IMPACT OF RAS & RAP CONTENT and MIX AGING ON PROJECTED MIX PERFORMANCE **Investigations performed by** Stacy Glidden, Steve Engber, Doug Herlitzka, Mary Ryan, Gerald Reinke (gerald.reinke@mteservices.com) **MTE SERVICES, INC. NEAUPG MEETING OCTOBER 23, 2013 PORTSMOUTH, NH** 



#### SOME PRELIMINARY INFORMATION ON TESTS THAT ARE USED TO GENERATE DATA SHOWN IN THIS PRESENTATION

#### 4 mm DSR BINDER TEST

- ✓ Developed by Western Research Institute.
- ✓ TRB talks in 2011 and 2012 by Sui and Farrar, et al
- ✓ AASHTO & ASTM methods submitted TORSION BAR TESTING OF MIXES
  - ✓ Developed at MTE, now ASTM D7522



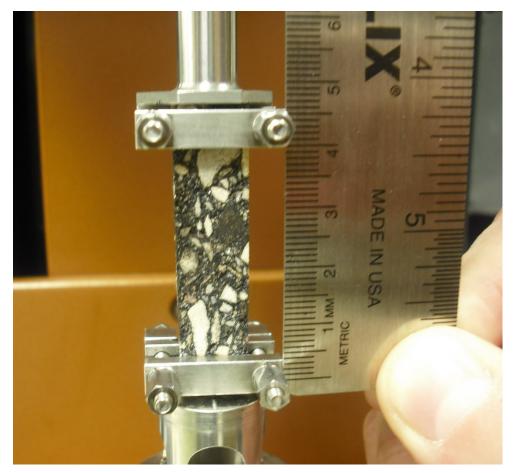


4 mm DSR test heads. Today all major DSR manufacturers have these test fixtures available. Picture on right shows sample ready to test. Upper geometry should be lock while trimming to prevent material being pulled out from between plates.



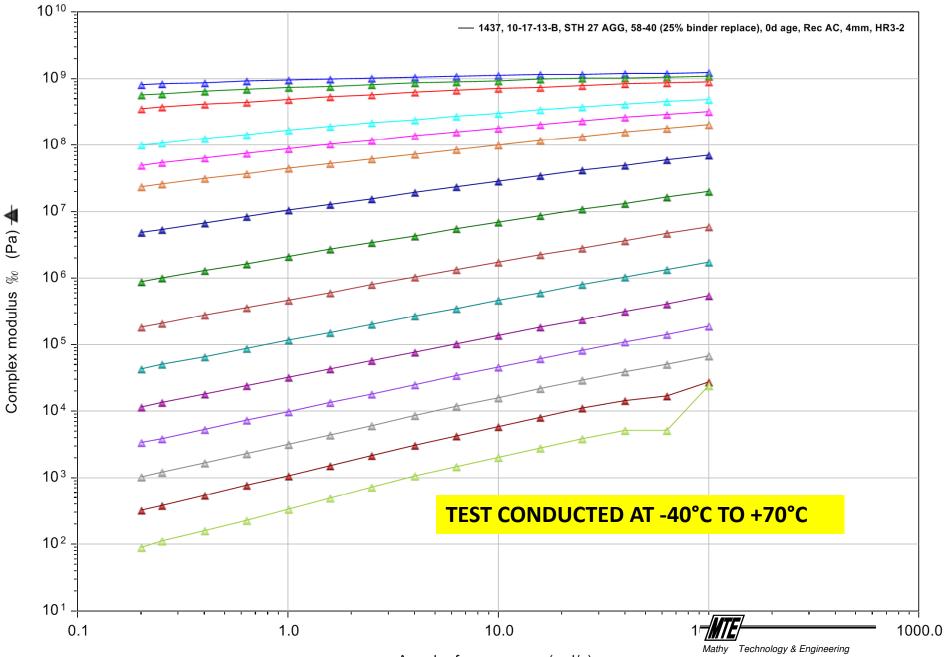
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MIX TORSION BAR TEST ≈50 mm X 12 mm X 7 mm TESTED AT -40°C TO +40-80° DEPENDING ON MIX STIFFNESS

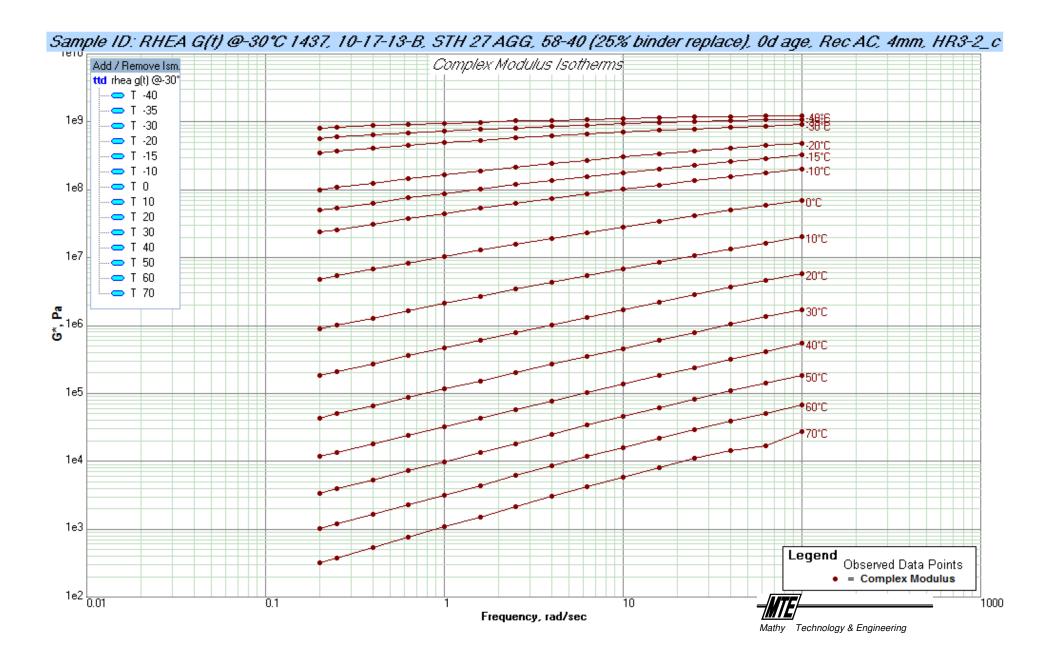
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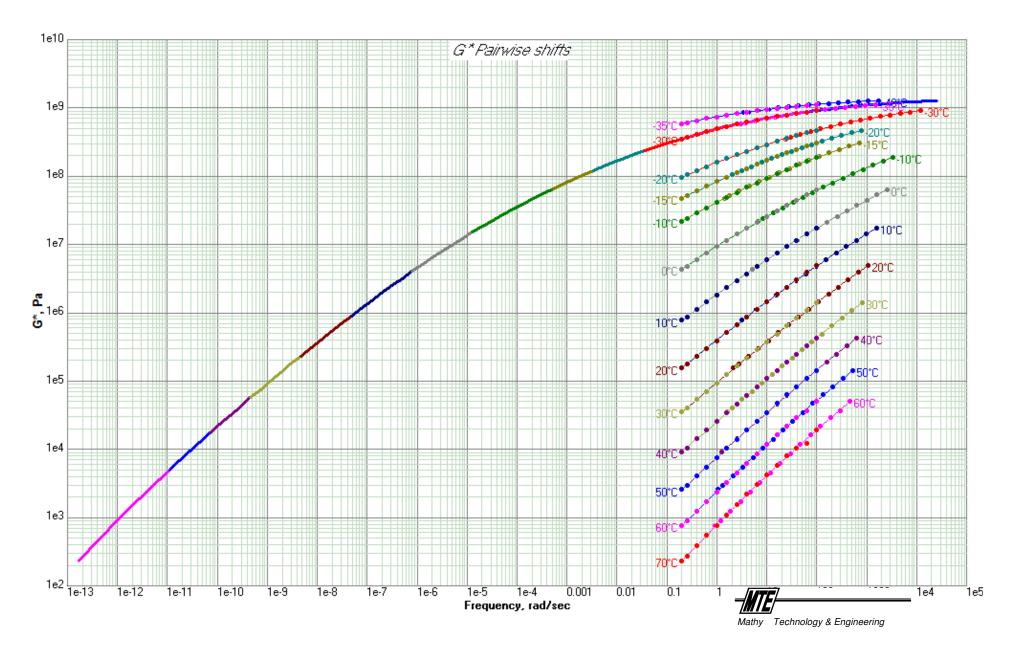
#### 1437, 10-17-13-B, STH 27 AGG, 58-40 (25% binder replace), 0d age, Rec AC, 4mm, HR3-2

