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Using SVM to Predict the Probability of Pavement Failure

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ABSTRACT

1
2 This paper presents a method to predict the probability of structural failure of road pavements
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4 using information contained in road datasets. Expert knowledge was used to develop failure
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6 charts which identify the potential factors that may contribute towards pavement failure. A
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8 computational technique, known as a support vector machines, was built to use this information
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10 to determine from the datasets the probability of failure of individual road sections. With this
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12 prediction comes an indication of the predominant failure types, the causes of structural failure
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14 and the risk profile of a road network.
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19 The usefulness of the approach was demonstrated on a dataset taken from the New
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21 Zealand Long Term Pavement Performance study of State Highways. The analysis of the dataset
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23 showed that the network was in a good condition, yet a small number of pavement sections with
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25 a high likelihood of failure were identified. Furthermore, the application of the failure paths
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27 examined the three predominant failure types occurring on the network and identified their
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29 possible causes. Rutting appears to be significantly influenced by the road pavement strength,
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31 fatigue cracking seems to be affected notably by the environment (i.e. water ingress) and shear
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33 failure is caused primarily by the combination of traffic, pavement composition and strength. In
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35 addition, it was confirmed that measured functional pavement condition alone is not a good
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37 identifier of failure, and that the inclusion of a parameter related to strength, such as pavement
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39 deflection, is essential.
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KEYWORDS

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48 Risk and Probability Analysis, Pavement Design, Maintenance and Inspection
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NOTATIONS

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2	SVM Support vector machines
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7	FTA Fault tree analysis
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10	LTPP Long term pavement performance programme
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12	SH State Highway, namely used as the research road network in this paper
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14	2γ Support vector machine margin calculated in the machine learning task,
15	where γ = margin from the SVM decision boundary to the closest point,
16	namely the support vectors
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22	x_1, x_2 Closest points (vectors) to the decision boundary in the SVM model
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24	w Weight vector for the SVM model, defined by the research data (no units)
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27	b Bias for the SVM model, defined by the research data (no units)
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29	$P_{FAILURE}$ Overall failure probability, predicted by the trained SVM model
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32	$P(A), P(B), P(N)$ Predicted probability of failure for failure type A, failure type B, and failure
33	type N, respectively
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37	T_P Predicted True Positives (number)
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39	T_N Predicted True Negatives (number)
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42	F_P Predicted False Positives (number)
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47	N_{Total} Total Number of predictions
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49	$P_{Predicted}$ Predicted probabilities
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51	P_{Actual} Actual failure probabilities, from the research dataset (binary output)
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INTRODUCTION

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2 Road asset managers with limited road maintenance budgets are faced with the challenging task
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4 of prioritising maintenance expenditure on road networks and thereby ensuring that the structural
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6 integrity of the network is preserved over time (Robinson *et al.*, 1998). Once a failed road
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8 pavement has been identified, asset managers need to select the most appropriate maintenance
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10 treatment. However, without a comprehensive understanding of pavement failure, inappropriate
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12 maintenance is often carried out. At present, a combination of available data, such as traffic, road
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14 inventory and condition are used together with pavement deterioration models to estimate future
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16 network condition and to evaluate the maintenance requirements on a road network.
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22 Predicting structural road pavement failure is a challenging task because of the complex
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24 interaction between the factors that contribute towards failure, the different modes or
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26 mechanisms by which a road may fail, the availability, quality and variability of data, and the
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28 inherent uncertainty of the behaviour of road pavements (Reigle, 2000). There are models that
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30 focus on singular or multiple types of failure (e.g. cracking or rutting) and there have been
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32 systems with diagnostic capabilities (Henning, 2008). The formulation of such models requires a
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34 thorough understanding of the complexities of pavement failure, which can in turn assist in
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36 selecting appropriate model variables (Isa *et al.*, 2005). Whilst a number of researchers have
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38 developed approaches for infrastructure systems which utilise an understanding of failure types
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40 (Evdorides, 1994; Xiao *et al.*, 2011), this practice is not widely used in the road sector arguably
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42 because of unavailability of both data of appropriate quantity and quality and computational
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44 techniques which are accessible for the practicing engineer.
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51 To address this, this paper describes a computational methodology which quantifies the
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53 probability of structural failure of road pavement sections and identifies the most likely
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1 contributing factors. This is achieved using fault trees, developed using expert opinion, to
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4 technique, known as a support vector machines (SVM), automates the process by examining the
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6 possible failure paths in a given set of data associated with a road pavement to classify whether
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8 the scrutinised road pavement is sound or has failed, and to assign a probability of failure
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10 according to the potential failure paths identified from the fault tree analysis.
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14 Accordingly, this paper presents the following:

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16 1. The theoretical framework used for the diagnosis of the cause of failure and the
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18 probability of failure;
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20 2. The development and testing of the methodology using data from New Zealand and
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22 3. A discussion of the usefulness of the methodology developed.
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27 28 **PAVEMENT PERFORMANCE MODELLING**

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30 A number of approaches have been adopted to predict road pavement performance of which the
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32 probabilistic approach is becoming increasingly popular due to the stochastic nature of the
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34 variables measured on the road networks. This approach recognises that much of the data
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36 collected on road networks is highly variable (Martin, 2008). Methods used to this end include
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38 logistic regression, basic linear and non-linear models, Bayesian probabilities, genetic
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40 algorithms, and kernel-based learning methods (Henning, 2008; Martin, 2008; Park *et al.*, 2008,
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42 Caruana and Niculescu-Mizil, 2006). In other fields such as medical diagnostics and other
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44 engineering disciplines, neural networks, SVM, fuzzy logic, and analytical hierarchy processes
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46 have been used successfully to calculate risk probabilities (Tu, 1996; Pal, 2006; Volinsky *et al.*,
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The success of a particular modelling technique depends greatly on the appropriateness of the model for the situation at hand and its performance can be enhanced by understanding the underlying causes of failure (Isa *et al.*, 2005). Two such widely employed techniques are that of failure mode and effect analysis (FMEA) and fault tree analysis (FTA) (Patev *et al.*, 2005, Seyed-Hosseini *et al.*, 2006). The former is an analytical tool for reliability analysis which can be used to identify possible failure causes to minimise, or eliminate, failure in systems. By using a weighted ranking system, each failure is assigned a risk number that represents the overall impact of failure. The causes of failure can be graphically represented using FTA, which further enables concurrently occurring failure factors to be included in the modelling process (Patev *et al.*, 2005). With this approach, the failure paths can be established from the breakdown of the critical paths.

THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

Conceptual Design

In order to determine the probability of road pavement failure from road datasets, the approach adopted used expert knowledge to identify the predominant types of failure on a road network and the associated foremost factors which contribute towards failure. Subsequently, a computational technique was identified and developed to analyse road pavement datasets containing these factors. The developed technique was capable of determining the probability of failure for each of the failure types and of identifying the most probable combination of factors which contribute to its failure. The probability of failure for each failure type were considered together to determine the overall failure probability of a pavement section. The overall approach consisted, therefore, of two main parts:

1. Fault charts to diagnose the cause of failure

2. A computational model to calculate the probability of failure.

Fault charts

Fault, or failure, charts were built by canvassing the views of a panel of experts, in conjunction with a preliminary analysis of road networks. Initially the predominant failure types, or mechanisms occurring on the road network, were identified and for each, the panel of experts identified fundamental groups of factors which contribute to failure. These were then broken down further into associated sub-factors and used by the panel of experts to develop a fault chart for each failure type, which can be used to identify the underlying causes of failure and the interactions between factors associated with failure and the failure modes. Three such charts which focus on the predominant mechanisms associated with structural failure occurring on New Zealand road networks are shown in Figures 2 to 4.

Computational model

In order to determine the probability of failure of road pavements it was necessary to select an appropriate computational technique which could make use of the data corresponding to the types identified by the panel of experts. A number of methods were examined for this purpose and they included logistic regression, neural networks, SVM, probability trees and random forests (Caruana and Niculescu-Mizil, 2006; Chandra *et al.*, 2009). Following an extensive sensitivity analysis using road data from the New Zealand Long Term Pavement Performance (LTPP) State Highway (SH) network, a SVM technique was chosen for the task in hand (Schlotjes *et al.*, 2012). A SVM is a supervised computational learning model with an associated training algorithm which can be used, for a given set of input data, to assign a probability to two possible categories to which the set of input data may belong (Van Looy *et al.*, 2007). The SVM training algorithm uses input training data to build a model that can assign probabilities to new

input datasets. Herein the input datasets consisted of road network information corresponding to the data types as identified by the panel of experts.

The SVM technique transforms typically non-linear data, or data difficult to separate with steadfast decision boundaries, using various kernel functions. Once transformed, the data is easily separated such that an unambiguous decision boundary is defined, as shown in Figure 1 (Van Looy *et al.*, 2007). By maximising the margin (2γ) between the separated data classes, the optimal solution is found to ensure confidence around the new predictions. To do so, using vector mathematics of the closest data points to the decision boundary (namely the support vectors), the following equation is maximised:

$$\begin{aligned}
 2\gamma &= \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} \mathbf{w}^T (\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_2) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} ((\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_1 + b) - (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_2 + b)) = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} (1 + 1) \\
 \gamma &= \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{w}\|}
 \end{aligned}$$

Equation 1

The model gives for each failure type, and for each failure path, a probability of a pavement section failing. For a pavement section the most probable failure path, for a particular failure type, is that which has the greatest failure probability.

The overall failure probability ($P_{FAILURE}$) for a pavement section with N failure types was calculated by assuming that each failure mechanism acts independently as follows:

$$P_{FAILURE} = \max [P(A), P(B), \dots, P(N)]$$

Equation 2

It should be noted that a similar approach is adopted in conventional pavement design.

Assessing the Performance of the Model

Assessing the performance of the model is an integral part of developing any machine learning tool, such as the SVM model developed herein. Four tests were considered: accuracy, misclassification, the f-score and phi coefficient (Parker, 2011):

The accuracy and misclassification tests were used to determine the number of incorrectly predicted road sections, and compare the predicted output with the actual failure data.

The accuracy and misclassification percentage were calculated as follows (Parker, 2011):

Equation 3

$$Accuracy = \frac{\sum T_P + T_N}{N_{Total}} \times 100 \%$$

Equation 4

$$Misclassification = \frac{\sum |P_{Predicted} - P_{Actual}|}{N_{Total}} \times 100 \% = \frac{\sum F_P + F_N}{N_{Total}} \times 100 \%$$

The f-score is a weighted average of, the fraction of the total number of correctly classified non-failed sections divided by the total number of predicted non-failed sections (precision), and of the fraction of correctly classified non-failed road sections divided by the total number of non-failed sections analysed (recall). It is calculated according to the following equation (Parker, 2011):

Equation 5

$$F_Score = 2 \times \frac{precision \times recall}{precision + recall}$$

$$where: \quad precision = \frac{T_P}{T_P + F_P}$$

$$recall = \frac{T_P}{T_P + F_N}$$

A f-score can have a value of between zero and one, the closer the value is to one the more accurate the method is regarded (Parker, 2011; Sokolova *et al.*, 2009).

