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Adhesion and Moisture Damage Characterisation of Asphalt Mixtures

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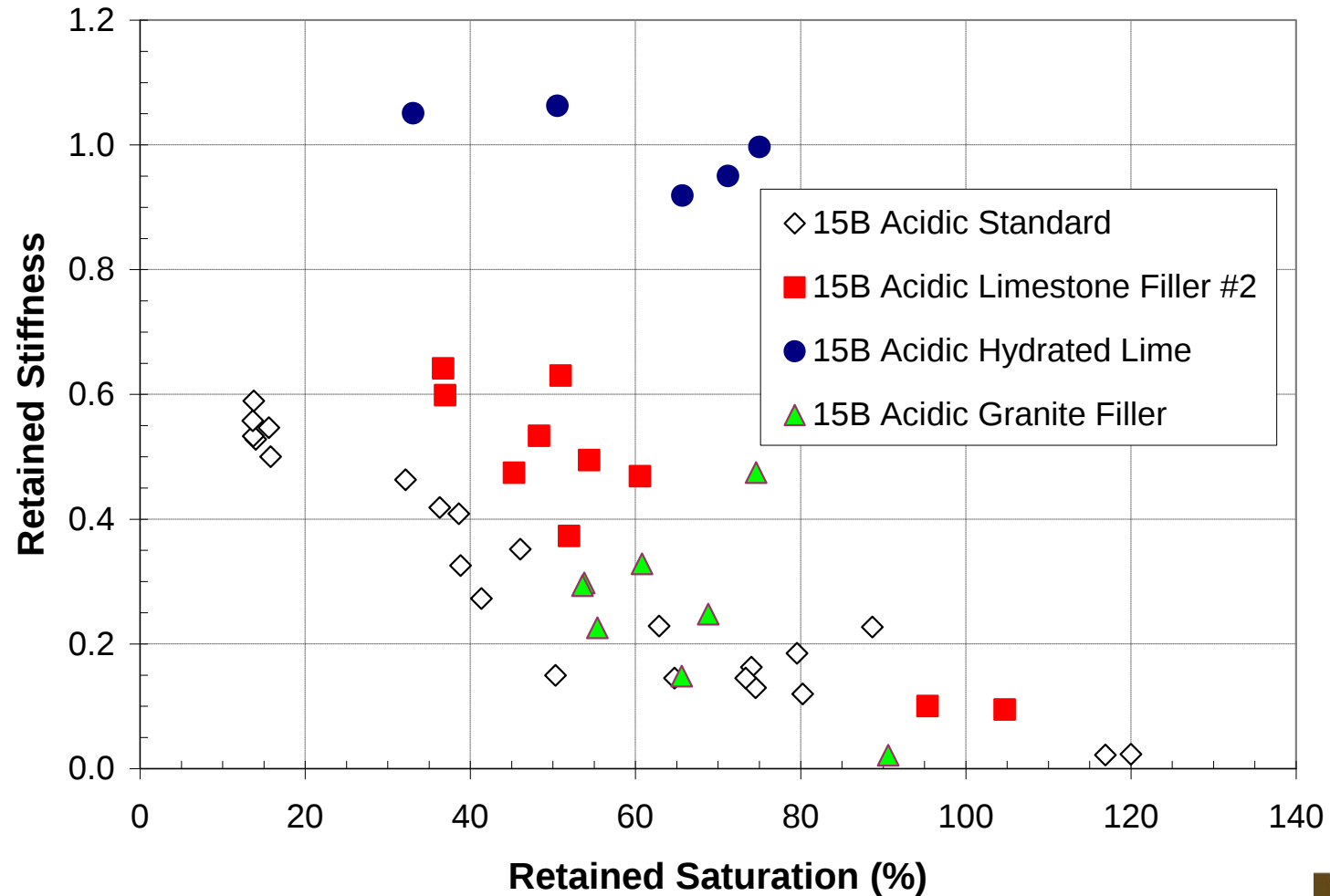
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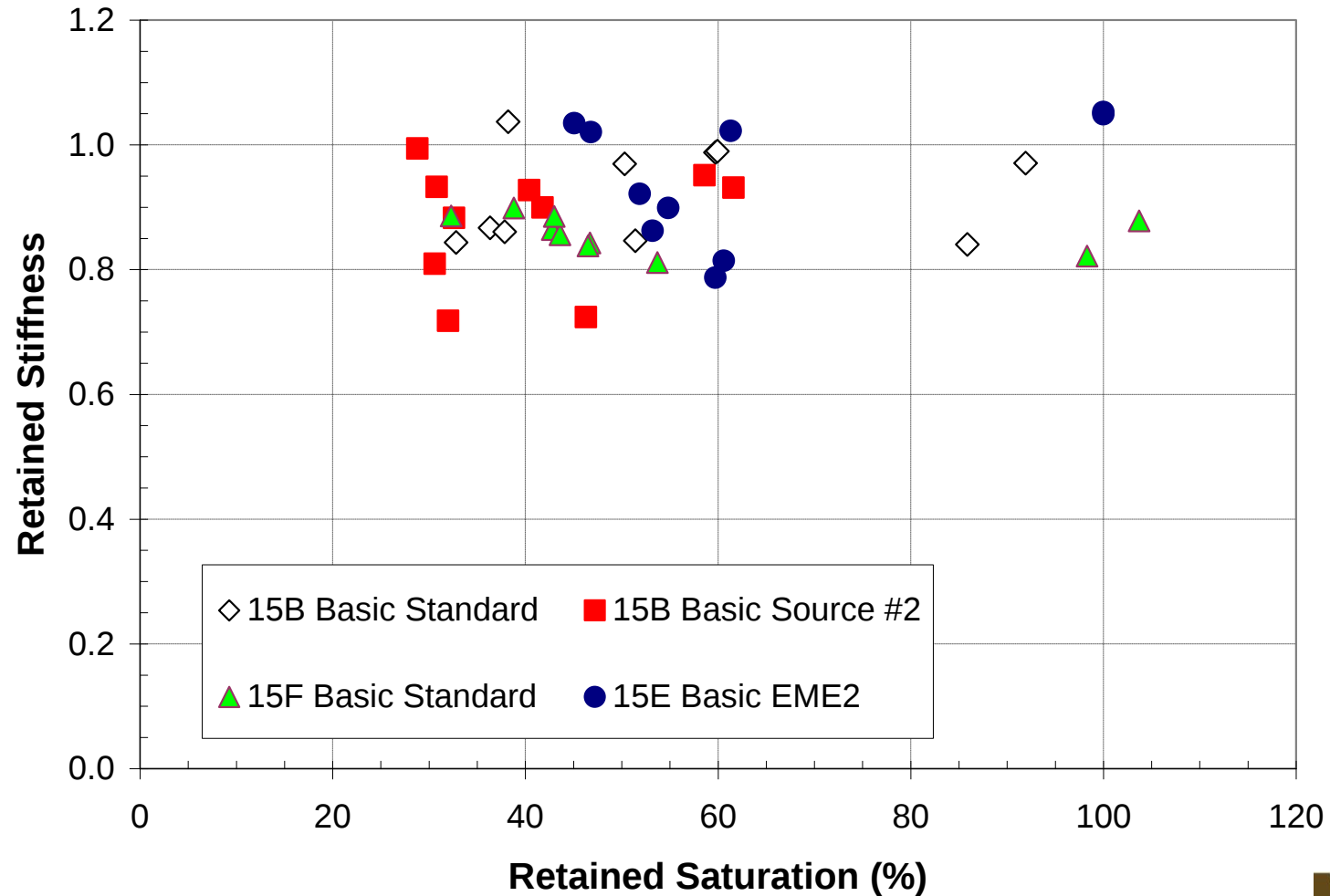
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- Background and Motivation
- Adhesion Theories (Surface Free Energy)
- SFE Test Methods
- Intrinsic Adhesion and Energy Parameters
- Practical Adhesion Testing
- Adhesive Fracture Energy and Loci of Fracture
- Concluding Remarks

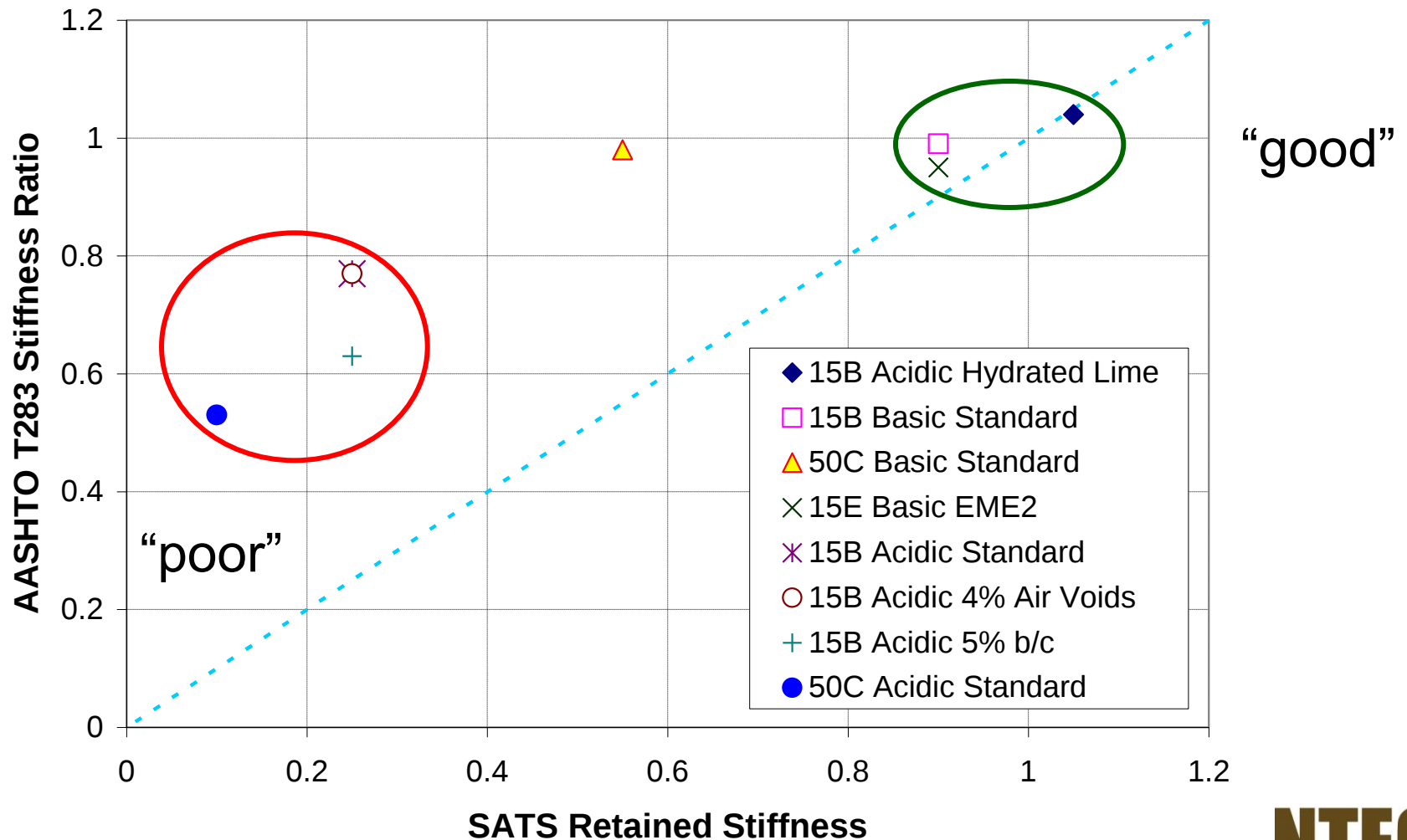
SATS – Aggregate Type



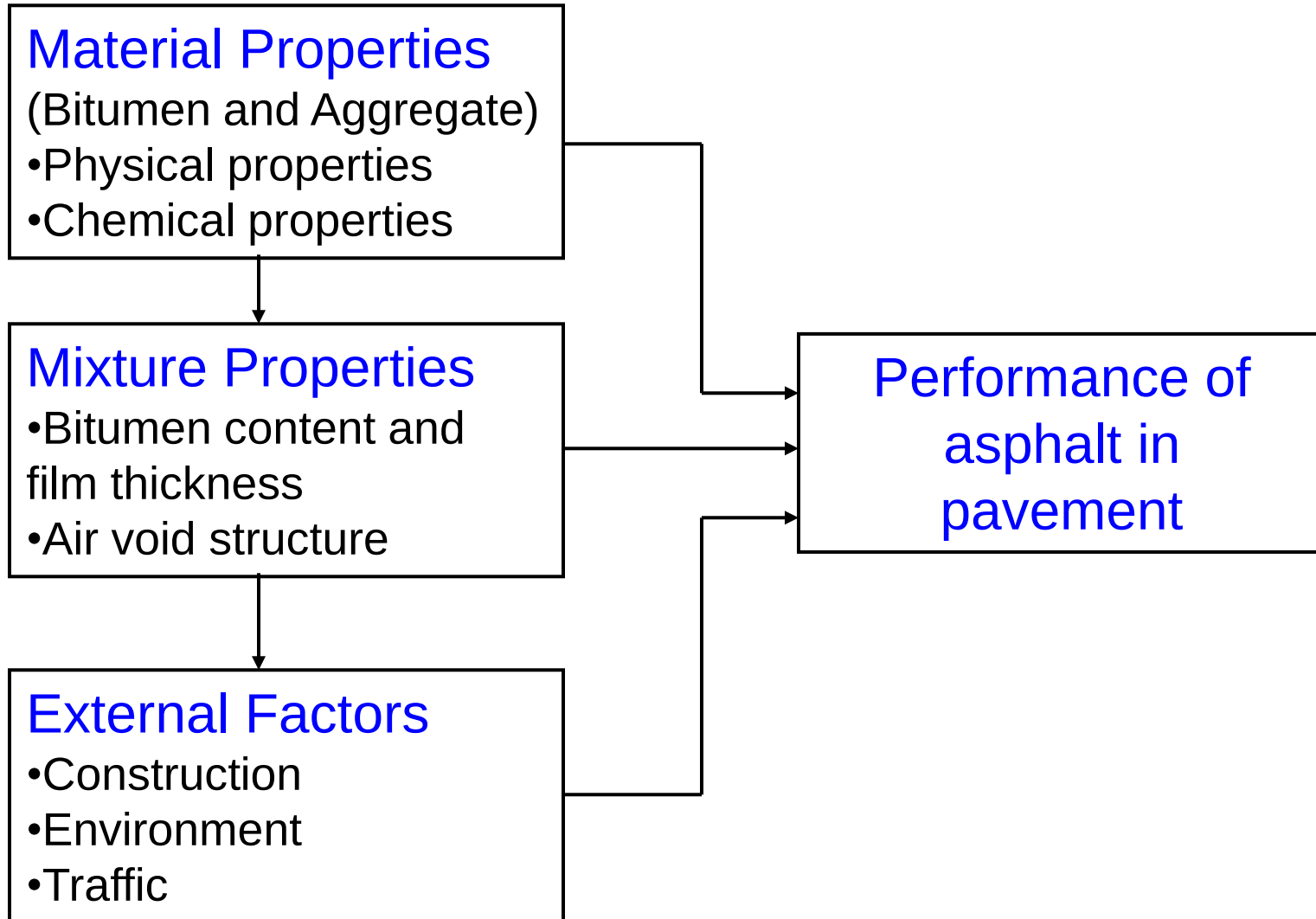
SATS - Bitumen Source



AASHTO T283 versus SATS conditioning



Background and Motivation

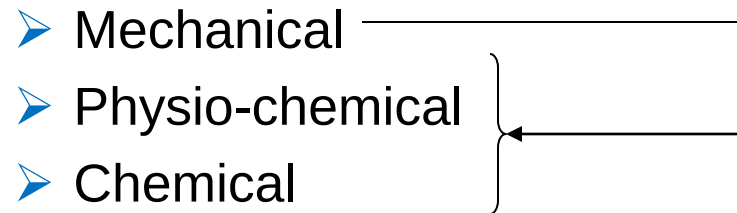


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Adhesion Theories

- ❑ Broad classification of mechanisms that explain adhesion and debonding:

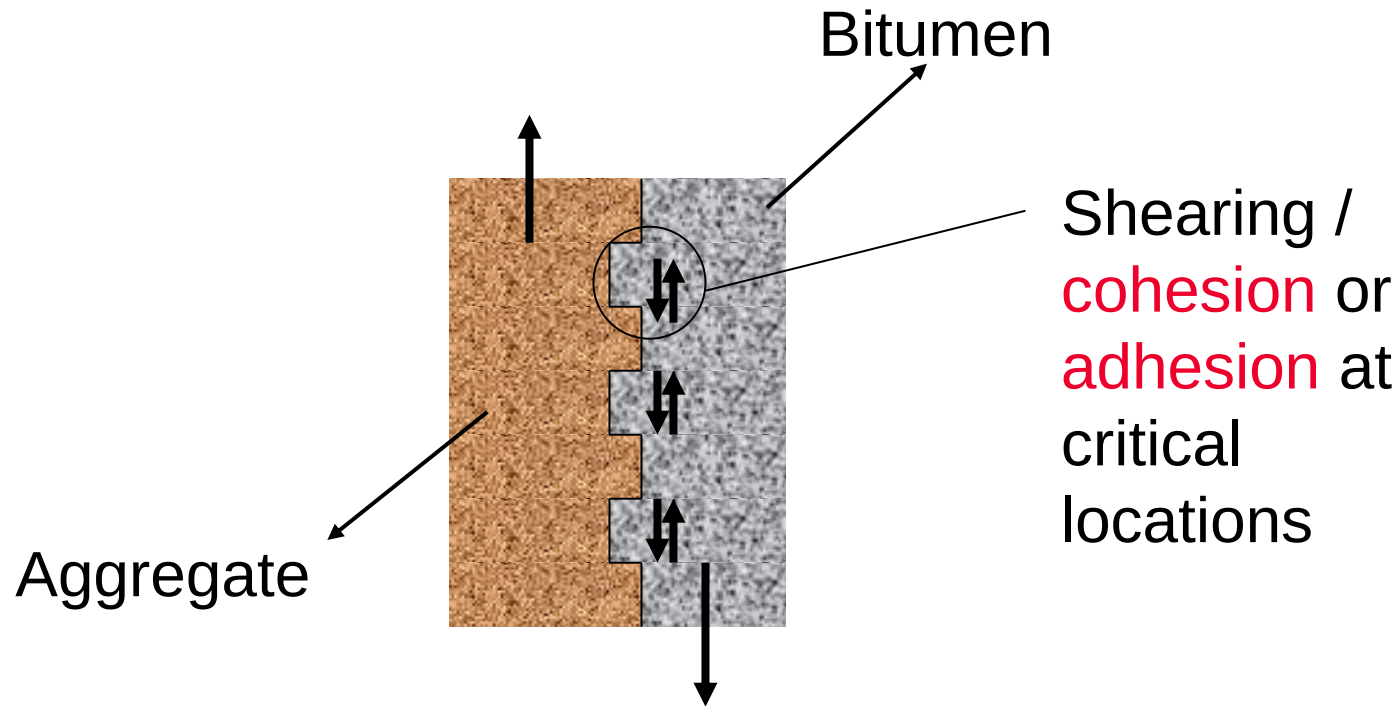


- ❑ Some other mechanisms / amplifiers of adhesion and debonding:

