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High Modulus Asphalt: the French Experience

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- Mix design
- Pavement design: road pavements
- Pavement design: airport pavements
- Manufacturing and placing
- Developments
- Conclusions



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BACKGROUND

- **o** 1980
- A COLAS invention
- GBTHP
- Very high performance road base asphalt
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- $\epsilon_6 = 160 \ 10^{-6} \ \mu s \ (10^{\circ}C \ 25 \ Hz)$



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AVIS TECHNIQUE 22 CHAUSSEES G.B.T.H.P.[®] Entroprise: COLAS 30, rue du Collette 75008 Paris Tel. (1) 4075.40.75 ENBOORS SPICIAUX

La G.B.T.H.P. (Grove-Bitume à Très Houte Performances) est un enrobé pour couche d'assise fortement dosée en bitume très dur (environ 6 %).

Les applications, dont les plus anciennes ont 8 ans d'àpe, sont routières, autoroutières et urbaines. Elles ontun bon comportement général (une couche d'assise est normalement calculée pour une durée de service de 15 à 20 ans). Les trafici peuvent atteindre 3000 poids lourds par jour et par sens.

Le module élevé et la résistance à la fatigue de la G.B.T.H.P. permettent une réduction d'épaisseur par rapport à la grave-bitume type Recommandation 1988 (à paraître). Outre l'aspect économique, ceci est particulièrement intéressant larsque l'an travaille sous contrainte altimétrique(passage sous auvrage, réfection de chaussée entre bordure, etc.)

Une couche de roulement en enrobé est nécessaire. Ce produit, epporu en 1980, a atteint la phase de développemment industriel.

Les éléments disponibles permettent, malgré un recul limité pour une couche d'assise, c'envisager son emploi sons grend risque.

Date : Mars 1960

Validité ; 3 ans

SOMMAINE

Présentation du produit par l'entreprise	poge 2
Essais de caractérisation	poge 3
Avis	poge 6



- **o** Oct. 1992
- French Standard
- NF P 98140
- Updated in Nov.1999

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- Oct. 1992
- French Standard
- NF P 98140
- Updated in Nov.1999
- 2 types of EME
- Focus on EME2:
 - E* > 14000 Mpa (15°C 10 Hz)
 - $\epsilon_6 > 130 \ 10^{-6} \ \mu s \ (10^{\circ}C \ 25 \ Hz)$

Tableau 6 — Performances mécaniques

Essais sur EME 0/10 - 0/14 ou 0/20	Classe 1	Classe 2
Essai Duriez à 18 °C (NF P 98-251-1)		
Rapport : r (en MPa) après immersion R (en MPa) à sec	≥ 0,70	≥ 0,75
Essai d'orniérage (NF P 98-253-1)		
Profondeur d'ornière en pourcentage de l'épaisseur de la dalle pour une dalle de 10 cm d'épaisseur à 30 000 cycles et à 60 °C, à un pourcentage de vides compris entre		
 7 % et 10 % (classe 1) 	≤ 7,5 %	d d
 3 % et 6 % (classe 2) 	-	≤ 25 %
Essai de module complexe (NF P 98-260-2)		ja.
Module, en mégapascals, à 15 °C, 10 Hz à un pourcentage de vides compris entre		Oþatija April ¹⁷ th
 7 % et 10 % (classe 1) 	≥ 14 000	
 3 % et 6 % (classe 2) 	-	≥ 14 000
Essal de traction directe (NF P 98-260-1)		2
Détermination du module et de la perte de linéarité à un pourcentage de vides compris entre		2016
 7 % et 10 % (classe 1) 	≥ 14 000	-
 3 % et 6 % (classe 2) 	-	≥ 14 000
Module, en mégapascals, à 15 °C, 0,02 s		
Essai de fatigue (NF P 98-261-1)		
Déformation relative à 10 ⁰ cycles, 10 °C et 25 Hz et pour un pourcentage de vides compris entre	/	
 7 % et 10 % (classe 1) 	≥ 100 µdef	-
 3% et 6% (classe 2) 	-	≥ 130 µdef



- A few words about the French asphalt mix design method
- 4 levels of performance based tests
 - Water resistance
 - Resistance to permanent deformation
 - Stiffness modulus E*
 - Fatigue resistance ε_6

Under the supervision of Jean-Luc DELORME Chantal de la ROCHE Louisette WENDLING September 2007

