

A grayscale photograph of a construction site. In the foreground, several workers wearing hard hats and safety vests are standing near a concrete structure. In the background, there is a large piece of construction equipment, a concrete pump truck, with a sign that reads "BIOWELL 3600 A CMI TEREX COMPANY CANTON, SOUTH DAKOTA".

A Roadmap for Test Methods, Innovative Materials, Models and Specifications for Concrete Durability Performance

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Durability Issues Abound



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Taylor 2013



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Weiss 2008



Weiss 2005

Current Concrete Durability Specifications



- Based on empirical observation
- Based largely 4 component systems) which are rapidly becoming out dated
- Many times concrete is falling apart
- Concrete is not the dinosaur, our specifications however
- AASHTO currently considering performance based alternatives (PP-84) – I was asked to examine durability



Concrete Mixture Design to Reduce Corrosion



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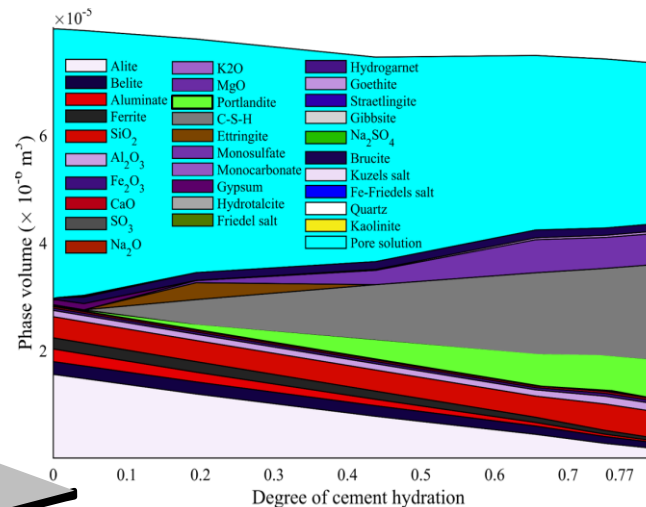
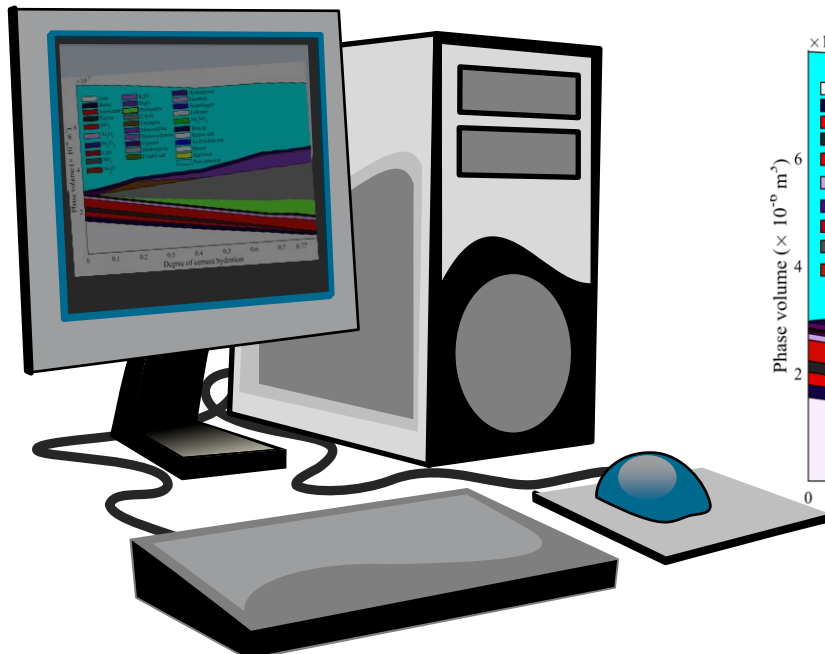
- Think Tony Soprano
- The pores in concrete that are of the greatest concern are large and connected



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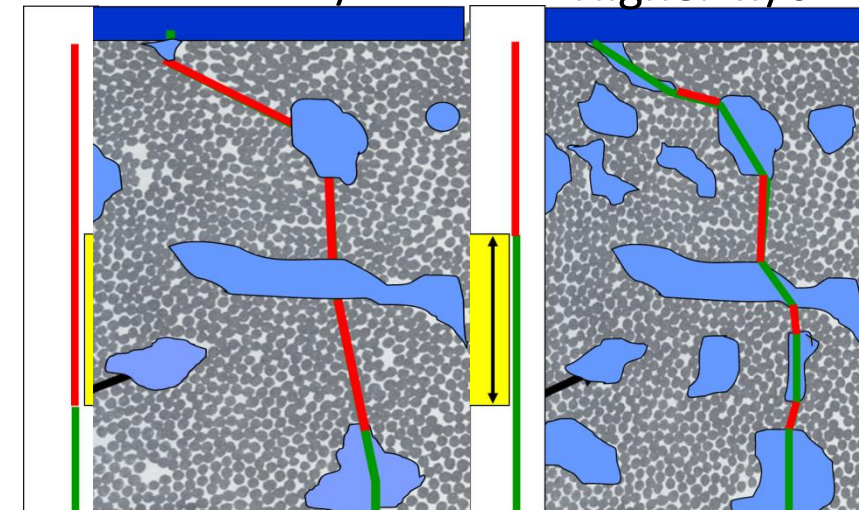


- Transport mainly in capillary pores
- Capillary pores - large and connected
- Predictions exist (Here GEMS, PB)

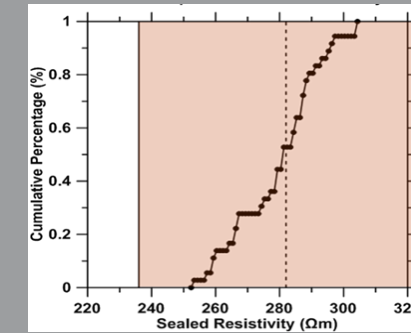


Lower w/c

Higher w/c



Four Step Approach



Assess
Performance
w/ Standard
Tests

Tests should be:

- easy to perform
- economical
- repeatable

Convert Test
Results to
Fundamental
Properties

Example:

- Measure ρ
- Account for Pore Solution
- Determine F- Factor

Relate
Properties w/
Exposure
Conditions

Use Exposure,
Material
Properties, and
Models to
Estimate
Performance

Establish
Performance
Grade and
Measure

Set Performance
Limits and Use
Tests to Measure
to Insure That You
Received What
you Specified

Example of a Performance Specification (AASHTO PP84)



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- Suppose we want 75 yr before we repair damage due to corrosion (INDOT)



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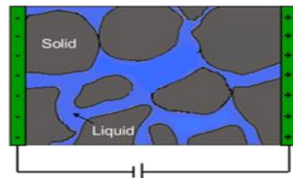
Time to Critical Chloride Concentration For Reinforcement Corrosion

Step 1:
Measure Electrical Resistivity
 ρ

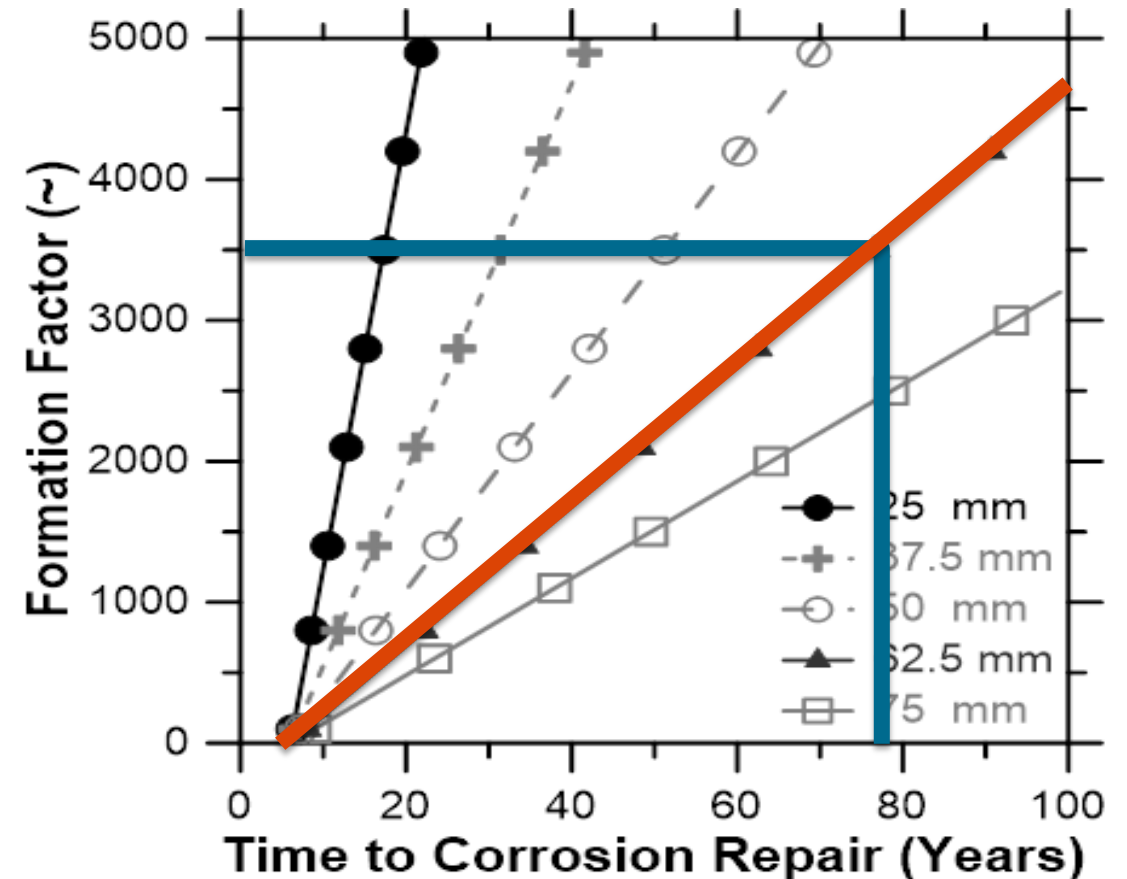
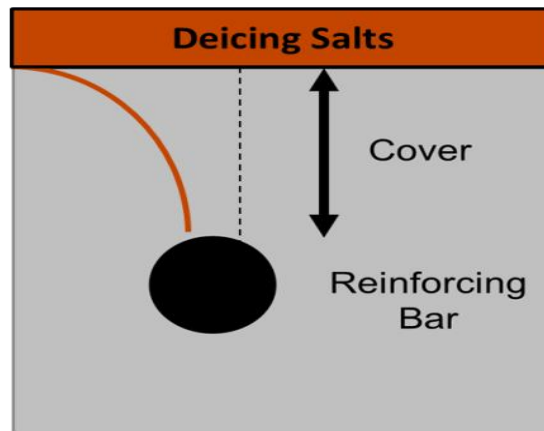
Step 2:
Resistivity to Formation Factor
 $F = \frac{\rho}{\rho_o}$

Step 3:
 $\frac{C_x - C_o}{C_s - C_o} = \text{erfc} \left[\frac{x\sqrt{F}}{2\sqrt{D_o t}} \right]$

Step 4:
For a given exposure, predict the time to reach a limit state of chloride content at the rebar



$$F = \frac{\rho}{\rho_o}$$

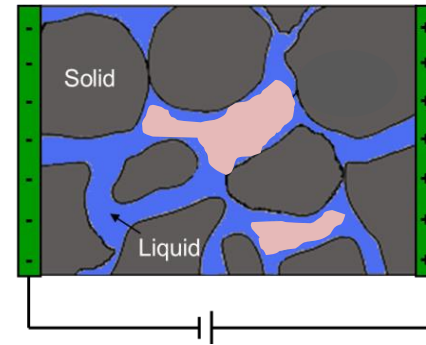


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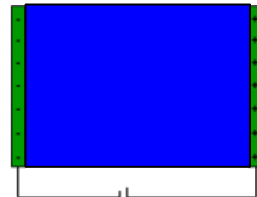
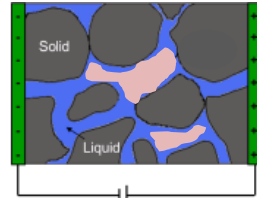


