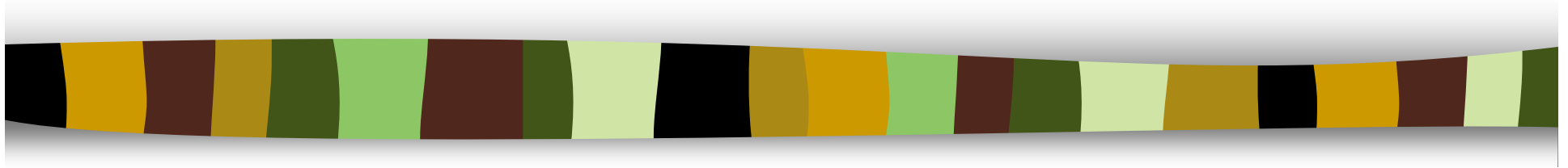


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***Investigation of Low and High
Temperature Properties
of Plant-Produced RAP Mixtures***



Outline

- Review of Phase I
- Review of Work Plan
- Summary of Results
- Status



Phase 1

- *Low-Temperature Performance Properties of Hot Mix Asphalt Containing RAP*
 - Evaluated plant-produced mixes with up to 40% RAP and two virgin binder grades
 - Originally proposed to focus on effects of RAP on low temperature properties
 - Not strictly confined to low temps though



What We Did

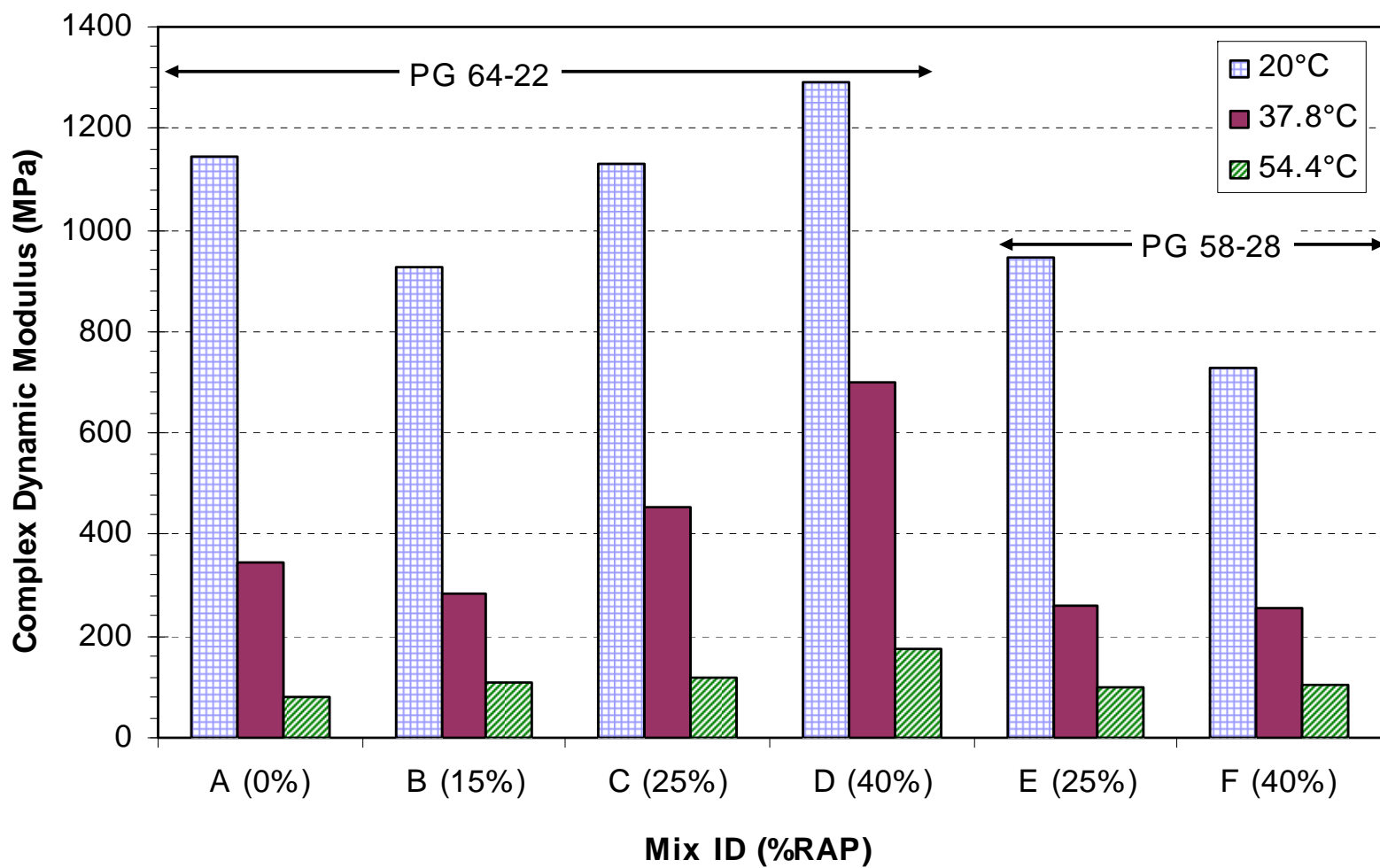
- One contractor produced six mixes through one plant over two days.
- Heritage and NCSC tested RAP, virgin and mixture properties
 - Binder properties – PG binder tests
 - Mix properties – Indirect Tensile Strength, Dynamic Modulus, Shear Modulus



Experimental Design

	Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement			
Binder Grade	0%	15%	25%	40%
PG 58-28			X	X
PG 64-22	X	X	X	X

Phase 1 Data



Critical Cracking Temperatures

Mix	RAP Content	T _c (°C)
A – PG64-22	0	-28.9
B – PG64-22	15	-23.3
C – PG64-22	25	-25.6
D – PG64-22	40	-22.8
E – PG58-28	25	-27.2
F – PG58-28	40	-23.9

The table displays the critical cracking temperature (T_c) for six different mixes. The mixes are categorized by their RAP content and PG grade. The T_c values are as follows:

- Mix A – PG64-22 (0% RAP): -28.9°C
- Mix B – PG64-22 (15% RAP): -23.3°C
- Mix C – PG64-22 (25% RAP): -25.6°C
- Mix D – PG64-22 (40% RAP): -22.8°C
- Mix E – PG58-28 (25% RAP): -27.2°C
- Mix F – PG58-28 (40% RAP): -23.9°C

Colored arrows indicate relationships between the T_c values:

- A green arrow points from -28.9°C (Mix A) to -25.6°C (Mix C).
- A red arrow points from -25.6°C (Mix C) to -27.2°C (Mix E).
- A blue arrow points from -22.8°C (Mix D) to -23.9°C (Mix F).



2006 Results

- For these materials and this plant, the RAP mixes were not as stiff as expected.
- The binder did not stiffen linearly with increasing RAP content.
- In this case, dropping the virgin grade to PG58-28 for 25% RAP was not necessary.



Tests (being) Conducted

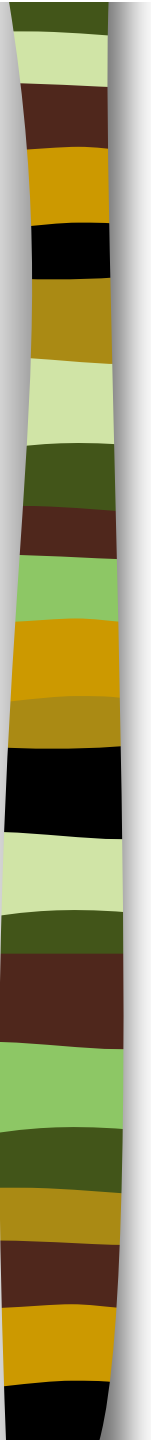
- ▶ Dynamic Modulus $|E^*|$
 - ▶ High and intermediate modulus, blending
- ▶ Indirect Tension
 - ▶ Low temperature
- ▶ Binder extraction/recovery and PG grade
 - ▶ Blending analysis
- ▶ Fatigue Testing – at FHWA TFHRC
 - Samples delivered November 19, 2008



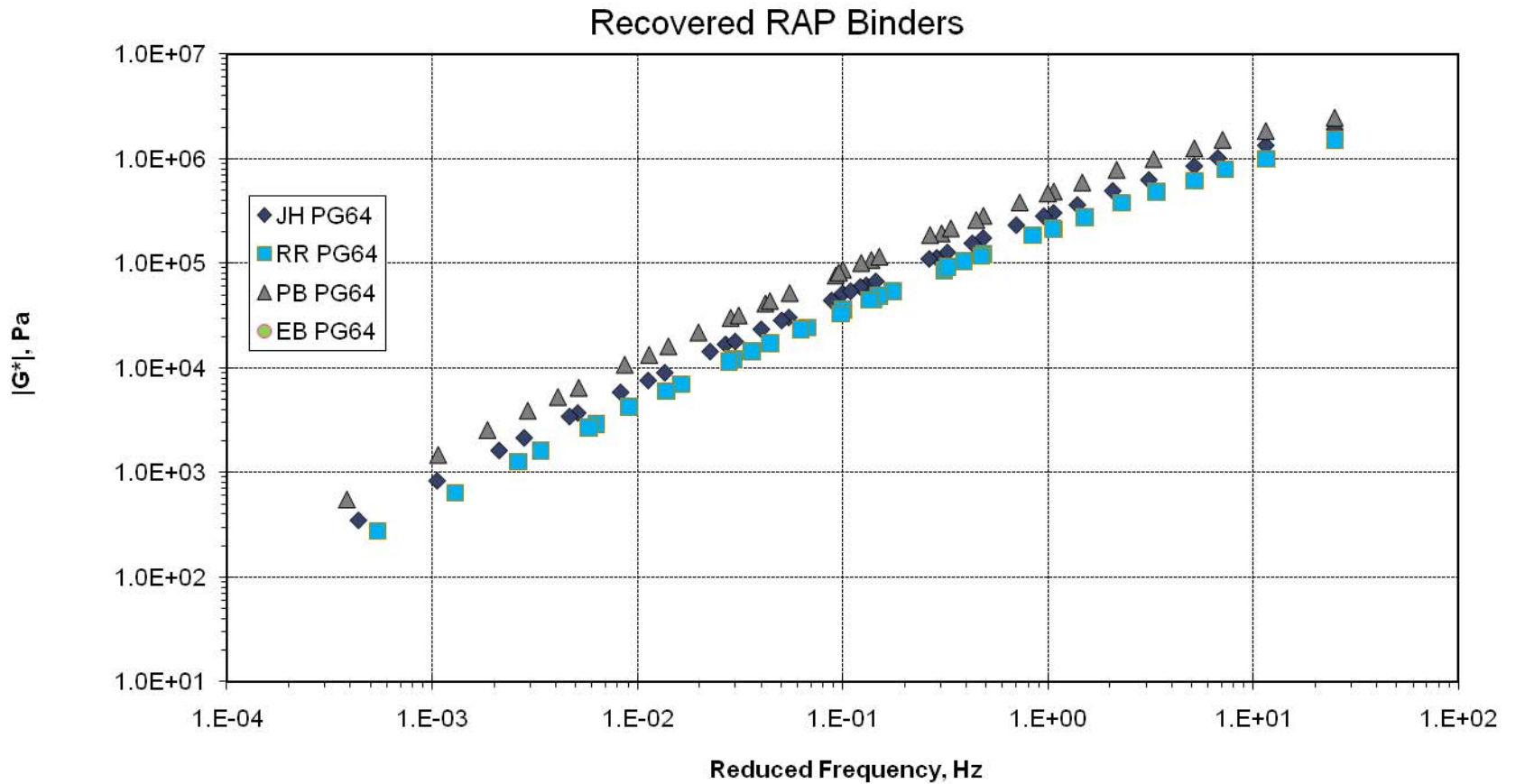
Phase 2 Study

- High temperature properties added to title
- Four more contractors in two states (MI and IN – North, Central and South)
- Same experimental design

