



# **Optimal Timing of Preventive Maintenance for Addressing Environmental Aging**

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# OUTLINE



- ***Background***
- ***Needs***
- ***Needs being addressed***
- ***Needs - Not being addressed well enough***
- ***Combining efforts nationally***
- ***Suggested emphasis of this PFS***





# THE PROBLEM



- **Binder oxidation and hardening DO occur extensively beyond one inch down into the pavement**
- **Mixture performance declines significantly with binder oxidation**
- **Effective maintenance programs will inhibit binder oxidation in pavement or rejuvenate in-place binder - *Is this possible?***

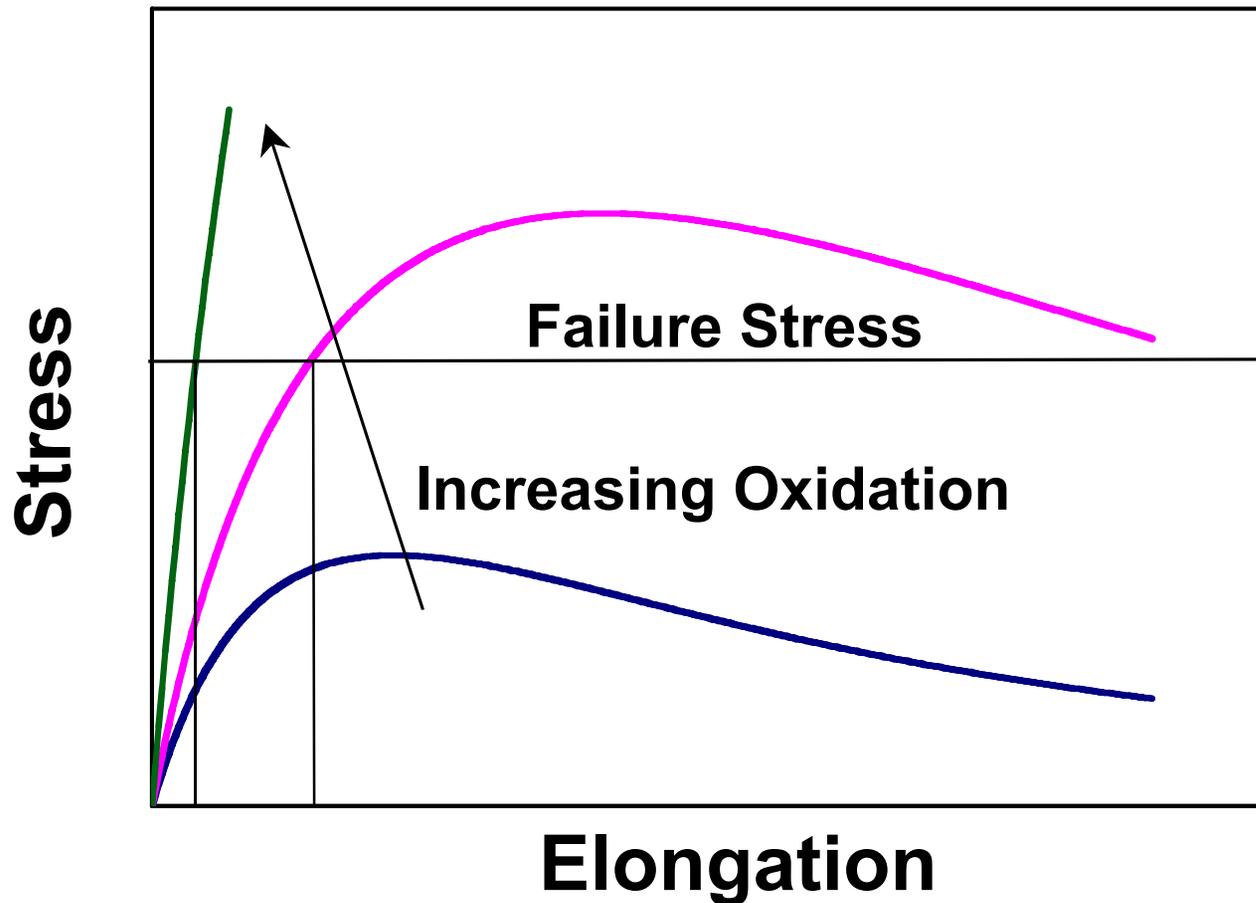




# BACKGROUND



***IN SERVICE: BINDERS OXIDIZE, BECOME STIFFER AND LESS DUCTILE...A RELENTLESS PROCESS!***

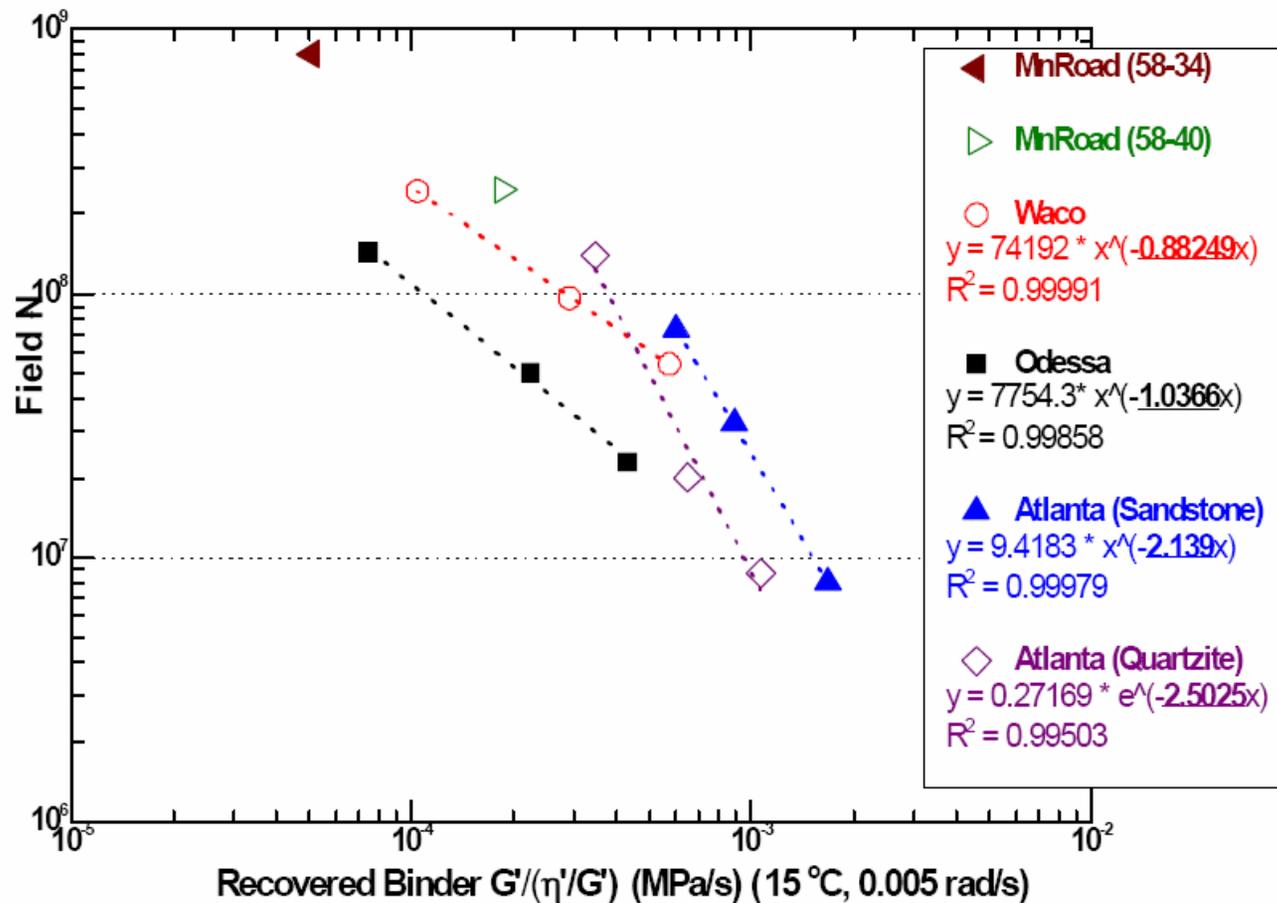




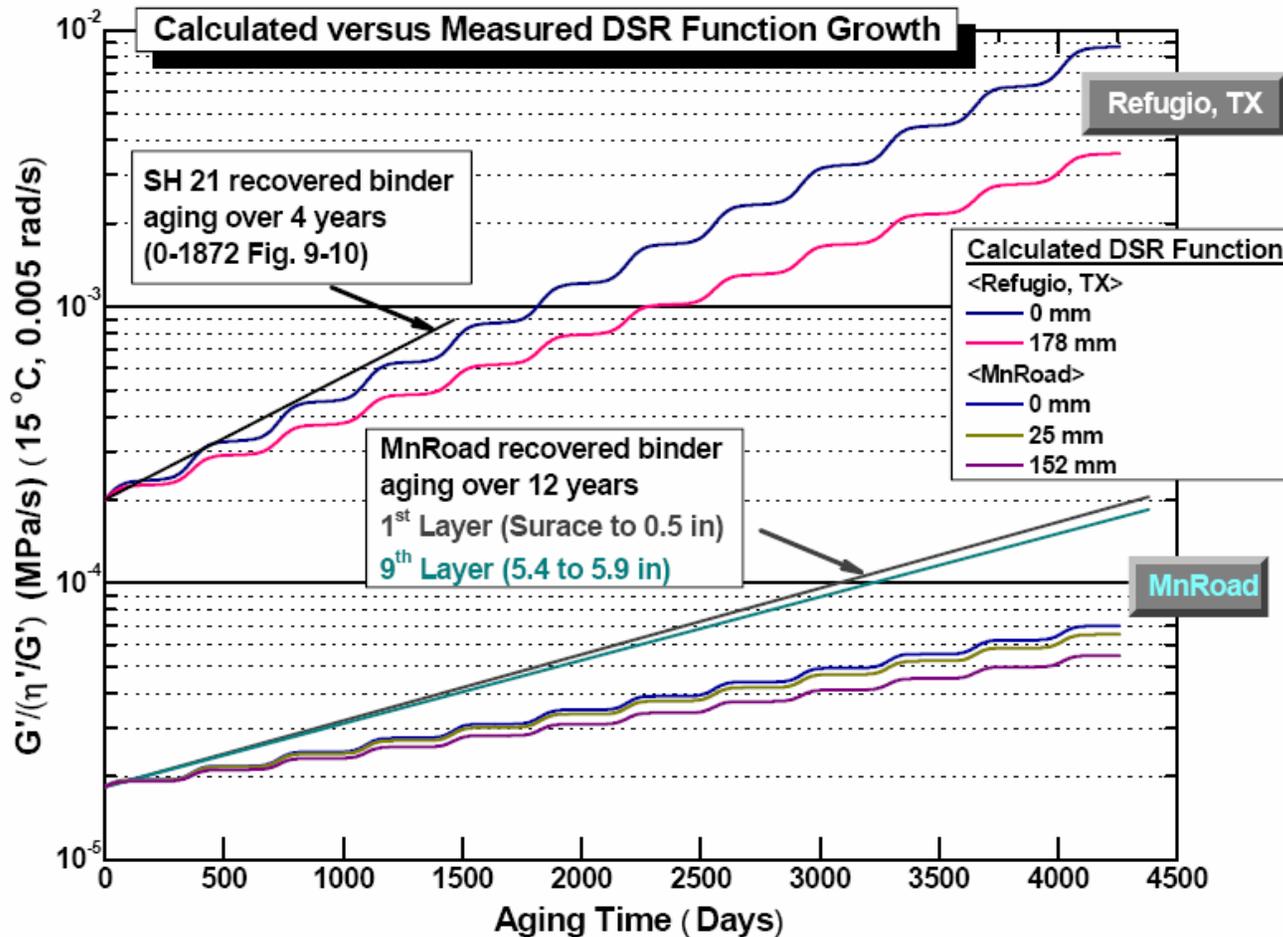
# BACKGROUND

## TxDOT 0-4688

### AS BINDERS OXIDIZED, MIXTURE FATIGUE RESISTANCE DECLINES...



### BINDER OXIDATION MODEL CAN BE USED TO ESTIMATE HARDENING RATE IN PAVEMENT



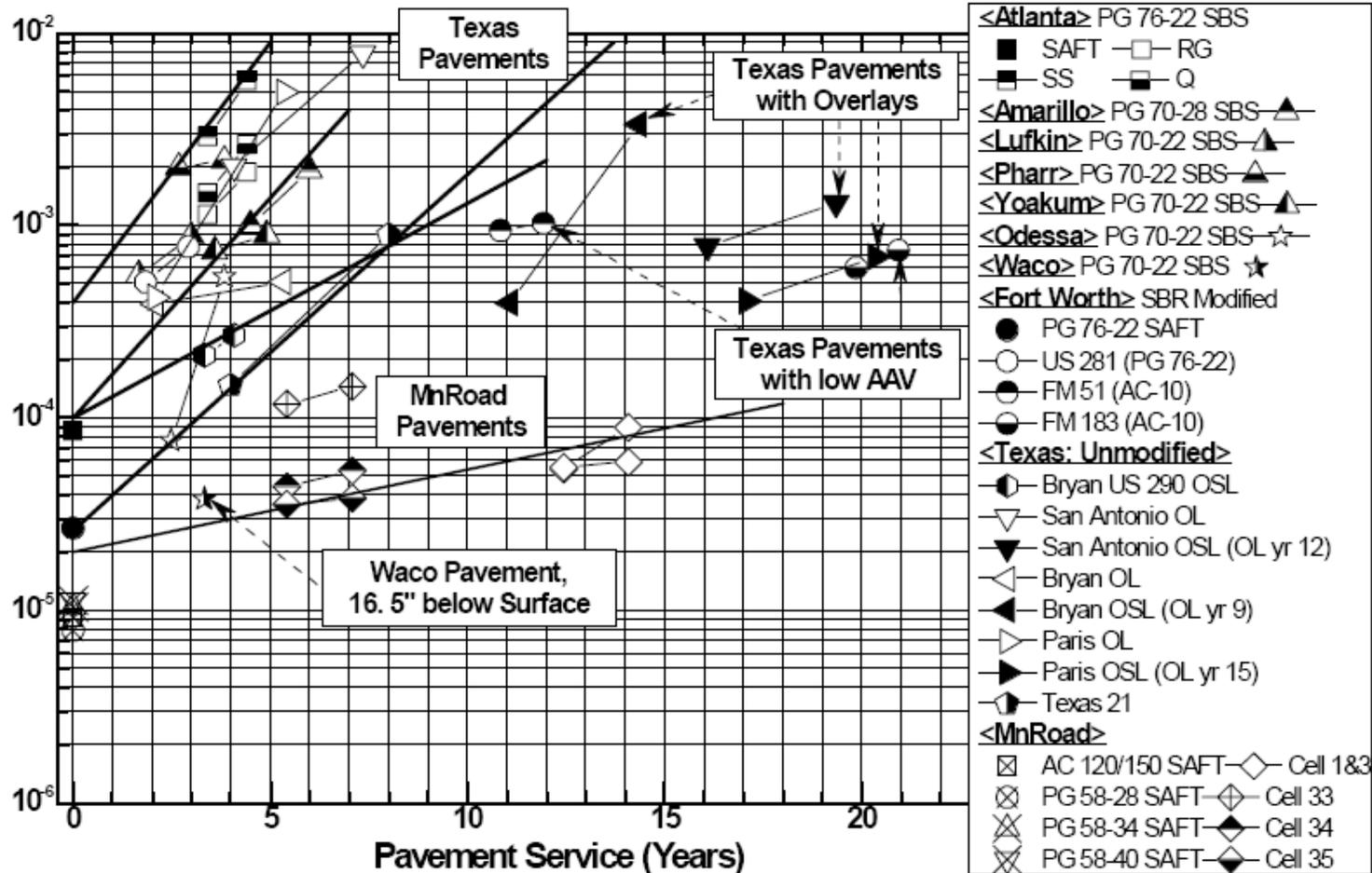


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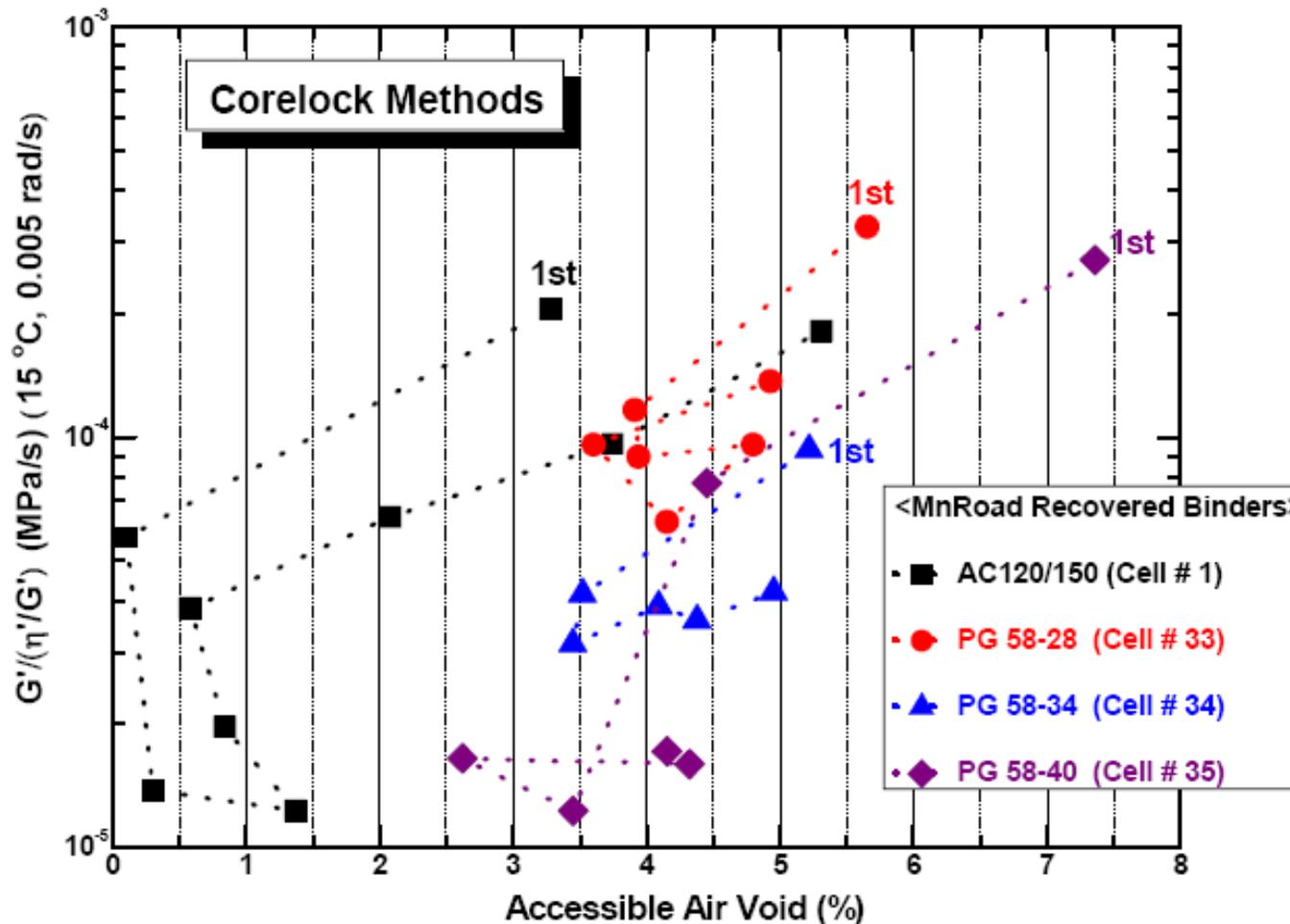
**THROUGHOUT SERVICE, BINDER HARDENING PROCEEDS IN A WAY THAT DEPENDS ON CLIMATE AND THE PHYSICAL STRUCTURE OF THE MIXTURE**



# BACKGROUND

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**ACCESSIBLE AIR VOIDS IS ONE OF THE KEY MIXTURE PARAMETERS THAT SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTS BINDER OXIDATION**







# **TxDOT 0-5091 - SUMMARY -**



- **Effects of fog seals on pavement durability appear to be minimal, with respect to sealing or rejuvenation**
- **Fog seals did not appear to penetrate below the pavement surface**
- **The aging rates of asphalt binders are decreased by very low accessible air voids**





## **BACKGROUND - SUMMARY -**



- **Binder oxidation and hardening DO occur extensively beyond one inch down into the pavement**
- **Mixture performance declines significantly with binder oxidation**
- **Effective maintenance program would inhibit binder oxidation in pavement and/or rejuvenate in-place binder**
- **Evidence suggests that sealants may affect binders...or may not**





## RESEARCH NEEDS



- **Improved Understanding of binder oxidation and hardening rates in pavements (model)**
  - **Improved measurements of mixture air voids morphology: pore size, spacing, AAV**
  - **Improved understanding of air permeation through pavements**
- **Improved understanding of the impact of binder hardening on mixture performance (e.g. fatigue)**
- **Field measurements of binder oxidation in pavements and maintenance treatment effectiveness**