Angular frequency — (rad/s)

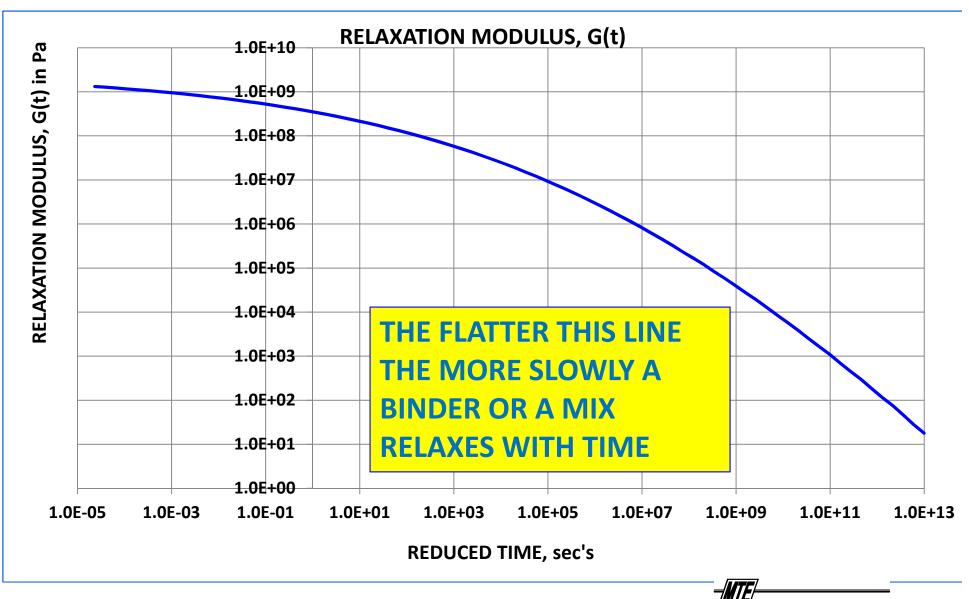
#### DATA IS TRANSFERRED TO ABATECH <sup>®</sup> SOFTWARE FOR ANALYSIS



#### MASTERCURVE AT ANY TEMPERATURE WITHIN THE TESTED RANGE IS POSSIBLE BELOW IS THE MASTERCURVE AT -30°C

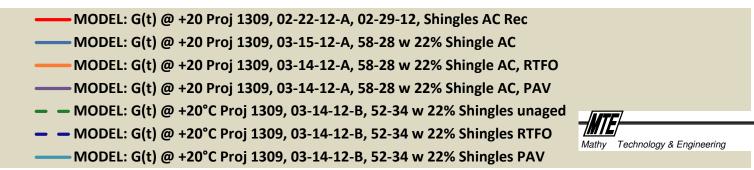


#### OR THE DATA CAN BE INTERCONVERTED INTO A RELAXATION MODULUS PLOT



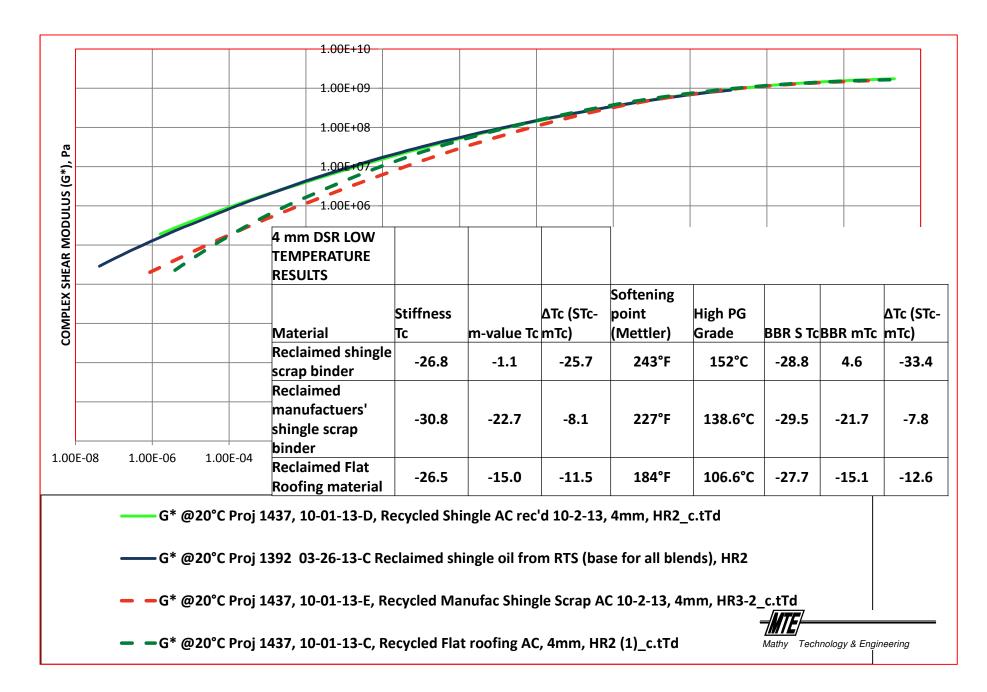


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RELAXATION MODULUS, G(t) in Pa

#### DATA ON THE PROPERTIES OF THE ADDITIVES WE ARE TALKING ABOUT



## **Background Information**

- ✓ Rising cost of liquid asphalt has motivated agencies, contractors, HMA plant manufacturers, additive suppliers to increase the level of RAP and RAS materials in paving mixes
- ✓ Previous levels were pegged at 15-20% binder replacement of reclaimed binder
  - This usage level generally required no change to the PG grade of the binder used in the mix



## **Background Information**

- Research reported by NCAT has suggested that higher binder replacement levels can be used without concern
- ✓ Some entities are suggesting that 50% or more binder replacement can be used of which a significant amount can be RAS
  - Softening of binder grade is recommended
  - I have some reservations as to whether that will solve the problem



# **Background Information**

#### ✓ Our concerns—mainly center around RAS

- RAS can contain upwards of 30% bitumen (20-27% more typical)
- Material is highly oxidized
  - $_{\odot}$  Poor m-values, wide variation between S & m-value
    - BUR tear off low temp grade S=-27.8, m= +11.9 (4 mm DSR)

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- $\odot$  Softening points 223°F to 270°F
- $\odot$  High temp PG grades 118-150
- $\circ$  Very flat relaxation modulus mastercurves
- Mixes made with 20% RAS binder replacement look OK initially, but based on our data reported here, fatigue properties seem to deteriorate rapidy
- ✓ Fatigue of these mixes is a significant concern

# WHICH BRINGS ME TO THE QUESTION



## Do we Rejuvenate RAS?

- 1. Rejuvenate- to make young again; restore to youthful vigor, appearance, etc
- 2. To restore to a former state; make fresh or new again

## OR

### Do we Resuscitate It?

Resuscitate—to revive, especially from apparent death or from unconsciousness

Based on our investigations of RAS containing mixes I would say There is no fountain of youth for aged shingle binder



#### Several Studies

- 1. Lab study
  - a) Impact of 20% RAS Binder Replacement on Short
     Term & 5 Day Aged Mixture Properties
  - b) Evaluation of additives to improve RAS performance
    - 1) Initial properties and after mix aging
- 2. USH 14 in Winona Cty., MN mix on shoulders
  - a) Four test sections place-initial testing
  - b) Follow-up testing after 1 year



## Design of Experiment

- Shingle source chosen with ≈ 250°F softening point
- 2. Sufficient shingle binder (SB) extracted & recovered to make test specimens for study
- 3. Binder replacement was chosen at 22%
- This afforded two mixes where we knew 100% blending of shingle binder and virgin binder had taken place



# Design of Experiment

- 1. Mixes produced
  - 1) PG 58-28 virgin control
  - 2) PG 58-28 + 22% recovered shingle binder
  - 3) PG 58-28 + 5% RAS (=22% binder replacement)
  - 4) PG 58-28 + 5% RAS + 0.5% warm mix additive
  - 5) PG 58-28 + 5% RAS treated with 5% oil added by wt of binder in the RAS
  - 6) PG 52-34 + 22% recovered shingle binder
  - 7) PG 58-28 + 5% RAS (=22% binder replacement)
  - 8) PG 52-34 + 5% RAS treated with 5% oil added by wt of binder in the RAS
- 2. Mix was Wisconsin E-3 (3 million ESAL)
- 3. Limestone aggregate



