

CRACKING RESISTANCE: Issues, Testing, Evaluation & Future



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Re-emphasized due to recycling & additives

Outline

- Cracking Types
- Laboratory Test Loading Types
- Overview of 10 Tests (NCHRP 9-57)
- Recycled Materials
- Focus on AMPT Cyclic Fatigue
 - Rehabilitation Scenario
 - Performance Based Mix Design



Cracking Types (Modes)

- Four (4) basic cracking modes
 - Low Temperature Climate Associated
 - Reflection / Reflective Climate & Load Associated
 - Bottom-Up Load Associated
 - Top-Down Load Associated

Does mode matter? Are cracks simply cracks from an evaluation and prevention point of view?



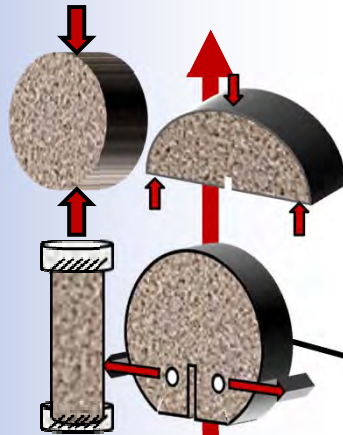
Loading Types (Modes)

- Two (2) basic materials test loading modes
 - Monotonic load - gradually applying a load until reaching the test load magnitude (one cycle)
 - Tension
 - Compression
 - Cyclic load - multiple cycles of incremental loading and unloading
 - Oscillating
 - Tension
 - Compression
 - Combination of compression and tension



Cracking Modes versus Tests

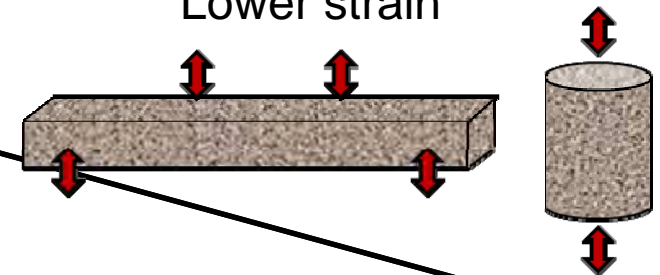
Low-temperature
extremely high strain



Reflection
High strain



Bottom-up/top-down
Lower strain



Strain

One (1) load cycle
(monotonic)

No. of cycles

In reality, a pavement experiences multiple:

- Loading cycles
- Load magnitudes
- Strains
- Temperatures



Cracking Laboratory Tests

Ten (10) protocols - highlighted as part of NCHRP Project 09-57

- Indirect Tensile (IDT)
 - for low temperature cracking
- Indirect Tensile (IDT)
 - for top-down cracking
- Semicircular Bend (SCB)
 - at low temperature
- Semicircular Bend (SCB)
 - at intermediate temp.
- Disk Shaped Compact Tension (DCT)
- Thermal Stress Restrained Specimen Test / Uniaxial Thermal Stress and Strain Test (TSRST/UTSST)
- Texas Overlay Test (TxOT or OT)
- Repeated Direct Tension (RDT)
- Bending Beam Fatigue
- AMPT Cyclic Fatigue (S-VECD)



Cracking Laboratory Tests

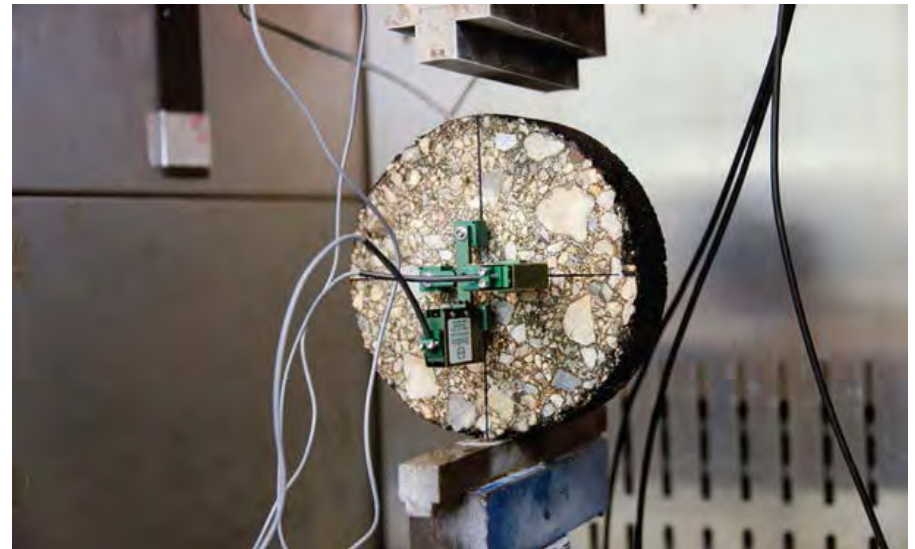
Ten (10) protocols - cracking mode(s)

Low Temperature	Reflection	Bottom-Up	Top-Down
DCT (ASTM D7313-13)	Texas OT (TxDOT-Tex 248-F)	Beam fatigue (AASHTO T321)	IDT (Univ. of Florida)
SCB (AASHTO TP105)	DCT (ASTM D7313-13)	AMPT Cyclic Fatigue (AASHTO TP107)	AMPT Cyclic Fatigue (AASHTO TP107)
IDT (AASHTO T322)	SCB (Louisiana State Univ. - LTRC)	RDT (Texas A&M Univ.)	RDT (Texas A&M Univ.)
TSRST/UTSST (Univ. of Nevada, Reno)		SCB (LTRC and Univ. of Illinois)	SCB (LTRC and Univ. of Illinois)
		Texas OT (TxDOT-Tex 248-F)	



Indirect Tensile (IDT)

- Low Temperature – AASHTO T 322-07 (2011)
Determining the Creep Compliance and Strength of Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Using the Indirect Tensile Test Device
- Top-down - University of Florida
 - M_r test (optional), D_t test, and tensile strength test (cyclic and monotonic tests)
 - Energy Ratio

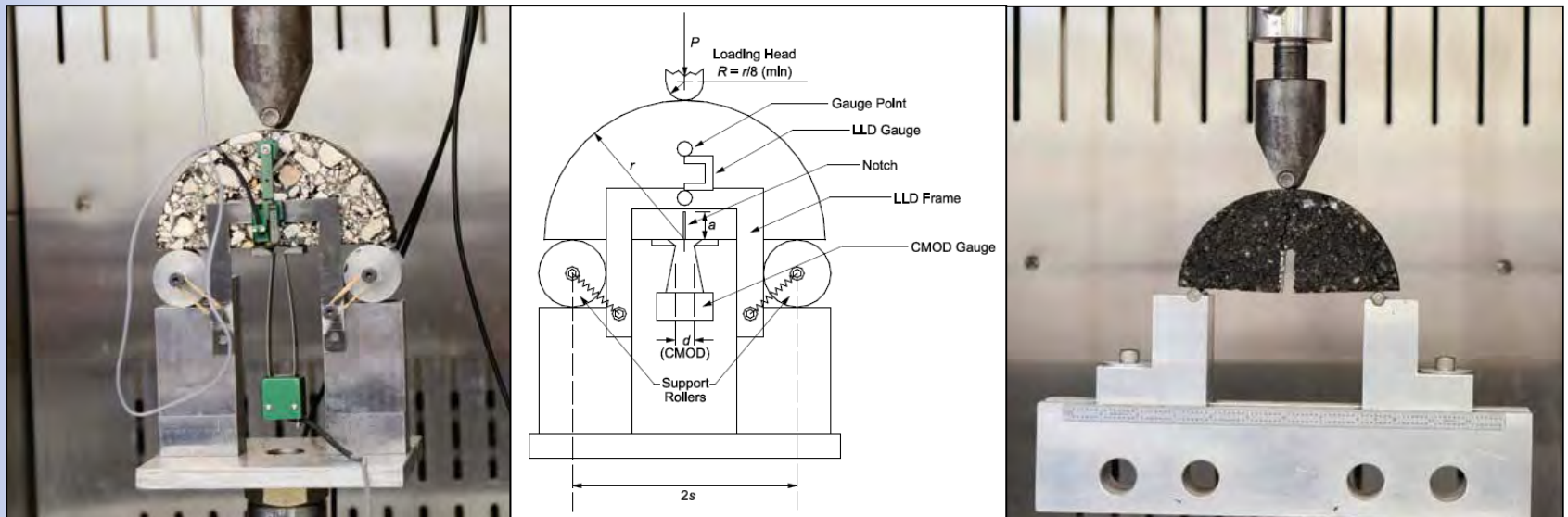


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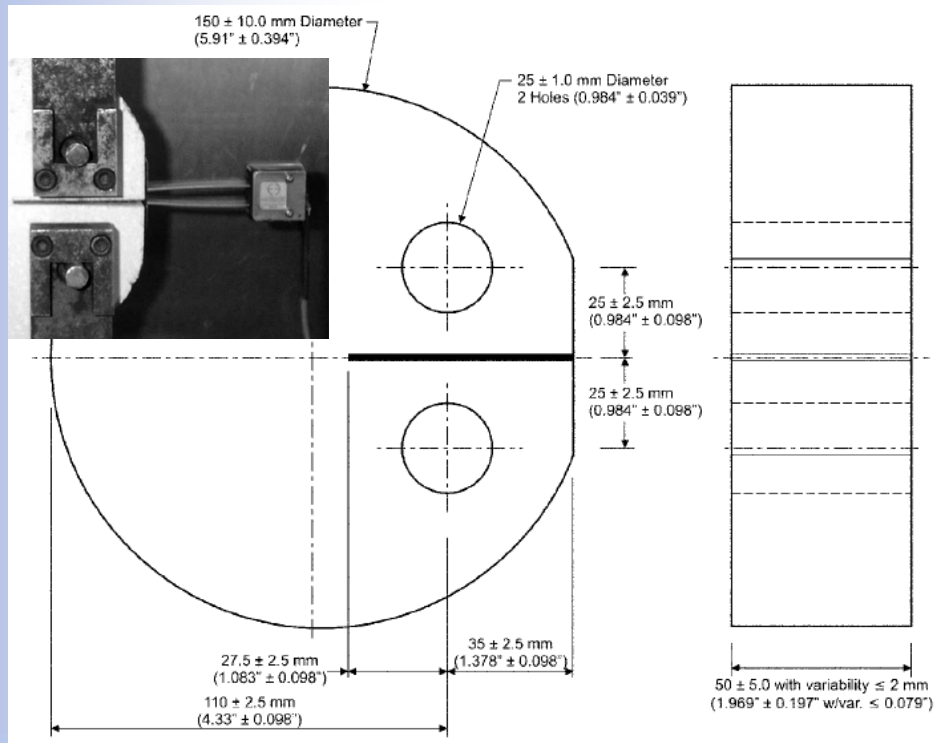
Semicircular Bend (SCB)

- Low Temperature - AASHTO TP 105-13(2015) Determining the Fracture Energy of Asphalt Mixtures Using the Semicircular Bend Geometry (SCB)
- Intermediate Temperature – LTRC and University of Illinois Testing Protocols, critical energy release rate



Disk Shaped Compact Tension

- ASTM D7313-13 Determining Fracture Energy of Asphalt-Aggregate Mixture Using the Disk-Shaped Compact Tension Geometry



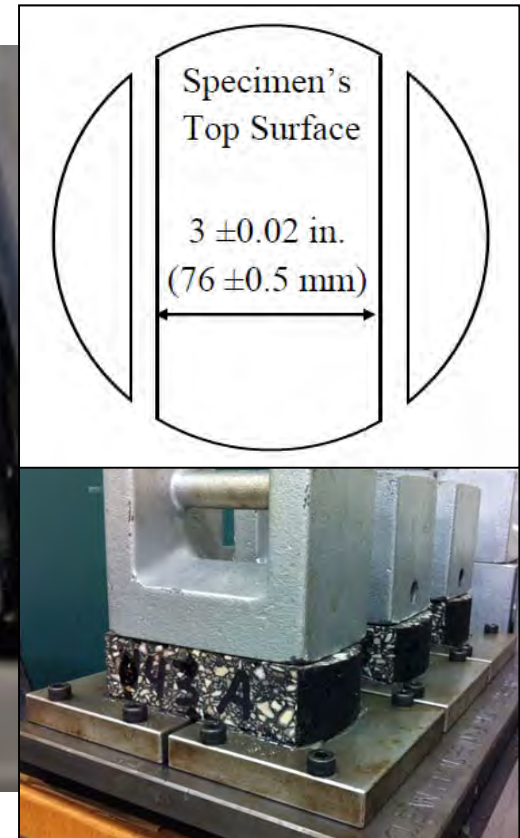
TSRST / UTSST

- Low Temperature - Fracture temperature (coefficient of thermal contraction from UTSST)
- AASHTO TP10-93 Thermal Stress Restrained Specimen Tensile Strength (withdrawn)
- UTSST is also known as the Modified TSRST
 - University of Nevada, Reno



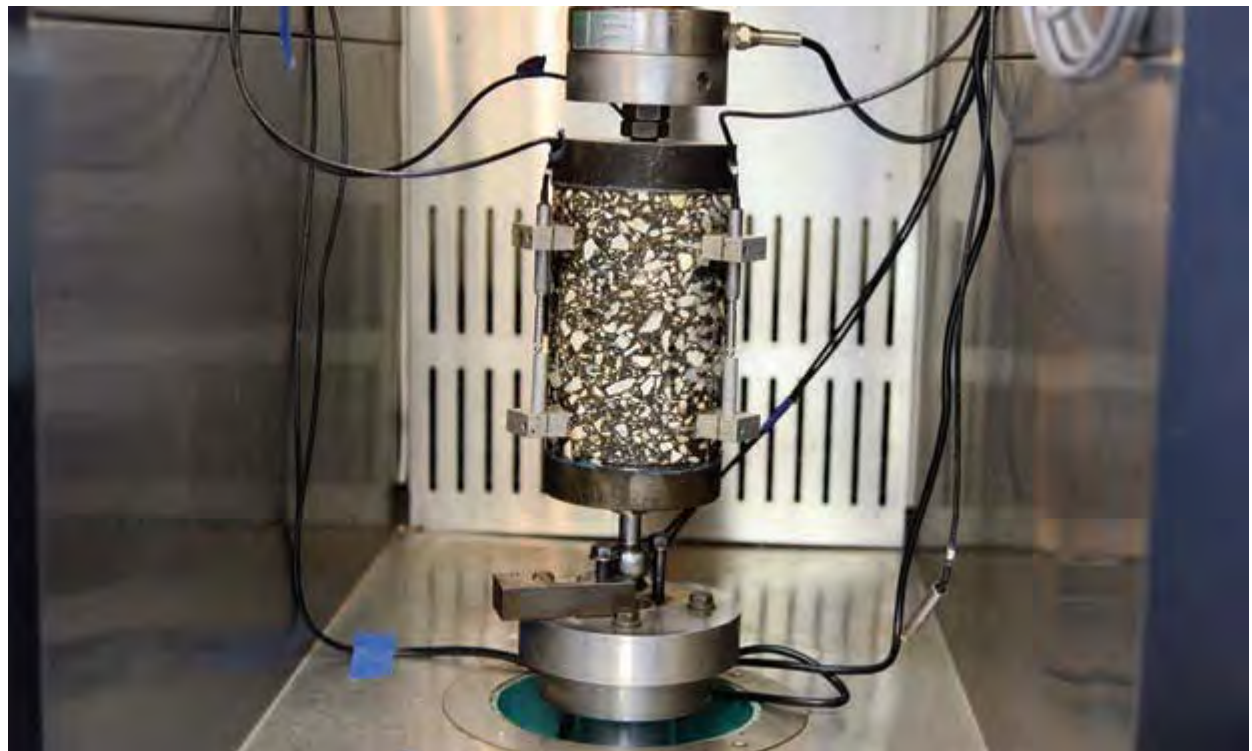
Texas Overlay Test (TxOT)

- Reflection cracking & bottom-up fatigue cracking – TxDOT Test Standard Tex-248-F (cyclic test)



Repeated Direct Tension (RDT)

- Bottom-up and top-down - Texas A&M University
- Paris' law parameters, endurance limit, healing properties, and average crack size



Bending Beam Fatigue

- Bottom-up cracking - AASHTO T 321-14
Determining the Fatigue Life of Compacted Asphalt Mixtures Subjected to Repeated Flexural Bending



AMPT Cyclic Fatigue

- Bottom-up and top-down cracking
- AASHTO TP 107-14 Determining the Damage Characteristic Curve of Asphalt Mixtures from Direct Tension Cyclic Fatigue Tests
- S-VECD used with more advanced models to simulate pavement performance and predict distresses
- validated with FHWA's ALF test lanes
- used in FHWA's Mobile Asphalt Testing Trailer



Which test to use?



