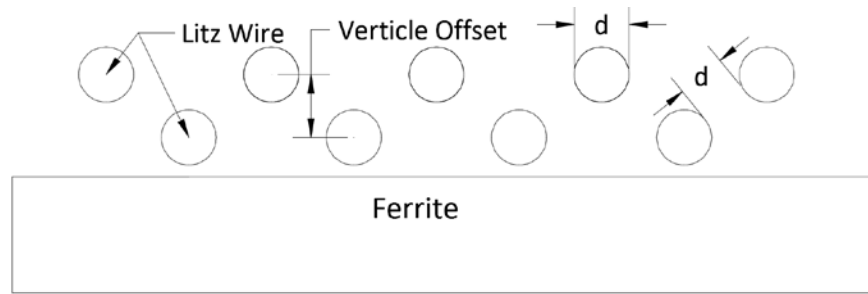
### **First Embedded Pad**

After the series of Litz wire component testing was complete, the next phase was to directly embed a full scale IPT coil. This coil would allow researchers to monitor the material effects and power losses from directly embedding an IPT system into concrete. The coil, and surrounding concrete structure, would be designed to be placed in the prefabricated concrete channels at the EVR. This design would allow researchers to dynamically test the efficiency of an embedded coil with an in-motion vehicle.

The first embedded coil, shown in Figure 3-8 on the next page, included Litz wire, ferrite, an aluminum shielding plate, and the skeletal structure securing each of the components in place. The Litz wire used in the pad was #6 AGW wire. Based on previous research data, the target inductance of the pad would be  $170 \mu\text{H}$ . To achieve the necessary inductance, approximately 180 feet of Litz wire was used, making a total of 27 individual coil wraps. The ferrite for the pad consisted of 18 ferrite spokes laid perpendicular to the wire. Each of the ferrite spokes were made up of three  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch tall by 1 inch wide by 3.5 inches long ferrite segments. A 3-D printed plastic skeletal structure was made to hold the ferrite, coils of wire, and the aluminum plate in place while the concrete was being poured.



*Figure 2.11 First coil to be embedded in concrete*



*Figure 2.12 Cross-section of Litz wire spacing*

Several structural modifications were made to the IPT coil design to allow for better concrete consolidation and structural integrity. One of these modifications required drilling many  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch diameter holes in the aluminum shielding plate to allow for better concrete permeation; these holes are shown in Figure 2.11. Another modification was to vertically offset the Litz wire coils from each other as shown above in Figure 2.12. It is also recommended that the spacing between wire coils should be approximately equal to the diameter of the wire itself. This wire spacing is also shown in Figure 2.12.

Structural reinforcement is common in PCC roadway applications. Most reinforcement is made from steel, which is a highly conductive material. There was an initial concern over how the presence of reinforcement in the pad would affect the electromagnetic flux of the IPT coil. Before the IPT coil was embedded, a matt of #4 bar rebar with 8-inch spacing was laid under the coil. It was determined that when the rebar was placed underneath the IPT coil there was a negligible effect on the coil's electrical performance. Based on these results, rebar reinforcement was used in the construction of the concrete structure for the first embedded coil.

FEM simulation and laboratory testing suggest (Vliet et al. 2005) that burying discontinuities in pavements at a depth of at least 2 inches can minimize permanent deformation or shear failure of the roadway material around the discontinuities. Based on information from these sources, researchers embedded the top of the IPT coil 2 inches below the top surface of the

concrete. A cross section of the concrete pad's dimensions, the IPT pad embedment depth, and the rebar reinforcement is shown in Figure 2.13.

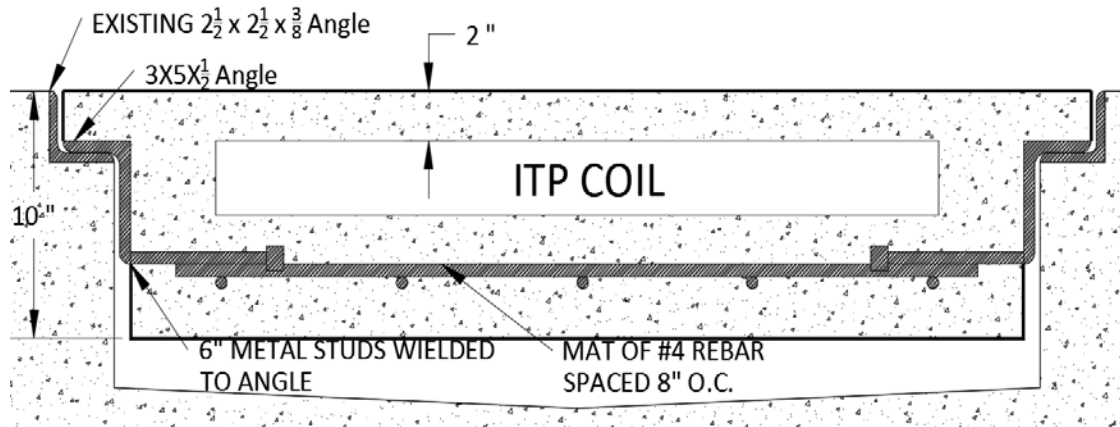


Figure 2.13 Modular concrete pad design

The IPT system had very intricate parts and there was concern over how larger aggregate would consolidate around the components of the IPT coil. Researchers used a flowable concrete mix with only sand aggregate to maximize consolidation. A concrete vibrator was used to prevent voids and ensure consolidation of the concrete around the IPT components as shown in Figure 2.14. Table 2.2 shows the concrete mix design.

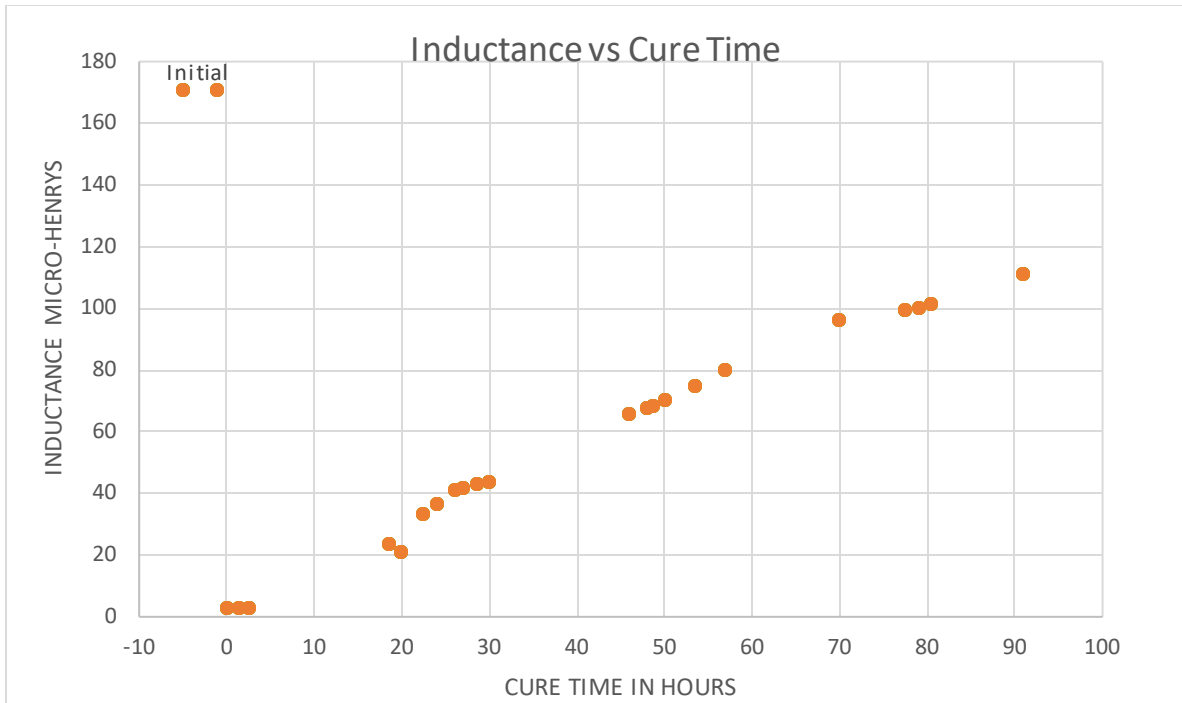
Table 2.2 First embedded coil concrete mix design

Material	Weight
Cement Powder	752 lb.
Flyash	188 lb.
Commercial Sand	2460 lb.
Entrapped Air	3.20 oz.
Low Range Water	37.60 oz.
Retarder	23.50 oz.
Non-Chloride Accelerator	376.00 oz.



*Figure 2.14 Pouring first inductor pad*

Before the embedment process began, an inductor-capacitor-resistor (LCR) meter was used to measure the initial values of inductance and resistance. The meter was then used to monitor the inductance of the IPT pad during the pour. The inductance of the pad dropped from its initial value of  $170.5 \mu\text{H}$  to  $3.15 \mu\text{H}$  immediately after the coil was covered with concrete. After the concrete pour, the LCR meter was used to periodically monitor the inductance level of the system throughout the next several days of the curing process. Figure 2.15 shows the change in inductance vs cure time following the concrete pour.



*Figure 2.15 Inductance vs Cure Time*

During the first concrete pour, researchers were more concerned about the change in values of inductance rather than resistance. Because of this, the resistance data from the first concrete pour is minimal. Table 2.3 shows the recorded resistance data following the pour.

*Table 2.3 Resistance after concrete pour*

	Initial	1 hour	1 day
Resistance	.25 $\Omega$	4.39 $\Omega$	21.03 $\Omega$

The concrete pad was moved to the track at the EVR four days after the pour. The IPT pad was inserted into the concrete channel inside the EVR building where it could be connected to a power source. At the time the embedded system was installed it was believed the electrical properties would return to their initial values when the concrete had fully cured. Figure 2.16 shows the concrete pad being installed at the EVR.



*Figure 2.15 Installation of the first concrete embedded IPT coil*

The resistance and inductance were monitored at the EVR following the concrete pad's installation. The IPT system would function properly only if the resistance and inductance returned to the initial values. The following table shows the long-term inductance and resistance values recorded at the EVR.

*Table 2.4 Long-term inductance and resistance values*

	Initial	28 days	60 days
Inductance	170.5 $\mu\text{H}$	170.5 $\mu\text{H}$	170.5 $\mu\text{H}$
Resistance	.25 $\Omega$	8 $\Omega$	4.5 $\Omega$

As shown in Table 2.4, the inductance of the embedded IPT system returns to the initial value of 170.5  $\mu\text{H}$  after the concrete has cured for 28 days. The resistance of the embedded system reaches a steady state value of 4.5  $\Omega$ s after the concrete has cured for 60 days. Because of



the high resistance, this first embedded IPT pad will not be efficient and cannot be used to dynamically charge in-motion EVs.

## **Electrical Problems Associated with Concrete Embedment**

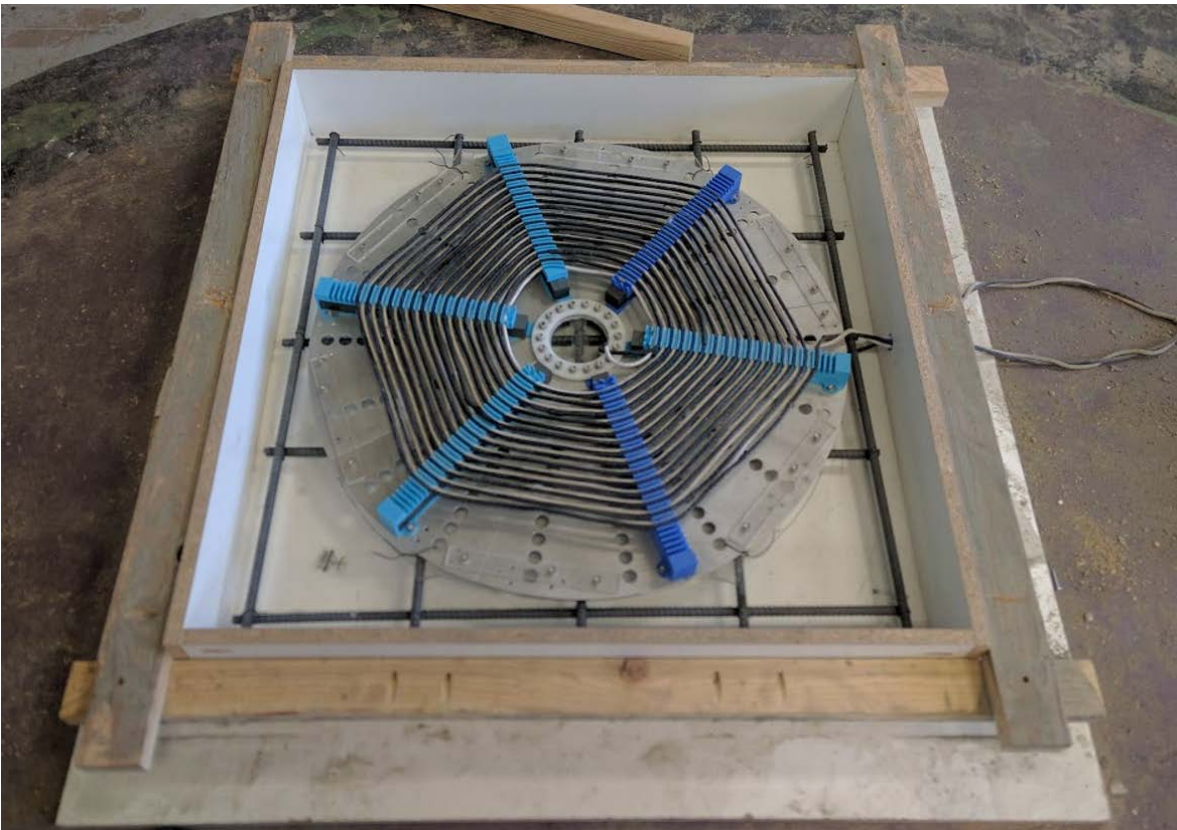
Research and experimental studies indicate that an IPT coil needs to maintain an inductance level of approximately  $170.5 \mu\text{H}$  and an ideal resistance level at or below  $.25 \Omega$ . In the first concrete embedded IPT coil, the inductance level returns to the initial value, but the resistance reaches a steady state value that is 18 times higher than the ideal resistance value. In order to find an IPT embedment solution, researchers had to develop an IPT coil that would maintain these levels of inductance and resistance after the concrete was poured. This section discusses some of the methods used to keep the resistance and inductance levels of various IPT coils in the functioning range as the coil was embedded in concrete.