LPC Bituminous Mixtures Design Guide

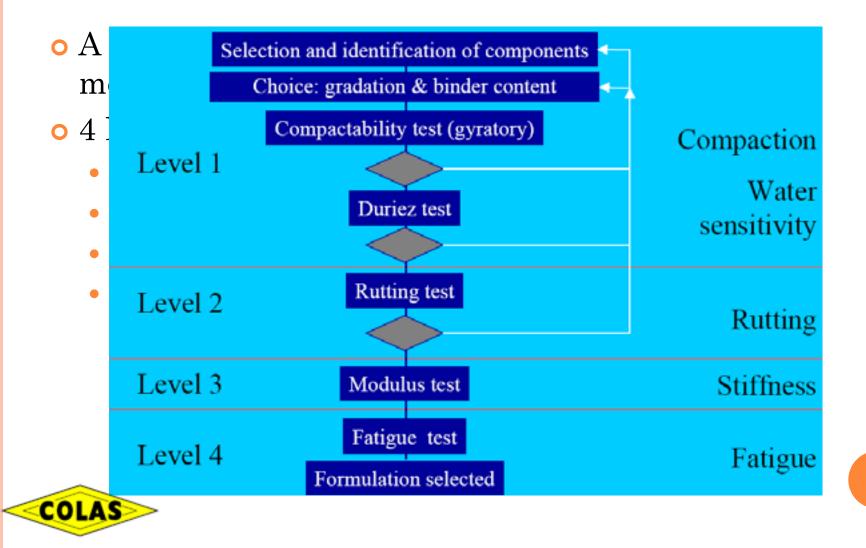
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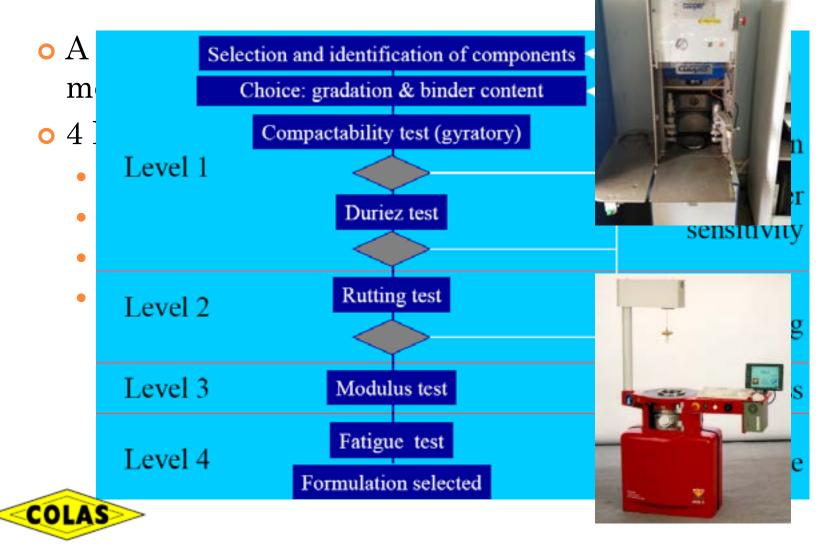


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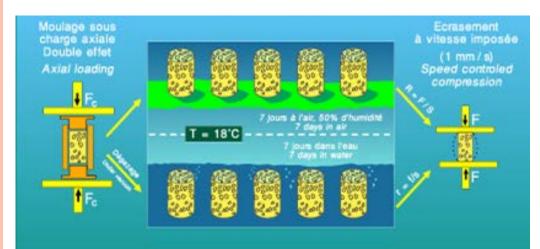


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• Water resistance EN 12697-12

• Compressive strenght on core after 8 days of immersion

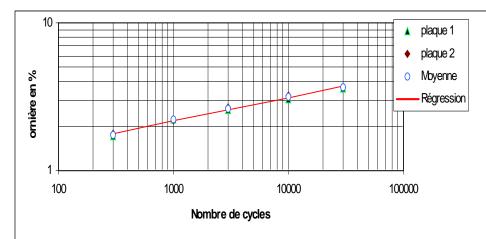






Resistance to permanent deformation : EN 12697-22 Determination of rut depth





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• Stiffness modulus E* EN 12697-26

- Sinusoidal dynamic deflexion15°C 10 Hz
- Direct tension 15°C 0.02 s



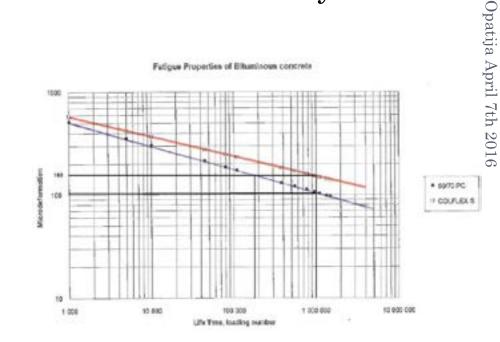




• Fatigue resistance (EN 12697-24)

Determination of strain level for 1 million cycles ε₆ (10°C 25 Hz)







o 1994

• The French Design Manual for Pavement Structures





o 1994

- The French Design Manual for Pavement Structures
- English version in 1997





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COLBASE S®

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Le présent avis porte sur le COLBASE S, enrobé 0/14 ou 0/20 pour couche d'assise fortement dosé en blume dur. Il fait partie de la familie des enrobés à module élevé de type 2, au sens de la norme NF P 98-140.

