

FINAL REPORT ON LONG TERM  
OUTDOOR AGING STUDY OF WARM MIX  
SAMPLES  
MTE SERVICES, INC  
& THREE YEAR COMPARISON OF PG 58-28  
HMA & WMA

WARM MIX TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING  
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# BACKGROUND

WARM MIX PRODUCED USING PG 58-28 + 0.65%  
EVOTHERM 3G + 35% RAP 8/26/2008

**PAVED ON COUNTY ROAD IN WISCONSIN  
with a 1 MILLION ESAL MIX**

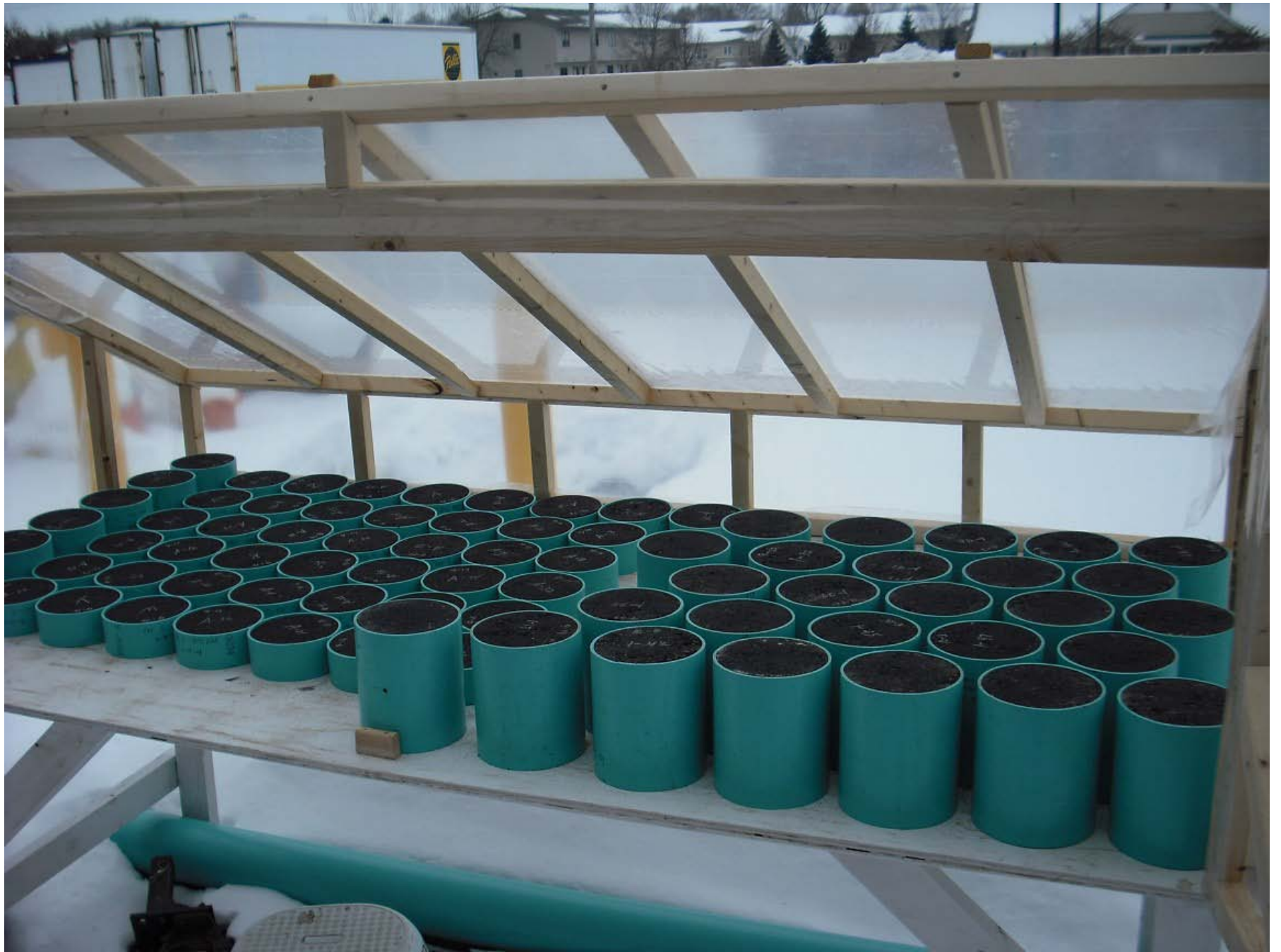
30 FIVE GALLON PAILS OF MIX TAKEN TO COMPACT  
RUT PILLS, AMPT PILLS, 95 mm PILLS

