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Advances in the Engineering Properties of Stabilized Geomaterials for Sustainable Pavement Applications

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Abstract
The performance and sustainability of modern pavements increasingly depend on the effective utilization and stabilization of geomaterials, including soils, aggregates, and industrial by-products. Stabilization enhances the engineering properties of these materials, improving strength, stiffness, durability, and resistance to environmental degradation, thereby enabling cost-effective and long-lasting pavement structures. Recent advances have focused on conventional binders such as cement, lime, and bitumen, as well as emerging techniques involving polymers, fibers, and nano-enhanced additives. These innovations optimize stress-dependent behavior, resilient modulus, permanent deformation resistance, and fatigue performance under repeated traffic loading and variable environmental conditions. Laboratory characterization methods, including repeated load triaxial, cyclic simple shear, and microstructural analysis (SEM, XRD, micro-CT), provide critical insights into material behavior, while in-situ validation using falling-weight deflectometer (FWD) testing, embedded sensors, and instrumented pavements ensures correlation with field performance. The integration of mechanistic–empirical modeling, cumulative damage analysis, and probabilistic reliability frameworks enables predictive assessment of long-term performance, informing design optimization and maintenance strategies. Sustainable stabilization approaches, including the use of industrial by-products (fly ash, slag), recycled aggregates, and bio-based additives, contribute to reduced carbon footprint, resource efficiency, and environmental compliance. Advances in digital technologies, such as digital twins, machine learning, and sensor-based monitoring, further enhance predictive capabilities and adaptive pavement management. Despite these developments, challenges remain in addressing material variability, long-term durability, and the standardization of testing protocols for novel stabilizers. Future research directions include the development of hybrid and green stabilization techniques, long-term field validation, and integration with smart infrastructure for resilient and sustainable pavement networks.

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1. Introduction

Geomaterials, encompassing soils, aggregates, and natural subgrade materials, form the fundamental structural components of pavement systems. Their mechanical properties—stiffness, strength, durability, and deformation behavior—directly influence the performance, serviceability, and lifespan of road networks (Fasasi *et al*., 2022; Asata *et al*., 2022). In unbound layers, including subgrade, subbase, and base courses, geomaterials must distribute traffic-induced stresses, resist permanent deformation, and maintain structural integrity under varying environmental conditions (Atobatele *et al*., 2022; Amuta *et al*., 2022) [18, 12]. Consequently, understanding and enhancing the engineering properties of these materials is essential for reliable pavement design and maintenance. The performance of geomaterials is particularly critical in regions experiencing high traffic volumes, heavy axle loads, or extreme climate conditions, where inadequate material behavior can lead to premature rutting, cracking, and structural failure (Essien *et al*., 2021; Akinrinoye *et al*., 2021) [27, 5].

Sustainability considerations are increasingly central to modern pavement design. Traditional construction practices often rely on virgin materials, energy-intensive binders, and frequent maintenance interventions, all of which contribute to significant environmental impacts, including greenhouse gas emissions, resource depletion, and land disturbance (Akomea-Agyin and

Asante, 2019; Ajakaye and Adeyinka, 2022) [6, 4]. Sustainable pavement strategies aim to optimize the use of locally available materials, incorporate recycled or industrial by-products, reduce energy consumption, and enhance durability to minimize life-cycle costs and environmental footprint (Adebiyi *et al*., 2014; Fasasi *et al*., 2020) [2, 32]. Stabilization of geomaterials is a key component of this approach, as it improves mechanical performance while enabling the reuse of low-quality soils or marginal aggregates, thereby reducing dependence on non-renewable resources. Incorporating sustainable stabilization practices supports resilient infrastructure capable of accommodating variable traffic loads, climate-induced stresses, and long-term service demands (Bukhari *et al*., 2022 [23]; Asata *et al*., 2022).

The motivation for stabilization arises from the inherent limitations of untreated geomaterials. Many natural soils and aggregates exhibit low strength, high compressibility, or susceptibility to moisture variations, which compromise pavement performance (Umoren *et al*., 2022 [58]; Fasasi *et al*., 2022). Stabilization techniques—including the addition of cement, lime, bituminous binders, polymers, fibers, and emerging nano-materials—enhance load-bearing capacity, stiffness, and resistance to permanent deformation. Advanced stabilization not only improves structural performance but also reduces maintenance frequency and extends service life (Akonobi and Okpokwu, 2020; Aduwo *et al*., 2020) [7, 3]. Additionally, stabilized geomaterials can be tailored to specific design objectives, such as fatigue resistance, frost protection, or moisture sensitivity mitigation, enabling performance-based design aligned with modern mechanistic–empirical approaches (Evans-Uzosike and Okatta, 2019 [29]; Fasasi *et al*., 2022).

This review aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the advances in the engineering properties of stabilized geomaterials for sustainable pavement applications. The objectives include examining recent developments in material characterization, laboratory and field performance evaluation, and mechanistic–empirical modeling of stabilized layers. The review also highlights innovations in sustainable stabilization techniques, such as the use of industrial by-products, recycled aggregates, and bio-based additives, as well as the integration of digital technologies for performance prediction and adaptive management. The scope encompasses both traditional and emerging stabilization approaches, their impact on key engineering properties—including resilient modulus, permanent deformation, shear strength, and fatigue thresholds—and their contribution to sustainable pavement design. By synthesizing current knowledge, this review seeks to inform material selection, design optimization, and maintenance strategies for resilient, cost-effective, and environmentally responsible pavement infrastructure.