Un premier avis avait été délivré sous le n°22 en 1988.

Les applications les plus récentes (inférieures à 10 années d'âge) ont un comportement satisfaisant.

Pour les chantiers les plus anciens, le COLBASE S a un comportement acceptable. Le COLBASE S, comme tous les EME, est sensible aux sous-épaisseurs en rechargement de structers à assiste hydrauliques.

Comme pour tous les enrobés à module élevé, les caractéristiques du COLBASE 5 permettent une réduction d'épaisseur par rapport aux 68 tradisonnelles, de qui peut présenter un intérêt économique ou technique longqu'il existe des contraintes de niveau. De plus, une couche de roulement est indispensable.

L'entreprise s'engage sur des valeurs plus contraignantes que celles de la norme (module, résistance à la fatigue, orniérage, et pourcentages de vides en place) déterminantes pour le comportement de ce type de matériau.

Date : Octobre 1997

Validité : 7 ans

SOMMARE

BACKGROUND

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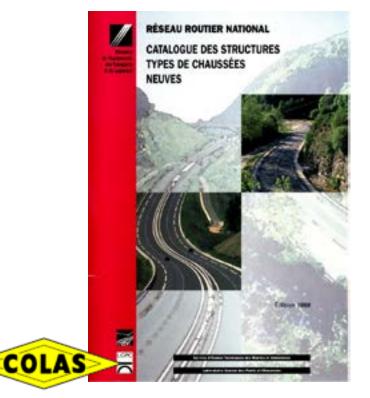
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COLBASE S

• E* = 16000 Mpa (15°C 10 Hz) • ε₆ = 145 10⁻⁶ μs (10°C 25 Hz)



o 1998

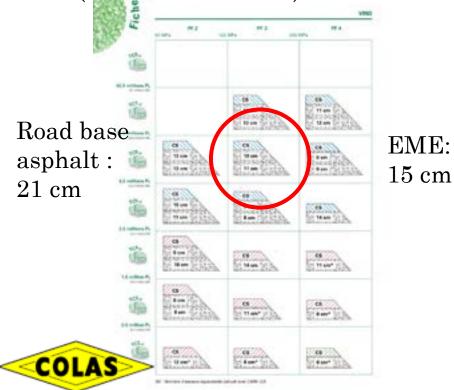
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o 1998

• The French guide for new pavement structure (SETRA/LCPC)





- 29%

- **o** 2008
- European Standard EN 13108-1

• EME2

• AC Ø base binder $S_{min 14000, \epsilon_{6-130}}$ Vi =3% and Vs=6%





MIX DESIGN

• An appropriate combination of

- Aggregates
- Bitumen

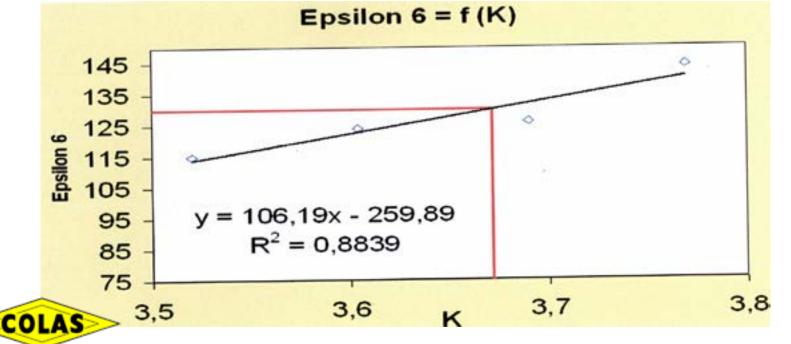
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• An appropriate gradation

- The standard does not provide with any specification
- The main aim is to reach a dense mix: void content between 3 & 6% when tested with the gyratory compactor (80 to 120 revolutions depending on the maximum aggregate size)
- An appropriate bitumen
 - A « hard » bitumen
 - A high bitumen content