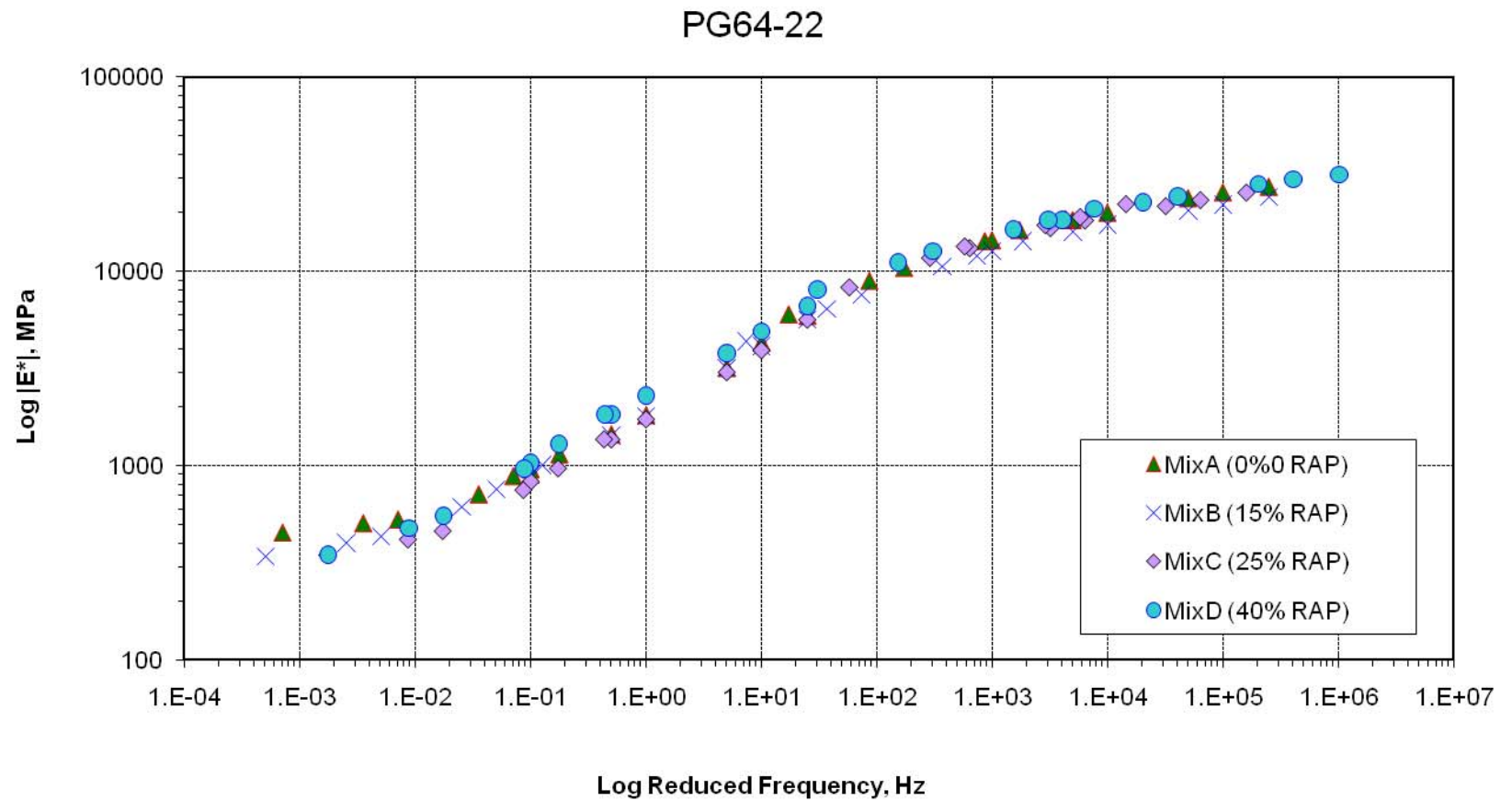
Phase 2 Results



Recovered RAP Binder Comparison

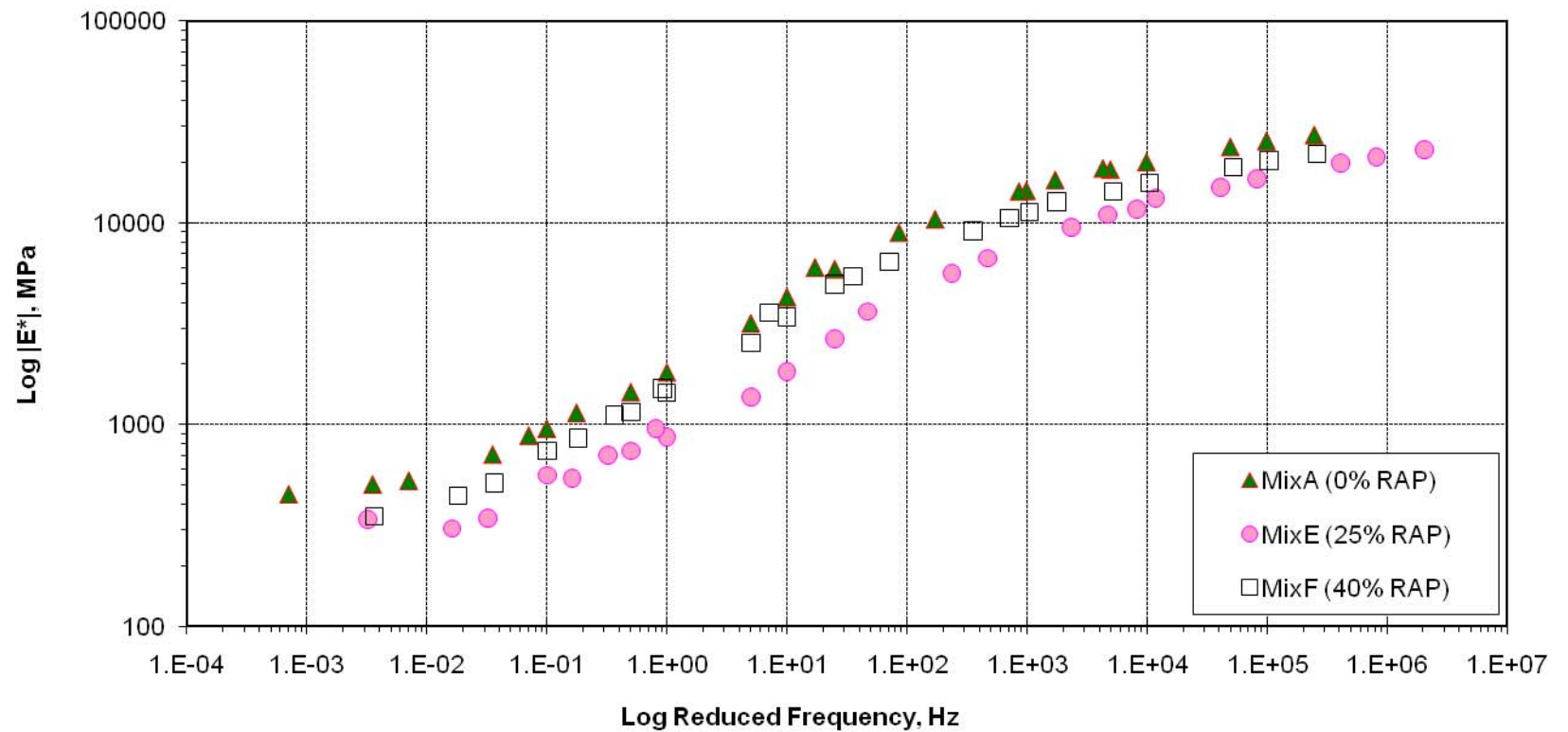


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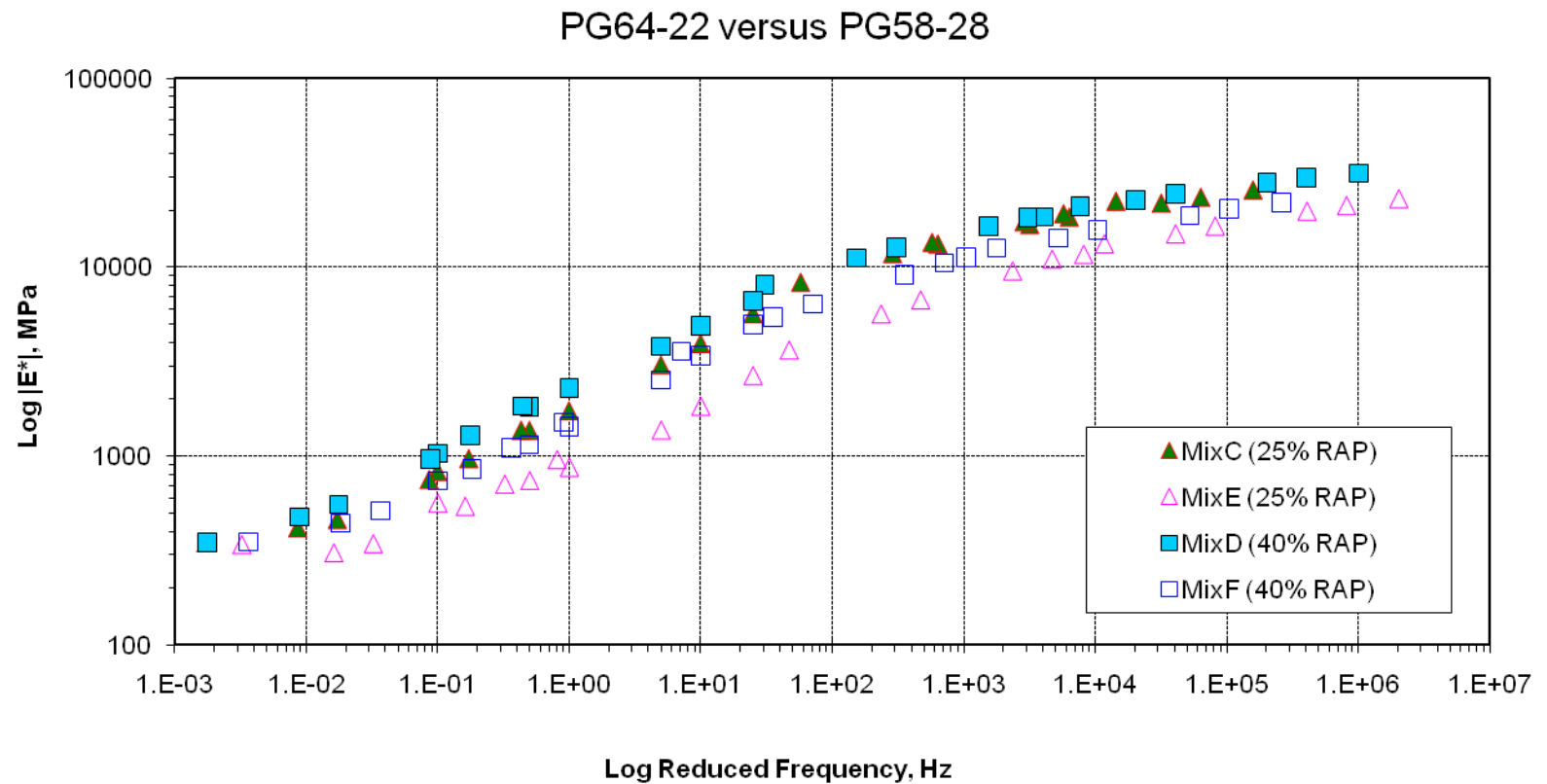


