

# ***OHIO ASPHALT PAVING CONFERENCE***

## ***Aging Analysis Approach for Warm Mix Asphalt***

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**What History Has Taught Us about Aging Impacts on Binder Rheology**

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**Aging Evaluations Using Glover-Rowe Damage Parameter**

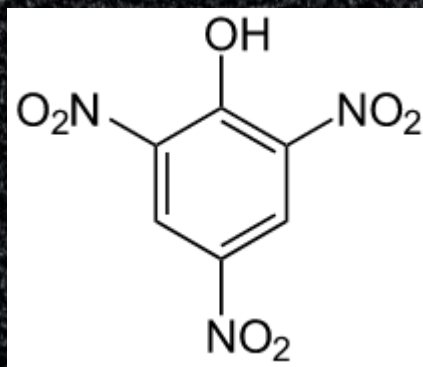
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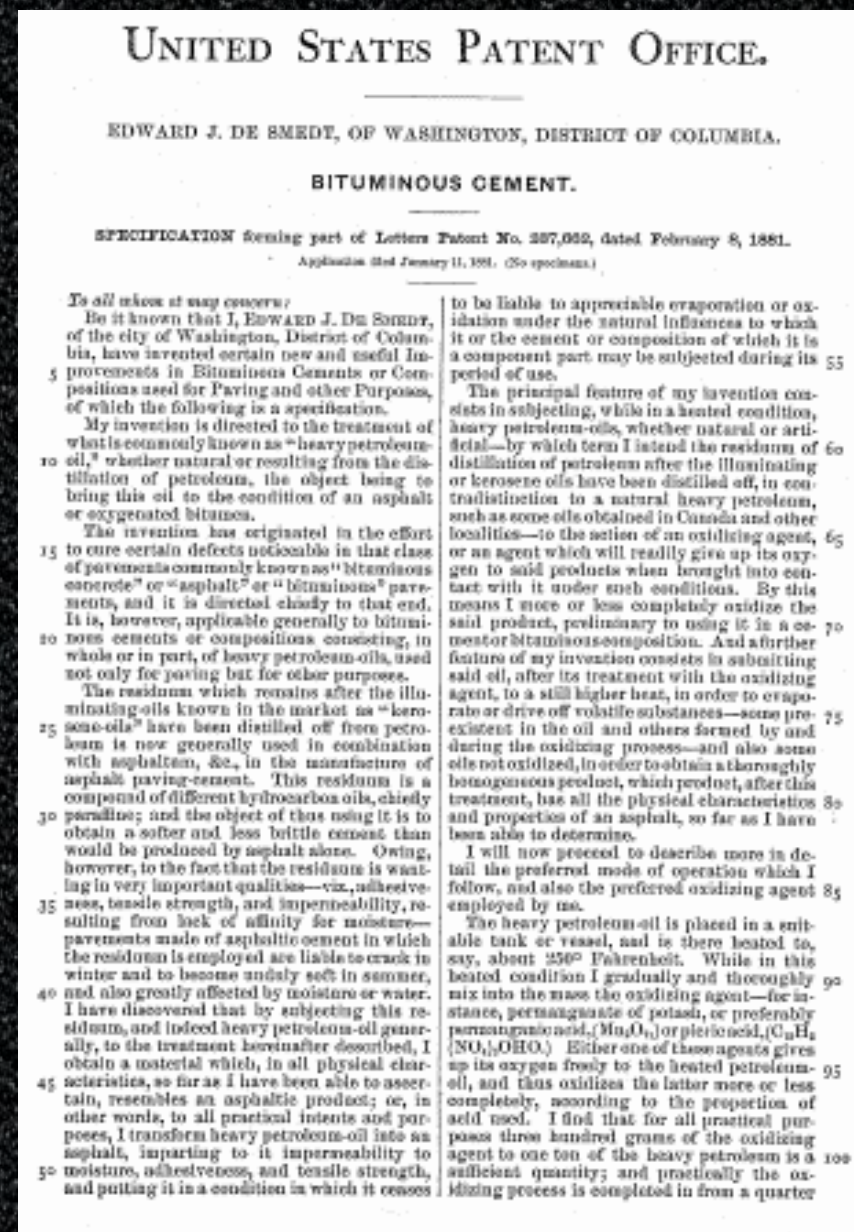


# Temperature (& Time) Effects on Binder Stiffening were Long-ago Studied to Stiffen Asphalt

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, temperature (& time) were understood to be key variables in oxidation of heavy petroleum bottoms. The chemist, E.J. De Smedt, in his U.S. Patent 237,662 (1881), taught oxidation of heavy petroleum oils with 0.033% picric acid at ~250°F followed by heating to ~500°F (further oxidation and light-ends vaporization). (Ref 1).



Ref. 1. Edward J. De Smedt, US Patent 237,662, February 8, 1881.



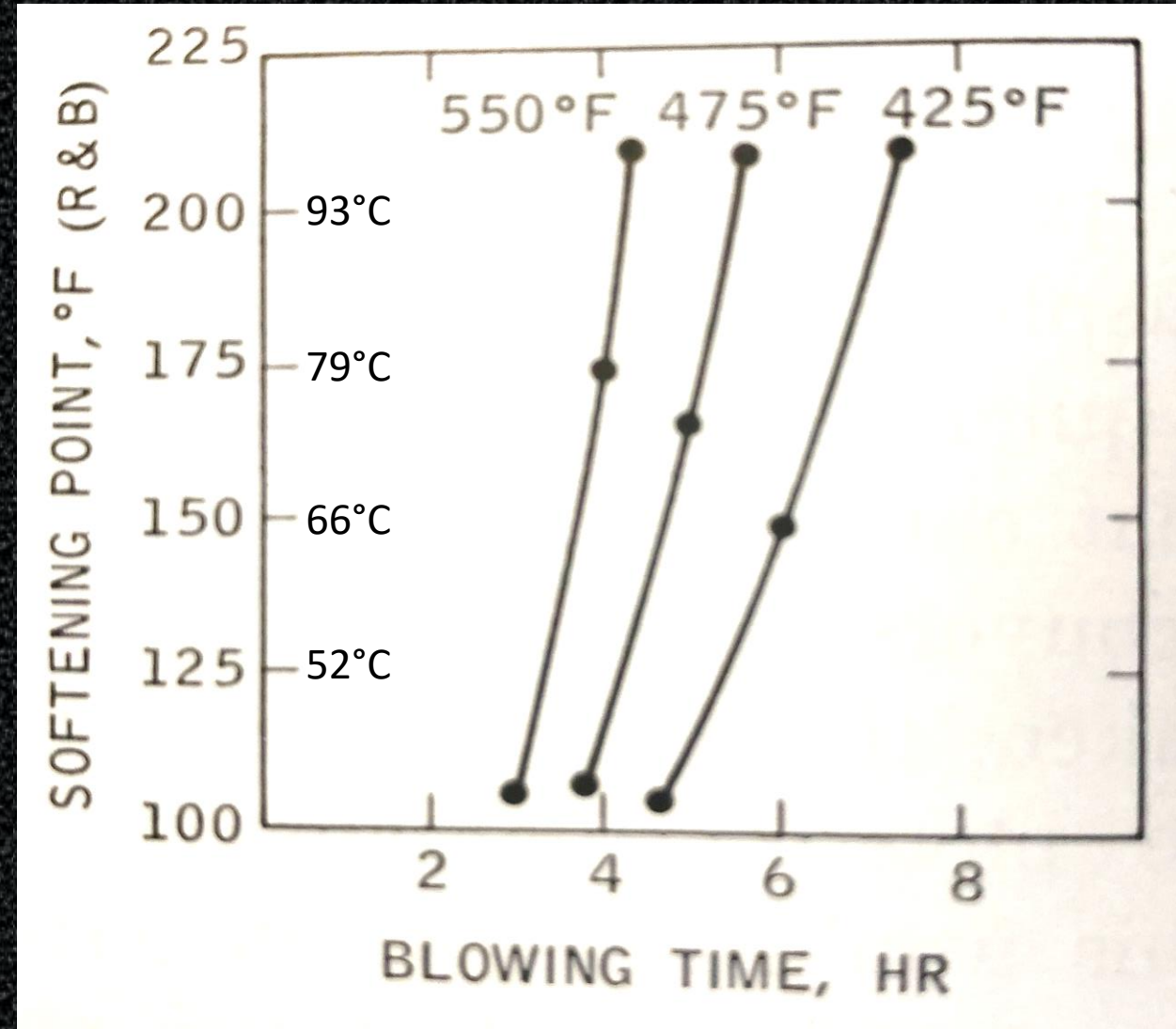


# Temperature (& Time) Effects on Binder Stiffening were Long-ago Studied to Improve Air Blowing Processes

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It was understood that as process temperatures increase, the rate of binder stiffening (in the graph at right, measured as R&B softening point) increases. (Ref. 2)

Ref. 2. Hoibert, A.J., Editor, "Bituminous Materials: Asphalts, Tars, & Pitches," Vol. II, John Wiley & Sons, 1965, p. 98.





# 100 Years Ago Technologists Spoke of “Aging” as “Weathering”

By at least 1925, oxidation studies had revealed evidence that **air exposure** converted **resins to asphaltenes** and that different bitumen components adsorbed (reacted with oxygen differently) (Ref. Hoibert).

As early as the 1930's, oxygen uptake, light, solar radiant energy, and heat were among the well recognized causes of binder stiffening. (Ref. Hoibert)

By 1956, when W.P. van Oort published his seminal work on oxygen adsorption, “weathering” was called “aging.”

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## Durability of Asphalt

### Its Aging in the Dark

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ONE of the important factors determining the lifetime of constructions in which asphalt has been used is the influence exerted on the asphalt by the weather. The entire complex of changes in the properties of asphalt by atmospheric influences, to the detriment of the construction concerned, is called aging. The degree to which asphalt resists these influences is called its durability.

Literature (1, 3) on the aging phenomena of asphalt is extensive. However, most of the published studies describe only the phenomena observed. Frequently, correlations between aging phenomena and properties of the asphalt are sought by purely empirical methods. Many methods described aim at obtaining direct information by short-time tests on asphalt behavior after long exposure.

According to the literature, the action of oxygen is one of the principal factors responsible for the occurrence of aging phenomena. When asphalt is exposed to atmospheric oxygen, a slow

autoxidation occurs, the chemical nature of which depends to a very large extent upon the temperature. At temperatures above 100° C. dehydrogenation takes place, as is evident from the water produced. Some carbon dioxide is also formed (5). At lower temperatures—e.g., 25° or 50° C.—the oxygen involved in the oxidation is quantitatively bound in the bitumen and no water or carbon dioxide is formed.

The rate of the oxidation may be followed by means of oxygen absorption measurements. The over-all rate of oxygen absorption was found to be not only determined by the chemical nature of the asphalt, but also by the physical transport of the oxygen from the surrounding atmosphere to the interior of the material. Therefore, it is also a physical problem, one of diffusion in particular.

A study of the time-absorption curve for oxygen is presented. Both experimental and theoretical investigations are included to acquire an understanding of phenomena involved by the transfer of oxygen and related factors determining the velocity of the entire process.

In order not to complicate this fundamental study, aging in the absence of light was investigated. Such an investigation is very important, as most of the asphalt is employed in road carpets and similar constructions, where the greater part of the asphalt is subjected to slow oxidation in the dark, owing to the porous structure of the mixture that usually exists. Some practical data on the change in mechanical properties as a result of aging are given to substantiate this theoretical investigation. A microviscometer developed by Labout and van Oort (2) was used to collect these data.

#### RESULTS OF MEASUREMENTS

**Oxygen Absorption.** The conditions under which the absorption of oxygen was measured were chosen so as to accord as closely as possible with conditions of actual service. Measurements were made

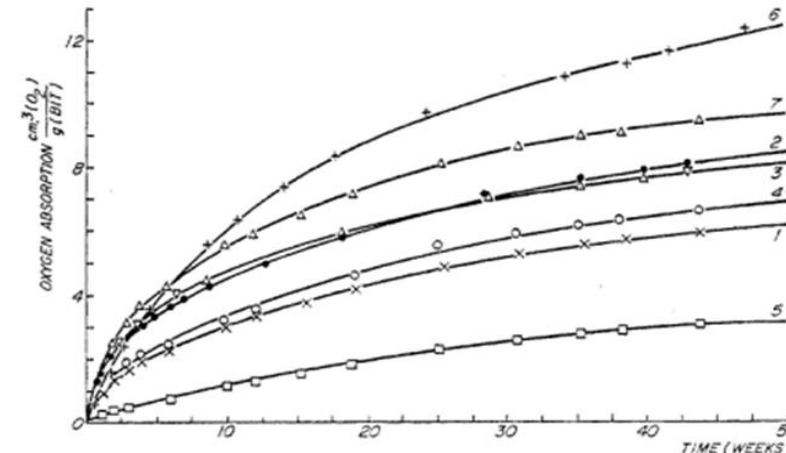


Figure 1. Absorption of oxygen by different asphalts in the dark

In 7-micron layers at 22° C. and 1-atm. pressure

Pen 25° C. Softening point R and B ° C.



# 1970 European Road Tests in France (& Germany)

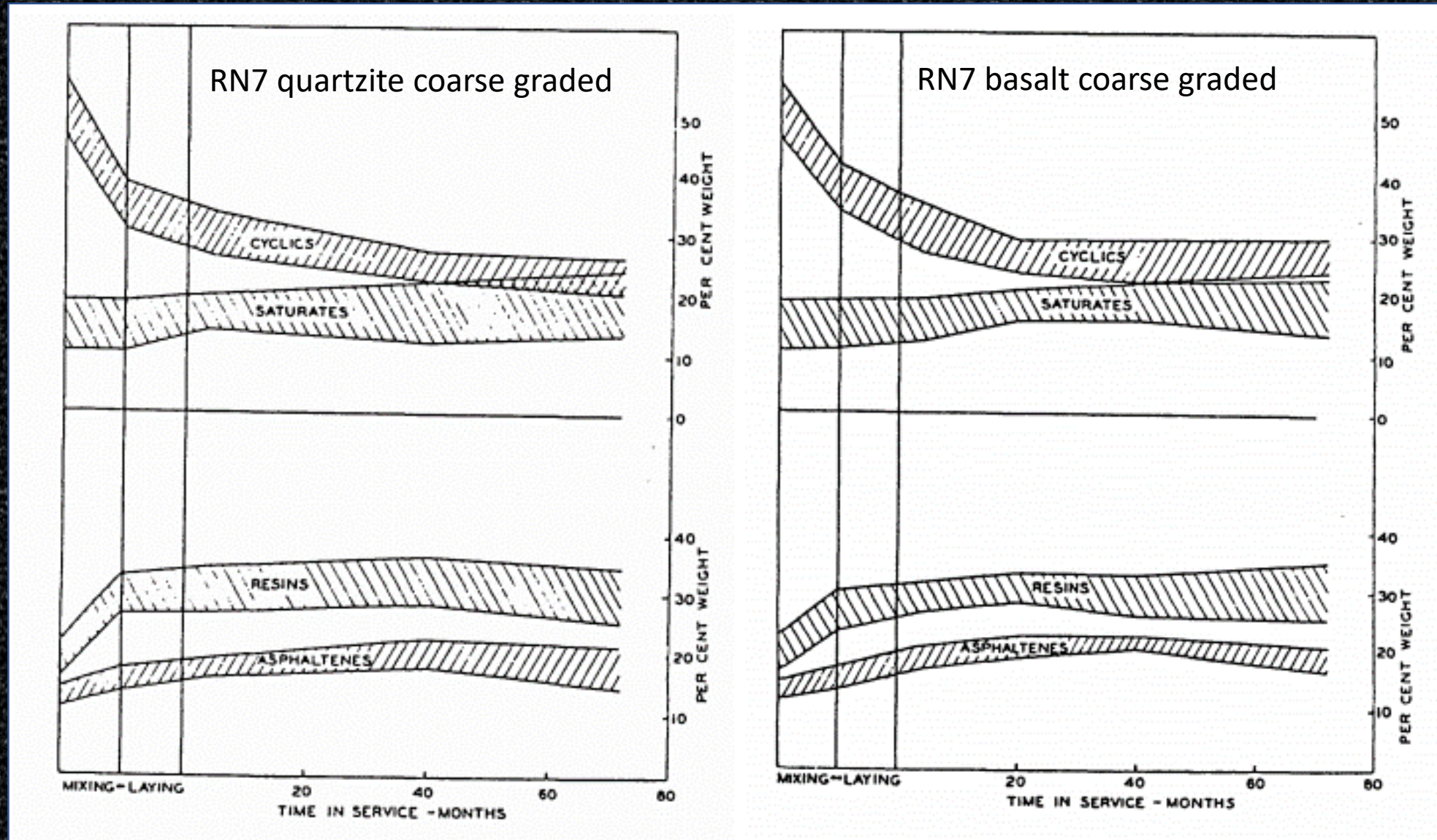
9 different, 70/100  
pen bitumen (R&B  
= 47-50.5°C)

1.5-inch overlays

110 sections

VA 3-6%

**“At less than 3  
percent air voids,  
changes in asphalt  
properties were  
relatively  
insignificant.”**



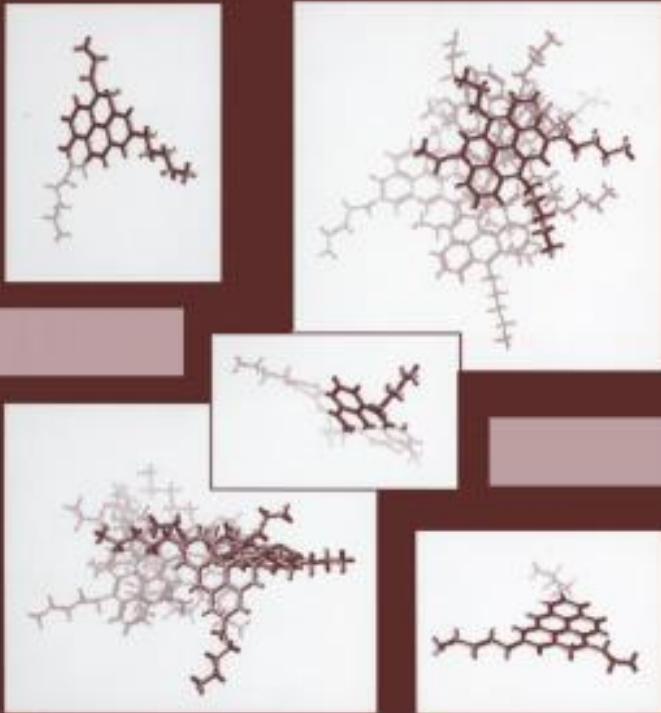
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# By the 1990'S Oxidation Chemistry Was Being Fully Elucidated

## ASPHALTENES

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### Chapter V

#### THE EFFECTS OF ASPHALTENES ON THE CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF ASPHALT

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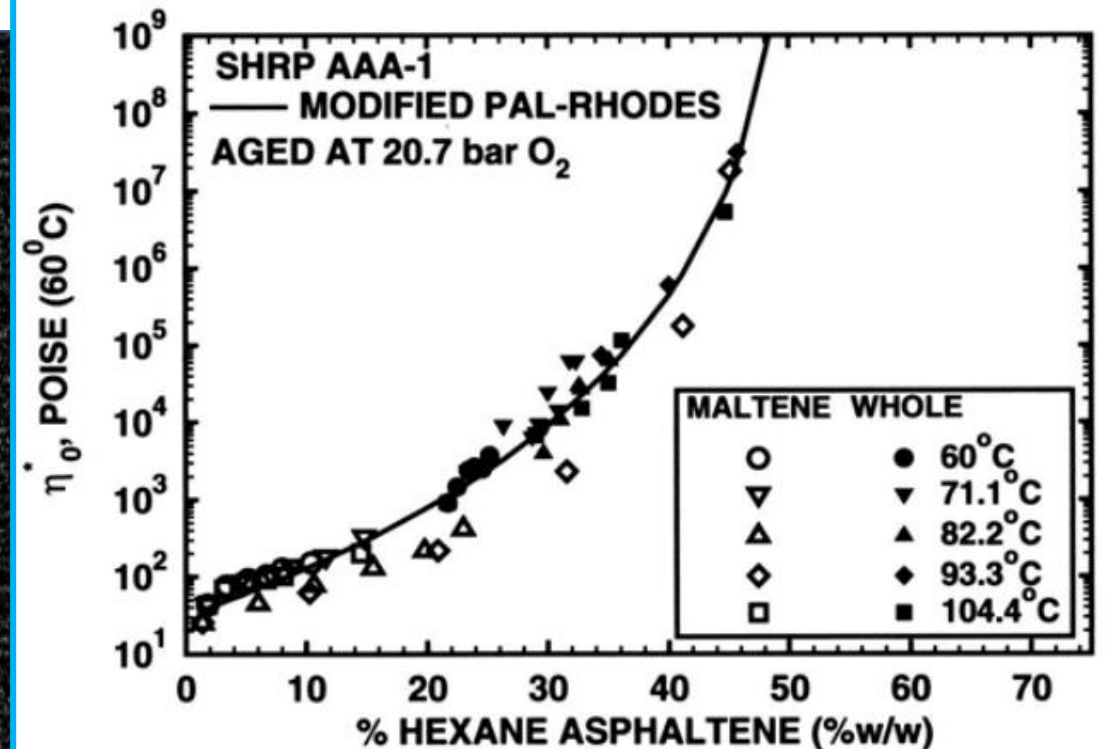
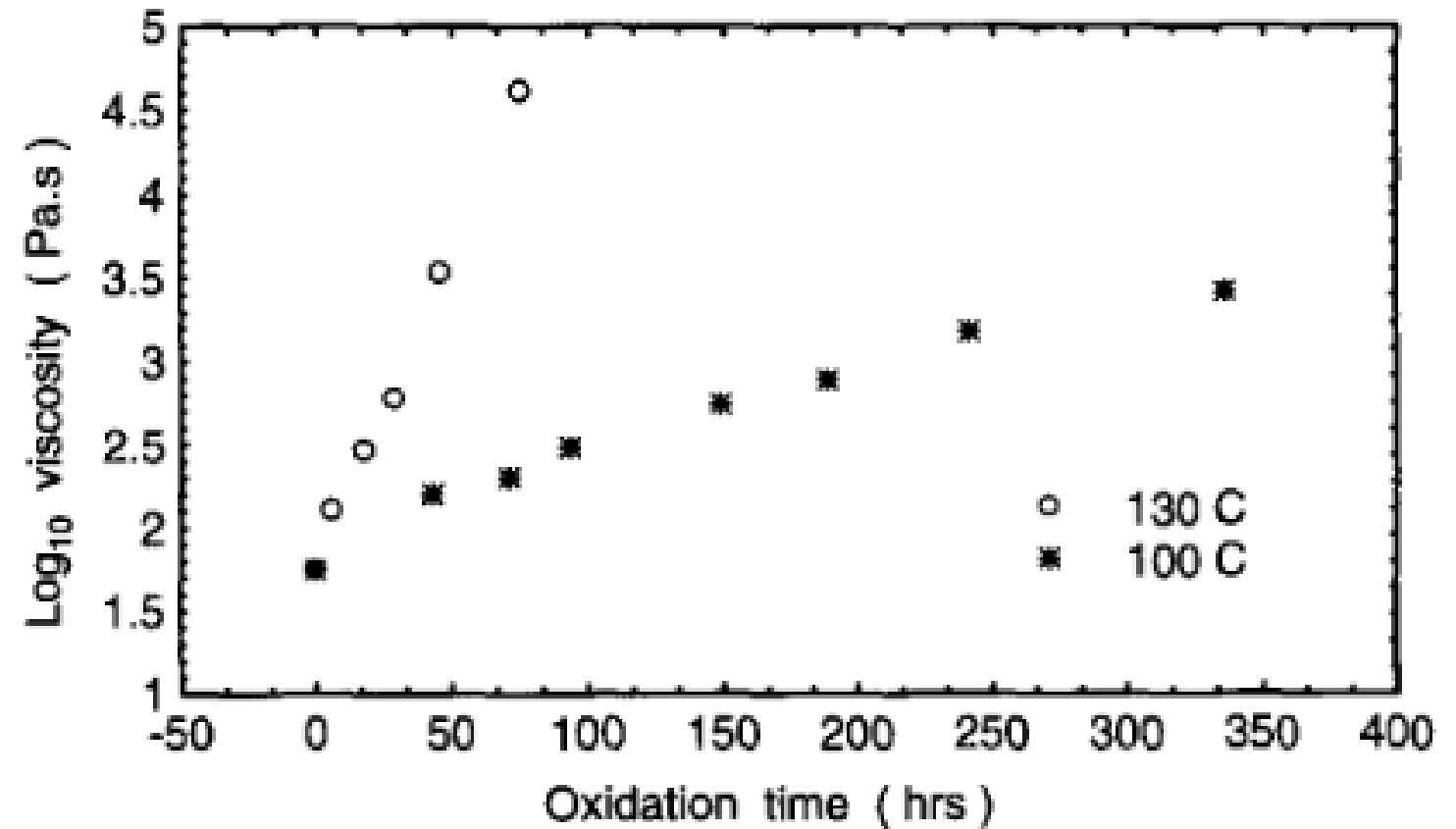


Figure 14.  $\eta_0^*$  versus %AS for SHRP AAA-1 whole asphalt and maltene.

