

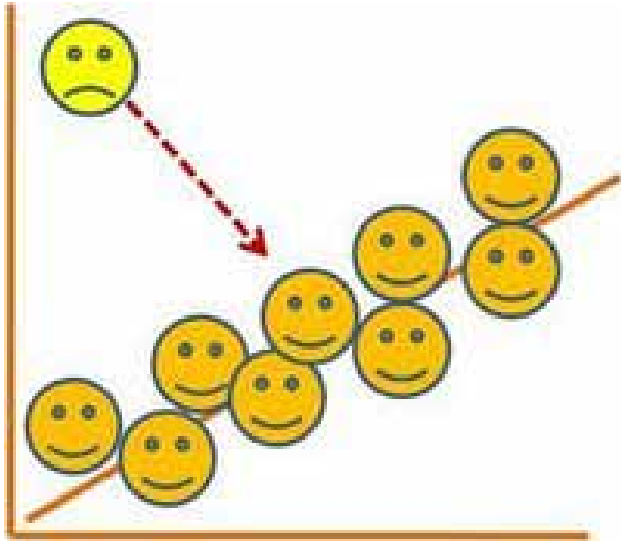
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Topic: Laboratory versus Field Assessment of
Full Depth Asphalt Mixes in New Zealand.

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If it is not Representative-
don't use it!

Outline

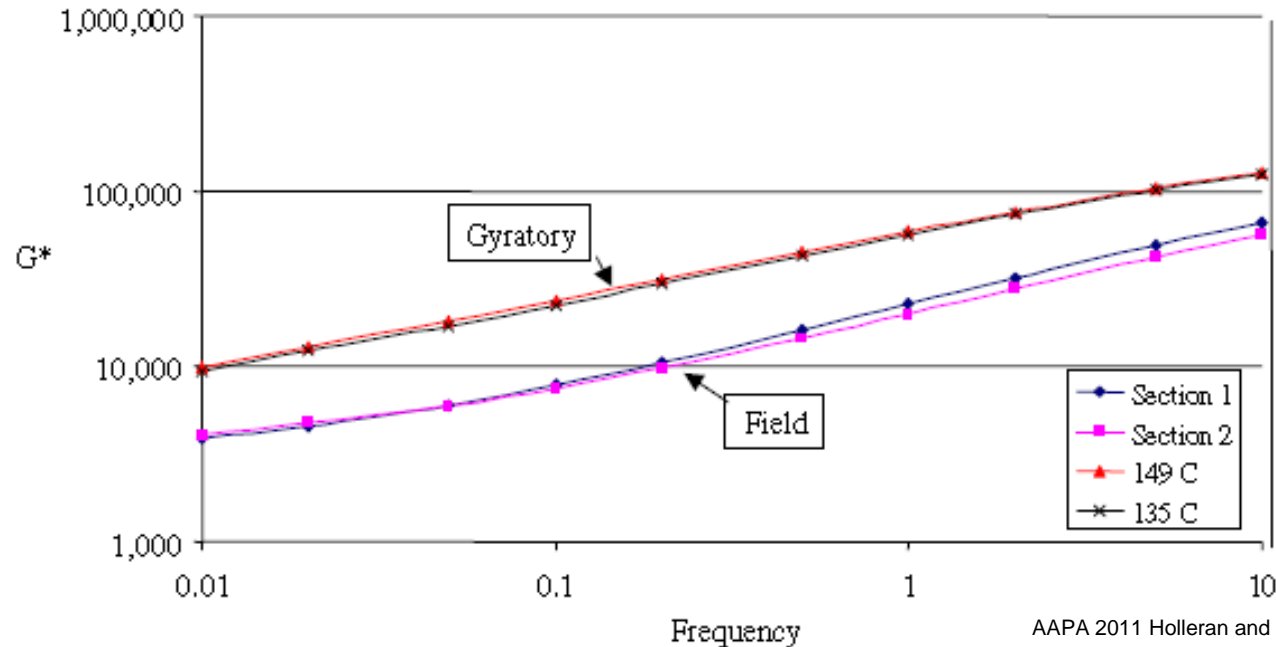
- Considerations in Performance of Asphalt Laboratory Design V Field
- RAP use and its issues
- Project Results Field v laboratory
- How do we get design to field reliably?



You cant afford to ignore
basic principles

Differences due to compaction - Lit

- Void distribution
- Particle orientation
- Physical properties



Void distribution lab V Field – Image analysis

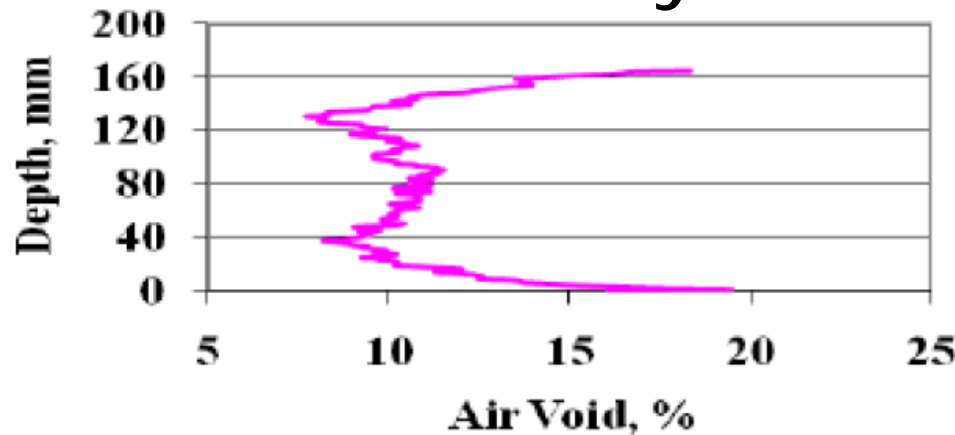


Figure Example of lab compacted sample

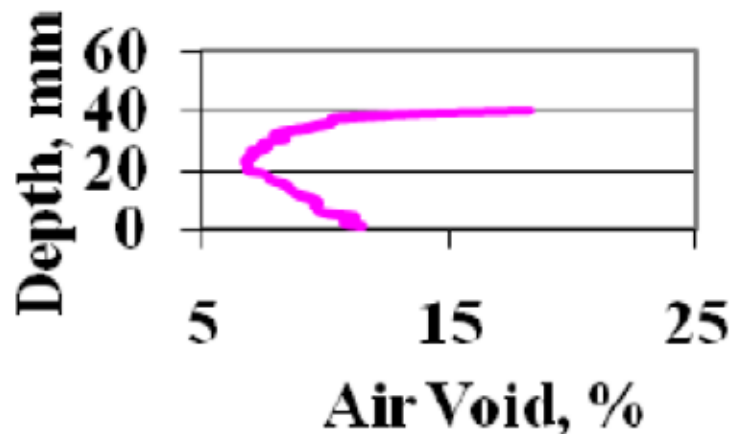
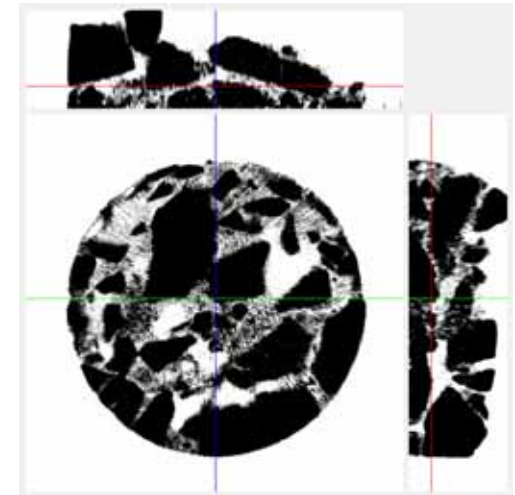


