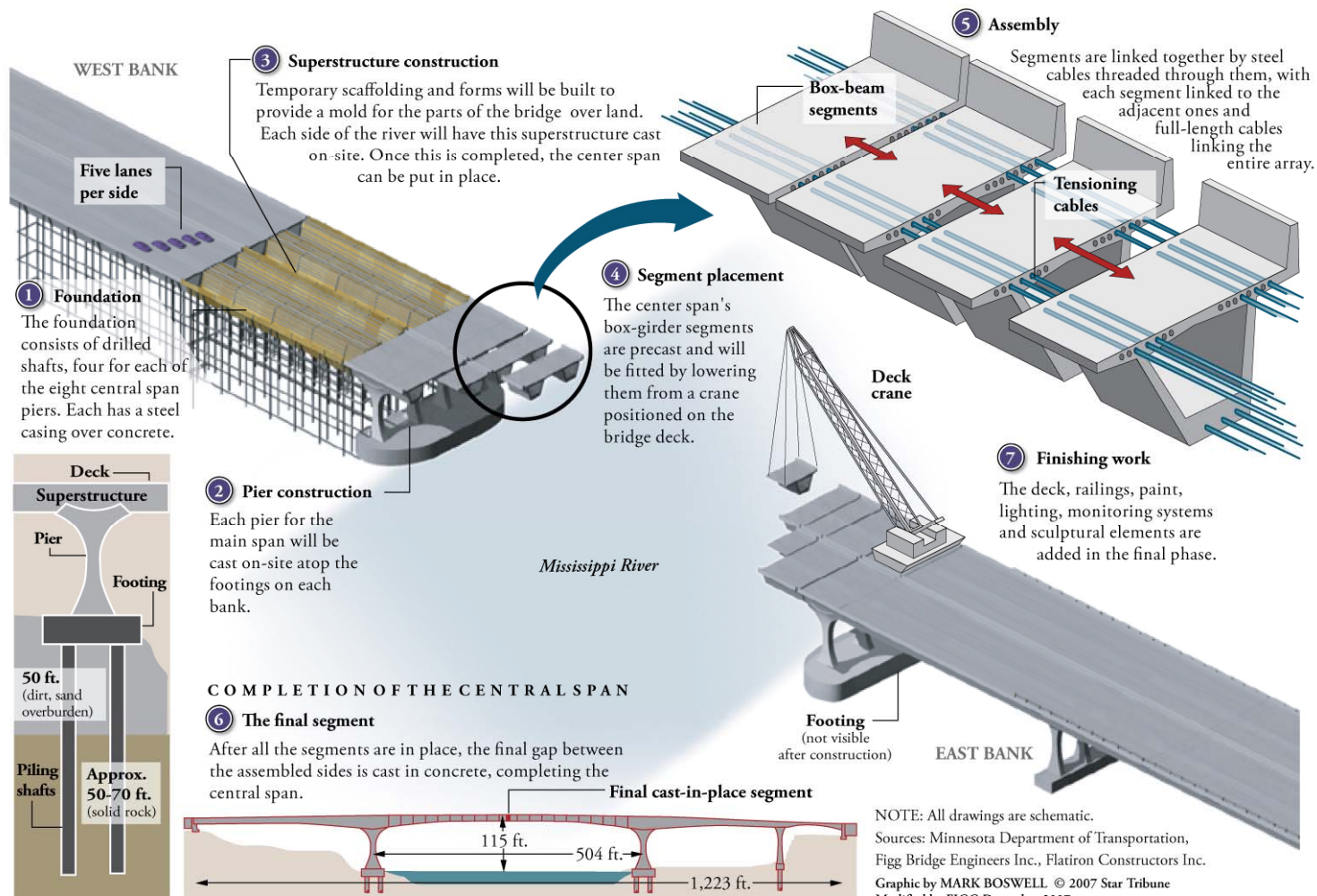


# Implementing the 50 Percent Solution: High-Volume Pozzolan Concrete in Practice

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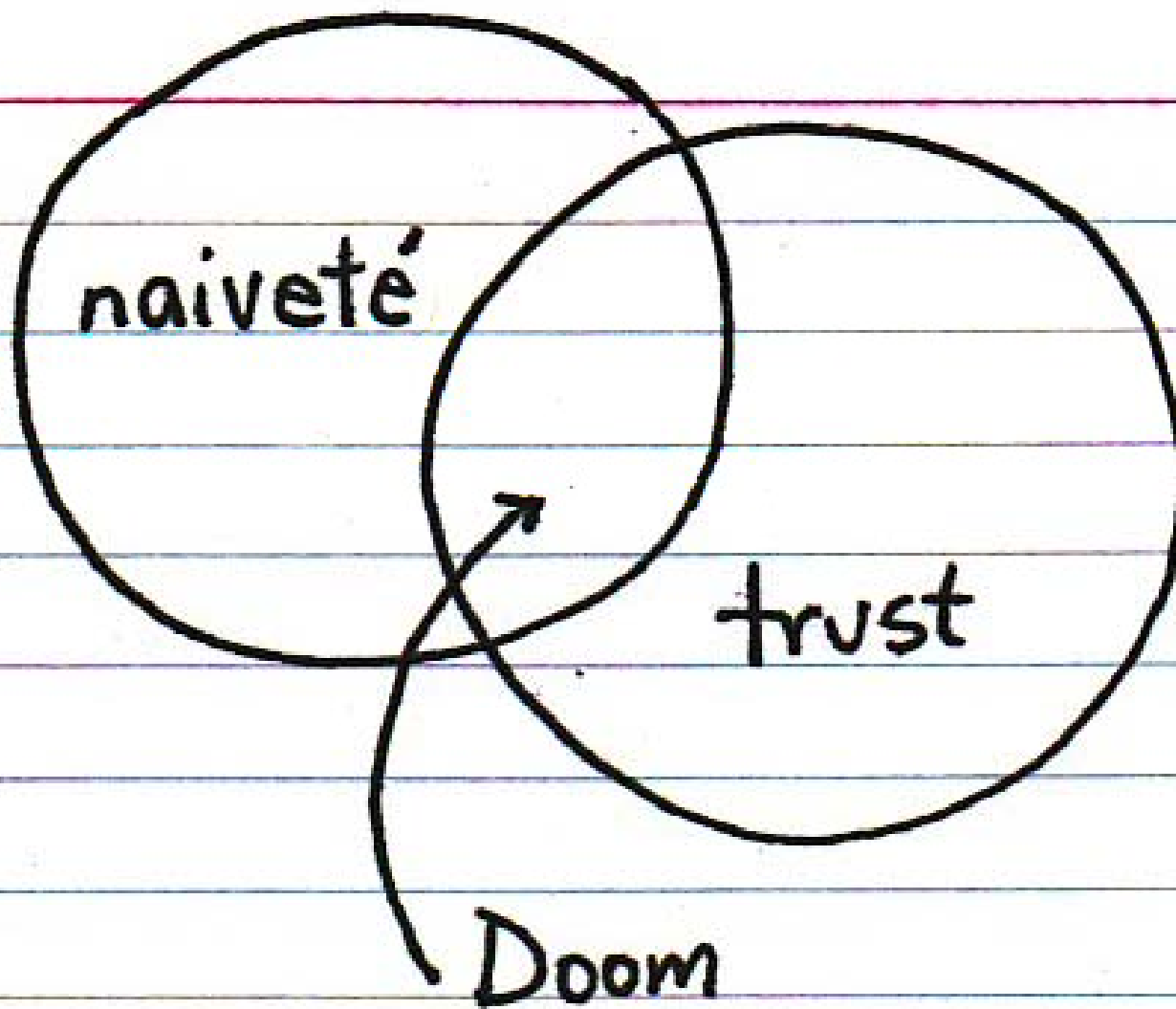






# Why HPC with high replacement levels?

- While this might not be the clearest opportunity for innovation, it was a requirement of the RFP to have a structure with a design life of 100 years.





# Extreme Example







# AET 4060

- RCP at 84 days 490 Coulombs passed
- Setting Time 4:30 Initial Set
- Air Void System
  - Air Content 5.5 percent
  - Spacing Factor 0.008 in
  - Specific Surface 600 in<sup>2</sup> /in<sup>3</sup>
- Shrinkage 0.005 percent at 28 days
- Strength Gain



# Planning

- As a result some very non-traditional concretes were utilized in the construction.
- Performance-based design
  - Designer Requirements
  - Owner Requirements
  - Constructor Requirements



**"Here's what I want: Your concrete should pour like, Niagara  
and have the strength of Gibraltar."**



# Performance Requirements

- The concrete had many requirements, some of which were in opposition to one another:
- There were shafts drilled to a depth of over 120 feet to socket to the bedrock through to bridge superstructure concrete which has to resist the ingress of chloride ion for the next century.
- All elements below the superstructure are mass concrete, as are the soffit slabs at the maximum shear elements, and the pier tables and diaphragms in the superstructure.
- There was a requirement for high early strength in construction, as the bonus for early finishing was substantial.



