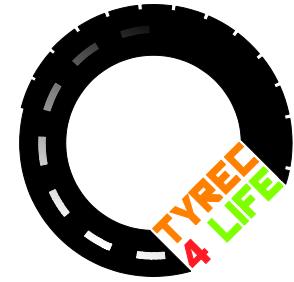




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# RESEARCH APPROACH

**Multidisciplinary studies:**

**PAVEMENT ENGINEERING + ENVIRONMENTAL SANITARY ENGINEERING**  
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**Actions of contribution:**

**EVALUATION**

**EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT**

**IMPLEMENTATION AND VALIDATION**

**LIFE-CYCLE RISK ASSESSMENT**

**DISSEMINATION**



## 2. Evaluation actions

**2.4: Availability and characterization of natural and recycled aggregates**

**2.5: Availability and characterization of CR from ELTs**



## 2.4: Availability and characterization of natural and recycled aggregates

### 1) Standard aggregates

- Analysis of Regional Quarry Plan database;
- Analysis of LMS-PoliTO database.

### 2) Innovative aggregates

- From the incineration plant of the City of Turin;
- RAP (Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement)

### 3) Detailed analysis of candidate aggregates for G-G bituminous mixtures

- Complete characterization;
- Preparation of G-G mixtures with 8% binder (18% CR);
- Volumetric and mechanical characterization.



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## 2.4: Availability and characterization of natural and recycled aggregates

### 1) Standard aggregates - Analysis of the Regional Quarry Plan (example)

Area and/or Basin	L.A.
Bormida-Scrivia	20,0
Dora Baltea-Po	30,0
Cervo-Dora B.	25,8
Maira-Pellice	23,8
Pesio-Stura D.	31,5
Po	29,4
Tanaro	29,7
Ticino-Sesia	23,8
Sesia-Dora Baltea	25,5
F.G. Dora B.-Po	32,5
F.G. Sesia -Dora B.	27,6
F.G. Sesia -Ticino	31,6
F.G. Stura D.-Po	24,0

Source	quartz	feldsp.	miche	femic	carb.	other
Bormida-Scrivia	20	5	5	35	0	35
Cervo-Elvo-Dora B.	25	7,5	2,5	25	5	35
Dora B.-Po	40	10	5	25	5	5
Maira-Pellice-Varaita	22,5	15	5	35	10	12,5
Pesio-Stura D.	30	10	5	25	15	20
Po	35	10	5	25	10	15
Sesia-Cervo	30	10	10	35	10	5
Tanaro	27,5	0	5	30	7,5	30
Ticino-Sesia	55	10	7,5	13	0	15
F.G. Dora B.-Po	27,5	13	10	20	7,5	22,5
F.G. Sesia -Dora B.	20	5	5	38	10	22,5
F.G. Sesia -Ticino	45	7,5	5	13	2,5	27,5



## 2.4: Availability and characterization of natural and recycled aggregates

### 2) Innovative aggregates – Municipal Solid Waste Bottom Ashes

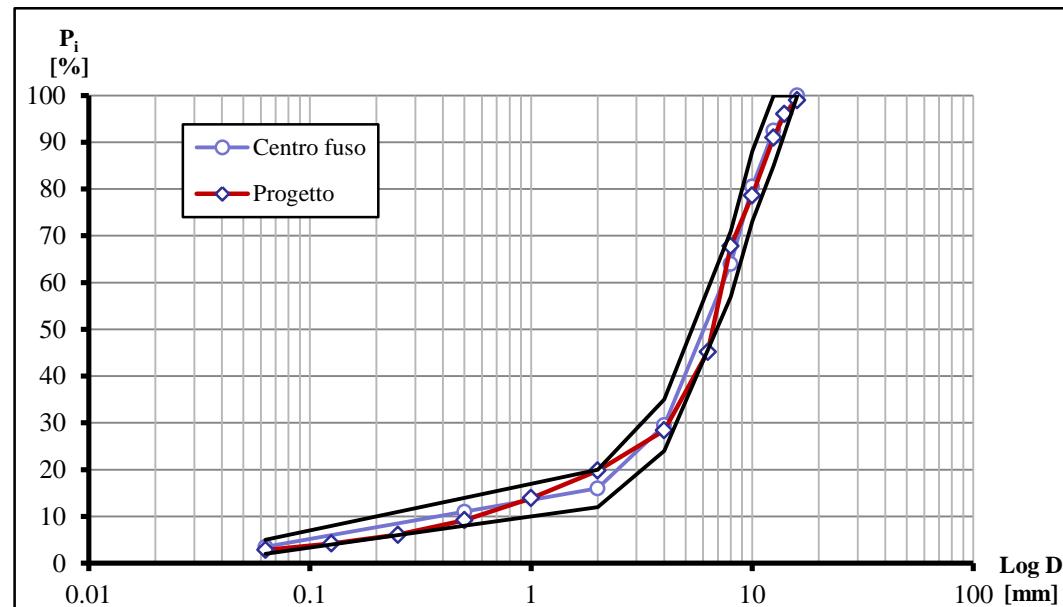
Componente	% in peso
Legno e tessuti	6
Carta e cartone	22
Materie plastiche e gomma	15
Vetro	5
Ceramici	7
Metallo	5
Sostanze organiche	31
Sottovaglio	9



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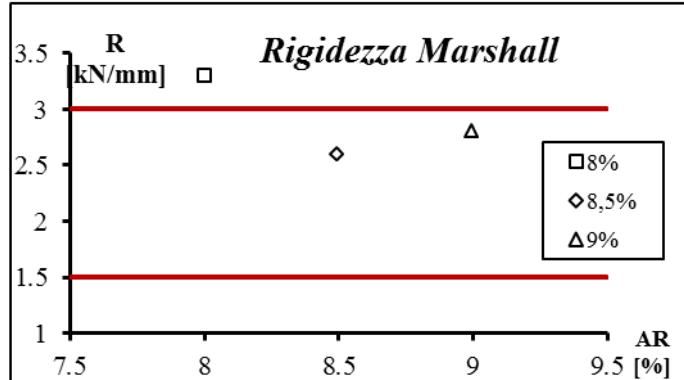
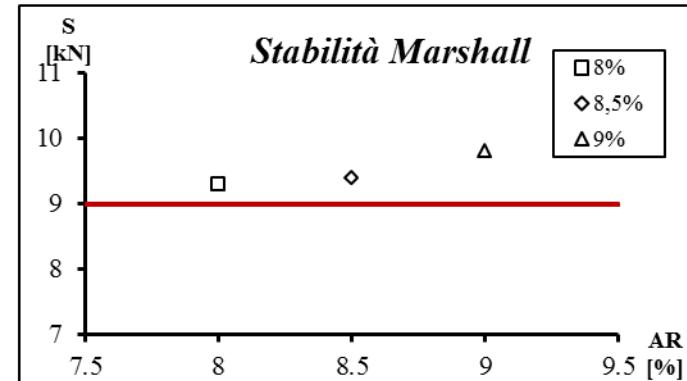
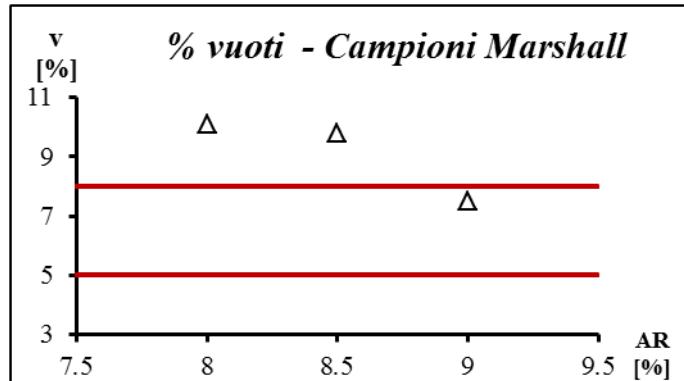
### 2) Innovative aggregates – Municipal Solid Waste Bottom Ashes

MISCELA GAP GRADED ARI	
Classi di Aggregato	Quantitativo [%]
Ceneri pesanti	21
8-12	25
4-8	37
0-4	17



