

University of Illinois Update

Pooled Fund - LTC TAP Meeting

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Specimens Received July 27, 2011

- 83 specimens received (3 replicates at each test temperature)
- All specimens were 50mm thick disks, 81 lab compacted and 2 from field cores



Wisconsin samples (mostly retests)

- All samples have PGLT of -22°C
 - 4% air voids gyratory compacted
 - 7% air voids gyratory compacted
 - 7% air void and oven conditioned
 - Field core
- Oven conditioned samples and field core tested at PGLT
- All others tested at PGLT and PGLT+10



Validation Testing (Task 6)

- Marathon (PG58-28)
 - 12.5mm and 19mm
- CITGO (PG58-28)
 - 12.5mm and 19mm
- VALERO (PG58-28)
 - 12.5mm and 19mm
- Warm mix (PG58-28)
 - Reinke's warm mix w/ RAP and antistrip
- MIF RAP (PG58-34)
 - 12.5mm and 19mm
- MIF Virgin (PG58-34)
 - 12.5mm and 19mm

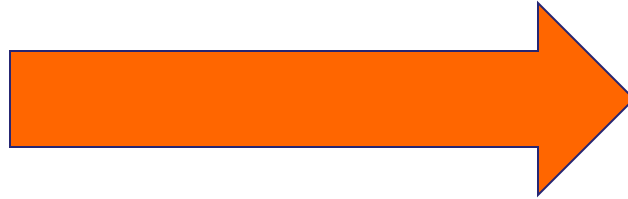
**TEST TEMPERATURE IS PGLT AND PGLT+10
(All tests to be completed by 10/31/11)**



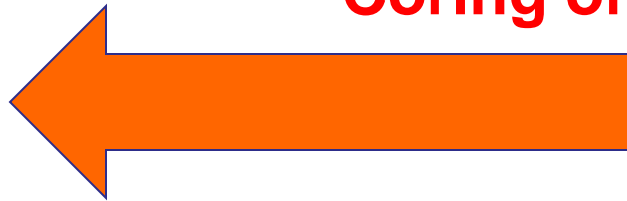
Olmsted Co: *Rd104 **Rd112

Fabrication

Notching and face cuts

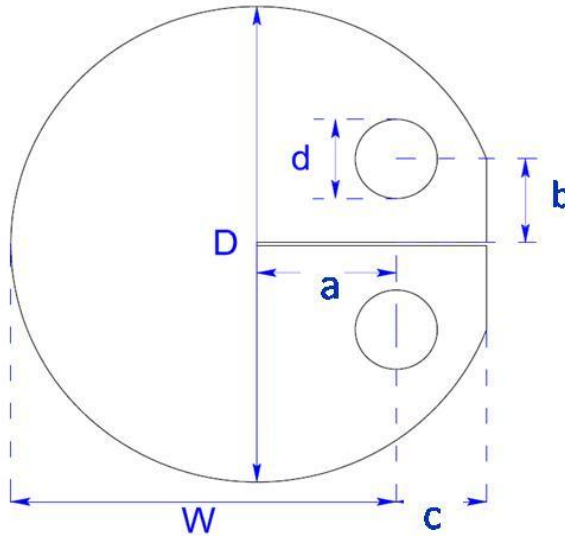


Coring of loading holes



Testing

Geometry



Recommended Dimensions (mm)	
D	150
W	110
a	27.5
b	25
c	35
d	25
Thickness, t	50



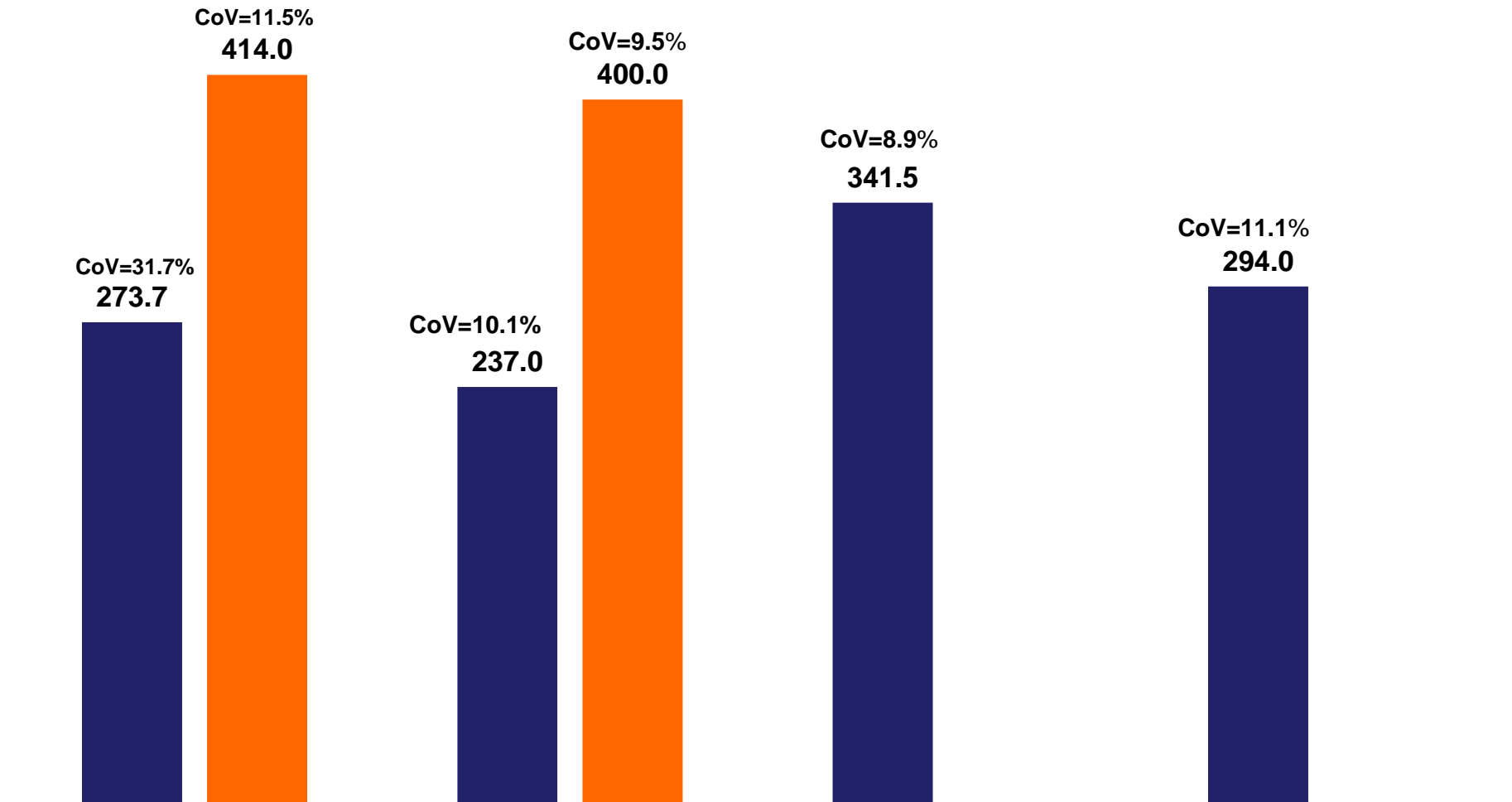
Instron 8500 servo-hydraulic load frame with an environmental chamber capable of controlling the temperature from 30°C to -30°C



