

# Early Findings for EBBR and DENT Implementation and Prospects for Simplification

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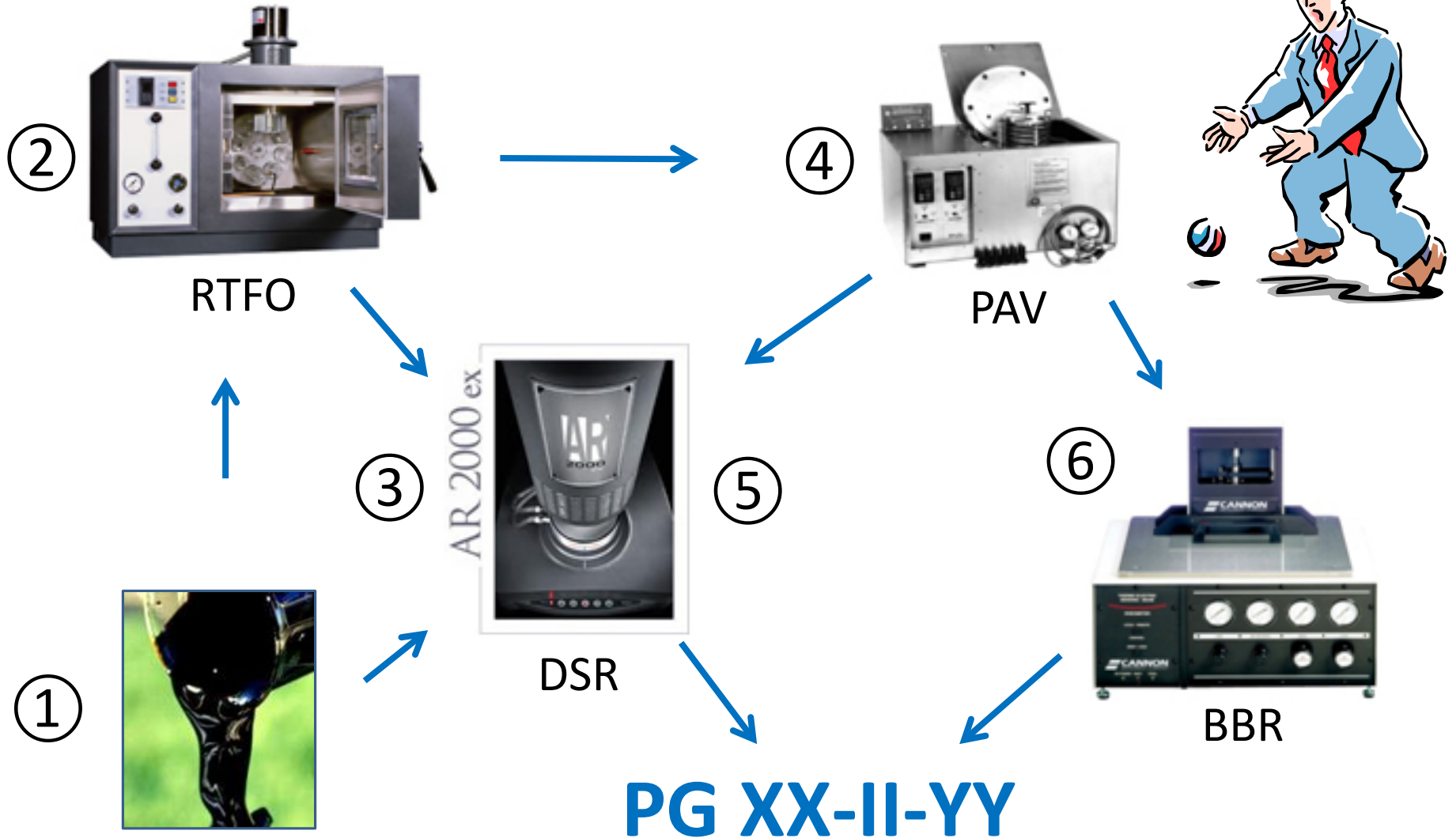


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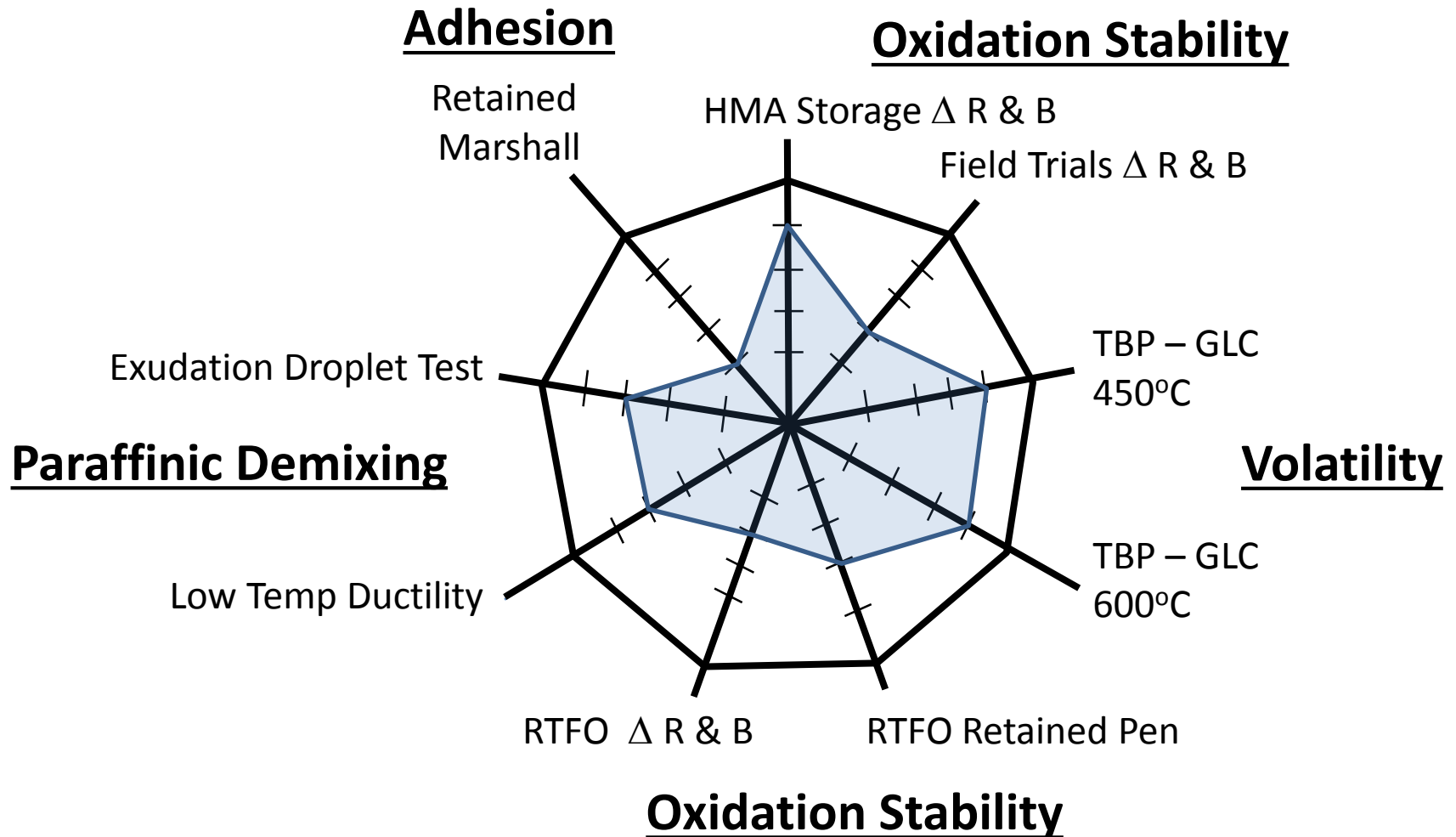
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# Superpave™ Performance Graded Asphalt Cement



# Shell Qualagon™ (1980s)



# Identical PG 64-34 Grades, Timmins

(Constructed 2003, Photographs 2008)

**655-1 Sol-type:** Low physical/oxidative hardening, R-value, S-controlled, and high CTOD. **Little or no cracking.**



**Stable RET + PPA**

**655-4 Gel-type:** High physical/oxidative hardening, R-value, m-controlled. **Major cracking and moisture damage.**



**Unstable SBS + REOB**

# Modus Operandi for Municipalities

## 1. Control or ban what we can:

- REOB, paraffin oils, etc.
- Waste bio industry oil, vegetable oils, etc.
- RAP, RAS, waxes, cracked/oxidized residues, etc.



## 2. Test extracted and recovered AC for what we cannot predict or imagine:

- LS-228 Modified Pressure Aging Vessel (2012)
- LS-299 Double-Edge-Notched Tension Test (2006)
- LS-308 Extended Bending Beam Rheometer Test (2005)