MIX DESIGN

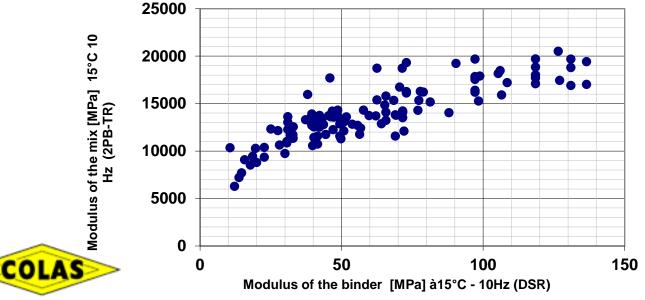
- The characteristics of the bitumen will provide the mix with its modulus (and rutting resistance)
- The bitumen content will provide the mix with its fatigue properties (and water resistance)



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MIX DESIGN

- Basically, the stiffness E* of the mix will depend on the stiffness G* of the binder
- A 10/20 might be suitable (e.g. Netherland)
- A 10/20 might not be suitable (e.g. Cesch Rep.)
- A 20/30 might be suitable (e.g. South Africa)



MIX DESIGN

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- A 10/20 might be suitable (e.g. Netherland)
 - Pen 19 G* 82 MPa
- A 10/20 might not be suitable (e.g. Cesch Rep.)
 - Pen 18 G* 35 MPa
- A 20/30 might be suitable (e.g. South Africa)
 - Pen 28 G* 80 MPa
- Bitumen used for EME:
 - Straight run bitumen (e.g. Netherland)
 - Propane bitumen (e.g. South Africa)
 - Blown bitumen (e.g. Australia)



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- A (SBS) modified bitumen will provide the mix with improved fatigue resistance



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MIX DESIGN

• A summary of this history

	GB2	GB3	GB4	EME1	EME2
E* (Mpa)	9000	9000	11000	11000	14000
ε6 (μs)	80	90	100	100	130

time

- Binder pen↓
- Binder content \uparrow
- Pavement thickness↓



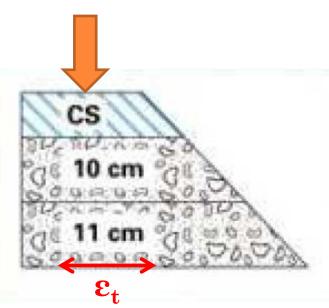
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- 1st step

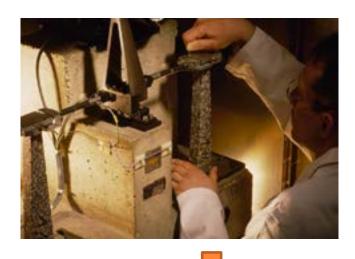


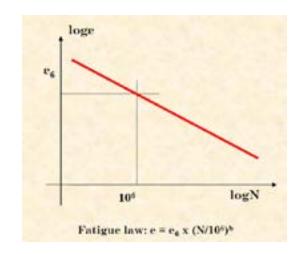




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- How to make the best use of the characteristics measured in the laboratory taking into account the actual service conditions?
- $\circ 2^{nd}$ step