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Numerous studies have clearly shown that for a given binder, the higher the aging (in this case oxidation) temperature, the quicker the binder stiffens. Stiffening in this case as measured by the log(viscosity).



**Figure 1** Effect of oxidation time on asphalt viscosity at 60°C

Herrington, P.R., Ball, G.F.A., "Temperature Dependence of Asphalt Oxidation Mechanism,"  
**Fuel**, Vol. 95, No. 9, pp 1121-1131, 1996.



**By 2006 Oxidation Reaction Laws Were Being Developed**

**OXIDATIVE AGING MODEL**  
**HOW IT RELATES TO THE PREDICTION OF**  
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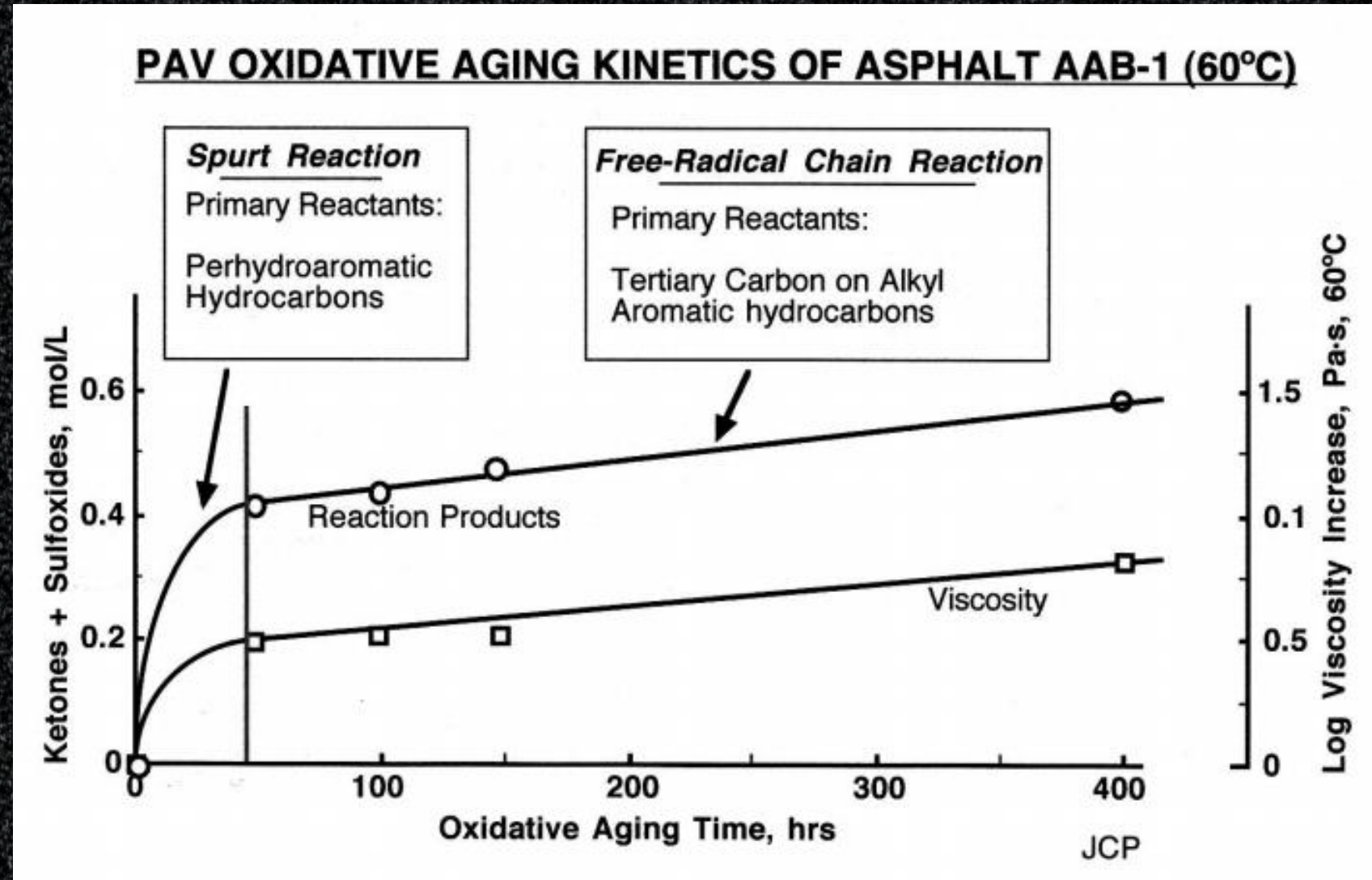
*Asphalt Chemistry and Related Technology*

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Laramie, Wyoming, June 21-23, 2006



# Oxidation Studies Showed a Fast (Jump or Spurt) Reaction Occurs

Results of intensive R&D through the 1990's & 2000's, began to reveal more clearly the chemo-mechanical connection between binder aging and compositional changes.

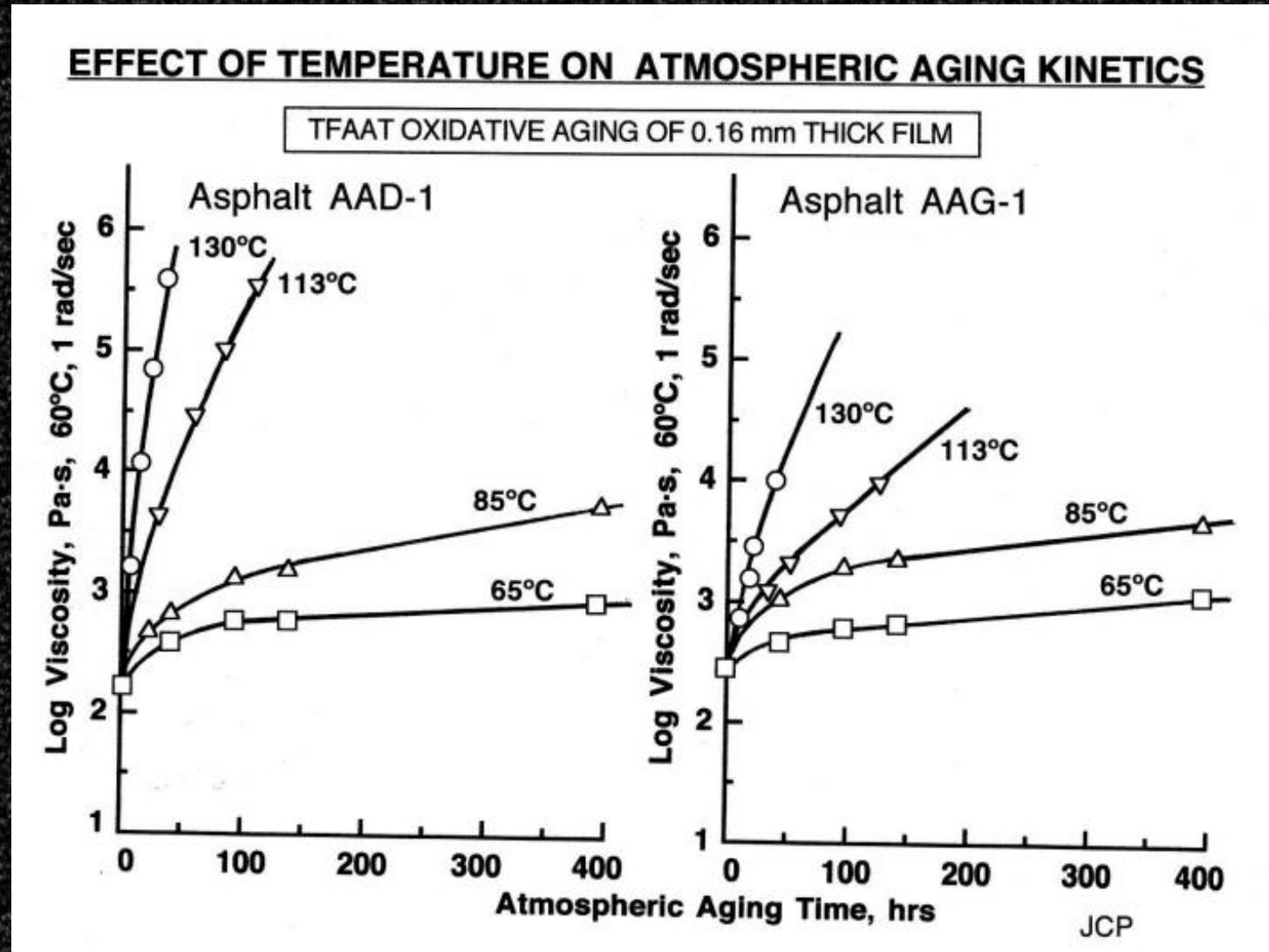


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# The Higher the Oxidation Temperature, Again the Faster the Stiffening

Work pointed to the key role that temperature plays in the rate of alteration of binder composition, alterations which manifest themselves in physical and rheological properties. The graph at right shows the rate of change in log Viscosity depends greatly on the temperature during oxidation.

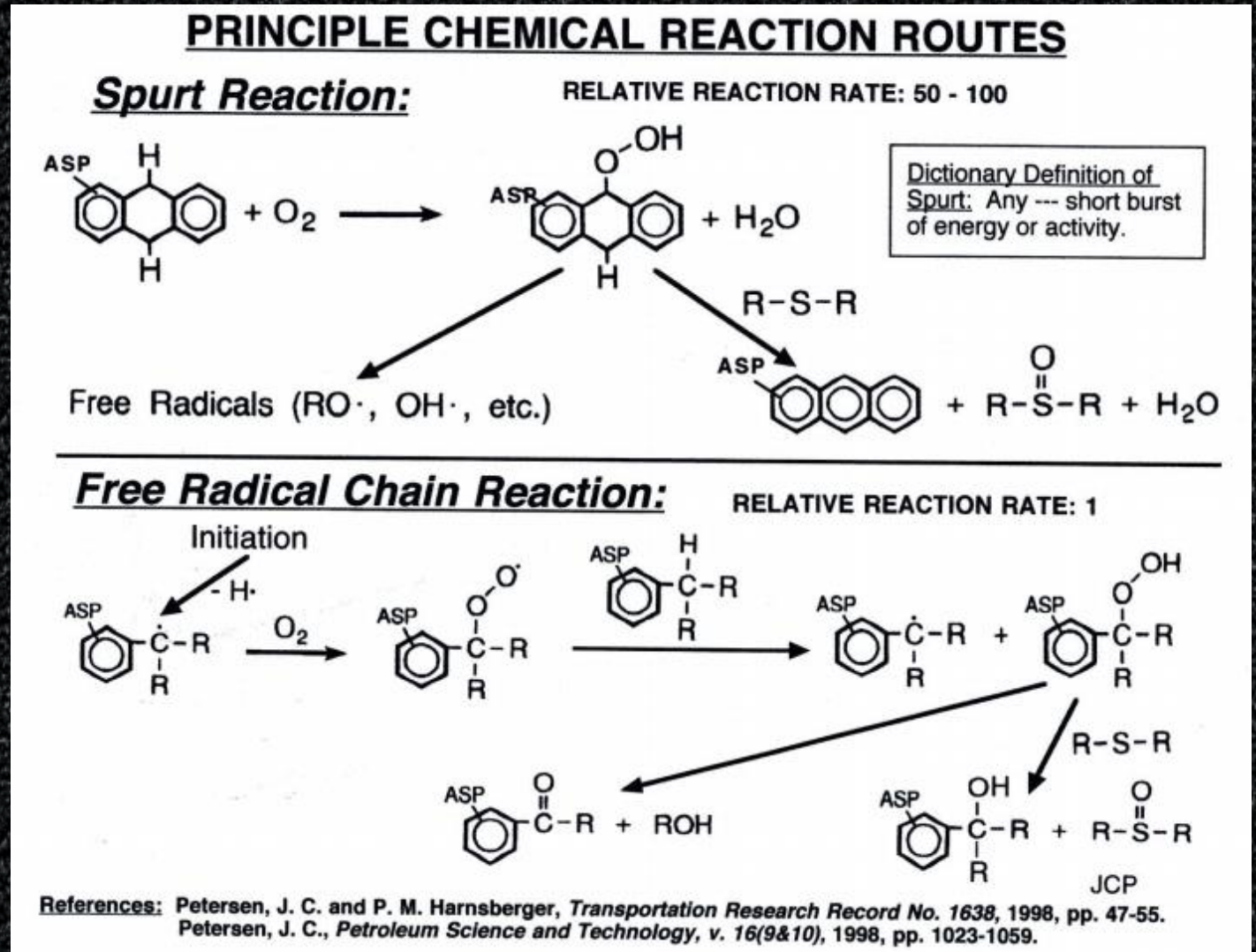


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# The Chemical Changes due to Aging Were Being Revealed

In addition to a clearer understanding of the kinetics of aging reactions, greater insight was gained into the chemical changes (asphaltene growth particularly) but in all the asphalt components (SARA).



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# Many Researchers Contributed to Our Understanding of Asphalt

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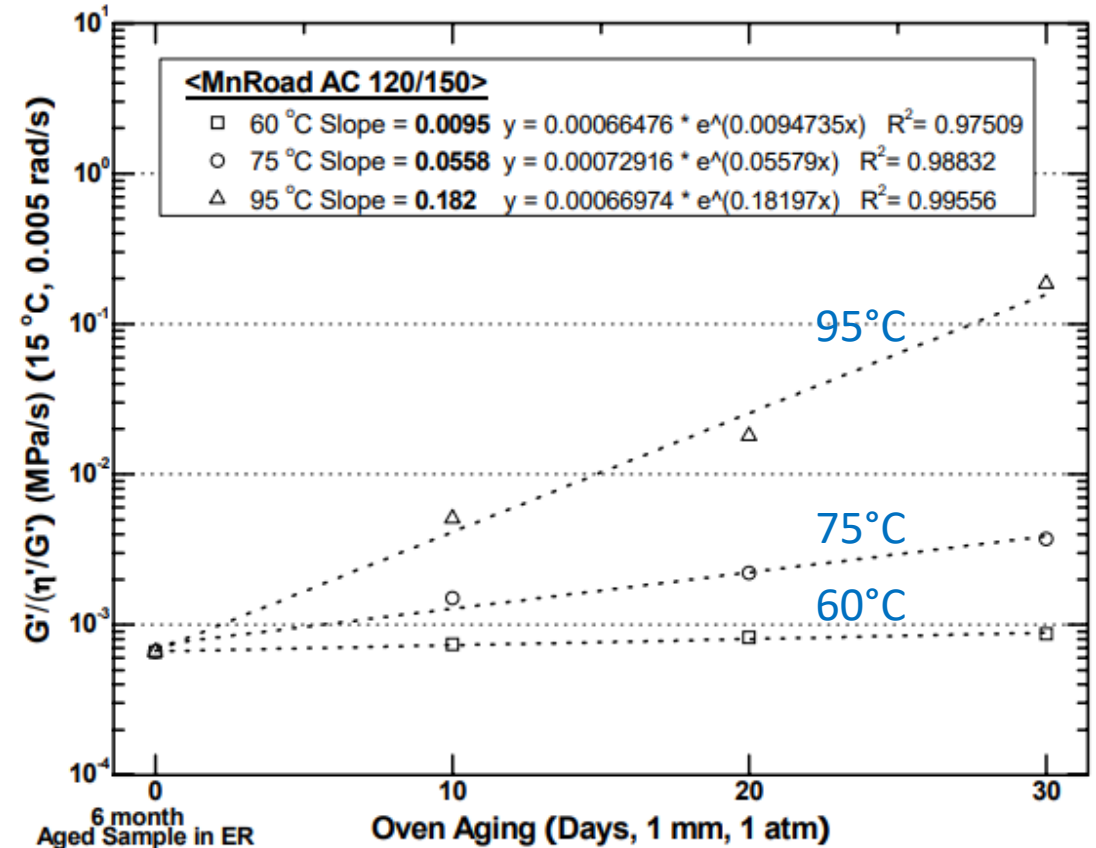


Figure 5-25. Effect of Temperature on MnRoad AC 120-150 Hardening Rate.

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# A General Law of Asphalt Aging Reactions Eventually Developed

Technical White Paper

## Asphalt Film Aging Model

**Fundamental Properties of Asphalts and Modified Asphalts III Product: FP 05**

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Work eventually led to a number of models that described binder aging in terms of conventional chemical reaction kinetics.

The basic rate equations can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dP_1}{dt} &= k'_1 [C_{fast}] [O_2]^{0.5} \\ &= k'_1 [O_2]^{0.5} [C_{fast,0} - P_1]\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{dP_2}{dt} = k'_2 [C_{slow}^*] [O_2]^{0.5} = k_2 [P_1] [O_2]^{0.5}$$

where:

$P_1$  and  $P_2$  = the product concentrations of the fast and slow reactions, respectively.

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$C_{slow}^*$  = the free radical concentration, determined by the fast reaction and proportional to  $P_1$ .



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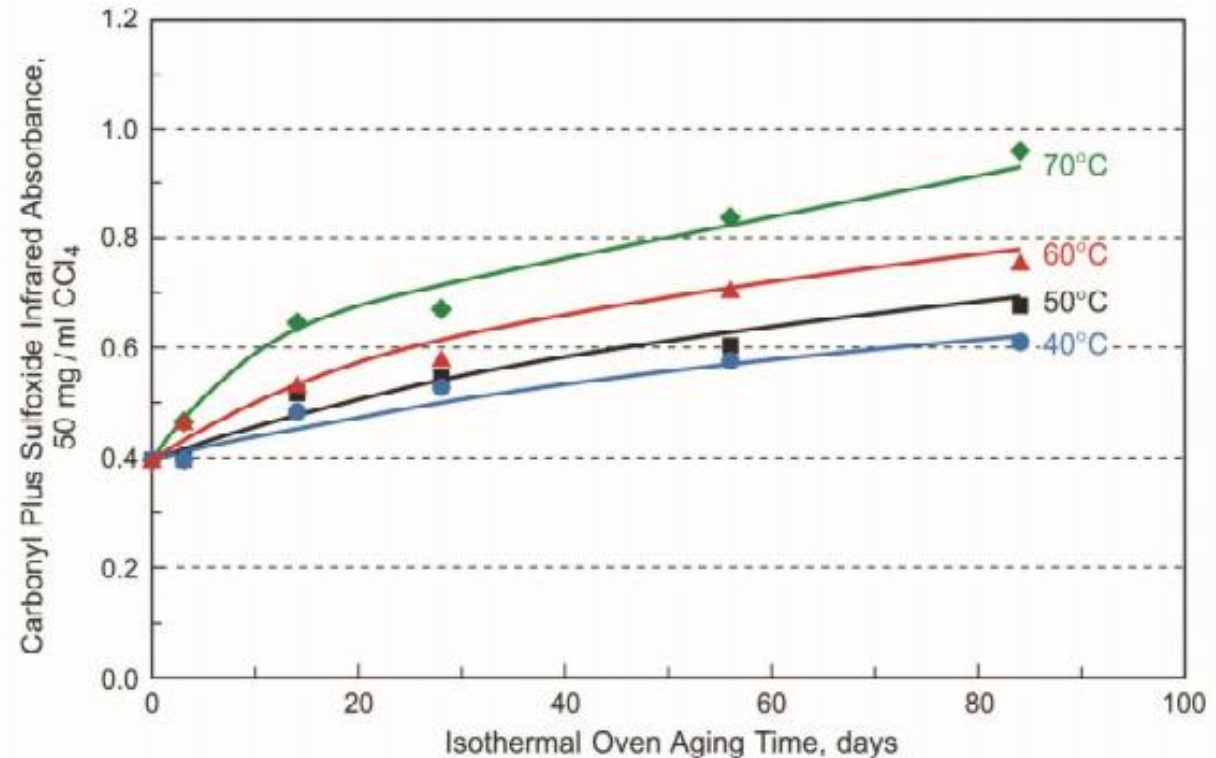


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Figure 1. Graph. Oxidation model fits to isothermal oxidation infrared absorption data for the ALF unmodified binder.



Source: WRI.

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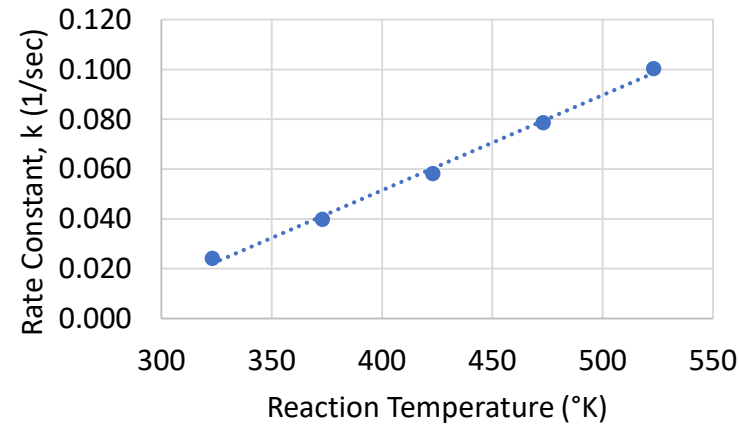
$$\text{Rate of a reaction} = -\frac{dC}{dt} = k[C]$$

Rate constant,  $k$   
Frequency factor,  $A_1$   
Activation energy,  $E_{a,1}$   
Gas constant,  $R$   
Temperature,  $T$

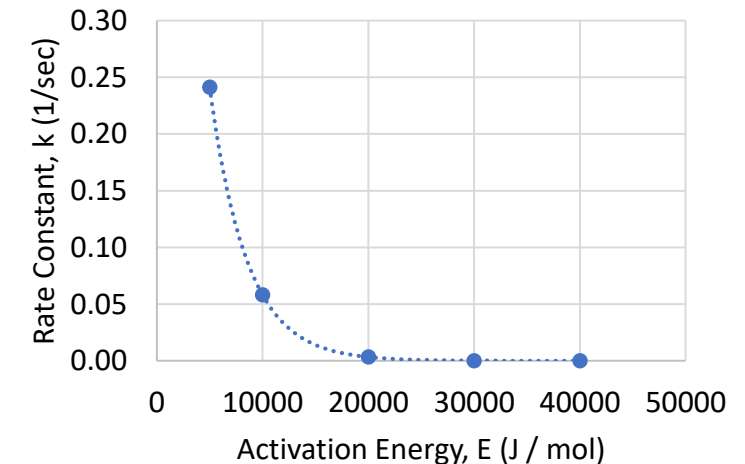
Figure 8. Equation. The fast reaction temperature dependence.

$$k_1' = A_1 e^{\frac{-E_{a,1}}{RT}}$$

Reaction Rate Constant,  $k$ , Increases with  
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Reaction Rate Constants,  $k$ , Increase with  $E$



