



# Durability Knights of the Round Table - Performance Specs -

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# Prescriptive Specifications



- Some people love their prescriptive specifications
- They are referred to some as recipe specifications
- Frequently they focus on slump, air and compressive strength
- If this works for you that's fine
- The problem is there are cases it does not





# Is Concrete Durable



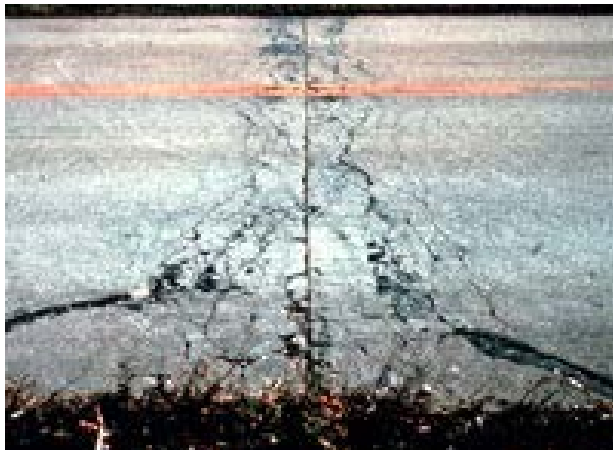
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Alkali Silica Reactivity ([www.fhwa.dot.gov](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov))



Shrinkage Cracking ([www.carasquilloassociates.com](http://www.carasquilloassociates.com))



Freeze-Thaw Damage ([www.cement.org](http://www.cement.org))



Joint Damage (Weiss et al. 2005, Byers 2015)

# OSU ETG Contributions



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TARGET: Improve  
Long-Term Durability

- Freeze-Thaw
- Salt Damage
- Chloride Ingress
- ASR
  
- Shrinkage & Cracking



Worked to develop an overall framework

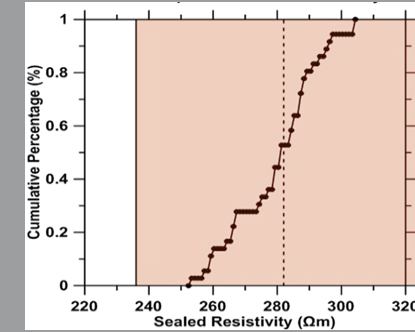
Identified sections

- 6.5
- 6.6
- 6.7
- 6.8

Weiss et al. 2015

This is work done prior to the current pooled fund and led to a large portion of AASHTO PP-84

# Four Step Approach Toward Performance



Assess  
Performance  
w/ Standard  
Tests

Tests should be:

- easy to perform
- economical
- repeatable

Convert Test  
Results to  
Fundamental  
Properties

Example:

- Measure  $\rho$
- Account for Pore Solution
- Determine F- Factor

Relate  
Properties w/  
Exposure  
Conditions

Use Exposure,  
Material  
Properties, and  
Models to  
Estimate  
Performance

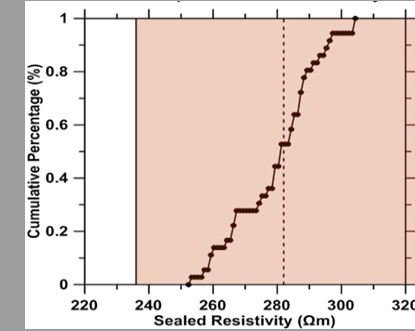
Establish  
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Set Performance  
Limits and Use  
Tests to Measure  
to Insure That You  
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# Shrinkage and Shrinkage Cracking



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- Durability is key
- Transverse cracking in 100,000+ bridges
- 62% of DOT's consider cracking as a problem (NCHRP)
- Cracks shorten service life, increase maintenance, and accelerate corrosion
- Increase in HSC

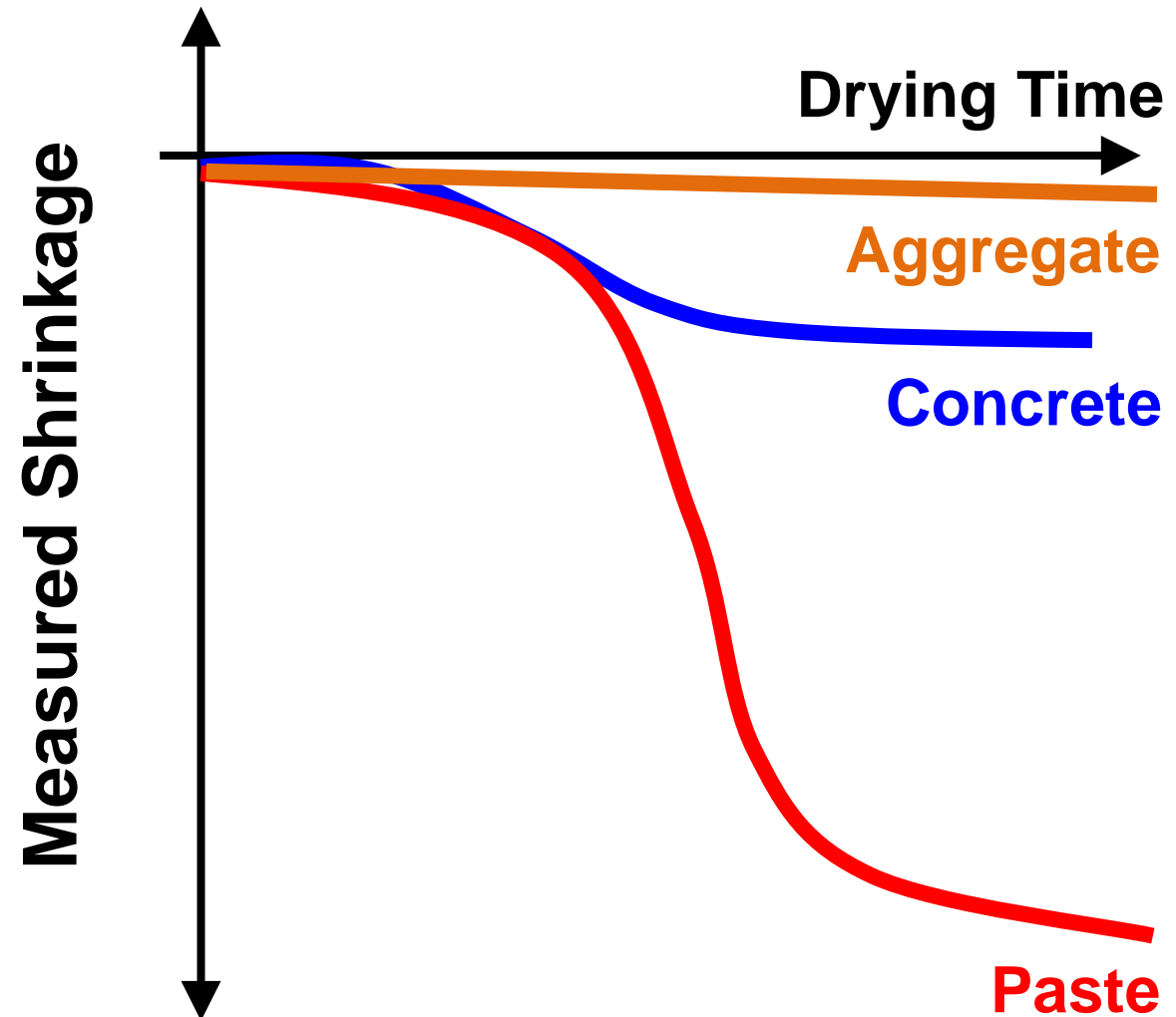


**Here we see cracks spaced at 2.5 ft on the approaches to a bridge**



# 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
- SRA/IC different



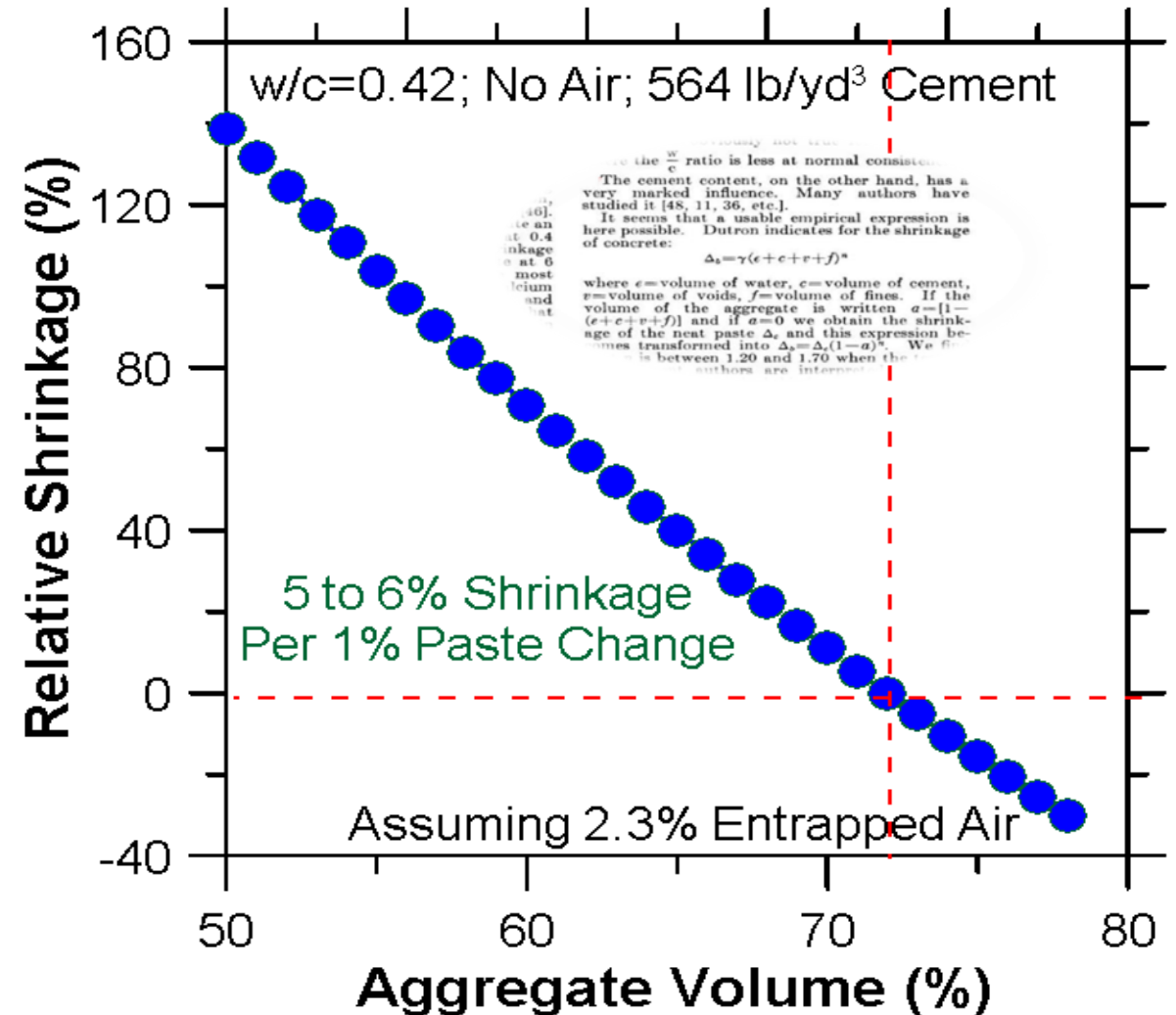
# Volume of Paste is One Approach – $V_{\text{Paste}}$