*Figure 2.16 Litz wire with nylon sheathing*

The Litz wire used in the first embedment attempt was wrapped in a thin nylon sheathing. Initially it was believed that the moisture from the wet concrete infiltrated the wire's sheathing, resulting in a negative effect on the wire's performance. It was expected that by using a version of Litz wire with a waterproof sheathing, these electrical issues could be avoided.

An IPT coil was set up with two types of Litz wire. One wire was the same nylon jacketed wire as used in the first embedment attempt. The other Litz wire was a black, plastic coated wire that was believed to be completely waterproof, see Figure 2.18. Everything else about the IPT coil was the same, including the ferrite, the aluminum plate, the rebar reinforcement, and the skeletal structure holding the components in place (note: there were less ferrite spokes than used in the first embedment attempt).



*Figure 2.17 IPT coil with two different wires*

The goal of this test was to replicate the results seen in the first embedment attempt with the white wire and show that the black plastic coated wire was resistant to these electrical issues. Because this IPT pad was only made to test the electrical performance of the system, it was made using a smaller concrete form. The dimensions of the concrete form are 36 inches wide, 36 inches long, and 6 inches deep.

The same flowable concrete mix used in the first embedment attempt was used in this test. As soon as the concrete was poured, the inductance in both wires dropped and the resistance began to rise. Table 2.5 below shows the initial electrical properties as well as the changes in these properties after the pour.

*Table 2.5 Electrical properties of two wire embedded IPT pads*

	Initial Values	After Pour	8 Days	28 Days
Black Wire	111.85 $\mu\text{H}$ 0.256 $\Omega$	9.97 $\mu\text{H}$ 3.58 $\Omega$	117.73 $\mu\text{H}$ 0.836 $\Omega$	117.7 $\mu\text{H}$ 0.94 $\Omega$
White Wire	111.6 $\mu\text{H}$ 0.257 $\Omega$	10.55 $\mu\text{H}$ 4.10 $\Omega$	120.86 $\mu\text{H}$ 0.933 $\Omega$	119.03 $\mu\text{H}$ 1.01 $\Omega$

Results from this test indicate that the plastic coated Litz wire undergoes almost the same electrical changes that are experienced by the nylon jacketed wire. Both wires experience less drastic changes than the first embedded pad. This could possibly have resulted from the shorter lengths of Litz used in this test. As in the previous test, the inductance in both wires seems to return to the initial amount. The ending resistance in the black wire is 3.7 times higher than the initial value and the ending resistance in the white wire is 3.9 times higher than the initial value. Changing the Litz wire coating seemed to have little effect on maintaining the electrical properties of the pad.

Researchers then believed that the presence of the aluminum plate may have some effect on the electrical system when in concrete. The next test involved removing the aluminum plate from the embedded system. The aluminum plate was substituted with a circular sheet of  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch plywood (see Figure 2.19 below). This plywood was only meant to help hold the IPT system in place as the concrete was poured. For consistency, the white Litz wire with the nylon jacket was used for this test. The IPT coil for this test also contained ferrite and rebar reinforcement. When

the test was performed, the same negative electrical trends were observed as in the previous tests. The table below summarizes the results.



Figure 2.18 Test 3 IPT coil without aluminum plate

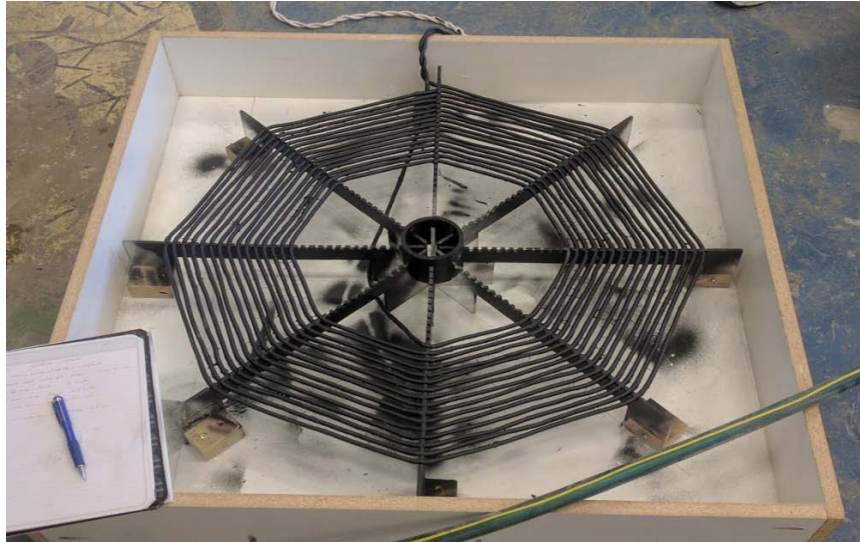
Table 2.6 Electrical property changes of IPT coil without aluminum plate

	Initial Values	After Pour	8 Days	28 Days
White Wire	110.75 $\mu$ H 0.0588 $\Omega$	.29 $\mu$ H 8.65 $\Omega$	111.1 $\mu$ H 0.60 $\Omega$	111.7 $\mu$ H 0.488 $\Omega$

Results indicate that the aluminum plate has little effect on the increase in resistance observed during the embedment process. The general trend observed in each test was that the inductance will decrease immediately following the pour and then return to its initial value after the concrete has cured. The resistance will increase following the pour, then reach a steady state value that is anywhere from 3.7 to 18 times higher (depending on the size of the pad) than the initial value after the concrete has cured.

Test 2 indicates that the plastic-coated wire experiences the same resistance increase when embedded in concrete. Although testing shows that just waterproofing the wire has little effect, it was believed that the thickness of coating over the wire may have some effect on the

wire's interaction with the concrete. The next test involved using a spray-on rubber coating over the same type of white, nylon jacketed Litz wire as used in previous tests. In this test, the IPT coil to be embedded only consisted of the coated Litz wire; the aluminum plate, rebar reinforcement, and ferrite were omitted from the test (Figure 2.20 shows the coil to be embedded). Table 2.7 summarizes the results of the test.



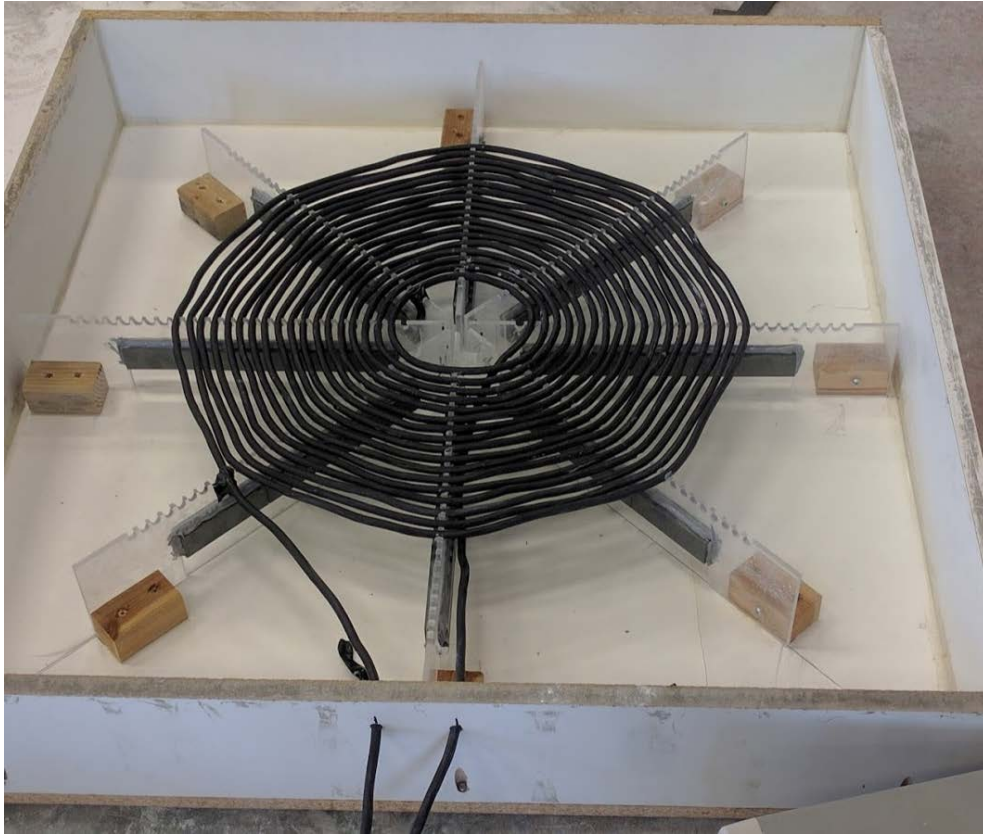
*Figure 2.20 Test 4 Spray coated Litz wire*

*Table 2.7 Electrical property changes of IPT coil with Spray coated Litz wire*

	Initial Values	After Pour	2 Days	8 Days
Spray Coated Wire	174.9 $\mu\text{H}$ 0.15 $\Omega$	179.7 $\mu\text{H}$ 3.85 $\Omega$	177.4 $\mu\text{H}$ 0.59 $\Omega$	177 $\mu\text{H}$ 0.41 $\Omega$

The approximate thickness of the rubberized coating over the wire was 0.029 inches. In this test the inductance level never decreased as was observed in previous tests. The Resistance level increased after the pour then reached a value that was 2.7 times higher than the initial value after 8 days of curing. These results seemed to indicate that the thickness of coating over the wire influences both the inductance and resistance of the system when it is embedded in concrete. It

was difficult to get a consistent rubber thickness over the surface of the wire using the spray-on coating.



*Figure 2.19 Test 5 heat-shrink coated Litz wire*

The next test implemented a type of rubberized heat-shrink coating over the same type of white, nylon jacketed Litz wire. Results from the previous test showed that a coating of at least 0.029 inches would benefit the embedded electrical performance of the IPT system. In order to achieve this coating thickness, two coats of heat-shrink were applied. This test included the ferrite bars, but the aluminum plate and rebar reinforcement were omitted from the test (see Figure 2.21). The results of the test are shown in Table 2.8. There was almost no change in the inductance and very little change in the resistance following the concrete pour.

*Table 2.8 Electrical property changes of IPT coil with heat-shrink coating*

	Initial Values	After Pour	8 Days	28 Days
Heat-shrink coated wire	128.8 $\mu\text{H}$ 0.0356 $\Omega$	128.5 $\mu\text{H}$ .0401 $\Omega$	125.7 $\mu\text{H}$ 0.0472 $\Omega$	128.5 $\mu\text{H}$ 0.0403 $\Omega$

The factors involved in this series of testing included the type of Litz wire, the aluminum plate, and the thickness of the rubber coating around the wire. Researchers found that the thickness of coating around the Litz wire had the biggest influence on maintaining the electrical properties of the IPT system as it was embedded in concrete. The embedment methods developed in this series of tests are used in later embedded IPT coil designs.

### **Latest embedded IPT coil design and areas for future research**

This section describes the latest embedded IPT coil design. The embedment methods developed in this chapter and other structural considerations were incorporated into the design to provide a long lasting IPT solution. IPT roadways are a very new technology and the embedment solutions developed in this chapter are not complete. This section ends by discussing areas related to roadway embedded IPT technology that will require future research.

In the previous section, researchers discovered that a coating thickness of at least .029 inches prevented some of the negative electrical property changes that occur when the IPT coil is embedded in concrete. In the latest embedded coil, researchers used two coats of 0.015 inch thick heat-shrink coating around the Litz wire in the IPT system. The same wire spacing was used with the vertical offset as the first embedded pad (see Figure 2.22). The ferrite bars were included in the embedded IPT system. The aluminum plate used in several of the previous embedment methods presents a large discontinuity in the roadway surface. Considering the effect these discontinuities will have on the inductive roadway's lifespan, the aluminum plate was omitted from the embedded IPT coil design. Because this system was meant to be placed in the track at the

EVR facility, the original concrete form design from the first embedded IPT coil was used (see Figure 2.22).



