

MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF THIN SURFACE TREATMENT FOR PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE

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Abstract. Specification tests for thin surface treatment are mainly simulated or empirical; without considering fundamental mechanical or rheological properties of the material. Thus, it is difficult to incorporate the test results into mechanical-based pavement design analysis. A series of test methods, which quantify performance-related mechanical properties of thin surface treatment employed in pavement maintenance and pavement preservation is thus needed. The objective of this study is to investigate the performance-related mechanical properties of thin surface treatment materials for pavement maintenance and preservation. The Micro-Surfacing Mat and Precast Rubber Asphalt Mat were used in this study. The Finite Element Model result indicated that the Modified Leutner Shear Test adequate to evaluate the direct shear strength of the thin surface treatment. The results show that the sensitivity loading frequency and the temperature susceptibility of the Precast Rubber Asphalt Mat were reduced by Rubber Modified Asphalt content. The Precast Rubber Asphalt Mat has greater interfacial shear strength as well as shear stiffness compared to those of Micro-Surfacing Mat. The tack coat application rate is crucial for the interfacial shear strength of Precast Rubber Asphalt Mat. This research found that shear stress and the displacement rate are positively related to the interfacial shear strength and shear stiffness. The interfacial shear strength and shear stiffness are negatively related to testing temperature. The Micro-Surfacing Mat had

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higher dynamic direct shear modulus, lower loading frequency sensitivity, and better rutting resistance than Precast Rubber Asphalt Mat.

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Introduction

After 40 years of the steady growth of the roadway network in Taiwan, the focus has been switched from road construction to the maintenance of existing pavement infrastructure. Cost-effective road maintenance to keep smooth road is thus a key issue. Pavement preservation, which is conducted in the early stages of pavement service life costs 50–60% less than pavement rehabilitation. Pavement preservation activities usually involve the deposition of thin layers (8–15 mm) to the existing pavement surface.

A National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) study showed that the standard failure mode of such thin pavement surface treatments includes reflected cracking, streaking, ravelling, delamination, and bleeding (Gransberg, 2010). The reflected crack and streaking are mainly related to the existing pavement condition and quality. In the other hand, ravelling (loss of surface aggregate), delamination, and bleeding are more related to material design and construction quality. Ravelling of thin surface treatment (TST) due to number of reasons including insufficient asphalt quantity to hold the larger aggregate embedded in the mix, high application rate resulting in too thin layer to hold larger aggregates, lack of fines to fill voids between larger aggregates in the mix, and insufficient curing of mix (*ISSA A143-2004:2010 Recommended Performance Guidelines for Micro Surfacing*). Delamination is due to bonding failure between TST and substrate surface, which is due to improper preparation of subsurface or too quickly breaking of the emulsion that results in a broken mix being placed on the surface will unbound (Austroads, 2003a, 2003b; *ISSA A143-2004:2010*; Smith & Beatty, 1999; Xu & Rosakis, 2002a, 2002b, 2003). Lastly, bleeding occurs when asphalt binder fills the aggregate voids during hot water and then expands onto the pavement surface. Thus asphalt binder accumulates on the pavement surface over time.

The tests for TST generally divided into direct and indirect test methods. The direct methods usually applied simulated tyre loading/rolling to the TST specimen and measure the amount of aggregate lost from the sample. Typical direct test method such as Wet Track Abrasion Test (WTAT) as specified in *ISSA TB 100 Laboratory*

Test Method for Wet Track Abrasion of Slurry Surfacing Systems requires submerging TST specimen in water for one hour and six days before the specimen testing under repeated rolling force. Kim & Jones (2015) used modified sweep tester (*ASTM D7000-04:2004 Standard Test Method for Sweep Test of Bituminous Emulsion Surface Treatment Samples*) with a stiff-bristled brush to gently sweep the surface of the aggregate as the brush rotates about the centre of the sample to evaluate the aggregate retention for different chip seal samples. Tredrea (2008) used a modified wheel-tracking test apparatus with a skewed test wheel to evaluate the amount of material loss of TST in Australia. Some researchers used Vialit test, or modified Vialit test, which involves dropping steel ball to the surface of TST and measure the aggregate lost quantity to correlate with TST field performance (Stroup-Gardiner, Newcomb, Epps, & Paulsen, 1990; Yazgan & Senadheera, 2004). Another test developed by LCPC in France utilising tribometer, which is imposed the cyclic vertical and horizontal loading combination on the pavement surface to simulate pavement surface degradation in terms of loss of aggregate.

On the other hand, the indirect methods measure the aggregate embedment depth because the value is strongly correlated to the aggregate loss, bleeding, and skid resistance of TST. Indirect tests divided into qualitative and quantitative methods. The qualitative tests such as sand patch test, sand circle test, and wallpaper size test measure the weight change of standard sand or diameter change of the dispersed sand or wallpaper to correlate to mean profile depth (MPD) (Lu & Bruce, 2006; Page, Patrick, & Dongol, 1998; Pierce & Kebede, 2015). Hegarty (2008) proposed a carpet tile test to measure, calibrate and properly maintain both aggregate and emulsion application rates using the rate-of-spread box to check both binders and spread aggregate rates quickly in the field. Thus, the optimal rate of spread for a particular source and size of aggregate determined using the box measurement to give adequate coverage without unnecessary aggregate excess; then this information transferred and used for the same source and size of aggregate in actual construction. The quantitative tests such as digital imaging test and laser profiler test used to analyse formal texture variations, grinding techniques and particular surface characteristics (Cackler, Ferragut, Harrington, Rasmussen, & Wiegand, 2006; Hanson & Prowell, 2004; Pidwerbesky, Waters, Gransberg, & Stemprok, 2006).