# Design of Experiment

- 1. Treatment of mixes
  - 1) All mixes produced at 135°C (275°F)
  - 2) Short term conditioned for 2 hrs at 135°C (275°F)
  - 3) Compacted at 135°C (275°F)
- 2. One set of specimens tested at 0 day
- One set of specimens conditioned for 5 days at 85°C

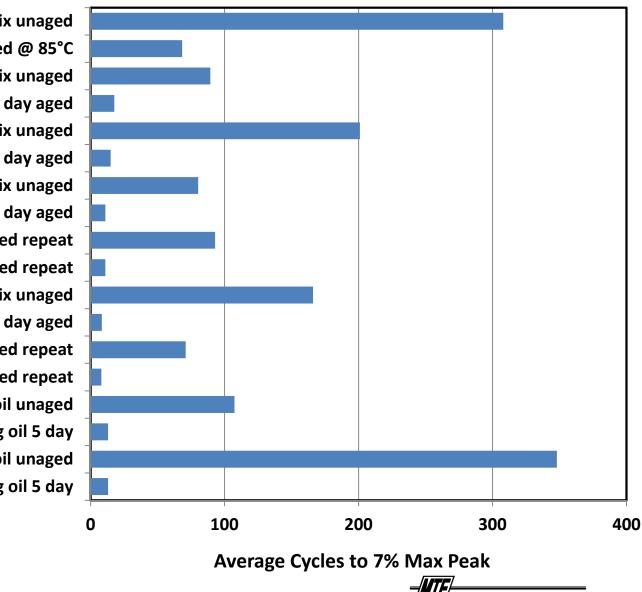


# **Testing Performed**

- 1. Hamburg wet (50°C) and dry (58°C) but only in the 0 day aged condition
- Overlay test (triplicate) conducted at 20°C both
   0 day and 5 day conditioned
- **3. Torsion bars tested at -40°C to +60°C** in 10°C increments from 100 to 0.5 radians/sec for complex modulus and relaxation modulus for both 0 day and 5 day conditioned
- 4. Binder recovered from 0 day and 5 day conditioned mix (only the 22% preblend), 4 mm DSR tested at -40°C to +60°C for determination of low temp grade and relaxation modulus at +20°C

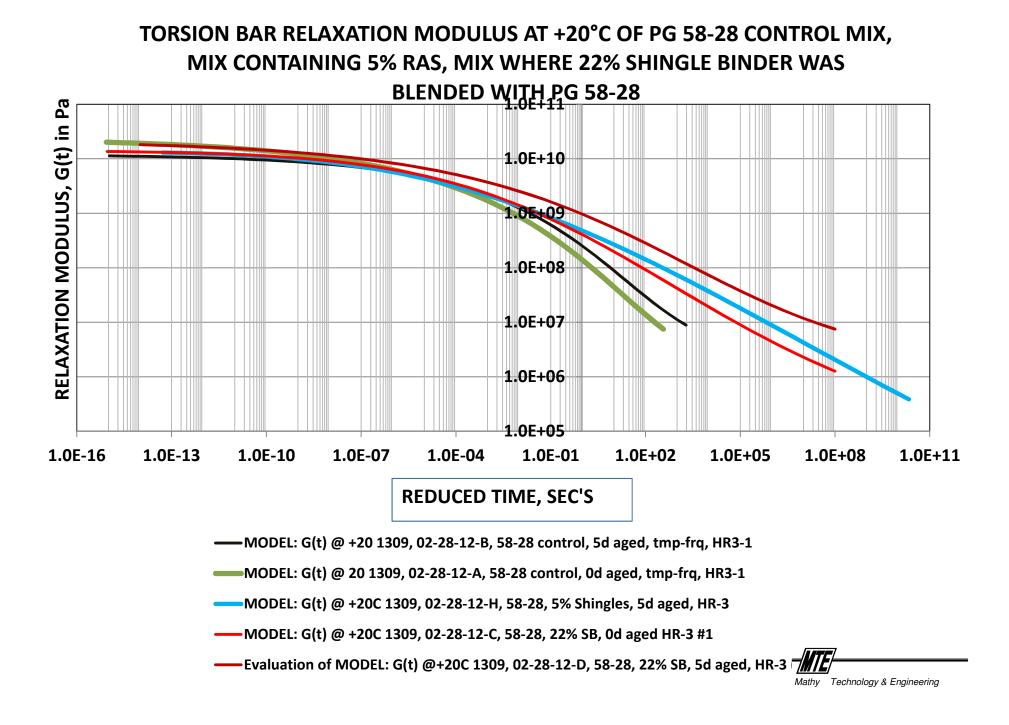


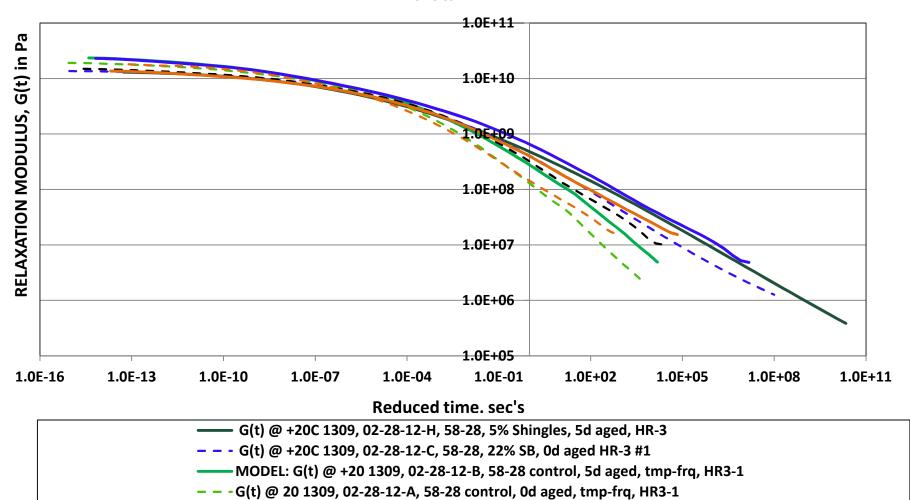
#### Average Cycles to 7% Max Load



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Sample ID



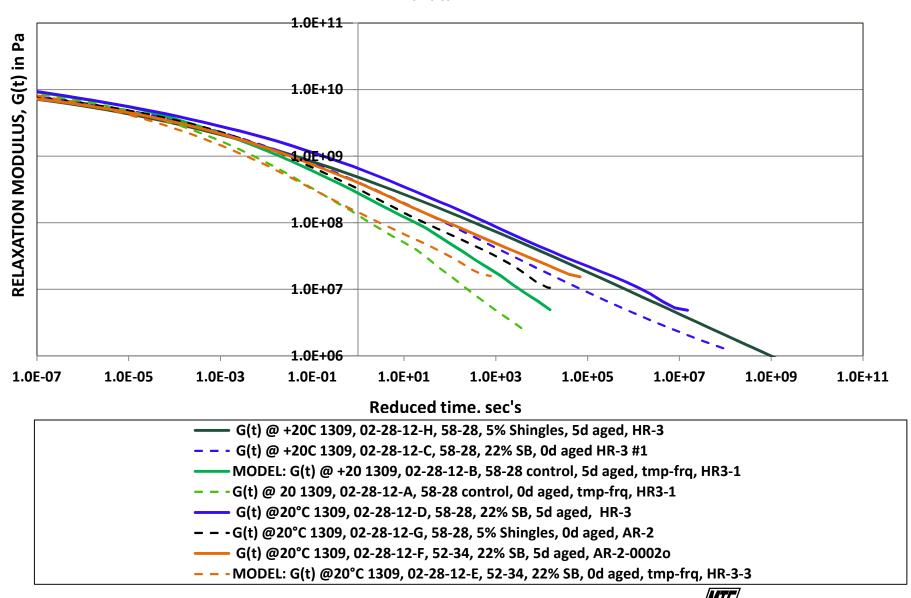


----- G(t) @20°C 1309, 02-28-12-D, 58-28, 22% SB, 5d aged, HR-3 - - -G(t) @20°C 1309, 02-28-12-G, 58-28, 5% Shingles, 0d aged, AR-2