*Figure 2.20 Final IPT embedment design*



*Figure 2.21 Close up of final pad vertically offset wire spacing*

The initial inductance of the pad was  $170.10 \mu\text{H}$  and the resistance was  $0.2036 \Omega$ . The same methods for concrete consolidation were used in the final IPT pad pour. The initial inductance and resistance values, along with the change in the values during and after the pour, are recorded in the table below. As the results from the table indicate, the changes in electrical properties during the final IPT pad pour are negligible. It is believed that the consistent electrical



properties during the pour are the result of the coating around the Litz wire. After the concrete IPT pad had cured for 21 days, it was installed in the track at the EVR facility. The performance of the embedded IPT system will continue to be evaluated as it is used to dynamically charge EV's.

*Table 2.9 Electrical property changes of final IPT coil*

	Initial Values	After Pour	8 Days	21 Days
Final Pad	170.10 $\mu$ H 0.204 $\Omega$	170.00 $\mu$ H 0.200 $\Omega$	170.34 $\mu$ H 0.189 $\Omega$	170.3 $\mu$ H .200 $\Omega$

Preliminary research and testing has shown that directly embedding an IPT charging system in a roadway is practical. Among the challenges associated with directly embedding the system is maintaining the same electrical characteristics of the IPT pad after it is embedded. Testing has shown that these electrical characteristics are less subject to negative changes when the Litz wire has received at least a 0.029 inch rubber coating. Further testing and evaluation is needed to confirm the long-term performance of the embedded system as it is used in a practical application.

IPT systems are an evolving technology and possible changes may be made to the geometry of the coils, the ferrite components, and other mechanical characteristics in order to improve their charging performance. It is very important that future roadway embedment is considered as these changes are developed. The most efficient design will not only support the electrical performance of the IPT coil, but also the long term mechanical performance of the system and the roadway structure it is embedded in.

## **Chapter 3: Testing Procedures**

This chapter begins by discussing some of the common reasons for pavement failures in roadways. Roadways are designed to withstand both traffic and environmental loading conditions. Common roadway failures are usually caused by one or a combination of these loading conditions. Future inductive pavements are expected to have the IPT system embedded near the surface of the pavement structure. It is important that the performance of the IPT system is not affected by the stress produced from the roadway's loading events. It is also important that the embedded IPT system does not reduce the roadway's normal lifespan. An efficient design will allow an inductive pavement structure to have the same lifespan as a typical roadway.

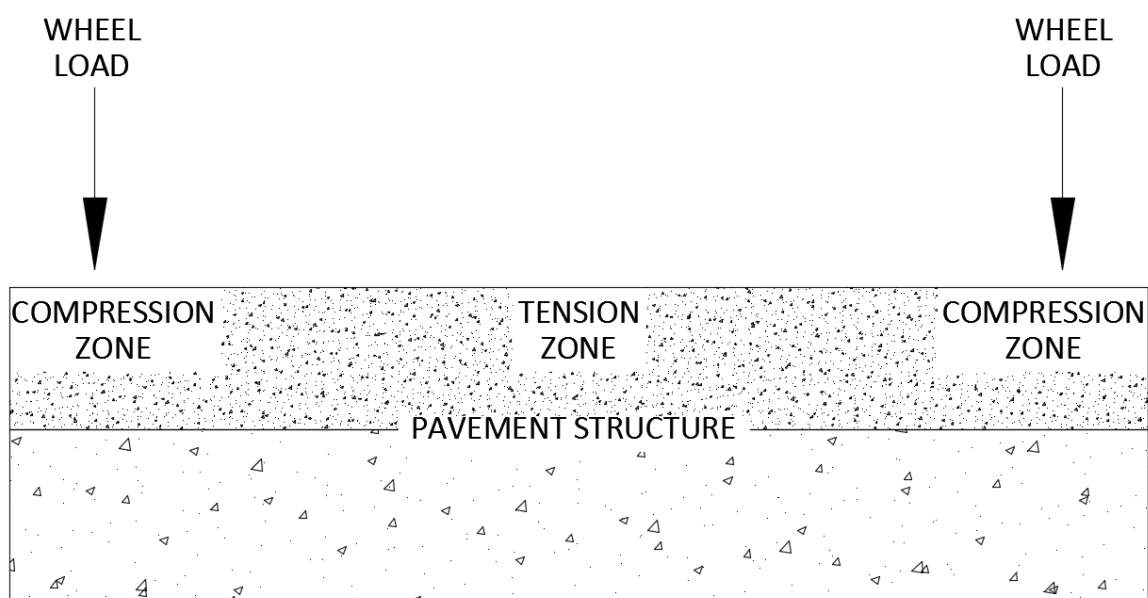
The goal of this chapter is to first understand the stresses that lead to cracking in typical roadways, and then use these stresses to test and measure the structural integrity of embedded IPT systems. Repeated tension loading events from traffic or the environment are the main cause of cracking and deterioration in pavement surfaces. This chapter identifies and discusses a simplified approach to simulate these types of loading conditions. These loading conditions can then be used to test the structural and mechanical properties of an embedded IPT system.

### **Cracking Mechanisms in Pavements**

Cracking of the pavement surface of future inductive roadways could lead to a complete failure of the electrical system. Cracking will damage sensitive electrical components and will expose these components to contaminants like water, sodium chloride, and other harmful substances. Cracks in roadways are due to tensile forces acting in the top surface of the pavement. These tensile forces can come from a variety of sources, but the two most common sources are wheel loads from traffic and temperature gradients. If Embedded IPT systems are to

function properly throughout the entire lifespan of a roadway, they need to be designed with these roadway stresses in mind.

Wheel loading is the most common type of roadway loading. Most roadways will typically see several hundred thousand cycles of wheel loads during their service lifespan. The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) specifies that a roadway must be designed to withstand an HS-20 truck wheel load (AASHTO 1993). This standard calls for a single axle load of 32 kips to be carried by 2 wheels, 16 kips to each wheel. Each wheel has a contact area of 200 square inches. It is important that future inductive roadways be designed to consider this standard.



*Figure 3.1 Roadway stresses from wheel loads*

Wheel loading causes a bending moment in the pavement structure, which produces both a compression and tension stress in the surface of the roadways (shown in Figure 3.1). The figure shows how the two-wheel loads can be simplified to represent two point loads on both sides of the pavement cross section. There are many patterns of pavement surface cracks, but most cracking happens in the bending zone (center) of the pavement structure. This common cracking

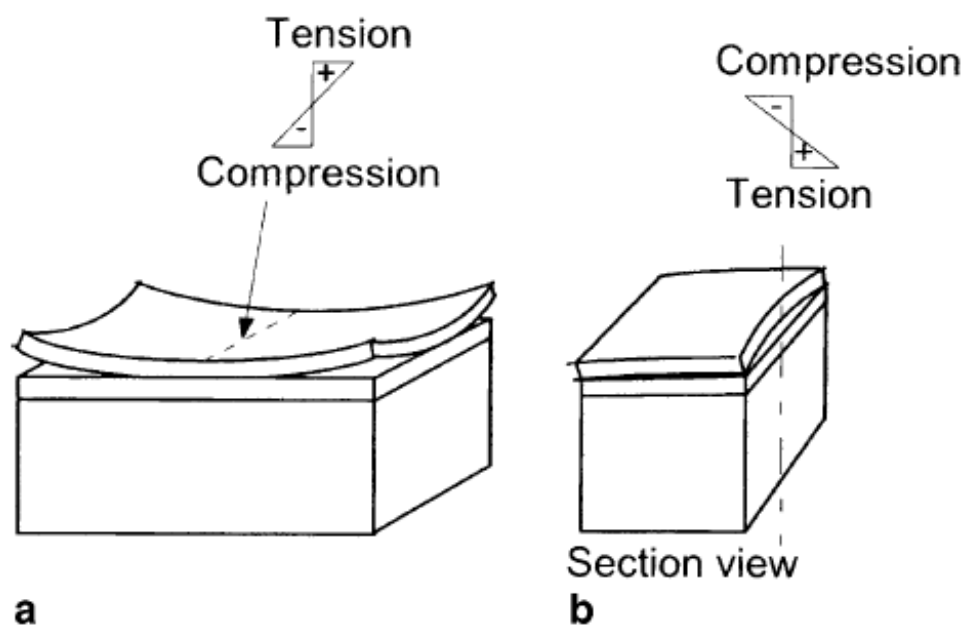
location is a special concern for IPT integration because it will be directly over the embedded IPT system.

Temperature gradients are the other source of large tensile stresses found in the surface layer of pavement structures. Temperature gradients are defined as the change in temperature with displacement. Specifically, the change in temperature across the thickness of the roadway material will be considered. There are two types of temperature gradients found in roadways: positive and negative. Dere et al. (2006) states, “The temperature gradient that causes the top slab surface to cool is termed a negative temperature gradient. Similarly, the temperature gradient that causes the top slab surface to warm is called a positive temperature gradient.” Both loading conditions can have an adverse effect on the structural performance of the pavement. The loading conditions associated with temperature gradients will fluctuate with daily and seasonal temperature changes.

Because tensile forces are the main reason for surface cracking in pavement, this chapter will focus mainly on the effects from the negative temperature differential. A negative temperature differential is caused when external temperature conditions lower. The gradient resulting from this change in temperature creates a tensile force in the surface of the pavement structure. This tensile force causes the edges of the slab or roadway to curl upward (see Figure 3.2a on the next page). Also, because of the curled edges, the tensile stress is amplified with the addition of wheel loads.

Alternatively, a positive temperature gradient is created when external temperature conditions increase. This creates a temperature gradient that forces the top layer of the pavement into compression, forcing the edges of the pavement down (see Figure 3.2b below). It has been shown in Dere et al. (2006) that both linear and nonlinear temperature profiles are found in

roadway structures, although the stresses can vary greatly based on the type of profile felt. An in-depth study of the effect of the different temperature profile types is beyond the scope of this research. The temperature gradient effects are very small in the sub-pavement layers, therefore only the top surface temperature gradient is considered.



*Figure 3.2 Thermal loading stress: (a) negative gradient; (b) positive gradient*

For simplicity, the tensile stress from the wheel loads and the tensile stress from the negative thermal gradient will be considered as one loading event. Dere et al. (2006) used an FE model with a medium-stiff clay base layer to model the stress distribution in a plain 9-inch-thick concrete pavement. The model showed a maximum tensile stress of approximately 310 psi (2131 kPa) when just the thermal loads were considered. When the AASHTO HS-20 truck wheel load was also present, the maximum tensile stress increased to approximately 392.6 psi (2707 kPa). The addition of the wheel loads led to a 27% increase in tensile stress. Inductive pavements can expect to experience similar levels of maximum tensile stress resulting from traffic and thermal loading conditions.

## **Fatigue analysis**

Most highways and other major pavement structures are designed to have a 20-year service life. Roadways will typically experience thousands of loading events throughout this lifespan. Subsequently, fatigue failures are one of the major concerns when designing a roadway for durability. Fatigue considerations vary depending on the type of material used. Asphalt pavements have different fatigue mechanisms than concrete and composite pavements. Concrete was initially chosen as the IPT system's embedment material; this analysis will focus on what happens to concrete during a fatigue failure. Although fatigue failures in concrete cannot be accurately predicted, the available information regarding concrete fatigue will be reviewed to better understand the failure/cracking mechanisms.

As stated in the previous section, heavy truck wheel loads and thermal loadings are the leading causes of roadway failures. Cracking often develops because of the repeated tensile forces that are induced from these loading events. Once a crack develops, the opening allows for water and other contaminants to infiltrate the pavement structure and accelerate the pavement degradation. It is possible that the discontinuities created by the IPT system will increase the pavement's likelihood of developing cracks early in its service lifetime. Researchers wish to better understand the quantity and magnitude of tensile loading events an embedded IPT pavement can withstand without developing cracks.

Most material fatigue analyses, such as steel fatigue, are approximated by a plot of stress vs number of cycles to failure, or S-N, curve. Empirical data is typically used to generate an S-N curve and the curve can then be used to approximate the number of cycles to failure given a certain stress. Although the principles of an S-N curve can be applied to concrete fatigue, the properties of concrete make generating an accurate S-N curve difficult.

Concrete is considered a heterogeneous material because it is made up of cement, various aggregate materials and sizes, voids, and other flaws. Lee and Barr (2002) state that concrete fatigue failure can be divided into 3 stages. The first stage is called flaw initiation. In this stage, cracks originate in the weak regions within the concrete matrix. The second stage is characterized as microcracking and involves the growth of the flaws that developed in the first stage. The third and final stage happens when a sufficient number of unstable microcracks have developed and a continuous crack forms, eventually leading to complete failure. Interestingly, the number of cycles required to reach failure will influence the types of cracks that form.