It was found that both direct and indirect test methods for pavement TST are mainly focused on empirical correlation to the aggregate lost performance. None of the tests based on fundamental mechanical or rheological properties of the material. Thus, it is difficult to incorporate the test results into mechanical-based pavement analysis. The objective

of this study is to investigate the performance-related mechanical properties of TST materials for pavement maintenance and preservation. Two types of TST materials, namely Micro-Surfacing Mat (MSM) and Precast Rubber Asphalt Mat (PRAM), were used in this study. The interfacial adhesion and dynamic cohesion properties of the TST were characterised. The obtained mechanical parameters are appropriately used in mechanical pavement analysis.

1. Material and methods

Two TST materials were used in this study. One is the MSM, and the other is the PRAM. The following section describes the material and sample preparation processes used in this study.

1.1. Micro-Surfacing Mat

The MSM used in this study was prepared according to the *ISSA A143-2004:2010*. First, asphalt binder with a viscosity grade of AC-20 was emulsified and modified and blended with styrene-butadiene rubber (SBR) and water to form an asphalt emulsion. The job mix formula of MSM is shown in Table 1. The aggregate gradation used for the MSM was prepared by *ASTM C136-06:2006 Standard Test Method for Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregates*, Type II.

Table 1. Job mix formula of Micro-Surfacing Mat

Micro-Surfacing Mat	Material	Asphalt Emulsion	Aggregate	Mineral Filler	Water
	grams	100	10	5	1
%	86.2	8.62	4.31	0.86	

1.2. Precast Rubber Asphalt Mat

The functionally graded PRAM was composed of asphalt binder with a viscosity grade of AC-10, crumb tire rubber, and aggregate. First, the asphalt binder was blended with crumb rubber particles to form a rich binder layer. Then, rubber-modified asphalt (RA) was mixed with single-size aggregate and placed on top of the first layer. Finally, the mat was pneumatically compacted and cooled to room temperature. The job mix formula of the PRAM is shown in Table 2. The particle size of crumb rubber was between No. 4 and No. 30 sieve. For the aggregate, the single-size aggregate retained on No. 30 sieve was used.

Table 2. Job mix formula of Precast Rubber Asphalt Mat

Precast Rubber Asphalt Mat	Material	Asphalt Binder	Crumb Tire Rubber	Aggregate
	grams	780	150	70
%	78	15	7	

1.3. Experimental methods

Figure 1 shows the experimental plan for this study. Three types of performance-related mechanical property of TST materials comprise binder rheological property, mixture interfacial adhesion property, and bulk cohesive property were identified, including the G^* and $\tan(\delta)$ of the asphalt binder, shear adhesion bonding at the interface of TST and existing pavement, and the dynamic direct shear modulus and $\tan(\delta)$ of the TST. In addition, the stress and strain distribution of the dynamic direct shear modulus test was verified using Finite Element Model (FEM). The Modified Leutner Shear Test (MLST) specimens of 10 cm diameters and 1 cm in thickness modelled using 3D finite element approach. A uniform shear force was applied to one of the specimen

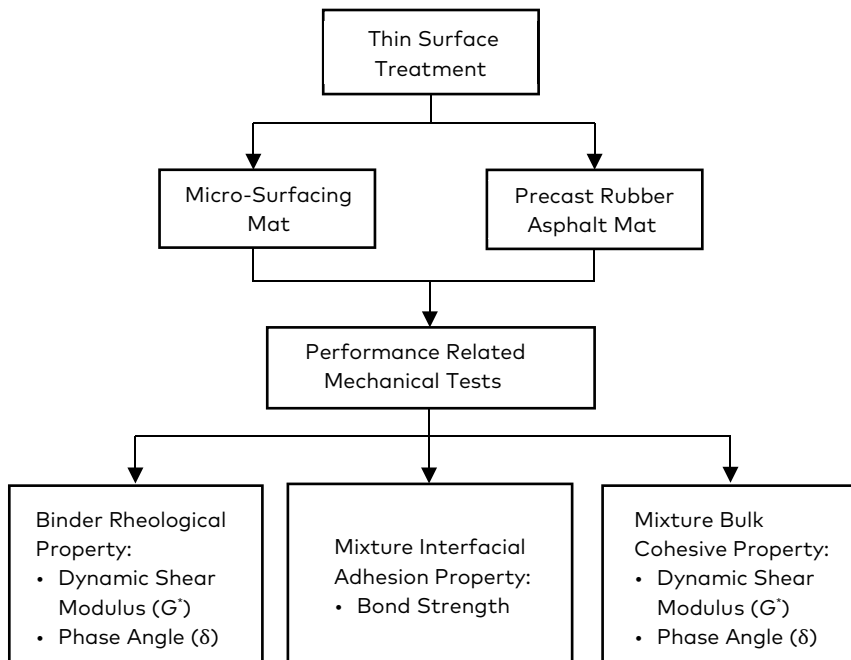


Figure 1. Experimental plan

Table 3 Input material properties of Finite Element Model

Parameter	Micro-Surfacing Mat
Normal stress, kPa	690
Shear force, N	385 000
Young modulus, kPa	25 119
Poisson ratio	0.35

interfaces, while the other interface was fixed. The vertical displacement of the specimens was controlled under 5 mm. The specimens were simulated as an elastic material. Table 3 shows the input parameters of material properties for FEM.