Figure Example of Field Compacted sample- same Mix

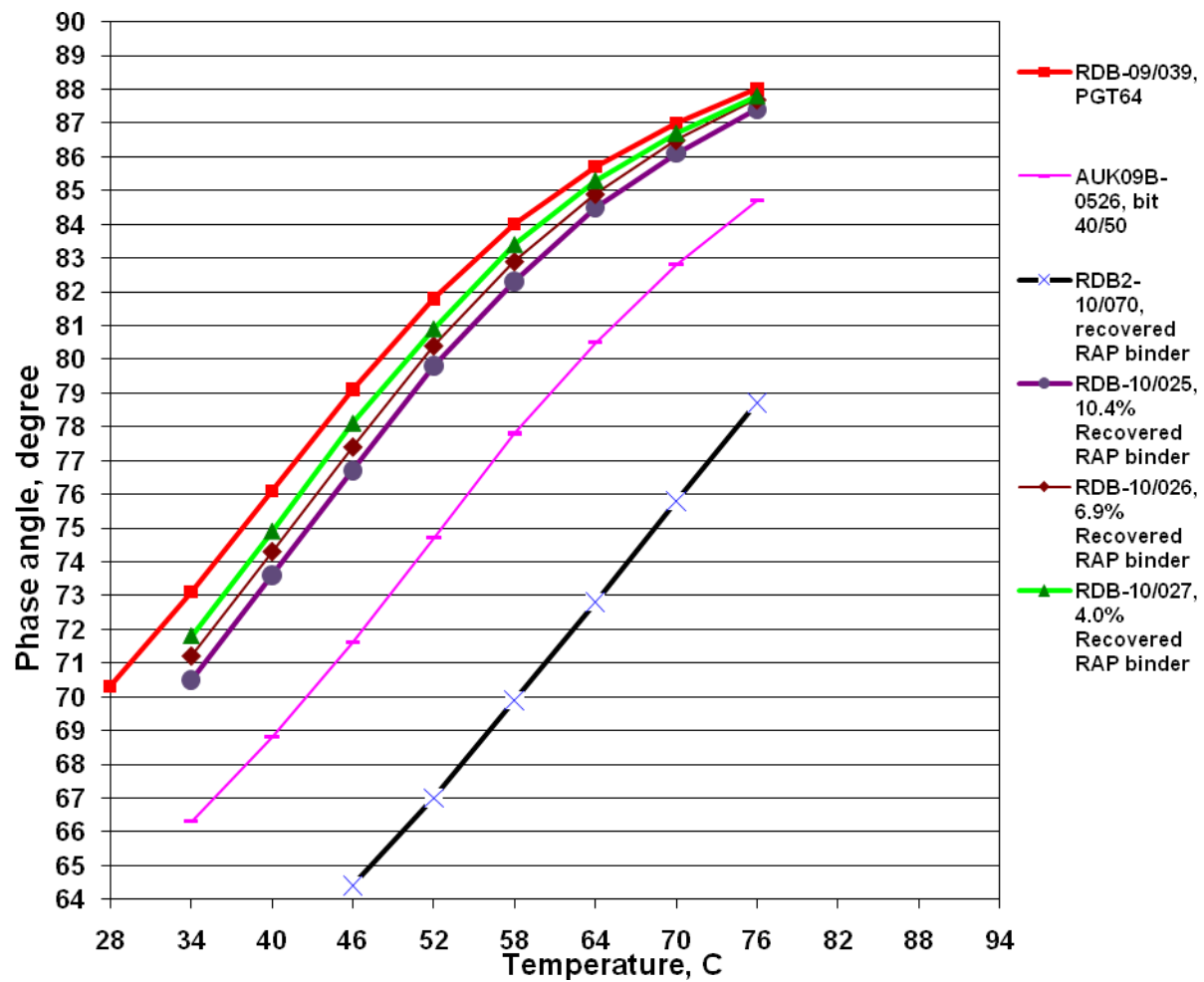
Design

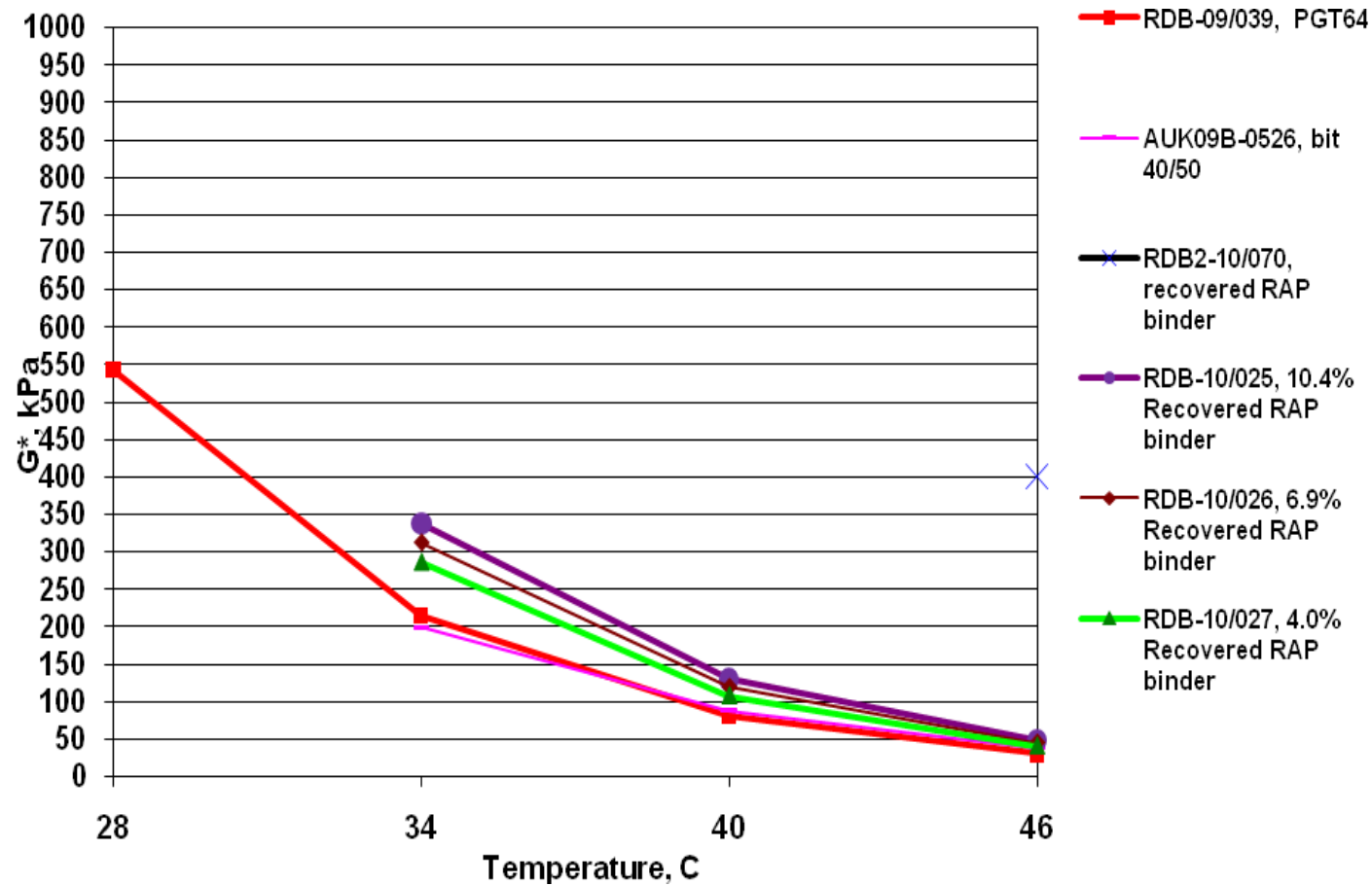
- Binder allowance and mixing
- Grading- accessible fines
- Sg testing- Volumetrics are sensitive to Rap Sg
. Calculate from fine and coarse extracted aggregates and allowance for binder
- Handling RAP not changing binder

