

# 2022 OAPC ASPHALT

# TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM

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# Understanding Material Behaviour...

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## Scenario 1:

### Mix A:

Aggregate Source: Your Favorite Quarry  
Binder Type: 58-28  
RAP: 0%  
Binder Content: 5.0%

### Mix B:

Aggregate Source: Same as Mix A  
Binder Type: 58-28  
RAP: 0%  
Binder Content: 5.5%

# Understanding Material Behaviour...

## Scenario 2:

### Mix A:

Aggregate Source: Your  
Favorite Quarry  
Binder Type: 58-28  
RAP: 0%  
Binder Content: 5.0%

### Mix B:

Aggregate Source: Same  
as Mix A  
Binder Type: 58-28  
RAP: 15%  
Binder Content: 5.5%

### Mix C:

Aggregate Source: Same  
as Mix A  
Binder Type: 52-34  
RAP: 0%  
Binder Content: 5.0%

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## Stiffness vs. Response to Loading

- Influenced by viscoelastic nature of binders
- Loading rate and temperature impact both properties
- Key to performance is balancing these behaviours

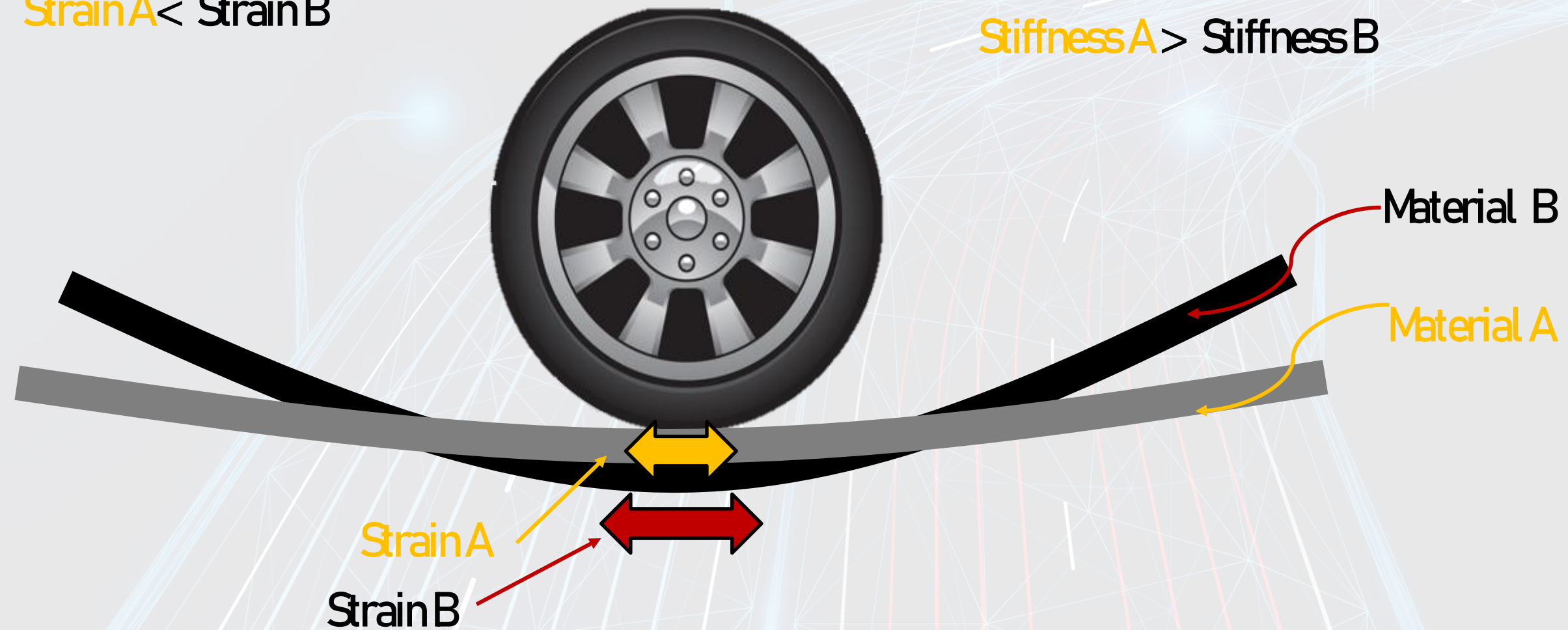
Low Temperature = High Frequency (Fast moving traffic)

