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# **Effect of Pavement Conditions on Rolling Resistance and Fuel Consumption**

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# What do we mean by driving resistance and rolling resistance?

- air resistance
- rolling resistance
- inertial resistance
- gradient resistance
- side force resistance
- transmission losses
- losses from the use of auxiliaries
- engine friction

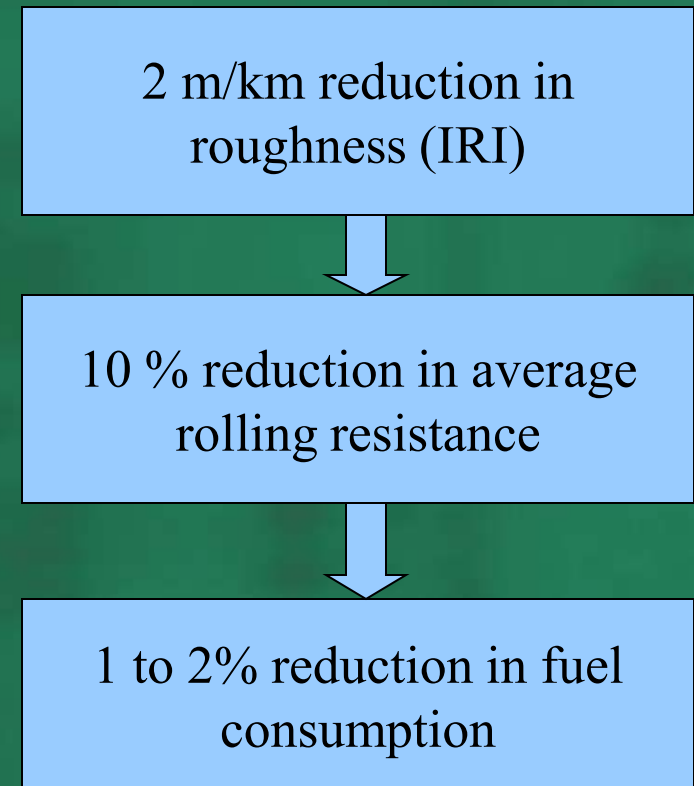
# Factors affecting rolling resistance

- **Most important factors in rolling resistance:**
  - Vehicle weight
  - Tire inflation
- **Less important:**
  - Vehicle speed
- **Least important:**
  - Tire tread design, composition and width
  - Tire temperature
  - Road structure and conditions

# Influence of IRI and MPD on RR (Sandberg, 1997)

- Results of coast-down measurements on 34 test sections
- Increases in car RR based on ECRPD results
  - at speed of 54 km/h:
    - IRI from 1 to 10 m/km: increase in RR by 19 %
    - MPD from 0.3 to 3 mm: increase in RR by 46 %
  - at speed of 90 km/h:
    - IRI from 1 to 10 m/km: increase in RR by 48 %
    - MPD from 0.3 to 3 mm: increase in RR by 72 %

# Effect of IRI and MPD on fuel consumption (TRB special report 286)



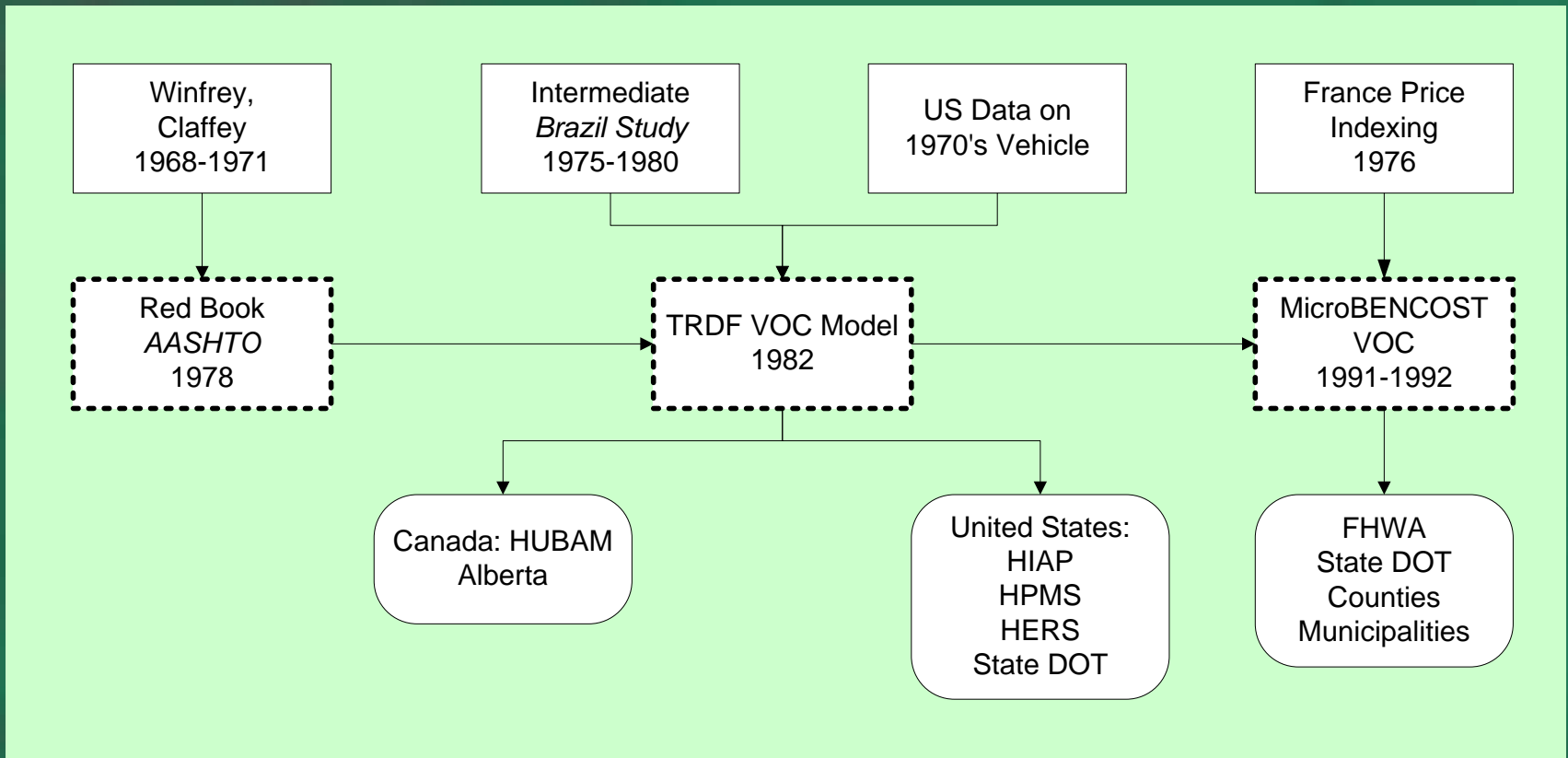
# Gaps in knowledge

- The understanding of the relationship between pavement surface characteristics and vehicle fuel consumption is still in development.
- Current models require improvement.

# NCHRP 1-45 : Effect of pavement conditions on fuel consumption

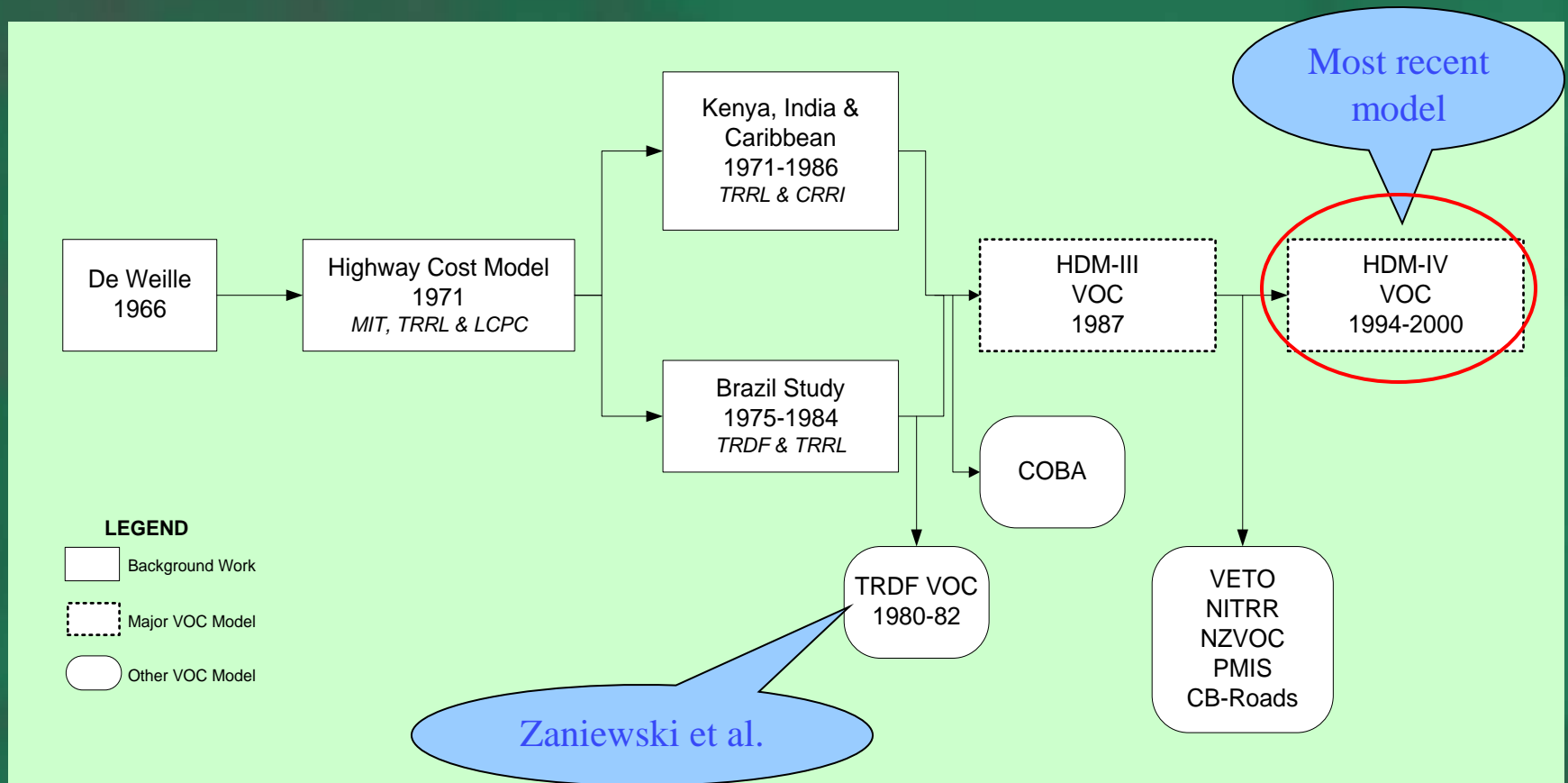
- Recommend **models** for estimating the **effects** of pavement **surface condition** on **VOC**. These models should be able to:
  - a) Take into account pavement, traffic and environmental conditions encountered in the US
  - b) Address the full range of vehicle types

