

# Development of the ACPA Design Features Catalog

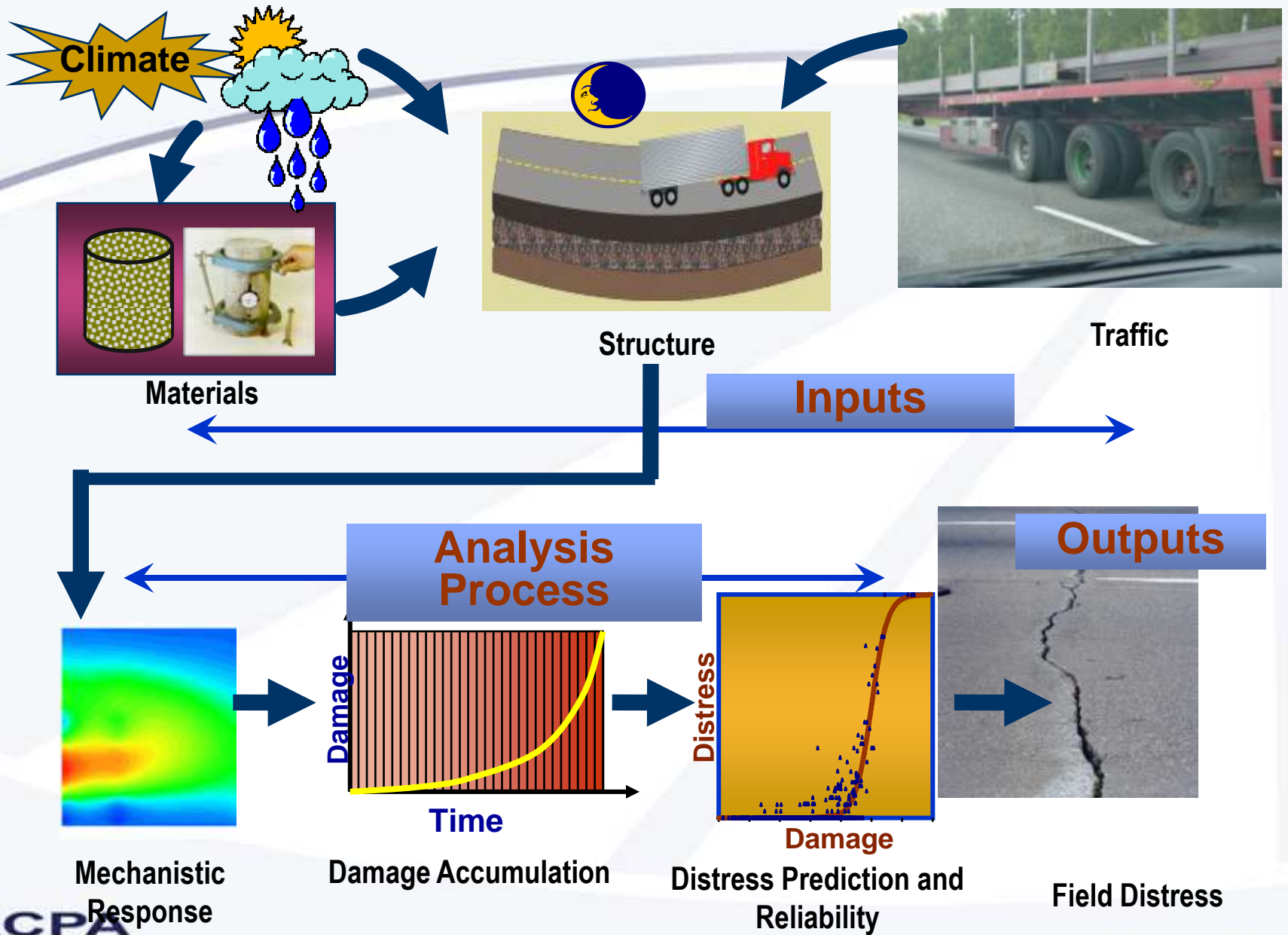
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# What is the Design Features Catalog?

- The ACPA Design Features Catalog (DFC) will allow the user to select a preliminary design from a list of viable options based on specified criteria.
- The information will be presented in a straightforward and easy to interpret format.
  - Computer based (web-based and on CD).
- The intent is to:
  - Provide guidance for designers with significant, limited or no experience in rigid pavement design.
  - Provide industry's viewpoint on what features are appropriate for different roadway types.

# What the Catalog Is and Isn't

- The DFC is intended to provide workable, but not necessarily, optimized designs.
- Optimized designs using the M-E PDG are site specific. This will be emphasized in the user's guide, often.
- The DFC will provide the first step in developing a comprehensive pavement analysis tool that can be used to balance cost and performance.

# Basic Methodology

- The basis for comparison between the various designs (and features) are the 3 standard failure criteria in the M-E PDG.
  - Slab cracking.
  - Joint faulting.
  - Smoothness (as determined by IRI).

# Input Values

- The M-E PDG has MANY variables encompassing both site specific and general design parameters.
- The following variables have been included in the initial analyses:
  - Geographic region
  - AADTT
  - Concrete strength
  - Subbase type and thickness
  - Dowel bar size
  - Edge support
  - Reliability
- Additional parameters are still being analyzed.

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Distress Model Calibration Settings - Rigid (new)

Punchouts | Faulting | Cracking | IRI-jpcp | IRI-crmp

$$\log(N) = C1 \cdot \left(\frac{MR}{\sigma}\right)^{c2}$$

$$CRK = \frac{100}{1 + C4 \cdot FD^{c5}}$$

Fatigue Coefficients

C1

C2

Cracking Coefficients

C4

C5

Reliability (CRACK)

Std. Dev.



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$$C_{12} = C_1 + (C_2 * FR^{0.25})$$

$$C_{34} = C_3 + (C_4 * FR^{0.25})$$

$$FaultMax0 = C_{12} * \delta_{carriage} * [\text{Log}(1 + C_5 * 5^{ERRD}) * \text{Log}(P_{200} * WetDays / p_s)]^{C_6}$$

$$FaultMax = FaultMax0 + C_7 * DE_{spall} * \text{Log}(1 + C_5 * 5^{ERRD})$$

$$\Delta Fault = C_{34} * (FaultMax - Fault)^2 * DE_m$$

$$C_8 = \text{Dowel Deterioration}$$

### Faulting Coefficients

|    |  |    |                                      |
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| C2 | <input type="text" value="0.91656"/>     | C6 | <input type="text" value="0.4"/>     |
| C3 | <input type="text" value="0.0021848"/>   | C7 | <input type="text" value="1.83312"/> |
| C4 | <input type="text" value="0.000883739"/> | C8 | <input type="text" value="400"/>     |

### Reliability (FAULT)

Std. Dev.

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|                  |    |                                     |
|------------------|----|-------------------------------------|
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| C2 - Spalling    | C2 | <input type="text" value="0.4417"/> |
| C3 - Faulting    | C3 | <input type="text" value="1.4929"/> |
| C4 - Site Factor | C4 | <input type="text" value="25.24"/>  |

Standard deviation initial IRI (in/mile):

General Information  
 Site/Project Identification  
 Analysis Parameters

Outputs

Traffic

- Traffic Volume Adjustment Factors
  - Monthly Adjustment
  - Vehicle Class Distribution
  - Hourly Truck Distribution
  - Traffic Growth Factor
- Axle Load Distribution Factors
- General Traffic Inputs
  - Number Axles/Truck
  - Axle Configuration
  - Wheelbase

Climate

Structure

- Design Features
- Layers
  - Layer 1 - JPCP
  - Layer 2 - Cement Stabilized
  - Layer 3 - A-7-5
  - Layer 4 - A-7-5

Results

- Input Summary
  - Project
  - Traffic
  - Climatic
  - Design
  - Layer
- Output Summary
- JPCP Summary
  - Faulting Summary
  - Faulting (plot)
  - LTE (plot)
  - Cracking Summary
  - Cumulative Damage (plot)
  - Cracking (plot)
  - IRI (plot)

Analysis Status:

| Analysis  | % Complete |
|---|------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic       | 100%       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climatic      | 100%       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modulus       | 100%       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faulting JPCP | 100%       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cracking JPCP | 100%       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Summary       | 100%       |

General Project Information:

| Parameter         | Value                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Type              | New JPCP                       |
| Design Life       | 30 Years                       |
| Climate           | C:\DG2002\Projects\Chicago.icm |
| Construction Date | 6/2008                         |
| Traffic Open Date | 8/2008                         |
| Initial AADTT     | 5000                           |

Properties

| Setting       | Value           |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Units         | US Customary    |
| Analysis Type | Probabilistic   |
| Output Type   | Excel Worksheet |
| Warnings      | Enabled         |



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### JPCP Design Features

Slab thickness (in):  Permanent curl/warp effective temperature difference (°F):

**Joint Design**

Joint spacing (ft):  Sealant type:

Random joint spacing(ft):

Doweled transverse joints
 Dowel diameter (in):

Dowel bar spacing (in):

**Edge Support**

Tied PCC shoulder
 Long-term LTE(%):

Widened slab
 Slab width(ft):

**Base Properties**

Base type:

**PCC-Base Interface**
Erodibility index:

Full friction contact
 Loss of full friction (age in months):

Zero friction contact

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# Climate

- The 4 primary climatic zones were analyzed according to the following locations:
  - Wet/freeze, Chicago, Illinois
  - Wet/No freeze, Atlanta, Georgia
  - Dry/freeze, Spokane, Washington
  - Dry/No freeze, Phoenix, Arizona

# Traffic

- Traffic is categorized based on the following levels of AADTT:
  - 2500
  - 5000
  - 7500
  - 10000
- The default values for traffic variables in the M-E PDG were used in all cases.
- 100% of the design traffic was allocated to the design lane.
- The compound annual growth rate was fixed at 2%.

