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Case Study: Software Application for a Bridge Rehabilitation Project

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STADIUM[®] is a multiionic transport model that can predict the degradation of cement-based materials exposed to aggressive environments



The *STADIUM*[®] Approach



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Coupled transport



Chemical damage



Chemical equilibrium

An Integrated Solution



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Local Exposure Conditions



Chemical Degradation



Properties of Materials



Registered Program



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Steel Corrosion



Protection Solutions



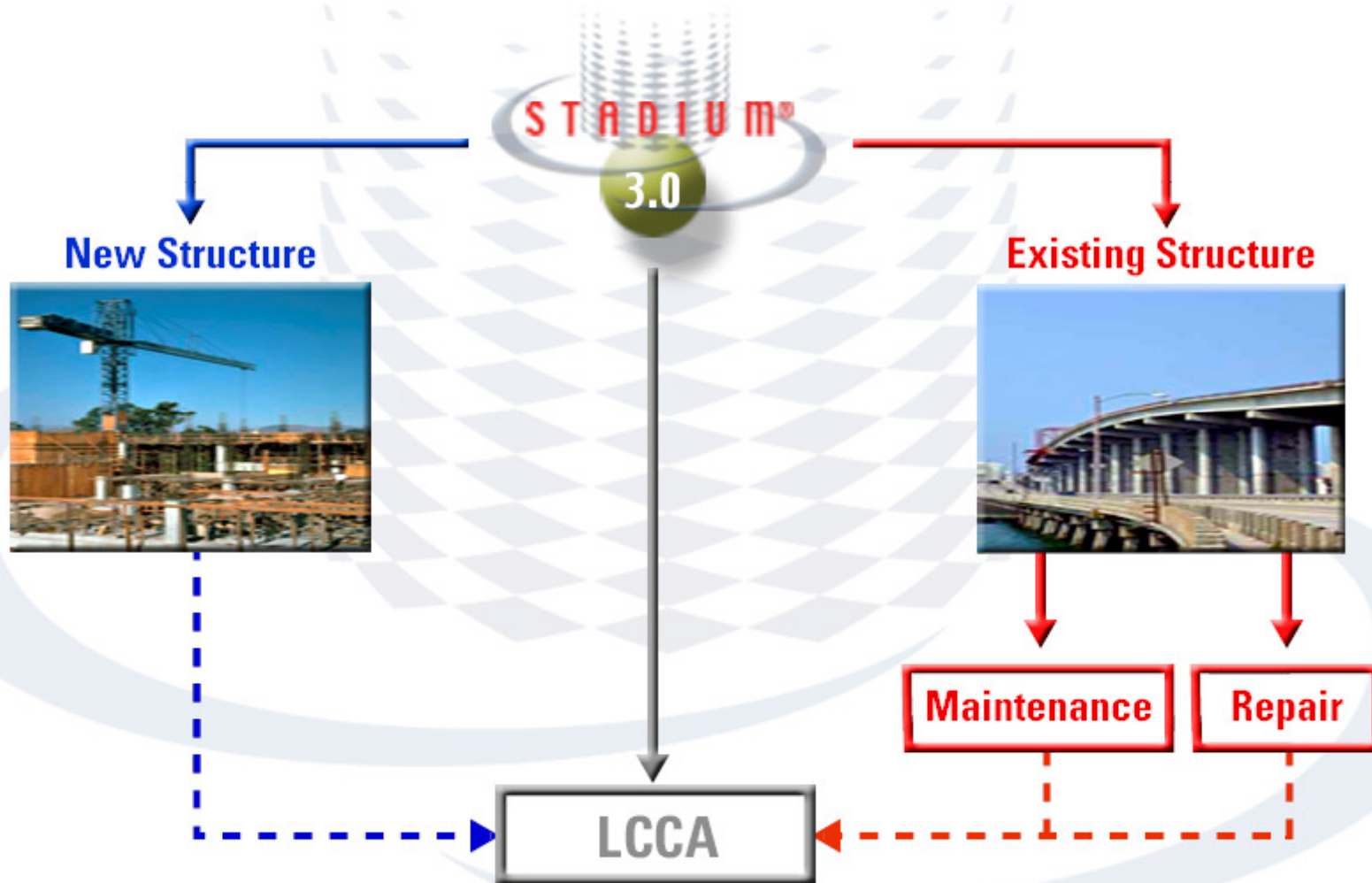
Moisture Emission



New STADIUM[®] 3.0

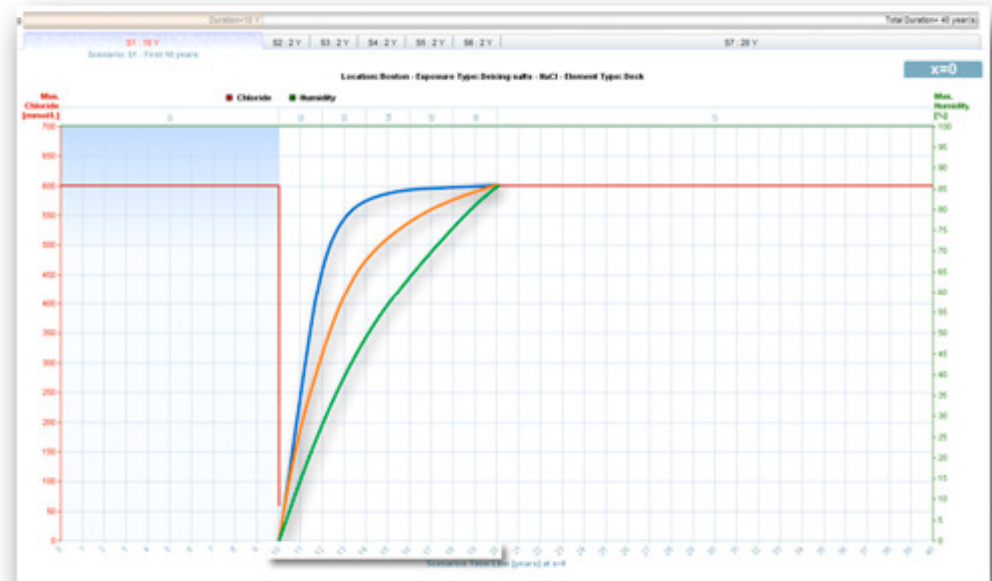
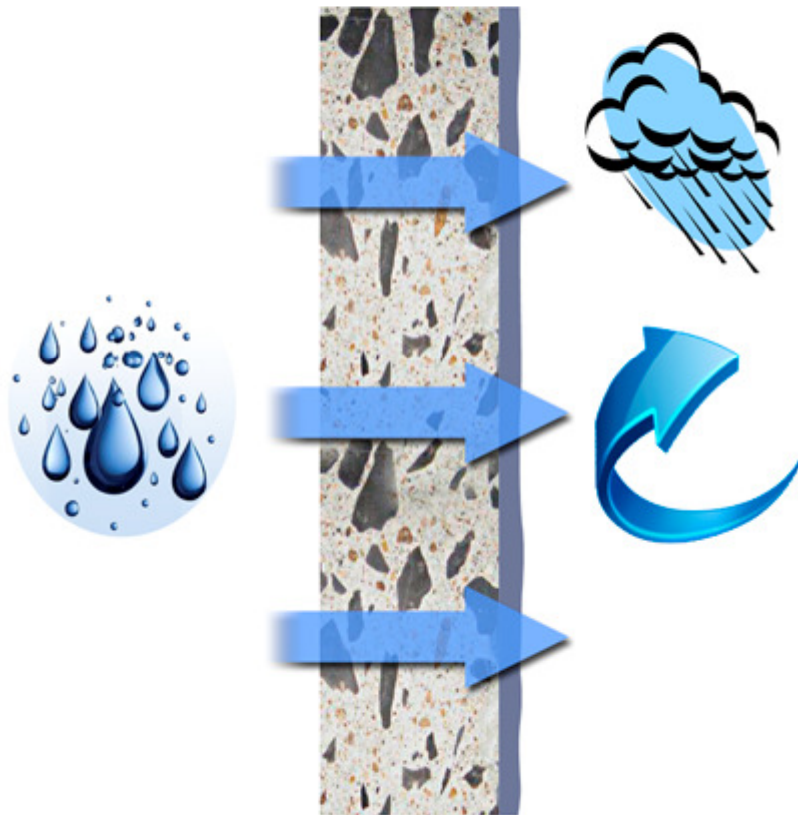


