

# ***SCRIM Friction Testing in the USA***

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# Outline

- **Introduction: What is the SCRIM?**
- **Background and Friction 101**
- **Pavement Friction Management and Crash Data Analysis**
- **Case Studies (examples)**
- **Final Considerations**

# SCRIM

- Friction
- Macrotexture
- IMU + GPS
  - Grade
  - Cross-slope
  - Curvature
- Video (front)
- 2,400 gallons
- 150 miles of Continuous Data per tank



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# Sideway-Force Coefficient Routine Investigation Machine



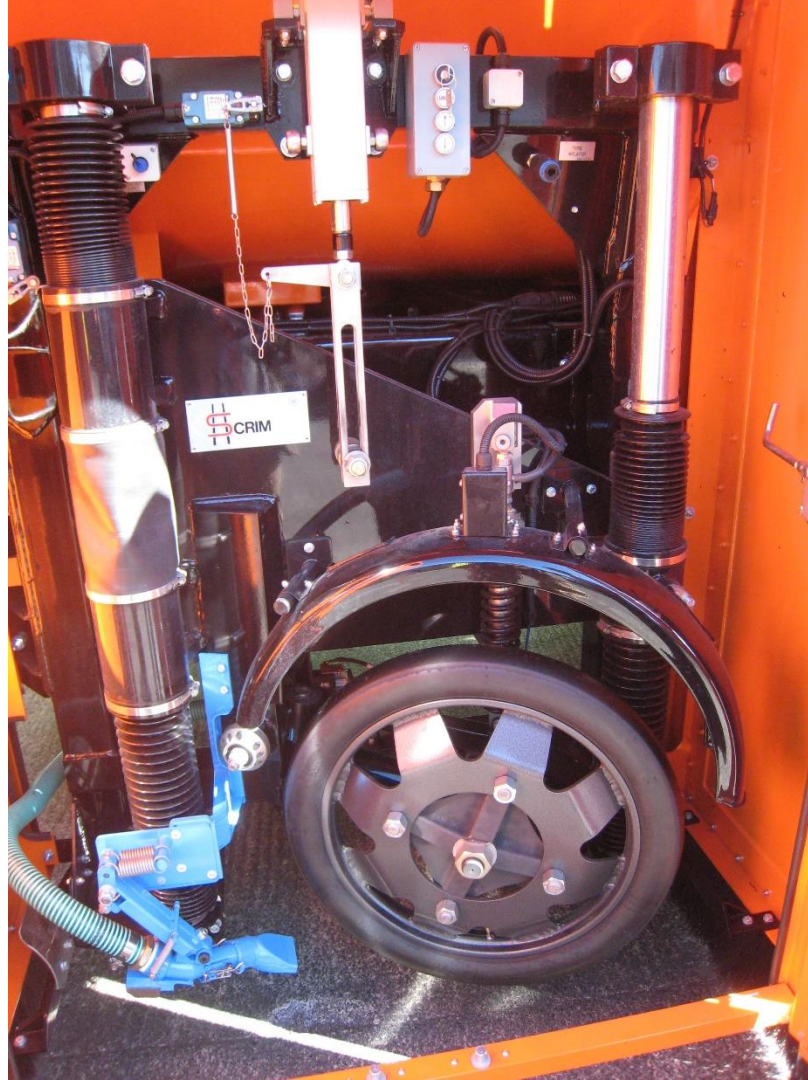


- **Electrical Systems: 24 vs 12 V**
- **EPA/EU diesel rules are not the same???**



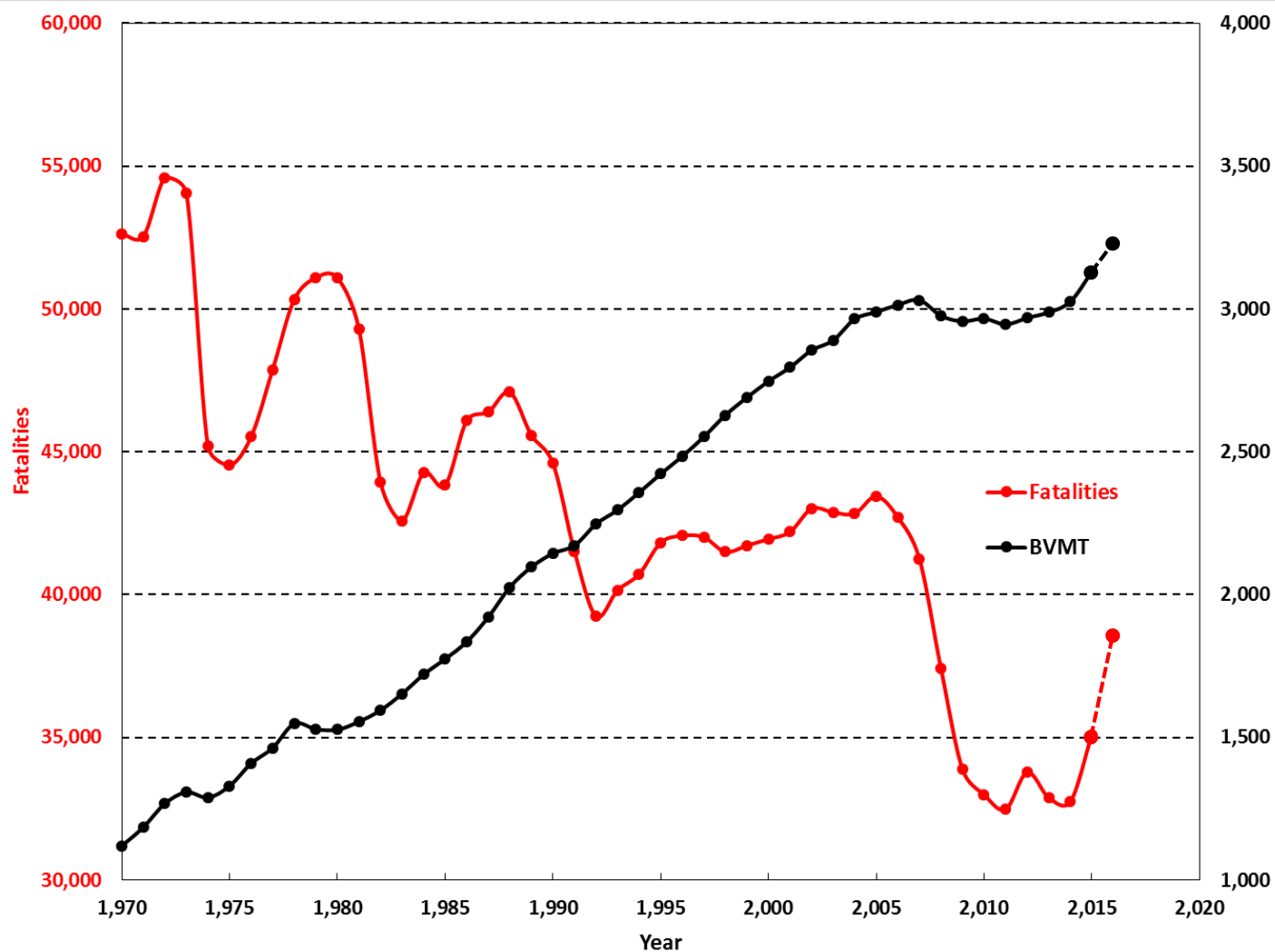
# SCRIM

- **Friction**
  - Dynamic vertical load system
  - Dynamic water flow control
  - 20° skew angle for 34% slip speed
  - Operating speed of 15 – 55 mph
- **Macrotexture**
  - 64 kHz laser system



# Background

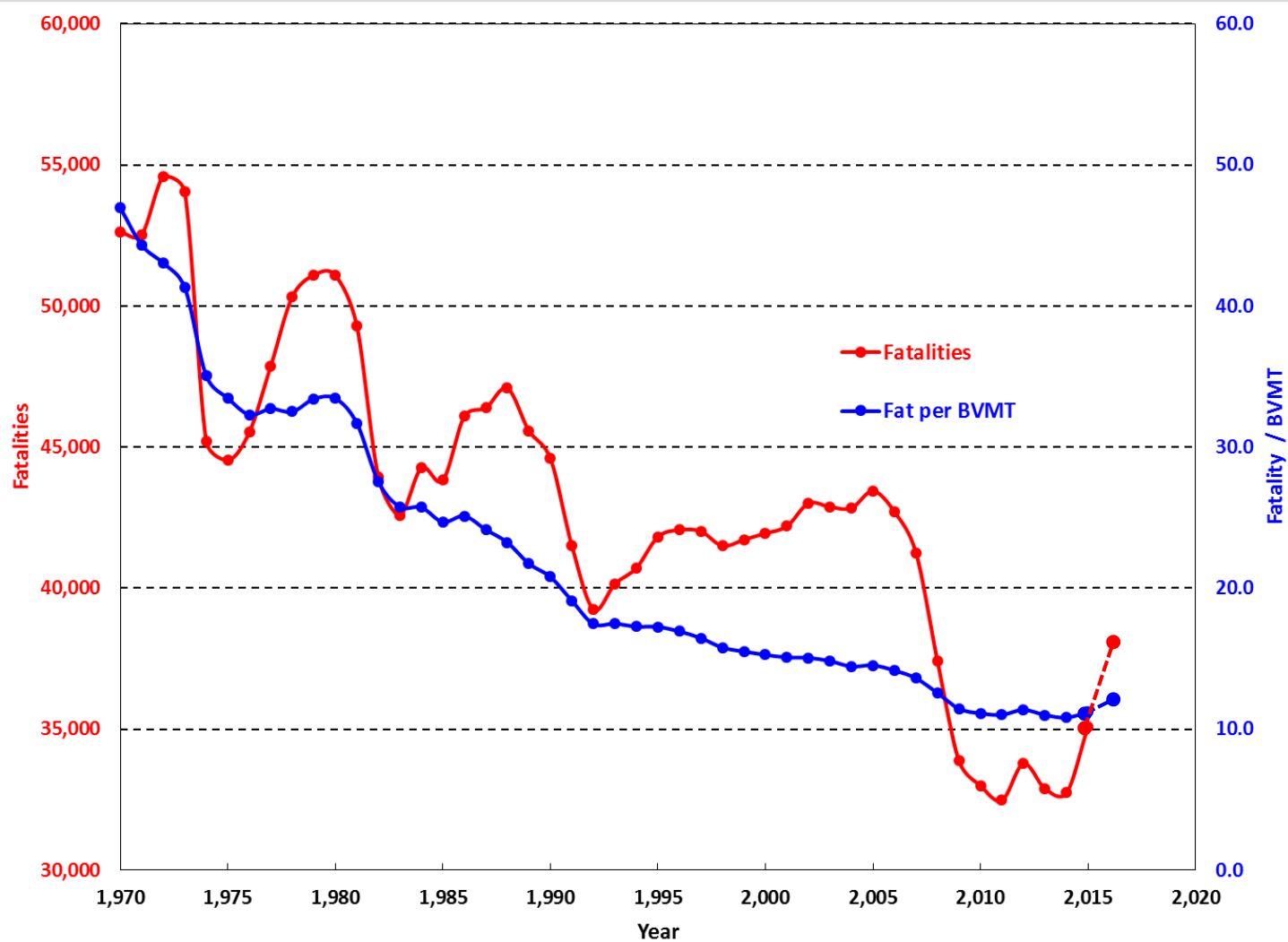
- **Federal Rulemaking**
- **Report:**
  - **Fatalities and Serious Injuries**
  - **Rate of Fatalities and Serious Injuries**



10/6/2016

**NHSTA  
early  
projection**

**Deaths  
jump up  
10.6% in  
first half  
of 2016**





# Background

**1. SAFE**

**2. DURABLE**

**3. ECONOMIC**

<b>Fatality</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Injury</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>PDO</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>175</b>

## Virginia 2014

**Est: 656 Fatal, 36,080 Injury, 78,720 PDO, 114,800 Total**

**Real: 656 Fatal, 41,594 Injury, 78,032 PDO, 120,282 Total**

# Background

JUL 5, 2016 @ 05:50 PM 1,634 VIEWS

## U.S. Traffic Deaths Up In 2015 -- Is There A Seasonal Factor?



By Cheryl Jensen

It looks like projections earlier this year about an increase in motor vehicle deaths could, unfortunately, become fact.

Cheryl and  
Christopher  
Jensen  
CONTRIBUTOR

We report on auto tech  
and consumer and safety  
issues

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**NHTSA Report  
shows traffic  
deaths were up  
7.7% in 2015**

JULIAN STRATENSCHULTE/AP

Preliminary data from the federal government's [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#) (NHTSA) just released show traffic deaths were up 7.7% in 2015.

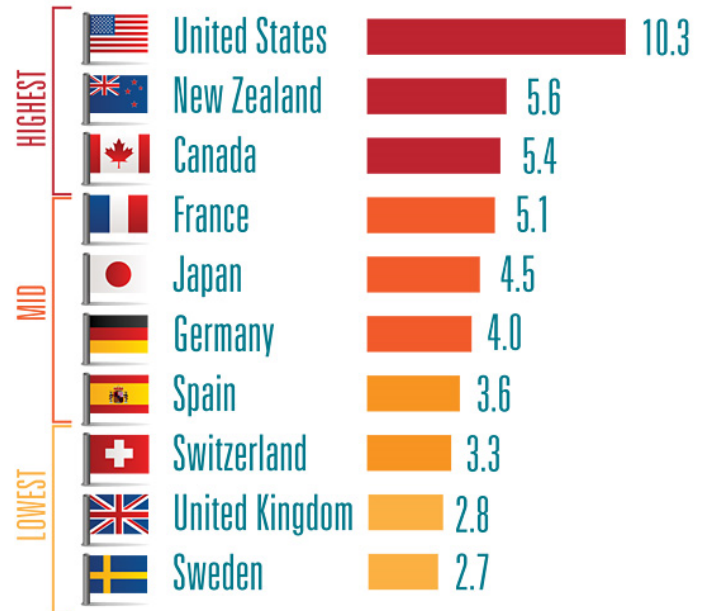
**Complacency:  
Satisfied with how  
things are &  
Not wanting to make  
them better**

CDC 7/6/2016

- Motor vehicle crash fatalities in the U.S. *could drop by half with proven strategies*
- Lower death rates in high-income comparison countries suggest that progress is possible

# Road traffic deaths in the US and other high-income countries.

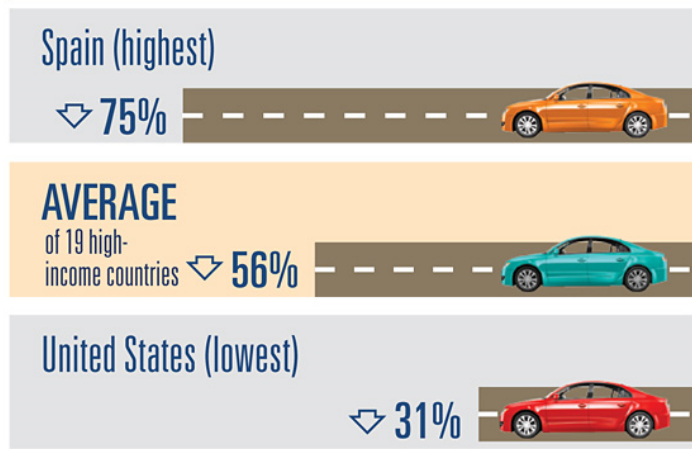
## Motor vehicle crash deaths in 10 comparison high-income countries, 2013



Deaths per 100,000 people 11

SOURCE: WHO Global Status Report on Road Safety, 2015.