# Concrete Properties

- To date, the only variable that has been analyzed is the modulus of rupture (MR).
  - 550 psi.
  - 650 psi.
  - 750 psi.
- Future analysis will focus on coefficient of thermal expansion and mix parameters.

# Pavement Support

- A single soil type corresponding to an A-6-5 was used in all analyses.
  - $K = 150$  pci (approximately)
- Unstabilized granular subbases (crushed stone) and cement stabilized subbases were the primary variables.
  - 4 inch and 6 inch thickness.
- An asphalt treated subbase was also analyzed for comparison to the cement stabilized subbase.

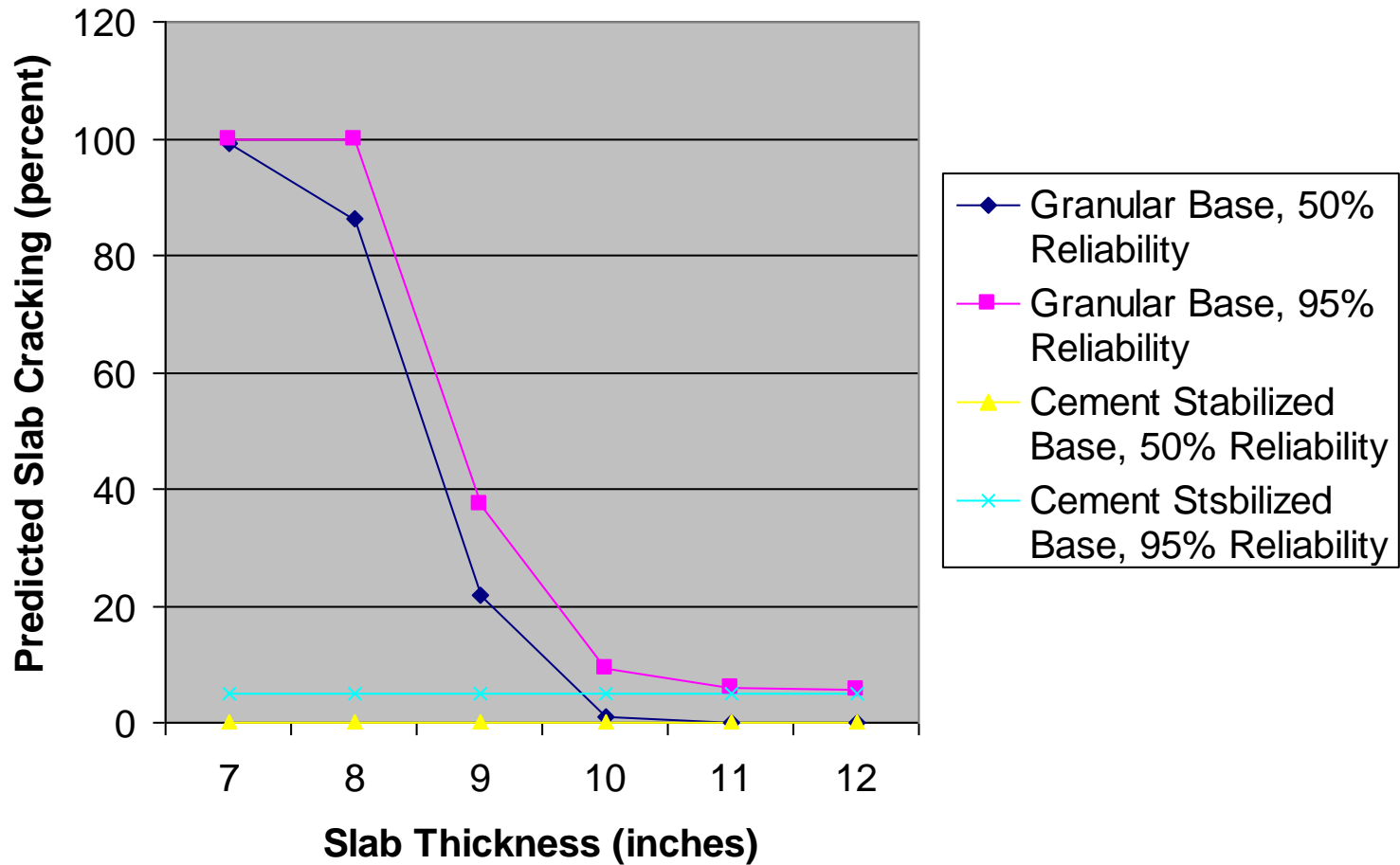
# Dowel Bar Diameter and Edge Support

- Initial analyses focused on 1-1/2 bars for all pavements.
- Subsequent analyses incorporate the ACPA recommendations for dowel diameters as a function of slab thickness.
- Standard 12 foot lanes and 13 foot widened lanes were analyzed. The diminished benefit/cost of 14 foot widened lanes was verified for selected cases.

# Reliability and Failure Criteria

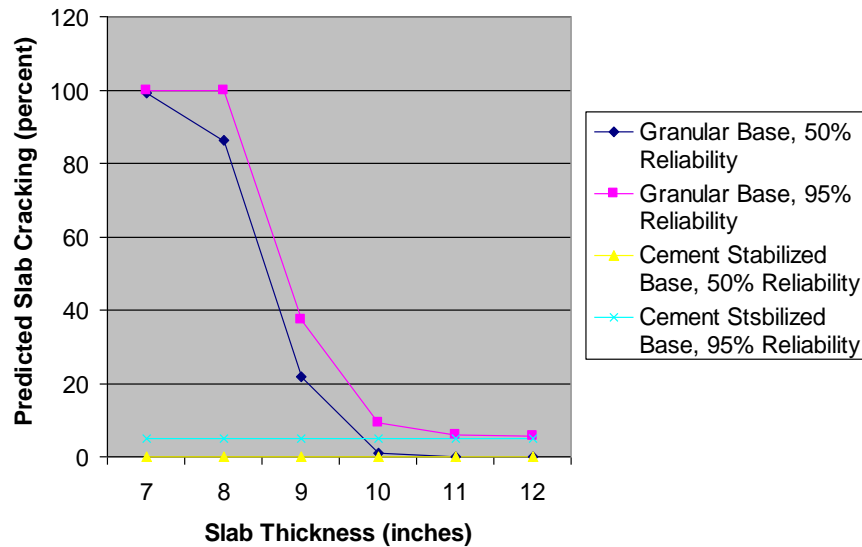
- Two reliability levels were used in all analyses:
  - 50%.
  - 95%.
- Failure criteria was specified at the default values for cracking, faulting and IRI. However, the method of plotting the data facilitates selecting a level of failure corresponding to thickness.

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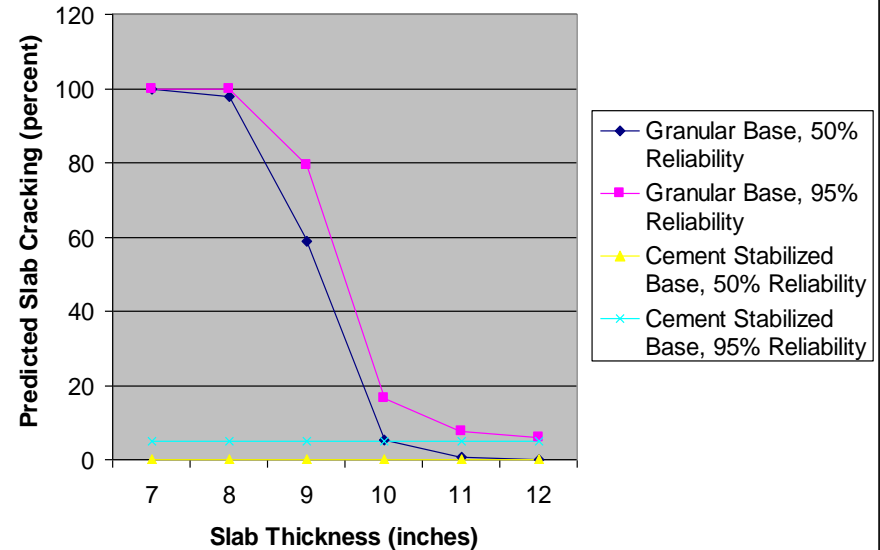