COMPACTED PILLS STORED OUTSIDE TO AGE

PERIODICALLY SAMPLES DRAWN AND TESTED

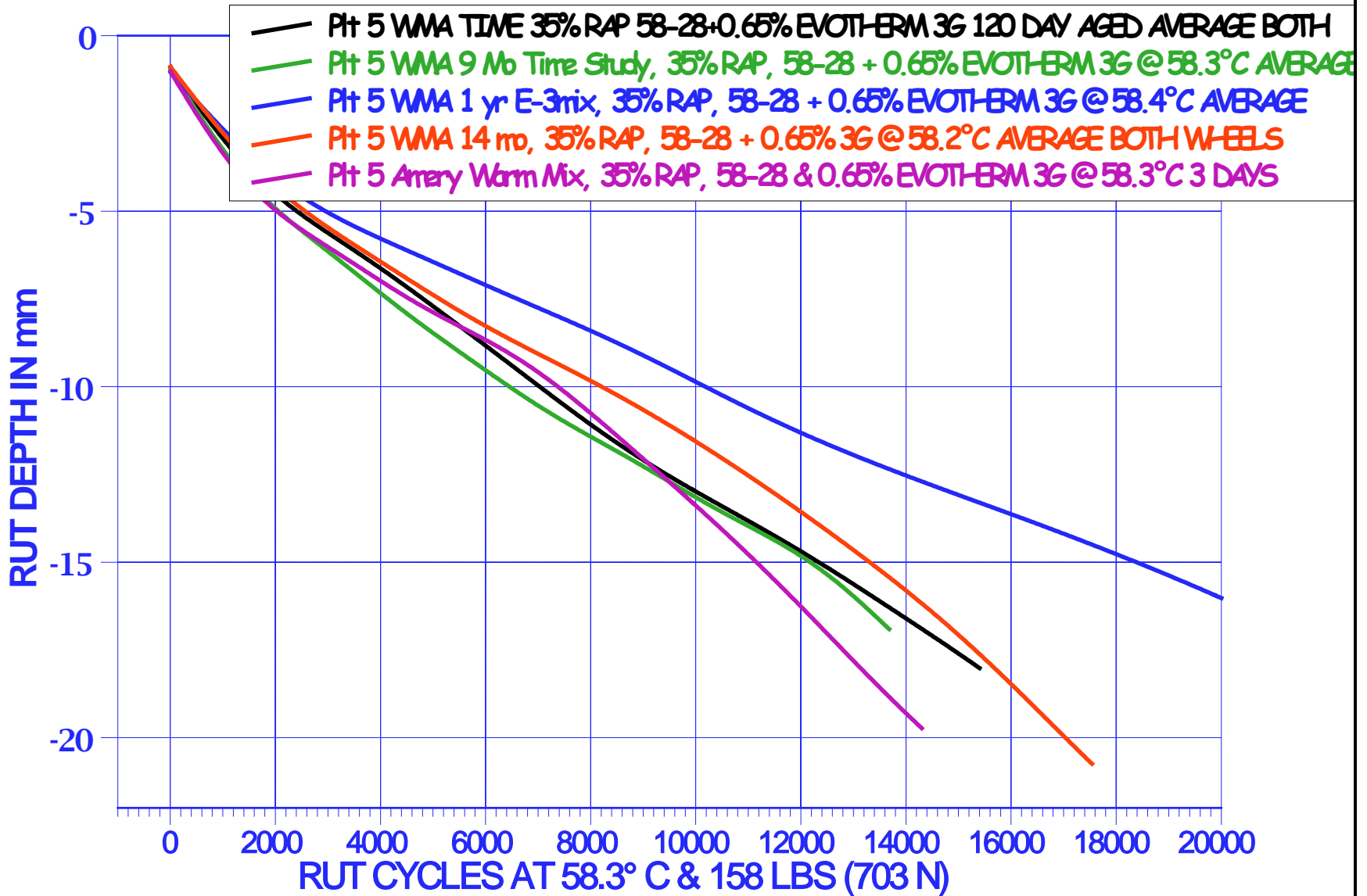
UNCOMPACTED MIX STORED AT 40°F FOR FUTURE  
WORK



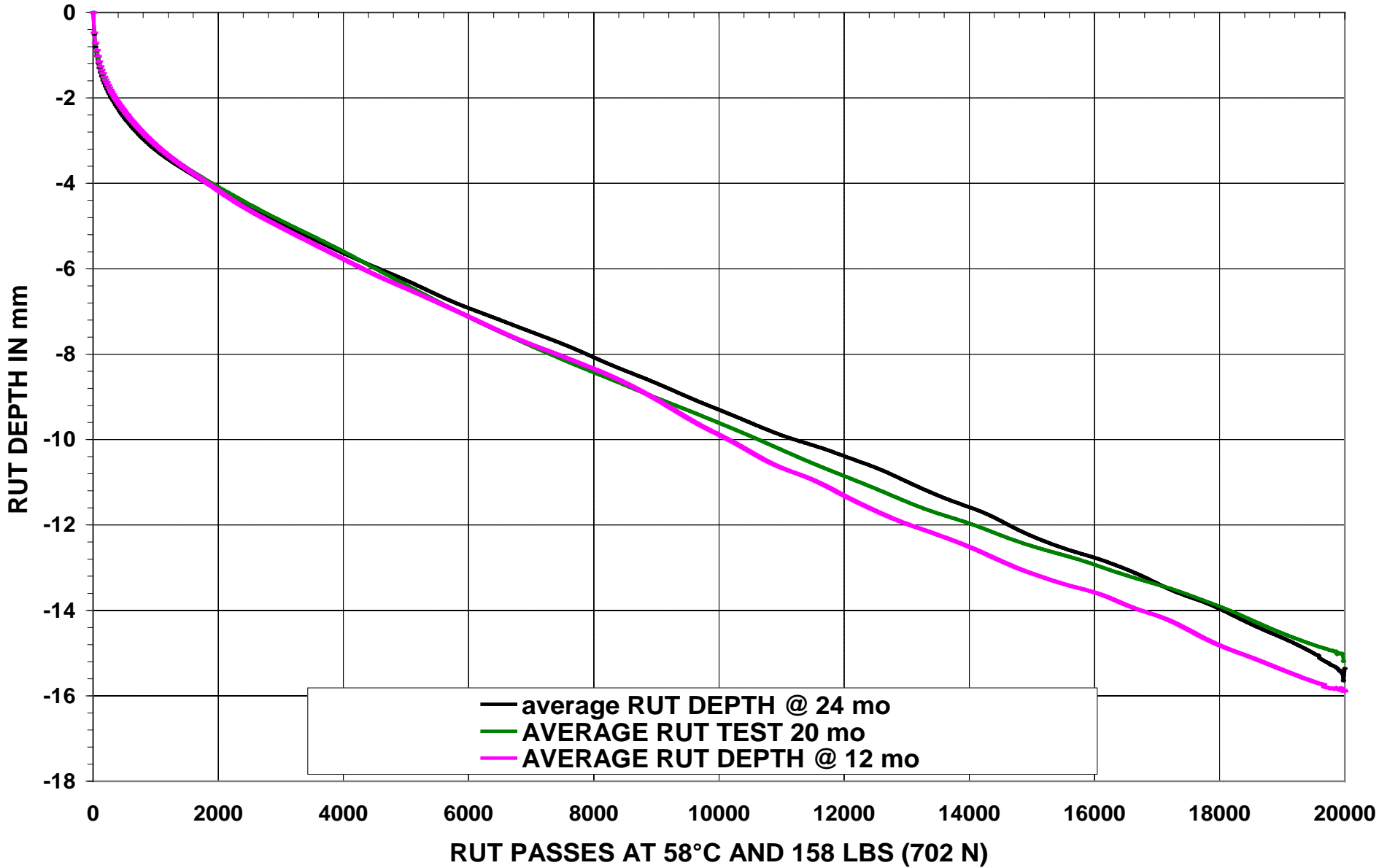




PLT 5 WARM MIX TIME STUDY PG 58-28 + 0.65% EVOTHERM 3G  
 TESTED IN HAMBURG DRY AT 58.3° C, 158# LOAD  
 PLANT MIX CONDITIONED OUTSIDE FROM 9/19/08 TO ONGOING



