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# Engineering 4.0 Progress & Processes

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# Engineering 4.0

- Concept & History
- Design
- Construction
- Training
- Reference
- Concrete
- APT
- Active traffic
- Other laboratories



# Concept & History

- Discussions between SANRAL & UP started in 2015
- MoU
  - Signed on 28 June 2016
  - UP, SANRAL, CSIR
- Final UP Council approval
  - 15 November 2017
- Site handover
  - 31 July 2018
- Construction started
  - 17 October 2018
- Contractual completion
  - 28 February 2020



# Engineering 4.0 Vision

Sustainable, Optimized, Smart, Equitable  
transportation networks supporting social &  
economic development in disruptive &  
evolutionary society





# Engineering 4.0 Vision – Developing environment

- **Autonomous & Electrical vehicles**
  - Gravel & secondary road networks
  - Sustainable charging
  - Autonomous agricultural equipment
- **Smart materials**
  - Optimal use of marginal materials using nano-stabilizers
  - Responsive & intelligent materials
- **IoT networks**
  - Appropriate information for optimized systems
  - Data networks in rural areas
- **Shared services**
  - Equitable opportunities
- **Smart Transportation within Smart Environments (cities, towns, dwellings & rural)**
  - High-tech urban to informal settlements
  - Rural agricultural networks
- **Novel design, construction, maintenance**
  - Equitable employment
- **Sustainability & optimized environment**
  - Clean, safe, healthy living & working conditions

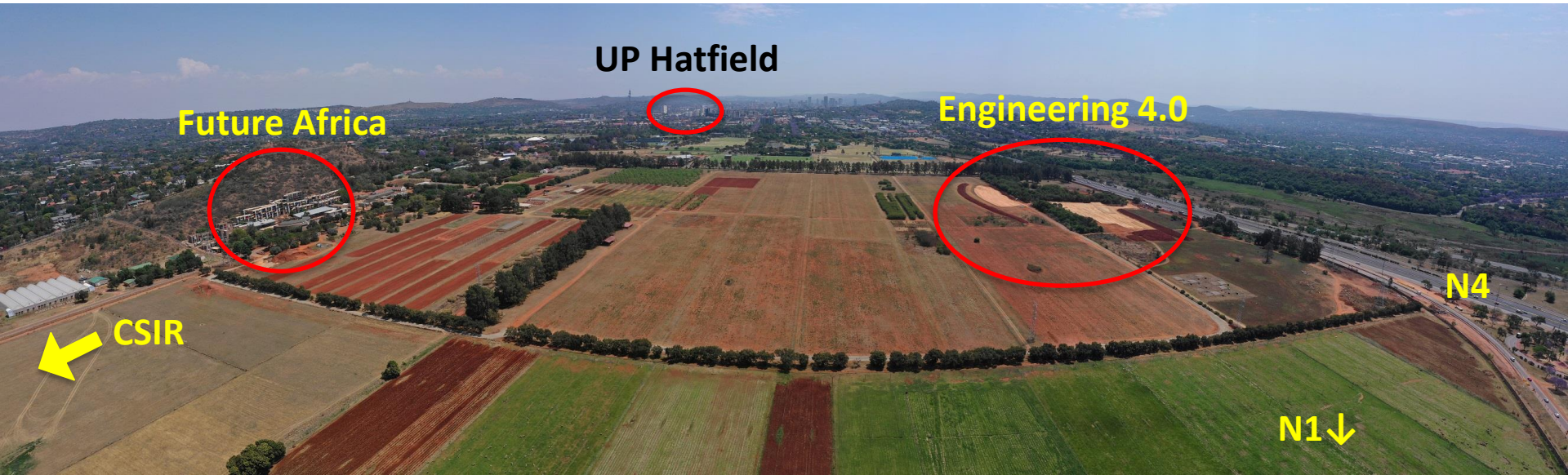


# UP Engineering 4.0

- Multi-phase planning
- Phase 1
  - SANRAL National road materials reference laboratory
  - SANRAL Training & certification laboratory
  - Concrete research laboratory
  - Accelerated Pavement Testing (APT) track
  - Active vehicle test track
- Phases 2+
  - Remaining Civil Engineering facilities
  - Offices & lecture spaces
  - Various other engineering laboratories
  - Rail track



# Innovation Africa @ UP campus





# Design



- PHASE 1.1A - SANRAL FACILITY
- PHASE 1.1B - RECEPTION/ABLUTIONS/AUDITORIUM/PART UP CONCRETE
- PHASE 1.2A - UP ENG 4 CIVIL CONCRETE LAB
- PHASE 1.2B - REMAINDER OF UP ENG 4 CIVIL CONCRETE LAB
- PHASE 2.1 - UP ENG 4 CIV ENG REMAINDER
- PHASE 2.2 - UP ENG 4 SUPPORTING FACILITIES
- PHASE 04 - EEC / METALLURGICAL / MINING / MECHANICAL