Lee & Barr (2002) claim that for a low cycle fatigue the dominant mechanism is mortar cracks, which are characterized by micro cracks that form between aggregate within the concrete matrix. These cracks form cracking networks and lead to a relatively quick failure. This type of fatigue failure is common for concrete structures subjected to earthquakes or other high impact forces.

Lee & Barr (2002) state that high cycle fatigue produces bond cracks around the aggregate. This type of cracking eventually leads to failure, but it is usually a slower and more gradual process. Table 3.1 from Lee and Barr (2002) below shows the number of cycles to failure for low, high, and super-high cycle fatigue as well as the types of structures that may experience this type of fatigue loading.

*Table 3.1 Classes of fatigue load (Lee and Barr 2002)*

<u>Low-Cycle Fatigue</u>			<u>High-cycle Fatigue</u>				<u>Super-high-cycle fatigue</u>		
1	10 <sup>1</sup>	10 <sup>3</sup>	10 <sup>3</sup>	10 <sup>4</sup>	10 <sup>5</sup>	10 <sup>6</sup>	10 <sup>7</sup>	10 <sup>8</sup>	10 <sup>9</sup>
Structures subjected to earthquakes			Airport pavements and bridges		Highway and railway bridges, highway pavements		Mass rapid transit structure		Sea structures

It can be surmised from Table 3.1 that roadway structures will be classified in the High-cycle fatigue range. Specifically, researchers can expect highways and other roadway pavements to experience between 100,000 and 1,000,000 cycles during their service lifetime. High cycle fatigue is classified as between 1000 and 1,000,000 loading events.

The target fatigue stress level can then be determined using the number of cycles the roadway is expected to experience. ACI (1997) states, "The fatigue strength of concrete is defined as a fraction of the static strength that it can support repeatedly for a given number of cycles." Using empirical data, ACI (1997) developed an S-N plot showing the expected cycles to failure given the ratio of the induced tensile stress versus the rupture tensile stress (see Figure 3.3). Using data from the plot above it is estimated that concrete will have an 80% probability of cracking in tension at 100,000 cycles when the max tensile stress is approximately 70% of the modulus of rupture.



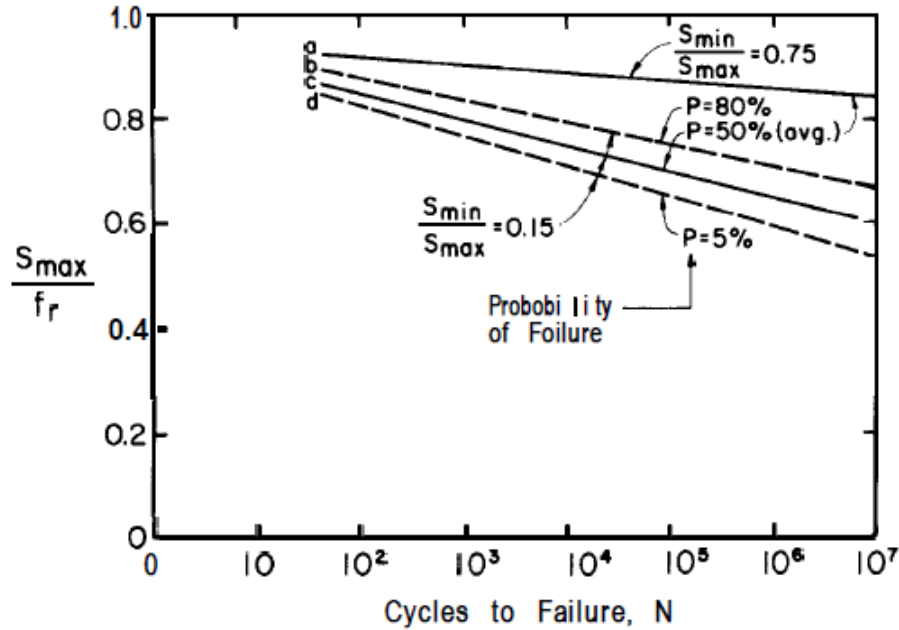


Figure 3.3 Concrete S-N plot

The Portland Cement Association (PCA) recommends another method. The following equation from Dere et al. (2006) can be used to calculate the maximum allowable number of repetitions concrete can withstand given a certain loading.

$$\text{For } SR = 0.55: \log_{10} N = 11.737 - 12.077SR \quad (4)$$

$$\text{For } 0.45 < SR < 0.55: N = \left( \frac{4.2577}{SR - 0.4325} \right)^{3.268} \quad (5)$$

$$\text{For } SR = 0.45: N = \text{unlimited} \quad (6)$$

Where:

SR = The stress ratio, or the flexural stress divided by the 28-day modulus of rupture

N = The allowable number of load repetitions

Using 100,000 as the target number of cycles to failure, equation 4 can be rearranged to solve for the stress ratio. The equation gives a ratio value of 0.56. Note that this ratio is much more conservative than the ratio approximated from the S-N plot from ACI (1997) on the

previous page. The least conservative ratio of .70 from Figure 3.3 will be used to calculate the expected cracking stress at 100,000 cycles.

### **Fatigue Testing Set-up and Equipment**

The fatigue testing took place at USU's Systems, Materials, and Structural Health (SMASH) laboratory. This facility is specifically designed to destructively test a wide variety of structures and materials. Some of the major equipment that was used for testing include an MTS 110-kip servo hydraulic actuator along with its controlling software and a load frame designed to withstand 1200 kips of shear. Figure 3.4 below shows the load frame to be used for the fatigue testing.



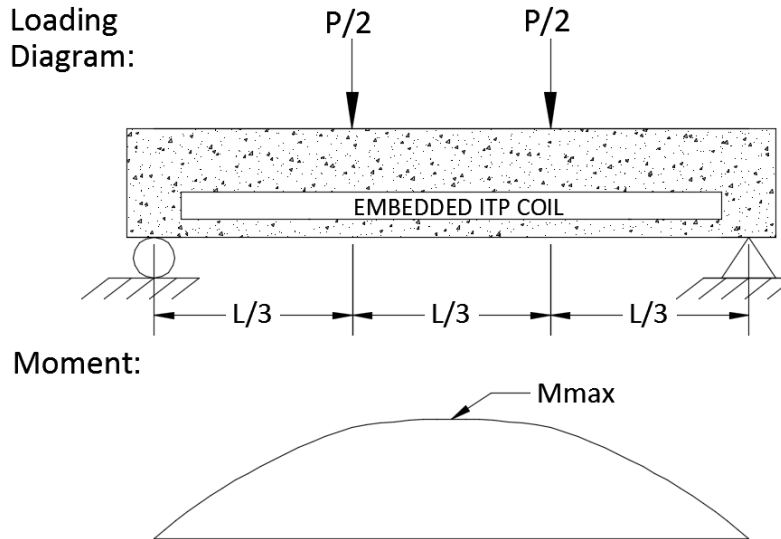
*Figure 3.4 SMASH laboratory load frame*

As discussed in Xu et al. (2011), a common way to simulate roadway stresses is to use a four-point bending test. Xu et al. (2011) states that “periodic cracks always occur in the bending zone of the pavement.” A four-point bending test will allow for controlled, repeatable loadings to

achieve the expected tensile stresses a roadway will experience throughout its lifetime. Figure 3.5 below shows the four-point loading set-up that were used to test the samples in fatigue.



*Figure 3.5 Four-point bending test set up*



*Figure 3.6 Four-point bending test loading diagram*

A hydraulic actuator from MTS testing was used to apply the required force for the fatigue loading (see Figure 3.5). The actuator is capable of applying loads up to 110 kips at a frequency of 200 cycles per minute. The loading force and frequency are adjusted through the MTS computer software. The hydraulic actuator has an integrated load cell that can be monitored and controlled with the MTS software. Data acquisition for the testing included the applied load on the concrete pad as well as the displacement during the fatigue testing process.

### **Determining $f_r$**

To determine the cracking stress given the number of loading cycles, the modulus of rupture for the concrete used in the samples had to be obtained. Because the same concrete mix design was used for each sample, the modulus of rupture was expected to be consistent for each sample. A split tension test was set up to determine the approximate rupture stress of the concrete. The first series of split tension tests used concrete cylinder samples taken during the last concrete pour (shown in Table 3.2). The cylinder's dimensions for the samples were a diameter of 4 inches and a length of 8 inches. Along with the concrete cylinder samples, two

core samples were taken from the concrete pads from a different pour approximately 90 days after the concrete pour. The dimensions of the core samples were a diameter of 3 inches and a length of 7.5 inches. The results of the core sample split tension test are shown in Table 3.3 below. Note that because of the core drill size available, the dimensions of the core samples were different than the concrete cylinder samples.

*Table 3.2 Concrete cylinder split-tension test results*

Test #	Test #1	Test #2	Test #3	<b>Average:</b>
Total applied load (lbs.):	22,320 lbs.	28,137 lbs.	25,713 lbs.	<b>25,390 lbs.</b>

*Table 3.3 Core sample split-tension test results*

Test #	Test #1	Test #2	<b>Average:</b>
Total applied load:	21,968 lbs.	17,648 lbs.	<b>19,808 lbs.</b>

Equation 7 below relates the applied load for the split tension test to the split tension tensile strength.

$$f_{sc} = \frac{2P}{\pi LD} \quad (7)$$

Where:

$f_{sc}$  = Split-tension tensile strength (psi)

P = Total applied load (lbs.)

L = Sample length (inches)

D = Sample diameter (inches)

The average applied load and sample dimensions from the concrete cylinder split-tension test were used in Equation 7; this gave an  $f_{sc}$  equal to 505 psi. The average applied load and sample dimensions from the core sample split-tension gave an  $f_{sc}$  equal to 515 psi.

Another method to determine the rupture strength is to relate the rupture strength to the compressive strength. The American Concrete Institute (ACI) defines  $f_r$  (modulus of rupture) as a function of the compressive strength  $f'_c$  with Equation 8 shown below.

$$f_r = 7.5\lambda\sqrt{f'_c} \quad (8)$$

Where:

$f_r$  = Modulus of rupture (psi)

$f'_c$  = 28-day compressive strength (psi)

$\lambda$  = Design safety factor, will be considered 1.0 in this case

Three cylinder samples from the first concrete pour were tested in compression. The compressive strengths from this testing are recorded in table 3.4 below.

*Table 3.4 28-day break tests*

Test #	Test #1	Test #2	Test #3	<b>Average:</b>
Strength (psi)	7126 psi	7412 psi	7050 psi	<b>7196 psi</b>

Using this average 28-day compressive strength in Equation 8 gives an  $f_r$  equal to 636 psi. This value is higher than both split-tension tensile strengths. The most conservative tensile strength comes from the average of the concrete cylinder split-tension tests, which was 505 psi. This will be the  $f_r$  value used in the S-N plot (see Figure 3.3) to calculate the cycles to failure. Figure 3.7 and Figure 3.8 on the next page show the split-tension test set-up and procedure.



*Figure 3.7 Split tension test set up*

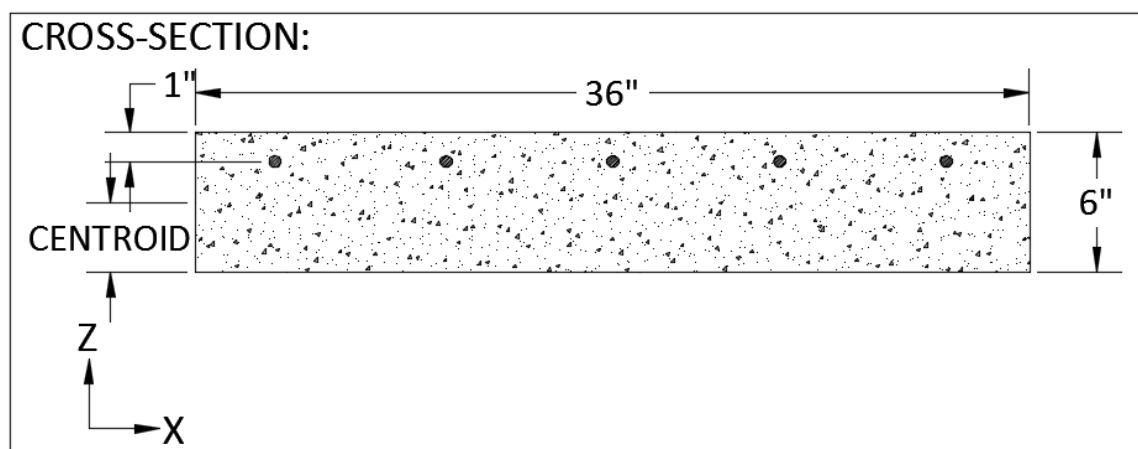


*Figure 3.8 Split tension test*

## Determining $S_{max}$

The four-point bending test will produce the maximum tensile stress in the bottom of the pad. This tensile stress is meant to represent the tensile stress expected in the roadway surface. The concrete sample was inverted with the embedded IPT coil closest to the bottom surface to simulate actual roadway conditions. Equations 8 and 9 on the next page show how the typical max moment and tensile stress were calculated for the fatigue testing.