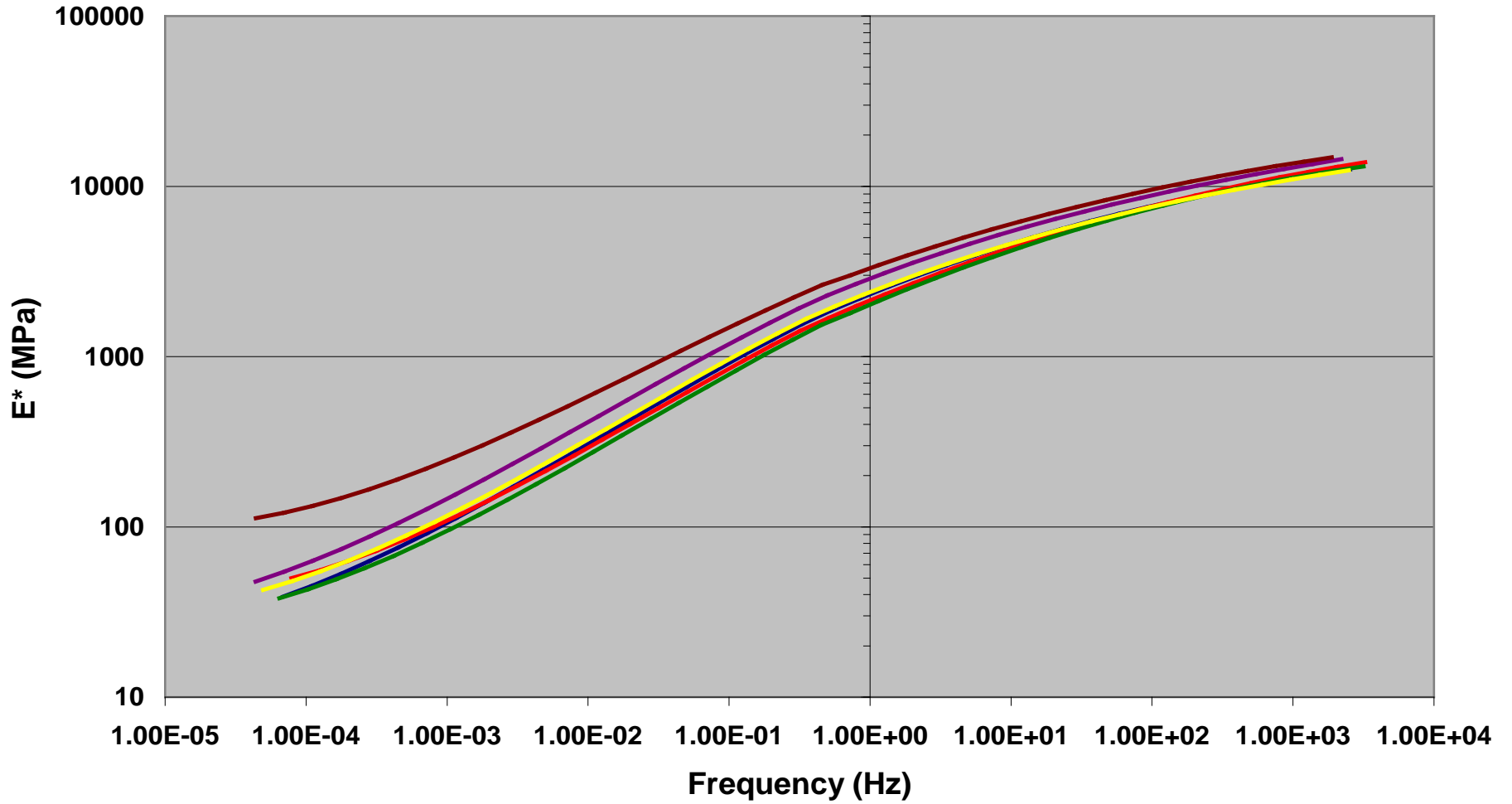
RUT TEST PLANT 5 WMA HAMBURG RUT TESTING 12, 20 & 24 MO AGED OUTSIDE--TESTED @ 58°C



PLANT 5 WARM MIX, 35% RAP, 0.65%  
EVOTHERM 3G

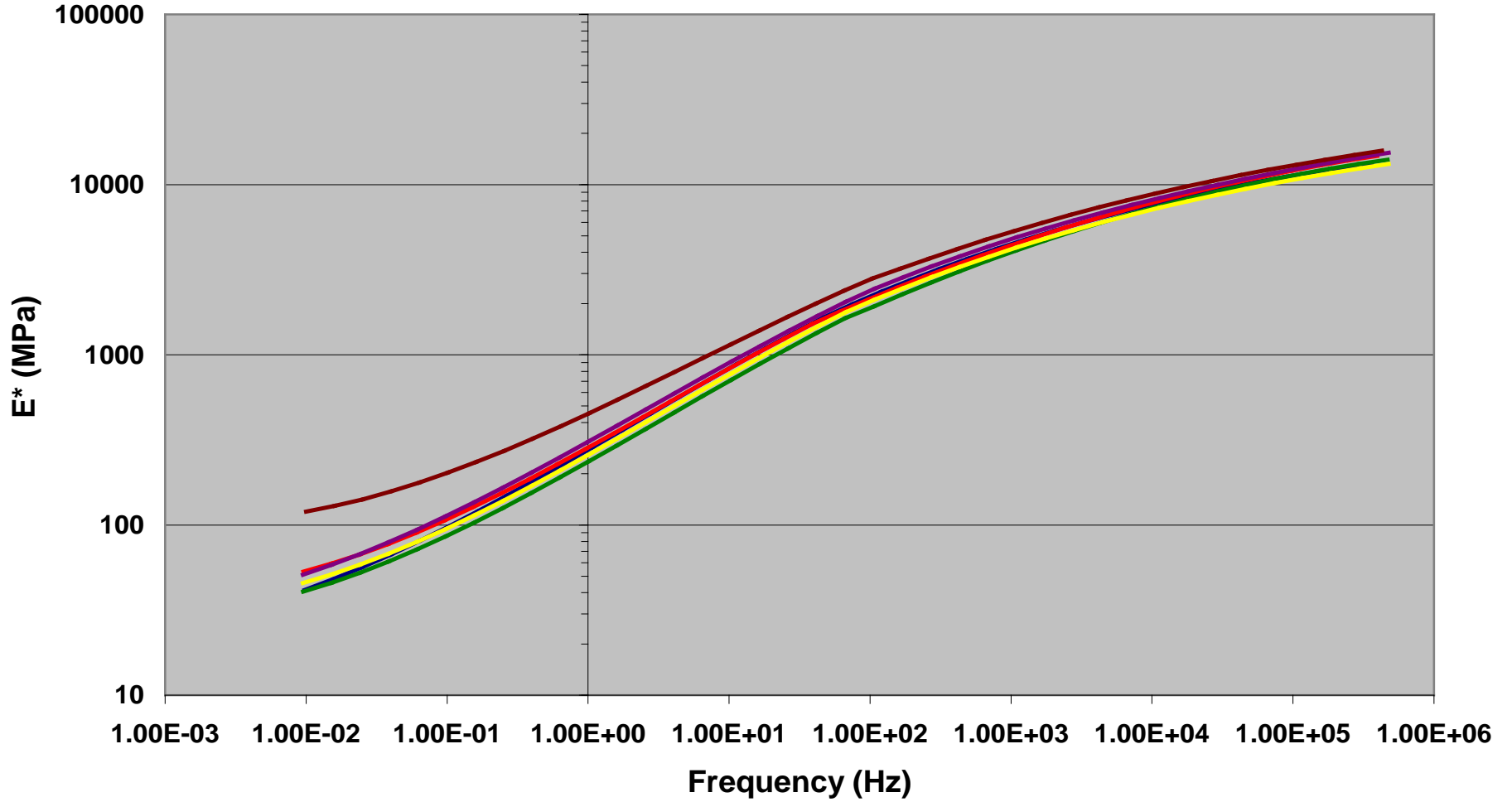
AGE	PG GRADE RECOVERED AC	PG GRADE PAV OF REC AC	CHANGE IN LOW TEMP GRADE
ZERO DAY	65.1-33.4	65.1-30.4	3.0
ZERO DAY	66.2-33.0	66.2-29.9	3.1
2 WEEK	68.1-32.1	68.1-29.4	2.7
7 MONTH	68.8-32.1		
9 MONTH	69.5-31.9		
12 MONTH	69.5-31.6	69.5-28	3.6
14 MONTH	70.1-31.1	70.1-28.4	2.7
<b>24 MONTH</b>	<b>72.9-30.3</b>	<b>72.9-28.8</b>	<b>1.5</b>