- Weak boundary layers
- Electrostatic and pH effect

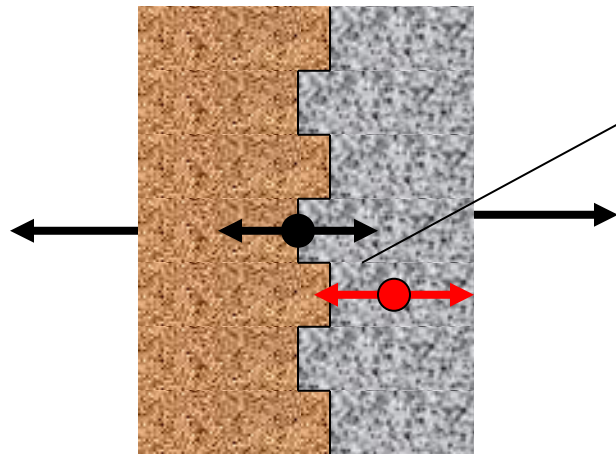
Adhesion Theories - Mechanical

❑ Lock and key



Adhesion Theories - Mechanical

- ❑ Greater area of bonding

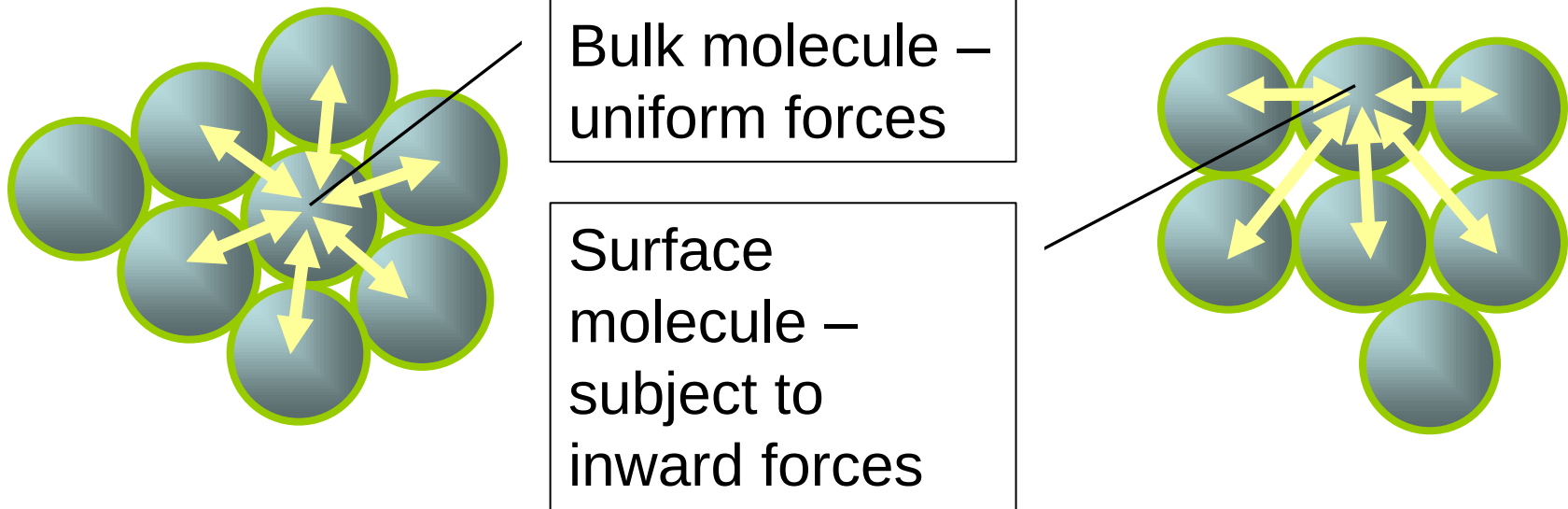


- Adhesive or cohesive failure mode
- Increased surface will cause redistribution of stresses and improve adhesion

Adhesion Theories – Physio-Chemical

Surface Energy - Definition

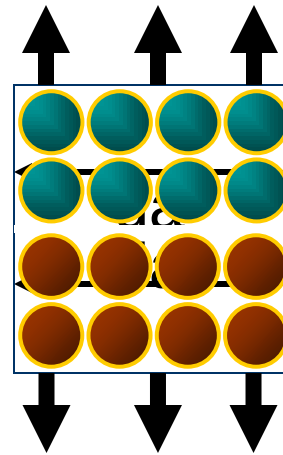
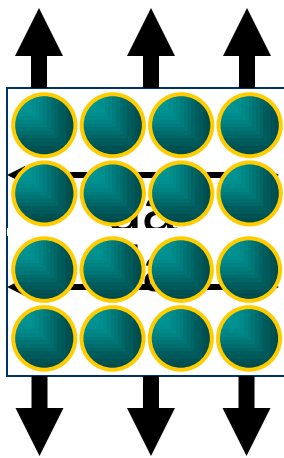
Energy required to form a unit area of new surface



Physical Meaning

Work done to remove a molecule from bulk to surface

Adhesion Theories – Physio-Chemical



→ Cohesive Fracture Energy = 2γ

→ Adhesive Fracture Energy = $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 - \gamma_{12}$

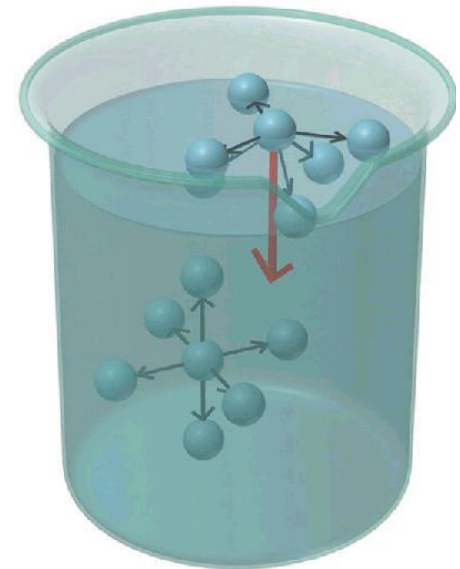
Surface Free Energy

- Surface free energy is defined as the energy/work required to create a new unit surface area of the material in vacuum
 - Surface energy of a bitumen-aggregate combination consist of two components
 - Non Polar (apolar) component
 - Acid-base component

Where:

$$\gamma^{Total} = \gamma^{LW} + \gamma^{AB} \text{ (Unit; ergs/cm}^2\text{)}$$

γ^{LW} = Liftshitz-Van der Waals component
 γ^{AB} = Acid-Base component



Surface Free Energy

- Good and Van Oss postulated:

$$\gamma^{AB} = 2\sqrt{\gamma^+ \gamma^-}$$

Where,

γ^+ = Lewis acid component of surface interaction

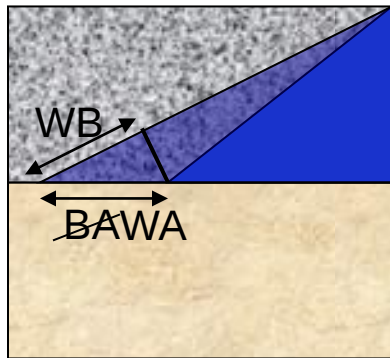
γ^- = Lewis base component of surface interaction

- Three-component (acid-base) theory of SFE:

$$\gamma = \gamma^{LW} + 2\sqrt{\gamma^+ \gamma^-}$$

Adhesion Theories – Physio-Chemical

Three Phase System – Bitumen-Aggregate-Water



A = lost bitumen-aggregate interface ($-\gamma_{AB}$)

B = new water-asphalt interface (γ_{WB})

C = new water-aggregate interface (γ_{WA})

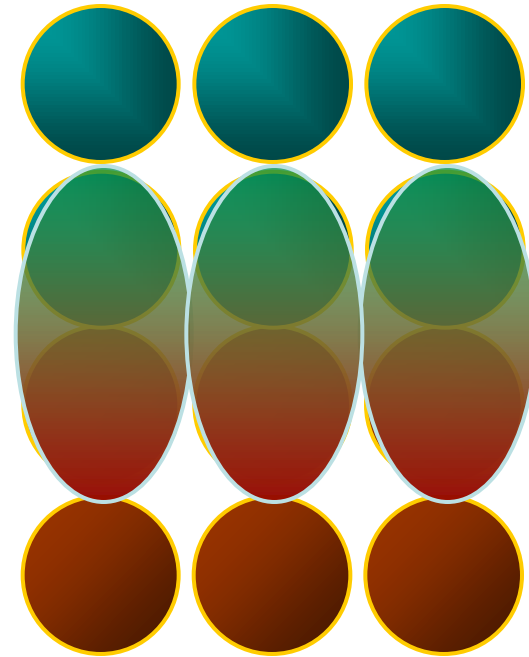
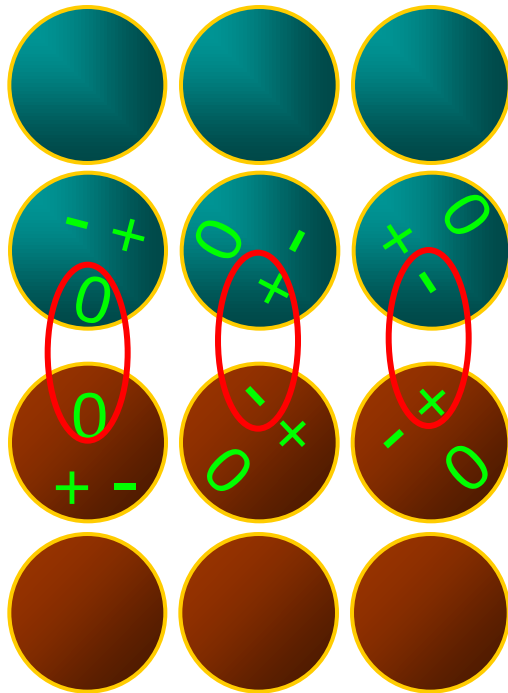
Total energy used

$$\Delta\gamma_{WAB} = \gamma_{WB} + \gamma_{WA} - \gamma_{AB}$$

$$\leq 0 \text{ !! (Almost always)}$$

= fn (3 surface energy components of each material)

Adhesion Theories – Chemical



Physio-Chemical Adhesion due to Surface Energy

versus

Chemical Bonding

Adhesion Theories – Chemical

- Typical examples in asphalt mixtures:



eg: from
limestone
aggregate

eg: carboxylic acids from
bitumen

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Test Methods

- Specific surface area (Mechanical interlocking)
 - Nitrogen adsorption methods
 - Vapour sorption

- Surface Free Energy
 - Adsorption methods
 - Contact angle methods
 - Calorimetric methods
 - Chromatographic methods
 - Contact probe methods

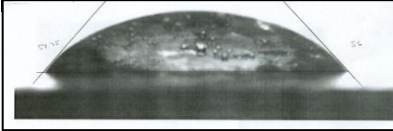
- Chemical Reaction
 - Calorimetric methods

Test Methods – Surface Energy

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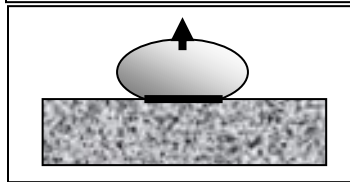
Work of Adhesion

Spreading or
Contact angles



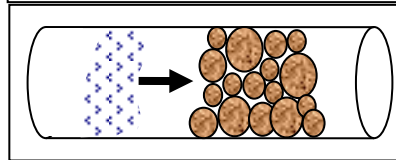
WP, SD, DVS

Elastic bodies in
contact



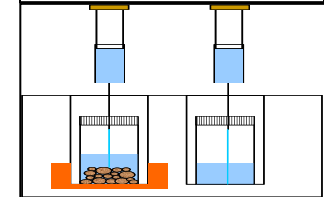
AFM

Retention time/
volume of vapors



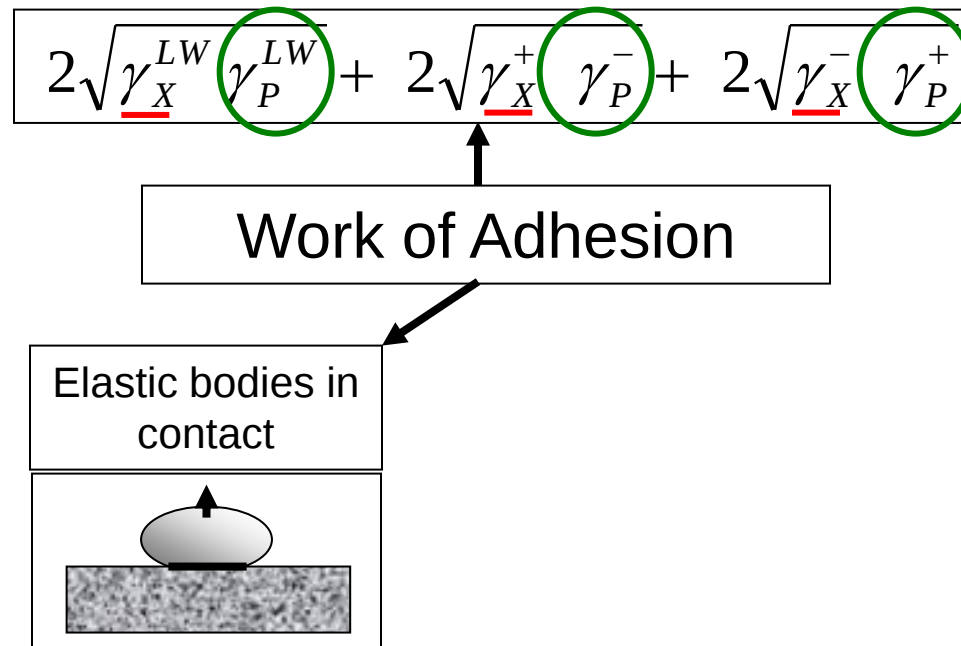
IGC

Heat of
Immersion



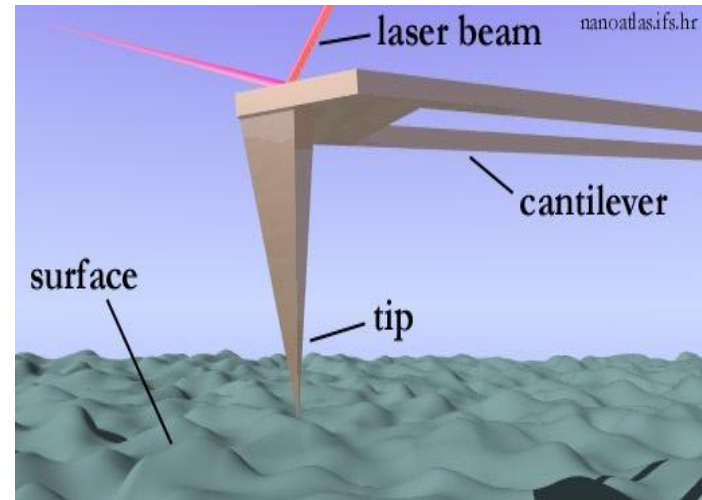
Microcalorimeter

Test Methods – Surface Energy

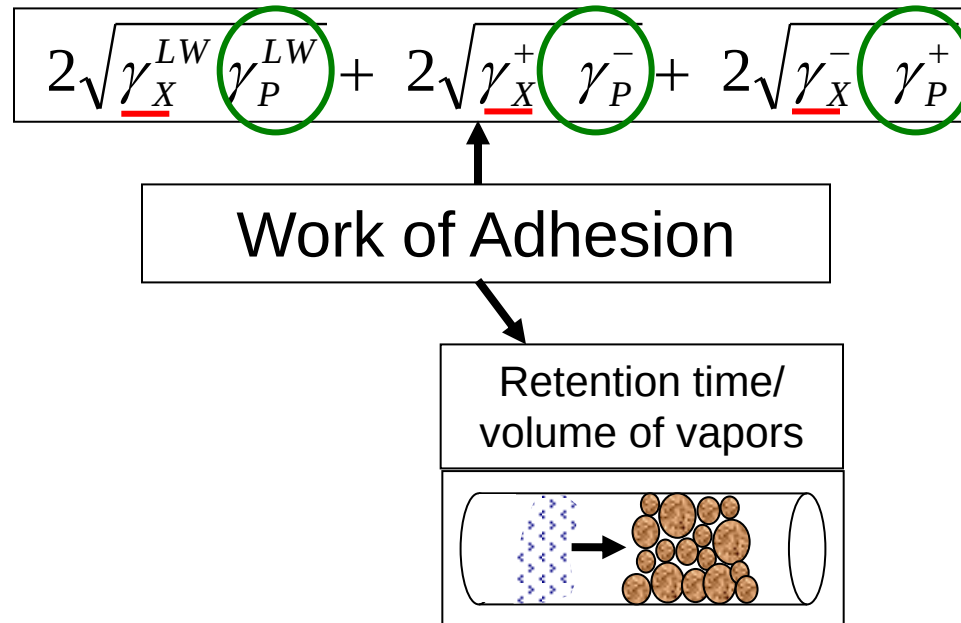


Atomic Force Microscopy (AFM)

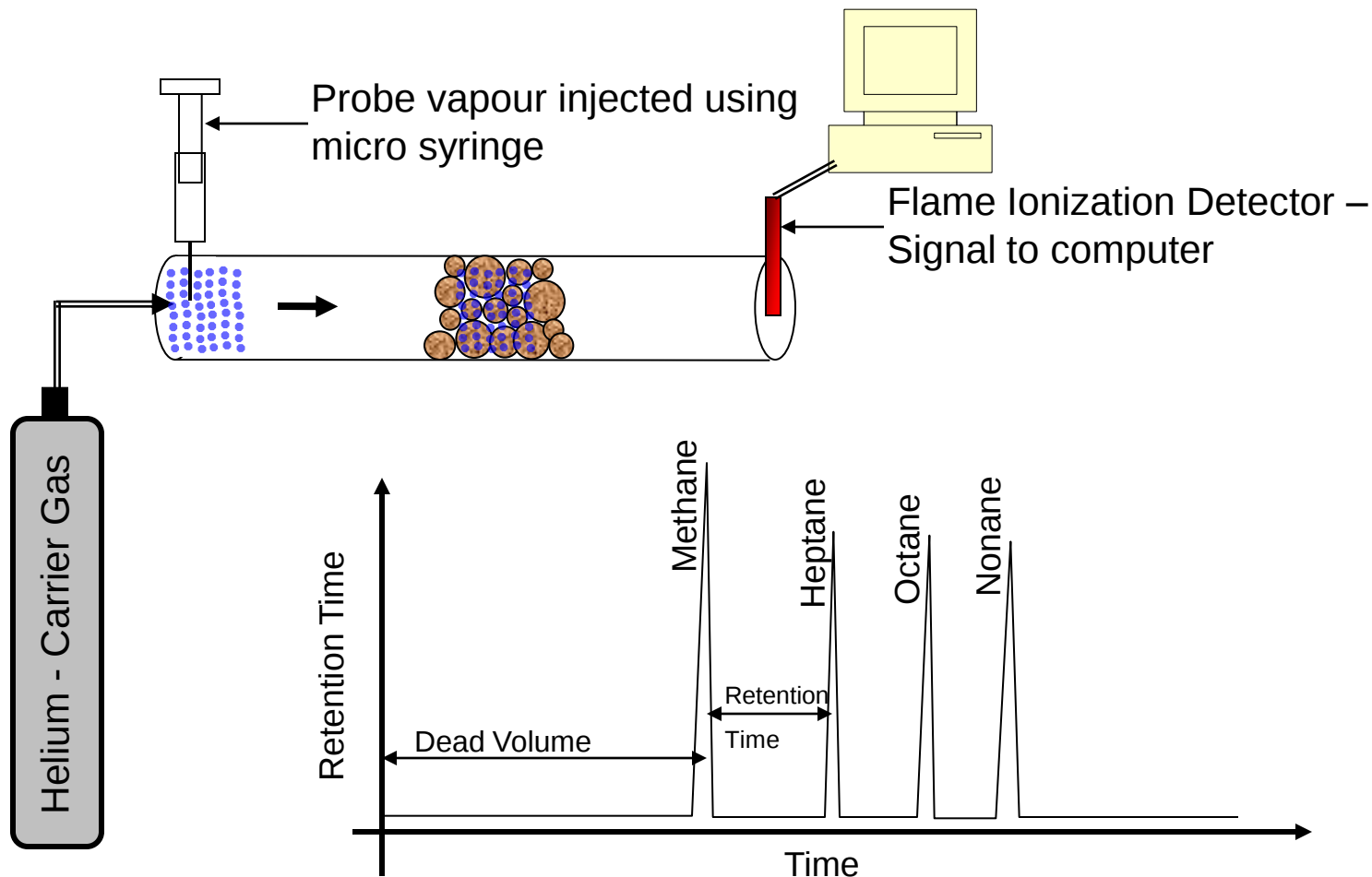
- Applicable for bitumen
- Aggregate surfaces are very rough to be used with AFM
- Measures properties at nano scale which are difficult to generalize
- Requires time and expertise
- Work with polar probes (modified cantilever tips) is under research
- Powerful tool to investigate properties at close to molecular scale



