#### 3.3 A Tale of Two Deltas: Analysis approach, proposed limits, and validation work to address binder quality-related thermally induced surface damage

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#### Abstract:

Superpave specifications address binder properties that may lead to rutting, transverse cracking, and fatigue damage with varying degrees of success. However, asphalt binder production and formulation has significantly changed and introduced much more variability in terms of quality since the development of Superpave Performance-Grade system because of economic, technical, and environmental reasons. Consequently, aged-induced surface distresses under combined thermal and traffic loading have become the main challenge for highway agencies. Thermally induced surface deterioration appears in the form of traditional transverse cracking, block cracking, and raveling, or accelerating damage at construction joints. This study evaluated the limitations of the proposed linear viscoelastic (LVE) rheological cracking surrogates, such as  $\Delta T_c$ , R-value, and G-R parameters, and the ability of the Asphalt Binder Cracking Device (ABCD) failure test to overcome these limitations. ABCD is particularly appropriate to rank binder performance because the measured cracking temperature (T<sub>cr</sub>) encompasses binder LVE properties, failure strength, coefficient of thermal contraction, and cooling rate. The proposed parameter ( $\Delta T_f = T_c$  (S=300 MPa) from BBR - Ter from ABCD) relates the failure temperature to the equi-stiffness temperature and gives credit to wellformulated and compatible polymer-modified binders expected to increase binder strength and strain tolerance. This paper proposes a specification framework based on both  $\Delta T_c$  and  $\Delta T_f$ , universally applicable, regardless of binder composition. Additionally, preliminary specification limits are proposed based on the analysis of 44 binders, 15 with corresponding field performance data. Obviously as confirmed by a recent stakeholder workshop and industry feedbacks, these preliminary specification limits need further validation and possible adjustments to account for regional experience and local challenges. Current efforts at FHWA TFHRC, in collaboration with various State Highway Agencies (SHA's), are focused to further validate the framework and specification limits.

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## Post-SHRP Era (i.e., Superpave Specs in the 1990's) NCHRP 09-60 Survey in 2017 Potential issues identified by DOT's: Oxidized asphalt, REOB, High RAP/RAS, PPA, others. Miscellaneous Transverse Cracking Surface Cracking **Western Research** INSTITUT **Block Cracking** Raveling ON, C eral Highway ninistration **ŤU**Delft

Elwardany, M. D., G. King, J. P. Planche, C. Rodezno, D. Christense, R. Fertig III, K. Kuhn, and F. Bhuiyan. 2019. "Internal restraint damage mechanism for age-induced pavement surface distresses: Black cracking and raveling." *Journal of the* Asphalt Paving Technologists, vol. 88, p. 1-47.

#### **Post-SHRP Market Trends and Consequences**

- Technical, Economic, and Environmental Impacts Unconventional Binders (sometimes problematic)
  - Some out of balance and incompatible blends
  - Waxy binders
  - Airblown, oxidized blends
  - Hard Solvent Deasphalting residues w/ soft blends
  - Multigrades and Hardgrades
  - Conversion residues "Visbroken residues" (IMO 2020)
  - Modified binders
    - Polymers: SBS, SBR, Terpolymer, EVA, rPE ...etc.
    - Additives: REOB, PPA, Wax, Biomass •
    - Bio-binders and more ...

High RAP/RAS

Incompatible crudes (Fracking/Heavy)?!

Planche, J.P., Elwardany, M., Adams, J., Boysen, R. and Rovani, J., 2019. Linking Binder Characteristics with Performance: The Recipe to Cope with Changes in Bitumen Binder Quality. In 26th World Road Association (PIARC).

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#### Proposed Rheological Surrogates in the Past Decade

#### ΔT<sub>c</sub> Parameter is fundamentally inter-related to the rheological parameter from CA model (R-value)

 $\blacktriangleright$  R = 1.94 is equivalent to  $\Delta T_c = 0$  (Lesueur et al., 2021)

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where  $E_A$  is the activation energy,  $\overline{R}$ , the ideal gas constant,  $\beta = \log 2/R$ ,  $T_r$ , the reference temperature,  $S_g$  the Glassy modulus (in MPa).

