



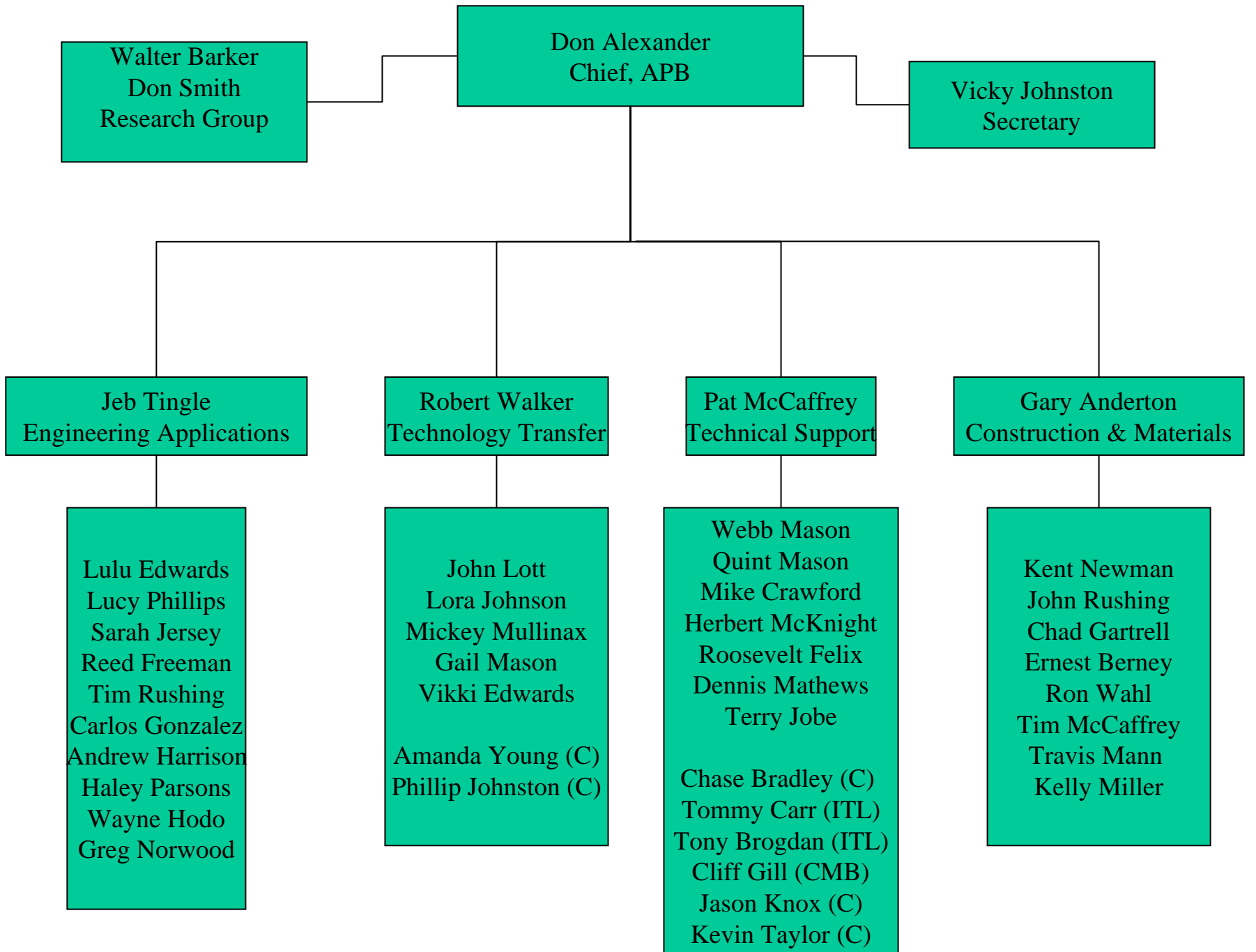
# Heavy Vehicle Simulator International Alliance Sept 2006



## ERDC-WES Update

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# Heavy Vehicle Simulator - Aircraft



- Largest In The World
  - Length - 119 ft
  - Width - 14 ft
  - Height - 13.5 ft
  - Capacity - 10 to 100 Kips
- 300+ Repetitions per hour
- Single or Dual wheel gear
- Railroad carriages, scaled trailers, etc.
- Delivered November 1998
- Operational January 1999

# Focus on Contingency/Expedient Pavements



# Airfield Damage Repair

## ERDC PROJECTS:

- **Small Crater Repair: (<10 ft Diameter)**
  - Rapid Fill Materials – Closed-Cell Polyurethane Foam
  - Rapid Setting Cementitious Materials for Small Volumes
- **Large Crater Repair: (>10 ft Diameter)**
  - Rapid Setting Cementitious Materials for Large Volumes
- **ADR Kit Upgrades:**
  - Advanced Composite FOD Covers with Aramid Fibers
  - Rapidly Installed Earth Anchors
- **Rapid Temporary Asphalt Repair:**
  - Innovative Polymeric Topical Coatings
- **Evaluation of Deteriorated Asphalt:**
  - Portable Deflectometer
  - Portable Seismic Pavement Analyzer
- **Evaluation of Folded Fiberglass Mat Serviceability:**
  - Thermal Imaging
  - Acoustic Imaging

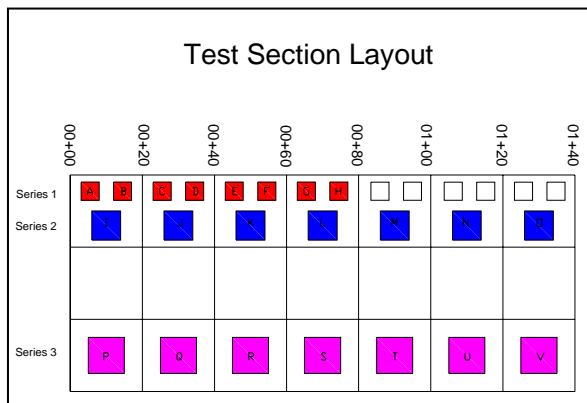


# FULL-SCALE TESTING

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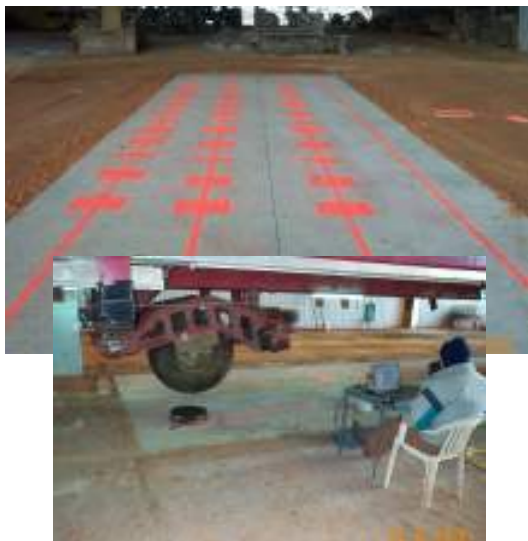
## SMALL CRATERS:



## LARGE CRATERS:



## SPALL REPAIR: C-17



## INSTRUMENTATION:



## LOAD CART: F-15E



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# C-17 Semi-Prepared Runway Operations



# SPRO2 C-17 Test Program

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## TEAM MEMBERS

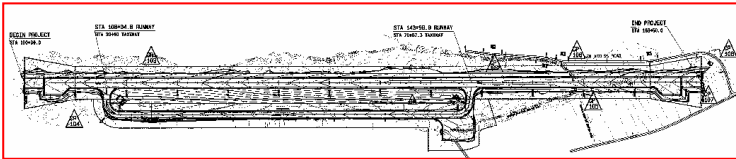
Geotechnical and Structures Laboratory (GSL)	418 <sup>th</sup> Flight Test Squadron
Cold Regions Research & Engineering Laboratory (CRREL)	18 <sup>th</sup> Airborne Corps
Information Technology Laboratory (ITL)	958 <sup>th</sup> EN BN
Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency (AFCESA)	229 <sup>th</sup> EN BN
Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL)	458 <sup>th</sup> EN BN
NASA Langley Research Center (LRC)	420 <sup>th</sup> EN BDE
The Boeing Company	Fort Hunter Liggett
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USACE Omaha/Tulsa Districts	Fort Chaffee
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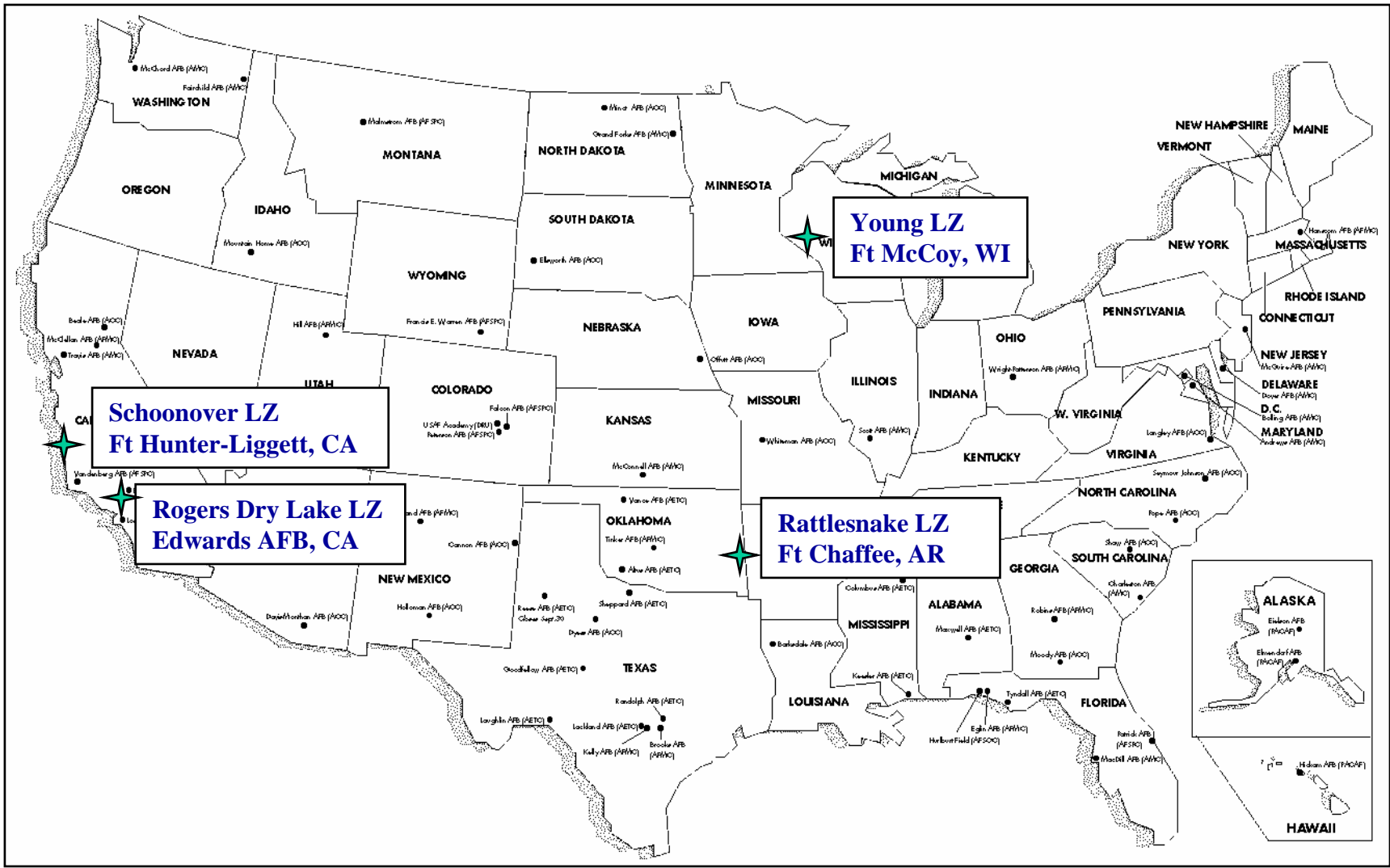
# C-17 Semi-Prepared Runway Operations