Test Methods – Surface Energy



Inverse Gas Chromatography (IGC)



Inverse Gas Chromatography (IGC)

- Can be used for both bitumen and aggregate
- Relatively a very fast technique
- Sensitive to polar components

Drawbacks

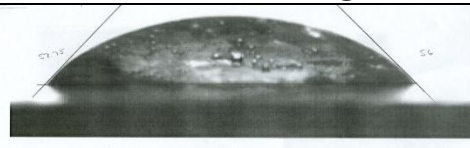
- Infinitely diluted conditions - only high energy spots are characterized making it more suitable for homogenous materials
- Finite concentration technique can be used for heterogeneous materials but requires more time

Dynamic Vapour Sorption (DVS)

$$2\sqrt{\gamma_X^{LW} \gamma_P^{LW}} + 2\sqrt{\gamma_X^+ \gamma_P^-} + 2\sqrt{\gamma_X^- \gamma_P^+}$$

Work of Adhesion

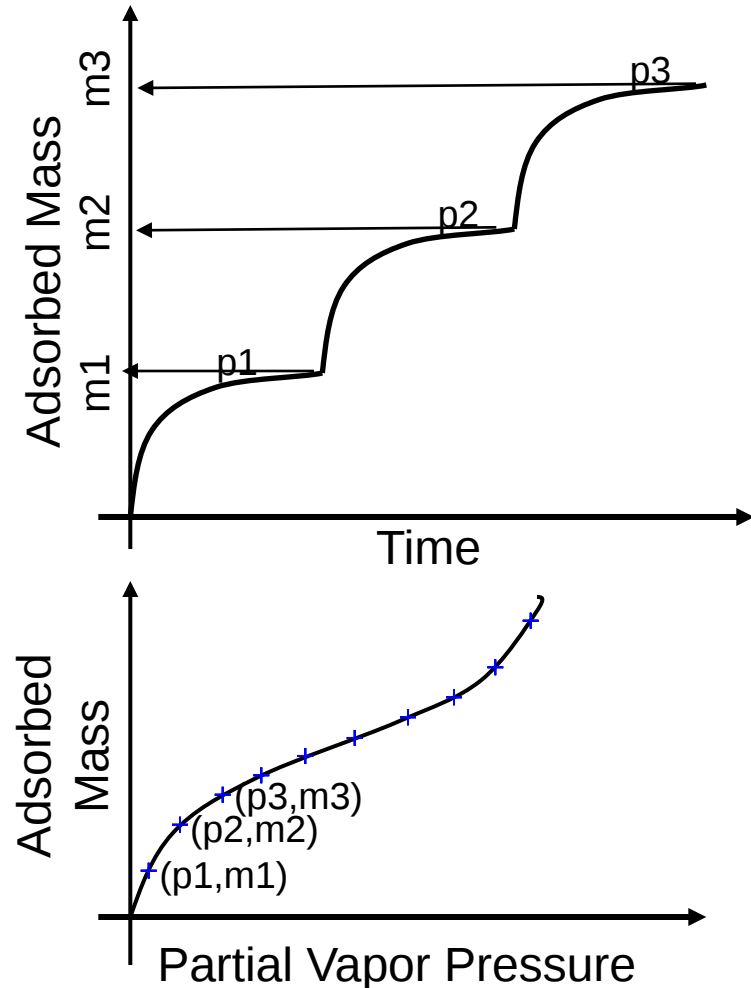
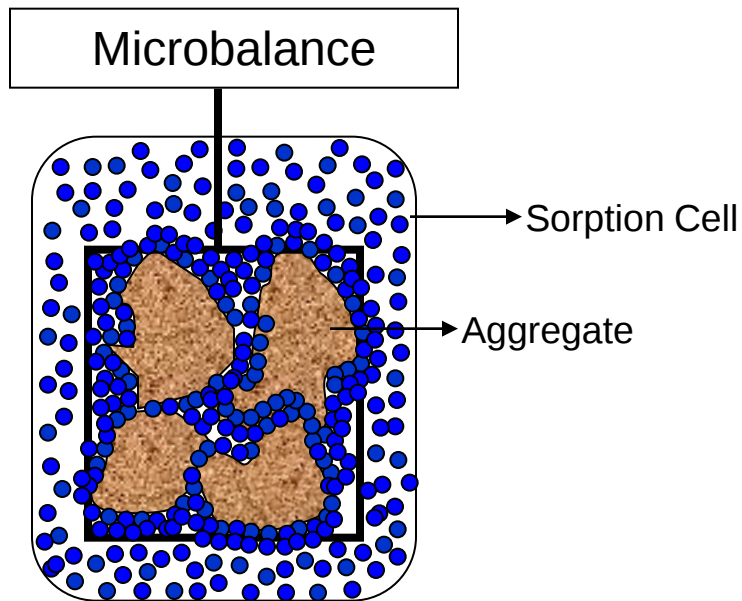
Spreading / Wetting
or Contact angles



$$\pi_e + \gamma_P^{Total} (1 + \cos \theta)$$

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Dynamic Vapour Sorption (DVS)



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- Specific surface area (SSA) - Brunauer-Emmett-Teller (BET) approach

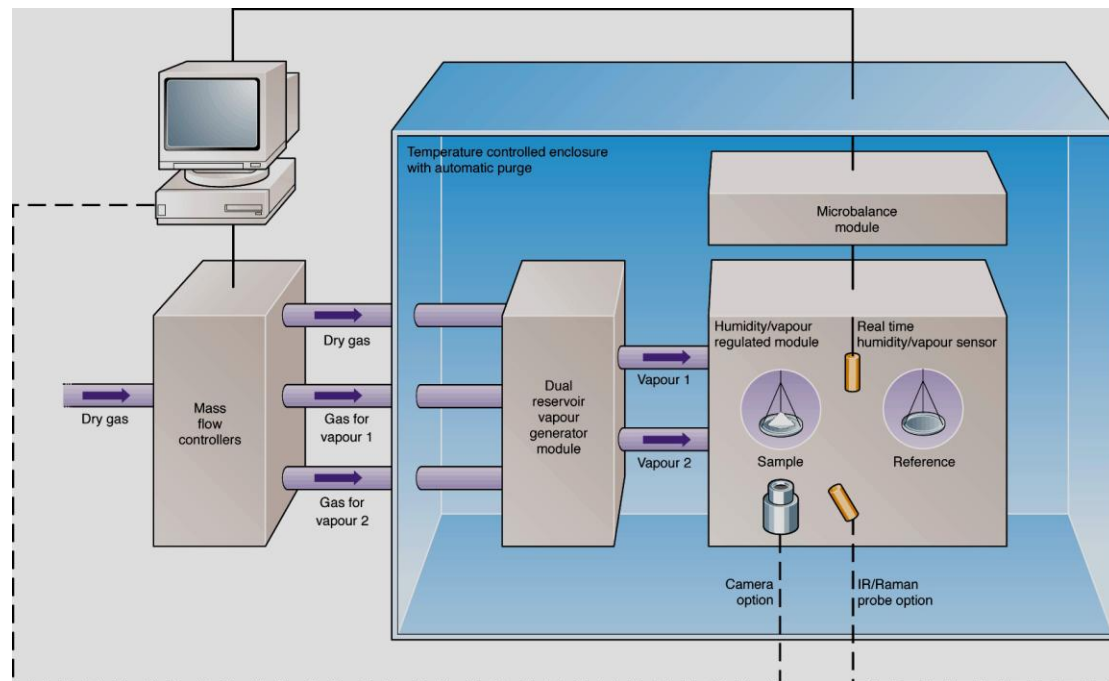
$$A = \left(\frac{n_m N_o}{M} \right) \alpha$$

- Number of vapour molecules - Langmuir approach

$$\frac{P}{n(P_0 - P)} = \left(\frac{c - 1}{n_m c} \right) \frac{P}{P_0} + \frac{1}{n_m c}$$

- Spreading pressure - Gibbs free energy equation

$$\Pi_e = \frac{RT}{A} \int_0^{P_0} \frac{n}{P} dP$$



Dynamic Vapour Sorption (DVS)

- Applicable for aggregate only
- Can accommodate large sample sizes

Drawbacks

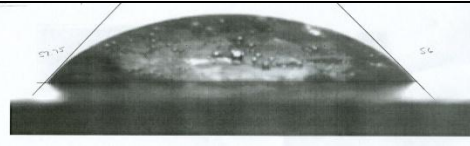
- Inherently time consuming

Wilhelmy Plate Method

$$2\sqrt{\gamma_X^{LW} \gamma_P^{LW}} + 2\sqrt{\gamma_X^+ \gamma_P^-} + 2\sqrt{\gamma_X^- \gamma_P^+}$$

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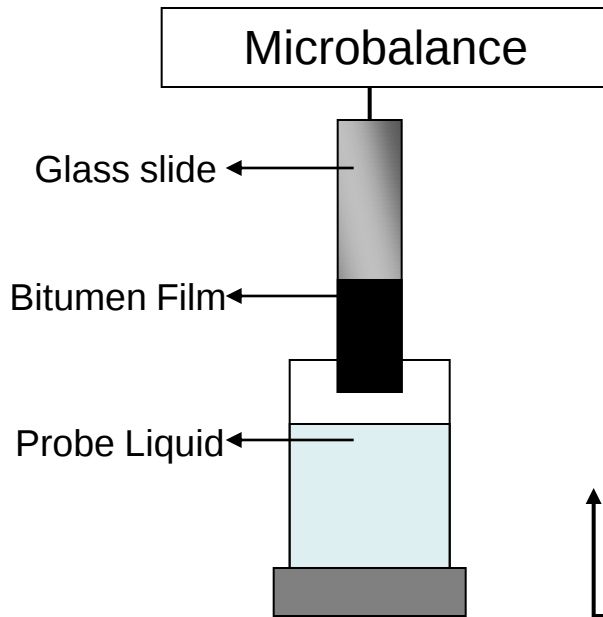


$$\cancel{\pi_e} + \gamma_P^{Total} (1 + \cos \theta)$$

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Wilhelmy Plate Method

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In air:

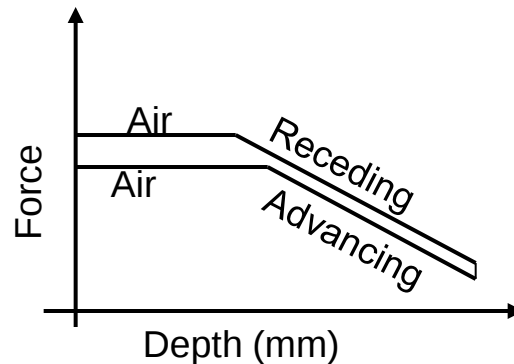
Weight of Slide

In liquid:

Weight of Slide – Buoyancy – Adhesion

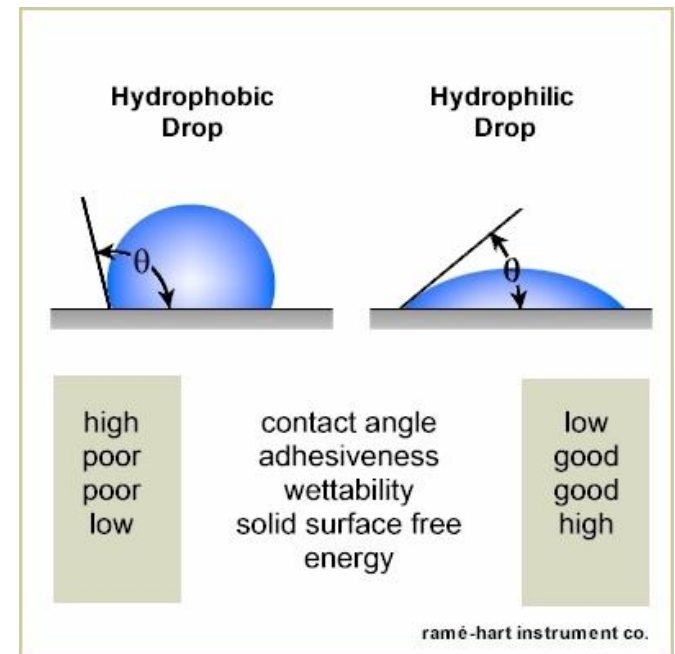
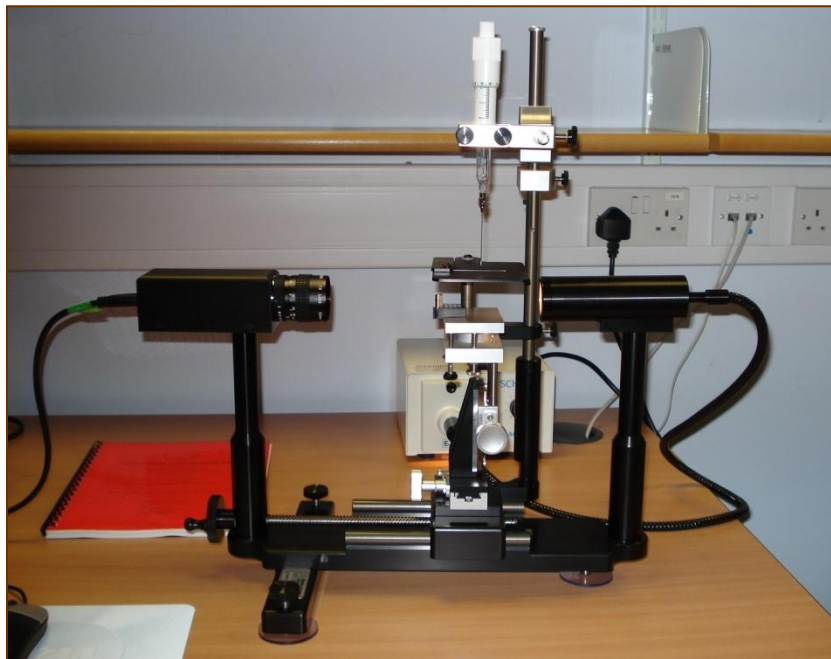
Volume
* liquid
density
* g

Perimeter *
 $\gamma_{\text{liquid}} * \cos \theta$

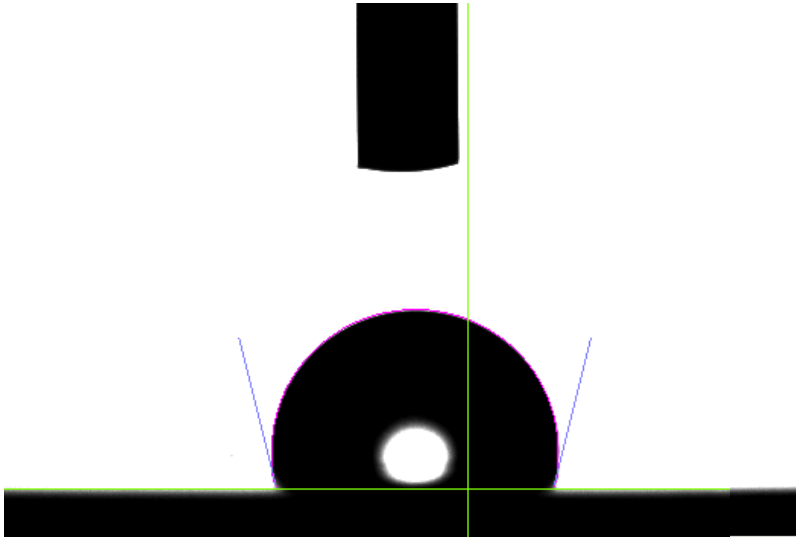


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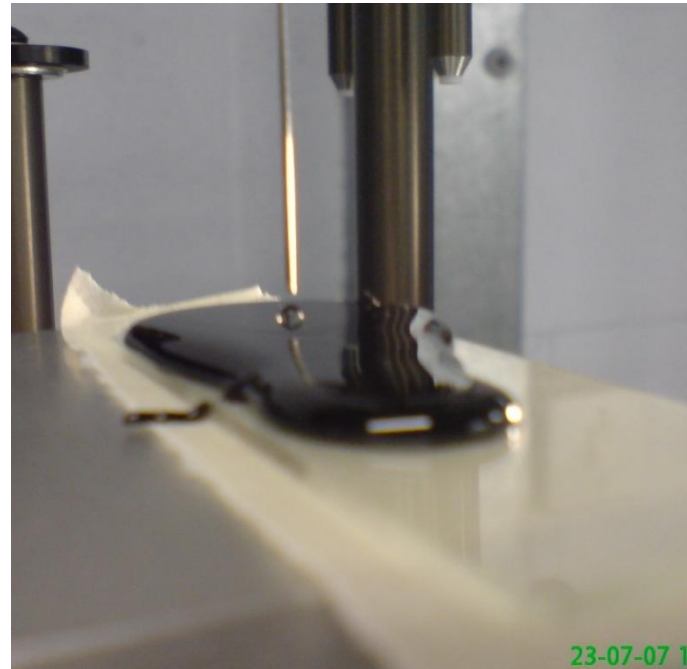
□ Goniometer



Goniometer Test Procedure



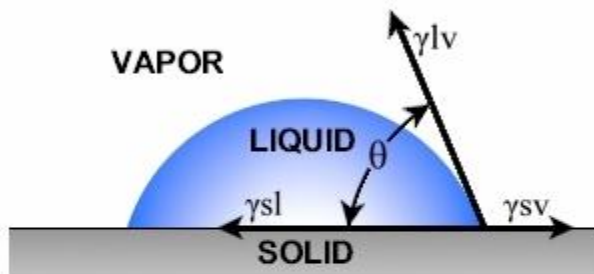
- 1) Level the stage
- 2) Produce a drop
- 3) Lower the syringe to dispense the drop on the bitumen



SE Measurement Techniques

Young's Equation

$$\gamma^{sv} = \gamma^{sl} + \gamma^{lv} \cos \theta$$



θ is the contact angle

γ^{sl} is the solid/liquid interfacial free energy

γ^{sv} is the solid surface free energy

γ^{lv} is the liquid surface free energy

ramé-hart instrument co.

$$\gamma_{LA} \cos \theta + \gamma_{SL} = \gamma_{SA}$$

Dupre's Equation

$$W_{SL} = \gamma_{SA} + \gamma_{LA} - \gamma_{SL}$$

$$W_{SL} = \gamma_{LA} (1 + \cos \theta)$$

Dry adhesive bond strength

$$W_{SL} = 2\sqrt{\gamma_S^{LW} \gamma_L^{LW}} + 2\sqrt{\gamma_S^+ \gamma_L^-} + 2\sqrt{\gamma_S^- \gamma_L^+}$$

$$\gamma_L (1 + \cos \theta) = 2\sqrt{\gamma_S^{LW} \gamma_L^{LW}} + 2\sqrt{\gamma_S^- \gamma_L^+} + 2\sqrt{\gamma_S^+ \gamma_L^-}$$

Probe Liquids

No.	Probe Liquid	γ^{LW}	γ^+	γ^-	γ^{TOTAL}	SQRT γ^{LW}	SQRT γ^+	SQRT γ^-
1	Water	21.8	25.5	25.5	72.8	4.67	5.05	5.05
2	Glycerol	34.0	3.92	57.4	64.0	5.83	1.98	7.57
3	Diiodomethane	50.8	0	0	50.8	7.13	0	0



