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# WHY TO INTRODUCE THE ASPHALT MIX PERFORMANCE TESTS?



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Which city did you come from?





# PERFORMANCE TESTS

## DIFFERENT NAMES

**fundamental approach**

**mechanistic-empirical approach**

**simulation tests**

**empirical approach**

**mechanistic approach**

**performance tests**

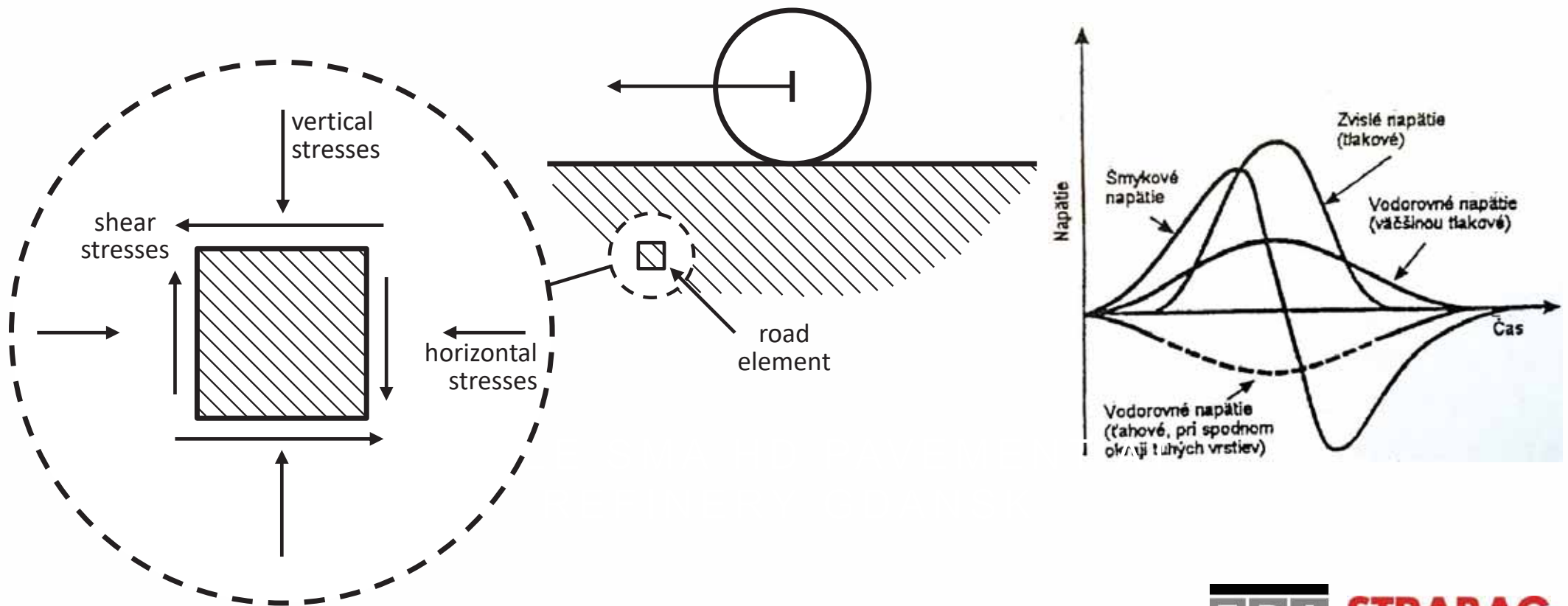
**performance prediction**

**performance based tests**

**performance related tests**

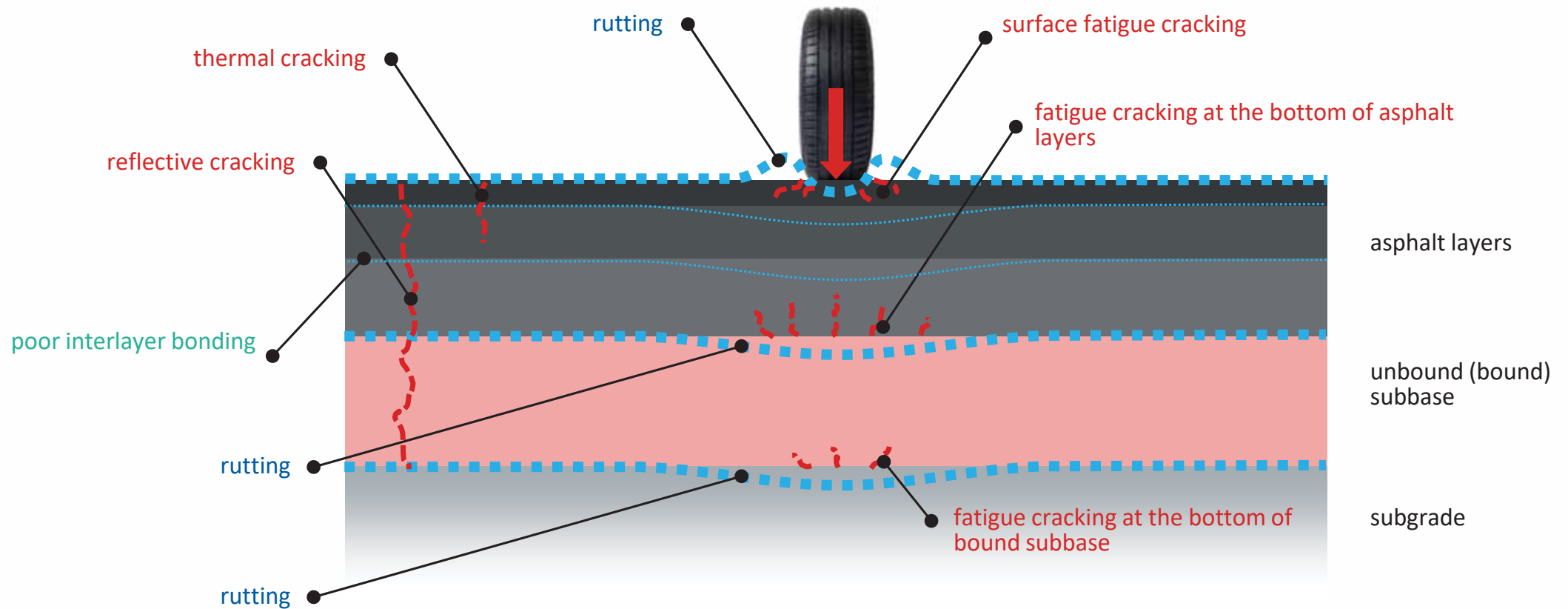
# PAVEMENT PERFORMANCE

## TRIAxIAL STRESS CONDITION CHANGING IN TIME



# PAVEMENT PERFORMANCE

## STRESSES & DISTRESSES



# EMPIRICAL APPROACH

BRUCE G. MARSHALL (1908-1977)