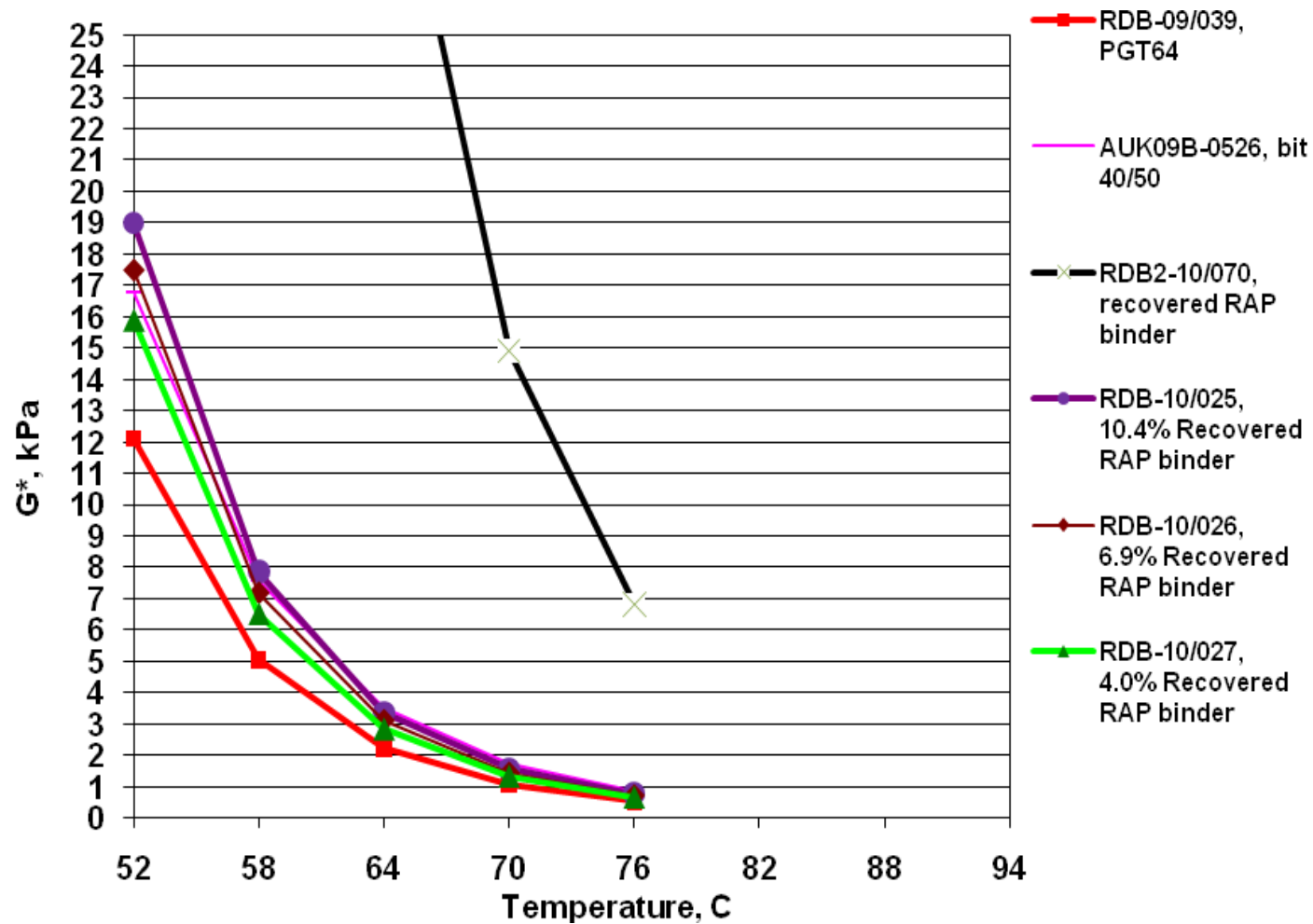
Contribution of RAP binder

- 100% mixing does not occur as physical properties are not consistent with this.
- Partial mixing occurs and may create an interfacial area between virgin and aged binder
- The interface will depend on
 - the virgin binder rheology and
 - Temperature
 - Mixing time
 - Heat soak time – silo storage
 - Degree of aging in the recovered binder