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Topical sealer application

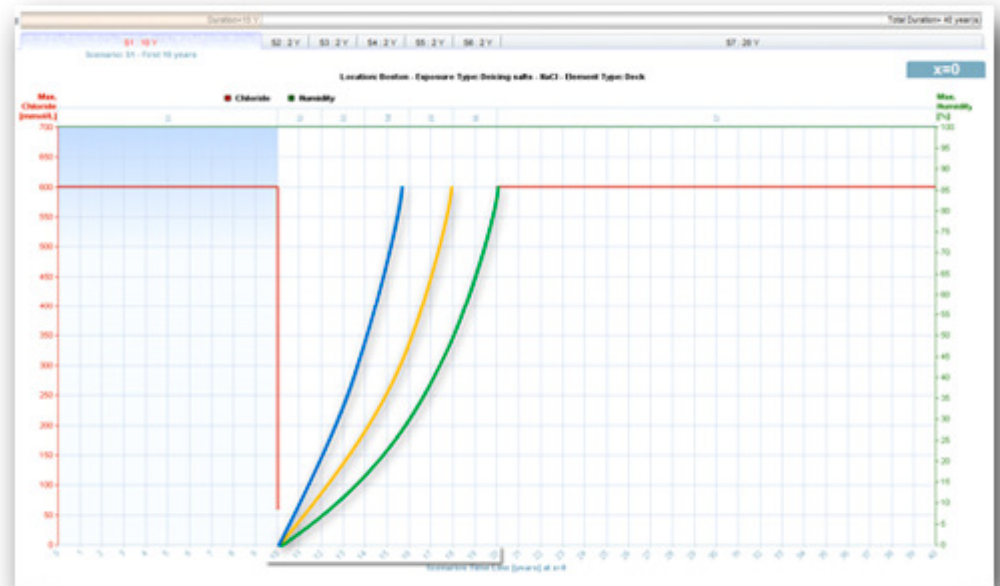


STADIUM[®] 3.0 Maintenance Options



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Membrane application



Life-Cycle Cost Analysis