#### ΔT<sub>c</sub> is related to T<sub>IR</sub> = (T<sub>x</sub>-T<sub>g</sub>) (Elwardany et al., 2019)

ΔT<sub>c</sub> is easier and more practical for implementation

#### ΔT<sub>c</sub> is related to both low- and intermediatetemperature behaviors.

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#### NCHRP 09-60 Binder Database Mapping

#### BBR, Low PG Ranking of 31 Binders after PAV<u>20h</u> Aging

Unmodified, Polymer-modified, ReOB-modified, SDA, PPA-modified, Biophalt, Oxidized, Airblown, Visbroken.



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#### NCHRP 09-60 Binder Database Mapping

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#### **BBR**, ΔT<sub>c</sub> Ranking of 31 Binders after PAV<u>40h</u> Aging

Unmodified, Polymer-modified, ReOB-modified, SDA, PPA-modified, Biophalt, Oxidized, Airblown, Visbroken.



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#### NCHRP 09-60 Revisiting the TOTAL literature

#### $\Box$ $\Delta$ Tc Index and phase structure

Data collected from Durrieu et al, Lapalu et al, Mouillet et al, Planche et al, 2004-2008 & Revisited in Elwardany et al., 2020.



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Limitations of Rheological Surrogates for PMA's

#### **BBR**, ΔT<sub>c</sub> Parameter

Systematic SBS-modification Study.



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#### Insights, so far...

#### $\Box$ BBR, $\Delta T_c$ Parameter

- Captures relaxation properties of unmodified binders.
- ✓ Generally, relates to asphalt colloidal structure.
- Underestimates the performance of some complex binders such as PMA's.
- Fail to capture failure properties outside the LVE domain such as strength/strain tolerance of PMA's.

#### Need to consider failure tests!

✓ DTT was introduced by SHRP pioneer researchers! DTT failed due to lack of reproducibility.

What do we do now?

#### ABCD as a Replacement for DTT (NCHRP 09-60)

#### Asphalt Binder Cracking Device

- Test developed by SS Kim.
- Proposed by NCHRP 09-60 as a failure test and a replacement for DTT.



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#### ABCD as a Replacement for DTT (NCHRP 09-60)

#### Asphalt Binder Cracking Device

- Equivalent to the TSRST test for mixtures.
- Effective and sensitive to well-formulated and compatible PMA's



Kim, S.S. 2007. "Development of an asphalt binder cracking device". IDEA Program, Transportation Research Board, 2007.

#### ABCD as a Replacement for DTT (NCHRP 09-60)

#### Factors affecting ABCD cracking temperature, T<sub>cr</sub>

- CTC controls rate of volumetric changes.
- LVE rheological properties G\* and δ.
- Strength (Viscoelastic property (t-TSP) with damage).
- Glass transition temperature (T<sub>g</sub>) impacts all parameters.
  - Glass transition takes place over a range of temperatures, confirmed by DSC.
  - Wider T<sub>g</sub> region for complex and /or aged binders.



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#### ABBREVIATIONS

- ABCD: asphalt binder cracking device.
- ABR: asphalt binder replacement.
- ALF: accelerated loading facility.
- HMA: hot mix asphalt.
- HP: High Polymer modified asphalt binders.
- PG: performance grading.
- PMA: polymer modified asphalt.

RAP/RAS: reclaimed asphalt pavement/reclaimed asphalt shingle.

SBS: styrene-butadiene-styrene polymer.

WMA: warm mix asphalt.

#### FHWA VALIDATION EFFORTS: LESSONS AND GAPS

FHWA in collaboration with Rutgers University.
 FHWA-ALF Study, RAP/RAS mixtures.



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	FHWA-ALF Study, RAP/RAS mixtures.								
		HMA/WMA Drum Discharge Temp	149°C (300°F) – p 160°C (320°F) 3y None		116°C (240°F) – 132°C (270°F)				
		Warm Mix Technology			Foam	Chemical			
		0%	PG 64-22		N/A	N/A			
U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway	Recycle Content	<b>20% ABR RAP</b> ≈ 23% RAP by weight	PG 64-22		PG 64-22	PG 64-22			
		<b>20% ABR RAS</b> ≈ 6% RAS by weight	PG 64-22	PG 58-28	N/A	N/A			
		<b>40% ABR RAP</b> ≈ 44% RAP by weight	PG 64-22	PG 58-28	PG 58-28	PG 58-28			
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#### SBS Systematic Study, analysis framework.