# PAVEMENT ENGINEERING

THE ART OF MOLDING  
**MATERIALS**  
WE DO NOT WHOLLY  
UNDERSTAND  
INTO  
**SHAPES**  
WE CANNOT PRECISELY ANALYZE,  
SO AS TO WITHSTAND  
**FORCES**  
WE CANNOT REALLY ASSESS,  
IN SUCH A WAY  
THAT THE COMMUNITY AT  
LARGE HAS NO REASON TO  
SUSPECT OUR  
**IGNORANCE**

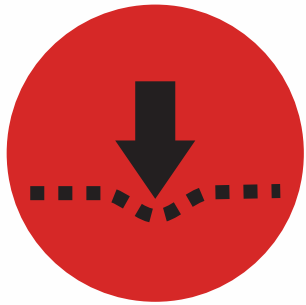




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# PERFORMANCE TESTS IN PAVEMENT AND MATERIALS DESIGN

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RUTTING  
RESISTANCE



WATER  
SENSITIVITY



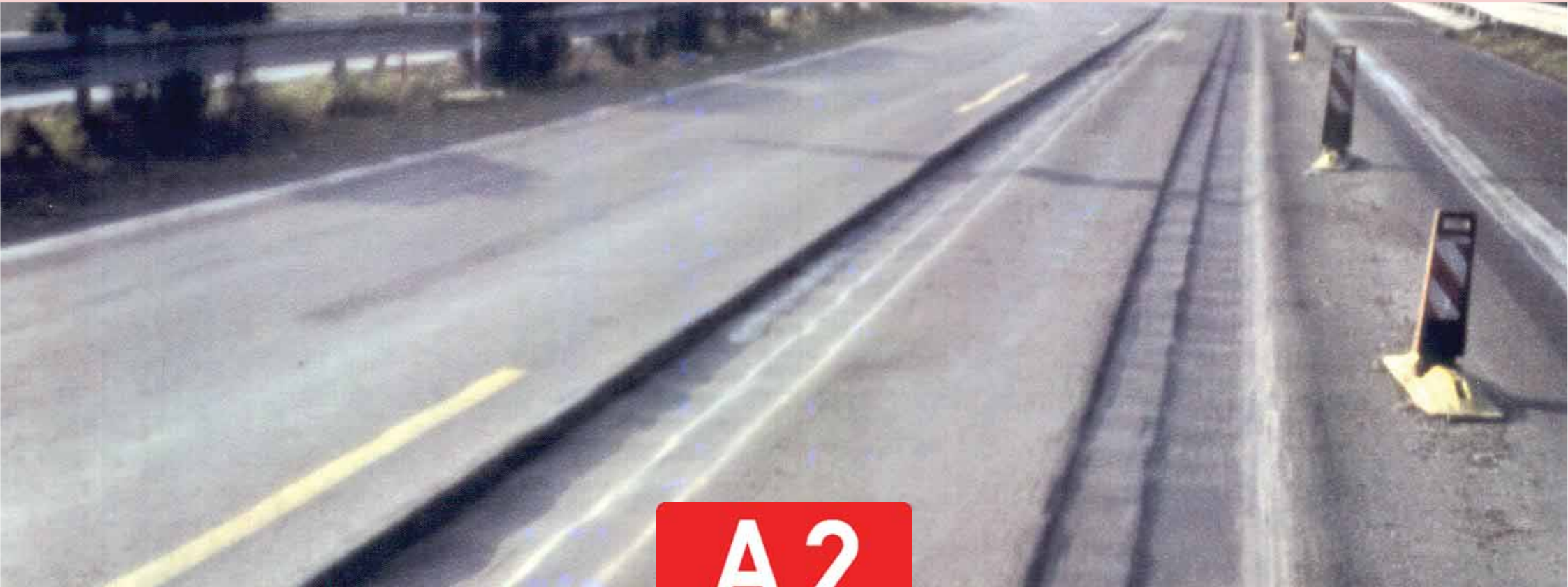
LOW  
TEMPERATURE  
RESISTANCE