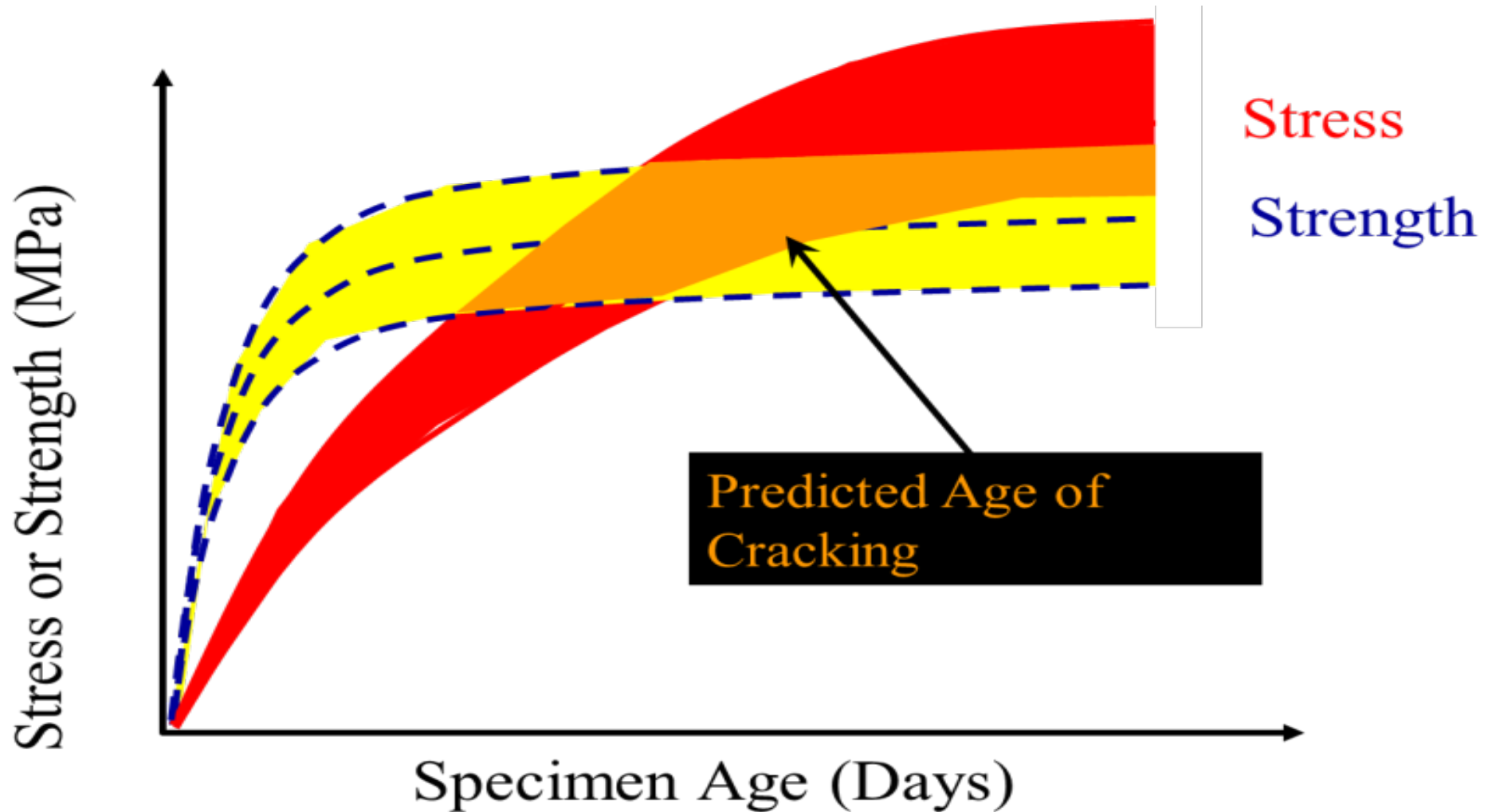
- Dutron (1956) shares data
- L'Hermite (1960 no influence of the w/c) (We can show this is due to PSD)
- Pickett ('65) and others work on eqn

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

- SRA, IC change this approach doable)



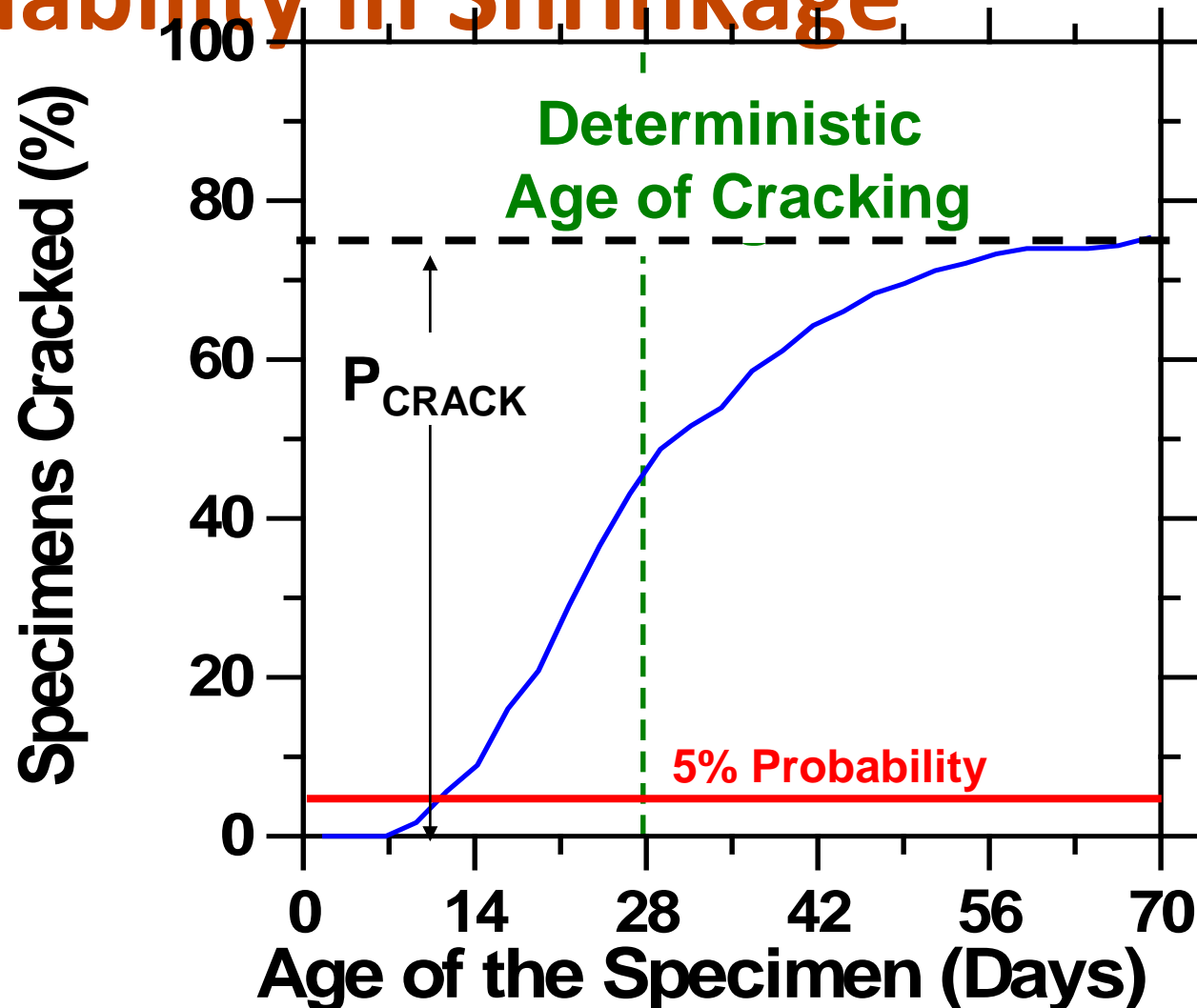
# Probability of Cracking





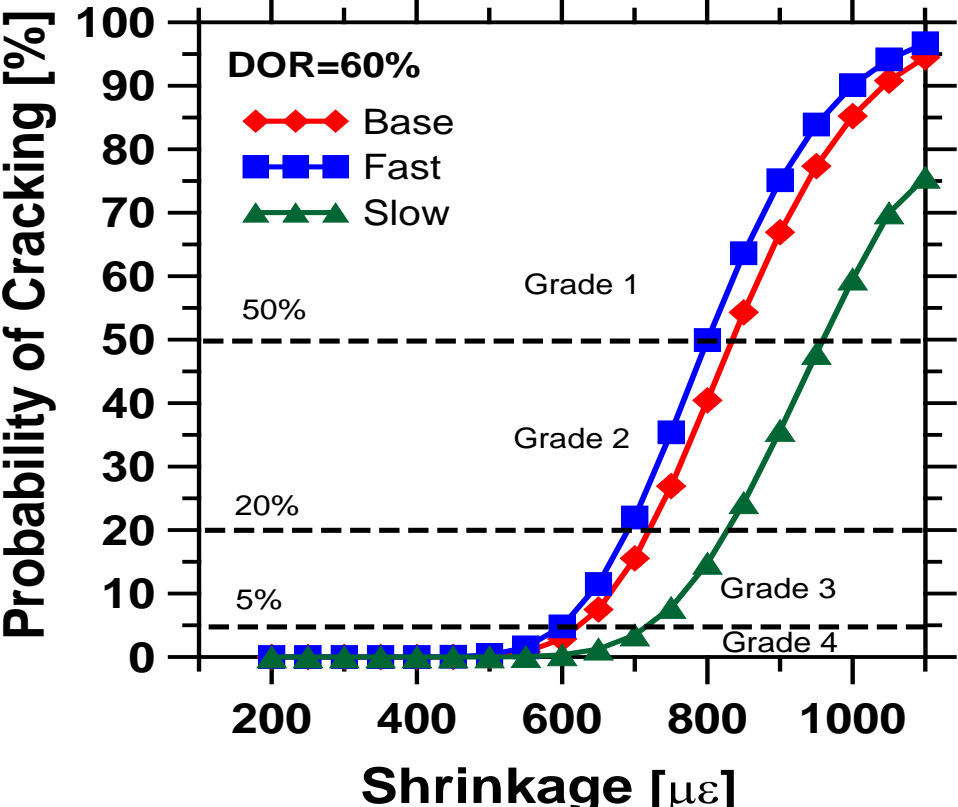
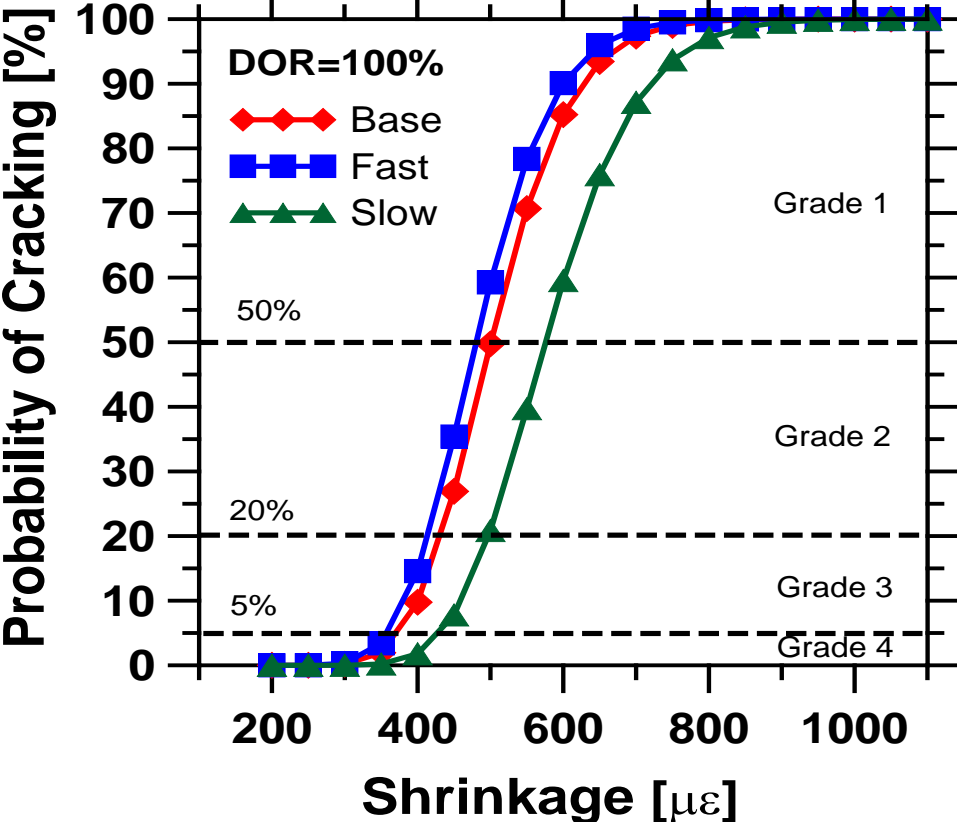
# Results Of An Alternative Approach to Consider Variability in Shrinkage

- 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 begins to relate a simple test to performance



# Dual Ring Test (AASHTO Approved)



Standard Method of Test for

## Evaluating Stress Development and Cracking Potential due to Restrained Volume Change Using a Dual Ring Test

AASHTO Designation: T XXX-12



### 1. SCOPE

1.1. This test method covers the evaluation of stress development and cracking potential in concrete when volume changes caused by shrinkage and temperature changes are restrained. The procedure is comparative for the degree of restraint of the ring and is not intended to determine the time of initial cracking of a concrete cast in any specific type of structure.