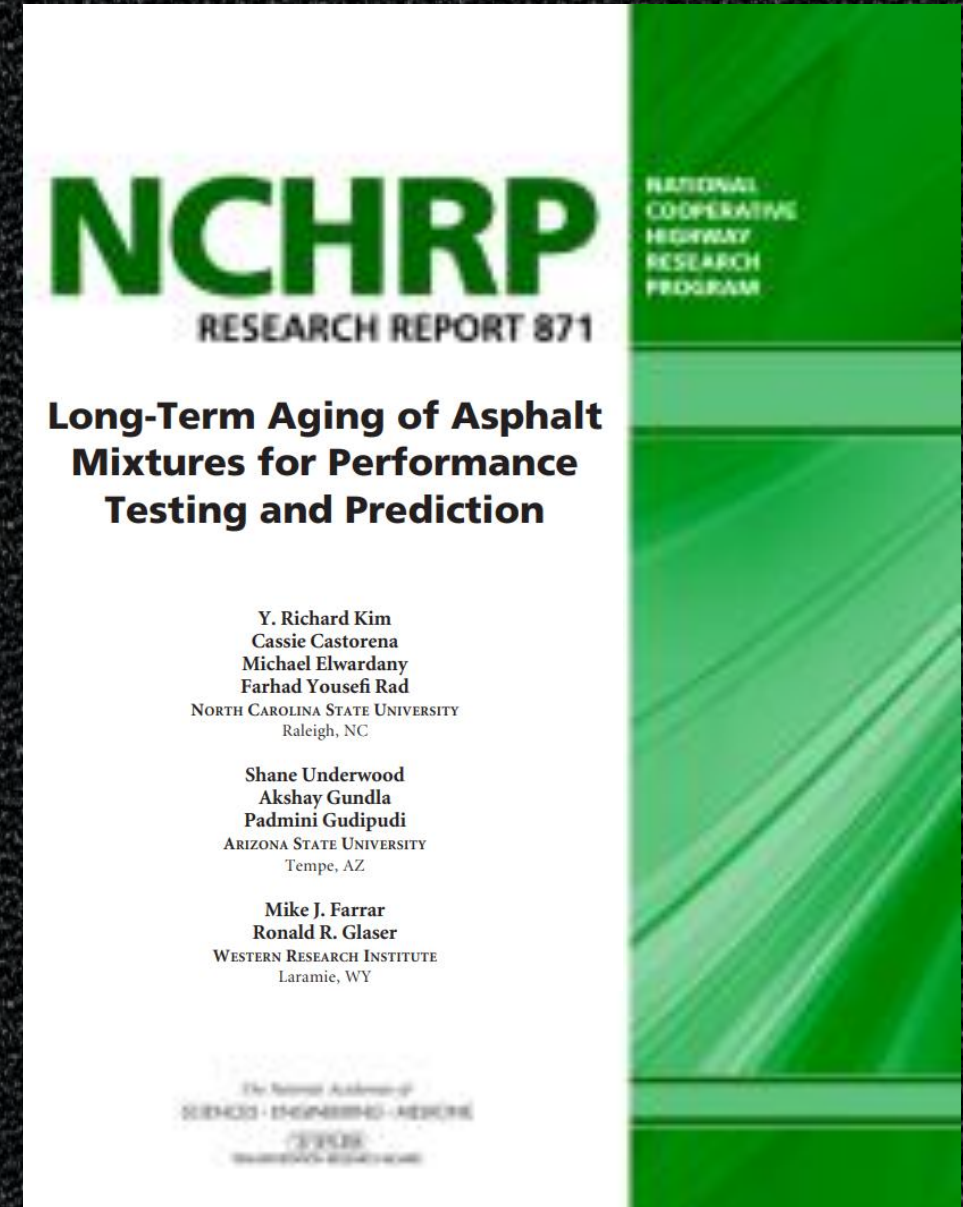
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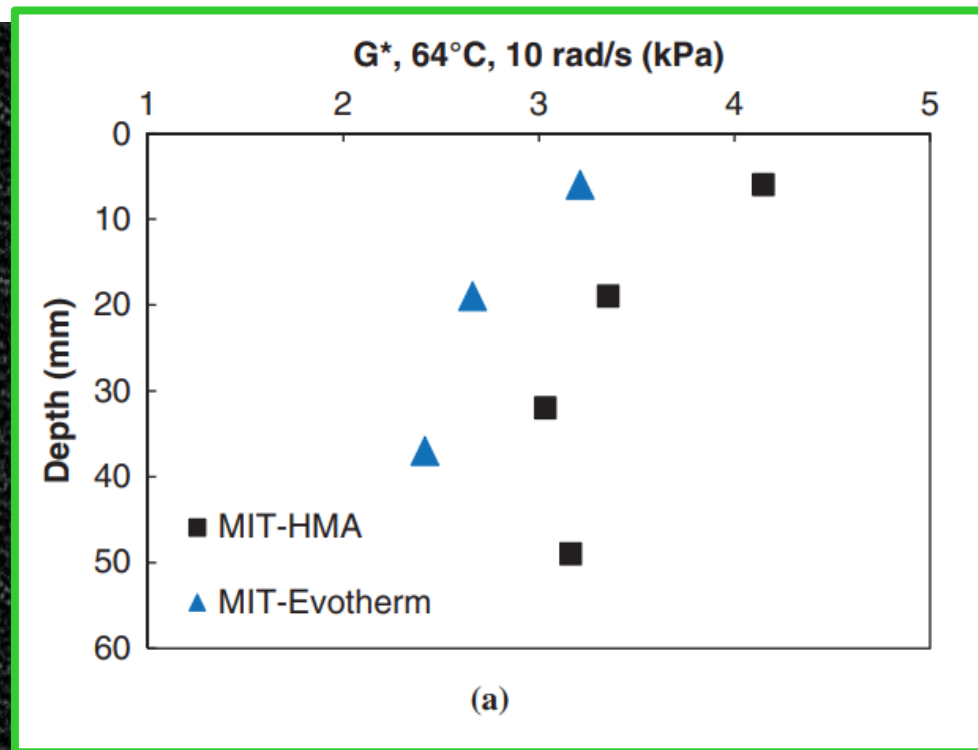
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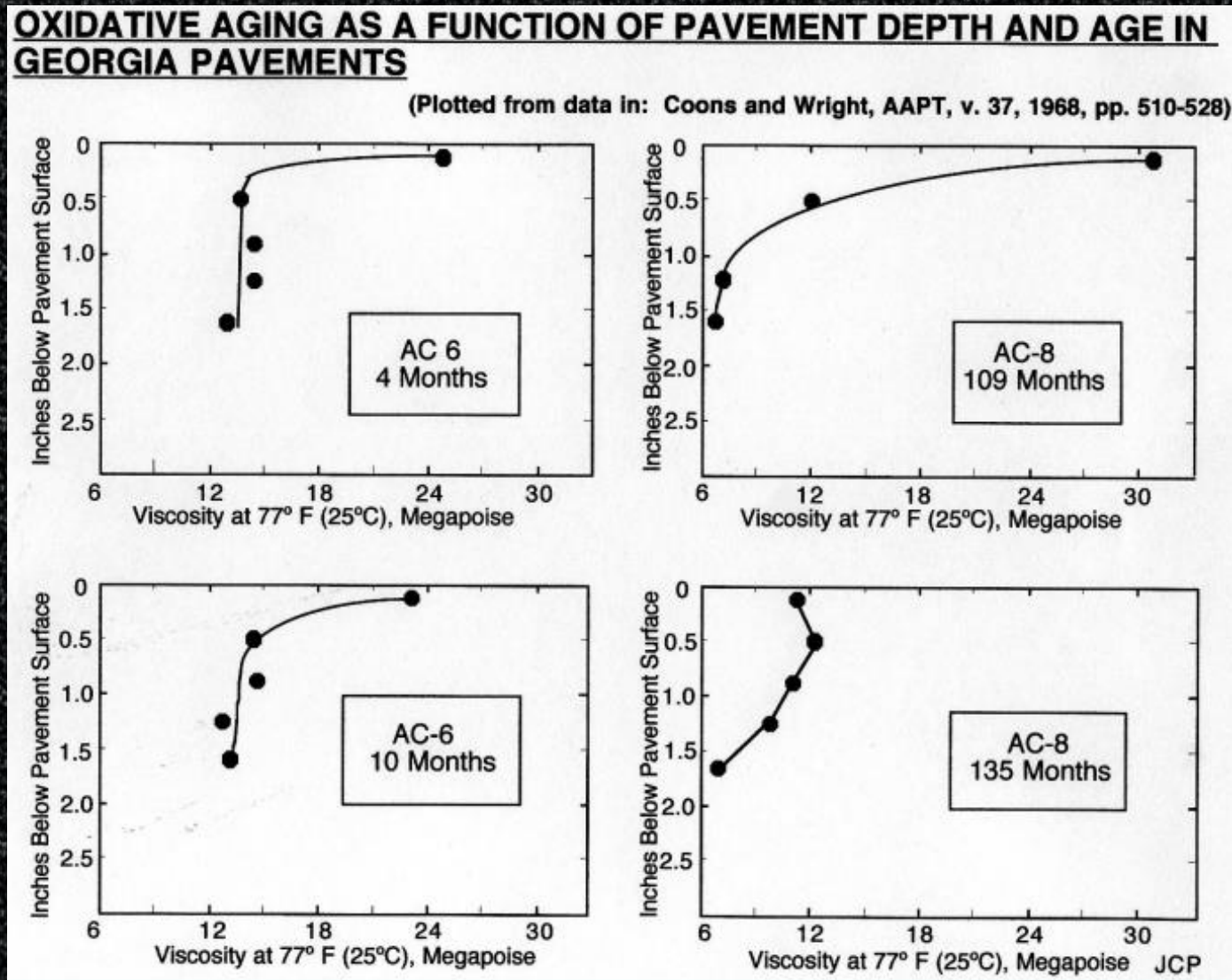
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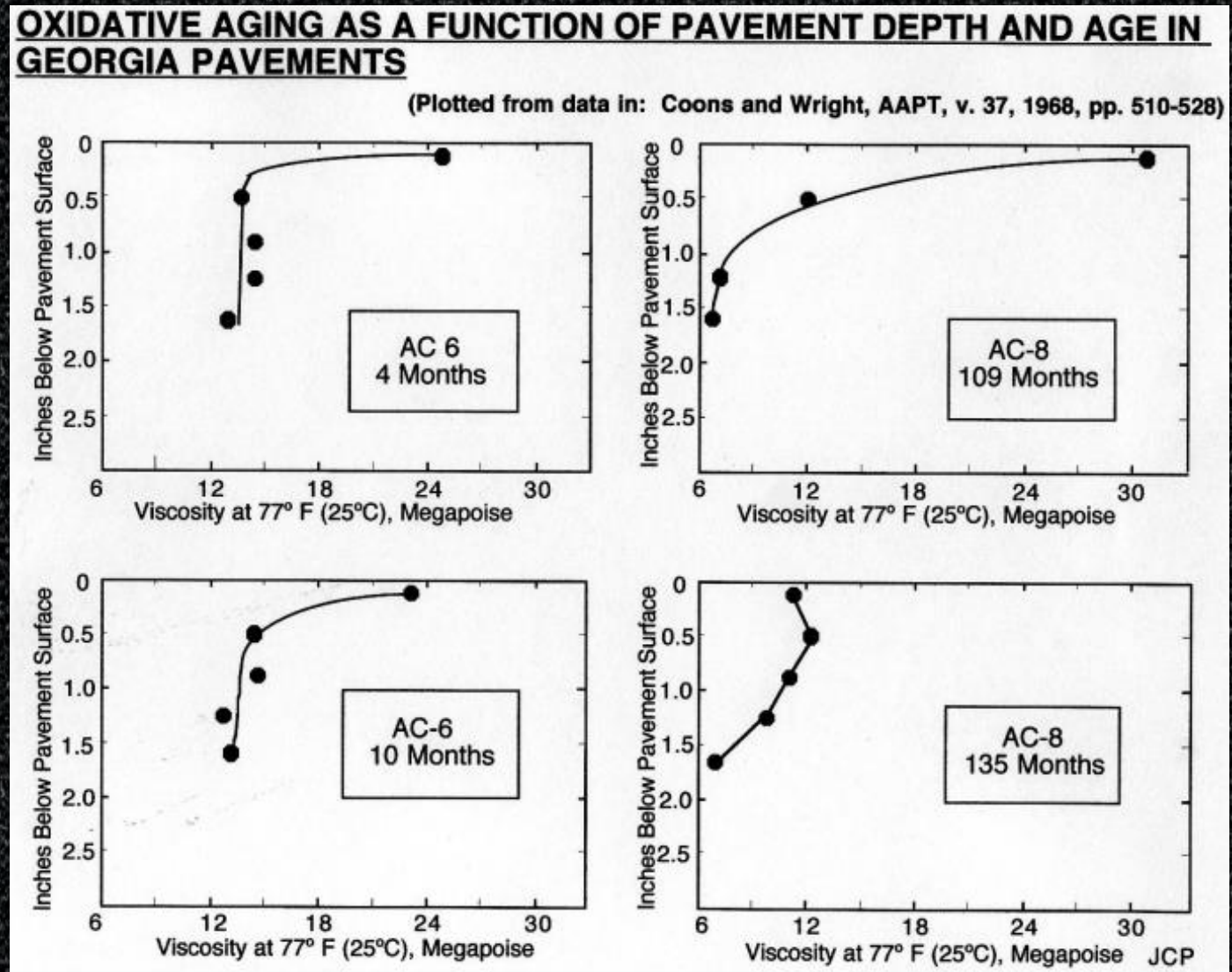
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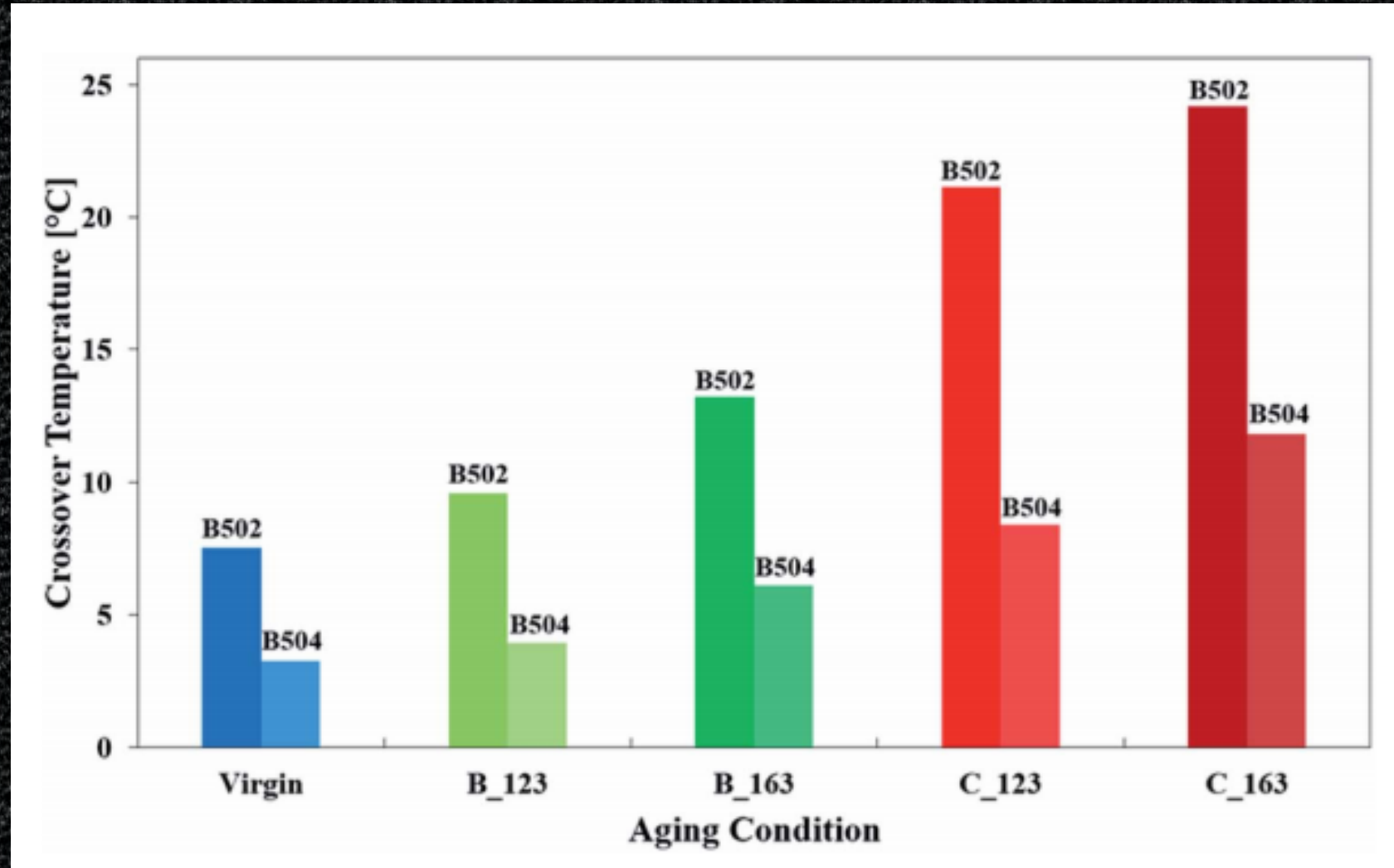
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# Lower Aging Temperatures Alter the Asphalt Composition

Code	Bitumen Grade	Aging and Sample Preparation Method	SARA Fractional Groups, %				Gaestel Index I <sub>c</sub>
			Saturates	Aromatics	Resins	Asphaltenes	
1-RT	70/100	RTFOT	5.28	43.66	36.30	14.76	0.251
1-P1	70/100	PAV I (22 h)	5.21	27.86	51.95	14.97	0.253
1-P2	70/100	PAV II (44 h)	4.94	23.87	53.54	17.66	0.292
4-RT	PMB 45/80-55	RTFOT	5.18	34.32	41.76	18.73	0.314
4-P1	PMB 45/80-55	PAV I (22 h)	5.12	30.94	48.54	15.40	0.258
4-P2	PMB 45/80-55	PAV II (44 h)	5.03	24.82	55.55	14.60	0.244
7-RC	Unknown	Recovered	7.68	30.56	41.70	20.05	0.384
8-RC	Unknown	Recovered	6.01	31.52	44.72	17.75	0.312
9-RC	Unknown	Recovered	6.50	31.67	43.14	18.68	0.337
10-RC	Unknown	Recovered	6.79	33.23	42.09	17.88	0.328
11-RC	Unknown	Recovered	6.70	29.55	44.58	19.18	0.349

Kleiziene, R., et. al. "Effect of Aging on Chemical Composition and Rheological Properties of Neat and Modified Bitumen," Materials 2019, 12, 4066, page 8.



# What Are Our Key Aging Test Approaches Today

Short-term Aging  
Rolling Thin Film Oven



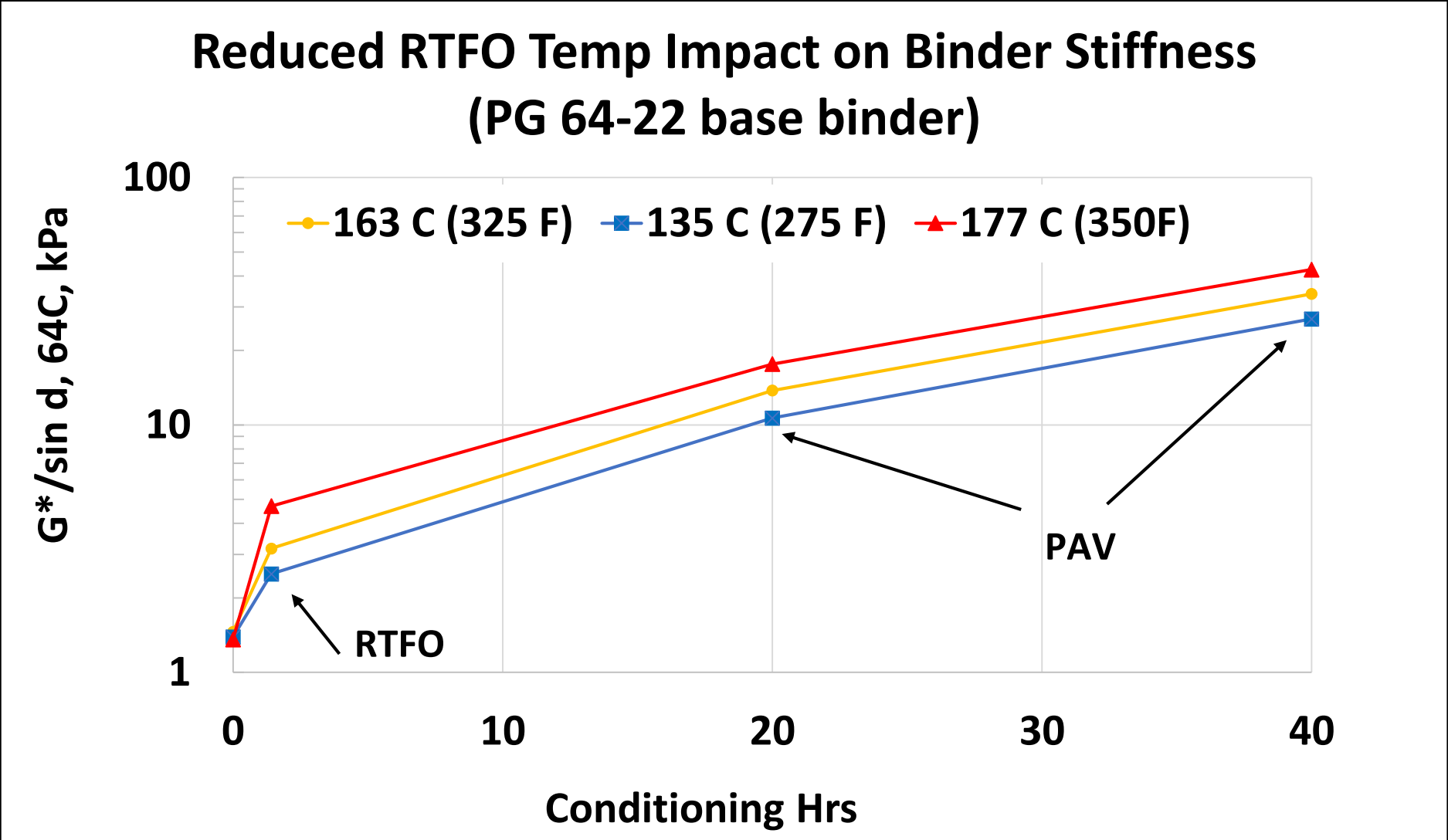
In-service Aging  
Pressure Aging Vessel



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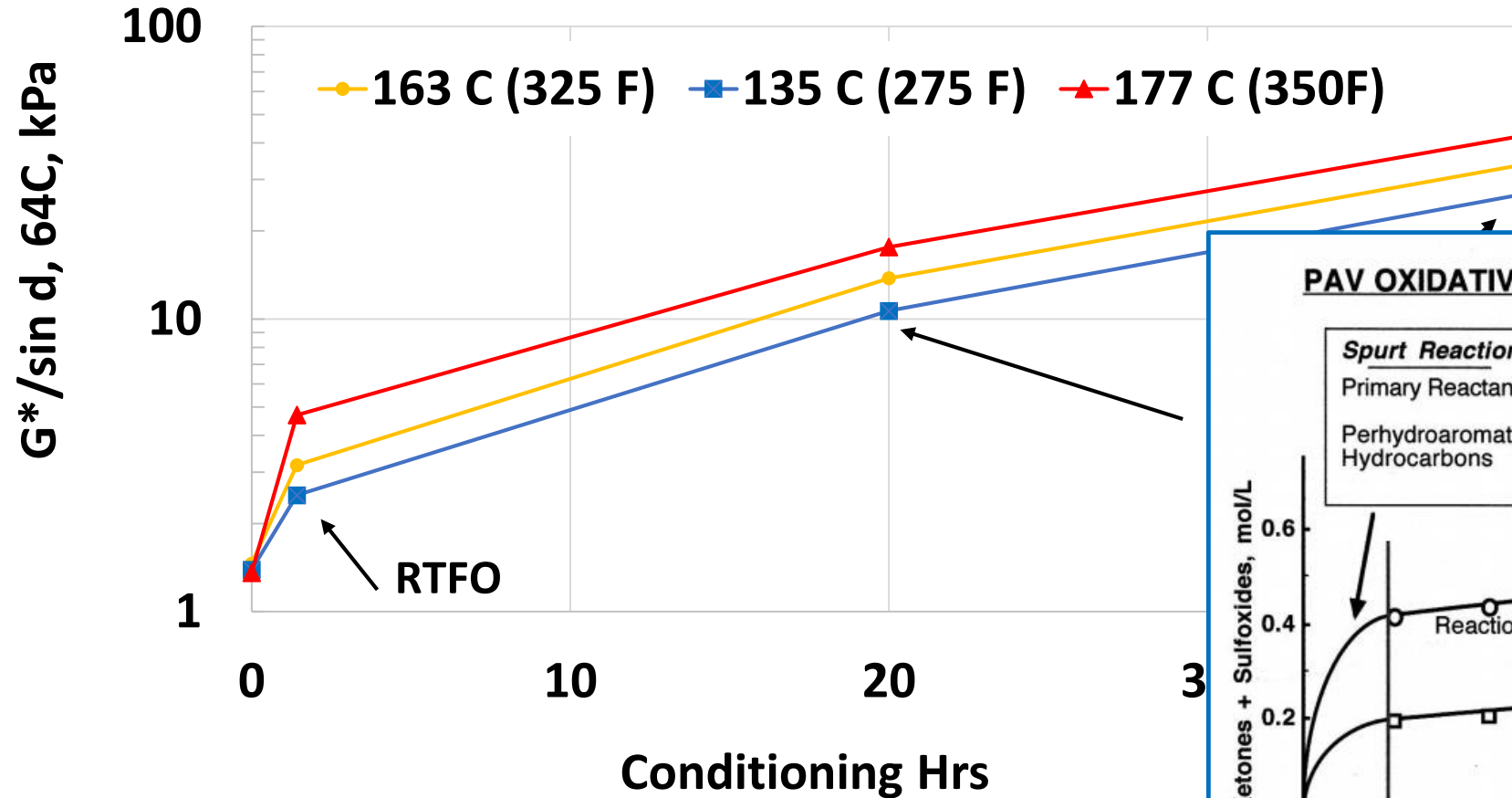
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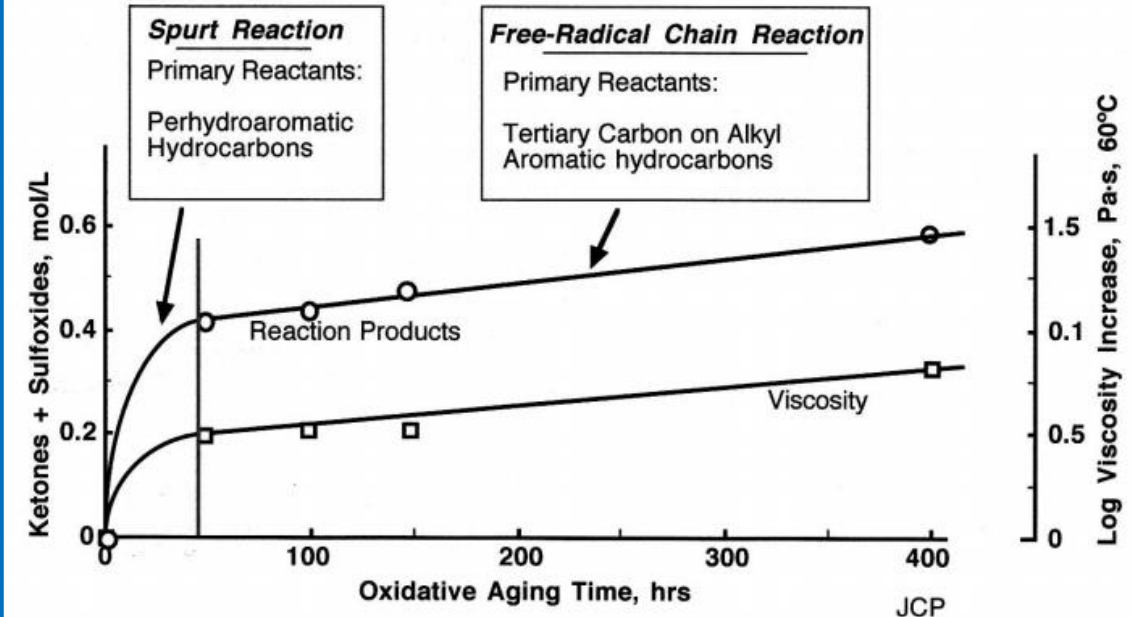