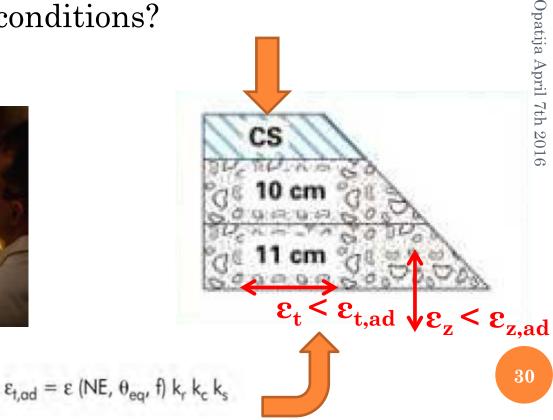


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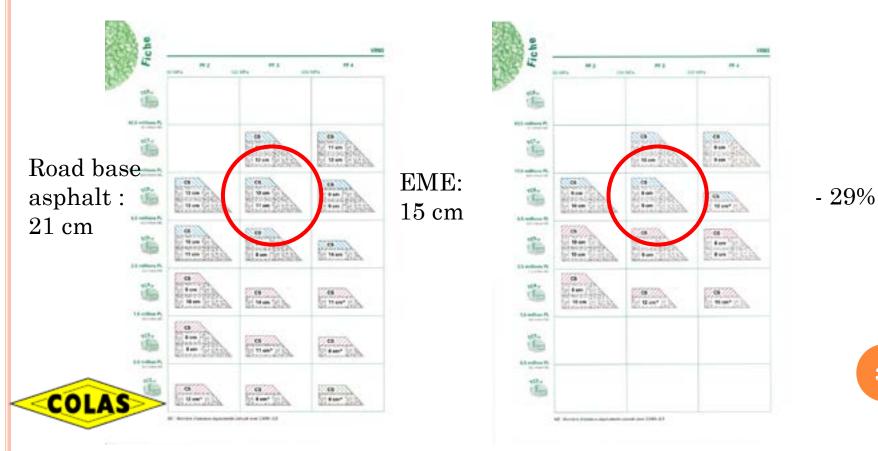
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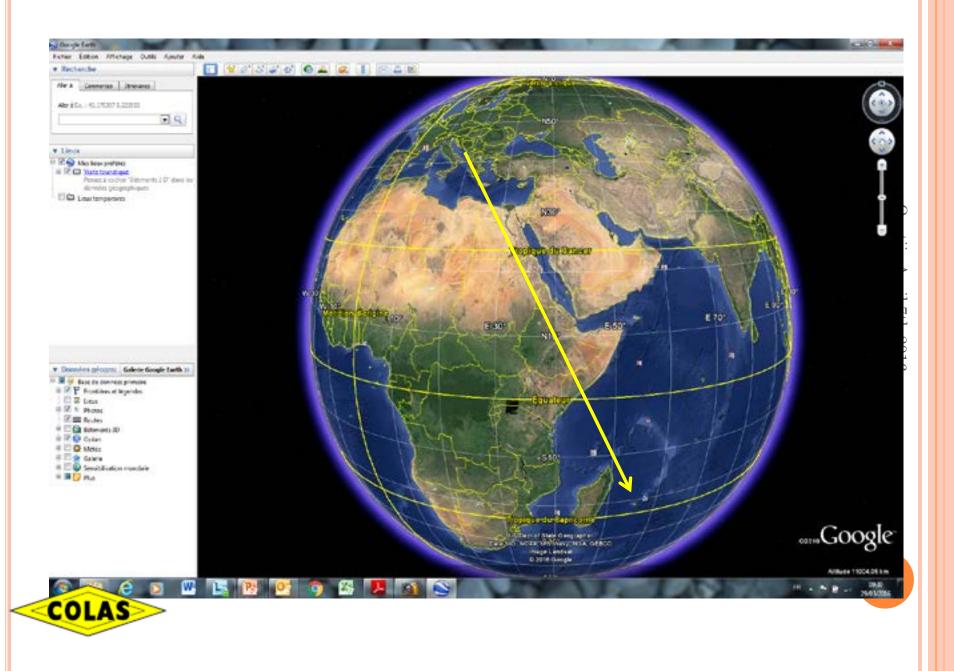


PAVEMENT DESIGN: ROAD PAVEMENTS PF3: 120 Mpa TC6: 6,5 to 17,5 ESAL t°: 15°C

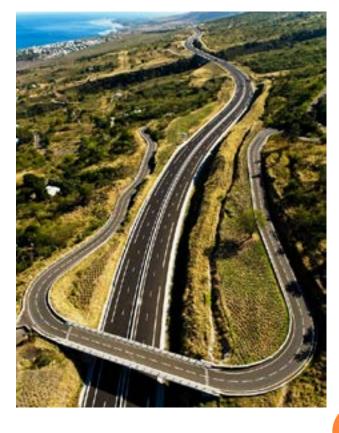


- In France, EME is a commonly used technique
- A technique that is used for both new construction and strengthening works
- The main difficulty is to source appropriate bitumen at an acceptable cost
- A major site: the « tamarin road » in the Réunion Island (Indian Ocean)





- A major (and exotic) reference: the « tamarin road » in the Réunion Island (Indian Ocean)
 - 200,000 T of EME
 - Basaltic local aggregates (high specific gravity)
 - Impact of the porosity: part of the bitumen is not « active »
 - B 20/30 from Engen (South Africa)
 - Impact of the binder content
 - **o** 5.8%: 128 μs



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PAVEMENT DESIGN: AIRPORTS

- In France, airport pavement design has been based on the use of structural numbers
- Structural numbers:
 - Bituminous concrete 2.0
 - Road base asphalt (GB)
 - Crushed graded material
- Structural numbers for « new » materials
 - EME 1.9
 - BBME 2
- $\frac{1.0}{2.5}$

