

# Spatial Analytics and Machine Learning Techniques for Road Surface Damage Assessment

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**Abstract:** Road infrastructure degradation—manifested through potholes, surface cracking, and subgrade settlement—has intensified due to climatic variability, including heavy precipitation events and seasonal temperature fluctuations associated with global warming, as well as continued reliance on conventional pavement construction practices. This growing deterioration poses significant challenges for India's transportation network. Traditional road maintenance and surface management strategies are increasingly inadequate in addressing the combined effects of escalating traffic density and progressive pavement distress, both of which accelerate structural wear and surface failure. Notably, national accident statistics reported a substantial increase in traffic incidents linked to pothole-related hazards in 2017, highlighting the critical safety implications of poor road conditions. Although prior research has explored various pothole repair methodologies, many proposed solutions lack scalability, cost-effectiveness, or real-world deployment feasibility. Therefore, there is an urgent need to develop efficient, accurate, and economically viable techniques for rapid pothole detection and assessment to support proactive maintenance and enhance roadway safety.

**Keywords:** Potholes, Geo-tagging, QGIS, Machine Learning, Geospatial Techniques, Artificial intelligence, Cracks, Deterioration of roads.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The construction of streets started many years ago with a variety of methods and materials. Over time, we have found considerable progress and improvements in road construction techniques. Many studies are devoted to the improvement of the quality and sustainability of the streets to ensure that they remain resistant to problems such as cracks, foundation colony and the nest-of pour nests. Nowadays one of the fastest and most frequently used technologies in the cartography industry is to use QGIS [1]. Urban areas are becoming increasingly full due to the considerable influx of people who move in cities. According to the report "World Health Organization", 2.9% of the deaths are caused by RTA [2].



Figure 1: Potholes in roads

With regard to economic and social growth, one of the most important things a country can examine is its street quality. There is no country with a perfect street system; This is the reason why governments have to implement measures to keep the streets in their respective areas. Street lesions occur due to various factors, such as B. climatic conditions, intensive circulation and inadequate selection of materials. This problem should deteriorate if the road maintenance becomes more common. The street maintenance system (PMM) includes complete and organized activities to maintain and manage asphalt roads. According to information, the street management system creates a deterioration model for each sector and leads the optimal strategy to maintain something. Security is retained and ensures that all necessary precautionary measures are taken [5].

## II. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

1) Choose the street segment: Begin by selecting a specific section of the street, for instance, a length of 1 km for our analysis. Within this 1 km stretch, it is essential to determine the number of nests present, and to document each bump using a smartphone or a camera equipped with GPS functionality, ensuring that the overall positioning coordinates are captured alongside the photographs.

2) Gather potholes data: The photographs were imported

into QGIS software utilizing the "import photo" plugin, which facilitated the analysis to generate a visual map of the selected area. This map displays the locations of the Nids-de-Poules along with their respective latitude and longitude, illustrating the current condition of the roadside within the study zone. Various techniques exist for identifying nests-de-poule; however, many of these methods are labor-intensive and time-consuming. Conducting surveys over large areas poses significant challenges due to time constraints. QGIS software is employed to locate nests-de-poule through remote sensing techniques. In this case study, the identified nests were mapped using QGIS. Initially, photographs were taken with a smartphone, ensuring that the GPS feature was activated, and a measurement scale was included next to the Poule nest for area calculations in AutoCAD. These images were then uploaded to QGIS via the "Import photo" function, which enabled further analysis and produced a visual map of the area, indicating the locations of the Hen nests along with their latitude and longitude, reflecting the current state of the road in the study area. The sensory method relies on an accelerometer mounted on a vehicle platform for data collection. This approach offers advantages such as low memory requirements, cost-effectiveness, and the ability for real-time automated data processing. However, it does not provide a detailed representation of the road conditions. Additionally, the performance of the vehicle can influence the results, necessitating consistent vehicle parameters.

