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ANR MoveDVDC Project;

Project objectives and experimental programme

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ANR MOVEDVDC PROJECT - Modelling of Ageing and Damage to Assess Pavement Service Life OBJECTIVES:

Project related to issues of **road asset preservation** Associated with theme 1 of the DVDC NP "material degradation mechanisms".

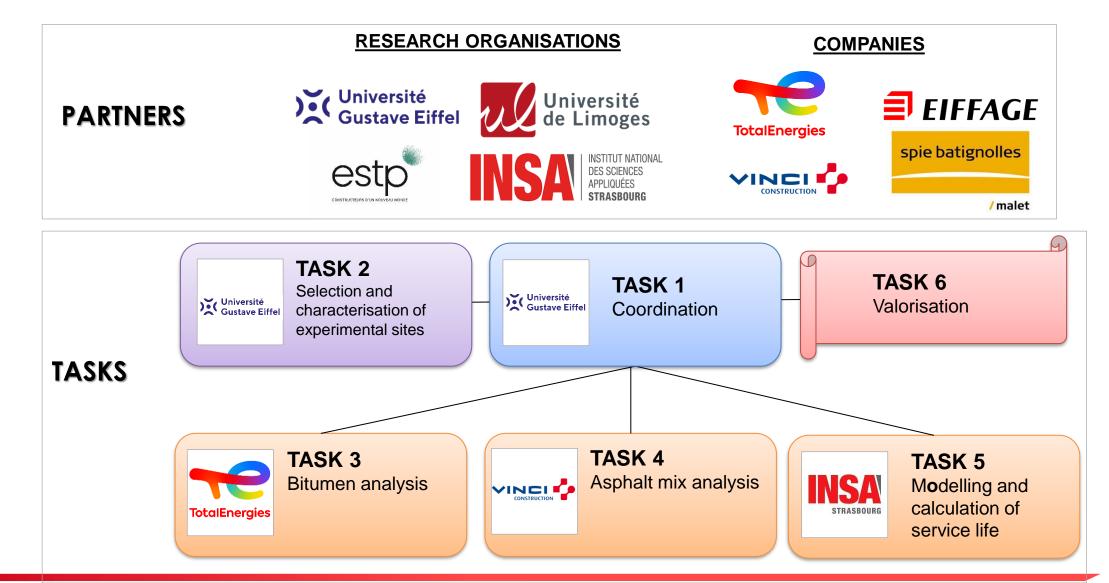
Challenge: Better assess the **mechanical performance** and **residual service life** of old bituminous materials, present in pavements in-service, in order to better assess the residual service life of these pavements, and maintenance needs.

Guiding principles:

- Limit the scope to base materials, which largely determine the structural strength of pavements and their service life
- Focus on the mechanisms of both **ageing** and **mechanical damage**
- Conduct studies both on: binders and asphalt mixes, on materials sampled in situ and aged in the lab



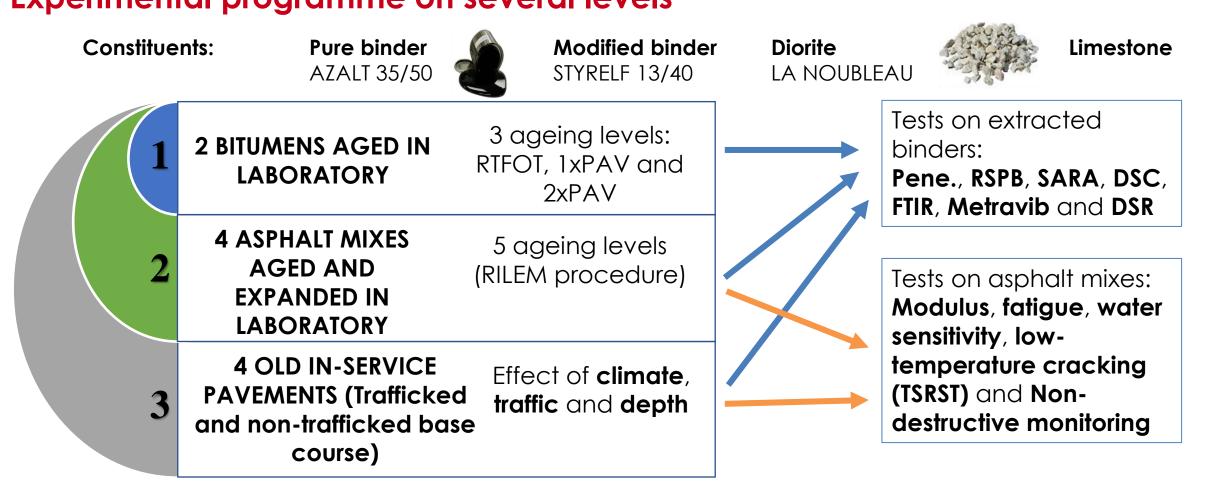








Study of base course materials (type GB3) (GB= Bituminous mixture for base layer) Experimental programme on several levels

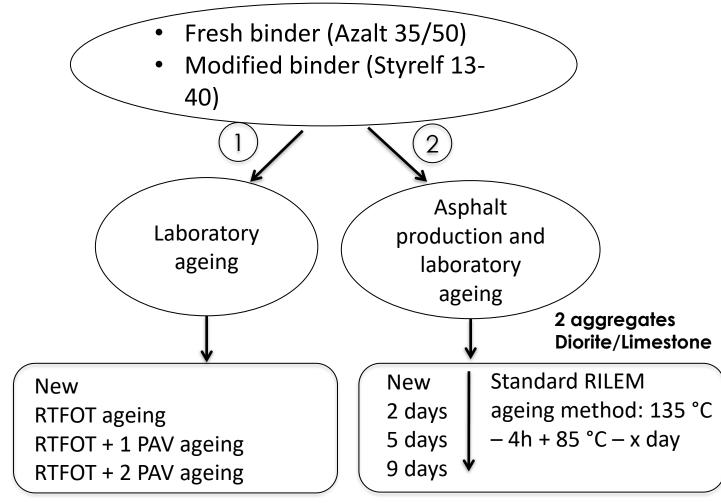






EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAMME

Preparation of materials:





Asphalt mixes and binders extracted from 4 sites



- RD700 (Dijon)
- A35 (Strasbourg)
- RD34 (Montpellier)
- Fatigue carousel (Nantes)





Four material sampling sites

Bituminous pavements with medium to heavy traffic age ≈ 20 years – structure made of GB3 Low to medium damage Samples from trafficked and non-trafficked areas Characterisation of damage



Sections sampled on A35 near Strasbourg



Samples – RD14 near Montpellier



Samples taken from trafficked and non-trafficked zones Analysis of extracted asphalt mixes and binders







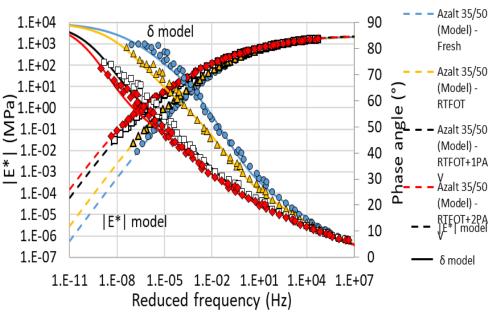
Tests carried out on binders

Test	Laboratory
Penetrability, RSPB	Total
SARA fractions	Total
Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC)	UGE, ESTP
DSR	ESTP, SB Malet
Metravib	UGE
Infrared spectrometry (FTIR)	ESTP, SB Malet
Large test database	

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- Analysis of aged binders alone and asphalt mix extracts
- Analysis of changes in physico-chemical and rheological parameters in accordance with ageing
- Identification of ageing level indicators
- Links between binders and asphalt mixes

Modulus standard and phase angle





Tests conducted on asphalt mixes

Test	Laboratory
Complex modulus	UGE
Fatigue	Vinci Construction, Eiffage, SB Malet
Water-resistance (ITSR test, Duriez)	Vinci Construction, ESTP
Low-temperature cracking (TSRST test)	UGE
Visualisation of cracks (impregnation)	Vinci Construction
Mechanical tests + ultrasound measurements, acoustic emission tests	University of Limoges, Vinci Construction, Eiffage, SB Malet

- Development of residual performance evaluation methods
- Analysis of changes in mechanical properties in accordance with ageing
- Detection of damage via non-destructive methods (ultrasound, acoustic emissions)



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Some significant project results Rodrigo Siroma – Colas Mokhfi Takarli – University of Limoges Bertrand Pouteau – Vinci Construction Léo Coulon – INSA Strasbourg

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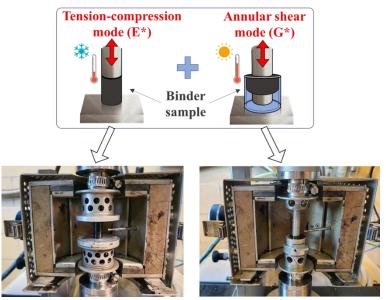
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Complex Modulus Test

Metravib rheometer (DMA)

2 stress modes



Temperature: -15 to 60°C

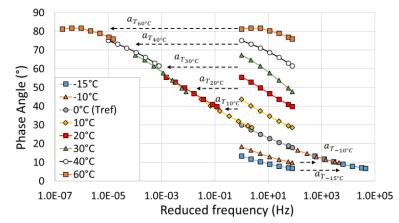
Frequency: 1 to 80Hz

Poisson's ratio: 0.5

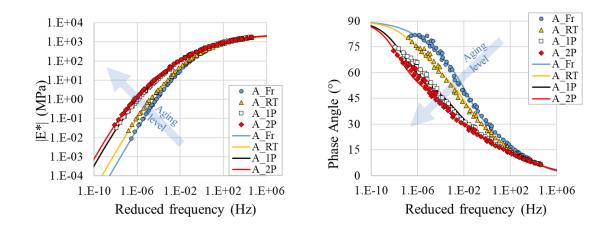


Processing of experimental data

Master curve (Chailleux et al, 2006)



2S2P1D Rheological model (Olard & Di Benedetto, 2003)



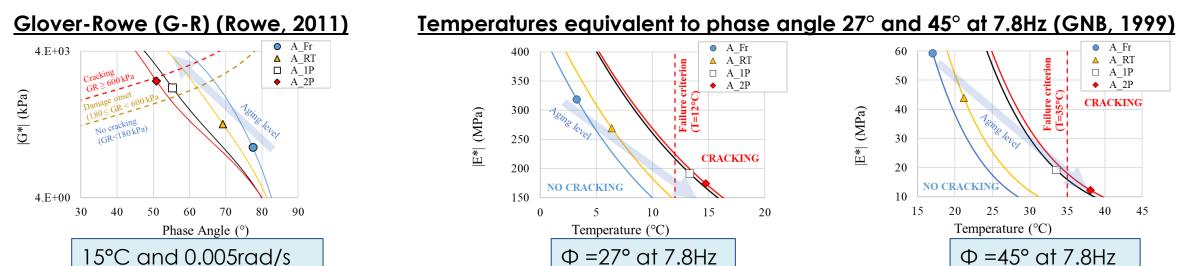
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Rheological criteria

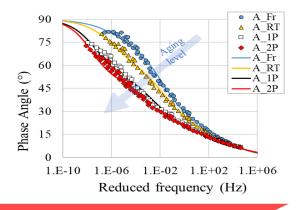
"Point" criteria



"Shape" criteria??

- The phase angle is more **sensitive to the chemistry** and **microstructure** of bitumen
- The phase angle master curve flattens with ageing (bitumen becomes more rigid)

At what **frequency** does **the most significant change** occur in the phase angle master curve with ageing?