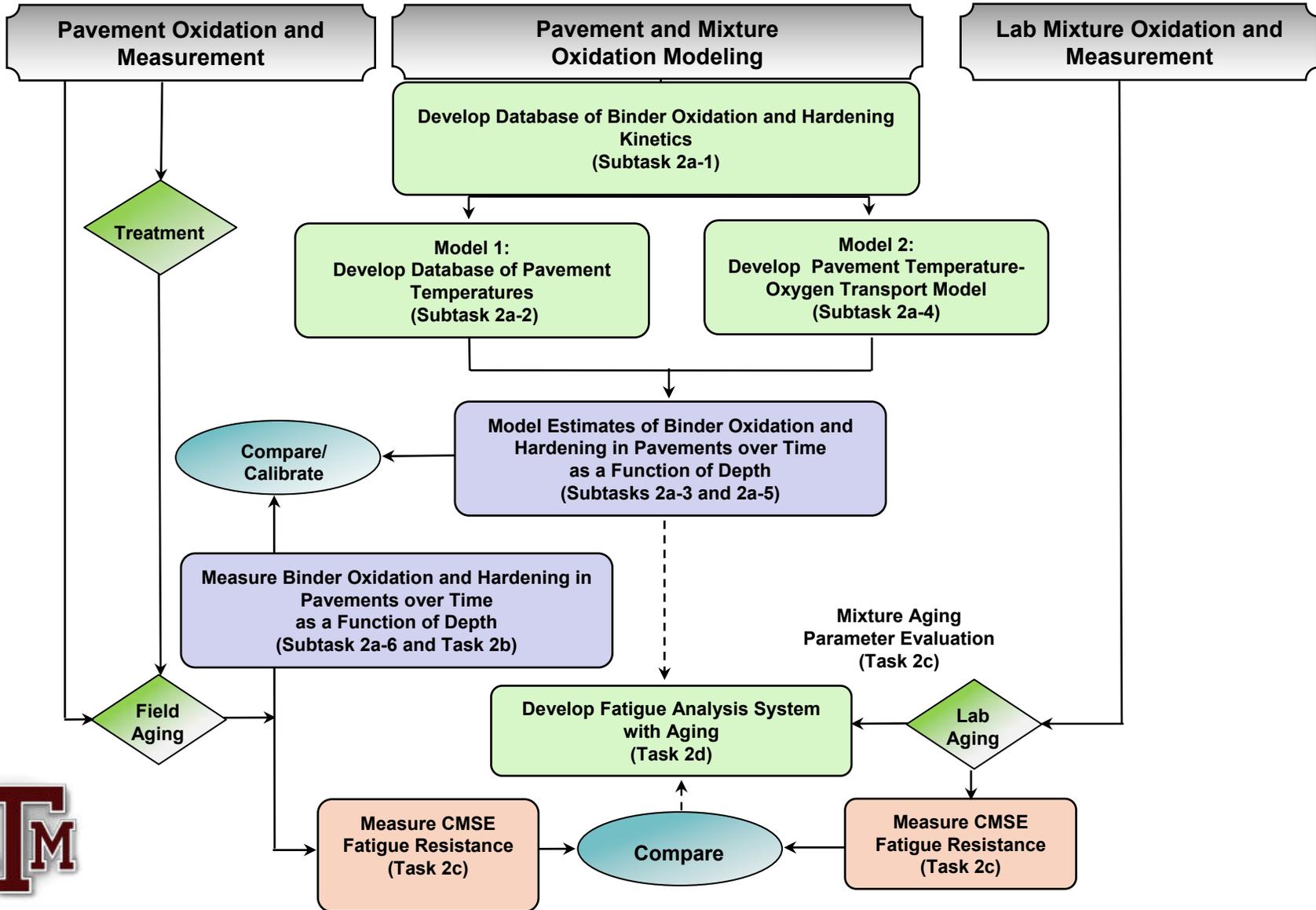
## CURRENT EFFORTS



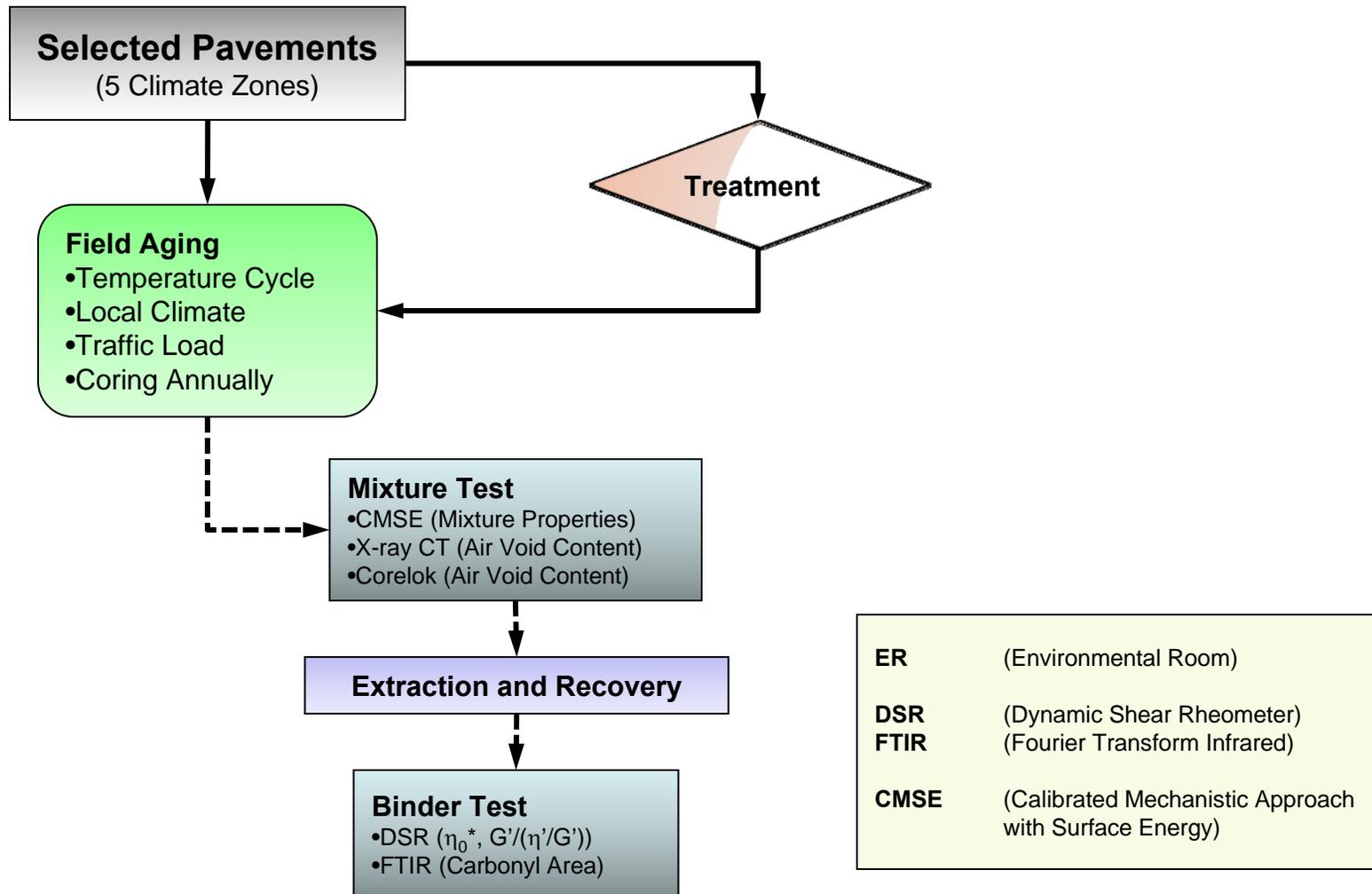
- Improved Understanding of binder oxidation and hardening rates in pavements (model)
  - Thermal/Oxygen transport model - **ARC, 0-6009**
  - Improved measurements of mixture air voids morphology: pore size, spacing, AAV - **ARC**
  - Improved understanding of air permeation through pavements - **??**
- Improved understanding of the impact of binder hardening on mixture performance (e.g. fatigue) - **0-6009** (laboratory, field data, Texas mixtures); **ARC** (modeling, laboratory, field data, non-Texas)
- Field measurements of binder oxidation in pavements and maintenance treatment effectiveness - **0-6009** (Texas)