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Alternative #1

Initial Cost: \$25,000

Maintenance Cost (after 10 years):
\$20,000

Maintenance Cost: \$17,500/5 years

Alternative #2

Initial Cost: \$75,000

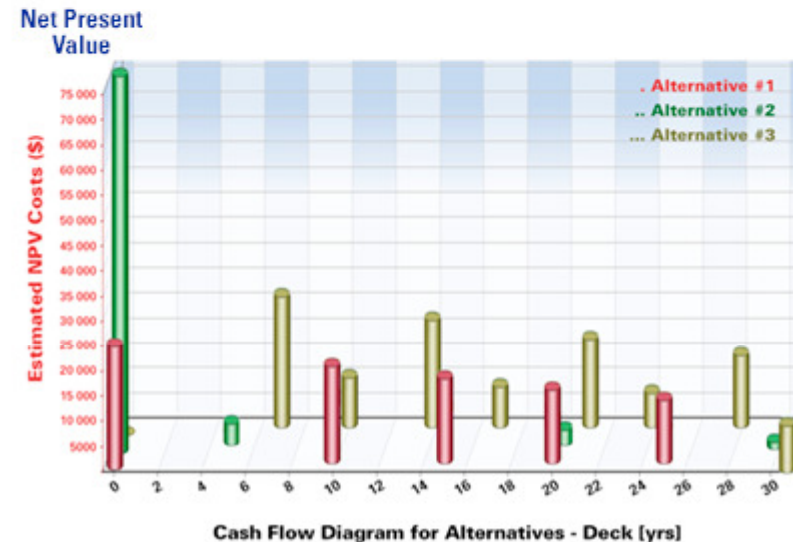
Maintenance Cost: \$8,000/6 years

Alternative #3