The higher predictive layer of the model was used to present the data precisely. It is worth emphasizing this. At the moment we will implement the VGG16 model in the Transfer Learning Model (TL) that we propose. First we remove the three final FC levels of the VGG-16 model. Then we replace these layers with a fully connected CNN layer. This must be done to ensure that the output qualities correspond to the binary classification standards. The transmission of data administered by the system for identifying and grouping the nests-de-poule [8] is shown. Here we used the Yolo-echtzeit object detection system (it is only seen once) to identify the edges of the bumps in the specified frame and to mark a rectangular box. Divide the picture into different grid cells. It has 2 fully connected layers with 24 layers of folding. With the help of various integrated functions such as CONV2D, normalization by loose We improve the image, is the leak function that the activation function in this neuronal network adds linear properties.

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Training software (CNN): The software that we used here is for image processing. A folding network (CNN) is an artificial neuronal network that is used for the detection and processing of images that were specially developed for the processing of pixel data. The model used by us was formed with 150 pictures with 568 Nest labels. The precision of the model increases the formation of the model with a larger data record. A neuronal network is a hardware system and / or software that is printed after operation [9] [13]. Figure 1 shows the system used for the study. As shown in Figure 1, the sensors were installed in a rigid portable setting that can be mounted in a truck.

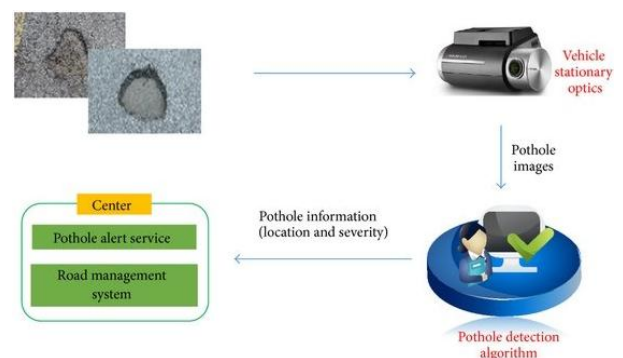


Figure 2: The data collection system

The system included a global lidar navigation system (GNSS) and a camera. Lidar was used to scan the sidewalk and get space information from the point cloud. Lidar points contain 3D geospatial information, with which 3D geospatial information can be called up from the street. The GNSS was used to do the position of the bump to Geor recognized by Lidar Points.

A. Data processing: The collected data is processed using software to align photos of 3D models (dense cloud, mesh, mosaic, the and Ortomosaic model). The parameters of road conditions (length, routine size, hen nests) are measured from these models. 4. Results and analysis of data: UAV images are compared with field measurements to assess the accuracy. The

analysis helps to evaluate road conditions such as nests-de pounders and routines that affect daily traffic.

The training process uses a number of personalized street images that have been recorded with several devices to ensure diversity and efficiency. [14] Steks are a significant danger to traffic safety and drainage of the maintenance budgets. Existing identification systems are often ineffective. Our solution uses the vision of the progressive computer and the processing of the image in real time to recognize the Hen nests with cameras mounted in the vehicle. It fits perfectly with Google Maps for monitoring live nests live and automates the reports by email notifications to the responsible authorities. This system enables precise mapping of the locations of the nest-of-poules, which help drivers avoid dangerous routes and to support the repair devices of the streets that can be prioritized. 50 pictures of bumps in the real world were used for validation, while 38 real nest pictures were reserved for tests. The validation and test images were taken using a digital camera that was aligned down at a height of 145 cm from the ground. Figure 2 shows some of the pictures of the Poule nests in the data record. Since all training data are relatively low, the increase in the increase such as vertical flips, horizontal cracks and 90 -degree rotations was applied to original drive images in order to improve the model output and avoid surprise. To consider the pictures, the Open Source Labelimg tool was used. The comments were created in Yolo format, which contains the following parameters: [Object class, center X, center and height, wide] [20]. Deep learning detectors are classified as two -story detectors and one step:

1. Two -start detectors: a. First, a network of regional proposals (RPN) creates limited table proposals that probably contain objects. At that time, the properties of these boxes are extracted using the King's Group for the classification and regression of the demarcation box. To do. Example: R-CNN faster, known for its high precision on site and the detection of objects.