Each of the samples that will be tested contain discontinuities close to the tensile surface. The tensile stress is likely to increase because of the presence of the IPT system. While it is difficult to know how much these discontinuities will affect the tensile stress at the surface of the concrete, there will be two cases considered to calculate an approximate  $S_{max}$ . These two assumptions will change the cross-sectional properties of the concrete sample (location of the centroid and the moment of inertia) The first assumption is that the concrete sample is completely homogenous with no discontinuities (see Figure 3.9 below). The dimensions from the small concrete samples are used for the cross-section property calculations.

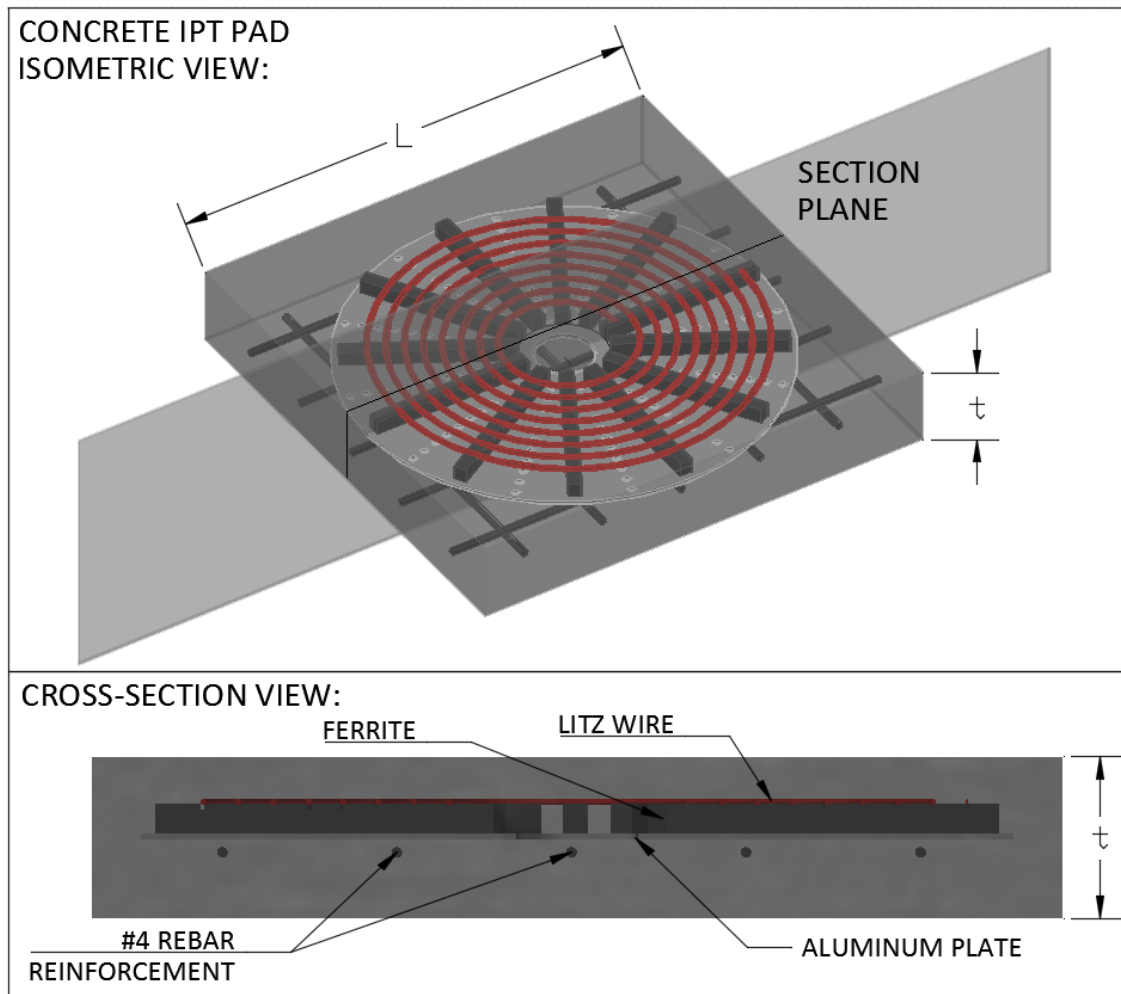


*Figure 3.9 No discontinuity assumption cross-section*

The cross-sectional properties are obtained from appendix A. The centroid in the Z direction of this cross-section is 3.037 inches, and the moment of inertia about the cross-section's



centroid about the X axis is 664 inches<sup>4</sup>. This assumption will be considered the least conservative when calculating  $S_{max}$  in the four-point bending test.



*Figure 3.10 Concrete IPT pad Isometric and cross-section views*

The second case assumes that a full de-bonded effect is created between the concrete and the components of the IPT system (see Figure 3.10 above). This can be idealized by representing the de-bonded region as a void in the concrete cross-section. Figure 3.11 shows the second case's cross section and void size assumptions.

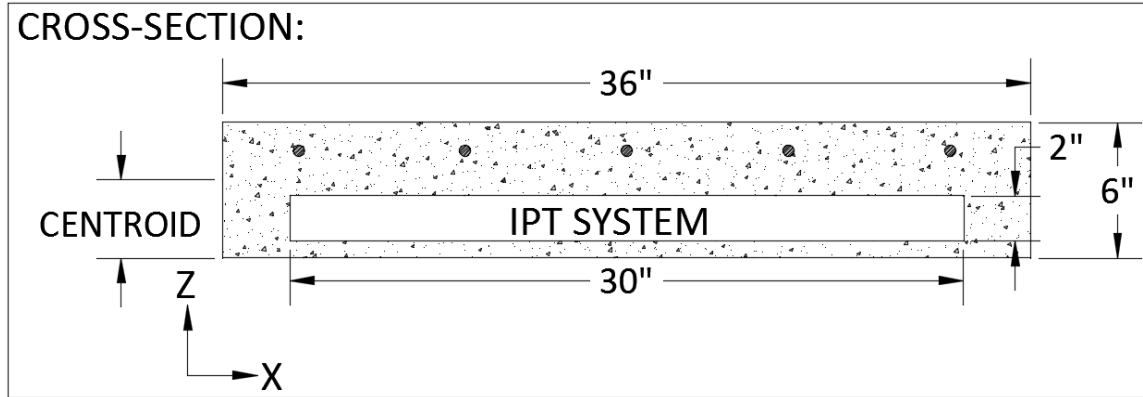


Figure 3.11 De-bonded discontinuity assumption

The cross-sectional properties are again obtained from appendix A. The centroid in the Z direction of this cross-section is 3.613 inches, and the moment of inertia about the cross-section's centroid about the X axis is 449.2 inches<sup>4</sup>. This assumption will be considered the most conservative when calculating  $S_{max}$  in the four-point bending test.

Figure 3.6 shows the moment distribution for a four-point bending test. Equations 9 and 10 below are used to calculate the maximum moment and maximum stress for the two cases mentioned. These equations are re-arranged in equation 11 to find the applied load required to achieve the desired stress.

$$M_{max} = \frac{SW * L^2}{8} + \frac{P * L}{6} \quad (9)$$

$$S_{max} = \frac{M_{max} * Z_{bar}}{I_z} \quad (10)$$

$$P = \frac{3 * (8 * I_x * S_{max} - L^2 * SW * Z_{bar})}{4 * L * Z_{bar}} \quad (11)$$

Where:

$M_{\max}$  = Maximum moment

SW = Self-weight of the concrete sample

L = Sample Length

P = Applied load

$S_{\max}$  = Maximum stress in the bottom fiber of the sample

$Z_{\text{bar}}$  = Distance from the centroid to the most extreme bottom fiber

$I_z$  = Sample moment of inertia about its centroid

The cross-sectional area of the sample is 261 inches<sup>2</sup>. The weight of reinforced concrete per cubic foot is taken as 150 lbs./ft<sup>3</sup>. Multiplying these factors gives a self-weight of the concrete of 18.75 lbs./in. (225 lbs./ft.). Using the  $S_{\max}$  to  $f_r$  ratio of .70, obtained from the S-N plot in Figure 3.3, the  $S_{\max}$  to be used in Equation 11 will be 354 psi. The samples are 36 inches long, but each sample will be supported 1.0 inch from the edge. This will make L in the applied load calculation equal to 34 inches.

Equation 11 is solved for the applied load (P) using the cross-sectional properties obtained from the first assumption. The centroid ( $Z_{\text{bar}}$ ) will be 3 inches and the moment of Inertia  $I_z$  will be 648 inches<sup>4</sup>. The required applied load to produce 354 psi assuming a completely homogenous concrete slab (no discontinuities) is 13,020 lbs. The  $Z_{\text{bar}}$  in the second assumption (fully de-bonded discontinuities) is 3.48 inches and the  $I_z$  is 498.2 inches<sup>4</sup>. Using these properties in the same equation requires an applied load of 8500 lbs. to produce 354 psi in the bottom of the slab. Table 3.5 on the next page compares the two assumptions.

*Table 3.5 Summary of assumptions*

Assumption:	No discontinuities, no de-bonding	Discontinuities are fully de-bonded
Centroid ( $Z_{\text{bar}}$ ):	3.037 inches	3.52 inches
Moment of Inertia ( $I_x$ ):	664 inches <sup>4</sup>	507.4 inches <sup>4</sup>
Required P to reach 354 psi in the bottom fiber of the concrete (lbs.)	13,200 lbs.	8500 lbs.

It is likely that the actual load to achieve 354 psi in the bottom fiber is somewhere between these two assumptions. The cyclic loading will begin with the lowest applied load in order to maximize the number of cycles to failure in the first test. After, the results from the first test will be analyzed before more tests are completed. The next tests will be adjusted to achieve the desired number of cycles to failure.

Researchers not only hope to understand how the discontinuities of the IPT system will affect the concrete pad's fatigue performance, but also study the IPT systems electrical performance during a fatigue failure. Microcracking will develop as the concrete structure approaches its fatigue limit. By maximizing the number of cycles to failure, the amount of microcracking that develops should also be maximized. Researchers hope to understand what effects these microcracks will have on the electrical properties of the IPT system. The electrical properties of each pad will be recorded during the testing to see at what point during the fatigue process the electrical properties change.

The loading frequency will follow a simple sine wave that will be force controlled and will be applied at a rate of 70 cycles per minute. This rate comes from ACI (1997), which states: "Several investigations indicate that variations of the frequency of loading between 70 and 900 cycles per minute have little effect on fatigue strength provided the maximum stress level is less than about 75 percent of the static strength. For higher stress levels, a significant influence of rate

of loading has been observed.” The calculated tensile stress is assumed to be approximately 70 percent of the concrete’s rupture stress. Because this tensile stress level is less than 75% of modulus of rupture, other influences from the rate of loading will not be considered.

## **Chapter 4: Testing Results**

Three different pads were tested using the methods described in the previous chapter. This chapter summarizes the results from fatigue testing these samples. The samples used for the fatigue testing were obtained from the different embedment methods described in chapter 3. The concrete pad dimensions as well as the embedded IPT system properties varied with each pad.

The goal of this testing is to first understand how the presence of the IPT system effects the structural performance of the pavement structure (concrete slab), and second, understand what happens to the electrical properties of the IPT system as the pavement structure is fatigued and approaches failure. The data that will be recorded includes the number of loading cycles, the deflection during each loading cycle, and number of cycles at which the concrete first starts to show cracking. The initial electrical properties as well as the change in these properties will be recorded throughout the entire testing process. The concrete sample is expected to reach a structural failure when it can no longer support any load.

### **Fatigue testing first pad**

The first pad tested in fatigue was the third sample from chapter 3. This pad is 36 inches wide, 36 inches long, and 6 inches deep. The IPT system includes the coil of Litz wire, the ferrite, and a wood plate to hold the components in place. The wood plate is the approximate size and shape that an aluminum shielding plate would be in other IPT systems. Rebar reinforcement was used in this sample. The initial electrical properties are recorded to use as a reference as the pad is fatigued until failure. These properties will be continually monitored throughout the fatigue process as the pad cracks and as the size of these cracks grow (shown in table 4.1).