1.4. Binder rheological properties

The binder here refers to the RA for PRAM and the latex-modified Emulsified Asphalt Residual (EAR) for the MSM. The rheological properties of each binder were measured using a TA AR1500ex rheometer. The frequency sweep test was performed in the temperature range of 20 °C to 70 °C, with 6 °C intervals, to measure G^* and $\tan(\delta)$ of the binder.

1.5. Thin surface treatment interfacial adhesion properties

The adhesion at the interface between the TST and the underlying asphalt layer is an important feature that influences the durability of the surface layer. In this study, the shear adhesion test was performed to evaluate interfacial shear adhesion properties (Yang & Liu, 2017). The Leutner shear test was developed in Germany in the late 1970s as a simple method to evaluate the interface bonding strength between two asphalt layers using direct shear approach (Collop, Sutanto, Airey, & Elliott, 2009; Collop, Thom, & Sangiorgi, 2003). The test is performed on 100-mm-diameter cores with two layers taken either from the field pavement or prepared in the laboratory.

Four specimens of PRAM and MSM were prepared in the test. One specimen was used for a pilot test to determine the loading range at each temperature and frequency, and the rest three specimens were used for investigating interfacial strength of TST with materials. Since the thickness of the MSM and PRAM was only 10 mm, which is too thin to place in the original Leutner shear test setup. Therefore, the Leutner shear test fixture was modified to extend the height of the TST specimen by glueing the steel cylinders to the TST material.

Also, an adjustable pneumatic pressure was applied to the specimen to simulate tire contact pressures to the TST. Figure 2 shows the sample preparation and test setup for the MLST. First, the 100 mm diameter cores were taken from a laboratory-prepared asphalt concrete slab,



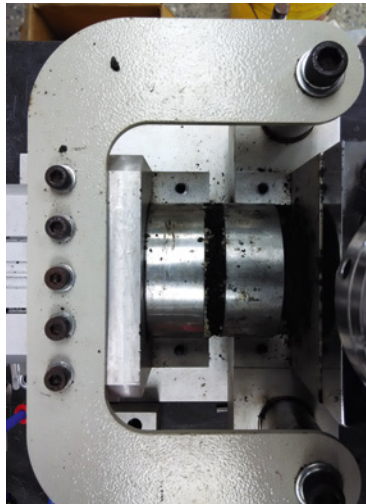
a) slab compactor for asphalt mixture



b) sample preparation for Precast Rubber Asphalt Mat



c) sample preparation for Micro-Surfacing Mat



d) test setup for Modified Leutner Shear Test

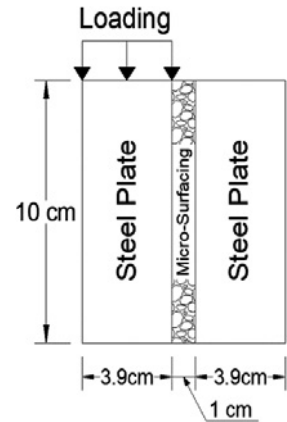


Figure 2. The sample preparation and test setup for the Modified Leutner Shear Test

as shown in Figure 2a. For the PRAM, the sample was first cored from a PRAM, and a tack coat was applied to the PRAM specimen and glue to the asphalt concrete core (Figure 2b). For the MSM, a steel ring with an inner diameter of 100 mm was placed on top of the asphalt concrete core, and then the MSM was poured into the steel ring mould and allowed it to cure (Figure 2c). Figure 2d shows the setup of the modified Leutner test. A steel cylinder with a 100 mm diameter and 34 mm thickness was glued onto the surface of the TST material with Gorilla glue. Xiao (2013) suggested keeping the specimen upside down during the preparation process until the glue cured to prevent liquid glue penetrating the TST layer. The fixture was then placed in an environmental chamber with vertical loading applied by the MTS 858 servohydraulic testing system and a lateral force, to simulate tire contact, applied by a pneumatic pump. The displacement-controlled mode (constant displacement rate) was used in the shear tests to measure the adhesion at the interface between the thin layer and the underlying asphalt concrete. The test variables were temperature (10 °C, 25 °C, 60 °C), applied shear stress (103.5 kPa, 345 kPa, 690 kPa), and shear rate (2.5 mm/min, 5 mm/min, 10 mm/min). In addition, since a tack coat was applied to glue the PRAM and the underlying asphalt concrete, five tack coat application rates (0.05 kg/m², 0.15 kg/m², 0.25 kg/m², 0.35 kg/m², 0.45 kg/m²) were chosen for PRAM to determine the optimal tack coat application rate. The results were used to calculate the direct shear strength (*DSS*) and shear stiffness as follows, respectively (Eqs. (1) and (2)).

$$DSS = \frac{4P}{\pi D^2}, \quad (1)$$

where *DSS* – direct shear strength, MPa; *P* – the maximum force, N; *D* – specimen diameter, mm.

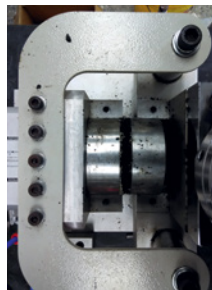
$$GA_s = \frac{V}{\gamma} \text{ (Hoogenboom \& Spaan, 2005),} \quad (2)$$

where *GA_s* – shear stiffness, kPa/mm; *V* – shear stress, kPa; *γ* – shear deformation, mm.

