

# Experimental Study on the Cohesional Strength between Old and New Pavement Concrete

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**Abstract.** The effects of old and new pavement concrete cohesional strength by different concrete surface processing mode, types of interface agent and cycle of freezing and thawing were studied through experiments and theoretical analysis to test the old and new pavement concrete cohesional strength under the ambient temperature and freezing and thawing environment. The experiments show that the interface agent has great influences on the concrete surface cohesional strength and cement paste has the best bonding effect. The old and new pavement concrete has poor frost resistance, and the compression and rupture strength of the cohesional surface are lowest under the cement-sand mortar interface agent mode. After chipping treatment, the frost resistance ability is better than the brushing treatment's.

## 1 Introduction

The airport pavement is the area which supports the plane to take off, landing and maintenance. The pavements are influenced by natural condition and load factors, and part of airport pavements are damaged seriously<sup>[1]</sup>. The maintenance and reinforcement of the airport pavements is important, but the old and new pavement concrete cohesional strength is not enough, which causes patch spalling and problems of construction quality<sup>[2,3]</sup>. In this paper, the concrete cohesional strength under the ambient temperature and freezing and thawing environment was studied through experiments and theoretical analysis to provide theoretical basis for the maintenance and reinforcement of the airport pavement.

## 2 Indoor Test

### 2.1 Material Selection and Experimental Device of Old and New Concrete

**2.1.1 Material Selection.** (1) The old concrete used PC32.5# ordinary portland cement which was produced in Xuzhou Zhonglian cement plant. The new concrete used PC42.5# ordinary portland cement which was produced in Xuzhou Zhonglian cement plant. The relative density of cement is 3.10g/cm<sup>3</sup>, and the specific area is 310m<sup>2</sup>/kg.

(2) The old concrete coarse aggregate used the continuous grading crushed stone of 5~40mm.

(3) The fine aggregate used yellow ground, the fineness modulus of which is 2.85, and sediment percentage is less than 1.8%.

(4) The interface agent used the level I flyash mixed with cement paste.

**2.1.2 Experimental Device.** The experimental devices are universal hydraulic servo testing machine and KDR-V9 concrete rapid freezing and thawing test machine.

**2.2 Cohesional Surface and Interface Agent.** Considering the operational simplicity and the experimental representation, the treated old concrete surface was divided into N type and Z type, which was the bonding surface.

(1) N type. The old concrete surface was brushed by wire brush, and cleaned by water.

(2) Z type. The old concrete surface was treated by chipping, and cleaned by water.

3 interface agents were used in the experiments.

(1) Cement paste. PC42.5# ordinary portland cement produced by Xuzhou Zhonglian cement plant, and the water cement ratio is 0.4.

(2) Cement-sand mortar. The water cement ratio is 0.4, and the cement-sand ratio is 1:1.

(3) Mixed cement paste. The water cement ratio is 0.4, and the fly ash is the 10% weight of the cement

**2.3 Experiment Scheme.** The experiments were divided into two series each of which has 12 groups, and each group has three  $100 \times 100 \times 100 \text{ mm}^3$  cube compressive tests and three  $100 \times 100 \times 400 \text{ mm}^3$  prism rupture tests. The experiments were respectively carried under the ambient temperature and freezing and thawing environment.

The old and new concrete tests numbers are shown in Table 1.

**Table 1 Tests numbers**

number	cohesional surface	interface agent
NC0,NC1,NC2	brushing surface	cement paste
NS0,NS1,NS2		cement-sand mortar
NF0,NF1,NF2		mixed cement paste
ZC0,ZC1,ZC2	chipping surface	cement paste
ZS0,ZS1,ZS2		cement-sand mortar
ZF0,ZF1,ZF2		mixed cement paste

The compression and rupture strength experiments were done on the universal hydraulic servo testing machine, and the freezing and thawing cycle was experiments were done on KDR-V9<sup>[4]</sup>.