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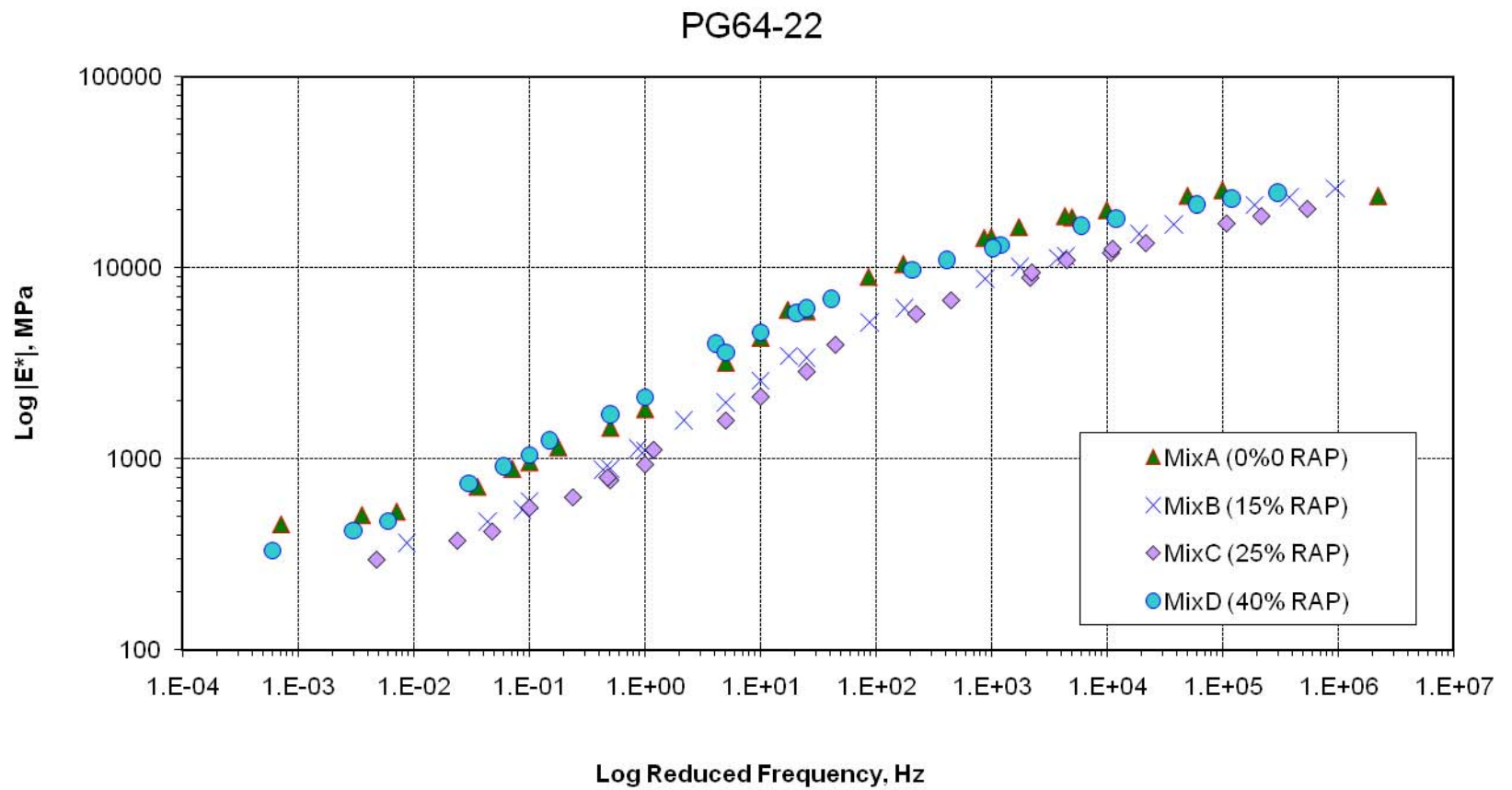
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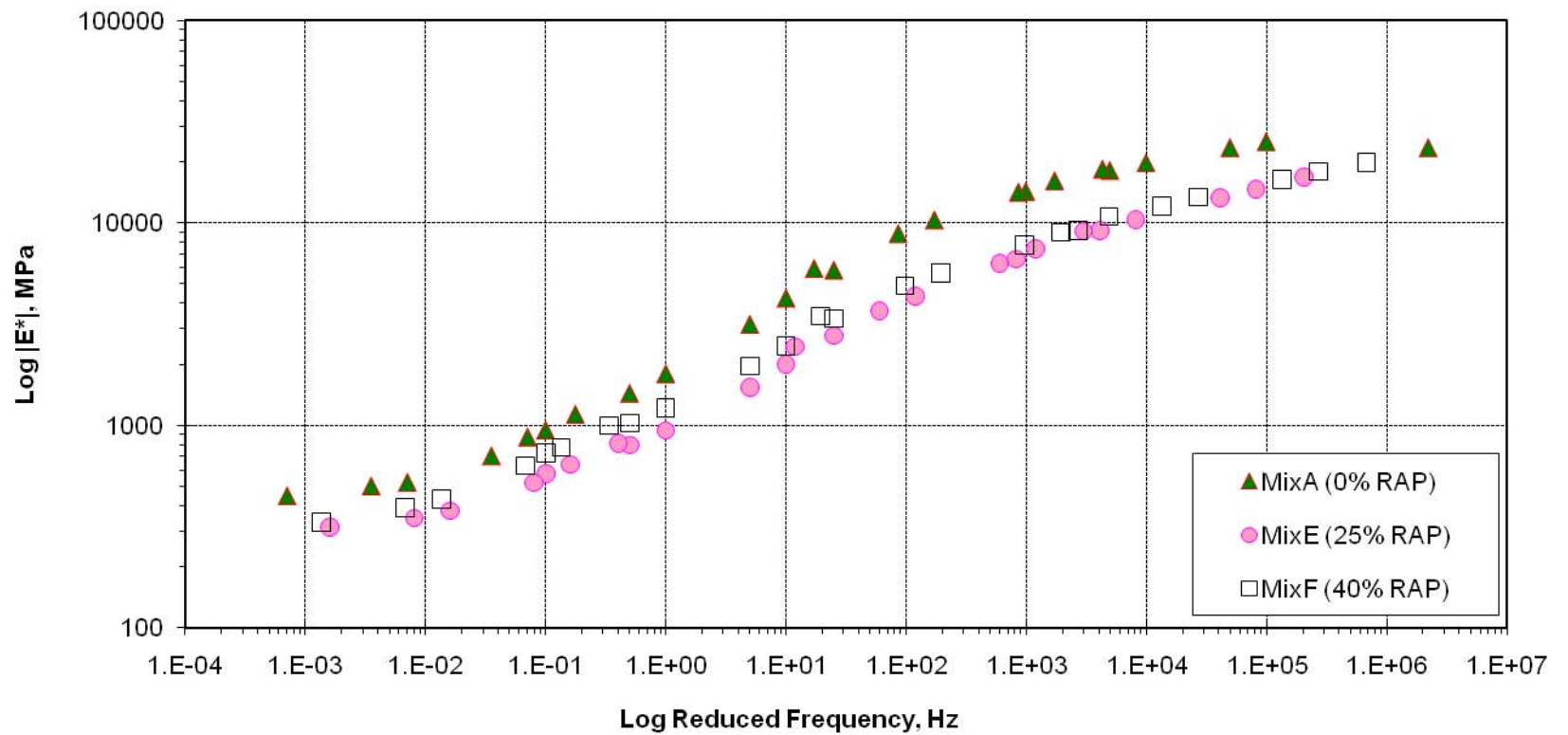


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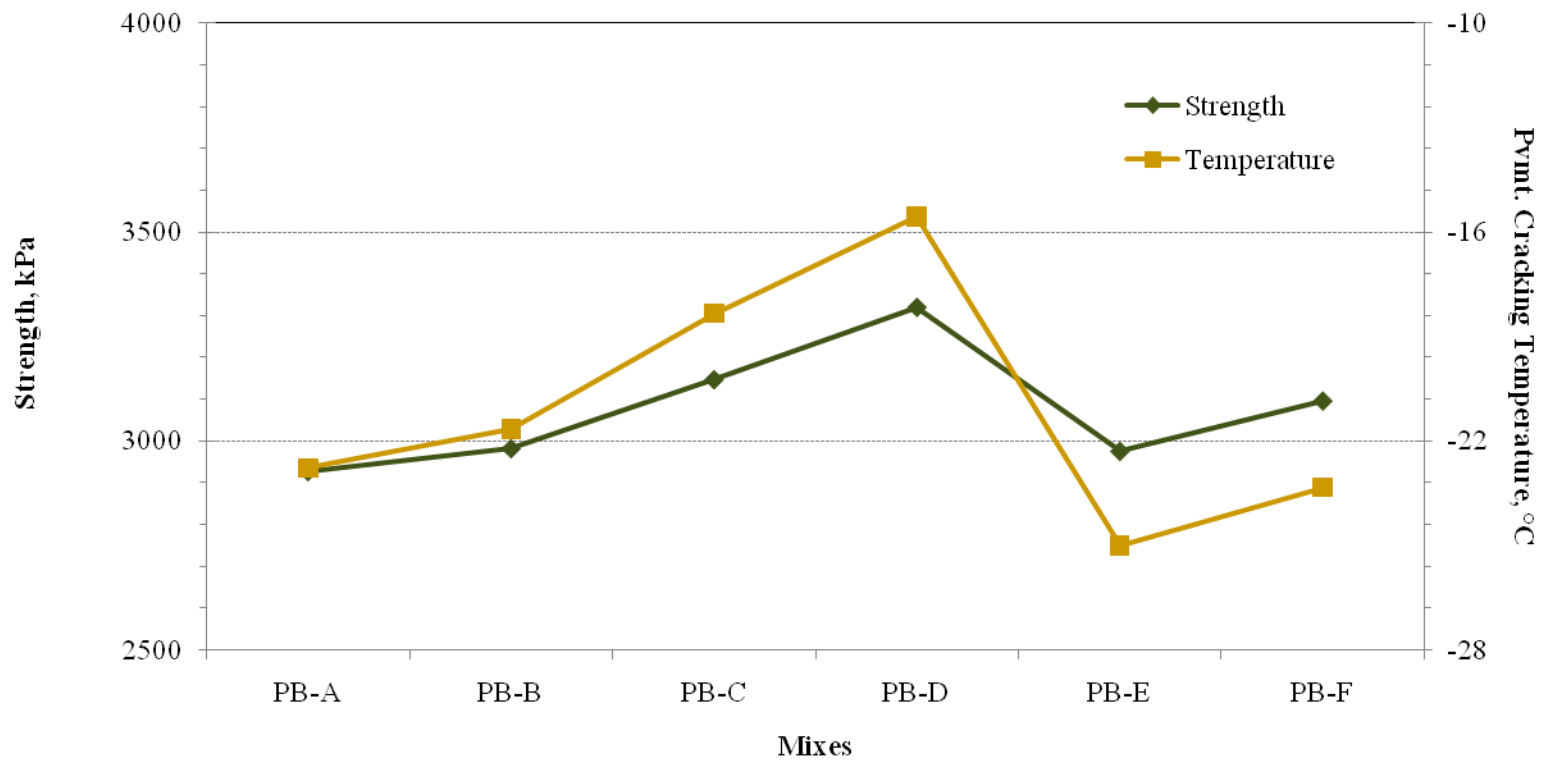