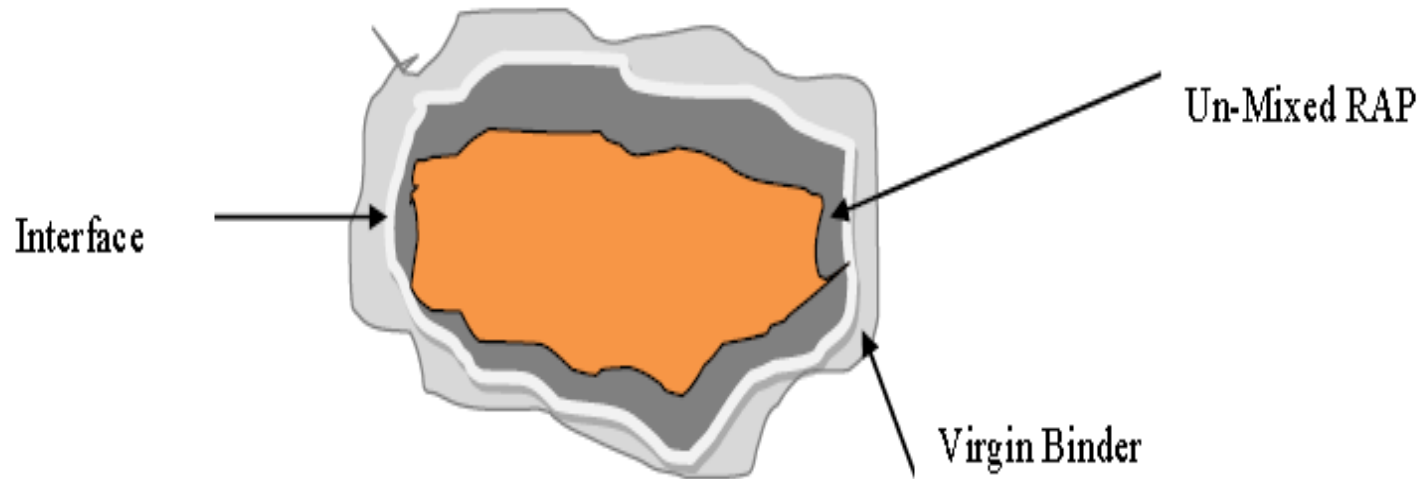






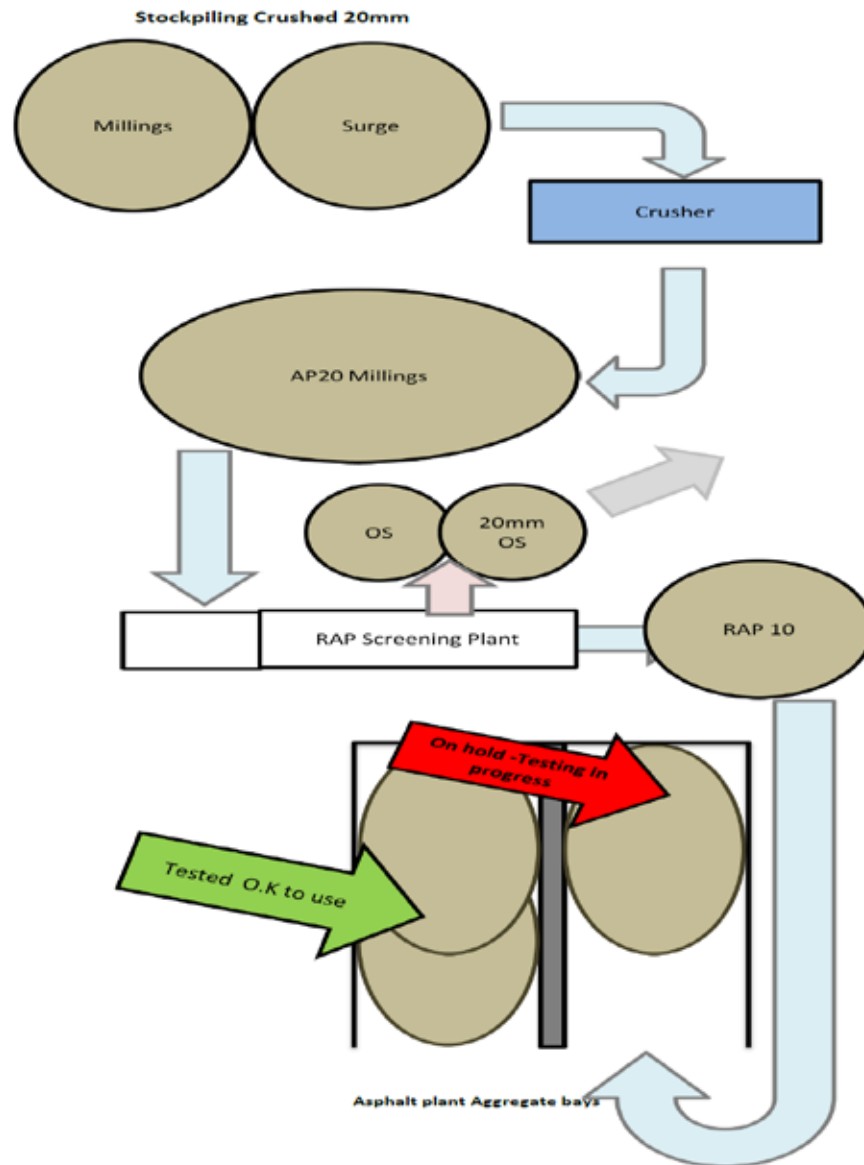


Conceptual Effect of Rap Binder

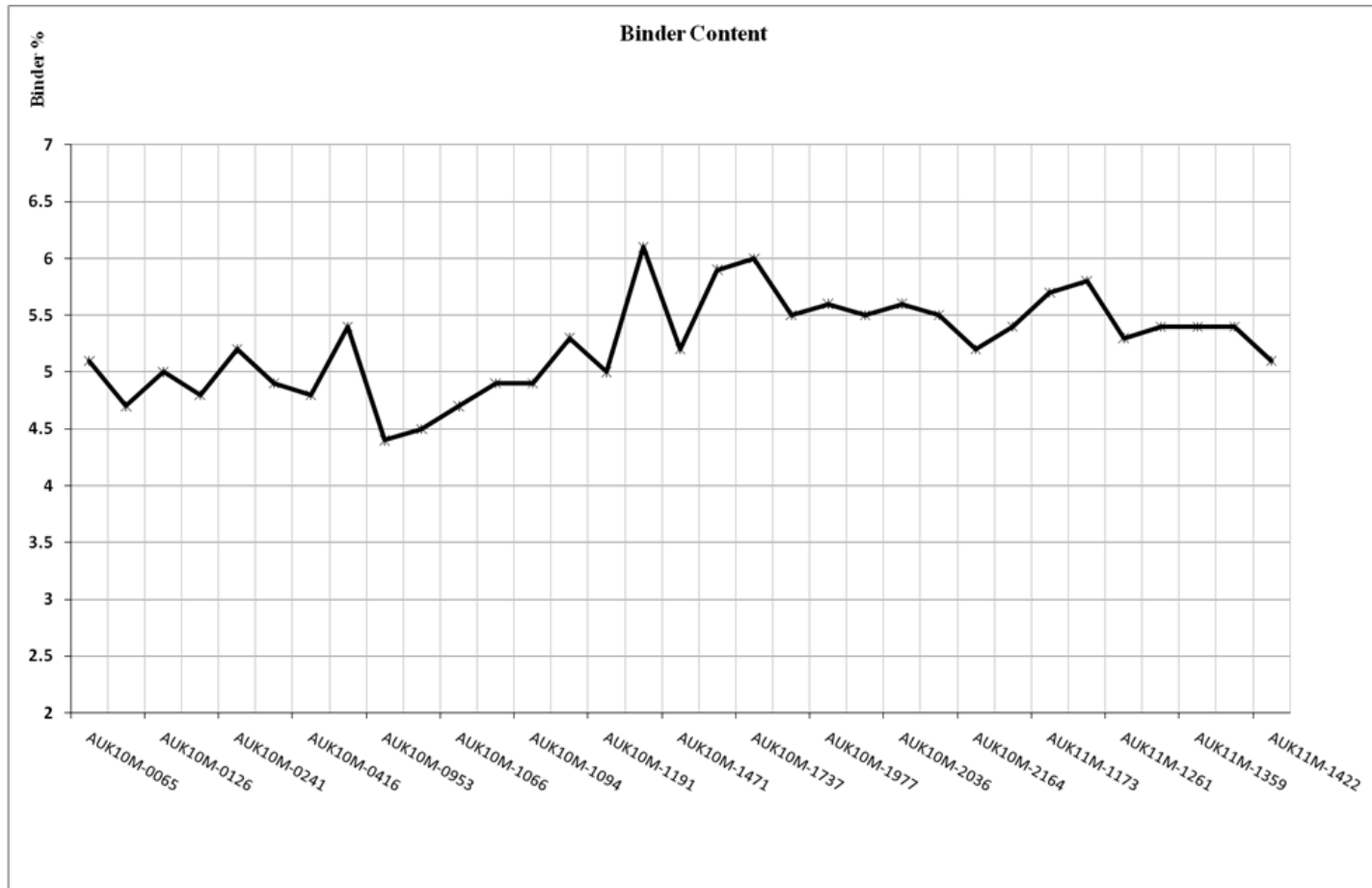


Effect of Non accessible Fines





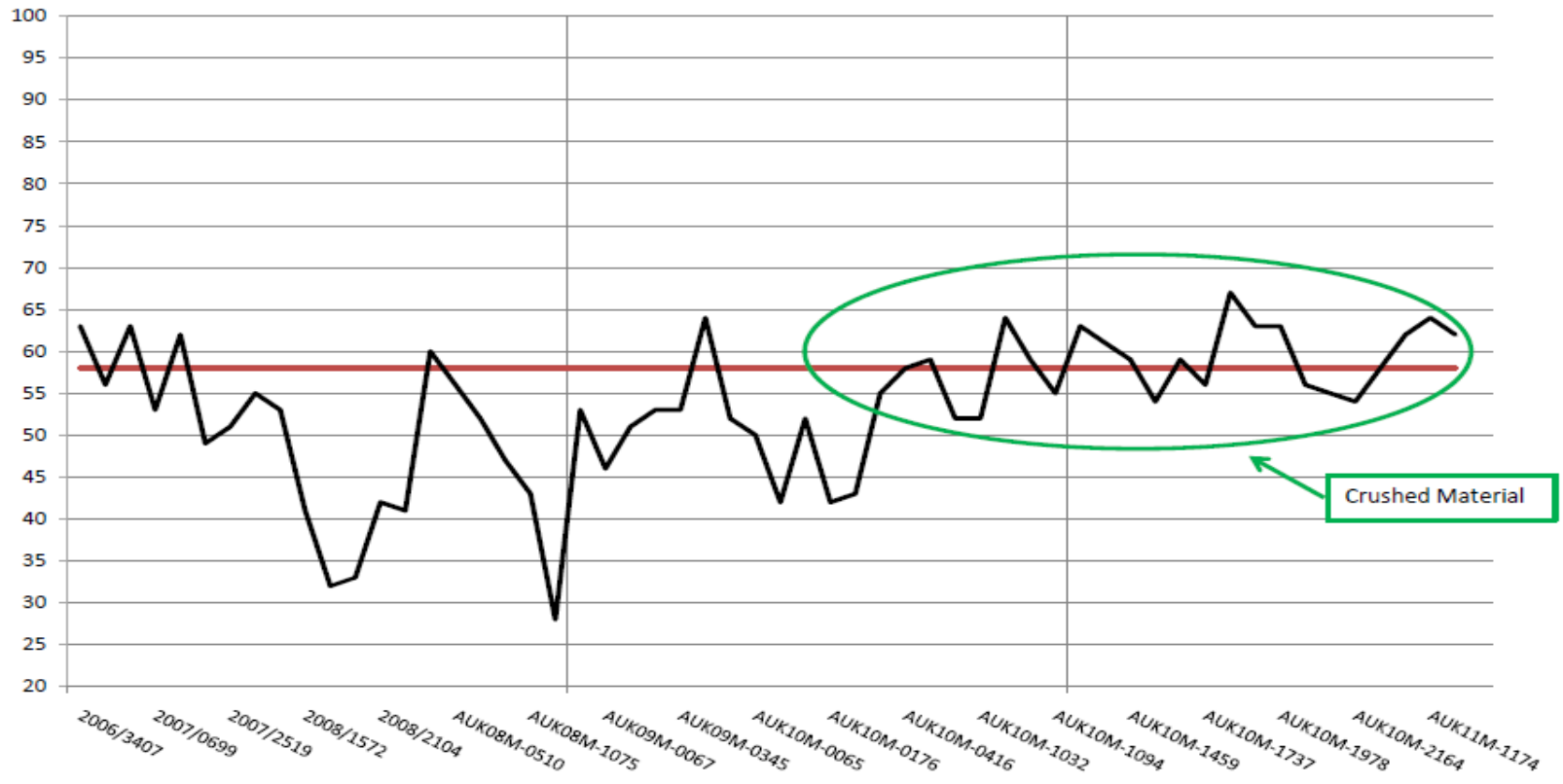




% Passing