### 3 Test Result Analysis

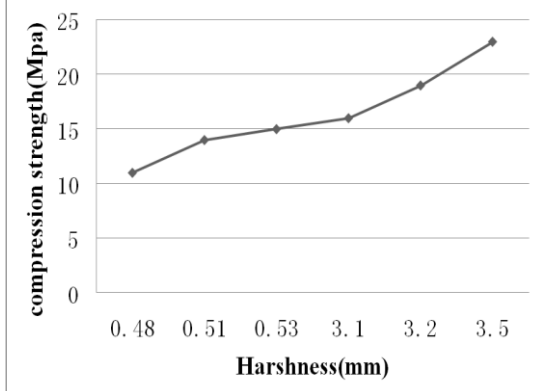
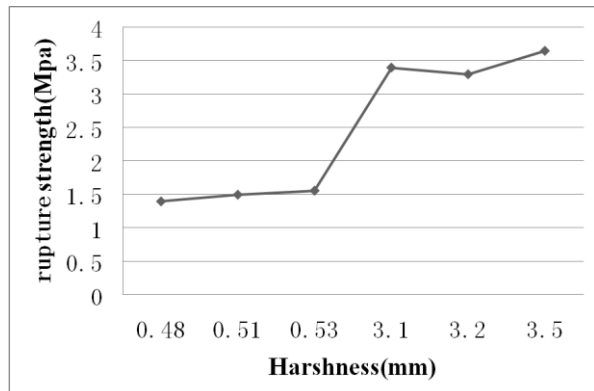
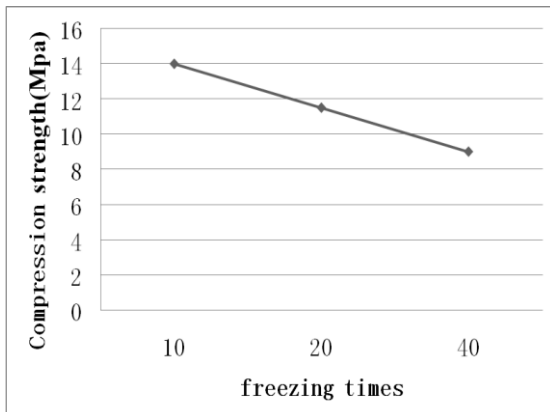
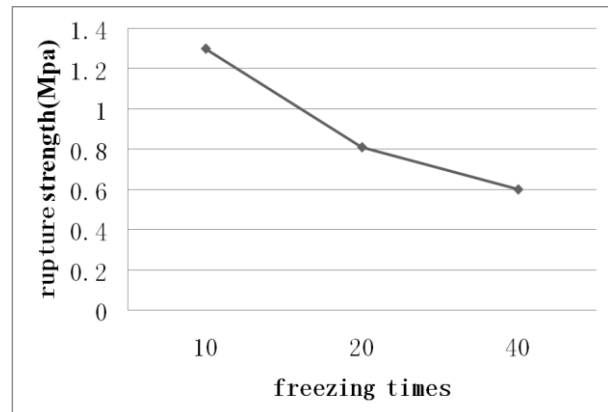
The cohesional surface strength under the ambient temperature is shown in Table 2, and under freezing and thawing environment is shown in Table 3.

**Table 2 The cohesional surface strength under ambient temperature**

numbe	cohesional surface parameter			compression strength			rupture strength		
	cohesional area(cm×cm)	Harshness (mm)	mean value	Loading (kN)	Strength (MP)	mean value	Loading (kN)	Strength (MP)	mean value
NC0	9.9×10.1	0.52	0.51	153	15.3	15.2	5.2	1.56	1.55
NC1	10×9.9	0.53		164	16.4		5.6	1.68	
NC2	10.1×9.8	0.49		138	13.8		4.7	1.41	
NS0	10.2×9.9	0.48	0.48	113	11.3	11.7	4.4	1.32	1.33
NS1	9.7×10.1	0.51		102	13.2		4.7	1.41	
NS2	9.8×10	0.47		106	10.6		4.2	1.26	
NF0	9.8×10.1	0.52	0.53	136	13.6	13.4	4.8	1.44	1.52
NF1	10×9.9	0.53		139	13.9		5.0	1.50	
NF2	9.6×10.2	0.54		128	12.8		5.4	1.62	
ZC0	9.8×10.2	3.3	3.5	215	21.5	22.8	11.8	3.54	3.69
ZC1	10×9.7	3.5		222	22.2		12.4	3.72	
ZC2	10.1×9.9	3.7		248	24.8		12.7	3.81	
ZS0	9.9×9.8	2.8	3.2	144	14.4	16.7	10.3	3.09	3.28
ZS1	9.7×10.2	3.6		186	18.6		11.6	3.48	
ZS2	10.1×9.6	3.2		171	17.1		10.9	3.27	
ZF0	9.8×10.1	2.9	3.1	165	16.5	18.6	10.5	3.15	3.37
ZF1	9.9×10.2	3.3		201	20.1		11.7	3.51	
ZF2	9.8×10.1	3.1		192	19.2		11.5	3.45	