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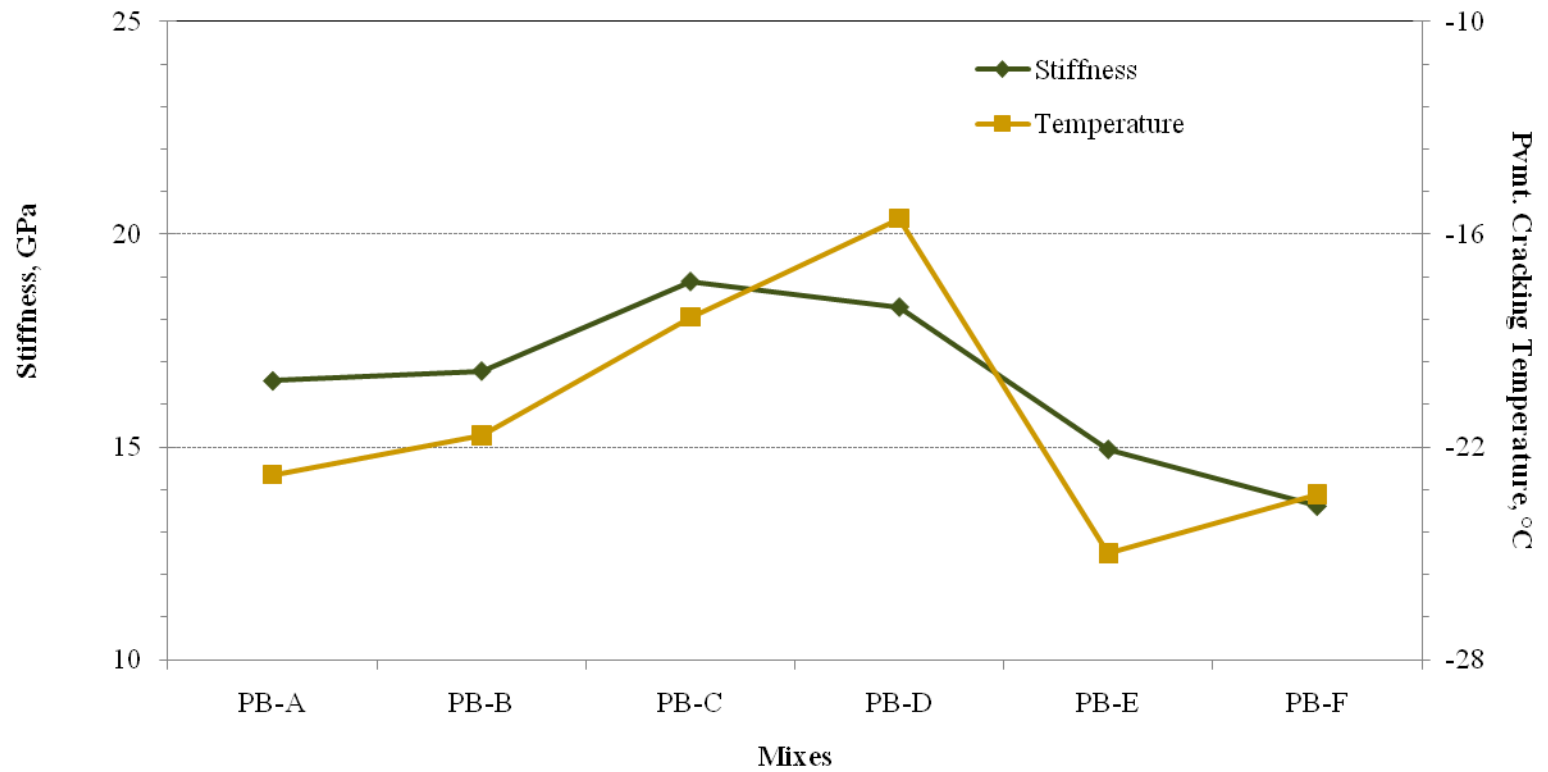
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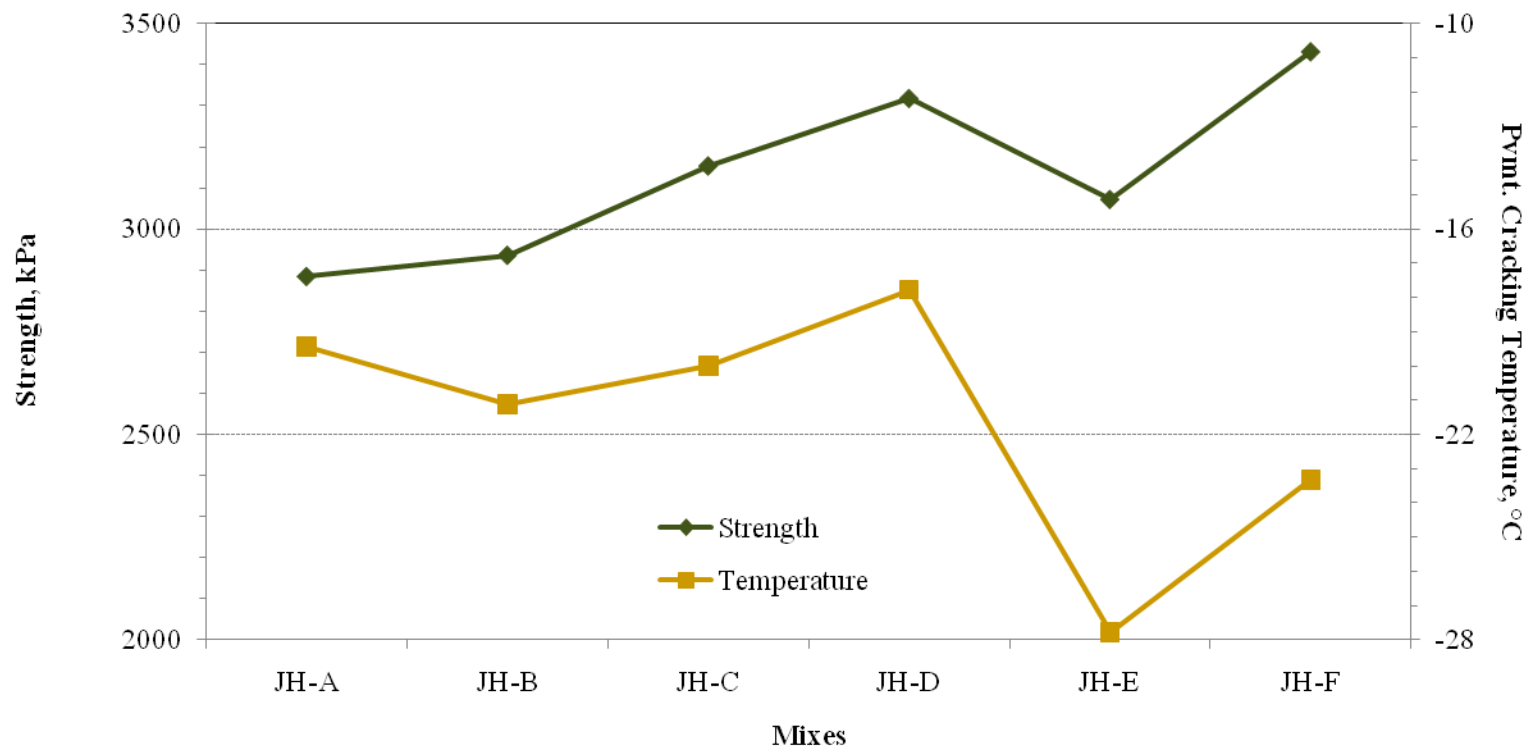
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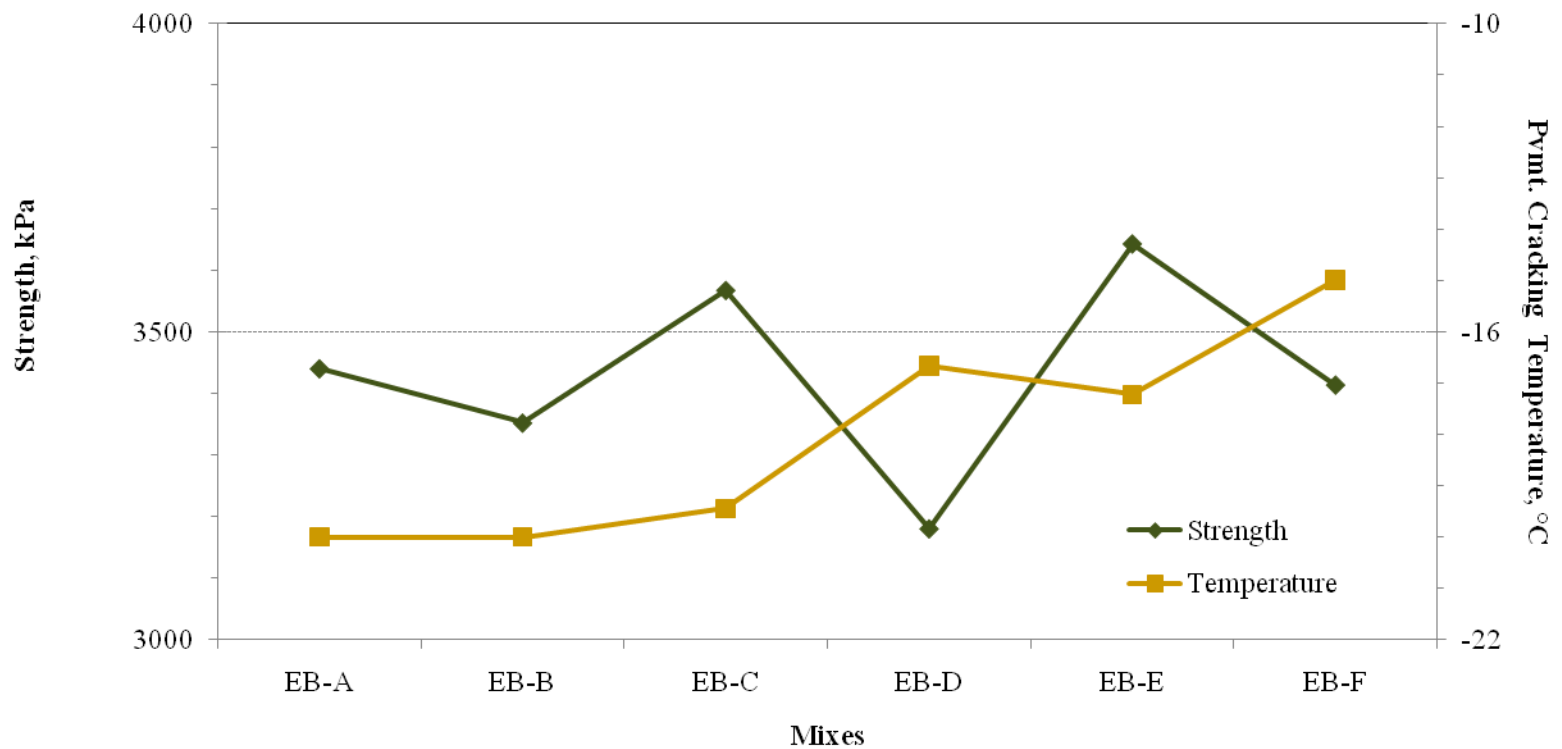
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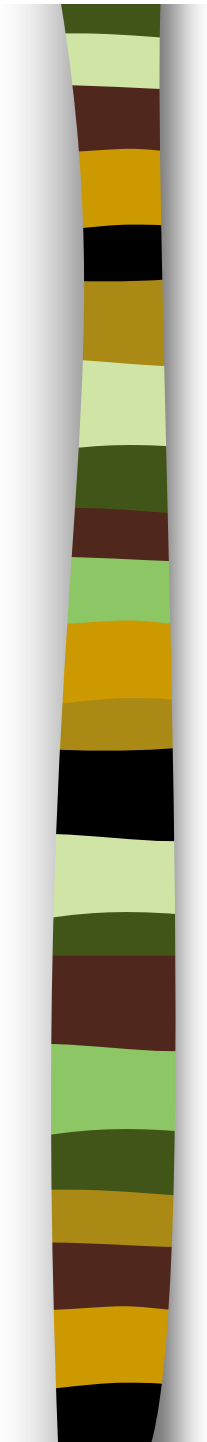