# Climatic Effects, Cracking

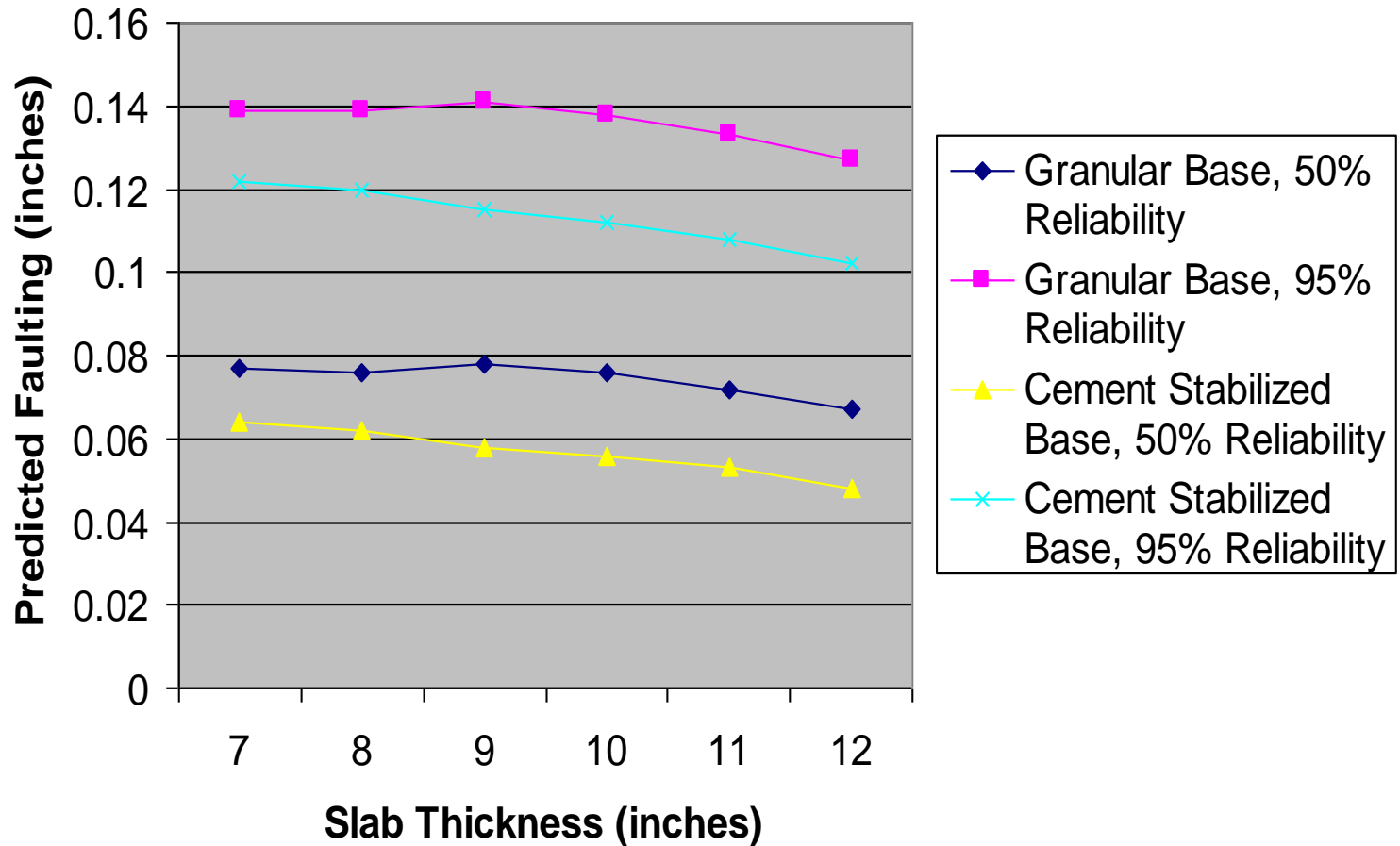
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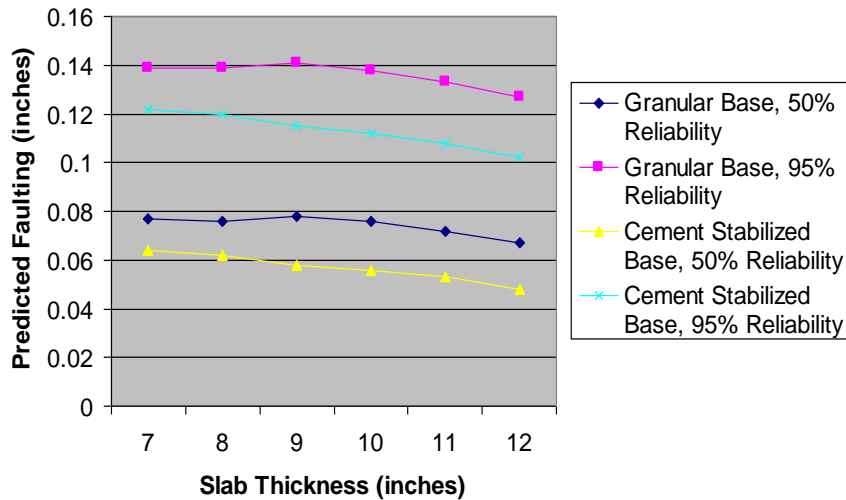


## Faulting Performance, Wet/Freeze, 5000 AADTT

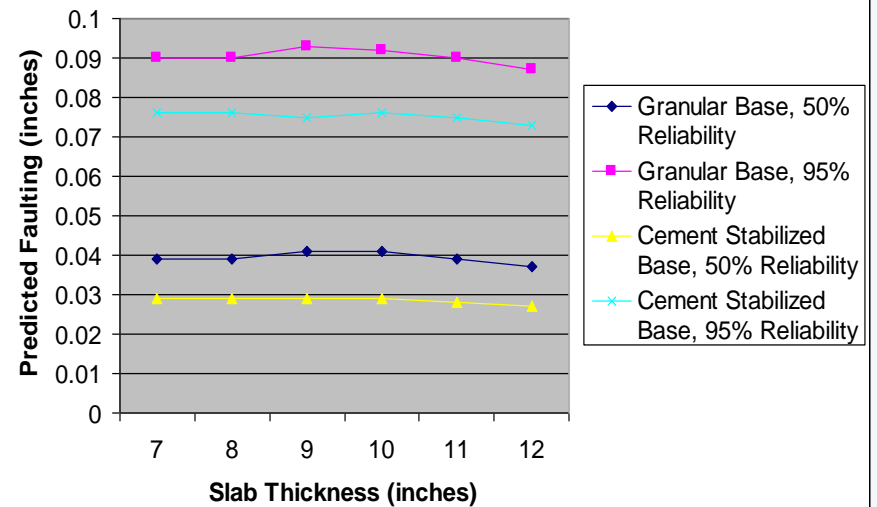


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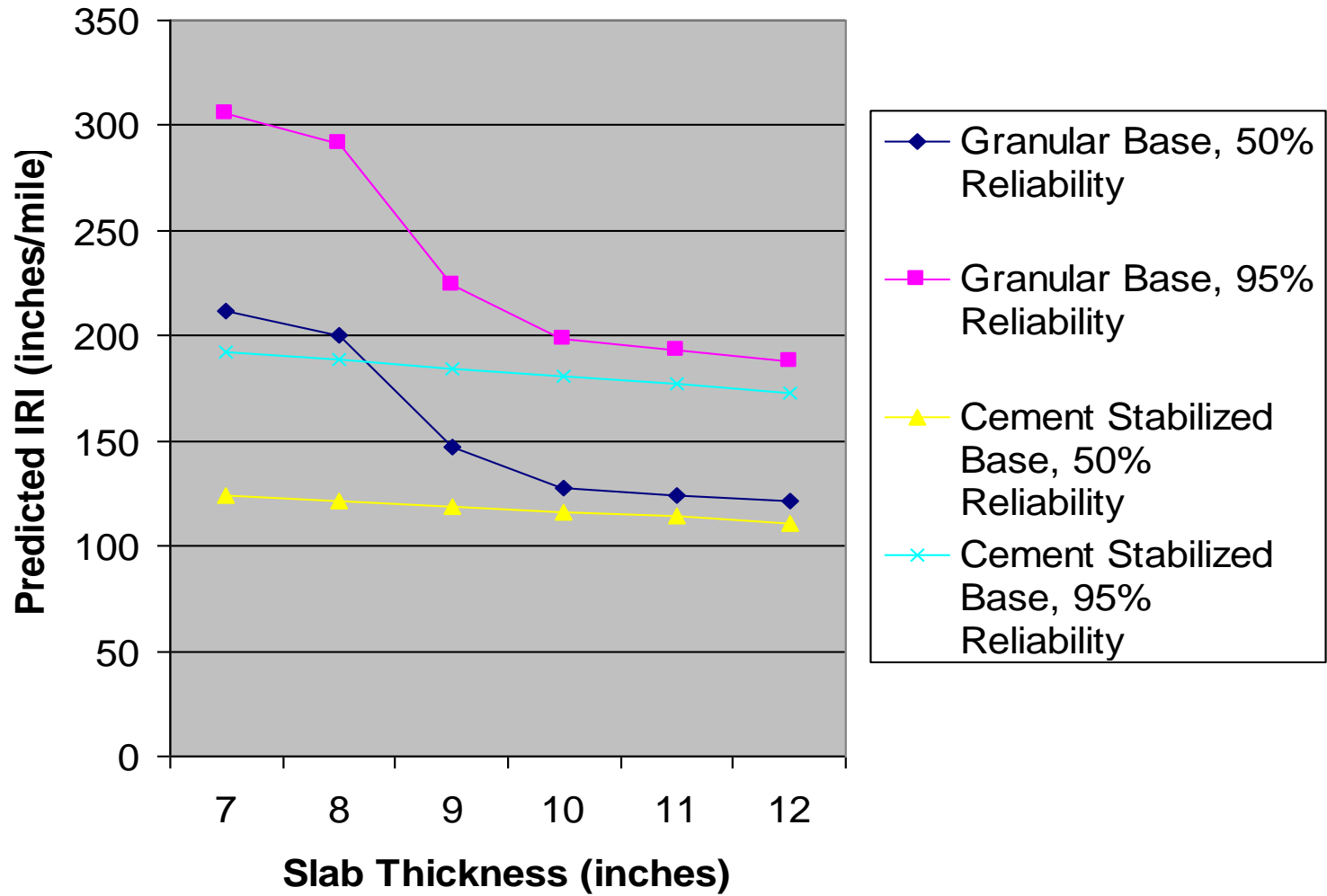
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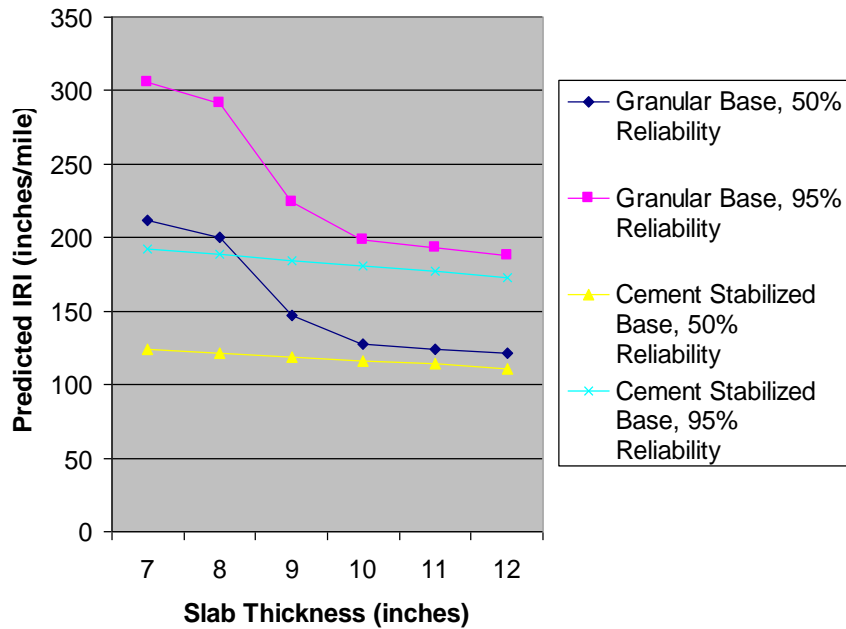
## IRI Performance, Wet/Freeze, 5000 AADTT