G(t) @20°C 1309, 02-28-12-F, 52-34, 22% SB, 5d aged, AR-2-0002o

----MODEL: G(t) @20°C 1309, 02-28-12-E, 52-34, 22% SB, 0d aged, tmp-frq, HR-3-3

#### Relaxation Modulus (G(t)) as function of Reduced Time



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#### Several Studies-US Hwy 14

- 1. Field study US Hwy 14 in Winona County, MN mixes place on shoulders
  - a) PG 58-28, 6% RAS (22% binder replacement), 11% RAP (12% binder replacement)
  - b) PG 52-34, 6% RAS (22% binder replacement) , 11% RAP (12% binder replacement)
  - c) PG 58-28, 0% RAS, 31% RAP (32% binder replacement)
  - d) PG 58-28, 0% RAS, 20% RAP (21% binder replacement-this was the original job mix

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# Several Studies-US Hwy 14

- 1. Mix was place in September 2012
- 2. FHWA trailer was on project to collect mix and obtain samples to characterize mix as placed.
- 3. November 2012 three cores taken from each test section
  - a) 1 unaged core cut into **torsion bars** for mix modulus testing @ -40°C(-35°C) to +60°C
  - b) After this testing binder extracted for 4 mm DSR testing @ -40°C(-35°C) to +60°C



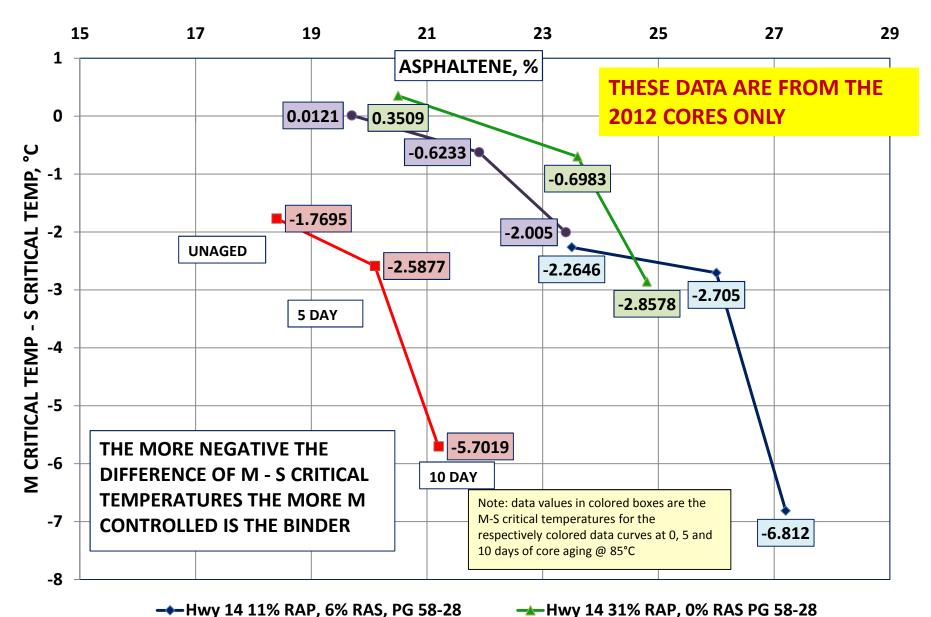
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#### a) Additional field cores aged 5 & 10 days @ 85°C

- Torsion bars for mix modulus testing @ -40°C(-35°C) to 1) +60°C
- 2) After this testing binder extracted for 4 mm DSR testing @ -40°C(-35°C) to +60°C
- latroscan data collected on all recovered binders 3) (asphaltenes + 3 other fractions determined)
- b) New Cores taken 1 year after placement
  - Top 12 mm and 2<sup>nd</sup> 12 mm layers of each mix were tested 1) for
  - 2) Mix stiffness using torsion bars
  - 3) Recovered binder properties using 4 mm DSR

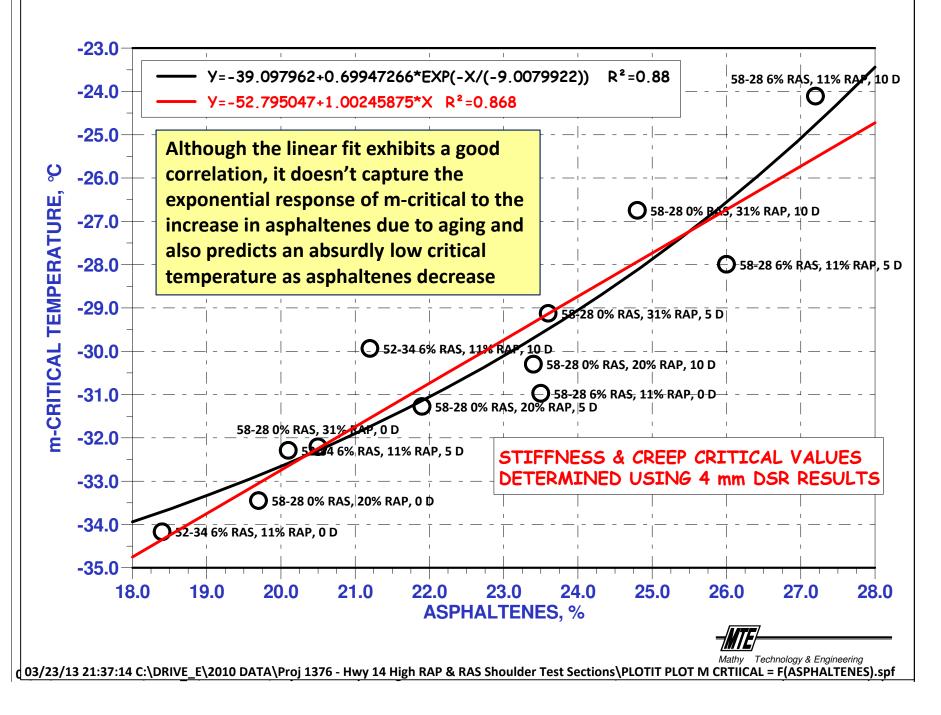


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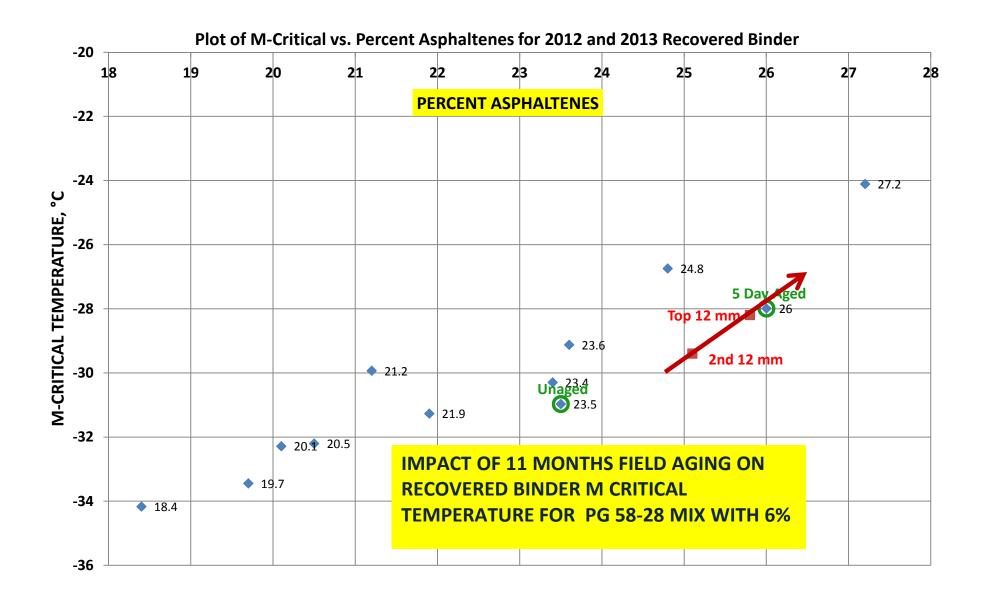
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#### PLOT OF M-CRITICAL AS FUNCTION OF % ASPHALTENES