- Empirical vs. Mechanistic
 - simplified monotonic load single temperature
 - more robust regime of traffic loading and climate conditions

Actual pavement damage typically accumulates over multiple events

- NOT a single event
- Pavement remains intact while it loses a lot of modulus and then a crack occurs



Which test to use?



- Mixture ageing (conditioning)
 - short term vs. long term oven conditioning
 - a need for longer oven conditioning to simulate actual field conditions!

field cracking behavior worsens with time due to field ageing, therefore ... laboratory oven conditioning (ageing) must be considered



Which test to use?



- National standard test method and equipment requirements?
- Ruggedness?
- Precision and Bias?
 - requires ruggedness evaluation first!
 - otherwise not valid
 - Repeatability/Reproducibility
 - use of test for acceptance/payment



Which test to use?



- Sensitivity Analysis?
 - various materials and combinations
- Acceptance Criteria?
- Correlation from lab to actual field pavement performance?
- Integration with Structural Design?
 - Climate
 - Pavement Structure
 - Traffic



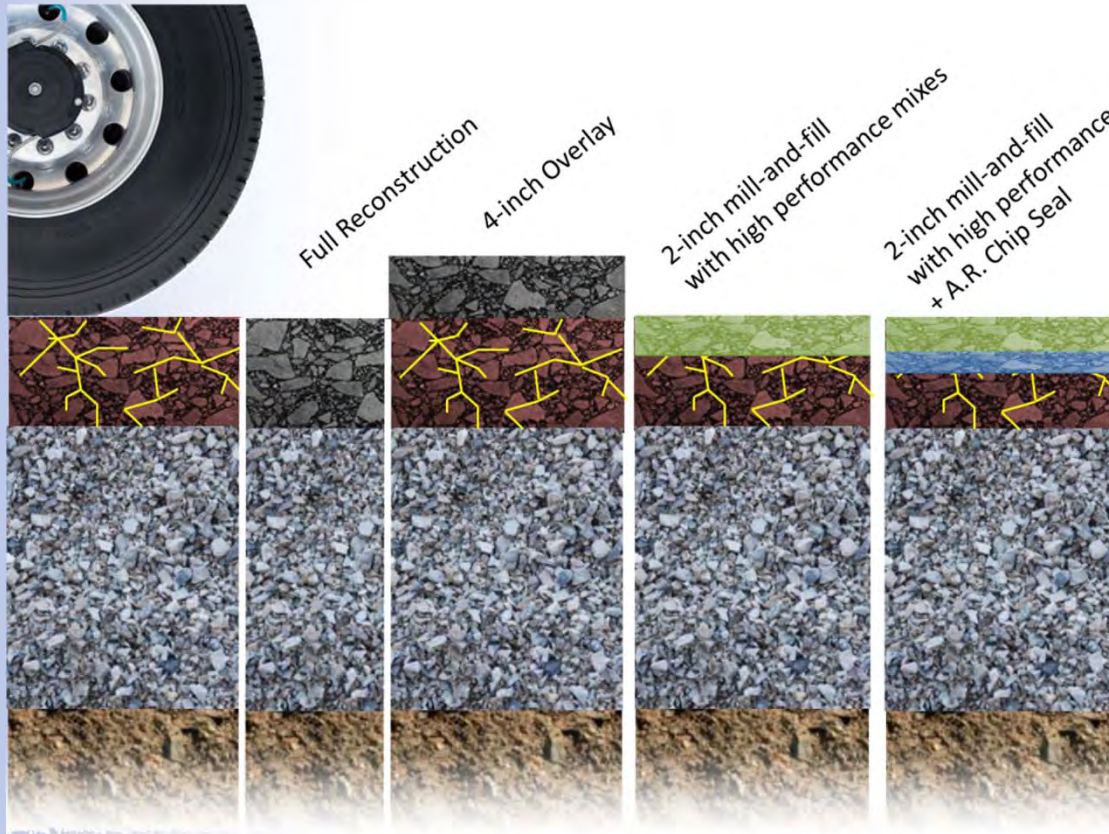
FHWA Emphasis on AMPT Cyclic Fatigue

- Wanted a performance test that could be **defensible, not empirical correlations**
 - Circa 1999 - vetting and peer review; “winning” candidate in NCHRP 9-19 Tasks F&G
 - Heritage and “pedigree” of the theory – based in aerospace industry application for solid rocket propellant
 - **Performance Prediction** not single value index
 - ~~AASHTO 1993 Layer Coefficient~~
 - ~~Marshal Stability and Flow~~
- Extended Time-Temp Superposition = **Less Testing**
- FHWA promoting the **investment in AMPTs** for the PavementME design (formerly MEPDG) & the AMPT can do much more than just dynamic modulus $|E^*|$ testing
 - Unified/common AMPT equipment specification criteria
 - Unified/common compaction control with SGC



TP 107 & LVECD Handles Structure

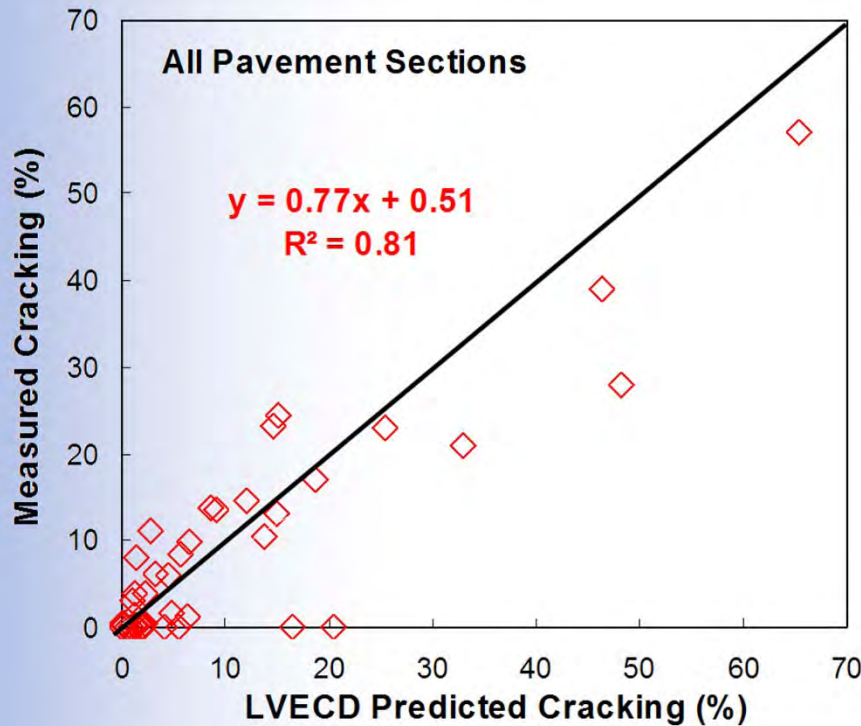
Rehab “What-if?” Scenarios George Washington Memorial Parkway 77,000 AADT



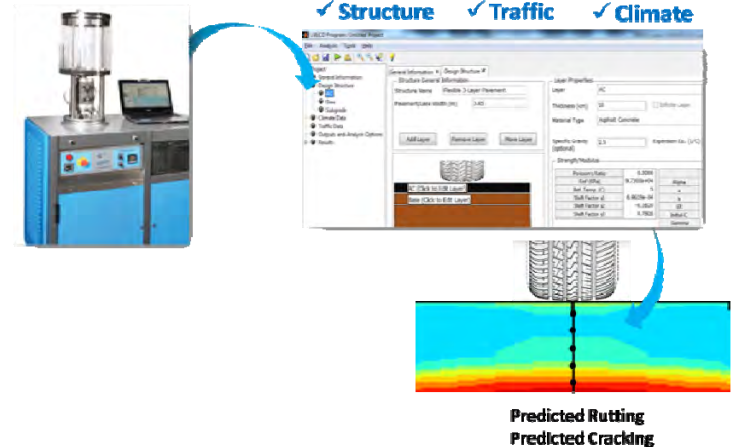
- Control
 - PG70-22
 - PG64-22
- A.R. chip seal SAMI
- SBS PG76-22
- Ultrathin Bonded Wearing Course
- Gap-Graded Wet Process Crumb Rubber
- Kraton HiMA®
 - PG76-28 E
- Fiber reinforced



Calibrated, Predicted Cracking



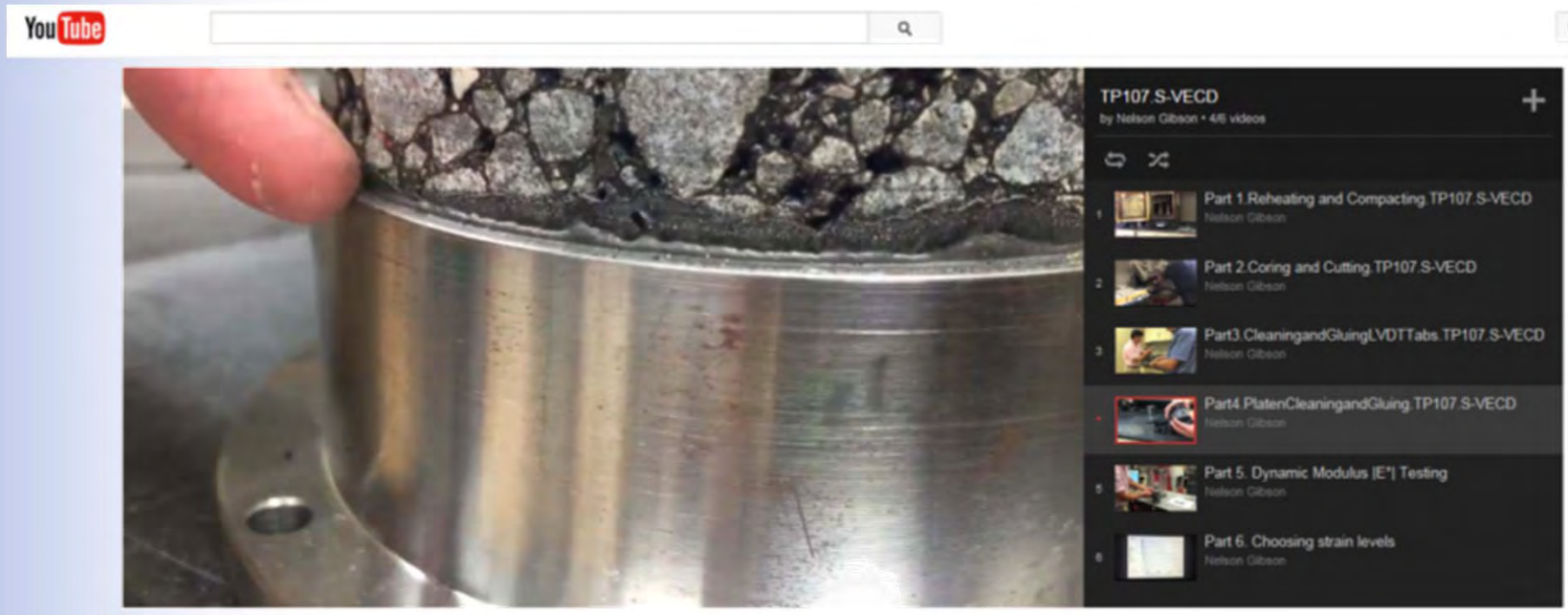
Field Sites Include:
NCAT, ALF₂₀₀₂, Manitoba WMA,
Manitoba RAP, Brazil, Korea, China,
New York, Louisiana, & counting...



AMPT Cyclic Fatigue Test (AASHTO TP-107) Instructional Videos

Contact Nelson Gibson or Matthew Corrigan if you would like to know more ...

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLyLypK-v8li-KjQq-Z6Imad4v2o_LcR3b



Provides guidance for increased lab efficiency,
reduced testing/replicates, and consistent test data

AMPT Cyclic Fatigue Test (AASHTO TP-107)

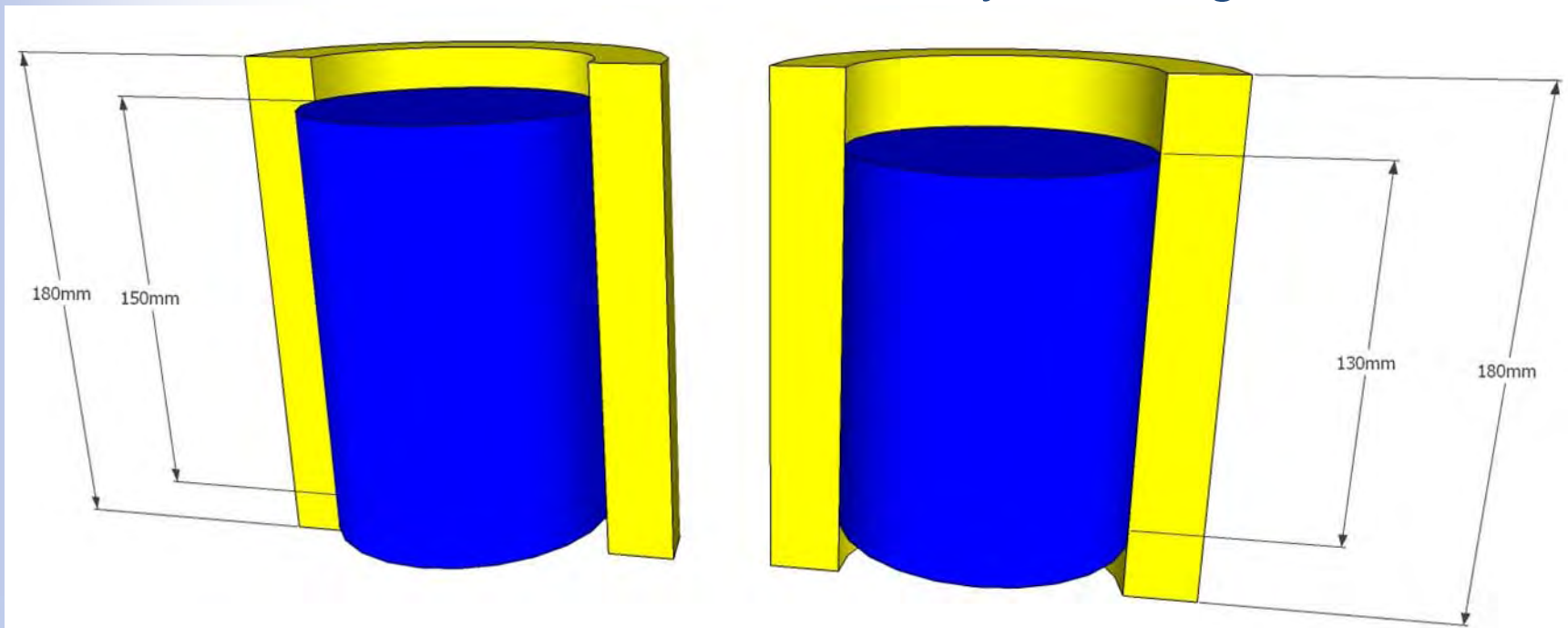
Instructional Videos

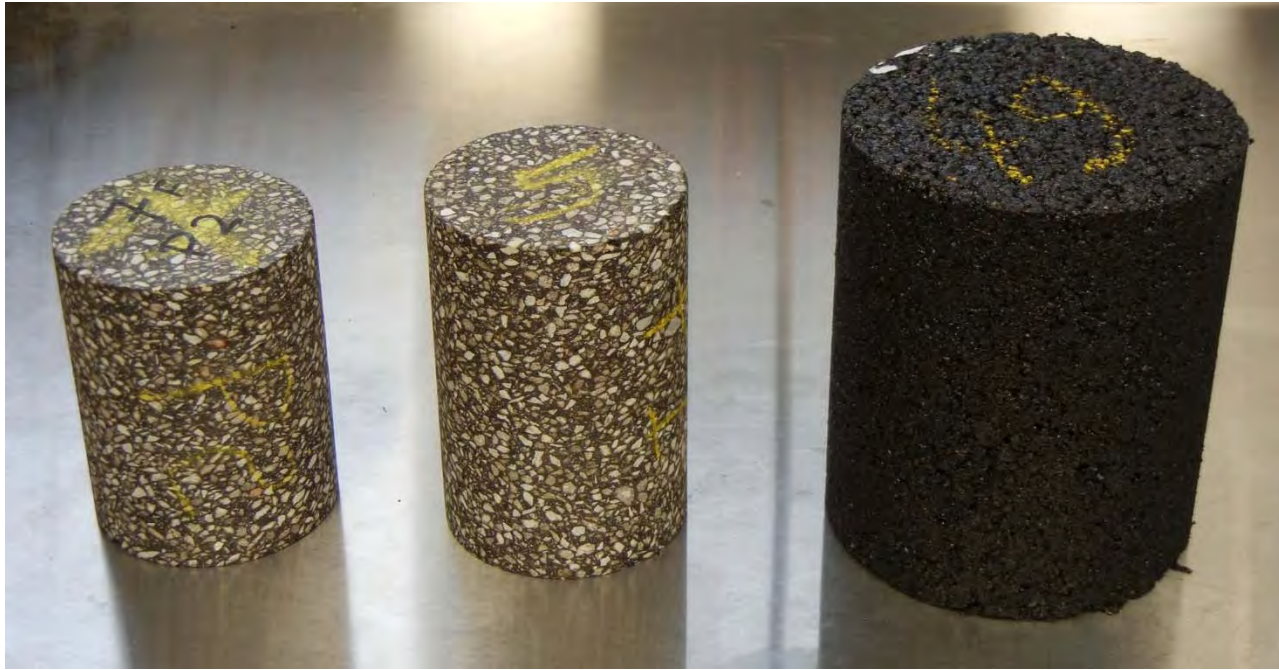
- Part 1.Reheating and Compacting
- Part 2.Coring and Cutting
- Part 3.Cleaning and Gluing LVDT Tabs
- Part 4.Platen Cleaning and Gluing
- Part 5. Running $|E^*|$ - See also NHI Training Course
- Part 6.Choosing the Strain Level
- Part 7.Attaching Specimen and Running Test
- Part 8.Post Processing (alpha-Fatigue)
- Part 9.Post Processing LVECD Structural Analysis