Fracture energy of Wisconsin mix, J/m²



■ average CMOD Fracture Energy @-22C ■ average CMOD Fracture Energy @-12C



wis-4%

wis-7%

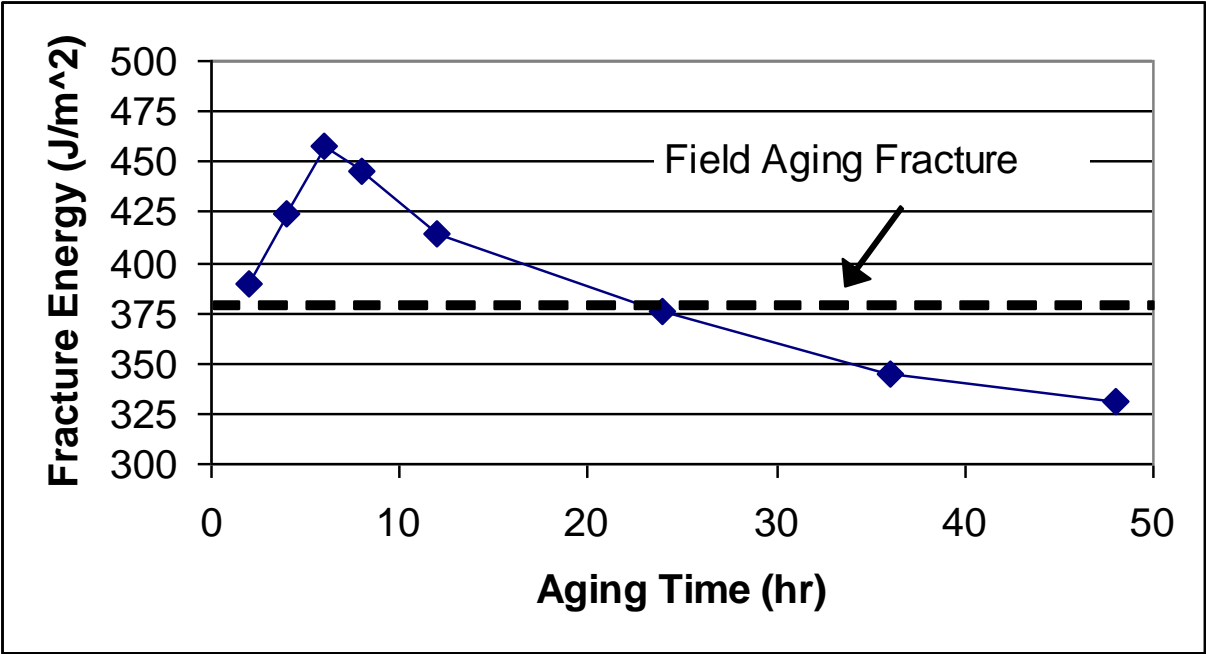
wis-c-7%

wis-field

*C-oven conditioned



Influence of Aging on Mixture Fracture Energy



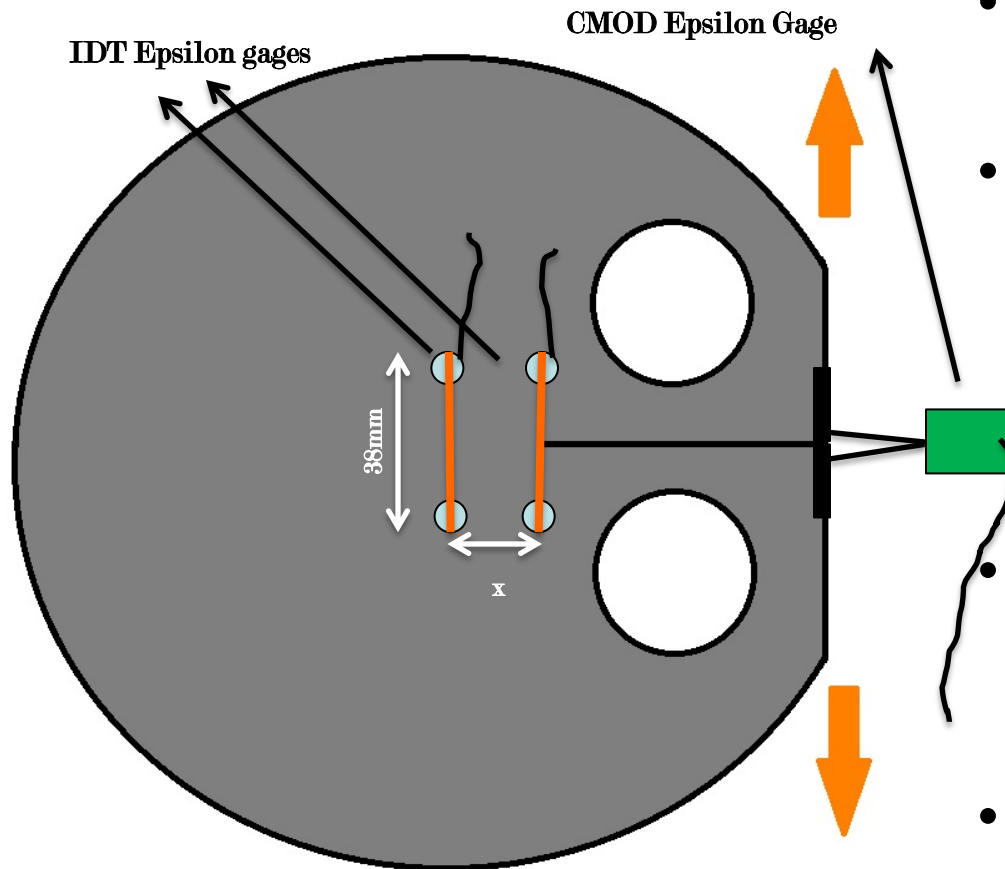
12.5mm NMAAS
PG58-28
Unmodified Mixture

Demonstrates that Fracture Energy can First Increase, then Decrease with Aging.

However, Creep Compliance Simply Decreases with Aging.
(AAPT, Braham et al., 2009)



Creep Compliance from DC(T)

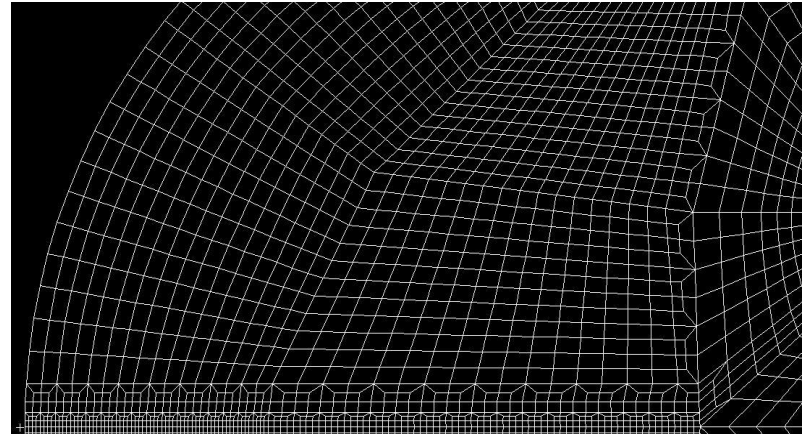
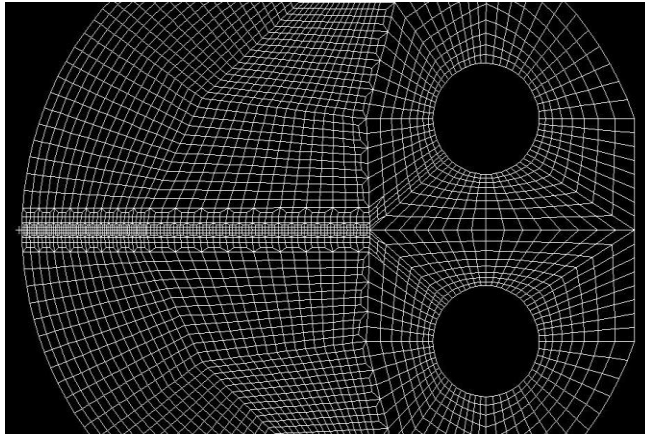


- Apply a tensile creep load and collect deflections
- Creep load should be high enough to induce measurable deflection but it should not create damage at notch tip
- 'x' is optimized using experimental and modeling correlation
- Results will be compared to IDT Creep compliance

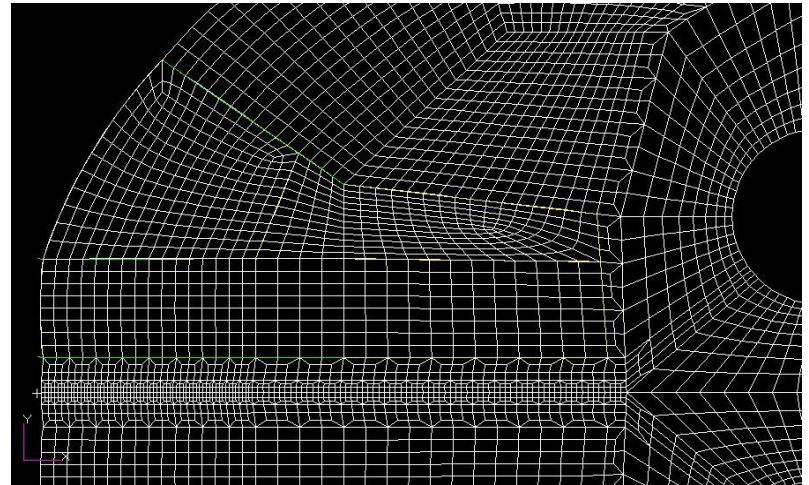
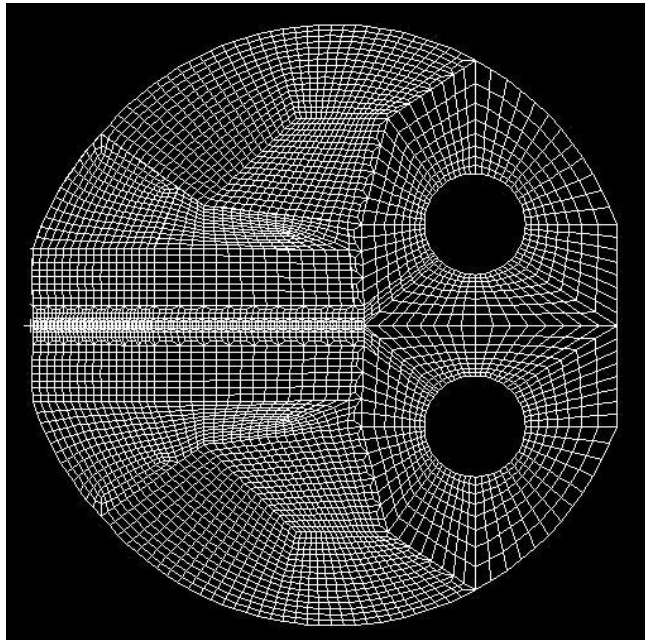


