

# Bridge Rehabilitation and Cost Effective Methods for Addressing Bridge Deterioration

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# Durability of Concrete

- Strength
- Chloride Ingress
- Carbonation Attack
- Sulfate Attack
- Alkali Silica Attack
- Abrasion (rapid moving water, floating ice)
- Freezing and Thawing



# Concrete Quality for 100-Year Life

- Concrete should have the following properties:
  - Strength, workability
  - Resistance to freeze thaw
  - Resistance to chloride penetration
  - Resistance to sulfate attack
  - Resistance to Alkali-Silica Reaction
  - Abrasion resistance



# Effect of Cover and Concrete Quality on Corrosion Initiation

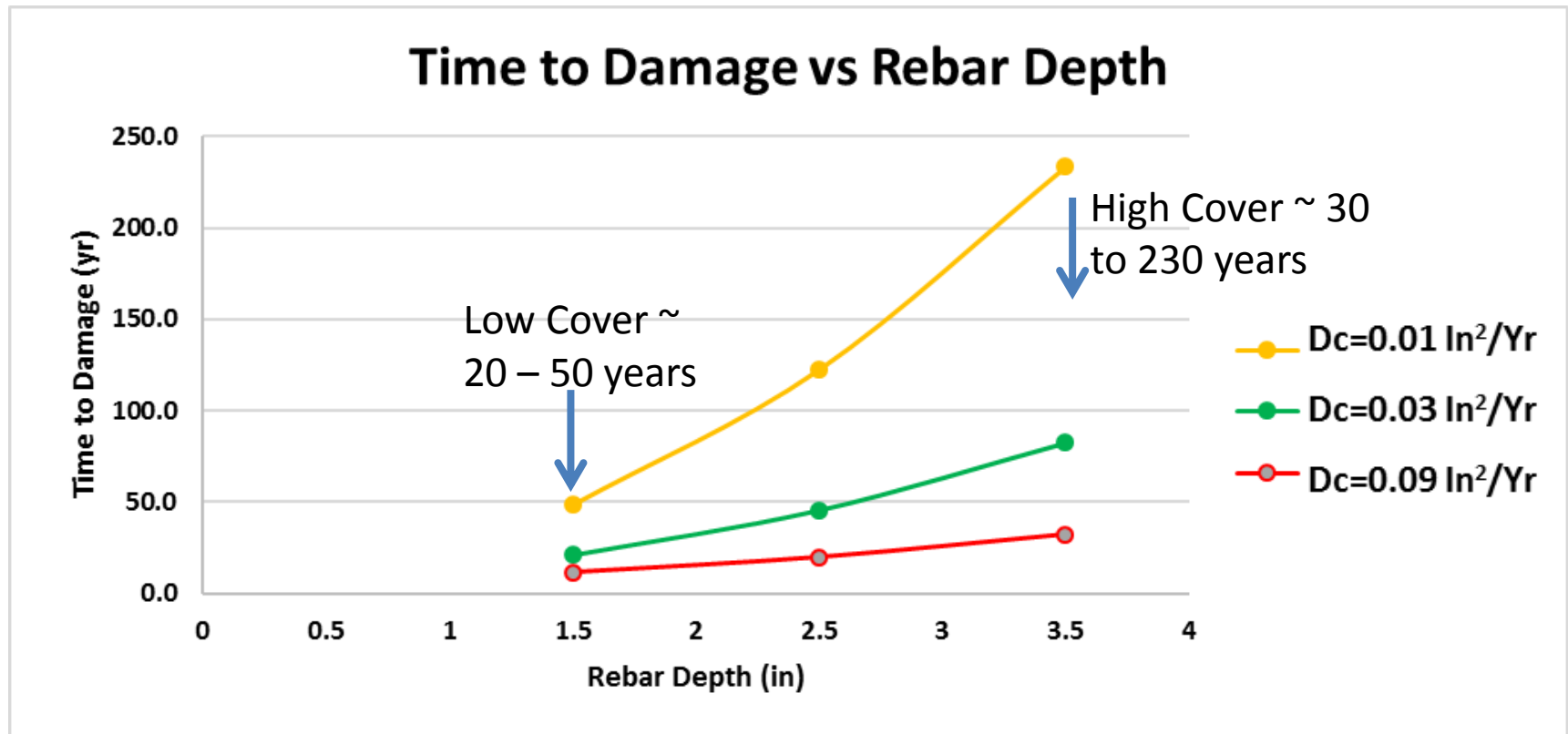
## Use Diffusion Equation:

$$C_{x,t} = C_o \left[ 1 - \operatorname{erf} \left( \frac{x}{2\sqrt{Dt}} \right) \right]$$

- **Using**
  - Cover of 1.5", 2.5", and 3.5"
  - Average surface chloride for deck, substructure, and piles in marine environments
  - Chloride at the rebar = 400 ppm
  - Diffusion coefficients (in<sup>2</sup>/yr.) of:
    - ✓ 0.01 in<sup>2</sup>/yr. – Excellent durability,
    - ✓ 0.03 in<sup>2</sup>/yr. – Good to fair durability,
    - ✓ 0.09 in<sup>2</sup>/yr. – Poor Durability



# Time to Concrete Damage for Various Rebar Depth



# Chloride-Induced Corrosion

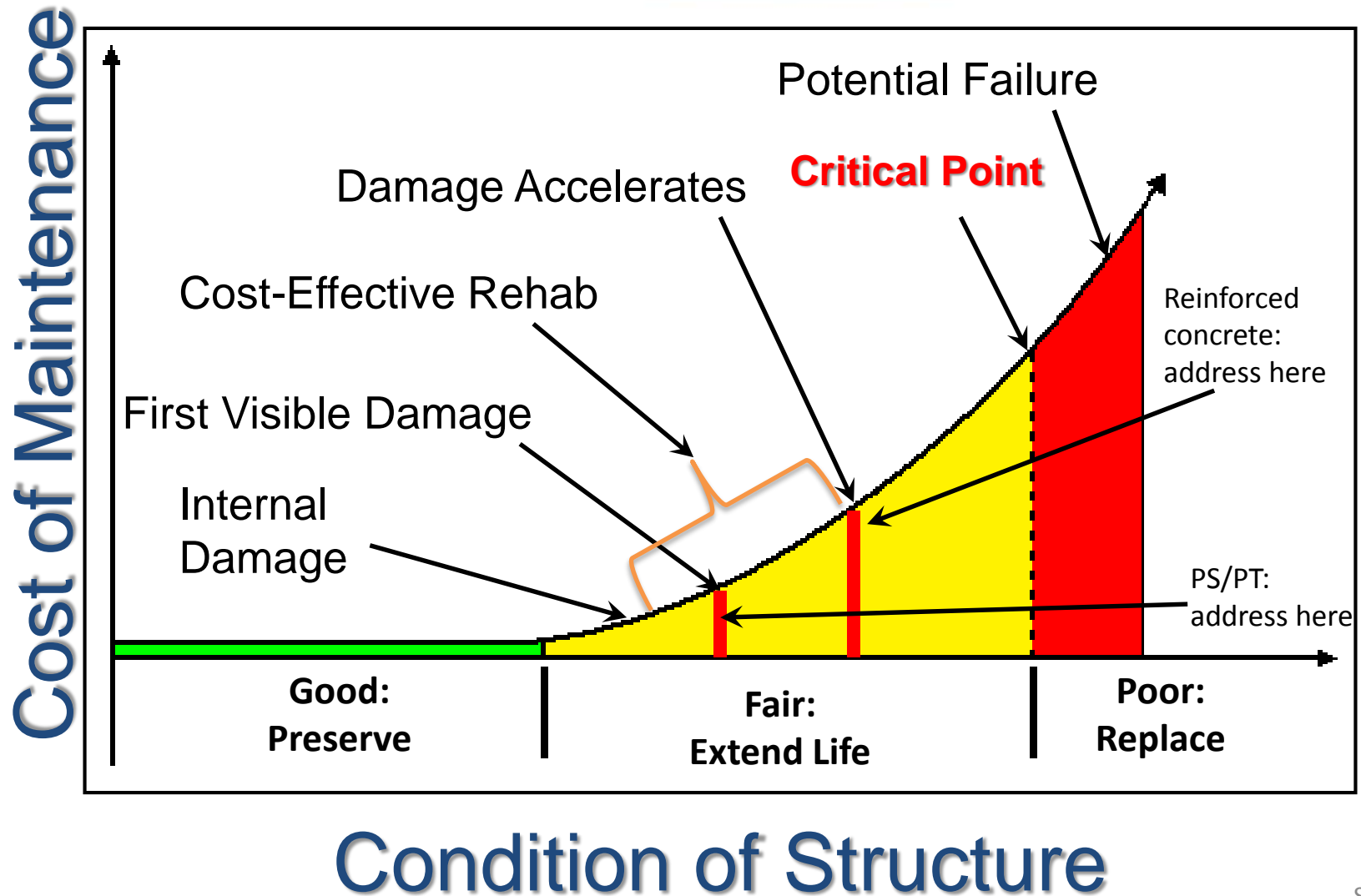
- Chloride from deicing salt application diffuses into concrete
- When chloride at rebar level exceeds 1.2 lb/CY, passive film breaks down and corrosion initiates
- If  $\text{pH} < 11$ , corrosion can initiate at lower chloride levels
- If sulfate is present, chloride may not be required for corrosion to begin

# Bridge Preservation

- When a bridge experiences corrosion, we want to answer the questions:
  - How bad is bad?
  - What is the rate of deterioration?
  - How do we cost effectively extend the life?
- SCS develops a strategic inspection/evaluation plan to quickly indentify/quantify problems.
- Average preservation cost for owners:  
**20 to 25%** compared to replacement.



