MSCR vs AASHTO M320 – High Temperature Grade for HPTO

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Problem Background

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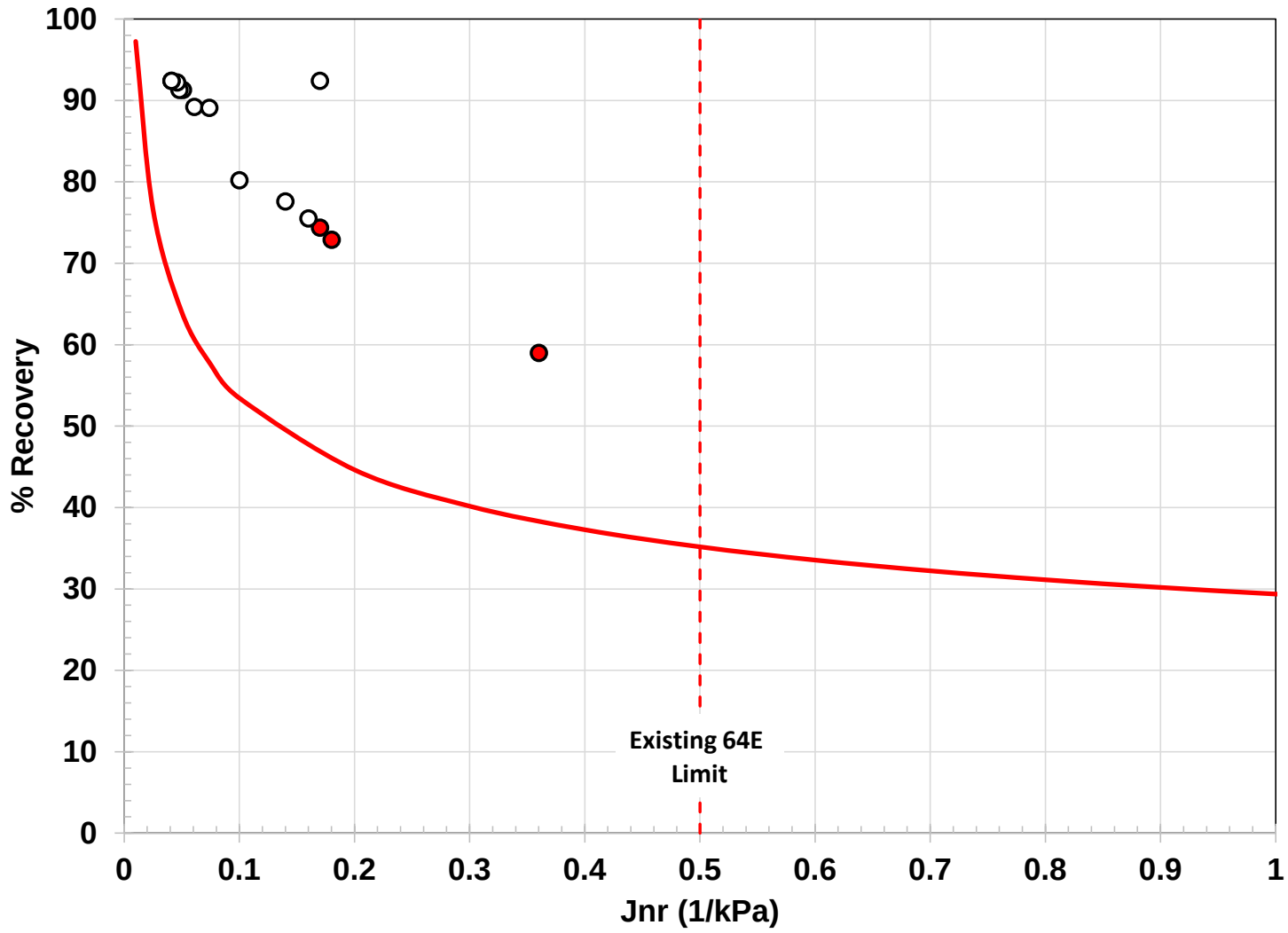
- In 2006, NJDOT began using HPTO using a polymer-modified PG76-22 asphalt binder
  - HPTO = High Performance Thin Overlay
  - NJDOT utilizes for thin-lift applications
  - Performance-Based design requiring APA (AASHTO T340) rutting requirement
  - General design
    - 4.75mm NMAS (fine 9.5mm NMAS)
    - Asphalt content > 7%
    - Design AV% = 3%
    - Design Gyrations = 50 gyrations

Problem Background

- Some issues in 2015 regarding failing HPTO mixtures specified using PG64E-22 asphalt binder
  - Minimal previous issues prior to PG64E use