1 The phi coefficient was used to measure how well the SVM technique predicted
2 pavement failures and non-failures. As a measure of performance it is often favoured above the
3 f-score because it takes into account all correctly predicted values, as opposed to the f-score
4 where it's constituent precision and recall values only take account of the correctly predicted
5 non-failures. The phi coefficient was determined using Equation 6 (Parker, 2011):
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$$12 \quad \text{Phi coefficient} = \frac{T_P \times T_N - F_P \times F_N}{13 \quad \sqrt{(N_1 \times N_2 \times N_3 \times N_4)}} \\ 14 \quad 15 \quad 16$$

17 A positive phi coefficient means that the majority of the results are correctly predicted,
18 and vice versa. A value of zero indicates that there is no relationship between the prediction and
19 input variables (Parker, 2011).
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25 CASE STUDY

26 Dataset

27 Data was obtained from the LTPP programme which monitors 63 sites on the New Zealand SH
28 network (Henning, 2008; Henning *et al.*, 2004). The large majority of the pavements in the
29 network are thin, flexible, unbound granular pavements, carrying low volumes of traffic (i.e.
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42 Failure Charts

43 Although other modes of failure are recognised for other pavement types and environments, the
44 focus of this research paper is on only the three predominant failure types on New Zealand's low
45 volume roads, namely rutting, load associated fatigue cracking, and shear (Schlotjes *et al.*, 2011).
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52 For each of these failure types a failure chart was developed by canvassing the opinion of a panel
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of experts. To achieve this they identified six groups of factors which contribute to failure as follows:

- Traffic (e.g. annual average daily traffic);
- Pavement Composition (e.g. number of layers, thicknesses, and ages);
- Pavement Strength (e.g. structural number);
- Environment (e.g. rainfall);
- Surface Condition (e.g. percentage of cracking, rutting depth, etc.), and
- Subgrade Sensitivity (e.g. low, medium and high).

These were used to group the data types available in the SH LTPP dataset as shown in Table 1.

The factors were then sub-divided according to the opinion of the panel of experts and used to develop a failure chart for each failure type. The charts so developed are presented in Figure 2 to Figure 4, where the notation ‘Trial “X”’ correlates with the combinations of factor listed in Table 3. It may be seen that some combinations of factors (failure paths) occur for more than one failure type because of the similar interactions between factors within the types of failure. For example, both rutting and fatigue cracking can be due to a combination of excessive strain and poor pavement support, as a result of composition issues (as shown by Trial 7 in Figures 2 and 3).

Computational model

As described above the SVM technique, was used to determine the probability of failure of the road pavements in the SH LTPP network dataset. To this end, the technique was used to compute, for each of the three failure types identified, the likelihood of failure of all pavement sections by each possible failure path in the failure charts. In developing the SVM model, a 10-

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fold cross-validation approach was followed, where a random 90 % sample of the dataset was used for training (Rogers and Girolami, 2012). The performance of the SVM modelling technique was demonstrated using a number of measures as described below.

Results and Analysis

The results of the analysis are divided into two parts:

1. An assessment of the performance measures to show the applicability of the SVM modelling technique for the task in hand, and
2. An analysis of the SH LTPP road network to demonstrate the usefulness of the suggested methodology.

Assessment of the SVM technique

Table 2 presents the average results from cross-validation tests of the performance measures, from which it may be seen that the SVM model predicted accurately the three types of pavement failure, according to the accuracy, misclassification and f-score measures used. The relatively lower values of the phi coefficient however suggest weaker relationships between the road dataset and the predicted failure for each failure type.

The prediction of rutting and fatigue cracking may be seen to be slightly better than for the shear component, by all three measures. Shear failure can be strongly linked to the properties of pavement materials, and unfortunately, this information is lacking in network level datasets. Therefore, further work is required in the development of the shear failure prediction component of the model.

Factors Associated With Failure

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Table 3 summarises, for each of the three failure types considered, the computed most probable causes of failure for the entire SH LTPP road network and the associated corresponding number of pavement sections. For all three failure types, strength is shown to be a major factor. As far as rutting is concerned, the road pavement strength is the only significant factor for 64 % of the road pavements analysed. The predominant factors associated with fatigue cracking are strength, traffic, composition, environment, and subgrade sensitivity. The environment factor occurs in 46 % of the pavement sections which have failed by fatigue cracking, and since environment is a measure of the cumulative amount of rainfall falling on an already cracked pavement (Table 1), it would suggest that water ingress is a major factor contributing to the deterioration of this network. For shear failure, traffic, pavement composition and strength together are the likely to be contributing factors towards failure of nearly half of the network.

The few occurrences of surface condition in Table 3 and the fact that it does not occur alone for any of the three failure mechanisms suggest that the functional pavement condition is not a good predictor of failure. This suggests that visual road condition assessment, on which pavement maintenance is often based, may not be sufficient on its own to determine appropriate maintenance.

Failure Probability

A simplified method was adopted, based on Equation 2, to calculate the overall failure probability, and is as follows:

$$P_{FAILURE} = \max [P(Rutting), P(Fatigue Cracking), P(Shear)]$$

Equation 7

However, it is recognised that a more complex approach could improve the reliability of the failure probabilities, given the noticeable occurrence of combined or secondary failure mechanisms. The investigation of such an approach is beyond the scope of this paper.

Accordingly, three outputs were calculated:

1. Probable causes of failure
2. The probability of failure for each of the failure type
3. The overall failure probability of road sections

Figure 5 shows the frequency distribution of the probability of overall failure of the road pavement sections analysed and therefore the overall risk profile of the SH LTPP road network. The histogram shows that the majority (97 %) of the pavement sections on the network has a probability of failure of less than 0.2, and 79 % with a failure probability of less than 0.1, which suggests that the network is in good condition. However, a small number (2 %) of pavement sections are predicted to have failed ($P_{FAILURE} > 0.5$), with a high probability of failure.

Figure 6 presents the distribution of the most probable failure modes on the SH LTPP road network, from which it may be seen that shear failure is the most probable.

Practical Application

The methodology presented facilitates both project and network level analysis of a road network. At the project level, pavement sections that have a high probability of failure can be identified, further assessed if necessary, and appropriately treated. Such a predictive approach is likely to be more cost effective than a reactive one. For failed sections of the network, the methodology allows an insight into the causes of failure, enabling an appropriate remedial treatment to be applied, and can support, or replace, expensive site investigations. For example, pavement section #3804 was identified as having failed by fatigue cracking. Using the developed model, the computed overall failure probability and those of the individual failure types are as follows:

$$P_{FAILURE\ (#3804)} = \max[P_{RUT} = 0.0442, P_{FATIGUE\ CRACK} = 0.9874, P_{SHEAR} = 0.0767]$$

$$P_{FAILURE\ (#3804)} = P_{FATIGUE\ CRACK} = 0.9874$$

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The associated factor combination of the $P_{FAILURE}$ is Trial 23 (refer Table 3). From the failure charts, Figure 3 in particular, it can be seen that pavement failed in fatigue cracking due to poor pavement composition (from an aged pavement or insufficient pavement thickness). This resulted in poor pavement support, which when combined with excessive traffic loadings caused failure.

