dTIMS: The NRA Pavement Management System

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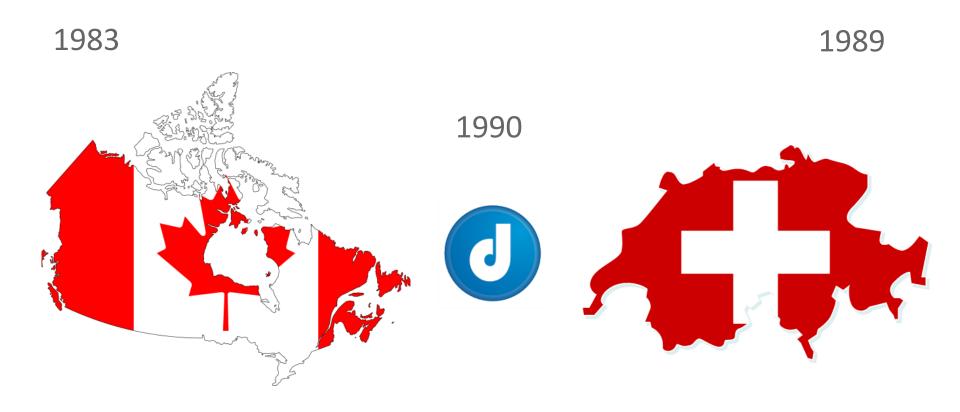
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History



