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Effects of fibre reinforcement on the fatigue and rutting performance of asphalt mixes

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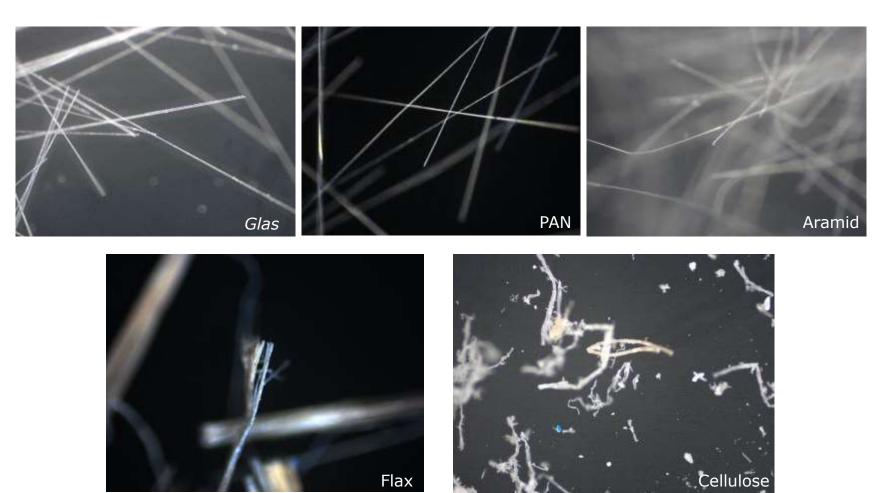


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- Fibres
- Overview of the investigated asphalt mixes
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- Results of the calculative pavement design
- Rutting performance of the wearing courses
- Conclusion and outlook



Fibres – organic and anorganic



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Cellulose fibres



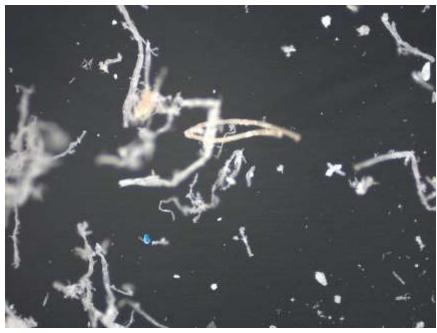


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Cellulose fibres



fivefold enlargement

Fibre length between 0.3 mm and 1.4 mm



hundredfold enlargement



PolyacryInitril fibres (PAN)

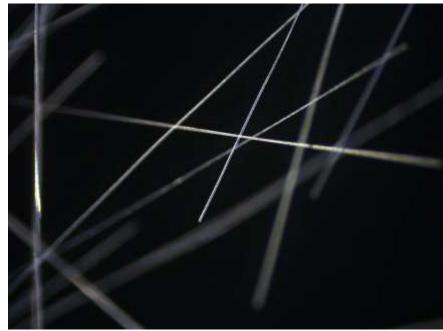


At temperatures above 250°C occur health hazardous gases.

-> asphalt production !!!???

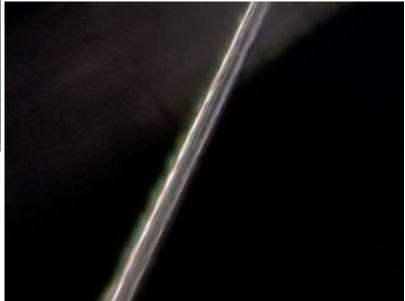


PolyacryInitril fibres (PAN)



fivefold enlargement

Fibre length 6.0 mm



hundredfold enlargement



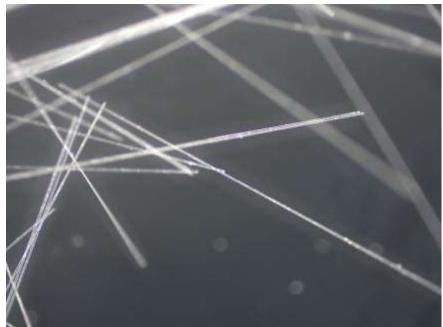
Glas fibres



Developed for the use in automotive engineering or in wind power plant building.

