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*Utjecaj modificiranja veziva na  
ponasanje asfalta*

*What binder modification can do to  
impact the performance of a road*

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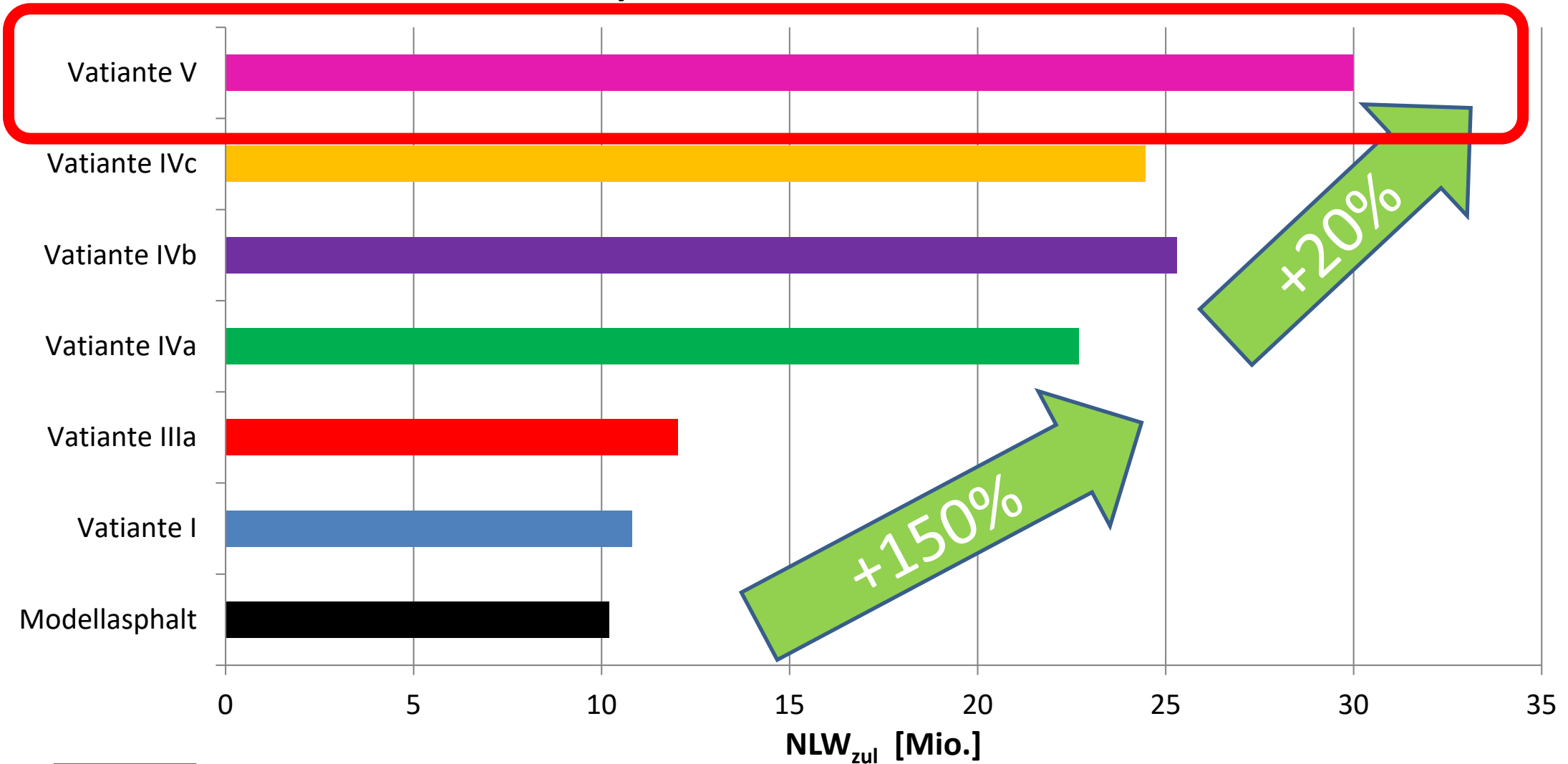
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# Recap 2017

## Pavement Design results

Allowed load cycles for load class 10 until it fails



# Recap 2017 – Life Cycle Costs Analysis – LCCA

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### Construction type AS1-LC10

Time frame of 50 years were taken into consideration

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variant III a/b	surface and binder layer with PmB	15/40	9,0 / 6,6	20/45	24/50	100
variant IV a	only PmB	15/30/34	9,0	20	39	71,8
variant IV b/c		15/30/34/39	9,0	20	44	86,4

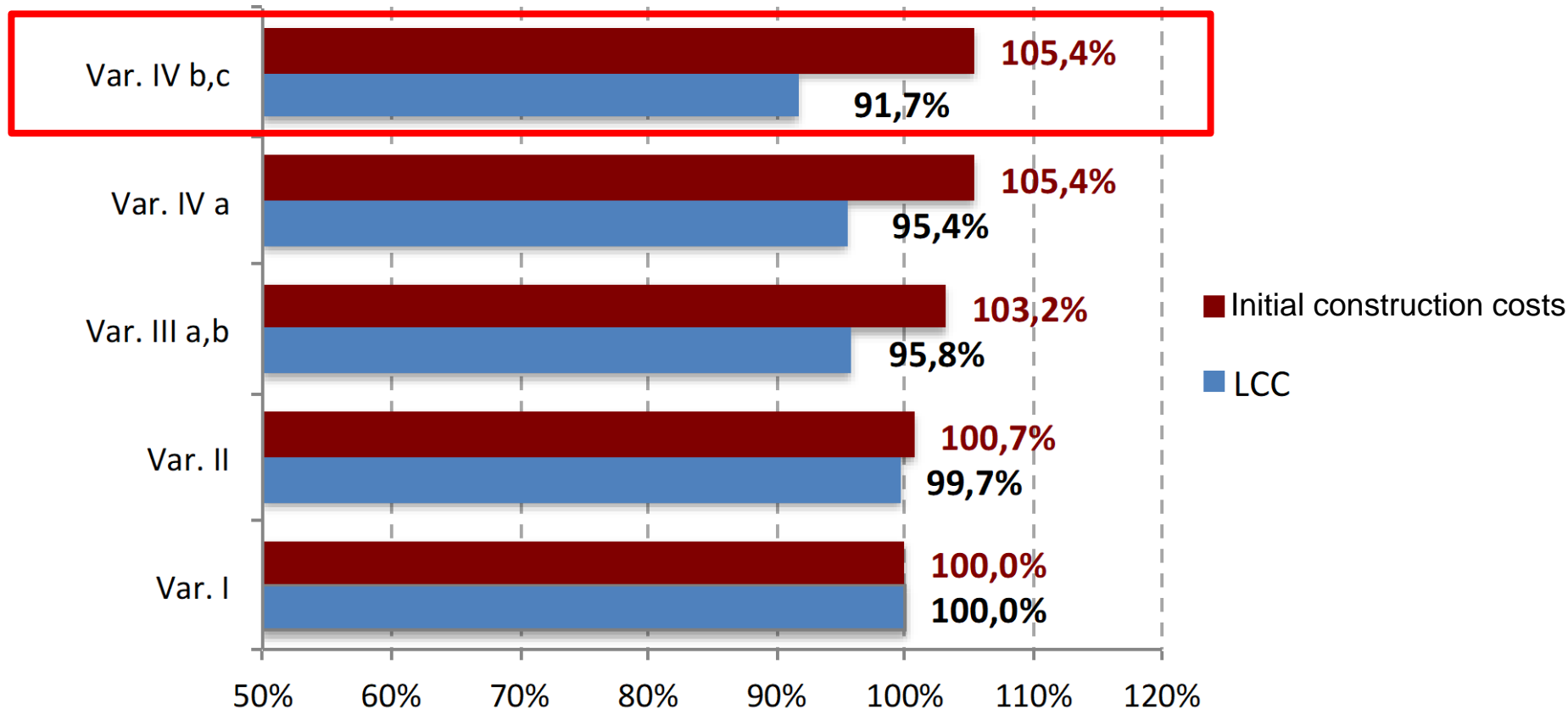


# Recap 2017 – Life Cycle Costs Analysis – LCCA

## Construction costs vs. Life Cycle Costs

### Construction type AS1-LC10

Time frame of 50 years were taken into consideration



Average prices (price base 2015, construction site bigger than 5.000 m<sup>2</sup>), interest rate  $i = 3\%$



# Basic principle 1

## Everything starts with a proper foundation!

Gestrata Bauseminar Jan. 2014 –

Leibniz „Geotechnics of unbound and bound base courses”

### Geotechnik ungebundener und gebundener Tragschichten

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# Pavement – Pavement Design (1)

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⇒ Conditions to which a pavement is subjected to

- ▶ **traffic load (various truck types),**
- ▶ **climatic conditions and**
- ▶ **condition of the unbound layers / subbase**

should not negatively impact

- ▶ **the stability of a pavement and**
- ▶ **the serviceability of a road due to cracks or big deformations.**



# Pavement – Pavement Design (2)

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⇒ An **underestimation** of the expected **traffic loads** or an **overestimation** of the **bearing capacity** of the sub base during the service time leads to a **wrong pavement design** and this causes **short life time, cracks and permanent deformation**