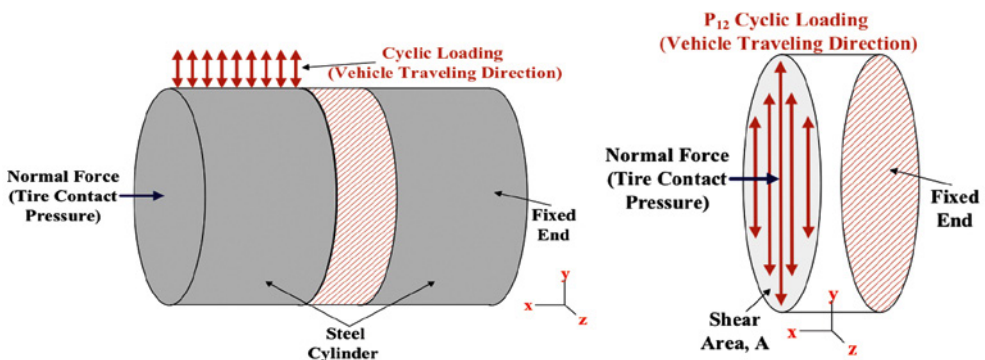
1.6. Thin surface treatment bulk cohesive properties

The bulk cohesive property of the TST layer is an important parameter when incorporating into a mechanical analysis. Typically, the bulk cohesive property of asphalt concrete obtained using a dynamic modulus test, where a 150 mm tall and 100 mm diameter cylindrical specimen is subjected to cyclic sinusoidal loading at

various frequencies and temperatures. However, such a test is inapplicable for TST materials, where the thickness is only 10 mm. The internal stress-strain behaviour in TST materials is very different from the conventional asphalt concrete. Therefore, the Leutner shear test was further modified. The TST was sandwiched between two steel cylinders, so the TST material adequate placed in the centre without subjecting it to any external force or constraints, as shown in Figure 3b. The fixture (Figure 3a) was then placed in an environmental chamber, with vertical loading applied by the MTS 858 servohydraulic testing system and lateral pressure of 690 kPa applied to simulate vehicle tire contact stress. The contact pressure between the tire and TST materials is set as 690 kPa determined by an area of the tire footprint. A servohydraulic driven vertical loading of 3–10 kN applied to simulate heavy truck with slow speed. Here, instead of applying the uniaxial monotonic load to the specimen, displacement-controlled cyclic sinusoidal loading with a strain amplitude of $50 \mu\text{m}$



a) mould assembly



b) schematic of the test setup

c) mode of loading on thin surface treatment

Figure 3. Dynamic direct shear test

was used, and the delayed load response was recorded. It is assumed that the gorilla glue adhered the steel cylinder and the TST layer completely and the force applied on the steel cylinder was wholly transferred to the TST layer. Losa & Natale (2012) and Mollenhauer, Wistuba, & Rabe (2009) have investigated the pulse spectrum of the strain induced by a traffic load. When a load moves over the pavement at a constant loading speed and temperature, the pavement exhibits a particular strain pulse frequency spectrum. Losa & Natale (2012) investigated the representative loading frequency to calculate the stiffness modulus of pavement layers for equivalent linear elastic structural analysis. The viscoelasticity of pavements with various design parameters was analysed using the ViscoRoute software, and the stiffness modulus and the corresponding loading frequency were then back-calculated by minimising the residuals between linear elastic and viscoelastic peak strains. The representative frequencies in the x , y , and z directions were related to important variables including the loading speed, half-length and half-width of the rectangular tire footprint, AC temperature, and depth of the investigation point (Losa & Natale, 2012; Mollenhauer, Wistuba, & Rabe, 2009). Therefore, uniform shear stress was applied on the surface of the TST layer along with the vehicle travelling direction. The test was performed from 30 °C to 60 °C with 15 °C intervals. At each temperature, four loading frequencies, namely 10 Hz, 5 Hz, 1 Hz, and 0.1 Hz, were applied; the number of loading cycles corresponding to each frequency was 200, 100, 20, and 15 cycles, respectively. A rest period of 2 min between frequency runs was used. The analysis of test results is similar to the dynamic modulus test. The applied sinusoidal strain and response stress are shown in Eqs (3) and (4). Thus, the G^* on the x plane along the y -direction calculated as Eq. (5).

$$\gamma = \frac{\Delta}{L} = \gamma_0 \sin \omega t, \quad (3)$$

$$\tau = \frac{P_{xy}}{A} = \tau_0 \sin (\omega t - \delta) \quad (4)$$

where γ , γ_0 – shear strain, maximum shear strain; τ , τ_0 – shear stress, maximum shear stress; δ – phase angle; ω – angular frequency; t – time; P_{xy} – force applied on the x plane toward the y -direction; A – shear area,

$$G_{xy}^* = \frac{\gamma}{\tau} = \frac{\gamma_0}{\tau_0} (\cos \delta + i \sin \phi) \quad (5)$$

where G_{xy}^* – dynamic shear modulus on the x plane along the y -direction; i – imaginary unit.

2. Results and Discussions

2.1. Binder rheological properties

Figure 4 shows the G^* the master curve for AC-10, RA, AC-20 and EAR at reference temperature 30 °C. In Figure 4, it observed that the addition of crumb rubber flattens the G^* curves of RA. Meanwhile, although EAR includes latex polymer, the G^* of EAR almost coincides to AC-10 and AC-20. On the other hand, the results show that the G^* of RA higher than EAR, AC-10, and AC-20 at a low reduced frequency and almost coincide at the high reduced frequency. The high G^* of RA at low reduced frequency means the RA stiffer than EAR, AC-10, and AC-20, thus good resist deformation than EAR, AC-10, and AC-20. The application of Rubber-Modified Asphalt reduces the sensitivity loading frequency of the G^* value compare to the EAR, AC-10, and AC-20.