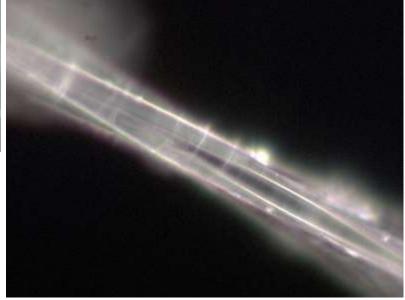


Glas fibres



fivefold enlargement

Fibre length 4.4 mm



hundredfold enlargement



Fibres characteristics

| | | Cellulose | PAN | Glas |
|------------------|---------|-----------|-------|------|
| cut length | [mm] | 0,3-1,4 | 6 | 4,4 |
| density | [g/cm³] | ~ 1,5 | 1,18 | 2,6 |
| E modulus | [MPa] | 3000 | 5030 | 2807 |
| tensile strength | n [MPa] | 55 | 615,9 | 3400 |

The tensile strength of asphalt base mixes at 20°C is approximately 1 MPa.



Investigated asphalt mixes Asphalt Base mixture - AC 22 T S

| | Bitumen | Bitumen content | Fibre type | Fibre content |
|-----|---------|-----------------|------------|---------------|
| | | [mass-%] | | [mass-%] |
| TM0 | 50/70 | 4.7 | _ | |
| TMC | 50/70 | 4.7 | Cellulose | 0.5 |
| TMP | 50/70 | 4.7 | PAN | 0.5 |
| TMG | 50/70 | 4.7 | Glas | 0.6 |

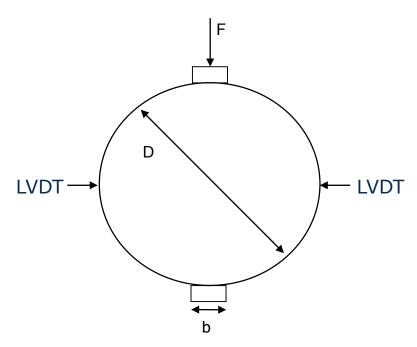


Investigated asphalt mixes Stone mastic asphalt - SMA 8 S

| | Bitumen | Bitumen content | Fibre type | Fibre content |
|----------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| | | [mass-%] | | [mass-%] |
| SM0 1 SMP 1 | 50/70 | 7.3 | Cellulose PAN | 0.3 |
| SM0 2 SMP 2 | 50/70 | 7.3 | Cellulose PAN | 0.5 |
| SM0 3 SMP 3 | 50/70 | 7.6 | Cellulose PAN | 0.7 |
| SMP 4 | 25/55-55A | 7.3 | PAN | 0.3 |
| SMP 5 | 25/55-55A | 7.3 | PAN | 0.5 |



Laboratory Test – Cyclic Indirect Tensile Test (CITT)



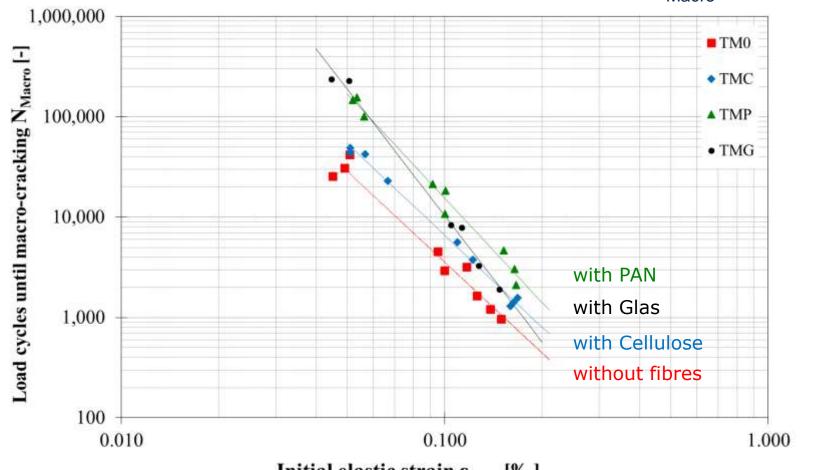
prEN 12697-24 Annex F – Resistance to Fatigue (2015)

prEN 12697-26 Annex F – Stiffness (2015)