STIFFNESS  
& FATIGUE  
RESISTANCE

# PERFORMANCE TESTS

## RUTTING



**A2**

1995



# PERFORMANCE TESTS

## WHEEL TRACKING TEST (EN 12697-22)

SMALL DEVICE

LARGE DEVICE



11.5 13.0  
t/axle t/axle

# PERFORMANCE TESTS

NO RUTTING ANYMORE



**A2**  
currently



# PERFORMANCE TESTS

## WATER SENSIVITY



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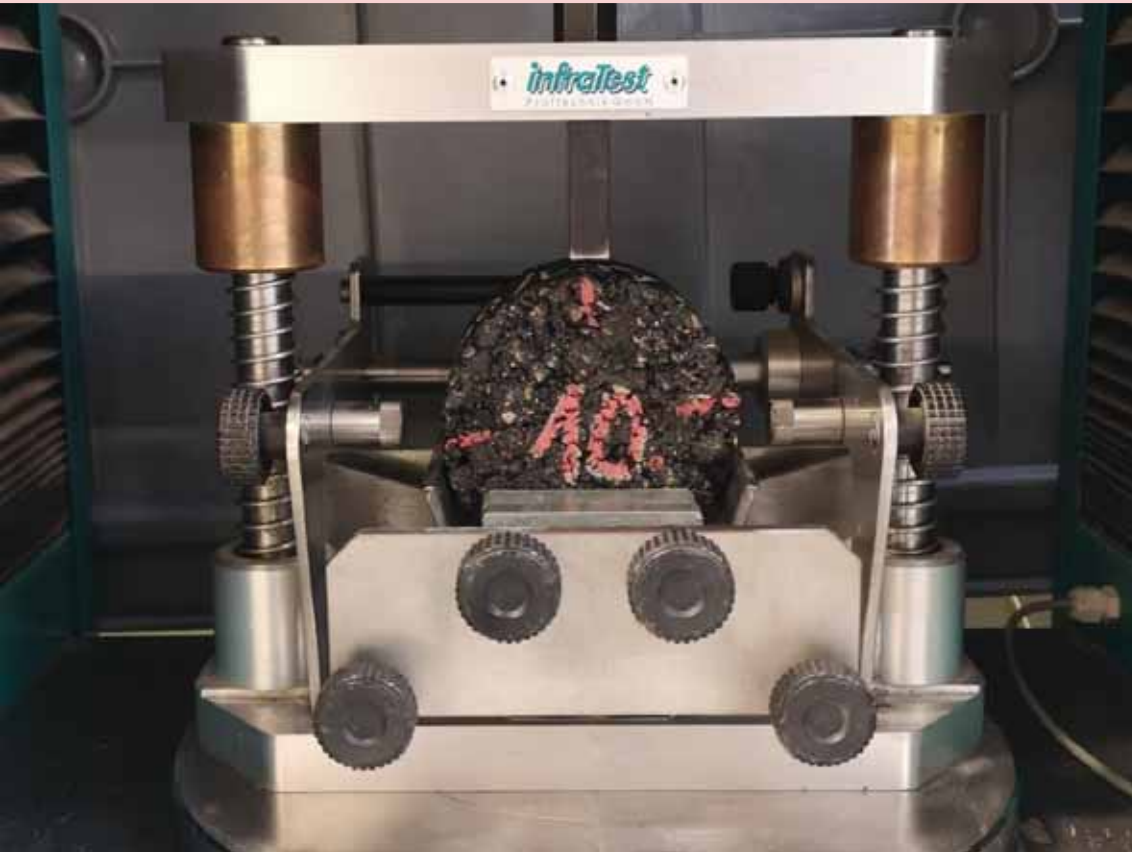
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# PERFORMANCE TESTS

## WATER SENSITIVITY TEST – ITSR (EN 12697-12)



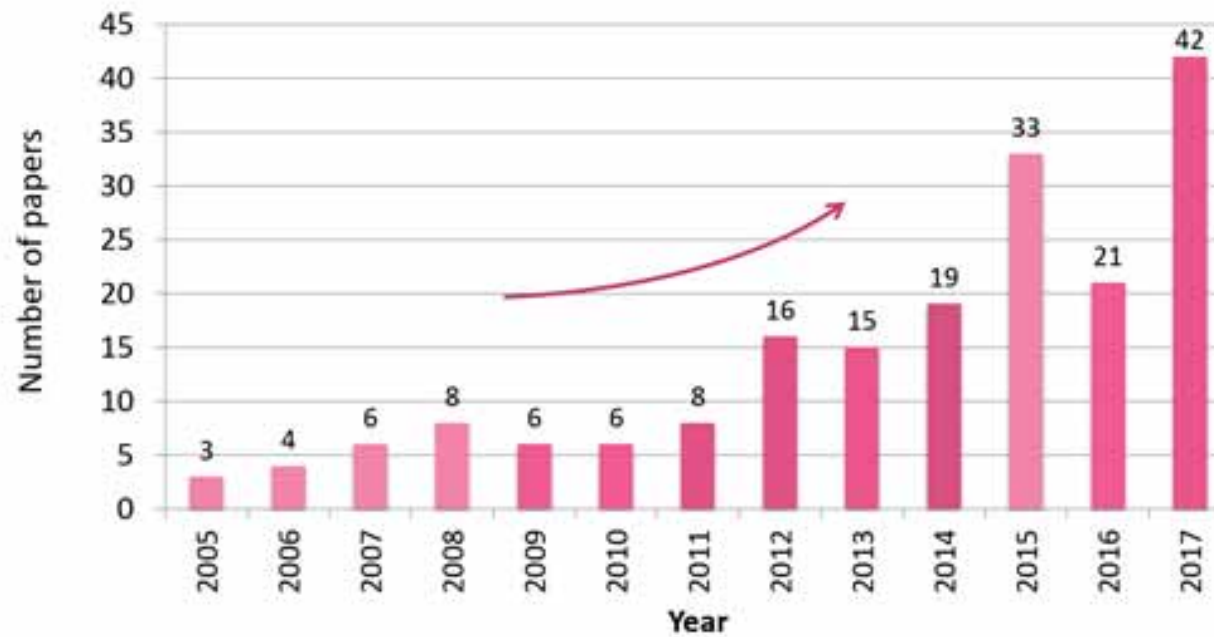
**ITSR**  
(Indirect Tensile Strength Ratio)