## OBJECTIVES:

- Develop Methods for Predicting Runway Condition Rating (RCR)
- Develop Methods for Predicting Rolling Friction Factor (RFF)
- Develop Methods for Predicting SPRO Deterioration Rates
- Develop Models for Predicting Aircraft Roughness
- Evaluate Ability to Increase Maximum Allowable Gross Weight



# Test Sites



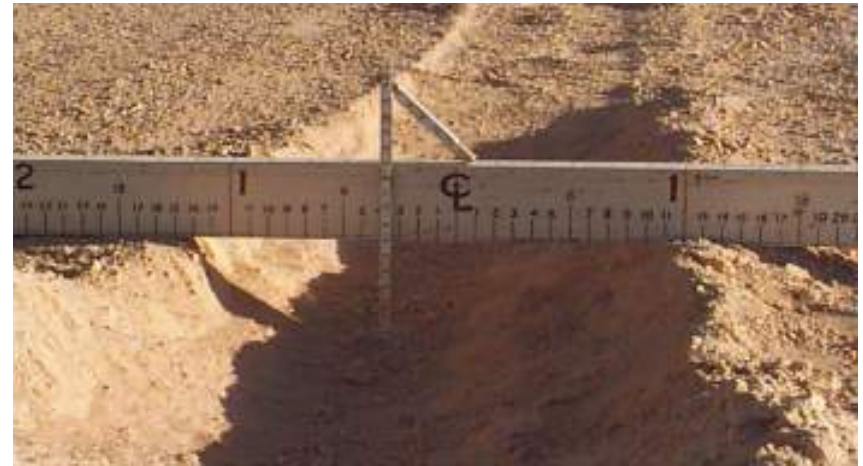
# Construction at Ft Hunter Liggett

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# C-17 Semi-Prepared Runway Operations

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# Dust Mitigation

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# Dust Control Studies

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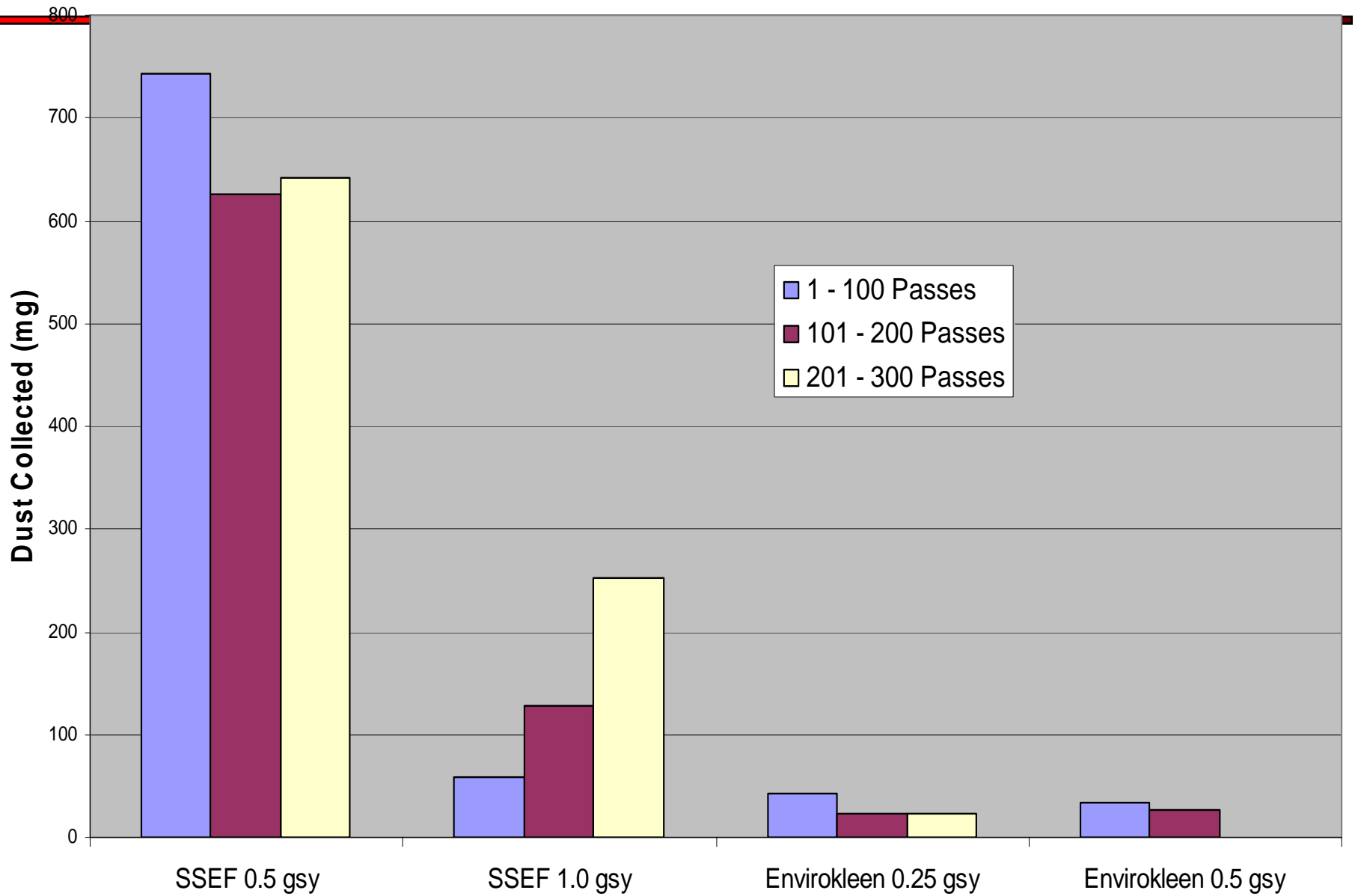
- Objective – Determine quantitative effectiveness of emulsion polymer versus synthetic oils on fiber-cement stabilized soil under C-17 traffic
- Approach – Use vacuum dust collectors and dust particle monitors to evaluate dust generation during C-17 traffic of stabilized soil. Soil is an SM with a high dust potential.
- Conclusions for this stabilized soil type
  - Low to moderate levels of polymer emulsion (below  $0.5 \text{ gallon/yd}^2 = 2.18 \text{ l/m}^2$ ) were not effective for dust control
  - Low to moderate levels of synthetic oil (below  $0.5 \text{ gallon/yd}^2 = 2.18 \text{ l/m}^2$ ) were very effective for dust control
  - High dosage levels of polymer emulsion (one  $\text{gallon/yd}^2 = 4.36 \text{ l/m}^2$ ) were needed to effectively abate dust
  - High dosage levels of synthetic oil (above  $0.5 \text{ gallon/yd}^2 = 2.18 \text{ l/m}^2$ ) softened the surface and resulted in rutting