Initial Cost: \$0

Maintenance Cost: \$35,000/6 years

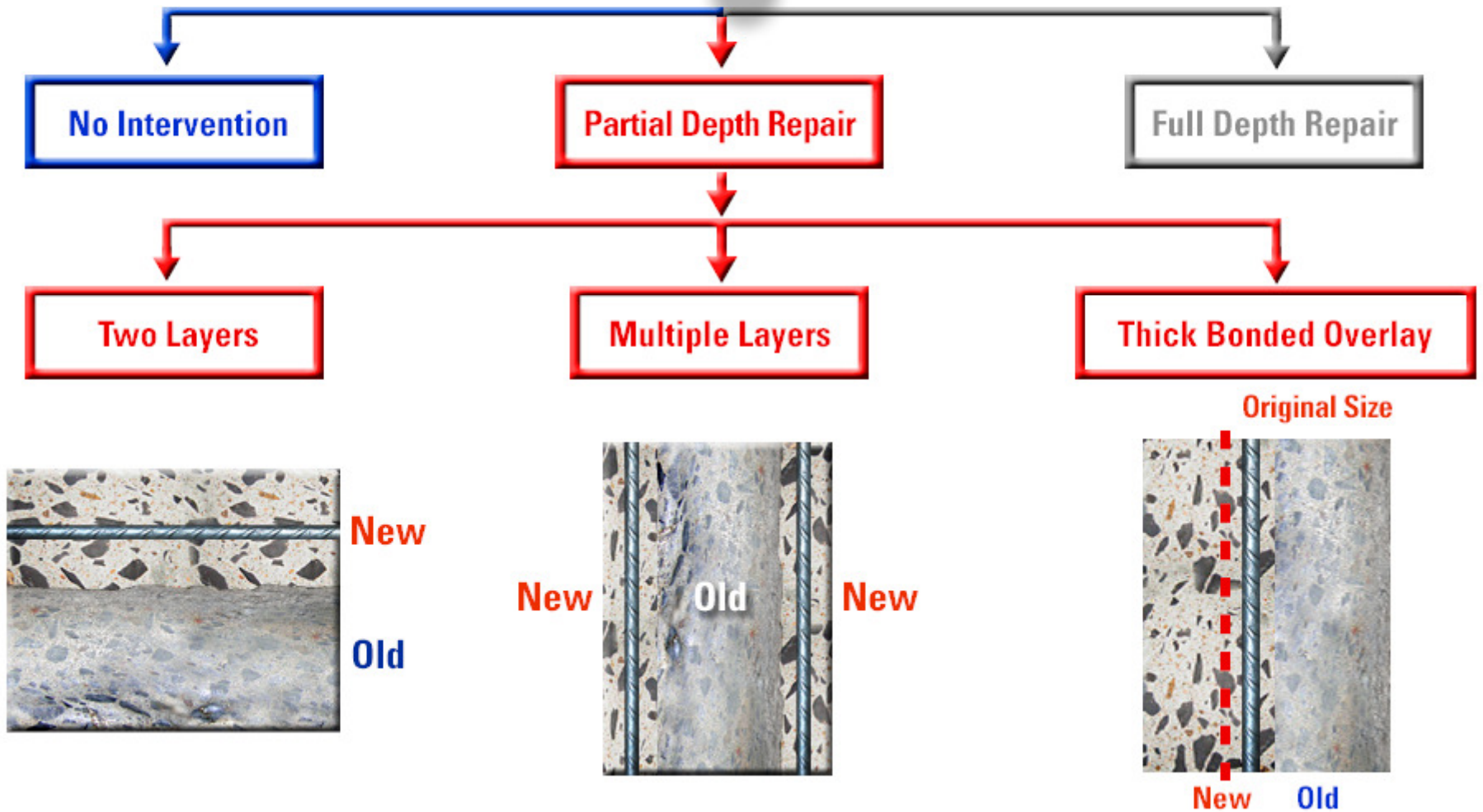
Maintenance Cost: \$20,000/10 years



Multiple Repair Scenarios



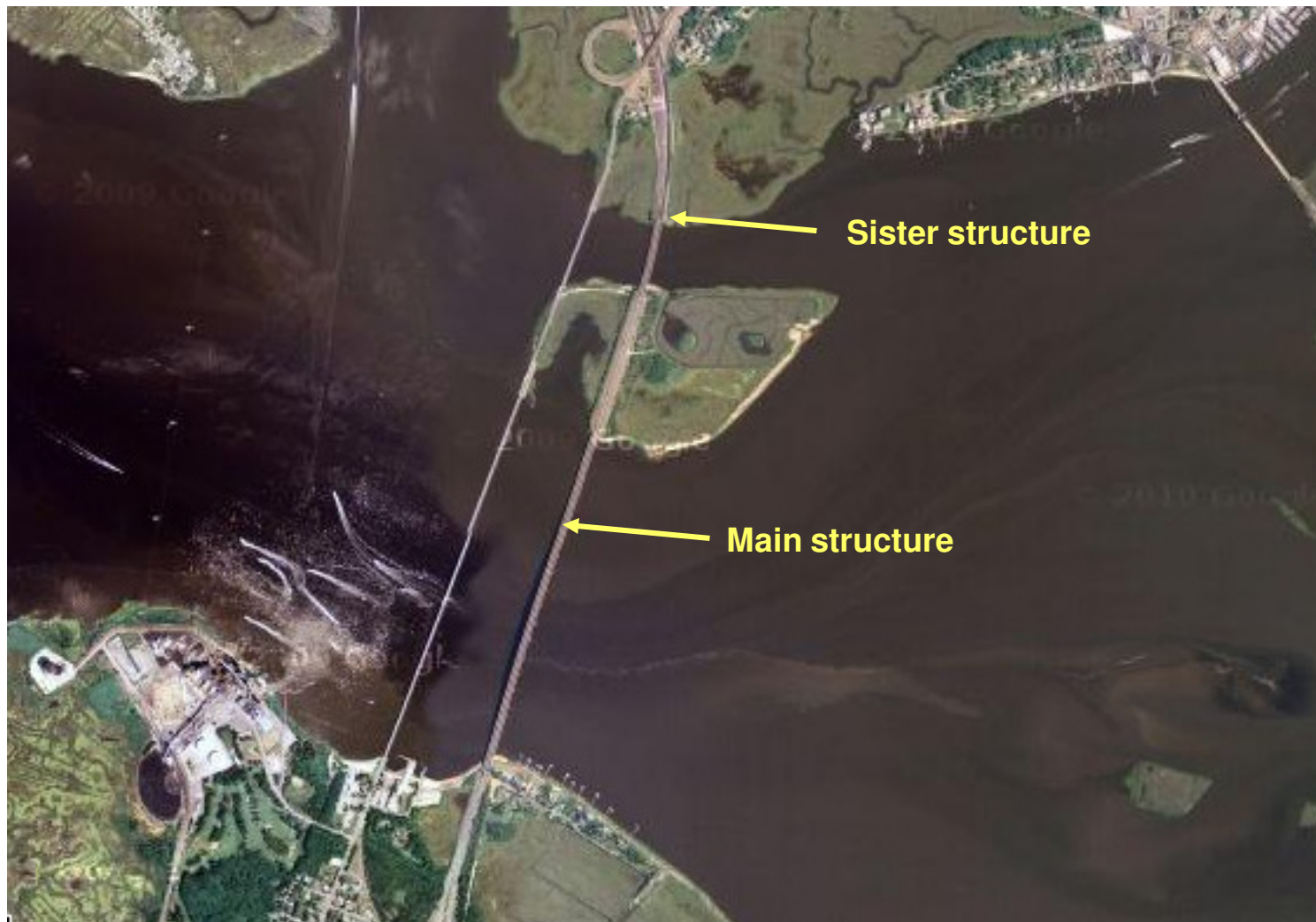
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Bridge Location – New Jersey



