

Practice on the Active De-icing pavement in China

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Road—The important component of infrastructures



- Bottom boundary of urban landscape
- ☐ Important carrier of logistics
- □ Social service function

Provide a fast and safe transportation

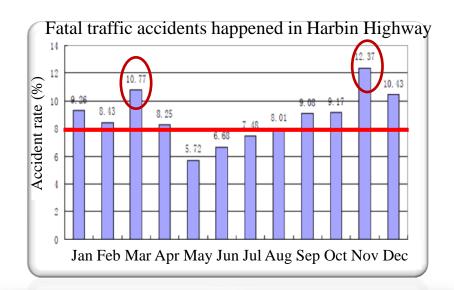






Introduction

Let Icy pavement influences the efficient, fast and safe transportation





Airport



Railway











Introduction

Special road section is the traffic choke point in winter

- Tunnel Entrance ----->
- Large longitudinal slope -----bridge approach -----
- road intersection







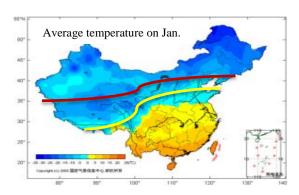






Icy pavement has a wide influence range in China

- ☐ In China, most regions (85% national territorial area) are located in middle, high latitudes and high altitudes
- ☐ The environmental temperature is low and the region effected by snow or ice is extensive
- snowfall conditions are complicated



Snowfall area is extensive.



The northern ice and snow



The southern freezing rain



Problems and challenges

Conventional de-icing technology have some problems

Hazardness







Manual methods



Mechanical methods

Shortcomings

- ice in texture is difficult to clean
- ▶ Ice-pavement bond tightly.
- → Have effect on skip
- **▶** Pavement is passive



Snow-melting Agent



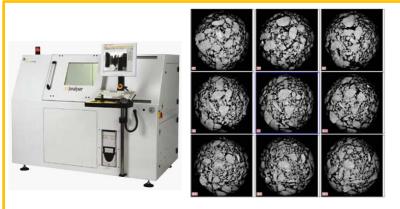
Anti-icing technology



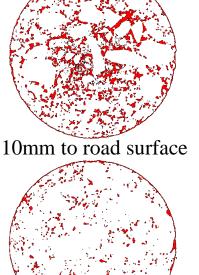
Problems and challenges

Voids in the surface result in bonding between ice-pavemt

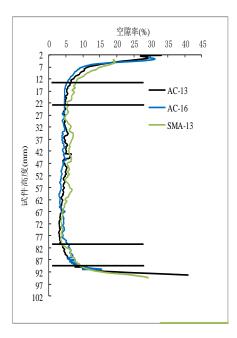
- Voids within 20mm to the road surface are large and connected
- Anti freeze-thaw property is awful
- ☐ Ice adhesion to pavement surface tightly



Computer tomography scan by industrial CT



50mm to road surface



Distribution of air voids along thickness direction

Challenge: Actively prevent the bond between ice and pavement by improving the pavement surface performance





Part 1

Rubber particles pavement(RPP)

——improve the physical and mechanical properties of asphalt pavement surface

- Work mechanism
- Material design
- □ Anti-ice performance
- Application cases



Rubber particles pavement

RPP: The crumb rubber was added to the asphalt mixture to replace some aggregates, or adhesion to the surface of pavement as the chip seal



Rubber particles





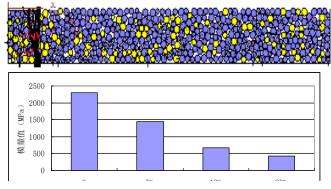
Work mechanism

- ☐ The elastic deformation of rubber asphalt mixture is improved
- ☐ The rubber particles make intensity of the ice film on pavement surface uneven