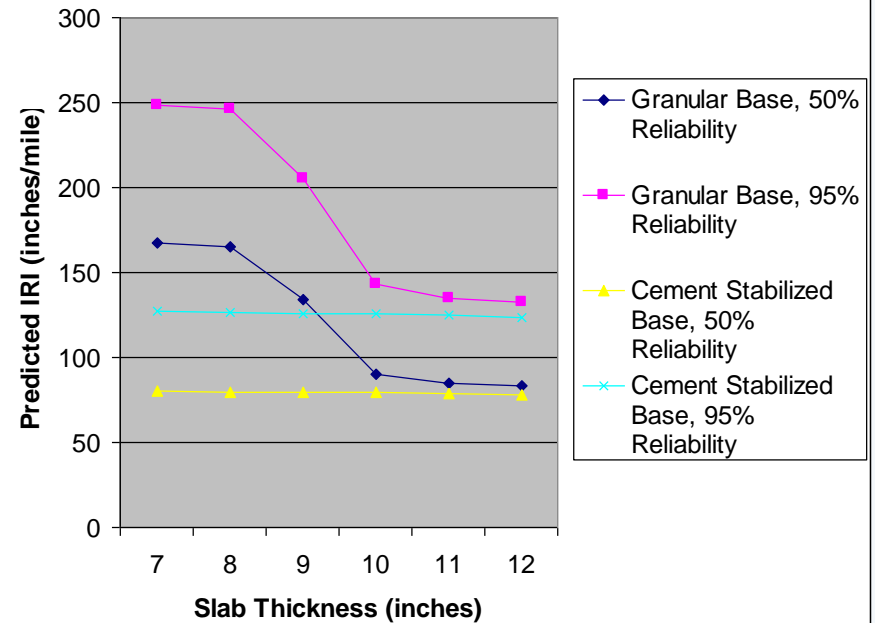
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# Climatic Effects, IRI

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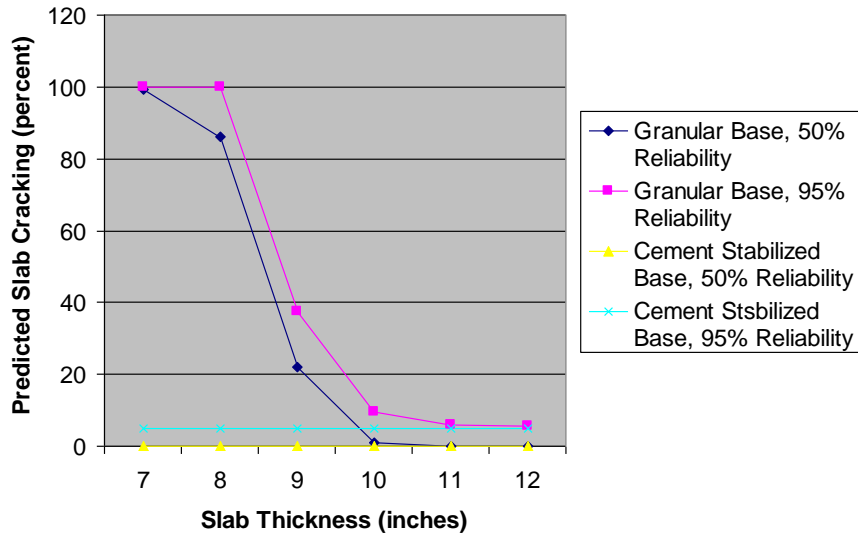


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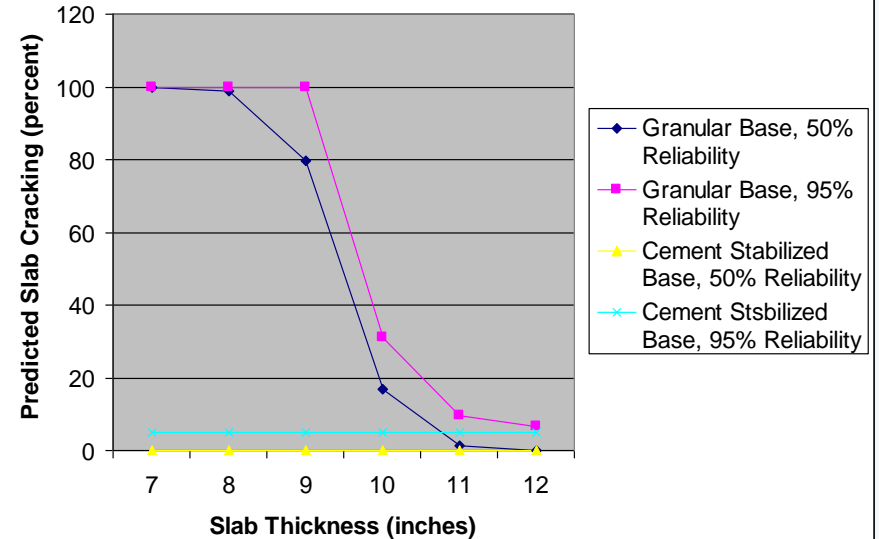


# Concrete Strength, Cracking

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AADTT, 650 psi

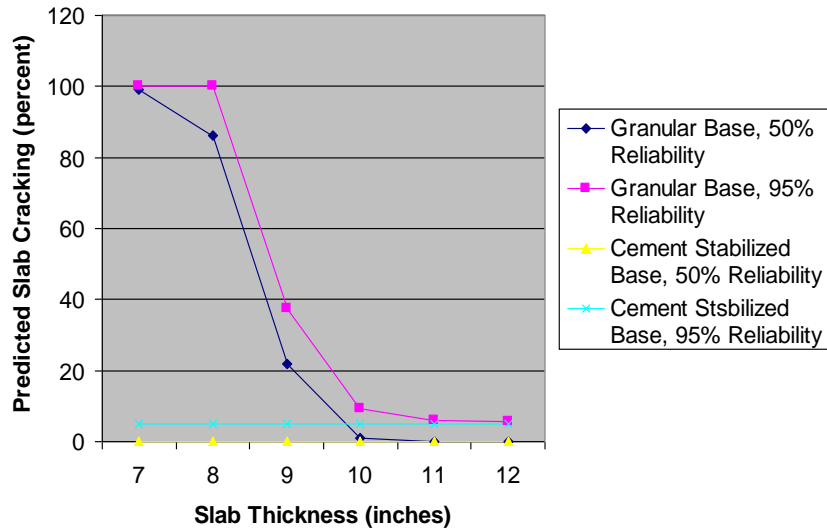


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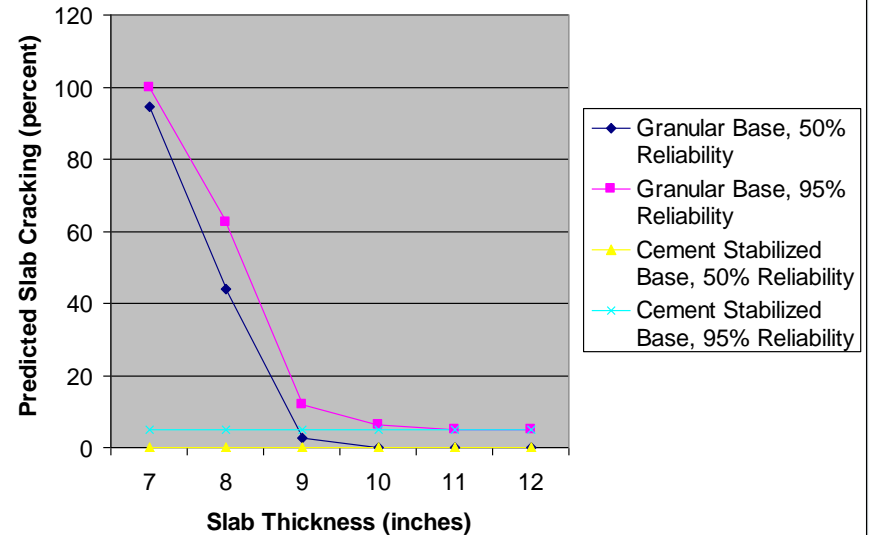