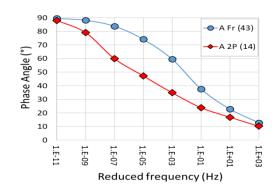






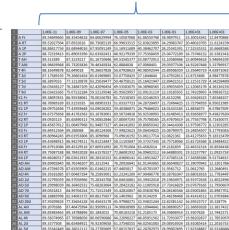
Multivariate statistical analysis

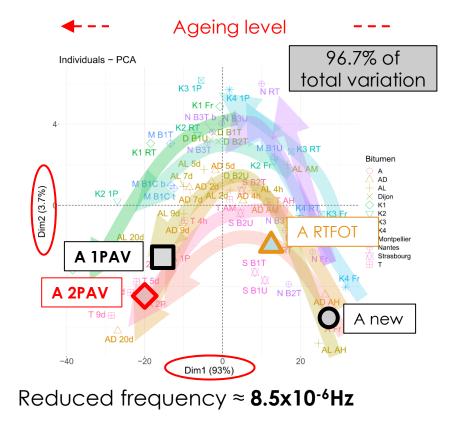
Principal Component Analysis (PCA)



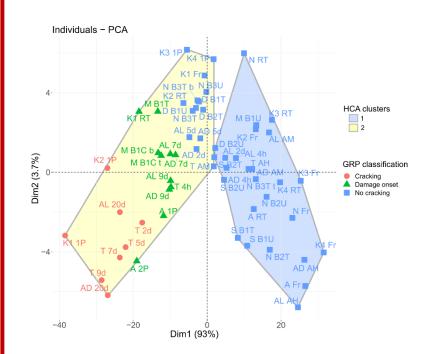
8 phase angle values







Hierarchical Cluster Analysis (HCA)



Clustering corresponds closely to the **Glover-Rowe (G-R)** criterion

What does $f = 8.5 \times 10^{-6} Hz$ correspond to in a master curve?

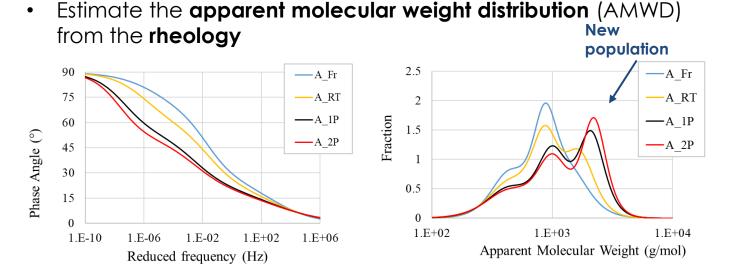


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Analytical methods

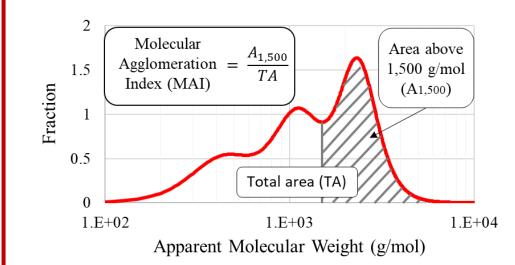
Delta Method (Zanzotto et al., 1999 and Themeli et al., 2015)



- ↓ small molecules ↑ large molecules
- f = 8.5x10⁻⁶Hz of the PCA corresponds to 1,500g/mol (2 asphaltene molecules according to Mullins (2011)

How do you quantify molecular agglomeration?

Molecular Agglomeration Index (MAI)



- $0 \le MAI \le 1$
- MAI increases with ageing

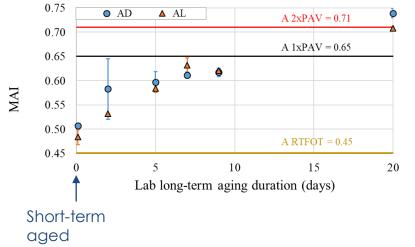




Analyses with MAI

Evolution of MAI with ageing

Bitumens extracted from expanded asphalt mixes (RILEM method)



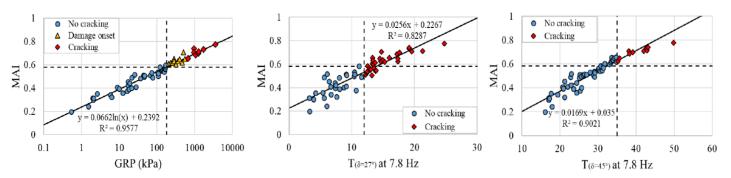
bitumen

Coefficient of variance for measurements from **2 labs** and **2 different rheometers**

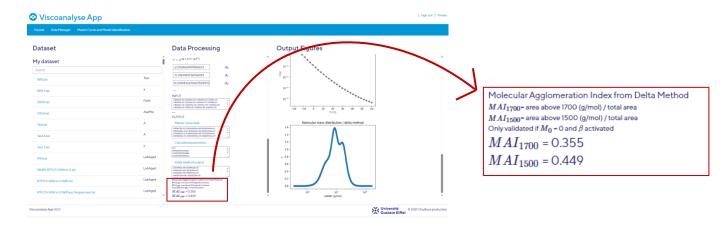
	A_Fr	A_1P	NB3T	MB1T
G-R	38.40%	36.90%	1.90%	8.40%
MAI	10.00%	3.40%	0.80%	1.30%



Determination of a provisional threshold value for MAI



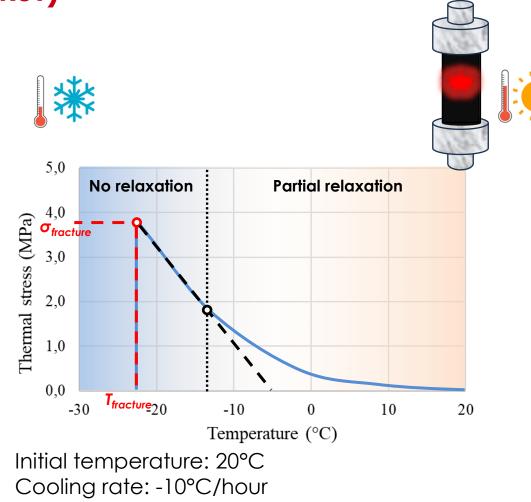
- Strong correlation with other cracking criteria
- Proposed threshold value: MAI = 0.58
- MAI in Viscoanalyse Web App: <u>Viscoanalyse App (ifsttar.fr)</u>





Thermal Stress Restrained Specimen Test (TSRST)

- Low-temperature resistance
- The specimen is subjected to controlled cooling and prevented from shrinking
- Increase of $cryogenic \ stress$ (σ_{cry}) in the specimen until fracture
- TSRST highlights the **fragility of asphalt mix**
- The ${\sf T}_{\sf fracture}$ and the $\sigma_{\sf fracture}$ depend on the <code>ageing</code> <code>level</code> of bitumen