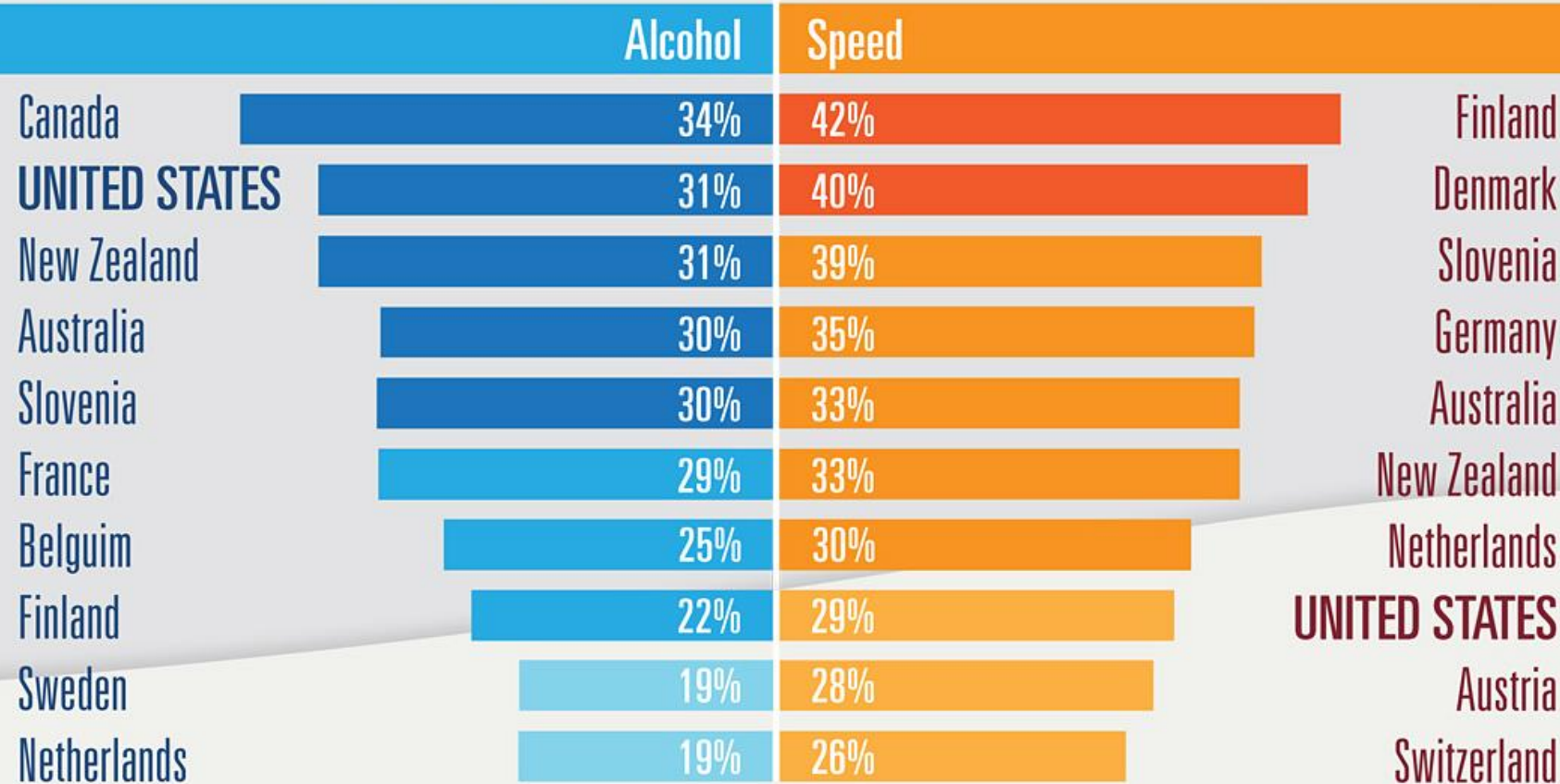
### Countries with the highest and lowest reductions in crash deaths, 2000-2013



Deaths per 100,000 people

SOURCE: International Road Traffic and Accident Database (IRTAD) Road Safety Annual Report, 2015.

# High-income countries with the highest percentage of crash deaths involving alcohol or speed



Note: 19 countries reported the percentage of deaths involving alcohol and 15 countries reported the percentage of deaths related to speeding.

SOURCES: WHO Global Status Report on Road Safety, 2015. IRTAD Road Safety Annual Report, 2015.



# Background

Problem	Recommendation
<b>In the US, belt use was lower than in most other countries (9,500 fatalities)</b>	<b>Use a seat belt in every seat, on every trip, no matter how short. Children back seat car seat, booster seat, or seat belt, for appropriate height, age, and weight.</b>

# CDC Conclusions

<b>Problems</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<b>Not using seat belt</b>	<b>Use seat belts</b>
<b>Drunk/impaired driving</b>	<b>Don't drink and drive</b>
<b>Speeding</b>	<b>Don't drive over the limit</b>
<b>Distracted driving</b>	<b>Don't text, call, or be distracted when driving</b>

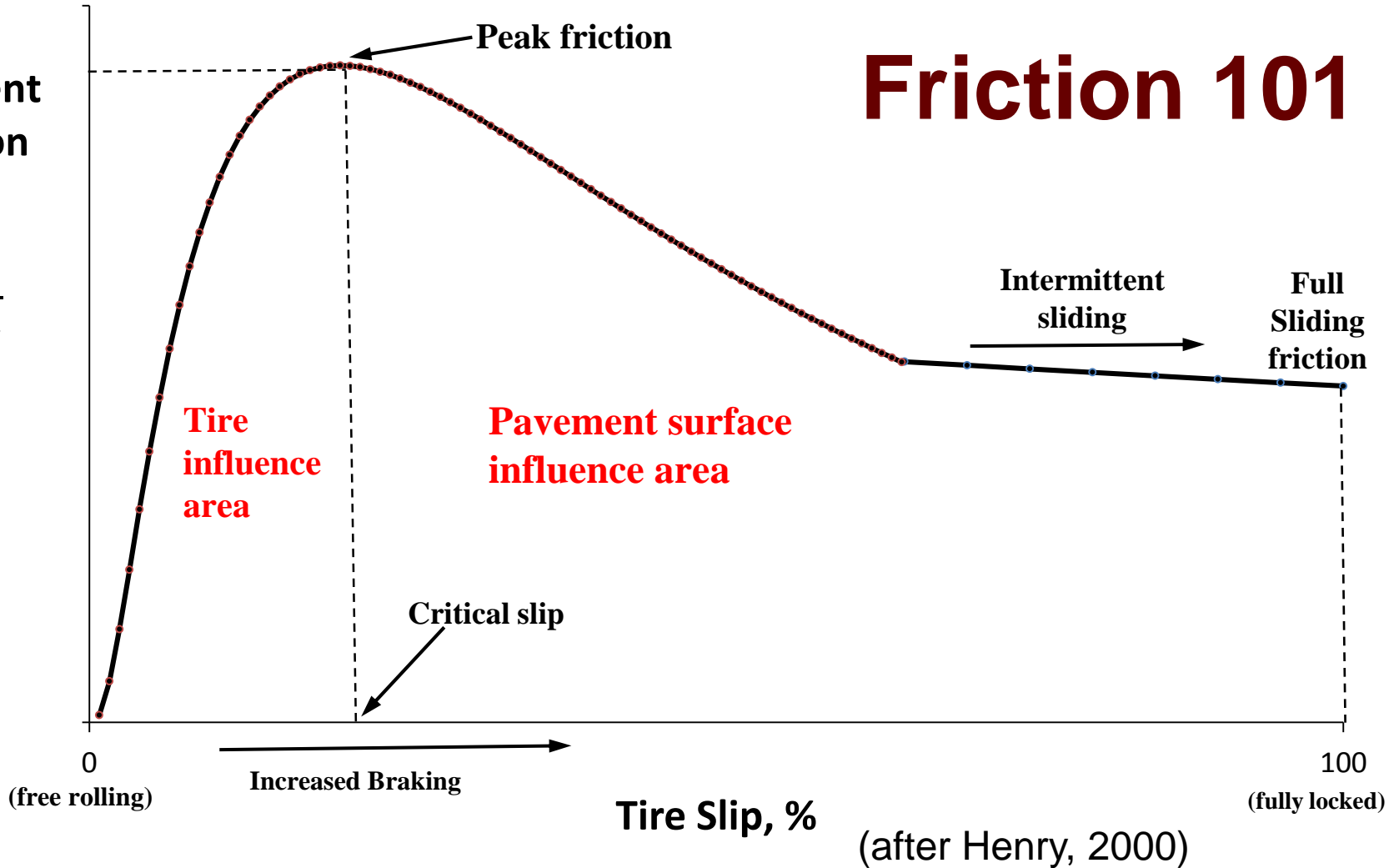
# Background: But, what can **we** do?

- 1. We can improve the friction of the roads (Maintenance)**
- 2. We can determine where to improve friction with crash data analysis (Safety)**
- 3. We can specify how and when to improve friction (Materials)**

# Friction 101

Coefficient  
of Friction

$$\mu = \frac{F_x}{F_y}$$
$$= \frac{F_x}{W}$$

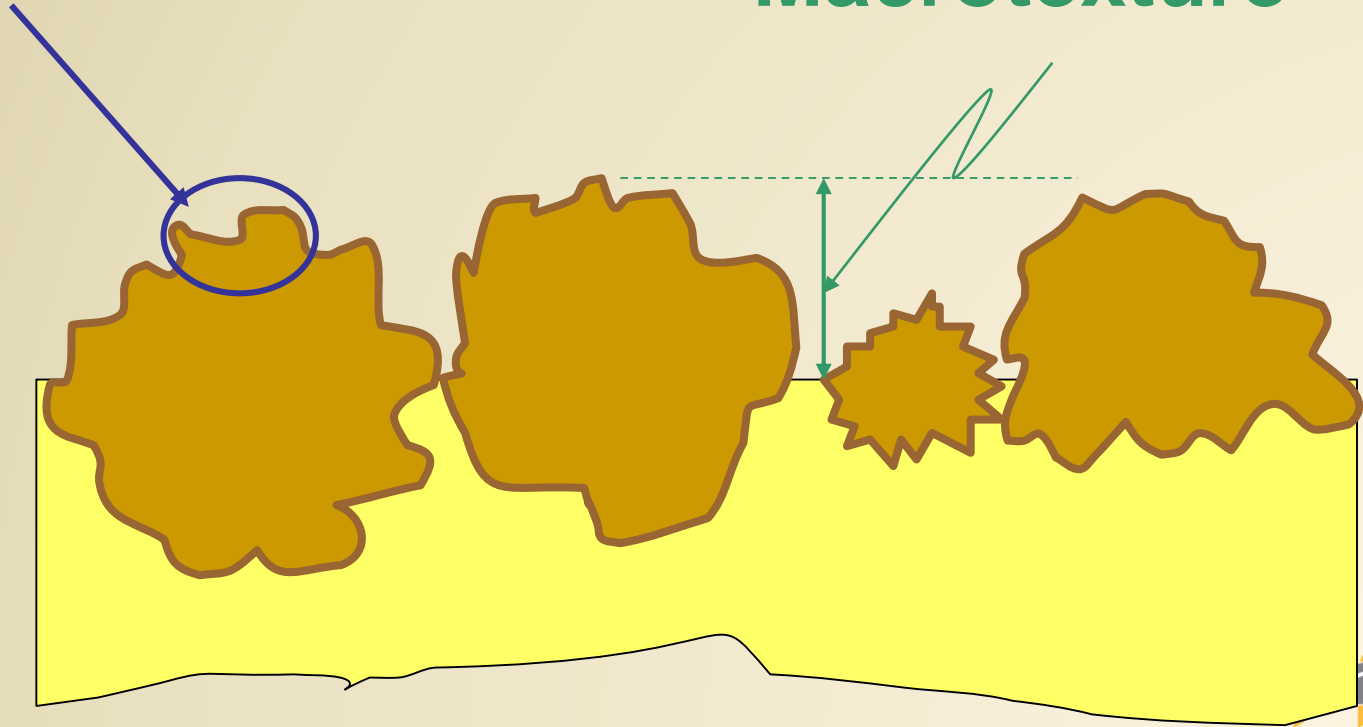




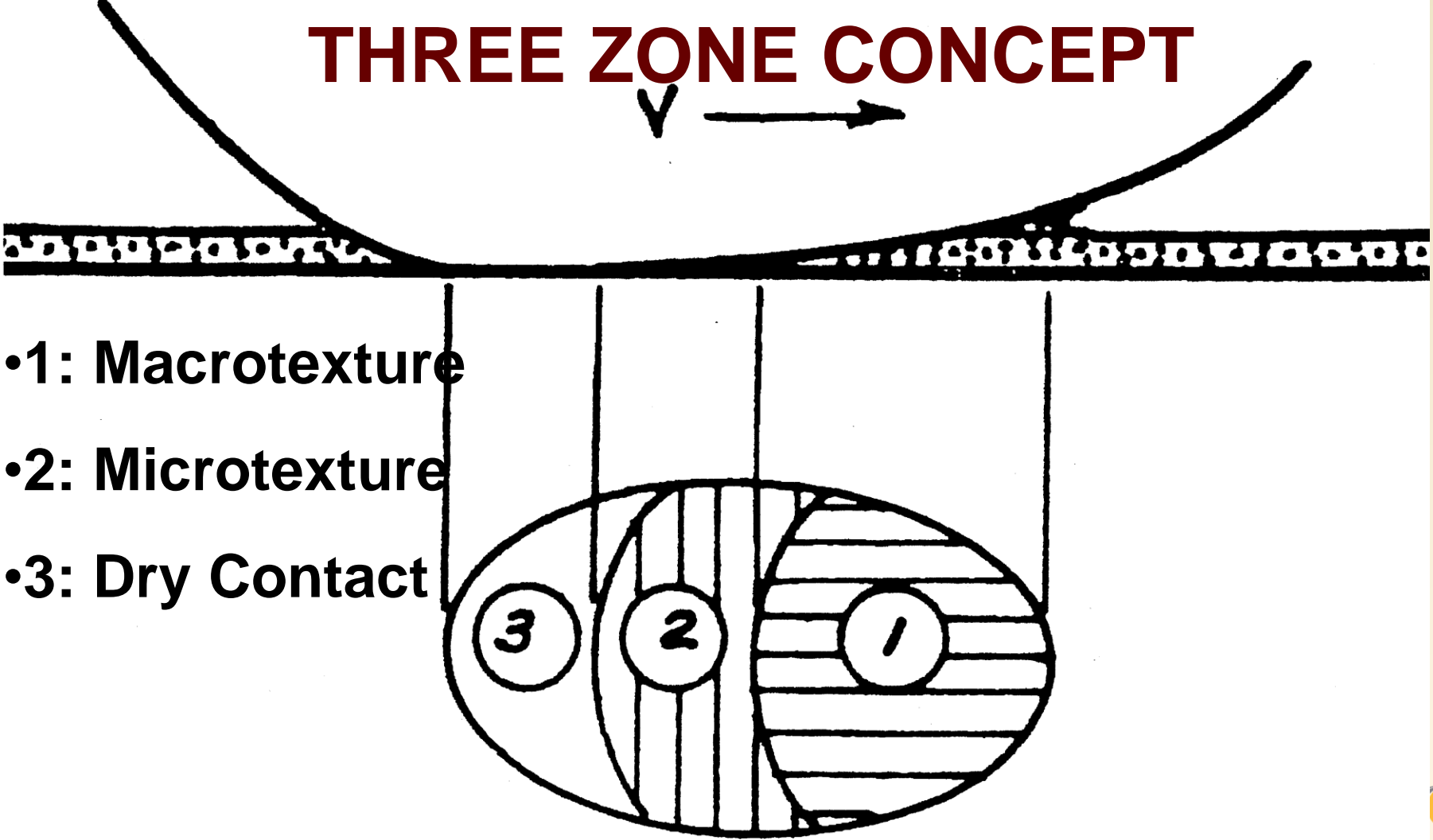
# Friction 101: What is texture?