# IMPACT AFTER 1 YEAR OF FIELD AGING



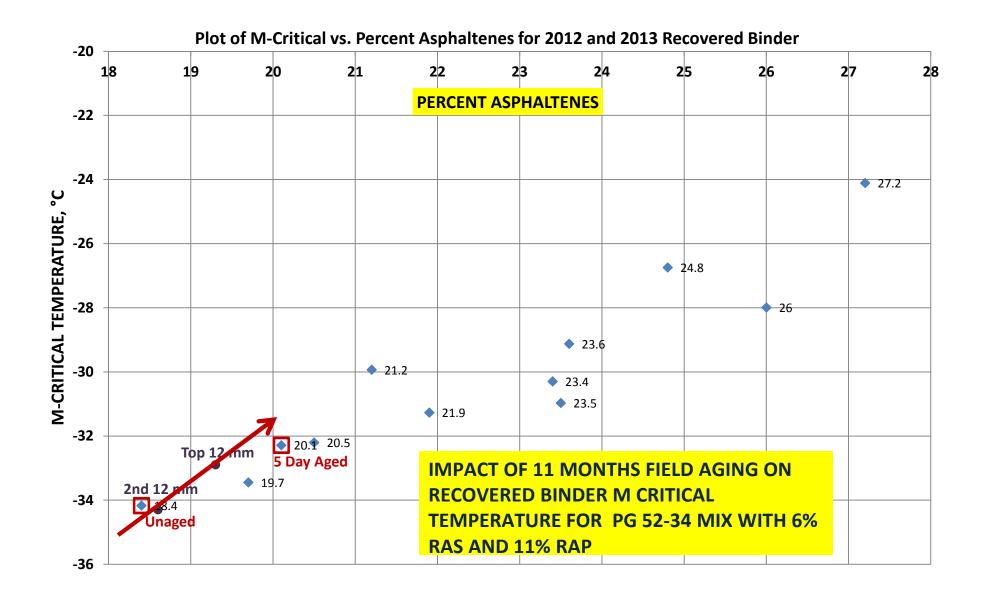


m CRITICAL = F(Asphaltenes)

**PG 58-28, 6% RAS, 11% RAP, 11 mo field** 

**O** PG 58-28 6% RAS, 11% RAP, unaged core

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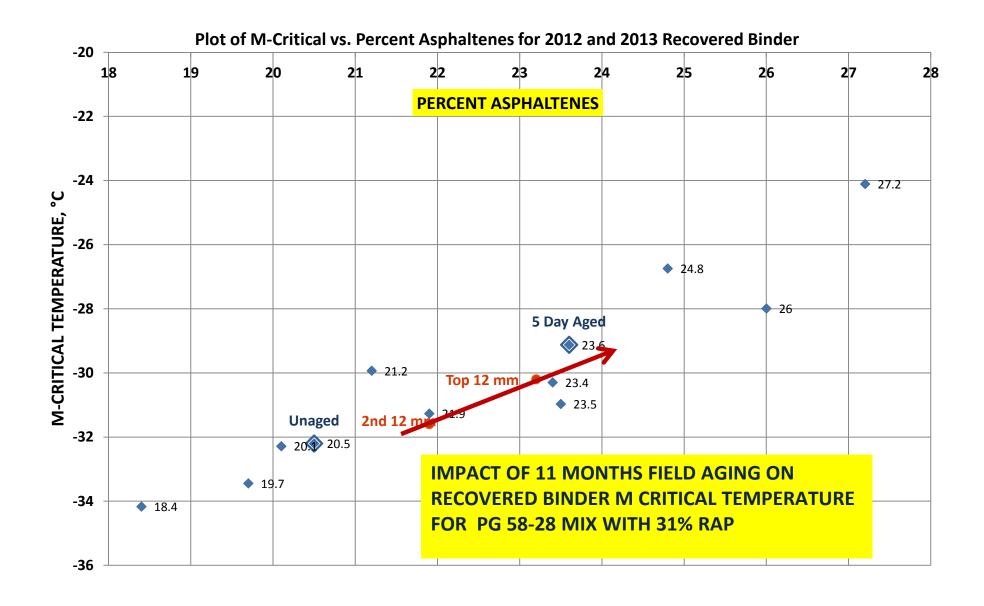


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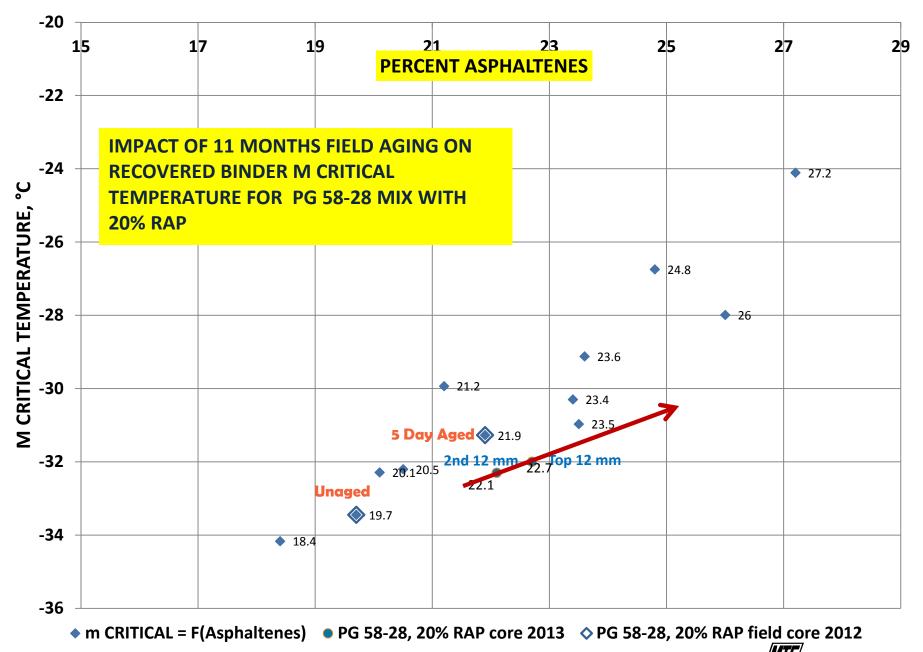


**PG 52-34, RAP, RAS field core** 



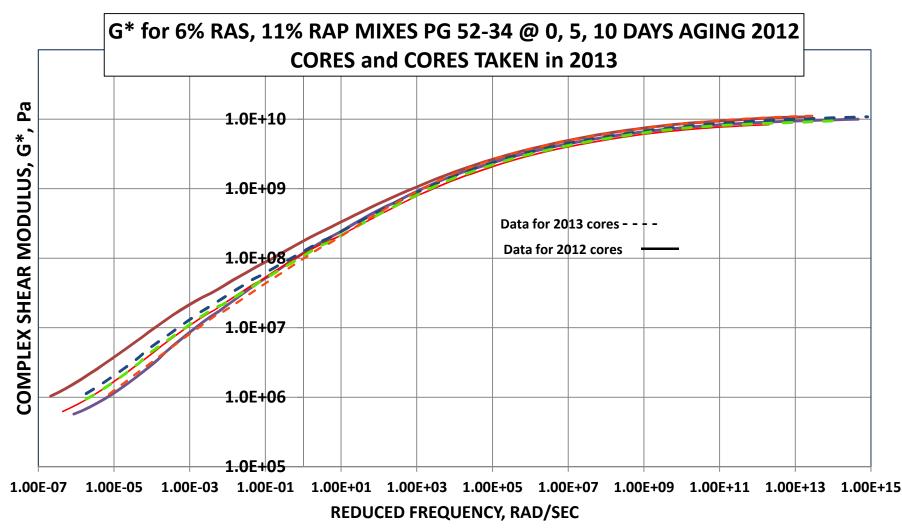
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 PG 58-28, 31% RAP
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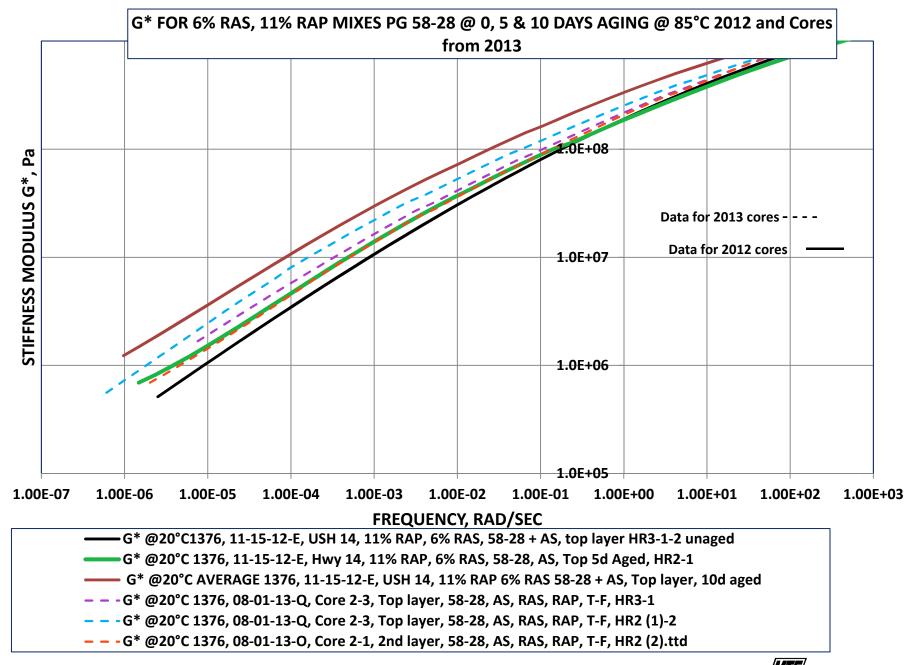