# United States VOC Models Development





# World Bank VOC Models Development



Source: HDM IV manual

# HDM 4 Model

$$IFC = f(P_{tr}, P_{accs} + P_{eng})$$

$P_{tr}$  = Power required to overcome traction forces (kW)

$P_{accs}$  = Power required for engine accessories (e.g. fan belt, alternator etc.) (kW)

$P_{eng}$  = Power required to overcome internal engine friction (kW)

# HDM 4 model (cont.)

$$P_{tr} = \frac{v(F_a + F_g + F_c + F_r + F_i)}{1000}$$

Tractive power

$$F_a = 0.5 * \rho * CD_{mult} * CD * AF * v^2$$

Aerodynamic forces

$$F_g = M * GR * g$$

Gradient forces

$$F_c = \max \left( 0, \frac{\left( \frac{M * v^2}{R} - M * g * e \right)^2}{N_w * C_s} * 10^{-3} \right)$$

Curvature forces

$$F_r = CR2 * FCLIM * \left( b11 * N_w + CR1 * \left( b12 * M + b13 * v^2 \right) \right)$$

Rolling resistance

$$CR2 = Kcr2 \left[ a0 + a1 * Tdsp + a2 * IRI + a3 * DEF \right]$$

Surface factor

$$F_i = M * \left( a0 + a1 * \arctan \left( \frac{a2}{v^3} \right) \right) * a$$

Inertial forces

# Field tests matrix

Section ID	Pavement Type		IRI range (m/Km)	Length (Km)	Speed limit (Km/h)	Test Speed (Km/h)		Replicates
	AC	PCC						
AB	X		1.3 - 8.5	1.44	72	56	72	2
BC	X		1.7 - 7	1.6	72	56	72	2
DE	X		3.5 - 6	0.48	72	56	72	2
EF	X		3.3 - 6	0.64	72	56	72	2
GH		X	1.1 - 2.5	4.8	112	88	104	2
JI		X	1.5 - 2.6	6.4	80	56	72	2
IJ1		X	1.5 - 2.6	0.64	80	72	88	2
IJ2	X		0.8 - 4.6	1.6	80	56	72	2
IJ3		X		0.48	80	56	72	2
IJ4		X		1.28	72	56	72	2

# Data acquisition system

- The data acquisition system could access and log data from the vehicle's Engine Control Unit (ECU) via On Board Diagnostic (OBD) connector



# Profile and Texture Measurements: MDOT test vehicles



## Rapid Travel Profilometer

This vehicle measures the ride quality or smoothness of pavements. Operating at highway speeds, it uses a laser to measure the profile of the roadway and an accelerometer to determine the movement of the truck.



## Road Surface Analyzer

This equipment computes a Mean Profile Depth (MPD) based on the ASTM Standard E1845

# Slope surveys: High Precision GPS

- The sampling rate is every 1 second at highway speed (every 100ft).
- The average error is 0.5 inch per 0.3 miles,







# Loading conditions

Light truck



6,210 lb

Heavy truck



47,000 lb

# Calibration of the HDM 4 fuel consumption model

## Engine and accessories power

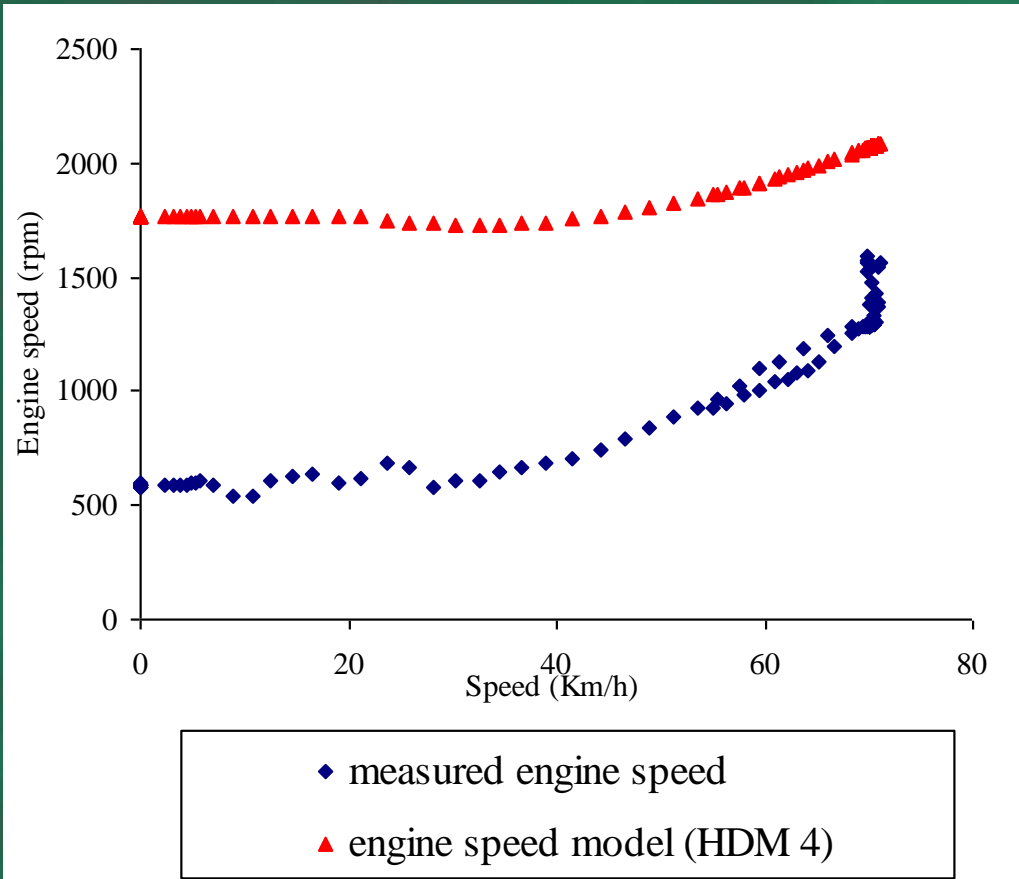
$$P_{engaccs} = P_{eng} + P_{accs}$$

$$= K_{Pea} * P_{max} * (P_{accs\_a1} + (P_{accs\_a0} - P_{accs\_a1}) * \frac{RPM - RPM_{Idle}}{RPM_{100} - RPM_{Idle}})$$

## Rolling resistance Surface factor

$$CR2 = K_{cr2} [a_0 + a_1 * T_{dsp} + a_2 * IRI + a_3 * DEF]$$

# Effect of engine speed prediction errors on the calibration



Overestimation of the engine speed



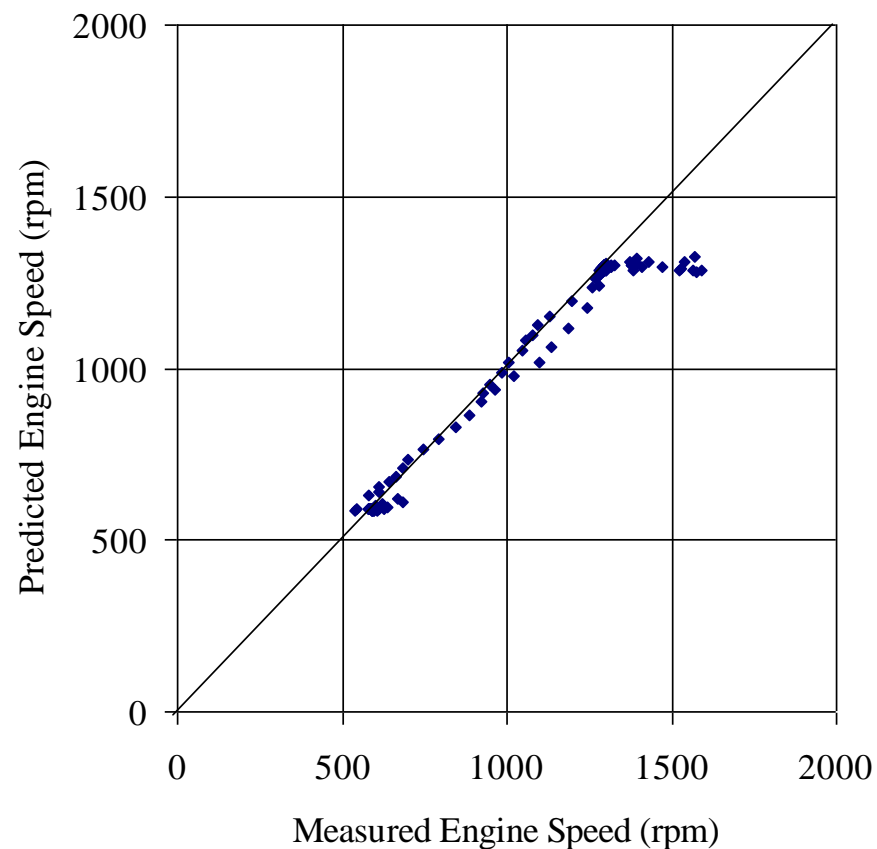
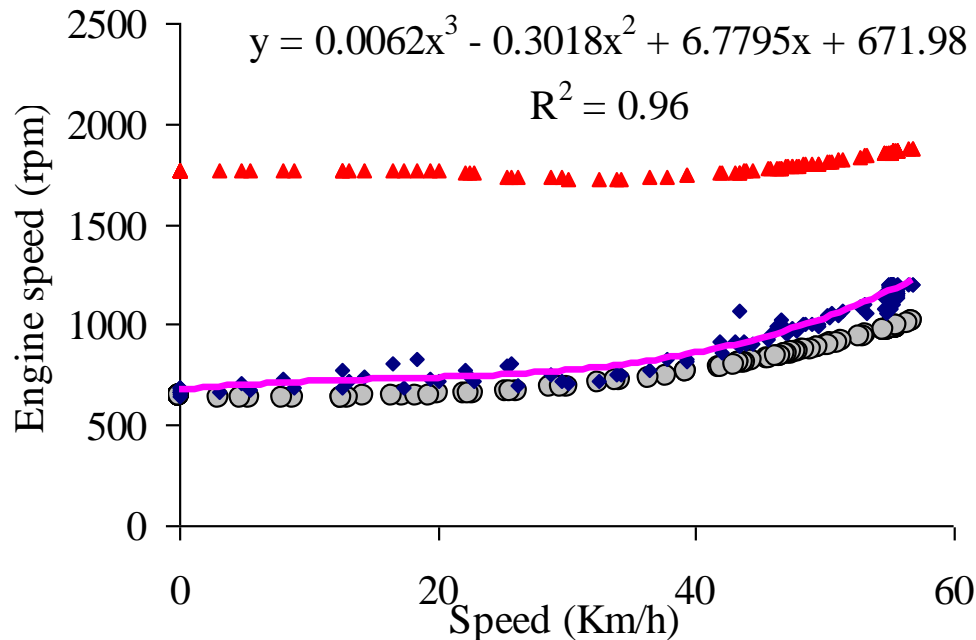
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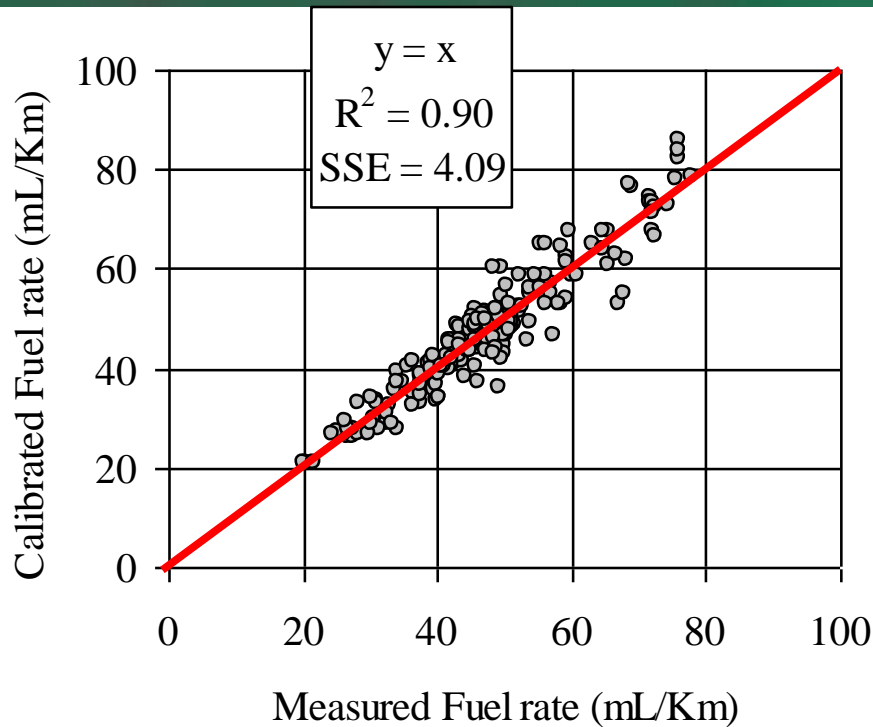
Underestimation of the traction power  
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 Underestimation of the effect of pavement conditions