# PERFORMANCE TESTS

## TRENDS IN MOISTURE DAMAGE RESEARCH

Papers in moisture damage published per year



# PERFORMANCE TESTS

## LOW TEMPERATURE CRACKING



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2012



# PERFORMANCE TESTS

## LOW TEMPERATURE CRACKING TEST (EN 12697-46)



**TSRST**  
(**T**ensile **S**trength **R**estrained **S**pecimen **T**est)

# PERFORMANCE TESTS

NO MORE LOW TEMPERATURE CRACKING



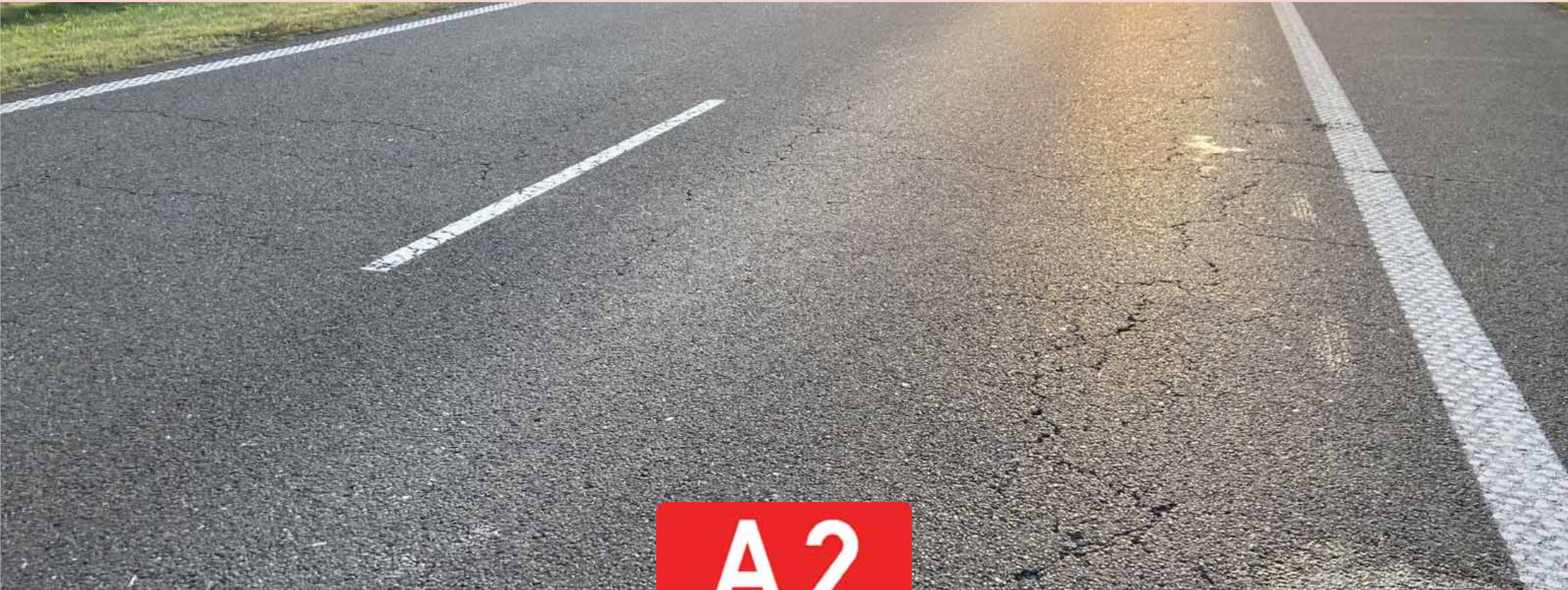
**A2**

2012



# PERFORMANCE TESTS

## STIFFNESS AND FATIGUE RESISTANCE



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# PERFORMANCE TESTS

STIFFNESS (EN 12697-26) FATIGUE RESISTANCE (EN 12697-24)

2PB-TR		3PB-PR		IT-CY	
		4PB-PR		DTC-CY	
				DT-CY DT-PR	

BUT  
WHICH  
ONE?

PAVEMENT  
DESIGN

# PERFORMANCE TESTS

## PERPETUAL PAVEMENT



DESIGN  
&  
BUILD

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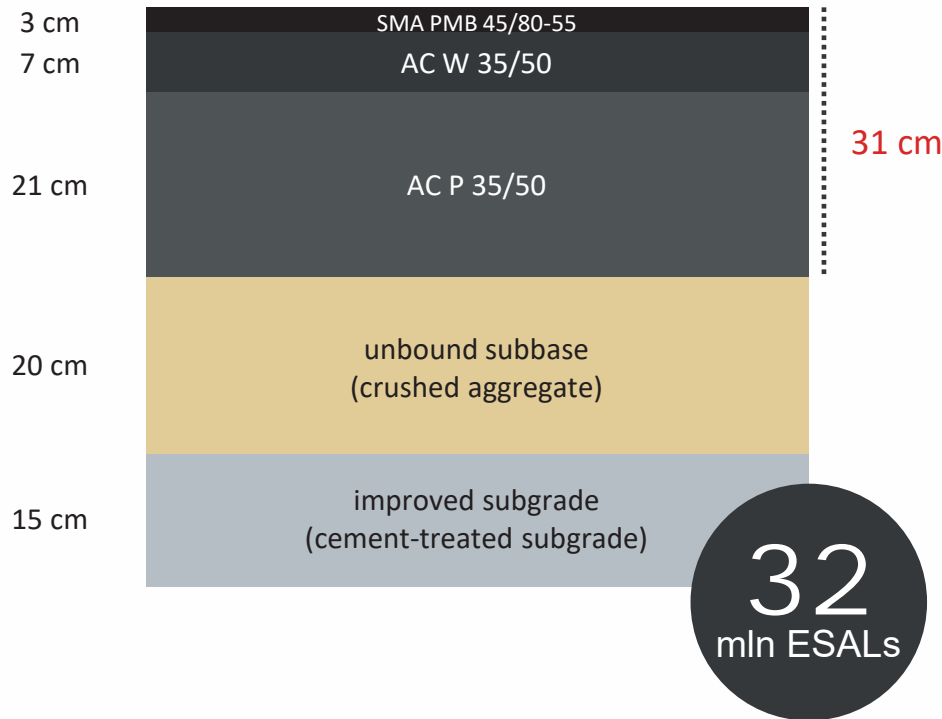
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# PERFORMANCE TESTS