Figure 5 show $\tan(\delta)$ curves master curve for AC-10, RA, AC-20, and EAR at reference temperature 30 °C. Figure 5 perform that the RA remains relatively constant at zero over the testing frequency. Hence, the RA materials behaviour elastically regardless of the change of loading frequency. On the other hand, the $\tan(\delta)$ values of AC-10 and AC-20 higher than EAR and RA with the increase of reduced frequency.

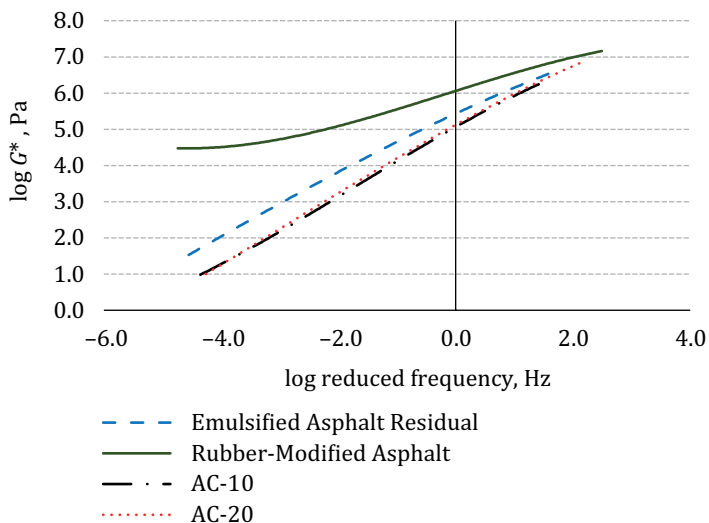


Figure 4. G^* master curve of four different binder

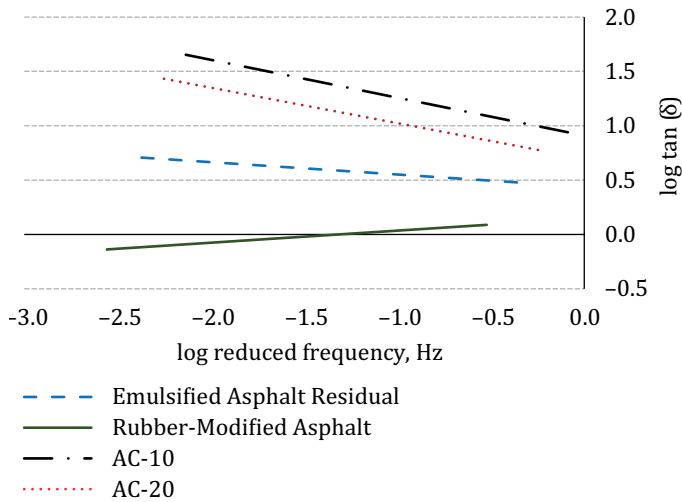


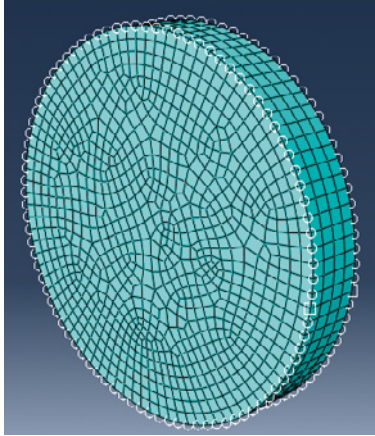
Figure 5. $\tan(\delta)$ master curve of four different binder

Consequently, the AC-10 and AC-20 exhibit more viscous component over the test frequency.

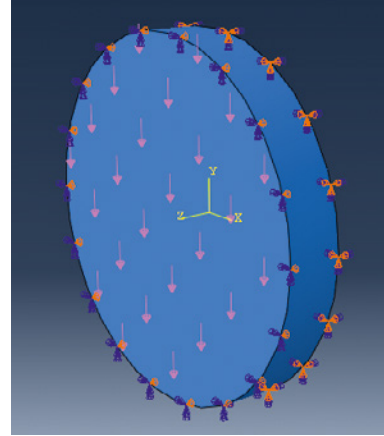
Moreover, it is as expected that the addition of latex or rubber into the original binder effectively decrease the $\tan(\delta)$ values, which contribute to better performance. The constant $\tan(\delta)$ the curve of RA also implies to the low-temperature susceptibility of the PRAM.

2.2. Finite Element Model analysis

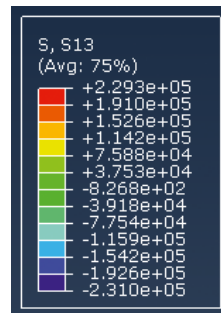
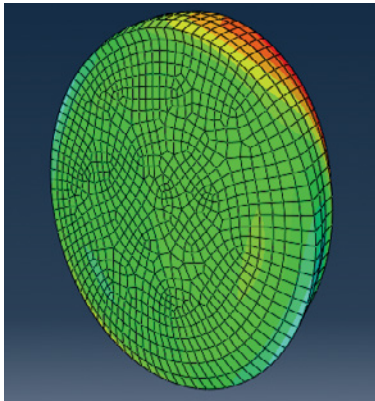
The FEM was used to simulate the stress and strain distribution of the TST specimen under the MLST. The uniform shear force of $3.85 \cdot 10^5$ N applied in the simulation of 1 cm specimen thickness. Figures 6a and 6b show a meshing model and loading model of the specimen in the Abaqus FEM simulation, respectively. Then, Figure 6c perform the stresses tensor distribution in the specimen test area base on the input model in Figures 6a and 6b, respectively. Furthermore, Figure 6d exhibit the response of stresses tensor, which is increases at the beginning, slightly uniform at the middle, and decreases at the end along the middle of the specimen test area in $y-z$ direction. Thus, the MLST reliable to investigate the direct shear modulus of the TST.