# Calibration of the HDM 4 engine speed model

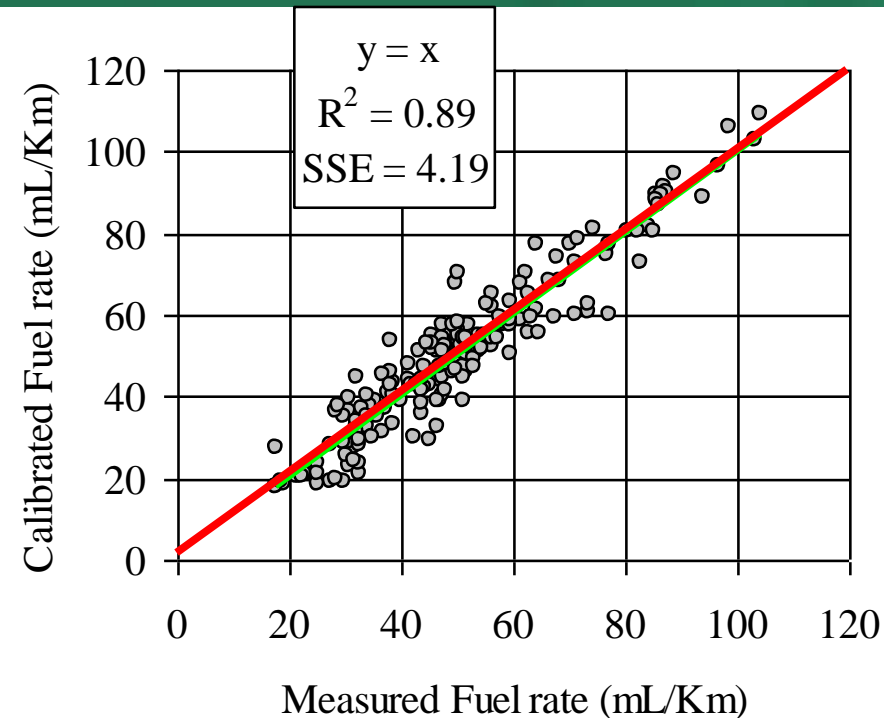
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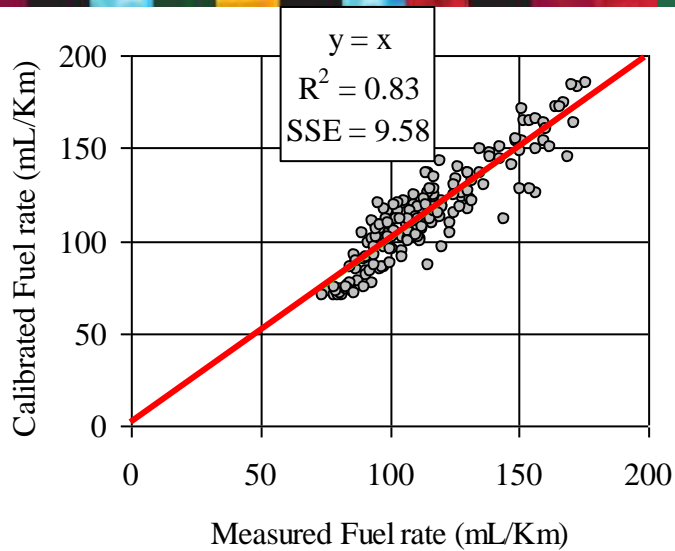
# Observed fuel consumption versus estimated after calibration



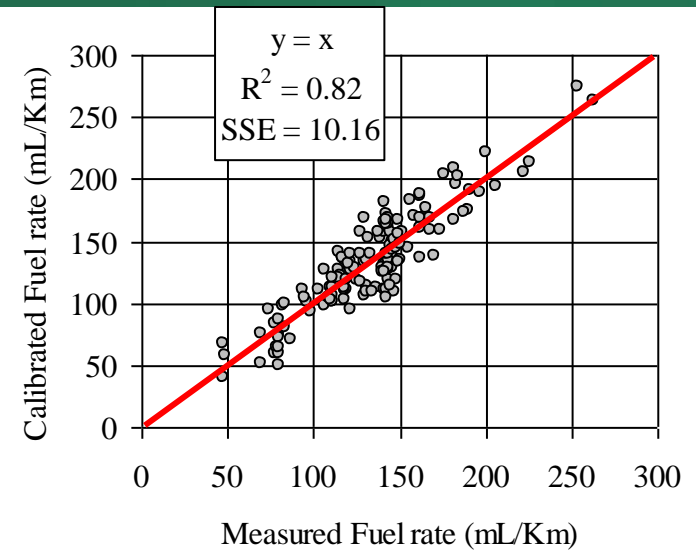
Passenger car



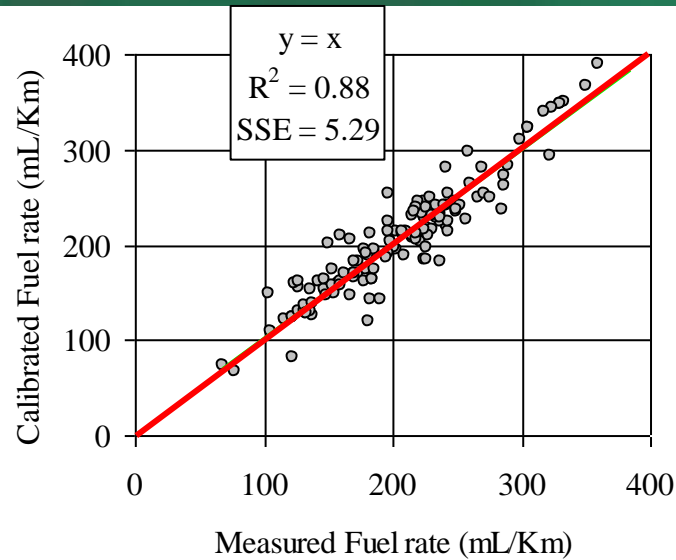
SUV



Van



Light truck



Articulated truck

# Heavy Truck: Analysis of covariance at 55 mph

## Tests of Between-Subjects Effects

Dependent Variable:FC\_mLKm

Source	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Corrected Model	4300.769 <sup>a</sup>	14	307.198	769.817	.000
Intercept	19697.944	1	19697.944	49361.721	.000
IRI	23.557	1	23.557	59.032	.000
Texture	.147	1	.147	.368	.545
Grade	3796.846	12	316.404	792.887	.000
Error	48.684	122	.399		
Total	351401.815	137			
Corrected Total	4349.454	136			

a. R Squared = .989 (Adjusted R Squared = .988)

# Heavy truck: Analysis of covariance at 35 mph

## Tests of Between-Subjects Effects

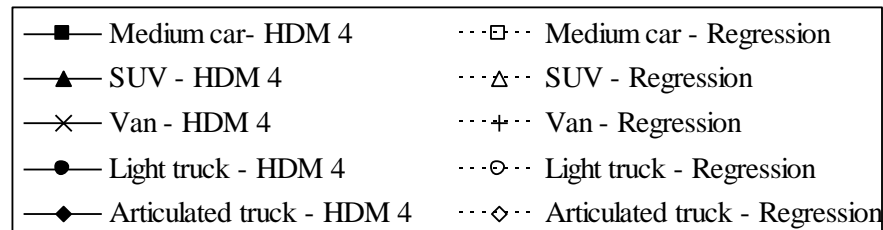
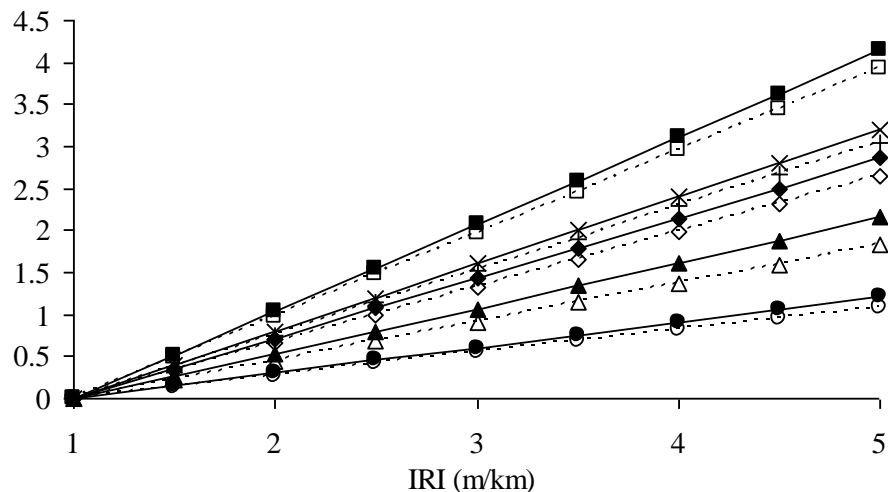
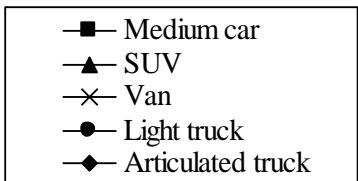
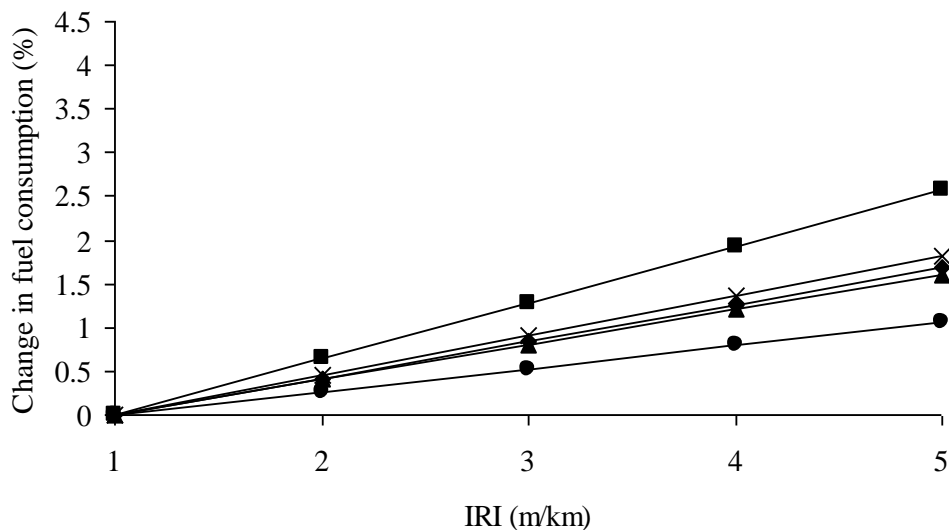
Dependent Variable:FC\_mLKm