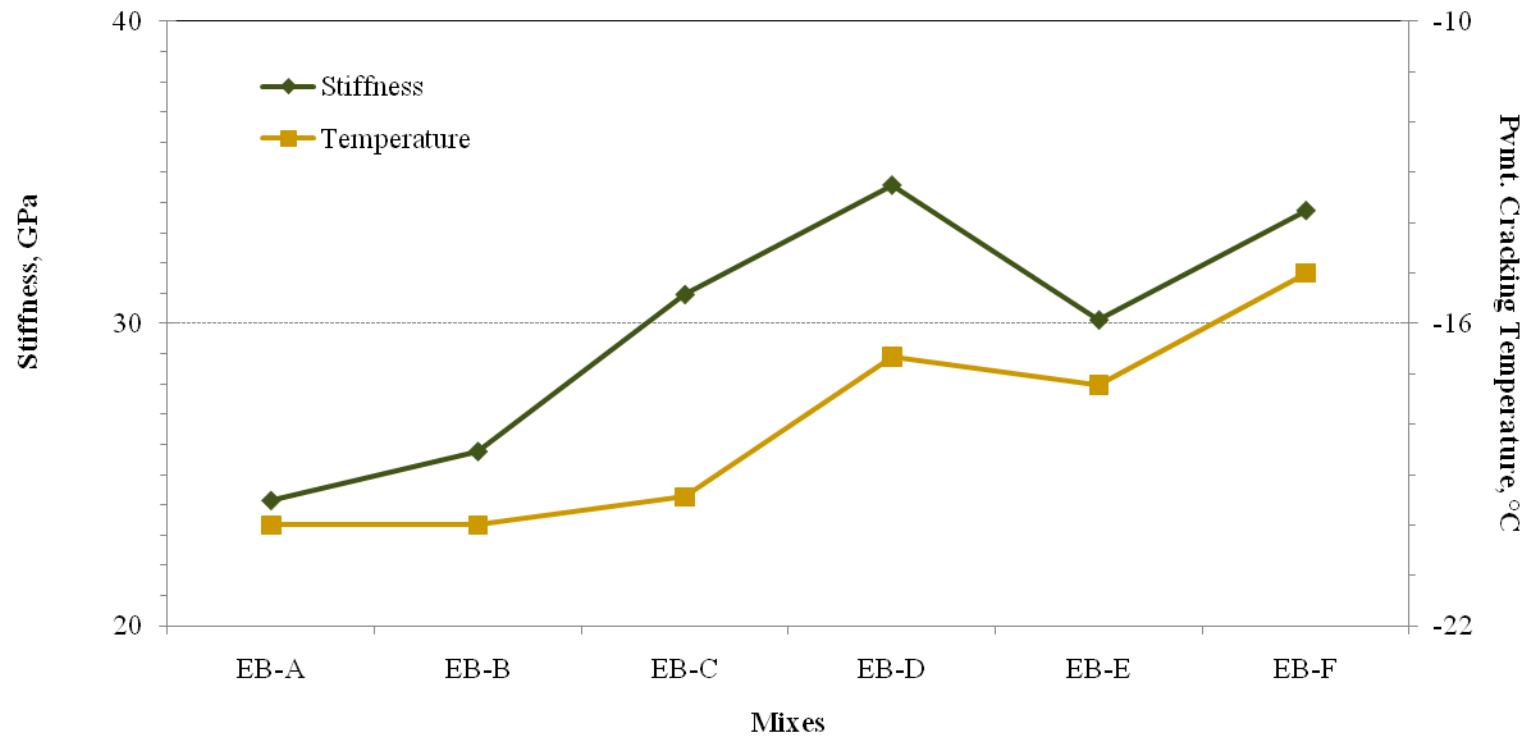
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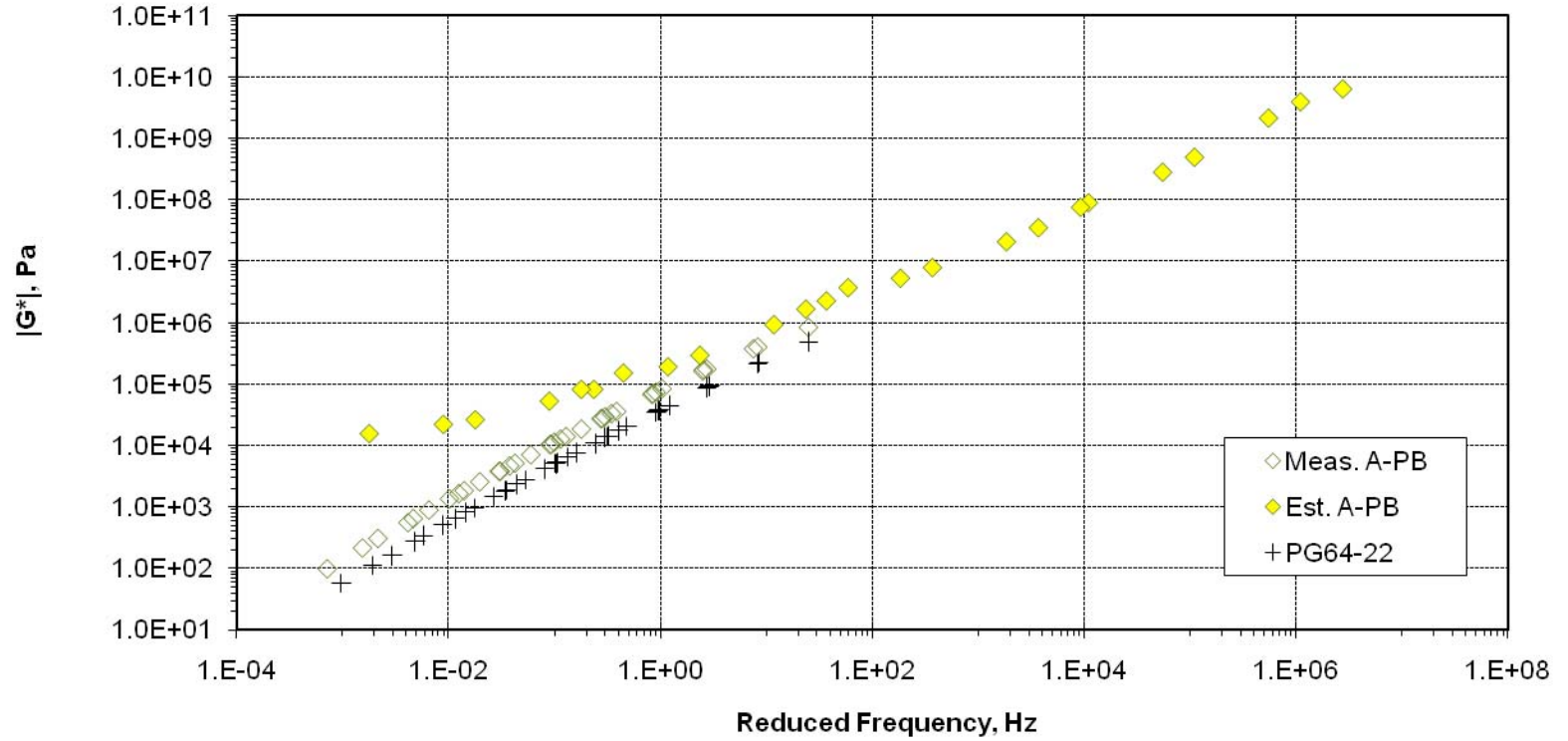
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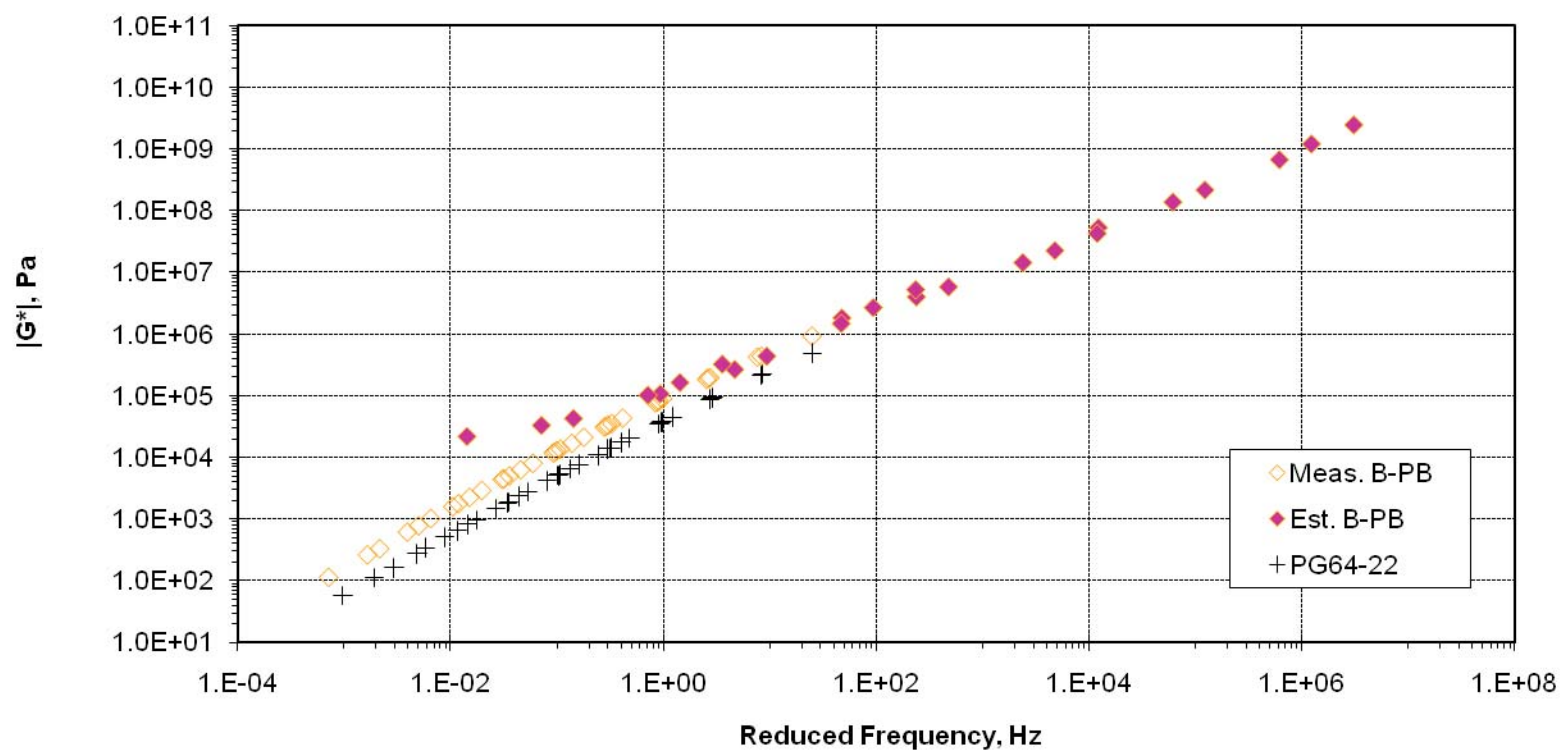
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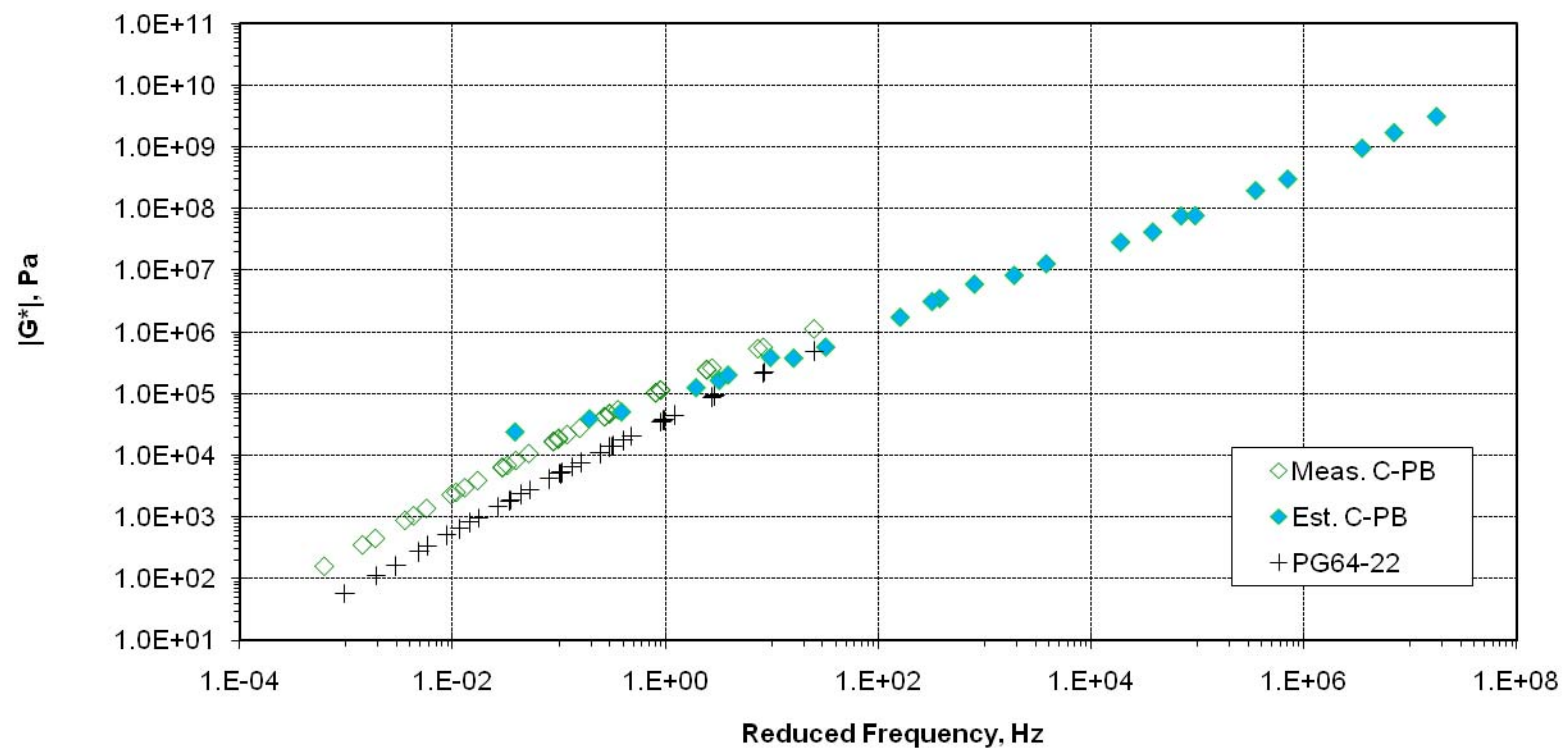
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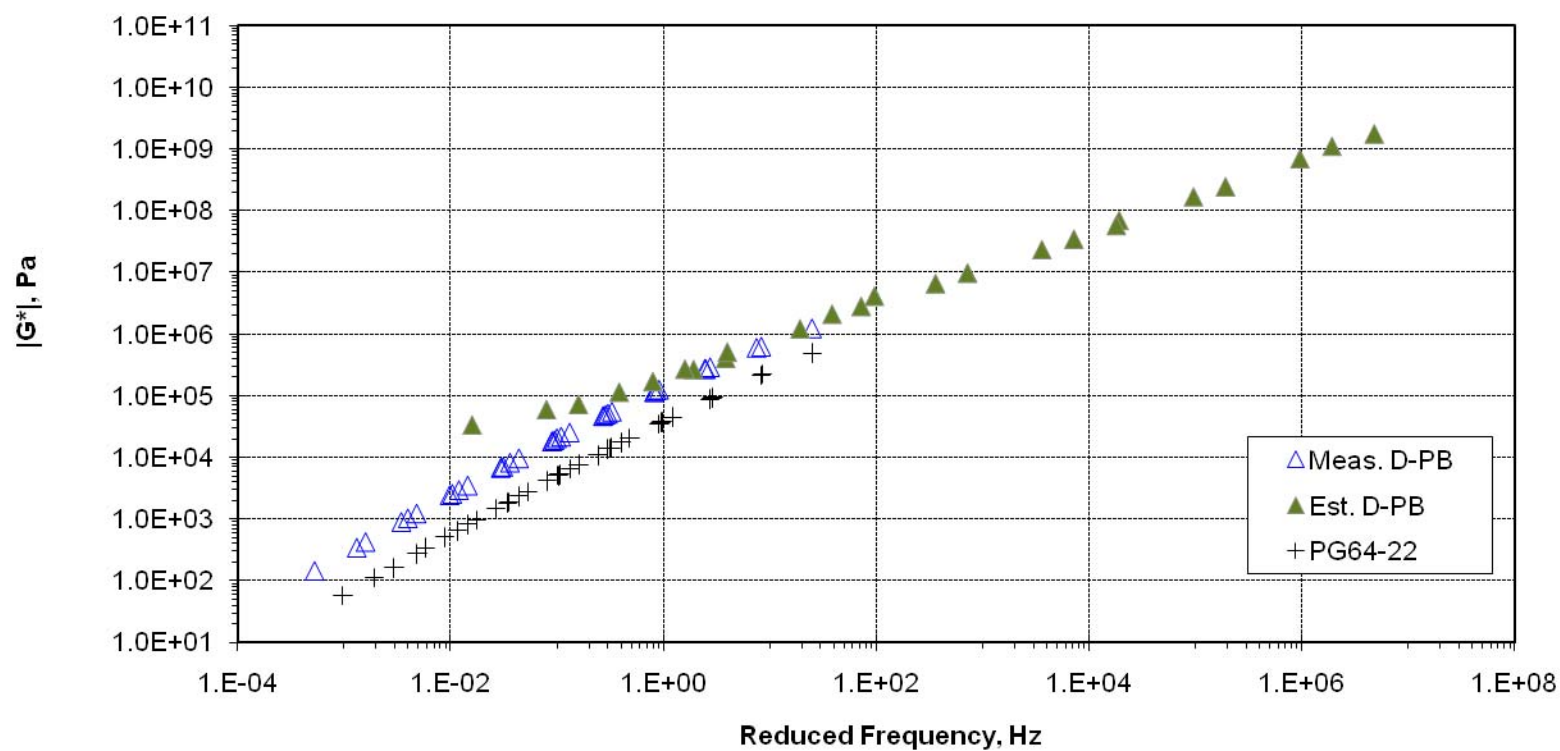