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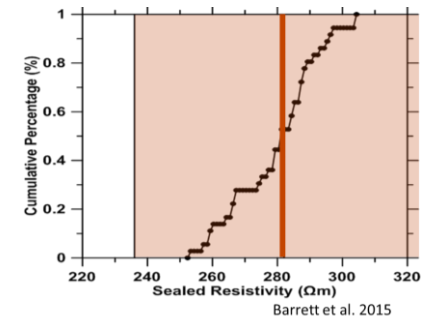
- 75 year $F_{SPEC} = 3600$
- Pore soln $\rho_0 = 0.079 \Omega m$

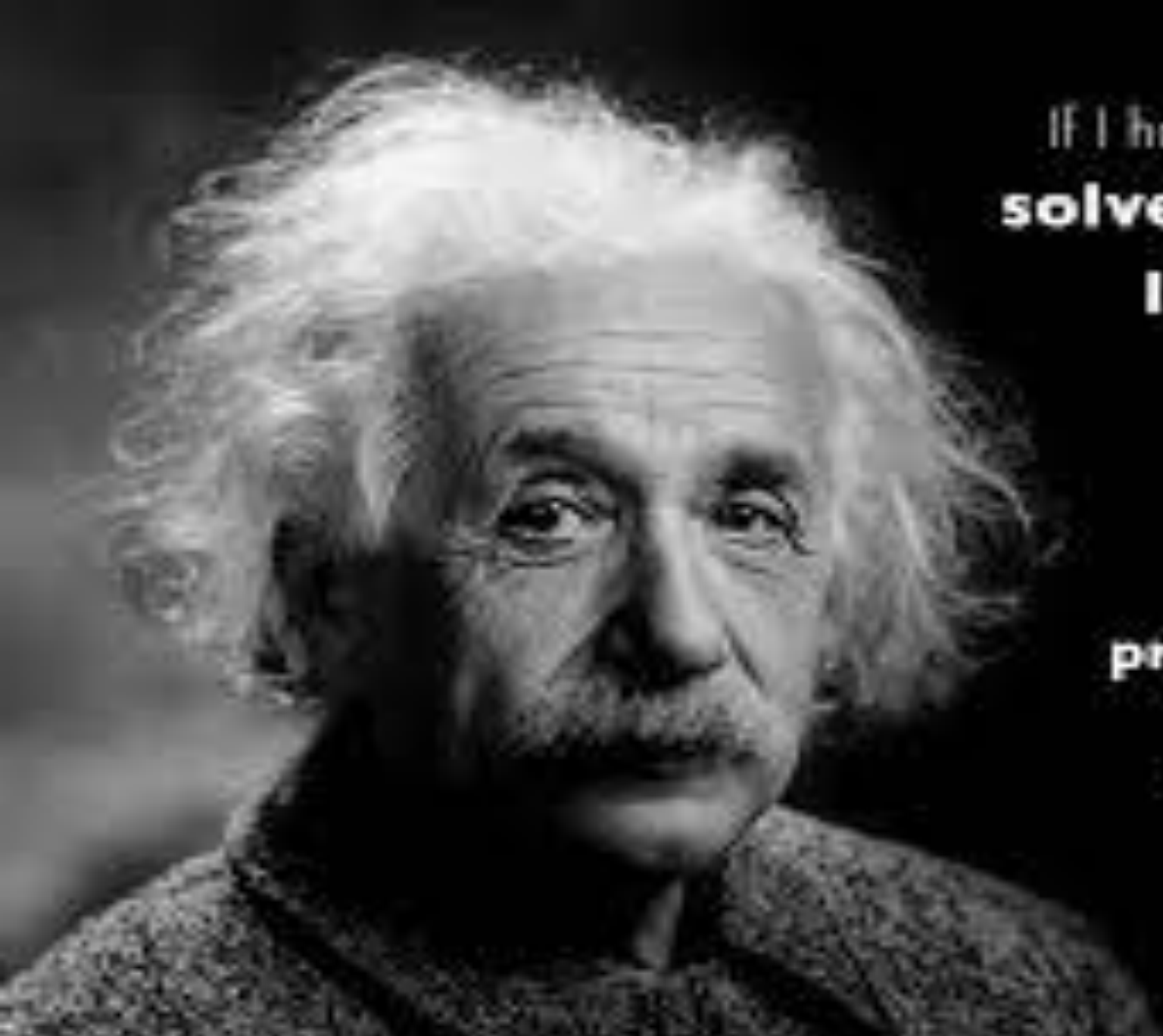


$$F = \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} = \frac{1}{\phi\beta}$$



- Resistivity, ρ All Values greater than $236 \Omega m$





If I had an hour to
solve a problem and my
life depended on it,
I would use the
first 55 minutes
determining the
proper questions to ask.

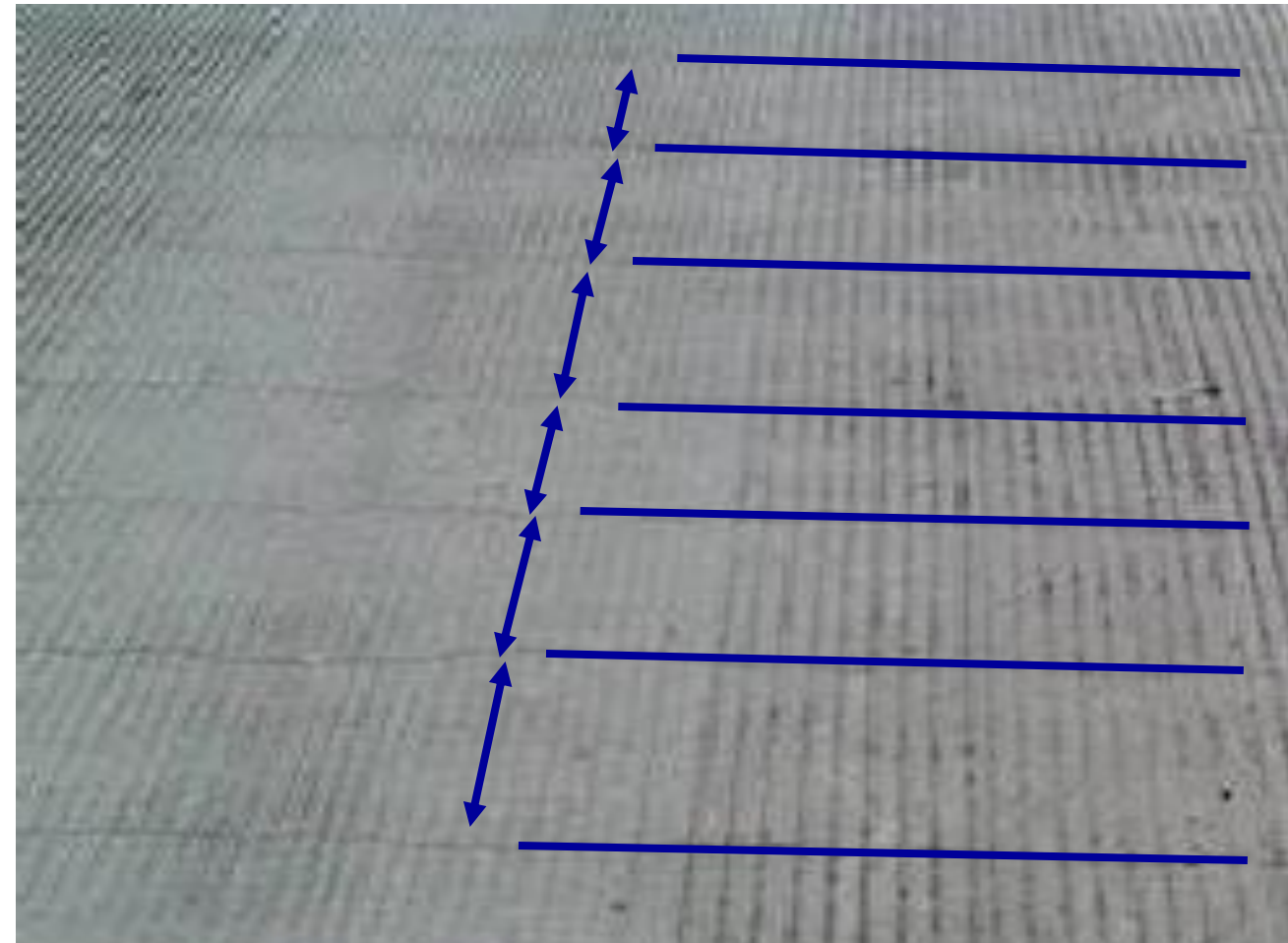
Albert Einstein

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What is the Problem



- Transverse cracking in 100,000+ bridges
- 62% of DOT's consider cracking as a problem (28% did not know)
- Cracks shorten service life, increase maintenance cost, and accelerate corrosion
- Common Response – Use Higher Strength



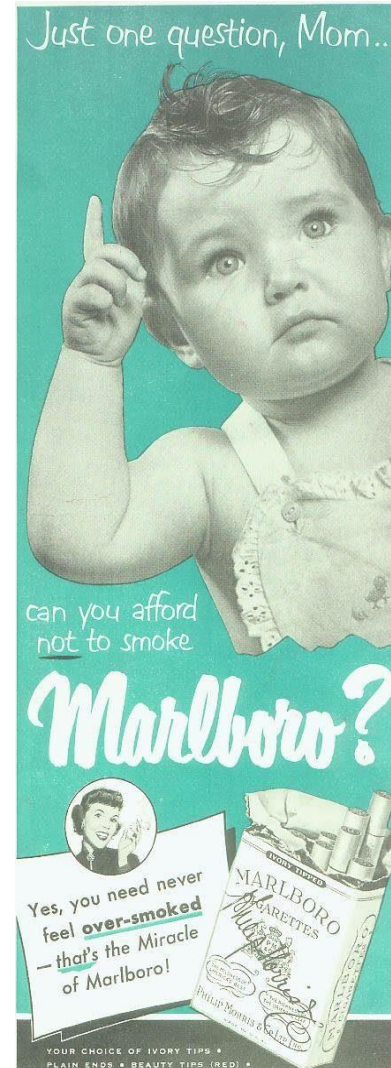
Here we see cracks spaced at 0.8 m
On the approaches to a bridge

High Strength Concrete



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- Higher Strength
- Higher Stiffness
- Low Permeability
- Low Shrinkage
- Low Creep
- Freeze-Thaw Resistance
- Abrasion Resistance
- Toughness