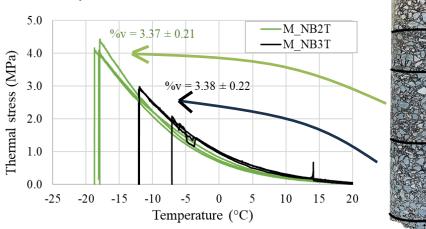




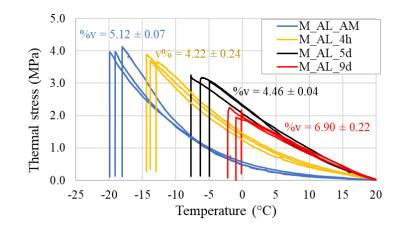
TSRST test results

- With ageing:
 - 1 of the $T_{fracture}$
 - \downarrow of the σ_{fracture}
 - With **asphalt mixes aged and expanded in the lab**, there is a decrease in relaxation capacity at high temperatures

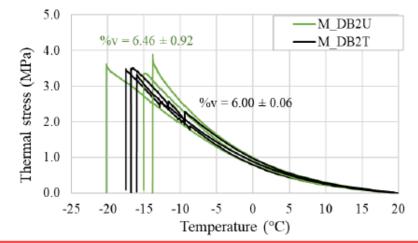
In Nantes, the **subbase layer has aged more** than the base layer wearing course







Subbase layer from trafficked and nontrafficked zones of the Dijon section

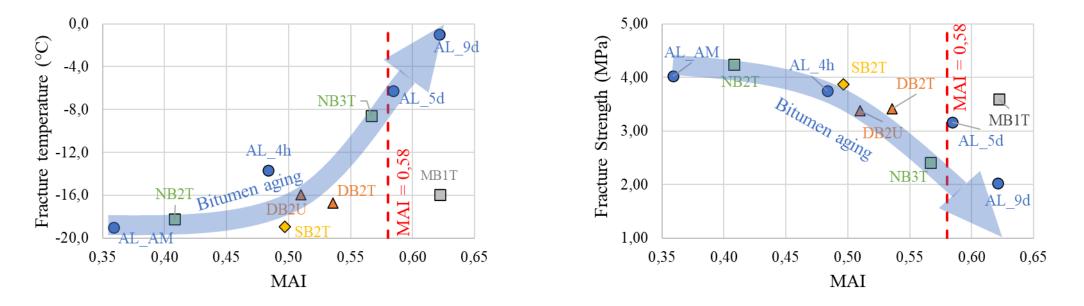






Relationship between MAI and TSRST

- There seems to be a **strong correlation** between MAI and TSRST parameters
- Sharp increase of the T_{fracture} when MAI ≈ 0.58



 Bitumen extracted from asphalt mixes aged and expanded in the lab and from the Nantes, Dijon, Strasbourg and Montpellier sites.





Partial conclusions

- The **phase angle master curve** combines the high sensitivity of the phase angle with the usefulness of master curves (extrapolating laboratory test conditions).
- Use of the PCA and HCA has shown that the reduced frequency at which the most relevant variation of the phase angle master curve at T_{ref} = 0 ℃ occurs is f ≈ 8.5 x 10⁻⁶Hz.
- Use of the **Molecular Agglomeration Index (MAI)** is proposed by revising the Delta-Method with the reduced frequency determined by the PCA.
- MAI quantifies the incidence of molecular agglomeration from the rheology data. A provisional value
 was proposed given MAI's strong correlation with other parameters (MAI = 0.58)
- MAI demonstrates a **strong link** with the T_{fracture} and σ_{fracture} of the TSRST test.





CND&DVDC workshop: 11 and 12 June - Different Perspectives on Advanced Methods of Laboratory and In-situ Characterisation of Ageing and Damage of Bituminous Mixes





Tools and Methods:

(Ultrasound, (2) Impact-response, (3) Acoustic emission, (4) Image correlation, (5) Infrared thermography, (6) Colour impregnation, (7) Falling weight deflectometer, (8) Georadar, (9) Traffic simulator

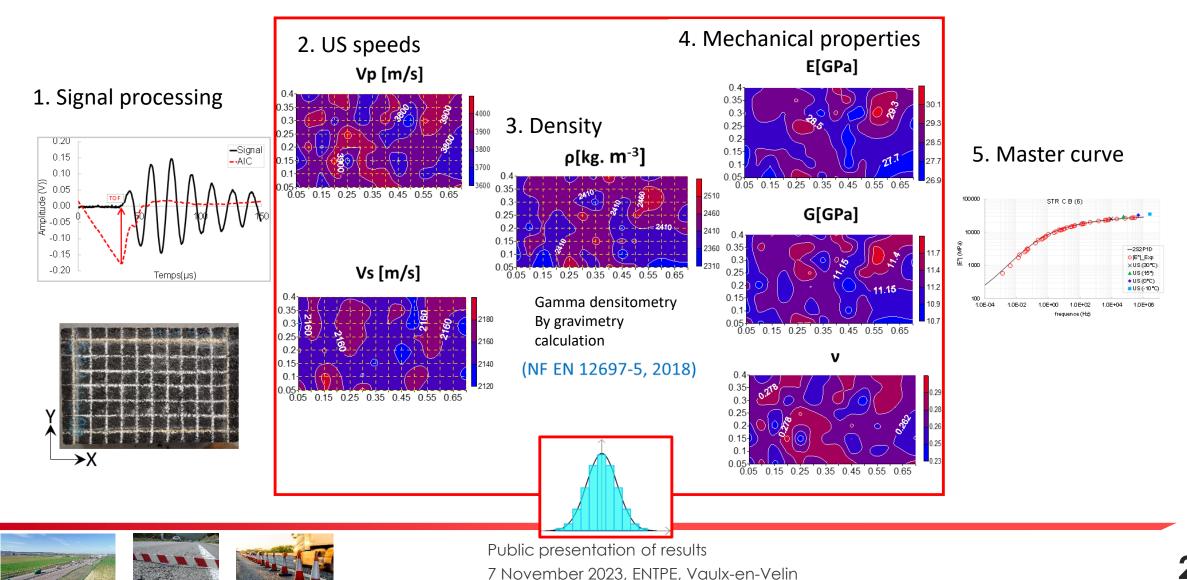
State of the art:

An Overview on the Passive and Active Seismic NDT in Asphalt Pavements - Laboratory and field methods for: Cracking and Delamination; Fracture Process; Fatigue Damage; Mix Parameters and Moduli



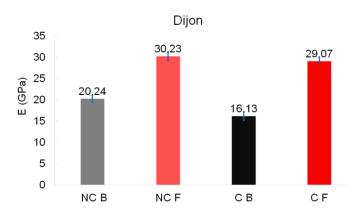


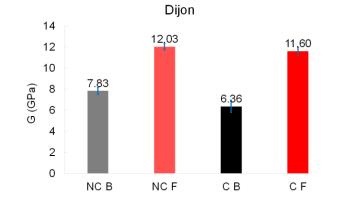
Determination of elastic properties by Ultrasound: C-scan measurements to determine E, G and v





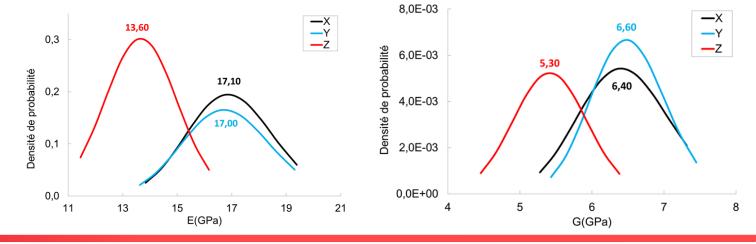
Determination of elastic properties by Ultrasound: demonstration of the effect of traffic by inter-layer & zone comparison (Dijon site - measurements at 15°C)





Evaluation of degree of anisotropy:



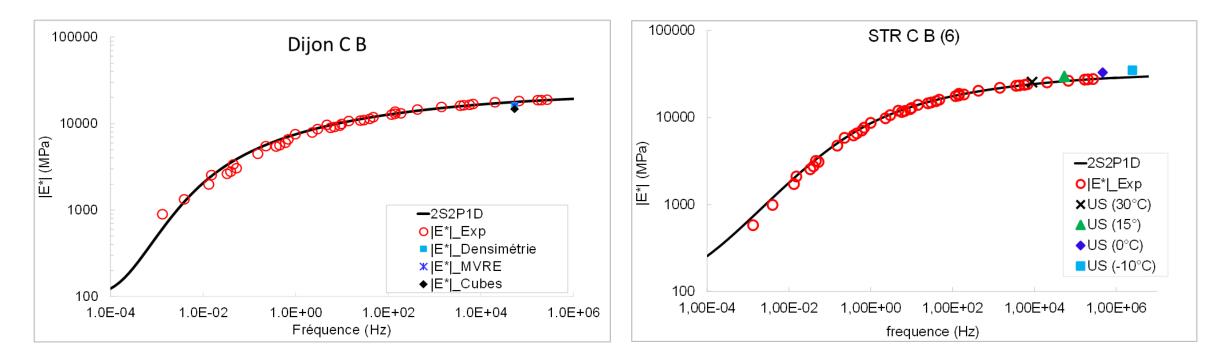






Determination of high-frequency properties:

- Effect of density determination method (Gamma densitometer, Gravimetry and Normative Estimation);
- Time-temperature superposition principle:
- Ultrasonic wave propagation: Elasticity vs. Viscoelasticity
- Heterogeneous mechanical test vs. homogeneous ultrasonic test

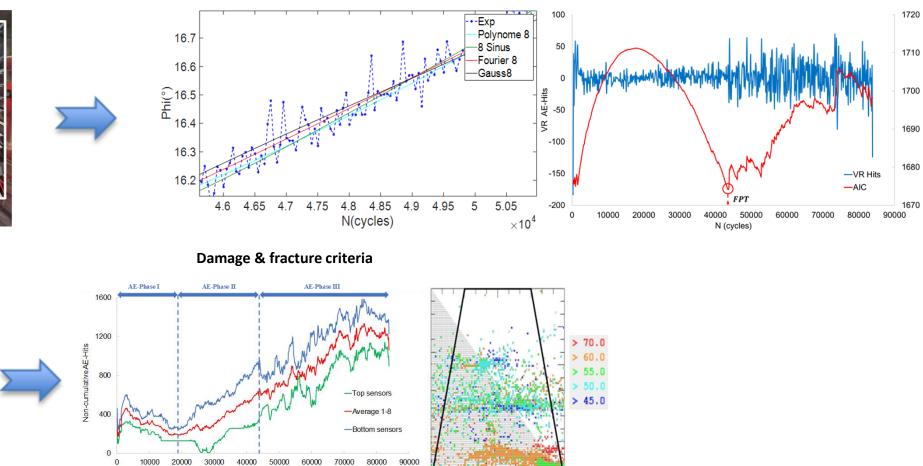






Monitoring of the fatigue process by acoustic emission: methodology

AE + 2-point bending: a first



Signal processing

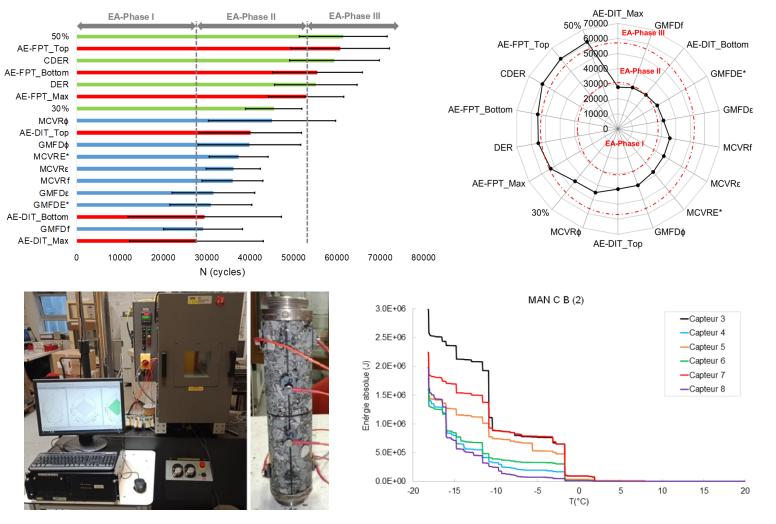


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N(cycles)