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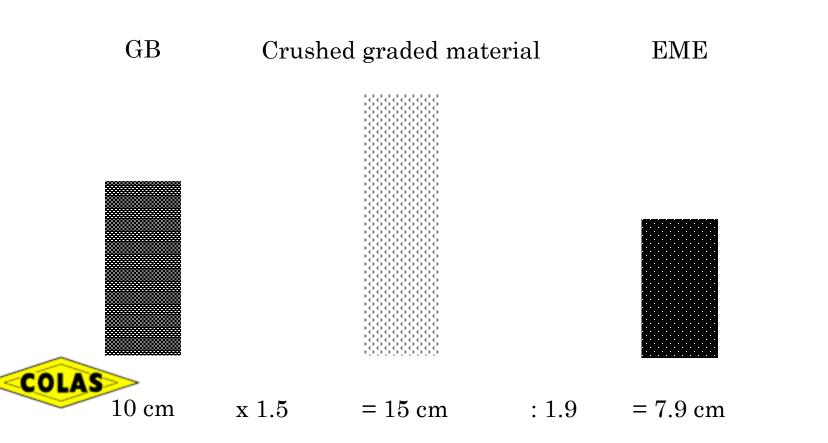
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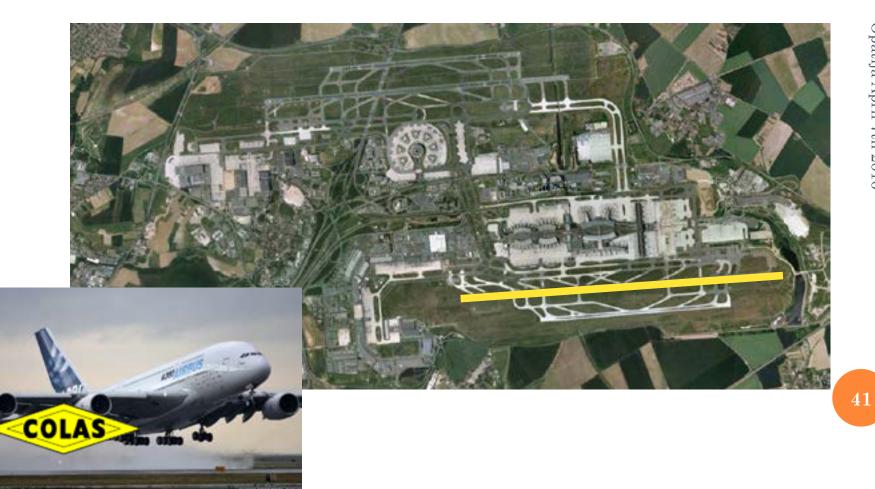
PAVEMENT DESIGN: AIRPORTS

o Road base asphalt (GB)0 EME1.9



PAVEMENT DESIGN: AIRPORTS

• Use on CDG (Paris) airport in 2002: runway 2



PAVEMENT DESIGN: AIRPORTS

- An existing concrete pavement
- Pavement design:
 - Linking concrete slabs
 - 2 cm SAMI: PMB sand asphalt
 - 7 cm EME (B20/30)
 - 6 cm BBME (PMB) high modulus asphalt concrete





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MANUFACTURING AND PLACING

- Nothing very specific compared to conventional asphalt mixes
- Manufacturing temperature: 160 to 190°C
- Placing and compaction:
 - High bitumen content may lead to fating up
 - Specific care to the joints
 - The use of RAP eases compaction
 - Aim a low void content (spec: < 6%)



MANUFACTURING AND PLACING

- First warm EME has been used in Dec.
 2007 (city of Meaux)
- Morning temperature: -1°C
- Manufacturing temperature: 140°C





MANUFACTURING AND PLACING

• A (warm) thin overlay was placed on the EME base course



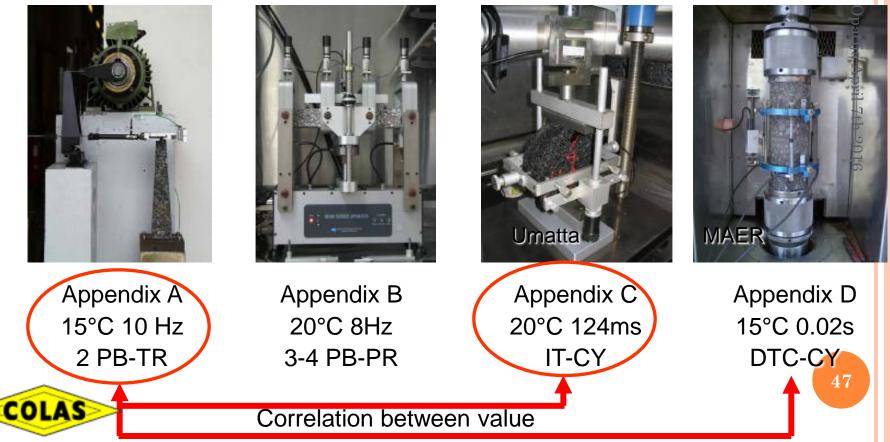


- Preliminary remark:
- Pavement design methods vary (empirical, rationnal, combination)
- Testing methods vary
- Local conditions vary
 - Temperature, axle load, traffic