High Temperature = Low Frequency (Low Speed Traffic)

# Understanding Material Behaviour...

Strain A < Strain B

Stiffness A > Stiffness B



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# Understanding RAP...

## RAP:

- Aged due to oxidation
- Stiffer than virgin material

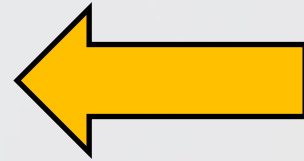
## Impact on Mix:

- Increases stiffness
- Changes response to repeated loading



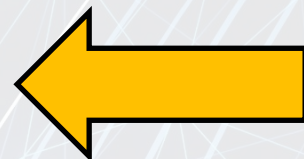
# Incorporating RAP...

## Design Approaches:



- Performance Testing
- Mix Design Changes

## Materials Approaches:



- Polymer Modified Asphalt
- Softening/Recycling Agents

## RAP Management Practices:

- Fractionation
- Tracking/Reporting



# State DOT RAP use Requirements

DOT RAP Use Requirements	FDOT	NDOT	NJDOT	SCDOT	WisDOT	WSDOT
% RAP Criteria	X	X	X			X <sup>7</sup>
RBR Criteria	X <sup>1</sup>			X	X	X
% RAS Criteria			X	X	X	X
Specifications Used by Others	X	X		X	X	X
Lift Location Criteria	X	X	X	X	X	
Traffic Criteria	X			X	X	X
Specialty Mixture Criteria	X		X	X	X	X
Binder Type Criteria	X	X		X		X
Softer Binder by Grade Bump	X	X	X <sup>5</sup>			
Softer Binder by Blending Chart			X <sup>5</sup>		X	X
Softer Binder by PG of Blend			X <sup>5</sup>		X	X
Recycling Agent Additive		X	X <sup>5</sup>			X
WMA Additive	X	X	X <sup>5</sup>	X	X	X
Additional Asphalt at Design		X	X	X	X	
Additional Asphalt at Acceptance			X	X	X	
Gsb for RAP Aggregates					X	X
Mixture Performance Test(s)			X	X <sup>4</sup>		X
Pay for Binder Separately		X		X		
RAP Fractionation	X <sup>2</sup>			X <sup>2</sup>	X <sup>2</sup>	
RAP QC Plan	X		X	X		
Dedicated RAP Stockpiles	X <sup>3</sup>			X <sup>6</sup>		

<sup>1</sup>Contractor option for RAP over 20 percent, but RBR may not exceed 0.20;  
<sup>2</sup>Contractor option, use may be greater for FRAP than RAP;  
<sup>3</sup>Contractor option;  
<sup>4</sup>APA rutting test only;  
<sup>5</sup>Contractor option to meet performance test criteria;  
<sup>6</sup>If not fractionated;  
<sup>7</sup>RAS percent specified but overruled by RBR.

## New Jersey DOT

- Minimum RAP content mixes (20% Surface, 30% Coarse)