Specimen Prep – Compaction Height

- Best Results for middle failure, experience-based
- Both E^* and Cyclic Fatigue minimum 180mm SGC
- Cut more material away for Cyclic Fatigue
- Do not make a shorter SGC for Cyclic Fatigue





AMPT Cyclic Fatigue Test (AASHTO TP-107)



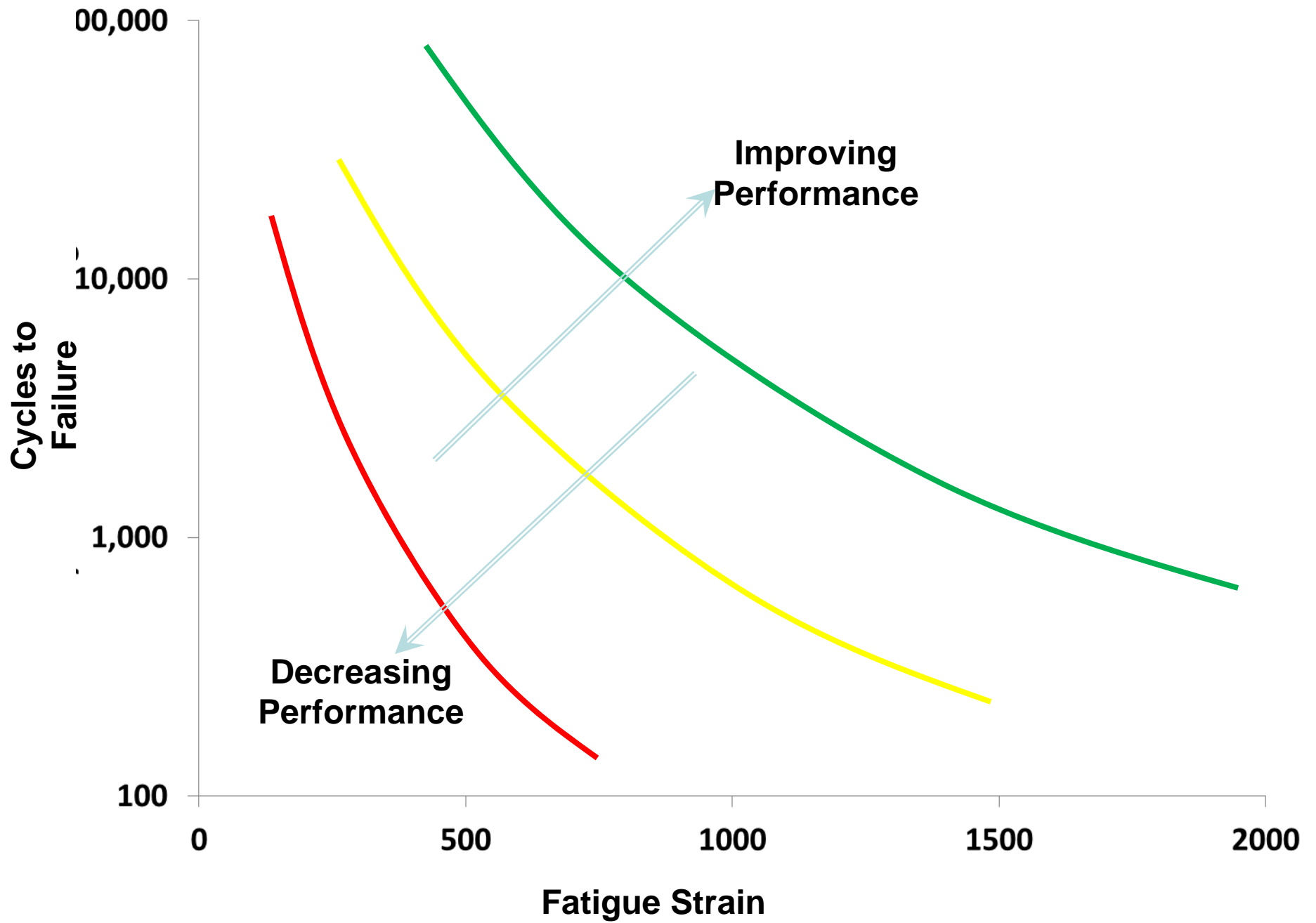
AMPT Cyclic Fatigue Test (AASHTO TP-107)

Guidance on Choosing Test Strain Levels*

- we went through the trial and error so you don't need to (do as much)
- based on testing of 64 different mixes
 - additional mixes and materials being added
- identified a failure pattern

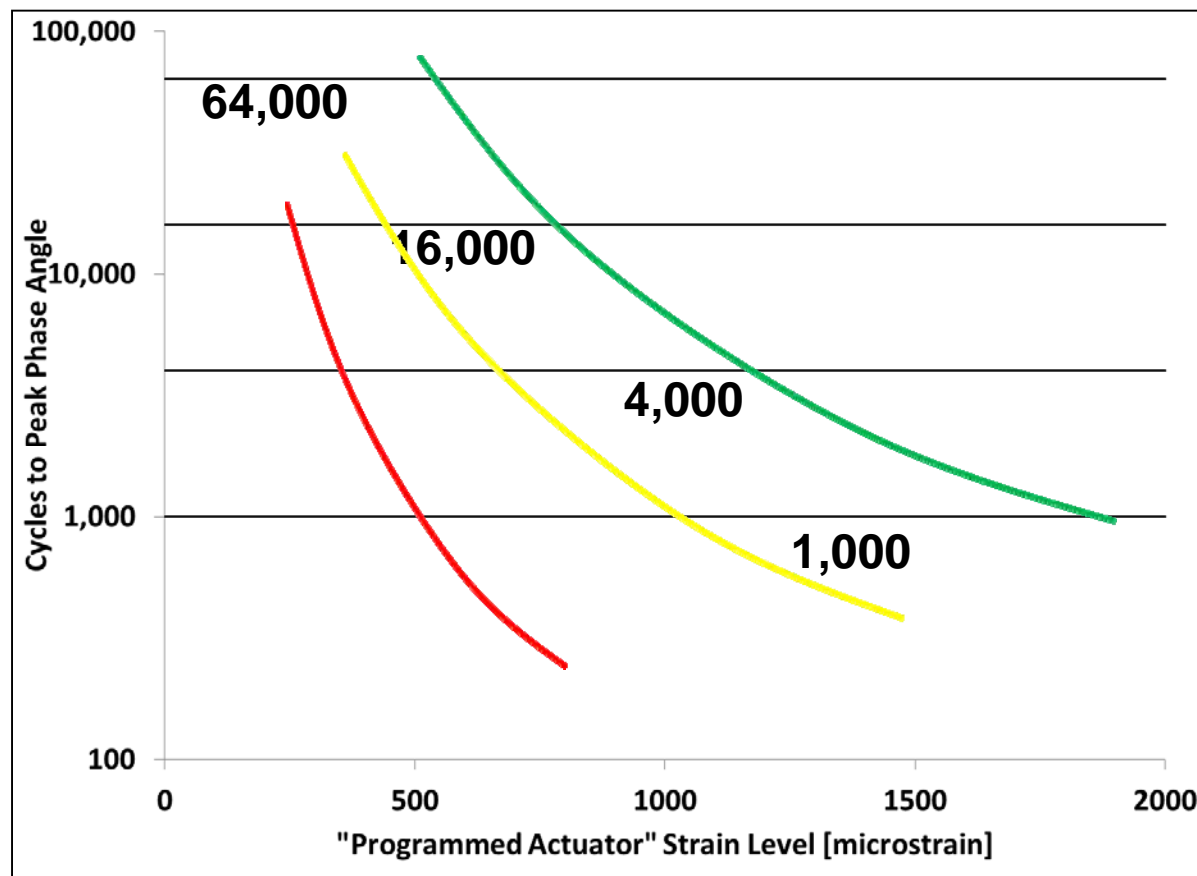
*courtesy of Dr. Nelson Gibson, FHWA





TP107-14 Section 11.2 requires three tests need to be completed at three strain levels.

Ideally failure cycles should be different by orders of magnitude between 1,000 - 64,000
**ETG 2012 Meeting Minutes*



Fatigue Test Parameters

Control mode: Direct tension

Maximum number of test cycles: 100000

Save data to runtime capture file: Save every cycle

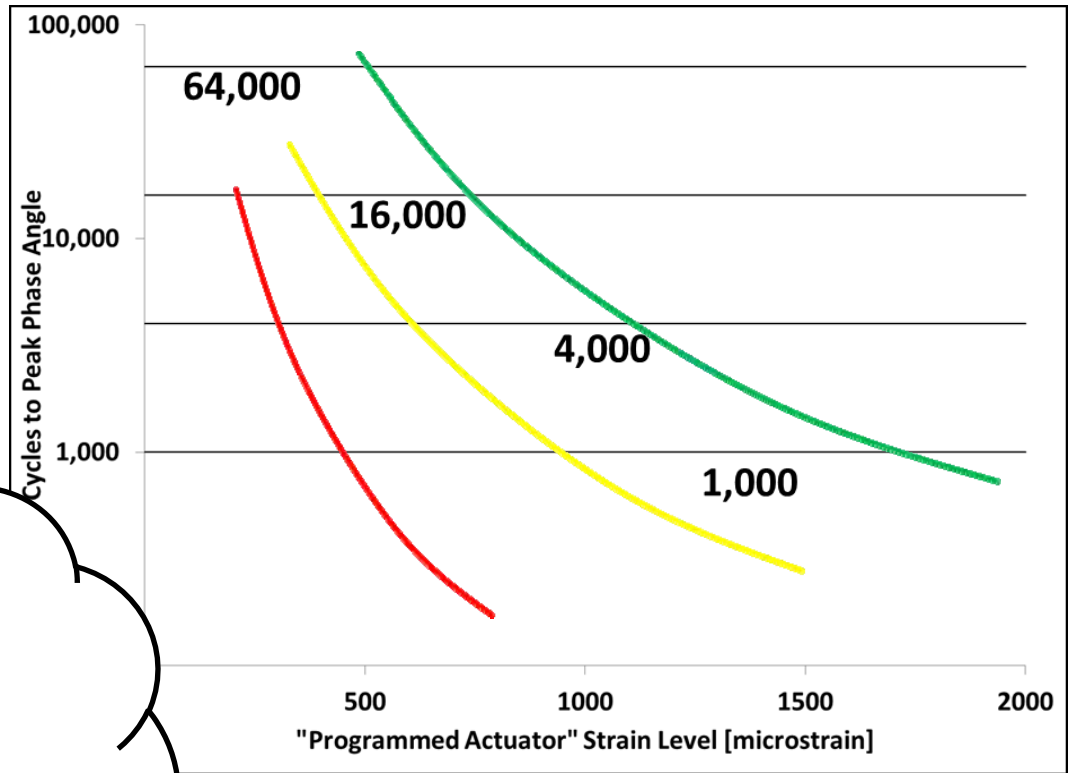
Cycles saved per logarithmic decade: 1

Enable Adaptive Strain Control (ASC)

