SURVEY AND ANALYSIS
OF THE PAVEMENT STRUCTURE
AT NETWORK AND PROJECT LEVELS

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1. Introduction

TRADITIONAL ROAD NETWORK MANAGEMENT

- Approach and experience of the responsible technicians
- Visual (manual) inspection
- Specific static tests
- Correction actions using this information
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CURRENT SITUATION

INCREASE OF NETWORK LENGTH (km) AND TRAFFIC

NEW ROAD NETWORK MANAGEMENT IS REQUIRED

- Change in road management principles. New idea on road conservation management
- A **Preventive Conservation** is applied (to optimize resources and investments), instead of a Corrective Conservation
- Use of performance **indicators**
- Person in charge of construction and conservation during a long period of time
- Bonus or penalties received depend on the achievement of targets for the performance indicators
THIS NEW ROAD NETWORK MANAGEMENT approach allows to:

- Maintain quality and safety levels;
- Control the cost of actions;
- Optimize resources and investment.

Sufficient information to optimize the management is required

- High performance devices
- High sample rate
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a) **High performance devices**

- Collecting many data in a short period of time
- Minimizing time of lane occupation *(closing of the lane is not required)*
- Increasing road safety *(less lane disruption time)*
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b) **High sample rate**

- Useful real information of the pavement is collected
- Resources and investments are really optimized
2. Curviameter System

Device: CURVIAMETER
2. Curviameter System

Device. CURVIAMETER
2. Curviameter System

CURVIAMETER. Modular load

80 y 130 kN
2. Curviometer System

CURVIAMETER. Chain
2. Curviameter System

CURVIAMETER. Movement system
2. Curviameter System

CURVIAMETER. Movement system
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CURVIAMETER. Sensors. Geophones
2. Curviameter System

- Data collection is done with a measure speed of 5 m/s (18 km/h)
- Each 5 m, pavement deflection is registered on a base length of 4 m (entire deflection bowl)
- Each deflection bowl is defined by 100 points
2. Curviameter System
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This high degree of precision permits the identification of **homogeneous zones** (statistic analysis)
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- **Reduced time of lane occupation.** The closing of the lane is not required.

- It reduces costs and results in a great improvement in **road safety**.
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CURVIAMETER. GPS and Panoramic picture
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   3.2. At the project level (Type II)
   3.3. Control during the construction (Type III)

4. Conclusions
3. Curviameter Fields of Application

*Fields of application included in NLT-333 standard*

- Management of road networks (Type I)
- At the project level (Type II)
- Control during the construction (Type III)
3. Curviameter Fields of Application

APPLICATION AREA.- Management of road networks (Type I)

Tool for a general evaluation of the structural conditions of pavements.
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APPLICATION AREA.- At the project level (Type II)

Decision-making techniques for the design of the rehabilitation needs.
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APPLICATION AREA.-
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3.1. Management of road networks (Type I)

Examples of road networks surveyed > 10 000 km / year
3.1. Management of road networks (Type I)

Measurement system

- **Device:** Curviameter
- **Data collection speed:** 18 km / h (≈ 11 mi / h)
- **Average performance:** 100 km / day (≈ 62 mi / day)
- **Sample rate:** 1 entire deflection bowl every 5 m (≈ 196 in)
Deflection results are combined with other information (geometry, traffic, pavement structure, climate, among others) to determine sections with a homogeneous behavior.
3.1. Management of road networks (Type I)

- Pavement structure
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- Climate
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Sections with homogeneous behavior
3.1. Management of road networks (Type I)

Performance Indicators based on deflections

- Maximum Deflection
- D x R
- Deflection bowl area
- Residual life
- Others
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![Diagram of road networks](image)

**Legend:**
- Green: > 10 years
- Blue: 8 - 10 years
- Yellow: 6 - 8 years
- Orange: 4 - 6 years
- Red: 2 - 4 years
- Brown: 1 - 2 years
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**Units:**
- Longitud de centros asfaltados: 924 Km
- En red de alta capacidad: 988 Km
- En red convencional: 6 Km
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Combination with other pavement characteristics
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Skid resistance
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Cracks and damages
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Homogeneous sections considering all parameters
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Deflection data. Curviameter device
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3.2. At the project level (Type II)
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Deflection data. Curviameter device
3.2. At the project level (Type II)

Deflection data. Curviameter device
Deflection data. Curvimeter device
3.2. At the project level (Type II)

**Additional detailed information**

- Traffic
- Pavement and subgrade structure
- Material laboratory tests
- Climate
- Geometry
- Drainage
- Cracks and damages
- Functional parameters
- Other useful information
Sections with homogeneous behavior
3.2. At the project level (Type II)

Detailed study
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Moduli of each layer

Back-calculation using the entire deflection bowl (1 data every 5 m)
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Mechanistic analysis. Pavement response

Deflection, stress and strain using Multilayer or 3-D finite element programs

- Static / Dynamic load
- Linear / non linear
- Elastic / Viscoelastic
- Others
3.2. At the project level (Type II)

Prediction models
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Prediction models

![Graph of dynamic modulus vs. reduced frequency with different temperatures.](image-url)
Definition of the rehabilitation solution

- Reconstruction
- Full-depth repair
- Partial-depth pavement repair
- Joint and cracks sealing
- Overlay
- Surface treatment
- Others

3.2. At the project level (Type II)
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- Possibility of evaluating the structural behavior of each pavement layer

- Comparison between theoretical pavement response (mechanistic analysis) and Curviometer results

- Large amount of data allows homogeneity analysis during construction

- In addition, having information of the complete constructive process allows for right decisions during maintenance
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- **Resources and investments** are really optimized

- The system is used in the three **application fields** included in NLT-333 standard:
  - Road network management
  - Project level
  - Construction control

The Curviameter device collects pavement deflection data that can be used both at ROAD NETWORK MANAGEMENT and PROJECT LEVELS