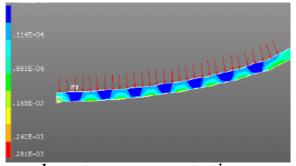
□ big difference on stiffness between rubber and aggregate, make the ice film

broken under loading

Work mechanism Ice breaking model on road surface



Discrete element model (DEM) results

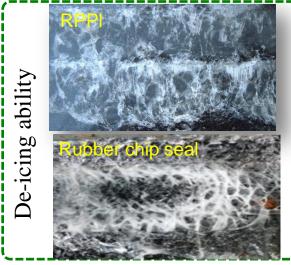


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De-icing performance

□ Rubber particles reduces the adhesion between ice and pavement

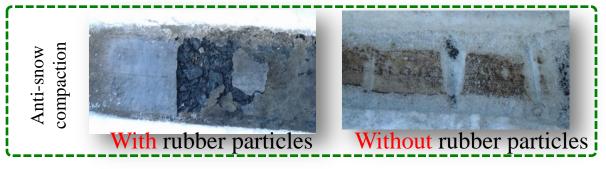




The de-icing ability of RPP is the efficient within -10°C, the ice layer is less than 1cm

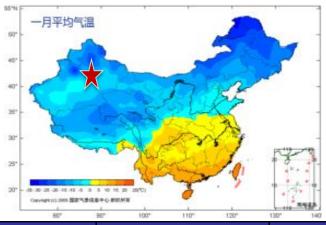
With rubber particles

Without rubber particles





□ RPP in Xinjiang—The first active anti-ice pavement using paving materials (In 2003, 7.8km)



	Active anti-snow	Control
De-icing ratio	62	23
Friction coefficient	59	32



The de-icing ratio is up to 62%. The friction coefficient increased by 84%. The driving safety was improved.



RPP



the snow on road was loose.



No ice film on the surface

Common pavement



the snow compacted to road tightly



Ice film





Part 2

Energy conversion pavement(ECP)

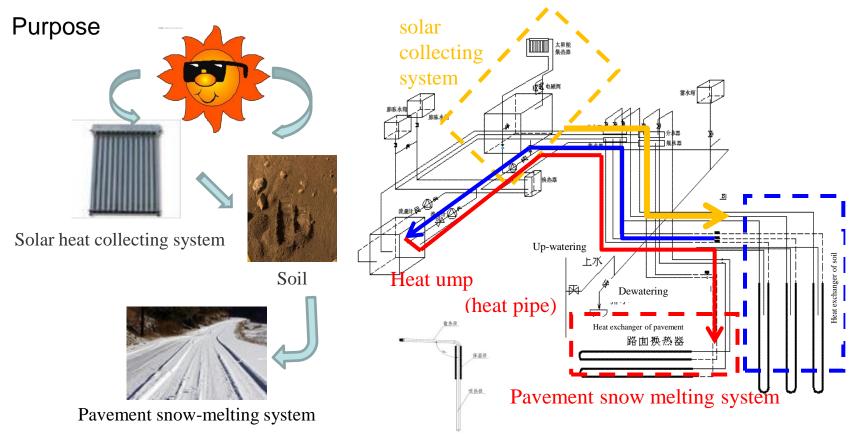
——improve the temperature in pavement by heat flow

- Work mechanism
- Simulation analysis
- Operation strategy and design method
- Application Case



Work mechanism

☐ Energy transfer: heat pump, heat pipe technology (soil-pavement)



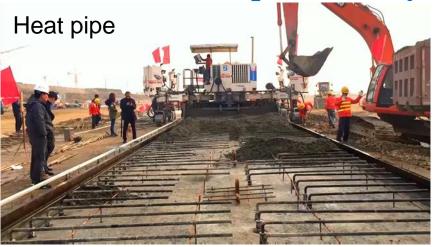
ECP Used in bridge deck Heilongjiang in 2010



□ Construction processure of ECP on the airport runway



Punching







ECP was used in the station site of new capital airport

(under construction)in 2016



Heat pump









Part 3

Low freezing point pavement(LFPP)