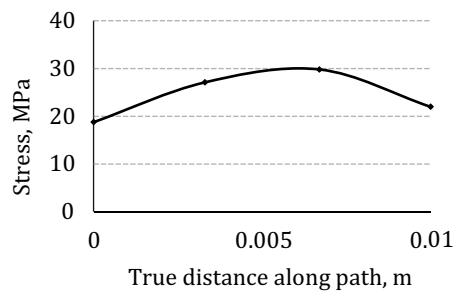
a) specimen meshing



b) specimen loading



c) stress tensor distribution



d) stress distribution along the middle of the specimen in a $y - z$ direction

Figure 6. FEM simulation for Modified Leutner Shear Test

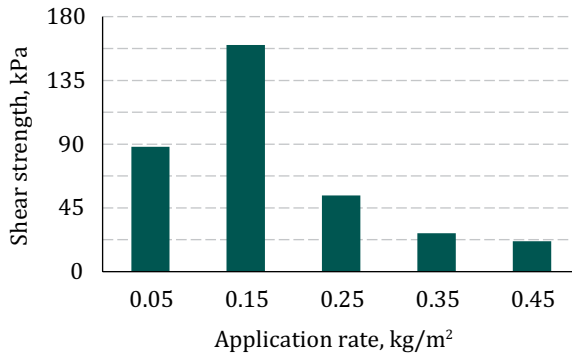


Figure 7. Interfacial shear strength versus tack coat application rate for Precast Rubber Asphalt Mat

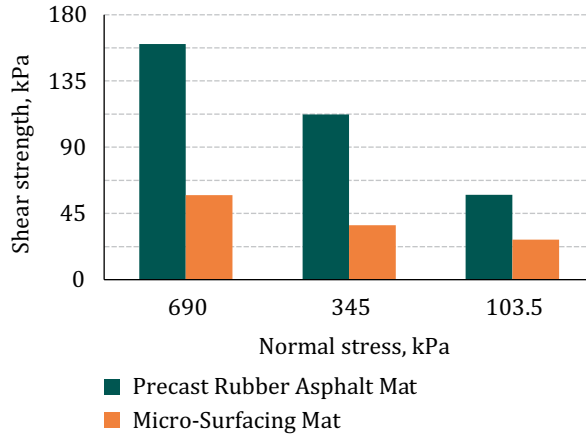
2.3. Thin surface treatment interfacial adhesion properties

2.3.1. Tack coat application rate for Precast Rubber Asphalt Mat

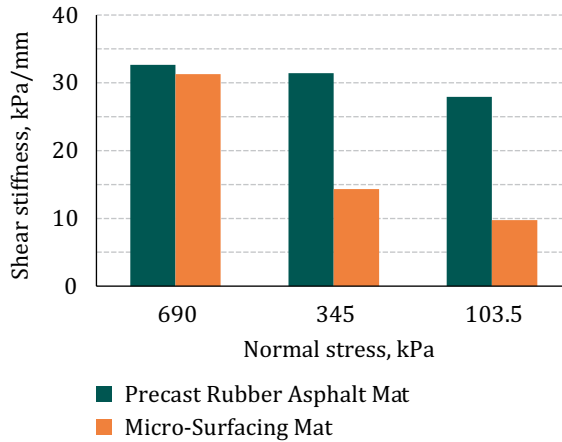
The interfacial adhesion property subject to five tack coat application rates (0.05 kg/m², 0.15 kg/m², 0.25 kg/m², 0.35 kg/m², 0.45 kg/m²) was investigated. The test was performed at 25 °C with a normal stress of 690 kPa and a shear rate of 5 mm/min, as shown in Figure 7. The peak of the interfacial shear strength of PRAM occurs at a tack coat application rate of 0.15 kg/m². Specimens with high or low tack coat application rate of 0.15 kg/m² show low shear strength. It is expected that too little tack coat generates inadequate bonding between layers and too much tack coat lubricate the interface and slip between layers. It is widely known that failure of the interface of the pavement layer generates in slippage failure in the surface of the pavement. Such failure is even critical in the context of TST due to high shear stress in the interlayer.

2.3.2. Effect of normal stress

Figure 8 shows the interfacial shear strength and shear stiffness of PRAM and the MSM under various shear stresses under a displacement rate of 5 mm/min at 25 °C. As expected, both shear strength and shear stiffness increase with increasing normal stress. The phenomenon due to high shear stress results in high friction between the TST and the underlying asphalt concrete. It is worth noting that the shear strength and shear stiffness of PRAM are higher than those of the MSM, although both tack coat and MS are emulsion based system. The high shear strength and shear stiffness of PRAM due to rubber content and tack coat application rate in PRAM specimen.