Microtexture

Macrotexture



# THREE ZONE CONCEPT



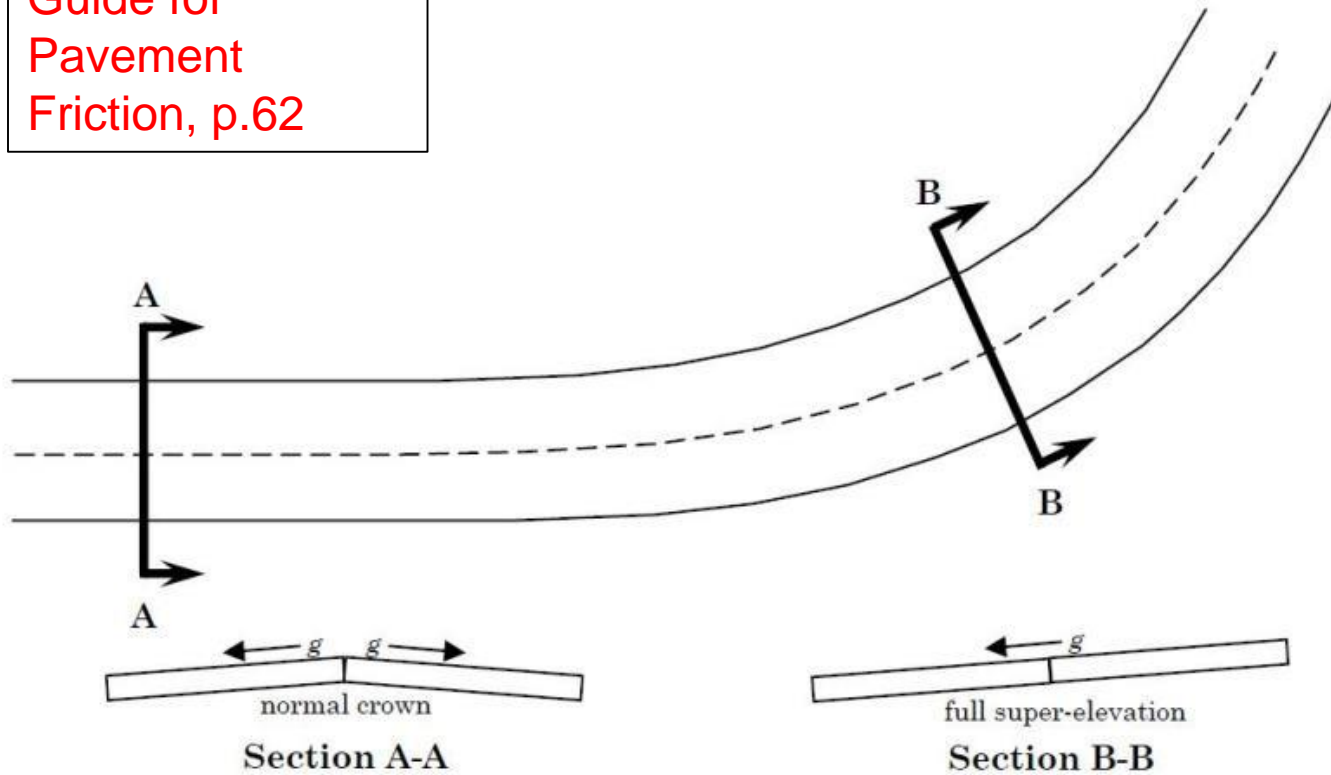


Figure 27. Change in highway cross-section as the horizontal alignment transitions from a tangent to a curve.

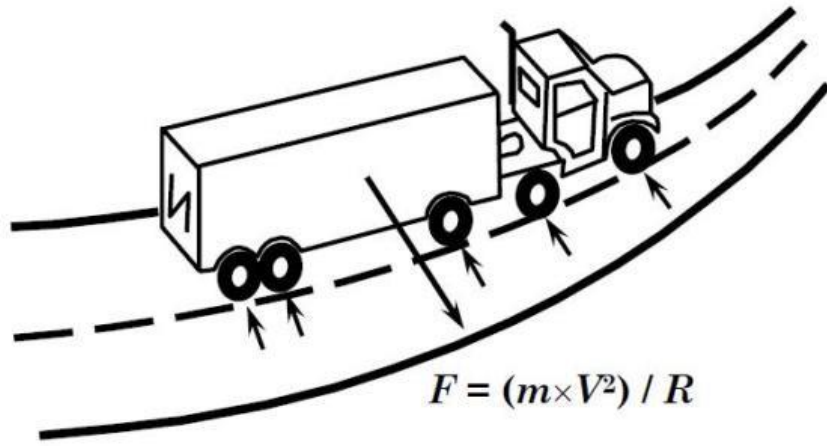


Figure 28. Lateral forces that act on a vehicle as it travels along a curve.

$$f + e = \frac{V_c^2}{15R}$$

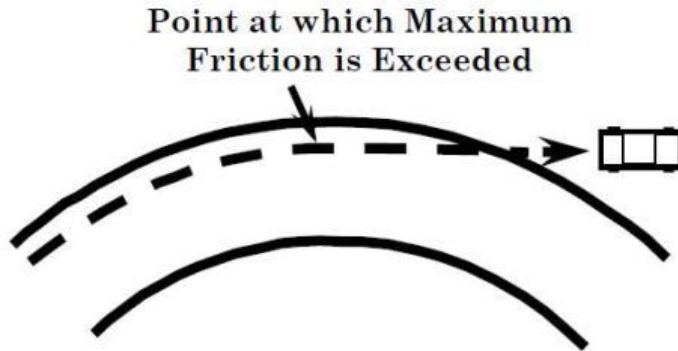
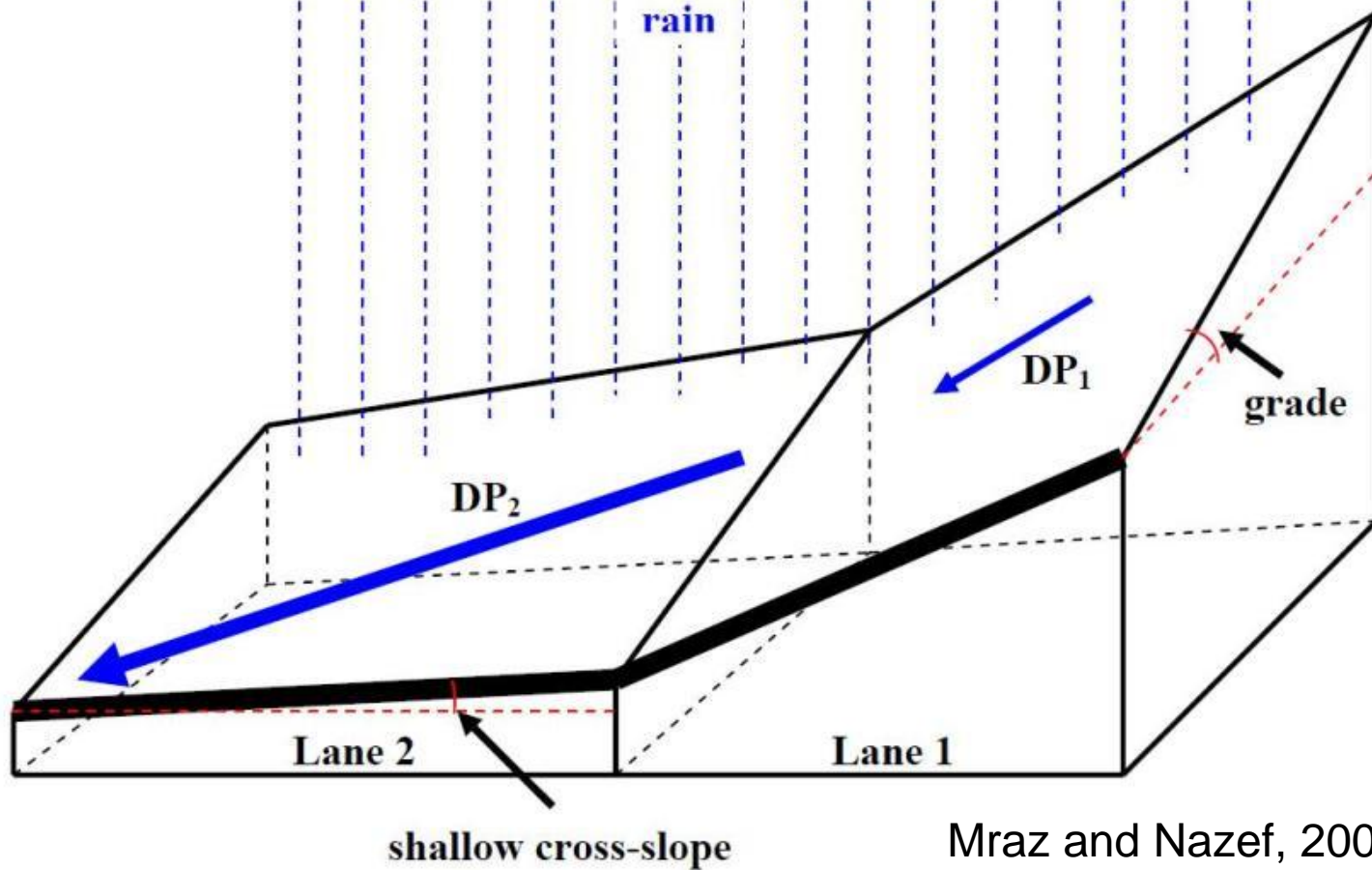


Figure 29. Lateral sliding.

Guide for  
Pavement  
Friction, p.62  
(cont.)