DC(T) + IDT

Old model

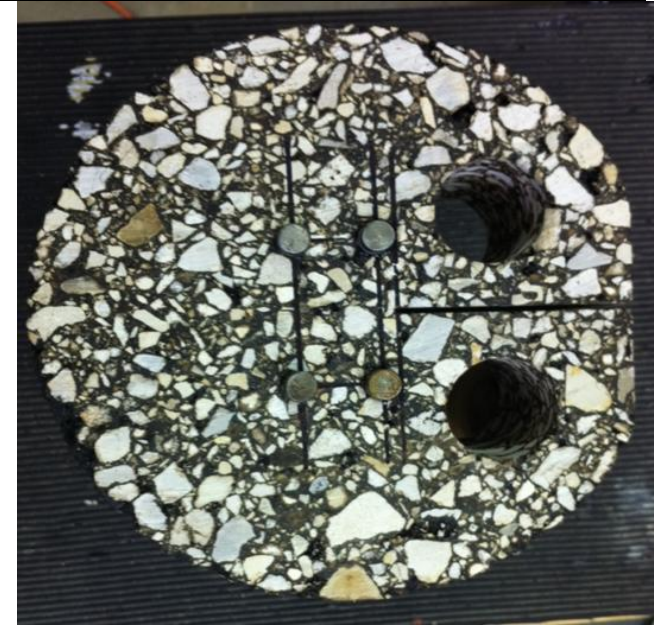
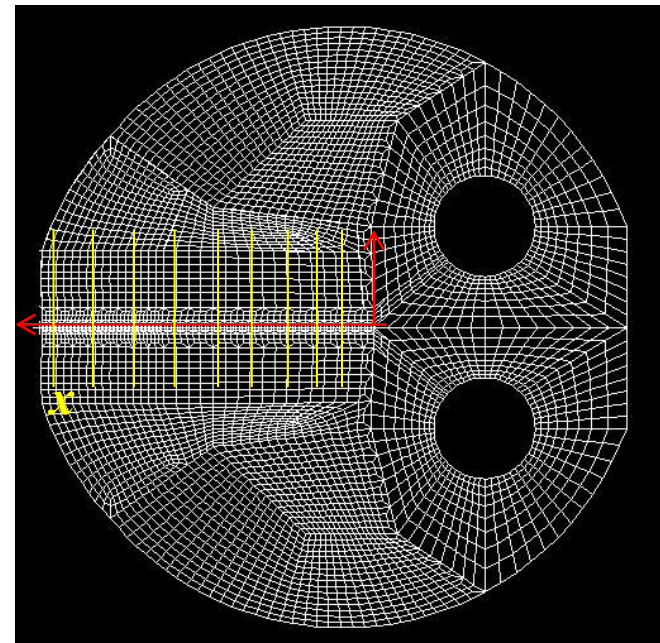


New model



DCT+IDT model

- Four Different FEM Models :
 - DCT specimen with notch(Elastic)
 - DCT specimen with notch(Viscoelastic)
 - DCT specimen without notch(Elastic)
 - DCT specimen without notch(Viscoelastic)
- 9 Nodesets along the X axis:
X (mm): 2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80



Update on Low Temperature Cracking Model for Asphalt Concrete

“ILLI-TC”



Why do we Need a Thermal Cracking Model?

- **Binder important, but does not completely control:**
 - Aggregate/mastic effects on mixture creep/fracture properties
 - Effects of RAP, WMA, fibers, and other additives
 - Final, constructed mixture volumetrics – voids, agg structure
 - Plant/field aging
 - Structural effects of temperature profile, fracture process

- **Modeling can provide:**
 - True performance prediction (cracking vs. time)
 - Input for maintenance decisions
 - Insight for policy decisions

Old TC Model vs. New TC Model

□ TC Model

■ Stress Intensity Factor

$$K = \sigma(0.45 + 1.99C_0^{0.56})$$

→ *Stress Intensity Factor*
→ *Far-field stress at depth of crack*
→ *Current crack length*

■ Paris 'Law'

$$\Delta C = A(\Delta K)^n$$

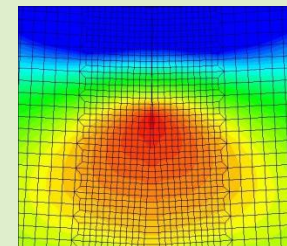
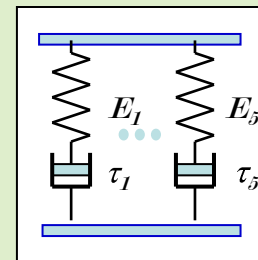
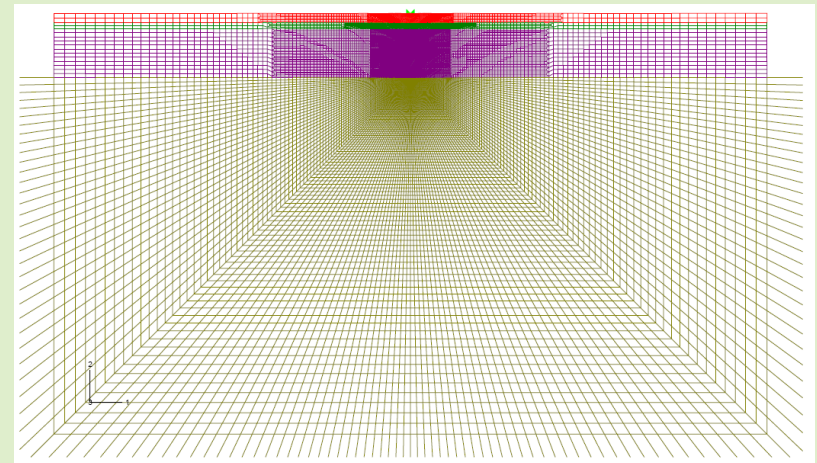
→ *Change in crack depth*
→ *Fracture parameters*
→ *Change in stress intensity factor*

■ Crack amount model

Amount of cracking is a function of the probability that the crack depth is equal to or greater the thickness of the surface layer

□ New TC Model

■ Finite element based thermal cracking prediction model with cohesive zone modeling



Modeling Tasks

- ❑ **Develop and Verify Viscoelastic Finite Element Code**
- ❑ **Develop and Verify Cohesive Zone Fracture FE Code**
- ❑ **Develop Input File Generator**
- ❑ **Collect and Assemble Climatic Files**
- ❑ **Develop and Verify Preamalysis Module**
- ❑ **Combine Viscoelastic and CZ FE Codes and Verify**
- ❑ **Develop Graphical User Interface (in Conjunction with NexTrans University Transportation Center)**
- ❑ **Calibrate Code**
- ❑ **Validate Code**

Completed/Reported

Completed

Underway

ILLI-TC Components

Graphical User Interface: Visual LTC

Input:

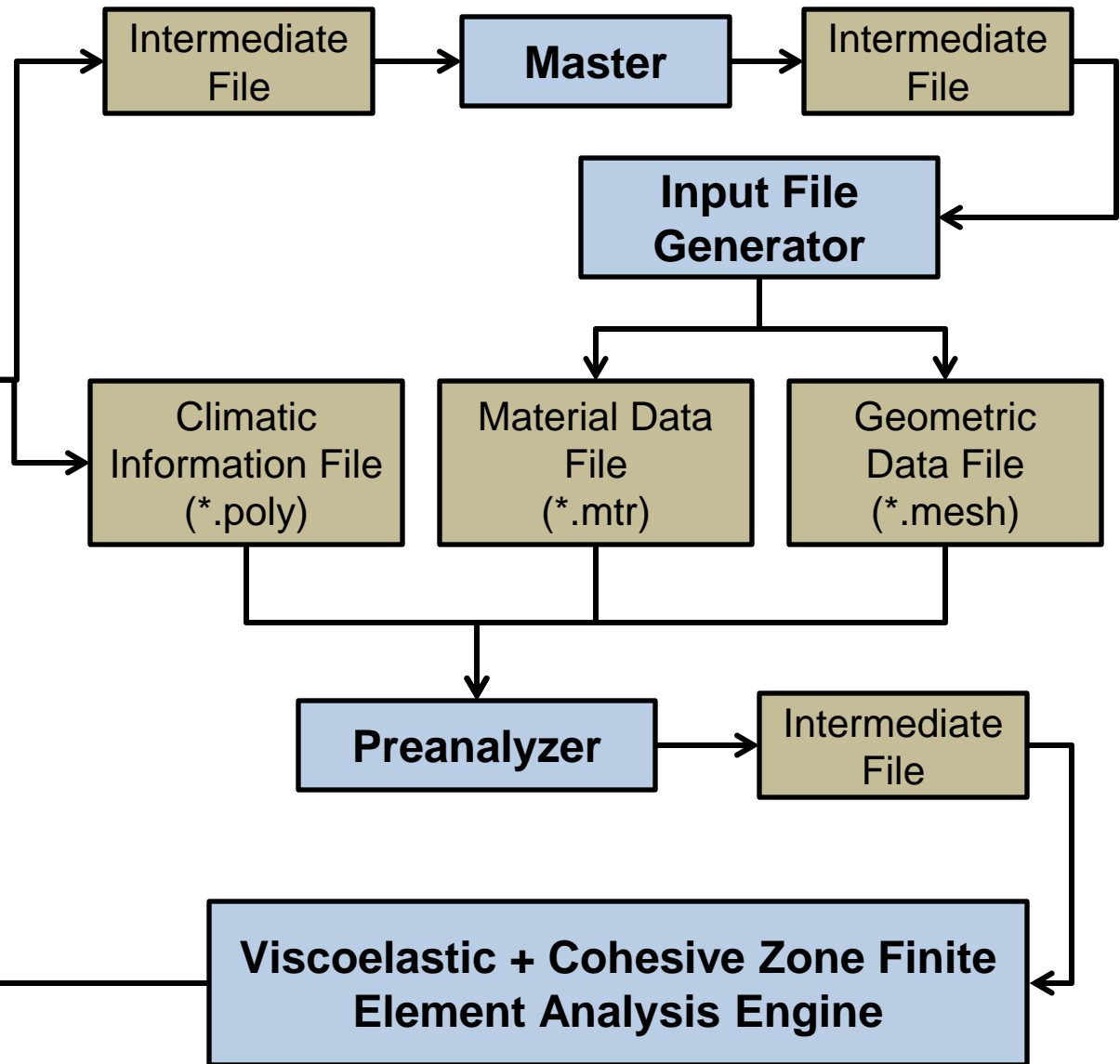
- Material Properties*
 - Viscoelastic
 - Fracture
- Location**

* May be selected from pre-existing library

** Library of *.poly files contain climatic information for preloaded locations

Output:

- Critical Events for Thermal Cracking
- Amount of Dissipated Fracture Energy
- Extent of Pavement Thickness Damaged and Cracked



1. Collection and Assembly of Climatic Files

- **Climatic data from participating states was collected**
 - Climatic data file repository for AASHTO MEPDG
 - Two or Three locations for each of the participating states
 - Cold, Intermediate and Warm
 - Two locations for Connecticut, three for all other states
 - 7 States = 21 Climatic Conditions
- **Integrated Climatic Model analyses were conducted**
 - 11 AC Thicknesses (3" – 16")
- **Total of 220 files**

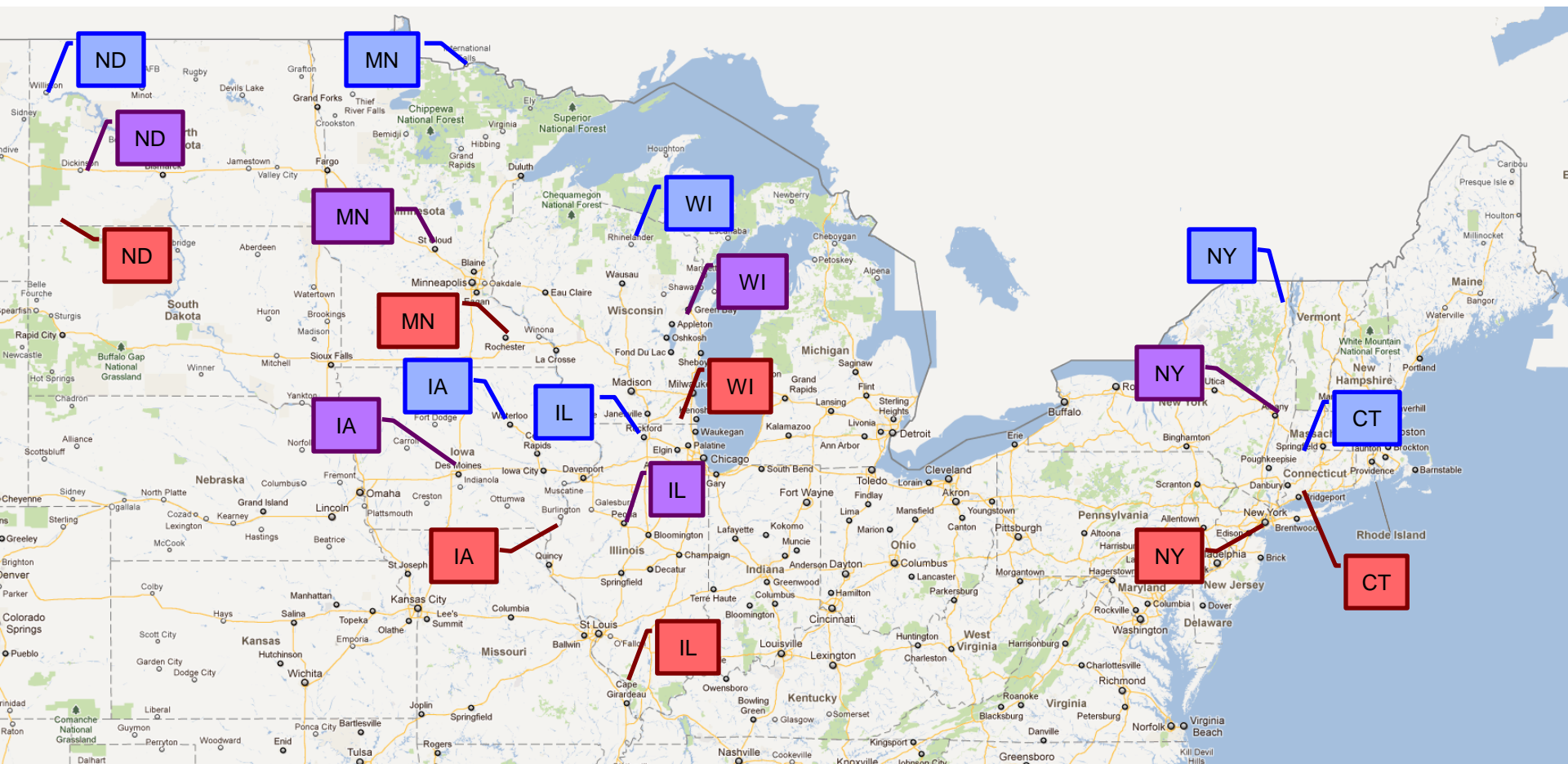
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Map of US showing climatic locations.