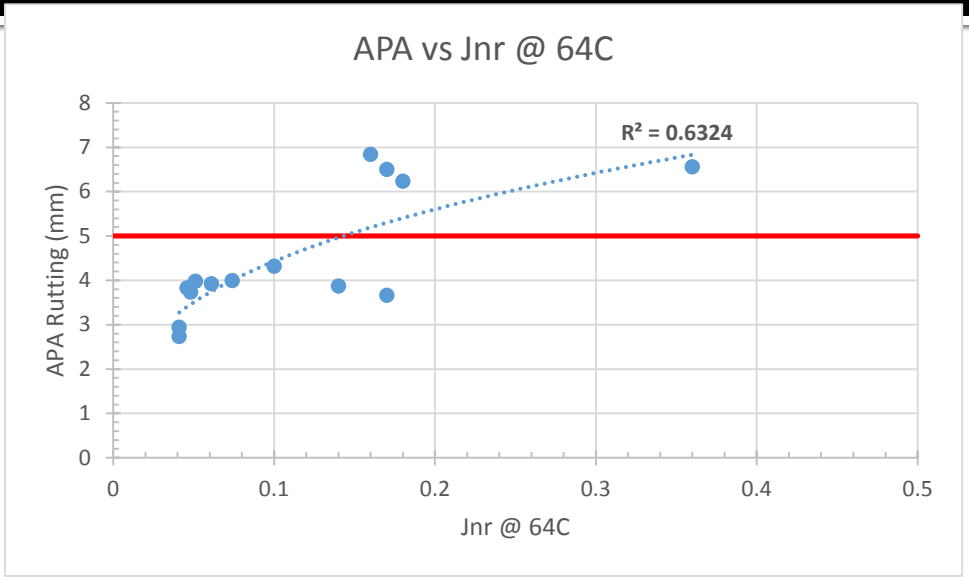
Date	Original	RTFO	PG Grade	Jnr (1/kPa)	% Rec	MSCR Grade	δ @ 76C (Orig)	δ @ 76C (RTFO)	APA (mm)
5/27/2015	77	76.6	PG76	0.36	59	PG64E	73.6	68.3	6.56
5/28/2015	78.8	78.8	PG76	0.18	72.9	PG64E	69.5	64.5	6.23
5/29/2015	79.6	79.6	PG76	0.17	74.4	PG64E	69.9	64.5	6.5
6/3/2015	78.3	78.7	PG76	0.16	75.5	PG64E	69.6	63.5	6.84
6/4/2015	86.5	79	PG76	0.17	92.4	PG64E	58.9	58.4	3.66
6/5/2015	84.2	78.6	PG76	0.14	77.6	PG64E	65.4	64.8	3.87
6/9/2015	87	81.1	PG76	0.061	89.2	PG64E	60.7	60.1	3.92
6/10/2015	83.7	81.7	PG76	0.1	80.2	PG64E	66	61.8	4.32
6/11/2015	86.3	80.9	PG76	0.051	91.3	PG64E	60.8	58.4	3.98
6/12/2015	82.4	81.2	PG76	0.048	91.3	PG64E	66.8	60.4	3.73
6/17/2015	87.5	81.8	PG76	0.046	92.2	PG64E	60.6	57.9	3.83
6/18/2015	87.6	82.6	PG82	0.041	92.4	PG64E	61.2	59.2 @ 82C	2.94
6/19/2015	86.5	82.3	PG82	0.041	92.4	PG64E	59.2	59.2 @ 82C	2.73
6/24/2015	83.8	79.5	PG76	0.074	89.1	PG64E	62	59.7	3.99

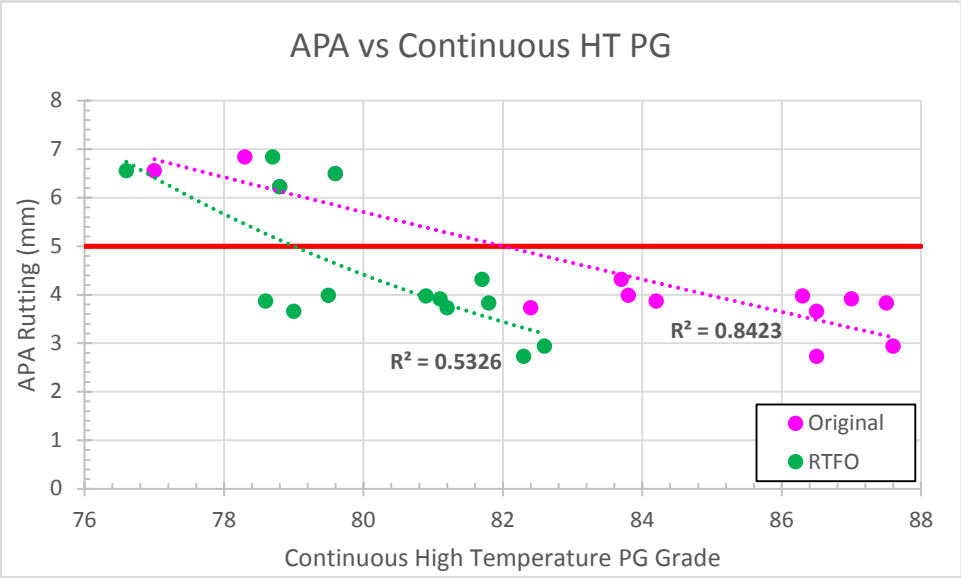
2015 Failing HPTO Binders



Results of 2015 Testing (1 of 2)

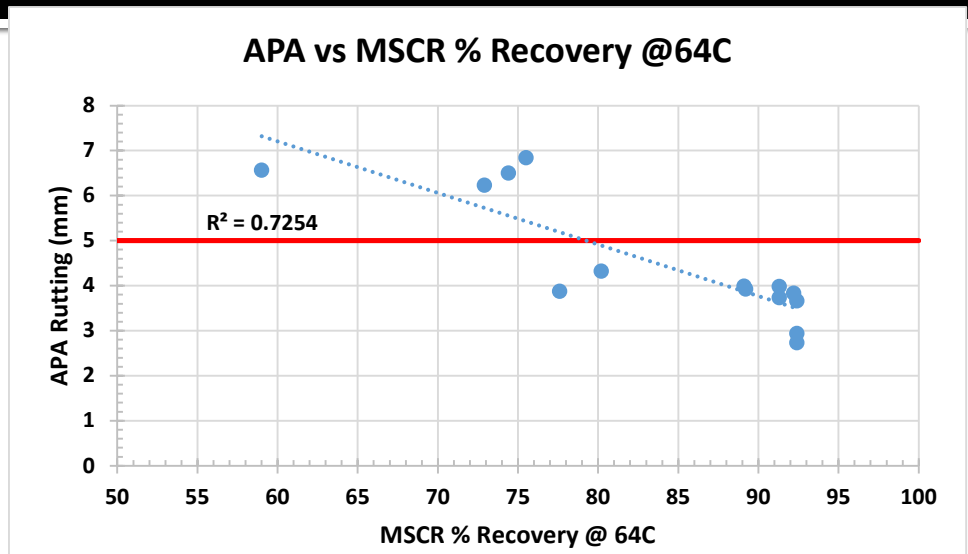
- Jnr > 0.16 resulted in failing APA rutting
- RTFO PG grade < 79° resulted in failing APA rutting
- Orig PG Grade < 82° resulted in failing APA rutting
- Binders from retains taken at plant during production