2. Methodology

A systematic review of advances in the engineering properties of stabilized geomaterials for sustainable pavement applications was conducted following the PRISMA (Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses) guidelines to ensure rigor, transparency, and reproducibility. Relevant literature was identified through comprehensive searches in multiple electronic databases, including Scopus, Web of Science, ScienceDirect, and Google Scholar, covering publications from the past two decades. Search strategies combined keywords and Boolean operators to capture the scope of stabilized geomaterials and sustainable pavement applications. Key search terms included "stabilized geomaterials," "soil stabilization," "lime-treated soils," "cement-treated soils," "polymer-modified soils," "nano-enhanced binders," "resilient modulus," "permanent deformation," "fatigue resistance," "mechanistic–empirical pavement design," and "sustainable pavements." The search was restricted to peer-reviewed journal articles, conference proceedings, and authoritative technical reports published in English to maintain quality and relevance.

Duplicate records were removed, and initial screening of titles and abstracts was performed to exclude studies that did not focus on stabilized geomaterials or did not relate to pavement engineering applications. Inclusion criteria required that studies provide quantitative or qualitative assessments of engineering properties—such as strength, stiffness, deformation characteristics, durability, or fatigue performance—of stabilized geomaterials, with attention to traditional and emerging stabilization techniques. Studies that addressed laboratory characterization, field performance, mechanistic–empirical modeling, or sustainable material use were considered relevant. Exclusion criteria eliminated articles that were purely theoretical without practical relevance, non-pavement applications, or lacking sufficient methodological detail.

Full-text screening of selected articles was conducted to assess methodological rigor, data quality, and relevance to performance-based pavement design. Data extraction focused on material type, stabilization method, testing procedures (including repeated load triaxial, cyclic simple shear, and resonant column tests), measured engineering properties, field validation results, and sustainability considerations such as use of recycled aggregates or industrial by-products. Additional information was collected on mechanistic–empirical modeling approaches, fatigue and cumulative damage assessment, and the integration of advanced technologies like digital twins and sensor-based monitoring.

Quality assessment was performed using established criteria to evaluate experimental design, replication, control of confounding variables, statistical treatment, and relevance of findings. Discrepancies in data extraction or quality evaluation were resolved through discussion among the research team. A PRISMA flow diagram was generated to document the number of records identified, screened, assessed for eligibility, and included in the review, ensuring transparency in the selection process.

Synthesis of findings employed a structured narrative and tabular approach to summarize material properties, stabilization techniques, laboratory and field methodologies, performance outcomes, and sustainability aspects. Comparative analysis highlighted trends, advancements, and gaps in current knowledge, providing a framework for evaluating the applicability of stabilized geomaterials in sustainable pavement design. The review emphasizes mechanistic–empirical integration, predictive modeling, and long-term performance assessment, aligning with contemporary priorities in resilient and environmentally responsible pavement infrastructure.

2.1 Classification of Stabilized Geomaterials

Stabilized geomaterials form the backbone of modern pavement engineering, providing enhanced mechanical performance, durability, and resilience while supporting sustainable infrastructure development. These materials involve the incorporation of additives or binders into natural soils or aggregates to improve load-bearing capacity, stiffness, permanent deformation resistance, and fatigue durability. The classification of stabilized geomaterials is based on the type of stabilizing agent, the intended performance enhancement, and the underlying chemical or physical mechanisms of stabilization (Erinjogunola *et al*., 2020; Fasasi *et al*., 2020) [26, 32]. A comprehensive understanding of these classifications is essential for selecting appropriate materials and techniques for specific pavement applications.

Cement-stabilized soils and aggregates represent one of the most widely used stabilization approaches in pavement construction. Ordinary Portland cement (OPC) or blended cements are mixed with soils or granular aggregates to enhance strength, stiffness, and durability. The stabilization process involves hydration reactions between cement and water, forming calcium silicate hydrates (CSH) that bind soil particles and fill voids. Cement stabilization is particularly effective for clayey or silty soils with low natural strength, converting them into durable base or subbase layers capable of supporting heavy traffic loads (Fasasi *et al*., 2019; Mogaji *et al*., 2022) [34, 49]. Cement-treated aggregates are commonly used in base courses for highways and airport pavements, where improved resilient modulus, shear strength, and permanent deformation resistance are critical. The benefits of cement stabilization include predictable performance, rapid strength gain, and long-term durability; however, high cement content can increase brittleness and environmental carbon footprint, necessitating optimization.

Lime-treated geomaterials are another widely implemented category, primarily effective for clay-rich soils. Lime interacts with clay minerals through cation exchange, flocculation, and pozzolanic reactions, which improve workability, plasticity, and load-bearing capacity. Lime stabilization reduces moisture sensitivity, mitigates shrink-swell potential, and enhances long-term stiffness, making it suitable for subgrade improvement and marginal soils. Lime-treated layers also exhibit favorable resistance to frost heave and volumetric changes, supporting pavement performance in regions with significant temperature fluctuations (Idowu *et al*., 2020; Evans-Uzosike *et al*., 2021) [40, 30]. Variations in lime content, soil mineralogy, and curing conditions influence the degree of stabilization, requiring careful laboratory evaluation and field calibration.

Bitumen and asphalt-based stabilization involves the use of asphalt emulsions, cutbacks, or foamed asphalt to bind granular materials. This approach combines cohesive and viscoelastic properties of bitumen with granular skeleton strength, producing flexible, water-resistant, and fatigue-resistant layers. Asphalt stabilization is effective in improving resilient modulus, reducing permanent deformation, and enhancing moisture resistance, particularly for base and subbase layers in flexible pavement systems. It is commonly applied in road rehabilitation, cold-mix construction, and areas where rapid construction is desired. Bituminous stabilization also allows partial recycling of asphalt and aggregates, contributing to sustainability objectives (Ayanbode *et al*., 2019; Fasasi *et al*., 2023) [19, 31].