RAP 10

2.36 mm sieve

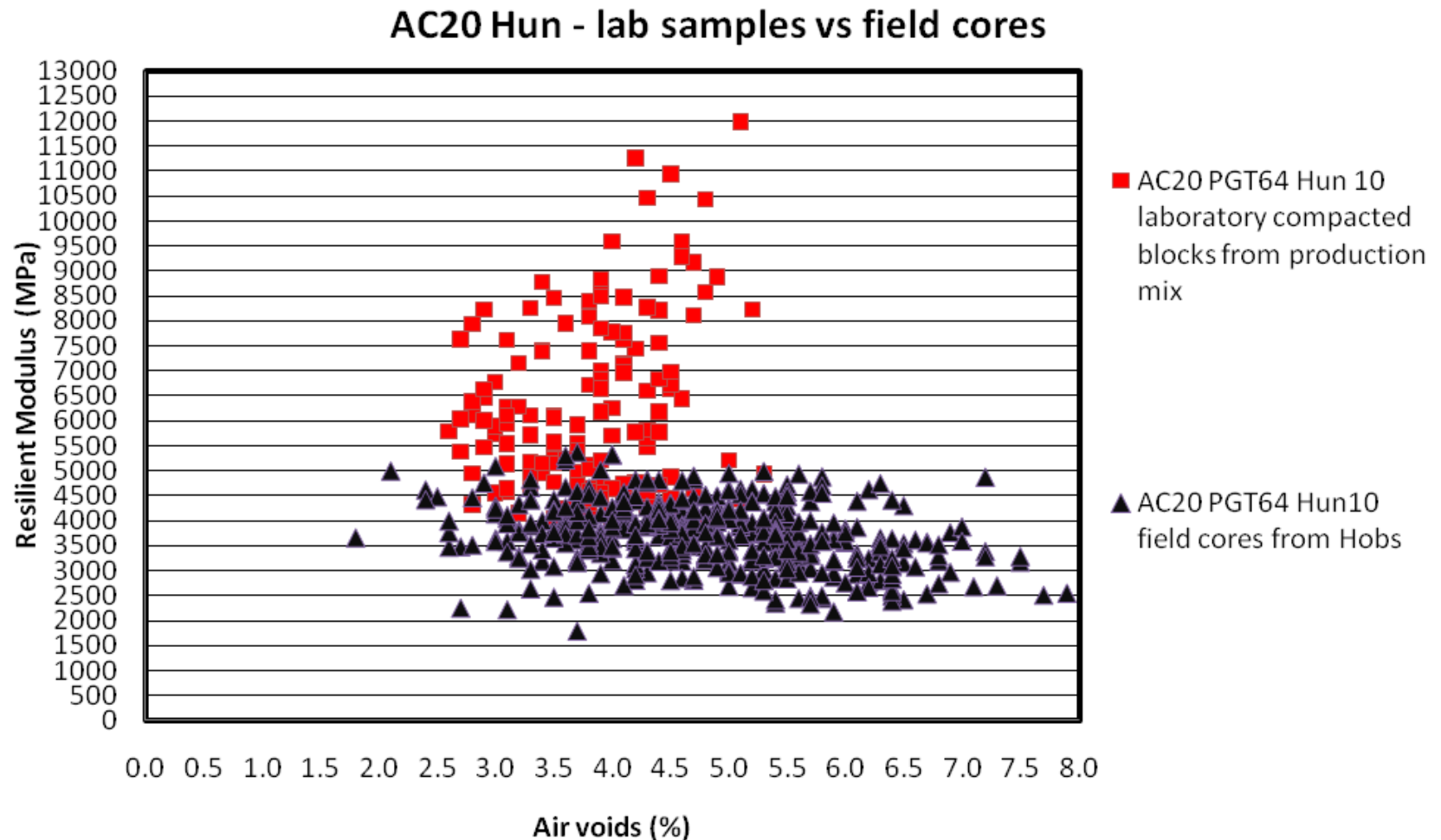


Crushed Material

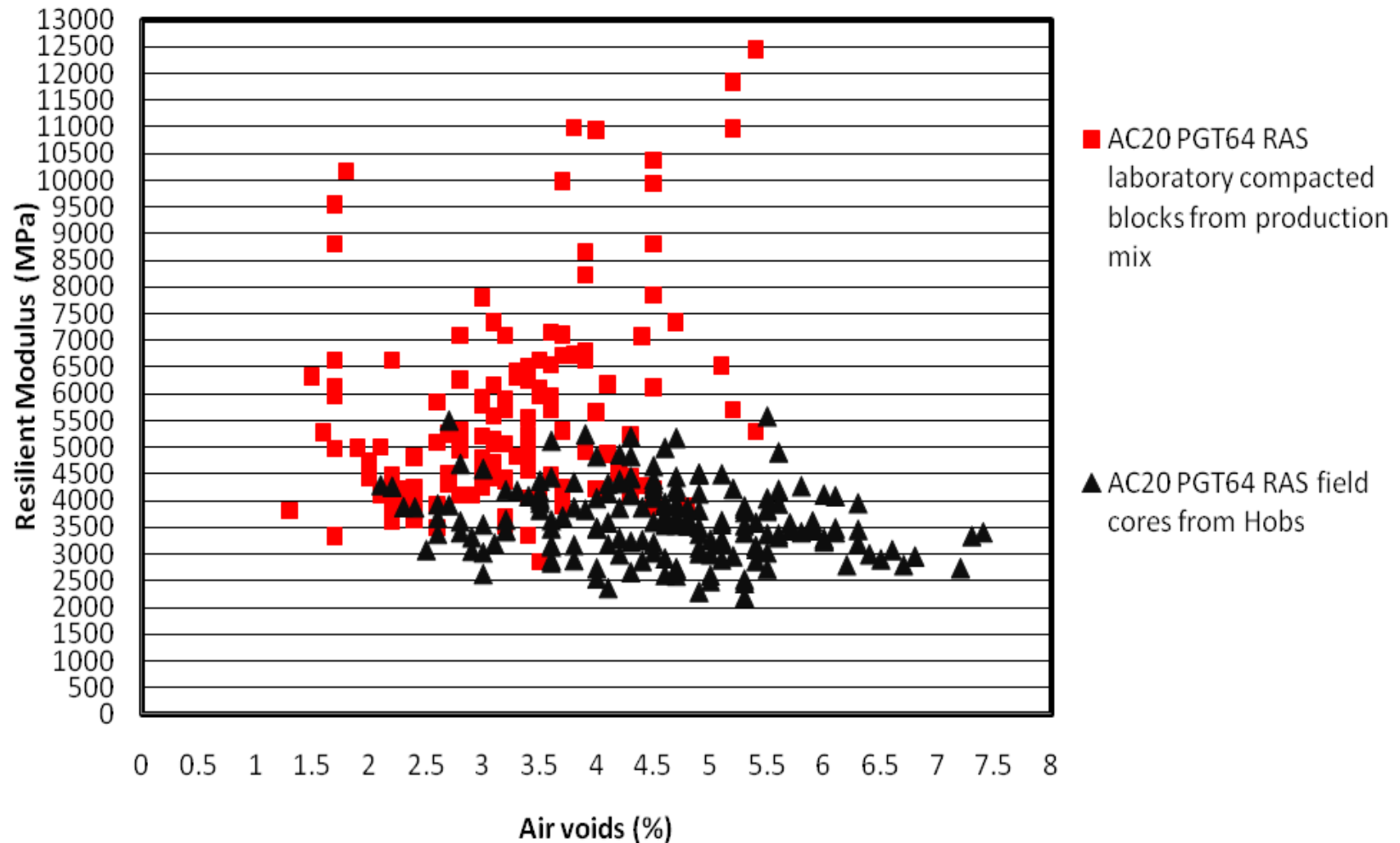
Region	Silverdale		Auckland		Auckland	
RAP Type	RAP 7		RAP10		RAP10	
Process	Screened		Screened		Crushed	
	Binder	Cont Sieve (2.36mm)	Binder	Cont Sieve (2.36mm)	Binder	Cont Sieve (2.36mm)
Number of Tests	32.0	32.0	46.0	46.0	14.0	14.0
Average	5.3	65.9	5.4	51.9	5.5	59.1
Max	6.2	78.0	6.4	64.0	5.8	67.0
Min	4.4	39.0	4.4	28.0	5.1	53.0
Std Dev	0.5	8.0	0.5	8.6	0.2	4.6
2x Std Dev	1.0	16.0	1.1	17.2	0.4	9.2