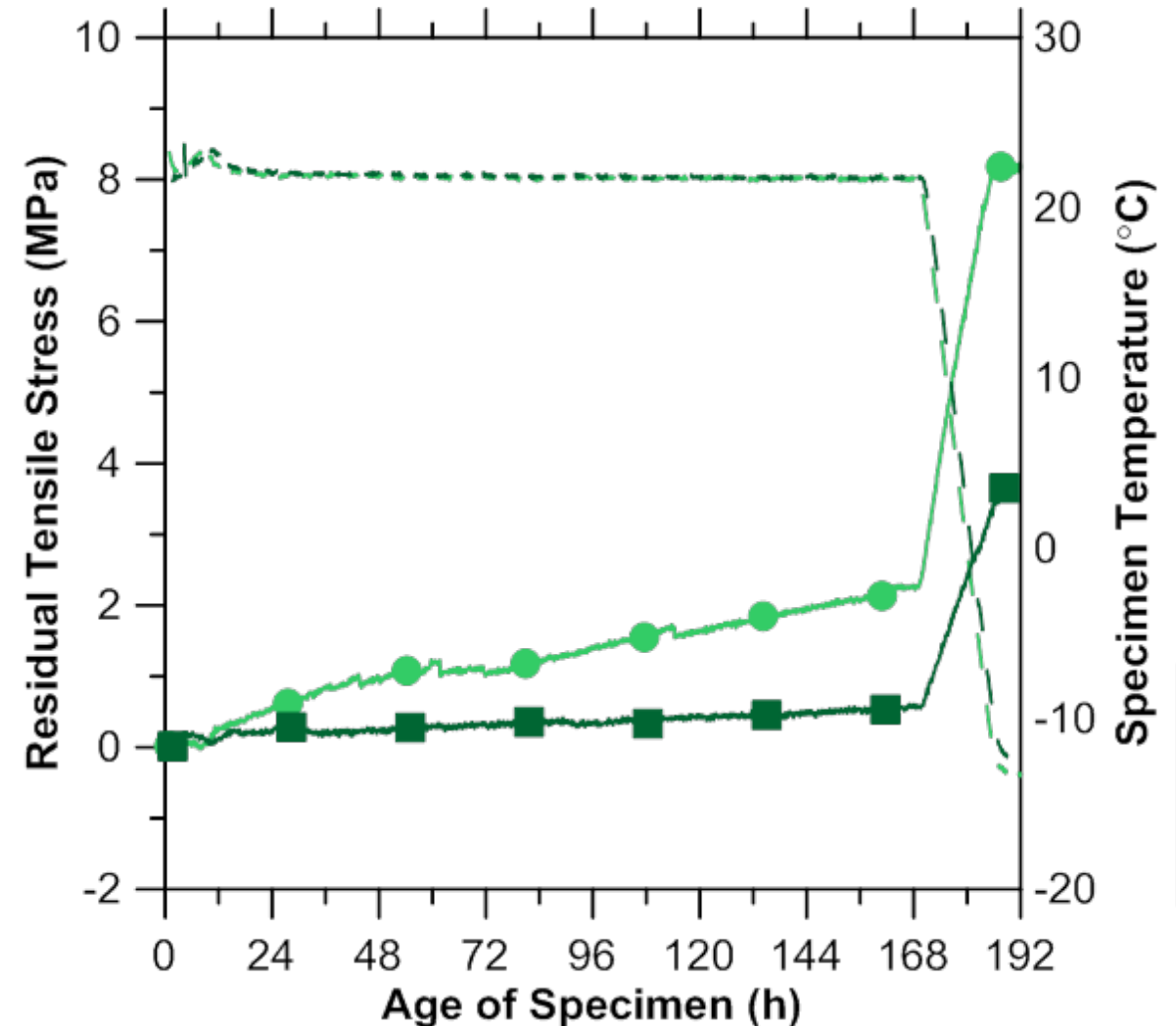
1.2. The values stated in SI units are to

1.3. *This standard does not purport to be a standard of health practices and determine the*

### 2. REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

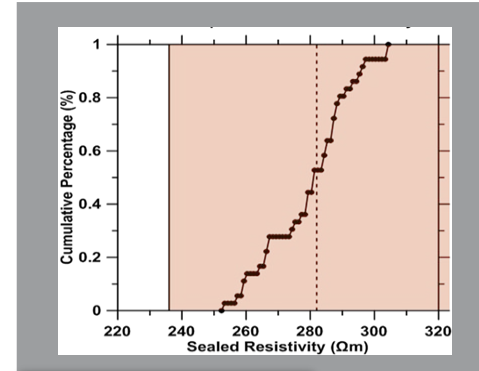
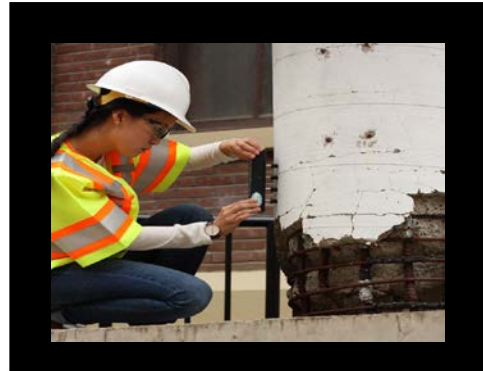
2.1. *AASHTO Standards:*  
R 39, Making and Curing Concrete

2.2. *ASTM Standards:*  
C 305, Practice for Mechanical M  
Consistency





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# Toward FT SLM



## Develop the Sorption Based Modeling Concept



Relating the saturation level in concrete to a theoretical critical limit of saturation

## Evaluate Properties of Typical Paving Mixtures

Measuring typical values of the properties of typical pavements

## Work with SHA's on Shadowing Field Projects for PEM/PRS



Implementing Shadow Specifications in 17/18

## Develop Testing Procedures to Evaluate Concrete Mixtures



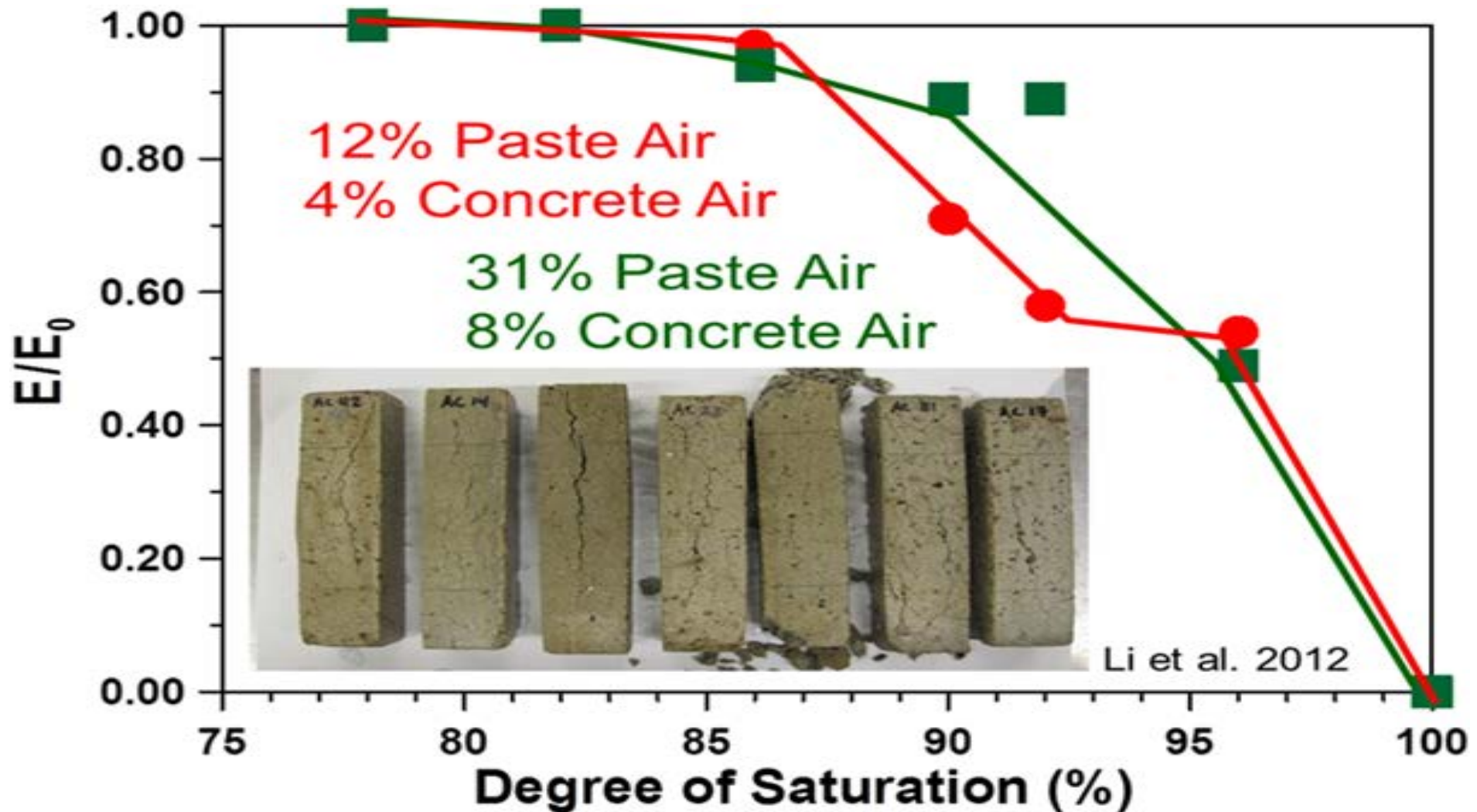
Developed Testing for Critical Saturation, Absorption, and Degree of Saturation

## Add in Statistical Variation To Assess Reliability



Using Monte Carlo Simulation of Measured Properties to Relate Variability to Life

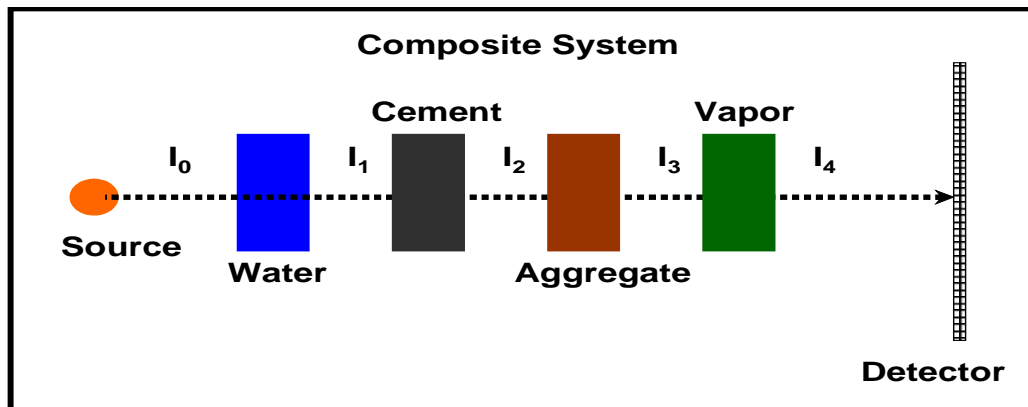
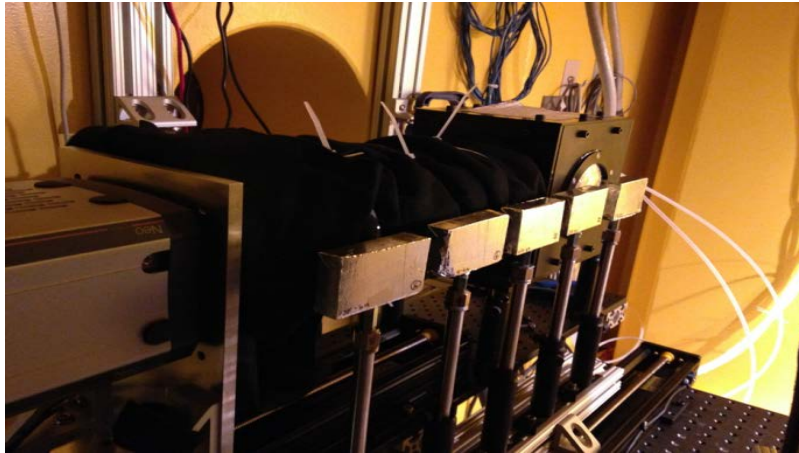
# High Saturation - Damage



Li et al. 2012

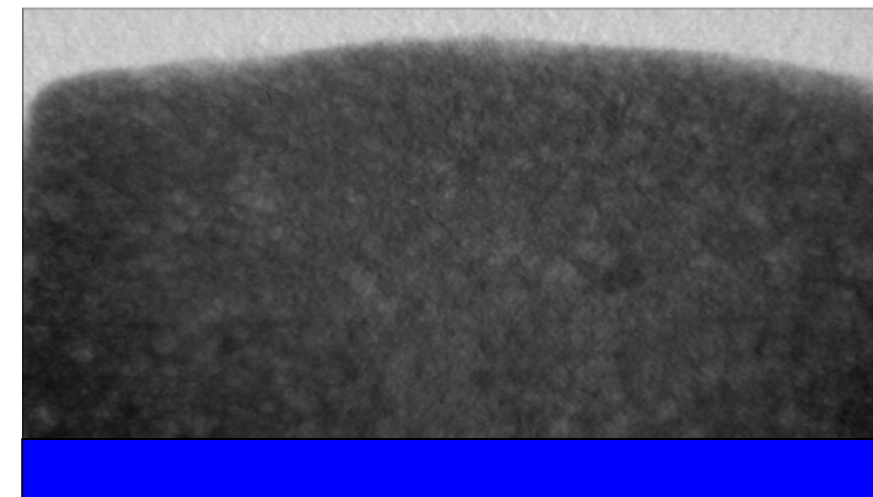
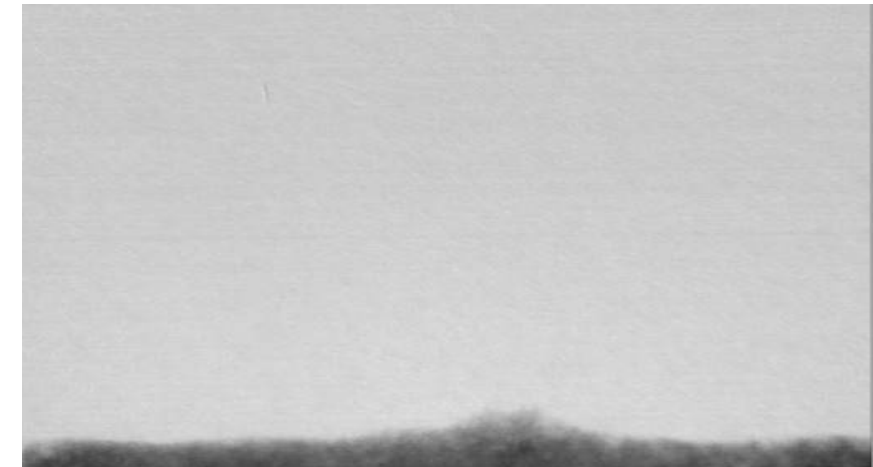