**Table 3 The cohesive surface strength under freezing and thawing environment**

numbe	mean harshness	freezing time	weight loss rate(%)			compression strength			rupture strength		
			W0	Wn	W	Loading (kN)	Strength (MP)	mean value	Loading (kN)	Strength (MP)	mean value
NC0	0.5	10	9.81	9.85	-0.5	113	11.3	11.2	5.2	0.97	0.95
NS0			9.80	9.90	-1	124	12.4		5.6	1.02	
NF0			9.93	9.96	-0.3	98	9.8		4.7	0.87	
NC1	0.4	20	9.92	10.0	-0.8	96	9.6	9.4	4.4	0.54	0.56
NS1			9.82	9.91	-0.9	99	9.9		4.7	0.63	
NF1			9.75	9.82	-0.7	88	8.8		4.2	0.51	
NC2	0.5	40	9.96	9.92	0.4	75	7.5	7.5	4.8	0.39	0.37
NS2			9.83	9.77	0.6	72	7.2		5.0	0.27	
NF2			9.95	9.90	0.5	79	7.9		5.4	0.45	
ZC0	3.3	10	9.96	9.99	-0.3	155	15.5	16.8	11.8	1.68	1.69
ZS0			9.92	10.0	-0.8	162	16.2		12.4	1.56	
ZF0			9.87	9.91	-0.4	188	18.8		12.7	1.83	
ZC1	3.1	20	9.92	9.99	-0.7	115	11.5	13.6	10.3	1.08	1.13
ZS1			9.81	9.89	-0.8	151	15.1		11.6	1.32	
ZF1			9.72	9.81	-0.9	142	14.2		10.9	0.99	
ZC2	2.9	40	9.85	9.80	0.5	98	9.8	10.2	10.5	0.81	0.82
ZS2			9.92	9.86	0.6	113	11.3		11.7	0.93	
ZF2			9.97	9.93	0.4	95	9.5		11.5	0.72	

**Fig.1 Diagram of compression strength and harshness****Fig.2 Diagram of rupture strength and harshness****Fig.3 Diagram of compression strength and freezing times****Fig.4 Diagram of rupture strength and freezing times**

**3.1 Effects of surface treatment method.** Through the analysis of Table1 and Table2, the relationship between compression strength and harshness could be shown as Fig.1 and Fig.2. It is clearly can be seen that the harshness has great influences on compression and rupture strength of the cohesive surface. The chipping surface harshness is higher than the brushing surface's, so the chipping surface cohesive area is bigger, which means the cohesive strength is higher.

**3.2 Effects of freezing and thawing cycle.** According to the rapid freezing test, the relationship between compression strength and freezing times could be shown as Fig.3 and Fig.4. It is clearly can

be seen that the freeze-thaw action has great influences on compression and rupture strength of the cohesive surface, old concrete, and new concrete. With the increasing of freezing and thawing cycle times, the compression and rupture strength of the cohesive surface, old concrete, and new concrete are decreasing.

#### **4 Conclusions**

(1) The chipping surface harshness is higher than the brushing surface's, and the cohesive strength is higher. The old concrete surface should be treated by chipping method.

(2) The interface agent has great influences on compression and rupture strength of the cohesive surface, and the cement paste is the best interface agent.

(3) With the increasing of freezing and thawing cycle times, the compression and rupture strength of the cohesive surface, old concrete, and new concrete are decreasing.

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