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dTIMS around the world

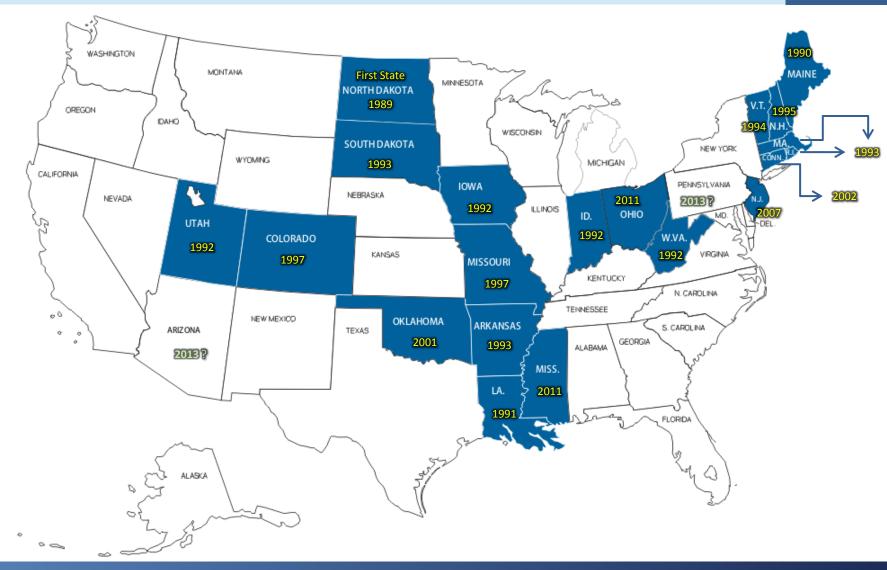


Worldwide Presence





US State DOT's





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Europe 1990 - 2000



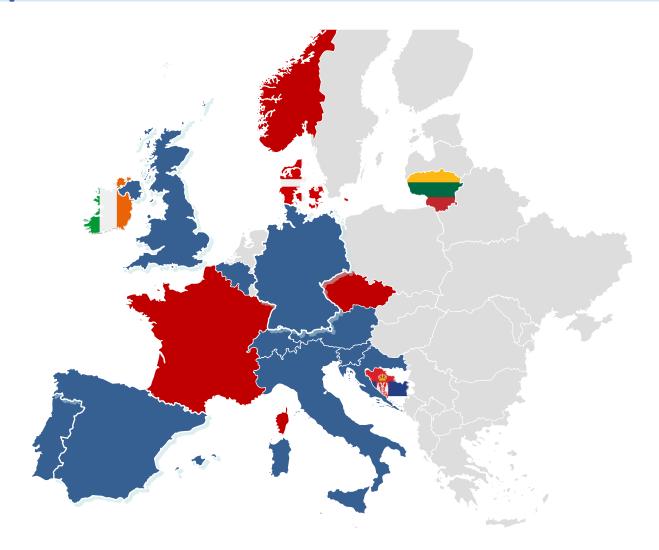


Europe 2000 - 2010



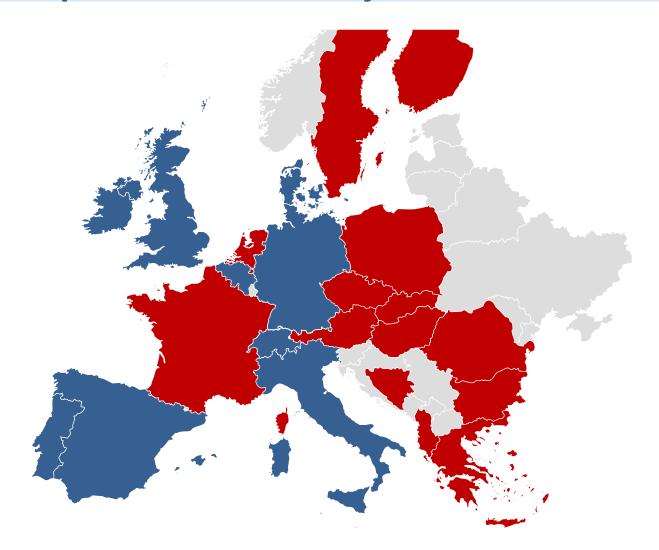


Europe 2011 – 2012 – 2013





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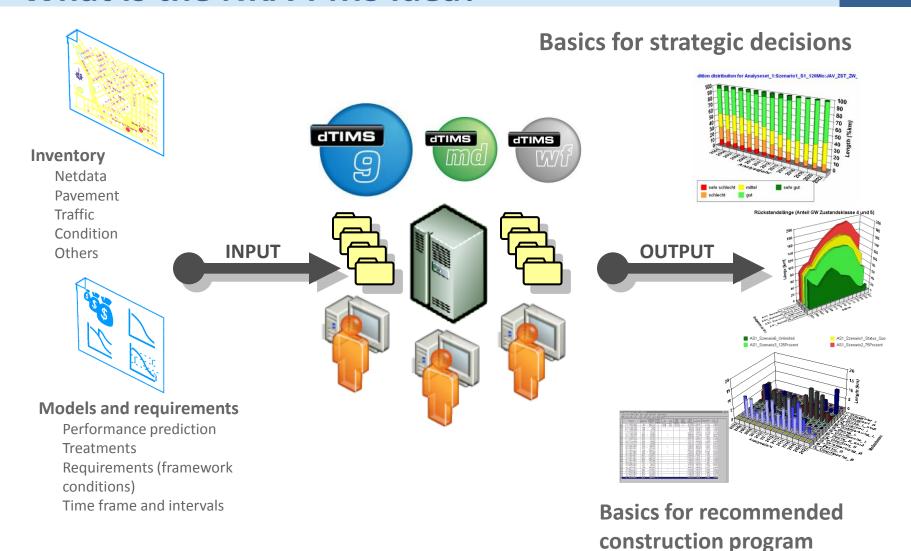




dTIMS and the NRA-PMS Idea



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Technical requirements

 Ability to forecast future condition and apply LCA/LCCA process on each single road section

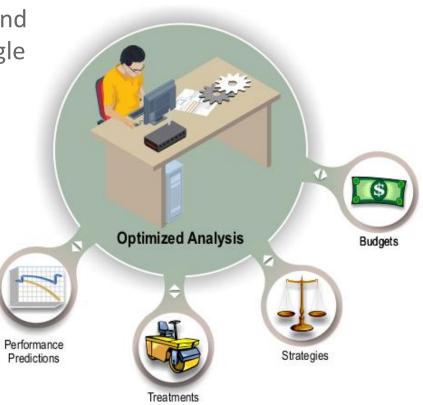
- Define custom deterioration curves
- Propose maintenance treatment strategies

Economic requirements

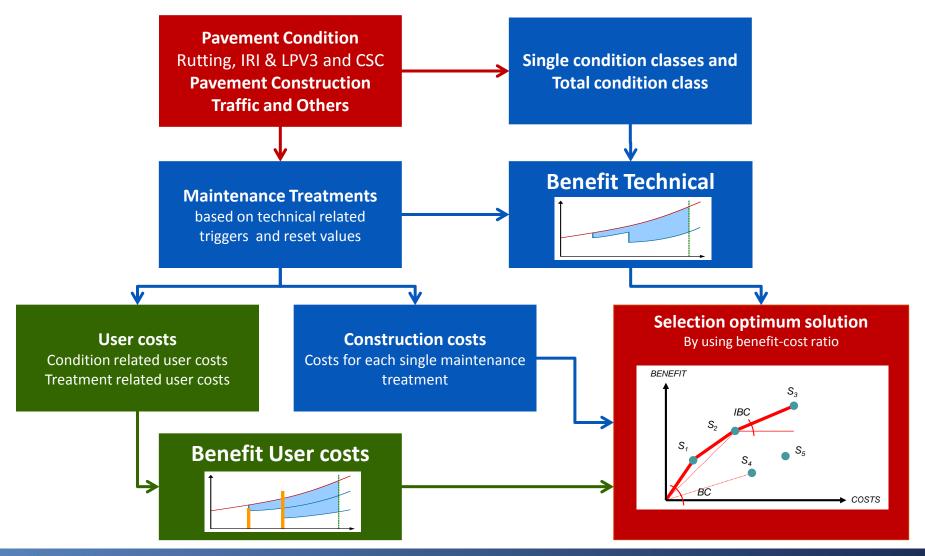
- Define multiple budget scenarios
- Optimize recommendations