Cold Climate

Intermediate Climate

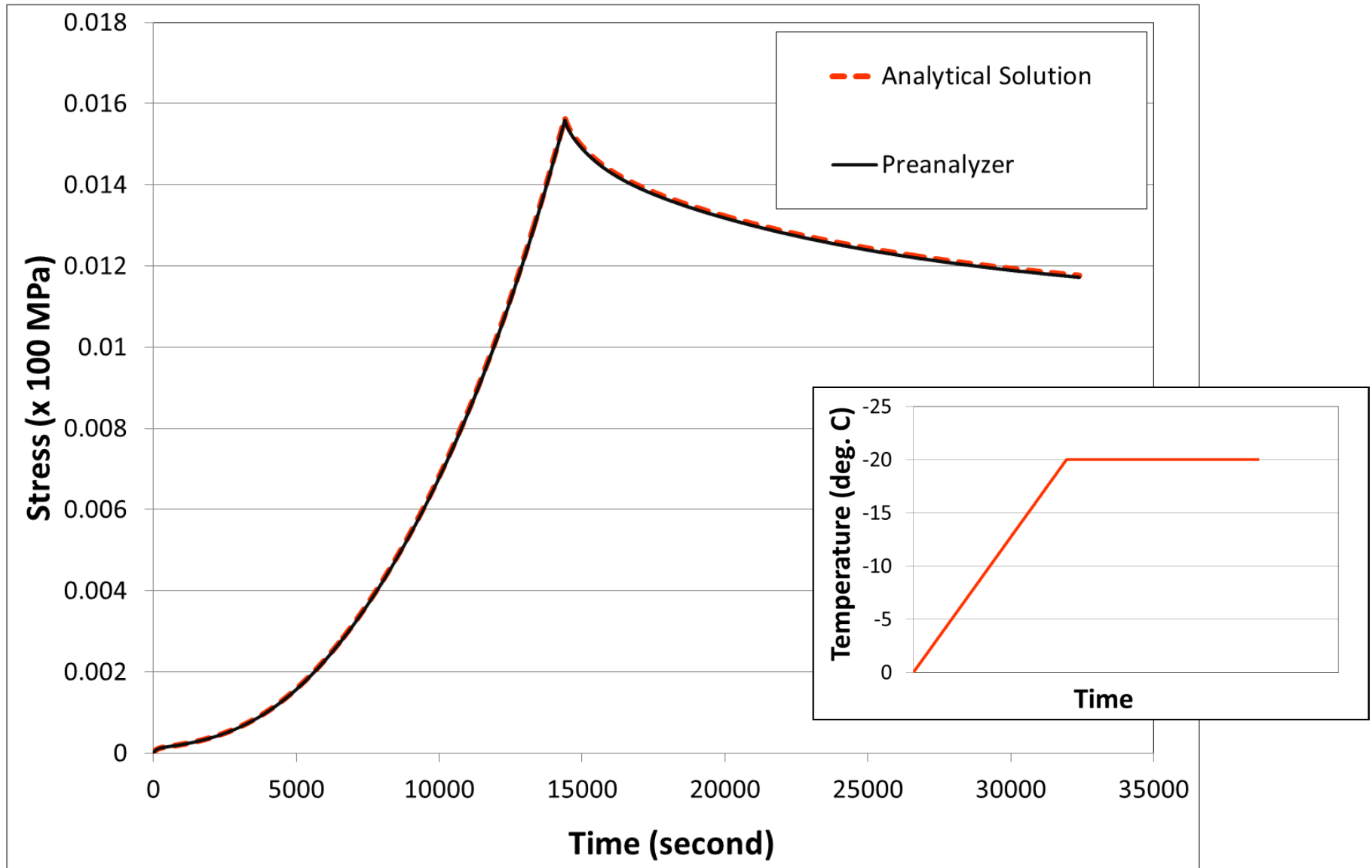
Warm Climate



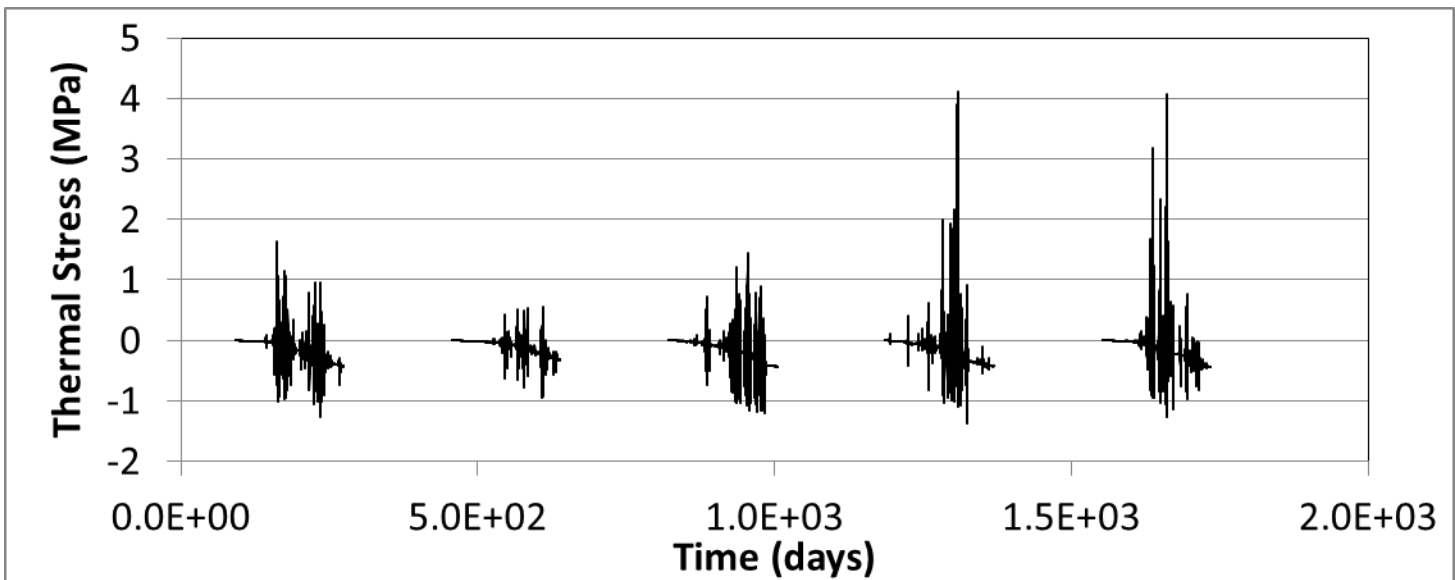
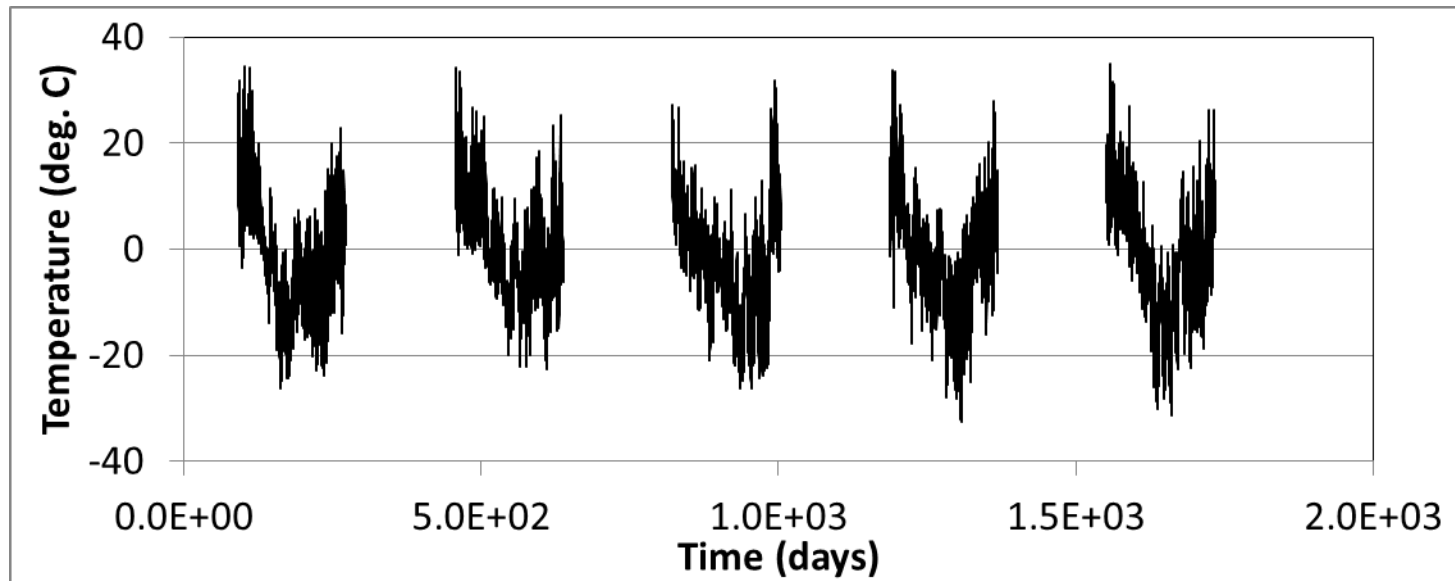
2. Preanalysis Module

- **Motivation: Optimize analysis times for the finite element analysis**
- **Purpose: Presolve simplified problem to identify critical cooling events**
- **Approach: Use 1-dimensional viscoelastic solution using surface temperatures and asphalt properties as input to predict thermally induced stresses**
 - Related to thermal stress on surface of pavement
- **Implementation and verification has been completed**