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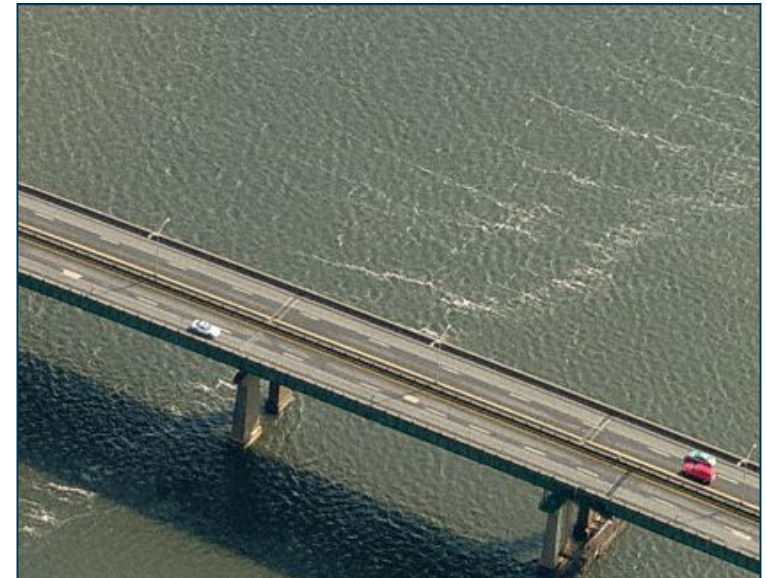


Background Information



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- Different structures for northbound and southbound directions
- Southbound structure:
 - Year of construction: 1956
 - Precast and cast-in-place concrete elements
- Northbound structure:
 - Year of construction: 1973
 - All elements under investigation were precast



Elements Investigated



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Box beams



I-beams

Northbound		Southbound	
Box beams	Prestressed piles	I-beams	Pile caps
Deicing salts	Airborne	Deicing salts (web)	Deicing salts
Airborne	Splash zone	Deicing salts (bottom portion)	Airborne
		Airborne	