2. Stiefdetectors: a. Models such as Yolo and SSD predict limited boxes and classifications, whereby the region's proposal has jumped. These are born faster than two -story detectors and are often used for real applications.

Troncal network: Backbones extracts the properties of the images and creates characteristic cards that are used for recognition and classification. Popular dorsal spine such as VGG16, Resnet50 and Darknet improve precision thanks to the use of deeper layers for extraction of the properties.

### III. AREA CALCULATION

There are different methods for calculating the area of a bump, such as the use of MATLAB software and sensors, such as: Therefore, we will select the calculation of the area with AutoCAD, which is a relatively simple and economic method, but it takes a long time. The calculation of the Poule nest must be carried out with the AutoCAD software. The images of the nests of the poule recorded with the measurement scale are aside during the geotia of the Nesters-de-Poules and into the AutoCad software with the command "in", then the area of the collected bump was adjusted by the transfer of the "Polilin" command and the area "and the reference function of the automatic scale was used and the area was used. And the area is recorded for subsequent treatment.

### IV. DEPTH CALCULATION

The data acquisition thanks to the use of topography instruments is too complicated. With ODK, unskilled people can also easily manage it and specific results can be achieved. The climatic conditions do not affect the work of the survey when the ODK is used. And also reduces the total costs of the project and requires less time to react to the survey. The depth calculations must be carried out manually in each bump by taking an average of 5 depth measurement values on several points of the Poule nest, and this is recorded in the ODK application that delivers the summary data of all depths of the formats collected in the study. We can calculate the bump volume that the material volume that is necessary to fill the bump according to the calculations:

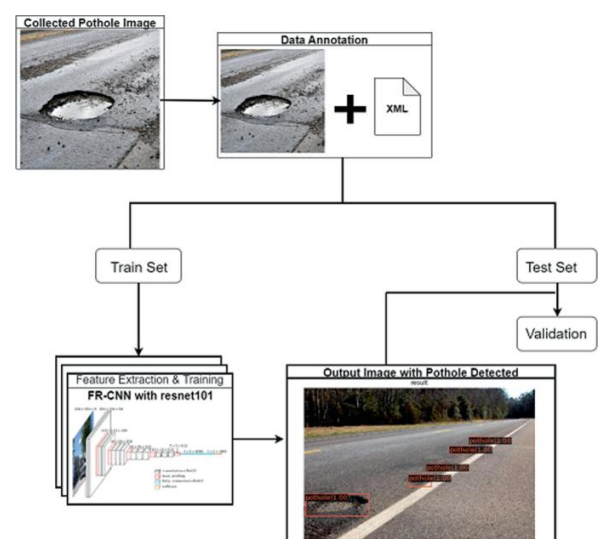


Figure 3: Flow chart for estimation of Potholes

$$\text{Volume} = \text{Average depth of pothole} \times \text{Area of pothole}$$

Therefore, calculate the volume of all the recognized hen nests that we can get.

- Estimation of the total amount of the filling material for pool nests.
- This estimate can optimize the cost of the filling material that is required to repair the bump.
- State the waste costs.

## V. CONCLUSION

The combination of heavy traffic and water pooling on road surfaces significantly contributes to the development of potholes. Research indicates that inadequate drainage systems and the improper mixing of construction aggregates are critical factors in pothole formation, which can lead to numerous fatalities. A large number of road accidents have been associated with potholes. This study's goal is to devise a method for detecting potholes and assessing the materials needed for their repair. While there are advanced detection methods that utilize expensive sensors and heavy machinery, this research aims to identify a more accessible and cost-effective alternative that does not depend on such costly equipment. By adopting this methodology, the processes of pothole detection and road maintenance can be simplified, ultimately lowering the risk of accidents caused by potholes and improving the overall quality of roadways.

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