Contact Angle Approach

- Applicable for bitumen only
- Very fast and precise technique

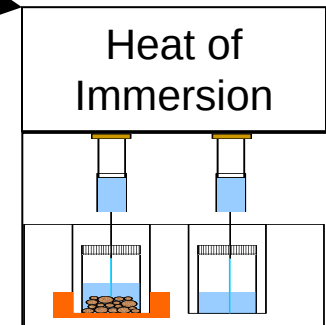
Drawbacks

- Interpretation of contact angles must be made with caution

Test Methods – Surface Energy + Chemical

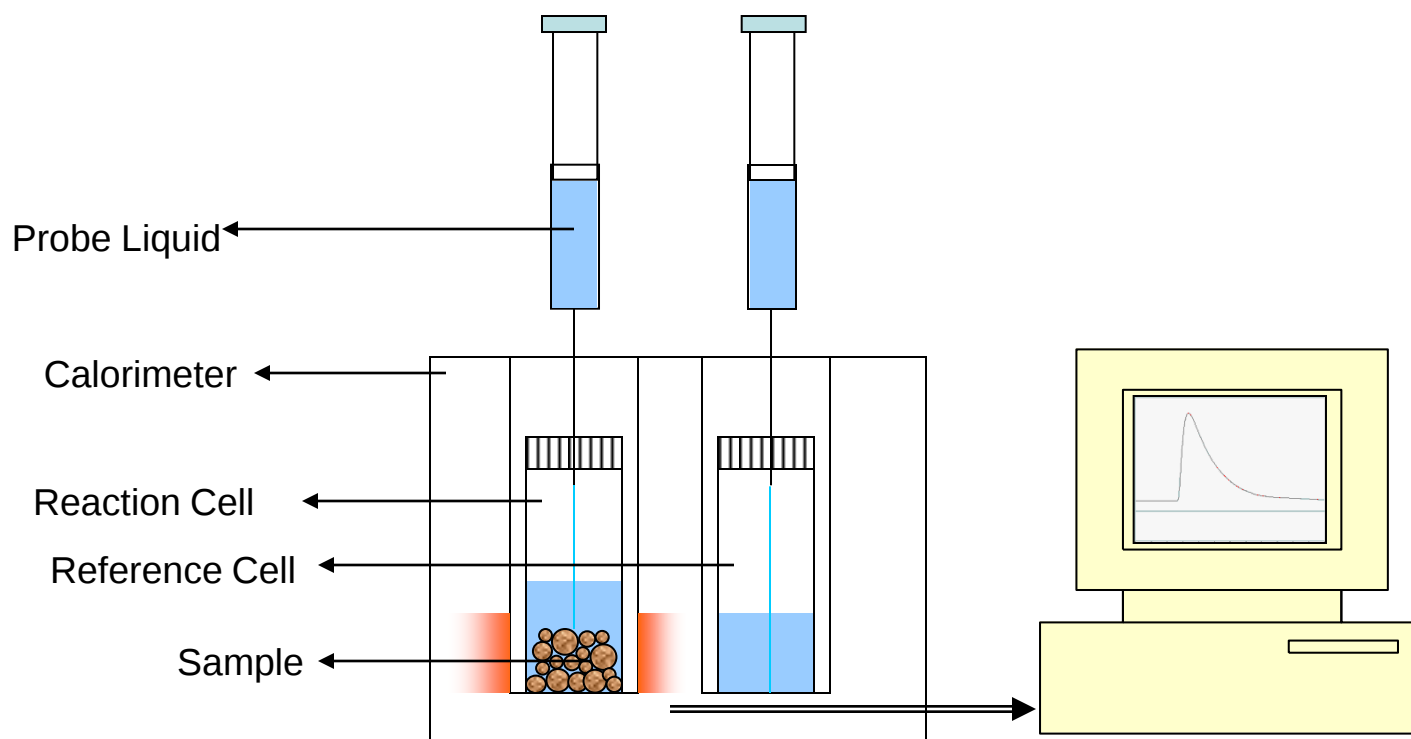
$$2\sqrt{\gamma_X^{LW} \gamma_P^{LW}} + 2\sqrt{\gamma_X^+ \gamma_P^-} + 2\sqrt{\gamma_X^- \gamma_P^+}$$

Work of Adhesion



$$\gamma_P - \Delta H_{imm} + T\Delta S_{imm}$$

Microcalorimeter



Microcalorimeter – Surface Energy + Chemical

Advantages and Applications

- Rapid estimate of surface free energy of aggregates (with any precondition)
- Quantify hydrophilic character of aggregates
- Measures total heat of adhesion between two phases

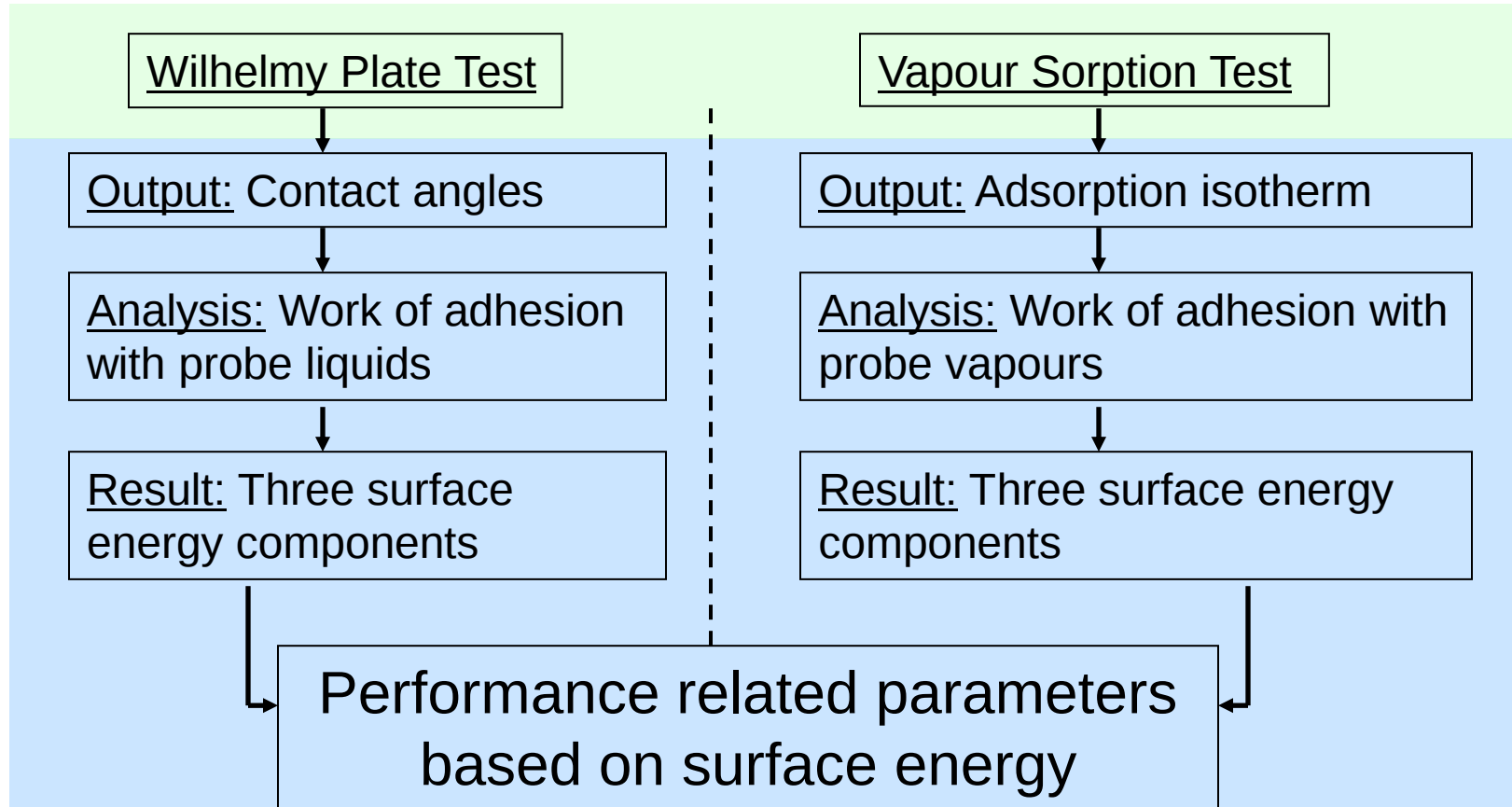
Drawbacks

- Measures total heat of adhesion between two phases
- Assumption for enthalpy needs to be made
- Specific surface area of aggregates must be known

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Application – Surface Energy



Intrinsic Adhesion Calculations

Adhesive bond energy (dry)

$$W_{BA}^a = 2\sqrt{\gamma_B^{LW} \gamma_A^{LW}} + 2\sqrt{\gamma_B^+ \gamma_A^-} + 2\sqrt{\gamma_B^- \gamma_A^+}$$

Adhesive bond energy (wet)

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta G_{BWA}^a = & 2\gamma_W^{LW} + 2\sqrt{\gamma_B^{LW} \gamma_A^{LW}} - 2\sqrt{\gamma_B^{LW} \gamma_W^{LW}} - 2\sqrt{\gamma_A^{LW} \gamma_W^{LW}} \\ & + 4\sqrt{\gamma_W^+ \gamma_W^-} - 2\sqrt{\gamma_W^+}(\sqrt{\gamma_B^-} + \sqrt{\gamma_A^-}) - 2\sqrt{\gamma_W^-}(\sqrt{\gamma_B^+} + \sqrt{\gamma_A^+}) \\ & + 2\sqrt{\gamma_B^+ \gamma_A^-} + 2\sqrt{\gamma_B^- \gamma_A^+} \end{aligned}$$

Bond energy ratio

$$ER = \left| \frac{W_{BA}^a}{W_{BWA}^a} \right|$$

Application of Surface Energy

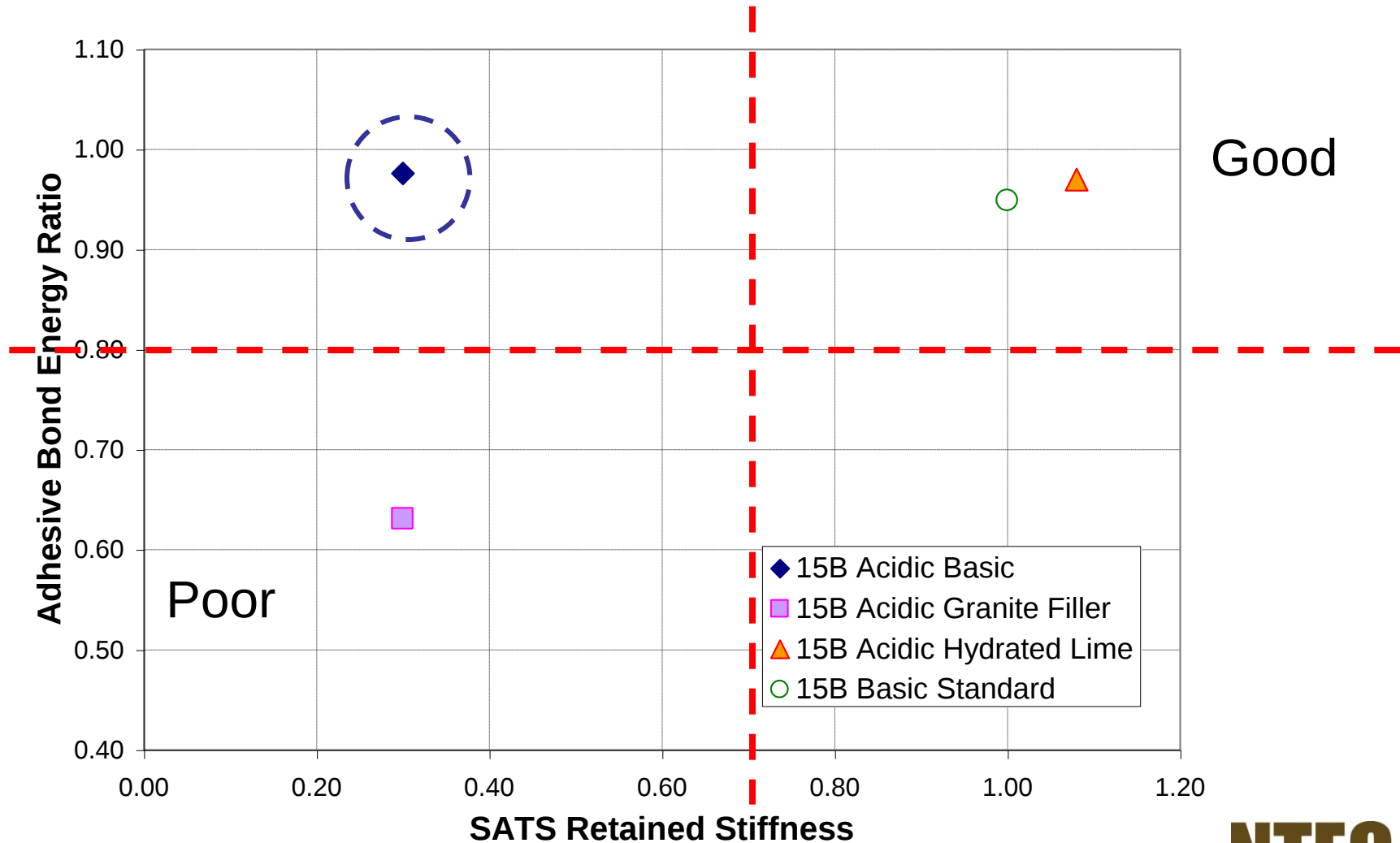
Moisture damage assessment:

$$\left| \frac{\Delta W_{AB}}{\Delta W_{ABW}} \right|$$

	Granite A	Gravel A	Gravel B	Limestone A	Limestone B	Quartzite A	Sandstone A	Sandstone B	KAG	NAG
PG 64-22 A	0.40	1.05	0.58	0.53	0.74	0.56	1.37	0.88	0.35	0.63
PG 64-22 B	0.65	1.98	1.00	0.86	1.38	0.97	2.54	1.41	0.71	1.08
PG 64-22 C	0.49	1.48	0.76	0.66	1.04	0.74	1.90	1.10	0.51	0.82
PG 64-22 D	0.58	1.38	0.80	0.72	1.03	0.78	1.69	1.10	0.58	0.86
PG 64-22 E	0.61	1.96	0.97	0.83	1.34	0.94	2.57	1.40	0.66	1.05
PG 64-22 F	0.74	2.47	1.18	1.00	1.66	1.14	3.29	1.71	0.81	1.27
PG 64-22 G	0.62	1.92	0.97	0.83	1.34	0.94	2.47	1.37	0.68	1.04
PG 64-22 H	0.47	1.26	0.69	0.62	0.90	0.67	1.63	1.02	0.45	0.75
PG 64-22 I	0.69	2.20	1.08	0.92	1.51	1.05	2.87	1.55	0.75	1.17
PG 64-28 B	0.46	0.93	0.59	0.56	0.70	0.58	1.16	0.83	0.40	0.64
PG 76-22 A	0.72	1.49	0.93	0.87	1.15	0.92	1.79	1.24	0.70	1.00
PG 76-22 B	0.45	1.07	0.62	0.57	0.78	0.61	1.37	0.91	0.40	0.68
PG 76-22 C	0.67	1.24	0.83	0.79	0.99	0.82	1.48	1.09	0.62	0.89
PG 76-22 D	0.60	1.50	0.85	0.77	1.10	0.83	1.88	1.19	0.60	0.92

SATS versus intrinsic adhesion ratio

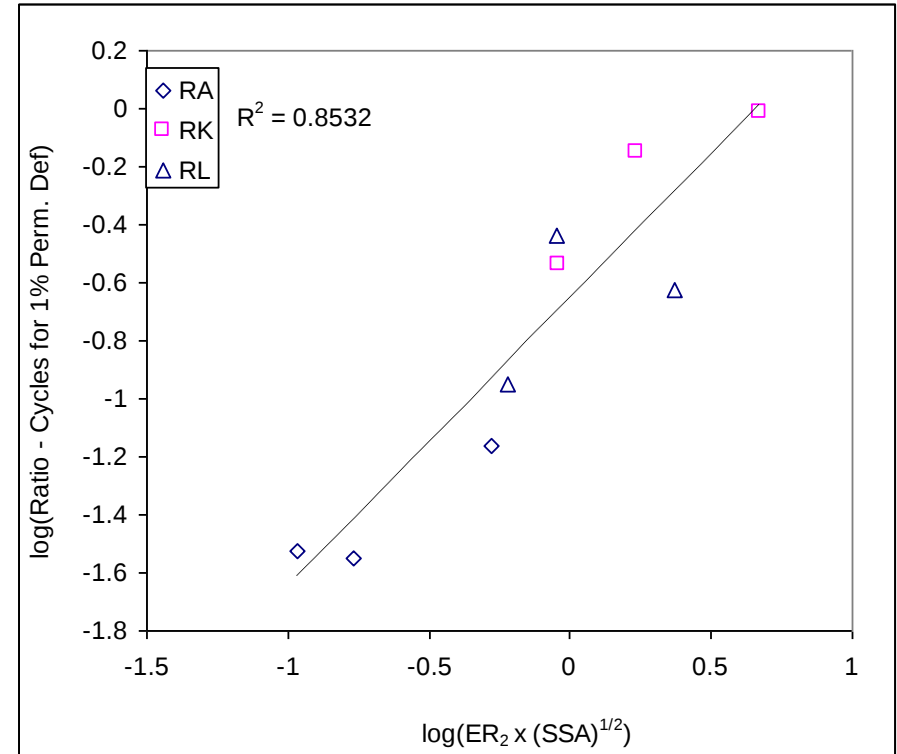
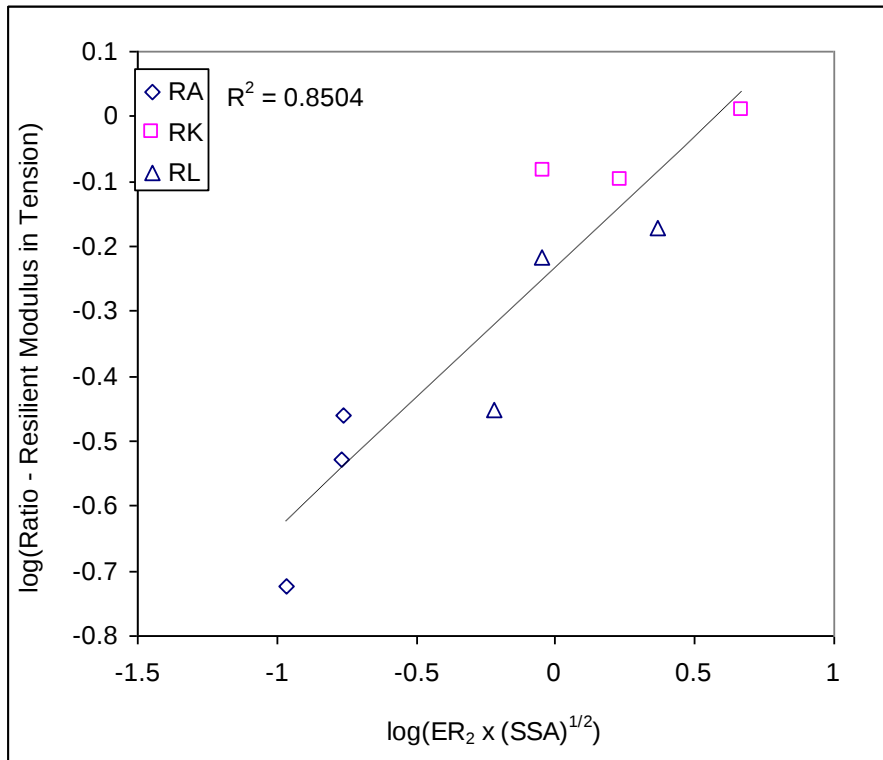
Thermodynamic work of adhesion



Energy Parameters

□ 'Good' versus 'poor' moisture damage performance

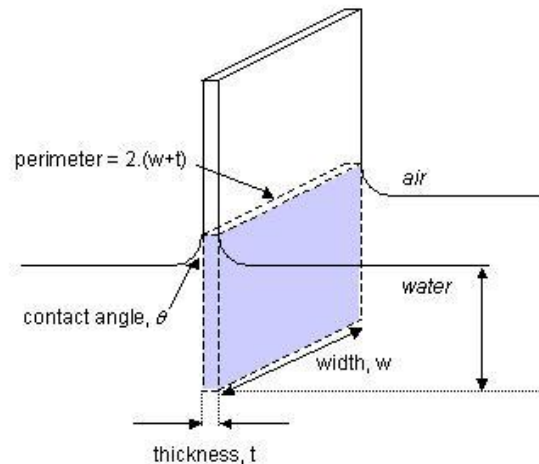
$$\left| \frac{\Delta W_{AB} - \Delta W_{AA}}{\Delta W_{ABW}} \right| \times \sqrt{SSA}$$