2. Preanalysis Module: Verification



2. Preanalysis Module: Result (Intl. Falls, MN)



2. Preanalysis Module: What's Next

- **Determining suitable thermal stress threshold**
 - Use these to determine finite element model start and end points
- **This is done in conjunction with full scale verification**
- **Stress threshold determination is linked to model calibration and validation process**

3. Finite Element Analysis Engine (FEAE)

- **Individual components have been implemented and verified**
 - Viscoelastic bulk elements
 - Cohesive zone fracture elements
- **Final code has been generated through combination of above**
- **Code has been linked to other components of ILLI-TC**
- **Preliminary verification has been conducted**

3. FEAE: Cohesive Zone Model

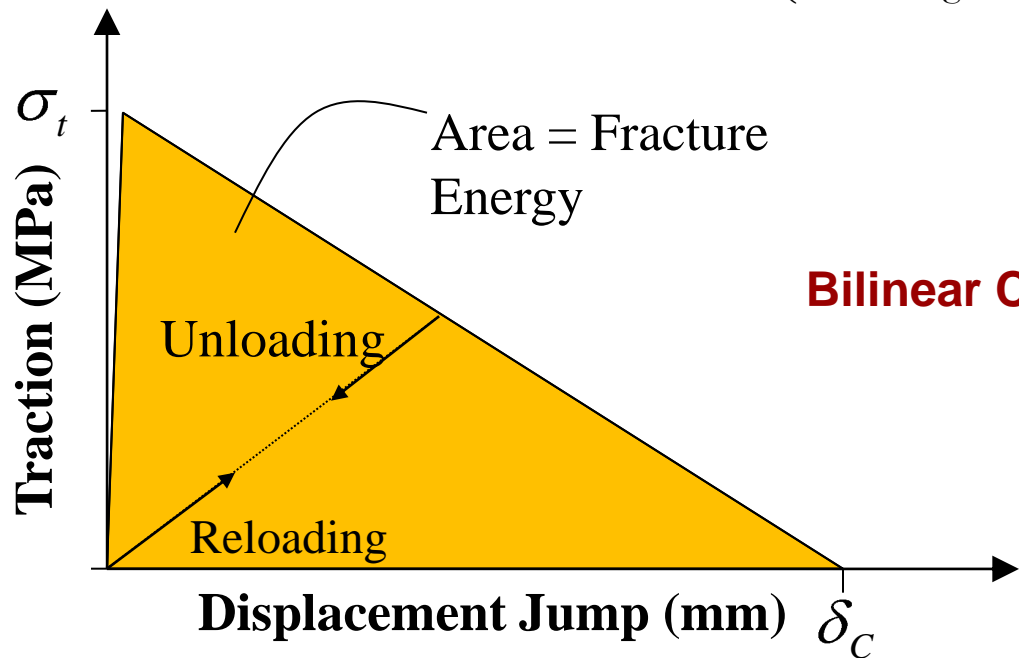
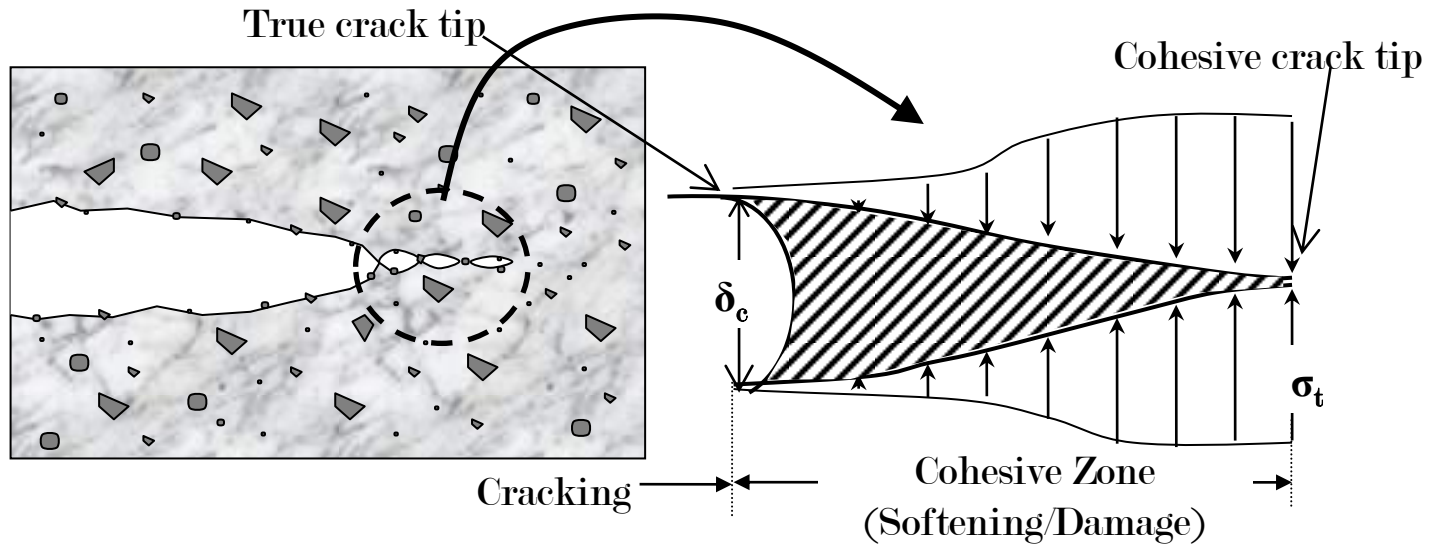
- Cohesive zone model (CZM) is a computationally efficient and effective way of modeling damage and cracking in asphalt concrete

- CZM Capabilities:
 - Softening (damage)

 - Complete separation (difficult with continuum type models)

 - Captures the length scale associated with fracture process

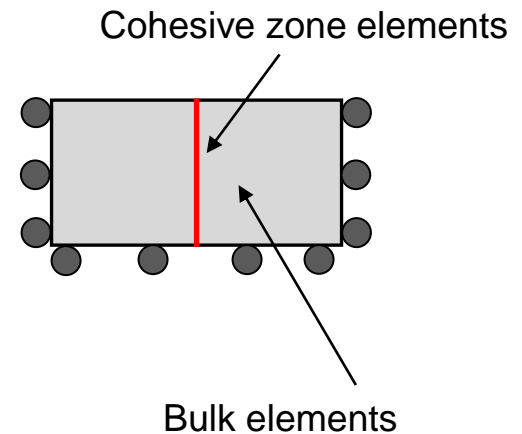
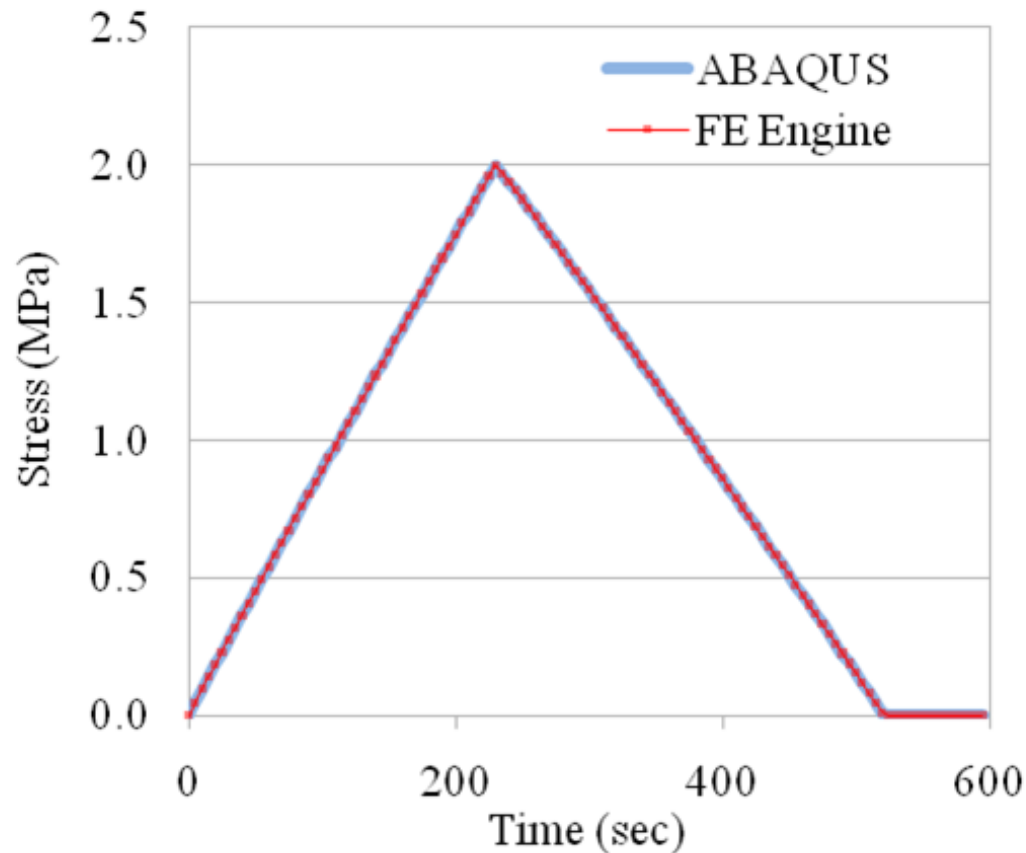
3. FEAE: Bilinear Cohesive Zone Model