# Neutron Radiography



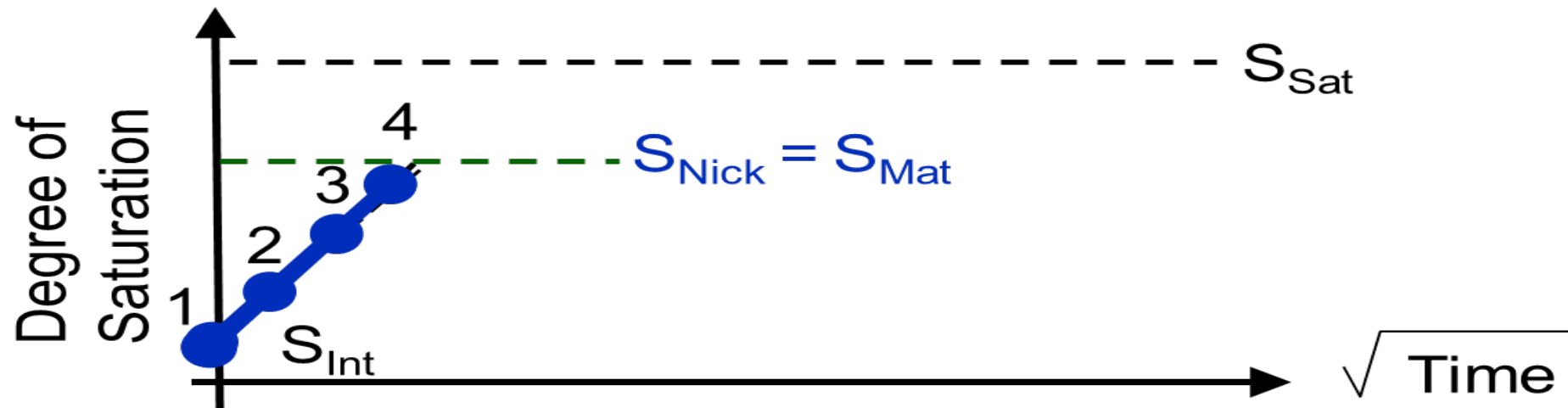
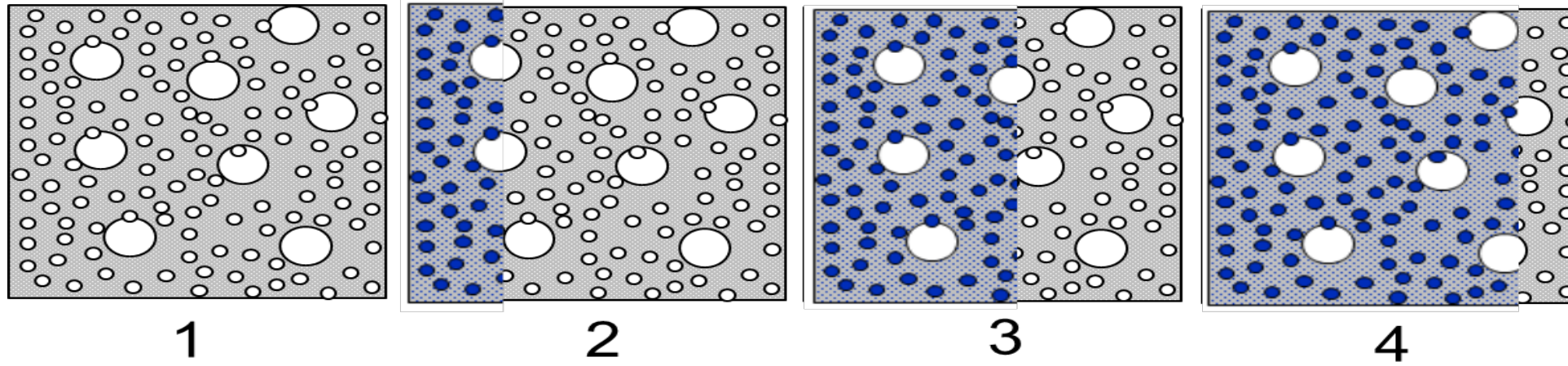
$$I(t) = I_0 \exp \left[ - \left( \sum_{i=1}^N (\mu_i V_i) \right) t \right]$$

10 minutes

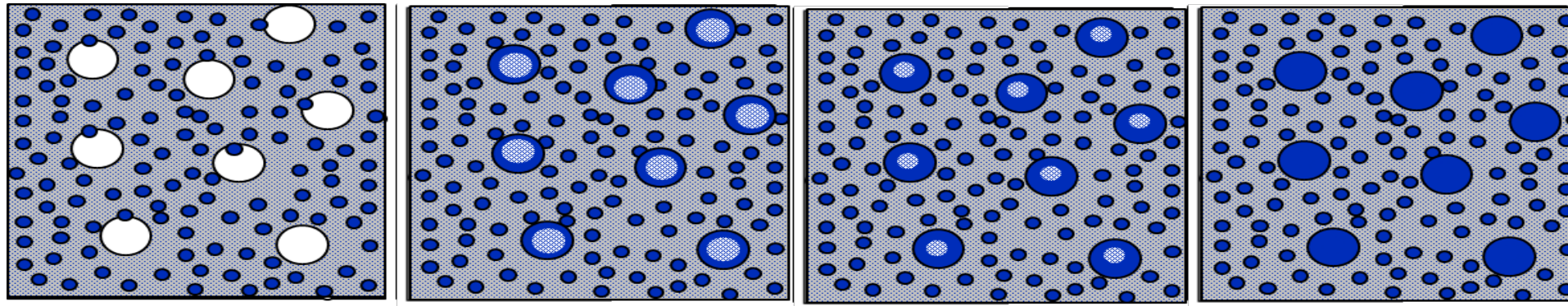


Lucero et al. 2015

# Sorption Based Freeze-Thaw Model



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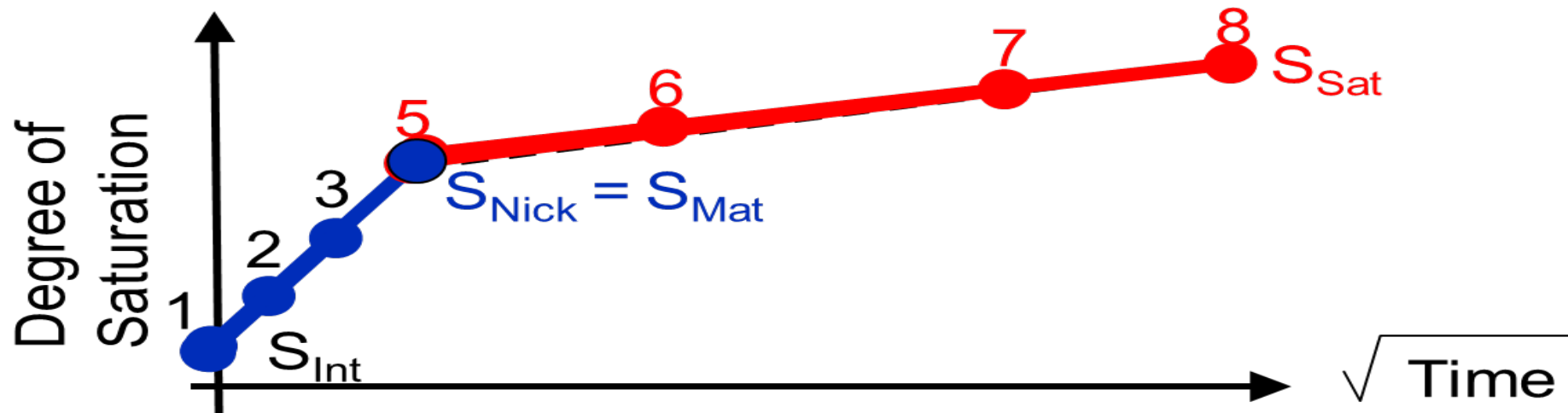


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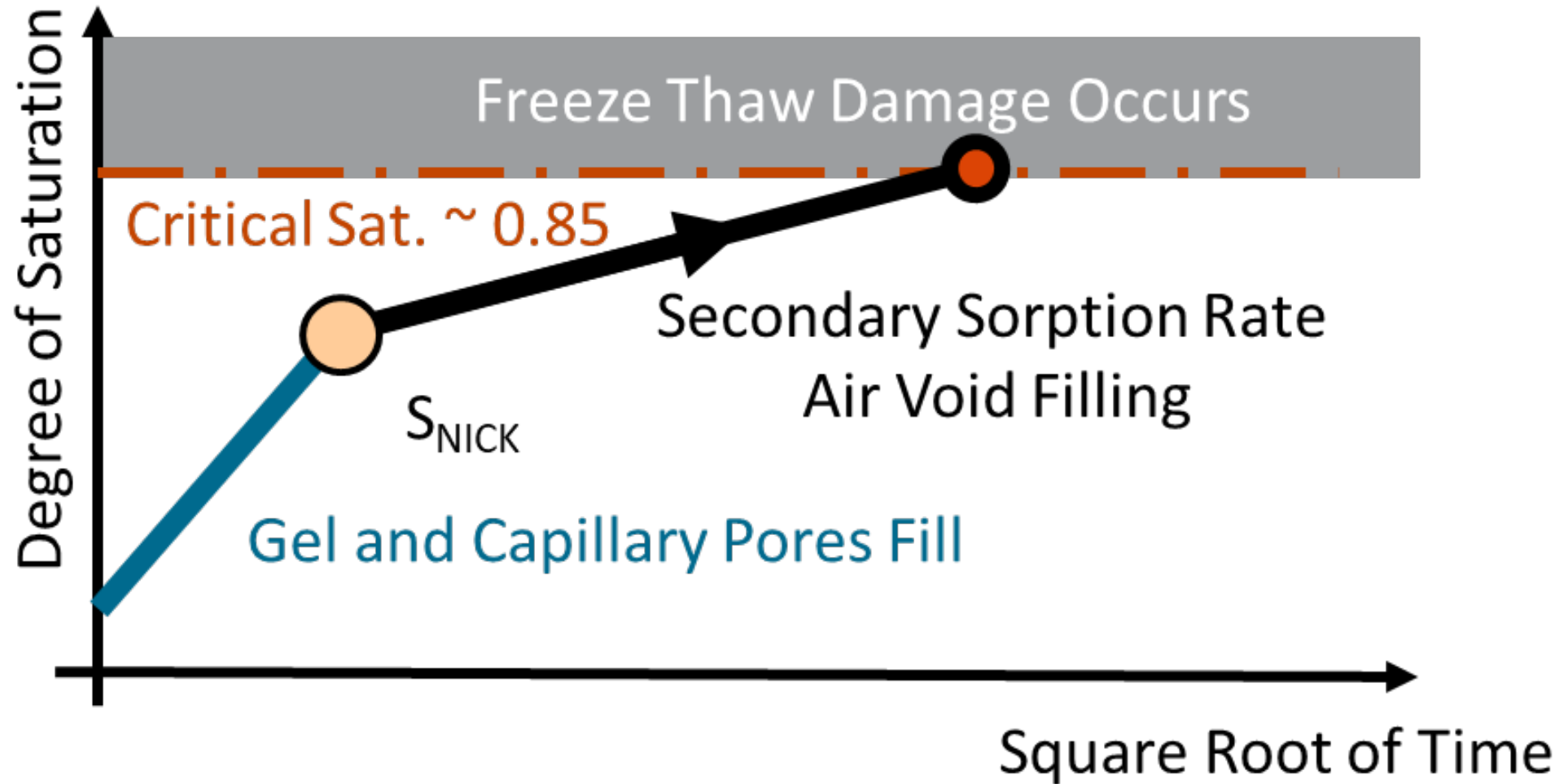
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# FT Service Life Model