# Performance Requirements

- There was a requirement for low permeability to water and aggressive chemicals such as chloride.
  - low permeability in the concrete itself
  - low shrinkage so that the concrete does not contain excessive cracking which short circuits the concrete as a protective layer.
- The concrete needed to flow into congested reinforcement, into complicated forms and into shafts that could not be inspected visually.
- The concrete should have as small an environmental impact as possible

# A six sack mixture

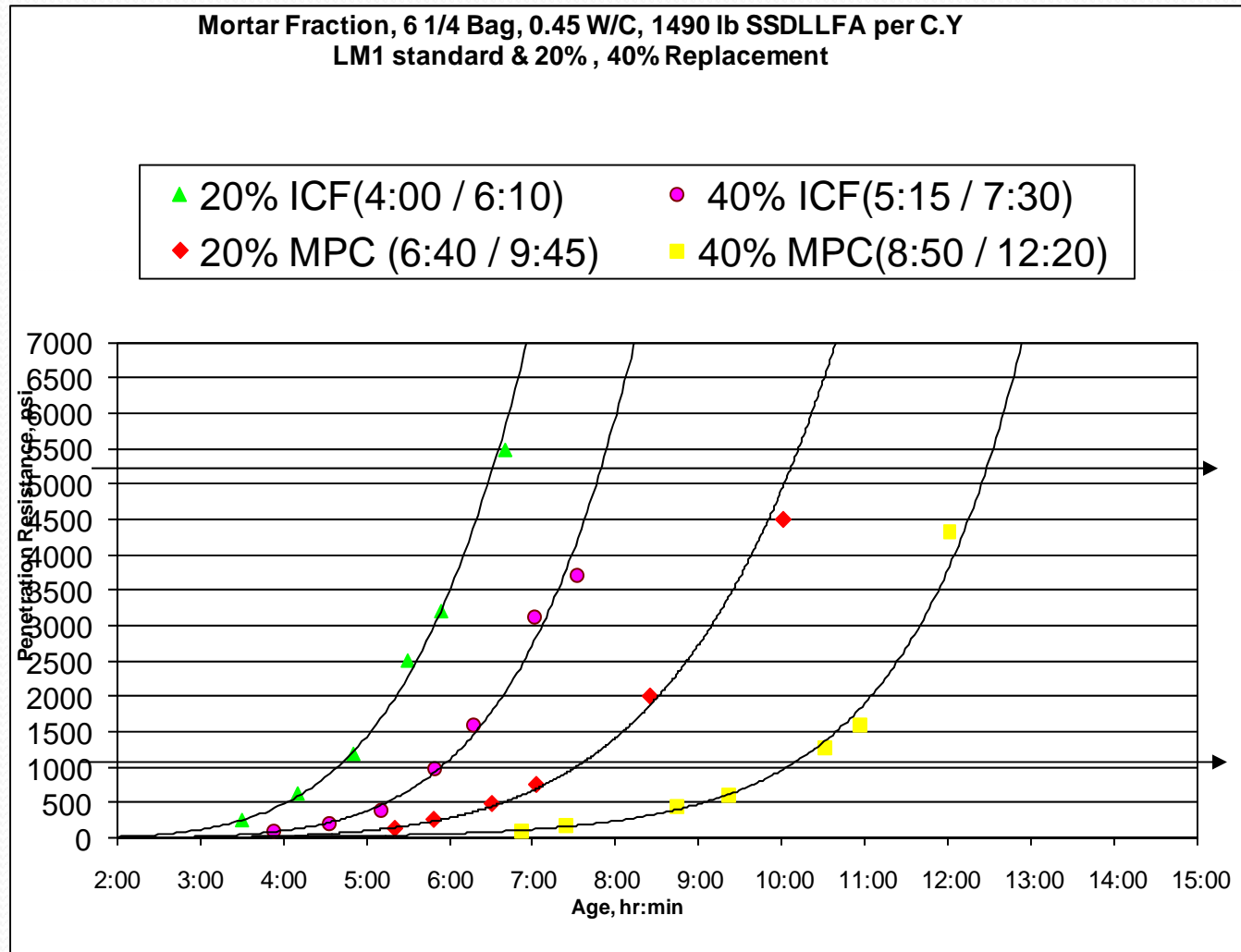


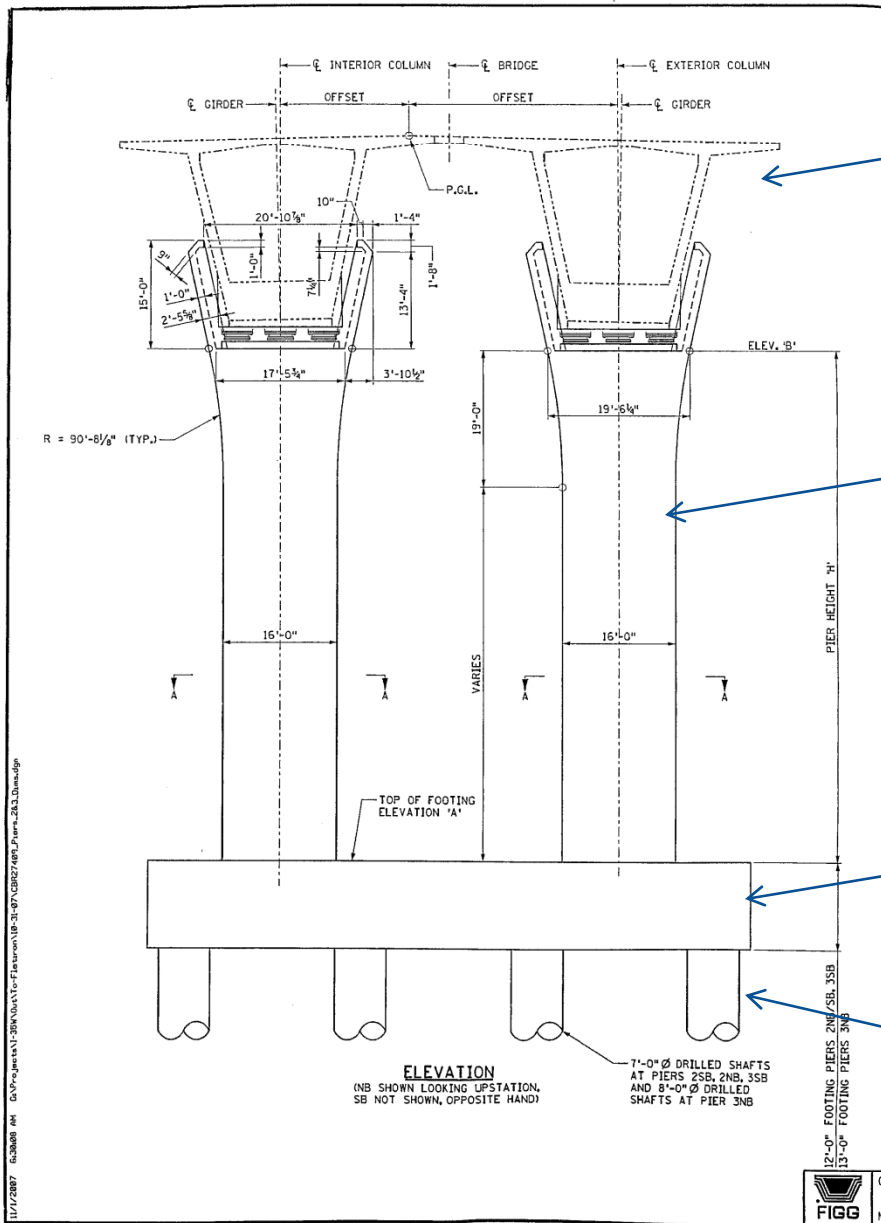


Siberia of North America



# Flyash is not a constant





Superstructure

Chloride  
Freeze Thaw  
Scaling  
Creep and  
Shrinkage

Piers

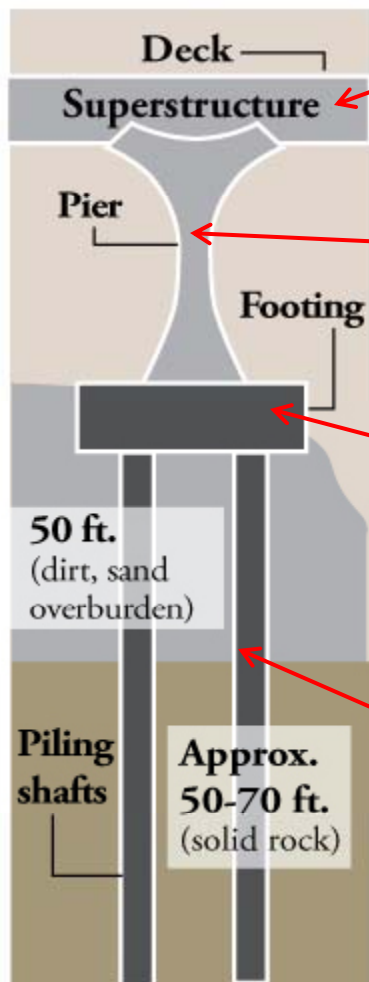
Mass Concrete  
Freeze-Thaw Exposure  
Chlorides