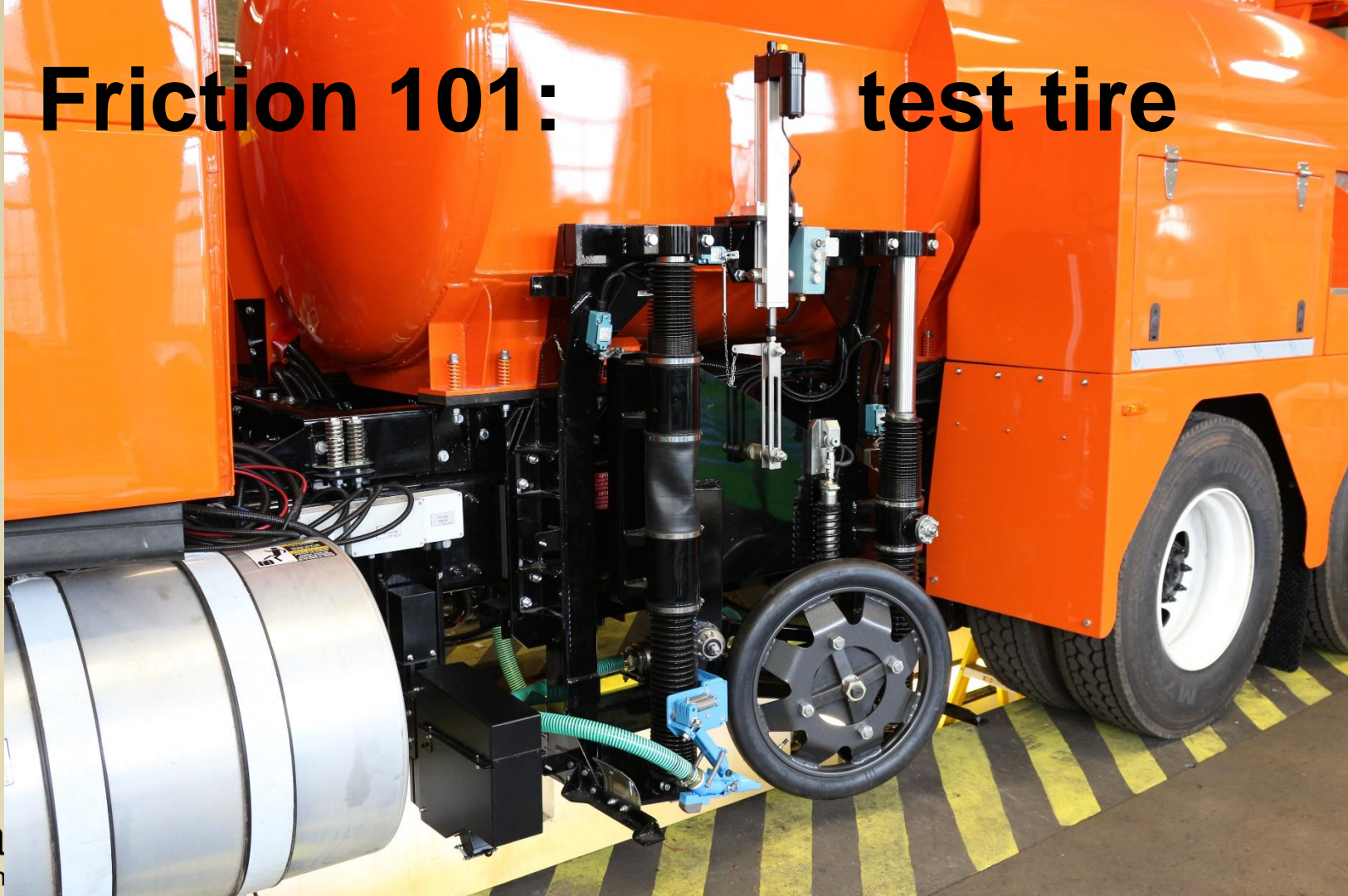


# How cross-slope affects hydroplaning



Mraz and Nazef, 2008

# Friction 101: test tire



# Tires used in the US

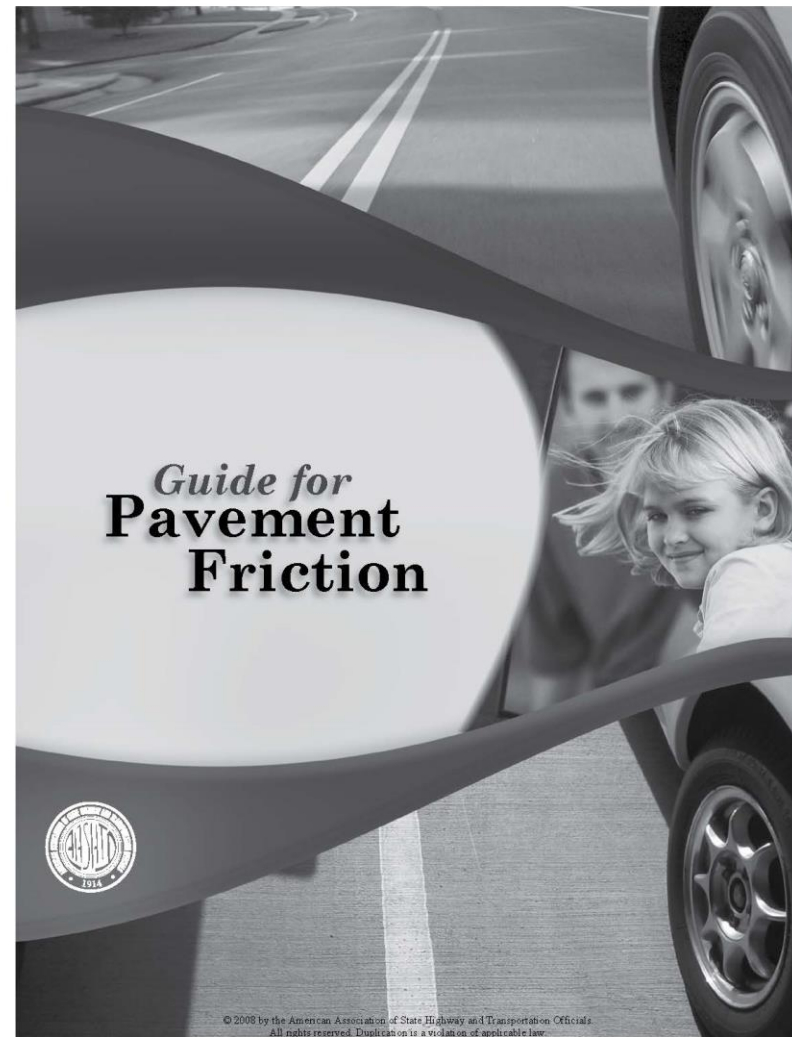


**ASTM E-501, E-524, E-1551, & E1844**



# Acceptance Testing and Demonstration of CFME:

- Goal: reduce highway crashes and related fatalities
- Evaluate the recommendations 2008 AASHTO: Guide for Pavement Friction



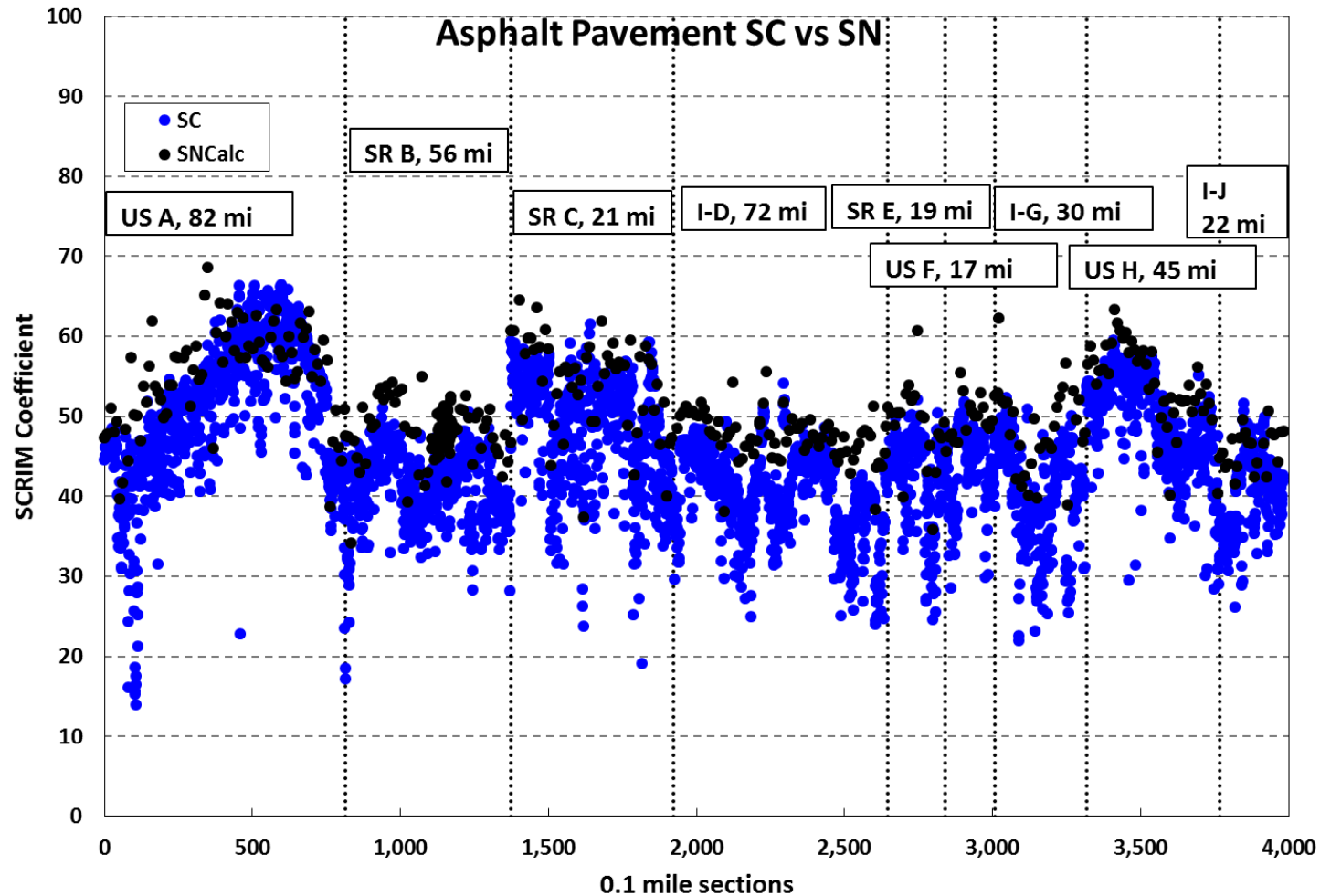
# Acceptance Testing and Demonstration of CFME:

- **Assist 4 states develop Pavement Friction Management Programs (using pavement friction, texture\*, crashes, and other data)**
- **Develop and demonstrate methods**
  - **Get friction, texture, crash, traffic, other data**
  - **Define friction demand categories**
  - **Set investigatory levels of friction/texture**

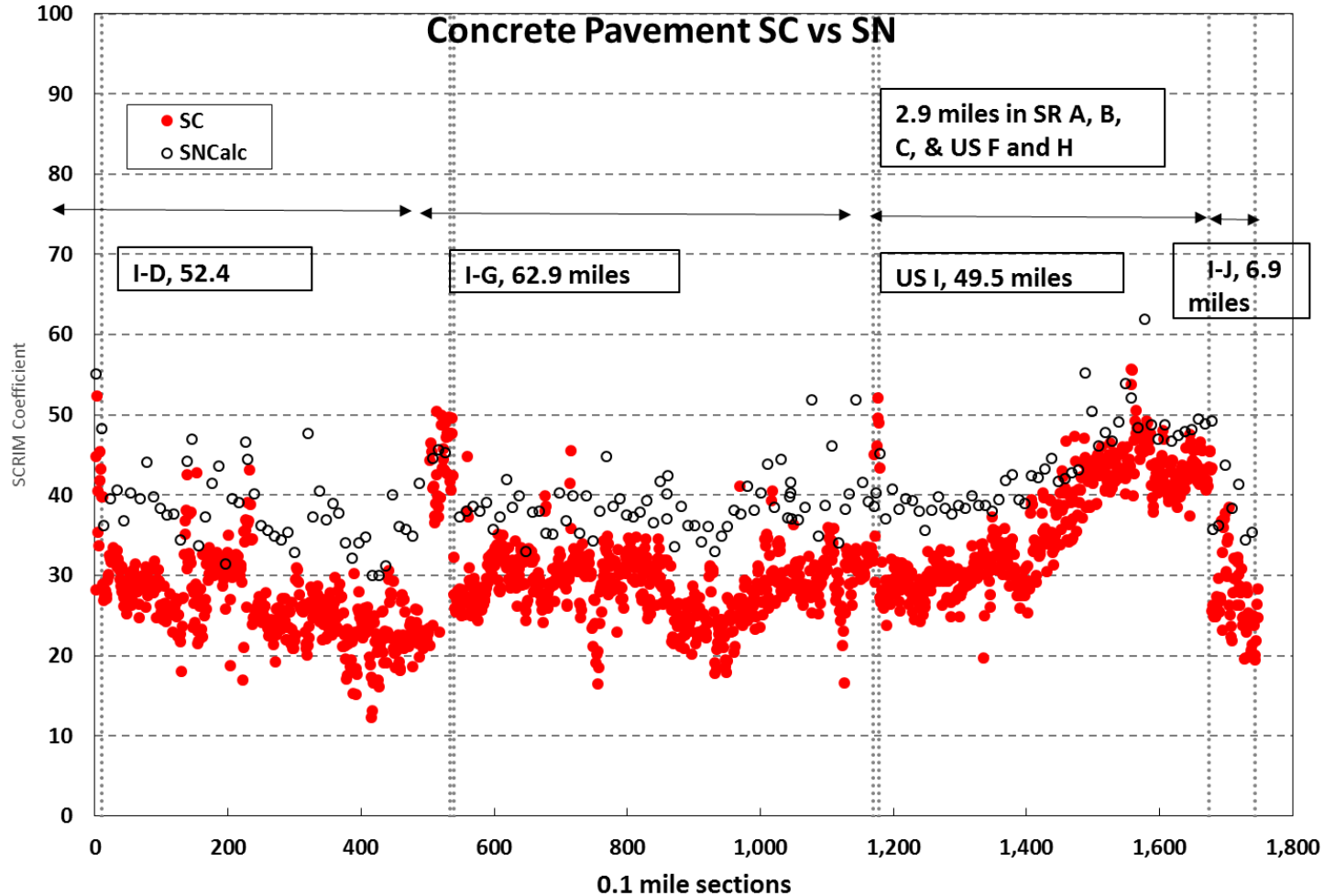
# Acceptance Testing and Demonstration of CFME:

- **Washington**                      **575 miles**
- **Florida**                              **875 miles**
- **Indiana**                              **875 miles**
- **Texas**                                **840 miles**
  