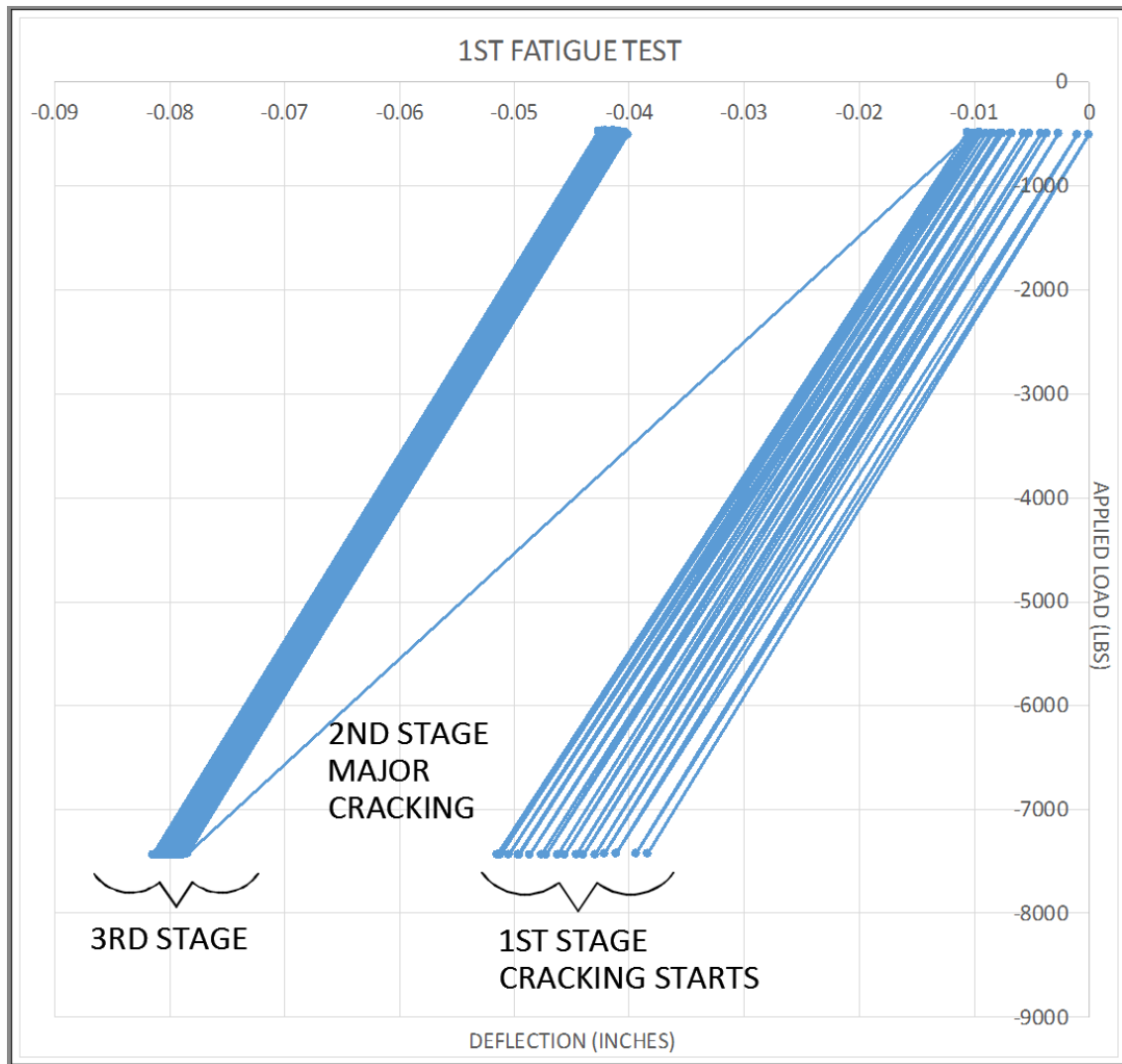
The four-point bending method was chosen because it creates a constant tensile stress throughout the middle third of the beam (see Figure 3.6). To crack the concrete pad at 100,000

cycles, the ratio of applied stress to rupture stress is expected to be .70, obtained from the S-N plot from ACI (1997). As previously stated in section 4.4, the expected tensile stress to crack at 100,000 cycles is 354 psi. The calculated load to achieve this tensile stress, based on the second assumption, is 8500 lbs. A trial run with the applied load of 7500 lbs., 1000 lbs. lower than the calculated load, will be initially run to assess the sample's response. After the trial run is completed, the full calculated load will be applied to the pad. Figure 4.1 shows the set up for the first sample before the testing begins.



*Figure 4.1 First fatigue test set-up*





*Figure 4.2 Hysteresis of first fatigue test*

After the pad was loaded approximately 100 times, major cracking occurred. The major cracking was observed by the appearance of a large crack through the middle of the pad and an increase in deflection. The cycle data on the hysteresis plot above reflects the pre-cracking cycles, the crack initiation, and the post-cracking cycles. After the first major sign of cracking, the pad was loaded approximately 20,000 more times with the same load (Figures 4.3 through 4.9 show the pre-cracked pad and the crack initiation and progression). After the pad developed its first crack then the deflection of the pad reached a steady state where the deflection no longer increased with each load, as shown in Figure 4.2.

The load was then increased periodically in 2000 lbs. increments in order to continue to develop the cracks. After the first cracks appeared, it was important for researchers to learn how the electrical properties were affected by the continued cracking of the pad. Table 4.1 shows the change in electrical properties during the fatigue process.



*Figure 4.3 Pre-cracked pad*



*Figure 4.4 First Stage (100 cycles)*



*Figure 4.5 Second Stage (15,000 cycles)*



*Figure 4.6 Load was increased to 9000 lbs. (approximately 20,000 cycles)*



*Figure 4.7 Cracks 1/2 inch (approximately 25,000 cycles)*



*Figure 4.8 (approximately 27,000 cycles)*



*Figure 4.9 First pad post failure*

*Table 4.1 First sample: change in electrical properties with crack size*

		Crack Size (inches)					
Initial Inductance/Resistance		0.0625"	0.125"	0.25"	0.5"	0.625"	0.75"
1 <sup>st</sup> Test	115 $\mu$ H 1.5 $\Omega$	115.2 $\mu$ H 1.3 $\Omega$	111.7 $\mu$ H 1.05 $\Omega$	111 $\mu$ H 1.7 $\Omega$	Wire Sheared	N.A.	N.A.

As stated in the previous chapter, the goal of the fatigue testing was to have the concrete fail in tension at 100,000 cycles. Although the load was reduced because the effect of the IPT

system on the tensile stress was unknown, the sample failed well below the target number of cycles. After the concrete cracked, it is believed that most of the tensile stress was being carried by the Litz wire, much like rebar reinforcement works in a reinforced concrete beam. The deflection remained constant during the last 20,000 cycles with the load at 7500 lbs. The load was then increased to effectively measure the electrical properties as the cracks grew wider.

The electrical properties of the pad showed relatively little change as the pad initially developed cracks. The table above shows the change in inductance and resistance as the width of the cracks increased. As shown in the table, the electrical properties suddenly changed when the crack widths reached  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch wide. It is believed that the Litz wire sheared at this point, resulting in a sudden drop in inductance. At the time of failure, the applied load was approximately 11,500 lbs.

### **Fatigue testing second pad**

The second pad tested in fatigue had the same dimensions as the first pad: 36 inches wide, 36 inches long, and 6 inches deep. The electrical components of this sample included an aluminum shielding plate, ferrite bars, and the coil of Litz wire. The applied load during each cycle was reduced by 1750 lbs. from the first test. By reducing the applied load by this amount, the maximum moment felt in the center of the pad was reduced by approximately 20 percent.

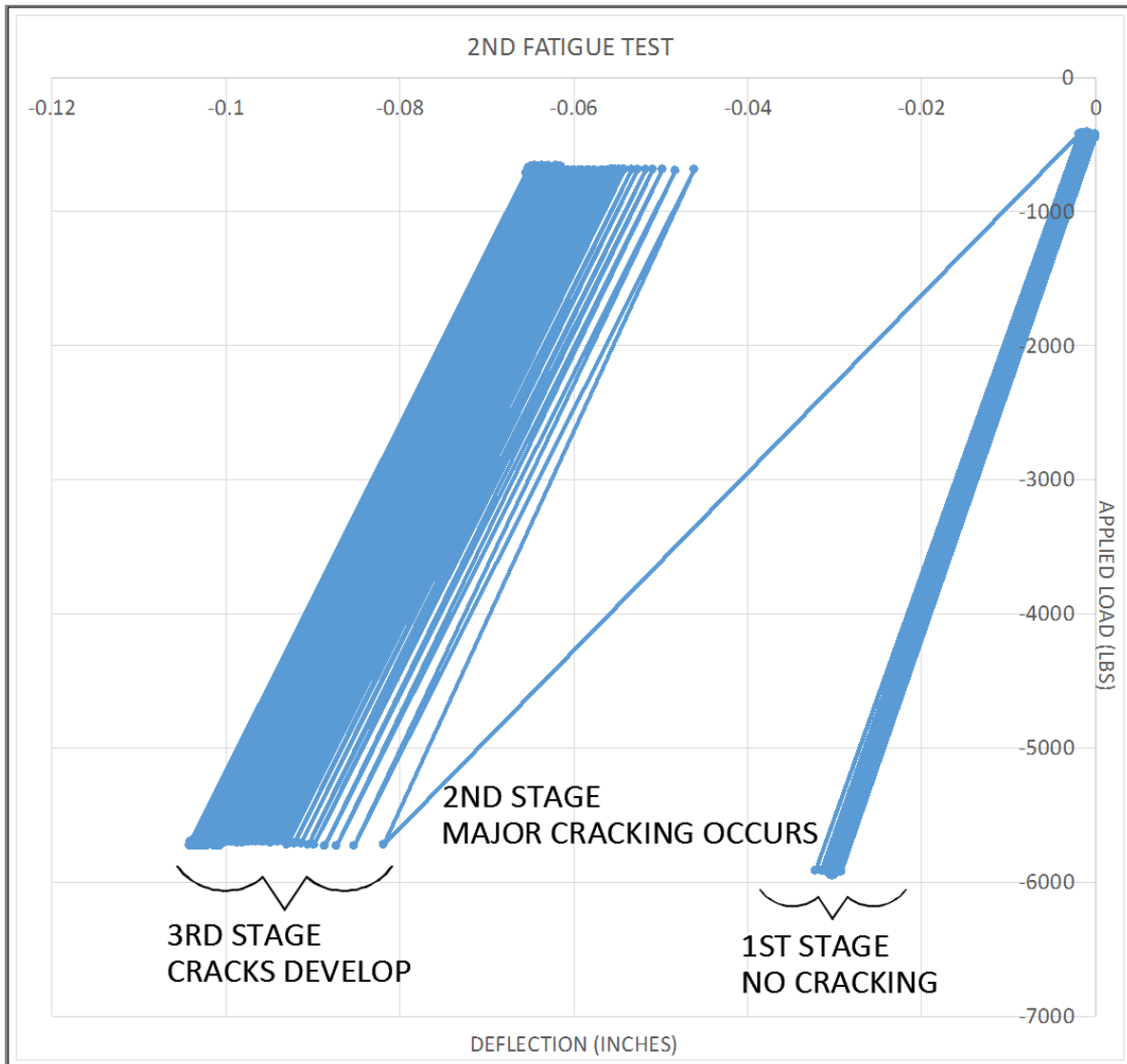


Figure 4.10 Hysteresis of second fatigue test

The pad showed relatively little change in deflection during the first 10,000 loading cycles, as reflected in the 1<sup>st</sup> stage in Figure 4.10. At around 10,000 loading cycles the pad developed a large crack in the center of the sample and a large increase in the total deflection. After this sudden development of cracking the sample continued to experience a gradual deflection increase throughout the next 30,000 loading cycles as the cracks grew wider. After 30,000 cycles the sample seemed to reach a steady state where the deflection no longer increased. At this point the load was again increased in 2000 lbs. increments to continue to

measure the electrical properties as the concrete continued to crack. Figure 4.14 shows the crack size when the loading was increased.