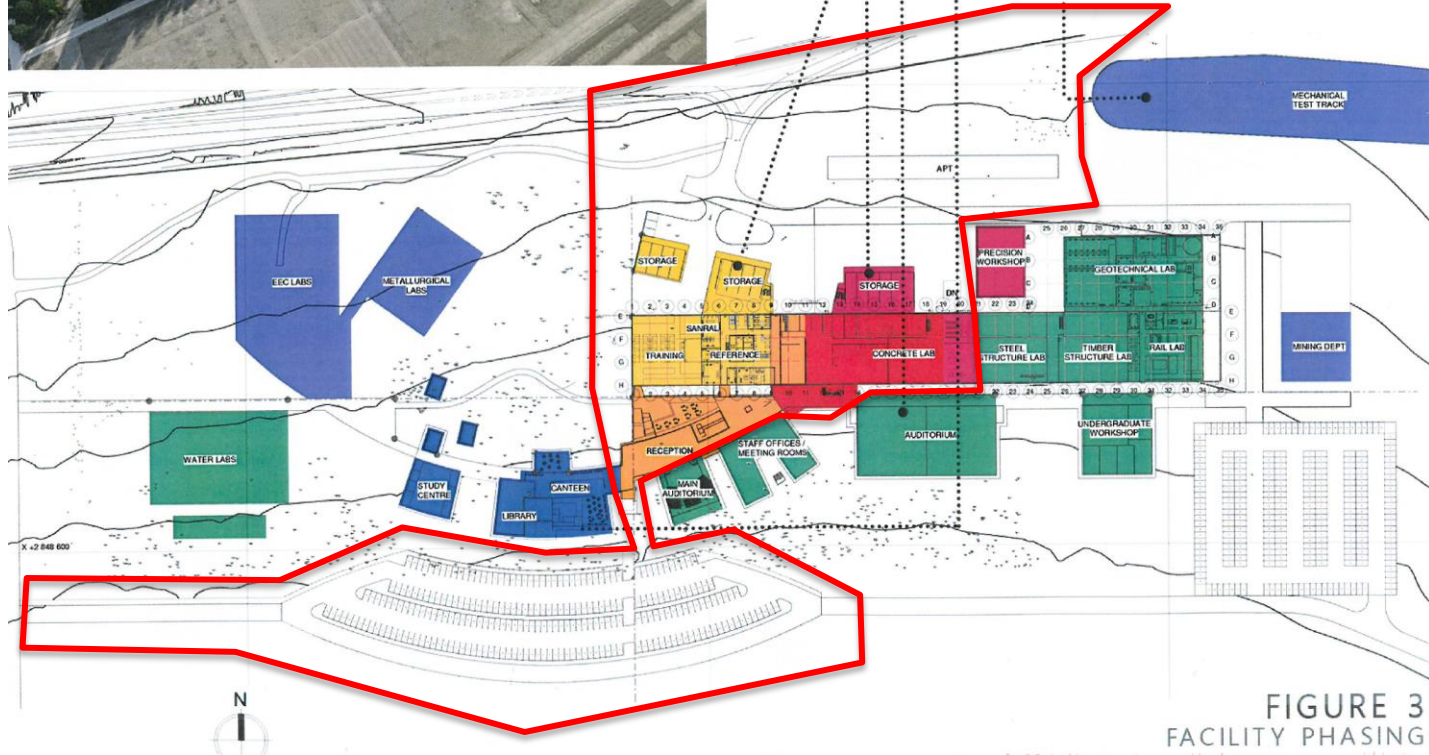


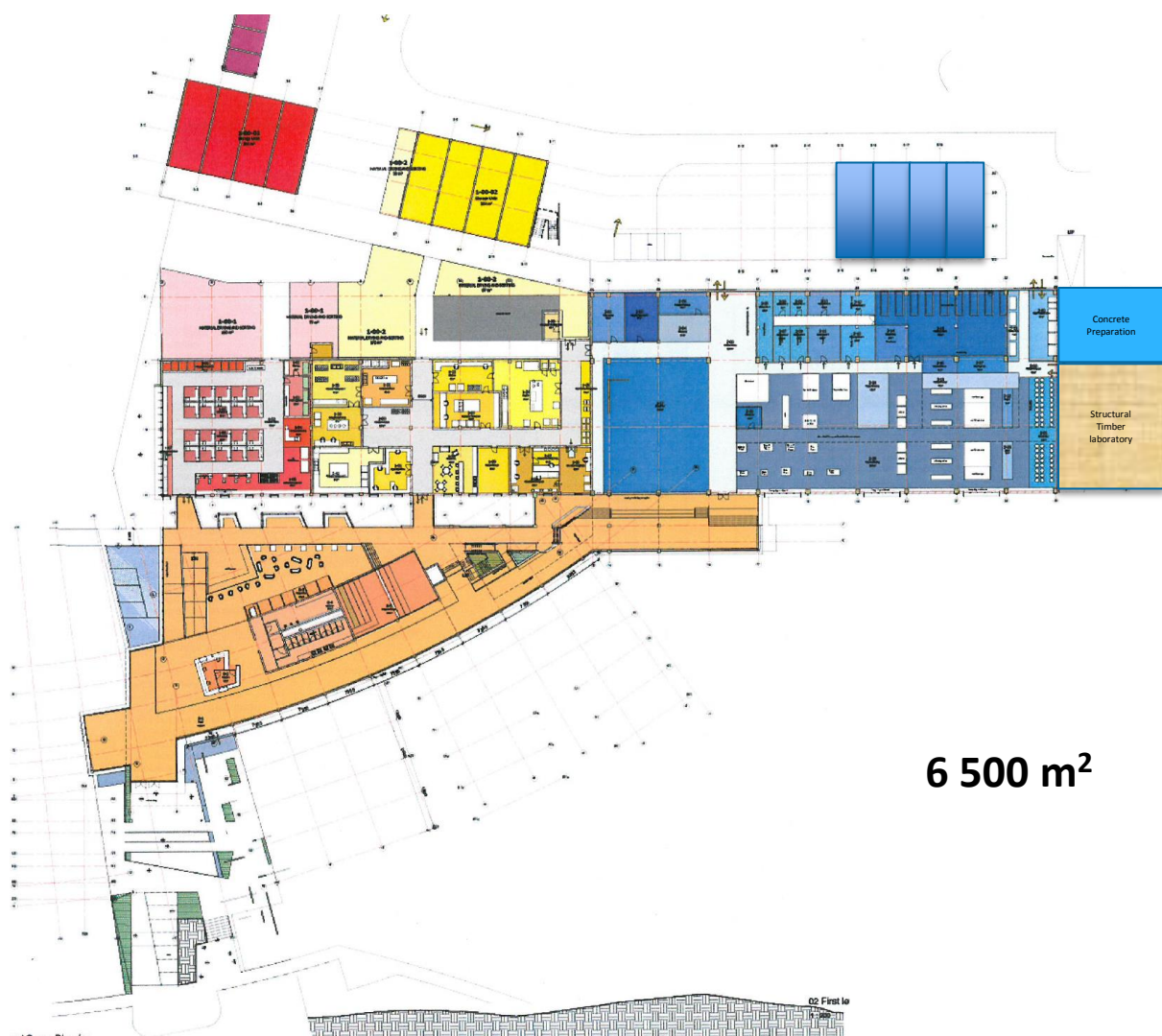
FIGURE 3  
FACILITY PHASING

# Design

- Biophilic - human's innate attraction to nature & natural processes



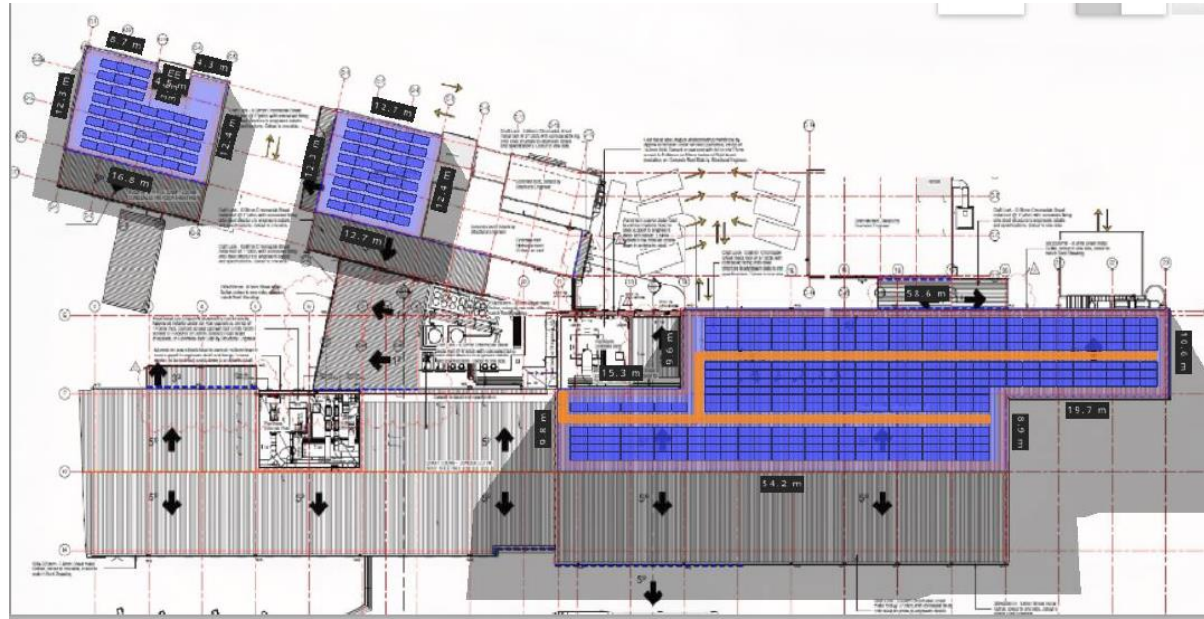




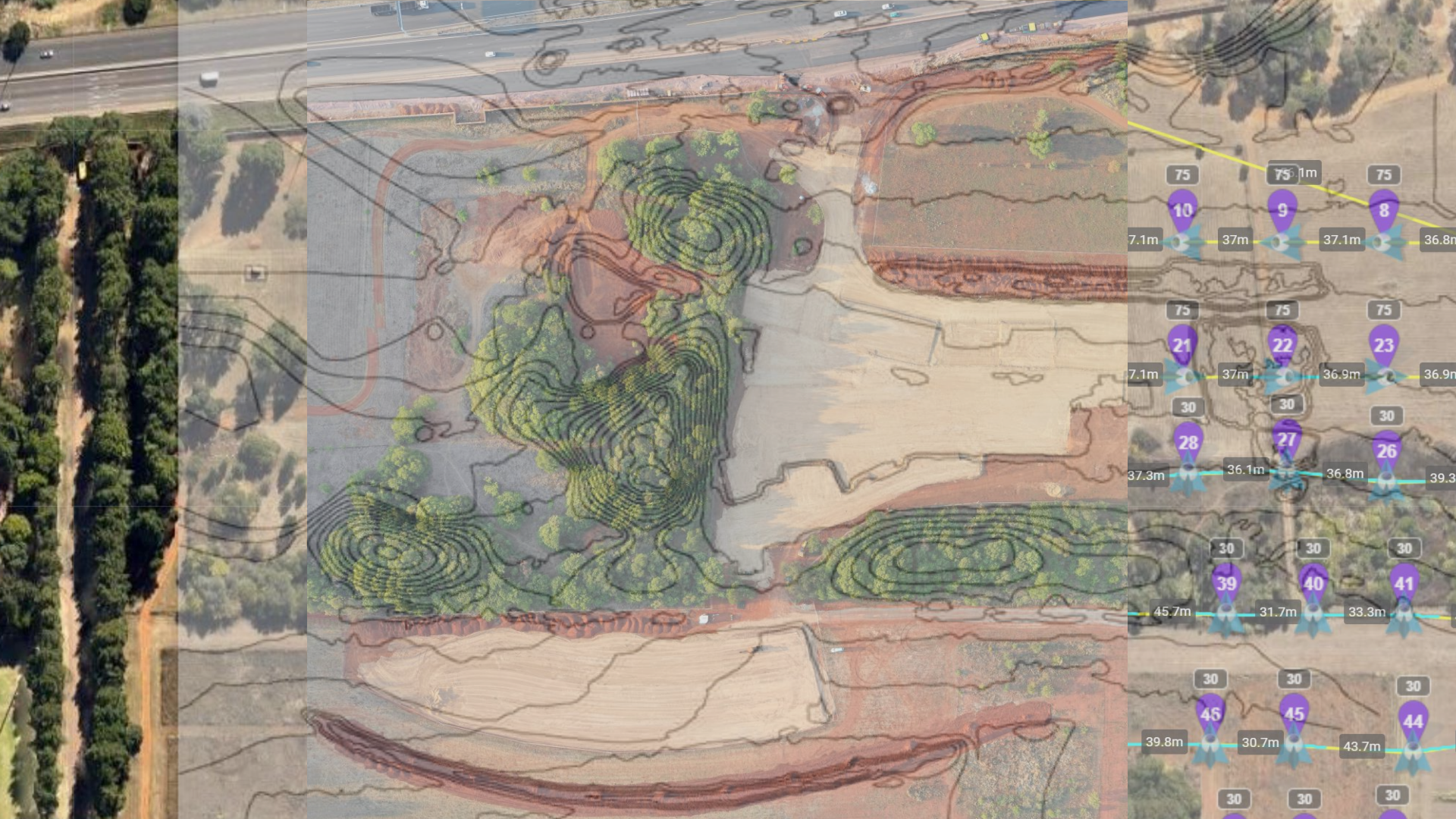
**6 500 m<sup>2</sup>**

# Green energy

- Roof PV
  - 431 panels x 350 W
  - 150 kW capacity
- EV charge station









# Construction

- Tilt-up construction process
- WBHO main contractor
- 18 months project
- Within time, budget & brief























































# Pavement Demand & Supply

- Demand
  - Traffic, Environment