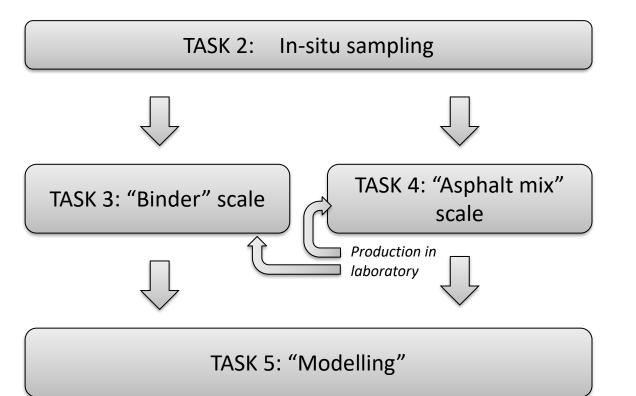


► Monitoring of the fatigue process by acoustic emission: Results (2-point bending) and perspectives (TSRST)









An ambitious and experimental programme

- Binder scale
 - 60+ material configurations
 - Origin X Ageing
 - Experimental methods
 - Rheology
 - DSC
 - SARA
 - IR etc.
- Asphalt mix scale
 - 20+ material configurations
 - Origin X Ageing
 - Experimental methods
 - Modulus
 - Fatigue
 - Water resistance
 - Thermal stress restrained specimen test
 - Ultrasonic measurements, etc.
- Distributed to partners (7/8)
 - Gustave Eiffel University
 - E.S.T.P
 - I.U.T Egletons
 - Total Energies
 - Eiffage
 - Spie Batignolles Malet
 - Vinci Construction
- Over an extended period (2017 \rightarrow 2022)





"Database" objectives

- Facilitate access to information for project stakeholders
- Standardise data exchange
 - Nomenclature defined at the start of the project
 - Explicitness of the project's various experimental deliverables
 - Definition of test "results" to be presented in the database
 - Definitions of indicators to be stored in the database (sources = standards & experts)
- Facilitate additional use beyond the project (e.g. MURE)
 - Database for both "Binder" and "Asphalt mix" scales
 - Results summary
 - Compilation of 100% of experimental results
 - Indicators \leftarrow test reports (PV) \leftarrow "raw" data when available
 - It is often difficult for "modellers" to access "useful" data





PART 2: SOME SIGNIFICANT RESULTS - EXPERIMENTAL DATABASE

BNB

11

0,84

10

25

92

-0,168

9,87

0,375

-

7,57

0,54

10379

Rhéo MAI@0°C - UGE/Viscoanalyse

Rhéo GVET (MPa) - UGE/Viscoanalyse

Rhéo G-R (kPa) - UGE/Viscoanalyse

Rhéo GVET (MPa) - UGE/TE-RHEA

Rhéo MAI@0°C - ESTP/Viscoanalyse

Rhéo GVET (MPa) - ESTP/Viscoanalyse

Rhéo G-R (kPa) - ESTP/Viscoanalyse

Rhéo MAI@0°C - ESTP/RHEA

Rhéo G-R (kPa) - UGE/TE-RHEA

Rhéo MAI@0°C - UGE/RHEA

Rhéo TVET@7,8 Hz -50 rad/s (°) - UGE/Viscoanalyse

Rhéo TVET@7,8 Hz -50 rad/s (°) - UGE/TE-RHEA

Rhéo TVET@1,59 Hz -10 rad/s (°) - UGE/TE-RHEA

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Rhéo TVET@7,8 Hz -50 rad/s (°) - ESTP/TE-RHEA

Rhéo TVET@1.59 Hz -10 rad/s (°) - UGE/Viscoanalyse

SNF

0,51

25,22

15,12

11,38

43,48

28,77

23,24

7,02

326,70

0,50

26.80

22,60

7,19

46,98

28,61

SCE

0,50

25,61

15,41

12,07

45,45

28,56 25,01

22,89

8,19

343,20

0,47

27.80

23,60

6,96

56,82

33,41

etc

SNB SCB

0,49

22,81

12,40 12,80

11,35 9,78

19,27

8,37

24,70 25,00

20,50 20,80

5,52 6,16

21,47 25,43

166,90 192,70

0,41 0,47

21,34 32,10

27,98 26,75

22,99

27,59

21,94

5,88

SCB

-

4,09

0,45

SNB

4,99

0,29

SNF

3,43

0,20

10,0

25,0

105

-0,187

4,34

0,17

3,65

-

0.53

15689

SCF

4.00

0,21

10,0

25,0

97

-0,198

3,43

0,13

3,60

0,30

14930

etc

► The "database"

- Indicators
 - "Excel" database
 - 1 x binders
 - 1 x asphalt mixes



correlation between different scales
 → work still to be produced

Fatigue - 2PB - %vides (-)

Fatigue - 2PB - %vides EType (-)

Fatigue - 2PB - Temperature(°C)

Fatigue - 2PB - Frequence(Hz)

Fatigue - 2PB - Nf50% - b (-)

Fatigue - 2PB - Nf50% - SN (-)

Fatigue - 2PB - Nf50% - eps6(µm/m)

Fatigue - 2PB - Nf50% - Delta eps6(µm/m)

Gradient Mva - roulement - %vides (-)

Gradient Mva - fondation- %vides (-)

Gradient Mva - liaison- %vides EType (-)

Gradient Mva - base - %vides EType (-)

E10degC124msNAT-E0minimum (MPa)

Gradient Mva - fondation- %vides ETvpe (-)

Gradient Mva - roulement - %vides EType (-)

Gradient Mva - liaison- %vides (-)

Gradient Mva - base - %vides (-)

- Test report
 - Complete technical documents
- "Raw data" when available
 - "Machine" files



 example of Behavioural Modelling Léo Coulon PhD thesis





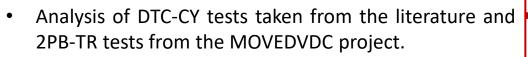
Assessment

- Initiative launched late in the project (midway through)
- Simple, structured (and very "costly") approach to be launched at end of project
- Available via the cloud evidently
- **Tip:** should be planned and started when launching a project
- Adopted/validated by all stakeholders
- Necessary for the "Experience" x "Model" link