#### FHWA current and future work in collaboration with:

- Rutgers University: Field sections at ALF, New Jersey Department of Transportation, and Federal Aviation Administration.
- University of Waterloo: Systematic SBS content.
- University of Nevada Reno: PMA/HP.
- Virginia Transportation Research Center: PMA/HP.
- International Union of Laboratories and Experts in **Construction Materials, Systems** and Structures (RILEM) members: complex binders.
- Others under discussion.

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# Thank you!

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#### 3.4 Recycling practices and additives in asphalt: Current practices and the future trends

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bituminous materials and TC-252 CMB chemo mechanical characterization of bituminous materials and currently chair of TC-279 WMR on waste and marginal materials for roads. Dr. Poulikakos is the author of over 100 publications in peer reviewed journals and editor of Elsevier journal Construction and Building Materials CBM.



# Outline Introduction and Motivation Rejuvenators Waste additives Facts and Figures Rilem TC-279 WMR Performance Results Environmental assessment Life cycle assessment Conclusions

# **Motivation-Improve Properties**











# Atomic Force Microscopy (AFM)



## Virgin Binder 5070



#### **RAP** Binder



No "bees".

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Cavalli, M.C., Zaumanis, M., Mazza, E., Partl, M.N., Poulikakos, L.D. Effect of ageing on the mechanical and chemical properties of binder from RAP treated with biobased rejuvenators (2018) Composites Part B: Engineering, 141, pp. 174-181.



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# Surface microstructure using AFM QNM sample size 10µmx10µm







# The Numbers in Europe

Material	Source	Generated Mt/y	Available Mt/y
Concrete	C&D	350	262.5
Ceramics	C&D	200	162
Glass	Var.	20.2	5.4
Steel slag	Steel industry	21.8	15.7
Plastics	MRF	15.1	4.5
Tires	ELV	3.3	1.8

# Waste is a substantial problem worldwide

Technology Readiness Level (TRL)

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Urban wastes	Estimated TRL
Crumb rubber (wet process)	7 – 9 (application is partially or completely industrialized)
Crumb rubber (dry process)	5 – 7 (application is validated in the field )
Recycled concrete aggregate (RCA)	< 4 (laboratory scale or lower)
Recycled ceramics	< 4 (laboratory scale or lower)
Recycled glass	< 4 (laboratory scale or lower)
Recycled plastics	5 – 7 (application is validated in the field )

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# **FNSNF** Suitable waste materials for roads

#### Table 2

Summary of the effects using waste materials in the asphalt mixture at laboratory scale.

Waste material	Rutting resistance	Moisture resistance	Stiffness modulus	Fatigue resi
CR from ELT (wet process) <sup>a</sup>	1	4	C	1
CR from ELT (dry process) b	1	<b>.</b>	<b>1</b>	- E
RCA <sup>c</sup>	C	2	<b></b>	- E
Waste ceramics <sup>d</sup>	- E	- E	<b></b>	÷ .
Waste PE (wet process) e	÷	÷	<b>•</b>	•
Waste PE (dry process) f	1 Alexandre alex	<b>∔</b>	- Ē	
Waste PET <sup>g</sup>	•	<b>•</b>	- E	<b>•</b>
Waste PVC <sup>h</sup>	<b>•</b>	<b>•</b>	×	×
Waste PP <sup>i</sup>	1 Alexandre alex	- Ē	<b></b>	•
Steel slag <sup>j</sup>	<b>†</b>	<b>•</b>	<b>†</b>	<b>†</b>

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Source: Piao, Z., Mikhailenko, P., Kakar, M.R., Bueno, M., Hellweg, S., Poulikakos, L.D., (2021). Urban mining for asphalt pavements: A review. Journal of Cleaner Production 280, 124916. <u>https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jclepro.2020.124916</u>.







Modification of asphalt binder using polyethylene (PE) recycling by-products, *M R Kakar, P Mikhailenko, Z Piao, M Bueno, L Poulikakos Construction and Building Materials* 280 (2021)



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## Comparison of PAH pattern in leachates: Crumb Rubber Modified Mixture



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Pattern of 16 priority PAHs in leachates and CR-2 material





Z Piao, M Bueno, P Mikhailenko, M R Kakar, L Poulikakos, S Hellweg Life cycle assessment of asphalt pavements using crumb rubber: a comparative analysis, Rilem ISBN symposium Lyon 2020

# <section-header><section-header> Conclusions Additives can have a complex effect on the performance of binder. Use of waste materials add a degree of the one performance. Appropriate characterization techniques Appropriate of ministry performance. Conclusions Conclusions