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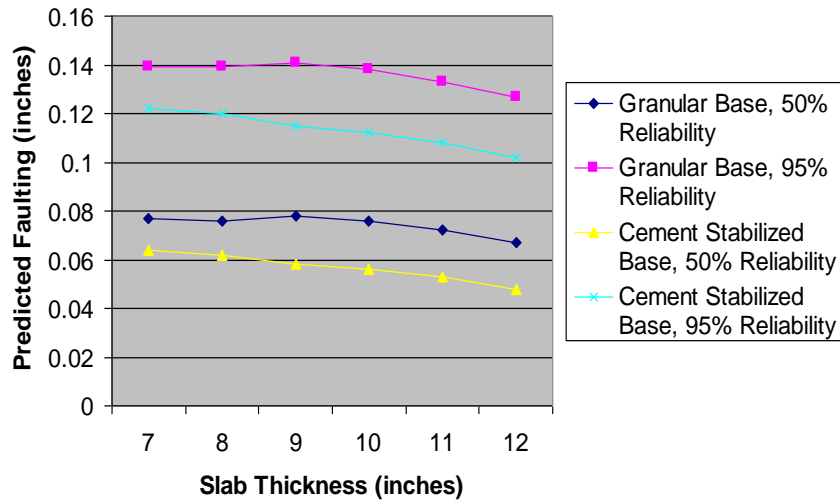


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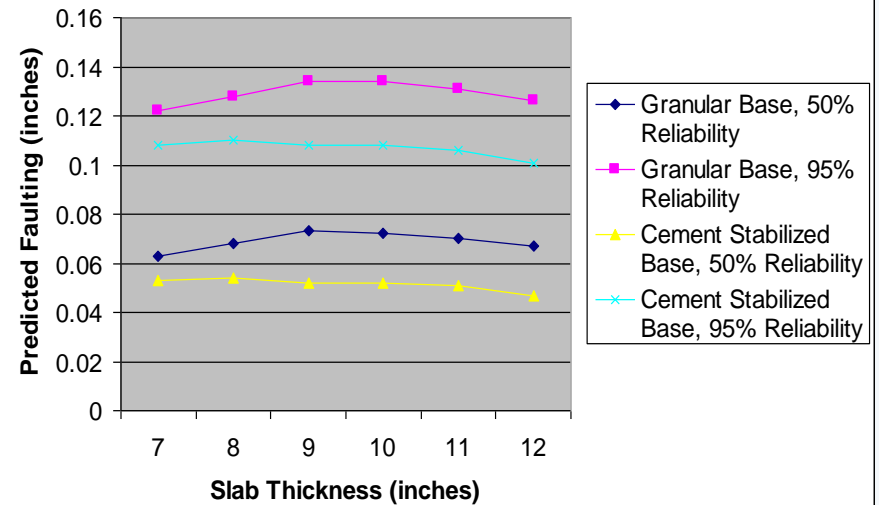


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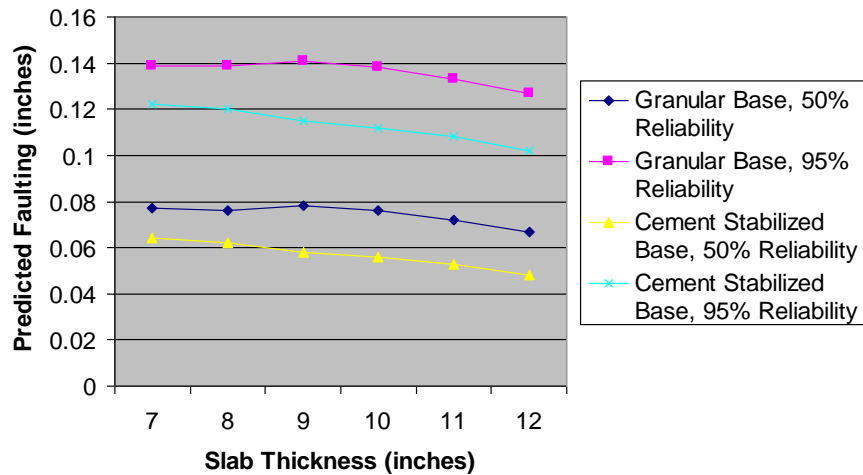


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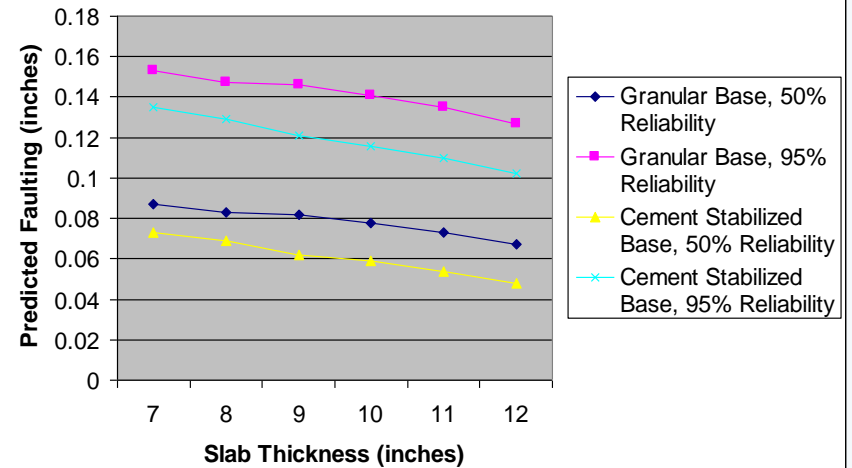


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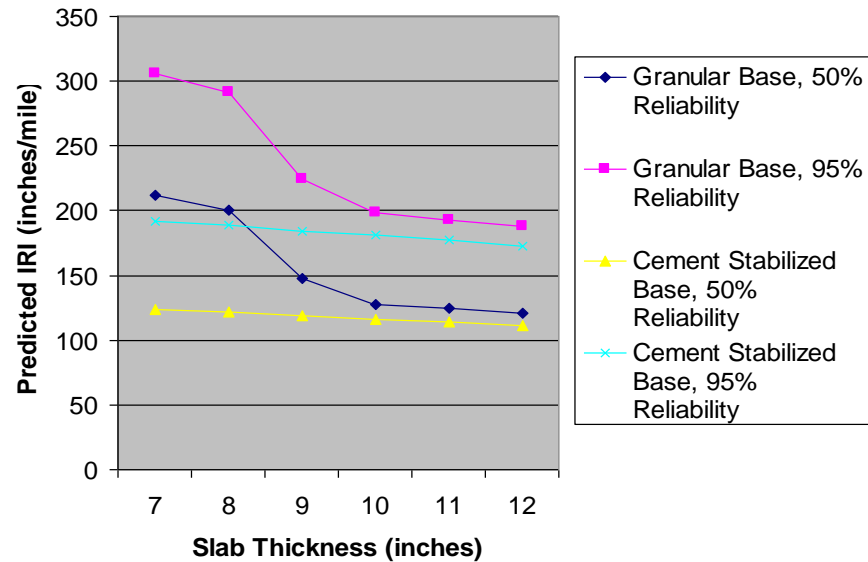


Faulting Performance, Wet/Freeze, 5000  
AADTT, 750 psi

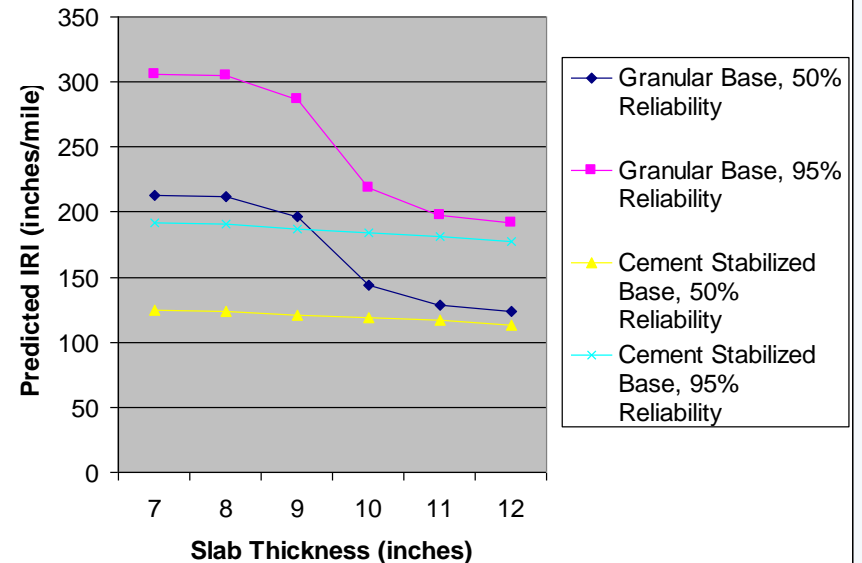


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IRI Performance, Wet/Freeze, 5000 AADTT,  
650 psi