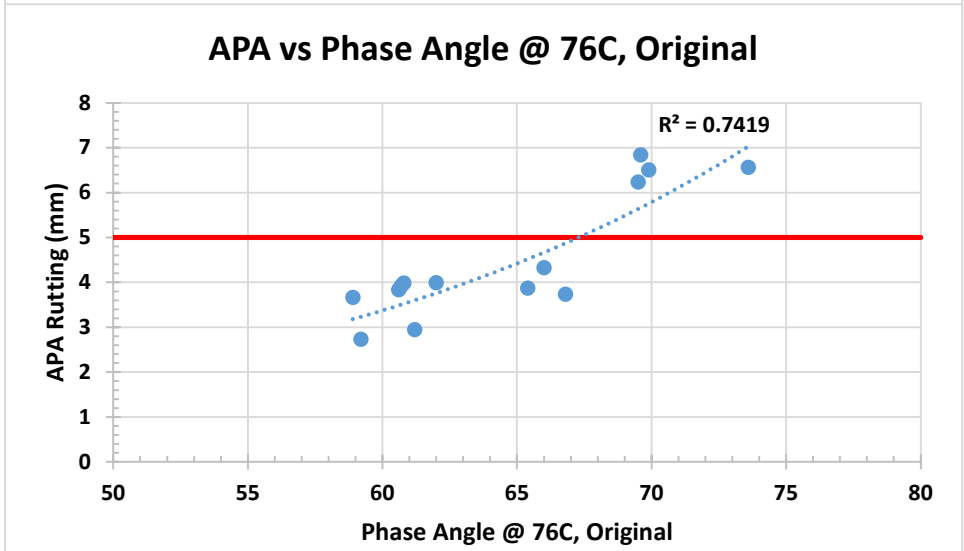




Results of 2015 Testing (2 of 2)

- MSCR % Recovery < 77% resulted in <u>failing</u> APA rutting
- Orig δ @ 76°C > 67 degrees resulted in <u>failing</u> APA rutting