Stop test on Modulus ratio (% of initial modulus): 0

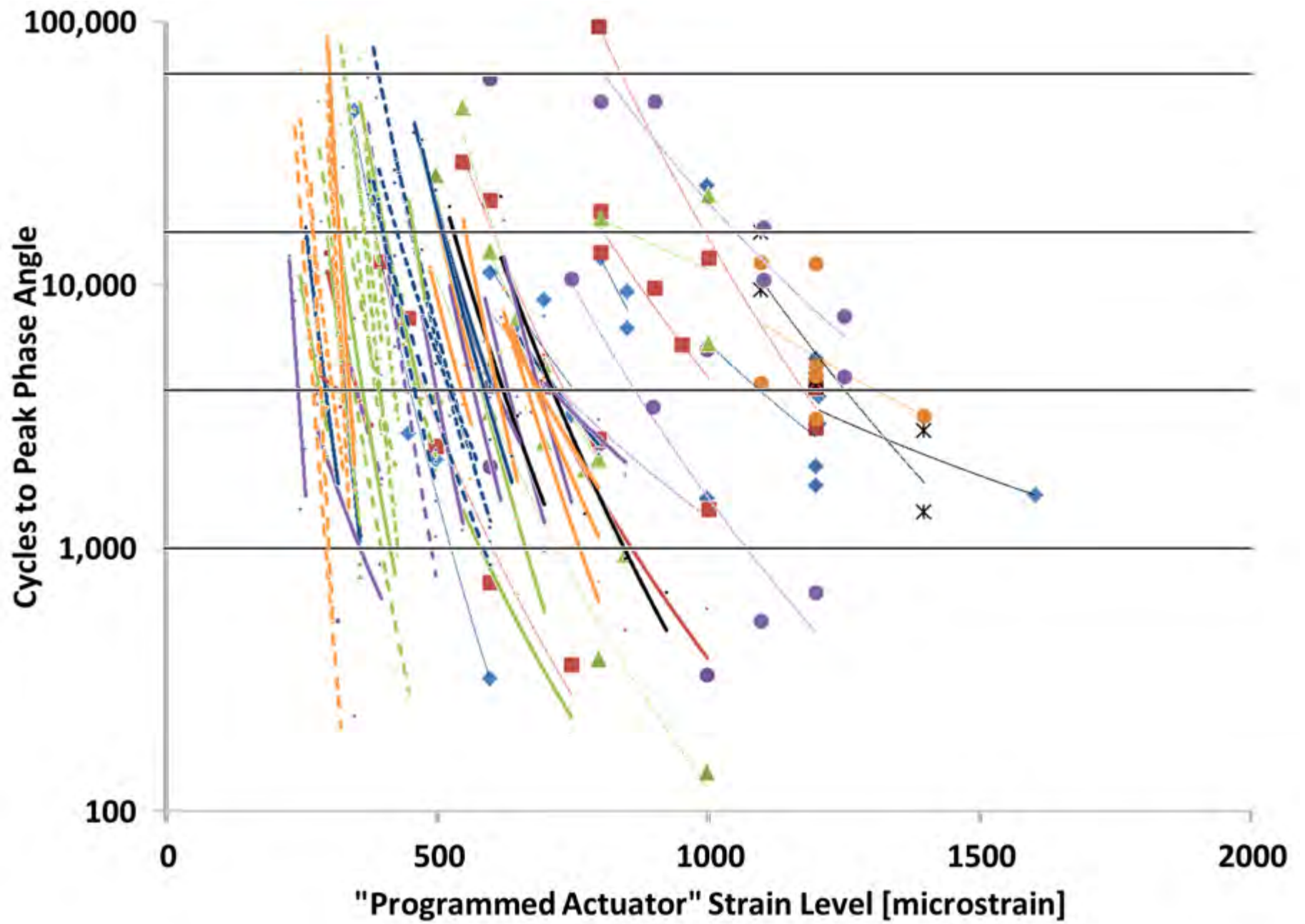
Stop test if a machine limit is reached

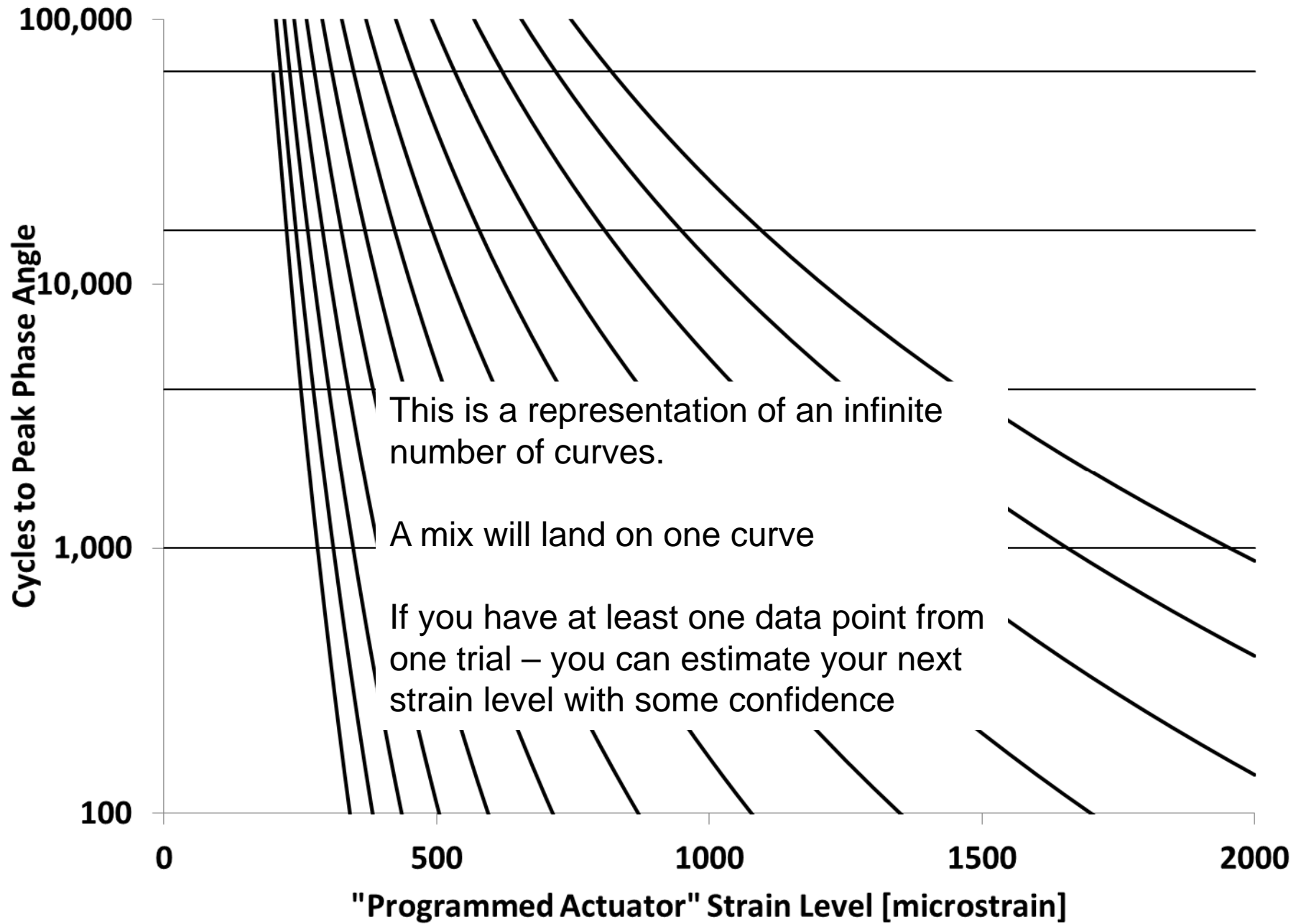
Target on-specimen peak to peak micro-strain: 435

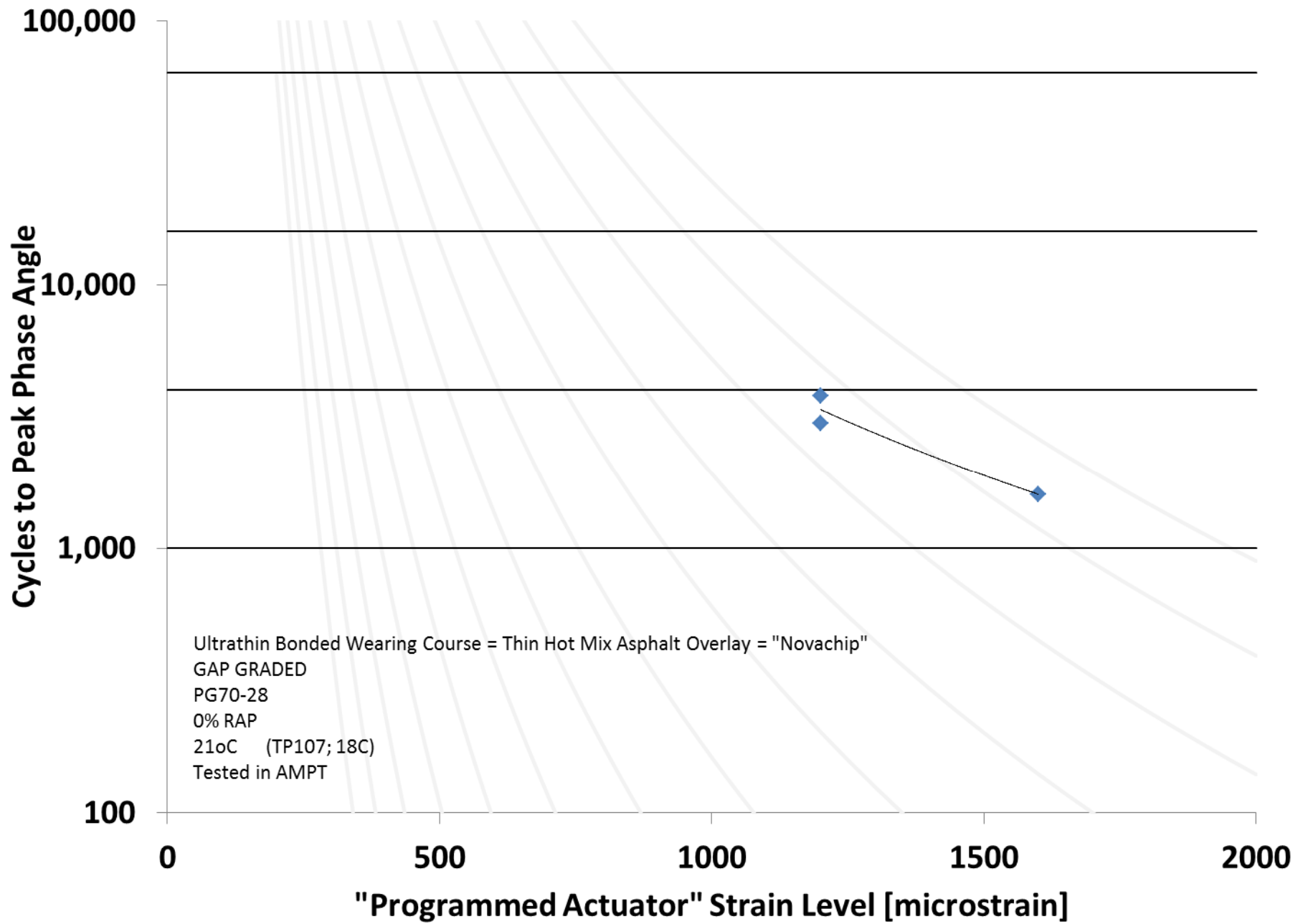


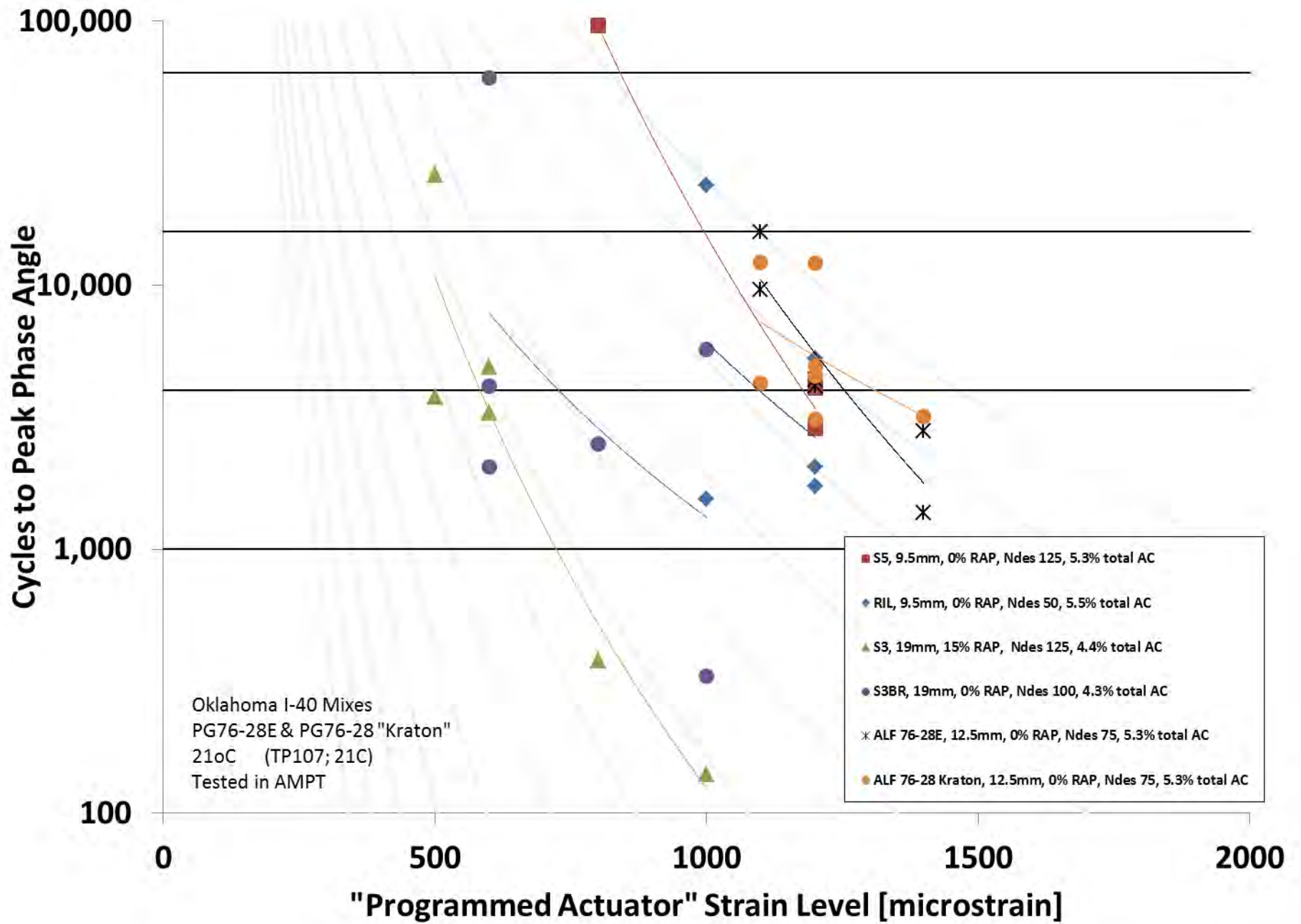
To get the right failure result here, how do I figure out what to put in here???