Source	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Corrected Model	138113.100 <sup>a</sup>	13	10624.085	2077.841	.000
Intercept	335375.546	1	335375.546	65592.193	.000
IRI	500.674	1	500.674	97.921	.000
Texture	23.920	1	23.920	4.678	.032
Grade	123056.405	11	11186.946	2187.924	.000
Error	628.904	123	5.113		
Total	5525978.735	137			
Corrected Total	138742.004	136			

a. R Squared = .995 (Adjusted R Squared = .995)



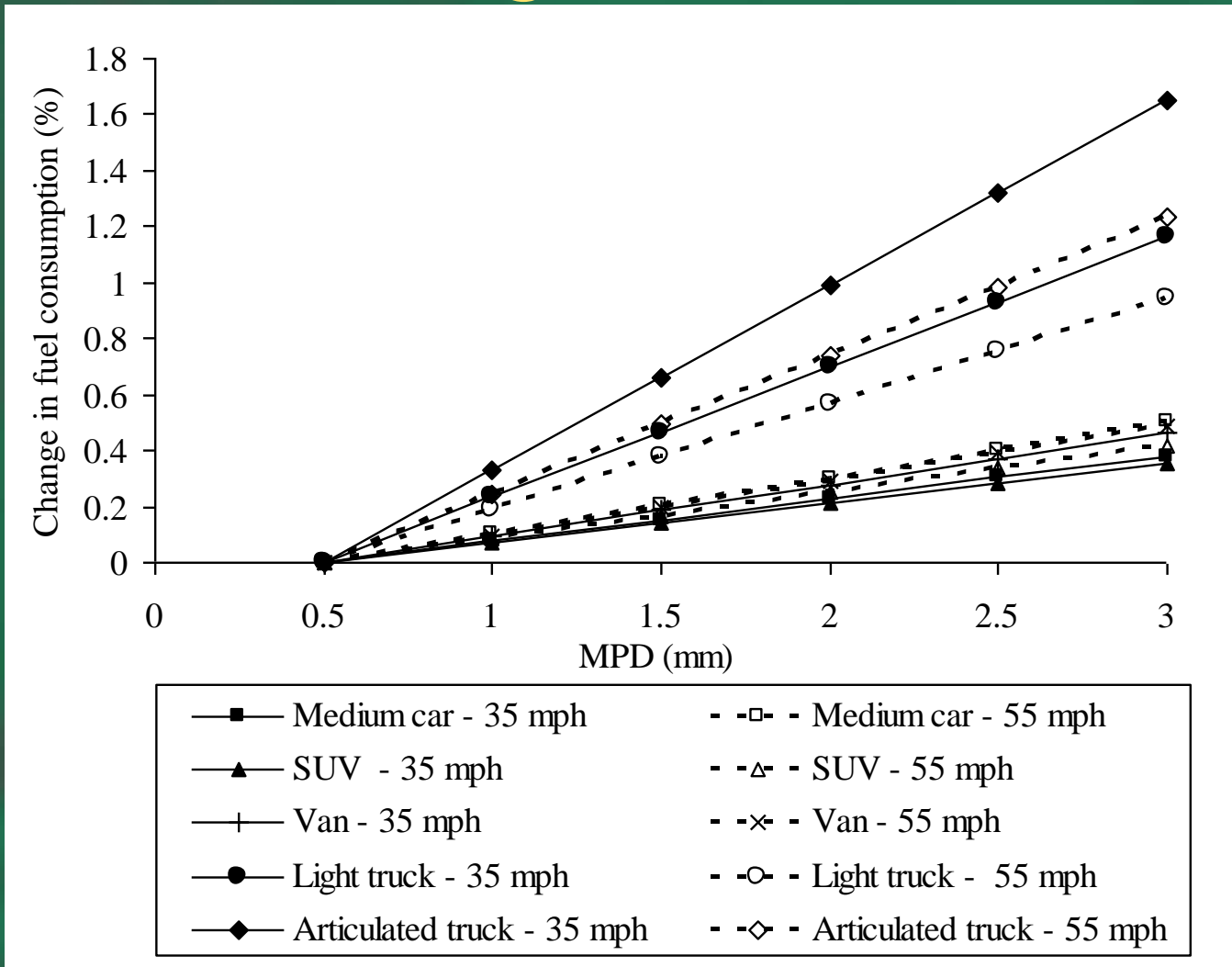
# Effect of roughness: HDM 4 versus regression data



Before calibration

After calibration

# Effect of Texture on Fuel Consumption - Regression



# Effect of pavement type on fuel consumption

- Conduct univariate analysis having IRI as a covariate and pavement type as fixed factor
- Repeat the analysis for 35, 45 and 55 mph

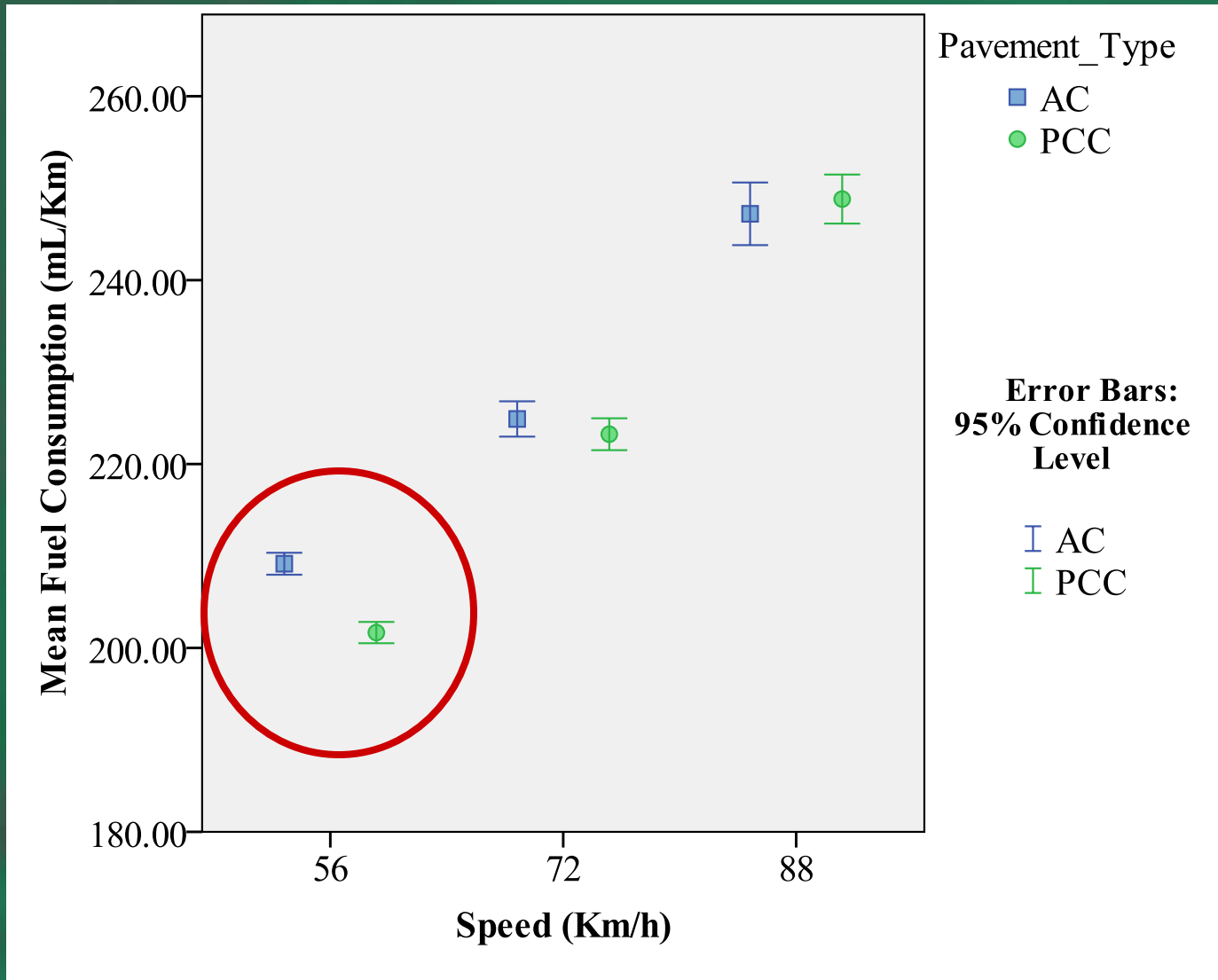
# Effect of pavement type on fuel consumption

	Summer		Winter	
	Sig.	Not Sig.	Sig.	Not Sig.
Passenger Car		√		√
VAN		√		√
SUV		√		√
Light Truck	√*	√†		√
Articulated Truck	√*	√†		√

\* Trucks driven over AC at 35 mph consumes more than trucks driven over PCC

† not significant at 45 and 55 mph

# Articulated truck



# Part I

## Summary and conclusions

- Field tests as part of NCHRP 1-45 confirmed the effect of roughness on fuel consumption and allowed for calibration and validation of the HDM 4 FC model.
- Effect of texture depth on fuel consumption could only be seen for heavy truck at low speed (35 mph)
- Effect of pavement type could only be seen in summer conditions, only for trucks and only at low speed (35 mph)

# Part II: Effect of Roughness on Repair and Maintenance Costs

# HDM 4 Repair and Maintenance Model

- HDM4 Repair and Maintenance Cost model is empirical.
- HDM-4 model was calibrated using data from developing countries (e.g., Brazil, India).
  - Labor hours are much higher than in the US
  - The inflation in the parts and vehicle prices between the US and developing countries.