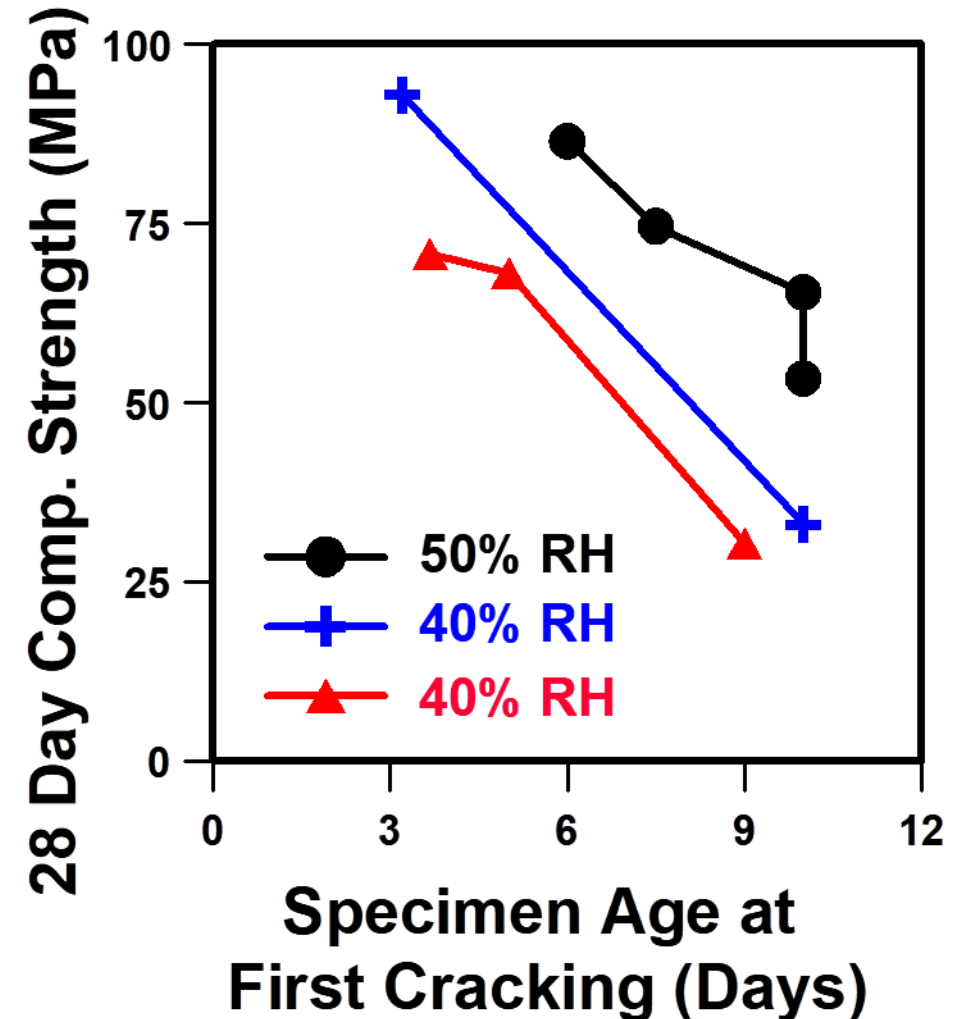


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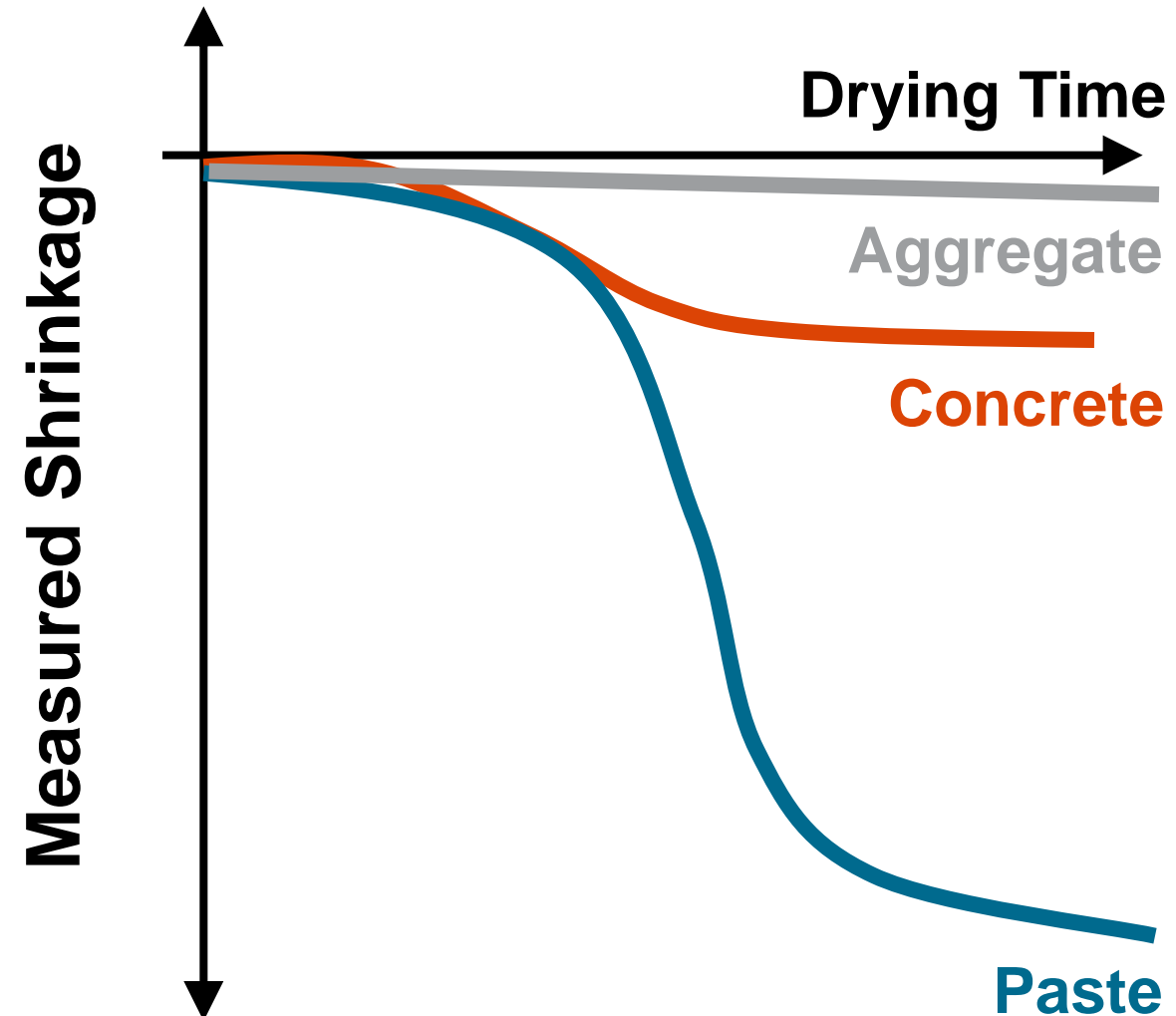


Weiss et al. 1999

Shrinkage of Components



- Looking at shrinkage of the components
- Aggregate generally don't shrink
- Paste is the portion that shrinks
- Shrinkage is a paste property



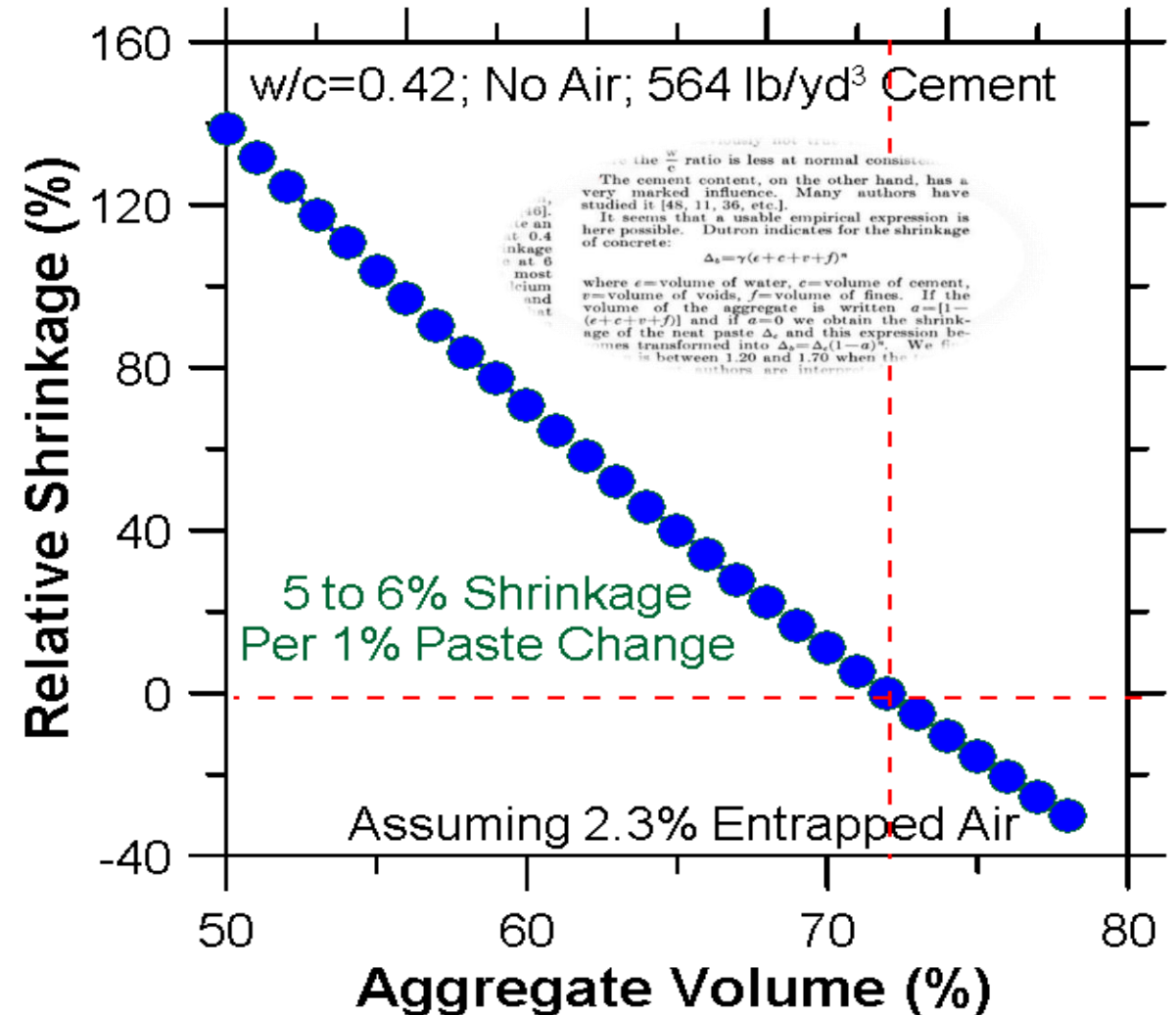
Volume of Paste is One Approach – V_{Paste}



- Dutron (1956) shares data
- L'Hermite (1960 no influence of the w/c) (We can show this is due to PSD)
- Pickett ('65) and others work on eqn

$$\epsilon_{\text{Concrete}} = \epsilon_{\text{Paste}} (1 - V_{\text{Agg}})^n$$

- SRA, IC change this approach doable)



Stress Development



Initial Specimen



Shrinkage Effect



Restraint Effect



$$d\varepsilon(t, \xi) = \frac{d\sigma(\xi)}{E_\sigma(\xi)} + d\varepsilon_{SHR}(\xi)$$