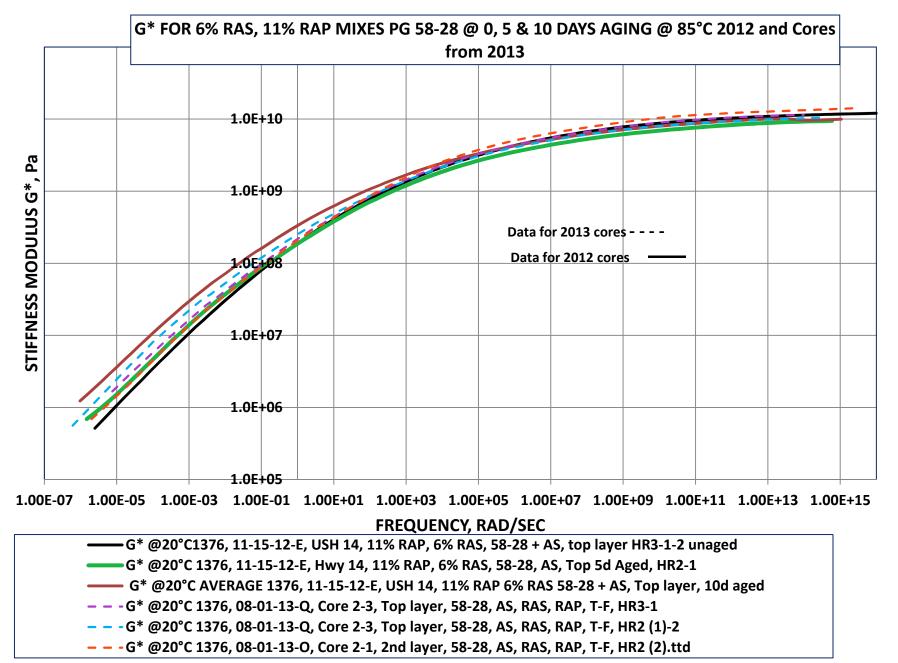
Mix type	Days of 85°C core		m-critical		ΔTc (S-
	aging (or as noted		Temp, °C	S-critical	Critical - m-
	in Table)	Asphaltenes	(mcT)	Temp, °C (ScT)	critical)
Sec 1 52-34	0	18.4	-34.2	-35.9	-1.8
6%RAS	5	20.1	-32.3	-34.9	-2.6
11% RAP	10	21.2	-29.9	-35.6	-5.7
Top 12 mm	11 months field	19.3	-32.9	-35.7	-2.8
2 <sup>nd</sup> 12 mm	11 months field	18.6	-34.3	-35.9	-1.6
Sec 2 58-28	0	23.5	-31.0	-33.2	-2.3
6%RAS	5	26	-28.0	-30.7	-2.7
11% RAP	10	27.2	-24.1	-30.9	-6.8
Top 12 mm	11 months field	25.8	-28.2	-30.8	-2.6
2 <sup>nd</sup> 12 mm	11 months field	25.1	-29.4	-31.3	-1.9
Sec 3 58-28	0	20.5	-32.2	-31.9	0.4
0%RAS	5	23.6	-29.1	-29.8	-0.7
31% RAP	10	24.8	-26.7	-29.6	-2.9
Top 12 mm	11 months field	23.2	-30.2	-31.3	-1.1
2 <sup>nd</sup> 12 mm	11 months field	21.9	-31.6	-31.4	+0.2
Sec 4 58-28	0	19.7	-33.4	-33.4	0.0
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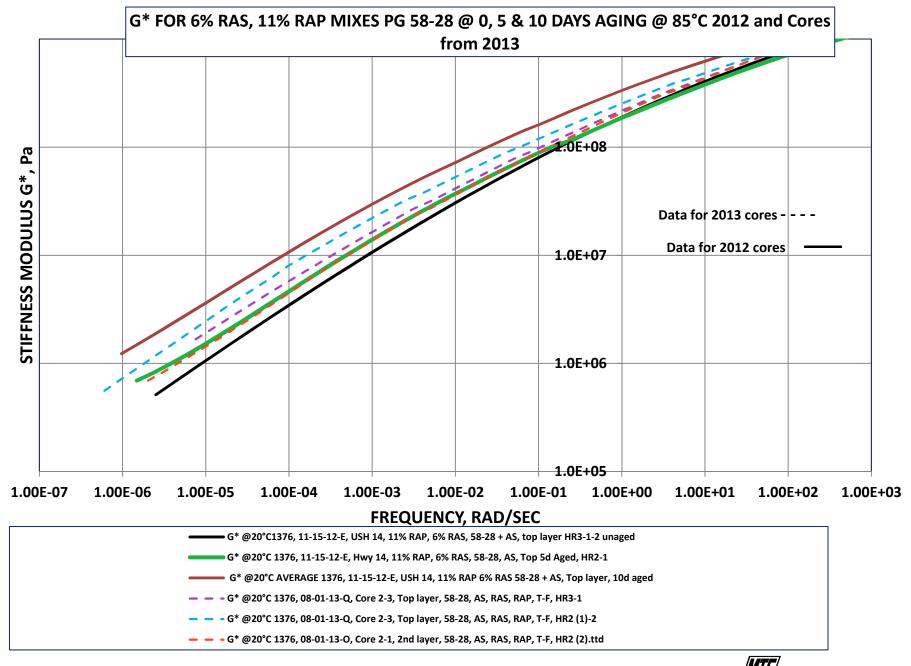


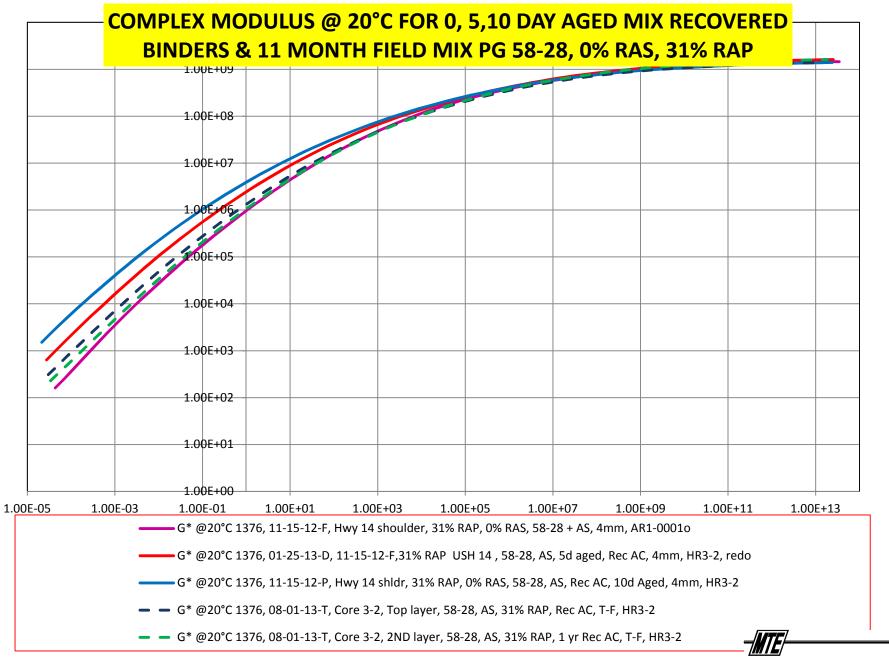
— G\* @20°C 1376, 11-15-12-D, Hwy 14 shoulder 11% RAP, 6% RAS, 52-34 top HR3-1-2
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 — G\* average @20°C 1376, 11-15-12-D, USH 14, 11% RAP, 6% RAS, 52-34, 2nd 10d HR3 & AR1
 – G\* @20°C 1376, 08-01-13-K, Core 1-1, Top layer, 52-34, AS. RAS, RAP, T-F, HR3-2 T-F-split
 – G\* @20°C 1376, 08-01-13-K, Core 1-1, Top layer, 52-34, AS. RAS, RAP, T-F, HR2 T-F-split
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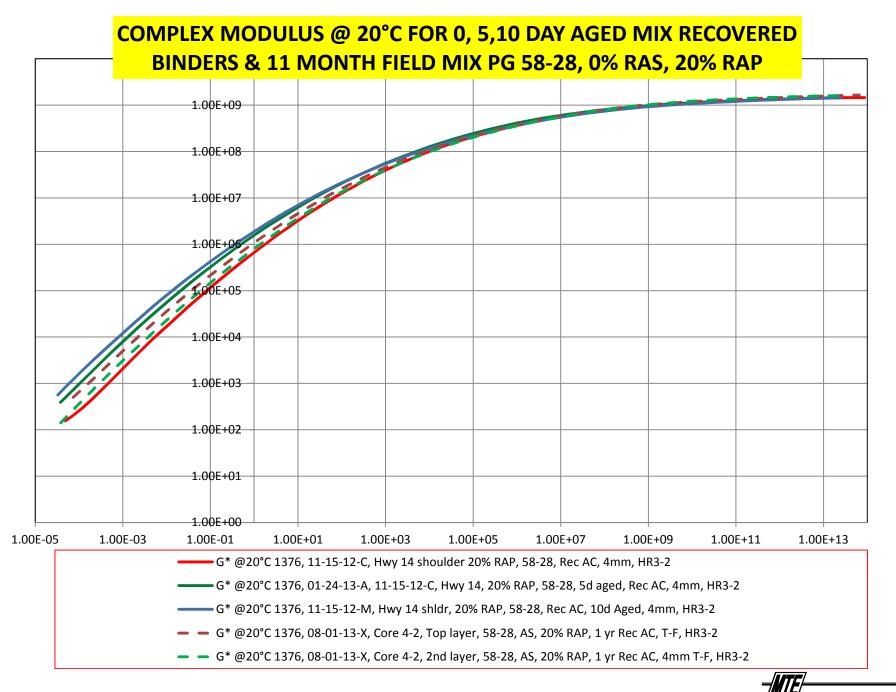