## 3. As materials change so will the test methods and acceptance criteria.

# AASHTO Adopted LS-308 EBBR as Provisional Standard TP 122-16

**Standard Method of Test for**

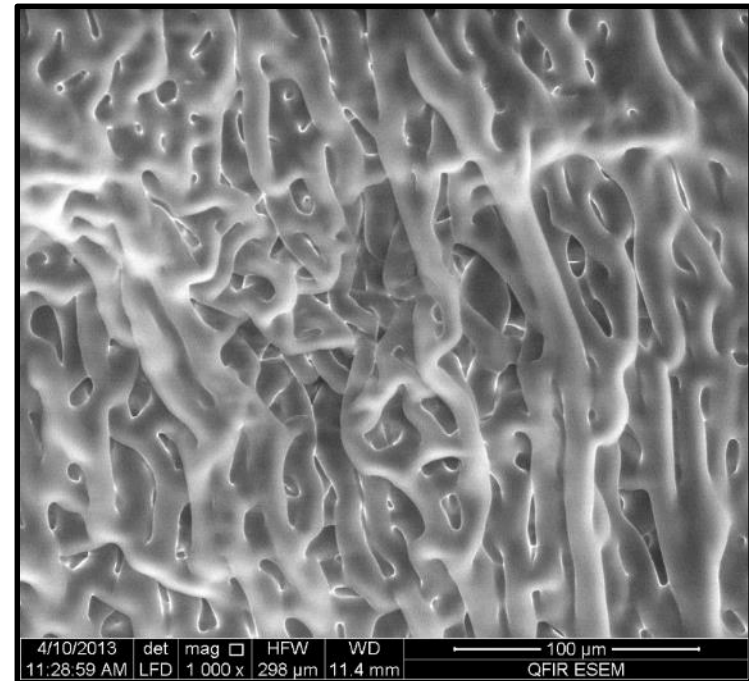
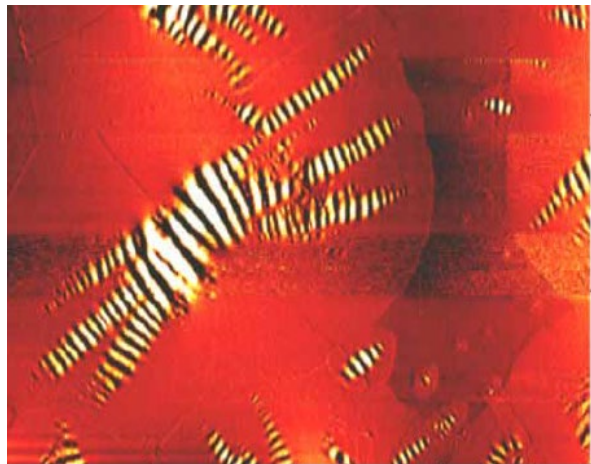
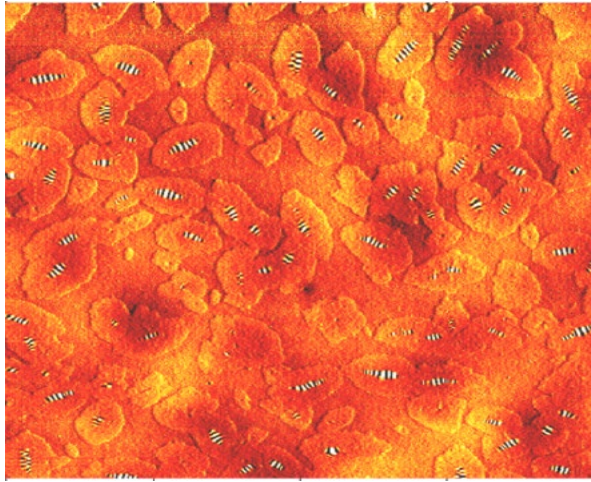
**Determination of Performance  
Grade of Physically Aged Asphalt  
Binder Using Extended Bending  
Beam Rheometer (BBR) Method**

AASHTO Designation: TP 122-16





# Thermoreversible Aging of “Gel-Type” Structures in Asphalt Cement



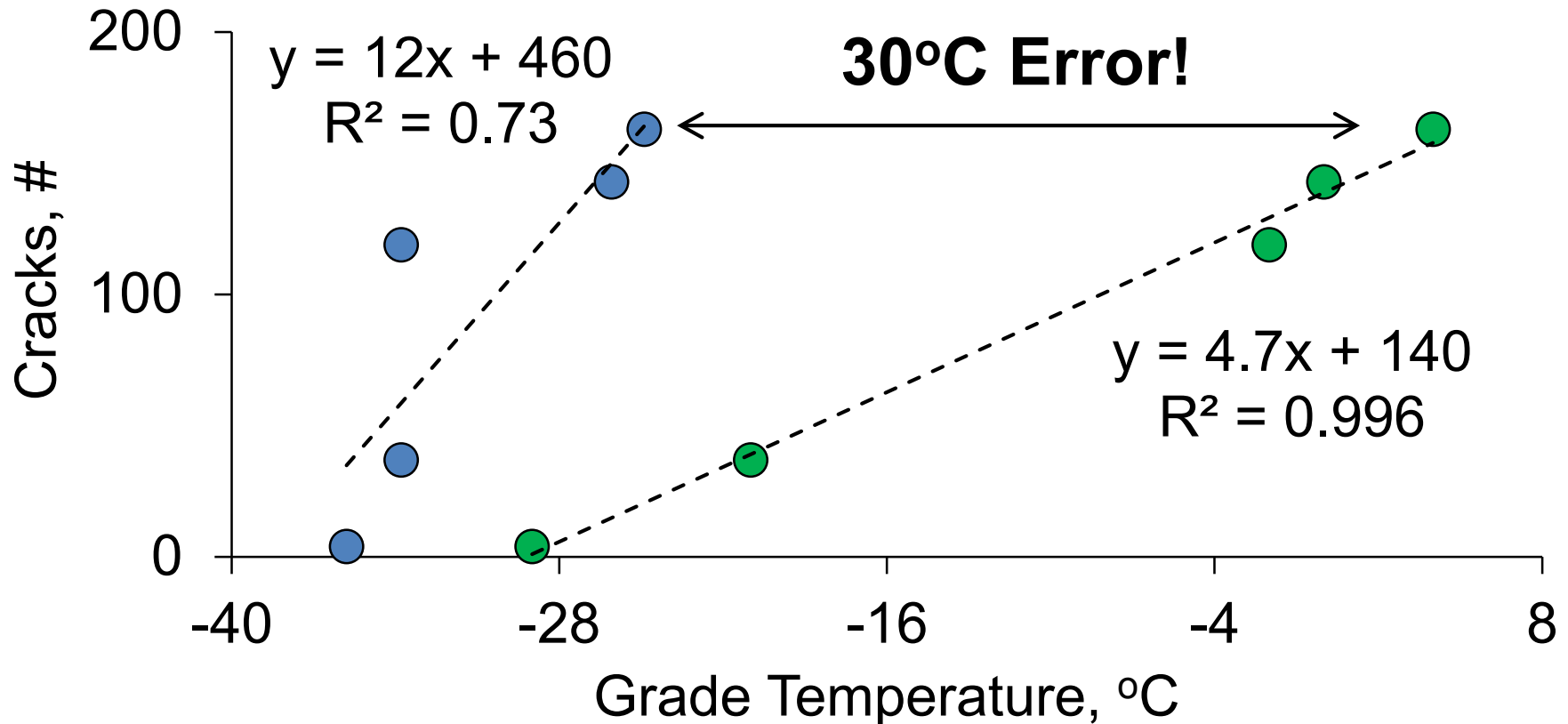
ESEM of Resins + Asphaltenes

AFM of Waxes + Saturates

Pauli et al., IJPE, 2011

# Lamont C-SHRP Cracking Correlations (2006)

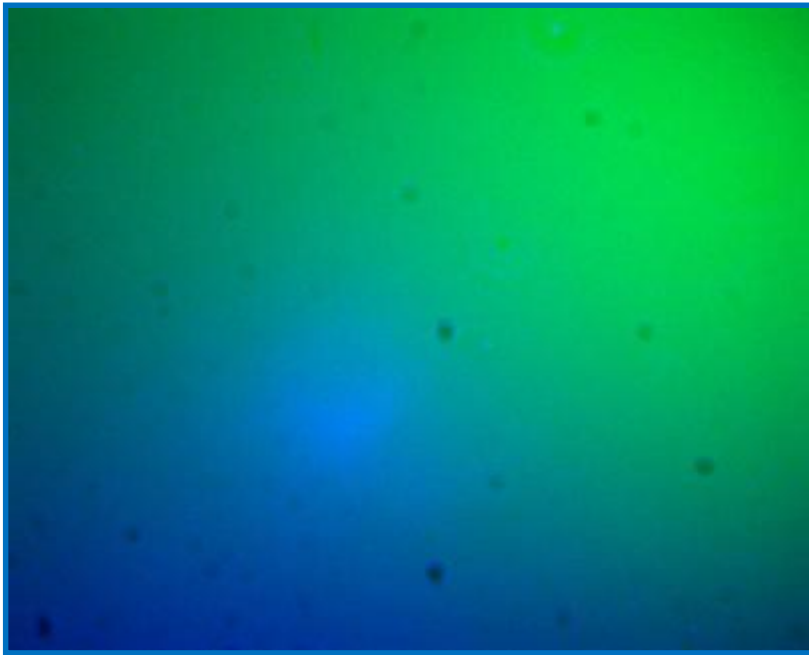
M 320 (1 h) MTQ Results (blue) vs  
T(m=0.35, 72 h) Queen's Results (green)



# Phase Contrast and Fluorescence Microscopy on Asphalt Cement (2007)

No Paraffinic Demixing

Lamont RR-7L Cold Lake



False Blue = Phase Contrast

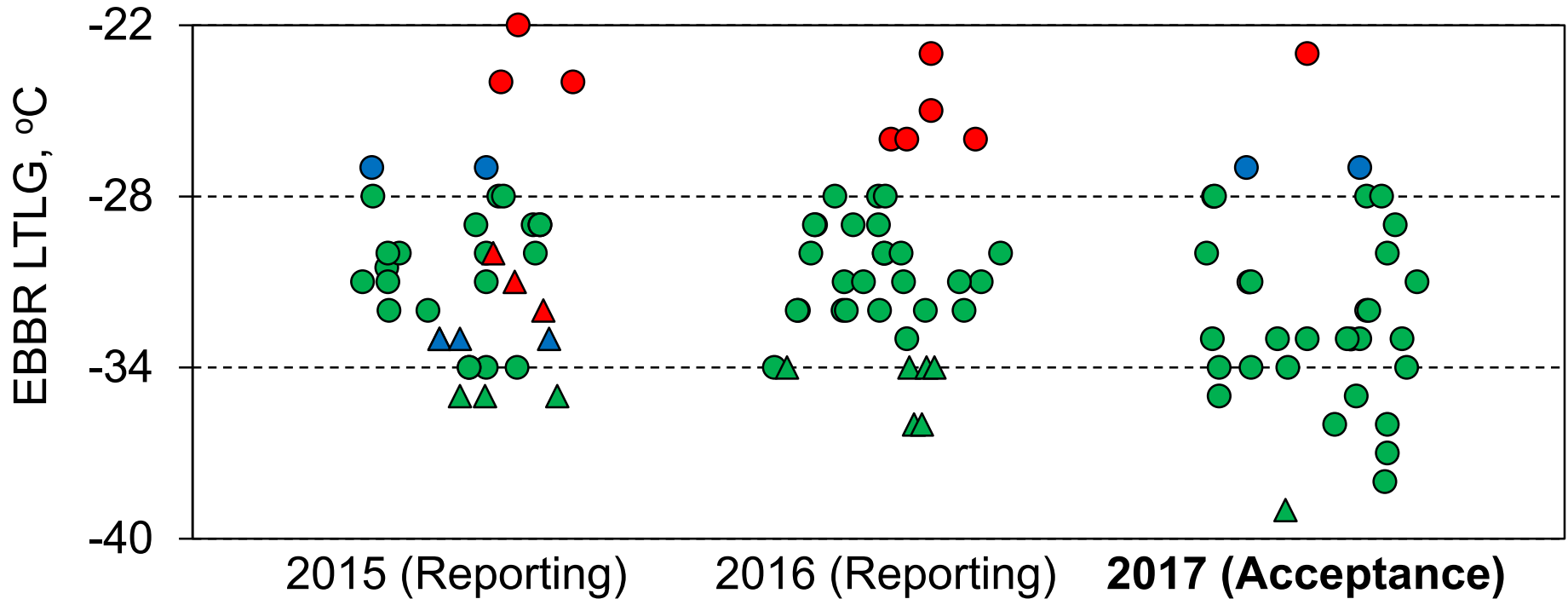
False Green = Fluorescence

Stable 300/400 pen Cold Lake binder from Section 7 in Lamont never cracked for 22 years until trial site was reconstructed:

- Little or no phase separation;
- Low physical hardening;
- Low oxidative hardening;
- Low R-value;
- S-controlled; and
- high CTOD

# Recovered Grading by EBBR (MTO LS-308)

106 Contract Samples (-28 and -34 zones)



Acceptable:    26

29

32

Borderline:    5

0

2

Failed:        6

5

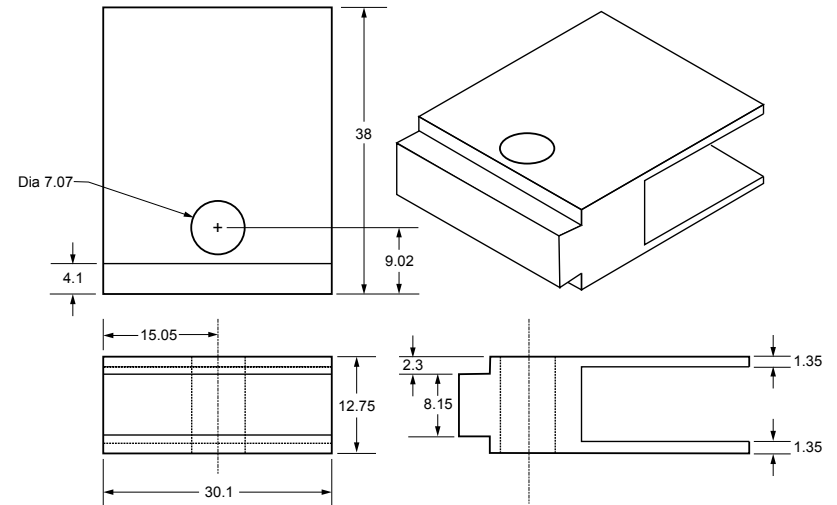
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# AASHTO Adopted DENT as Provisional Standard TP 113-15

**Standard Method of Test for**

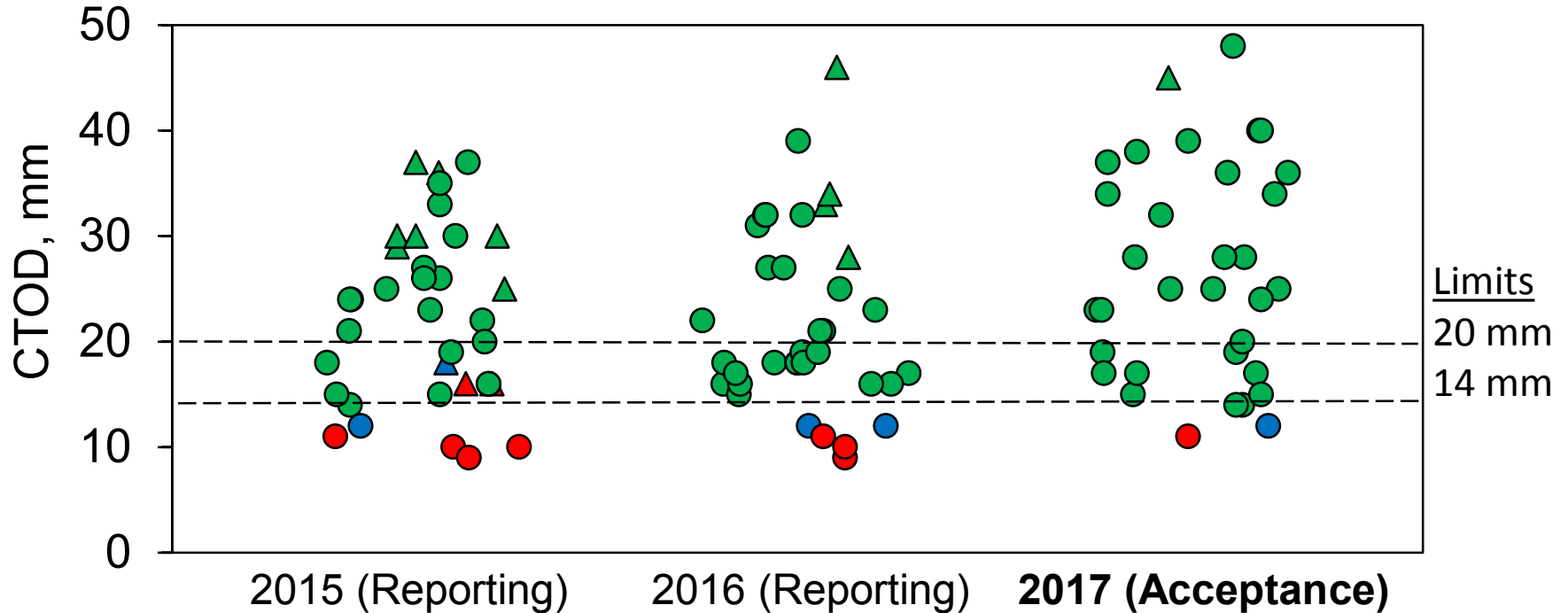
## **Determination of Asphalt Binder Resistance to Ductile Failure Using Double-Edge-Notched Tension (DENT) Test**

**AASHTO Designation: TP 113-15**



# Recovered Grading by DENT (TP 113-15)

106 Contract Samples (-28 and -34 zones)



<u>Acceptable:</u>	29	29	33
<u>Borderline:</u>	2	2	1
<u>Failed:</u>	6	3	1

# Corrélations entre la fissuration et les caractéristiques des bitumes (1998)

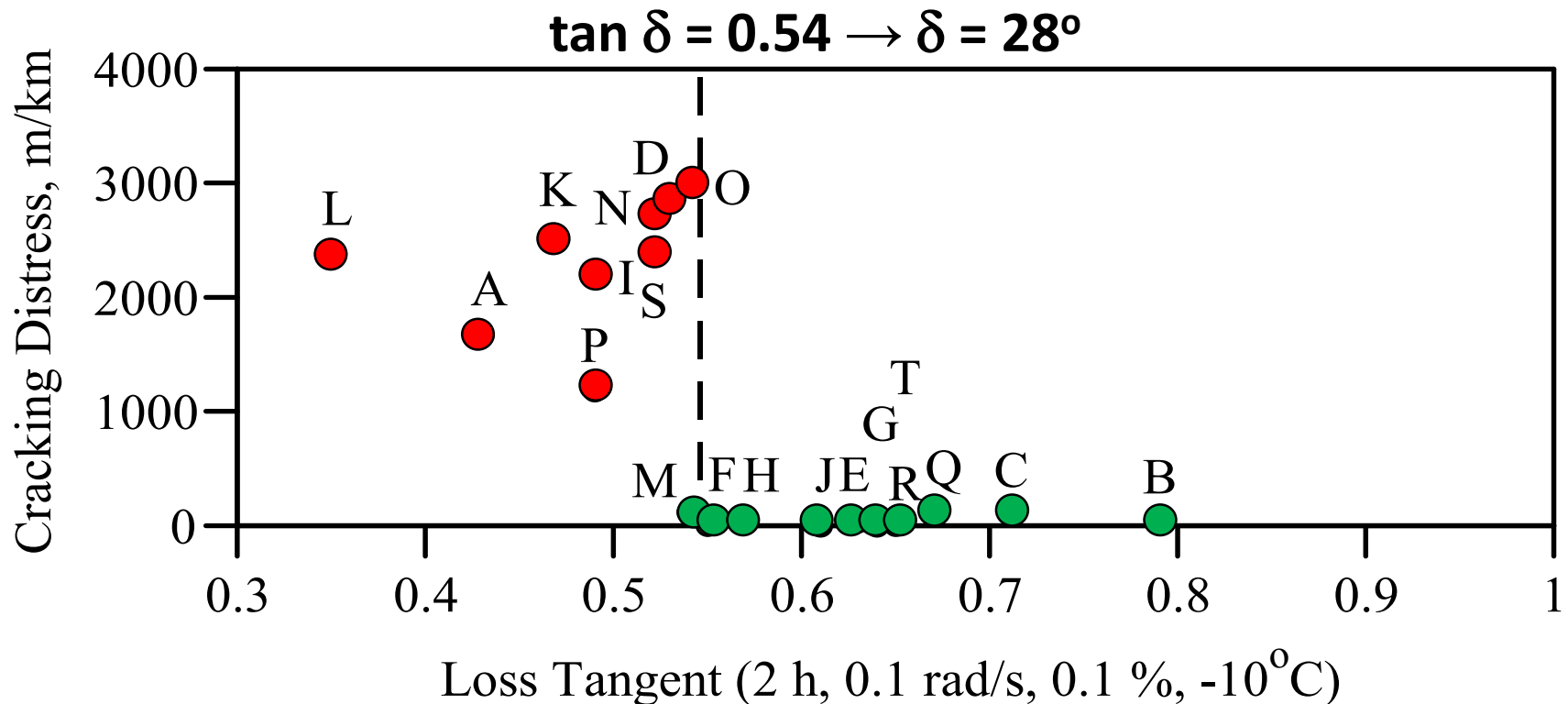
(Correlation of Cracking Distress with Bitumen Properties)

Parameter	Field Cracking (7 Years)	Change Field/Unaged
T( $\delta=27^\circ$ , 7.8 Hz)	*****	*****
T( $\delta=45^\circ$ , 7.8 Hz)	****	****
T(S=300 MPa)		****
m-value	****	***
T(m=0.300)	*****	*****

Migliori et al., Eurobitumen, Luxembourg, 1998 (**LCPC, Colas, Shell, Mobil, BP, Esso**) (this followed earlier papers in Europe, USA and Canada on phase angle measurements to study/mitigate cracking).