- Supply
  - Materials, Structure
- Objective
  - Demand < Supply



# Training laboratory

- Training of
  - laboratory technicians
  - students
- Certification of technicians





# Laboratory testing VR

- Immersive off-site training
- Muscle memory development
- Certification in laboratory
- In co-operation with IT



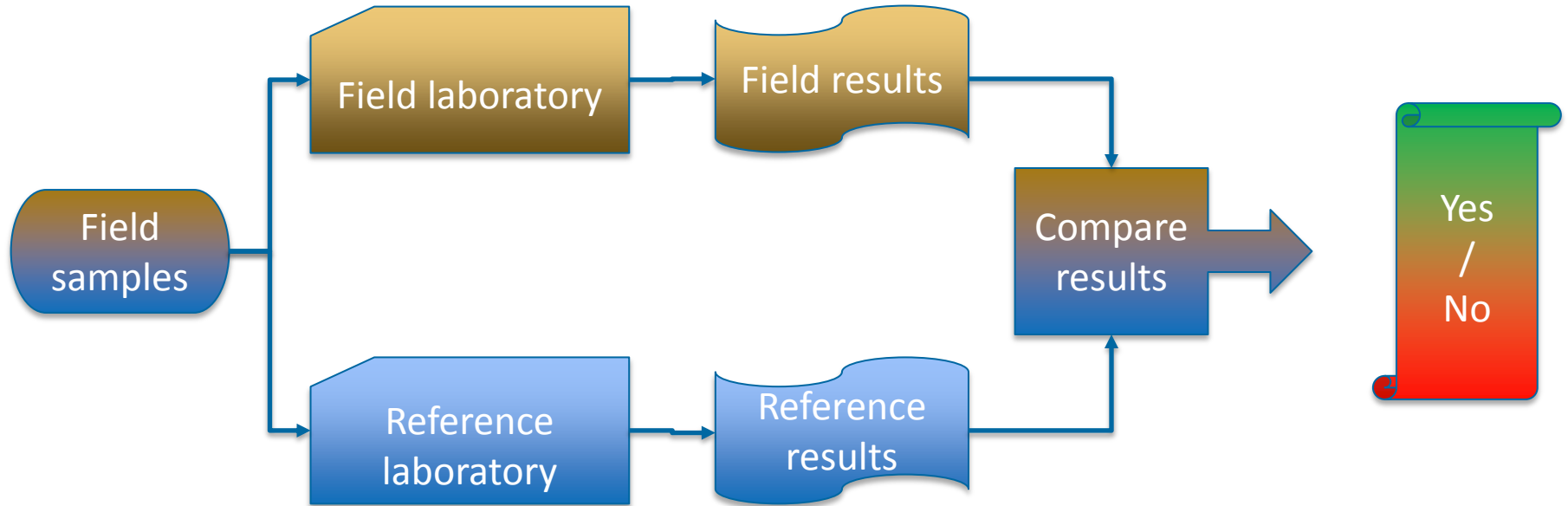
# Reference laboratory

- Duplicate testing of site materials
  - Evaluate
    - site results
    - equipment & technician quality
- Develop materials properties database
- Ongoing improvement in fundamental materials understanding
- Calibrated, standard tests & equipment