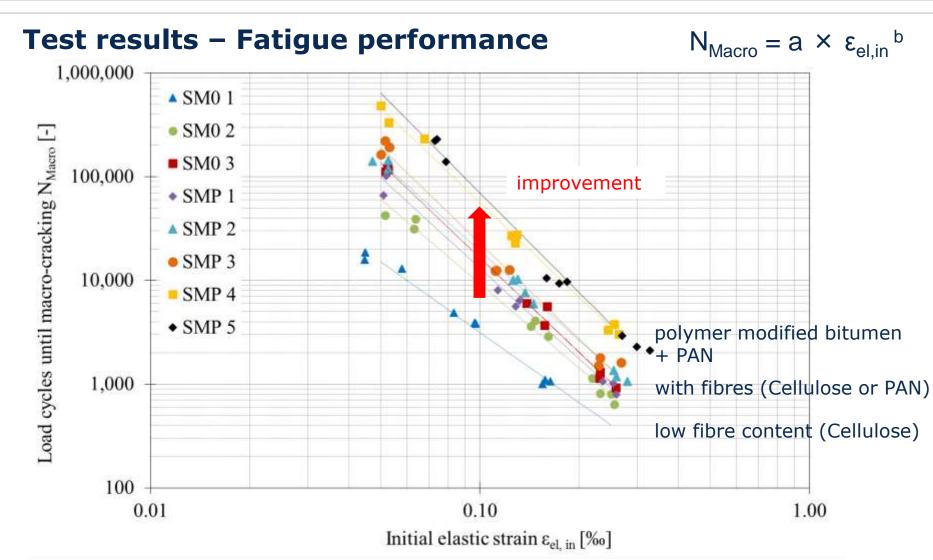


Test results - Fatigue performance



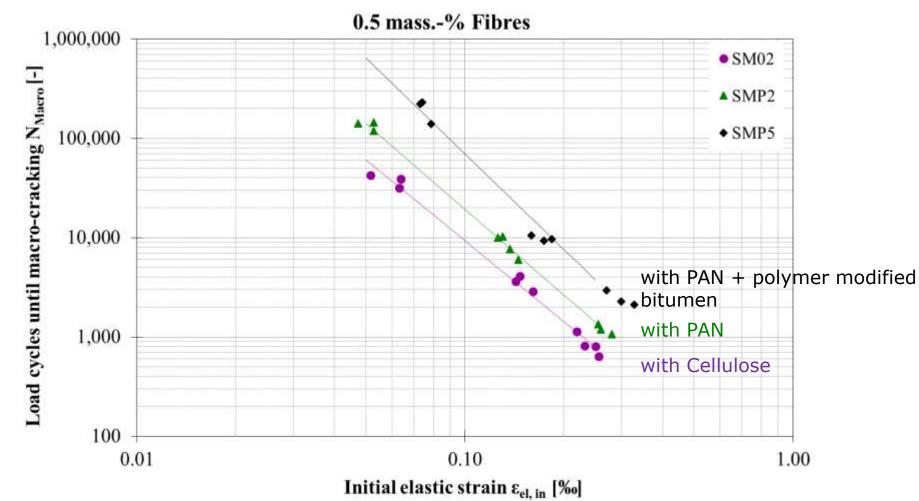






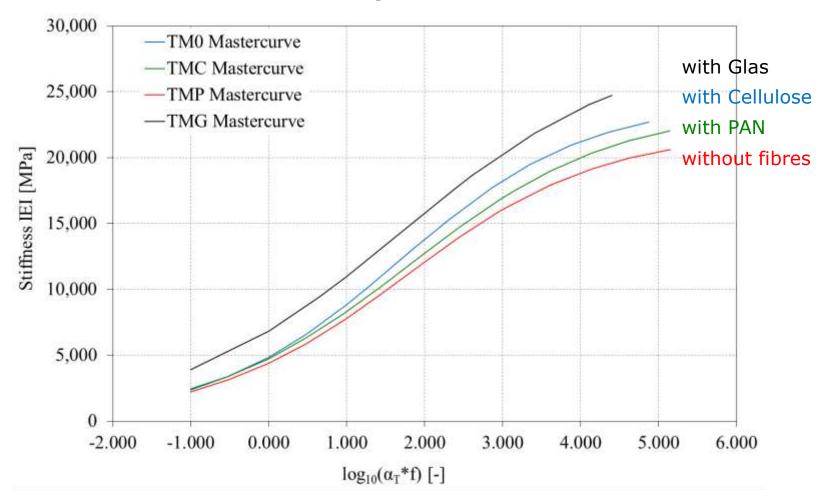


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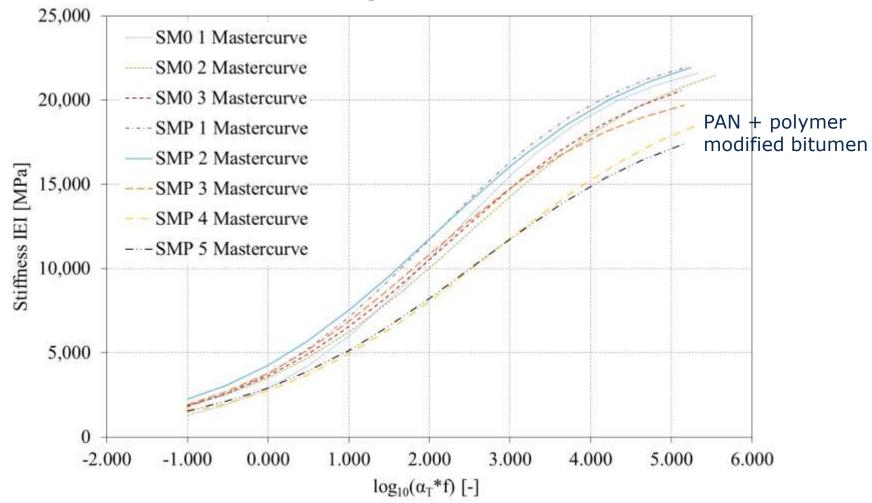


Test Results – Stiffness performance



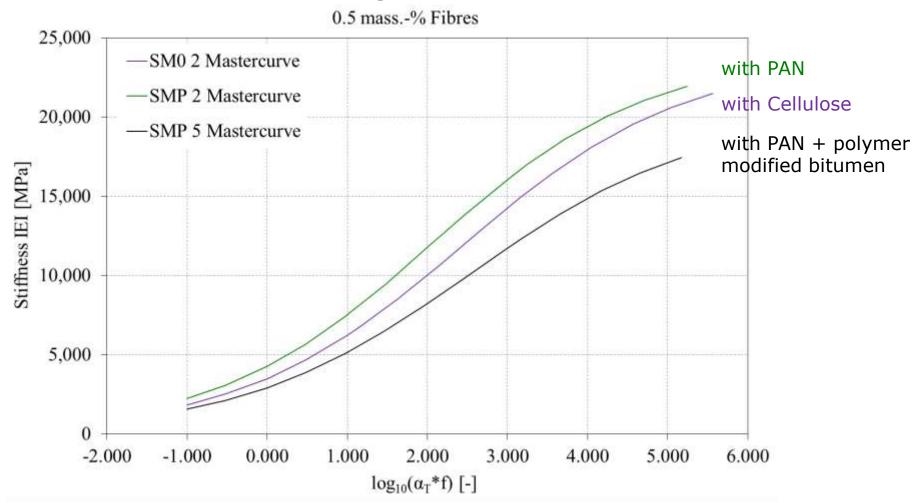


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Pavement Design

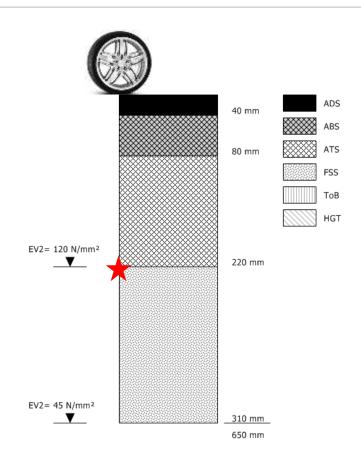
Layer structure

40 mm Wearing course

80 mm Intermediate course

220 mm Asphalt base course

310 mm Frost protecting layer



Calculated for a service life of 30 years.



Pavement Design - Results

| | TM0 | TMC | TMG | | | | |
|-------|----------|-------------|-----|-----|--|--|--|
| | increase | saving | | | | | |
| | | [cm] | | | | | |
| SM0 1 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 5.5 | 8.0 | | | |
| SM0 2 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 5.5 | 8.0 | | | |
| SM0 3 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 8.0 | | | | |
| SMP 1 | 0.5 | 1.0 5.5 8.0 | | | | | |
| SMP 2 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 6.0 | 8.0 | | | |
| SMP 3 | 1.0 | 1.0 5.5 | | 8.0 | | | |
| SMP 4 | 0.5 | 0.5 5.0 7.5 | | | | | |
| SMP 5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 5.5 | 7.5 | | | |



Economic calculation

| Material | Price in EUR | |
|--|-----------------------|--|
| AC 22 T S 50/70 (asphalt base mix) | 50.00 / t | |
| AC 22 T S 50/70 (asphalt base mix with high Bitumen content) | 63.00 / t | |
| Paving of 8-10 cm asphalt base mix | 3.00 / m ² | |
| FSS 0/32 (frost protecting layer) | 9.00 / t | |
| Paving of 30 cm frost protecting layer | 4.10 / m ² | |
| Cellulose | 1.00 / kg | |
| PAN | 5.50 / kg | |
| Glas | 1.50 / kg | |