——change the adhesion between pavement and ice layer

- Materials development
- Performance evaluation
- Application cases



LFPF materials development

Low freezing point pavement(LFPP)

Using low freezing point fillers(LFPF) to replace mineral fillers in the asphalt mixture for pavement

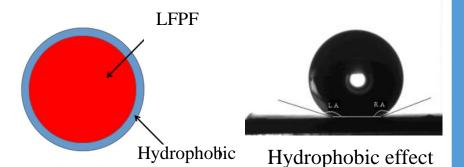
- According to the snowfall features of different areas in China, two kinds of LFPF were selected.
- ✓ Snowfall temperature range: -4°C~-23°C
- ✓ Snowfall frequency: 1~34 times/year

Low freezing point agents	Freezing point (°C)			
A (inorganic)	-10			
B (inorganic)	-20			
C (organic)	-15			
D (organic)	-25			
F (organic)	-20			

Low freezing point fillers(LFPF)



☐ Using hydrophobic agent to construct the core-shell structure.



Core-shell structure schematic diagram

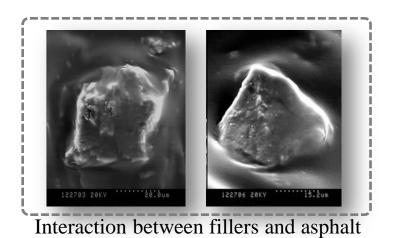
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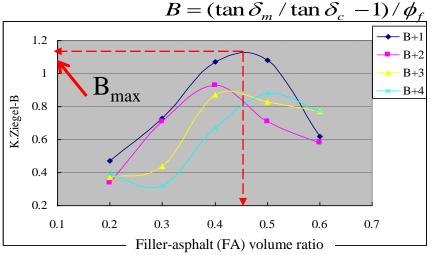


LFPF materials development

■ Asphalt mixture with LFPF

■ Feasibility of replacing the mineral fillers





Performance of mixture with LFPF compared with the control mixture

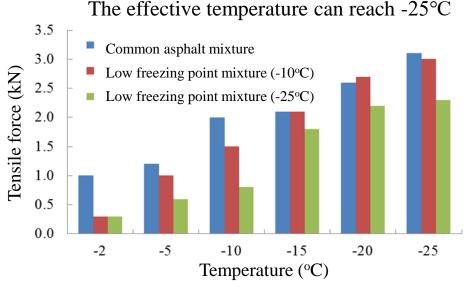
Content of low freezing point fillers	High temperature performance	Low temperature performance			Moisture resistance	
31	Time/mm	$P_B(kN)$	(με)	$S_B(MPa)$	TSR(%)	
0	1860	999.9	2365.3	3354.2	80.12	
LFPF	1964	1131.1	2426.4	3680.9	79.58	

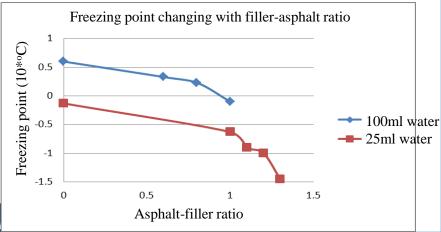


□ LFPF mixture can reduce the adhesion between ice-pavement



The device evaluating the adhesion property between ice and asphalt mixture

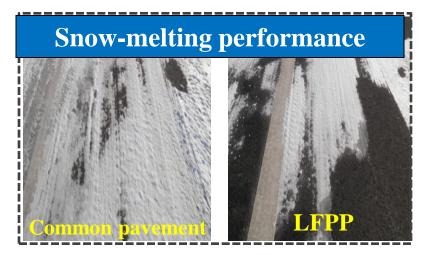




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- □ DaGuang Exp.Highway (2010)
- □ 108 National highway, Beijing section reconstruction (2013)
- ☐ Yantai in Shandong Province (2013, 2014)
- ☐ The ring Exp. way in Harbin (2015)