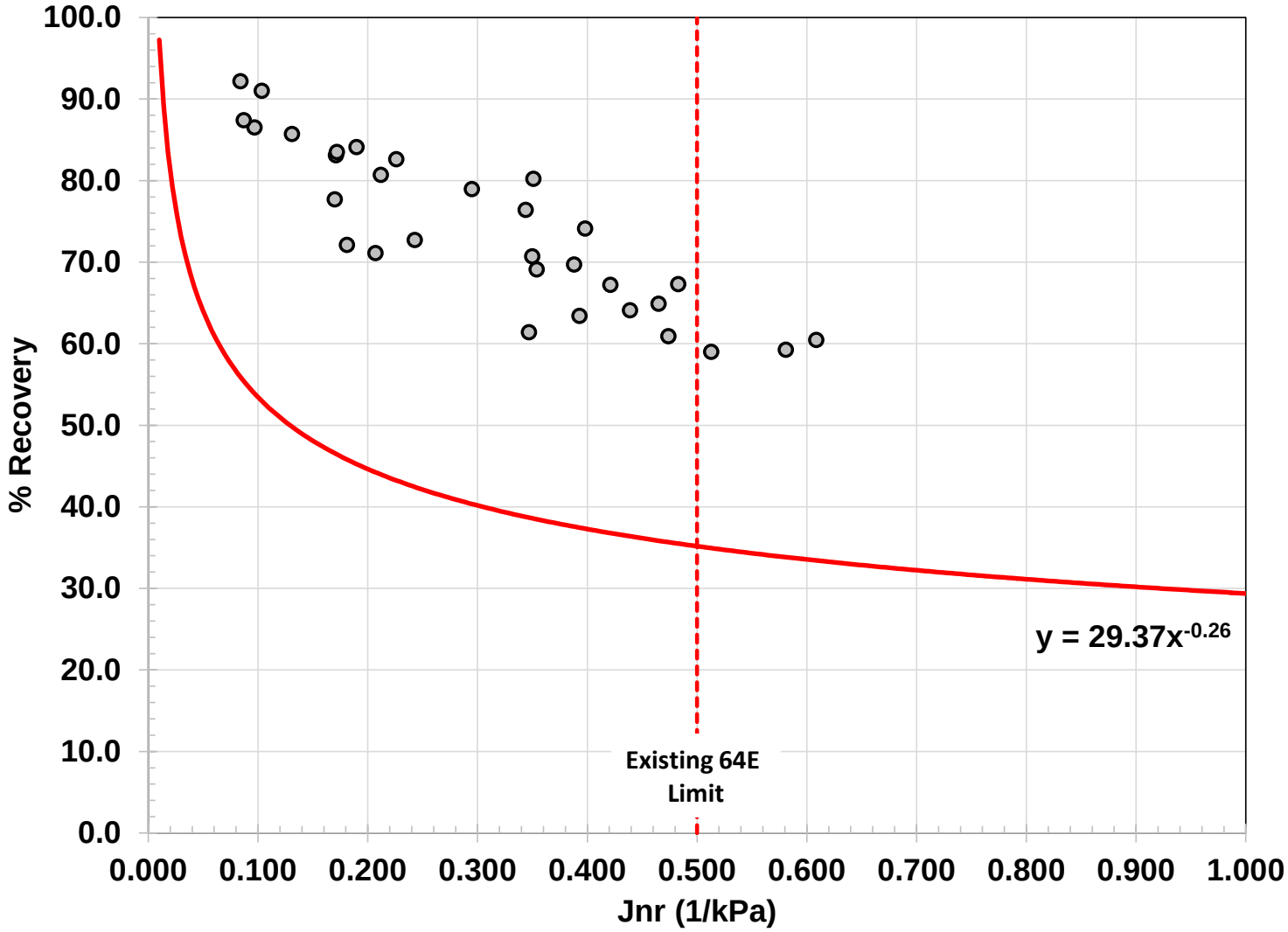




2015 PANYNJ Issues

- At the same time, Rutgers working with PANYNJ on high temperature binder issues
  - 31 Cores taken from areas where failed binder retains occurred – sent to Rutgers for recovery, PG grading – MSCR also conducted
    - PANYNJ specified job for PG76-22; not using MSCR yet
  - All 31 cores failed for high temp of 76°C; 28 were at 70°C, 3 were 64°C
  - 28 of 31 cores PASSED for a PG64E-22

PANYNJ Cores
(All Samples Failed PG76 High Temp)



Question?

- During MSCR implementation, northeast states tested binders, that at the time, met the current PG grade
  - Compared MSCR results to PG grades to help establish equivalent M332 traffic levels
    - NJDOT agreed that 64E should be same as the previous PG76-22
- Now that MSCR has been implemented, are states that are used to getting previous binder performance, still receiving those binders?
  - Or has binder modification now changed to meet M332, creating binders that no longer compare to what states were previously receiving under M320?

MSCR Jnr Divisions

- Where did the Jnr grading divisions come from?
  - Spoke with John D'Angelo
  - Neat binders for regional climate usually around and under 4.0 to 4.5 1/kPa
  - When conducting mixture testing, every ≈50% reduction in permanent deformation was approximately a ≈50% reduction in Jnr
  - So, original divisions went from: 4.0 to 2.0 to 1.0 to 0.5
  - Should Jnr divisions be revisited?

Laboratory Testing Program

M332 vs M320 HPTO Binder Spec

- Testing program
  - Procure 8 binders from different suppliers consisting of different sources and modifications
  - PG grade according to M320 and M332
  - Use binders in a NJDOT approved HPTO mix and conduct testing after; 1) Volumetric Conditioning and 2) STOA Conditioning
    - APA @ 64C (Standard for HPTO Spec)
    - Flow Number @ 54C (Using NCHRP 9-33 protocols)
  - Compare binder to mixture performance and determine if current MSCR requirements are appropriate for NJDOT HPTO

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HMA Mix Design

04/09/2015

Region: North

Mix ID#	N01DN0201VIR		
Mix Type	HMA, HIGH PERFORMANCE THIN OVERLAY	Effective Date	6/3/2013
Producer	TILCON - MOUNT HOPE, NJ (HMA PLANT)	Expiration Date	5/1/2016
		Verification Type	Lab Verification
Mix Temp. (F)	330	Designer	REBECCA GUARDINO
Compaction Temp. (F)	312.5		

SIEVE SIZE Inch	mm	Job Mix Formula	Broadband min.	max.	Production Tolerances min.	max.
2	50		100	100		
1 1/2	37.5		100	100		
1	25		100	100		
3/4	19		100	100		
1/2	12.5		100	100		
3/8	9.5	100	100	100		
No.4	4.75	77	65	85		
No.8	2.36	43	33	55		
No.16	1.18	29	20	35		
No.30	0.6	21	15	30		
No.50	0.3	14	10	20		
No.100	0.15	7	5	15		
No.200	0.075	5.2	5.0	8.0		

Tests Performed	Test Results	Test Criteria min.	max.
%Air Voids (Va)	3.52		
%VMA	20.5	18	
%VFA	83		
Dust/Asphalt Ratio	0.7	0.6	1.3
Drain Down			
VCA - Mix			<VCA dry
VCA - dry			
Max. Sp.Grav. (Gmm)	2.387		
Bulk Sp.Grav. (Gmb)	2.303		
% Gmm @ N Max			
Sp. Grav. of Binder (GB)	1.028		
Sp. Grav. of Agg. Blend (Gsb)	2.688		
Moist.Sensitivity TSR	85.1		
lbs./Square Yard/Inch	107.82		
% Gmm @ N Design		95.5	97.5
Ignition Oven Agg. Correction Factor.CFI		0.14 @ 538 Degrees C	
% Absorbed AC	0.37		

COMPONENT MATERIALS	TOTAL MIX %	COMPONENTS - PRODUCER &
AGGREGATES, STONE SAND, WASHED	16.7	TILCON NEW JERSEY - MOUNT HOPE, NJ (AGGREGATE)
AGGREGATES, STONE SAND, UNWASHED	30.6	TILCON NEW JERSEY - MOUNT HOPE, NJ (AGGREGATE)
AGGREGATES, COARSE, *9, BROKEN STONE	44.6	TILCON NEW JERSEY - MOUNT HOPE, NJ (AGGREGATE)
AGG. FOR HMA, MINERAL FILLER	0.9	TILCON NEW JERSEY - MOUNT HOPE, NJ (AGGREGATE)
ASPHALT, BINDER, GRADE PG64-E -22	7.2	NJDOT APPROVED BINDER