- **North Carolina**                  **±500 miles**

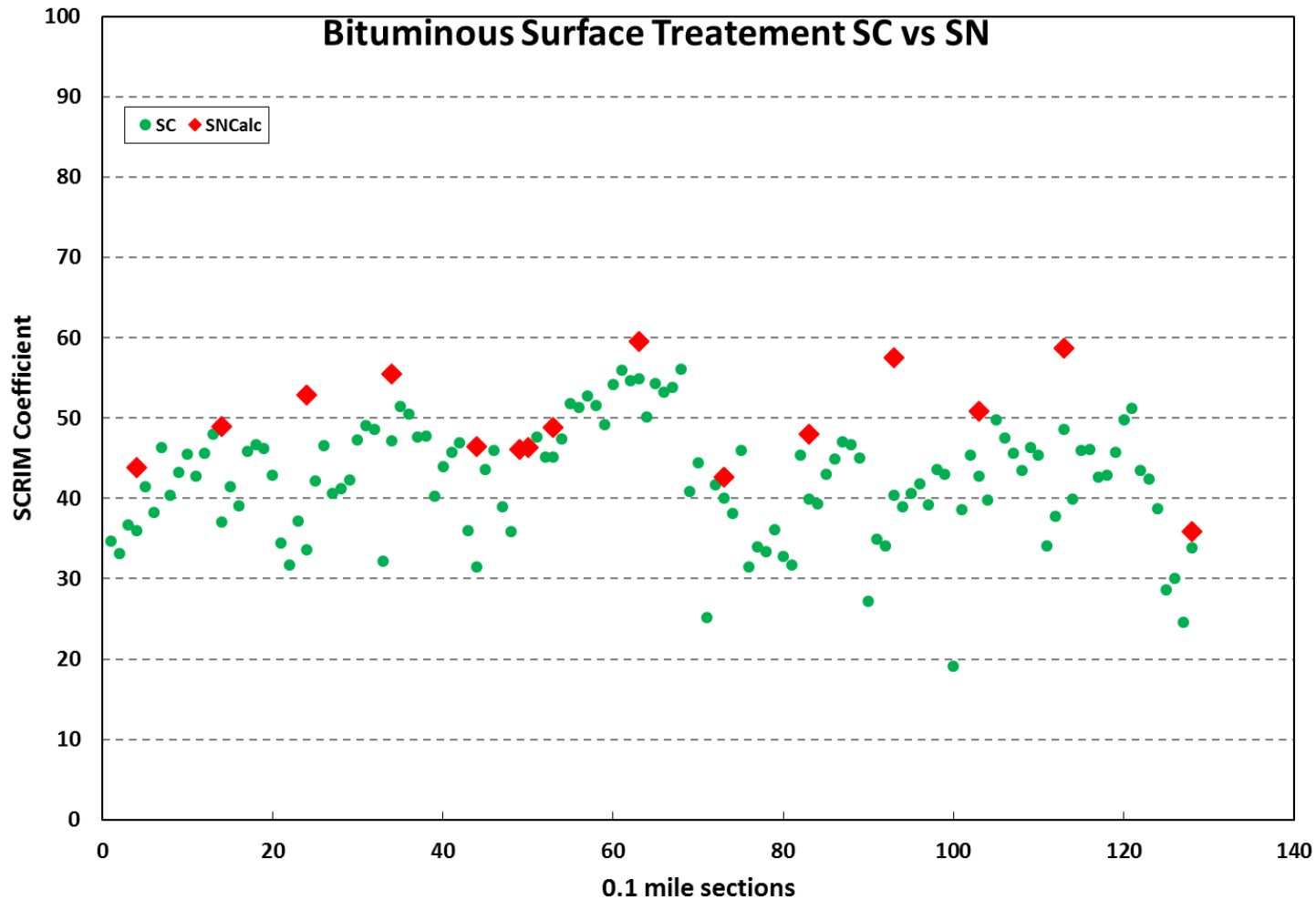




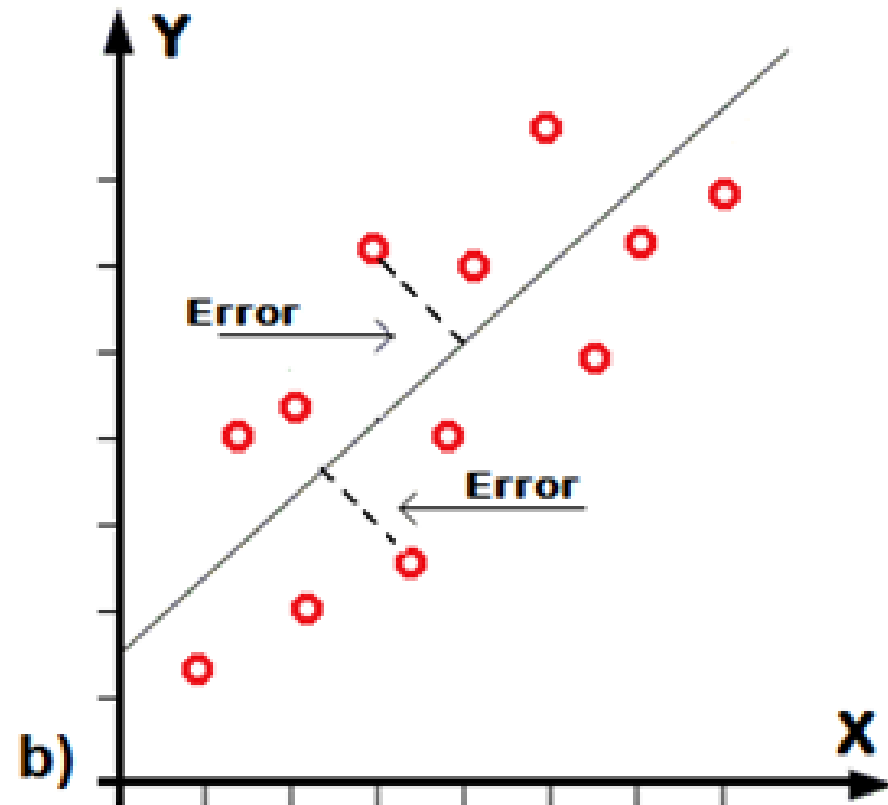
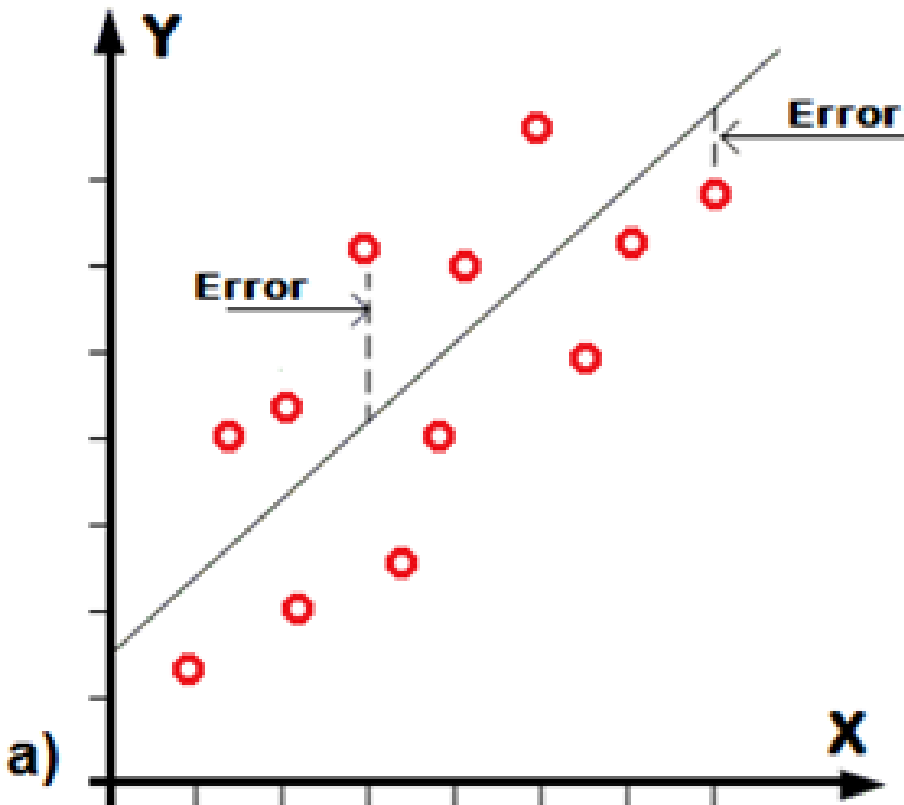
# Concrete Pavement SC vs SN

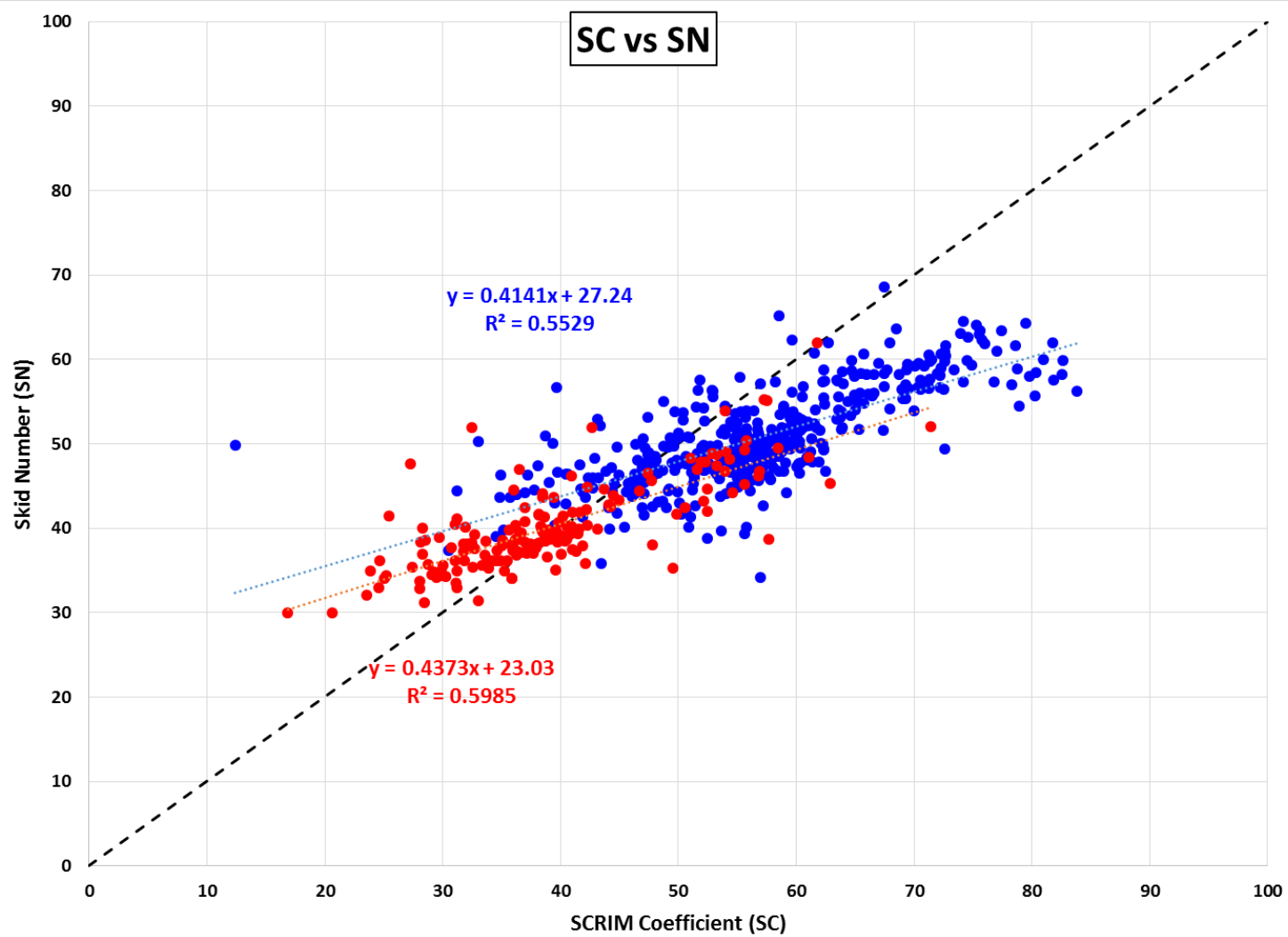


## Bituminous Surface Treatment SC vs SN



# Statistical Analysis: Regression











# Crash analysis

**Do we need the same friction everywhere?**

- **Minimum friction (VA: SN 40S = 20)**
- **Perera et. al. Skid Crash Reduction Programs – Synthesis (MN SN 40R):**
  - **Interstate: 28-41**
  - **Primary: 25-37**
  - **Secondary: 22-37**



















Site category and definition		Investigatory level 50 km/h							
		0.30	0.35	0.40	0.45	0.50	0.55	0.60	0.65
A	Motorway								
B	Dual carriageway non-event								
C	Single carriageway non-event								
Q	Approaches to and across minor and major junctions, approaches to roundabouts								
K	Approaches to pedestrian crossings and other high risk situations								
R	Roundabout								
G1	Gradient 5-10% longer than 50m								
G2	Gradient >10% longer than 50m								
S1	Bend radius < 500m - dual carriageway								
S2	Bend radius < 500m - single carriageway								

Road classification definitions		Investigatory level 30 mph							
		0.30	0.35	0.40	0.45	0.50	0.55	0.60	0.65
A	Interstate highways								
B	Divided highways-no event								
C	Two lane road-no event								
Q	Approaches to Intersection (& roundabouts)								
K	Pedestrian crossings and other high risk areas								
R	Roundabout								
G1	Slope 5-10%, longer than 160 feet								
G2	Slope >10% longer than 160 feet								
S1	Curve radius < 1600 feet - divided roads								
S2	Curve radius < 1600 feet - two lane roads								

# Safety Performance Function (SPF)

Model:  $\lambda_i = e^{\beta_0 + \beta_j X_{ij}}$

$\lambda_i$  = *crash rate for the  $i^{th}$  segment of roadway*

$X_{ij}$  = *the value of variable  $j$  at the  $i^{th}$  road segment*

$\beta_j$  = *The estimated parameter coefficient for the  $j^{th}$  variable (where:  $j > 0$ )*

# Final Model: crash prediction

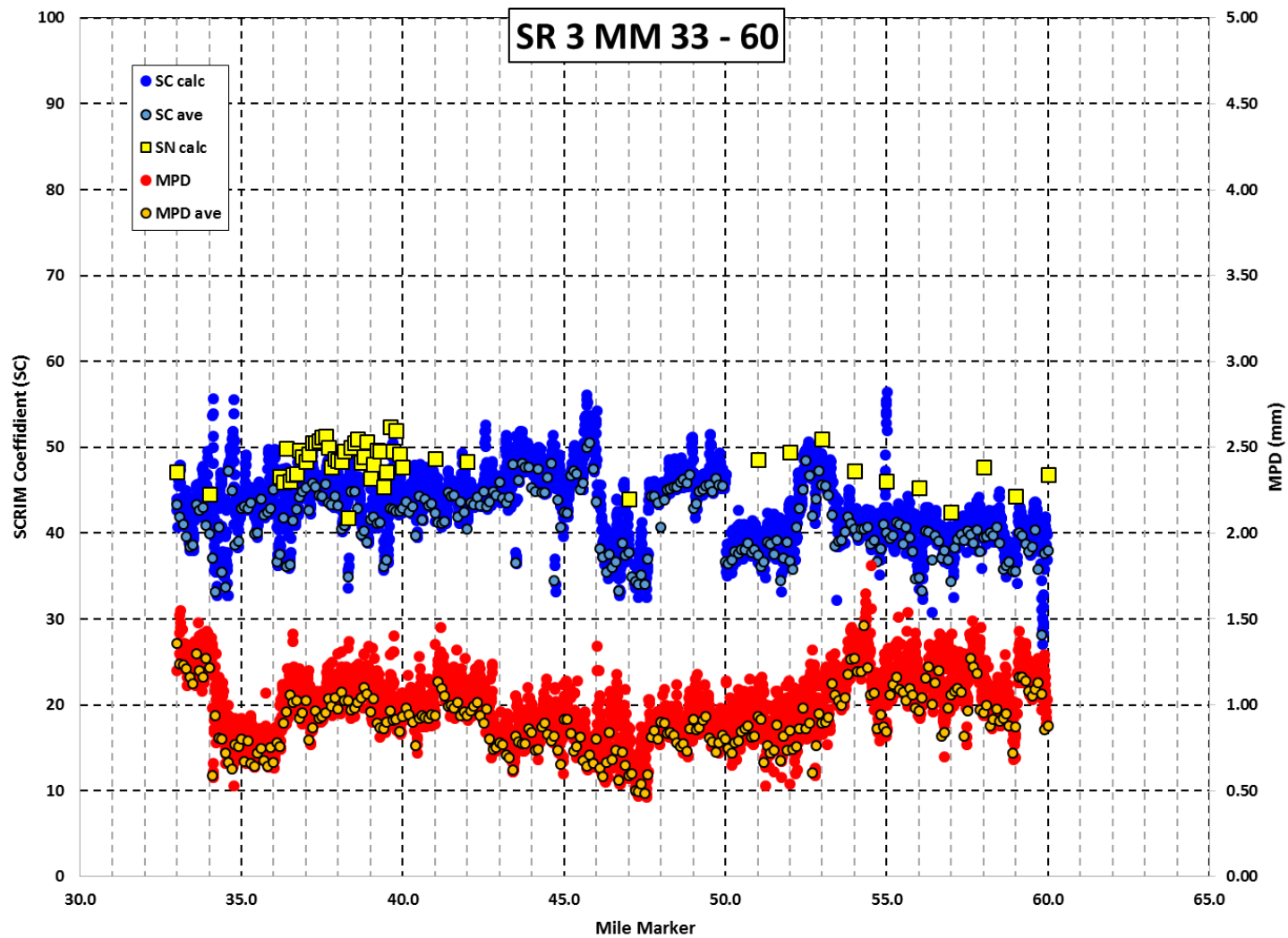
- **Combine results of the SPF with EB, .vs.**
- **Crash Modification Factors: Before/After**
- **Results in Economic Analysis (B/C) for selected treatments to improve friction and macrotexture at all 0.1 mile sections of network tested**

