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# DETERIORATION OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS IN NYC

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# PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

This presentation will provide a historical perspective of construction material deterioration caused by climate conditions and design practices in New York City. The presentation includes an overview of basic material science, Code-related requirements, along with an explanation of conditions that led to the deterioration of stone, wood, brick concrete and steel and historic methods of protection.

# ORGANIZATION



- Durability
- Climate specific to NYC
- Buildings
- Systems
- Materials

# CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE



# FROM 1880 CENSUS: STONE INDUSTRY



credit Central Park Conservancy and NYC Parks.

We have transported another obelisk **Cleopatra's Needle**, from Egypt, and. In defiance of the still greater dangers incidents to our sever climate, have erected it, covered with delicate carvings, upon a bullock In Central park, exposed to the blazing sun, pelting rain, and biting frost, often successively within 24 hours – a monument to the public ignorance in regard to the protection of even our prized possessions – that indifference of our community to the PRACTICAL VALUE OF SCIENCE. – *report by A. Julien*

# SERVICE LIFE PLANNING ISO 15686

Service life of a system that is known to be expected under a referenced set of in use conditions and which may form the basis of estimating the service life under other in use conditions

The factor method is used to modify the reference service life while considering the difference between the project specific and the reference in use conditions

$ESL = RSL \times \text{Factor A} \times \text{Factor B} \times \dots \times \dots \times \dots$

# FACTORS IN MATERIAL DURABILITY FORMULA

Factor classes of the Factor method	
Factor class	Designation
A	quality of components
B	design level
C	work execution level
D	indoor environment
E	outdoor environment
F	usage conditions
G	maintenance level



# QUALITY STONE AND WORKMANSHIP



# DESIGN LIFE BUILDINGS (BS7543)

<i>Table 1 - Categories of Design Life for Buildings (from BS 7543:1992)</i>			
Category	Description	Building Life	Examples
1	Temporary	Up to 10 yrs	Site huts; temporary exhibition buildings
2	Short life	Min. 10 yrs	Temporary classrooms; warehouses
3	Medium Life	Min. 30 yrs	Industrial buildings; housing refurbishment
4	Normal life	Min. 60 yrs	Health, housing and educational buildings
5	Long life	Min. 120 yrs	Civic and high quality buildings

# DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- Are the materials selected compatible with each other?
- Has the manufacturer provided adequate data on durability?
- Can the required service life be assured with normal maintenance?

# DESIGN LIFE COMPONENTS: ISO 2000

Design life of building	Components			Building services
	Inaccessible or structural	Replacement is expensive or difficult*	Major replaceable	
Unlimited	Unlimited	100	40	25
150	150	100	40	25
100	100	100	40	25
60	60	60	40	25
25	25	25	25	25
15	15	15	15	15
10	10	10	10	10

# DURABILITY vs STRUCTURAL DESIGN

## Durability – Time Component

1. Cosmetics
2. Serviceability limit state - reached when not maintained
3. Codes relate durability to serviceability
4. Safety Limit State - deterioration advances be directly associated with an ultimate limit state.

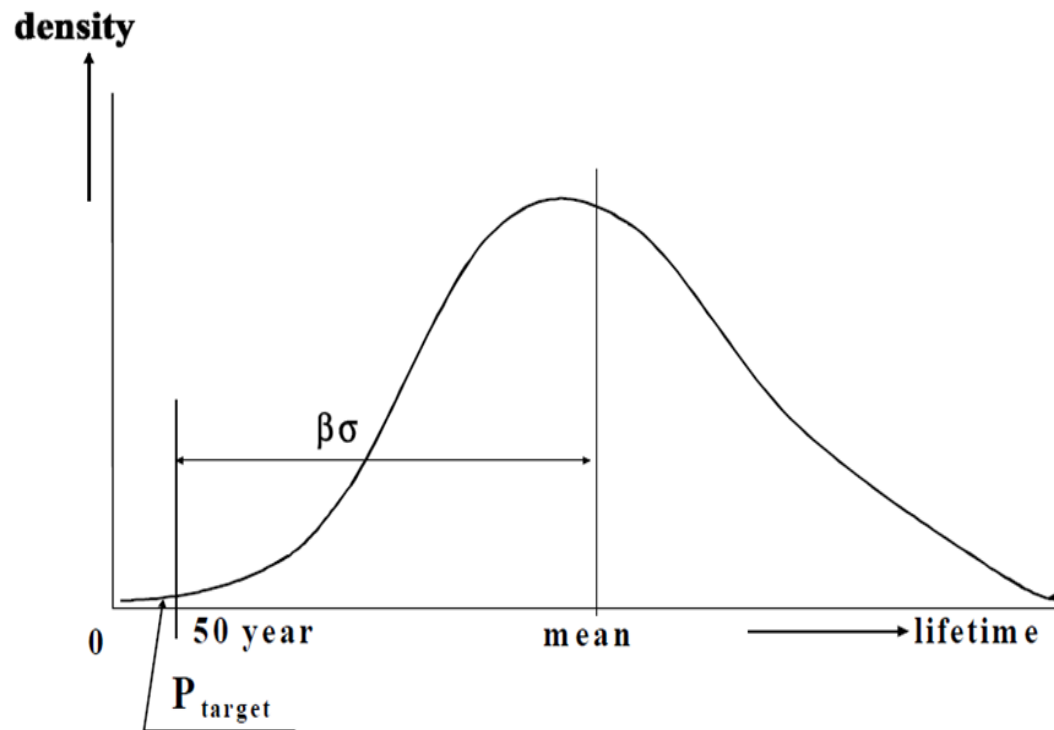
## Structural

In the performance based structural design both the resistance and the load are considered to be time independent.

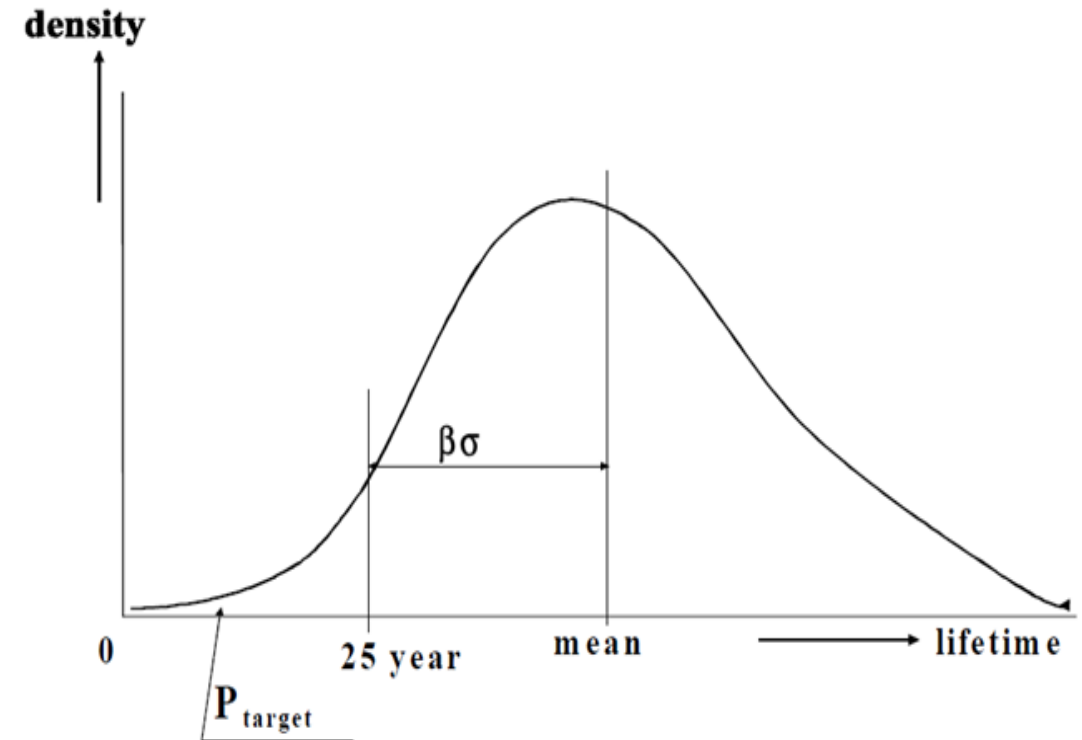
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# EXAMPLE: DESIGN RELIABILITY

## Ultimate Limit State for Structure



## Serviceability Limit State – Materials



# MATERIAL LIFE AS EXPECTED IN 1880

Material in Building.	Frame dwelling.		Brick dwelling shingle roof.		Brick store, shingle roof.	
	Average life, years.	Per cent. of depreciation per annum.	Average life, years.	Per cent. of depreciation per annum.	Average life, years.	Per cent. of depreciation per annum.
Brick .....	∞	∞	75	1 1/3	66	1 1/3
Plastering .....	20	5	30	3 1/3	30	3 1/3
Painting, outside....	5	20	7	14	6	16
Painting, inside....	7	14	7	14	6	16
Shingle .....	16	6	16	6	16	6
Cornice .....	40	2 1/2	40	2 1/2	40	2 1/2
Weather boarding...	30	3 1/3	∞	∞	∞	∞
Sheathing .....	50	2	50	2	50	2
Flooring .....	20	5	20	5	13	8
Doors, complete....	30	3 1/3	30	3 1/3	30	3 1/3
Windows, complete..	30	3 1/3	30	3 1/3	30	3 1/3

Based on Empirical Observations of materials as they were manufactured at that time

