

# Measuring macrotexture effectively in the field using 3D non-contact techniques



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# Introduction and some examples of equipment available

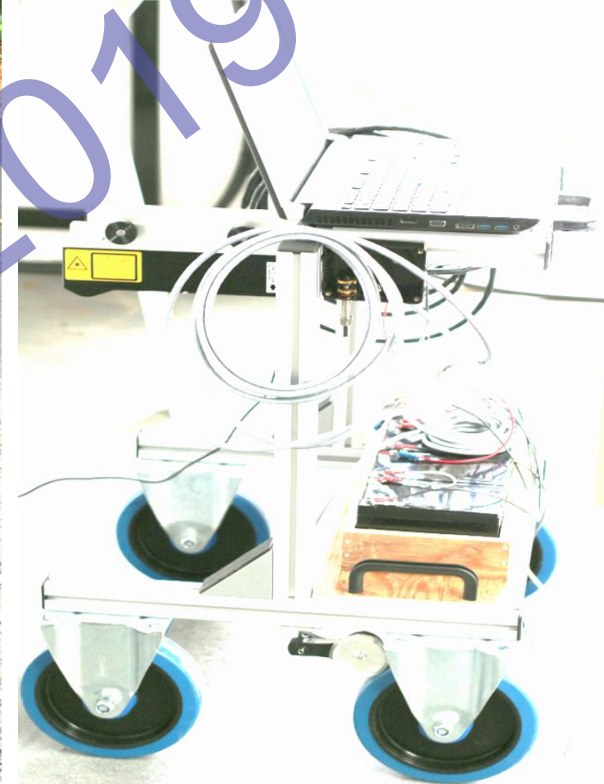
Non-contact measurement of macrotexture is being researched to inform analytical friction prediction methods, without the influence of seasonal variation and machine operating conditions.



**Terrestrial Laser Scanner**



**Structure from Motion**



**3D Smart Laser Profile Sensor**



**Urban Street, Newcastle Upon Tyne, England**

Three existing surfaces considered:



**Hot Rolled Asphalt**



**Dense Bitumen Macadam**



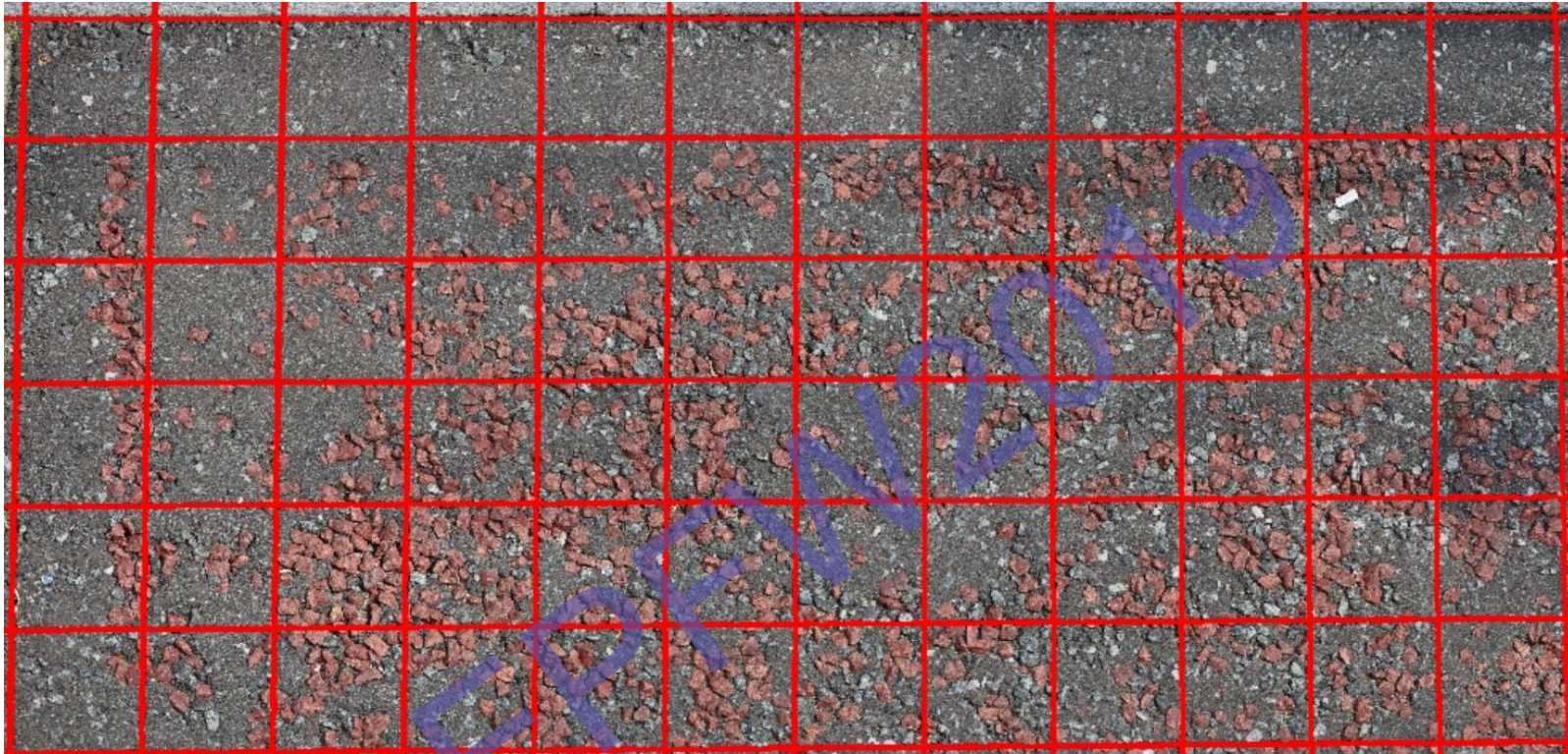
**Surface Dressing**

# Macrotexture Characterisation

| Parameter Symbol | Parameter Name                 | Description   | Calculation Equation  |
|------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Sq               | Root mean square height        | Root mean square value of the surface departures within the sampling area.                        | $S_q = \sqrt{\frac{1}{A} \iint_A z^2(x,y) dx dy}$   |
| Ssk              | Skewness                       | Defines the shape of topography height distribution as a measure of symmetry about the mean line. | $S_{sk} = \frac{1}{S_q^3} \left[ \frac{1}{A} \iint_A z^3(x,y) dx dy \right]$  |
| Sp               | Maximum peak height            | Largest peak height within a definition area A.   | $S_p$   |
| Sv               | Maximum pit height             | Smallest pit height value within a definition area.   | $S_v$   |
| Spd              | Peak density                   | The number of peaks per unit area.  | $S_{pd} = \frac{N}{A}$  |
| Spc              | Arithmetic mean peak curvature | Measure of the principal curvature of the peaks.  | $S_{pc} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{\partial^2 z(x,y)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 z(x,y)}{\partial y^2} \right)$ |

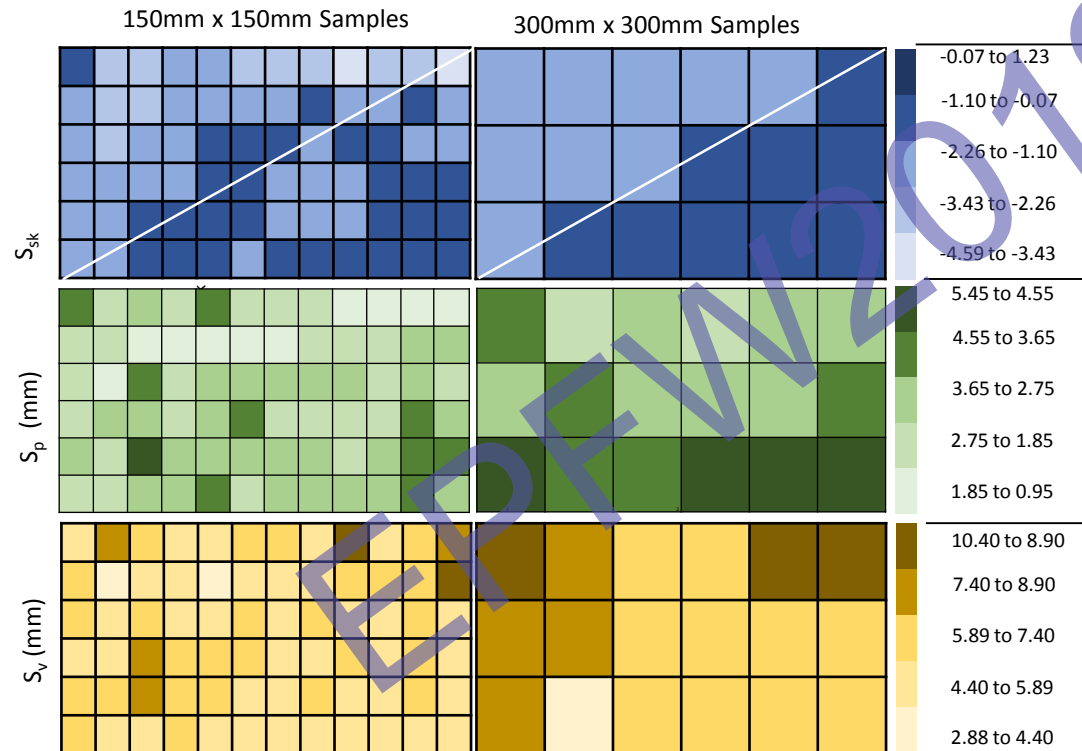
**Areal surface texture parameters used to characterize macrotexture.**