Comparison of Stiffness at Increasing Aging Times at 20°C



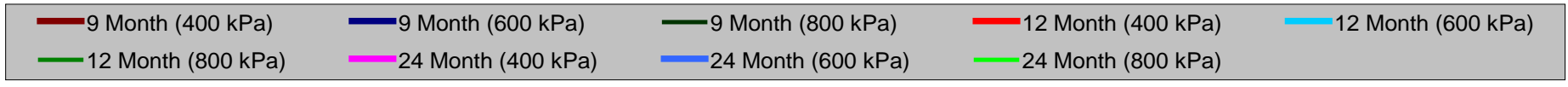
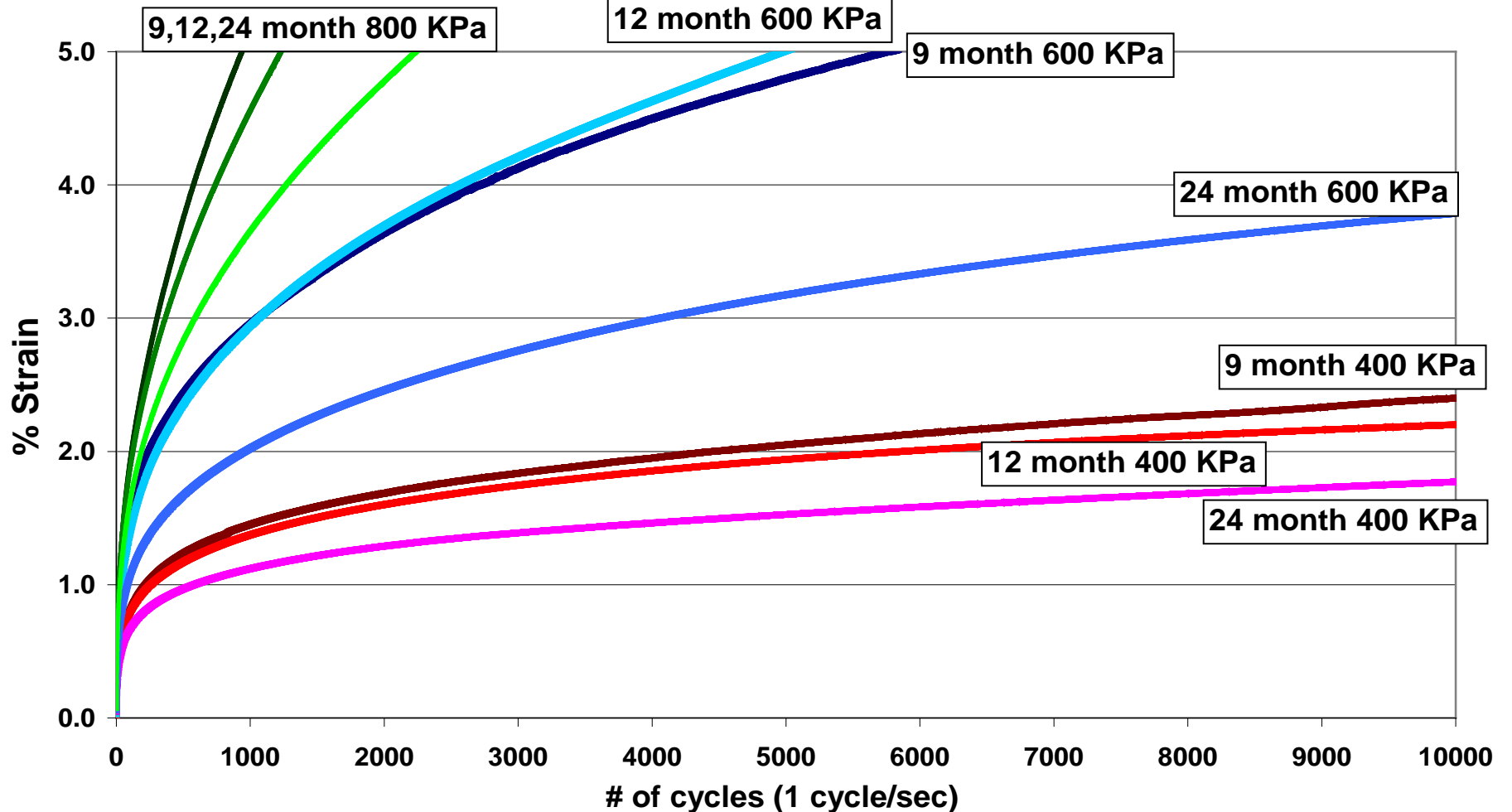
— Unaged (pills 1-4 to 1-6)    — 1 month aged    — 4 month aged    — 9 month aged    — 12 month aged    — 24 month aged

Comparison of Stiffness at Increasing Aging Times at 40°C



— Unaged (pills 1-4 to 1-6)    — 1 month aged    — 4 month aged    — 9 month aged    — 12 month aged    — 24 month aged