- Frame Dwelling
- Brick Dwelling (shingle roof) -75 years
- Frame Store
- Brick Store - 66 years
  - AVERAGE LIFE
  - DEPRECIATION

*From Kidder Architects' handbook on 1879 Fire Underwriters publication*

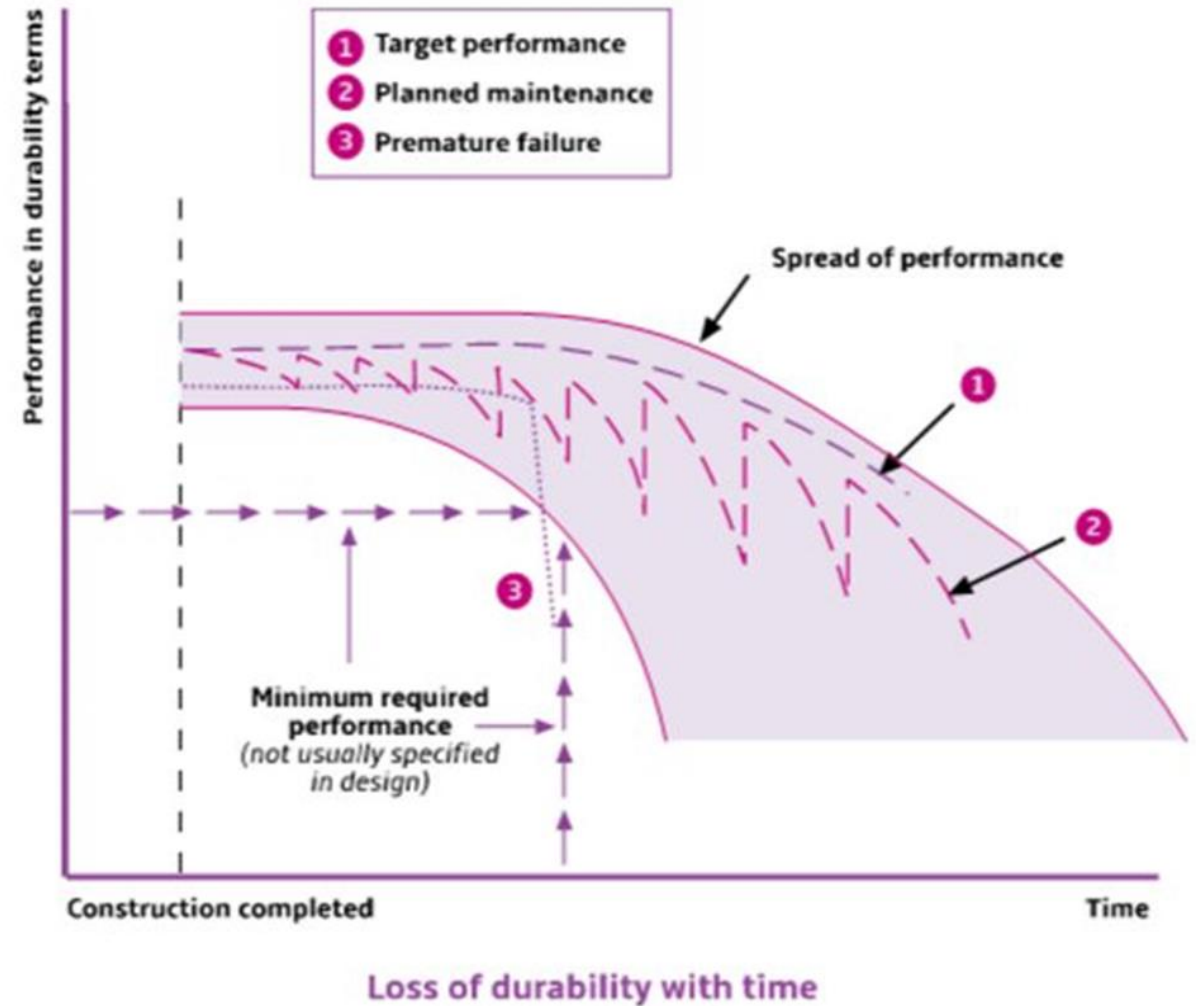
# BUILDING LIFE AS EXPECTED 1914

Class of Building.	Structural.		Commercial.	
	Life in years.	Per cent. of average annual depreciation.	Life in years.	Per cent. of average annual depreciation.
Cheap detached frame residences .....	30-40	2.90	25	4.
Good detached frame residences .....	40-60	2.10	35	2.90
Ordinary brick residences.	50-75	1.65	40	2.50
Good brick and stone residences .....	100-150	.83	45 or more	2.20
Frame tenements.....	25-35	3.50	27½	3.17
Brick tenements and flats.	40-50	2.25	35	2.90
Good class apartment houses .....	50-75	1.66	45	2.20
High class fireproof apartment houses .....	75-100	1.16	45 or more	2.20
Cheap brick shops and dwellings .....	40-50	2.25	40	2.50
Ordinary brick shops and dwellings .....	50-75	1.66	45	2.20
Good brick and stone stores and offices .....	75-100	1.16	45	2.20
High class offices & stores of brick, stone, terra cotta and iron or steel construction .....	150	.83	50 to unknown	2.

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# PLANNED MAINTENANCE

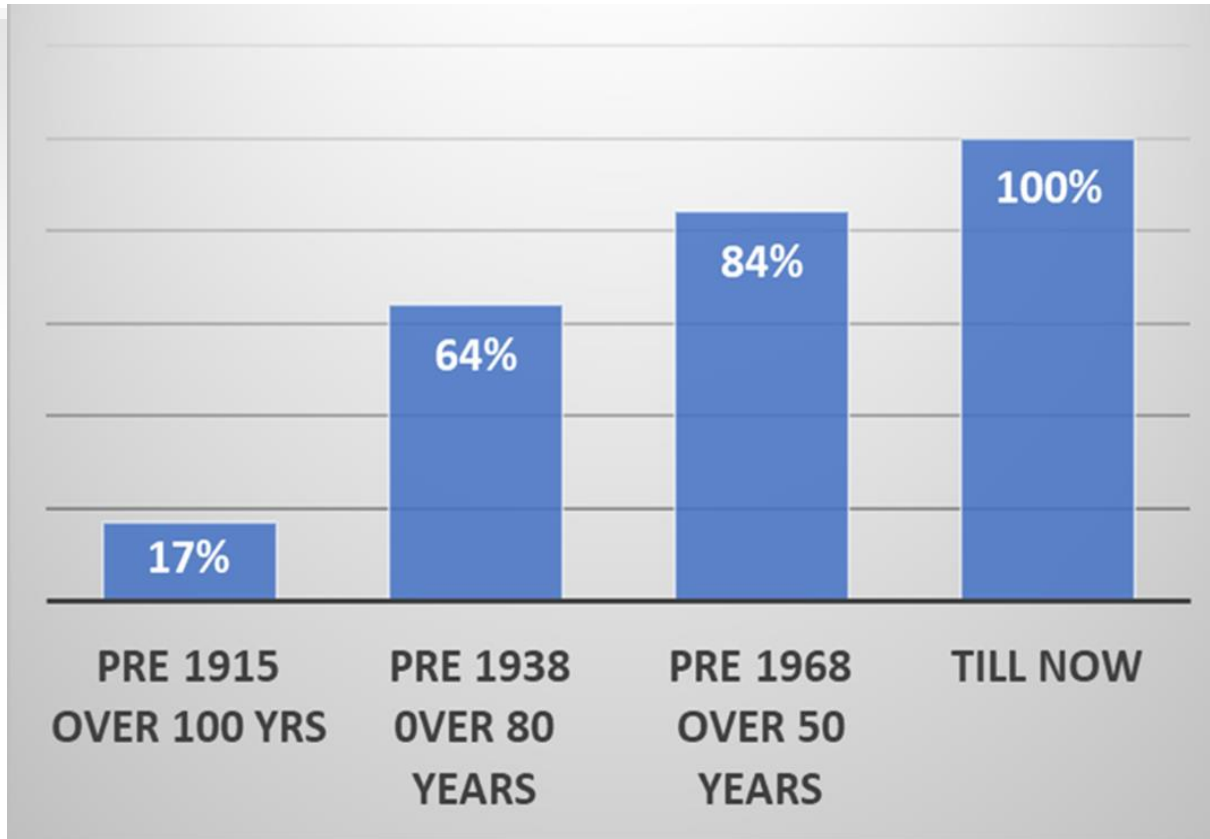
- Planned maintenance requires budgeting funds.
- More expensive over time
- Expressed in depreciation



# COST OF REPAIRS SCHEDULE 1914

Class of Building.	Per cent of cost of building.	Per cent. of gross rental.
Cheap detached frame residences.....	1½ to 2¼	10 to 15
Good detached frame residences.....	¾ to 1¼	6 to 10
Ordinary brick residences.....	¾ to 1¼	6 to 10
Good brick and stone residences.....	½ to 1	5 to 8
Frame tenements .....	1¾ to 2¾	10 to 15
Brick tenements and flats.....	1¼ to 2	9 to 13
Good class apartment houses.....	1¼ to 2	8 to 12
High class fireproof apartment houses..	1½ to 2½	8 to 12
Cheap brick shops and dwellings.....	1¼ to 2	10 to 15
Ordinary brick shops and dwellings....	1¼ to 1¾	8 to 12
Good brick and stone stores and offices.	¾ to 1¼	6 to 10
High class offices and stores of brick, stone, terra cotta and iron construc- tion .....	½ to ¾	4 to 6