SFE Measurements

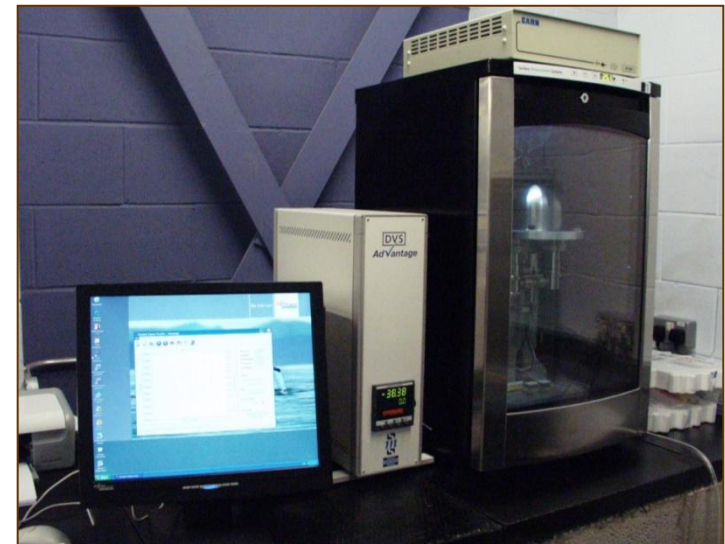
□ Dynamic Contact Angle Analyzer, DCA

Dynamic (advancing/receding) contact angle values of bitumen



□ Dynamic Vapour Sorption System, DVS

Surface energy components of the aggregates using the gas adsorption characteristics of selected solvents



Energy Parameters (Moisture Damage Indices)

$$ER_1 = \left| \frac{W_{12}}{W_{132}} \right|$$

$$ER_2 = \left| \frac{W_{12} - W_{11}}{W_{132}} \right|$$

$$ER_3 = \left| \frac{W_{12}}{W_{132}} \right| * SSA$$

$$ER_4 = \left| \frac{W_{12} - W_{11}}{W_{132}} \right| * SSA$$

Bond energy ratios

Adhesive bond energy ratio, ER_4 for aggregate and bitumen

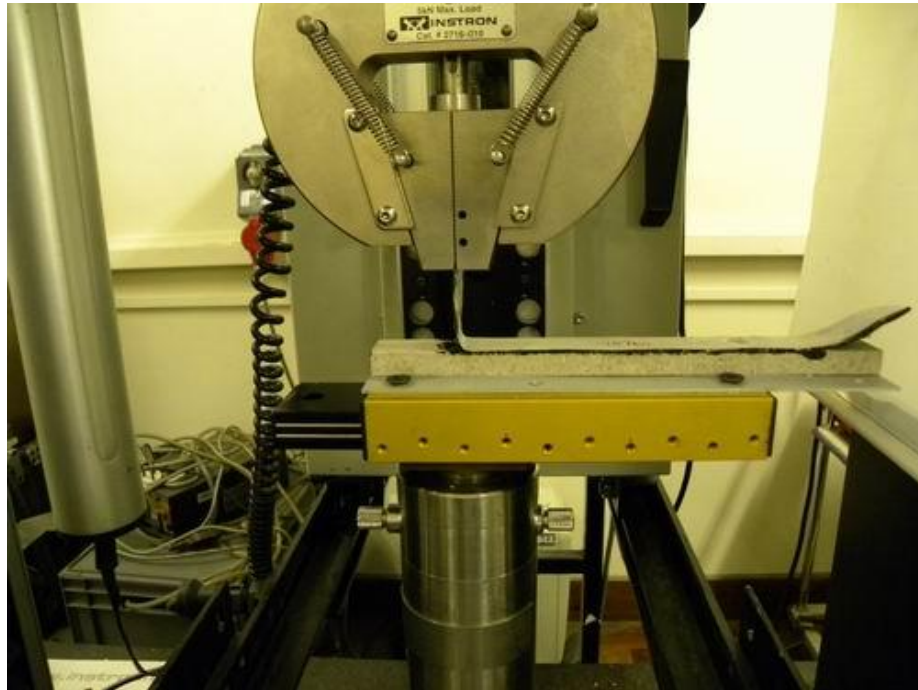
Bitumen	Bond Energy Parameter ER_4					
	Aggregates					
	UK-AA	UK-AB	UK-AC	UK-AD	UK-AF	AR-AE
UK-BA15	0.48	0.27	1.02	0.11	0.34	0.20
UK-BB50	0.46	0.22	0.84	0.10	0.28	0.16
UK-BC100	0.52	0.14	0.61	0.09	0.19	0.10
UK-BD15	0.48	0.21	0.89	0.14	0.29	0.15
UK-BE50	0.62	0.27	1.21	0.16	0.39	0.19
UK-BF85	0.68	0.29	1.28	0.15	0.41	0.21
UK-BG75	0.56	0.20	0.82	0.10	0.27	0.14
UK-BH115	0.50	0.16	0.64	0.09	0.21	0.11
UK-BI60	0.56	0.20	0.82	0.10	0.27	0.15
UK-BJ190	0.39	0.12	0.48	0.08	0.15	0.09
UK-BK37	0.44	0.16	0.62	0.08	0.20	0.12

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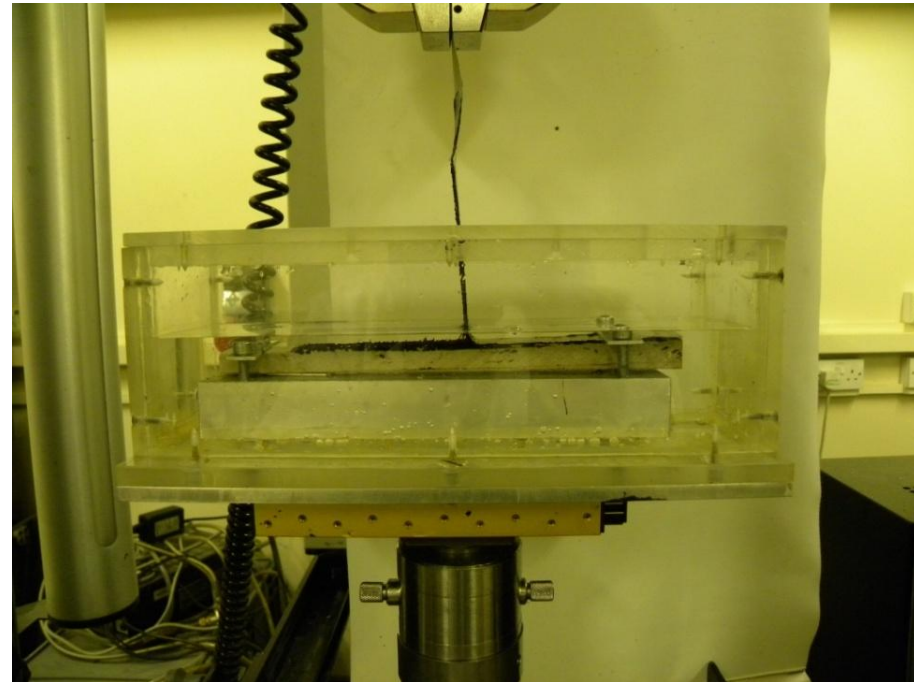
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PEEL Fracture Test

☐ Dry condition



☐ Wet condition



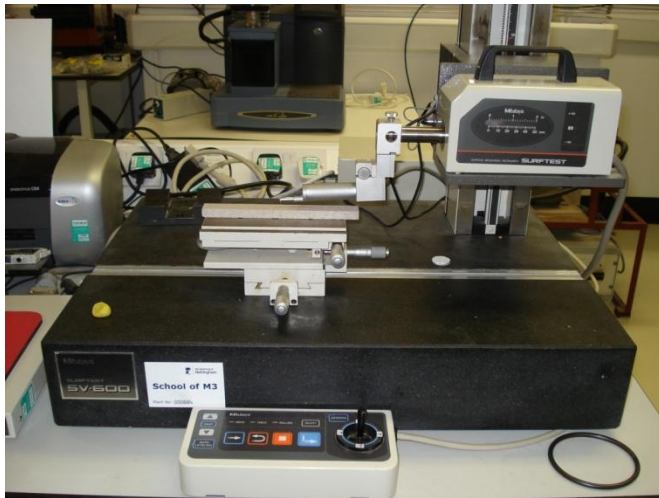
Aggregate Plates Fabrication



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Aggregate Surface Analysis

- Profilometry
 - Roughness of the crushed and cut aggregate surfaces
- X-ray Diffraction
 - Texture/crystal orientation of the crushed vs cut surface



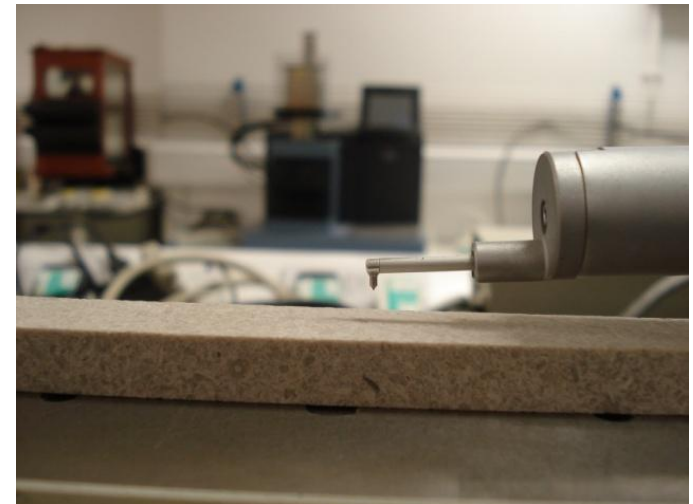
Profilometer

- Roughness Parameter; Ra (μm)

No	Crushed Aggregate		Saw Cut		Water Jet Cut	
	Piece 1	Piece 2	Longitudinal direction	Transverse direction	Longitudinal direction	Transverse direction
1	7.912	8.586	3.866	3.674	4.040	2.879
2	8.589	8.062	3.729	3.235	4.159	2.721

❑ Test Conditions

- Evaluation length = 10mm
- Cut-off/Filter point = 0.8mm & 2.5mm
- Sampling length = 2.5mm
- Pre and post travel = 0.4mm
- Noise filter = 0.008mm



Surface Roughness

- Roughness parameter Ra (μm) with 0.8mm cut-off

Crushed Aggregate	Saw Cut	Water Jet Cut		Sand Blasted	Polished
		Longitudinal direction	Transverse direction		
8.062	3.729	4.159	2.721	5.742	0.346

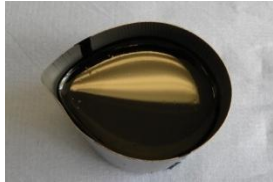
- Roughness parameter Ra (μm) with 2.5mm cut-off

Crushed Aggregate	Saw Cut	Sand Blasted	Polished
16.285	4.721	14.503	0.429

PEEL fracture test

Three components:

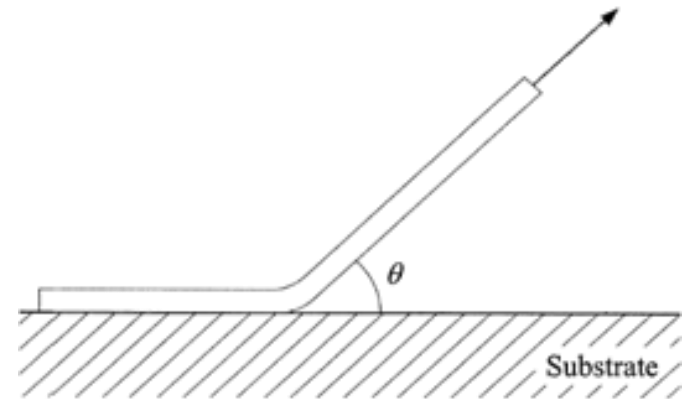
- Adhesive: bitumen (UK-BE50)



- Substrate: Stone



- Peel arm: Aluminium film and fabric



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$$G_A = G_E - G_P$$

$$G_E = \frac{F}{b}(1 - \cos \theta) \quad \theta = 90^\circ$$

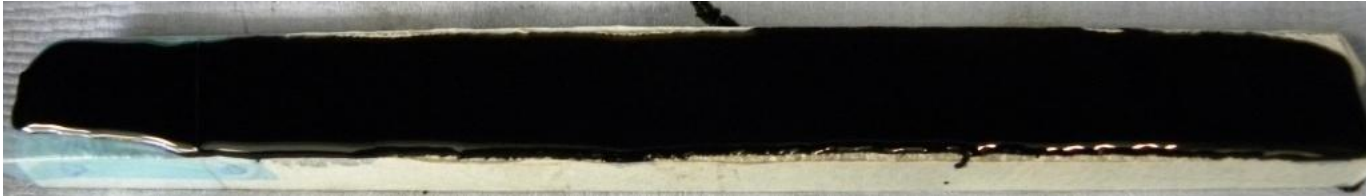
- Fully-opened bondline
- Direct observation of the failure of the adhesive layer
- Plastic deformation is taken into account by analysis

Preparation of PEEL specimens

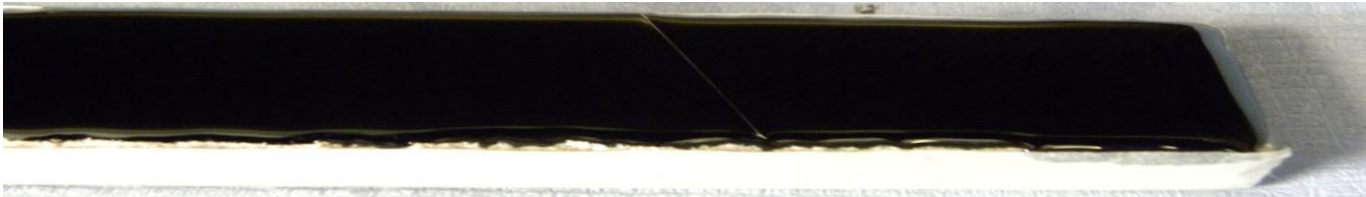
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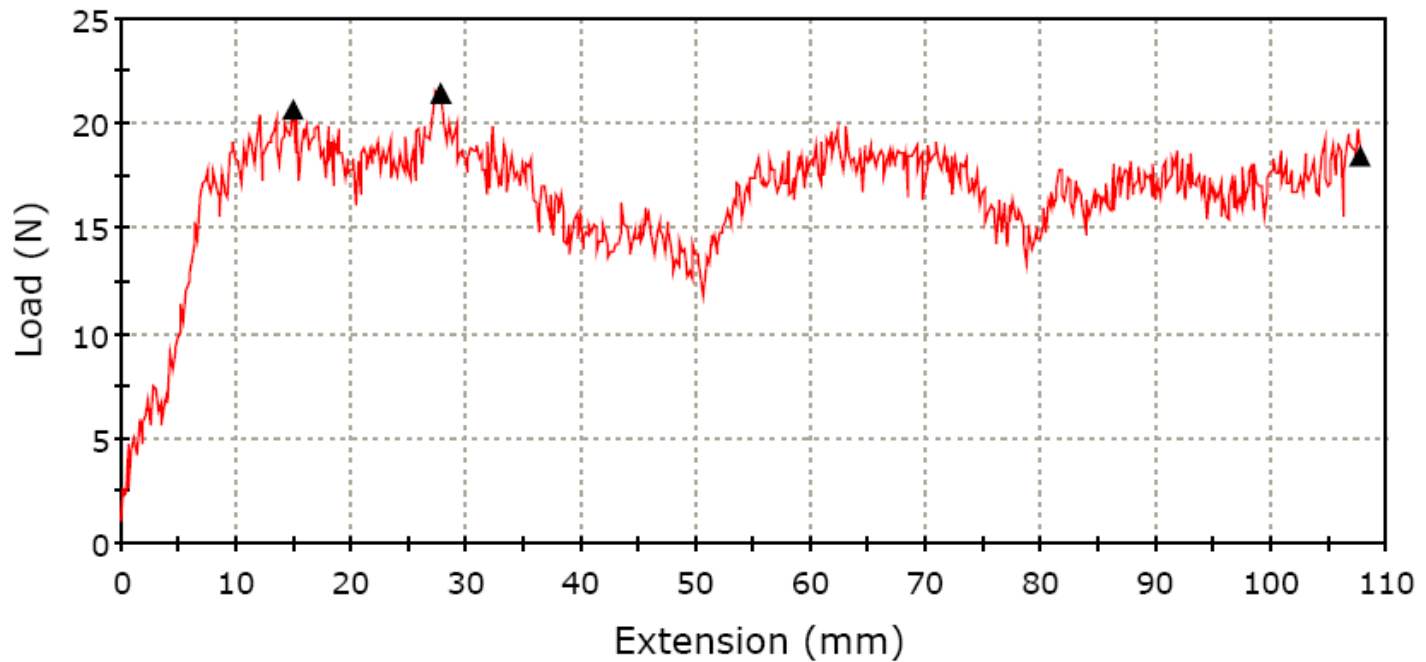
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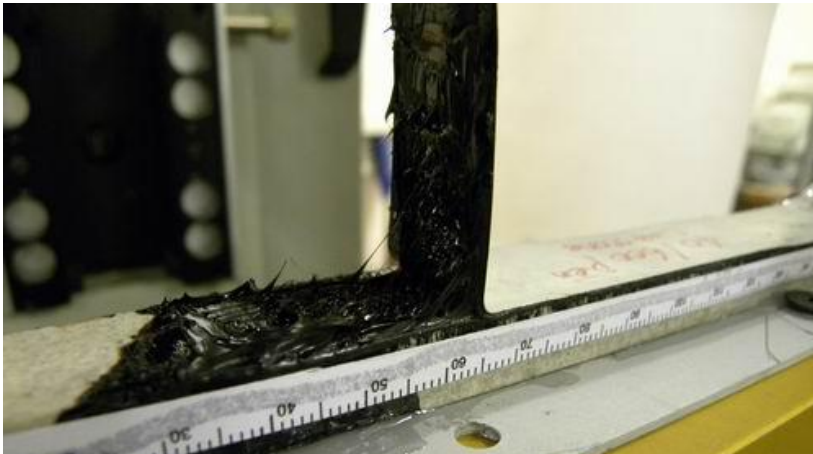
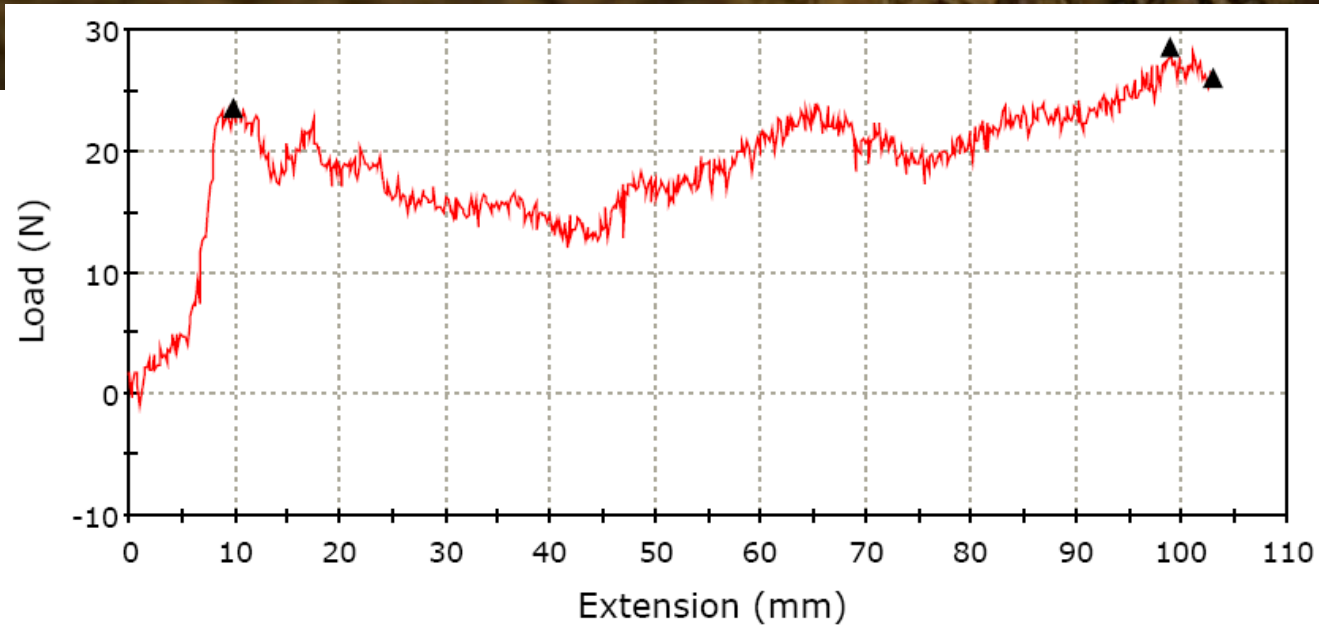
UK-BF85