# HDM 4 repair and maintenance costs model

- Parts consumption

$$PARTS = \left( K0_{pc} \left[ CKM^{kp} (a_0 + a_1 RI) \right] + K1_{pc} \right) (1 + CPCON \times dFUEL)$$

$$RI = \max \left( IRI, \min \left( IRI_0, a_4 + a_5 * IRI^{a_6} \right) \right)$$

$$a_4 = IRI0 - a_7$$

$$a_5 = \frac{a_7}{\frac{IRI0}{IRI0^{a_7}}}$$

$$a_5 = \frac{IRI0}{a_7}$$

$$a_7 = IRI0 - 3$$

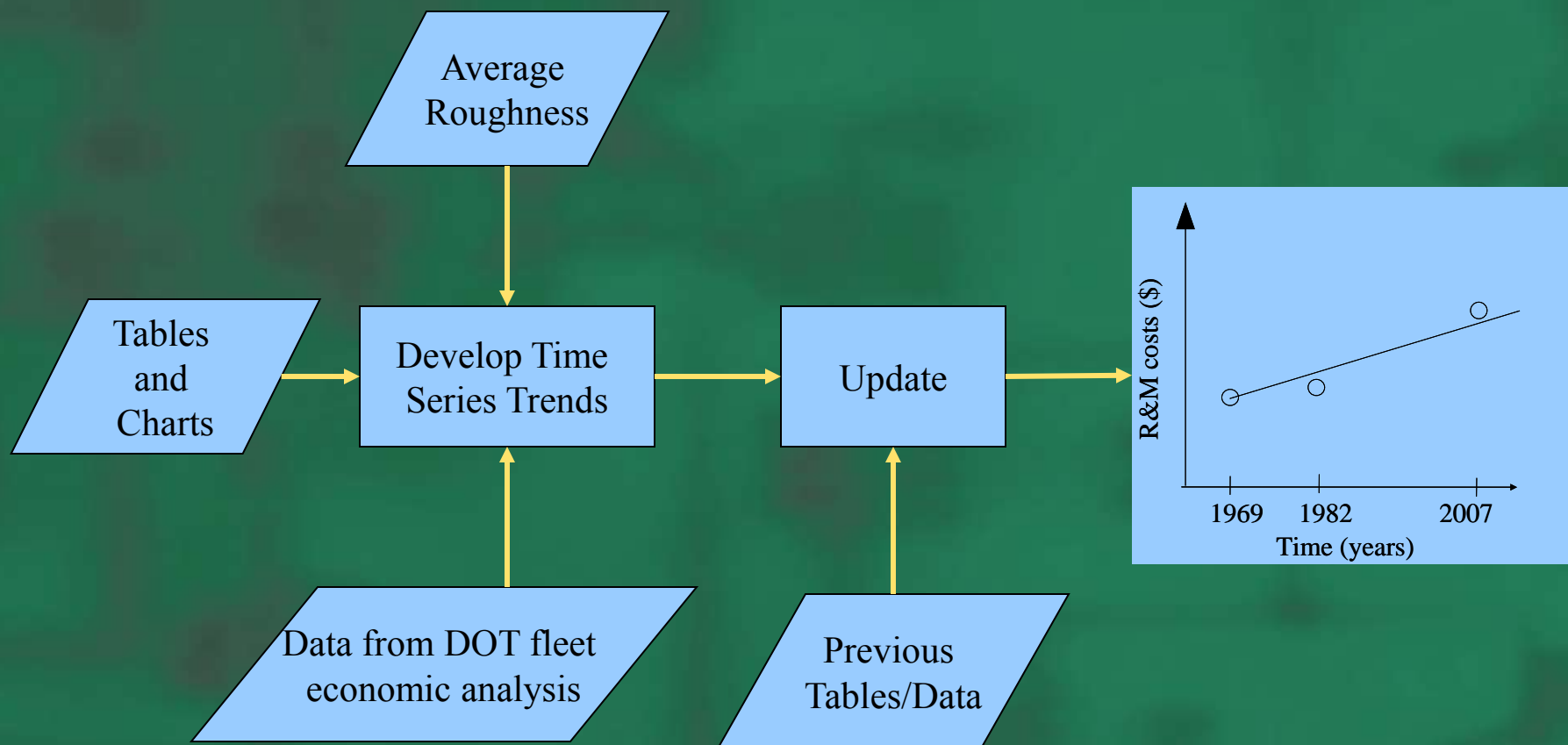
$$IRI0 = 3$$

Smoothing equation

- Labor hours

$$LH = K0_{lh} \left( a_2 \times PARTS^{a_3} \right) + K1_{lh}$$

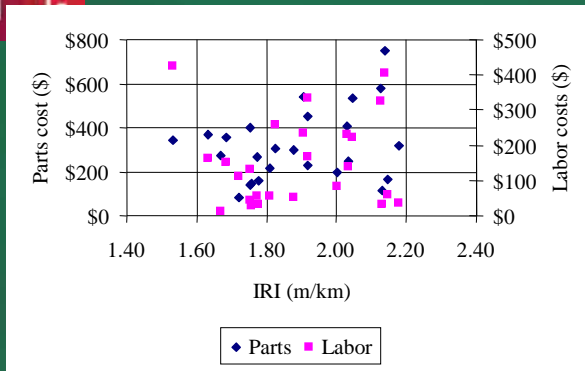
# Updating Zaniewski's tables



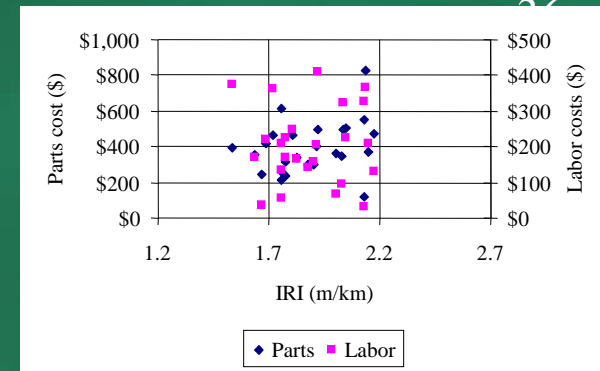
## Data Analysis (Empirical approach)

- Repair and maintenance costs from Texas DOT and Michigan DOT
- Extract only repair costs related to damage from vibrations:
  - Underbody inspection
  - Axle repair and replacement
  - Shock absorber replacement

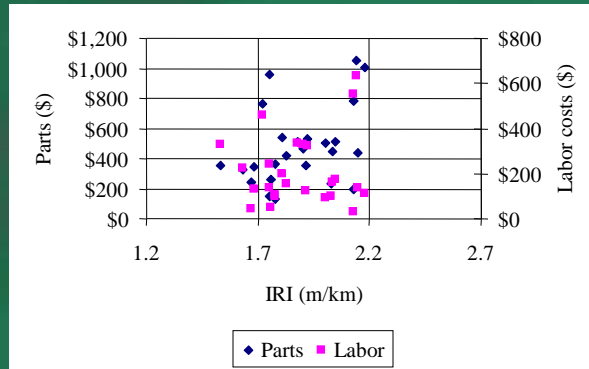
# R&M Costs from MDOT



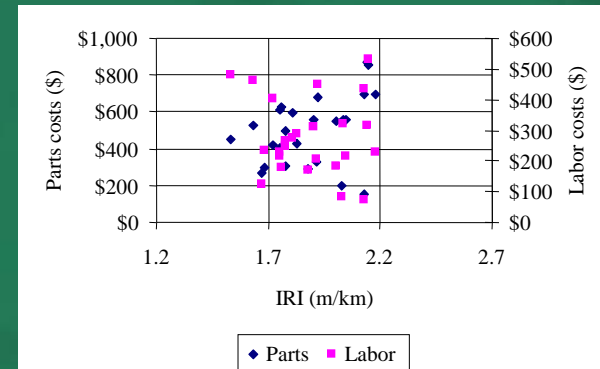
(a) Passenger Car



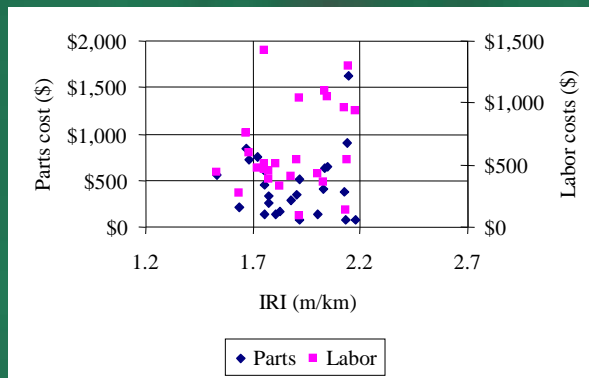
(b) Light Trucks



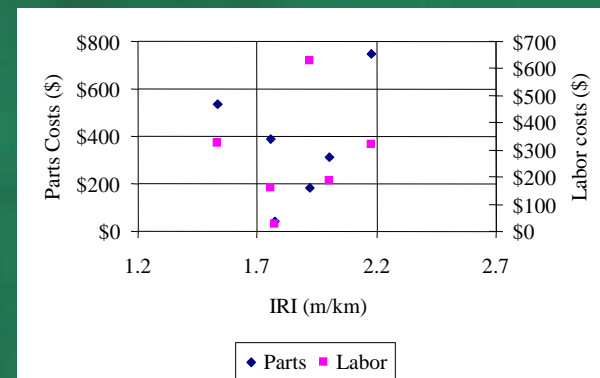
(c) Medium Trucks



(d) Heavy Trucks



(e) Articulated Trucks

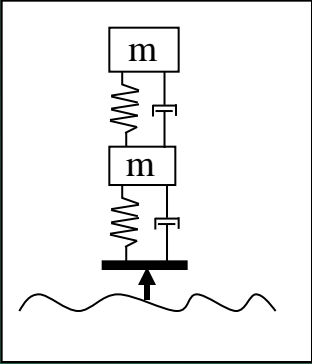


(f) Buses

# Mechanistic Approach

- A mechanistic-empirical approach was proposed to conduct fatigue damage analysis using vehicle-pavement interaction modeling.