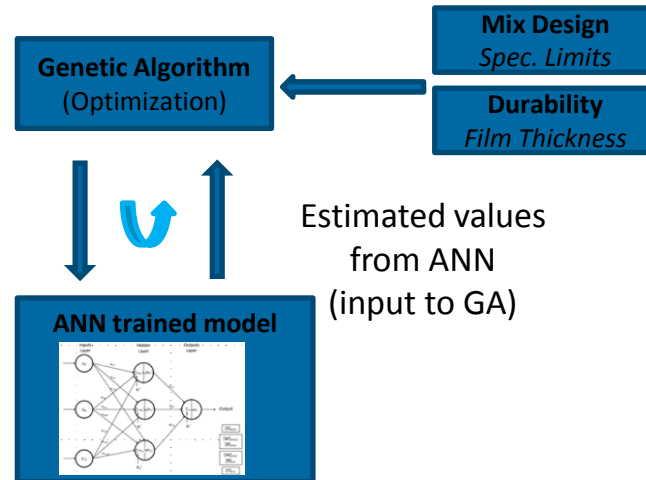


# Duplicate testing



# Duplicate testing

- All results to SARDS database
- Long-term database of material properties
- ANN type analyses for future designs?

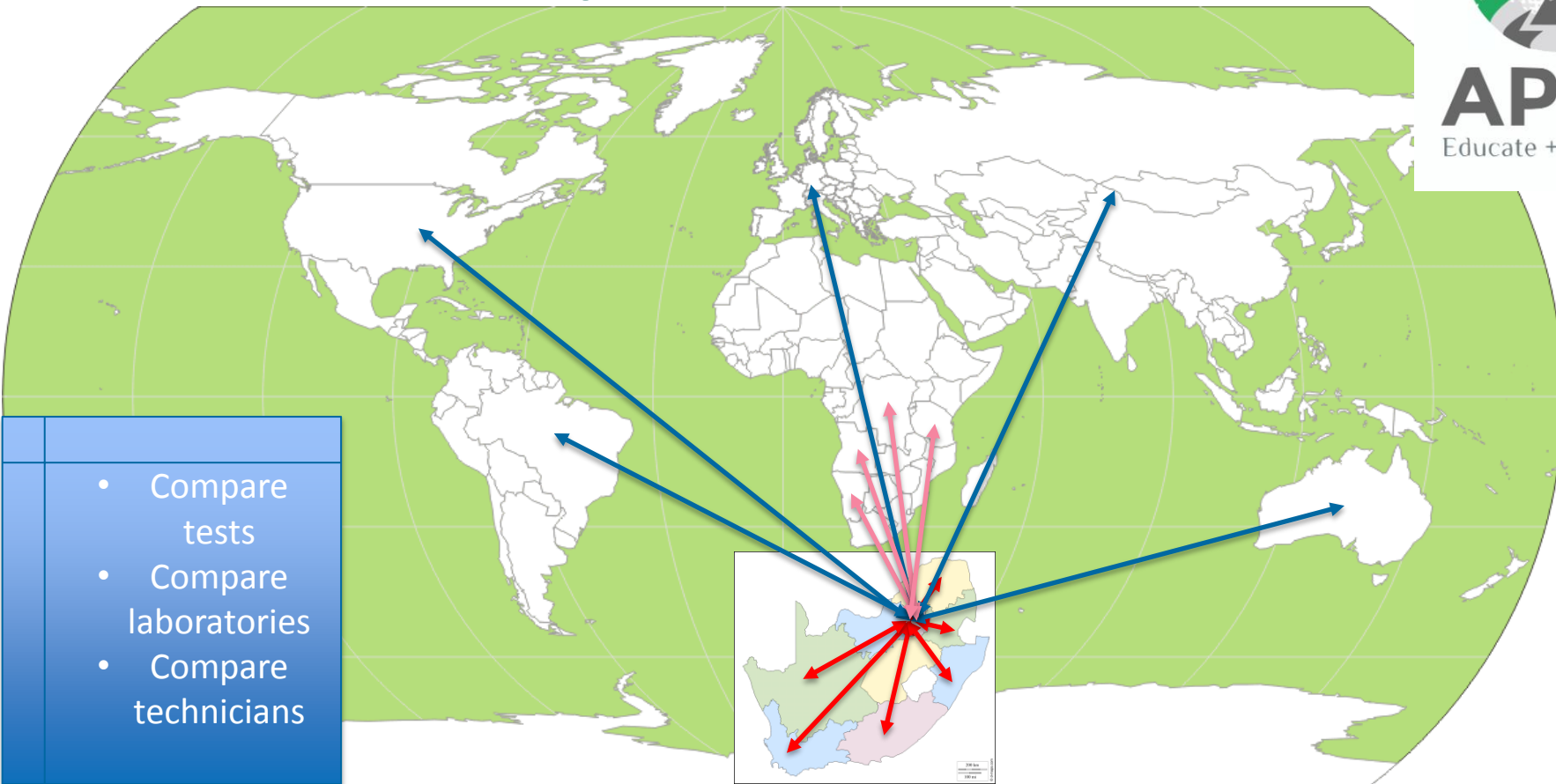






**APSE**  
Educate + Innovate

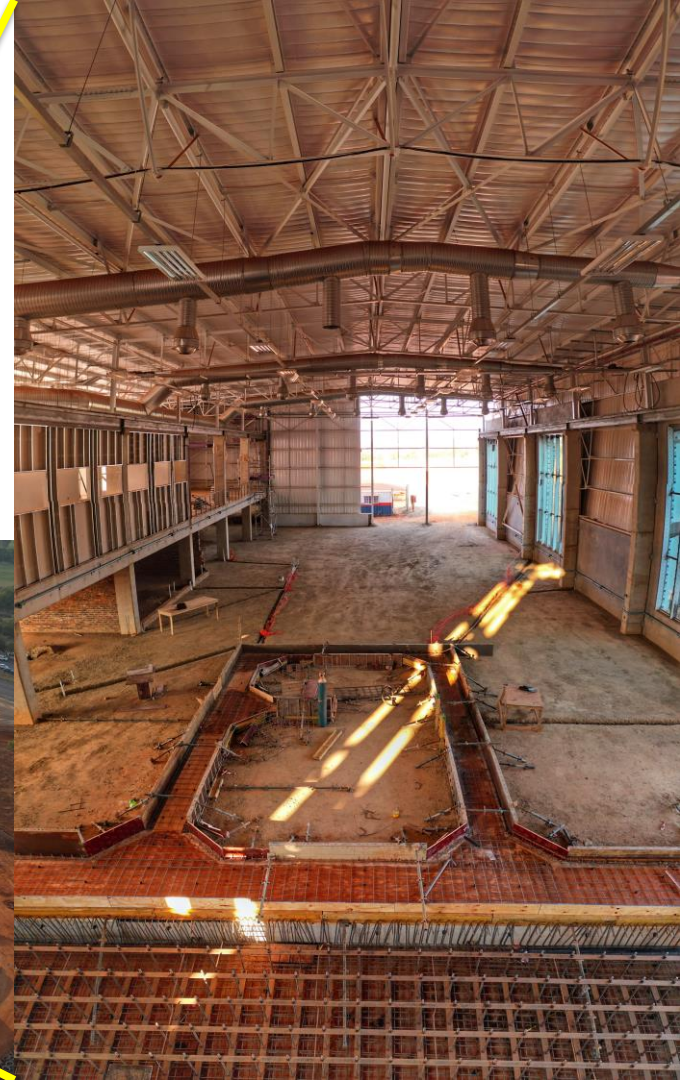
# Proficiency testing



- Compare tests
- Compare laboratories