Remarks: APA AASHTO TP63 <4.0mm = 3.83mm
DRAINDOWN 0%< MAXIMUM 0.1%

Binders

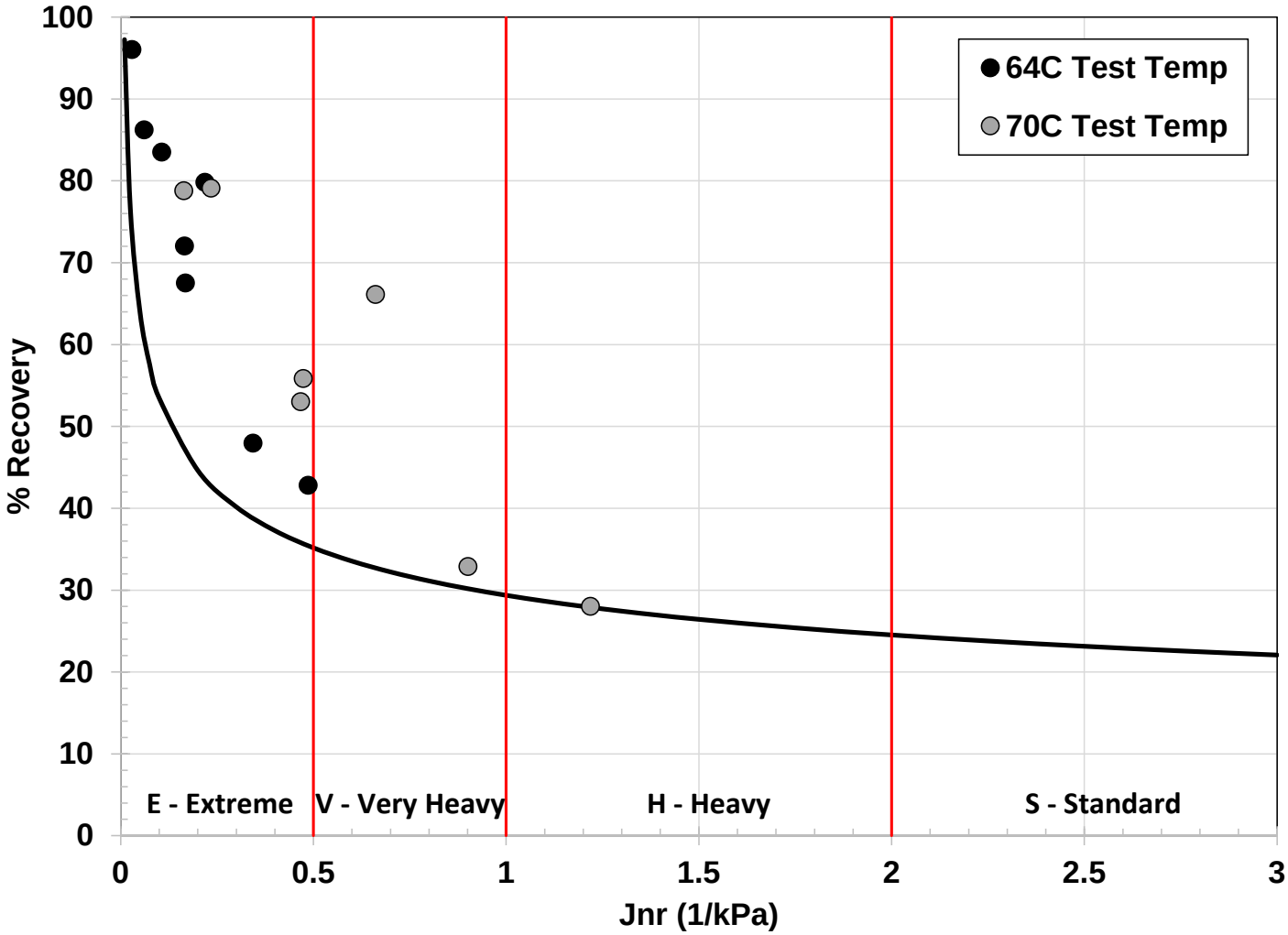
Supplier	Description
Road Science	Southeast Phase Angle
Road Science	NJDOT - PPA + SBS
Road Science	NYSDOT - SBS Only
All States	NYSDOT - SBS Only
Axeon	76-22 (Pre-MSCR)
Axeon	PG64E-22 2016
Lion Oil	4.25% SBS
Suit Kote	PG64E-22 2016