# AGE BUILDINGS NYC



National Register of Historic Places condition to list

- **Age and Integrity:** Is the property old enough to be considered historic? (generally **at least 50 years old**)

# FIRE & ABANDONMENT

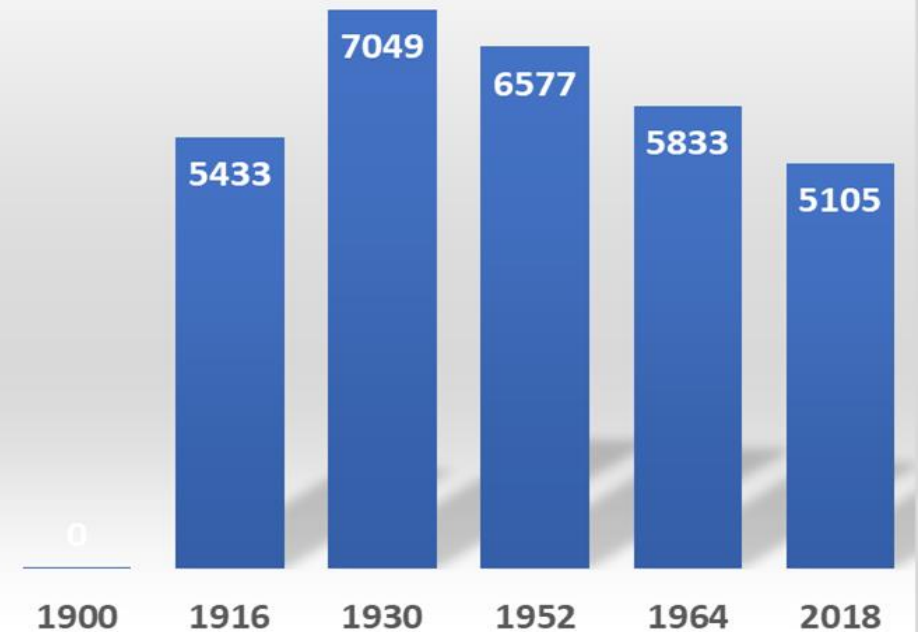


# SURVIVAL OF NEW LAW TENEMENTS MANHATTAN



## New Law Tenements Manhattan

NLT ERECTION TO 1900 TO 1930  
DEMOLITION TILL TODAY



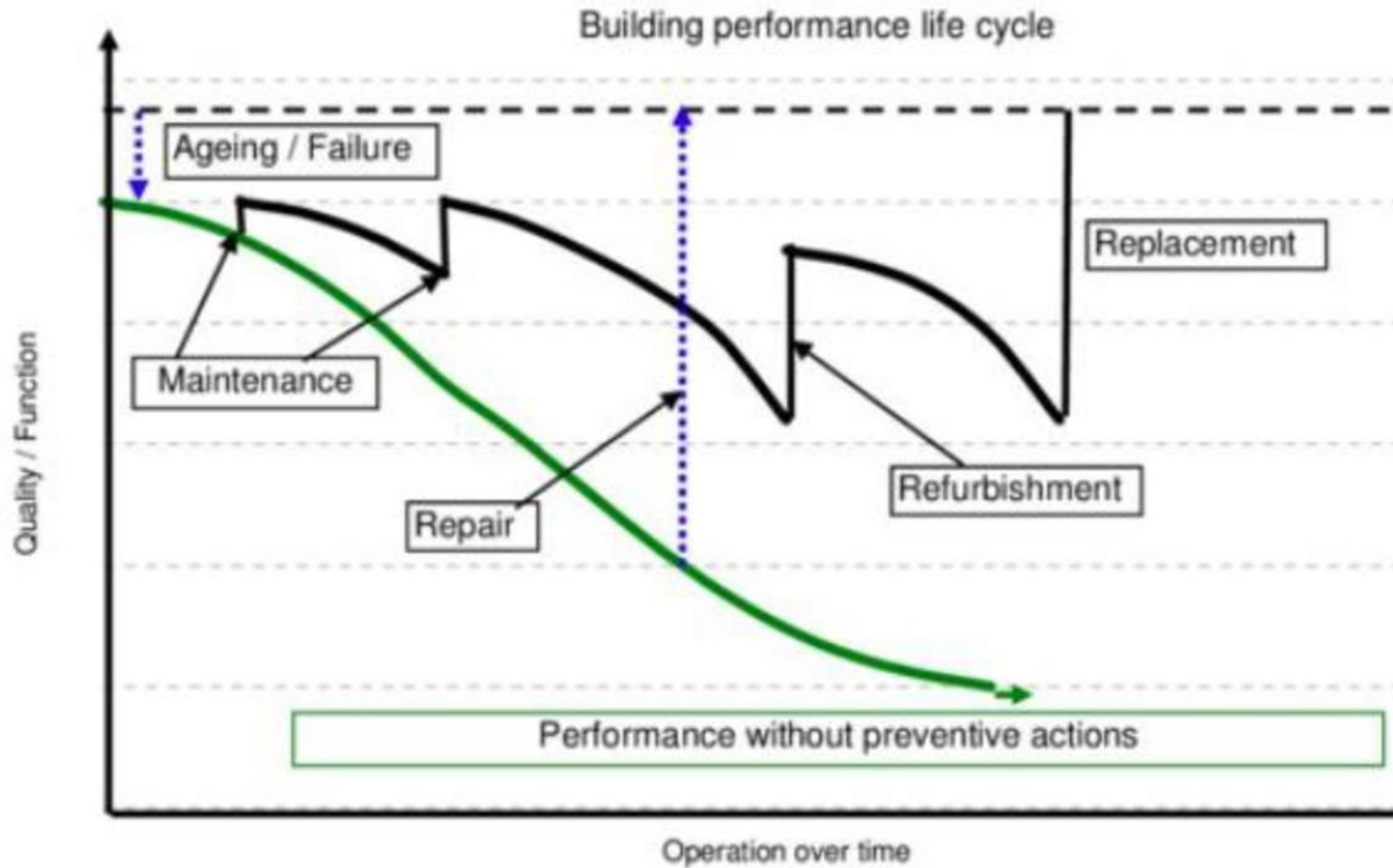
# LIFETIME

WARRANTIED

DESIGNED

REAL

# BUILDING PERFORMANCE LIFE CYCLE



# REPAIR PRACTICE IN NYC?



# PRESSED METAL SHEET DETERIORATION



# REPLACEMENT SOLUTIONS



PRESSED METAL CORNICE PRESENT		97	10 deficient
Cornice Removed	STUCCO COVERED	40	4 stucco cracked
	ORIGINAL OR NEW BRICK EXPOSED	20	
Original parapet or cornice (not metal)		14	
TOTAL		171	

# TIME TO FIRST REPAIR: BIA Tech Note 46

Estimated Time for Repair

Material	Application	Estimated Time to Repair (Years)
Brick	Walls	100–150+
Sealant	Joints	5–20
Metal	Coping/flushing	20–75
Metal	Anchors & ties	15+
Mortar	Walls	50+
Plastic	Flashing	5–25
Paint	Finishes	3–5
Water Repellents	Walls	5–10
Stucco	Finishes	5–10



# DEGRADATION FACTORS AFFECTING LIFECYCLE BUILDING MATERIALS: after RILEM

- Radiation
  - Solar
  - Thermal
- Temperature
  - Elevated
  - Low
- Water
  - Solid (snow , ice)
  - Liquid(rain, condensate)
  - Vapor (high relative humidity)
- Normal air
  - Oxygen
  - Carbon Dioxide
- Air contaminants
  - Gases )oxides nitrogen, sulphurs
  - Mists (salts, alkali dissolved in water)
- Freeze-thaw
- Wind
- Micro organisms
  - Fungi
  - Bacteria
- Stresses, movement, etc.

# FOR MATERIALS IN EXISTING BUILDINGS

- Age
- What was the original expectation
- What measures of protections were used
- History of climate/atmospheric changes
- Discuss observed deterioration to verify against other scientific data
- Failure of buildings
- Failure of systems
- Failure of materials

# VISUAL OBSERVATIONS

- Water/Moisture Damage
- Material Cracking/Spalling
- Deteriorated Mortar
- Settlement/Expansion/Contraction
- Efflorescence/Staining
- Disintegration/Erosion/Chipping
- Corrosion/Abrasion/Indentations/Punctures
- Warping/Swelling/Rotting/Insect Infestation
- Mold/Fungus Growth
- Deteriorated Sealants/flashings
- Failed Moisture/Vapor/Thermal barriers

# CLIMATIC FACTORS

## ELEMENTS

- Rainfall
- Relative Humidity
- Temperature
- Orientation/Exposure to Sunlight
- Local Wind Patterns
- Pollution of Air & Water

## CITY VS. BUILDING SPECIFIC

- NYC Macroclimatic Effects
- Microclimatic Effects (siting building within City, adjoining neighborhood)
- External Environment Influences (traffic, nearby industries, ocean)
- Internal – activities within building

# MACRO, MESO & MICRO CLIMATE

- Macroclimate gross meteorological conditions described in terms like polar climate, subtropical climate and tropical climate. Based on measurement of meteorological agents such as air temperature, precipitation etc.
- Meso climate, the effects of the terrain and of the built environment are taken into account. Based on the standard meteorological measurements.
- Microclimate describes the meteorological variables in the absolute proximity of a material surface. Variables describing microclimate include relative humidity, surface moisture, surface temperature, irradiation and deposition of air pollutants.