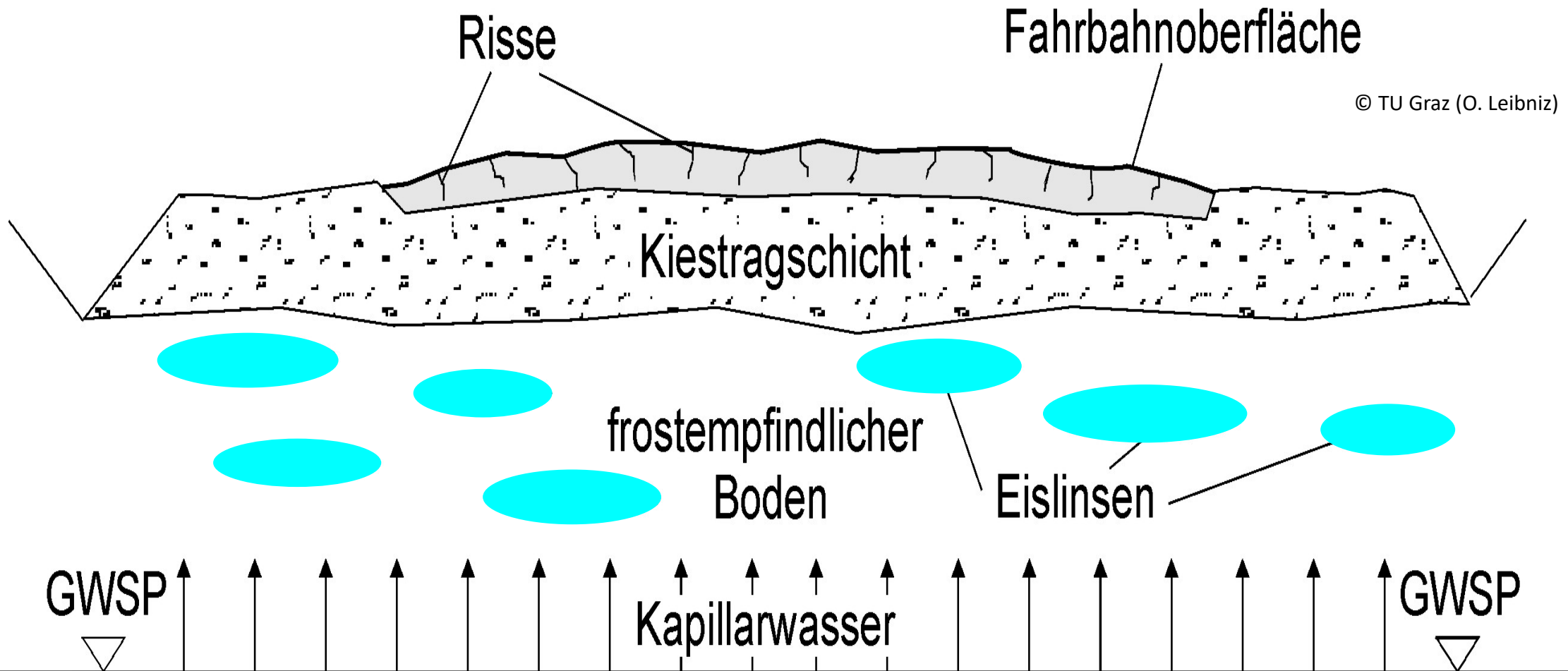


⇒ **Poor quality of the base layer** has a lower ability to distribute the traffic load which leads to a higher stress of the sub base which causes damages.



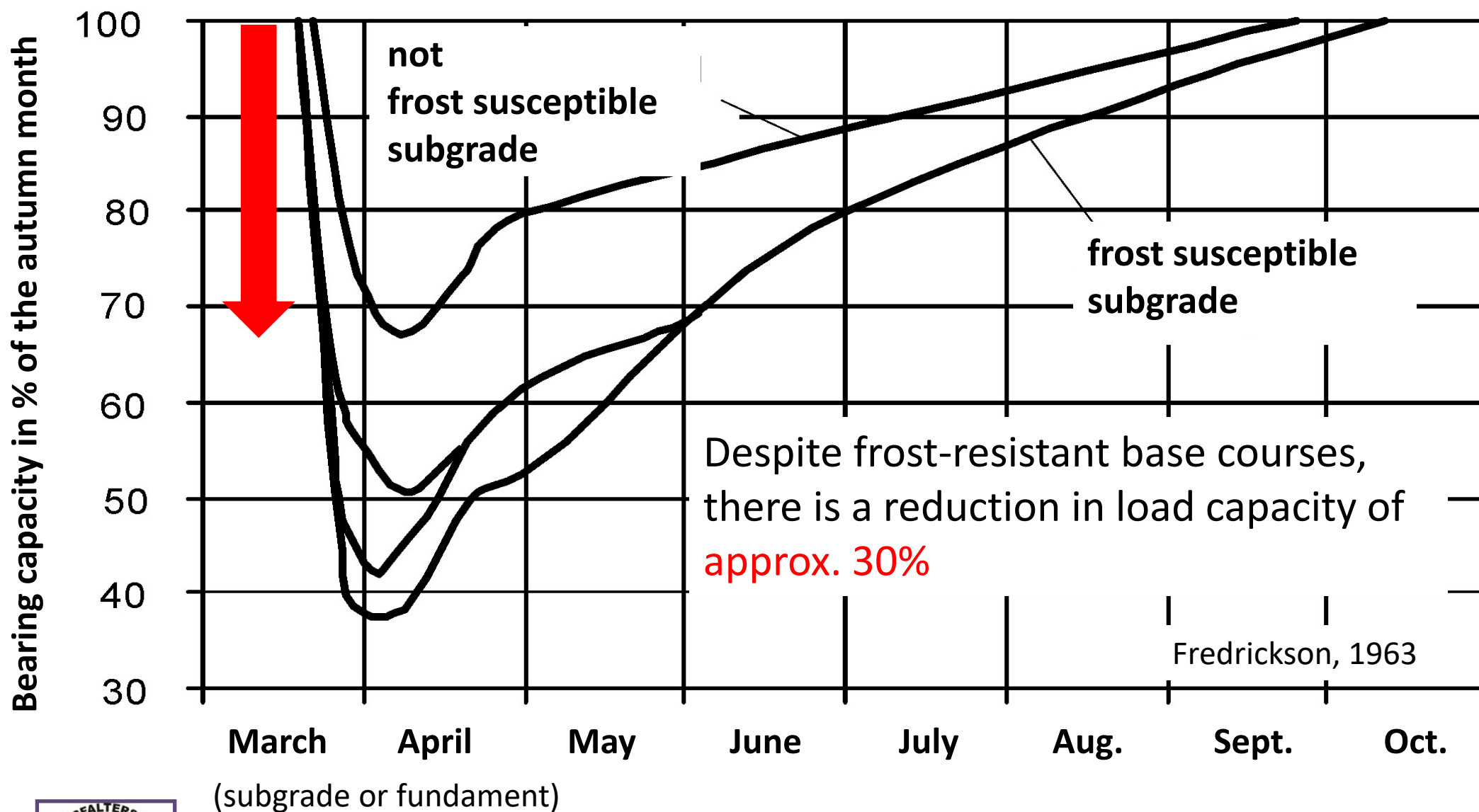


# Wrong designed base layers and a sub base or foundation with a high liability to frost



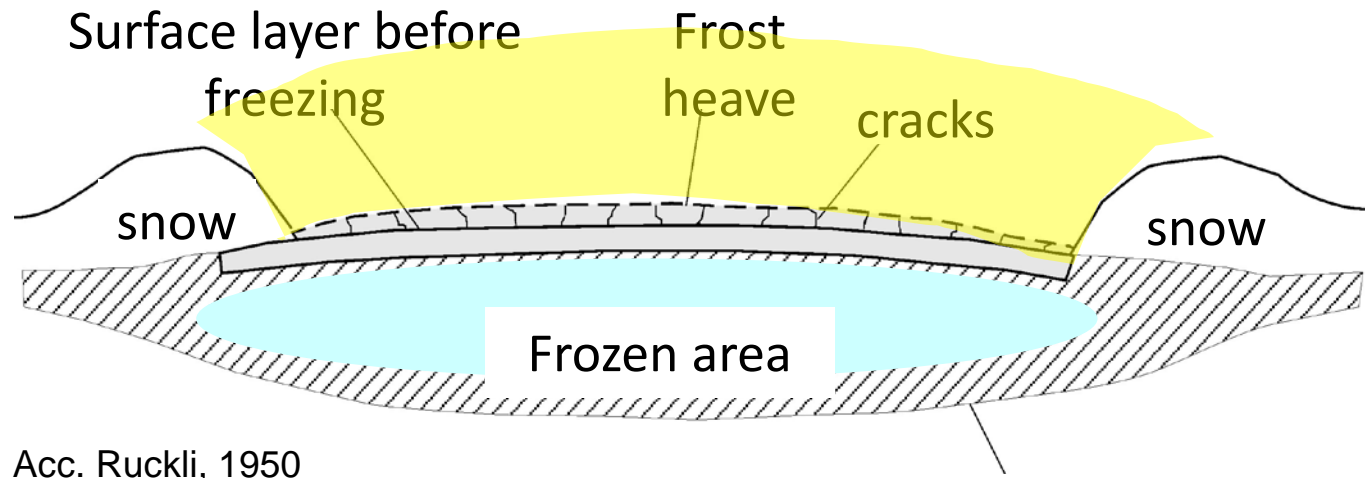
⇒ Avoiding capillary water in the sub base and proper design (layer thickness) of the unbound and bound layer is crucial (load is reducing the risk of frost heave)!