Binder Test Results

AASHTO M320

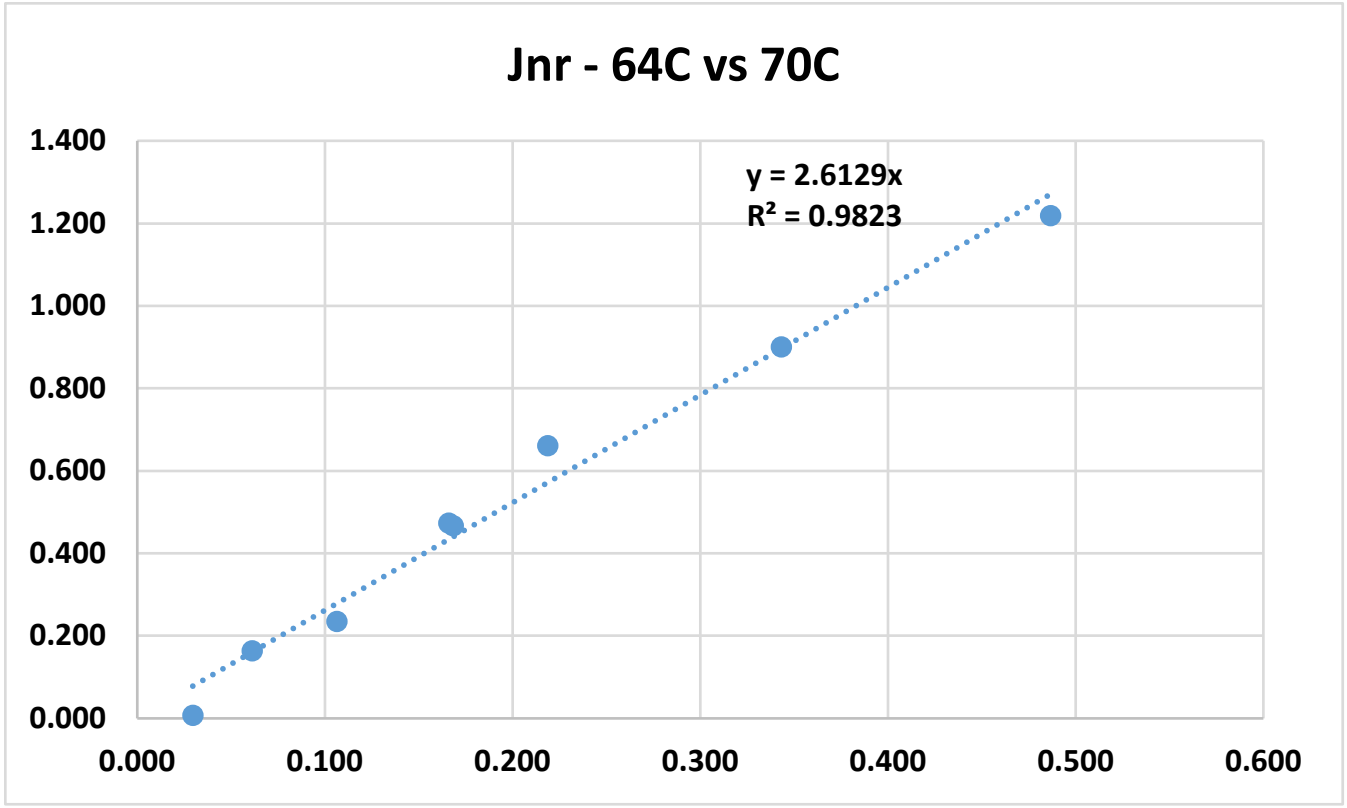
Supplier	Description	Orig Continuous High Temp	RTFO Continuous High Temp	Orig Phase Angle @ 76C	RTFO/Orig	RTFO - Orig
Road Science	Southeast Phase Angle	81.5	80.9	69.6	0.99	-0.6
Road Science	NJDOT - PPA + SBS	80	81.2	71.5	1.02	1.2
Road Science	NYSDOT - SBS Only	83.6	82.9	66.4	0.99	-0.7
All States	NYSDOT - SBS Only	76.4	74.8	68.5	0.98	-1.6
Axeon	76-22 (Pre-MSCR)	79.3	78.3	75.9	0.99	-1.0
Axeon	PG64E-22 2016	80.4	78.4	74.7	0.98	-2.0
Lion Oil	4.25% SBS	85.7	78.7	60.5	0.92	-7.0
Suit Kote	PG64E-22 2016	82.5	79.1	64.5	0.96	-3.4

AASHTO M332 Results



Change in Jnr vs Change in PG Grade Test Temp

- Changing 6°C (1 PG grade test temp) in Jnr test from 64C to 70C reduced Jnr by 62%



Change in Jnr vs Change in PG Grade Test Temp

- Looked at additional change in temps and included another 14 binders (n = 22) to check on consistency of Jnr change

- On average, when increasing test temp by 6°C, Jnr reduces by 60%, or becomes 40% of the previous test temperature's value

All	**2.52**
	40%
58C to 64C	**2.39**
	42%
64C to 70C	**2.53**
	39%
70C to 76C	**3.11**
	32%
76C to 82C	**2.48**
	40%

Jnr Requirement Determined within PG Grade "Bump"

- Hypothesis: since we are still using 6°C intervals for testing, should the Jnr divisions be modified to represent how the binder is performing within these test temperatures?

Traffic Designation	AASHTO M332	Based on PG Temp "Bump"
S	4.5	4.5
H	2.0	1.8
V	1.0	0.7
E	0.5	0.3