## 2.4: Availability and characterization of natural and recycled aggregates

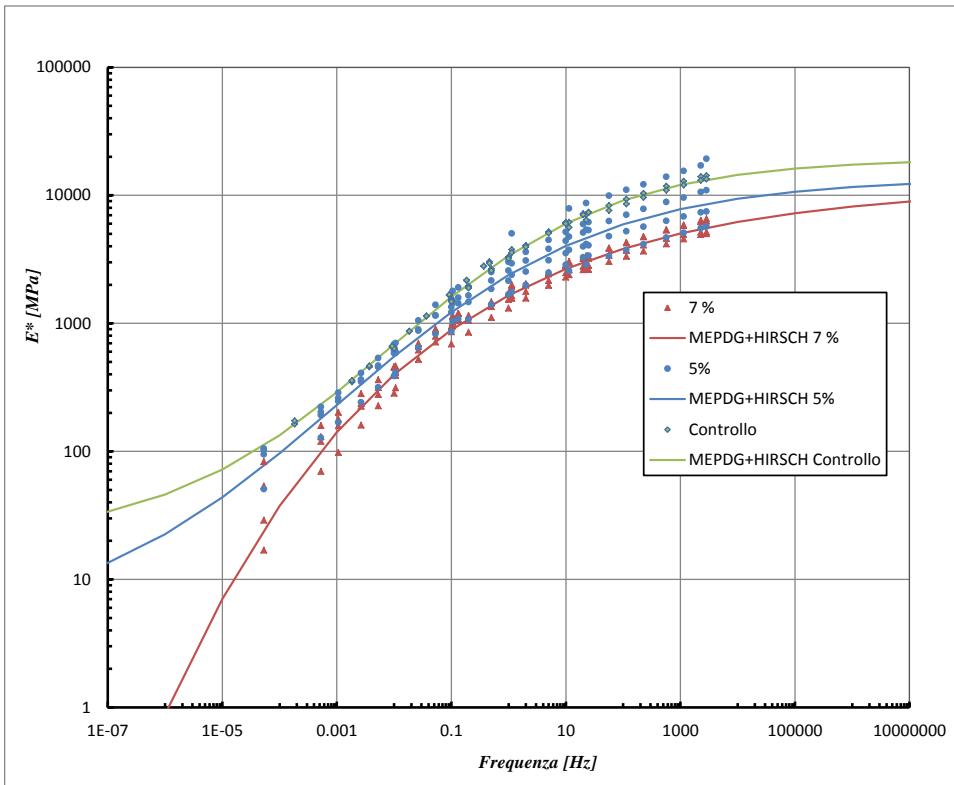
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Miscela AR [%]	v [%]	S [kN]	R [kN/mm]
8%	10,1	9,3	3,3
8,5%	9,8	9,4	2,6
9%	7,5	9,8	2,8

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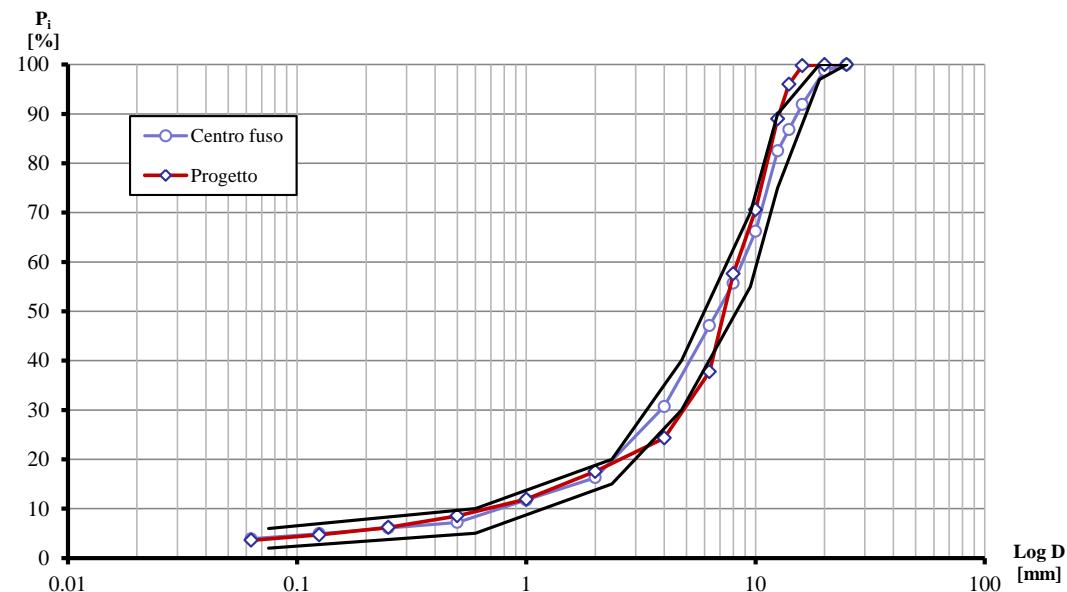




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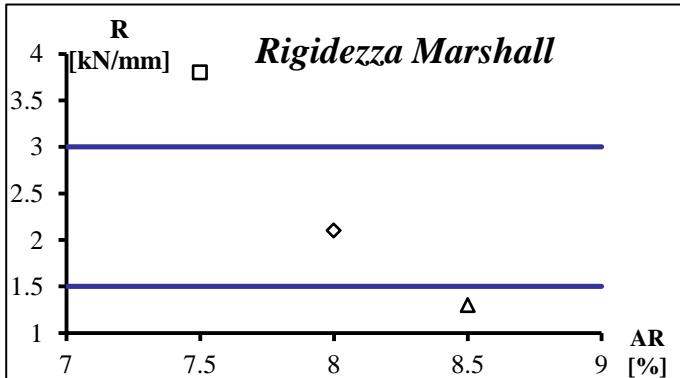
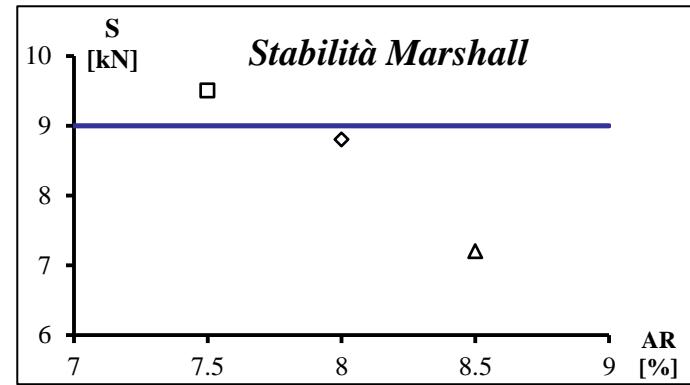
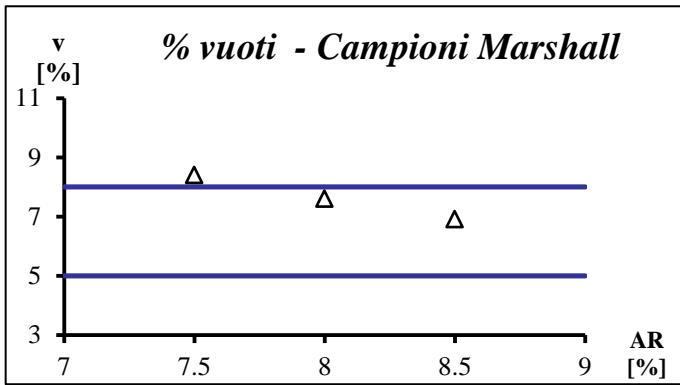
### 2) Innovative aggregates – RAP

MISCELA GAP GRADED ARI	
Classi di Aggregato	Quantitativo [%]
RAP	10
8-12	42
4-8	31
0-4	17



## 2.4: Availability and characterization of natural and recycled aggregates

### 2) Innovative aggregates – RAP

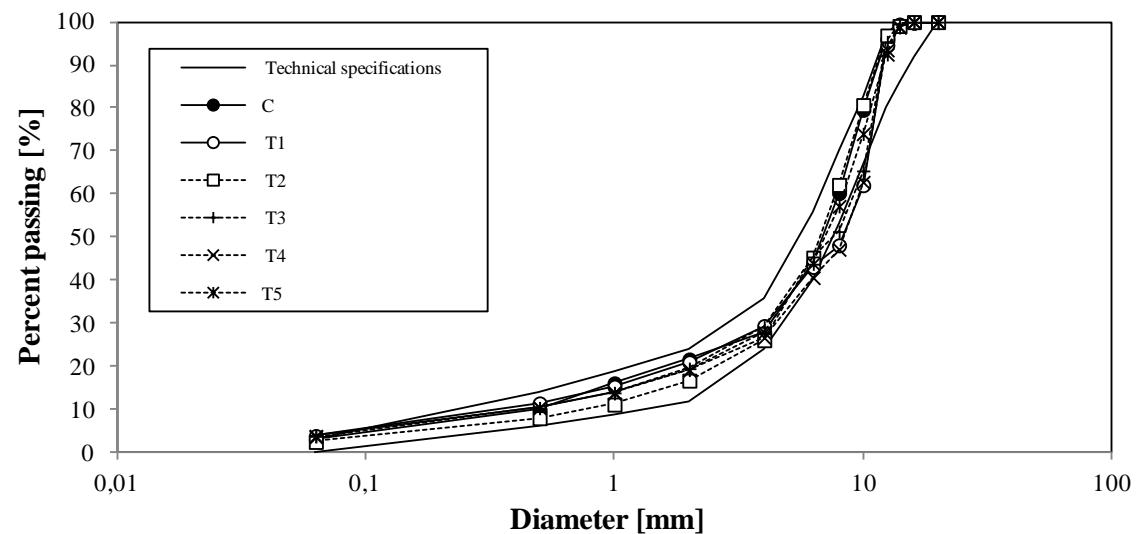


Miscela AR [%]	v [%]	S [kN]	R [kN/mm]
7.5	8.4	9.5	3.8
8	7.6	8.8	2.1
8.5	6.9	7.2	1.3
7.8	7.9	9.0	2.9

## 2.4: Availability and characterization of natural and recycled aggregates

### 3) Detailed analysis of candidate aggregates for G-G bituminous mixtures

	C	T
Fraction 0/5	26%	30%
Fraction 5/10	25%	16%
Fraction 10/15	49%	54%
Asphalt rubber	8.0%	8.0%





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### 3) Detailed analysis of candidate aggregates for G-G bituminous mixtures