Prestressed piles



Pile caps

Five-Step Approach



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Know your
concrete

Know your
environment

Know your
structure

Estimate residual
service life



Analyze and select
optimum solution

STADIUM[®] Methodology



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Visual Inspection

Walk through/damage survey



Concrete Core Extraction

Core sampling



Laboratory Investigation

Concrete characterization



Service Life Predictions

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Know Your Concrete – Coring



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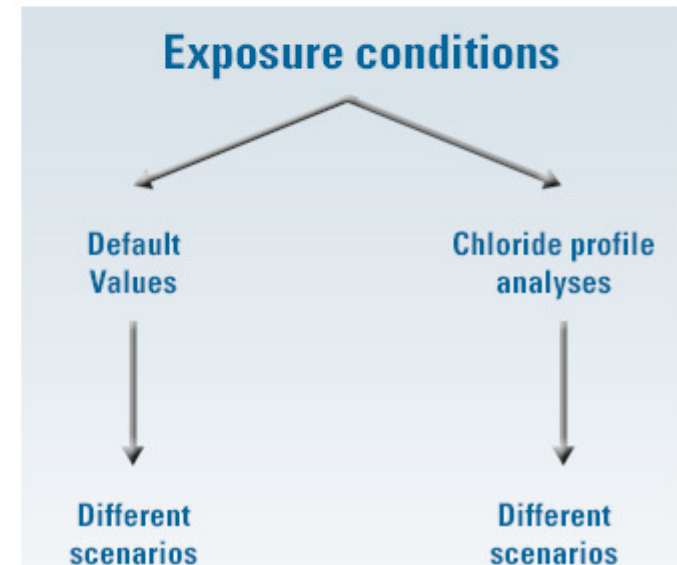
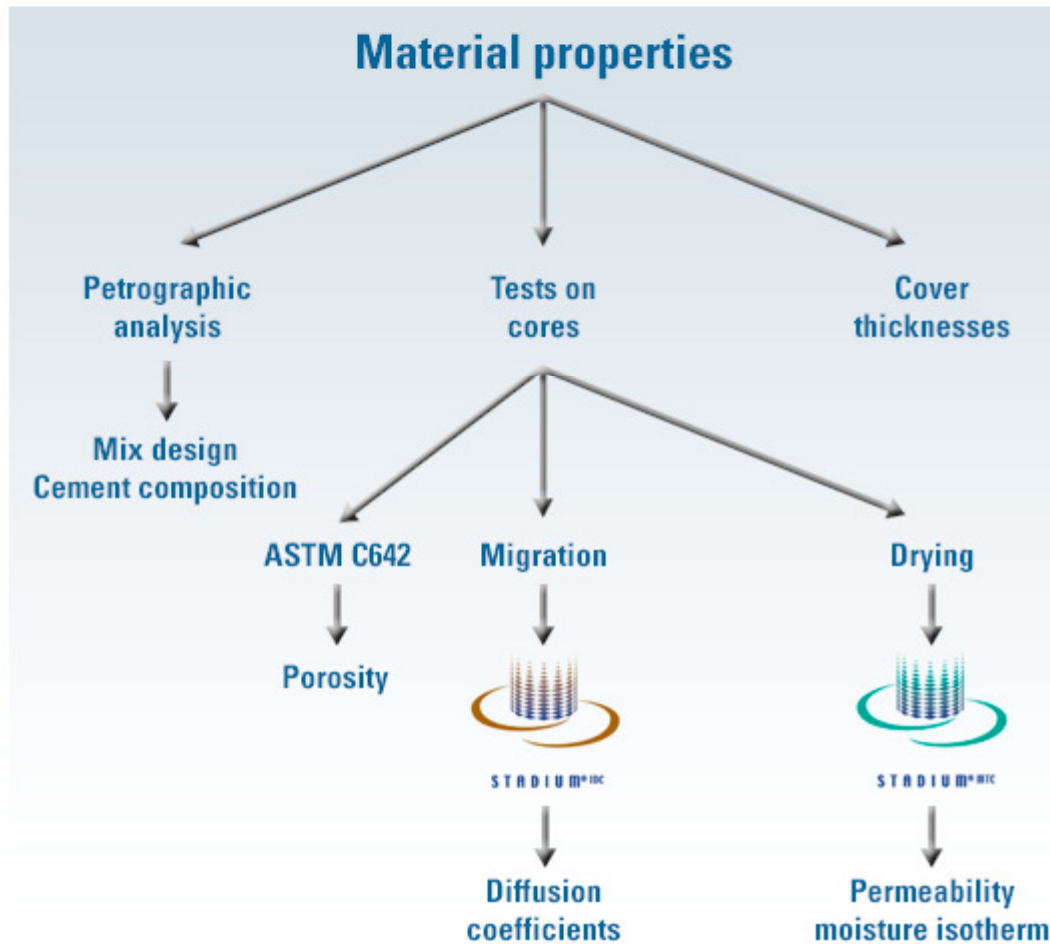
- Total number of cores: 56
- 31 cores from the northbound structure:
 - 15 in the box beams
 - 16 in the prestressed piles
- 26 cores from the southbound structure:
 - 12 in the I-beams
 - 13 in the pile caps

Existing Structure



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Existing structure inputs



Test Results



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- Concrete properties
- Experimental chloride profiles

	Box beams	I-beams	Pile caps	Prestressed piles
Porosity	14.2	12.3	12.0	12.7
Diffusion coefficient	23.0	18.5	19.0	13.0
Water-binder ratio	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40
Paste vol. (%)	28	32	28	29