# WORK PLAN – TxDOT 0-6009



## TxDOT 0-6009: Evaluate Maintenance Treatments to Reduce Aging





## NEEDS - NOT BEING MET



- Improved Understanding of binder oxidation and hardening rates in pavements (model)
  - Improved understanding of air permeation through pavements - Pavement breathing? Permeation from below? Flow out the edges?
  - Do treatments restrict access to oxygen? Compete with moisture drainage?
- Field measurements: binder oxidation; maintenance treatment effectiveness - **more data are needed in many climates to give better confidence in models**





## **SUGGESTED EMPHASIS OF PFS**



- **Additional measurements of field aging and maintenance treatment effectiveness - flow into and through pavements; ability to retard oxidation and/or rejuvenate binders**
  - **Hot-applied treatments**
  - **Emulsion Treatments**
- **A better understanding of fundamentals will allow determining optimal timing - link to fundamentals of binder oxidation in 0-6009 and ARC**





...Discussion...



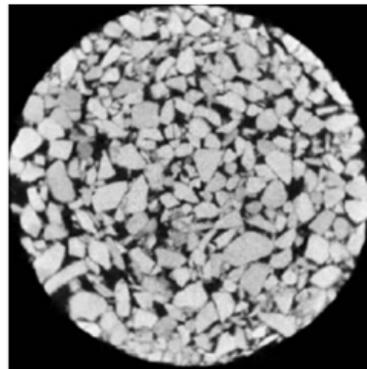


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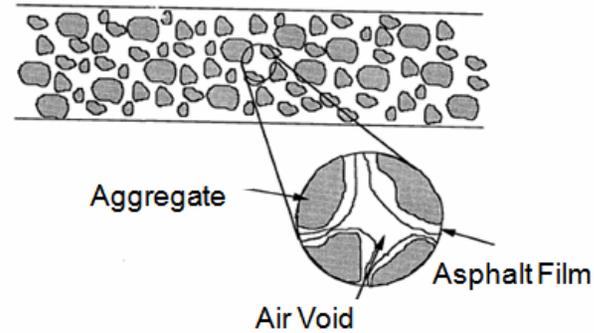


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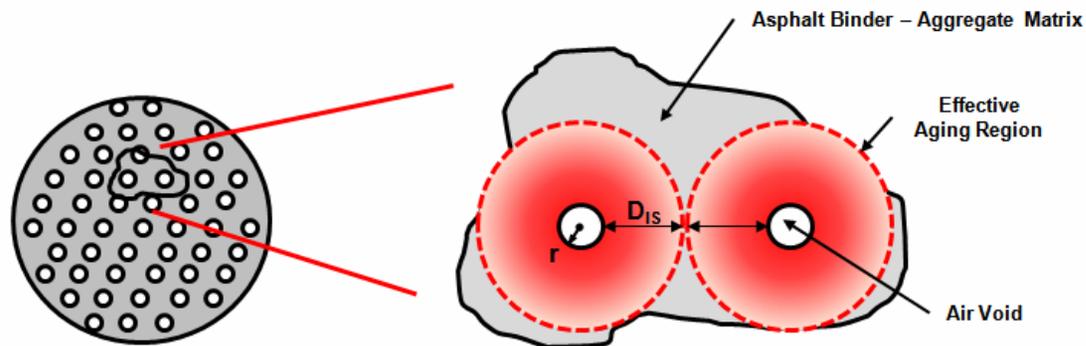
## Model Development Approach



X-ray CT Image



Schematic – Pavement Layer



“Two Adjacent Pores”

$r$  = Air Void Pore Radius  
 $D_{IS}$  = Distance to Impermeable Surface

Modeling Concept



# Equation for Oxidation Model



$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = \left( \frac{\partial D_{O_2}}{\partial P} \right) \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial r} \right)^2 + D_{O_2} \left[ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial P}{\partial r} \right) \right] - \left( \frac{cRT}{h} \right) r_{CA}$$

$$\frac{dCA}{dt} = r_{CA} = AP^\alpha e^{-E/RT}$$

Where	$P$	=	Oxygen partial pressure in asphalt binder film
	$\alpha$	=	Order of reaction
	$E$	=	Activation energy
	$D_{O_2}$	=	Oxygen diffusivity in asphalt film
	$c$	=	Experimental constant
	$R$	=	Gas Constant
	$T$	=	Absolute temperature of asphalt film
	$h$	=	Henry's law constant