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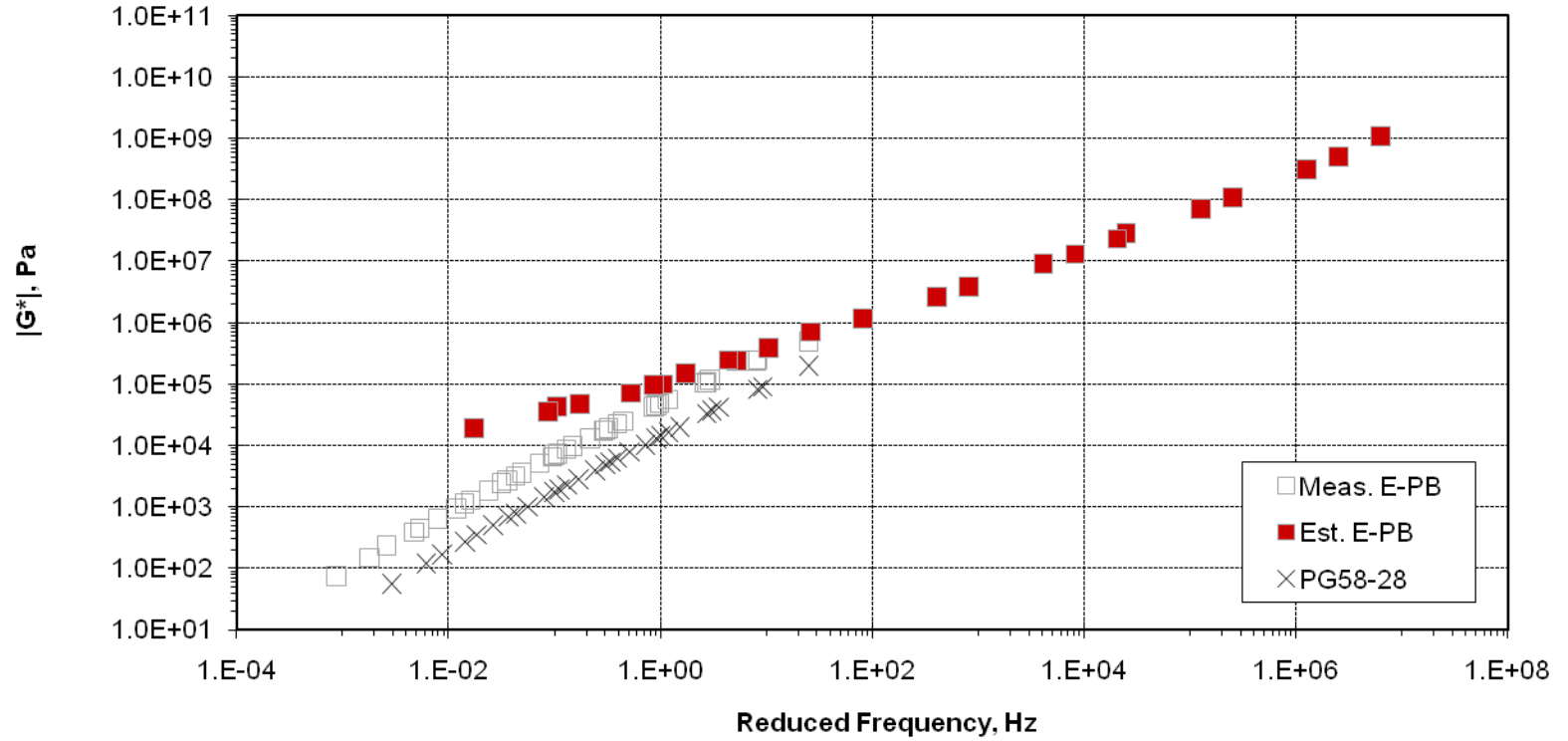
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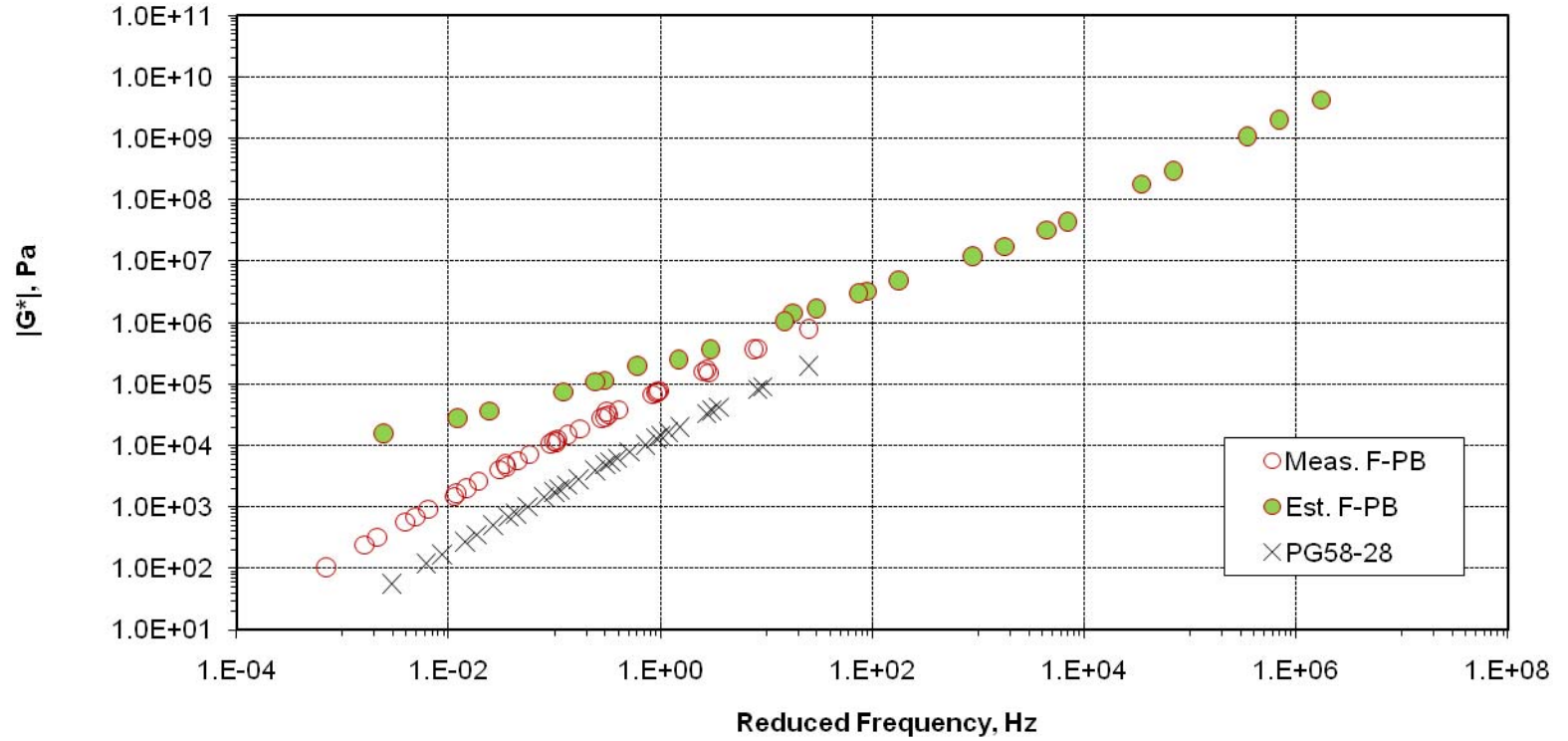
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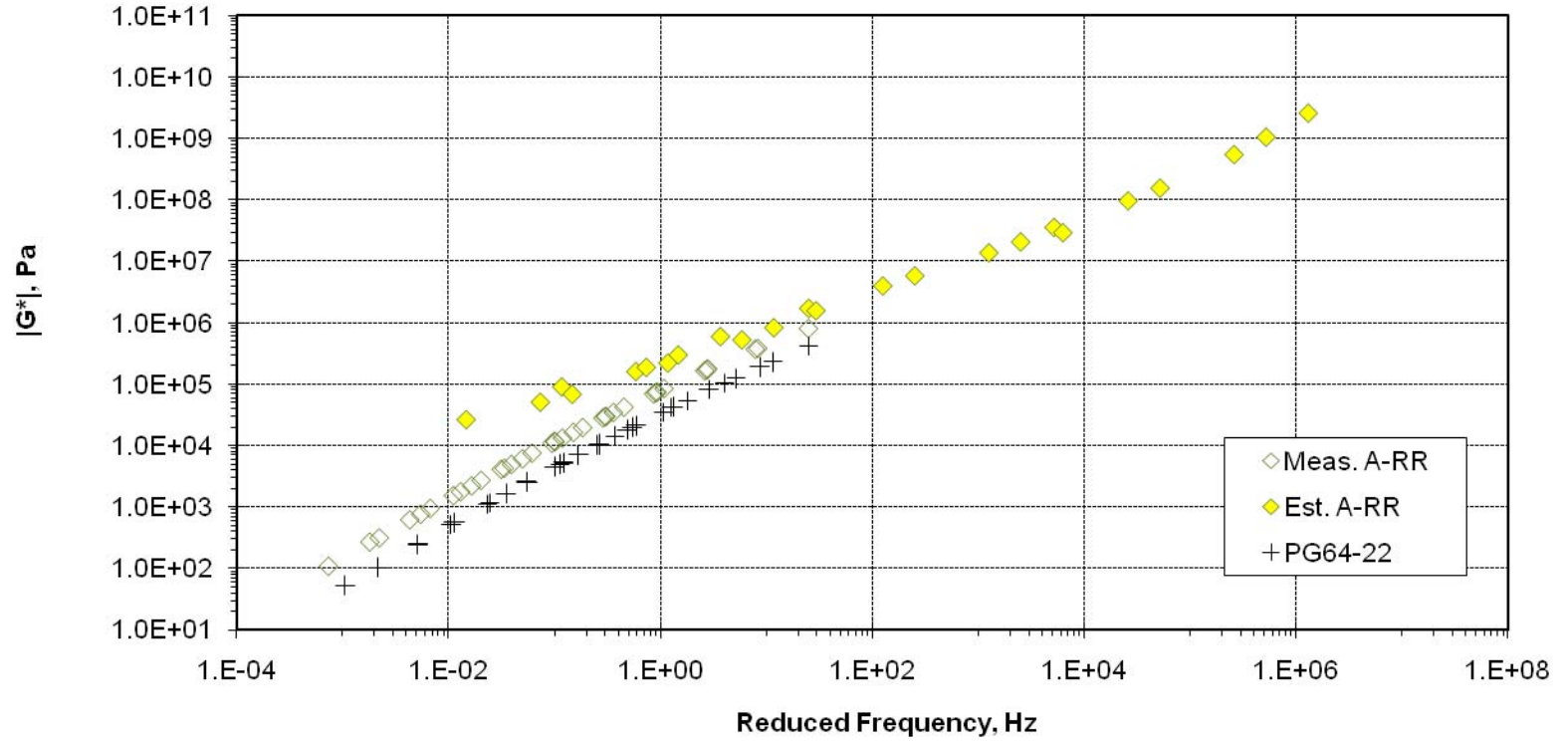
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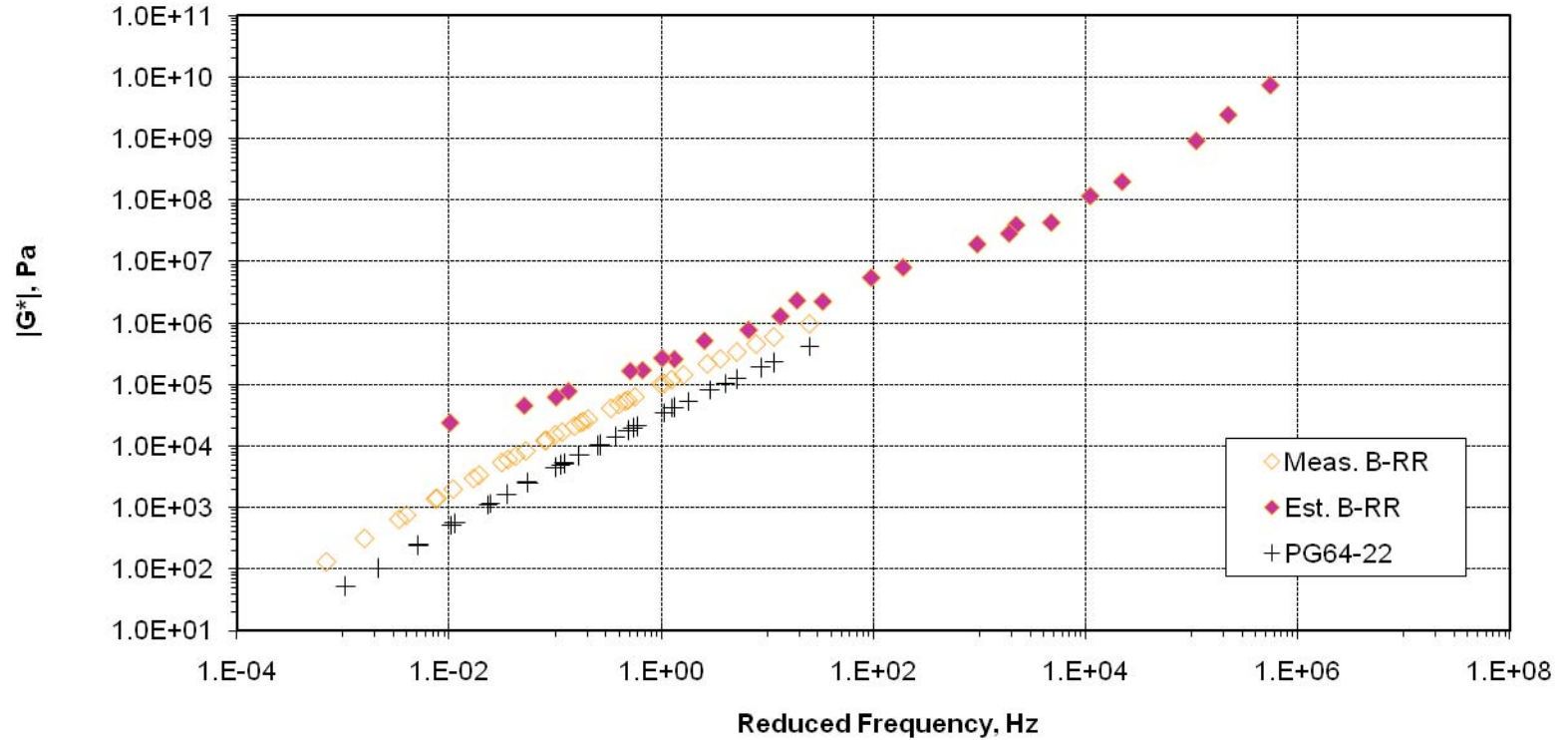