# Corrosion-Related Concrete Damage





# Assessment of Concrete Structures

1. Non-Destructive Evaluation (earlier identification)
  - Identify and quantify deterioration of concrete and steel
2. Electrochemical Testing
  - Quantify time-to-failure, corrosion rates, future section losses
3. Laboratory Testing
  - Additional material and corrosion analysis
4. Estimate Service Life
  - Recommend cost effective solution



# Non-Destructive Testing (NDT)

- Use NDT to see hidden problems
- Minimize inspection time and damage to the structure
- Primary NDT tools:
  - Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)
  - Infrared Thermography
  - Impact-Echo
  - Ultrasonic Tomography

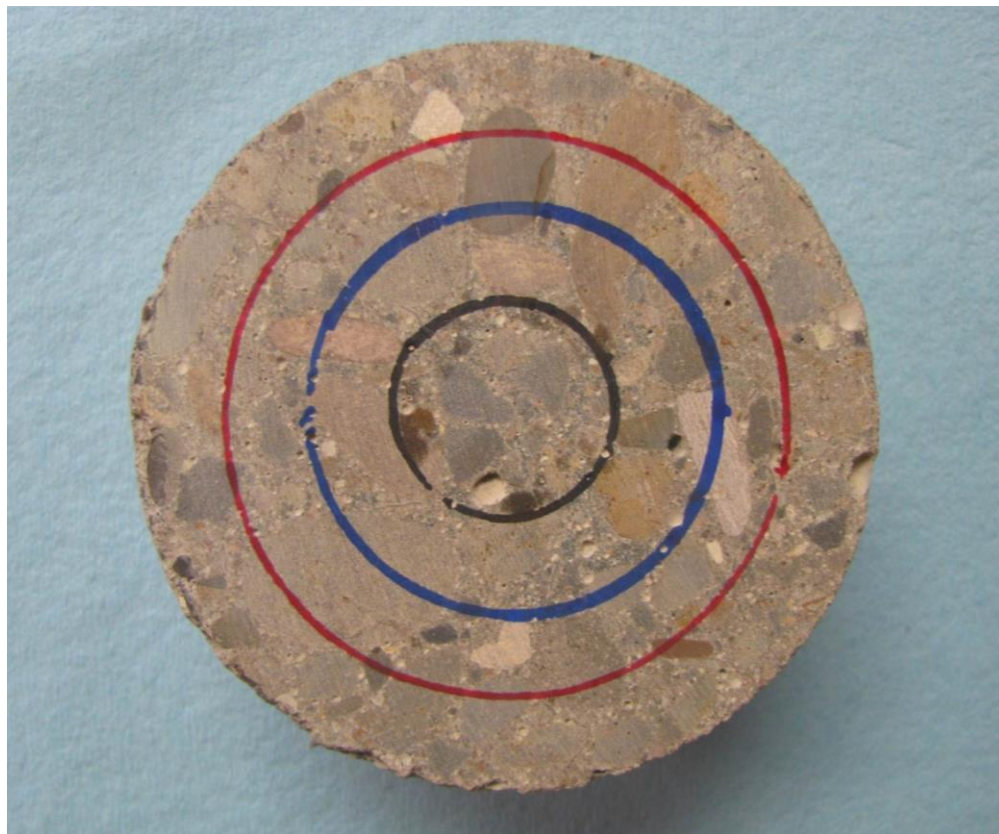


# Laboratory Testing

- Laboratory Testing
  - Chloride Content Profiling (AASHTO T-260, ASTM C1152)
  - pH Indicator (Phenolphthalein)
  - Compressive Strength (ASTM C39)
  - Petrographic Analysis to Examine:
    - General Concrete Properties (density, air-void, w/cm) (ASTM C876)
    - Alkali-Silica Reactivity
    - Freeze-Thaw Damage (ASTM C472)

# Proper Sampling Size and Number

- Chloride cores shall be 4-inch diameter, at least 3-inch diameter.
- A smaller core or powder samples can lead to significant variation in chloride level leading to erroneous decisions.
- Sampling number – sufficient to represent the entire structure.



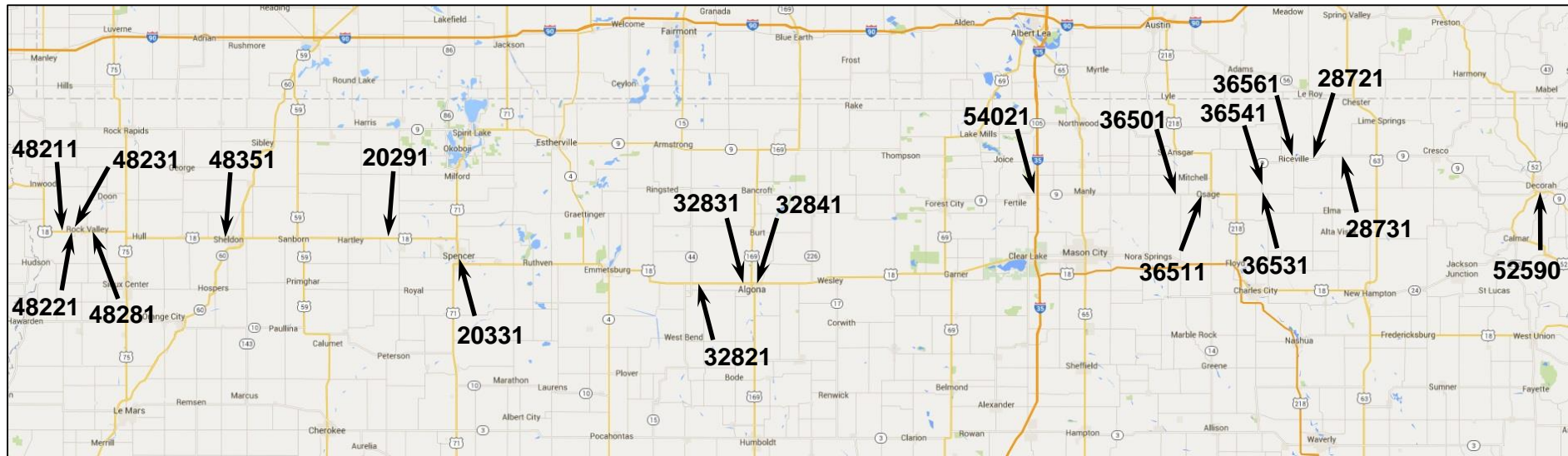
# Processing Chloride Cores for Service Life Analysis

- Mark 0.5-inch horizons along the depth of the core.
- Dry cut through the core at each horizon into concrete discs (slices).
- Pre-crush each slice into ~0.25-inch maximum size pieces.
- Pulverize each pre-crushed slice and pass through #50 sieve.
- Thoroughly clean after each pre-crush and pulverize session.
- Digest each sample in acid to extract chloride from the concrete powder.
- Titrate each sample to determine the chloride content.
- Process titration data to obtain chloride content.
- Perform chloride test at various depths of the core to obtain chloride profile for each core.
- Tabulate chloride data at various depths for analysis and service life calculations.



# US-18 & IA-9 Bridges

230 Miles



**Bridges built between 1969 to 2007**

# Preserving Bridges in 230-mile Highway Corridor

- US 18 and IA 9 - East-West Highways have hundreds of bridges in that corridor
- Need preservation program (doing the right thing at the right time for the right cost) to keep these bridges in good condition
- Preservation program required current condition and expected future condition



# Preserving Bridges in 230-mile Corridor

- Selected 6 bridge decks along US 18 and IA 9 for in-depth evaluation
- Selected 13 bridge decks for minimal sampling
- Goal is to identify preservation options to extend the lives of the decks by 50 years



























# US-18 & IA-9 Bridges

SCS #	Bridge NBI #	Bridge ID	IA 9: Feature Crossed	Year Built	No. of Spans	Deck Area sq. ft.	Bridge Length ft.	Deck Thick. in.	Const. Joint?	Deck GCR	Super GCR	Sub GCR	Top Rebar Type	Bottom Rebar Type	Deck Damage %	Total cores
1	28721	4520.2S009	Drainage Ditch	1976	3	3918	83	13.75	Y	6	6	7	Epoxy	Bare	2.6	4
2	28731	4525.1S009	Crane Creek	1976	3	6278	133	20.25	Y	6	6	7	Epoxy	Bare	5.4	13
3	36501	6693.5S009	Rock Creek	1992	1	3586	83	8	Y	7	8	7	Epoxy	Epoxy	0.0	4
4	36511	6697.3S009	Cedar River	1992	4	15984	370	8	N	7	7	7	Epoxy	Epoxy	0.0	17
5	36531	6607.2S009	Little Cedar River	1979	3	13272	280	8	N	7	7	7	Epoxy	Epoxy	0.2	4
6	36541	6609.3S009	Soap Creek	1978	3	5806	123	18.75	N	7	7	7	Epoxy	Bare	0.4	13
7	36561	6616.8S009	Wapsipinicon River	1979	3	8817	188	8	N	6	7	7	Epoxy	Bare	1.0	4
8	52590	9659.1S009	Division Street	1969	3	10497	163	7	Y	6	7	7	Bare	Bare	0.6	4
9	54021	9871.9S009	Willow Creek	2004	1	4437	94	8	Y	8	8	8	Epoxy	Epoxy	0.0	4
10	20291	2166.2S018	Ocheyedan River Overflow	1987	3	3586	83	15.25	N	7	7	8	Epoxy	Bare	0.1	13
11	20331	2181.0S018	Little Sioux River	2006	4	33553	459	8	Y	7	8	8	Epoxy	Epoxy	0.0	8
12	32821	5521.8S018	Lotts Creek	1993	1	5098	108	8	N	7	8	8	Epoxy	Epoxy	1.1	5
13	32831	5529.9S018	Drainage Ditch	1993	1	5506	93	8	N	7	8	8	Epoxy	Epoxy	0.1	4
14	32841	5530.3S018	E Fork Des Moines River	1984	4	18876	330	8	Y*	7	8	6	Epoxy	Bare	0.0	8
15	48211	8415.1S018	Dry Run Creek	2007	4	7344	170	20	N	7	7	7	Epoxy	Epoxy	0.0	4
16	48221	8416.3S018	Rock River Overflow	1989	3	8813	204	8	Y	7	7	7	Epoxy	Epoxy	0.0	13
17	48231	8416.6S018	Rock River	2002	4	18186	420	8	N	7	8	7	Epoxy	Epoxy	0.0	8
18	48281	8419.8S018	Rogg Creek	1985	3	6653	154	8	N	7	7	7	Epoxy	Bare	0.1	4
19	48351	8441.3S018	Floyd River	1992	3	9865	209	8	N	7	8	7	Epoxy	Epoxy	0.0	4