$h_a = 0.25 \text{ mm}$, $h = 0.1 \text{ mm}$, $R = 10 \text{ mm/min}$

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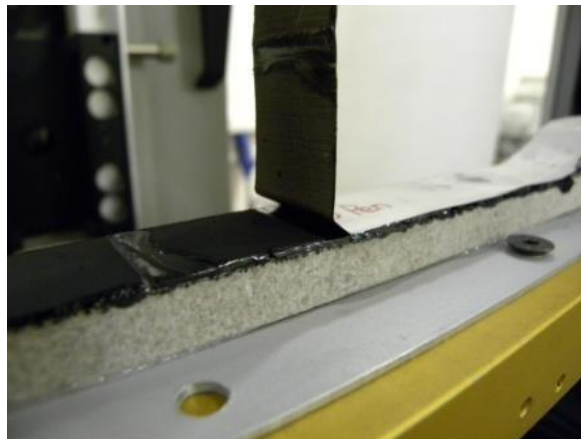
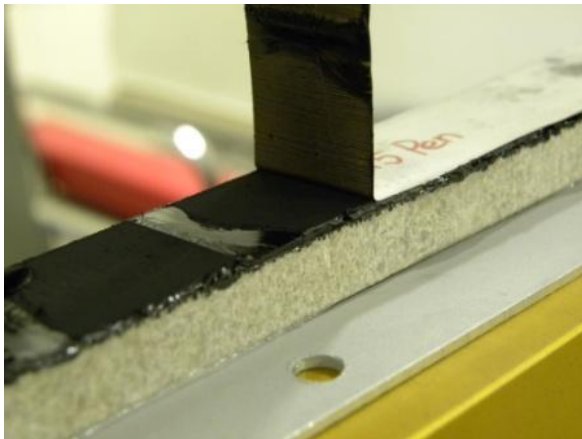
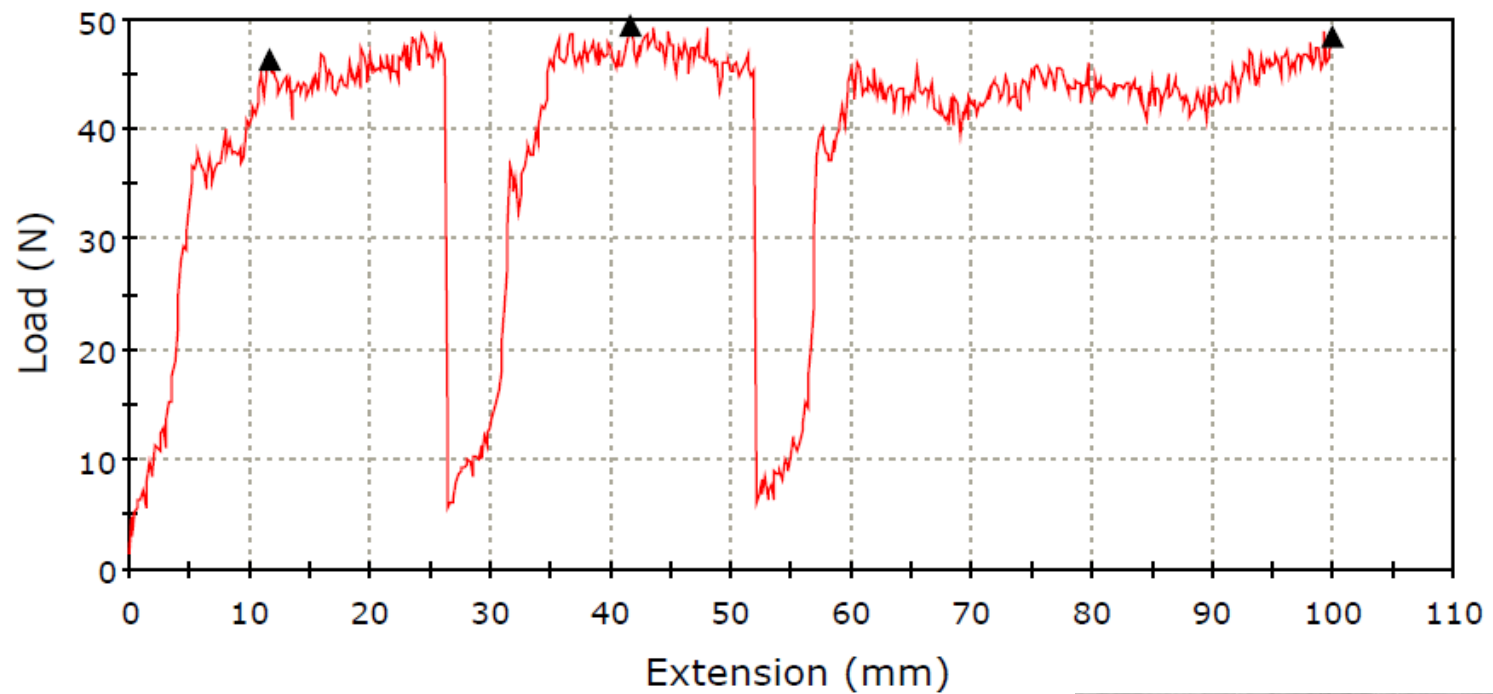
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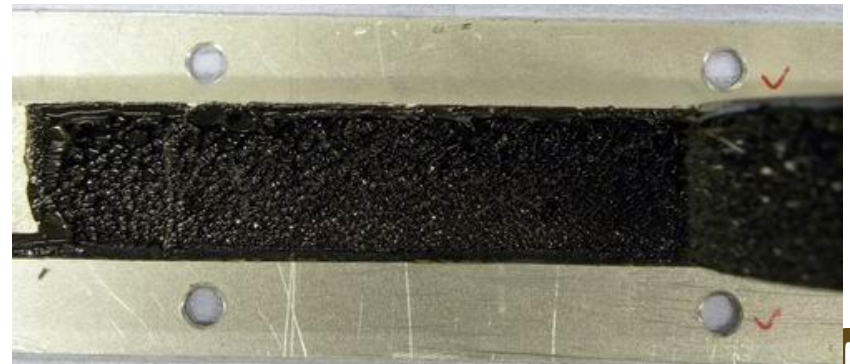
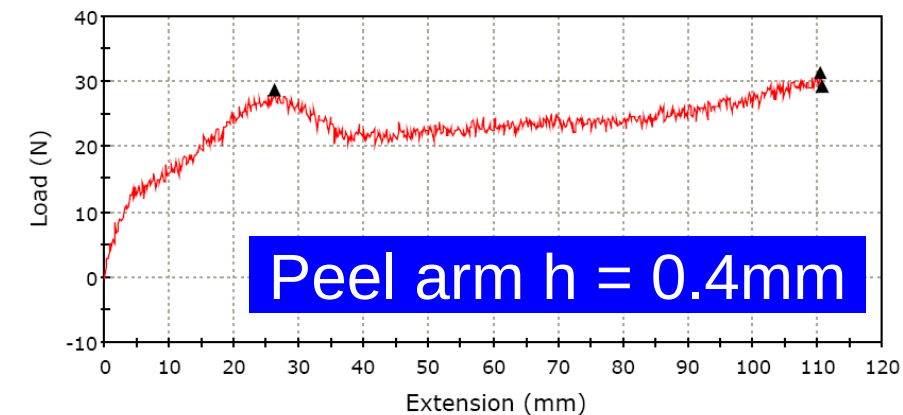
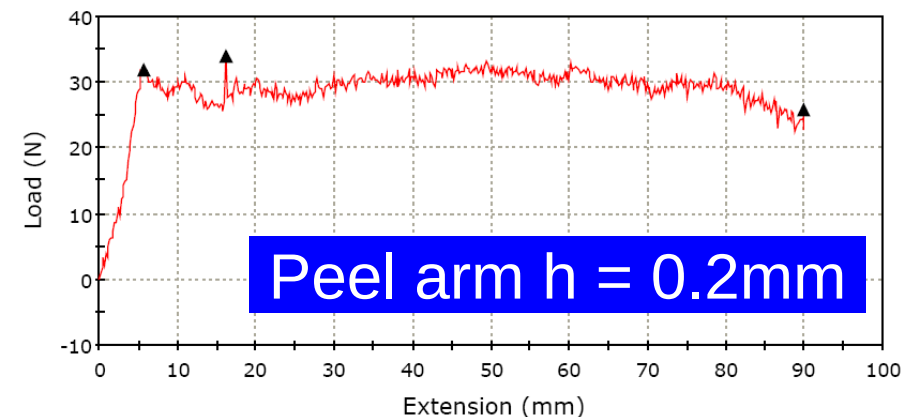
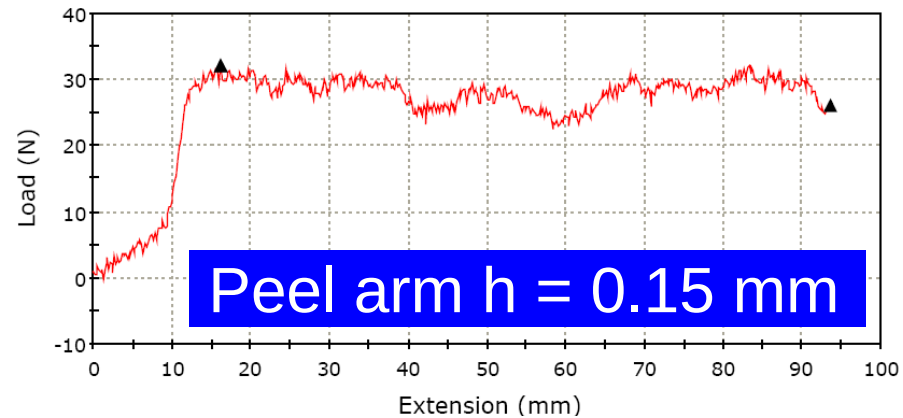
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UK-BD15



$h_a = 0.25 \text{ mm}$, $h = 0.1 \text{ mm}$, $R = 10 \text{ mm/min}$

Peel arm thickness (UK-BE50)

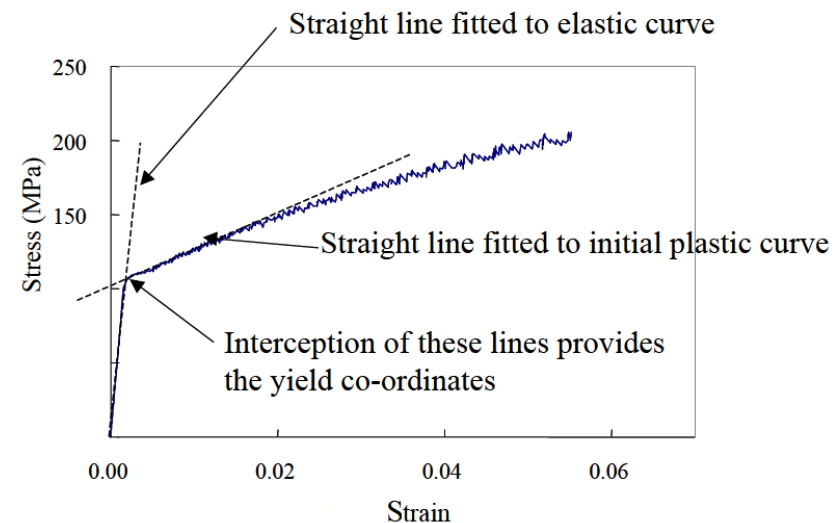


PEEL result analysis

Peel Arm Properties						
E GPa	(choose one)		(choose one)		h mm	b mm
	σ_y MPa	ϵ_y %	n Power Law	α Bilinear		
70	105			0.1	0.15	20

Adhesive Layer		Test Parameters		Maximum Stress (optional)
h_a mm	E_a GPa	P N	θ deg	σ_{max} MPa
0.25	0.000821	17	90	

$$G_c = G_{tot} - G_d$$



Results										
G_c J/m ²	G_d J/m ²	G_{tot} J/m ²	G J/m ²	Correction %	σ_{max} (o) MPa	θ_0 deg	k_o	R_o mm	ϵ_{max} %	Loading / Unloading condition
516	334	850	850	39.35	1.84	31.54	12.43	4.02	1.87	3

PEEL fracture tests

Fracture energy of different bitumen

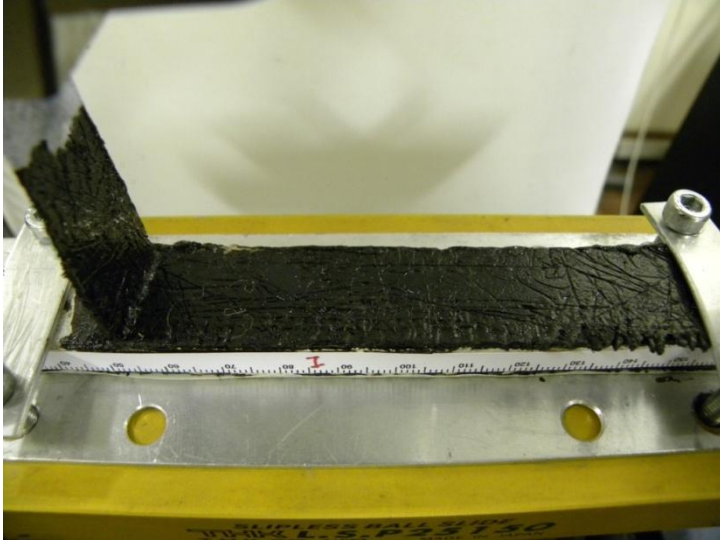
Bitumen	Peel arm thickness h (mm)	Adhesive thickness h_a (mm)	G (J/m ²)	Comments
UK-BF85	0.15	0.25	516	Cohesive failure
UK-BE50	0.15	0.25	528	Cohesively failure
UK-BD15	0.15	0.25	1378	Adhesively failure

Effect of peel arm thickness

Bitumen	Peel arm thickness h (mm)	Adhesive thickness h_a (mm)	G (J/m ²)	Comments
UK-BE50	0.15	0.25	912	Cohesively failure
UK-BE50	0.20	0.25	904	Cohesively failure
UK-BE50	0.40	0.25	497	Cohesively failure

Fabric peel arm

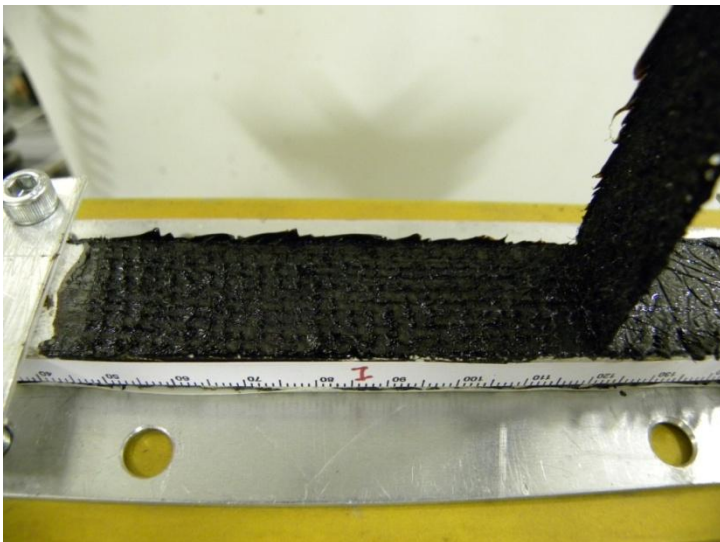
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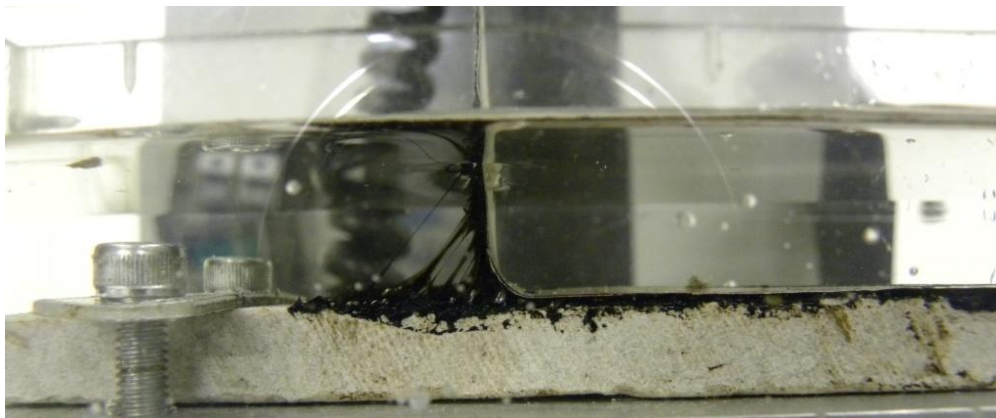
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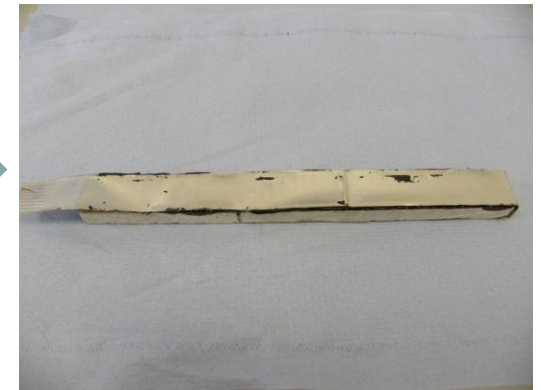
Submerged Peel Test



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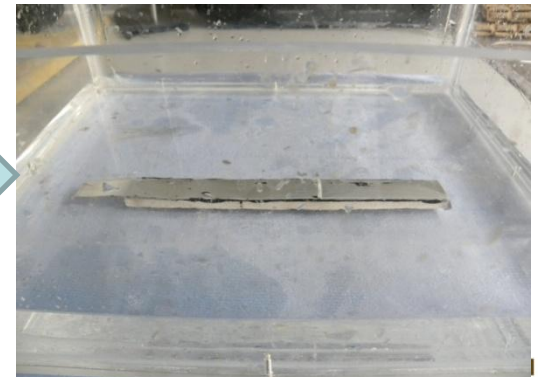
Methods to introduce water

Pre-bonding treatment (1 – 14 days)