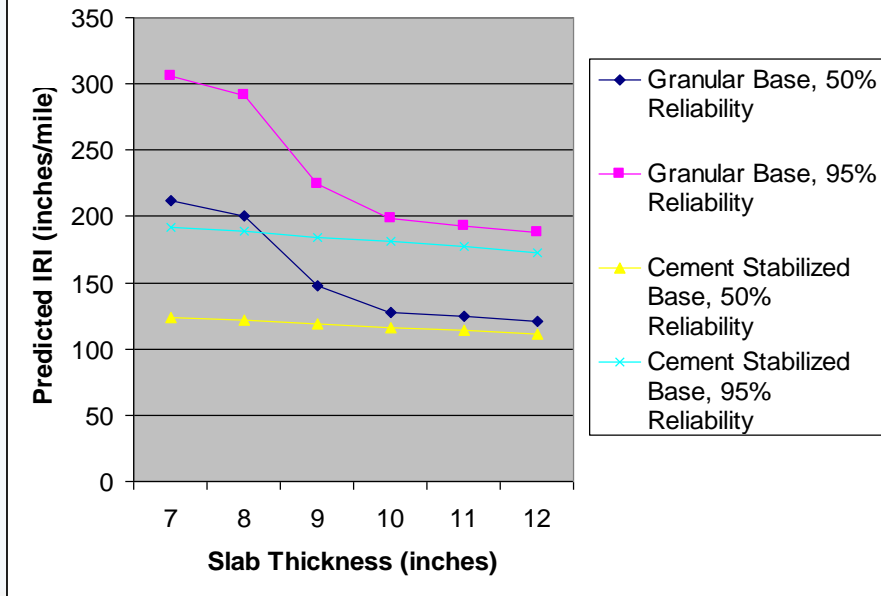


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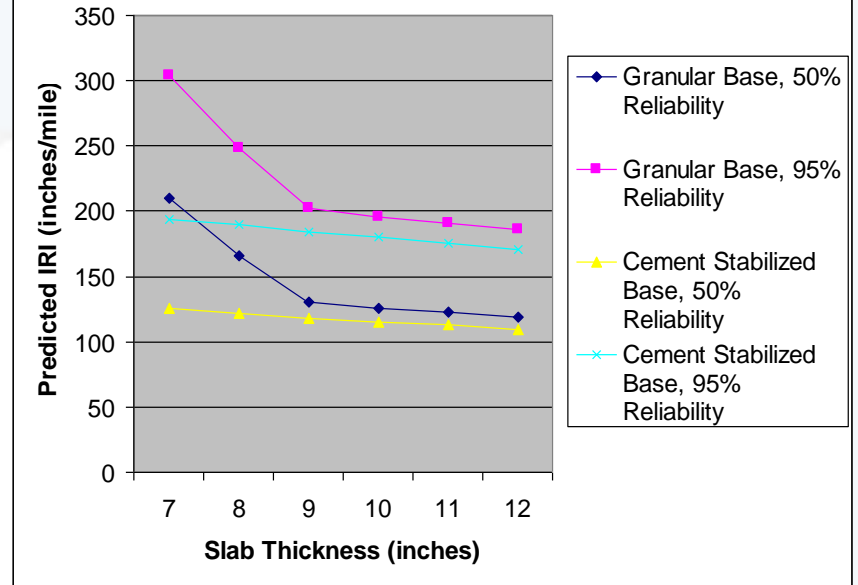


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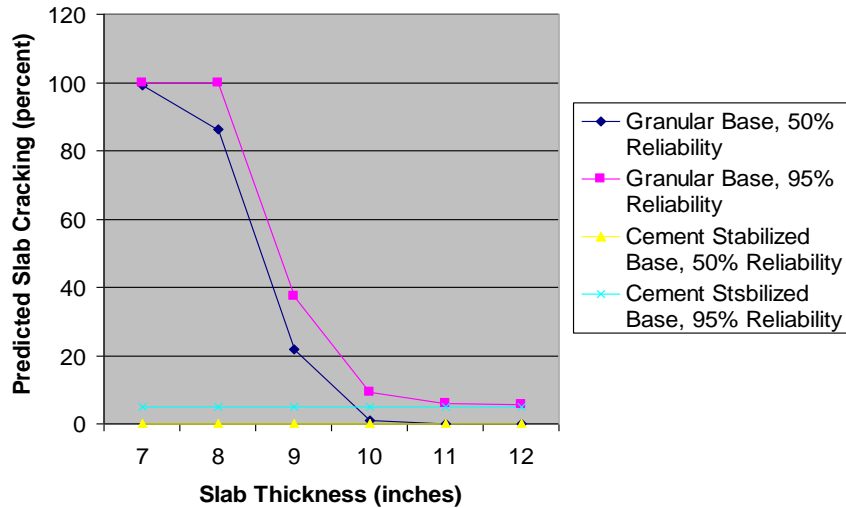


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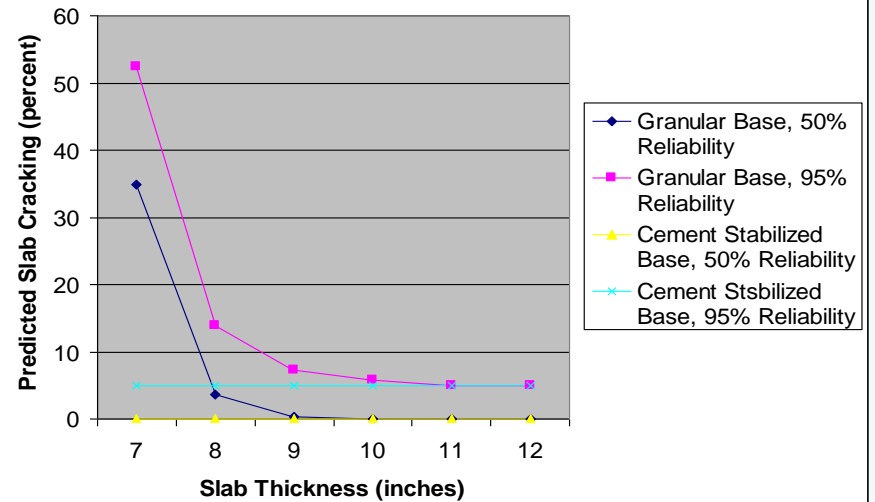


# Lane Width, Cracking

Cracking Performance, Wet/Freeze, 5000 AADTT, 12 foot lane width

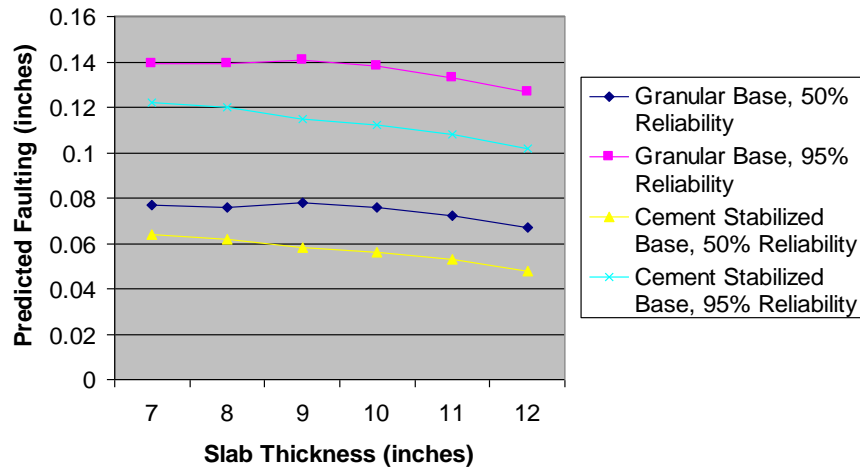


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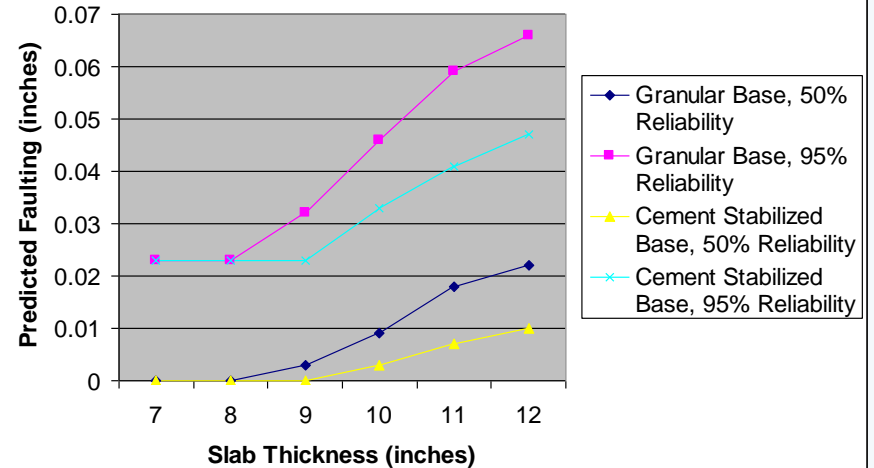


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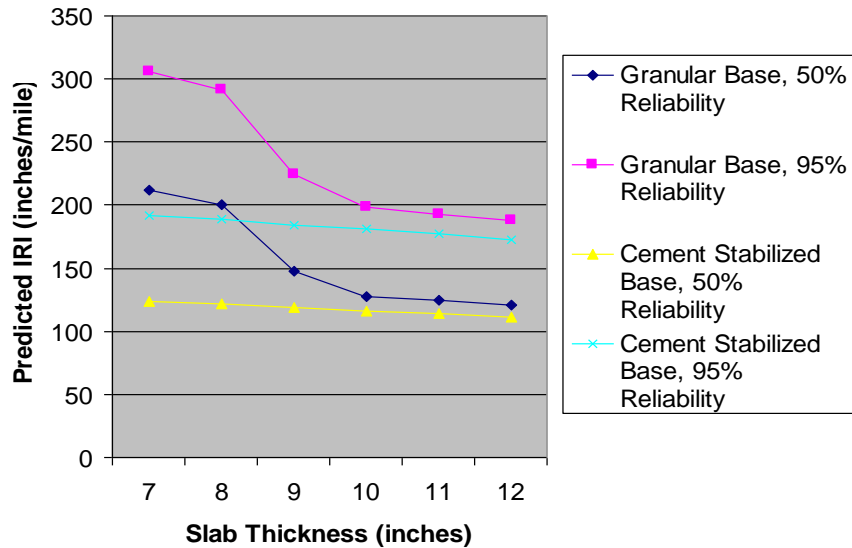


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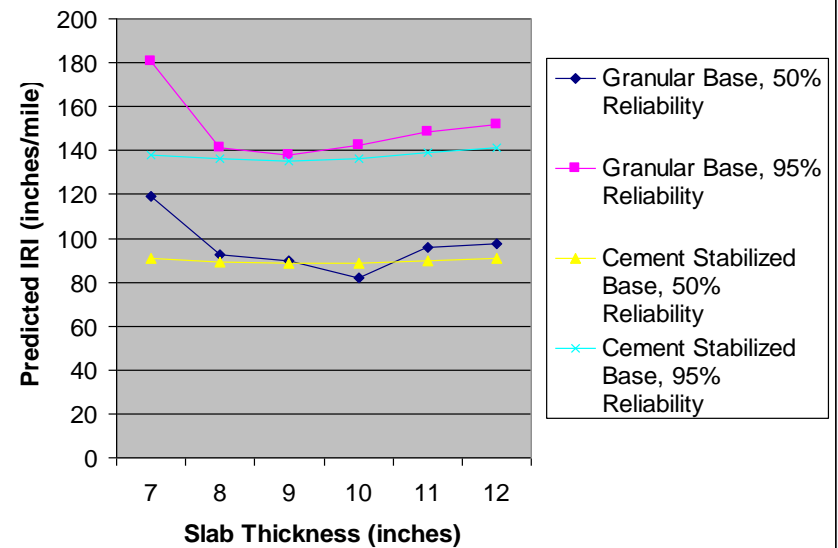