## Florida DOT

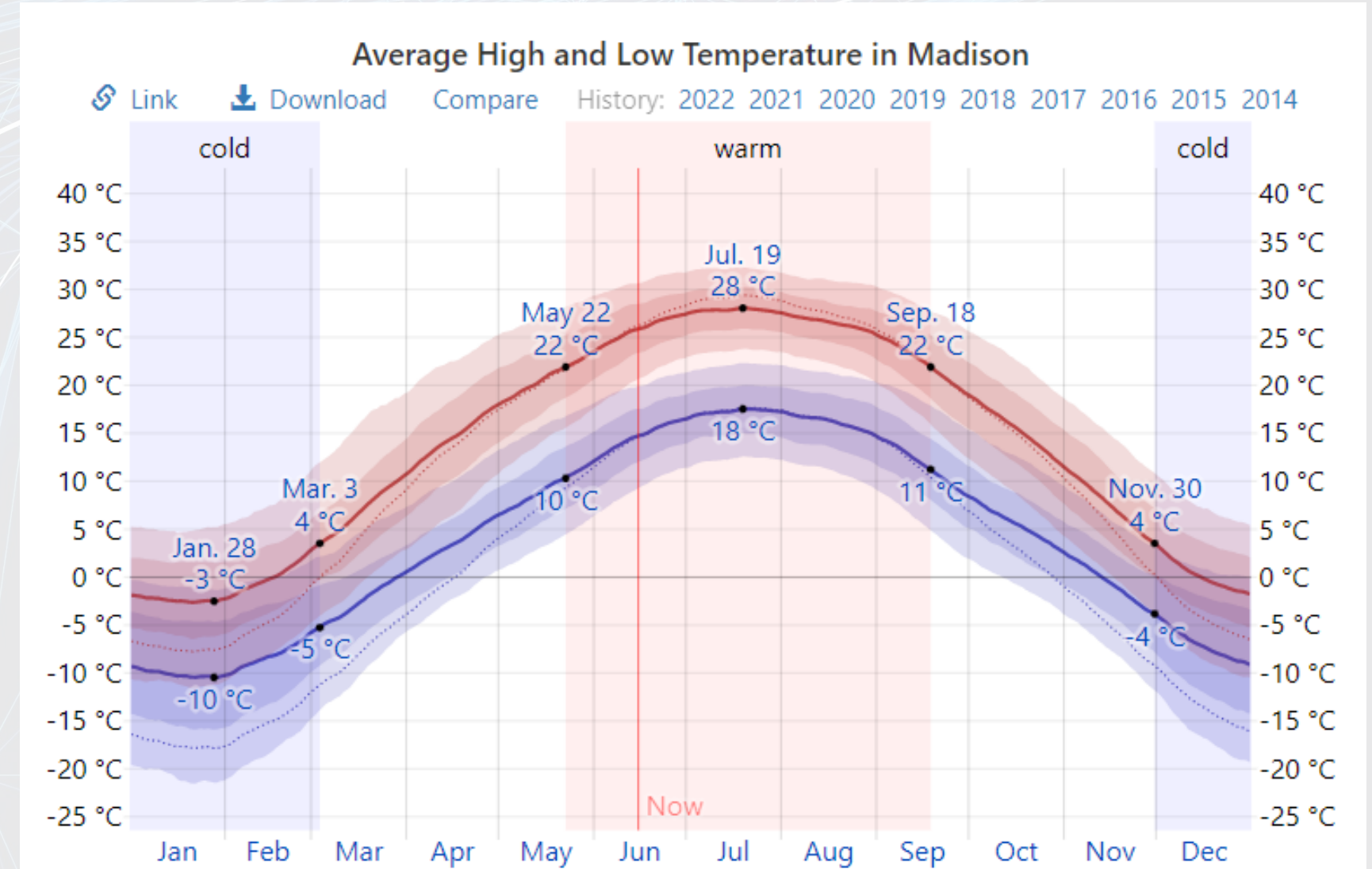
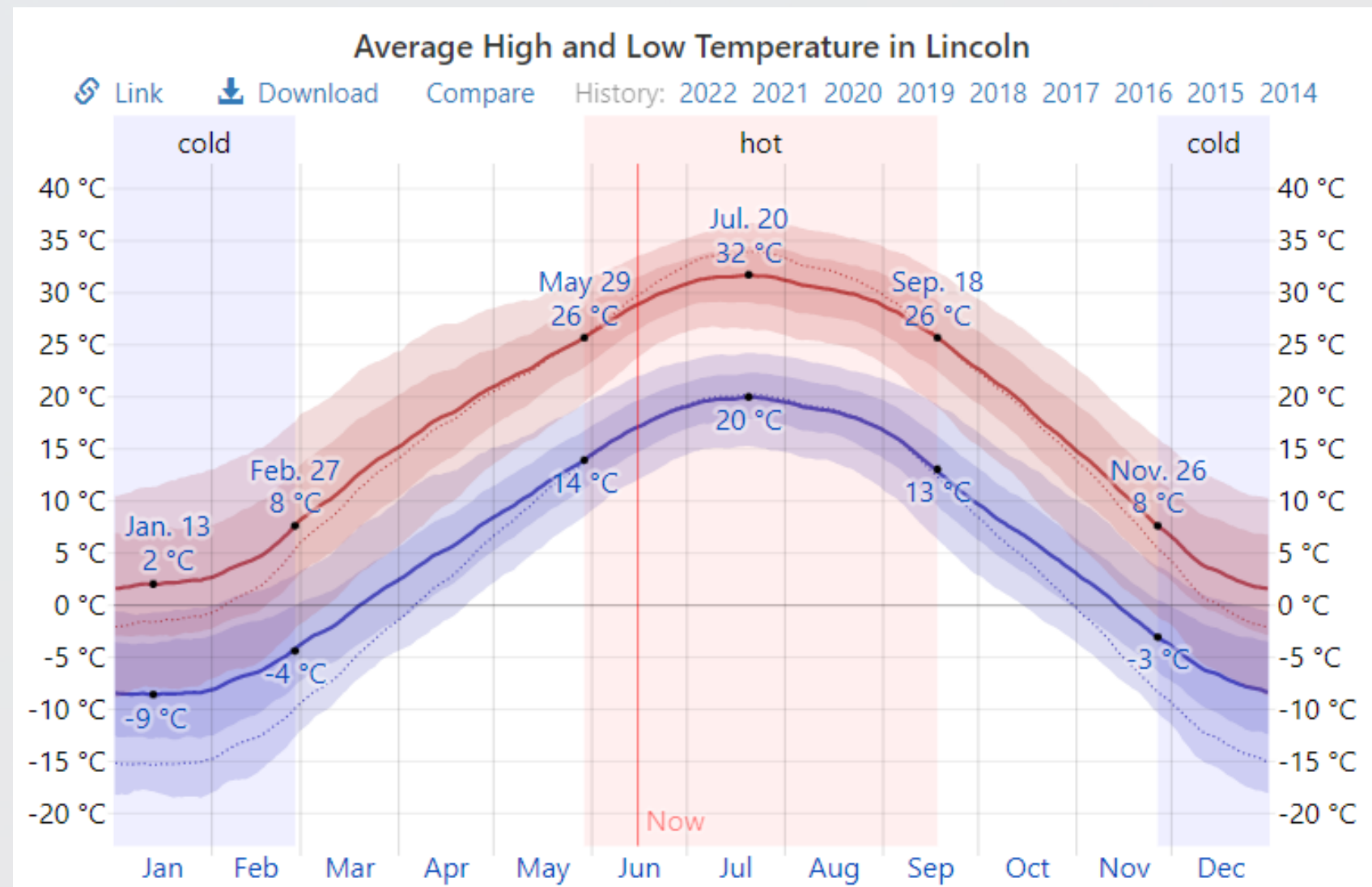
- Unlimited RAP in some mixes
- Some producers use up to 40%, while one use 50% successfully