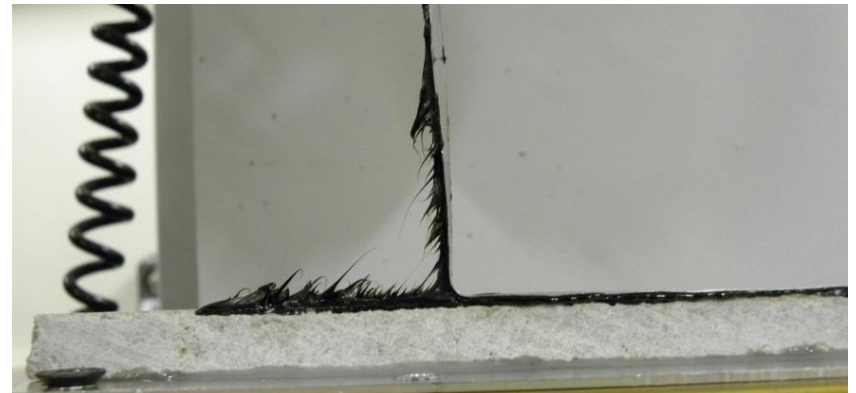
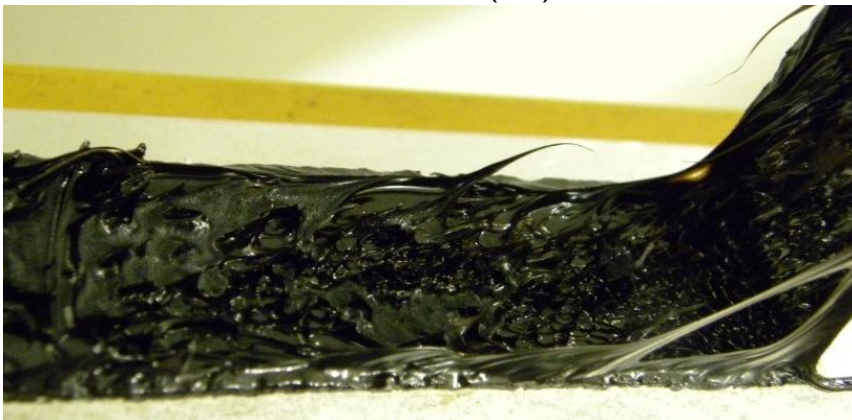
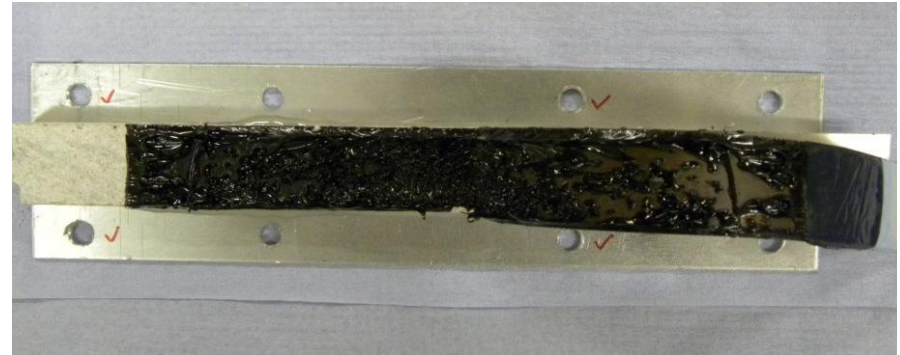
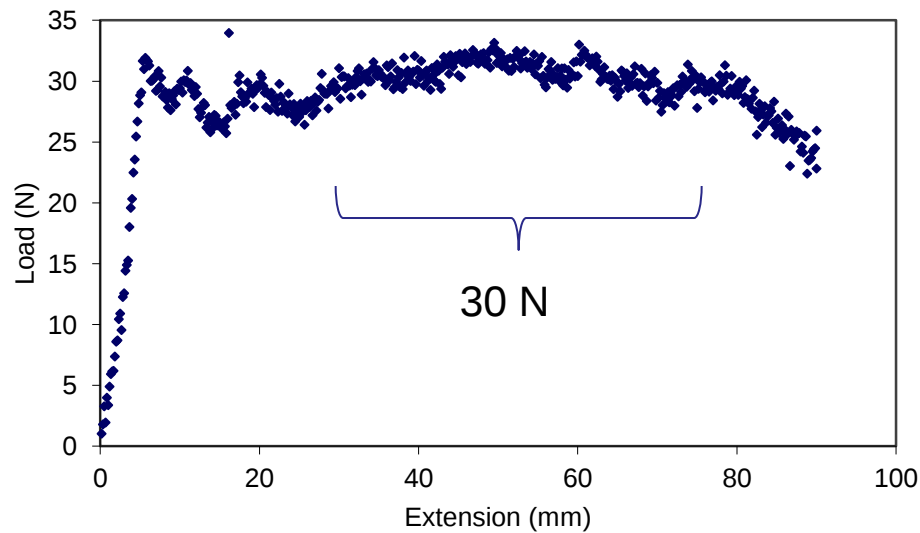
As-made substrate Submersed in a water bath Bonded joint

Post-bonding treatment (1 – 14 days)



As-made substrate Bonded joint Submersed in water bath

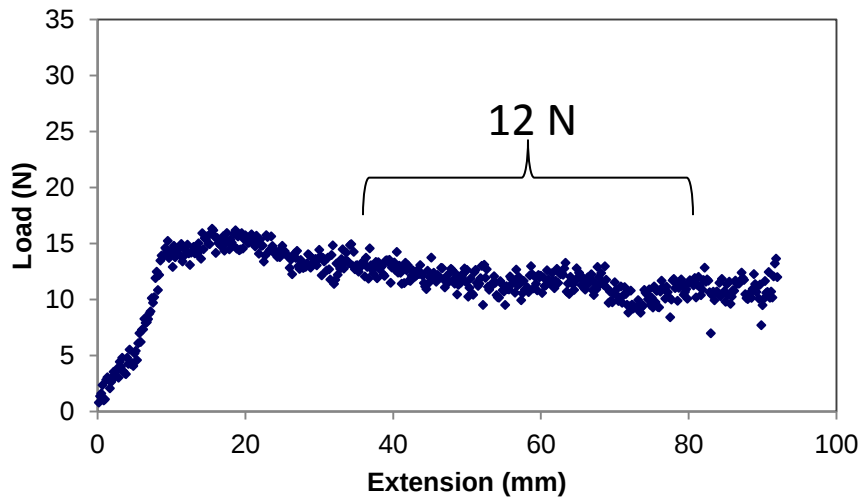
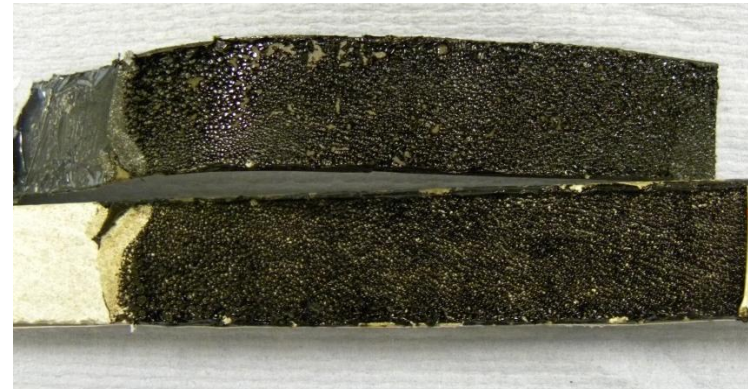
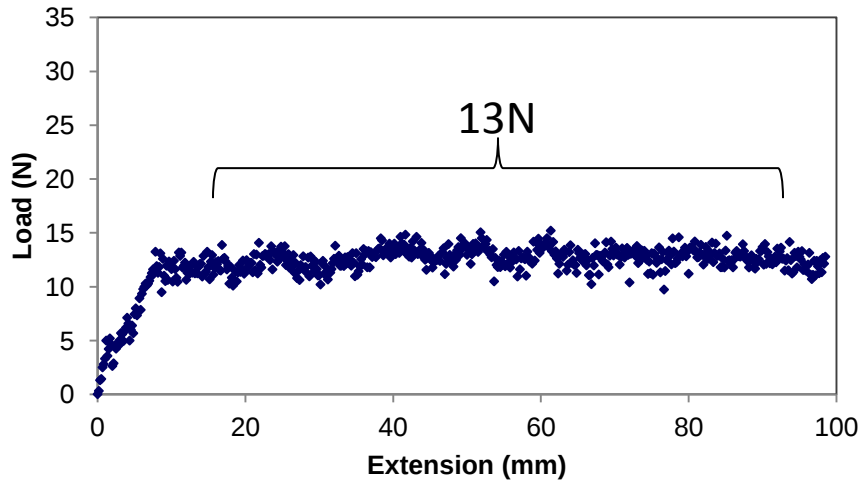
Dry specimen



Peel arm thickness $h = 0.2 \text{ mm}$

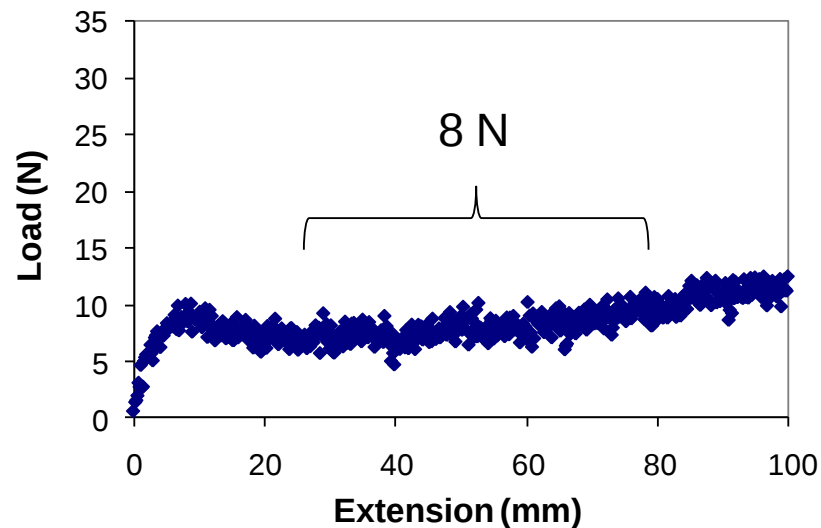
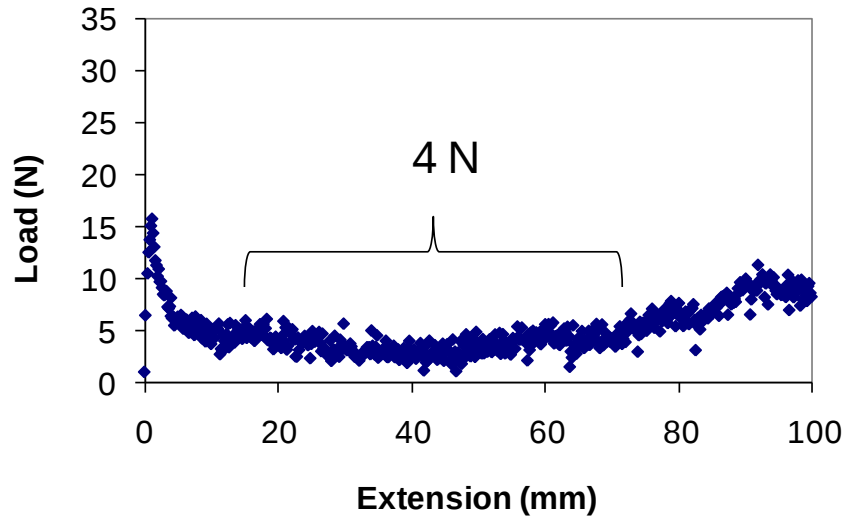
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Wet specimens (6 hours in water)



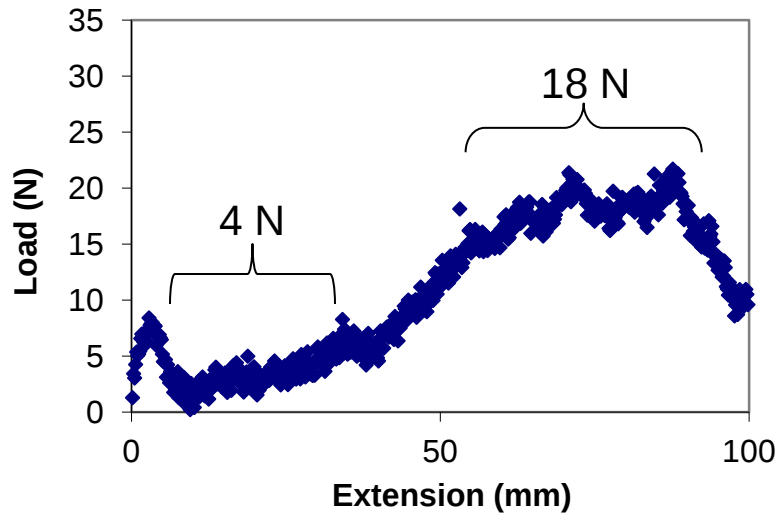
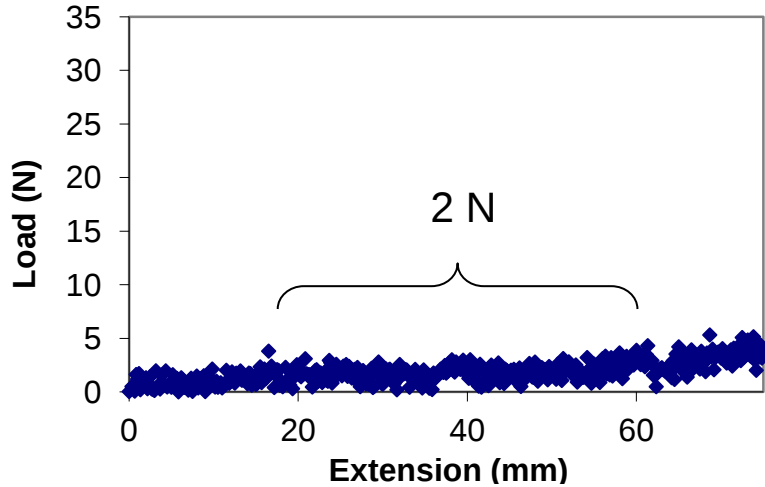
Peel arm thickness $h = 0.2$ mm

Wet specimens (3 days in water)



Peel arm thickness $h = 0.2$ mm

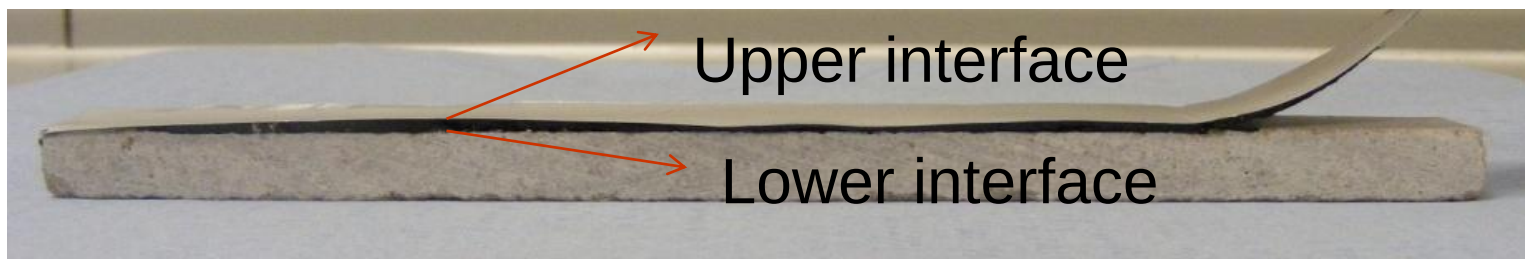
Wet specimens (7 days in water)



Peel arm thickness $h = 0.2 \text{ mm}$

Table of fracture energies

		P/b (N/m)	G_A (J/m ²)	Comments
Dry specimens	h = 0.15 mm	1400	326	Upper interface/ cohesive
	h = 0.2 mm	1500	336	Upper interface/ cohesive
	h = 0.4 mm	1150	226	Upper interface/ cohesive
Wet specimens h = 0.2 mm	0 day	1500	336	Upper interface/ cohesive
	0.25 day	625	126	Cohesive/ lower interface
	1 day	300	57	Lower interface
	3 days	300	57	Lower interface
	5 days	375	72	Lower interface
	7 days	80	32	Lower interface
	14 days	400	76	Lower interface

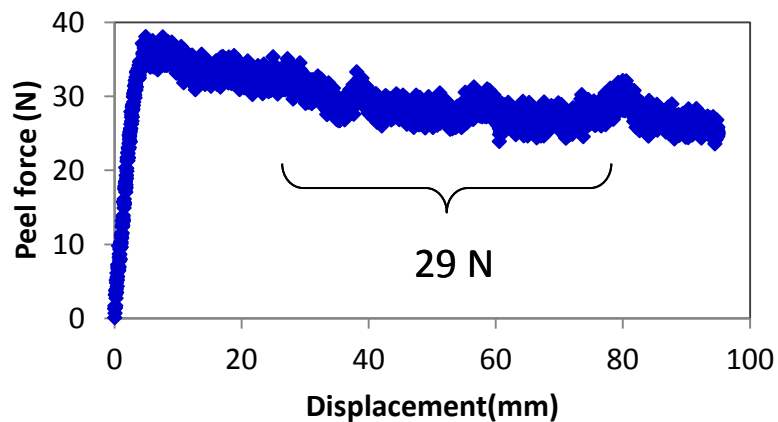
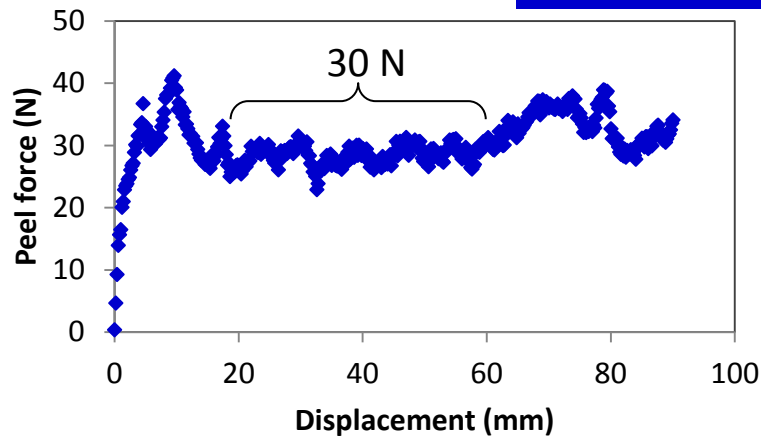


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UK-BD15 Dry Conditions

A lower test speed: $R = 2 \text{ mm/min}$

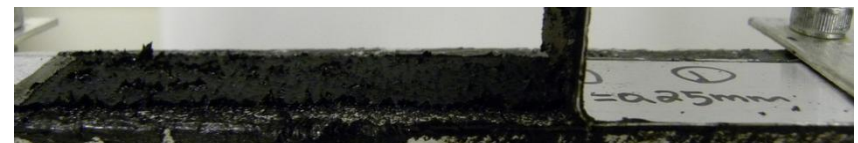
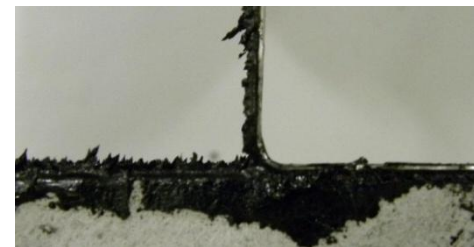