# CASE 1

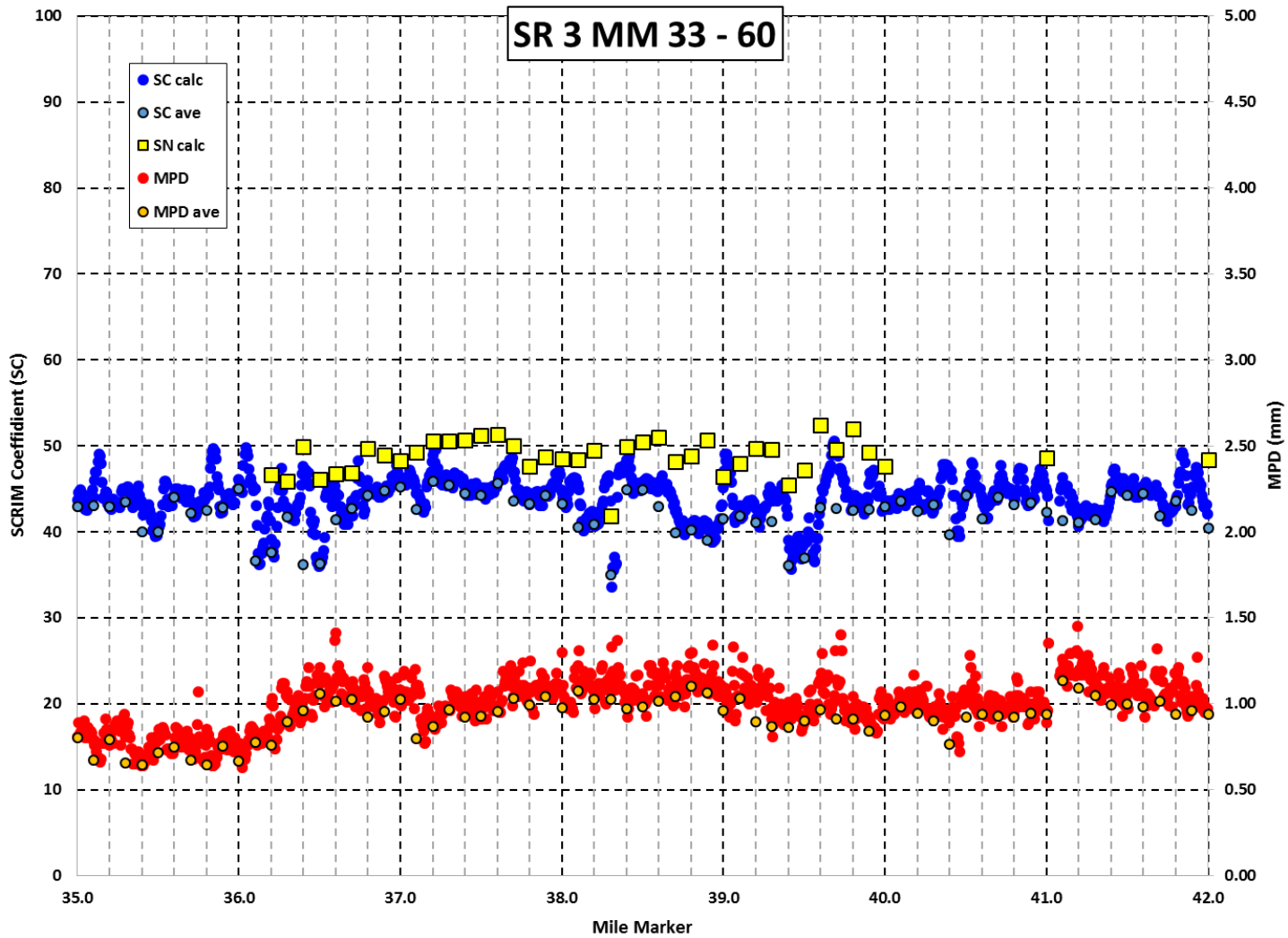
- **State Route 3 (MM 59.9)**
- **0.1 mile comparison data collection**

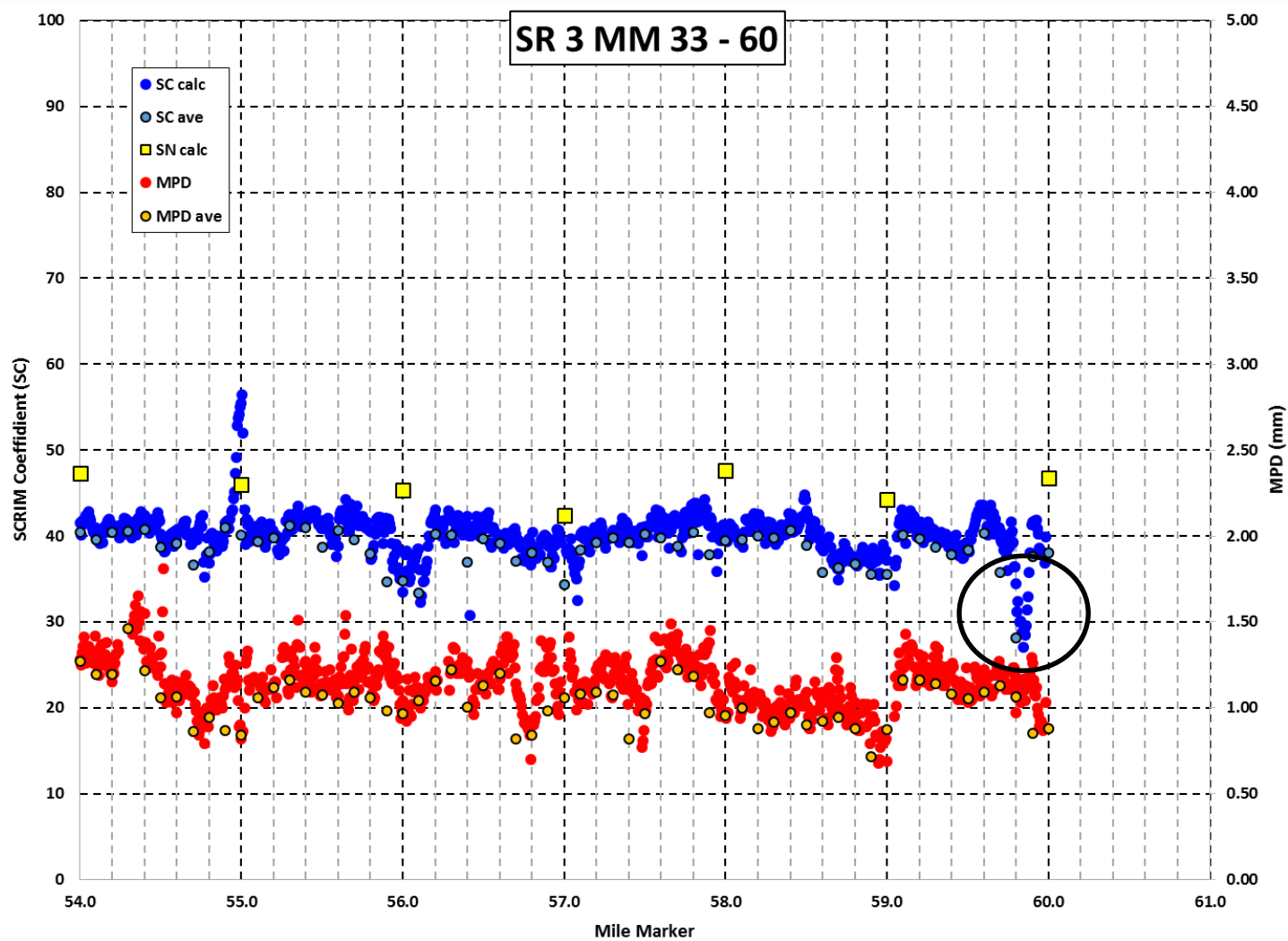


# SR 3 MM 33 - 60





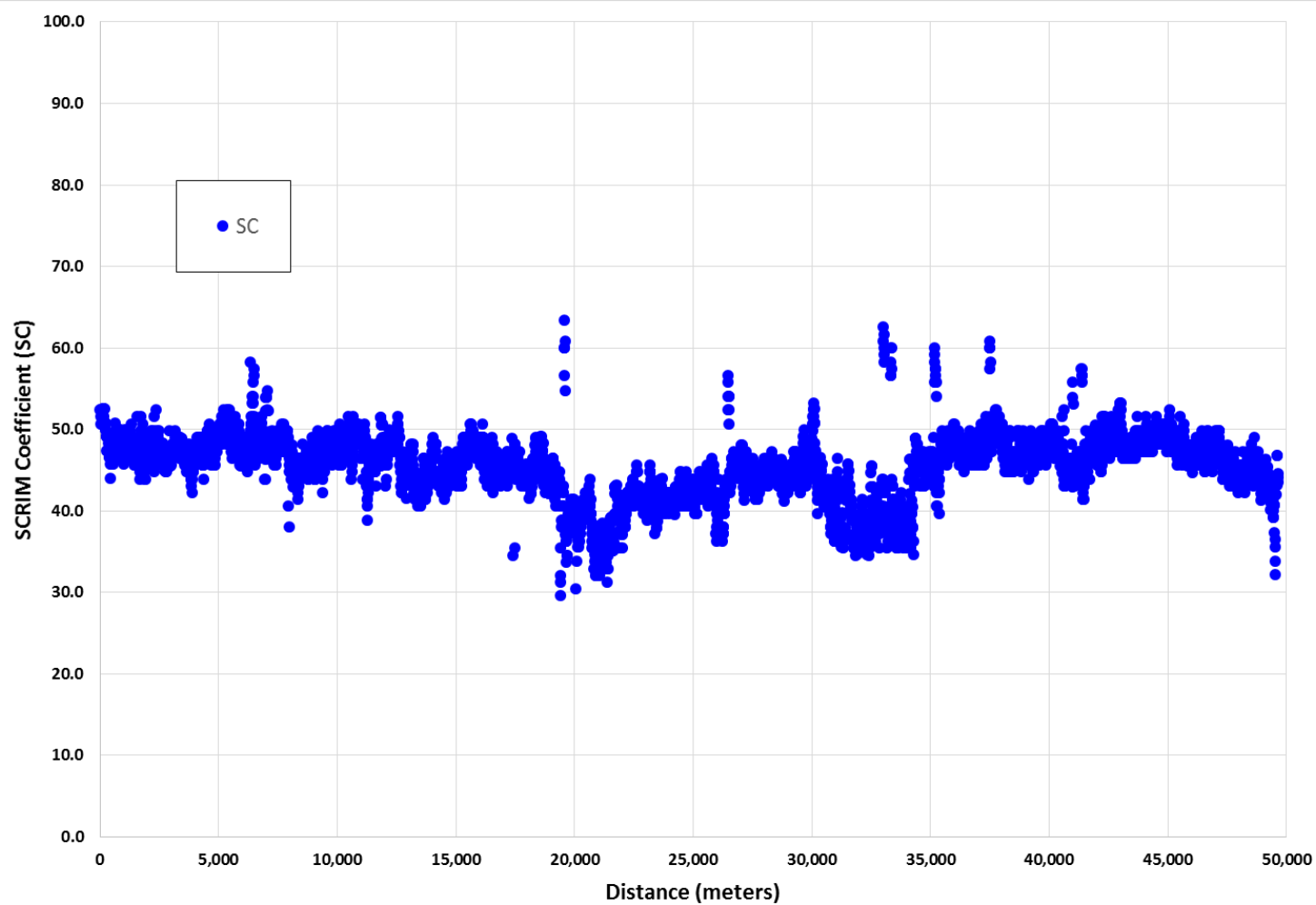


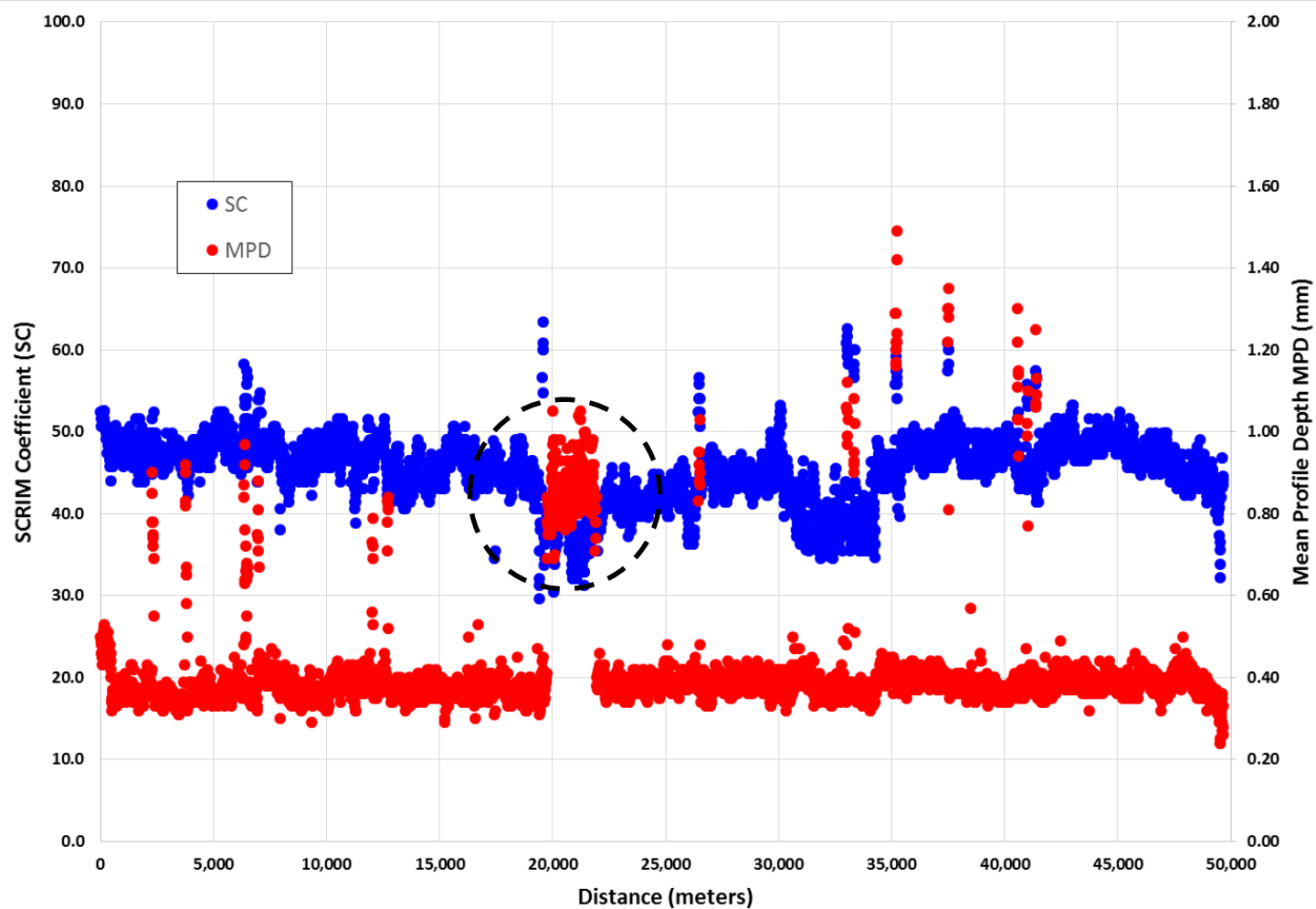




# CASE 2

- **Interstate Pavement**
- **Friction and Texture**









# CASE 3

- **Interstate I-81**
- **Friction and Texture**
- **Grade, cross-slope and curvature**