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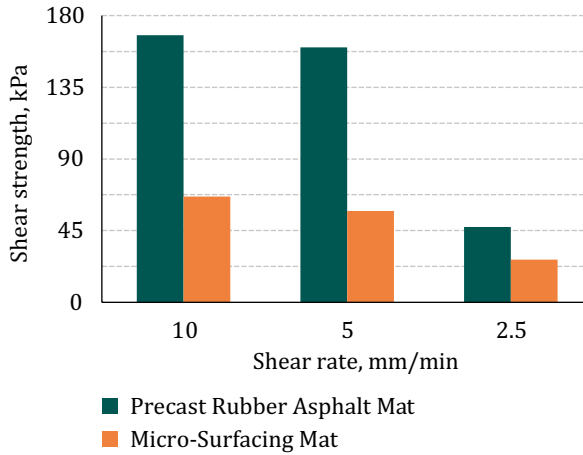


b) shear stiffness

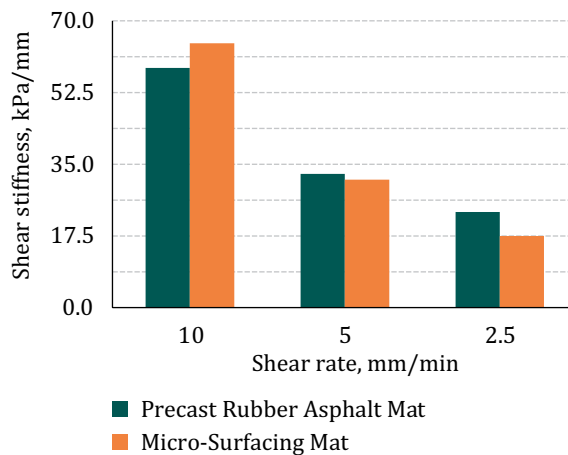
Figure 8. Shear strength and stiffness under various normal stresses

2.3.3. Effect of shear rate

Figure 9 shows the interfacial shear strength and shear stiffness of PRAM and the MSM at various shear rates at 25 °C under normal stress of 690 kPa. Both the interfacial shear strength and shear stiffness of PRAM and the MSM increase with increasing displacement rate. The phenomenon due to increasing displacement rate, within a given amount of time, more contact areas are forced to slip and fracture, requiring more energy. In general, the PRAM has higher



a) interfacial shear strength



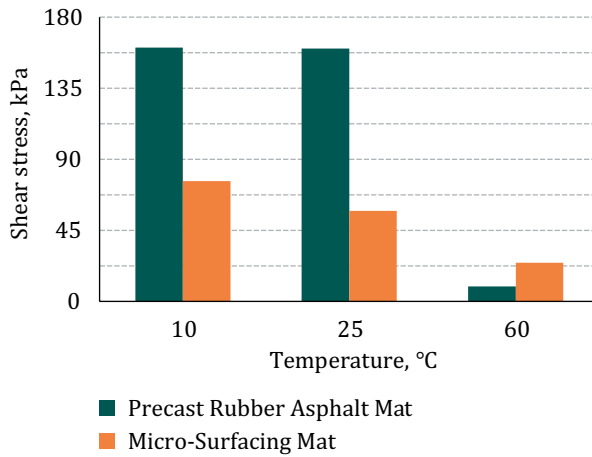
b) shear stiffness

Figure 9. Shear strength and stiffness under various shear rate

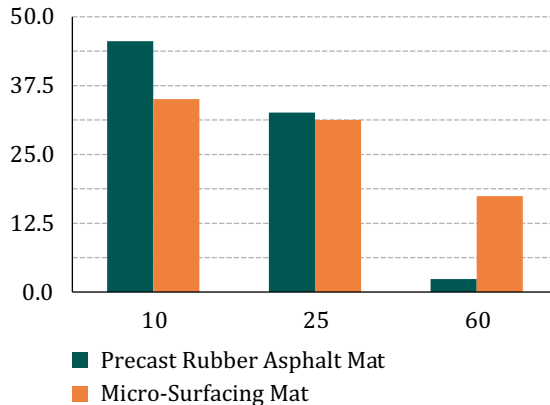
shear strength and shear stiffness than those of the MSM except at a displacement rate of 10 mm/min, where MSM has a slightly high shear stiffness. The results showed that the PRAM had better resists shear load than the MSM. The phenomenon due to the applied tack coat for the PRAM specimen whereas, in the MSM, the slurry was directly poured onto the asphalt concrete substrate.

2.3.4. Effect of temperature

Figure 10 shows the interfacial shear strength and shear stiffness of PRAM and the MSM under normal stress of 690 kPa at a displacement rate of 5 mm/min. For the PRAM, a significant drop of shear stress and shear stiffness observed when the test temperature increases to 60 °C. The interfacial shear strength and shear stiffness of MSM also decreases with increasing temperature. These results are in agreement with those reported by Al-Qadi, Carpenter, Leng, Ozer, & Trepanier, (2008), who



a) interfacial shear strength



b) shear stiffness

Figure 10. Shear stress and stiffness under various temperatures

reported that at given values of normal stress and displacement rate, the interfacial shear strength and shear stiffness decrease with increasing temperature. The phenomenon is mainly due to the viscosity of the tack coat decreasing when the temperature increases. Therefore, the tack coat acts as a lubricant instead of providing bonding between layers.