	“C” aggregates						“T” aggregates				
	Marshall specimens (M)			Gyratory specimens (G)			M	M	G		
%B [%]	7.3	8.3	8.6	9.5	7.3	8.3	8.6	9.5	9.0	8.3	8.3
ρ [g/cm³]	2.311	2.329	2.331	2.355	2.327	2.369	2.388	2.392	2.285	2.352	2.343
TMD [g/cm³]	2.518	2.473	2.455	2.438	2.518	2.473	2.455	2.438	2.424	2.472	2.472
%v [%]	8.3	5.8	5.1	3.4	7.6	4.2	2.8	1.9	5.8	4.8	5.2
VMA [%]	24.7	24.6	24.6	25.2	24.2	23.1	22.7	24.0	24.2	22.5	22.8
VFB [%]	66.6	76.4	79.6	86.5	68.6	82.9	88.0	92.1	76.3	78.5	77.2
S [kN]	7.5	7.4	6.8	7.7	-	-	-	-	7.2	8.5	-
f [mm]	3.7	3.3	4.3	3.5	-	-	-	-	2.7	4.1	-
ITS [N/mm²]	-	-	-	-	0.96	0.87	1.03	0.89	-	-	1.19
SR <sub>15days</sub> [%]	96.0	105.4	102.9	101.3	-	-	-	-	-	96.1	-
ITSR <sub>7days</sub> [%]	-	-	-	-	98.7	105.6	93.8	109.8	-	-	103.7



## 2.5: Availability and characterization of CR from ELTs

### 1) Analysis of ELT treatment plants

- Evaluation of treatment techniques;
- Sampling.

### 2) Physical-chemical characterization of CRs

- Size distribution;
- Density;
- Morphology and surface area;
- Heavy metals (Al, As, Ba, Cd, Co, total Cr, Cu, Fe, Mn, Ni, Pb, Sb, Ti, Zn);
- PAH (polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons);
- VOC (volatile organic compounds);
- Elemental analysis (C, H, N, S).



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### 1) Analysis of ELT treatment plants



Ambient size



Cryogenic



HP waterjet



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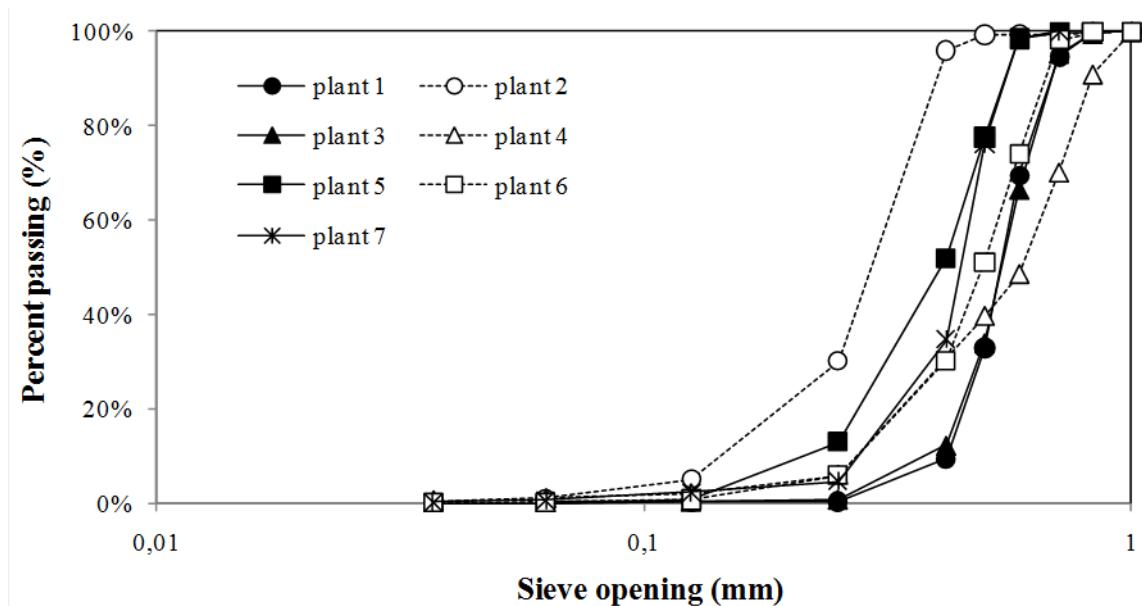
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### 1) Analysis of ELT treatment plants

Phase	Treatment plant						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Primary shredding	×	×	×	×	×*	×	×
Iron magnetic separation						×	
Secondary shredding			×			×	
Cold granulation		×					
Iron magnetic separation	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
Milling	×	×	×	×	×*	×	×
Sieving	×	×	×	×	×	×	×

## 2.5: Availability and characterization of CR from ELTs

### 2) Physical-chemical characterization of CRs



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### 2) Physical-chemical characterization of CRs

Element	Treatment plant						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Na (mg/kg)	216	231	214	230	252	229	198
K (mg/kg)	506	586	530	559	357	300	407
Ca (%)	0.349	0.546	0.180	0.345	1.12	0.130	0.496
Mg (mg/kg)	444	542	397	445	344	246	1240
Fe (%)	0.153	0.245	0.169	0.215	0.147	0.042	0.223
Mn (mg/kg)	14.7	23.9	16.1	19,6	15.8	5.07	25.3
Ba (mg/kg)	13.2	20.3	10.9	211	121	6.29	18.7
Al (mg/kg)	630	779	493	800	653	372	675
Cd (mg/kg)	4.59	4.48	5.79	3.40	2.43	2.17	2.89
Cr (mg/kg)	4.73	6.27	6.69	5.07	3.51	2.29	12.3
Ni (mg/kg)	11.5	9.13	9.87	9.22	4.54	3.84	11.0
Pb (mg/kg)	66.3	44.9	73.3	194	28.0	28.4	26.6
Cu (mg/kg)	295	472	317	353	85.9	64.3	80.0
Zn (%)	2.03	1.83	2.10	1.87	1.18	.16	1.33
Co (mg/kg)	330	259	347	255	151	162	179
Ti (mg/kg)	55.5	67.4	33.6	56.0	65.2	37.0	39.6
Sb (mg/kg)	487	379	554	388	151	164	183
C (%)	77.03	78.83	78.26	81.89	77.05	78.37	81.41
H (%)	7.23	7.16	7.38	7.23	7.09	7.03	7.47
N (%)	0.52	0.48	0.49	0.49	0.43	0.46	0.46
S (%)	2.14	1.99	2.42	2.33	1.96	2.03	1.90



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## 2.5: Availability and characterization of CR from ELTs

### 2) Physical-chemical characterization of CRs

Compound	Treatment plant						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Benzene (mg/kg)	10.22	9.27	5.44	3.24	6.04	6.08	
Naphtalene (mg/kg)	0.74	0.56	0.49	0.53	0.92	0.88	1.03
Phenanthrene (mg/kg)	3.76	2.32	1.73	2.02	5.22	3.65	2.99
Anthracene (mg/kg)	1.33	0.72	0.75	0.72	1.29	0.45	0.49
Fluorantene (mg/kg)	9.03	4.40	2.39	3.26	5.43	7.40	3.86
Pyrene (mg/kg)	14.23	14.46	8.65	12.24	16.49	21.15	12.76
Benzo[a]anthracene (mg/kg)	4.56	1.91		3.02	2.35	1.46	2.23
Crysene (mg/kg)		1.92		9.84			0.44
Benzo[a]pyrene (mg/kg)				4.28	10.60	2.44	2.34
Benzo[b]fluorantene (mg/kg)				100.12	166.69	54.81	41.41
Indeno[1,2,3-cd]pyrene(mg/kg)	2.93	1.62	0.18	1.21	1.42	0.36	0.28
Benzo[g,h,i]perylene(mg/kg)	5.88	4.33	0.56	5.89	6.28	1.91	1.07



### **3. Experimental investigation and technology development**

**3.1: Characterization of bituminous binders**

**3.2: Characterization of bituminous mixtures**

**3.3.1 & 3.3.2: Development and construction of a full-scale «dry» mixing prototype**

**3.4: Development of «dry» solutions for reduction of energy consumption and emissions**

**3.5: Reduced-scale test sections with «dry» technology**

**3.6: Reduced-scale test sections with «wet» technology**



## 3.1: Characterization of bituminous binders

### 1) Rheological characterization

- Viscosity;
- Viscoelastic properties.