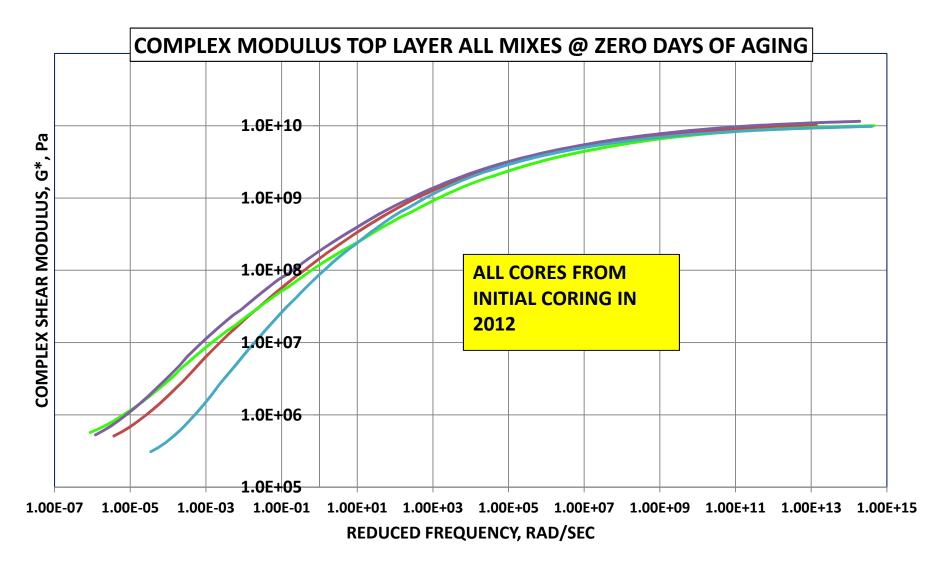












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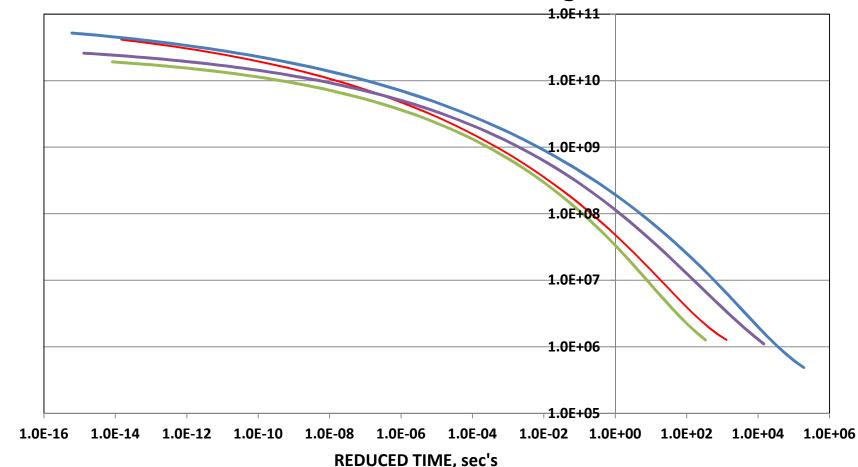


# **Oil Treated Shingle Mixes**

- 1. Another mix study for fatigue
  - 1) 15% Cargill bio based oil by weight of asphalt in shingles oil added to shingles
  - 2) 5% shingles added to mix using PG 58-28 binder
  - 3) HMA & WMA mixes produced
  - 4) Tests performed on 0 day aged and 5 day aged
    - Rut tests @ 58°C (dry) & 50°C (wet) on 0 day aged only a)
    - b) Overlay test @ 20°C
    - Torsion bars -40 to +60 **C**)

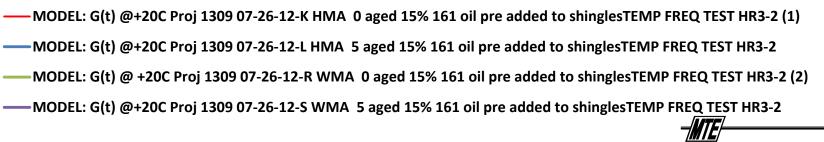


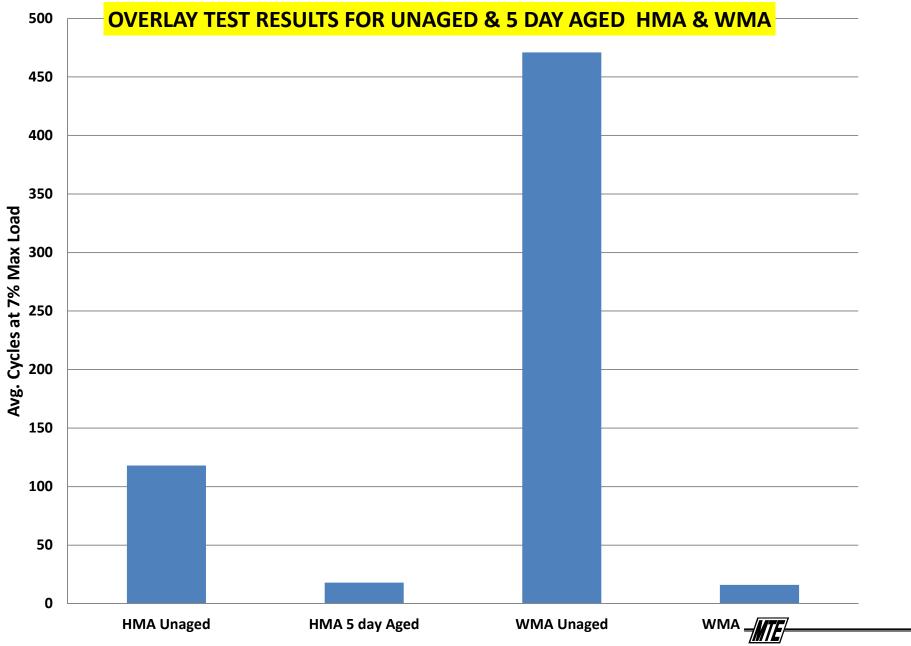
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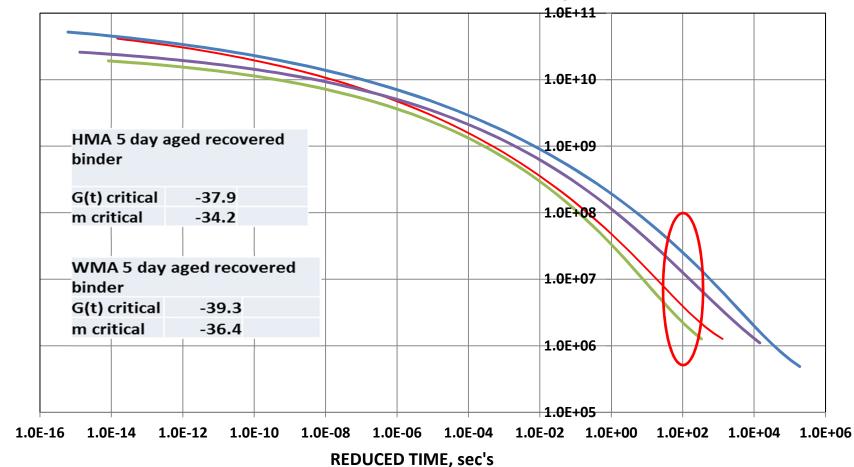