Pavement section #4249 failed in both rutting and shear and its computed failure probabilities are:

$$P_{FAILURE\ (#4249)} = \max[P_{RUT} = 0.6935, P_{FATIGUE\ CRACK} = 0.0213, P_{SHEAR} = 0.9507]$$

$$P_{FAILURE\ (#4249)} = P_{SHEAR} = 0.9507$$

Trial 7 are the most probable failure factor combinations for both rutting and shear. According to the failure charts (Figures 2 and 4) the most likely failure paths for both of these mechanisms are traffic and composition, and although the same factor combinations are in the critical failure paths, the most probable causes are different. Shear failure is generally related to material performance, and rutting is a result of induced strains from excessive, traffic loadings and strain repetitions, so the cause of these failures (both rutting and shear) can be attributed to poor composition of the pavement combined with excessive traffic loading.

At a network level, risk profiles (Figure 5) can be produced to identify the overall serviceability of the network and the predominant failure mechanism(s) (Figure 6). This enables appropriate and timely maintenance to be carried out adjustments of any maintenance regimes,. Furthermore potential changes in the external environment can be quantified in terms of potential effects on network condition. For example, if traffic loading on the network is set to increase, the projected increase in loading can be included in the input parameters in the SVM and the effects

1 modelled. Similarly the effects of the potential changes in precipitation due to climate change
2 could be estimated.
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4 5 **CONCLUSIONS**

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8 A method has been developed which is capable of assessing the probability of the structural
9 failure of road pavements. The method was based on using expert judgment to develop failure
10 charts for the predominant types of failure on a road pavement which can be used to identify the
11 contributing factors to pavement failure. A computational technique, known as SVM, was
12 developed to analyse the probability of failure of pavement datasets and to determine the most
13 probable failure paths for each failure type. The resulting probabilities for each failure type were
14 used, in a simple approach, to determine an overall probability of pavement failure. Further work
15 is being undertaken to calculate the overall failure probability within the SVM modelling
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30 A case study using data from the New Zealand SH LTPP programme was used to
31 demonstrate the performance of the proposed methodology. Four performance measures were
32 used to assess the precision of the SVM technique in determining the probability of failure of
33 pavements via three failure types, rutting, fatigue cracking and shear failure. Although the SVM
34 performed satisfactorily in predicting failure, further development in the prediction of shear
35 failure, and consideration of combined failure modes are both desirable and necessary. The
36 analysis of the New Zealand dataset showed that the network may be regarded as being in a good
37 condition, although a small number of pavement sections within the network have a high
38 likelihood of failure. From this study it is evident that measured functional pavement condition
39 alone is not a good identifier of failure, and that the inclusion of a parameter related to strength,
40 such as pavement deflection, is essential.
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TABLE 1 Factor Combinations for Modelling Using LTPP Data

Factor Group	Variables included in the Group
Traffic	- Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) ^{a,b,c}
	- Total percentage of Heavy Vehicles ^{a,b,c}
	- Cumulative number of Equivalent Standard Axles (ESA), given the base layer age ^{a,b,c}
	- Cumulative number of Equivalent Standard Axles (ESA), given the surface layer age ^b
Pavement Composition	- Base layer age ^{a,b,c}
	- Subbase layer age ^{a,b,c}
	- Surface age ^b
	- Total pavement thickness, excluding surface thickness ^{a,b,c}
	- Total pavement thickness, including surface thickness ^b
Pavement Strength	- Pavement width ^{a,b,c}
	- Number of lanes ^{a,b,c}
	- Strength of pavement (weak or strong) ^{a,b,c}
	- Structural number (SNP) ^{a,b,c}
Environment	- Structural indices (SI) for rutting, flexure, shear and roughness ^{a,b,c}
	- Falling weight deflectometer (FWD) parameters ^{a,b,c}
	- Cumulative rainfall once the pavement is cracked ^{a,b,c}
Surface Condition	- Rut depths for left-hand wheelpath, right-hand wheelpath, and lane ^{a,c}
	- Rut rate for left-hand wheelpath, right-hand wheelpath, and lane ^a
	- Total cracking (all cracking types) ^b
	- Crack rate ^b
	- Number of years of continual cracking ^b
Subgrade Sensitivity	- Mechanical damage ^c
	- Structural patch ^c
	- Pothole diameter, depth and number ^c
	- Shoving ^c
Subgrade Sensitivity	- Sensitivity of pavement ^{a,b,c}

^a – Rutting dataset; ^b – Fatigue cracking dataset; ^c – Shear dataset

TABLE 2 Summary of the Performance Measures

	Accuracy (%)	Average Value over all Failure Paths		
		Misclassification (%)	F-score	Phi coefficient
Rutting	97.70	2.30	0.99	0.22
Fatigue Cracking	98.21	1.79	0.99	0.31
Shear	94.52	5.48	0.97	0.16