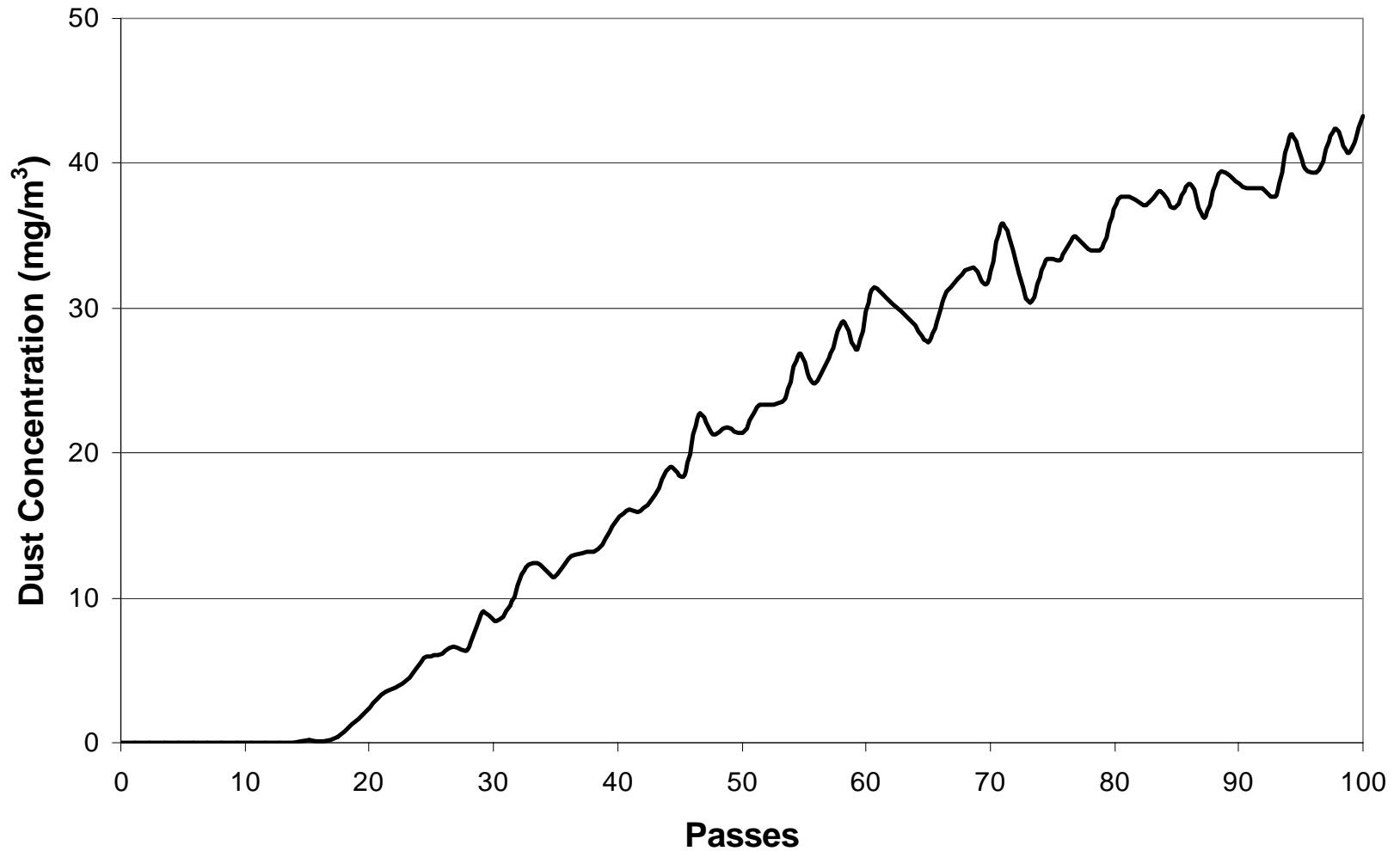




# Soil Sement @ 0.5 gsy During First Hundred Passes

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SSEF 0.5 gsy



# Renovation of the CBR Design Procedure

- REPORT 1
  - UNDERSTANDING, SCRUTINIZING AND REVAMPING THE CBR THICKNESS DESIGN METHODOLOGY
- REPORT 2
  - SOFTWARE, CRITERIA AND PROCEDURE DEVELOPMENT

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$$t = \alpha \cdot \sqrt{\frac{ESWL}{8.1 \cdot CBR} - \frac{A}{\pi}}$$

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The vertical stress under a single-wheel from the CBR stress distribution is:

$$\sigma = \sigma_0 \cdot \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \left( \frac{r}{z} \right)^2} \right]$$

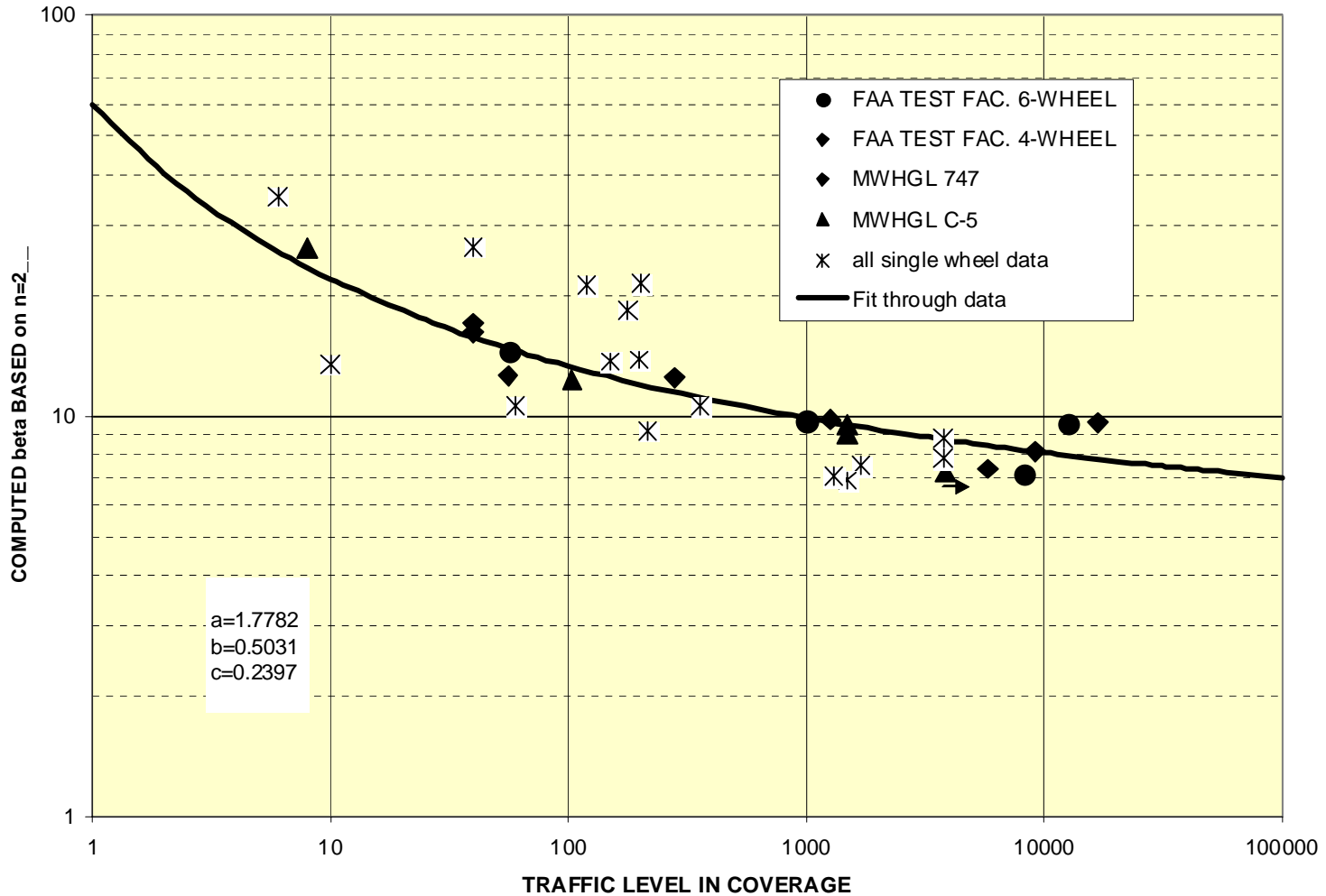
When  $t=z$  this stress is the failure stress.

$$\sigma_f = \left( \frac{\beta}{\pi} \right) \cdot CBR$$

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$$\beta = \frac{\sigma_f \cdot \pi}{CBR}$$

# Beta Criteria based on $n = 2$





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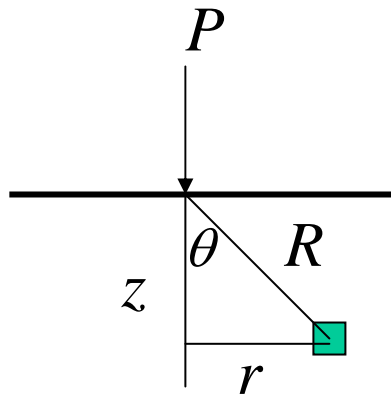
# Stress Distribution for the Center Line Under Circular Load

$$\sigma_z = \sigma_0 \cdot \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{\left| \sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{a}{z} \right)^2} \right|^n} \right]$$

For  $n = 3$ : equation becomes the Boussinesq equation.

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# Multi-Wheel Gear


$$\sigma_z = \sum_{i=1}^{wheels} \frac{n \cdot P_i}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot R^2} \cdot \cos^n \theta$$