# Seasonal dependence of bearing capacity

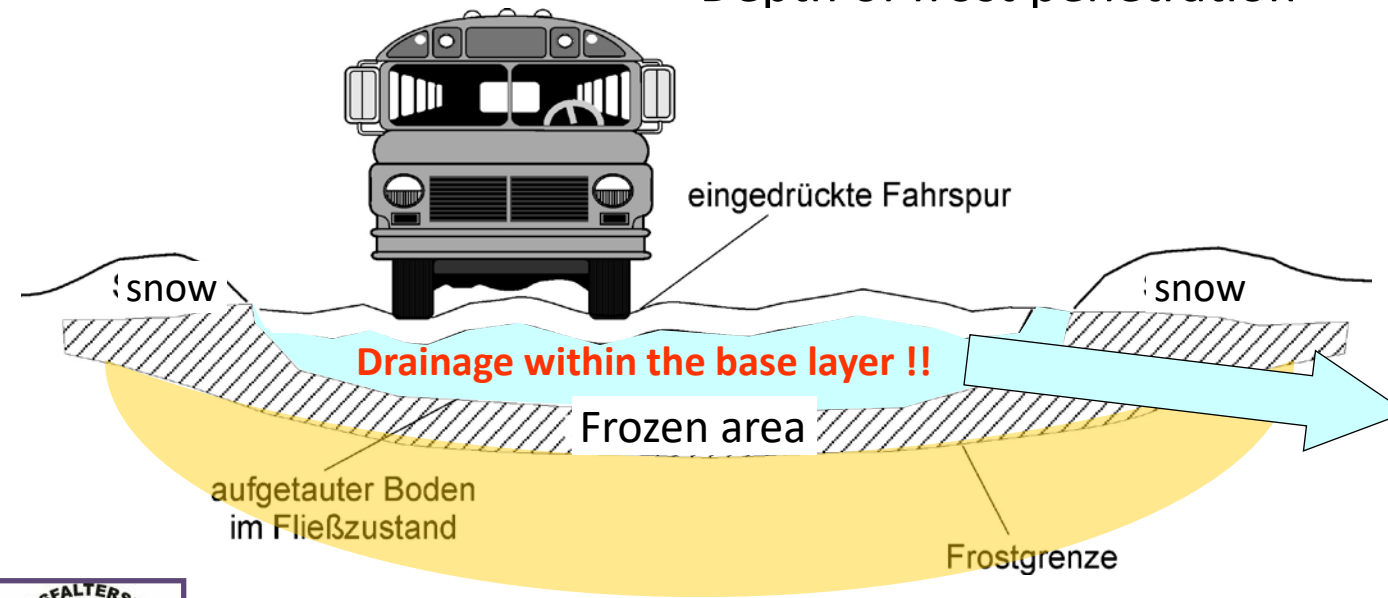


# Frost and or Thaw damages – due to water accumulation or limited ability for drainage

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Depth of frost penetration



# Basic principle 2

## Everything starts with a proper composite!

Gestrata Bauseminar Jan. 2018 –  
Dealing with connection between two layers

**Eine ewige Verbindung?**  
**Zum Schichtverbund im Asphaltstraßenbau**



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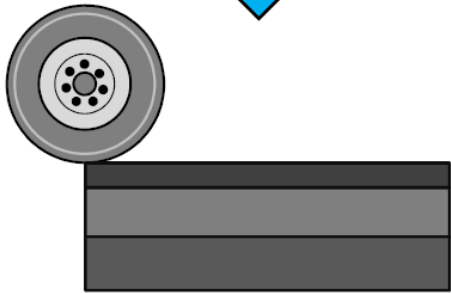
# Basic principle 2

## Proper layer composite

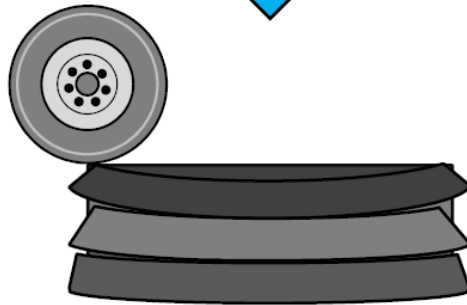
Welche Einwirkungen gibt es?

Vertikale Kräfte – Fließender Verkehr

Mit Verbund



Ohne Verbund



→ Schichtverbund sehr wesentlich für den Widerstand gegen Einwirkungen

Einfluss von ungenügendem Schichtverbund auf die Dimensionierung?

**Beispiel:**

Autobahn

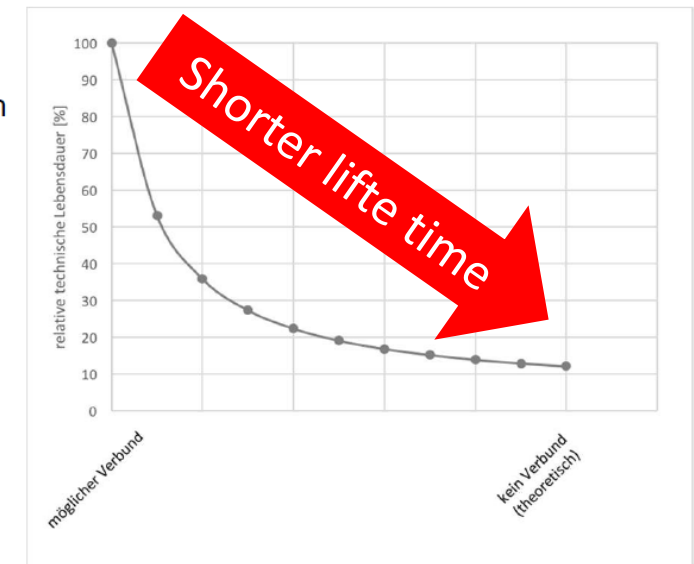
JDTLV = 2000 Kfz/24h

Aufbau:

LK25

Bautype AS1

(25 cm Asphalt)



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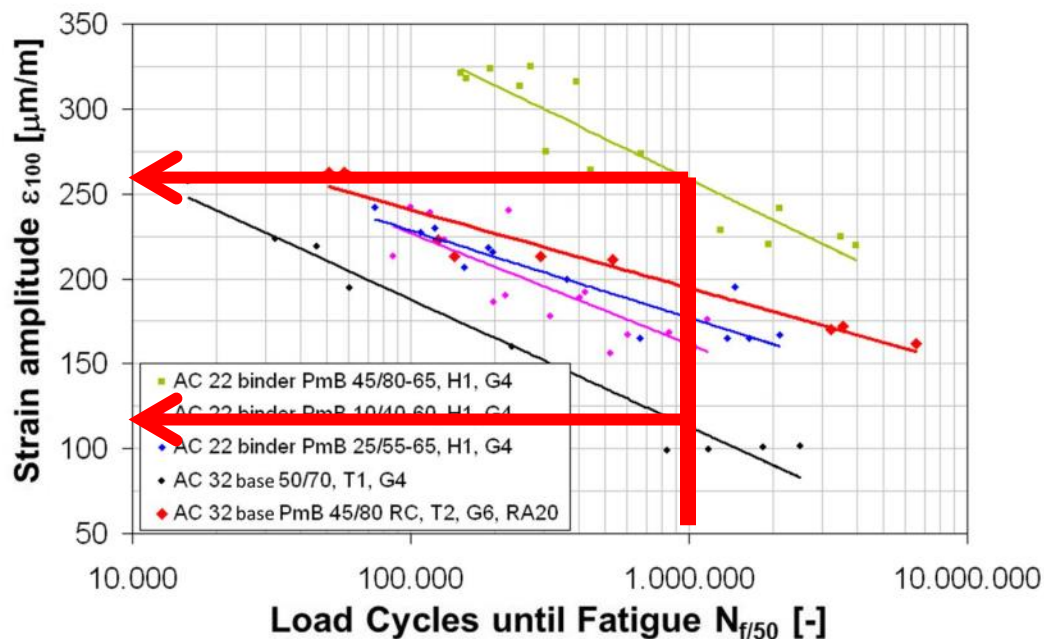
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# Durability of a road – Modification grade of bituminous binder