TABLE 3 Factor Combinations of the SH LTPP Network per Failure Mechanism

Trial	Combinations of Factors	Rutting	Fatigue Cracking	Shear
3	Strength	3596	782	-
7	Traffic + Composition	45	547	177
8	Traffic + Strength	0	0	-
12	Composition + Strength	932	348	703
16	Strength + Environment	6	-	-
18	Strength + Subgrade Sensitivity	0	0	865
22	Traffic + Composition + Strength	120	313	1150
23	Traffic + Composition + Environment	-	199	-
24	Traffic + Composition + Surface Condition	-	45	-
25	Traffic + Composition + Subgrade Sensitivity	0	131	118
26	Traffic + Strength + Environment	0	396	-
28	Traffic + Strength + Subgrade Sensitivity	0	0	0
32	Composition + Strength + Environment	0	186	37
33	Composition + Strength + Condition	-	125	-
34	Composition + Strength + Subgrade Sensitivity	0	239	212
39	Strength + Environment + Subgrade Sensitivity	871	-	-
42	Traffic + Composition + Strength + Environment	0	151	182
43	Traffic + Composition + Strength + Surface Condition	-	253	-
44	Traffic + Composition + Strength + Subgrade Sensitivity	0	-	962
46	Traffic + Composition + Environment + Subgrade Sensitivity	3	103	-
47	Traffic + Composition + Surface Condition + Subgrade Sensitivity	-	18	-
49	Traffic + Strength + Environment + Subgrade Sensitivity	42	1077	614
50	Traffic + Strength + Surface Condition + Subgrade Sensitivity	-	229	-
52	Composition + Strength + Environment + Surface Condition	-	11	-
53	Composition + Strength + Environment + Subgrade Sensitivity	0	239	143
54	Composition + Strength + Surface Condition + Subgrade Sensitivity	-	4	-
57	Traffic + Composition + Strength + Environment + Surface Condition	-	3	-
58	Traffic + Composition + Strength + Environment + Subgrade Sensitivity	13	212	465
59	Traffic + Composition + Strength + Surface Condition + Subgrade Sensitivity	-	6	-
62	Composition + Strength + Environment + Surface Condition + Subgrade Sensitivity	-	8	-
63	Traffic + Composition + Strength + Environment + Surface Condition + Subgrade Sensitivity	-	3	-
	TOTAL	5628	5628	5628

- Not Applicable

FIGURE 1 Overview of SVM technique (Adapted from Van Looy *et al.* (2007)).

FIGURE 2 Rutting failure chart identifying the associated causes of failure, as .

FIGURE 3 Fatigue cracking failure chart with the associated causes of failure identified in the methodology.

FIGURE 4 Shear failure chart with the associated causes of failure identified in the methodology.

FIGURE 5 Overall failure distribution of the SH LTPP road network from the predicted outputs of the SVM model developed in this paper.

FIGURE 6 Most probable failure modes of the SH LTPP road network from the predicted outputs of the SVM model developed in this paper.