Footing

Mass Concrete  
Freeze-Thaw Exposure  
Chlorides

Shafts

Consolidation  
Freeze Thaw  
Chlorides /  
Permeability



6500 psi concrete  
70 percent OPC

4000 psi concrete  
18 percent OPC

5000 psi SCC w 40 percent OPC

5000 psi SCC w 40 percent OPC

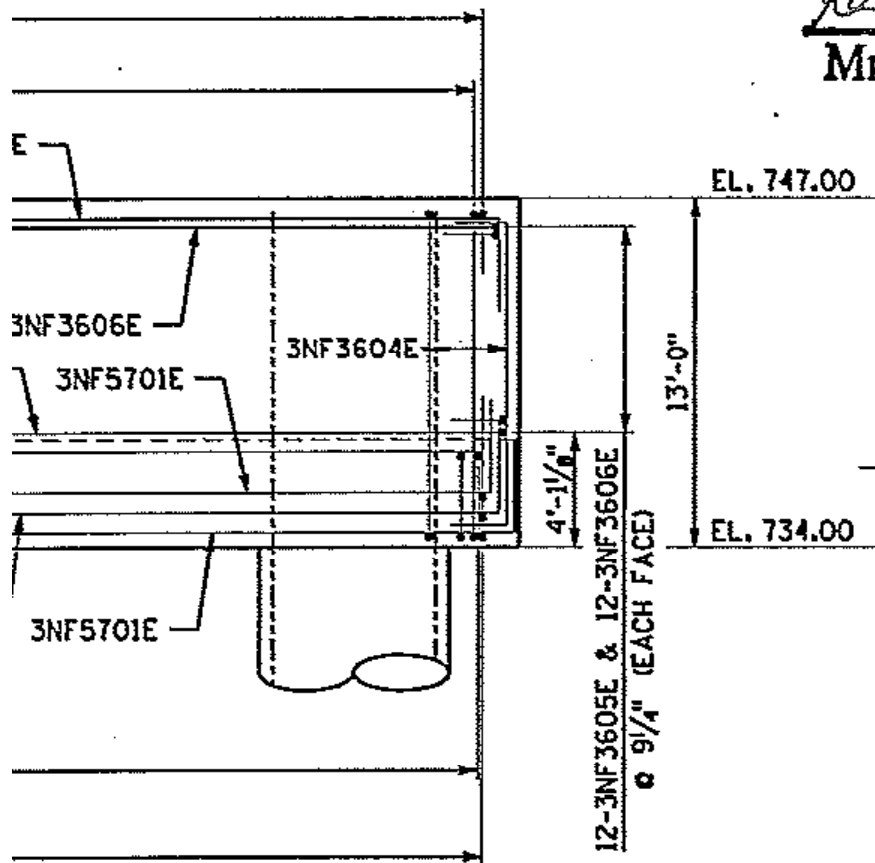


Mn/DOT has reviewed this deliverable and determined that it appears to meet the requirements of the Contract Documents.

*Ken D. Arnold*  
Mn/DOT Representative

1-23-08  
Date

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# Shaft Concrete

- 60 Percent Pozzolan Replacement
- 24 inch spread
- Air entrained
- RCP
- Shrinkage
- Strength at 28 days (lab cure) 5500 psi
- Cores from 21 day old Shaft 10,250 psi







# Footings

- 60 Percent Pozzolan Replacement
- 8 inch slump
- Air entrained
- RCP
- Shrinkage
- Strength at 28 days (lab cure)