Creep/Cracking Effect



Stress Relaxation

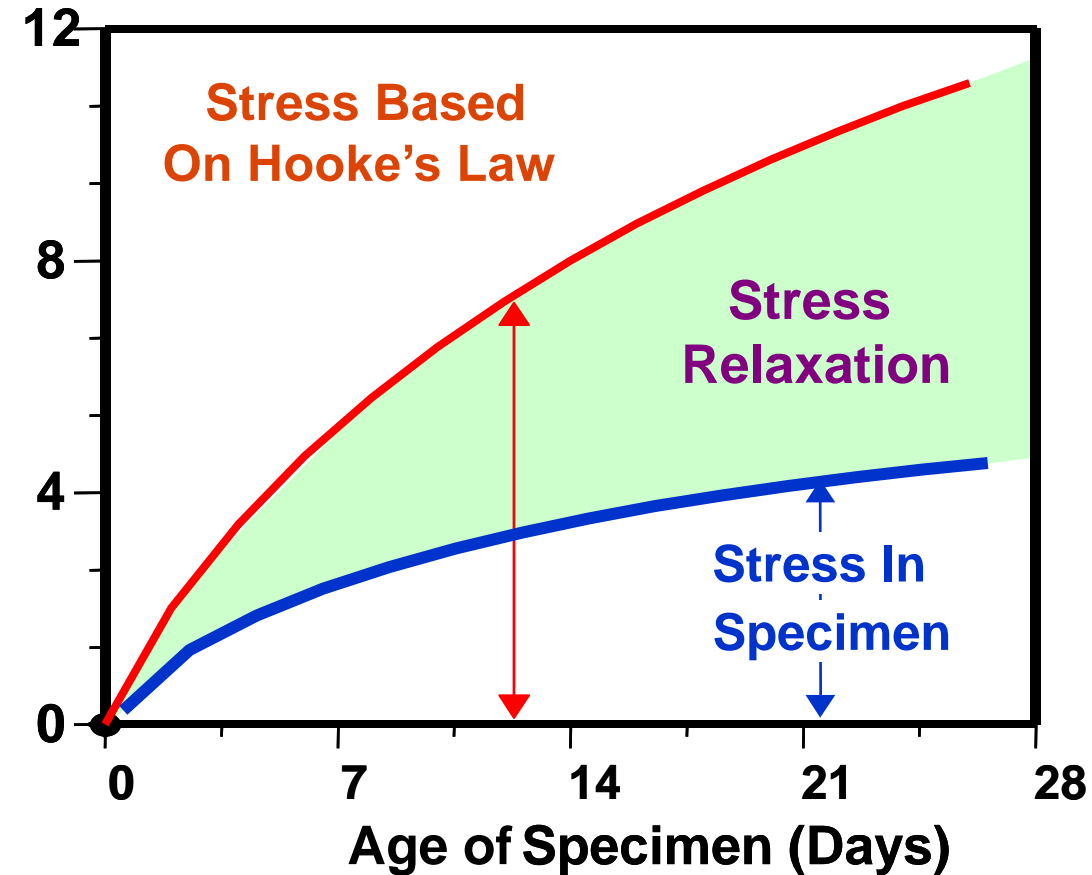


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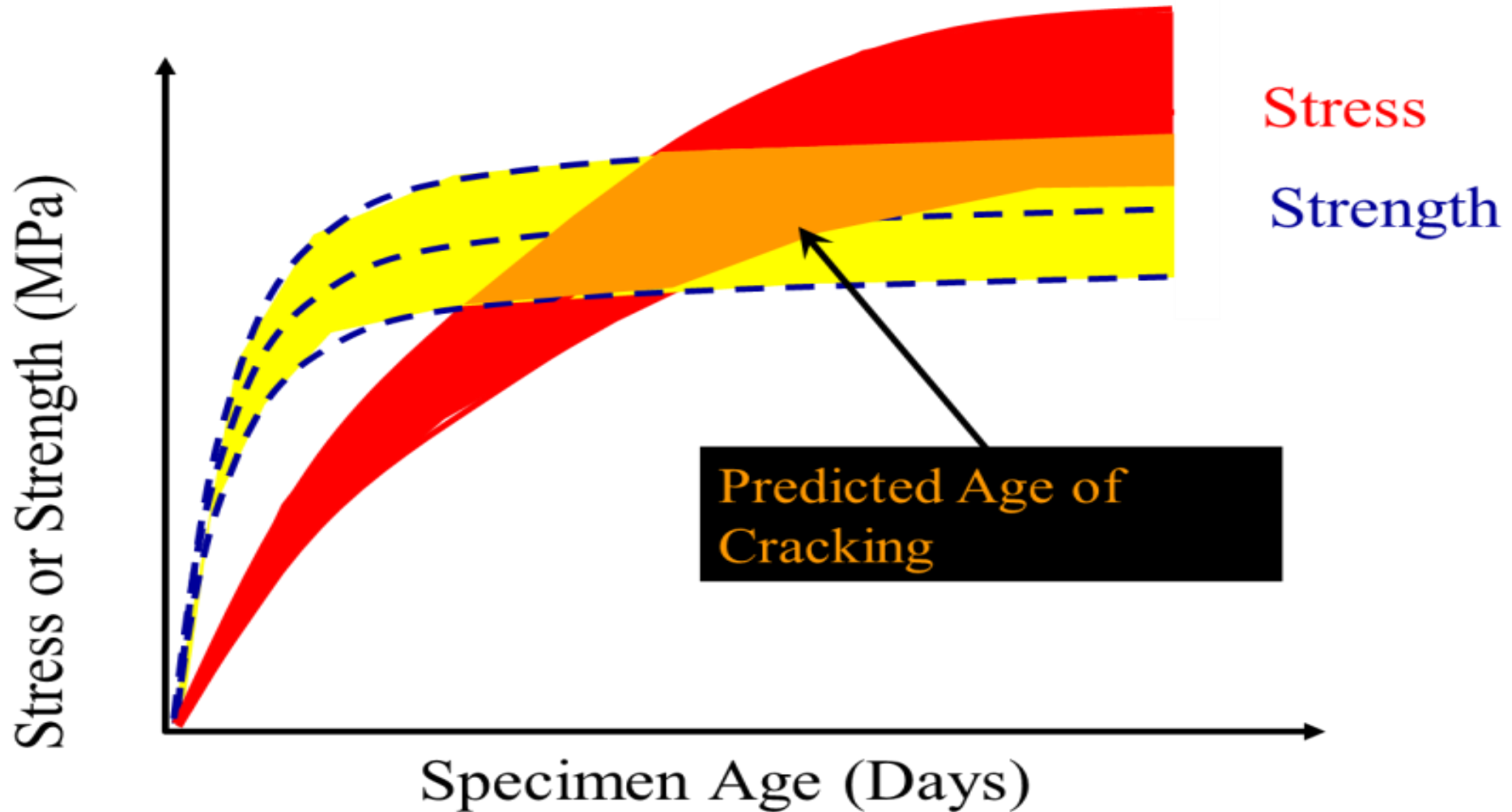
Final Stress State



Calculated Tensile Stress (MPa)



Probability of Cracking



Stress Development



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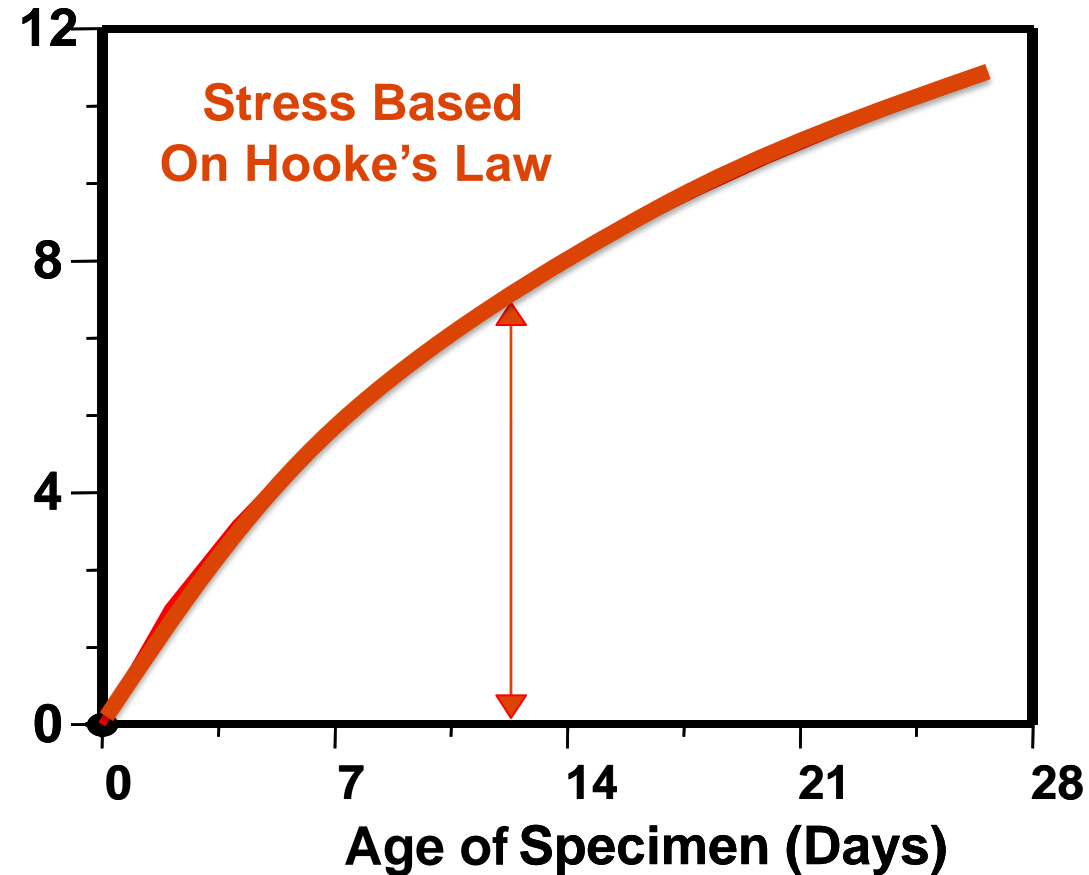
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Increase in
Stiffness is More
Likely to Crack

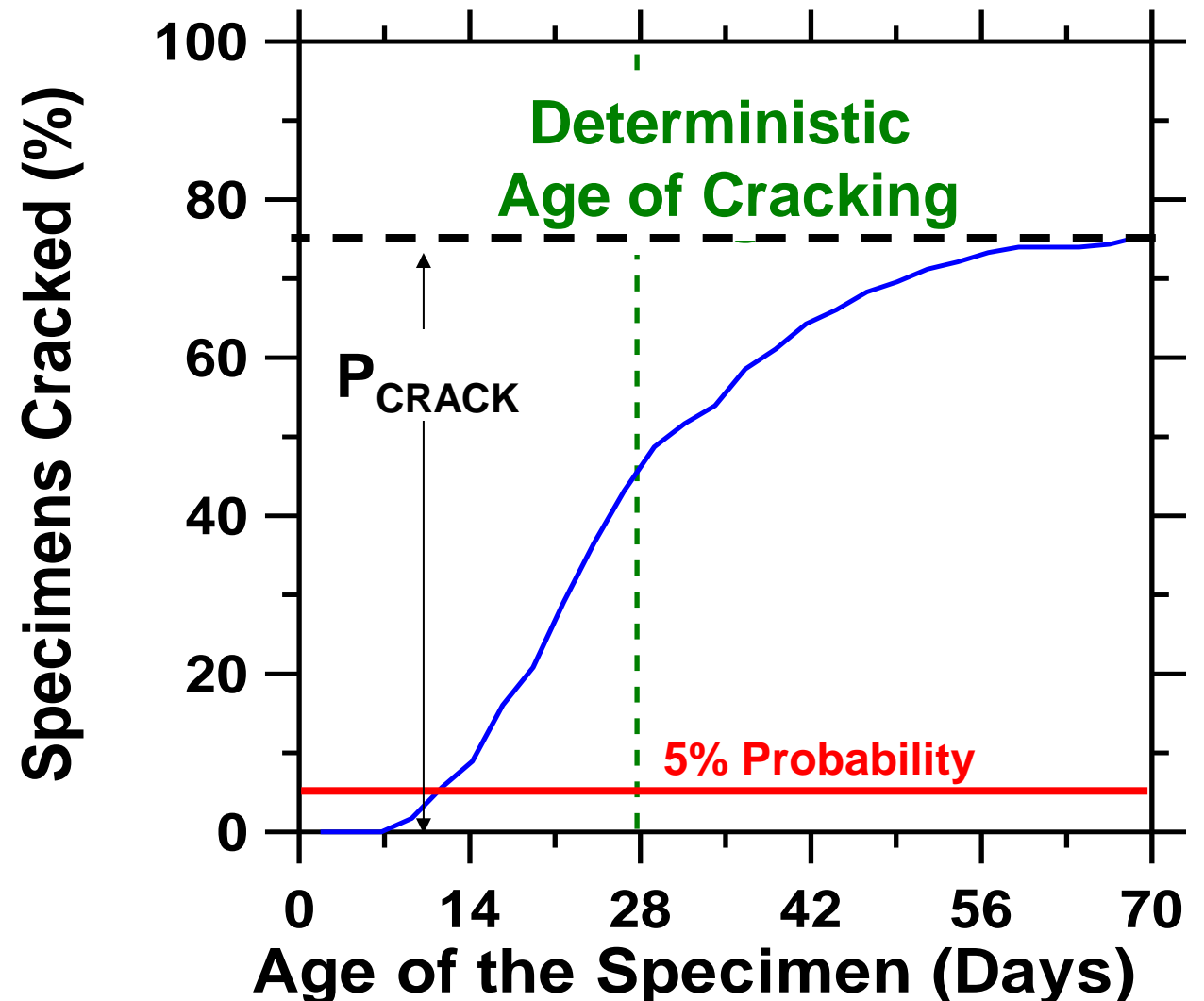
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Considering Variability in Shrinkage Cracking