# SCS Methodology

- More comprehensive testing and analysis on in-depth service-life bridges (SLB)
  - allow accurate future concrete damage projections
  - life-cycle cost (LCC) analyses of repair options
  - select appropriate preservation option based on LCC
- Chloride and damage data for non-SLB compared to SLB in order to select effective preservation options for each deck



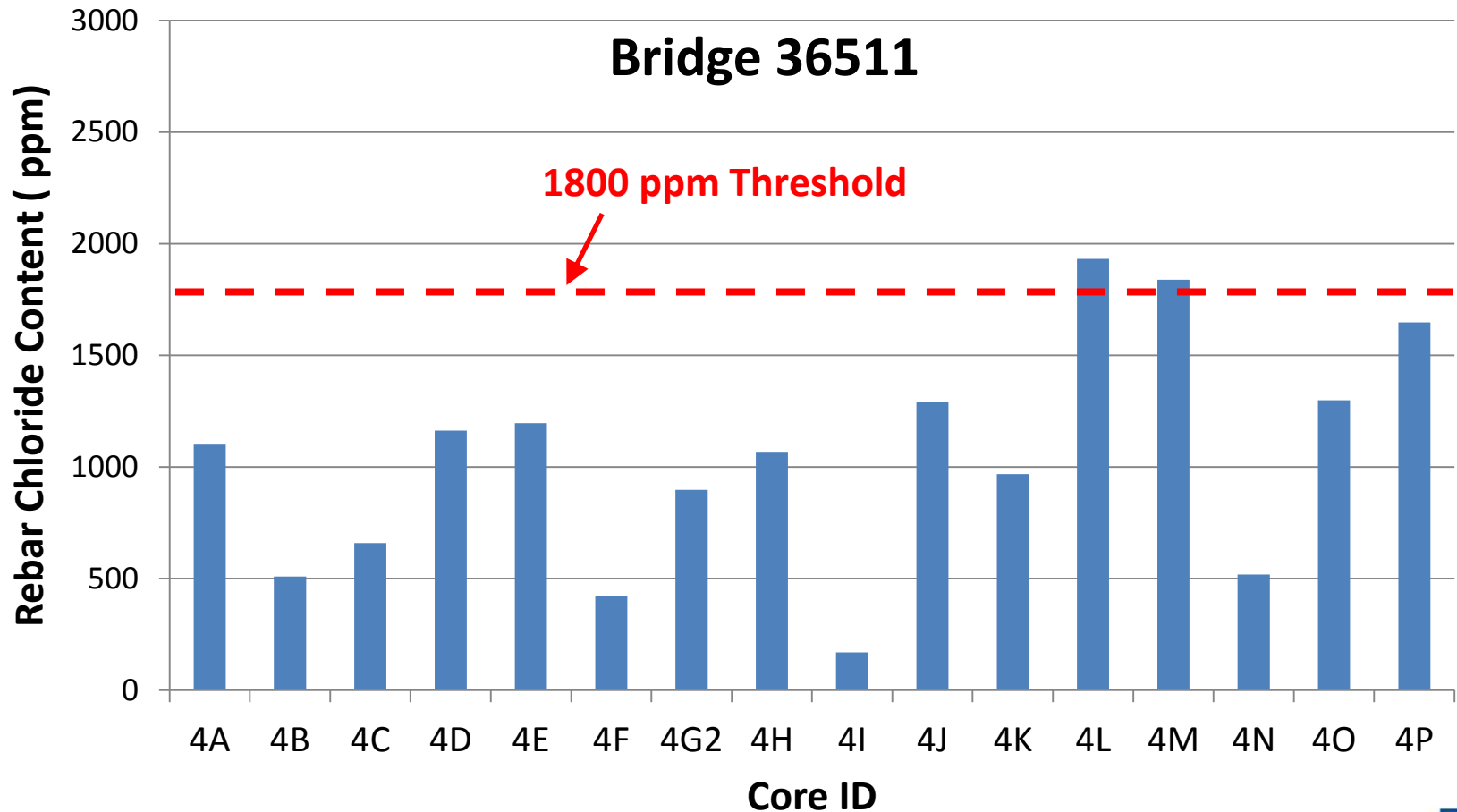


# In-Depth Evaluation of Service Life Bridges

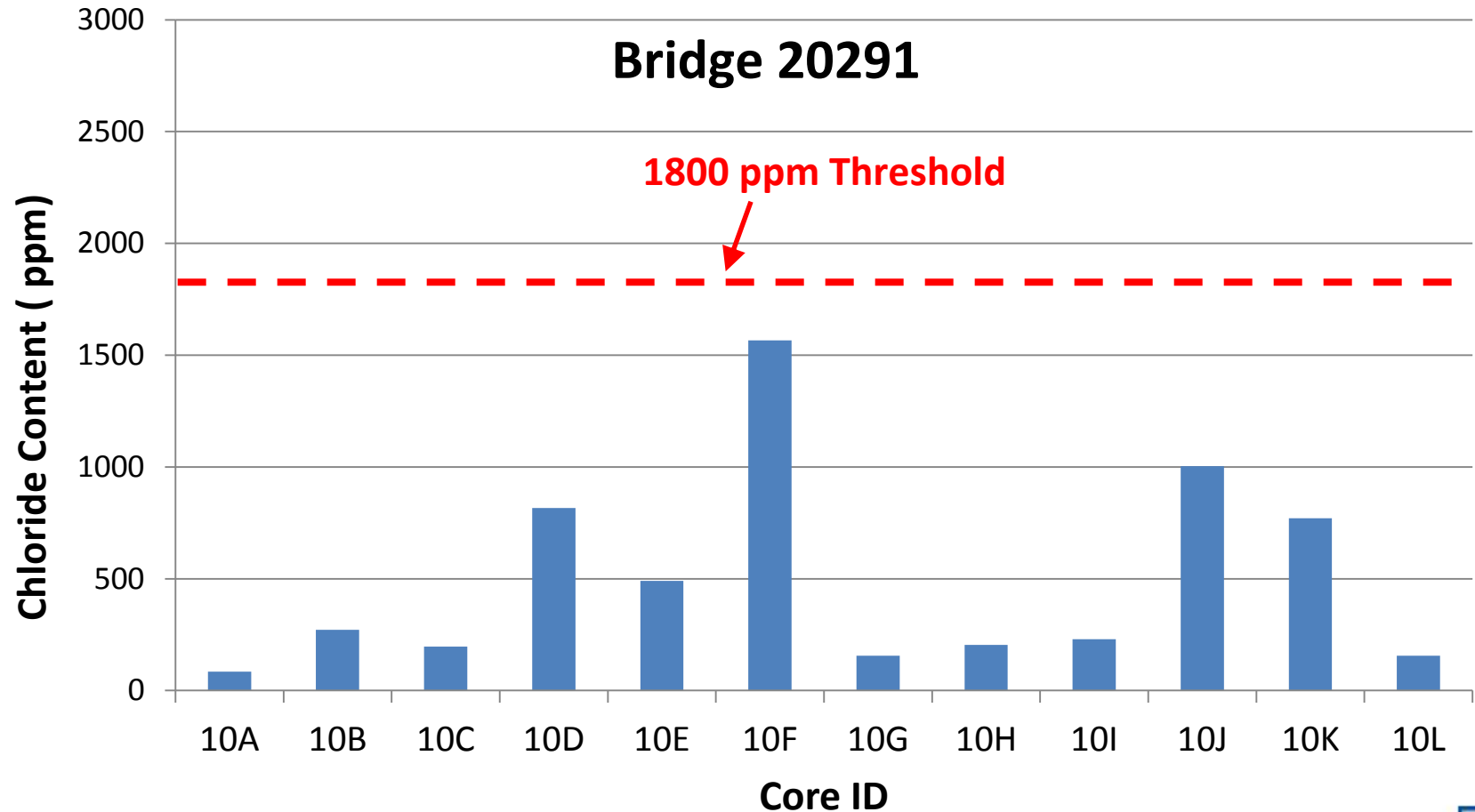
- Delamination survey
- Cover survey
- 4 chloride cores per span; 1 petrographic core
  - Cores located using Ground Penetrating Radar
- Chloride profiling - testing at 8 depths
- Petrographic analysis to determine concrete quality
- Service life model (NCHRP 558)
- Identify effective preservation options
- Compare life cycle costs to select best option