# Piers

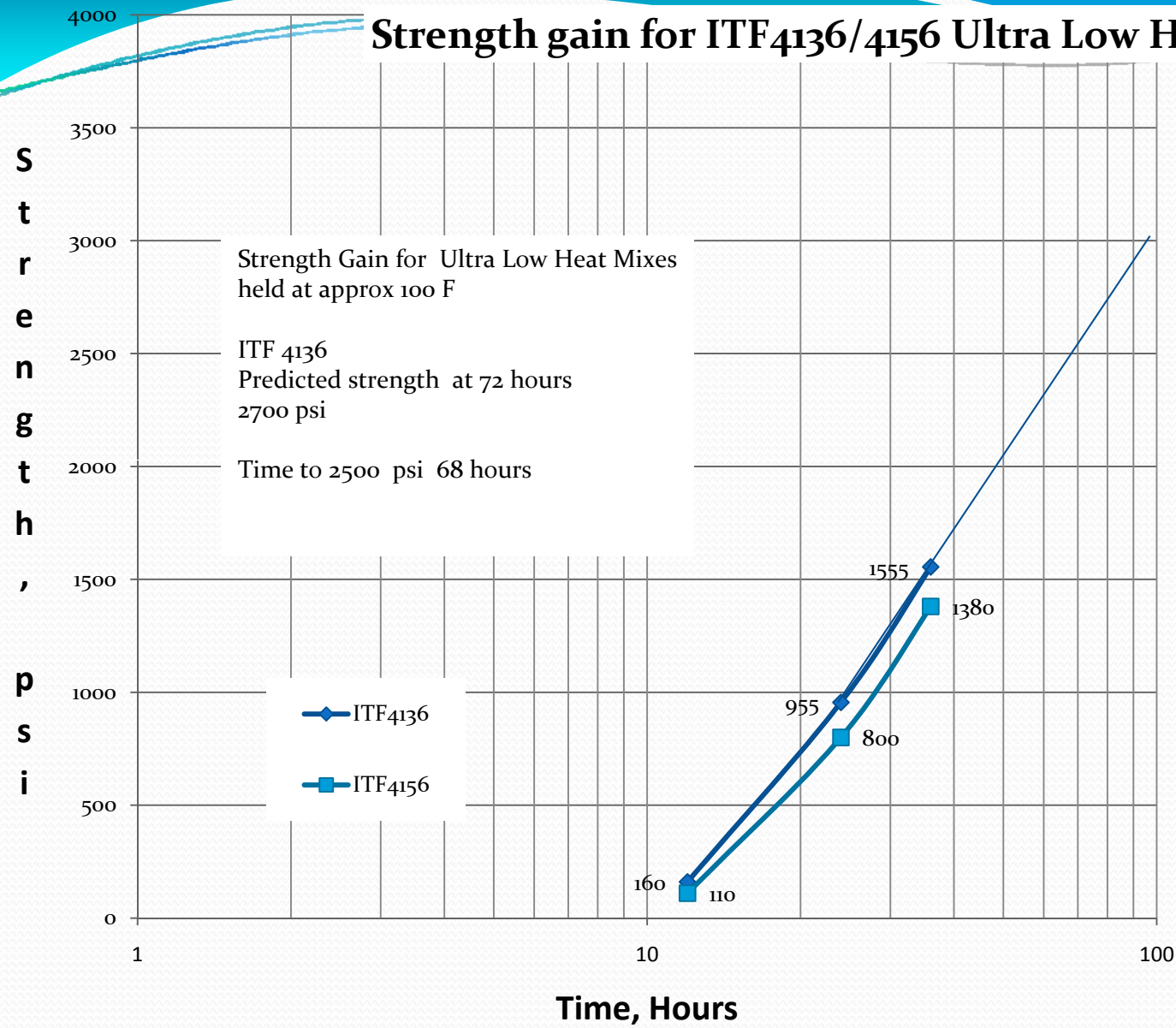
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