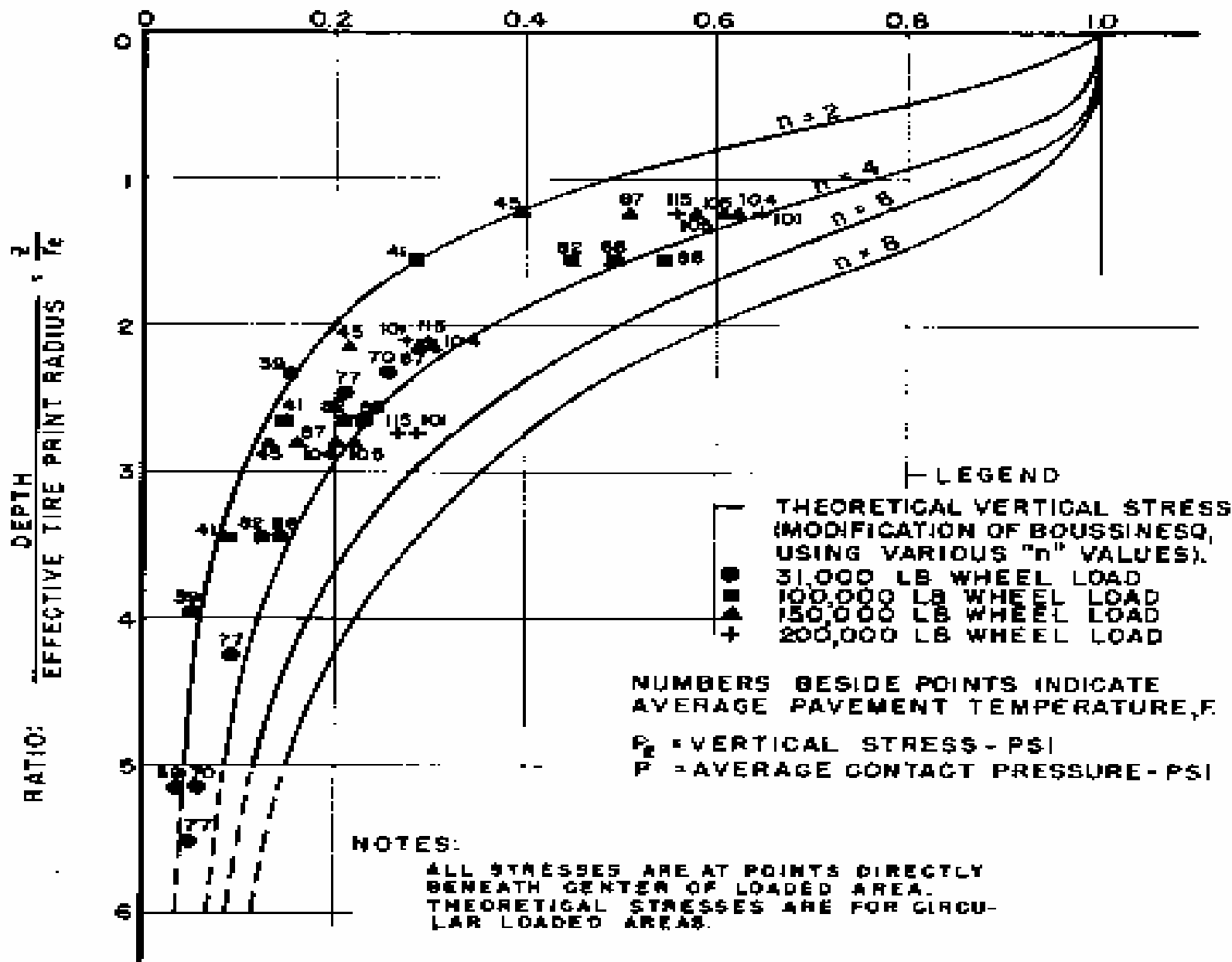
Where:  $n$  = the concentration factor

$R$  = the distance from the load to the general point

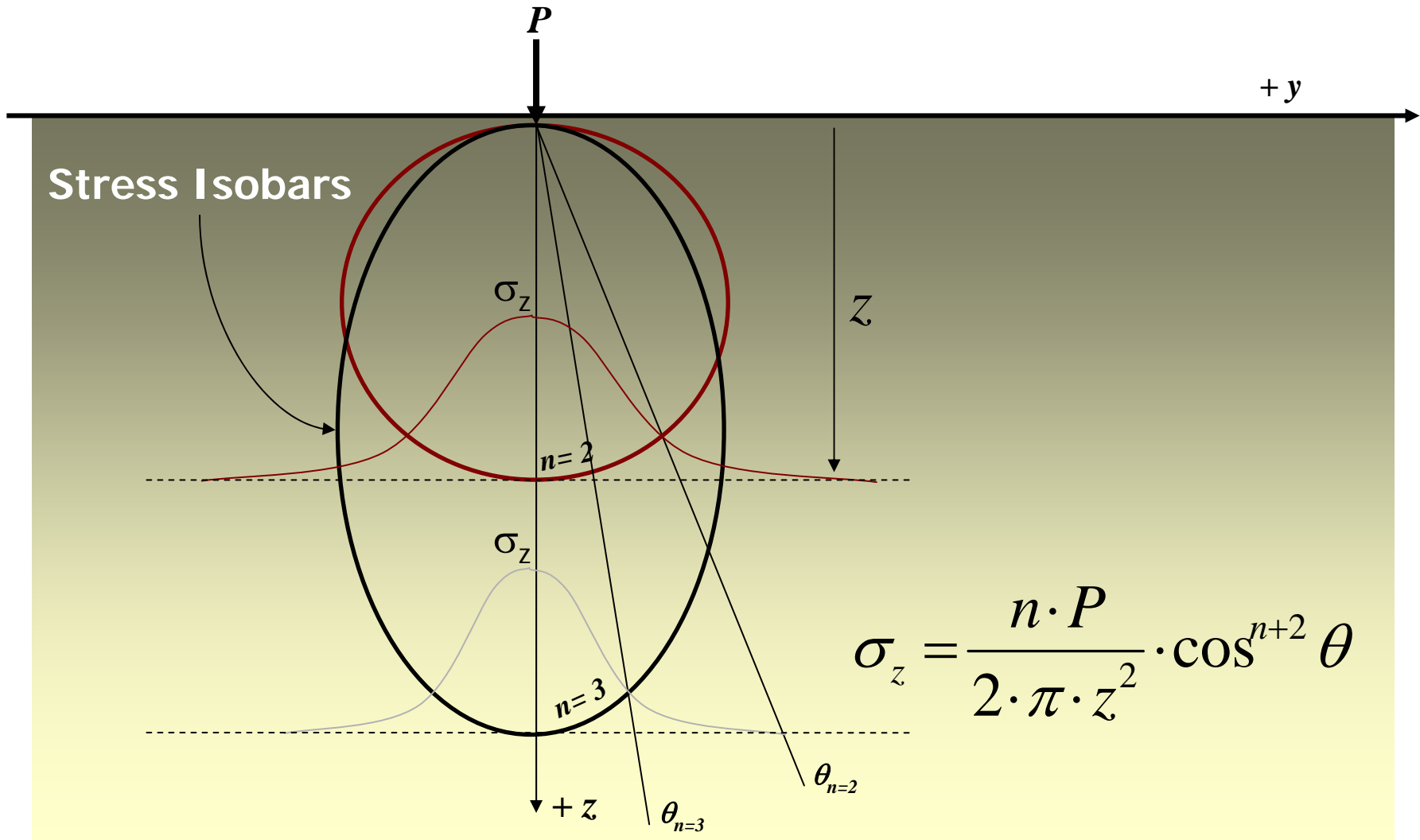
$\theta$  = the angle from the vertical to point

$P$  = the applied point load

$$\text{RATIO: } \frac{\text{UNIT VERTICAL STRESS}}{\text{AVERAGE CONTACT PRESSURE}} = \frac{P_z}{P}$$