Organisational requirements

- Supports existing decision process
- Supports existing asset management

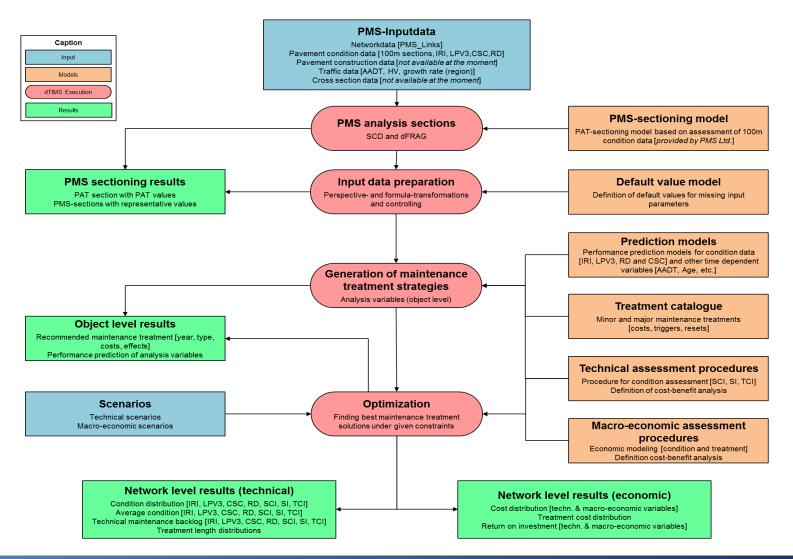


Basic assessment concept





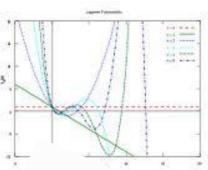
The dTIMS NRA system architecture

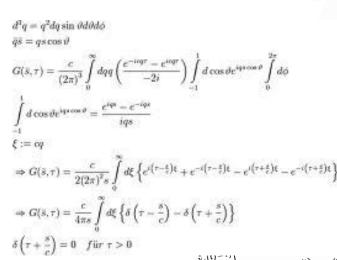


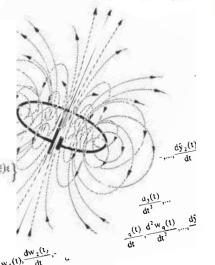


How to model this?

$$\begin{array}{lll} 0 & = & \tilde{u}_{\xi\xi} \Big(\tilde{a}(\xi,\eta) \xi_x^2 + 2 \tilde{b}(\xi,\eta) \xi_x \xi_y + \tilde{c}(\xi,\eta) \xi_y^2 \Big) \\ & + & 2 \tilde{u}_{\xi\eta} \Big(\tilde{a}(\xi,\eta) \xi_x \eta_x + \tilde{b}(\xi,\eta) (\xi_x \eta_y + \xi_y \eta_x) + \tilde{c}(\xi,\eta) \xi_y \eta_y \Big) \\ & + & \tilde{u}_{\eta\eta} \Big(\tilde{a}(\xi,\eta) \eta_x^2 + 2 \tilde{b}(\xi,\eta) \eta_x \eta_y + \tilde{c}(\xi,\eta) \eta_y^2 \Big) \\ & + & \tilde{u}_{\xi} \Big(\tilde{a}(\xi,\eta) \xi_{xx} + 2 \tilde{b}(\xi,\eta) \xi_{xy} + \tilde{c}(\xi,\eta) \xi_{yy} + \tilde{d}(\xi,\eta) \xi_x + \\ & + & \tilde{u}_{\eta} \Big(\tilde{a}(\xi,\eta) \eta_{xx} + 2 \tilde{b}(\xi,\eta) \eta_{xy} + \tilde{c}(\xi,\eta) \eta_{yy} + \tilde{d}(\xi,\eta) \eta_x + \\ & + & \tilde{u} \cdot \tilde{f}(\xi,\eta) \\ & + & \tilde{g}(\xi,\eta) \end{array},$$









Performance prediction (1)

Performance prediction is core element of any modern PMS using LCA/LCCA!

