

What is in your Asphalt ?

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XRF and FTIR Spectroscopy

• XRF Measures Elements

 REOB, Phosphoric Acid, GTR, Glass Beads, Road Marking Paints, Paint Films, Asphalt Binders

FTIR Looks at Molecules

Lime, Polymers, Vegetable Oils, Asphalt Oxidation Products





Important Spectroscopy Rules

• Be Sure you know what you are looking at (It will lead you to the wrong conclusions if you don't)

Spectrometers are Dumb

(You have to tell it what you know – Calibration)

Spectrometry is Very Powerful

(Can be extremely useful in Forensic Investigations)

It Does Not Do Everything



ALF High Density Experiment





Two Asphalt Binders

Lane	Grade	Cont. PG	D m-s	D m-s
1	64-22	68.3	1.8	-1.1
3	64-22	68.3	1.7	-0.8
4	64-22	66.3	1.5	-1.7
5	64-22	66.3	1.5	-1.1
6	64-22	66.4	2.4	-1.9
8	58-28	62.1	1.2	1.7
9	64-22	65.1	2.9	-2.3
11	58-28	65.1	-2.4	0



One Asphalt Binder ?

Lane	Grade	Cont. PG	D m-s RTFOT	D m-s	REOB %
1	64-22	68.3	1.8	-1.1	0
3	64-22	68.3	1.7	-0.8	0
4	64-22	66.3	1.5	-1.7	0
5	64-22	66.3	1.5	-1.1	0
6	64-22	66.4	2.4	-1.9	0
8	58-28	62.1	1.2	1.7	9
9	64-22	65.1	2.9	-2.3	0
11	58-28	65.1	-2.4	0	4



Lane	Grade	Cont. PG	Vanadium	Nickel
			ppm	ppm
1	64-22	68.3	899	100
3	64-22	68.3	903	101
4	64-22	66.3	209	67
5	64-22	66.3	445	70
6	64-22	66.4	181	63
8	58-28	62.1	896	95
9	64-22	65.1	875	93
11	58-28	65.1	695	85



Four Asphalt Binders ?

Lane	Grade	Cont. PG	Vanadium ppm	Nickel ppm	Asphalt
1	64-22	68.3	899	100	А
3	64-22	68.3	903	101	А
4	64-22	66.3	209	67	С
5	64-22	66.3	445	70	В
6	64-22	66.4	181	63	С
8	58-28	62.1	896	95	А
9	64-22	65.1	875	93	А
11	58-28	65.1	695	85	D









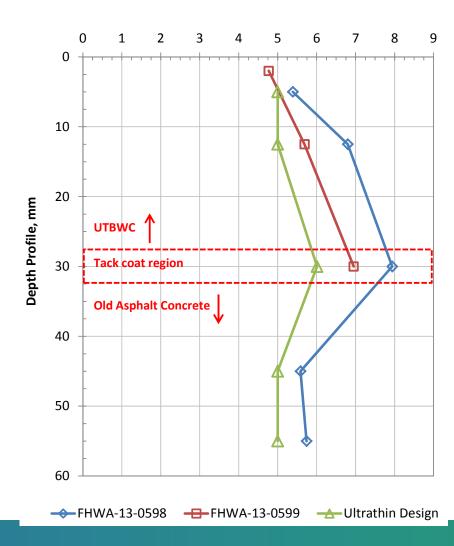
We Cut the UTBWC into Slivers and Recovered the Binder



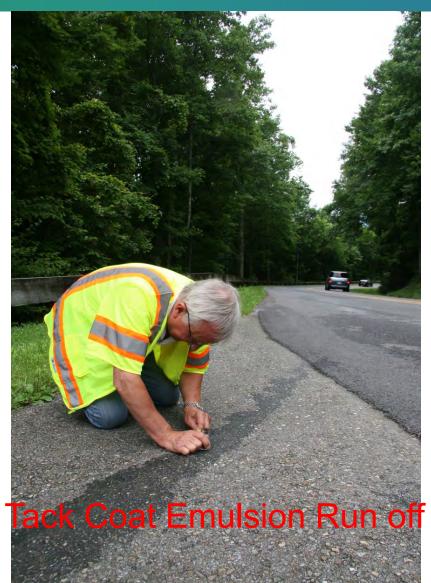


Binder Content Varied with Depth

Binder Content, %









Concentration, ppm 900 1000 0 800 100 200 300 400 500 600 700 0 Ц 10 0 20 Depth Profile, mm UTBWC 30 Ò Δ \mathcal{T} Tack coat region **Old Asphalt Concrete** 40 50 Ó Ó 60 Vanadium Iron Original Binder and □ FHWA-13-0598 O FHWA-13-0599 Δ Extracted Binder From Phase I



Asphalt Bleeding to the Surface





XRF Spectrometer – Weighs 500lbs.





Thank You