Mixture Test Results

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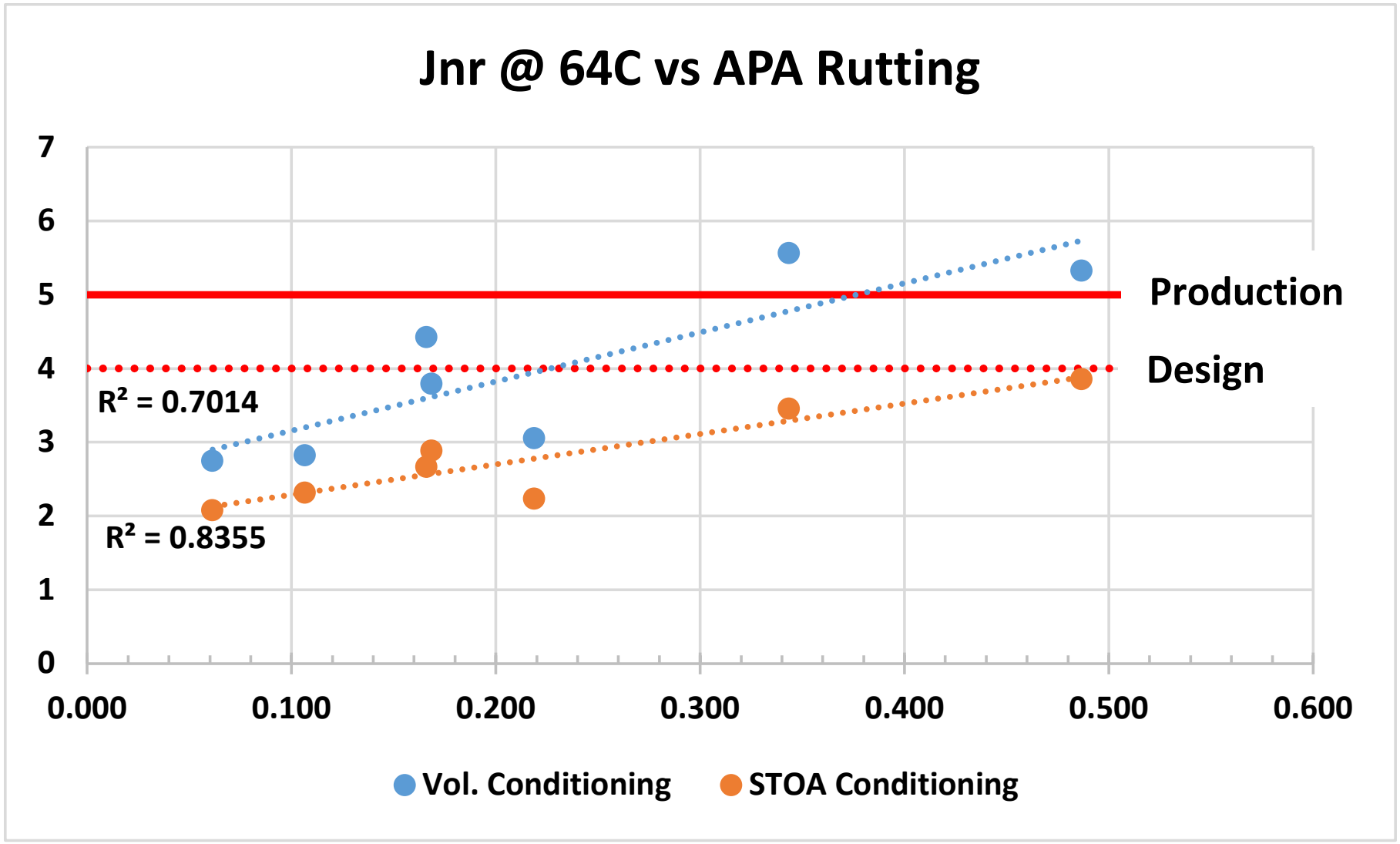
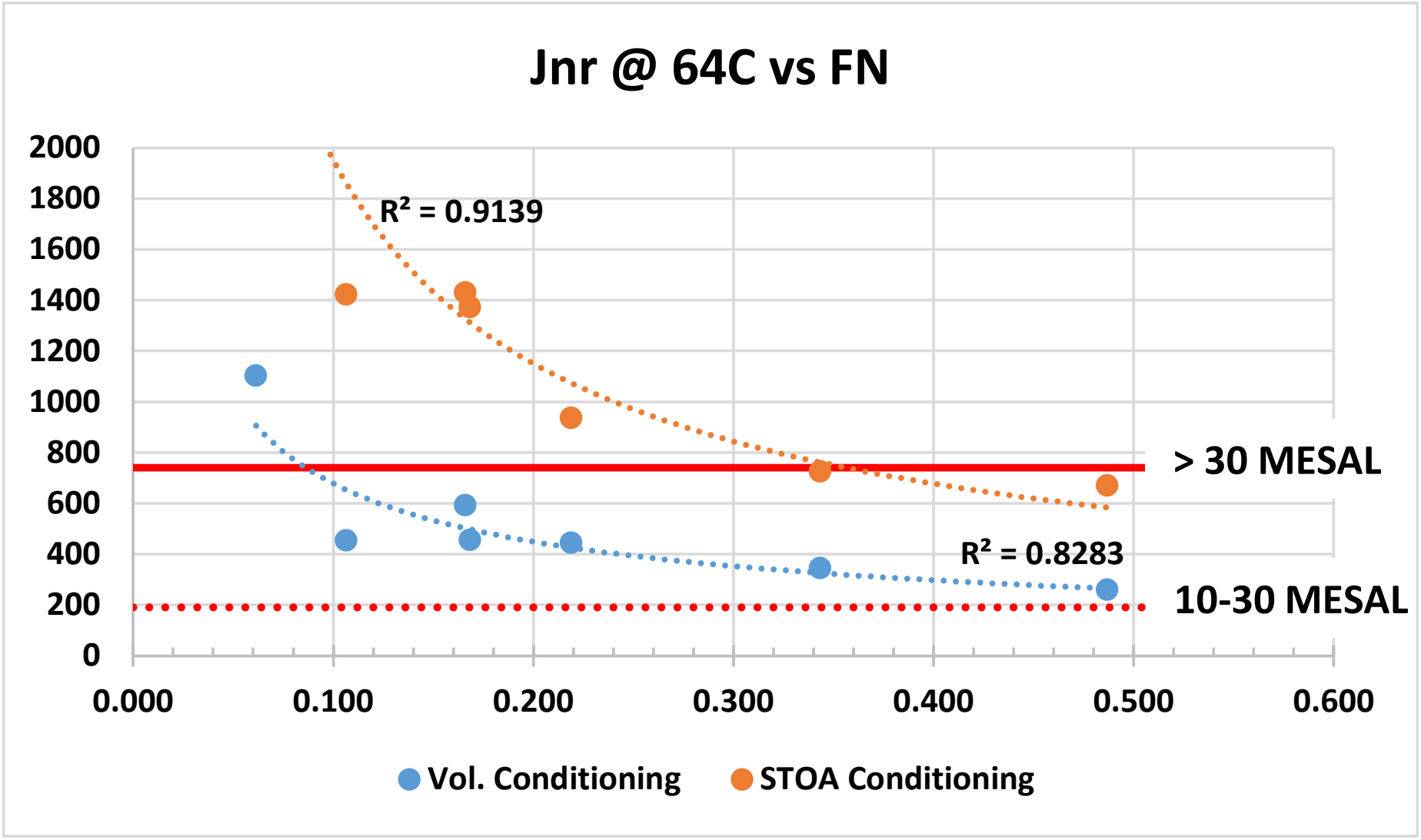
Supplier	Description	APA Testing		Flow Number	
		Volumetric Conditioning	STOA Conditioning	Volumetric Conditioning	STOA Conditioning
Road Science	Southeast Phase Angle	4.43	2.67	593	1430
Road Science	NJDOT - PPA + SBS	3.8	2.89	455	1373
Road Science	NYSDOT - SBS Only	2.75	2.08	1104	3449
All States	NYSDOT - SBS Only	3.06	2.24	445	936
Axeon	76-22 (Pre-MSCR)	5.33	3.86	260	669
Axeon	PG64E-22 2016	5.57	3.46	346	726
Lion Oil	4.25% SBS	2.67	2.87	710	679
Suit Kote	PG64E-22 2016	2.83	2.32	455	1422

