

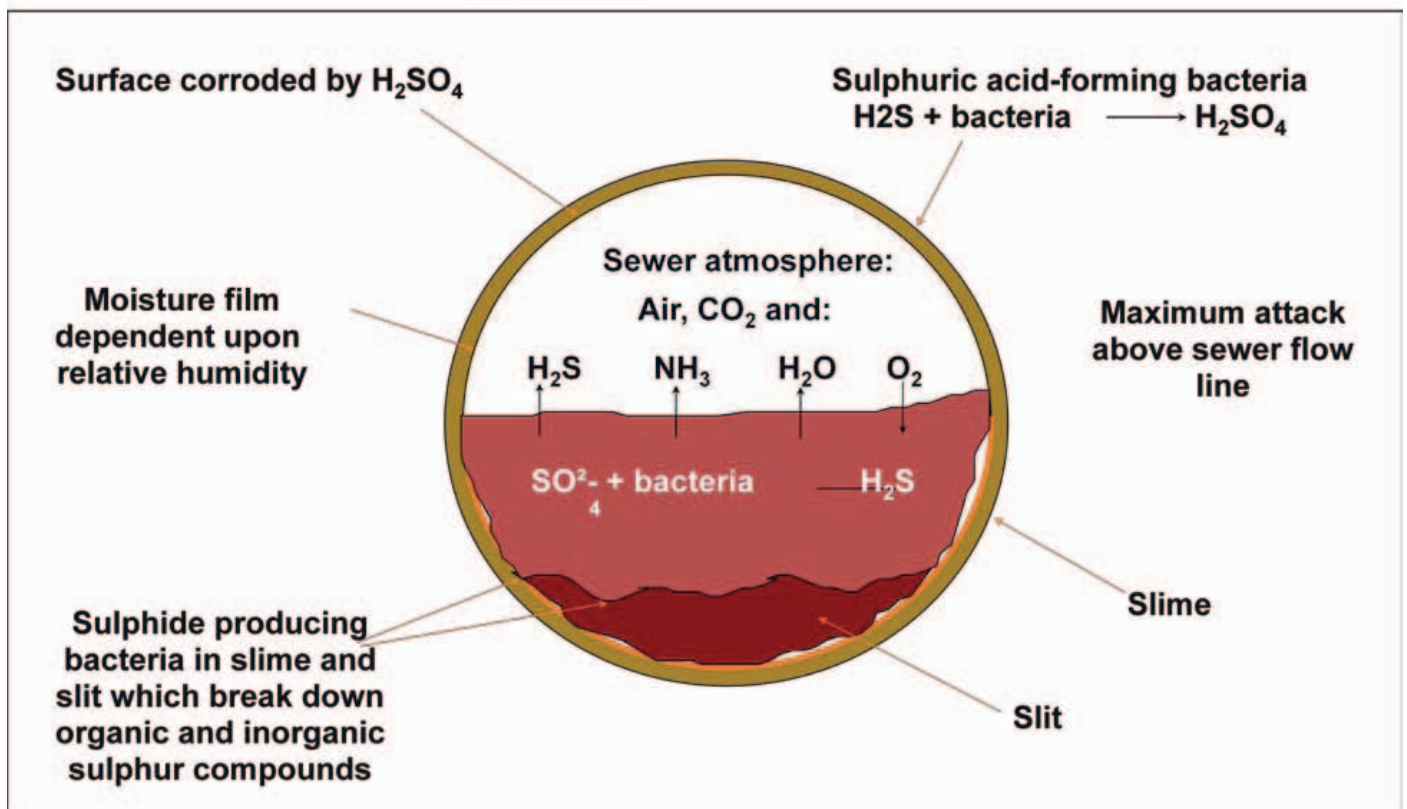
Strain corrosion tests

Strain accelerated acid attack

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Cross-section of a sewer showing the biochemical reactions which occur in the system.



Test procedure

■ Strain corrosion test for GRP pipe used in sewer application is carried out in accordance with ASTM D3681. The salient features are:

■ 10,000 hours minimum exposure to acid

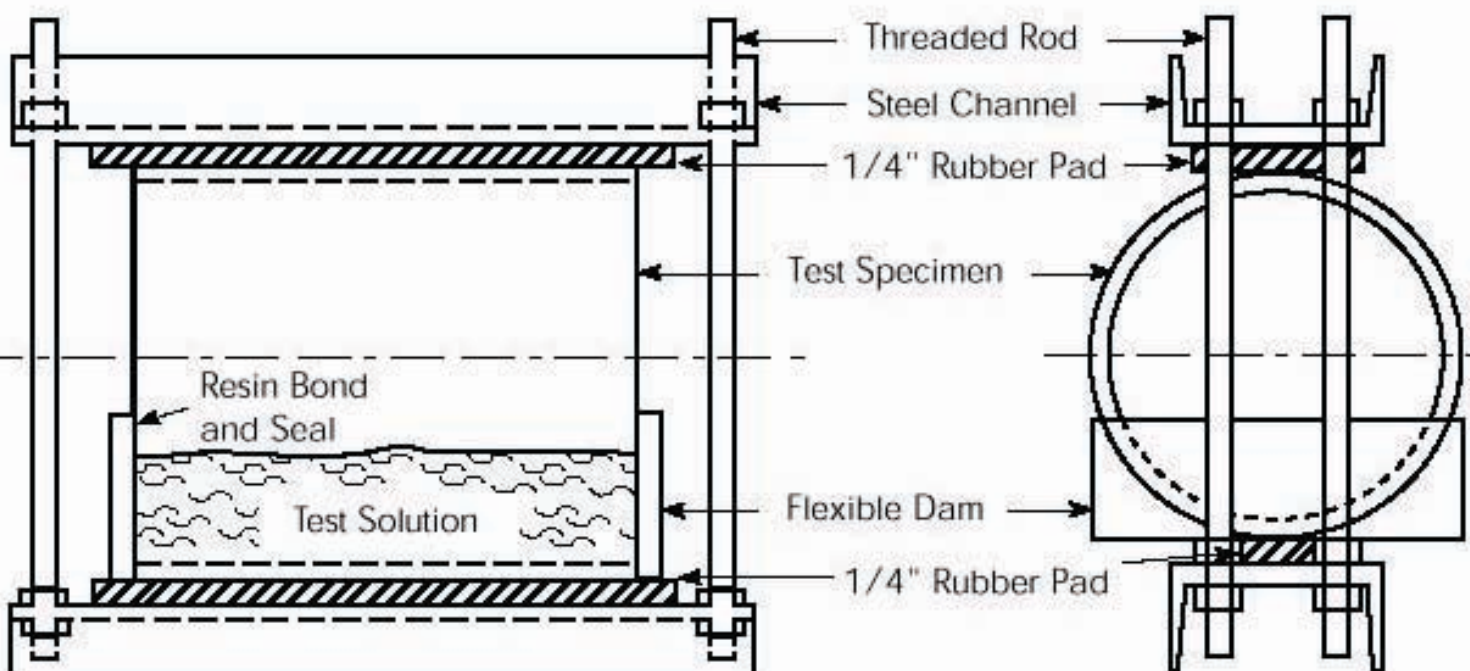
■ Minimum 18 specimen of pipes to be deflected at various levels and held constant