**I-81 NB MM 31.5**



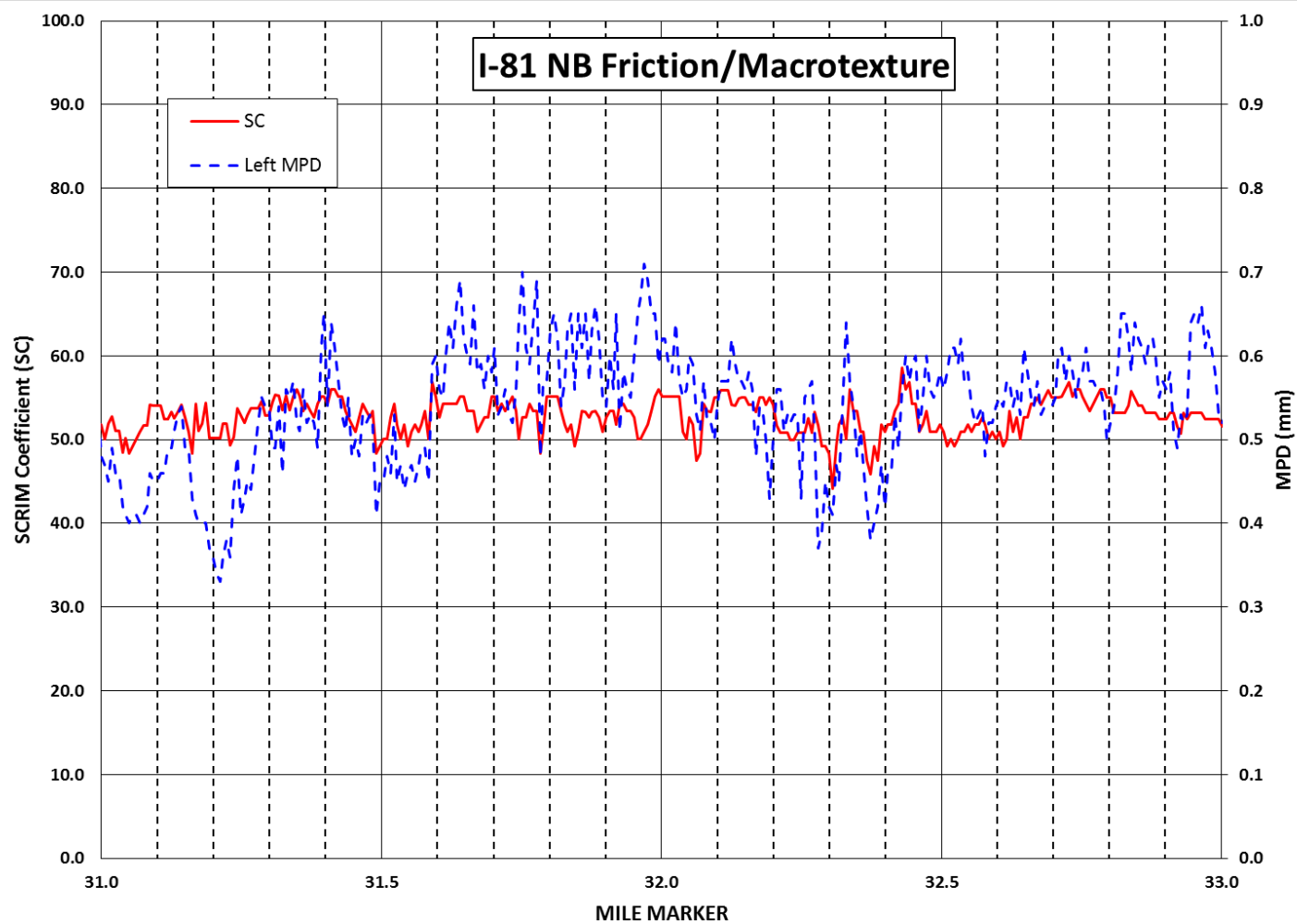
**I-81 NB MM 31.6**

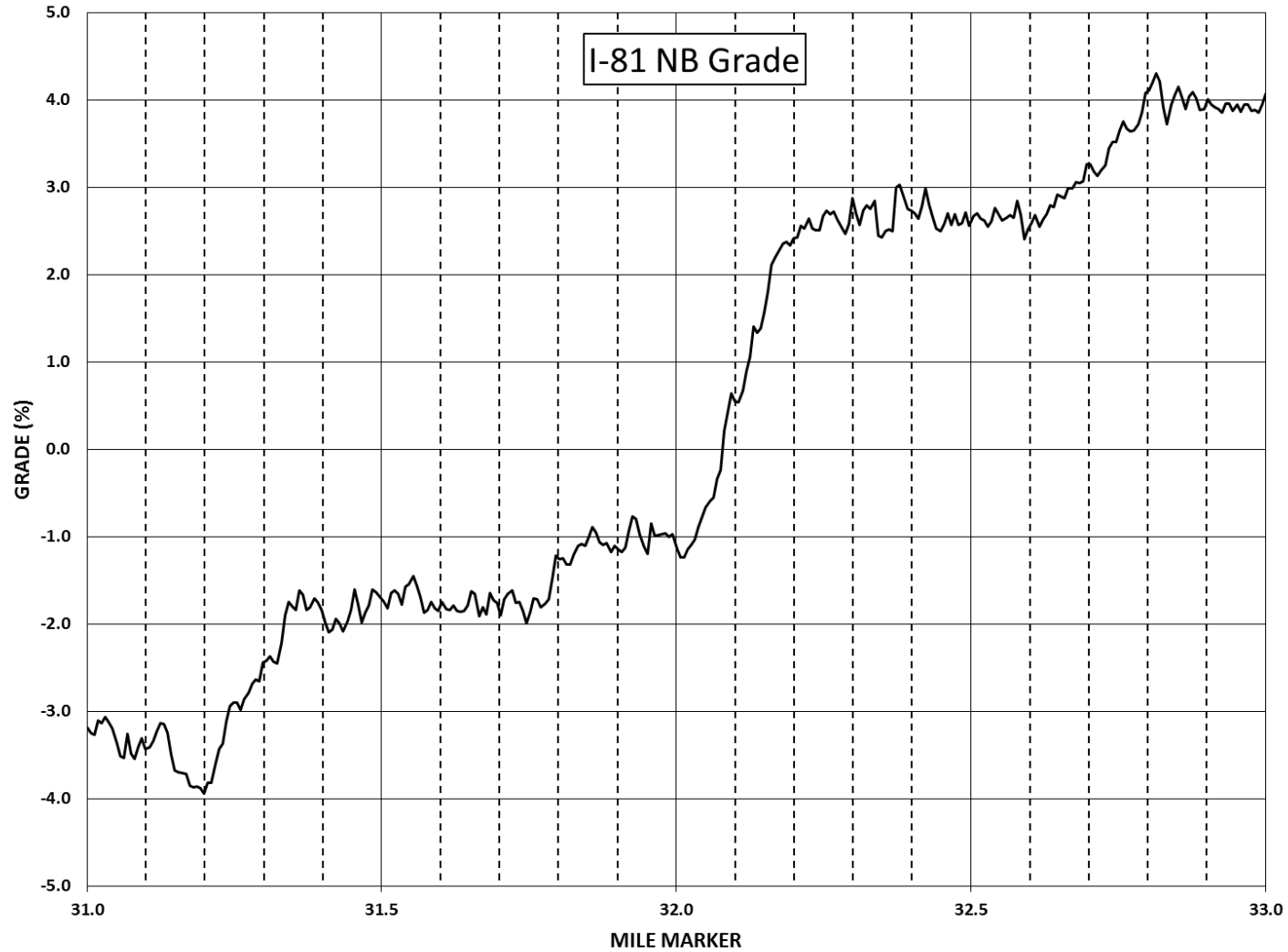


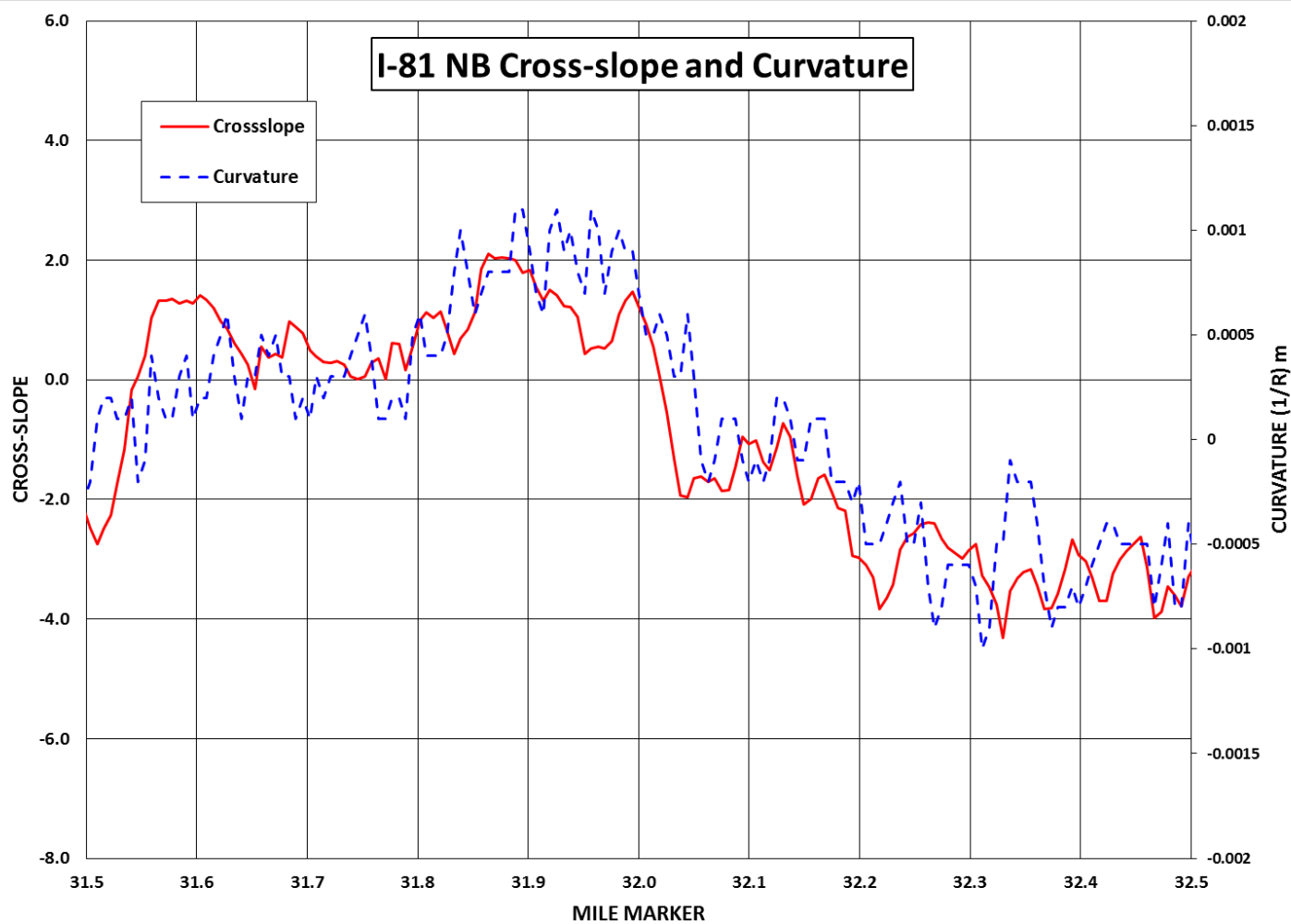


**I-81 NB MM 31.7**



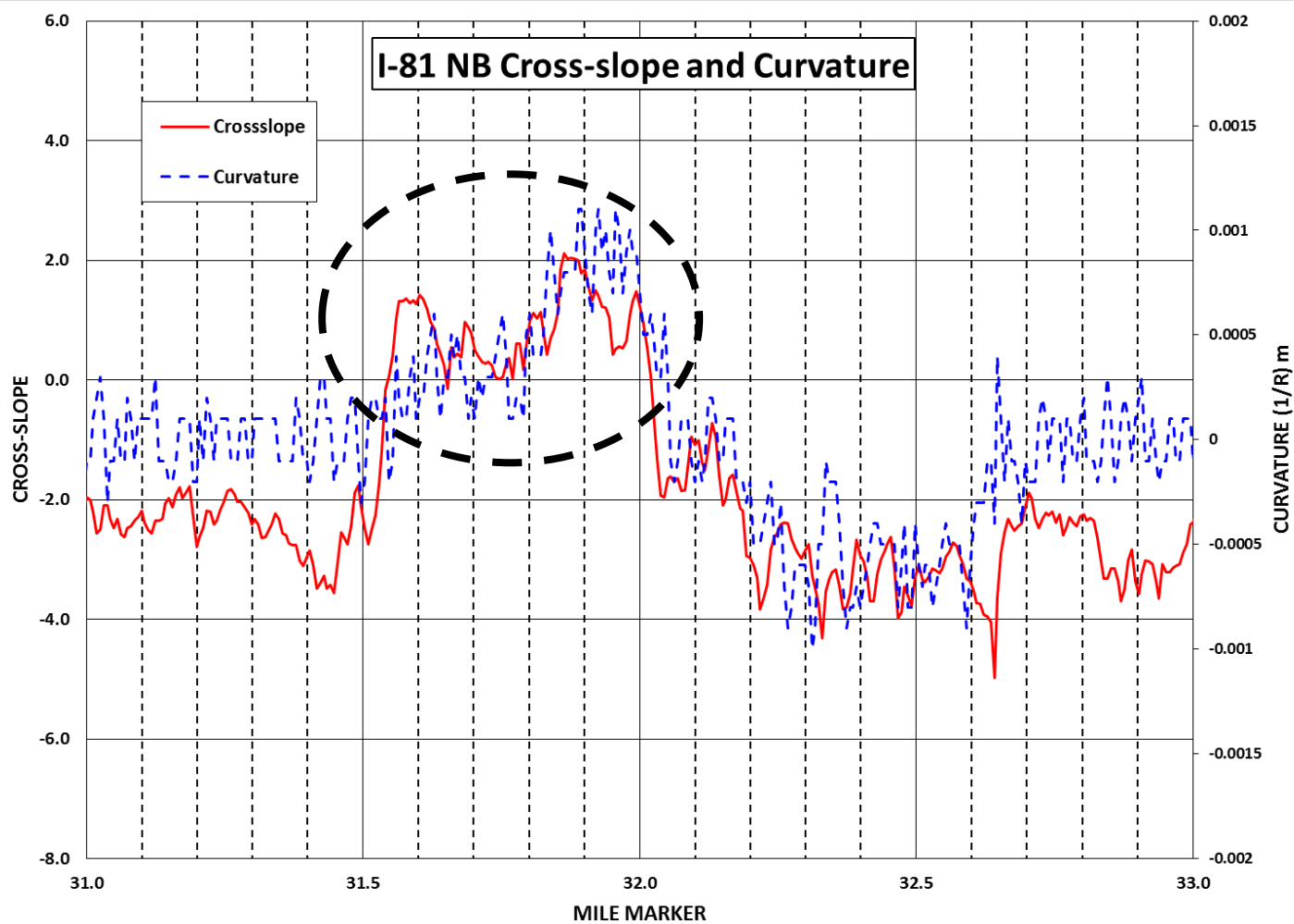




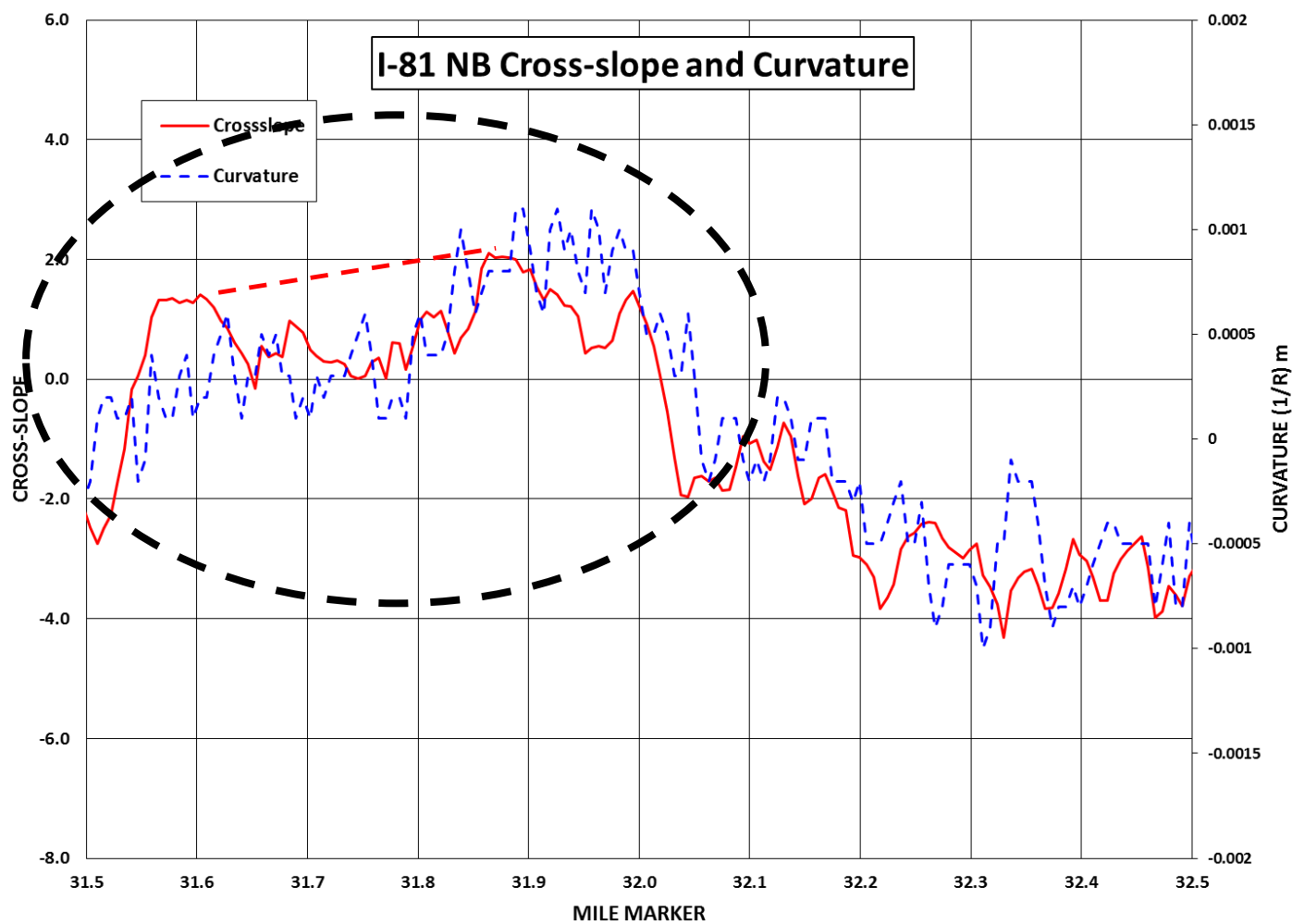




**I-81 NB MM 31.8**







# CASE 4

- **Interstate I-275 Tampa, Florida**
- **To TOLL 589**
- **HFST**
- **Friction and Texture**

# Case 4



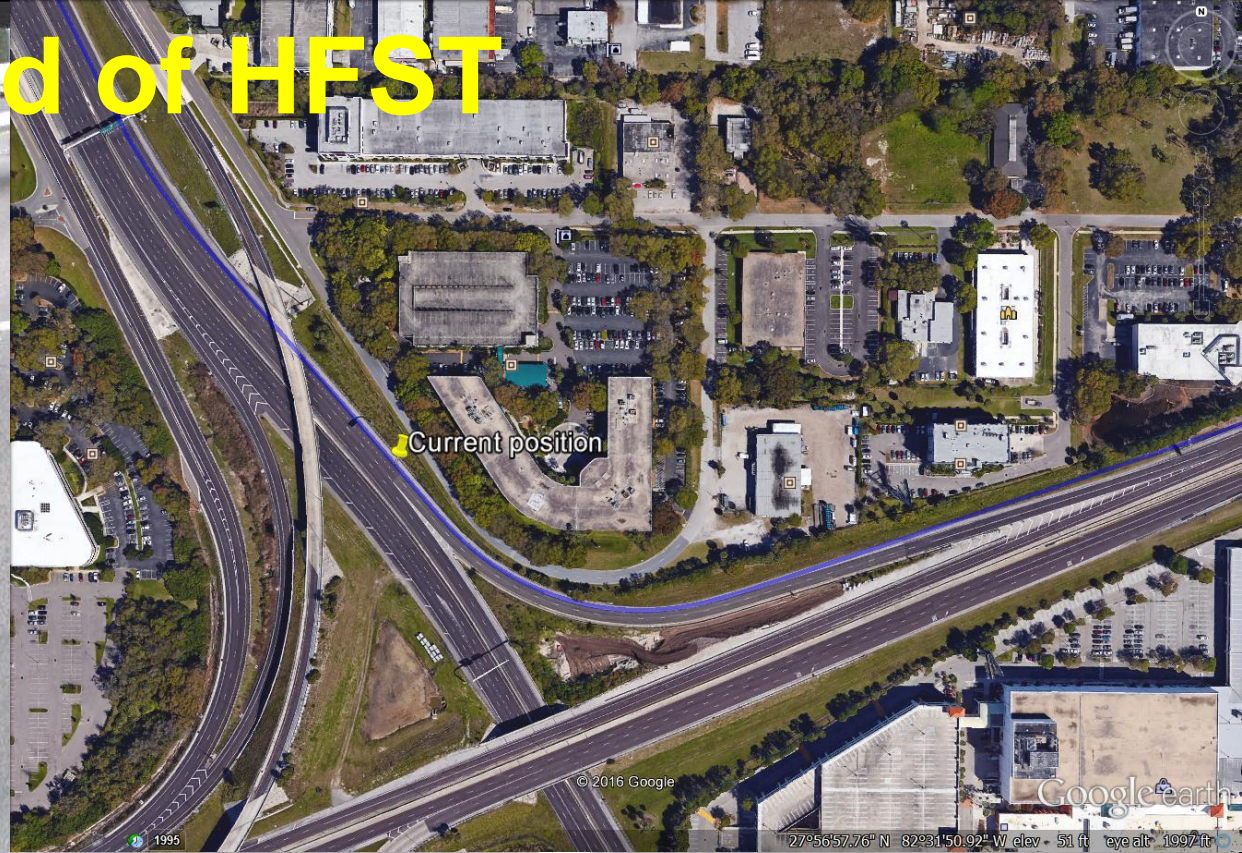


# Start of HFST



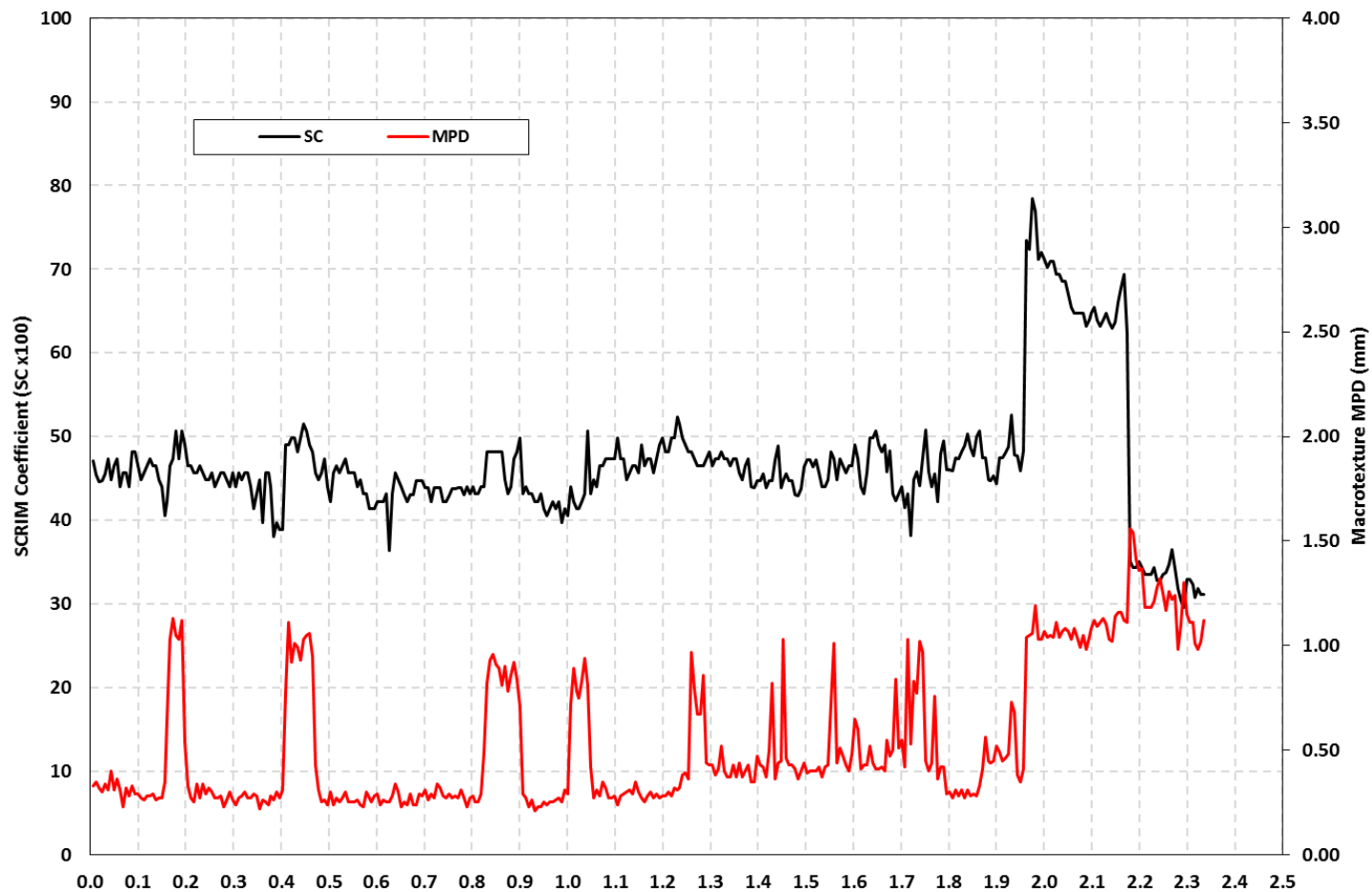


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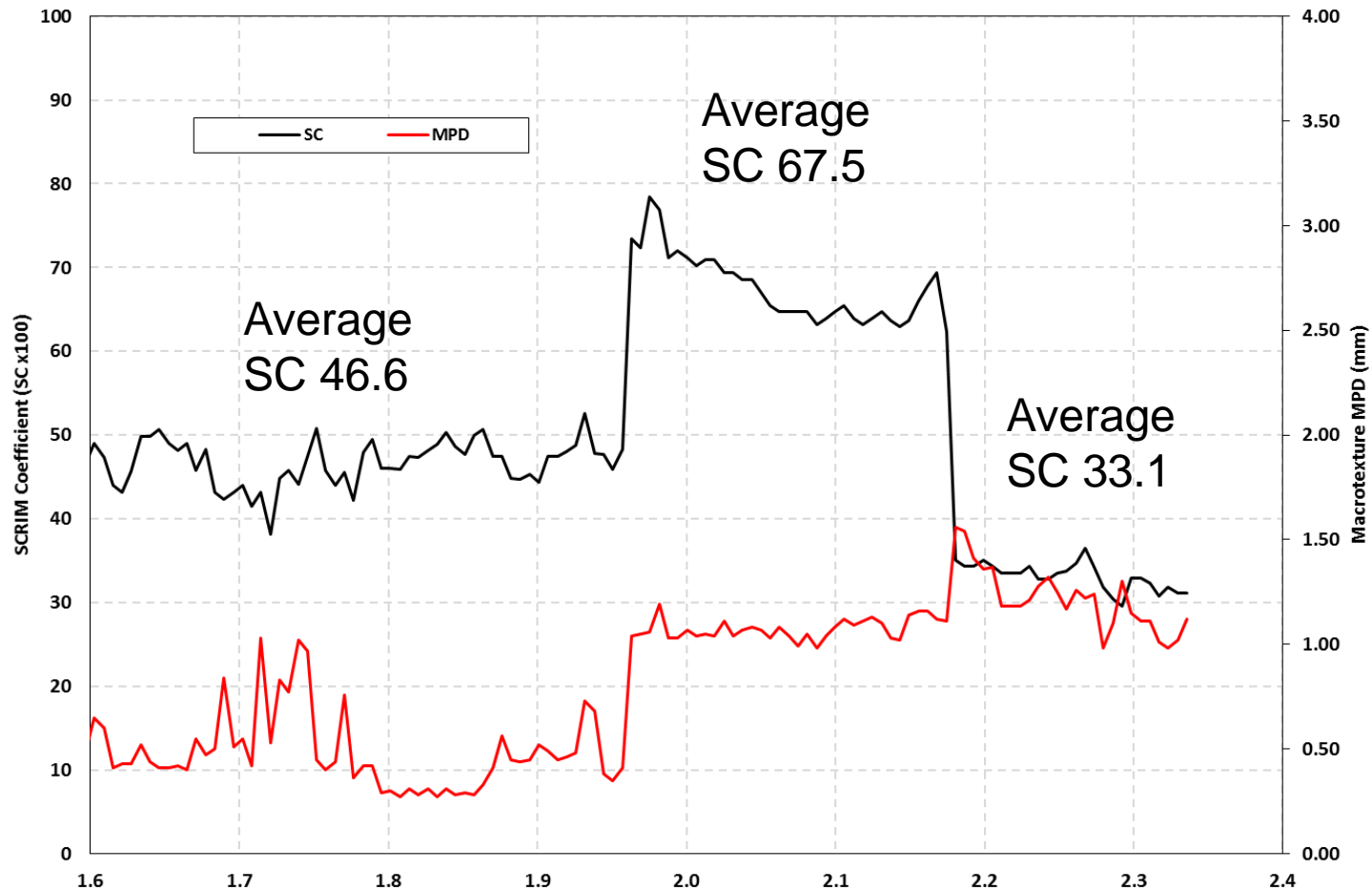




## Exit 39 from I-275 to Memorial Highway (Toll 589)



## Exit 39 from I-275 to Memorial Highway (Toll 589)



Ramp entrance





# Ground sections



# Final Considerations

- 49/50 States use the locked-wheel
- Limitations: Curves, ramps, and cannot do continuous (every 0.3, 0.5, 1.0 miles, +)
- Macrotexture possible, not common
- Crash data analysis needs friction data
- <http://vtrc.virginiadot.org/PubDetails.aspx?PubNo=16-R8>



# Final Considerations

- **Water  $\pm$  2 gal @40 mph, so every 0.1 mile:**
- **300 gallon tank, 150 tests, 15 miles**
- **1000 gallon tank, 500 tests, 50 miles**
- **Summary: E-274 SCRIM**
- **Miles/day: 50 300**
- **Miles/Year: 6,000 36,000**
- **Direct Cost/mile \$15.82 \$8.72**

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