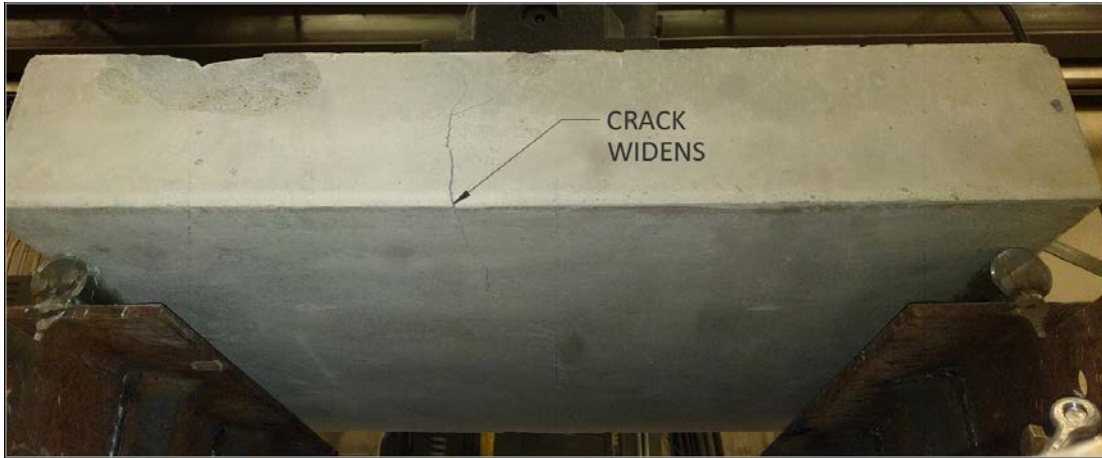


*Figure 4.11 Pre-cracked pad*



*Figure 4.12 Second Stage (approximately 10,000 cycles)*

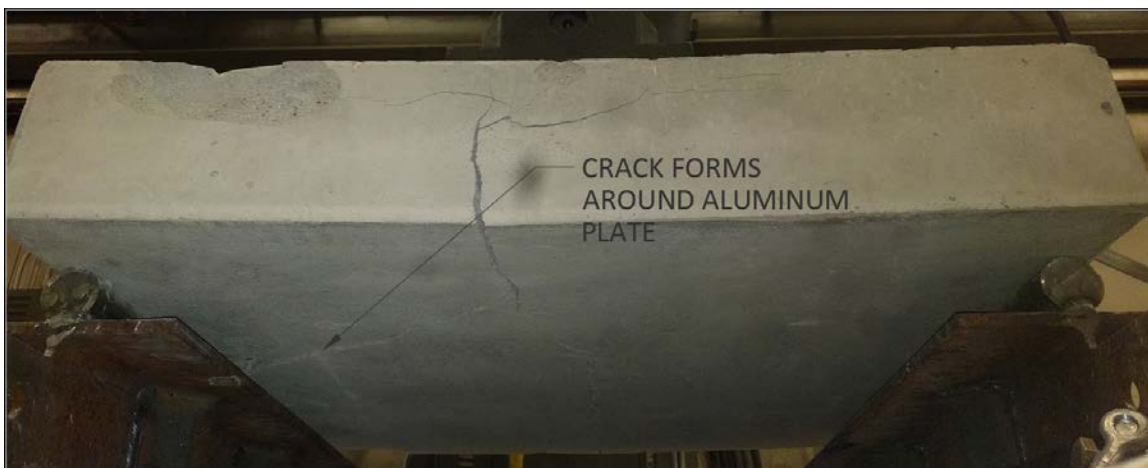




*Figure 4.13 Third Stage (approximately 30,000 cycles)*



*Figure 4.14 Crack 1/4 inch wide, load increased (32,000 cycles)*



*Figure 4.15 Crack 3/8 inch wide, (35,000 cycles)*



Figure 4.16 Crack  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch wide, (36,000 cycles)



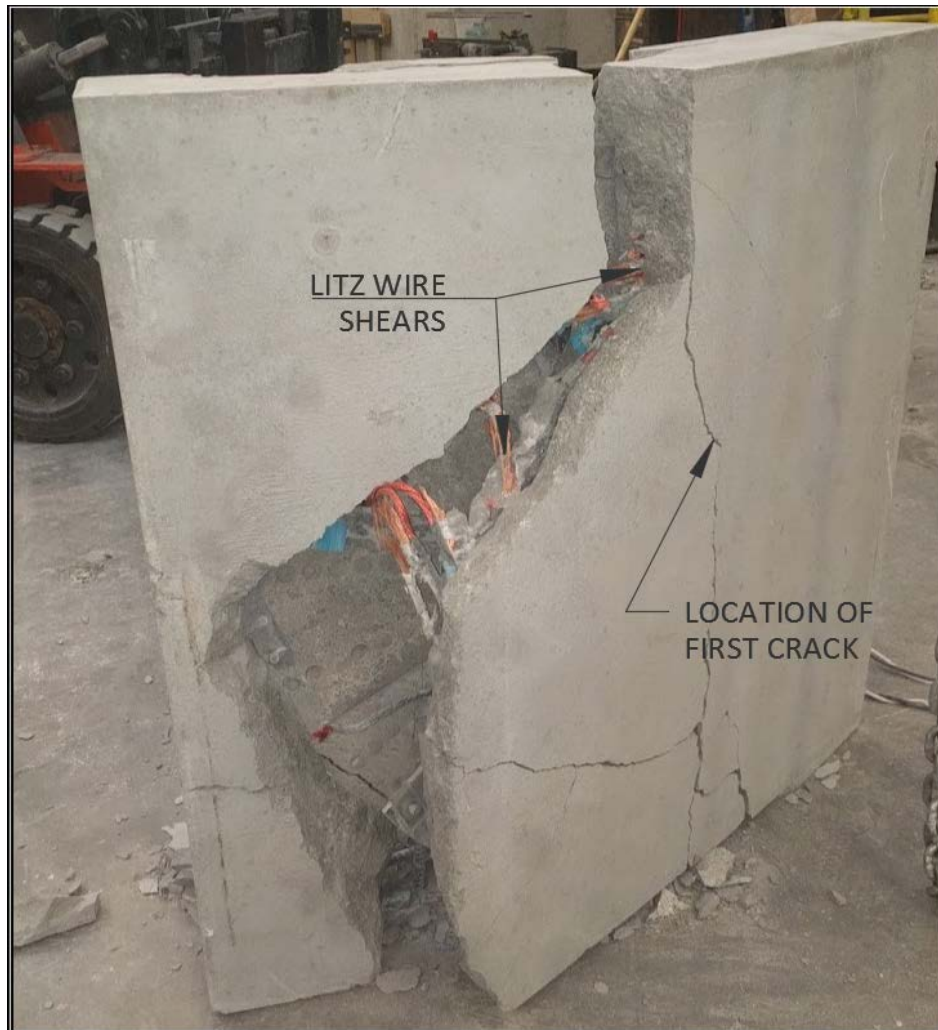
Figure 4.17 Failure (approximately 40,000 cycles)

Table 4.2 Second pad change in electrical properties with crack size

	Initial Inductance/ Resistance	Crack Size (inches)					
		0.0625"	0.25"	0.5"	0.75"	1"	2"
2 <sup>nd</sup> Test	123.33 $\mu$ H .1118 $\Omega$	123.07 $\mu$ H .121 $\Omega$	123.07 $\mu$ H .126 $\Omega$	122 $\mu$ H .207 $\Omega$	122 $\mu$ H .216 $\Omega$	114 $\mu$ H .213 $\Omega$	Wire Sheared

The number of cycles required to experience major cracking was 10,000 cycles, and the cracks continued to develop under the same load for another 20,000 cycles. Although the target of 100,000 loading cycles was not achieved, the cracking mechanism explained in Maekawa et al.

(2006) for high cycle fatigue should be the same. The crack development in the second sample was similar to the first sample; a crack formed down the center of the pad, then after the load was increased a larger crack formed around the circumference of the aluminum plate that eventually led to failure. Figure 4.16 shows these two locations of cracking.



*Figure 4.18 Second pad post failure*

The changes in the electrical properties were also similar to the first sample. There were relatively no significant electrical changes until the cracks grew to around 2 inches. After the crack widths reached 2 inches, the electrical properties experienced a sudden change probably

due to the shearing of the Litz wire. Figure 4.18 shows the second sample after the fatigue failure.

### **Fatigue testing third pad**

The third pad tested in fatigue was the first full-sized pad mentioned in chapter 3. The pad's components included a coil of Litz wire, an aluminum plate, ferrite bars, and rebar reinforcement. The dimensions of this pad are 42 inches wide, 42 inches long, and 10 inches tall. The four-point bend test was modified from the previous two tests to load the new sample at every 4<sup>th</sup> point along its length. The initial electrical properties were recorded to measure the change in these properties as the concrete was fatigued (see Table 2.1).



*Figure 4.19 Third fatigue test set-up*

The calculated tensile stress in the bottom fiber of the pad was again reduced from the previous test in order to reach 100,000 loading cycles before the concrete failed in tension. This sample had several existing cracks that developed after it was taken to the EVR. It is expected that the presence of these cracks further reduced the tensile strength of the concrete.

The applied load on this sample was 14,750 lbs. The load was applied 100,000 times. Unlike the previous two tests, this sample did not experience a major cracking event that caused a sudden increase in deflection. Also unlike the previous two tests, the deflection consistently increased throughout the test (See Figure 4.20 below). Figures 4.21 through 4.27 show the cracking development throughout the fatigue test.

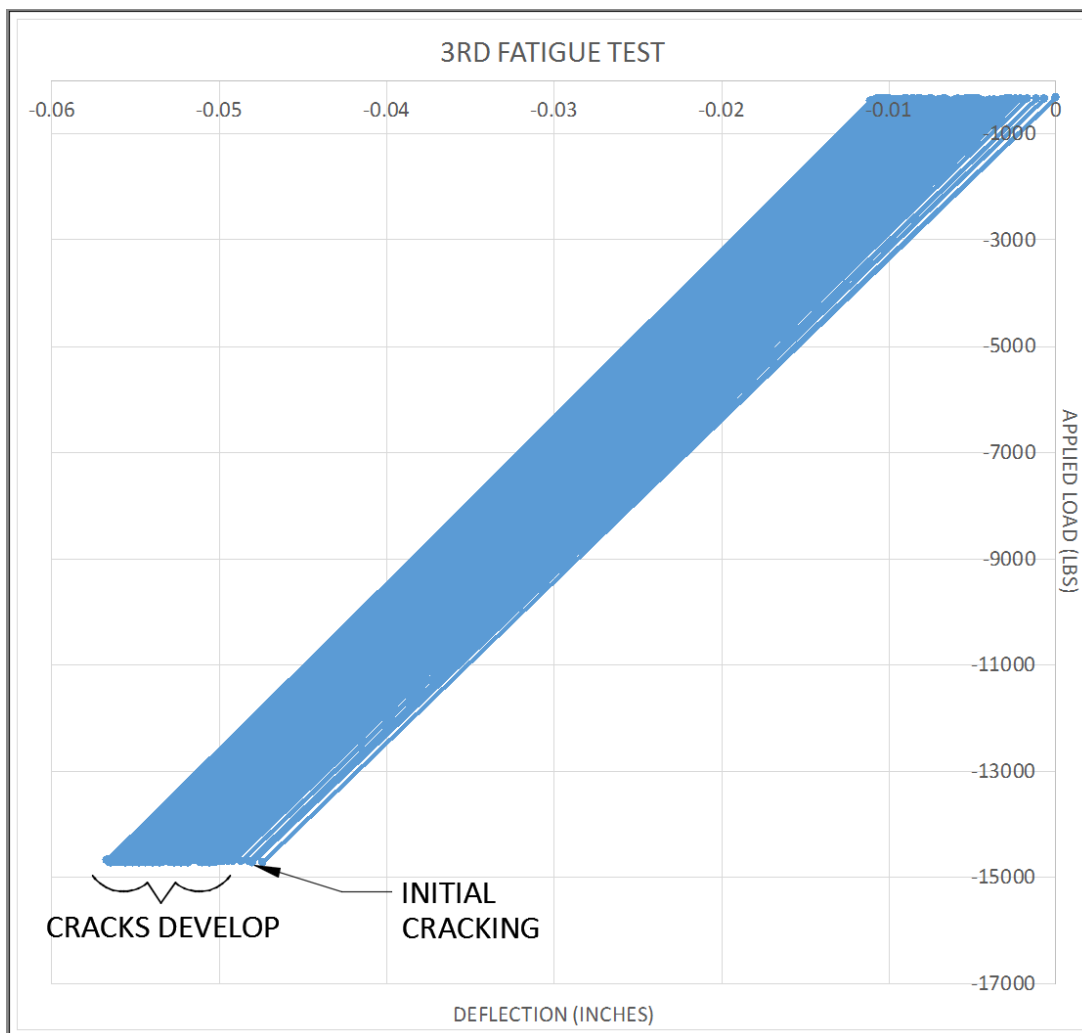


Figure 4.20 Hysteresis of third fatigue test



*Figure 4.21 Pre-cracked pad*



*Figure 4.22 Cracking develops*



*Figure 4.23 Crack 1/8 inch wide*



*Figure 4.24 Crack 1/4 inch wide*





*Figure 4.25 Crack 1/2 inch wide*



*Figure 4.26 Pad after failure*



Figure 4.27 Third pad post failure

Table 4.3 Third pad change in electrical properties with crack size

	Initial Inductance/Resistance	Crack Size (inches)					
		0.0625"	0.25"	0.5"	0.75"	1"	2"
3 <sup>rd</sup> Test	179.5 $\mu$ H 2.66 $\Omega$	176 $\mu$ H 2.91 $\Omega$	178.5 $\mu$ H 3.8 $\Omega$	175.8 $\mu$ H 3.11 $\Omega$	179 $\mu$ H 3.61 $\Omega$	175 $\mu$ H 3.7 $\Omega$	174 $\mu$ H 3.6 $\Omega$

After 100,000 cycles, the applied load on the pad was incrementally increased by 2000 lbs. every 2500 cycles so that the electrical property changes of the system could be assessed. Table 4.3 shows that there was almost no change in the electrical properties of the system early in the fatigue process, and minimal changes up to the complete failure of the pad. The value of inductance after failure is 3% lower than the initial value, and the value of resistance after failure is 26% higher than the initial value. Figure 4.27 shows that unlike the previous two tests, the cracking of the concrete doesn't appear to have sheared the Litz wire.

### **Other Cracking Results**

Another pad was tested with the four-point bending procedure described in the previous three tests shown in Figure 4.28. This sample contained the Litz wire coils, ferrite, and wire holders as found in previous samples. The pad did not have any rebar reinforcement or an aluminum shielding plate. The goal of this test was to determine how the absence of the aluminum plate effected the strength of the pad.