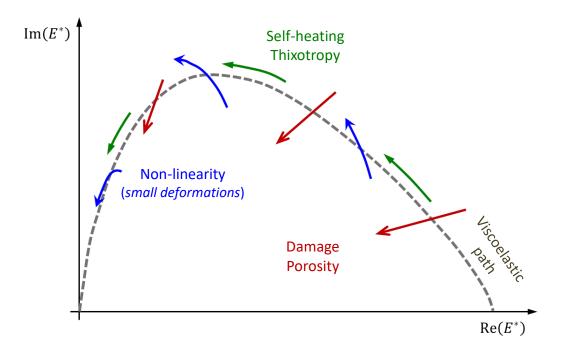




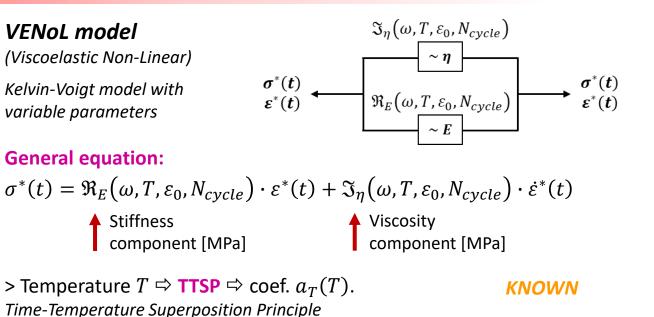
Creating a model



- Analysis of effects in complex modulus tests (porosity, non-linearity) and fatigue tests (self-heating, thixotropy and damage).
- Establishment of modelling principles.



Design of a new dynamic analytical model.



> Amplitude $\varepsilon_0 \Rightarrow \text{TASSP} \Rightarrow a_A(\varepsilon_0)$ and $b_A(\varepsilon_0)$. Time-Amplitude Semi-Superposition Principle

> Thixotropy $N_{cycle} \Rightarrow \mathsf{TXSSP} \Rightarrow a_X(N)$ (and $b_X(N)$?). CREATED Time-thiXotropy Semi-Superposition Principle

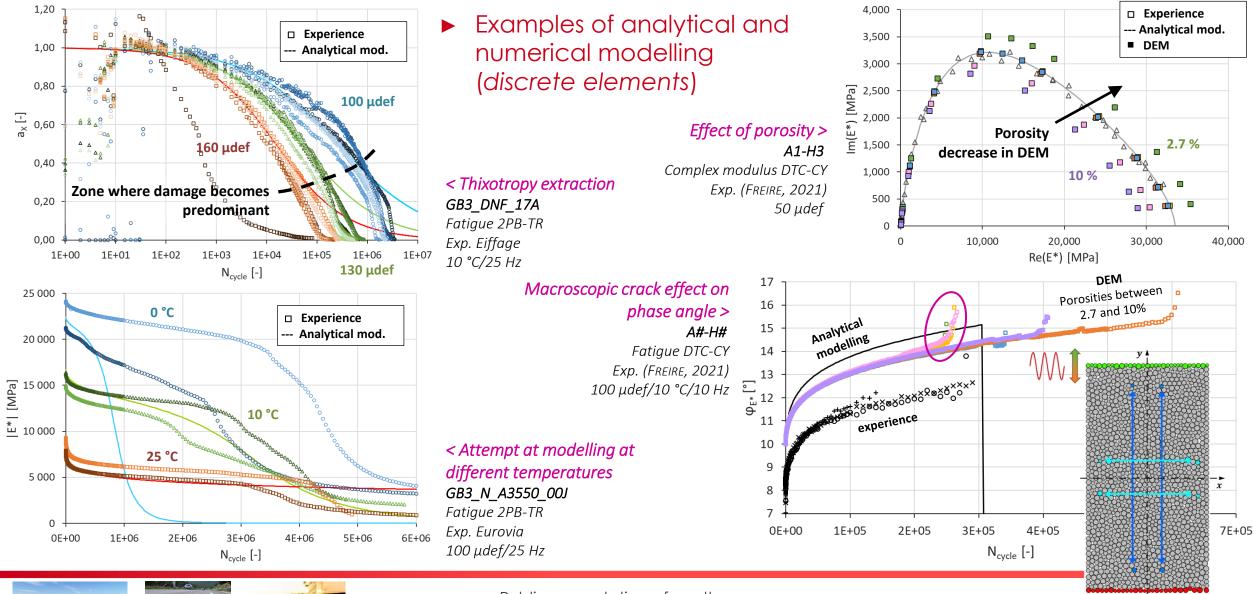
+ law of damage:
$$E_D^* = (1 - D_f(a))(1 - D_{0,rep}) \cdot E^*$$



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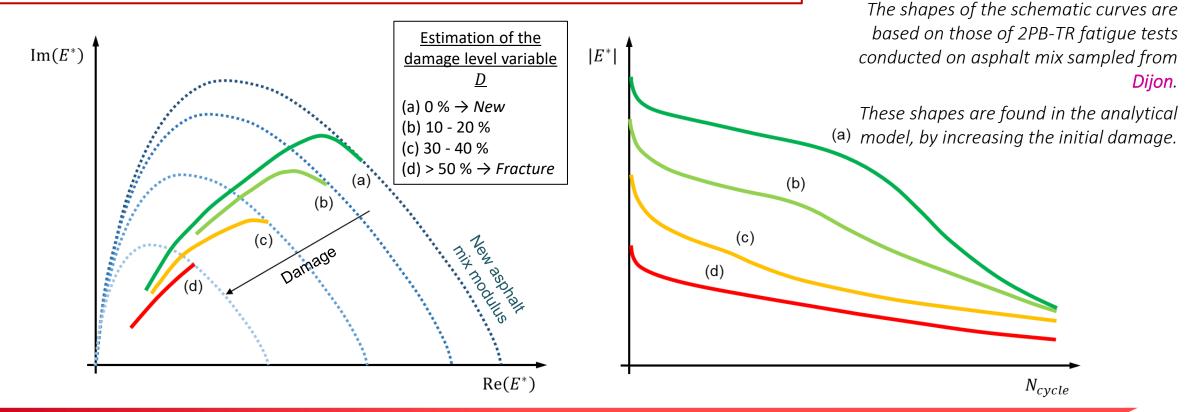
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Estimating the level of damage to a pavement

- If new condition known \Rightarrow the complex modulus test ratio gives an estimate of D.
- If new condition unknown ⇒ the fatigue test shape is an empirical indicator as the kinetics of damage become predominant earlier than those of biasing effects (loss of phases I and II).