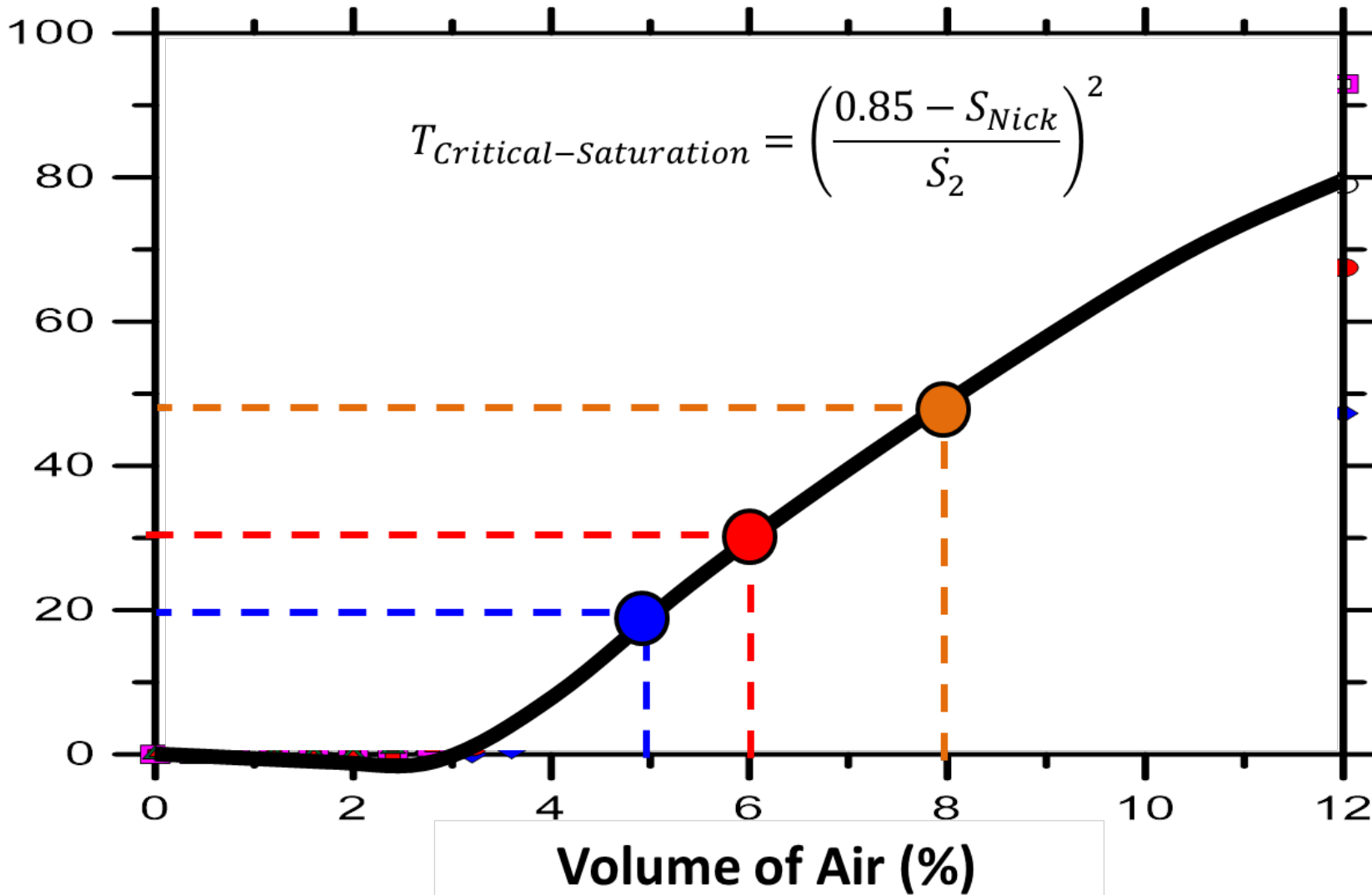


Li et al. 2010

# FT Service Life Model



Time to Critical Saturation (Years)



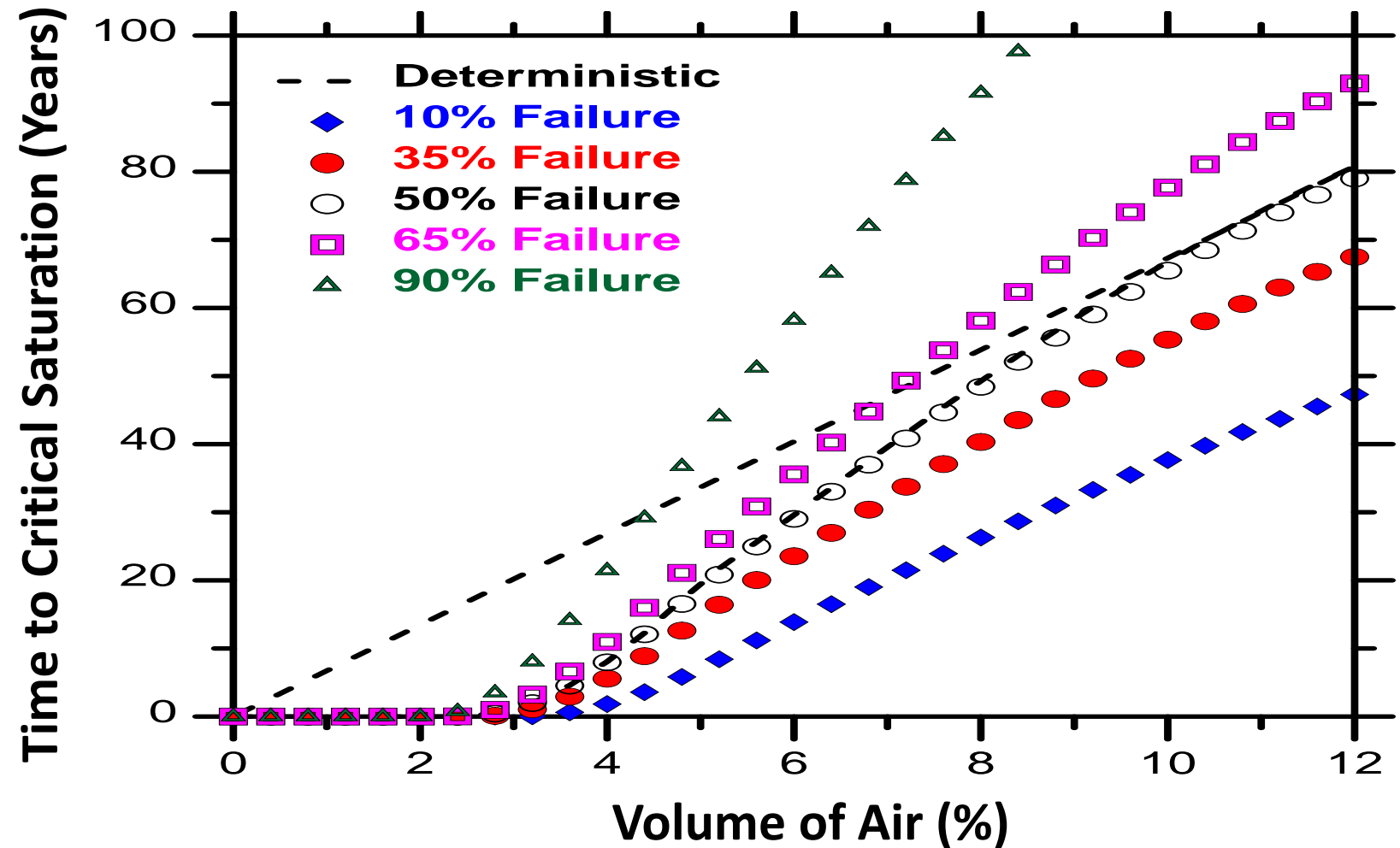
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# What About Variability

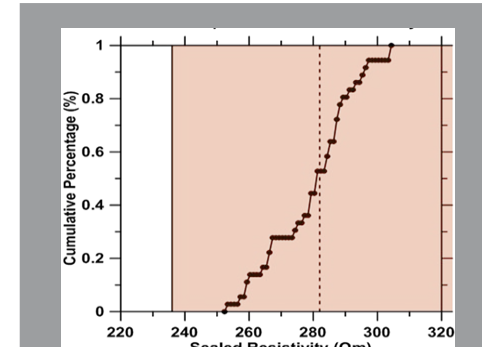
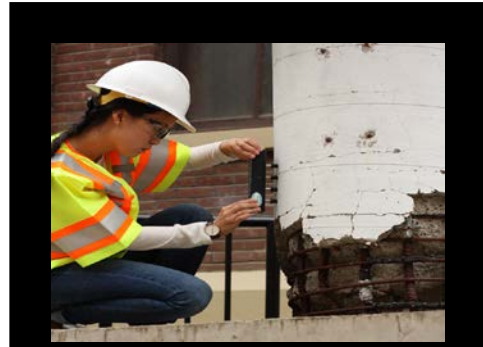


- Design Mixture
  - 0.42 w/c
  - 6% Air
  - 564 lb cement
  - Fine Aggregate
- Lets Assume Variations
  - w/c 5% (0.38 to 0.46)
  - Air 15% (4.2 to 7.8)



Weiss et al. 2015

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# Resistivity Test Becoming Popular

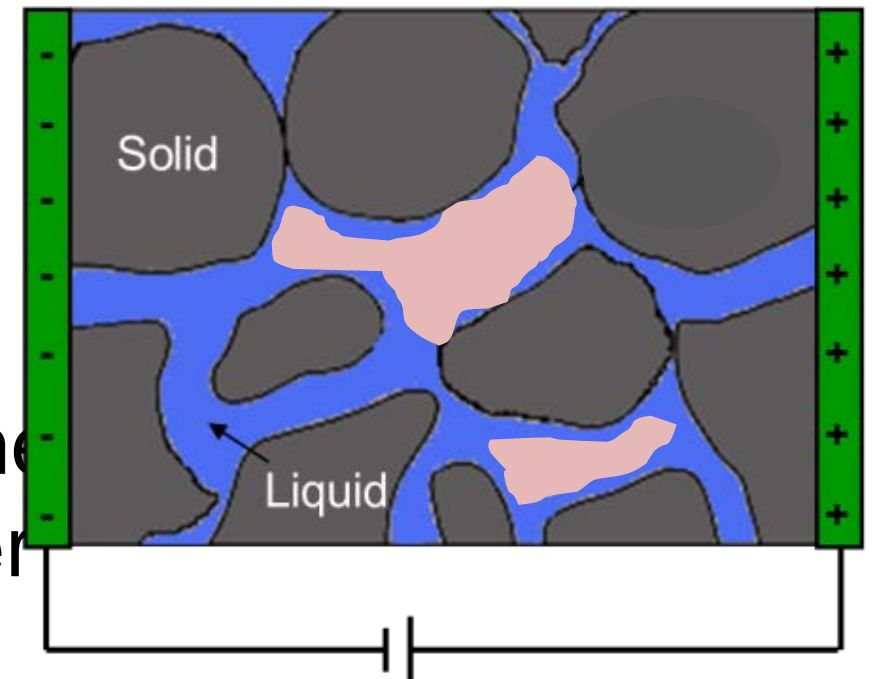


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- Fast (seconds to minutes)
- Low cost (\$2-2500 dollars)
- Portable (put it in your pocket)



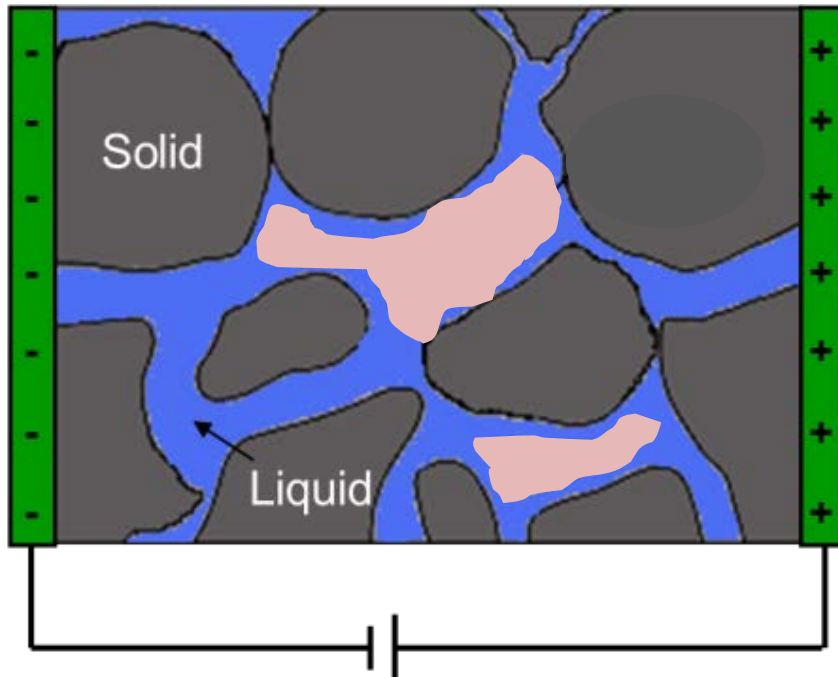
- However resistivity is not a fundamental measurement and we can do better