Polymer, fiber, and nano-enhanced binders represent emerging stabilization technologies aimed at improving specific performance characteristics. Polymers, including synthetic resins and bio-based compounds, enhance cohesion, flexibility, and durability, while fibers—natural or synthetic—improve tensile strength, crack resistance, and strain energy absorption. Nano-additives, such as nano-silica or nano-clays, improve microstructural bonding, stiffness, and moisture resistance at particle-level scales (Fasasi *et al*., 2021) [33]. These advanced materials can be tailored to address specific challenges such as fatigue, rutting, or environmental degradation, offering high-performance alternatives to traditional binders.

Hybrid stabilization techniques combine multiple stabilizers to leverage complementary mechanisms. For instance, cement-lime blends exploit rapid early strength gain from cement and long-term plasticity reduction from lime. Similarly, polymer-modified bitumen or fiber-reinforced cementitious mixes enhance both toughness and stiffness. Hybrid approaches allow optimization of mechanical, environmental, and durability properties, providing flexible solutions for diverse pavement conditions (Santos *et al*., 2019; Qiao *et al*., 2020) [54, 52].

Stabilized geomaterials can be classified into cement-stabilized soils and aggregates, lime-treated geomaterials, bitumen and asphalt-based stabilization, polymer/fiber/nano-enhanced binders, and hybrid stabilization techniques. Each category offers distinct mechanisms, advantages, and limitations, enabling targeted enhancement of strength, stiffness, deformation resistance, and durability. Understanding these classifications supports informed material selection, sustainable design, and optimized performance in modern pavement infrastructure.

2.2 Engineering Properties of Stabilized Geomaterials

The engineering properties of stabilized geomaterials are fundamental determinants of pavement performance, directly influencing load-bearing capacity, deformation resistance, durability, and long-term serviceability. Stabilization enhances the mechanical and physical characteristics of natural soils and aggregates, enabling them to meet the demanding requirements of modern pavement infrastructure while supporting sustainable construction practices. Comprehensive understanding of these properties is essential for material selection, mechanistic–empirical design, and predictive modeling of pavement behavior under variable traffic and environmental conditions.

Strength properties form the cornerstone of stabilized geomaterial performance. Unconfined compressive strength (UCS) is a primary measure of a material's ability to resist axial loads without lateral confinement, providing insight into early-age stiffness and structural integrity. Cement-stabilized soils and aggregates, lime-treated clays, and polymer-modified layers typically exhibit significantly higher UCS compared to untreated geomaterials, with strength gains dependent on binder type, content, curing duration, and soil mineralogy (Kamaruddin *et al*., 2020; Luo *et al*., 2022) [42, 47]. Modulus of elasticity, or Young's modulus, characterizes the stiffness of stabilized layers and is crucial for predicting deflection under repeated loading. Higher modulus values correlate with reduced pavement deformation, improved load distribution, and enhanced fatigue resistance. Shear strength, encompassing internal friction and cohesion components, governs resistance to lateral displacement and rutting under traffic loads. Stabilization often increases particle interlocking and bonding, raising shear strength and improving the overall stability of base and subgrade layers. The synergistic evaluation of UCS, modulus of elasticity, and shear strength allows engineers to design layers that are both structurally resilient and durable.

Deformation characteristics are critical to understanding the long-term behavior of stabilized geomaterials under repeated traffic loading. Resilient modulus, measured under cyclic loading, quantifies recoverable deformation and serves as a key input for mechanistic–empirical pavement design. Materials with higher resilient modulus exhibit greater elasticity and reduced strain accumulation, supporting serviceability under high-traffic conditions. Compressibility and strain-hardening behavior describe the permanent deformation tendencies of stabilized layers, indicating how materials accommodate load-induced consolidation and stress redistribution over time. Cement and lime stabilization generally reduce compressibility and promote favorable strain-hardening, allowing layers to sustain repeated loads with minimal rutting. Polymer and fiber additives enhance ductility, enabling materials to absorb energy while mitigating crack propagation, which is particularly beneficial in flexible pavements. Understanding both elastic and plastic deformation responses is essential for predicting long-term performance and implementing appropriate maintenance strategies.

Durability and environmental resistance are integral to the functional longevity of stabilized geomaterials. Pavement layers are exposed to cyclic moisture variations, temperature fluctuations, freeze–thaw cycles, and chemical interactions that can degrade material performance. Cement and lime-treated layers demonstrate high resistance to moisture-induced weakening and chemical attack, whereas polymer-modified and nano-enhanced materials exhibit improved toughness and crack resistance under thermal stress. Long-term performance assessment often includes accelerated aging, wet–dry cycles, and freeze–thaw testing to quantify changes in stiffness, strength, and deformation properties (Broughton *et al*., 2021; Luo *et al*., 2022) [22, 47]. Durability metrics guide binder selection, curing protocols, and layer design to ensure reliable service life under diverse environmental conditions.

Hydraulic properties, including water retention, permeability, and frost susceptibility, further influence the structural performance of stabilized geomaterials. Excessive water retention can reduce stiffness and promote permanent deformation, while high permeability facilitates drainage and reduces pore pressure accumulation. Lime and cement stabilization typically decrease permeability and moisture sensitivity, enhancing frost resistance and mitigating shrink-swell effects in clay-rich soils. Frost susceptibility, particularly in subgrade layers, is critical for pavements in cold climates, as repeated freeze–thaw cycles can induce cracking and reduce load-bearing capacity. Polymer and fiber stabilization improve water repellency and dimensional stability, providing additional protection against environmental degradation.

The engineering properties of stabilized geomaterials—including strength, deformation behavior, durability, and hydraulic characteristics—determine their suitability for sustainable and resilient pavement applications. Strength properties such as UCS, modulus of elasticity, and shear strength ensure structural integrity, while resilient modulus, compressibility, and strain-hardening govern deformation under traffic loading. Durability assessments under environmental stressors, along with evaluation of water retention, permeability, and frost susceptibility, provide insight into long-term performance (Bankole *et al*., 2020; Sambito *et al*., 2021) [20, 53]. A comprehensive understanding of these interrelated properties allows engineers to optimize stabilization techniques, select appropriate binders, and design pavement layers that are durable, cost-effective, and capable of withstanding variable loading and environmental conditions.