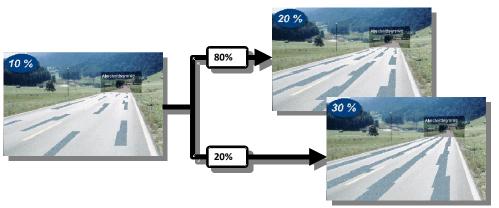
(Empirical) Performance prediction model



Probabilistic models

Description of pavement condition in the future by using a probability distribution

Time "t" Time "t+1"

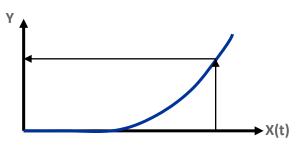


Deterministic models

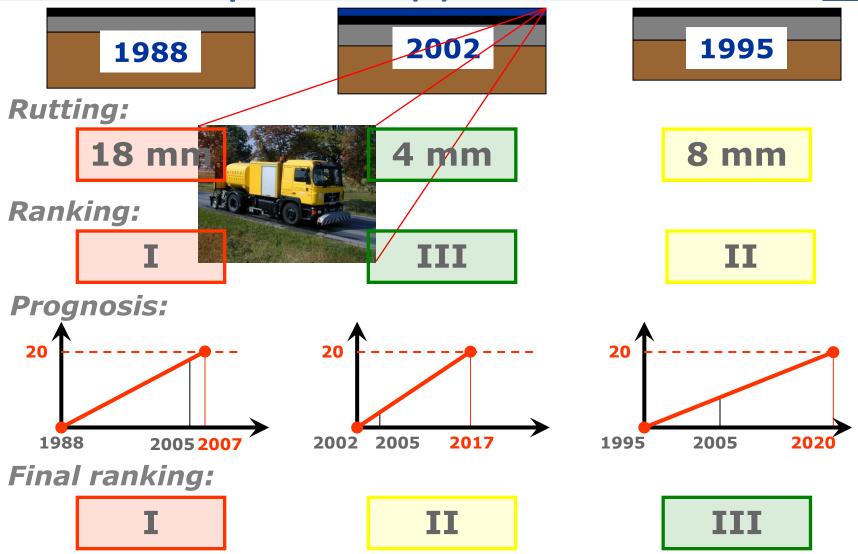
Description of pavement condition in the future by using a mathematical correlation between condition and parameters

Mathematical model:

$$Y(t) = f(X_1(t), X_2, ..., X_i)$$



Performance prediction (2)

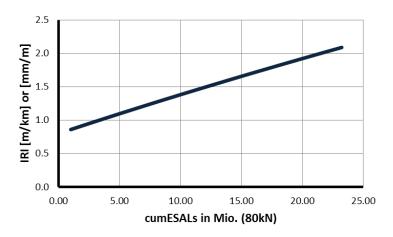




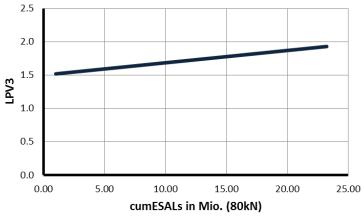
Performance prediction (3)

Longitudinal evenness

- Expressed by IRI (International Roughness Index) and LPV3 (3m variance)
- Source IRI-model: Austrian IRI-model and adjusted to NRA requirements
- Source LPV3-model: Belgium 2.5mwavelength model, transformed and adjusted to NRA requirements
- Both models are relative empirical performance functions
- Main parameter is traffic (expressed by ESALs), model parameters according to level of sub-network



$$IRI_t = IRI_{t-1} + (a+b\cdot ESAL_t \cdot 0.41\cdot 10)$$



$$LPV3_t = LPV3_{t-1} + a \cdot ESAL_t \cdot 0.41$$

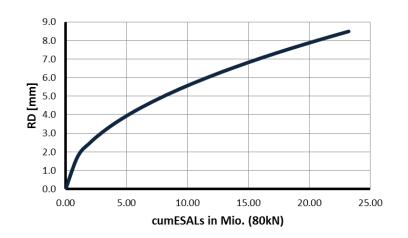
Performance prediction (3)

Transverse evenness

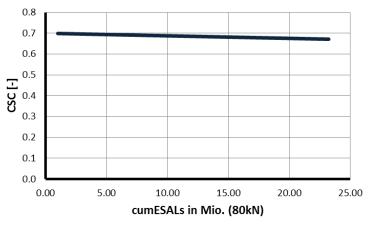
- Expressed by rut depth
- Source: Belgium rutting model and adjusted to NRA requirements
- Absolute model based on traffic (cumulative ESALs) and model parameter calculated from the measured rut depth