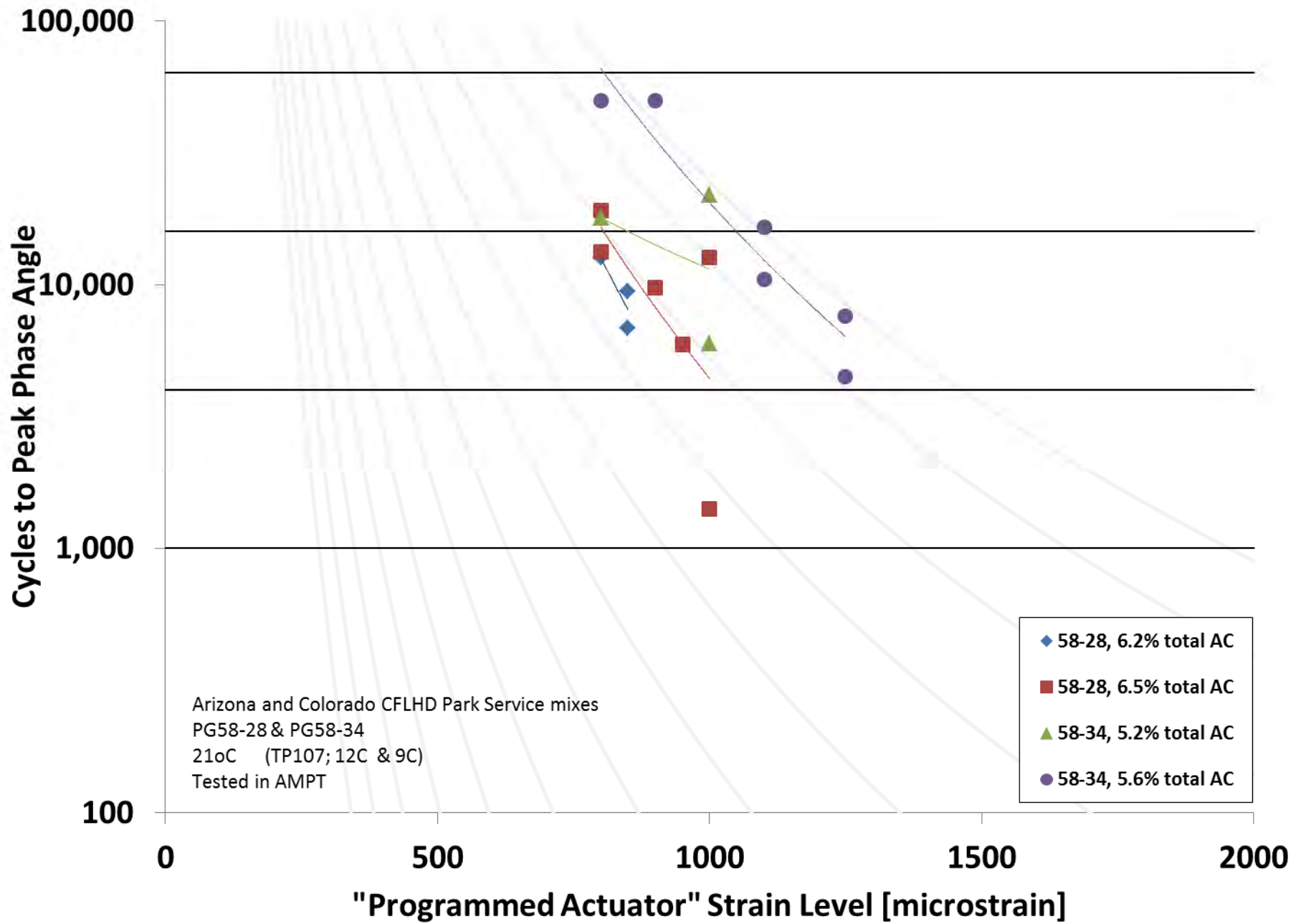


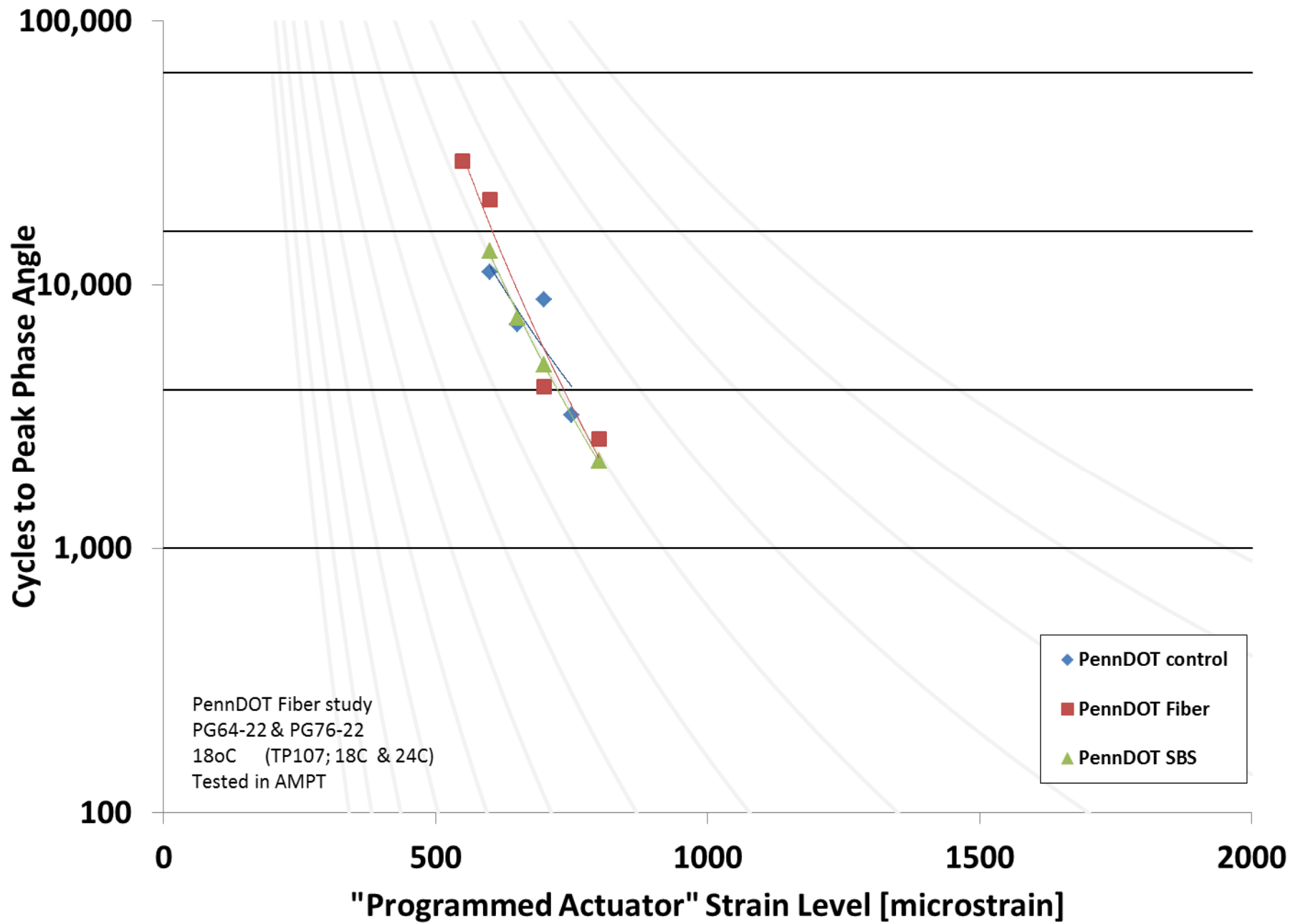


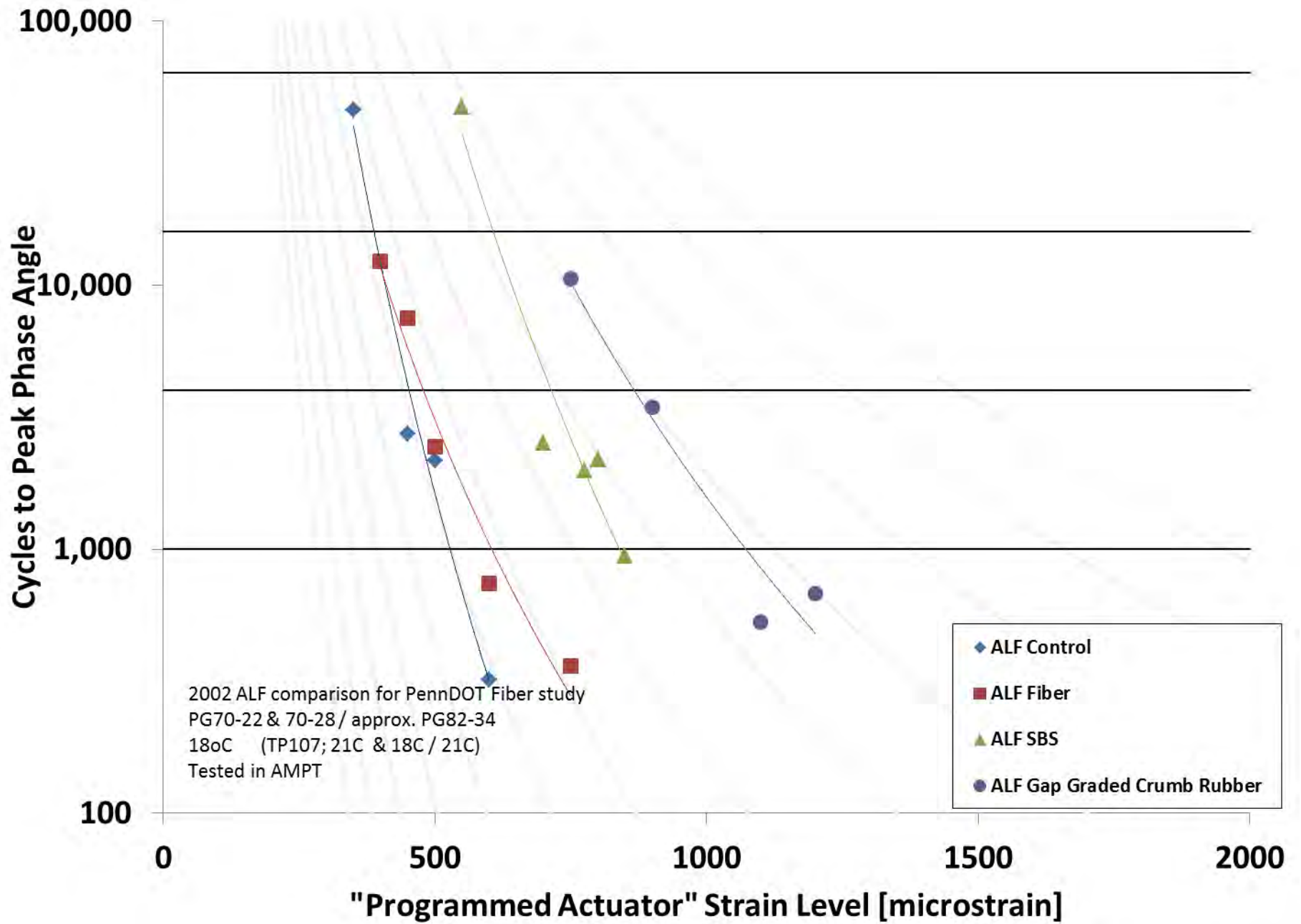


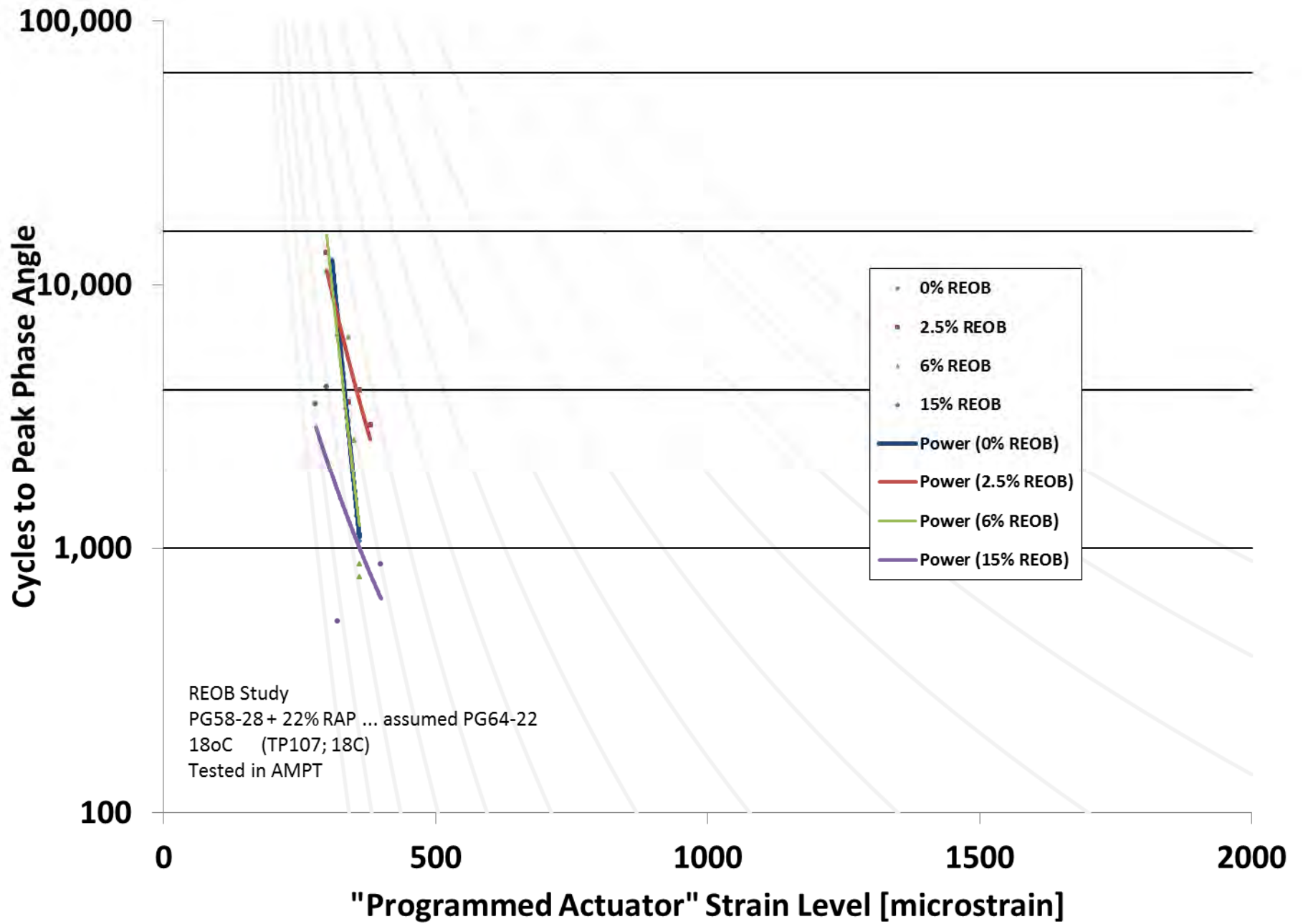


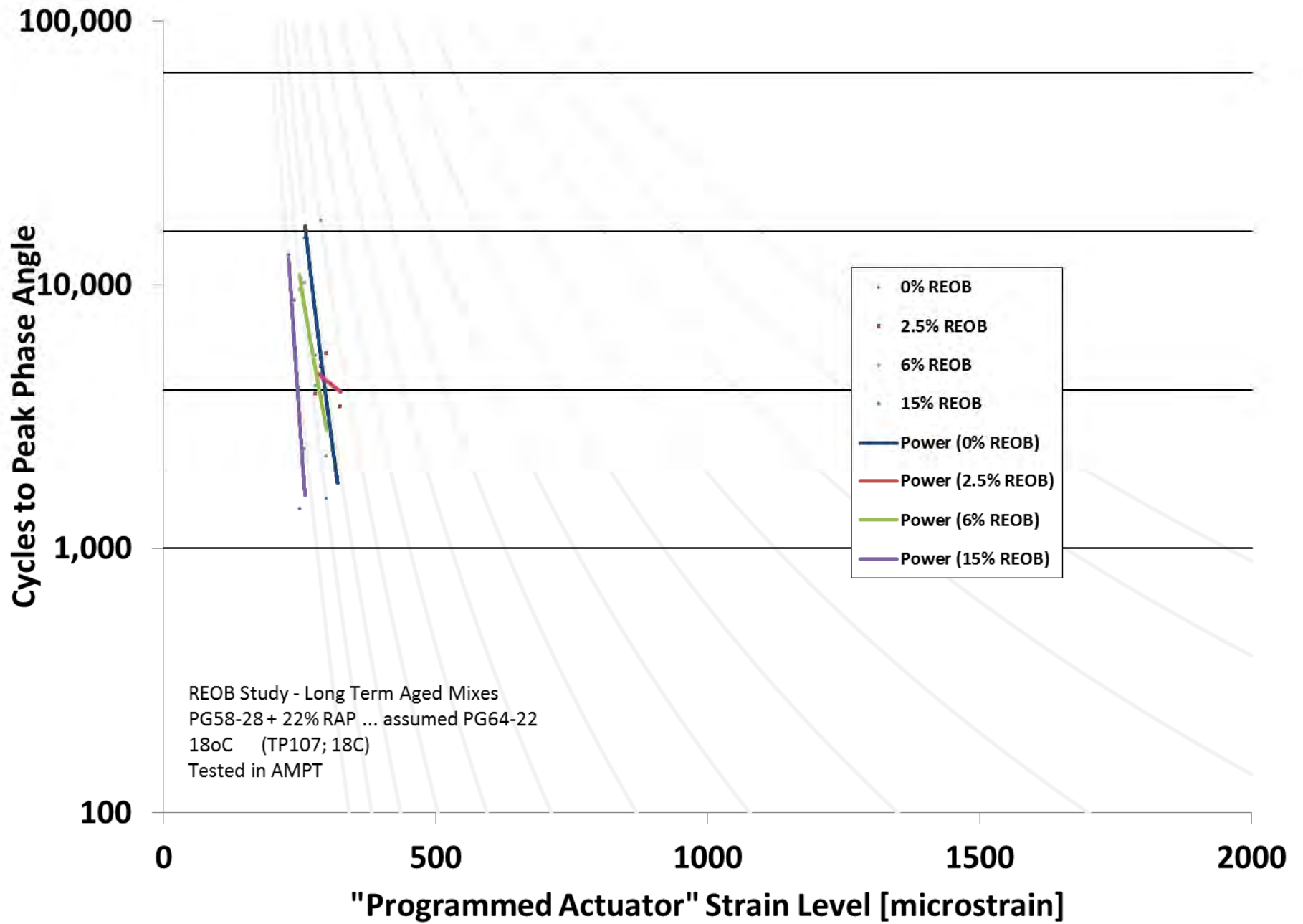


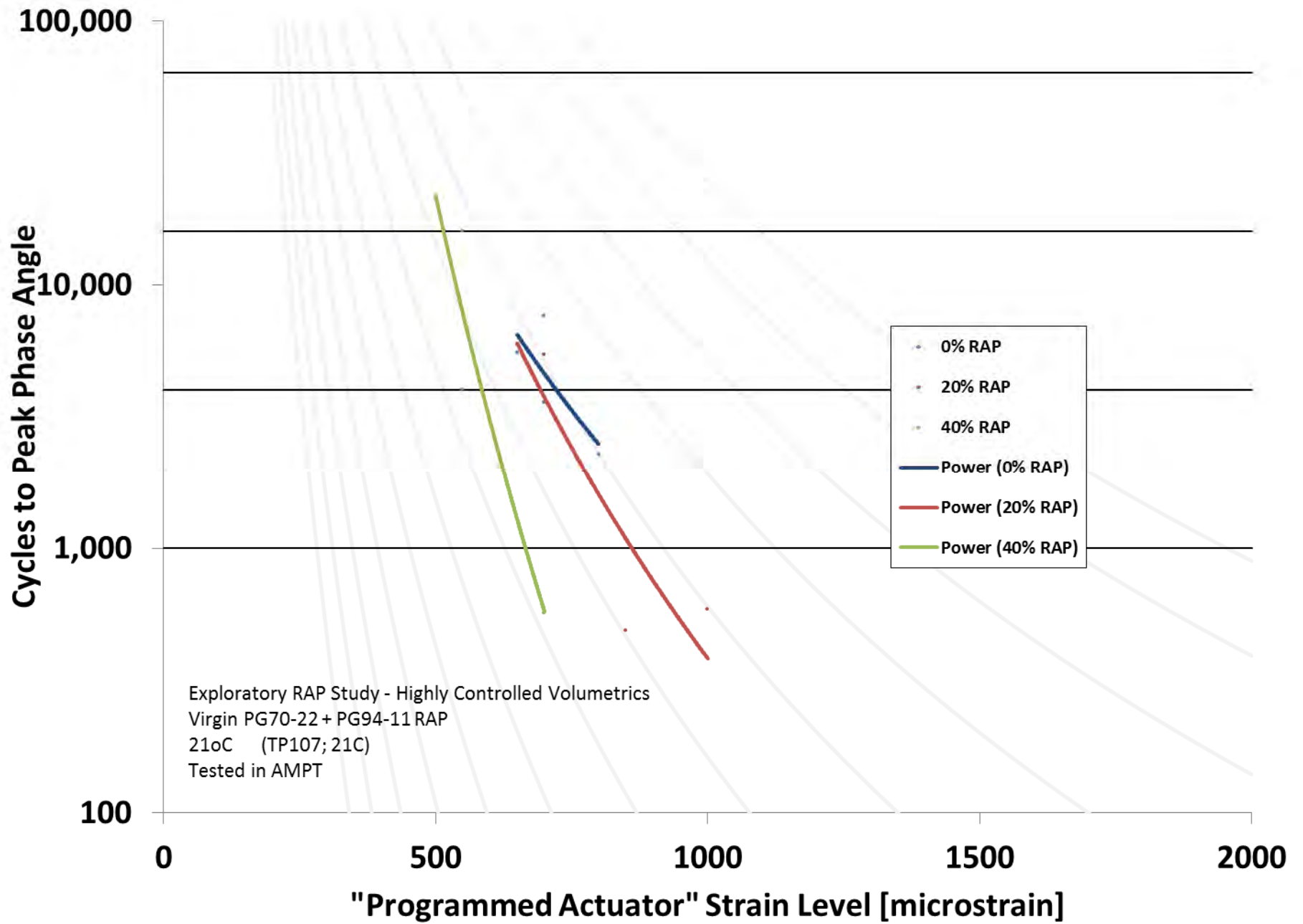


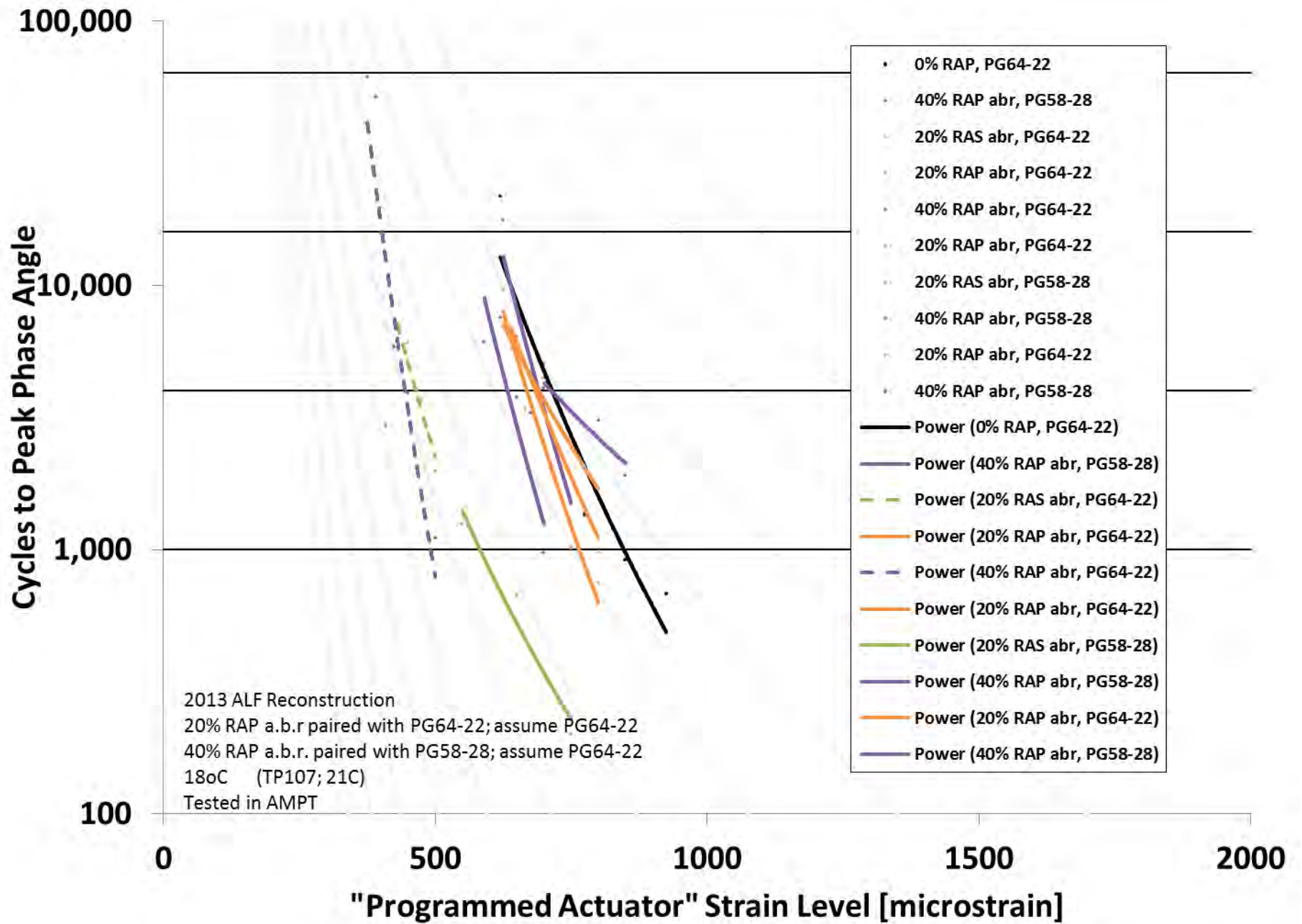


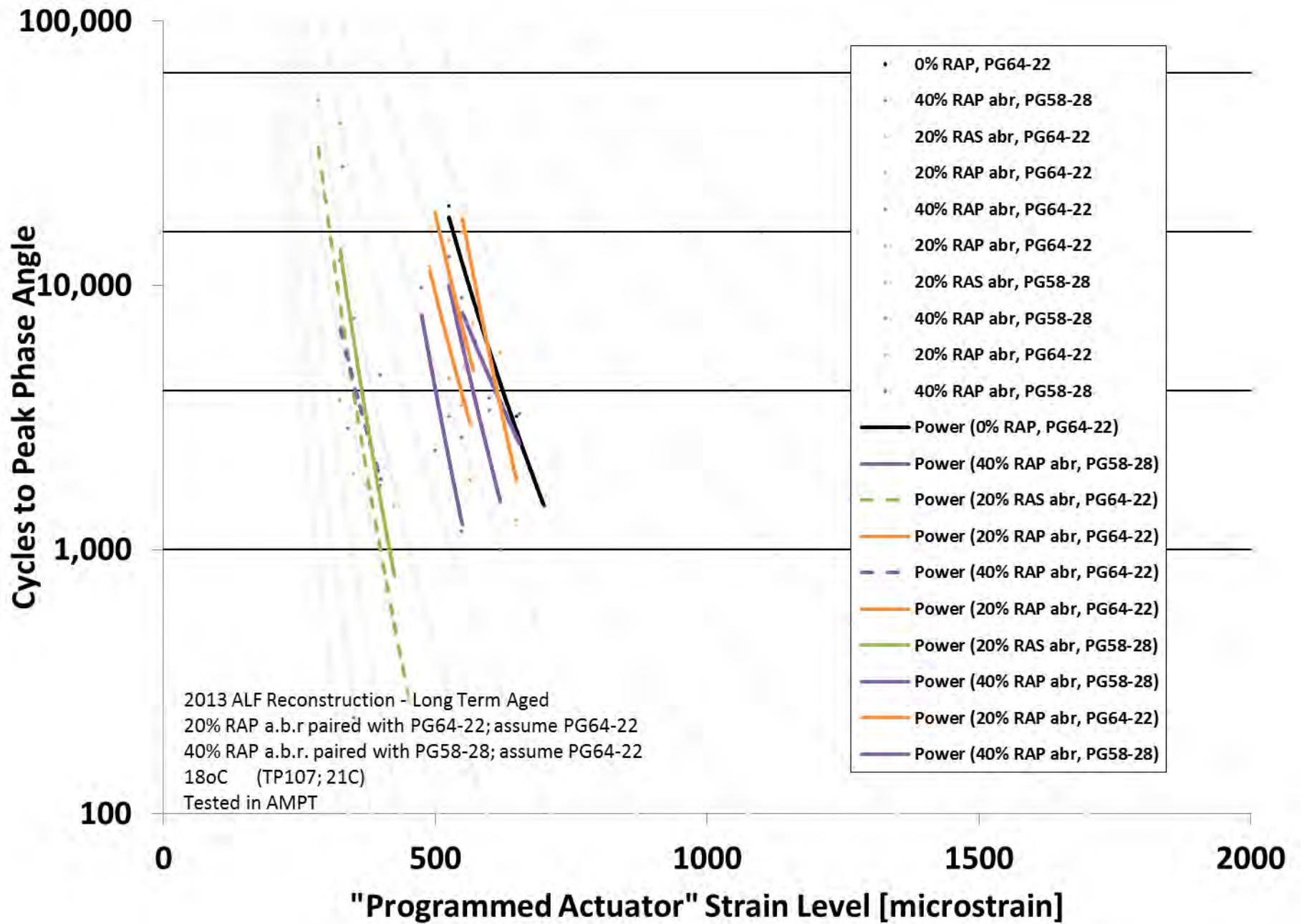


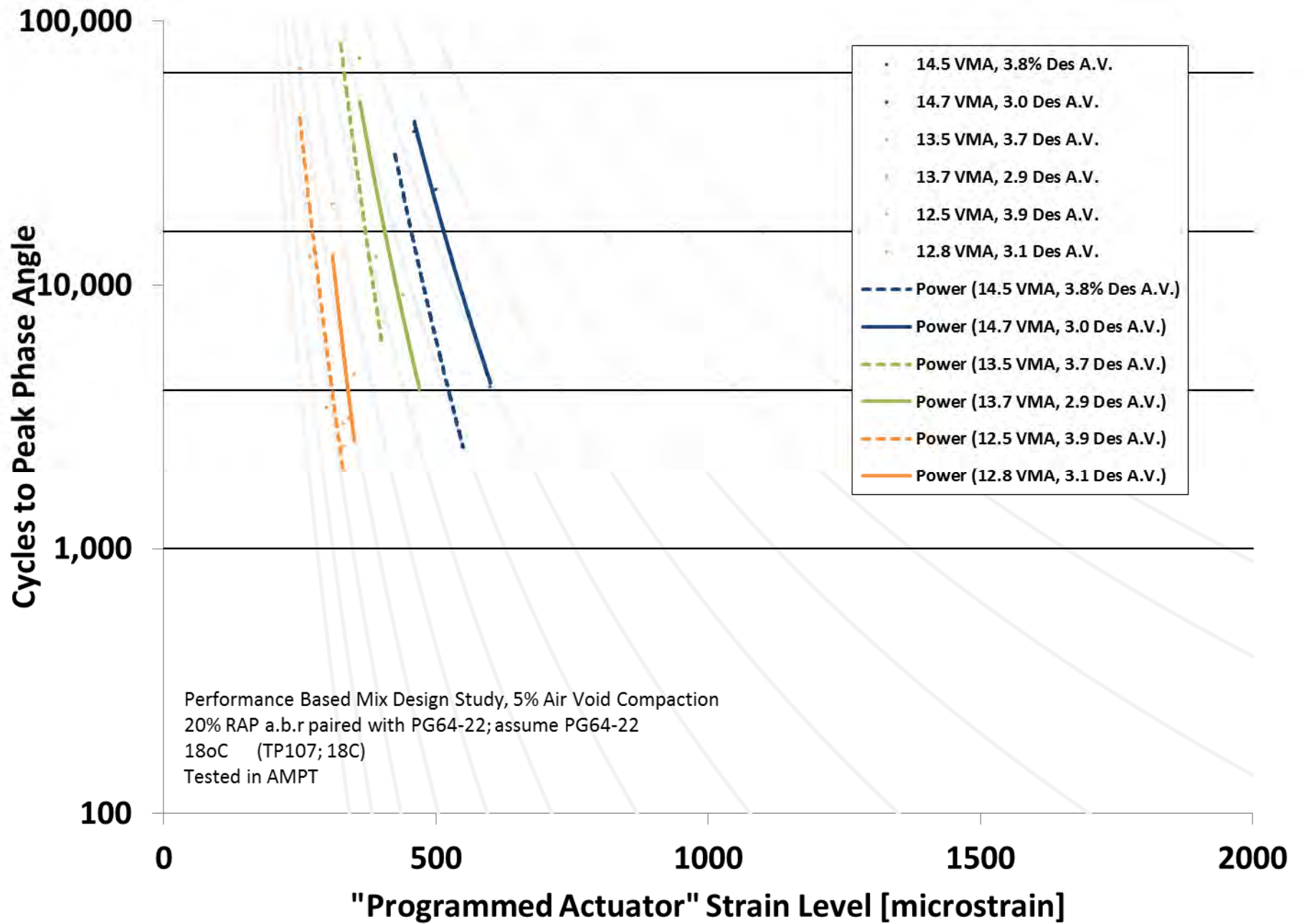


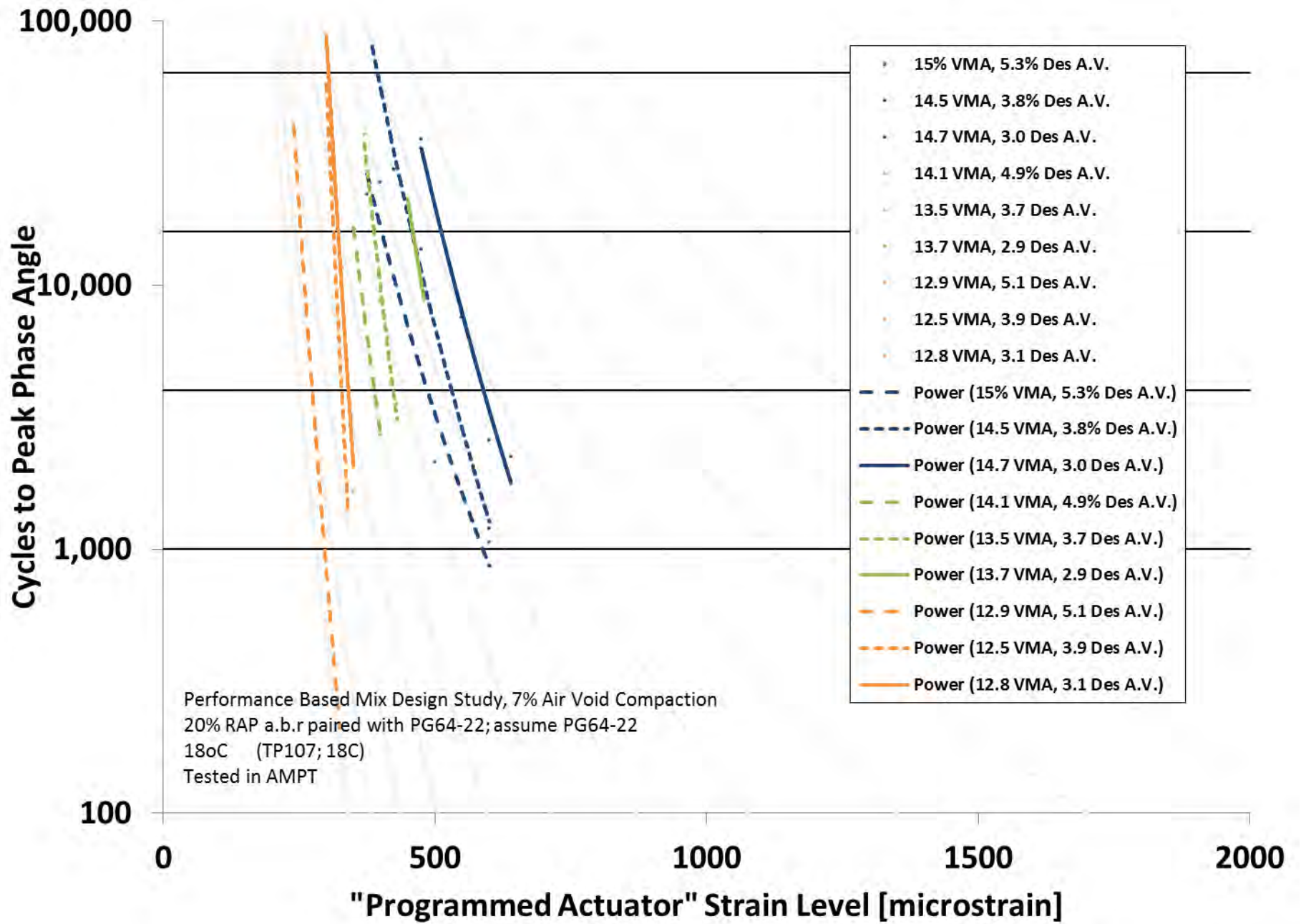


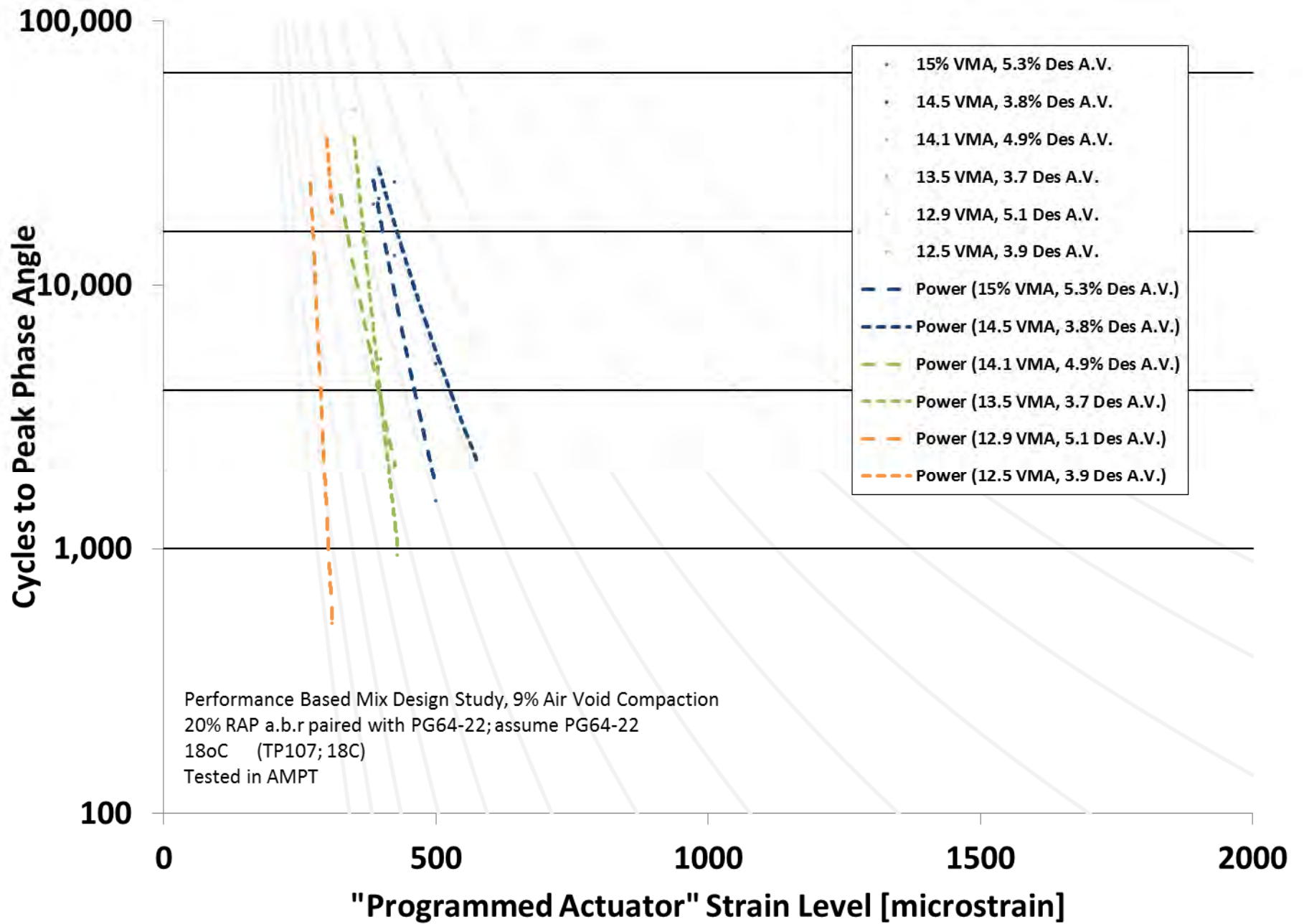


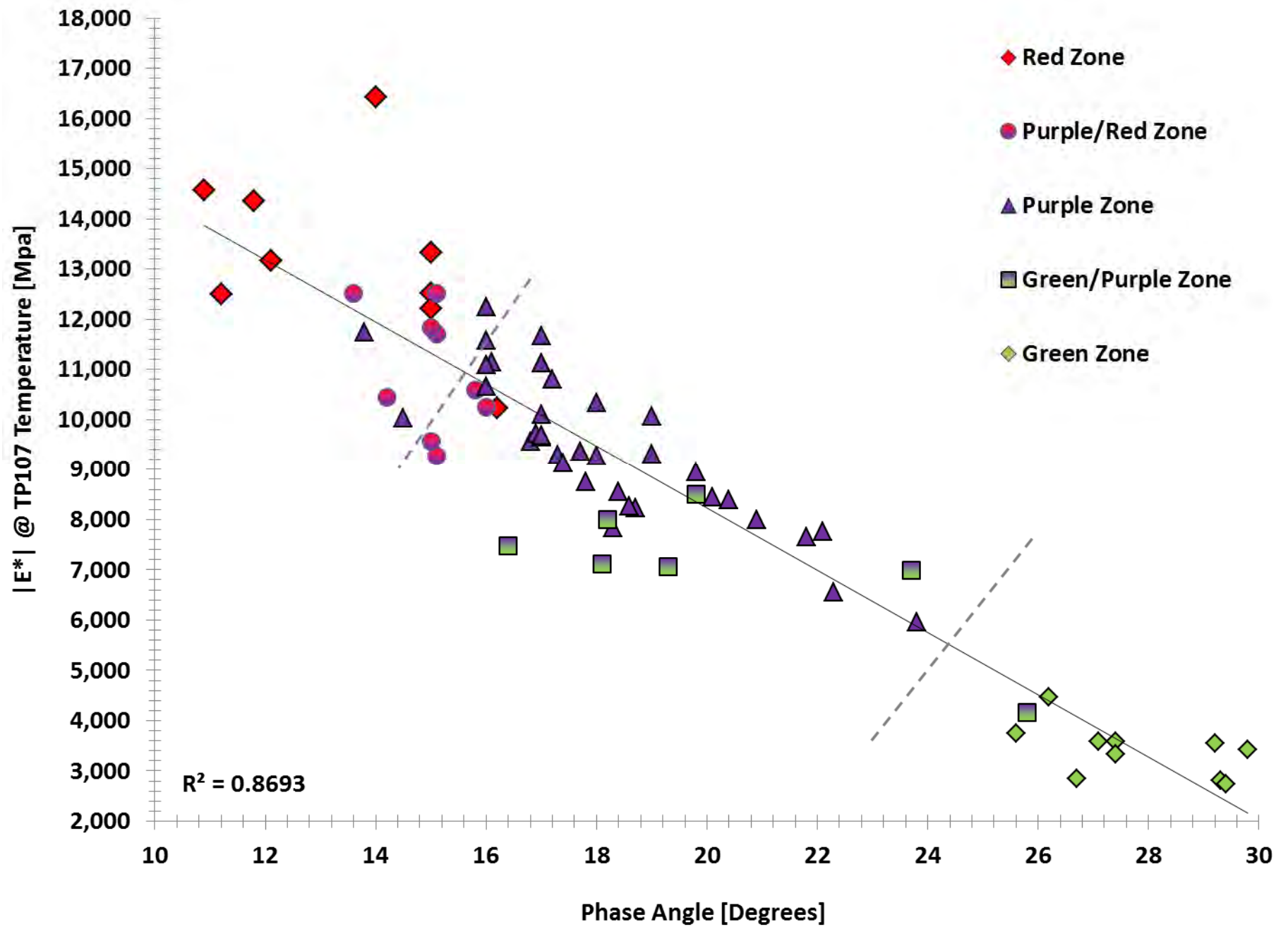










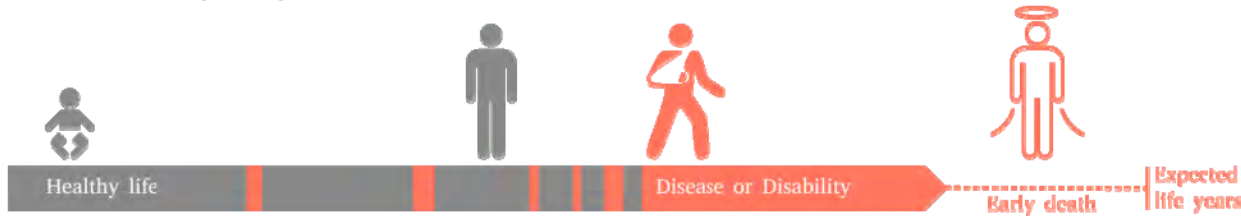


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DALY