# LOCATION

## INTERIOR

- Floors
- Ceilings
- Walls
- Both Interior & Exterior

## ELEVATION AT EXTERIOR



# METEOROLOGICAL DATA OF NYC

- average 121 days of precipitations bringing a 1.2m (46.23 in.) rain water
- 50 freeze thaw days
- 15 freezing periods
- The weathering index 540 calculated per ASTM C216 19 Standard Specification for Facing Brick severe conditions.
- In 1994 the rain had a Ph between 4 to 4.5 about five to ten times higher than the pH of **normal** rain. Improved since.

# FREEZE/FROST PROBABILITY OCURENCE

State And Station Name	Threshhold (F)	Spring (Date)			Fall (Date)			Freeze Free Period (Days)			Probability Level (4)
		Probability Level (1)			Probability Level (2)			Probability Level (3)			
		90	50	10	10	50	90	10	50	90	
New York											
NEW YORK AVE V BROOKLYN	36 32 28	Apr01 Mar21 Mar10	Apr11 Apr01 Mar24	Apr21 Apr13 Apr07	Oct21 Nov02 Nov14	Nov05 Nov18 Nov29	Nov21 Dec03 Dec13	227 253 271	207 229 249	187 206 226	28 19 14
NEW YORK CITY CENTRAL PK	36 32 28	Apr04 Mar20 Mar11	Apr14 Apr01 Mar25	Apr24 Apr13 Apr09	Oct21 Oct29 Nov14	Nov02 Nov15 Nov28	Nov13 Dec02 Dec13	215 251 269	201 227 247	187 203 226	28 20 14
NEW YORK JFK INTL AP	36 32 28	Apr03 Mar19 Mar09	Apr11 Mar31 Mar23	Apr19 Apr11 Apr06	Oct21 Oct31 Nov13	Nov02 Nov17 Nov27	Nov13 Dec04 Dec10	216 252 267	204 230 248	191 209 228	28 20 14
NEW YORK LA GUARDIA AP	36 32 28	Mar31 Mar20 Mar09	Apr10 Apr01 Mar21	Apr20 Apr12 Apr03	Oct21 Nov06 Nov16	Nov06 Nov20 Nov30	Nov22 Dec04 Dec15	230 252 272	210 233 254	189 213 235	27 19 13

# INCREASE IN POLLUTION: ACIDITY

- The acidity of precipitation in the Northeastern United States has increased in the past, probably as a result of anthropogenic emissions.
- The increase in New England and New York occurred primarily before the mid-1950's. Since the mid-1960's there has been no significant change in the acidity of precipitation in this region; however, sulfate concentrations have decreased and nitrate concentrations may have increased.
- The acidification generally has been attributable to localized sources and the time of initial acidification is undefined.

# SMOG 1966



*From NYTimes*

# AIR POLLUTANT STUDIES

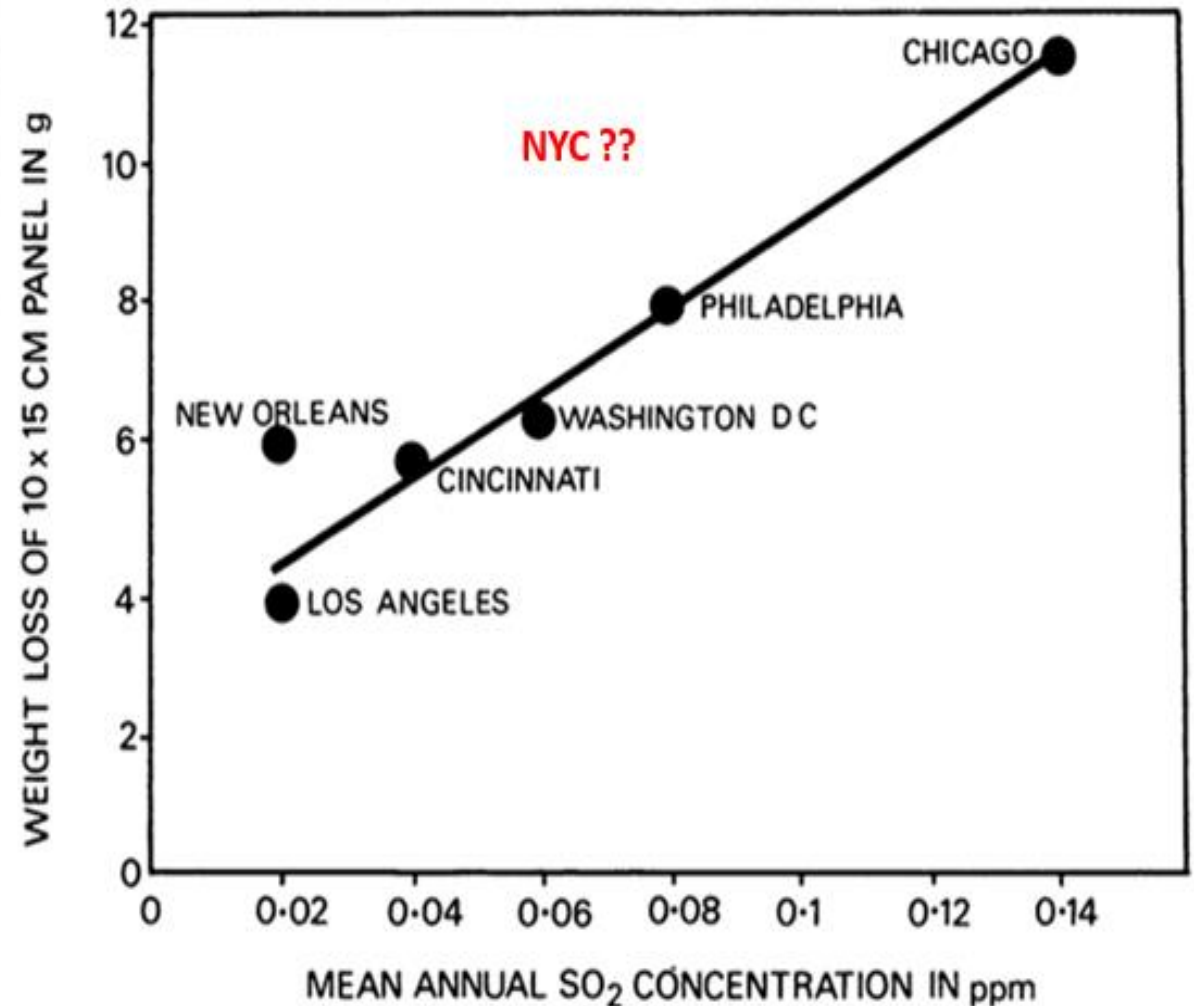


- Reconstruction of emission of  $\text{SO}_2$  was performed measuring marble deterioration in NYC marble tombstones over 200 years
- From 1958 -1972 sulfur concentration was studied
- Fuel consumption
- Estimate consumption of anthracite, bituminous coal, residual fuel oil

# COMPARISON WITHIN US RATE OF SO<sub>2</sub> CONCENTRATION

Effects of sulfur dioxide and acid precipitation on metals and anti-rust painted steel