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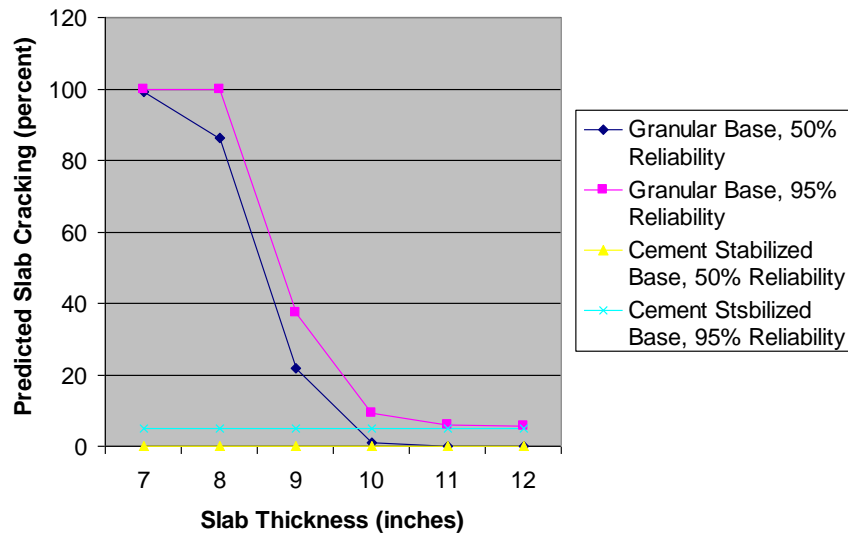


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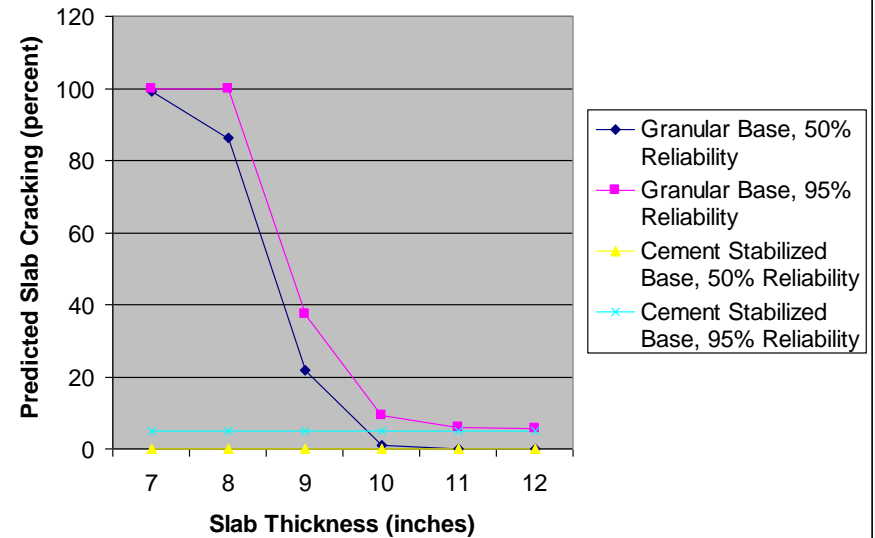


# Base Thickness, Cracking

Cracking Performance, Wet/Freeze, 5000 AADTT, 6 inch base thickness

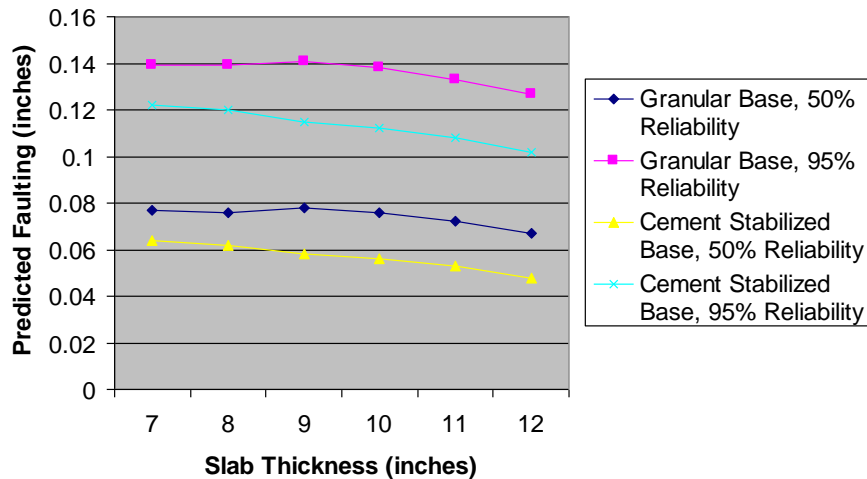


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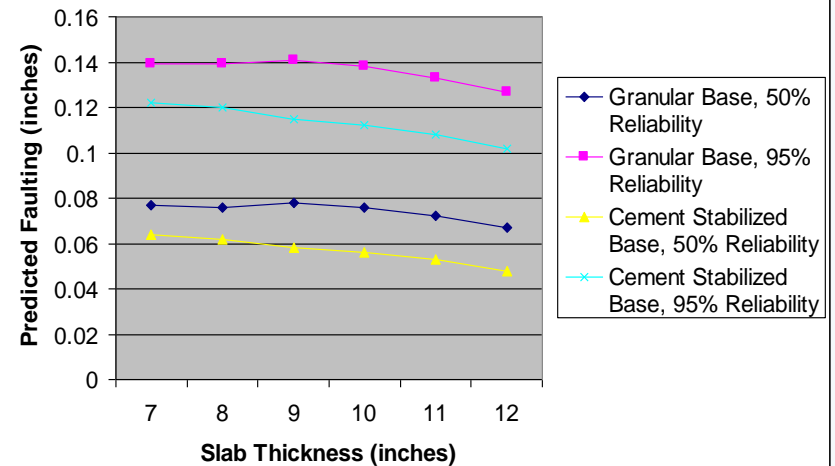


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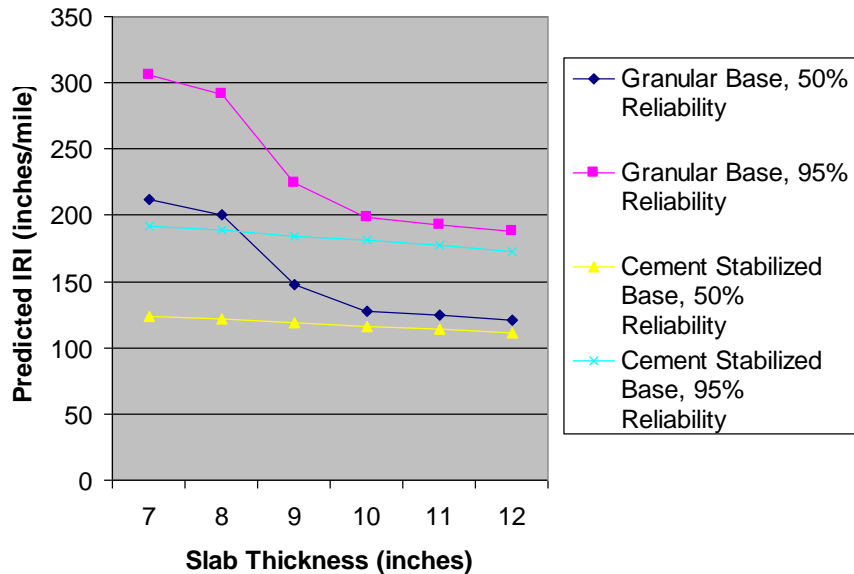


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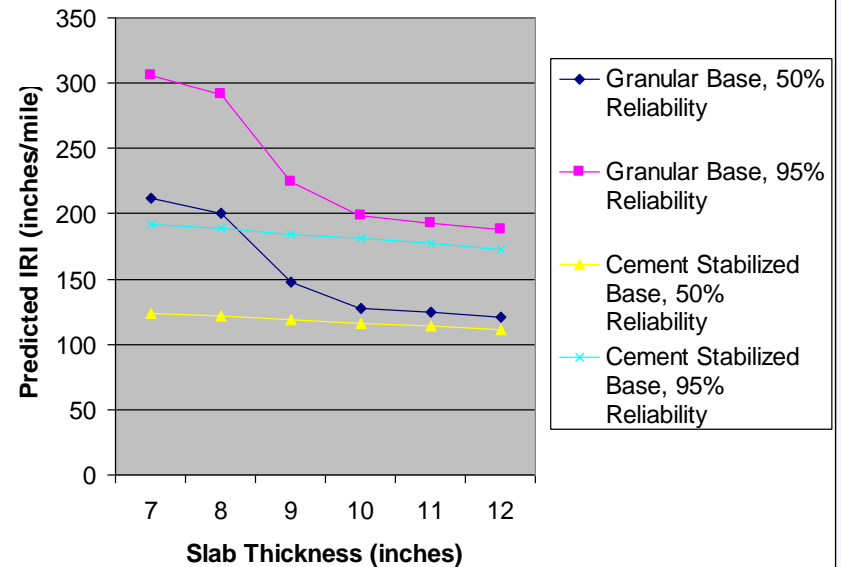