# Correlation of Cracking Distress with Asphalt Cement Phase Angle (2009)

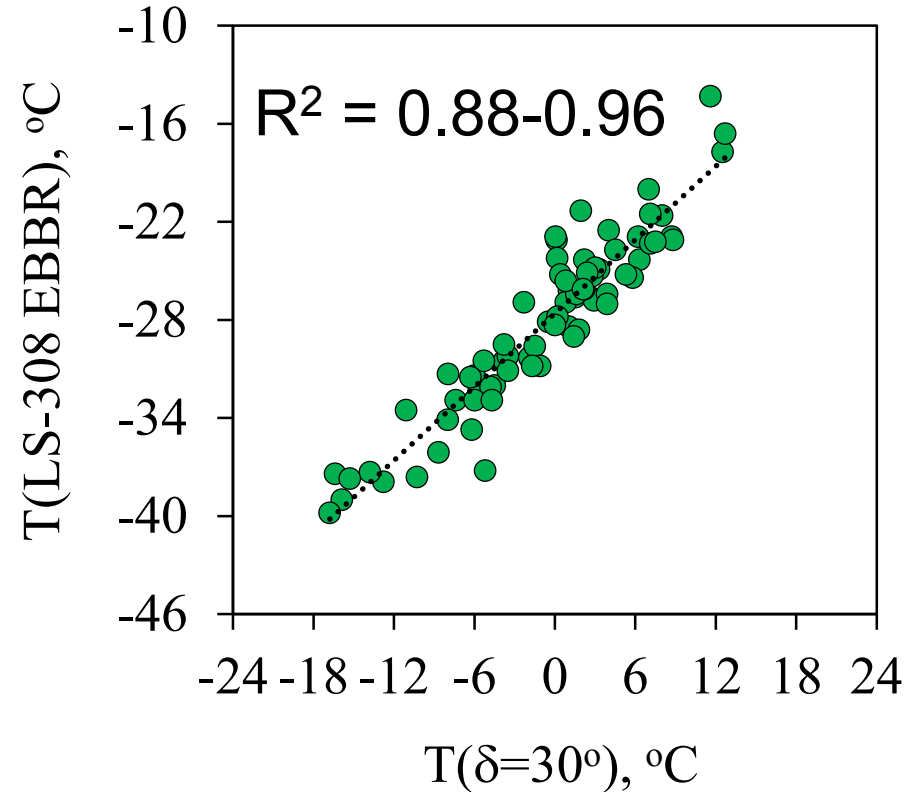
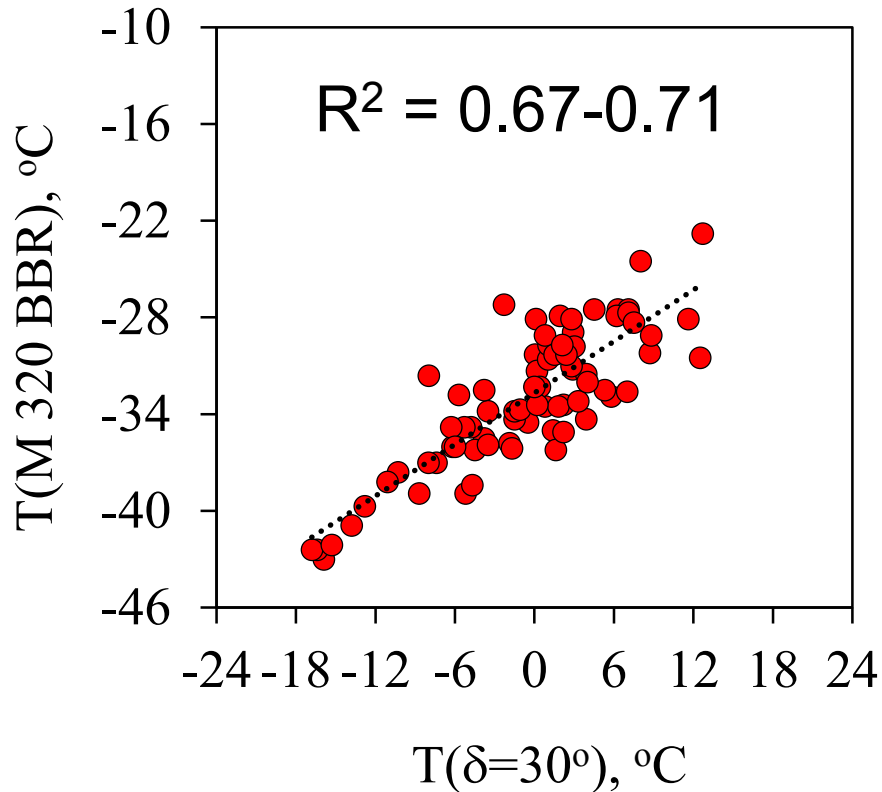
Contracts from Eastern Ontario (20 samples)





# Limiting Phase Angle vs M320 or LS-308

2011 Implementation Contracts (60+ samples, 2018-2019)

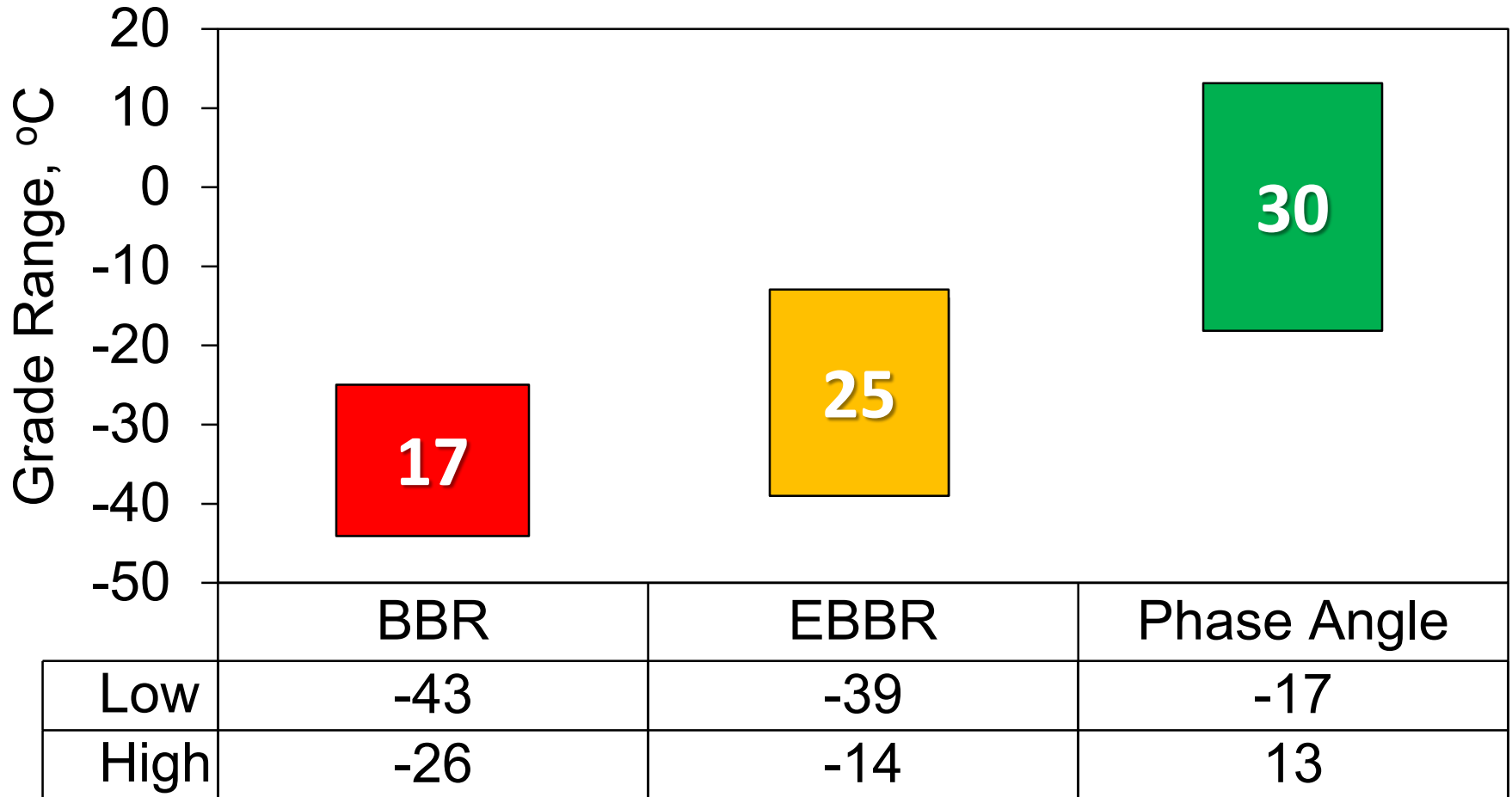


# Performance Graded AC Testing Correlation Program of MTO (2015)

Test	Parameter	COV
DSR <sub>Unaged</sub>	Complex Modulus, $G^*$	0.042
	Phase Angle, $\delta$	0.005
DSR <sub>RTFO</sub>	Complex Modulus, $G^*$	0.064
	Phase Angle, $\delta$	0.007
DSR <sub>PAV</sub>	Complex Modulus, $G^*$	0.110
	Phase Angle, $\delta$	0.017
BBR <sub>PAV</sub>	Creep Stiffness, $S$	0.060
	Creep Rate, $m$	0.021

# M320 and LS-308 vs Phase Angle

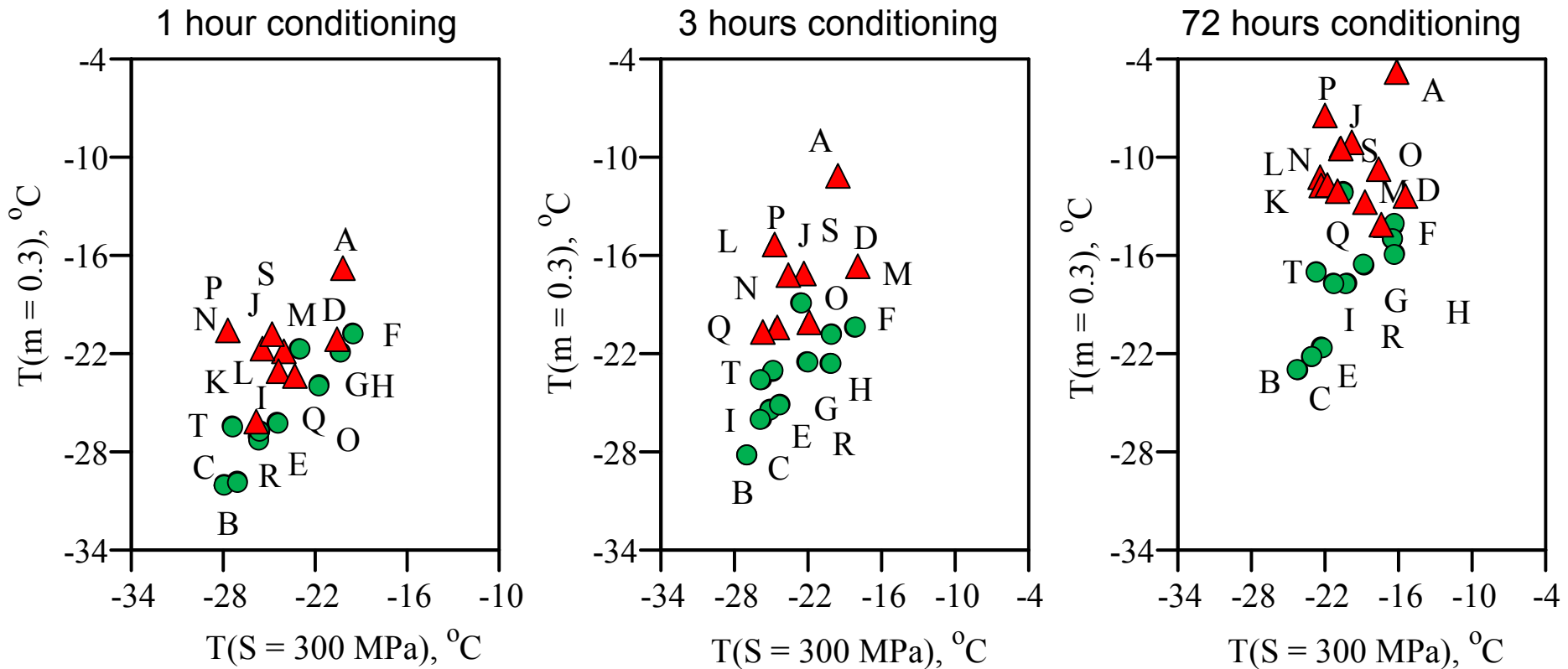
2011 Implementation Contracts (60+ samples, 2019)