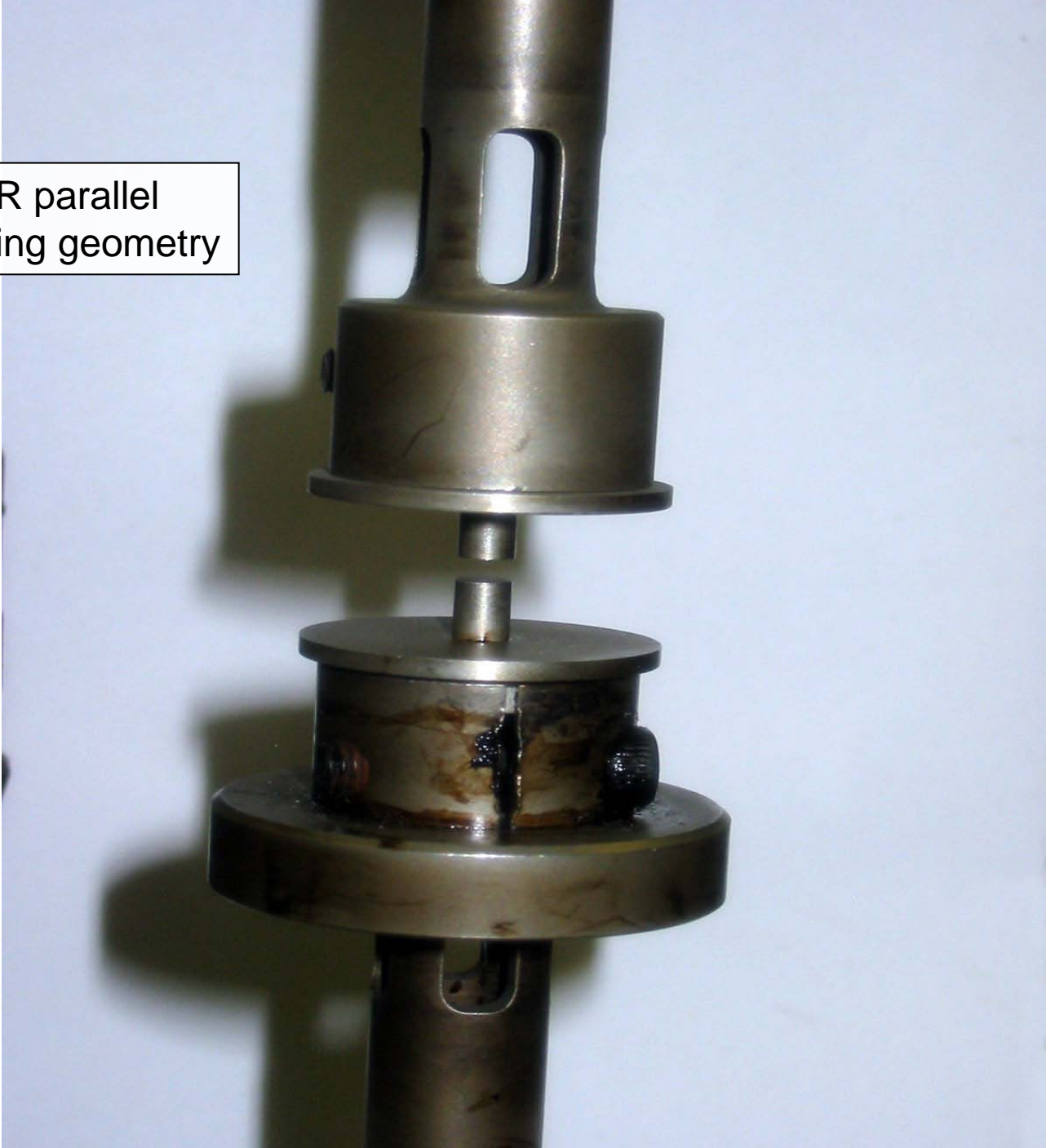
% Strain vs. Time Comparison (flow comparison at 52°C) 69 kPa confining pressure



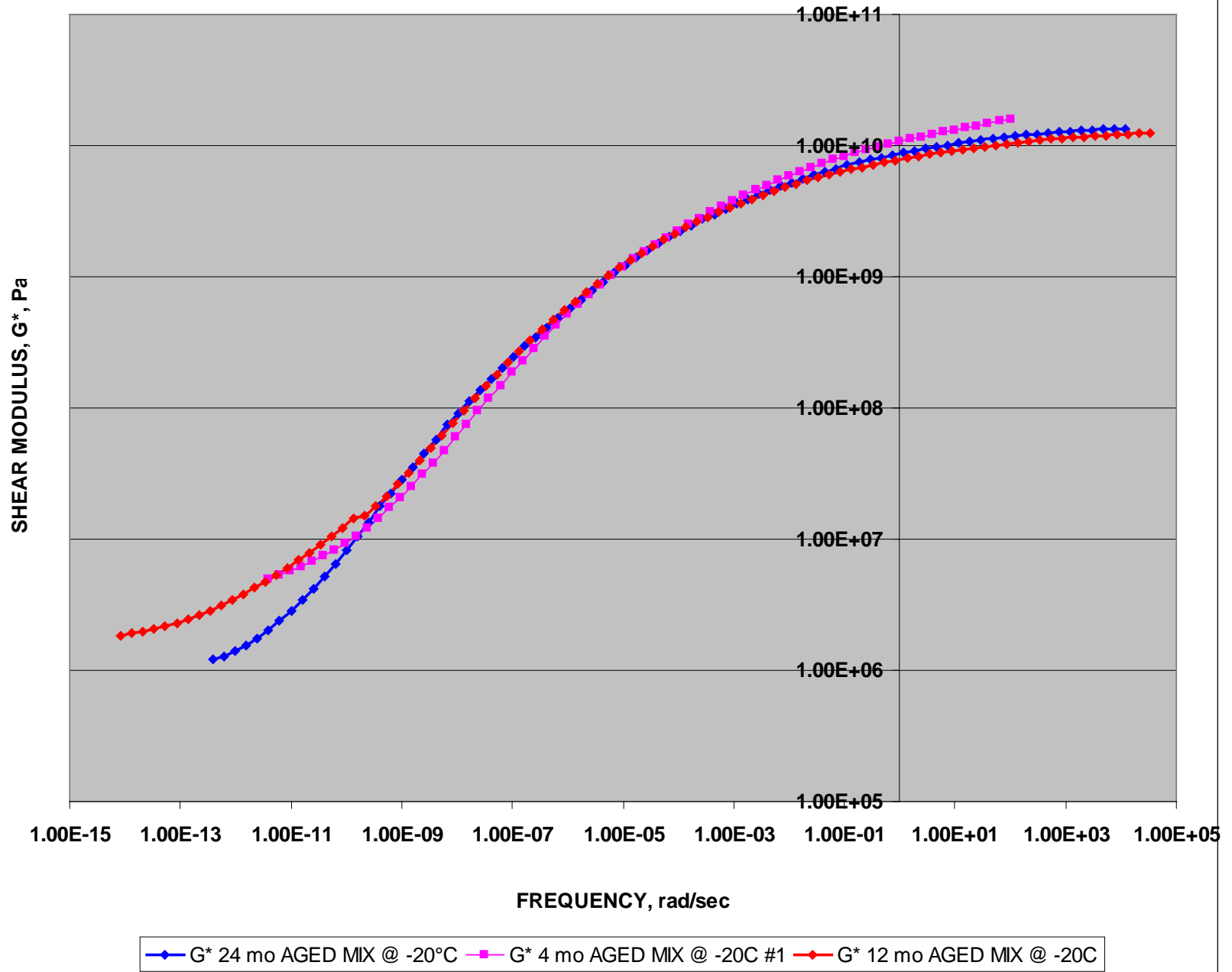
**VECD ANALYSIS OF RECOVERED BINDER SAMPLES USING  
STRAIN SWEEP TEST AND ANALYSIS DEVELOPED BY BAHIA  
@ UW-MADISON**