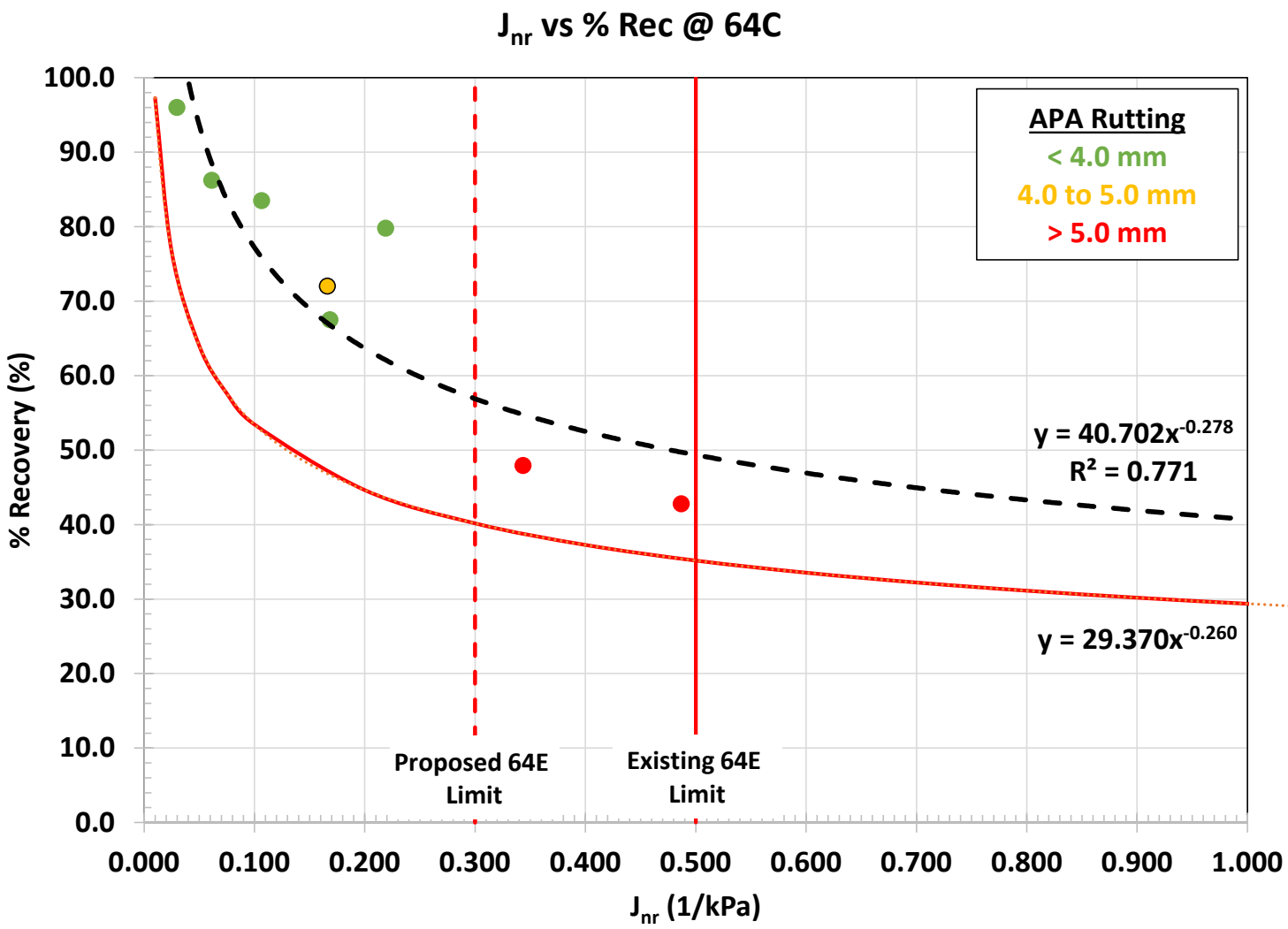
APA vs MSCR Jnr @ 64C



AMPT FN vs MSCR Jnr @ 64C



APA Results within MSCR



Study Conclusions

- Question: Will using current PG64E provide the same rutting resistance as previous PG76 for NJDOT's HPTO mixtures?

- Answer: It appears that the current M332 divisions may need to be modified for NJDOT HPTO mixtures
  1. APA rutting for Volumetric Conditioning shows
     1. < 0.37 for Production APA rutting
     2. < 0.23 for Design APA rutting
  2. Flow Number for STOA Conditioning shows
     1. < 0.35 for traffic levels > 30 MESAL's
  3. MSCR Jnr limit of 0.3 kPa^{-1} was able to differentiate PASSING/FAILING HPTO mixtures using Production tolerance.

NJDOT Recommendations

- For NJDOT's HPTO, it was recommended to change the Jnr value from <0.5 to < 0.3 kPa^{-1}
- NJDOT considering changing current MSCR Jnr to <0.3 kPa^{-1} for all mixes using PG64E-22

Final Thoughts

- In adopting MSCR for high temperature, many states looked at how their PG binders were fitting into the MSCR system.
  - Example: NJDOT acknowledged that previous PG76-22 would have fell into 64E designation (Jnr < 0.5 kPa^{-1})
- However, have we looked back now to see how the binders we are currently getting (modified to meet MSCR) would have fit into our previous PG system?
  - Are they what we were used to receiving?
  - If not, will performance change?


Thank you for your time!
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