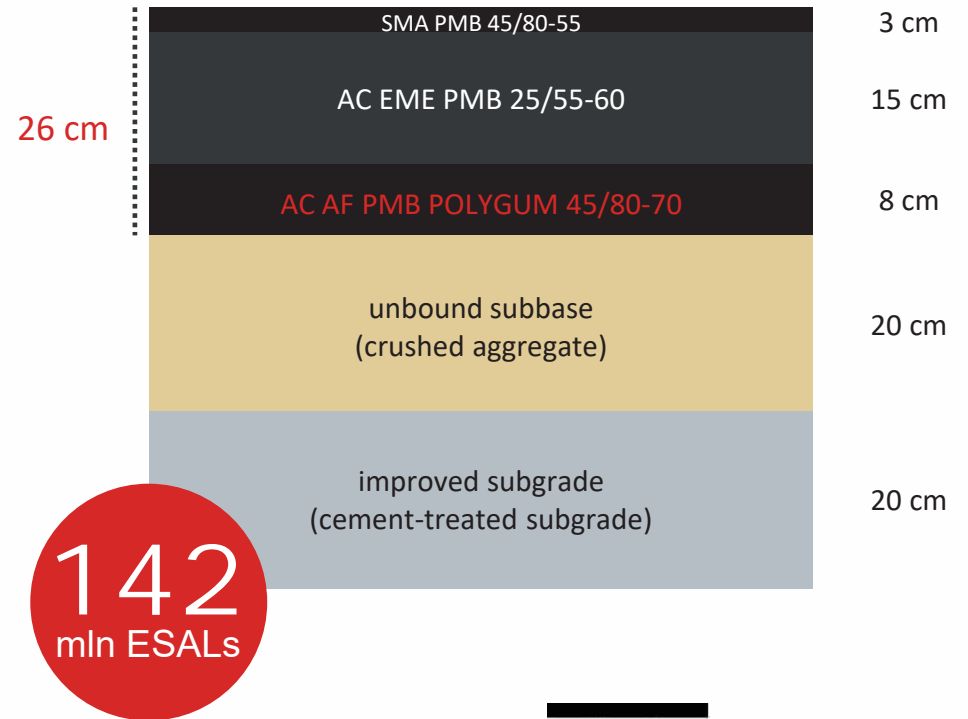
## PERPETUAL PAVEMENT

S8

### ORIGINAL DESIGN



### PERPETUAL DESIGN





# PERFORMANCE TESTS

4PB-PR VS 2PB-TR

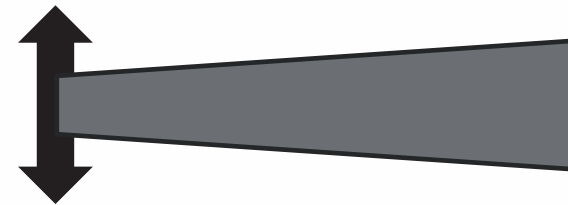
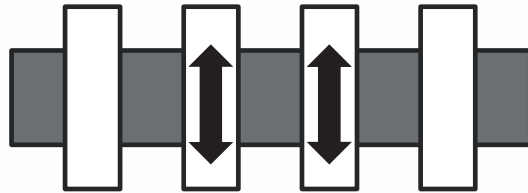


# PERFORMANCE TESTS

## 4PB-PR VS 2PB-TR

4PB-PR (POLAND)

2PB-TR (FRANCE)



**STIFFNESS**

$T = 10^{\circ}\text{C}$  |  $f = 10\text{ Hz}$

$T = 15^{\circ}\text{C}$  |  $f = 10\text{ Hz}$

**FATIGUE**

$T = 10^{\circ}\text{C}$  |  $f = 10\text{ Hz}$

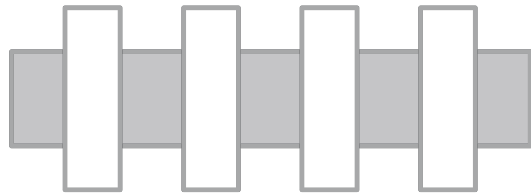
$T = 10^{\circ}\text{C}$  |  $f = 25\text{ Hz}$

# PERFORMANCE TESTS

## 4PB-PR VS 2PB-TR

4PB-PR (POLAND)

2PB-TR (FRANCE)