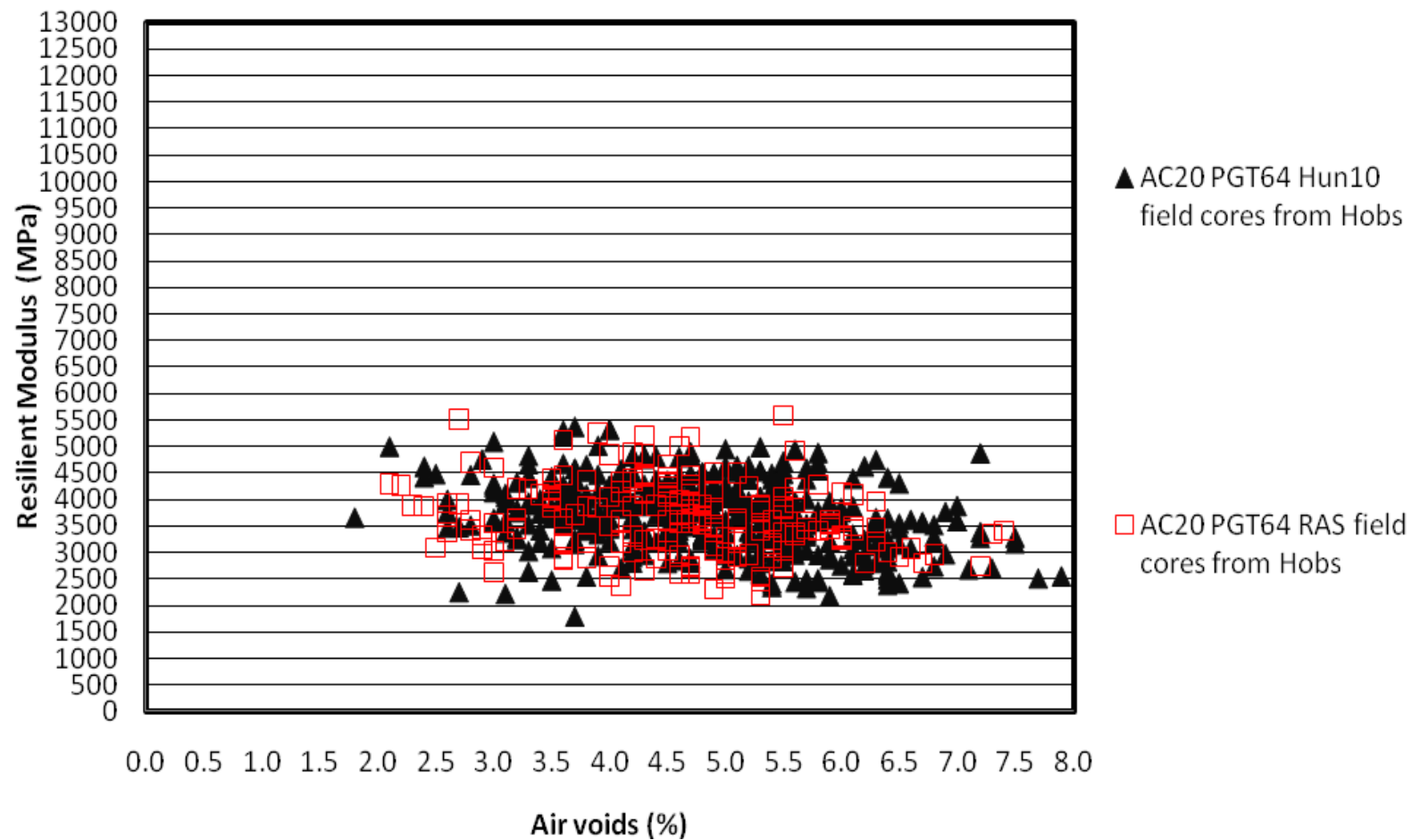
Laboratory Compaction V Field



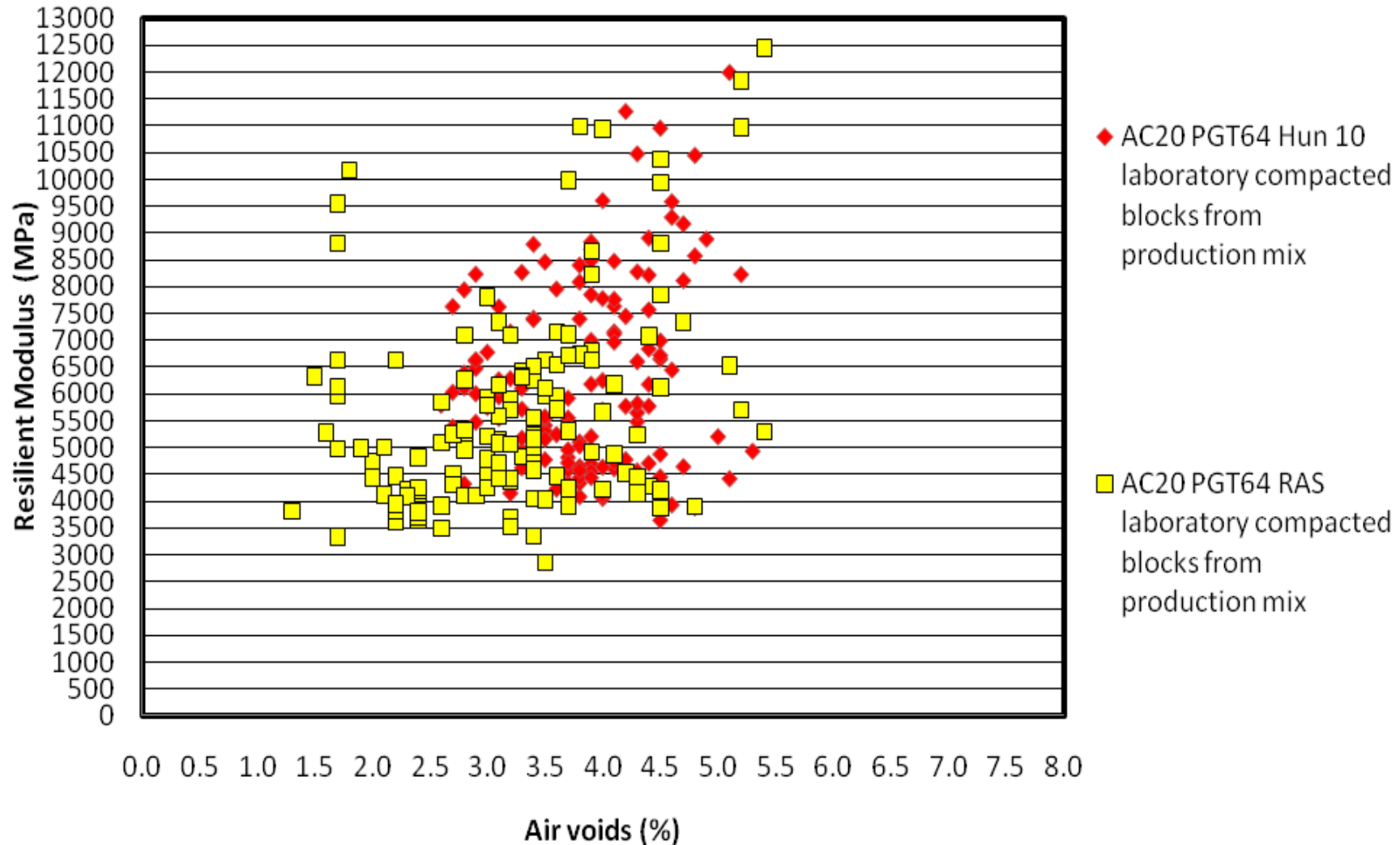
AC20 RAS - lab samples vs field cores



AC20 Hun vs AC20 RAS - field cores



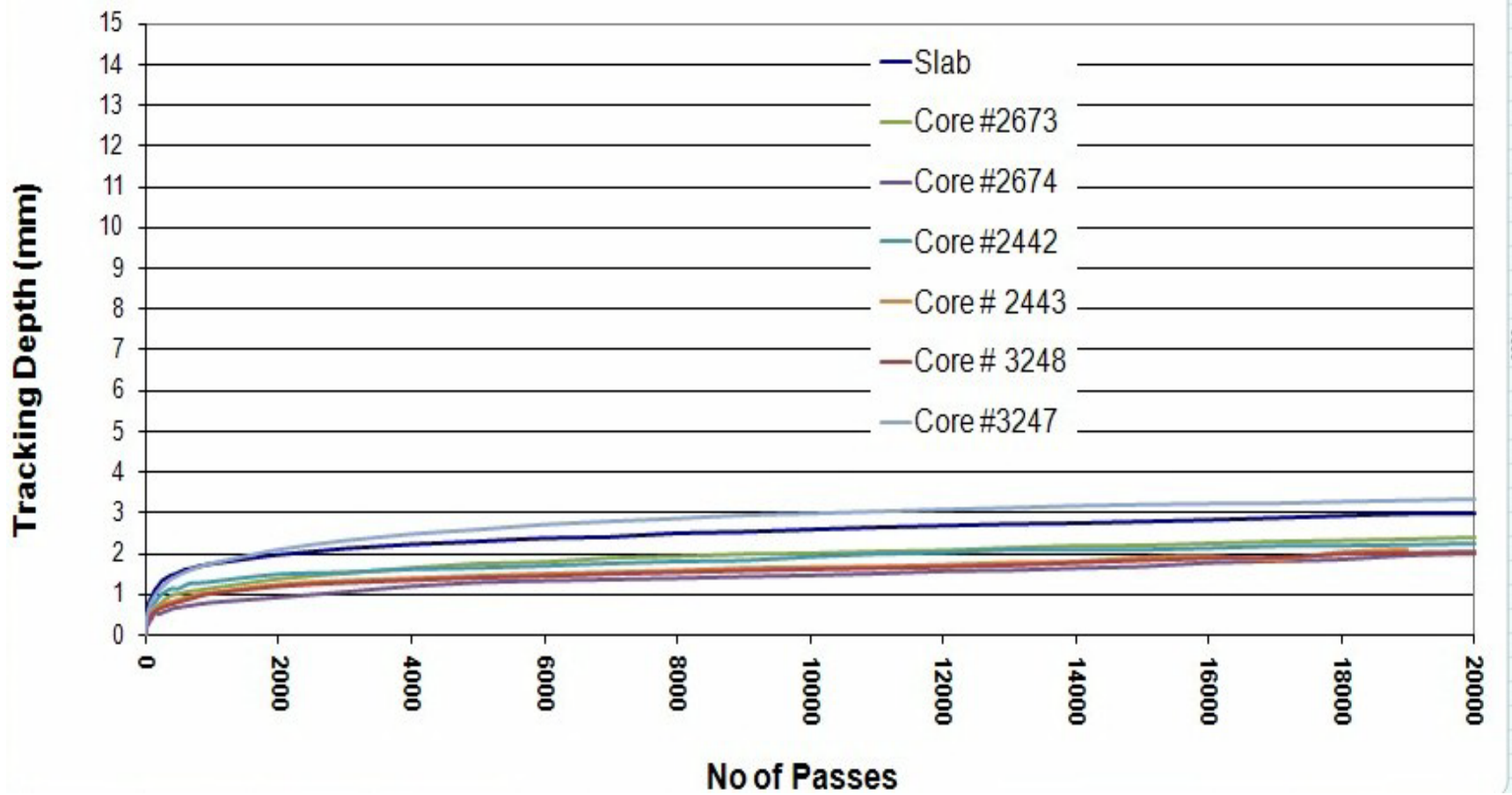
AC20 Hun vs AC20 RAS - lab samples



Matta results



- Field Matta consistently lower for field samples
- Less scatter
- Void ranges similar but wider for field samples
- Density levels of compaction within same ranges as laboratory
- Difference maybe due to void distribution and particle orientation
- Pavement design with Matta should not be done with laboratory design if Servo used



Wheel tracking

- Compacted with a wheel system
- Slabs very similar though not identical to field samples
- Differences may be due to different void distribution and orientation



Mix	15% RAP Mix Cycles to Fail	15% RAP Mix Flexural Strength (MPa)	Typical Virgin AC20 Mix Cycles to Fail	Virgin Mix Flexural Strength (MPa)
AC20Hun	250,000	6560	315,000	6760
AC20RAS	319,480	4500	315,000	6760