## Nebraska DOT

- Averaged 39% RAP over last 6 years

## Wisconsin DOT

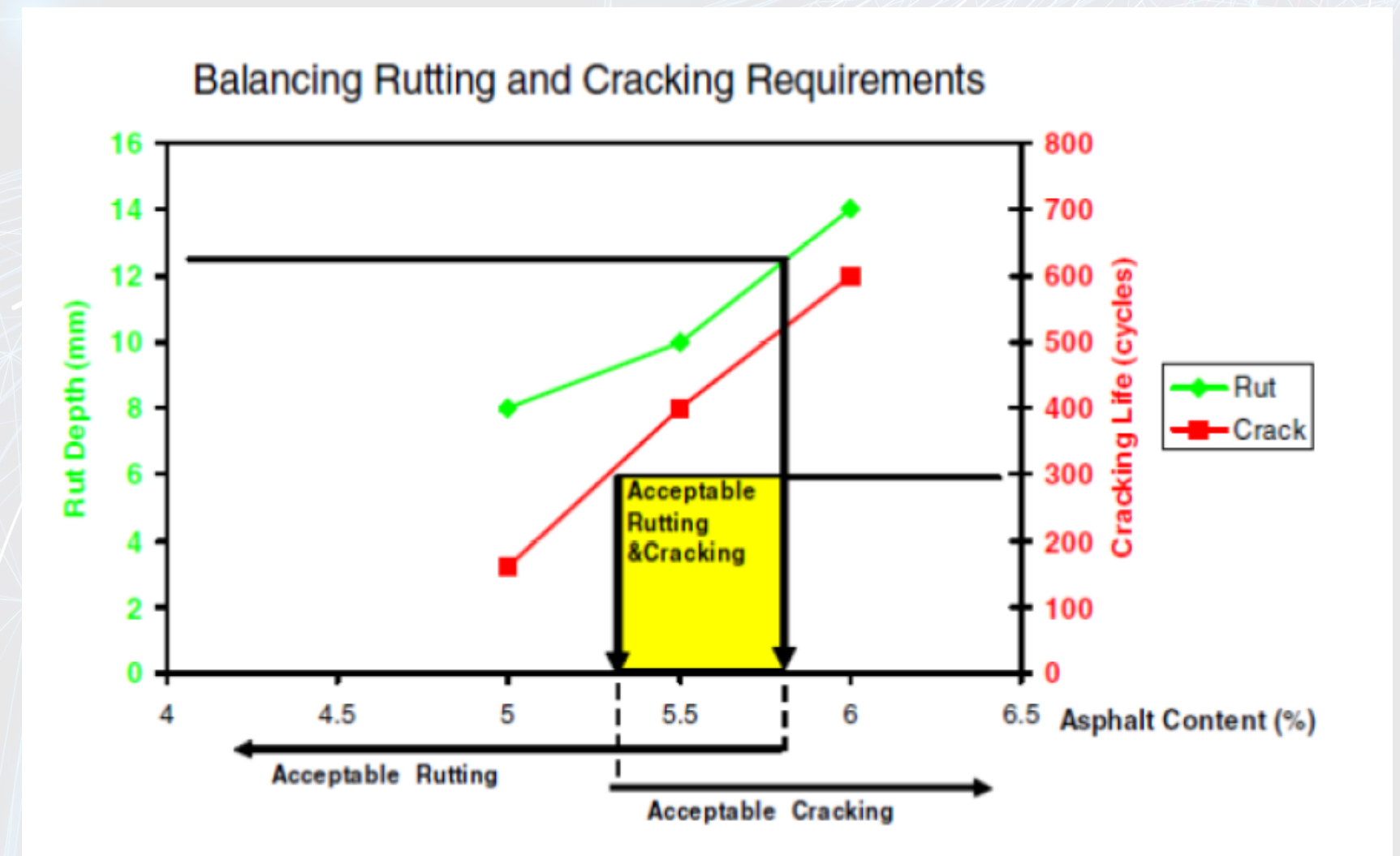
- 40% RAP Mixtures
- RAP used in 95% of pavements



# Incorporating RAP with...

## Performance Testing

- Emphasis on performance over volumetric properties
- Best way to understand impact of mix variables on material behaviour
- Tests are typically sensitive to RAP content among other variables



# Incorporating RAP with...

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## Mix Design Changes

- Can be initiated with performance evaluation through mix testing
- Can be implemented into specification without performance testing requirements

## Increase Effective Binder content

- Changes mix response to loading, can decrease stiffness
- Increased film thickness
- Bonus: Better compaction