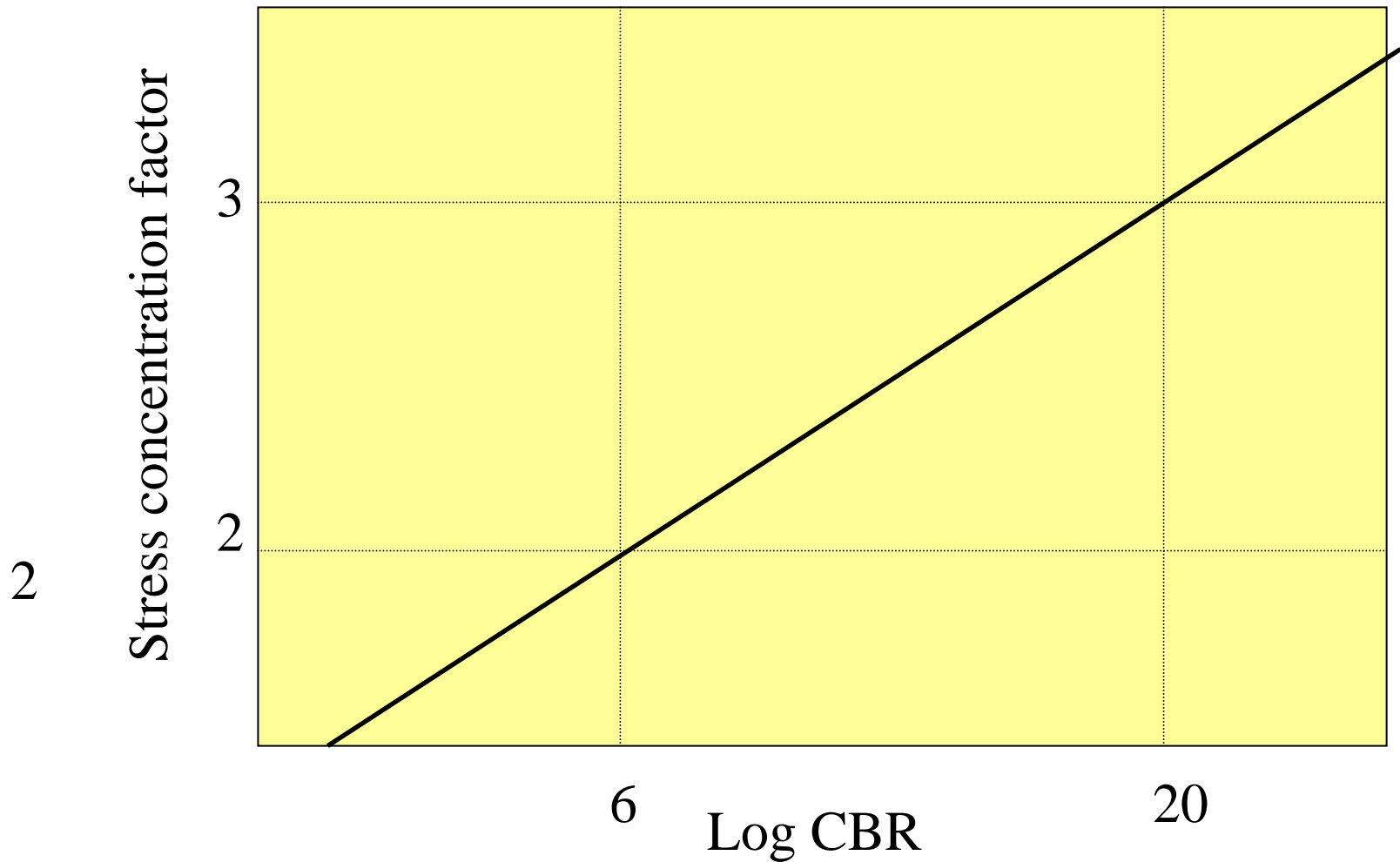


# *n*-factor Changes the Stress Distribution

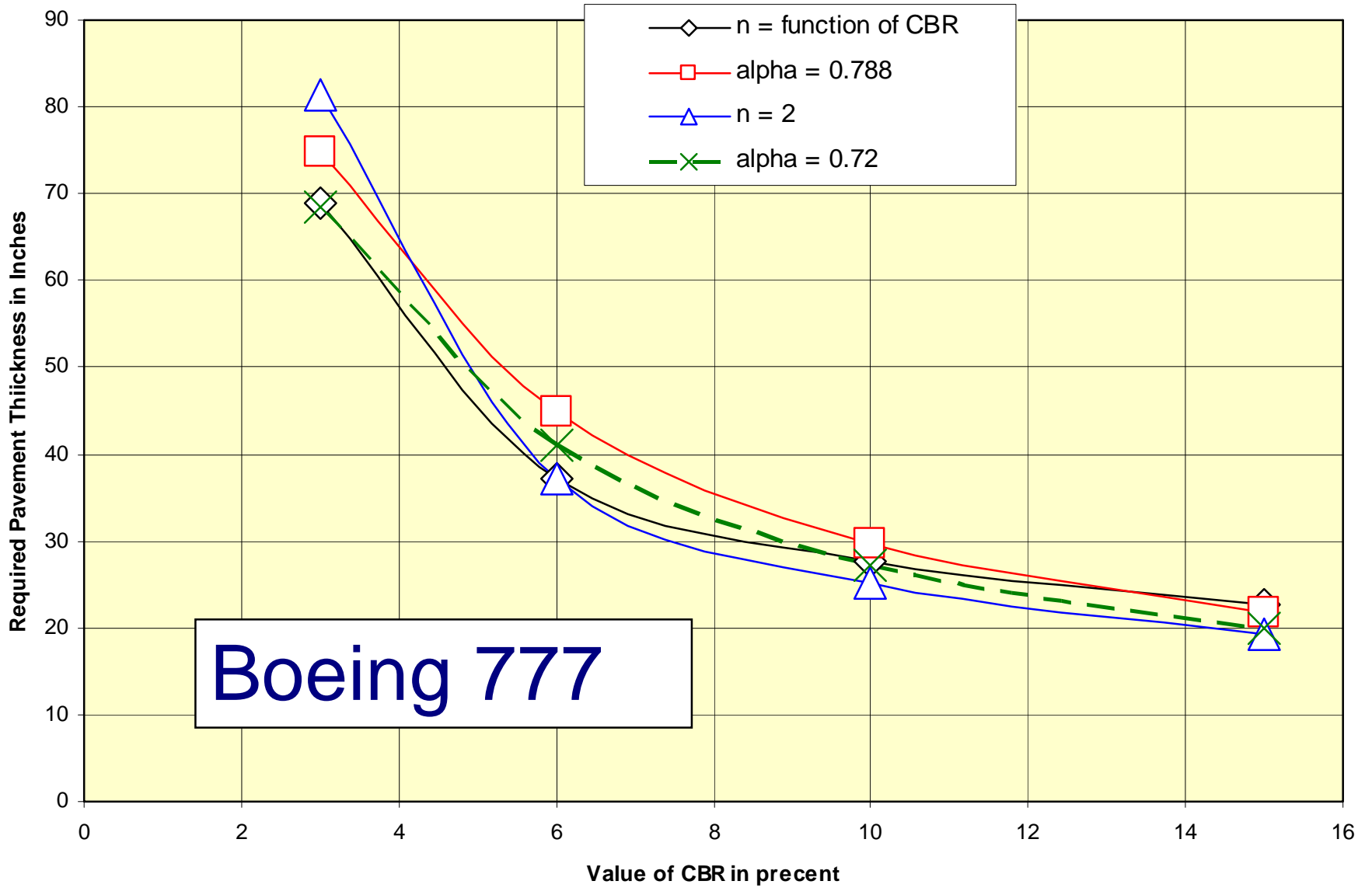


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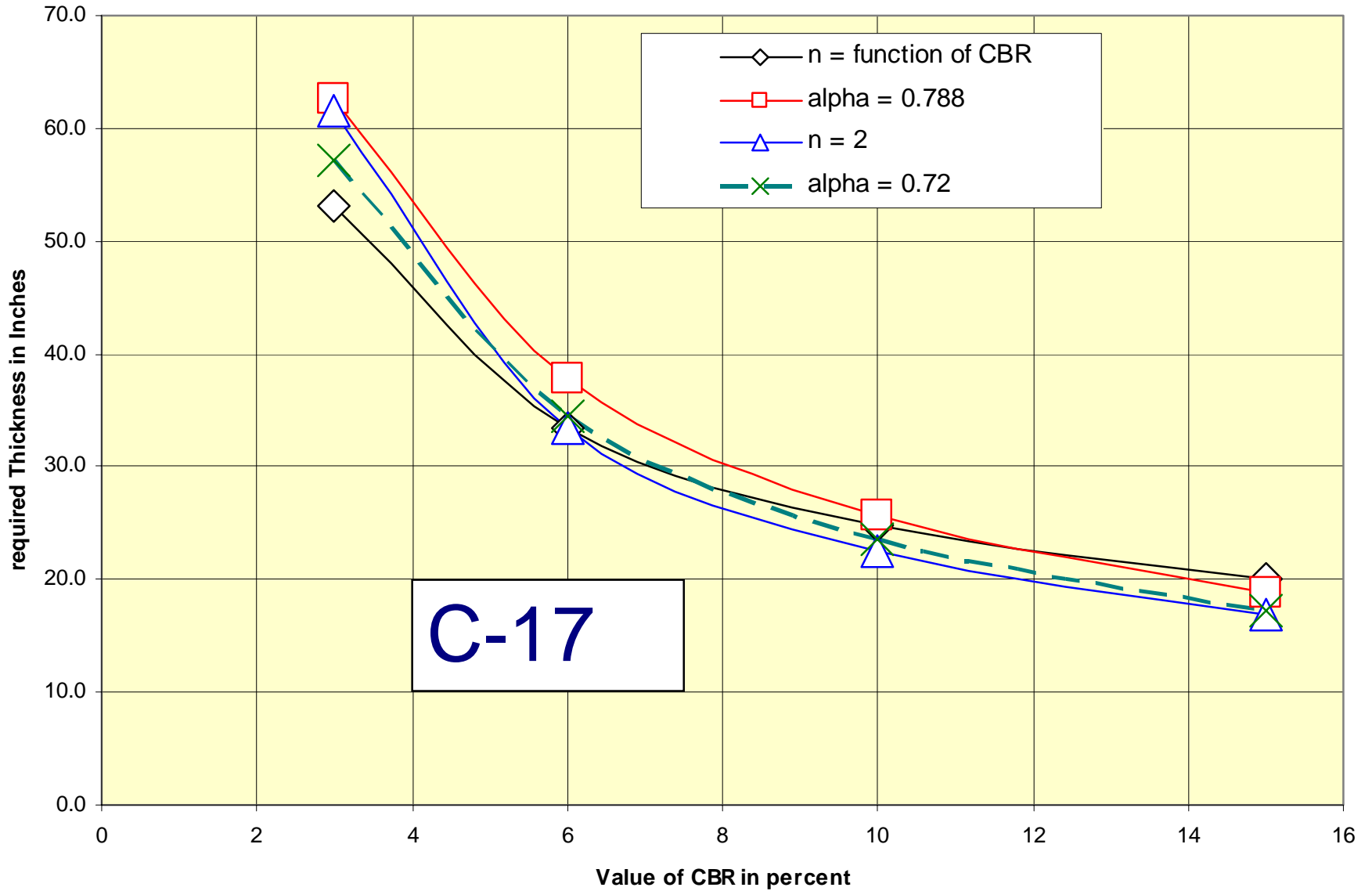
## Relationship Between Concentration Factor and CBR