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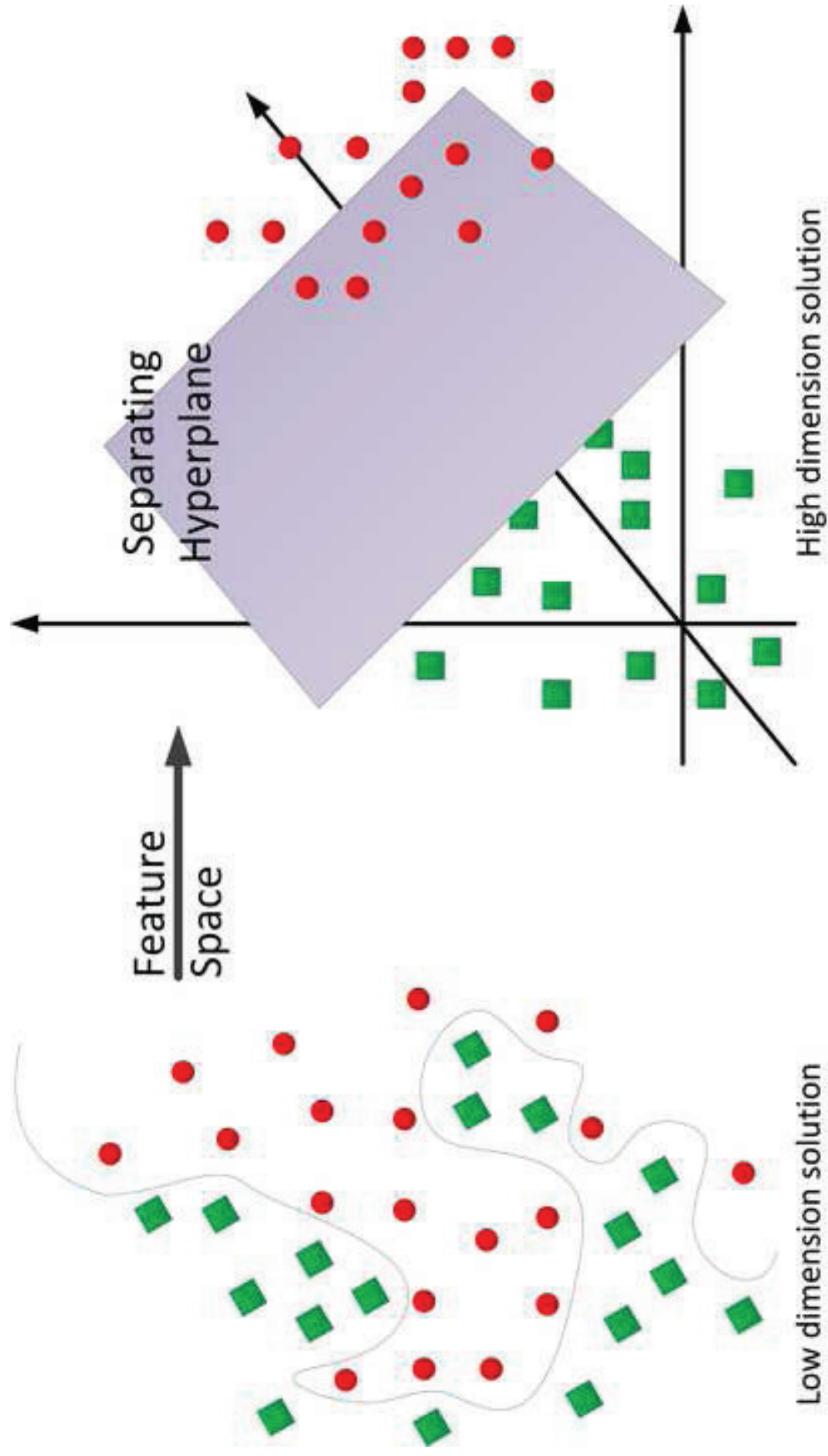
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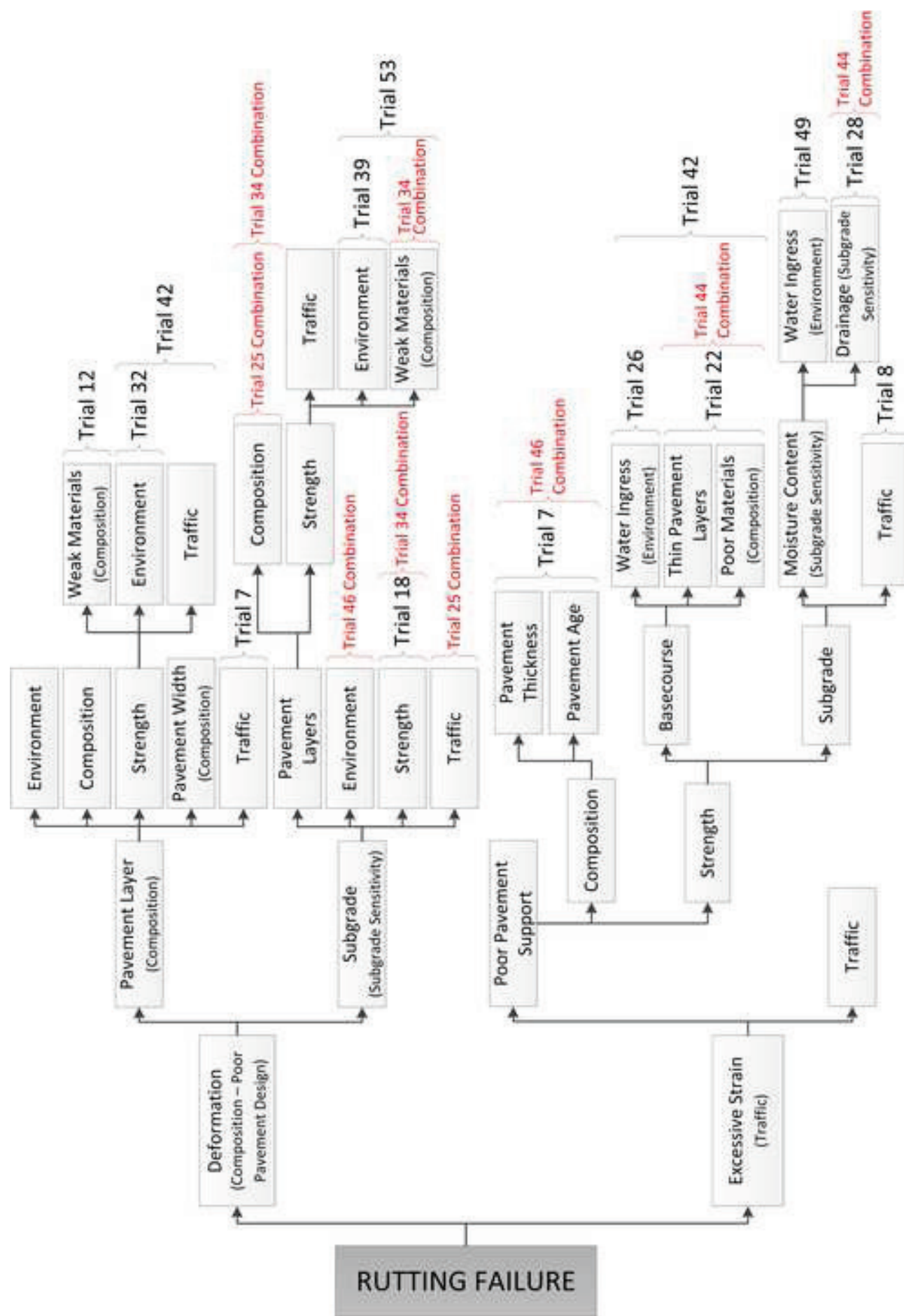