### 2) Development of prediction models

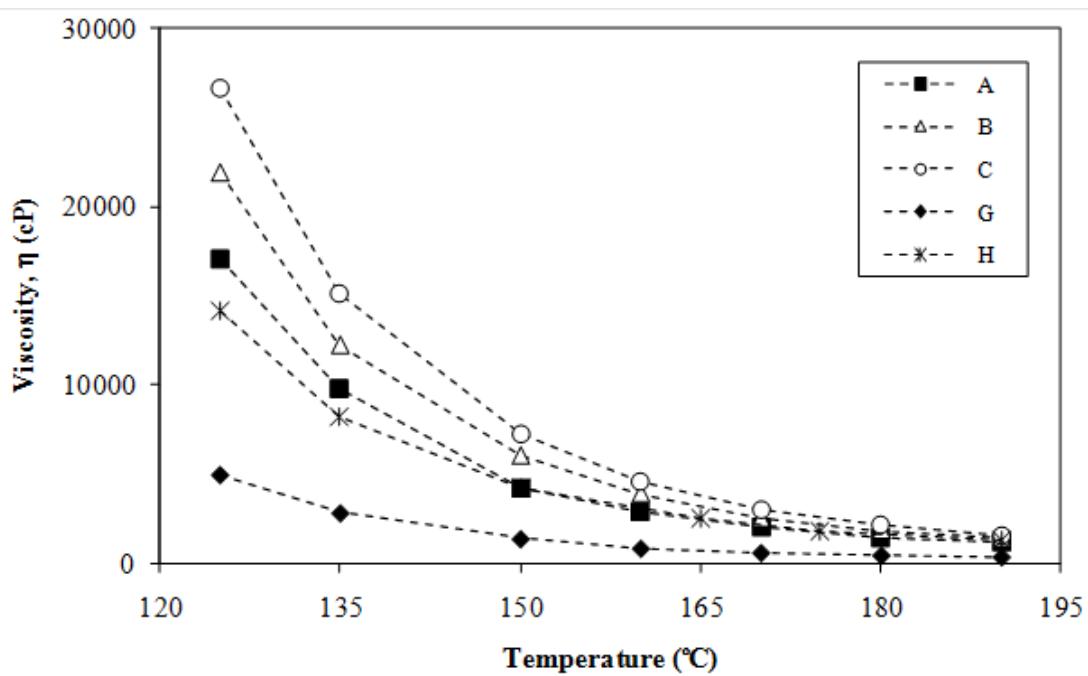
- Viscosity/Density/Morphology.

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#### 1) Rheological characterization

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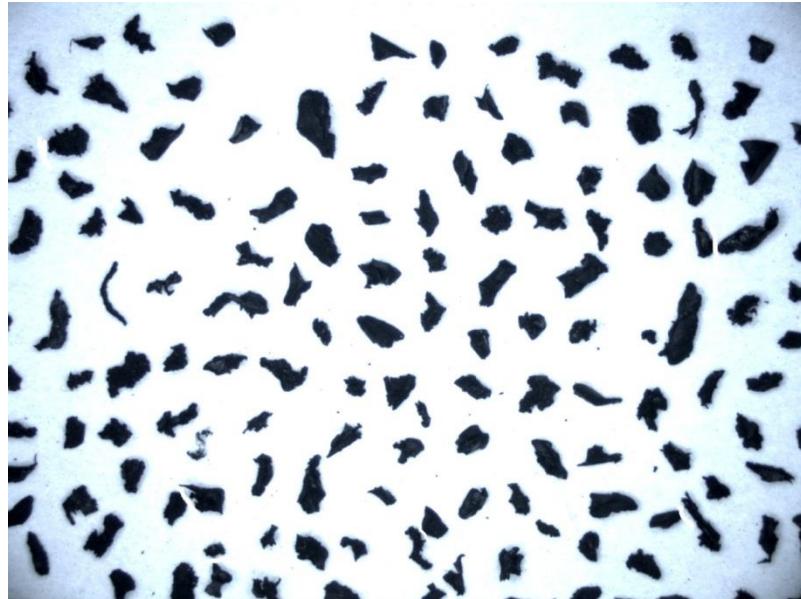
CR	A	B	C	G	H
%CR <sub>w</sub>	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
%CR <sub>v</sub>	15.1	15.0	15.3	14.5	14.9
$\alpha_T$	6.39E+17	1.70E+18	3.91E+18	3.63E+16	1.22E+16
$\beta_T$	6.491	6.636	6.765	6.153	5.709
R <sup>2</sup>	0.9920	0.9972	0.9981	0.9889	0.9931



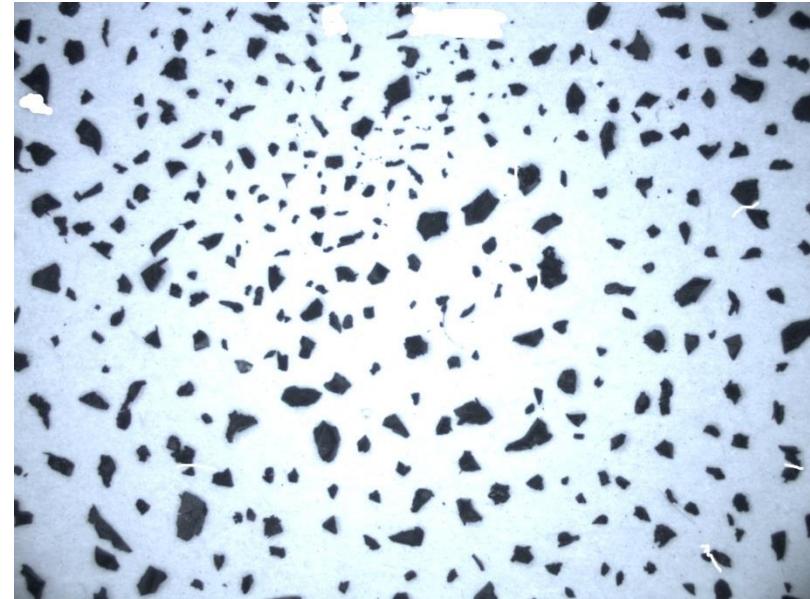


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Ambient size

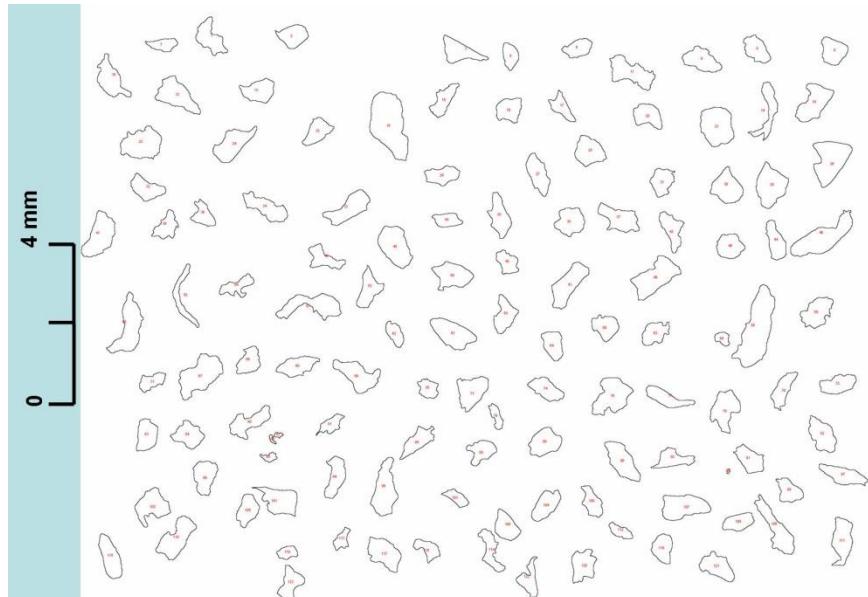


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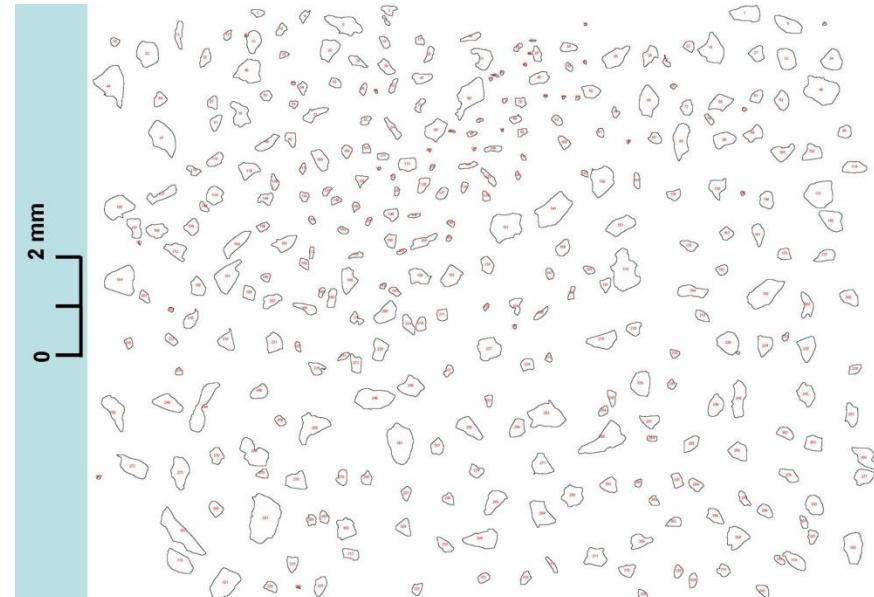


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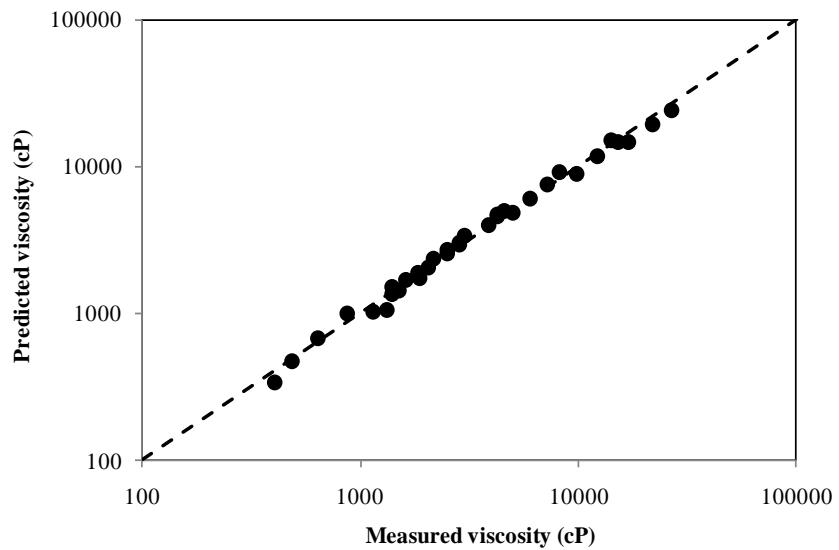