- Compare technicians

# Concrete laboratory

- Concrete research & education
- Preparation, curing, testing areas
  - 5°C to 85°C, up to 100% humidity
- Strongfloor & wall





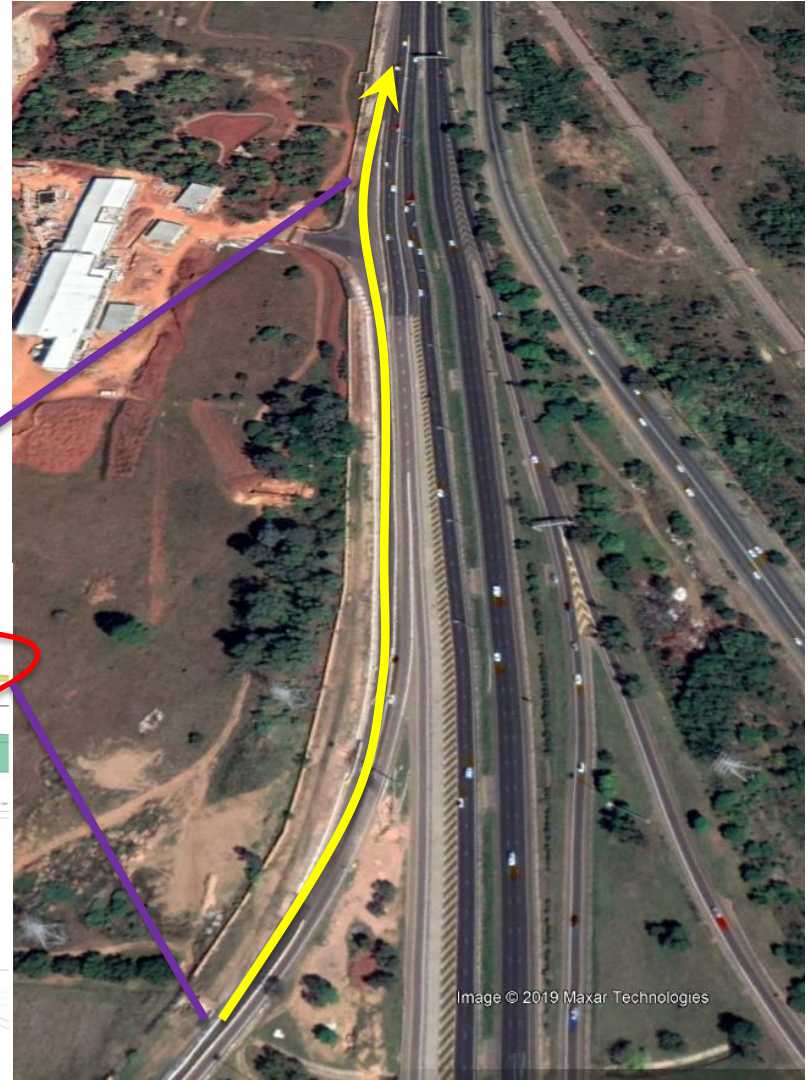
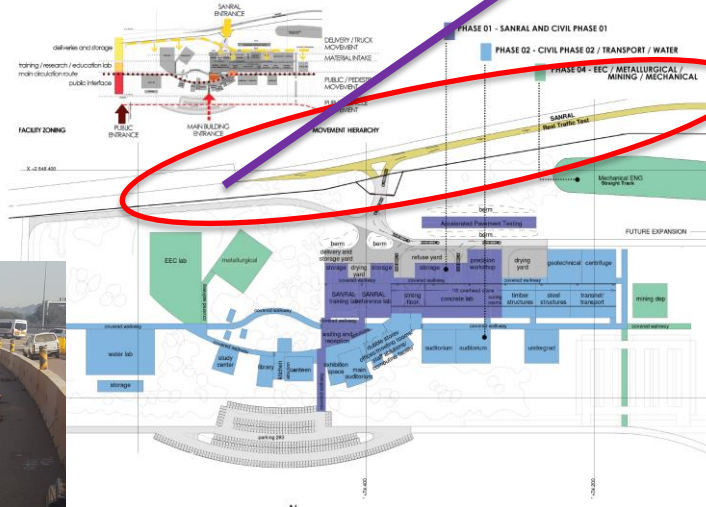
# APT facility

- Area designated for Accelerated Pavement Testing evaluations
- Accelerated evaluation of pavement performance