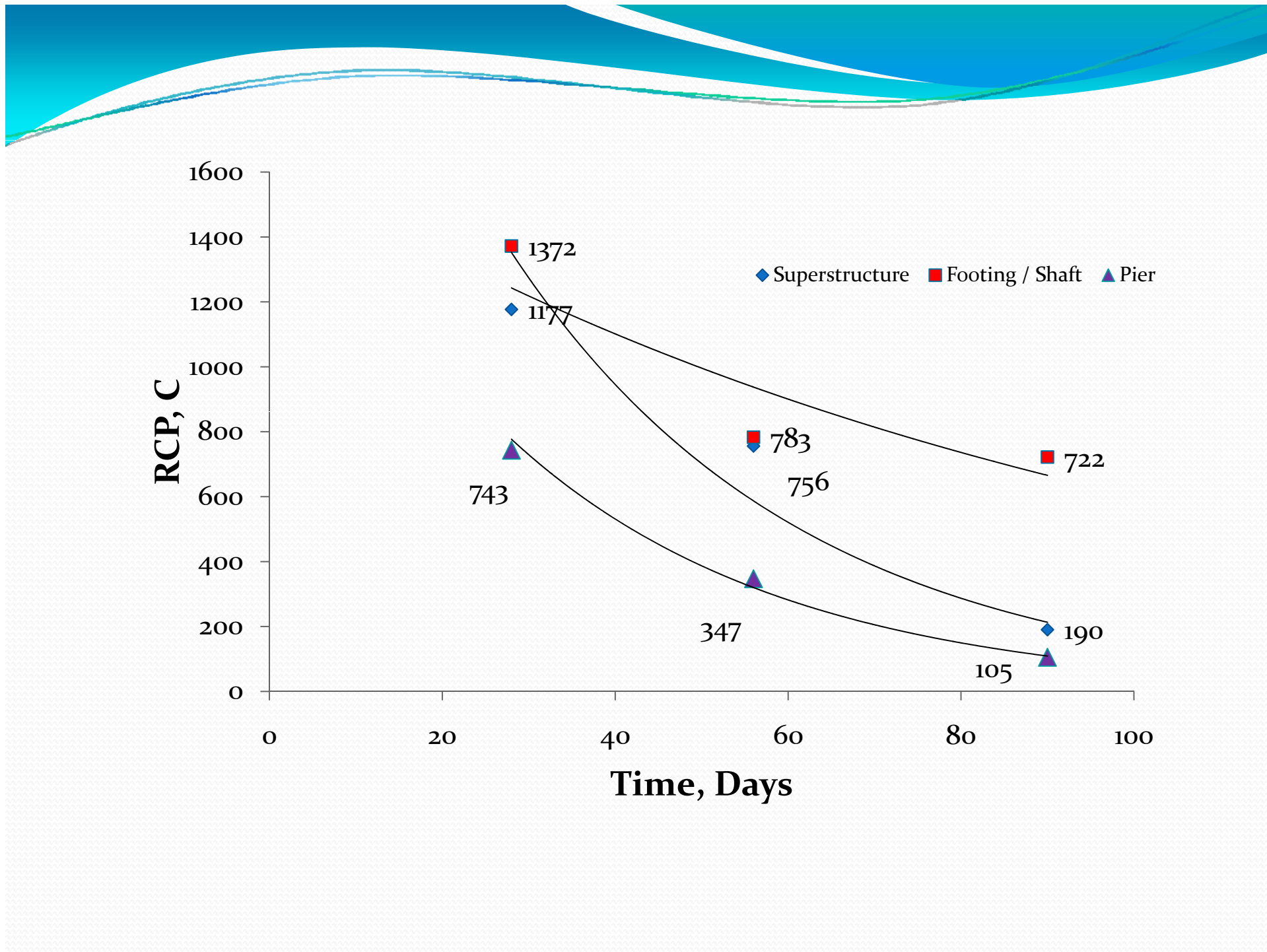
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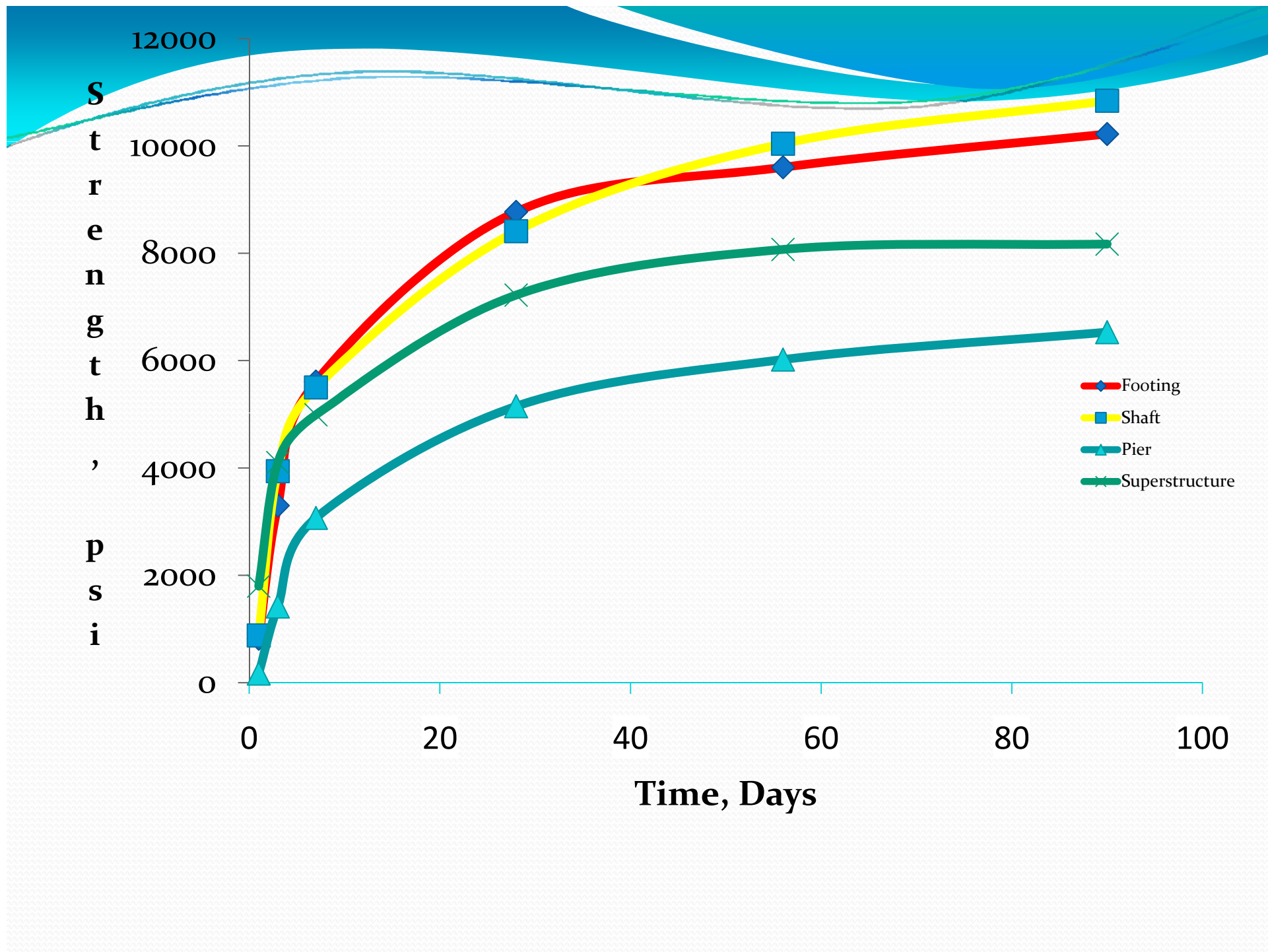