• Example: modulus assessment

Sinusoidal dynamic deflection



Impulsion

Direct Tension

• Local assessment needs to be made:

- Testing methods
- Performances

• Example in South Africa: testing methods

Parameter	French test method	Selected South African equivalent
Workability	EN 12697 - 31: Gyratory compactor	ASTM D6926: SUPERPAVE gyratory compacor
Durability	EN 12697 - 12: Duriez test	ASTM D4867: Modified Lottmann test
Permanent deformation	EN 12697 - 22: Wheel tracker	AASHTO 320-03 SUPERPAVE shear test
Dynamic modulus	EN 12697 - 26: Flexural beam	AASHTO TP 62 dynamic modulus

Table 1: French performance tests and selected South /	African equivalents
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DEVELOPMENTS (OU

Latest tests confirm outstanding durability characteristics of high modulus asphalt



Figure 1(a). Severe rutting caused by heavy - A. S - A.

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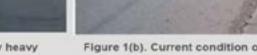


Figure 1(b), Current condition of the trial section

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Workability	after 45 gyrations
Moisture sensitivity	Modified Lottman
Permanent deformation	RSST-CH, 55C, 5á000 repititions
LAS SIC modulus	Dynamic modulus test at 10Hz 15°C
Fatigue	Beam fatigue test at 10 Hz, 10C, to 70% stiffness reduction



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DEVELOPMENTS (OUTSIDE FRANCE)

• Local assessment needs to be made:

• Pavement design

• Example in the United Kingdom





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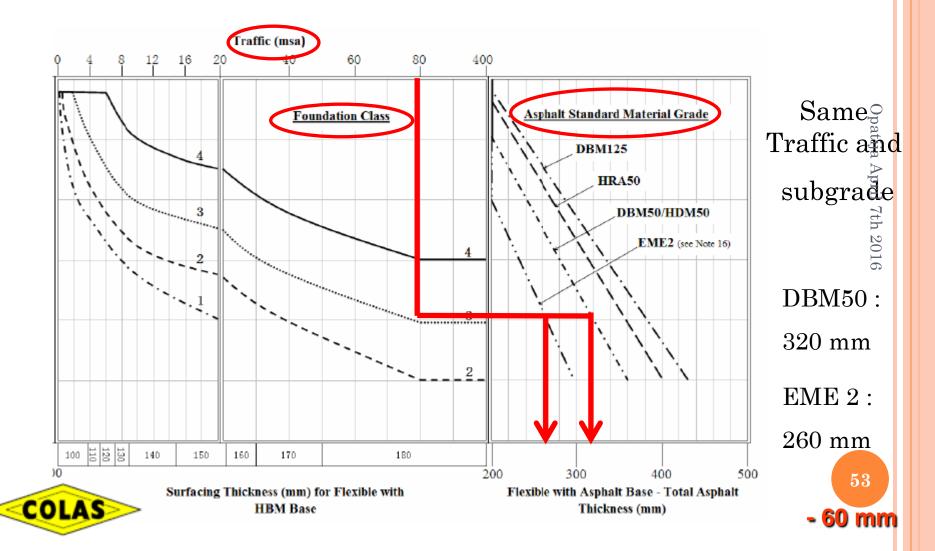
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Pavement Design



• Poland

• Morocco

- First worksite in 2000
- Often used on highways
- Mix design includes RAP 25%

• Australia

• Mauritius







TECH·NEWS

FRENCH PAVEMENT STRENGTHENING IN POLAND

In order to etemplaten the National Road at 2 on a 9 km long stretch (expensively from Dedin to Warsew, section Jone-Stateranovo), Studie, a Polish orbisiliary of Colas, obvased the approval of the General Direction of Roads and Motorwarys to implement an abrantive prevenent observe composed of COLINARY OF 6 and RUNELX 0.11.

The works (20.000 tons of hot mix asphelt) were executed in Normalee 2002, wonther pomnitting.

This jobsite stands as a significant reference in view of the future improvement of the Polish national and network requested to comply with strongenia standards.