Source: Kucera



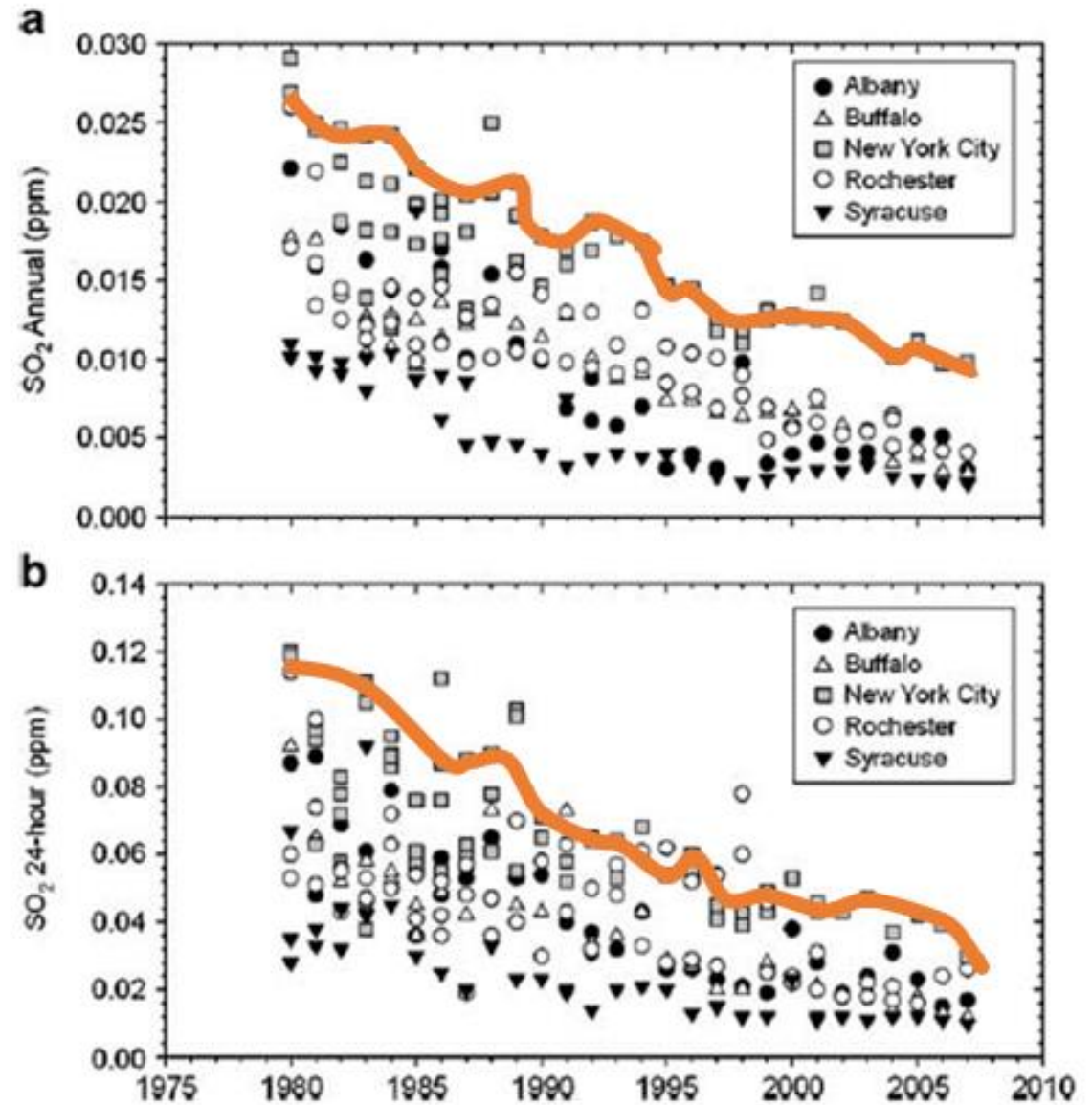
# SO2 LEVELS NYS 1980-2007

A – Annual

B – Average 24hrs

New York City

*From Buckley improvement of air quality*



# DETERIORATION BRIDGE ELEMENT NEW YORK

<b>Deck Curb</b>	Granite or stone	$CR=7-0.0605424T+0.0001089T^2-0.0000001T^3$
	Steel plate	$CR=7-0.0577393T+0.0001956T^2-0.0000017T^3$
	Timber	$CR=7-0.0584921T-0.0003144T^2+0.0000024T^3$
	Concrete	$CR=7-0.0507576T-0.0002625T^2+0.0000019T^3$
<b>Pier cap top</b>	Concrete	$CR=7-0.0475800T-0.0001091T^2+0.0000012T^3$
	Masonry	$CR=7-0.0094394T-0.0007153T^2+0.0000038T^3$
	Steel	$CR=7-0.0131302T-0.0007820T^2+0.0000049T^3$
	Timber	$CR=7-0.0467232T+0.0001051T^2-0.0000013T^3$

# BRIDGE COMPONENT DETERIORATION

*Table 2: Shortest Life ( $L_{i0}$ ) and Weights ( $w_i$ ) of Bridge Components*

Component $i$	$L_{i0}$ [years]	$w_i$
Bearings	20	6
Backwalls	35	5
Abutments	35	8
Wingwalls	50	5
Bridge Seats		6
Primary Member	30/35 <sup>a</sup>	10
Secondary Member	35	5
Curbs	15	1
Sidewalks	15	2
Deck	20/35 <sup>a</sup>	8
Wearing Surface	15/20/30/35 <sup>a,b</sup>	4
Piers	30	8
Joints	10	4

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# ELEMENT TO BE REPAIRED

Specified in Applications 2010 - 2019

Element mentioned	NON LL -7367 applications	Loca law 6515 applications
brick	29%	29%
stucco	7%	3%
parapet	46%	26%
terrace	4%	10%
terracotta	3%	6%
balcony	0%	3%
lintel	21%	22%
stone	DE FOR NYC EBC 8%	10%

# MAINTENANCE: JOINT TREATMENT



# MAINTENANCE: SILLS?



# YEAR BUILT: ELEMENT MENTIONED IN INCIDENT DATABASE

	BALCONY/Deck	CHIMNEY	CORNICE	ENTRANCE FIRE ESCAPE	NOT SPECIFIED	FRONT FAÇADE	PARAPET COPING	POCH GATE FENCE	RERAR WALL	ROOF STRUCTURE	ROOFING	SIDE WALL	SIDING	STRUCTURE	WINDOW LINTEL SILL
SINCE 1968	20	1	5	1	11	16	13	6	4	13	8	4	5	5	17
1942-1967	14	15	8	8	25	45	50	14	10	29	9	26	8	7	37
1916-1942	7	26	42	14	79	103	106	17	13	73	19	36	10	28	68
BEFORE 1916	2	33	80	21	88	145	79	20	26	36	18	53	19	25	110

# INCIDENTS BY MATERIAL

	MASONRY - BRICK	BRICKS	CMU	CONCRETE	FRAME BLDG	MEP	NA	ROOFING COVER	METAL	STONE	STUCCO	WINDOW GLASS	WOOD	Grand Total
DISREPAIR	11	17		2	2	3	19	12	28	4	3	2	38	141
CRACK LOOSE	86	116	1	3	1	4	46	2	43	18	39	12	18	389
LEAN BULGE BOW	109	75	1	1	4	2	15		6	5	4	2	24	248
FALL MISS COLLAPSE	44	387	13	27	4	11	138	17	103	124	120	40	142	1170
GRAND TOTAL	250	595	15	33	11	20	218	31	180	151	166	56	222	1948

*NOTE: Terra Cotta and Stone same column – Inspectors did not distinguish*

# MDL INCIDENTS & BUILDING AGE

		Pre 1901	1902-16	1917-30	1931-39	1940-69	1970-08	Post 08	TOTAL
ENVELOPE	APPURTENANCE	9	2	5		1	2		19
	FAÇADE	248	71	67	6	31	39	12	474
	FIRE ESCAPE	9		2				1	12
	ROOF CHIMNEY	5	5	8		1	2	1	22
TOTAL ENVELOPE		271	78	82	6	33	43	14	527
INTERIOR Struct & Architect.		89	37	25	2	1	8	4	166
Over 3 story MDLs		13912	3577	3202	433	1074	1664	593	24455
Envelope %		1.9%	2.2%	2.6%	1.4%	3.1%	2.6%	2.4%	2.2%
Interior %		0.6%	1.0%	0.8%	0.5%	0.1%	0.5%	0.7%	0.7%



# STONE

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# STONE DETERIORATION



# BROWNSTONE



# WOOD



# WOOD IS RESISTANT



# CLIMATE INDEX MAP FOR WOOD DECAY HAZARD FOR 1971-2000

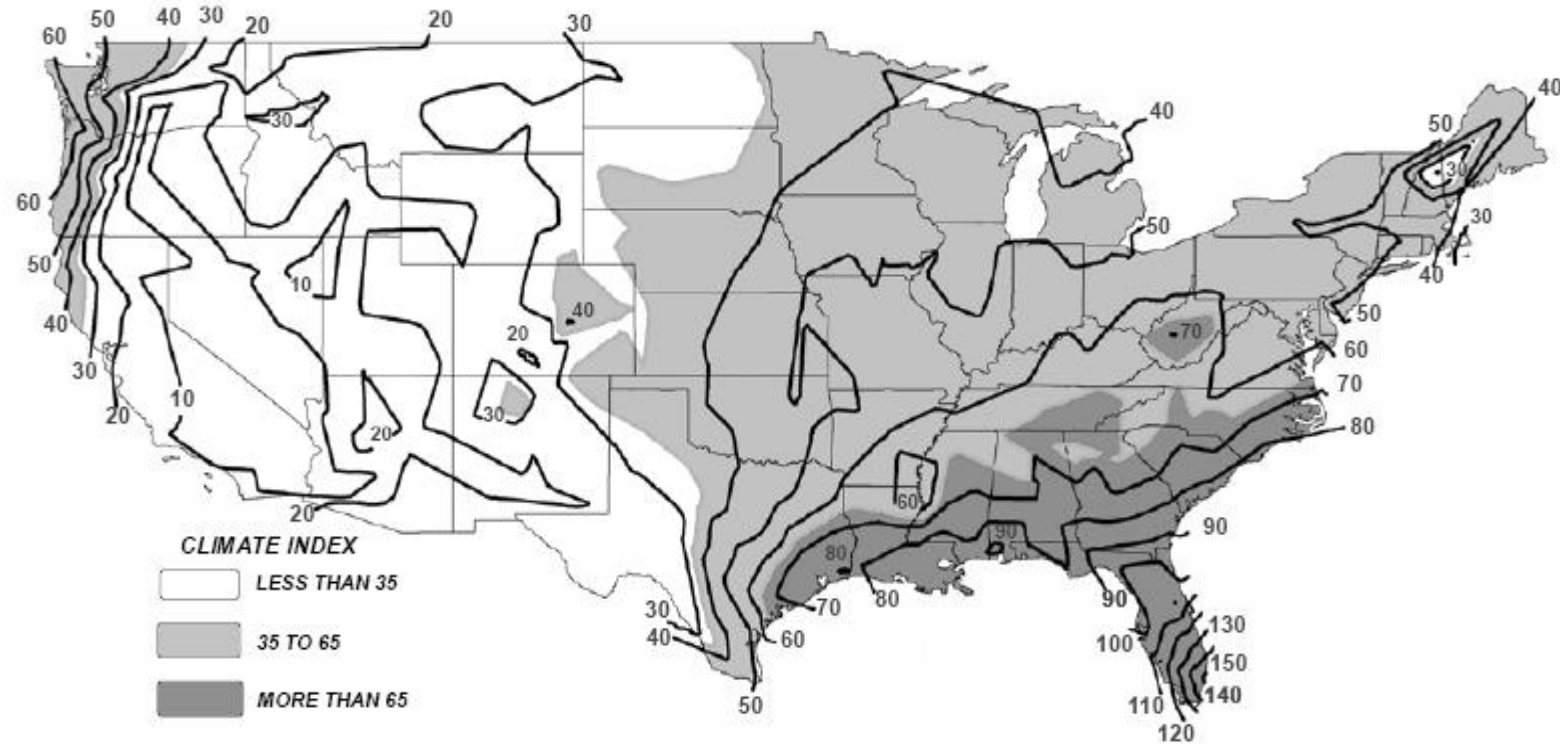


Figure 2. Revised climate index map for decay hazard based on data for the period 1971–2000. Higher index values indicate greater decay hazard.