*Figure 4.28 Other Sample tested with four-point bending test*

The pad was initially loaded with the intent of conducting a cyclic loading test. The applied load was set to cycle at 12,800 lbs. (This was the load determined from the first assumption). When the applied load on the pad reached 1150 lbs., the sample cracked. Although this cracking was not the result of a fatigue load, its strength will be considered when comparing the other fatigue loading results. It should be noted that the wire holders for this sample represented a large discontinuity in the sample's cross-section. It should also be noted that as with the previous tests described, the cracking did not change the electrical properties of the pad.



*Figure 4.29 Other sample after failure*

## **Summary of Results**

In each of the fatigue tests, the embedded IPT systems showed relatively small changes in the electrical properties as the concrete developed its initial cracking. In the first two tests, as the concrete approached failure the concrete cracking sheared the Litz wire and caused an immediate loss in the electrical properties of the IPT system. In the final test, the concrete cracks never sheared the Litz wire, and the concrete experienced relatively small electrical changes even after the complete failure of the concrete pad.

Each of the samples followed relatively the same failure process. First the samples developed an initial crack through the center of the pad at the location of the largest moment. Then the pads reached a steady state where there was relatively no increase in deflection. After they reached this steady state under the initial load, the load was increased and the concrete failed in a circular shape around the Litz wire coil. It is believed that the Litz wire acted much the same way as rebar reinforcement in a concrete beam after the initial cracking occurred.

Chapter 4 describes the two assumptions used to calculate the possible tensile stress in the bottom fiber of the concrete. These assumptions were considered to be the most and least conservative values that the tensile stress would be given the concrete sample's cross-sectional properties. It was believed that the actual value of tensile stress would be somewhere between these assumptions. In each test the concrete cracked below the most conservative assumption. Table 4.4 below shows the tensile stress at cracking for each pad. For comparison purposes, the cross-sectional properties are assumed to be the same as those made in assumption 1 (there are no discontinuities represented in the calculations for the moment of inertia or the centroid). This will allow for a direct comparison of the fatigue strength between the samples.

Figure 4.30 shows the calculated static strength of a concrete sample without the embedded IPT system. The probability of failure lines (shown in black) for the fatigue of a pad without the embedded system come from ACI (1997). The blue point and line represent the static strength of the IPT system without the embedded shielding plate. The lowest red points and line represent the fatigue failure points of the IPT system with the embedded shielding plates. From Figure 4.30 we can conclude that the tensile strength of the embedded IPT system without a shielding plate is reduced by approximately 30 percent. We also can conclude that the tensile strength of the IPT system with the wood and aluminum plate is reduced by approximately 48 percent.

*Table 4.4 Tensile strength at cracking for each pad*

Test #:	Test #1	Test #2	Test #3	Static Test
Tensile stress at cracking:	209.3 psi	163.4 psi	144.3 psi	348.3 psi
Ratio of $S_{max}$ to $f_r$	0.41	0.322	0.28	.69
Number of cycles to initial cracking:	91 cycles	10,053 cycles	gradual cracking	1

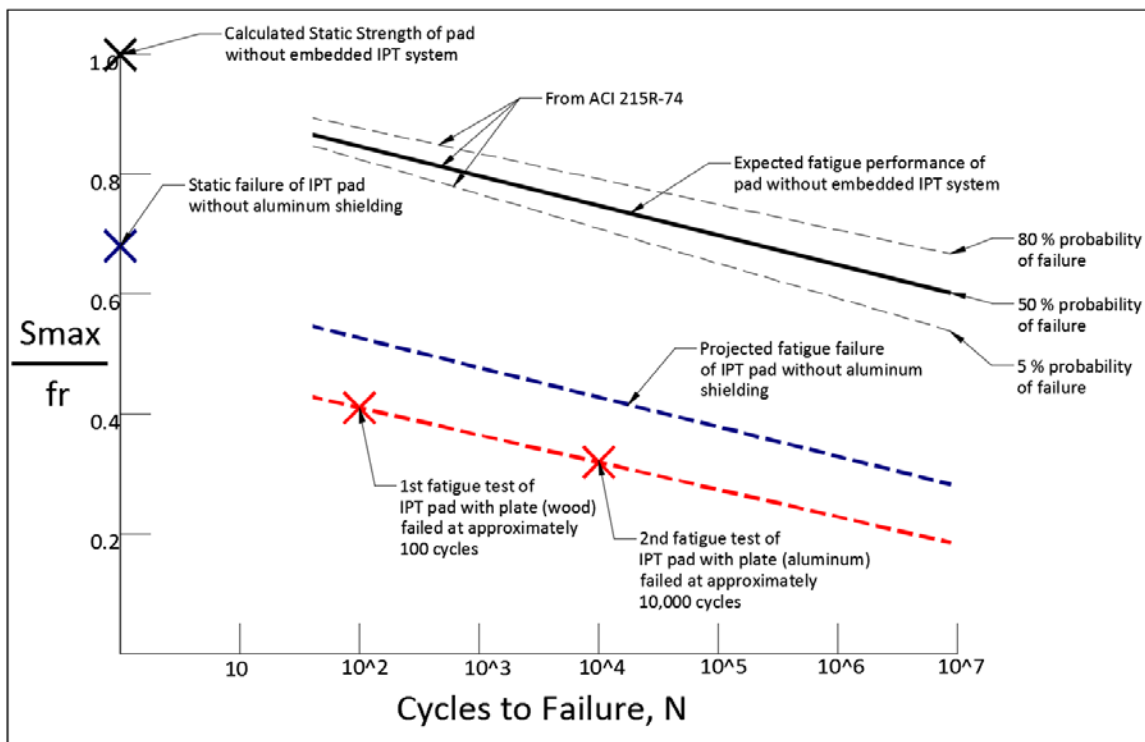


Figure 4.30 S-N testing results

## Chapter 5: Conclusions

The integration of wireless power transfer systems into the infrastructure is divided into two sections. The first section of this thesis investigates various wireless power transfer integration techniques and testing methods. A direct embedment approach was initially taken, and concrete was chosen as an embedment material. The embedment process involved:

- Testing the interaction of individual components (such as Litz wire) with concrete.
- Directly embedding a full scale Inductive Power Transfer (IPT) system into a concrete pavement structure.
- Optimizing the electrical performance of several embedded IPT systems.

### **Findings:**

It was found that a wire thickness coating of 0.029 inches reduced the electric performance losses from directly embedding the IPT coil in concrete. It was also found that the aluminum shielding plate may be unnecessary, so it was omitted from the final design. The optimization techniques and embedment methods were applied to a full scale embedded IPT system, which is currently in use at the test track at the Electric Vehicle and Roadway (EVR) facility. The performance of this embedded IPT system will be monitored as it is used in real world applications to dynamically charge electric vehicles. It is expected that the concrete embedment methods learned in this research will be used to embedded future IPT systems as the electrical and mechanical design of these systems evolve.

The second section of this thesis investigates the structural performance of IPT systems directly embedded in the pavement structure. The presence of the embedded IPT systems in the roadway represents a large discontinuity, and makes the pavement structure very vulnerable to cracking due to the tensile stresses present in the surface of the roadway. The embedded IPT

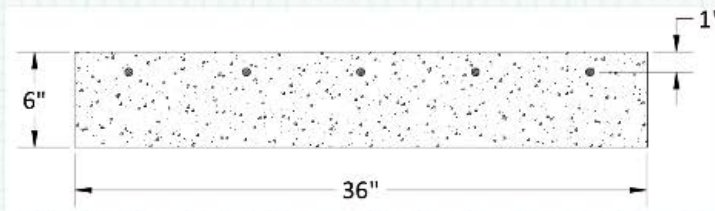


systems are tested in fatigue. Although the presence of the embedded IPT system makes calculating the exact tensile stress in the concrete difficult, the testing shows that the actual tensile stress is significantly higher than the calculated stress. We can conclude that the embedded IPT system with a shielding plate reduces the fatigue strength of the pavement structure by as much as 48 percent.

The electrical properties of the IPT systems are monitored as the concrete pavement sample is tested in fatigue. It is determined that the microcracking that accompanies high cycle fatigue has little to no effect on the electrical properties that were measured (inductance and resistance). The electrical performance of the system was only affected in two tests when the concrete cracking was significant enough to shear the Litz wire.

## APPENDIX A

Determine Centroid and Moment of Inertia of 1st assumption using Equivalent Area Method:



Concrete Properties:

$$f'_c := 7000$$

$$E_c := 57000 \cdot \sqrt{f'_c} = 4.769 \cdot 10^6$$

Steel Properties:

$$f_y := 60 \quad \text{ksi}$$

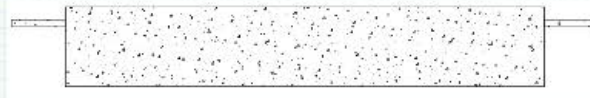
$$E_s := 29 \cdot 10^6 \quad \text{psi}$$

$$A_s := 4 \cdot .2 = 0.8 \quad \text{in}^2$$

$$n := \frac{E_s}{E_c} = 6.081$$

Equivalent area of concrete at reinforcement:

$$(n-1) \cdot A_s = 4.065 \quad \text{in}^2$$



Find Centroid from the bottom of the cross section:

$$Z_{\text{bar}} := \frac{(6 \cdot 36) \cdot 3 + (4.065) \cdot 5}{(6 \cdot 36) + 4.065} = 3.037 \quad \text{inches}$$

Find Moment of Inertia:

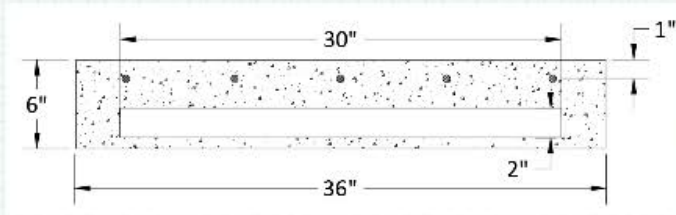
$$I_x := \frac{36 \cdot 6^3}{12} + (6 \cdot 36) \cdot (Z_{\text{bar}} - 3)^2 + 2 \cdot \left( \frac{4.065 \cdot .5^3}{12} + \left( \frac{4.065}{2} \right) \cdot (5 - Z_{\text{bar}})^2 \right) = 664.044 \quad \text{in}^4$$

Find applied moment for desired fatigue stress:

$$S_{\text{max}} := 354 \quad L := 34 \quad SW := 18.75$$

$$P := \frac{3 \cdot (8 \cdot I_x \cdot S_{\text{max}} - L^2 \cdot SW \cdot Z_{\text{bar}})}{4 \cdot L \cdot Z_{\text{bar}}} = 1.318 \cdot 10^4 \quad \text{lbs}$$

Determine Centroid and Moment of Inertia of 2nd assumption using Equivalent Area Method:



Concrete Properties:

$$f'_c := 7000$$

$$E_c := 57000 \cdot \sqrt{f'_c} = 4.769 \cdot 10^6$$

Steel Properties:

$$f_y := 60 \text{ ksi}$$

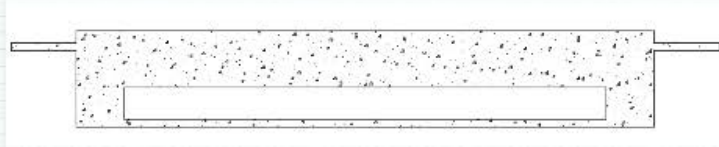
$$E_s := 29 \cdot 10^6 \text{ psi}$$

$$A_s := 4 \cdot .2 = 0.8 \text{ in}^2$$

$$n := \frac{E_s}{E_c} = 6.081$$

Equivalent area of concrete at reinforcement:

$$(n - 1) \cdot A_s = 4.065 \text{ in}^2$$



Find Centroid from the bottom of the cross section:

$$Z_{\text{bar}} := \frac{(3.25 \cdot 36) \cdot 4.375 + (4.065) \cdot 5 + (3 \cdot 2) \cdot 1.75 + (3 \cdot 2) \cdot 1.75 + (.75 \cdot 36) \cdot \left(\frac{.75}{2}\right)}{(3.5 \cdot 36) + 4.065 + 2 \cdot (3 \cdot 2) + (.5 \cdot 36)} = 3.519 \text{ inches}$$

Find Moment of Inertia:

$$I_x := \frac{36 \cdot 6^3}{12} + (6 \cdot 36) \cdot (Z_{\text{bar}} - 3)^2 + 2 \cdot \left( \frac{4.065 \cdot .5^3}{12} + \left( \frac{4.065}{2} \right) \cdot (5 - Z_{\text{bar}})^2 \right) - \left( \frac{30 \cdot 2^3}{12} + (2 \cdot 30) \cdot (Z_{\text{bar}} - 1.75)^2 \right) = 507.421 \text{ in}^4$$

Find applied moment for desired fatigue stress:

$$S_{\text{max}} := 354 \quad L := 34 \quad SW := 18.75$$

$$P := \frac{3 \cdot (8 \cdot I_x \cdot S_{\text{max}} - L^2 \cdot SW \cdot Z_{\text{bar}})}{4 \cdot L \cdot Z_{\text{bar}}} = 8.529 \cdot 10^3 \text{ lbs}$$

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