Service Life Simulations



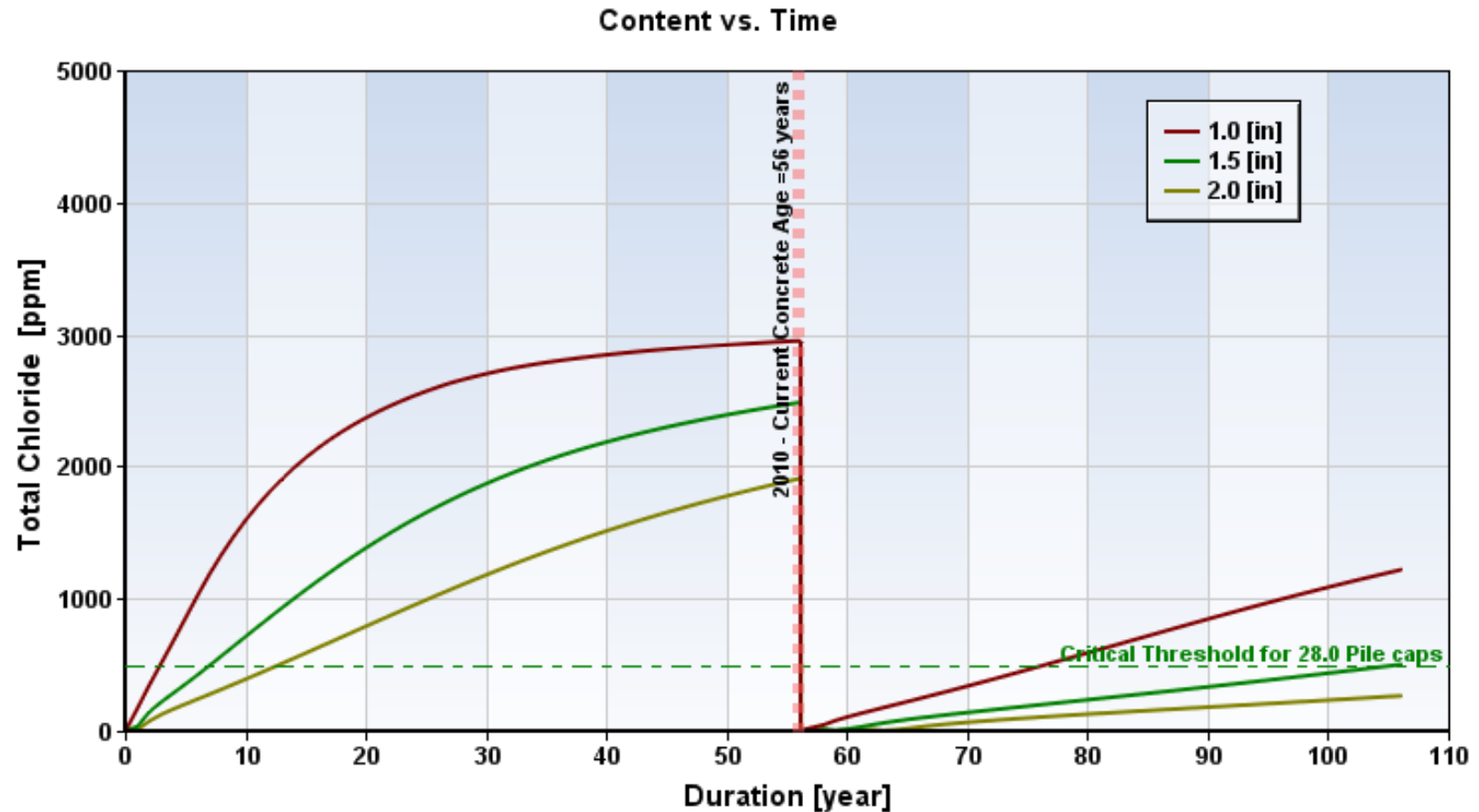
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Box beams		I beams		Pile caps		Prestressed piles	
Deicing	Airborne	Deicing (web)	Deicing (bottom)	Deicing	Airborne	Airborne	Splash
No repair		No repair		No repair		No repair	
3 inch repair		2.0 inch repair	3.5 inch repair	2, 3, 6 inches repairs	Sealer every 10 years	Sealer every 10 years	Pile jacket
		Sealer every 10 years					1.5 inch repair with 0, 2 and 4 inch jacket

Simulation Results



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Simulation Results



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Live results from software



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Thank you!

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