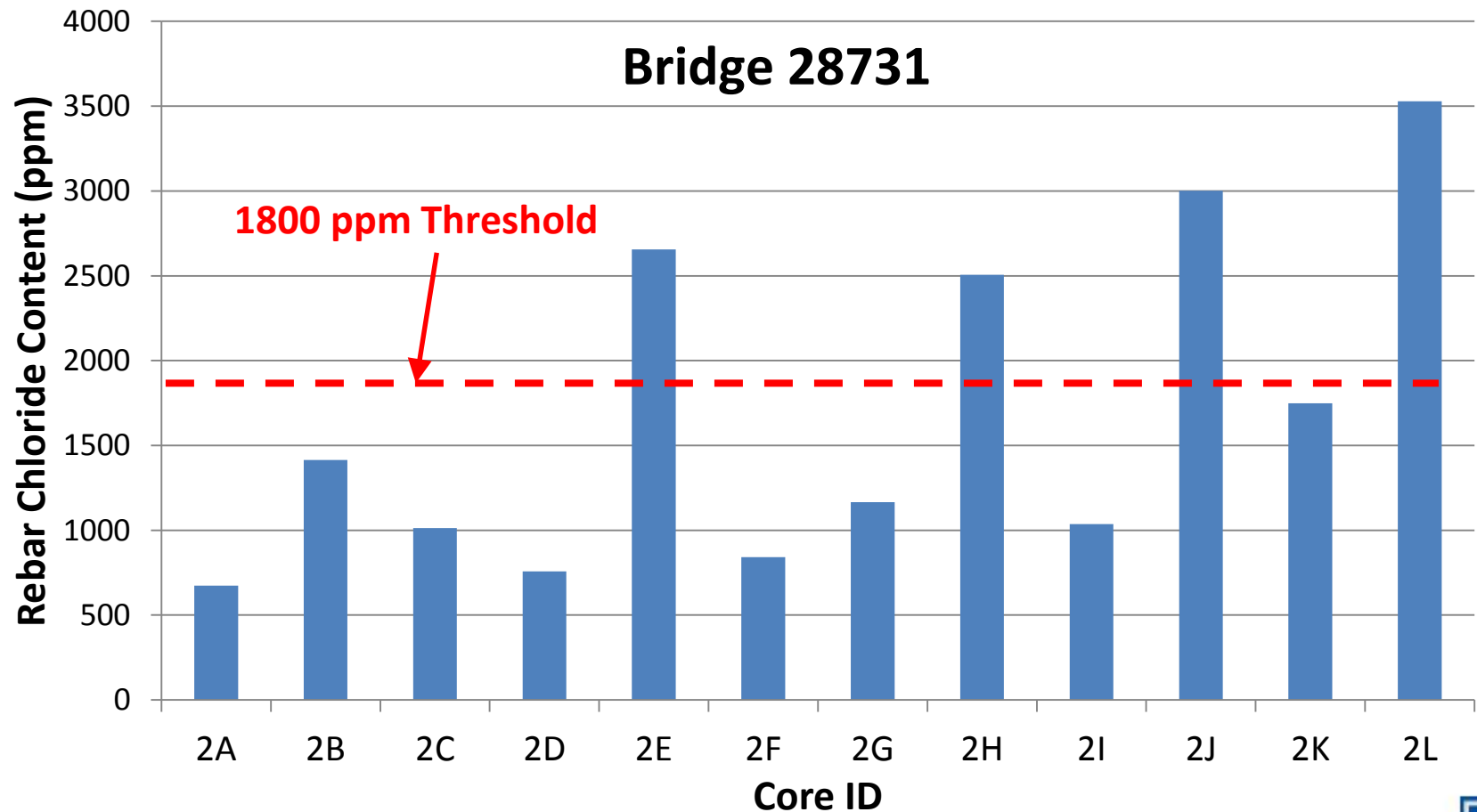
# SLB: Example 1 – Bridge 36511 (Chlorides at Threshold)



# SLB: Example 2 – Bridge 20291 (Chloride below Threshold)



# SLB: Example 3 – Bridge 28731 (Chloride above Threshold)



# SLB Data Summary

Bridge	Facility Crossed	Year Built	Element	% Damage	Avg. Cover (in)	95% Cover (in)	Avg. Diffusion Coeff. (in <sup>2</sup> /yr)	Cl% over 1800 ppm	Cl% over 350 ppm
<b>IA9 Bridges</b>									
28721	Drainage Ditch	1976	Deck	2.6%	2.61	1.80	0.053	25.0%	75.0%
28731	Crane Creek	1976	Deck	5.4%	2.82	2.02	0.056	33.3%	100.0%
36501	Rock Creek	1992	Deck	0.0%	2.73	2.29	0.084	0.0%	75.0%
36511	Cedar River	1992	Deck	0.0%	2.74	2.32	0.061	12.5%	93.8%
36531	Little Cedar River	1979	Deck	0.2%	2.35	1.96	0.021	0.0%	25.0%
36541	Soap Creek	1978	Deck	0.4%	2.84	1.86	0.045	25.0%	91.7%
36561	Wapsipinicon River	1979	Deck	1.0%	2.35	2.05	0.051	25.0%	100.0%
52590	*Division Street	1969	Deck	0.6%	2.22	1.72	0.010	0.0%	0.0%
54021	Willow Creek	2004	Deck	0.0%	2.80	2.39	0.089	0.0%	75.0%
<b>US18 Bridges</b>									
20291	Ocheyedan River Overflow	1987	Deck	0.1%	3.38	2.58	0.052	0.0%	41.7%
20331	Little Sioux River	2006	Deck	0.0%	2.65	2.16	0.123	0.0%	25.0%
32821	Lotts Creek	1993	Deck	1.1%	2.53	1.83	0.080	75.0%	100.0%
32831	Drainage Ditch	1993	Deck	0.1%	2.49	1.89	0.071	25.0%	50.0%
32841	E Fork Des Moines River	1984	Deck	0.0%	3.03	2.56	0.072	12.5%	75.0%
48211	Dry Run Creek	2007	Deck	0.0%	3.36	2.63	0.177	0.0%	0.0%
48221	Rock River Overflow	1989	Deck	0.0%	2.74	2.33	0.017	0.0%	16.7%
48231	Rock River	2002	Deck	0.0%	2.47	1.93	0.058	0.0%	12.5%
48281	Rogg Creek	1985	Deck	0.1%	2.49	1.83	0.066	0.0%	25.0%
48351	Floyd River	1992	Deck	0.0%	2.78	2.32	0.085	0.0%	100.0%

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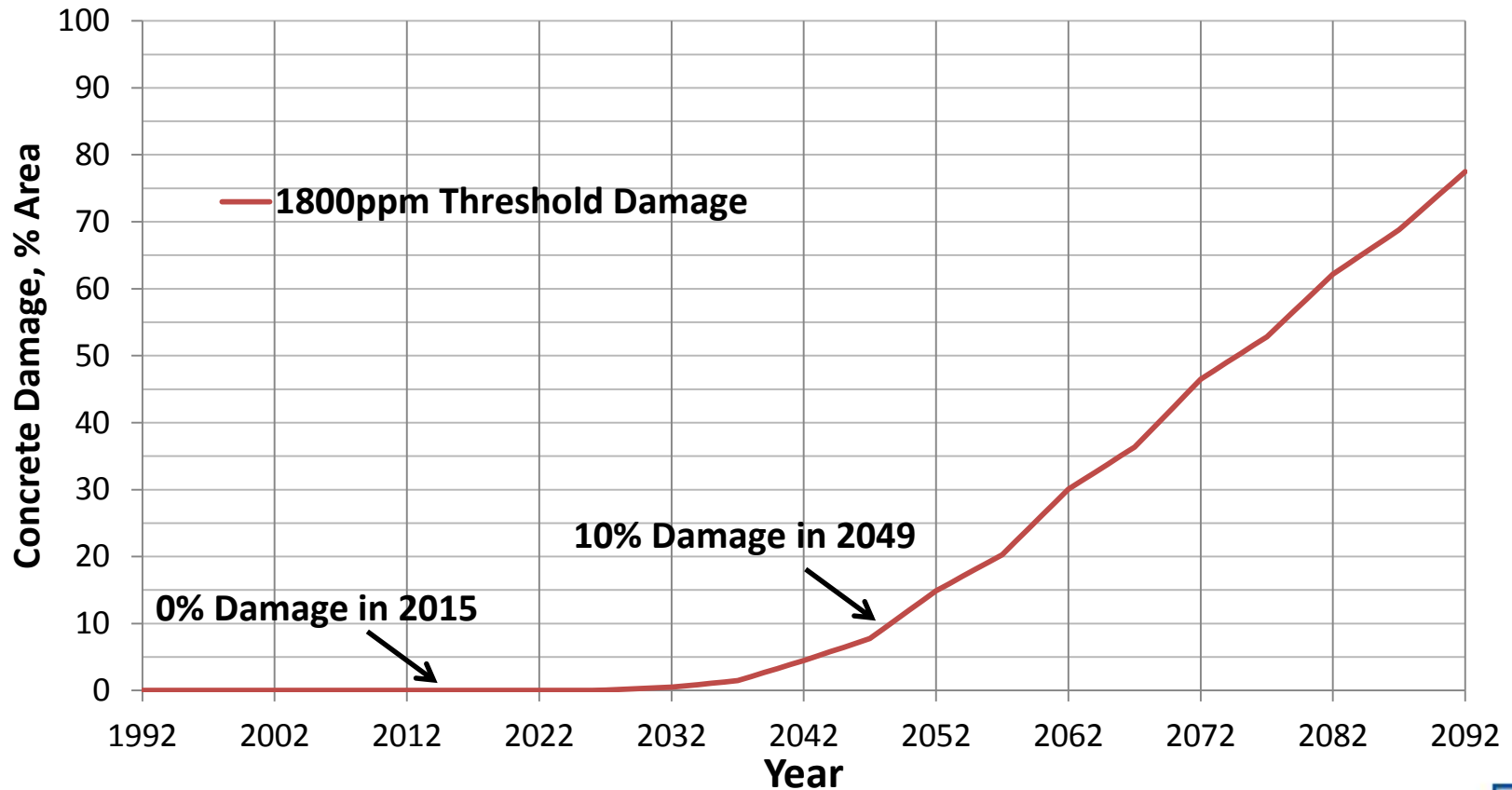
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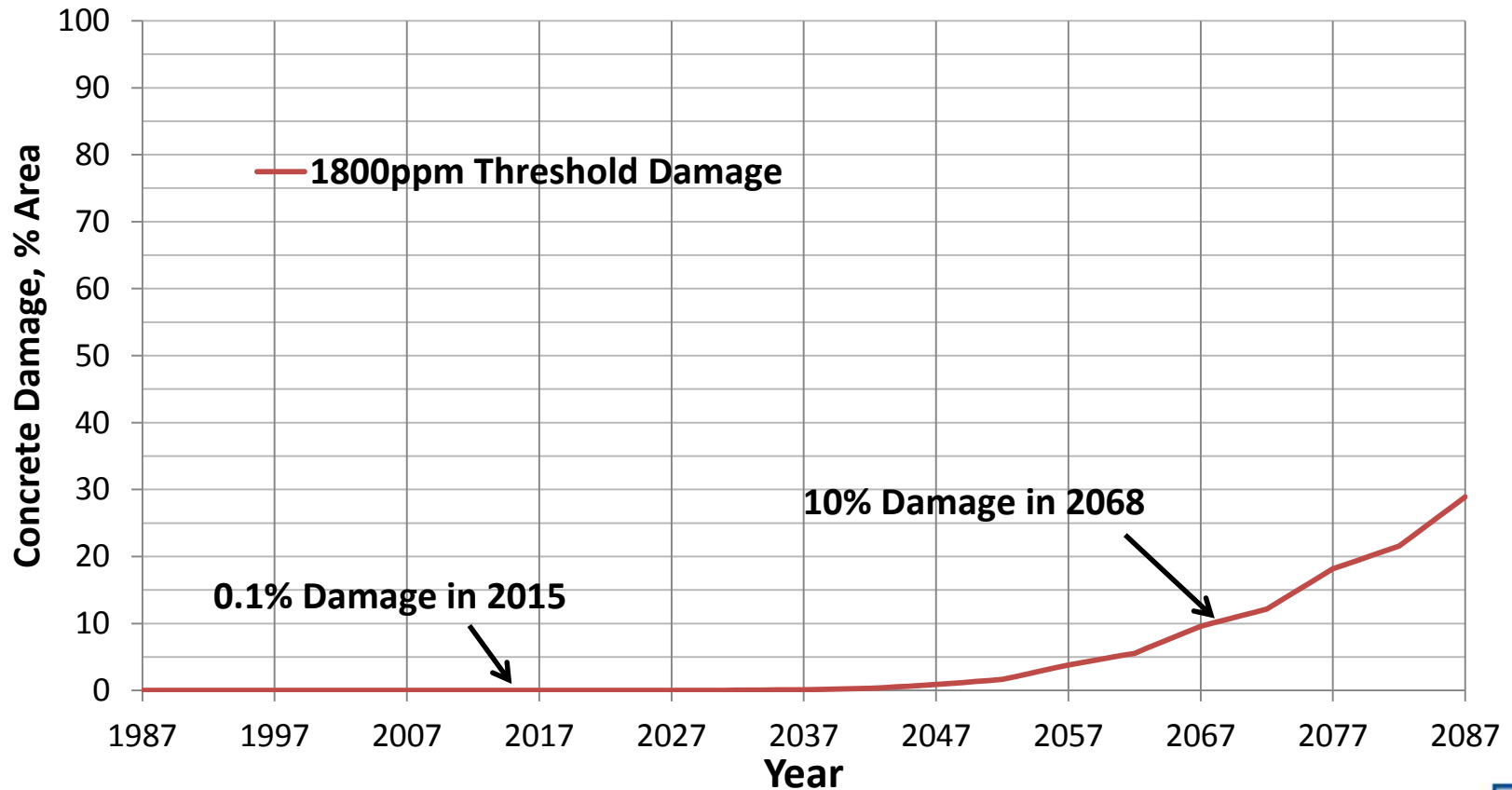
# Service Life Model (Future Damage): Example 1 – Bridge 36511- Cl @ threshold