2.4. Thin surface treatment bulk cohesive properties

The bulk property of the thin layer was investigated using the MLST. The test conditions were analogous to *ASTM D3497-79:2003 Standard Test Method for Dynamic Modulus of Asphalt Concrete* and *AASHTO T 342-11:2015 Standard Method of Test for Determining Dynamic Modulus of Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA)* to measure the G^* and $\tan(\delta)$ of the TST material. The G^* and $\tan(\delta)$ were calculated by Eqs. (3)–(5). The master curve created to measure the influence of temperature and rate of loading on the viscoelastic material. A reference temperature of 30 °C was used to generate the master curve. Figure 11 shows the comparison of the master curve of G^* and $\tan(\delta)$ for PRAM and the MSM. In general, the G^* increases, while the $\tan(\delta)$ decreases. The results showed that the G^* of MSM is higher than PRAM at all frequencies. The high G^* value of MSM indicates that the MSM has stiffer than PRAM (able to resist deformation). The MSM also has a $\tan(\delta)$ slightly higher than PRAM, so the MSM more viscous material than PRAM. This mainly due to the rubber particle component in the PRAM, which gives more ductile behaviour compare to latex modified

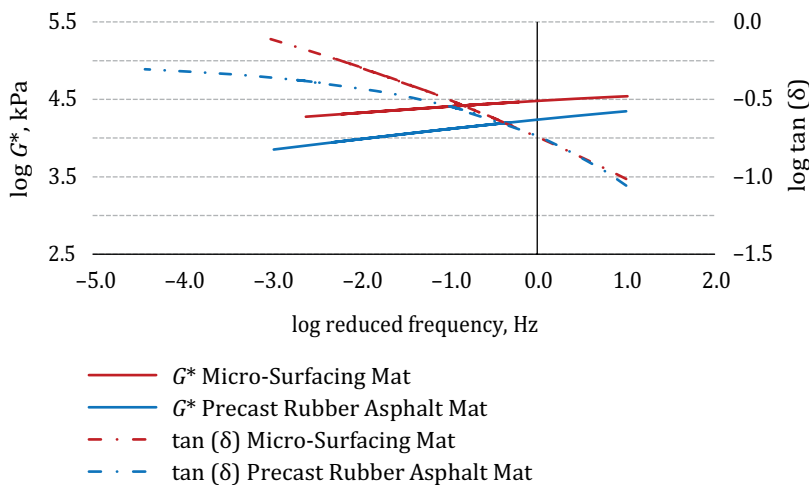


Figure 11. Master curve G^* and $\tan(\delta)$ of two different thin surface treatment

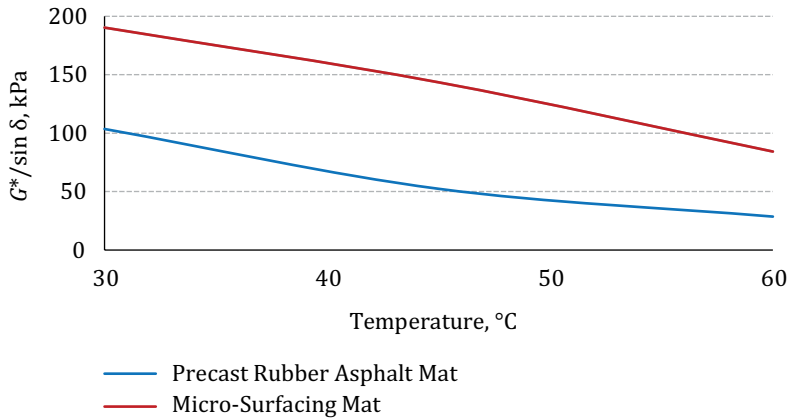


Figure 12. $G^*/\sin \delta$ of Micro-Surfacing Mat and Precast Rubber Asphalt Mat

MSM. Also, the slope of the MSM master curve of G^* is lower than the PRAM. This implies that MSM has a lower sensitivity to the change of the loading frequency (service temperature) than PRAM.

Performance parameters corresponding to $G^*/\sin \delta$ at 1.59 Hz were used plotted rutting phenomenon. Figure. 12 display $G^*/\sin \delta$ versus temperature of MSM and PRAM. The high $G^*/\sin \delta$ values correlate with high rutting resistance. The results reveal that the MSM has higher $G^*/\sin \delta$ values than PRAM. Hence, MSM has higher rutting resistance than PRAM because of using the different binder and aggregate composition. MSM uses the high-performance grade of a binder with combination aggregate and mineral filler, while PRAM uses the low-performance grade of a binder with aggregate and crumb tire rubber.

Conclusions

This study characterised the performance-related mechanical properties of thin surface treatment materials. The binder rheology and thin surface treatment adhesive and cohesive properties were investigated. The following conclusions were obtained.

1. In general, Precast Rubber Asphalt Mat has greater interfacial shear strength and shear stiffness compared to those of the Micro-Surfacing Mat.
2. The application of Rubber-Modified Asphalt reduces the sensitivity loading frequency and the temperature susceptibility of the Precast Rubber Asphalt Mat.

3. The Finite Element Model result indicated that the Modified Leutner Shear Test reliable to evaluate the direct shear strength of the thin surface treatment. Furthermore, the Modified Leutner Shear Test results reliable to predict the rutting thin surface treatment phenomenon using $G^*/\sin \delta$ value.
4. The tack coat application rate is crucial to the interfacial shear strength of Precast Rubber Asphalt Mat. In this study, the optimal tack coat application rate (applied before the implantation of Precast Rubber Asphalt Mat) is 0.15 kg/m².
5. From the direct shear test, the normal stress and displacement rate are positively related to the interfacial shear strength and shear stiffness. The interfacial shear strength and shear stiffness are negatively related to the test temperature.
6. Micro-Surfacing Mat had a high shear direct modulus, low loading frequency sensitivity, and better rutting resistance than Precast Rubber Asphalt Mat.

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