2.3 Laboratory Characterization Techniques

Laboratory characterization of stabilized geomaterials is a critical component of pavement design and performance assessment. Accurate determination of strength, stiffness, durability, and microstructural properties enables engineers to predict in-situ behavior, optimize stabilization techniques, and ensure resilient and sustainable pavement performance. Laboratory testing provides the basis for mechanistic–empirical design, calibration of constitutive models, and validation of predictive frameworks, bridging the gap between material science and applied infrastructure engineering. Modern characterization techniques combine standard tests, advanced mechanical testing, microstructural analysis, and high-throughput automated methods to provide comprehensive insights into the engineering behavior of stabilized geomaterials (Miracle *et al*., 2021; Vecchio *et al*., 2021) [48, 59].

Standard tests form the foundation of laboratory characterization. Unconfined compressive strength (UCS) tests quantify the axial load capacity of stabilized soils and aggregates under zero lateral confinement, providing a rapid measure of early-age strength and binder efficacy. California Bearing Ratio (CBR) tests assess the penetration resistance and load-carrying capacity of base and subbase layers, serving as a practical index for design and field correlation. Flexural and direct shear tests evaluate tensile and shear strength, respectively, enabling the assessment of rutting and lateral stability potential. Durability tests, such as wet–dry cycling, freeze–thaw exposure, and erosion resistance assessments, simulate environmental stressors to evaluate long-term performance and material resilience. These standard methods, while widely adopted, provide primarily bulk mechanical properties and often require complementary advanced testing to capture stress-dependent, cyclic, and time-dependent behavior.

Advanced mechanical testing techniques are essential for characterizing the dynamic and stress-sensitive behavior of stabilized geomaterials. Conventional triaxial testing allows the measurement of strength, stiffness, and failure envelopes under controlled confining pressures, enabling quantification of Mohr–Coulomb parameters. Repeated load triaxial (RLT) tests extend this approach by applying cyclic axial loading to simulate traffic-induced stress paths, providing resilient modulus and permanent deformation data critical for mechanistic–empirical pavement design. Cyclic simple shear tests measure shear strain accumulation under controlled lateral and vertical stresses, offering insight into deformation behavior, fatigue resistance, and anisotropy in stabilized layers. These tests facilitate the understanding of complex interactions between stress magnitude, loading frequency, and material composition, which are not captured by standard tests alone. The integration of temperature and moisture control in advanced apparatus further allows simulation of field-relevant environmental conditions, such as freeze–thaw cycles or wet subgrade scenarios.

Microstructural analysis complements mechanical testing by elucidating the underlying mechanisms that govern material behavior. Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) provides high-resolution imaging of particle morphology, binder–soil interactions, and microcrack formation, enabling direct observation of bonding and aggregate interlocking. X-ray diffraction (XRD) identifies mineralogical composition and phase transformations, particularly in cement- or lime-stabilized soils, which influence stiffness, durability, and pozzolanic reactions. Micro-computed tomography (micro-CT) offers three-dimensional visualization of pore networks, particle distribution, and binder penetration, allowing quantitative assessment of porosity, connectivity, and potential weak zones (Ali *et al*., 2020; Chung *et al*., 2022) [10, 24]. Microstructural insights facilitate the interpretation of macroscopic mechanical behavior and inform optimization of stabilization strategies.

High-throughput and automated testing methods are emerging as essential tools for efficient and consistent characterization of stabilized geomaterials. Automated triaxial systems, cyclic simple shear apparatus, and resonant column devices allow rapid testing of multiple specimens with minimal operator-induced variability. High-throughput approaches enable parametric studies of binder content, curing conditions, particle gradation, and additive type, accelerating material selection and optimization. Integration with digital data acquisition, sensor networks, and machine learning analytics allows real-time monitoring of test progression, automatic computation of key parameters, and improved reproducibility. These advancements enhance the reliability of laboratory results and facilitate their integration into predictive models and performance-based design frameworks.

Laboratory characterization of stabilized geomaterials encompasses standard mechanical tests, advanced cyclic and stress-path dependent testing, microstructural analysis, and high-throughput automated methods. Standard tests provide foundational strength and durability metrics, while advanced triaxial, repeated load, and cyclic shear tests capture resilient modulus, permanent deformation, and fatigue behavior. Microstructural techniques such as SEM, XRD, and micro-CT reveal the mechanisms driving observed mechanical responses, and automated high-throughput methods enhance efficiency, consistency, and reproducibility. Collectively, these laboratory characterization techniques provide the comprehensive data necessary to optimize stabilization strategies, support mechanistic–empirical modeling, and ensure the sustainable performance of modern pavements (Armistead *et al*., 2020; Atkins *et al*., 2022) [14, 17].

2.4 Field Performance and Validation

Field performance assessment and validation of stabilized geomaterials are essential for bridging the gap between laboratory characterization and real-world pavement behavior. While laboratory tests provide controlled insights into strength, stiffness, deformation, and durability, in-situ conditions introduce complex interactions between traffic loads, environmental factors, and construction practices that significantly influence performance. Evaluating field performance ensures that stabilized geomaterials meet design expectations, supports calibration of mechanistic–empirical models, and informs maintenance and rehabilitation strategies. Modern validation approaches combine instrumented test sections, in-situ monitoring, deflection and strain measurements, and case studies across diverse pavement types.