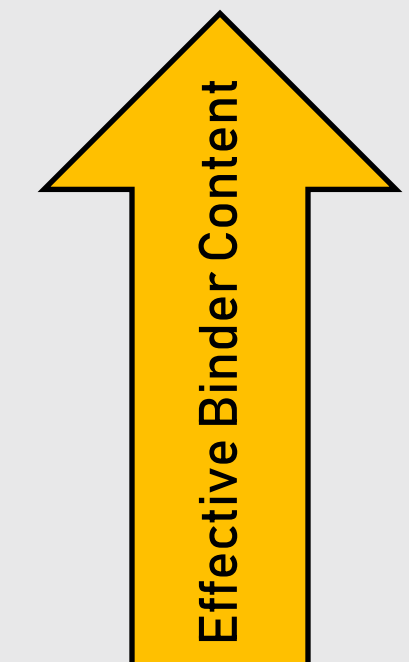
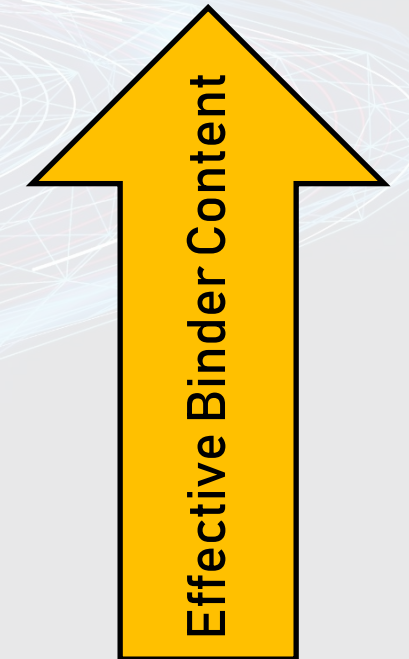
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## Increased VMA Requirement for mixes containing RAP

- NJDOT, VDOT have increased VMA requirement by 1%
- WisDOT has increased VMA requirement by 0.5%

## Finer Mixes

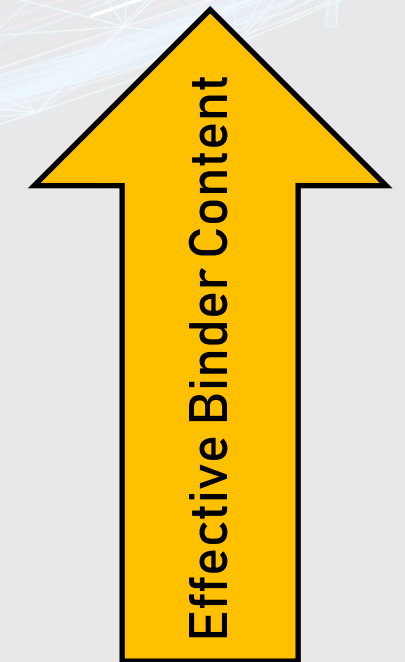
- Move towards 9.5mm SP mixes
- Changes material response to loading
- Bonus: Reduces permeability of mix, reduces long-term oxidation