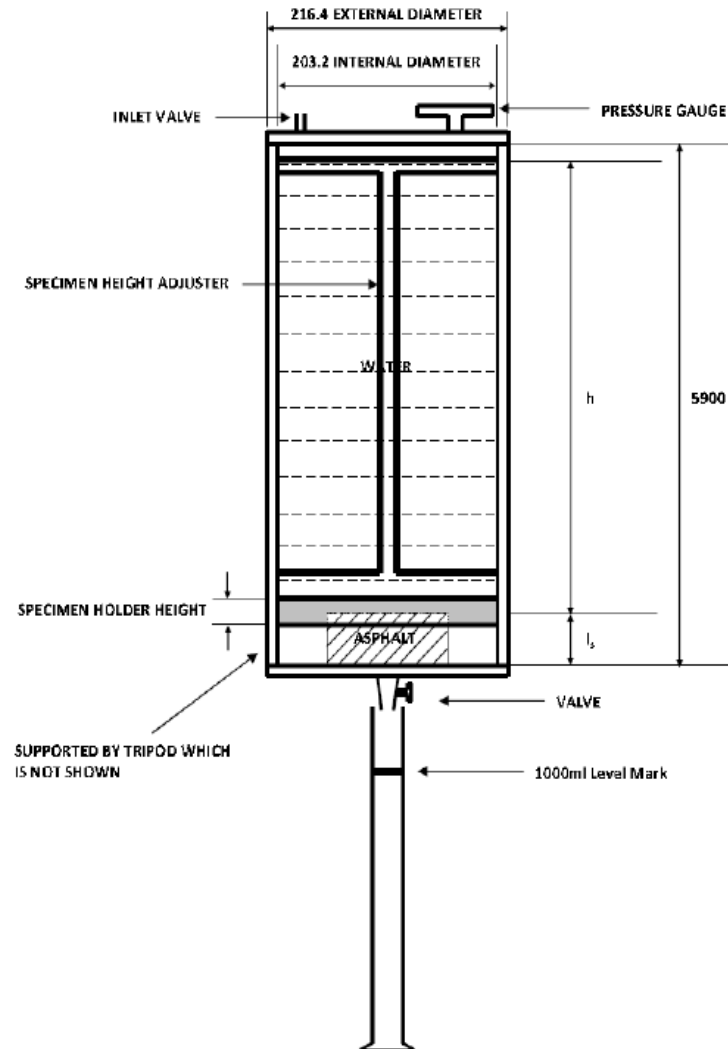
*Fatigue Life of Compacted Bituminous Mixes Subject to Repeated AG:PT/T233 – 06 Flexural Bending 20°C 400 ms.

Fatigue Life

- 4 pt beam testing
- Comparable fatigue life to virgin mixes
- Mix and aggregate dependant
- Fatigue beams made using rolling wheel so may be more reflective of in field performance



LABORATORY PERMEAMETER
DIMENSIONS IN MILLIMETERS



Permeability

- Greater for field compacted mixes
- AC20 compacted to optimum is not impermeable
- Gyratory compacted samples in lab have lower permeability than field cores of similar void levels

Conclusions

- RAP can be successfully controlled but requires special handling in design and in processing
- Lab Matta results do not reflect field results and should not be used for design
- Gyratory compaction does not simulate field compaction
- Wheel compaction should be considered as it gives better reproduction of field core results
- QC is better done on field cores than on production samples in the lab – Field takes all variables into account