Instrumented test sections are critical for controlled field evaluation. These sections are constructed using specific stabilized geomaterials and include embedded monitoring devices to capture real-time data on stress, strain, temperature, and moisture conditions. Instrumentation allows for continuous observation of pavement response under operational traffic, providing insights into the performance of cement-stabilized soils, lime-treated geomaterials, bituminous mixes, and polymer- or fiber-reinforced layers. Test sections can be designed to simulate various traffic intensities and environmental conditions, enabling comparative studies between different stabilization techniques and construction practices (Puppala, 2021; Alghamdi *et al*., 2022) [51, 9]. This approach allows engineers to assess the effectiveness of stabilization under realistic loading spectra and long-term environmental exposure.

Deflection and strain measurements are key components of field validation. The falling-weight deflectometer (FWD) is widely employed to evaluate layer stiffness, load distribution, and structural capacity of pavement sections. FWD testing generates deflection basins, from which moduli of individual layers can be back-calculated, providing a direct comparison with laboratory-measured resilient modulus. Embedded sensors, including strain gauges, piezoelectric devices, and fiber-optic systems, offer continuous monitoring of stress and strain within stabilized layers. These sensors provide data on vertical and lateral responses to repeated traffic loading, moisture variations, and thermal gradients. Integration of FWD and sensor data facilitates assessment of permanent deformation, fatigue progression, and rutting development, supporting performance-based design validation.

Case studies across highways, urban roads, and heavy-duty pavements illustrate the practical application and validation of stabilized geomaterials. On highways, cement-stabilized base courses and lime-treated subgrades are monitored over multi-year periods to evaluate rutting resistance, fatigue behavior, and resilient modulus evolution under high truck traffic. Urban roads, characterized by mixed traffic, bus routes, and variable axle loads, benefit from polymer- or fiber-enhanced stabilization to mitigate rutting, cracking, and strain accumulation in subbase layers. In heavy-duty pavements, such as industrial yards, port facilities, and airport aprons, high-intensity repeated loading tests are combined with instrumented sections to validate the performance of hybrid stabilization techniques, including cement-lime or polymer-reinforced mixtures. These case studies demonstrate that appropriately stabilized geomaterials can maintain structural integrity, minimize maintenance interventions, and extend pavement service life.

Correlation between laboratory properties and field performance is essential for effective mechanistic–empirical modeling and predictive pavement design. Resilient modulus, unconfined compressive strength, shear strength, and permanent deformation characteristics measured in the laboratory provide baseline inputs for pavement design models. Field observations, including deflection, strain, rut depth, and fatigue cracking, are used to calibrate these models, accounting for material variability, construction quality, and environmental influences. Discrepancies between predicted and observed performance can indicate the need for adjustments in binder content, compaction methods, or layer thickness. The integration of field data with laboratory results improves the reliability of mechanistic predictions, supports the development of stress-dependent constitutive models, and enhances the accuracy of life-cycle performance and maintenance planning.

Field performance evaluation and validation of stabilized geomaterials are critical for translating laboratory insights into practical pavement performance. Instrumented test sections, FWD testing, embedded strain sensors, and systematic monitoring provide detailed information on structural response under traffic and environmental loading. Case studies across highways, urban roads, and heavy-duty pavements demonstrate the effectiveness of various stabilization techniques, while correlation between laboratory and field measurements ensures accurate calibration of predictive models. This integrated approach not only validates material performance but also informs sustainable, performance-based design, maintenance planning, and life-cycle optimization of modern pavements (Li *et al*., 2020; Esteghamati and Flint, 2021) [45, 28].

2.5 Mechanistic-Empirical and Predictive Modeling Approaches

Mechanistic–empirical (M–E) and predictive modeling approaches have become integral to the design, analysis, and performance assessment of stabilized geomaterials in pavement applications. Unlike traditional empirical design methods, which rely on historical performance data and prescriptive guidelines, mechanistic–empirical models combine fundamental engineering principles with observed material behavior to predict pavement responses under variable traffic and environmental conditions. These approaches enable the systematic incorporation of material properties, stress-dependent behavior, and cumulative damage mechanisms, while probabilistic frameworks account for inherent uncertainties in loading, material variability, and environmental factors.

Constitutive modeling forms the foundation of mechanistic–empirical approaches for stabilized geomaterials. Constitutive models describe the stress–strain relationships of materials, capturing both elastic and plastic deformation behavior under applied loads. For cement-, lime-, bitumen-, or polymer-stabilized geomaterials, constitutive relationships are derived from laboratory measurements such as unconfined compressive strength (UCS), resilient modulus, shear strength, and cyclic loading tests. Non-linear models account for particle interlocking, binder–soil interactions, and stress-dependent stiffness, allowing prediction of both recoverable and permanent strains. Viscoelastic or elasto-plastic formulations are often employed to simulate time-dependent behavior, creep, and strain accumulation under repeated loading. Constitutive models provide a mechanistic link between material properties and pavement structural response, forming the basis for layered elastic or finite element analyses used in pavement design (Singh and Sahoo, 2020; Alamnie *et al*., 2022) [56, 8].

Stress-dependent behavior under repeated traffic loading is a critical aspect of predictive modeling. Stabilized geomaterials exhibit non-linear responses to variations in vertical and lateral stress, confining pressure, and loading frequency. Repeated traffic loads induce both elastic deformation, which is recoverable, and plastic deformation, which accumulates over time as permanent strain. Mechanistic–empirical models incorporate resilient modulus as a function of applied stress, moisture content, and temperature, enabling accurate simulation of strain accumulation and rutting potential in base and subbase layers. By capturing stress-path dependent behavior, models can account for differential responses of stabilized layers to heavy truck traffic, mixed urban loads, and high-intensity industrial applications, providing more realistic performance predictions than traditional empirical methods.