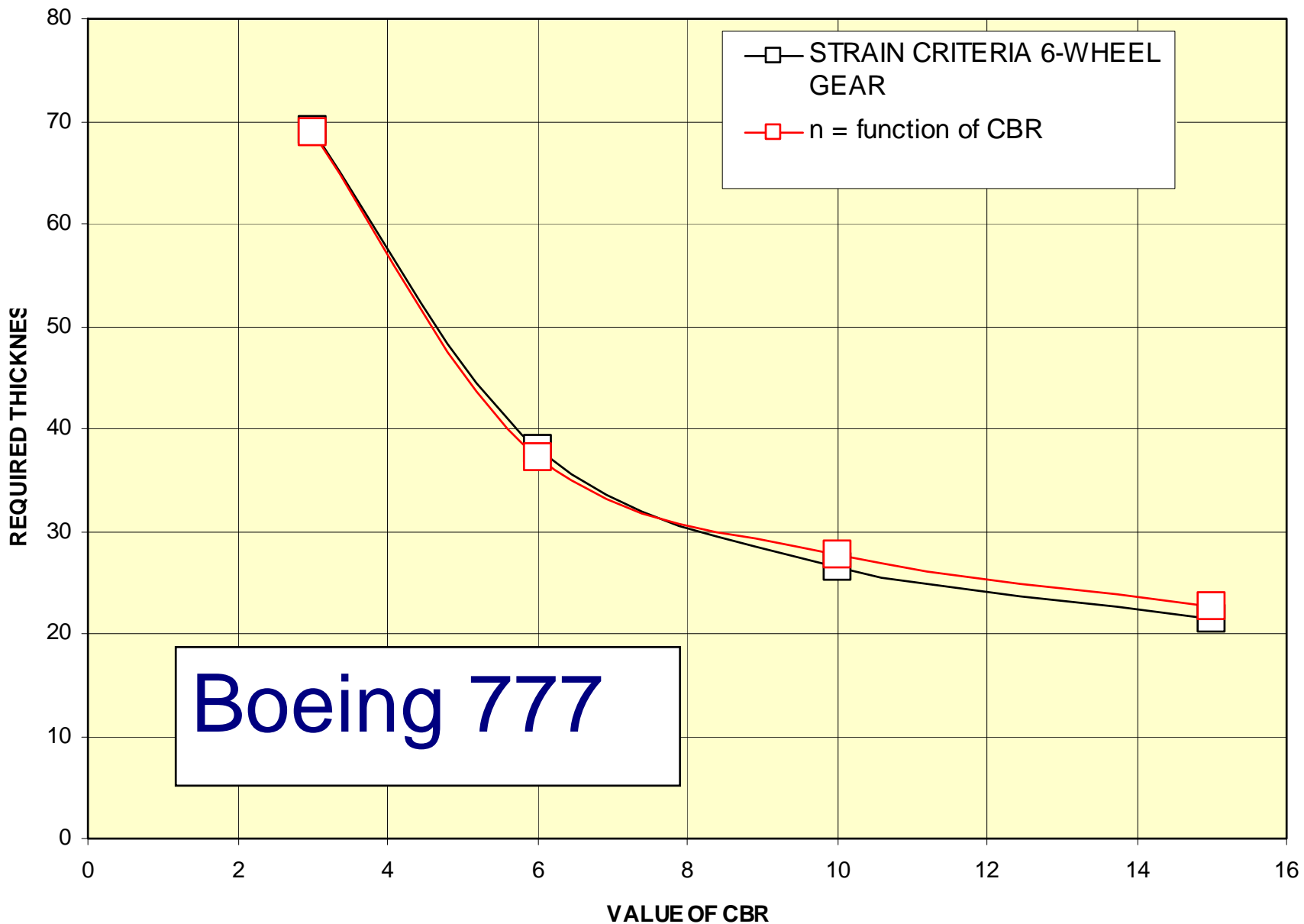
### Reality Check for 777



# Reality Check for C-17



**COMPARISON OF THICKNESS REQUIREMENTS FOR BOEING 777 AS COMPUTED WITH  
LAYER ELASTIC METHOD AND NEW CBR METHOD( $n=f(\text{CBR})$ )**





# Military Trailer With M1A1

**Vehicle Edit Module**

**Vehicles** | Comments | Acn Curves | Characteristics

**Vehicle**  
M1070 TRACTOR W/M1000 TRL W/M1A1 TANI

Std Load (lbs)  Custom

Type of Vehicle  Aircraft  Ground

Name

Maximum Load (lbs)

Minimum Load (lbs)

% Load on Main Gear

Surface Thickness Group #

RaseThickness Group #

Type of Ground Vehicle

#	X (in)	Y (in)	% Load	Pressure (psi)	Coi
1	69.440	285.400	1.525	82.000	
2	69.440	213.900	1.525	82.000	
3	69.440	142.900	1.525	82.000	
4	69.440	71.400	1.600	82.000	

**Gear Plot**

X:  Y:

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# In the Final Form

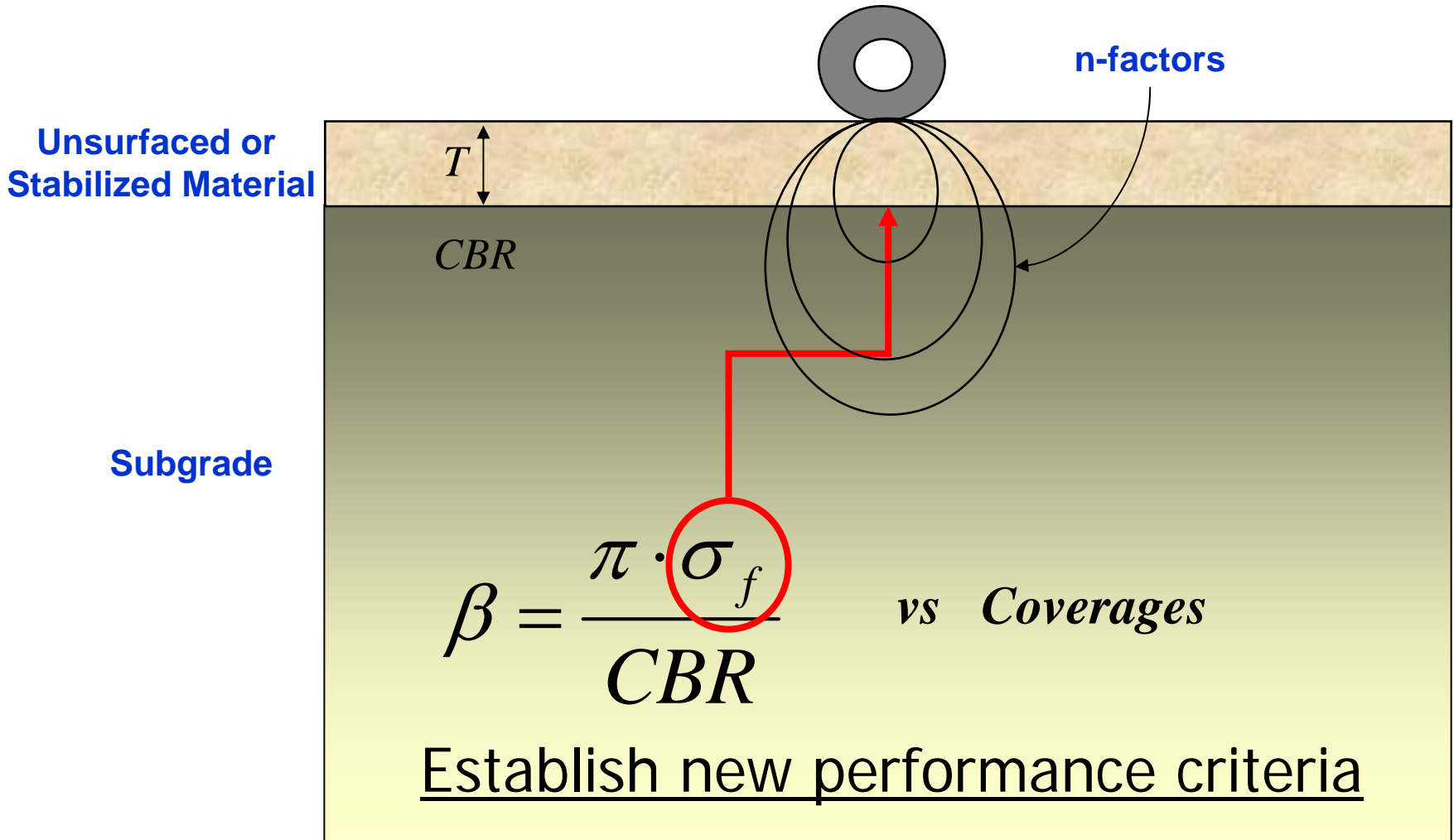
- Design Criteria will be in terms of Beta
- Beta will be computed for each aircraft based on a concentration factor
- Concentration factor will be a function of Design CBR
- Traffic volume in terms of coverages will be a function of aircraft operations, number of tires, gear arrangement, and depth

# What will be gained?

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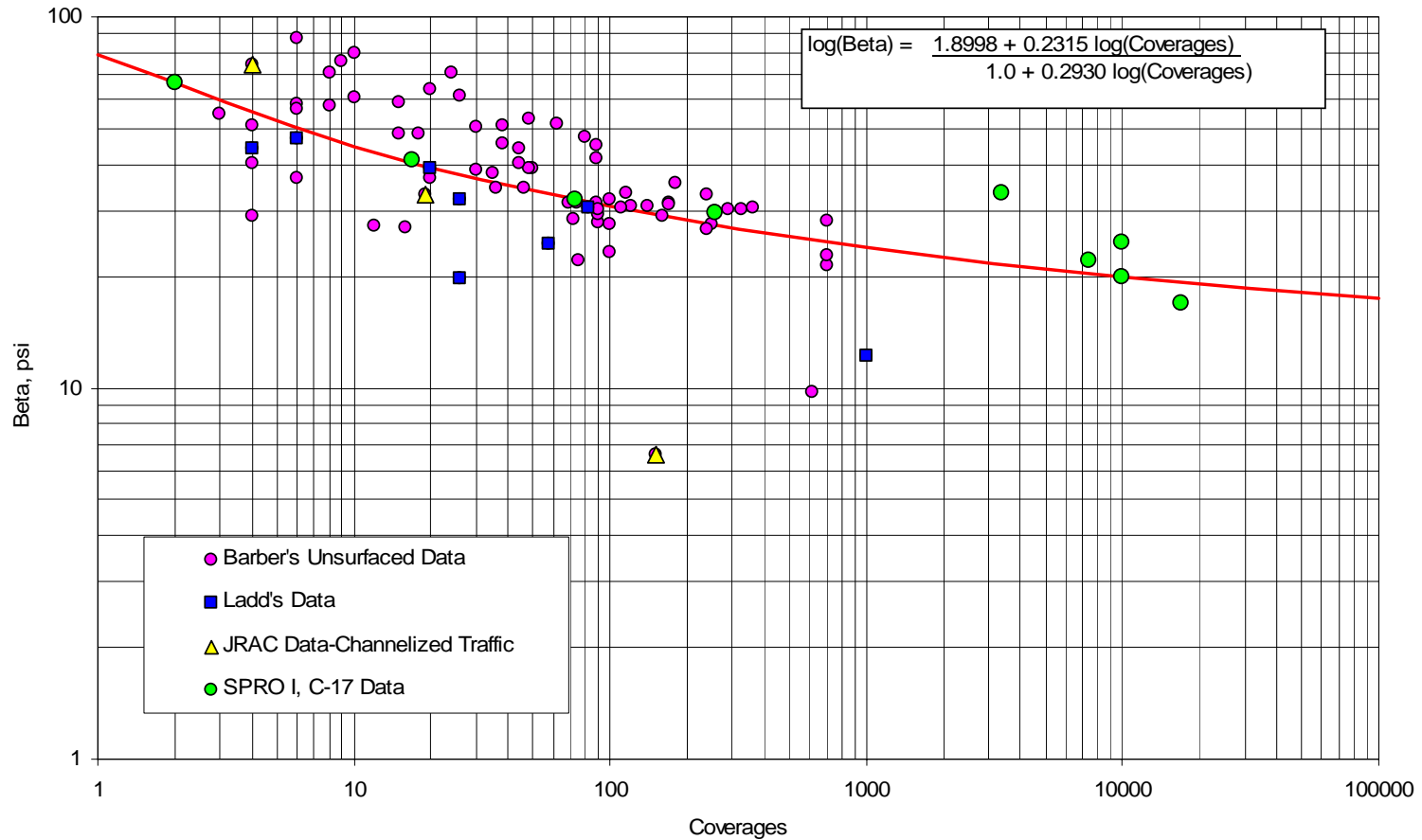
- The CBR method will be retained
- The design criteria becomes visible
- The procedure becomes more mechanistic
- A direct procedure for handling multi-wheel tire groups without the ESWL
- Will eliminate the need for  $\alpha$