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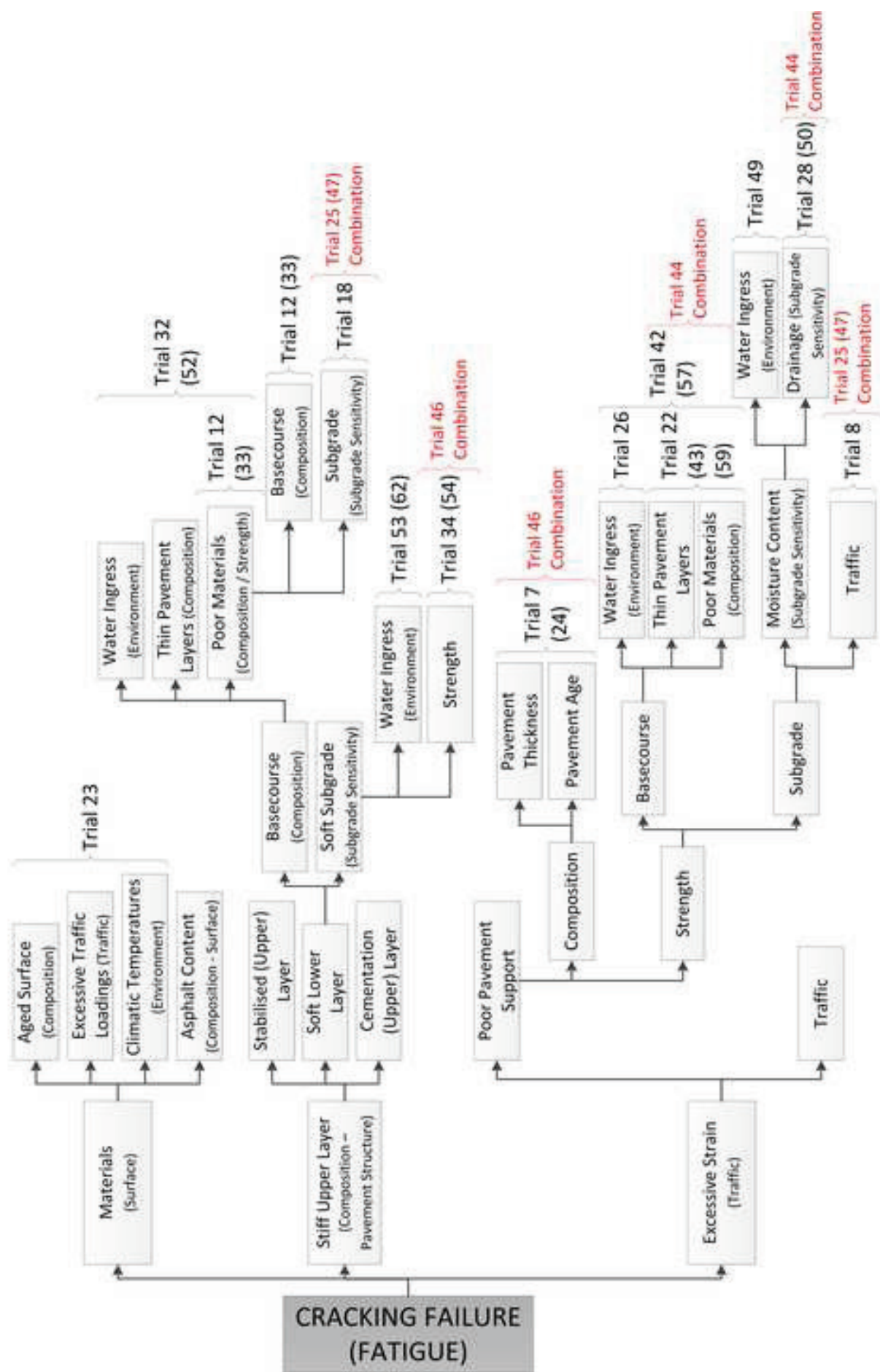
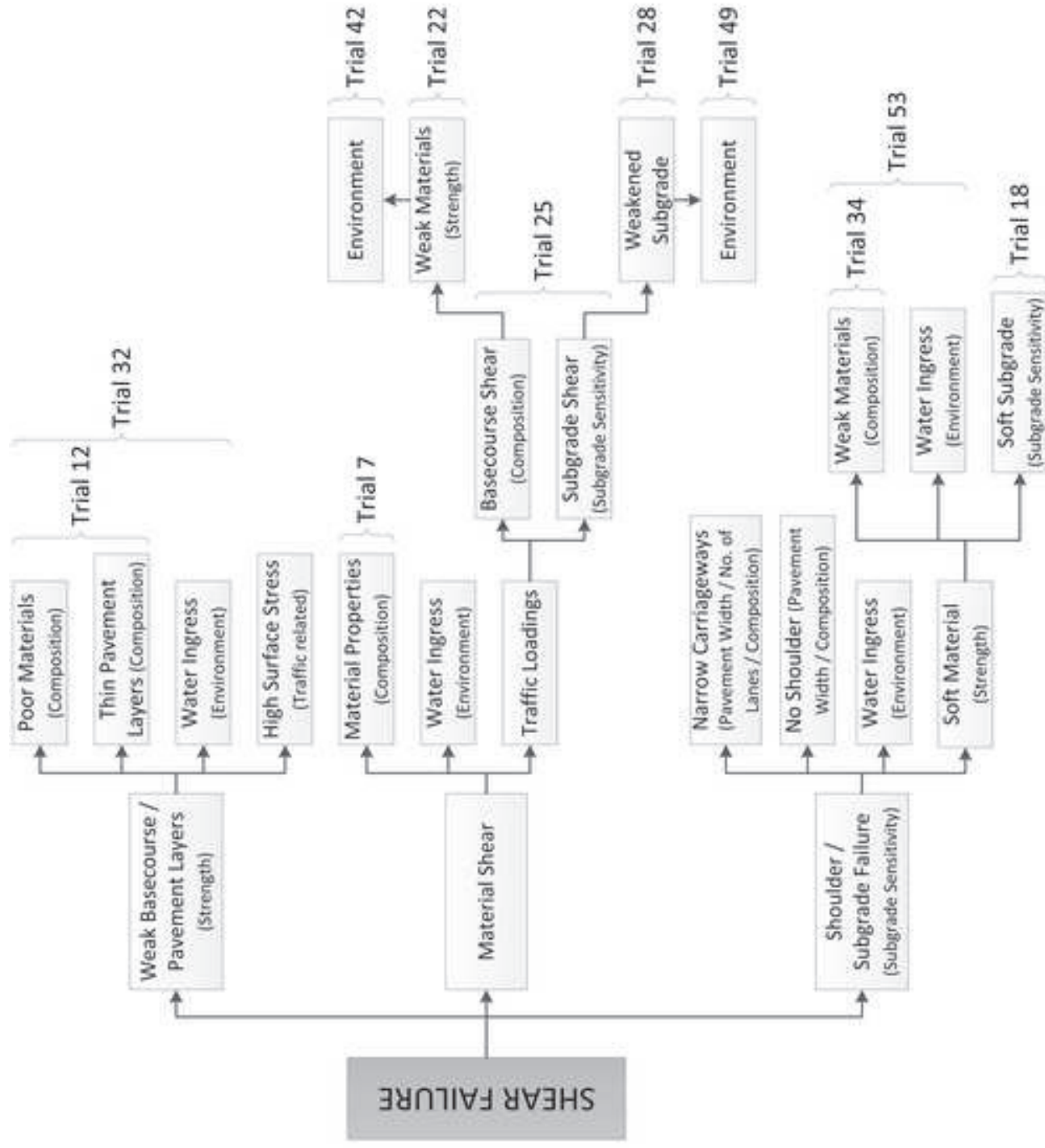
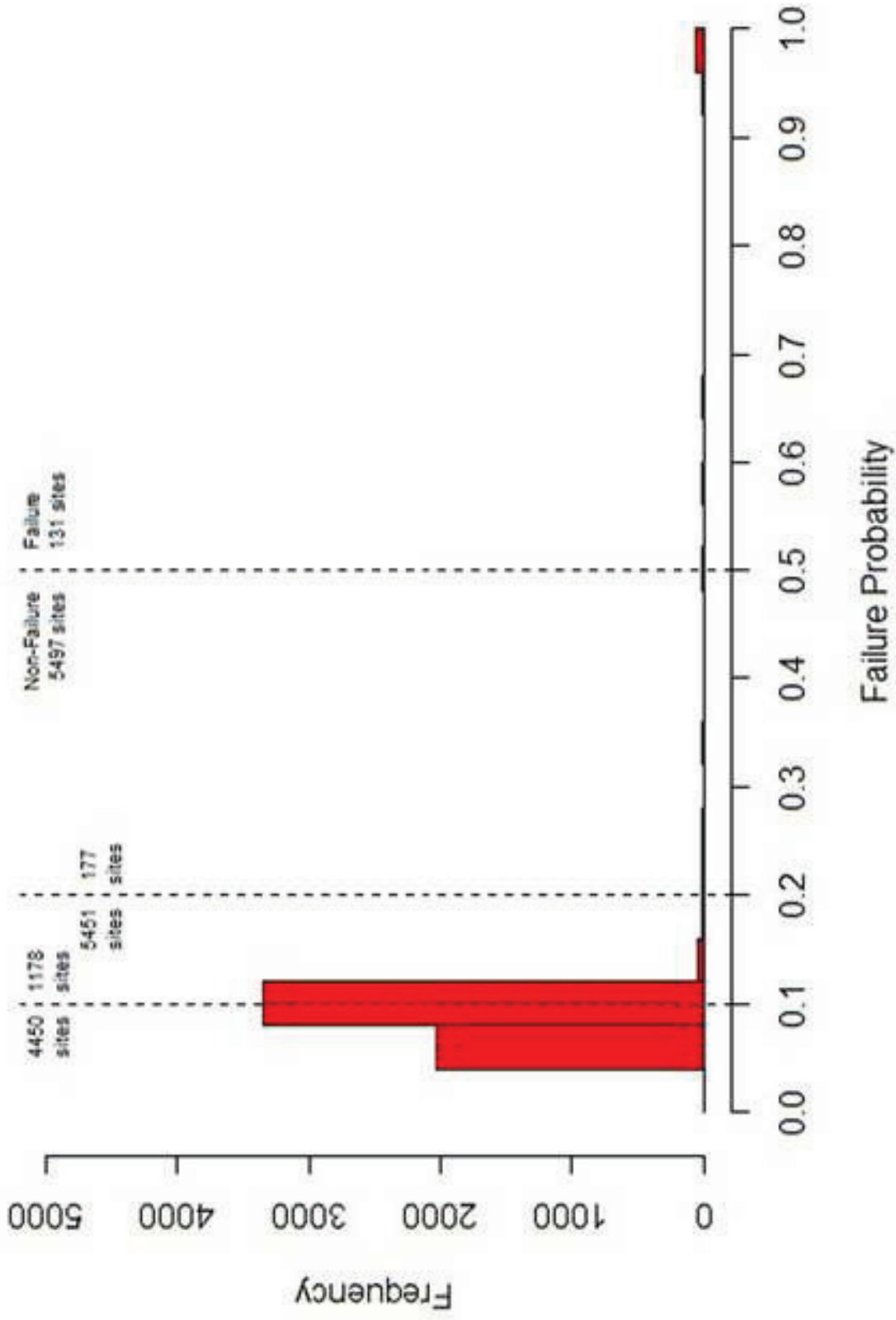