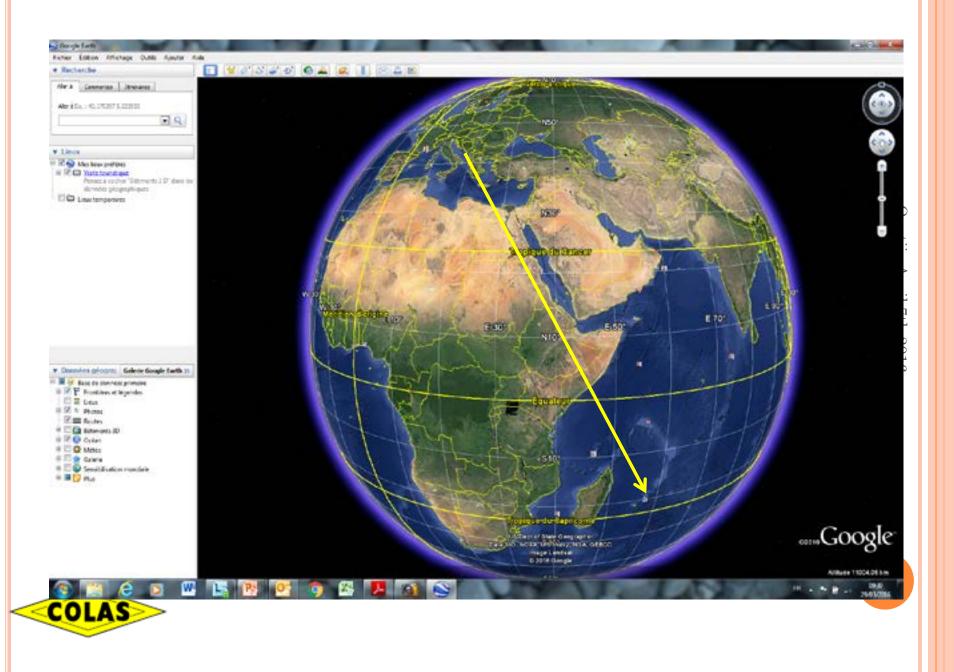
It follows the important development of the group technologies (including COLBASE, RUFLEX, COLSOFT) performed for the city of Poznau since 1999.

In the single year 2002, 51,000 tens of potentiel Coles for mixes have been held by STRADA in the vicinity of Poenen.





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DEVELOPMENTS (OUTSIDE FRANCE)

• Mauritius

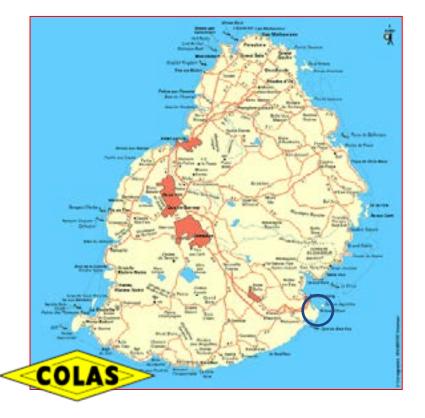
- Several road projects since 2010
 - Triolet bypass





• Mauritius

• SSR international airport

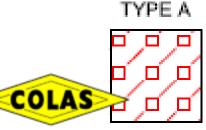




• Mauritius

- SSR international airport
- Runway overlay and parallel taxiway works
 - Owner: Airports of Mauritius
 - Engineer: Jacobs (UUK) and Gibb (Mauritius)
- Design system: FAARFIELD
- Alternatives main goal: to save materials

• Basic design (new taxiway)



125mm MARSHALL ASPHALT - 50mm SURFACE COURSE 75mm BINDER COURSE 75mm BITUMINOUS BOUND MACADAM BASE 175mm CEMENT BOUND GRANULAR BASE 150mm GRANULAR SUB-BASE COURSE

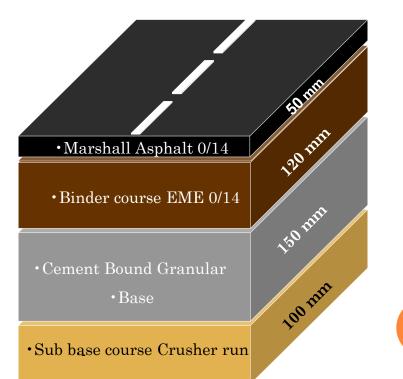
- Basic design (new taxiway)
- Alternative design
 - 105 mm thickness saving



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CONCLUSIONS

- EME is a fully reliable technique that has been used for more than 20 years
- Developments outside France have confirmed its efficiency
- The selection of the right binder is a crucial issue
- Development should include a careful study of its mechanical characteristics, to be used in the pavement design model
- All of you are more than welcome to visit our main lab facilities and worksites in progress