Harbin, 2015





Part 4

de-icing sand seal for asphalt pavement

——decrease the bond between ice and pavement for in-service road

- Working mechanism
- Materials development
- Performance evaluation
- Application

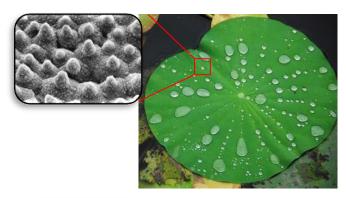


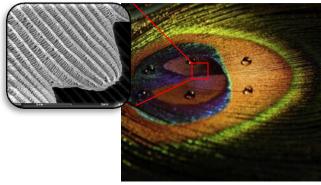
Working mechanism

□ Hydrophobic surface + LFPF

Hydrophobic: Decreasing the surface free energy

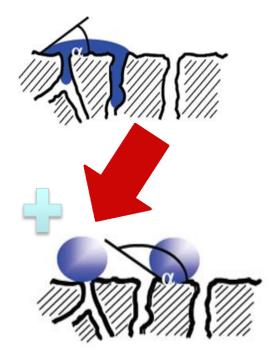
LFPF: prevent icing





Hydrophobic of Lotus and feather





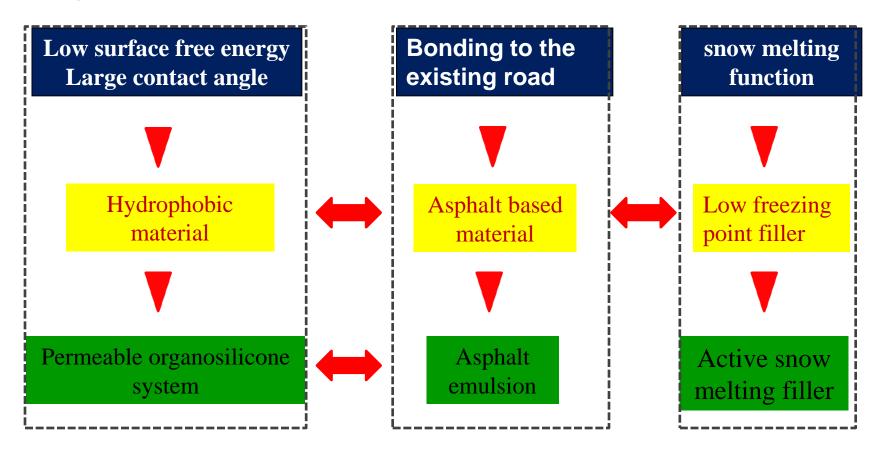
Objectives

- ☐ Improve the hydrophobic characteristic on pavement surface
- **□** Reduce the freezing point
- Improve infiltration capacity