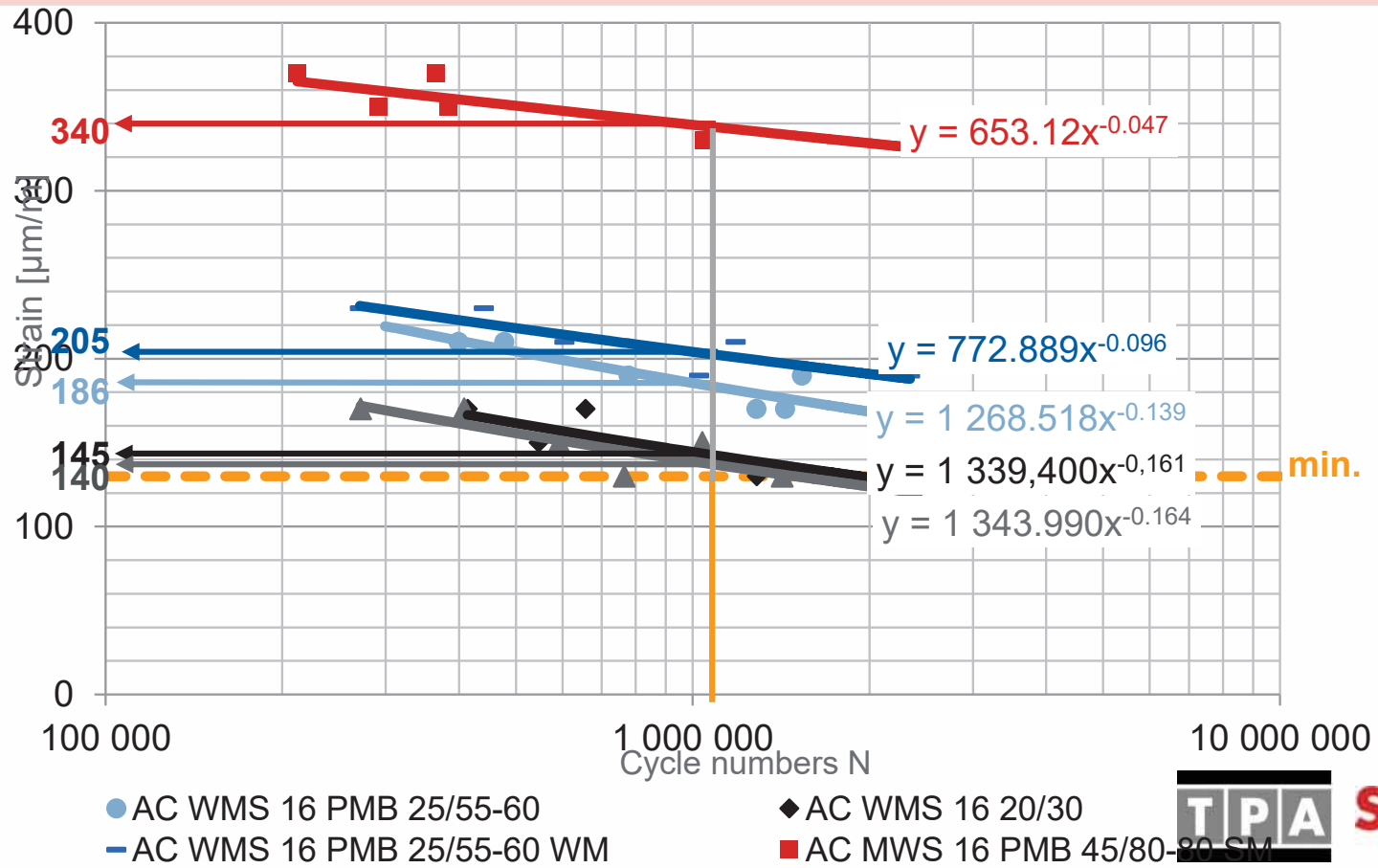




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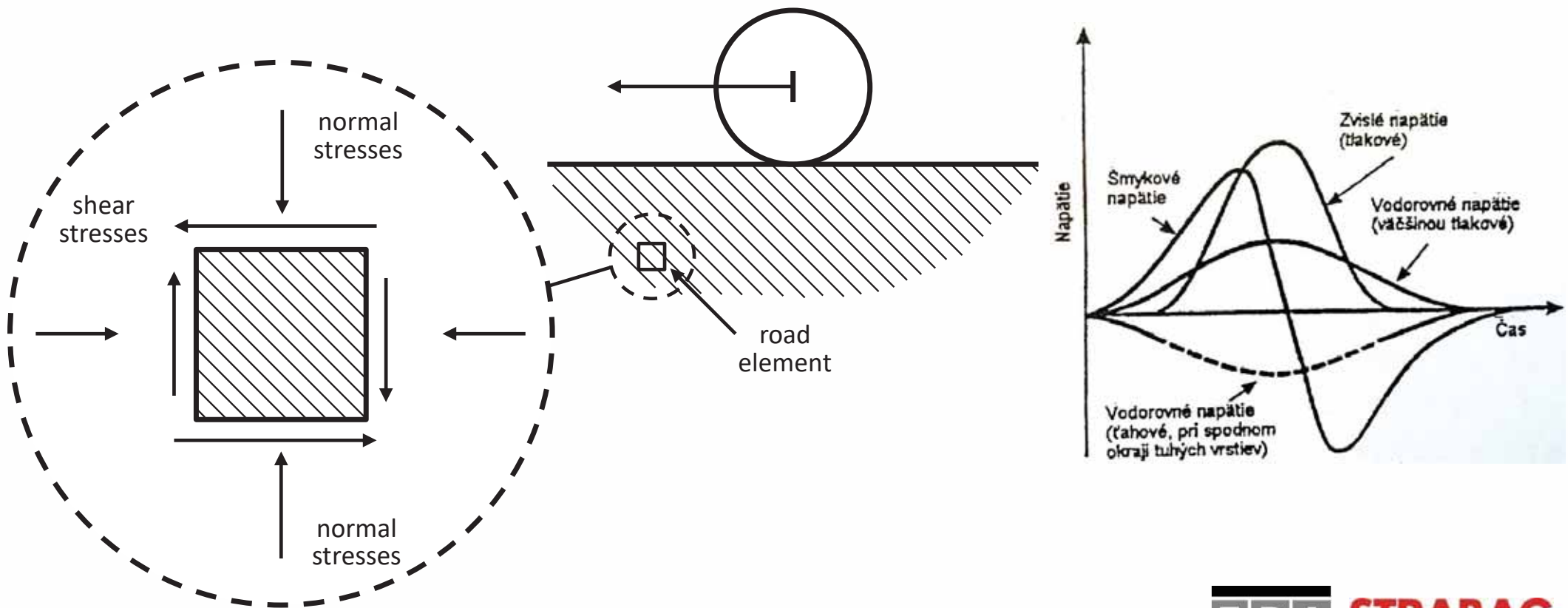
## NEW MATERIALS