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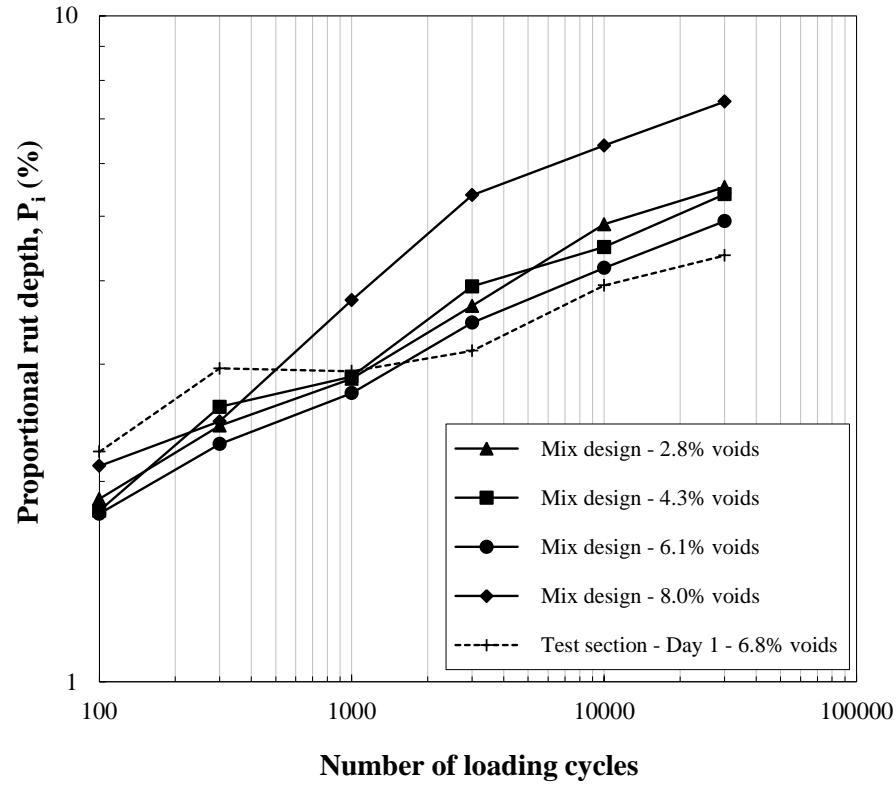
$$\eta = 10^{a_1} \cdot T^{-a_2} \cdot \rho^{-a_3} \cdot \phi^{a_4} \cdot \left( 6 \cdot \sum_i \frac{f_i}{d_{m,i}} \right)^{a_5}$$

	i = 1	i = 2	i = 3	i = 4	i = 5
Model parameter a <sub>i</sub>	15.65	6.36	12.62	0.443	8.93
Standard error se <sub>i</sub>	0.45	0.12	2.18	0.05	0.94



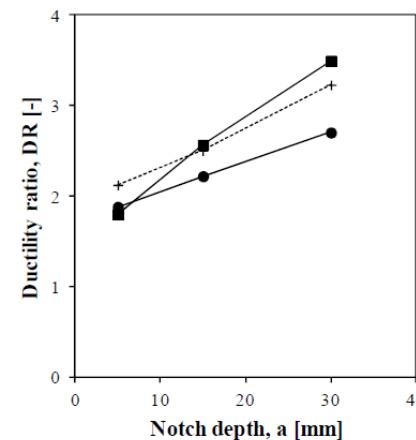
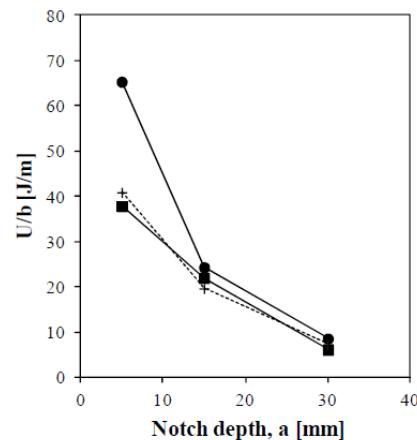
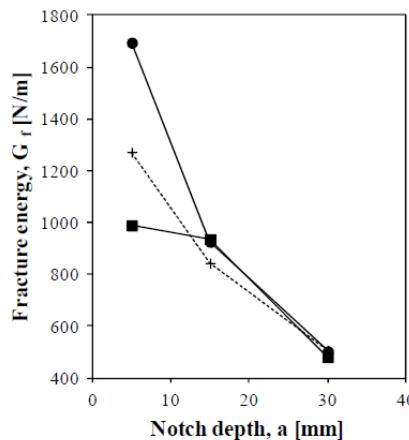
### 3.2: Characterization of bituminous mixtures

#### Wheel-tracking tests – RESISTANCE TO RUTTING



## 3.2: Characterization of bituminous mixtures

### SCB tests – RESISTANCE TO CRACK PROPAGATION





## 3.2: Characterization of bituminous mixtures

### MIXTURE TYPES

- Standard gap-graded mixtures (BV, ZA);
- Low binder content gap-graded mixtures (TB);
- Coarse gap-graded mixtures (SG);
- Fine dense-graded mixtures (CE);
- Coarse dense-graded mixtures (SD).



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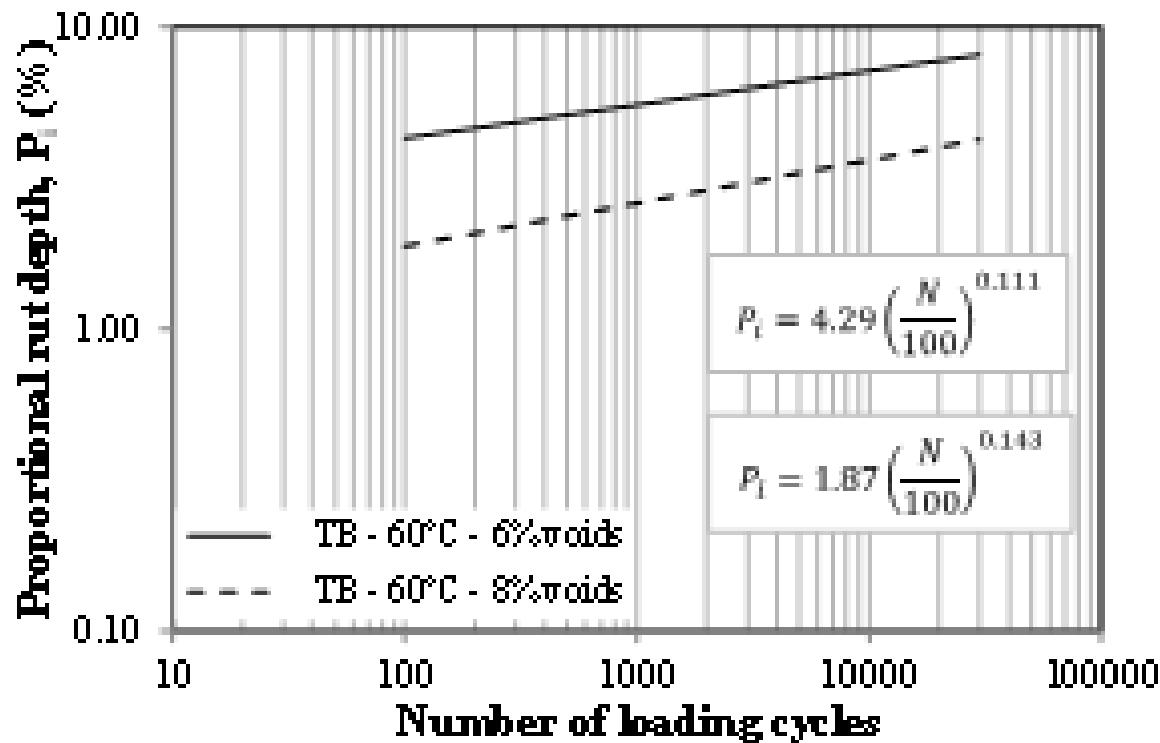
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### Test plan

	BV	TB	ZA	CE	SG	SD
<b>Tests on aggregates</b>						
Resistance to fragmentation	x				x	x
Flakiness index			x	x		
Shape index		x	x			
<b>Tests on asphalt rubber binders</b>						
Viscosity	x	x	x	x	x	x
Complex modulus and phase angle	x		x	x	x	x
<b>Compaction tests</b>						
Marshall	x	x	x	x		
Gyratory	x		x	x	x	x
Roller	x	x	x	x	x	x
<b>Volumetric tests</b>						
	x	x	x	x	x	x
<b>Simple QA/QC mechanical tests</b>						
Marshall stability and flow	x	x	x	x		
Indirect tensile strength	x					
Water sensitivity	x	x				
<b>Performance-related mechanical tests</b>						
Wheel-tracking	x	x	x	x	x	x
Semi-circular bending	x	x	x	x	x	x
<b>Environmental tests</b>						
Leaching	x		x	x		
Potential gaseous emission	x		x	x		