## Wöhler curves

Test results of AC 22 & AC 32  
with various bitumen types, with & without RA



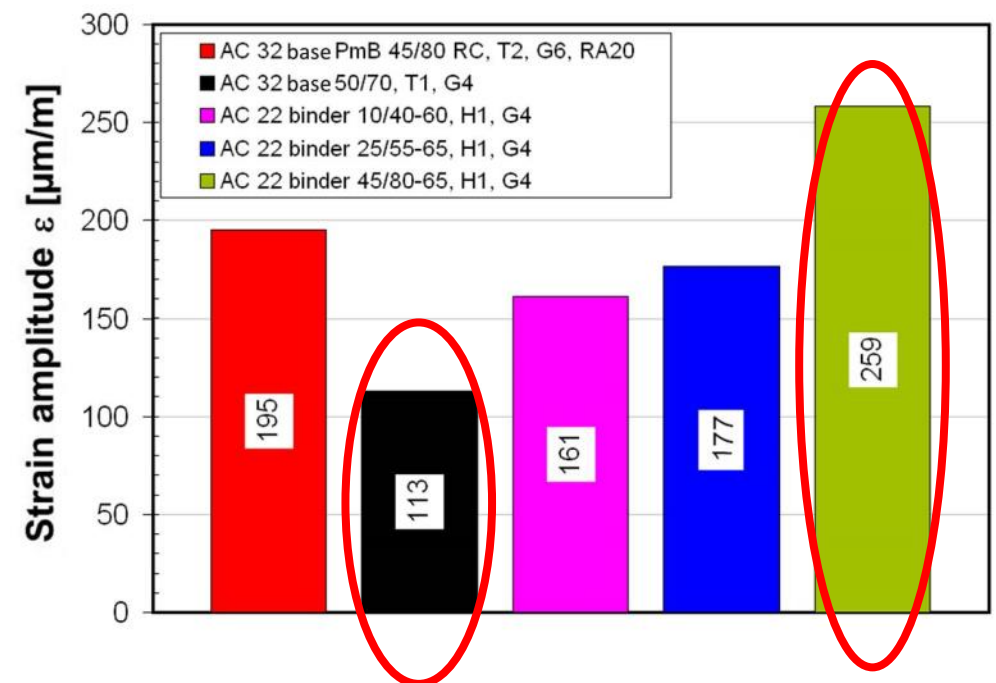
Fatigue life/Durability influence by

- ▶ Stiffness value
- ▶  $\epsilon_6$ - Value
- ▶ Modification grade of PmB (flexibility)



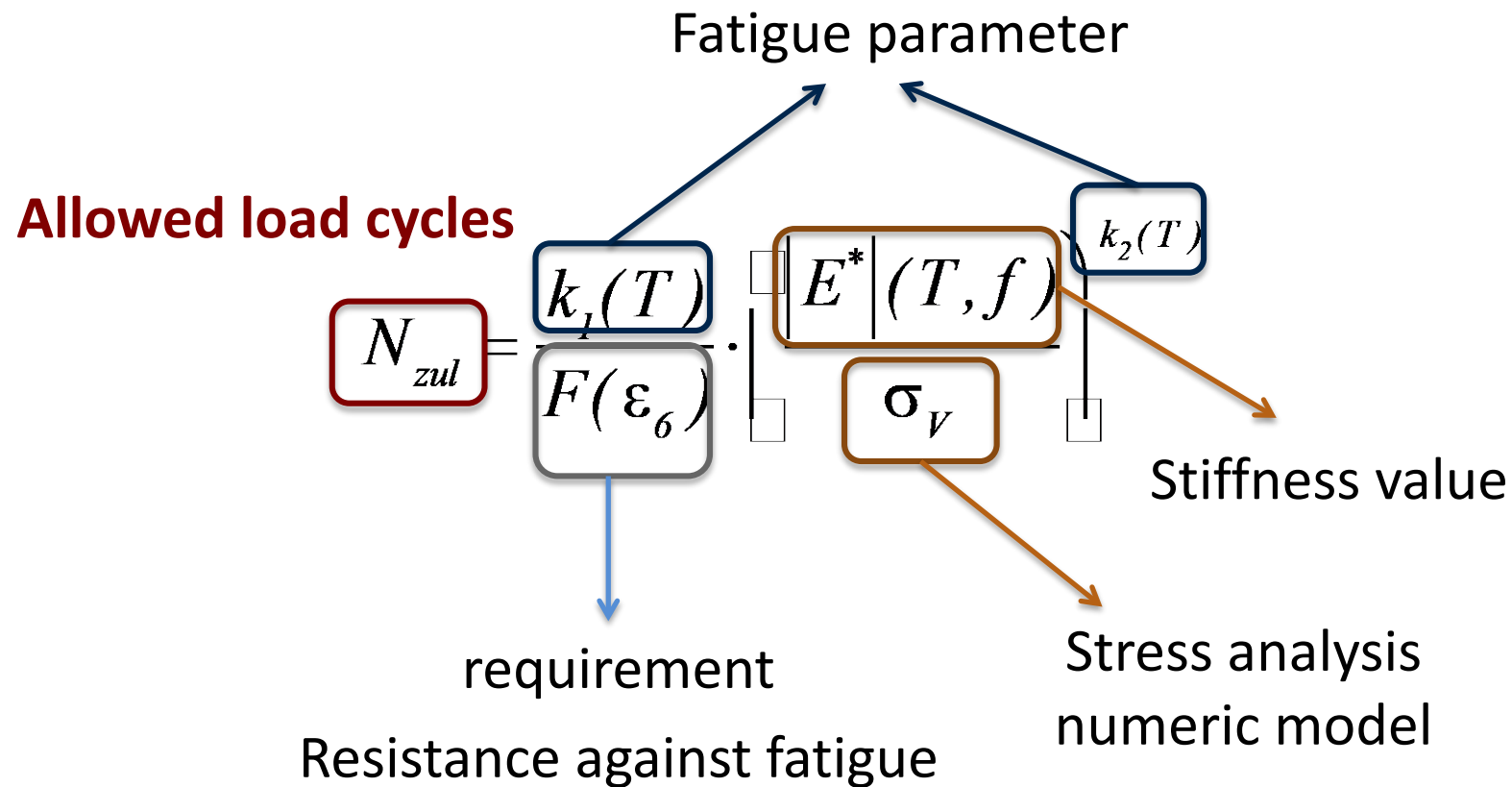
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# Recap of 2016 – Numeric Model

## Fatigue criteria



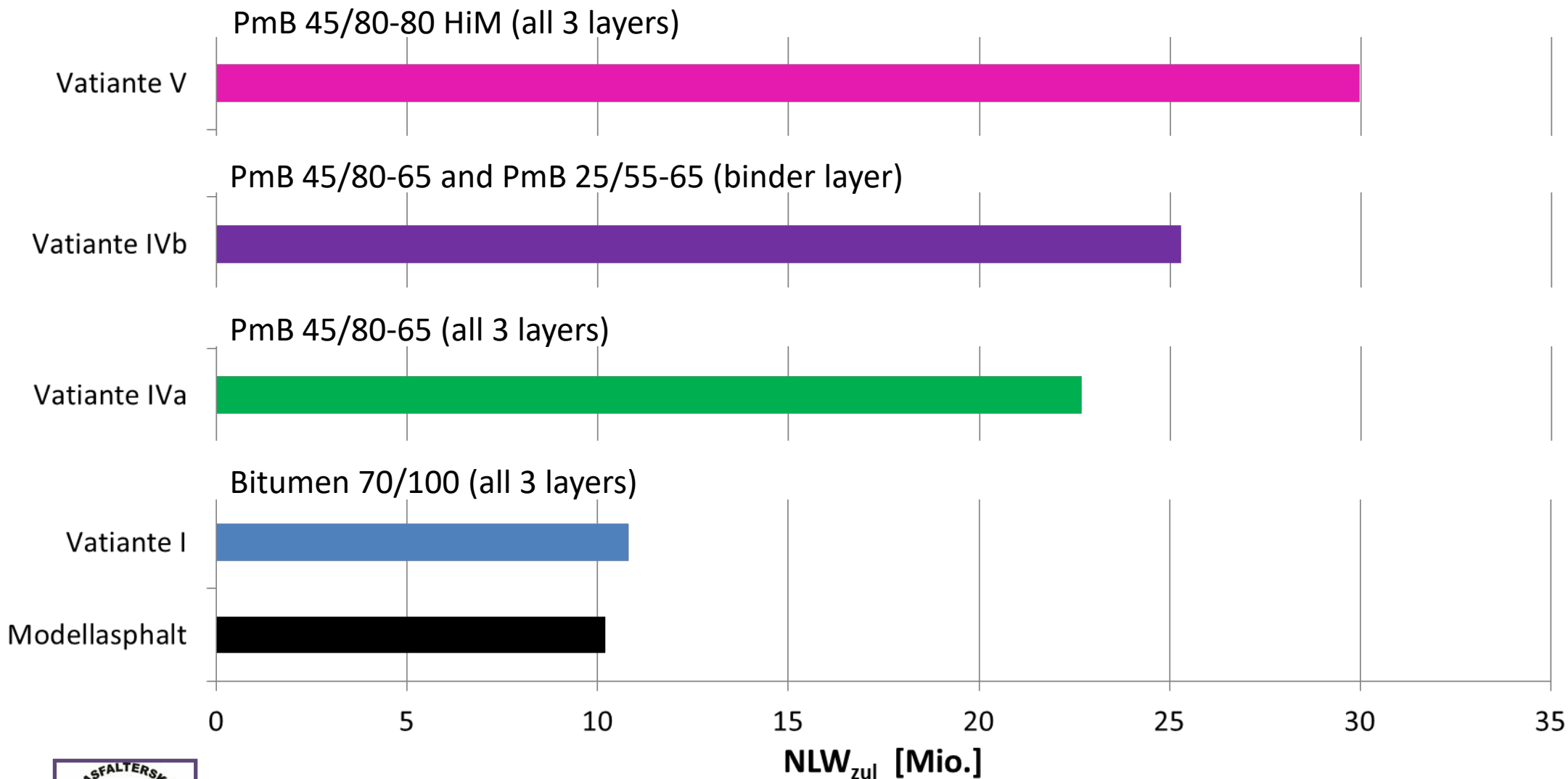
Calculation of the allowed load cycles until the pavement failure