4PB-PR (10°C, 10 HZ) ACC. EN 12697-24



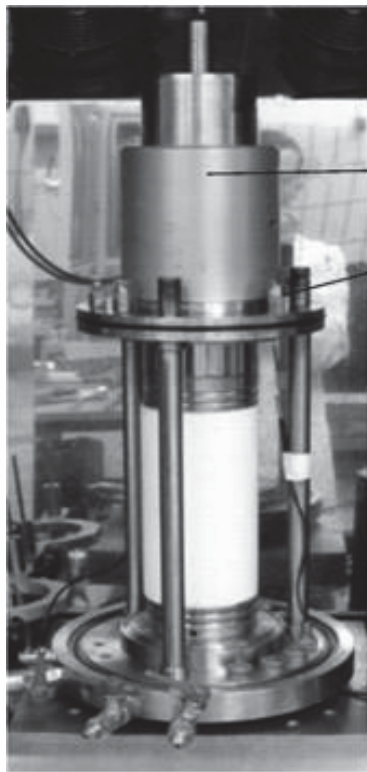
# PERFORMANCE TESTS

## TRIAXIAL TEST SYSTEM



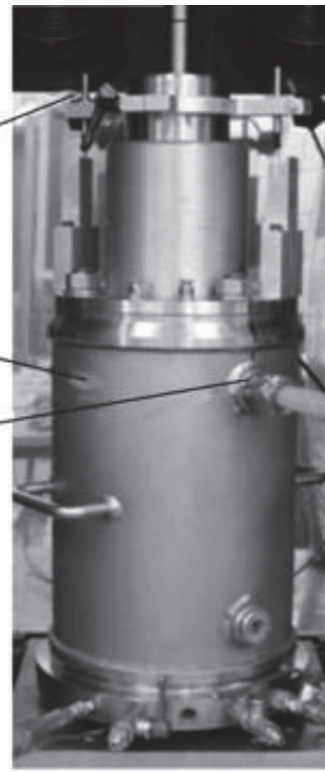
# PERFORMANCE TESTS

## TRIAxIAL TESTING ISN'T EASY



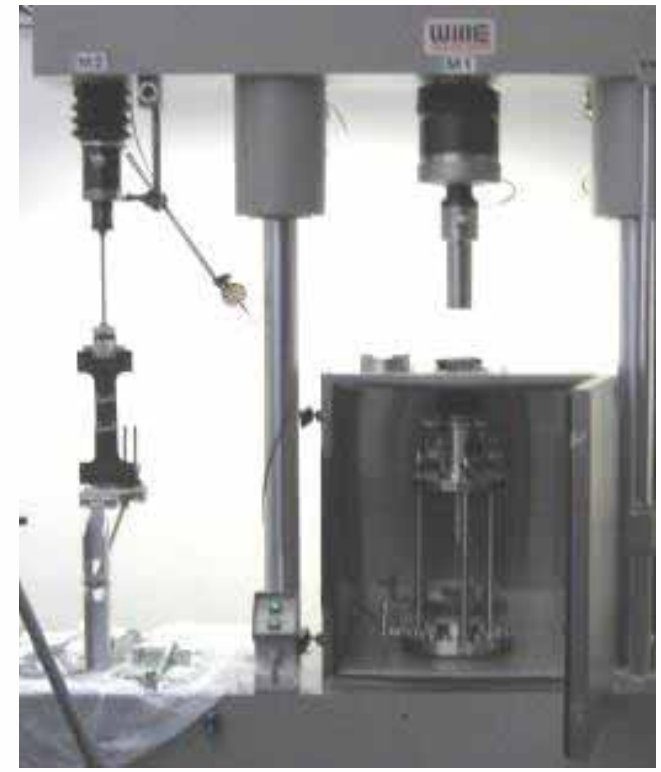
Load plunger  
Guide jacket for load plunger  
De-aeration vent

(a)



Axial LVDTs  
Steel jacket  
Pressure inlet

(b)





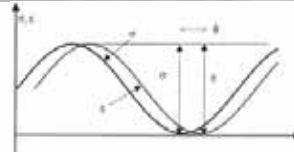
# IN NEED OF SIMPLIFICATION

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SPT@MEPDG

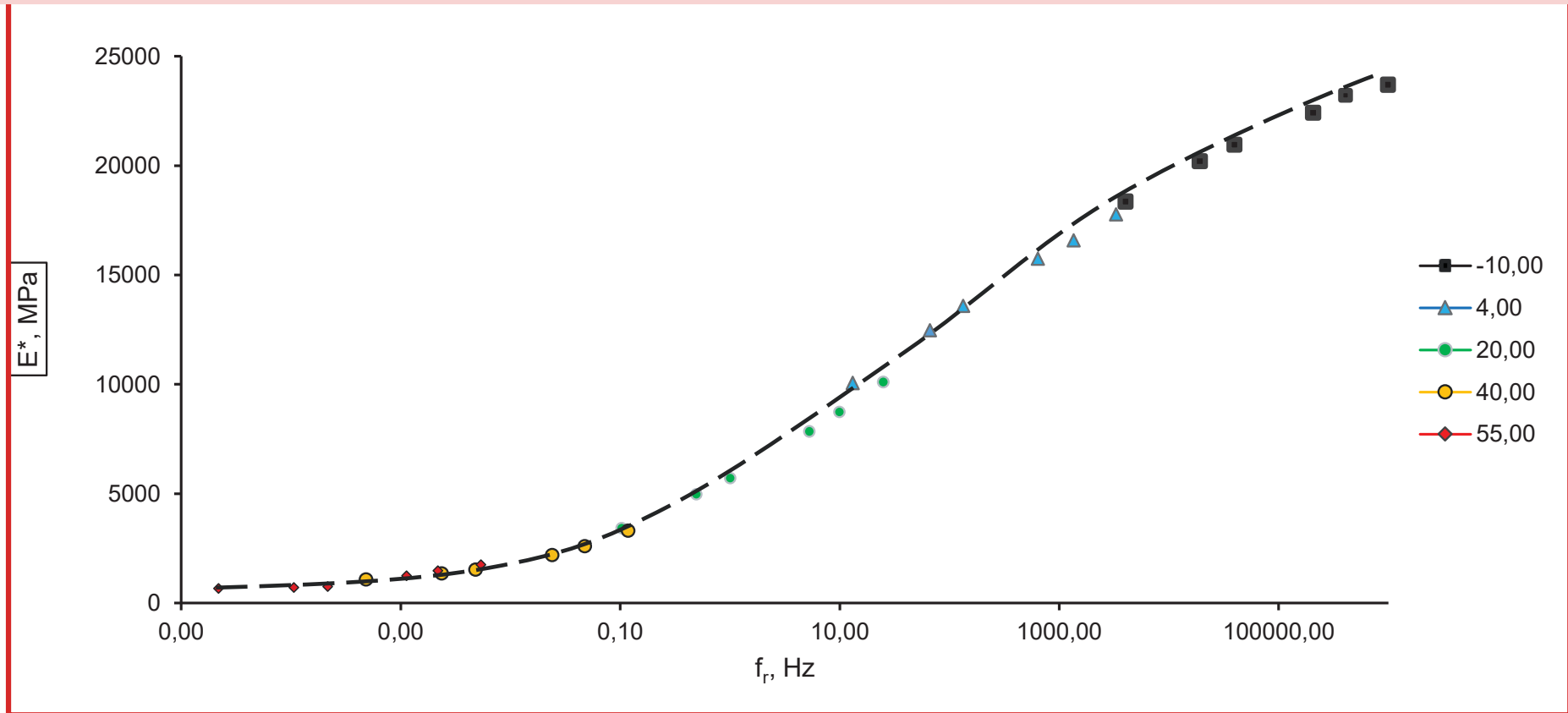
# MEPDG

SPT – SIMPLE PERFORMANCE TEST(S) (AASHTO TP 79)