**RELAXATION MODULUS, G(t) in Pa** 

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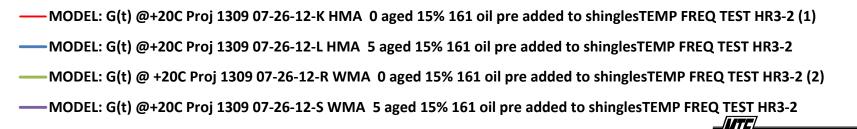






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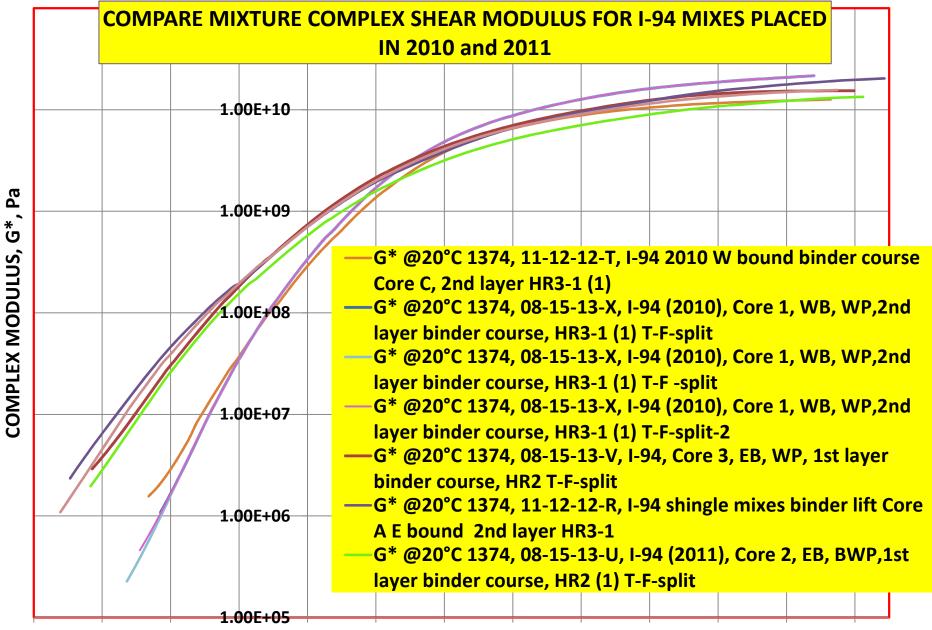
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#### Low Temp Grade Coating Binder Blends from 4 mm DSR Data

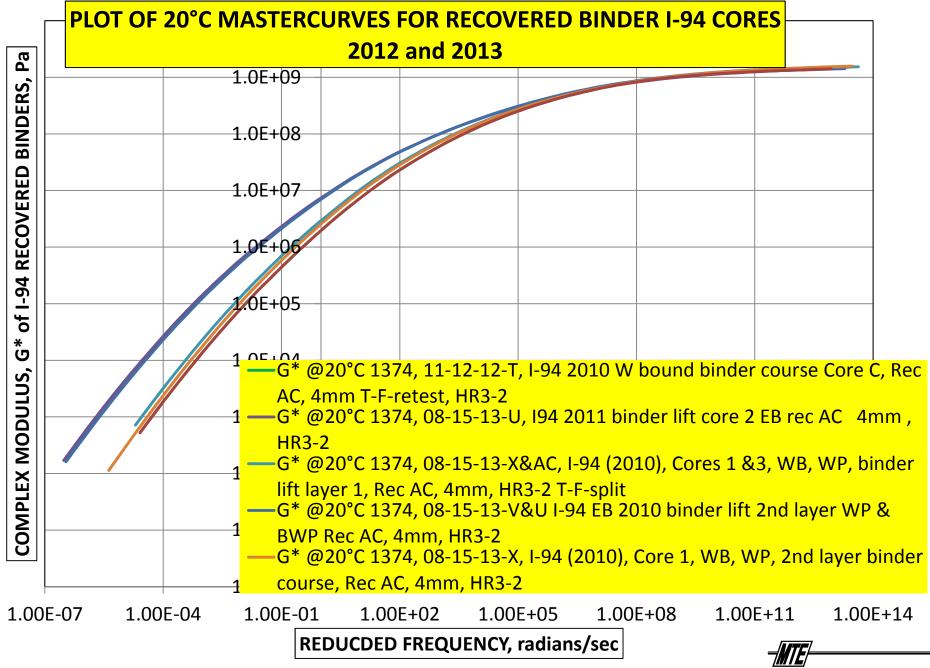
Paragon coating	Delta between S <sub>c</sub> & m <sub>c</sub>	Coating + 10% 312 oil, original	Delta between S <sub>c</sub> & m <sub>c</sub>	Coating + 10% 312 oil, RTFO	Delta betwe en S <sub>c</sub> & m <sub>c</sub>	Coating + 10% 312 oil, PAV	Delta betwee n S <sub>c</sub> & m <sub>c</sub>
S <sub>c</sub> =-32.9	24.7	S <sub>c</sub> =-47.8	16.7	S <sub>c</sub> =-47.0	22.1	S <sub>c</sub> =-42.2	27.8
m <sub>c</sub> =-8.2		m <sub>c</sub> =-31.1		m <sub>c</sub> =-24.9		m <sub>c</sub> =-14.4	

These data show that adding an oil can significantly alter the binder stiffness but has only modest impact on the m-value critical temperature and further there is substantial degradation in the m-value with binder aging The difference between S & m critical temperatures is similar for the PAV residue of the oil blended sample to the original coating asphalt and the m<sub>c</sub> are only about 6°C better.



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- 1. There is **probably not** complete blending of shingle binder with virgin binder in mixes initially
  - However it does appear as though blending (interaction?) does occur to some degree after aging of the mix
- 2. Low temperature grade of preblended shingle binder and virgin 58-28 appears to be acceptable, even after PAV aging
  - 1) I believe this give a false sense of security and likelihood for performance



- 3. The overlay tester cracking response shows that after 5 days of conditioning all mixes containing RAS collapse to the same unacceptable level
- 4. Recovered binder relaxation modulus mastercurves at +20C show that shingle blended binders relax at a an increasingly slower rate as mix ages than traditional mixes containing the same binder replacement using RAP



- 5. Fatigue of aged mixes appears to be the major concern. Mixture testing for fatigue evaluation should be considered an essential step
  - RAS or recovered shingle binder seems to accelerate the aging of mixes and the binders therein
- 6. I don't believe we understand the mechanism by which aged shingle binder blends (or doesn't) and interacts with virgin paving binders—this needs to be studied
  - Just because both materials are "black and sticky" doesn't mean they are truly compatible



- 7. Use of some oils appear to improve performance of shingles in mixes, however improvement does not appear to be sustainable when mixes are aged
- 8. So far we have not found any additive (i.e. REJUVENATOR) that provides sustainable results after aging on mix
- 9. If someone shows you data on an additive that shows improved performance with RAS, if he cannot show you such data on **aged mix** show him the door



- 10.Use of RAS in lower lifts does not appear after only 2 years of tracking to be detrimental—still needs to be followed
- 11. NCHRP 9-58 is out for bid. Goal is to evaluate rejuvenators for RAS and RAS/RAP containing mixes
  - I think it will be a challenge, but success provides a tremendous opportunity for the industry



QUESTIONS