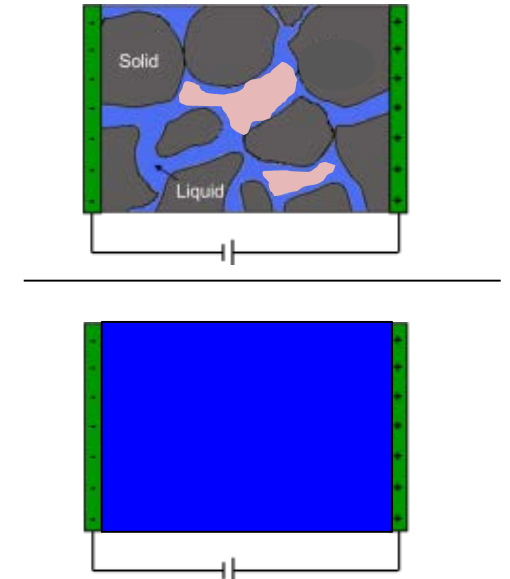
# Resistivity as a Test, F Factor Spec



- Related to pore volume ( $\phi$ )
- Related to pore connectivity ( $\beta$ )



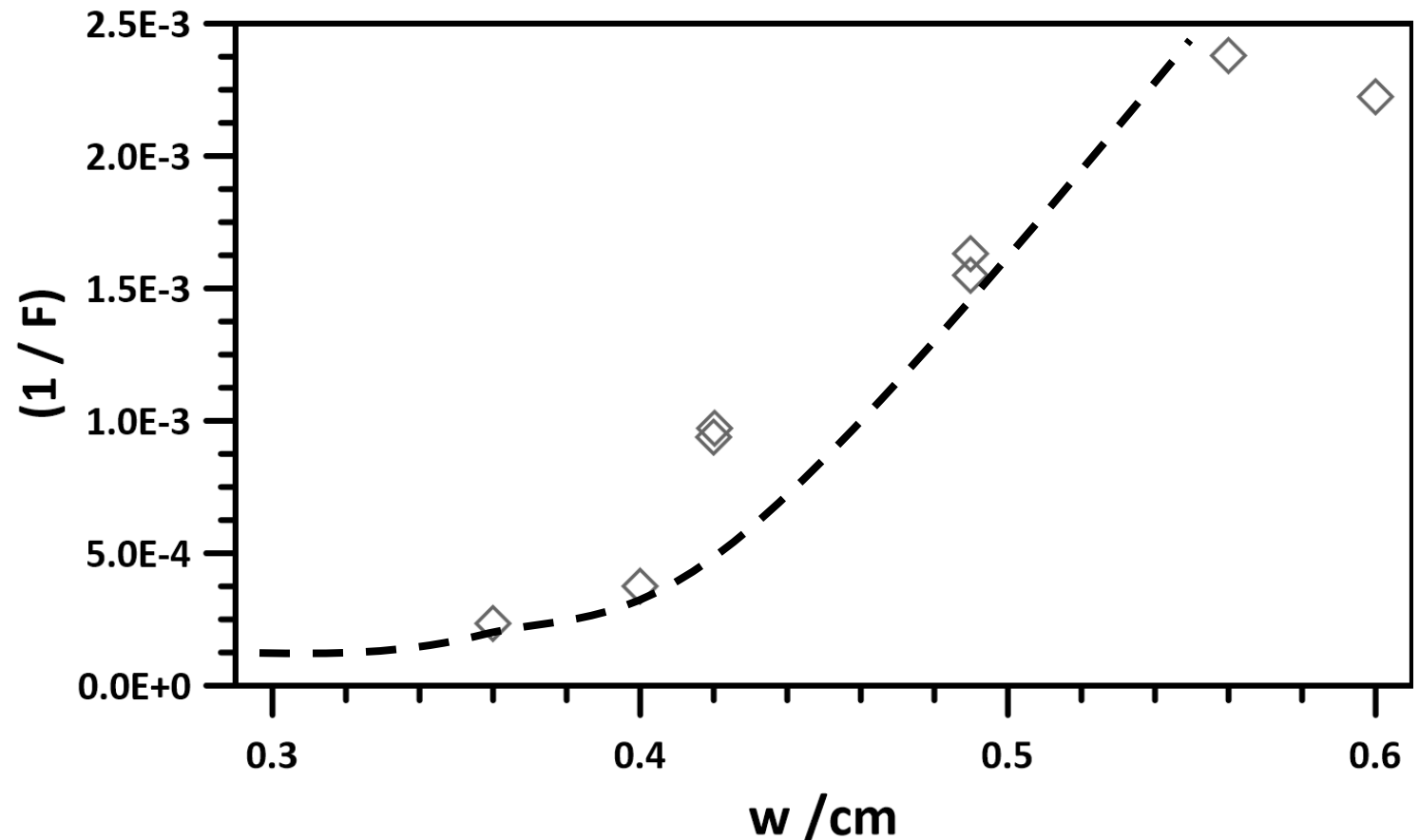
$$F = \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} = \frac{1}{\phi\beta}$$



# What is the Formation Factor



- Measure of the pore structure of concrete
- $1/F$  is related to fluid permeability
- Can be related to fluid sorption as well
- Can be related to diffusion

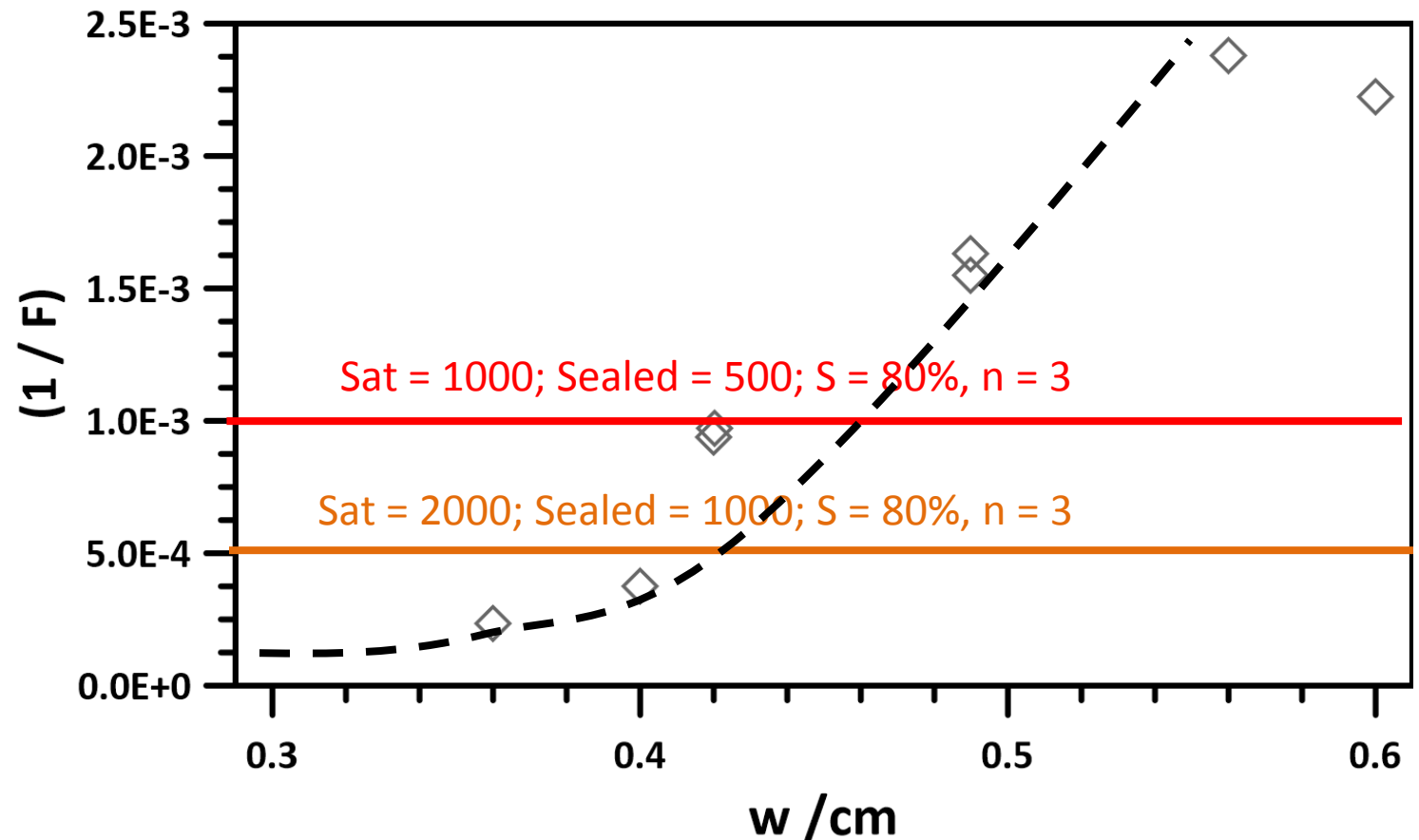




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# Resistivity and RCPT



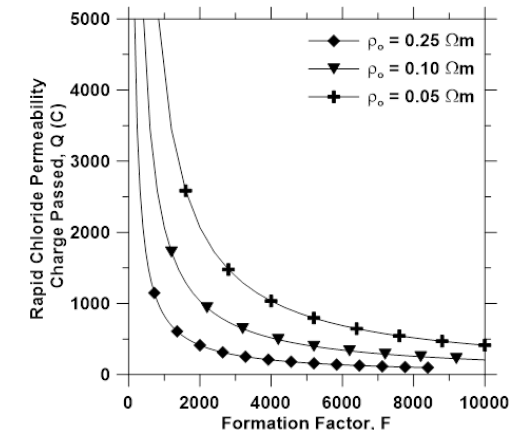
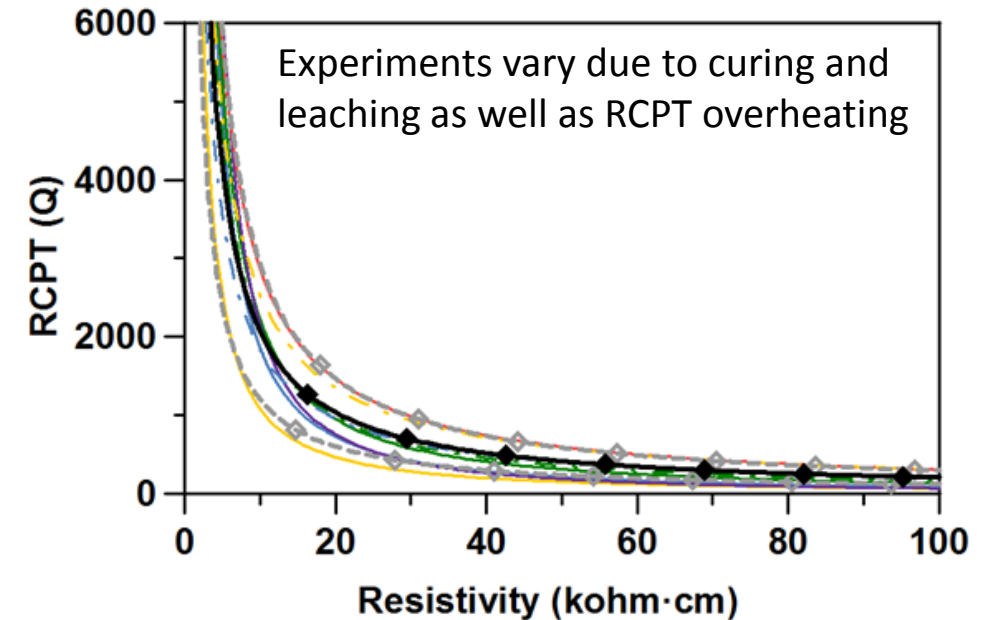
- We can fundamentally relate RCPT and resistivity

$$Q = \int_{0 \text{ hr}}^{6 \text{ hr}} I dt = \int_{0 \text{ hr}}^{6 \text{ hr}} \frac{V}{R} dt = \int_{0 \text{ hr}}^{6 \text{ hr}} \frac{V A}{\rho L} dt$$

$$Q = V \frac{A}{L} t \frac{1}{\rho} = 60V \frac{8107 \text{ mm}^2}{50.8 \text{ mm}} 21,600 \text{ s} \frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{206,830 \text{ V m s}}{\rho}$$

- This is written as F-Factor which shows errors in RCPT if  $\rho$  soln is not known