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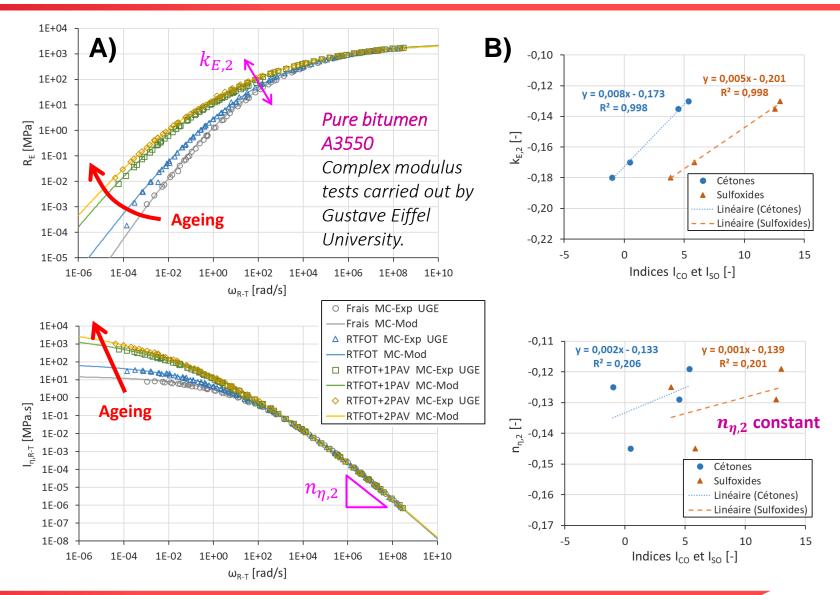
► Ageing

Complex Modulus Test

- Stiffening of bitumen at low frequency and high temperature clearly identified by \Re_E and \Im_η (cf. figures A).
- There is a link between the parameters of the VENoL model and the evolution of ketone and sulfoxide levels (cf. figures B).

Fatigue test:

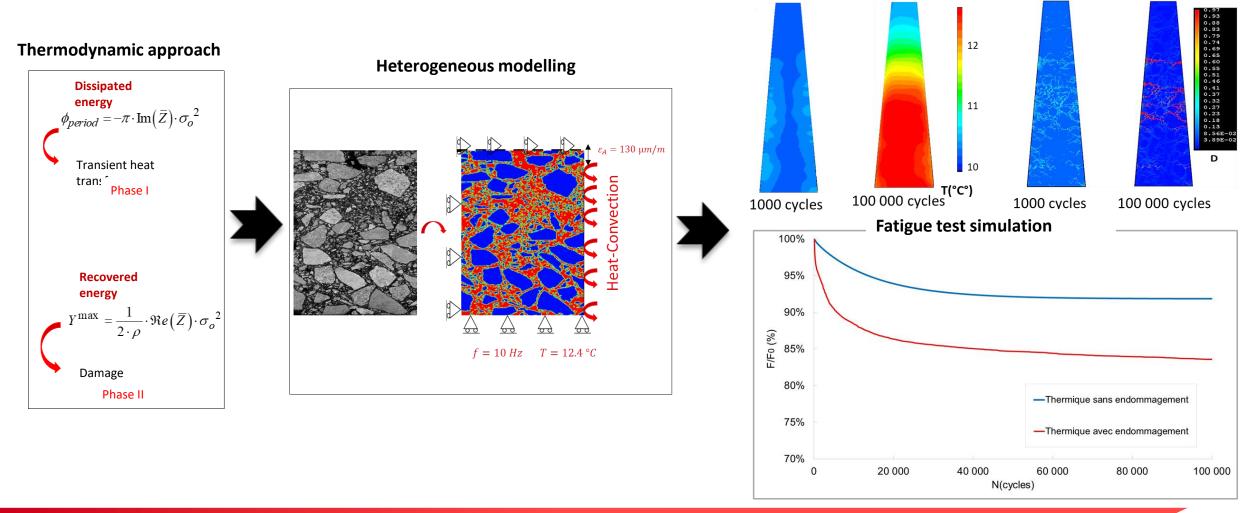
- Ageing seems to impact the evolution kinetics of thixotropy and damage.
- Modelling is "possible" but it seems that all the model parameters must be recalibrated.
- Studying an aged asphalt mix is like studying a new asphalt mix!







► Heterogeneous modelling of asphalt mix fatigue:





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Findings and perspectives

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Binder study

- Laboratory ageing methods for binders alone (RTFOT, PAV) compared with extracted binders (site and asphalt mix production + RILEM)
- Better description of binder ageing (in situ gradient) and kinetics In situ ageing situated between RTFOT and RTFOT + PAV levels
- Several proposed criteria for estimating the ageing level

Asphalt mix study

- Approach for distinguishing between ageing and damage (comparison of trafficked/untrafficked materials)
- Protocols for on-site sampling and production of laboratory samples of various shapes
- Demonstration of the limitations of normative testing on site samples damaged over "time"
- Development of innovative tests to define damage and fracture phenomena, applicable to site samples and laboratory-produced materials.
- Better description of the evolution of mechanical properties with ageing
- Links between binder ageing level mechanical properties of asphalt mix in certain tests to be further explored using the database.

Development of a model for asphalt mixes which takes into account fatigue, to be tested to take account of ageing

Very large database of binder and asphalt mix behaviour including different ageing levels

Work required beyond the project: further analysis of the database





3 PhD theses completed as part of the MOVEDVDC project

Soufyane Benaboud



Assessment of ageing and damage of bituminous materials using heterogeneous modelling and acoustic measurements

Defended on 13 May 2022

Rodrigo Siroma



Experimental and theoretical methods for assessing pavement service life based on the analysis of extracted binders

Defended on 1 September 2022

Léo Coulon



Modelling the effects of ageing and fatigue on the residual behaviour of pavement materials

Defended on 12 July 2023

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Binder study

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