# Incorporating RAP with...

## RAP Binder Ratio Requirements

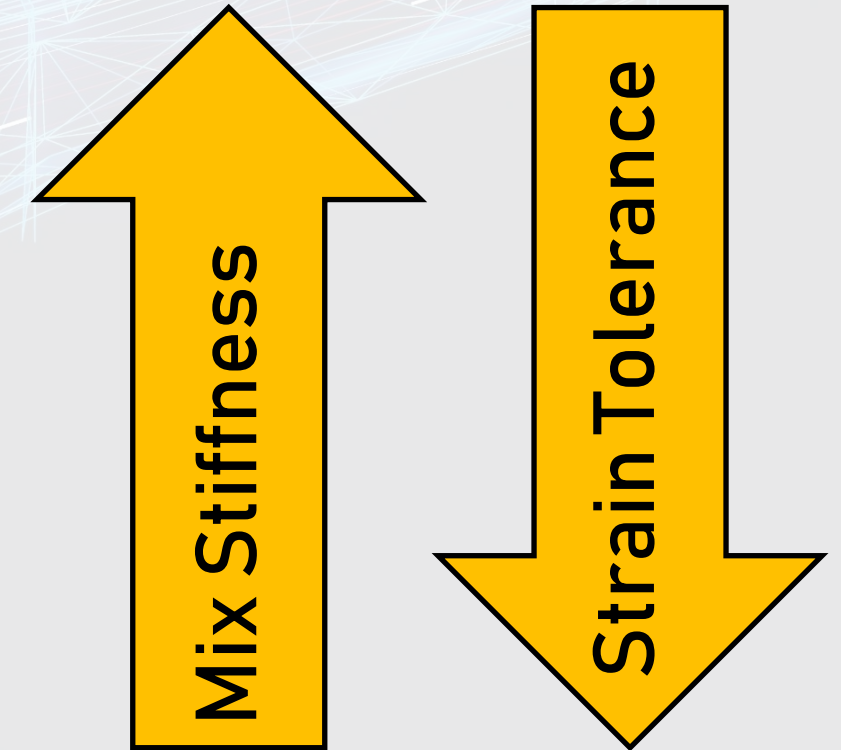
- **Georgia's Example:**
  - 60:40 Correct Optimum Asphalt Content for High RAP mixes
  - 25% RAP in Batch Plant, 40% RAP in Drum Plant
  - Increases total binder content
  - Verified using IDEAL-CT testing



# Incorporating RAP with...

## Polymer Modified Asphalt

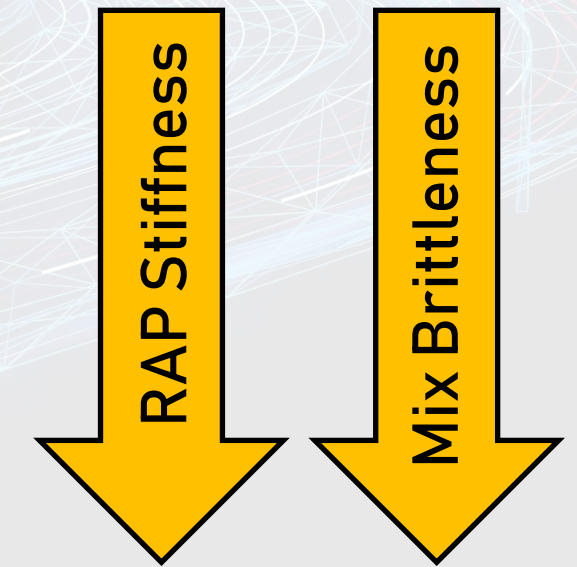
- Increases stiffness and reduces brittleness at intermediate/low temperature
- Alleviates rutting concerns with increasing binder content
- Combine with higher binder content?



# Incorporating RAP with...

## Softening/Recycling Agents:

- Decreases stiffness
- Rejuvenators can chemically alter aged binder
- REOB used as softening agent by Florida DOT



## Warm Mix Additives:

- Reduced aging at hot mix plant intended reduce stiffness of binder
- Added benefit of further reducing emissions





# Here are some ideas for High RAP...

\* = subject to lab and field validation

Climatic Zone	Maximum Allowable RAP*	Nominal Maximum Aggregate Size*	Performance Testing Requirement*	VMA Requirement Change*	RAP Binder Replacement Ratio*	Use of Recycling Agent*
Zone 1 (58-28)	40%	SP9.5 Surface Mix Suggested	Intermediate (Low Optional)	+0.5%	75:25	Optional
Zone 2 (58-34)	35%	SP9.5 Surface Mix Suggested	Intermediate and Low	+1.0%	60:40	Optional
Zone 3 (52-34)	30%	SP9.5 Surface Mix Suggested	Intermediate and Low	+1.0%	60:40	Optional

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