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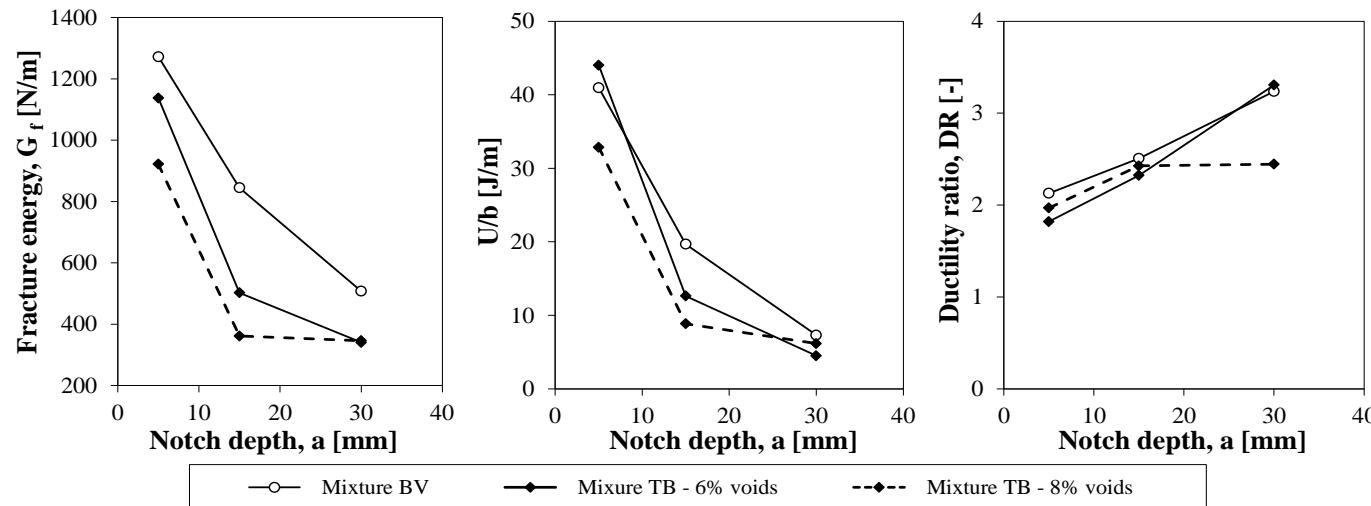
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### Semi-circular bending tests

	% v [%]	G <sub>f0</sub> [N/m]	DR <sub>0</sub> [-]	J <sub>c</sub> kJ/m <sup>2</sup>	ε <sub>max</sub> [%]	K <sub>Ic</sub> [N/mm <sup>3/2</sup> ]
BV	5.0	1373.77	1.88	0.92	-	-
TB	6.0	1163.85	1.49	0.98	-	-
TB	8.0	898.21	1.99	0.78	-	-
ZA	7.0	-	-	-	2.68	1.4
CE	10.5	-	-	-	1.60	2.7





### 3.3.1 & 3.3.2: Development and construction of a full-scale «dry» mixing prototype

#### 1) Preparatory activities

- Literature review;
- Technical survey.



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#### 2) Preliminary design of the prototype

- Assessment of current conditions;
- Selection of additional components;
- Layout definition.



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#### 3) Laboratory screening study

- Analysis of the effects of production variables.



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#### 4) Final design of the prototype



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#### 5) Construction and validation



### 3.3.1 & 3.3.2: Development and construction of a full-scale «dry» mixing prototype

#### 3) Laboratory screening study

Evaluation of the optimal mode of use of CR in terms of:

- CR type (2) → “ultrafine” 0-0.4 mm  
“coarse” 1-4 mm
- CR dosage (2) → 1% on weight of dry aggregates  
(+ reference mixtures with no CR)
- Type of bituminous mixture (2) → Base course  
Wearing course
- Mode of CR usage (2) → “hot”  
“cold”



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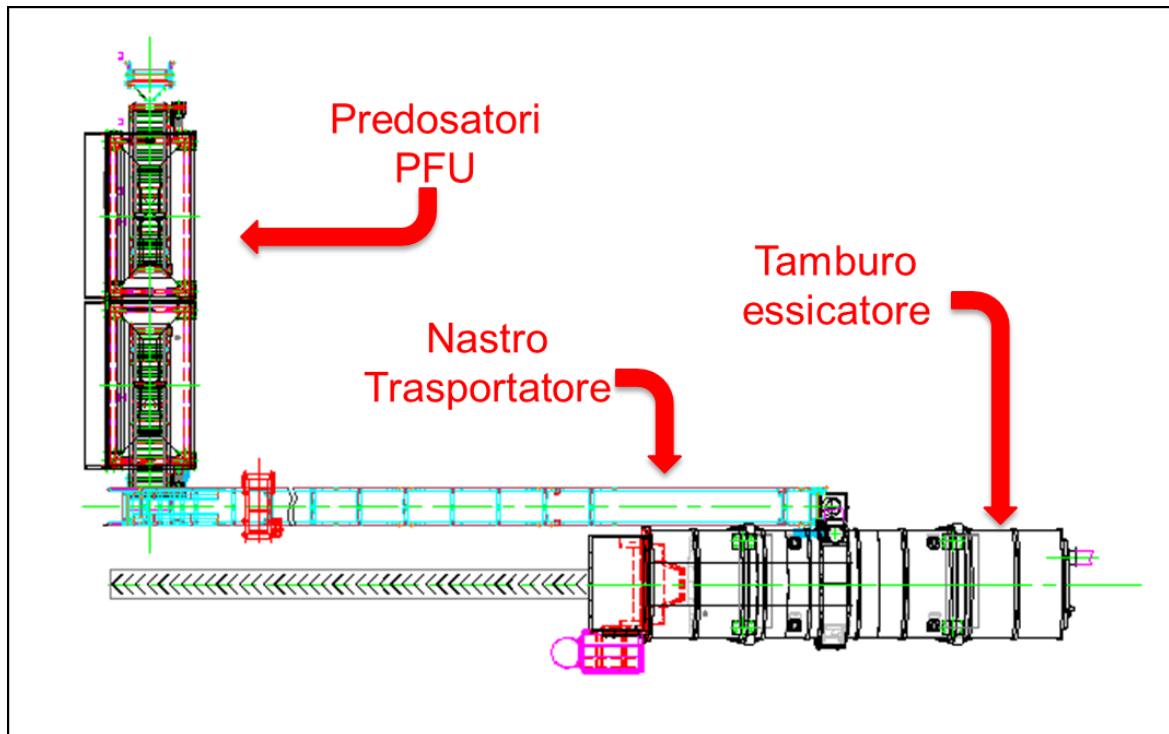
#### 3) Laboratory screening study

##### Experimental activities:

- Selection and characterization of base materials
  - Aggregates 15/30 mm, 5/18 mm, 3/8 mm, 0/5 mm (Brillada)
  - Cement filler (Brillada)
  - 50/70 bitumen (Brillada)
  - CR (ultrafine and coarse): Tritogom (Cherasco)
- Optimization of aggregate-filler mixtures;
- Identification of optimal bitumen dosage;
- Evaluation of compactability and elastic modulus.

### 3.3.1 & 3.3.2: Development and construction of a full-scale «dry» mixing prototype

#### 4) Final design of the prototype (layout)



Elimination of the «cold» CR feeding option



## 4. Implementation actions

**4.1: Full-scale test sections – Città Metropolitana di Torino**

**4.2: Full-scale test sections – Settimo Torinese**

**4.3: Pavement monitoring: skid resistance and roughness**

**4.4: Pavement monitoring: technical and environmental parameters**



## 5. Life cycle risk assessment

- **SCOPE**

Evaluate environmental effects of road construction (with CR).

- **SYSTEM BOUNDARIES**

From the cradle to the grave:

- CONSTRUCTION

- EXRACTION AND RETRIEVAL OF RAW MATERIALS (aggregates, bitumen, ecc.)
  - PLANT ACTIVITIES AND MIXTURE PODUCTION
  - TRANSPORT OF MATERIALS
  - USE OF CONSRUCTION EQUIPMENT
  - LAYING AND COMPACTION

- MAINTENANCE

- END OF LIFE



## 5. Life cycle risk assessment

### DATA

- Primary data**, directly collected on site.
- Data from literature** and **engineering hypotheses** (where primary are lacking).
- Database:**
  - Ecoinvent 2.2**, 2007 for electricity, fuel, materials (cement, water), transport
  - Eurobitume**, 2012 ([www.eurobitume.eu](http://www.eurobitume.eu)) for bitumen and emulsions.



## 5. Life cycle risk assessment

### LIFE CYCLE INVENTORY (LCI):

#### PAVEMENT

- Geometry** (length, width, layer thickness)
- Type and quantity of materials** [kg/m<sup>3</sup>]
- Life time**

#### RAW MATERIALS

- Origin**
- Energy consumption [kWh/t]** for quarries and plants
- Type of transport**
- Transport distances [km]**

#### CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, END OF LIFE

- Fuel for equipment [l]** (rollers, pavers, graders, milling machines, etc.)