■ To simulate buried sewer septic condition, strained rings are exposed at the invert of the interior surface to 1.0N (5% by weight) sulfuric acid.

■ Minimum factor of safety 1.5 applied to 50-year value.

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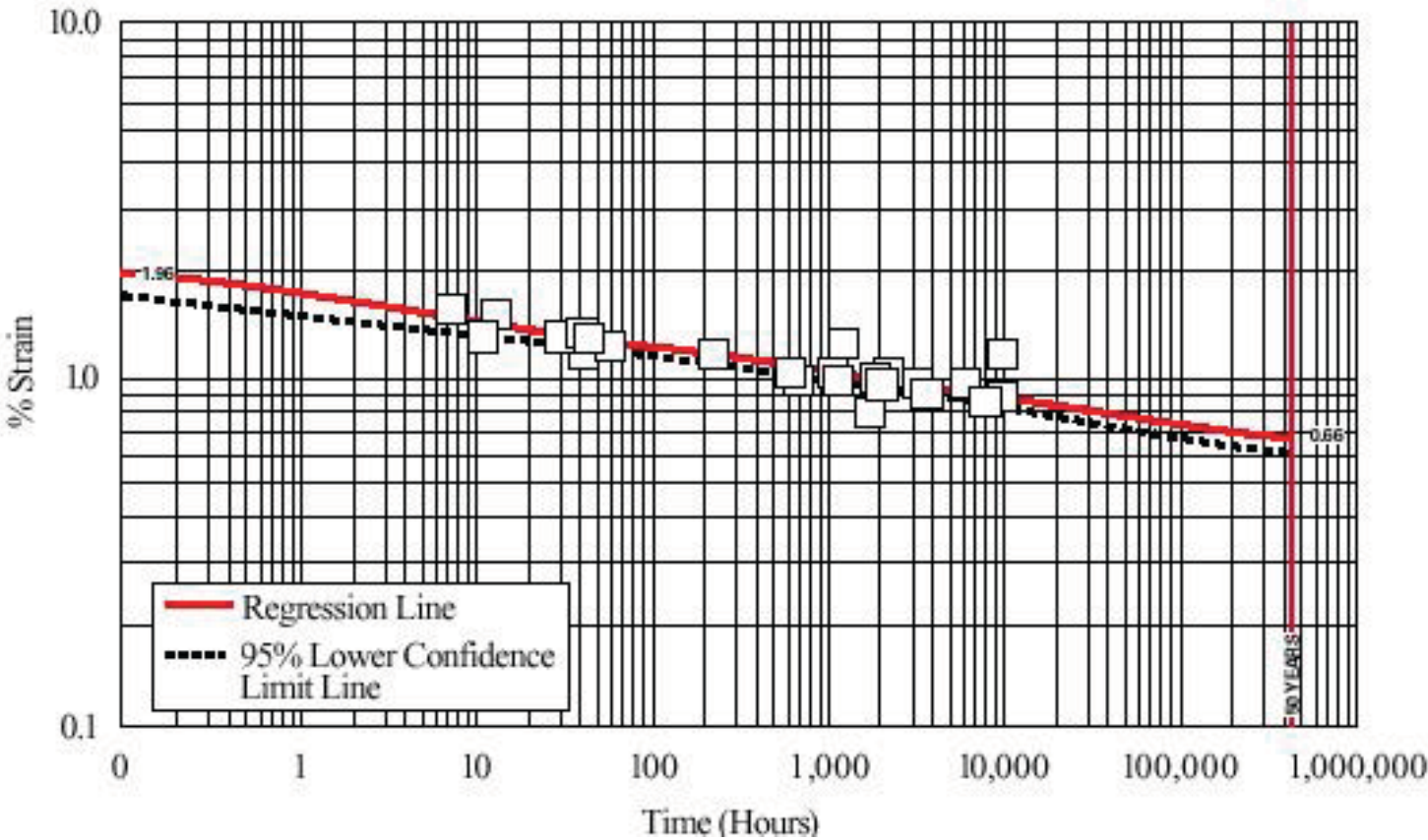
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Test results

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