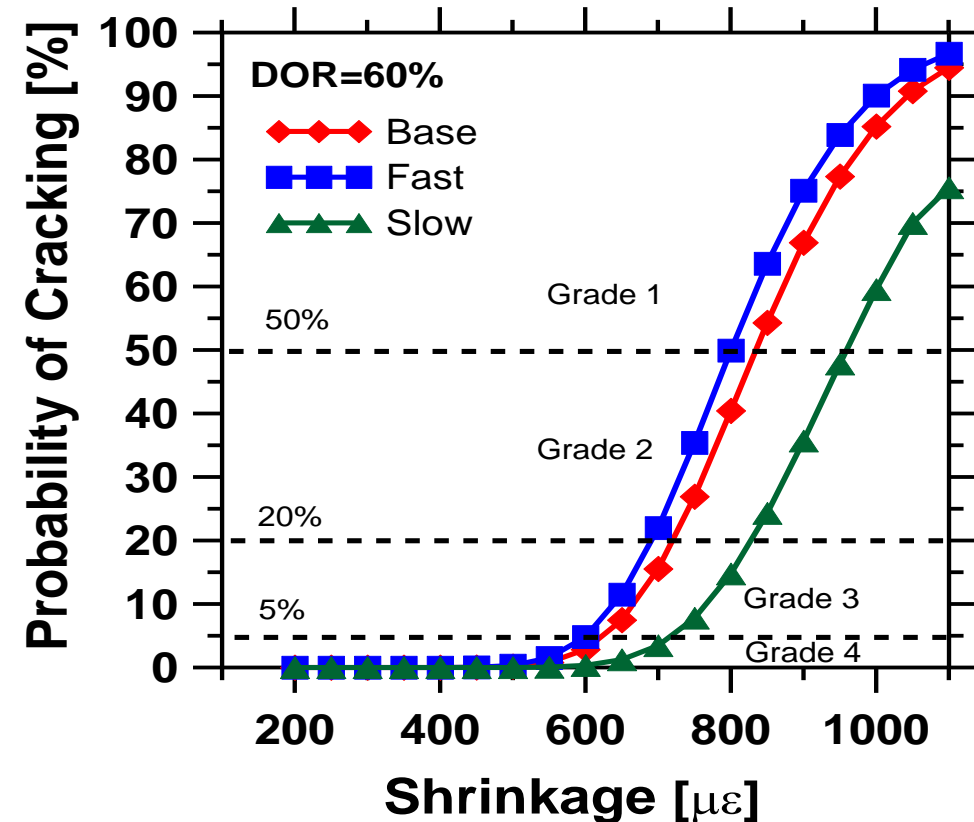
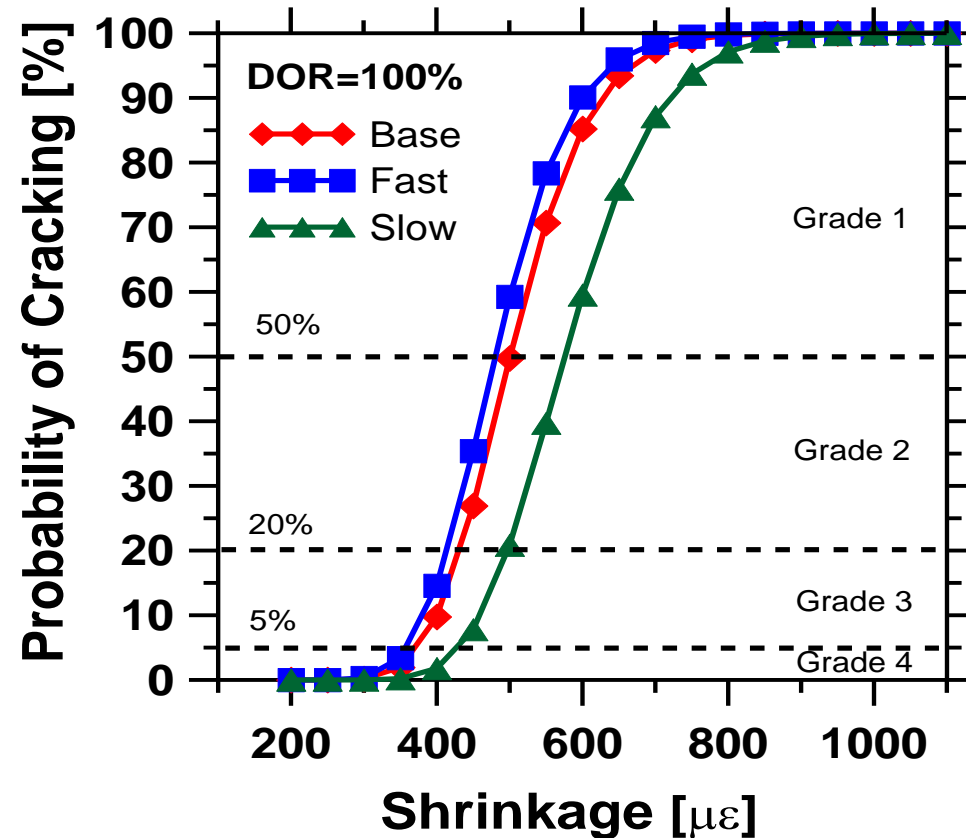
- Plotted the percentage of specimens cracked by a specific age
- Results of 10,000 simulations
- Can quantify risk or total probability



Probability Based Shrinkage Specification



- Shrinkage can be related to cracking potential and this simple approach relates a simple test to performance

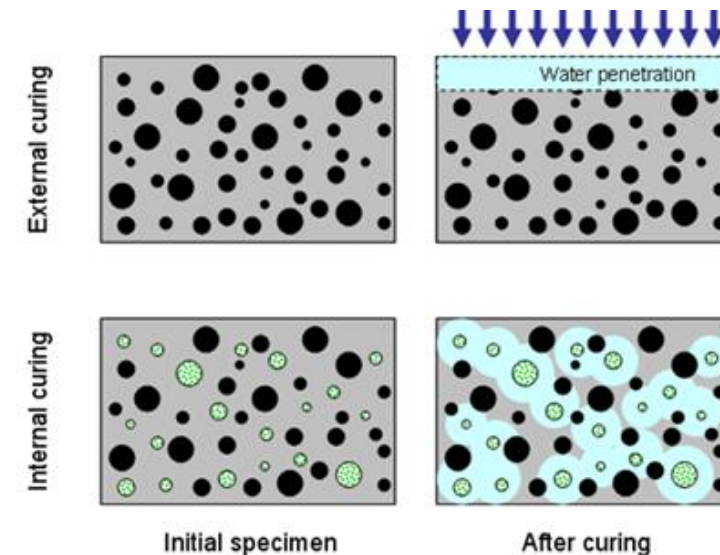
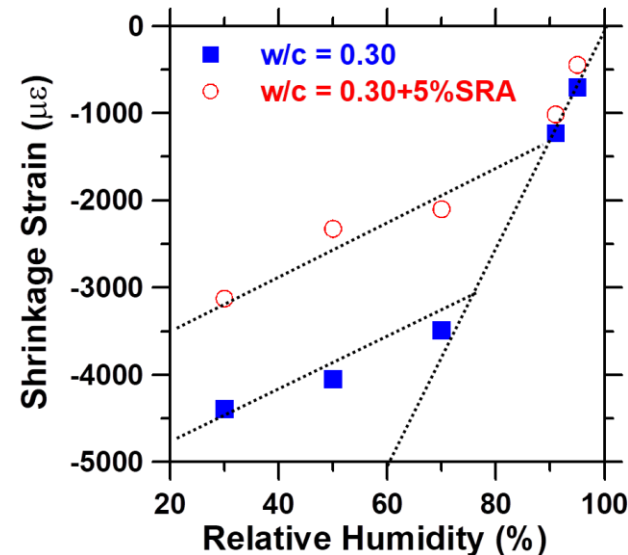
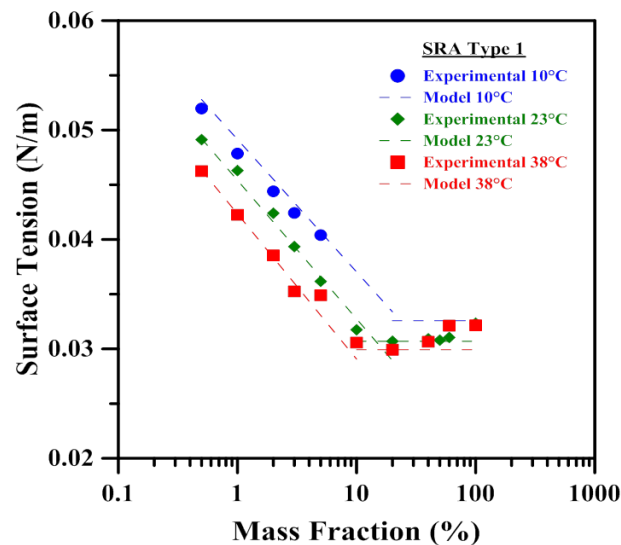


Examine the Problem from Fundamentals



- Shrinkage Occurs Due to Capillary Stress
- To reduce stress one can reduce the surface tension of the fluid (reduce γ) or increase the radius of the meniscus (or emptying pore radius, r)

$$P_{cap} = -\frac{2\gamma \cdot \cos \theta}{r}$$



IC Applications



- INDOT, IL Tollway, NYDOT Decks
- 2010, 2013 INDOT Decks – No/Minimal Cracking
- To Date 100 decks



Concern on Durability of Concrete Joints



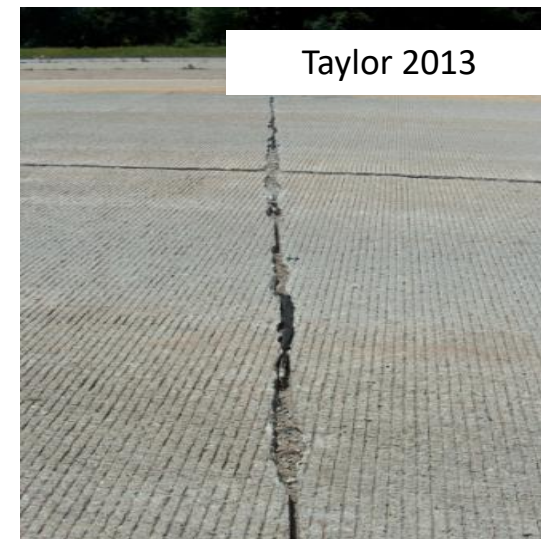
- Majority of concrete pavement performs well; however joints are failing/need repair
- A problem for an otherwise healthy pavement
- The cost is approximately \$1 million dollar per mile



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Our research began to look at this differently