# Active traffic

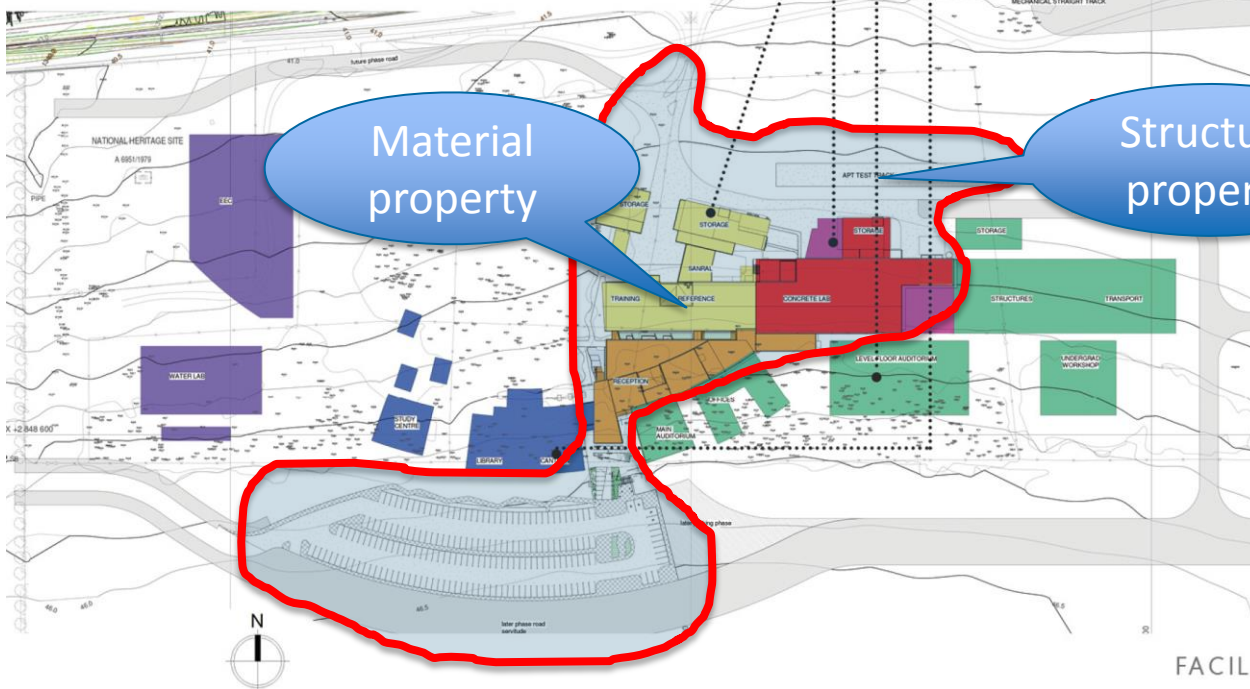
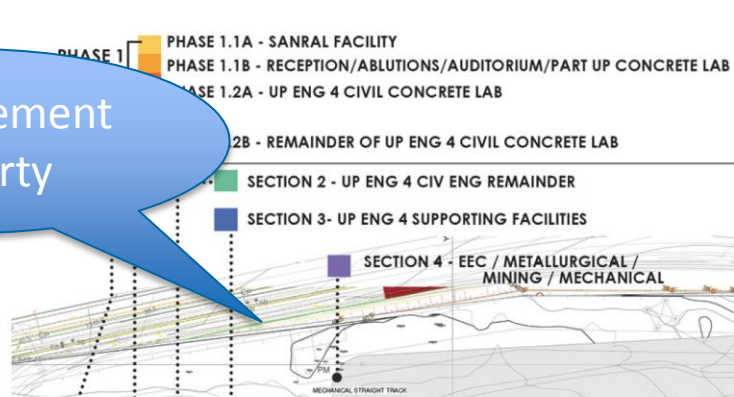
- Active traffic on real highway
- Sensors inside, next to, over etc.







Real pavement property



Material property

Structure property



# Innovation Africa at UP campus - Other laboratories

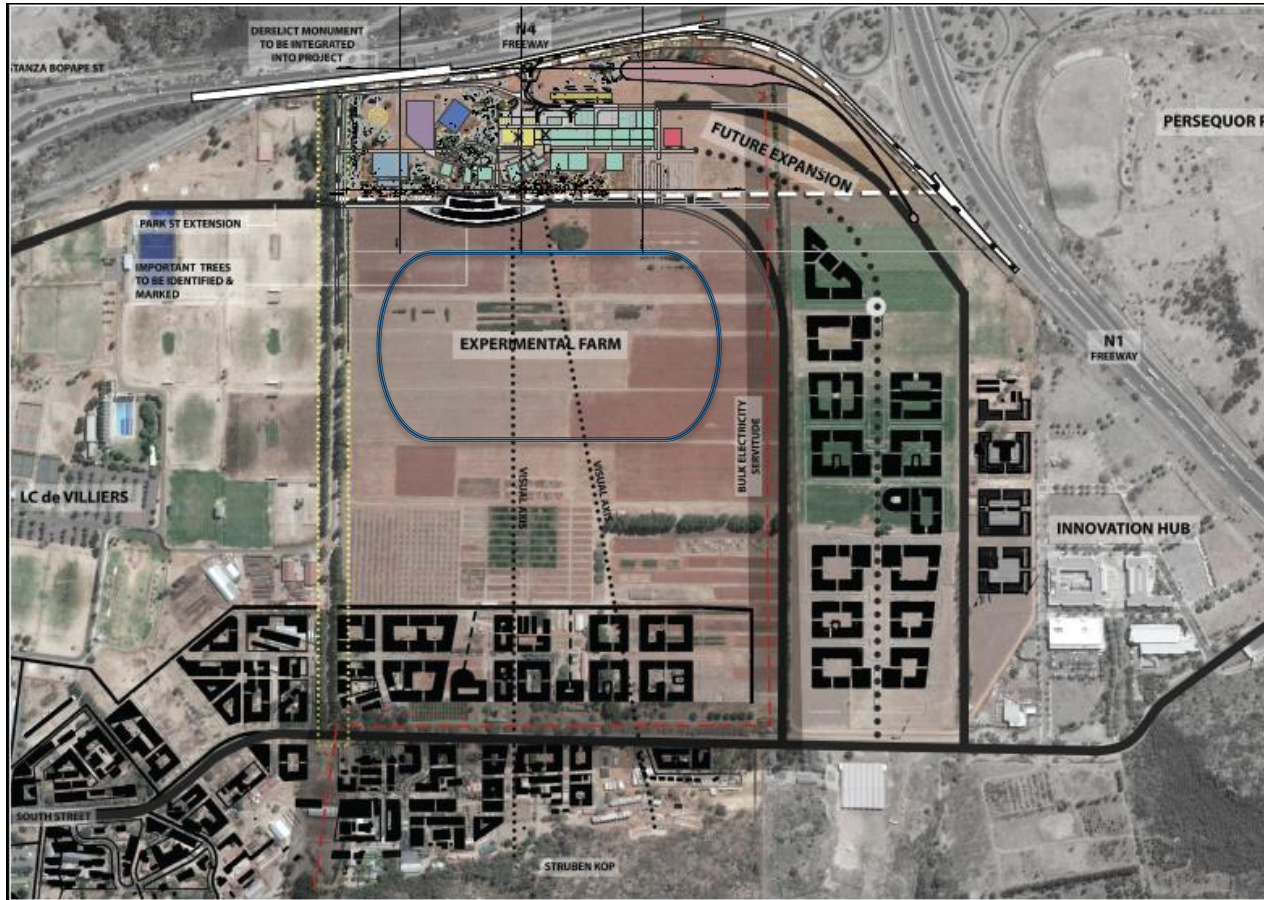
- Innovation Africa at UP campus
- Natural & Agricultural Sciences
- Structural timber – Sponsored Chair & equipment
- Rail
- Water
- Geotechnical