Cumulative damage and fatigue modeling are essential for assessing the long-term performance of stabilized geomaterials. Repeated traffic loading causes progressive material degradation, including microcrack formation, binder debonding, and particle rearrangement. Miner's law and other cumulative damage frameworks quantify the accumulation of fatigue under repeated cycles, allowing estimation of service life and identification of critical layers or zones susceptible to failure. Fatigue modeling integrates laboratory-derived thresholds, such as allowable strains, shear limits, and permanent deformation criteria, to predict the onset of cracking, rutting, and other distress mechanisms. Coupling cumulative damage models with stress-dependent constitutive behavior enables engineers to design pavements that meet serviceability requirements while optimizing material use and layer thickness.

Integration of probabilistic and reliability-based approaches enhances predictive modeling by accounting for variability and uncertainty in traffic loading, material properties, and environmental conditions. Probabilistic models simulate a range of possible outcomes, capturing the inherent variability in resilient modulus, permanent strain, and fatigue behavior across stabilized geomaterials. Reliability-based design evaluates the probability of exceeding serviceability or ultimate limit states, guiding decision-making in terms of binder content, layer thickness, and maintenance intervals (Al-Obaidi *et al*., 2020; Hatoum *et al*., 2022) [11, 39]. By combining mechanistic–empirical predictions with probabilistic assessment, engineers can quantify risk, design for robustness under extreme loads, and implement adaptive maintenance strategies, aligning pavement design with performance-based and sustainability objectives.

Mechanistic–empirical and predictive modeling approaches have also been enhanced through integration with digital technologies. Digital twins and sensor-based monitoring provide real-time calibration of constitutive models, enabling adaptive updates to predicted pavement responses. Machine learning algorithms can complement mechanistic models by identifying complex correlations between material properties, traffic patterns, and environmental factors, improving accuracy and enabling data-driven optimization of stabilized layers.

Mechanistic–empirical and predictive modeling approaches provide a comprehensive framework for analyzing and designing stabilized geomaterials in modern pavements. Constitutive models capture material-specific stress–strain behavior, while stress-dependent and cumulative damage analyses predict long-term deformation and fatigue.

Integration with probabilistic and reliability-based methods accounts for uncertainties in traffic, material, and environmental conditions, supporting performance-based design. Coupled with digital and machine learning tools, these approaches enable accurate, adaptive, and sustainable pavement solutions that optimize durability, cost-efficiency, and functional performance under diverse operational conditions.

2.6 Advances in Sustainable and Green Stabilization Techniques

Sustainable and green stabilization techniques have emerged as critical strategies for enhancing the performance of geomaterials while minimizing environmental impacts in pavement construction. Conventional stabilization methods, such as cement and lime treatment, although effective in improving strength, stiffness, and durability, are associated with high energy consumption and significant greenhouse gas emissions. In response, engineers and researchers have explored innovative approaches that integrate industrial by-products, recycled materials, and bio-based stabilizers, aligning material performance objectives with environmental sustainability (Lange *et al*., 2021; Sierra *et al*., 2021) [44, 55]. These advancements support resilient pavements, reduce resource consumption, and contribute to life-cycle cost efficiency.

The use of industrial by-products is among the most widely adopted green stabilization strategies. Fly ash, a by-product of coal-fired power plants, is commonly incorporated into soils and aggregates to enhance strength, reduce plasticity, and improve workability. Fly ash interacts pozzolanically with lime or cement to form calcium silicate hydrate (CSH) structures, increasing unconfined compressive strength and reducing compressibility. Similarly, ground granulated blast-furnace slag (GGBS), a by-product of iron production, provides latent hydraulic properties that improve stiffness and long-term durability when blended with cement or lime. Recycled concrete fines, derived from demolition waste, can be used as partial replacements for natural aggregates or fine stabilizing agents, promoting circular economy principles. Incorporation of these industrial by-products not only reduces the demand for virgin materials but also diverts substantial waste from landfills, enhancing the sustainability profile of pavement projects.

Bio-based stabilizers represent a novel category of environmentally friendly additives with promising engineering performance. Biopolymers, including natural polysaccharides and microbial exopolysaccharides, enhance cohesion, stiffness, and water resistance of soils and granular layers. Microbial-induced stabilization, particularly microbial-induced calcite precipitation (MICP), exploits bacterial metabolism to precipitate calcium carbonate within the soil matrix, increasing particle bonding, strength, and durability. These bio-based techniques offer low-energy alternatives to conventional binders and can be tailored for site-specific soils, reducing the need for extensive excavation or import of stabilizing agents. Moreover, bio-based stabilization is inherently biodegradable and environmentally benign, reducing potential ecological impacts compared to chemical stabilizers.

Recycled and waste aggregates are increasingly incorporated into stabilized layers to reduce reliance on natural aggregates and minimize environmental degradation. Crushed construction and demolition waste, recycled asphalt pavement (RAP), and processed slag aggregates can serve as base or subbase materials, either alone or in combination with stabilizing binders. These materials, when properly processed and characterized, exhibit sufficient strength, stiffness, and durability to support traffic loads while reducing resource depletion. Blending recycled aggregates with cement, lime, or polymer binders further enhances load-bearing capacity and mitigates issues related to variability and particle grading. The use of recycled materials promotes circularity, reduces extraction of natural resources, and aligns with sustainable infrastructure development goals.

The environmental benefits of sustainable and green stabilization techniques are substantial. By incorporating industrial by-products, bio-based additives, and recycled aggregates, the carbon footprint of pavement construction can be significantly reduced. Reduction in cement or lime usage lowers CO_2 emissions associated with binder production, while diverting industrial and construction waste from landfills mitigates environmental contamination. Additionally, energy savings from using locally sourced recycled materials reduce transportation emissions, and improved material durability decreases the frequency of maintenance and reconstruction activities over the pavement life cycle (Pauliuk *et al*., 2021; Cudjoe *et al*., 2021) [50, 25]. Collectively, these benefits contribute to more resilient, environmentally responsible, and cost-effective pavement infrastructure.