Zones of High Fluid Saturation

- Geometry
- Fluid Sits
- Fluid is not Water



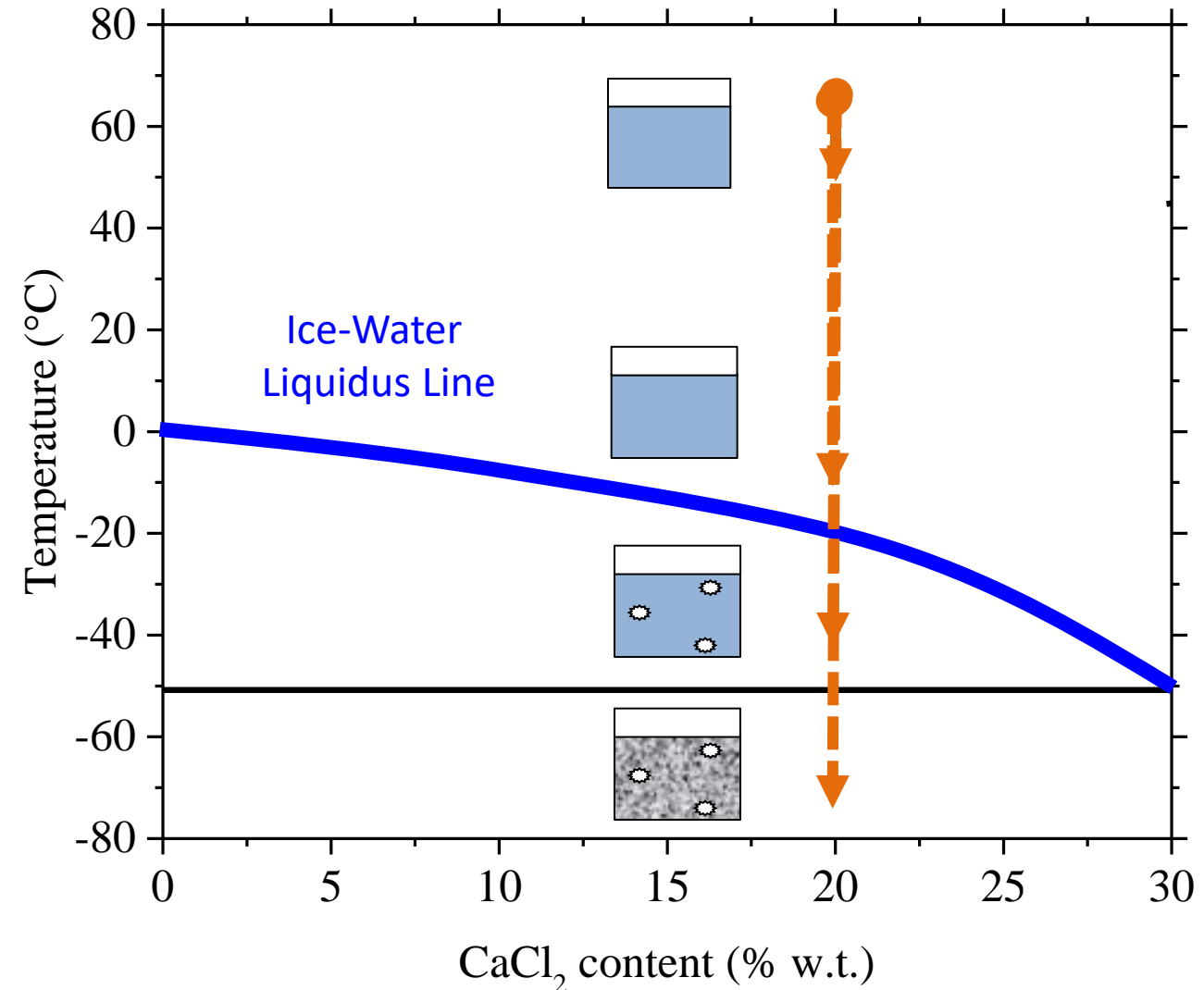
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- ‘New’ Reactions
- ‘New’ Problem

Classic $\text{CaCl}_2 - \text{H}_2\text{O}$ Phase Diagram



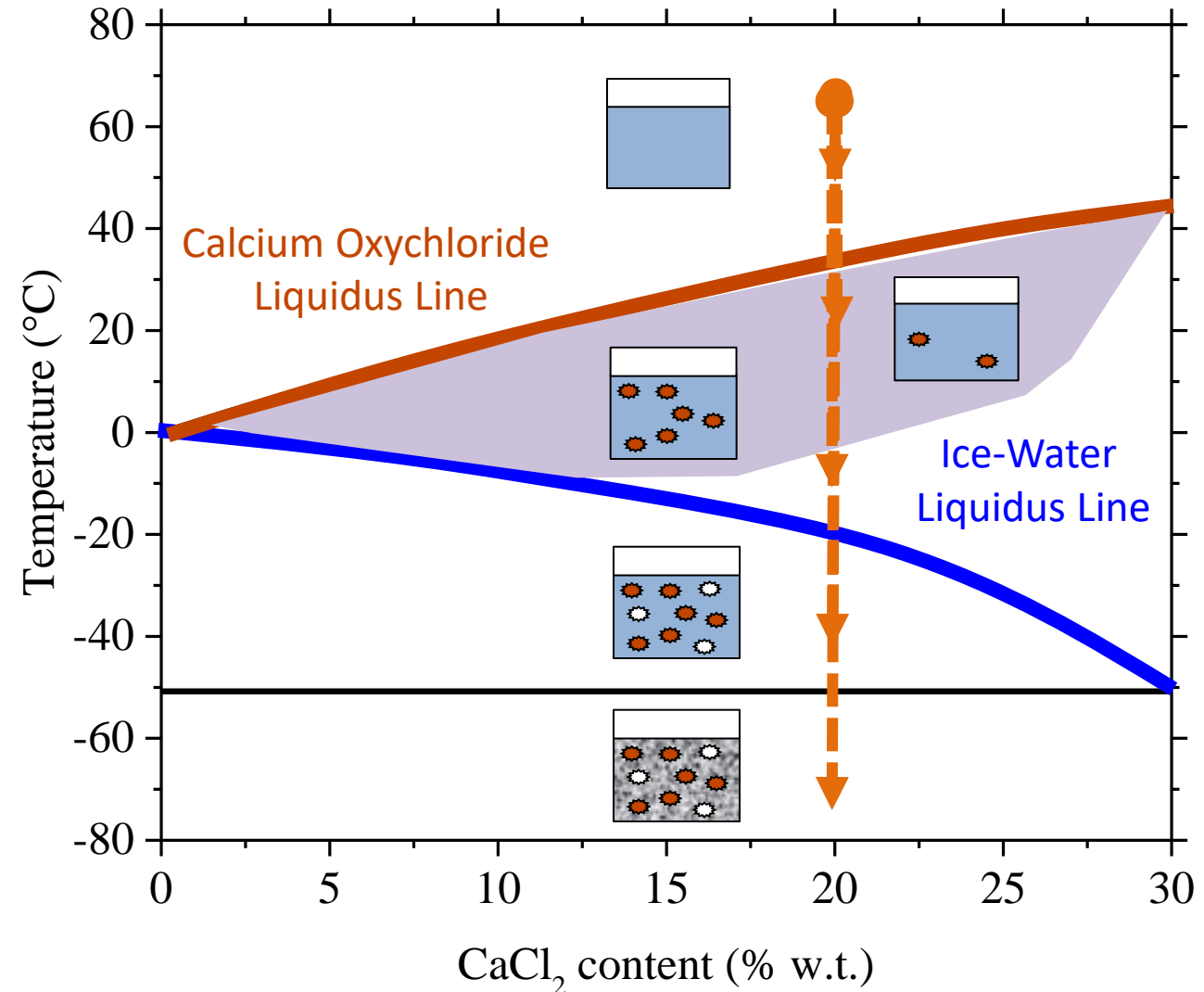
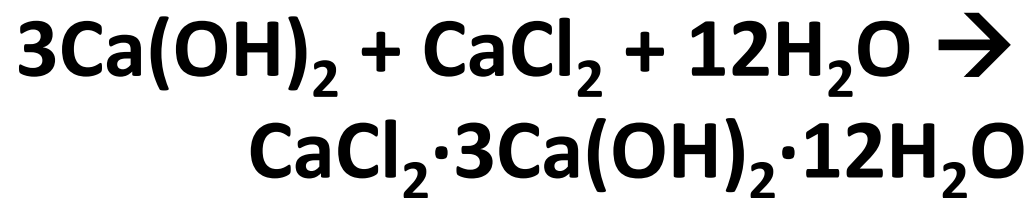
- We likely are not spending a lot of time thinking about the CaCl_2 phase diagram
- However this diagram is being used by many SHA as they prepare for deicing and anti-icing operations
- Many prefer CaCl_2 due to its lower melting temperature



CaCl₂ – H₂O – Ca(OH)₂ Phase Isopleth



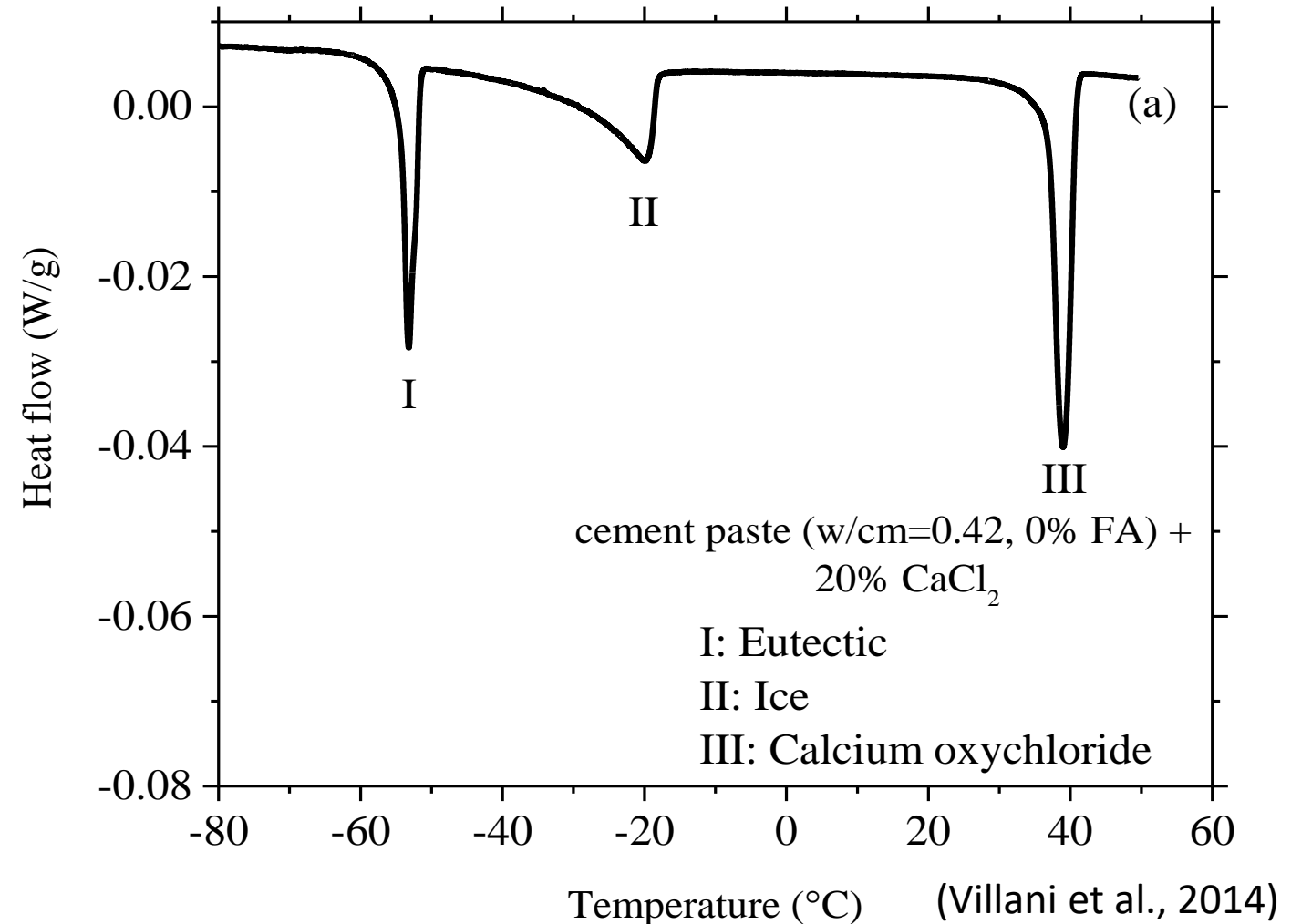
- Unfortunately however when we are working with cementitious systems we need to also consider the calcium hydroxide
- CaOxy is traced out and exhibits a 303% vol change



A Test to Quantify CaOxy (LTDSC)



- Low Temperature – Differential Scanning Calorimeter (LT-DSC)
- Temperature is decreased from 50 °C to -80 °C, the sample is then re-heated
- Uses powder with CaCl_2
- Notice heat flow peaks at various phase formations