# Lower RTFO Temperatures Reduce the Rapid “Jump” Aging (Petersen)

## Reduced RTFO Temp Impact on Binder Stiffness (PG 64-22 base binder)



### PAV OXIDATIVE AGING KINETICS OF ASPHALT AAB-1 (60°C)



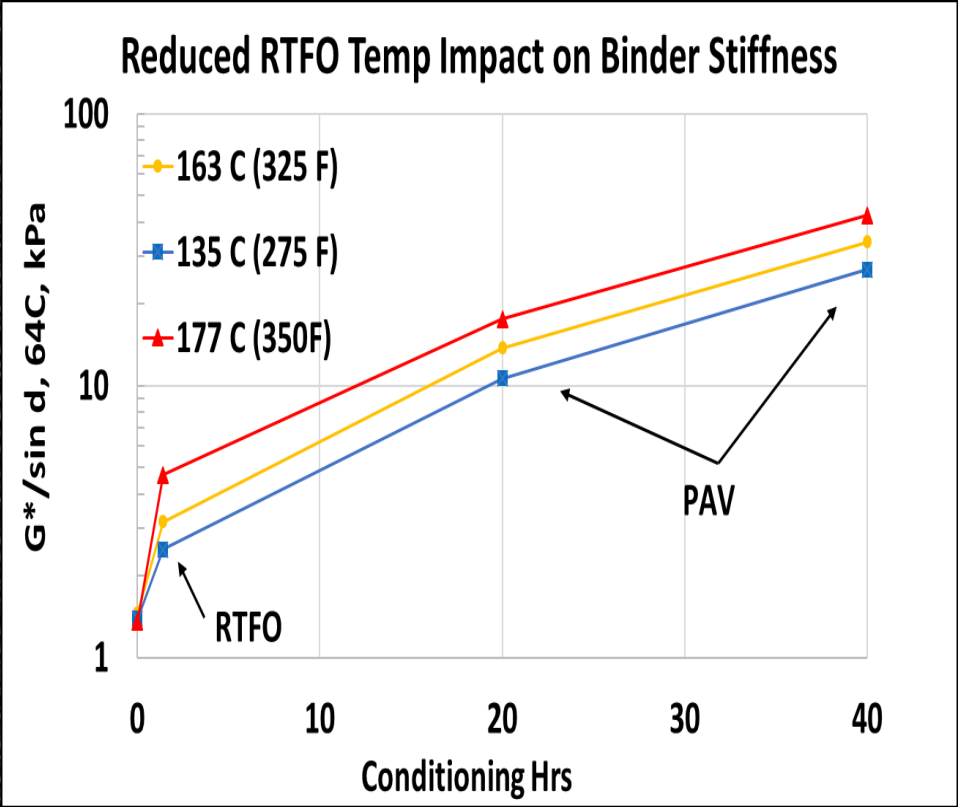


# The Effect of Lower RTFO Temperatures Is Significant

	RTFO +25 F 177 C (350 F)	Std RTFO 163 C (325 F)	RTFO -50 F 135 C (275 F)
PG 64-22	High Temp Aging Rate G*/sin d, kPa / Hr		
RTFO Conditioning	2.32	1.24	0.77
PAV Conditioning	1.02	0.77	0.61
Rate Change Relative to STD, %	87		-38

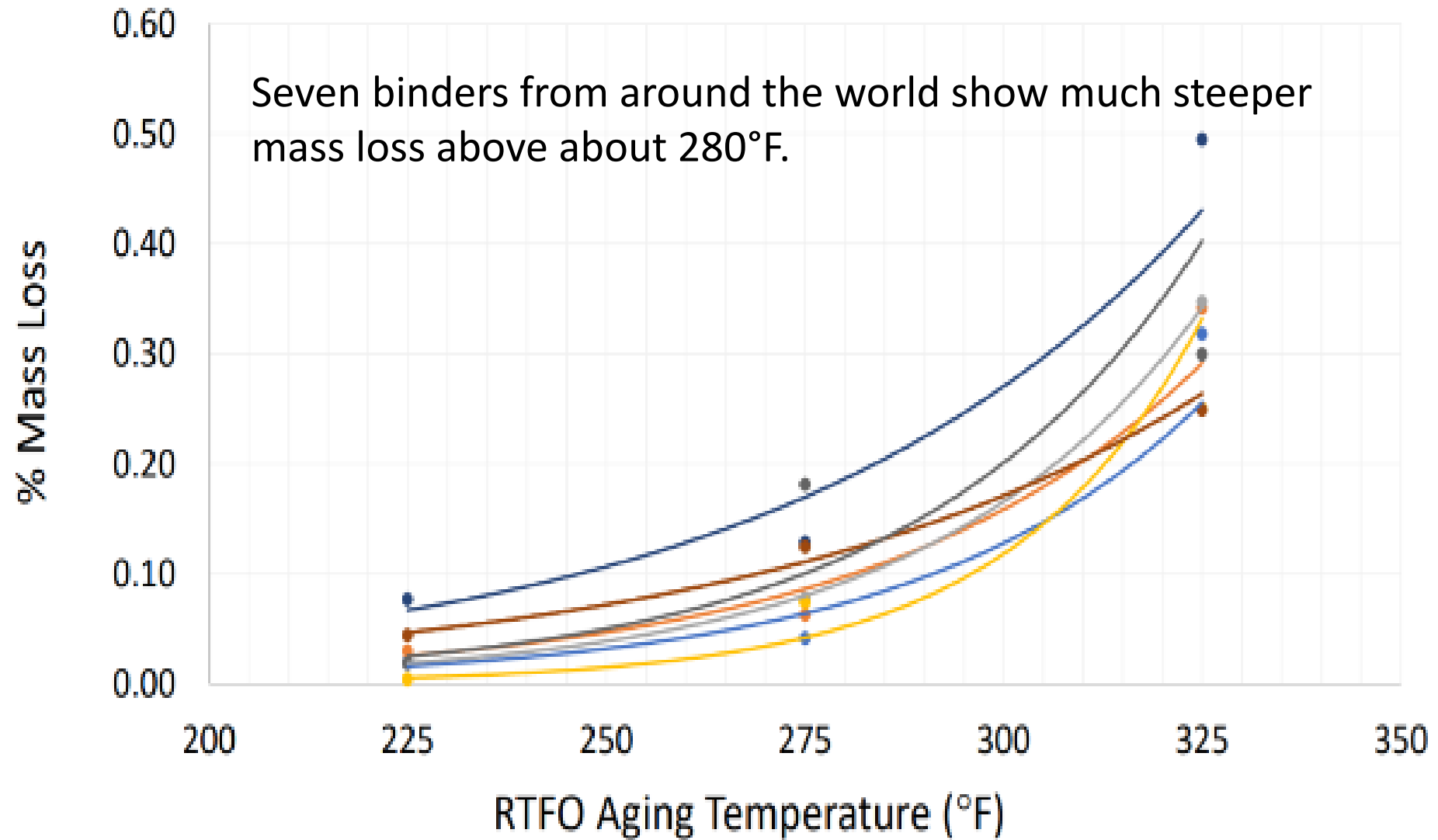
87% = (2.32-1.24)\*100/1.24

-38% = (0.77-1.24)\*100/1.24



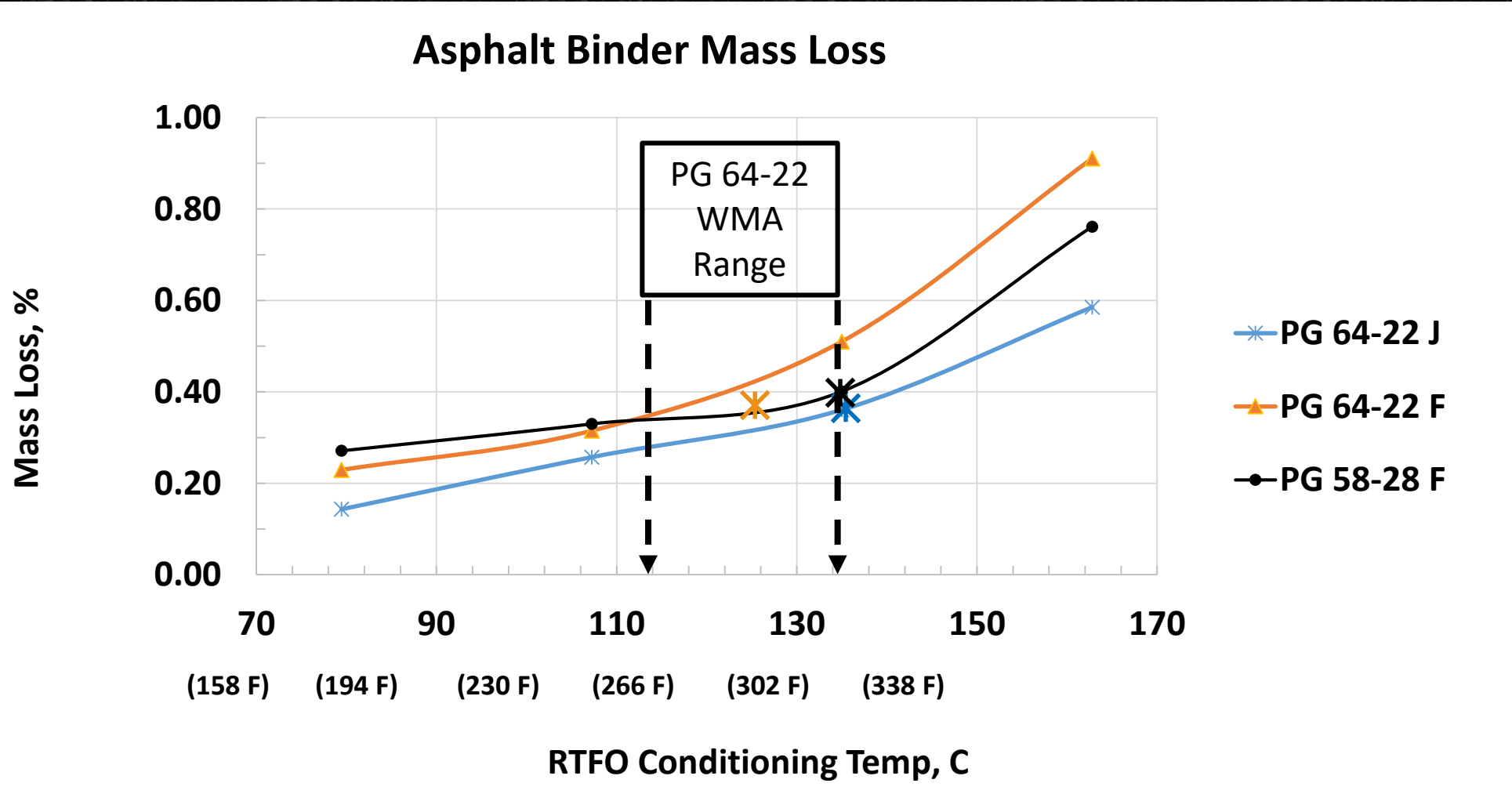


## Lower RTFO Temp Reduces Binder Loss





# Lower RTFO Temp Reduces Binder Loss



Above WMA typical temperatures, mass loss tends to increase.



- **How do lower short-term temperatures (WMA) impact binder low and mid temperature performance?**
- **Does the typical PG grading (20 Hours PAV) show value of lower short-term temperatures?**



# Binder Performance at Varying RTFO Temperature and Varying Percent ABR

Binder Blends	RTFO Temperature
PG 64-22	163°C (325°F) (Std Temp)
PG 64-22	177°C (350°F) (Std Temp + 14°C (25°F))
PG 64-22, 10% SynRAP ABR, 0.5% WMA	135°C (275°F) (Std Temp – 28°C (50°F))
PG 64-22, 25% SynRAP ABR, 0.5% WMA	135°C (275°F) (Std Temp – 28°C (50°F))

All other testing conditions were fixed:

PAV, 100C : 20, 40, and 60 Hrs

PG Low critical temperature (PG –YY)

$\Delta T_{critical}$  and Glover–Rowe Parameter



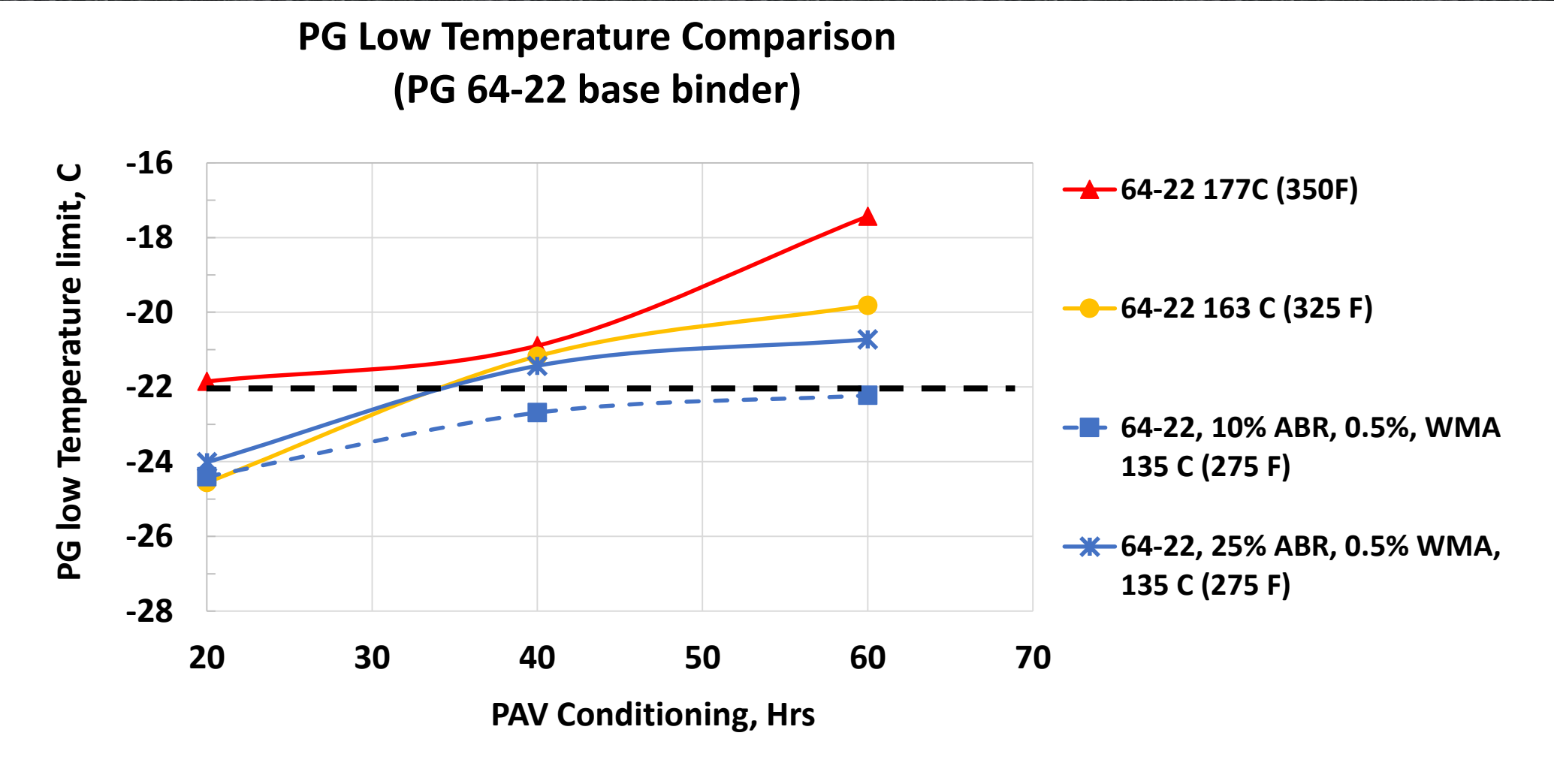
# Binder Performance Criteria

Criteria	Ductility 15C & 1 cm/min. (cm)	Glover DSR Function <sup>1</sup> 44.7°C 10 rad/sec (MPa/sec)	DTc Anderson et al recommended value (°C)	G-R Parameter Calculated from Glover et al.'s values 15°C 0.005 rad/sec (kPa)
Cracking Warning	5	3.0E-3	-2.5	180
Cracking Limit	3	9.0E-4	-5.0	600 <sup>2</sup>

Ref. Rowe, Geoff. *The development of the  $\Delta T_c$  and Glover-Rowe parameters for the control of non-load associated cracking.* CAPSA, 2019

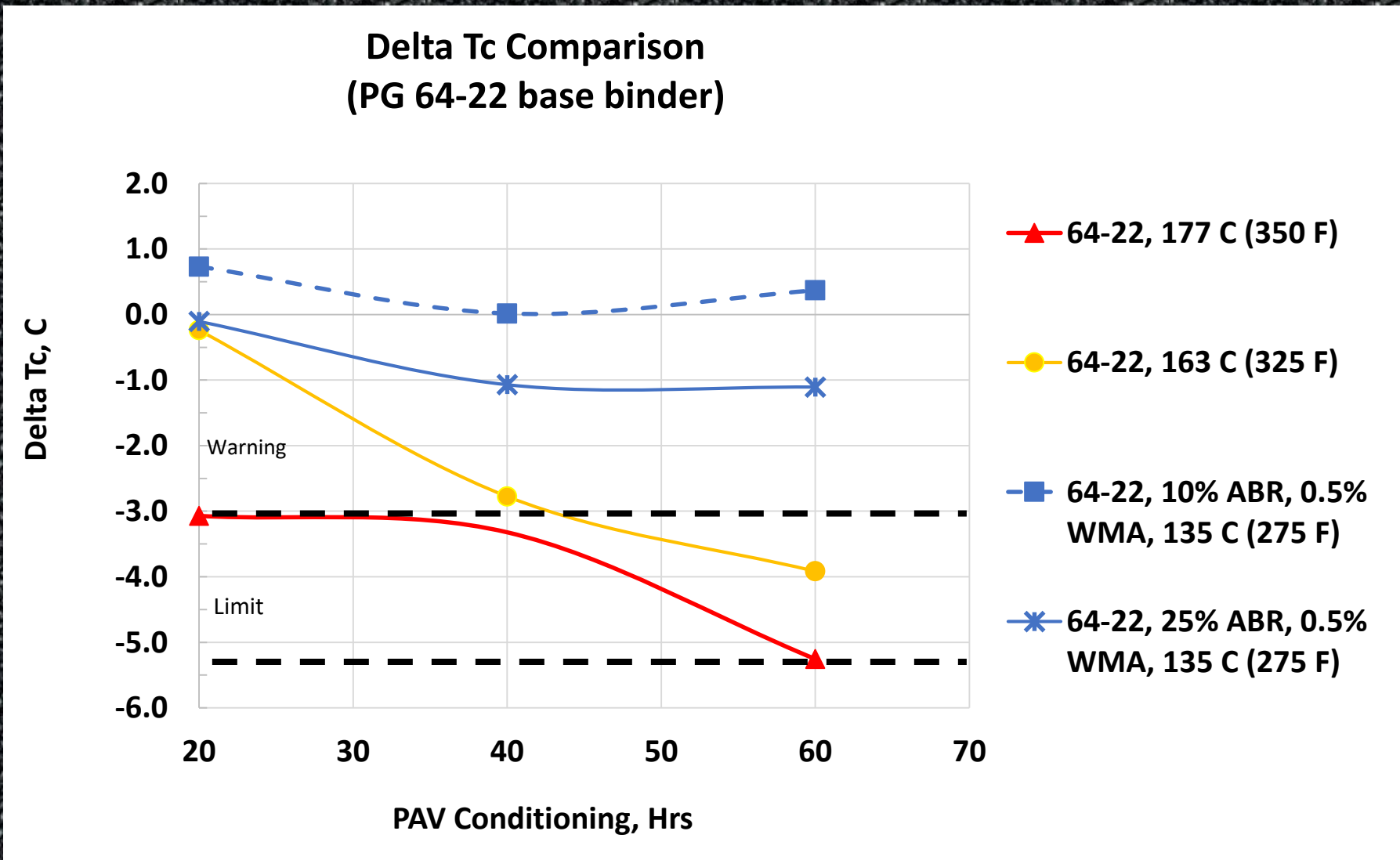


# Lower RTFO Temp Improves Long-Term PG Performance, PG -YY





# Lower RTFO Temperature Improves Long-Term ΔTc



$$\Delta T_c = T_{cont} S - T_{cont} m$$



# Glover-Rowe Parameter (background)

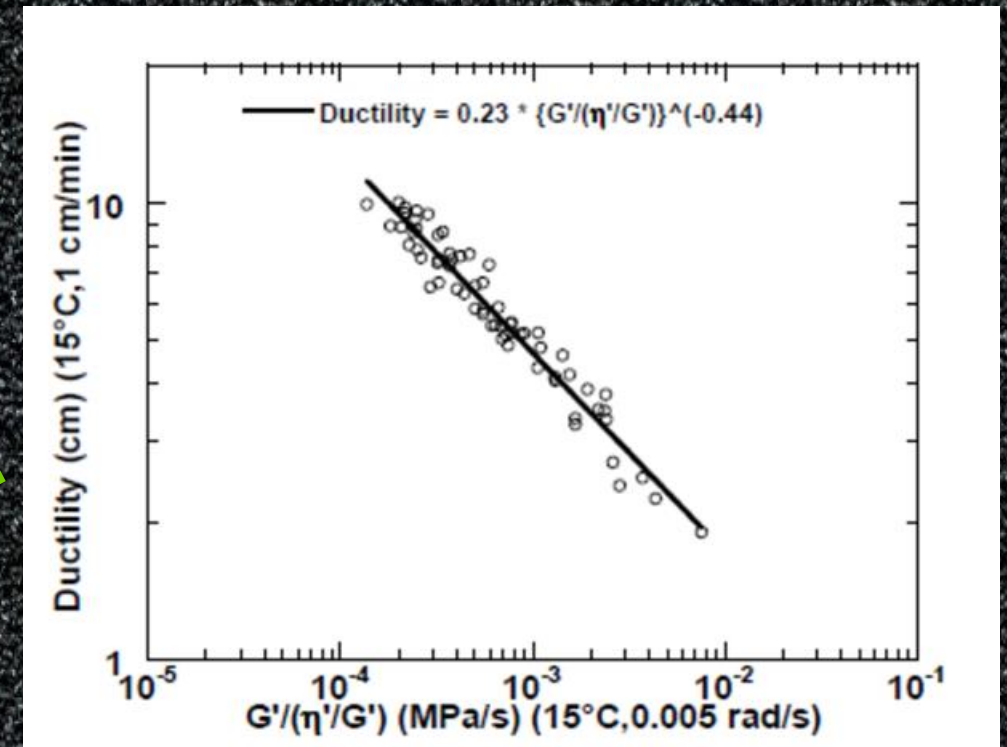
Kandahl, 1977

Ductility at 15.5C & 5 cm/min (cm)	Pavement Condition Observed
>10	Satisfactory
8 to 10	Loss of Fines (matrix)
5 to 8	Raveling
3 to 5	Cracking, needs resurfacing
<3	Very poor, extensive cracking

Rowe, AAPT 2011

$$\bullet \frac{G'}{\frac{\eta'}{G'}} = \frac{G^*(\cos(\delta))^2}{\sin(\delta)} \quad \leftarrow \text{Glover-Rowe Parameter (GRP)}$$
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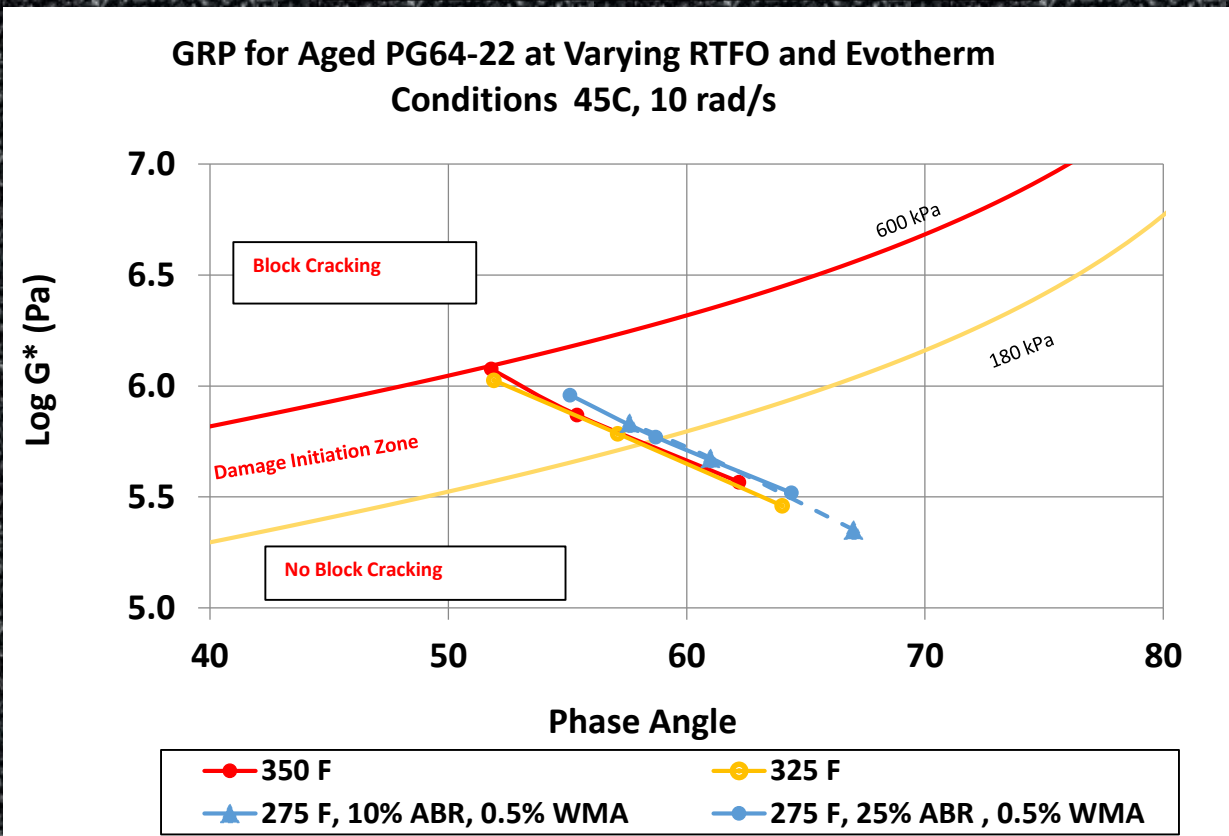
Glover, et al. FHWA– 2005