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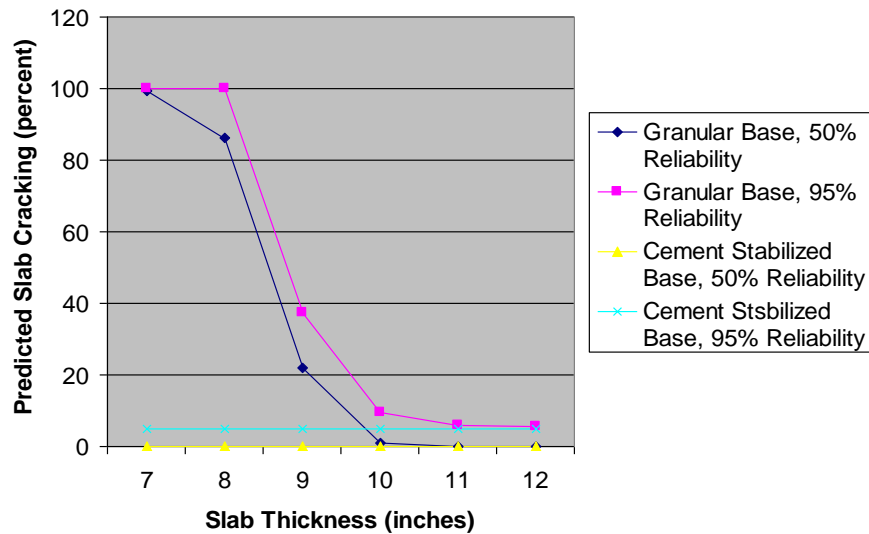


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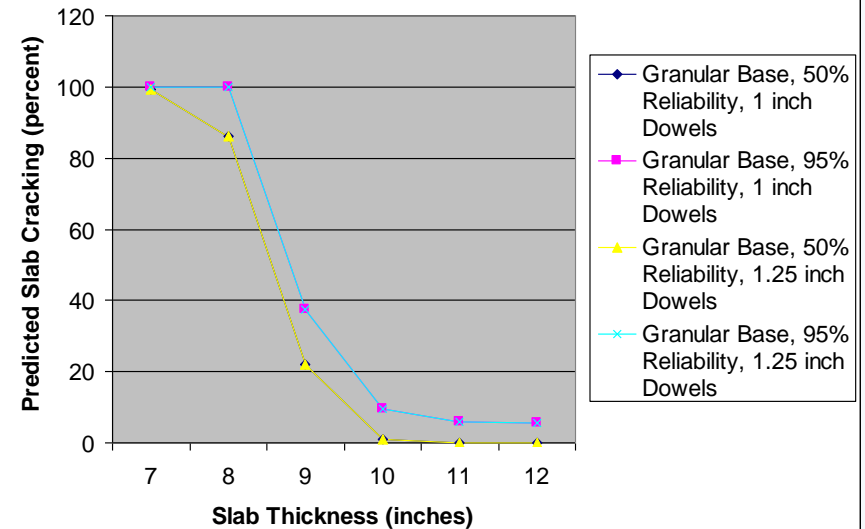


# Dowel Diameter, Cracking

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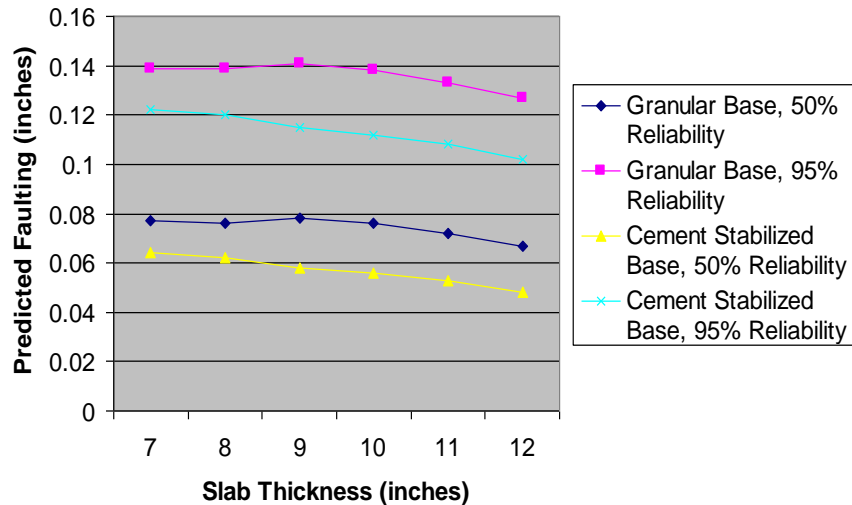


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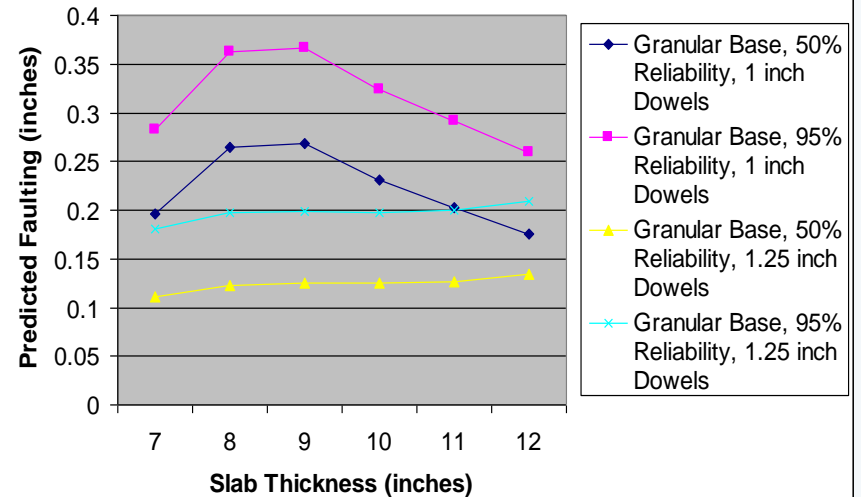


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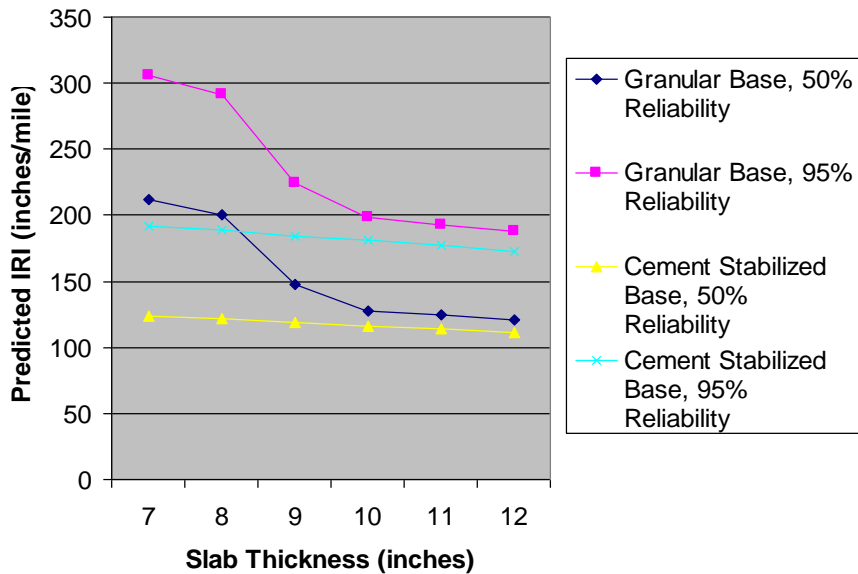


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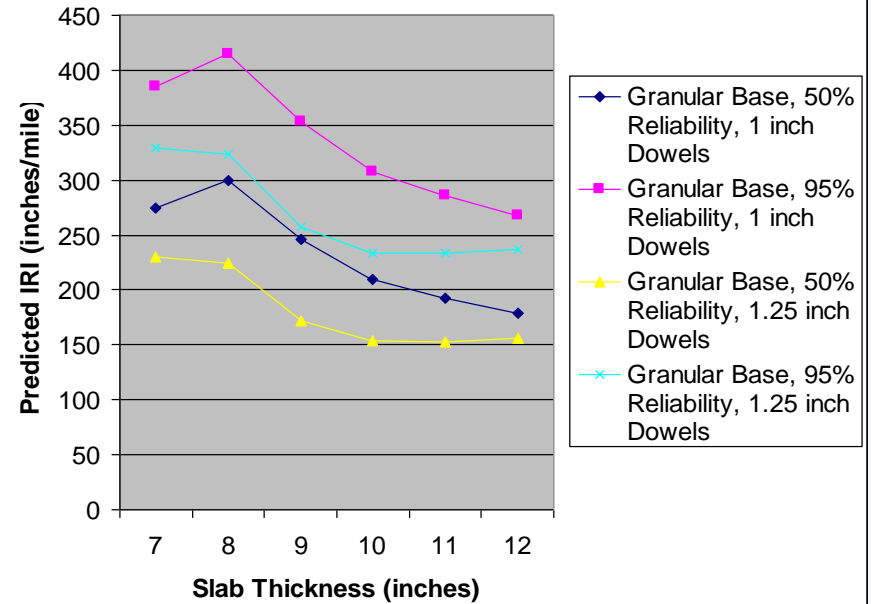


# Dowel Diameter, IRI

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1.5 inch dowel diameter



IRI Performance, Wet/Freeze, 5000 AADTT



# What to Expect and When

- Establishment of the phase 1 database has been completed.
- The computer software should be available in draft form by the end of 2008.
- The program will allow even a novice pavement designer to arrive at a number of workable options. ACPA recommendations will be included as part of the output files.

# Thank You!!!

Please contact Mike Ayers with questions or comments.

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