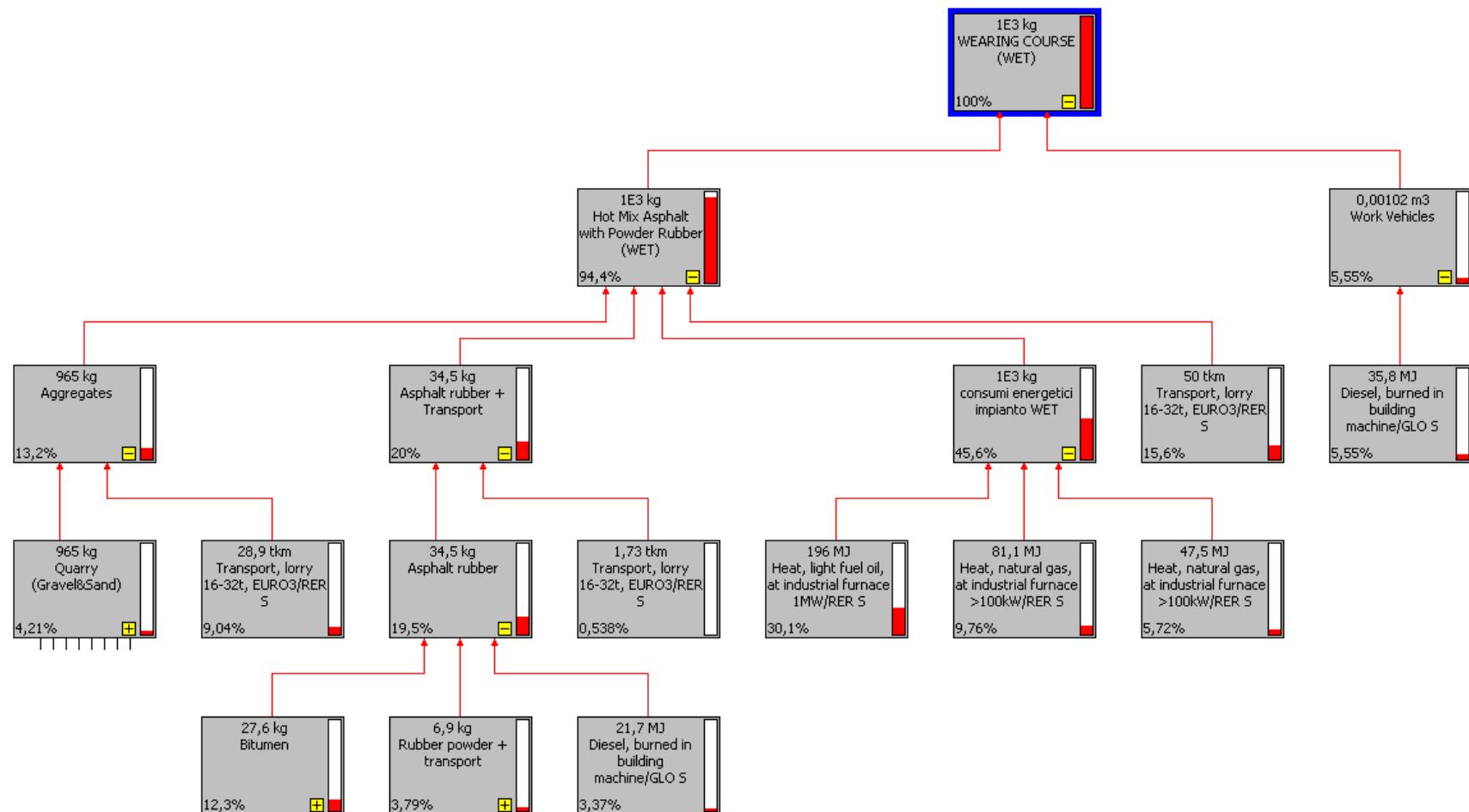


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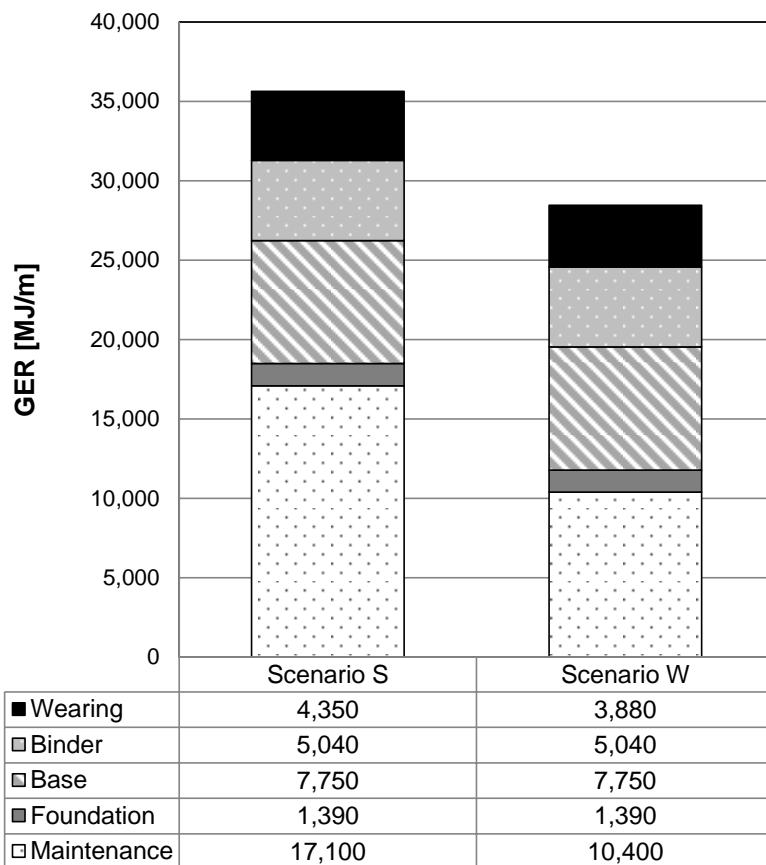
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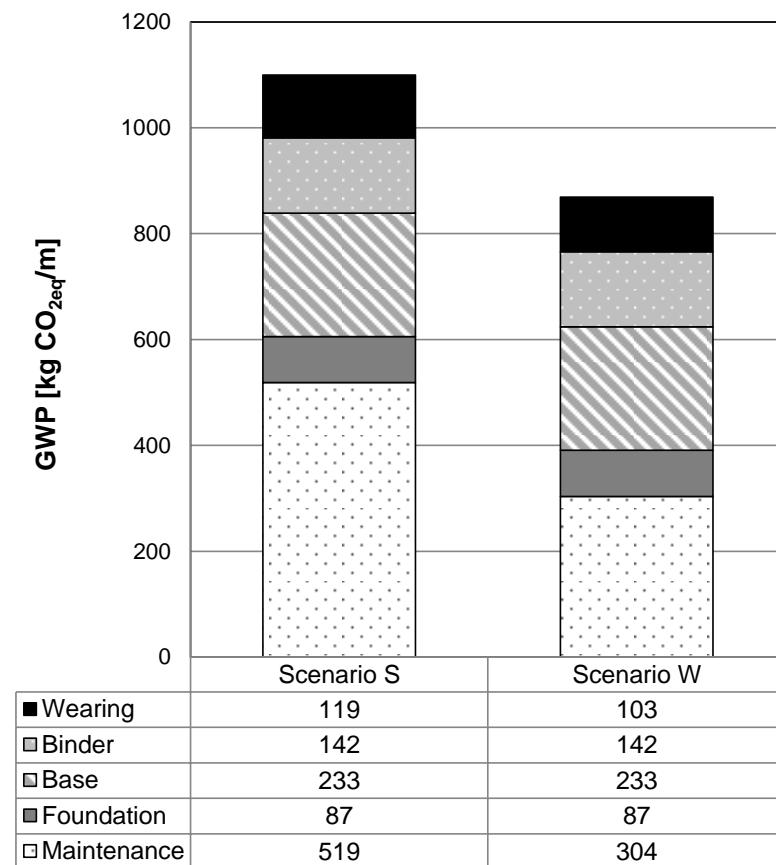
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GWP [kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq]	1,110	869



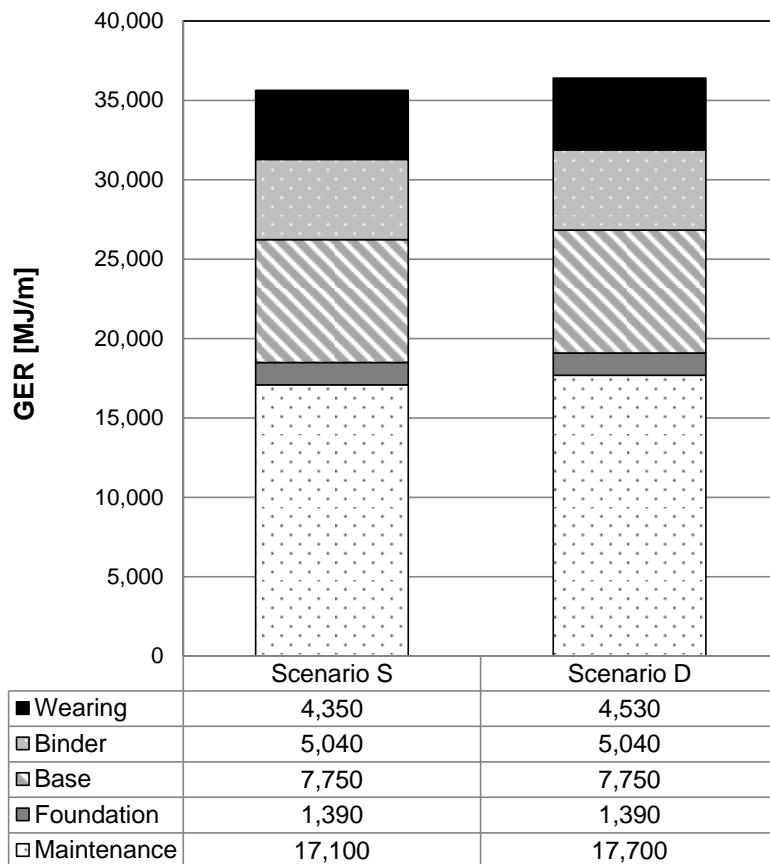
## COMPARISON STANDARD-WET

Contribution of each layer and of maintenance to energy consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