<b>STRAIN LEVEL, %</b>	<b><i>Nf @ 0</i></b>	<b><i>Nf @ 7 mo</i></b>	<b><i>Nf @ 9 mo</i></b>	<b><i>Nf @ 12 mo</i></b>	<b><i>Nf @ 22 mo</i></b>	<b><i>Nf @ 24 mo</i></b>
<b>0.50</b>	<b>35,913</b>	<b>30,151</b>	<b>28,067</b>	<b>23,624</b>	<b>41,853</b>	<b>35,243</b>
<b>2.50</b>	<b>1,928</b>	<b>1,623</b>	<b>1,563</b>	<b>1,349</b>	<b>2,198</b>	<b>1,914</b>
<b>5.00</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>546</b>

4 mm DSR parallel  
Plate testing geometry



# COMPLEX SHEAR MODULUS OF 4 mo TO 24 mo AGED MIX @ -20°C



# FINAL THOUGHTS

- After 2 years of outside aging there does appear to be an increase in mixture modulus and some reduction creep strain from flow number test
- Rut test results @ 58°C dry appear to have leveled off after 20 months
- High temp PG grade increased by  $\cong 7^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Low temp PG grade increased by  $\cong 2^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Recovered binder fatigue test properties @ 19°C have shown no trend

**WI STATE Hwy 33, paved Sept 2007**

**58-28 warm mix**

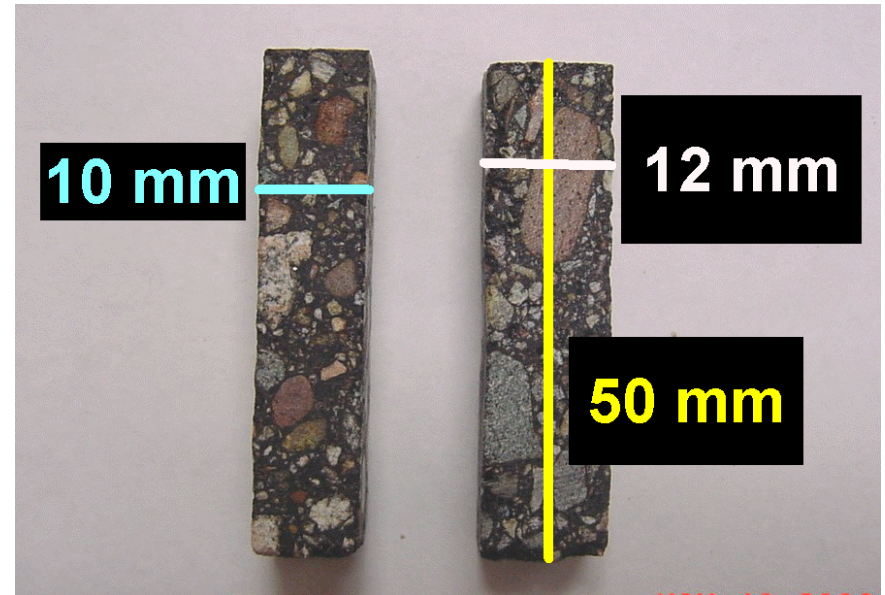
**58-28 hot mix**





# Sample Preparation for DSR Creep Test

**Final Size Target**  
**50 mm x 12 mm x 10mm**



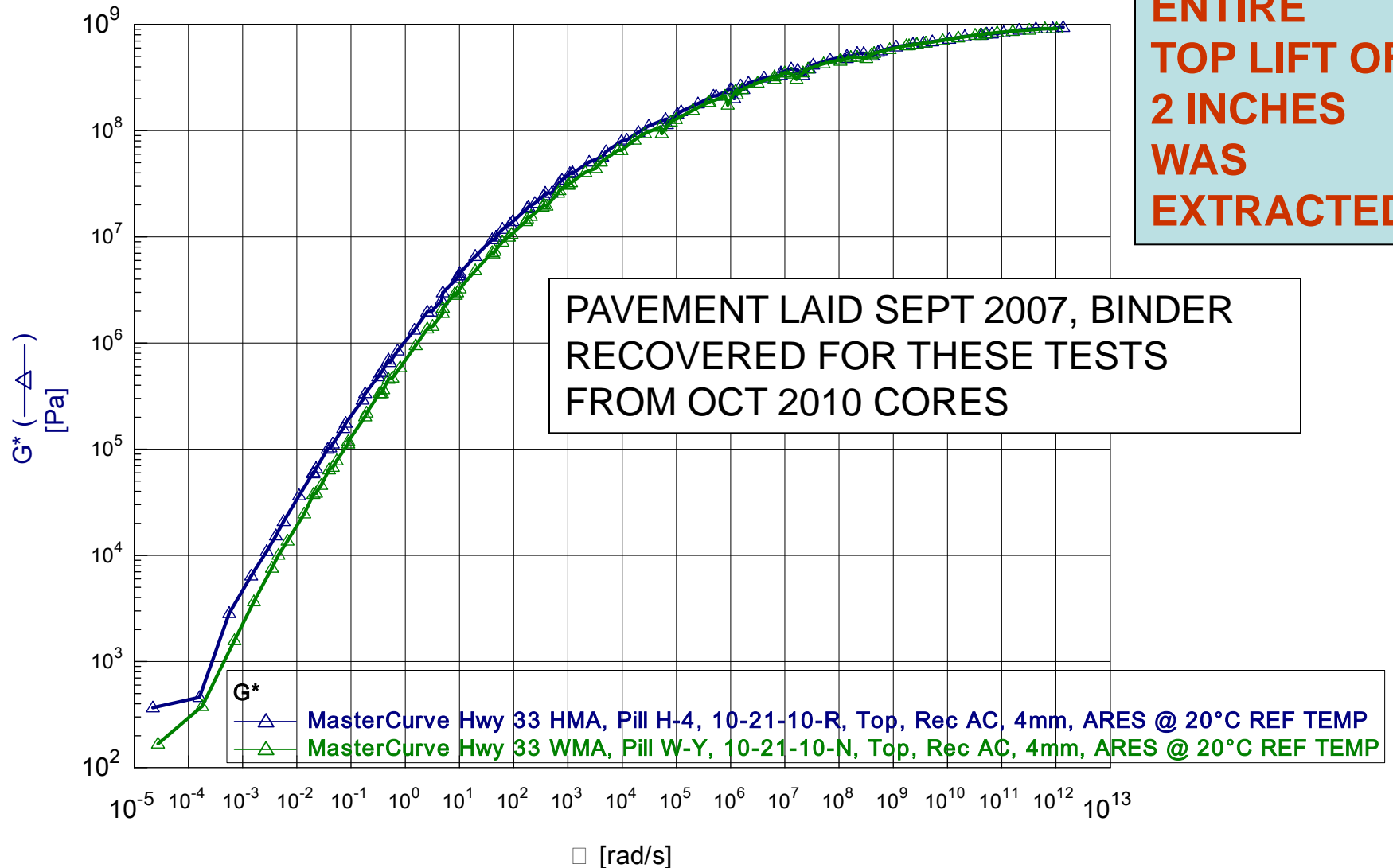
## Temperature frequency

Sweeps performed to determine  
Complex modulus ( $G^*$ ) of mix



# RESULTS FROM 4 mm DSR TESTING @ +20°C REFERENCE TEMP

MasterCurve Hwy 33 HMA, Pill H-4, 10-21-10-R, Top, Rec AC, 4mm, ARES @ 20°C REF TEMP