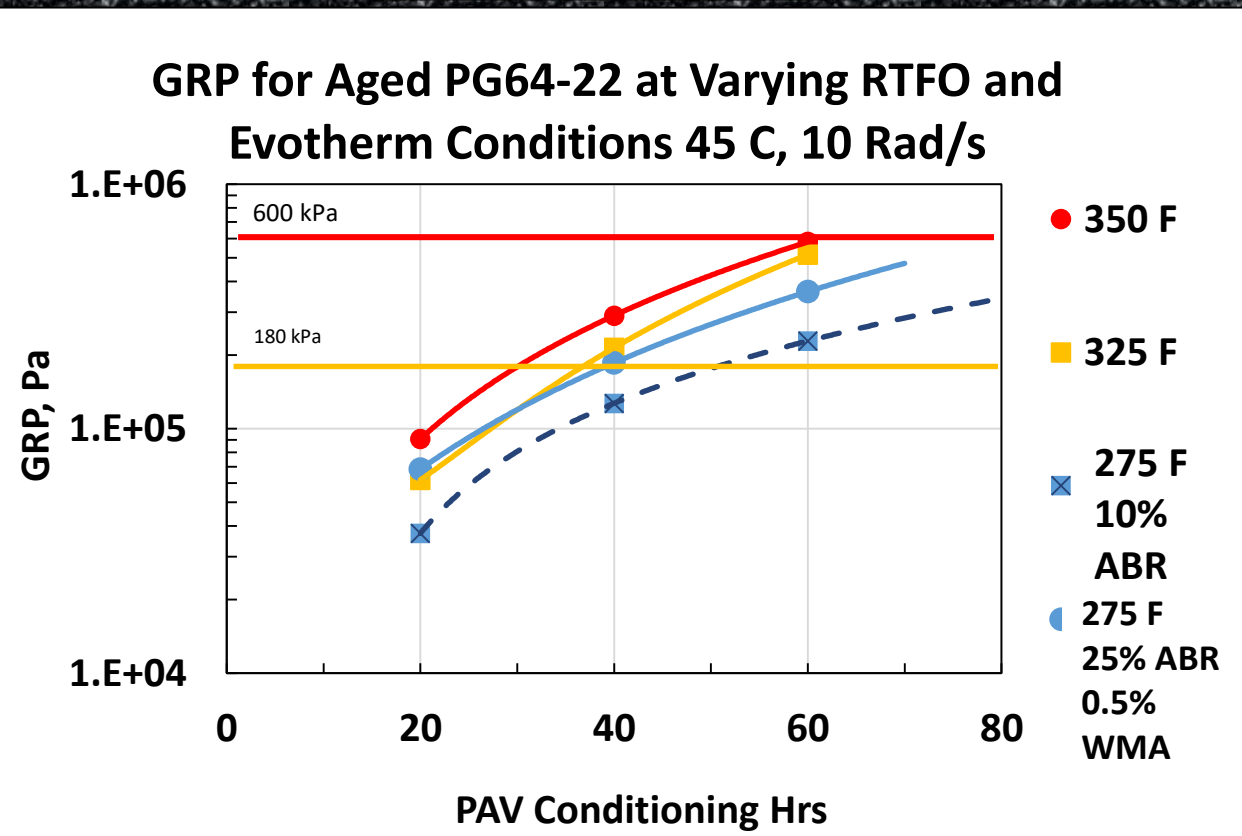


# Glover-Rowe Parameter (GRP) Examples

## Black Space Diagram



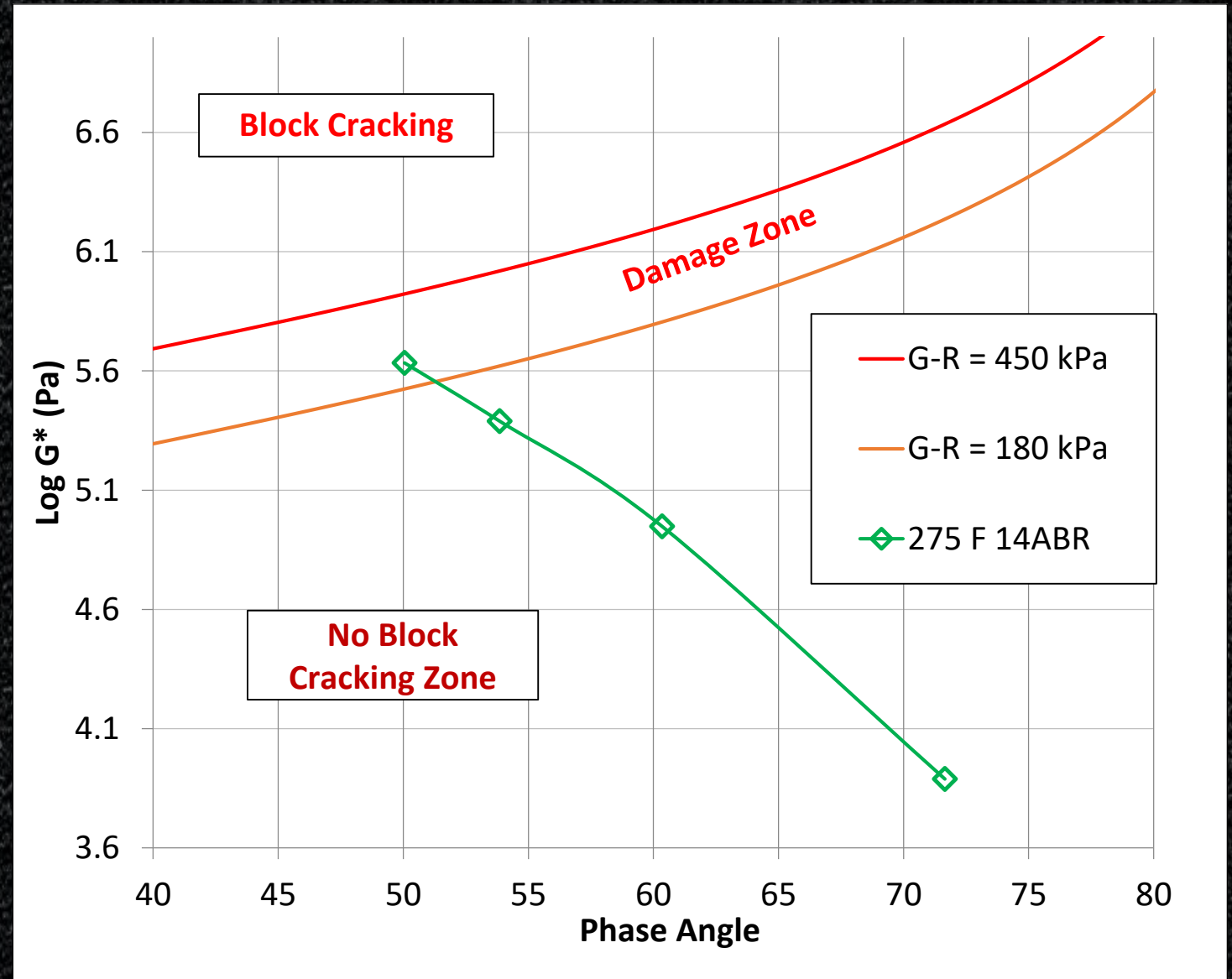
## GRP Values





# BINDER AGING AS A FUNCTION OF TEMPERATURE

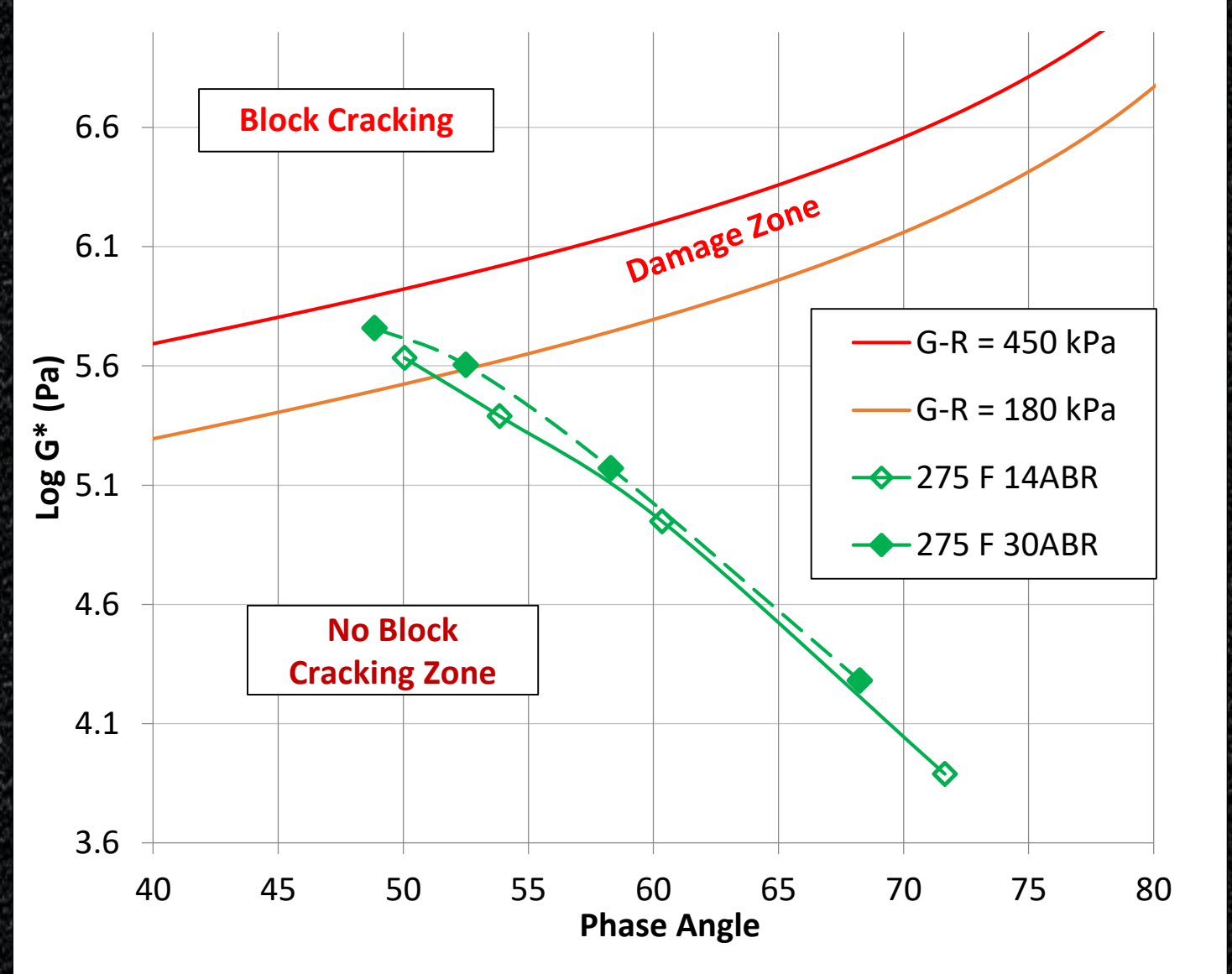
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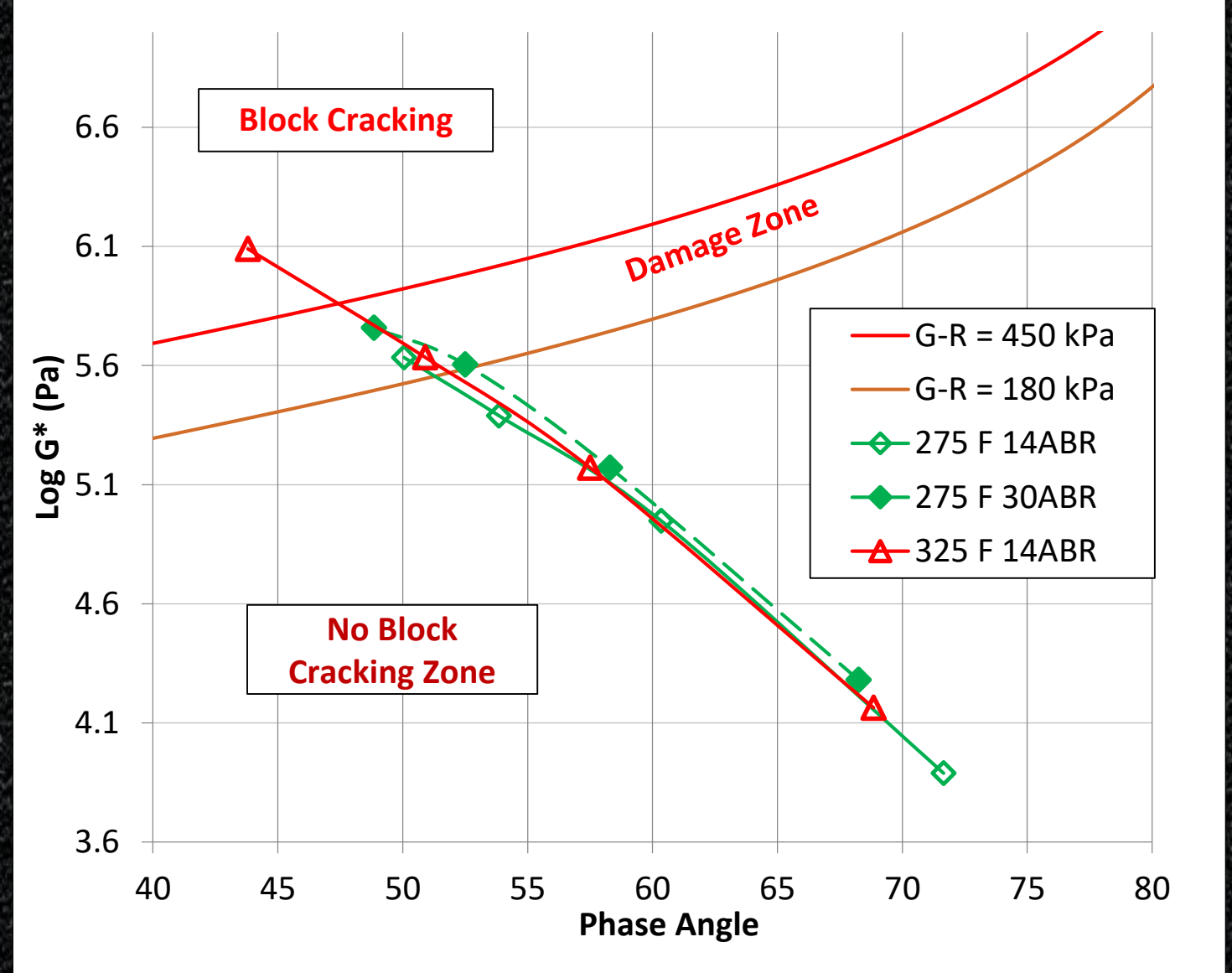
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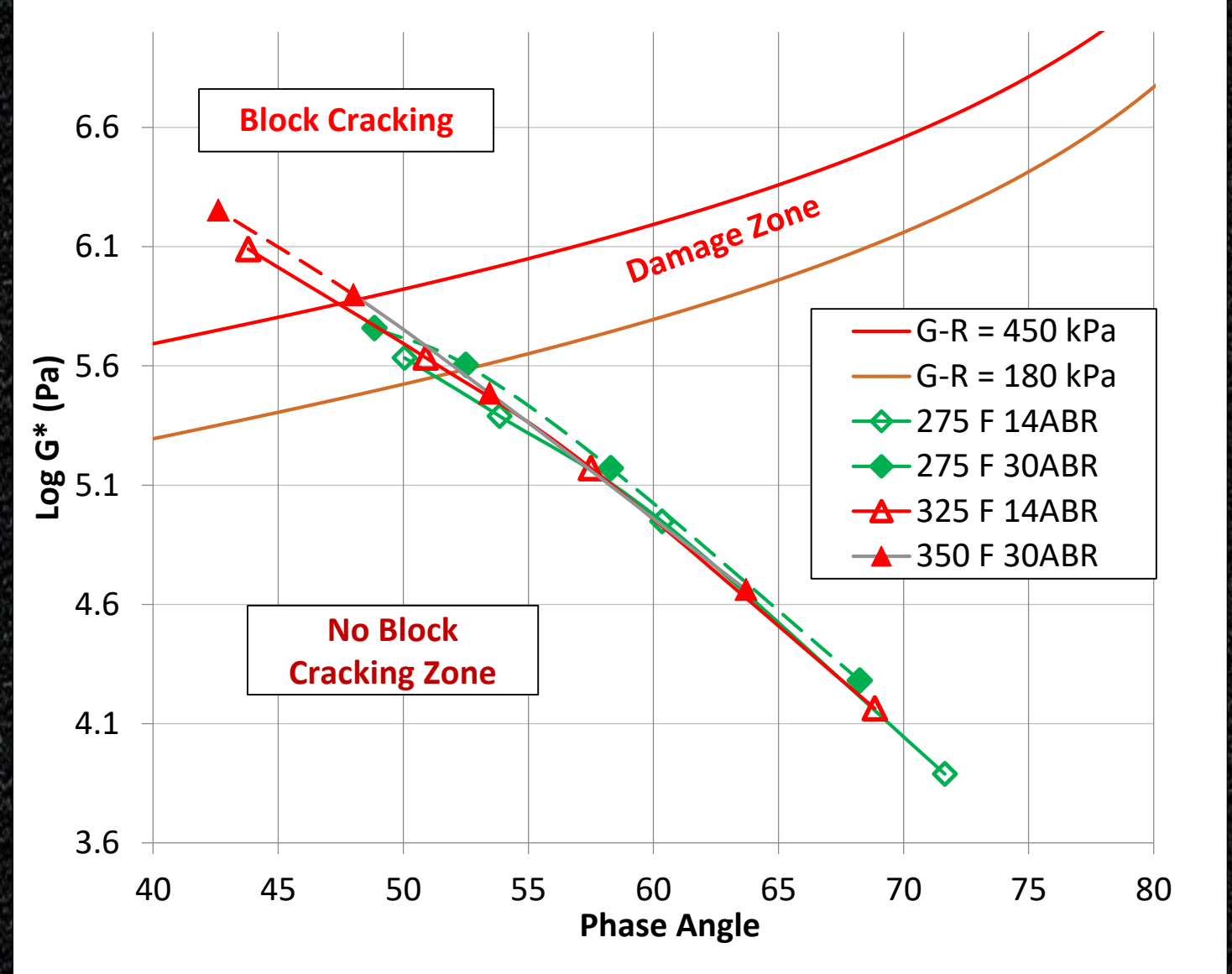
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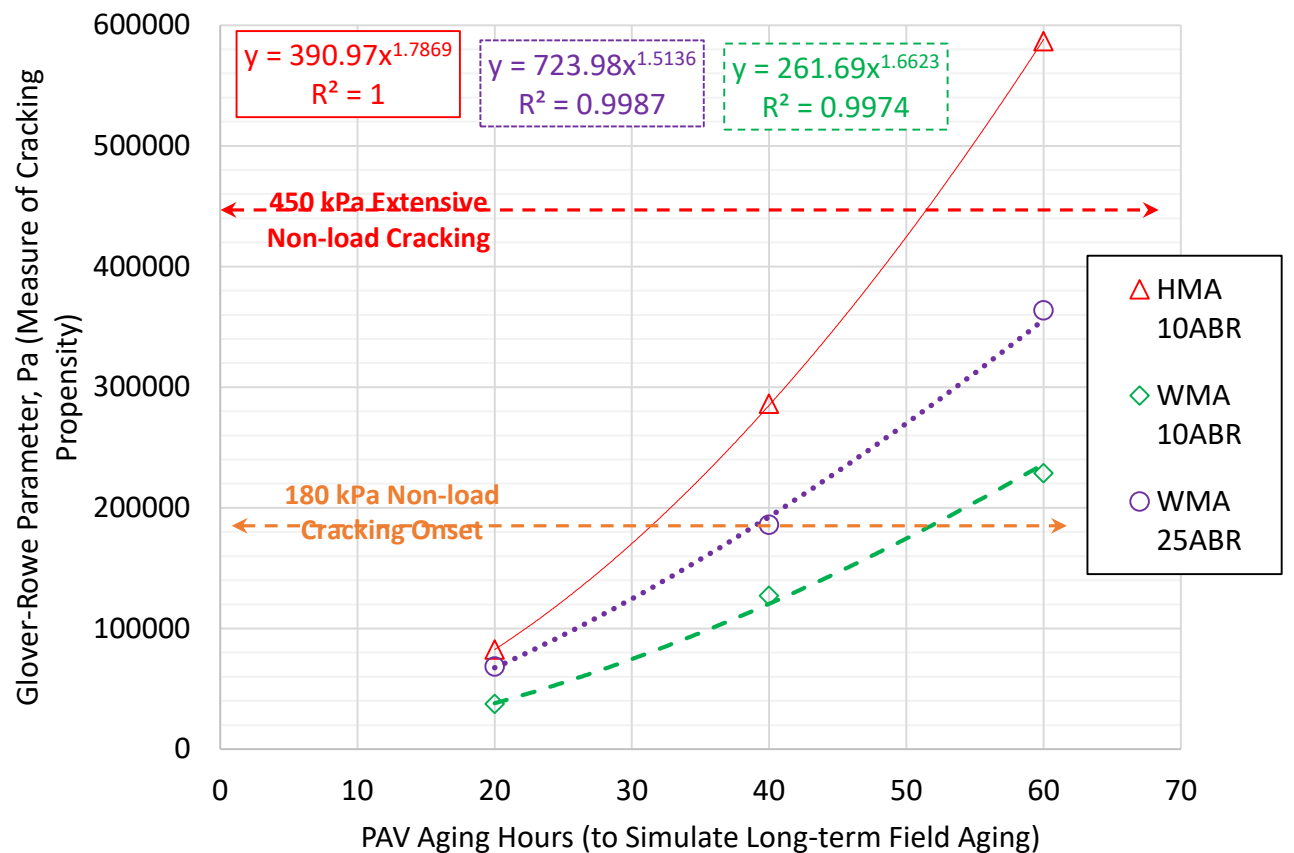
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350 RTFO, 30 ABR	0	4.66262	63.7
	20	5.48548	53.5
	40	5.89931	48.0
	60	6.25298	42.6





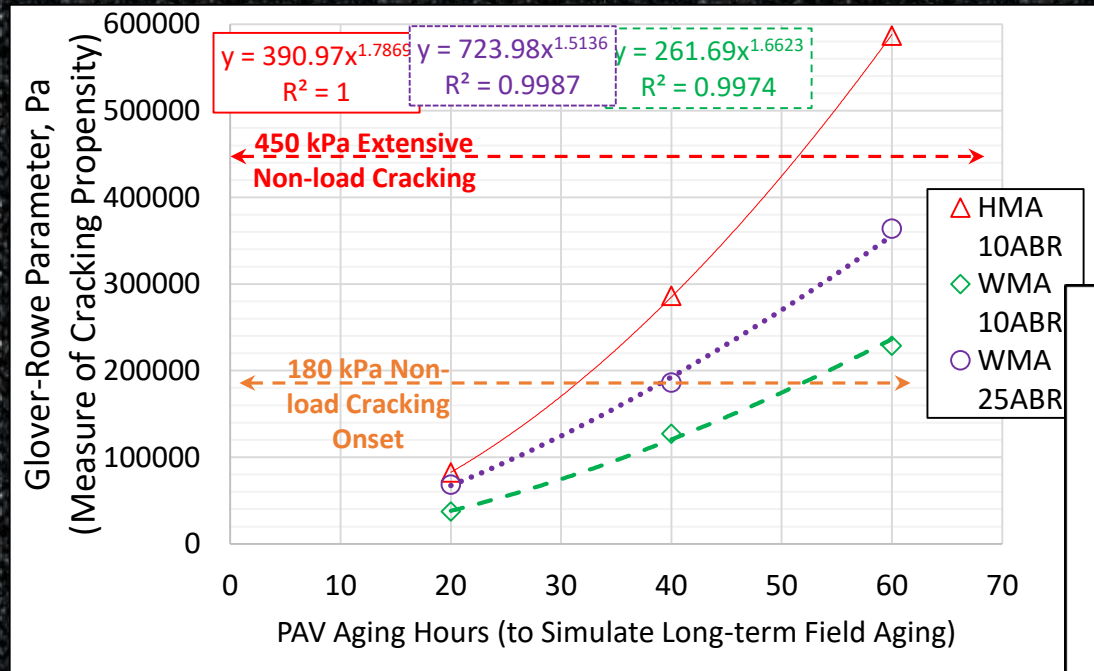
# Another Way to Look at the Glover-Rowe Parameter (450 kPa limit)