Prices are examplary for small contract sections



Economic calculation

| | Asphalt base | | | Frost protecting layer | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|----------|--------|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Asphalt base | Layer thickness | Costs | | | Costs Layer Costs thickness | | Overall costs pro m ² | |
| | [cm] | Material | Fibres | Paving | [cm] | Material | Paving | |
| TM0 | 22 | 34.65 € | - € | 6.00 € | 31 | 6.98 € | 4.10 € | 51.73 € |
| | 23 | 36.23 € | - € | 6.00 € | 30 | 6.75 € | 4.10 € | 53.08 € |



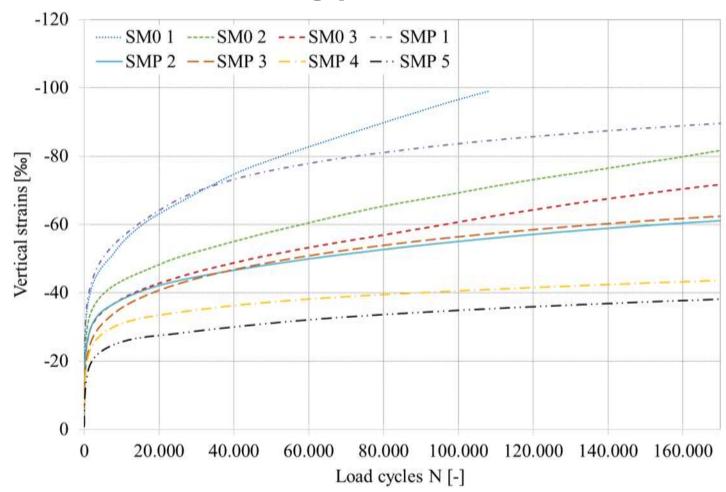
Laboratory Tests – Uniaxial Cyclic Compression Test (UCCT)

- slim specimen: h/D-ratio=2/1
- test temperature: 50°C
- loading form: sinusoidal 10 Hz
- loading: minimum stress 0.035 MPa maximum stress 0.35 MPa
- end of test: after 170,000 load cycles or at the maximum deformation of the specimen



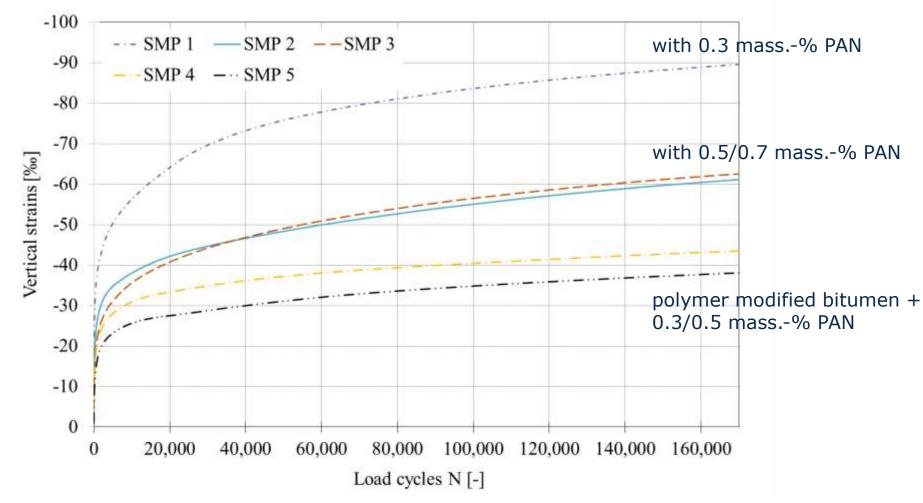


Test results - Rutting performance





Test results – Rutting performance





Conclusion and outlook

- The use of PAN or glas fibres improves the fatigue and stiffness characteristics significantly.
- Saving approx. 6 cm of the asphalt base using PAN fibres does not cause a monetary advantage due to the costs of the fibres.
- Saving approx. 8 cm of the asphalt base using low cost fibres like glas fibres result in economical benefits.
- The rutting performance / vertical plastic deformation can be reduced up to 40% depending on the used fibre type and quantity.
- The use of fibres together with RAP must be investigated because recycling is state of the art.



Thank you!

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