# Smart City and Future Transportation Education, Research & Innovation Corridor

## Innovation Africa at UP







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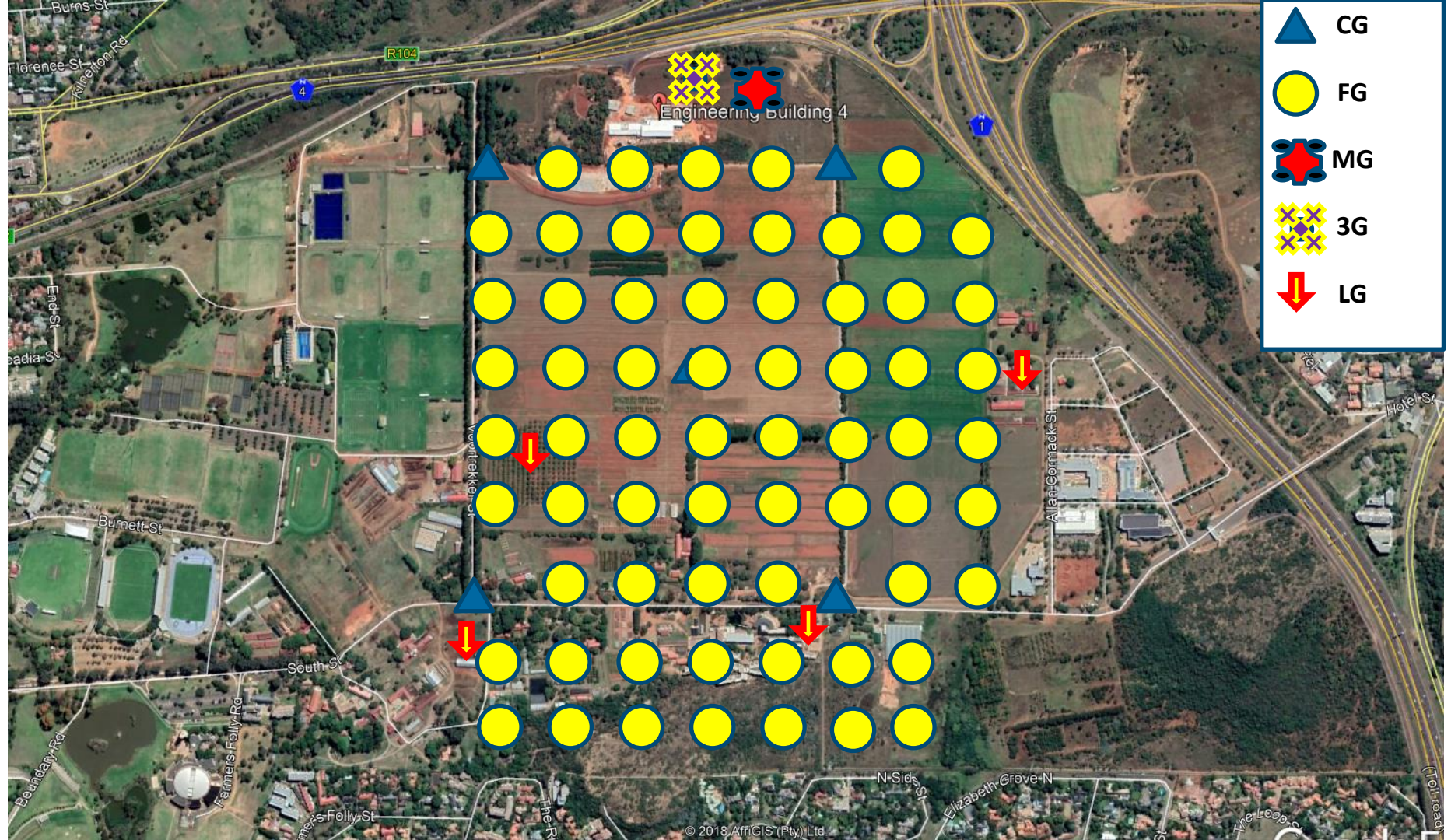
# Civiltronics

- Sensor applications in support of Civil engineering applications
- IOT / Data science / Big data links
- Low-cost distributed networks of immersive sensors
- What do the data mean?