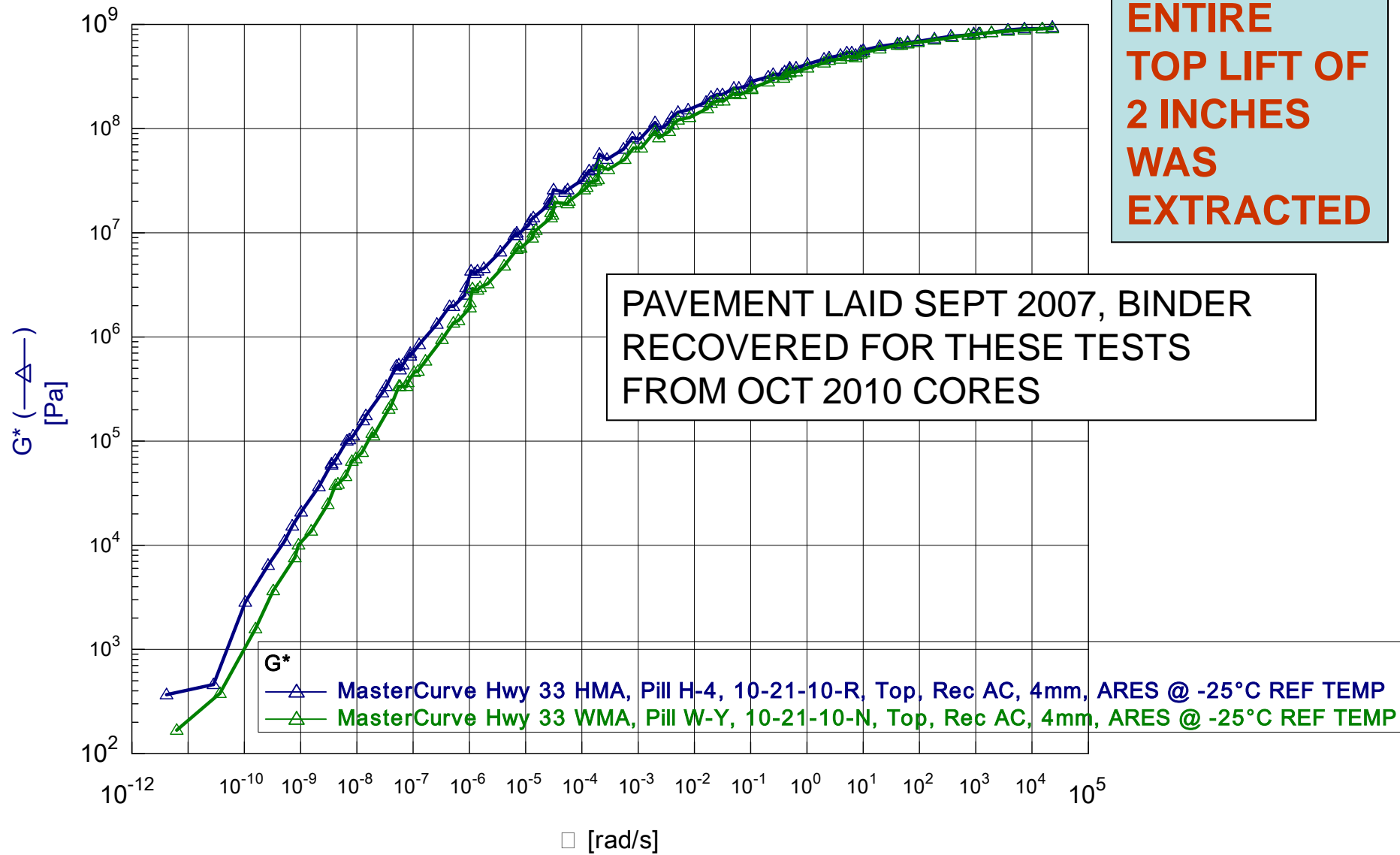


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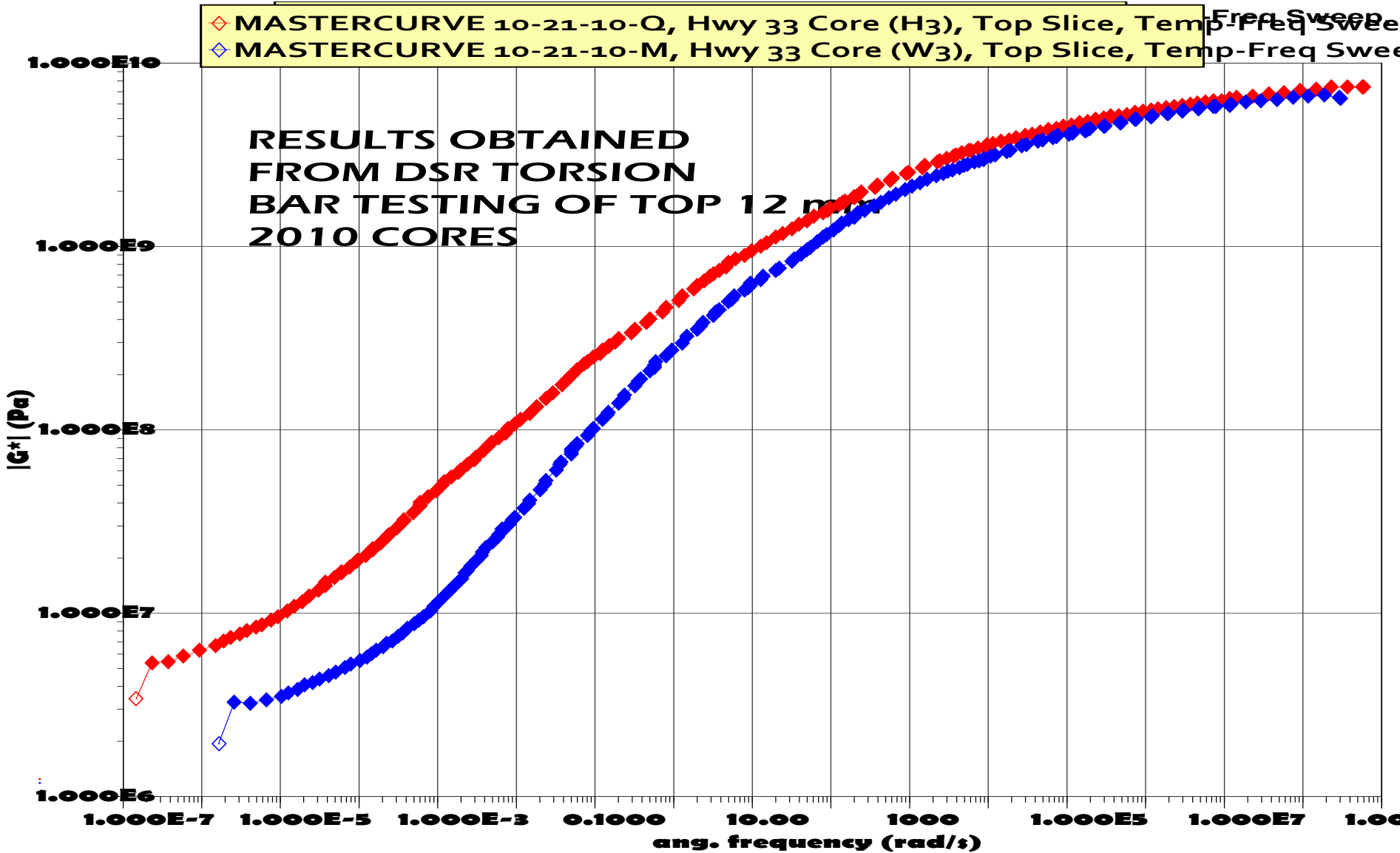
PAVEMENT LAID SEPT 2007, BINDER  
RECOVERED FOR THESE TESTS  
FROM OCT 2010 CORES