Specification Test Protocol

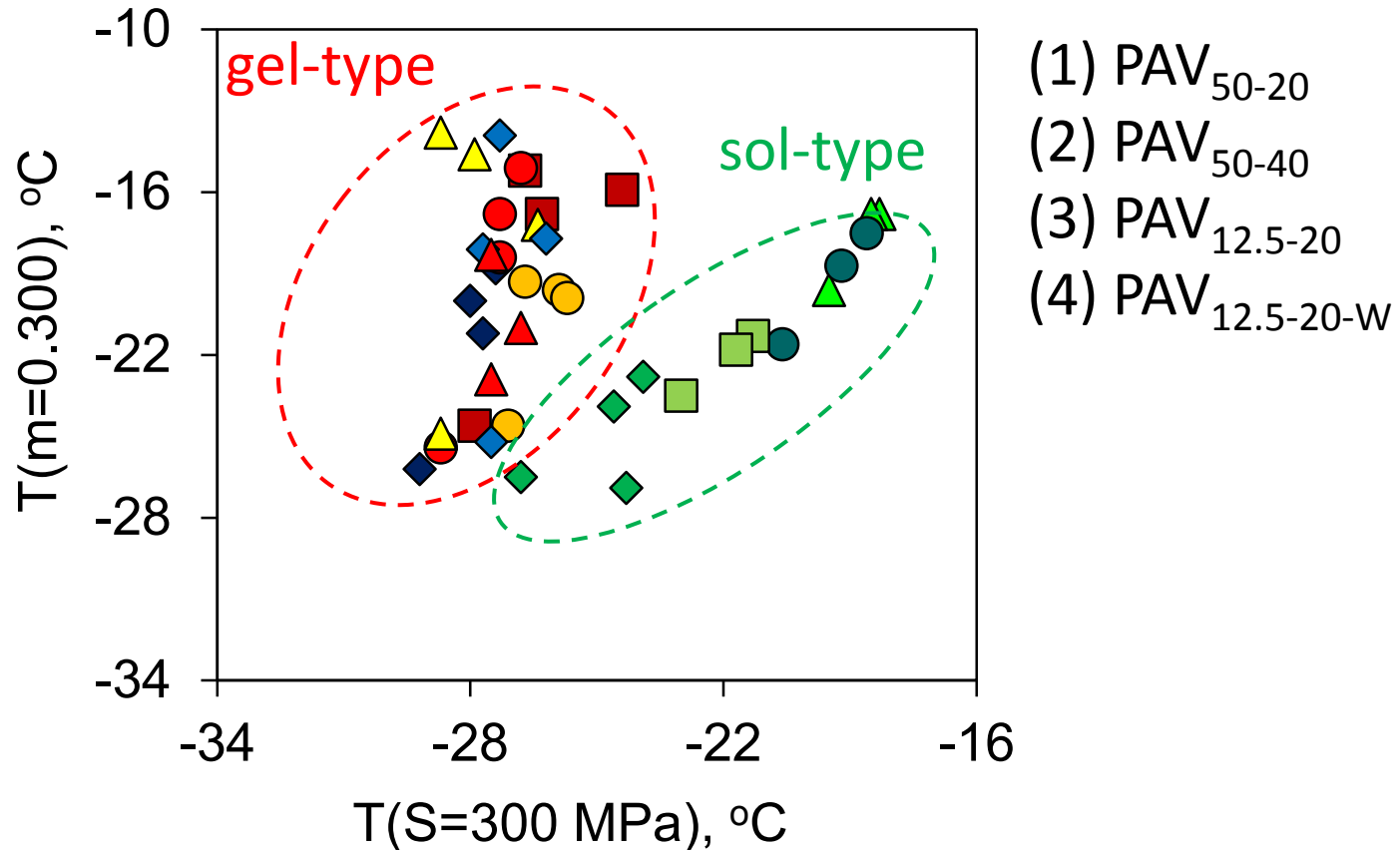
# Effect of Cold Conditioning on $\Delta T_c$ BBR

Contracts from Eastern Ontario (20 samples, 2009)



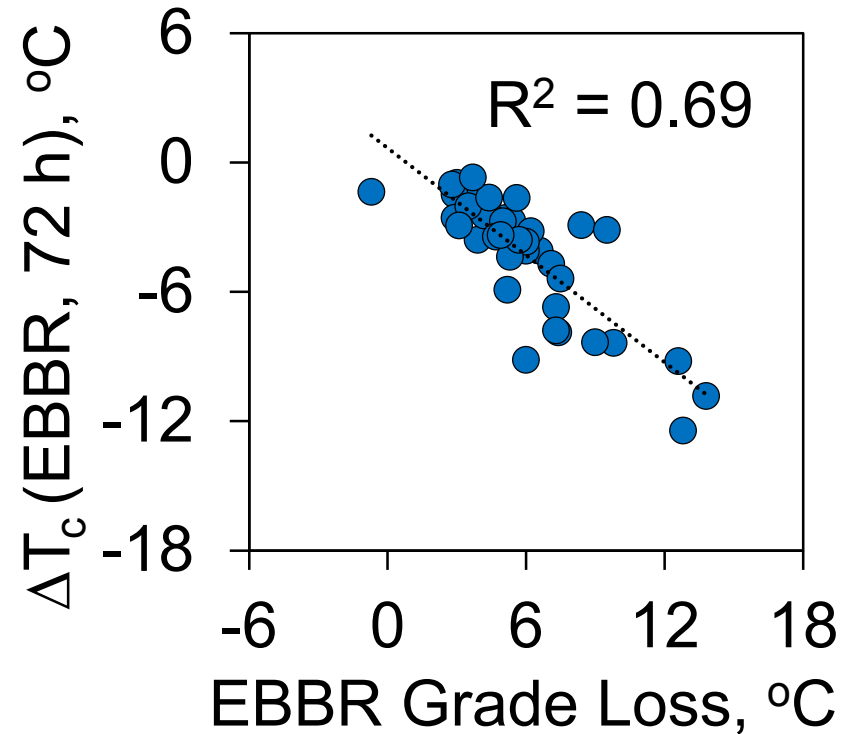
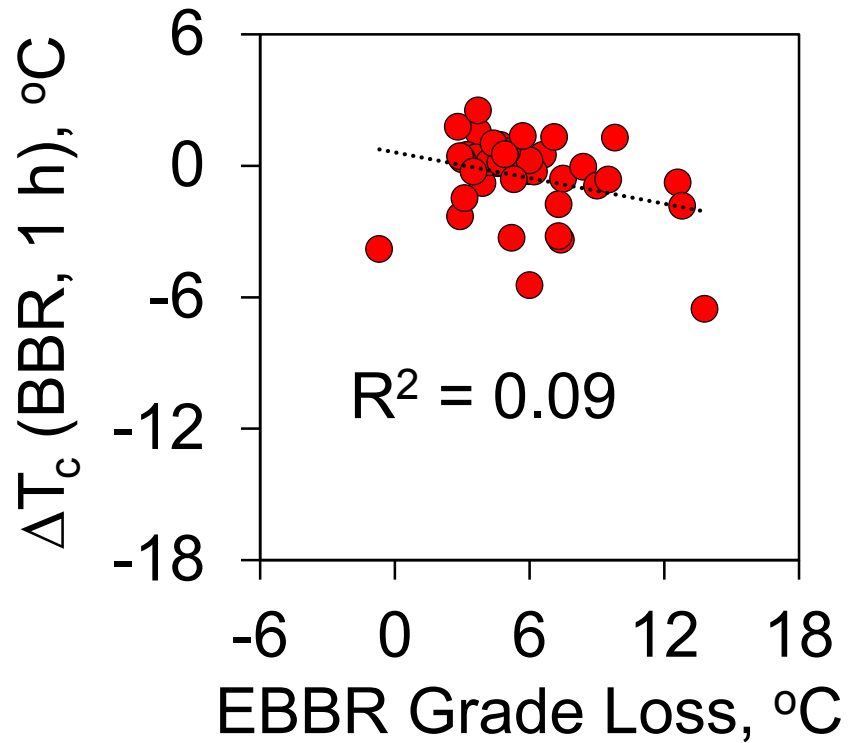
# AASHTO M 320 and MTO LS-308 vs LS-228 Modified PAV