20% increase of environmental benefits



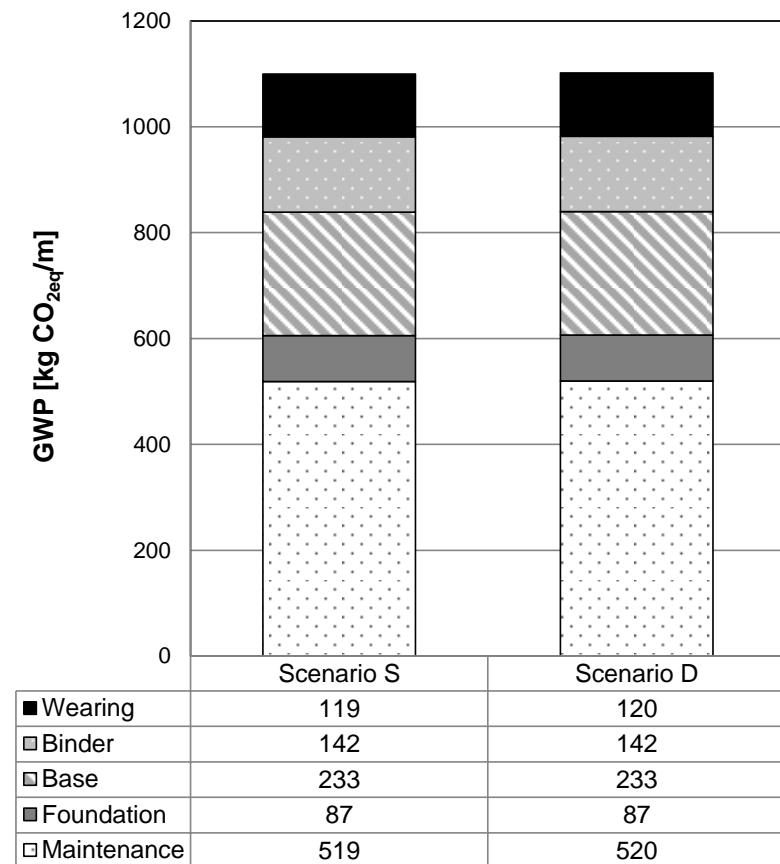
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GER [MJ]	35,618	36,887
GWP [kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq]	1,110	1,102



## COMPARISON STANDARD-DRY

Contribution of each layer and of maintenance to energy consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

## NO RELEVANT DIFFERENCES



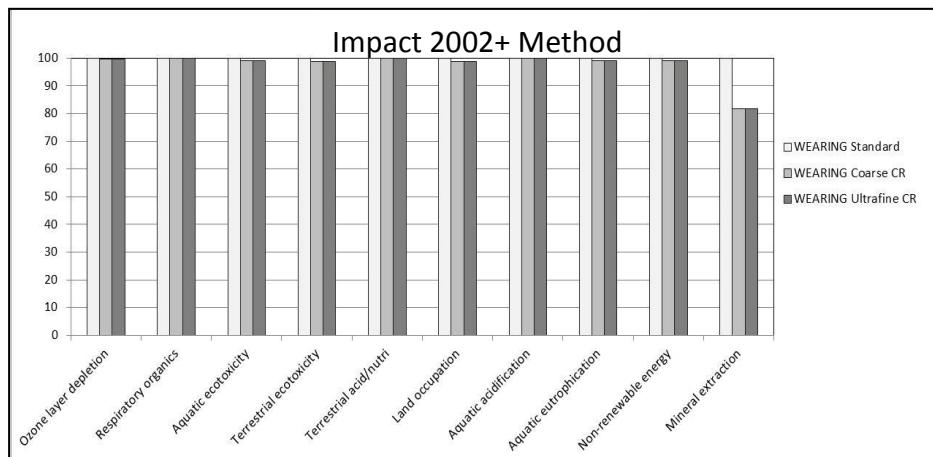
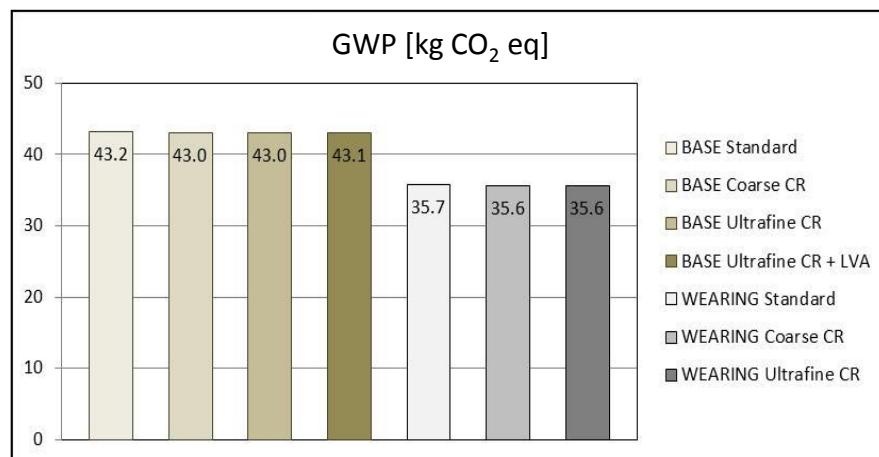
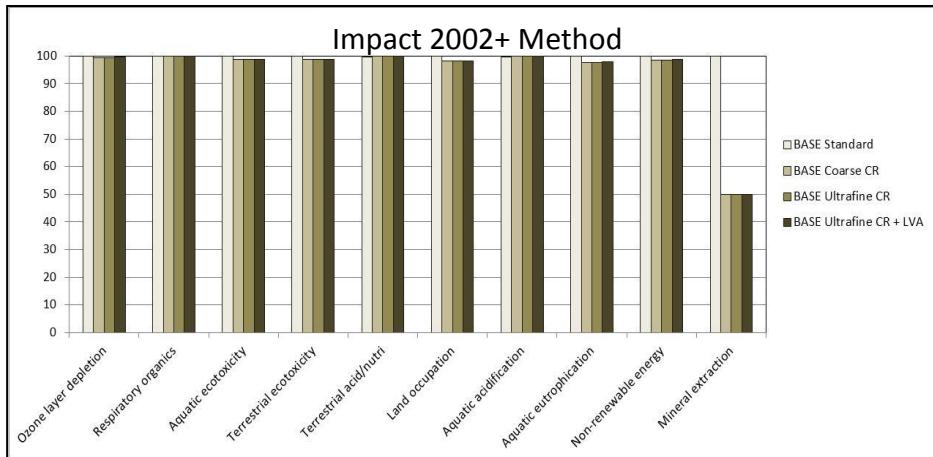
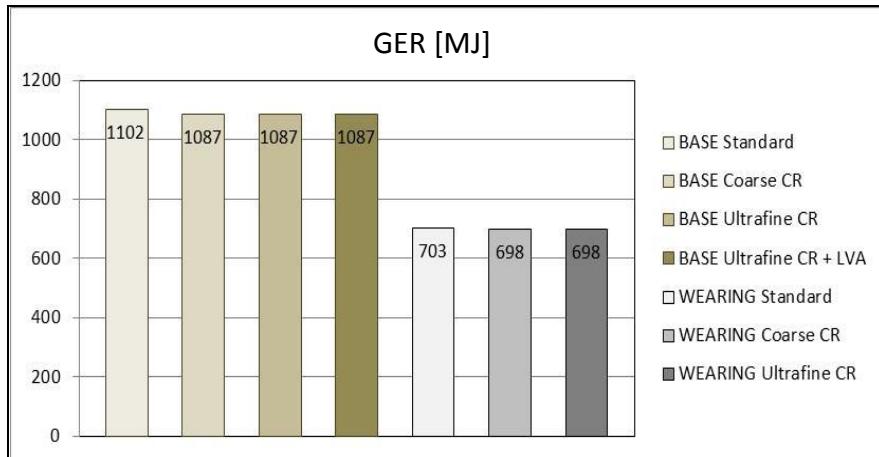


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## COMPARISON STANDARD-DRY (including low viscosity option)



**Equal Environmental Impacts (GER, GWP and indicators of the Impact 2002+ Method)**

**Saving of raw materials («Mineral Extraction»)**

**Preliminary results (some energy assumptions)**



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