Bilinear CZM (Song et al., 2006)

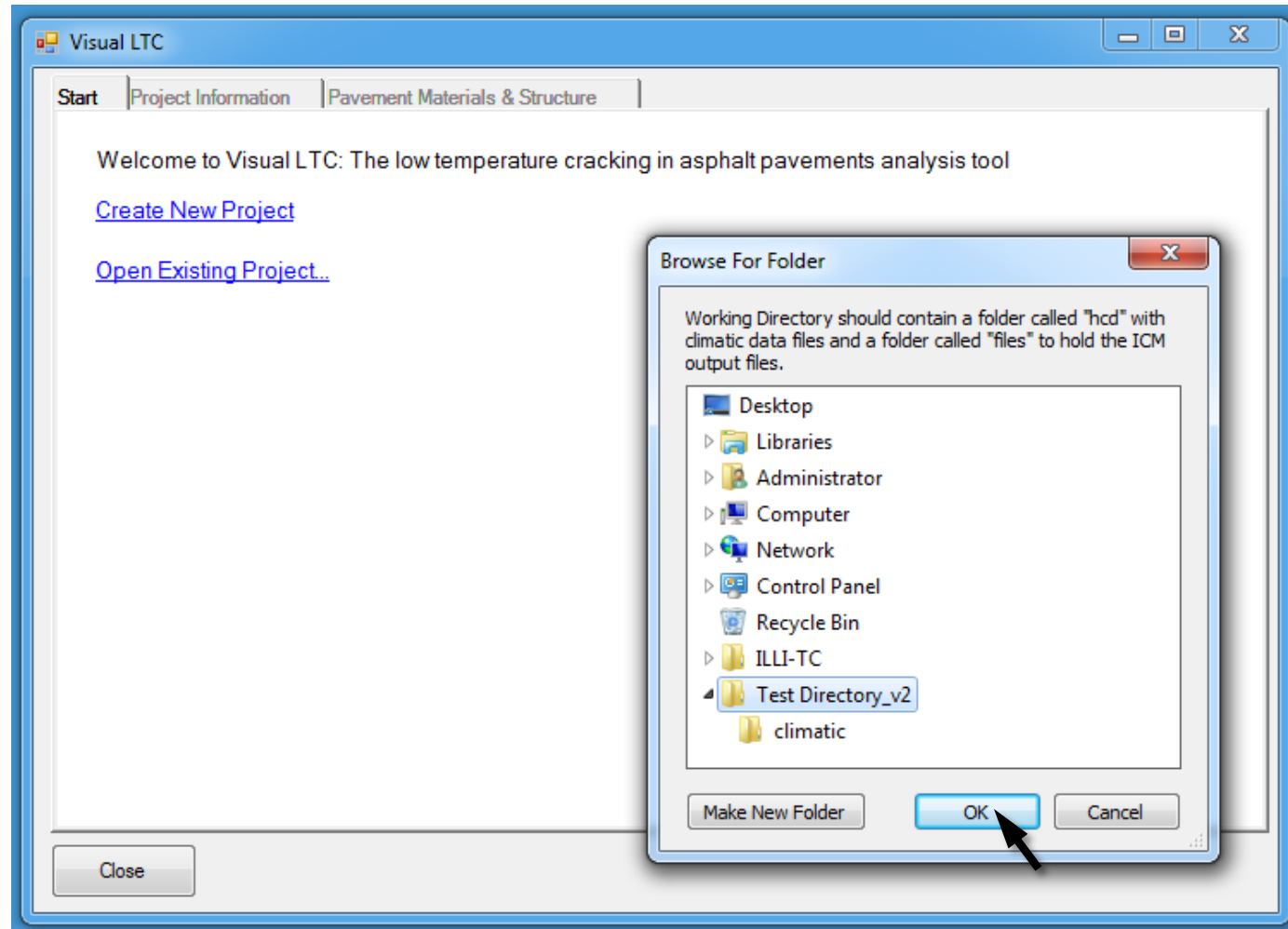
3. FEAE: Verification Example

- Temperature drop 0° to -10°C over 600 sec



4. Graphical User Interface: Visual LTC

□ Start



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- Project Information

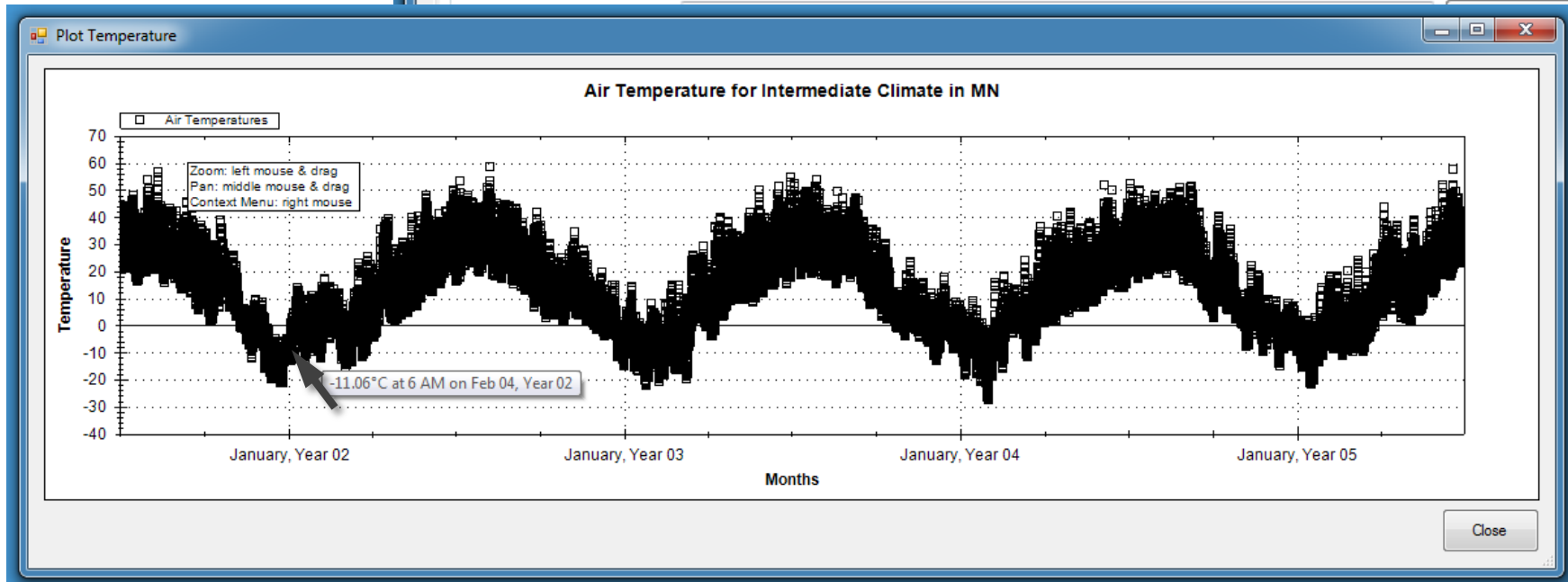
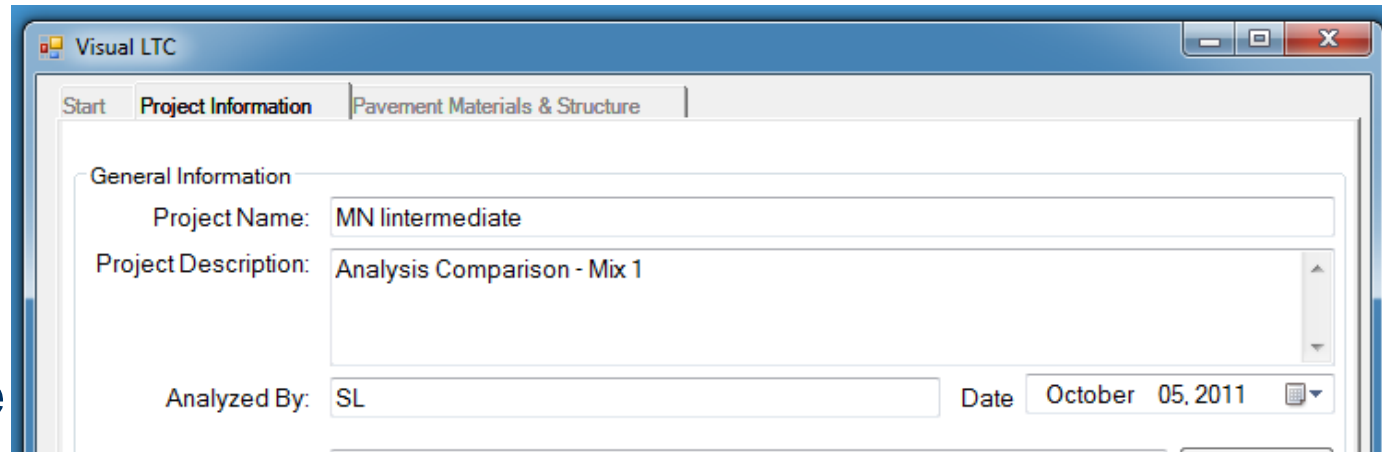
The screenshot displays the 'Visual LTC' software window with the 'Project Information' tab selected. The interface includes the following fields and controls:

- General Information:**
 - Project Name: MN lintermediate
 - Project Description: Analysis Comparison - Mix 1
 - Analyzed By: SL
 - Date: October 05, 2011
 - Working Directory: C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop\Test Directory_v2 (with a 'Browse' button)
- Project Location:**
 - State: MN
 - Zone: Intermediate (e.g. St. Cloud, Air = -41.5°C, PG = -34°C)
 - A 'Plot Temperature' button is located below the Zone field, with an arrow pointing to it.
- Analysis Period:**
 - Length of Time
 - Number of Years: 5
 - Specific Dates

At the bottom of the window, there are five buttons: 'Close', 'Save Project', 'Back', 'Next', and 'Run'.

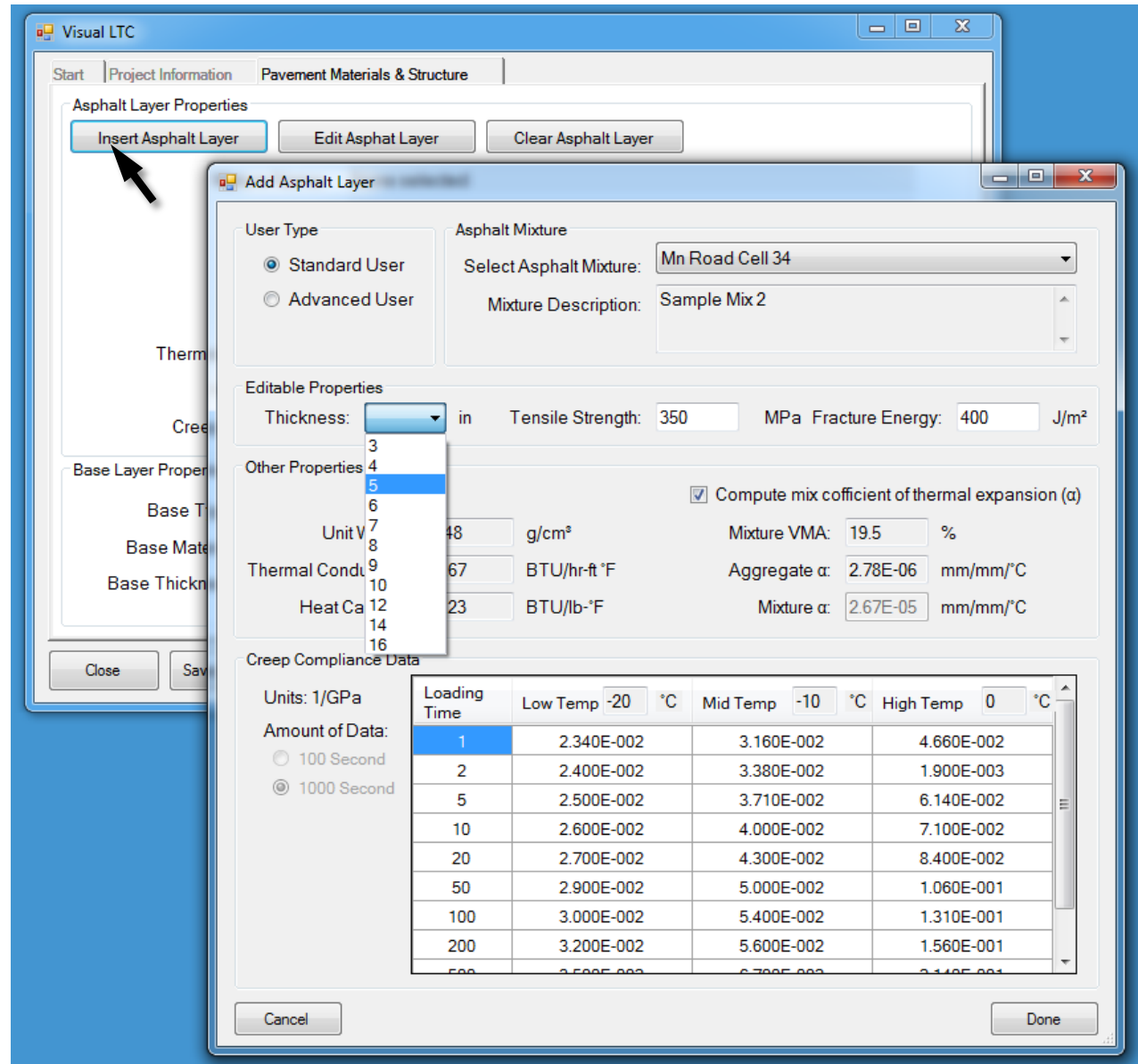
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- Start
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- Pavement materials & structure
 - Insert Asphalt Layer



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- Start
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 - Plot temperature
- Pavement materials & structure
- Run

The screenshot shows the 'Visual LTC' software window with the 'Pavement Materials & Structure' tab selected. The interface is divided into three main sections:

- Asphalt Layer Properties:** Contains buttons for 'Insert Asphalt Layer', 'Edit Asphalt Layer', and 'Clear Asphalt Layer'. Below these are input fields for:
 - Mixture Name: Mn Road Cell 34
 - Description: Sample Mix 2
 - Thickness: 5 in
 - Mixture VMA: 19.5 %
 - Unit Weight: 148 g/cm³
 - Aggregate alpha: 2.78E-06 mm/mm/°C
 - Thermal Conductivity: 0.67 BTU/hr-ft °F
 - Mixture alpha: 2.67E-05 mm/mm/°C
 - Heat Capacity: 0.23 BTU/lb-°F
 - Fracture Energy: 400 MPa
 - Creep Compliance: View Data
 - Tensile Strength: 350 J/m²
- Base Layer Properties:** Contains input fields for:
 - Base Type: Granular
 - Base Material: Fill this in...
 - Base Thickness: 12 in
- Subgrade Properties:** Contains input fields for:
 - Subgrade Material: A-7-5
 - Last Layer?: yes

At the bottom of the window, there are buttons for 'Close', 'Save Project', 'Back', 'Next', and 'Run'. An arrow points to the 'Run' button.

Modeling – Remaining Tasks

- **Verify Combined Code for Full Scale Pavement Models – Sept-Oct 2011**
- **Calibrate Code – Oct - Nov 2011**
- **Validate Code – Nov 2011 - Jan 2012**
 - Pavement performance data from Phase-II

APPENDIX



“User Type”

- **Similar to existing MEPDG layout**
- **User can easily switch between user types**

□ **Standard User**

- Practitioners
- Access to all existing mixes
- Default mix properties can be viewed but not changed

□ **Advanced User**

- Researchers/Developers
- Access to all existing mixes
- Default mix properties can be viewed and changed
- Modify existing mixes and add new mixes

3. FEAE: Viscoelastic Formulation

□ Recursive-incremental time integration scheme

$$\sigma_{x,t} = \int_{t'=-\infty}^{t'=t} C_{x,\xi} - \xi^{\xi'} \frac{\partial \varepsilon_{x,t'}}{\partial t'} dt' \quad d\sigma_{\xi} = \mathbf{K}_{x,\xi} \times d\varepsilon_{\xi} + d\sigma^R_{\xi}$$