Side view
while
testing



Aggregate

Peel arm



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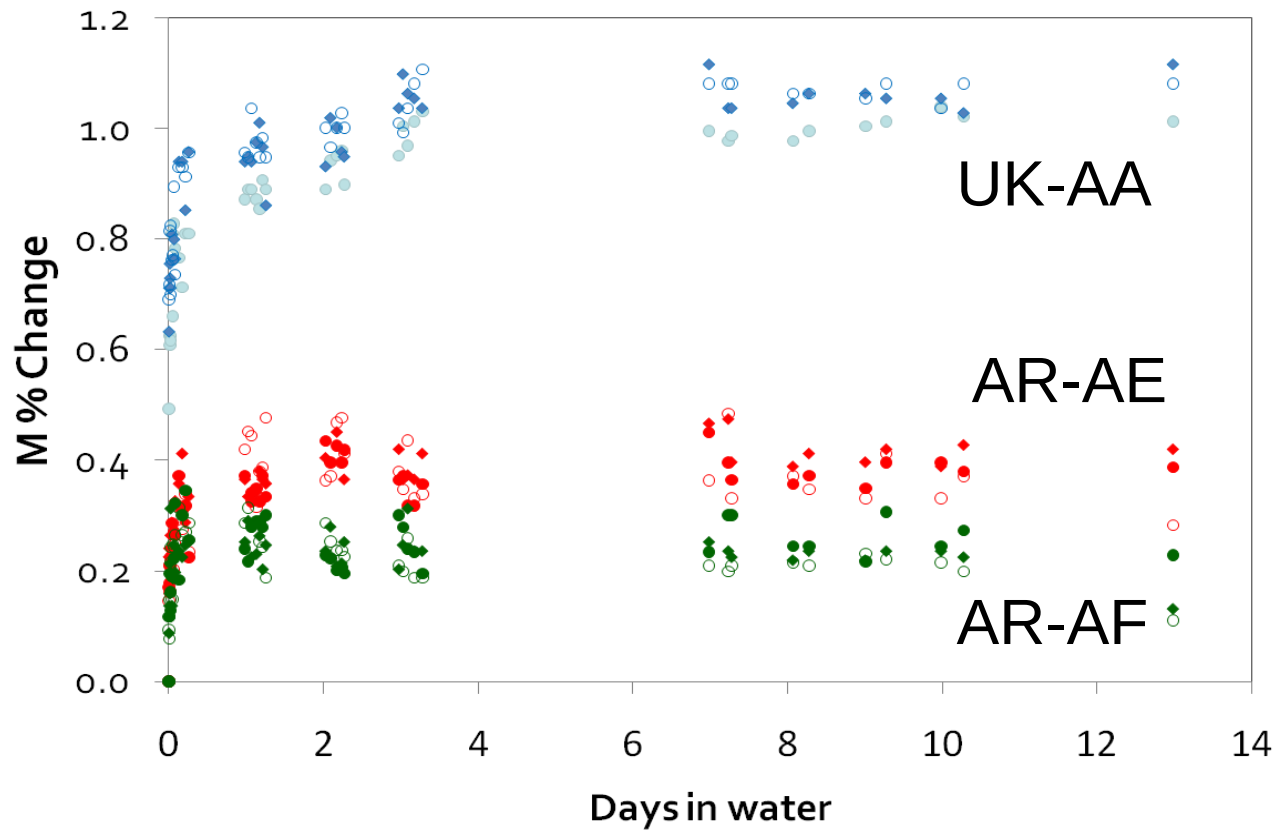
Different bitumens

UK-BF85		P (N)	G_A (J/m ²)	Comments
Dry specimens	0 day	12	307	Cohesive failure
Pre-bond conditioning	1 day	11	253	<u>Mainly cohesive failure, lower-interfacial failure</u>
	7 days	7	160	<u>Mainly cohesive failure, lower-interfacial failure</u>
Post bond conditioning	1 day	-	-	<u>More tests will be carried out</u>
	7 days	8	188	<u>Mainly Cohesive, lower-interfacial failure</u>

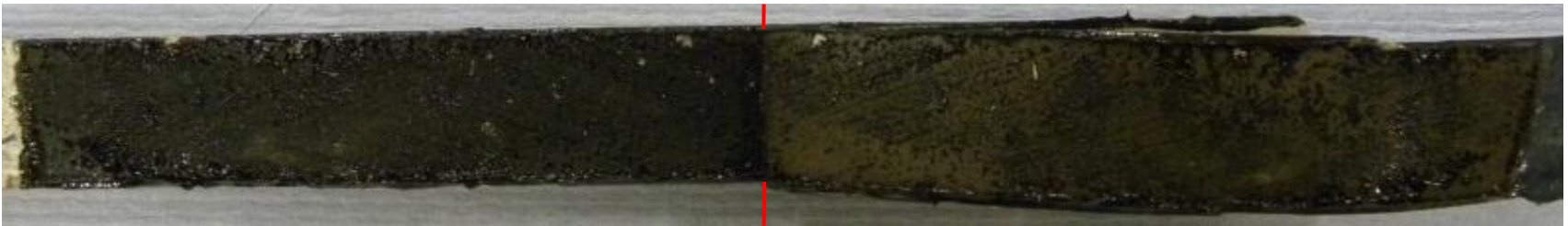
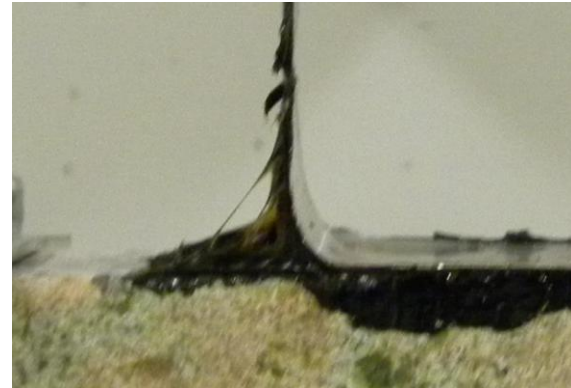
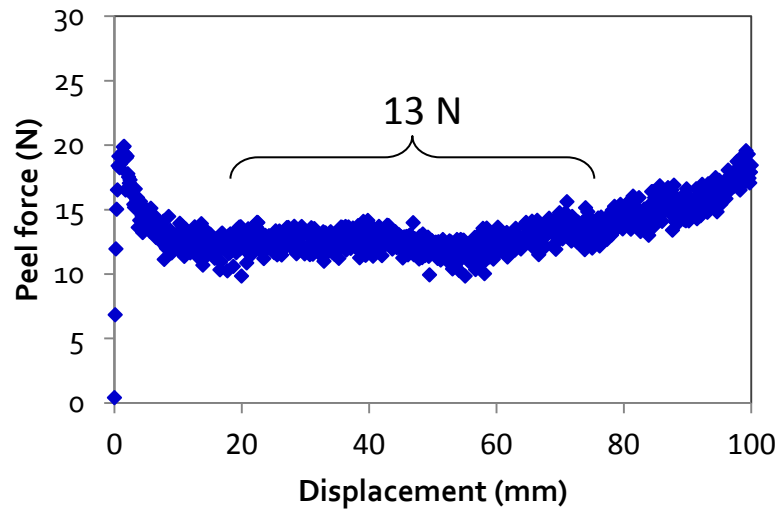
UK-BE50		P (N)	G_A (J/m ²)	Comments
Dry specimens	0 day	16	438	Cohesive failure
Pre-bond conditioning	1 day	6	134	Mainly lower-interfacial failure
	7 days	2	46	Mainly lower-interfacial failure
Post bond conditioning	1 day	9	216	<u>Cohesive/ lower interfacial failure</u>
	7 days	2	46	<u>Cohesive/ lower interfacial failure</u>

UK-BD15		P (N)	G_A (J/m ²)	Comments
Dry specimens	0 day	30	953	Upper/lower-interfacial, cohesive failure
Pre-bond conditioning	1 day	14	378	Mainly lower-interfacial failure
	7 days	10	245	Mainly lower-interfacial failure
Post bond conditioning	1 day	5	405	<u>Lower-interfacial failure</u>
	7 days	9	216	<u>Lower-interfacial failure</u>

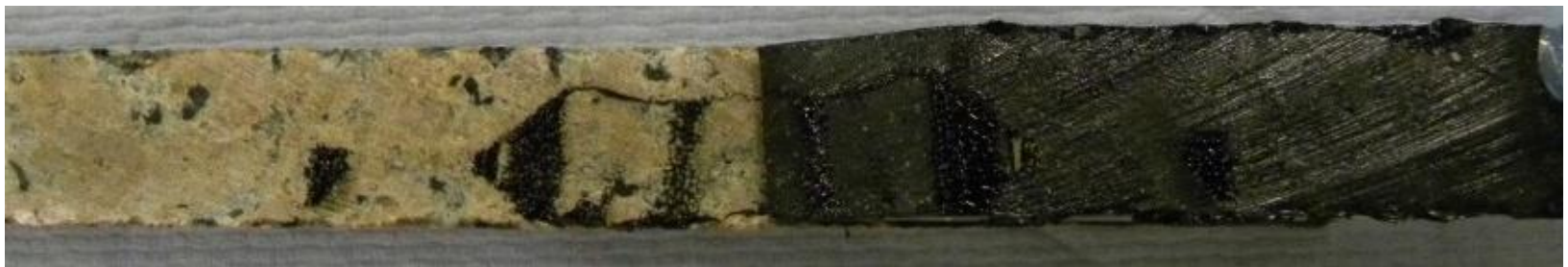
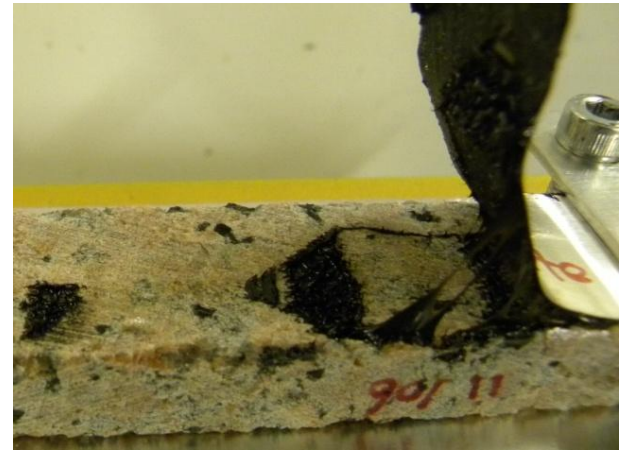
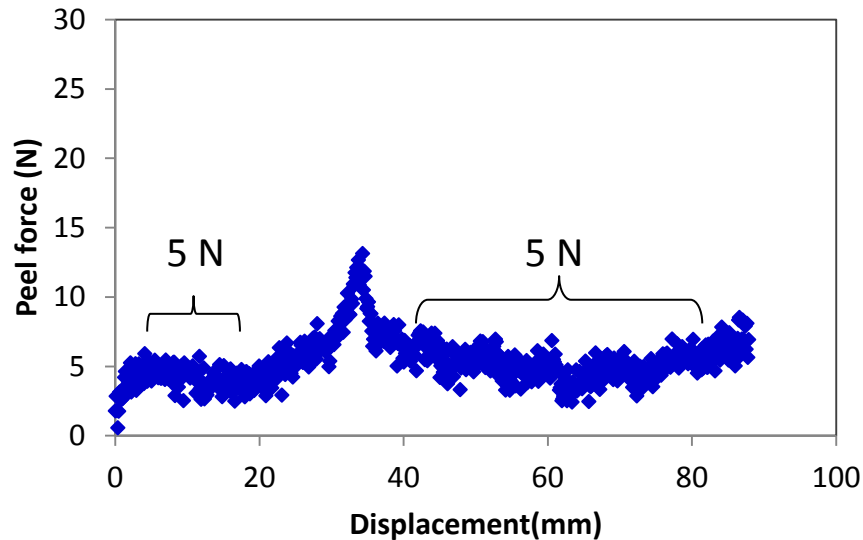
Different water-absorbent substrates



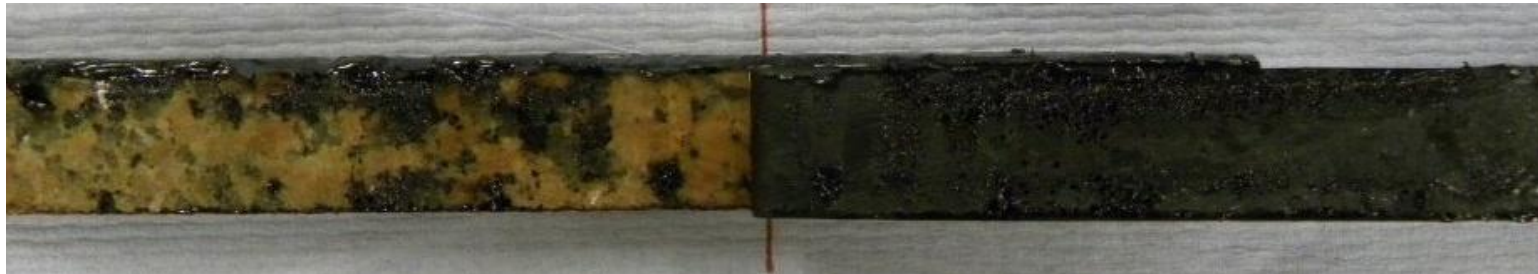
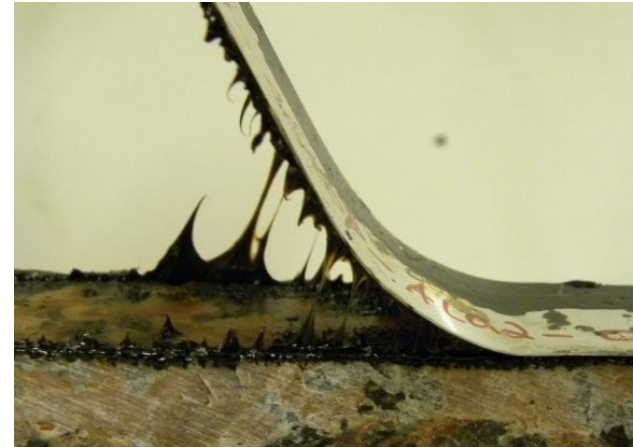
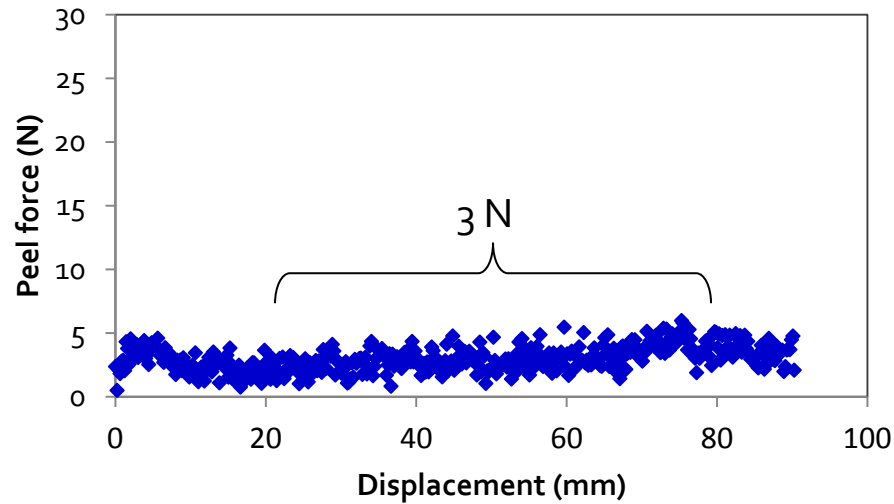
AR-AE (Dry specimen)



AR-AE (3 days pre-bond conditioning)



AR-AE (3 days post-bond conditioning)

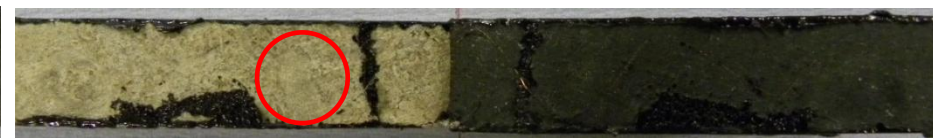
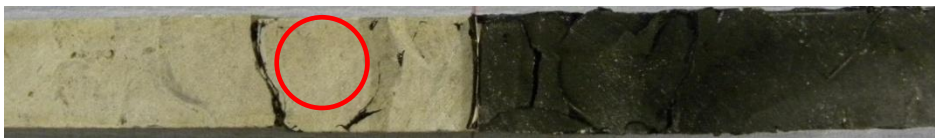
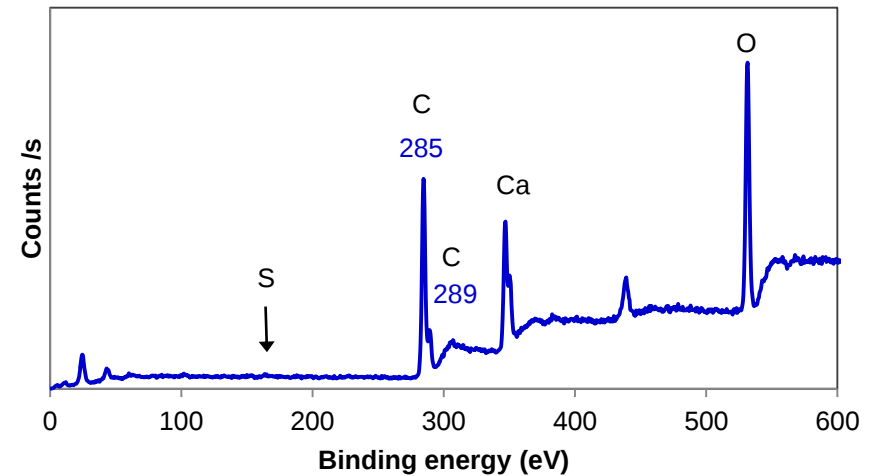
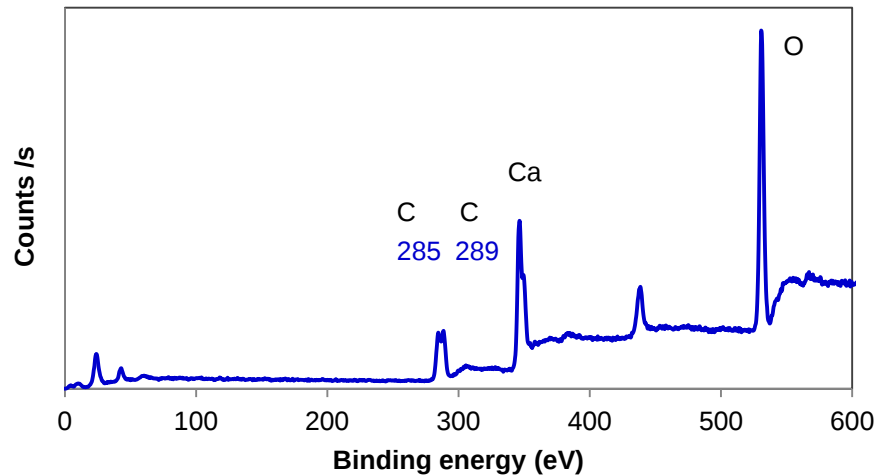


Different aggregates

AR-AF		P (N)	G_A (J/m ²)	Comments
Dry specimens	0 day	14	371	Cohesive failure
Pre-bond conditioning	1 day	12	318	Mainly Cohesive failure
	3 days	11	275	<u>Mainly Cohesive failure</u>
Post bond conditioning	1 day	6	127	Mainly Cohesive failure
	3 days	5	109	<u>Mainly Cohesive failure</u>
UK-AA		P (N)	G_A (J/m ²)	Comments
Dry specimens	0 day	16	438	Cohesive failure
Pre-bond conditioning	1 day	6	134	Mainly lower-interfacial failure
	3 days	4	86	<u>Mainly lower-interfacial failure</u>
Post bond conditioning	1 day	9	216	Cohesive/ lower interfacial failure
	3 days	3	65	<u>Cohesive/ lower interfacial failure</u>
AR-AE		P (N)	G_A (J/m ²)	Comments
Dry specimens	0 day	13	338	Cohesive failure
Pre-bond conditioning	1 day	9	223	Cohesive, lower-interfacial failure
	3 days	5	109	<u>Lower-interfacial failure</u>
Post bond conditioning	1 day	6	136	Cohesive/ lower interfacial failure
	3 days	3	65	<u>Mainly Lower-interfacial failure</u>

XPS Spectrum (Loci of Fracture)

UK-AA with UK-BE50



□ Pre-bond conditioned

□ Post-bond conditioned

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- ❑ Fundamental concepts of surface free energy, thermodynamics, intrinsic adhesion and peel adhesion can be used to access dry and wet bitumen-aggregate systems
- ❑ Combination of vapour sorption and contact angle SFE approaches
- ❑ Energy ratios need to consider physical properties (SSA) as well as physico-chemical
- ❑ Modified peel test used to determine fracture energy for dry and moisture conditioned bitumen-aggregate combinations

Conclusions and Recommendations

- ❑ Need to correlate intrinsic and practical adhesion (cohesion) results with both laboratory (SATS/AASHTO T283) as well as field performance of various asphalt mixtures
- ❑ Effect of moisture damage performance enhancers (anti-stripping additives/agents, modified binders, etc) need to be assessed using screening tests
- ❑ Need to broaden database to include wider spectrum of UK road pavement (asphalt) materials



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