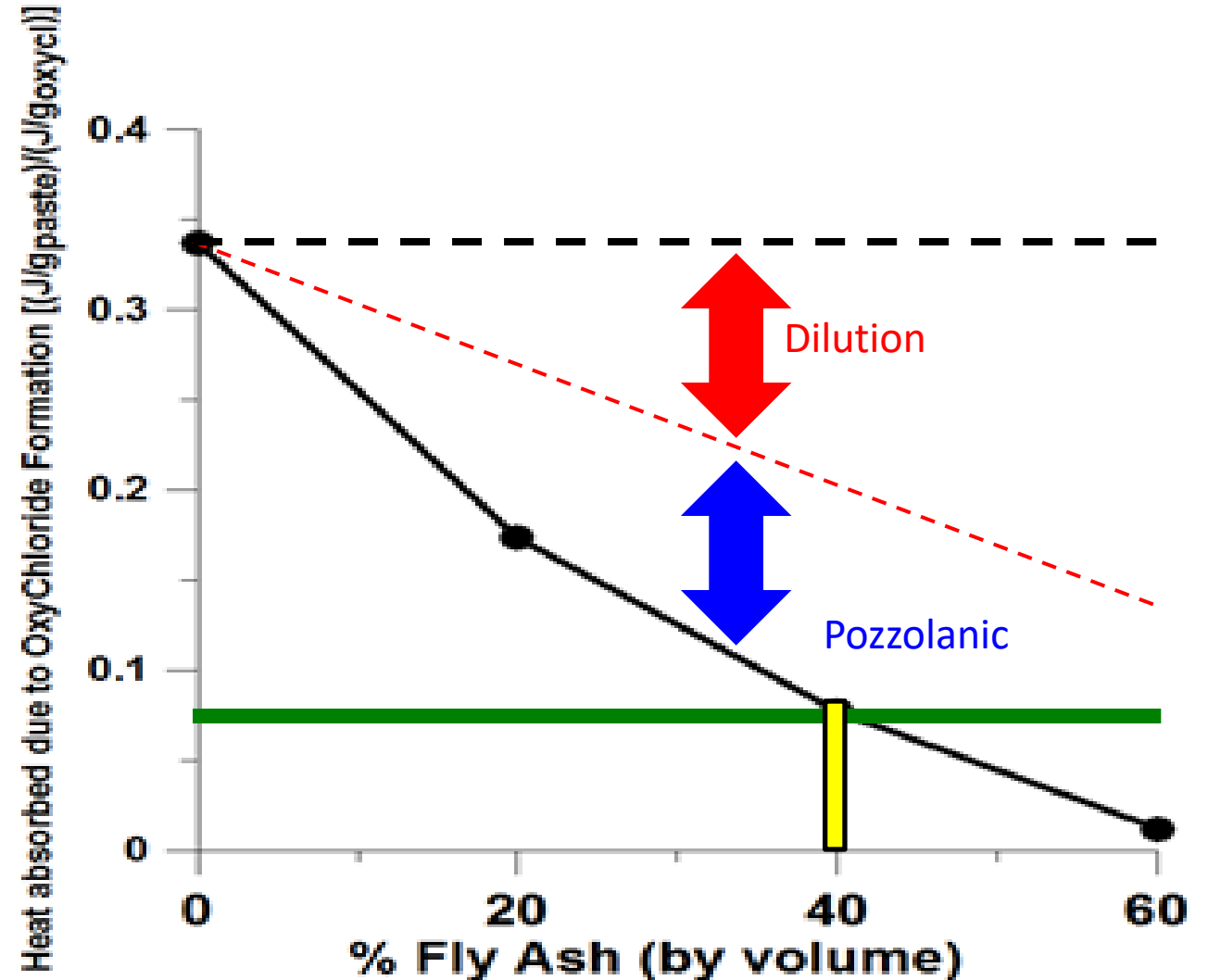




Designing Mixtures

- Effect of Dilution (Less CH)
- Effect of Reaction (Less CH)

• Limiting Factor



Monical et al. 2016

- Mixture Design



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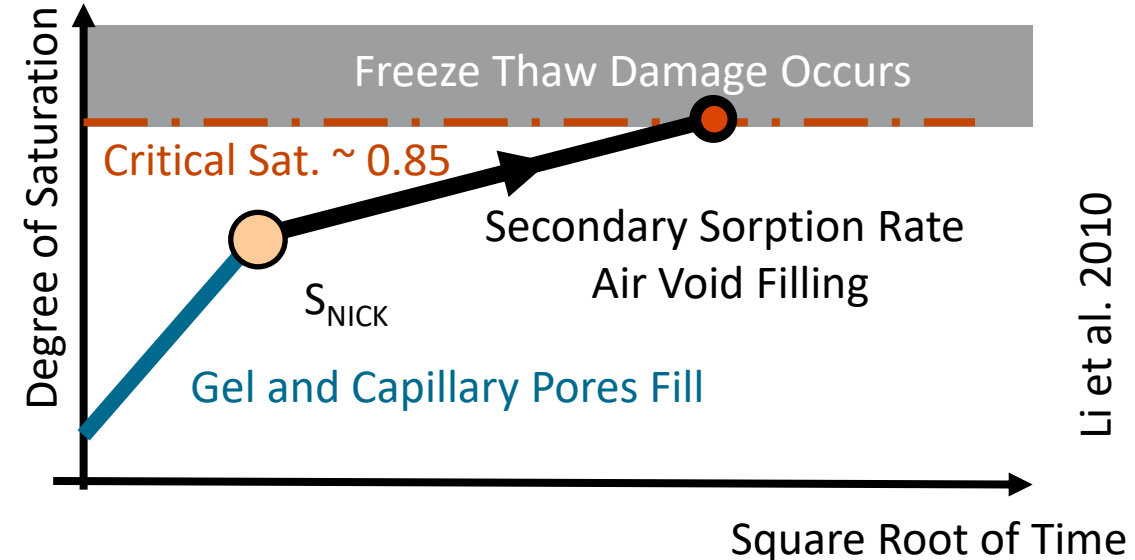
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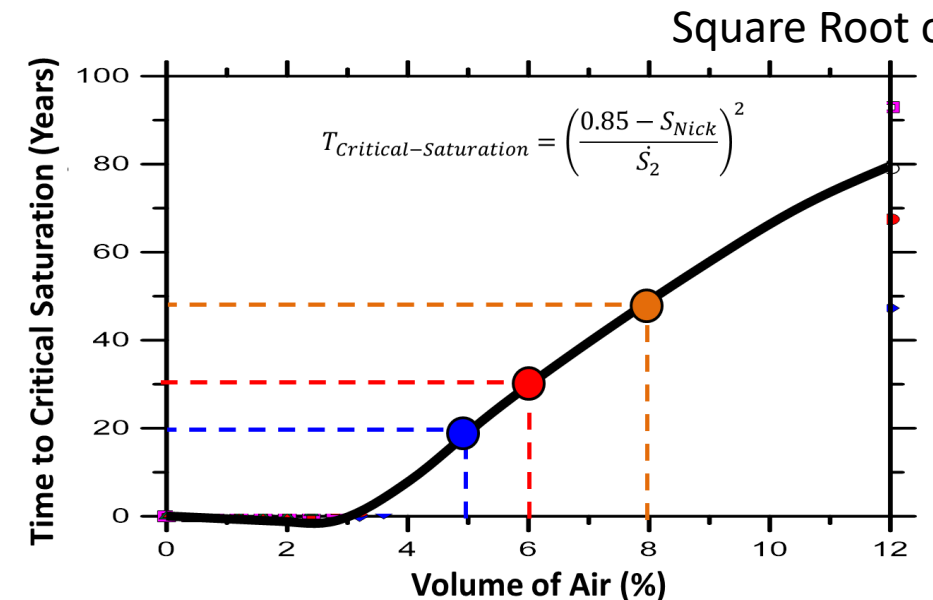
FT Service Life Model



- Simple sorption based model is shown
- Important to recognize that we are not predicting FT damage; rather we are predicting a limit state
- Great framework
- Lets discuss the model inputs (tests that we will measure)



Li et al. 2010

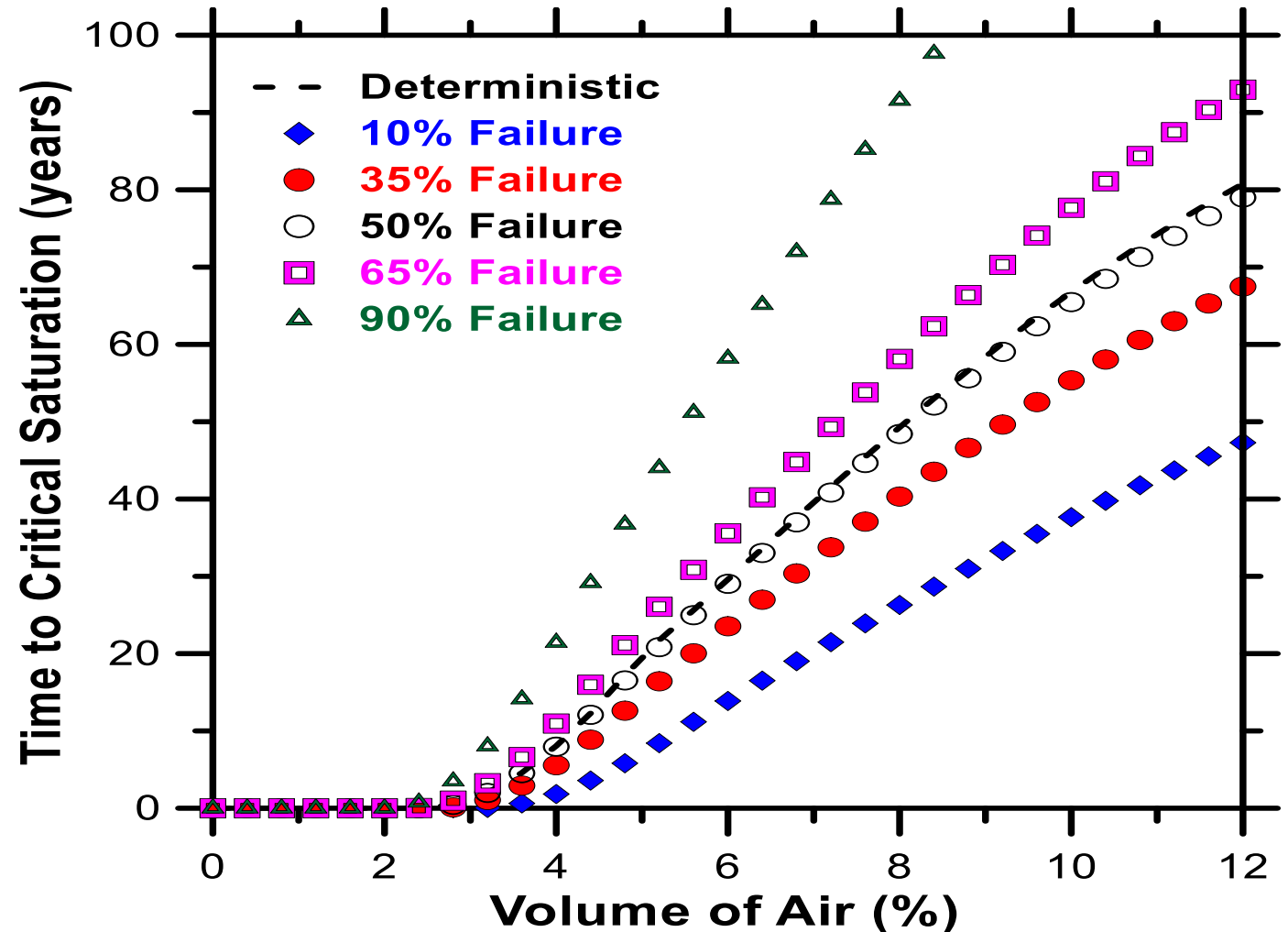


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What About Variability



- Design Mixture
 - 0.42 w/c
 - 6% Air
 - 564 lb cement
 - Fine Aggregate
- Lets Assume Variations
 - w/c 5% (0.38 to 0.46)
 - Air 15% (4.2 to 7.8)