**Glover-Rowe Parameters (GRP) measure the cracking resistance of an asphalt binder. Above 180kPa, a binder can be expected to begin showing cracks. Above 450kPa, the binder will exhibit extensive block cracking.**



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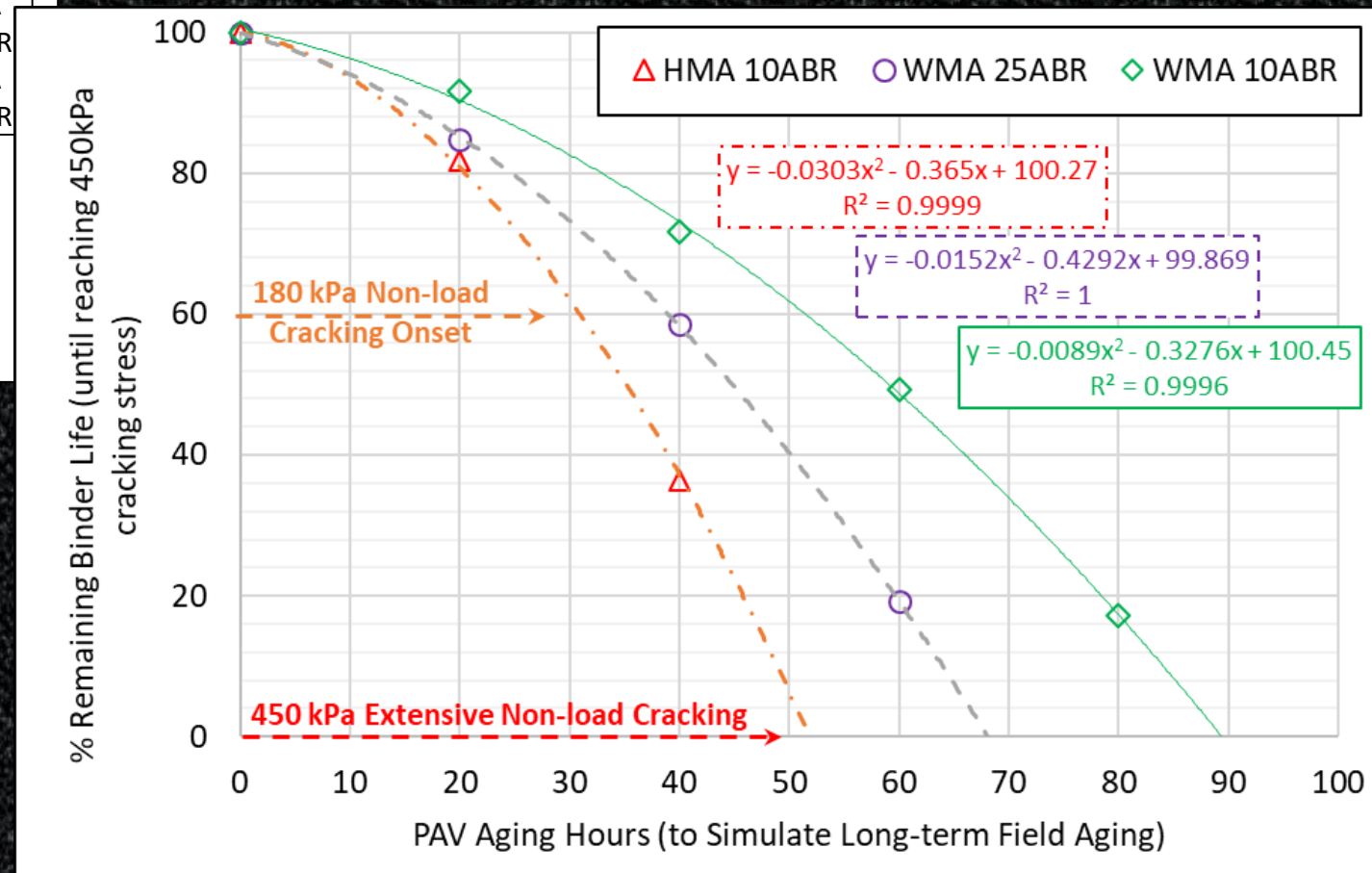


At 0h PAV all binders have 100% remaining life.

At each PAV cycle, we calculate PBLR as

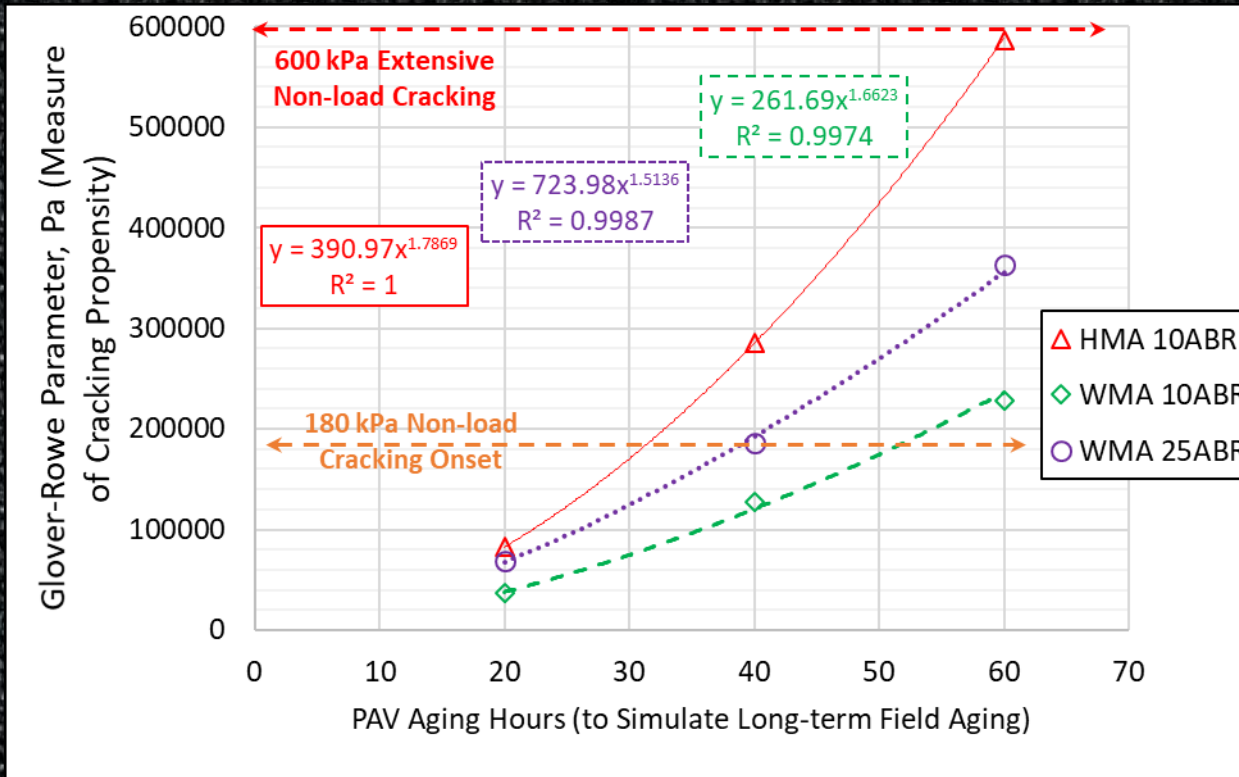
$$\frac{(450,000 - \text{GRP at PAV cycle}) * 100}{450,000}$$

Glover-Rowe Parameters (GRP) can be converted into values representing the percent of binder life remaining (PBLR) before extensive age-related block cracking occurs.





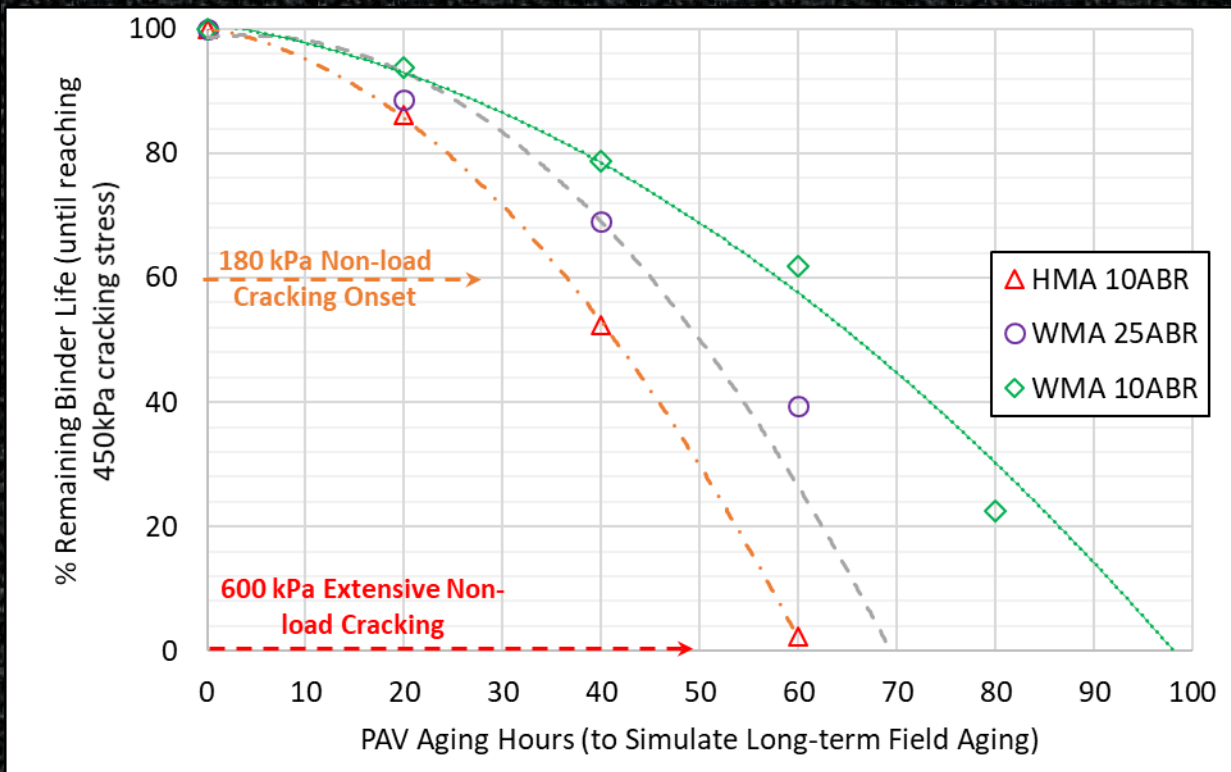
# Using the Limiting Glover-Rowe Value of (600 kPa limit)



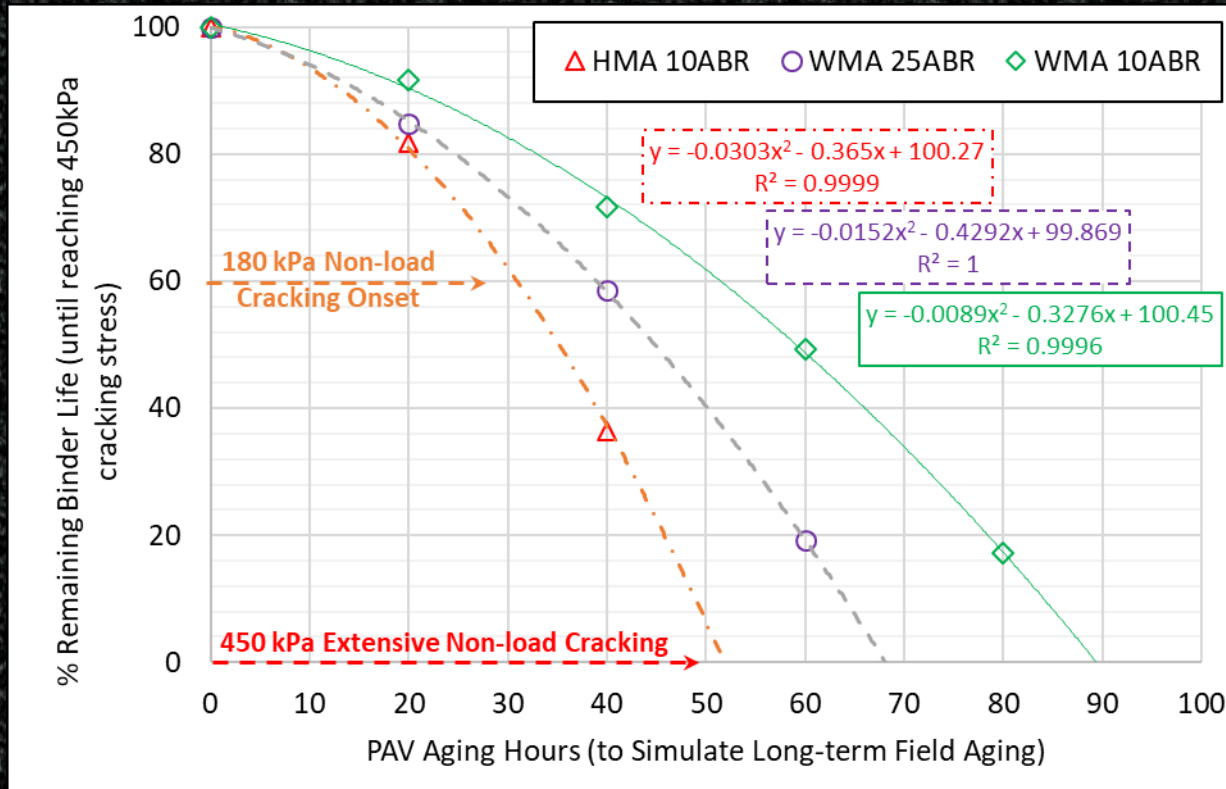
The above graph is the same as that on the previous slide, except that the Glover-Rowe Parameter at which extensive non-load cracking occurs is 600 kPa, not 450 kPa. G. Rowe (1) recommends the 600 kPa limit, not 450 kPa.

(1) [www.asphaltpavement.org/PDFs/Engineering\\_ETGs/Binder\\_201604/13%20Rowe%20-%20DTc%20-%20Historical%20development.pdf](http://www.asphaltpavement.org/PDFs/Engineering_ETGs/Binder_201604/13%20Rowe%20-%20DTc%20-%20Historical%20development.pdf)

Using the Rowe-recommended 600 kPa limit, one can see that Percent Remaining Binder Life (y-axis) as a function of PAV aging hours (x-axis) for each sample is substantially extended as compared to the graph on the preceding page with a 450 kPa limit).

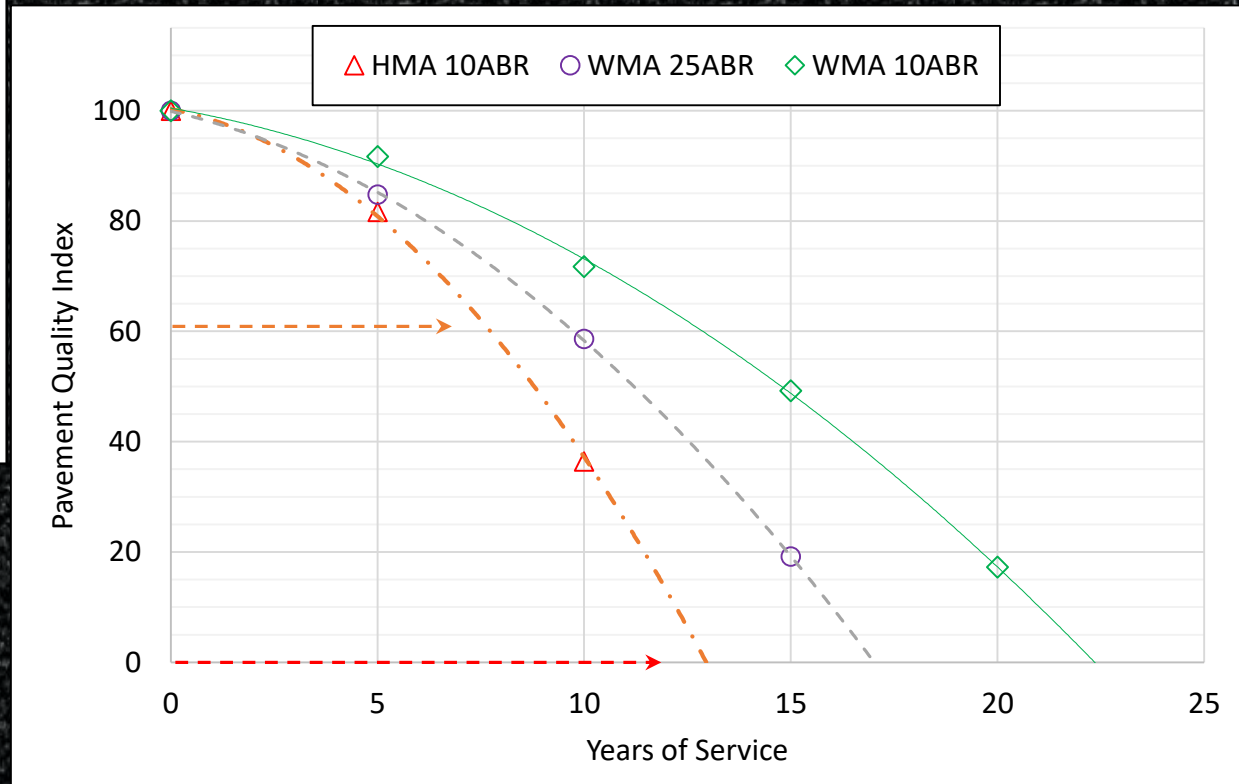


# Converting PAV Aging Hours to Years of Service



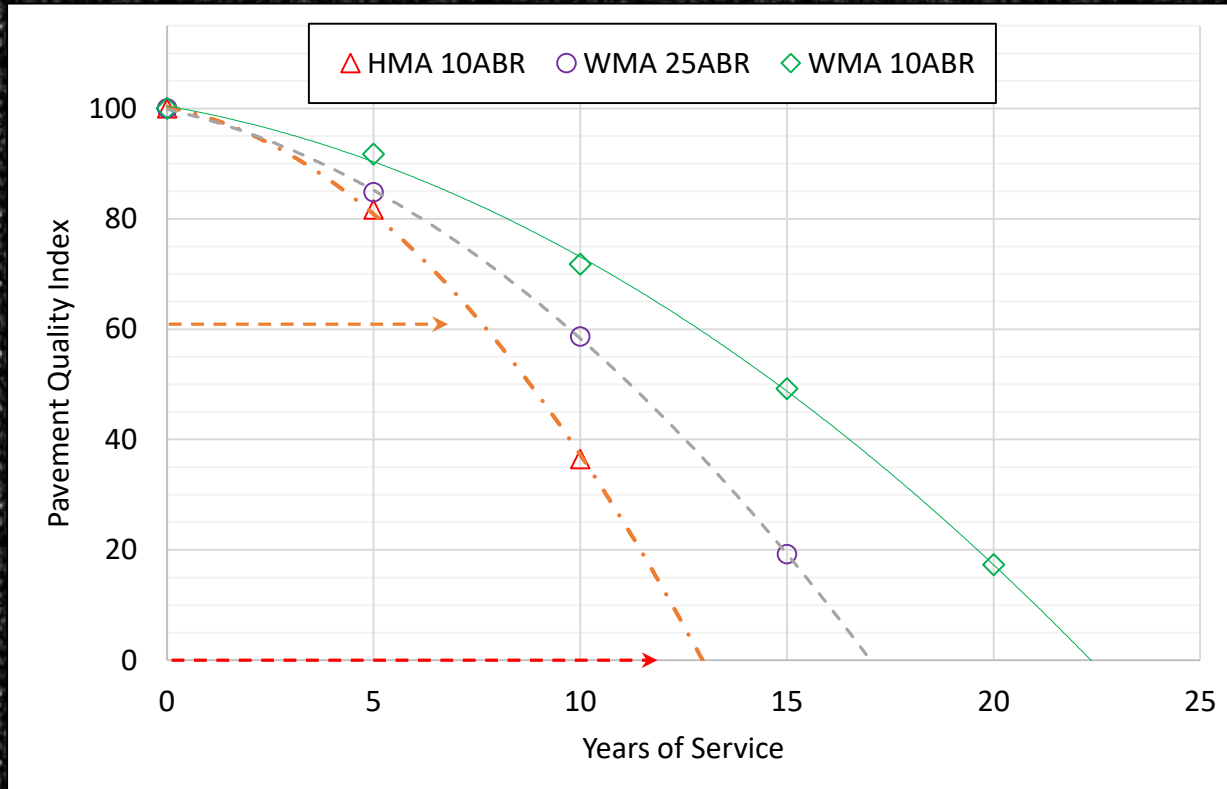
The PRBL values from the curves using the 450 kPa limit can be fit with second-order polynomial curves.

Each 20-h PAV cycle is equal to 5-10 years of field life. Using the value of 5 years, the PRBL aging curves can be projected over a span of years (in this case, 25 years).



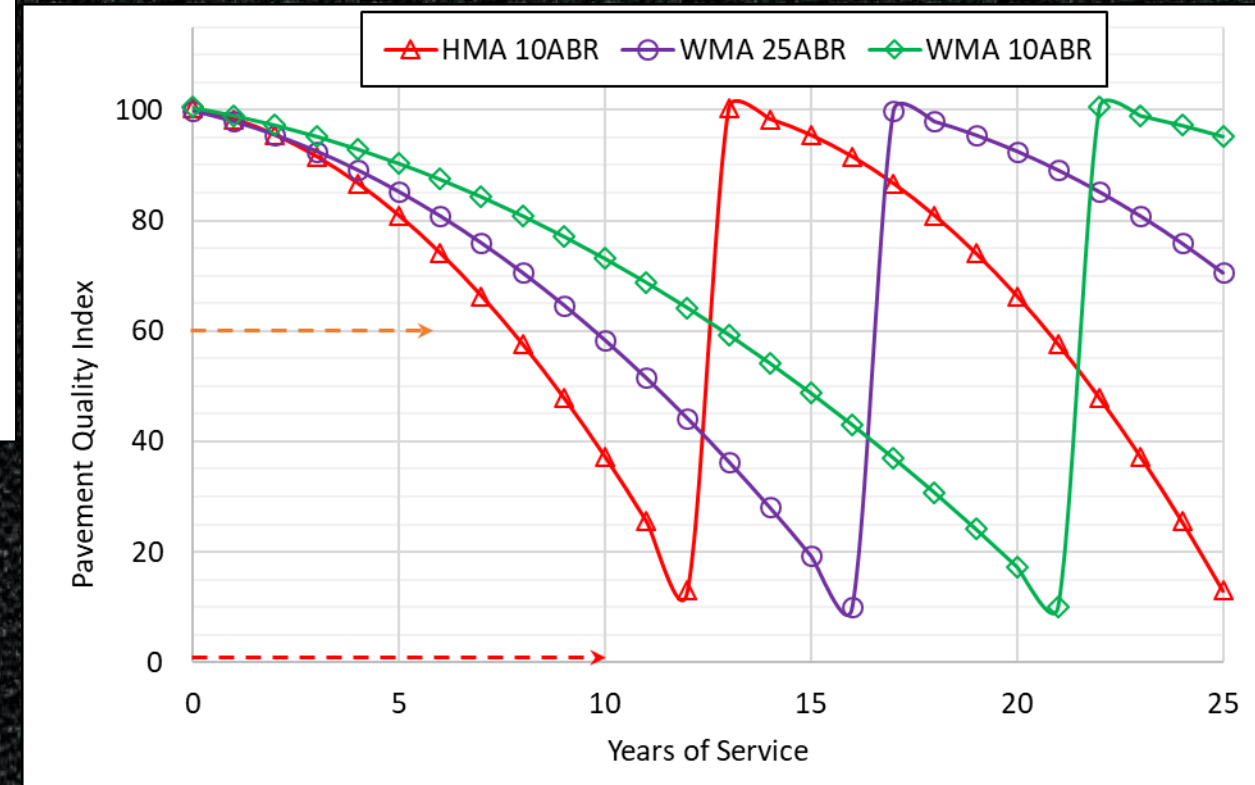


# Considering Maintenance Scenarios Over a Design Life

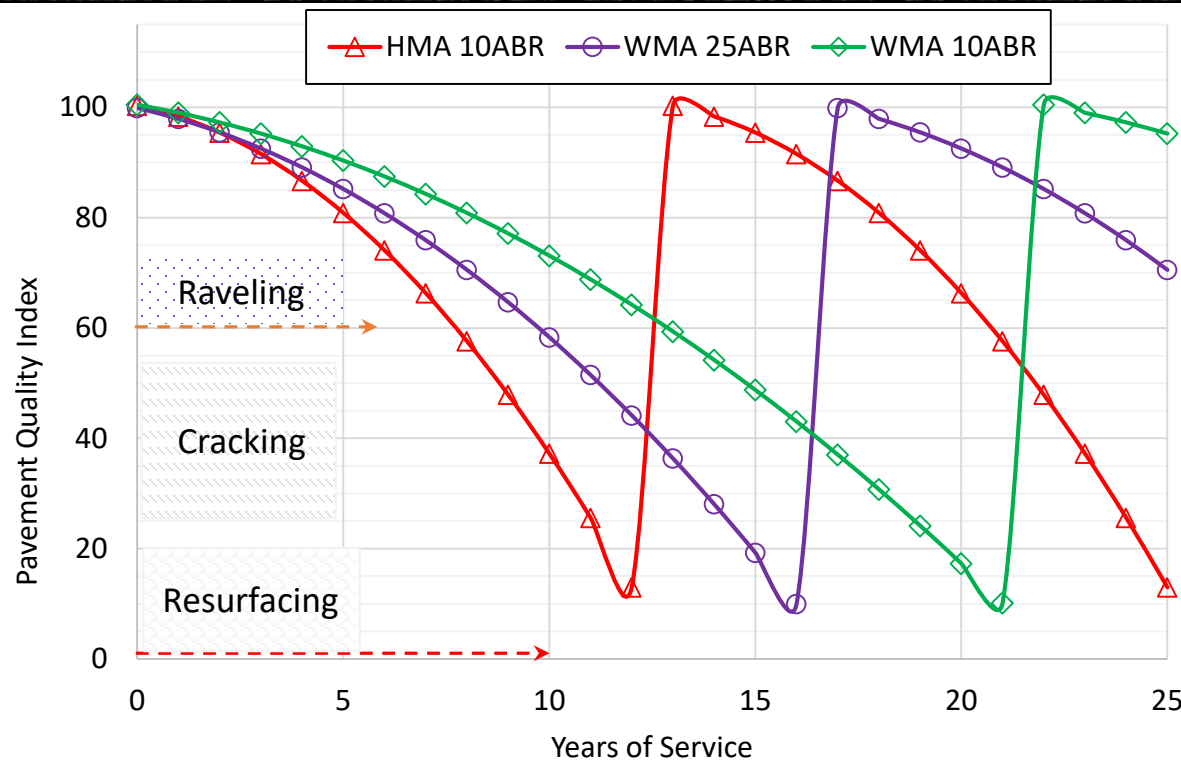


When each pavement reaches about 10-13% remaining binder life, the aged pavement is resurfaced. That is, the aged pavement is milled off and a new paving mixture is applied.