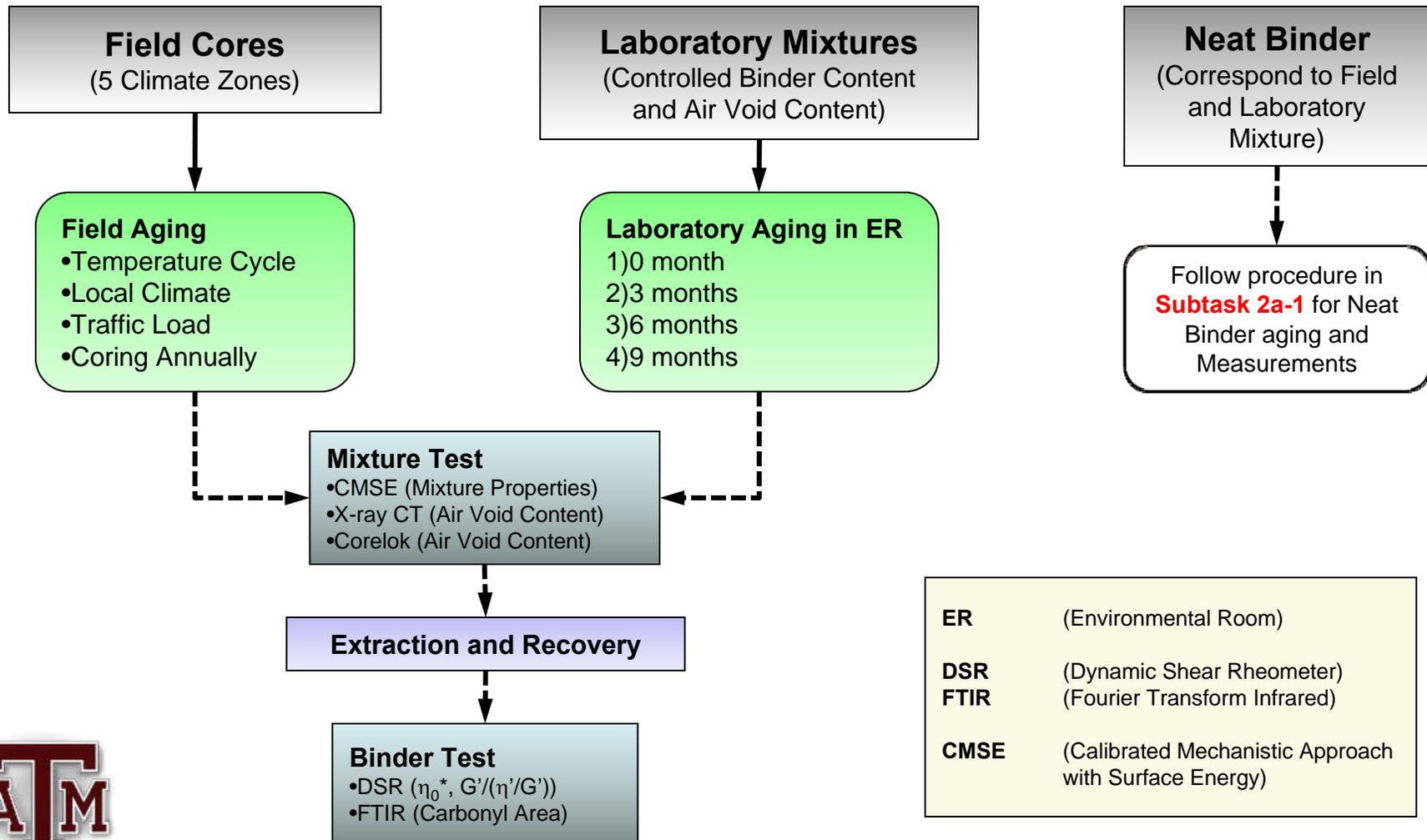




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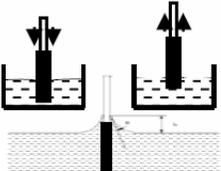
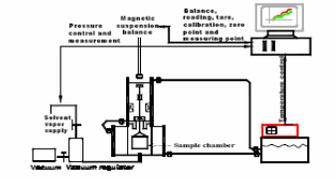
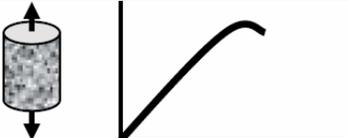
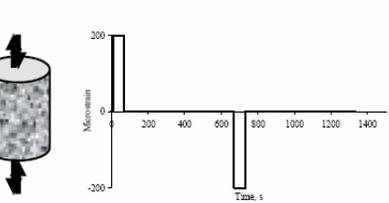