**Projected Concrete Damage of Deck - 36511**



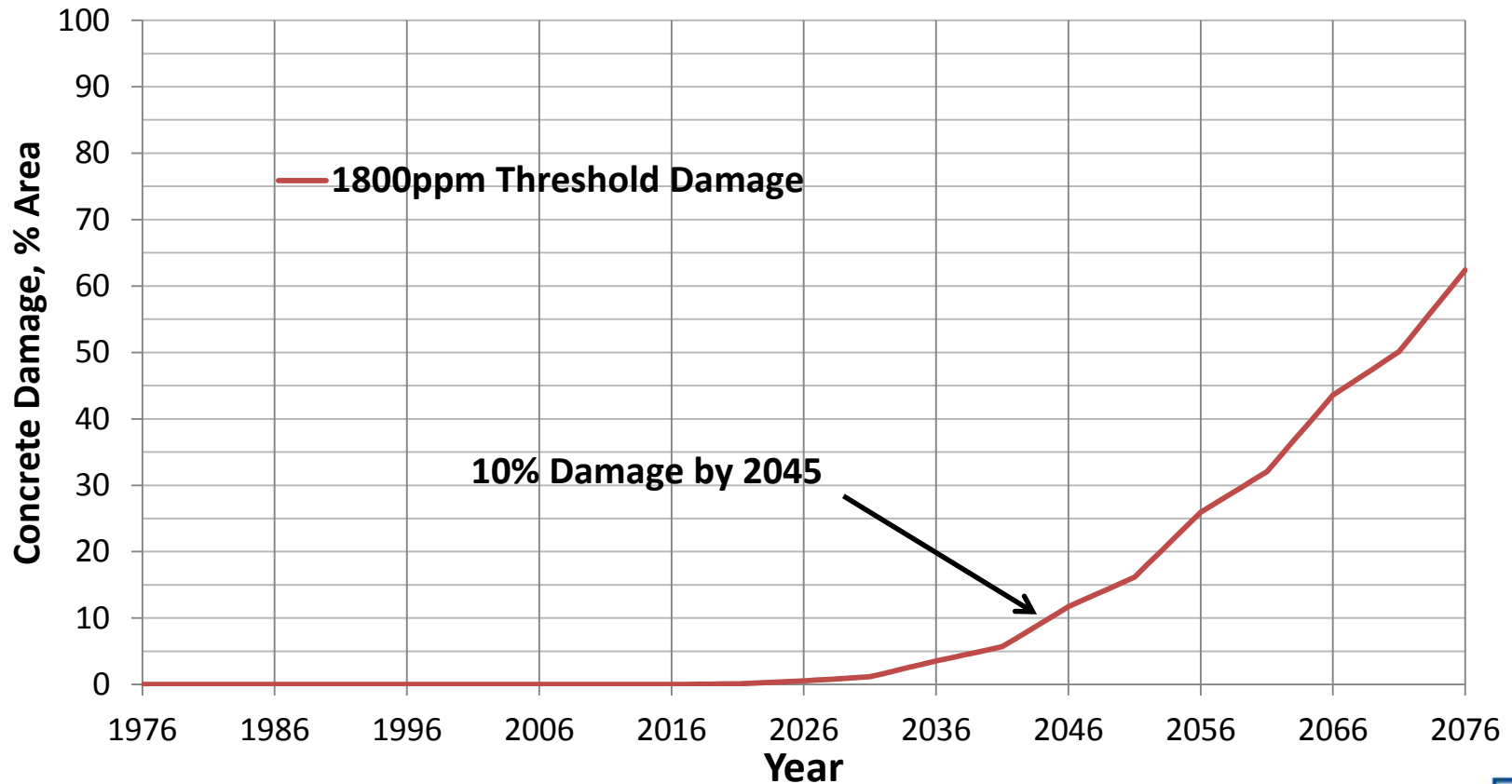
# Service Life Model (Future Damage): Example 2 – Bridge 20291-CI below Threshold

**Projected Concrete Damage of Deck - 20291**



# Service Life Model (Future Damage): Example 3 – Bridge 28731-CI above Threshold

**Projected Concrete Damage of Deck - 28731**





# SLB Life Cycle Cost Comparison

## Bridge 36511: Example 1 – Chlorides at Threshold

<b>Deck Repair Options</b>		<b>Repair Life, years</b>	<b>Initial Cost</b>	<b>Life Repair, Present Value</b>	<b>Life Repair MOT, Present Value</b>	<b>Life Cycle Cost of Repair Options</b>
<b>1</b>	Patch Repairs Only	5	\$ -	\$ 103,600	\$ 66,054	\$ 169,654
<b>2</b>	Thin Epoxy Overlay	15	\$ 122,440	\$ 326,651	\$ 26,524	\$ 353,175
<b>3</b>	LSHD Overlay	20	\$ -	\$ 175,845	\$ 21,785	\$ 197,630

## Bridge 20291: Example 2 – Chlorides below Threshold

<b>Deck Repair Options</b>		<b>Repair Life, years</b>	<b>Initial Cost</b>	<b>Life Repair, Present Value</b>	<b>Life Repair MOT, Present Value</b>	<b>Life Cycle Cost of Repair Options</b>
<b>1</b>	Patch Repairs Only	5	\$ 1,870	\$ 5,159	\$ 24,444	\$ 29,603
<b>2</b>	Thin Epoxy Overlay	15	\$ 33,019	\$ 58,111	\$ 15,674	\$ 73,785
<b>3</b>	LSHD Overlay	20	\$ 1,870	\$ 14,811	\$ 16,820	\$ 31,631

## Bridge 28731: Example 3 – Chlorides above Threshold

<b>Deck Repair Options</b>		<b>Repair Life, years</b>	<b>Initial Cost</b>	<b>Life Repair, Present Value</b>	<b>Life Repair MOT, Present Value</b>	<b>Life Cycle Cost of Repair Options</b>
<b>1</b>	LSHD Overlay	20	\$ 83,360	\$ 144,001	\$ 35,897	\$ 179,898
<b>2</b>	Overlay + GCP	20	\$ 294,034	\$ 500,570	\$ 25,280	\$ 525,850
<b>3</b>	Overlay + ICCP	50	\$ 185,252	\$ 308,063	\$ 24,500	\$ 332,563