Artificial generation of road surface profile

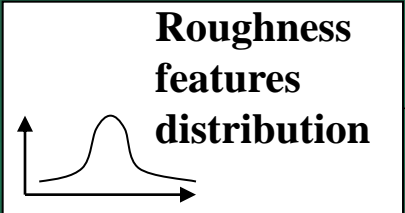
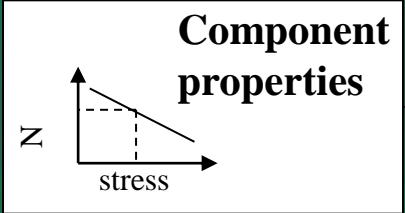


Vehicle simulation

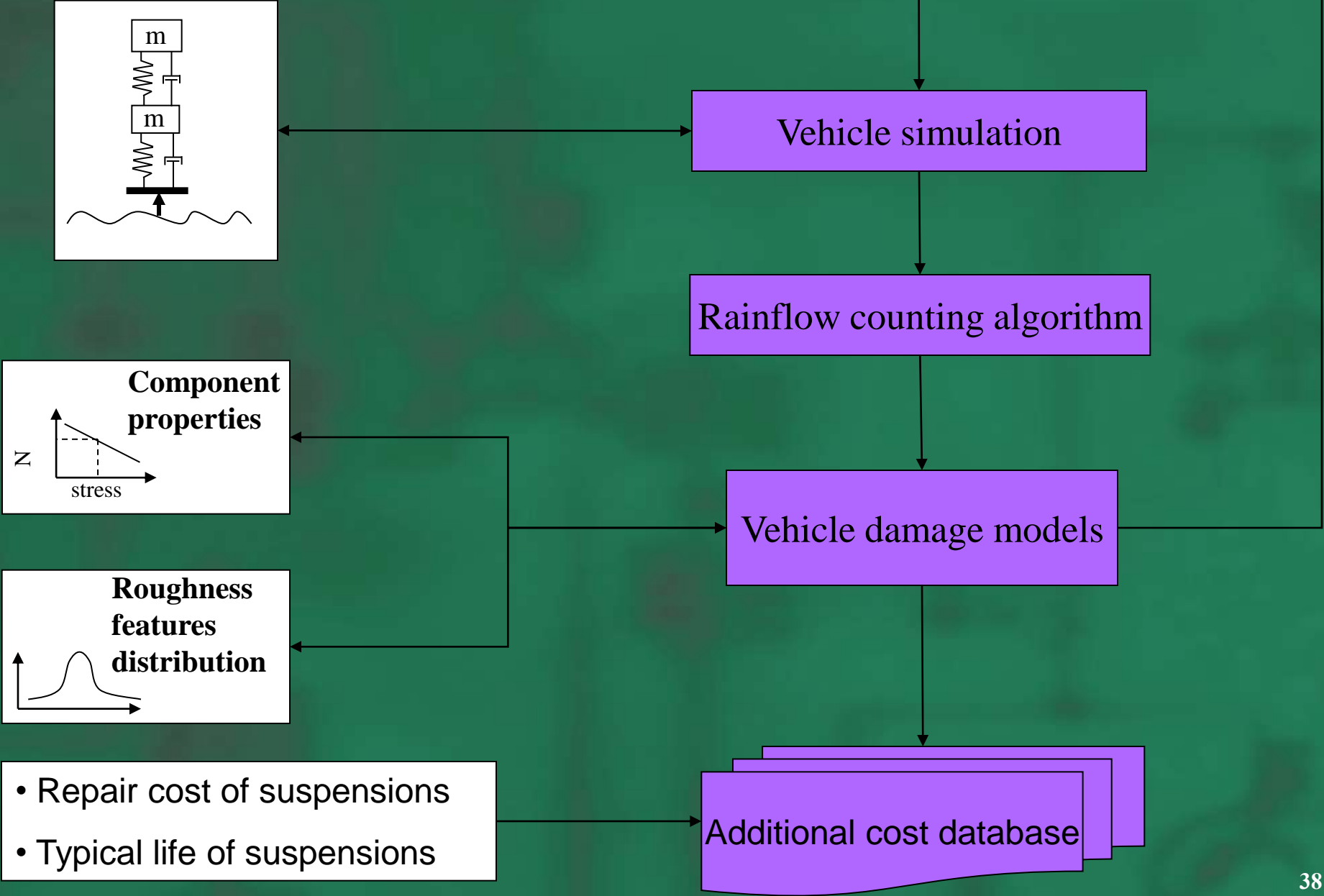
Rainflow counting algorithm

Vehicle damage models

Additional cost database

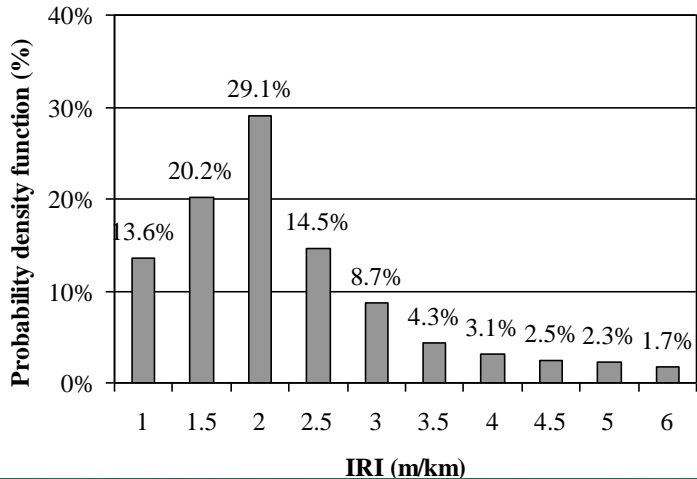


- Repair cost of suspensions
- Typical life of suspensions



# Failure threshold

- User perspective : Replace parts when certain signs of wear become evident.
- Manufacturer lifetime warranty:
  - Truck suspensions : 250,000 miles
  - Car suspensions : 100,000 miles



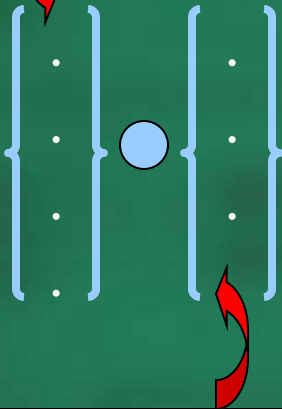
Multiply the PDF with 250,000 or 100,000 miles

Vehicle miles traveled over each roughness level

Generate 30 Road Profiles for each roughness level



Vehicle simulation damage analysis



= Damage threshold

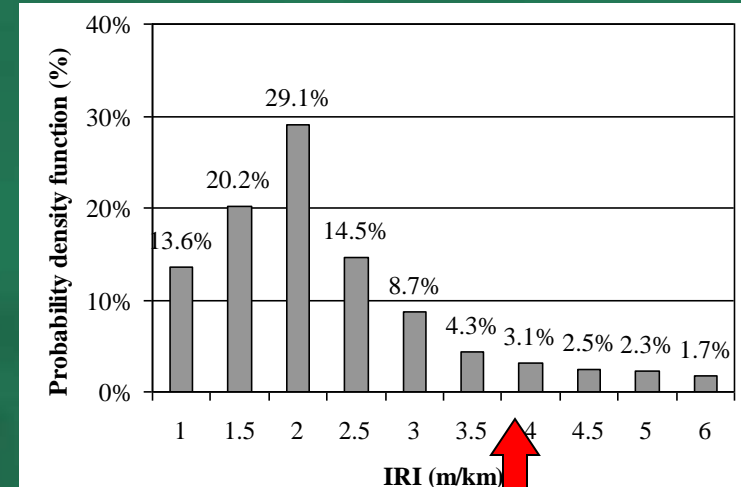
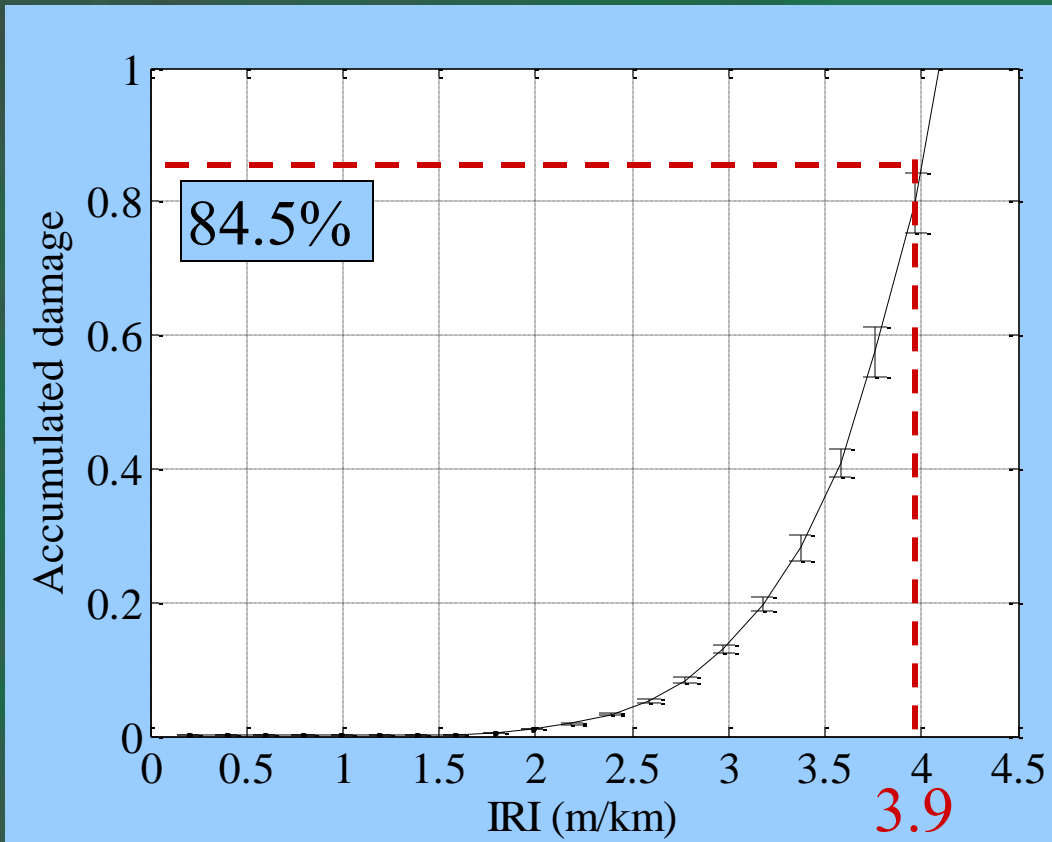
Accumulated damage caused by each roughness level



## Failure threshold (Cont'd)

- For cars: 87.3 %
- For trucks: 62.2 %
- Vehicle manufacturers design their vehicles for:
  - Cars: 90<sup>th</sup> to 95<sup>th</sup> percentile of roughness
  - Trucks: 80<sup>th</sup> to 95<sup>th</sup> percentile of roughness