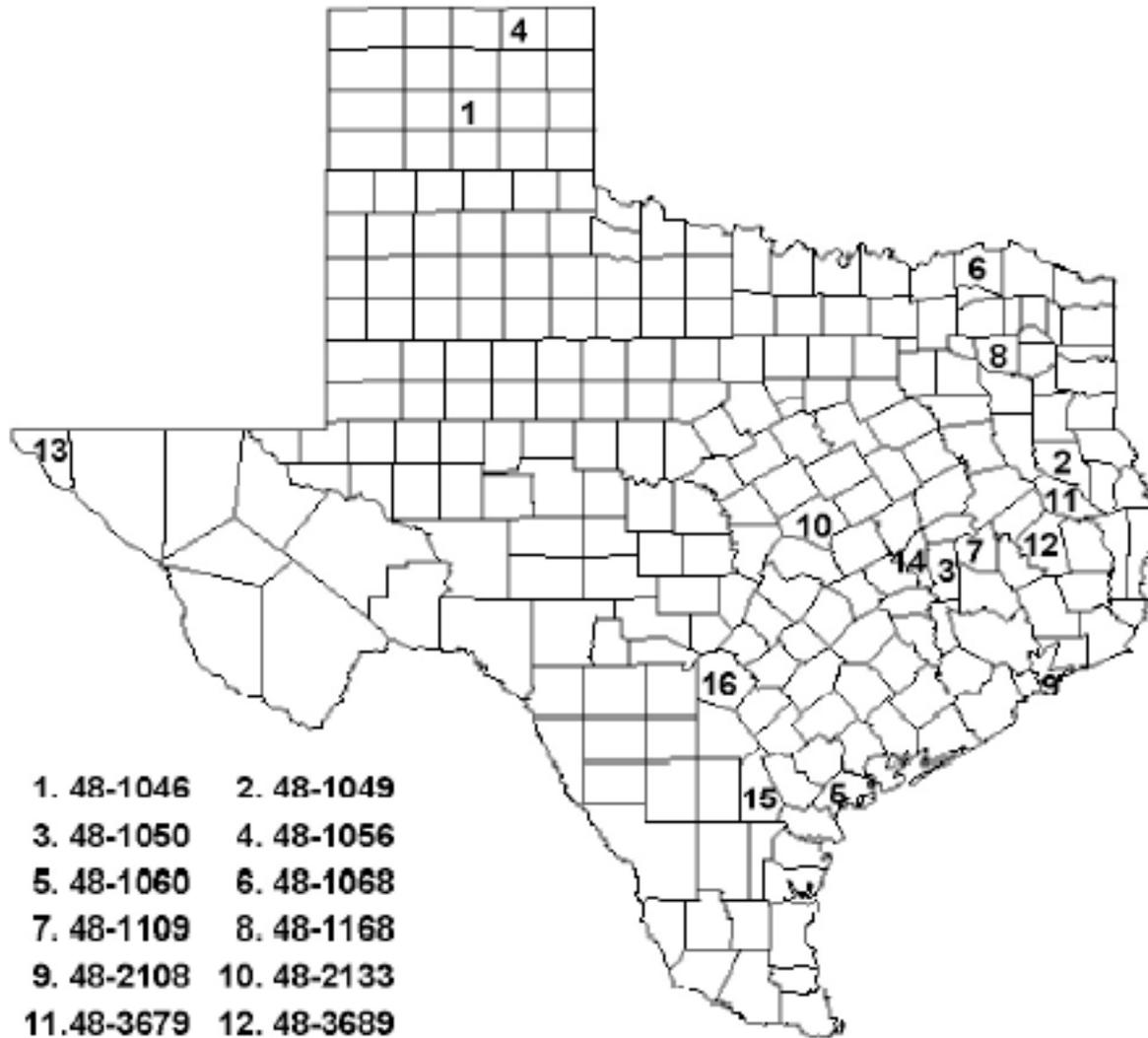
Measure Field & Lab Binder Aging Rates to Calibrate the Transport Model



ER	(Environmental Room)
DSR	(Dynamic Shear Rheometer)
FTIR	(Fourier Transform Infrared)
CMSE	(Calibrated Mechanistic Approach with Surface Energy)



Test	Loading Configuration, Test Parameters, and Output Data
Wilhelmy Plate-CMSE	 <p>Automatic immersion and withdrawal of binder-coated glass plates into/from liquid solvents up to approx. 5 mm (0.2 in) depth @ 20±2 °C (68±4 °F). Test time: ≅45 minutes. Measurable &amp; output data are dynamic contact angle (<math>\theta</math>) and surface energy (SE) components for the binder (<math>\Gamma_{i-binder}</math>)</p>
Universal Sorption Device-CMSE	 <p>Clean oven dried 50 g (0.1 lb) aggregate of fraction size (4.75 mm (No. 4) &lt; aggregate size &lt; 2.63 mm (No. 8)). Measurable parameters are vapor pressure &amp; adsorbed gas mass of liquid solvents @ 25±2 °C (77±4 °F). Test time: 60 to 70 hrs. Output data is SE components for the aggregates (<math>\Gamma_{j-aggregate}</math>).</p>
Tensile Strength (TS)- CMSE	 <p>Tensile loading until break @ 0.05 mm/min (0.002 in/min) @ 20 °C (68 °F). Test time: ≅5 minutes. Output data are HMA mixture tensile strength (<math>\sigma_T</math>) and failure strain (<math>\epsilon_f</math>).</p>
Uniaxial Relaxation Modulus (RM)- CMSE	 <p>Trapezoidal shaped strain-controlled @ 200 microstrain (tension &amp; compression), 60 s loading &amp; 600 s rest period @ 10 °C (50 °F), 20 °C (68 °F), and 30 °C (86 °F). Test time: ≅ 25 minutes. Output data are HMA mixture elastic relaxation modulus (<math>E_i</math>), stress relaxation rate (<math>m</math>), and temperature correction factors (<math>a_T</math>).</p>
Uniaxial Repeated Direct-Tension (RDT)- CMSE	 <p>Haversine strain-controlled @ 1 Hz, 30 °C (86 °F), &amp; 350 microstrain level for 1,000 load cycles. Test time: ≅20 minutes. Output data are dissipated pseudo strain energy and rate of fracture damage accumulation (<math>b</math>).</p>



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| 3. 48-1050  | 4. 48-1056  |
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# BACKUP SLIDE 2



## Improvement over EICM and recent advanced models

Improvements Over EICM and existing Models	
	Our Model
Surface B.C	$\rho C \frac{\Delta x}{2} \frac{\partial T_s}{\partial t} = (1 - \alpha) q_s + \epsilon_a \sigma T_a^4 - \epsilon \sigma T_s^4 - h_c (T_s - T_a) + k \frac{\partial T_s}{\partial x}$ <p> <math>q_s</math> [shortwave solar radiation]  <math>\epsilon_a \sigma T_a^4</math> [incoming longwave radiation]  <math>\epsilon \sigma T_s^4</math> [outgoing longwave radiation]  <math>h_c (T_a - T_s)</math> [convection heat loss]         </p>
Heat conduction inside pavement	$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{k}{\rho C} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}$
Bottom B.C	Depth independent heat flux **
Input data	
Ta	Interpolated hourly air temperature with max. and min. temperature recorded **
Qs	Hourly solar radiation predicted using SUNY** or METSTAT model (available at NSRDB)
Wind speed	Hourly wind speed
Model Parameters	Optimized model parameters (Based on temp. measured in the middle depth of Pav.) **

\* Improvement over EICM \* over recent advanced models