# SLB Recommendations

Bridge	Facility Crossed	Year Built	% Damage	Cl% over 1800 ppm	Recommendation Cost				
IA9 Bridges					Patch Only	Thin Overlay	LSHD	GCP	ICCP
28721	Drainage Ditch	1976	2.6%	25.0%					
28731	Crane Creek	1976	5.4%	33.3%	-	-	\$179,898	\$525,850	\$332,563
36501	Rock Creek	1992	0.0%	0.0%					
36511	Cedar River	1992	0.0%	12.5%	\$169,654	\$353,175	\$197,630	-	-
36531	Little Cedar River	1979	0.2%	0.0%					
36541	Soap Creek	1978	0.4%	25.0%	\$123,179	\$141,595	\$127,355	-	-
36561	Wapsipicon River	1979	1.0%	25.0%					
52590	*Division Street	1969	0.6%	0.0%					
54021	Willow Creek	2004	0.0%	0.0%					
US18 Bridges									
20291	Ocheyedan River Overflow	1987	0.1%	0.0%	\$29,603	\$73,785	\$31,631	-	-
20331	Little Sioux River	2006	0.0%	0.0%					
32821	Lotts Creek	1993	1.1%	75.0%	-	-	\$155,741	\$425,228	\$295,813
32831	Drainage Ditch	1993	0.1%	25.0%					
32841	E Fork Des Moines River	1984	0.0%	12.5%					
48211	Dry Run Creek	2007	0.0%	0.0%					
48221	Rock River Overflow	1989	0.0%	0.0%	\$5,058	\$158,314	\$39,700	-	-
48231	Rock River	2002	0.0%	0.0%					
48281	Rogg Creek	1985	0.1%	0.0%					
48351	Floyd River	1992	0.0%	0.0%					

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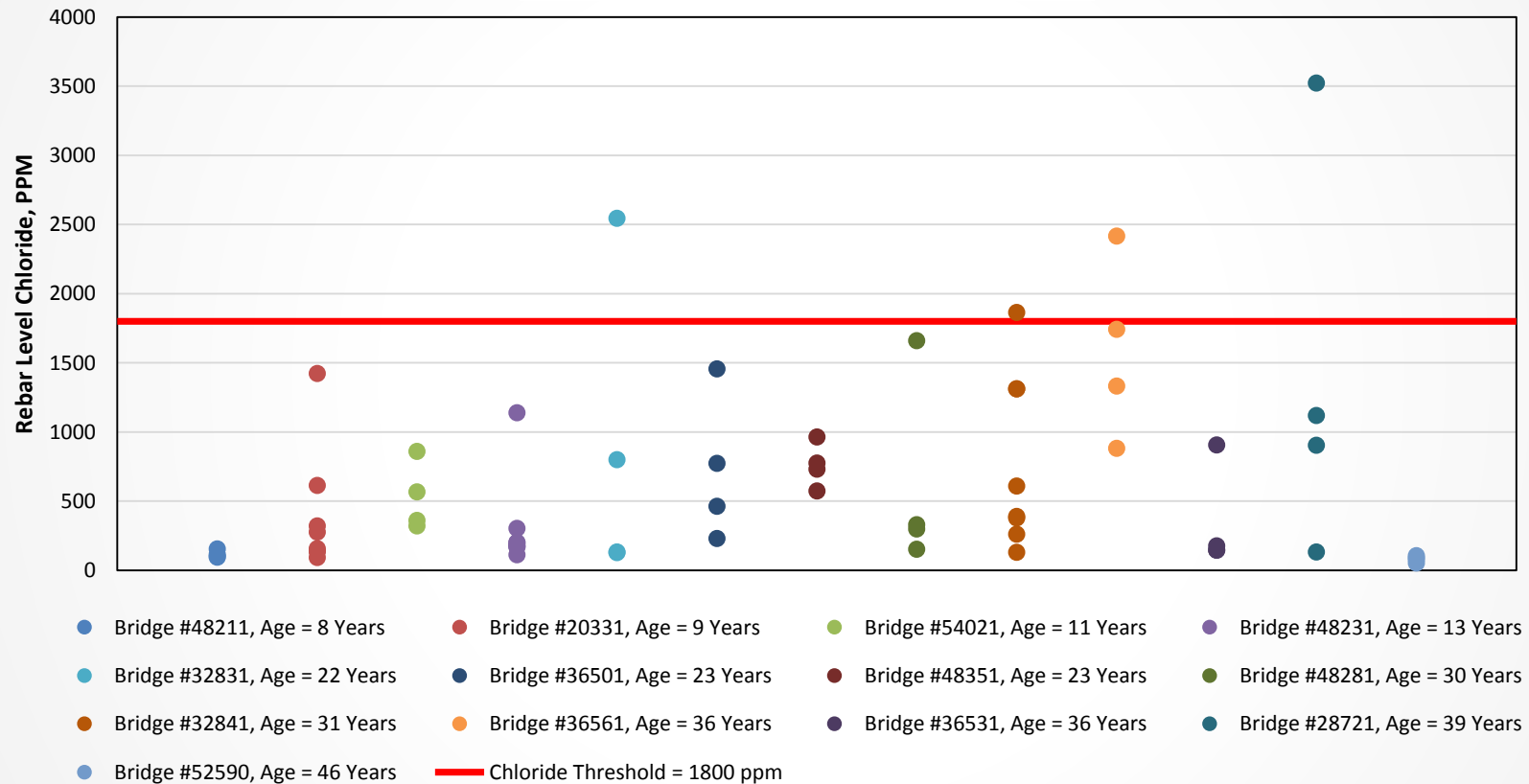
# Non-Service Life Scope of Work

- Delamination survey
- Limited cover survey
- 4 to 8 chloride cores total
  - Cores located using Ground Penetrating Radar
- Chloride testing along 4 depths
- Identify effective preservation options
- Compare to preservation options identified for service-life bridges