We assume that the same paving mixtures are reapplied during resurfacing and that the pavement is restored to a Pavement Quality Index of 100%. At that point, the aging cycle begins again according to the GRP's.



# The Comparative Cost of the Maintenance Program Can Be Estimated



\$56.5K

\$68.1K

\$91.0K

If we arbitrarily stop the analysis at 25 years of service, we can calculate the cost of each pavement over that 25-year period.

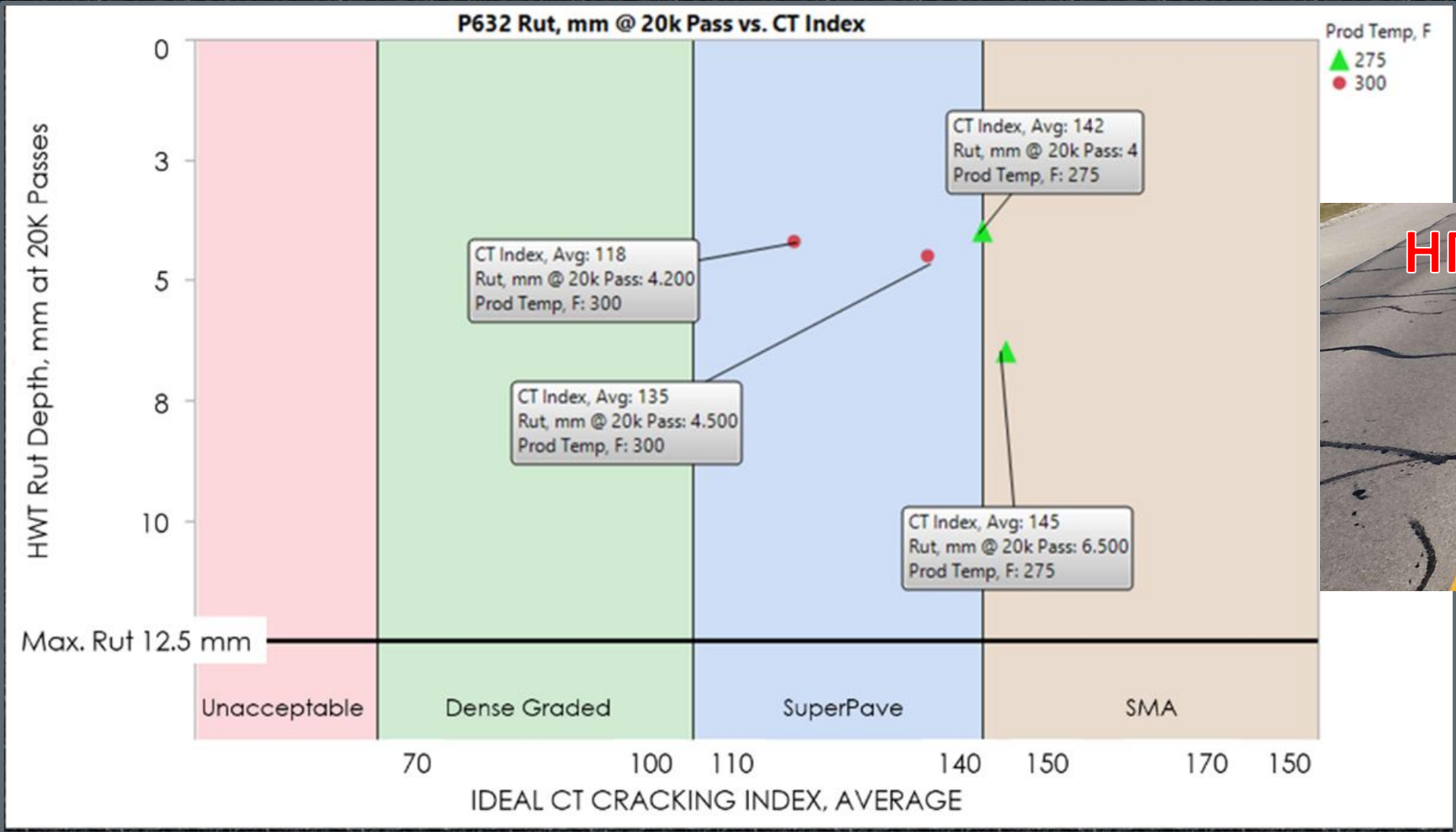
Over the 25-year period, the per lane-mile cost of each pavement:

- **HMA with 10% RAP made at 325°F: \$90,978.46**
- **WMA with 25% RAP made at 275°F \$68,101.65 (↓25%)**
- **WMA with 10%RAP made at 275°F \$56,480.00 (↓38%)**

Years	PQI	Year	Mill & Fill	PQI	Year	Mill & Fill	PQI	Year	Mill & Fill
0	100		100	100		100	100		100
1	98		98	98		98	99		99
2	95		95	95		95	97		97
3	92		92	93		93	95		95
4	87		87	89		89	93		93
5	81		81	85		85	90		90
6	74		74	81		81	87		87
7	66		66	76		76	84		84
8	58		58	71		71	81		81
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14		1	98	28		28	54		54
15		2	95	19		19	49		49
16		3	92	10		10	43		43
17		4	87	0	0	100	37		37
18		5	81		1	98	31		31
19		6	74		2	95	24		24
20		7	66		3	93	17		17
21		8	58		4	89	10		10
22		9	48		5	85	3	0	100
23		10	37		6	81		1	99
24		11	26		7	76		2	97
25		12	13		8	71		3	95
Sq.Yd Cost, \$		6.72	6.72	6.45			6.85		6.45
Cost per Lane-Mile, \$		47309	47309	45408		48224	48224		45408
Residual Life, \$			3639			25530			37152
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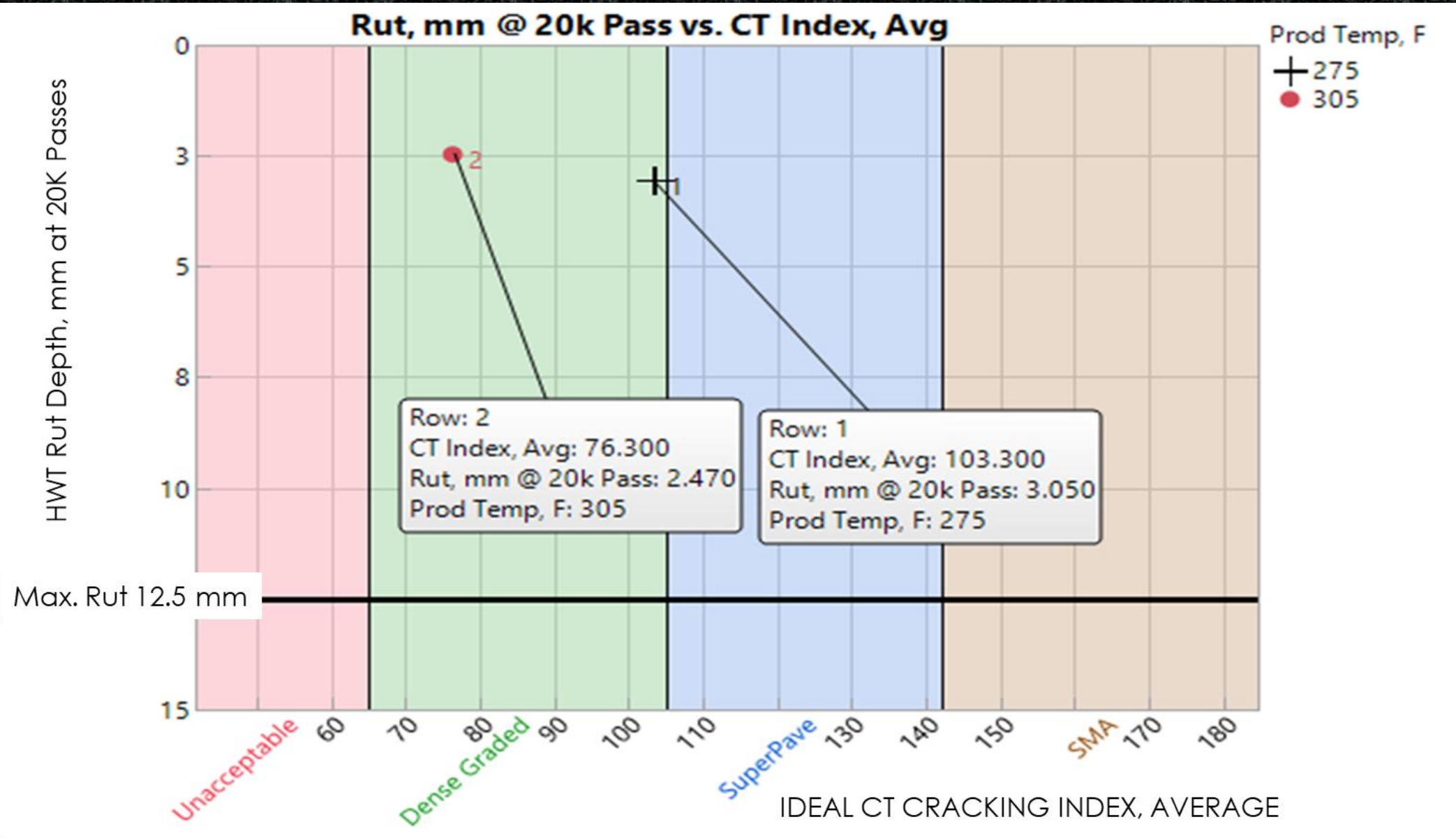


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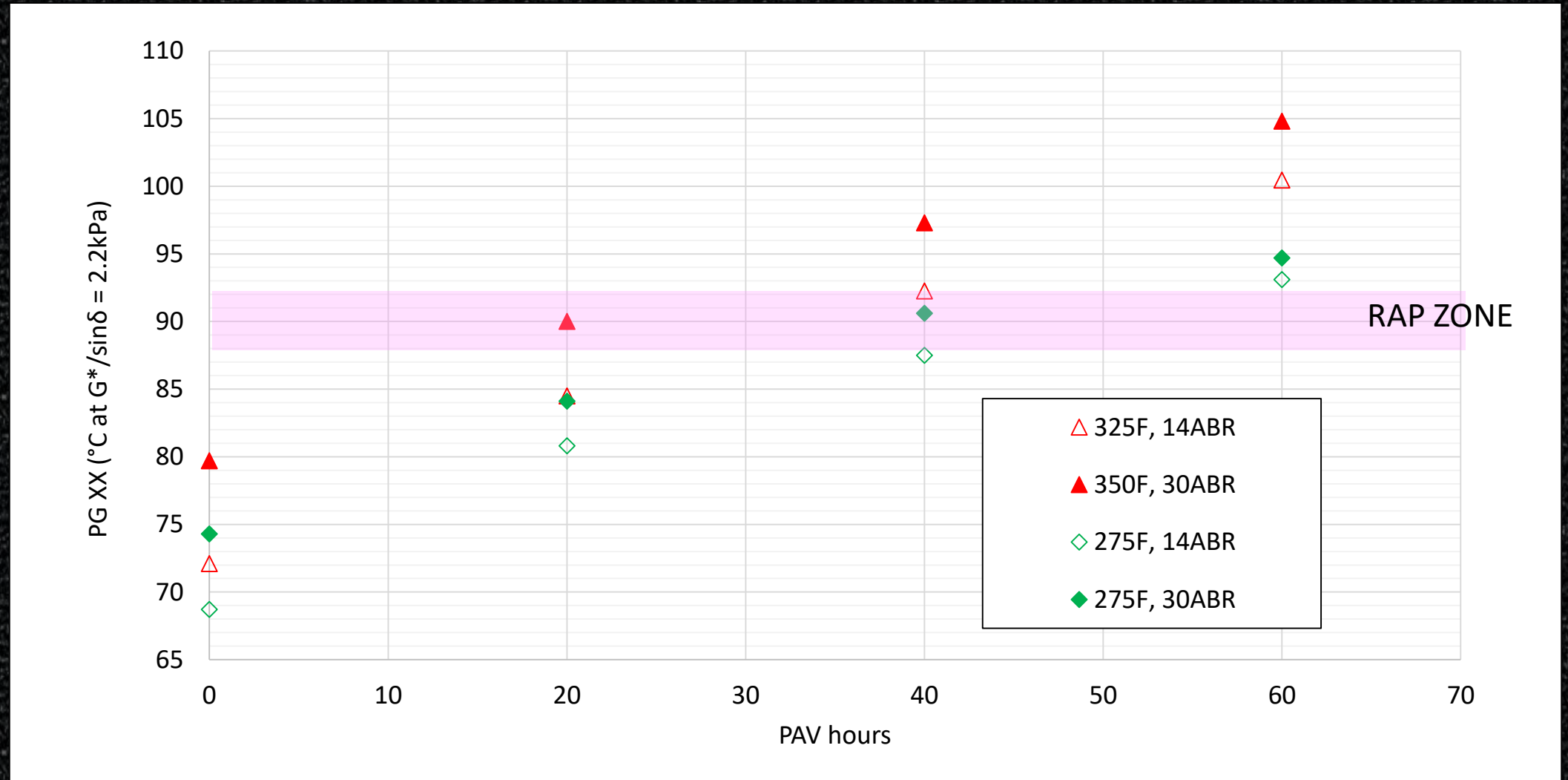


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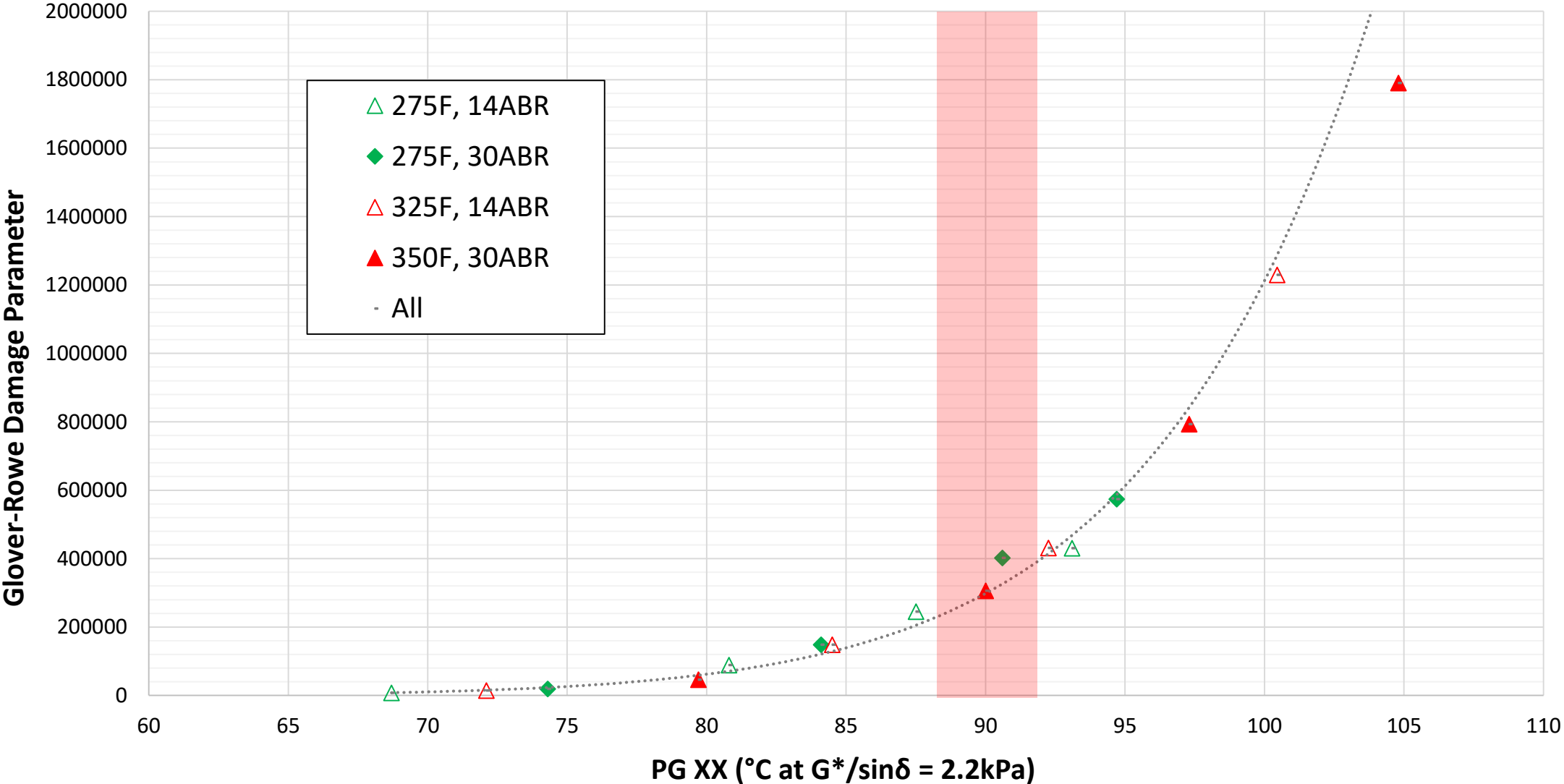


# Aging Can Be Monitored Through Other Stiffness Parameters



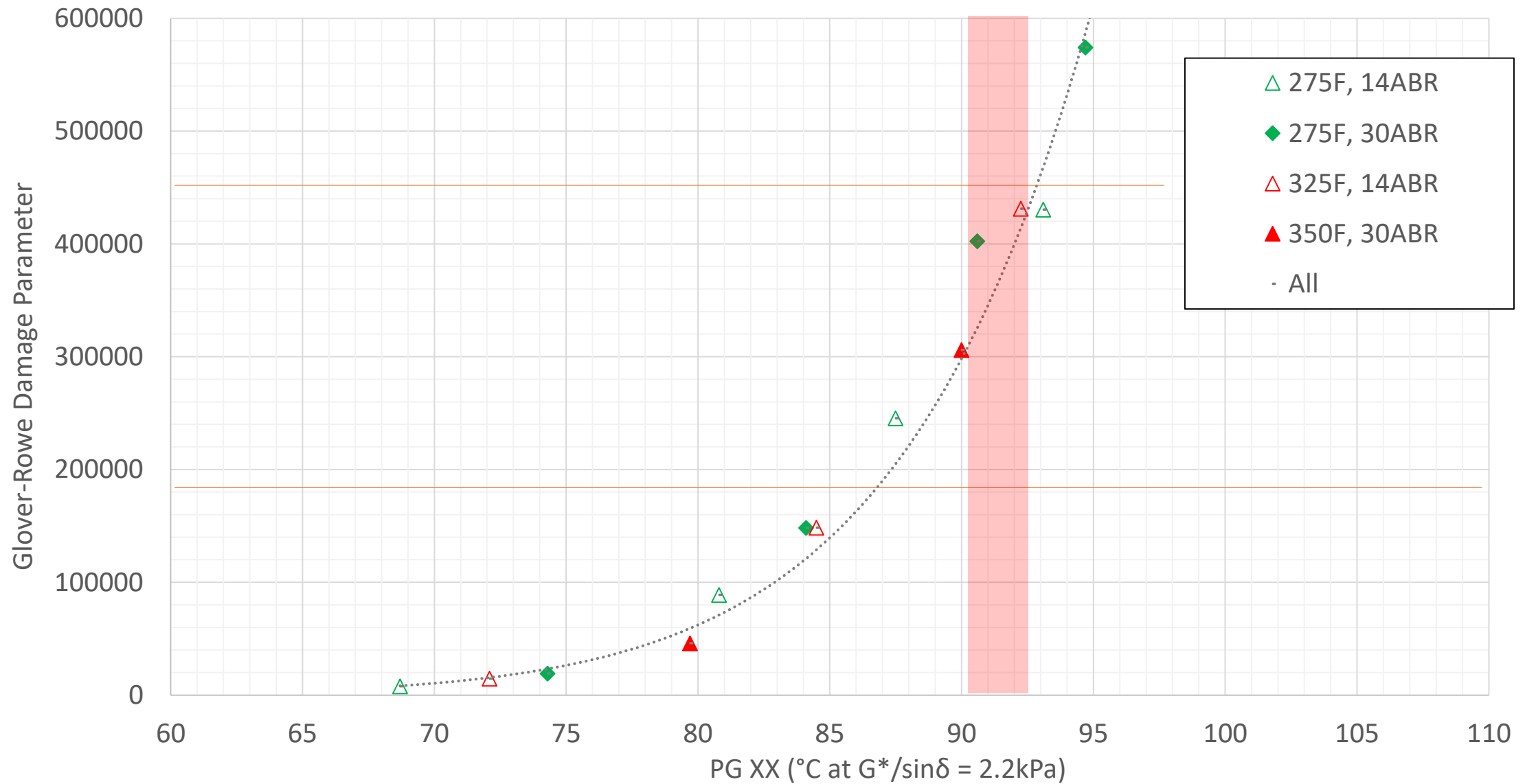
$$\text{PG XX, } ^\circ\text{C} = 41.581 + 0.2083 \cdot \text{ABR} + 0.0944 \cdot \text{RTFO, } ^\circ\text{F} + 0.4038 \cdot \text{PAV h}$$