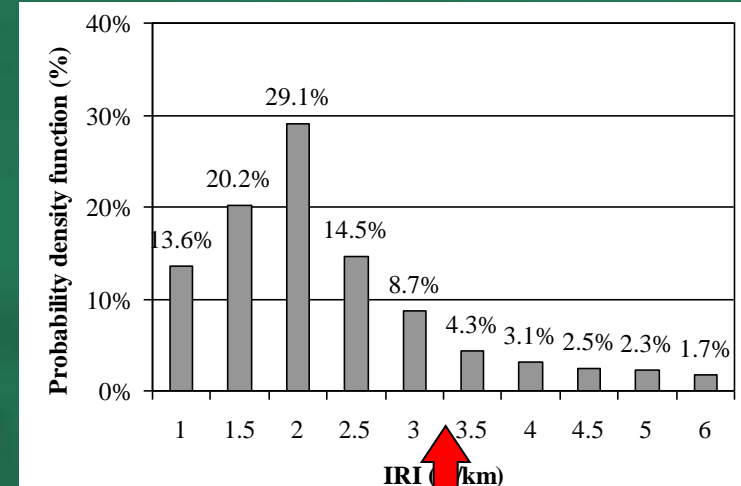
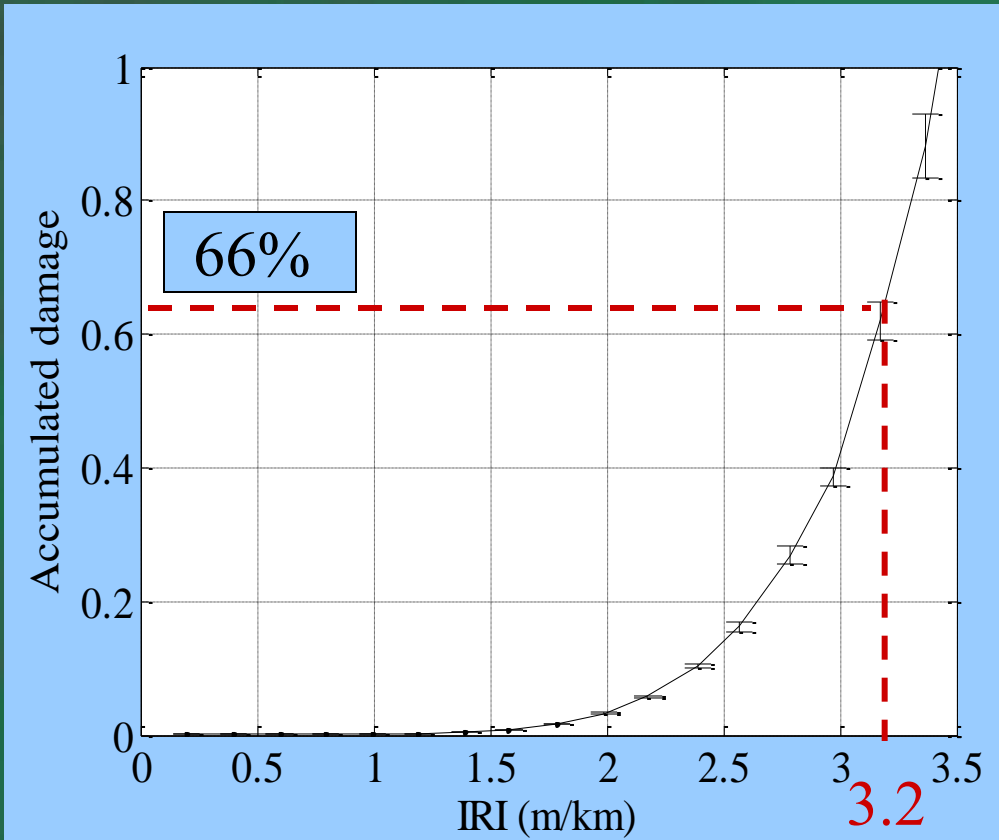
# For cars



**93<sup>rd</sup> percentile**

Car manufacturers design their vehicle for the 90<sup>th</sup> to 95<sup>th</sup> percentile of roughness

# For trucks

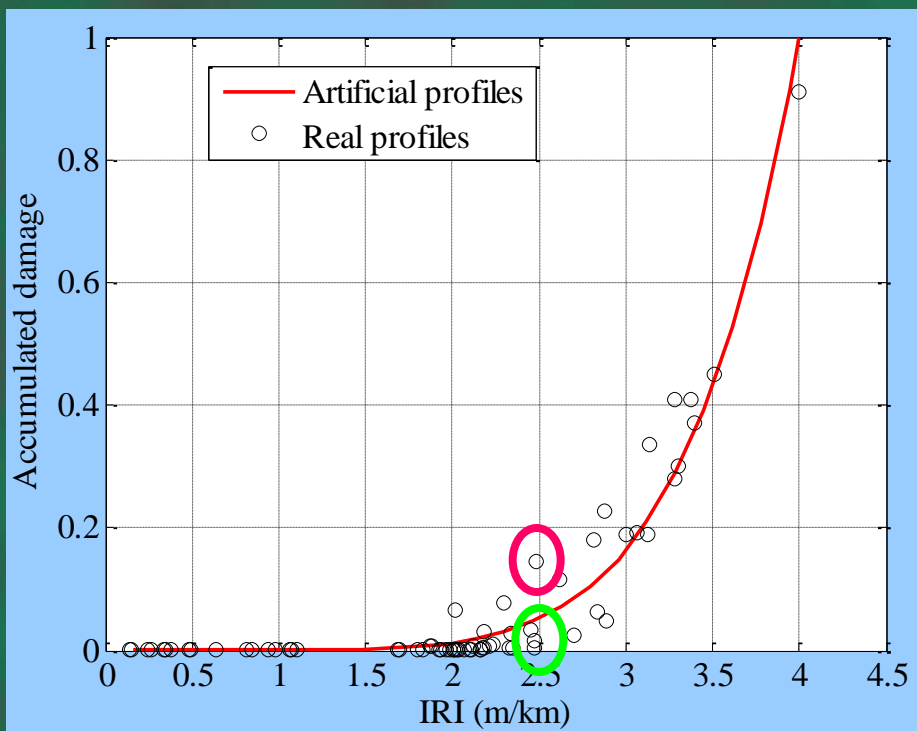


87<sup>th</sup> percentile

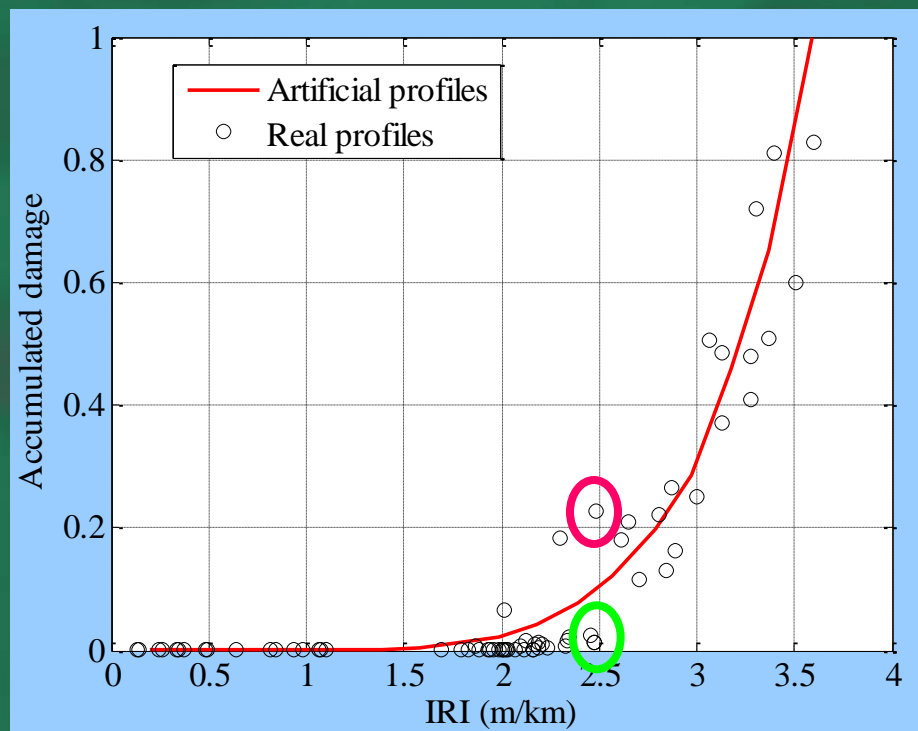
Truck manufacturers design their vehicle for the 80<sup>th</sup> to 95<sup>th</sup> percentile of roughness