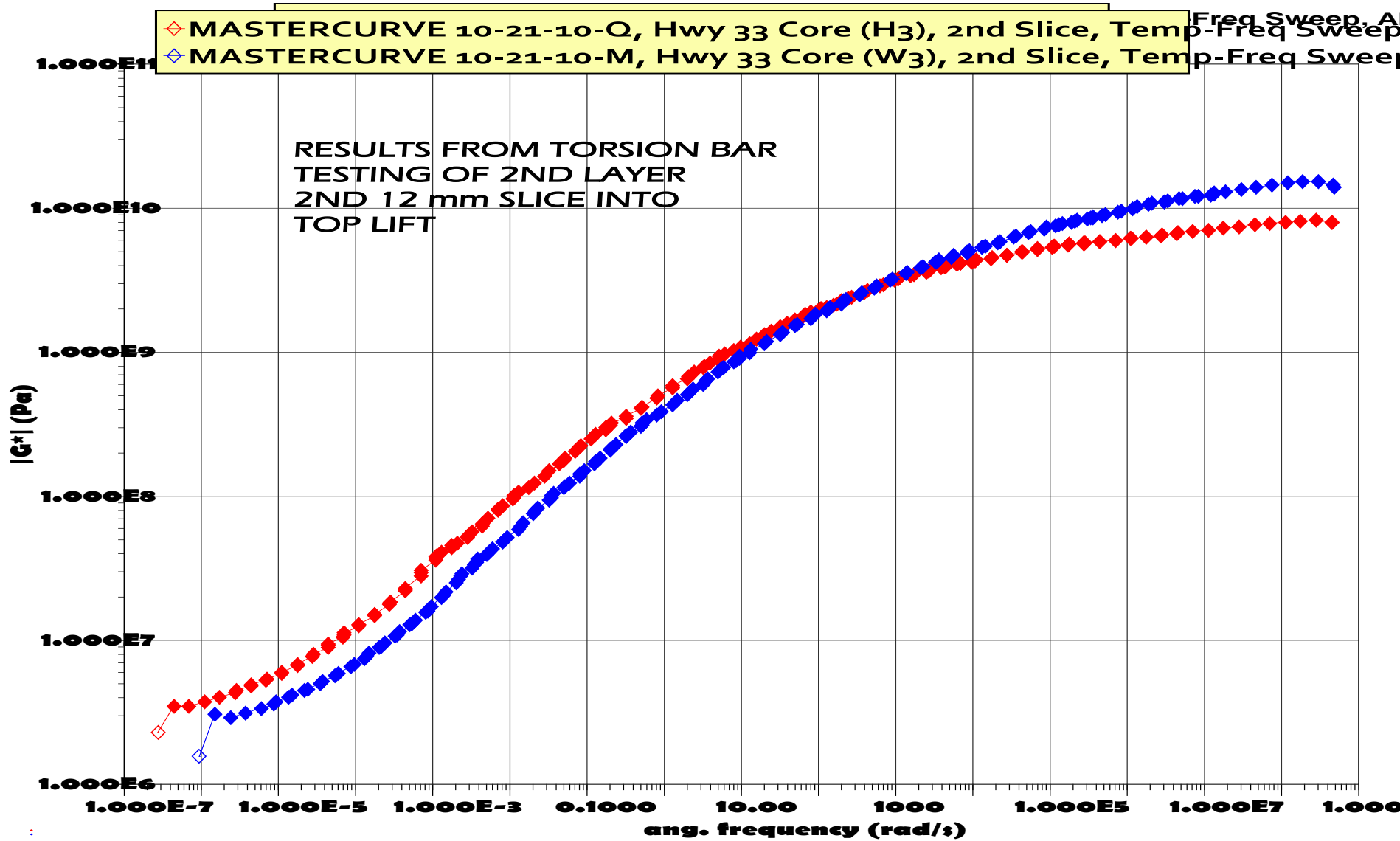
# RESULTS FROM 4 mm DSR TESTING @ -25°C reference temp

MasterCurve Hwy 33 HMA, Pill H-4, 10-21-10-R, Top, Rec AC, 4mm, ARES @ -25°C REF TEMP



# TORSION BAR G\* RESULTS AT 20°C REF TEMP ON 3 YEAR OLD MIX





MIX SOURCE	HIGH PG GRADE	LOW PG GRADE
WI HWY 33 HMA 1 YR	PG 60.5	PG -35.2
WI HWY 33 HMA 3 YR	PG 68.0	PG -31.4
WI HWY 33 WMA 1 YR	PG 58.9	PG -36.3
WI HWY 33 WMA 3 YR	PG 65.5	PG -32.6

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# SOME FINAL THOUGHTS

- After 3 seasons the HMA and WMA recovered binders are 2°C apart at the high temp grade and 1.2°C apart at the low temp grade.
- 4 mm DSR binder testing supports this
- Torsion bar testing on DSR shows greater relative aging of HMA compared to WMA in top 12 mm compared to the 2<sup>nd</sup> 12 mm
- Additional cores need to be tested and micro extractions on these two layers

**QUESTIONS**

**DISCUSSION**