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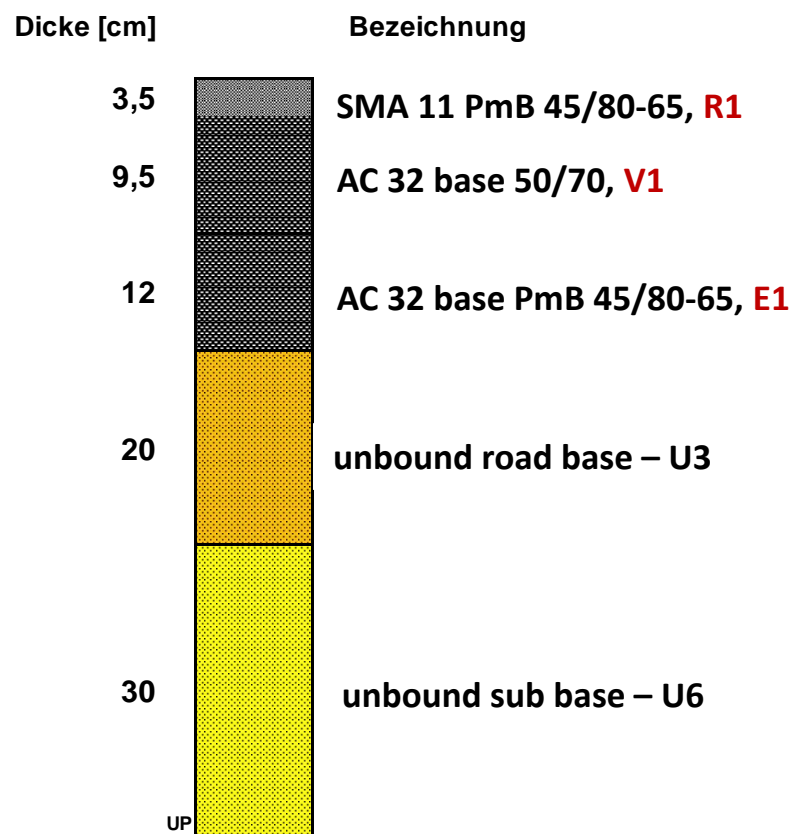
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# Possible consequence – reduction of layer thickness (1)

## Layer thickness load class 25



Design approach	Allowed load cycles	Theoretical life time *)
Model asphalt RVS 03.08.63	25,0 Mio.	20 years
PR Test <b>category E1</b>	56,1 Mio	<b>+120%</b> 43,9 years

\*) growth rate 3% (acc. RVS 08.03.21 for A&S)

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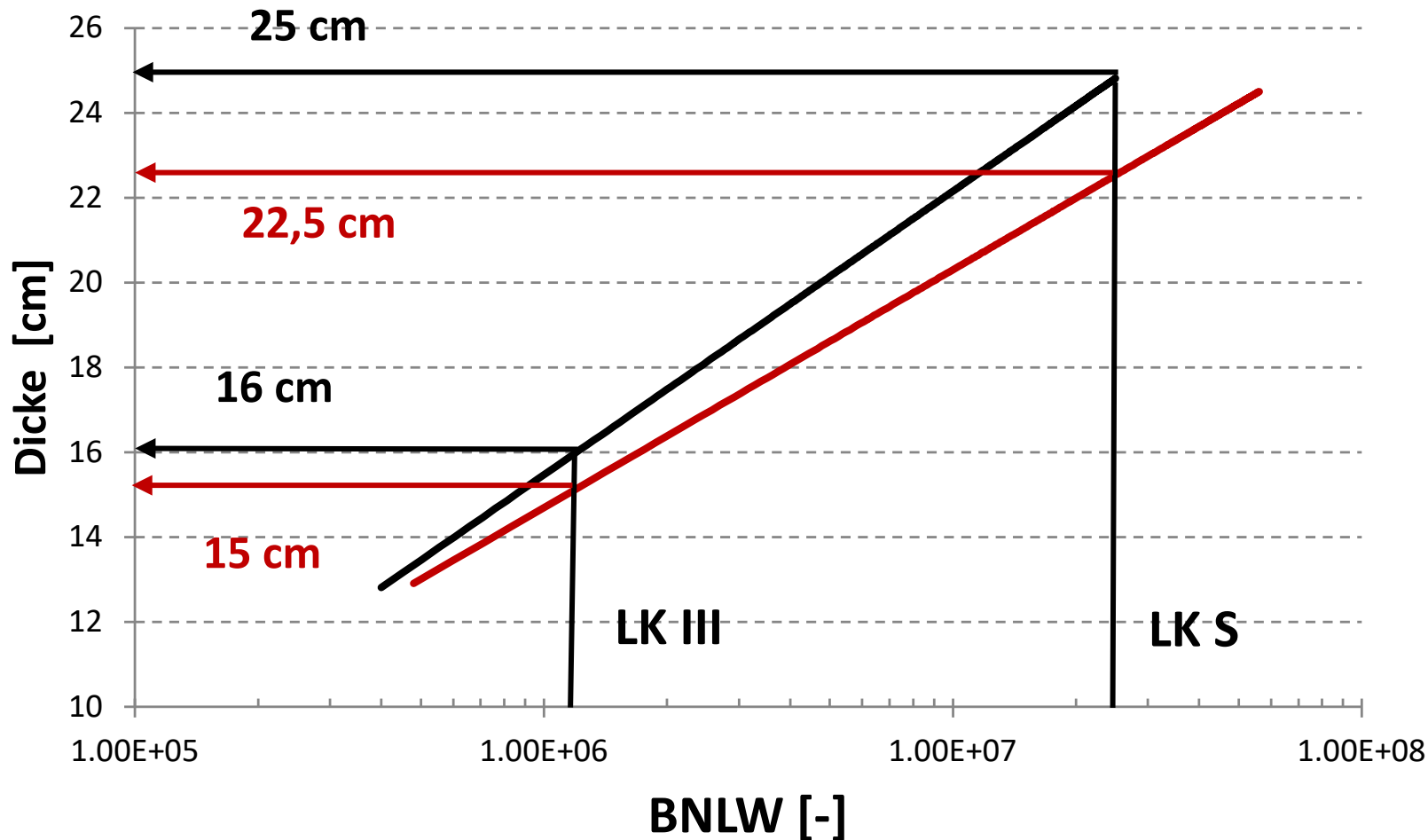


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# Possible consequence – reduction of layer thickness (2)



**But proper**

- ▶ subbase
- ▶ Unbounded layer
- ▶ Layer bonding

**is a must!**

**Otherwise**

- ▶ failure occurs
- ▶ Shorter life time
- ▶ Higher costs

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# Avoiding of rutting and top down cracks

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Are not taken into consideration in the numeric road design model

- ▶ **Performance related test methods for bituminous binder or asphalt mix**
  - ▶ DSR or BBR testing
  - ▶ Triaxial, wheel tracking test or TSRST
- ▶ **Considered in LCCA partly (crack maintenance, reconstruction surface layer)**