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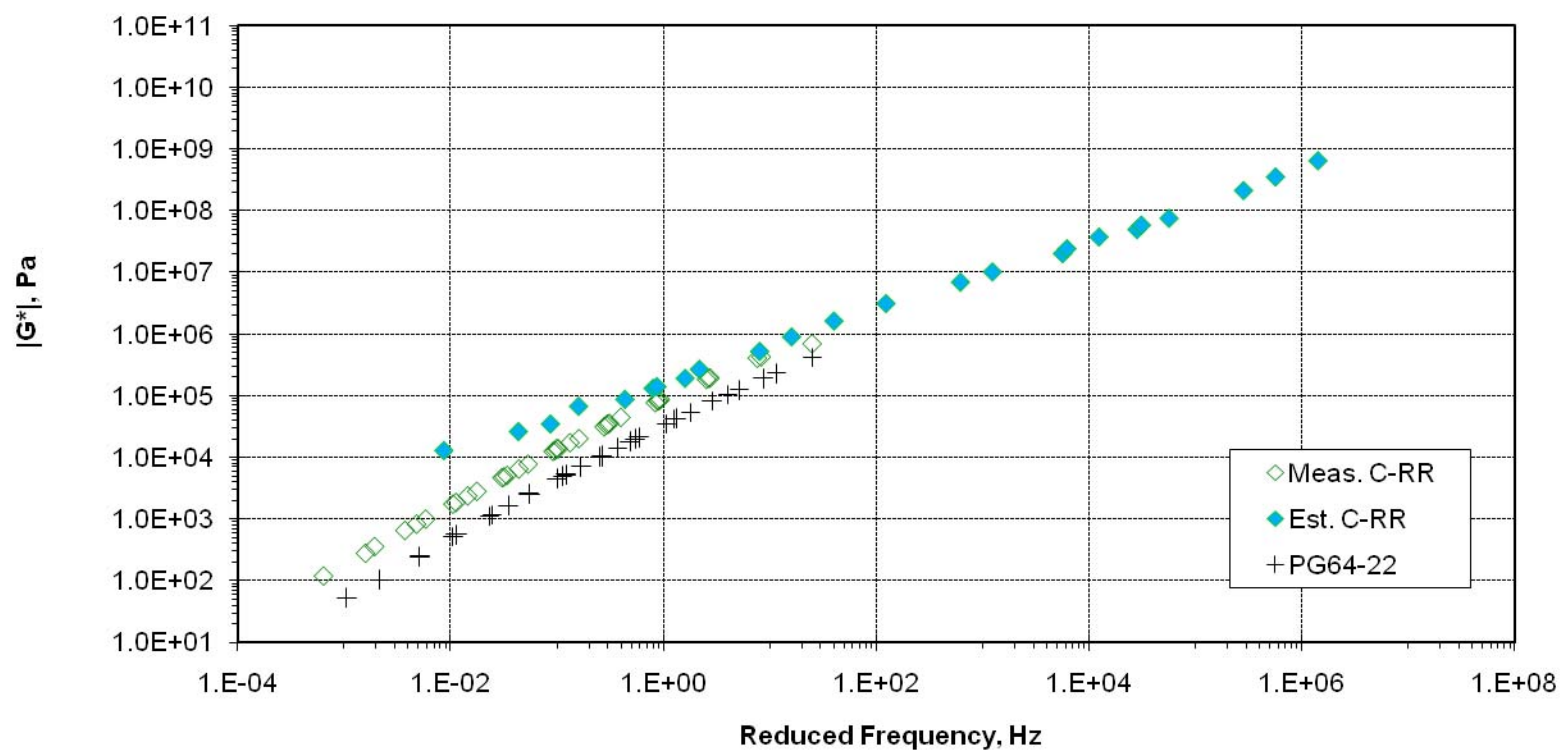
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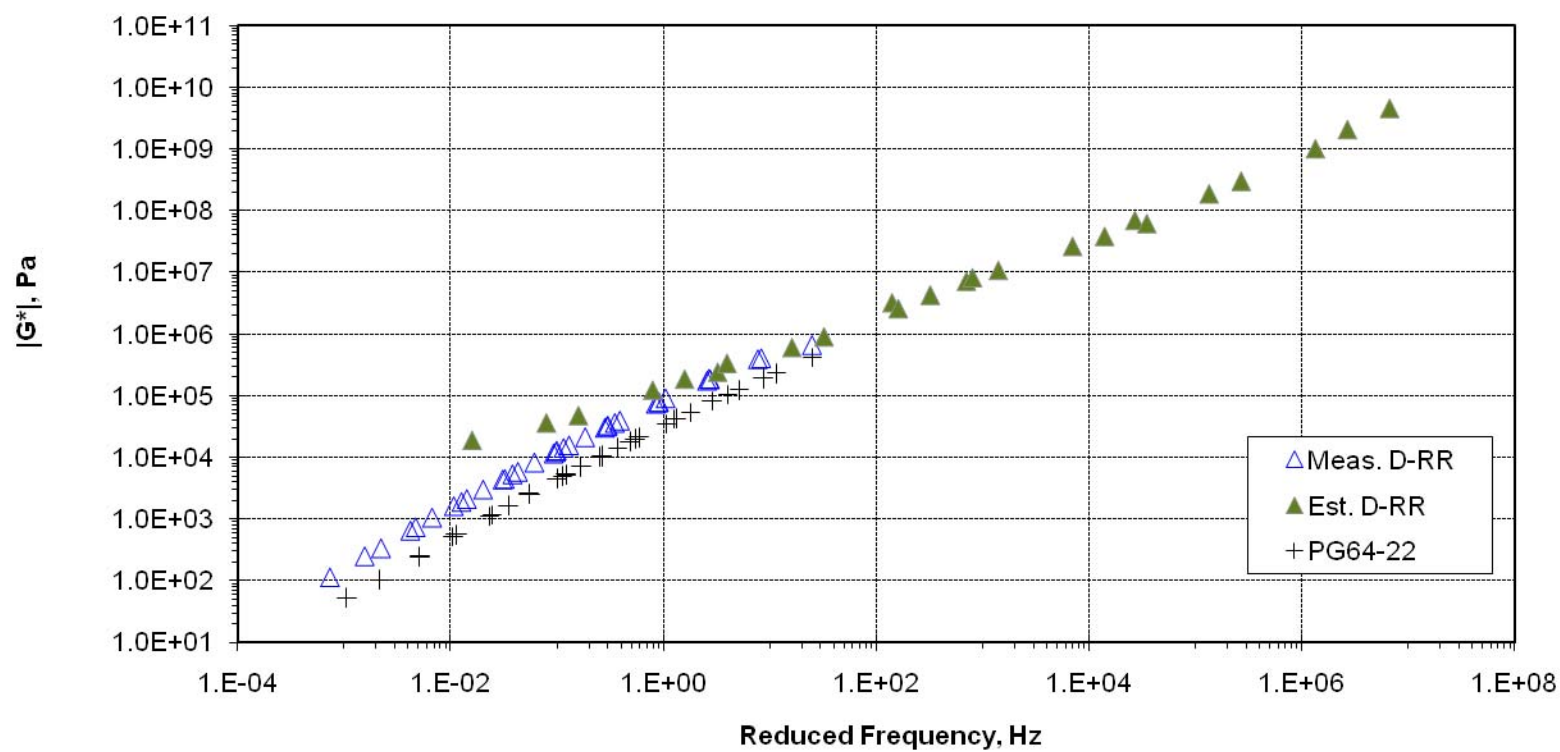
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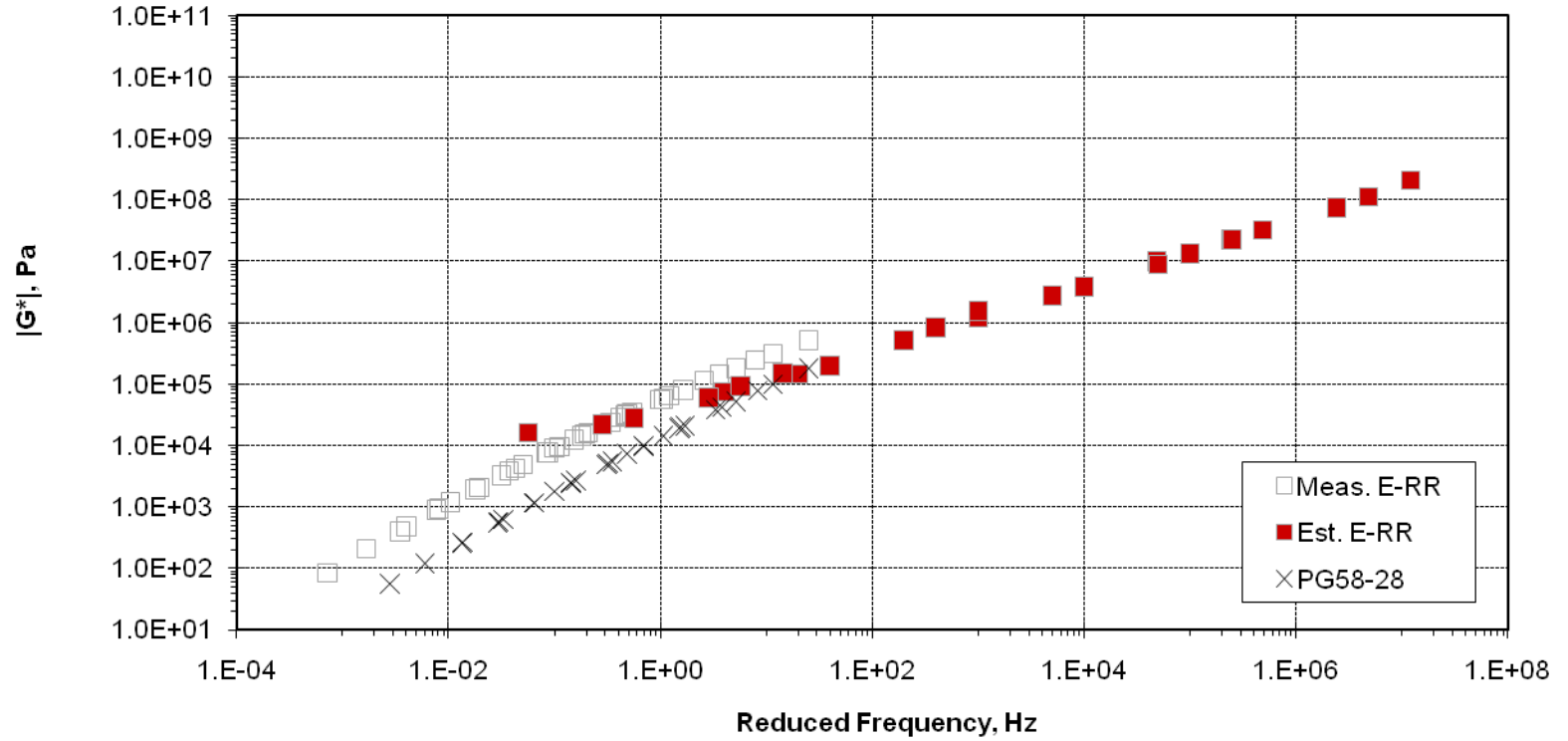
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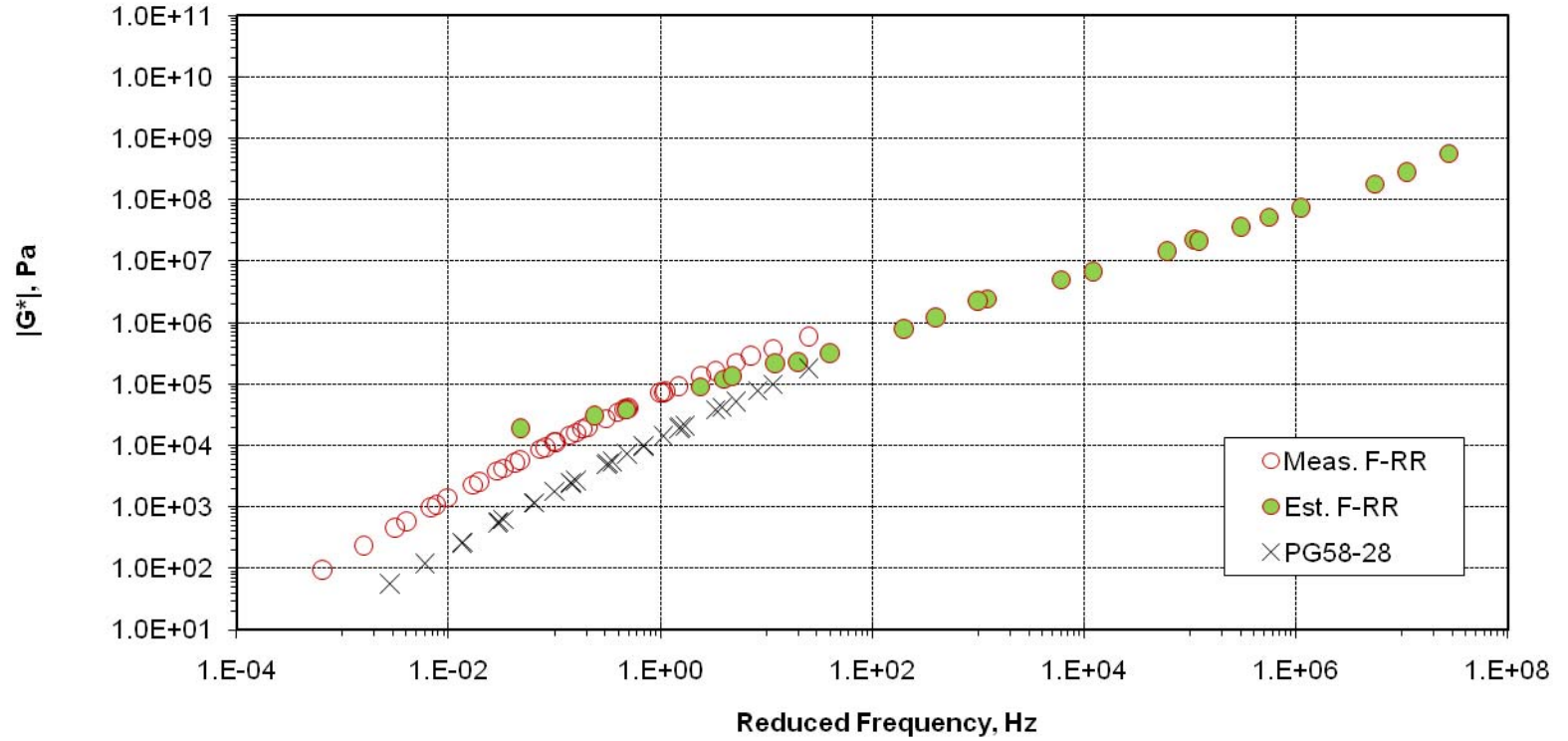
Mix D