655 Trial Sections + Alberta Binders (11 samples, 2012)



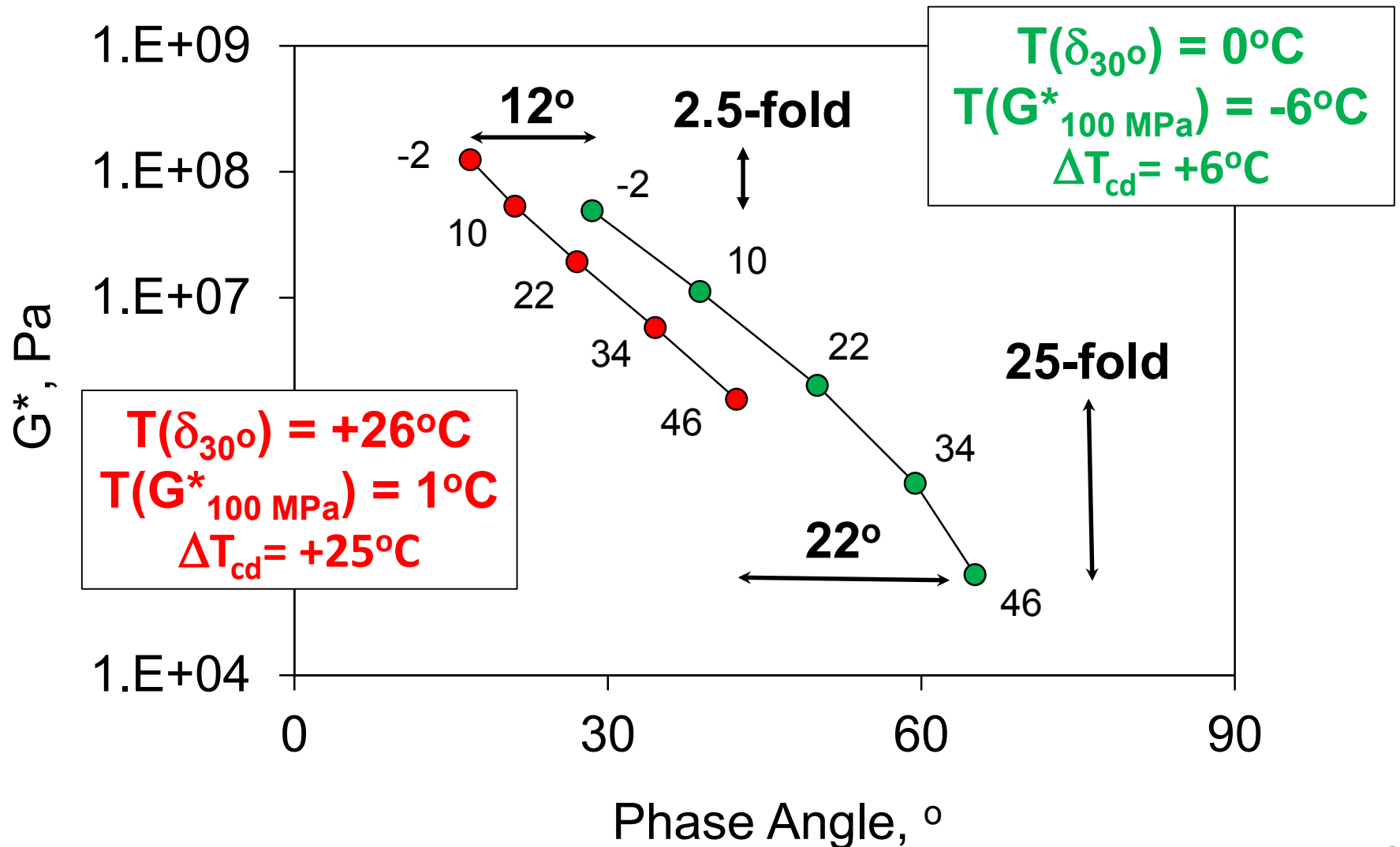
# Rheological Type Determination with $\Delta T_c$ BBR

2011 Implementation Contracts (42 samples, 2018)

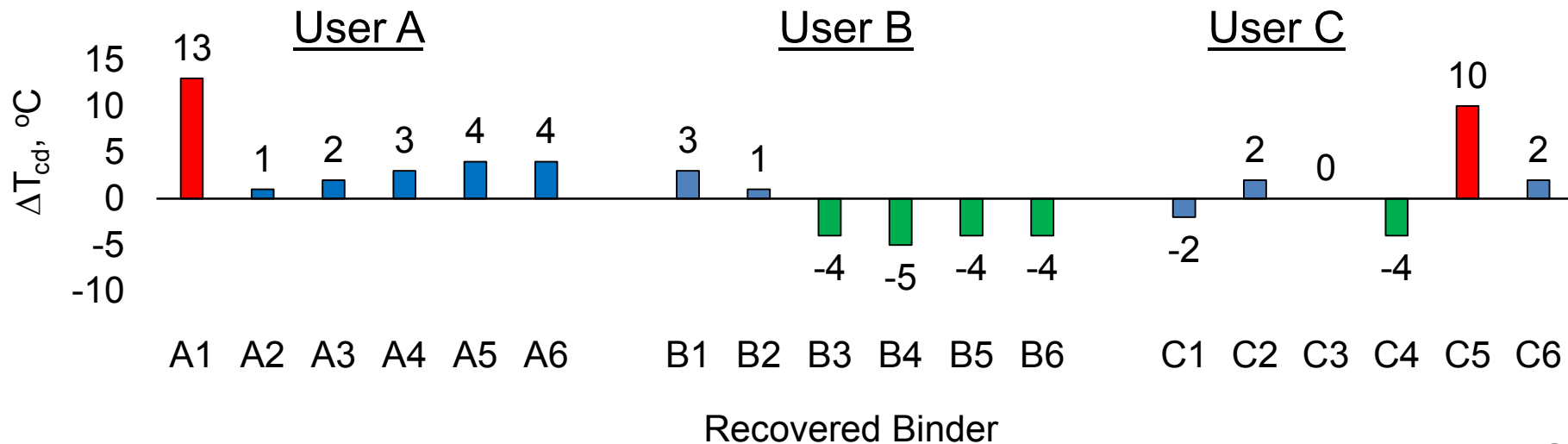
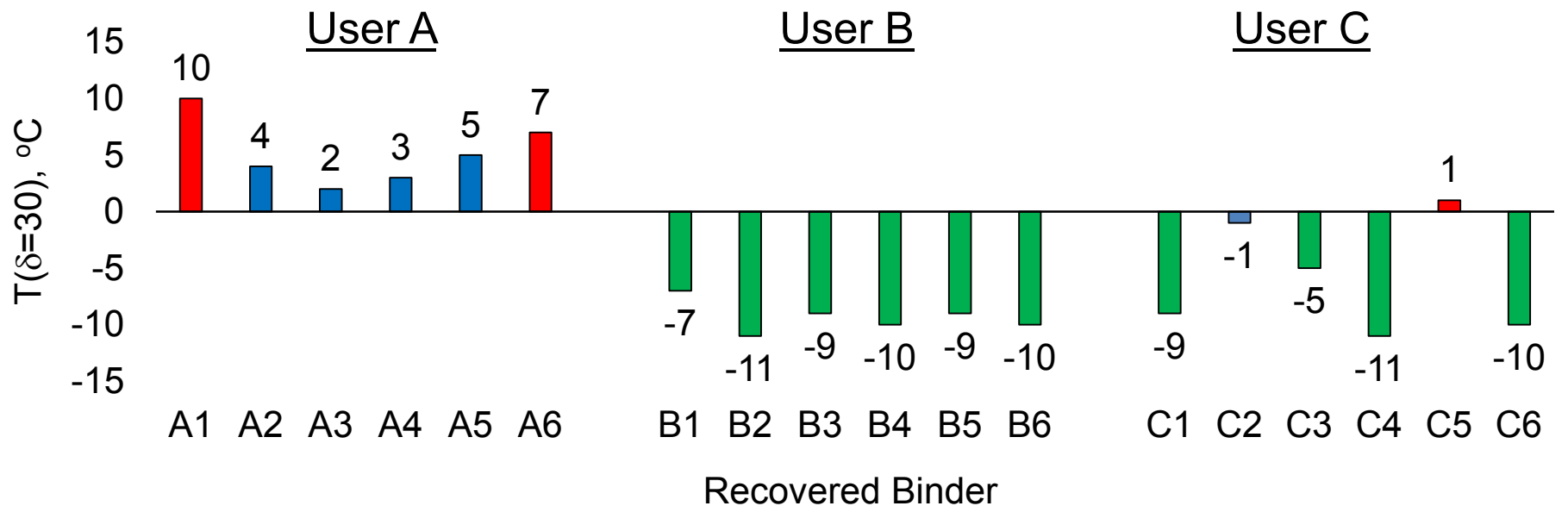


# 655 Black Space Diagram (15 Years, 2018)

655-1 (Best ●) vs 655-4 (Worst ●)



# Limiting Phase Angle and Stiffness (2018)

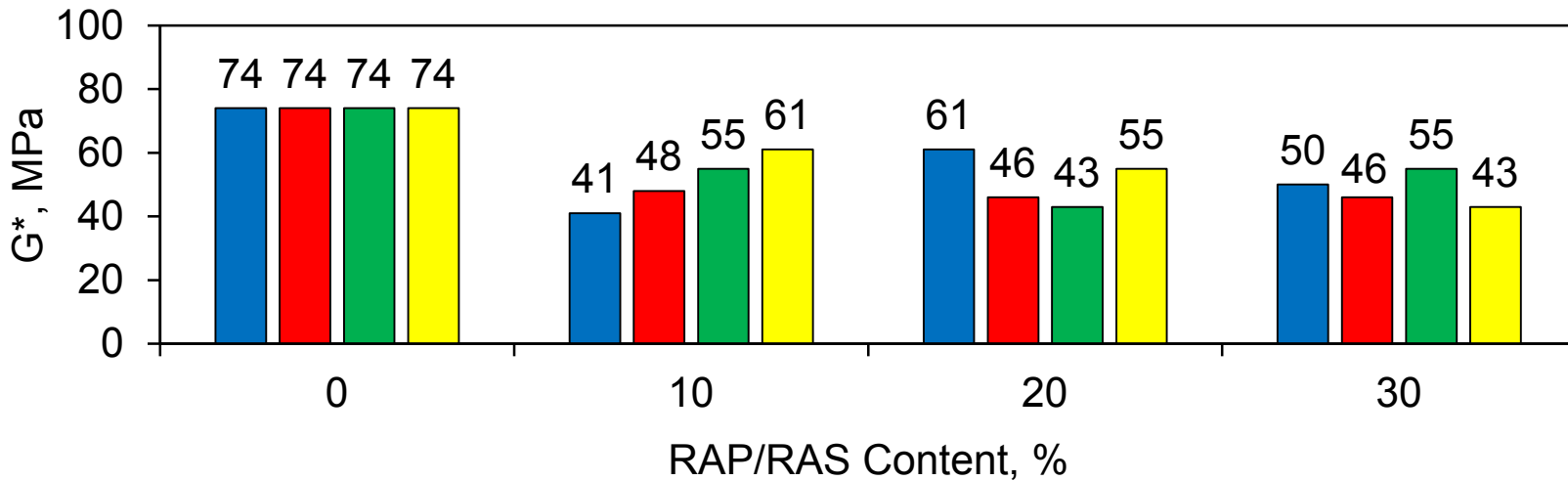
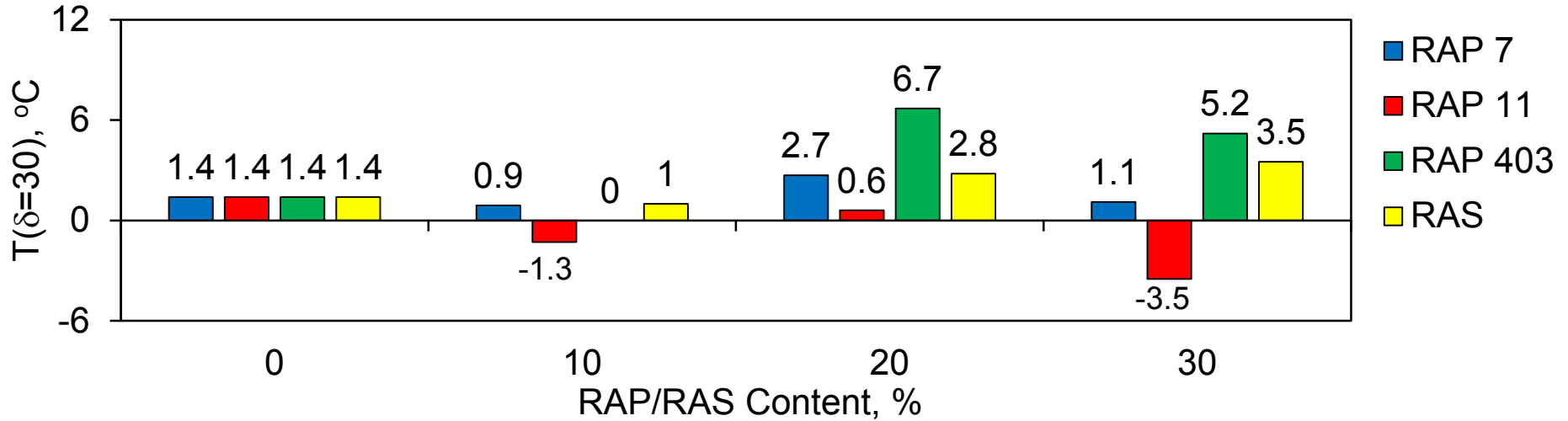