# Extend to Other Pavement Types



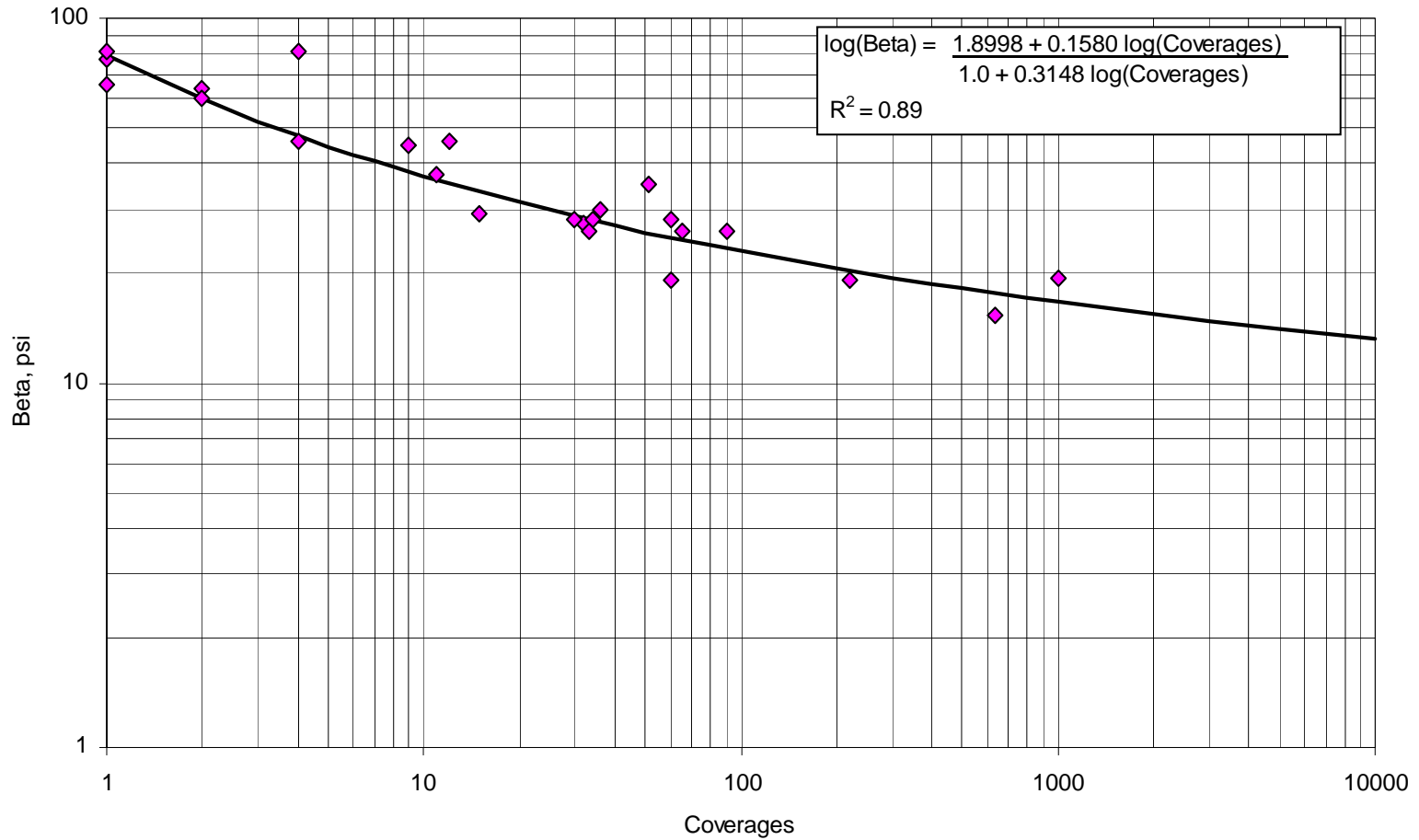
# Established Performance Criteria

## Unsurfaced Airfield Criteria 3-inch Rut Depth n-factor = 2



# Established Performance Criteria

## Cement-Stabilized Layer Criteria 3-inch Rut Depth $n = 2$



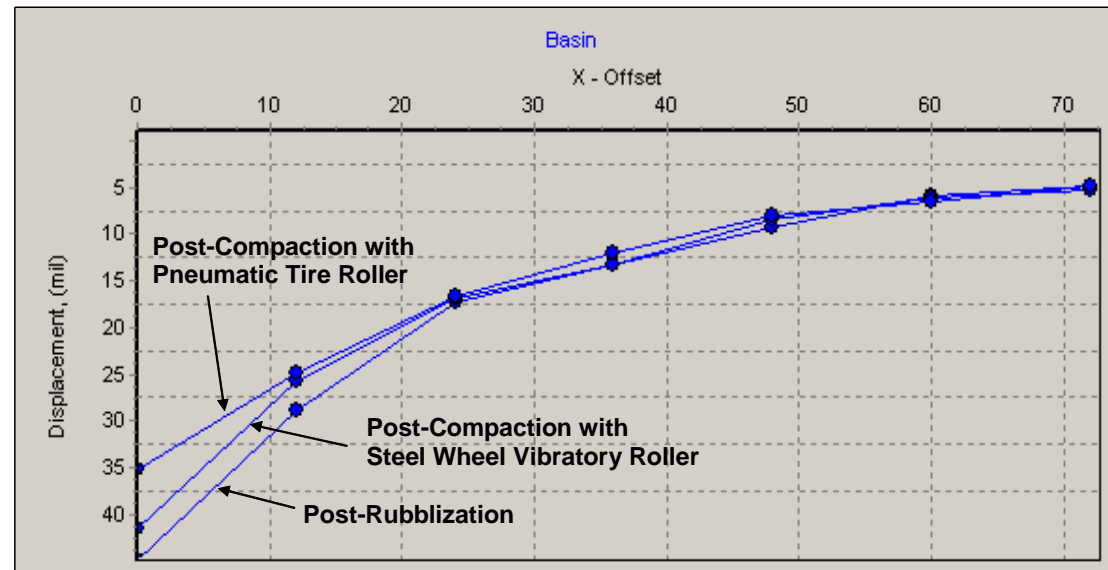
# Rubblization

- **Objective:**

- Develop a design procedure and criteria for rubblized PCC pavements.

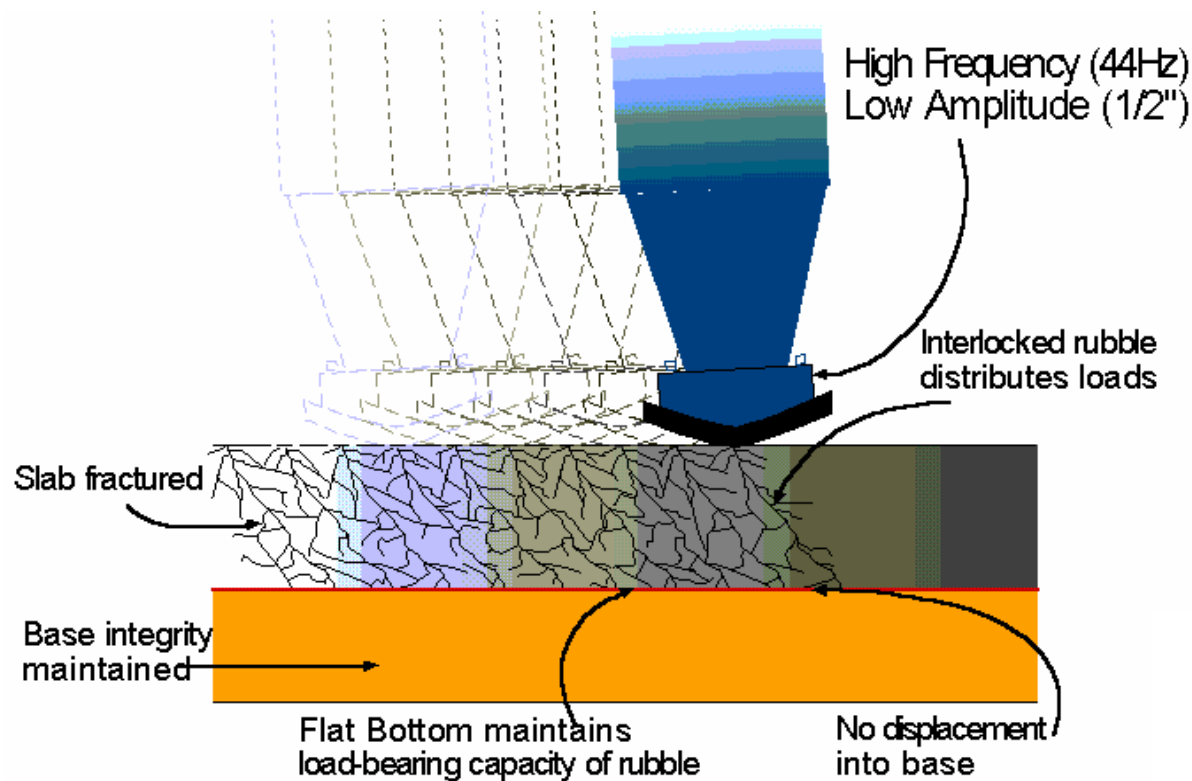
- ***Rubblization...***

- ...is a relatively “new” rigid pavement rehabilitation technique.
- ...eliminates existing slab action by breaking the PCC pavement into small particles



# Ongoing Work – Analytical Studies

- *How do we model this “new pavement structure” and be able to predict performance so we can establish a design criteria?*





# Research Work to be Done

## - Monitor FAA Pavement Test Facility, New Jersey

- Load/Rolling tests
  - HVS
  - Aircraft loading

## - Monitor Long-term Rubblization Projects

- Existing condition evaluations
- Non destructive testing:
  - HWD/FWD
- Traffic responses
  - 5 (+) year term
  - HVS-A
    - Full-Scale Accelerated Pavement Testing