# Accumulated damage using actual profiles from in-service pavements

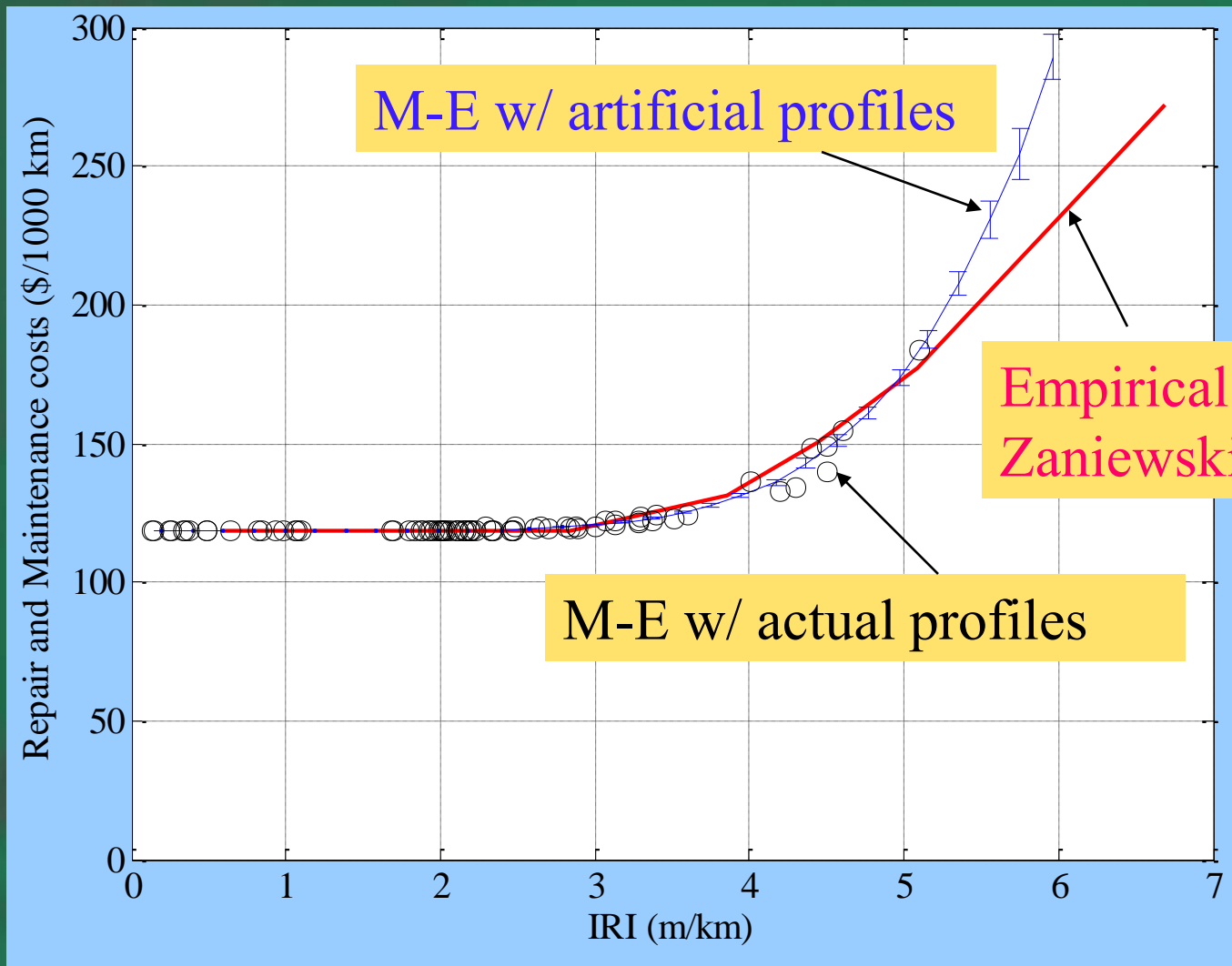
## Cars



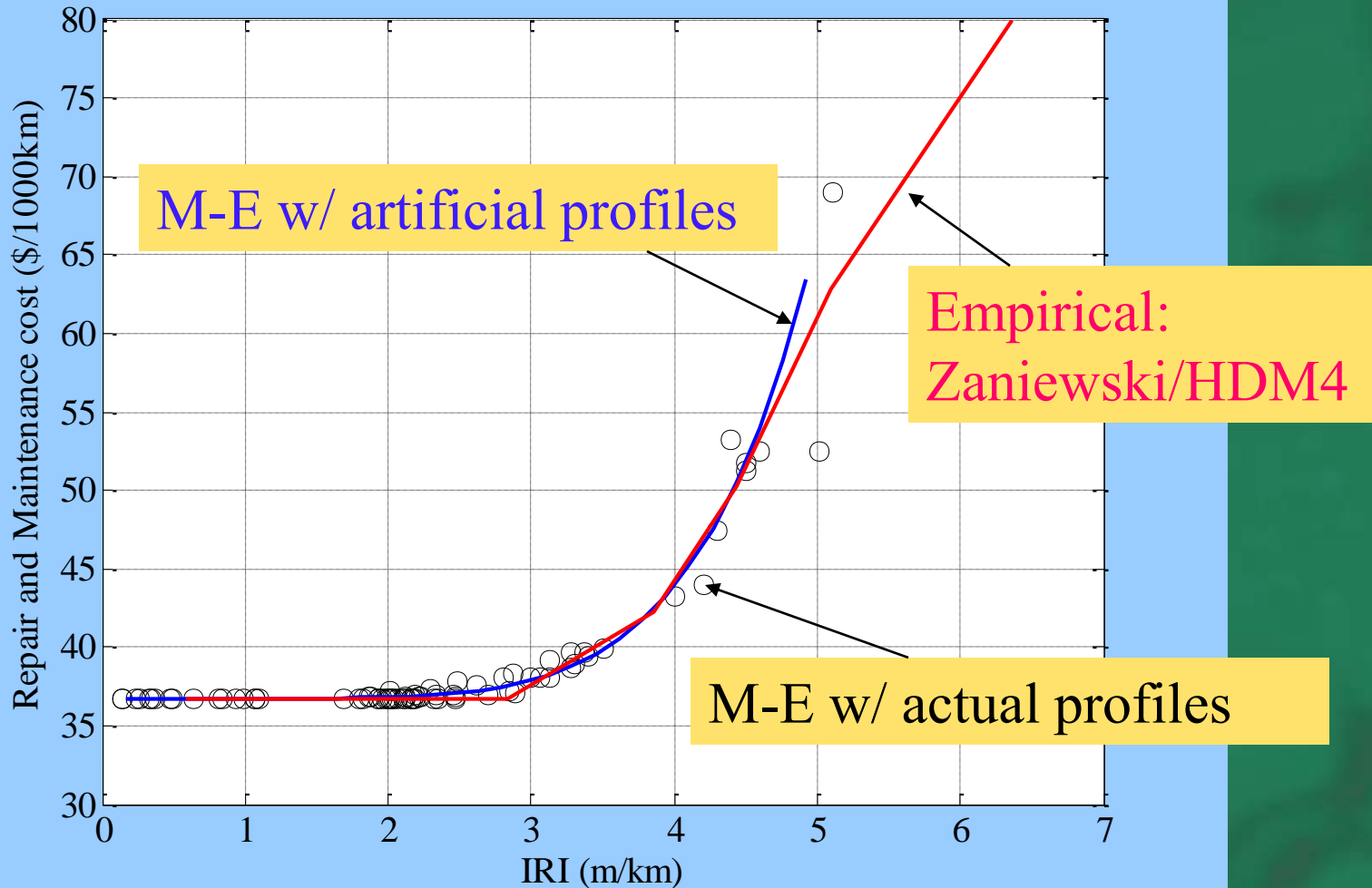
## Trucks



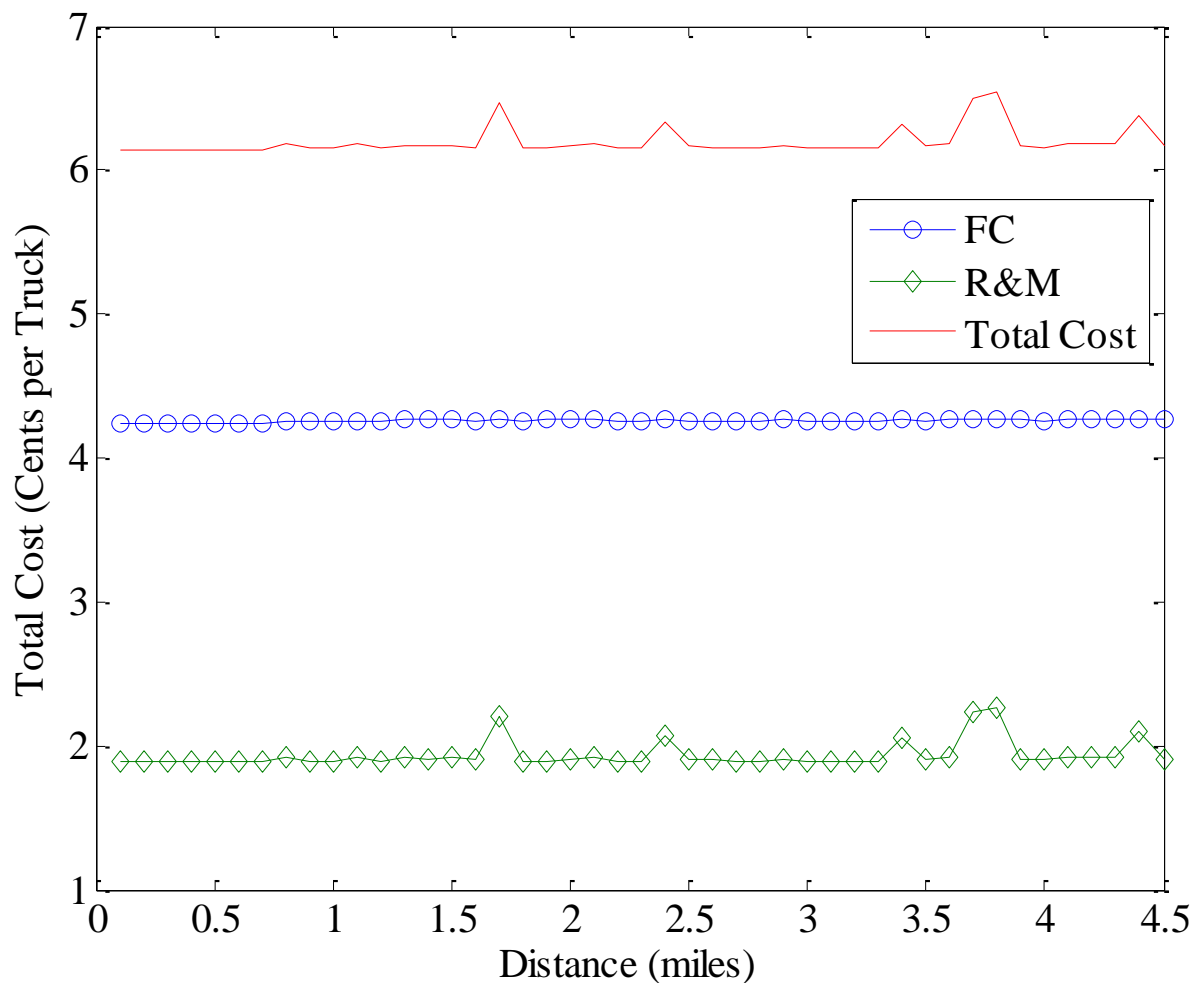
# Empirical versus mechanistic predictions: Trucks



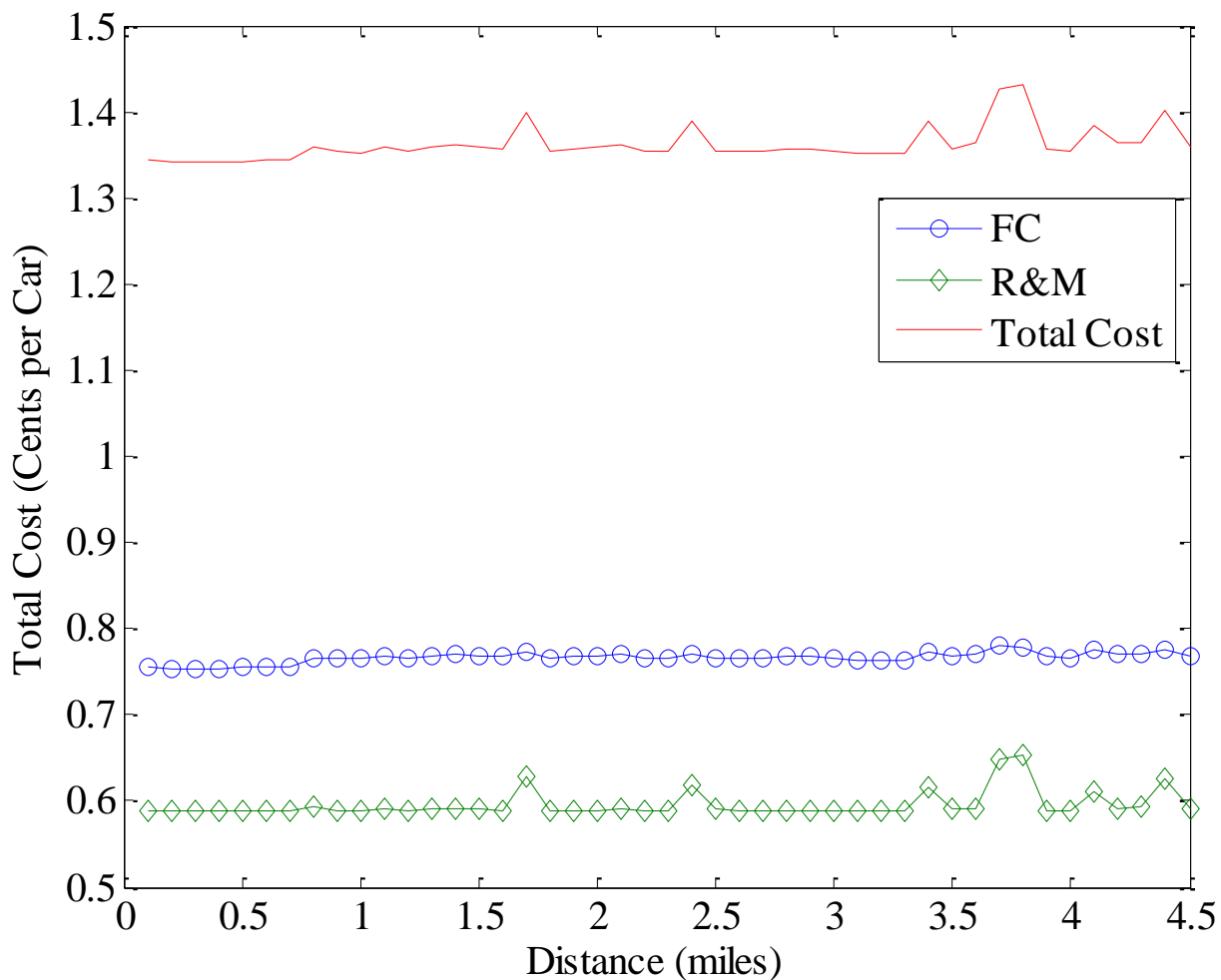
# Empirical versus mechanistic predictions: Cars



# Example: VOC for Trucks caused by I69 condition



# Example: VOC for Cars caused by I69 condition





**Any Questions ?**