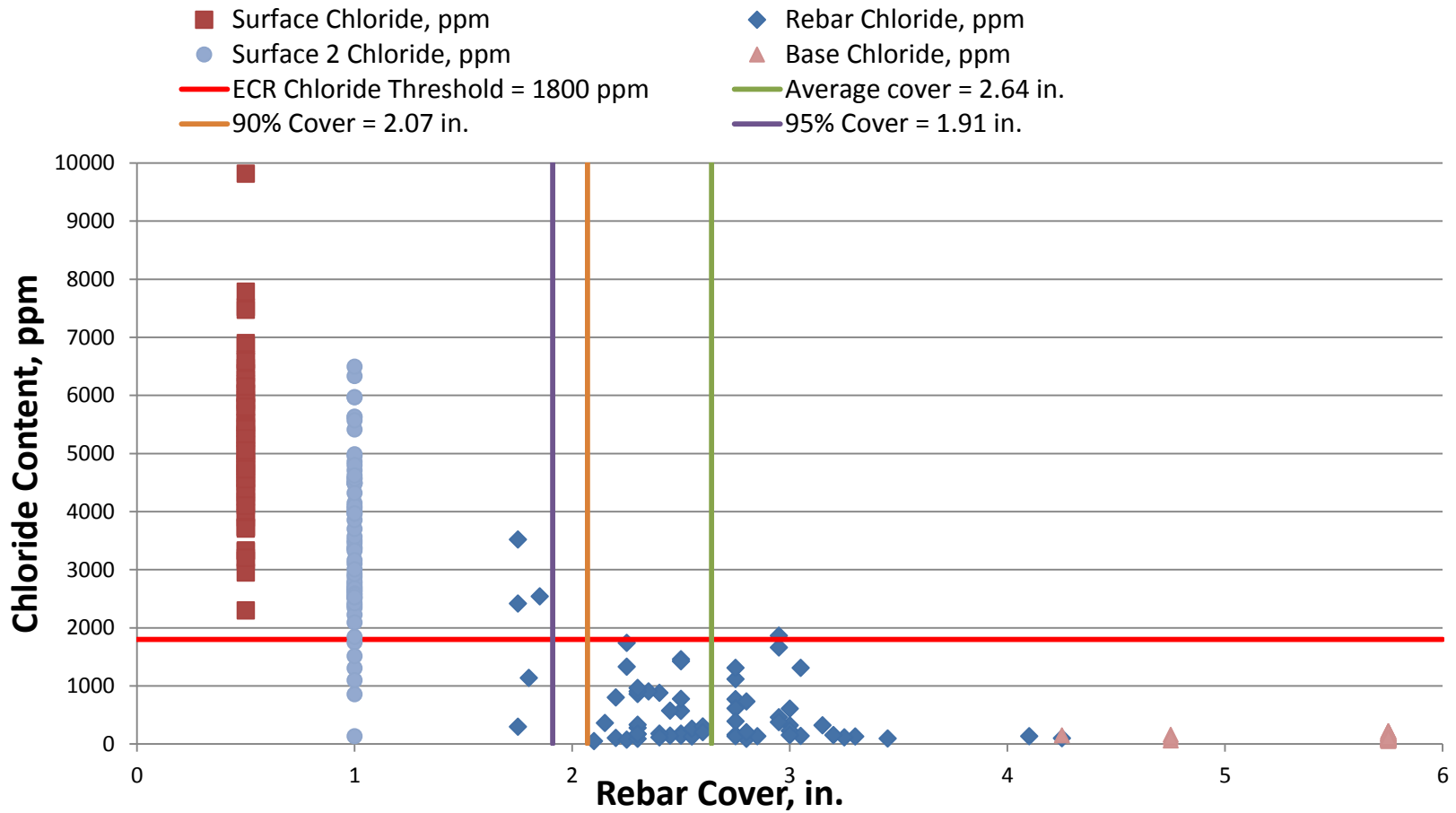


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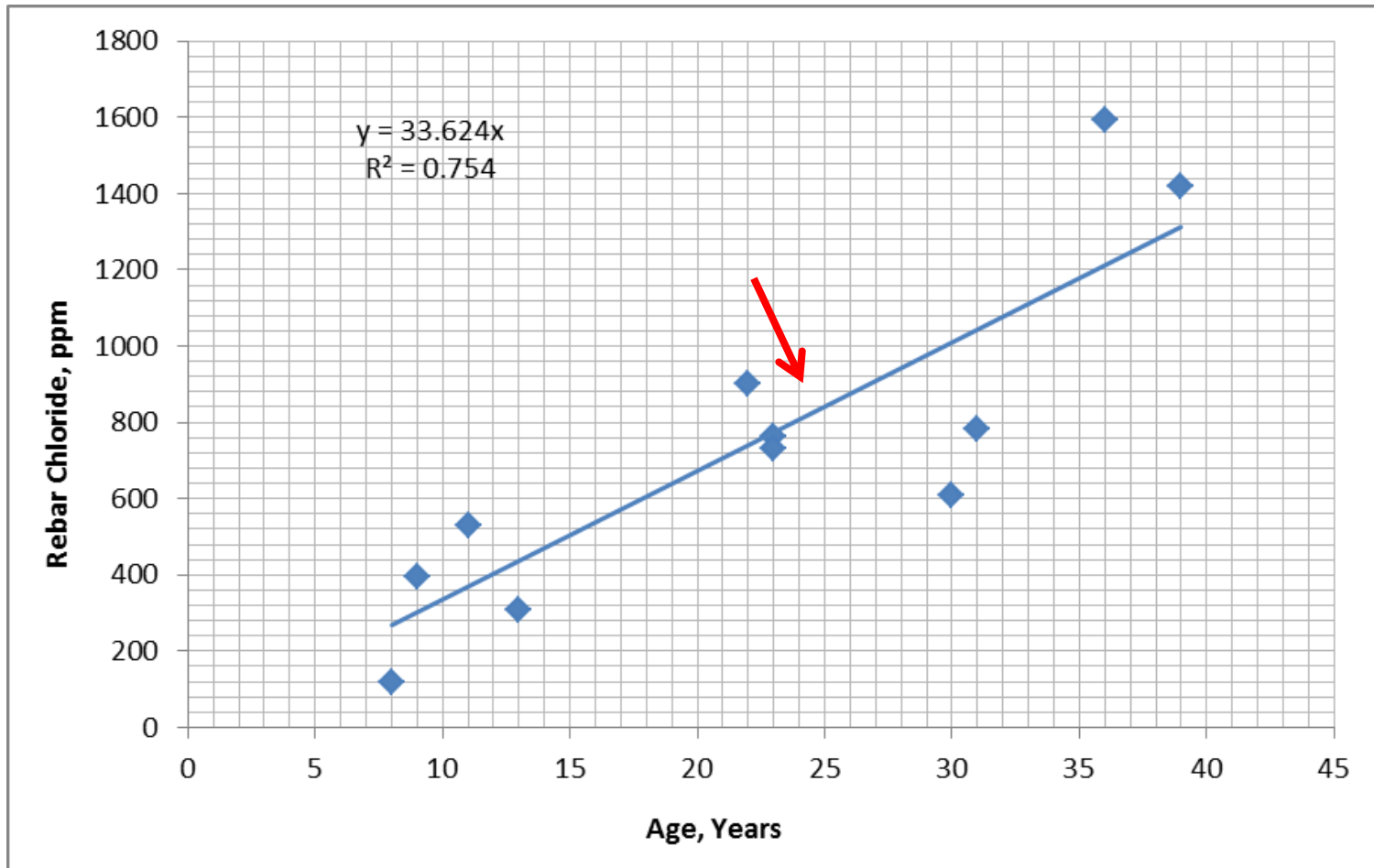
All Non-Service Life Bridges



# Non-SLB Chloride Analysis



# Non-SLB Chloride Analysis



# Time for Chloride Sampling

- 1800 ppm chloride threshold for epoxy-coated rebar decks
- Using 50% of chloride threshold, time to 900 ppm =  $900/33.624 \approx 25$  years
- SCS suggest collecting cores and testing for chloride profile at 25 years of age



# Non-SLB Recommendations

Bridge	Facility Crossed	Year Built	Element	% Damage	Avg. Cover (in)	95% Cover (in)	Removal Depth (in)	Patch+LSHD Initial Cost
<b>IA9 Bridges</b>								
28721	Drainage Ditch	1976	Deck	2.6%	2.61	1.80	1.75	\$52,680
28731	Crane Creek	1976	Deck	5.4%	2.82	2.02	-	-
36501	Rock Creek	1992	Deck	0.0%	2.73	2.29	2.00	\$46,360
36511	Cedar River	1992	Deck	0.0%	2.74	2.32	-	-
36531	Little Cedar River	1979	Deck	0.2%	2.35	1.96	1.75	\$144,090
36541	Soap Creek	1978	Deck	0.4%	2.84	1.86	-	-
36561	Wapsipinicon River	1979	Deck	1.0%	2.35	2.05	2.00	\$101,340
52590	*Division Street	1969	Deck	0.6%	2.22	1.72	1.75	\$117,360
54021	Willow Creek	2004	Deck	0.0%	2.80	2.39	2.00	\$54,870
<b>US18 Bridges</b>								
20291	Ocheyedan River Overflow	1987	Deck	0.1%	3.38	2.58	-	-
20331	Little Sioux River	2006	Deck	0.0%	2.65	2.16	2.00	\$346,090
32821	Lotts Creek	1993	Deck	1.1%	2.53	1.83	-	-
32831	Drainage Ditch	1993	Deck	0.1%	2.49	1.89	1.75	\$65,680
32841	E Fork Des Moines River	1984	Deck	0.0%	3.03	2.56	2.25	\$199,350
48211	Dry Run Creek	2007	Deck	0.0%	3.36	2.63	2.00	\$83,940
48221	Rock River Overflow	1989	Deck	0.0%	2.74	2.33	-	-
48231	Rock River	2002	Deck	0.0%	2.47	1.93	1.75	\$192,360
48281	Rogg Creek	1985	Deck	0.1%	2.49	1.83	1.75	\$77,180
48351	Floyd River	1992	Deck	0.0%	2.78	2.32	2.00	\$109,150

\*Black Bar Deck





# Recommendations

- Specific recommendation for each SLB
- For non-SLB, sample concrete for chloride profiling at 25 years
- Decide on preservation action based on chloride depth and concrete cover



# Benefits to the Owners

- SCS was able to cost-effectively evaluate a small number of bridge decks in the 230-mile corridor and develop data-driven preservation solutions
- This inspection methodology may be applied to other ECR bridge decks in Iowa and other states and cost effectively develop bridge preservation schedule



# Case Study 1

## I-581 over Williamson Road, Roanoke, VA

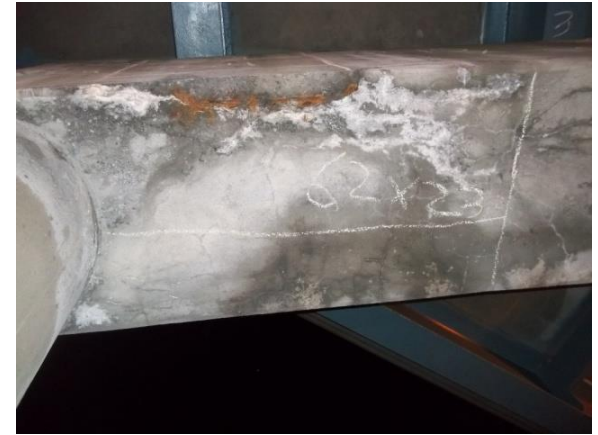


# Bridge Information

- Built: 1968
- Regular reinforced concrete
- 5 Spans, 4 piers, 2 abutments
- Previous condition rating: 5 (fair) in the 2014 NBI inspection



# Visual Conditions





# SCS Approaches

- Visual survey
- Delamination survey
- Concrete cover
- Chloride profile analysis
- Carbonation
- Petrographic analysis
- Service life modeling