## - Small-Scale/Laboratory Tests

- Test Box
  - 5ft x 5 ft x 6-in slab
  - Instrumented-Measure Stress/Deflections
  - Test intact, then rubblized and test again
  - Select a model that better represents actual behavior

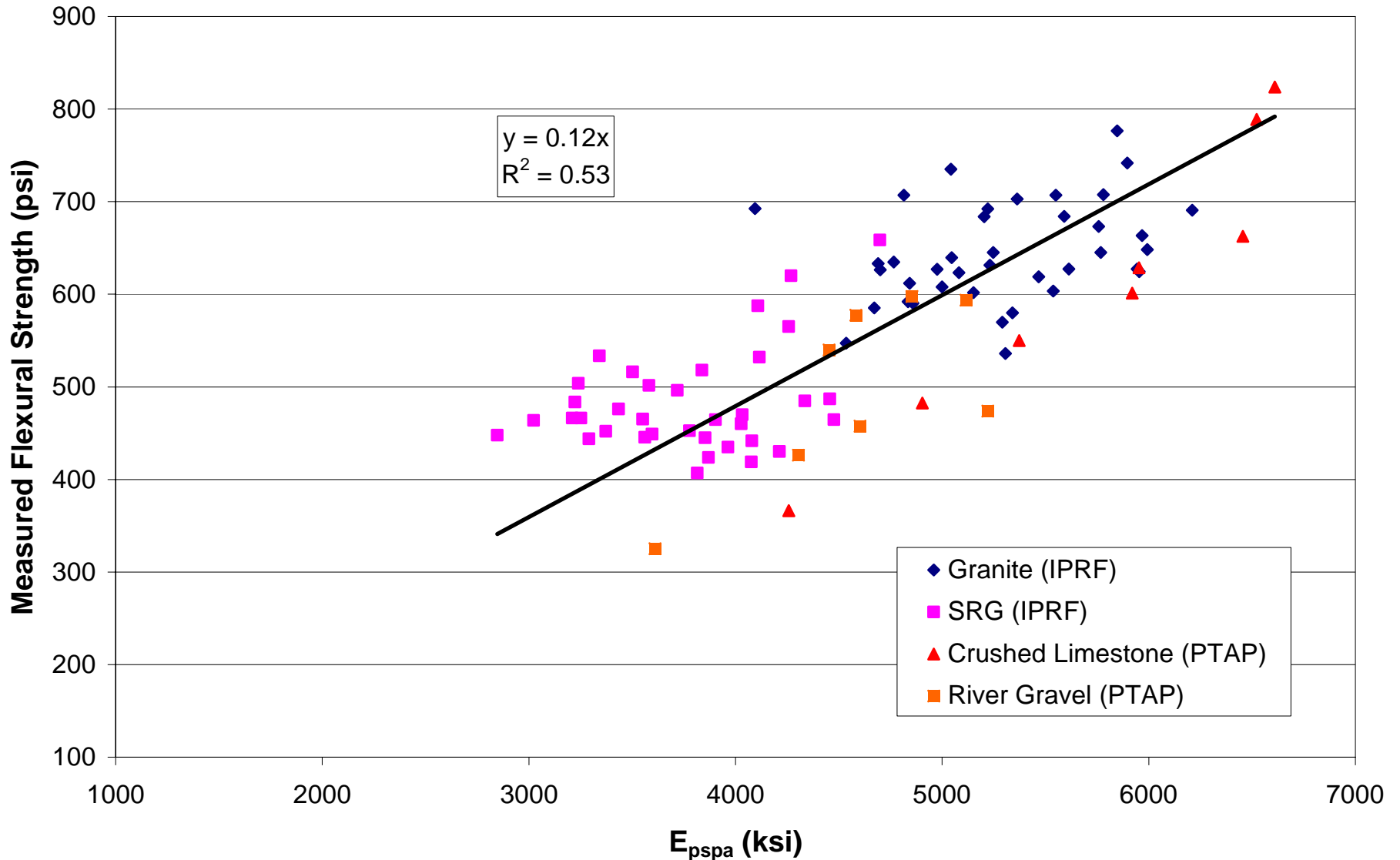


# Portable Seismic Pavement Analyzer (PSPA)

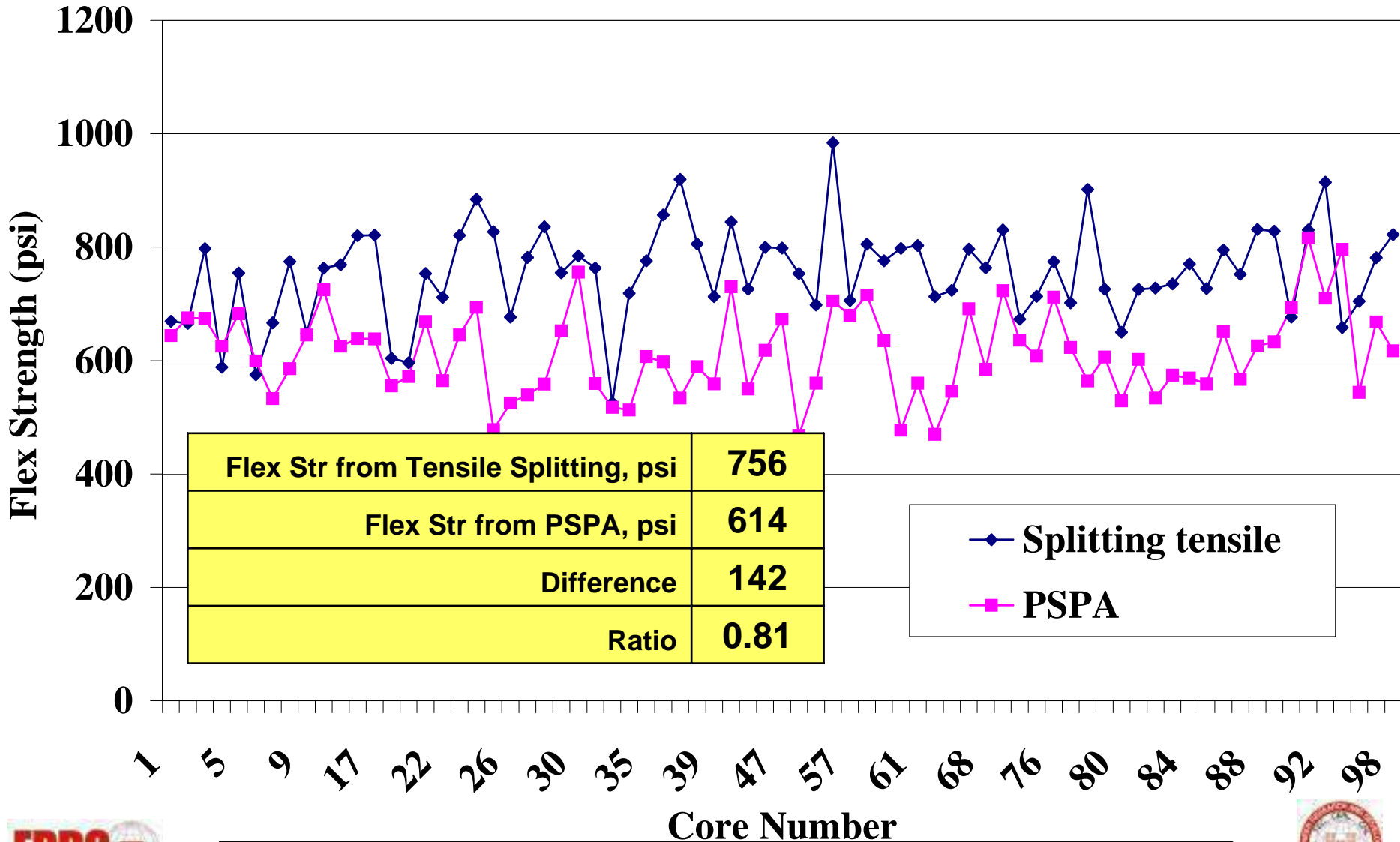
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# Results from Recent Laboratory Studies



# PSPA vs. Tensile Splitting (Airfield Pavement)



# Hangar 4 – 15 Year Old PCC



# Hangar 4 – Beams

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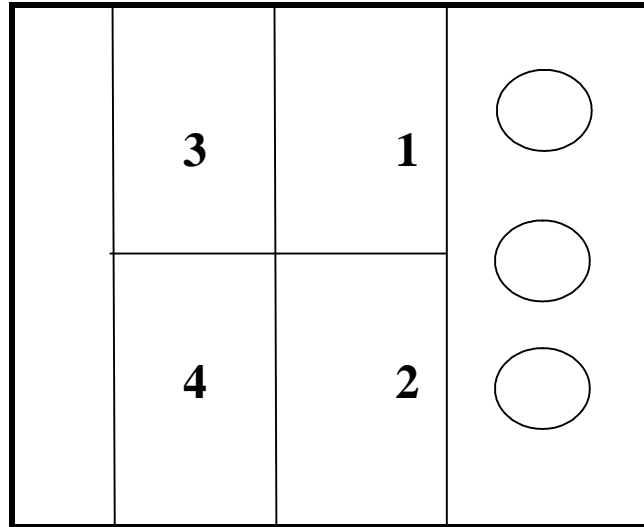
# 18" PCC Slab – Vicksburg (15 years old)

Core	FS (psi)
1	775
2	859
3	731
<b>Avg Flex Str from Tensile Splitting=&gt;</b>	<b>788</b>

<b>Avg Flex Str from PSPA (psi) =&gt;</b>	<b>653</b>
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<b>Ratio</b>	<b>0.83</b>
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<b>Avg Modulus from PSPA (ksi)</b>	<b>5,441</b>
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Beam	FS (psi)
TOP 1	530
TOP 2	523
TOP 3	513
TOP 4	611
BOT 1	615
BOT 2	664
BOT 3	503
BOT 4	417
<b>Avg =&gt;</b>	<b>547</b>

# Questions??