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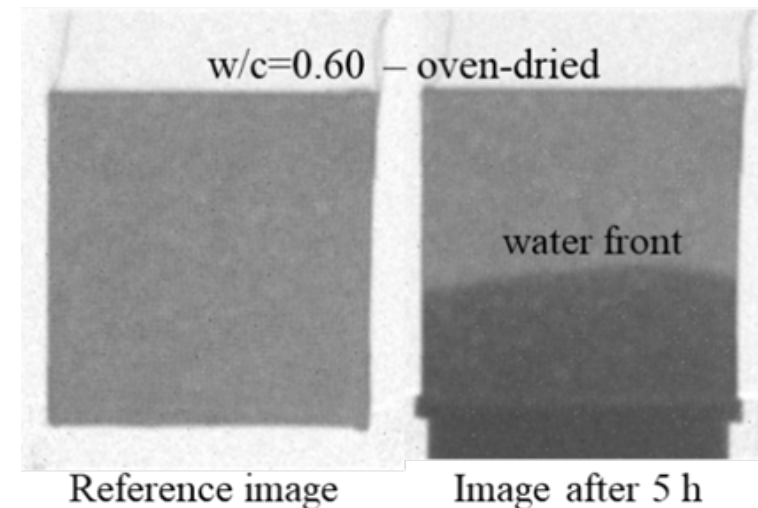
Weiss et al. 2016

# F Factor and Absorption

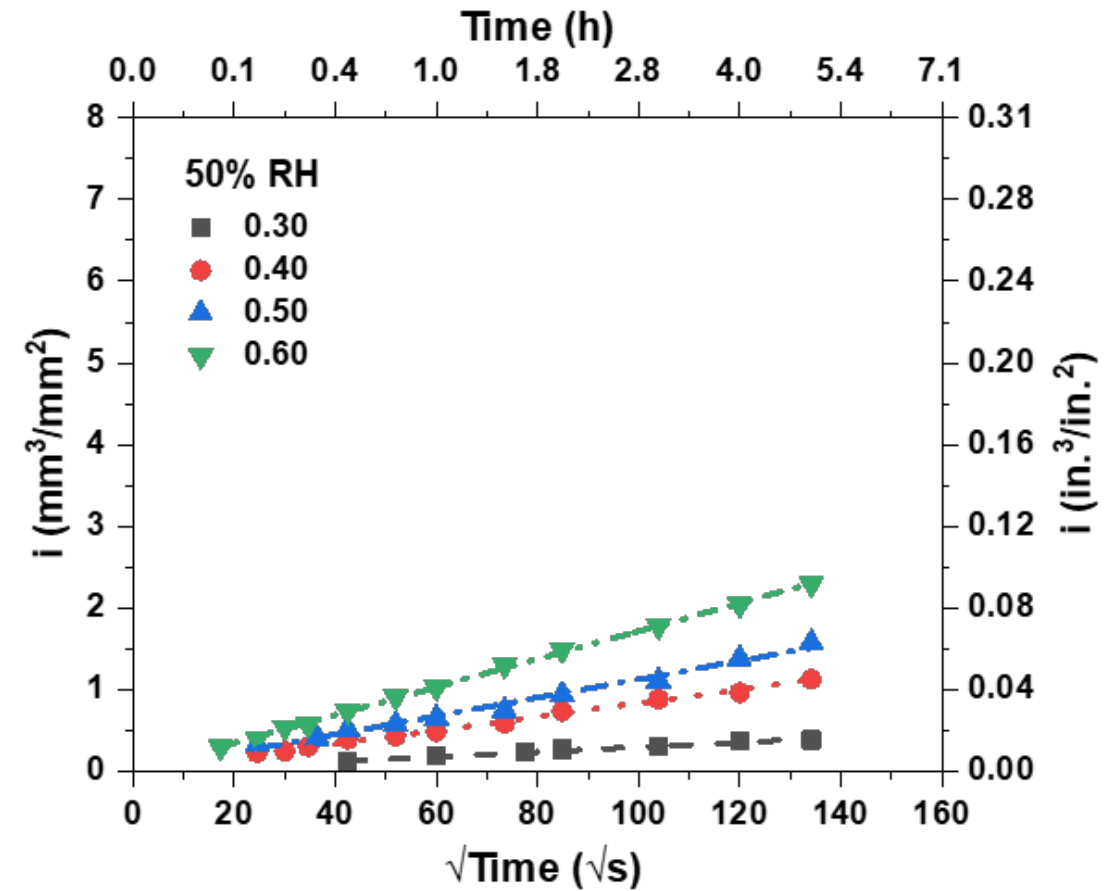
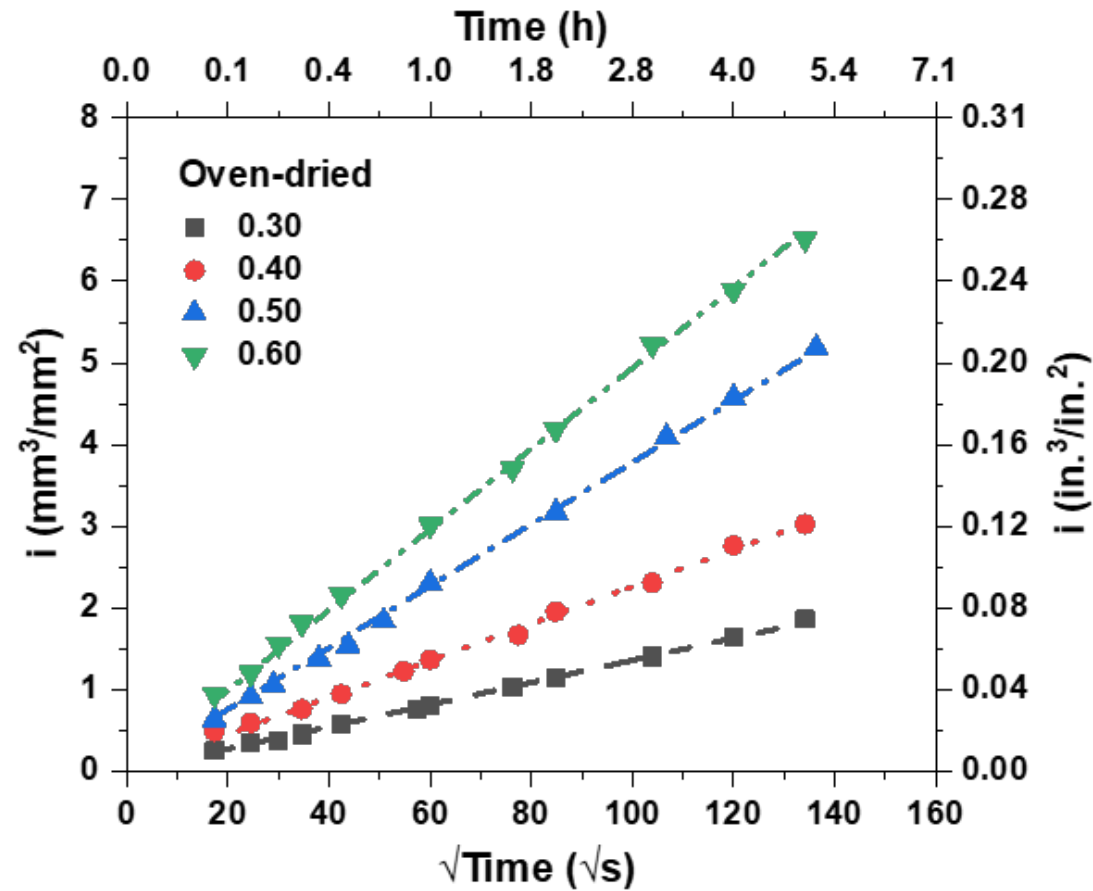


- One advantage of the Formation Factor is that it can be related to other transport properties directly.
- In a recently submitted paper we demonstrate that the mass of absorbed water ( $M$ ) is related to ( $F^{-0.5}$ )
- Derived from first principles

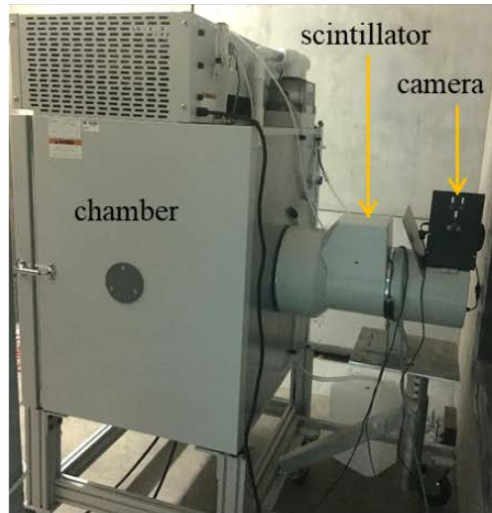
$$M(t) = \frac{A\rho R_i}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon P_{cap}}{\mu}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{F}} \sqrt{t}$$



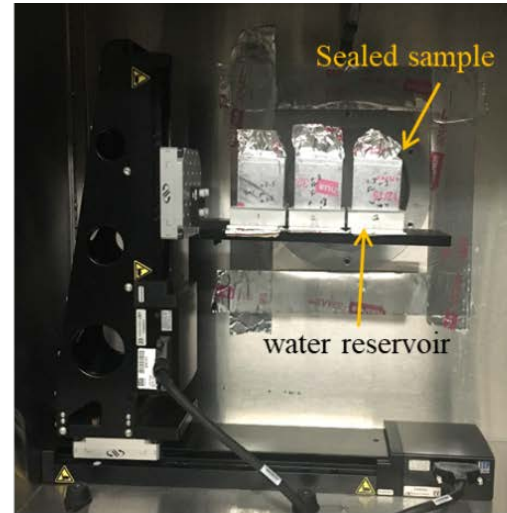
# Absorption



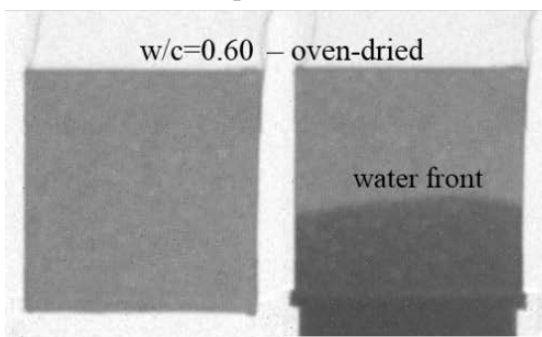
# Typical Results



(a) Chamber with scintillator at the back  
Neutron beam is parallel to the scintillator

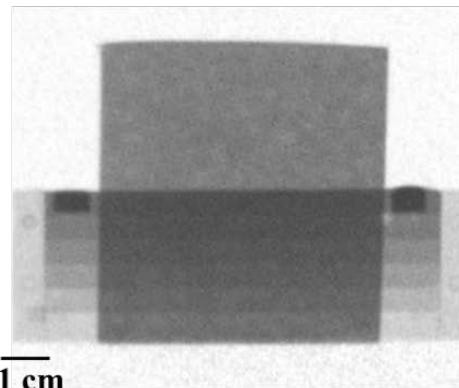


(b) Translating stage inside the chamber

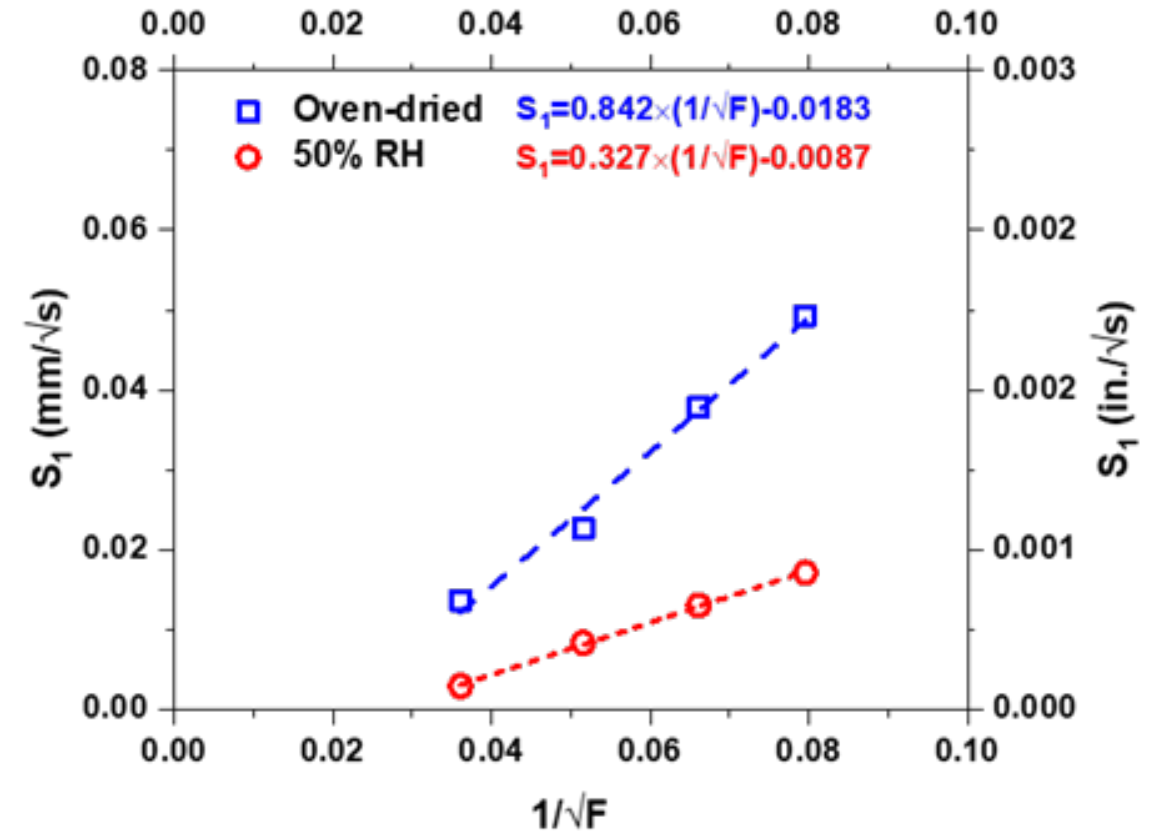


Reference image      Image after 5 h  
2 cm

(c) Raw images from camera



(d) Water-filled stepped cells to measure water  
attenuation coefficient – thickness: 1-5 mm