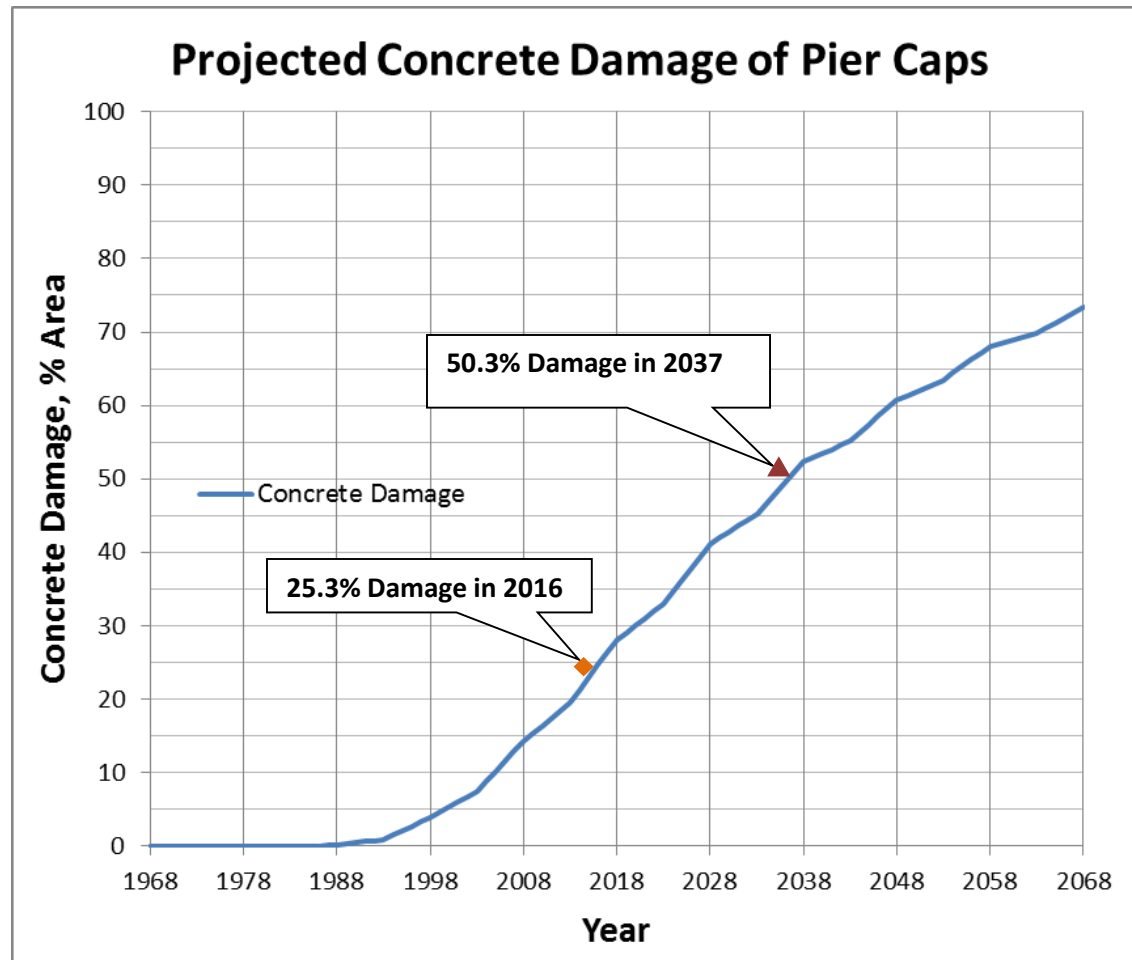


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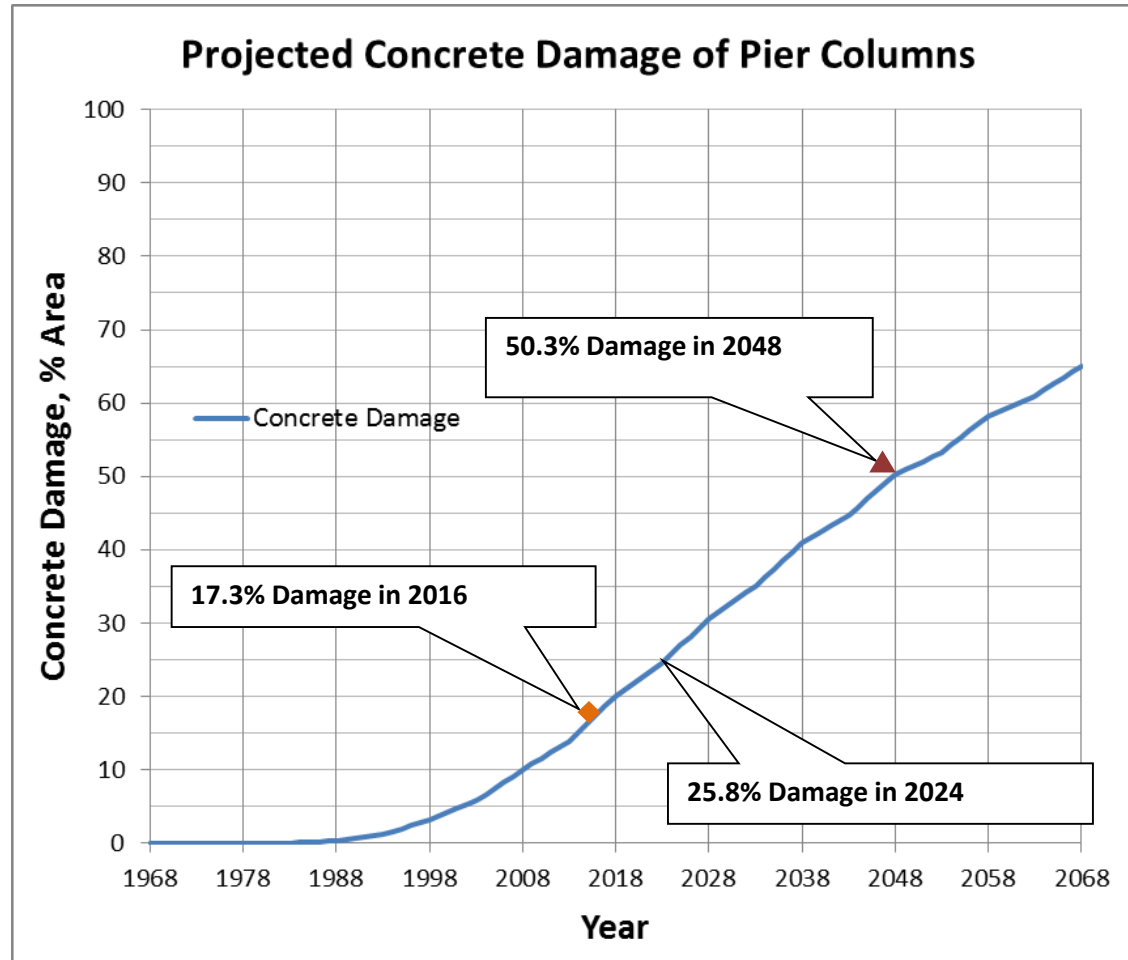
Element	% Damage	Avg. Cover (in)	95% Cover (in)	Cl% over 1000 ppm	Cl% over 500 ppm	Avg. Diffusion Coeff. (in <sup>2</sup> /yr)	Carbonation Depth (in)	Petro. Analysis
Pier Caps	25.3	2.06	1.01	60%	60%	0.070	0.50	Generally good quality concrete
Pier Columns	17.3	2.50	1.48	17%	17%	0.018	1.15	
Abutments	4.2	2.67	1.15	25%	25%	0.039	0.64	



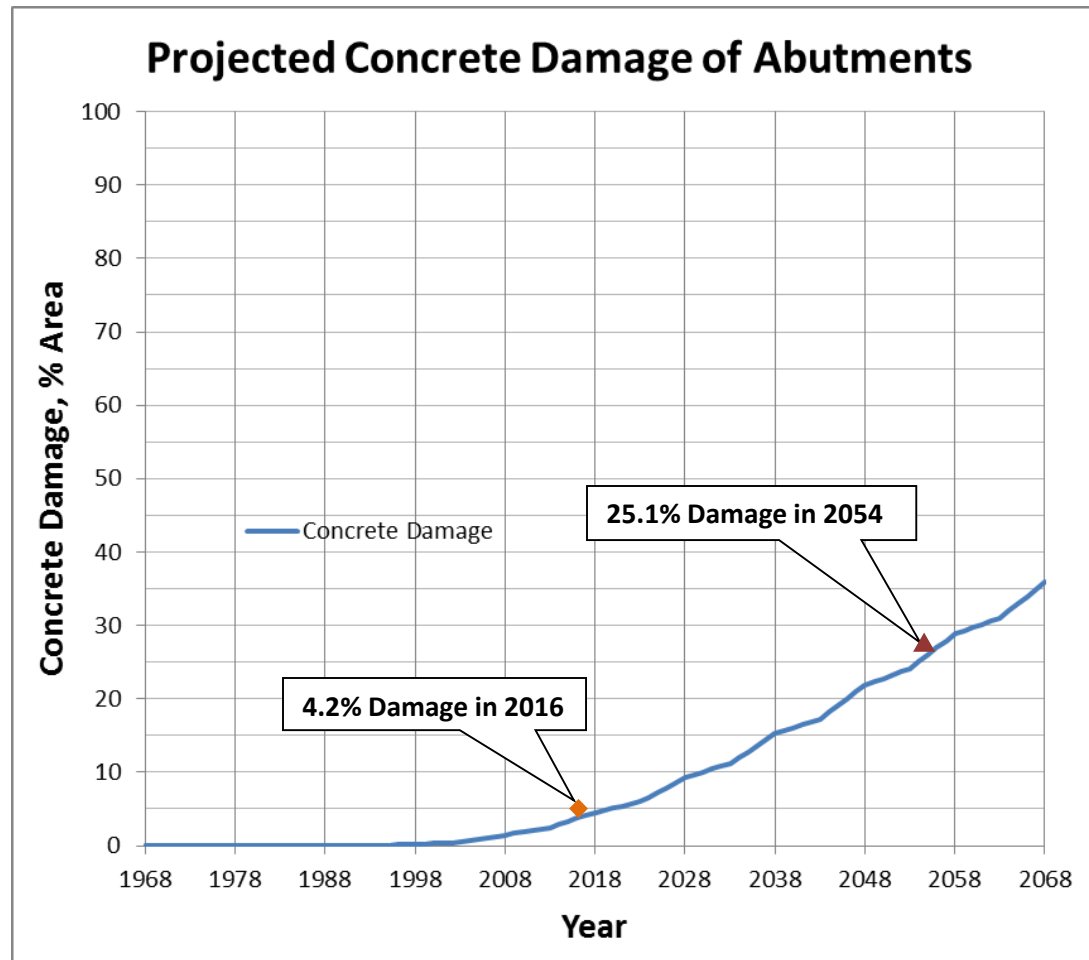
# Service Life Processing – Pier Caps



# Service Life Processing – Pier Columns



# Service Life Processing - Abutments





# Conclusions and Viable Options - Piers

- Viable repair options:
  - A. Patch repairs + Impressed Current Cathodic Protection (ICCP)
  - B. Patch repairs + Electrochemical Chloride Extraction (ECE) + a breathable sealer, or
  - C. Patch repairs + sprayed Galvanic Cathodic Protection (GCP) system



# Conclusions and Viable Options - Abuts

- The viable repair options:
  - A. Patch repairs + discrete GCP anodes + seal
  - B. Patch repairs + thermal sprayed GCP, or
  - C. Patch repairs + ECE + a breathable sealer



# Life Cycle Cost Estimate

Bridge Element	Description	Initial Cost	Additional Repair Cost (50 years)	Additional MOT Cost (50 years)	Total
Pier Caps	Patch + ECE	\$784,849	\$147,311	\$0	\$932,160
Pier Columns	Patch + ECE + Seal	\$231,000	\$85,633	\$18,206	\$334,839
	Patch + ICCP	\$229,032	\$147,311	\$0	\$376,343
Abutments	Patch + Anodes + Seal	\$12,589	\$49,250	\$0	\$61,840
Subtotals		\$1,028,438	\$282,194	\$18,206	\$1, 328,839



# SCS Recommendations

- Pier Caps – Patch + ECE + Seal
- Pier columns – Patch + ECE + Seal
- Abutments – Patch + Discrete Anode + Seal



# ECE ON 11 BRIDGES IN RICHMOND, VA





# ECE on Pier – 11 Bridges





# ECE on Pier – 11 Bridges