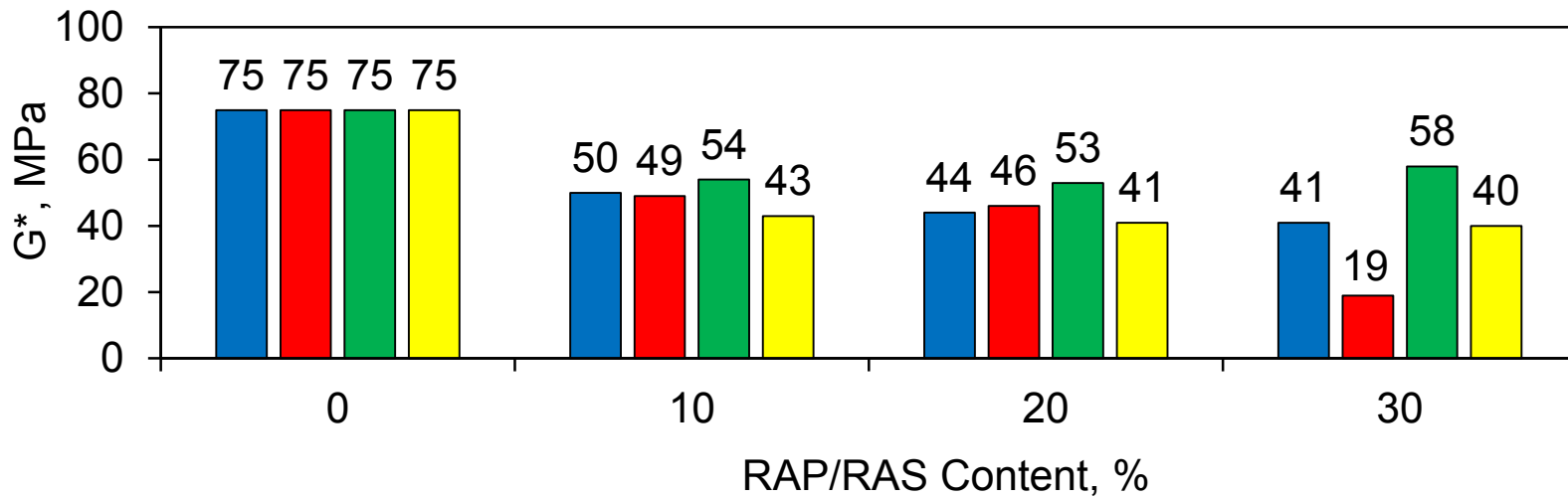
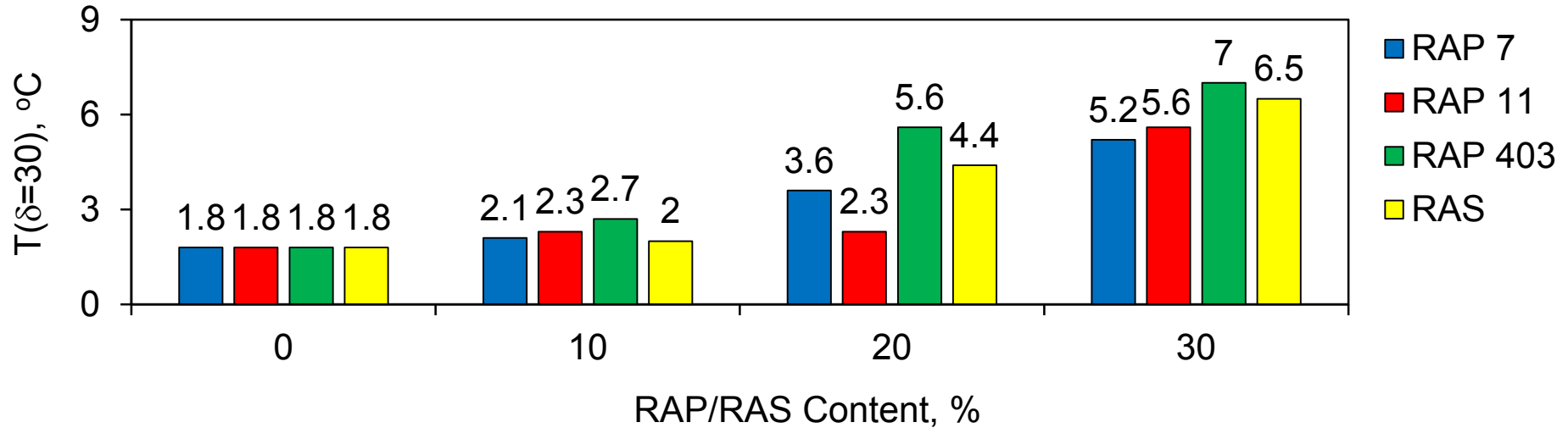
# Current Research on Limiting Phase Angle and Limiting Stiffness (2018-2021)

- Effect of 10, 20 and 30 % RAP on PG 58-28 A & B
- Effect of 10, 20 and 30 % RAS on PG 58-28 A & B
- Effect of 4, 8, 12 and 16 % REOB on PG 58-28 C
- Effect of binder source and grade on  $G^*$
- Effect of PAV aging time
- Effect of PAV film thickness

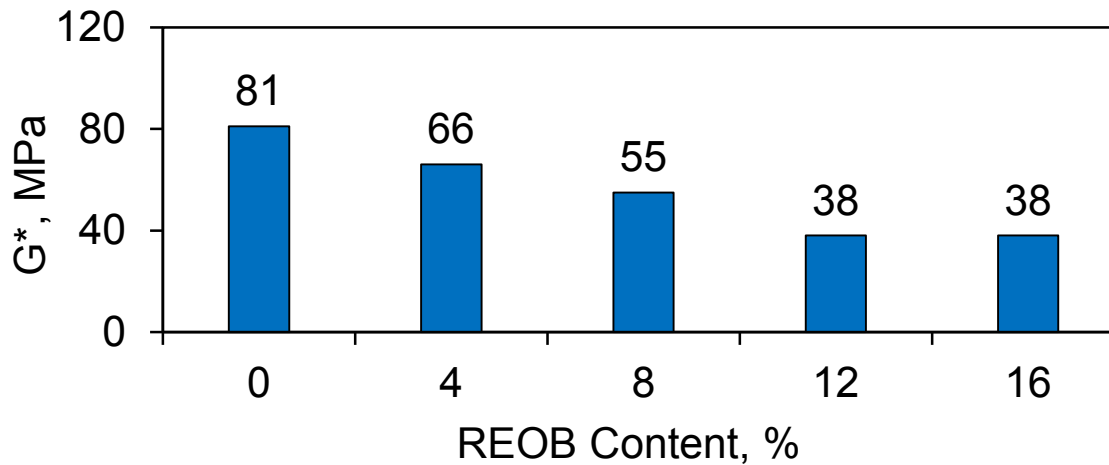
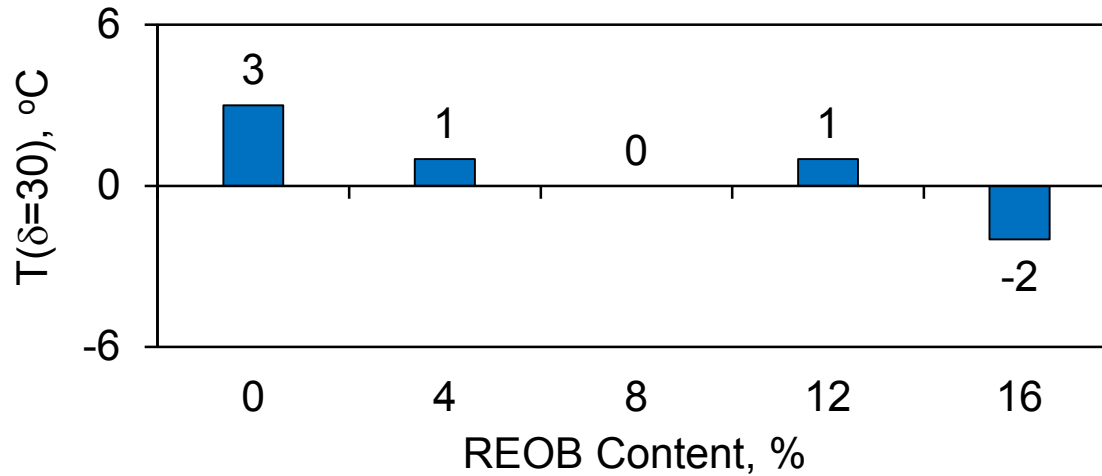
# Effect of RAP/RAS on PG 58-28 A