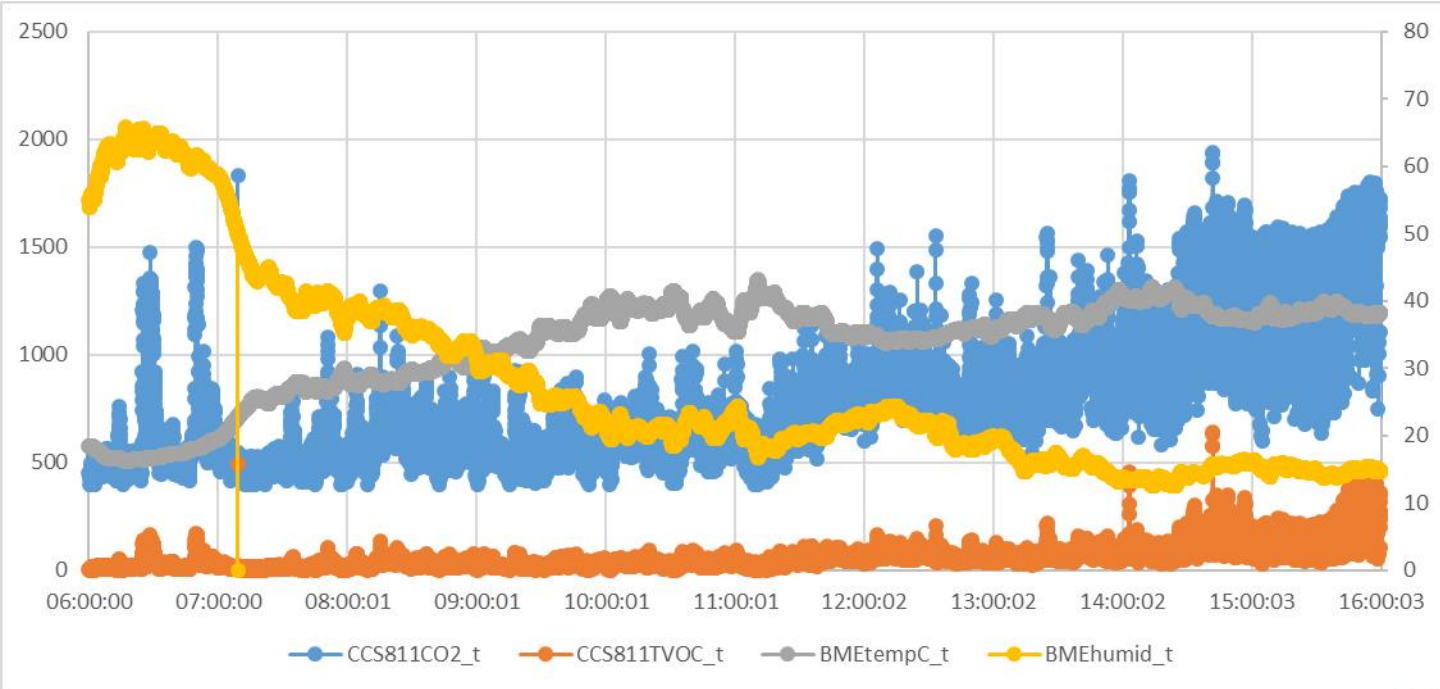




Engineering building 4

-  CG
-  FG
-  MG
-  3G
-  LG

# SNOET 3D Grid





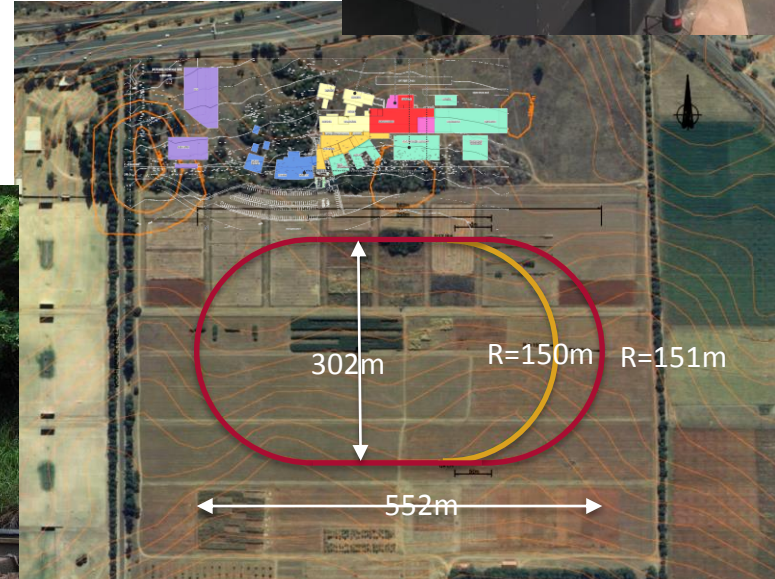
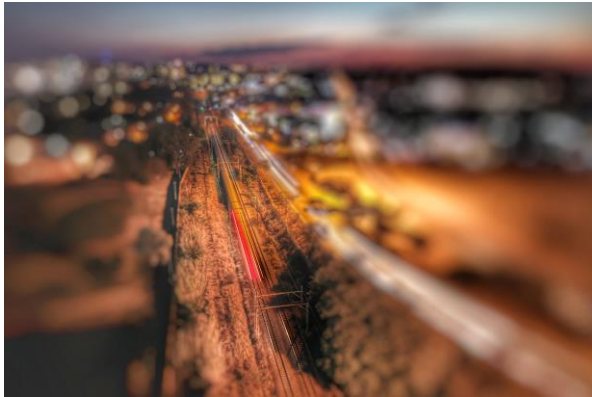
# Current test track facilities





# Railway Research Laboratory – Phase 2

- Full-scale track trench in laboratory with multiple actuators
- 2.0 km test track with rolling stock, signalling & related infrastructure
- NRF-funded Road/Rail Infrastructure Monitoring System - custom-built road/rail vehicle





# Road/Rail Vehicle for Infrastructure monitoring



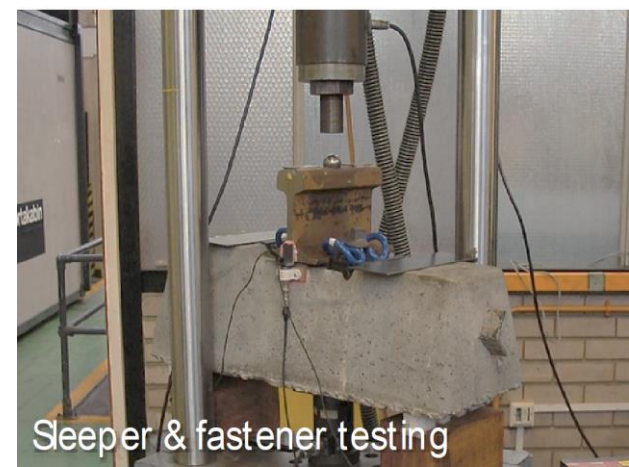
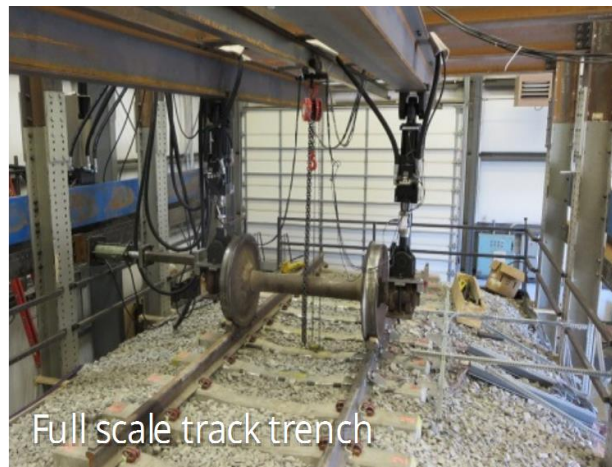
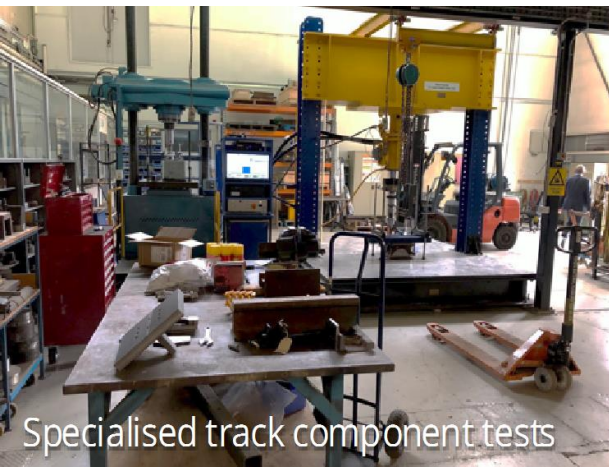
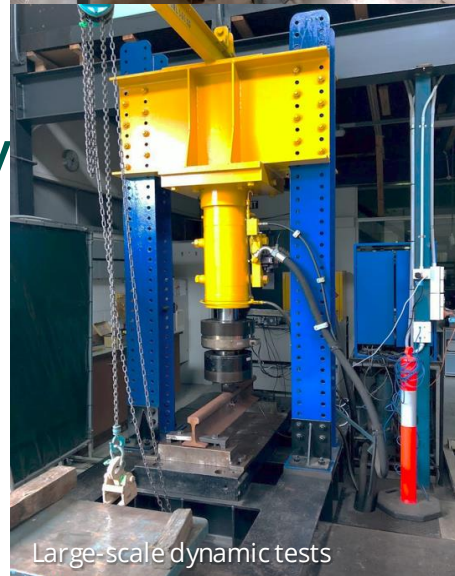
- Funded - NRF & University of Pretoria
- Collaboration Mechanical & Systems & Industrial Engineering
- Condition monitoring, characterisation & maintenance of road & rail infrastructure, measurement of vehicle dynamics
- Four main measurement components
  - GPS
  - High-accuracy LiDAR
  - 360° Video Camera
  - Vehicle Response Measurement system (VRMS)
- Platform for development of autonomous instrumented rail vehicles







# Track Testing Laboratory





# Van Ryneveld memorial

- Pierre van Ryneveld & Quintin Brand
- 17 March 1920





**It is the job of journalists (Lecturers) to create  
a pain in the minds of the audience (Students)  
so intense that it can only be relieved by  
thinking**



# Questions

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