# WOOD ROT IN MASONRY POCKETS



# ACCIDENT WALTON AVENUE, BRONX



# FIRE TREATMENT OF WOOD LED TO COLLAPSE





# CERAMICS

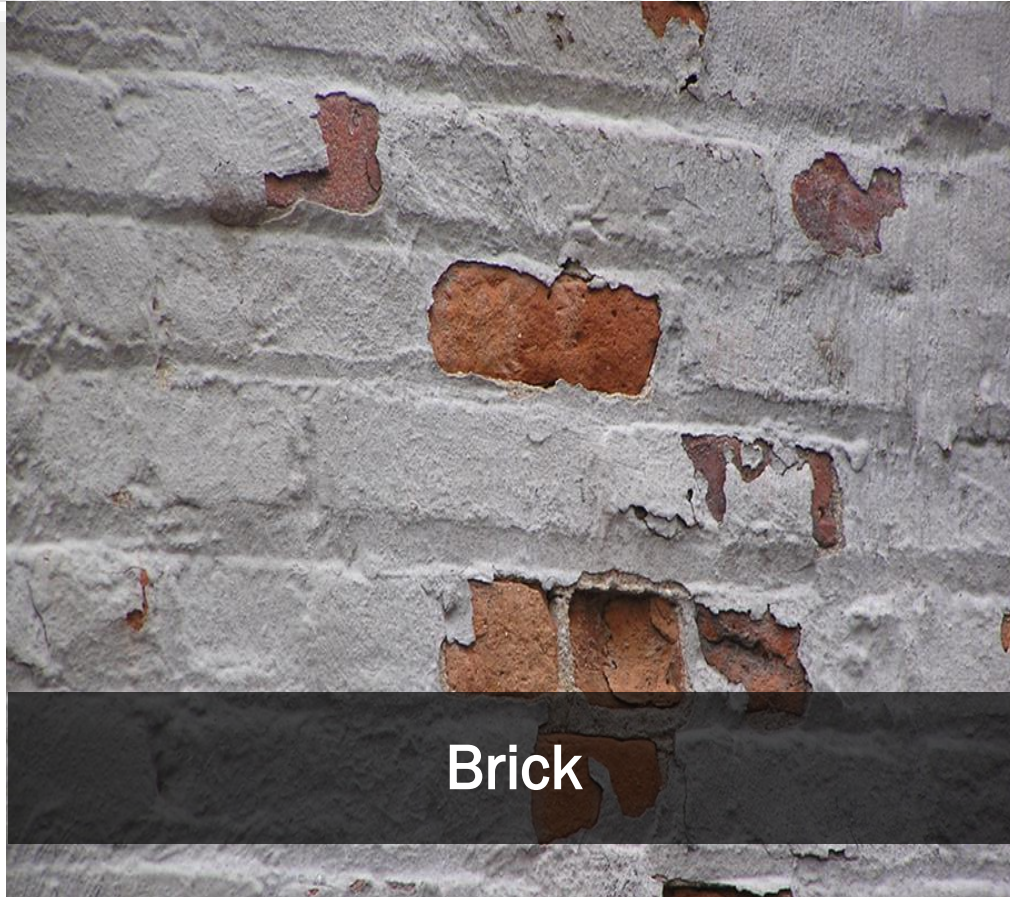
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# BRICK & MORTAR

- Soluble salt crystallization main mechanism in the deterioration of brick and mortar. The salt will concentrate where evaporation occurs and crystallization deteriorates material
- Air pollutants act on both materials and interaction between them determines which one will be deteriorated more
- Usually the evaporation will be higher in a more porous material, so that the question which of the materials will be destroyed can only be answered in the context of pairs of bricks and mortars as well the local humidity
- Cold temperatures, and in particular frost formation, can adversely affect the durability of both the brick and mortar components

# DETERIORATION



# BRICK/JOINT CONDITION



# BRICK/JOINT CONDITION 110 YEAR OLD

COURSING	Grand Total	CONDITION MORTAR IN JOINT			BRICKS REPLACED			OPEN CRACKS
		OK	ERODED	RECENT REPOINT	INDIVIDUAL	AREAS REPLACED	NO WORK	STEP CRACK
COMMON	79	78%	6%	15%	14%	24%	62%	4%
FLEMISH	57	75%	11%	14%	12%	25%	63%	2%
ROMAN	4	75%	0%	25%	0%	50%	50%	0%
RUNNING	29	66%	17%	17%	14%	24%	62%	17%
TOTAL	169	75%	9%	15%	13%	25%	63%	5%

From Eschenasy – Condition Manhattan Apartment Facades

# BRICK CONDITION IN 100 YEARS BUILDINGS



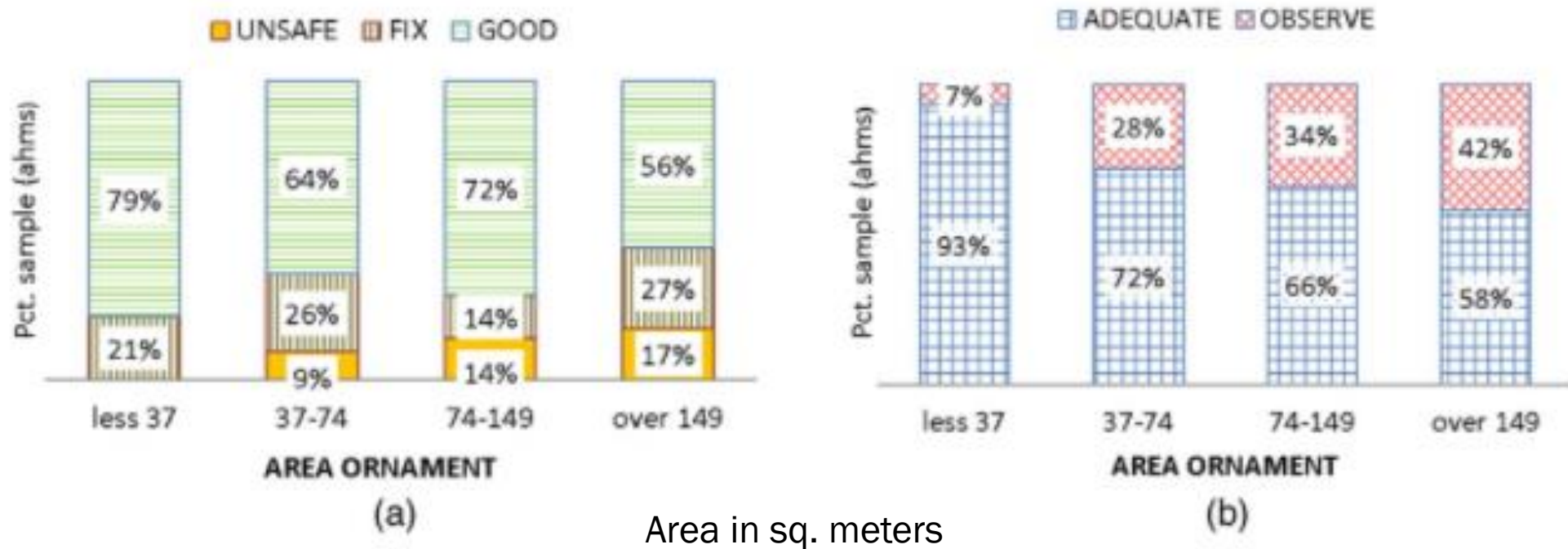
	ALL	LL11	NOLL
Individual at Places	21	16%	9%
No Replacement	104	52%	67%
Area Replaced Brick	38	30%	15%
Total 8-story	171	100%	100%

# WATER ABSORPTION & MORTAR IN FACADES

Table 1. Materials Properties of Masonry Considered

Masonry Material	Typical Unit Length	Typical Unit Finish	Water Absorption Rate
Stone <sup>2</sup>	2-4 feet	Various Chiselled or Polished Finishes	Granite – < 1% Limestone – 10-12%
Terra Cotta <sup>3</sup>	18-24 inches	Baked-On Glaze	Glazed – 4.2-6.5%
Clay Brick <sup>4</sup>	6-12 inches	Un-Glazed	Un-Glazed – 15-20%