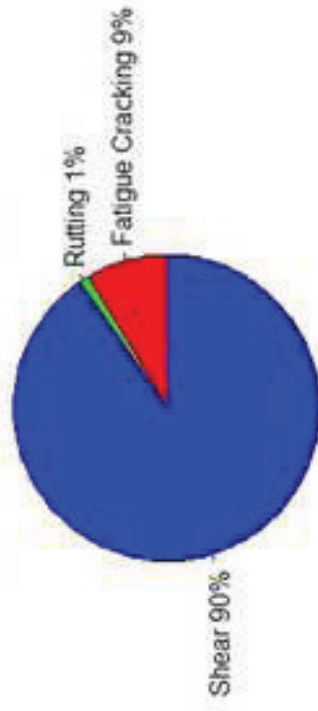
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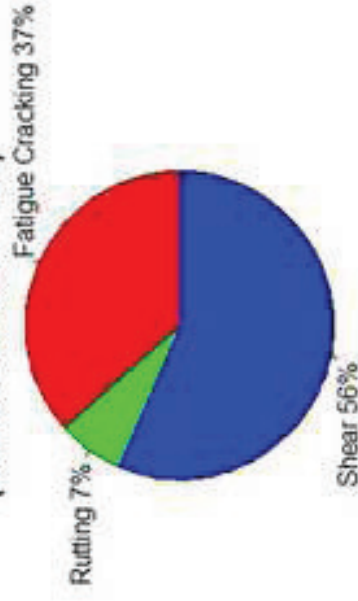
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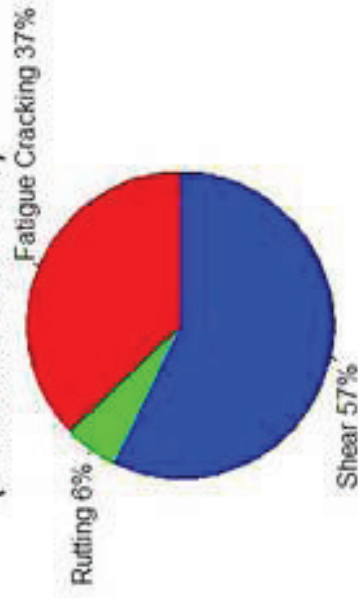
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**State Highway L TPP Road Network
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(Number of Sites = 177)**



**State Highway L TPP Road Network
Most Probable Failure Modes for Predicted Failures (P>0.1)
(Number of Sites = 1178)**