Disability Adjusted Life Year is a measure of overall disease burden, expressed as the cumulative number of years lost due to ill-health, disability or early death

$$= \text{YLD (Years Lived with Disability)} + \text{YLL (Years of Life Lost)}$$

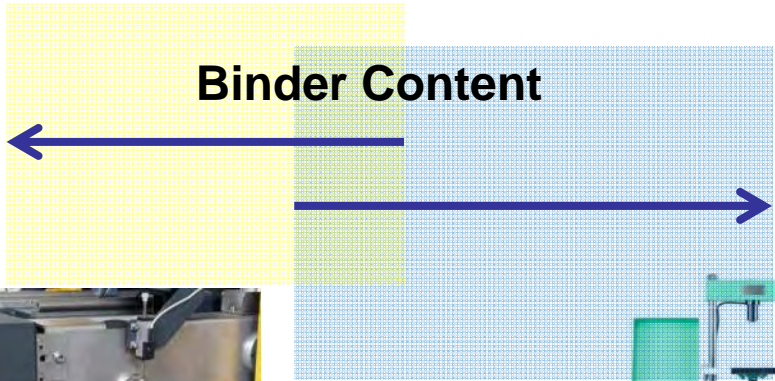
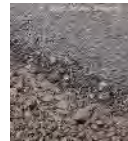


Performance Based Specifications

Predict life.
How much life was lost? Gained ?

Balanced Mix Design

Hit the target.
Walk away.

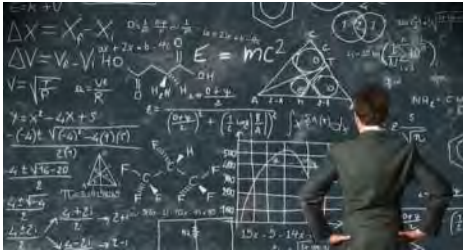


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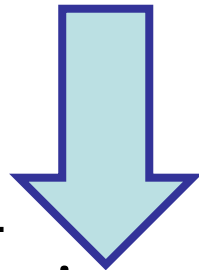
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Performance Prediction

(traffic – structure – climate)