# PgB / PmB – crack maintenance & durability

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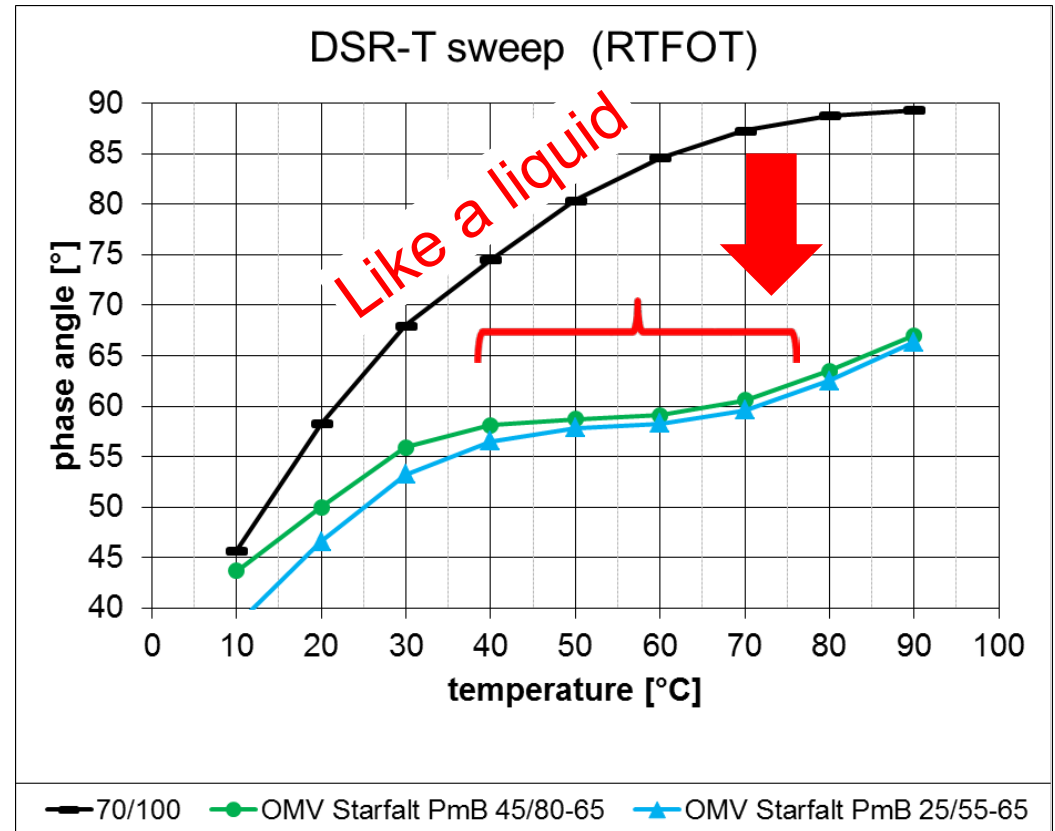
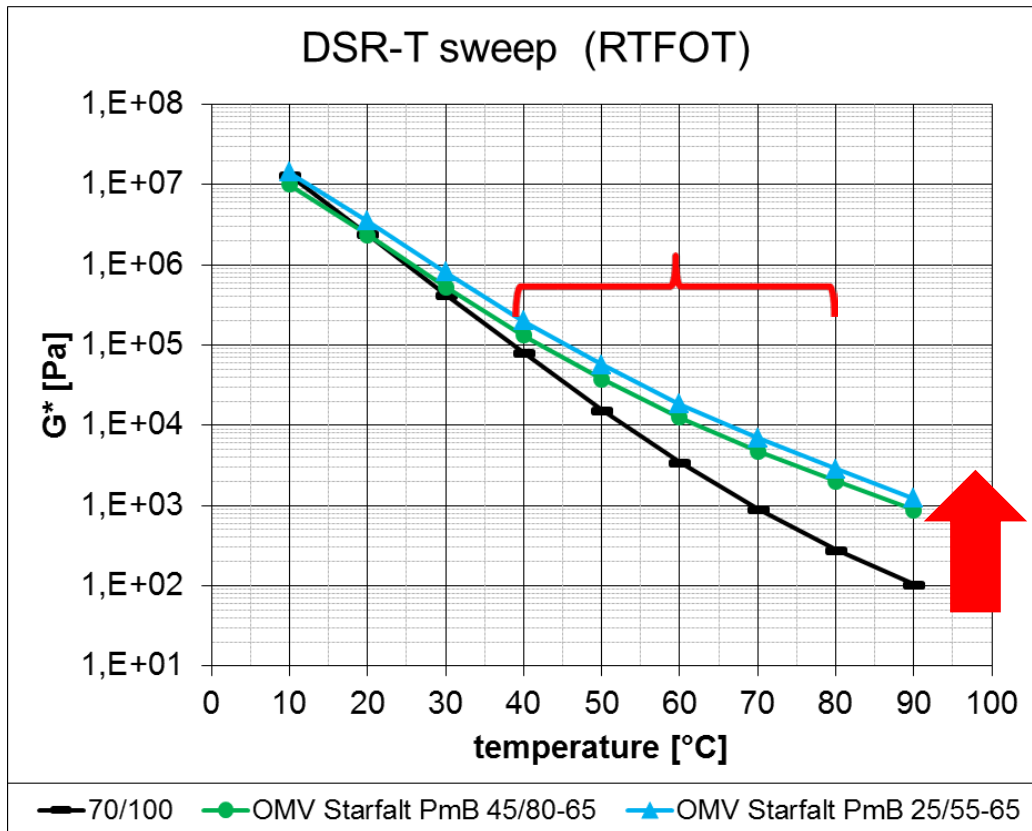
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# Permanent Deformation Performance related binder tests



## Better performance

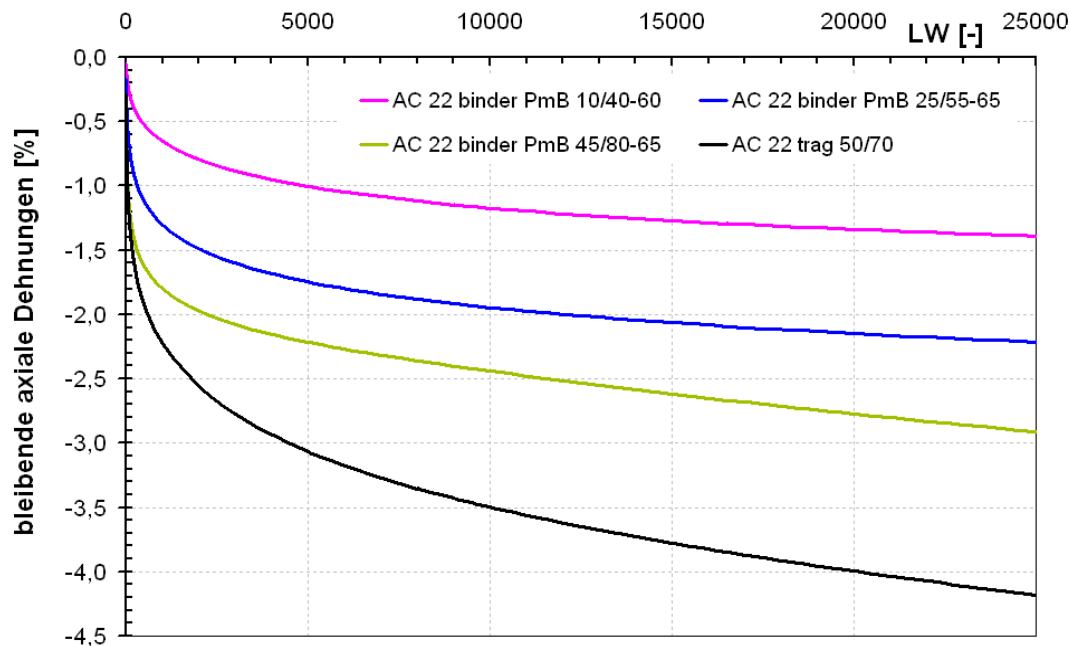
- ▶ High complex modulus  $G^*$  at higher temperatures ( $>40^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
- ▶ Much lower phase angle -> elastic component



# Permanent Deformation Performance related asphalt mixture tests

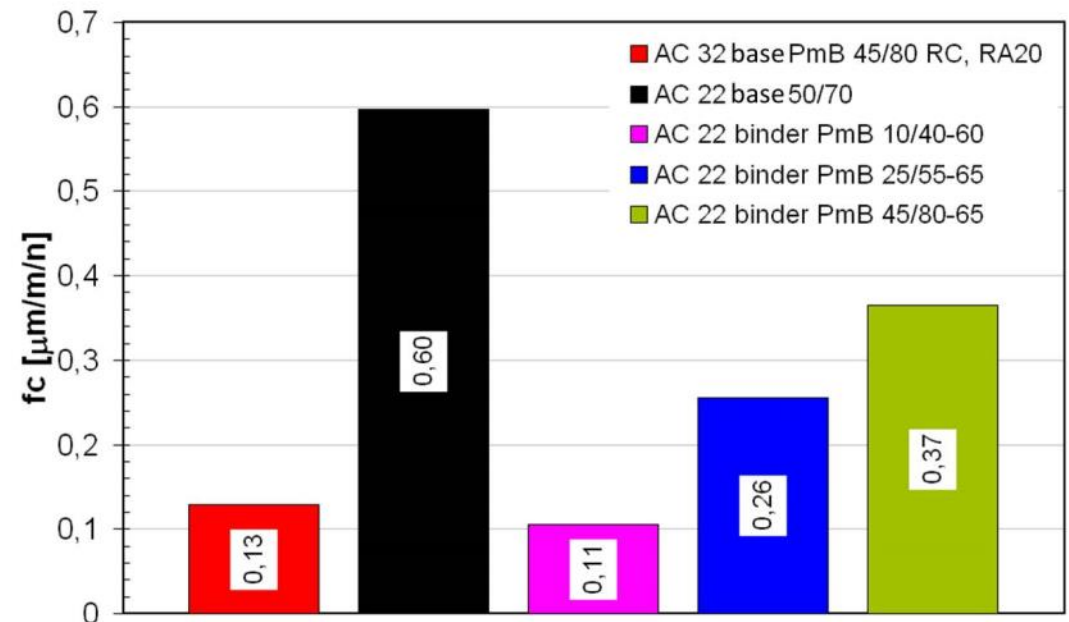
## Permanent deformation (triaxial test)