Development of Prevention materials

□ Consist of Materials





Development of protective materials



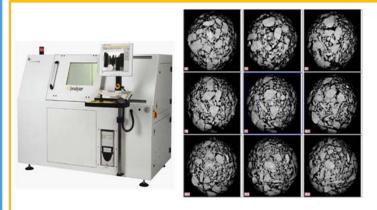
Hydrophobic material

Common asphalt mixture



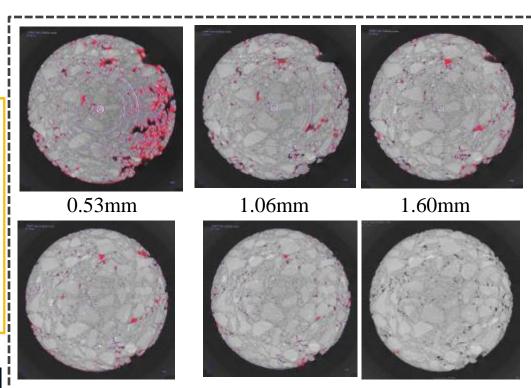


Penetration



Computer tomography scan by industrial CT

Penetration depth>3mm

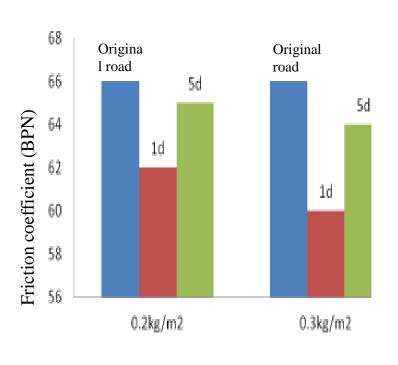


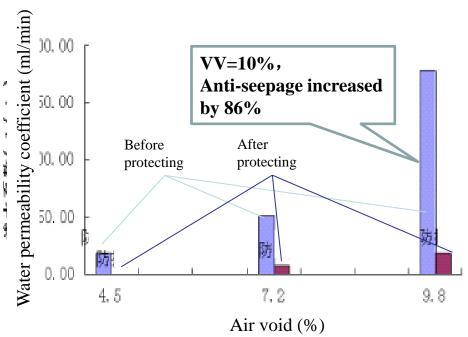
2.13mm 2.66mm 3.19mm Cross-section diagram of protective material Penetration





Skid resistance and anti-seepage performance





Skid resistance—BPN

Air void—anti-seepage performance



Anti-icing performance



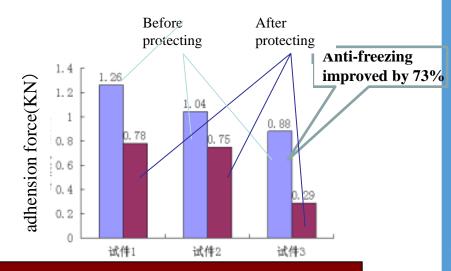
The adhesive force tester



Common pavement



Protected pavement



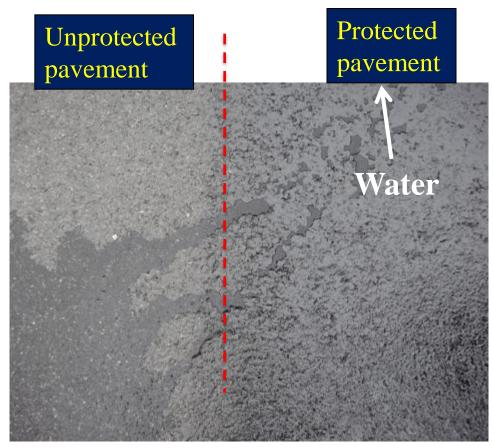
Anti-freezing performance was improved. The adhesion force between ice and pavement was effectively decreased.



Surface hydrophobic characteristic







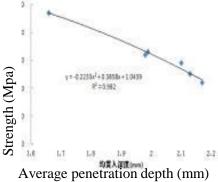


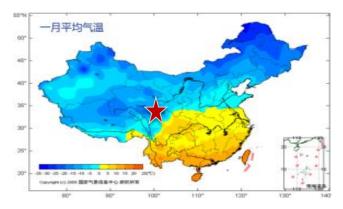
Hydrophobe low freezing point protective technology













Hydrophobe effect















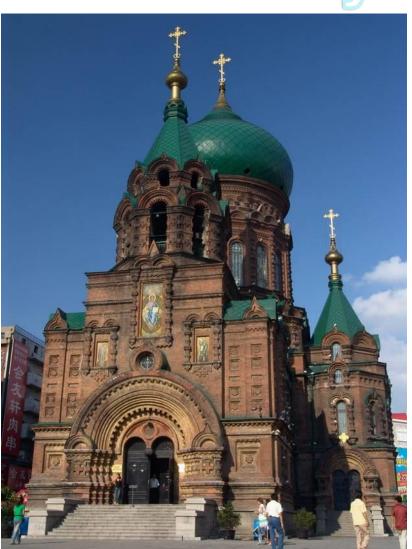






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