Advances in sustainable and green stabilization techniques represent a paradigm shift in modern pavement engineering. The strategic use of industrial by-products, bio-based stabilizers, and recycled aggregates enhances mechanical properties, improves durability, and promotes environmental stewardship. By reducing reliance on virgin materials, lowering carbon emissions, and integrating circular economy principles, these approaches support resilient and sustainable pavement networks. Continued research is necessary to optimize material formulations, ensure long-term performance under variable traffic and environmental conditions, and standardize testing and design methodologies, thereby facilitating widespread adoption of sustainable stabilization practices in pavement construction.

2.7 Integration with Digital and Smart Technologies

The integration of digital and smart technologies into the design, construction, and maintenance of stabilized geomaterials represents a transformative advancement in pavement engineering. Traditional approaches to material characterization, performance prediction, and maintenance planning rely on static laboratory measurements and historical empirical data, which often fail to capture the complex interactions between traffic loading, environmental factors, and material heterogeneity. Digital and smart technologies, including digital twins, machine learning, and sensor-based monitoring systems, provide dynamic, data-driven frameworks that enable real-time assessment, predictive modeling, and adaptive management of stabilized geomaterials. These innovations facilitate more resilient, cost-effective, and sustainable pavement infrastructure.

Digital twins are virtual representations of physical pavement systems that replicate the structural, mechanical, and environmental behavior of stabilized geomaterials. By integrating laboratory-derived material properties, field measurements, and mechanistic–empirical models, digital twins simulate stress–strain responses, deformation accumulation, and fatigue progression under variable traffic and environmental conditions. This continuous virtual monitoring allows engineers to predict performance outcomes, optimize layer thickness, and evaluate the effects of alternative stabilization techniques before construction. Additionally, digital twins enable scenario analysis, assessing how factors such as increased traffic volumes, extreme climatic events, or material variability impact long-term pavement behavior. For stabilized geomaterials, digital twin frameworks can model binder–soil interactions, moisture-induced swelling, and permanent deformation under cyclic loading, providing insights that were previously unattainable through conventional design methods (Weller and Schneider, 2021; Liu *et al*., 2021) [60, 46].

Machine learning (ML) techniques complement digital twin applications by providing predictive capabilities based on large, heterogeneous datasets. ML algorithms can learn complex relationships between input parameters—such as binder type, aggregate gradation, curing conditions, and traffic loading—and output performance metrics, including resilient modulus, rutting, and fatigue life. Supervised learning models, such as support vector machines or neural networks, have been successfully applied to predict permanent deformation in cement- and lime-stabilized soils, while unsupervised methods can identify patterns in performance data for anomaly detection and quality control. By integrating ML with mechanistic–empirical frameworks, engineers can account for non-linearities, stress-dependent behavior, and environmental variability in stabilized geomaterials, improving prediction accuracy and reducing design uncertainty. Moreover, ML models can continuously improve as additional laboratory and field data are incorporated, enabling adaptive and self-refining performance assessment tools.

Sensor-based monitoring provides the real-time data necessary to validate digital twin simulations and machine learning predictions. Embedded strain gauges, piezoelectric sensors, fiber-optic cables, and geotechnical instrumentation capture vertical and lateral stresses, moisture content, temperature variations, and displacement within stabilized layers. External monitoring tools, such as falling-weight deflectometers (FWD), ground-penetrating radar (GPR), and weigh-in-motion (WIM) systems, supplement embedded sensors by providing spatially distributed measurements of layer stiffness, deflection, and traffic loading. Continuous monitoring allows early detection of distress, such as rutting, cracking, or binder degradation, enabling timely maintenance interventions. Adaptive maintenance planning can leverage these data streams to prioritize interventions, optimize rehabilitation schedules, and minimize life-cycle costs, while ensuring safety and serviceability.

The integration of digital twins, machine learning, and sensor-based monitoring creates a closed-loop system for performance-based management of stabilized geomaterials. Laboratory characterization and field validation feed into digital twins, which simulate responses and generate predictive outputs. Machine learning algorithms refine these predictions and identify risk factors, while sensor networks provide real-time feedback to calibrate models and update maintenance strategies. This synergistic approach enhances decision-making, reduces uncertainty, and supports resilient, sustainable pavement systems capable of accommodating variable traffic, environmental conditions, and emerging materials.

Digital and smart technologies are revolutionizing the performance assessment and management of stabilized geomaterials in pavement applications. Digital twins enable virtual simulation and scenario analysis, machine learning enhances predictive accuracy and pattern recognition, and sensor-based monitoring provides real-time feedback for adaptive maintenance. Together, these technologies support data-driven, performance-based design, enabling resilient, cost-effective, and sustainable pavement infrastructure. Continued development and integration of these tools will enhance the predictive reliability, efficiency, and adaptability of stabilized geomaterials, aligning modern pavement engineering with smart infrastructure and digitalization trends (Adebisi *et al*., 2021; Kuppam, 2022) [1, 43].

2.8 Challenges and Research Gaps

Despite significant advancements in the stabilization of geomaterials for sustainable pavement applications, several challenges and research gaps persist that limit the widespread adoption and optimization of these materials. Addressing these issues is critical for ensuring reliable performance, long-term durability, and consistency in design outcomes. Key challenges relate to material variability, environmental influences, long-term aging effects, standardization of testing and performance criteria, and the translation of laboratory results to field conditions.