# MEPDG

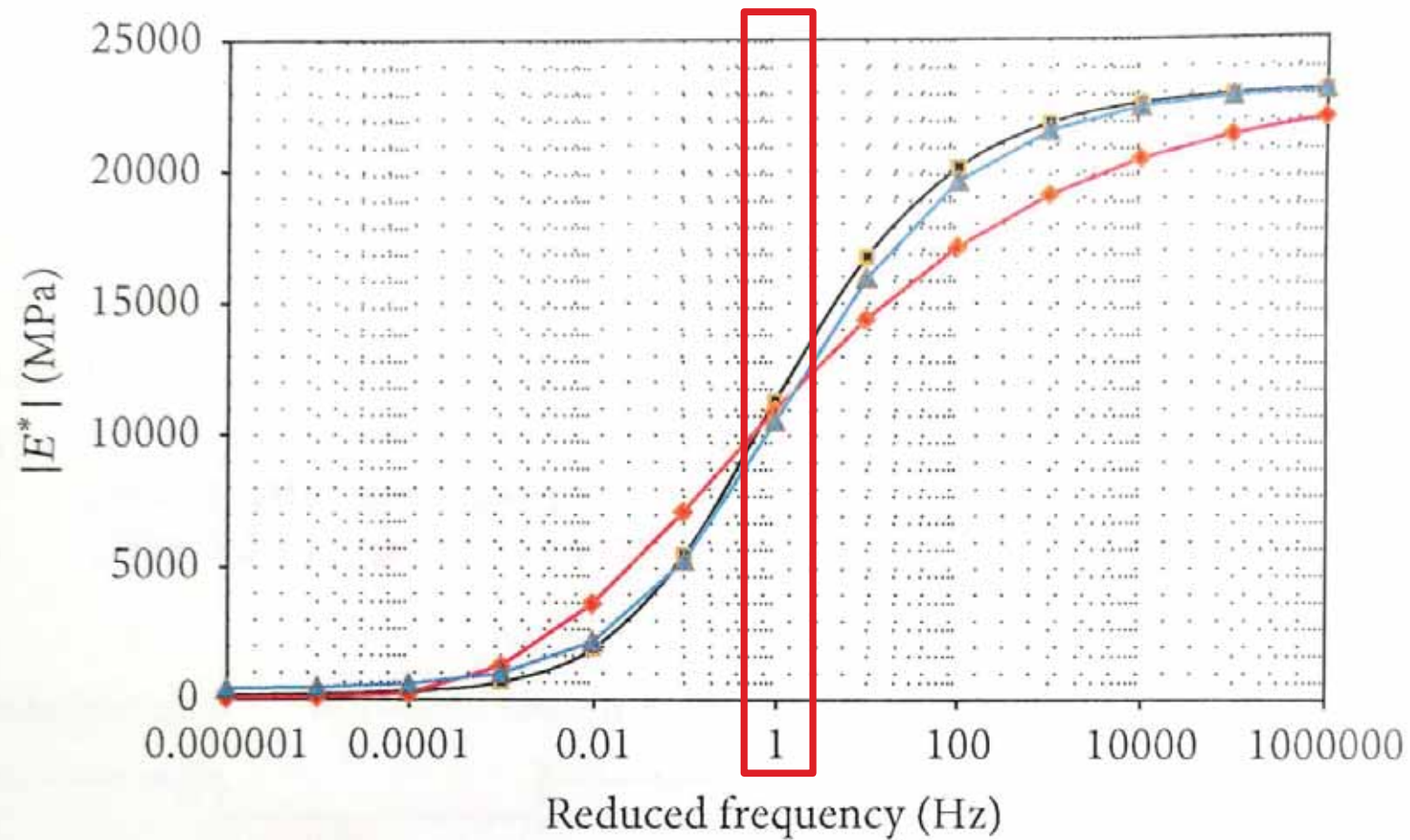
## DYNAMIC MODULUS MASTER CURVES (AASHTO TP 79)





# SIMPLE PERFORMANCE TESTS

## DYNAMIC MODULUS MASTER CURVES (AASHTO TP 79)



# INDIVIDUAL PAVEMENT DESIGN

## TRIPLE SMA HD PAVEMENT AT REFINERY GDANSK

TRIPLE SMA



**SMA 16 PMB 45/80-80**  
5 CM

**SMA 22 W PMB 25/55-80**  
9 CM

**SMA 16 P PMB 45/80-80**  
6 CM



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# WHICH WAY TO GO?

# WHICH WAY TO GO...?

## ADVICE FROM OBSERVED TENDENCIES



LOOK FOR NEW  
SIMPLE AND  
QUICK TESTS

e.g. tests using new  
models like **Simplified  
Viscoelastic  
Continuum Damage  
Model  
(S-VECD)**



USE BETTER  
EXISTING  
TESTS

e.g. advanced analysis  
of **Dynamic Shear  
Rheometer (DSR) test**  
or **Bending Beam  
Rheometer (BBR)**



AVOID  
EMPIRICAL  
TESTS

e.g. resign from indirect  
tests due to their low  
accuracy



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# WHY TO USE PERFORMANCE TESTS?

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## TAYLOR MADE DESIGN

direct usage of  
results in  
pavement design  
and better  
performance  
prediction



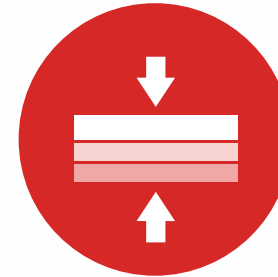
## ROOM FOR INNOVATIONS

comparison and  
performance  
prediction for  
new or innovative  
materials



## LCA & LOWER LCC

usage of more  
durable materials  
in order to  
decrease life cycle  
costs



## LESS MATERIAL USED

optimized  
pavement design  
utilizing better  
safety factors and  
better materials



## LOWER ENVIROMENTAL IMPACT

lower CO<sub>2</sub> foot-  
print during  
production and  
transportation,  
recycling



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Active poll

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### To implement or not to implement (performance tests)?

Yes, do it now



68%

Yes, but...



23%

No, we are not ready



10%

No, it makes no sense



0%





ALL MODELS ARE WRONG  
BUT SOME OF THEM ARE  
USEFUL

– George Box



# THANK YOU

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