# INFLUENCE PERCENTAGE ORNAMENT



From Eschenasy Facades of Manhattan

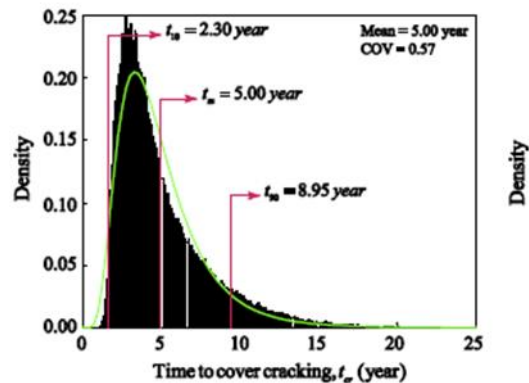
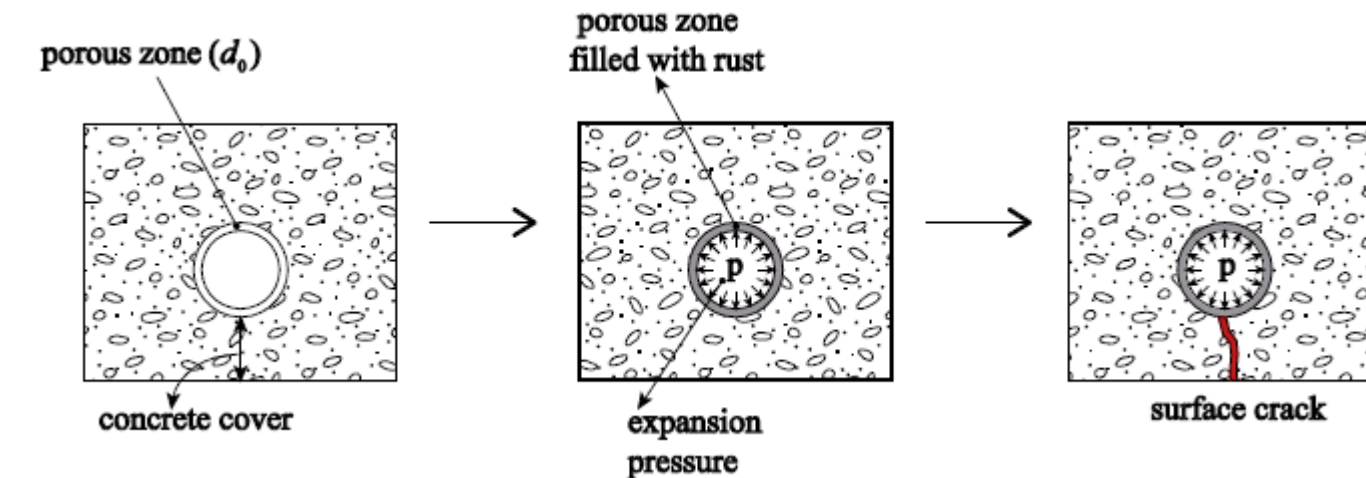
# INTERIOR CONCRETE



# CARBONATION & CORROSION

Carbon dioxide reacts to form carbonic acid and it is transported into concrete pores, leading CARBONATION. Carbonation starts at the outside and proceeds to the inside of a component. At the same time, the pH of the alkaline pore water decreases. When the carbonation front reaching the steel reinforcement causes the loss of the steel's protective alkaline layers; as a consequence the steel starts rusting. Rust causes a volume increase, so that resulting tension inside the cement paste may lead to cracking, blistering and spalling of the surface.

# CRACK OF COVER REINFORCED CONCRETE



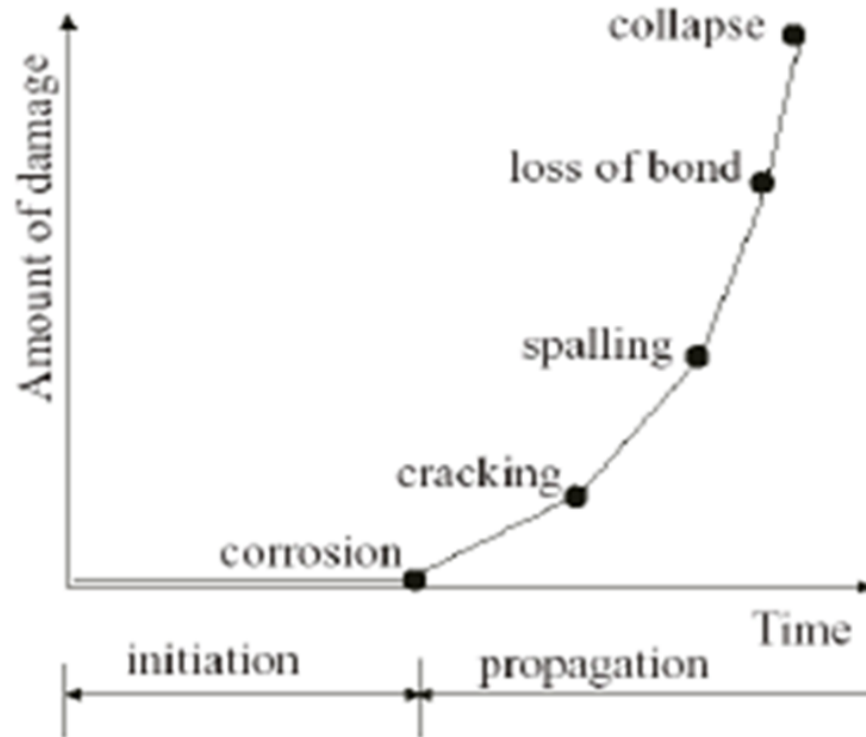
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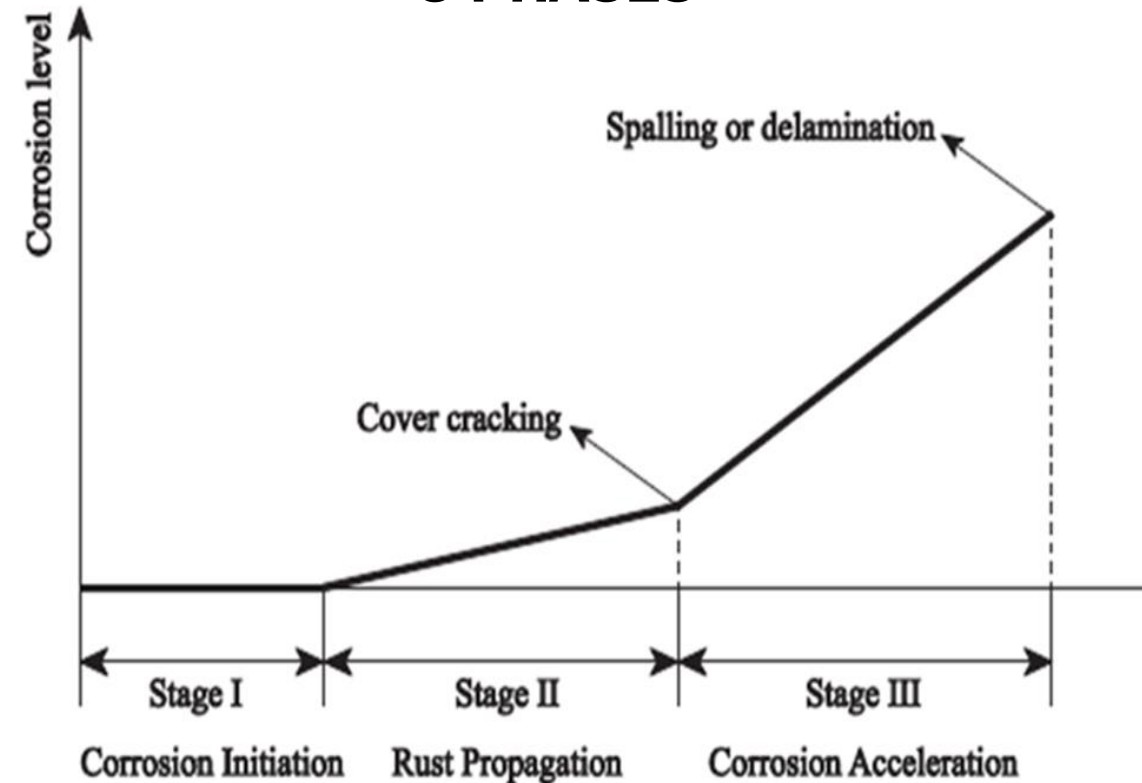
TIME TO COVER CRACKING

# MODELS CONCRETE DETERIORATION

## 2 PHASES



## 3 PHASES



# INTERIOR CONCRETE



Boiler Room

2001 6 20



Garage



# IRON & STEEL

# 1883 SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN: CORROSION OF IRON AND STEEL

- It was found that in moist air chromate steels were most rapidly corroded, and tungsten steels less than carbon steel. In similar conditions cast iron oxidized less than steel and soft iron; and white specular iron rusted less than gray cast iron. Thus hard white cast iron is the best for withstanding' damp air-an observation which agrees with common experience. Sea water, on the other hand, attacks cast iron more than steel, and especially the white specular kind.
- Tempered steel stands in sea water better than the same I steel annealed; and soft steel is less attacked than manganese or chromate steel.
- These experiments agree with the results obtained by Mallet in 1843 (..). Wrought iron and steel in such localities are thus seen to be exceptionally liable to decay.