Parameters are defined by ISO 25178<sup>[1]</sup>

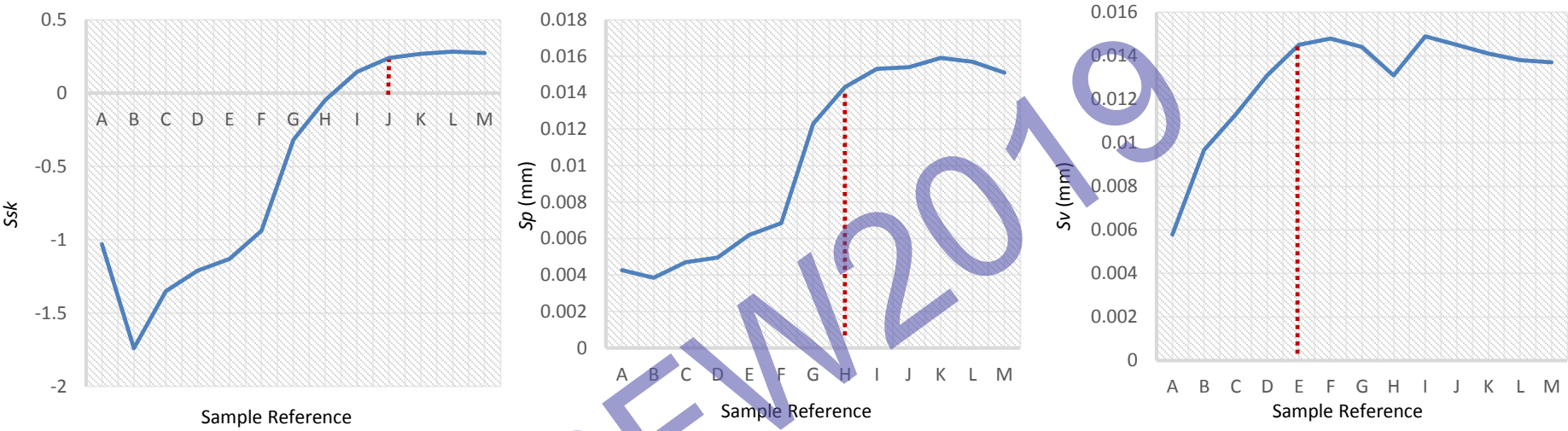


**Digital image of a 1.8m x 0.9m area of Hot Rolled Asphalt considered in the study.** Seventy-two 150mm x 150mm samples and eighteen 300mm x 300mm samples captured using Structure from Motion.