# Superstructure

- 30 Percent Pozzolan Replacement
- 8 inch slump
- Air entrained
- RCP
- Shrinkage
- Modulus of Elasticity
- Strength at 28 days (lab cure)

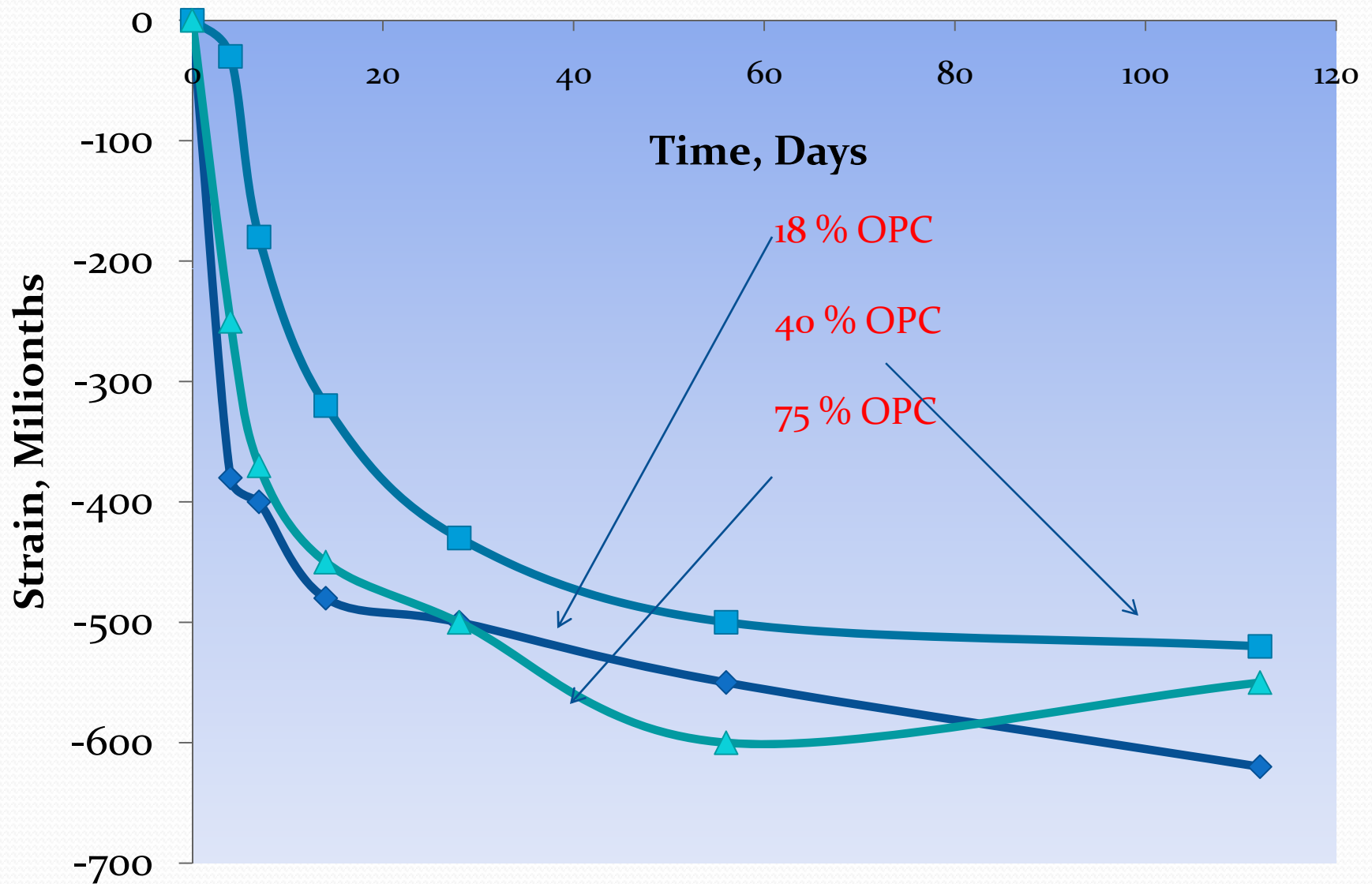








# Shrinkage



# Production Controls





Questions?