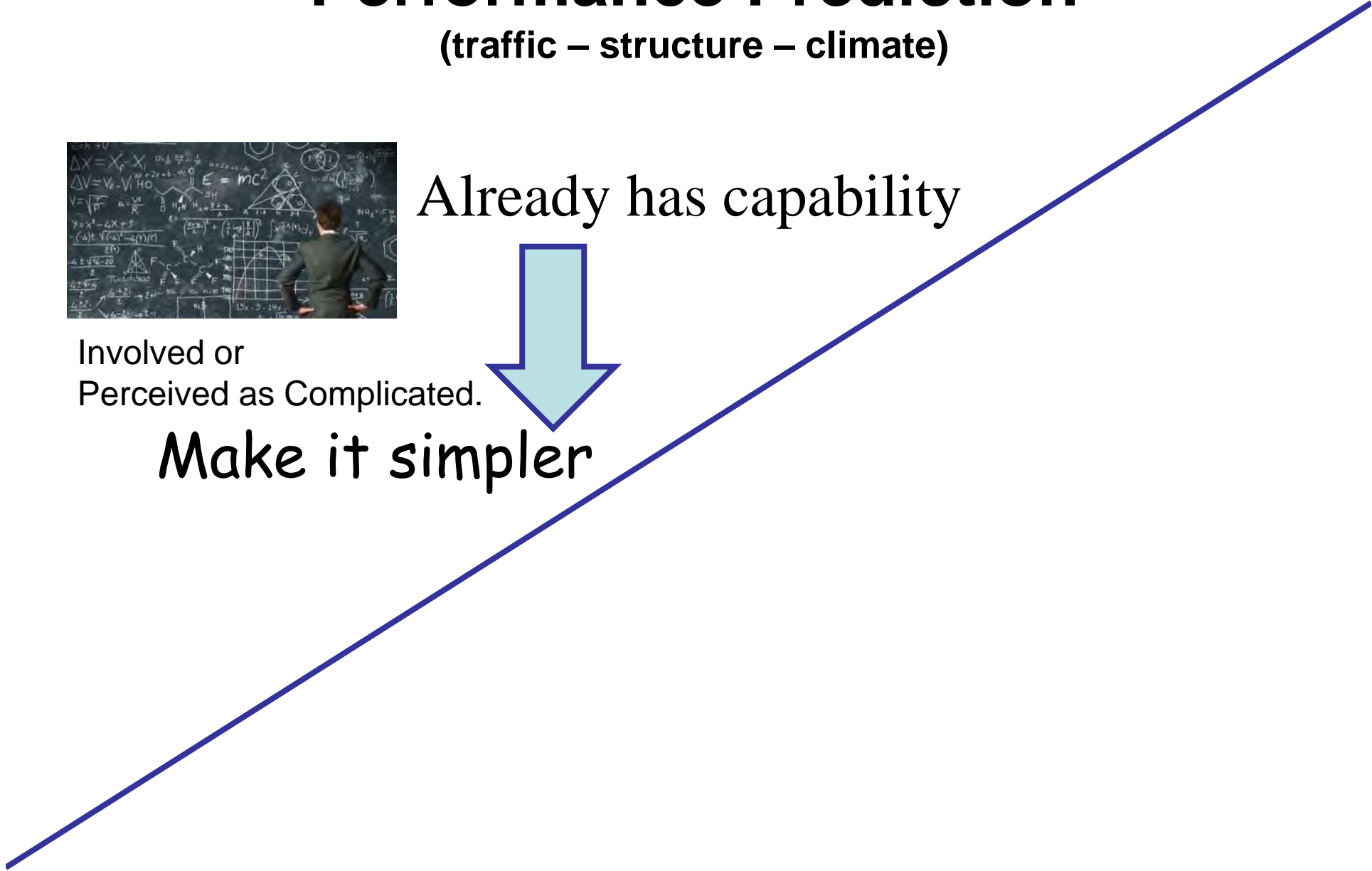


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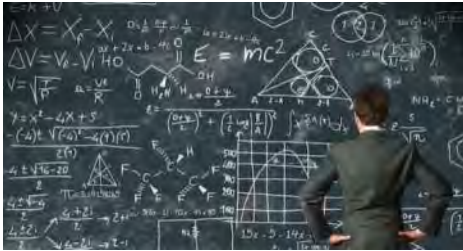
Involved or
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Make it simpler



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Functionality has to be added



Recycled Materials

- reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP)
- reclaimed asphalt shingles (RAS)
 - manufactured scrap
 - roofing tear-offs
- re-refined engine oil bottoms (REOB)
- ground tire rubber (GTR)
- other materials in a pre-aged condition and/or which provide accelerated ageing characteristics and behavior