Comparison of AC 22  
with various bitumen types without RA



## Creep parameter $f_c$

Comparison of AC 22 & AC 32  
with various bitumen types with & without RA



Better performance

- ▶ Lower creep parameter  $f_c$  with PmB
- ▶ Much lower permanent deformation

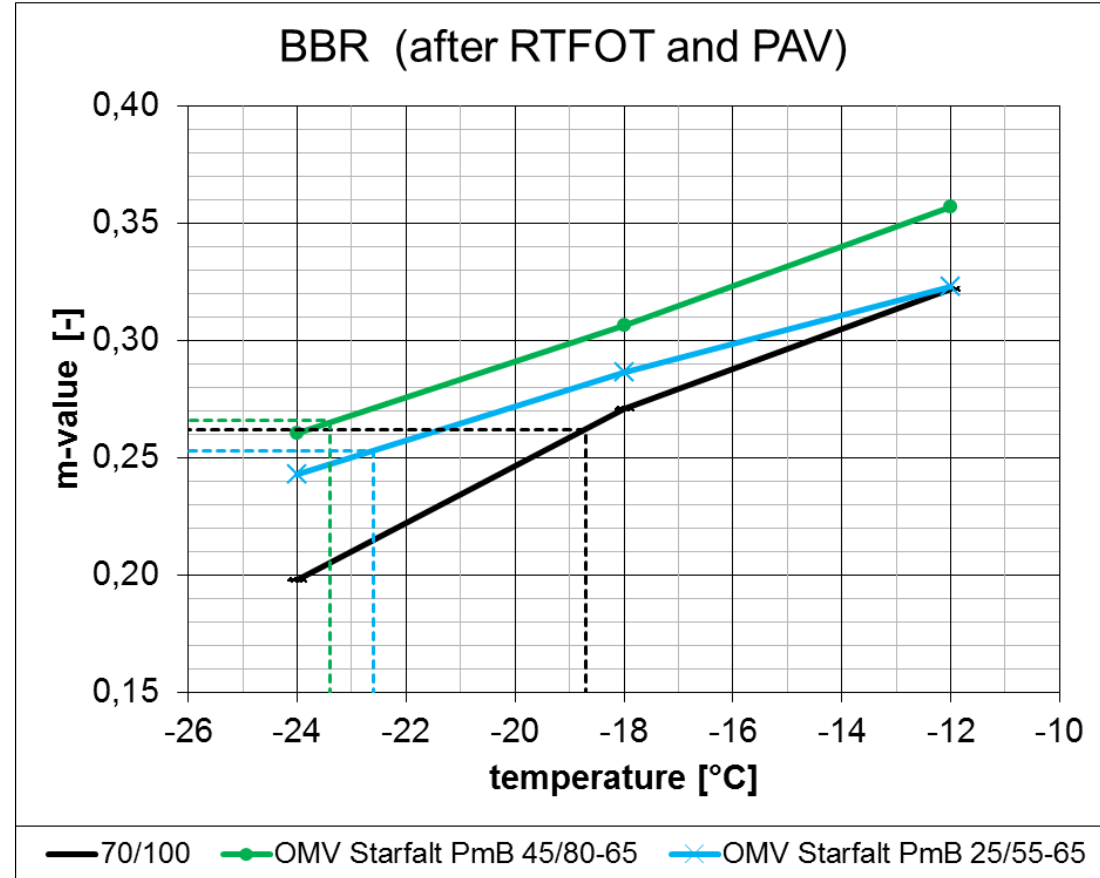
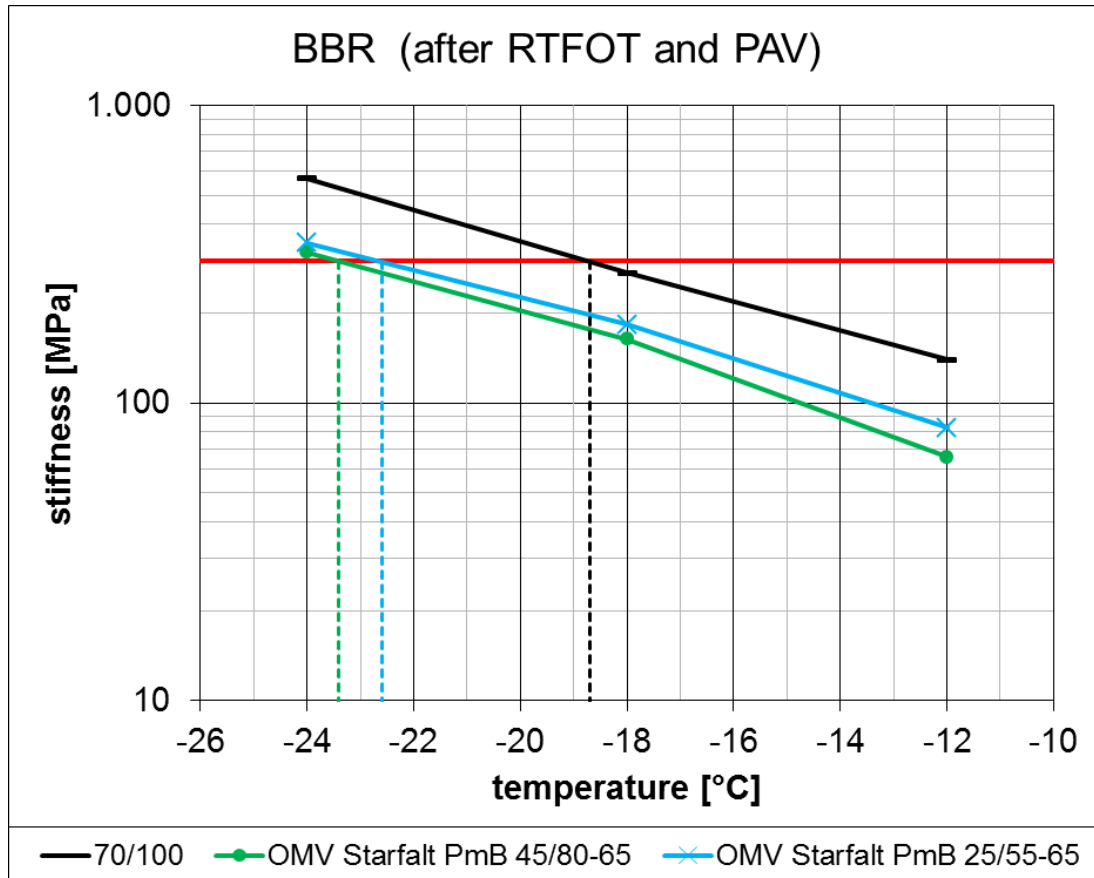
but it shouldn't be too stiff / brittle (ageing & low temperature cracking)