One of the primary challenges in stabilized geomaterials is the inherent variability of natural soils and aggregates. Properties such as particle size distribution, mineralogy, moisture content, and plasticity can vary spatially within a single construction site and temporally due to environmental conditions. This variability affects the effectiveness of stabilization, influencing strength, stiffness, and deformation behavior. Binder interaction with soil particles may also differ depending on clay content, organic matter, and aggregate composition, leading to heterogeneous performance. Additionally, external factors such as temperature fluctuations, rainfall, and freeze–thaw cycles further complicate the predictability of material behavior. While laboratory characterization provides controlled assessments of strength and stiffness, it often cannot capture site-specific variability, necessitating adaptive design strategies and field validation to ensure consistent performance (Jaya *et al*., 2022) [41].

Long-term durability and aging effects present another critical research gap. Stabilized geomaterials are exposed to repeated traffic loads, moisture variations, chemical interactions, and thermal stress over decades, all of which can degrade material properties. Cement- and lime-stabilized soils may undergo carbonation, leaching, or microcracking, while polymer- or fiber-reinforced layers may experience binder oxidation or fatigue-induced degradation. Predicting long-term performance under cyclic loading and environmental stresses remains challenging due to the complex interactions between binder chemistry, soil mineralogy, and microstructural evolution (Fatehi *et al*., 2021; Aneke and Onyelowe, 2022) [38, 13]. Accelerated aging tests and long-term monitoring are necessary to quantify durability and develop predictive models, but current data are often limited, especially for emerging bio-based or nano-enhanced stabilizers.

The standardization of testing protocols and performance criteria also represents a significant limitation. While a variety of laboratory tests—such as unconfined compressive strength, resilient modulus, and cyclic triaxial testing—are widely used, differences in specimen preparation, curing conditions, loading protocols, and measurement techniques reduce comparability across studies. Performance criteria, including acceptable rutting, fatigue, or deflection thresholds, are similarly inconsistent across regions and guidelines. Lack of harmonized standards complicates material selection, design optimization, and regulatory approval, especially for innovative or sustainable stabilization techniques. Standardized protocols for laboratory characterization, field validation, and long-term monitoring are essential for reliable performance-based design and for enabling broader adoption of novel materials.

Scaling laboratory results to field conditions presents an additional challenge. Laboratory specimens are typically prepared under controlled compaction, moisture, and curing conditions, whereas field construction introduces variability in compaction uniformity, moisture distribution, layer thickness, and binder incorporation. Environmental exposure, traffic variability, and subgrade interactions further affect performance, often resulting in discrepancies between predicted and observed behavior. Bridging this gap requires robust calibration of mechanistic–empirical models, instrumented test sections, and sensor-based monitoring to validate laboratory-derived properties in real-world conditions. Advanced digital tools, including digital twins and machine learning algorithms, offer potential solutions for translating laboratory insights to field performance, but integration remains in the early stages of adoption.

The stabilization of geomaterials for sustainable pavement applications faces multiple challenges and research gaps. Material variability, environmental influences, and long-term aging complicate performance predictability. Lack of standardized testing protocols and performance criteria limits comparability and regulatory confidence, while scaling laboratory results to field conditions remains a persistent obstacle (Bas *et al*., 2021; Thalinger *et al*., 2021) [21, 57]. Addressing these challenges requires integrated research efforts that combine advanced laboratory characterization, field monitoring, mechanistic–empirical modeling, and digital technologies. Future research should focus on developing robust predictive frameworks, harmonized testing standards, and adaptive design methodologies that account for variability, environmental exposure, and long-term performance, thereby enabling reliable, sustainable, and cost-effective pavement infrastructure.

3. Conclusion

Recent advancements in the engineering properties of stabilized geomaterials have significantly expanded the capabilities of modern pavement design, offering enhanced strength, stiffness, durability, and deformation resistance. Cement- and lime-treated soils provide reliable load-bearing capacity and moisture resistance, while bitumen-, polymer-, and fiber-reinforced layers offer improved flexibility, fatigue resistance, and resilience under cyclic traffic loading. Emerging stabilization techniques incorporating industrial by-products, recycled aggregates, and bio-based additives further enhance material performance while promoting sustainability and resource efficiency. Laboratory characterization, including standard mechanical tests and advanced cyclic or stress-dependent evaluations, combined with field validation through instrumented test sections and deflection monitoring, has strengthened the understanding of stress-dependent behavior, long-term performance, and variability in stabilized layers. Additionally, integration with digital twins, machine learning, and sensor-based monitoring has created opportunities for predictive and adaptive performance assessment, enabling more accurate, data-driven, and performance-based design approaches.

The potential for sustainable, cost-effective, and durable pavement applications is substantial. Green stabilization techniques reduce reliance on virgin materials, minimize carbon footprint, and promote circular economy principles through the use of industrial by-products, recycled aggregates, and bio-based stabilizers. Enhanced material properties extend service life, reduce maintenance requirements, and improve structural performance under variable traffic and environmental conditions, resulting in lower life-cycle costs and improved infrastructure resilience. Hybrid stabilization approaches and performance-based mechanistic–empirical design frameworks further optimize pavement layers, aligning economic, environmental, and functional objectives. The integration of digital and smart technologies enables continuous monitoring, predictive maintenance planning, and adaptive response to environmental and traffic variability, supporting more reliable and sustainable pavement networks.

Future research priorities should focus on the development of novel stabilizers and hybrid materials that provide superior mechanical performance while minimizing environmental impact. Long-term validation of stabilized geomaterials under real-world traffic and climatic conditions is essential to ensure durability and accurate calibration of predictive models. Advanced mechanistic–empirical and probabilistic modeling approaches should be further integrated with machine learning and digital twin frameworks to enhance prediction accuracy, account for stress-dependent and cumulative damage behaviors, and support performance-based design. Standardization of testing protocols, performance criteria, and data collection methodologies will facilitate broader adoption of sustainable stabilization techniques and ensure comparability across studies. Ultimately, continued research and innovation will enable resilient, sustainable, and cost-efficient pavement infrastructure capable of meeting the demands of modern transportation systems.

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