Impact of Healing



Step 1: Interfacial WettingStep 2: Intrinsic healing $\int d\phi(t, X) \\ dt = d_b = fn$ (healing zone, bonding stress, creep compliance properties, work of cohesion) $R_h(t) = fn$ (work of cohesion, self diffusivity)

The two processes are combined using the approach originally proposed by Wool and O'Connor as follows: $\int \tau^{\tau=t} = \int d\phi(\tau, X)$

$$R = \int_{\tau = -\infty}^{\tau = t} R_h(t - \tau) \frac{d\phi(\tau, X)}{dt} d\tau$$



Step 2: Intrinsic healing



Strength gain of wetted surfaces over time is defined using an intrinsic healing function: $R_h(t)$

Strength gain is also a two step process:

- 1. Instantaneous adhesion due to surface energy
- 2. Time dependent self diffusion and randomization

Collectively, the intrinsic healing function can be modeled as:

$$R_h(t) = R_0 + p(1 - e^{-qt^r})$$
Instantaneous healing proportional to work of cohesion
Time dependent healing proportional to self diffusivity

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The approach used in polymers is based on the random walk approach

• requires detailed knowledge of the molecular structure of the material

•more applicable to materials with chain like molecules

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Outline of the procedure



Two piece specimen of asphalt binder was brought into contact to obtain a "wetted" interface

G* was recorded intermittently at 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 and 60 seconds after bringing the two specimens into contact with each other

Outline of the procedure

The final results were normalized by repeating the test with a single specimen of the same asphalt binder and twice the thickness



Images of the test being performed with the two piece specimen before and after the test



Data analysis



Replicate data



Results for the SHRP binders



Results for the SHRP binders

This data were fit to the functional form for intrinsic healing to obtain the relevant parameters



Recall that the term Ro, was due to the surface free energy or work of cohesion of the binder

Validation of Model



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Intrinsic Healing – Temperature and Age Dependency



Total intrinsic healing at the end of 1 hour for RTFO and PAV aged binders at different temperatures

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Quantifying Healing: DMA



Specimen Fabrication



Test Setup



Test Form

Quantifying Healing: DMA



High stress amplitude cyclic loading to cause fatigue damage





First rest period (30 minutes) followed by fatigue loading





First rest period (30 minutes) followed by fatigue loading









Time (seconds)

Elements of Micromechanical Model



Micro-damage Healing Evolution fn

Abu Al-Rub, Darabi, Little, and Masad (2010)

$$=\Gamma^{h}\left(1-\frac{\phi_{eff}}{\phi_{cr}}\right)^{b_{1}}\left(1-h\right)^{b_{2}}\exp\left[-\theta\left(1-\frac{T}{T_{0}}\right)\right]$$

 $b_1 \& b_2$ Model parameters related to history

h

 Γ^h Healing viscosity parameter (second⁻¹) that controls how fast healing occurs, and increases as surface energy increases.

The maximum healing rate:
$$\dot{h}_{max} = \Gamma^h$$

 $\dot{h} \propto \frac{\dot{a}_b}{\Delta} \longrightarrow \Gamma^h \propto \left[\frac{1}{D_1 k_m} \left(\frac{2\pi G}{4(1-\nu^2)\sigma_b^2 \Delta} - D_0 \right) \right]^{-\frac{1}{m}}$

 D_0, D_1, m , and k_m : Viscoelastic properties

- *G*: Surface energy
- Δ : Size of the fracture process zone
- v: Poisson's ratio

Micro-damage Healing: Comparison with Experiments



 σ =1500kPa LT=120 sec, UT=100 sec Compression σ =1500kPa LT=60 sec, UT=100 sec Compression

LT : loading time UT : Rest period (unloading time)

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Micro-damage Healing: Comparison with Experiments



 σ =1500kPa LT=60 sec, UT=1500 sec Compression

LT : loading time UT : Rest period (unloading time)

 σ =300kPa LT = 120 sec, UT = 100 sec Tension

Micro-damage Healing: Comparison with Experiments



$$\sigma$$
=300kPa
LT = 60 sec, UT = 100 sec
Tension

LT : loading time UT : Rest period (unloading time) σ =300kPa LT = 60 sec, UT = 1500 sec Tension

Mechanical Properties and Morphology Additional Work

Techniques: AFM Nano-indentation



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Figure 4.12. Phase image and profile extraction of asphalt AAD.

Ref: Allan Grover, Master's Thesis

Three-dimensional depiction of phases (AAD unaged)



Techniques: AFM Nano-indentation



Figure 4.16. Phase image and profile extraction of aged asphalt AAD.

Ref: Allan Grover, Master's Thesis

Three-dimensional depiction of phases (AAD aged)



Techniques: AFM

Nano-indentation



Creep measurements before and after aging

Ref: Allan Grover, Master's Thesis