**Spatial variance of  $S_q$ ,  $S_p$  and  $S_{sk}$  over a 1.8m x 0.9m area of Hot Rolled Asphalt surfacing for 150mm x 150mm and 300mm x 300mm samples, data captured with Structure from Motion.**

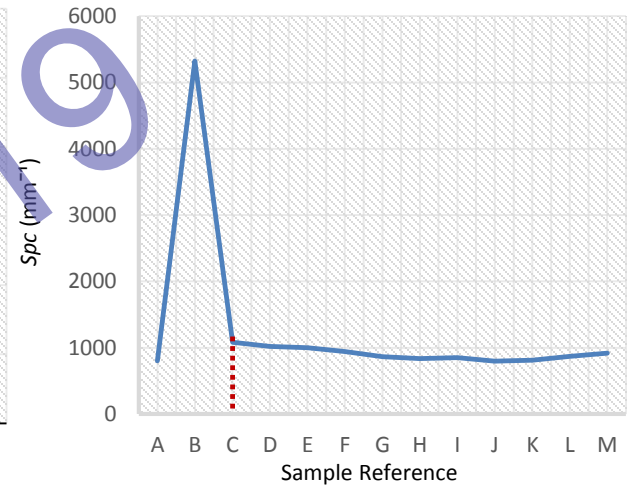
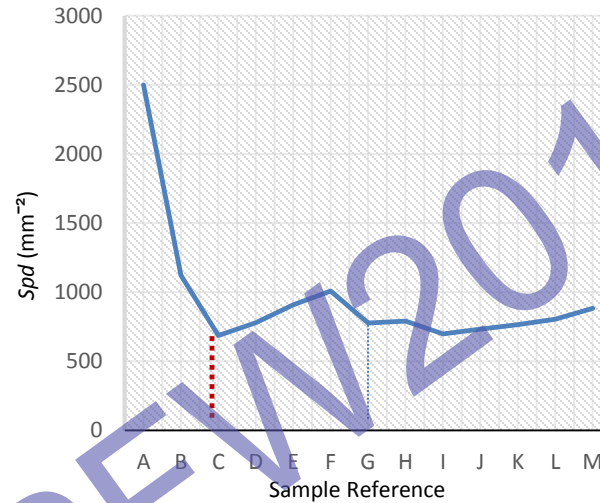
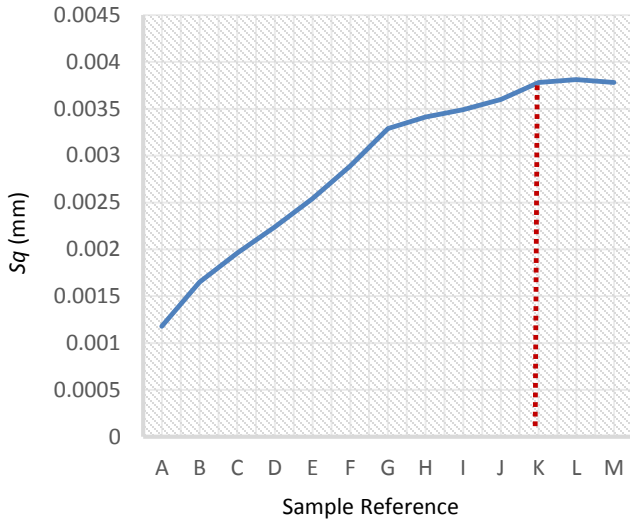


Each colour represents a 20<sup>th</sup> percentile of the overall maximum parameter value, and thus illustrates the variability of the parameters.



| Sample Reference | Size (mm) | Sample Reference | Size (mm)   |
|------------------|-----------|------------------|-------------|
| A                | 150 x 150 | G                | 1050 x 1050 |
| B                | 300 x 300 | H                | 1050 x 1200 |
| C                | 450 x 450 | I                | 1050 x 1350 |
| D                | 600 x 600 | J                | 1050 x 1500 |
| E                | 750 x 750 | K                | 1050 x 1650 |
| F                | 900 x 900 |                  |             |

The influence of upscaling sample size on areal parameters  $S_{sk}$ ,  $S_p$ , and  $S_v$  for an area of Hot Rolled Asphalt surfacing captured with Structure from Motion.



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- Areal parameters considered demonstrate sensitivity to sample size, raising questions over the adequacy of a typical 150mm x 150mm or smaller pavement specimen size.
- Initial research suggests that the deployment of wider scale approaches are required in order to appropriately capture functional areal parameters

Questions?

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- [1] ISO 25178 Part 2, Geometrical product specification (GPS) – Surface texture: areal part 1: terms, definitions and surface texture parameters. International Organisation of Standardisation. (2012) [Online] Available at: <https://www.iso.org/standard/42785.html> (Accessed 27th January 2018)

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