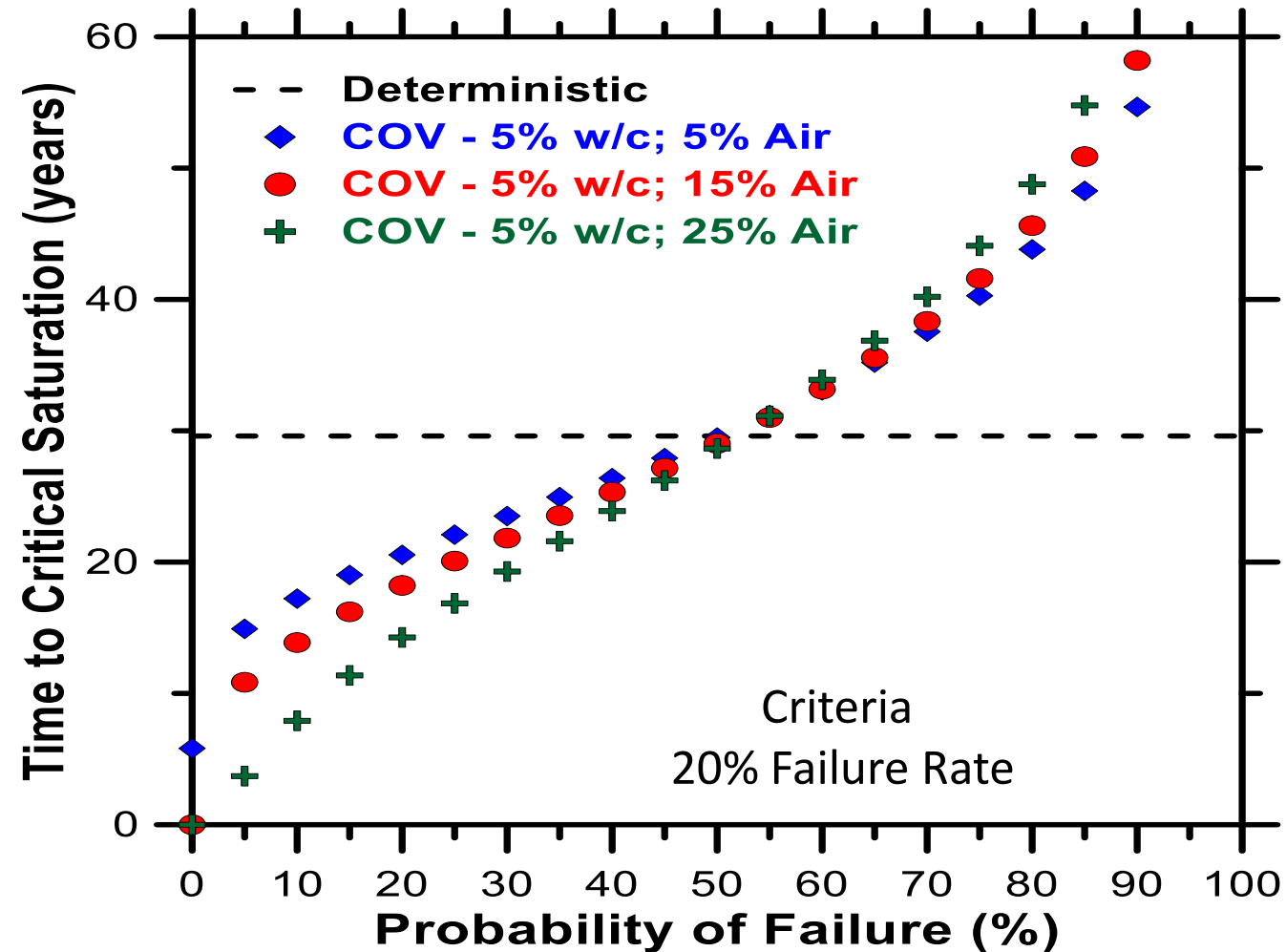


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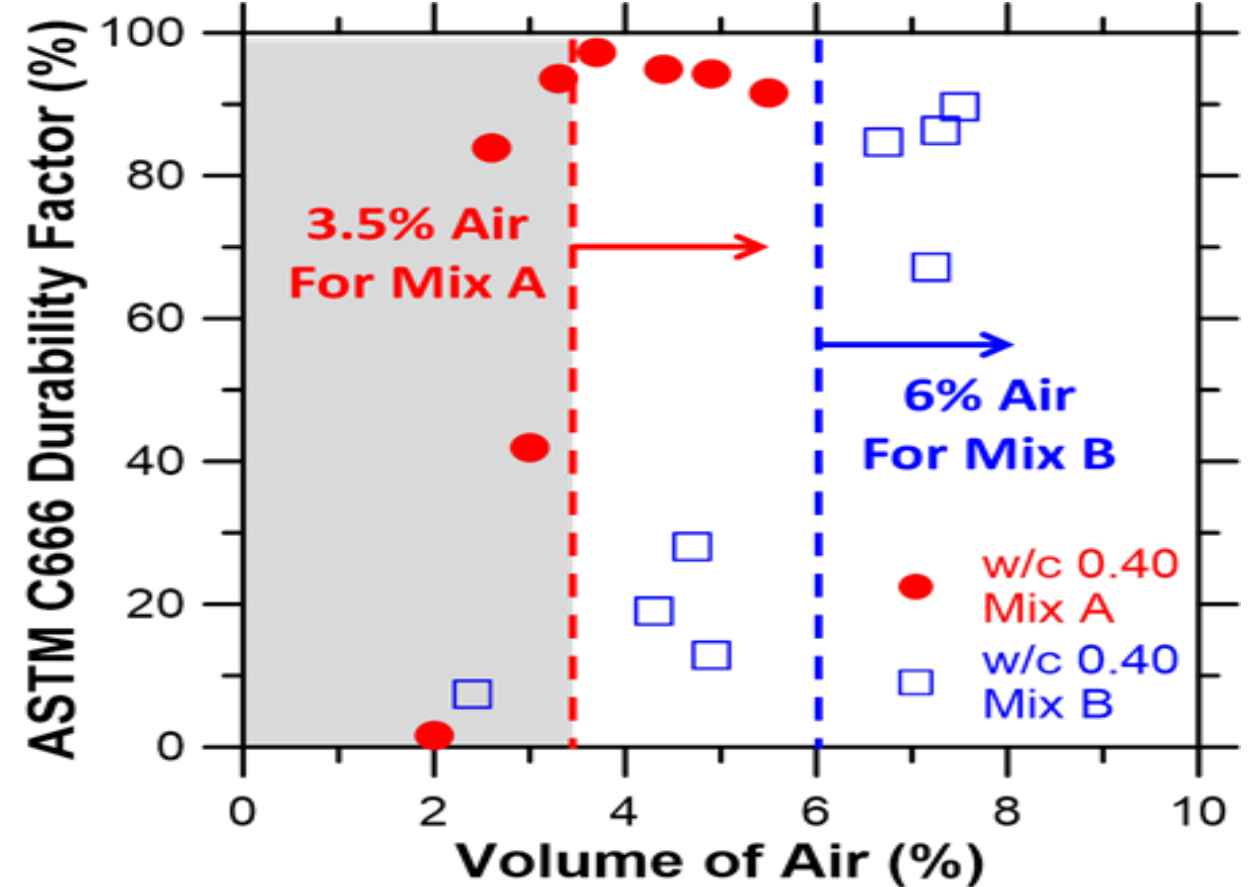
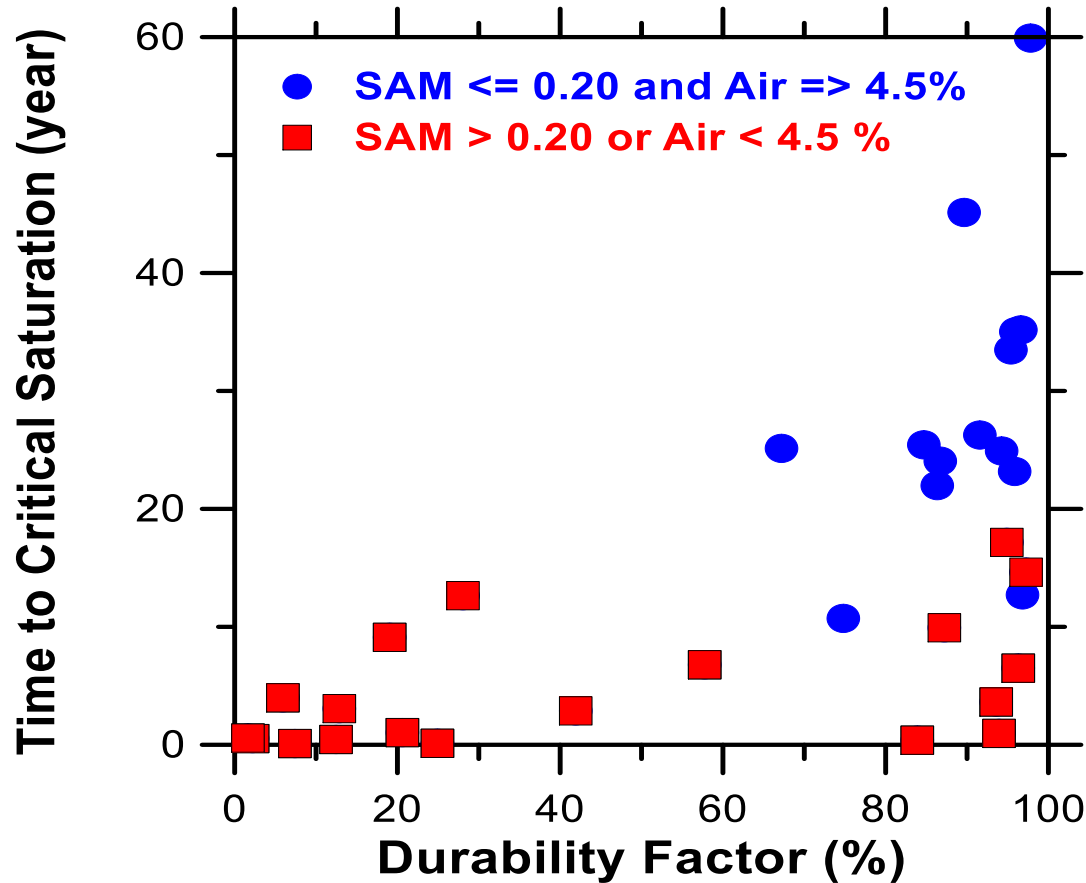
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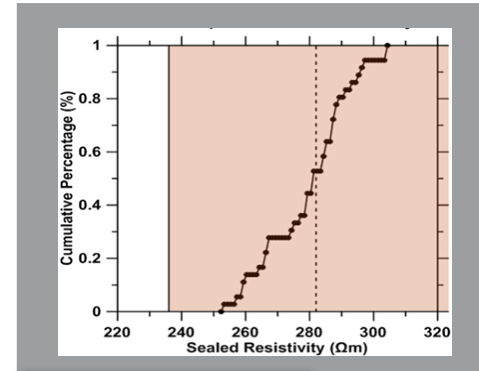
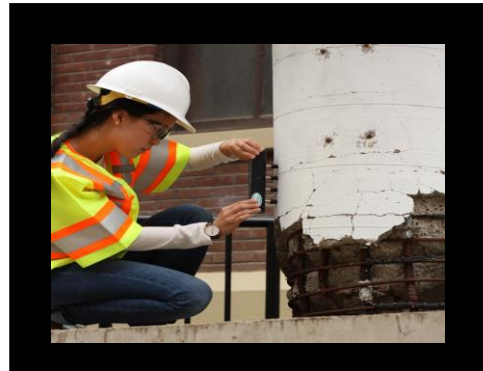
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Model Correlations



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Assess Performance w/ Standard Tests

Convert Test Results to Fundamental Properties

Relate Properties w/ Exposure Conditions

Establish Performance Grade and Measure

Shrinkage Cracking/Probability of Cracking

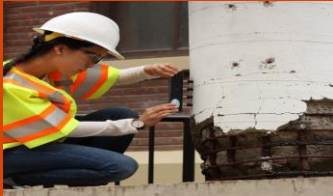



Formation Factor and Corrosion

Freeze-Thaw Saturation Model

Salt Damage in Pavements

Summary



Name				
Damage Mechanism	Transport/Corrosion	Random Cracking	Freeze-Thaw	Salt Damage
	Formation Factor	Crack Probability	Critical Saturation	Calcium Oxychloride
Test Method	Resistivity 😊	Ring Testing 😊	Sorpton/Sat 😊	LTDSC 😊
Correction	F-Factor 😊	Probability 😊	Degree of Sat. 😊	Damage Model 😊
Model	GEMS 😊	Stress Develop. 😊	Critical Saturation 😊	GEMS 😊
Material	HPC, VMA 😊	Vol Paste, SRA, IC 😊	Air, HPC, new FT 😊	SCM, carb., topical
Implementation	Evaluation, Spec 😊	Limited 😊	Discussion 😊	Limited 😊



**THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH CHANGE,
IF IT IS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.**

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