# Top down cracking

## Performance related binder tests



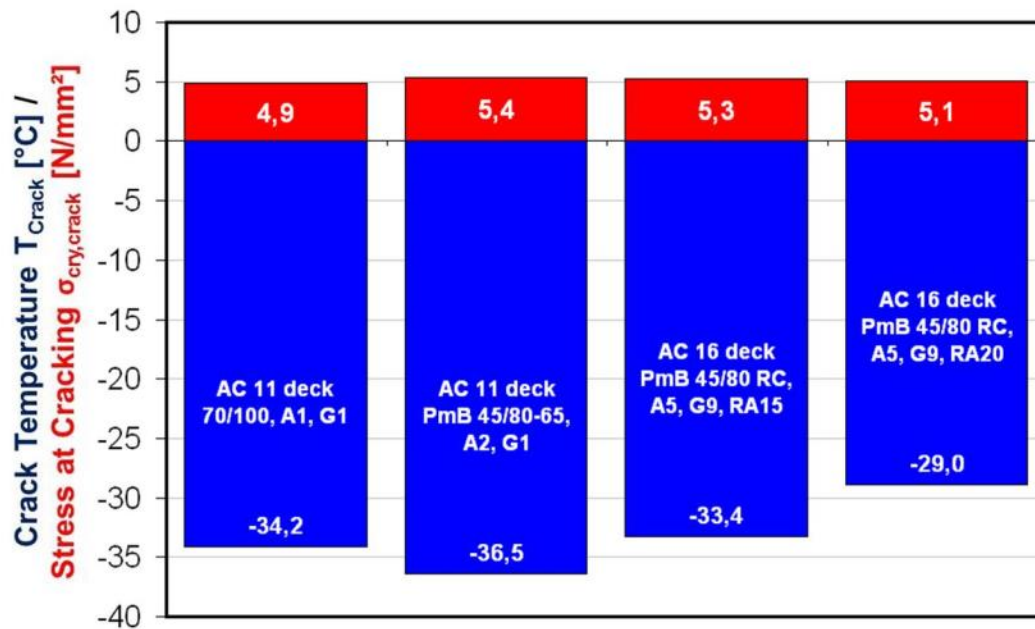
# Top down cracking

## Performance related asphalt mixture tests

### Fracture temperature & failure stress

AC 16 surf PmB 45/80 RC, RA 15 & RA20

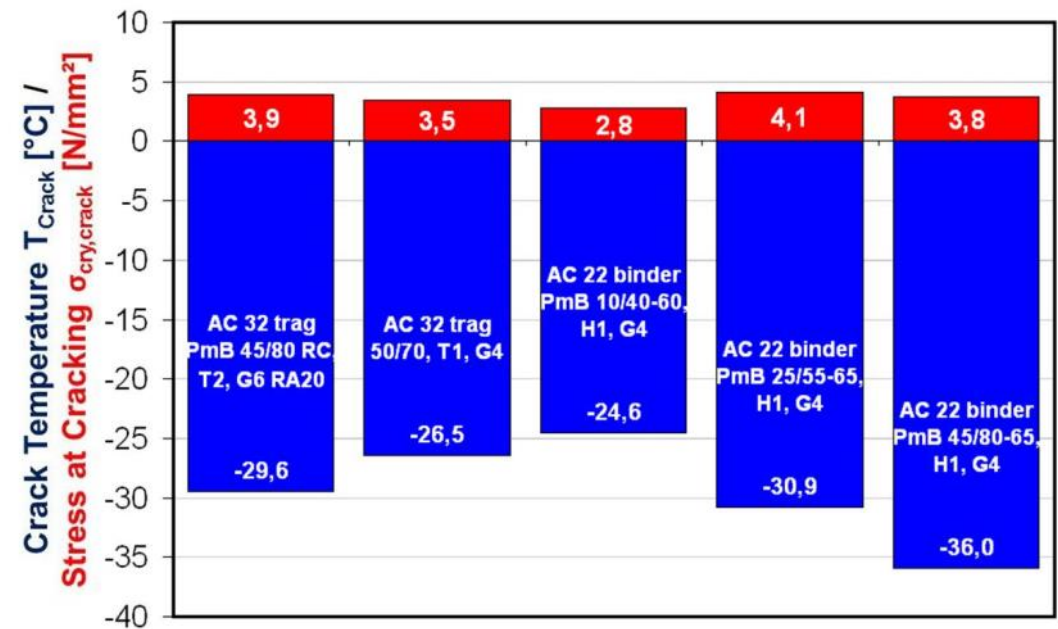
Comparison with other AC 11 with other bitumen types without RA



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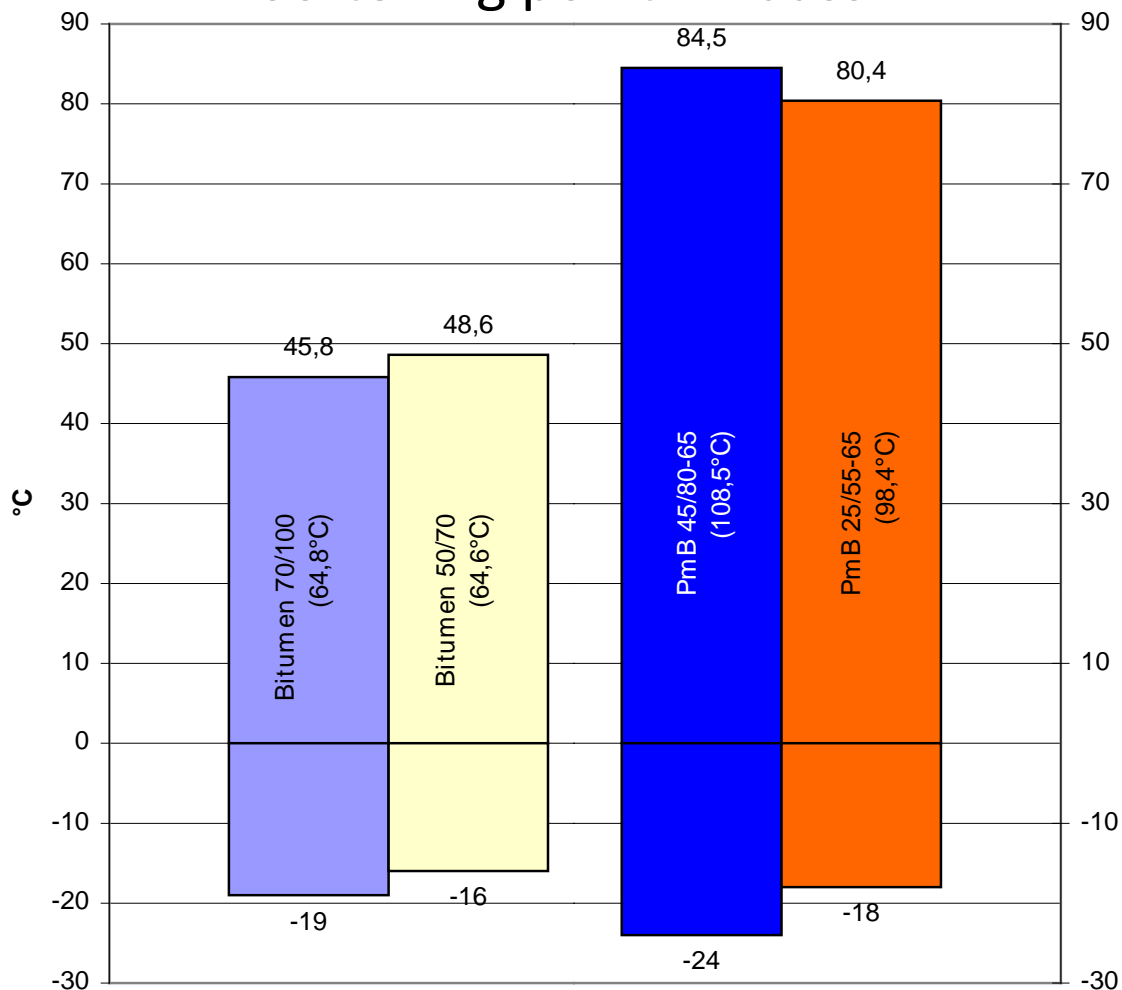
AC 32 base PmB 45/80 RC, T2, G6, RA20

Comparison with other AC 22 & AC 32 with other bitumen types without RA

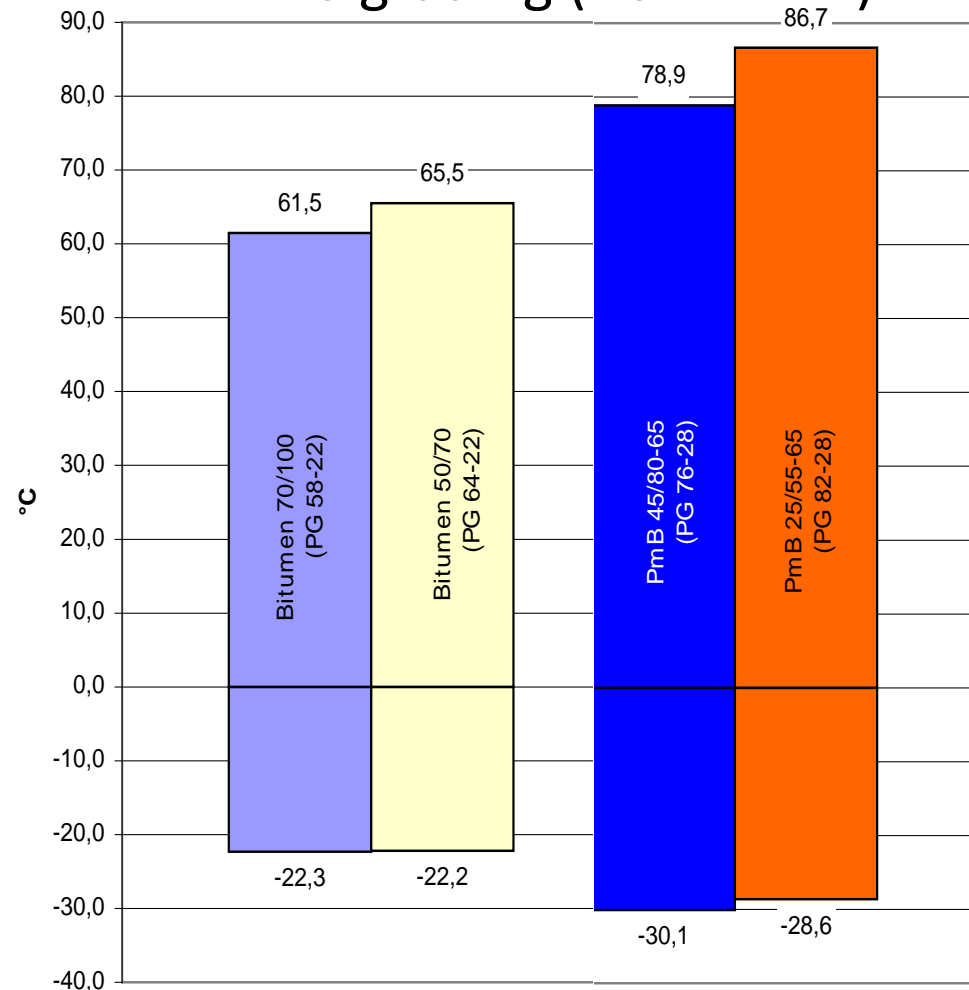


# Bitumen parameter

Plasticity range  
Softening point - Fraass



Plasticity range  
PG grading (DSR – BBR)



# Resume

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- ▶ Know the bearing capacity of your subgrade and the unbound layers (don't over estimate them)
- ▶ Take the impact of moisture and frost into consideration
- ▶ Proper layer composite
- ▶ Do performance related tests (bituminous binder and asphalt mixtures)
  - ▶ Cracking resistance
  - ▶ Permanent deformation
  - ▶ Stiffness & fatigue testing
- ▶ Change design process and take the real properties of the asphalt mixtures into consideration (higher quality - longer life time – less maintenance costs)
- ▶ Different bituminous binder types are influencing the performance



# CEE Road pavement design workshop 2018

- ▶ 4<sup>th</sup> Pavement design workshop 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> of November 2018 – Czech asphalt association, ZAS and OMV
- ▶ In 2016 42 experts from 8 different countries participating



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