FHWA Recycled Materials Policy

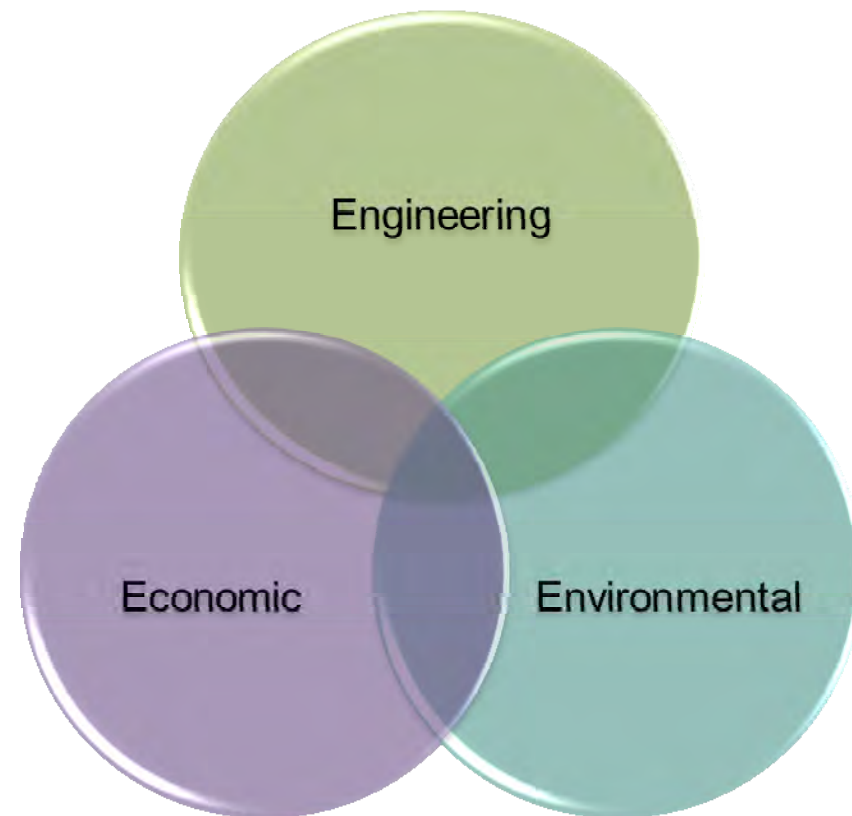
FHWA longstanding position that any materials used shall not adversely affect performance, safety or the environment of the highway system

- February 7, 2002 FHWA Policy Memorandum
 - “...the policy acknowledges that recycling will not be appropriate in all cases and provides guidance for making that determination.”
 - e.g. recycled/reclaimed/re-used/re-refined ...



FHWA Recycled Materials Policy

1. Engineering suitability
2. Environmental suitability
3. Economic assessment



Memorandums to FHWA Division Offices



Memorandum

Subject: ACTION: Recycled Materials in
Asphalt Pavements

Date: October 20, 2014

20 October 2014

- Walter C. Waidelich,
Associate Administrator for Infrastructure
- Increasing number of state highway agencies reporting pre-mature cracking in relatively new asphalt pavements with high content of recycled asphalt binder
- Increased concerns with high levels of RAS use especially when RAP is already used
 - Potential increased cracking due to low temperatures, thin pavement sections, and increased asphalt ageing
- Reminder to follow sound engineering design and construction practices





Memorandum to FHWA Division & FLHD

Subject: **ACTION:** Recycled Asphalt Shingles Used in Asphalt Pavements

Date: December 11, 2014

11 December 2014

- FHWA longstanding position that any materials used shall not adversely affect performance, safety or the environment of the highway system
- Nov 2014 AASHTO SOM survey shows RAS limitations in place/needed
- Need to establish appropriate level of use
- Directs the review of RAS use criteria with State
 - specification changes to mitigate risk of failures
 - ensure AASHTO standard PP 78 use for future Federal-aid projects if performance issues are identified



Recycled Binders - RAS & RAP

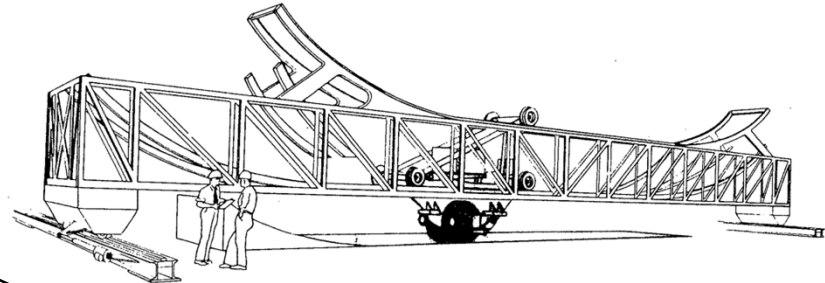
RAP/RAS Task Force within ETG

- Current main issue to be addressed:
 - How much of the RAS binder becomes effective asphalt binder? “Quantity”
 - How to address the stiffness/brittleness of the RAS binder? “Quality”
 - Binder grade adjustment guidelines

... more on this later!



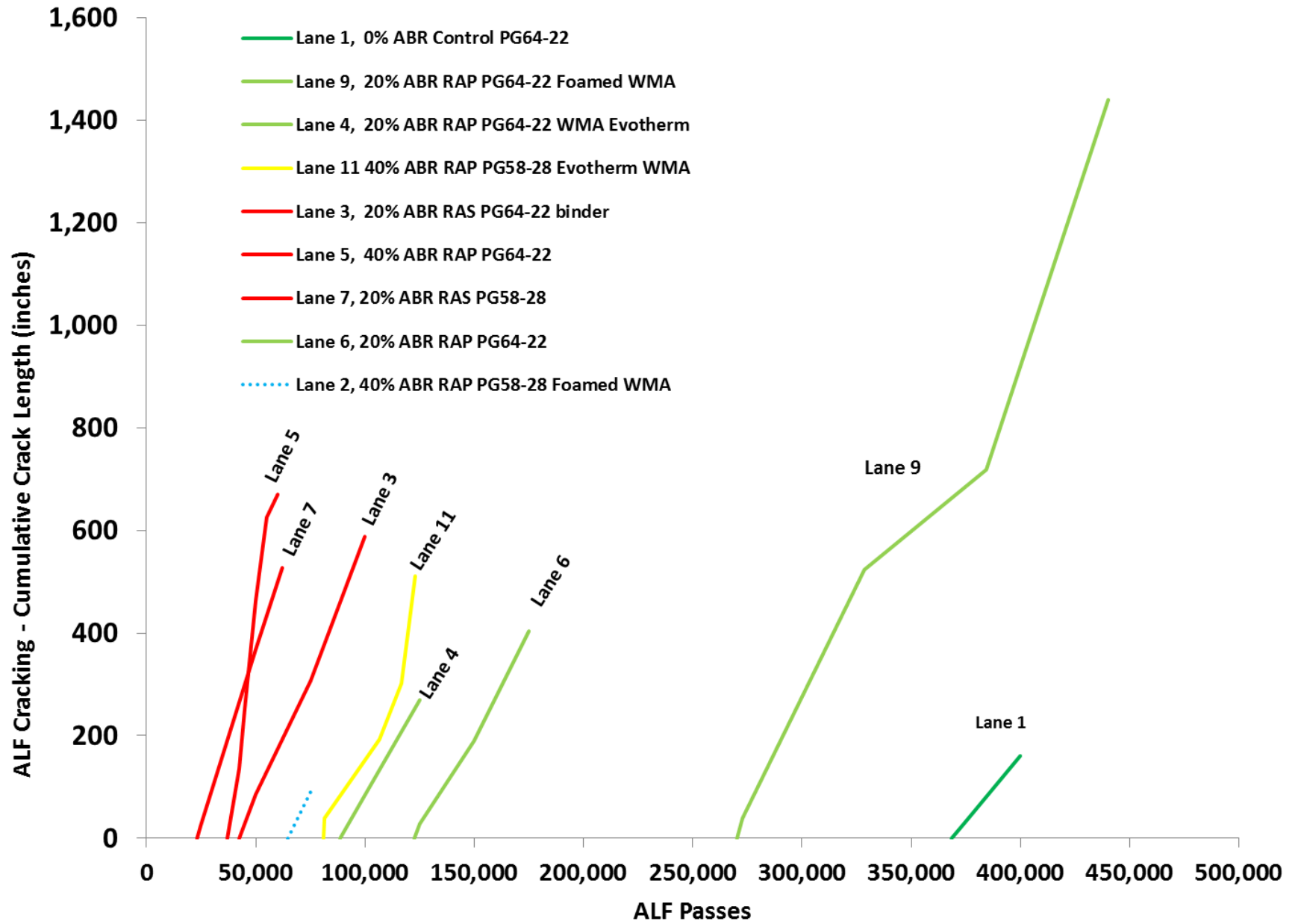
FHWA collaboration with ALF



HMA WMA Production Temperature WMA Technology Recycle Content	300°F - 320°F		240°F - 270°F	
			Foam	Chem.
0%	PG64-22		-	-
20% ABR RAP ≈ 23% by weight	PG64-22		PG64-22	PG64-22
20% ABR RAS ≈ 6% Shingle by weight	PG64-22	PG58-28	-	-
40% ABR RAP ≈ 44% by weight	PG64-22	PG58-28	PG58-28	PG58-28



Cracking Resistance



ALF Lane #	% ABR		Virgin PG Grade	Drum Discharge Temperature	WMA Process	Cycles to First ALF Crack
	RAP	RAS				
1	0	--	64-22	300-320	--	368,254
2	40	--	58-28	240-285	Water Foaming	tbd
3	--	20	64-22	300-320	--	42,399
4	20	--	64-22	240-270	Evotherm	88,740
5	40	--	64-22	300-320	--	36,946
6	20	--	64-22	300-320	--	122,363
7	--	20	58-28	300-320	--	23,005
8	40	--	58-28	300-320	--	tbd
9	20	--	64-22	240-285	Water Foaming	270,058
11	40	--	58-28	240-270	Evotherm	81,044







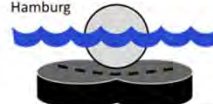







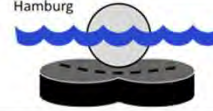



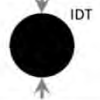



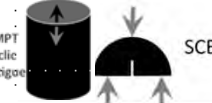








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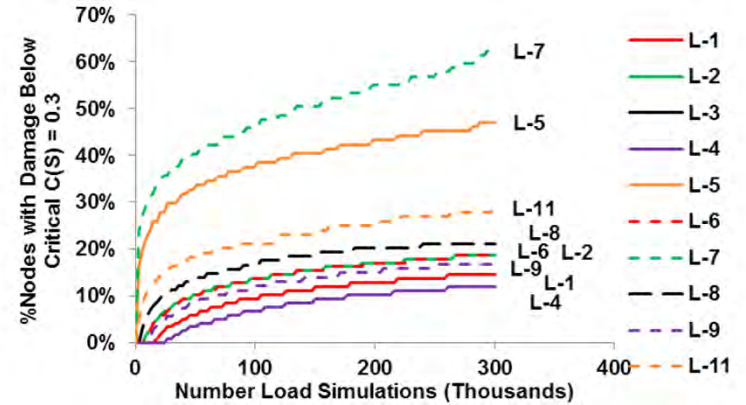
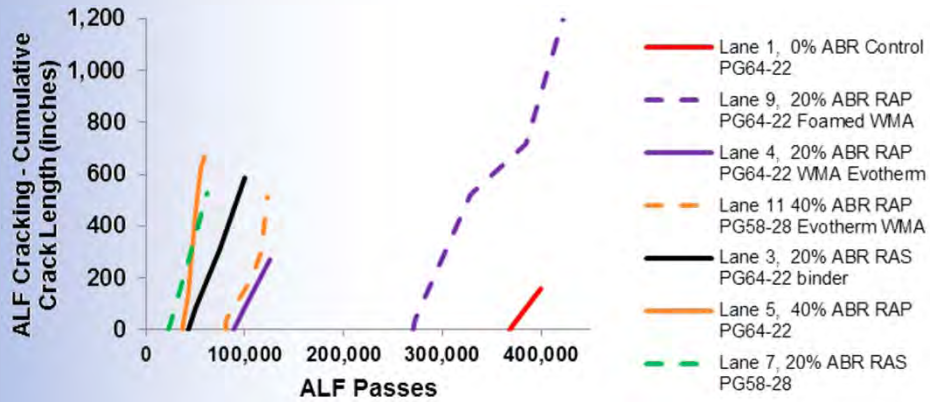
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		<p>+ T.B.D. for TPF-5(294) Design and Analysis Procedures for Asphalt Mixtures Containing High-RAP Contents and/or RAS</p>			
					
					
					



ALF Validation Results (to date)



LVECD Structural Prediction								Measured ALF Performance	
% Nodes Below Critical Damage									
Unaged				Aged					
As Built		Perfect Construction		As Built		Perfect Construction			
L2	9%	L2	11%	L1	12%	L4	12%	L1	368,254
L1	10%	L4	12%	L4	14%	L1	14%	L9	270,058
L4	13%	L6	13%	L9	16%	L9	17%	L4	88,740
L6	13%	L1	14%	L2	18%	L2	19%	<i>Lanes 2, 6, and 8 remain to be tested</i>	
L9	15%	L9	16%	L6	19%	L6	19%		
L8	18%	L8	17%	L8	22%	L8	21%		
L11	19%	L11	18%	L11	29%	L11	28%	L11	81,044
L3	31%	L3	31%	L5	42%	L5	47%	L3	42,399
L7	-	L5	35%	L7	66%	L7	62%	L5	36,946
L5	-	L7	46%	L3	-	L3	-	L7	23,005



Re-Refined Engine Oil Bottoms

National dialogue on understanding product, use, and limitations:

- non-bituminous additive or modifier?
- UTI improvement or dilutant?
- use in the U.S. market?
- product properties?
- final asphalt binder and mixture properties?
- effect on pavement performance?



Why REOB?

- Used to soften base binder PG grade
- Increased use of RAP/RAS has led to a need for softer grades, which has led to increased demand for REOB or other “soft” fluxes
- Limited crude sources and refineries to produce “softer” grades w/o back blending
- Economic and market share pressures
- Recycling, sustainability, and “Green” initiatives

“Used since mid 1980’s”... as reported by REOB re-refiners/suppliers



(re-refined) REOB...also know as:

- re-refined vacuum tower bottoms (VTB) (RVTB)
- asphalt flux, asphalt cutter
- re-refined asphalt cement
- asphalt flux, asphalt extender
- waste engine oil residue (WEO),
WEO residue (WEOR), engine oil residue (EOR)
- re-refined asphalt cutter (RRAC)
- vacuum tower asphalt extender (VTAE),
- engine oil bottoms (EOB), recycled EOB (R-EOB)
- re-refined heavy vacuum distillation oil (RHVDB)



etc. etc. ...



What is REOB?

- The re-refined residual distillation product from a vacuum tower in a re-refinery dedicated to processing recovered waste drain lubricating oil

Both “re-refined” and “vacuum tower” are important features for this product



Three National REOB Task Force Groups

- FHWA Binder Expert Task Group (ETG)
- Asphalt Institute
 - under direction of their Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
 - State of the Knowledge Document
- AASHTO Subcommittee on Materials
 - respond to Standing Committee on Highways (SCOH) resolution



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REOB Task Force within Binder ETG

Discussions:

- Which rheological parameter
 - critical temperature change (ΔT_c)
 - Glover-Rowe (GR)
 - rheological index (R value)
 - cross over frequency (ω_c)

All of these parameters can be interrelated from understanding the relationship between loading time (or frequency) and temperature.



Re-refined Engine Oil Bottoms

Field Studies - with distress data

- FHWA-Asphalt Research Consortium-WRI Validation Sites
 - Rochester, MN – Olmsted County 112
- MnROAD Test Track Low Volume Road Test Section Sites
- Exhibited increased cracking distress



Recycled Binders - RAS & RAP Re-refined Engine Oil Bottoms

- ETG Task Force efforts and consensus
 - Recommendations from ETG to AASHTO Subcommittee on Materials ...
- ... more on this later in the schedule during the AASHTO and ETG presentations.



Discussion / Comments / Questions

Thank You !!



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