Skid resistance

- Friction coefficient
- Source: Belgium skid resistance model
- Relative model based on traffic (ESALs), model parameters according to level of sub-network



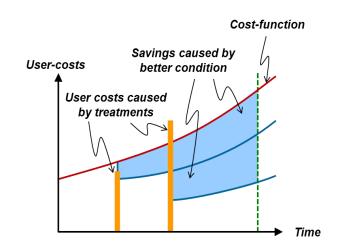
$$RD_t = A \cdot (0.41 \cdot cumESAL_t)^b$$



$$CSC_t = CSC_{t-1} + a \cdot ESAL_t \cdot 0.41$$

Implementation of User-Cost model (1)

- Implementation of a simplified user costs model based on available NRA information and data.
- Indicators to describe user costs and other macro-economic effects:



- User costs due to pavement condition
 - Time costs
 - Vehicle operating costs
 - Accident costs
 - CO₂ equivalents (environmental effects)

- Treatment related user costs and other effects
 - Time loss due to construction site
 - Additional accidents due to construction site
 - CO₂ equivalents (environmental effects)

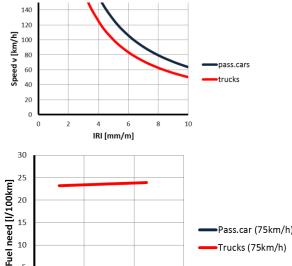


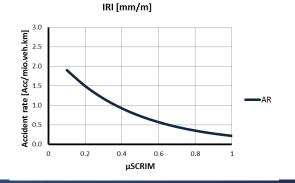
Trucks (75km/h)

Implementation of User-Cost module (2)

User-Cost module is a general approach based on simplified (understandable) models

- Time costs
 - Reduction of speed due to poor condition or maintenance treatments [HDM4]
- Vehicle operating costs (VOC)
 - Increase of fuel consumption [HDM4]
- Accident costs
 - Accident rate as a function of rutting and skid resistance [German model]
- CO₂ equivalents
 - CO₂ emissions due to fuel need [HDM4]
 - Calculation together with (VOC)

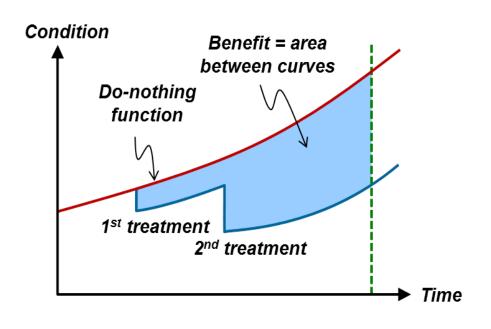






Cost-benefit analysis (1)

Calculation of technical benefit (implemented)

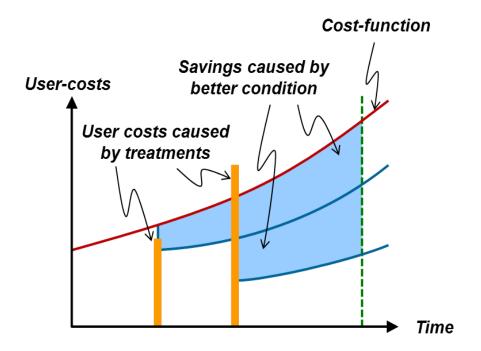


- Effects of treatments (treatment strategies) can be quantified for each single condition parameter
- Total condition class represents all effects and is the basis for the technical benefit
- Area between the curves has to be weighted according to traffic load (effect of a maintenance treatment on a high volume road should be quantified higher in comparison to a low-level road)

Cost-benefit analysis (2)

Calculation of macro-economic benefit (draft

version)



- + Savings in time costs due to better pavement condition
- + Savings in vehicle operating costs due to better pavement condition
- + Savings in accident costs due to better pavement condition
- + Savings in CO₂ cost-equivalents due to better pavement condition
- Costs due to time loss within construction site
- Costs due to increased accident rate within construction site
- Costs due to increased CO₂-emission within construction site

Sum of all costs = benefit



Cost-benefit analysis (3)

Comparison of treatment costs and benefit

- Calculation of (incremental) cost-benefit ratio (IBC-technique)
- Selection of most adequate maintenance treatment strategies over the whole network within the optimisation
 (budget scenarios)

Output of analysis

- Recommended maintenance treatment strategy for each single road section
- Network level results as a sum of the section level results

