Behavior of crushed rock aggregates used in road construction exposed to cold climate conditions

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SUMMARY

- Crushed aggregates used on surface asphalt pavements: Overview
 - Properties of aggregates used on asphalt mixtures
 Petrography applied to aggregates technology
 - Cases of study: Norway vs Spain
 - ✓ Climate conditions on Norwegian and Spanish roads
 - ✓ Materials and methods
 - ✓ Norwegian aggregates under optical microscope
 - ✓ Spanish aggregates under optical microscope

✓ Results

Conclusions

CRUSHED AGGREGATES USED ON SURFACE ASPHALTS: OVERVIEW

AGGREGATES MARKET



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PROPERTIES OF AGGREGATES USED ON ASPHALT MIXTURE



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PETROGRAPHY APPLIED TO AGGREGATES TECHNOLOGY



Similar mineralogy but different structure = Different material behavior

 CLIMATE CONDITIONS ON NORWEGIAN AND SPANISH ROADS



Ski station from the South of Spain (Sierra Nevada mountains)

Beach from the North of Norway (Lofoten Islands)

MATERIALS AND METHODS

NORWEGIAN AGGREGATES	SPANISH AGGREGATES
Meta-greywacke	Amphibolite
Meta-gabbro	Para-gneiss and schist

PETROGRAPHIC ANALYSIS (CEN 2010)

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Open-graded
mixture
(SPAIN)Dense- graded
mixture
(NORWAY)70 cycles10 cycles

FREEZE-THAW CYCLES WITH SALT

CANTABRO TEST (CEN 2007)

NORWEGIAN AGGREGATES UNDER OPTICAL MICROSCOPE

Qz = Quartz; Fsp = Feldspar; Cb = Carbonate

Meta-greywacke

- ✓ Medium to fine grain-size
- ✓ Orientated structure
- ✓ LA test = 19

Amp = Amphibole; PI = Plagioclase

Meta-gabbro

- ✓ Medium to coarse grain-size
- ✓ Massive structure
- ✓ LA test = 14

• SPANISH AGGREGATES UNDER OPTICAL MICROSCOPE

Amp = Amphibole; Pl = Plagioclase

Amphibolite

- \checkmark Very fine to fine grain-size
- ✓ Massive structure

Grt = Garnet; Qz = Quartz; Bt = Biotite; Ms = Muscovite

Para-gneiss and schist

- ✓ Medium to coarse grain-size
- ✓ Foliated structure
- LA test = 18

• RESULTS FROM CANTABRO TEST BEFORE AND AFTER FREEZE-THAW CYCLES WITH SALT

CONCLUSIONS