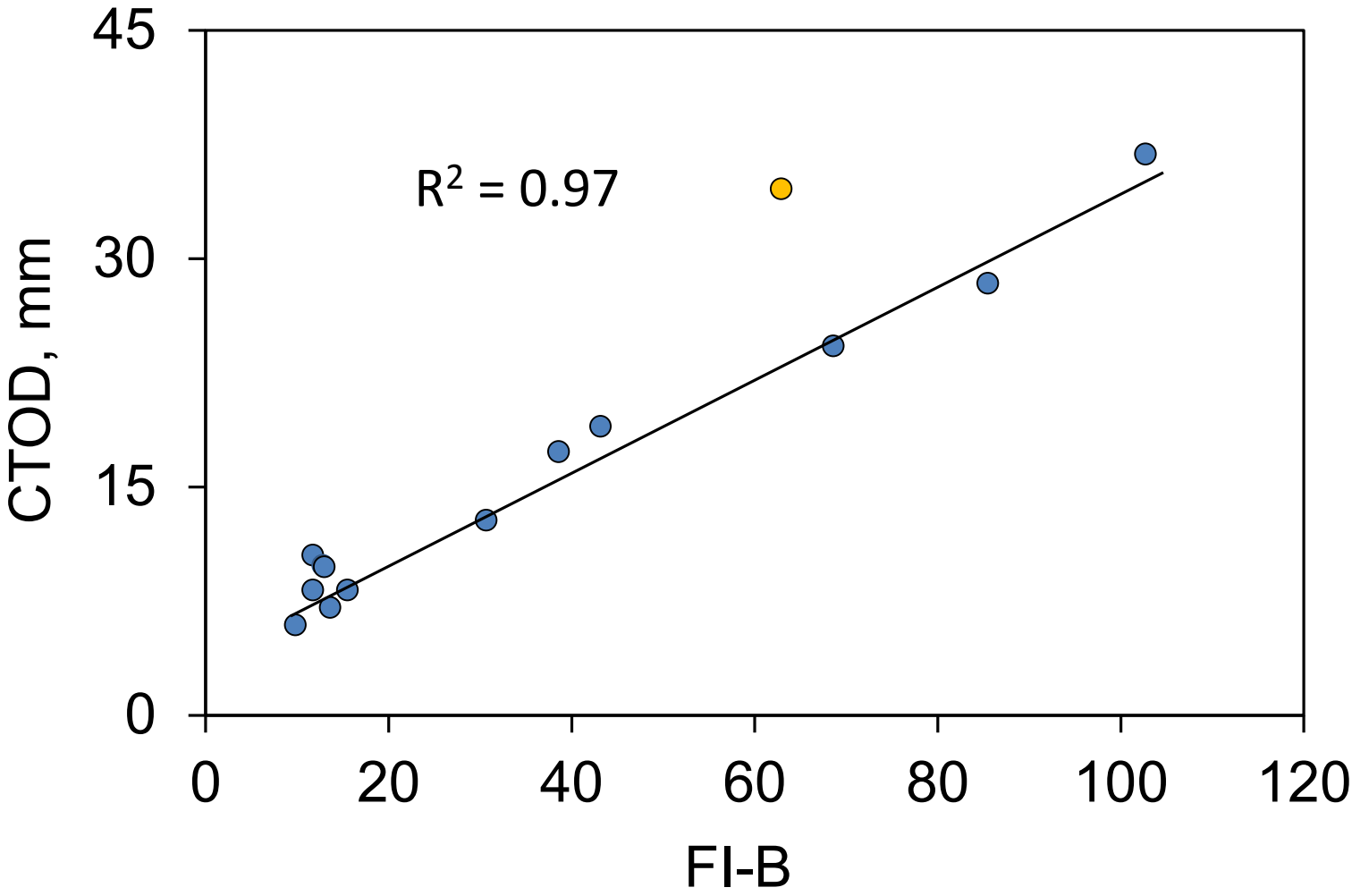
# Effect of RAP/RAS on PG 58-28 B



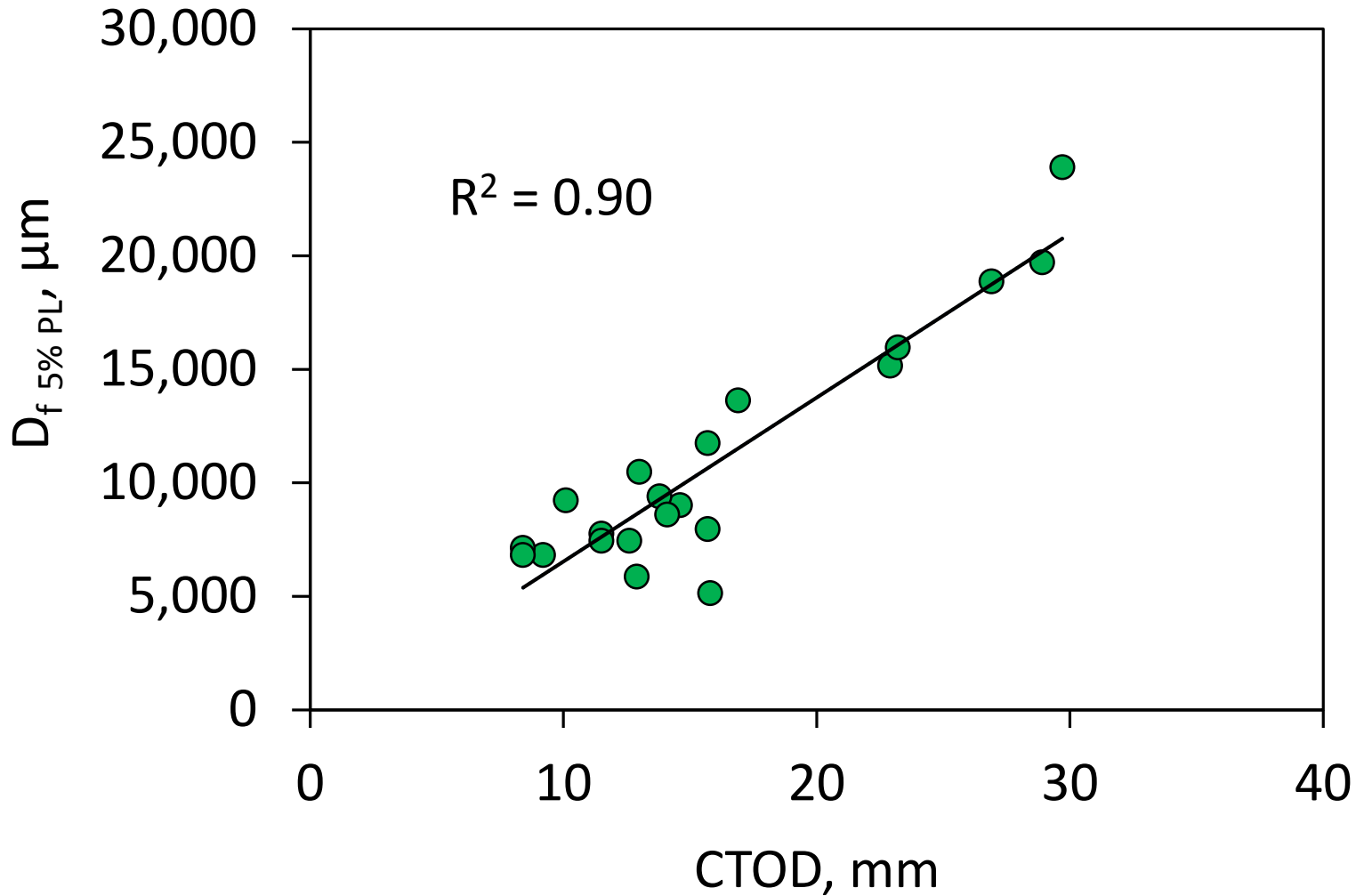
# Effect of REOB on PG 58-28 C



# CTOD vs Flexibility Index-B

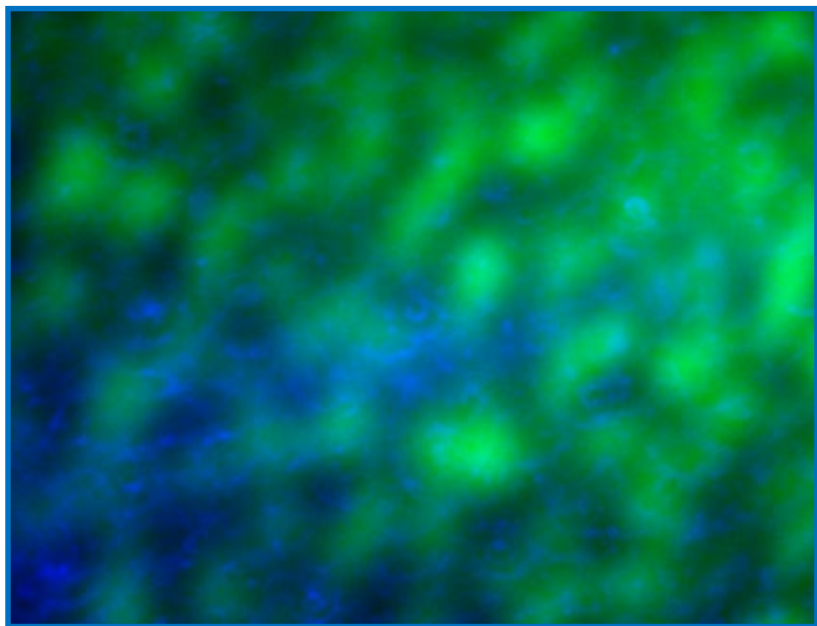


# CTOD vs Butt Joint Failure Strain ( $D_f$ )



# Final Perspective

MTO NER PG 52-40



False Blue = Phase Contrast  
False Green = Fluorescence

Unstable binder showing excessive degree of paraffinic demixing (REOB > 30%):

$$T(\delta = 30^\circ) = 28^\circ\text{C}$$

$$T(G^* = 100 \text{ MPa}) = -16^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\Delta T_{\text{cd}} = 44^\circ\text{C} \dots$$

**40-46°C grading error !?**

# Summary and Conclusions

- EBBR and DENT tests are highly sensitive indicators for AC quality and durability and for that reason are being implemented by user agencies.
- PAV protocol needs to be improved or replaced.
- Phase angle and complex modulus need more study but show promise to replace EBBR test.
- Fatigue index and pull-off strain at failure need more study but show promise to replace the DENT test.
- It is important to test recovered AC!





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