# METALS IN NYC AROUND 1900

- In New York City at the turn of the twentieth century, the metals used in the construction of new buildings were primarily steel, cast iron, zinc, and copper and copper alloys. Steel had largely supplanted unornamented cast and wrought iron as a structural material by the late 1890s. With the exception of a few prominent large facades, cast iron was reserved for storefronts, window surrounds, spandrels, gates, grilles, and fencing.
- Copper, lead-coated copper, and galvanized or terne-plated sheet steel were the metals available for roofing and flashing

# 1910 OBSERVATIONS ON CORROSION OF IRON AND STEEL

Steel has come into wide use simultaneously with a great increase in the sulphureous acid in our city air and of strong electric currents in our city ground it may lead the practical man into inferring that the rapid corrosion of today is certainly be due to sulphureous acid and electrolysis,

# REMOVAL OF IRON FEATURES: LIFE LENGTH

## ■ Built 1908



# BASICS OF STEEL CORROSION

For iron alloys without special alloying, the most evident source of degradation is rusting. The most common recourse is to coat the material surface with paint or some type of environment-resistant plating, such as zinc galvanizing or a similar electroplated coating. All of these TREATMENTS ARE EFFECTIVE FOR A PERIOD OF TIME BUT EVENTUALLY MUST BE RENEWED, SINCE SOME OF THESE PROTECTIONS ARE THEMSELVES DEGRADABLE OR SACRIFICIAL. Without these coatings, iron-based materials exposed to moisture are consumed as iron oxide develops on the iron surface. The rate of consumption is affected by the presence of elements in the environment, such as salt or chemicals; in all but very dry environments, the process will eventually consume most iron or steel materials. To prevent this corrosion, either special surface protection or additional alloying is necessary.

# WROUGHT IRON vs STEEL WEATHERING



# BURIED METALS

Data from the US NBS study for corrosion of buried objects are employed to show that average annual atmospheric precipitation directly influences corrosion of ferrous objects buried in various soils. The relationship and the amount of corrosion also depend on soil type, a matter not previously considered.

*The effect of atmospheric precipitation on the corrosion of ferrous metals buried in soils - Robert E. Melchers*

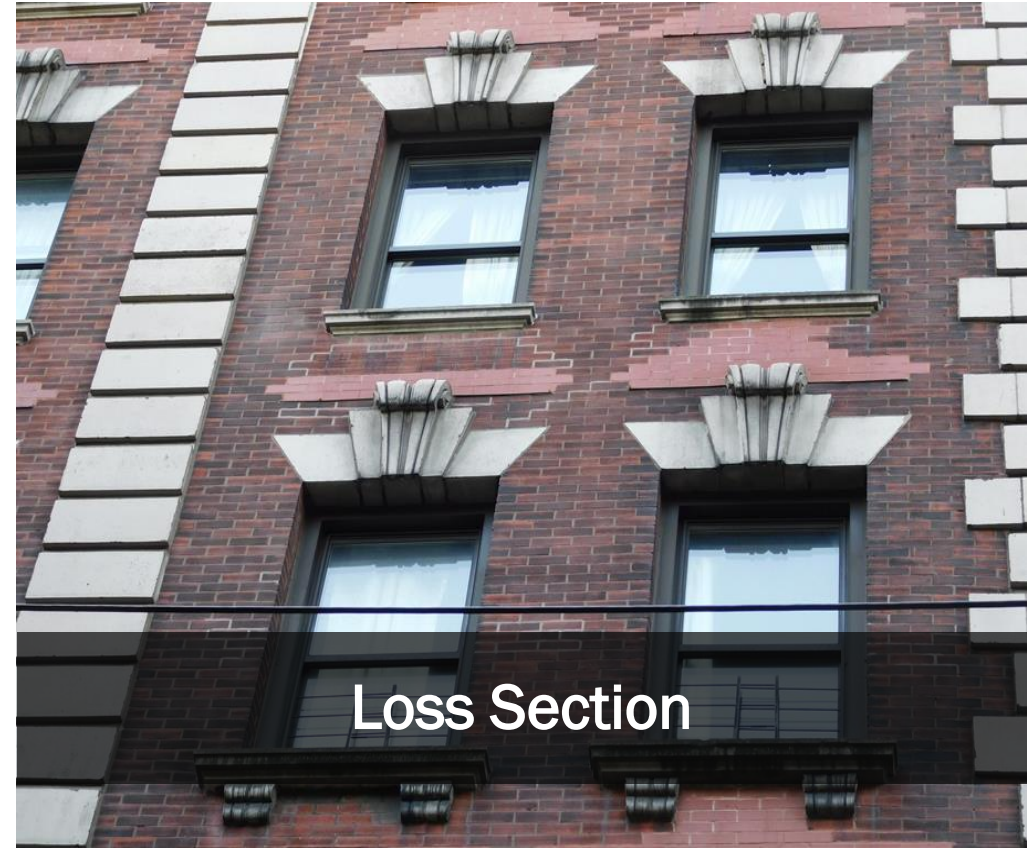
# STEEL DETERIORATION INTERIOR





# STEEL & MASONRY

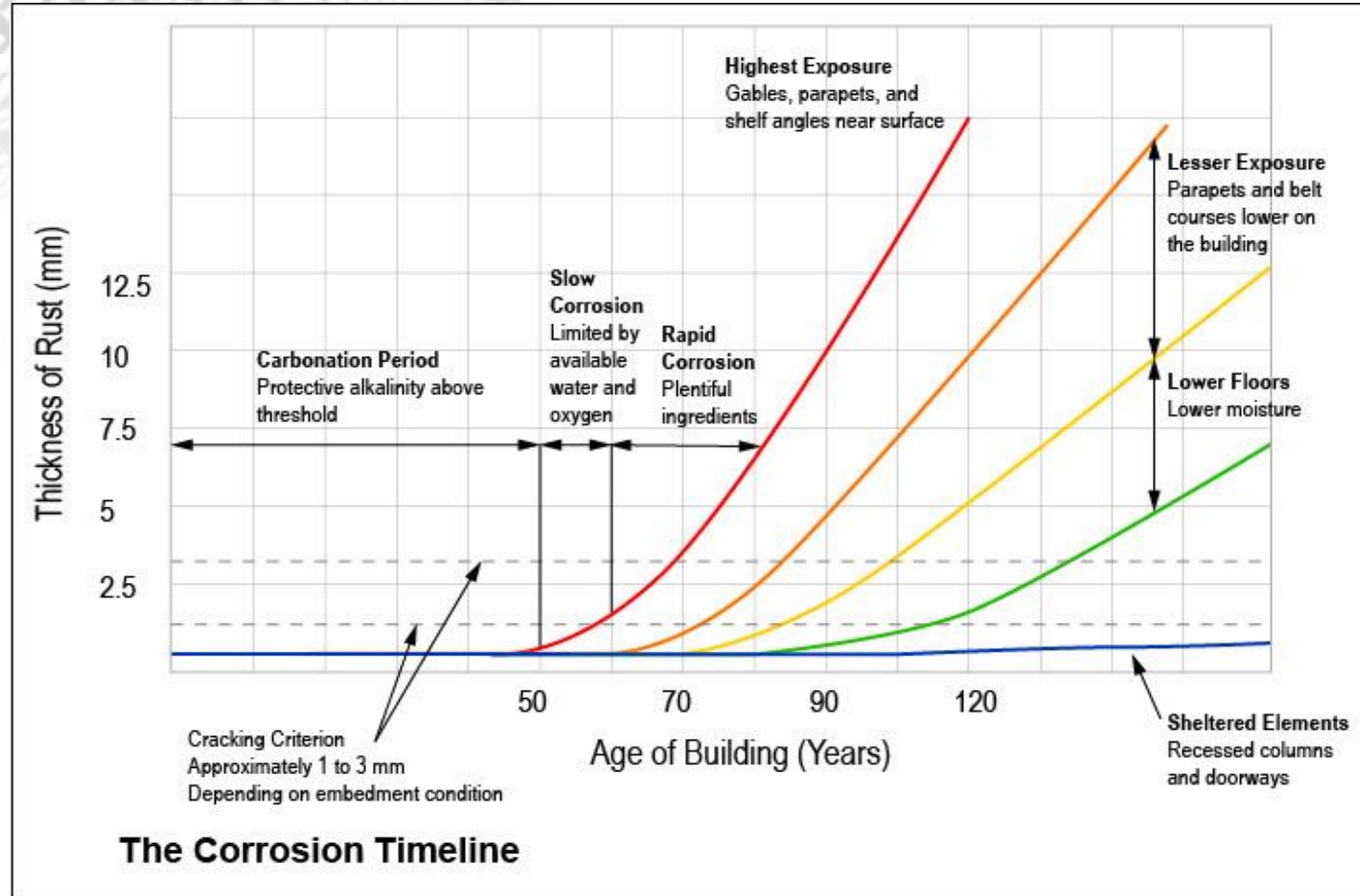
# EMBEDDED STEEL CORROSION ACCIDENTS



# CORROSION



# CORROSION TIMELINE



From G. Crevello

# TIES



## Life Expectancy

- BIA - 6 year for ties and 20-30 anchors
- ACI - 7 years embedded ties and 16 years for not embedded
- Cover PROPERTIES

# EVOLUTION SPECIFICATIONS ANCHOR MATERIALS

BRICK VENEER	YEAR	CODE	REQUIREMENT
	1899		wire or 1-1/4 in tie galvanized
	1938	NYC	one substantial metal tie
	1943	NBS	1/4in dia corrosion resistant
	1946		corrugated, non corrodible
	1966	BIA	22 ga, corrugated metal, corrrsion resitant
	1968	NYC	3/16 in dia. corrosion resistant (copper coated or zinc coated, or of metal equivalent to zinc-coated mild steel)
	1986	BIA	corrugated metal

TERRA COTTA	YEAR	SOURCE	WHEN	MATERIAL
	1899	NYCBC	ashlar?	not specified
	1906	Brickbuilder		wrought iron painted or galvanized
	1906	Brickbuilder	small pieces	copper wire
	1911	Kidder	unbalanced	wrought iron or copper
	1914	National Terra Cotta		thoroughly protected with rust preventing pigment
	1927	National Terra Cotta	balanced	not less than 1/4 x 1/4" or round or square bars or No. 6 gauge galvanized wire



***THANK YOU***