Mix E



Mix F





Overall

- Two cases indicated pretty good blending, two showed less
- Relates to other comparisons
 - IDT indicated little effect of binder grade in the cases with questionable blending
- Results were not totally consistent

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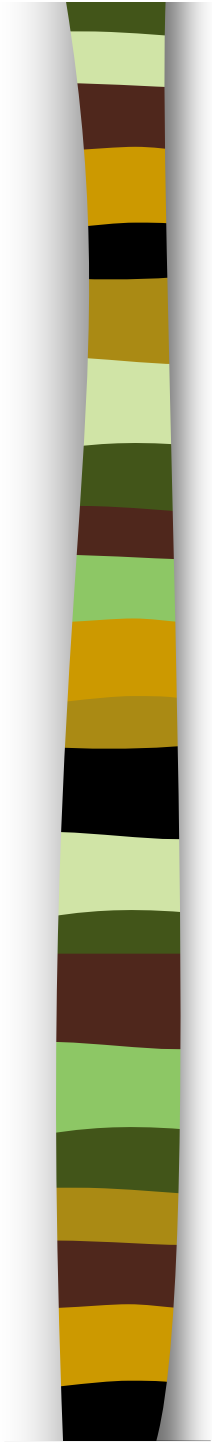
Risks of False Assumptions

- Assuming there is blending may be more conservative.
 - Shouldn't rely on binder to control rutting
 - Increased cracking can have performance and economic impacts



Status

- Presented to INDOT and industry
- INDOT OMM explored PG grading of RAP sources across the state
- Based on all these results, spec change in progress
 - 25% with no grade change, 40% max
- Report is 90-95% complete



QUESTIONS?