# Glover-Rowe Parameter and PG XX Values Trend with PAV Aging





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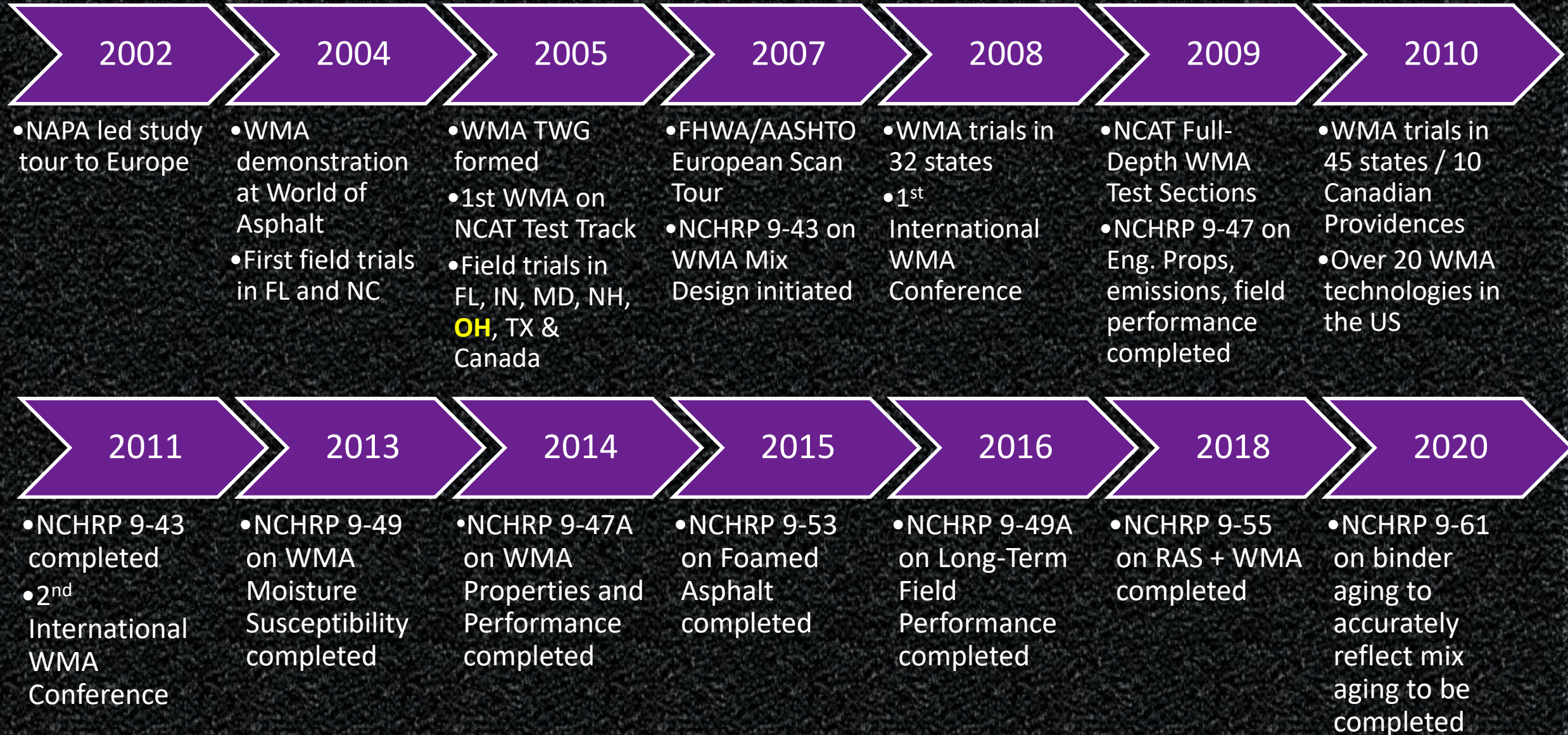


# Can Lower Temperatures Bring Additional Benefits

**LESS BINDER OXIDATION**  
**HIGHER RECYCLE-ABLES CONTENT**  
**LONGER HAUL DISTANCES**  
**COLD WEATHER PAVING**  
**FIBER-FREE SMA**  
**MIX TYPES: OGFC, PMB, GTR, ...**  
**BETTER COMPACTION DENSITY = BONUS PAY**  
**LIME REPLACEMENT**  
**REDUCED AGGREGATE ABSORPTION**  
**LESS THERMAL SEGREGATION = MORE UNIFORM MAT DENSITY**



# WMA: Steady Growth in the U.S.A since 2002





# WMA in the U.S.A. Today



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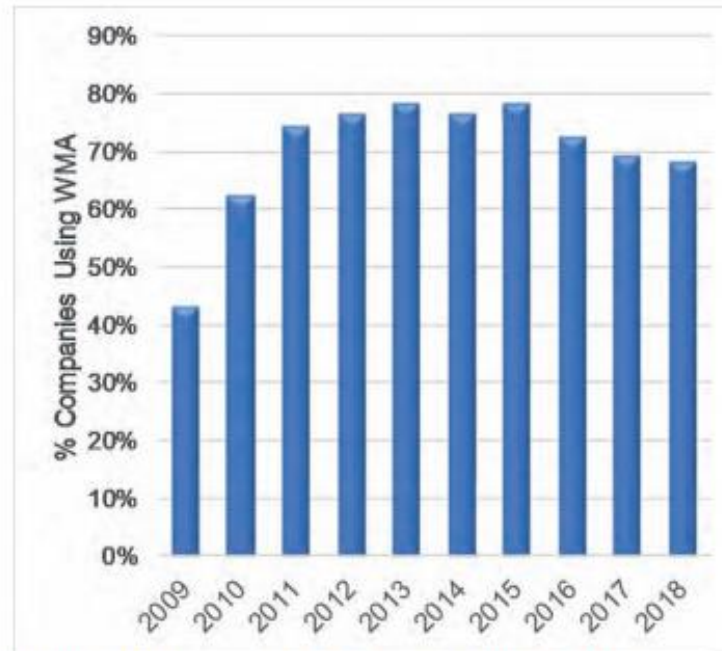


Figure 15: Percent of Companies Using WMA Technologies

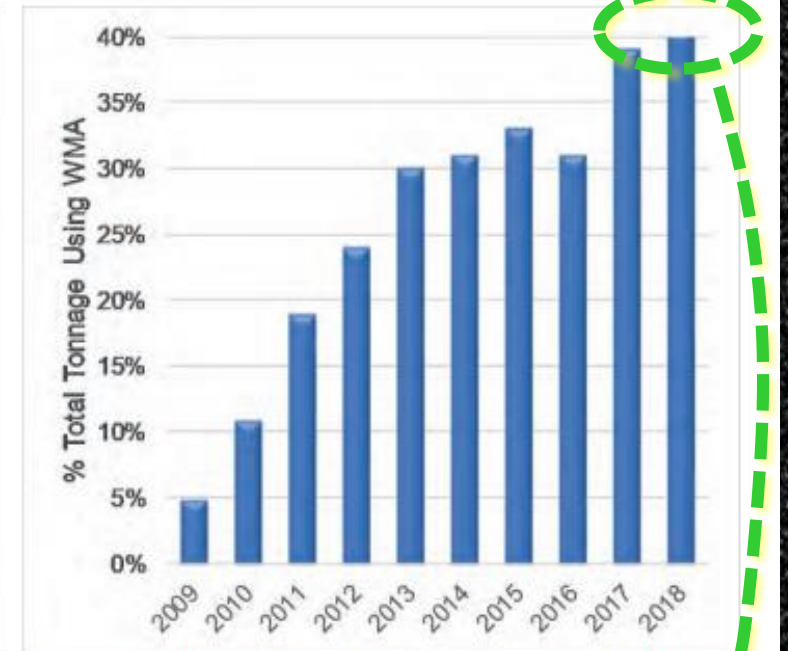


Figure 16: Percent Total Tonnage Produced Using WMA Technologies

**~156 million tons of WMA in 2018**



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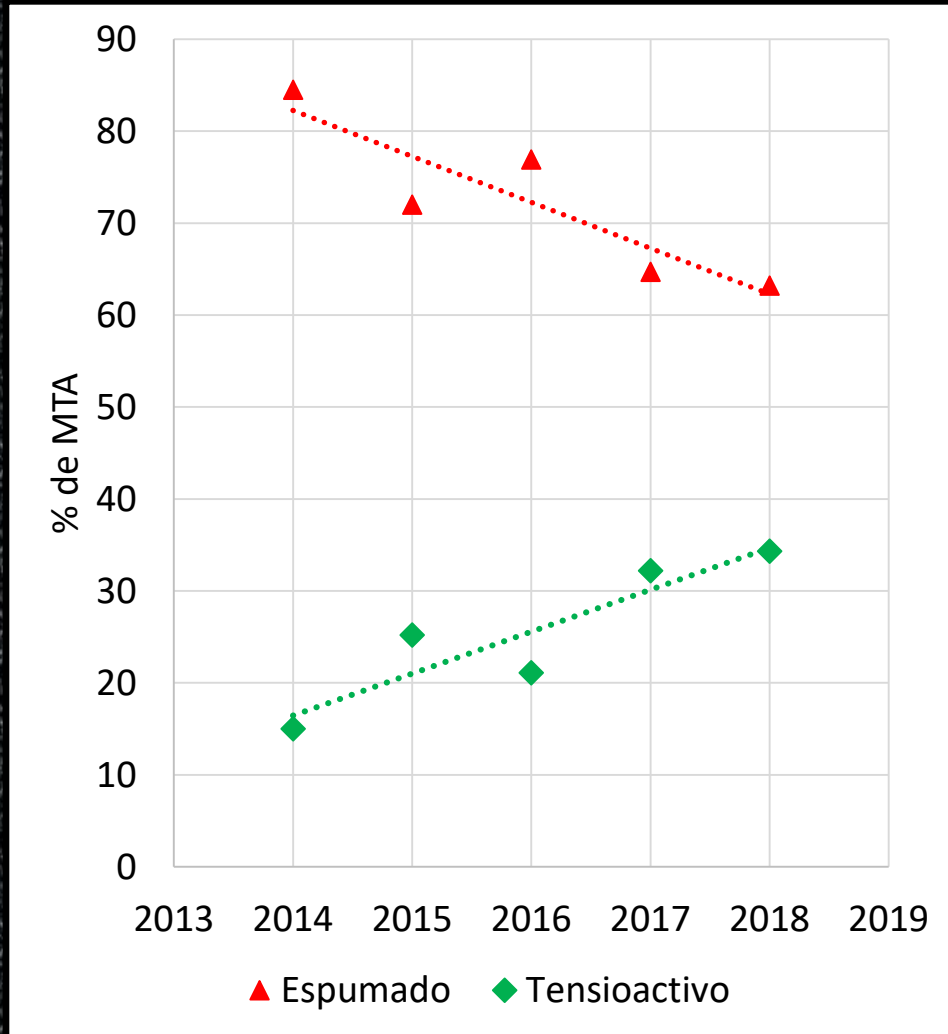


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# WMA: What Influence Our Evolution through the 2020's and 2030's

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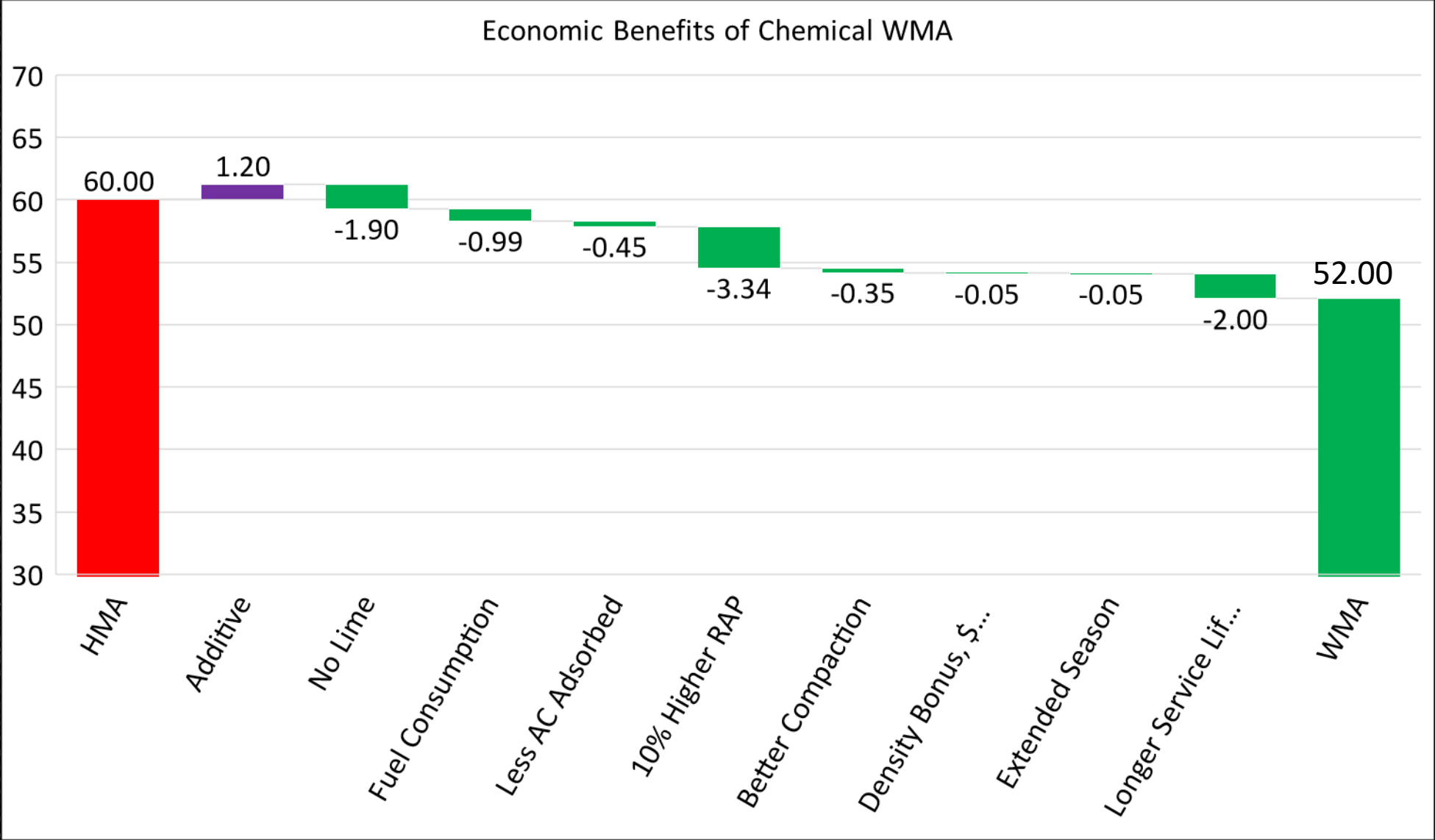
- LCA is an analytical technique for assessing potential environmental burdens and impacts throughout a product's life from raw material acquisition through production, use and disposal (ISO 2006).



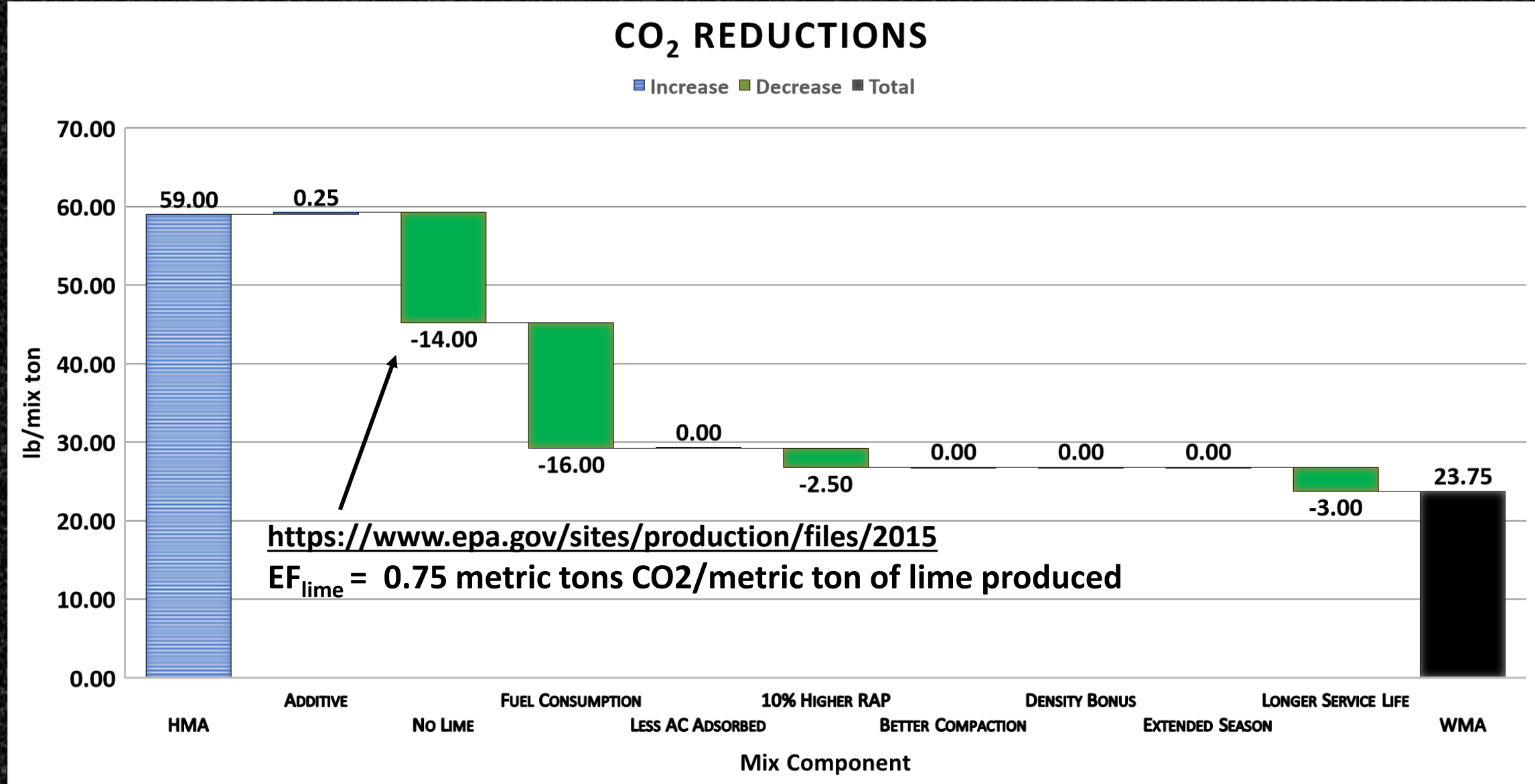
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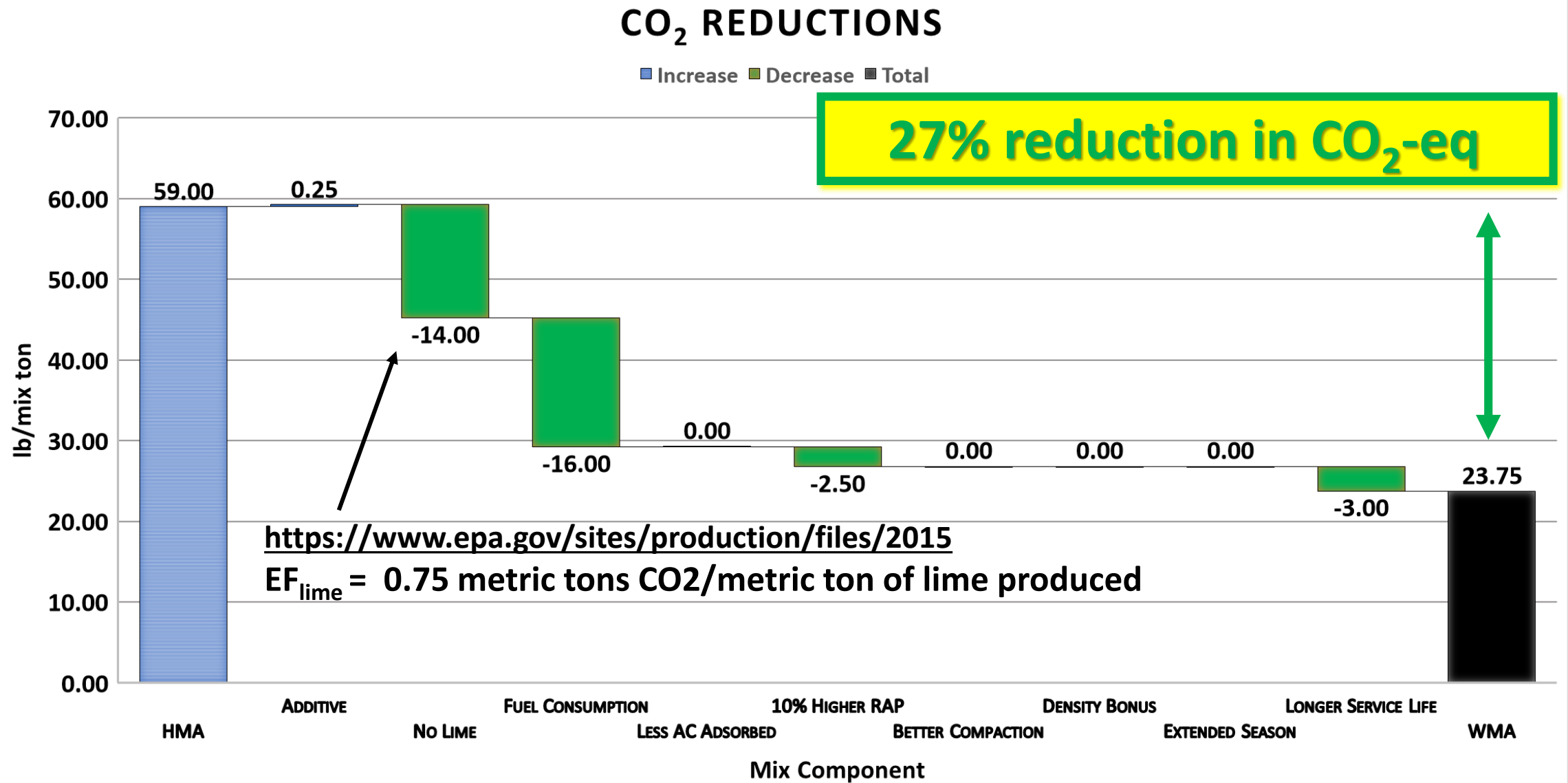


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## The Future of Reduced Mixing Temperatures

Can we do better than half the fuel usage, half the fumes/emissions? Can we go further?

Will lower detection limits for instrumental analysis of PAH's drive the NIOSH STEL below  $0.5 \text{ mg/m}^3$ ?

Will “Green” environmental concerns demand even lower  $\text{CO}_2$ -equiv / ton of mixture?





# A CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Repeated recycling in years,  $A_n$ . Higher values of  $A$  &  $n$ , mean lower annualized pavement costs, less waste, and **less damage** to the environment.

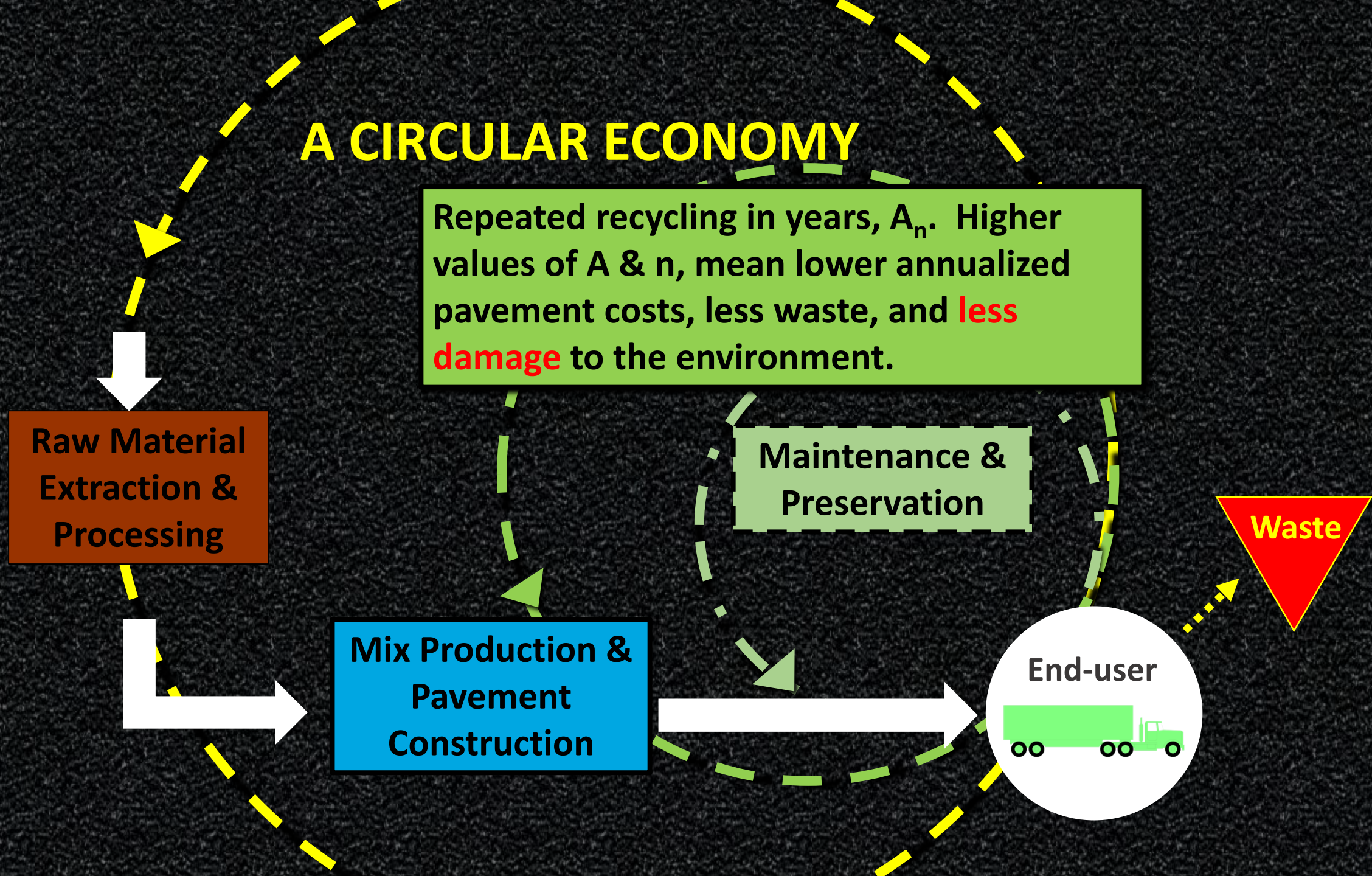
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Extraction &  
Processing

Mix Production &  
Pavement  
Construction

Maintenance &  
Preservation

End-user

Waste





# QUESTIONS?



*If you see something in this presentation that you want to hear more about, we have additional data available and would be happy to discuss any of the above topics in greater detail.*

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