Moradillo et al. submitted





# F Factor and $D_{\text{Apparent}}$

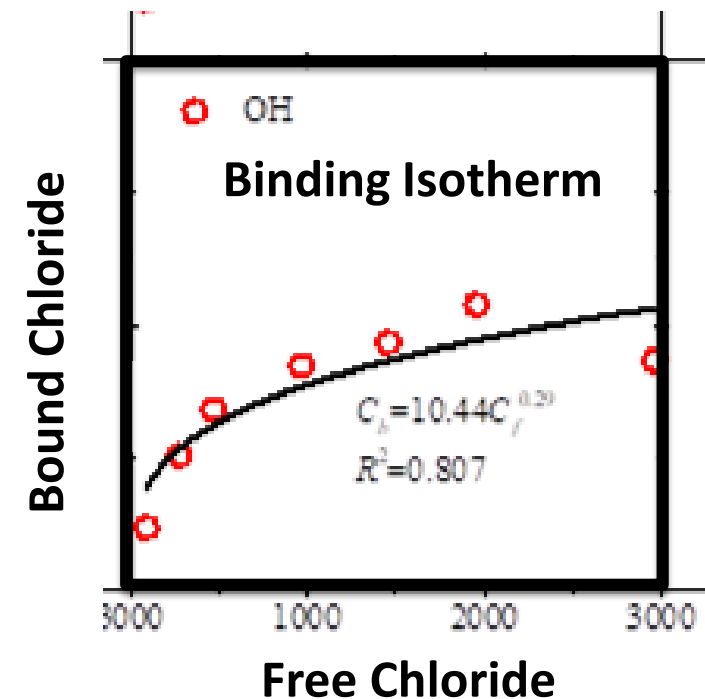
- Frequent criticism of F-Factor - it doesn't include binding
- While this is true (neither does any electrical measure) it can be shown that F Factor can easily be combined with a binding isotherm to predict performance

- Nernst Plank

$$J_i = -\frac{D^0}{F} (S_l) \left[ \text{grad}c_i + c_i \text{grad}(\ln \gamma_i) + \frac{z_i F}{RT} c_i \text{grad}\psi \right]$$

- Binding

$$c_b = \alpha \cdot c_{Cl}^\beta$$

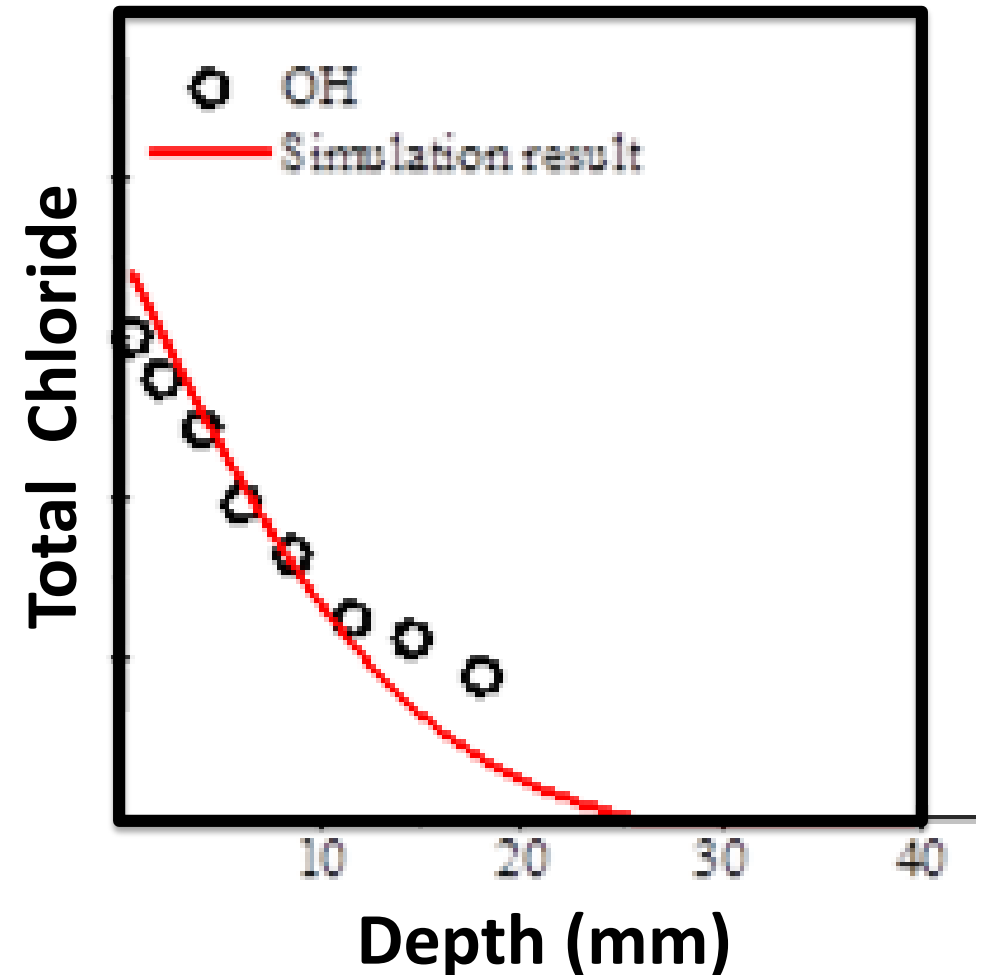


# Chloride Diffusion



- Here we see that combining the F-Factor and binding is very powerful
- This does a good job at predicting chloride ingress
- This is much faster than ASTM 1556
- Further binding is a qualification test and F is a QC/QA test

Chloride Profile – First Principles



# National PFS Underway

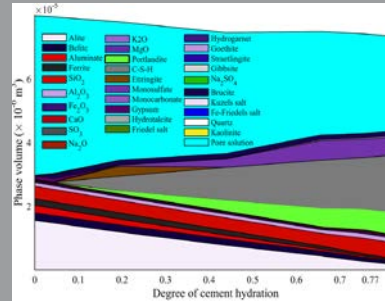


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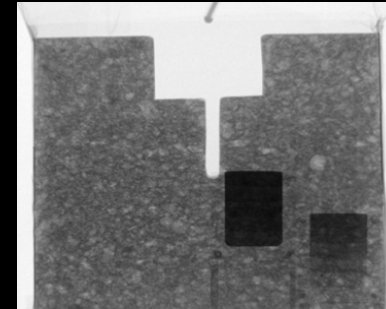
Unify  
Transport  
Tests and F

Goal:  
complete theoretical  
framework to enable  
F-factor to replace  
existing transport  
tests first principles



GEMS &  
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Goal:  
Use computational  
models to simplify  
and complement  
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Water  
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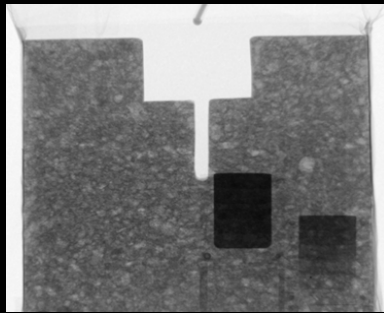
Goal:  
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and movement



Rapid Test  
for Water  
Content

Goal:  
Use test methods to  
measure water  
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# Water Transport



Curing  
and its  
Implications

Goal:  
Use quantitative  
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to better understand  
curing

- Instead of using individual coefficients, use a single hydration product

$$\ln\left(\frac{I_T}{I_O}\right) = -\left(\mu_A V_A + \mu_C V_{C-Original} + \mu_W V_{W-Hydration\ Products}\right) x_S$$

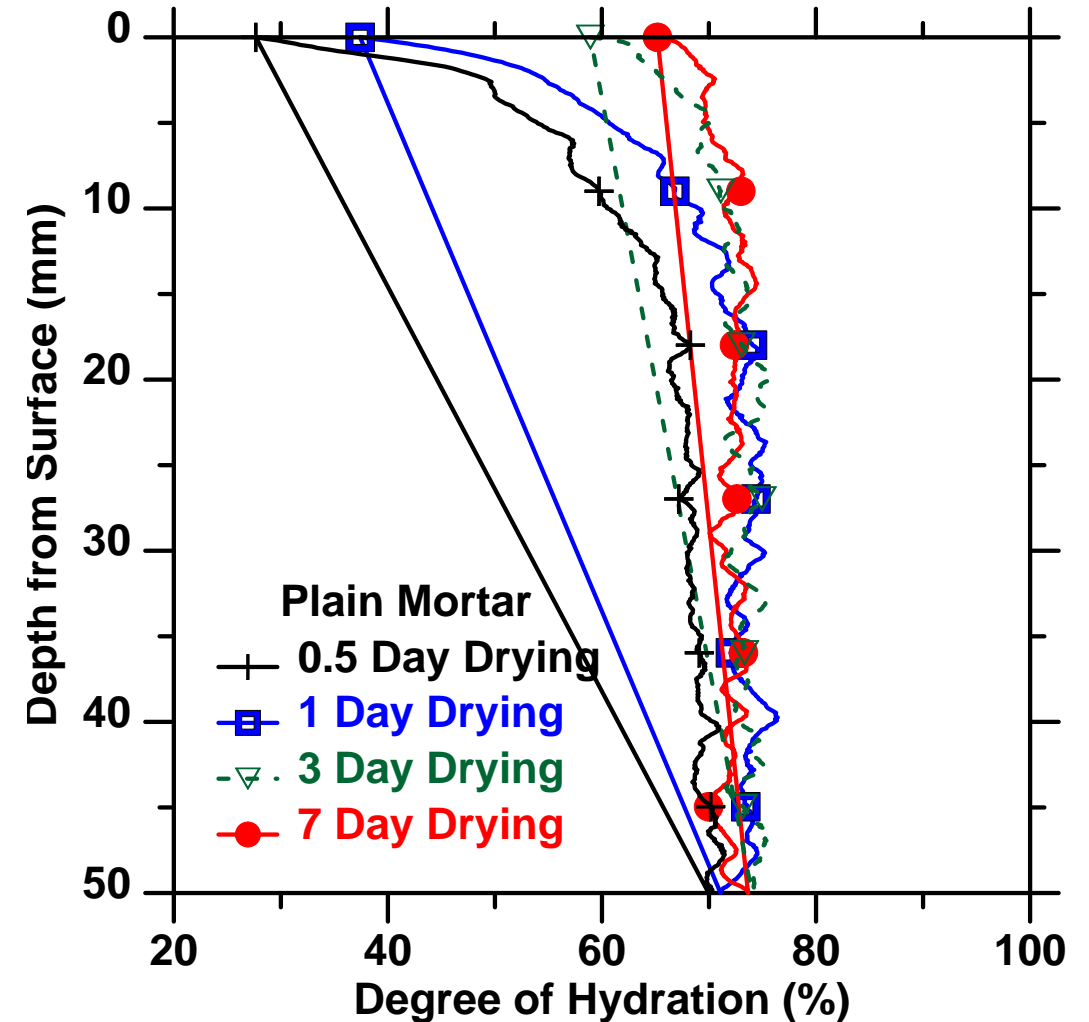
- This enables the volume of hydration products to be determined

$$V_{W-Hydration\ Products} = -\left(\frac{1}{\mu_W}\right) \left( \frac{\ln\left(\frac{I_T}{I_O}\right)}{x_S} - \mu_A V_A - \mu_C V_{C-Original} \right)$$

# Typical Results - Duration of Curing



- DOH increased 24% in the top 5 mm of plain samples by extending the wet burlap duration from 1 to 3 days.
- Sealed plain samples had 3.2% greater hydration at the core than the samples exposed to drying at 1 day





# Rapid Water Content



## Rapid Test for Water Content

Goal:  
Use test methods to  
measure water  
content before  
placement

- Working on a test method that can be used for fresh concrete
- Very comfortable with it in the lab, additional work is needed to make sure it is robust and ready for the field
- At the current time we know that temperature corrections are very important as well as the role of ionic species which we are working on

# Main Thoughts – Are We Ready ?



- Water to cement ratio (w/c)
  - Historically – w/c is specified (pore volume and connectivity)
  - Performance – The formation factor can measure transport
  - w/c to resistivity to F Factor
- Air content
  - Historically – A table was created based on empirical performance
  - Performance – New tests exist, new predictive methods exist for saturation and salt and we can begin to link these together
- Shrinkage methods are ready based on models or tests